

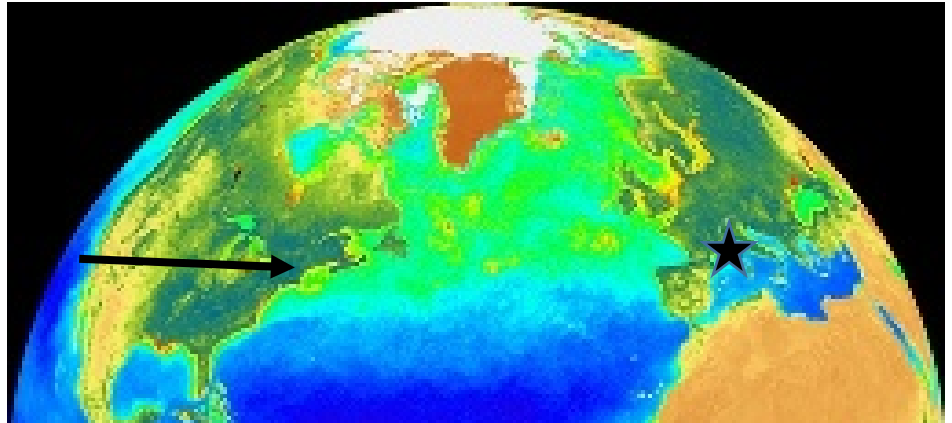
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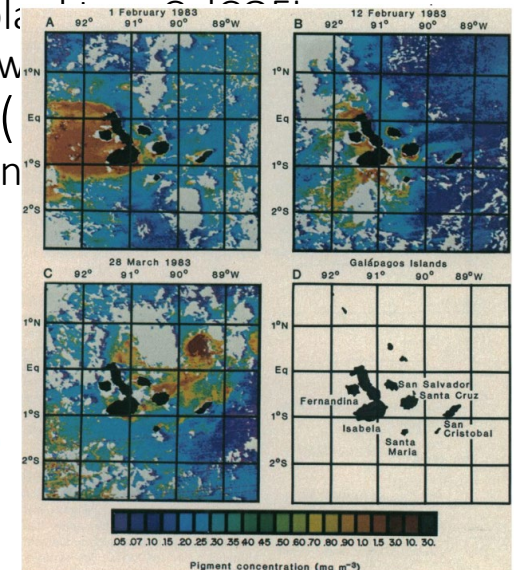


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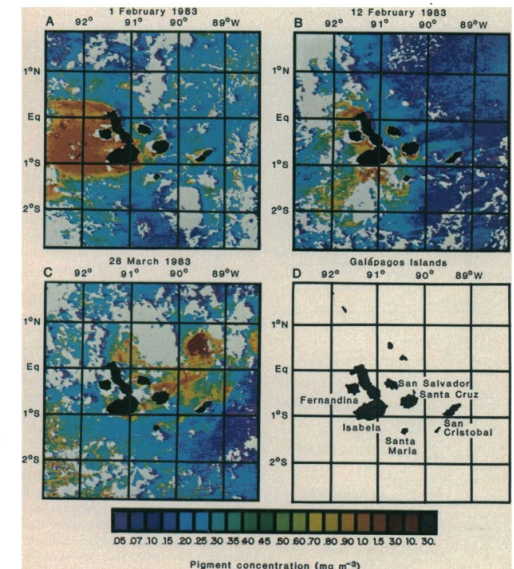


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- How did I get here (scientifically)?
- What about outside of science?



# What are we covering in this lecture?

- After delving into *the interaction of light and matter*, and *optics of marine particles*, this lecture will place that theory in the context of what is required for accurate measurement of the inherent optical properties (i.e., what we want from a sensor). Then reality set in and places physical constraints on those specification (i.e., what we settle for). Examples of commonly implemented measurement strategies for *in situ* measurement of absorption and attenuation, as well as discrete benchtop measurement of particulate absorption will be explored.
- Focus on two commercially-available technologies as models for measuring IOPs



# So far...

- Enjoyed a few hours of:
  - optical theory
  - Playing with light
- We hope that you have been able to find:
  - some topics that are within your comfort zone
  - some topics that are outside your comfort zone
  - Some topics that spark your curiosity
  - Some lingering questions
- Let's spend the next hour
  - putting theory to practice
  - Building optical intuition

# Compare the light fields: top of the atmosphere, Earth's surface, below ocean surface



<http://www.space.com/12934-brightness-sun.html>

<https://lsintspl3.wgbh.org/en-us/lesson/buac18-il-ilchangessky/1>



- Similarities

- Differences

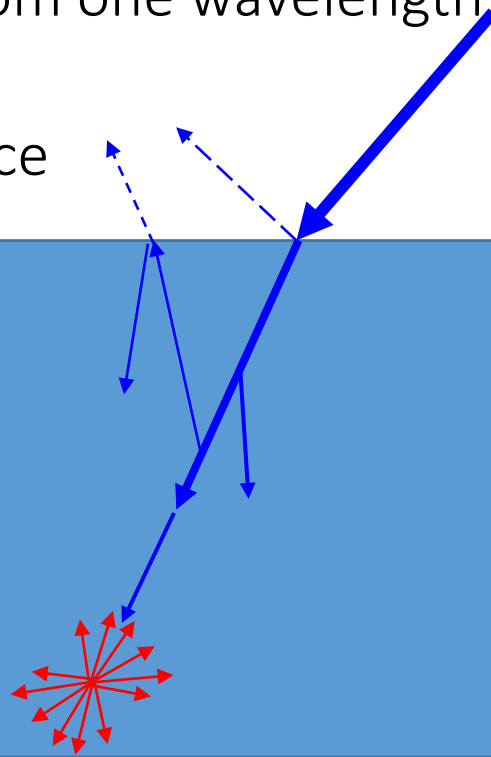


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As light penetrates the ocean surface and propagates to depth, what processes affect the light transfer?

- Absorption – removes light
- Scattering – redirects light
- Re-emission – converts from one wavelength to another (one direction to another)
- A portion leaves the surface

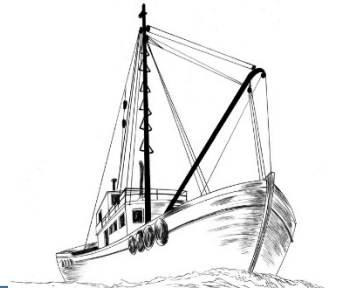




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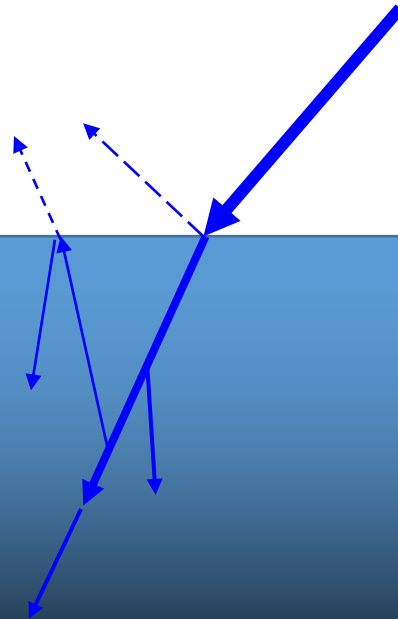
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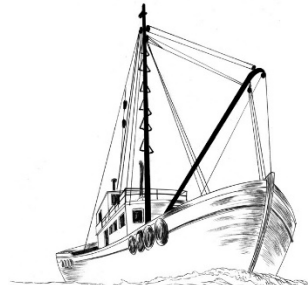




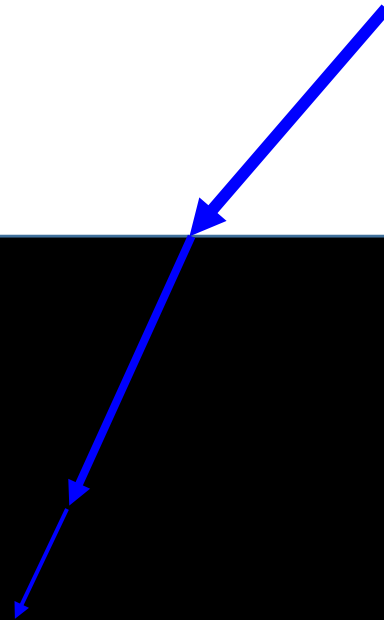
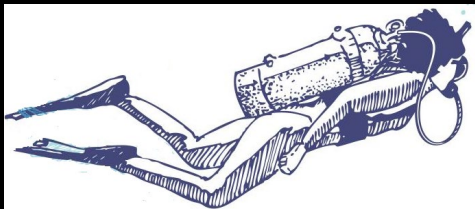
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The Rio Negro in 2010

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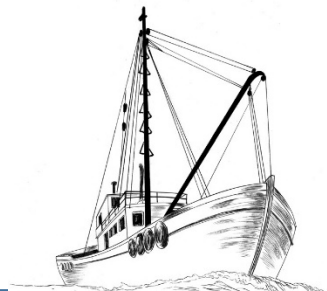




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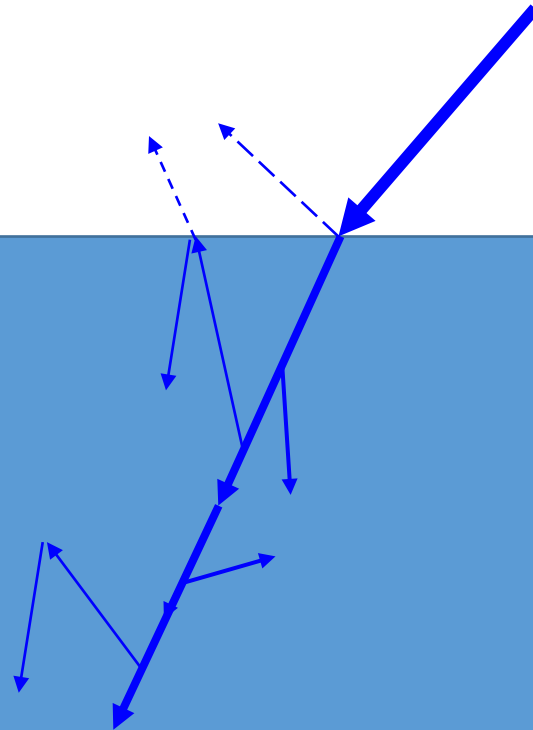
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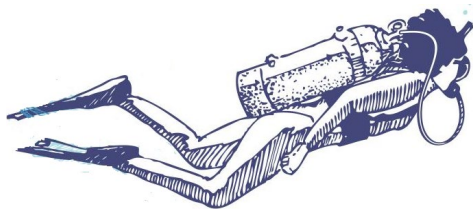
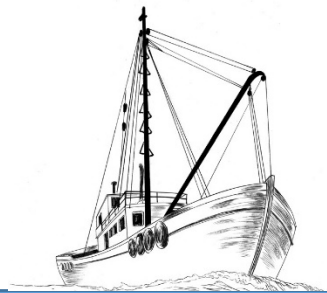


