

# Electromagnetic scattering I: Scattering dynamics

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# Dynamics in orientational applications

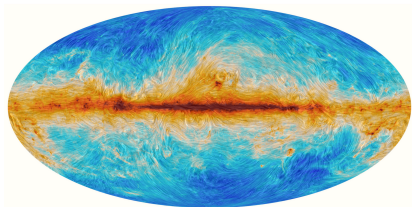


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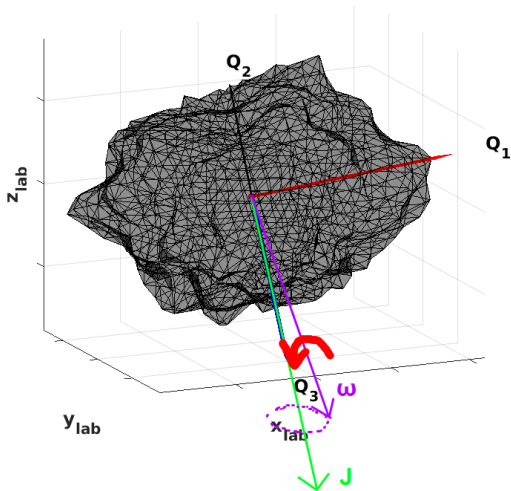
- ▶ Polarization of interstellar dust particles\*
- ▶ Optical tweezers\*\*

\* Lazarian2008, arXiv: 0901.0146v1

\*\* Ashkin, Science. 1980 Dec 5;210(4474):1081-8

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- ▶ Alignment can be divided to 3 main paradigms
  1. Paramagnetic relaxation
  2. Mechanical alignment
  3. Radiative alignment
- ▶ Radiative effects (Lazarian et. al: scattering) has been shown to be relevant most universally

# Radiative alignment has been established as central effect

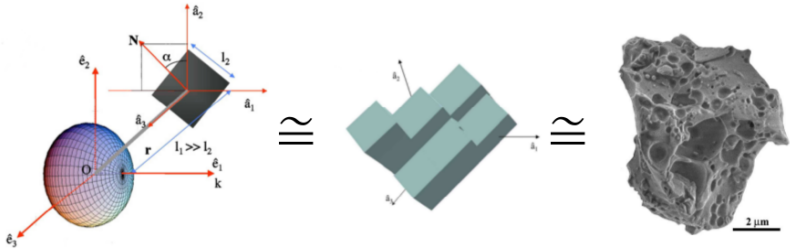
- ▶ Alignment is often dominated by scattering, other effects bring out local differences.
- ▶ Studies are based on extensive analysis of phase space trajectories.
- ▶ The current model of alignment due to scattering is in best agreement with observations.

Table 1 Summary of grain alignment results to date<sup>a</sup>

Observation	Larger grains are better aligned	General alignment only active for $a > 0.045 \mu\text{m}$	H <sub>2</sub> formation enhances alignment	H <sub>2</sub> formation not required for alignment	Alignment seen when $T_{\text{gas}} = T_{\text{dust}}$	Alignment is not correlated with ferromagnetic inclusions	Alignment is lost at $A_V \sim 20$ mag	Alignment depends on angle between radiation and magnetic fields	Carbon grains are unaligned
Theory									
Davis-Greenstein	-				-				
Super-paramagnetic	+				-	-			
Suprathermal			+	-					
Mechanical			-				-		-
Radiative alignment torque	+	+	+				+	+	

# Possible caveat and motivation for explicit integration of dynamics

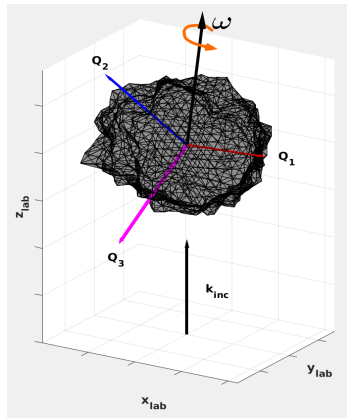
- ▶ Due to techniques used, the analytical model and discrete shapes are somewhat unrealistic and analysis of dynamics require much averaging.
- ▶ Our goal is to study the dynamics of more realistically shaped particles based on fundamental electromagnetic interactions.



