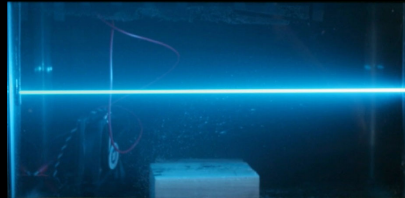


# Scattering



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## Volumetric Scattering

- Global light transport in **participating media**
- Single scattering
  - optically thin media
- Multiple scattering
  - optically dense media
- Subsurface scattering

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## Atmospheric scattering



Diego Gutierrez

- Single and multiple scattering

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## Clouds



<http://mev.fopf.mipt.ru/>

- Multiple scattering inside clouds, single scattering in God rays!

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## Light beams



Wojciech Jarosz

- Single scattering of light in dust particles

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## Subsurface scattering

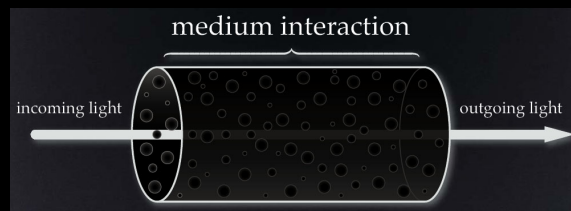


Henrik Wann Jensen

- Multiple scattering inside a material

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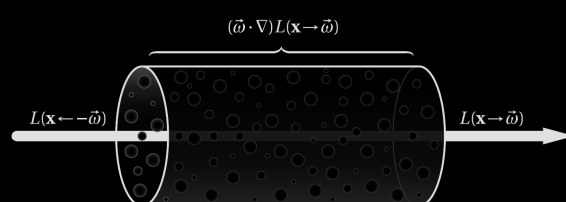
## Volumetric Scattering



- Participating media
  - particles distributed in a volume of 3D space
- Absorption
- Emission
- Scattering

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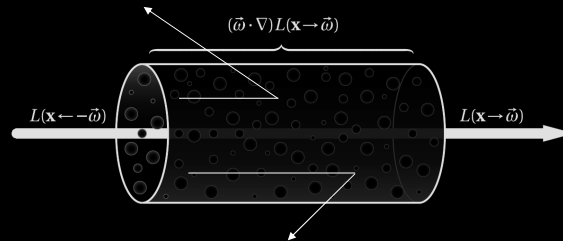
## Absorption



- $L_o(\mathbf{x}, \omega) - L_i(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = dL_o(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = -\sigma_a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) L_i(\mathbf{x}, -\omega) dt,$ 
  - Absorption cross-section  $\sigma_a$ : probability density of absorption per unit distance ( $m^{-1}$ )

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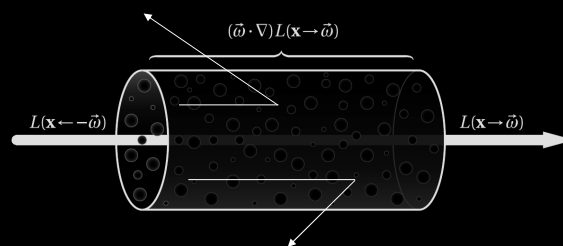
## Out-scattering



- $dL_o(x, \omega) = -\sigma_s(x, \omega) L_i(x, -\omega) dt,$ 
  - Scattering coefficient  $\sigma_s$ : probability density of out-scatter per unit distance ( $m^{-1}$ )

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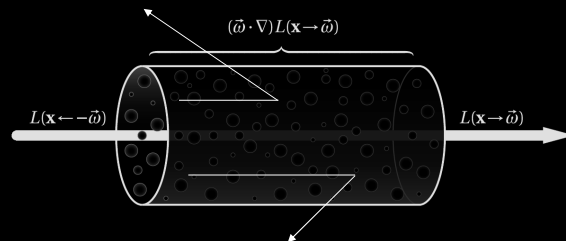
## Extinction



- $\sigma_t(x, \omega) = \sigma_a(x, \omega) + \sigma_s(x, \omega)$ 
  - Extinction coefficient  $\sigma_t$ : probability density of radiance reduction per unit distance ( $m^{-1}$ )
- Integrating the differential equation:
 
$$T_r(x \rightarrow x') = \exp\left(-\int_0^d \sigma_t(x + td, \omega) dt\right), \text{ transport coefficient}$$

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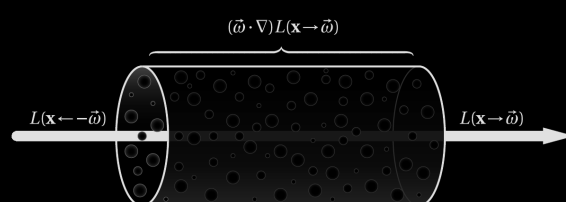
## Homogeneous media



- $\sigma_t(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$  constant in homogeneous media
- $T_r(\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\sigma_t d)$ , Beer's Law

