

# Lab #4 – Path tracing (part 3)

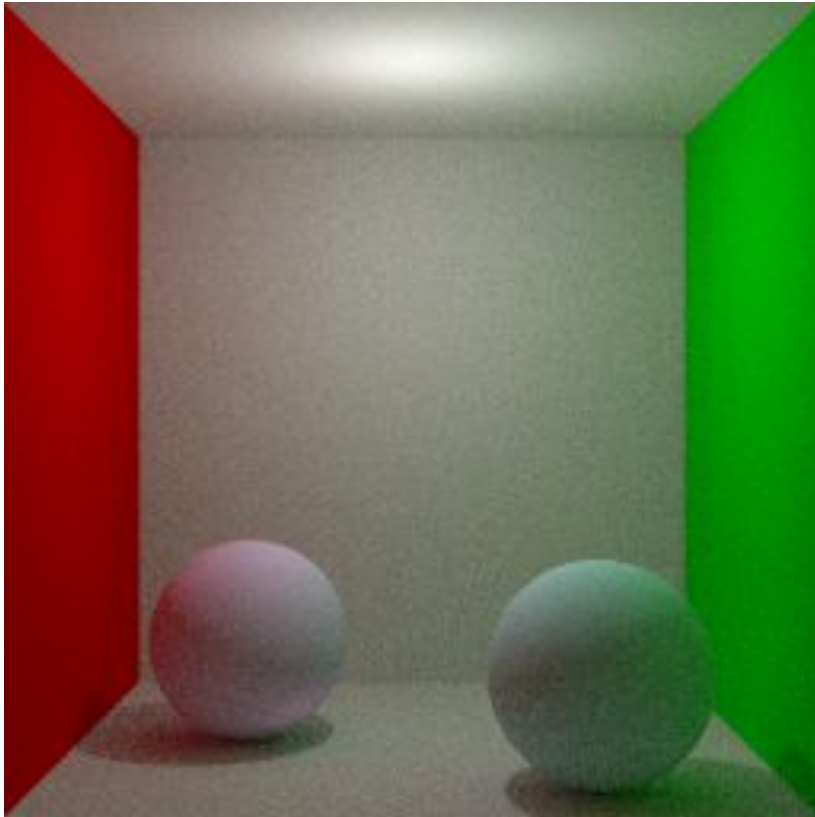
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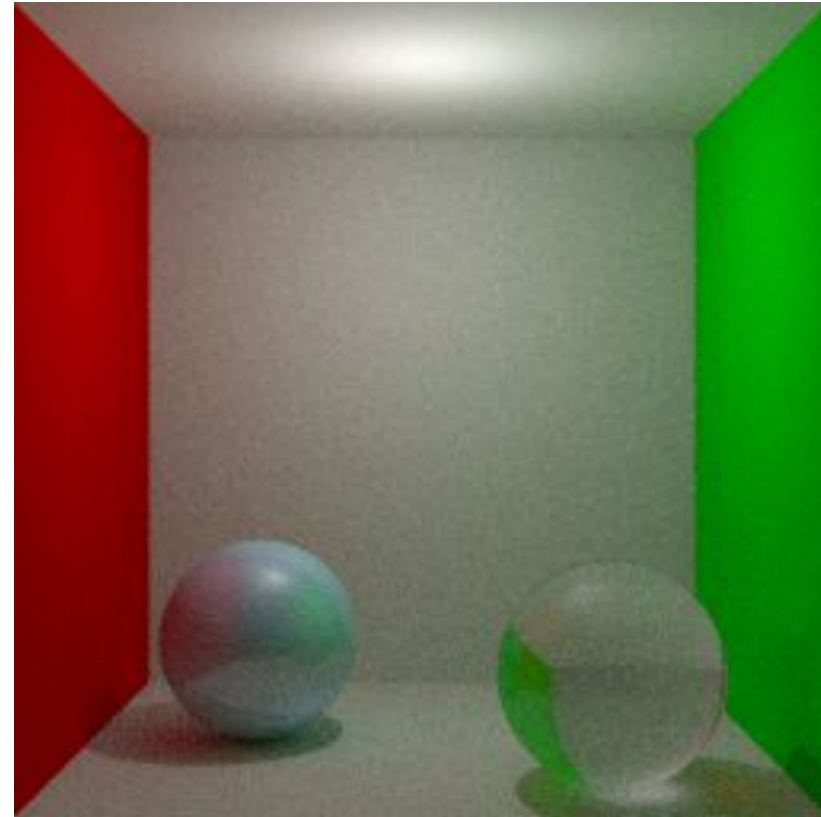


# Before we begin...

- Today: add **more materials** to the path tracing algorithm



Previous session (diffuse)

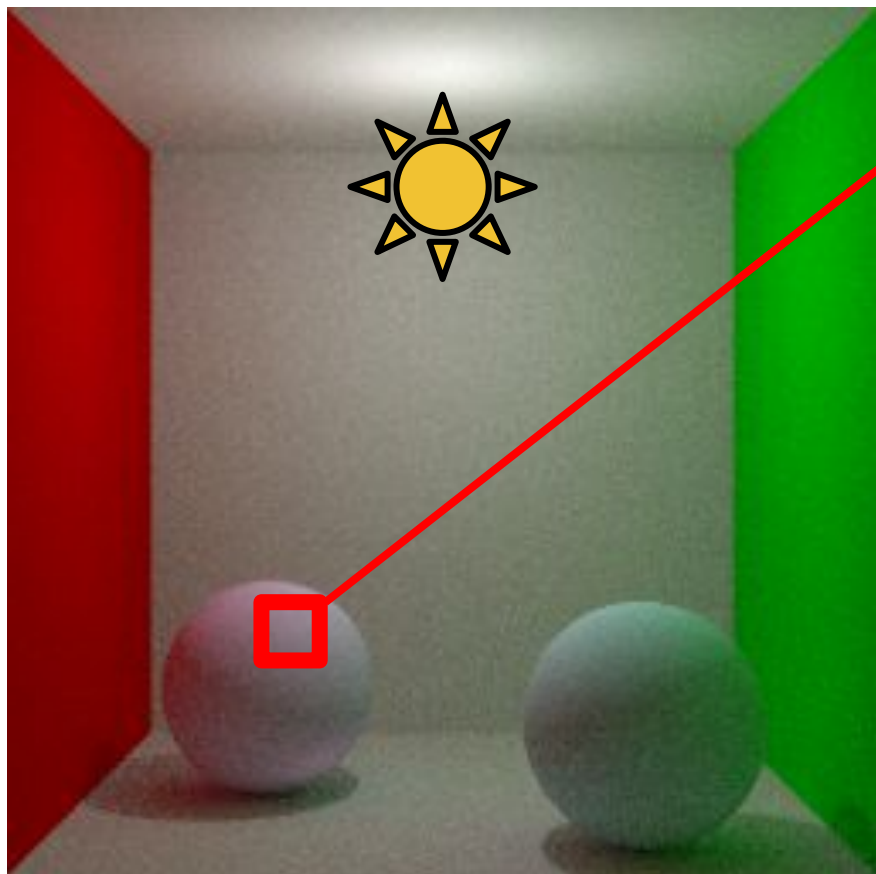


+ Perfect specular and refraction

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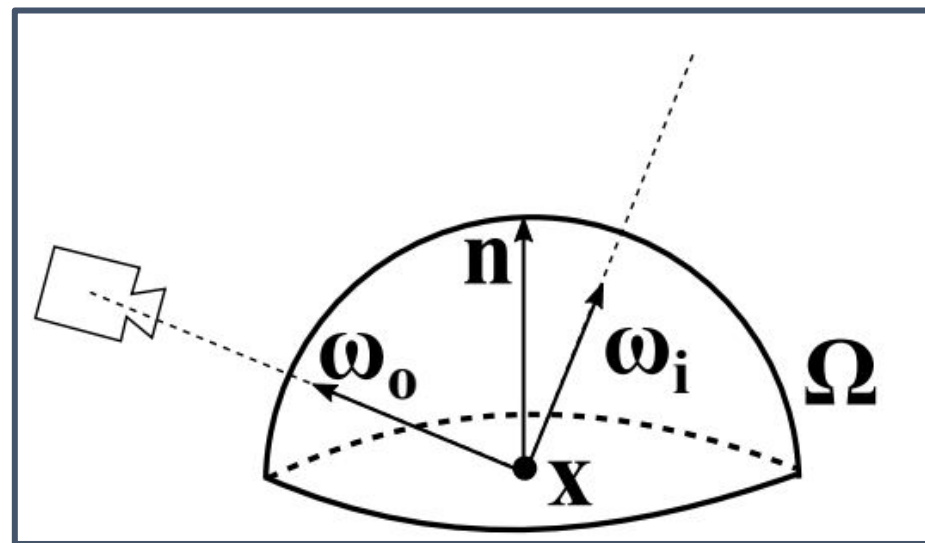
- Lab 4 (path tracing) **is the first submitted work**
  - Recommended deadline: November 13th
  - Moodle: January 11th
  - You will use most of today's code for Lab 5 (photon mapping) too
- Remember: Final work is 80% of the final grade