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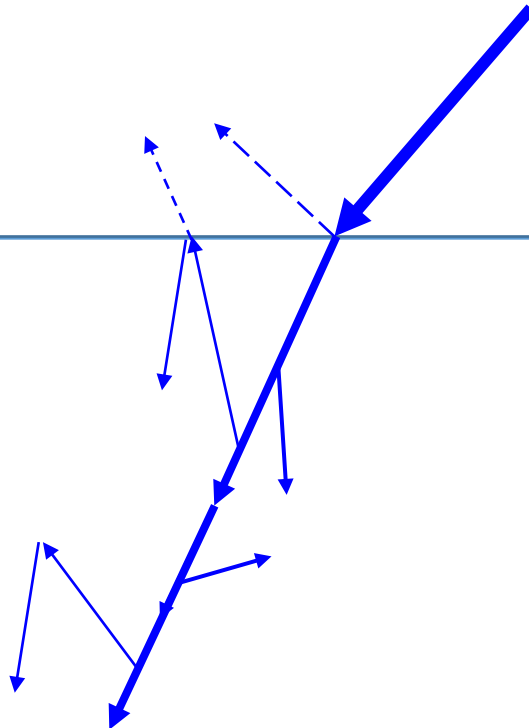
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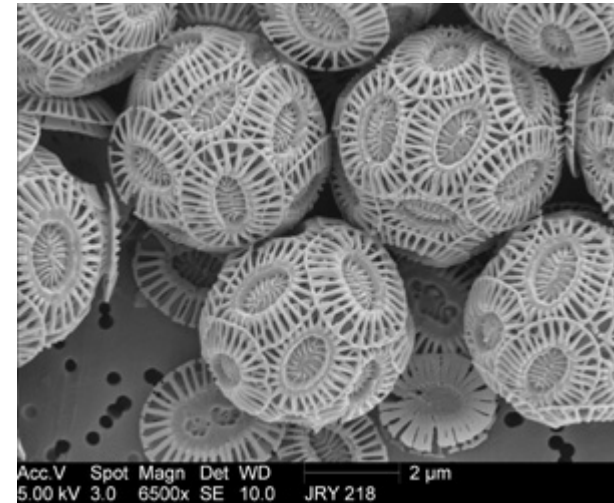
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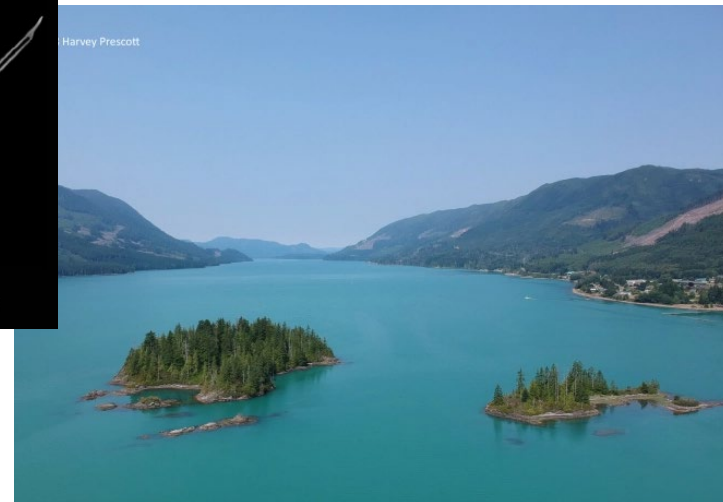
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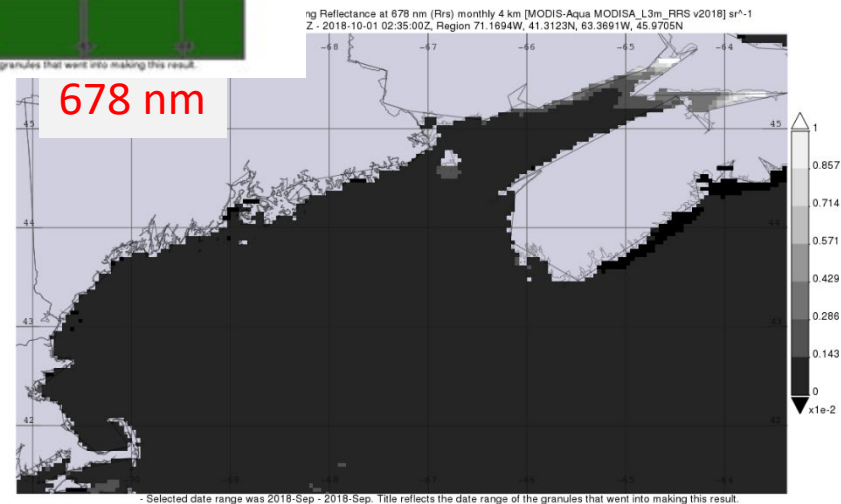
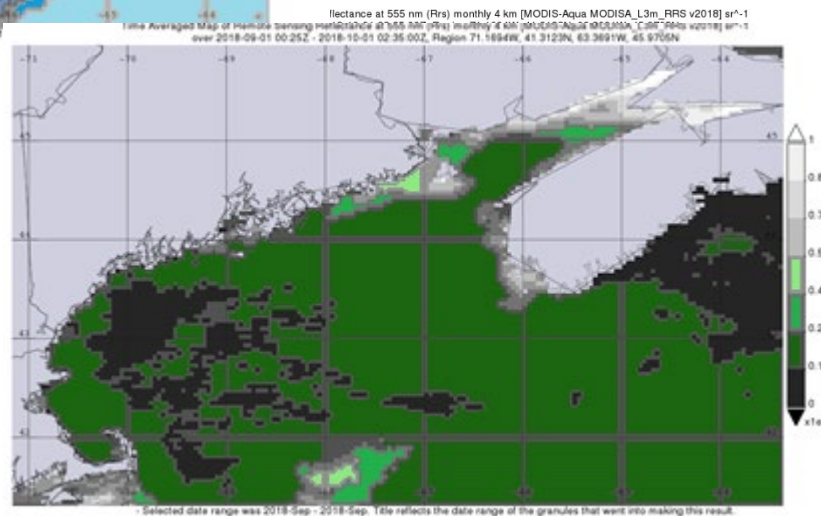
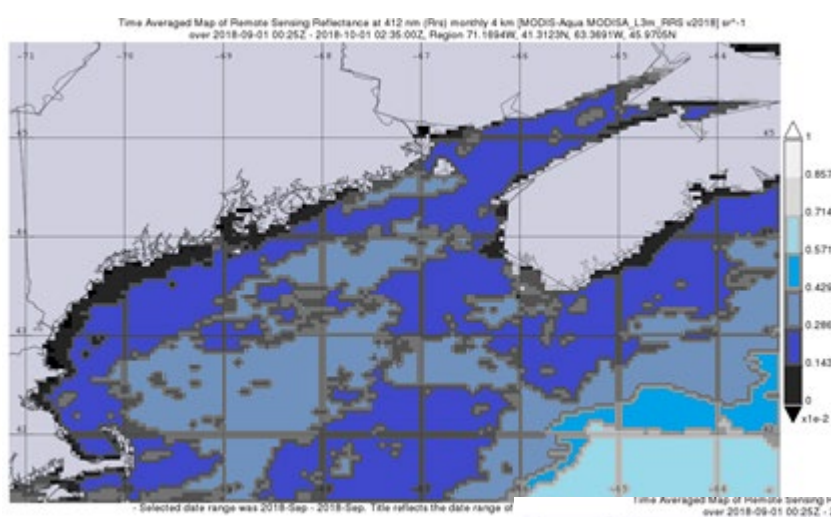
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While these examples have generally considered the whole visible spectrum, it is important to realize that within narrow wavebands, the ocean may behave as a pure absorber or pure scatterer and thus appear nearly “black” or “white” in that waveband

- Pure absorber in near infrared (water absorption)
- Approaches pure scatterer in the uv/blue (clear water)

# MODIS-AQUA reflectance images

Gulf of Maine September 2018



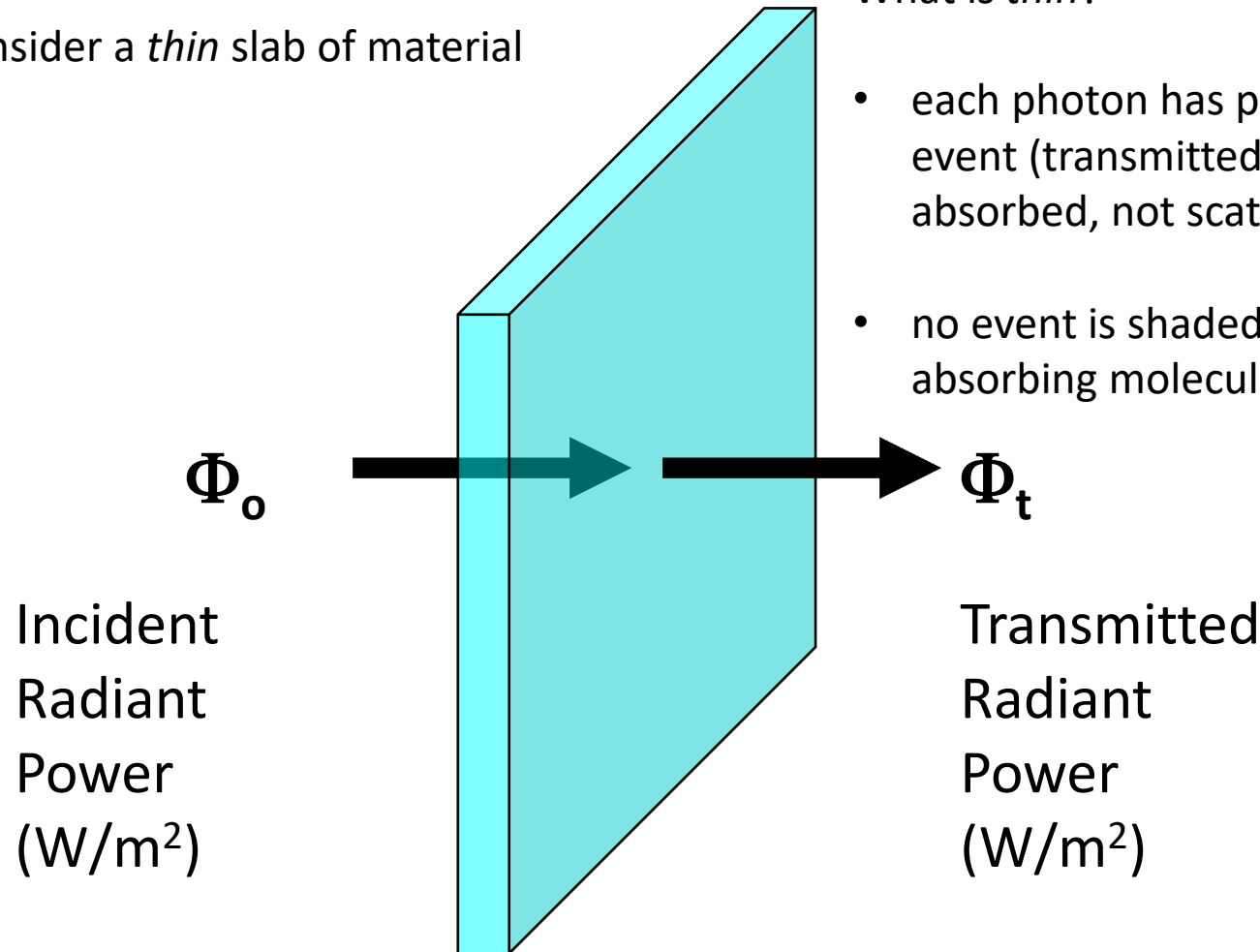


# Before *measuring* IOPs it is helpful to review measurement *theory*

Consider a *thin* slab of material

What is *thin*?

