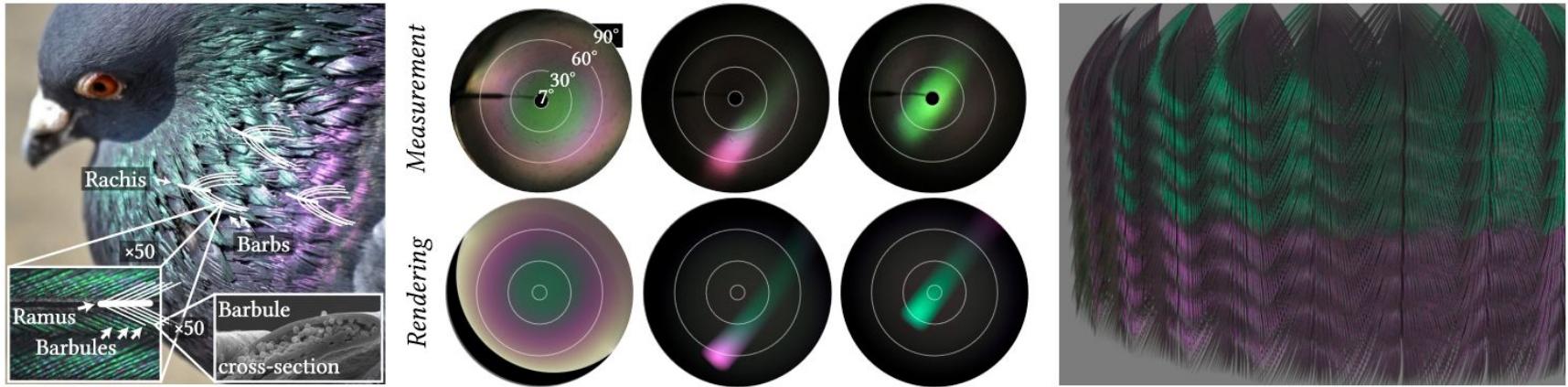


Rendering Iridescent Rock Dove Neck Feathers



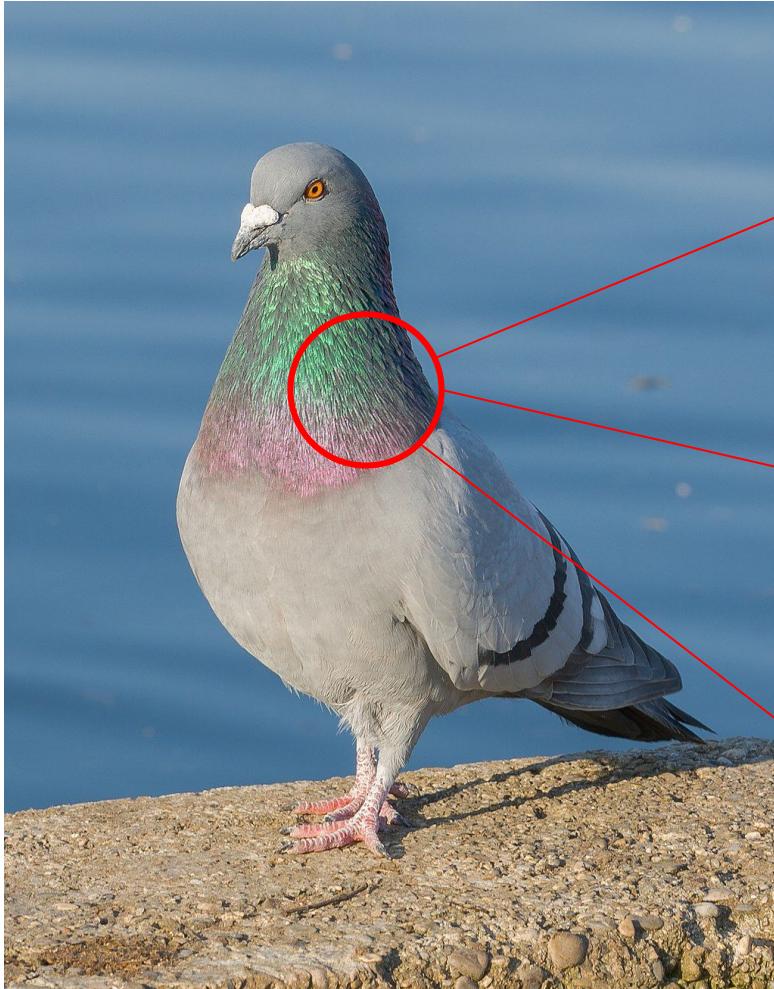
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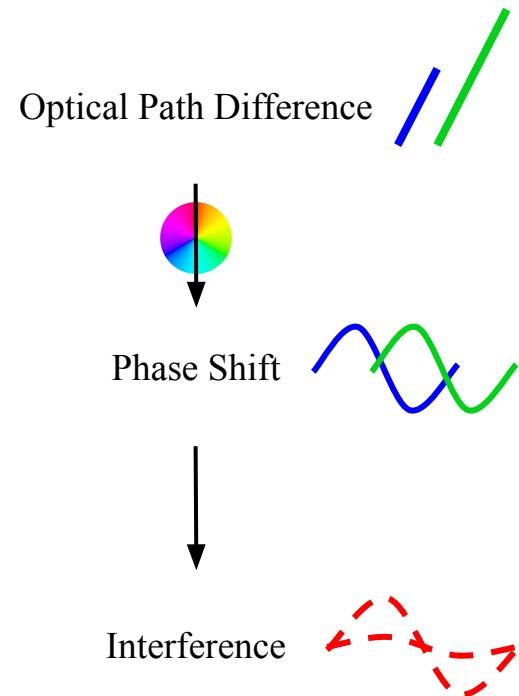
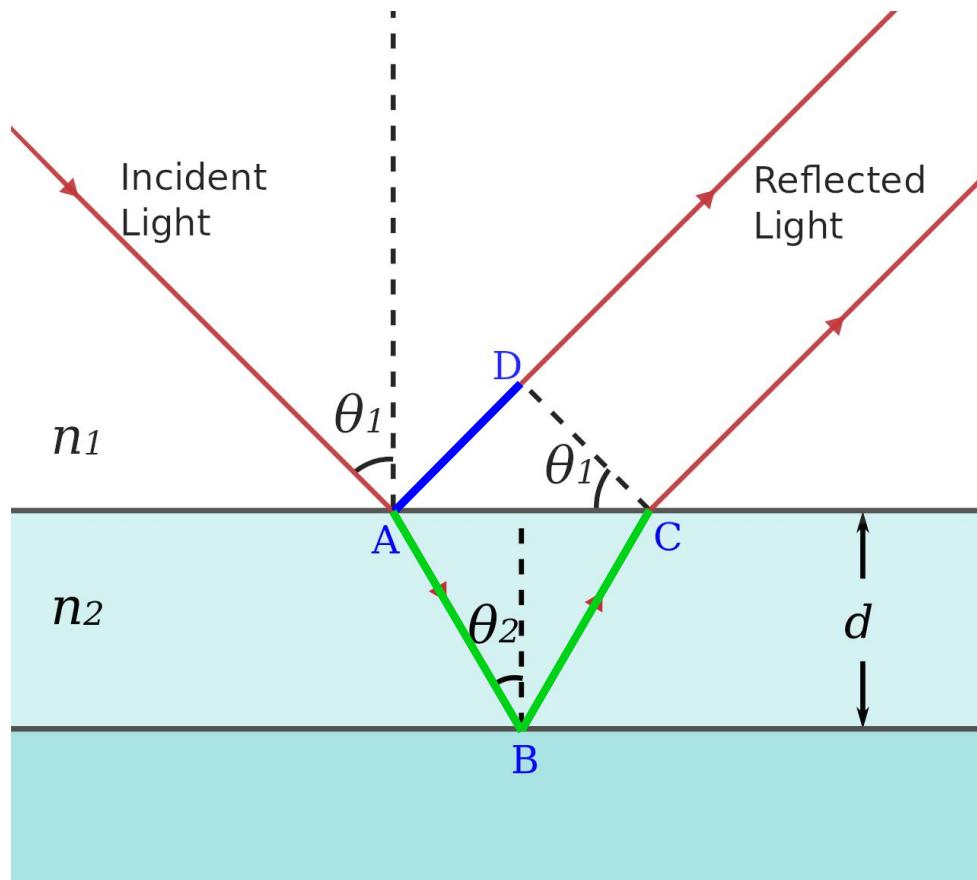
Rock Dove (*Columba livia*), Nymphenburg Palace, Munich, Germany



