

# Computer Graphics

- Material Models -

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# Overview

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- **Last time**
  - Light: radiance & light sources
  - Light transport: rendering equation & formal solutions
- **Today**
  - Reflectance properties:
    - Material models
    - Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)
    - Reflection models
  - Shading
- **Next lecture**
  - Varying (reflection) properties over object surfaces: texturing

# REFLECTANCE PROPERTIES

# Appearance Samples

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- How do materials reflect light?



Opaque



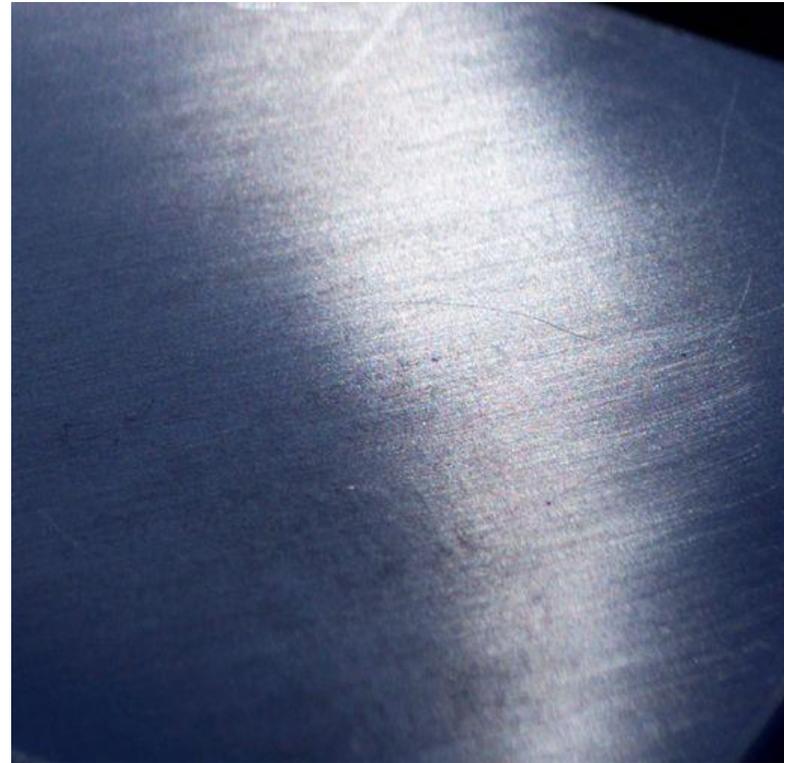
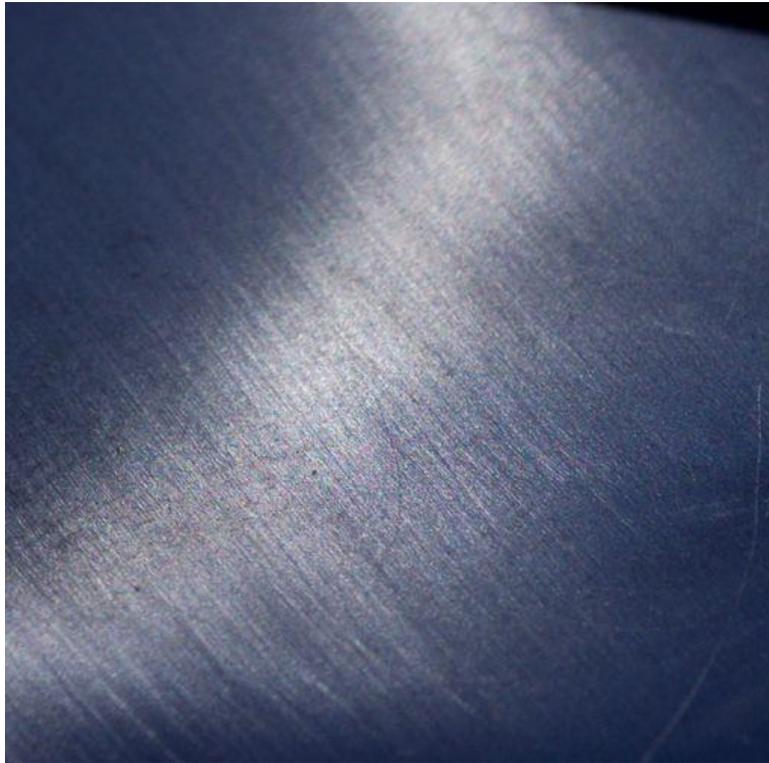
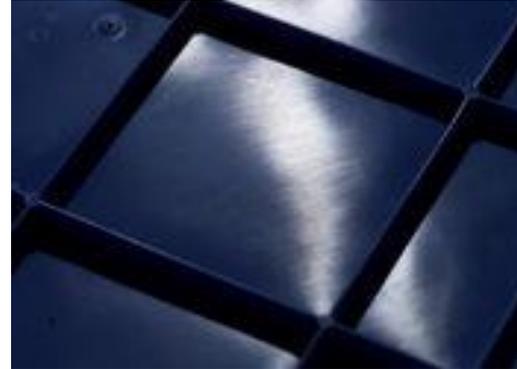
Translucency - subsurface scattering



# Material Samples

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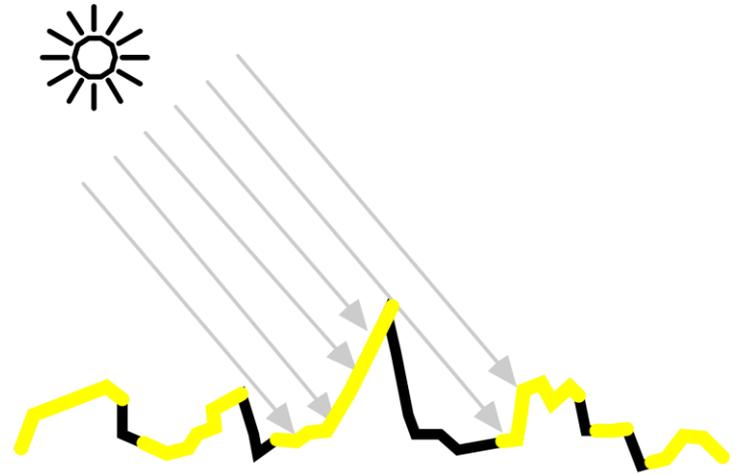
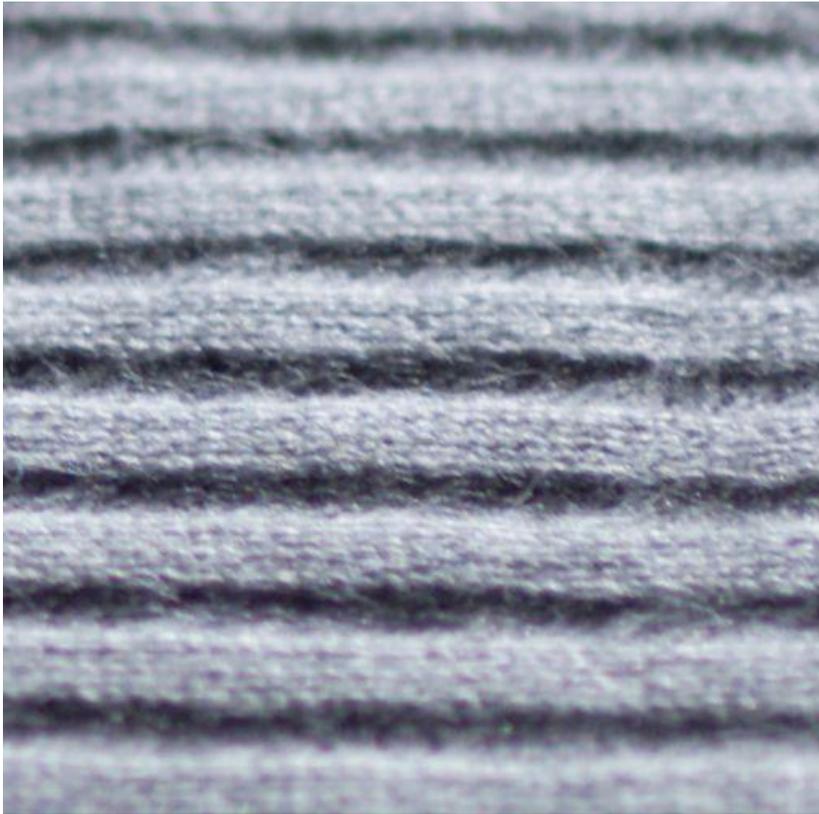
- **Anisotropic**



# Material Samples

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- **Complex surface meso-structure**



# Material Samples

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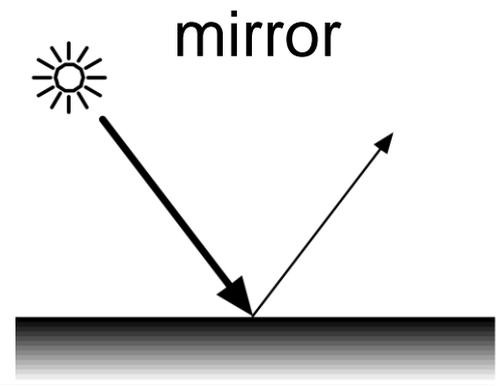
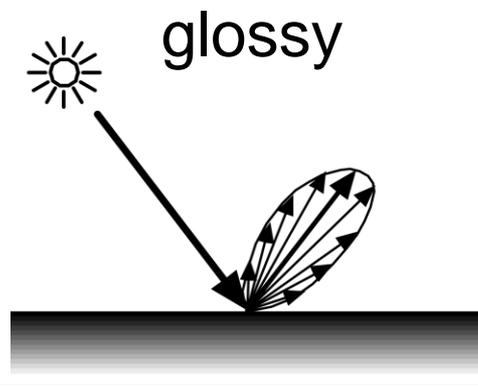
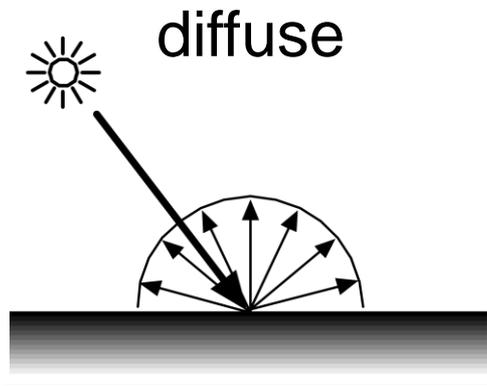
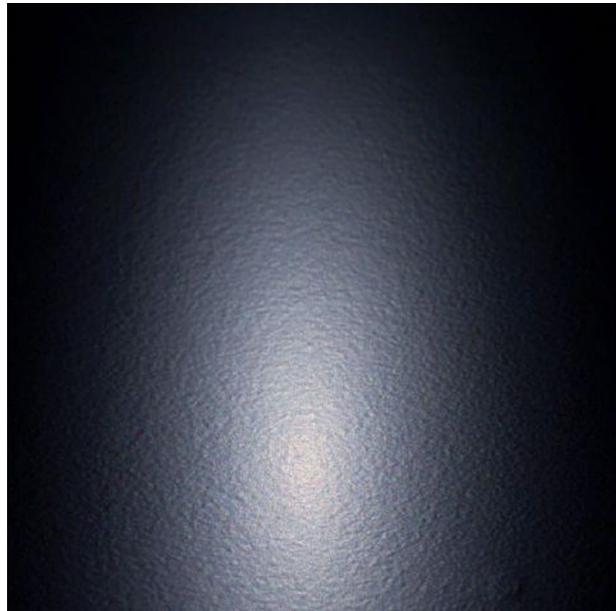
- **Fibers**



# Material Samples

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- Photos of samples with light source at exactly the same position



# How to describe materials?

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- **Reflection properties**
- **Mechanical, chemical, electrical properties**
- **Surface roughness**
- **Geometry/meso-structure**
  
- **Goal: relightable representation of appearance**

# Reflection Equation - Reflectance

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- **Reflection equation**

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = \int_{\Omega_+} f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) L_i(x, \omega_i) \cos\theta_i d\omega_i$$

- **BRDF**

- Ratio of reflected radiance to incident irradiance

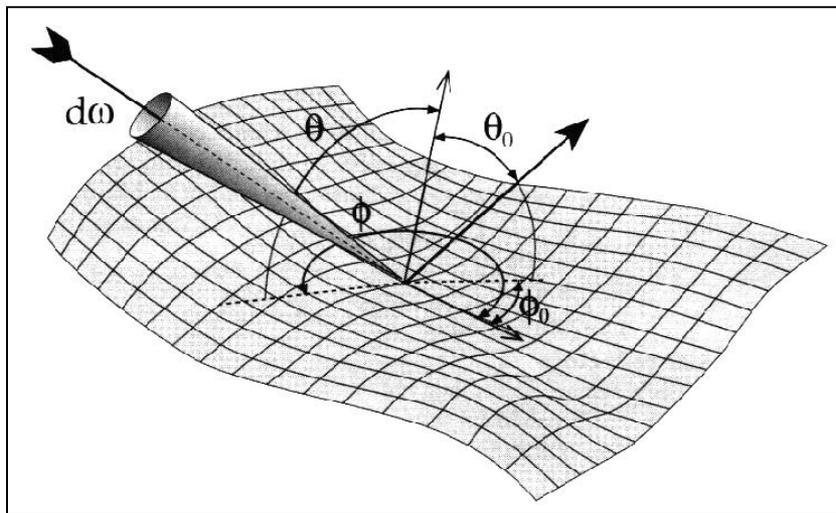
$$f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = \frac{dL_o(x, \omega_o)}{dE_i(x, \omega_i)}$$

# BRDF

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- **BRDF describes surface reflection**
  - for light incident from direction  $\omega_i = (\theta_i, \varphi_i)$
  - observed from direction  $\omega_o = (\theta_o, \varphi_o)$
- **Bidirectional**
  - Depends on 2 directions  $\omega_i, \omega_o$  and position  $x$  (6-D function)

$$f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = \frac{dL_o(x, \omega_o)}{dE_i(x, \omega_i)} = \frac{dL_o(x, \omega_o)}{L_i(x, \omega_i) \cos\theta_i d\omega_i}$$



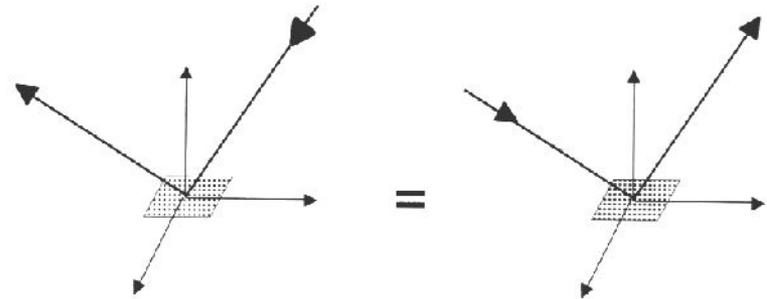
# BRDF Properties

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- **Helmholtz reciprocity principle**

- BRDF remains unchanged if incident and reflected directions are interchanged
- Due to physical law of time reversal