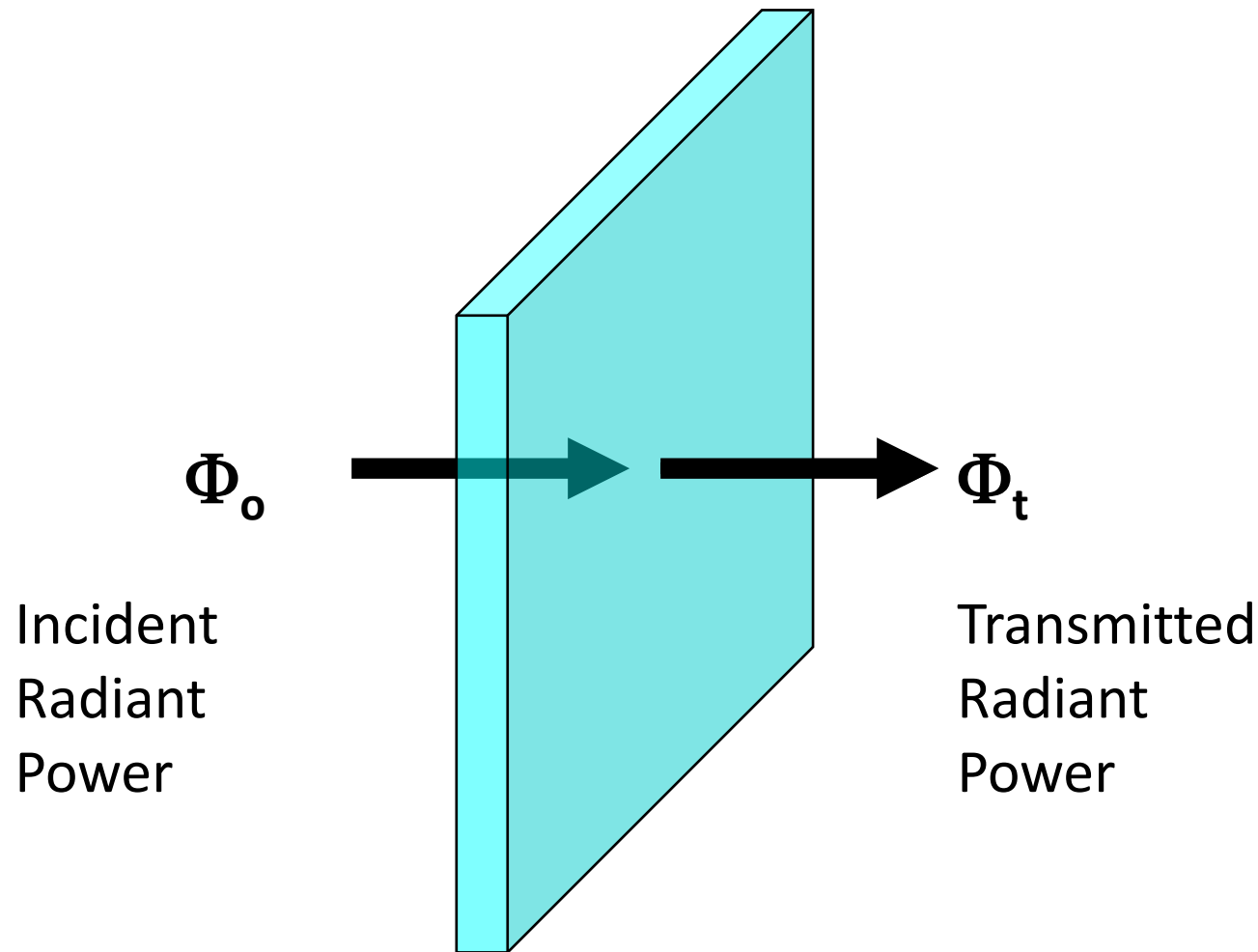
- each photon has probability for one optical event (transmitted or scattered or absorbed, not scattered then absorbed)
- no event is shaded (e.g., one layer of absorbing molecules)



$$\Phi_o = \Phi_t \quad \text{No attenuation}$$

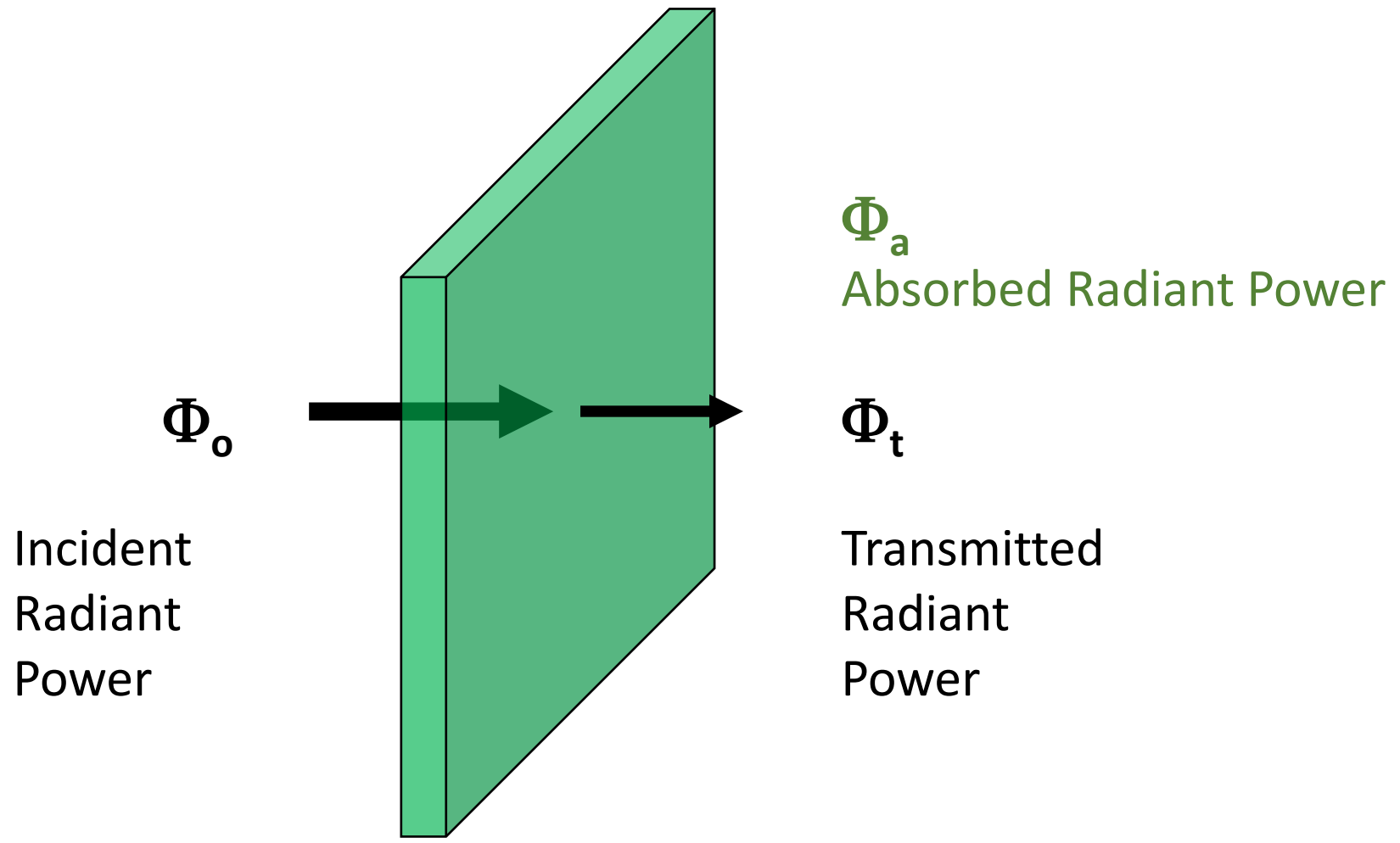


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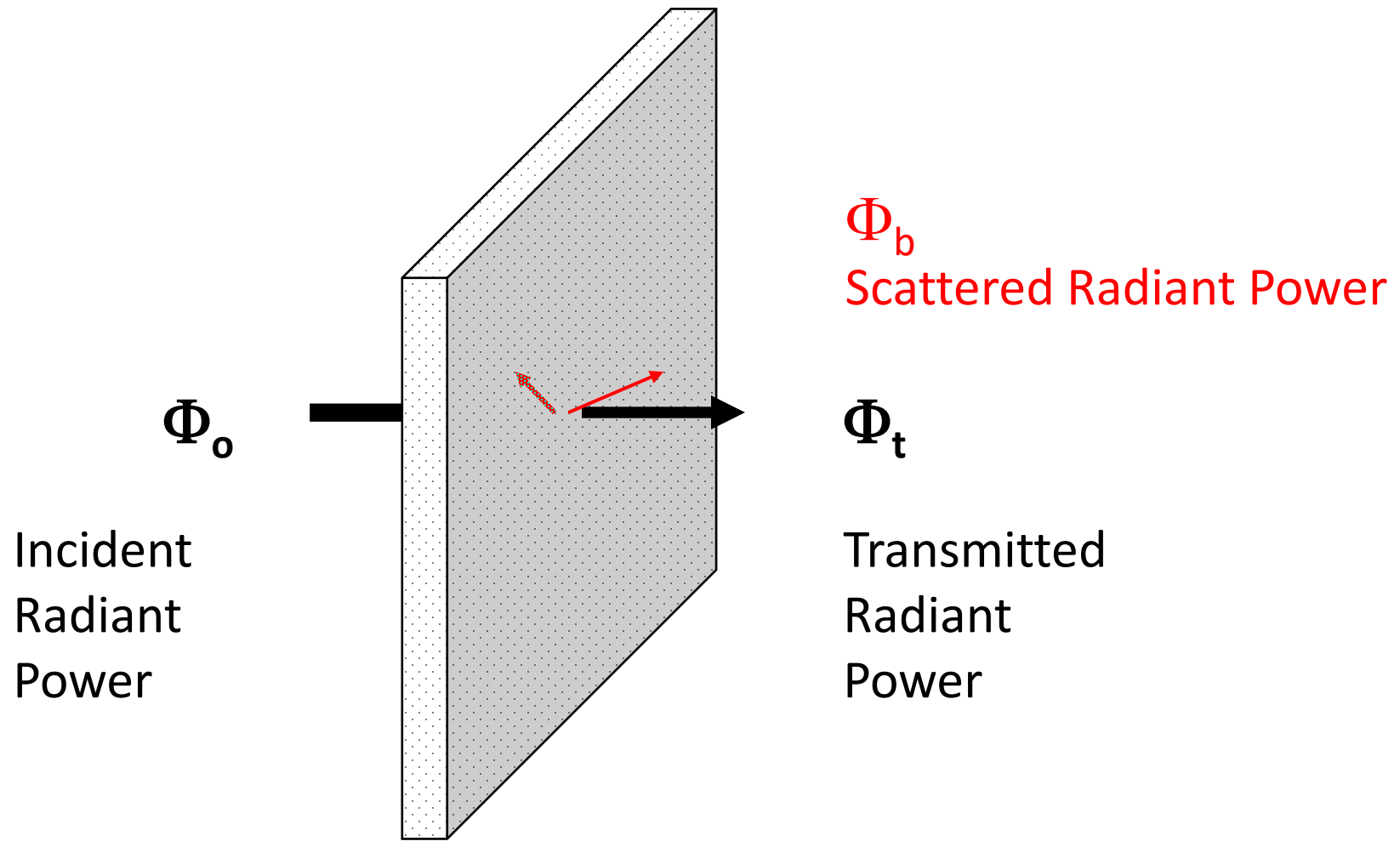