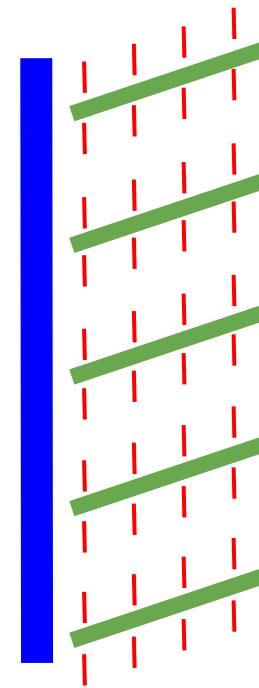
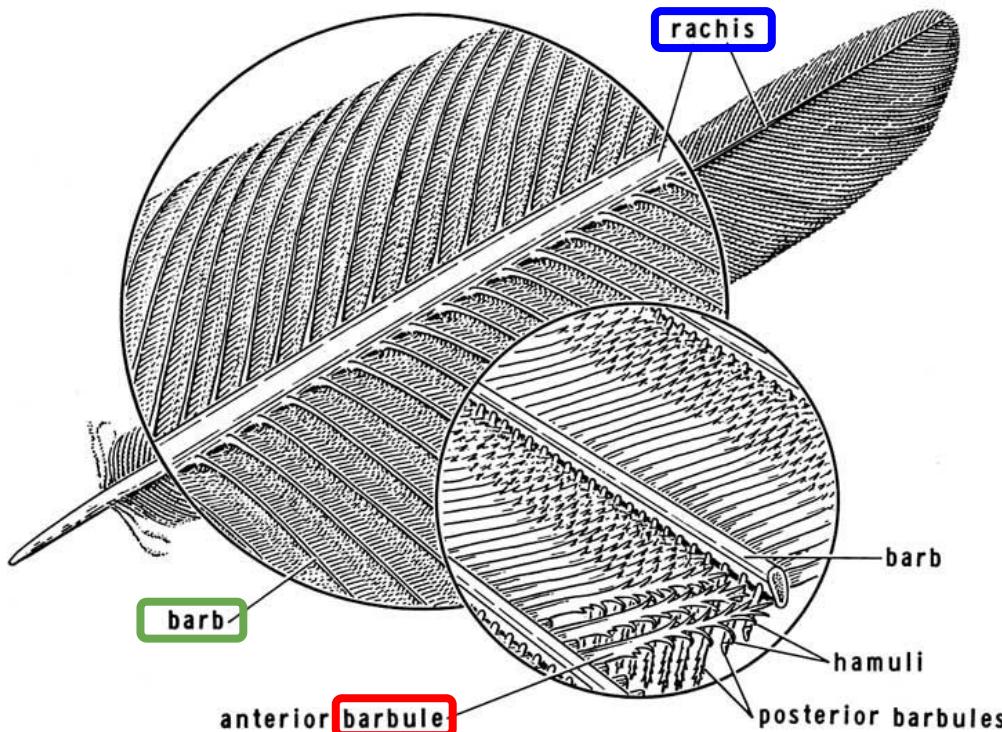
Iridescence

Color changes as the angle of view or the angle of illumination changes

Iridescence from Thin Film Interference

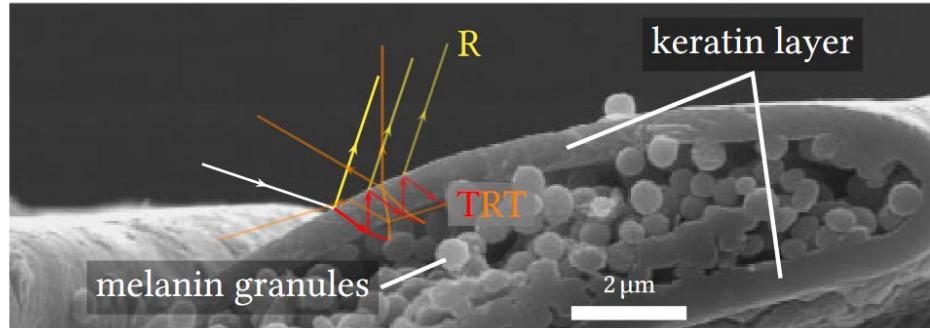


Feathers Structure

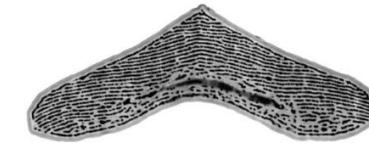


Name	Scale	Feature
Macro	>20 mm	Feather
Milli	0.3 mm	Barb
Micro	40 μm	Barbule
Nano	550 nm	Thin film

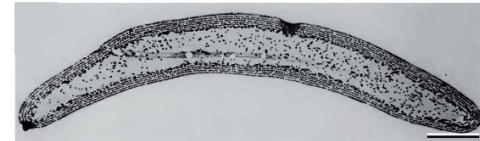
Feathers Structure - Barbules



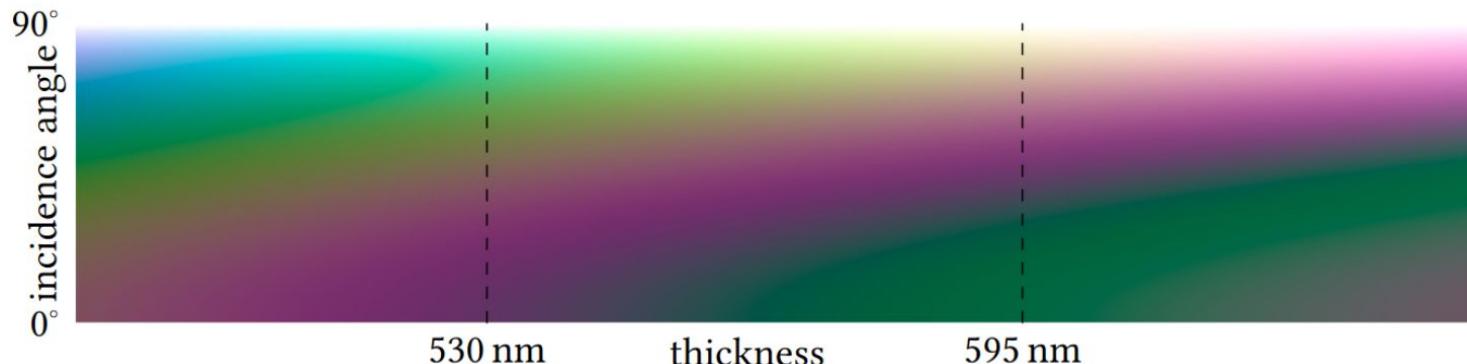
(c) Rock dove (*Columba livia*)



(a) Lawes' parotia (*Parotia lawesii*)



(b) Peacock (*Pavo cristatus*)



Designing the BSDF

**Bidirectional Scattering
Distribution Function** = BRDF (reflectance) + BTDF (transmittance)

$$L_o(\omega_o, \lambda) = \int L_i(\omega_i, \lambda) S(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda) \langle \omega_i, \vec{n} \rangle d\omega_i$$

Outgoing Radiance

Incoming Radiance

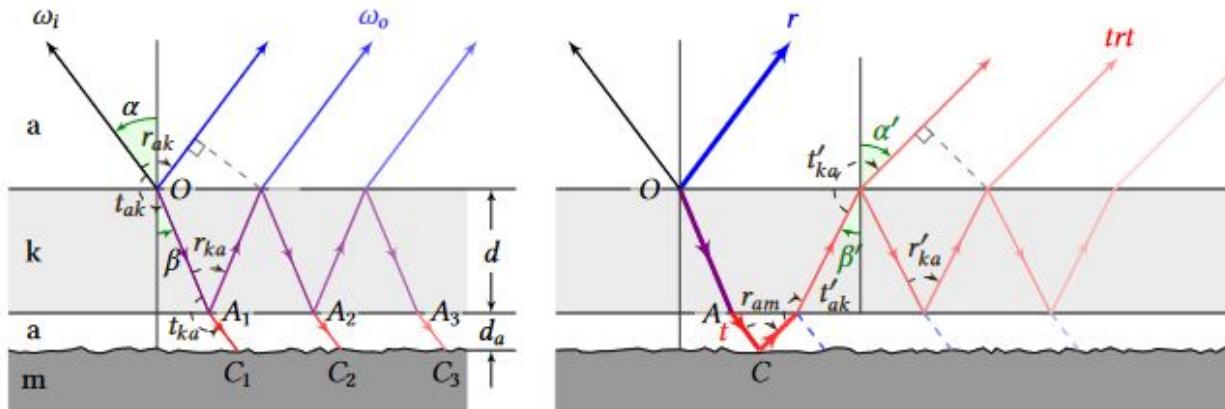
BSDF

Normal vector of
barbule plane

Designing the BSDF

$$L_o(\omega_o, \lambda) = \int L_i(\omega_i, \lambda) S(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda) \langle \omega_i, \vec{n} \rangle d\omega_i$$

↳ $S(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda) = S_R + S_{\text{TRT}} + S_T$



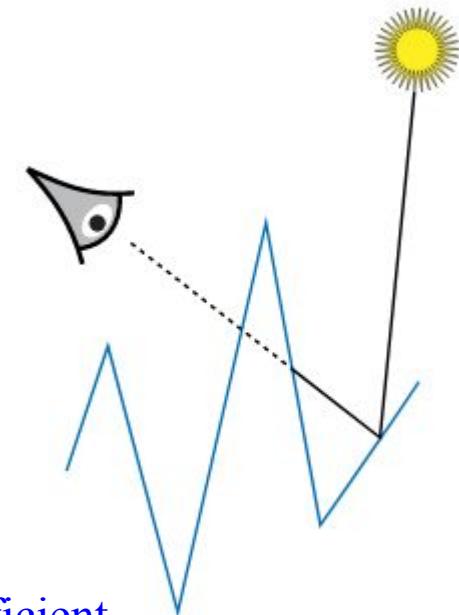
S_R : Microfacets Model

$$f_r(\omega_o, \omega_i) = \frac{D(\omega_h) G(\omega_o, \omega_i) F_r(\omega_o)}{4 \cos \theta_o \cos \theta_i}$$

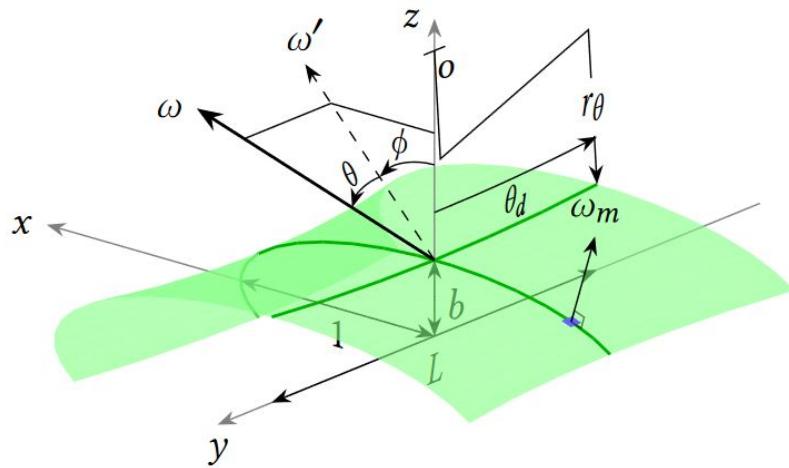
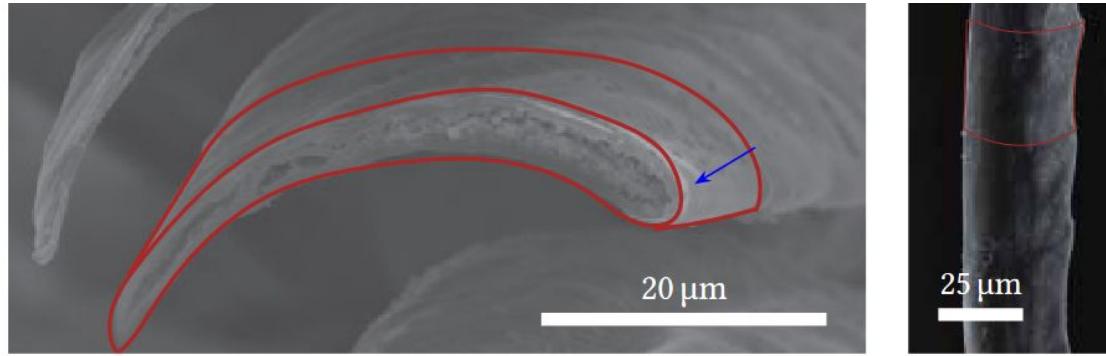
Normal distribution

Masking / Shadowing

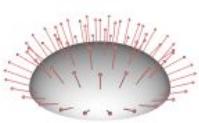
Fresnel coefficient



Normal Distribution - Geometry of the barbule



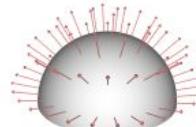
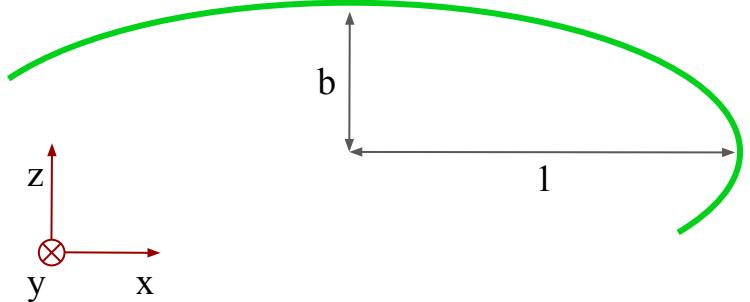
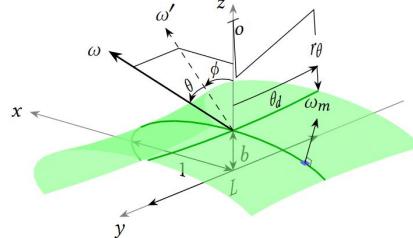
Normal Distribution - Geometry of the barbule



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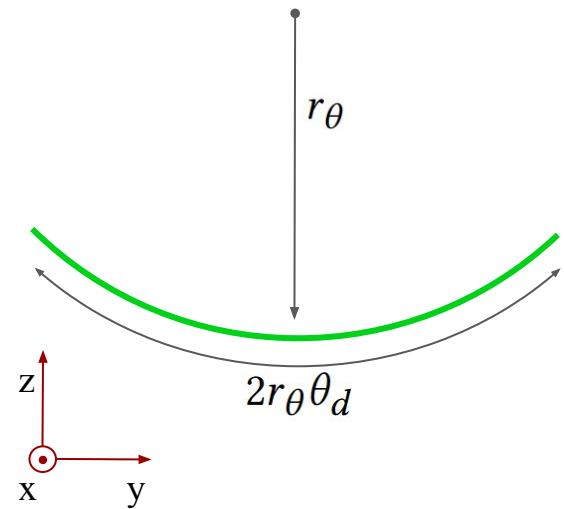
GGX NDF
(Normal Distribution Function)



hemisphere



NDF
(Normal Distribution Function)

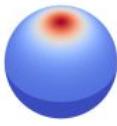


Normal Distribution - Geometry of the barbule

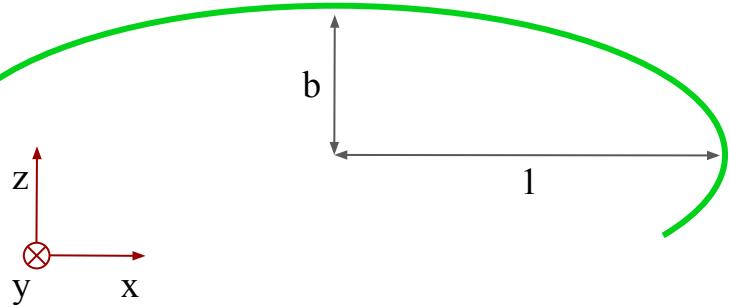
$$D_\phi(\phi_m) = \frac{1}{H\kappa(\phi_m)} = \frac{b^2}{H} \left(\sin^2 \phi_m + b^2 \cos^2 \phi_m \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$



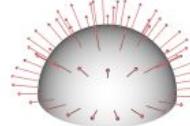
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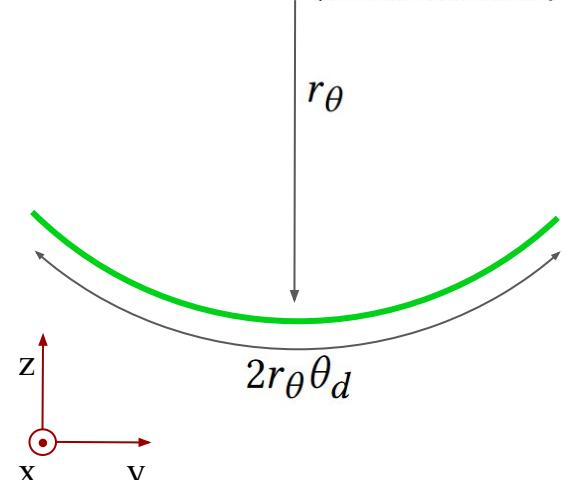
$$D_\theta(\theta_m) = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta_d}$$



hemisphere

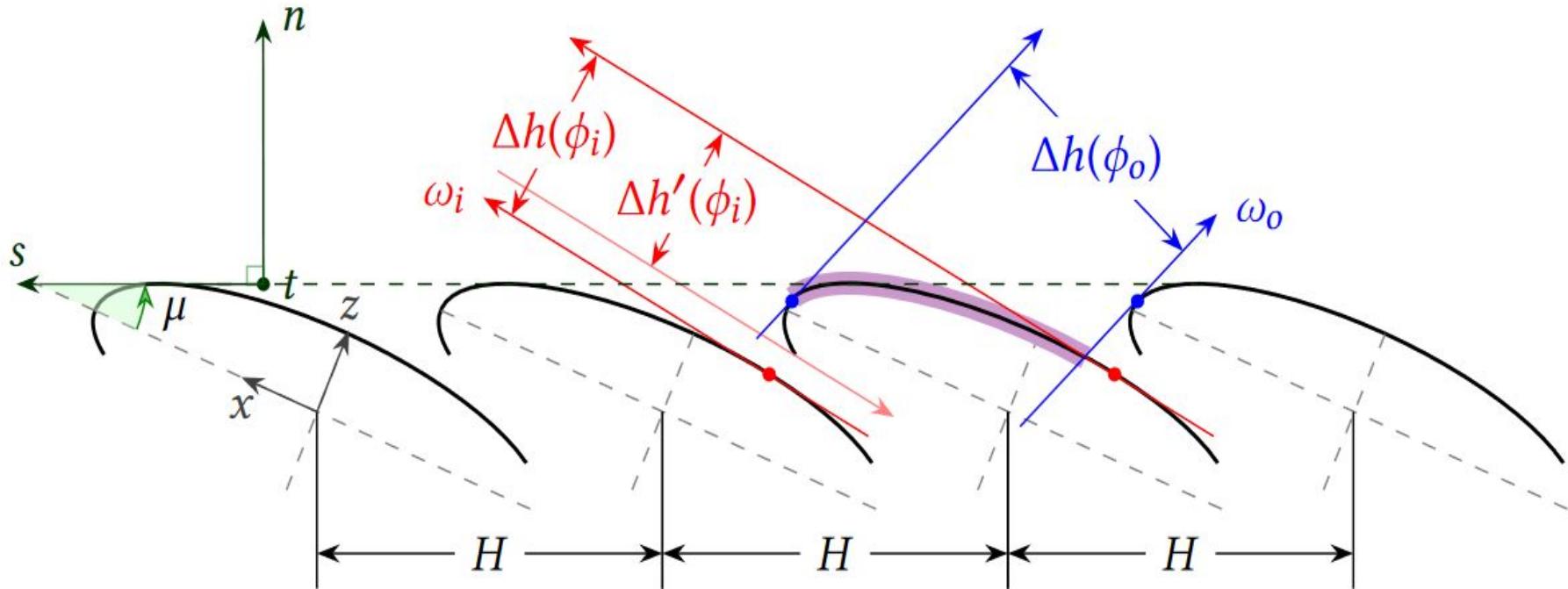


NDF
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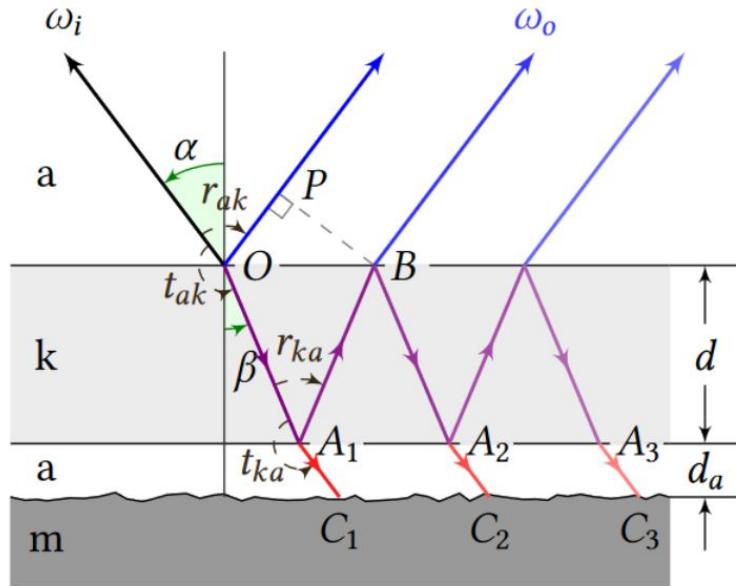


Masking / Shadowing

$$G(\omega_i, \omega_m, \omega_o)$$



Fresnel coefficient



Airy formula

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D} &= \eta_k (\overline{OA_1} + \overline{A_1B}) - \eta_a \overline{OP} \\ &= 2d\eta_k \cos \beta\end{aligned}$$

$$r = r_{ak} + \frac{t_{ak}r_{ka}t_{ka}e^{i\Delta\psi}}{1 - r_{ka}^2 e^{i\Delta\psi}}$$

$$I_R = |r|^2$$

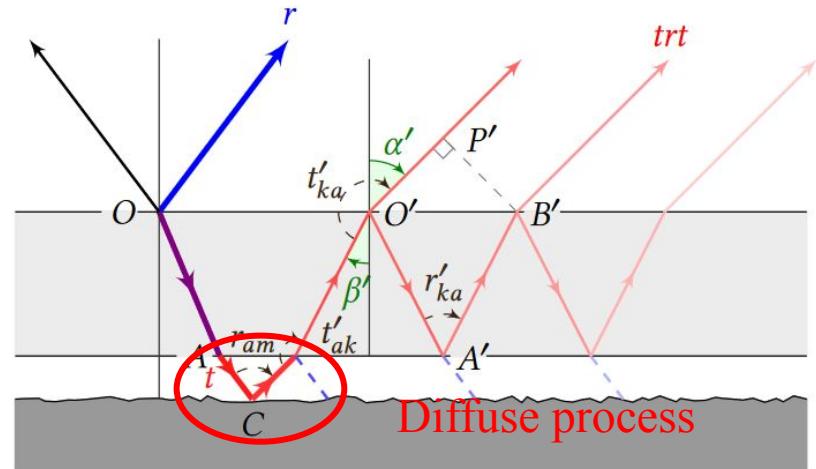
$$t = \frac{t_{ak}t_{ka}}{1 - r_{ka}^2 e^{i\Delta\psi}}$$

$$I_{\text{TRT}} = \left| \frac{tr_{am}t'_{ak}t'_{ka}}{1 - (r'_{ka})^2 e^{i\Delta\psi'}} \right|^2$$

S_{TRT} : Diffuse Surface Model

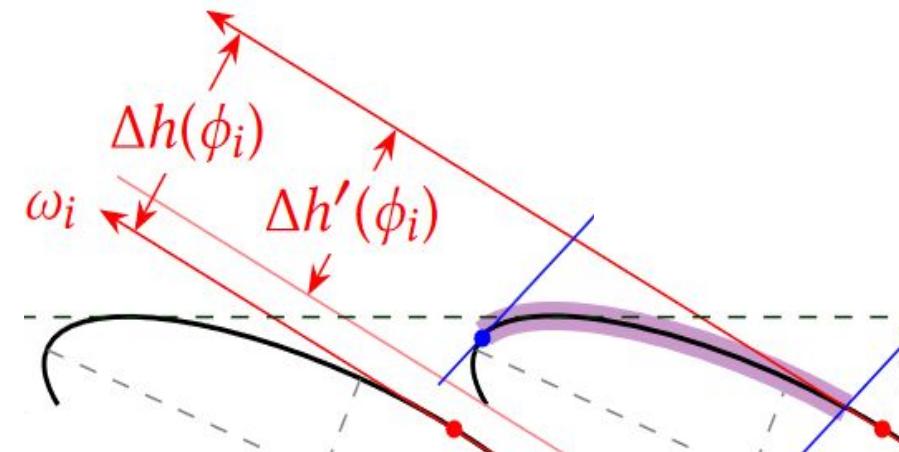
$$S_{\text{TRT}}(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda) = \frac{\rho(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda)}{\pi},$$

$$\rho(\omega_i, \omega_o, \lambda) = \frac{1}{A_i} \iint I_{\text{TRT}}(\omega_i, \omega_m, \omega_o) \, dh \, dl$$



S_T : Transmission

$$S_T(\omega_i, -\omega_i, \lambda) = 1 - \frac{\Delta h'(\phi_i)}{\Delta h(\phi_i)}$$



