## Why are you here?

- Use existing Monte Carlo codes to model data sets - set up source locations \& luminosities, change density structure, get images and spectra to compare with observations
- Learn techniques so you can develop your own Monte Carlo codes
- General interest in computational radiation transfer techniques


## Format

- Lectures \& lots of "unscheduled time"
- Breakout sessions - tutorial exercises, using codes, informal discussions
- Coffee served at $10.30 \& 15.30$
- Lunch at 13.00
- Dinner at 7pm (different locations)


## Lecturers

- Kenny Wood - general intro to MCRT, write a short scattered light code, photoionization code
- Jon Bjorkman - theory of MCRT, radiative equilibrium techniques, error estimates, normalizing output results
- Tom Robitaille - improving efficiency of MCRT codes, using HYPERION
- Tim Harries - 3D gridding techniques, radiation pressure, time dependent MCRT, using TORUS


## Lecturers

- Michiel Hogerheijde - NLTE excitation, development of NLTE codes, using LIME
- Barbara Ercolano - photoionization, using MOCASSIN
- Louise Campbell - MCRT in photodynamic therapy of skin cancer


## Reflection Nebulae: can reflections from grains diagnose albedo?



NGC 7023
Reflection Nebula


3D density: viewing angle effects
Mathis, Whitney, \& Wood (2002)

## Photo- or shock- ionization?



## Dusty Ultra Compact H II Regions



3D Models: Big variations with viewing angle
Indebetouw, Whitney, Johnson, \& Wood (2006)

## What happens physically?

- Photons emitted, travel some distance, interact with material
- Scattered, absorbed, re-emitted
- Photon interactions heat material, change level populations, alter ionization balance and hence change opacity
- If medium in hydrostatic equilibrium: density structure related to temperature structure
- Density structure may depend on radiation field and vice versa


## Recap of radiation transfer basics

- Intensities
- Opacities
- Mean free path
- Equation of radiation transfer


## Specific Intensity

## $\mathrm{d} E_{v}=I_{v} \cos \theta \mathrm{~d} A \mathrm{~d} t \mathrm{~d} v \mathrm{~d} \Omega$

Units of $I_{v}: \mathrm{J} / \mathrm{m}^{2} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{Hz} / \mathrm{sr}\left(\mathrm{ergs} / \mathrm{cm}^{2} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{Hz} / \mathrm{sr}\right)$
Function of position and direction
Independent of distance when no sources or sinks

$\underline{\boldsymbol{s}}$ is normal to $\mathrm{d} A$

## Mean Intensity

$$
J_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mathrm{~d} \Omega=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} I_{v} \sin \theta \mathrm{~d} \theta \mathrm{~d} \phi
$$

Same units as $I_{v}$
Function of position
Determines heating, ionization, level populations, etc


What is $J_{v}$ at $r$ from a star with uniform specific intensity $I_{*}$ across its surface?

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
I=I_{*} \text { for } & 0<\theta<\theta_{*} & \left(\mu_{*}<\mu<1\right) ; \mu=\cos \theta \\
I=0 \text { for } & \theta>\theta_{*} & \left(\mu<\mu_{*}\right)
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
J=\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mu_{*}}^{1} I \mathrm{~d} \mu=\frac{1}{2} I_{*}\left(1-\mu_{*}\right) & \begin{array}{l}
w=\text { dilution factor } \\
\text { Large } r, w=R^{2} / 4 r^{2}
\end{array} \\
J=I_{*} \frac{1}{2}\left(1-\sqrt{1-R_{*}^{2} / r^{2}}\right)=w I_{*} &
\end{array}
$$

## Monochromatic Flux

$$
\mathcal{F}_{v}=\int_{v} \cos \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega=\int_{0}^{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} I_{v} \cos \theta \sin \theta \mathrm{~d} \theta \mathrm{~d} \phi
$$

Energy passing through a surface. Units: $\mathrm{J} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{m}^{2} / \mathrm{Hz}$