# Recap: Which color do we fill each pixel with?

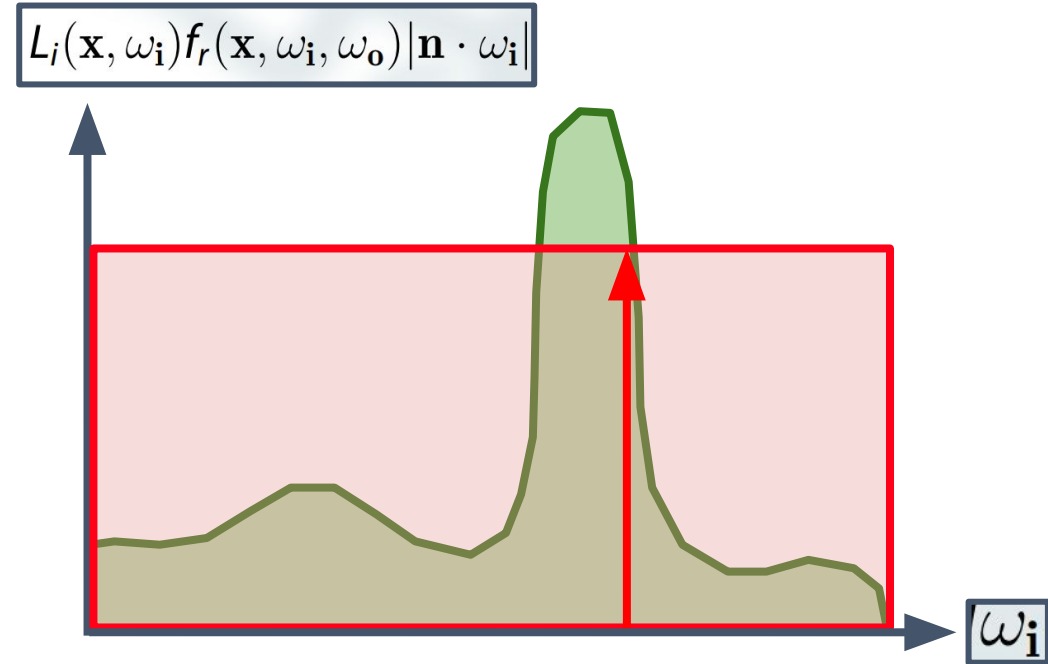
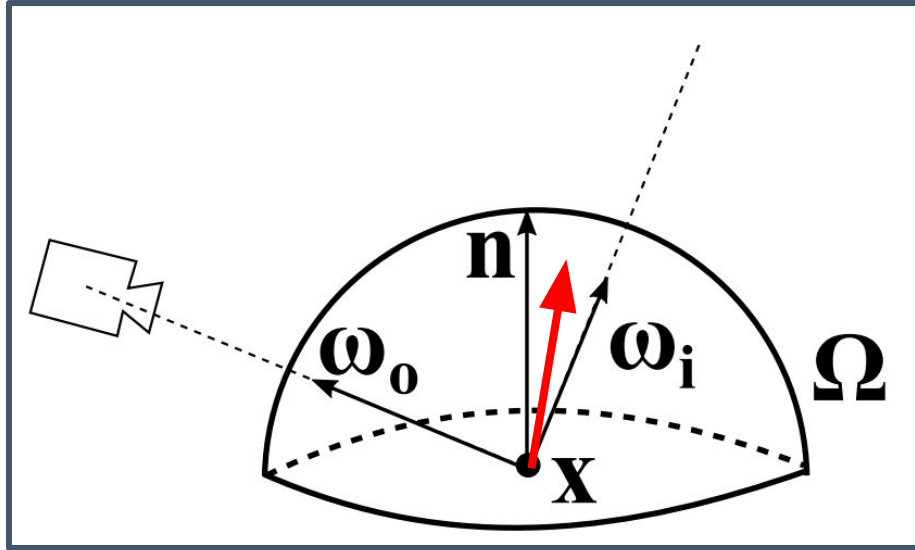


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The full integral



# Recap: Approximating one integral

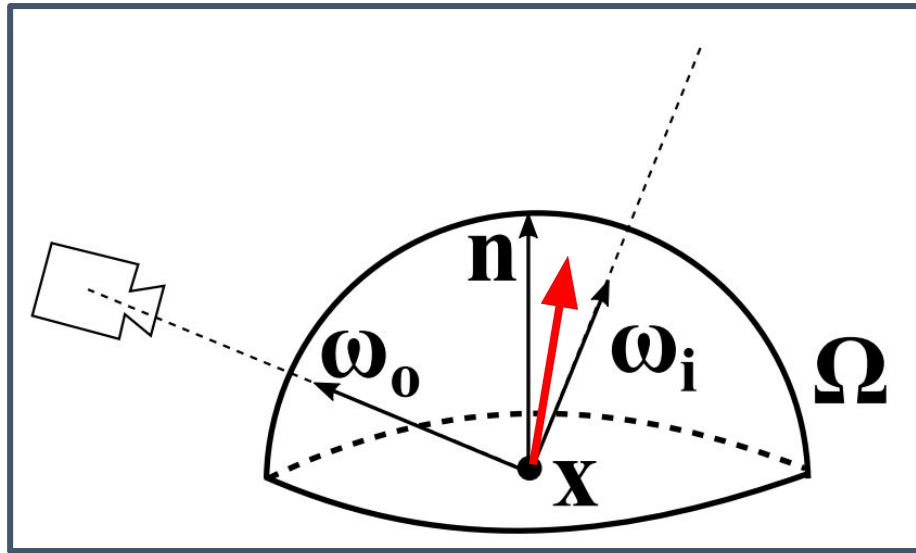


- There are infinite values for  $\omega_i$
- Idea 3: **Monte Carlo estimator**, use the mean of  $N = 1$  random sample



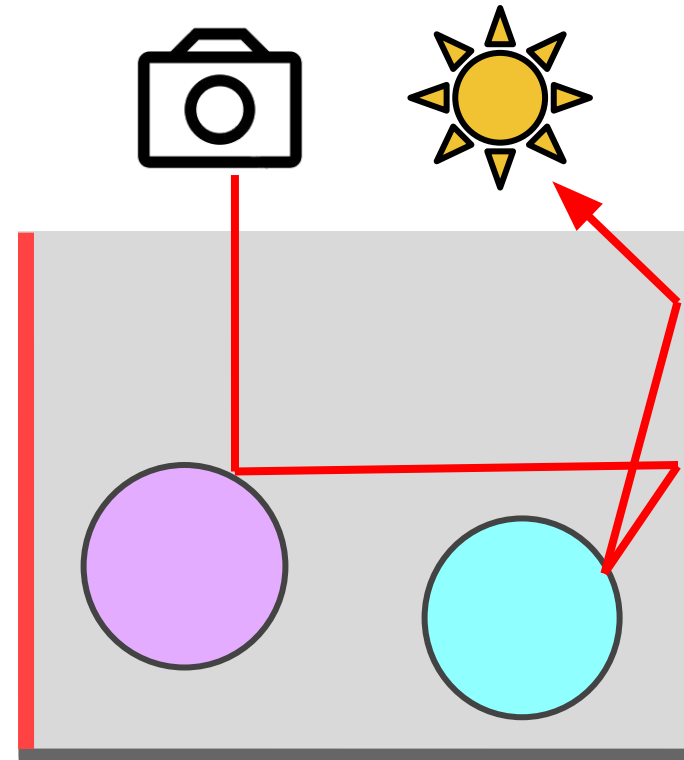
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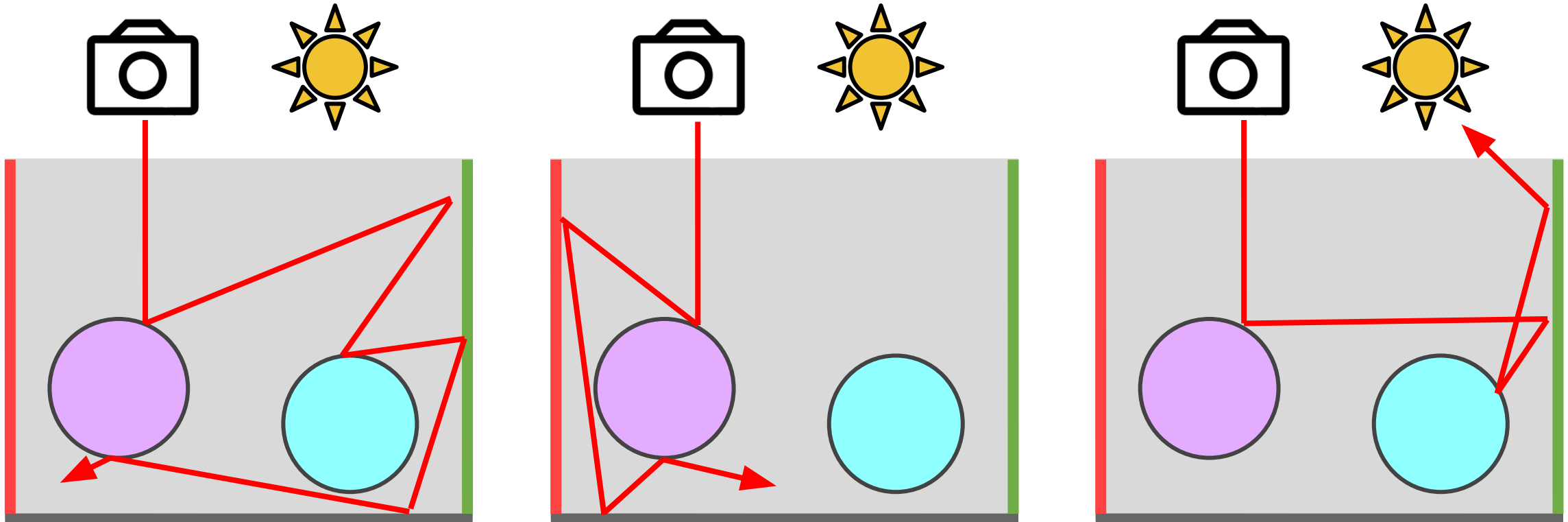
One random  $\omega_i$  on each bounce

One random path



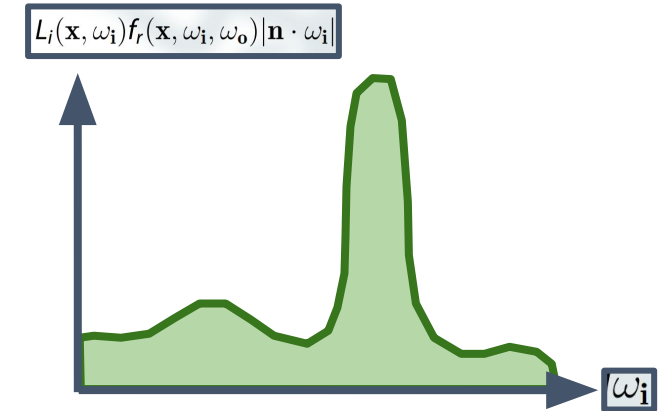
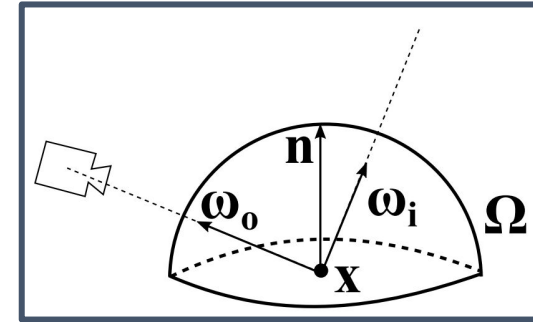
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- Monte Carlo estimation for the path integral
  - Sum of multiple random paths
  - More paths  $\rightarrow$  better approximation of the integral (better result)



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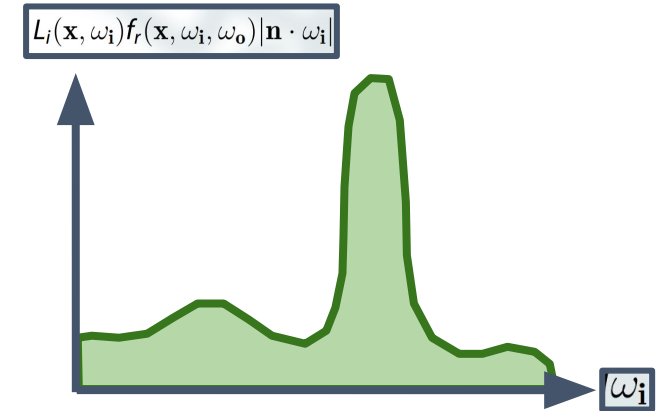
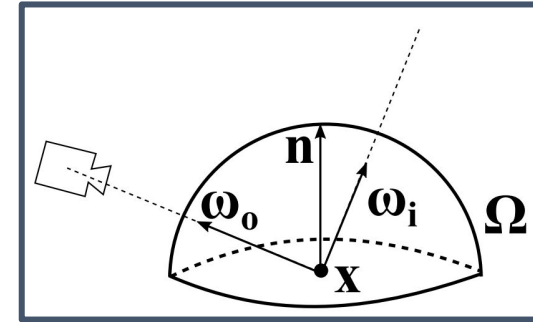
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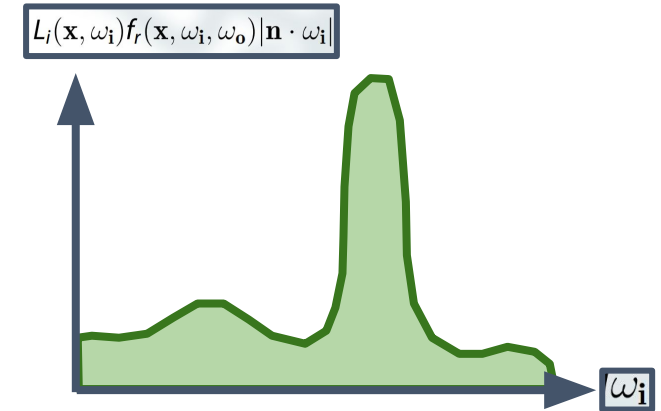
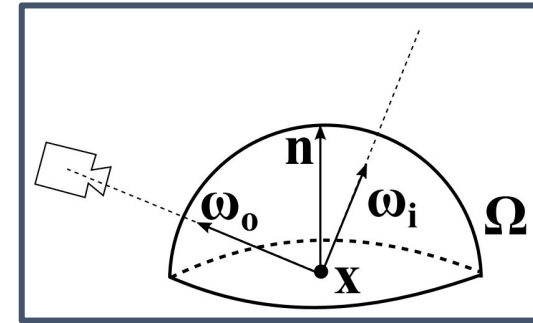
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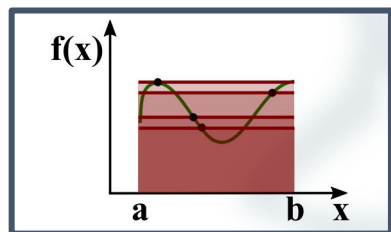
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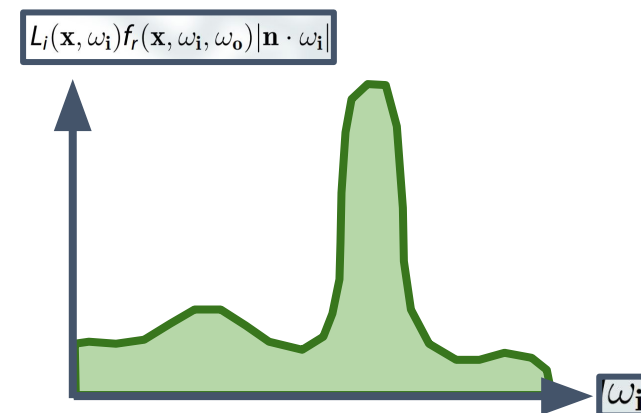
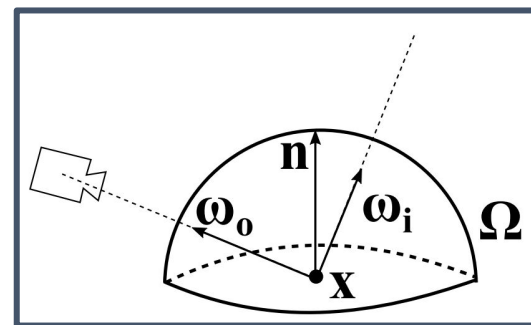
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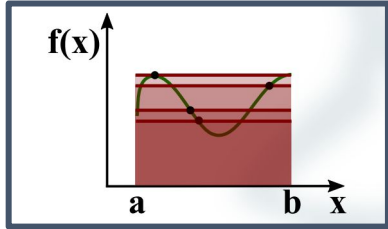
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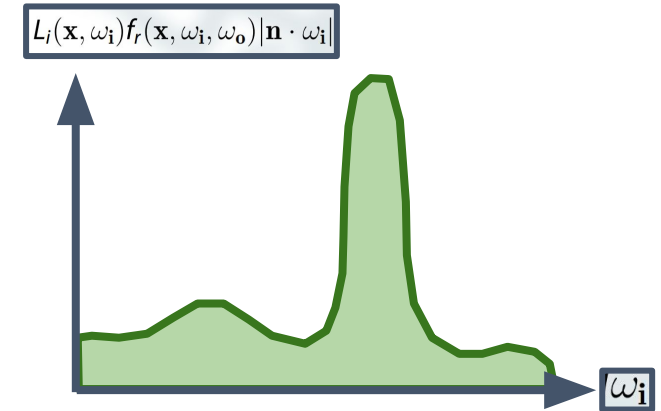
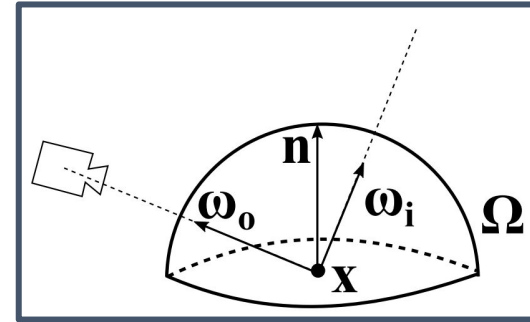
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**Remember  
to simplify**