If  $\Phi_t < \Phi_o$  there is **attenuation**

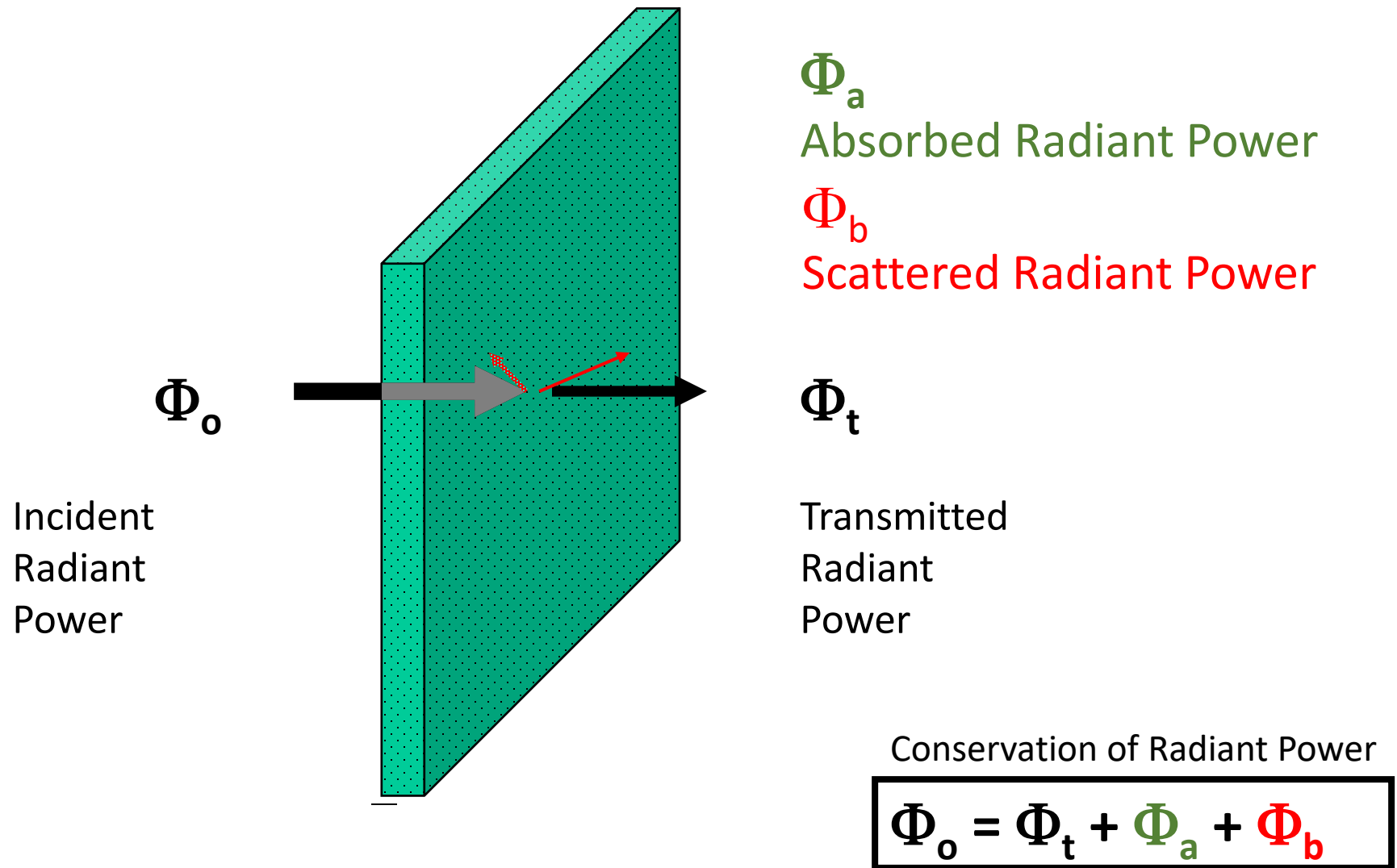
Consider loss due solely to absorption



Consider loss due solely to scattering



Consider loss due to *beam* attenuation  
(absorption + scattering)



# Derivation of Absorption

## **Absorptance**

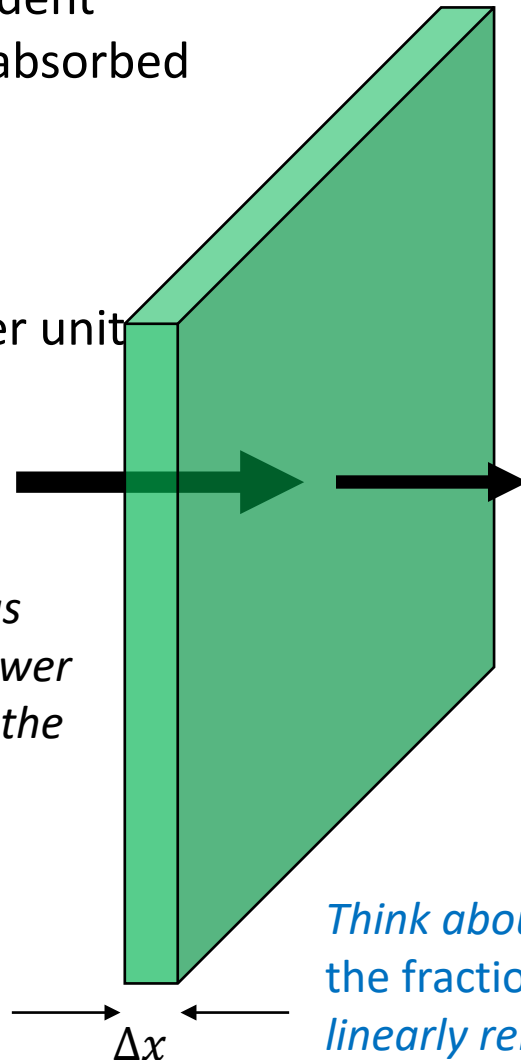
$A$  = fraction of incident  
radiant power absorbed

If no scattering

## **Absorption**

$a$  = absorptance per unit  
distance ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )

*Rearrange, express as  
fractional radiant power  
loss to absorption in the  
layer*



$$A = \frac{\Phi_a}{\Phi_o}$$
$$= \frac{\Phi_o - \Phi_t}{\Phi_o}$$

$$a = \frac{A}{\Delta x}$$

$$a\Delta x = \frac{-\Delta\Phi}{\Phi}$$

$$\frac{-\Delta\Phi}{\Delta x} = \Phi a$$

*Think about this equation:*

*the fractional loss of radiant power over the layer is  
linearly related to the radiant power → “Lambert 1760”*

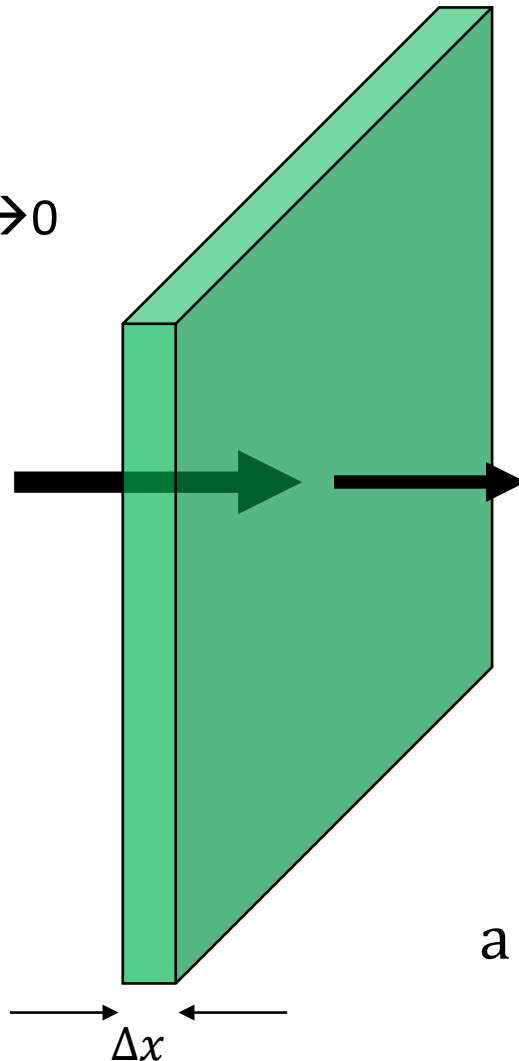


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Take the limit as  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