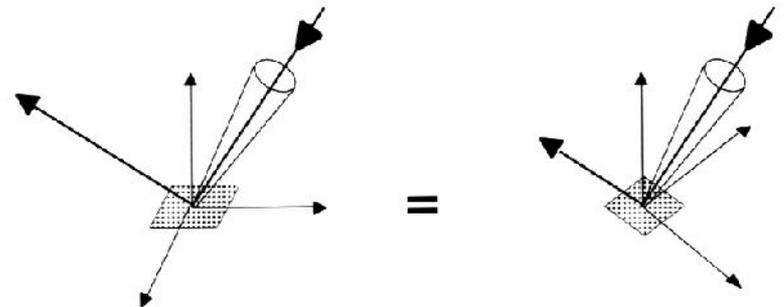
$$f_r(\omega_i, \omega_o) = f_r(\omega_o, \omega_i)$$



- **Smooth surface: isotropic BRDF**

- Reflectivity independent of rotation around surface normal
- BRDF has only 3 instead of 4 directional degrees of freedom

$$f_r(\theta_i, \chi, \theta_o, \varphi_o - \varphi_i)$$



# BRDF Properties

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- **Characteristics**

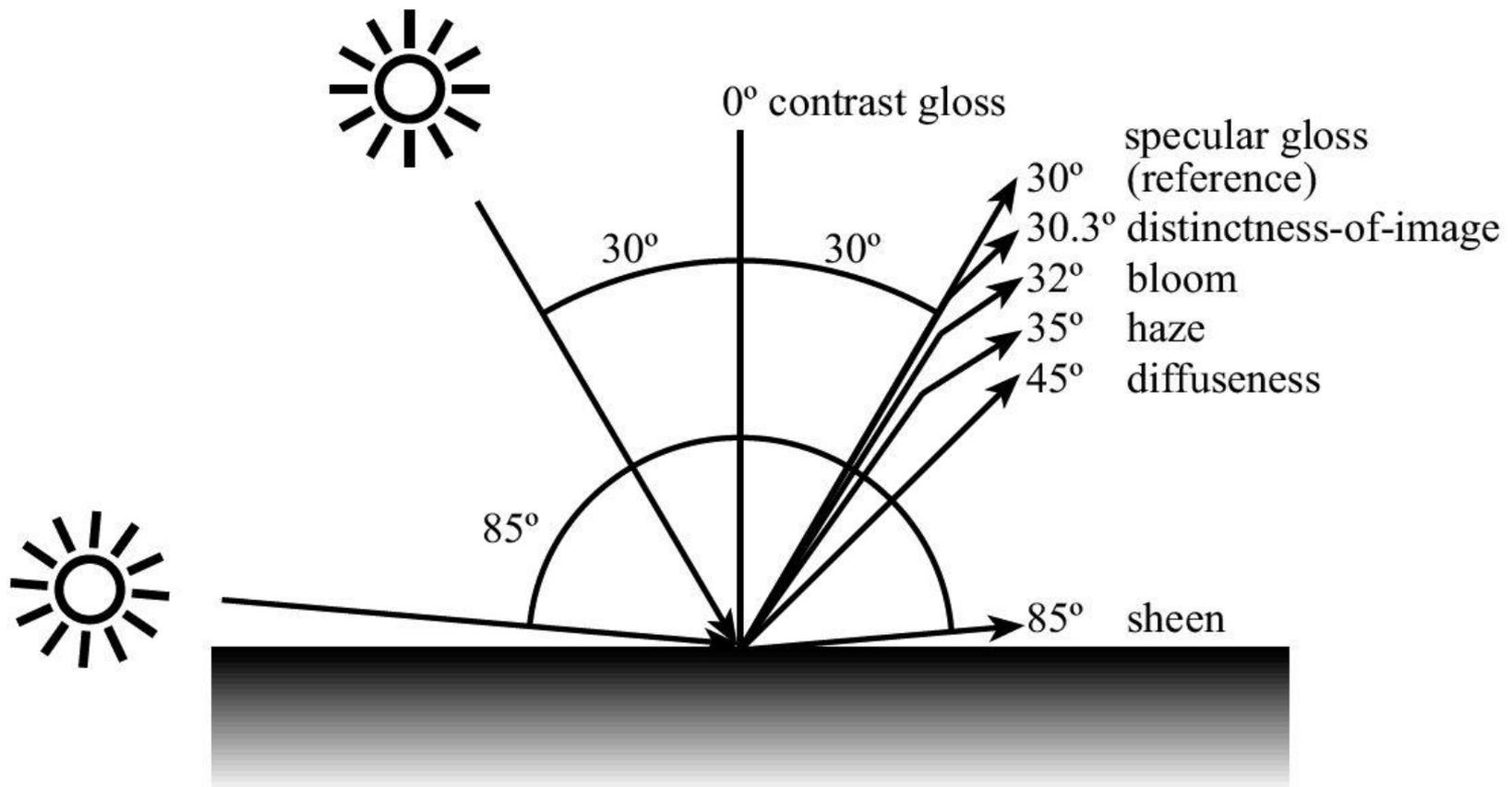
- BRDF units
  - Inverse steradian:  $sr^{-1}$  (not intuitive)
- Range of values: distribution function is positive, can be infinite
  - From 0 (total absorption) to  $\infty$  (reflection,  $\delta$ -function)
- Energy conservation law
  - No self-emission
  - Possible absorption

$$\int_{\Omega_+} f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) \cos\theta_o d\omega_o \leq 1, \quad \forall \omega_i$$

- **Reflection only at the point of entry ( $x_i = x_o$ )**
  - No subsurface scattering

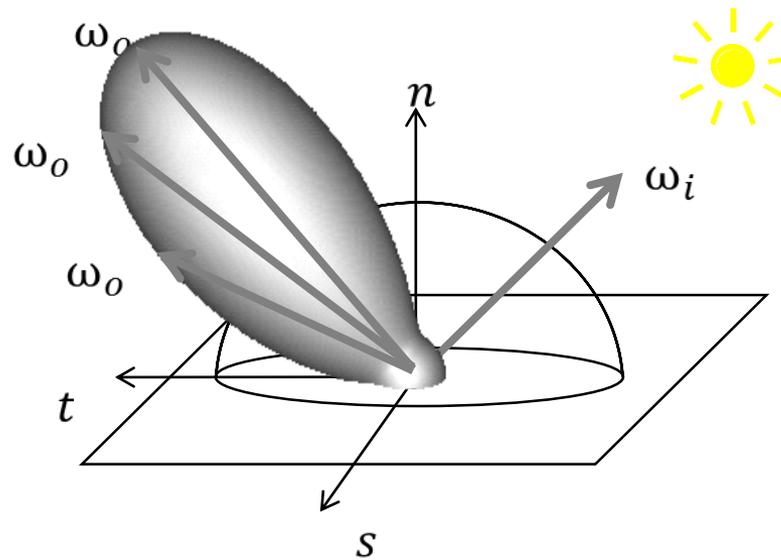
# Standardized Gloss Model

- **Industry often uses only a subset of BRDF values**
  - Reflection only measured at discrete set of angles



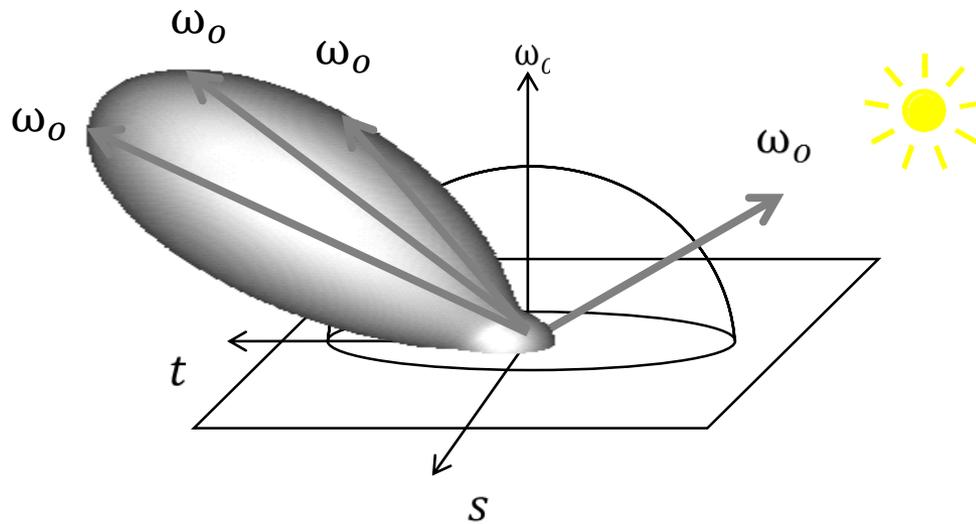
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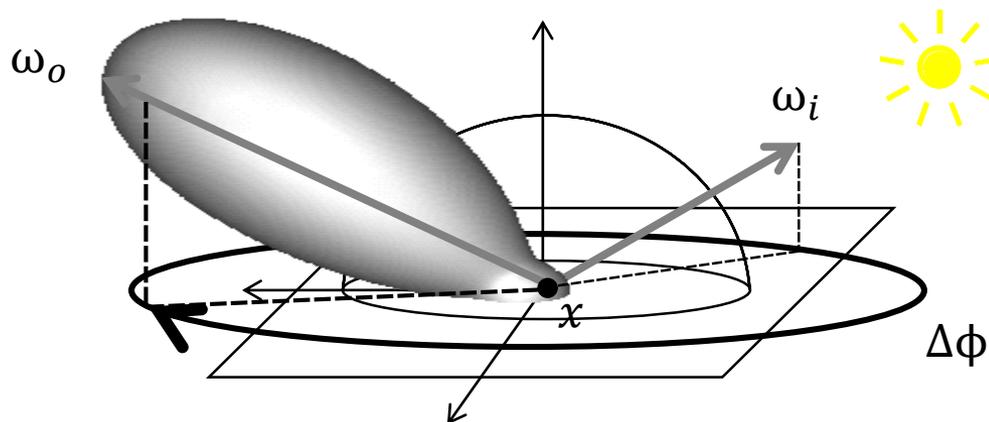


# Isotropic BRDF – 3D

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- **Invariant with respect to rotation about the normal**
  - Only depends on azimuth difference to incoming angle

$$f_r((\theta_i, \varphi_i) \rightarrow (\theta_o, \varphi_o)) \Rightarrow$$
$$f_r(\theta_i \rightarrow \theta_o, (\varphi_i - \varphi_o)) = f_r(\theta_i \rightarrow \theta_o, \Delta\phi)$$

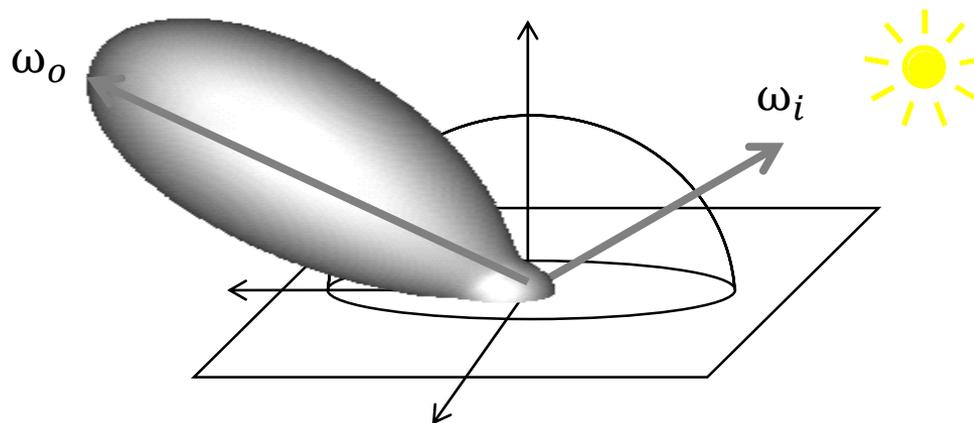


# Homogeneous BRDF – 4D

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- **Homogeneous bidirectional reflectance distribution function**
  - Ratio of reflected radiance to incident irradiance

$$f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_o) = \frac{dL_o(\omega_o)}{dE_i(\omega_i)}$$

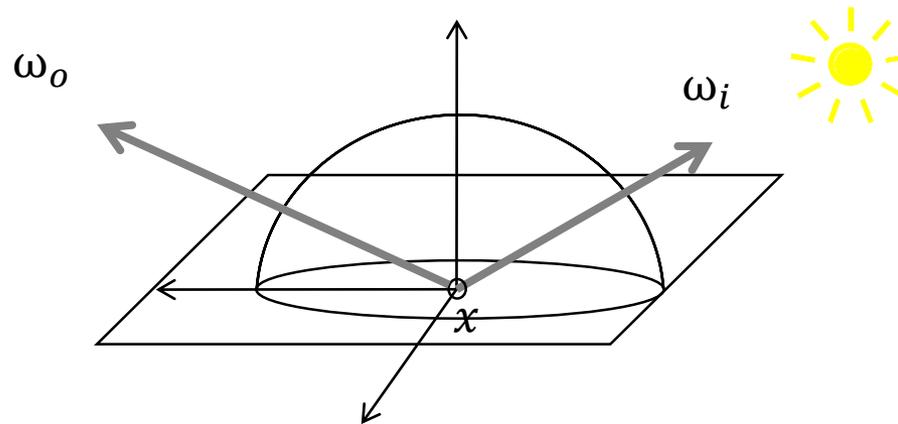


# Spatially Varying BRDF – 6D

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- **Heterogeneous materials (standard model for BRDF)**
  - Dependent on position, and two directions
  - Reflection at the point of incidence

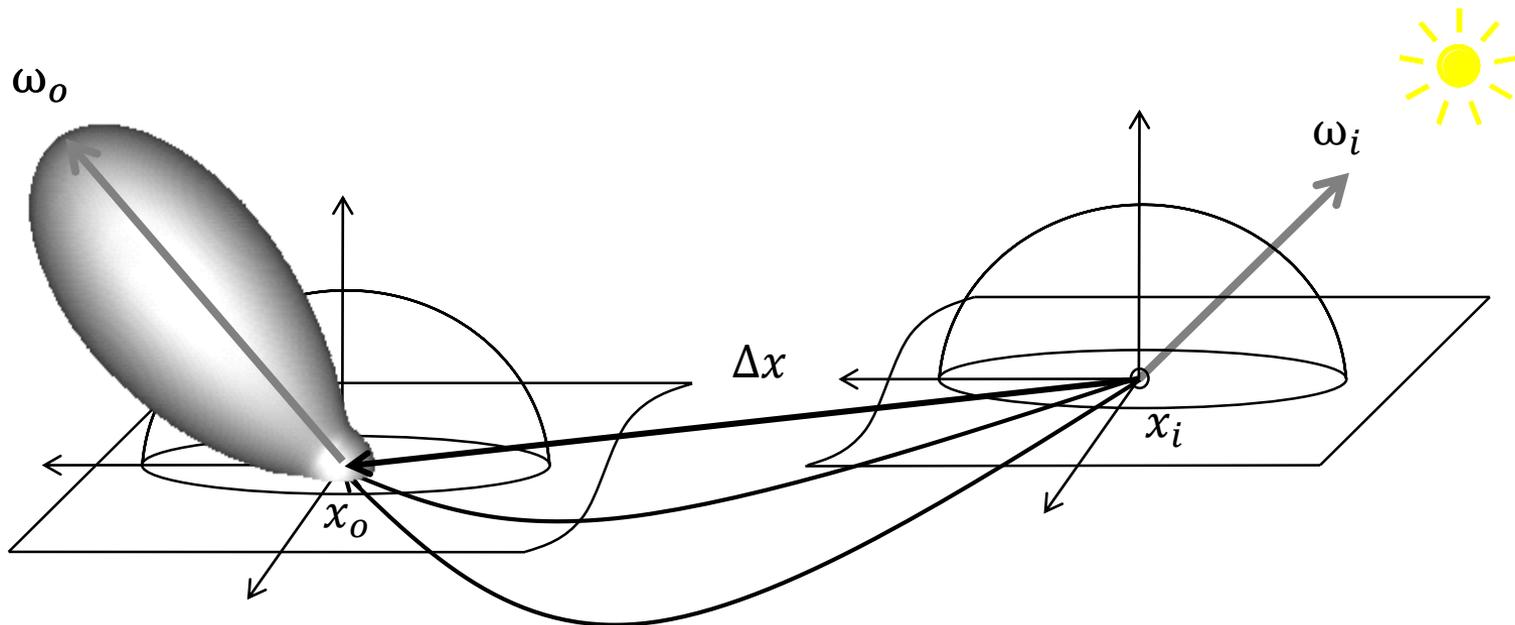
$$f_r(x, \omega_i \rightarrow \omega_o)$$