In practice

ALGORITHM 1: Importance Sampling Barbule BSDF

Output: pdf, ω_o , sample value

sample valid h and l and compute $\omega_m(h, l)$;

calculate $I_R(\omega_i, \omega_m)$ according to Eq. (2);

sample ω_o^{TRT} from the cosine-weighted upper hemisphere around
 \vec{n} ;

$\omega_o^{\text{TRT}} *= \text{sgn}\langle \omega_m, \omega_o^{\text{TRT}} \rangle$;

calculate $I_{\text{TRT}}(\omega_i, \omega_m, \omega_o^{\text{TRT}})$ according to Eq. (3);

generate uniform random sample $\xi \sim [0, I_R + I_{\text{TRT}} + \Delta h_i / \Delta h'_i - 1]$;

if $\xi < I_R$ **then** /* choose R lobe */

 | $\omega_o = \text{reflect}(\omega_i, \omega_m)$; pdf = $0.25 I_R D(\omega_m) / \langle \omega_i, \vec{n} \rangle$;

else if $\xi < I_R + I_{\text{TRT}}$ **then** /* choose TRT lobe */

 | $\omega_o = \omega_o^{\text{TRT}}$; pdf = $I_{\text{TRT}} |\omega_o.z| / \pi$;

else /* choose T lobe. */

 | $\omega_o = -\omega_i$; pdf = $\Delta h_i / \Delta h'_i - 1$;

end

if sample position visible from ω_o **then**

 | pdf /= $I_R + I_{\text{TRT}} + \Delta h_i / \Delta h'_i - 1$;

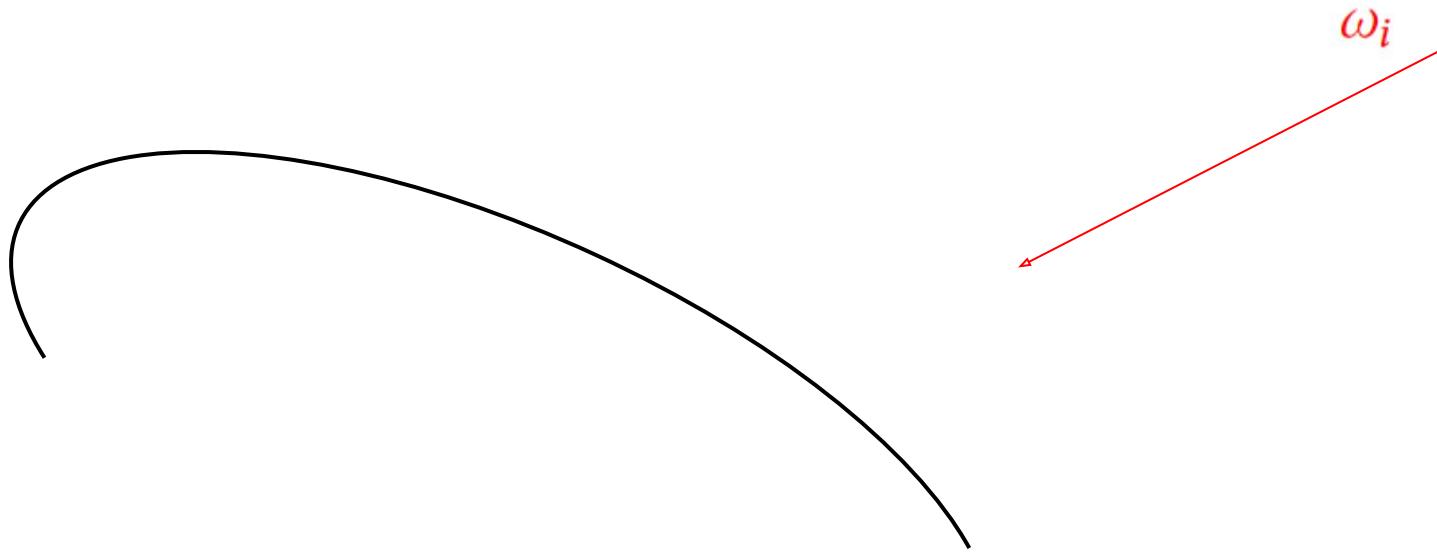
 | sample value = $(I_R + I_{\text{TRT}} - 1) \Delta h'_i / \Delta h_i + 1$;

else

 | reject sample;

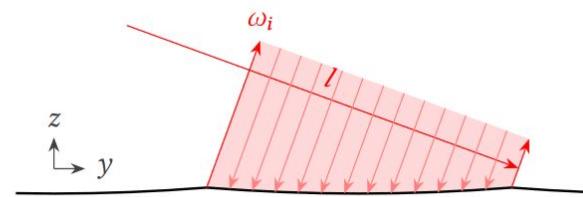
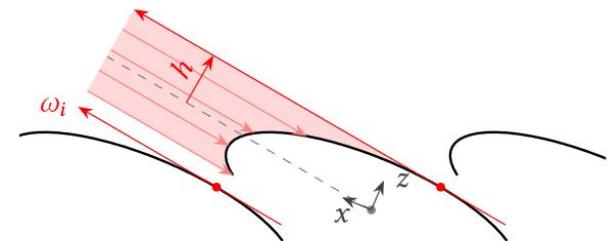
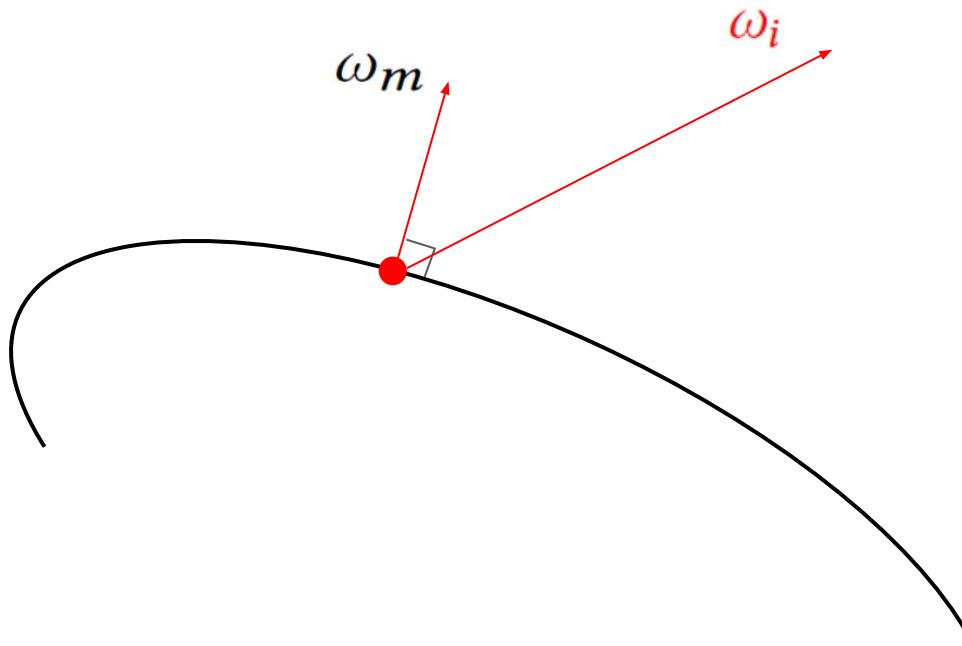
end

In practice



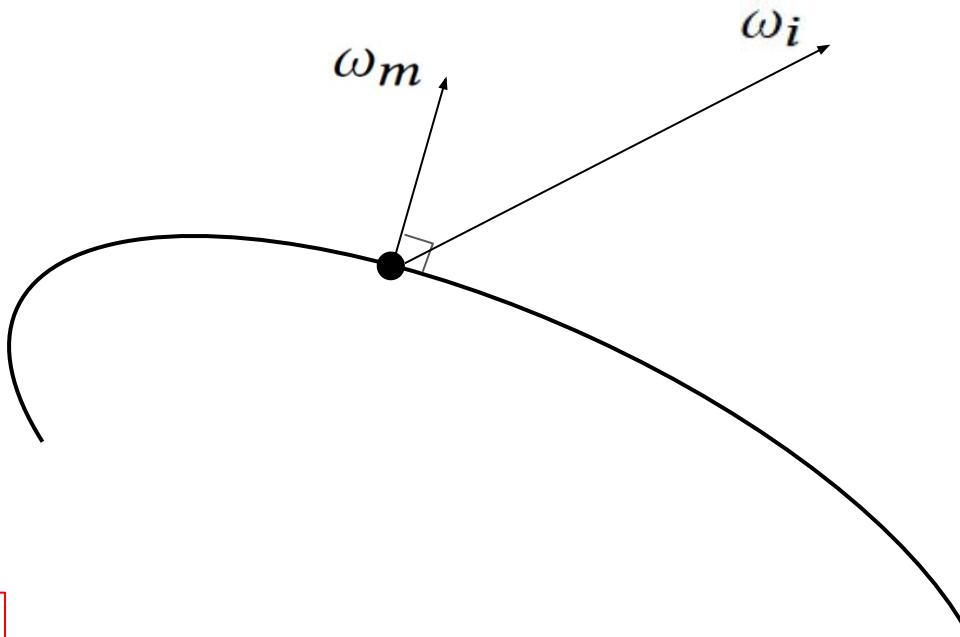
In practice

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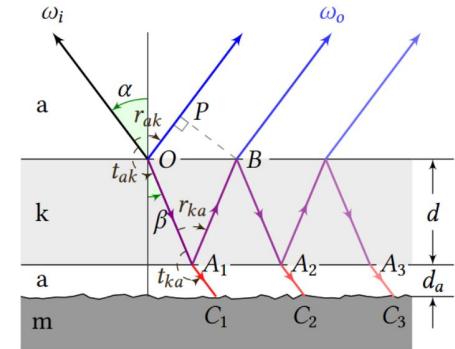


In practice

calculate $I_R(\omega_i, \omega_m)$ according to Eq. (2);



I_R

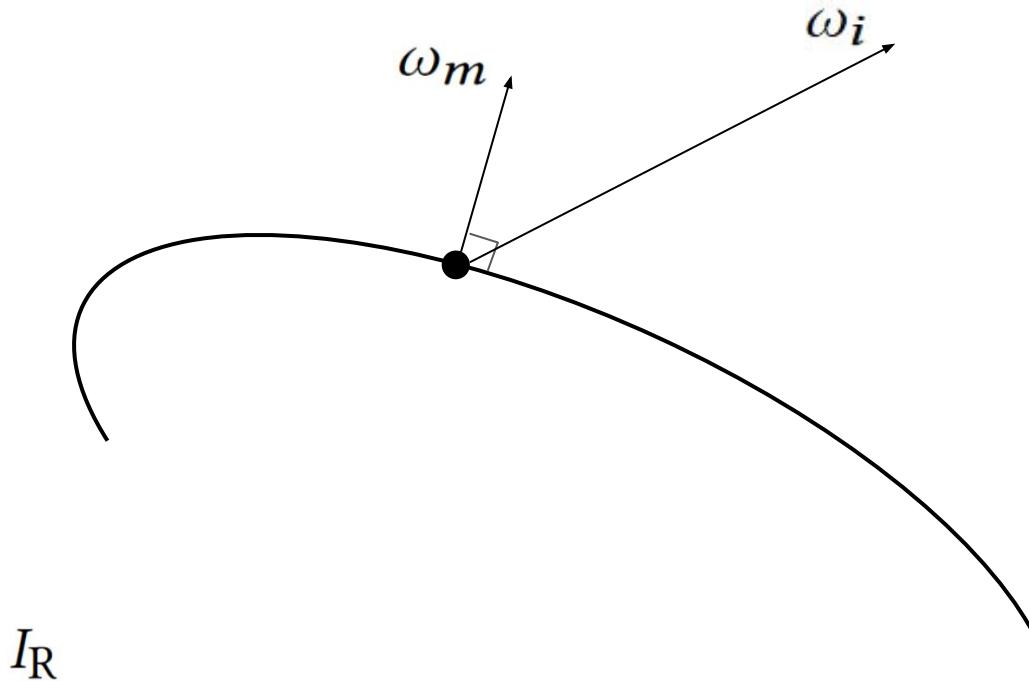


$$r = r_{ak} + \frac{t_{ak} r_{ka} t_{ka} e^{i\Delta\psi}}{1 - r_{ka}^2 e^{i\Delta\psi}}$$

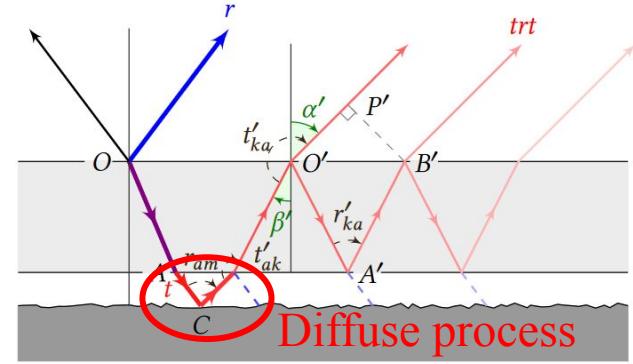
$$I_R = |r|^2$$

In practice

sample ω_o^{TRT} from the cosine-weighted upper hemisphere around \vec{n} ;
 $\omega_o^{\text{TRT}} *= \text{sgn}(\omega_m, \omega_o^{\text{TRT}})$;
calculate $I_{\text{TRT}}(\omega_i, \omega_m, \omega_o^{\text{TRT}})$ according to Eq. (3);



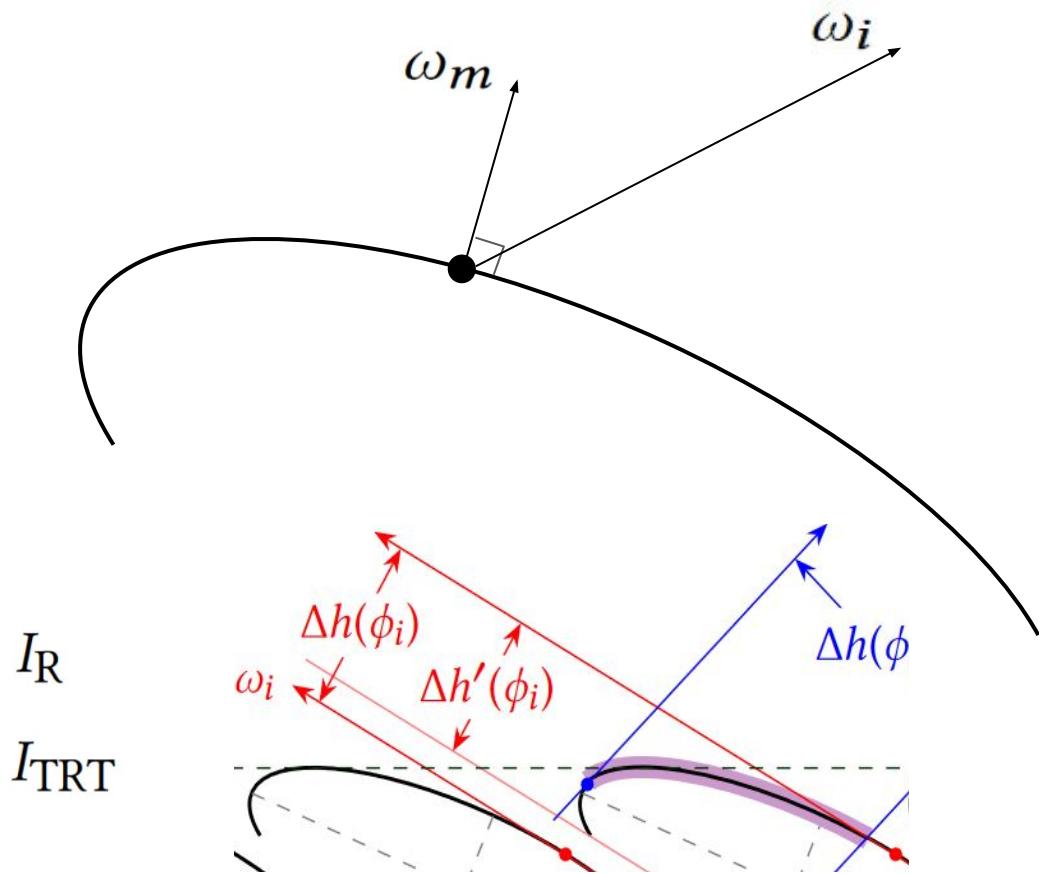
I_{TRT}



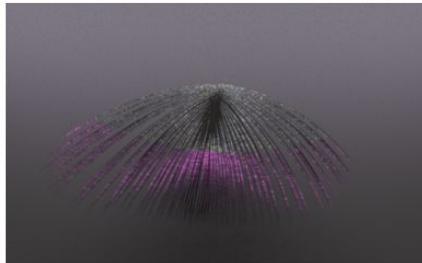
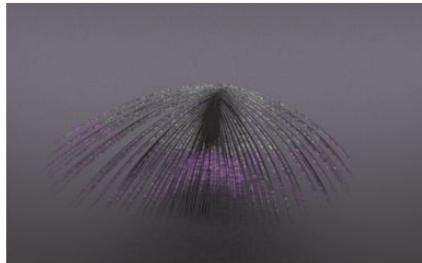
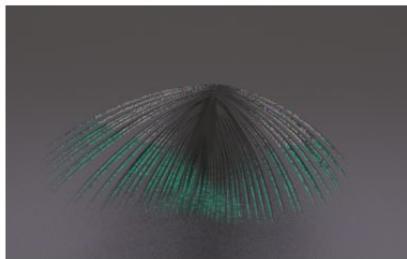
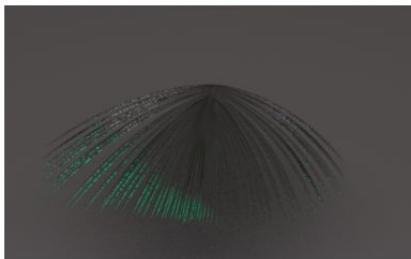
$$I_{\text{TRT}} = \left| \frac{tram t'_{ak} t'_{ka}}{1 - (r'_{ka})^2 e^{i\Delta\psi'}} \right|^2$$