Integrate over  $x$

Evaluate



$$a\Delta x = \frac{-\Delta\Phi}{\Phi}$$

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$$\int_0^x a \, dx = - \int_0^x \frac{d\Phi}{\Phi}$$

$$a \, x \Big|_0^x = - \ln \Phi \Big|_0^x$$

$$a (x - 0) = -(\ln \Phi(x) - \ln \Phi(0))$$

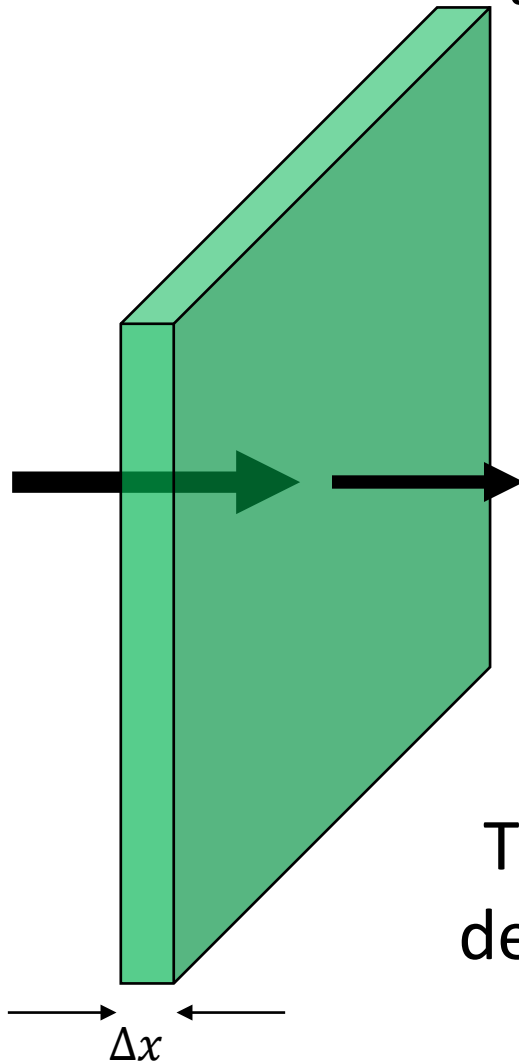
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Evaluate

Logarithm magic

Solve for  $a$

$\Phi_o$



$$a(x - 0) = -(\ln \Phi(x) - \ln \Phi(0))$$

$$a x = -(\ln \Phi_t - \ln \Phi_o)$$

$$a x = -\left(\ln \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o}\right)$$

$$a \text{ (m}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{-1}{x} \left(\ln \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o}\right)$$

**Absorption coefficient ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )**

$a$  = loss of radiant power  
per unit distance

This provides a guide towards  
developing sensors and making  
measurements (practicum)

# Absorption through particles

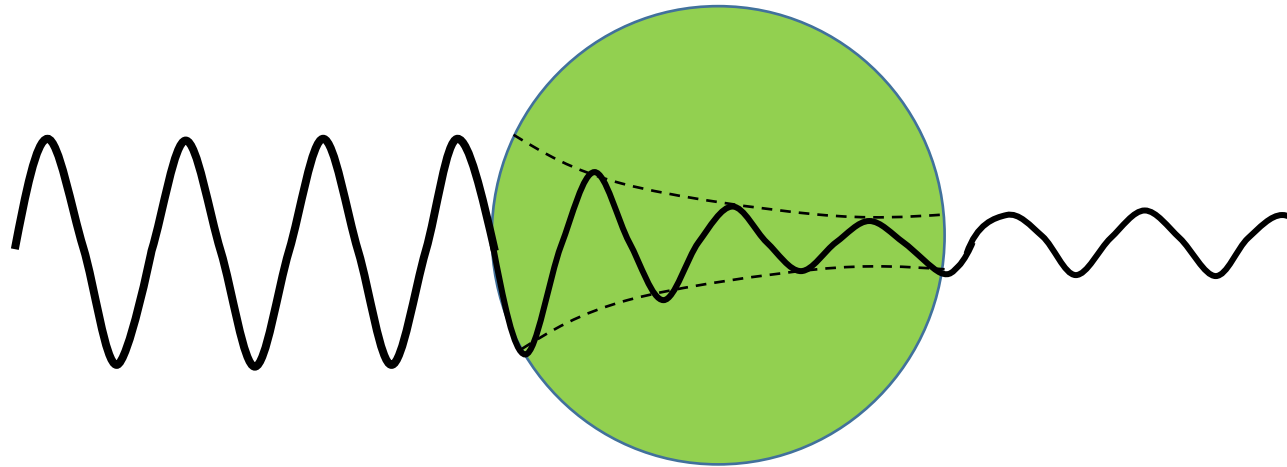
$$a \text{ (m}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{-1}{x} \left( \ln \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_0} \right)$$

- As the EM wave passes through the absorbing matter
- Amplitude decreases exponentially

$$\ln \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_0} = -ax$$

$$\frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_0} = e^{-ax}$$

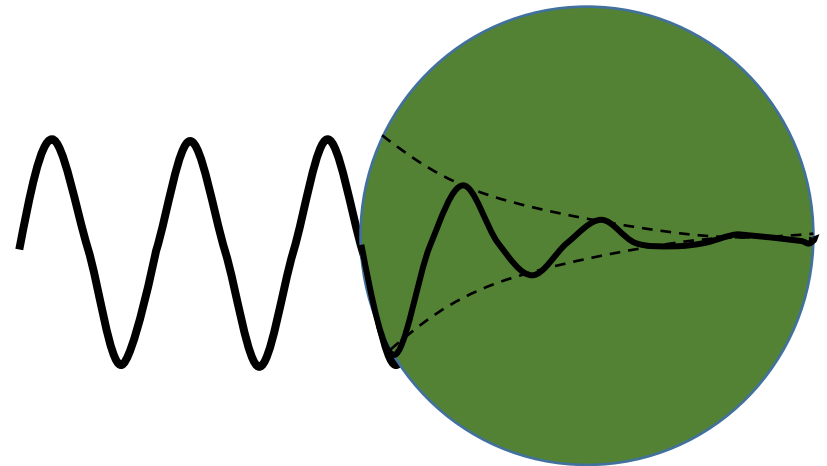
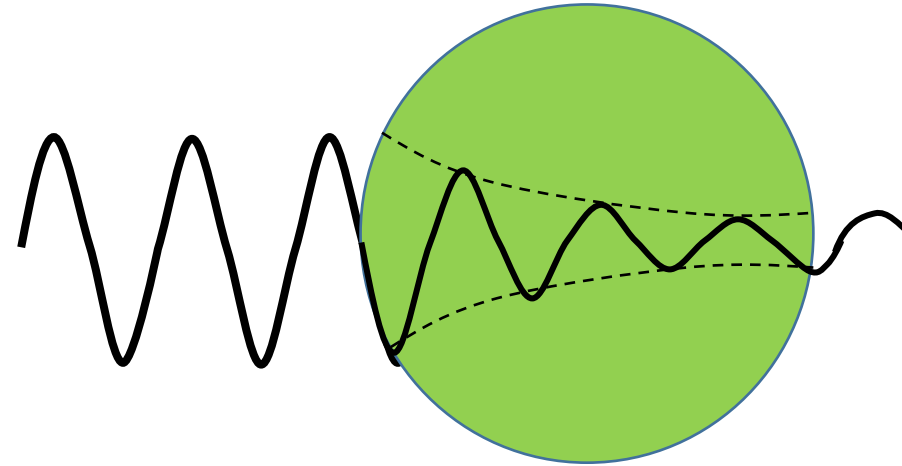
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- Wavelength does not change

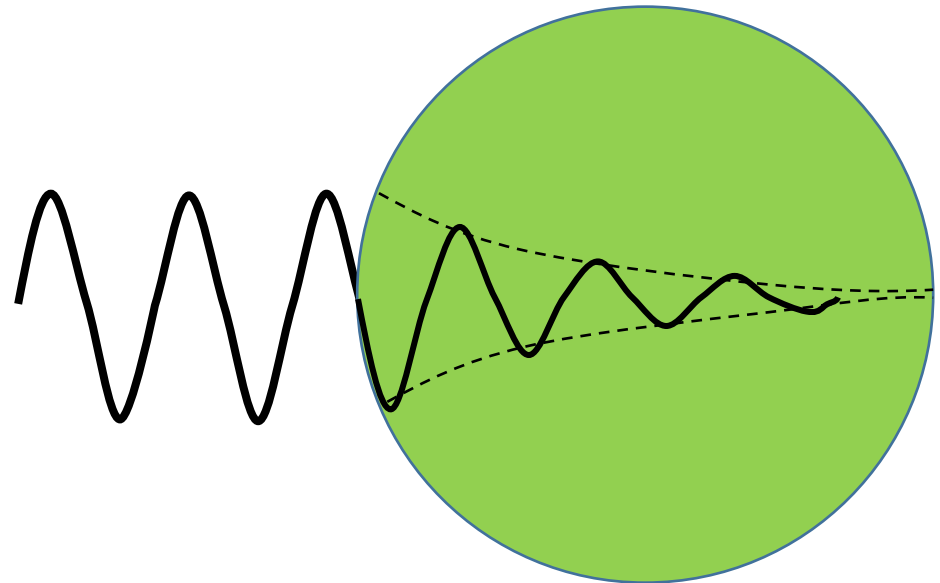
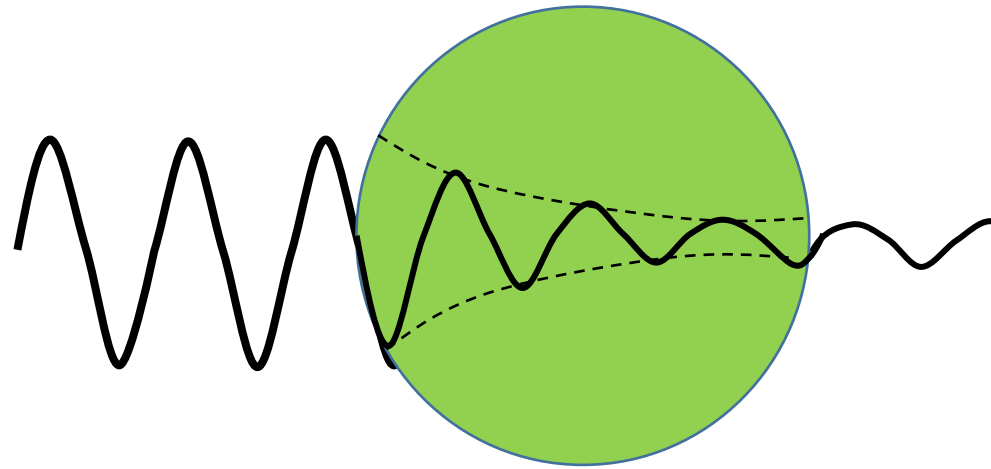
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- As the **absorption coefficient** increases, less light passes through the particle



