

Rough 721 Outline  
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1. Introduction (1 class)
2. Physical to Optical Properties (3 weeks)
  - a. Geometry / scattering angle
  - b. Phase Function expansion
  - c. Single scattering / Mie theory
  - d. Non-spherical particles
  - e. Combination of optical properties
  - f. Surfaces (Cox-Munk, Lambertian)
3. Radiative Transfer (6 weeks)
  - a. Stokes Parameters, Polarization
  - b. The general RT equation & component terms
  - c. Nonscattering (emission-only) RT
  - d. Scattering Techniques
    - i. Single-scattering approximation
    - ii. Multiple scattering techniques
  - e. Polarized RT
  - f. Fast techniques for non-monochromatic channels
4. Instrument Models (1 week)
5. Inverse theory (3 weeks)
  - a. Problem set-up
  - b. Sensitivity studies; the Jacobian
  - c. Baye's theorem
  - d. Cost Functions & Covariance matrices
  - e. Solution for Gaussian statistics & linear problem
  - f. Solution diagnostics
  - g. Nonlinear solution techniques
  - h. Information theory / channel selection
6. Class Project Presentations (1 week)