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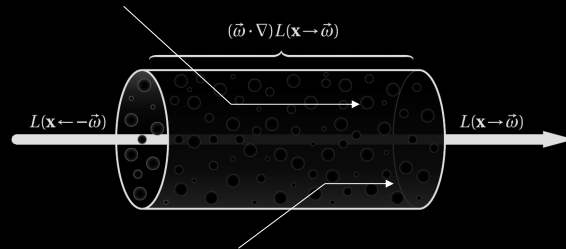
## Emission



- $dL_o(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = Q(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dt$ ,
  - $Q(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ : emitted radiance added per unit distance

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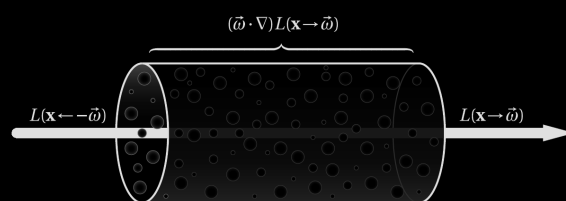
## In-scattering



- In-scattering described by **phase function**  $p(\omega \rightarrow \omega')$ 
  - Volumetric analog of BRDF
- $\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega} p(\omega \rightarrow \omega') d\omega' = 1$

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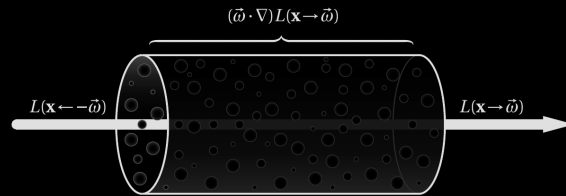
## Added radiance



- Total added radiance: emission + in-scattering  
 $dL_o(x, \omega) = \mathbf{S}(x, \omega) dt,$
- $\mathbf{S}(x, \omega) = \mathbf{Q}(x, \omega) + \sigma_s(x, \omega) \int_{\Omega} p(x, -\omega' \rightarrow \omega) L_i(x, \omega') d\omega'.$

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## Radiative transfer



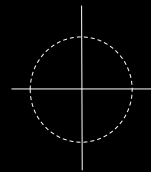
- Volume rendering equation :

$$dL_o(x, \omega) = -\sigma_t(x, \omega) L_i(x, -\omega) dt + S(x, \omega) dt.$$

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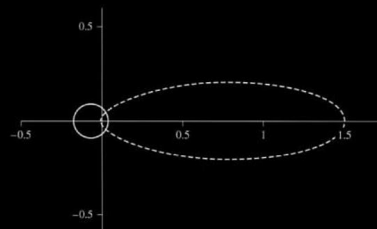
## Phase Function

- Isotropic:  $p(\omega \rightarrow \omega') = 1/4\pi$



- Anisotropic: Henyey-Greenstein

$$p_{HG}(\cos\theta) = \frac{1 - g^2}{4\pi (1 + g^2 - 2g\cos\theta)^{3/2}}$$

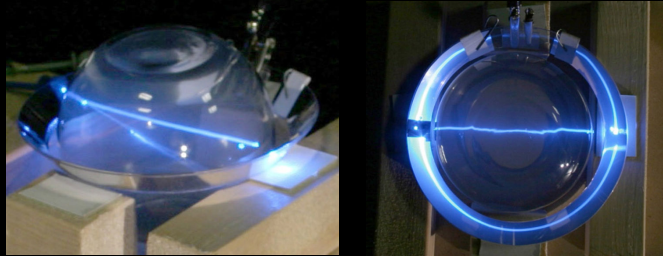


- $\theta$  is the angle between  $\omega$  &  $\omega'$
- $g \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ ,
- $g = +1$  forward scattering,  $-1$  backward scattering,  $0$  isotropic scattering.

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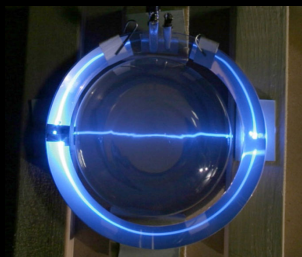
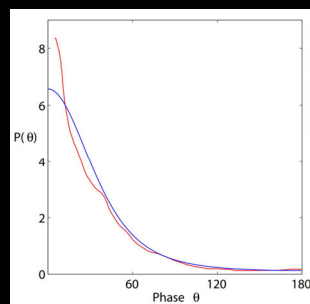
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- Phase function measurement
  - Conical mirror at  $45^\circ$ , laser beam through volume of smoke trapped in glass bowl
  - 1D measurement of the phase function via conical mirror to fit the  $g$  parameter of the H-G phase function
  - highly forward scattering  $g$