In practice

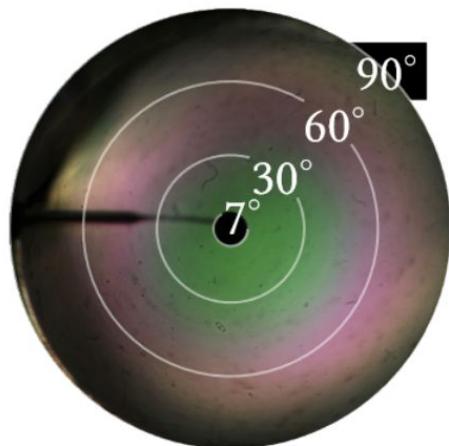
generate uniform random sample $\xi \sim [0, I_R + I_{\text{TRT}} + \Delta h_i / \Delta h'_i - 1]$;



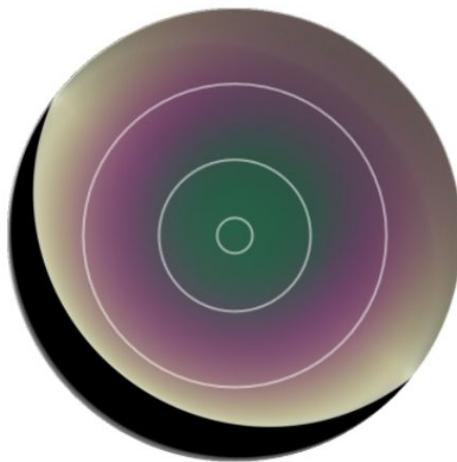
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if  $\xi < I_R$  then
  /* choose R lobe */
else if  $\xi < I_R + I_{\text{TRT}}$  then
  /* choose TRT lobe */
else
  /* choose T lobe. */
end
```



Measurement



Rendering



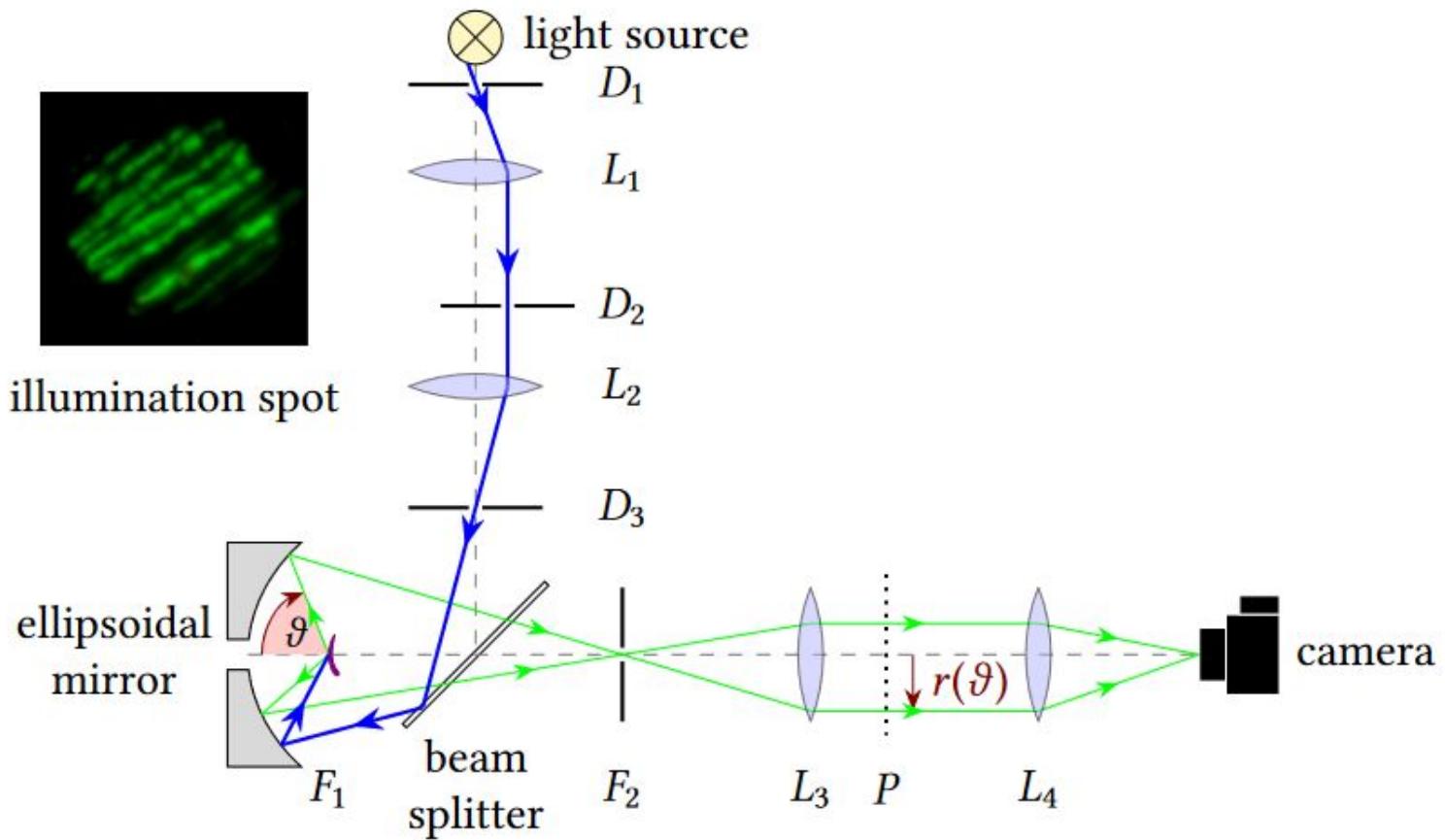
(b) Omnidirectional



(c) Direction 1

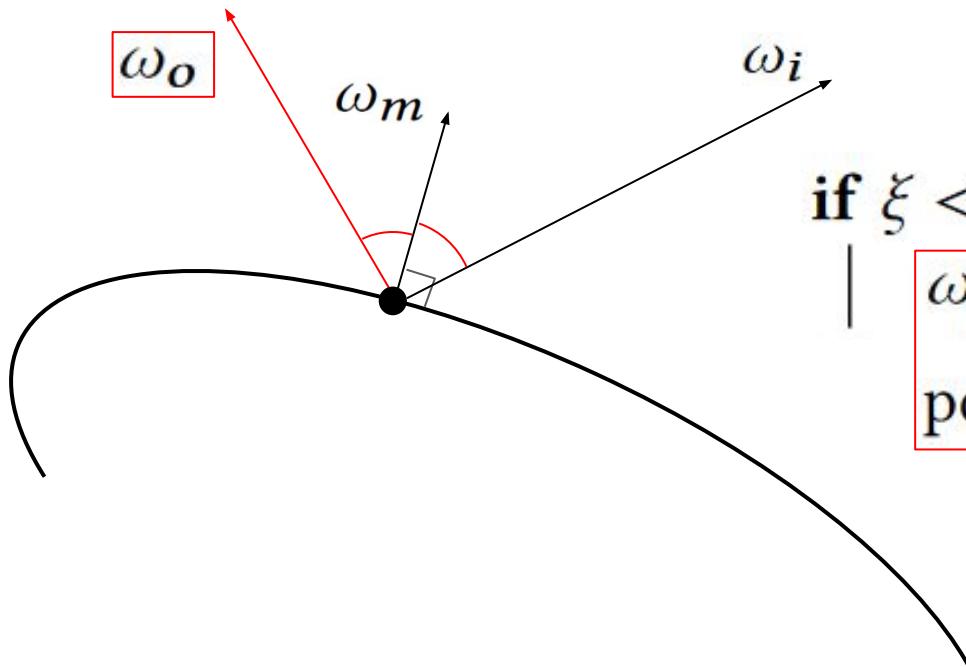


(d) Direction 2



In practice

/* choose R lobe */



if $\xi < I_R$ **then**

$\omega_o = \text{reflect}(\omega_i, \omega_m);$

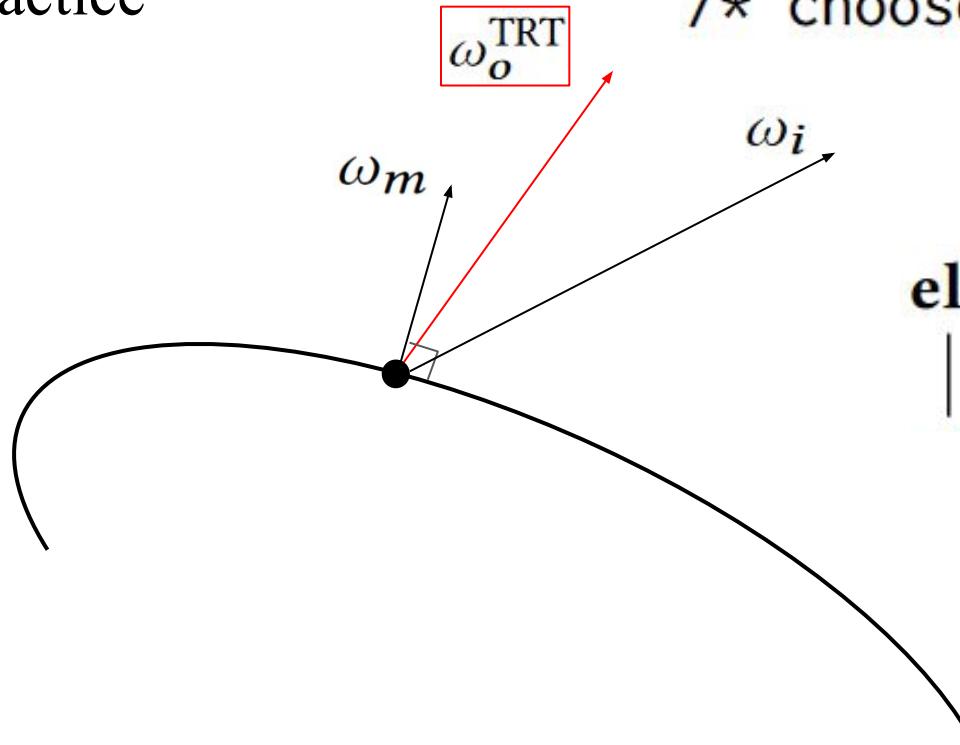
