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## Improved monitoring of coastal and open oceans through polarized Sun and sky glint characterization

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## **MOTIVATION**

The increasing demands of ecosystem monitoring require more advanced remote sensing tools.

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## Polarimetric Satellite Measurements?

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Satellites Designed for Polarimetry

Satellites with **Polarization Sensitivity** 



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**MODIS** AQUA/TERRA

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## Top of Atmosphere Radiance

Atmospheric Scattering

Reflected Sun and Sky Glint

Water Leaving Radiance

White Cap Radiance Knowing the polarization state at the top of atmosphere is required for both sensitivity analysis and retrievals.

No polarized atmospheric correction method exists (yet!) for surface level (ocean) monitoring using polarization.

Need ground-based proof of concept! (Ship & Shore applications)

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## Advantages of Polarimetric Remote Sensing

- <u>Additional optical properties</u> can be retrieved from polarimetric observations in conjunction with standard unpolarized retrieval methods.
- Polarized light is very sensitive to the <u>microphysics</u> of scatterers in the atmosphere and ocean.



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 Radiative transfer calculations that ignore polarization can be in error by several percent.

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## **Description of Polarized Light**

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## A Stokes vector is a mathematical representation of the polarized light field

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r}{\mu_r}} \begin{bmatrix} E_l E_l^* + E_r E_r^* \\ E_l E_l^* - E_r E_r^* \\ E_l E_r^* + E_l E_r^* \\ j(E_l E_r^* + E_l E_r^*) \end{bmatrix}$$



#### Mueller Matrices Describe a Change in Polarization State: (Due to scatterers, surfaces, etc)

Incident

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}' \\ \mathbf{Q}' \\ \mathbf{U}' \\ \mathbf{V}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & M_{43} & M_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{Q} \\ \mathbf{U} \\ \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $DoP = \frac{\sqrt{Q^2 + U^2 + V^2}}{I}$  $AoLP = 0.5 * \arctan(\frac{U}{Q})$ 

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## **Polarized Glint Correction**

How do we estimate polarized Remote Sensing Reflectance?



For scalar reflectance:  $\overline{Rrs} = (\overline{L}_t - \rho \cdot \overline{L}_s) / \overline{E}_d$ 

 $\rho = f \begin{pmatrix} \theta_s, \phi_s, \theta_v, \phi_v, n(\lambda), \Omega_{FOV}, \\ windspeed, sky illumination \end{pmatrix}$ 

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 $\rho$  estimates how much incident light is reflected from the surface.

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We need to know the full polarization state of the light after interaction with the surface.

$$R_{rs}^{p}(\theta_{v},\phi_{v},\lambda) = \frac{L_{t}^{p}(\theta_{v},\phi_{v},\lambda) - \bar{\rho}L_{s}^{p}(\pi - \theta_{v},\phi_{v},\lambda)}{E_{d}(\lambda)} \quad [sr^{-1}]$$

$$\bar{\rho} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{12} & \rho_{13} & \rho_{14} \\ \rho_{21} & \rho_{22} & \rho_{23} & \rho_{24} \\ \rho_{31} & \rho_{32} & \rho_{33} & \rho_{34} \\ \rho_{41} & \rho_{42} & \rho_{43} & \rho_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

Goal:  
Determine  
$$\bar{\rho}$$

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### **FIELD MEASUREMENTS**

Measurements of the polarized light field above and below the ocean surface.

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## Two Cruises in 2014

SABOR: Ship-Aircraft Bio-Optical Research Campaign

MAINE

CU NY New York

NAS

#### NOAA VIIRS Cal/Val

SEQUOIA

OSU Oregon State

WET Labs



July 17<sup>th</sup> -August 6<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>



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## Hyperspectral Polarimetric Measurements

#### **HyperSAS-POL**



#### **In-water Hyperspectral Polarimeter**



#### For Above Surface Light Fields

- Hyperspectral Polarization (350-800nm)
- Tracks the ship heading and GPS position, auxiliary ship data streams.
- Motorized sensor platform maintain ±90° or ±135° relative azimuth at all times.

#### For Underwater Light Fields

- Hyperspectral Polarization
- Stepper motor for vertical position
- Thrusters for azimuthal position

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## SUN AND SKY GLINT CHARACTERIZATION

**Combining Vector Radiative Transfer Codes with Monte Carlo Simulations** 

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## **Polarized Skylight Distribution**

#### Atmospheric Conditions:

- λ: 440 nm
- Rayleigh OT: 0.24282
- Atm Abs:
- AOT: 0.261779
- SSA:
- Depol Ratio: 0.0279
- Aerosol Type: Continental (70% Dust, 29% WS, 1% Soot)

0.0

0.9

#### (Gulf of Maine, July 2014)



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## Monte Carlo: Surface Generation



Surfaces are defined in <u>relative units</u>.

Surface Scaling Factor (K,  $[\Delta m^{-1}]$ ) relates the surface to absolute distance in meters.

 $K=5 \Delta/m$ 

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Facet Width: 20 cm





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## Computing $\bar{\rho}$

Sky locations sampled by a water-looking sensor at  $40^{\circ}_{0.99}$  from nadir.



$$\eta = \sum_{i=1}^{N} I_i$$

$$\overline{T}_r, \overline{\rho} = \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^{N} I_i [R(\beta_i) \cdot F_i \cdot R(\alpha_i)]$$

A weighed mean approach ensures that more intense rays have a greater influence on  $\bar{\rho}$ .

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## **RESULTS & VALIDATION**

# Applying the effective surface reflection matrices to real measurements.

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## Effective Surface Reflection Matrix ( $\bar{\rho}$ )

vs. Solar Zenith, 440 nm, 40° Viewing Zenith, 90° Relative Solar Azimuth



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## **Testing Methodology**

Aerosol Optical Thickness Measurements

*Polarized Sky Light* 

*Total Water Polarized Light*  **3** Apply Effective Fresnel Matrices

Match with Simulations at 1m depth

*Underwater Polarized Light Field* 

1m



ENDEAVO



Re-simulate just below the surface

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## Flat vs. Windy Surfaces

13:48 UTC, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 80 *km* South-East of Norfolk, VA.



16:37 UTC, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 80 *km* South-East of Norfolk, VA.



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## **SUMMARY**

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• Above surface retrieval of submarine polarized light field through wind driven sea surfaces is possible.

• The glint correction scheme will facilitate new polarized above water retrieval algorithms ( *Relationship between c/a and DoLP* )

• Initial results indicate good agreement between HyperSAS and underwater polarimeter.



Allows development of new tools for marine ecosystem monitoring!

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