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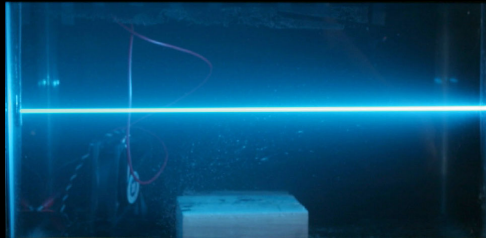
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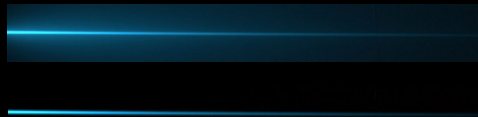
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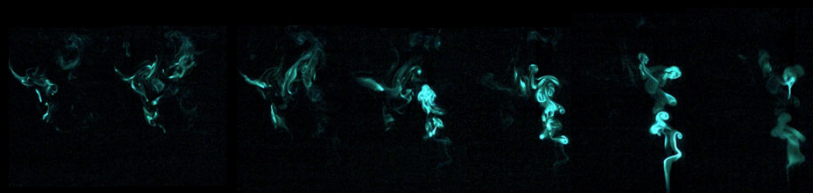
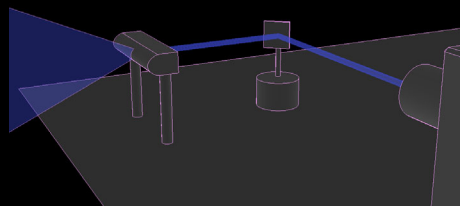


- Albedo  $\alpha = \sigma_s / \sigma_t$ 
  - extinction in tank
  - removal of multiple scattering by subtracting background airlight



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## Measuring scattering in smoke Hawkins et al. 05



- Laser sweep for density measurement of each plane of smoke
- Stacking of planes to construct a volume of smoke for rendering

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## Measuring scattering in smoke Hawkins et al. 05



- MC path tracing of smoke volume using PBRT

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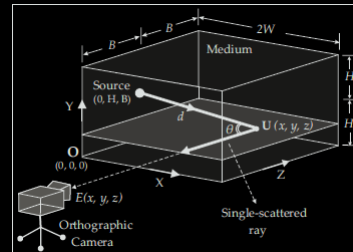
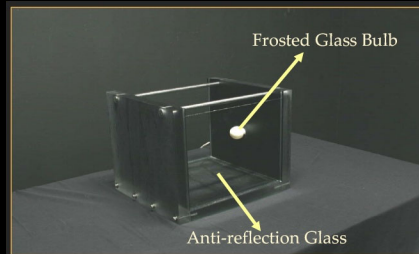
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- Dilute water measurement of **single scattering**

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- Dilute water measurement of **single scattering**

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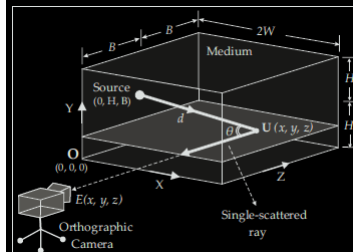
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$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{I_0}{d^2} \cdot e^{-\sigma d} \cdot \beta P(g, \pi - \theta) \cdot e^{-\sigma z}.$$

$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + (y-H)^2 + (z-B)^2}, \quad \cos \theta = (z-B)/d \quad (1)$$

$$E(x, y) = \int_0^{2B} E(x, y, z) dz$$

$$= \beta \int_0^{2B} \frac{I_0 e^{-\sigma(z + \sqrt{x^2 + (y-H)^2 + (z-B)^2})}}{x^2 + (y-H)^2 + (z-B)^2} P(g, \pi - \theta) dz.$$



- Dilute water measurement of **single scattering**

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## Measuring scattering in water – Narasimhan et al. 06



measurement  
concentration



simulated actual  
concentration

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## Radiative Transport

$$(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)L(x, \vec{\omega}) = -\sigma_t L(x, \vec{\omega}) + \sigma_s \int_{4\pi} p(\vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') L(x, \vec{\omega}') d\vec{\omega}' + s(x, \vec{\omega})$$

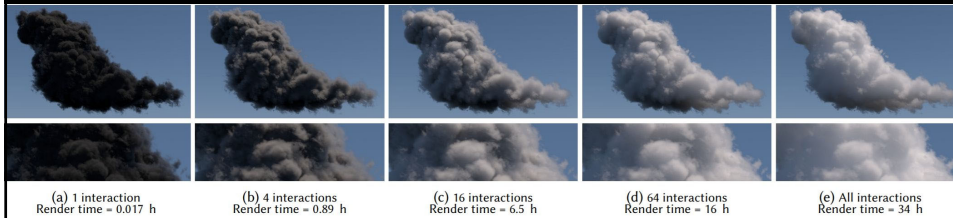
extinction  
in-scattering  
source term

- Costly computation for rendering of highly scattering materials
- Light also diffuses with multiple scattering!

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## Accelerating Cloud Rendering

[Kallweit et al. 2017]

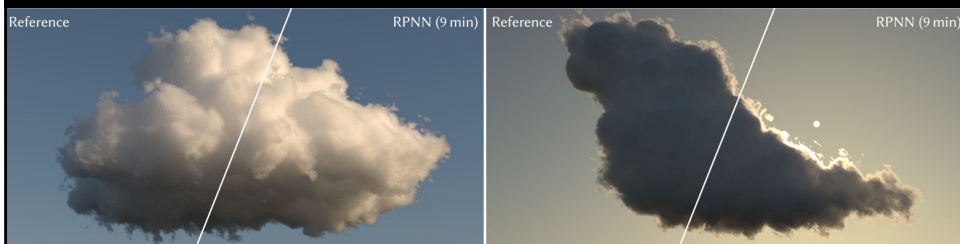


- Multiple scattering in clouds can be very expensive due to high albedo of cloud particles!

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## Accelerating Cloud Rendering

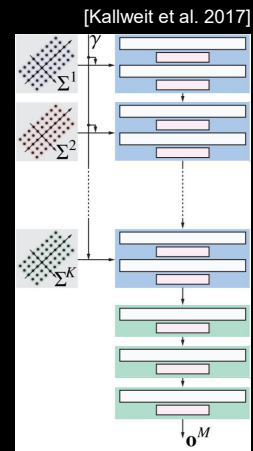
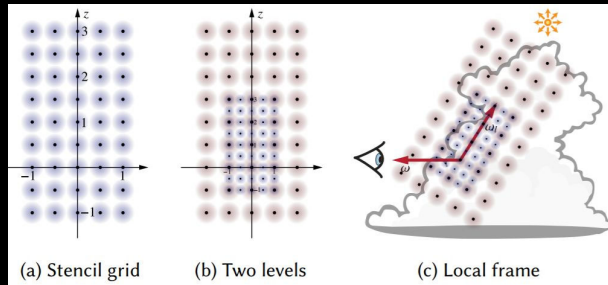
[Kallweit et al. 2017]



- Multiple scattering is clouds predicted using neural networks. Single scattering and direct reflection still rendered using MC rendering.
- Multiple scattering can very directional in a cloud volume. Hence, a low-resolution 3D descriptor of the cloud volume is employed to correctly predict the spatial and direction distribution of radiance using an MLP.

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## Accelerating Cloud Rendering

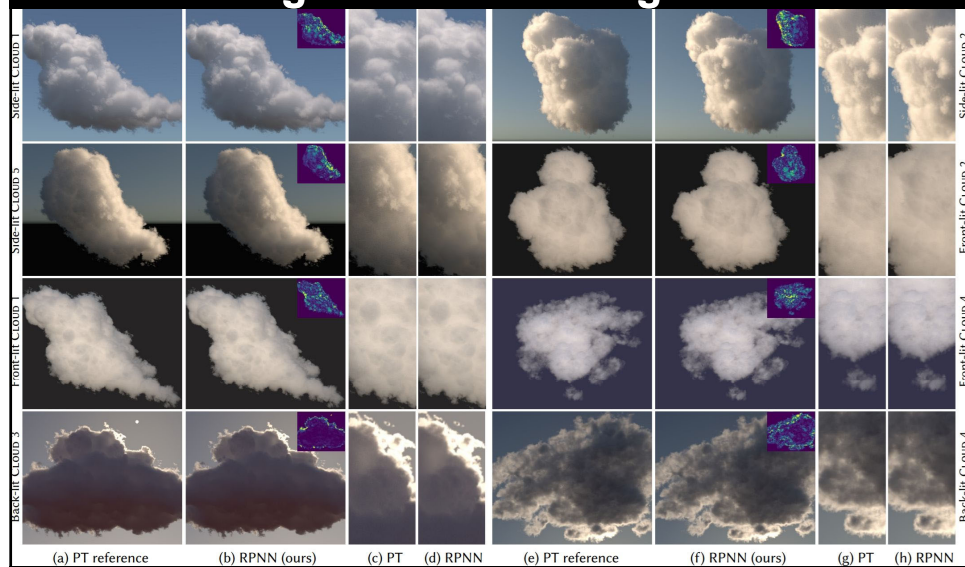


- A 5x5x9 hierarchical descriptor is constructed and oriented towards the light inside the volume.
- The descriptor is an input to an MLP network for prediction of the directional radiance distribution. The MLP network processes the stencil hierarchically from coarse scale to fine scale for the prediction.

