Deriving Polarization Properties of Desert-Reflected Solar Spectra with PARASOL Data

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Introduction

1. Reflected solar radiation from desert is strongly polarized by sand particles.
2. To date, there is no reliable desert surface reflection model to calculate desert reflection matrix.
3. In this study, the PARASOL data are used to retrieve physical properties of desert. These physical properties are then used in the ADRTM to calculate polarization of desert-reflected light for the whole solar spectra.
Why modeling polarized RS from desert?

- Sunlight is strongly polarized by desert surface
- Desert polarization to solar radiation is a strong function of wavelength
- Empirical PDMs from PARASOL data can be obtained only at 3 wavelengths, cannot be applied to whole solar spectrum
Theory for modeling polarized RS from land surface

\[ R(\theta_s, \theta_v, \varphi) = fR_L + (1 - f) \frac{\pi \rho_{specular}(n)}{4 \cos^4 \beta \cos \theta_s \cos \theta_v} P(Z_x, Z_y) \]

\[ P(Z_x, Z_y) = \frac{1}{\pi \sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{Z_x^2 + Z_y^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \]

\[ \tan \beta = \sqrt{Z_x^2 + Z_y^2} \]

\[ Z_x = \frac{\sin \theta_v \cos \varphi - \sin \theta_s}{\cos \theta_v + \cos \theta_s} \]

\[ Z_y = \frac{\sin \theta_v \sin \varphi}{\cos \theta_v + \cos \theta_s} \]

Once we know \( f \ n \ R_L \ \sigma \), we can calculate land surface reflection matrix elements.
Physical surface model of desert

1-f = 5% quartz-rich polarizer with facets  +  f = 95% Lambert non-polarizer

\( \sigma = 0.164 \)
Refractive index of quartz

INTERSPECIMEN COMPARISON OF THE REFRACTIVE INDEX OF FUSED SILICA*†

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The index of refraction of optical quality fused silica (SiO₂) was determined for 60 wavelengths from 0.21 to 3.71 μ at 20°C. The dispersion equation

\[ n^2 - 1 = \frac{0.6961663\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - (0.0684045)^2} + \frac{0.4079426\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - (0.1162414)^2} + \frac{0.8974794\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - (9.896161)^2} \]

where \( \lambda \) is expressed in microns was found to yield an absolute residual of 10.5 × 10⁻⁴. The variation in index between 12 specimens was determined. Dispersive properties of the material and thermal coefficient of index are graphically presented. A comparison with previous NBS index data is discussed.
Desert dust AOD

Spectral aerosol optical depth characterization of desert dust during SAMUM 2006

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Fig. 4. (a) Wavelength dependence of the aerosol optical depth for average conditions (circles), severe dust (squares) and background conditions (triangles); (b) Same in log–log scale.
Remote Sensing and Spectral Characteristics of Desert Sand from Qatar Peninsula, Arabian/Persian Gulf

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Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 490 nm and a SZA of 28.77 deg
RAZ = 90°
PARASOL
SZA = 27-30°
WL = 490 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 28.77°

RAZ = 270°

VZA (°)
DOP

VZA (°)
Reflectance

VZA (°)
Reflectance

VZA (°)
DOP
Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 490 nm and a SZA of 56.94 deg
PARASOL
SZA = 54-57
WL = 490 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 56.94°
RAZ = 90°

DOP
VZA (°)

Reflectance
VZA (°)

RAZ = 90°

PARASOL
SZA = 54-57
WL = 490 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 56.94°
RAZ = 270°

DOP
VZA (°)

Reflectance
VZA (°)

RAZ = 270°
Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 670 nm and a SZA of 28.77 deg.
**Figure 1:**

- **Left Top:**
  - WL = 670 nm
  - RAZ = 90°
  - ADRTM: SZA = 28.77°
  - PARASOL: SZA = 27-30°

- **Right Top:**
  - RAZ = 270°

- **Left Bottom:**
  - RAZ = 90°

- **Right Bottom:**
  - RAZ = 270°
WL = 670 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 28.77°

PARASOL
SZA = 27-30°
Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 670 nm and a SZA of 56.94 deg
WL = 670 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 56.94°

RAZ = 90°

VZA (°)

DOP

Reflectance

RAZ = 270°

VZA (°)

DOP

Reflectance
WL = 670 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 56.94°
AOLP (°)
RAZ (°)
VZA (°)

PARASOL
SZA = 54-57°
Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 865 nm and a SZA of 28.77 deg.
WL = 865 nm

RAZ = 90°

ADRTM
PARASOL
SZA = 28.77°
SZA = 27–30°

VZA (°)
A plausible explanation of this cloud optical phenomenon
Comparing model results with satellite data at a wavelength of 865 nm and a SZA of 56.94 deg
PARASOL
SZA = 54-57°
WL = 865 nm
ADRTM
SZA = 56.94°
RAZ = 90°
VZA (°)
DOP

Reflectance
RAZ = 90°

Reflectance
RAZ = 270°
Model results at a wavelength of 320 nm

 WL = 320 nm

ADRTM

DOP

SZA = 28.77°
SZA = 56.94°

VZA (°)

Reflectance

RAZ = 0°

RAZ = 180°

VZA (°)
Model results at a wavelength of 2300 nm

- WL = 2300 nm
- RAZ = 0°

ADRTM

- SZA = 28.77°
- SZA = 56.94°

Reflectance

- RAZ = 0°
- RAZ = 180°

VZA (°)

DOP

- RAZ = 0°
- RAZ = 180°
WL = 2300 nm
RAZ = 90° / 270°
ADRTM
SZA = 28.77°
SZA = 56.94°

Reflectance
VZA (°)

VZA (°)

DOP
SZA = 28.77°
WL = 2300 nm
ADRTM
AOLP (°)
RAZ (°)
VZA (°)

SZA = 56.94°
WL = 2300 nm
ADRTM
AOLP (°)
RAZ (°)
VZA (°)
Next: Snow/Ice Land

Using the same algorithm as for desert, we may derive the polarization properties of light reflected by snow/ice land with PARASOL measurements and solar spectral reflectance from other sources ...

Solar spectral reflectance in this process can be updated by the CLARREO data in the future.

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**Fig. 1.** Model calculations of semi-infinite diffuse albedo as a function of wavelength for various snow grain radii. Dashed lines are calculations by Dunkle and Bevans [1956, Figure 3]. Solid lines are calculations using the model of WW1, with the new \( m_{im} (\lambda) \) measured by Grenfell and Perovich [1981].

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Refractive index of ice
Next after Next: Vegetation Land

Using the same algorithm as for desert, we may derive the polarization properties of light reflected by vegetation land with PARASOL measurements and solar spectral reflectance from other sources ...

Solar spectral reflectance in this process can be updated by the CLARREO data in the future.

![Graph showing reflectance and refractive index for different vegetation types](image)

A set of rock forming minerals and vegetation reflectance spectral measured from 400 to 2500 nm in the solar reflected light spectrum (NASA/JPL AVIRIS)

Leaf refractive index by Variational Kramers-kronig Analysis (Chen and Weng, 2012)
Summary

1. An algorithm for deriving spectral polarization state of sunlight from desert is developed.
2. PARASOL data at 3 polarized channels are used in estimating desert surface physical properties.
3. Using the physical properties of desert surface, polarization state of radiation from desert at any solar wavelength and incident and viewing geometries can be obtained with the ADRTM.
4. ~80% of the Earth surface (Ocean and Desert) polarization spectra can be modeled now.
5. Modeling for the polarization state of solar radiation from snow/ice and vegetation surface is under study.

Reference: