

Parallel decomposition of Mueller matrices and polarimetric subtraction

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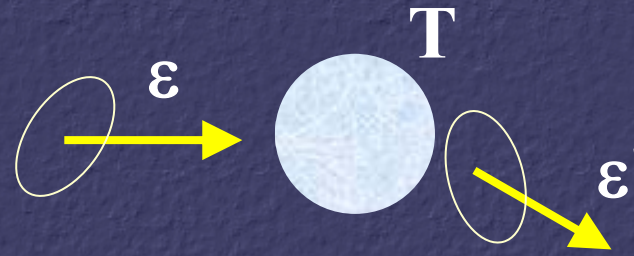
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1. Concept of Mueller matrix
2. Parallel decompositions of a Mueller matrix
 - *Spectral*
 - *Trivial*
 - *Arbitrary*
3. Polarimetric subtraction

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The concept of Mueller matrix

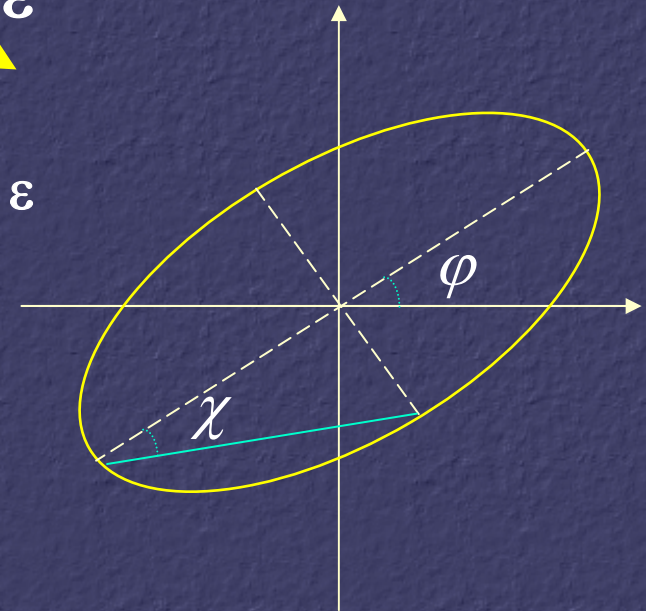
Basic interaction: Jones description



Jones vector

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y e^{i\delta_y} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Intensity $I = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^+ \otimes \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$
- DoP $P = 1$
- χ azimuth
- φ ellipticity



$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' = \mathbf{T} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

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Jones matrix

- Incident beam: $P = 1$
- Single interaction → $P' = 1$

The "pure case"

- Non-depolarizing system: for incident light with $P=1$, emerging light has $P'=1$
- The system is equivalent to a serial combination of two components:
 - *A diattenuator (partial or total polarizer)*
 - *A retarder*
- Only 7 independent physical quantities:
 - *1 mean transmittance*
 - *3 from diattenuator*
 - *3 from retarder*

Characterization of Jones matrices

Linear passive system

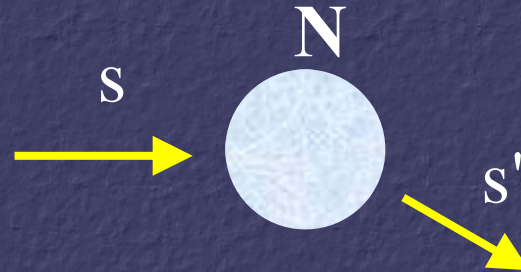
- \mathbf{T} is a 2x2 complex matrix (7 physical parameters)

$$\mathbf{T} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_{ij} = |t_{ij}| e^{i\beta_{ij}}$$

- \mathbf{T} satisfies the transmittance condition (maximum gain ≤ 1)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}^+ \mathbf{T}) + \left[\left(\text{tr}(\mathbf{T}^+ \mathbf{T}) \right)^2 + 4 \det(\mathbf{T}^+ \mathbf{T}) \right]^{1/2} \right\} \leq 1$$

Basic interaction: Stokes-Mueller description



Stokes vector

$$\mathbf{s} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} I \\ IP \cos 2\varphi \cos 2\chi \\ IP \cos 2\varphi \sin 2\chi \\ IP \sin 2\varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

- I intensity
- P degree of polarization
- χ azimuth
- φ ellipticity

$$\mathbf{s}' = \mathbf{N} \mathbf{s}$$

Incident beam: $P = 1$

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Mueller-Jones matrix

Single interaction → $P' = 1$

Characterization of Mueller-Jones matrices

→ 7 free parameters in $\mathbf{T} \Rightarrow$ 7 free parameters in \mathbf{N}

$$\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{T}^+) \mathbf{L}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{L} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ 1 Transmittance condition

$$g_f \leq 1, \quad g_f \equiv n_{00} + \underbrace{(n_{01}^2 + n_{02}^2 + n_{03}^2)}^{1/2}$$

→ or

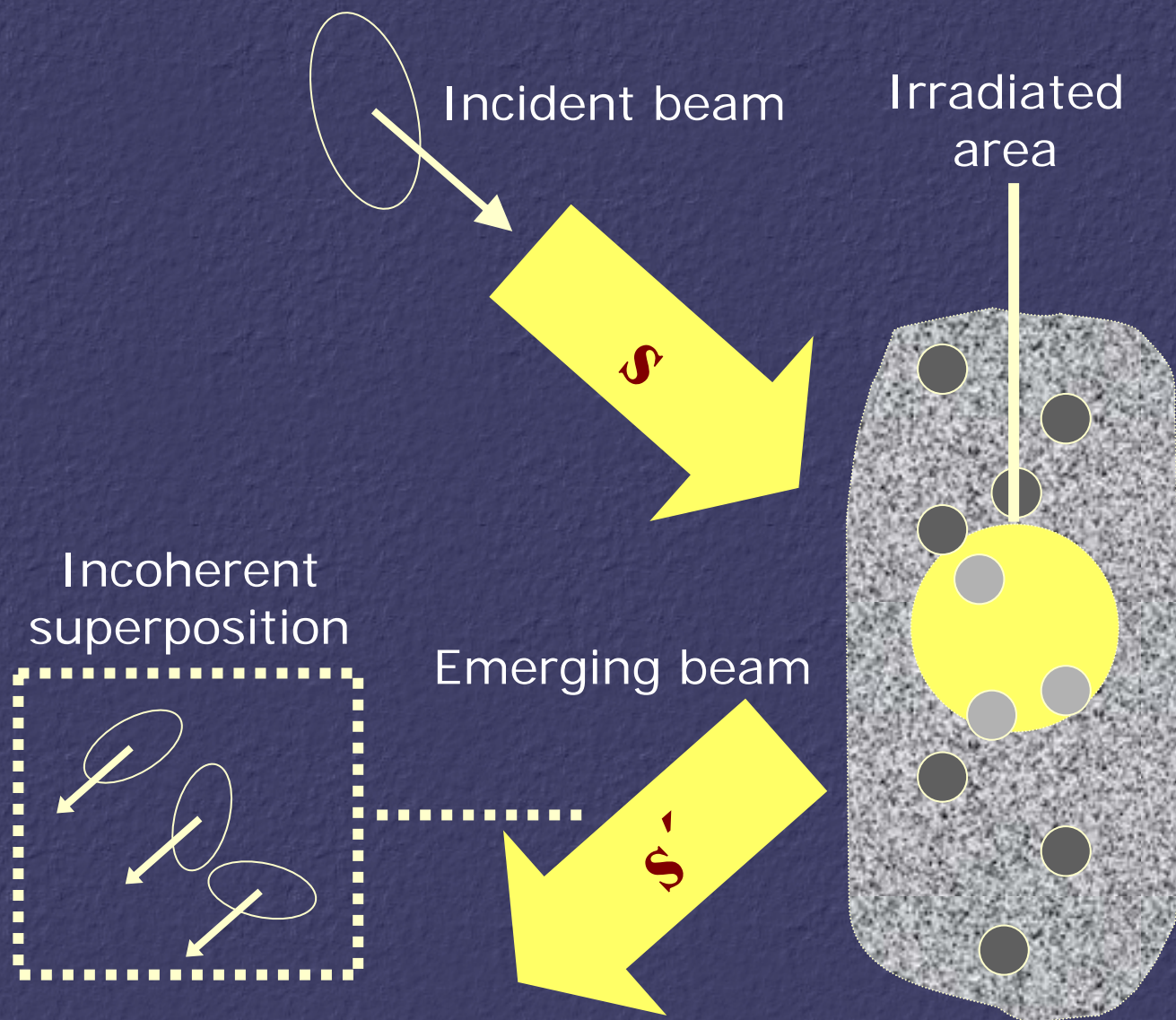
$$g_r \leq 1, \quad g_r \equiv n_{00} + \underbrace{(n_{10}^2 + n_{20}^2 + n_{30}^2)}^{1/2}$$



For pure systems

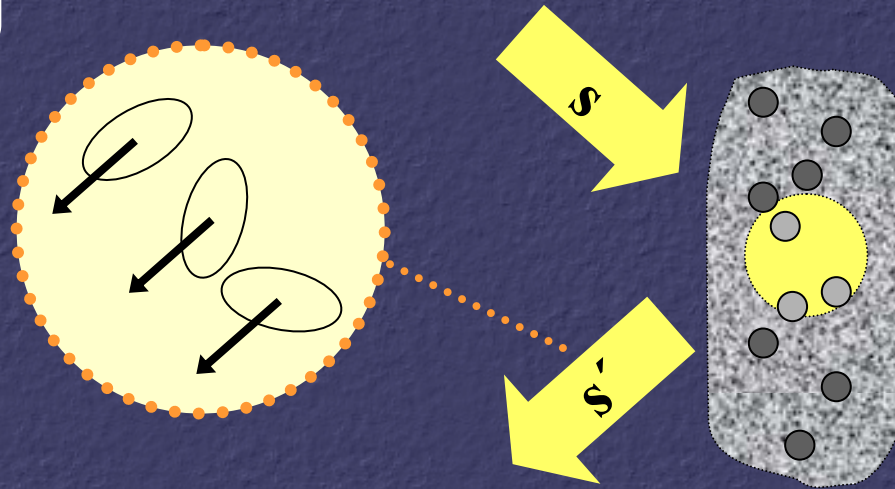
$$g_f = g_r$$

Macroscopic interaction: Synthesis of a Mueller matrix



Composed Mueller matrix

Emerging
beam



$$\mathbf{M} \equiv \left(\sum_i p_i \mathbf{N}^{(i)} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{N}^{(i)} \equiv \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{T}^{(i)} \otimes \mathbf{T}^{(i)*})\mathbf{L}^{-1}, \quad p_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$$

Coherency matrix
associated with a
Mueller matrix

M  **H**

Coherency matrix \mathbf{H}

\mathbf{H} represents univocally the Mueller matrix and vice-versa

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k,l=0}^3 m_{kl} \mathbf{E}_{kl}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{kl} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \otimes \boldsymbol{\sigma}_l^* \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{kl} \text{ set of 4 "Pauli matrices"} \\ \mathbf{E}_{kl} \text{ set of 16 "Dirac matrices"} \end{array} \right.$$

Coefficients m_{kl} are 16 measurable quantities: the 16 elements of the Mueller matrix \mathbf{M} associated with \mathbf{H}

Coherency matrix $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{M})$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} m_{00} + m_{01} & m_{02} + m_{12} & m_{20} + m_{21} & m_{22} + m_{33} \\ +m_{10} + m_{11} & +i(m_{03} + m_{13}) & -i(m_{30} + m_{31}) & +i(m_{23} - m_{32}) \\ m_{02} + m_{12} & m_{00} - m_{01} & m_{22} - m_{33} & m_{20} - m_{21} \\ -i(m_{03} + m_{13}) & +m_{10} - m_{11} & -i(m_{23} + m_{32}) & -i(m_{30} - m_{31}) \\ m_{20} + m_{21} & m_{22} - m_{33} & m_{00} + m_{01} & m_{02} - m_{12} \\ +i(m_{30} + m_{31}) & +i(m_{23} + m_{32}) & -m_{10} - m_{11} & +i(m_{03} - m_{13}) \\ m_{22} + m_{33} & m_{20} - m_{21} & m_{02} - m_{12} & m_{00} - m_{01} \\ -i(m_{23} - m_{32}) & +i(m_{30} - m_{31}) & -i(m_{03} - m_{13}) & -m_{10} + m_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

M (H)

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix}
 h_{00} + h_{11} & h_{00} - h_{11} & h_{01} + h_{10} & -i(h_{01} - h_{10}) \\
 +h_{22} + h_{33} & +h_{22} - h_{33} & +h_{23} + h_{32} & -i(h_{23} - h_{32}) \\
 \\
 h_{00} + h_{11} & h_{00} - h_{11} & h_{01} + h_{10} & -i(h_{01} - h_{10}) \\
 -h_{22} - h_{33} & -h_{22} + h_{33} & -h_{23} - h_{32} & +i(h_{23} - h_{32}) \\
 \\
 h_{02} + h_{20} & h_{02} + h_{20} & h_{03} + h_{30} & -i(h_{03} - h_{30}) \\
 +h_{13} + h_{31} & -h_{13} - h_{31} & +h_{12} + h_{21} & +i(h_{12} - h_{21}) \\
 \\
 i(h_{02} - h_{20}) & i(h_{02} - h_{20}) & i(h_{03} - h_{30}) & h_{03} + h_{30} \\
 +i(h_{13} - h_{31}) & -i(h_{13} - h_{31}) & -i(h_{12} - h_{21}) & -h_{12} - h_{21}
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Characterization of Mueller matrices

- 4 Eigenvalue Conditions

$$0 \leq \lambda_i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

- 2 Transmittance Conditions

$$g_f \leq 1, \quad g_r \leq 1$$

$$g_f \equiv m_{00} + \left(m_{01}^2 + m_{02}^2 + m_{03}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad g_r \equiv m_{00} + \left(m_{10}^2 + m_{20}^2 + m_{30}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Characterization theorem

A real 4x4 matrix \mathbf{M} is a Mueller matrix if, and only if, the four eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{M})$ are non-negative and \mathbf{M} satisfies the transmittance conditions

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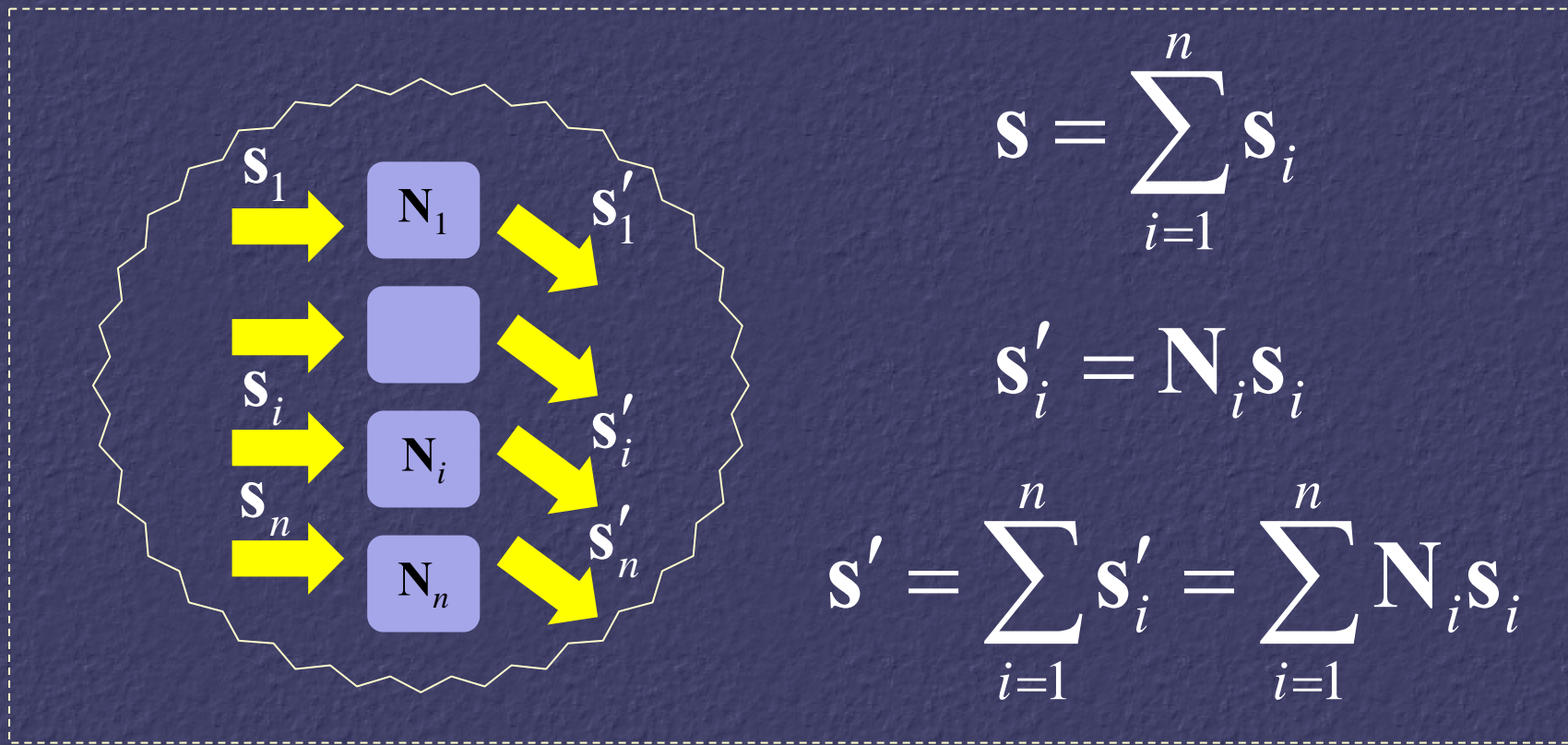
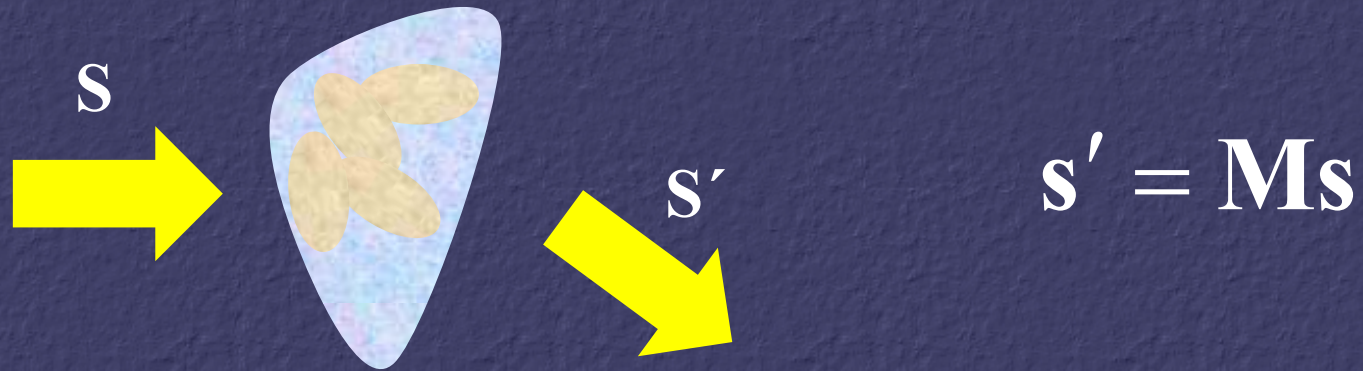
Parallel decompositions