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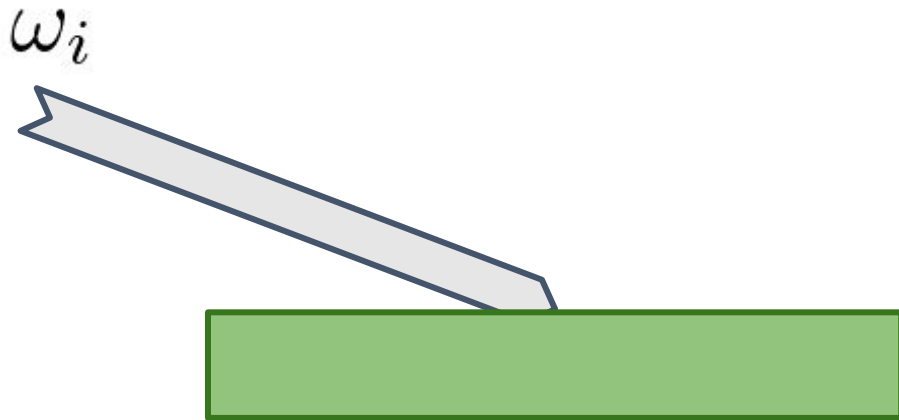
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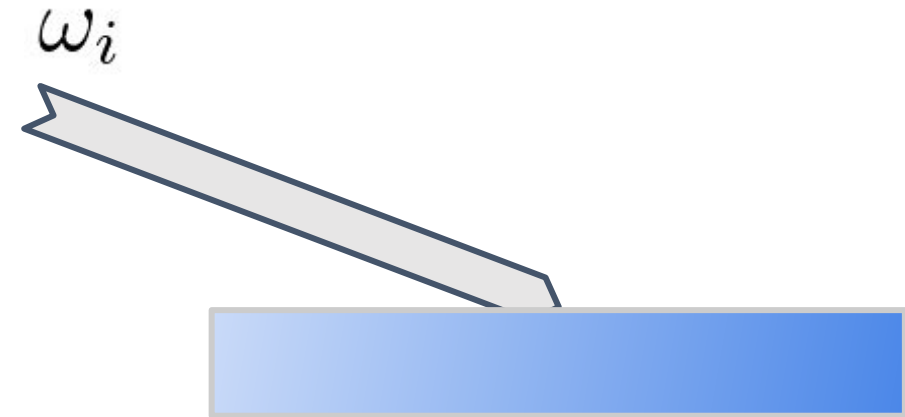
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# Diffuse and specular BRDFs