# Homogeneous BSSRDF – 6D

- **Homogeneous bidirectional scattering surface reflectance distribution function**
  - Assumes a homogeneous and flat surface
  - Only depends on the difference vector to the outgoing point

$$f_r(\Delta x, \omega_i \rightarrow \omega_o)$$

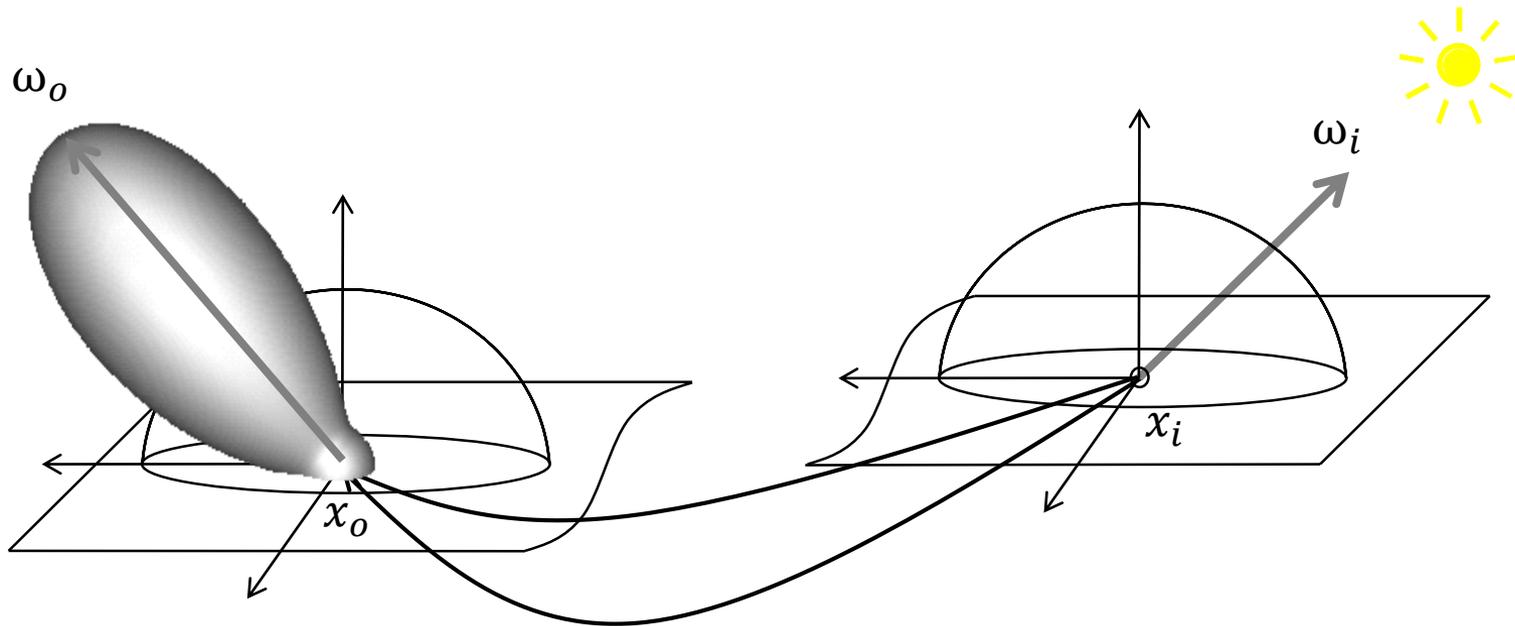


# BSSRDF – 8D

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- **Bidirectional scattering surface reflectance distribution function**

$$f_r((x_i, \omega_i) \rightarrow (x_o, \omega_o))$$

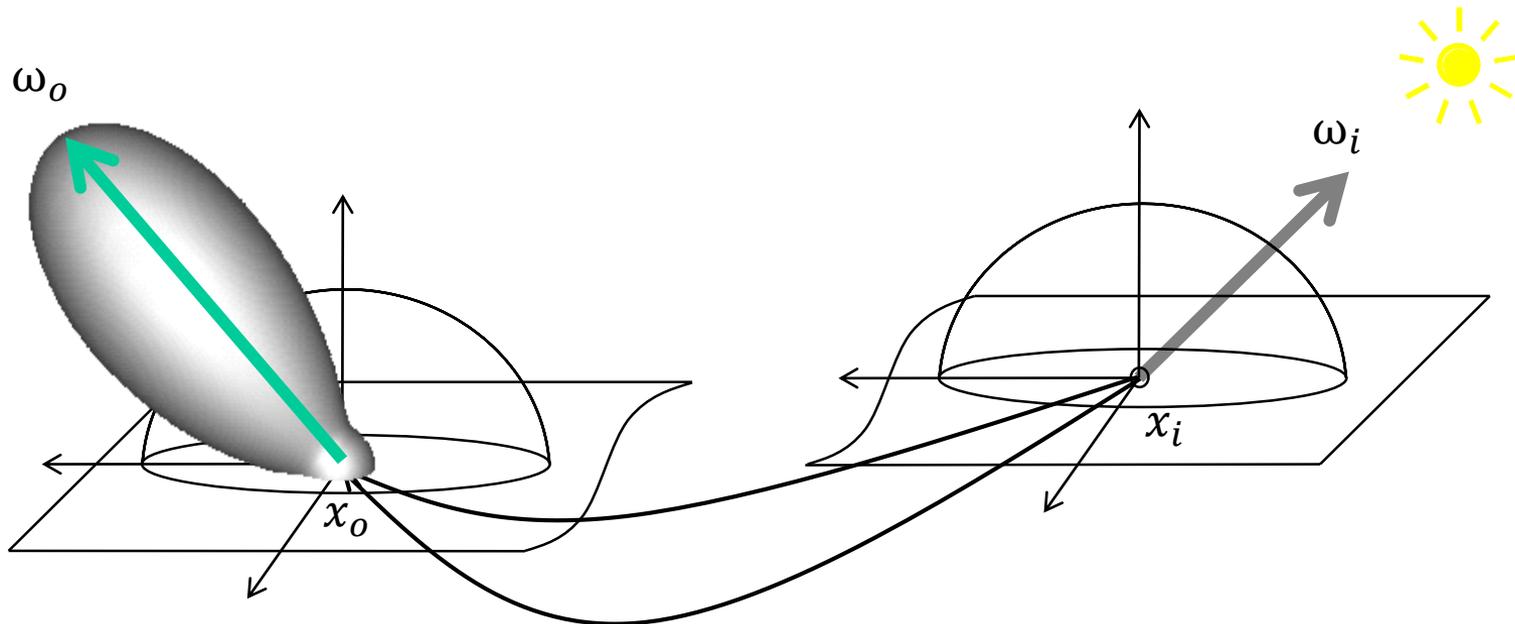


# Generalization – 9D

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- **Generalizations**
  - Add wavelength dependence

$$f_r(\lambda, (x_i, \omega_i) \rightarrow (x_o, \omega_o))$$

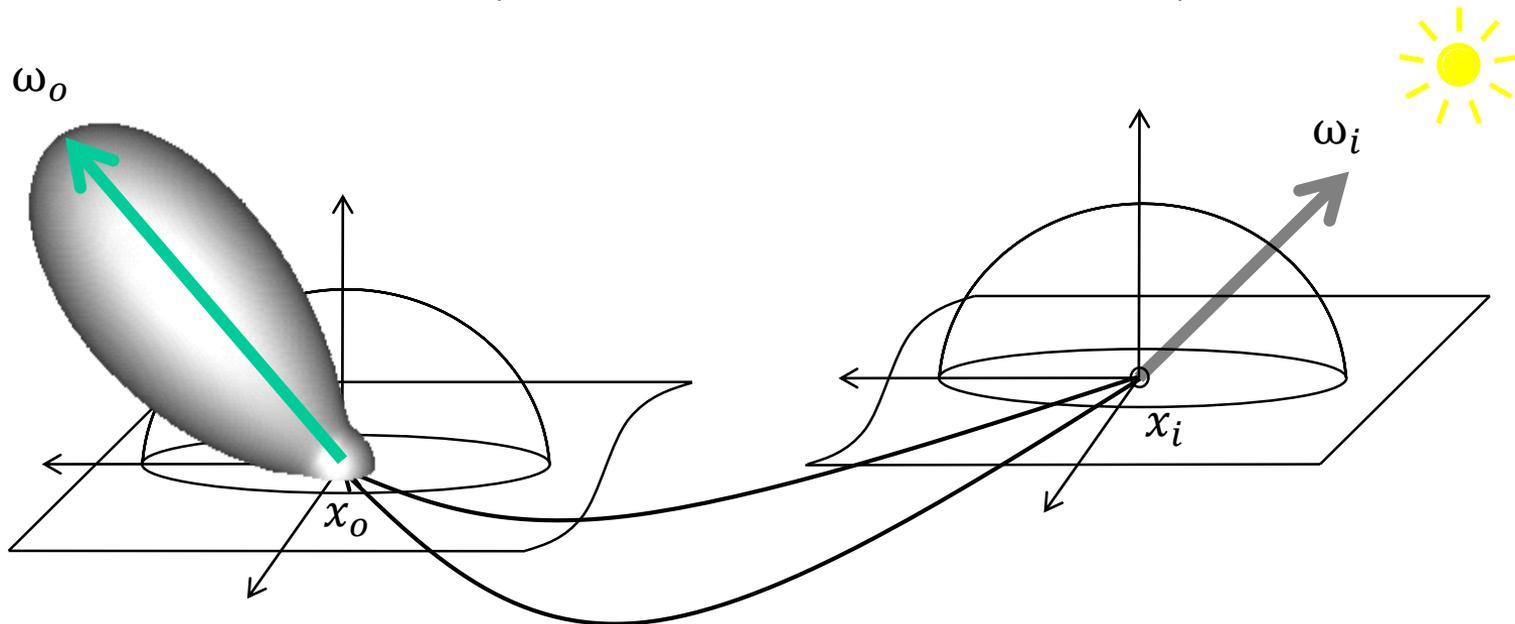


# Generalization – 10D

- **Generalizations**

- Add wavelength dependence
- Add **fluorescence**
  - Change to longer wavelength during scattering

$$f_r((x_i, \omega_i, \lambda_i) \rightarrow (x_o, \omega_o, \lambda_o))$$

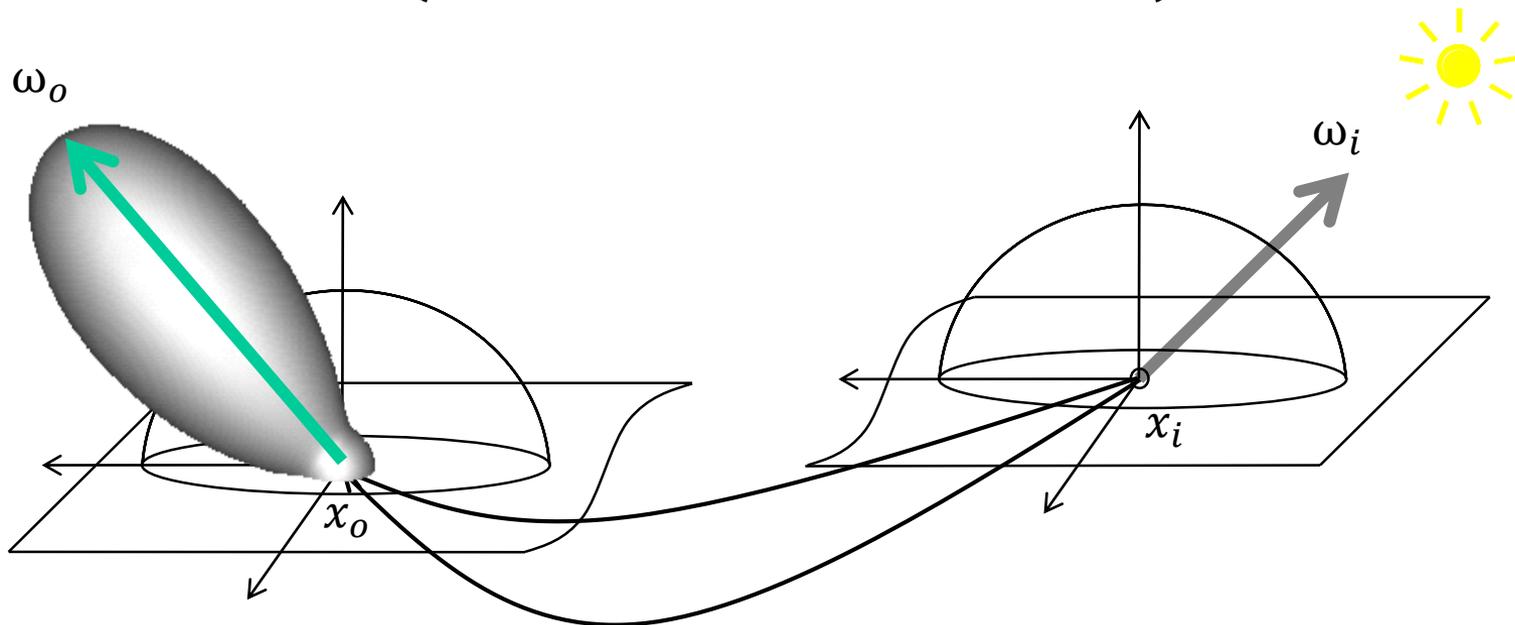


# Generalization – 11D

- **Generalizations**

- Add wavelength dependence
- Add fluorescence (change to longer wavelength for reflection)
- Time varying surface characteristics