Spectral

Trivial

Arbitrary

Parallel decomposition



Spectral decomposition

Spectral decomposition

Spectral decomposition of \mathbf{H} as a convex linear combination of four systems with equal mean transmittances

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \mathbf{U}^+$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H} &= \frac{\lambda_0}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(\text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0, 0, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ + \frac{\lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ \\ &+ \frac{\lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(0, 0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ + \frac{\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(0, 0, 0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{U}^+ \end{aligned}$$

Spectral decomposition

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(\text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0, 0, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ + \frac{\lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ \\ + \frac{\lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(0, 0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}, 0) \mathbf{U}^+ + \frac{\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(0, 0, 0, \text{tr}\mathbf{H}) \mathbf{U}^+$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=0}^3 p_i \mathbf{H}_i, \quad \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{H}) = \sum_{i=0}^3 p_i \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{H}_i)$$

each term in the sum is affected by its corresponding
eigenvector \mathbf{u}_i

$$\mathbf{H}_i \equiv (\text{tr}\mathbf{H}) (\mathbf{u}_i \otimes \mathbf{u}_i^+), \quad p_i \equiv \frac{\lambda_i}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}, \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 p_i = 1$$

Trivial decomposition

Trivial decomposition

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \mathbf{U}^+$$

$$(\lambda_0 - \lambda_1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$\lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trivial decomposition

Trivial decomposition of \mathbf{H} as a convex linear combination of four systems with equal mean transmittances

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)\mathbf{U}^+ = \\ &= \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{A} + 2\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{B}_1 + 3\frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{B}_2 + 4\frac{\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{B}_3\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \equiv \text{tr}\mathbf{H} \left[\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(1, 0, 0, 0)\mathbf{U}^+ \right], \quad \mathbf{B}_1 \equiv \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\mathbf{H} \left[\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(1, 1, 0, 0)\mathbf{U}^+ \right],$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 \equiv \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}\mathbf{H} \left[\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(1, 1, 1, 0)\mathbf{U}^+ \right], \quad \mathbf{B}_3 \equiv \frac{1}{4} \text{tr}\mathbf{H} \left[\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(1, 1, 1, 1)\mathbf{U}^+ \right]$$

Trivial decomposition

Trivial decomposition of the Mueller matrix \mathbf{M} as a convex linear combination of four systems with equal mean transmittances

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M} = & \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{A}) \\ & + 2 \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{M}_1(\mathbf{B}_1) \\ & + 3 \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{M}_2(\mathbf{B}_2) \\ & + 4 \frac{\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{M}_3(\mathbf{B}_3)\end{aligned}$$