## Stellar Luminosity

Flux $=$ energy/second per area/Hz
Luminosity = energy/second/Hz

$$
L_{v}=\mathcal{F}_{v} A_{*}=4 \pi R_{*}^{2} \pi I_{v}
$$

Assume $I_{v}=B_{v}$ and integrate to get total luminosity:

$$
L=\int L_{v} \mathrm{~d} v=4 \pi R_{*}^{2} \pi \int B_{v} \mathrm{~d} v=4 \pi R_{*}^{2} \sigma T^{4}
$$

## Energy Density \& Radiation Pressure

$u_{v}=\frac{1}{c} \int I_{v} \mathrm{~d} \Omega$
$p_{v}=\frac{1}{c} \int I_{v} \cos ^{2} \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega$
$u_{v}: \mathrm{J} / \mathrm{m}^{3} / \mathrm{Hz} \quad p_{v}: \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}^{2} / \mathrm{Hz}$
Isotropic radiation: $p_{v}=u_{v} / 3$
Radiation pressure analogous to gas pressure: pressure of the photon gas

## Moments of the Radiation Field

First three moments of specific intensity are named $J$ (zeroth moment), $H$ (first), and $K$ (second):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& J_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mathrm{~d} \Omega \\
& H_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \cos \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega \\
& K_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \cos ^{2} \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

Physically: $J=$ mean intensity; $H=\mathcal{F} / 4 \pi$
$K$ related to radiation pressure: $p_{v}=\frac{4 \pi}{c} K_{v}$

## Photon Interactions

- Scattering: change direction (and energy)
- Absorption: energy added to K.E. of particles: photon thermalized
- Emission: energy taken from thermal energy of particles


## Emission Coefficient

## $\mathrm{d} E_{v} \equiv j_{v} \mathrm{~d} V \mathrm{~d} t \mathrm{~d} v \mathrm{~d} \Omega$

Energy, $\mathrm{d} E_{v}$, added:
stimulated emission
spontaneous emission
thermal emission
energy scattered into the beam

Intensity contribution from emission along $\mathrm{d} s$ :

$$
\mathrm{d} I_{v}(s)=j_{v}(s) \mathrm{ds}
$$

## Extinction Coefficient

Energy removed from beam
Defined per particle, per mass, or per volume

$$
\mathrm{d} I_{v}(s)=-I_{v} \sigma_{v} n \mathrm{ds}
$$

$\sigma_{v}=$ cross section per particle $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ $n=$ particle density $\left(\mathrm{m}^{-3}\right)$

$$
\mathrm{d} I_{v}(s)=-I_{v} \alpha_{v} \mathrm{ds} \quad \alpha_{v}: \text { units of } \mathrm{m}^{-1}
$$

$\mathrm{d} I_{v}(s)=-I_{v} \kappa_{v} \rho \mathrm{ds}$

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$$

$\kappa_{v}:$ units $\mathrm{m}^{2} \mathrm{~kg}^{-1}$
$\rho=\operatorname{density}\left(\mathrm{kg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}\right)$

## Source Function

Same units as intensity:

$$
S_{v} \equiv \frac{j_{v}}{\alpha_{v}}
$$

Multiple processes contribute to emission and extinction:

e.g., a spectral line:

$$
S_{v}^{\mathrm{tot}}=\frac{j_{v}^{c}+j_{v}^{l}}{\alpha_{v}^{c}+\alpha_{v}^{l}}=\frac{S_{v}^{c}+\eta_{v} S_{v}^{l}}{1+\eta_{v}}
$$

$\eta_{v}=\alpha_{v}{ }^{l} / \alpha_{v}{ }^{c}=$ line-to-continuum extinction ratio;
$S_{v}{ }^{c}, S_{v}{ }^{l}$ are continuum and line source functions