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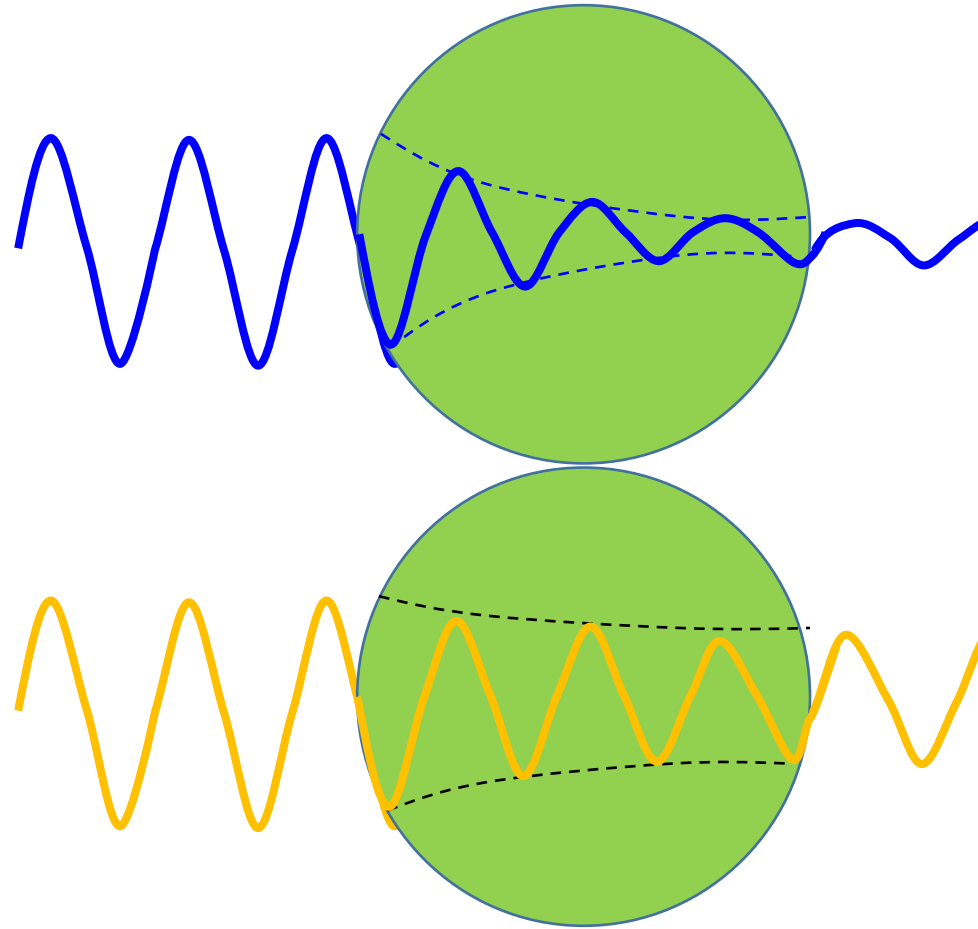
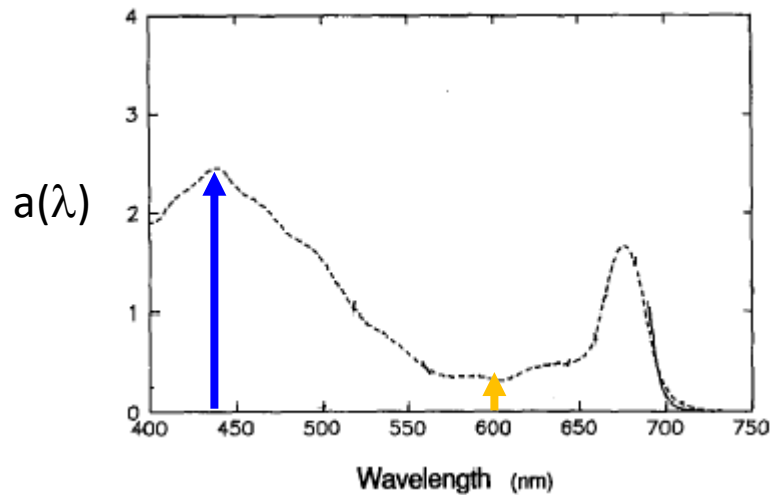
- As the **pathlength** through the particle increases, the less light passes through the particle





# Absorption through particles

- Each wavelength of the absorption spectrum is attenuated differently through the particle (e.g., phytoplankton cell)



# Derivation of beam Attenuation

## Attenuance

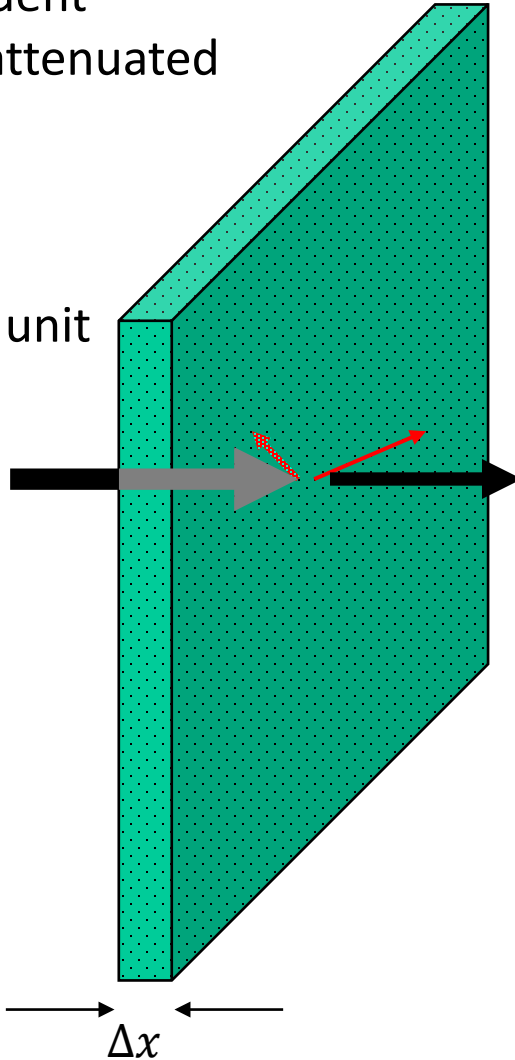
$C$  = fraction of incident  
radiant power attenuated

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## Attenuation

$c$  = attenuance per unit  
distance ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )

$\Phi_o$



Solve for  $c$

$\Phi_a$

$\Phi_b$

$\Phi_t$

$$C = \frac{\Phi_{a+b}}{\Phi_o}$$

$$= \frac{\Phi_o - \Phi_t}{\Phi_o}$$

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...fill in steps...

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# Let's build an attenuation meter

- What components do we need?
  - Light source
  - Sample volume
  - Detector
- Sketch the configuration, keeping in mind theory, what constraints do we need to put on the components?
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# In situ observations of IOPs

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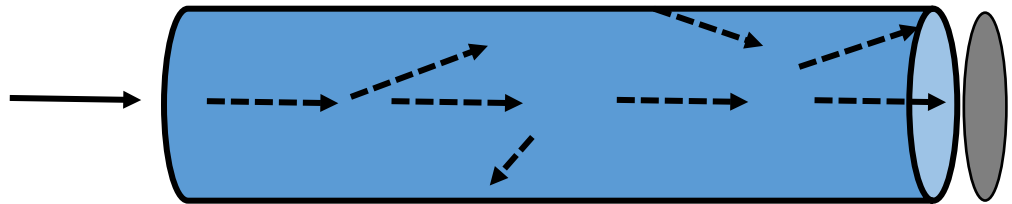


- **Quantitative** measurements of absorption and attenuation
- Scattering derived by difference

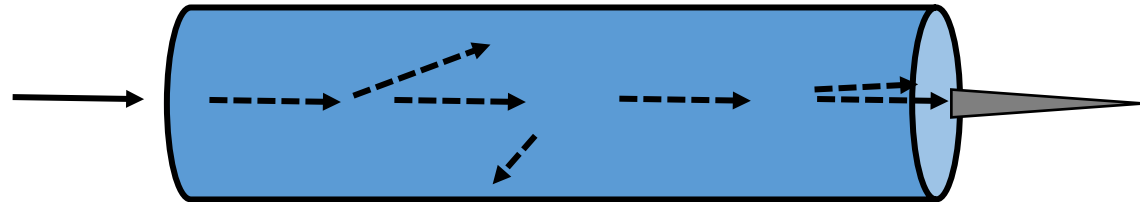
# Bio-optical Sensors - Absorption

- Measurement Reality – Sensors
  - Reflecting tube absorption meters

**a** - Maximize scattered  
light collection  
**absorption**



**c** – minimize scattered  
light collection  
**beam attenuation**



**b** = **c** – **a**    **scattering**

Some scattered light not collected by absorption tube, leads to overestimation of absorption → **correction**

Some scattered light collected by attenuation tube, leads to underestimation of attenuation → **report detection angle**

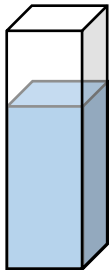
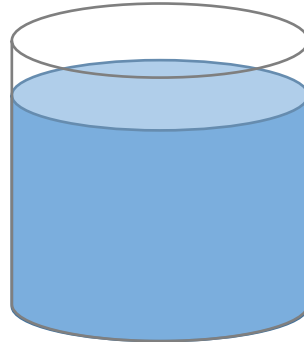
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- Requires
- **pure water** calibration
- Corrections
  - Temperature and salinity of samples relative to pure water calibration
  - Non-ideal configurations for absorption and attenuation
- Strategies for robust measurements

# Discrete sample analyses in a spectrophotometer



← Filtration →

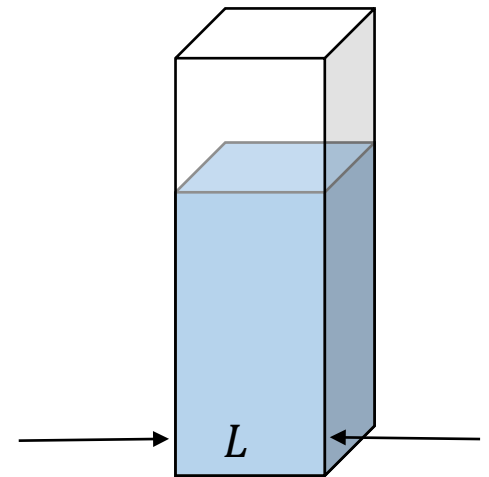


Dr Sasha Kramer, 2018  
EXPORTS North Pacific

- Separates particles from *dissolved*
- Concentrates particles from dilute medium

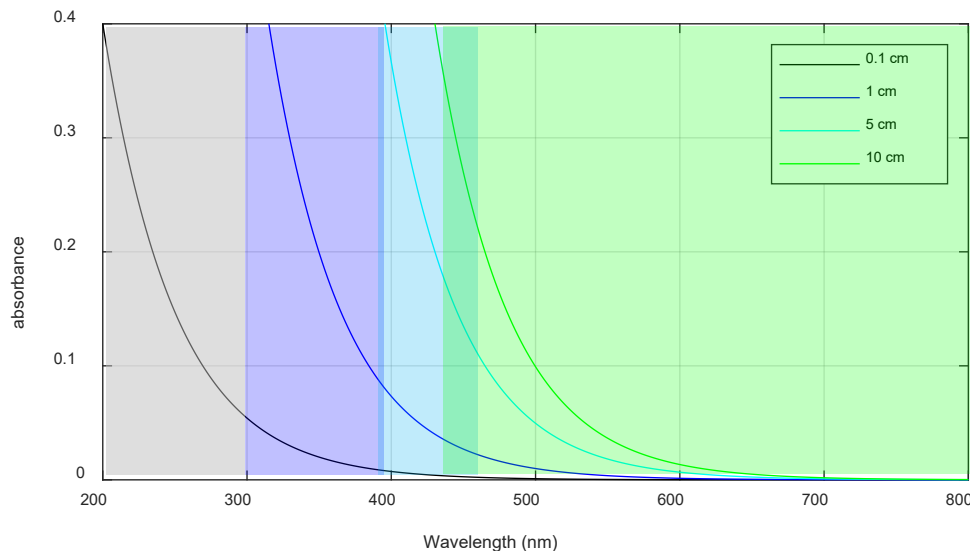
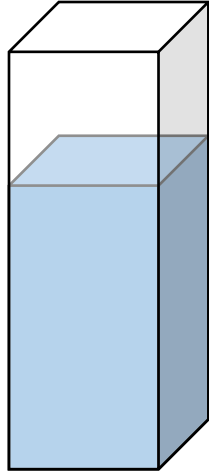
# Measuring absorption - solutions