Indices of polarimetric purity

Dim.	2D	3D	4D
Coh. matrix	$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^3 s_i \sigma_i$	$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=0}^8 q_i \Omega_i$	$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=0}^3 m_{ij} \mathbf{E}_{ij}$
Purity quantities	$P = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\Phi}$	$P_1 = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{R}}$ $P_2 = \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{R}}$	$P_1 = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{R}}$ $P_2 = \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{R}}$ $P_3 = \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 3\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{R}}$
Limits	$0 \leq P \leq 1$	$0 \leq P_1 \leq P_2 \leq 1$	$0 \leq P_1 \leq P_2 \leq P_3 \leq 1$
Global purity	$P_{(2)} \equiv P = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\Phi}$	$P_{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3P_1^2 + P_2^2}$	$P_{(4)}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(2P_1^2 + \frac{2}{3}P_2^2 + \frac{1}{3}P_3^2 \right)$

Indices of purity and trivial decomposition

Indices of polarimetric purity

$$P_1 \equiv \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}, \quad P_2 \equiv \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}, \quad P_3 \equiv \frac{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 3\lambda_3}{\text{tr}\mathbf{H}}$$

Degree of polarimetric purity

$$P_{(4)}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(2P_1^2 + \frac{2}{3}P_2^2 + \frac{1}{3}P_3^2 \right)$$

$$0 \leq P_1 \leq P_2 \leq P_3 \leq 1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Pure} \quad P_{(4)} = P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = 1 \\ \text{Equiprobable} \\ \text{mixture} \quad P_{(4)} = P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Physical interpretation of the trivial decomposition

in terms of the indices of polarimetric purity

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)\mathbf{U}^+ \\ &= P_1\mathbf{A} + (P_2 - P_1)\mathbf{B}_1 + (P_3 - P_2)\mathbf{B}_2 + (1 - P_3)\mathbf{B}_3\end{aligned}$$

- ★ \mathbf{A} *pure component* (rank 1)
- ★ \mathbf{B}_1 *non-pure component* (rank 2)
- ★ \mathbf{B}_2 *non-pure component* (rank 3)
- ★ \mathbf{B}_3 *non-pure component* (rank 4), perfect depolarizer