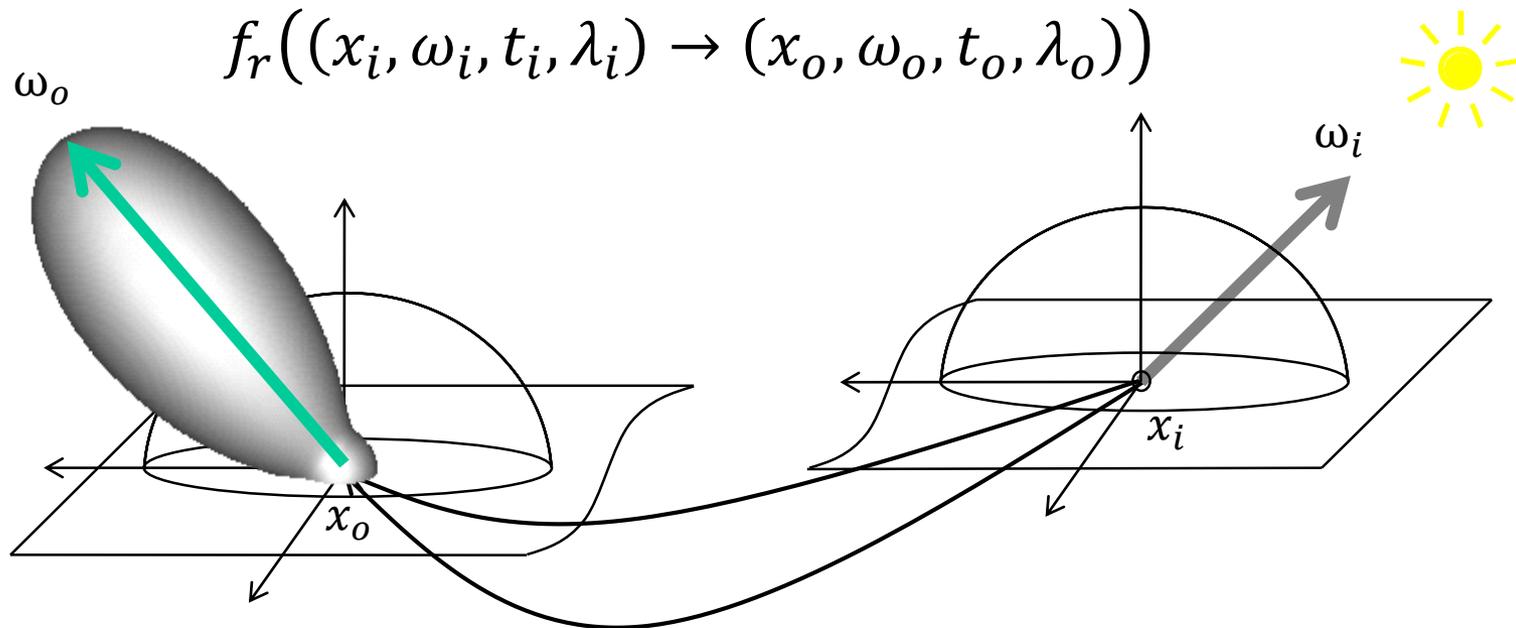
$$f_r(t, (x_i, \omega_i, \lambda_i) \rightarrow (x_o, \omega_o, \lambda_o))$$



# Generalization – 12D

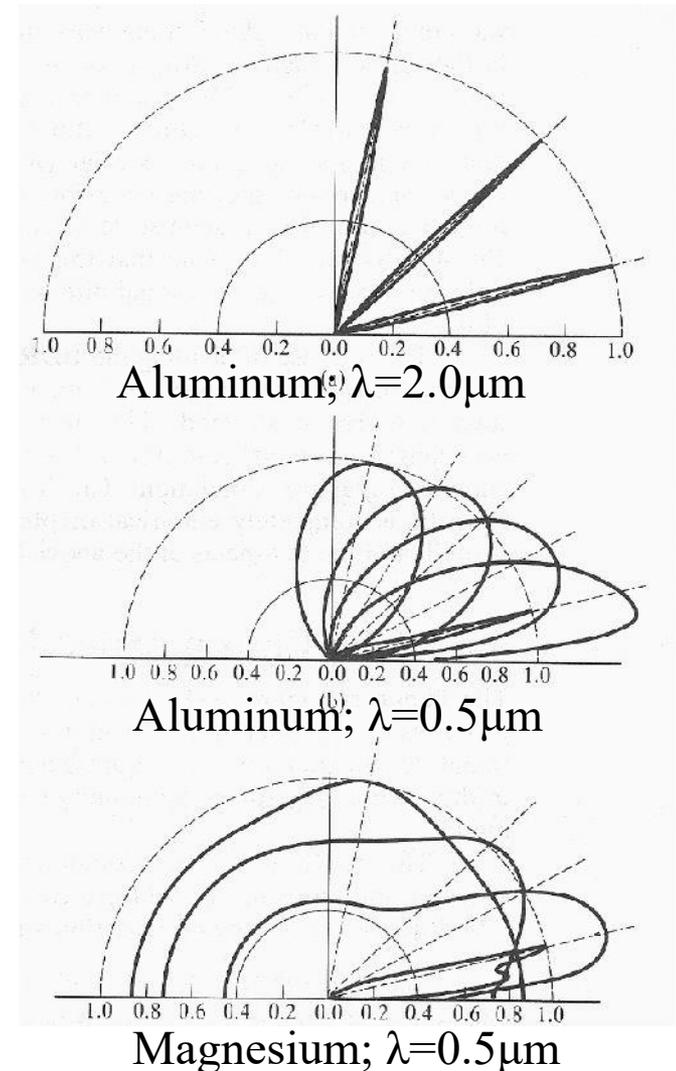
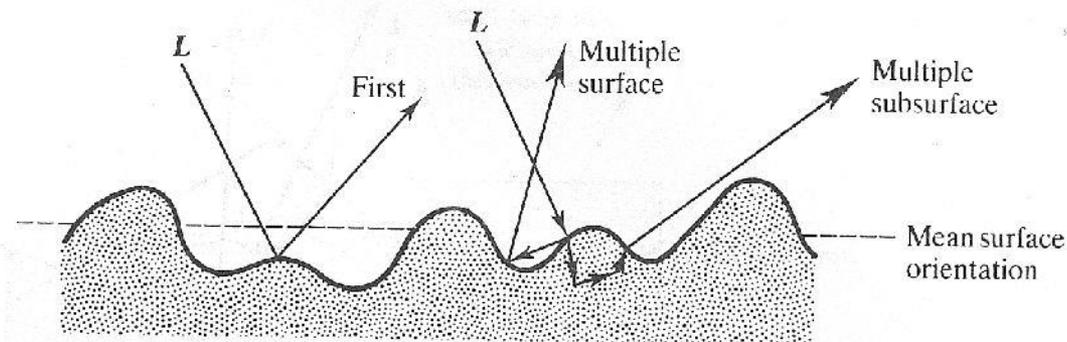
- **Generalizations**

- Add wavelength dependence
- Add fluorescence (change to longer wavelength for reflection)
- Time varying surface characteristics
- **Phosphorescence**
  - Temporal storage of light



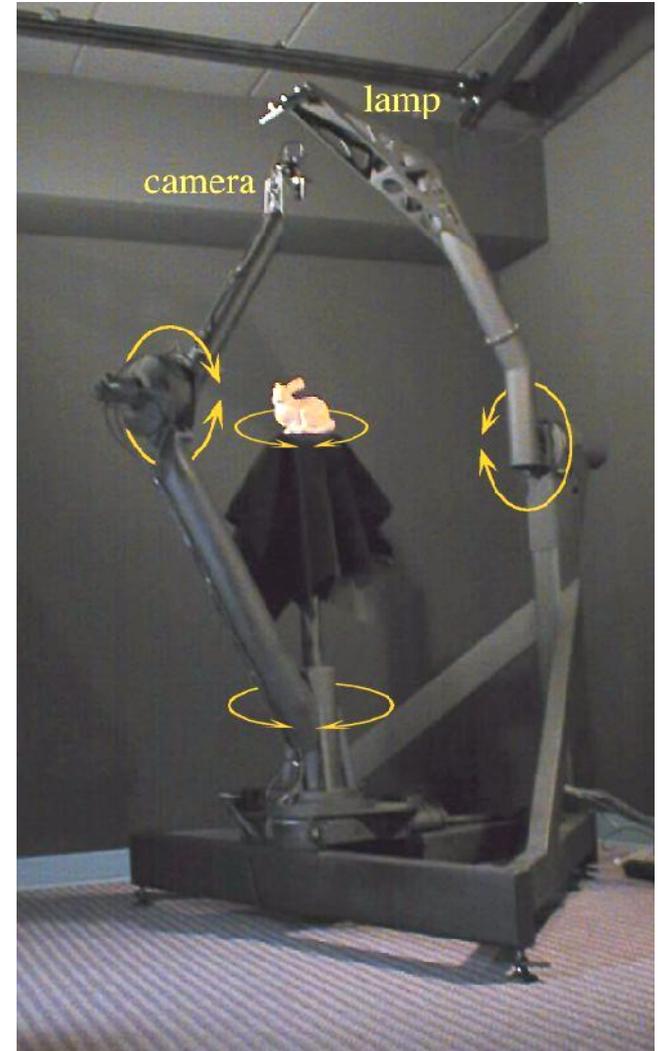
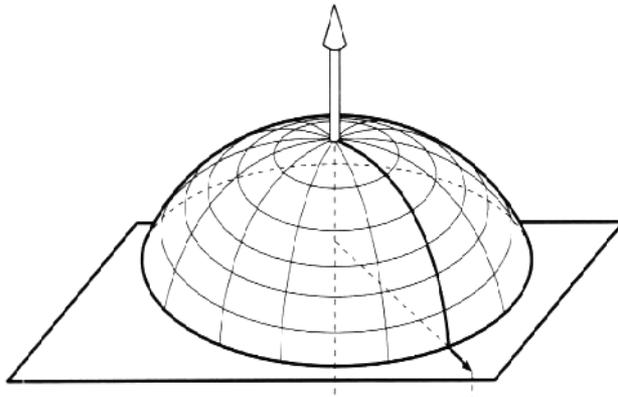
# Reflectance

- **Reflectance may vary with**
  - Illumination angle
  - Viewing angle
  - Wavelength
  - (Polarization, ...)
- **Variations due to**
  - Absorption
  - Surface micro-geometry
  - Index of refraction / dielectric constant
  - Scattering



# BRDF Measurement

- **Gonio-Reflectometer**
- **BRDF measurement**
  - Point light source position  $(\theta_i, \varphi_i)$
  - Light detector position  $(\theta_o, \varphi_o)$
- **4 directional degrees of freedom**
- **BRDF representation**
  - $m$  incident direction samples
  - $n$  outgoing direction samples
  - $m*n$  reflectance values (large!!!)



Stanford light gantry

# Rendering from Measured BRDF

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- **Linearity, superposition principle**

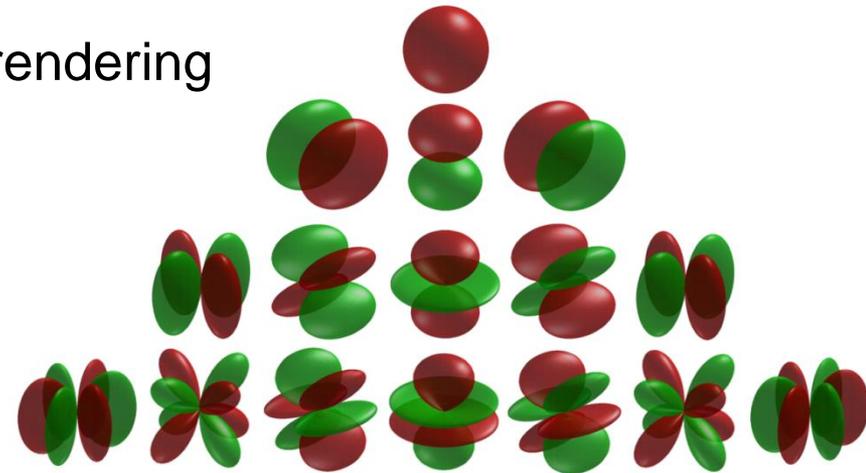
- Complex illumination: integrating light distribution against BRDF
- Sampled computation: superimposing many point light sources

- **Interpolation**

- Look-up of BRDF values during rendering
- Sampled BRDF must be filtered

- **BRDF Modeling**

- Fitting of parameterized BRDF models to measured data
  - Continuous, analytic function
  - No interpolation
  - Typically fast evaluation



**Spherical Harmonics**

Red is positive, green negative [Wikipedia]

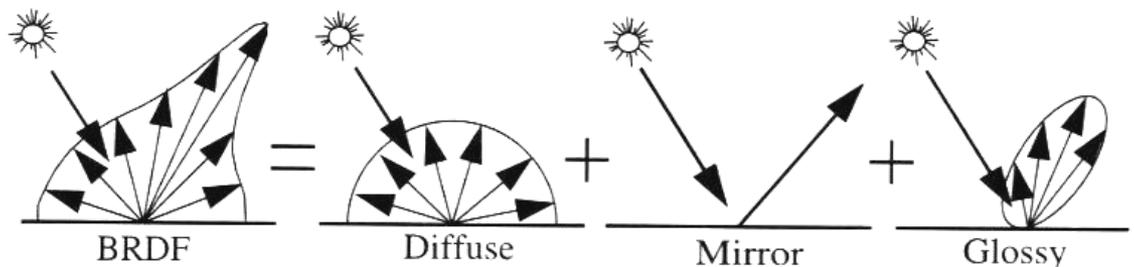
- **Representation in a basis**

- Most appropriate: Spherical harmonics
  - Ortho-normal function basis on the sphere
- Mathematically elegant filtering, illumination-BRDF integration

# BRDF Modeling

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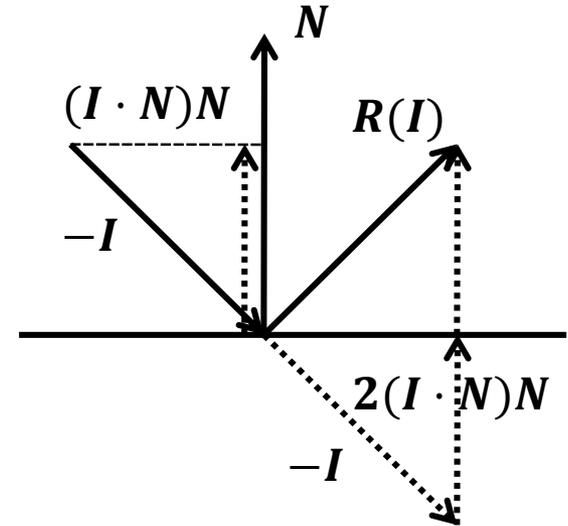
- **Phenomenological approach**
  - Description of visual surface appearance
  - Composition of different terms:
- **Ideal diffuse reflection**
  - Lambert's law, interactions within material
  - Matte surfaces
- **Ideal specular reflection**
  - Reflection law, reflection on a planar surface
  - Mirror
- **Glossy reflection**
  - Directional diffuse, reflection on surface that is somewhat rough
  - Shiny surface
  - Glossy highlights



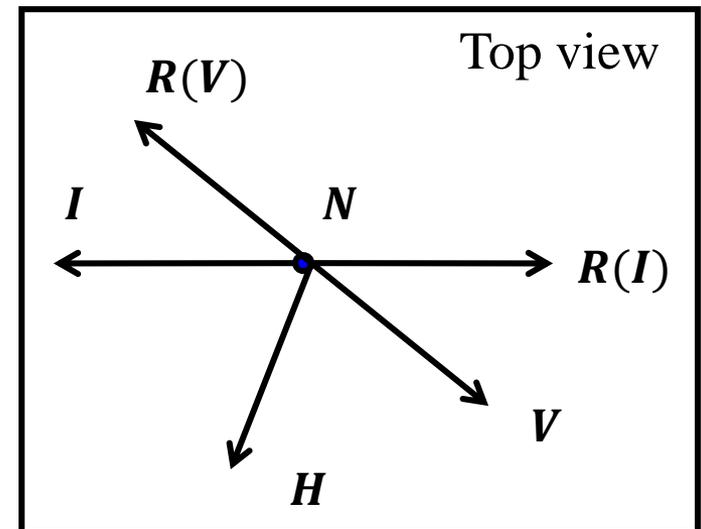
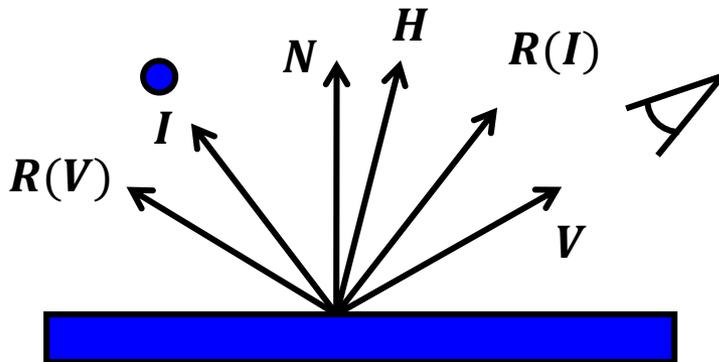
# Reflection Geometry