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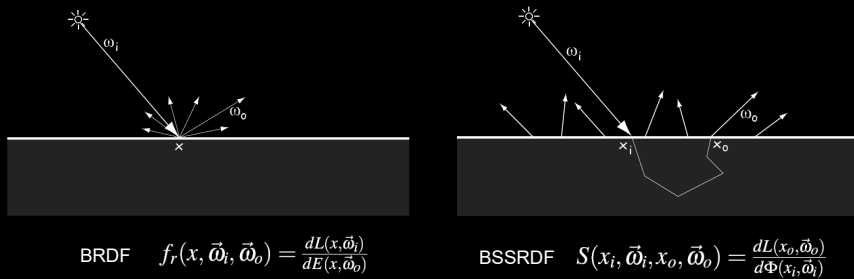
[Kallweit et al. 2017]



24x speedup over pathtracing for environmental illumination, >1000x speedup for just sunlight

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## Subsurface scattering

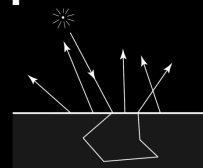


- Bidirectional surface scattering distribution function (BSSRDF), 8D function
  - generalizes the 4D BRDF of surface reflection to transport across material

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## Diffuse BSSRDF – Jensen et al. 01

$$R_d(r) = \frac{(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{E}(x_o))}{d\Phi_i(x_i)}$$

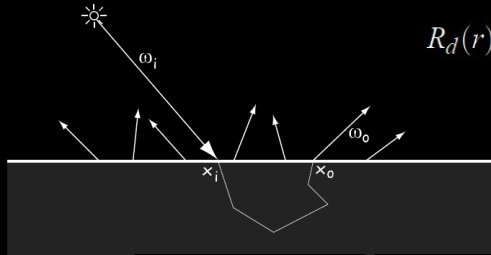


- Diffuse BSSRDF  $R_d$  given by ratio of radiant exitance and incident flux. No dependence on angle of incidence or exitance, only distance of transport!
- $R_d(r)$  is a 1-D radially symmetric diffusion kernel that depends on distance  $r$  of scattering within material, i.e., distance between  $x_i$  and  $x_o$ .

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## Diffuse BSSRDF [Jensen et al. 01]



$$R_d(r) = \frac{\alpha'}{4\pi} \left\{ z_r \left( \sigma_{tr} + \frac{1}{d_r} \right) \frac{e^{-\sigma_{tr} d_r}}{d_r^2} + z_v \left( \sigma_{tr} + \frac{1}{d_v} \right) \frac{e^{-\sigma_{tr} d_v}}{d_v^2} \right\}$$

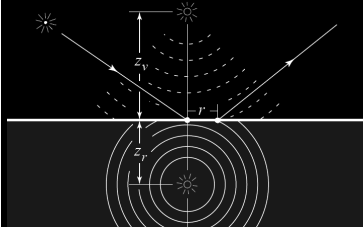
$$\text{BSSRDF } S_d(x_i, \omega_i, x_o, \omega_o) \approx R_d(x_i, x_o)$$

- $R_d(x_i, x_o)$  models isotropic Gaussian-like diffusion between points  $x_i$  and  $x_o$ 
  - Dipole model for homogeneous semi-infinite medium
  - Sum of two Gaussian like fall-offs

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## Dipole diffusion - Jensen et al. 01

$$R_d(r) = \frac{\alpha'}{4\pi} \left\{ z_r \left( \sigma_{tr} + \frac{1}{d_r} \right) \frac{e^{-\sigma_{tr} d_r}}{d_r^2} + z_v \left( \sigma_{tr} + \frac{1}{d_v} \right) \frac{e^{-\sigma_{tr} d_v}}{d_v^2} \right\}$$



distance of real source from  $x_o$ :  $d_r$   
 distance of virtual source from  $x_o$ :  $d_v$   
 $z_r$  &  $z_v$  distance of sources to the surface  
 $\alpha'$  albedo,  $\sigma_{tr}$  is extinction coefficient

- Planar homogeneous semi-infinite medium
- Dipoles enforce the net inward flux at the boundary to be zero!
- Think of dipole diffusion as a sum of two Gaussian like fall-offs.

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## Dipole diffusion - Jensen et al. 01



BRDF

Rough appearance due to surface reflection

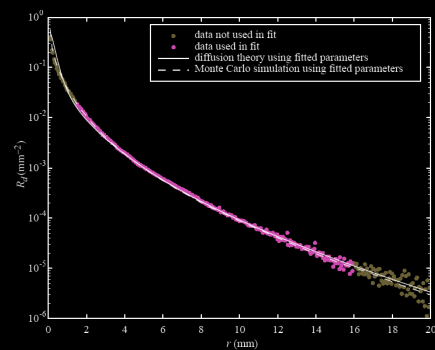
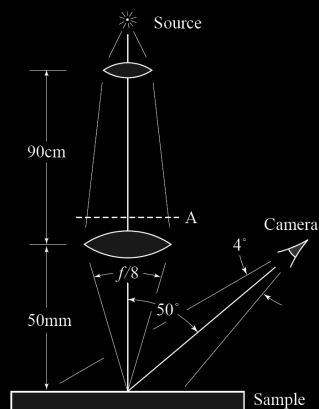