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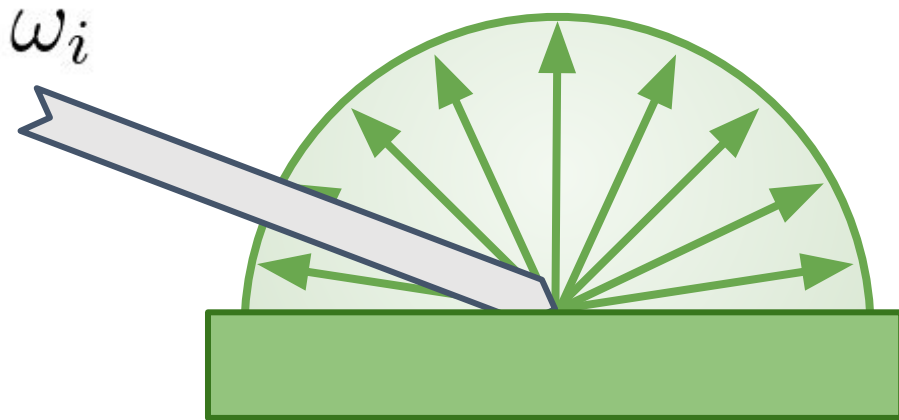
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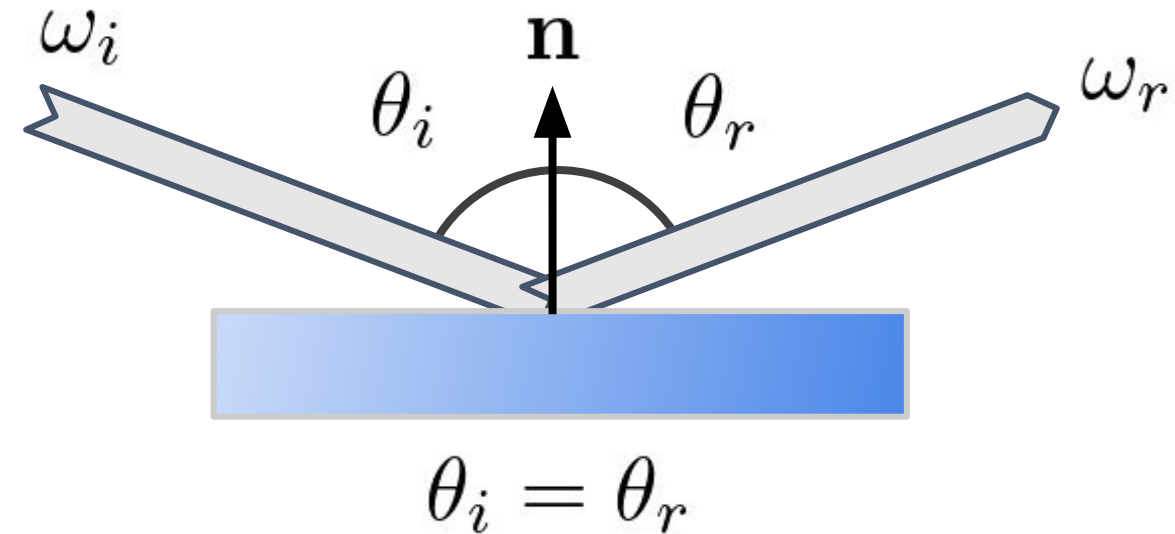
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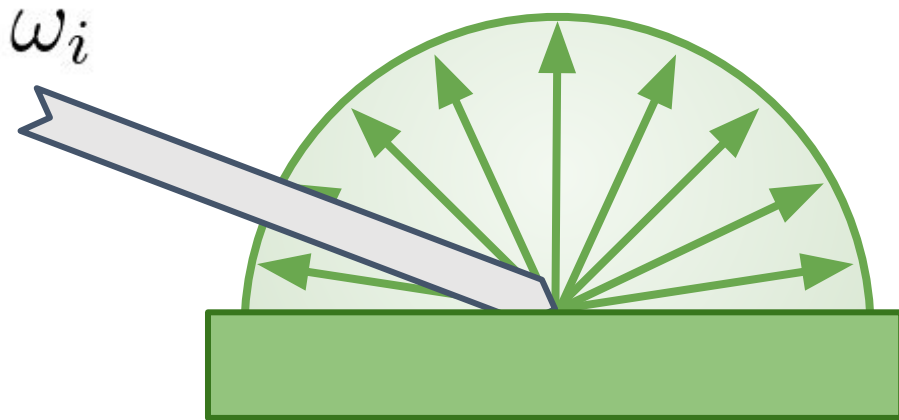
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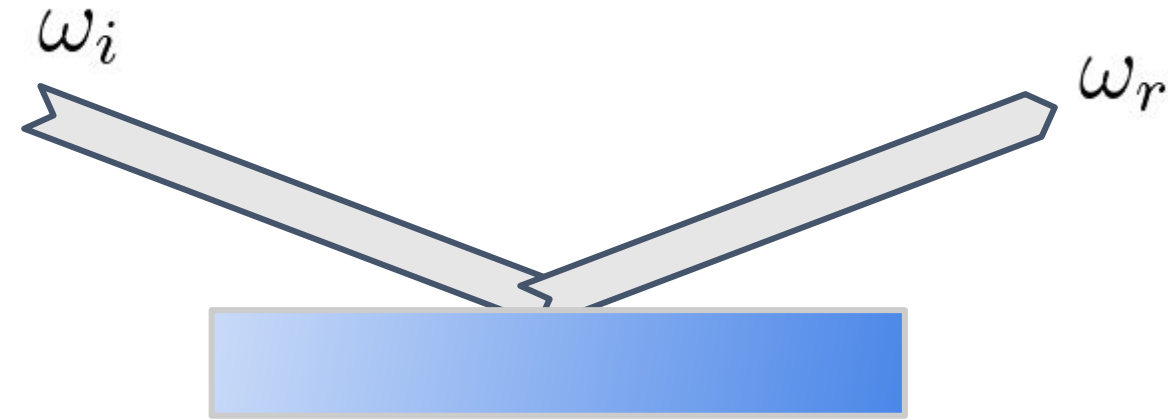
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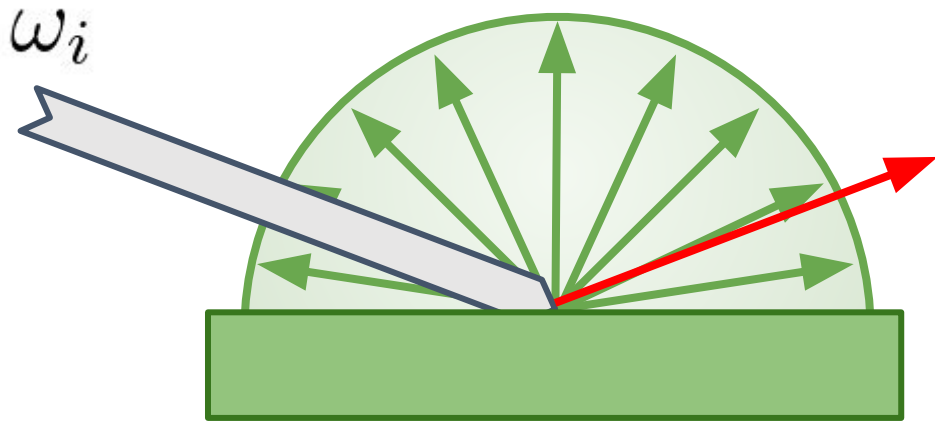