- Spectrophotometers output *absorbance*,  $A$ , rather than *absorptance*,  $\mathbf{A}$ 
  - $\mathbf{A} = \frac{\Phi_a}{\Phi_o}$
  - $A = \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_o}{\Phi_t} \right) = -\log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o} \right) = -\log_{10}(1 - \mathbf{A})$
  - Absorbance sometimes called *optical density*
- Reference material (Baseline correction)
  - $A_{sample} - A_{ref}$
  - $= - \left( \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o} \right)_{sample} - \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o} \right)_{ref} \right)$
  - $= - \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_{t,sample}}{\Phi_{t,ref}} \right)$
- $a = \ln(10) \times \frac{A}{L} = 2.303 \times \frac{A}{L(m)}$



# Measuring absorption

- Sample is not an infinitesimally thin layer
- absorbance,  $A = -\log_{10} \left( \frac{\Phi_t}{\Phi_o} \right)$
- Recommendation
  - $0.1 < A < 0.4$
  - $80\% < T < 40\%$
- Adjust the pathlength to maintain correct  $A$  range
- May require two different pathlengths along the spectrum



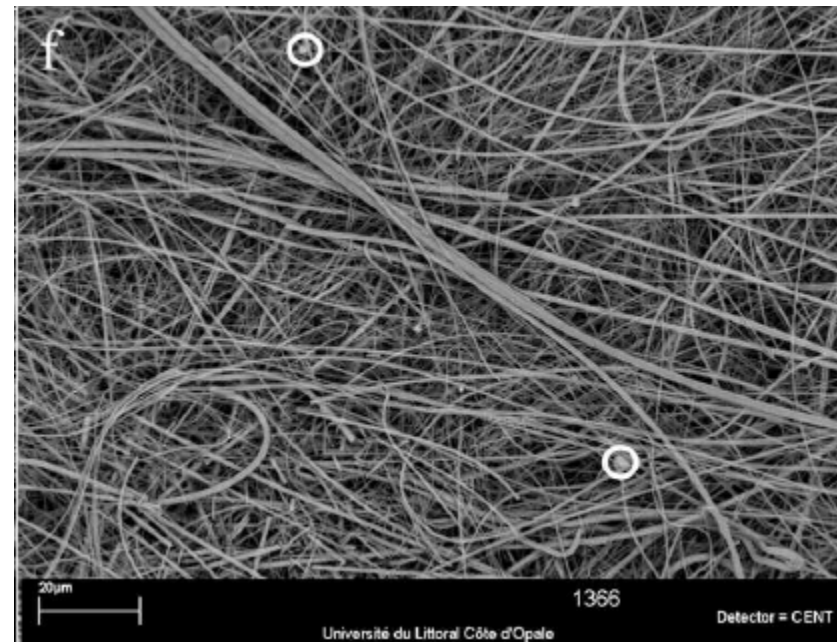


# Measuring Absorption – Particles on Filters



- Filters create challenges for measuring absorption
- How many can you think of?

- Separates particles from *dissolved*
- Concentrates particles from dilute medium onto a glass fiber filters →





Sketch the configuration for measuring absorption by particles on a filter pad

# Measure in Spectrophotometer with Center-mounted Integrating Sphere

- **Sample Beam**

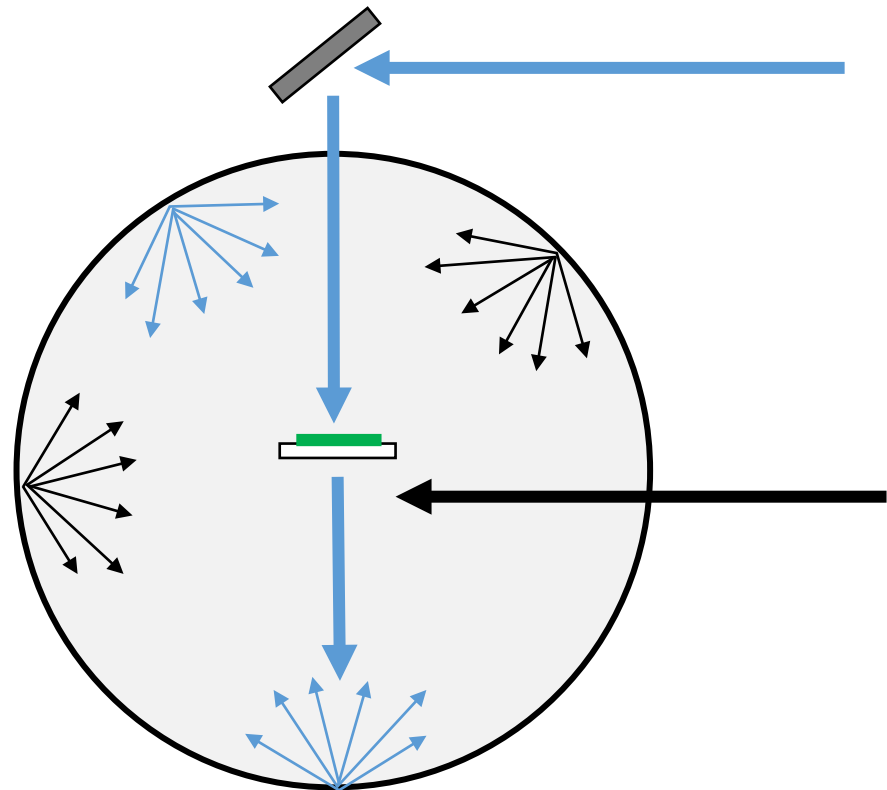
- Passes through sample filter first  
→ sample absorption
- Multiply scatters off reflective sphere
- Pass through sample multiple times → pathlength amplification

- **Reference Beam**

- Multiply scatters off reflective sphere
- Pass through sample multiple times → pathlength amplification

- **Sample Beam – Reference Beam**  
= single pass through filter

- From which you can calculate  $\alpha$



# Compute absorption

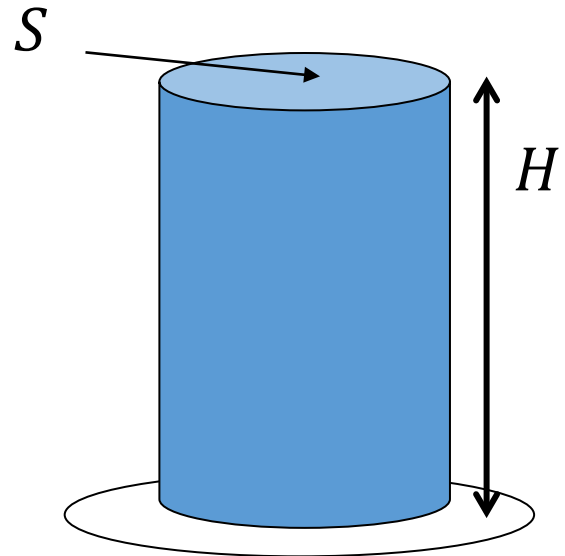
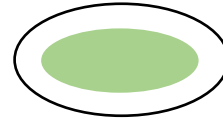
- $a = 2.303 \times \frac{A}{L(m)}$

- What is the pathlength,  $L$ ?

- Convert the volume filtered into a cylinder of water of area,  $S$ , and height,  $H$

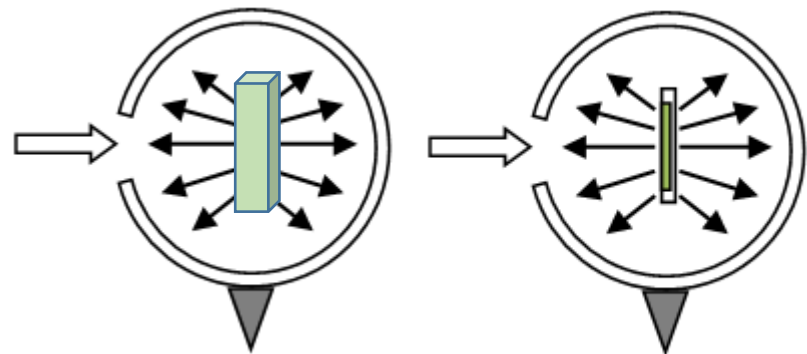
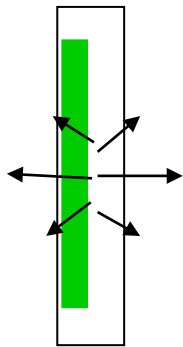
- The pathlength is  $H = \frac{V_{filt}}{\pi r_{eff}^2}$

- $a = 2.303 \times 100 \left( \frac{cm}{m} \right) \times \frac{A}{\left( \frac{V_{filt}(ml)}{\pi r_{eff}^2 (cm^2)} \right)}$



# Filter pad

- Optical properties of the filter pad subtracted in baseline
- Creates highly scattering environment around the particles
  - multiple scattering increases probability of absorption,
  - Overestimates absorption
  - Pathlength Amplification Correction – derive from paired suspension and filter pad measurements



Theoretical (Roesler 1998) and empirical (Stramski et al 2015) show factor of 2

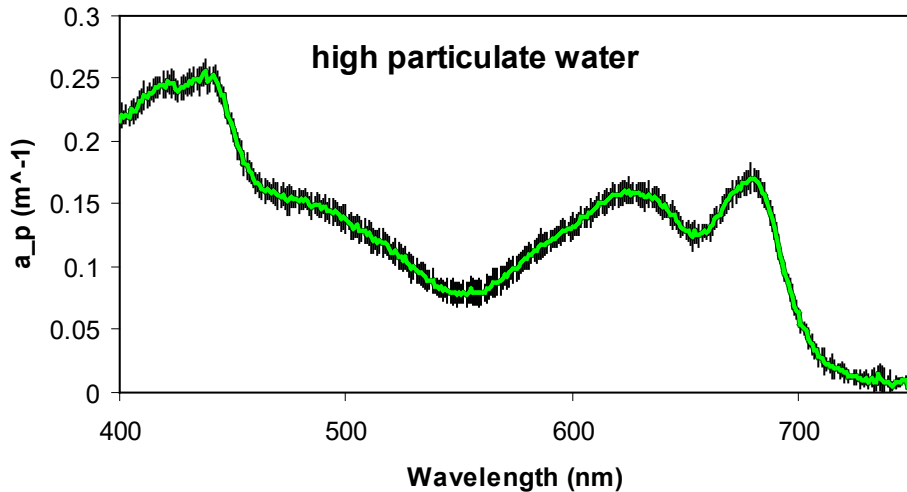
## Compute absorption

- *Measure* baseline corrected sample
- $A_{sample\_Bcorr}(\lambda) = A_{sample\_on\_pad}(\lambda) - A_{Baseline\_blankpad}(\lambda)$
- *Apply pathlength amplification correction (Stramski et al. 2015)*
- $A_{sample\_BcorrAcorr}(\lambda) = 0.323 \times A_{sample\_Bcorr}(\lambda)^{1.0867}$
- *Compute spectral absorption coefficient*
- $$a_{part}(\lambda) = 2.303 \times 100 \left( \frac{cm}{m} \right) \times \frac{A_{sample\_BcorrAcorr}(\lambda)}{\left( \frac{V_{filt}(ml)}{\pi r_{eff}^2(cm^2)} \right)}$$

