

Scattering polarization and Hanle effect in weakly anisotropic media
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The transfer of polarization in a scattering atmosphere that has horizontal inhomogeneities on opacity and source function is extremely complicated and computationally demanding because it is highly non-linear, non-local and multidimensional.

But if the horizontal inhomogeneities are not too strong, the problem can be linearized. Then, 2D and 3D transfer problems may be reduced to much simpler and manageable plane-parallel cases which can be easily solved using well-known techniques.

I shall show present the linearization process and results of such treatment.

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