## Optical Depth

$$
\mathrm{d} \tau_{v}=\alpha_{v}(s) \mathrm{d} s=\rho(s) \kappa_{v} \mathrm{~d} s
$$

$$
\tau_{v}=\int_{0}^{s} \alpha_{v} \mathrm{~d} s=\int_{0}^{s} \rho \kappa_{v} \mathrm{~d} s
$$

Function of frequency via the opacity, and direction

Physically $\tau_{v}$ is number of photon mean free paths

## Equation of Radiation Transfer

ERT along a ray: $\quad \frac{\mathrm{d} I_{v}}{\mathrm{~d} \tau_{v}}=S_{v}-I_{v}$

Solution: $I_{v}\left(\tau_{v}\right)=I_{v}(0) \mathrm{e}^{-\tau_{v}}+\int_{0}^{\tau_{v}} S_{v}\left(t_{v}\right) \mathrm{e}^{-\left(\tau_{v}-t_{v}\right)} \mathrm{d} t_{v}$

Goal: Determine source function!

## Interconnectedness

Moments $\left(J_{v}, H_{v}, K_{v}\right)$ depend on $I_{v}$
Need to solve ERT to get $I_{v}$
$I_{v}$ (and hence $J_{v}$ ) depends on position and direction
$I_{v}$ depends on $S_{v}$, hence on emissivity and opacity
Opacity depends on temperature and ionization
Temperature and ionization depends on $J_{v}$

$$
\begin{array}{lr|r|}
\hline J_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mathrm{~d} \Omega & \frac{\mathrm{~d} I_{v}}{\mathrm{~d} \tau_{v}}=S_{v}-I_{v} \\
H_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \cos \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega & S_{v} \equiv \frac{j_{v}}{\alpha_{v}} \\
K_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \cos ^{2} \theta \mathrm{~d} \Omega & & \mathrm{~d}_{v}=\alpha_{v}(s) \mathrm{d} s=\rho(s) \kappa_{v} \mathrm{~d} s \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

## Example: Model H II Region

- Sources of ionizing photons
- Opacity from neutral H: bound-free
- 1st iteration:
- Medium fully ionized (no neutral H ) so opacity is zero
- Solve ERT throughout medium to get $J_{v}$
- Solve for ionization structure, some regions neutral
- 2nd iteration:
- new opacity structure,
- different solution for ERT, different $J_{v}$ values
- new ionization and opacity structure
- Iterate until get convergence: solution of ERT, $J_{v}$, ionization structure do not change with further iterations


## Monte Carlo Radiation Transfer I

- Monte Carlo "Photons" and interactions
- Sampling from probability distributions
- Optical depths, isotropic emission, scattering


## Monte Carlo Basics

- Emit luminosity packet, hereafter a "photon"
- Photon travels some distance
- Something happens...

- Scattering, absorption, re-emission


## Luminosity Packets

Total luminosity $=L(\mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{erg} / \mathrm{s})$
Each packet carries energy $E_{i}=L \Delta t / N$,
$N=$ number of Monte Carlo photons.
MC photon represents $N_{\gamma}$ real photons, where $N_{\gamma}=E_{i} / h v_{i}$ MC photon packet moving in direction $\theta$ contributes to the specific intensity:

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{v} & =\frac{\mathrm{d} E_{v}}{\cos \theta \mathrm{~d} A \mathrm{~d} t \mathrm{~d} v \mathrm{~d} \Omega} \\
\Delta I_{v} & =\frac{E_{i}}{\cos \theta \Delta A \Delta t \Delta v \Delta \Omega}
\end{aligned}
$$

$I_{v}$ is a distribution function. MC works with discrete energies. Binning the photon packets into directions, frequencies, etc, enables us to simulate a distribution function: Spectrum: bin in frequency

Scattering phase function: bin in angle

$\nu$ (spectrum)
$\theta$ (phase function)