Images: Hoang, Lazarian 2007, 2009

# Dynamics of interstellar dust particles - Overview

- ▶ Alignment of interstellar dust is complicated, though at heart lies scattering dynamics
- ▶ Using integral equation method implementations (both S and V) of Johannes Markkanen, scattering forces and torques can be found rather effortlessly for numerical integration
- ▶ Combining above two, an approach based on general equations of motion for rigid body can be formulated to scattering dynamics



A Gaussian random sphere particle geometry (Muinonen et. al. JQSRT. 1996;55:577-601)



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# Dynamics of rigid bodies

Euler's equations of motion in body frame are

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{N} &= I\dot{\vec{\omega}} + \vec{\omega} \times (I\vec{\omega}), \\ \dot{R} &= R\Omega^*.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Rotations are useful to calculate using quaternions  $\Omega^1$  and  $q_R$ ,

$$\dot{q}_R = \frac{1}{2}q_R\Omega.\tag{2}$$

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<sup>1</sup>matrix representation:

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_x & -\omega_y & -\omega_z \\ \omega_x & & & \\ \omega_y & & \Omega^* & \\ \omega_z & & & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_x & -\omega_y & -\omega_z \\ \omega_x & 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_y & \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ \omega_z & -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Numerical solution of Euler's equation

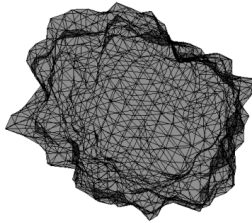
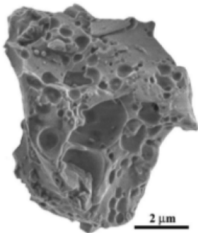
- ▶ Two feasible approaches for representing rotations: Matrices and quaternions
- ▶ Equation  $\dot{\vec{N}} = \dot{l}\vec{\omega} + \vec{\omega} \times (l\vec{\omega})$  can be solved in matrix form by a Runge-Kutta-4 integrator.
- ▶ Other integration schemes are more easily implemented when quaternions are considered
  - ▶ Orientation update equation  $\dot{q}_R = \frac{1}{2}q_R\Omega$ . has trivial integration schemes compared to matrix form  
 $R(dt) = I + \sin d\phi \Omega_{\text{avg}}^* + (1 - \cos d\phi)(\Omega_{\text{avg}}^*)^2$
  - ▶ E.g. symplectic (energy conserving) and molecular dynamics (time scale  $\sim 10^9$  time steps) integrators are easier to implement.

⇒ Quaternion-based integrator is chosen

# Particle geometry determines rotational moment of inertia

Currently, the moment of inertia can be determined from

1. input
  2. surface triangle mesh
  3. volume tetrahedral mesh
  4. spherical fractal aggregates
- Meshing and aggregates allow the simulation of more realistically shaped dust particles



## Moment of inertia of a surface mesh

The mass parameters of a triangle mesh are obtained from 10 volume integrals of the form  $\int_V \rho(x, y, z) dV$ , with

$$\rho(x, y, z) \in \{1, x, y, z, x^2, y^2, z^2, xy, xz, yz\}. \quad (3)$$

Finding  $\vec{F}(x, y, z)$ , for which  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}(x, y, z) = \rho(x, y, z)$ , we may apply Stokes' theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \rho(x, y, z) dV &= \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(x, y, z) dV \\ &= \int_S \hat{n} \cdot \vec{F}(x, y, z) dS = \sum_{f \in S} \int_f \hat{n}_f \cdot \vec{F}(x, y, z) dS. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We are left with 10 surface integrals  $(\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{e}_i) \int_f q(x, y, z) dS$ , with  $q(x, y, z) \in \{x, x^2, y^2, z^2, x^3, y^3, z^3, x^2y, xz^2, y^2z\}$ .

