

Physics 239

Radiative Processes in Astrophysics

Lecture #7: Project info
then: Thompson & Rayleigh scattering

Final Project

Final project = 4-5 page writeup plus 10 minute presentation
on a radiative processes topic of your choice

Abstract & Bibliography due 10/28 (11 days from now)

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What are the goals of this project?

- 1) outline the key physics for an important radiative process
- 2) review the literature on this subject in that field
- 3) describe key techniques or measurements relevant to the radiative process in question

You might want to look at topics we haven't yet covered:
e.g synchrotron radiation, inverse Compton scattering,
forbidden transitions, Faraday rotation & more

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Some ideas I might come up with:

- radiative transfer modeling of dust emission from galaxies
- Zeeman splitting to measure B-fields in molecular clouds
- using Faraday rotation to map the Galactic B-field
- optical properties of dust grains & Mie scattering

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- radiative transfer modeling of dust emission from galaxies

For bibliography, I encourage you to dig as deeply as you'd like, but please provide at least 3 references (at least 1 "classic" and 1 recent).

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Title: Dust and the transfer of stellar radiation within galaxies

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Publication Date: 07/1992

Category: Astrophysics

Origin: [STI](#)

NASA/STI Keywords: Active Galactic Nuclei, Cosmic Dust, Elliptical Galaxies, Quasars, Radiative Transfer, Starburst Galaxies, Interstellar medium, and elliptical galaxies. The models are based on a complete spherically symmetric 3D Monte Carlo simulation which

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Abstract

Models for the transfer of ultraviolet, visual, and near-infrared radiation within a variety of spherical geometries are presented which are environments within galaxies. Objects approximated by these models include normal and 'starburst galaxies', active galactic nuclei and Q interstellar medium. and elliptical galaxies. The models are based on a complete spherically symmetric 3D Monte Carlo simulation which

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Title: HERschel Observations of Edge-on Spirals (HEROES). III. **Dust** energy balance study of IC 2531

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Abstract

We investigate the **dust** energy balance for the edge-on **galaxy** IC 2531, one of the seven **galaxies** in the HEROES sample. We perform a state-of-the-art **radiative transfer** modelling based, for the first time, on a set of optical and near-infrared **galaxy** images. We show that by taking into account near-infrared imaging in the modelling significantly improves the constraints on the retrieved parameters of the **dust** content. We confirm the result from previous studies that including a young stellar population in the modelling is important to explain the observed stellar energy distribution. However, the discrepancy between the observed and modelled thermal emission at far-infrared wavelengths, so-called **dust** energy balance problem, is still present: the model underestimates the observed fluxes by a factor of about two. We compare two different **dust** models and find that **dust** parameters, and thus the spectral energy

Recent should be something within the last few years.

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- radiative transfer modeling of dust emission from galaxies

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Try to make these wise choices because you will need to read them thoroughly and you don't want it to be a waste of time!

list can (and maybe should!) be revised as you read more

Final Project

In the abstract:

- 1) describe the radiative processes problem,
- 2) explain why it is important for current research in the field,
- 3) highlight some of the issues brought up in the recent literature