$\text{pdf} = 0.25 I_R D(\omega_m) / \langle \omega_i, \vec{n} \rangle;$

apply microfacet brdf

I_R

I_{TRT}

In practice



/* choose TRT lobe */

else if $\xi < I_R + I_{\text{TRT}}$ **then**

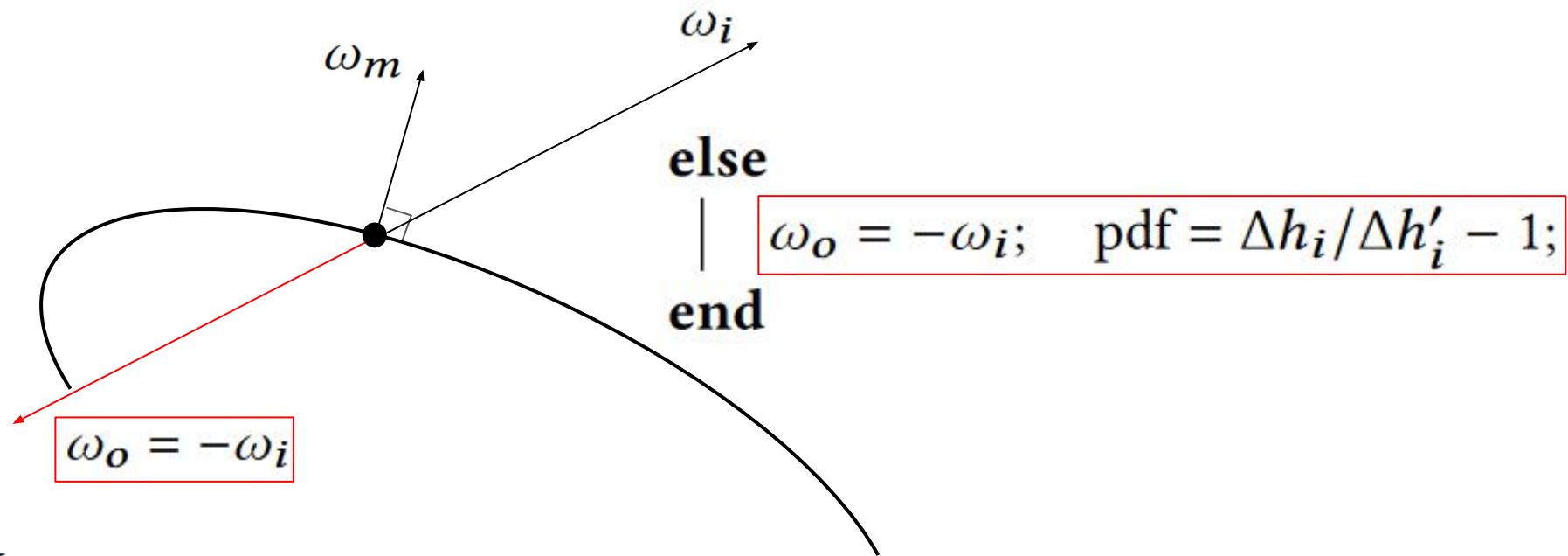
$\omega_o = \omega_o^{\text{TRT}};$
 $\text{pdf} = I_{\text{TRT}} |\omega_o.z| / \pi;$

I_R

I_{TRT}

In practice

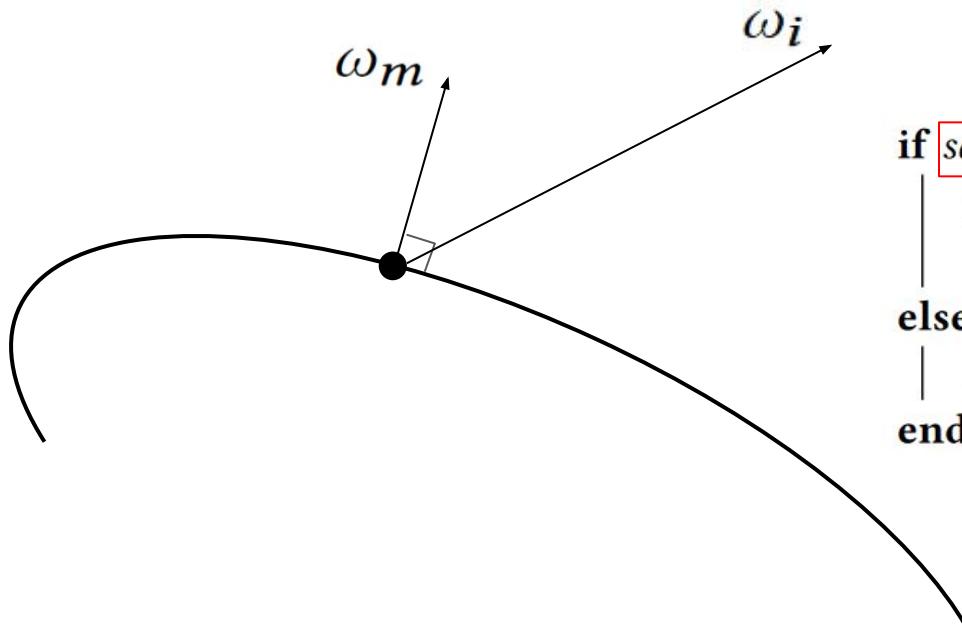
/* choose T lobe. */



I_R

I_{TRT}

In practice



masking / shadowing

```
if sample position visible from  $\omega_o$  then
    pdf =  $I_R + I_{TRT} + \Delta h_i / \Delta h'_i - 1$ ;
    sample value =  $(I_R + I_{TRT} - 1) \Delta h'_i / \Delta h_i + 1$ ;
else
    reject sample;
end
```