## Moment of inertia of a surface mesh

Parametrize triangle face  $i$  with vertices  $\vec{P}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$  and edges  $\vec{E}_j = \vec{P}_j - \vec{P}_0 = (\alpha_j, \beta_j, \gamma_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , as

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{P}(u, v) &= \vec{P}_0 + u\vec{E}_1 + v\vec{E}_2 \\ &= (x_0 + \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 v, y_0 + \beta_1 u + \beta_2 v, z_0 + \gamma_1 u + \gamma_2 v) \quad (5) \\ &= (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v)), \quad u \geq 0, v \geq 0, u + v \leq 1.\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$dS = \left| \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial v} \right| du dv = \left| \vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2 \right| du dv, \quad (6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{n}_f &= \frac{\vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2}{\left| \vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2 \right|} = \frac{(\beta_1 \gamma_2 - \beta_2 \gamma_1, \alpha_2 \gamma_1 - \alpha_1 \gamma_2, \alpha_1 \beta_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1)}{\left| \vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2 \right|} \\ &= \frac{(\delta_0, \delta_1, \delta_2)}{\left| \vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2 \right|}.\end{aligned}$$

(7)

# Moment of inertia of a surface mesh

We now have parametrized all integrals as

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{e}_i) \int_f q(x, y, z) dS \\ &= (\vec{E}_1 \times \vec{E}_2 \cdot \vec{e}_i) \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} q(x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v)) du dv, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{i}) \int_f x dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{6} f_1(x), & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{j}) \int_f y^3 dS &= \frac{\delta_1}{20} f_3(y), \\ (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{i}) \int_f x^2 dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{12} f_2(x), & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{k}) \int_f z^3 dS &= \frac{\delta_2}{20} f_3(z), \\ (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{j}) \int_f y^2 dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{12} f_2(y), & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{i}) \int_f x^2 y dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{60} (y_0 g_0(x) + y_1 g_1(x) + y_2 g_2(x)), \\ (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{k}) \int_f z^2 dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{12} f_2(z), & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{j}) \int_f y^2 z dS &= \frac{\delta_1}{60} (z_0 g_0(y) + z_1 g_1(y) + z_2 g_2(y)), \\ (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{i}) \int_f x^3 dS &= \frac{\delta_0}{20} f_3(x), & (\hat{n}_f \cdot \hat{k}) \int_f z^2 x dS &= \frac{\delta_2}{60} (x_0 g_0(z) + x_1 g_1(z) + x_2 g_2(z)). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(w) &= a + w_2, & f_2(w) &= c + w_2 f_1(w), \\ f_3(w) &= w_0 b + w_1 c + w_2 f_2(w), & g_i(w) &= f_2(w) + w_i (f_1(w) + w_i), \\ w &= x, y, \text{ or } z, & a &= w_0 + w_1, b = w_0^2, c = b + w_1 a \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

# Moment of inertia of a volume mesh

Using tetrahedral parametrization similar to that of FEM, the volume integrals will have the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D f(x, y, z) dV \\ &= |\det(J)| \int_0^1 d\xi \int_0^{1-\xi} d\eta \int_0^{1-\xi-\eta} d\zeta f[x(\xi, \eta, \zeta), y(\xi, \eta, \zeta), z(\xi, \eta, \zeta)] \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