BSSRDF

Light bleed into the shadow regions due to diffusion

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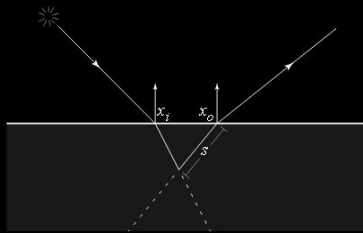
## Diffusion measurement – Jensen et al. 01



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## Single scattering BRDF - Jensen et al. 01

$$f_r^{(1)}(x, \vec{\omega}_i, \vec{\omega}_o) = \alpha F \frac{p(\vec{\omega}'_i \cdot \vec{\omega}'_o)}{|\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega}'_i| + |\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\omega}'_o|}$$



Single scattering albedo:  $\alpha$

Phase function:  $p$ , *H-G model forward scatter*

Fresnel  $F$

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## Skin rendering – BRDF model



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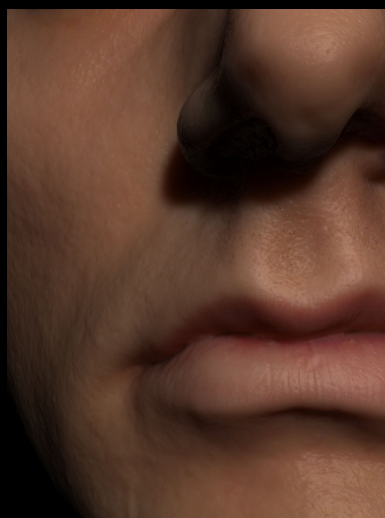
## Skin rendering with dipole diffusion



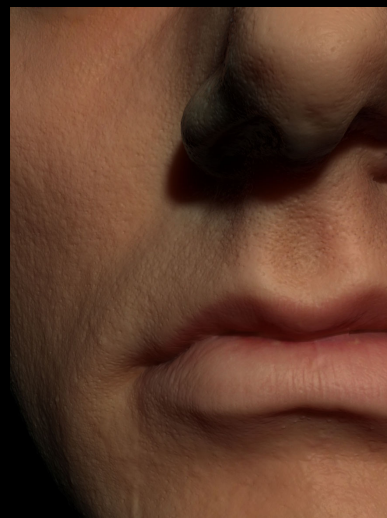
rendering with measured parameters

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## Multilayer diffusion – Donner & Jensen 05



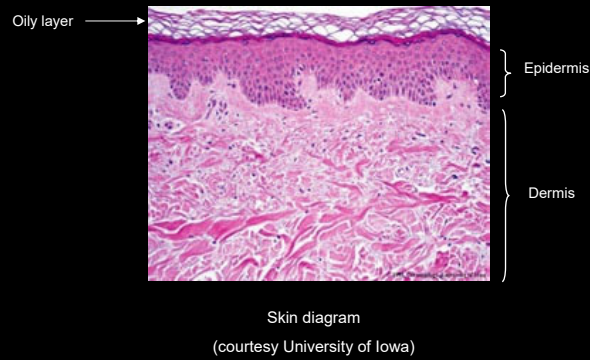
rendering with dipole diffusion



rendering with 3 diffusion layers

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## Skin - layered media



- Skin layered heterogeneous scattering media
- Single layer diffusion not sufficient!

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## Multipole model – Donner&Jensen 05

A diagram of a thin layer of thickness  $d$ . The layer is represented by a gray rectangle. Above and below the rectangle are several points representing scattering layers. The points are labeled with  $z_{r,i}$  and  $z_{v,i}$  for  $i = -1, 0, 1$ . The points are arranged in a vertical stack:  $z_{v,-1}$  (top),  $z_{r,-1}$ ,  $z_{v,0}$ ,  $z_{r,0}$  (inside the layer),  $z_{v,1}$ ,  $z_{r,1}$  (bottom). The layer boundaries are at  $z_b$  and  $z_t$ . The total thickness is  $d$ .

$$R(r) = \sum_{i=-n}^n \frac{\alpha' z_{r,i} (1 + \sigma_{rr} d_{r,i}) e^{-\sigma_{rr} d_{r,i}}}{4\pi d_{r,i}^3} - \frac{\alpha' z_{v,i} (1 + \sigma_{rr} d_{v,i}) e^{-\sigma_{rr} d_{v,i}}}{4\pi d_{v,i}^3}$$

$$T(r) = \sum_{i=-n}^n \frac{\alpha' (d - z_{r,i}) (1 + \sigma_{rr} d_{r,i}) e^{-\sigma_{rr} d_{r,i}}}{4\pi d_{r,i}^3} - \frac{\alpha' (d - z_{v,i}) (1 + \sigma_{rr} d_{v,i}) e^{-\sigma_{rr} d_{v,i}}}{4\pi d_{v,i}^3}$$

- Multipole models reflectance and transmissions through thin layers more accurately than dipole model