- **Direction vectors (normalize):**

- $N$ : Surface normal
- $I$ : Light source direction vector
- $V$ : Viewpoint direction vector
- $R(I)$ : Reflection vector
  - $R(I) = -I + 2(I \cdot N)N$
- $H$ : Halfway vector
  - $H = (I + V) / |I + V|$



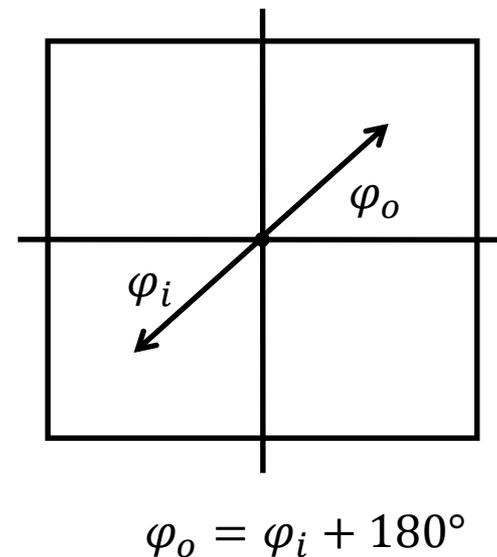
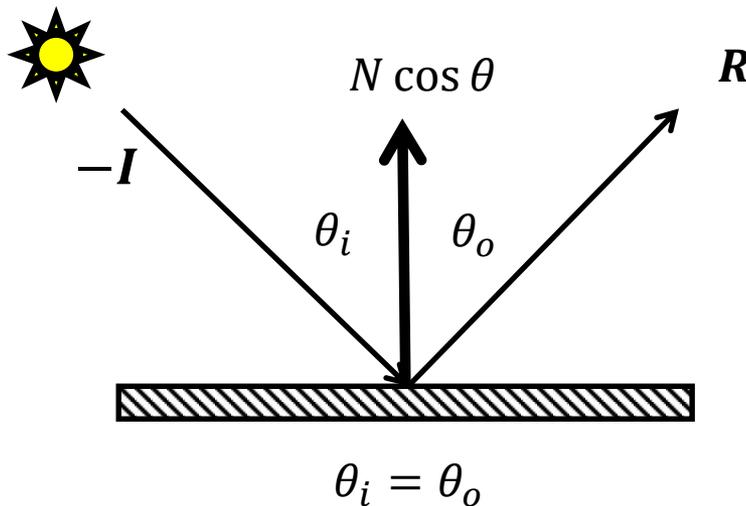
- **Tangential surface: local plane**



# Ideal Specular Reflection

- Angle of reflectance equal to angle of incidence
- Reflected vector in a plane with incident ray and surface normal vector

$$R + I = 2 \cos \theta N = 2(I \cdot N)N \Rightarrow$$
$$R(I) = -I + 2(I \cdot N)N$$



# Mirror BRDF

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- **Dirac Delta function  $\delta(x)$**

- $\delta(x)$ : zero everywhere except at  $x = 0$
- Unit integral iff domain contains  $x = 0$  (else zero)

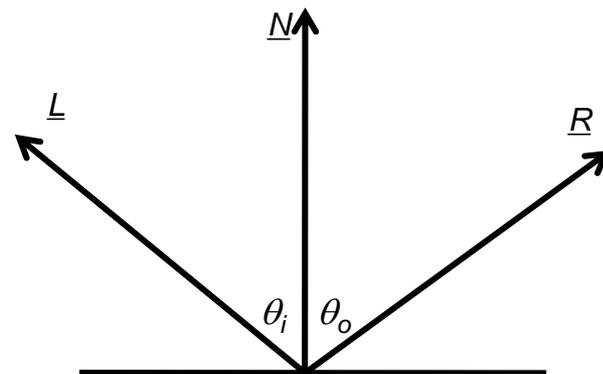
$$f_{r,m}(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = \rho_s(\theta_i) \frac{\delta(\cos\theta_i - \cos\theta_o)}{\cos\theta_i} \delta(\varphi_i - \varphi_o \pm \pi)$$

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = \int_{\Omega_+} f_{r,m}(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) L_i(x, \omega_i) \cos\theta_i d\omega_i = \rho_s(\theta_o) L_i(x, \theta_o, \varphi_o \pm \pi)$$

- **Specular reflectance  $\rho_s$**

- Ratio of reflected radiance in specular direction and incoming radiance
- Dimensionless quantity between 0 and 1

$$\rho_s(x, \theta_i) = \frac{L_o(x, \theta_o)}{L_i(x, \theta_i)}$$



# Refraction in Dielectrics

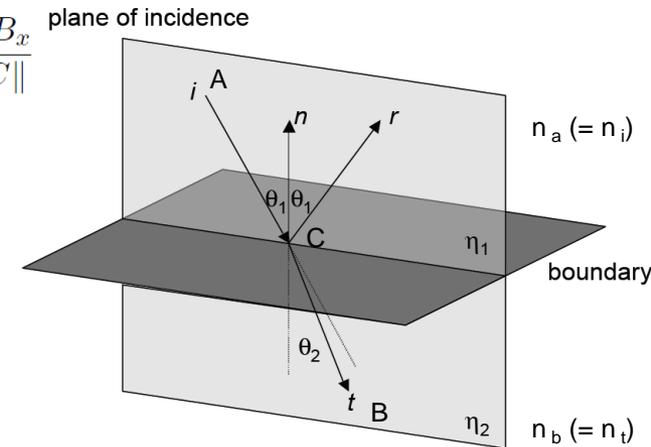
- Time required for light to travel from  $A$  to  $B$  through  $C$

$$t_{AB} = t_{AC} + t_{CB} = \frac{\|AC\|}{c_a} + \frac{\|BC\|}{c_b} = \frac{\sqrt{(C_x - A_x)^2 + A_y^2}}{c_a} + \frac{\sqrt{(C_x - B_x)^2 + B_y^2}}{c_b} \quad (\text{assuming } C_y = 0)$$

- Fermat's principle: light path of least traversal time

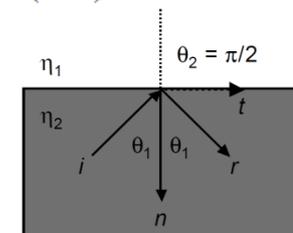
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt_{AB}}{dC_x} &= \frac{C_x - A_x}{c_a \sqrt{(C_x - A_x)^2 + A_y^2}} + \frac{C_x - B_x}{c_b \sqrt{(C_x - B_x)^2 + B_y^2}} = \frac{C_x - A_x}{c_a \|AC\|} + \frac{C_x - B_x}{c_b \|BC\|} \\ &= \frac{\sin(\theta_a)}{c_a} + \frac{-\sin(\theta_b)}{c_b} = \frac{n_a \sin(\theta_a)}{c_0} - \frac{n_b \sin(\theta_b)}{c_0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Snell's law:  $n_a \sin(\theta_a) = n_b \sin(\theta_b)$
- Special case possible when  $\eta_b < \eta_a$



– If  $\sin(\theta_a) > n_b/n_a$  then  $n_b = n_a \frac{n_b}{n_a} < n_a \sin(\theta_a) = n_b \sin(\theta_b)$

– Which is impossible since  $\sin(\theta_b) \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **total internal reflection**



# Lambertian Diffuse Reflection

- Light equally likely to be reflected in any output direction (independent of input direction)
- **Constant BRDF**

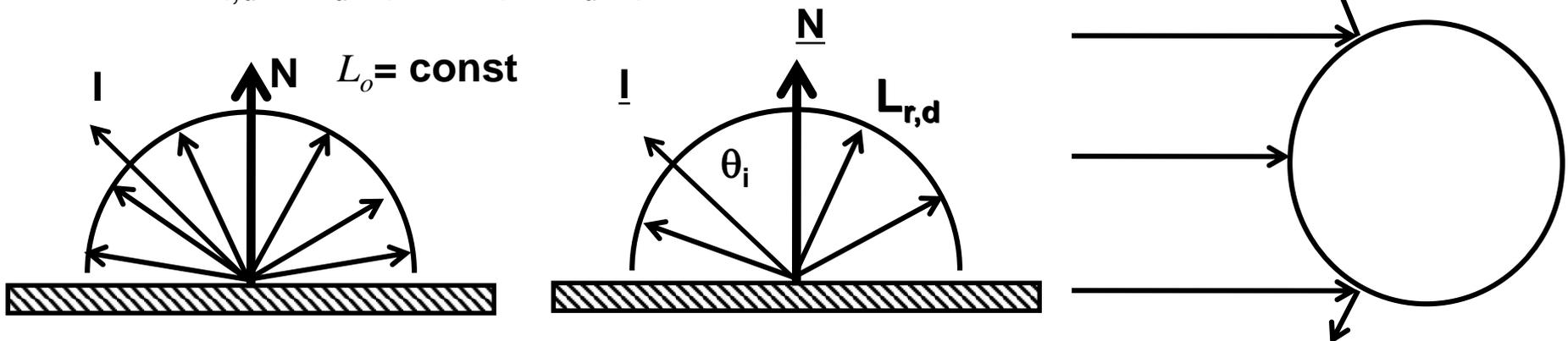
$$f_{r,d}(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = k_d = \text{const}$$

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = k_d \int_{\Omega_+} L_i(x, \omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i = k_d E$$

–  $k_d$ : diffuse coefficient, material property [1/sr]

- **For each point light source**

–  $L_{r,d} = k_d L_i \cos \theta_i = k_d L_i (\underline{l} \cdot \underline{N})$

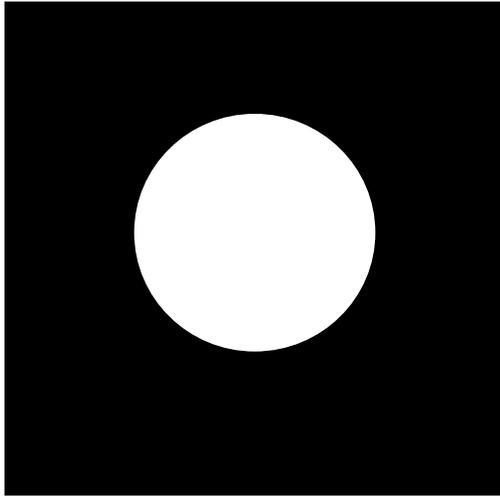


# Lambertian Objects

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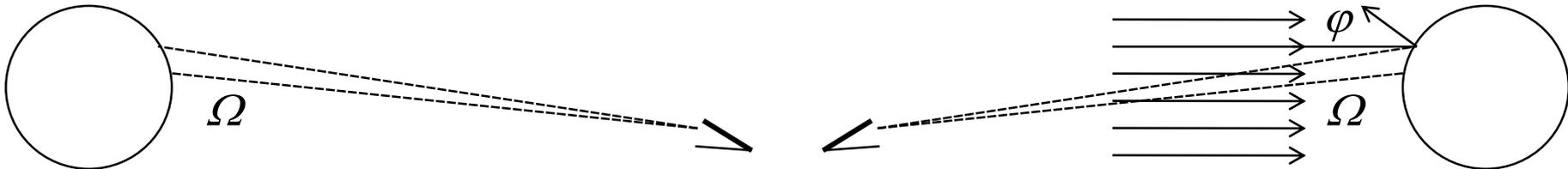
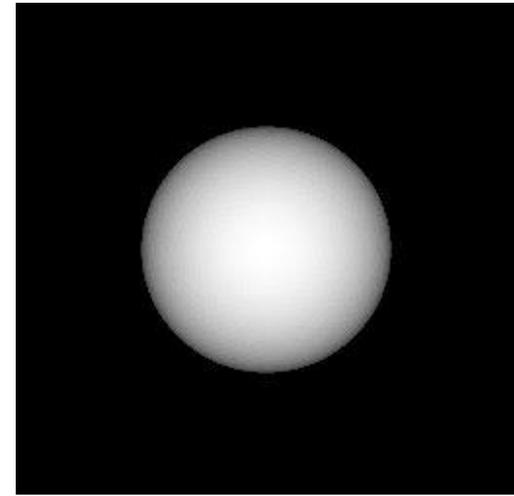
Self-luminous  
spherical Lambertian light source

$$\Phi_0 \propto L_0 \cdot \Omega$$



Eye-light illuminated  
spherical Lambertian reflector

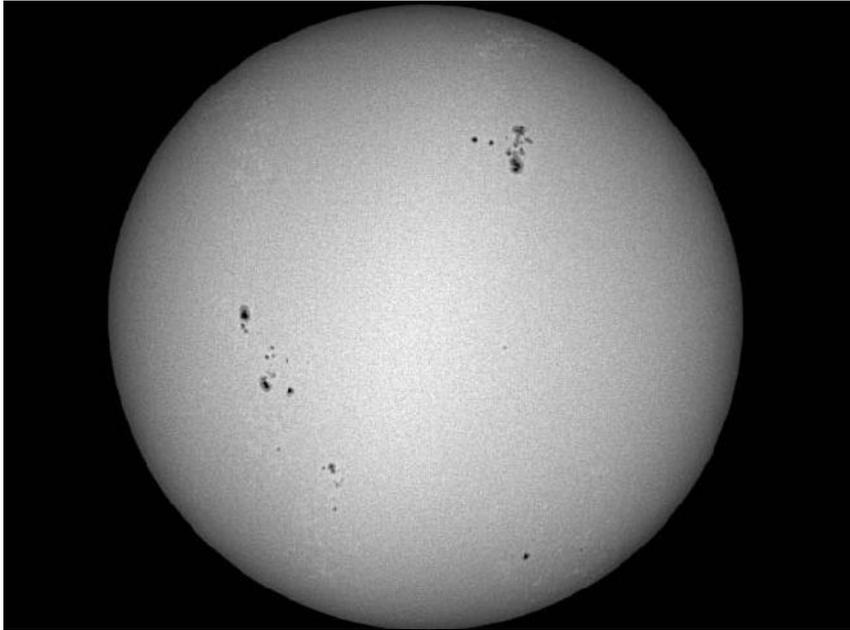
$$\Phi_1 \propto L_i \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \Omega$$



# Lambertian Objects (?)

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The Sun



- Some absorption in photosphere
- Path length through photosphere longer from the Sun's rim

The Moon



- Surface covered with fine dust
- Dust visible best from slanted viewing angle

⇒ Neither the Sun nor the Moon are Lambertian

# “Diffuse” Reflection

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- **Theoretical explanation**
  - Multiple scattering within the material (at very short range)
- **Experimental realization**
  - Pressed magnesium oxide powder
    - Random mixture of tiny, highly reflective particles
  - Almost never valid at grazing angles of incidence
  - Paint manufacturers attempt to create ideal diffuse paints

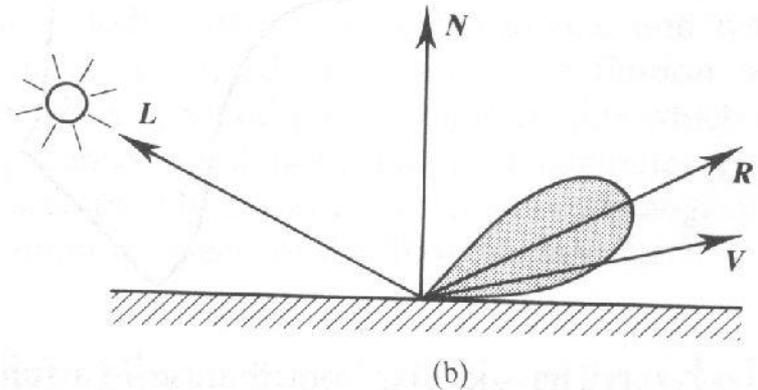
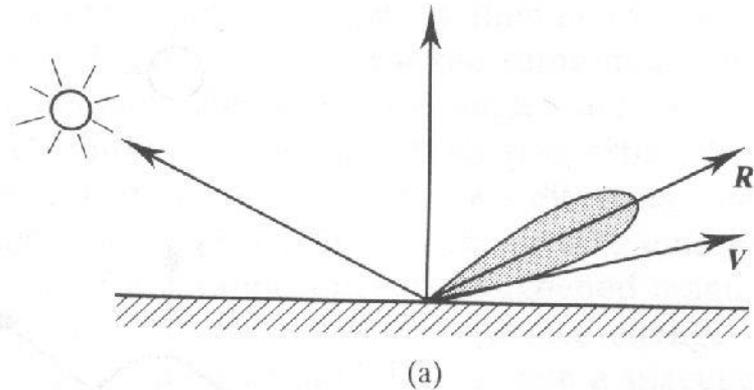
# Glossy Reflection

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# Glossy Reflection

- Due to surface roughness
- Empirical models (phenomenological)
  - Phong
  - Blinn-Phong
- Physically-based models
  - Blinn
  - Cook & Torrance

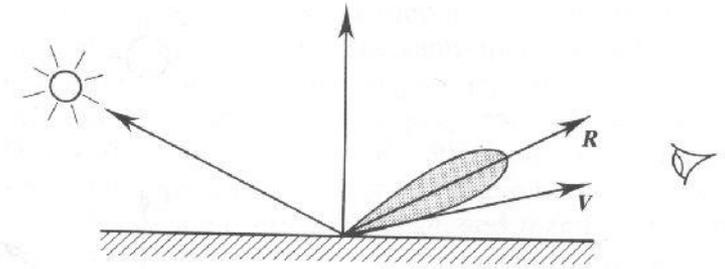


# Phong Glossy Reflection Model

- **Simple description: Cosine power lobe**

$$f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = k_s (R(I) \cdot V)^{k_e} / I \cdot N$$

- Take angle to reflection direction to some
  - $L_{r,s} = L_i k_s \cos^{k_e} \theta_{RV}$

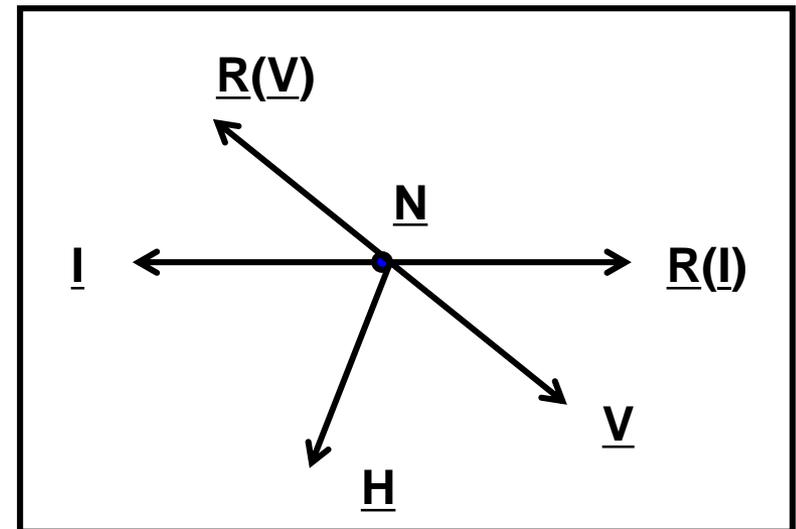
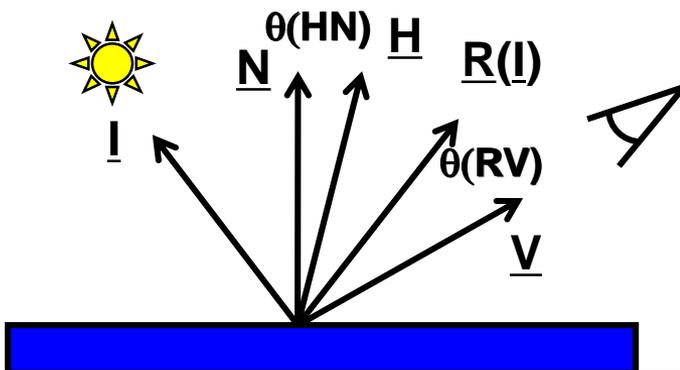


- **Issues**

- Not energy conserving/reciprocal
- Plastic-like appearance

- **Dot product & power**

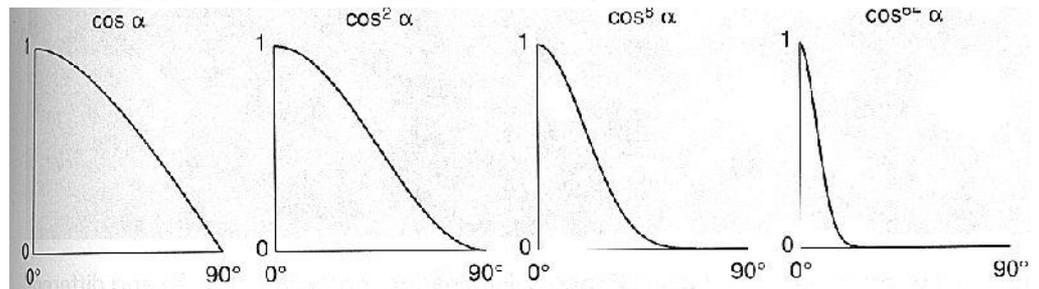
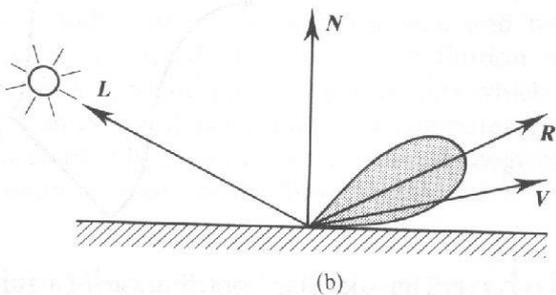
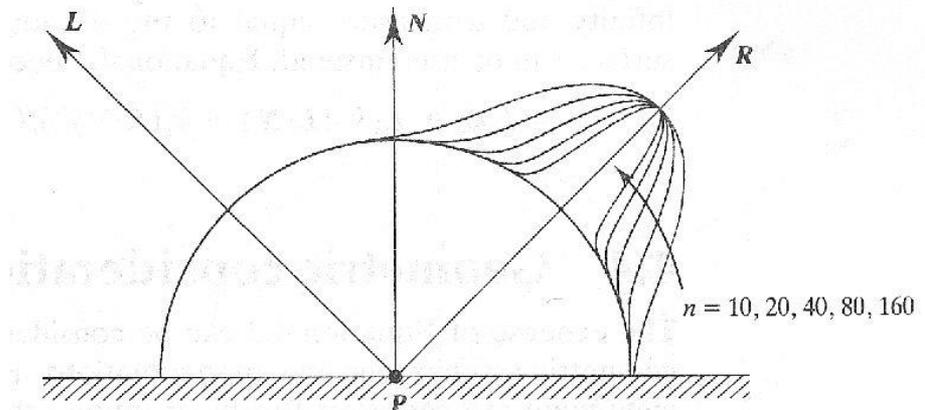
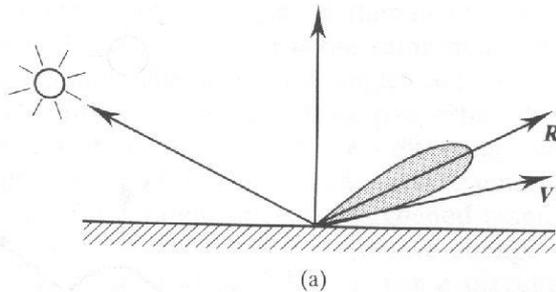
- Still widely used in CG



# Phong Exponent $k_e$

$$f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = k_s (R(I) \cdot V)^{k_e} / I \cdot N$$

- **Determines size of highlight**



- **Beware: Non-zero contribution into the material !!!**

# Blinn-Phong Glossy Reflection

- Same idea: Cosine power lobe

$$f_r(\omega_i, x, \omega_o) = k_s (H \cdot N)^{k_e} / I \cdot N$$

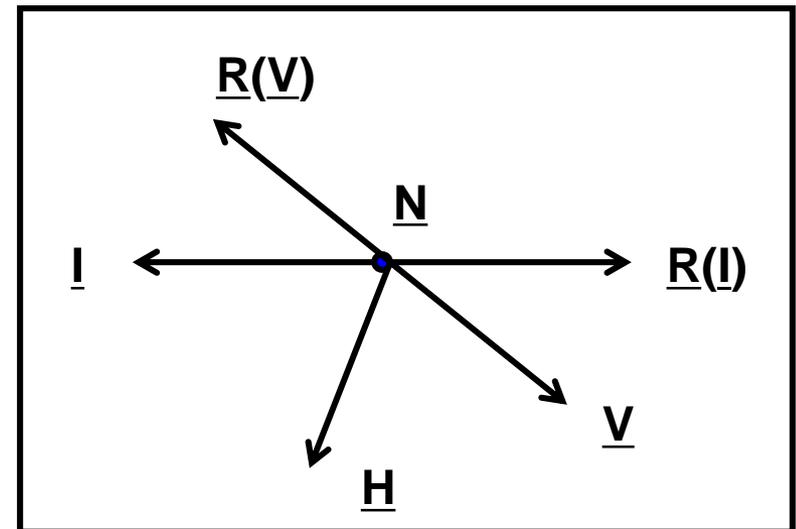
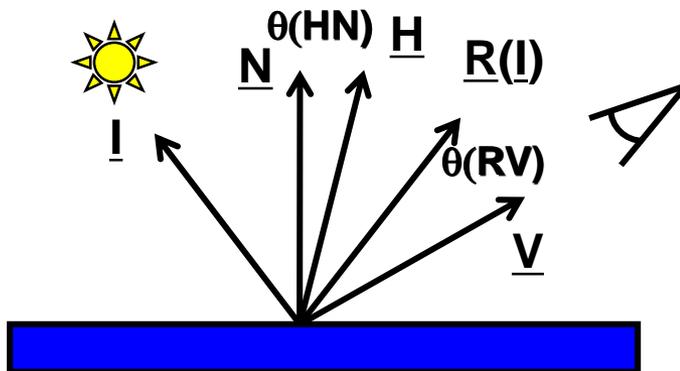
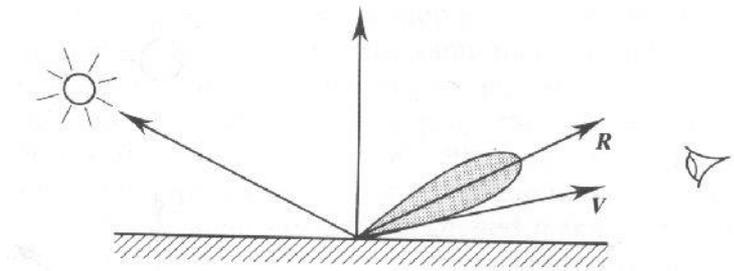
- $L_{r,s} = L_i k_s \cos^{k_e} \theta_{HN}$

- Dot product & power

- $\theta_{RV} \rightarrow \theta_{HN}$

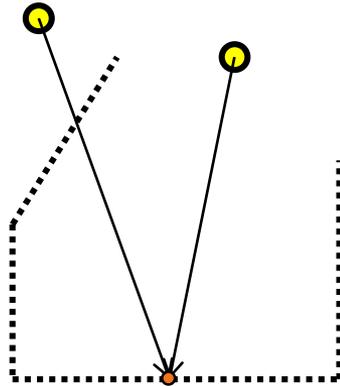
- Special case: Light source, viewer far away

- $I, R$  constant:  $H$  constant
- $\theta_{HN}$  less expensive to compute

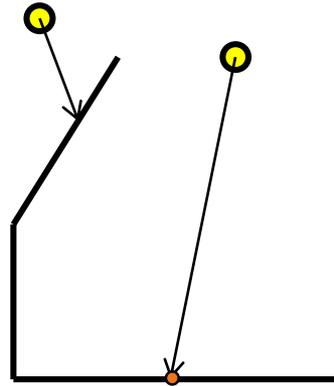


# Different Types of Illumination

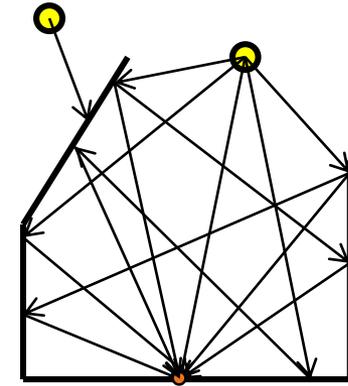
- **Three types of illumination**



**Local**  
(without shadows)



**Direct**  
(with shadows)



**Global**  
(with all interreflections)

- **Ambient Illumination**

- Global illumination is costly to compute
- Indirect illumination (through interreflections) is typically smooth
- ➔ Approximate via a constant term  $L_{i,a}$  (incoming ambient illum)
- Has no incoming direction, provide ambient reflection term  $k_a$

$$L_o(x, \omega_o) = k_a L_{i,a}$$

# Full Phong Illumination Model

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- **Phong illumination model for *multiple* point light sources**

$$L_r = k_a L_{i,a} + k_d \sum_l L_l (I_l \cdot N) + k_s \sum_l L_l (R(I_l) \cdot V)^{k_e} \text{ (Phong)}$$