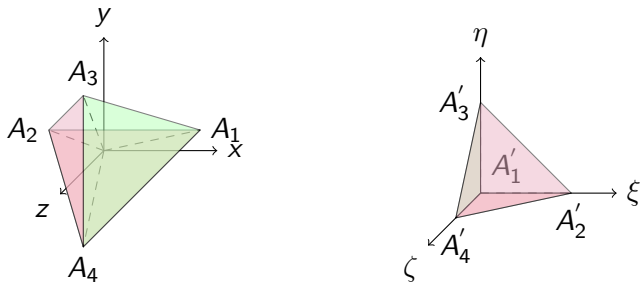


Figure: Arbitrary and parametrized tetrahedrons



## Moment of inertia of a volume mesh

The moment of inertia tensor of a single tetrahedron at point  $Q$  has components

$$I_Q = \begin{pmatrix} \int (y^2 + z^2) dm & -\int xy dm & -\int xz dm \\ -\int xy dm & \int (x^2 + z^2) dm & -\int yz dm \\ -\int xz dm & -\int yz dm & \int (x^2 + y^2) dm \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

which can be translated to the center of mass by the parallel axis theorem,

$$J = I + m[(r \cdot r)1_3 - r \otimes r], \quad (13)$$

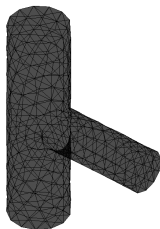
where  $1_3$  is a unit matrix and  $\otimes$  the outer product.

## "Validation" of integrator with intermediate axis theorem

Choose geometry with three distinct principal moment of inertia and initial  $\omega = (\lambda, \omega_2, \mu)$  in principal axis frame. It can be shown the time evolution of the perturbation in *torque-free* rotation  $\lambda$  is

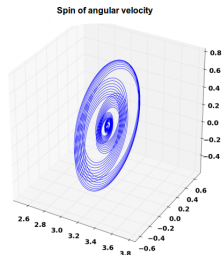
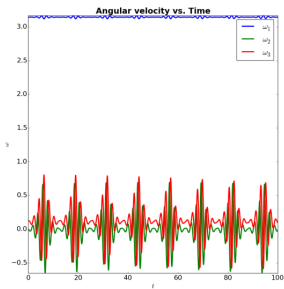
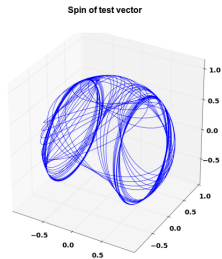
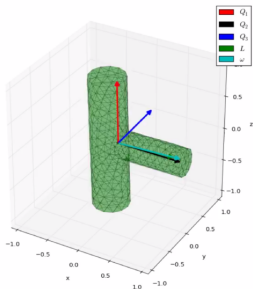
$$\ddot{\lambda} - \left[ \frac{(I_2 - I_1)(I_3 - I_2)}{I_1 I_3} \right] \omega_2^2 \lambda = 0. \quad (14)$$

The solutions to (14) are of form  $\lambda = Ae^{kt} + Be^{-kt}$ : exponential divergence from initial state.

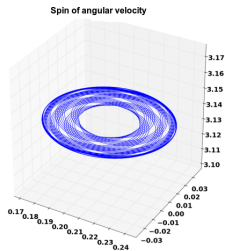
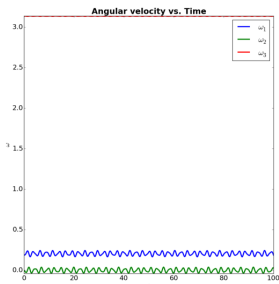
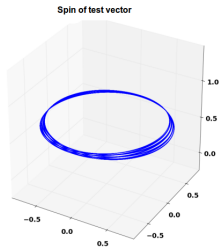
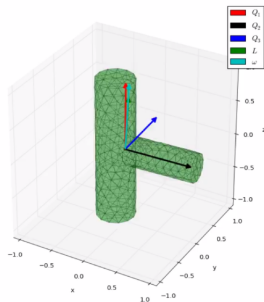


Example geometry with 3 distinct principal moments of inertia

# Unstable, torque-free T-handle rotation



# Stable, torque-free T-handle rotation

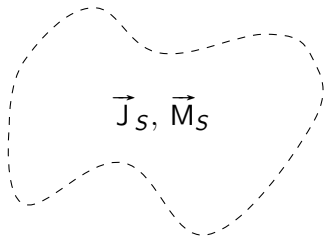
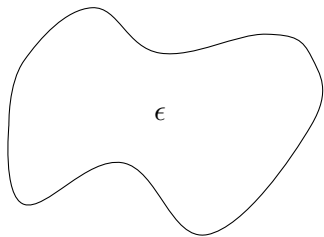


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# The idea behind an integral equation method

Equivalent currents, which induce the scattered fields, replace the actual scatterer and the total field can be represented as a sum of the incident field and the scattered field, which is written in terms of the equivalent currents (example below: equivalent surface currents).