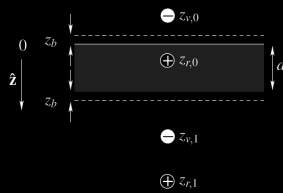
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## Kubelka-Munk theory

$$\ominus z_{i,-1}$$

$$\oplus z_{r,-1}$$

$$T_{12} = T_1 * T_2 + T_1 * R_2 * R_1 * T_2 + T_1 * R_2 * R_1 * R_2 * R_1 * T_2 + \dots$$



$$\mathcal{T}_{12} = \frac{\mathcal{T}_1 \mathcal{T}_2}{1 - \mathcal{R}_2 \mathcal{R}_1}$$

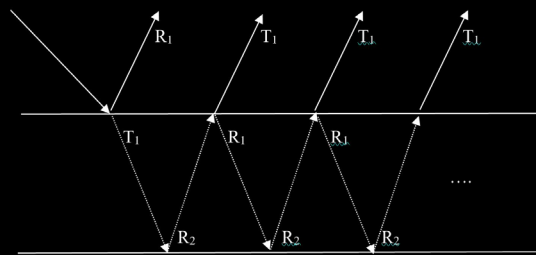
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- Derived from geometric series formula!

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## Kubelka-Munk theory – geometric series

$$\mathcal{R}_{12} = \mathcal{R}_1 + \frac{\mathcal{T}_1 \mathcal{R}_2 \mathcal{T}_1}{1 - \mathcal{R}_2 \mathcal{R}_1}$$



- $$\mathcal{R}_{12} = \mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{T}_1 + \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{T}_1 + \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{T}_1 + \dots$$

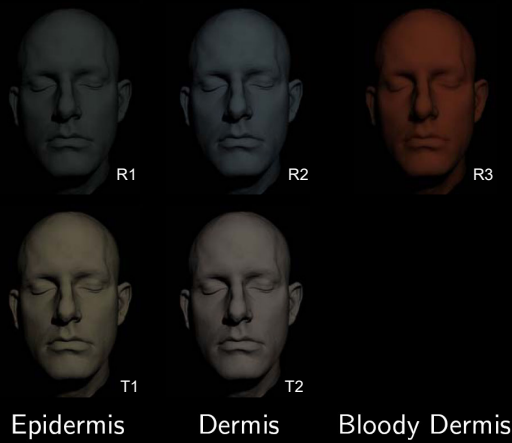
$$= \mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{T}_1 * (1 + (\mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2) + (\mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2)^2 + (\mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2)^3 + \dots)$$

$$= \mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2 * \mathcal{T}_1 * (1/(1 - (\mathcal{R}_1 * \mathcal{R}_2)))$$

- Derived from geometric series formula!

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## 3 layer model rendering



- Layer params. based on tissue optics [Tuchin 2000]
- Layers combined with Kubelka-Munk theory

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## Diffusion models



[Jensen et al. 01]

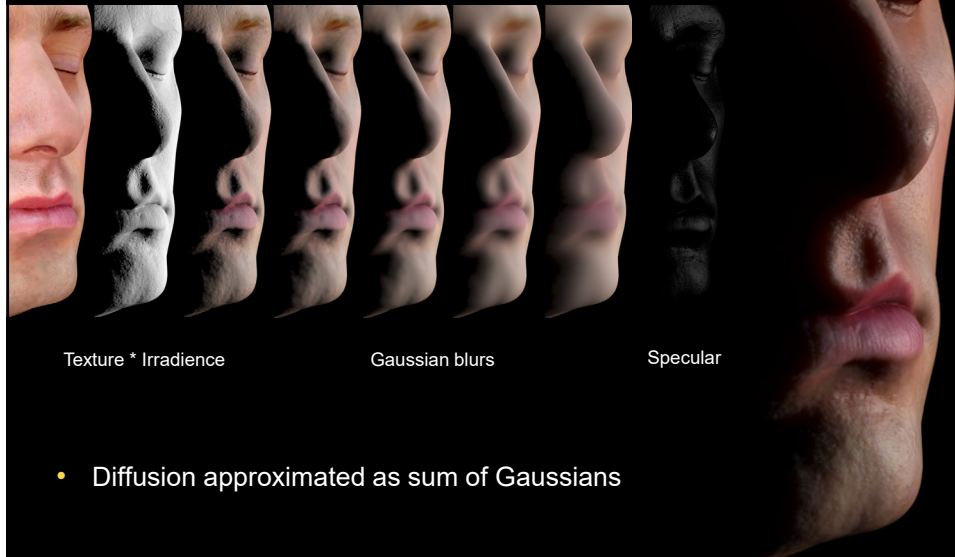


[Donner&Jensen 05]

- Offline rendering with photon mapping
  - first pass scatter photons from light source
  - second pass gather photons on skin surface using diffusion kernel weights