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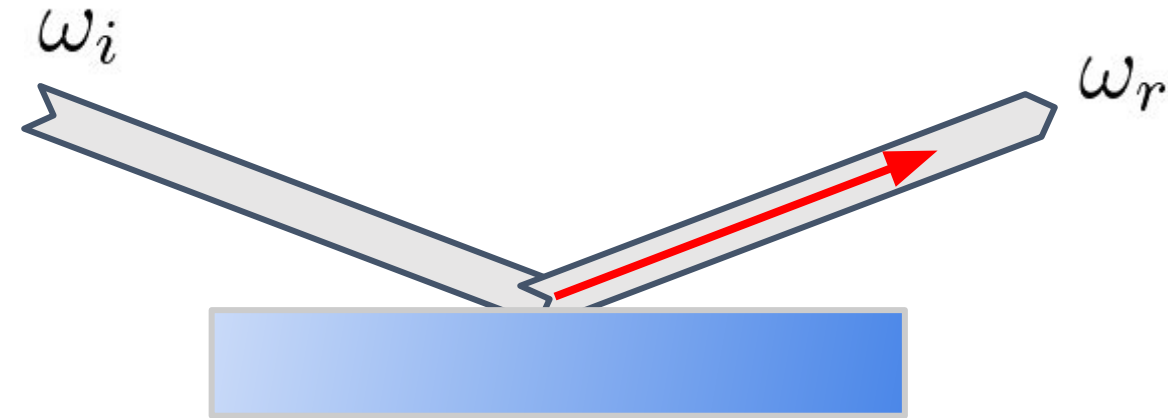
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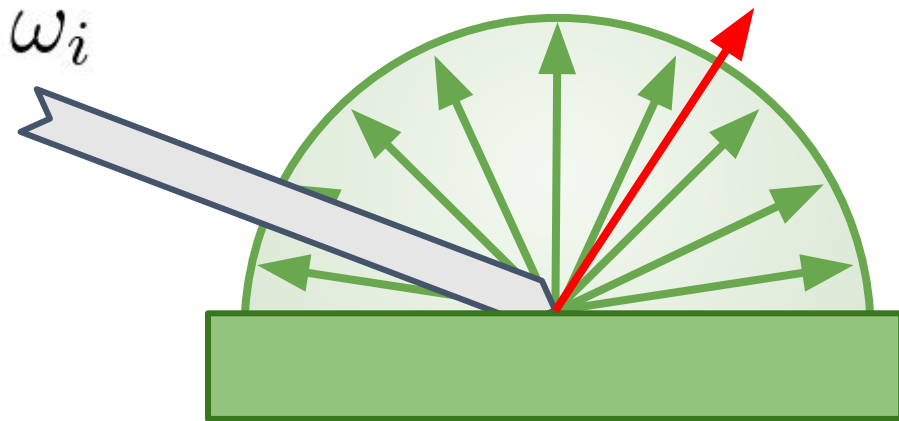
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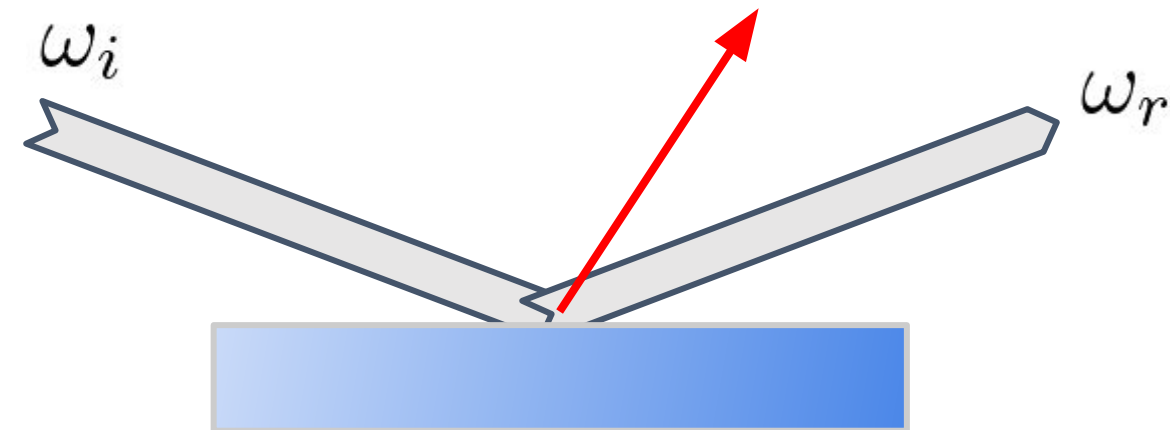
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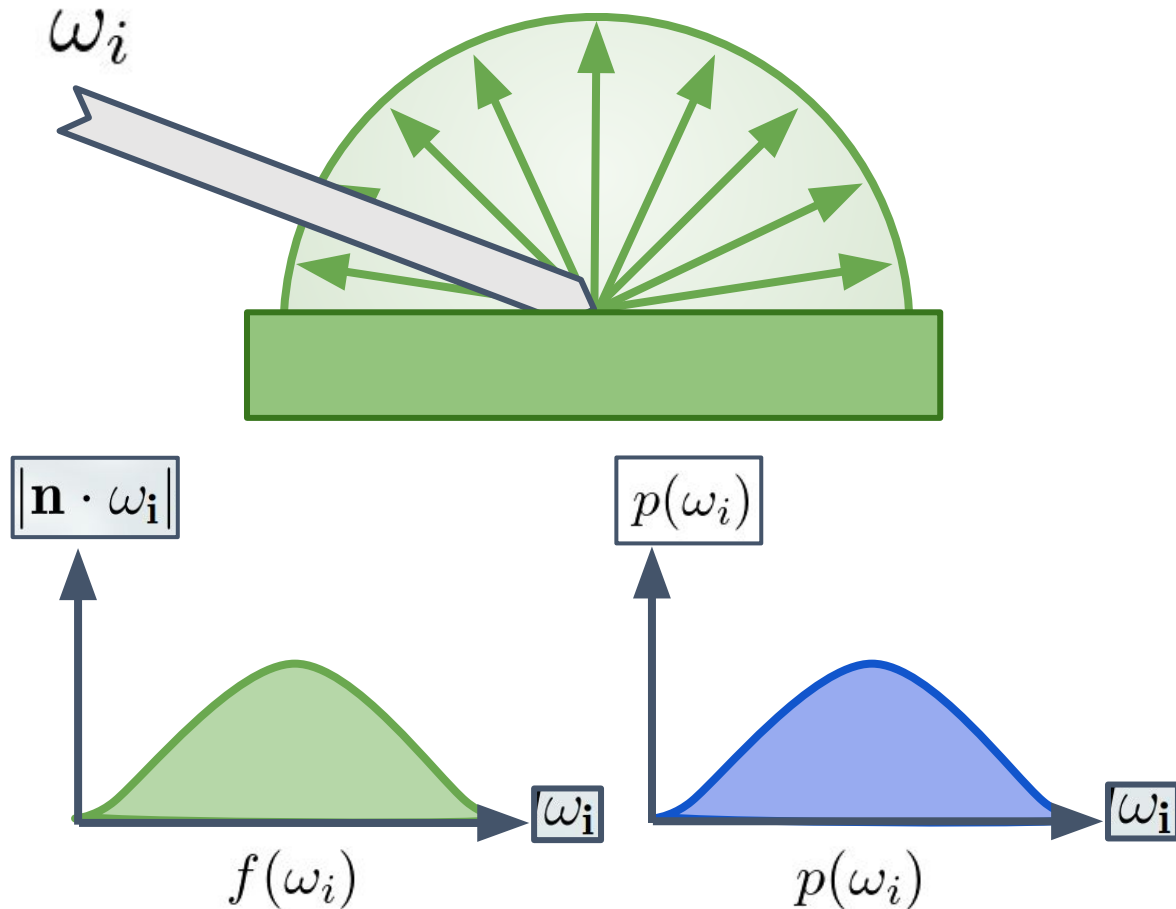