Choice of boundary conditions and discretization scheme result in a matrix equation, from which the total fields are numerically obtained

## Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations

Consider a time-harmonic problem with symmetrized Maxwell equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{E} &= i\omega\mu\vec{H} - \vec{M}, & \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}, \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= -i\omega\epsilon\vec{E} + \vec{J}, & \nabla \cdot \vec{H} &= \frac{m}{\mu},\end{aligned}\tag{15}$$

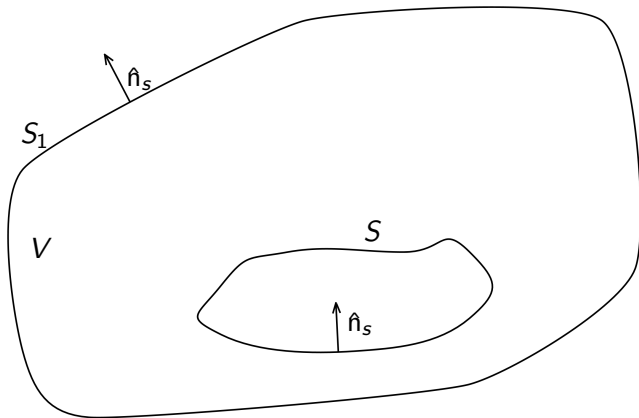
continuity equations

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = i\omega\rho, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{M} = i\omega m,\tag{16}$$

and the vector wave equations of a linear, homogeneous and isotropic medium

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} - k^2\vec{E} &= i\omega\mu\vec{J} - \nabla \times \vec{M}, \\ \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{H} - k^2\vec{H} &= i\omega\epsilon\vec{M} + \nabla \times \vec{J}.\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

## Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations



Scattering problem in volume  $V$  with boundary  $S_1$ , containing dielectric objects with boundary  $S$ . Note the choice of normal vector directions.



## Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations

The goal is to write the total fields  $\vec{E}$  ja  $\vec{H}$  in terms of the current densities  $\vec{J}$  ja  $\vec{M}$ . Starting with the vector Green's theorem

$$\int_V (\vec{Q} \cdot \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{P} - \vec{P} \cdot \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{Q}) dV = \int_{\Sigma} (\vec{P} \times \nabla \times \vec{Q} - \vec{Q} \times \nabla \times \vec{P}) \cdot d\vec{S}, \quad (18)$$

the problem is solved similarly as with static fields and the scalar Green's theorem.

## Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations

Choosing  $\vec{P} = \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{Q} = \phi \hat{a}$ , where  $\phi = \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$ ,  $r = |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|$  has the form of the Helmholtz Green's function, and  $\hat{a}$  is an arbitrary unit vector, extensive manipulation will result in a surface integral form

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_V i\omega\mu\phi\vec{J} + \nabla\phi \times \vec{M} + \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}\nabla\phi dV \\ &= \int_{\Sigma} (\hat{n} \times \vec{E}) \times \nabla\phi + (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{E})\nabla\phi + i\omega\mu(\hat{n} \times \vec{H})\phi dS. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

