## On some peculiarities and applications of the Inverse Radiative Transfer Problem

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## SUMMARY.

- I. Introduction to the stationary Inverse Radiative Transfer Problem.
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- III. A paradoxical example of well-posed problem: the temperature of the early universe.
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  - V.1. The crude linear inversion in two practical examples,
  - V.2. The projection method in axisymmetric media,
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  - V.5. The iterative gradient methods,
  - V.6. The Chahine relaxation method,
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- VI. Computer tomography of semi-transparent objects.