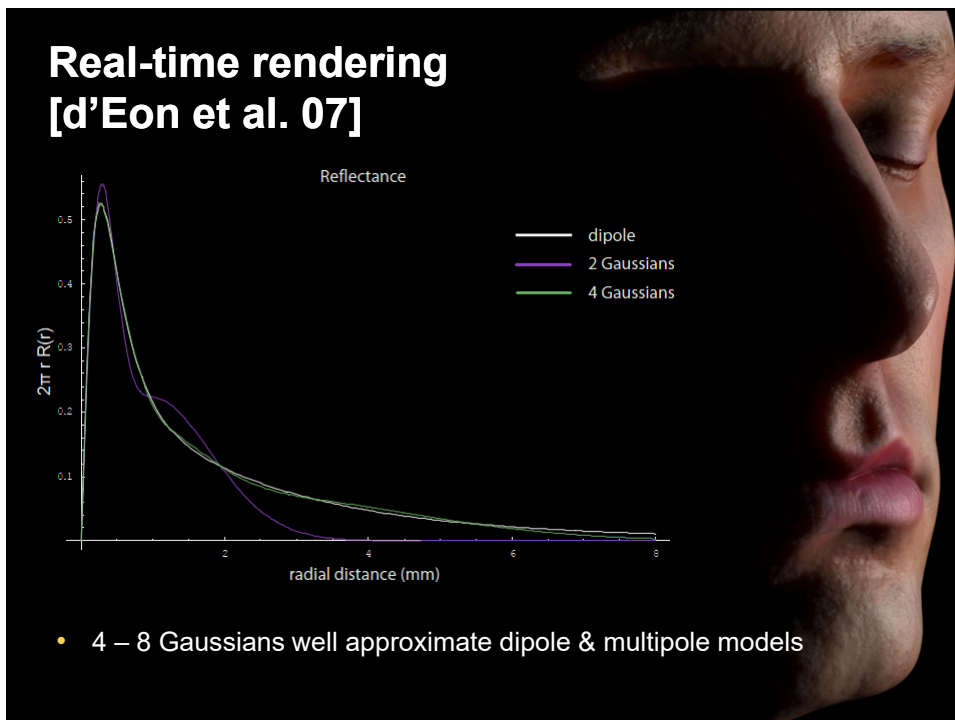
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## Real-time rendering [d'Eon et al. 07]



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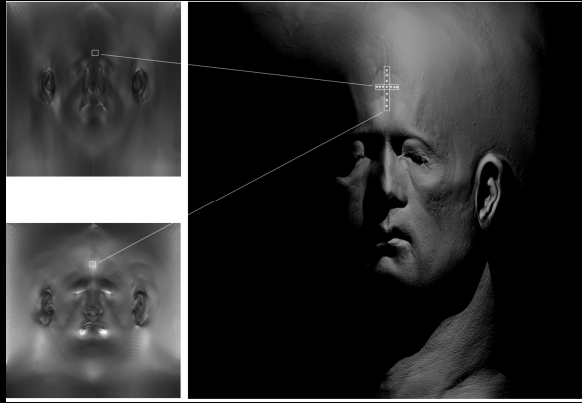
## Real-time rendering [d'Eon et al. 07]



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## Real-time rendering [d'Eon et al. 07]



- Gaussian blur implemented in 2D texture space of GPU
- Need to account for texture distortion

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## Real-time rendering [d'Eon et al. 07]



- 4 – 8 Gaussians well approximate dipole & multipole models

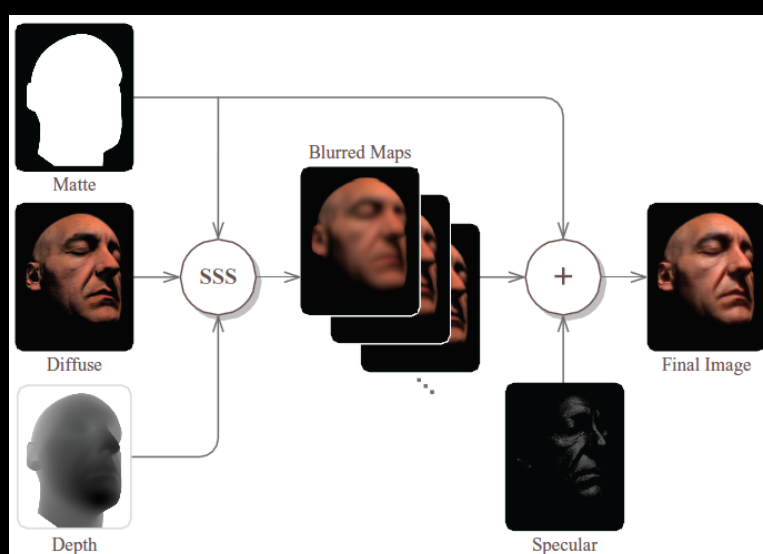
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## Screen-space diffusion [Jimenez et al. 09]



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## Screen-space diffusion [Jimenez et al. 09]



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## Screen-space diffusion [Jimenez et al. 09]



- Efficient rendering for many faces on screen
- Choice of rendering technique in games!