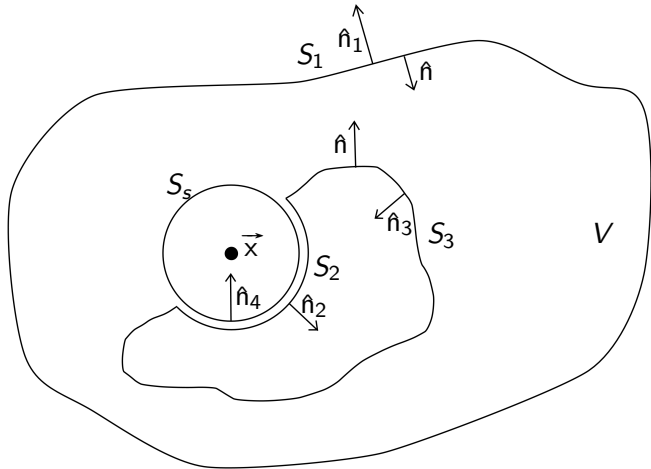
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All differentiability and boundary conditions for both  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{Q}$ , as well as the singularity of  $\phi$  at  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}'$  must still be extracted from this solution.

# Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations



**Figure:** The case where the observation point lies on the scattering surface. Deforming the surface and isolating the point with a spherical surface, the problem is solved in the limit  $S_s \rightarrow 0$

## Example: Derivation of the Stratton-Chu equations

A thorough treatment of other discontinuities can be found e.g. in (Volakis and Sertel. Integral Equation Methods for Electromagnetics. Scitech Publishing, 2012.). Resulting integral equations for the total fields are

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{T(\vec{x})}{4\pi} \int_V i\omega\mu\phi\vec{J} + \nabla'\phi \times \vec{M} + \frac{\rho}{\epsilon}\nabla'\phi dV' \\ &\quad - \frac{T(\vec{x})}{4\pi} \int_{S_1+S} (\hat{n}' \times \vec{E}) \times \nabla'\phi + (\hat{n}' \cdot \vec{E})\nabla'\phi + i\omega\mu(\hat{n}' \times \vec{H})\phi dS',\end{aligned}\tag{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{H}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{T(\vec{x})}{4\pi} \int_V i\omega\epsilon\phi\vec{M} + \vec{J} \times \nabla'\phi + \frac{m}{\mu}\nabla'\phi dV' \\ &\quad - \frac{T(\vec{x})}{4\pi} \int_{S_1+S} (\hat{n}' \times \vec{H}) \times \nabla'\phi + (\hat{n}' \cdot \vec{H})\nabla'\phi - i\omega\epsilon(\hat{n}' \times \vec{E})\phi dS',\end{aligned}\tag{22}$$

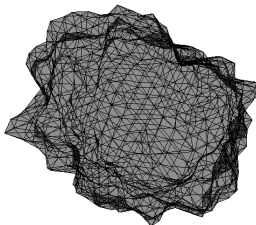
where  $T(\vec{x}) = (1 - \Omega/4\pi)^{-1}$  and  $\int_{S_1+S}$  is the principal value integral over  $S_1$  and  $S$ .

# The Maxwell stress tensor

Maxwell stress tensor  $T$  represents the interaction between the electromagnetic forces and mechanical momentum,

$$T_{ij} = \varepsilon_0 \left( E_i E_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} E^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} B^2 \right). \quad (23)$$

If the EM fields can be determined anywhere near the surface of the particle, then the Maxwell stress tensor can be determined using sample points at the surface.



# EM-forces given by known Maxwell stress tensor, $\mathbf{T}$

Lorentz force density in terms of  $\mathbf{T}$  is

$$\vec{\mathbf{f}} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{S}}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} - \cancel{\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{S}}}{\partial t}} \text{ (averaged)}, \quad (24)$$

which gives total force and torque as functions of the total fields,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\mathbf{F}} &= \oint_S \mathbf{T} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS, \\ \vec{\mathbf{N}} &= \oint_S \vec{\mathbf{r}} \times (\mathbf{T} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) dS. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

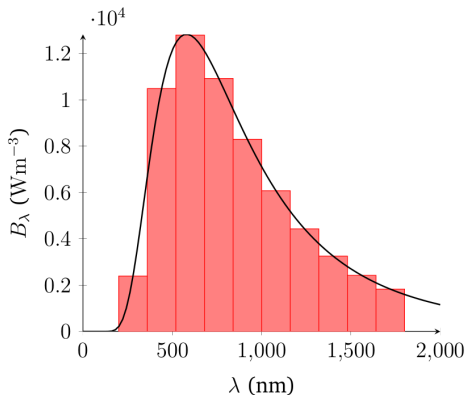
$\Rightarrow$  Liftoff! We have a liftoff...