Arbitrary decomposition

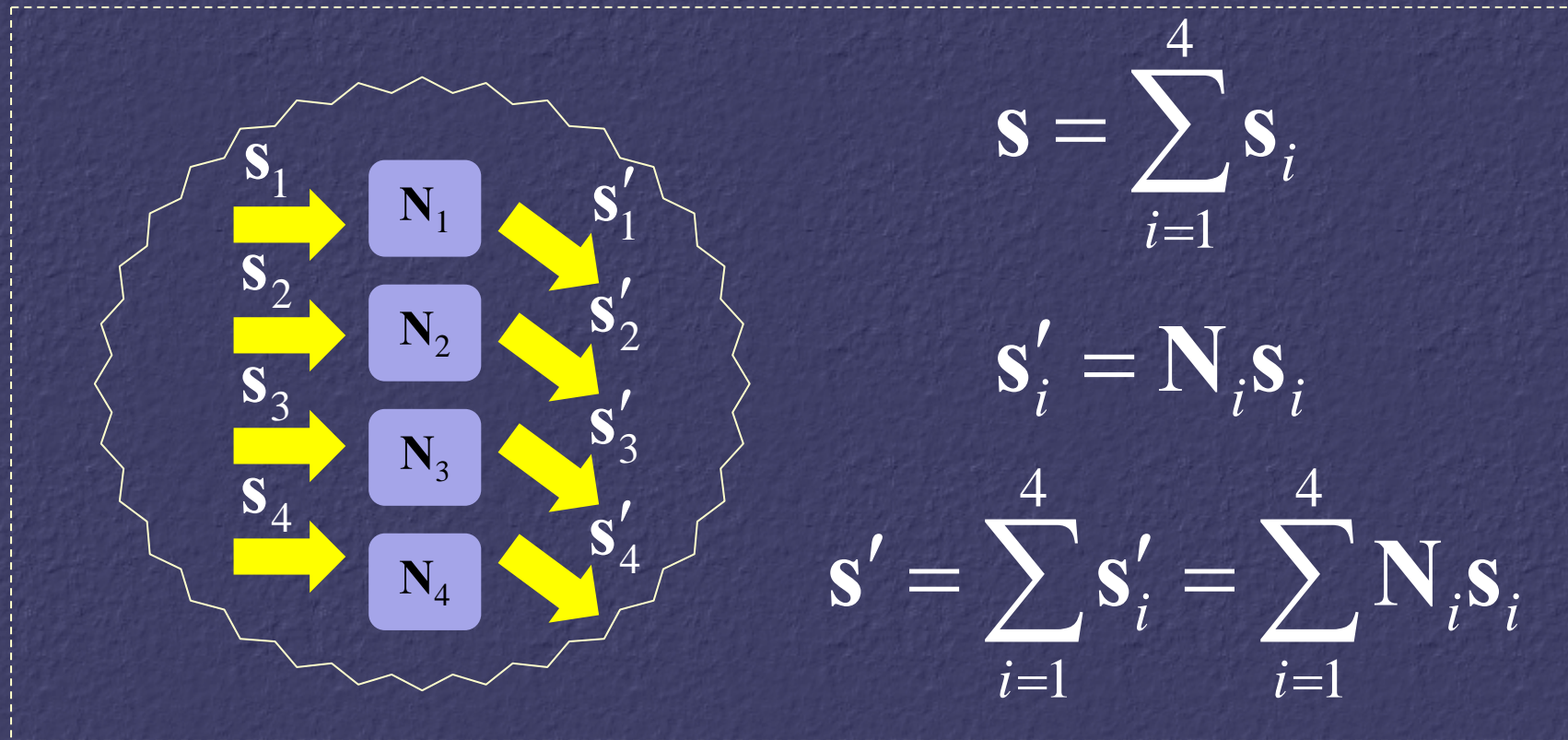
Arbitrary decomposition: existence



There exist decompositions of \mathbf{M} into pure components, other than the spectral decomposition?

Arbitrary decomposition

Given $\mathbf{N}_1, \mathbf{N}_2 \dots \mathbf{N}_4$ pure elements,
we can place them as a parallel combination



Arbitrary decomposition

Given $\mathbf{N}_1, \mathbf{N}_2 \dots \mathbf{N}_4$ arbitrary pure elements,
we can construct

$$\mathbf{M} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i \mathbf{N}_i$$

\mathbf{N}_i pure Mueller matrices

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 p_i = 1$$

Obviously, \mathbf{N}_i are arbitrary, and not necessarily coincide with the "spectral" components

Arbitrary decomposition



How many "arbitrary decompositions"
do exist?

Arbitrary decomposition

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{l_i}{m_{00}} \mathbf{A}_i$$

$\text{tr}\mathbf{A}_i = m_{00} = \text{tr}\mathbf{H}$ same transmittance

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_i) = 1$ pure components

$\sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{l_i}{m_{00}} = 1$ incoherent convex sum

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{l_i}{m_{00}} \left[m_{00} (\mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i^+) \right], \quad |\mathbf{v}_i| = 1, \quad \mathbf{v}_i \text{ independent}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{l_i}{m_{00}} [\mathbf{N}_i], \quad (\mathbf{N}_i)_{00} = m_{00}$$

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Polarimetric subtraction

Statement of the problem

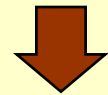
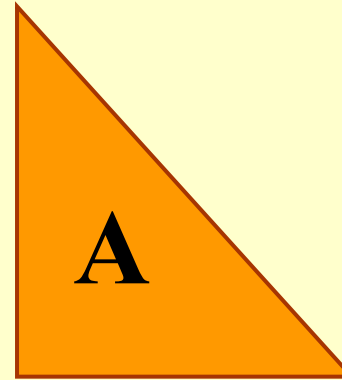
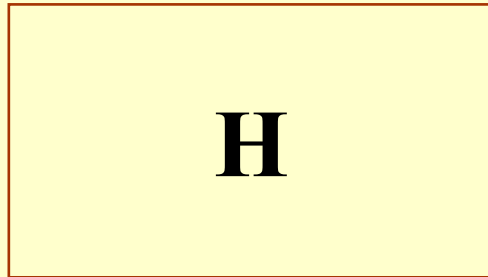
Given the coherency matrices of:

- the sample as a whole (\mathbf{H})
- a known pure component (\mathbf{A})

Find $\alpha > 0$ such that

$\mathbf{H} - \alpha\mathbf{A}$ is the coherency matrix of the rest

Data



Test

Is **A** compatible to be inside **H**?