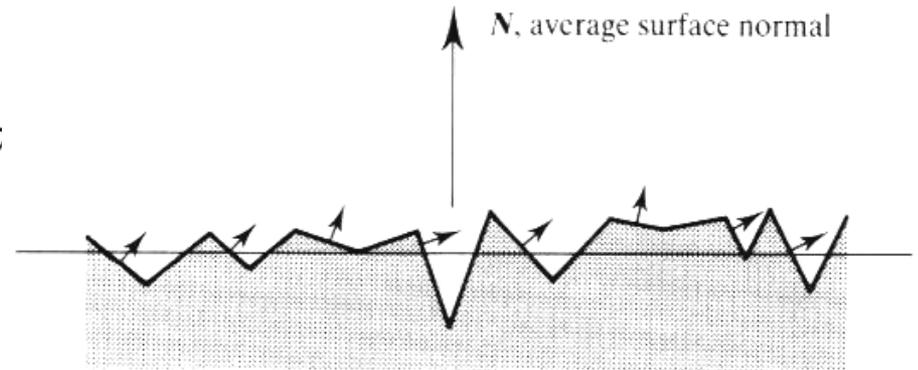
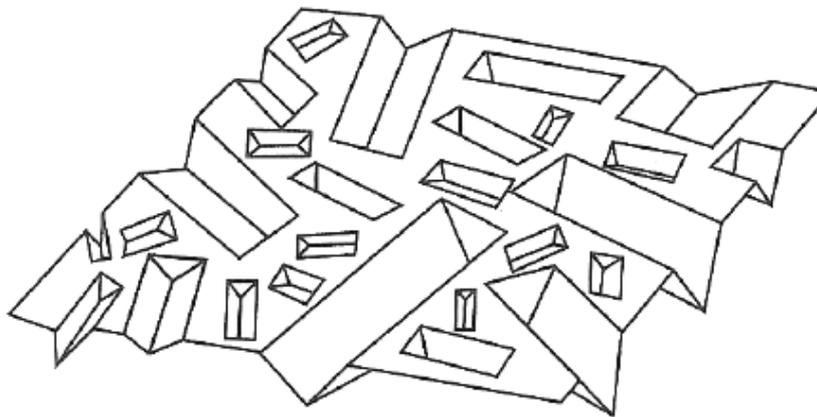
$$L_r = k_a L_{i,a} + k_d \sum_l L_l (I_l \cdot N) + k_s \sum_l L_l (H_l \cdot N)^{k_e} \text{ (Blinn)}$$

- Diffuse reflection (contribution only depends on incoming cosine)
- Ambient and Glossy reflection (Phong or Blinn-Phong)
- **Typically: Color of specular reflection  $k_s$  is white**
  - Often separate specular and diffuse color (common extension, OGL)
- **Empirical model!**
  - Contradicts physics
  - Purely local illumination
    - Only direct light from the light sources, constant ambient term
- **Optimization: Lights & viewer assumed to be far away**

# Microfacet BRDF Model

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- **Physically-Inspired Models**
  - Isotropic microfacet collection
  - Microfacets assumed as perfectly smooth reflectors
- **BRDF**
  - Distribution of microfacets
    - Often probabilistic distribution of orientation or V-groove assumption
  - Planar reflection properties
  - Self-masking, shadowing



# Ward Reflection Model

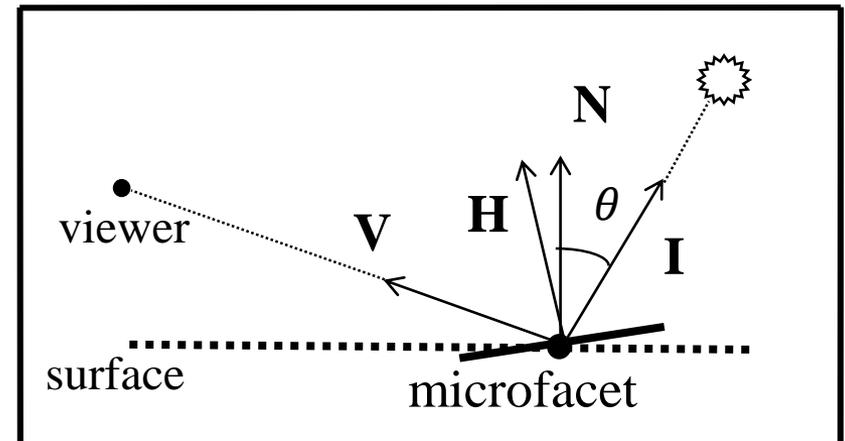
- **BRDF**

$$f_r = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi} + \frac{\rho_s}{\sqrt{(I \cdot N)(V \cdot N)}} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\tan^2 \angle H, N}{\sigma^2}\right)}{4\pi\sigma^2}$$

- $\sigma$  standard deviation (RMS) of surface slope
- Simple expansion to anisotropic model ( $\sigma_x, \sigma_y$ )
- Empirical, not physics-based

- **Inspired by notion of reflecting microfacets**

- Convincing results
- Good match to measured data



# Cook-Torrance Reflection Model

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- **Cook-Torrance reflectance model**

- Is based on the *microfacet* model
- BRDF is defined as the sum of a diffuse and a specular component:

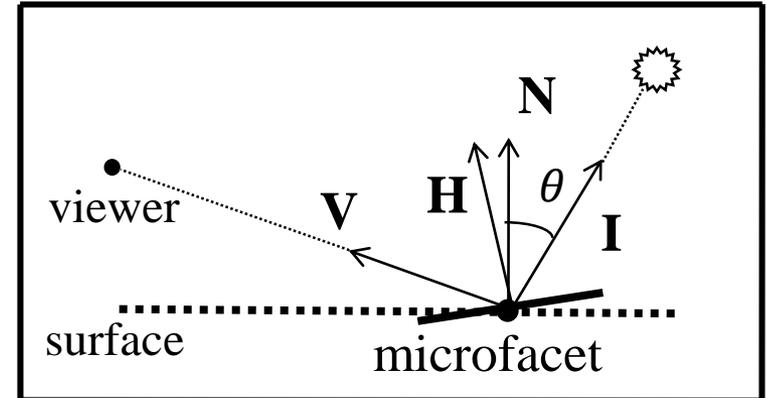
$$f_r = \kappa_d \rho_d + \kappa_s \rho_s; \quad \rho_d + \rho_s \leq 1$$

where  $\rho_s$  and  $\rho_d$  are the specular and diffuse coefficients.

- Derivation of the specular component  $\kappa_s$  is based on a physically derived theoretical reflectance model

# Cook-Torrance Specular Term

$$\kappa_s = \frac{F_\lambda DG}{\pi(N \cdot V)(N \cdot I)}$$



- **D : Distribution function of microfacet orientations**
- **G : Geometrical attenuation factor**
  - represents self-masking and shadowing effects of microfacets
- **$F_\lambda$  : Fresnel term**
  - computed by Fresnel equation
  - Fraction of specularly reflected light for each planar microfacet
- **$N \cdot V$  : Proportional to visible surface area**
- **$N \cdot I$  : Proportional to illuminated surface area**

# Electric Conductors (e.g. Metals)

- Assume ideally smooth surface
- Perfect specular reflection of light, rest is absorbed
- Reflectance is defined by Fresnel formula based on:

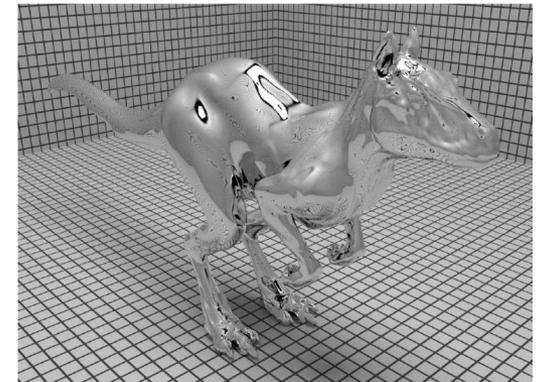
- Index of refraction  $\eta$
- Absorption coefficient  $\kappa$
- Both wavelength dependent

Object	$\eta$	$k$
Gold	0.370	2.820
Silver	0.177	3.638
Copper	0.617	2.63
Steel	2.485	3.433

- Given for parallel and perpendicular polarized light

$$r_{\parallel}^2 = \frac{(\eta^2 + k^2) \cos^2 \theta_i - 2\eta \cos \theta_i + 1}{(\eta^2 + k^2) \cos^2 \theta_i + 2\eta \cos \theta_i + 1}$$

$$r_{\perp}^2 = \frac{(\eta^2 + k^2) - 2\eta \cos \theta_i + \cos^2 \theta_i}{(\eta^2 + k^2) + 2\eta \cos \theta_i + \cos^2 \theta_i}$$



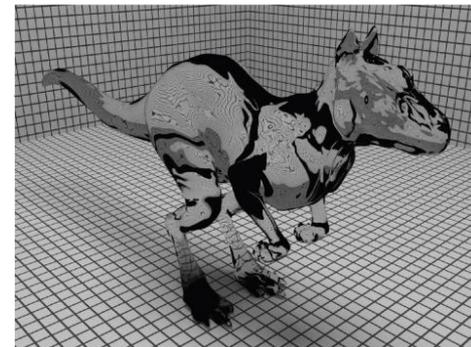
- $\theta_i, \theta_t$ : Angle between ray & plane, incident & transmitted

- For unpolarized light:

$$F_r = \frac{1}{2}(r_{\parallel}^2 + r_{\perp}^2)$$

# Dielectrics (e.g. Glass)

- Assume ideally smooth surface
- Non-reflected light is perfectly transmitted:  $1 - F_r$ 
  - They do not conduct electricity
- Fresnel formula depends on:
  - Refr. index: speed of light in vacuum vs. medium
  - Refractive index in incident medium  $\eta_i = c_0 / c_i$
  - Refractive index in transmitted medium  $\eta_t = c_0 / c_t$
- Given for parallel and perpendicular polarized light



$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{\eta_t \cos \theta_i - \eta_i \cos \theta_t}{\eta_t \cos \theta_i + \eta_i \cos \theta_t}$$
$$r_{\perp} = \frac{\eta_i \cos \theta_i - \eta_t \cos \theta_t}{\eta_i \cos \theta_i + \eta_t \cos \theta_t},$$

Medium	index of refraction $\eta$
Vacuum	1.0
Air at sea level	1.00029
Ice	1.31
Water (20° C)	1.333
Fused quartz	1.46
Glass	1.5–1.6
Sapphire	1.77
Diamond	2.42

- For unpolarized light:

$$F_r = \frac{1}{2} (r_{\parallel}^2 + r_{\perp}^2)$$

# Microfacet Distribution Functions

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- **Isotropic Distributions**  $D(\omega) \Rightarrow D(\alpha)$   $\alpha = \angle N, H$

- $\alpha$  : angle to average normal of surface
- $m$  : average slope of the microfacets

- **Blinn:** 
$$D(\alpha) = \cos^{-\frac{\ln 2}{\ln \cos m}}(\alpha)$$

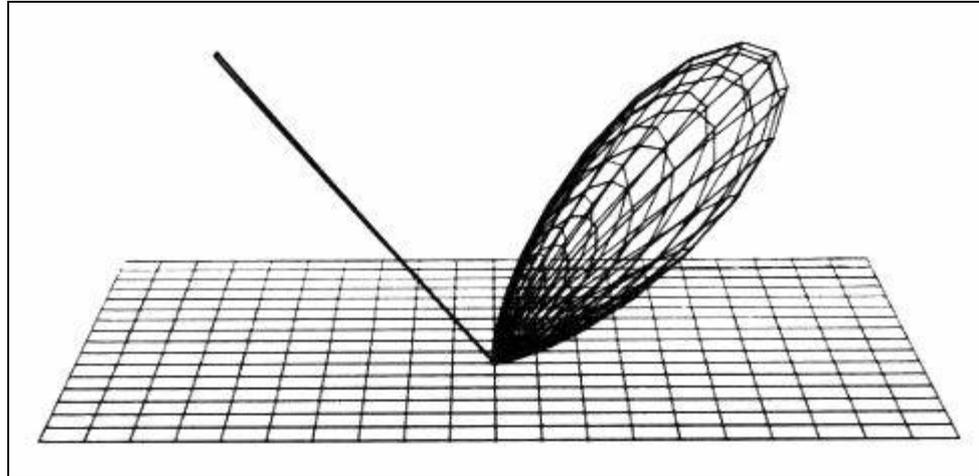
- **Torrance-Sparrow**  
– Gaussian 
$$D(\alpha) = e^{-\ln 2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{m}\right)^2}$$

- **Beckmann**  
– Used by Cook-Torrance 
$$D(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\pi m^2 \cos^4 \alpha} e^{-\left(\frac{\tan \alpha}{m}\right)^2}$$

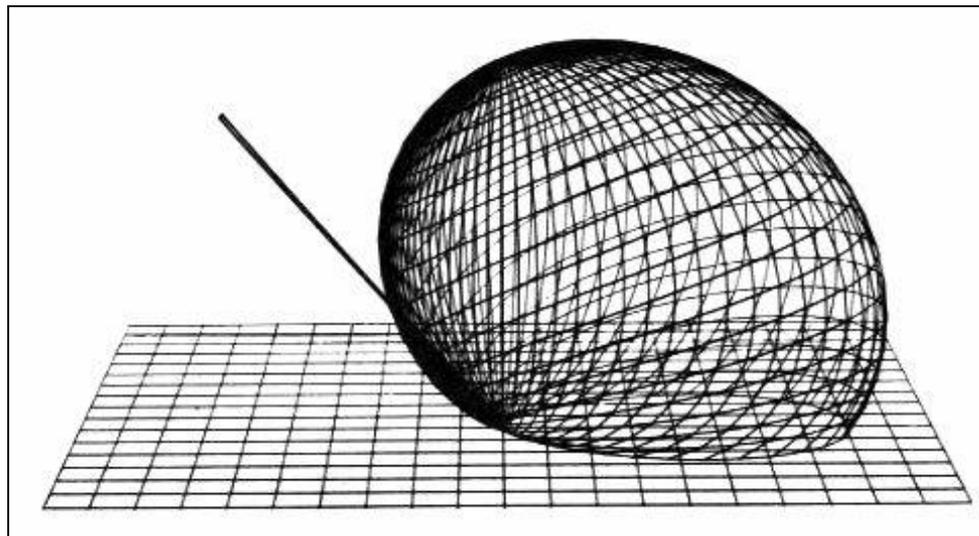
# Beckman Microfacet Distribution

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$m=0.2$



$m=0.6$



# Geometric Attenuation Factor

- V-shaped grooves
- Fully illuminated and visible

$$G = 1$$

- Partial masking of reflected light

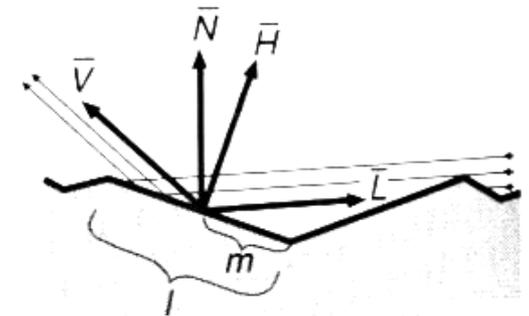
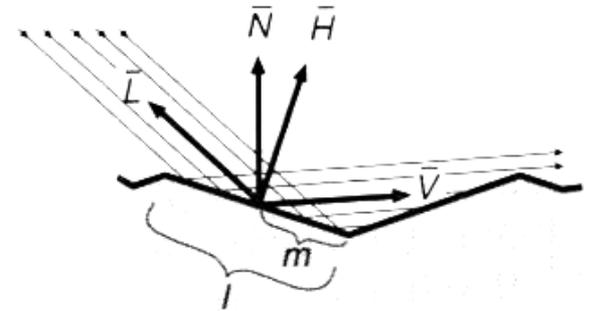
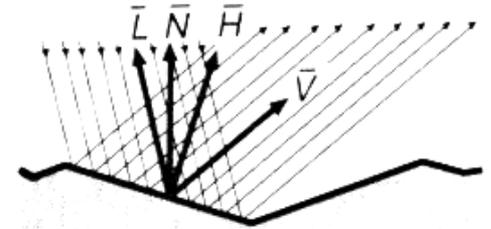
$$G = \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}$$