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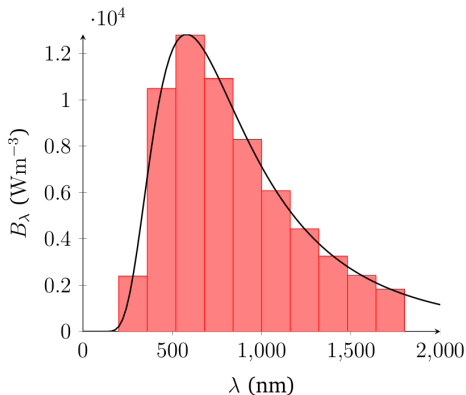
# Primary field from starlight (blackbody radiation)



- ▶ Spectral radiance Maxwell distributed
- ▶ Discretization over wavelength band 200 – 2000 nm

$$B_\lambda(T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda kT} - 1}, [B_\lambda] = \text{Wm}^{-3}\text{sterad}^{-1}. \quad (26)$$

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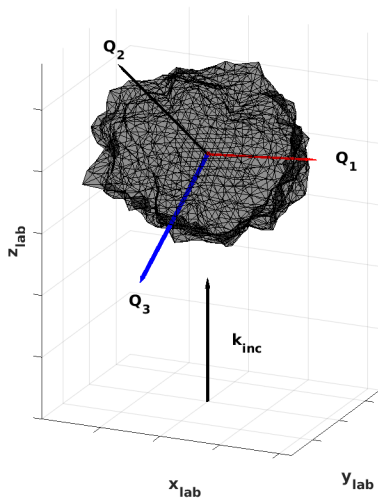
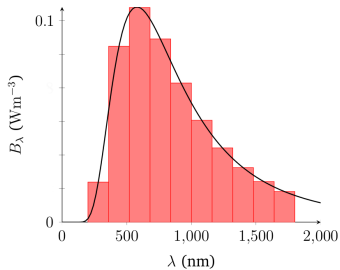


- ▶ Poynting theorem relates total intensity and the time-averaged E-field amplitude
- ▶ Normalizing the peak intensity to unity we have discretized blackbody amplitudes

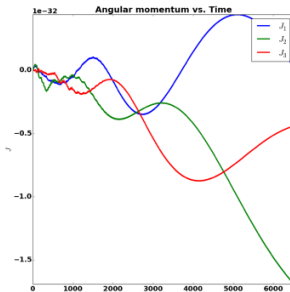
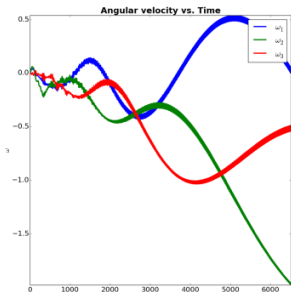
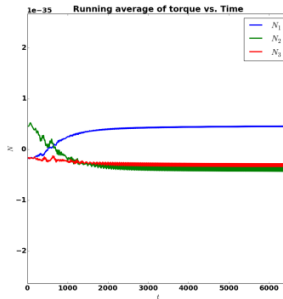
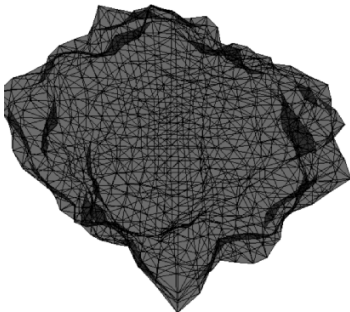
$$|E|_{\lambda_i} = \left( \frac{B_{\lambda_i}(T)}{N_{B_{\lambda_i}}(T)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |E|_{\max}, \quad N_{B_\lambda}(T) = \frac{2hc^2}{b^5} \frac{T^5}{e^{hc/bk} - 1}. \quad (27)$$