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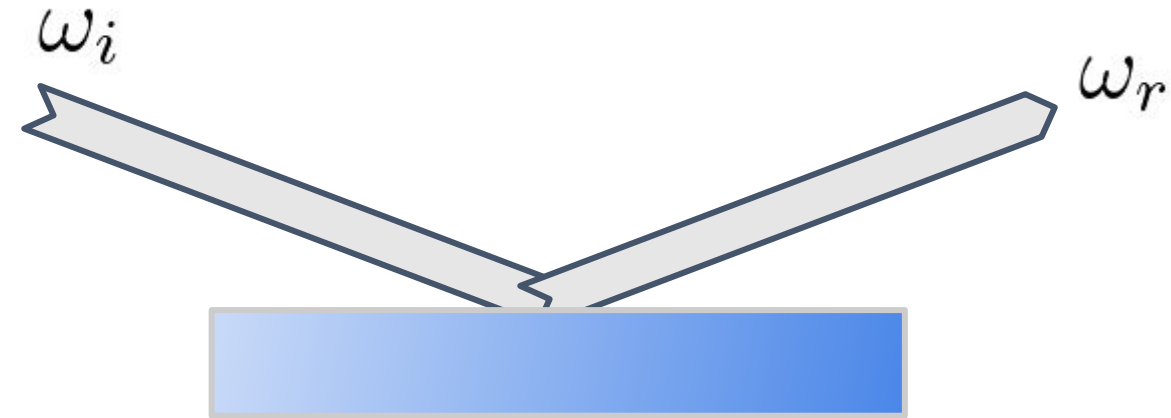
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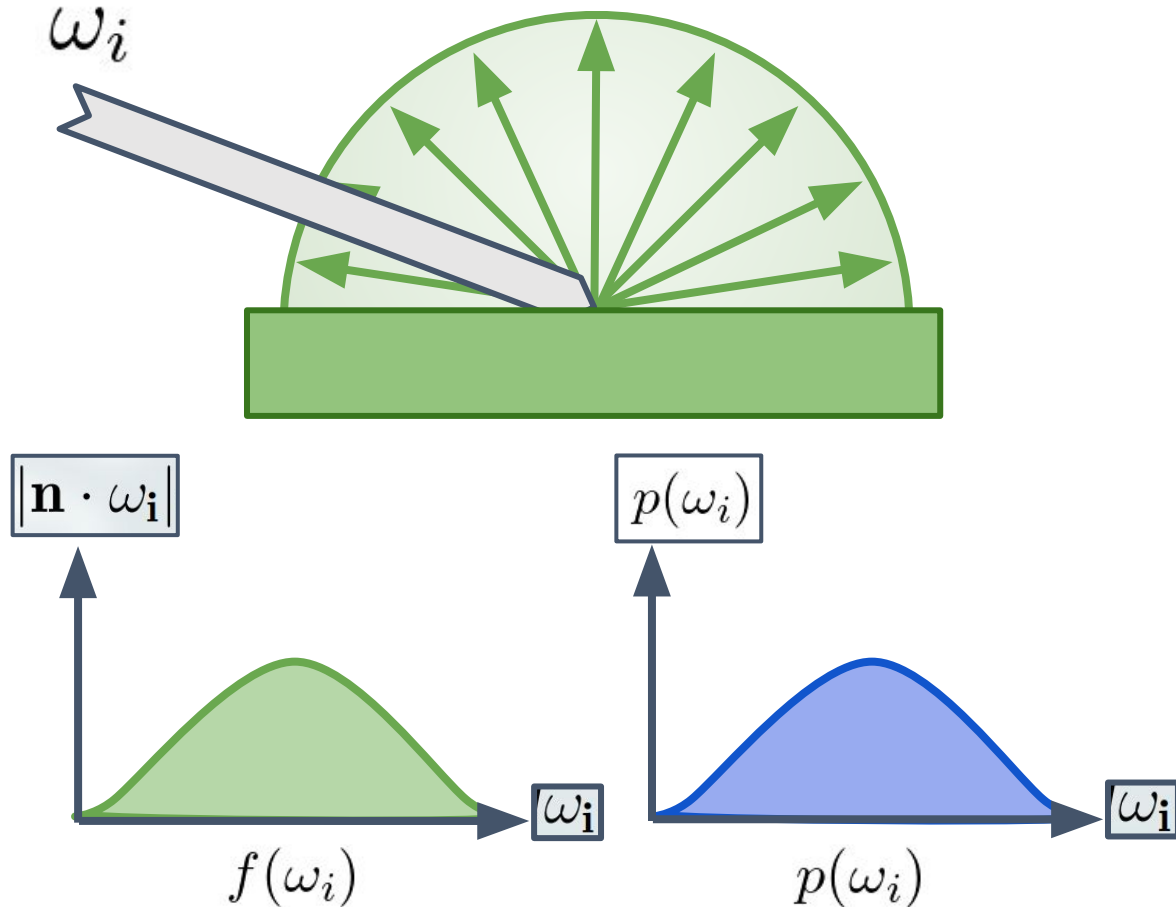
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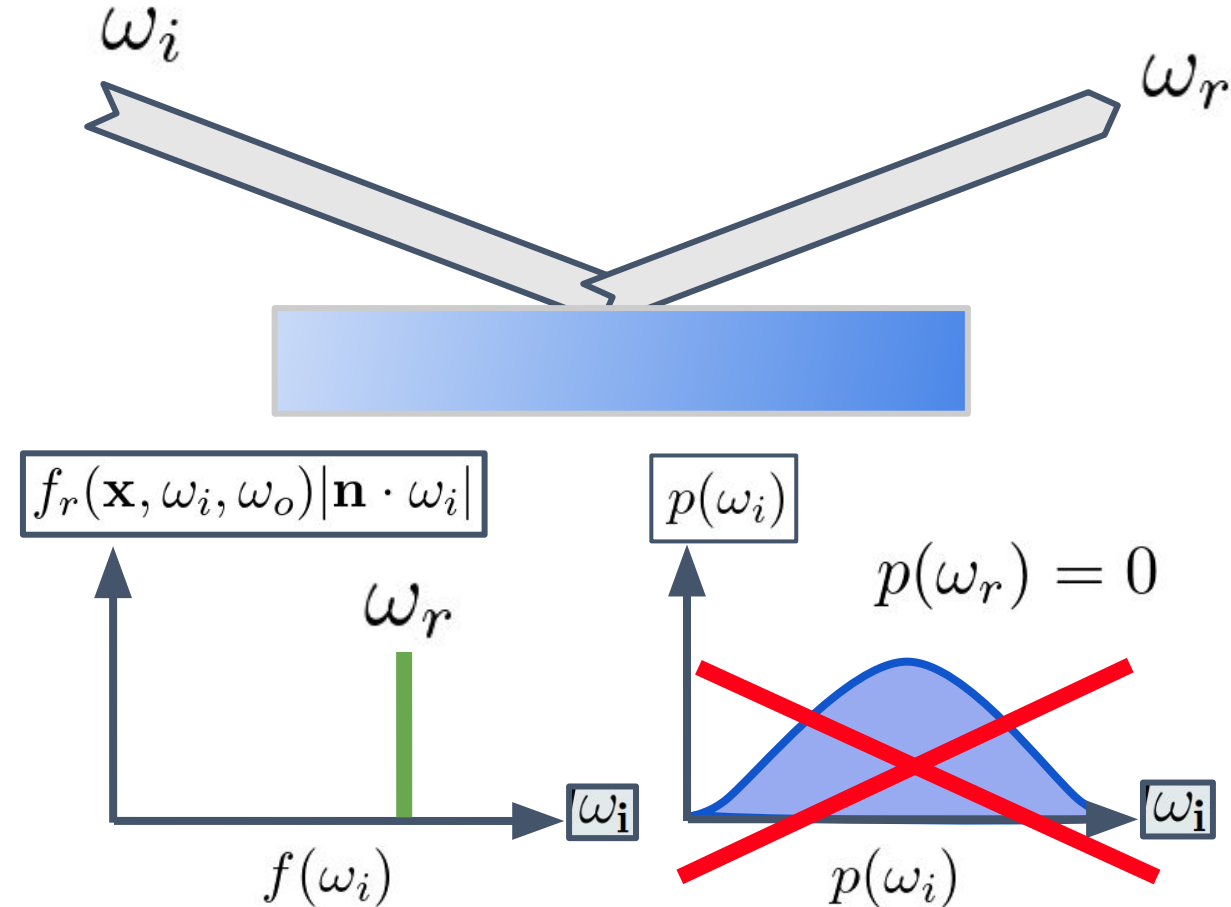
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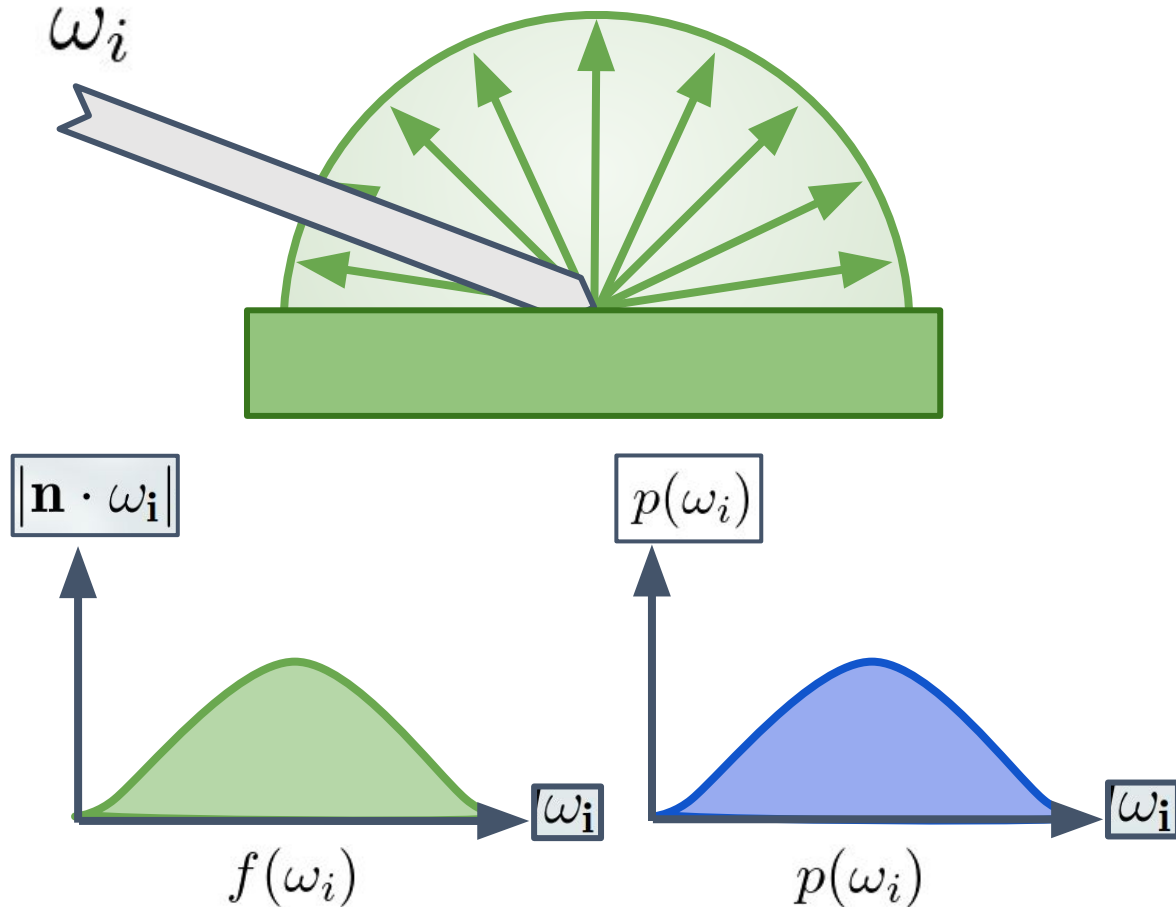
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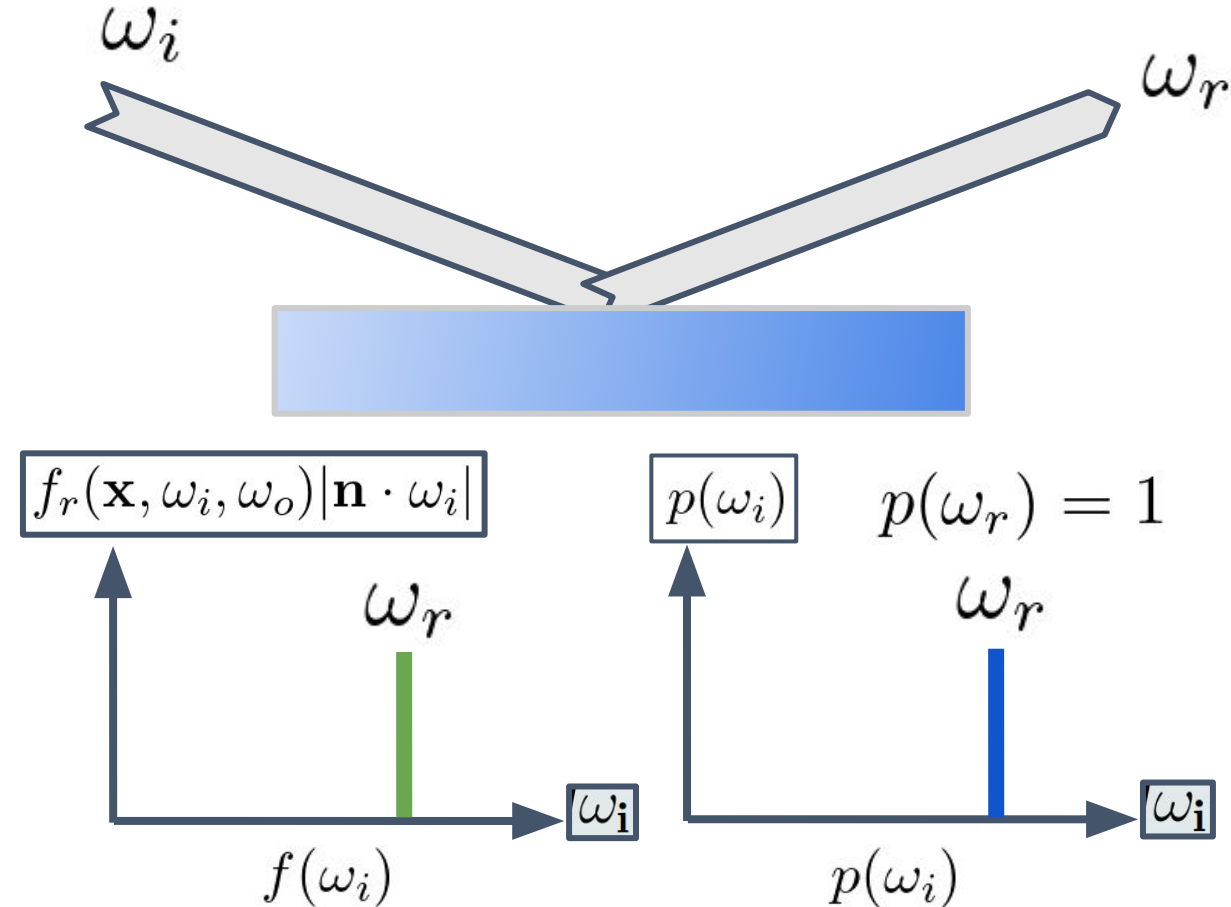
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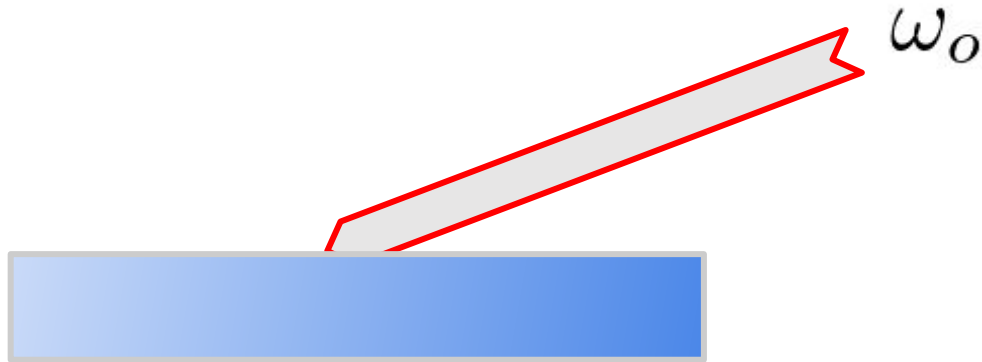
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*Deterministic sampling (not Monte Carlo)*