Subtraction test

Subtraction is possible if,
and only if,

the only eigenvector of \mathbf{A} with non-null
eigenvalue

lies in the subspace generated by the
eigenvectors of \mathbf{H} with non-null
eigenvalues

Subtraction procedure

- If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{H}) = 4$, the test is always positive

Simultaneous diagonalization of \mathbf{H} , \mathbf{A}

- If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{H}) < 4$, and the test is positive

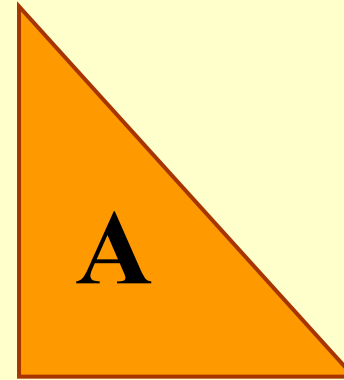
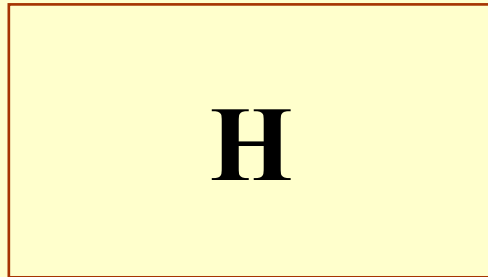
Zeros framing of \mathbf{H} , \mathbf{A}

Simultaneous diagonalization of \mathbf{H} , \mathbf{A}

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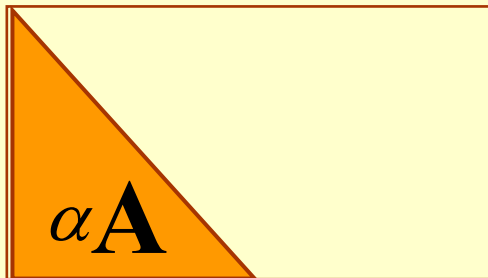
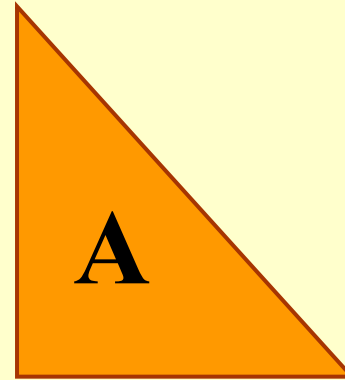
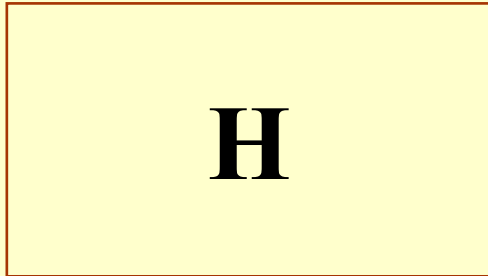


Test ? Yes

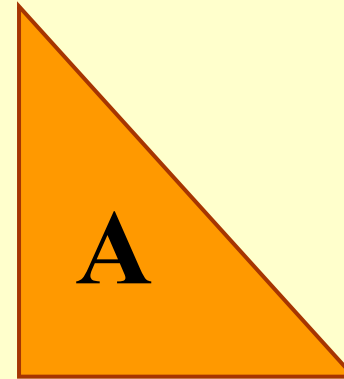
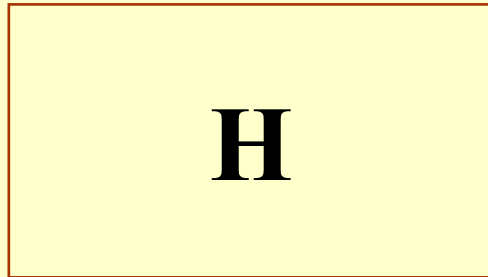


Calculate the concentration α of **A** in **H**

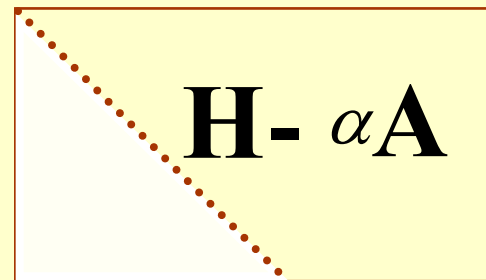
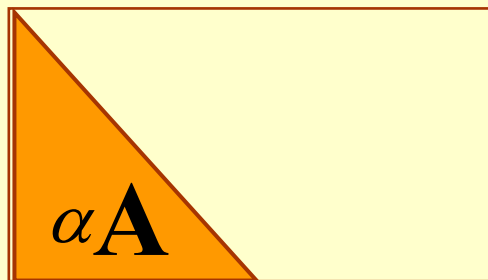
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Subtraction procedure



Thank you!

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