Energy removed from beam per particle $/ t / v / \mathrm{d} \Omega=I_{v} \sigma$

Intensity differential over $\mathrm{d} l$ is $\mathrm{d} I_{v}=-I_{v} n \sigma \mathrm{~d} l$. Therefore

$$
I_{v}(l)=I_{v}(0) \exp (-n \sigma l)
$$

Fraction scattered or absorbed / length $=n \sigma$
$n \sigma=$ volume absorption coefficient $=\rho \kappa$
Mean free path $=1 / \mathrm{n} \sigma=$ average dist between interactions
Probability of interaction over $\mathrm{d} l$ is $n \sigma \mathrm{~d} l$
Probability of traveling $\mathrm{d} l \underset{\mathrm{~L}}{\text { without interaction }}$ is $1-n \sigma \mathrm{~d} l$

$N$ segments of length $L / N$
Probability of traveling $L$ before interacting is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{P}(L) & =(1-n \sigma L / N)(1-n \sigma L / N) \ldots \\
& =(1-n \sigma L / N)^{N}=\exp (-n \sigma L)(\text { as } \mathrm{N}->\text { infty }) \\
\mathrm{P}(L) & =\exp (-\tau)
\end{aligned}
$$

$\tau=$ number of mean free paths over distance $L$.

## Probability Distribution Function

PDF for photons to travel $\tau$ before an interaction is $\exp (-\tau)$. If we pick $\tau$ uniformly over the range 0 to infinity we will not reproduce $\exp (-\tau)$. Want to pick lots of small $\tau$ and fewer large $\tau$. Same with a scattering phase function: want to get the correct number of photons scattered into different directions, forward and back scattering, etc.

$\tau$

## Cumulative Distribution Function

$$
\mathrm{CDF}=\text { Area under } \mathrm{PDF}=\int P(x) \mathrm{d} x
$$

Randomly choose $\tau, \theta, \lambda, \ldots$ so that PDF is reproduced
$\xi$ is a random number uniformly chosen in range [0,1]


This is the fundamental principle behind Monte Carlo techniques and is used to sample randomly from PDFs.
e.g., $P(\theta)=\cos \theta$ and we want to map $\xi$ to $\theta$. Choose random $\theta$ s to "fill in" $P(\theta)$
$P(\theta) \uparrow$


Sample many random $\theta_{i}$ in this way and "bin" them, we will reproduce the curve $P(\theta)=\cos \theta$.

## Choosing a Random Optical Depth

$P(\tau)=\exp (-\tau)$, i.e., photon travels $\tau$ before interaction

$$
\xi=\int_{0}^{\tau} \mathrm{e}^{-\tau} \mathrm{d} \tau=1-\mathrm{e}^{-\tau} \Rightarrow \tau=-\log (1-\xi)
$$

Since $\xi$ is in range $[0,1]$, then $(1-\xi)$ is also in range $[0,1]$, so we may write:


Physical distance, $L$, that the photon has traveled from:

$$
\tau=\int_{0}^{L} n \sigma \mathrm{~d} s
$$

## Random Isotropic Direction

Solid angle is $\mathrm{d} \Omega=\sin \theta \mathrm{d} \theta \mathrm{d} \phi$, choose $(\theta, \phi)$ so they fill in PDFs for $\theta$ and $\phi . P(\theta)$ normalized over $[0, \pi]$, $P(\phi)$ normalized over [0, $2 \pi]$ :

$$
P(\theta)=1 / 2 \sin \theta \quad P(\phi)=1 / 2 \pi
$$

Using fundamental principle from above:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \xi=\int_{0}^{\theta} P(\theta) \mathrm{d} \theta=\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\theta} \sin \theta \mathrm{d} \theta=\frac{1}{2}(1-\cos \theta) \\
& \xi=\int_{0}^{\phi} P(\phi) \mathrm{d} \phi=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{\phi} \mathrm{d} \phi=\frac{\phi}{2 \pi}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \theta=\cos ^{-1}(2 \xi-1) \\
& \phi=2 \pi \xi
\end{aligned}
$$

Use this for emitting photons isotropically from a point source, or choosing isotropic scattering direction.