# Simulation of rotation in blackbody radiation

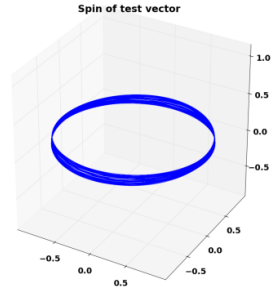
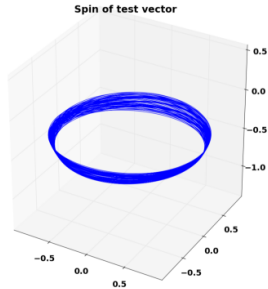
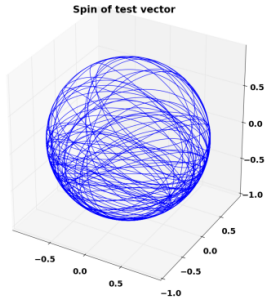
Test geometry ( $\epsilon = 3.0 + 0.1i$ ,  
 $a = 10^{-7}$  m),  $\rho = 2000$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
at  $\sim 10^4$  AU from a star ( $T_{bb} =$   
4600 K)



Particle with  $I_p = (5.64, 7.81, 8.57) \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ kgm}^2$

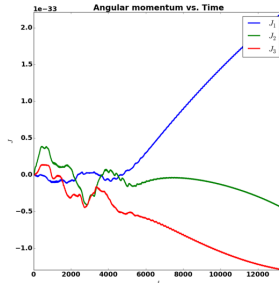
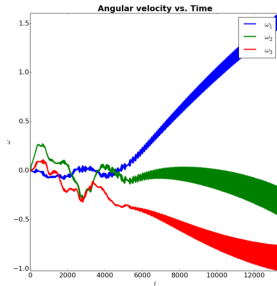
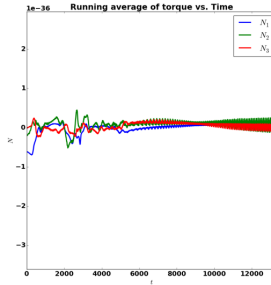
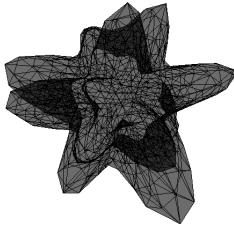


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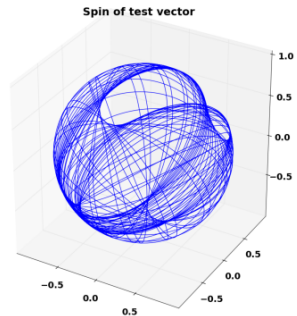
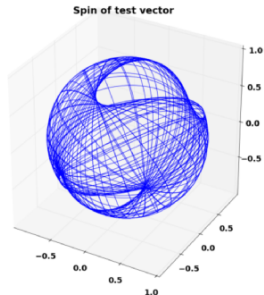
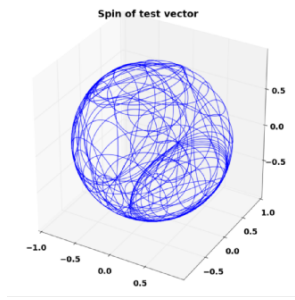


Spinning states of the particle at 0-5 min, 50-55 min and 95-100 min, respectively

Particle with  $I_p = (1.29, 1.44, 1.53) \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ kgm}^2$



Particle with  $I_p = (1.29, 1.44, 1.53) \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ kgm}^2$



Spinning states of the particle at 0-5 min, 105-110 min and 225-230 min, respectively