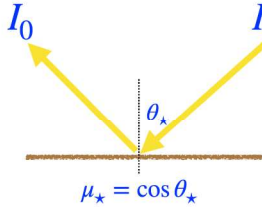


The Reflection Law of Lambert: Lambertian Sphere

Equal brightness in all directions, regardless of viewing angle.



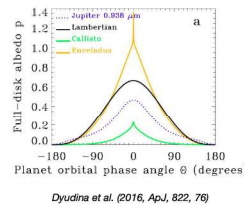
Lambert's cosine law:

$$I_0 = \mu_* I_*$$

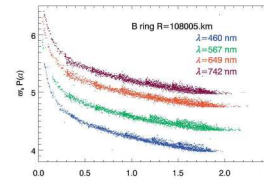
cosine of incident angle



Johann Heinrich Lambert (1728-1777)

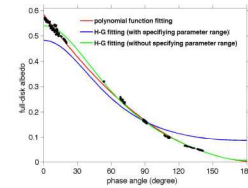


Notice the "cuspy" profiles!



Deau et al. (2013, Icarus, 226, 591)

None of the Solar System bodies behave like Lambertian spheres!



Jupiter (Cassini data)



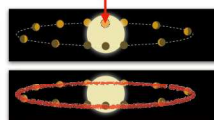
Li et al. (2018, Nature Communications, 9, 3709)

See also: Mayor et al. (2016)

Jargon

Since this is an old field of study, we will respect the established jargon.

Quantity	Definition
Geometric albedo	Albedo at zero phase angle (superior conjunction)
Spherical albedo	Albedo over all phase angles
Bond albedo	Spherical albedo over all wavelengths
Phase integral	Ratio of spherical to geometric albedo
Single-scattering albedo	Fraction of light scattered in a single event



$$A_B = \frac{\int A_g I_* d\lambda}{\int I_* d\lambda}$$

$$q = \frac{A_s}{A_g} = 2 \int_0^\pi \Psi \sin \alpha d\alpha$$

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The Albedo, Effective Temperature, and Energy Balance of Neptune, as Determined From Voyager Data

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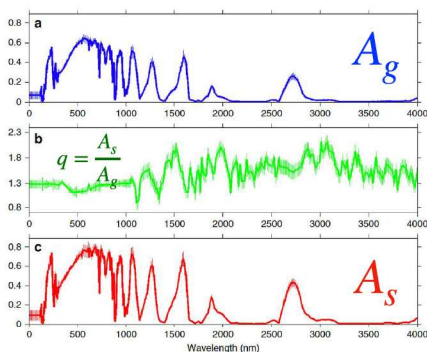
TABLE 7. The Energy Balance of the Outer Planets, as Determined From Voyager IRIS Data

Parameter	Jupiter ^a	Saturn ^b	Uranus ^c	Neptune ^d
Geometric albedo ^e	0.274 ± 0.013	0.242 ± 0.012	0.215 ± 0.046	0.215 ± 0.050
Phase integral	1.25 ± 0.1	1.42 ± 0.1	1.40 ± 0.14	1.35 ± 0.16
Bond albedo ^f	0.343 ± 0.032	0.342 ± 0.030	0.300 ± 0.049	0.290 ± 0.067
Absorbed power, 10 ¹⁶ W	50.14 ± 2.48	11.14 ± 0.50	0.526 ± 0.037	0.204 ± 0.019
Equilibrium temperature, K	109.5 ± 1.4	82.4 ± 0.9	58.2 ± 1.0	46.6 ± 1.1
Emitted power, 10 ¹⁶ W	83.65 ± 0.84	19.77 ± 0.32	0.560 ± 0.011	0.534 ± 0.029
Effective temperature, K	124.4 ± 0.3	95.0 ± 0.4	59.1 ± 0.3	59.3 ± 0.8
Energy balance ^g	1.67 ± 0.09	1.78 ± 0.09	1.06 ± 0.08	2.61 ± 0.28
Internal power, 10 ¹⁶ W	33.5 ± 2.6	8.63 ± 0.60	0.034 ± 0.038	0.330 ± 0.035
Internal energy flux, 10 ⁻⁴ W/m ²	3.44 ± 0.43	2.01 ± 0.14	0.042 ± 0.047	0.433 ± 0.046
Internal power/unit mass, 10 ⁻¹¹ W/kg	17.6 ± 1.4	15.2 ± 1.1	0.392 ± 0.441	3.22 ± 0.34
Luminosity, log(L/L ₀)	-9.062 ± 0.034	-9.651 ± 0.030	-12.054 ± 0.137	-11.025 ± 0.044

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The Cassini spacecraft has obtained exquisite data on reflected light from Jupiter



Li et al. (2018) substantially revised the Bond albedo of Jupiter:

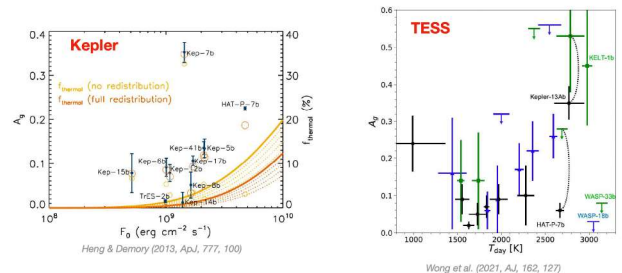
$$A_B = 0.503 \pm 0.012$$



Li et al. (2018, Nature Communications, 9, 3709)

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The albedos of exoplanets (hot Jupiters)



Most hot Jupiters are **dark** (geometric albedo ~0.1)

Secondary eclipse depths of transiting exoplanets yield a mixture of reflected light and thermal emission (difficult to correct!)

To date, no strong trends with exoplanet or stellar properties

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