- Partial shadowing of incident light

$$G = \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{I})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}$$

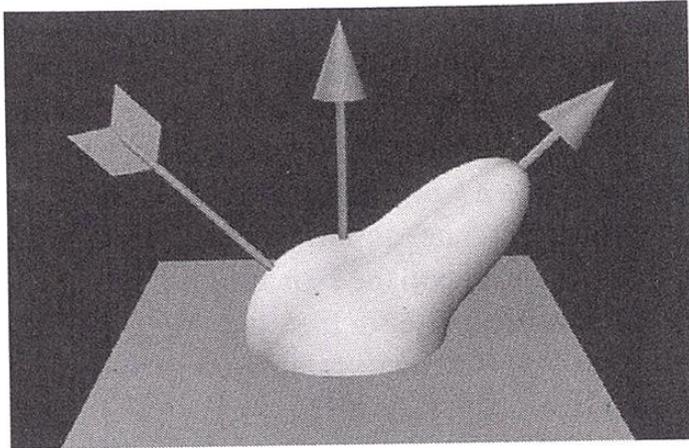
- Final

$$G = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{V})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})}, \frac{2(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{H})(\underline{N} \cdot \underline{I})}{(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{H})} \right\}$$

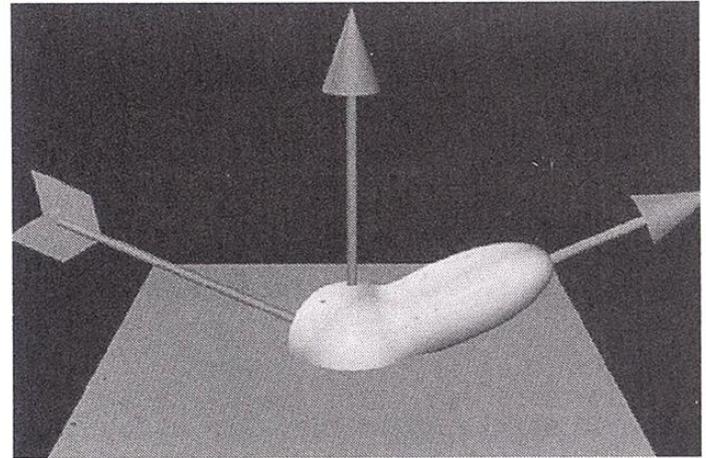


# Comparison Phong vs. Torrance

Phong:

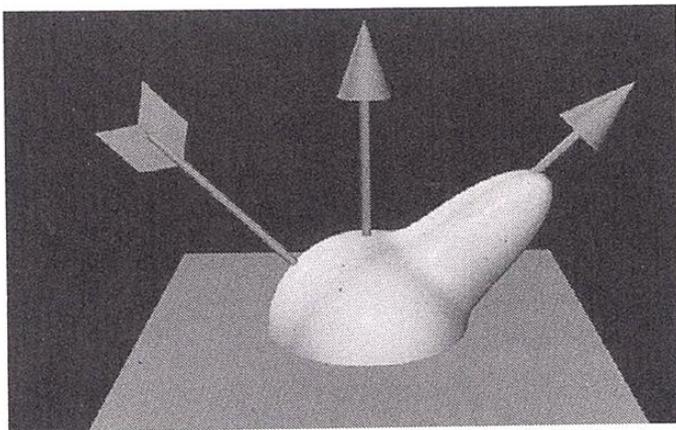


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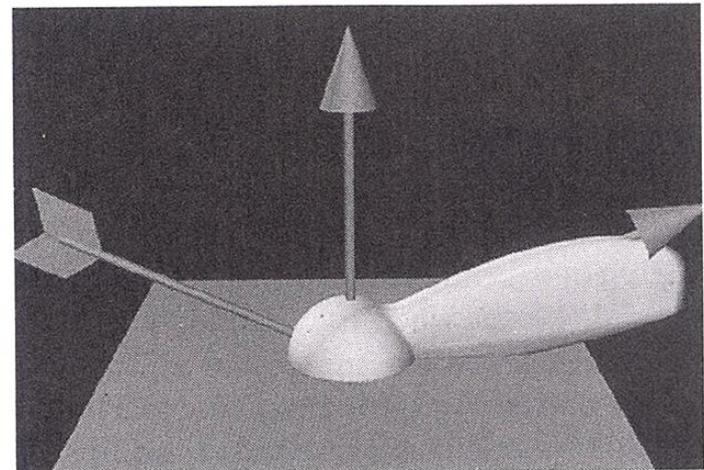


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Torrance:



(c)



(d)

# SHADING

# What is necessary?

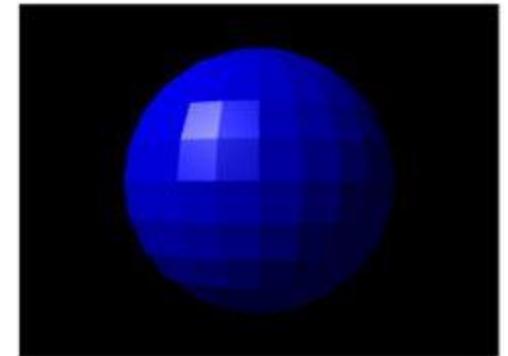
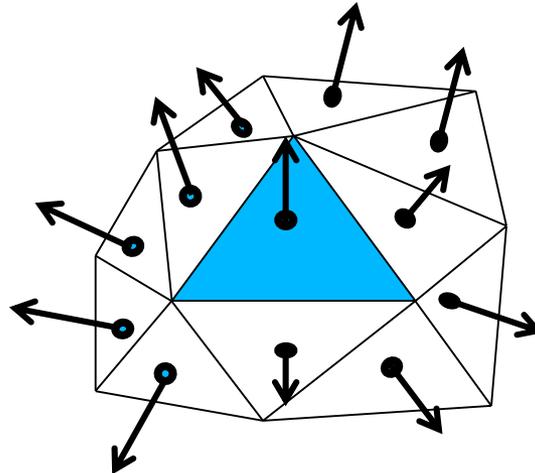
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- **View point position**
- **Light source description**
- **Reflectance model**
- **Surface normal / local coordinate frame**

# Surface Normals – Triangle Mesh

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- **Most simple: Constant Shading**
  - Fixed color per polygon/triangle
- **Shading Model: Flat Shading**
  - Single per-surface normal
  - Single color per polygon
  - Evaluated at one of the vertices (→ OGL) or at center



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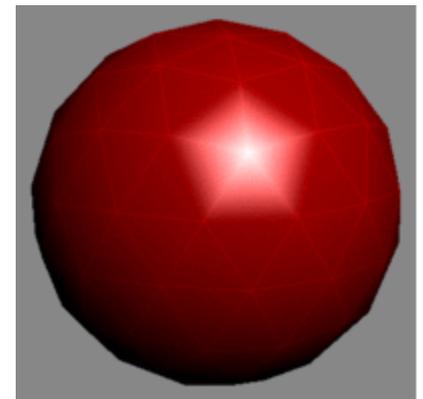
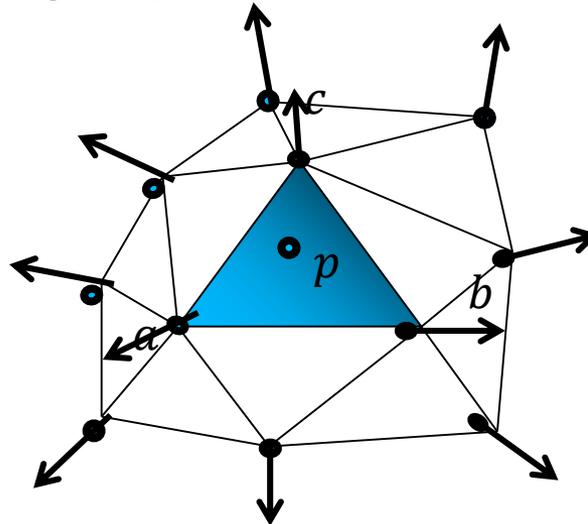
# Surface Normals – Triangle Mesh

- **Shading Model: Gouraud shading**

- Per-vertex normal
  - Can be computed from adjacent triangle normals (e.g. by averaging)
- Linear interpolation of the shaded colors
  - Computed at all vertices and interpolated
- Often results in shading artifacts along edges
  - **Mach Banding** (i.e. discontinuous 1st derivative)
  - Flickering of highlights (when one of the normal generates strong reflection)

$$L_x \sim f_r(\omega_o, n_x, \omega_i) L_i \cos \theta_i$$
$$L_p = \lambda_1 L_a + \lambda_2 L_b + \lambda_3 L_c$$

- **Barycentric interpolation** within triangle



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# Surface Normals – Triangle Mesh

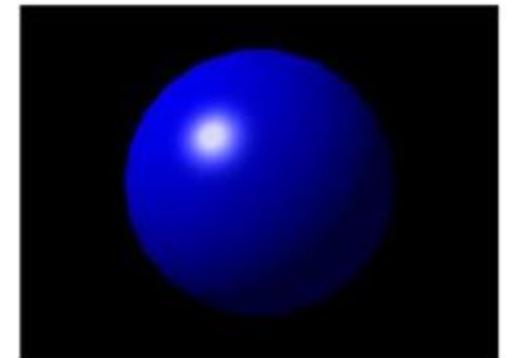
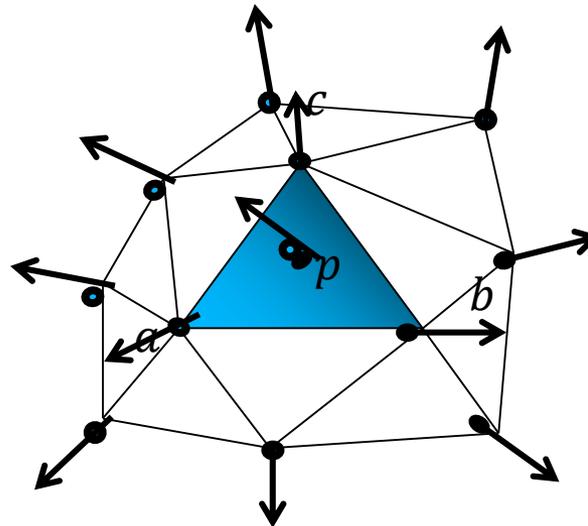
- **Shading Model: Phong shading**

- Linear interpolation of the surface normal
- Shading is evaluated at every point separately
- Smoother but still off due to hit point offset from apparent surface

$$n_p = \frac{\lambda_1 n_1 + \lambda_2 n_2 + \lambda_3 n_3}{\| \lambda_1 n_1 + \lambda_2 n_2 + \lambda_3 n_3 \|}$$

$$L_p \sim f_r(\omega_o, n_p, \omega_i) L_i \cos \theta_i$$

- Barycentric interpolation within triangle

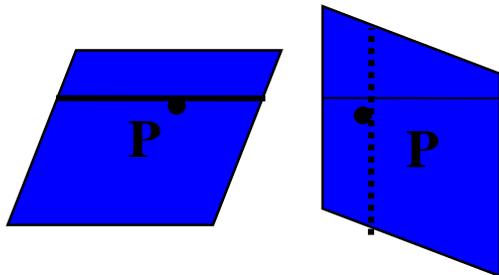


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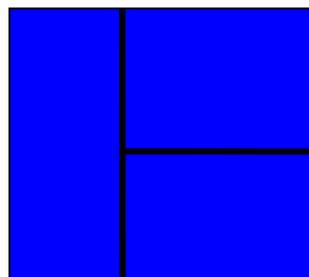
# Problems in Interpolated Shading

- **Issues**

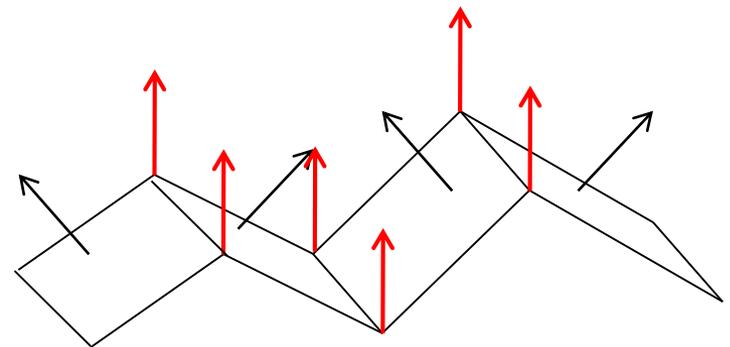
- Polygonal silhouette may not match the smooth shading
- Perspective distortion
  - Interpolation in 2-D screen space rather than world space (==> later)
- Orientation dependence
  - Only for polygons
  - Not with triangles (here linear interpolation is rotation-invariant)
- Shading discontinuities at shared vertices (T-edges)
- Unrepresentative normal vectors



Shading at **P** is interpolated along different scan-lines when polygon rotates.



T-edges

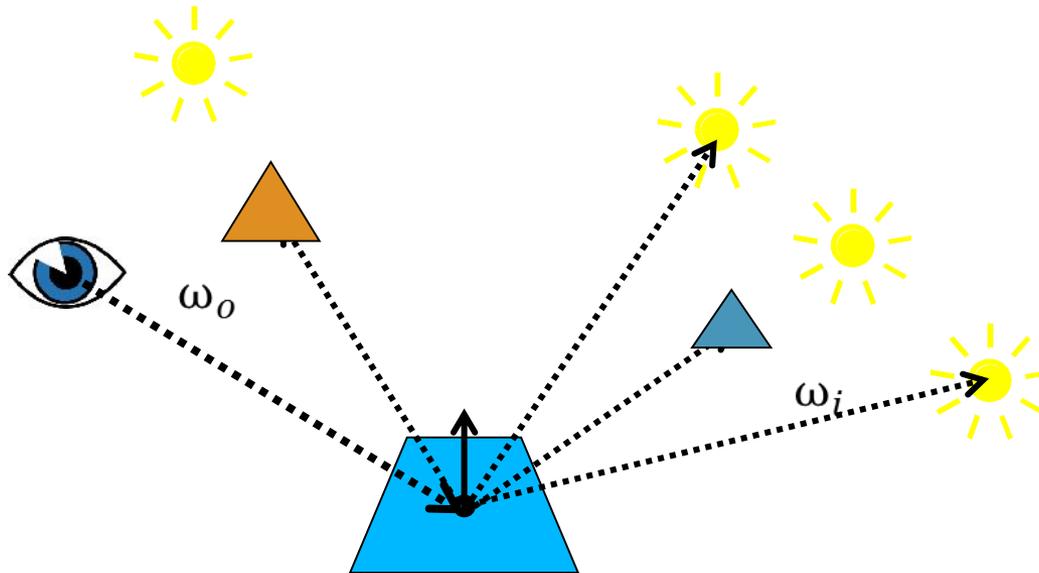


Vertex normals are all parallel

# Occlusions

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- **The point on the surface might be in shadow**
  - Rasterization (OpenGL):
    - Not easily done
    - Can use shadow map or shadow volumes (→ later)
  - Ray tracing
    - Simply trace ray to light source and test for occlusion



# Area Light sources

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- **Typically approximated by sampling**
  - Replacing it with some point light sources
    - Often randomly sampled
    - Cosine distribution of power over angular directions