## Rejection Method

Used when we cannot invert the PDF as in the above examples to obtain analytic formulae for random $\theta, \lambda$, etc.


Pick $x_{1}$ in range $[a, b]: x_{1}=a+\xi(b-a)$, calculate $P\left(x_{1}\right)$
Pick $y_{1}$ in range $\left[0, P_{\text {max }}\right]: y_{1}=\xi P_{\text {max }}$
If $y_{1}>P\left(x_{1}\right)$, reject $x_{1}$. Pick $x_{2}, y_{2}$ until $y_{2}<P\left(x_{2}\right)$ : accept $x_{2}$ Efficiency $=$ Area under $P(x)$

## Calculate $\pi$ by the Rejection Method



Pick $N$ random positions $\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$ :
$x_{i}$ in range $[-R, R]: x_{i}=(2 \xi-1) R$
$y_{i}$ in range $[-R, R]: y_{i}=(2 \xi-1) R$
Reject $\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$ if $x_{i}^{2}+y_{i}^{2}>R^{2}$ Number accepted / $N=\pi R^{2} / 4 R^{2}$

$$
N_{A} / N=\pi / 4
$$

Increase accuracy (S/N): large $N$

FORTRAN 77:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { do } \mathrm{i}=1, \mathrm{~N} \\
& \mathrm{x}=2 . .^{\operatorname{ran}-1 .} \\
& \mathrm{y}=2 . * \operatorname{ran}-1 . \\
& \text { if }\left(\left(\mathrm{x}^{*} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{y}^{*} \mathrm{y}\right) . \text {.lt. } 1 .\right) \mathrm{NA}=\mathrm{NA}+1 \\
& \text { end do } \\
& \text { pi }=4 . * \mathrm{NA} / \mathrm{N}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Albedo

Photon gets to interaction location at randomly chosen $\tau$, then decide whether it is scattered or absorbed. Use the albedo or scattering probability. Ratio of scattering to total opacity:

$$
a=\frac{\sigma_{S}}{\sigma_{S}+\sigma_{A}}
$$

To decide if a photon is scattered: pick a random number in range $[0,1]$ and scatter if $\xi<a$, otherwise photon absorbed

Now have the tools required to write a Monte Carlo radiation transfer program for isotropic scattering in a constant density slab or sphere

## Monte Carlo II Scattering Codes

- Plane parallel scattering atmosphere
- Optical depths \& physical distances
- Emergent flux \& intensity
- Internal intensity moments

Constant density slab, vertical optical depth $\tau_{\max }=n \sigma z_{\max }$
Normalized length units $z=z / z_{\max }$.
Emit photons
Photon scatters in slab until:
absorbed: terminate, start new photon
$z<0$ : re-emit photon
$z>1$ : escapes, "bin" photon

Loop over photons
Pick optical depths, test for absorption, test if still in slab


Emitting Photons: Photons need an initial starting location and direction. Uniform specific intensity from a surface.

Start photon at $(x, y, z)=(0,0,0)$

$$
I_{v}(\mu)=\frac{d E}{\mu d A d t d v d \Omega} \Rightarrow \frac{d E}{d A d t d v d \Omega} \propto \frac{d N}{d \Omega} \propto \mu I_{v}(\mu)
$$

Sample $\mu$ from $P(\mu)=\mu I(\mu)$ using cumulative distribution. Normalization: emitting outward from lower boundary, so $0<\mu<1$

$$
\xi=\frac{\int_{0}^{\mu} P(\mu) \mathrm{d} \mu}{\int_{0}^{1} P(\mu) \mathrm{d} \mu}=\mu^{2} \Rightarrow \mu=\sqrt{\xi}
$$

Distance Traveled: Random optical depth $\tau=-\log \xi$, and $\tau=n \sigma L$, so distance traveled is:


Scattering: Assume isotropic scattering, so new photon direction is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \theta=\cos ^{-1}(2 \xi-1) \\
& \phi=2 \pi \xi
\end{aligned}
$$

Absorb or Scatter: Scatter if $\xi<a$, otherwise photon absorbed, exit "do while in slab" loop and start a new photon.