## Absorption - *uncertainty calculation*

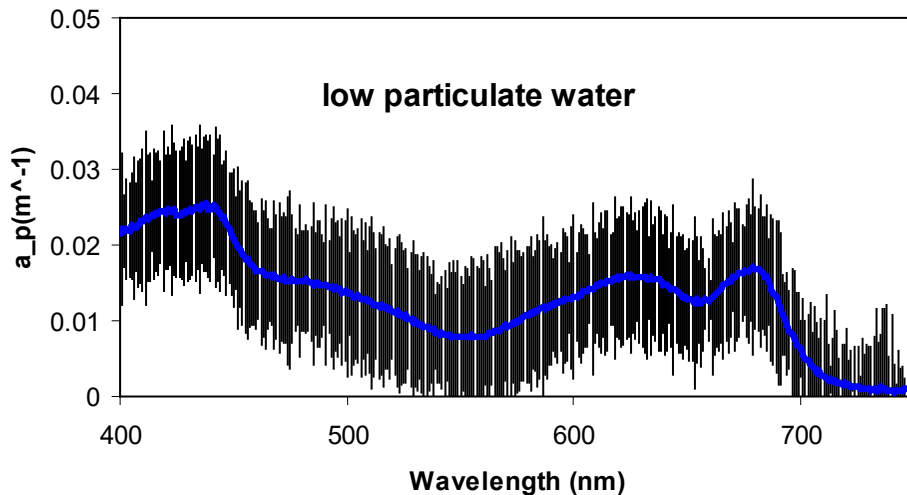
- Run 3-5 blank pads relative to your baseline
- Compute the standard deviation of the blank scans,  $\sigma_{A\_bl}(\lambda)$
- substitute  $\sigma_{A\_bl}(\lambda)$  for A in the absorption equation to compute  $\sigma_a(\lambda)$
- note that the uncertainty will be different for each sample:
- V is different for every sample
- A is different for each sample, so the signal:noise will be different
- $$\sigma_a(\lambda) = 2.303 \times 100 \left( \frac{cm}{m} \right) \times \frac{\sigma_{bl}(\lambda)}{\left( \frac{V_{filt}(ml)}{\pi r_{eff}^2(cm^2)} \right)}$$

# Uncertainty example 1: impact of sample optical density



- Same volume filtered for each sample (100ml)

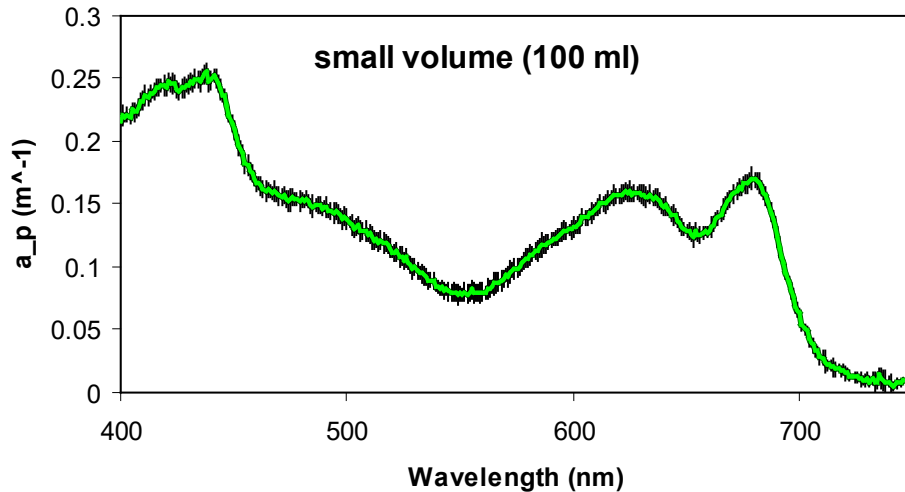
- $A_{\text{sample1}} \sim 10 * A_{\text{sample2}}$   
(approx 0.1 vs 0.01)



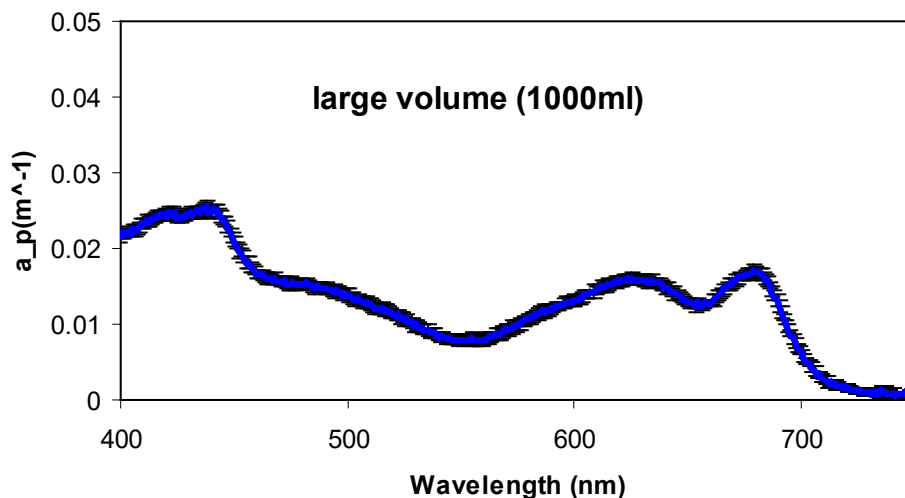
- $A_{\text{filter blanks}} \sim A_{\text{sample2}}$  for low particulate waters



# Uncertainty example 2: impact of volume filtered



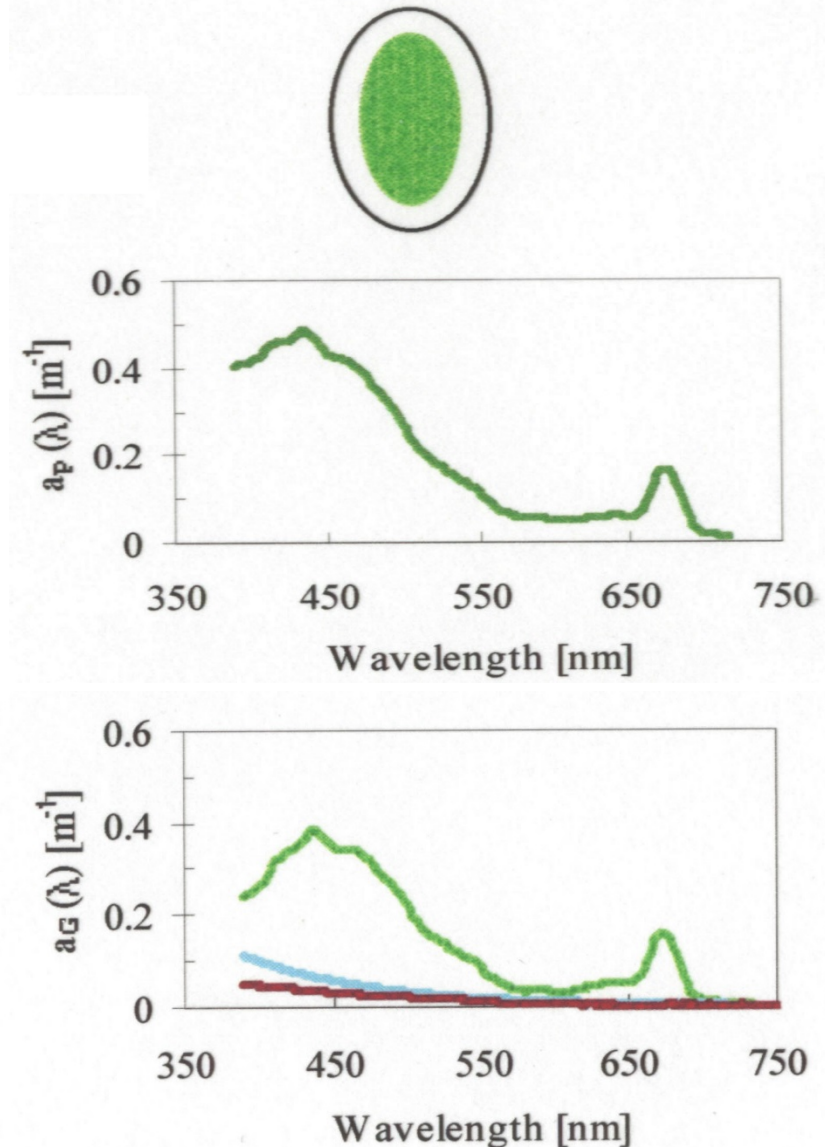
- Different V filtered for each sample (100ml vs 1000ml)
- $OD_{\text{sample1}} = OD_{\text{sample2}} (\sim 0.1)$
- $\sigma_{OD\text{filter blank}} \sim 10\% OD_{\text{sample}}$



Better to **filter more volume**  
and obtain  
**higher  $OD_{\text{sample}}$**  relative to blanks  
Roesler et al 2019 IOCCG Protocols

# Partitioning of particulate absorption

- First scan is total particles,  $a_p$
- Extract with methanol and scan again,  $a_{nap}$
- $a_{\text{phyt}} = a_p - a_{\text{nap}}$
- Other issues
  - Phytoplankton “parts”
  - Detrital pigments
  - Phycobilipigments
  - Inorganics



# Summary Filter pad technique

- Filter sample, want high loading to overcome the variability in the blank filter pad absorption itself, but not *muddy* (0.1 to 0.4 absorbance (OD))
- Reference?
- Extraction to separate particulates,  $a_{nap}$
- Computation
  - Geometric pathlength
  - Pathlength amplification (optical pathlength)
  - Absorption calculation,  $a_p$  and  $a_{nap}$
  - Phytoplankton calculation,  $a_{phyt} = a_p - a_{nap}$

# Conclusion

- We understand very well what we need to do to measure IOPs
- The practical aspect of instrument design can fail us or at least lead to numerous “correction factors” or “acceptable” uncertainties