Structure of FORTRAN 77 program:
do $\mathrm{i}=1$, nphotons
1 call emit_photon do while ( (z .ge. 0.) .and. (z .le. 1.) ) ! photon is in slab
$\mathrm{L}=-\log (\mathrm{ran}) *$ zmax / taumax
$\mathrm{z}=\mathrm{z}+\mathrm{L}^{*} \mathrm{nz} \quad$ ! update photon position, $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$
if ((z.lt.0.).or.(z.gt.zmax)) goto 2 ! photon exits
if (ran .lt. albedo) then
call scatter
else
goto 3 ! terminate photon
end if
end do
2 if (z le. 0.) goto 1 ! re-start photon
bin photon according to direction
3 continue ! exit for absorbed photons, start a new photon end do

## Intensity Moments

The moments of the radiation field are:

$$
J_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mathrm{~d} \Omega \quad H_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mu \mathrm{~d} \Omega \quad K_{v}=\frac{1}{4 \pi} \int I_{v} \mu^{2} \mathrm{~d} \Omega
$$

Compute these moments throughout the slab. First split the slab into layers, then tally number of photons, weighted by powers of their direction cosines to obtain $J, H, K$. Contribution to specific intensity from a single photon is:

$$
\Delta I_{v}=\frac{\Delta E}{|\mu| \Delta A \Delta t \Delta v \Delta \Omega}=\frac{F_{v}}{|\mu| N_{0} \Delta \Omega}=\frac{\pi B_{v}}{|\mu| N_{0} \Delta \Omega}
$$

Substitute into intensity moment equations and convert the integral to a summation to get:

$$
J_{v}=\frac{B_{v}}{4 N_{0}} \sum_{i} \frac{1}{\left|\mu_{i}\right|} \quad H_{v}=\frac{B_{v}}{4 N_{0}} \sum_{i} \frac{\mu_{i}}{\left|\mu_{i}\right|} \quad K_{v}=\frac{B_{v}}{4 N_{0}} \sum_{i} \frac{\mu_{i}^{2}}{\left|\mu_{i}\right|}
$$

Note the mean flux, $H$, is just the net energy passing each level: number of photons traveling up minus number traveling down.

Pathlength formula (Lucy 1999)

$$
J_{i}=\frac{L}{4 \pi N_{0} \Delta V_{i}} \sum l
$$

## Random walks

$r_{1}$
Net displacement of a single photon from starting position after $N$ free paths between scatterings is:

$$
\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{r}_{1}+\mathbf{r}_{2}+\ldots+\mathbf{r}_{N}
$$

Square and average to get distance $|R|$ travelled :

$$
l_{*}^{2} \equiv\left\langle\mathbf{R}^{2}\right\rangle=\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{1}^{2}\right\rangle+\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{2}^{2}\right\rangle+\ldots+\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{N}^{2}\right\rangle+2\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{2}\right\rangle+\ldots
$$

Each squared term averages to the square of the free path of a photon $l^{2}$.
Thus, $\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{1}^{2}\right\rangle=l^{2}$ where $l \sim$ the mean free path. The cross terms are all of the form:

$$
2\left\langle\mathbf{r}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{2}\right\rangle=2\langle | \mathbf{r}_{1} \| \mathbf{r}_{2}|\cos \boldsymbol{\delta}\rangle
$$

where $\delta$ is the angle of deflection during the scattering. For isotropic scattering, $<\cos \delta>=0$, cross-terms vanish.

Thus, for a random walk we have $l_{*}^{2}=N l^{2} \Longrightarrow l_{*}=l \sqrt{N}$
i.e., the root mean square net displacement of a photon after $N$ scatterings is $\sqrt{N} \times l$ where $l^{2}=$ mean square free path of a photon.

Worked example: How many scatterings does it take a photon to escape from a region of size $L$ and optical depth $\tau$ ?

If the medium is optically thick, then a typical photon will random walk until $l_{*} \sim L$.
Using $l_{*}=\sqrt{N} l$, we find: $N \approx L^{2} / l^{2}$
Since $l$ is approximately the mean free path, $\tau \approx \alpha_{v} L \approx L / l$
Thus $N \approx \tau^{2}, \tau \gg 1$
If the medium is optically thin, then the probability of scattering is $1-e^{-\tau}$
Using $1-e^{-\tau} \cong \tau \quad$ then $\quad N \approx \tau, \tau \ll 1$
If needed, saying $N \approx \tau+\tau^{2}$ will be roughly correct for any optical depth

Student exercises: write codes to...

- Calculate pi via rejection method
- Sample random optical depths and produce histogram vs tau
- Monte Carlo isotropic scattering code for uniform density sphere illuminated by central isotropic point source. Compute average number of scatterings vs radial optical depth of sphere.


## 3D Monte Carlo Scattering Codes

3D linear cartesian grid - limitations
Point sources and diffuse emission

Scattering - Heyney-Greenstein phase function
Forced first scattering (good $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{N}$ for optically thin cases)
Peeling off photons - high res images from one viewing angle
Subroutines commented and described in on-line booklet
To get going - params.par, density.f, sources.f, emit.f


Disk galaxy
nphotons $=1000000$,
iseed $=-1556$,
kарра $=66$.,
albedo $=0.4$,
hgg=0.41,
$\mathrm{pl}=0.51$,
$\mathrm{pc}=0.0$,
$\mathrm{sc}=1$.,
$x m a x=800$.,
$y \max =800$.,
zmax=800.,
rimage $=800$.,
viewthet=85.,
viewphi=0.

Scattered light code: Point Sources
Modify the following...

- Parameter file - params.par
- Source locations - sources.txt \& sources.f
- Density structure - density.f

Try this....

- Change number of photons
- Viewing angles
- Source locations and luminosities
- Disk flaring and inner edge
subroutine sources(xsource,ysource,zsource,1source,lumtot)
implicit none
include 'sources.txt'
integer i
$c^{* * * *}$ Set photon locations and luminosities
xsource (1)=-50.
ysource (1)=0.
zsource (1)=0.
lsource(1)=2.25
xsource (2)=50.
ysource (2)=0.
zsource (2)=0.
1source(2)=1.
$\mathrm{c}^{* * * *}$ Calculate total luminosity of all sources
lumtot=0.
do $\mathrm{i}=1$, nsource
lumtot=lumtot+lsource(i)
end do
return
end
subroutine density(x,y,z,rho)
implicit none
real $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$, rho
real w,w2,r,r2,h0,h
$w 2=x * x+y * y$
$\mathrm{w}=\mathrm{sqrt}(\mathrm{w} 2)$
$\mathrm{r} 2=\mathrm{w} 2+\mathrm{z}^{*} \mathrm{z}$
$\mathrm{r}=\mathrm{sqrt}(\mathrm{r} 2)$
$\mathrm{c}^{*} * * * * * * * * * * * * * *$ Disk Geometry $* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *$
$\mathrm{h} 0=7$.
if((r.gt.200.).and.(r.lt.800.)) then
$\mathrm{h}=\mathrm{h} 0 *(\mathrm{w} / 100 .)^{* *} 1.25$
rho $=\exp \left(-0.5 * z^{*} \mathrm{z} /\left(\mathrm{h}^{*} \mathrm{~h}\right)\right) / \mathrm{w} 2 * 2.4 \mathrm{e}-11!$ rho in $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{\wedge} 3$
else
rho $=0$.
endif
$\mathrm{C} * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *$
return
end