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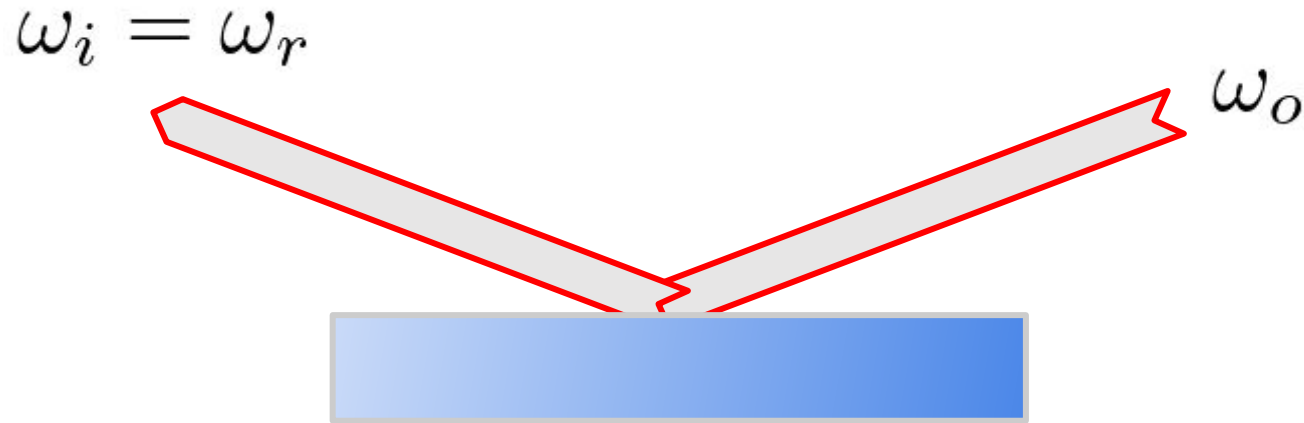


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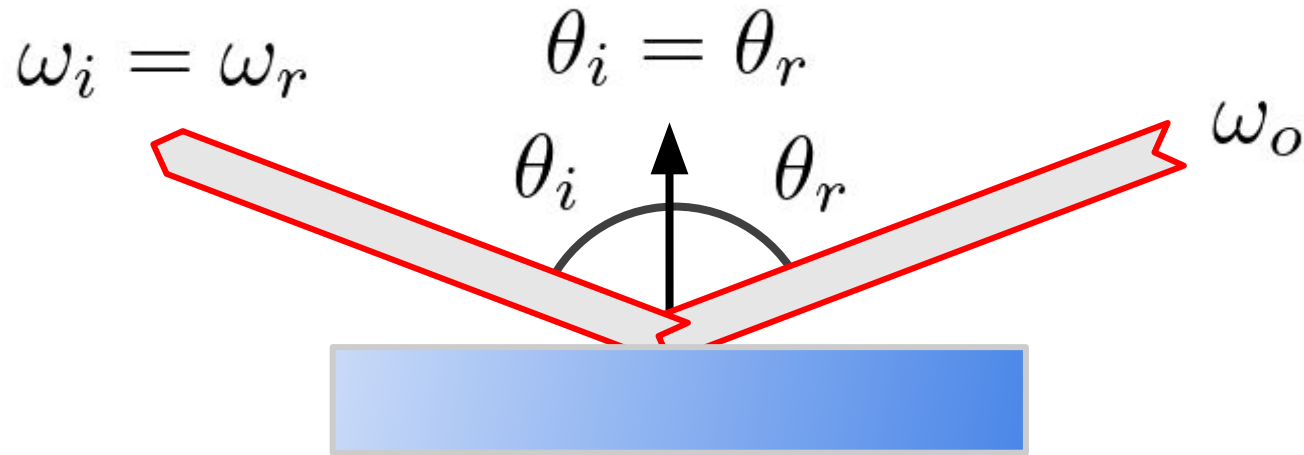
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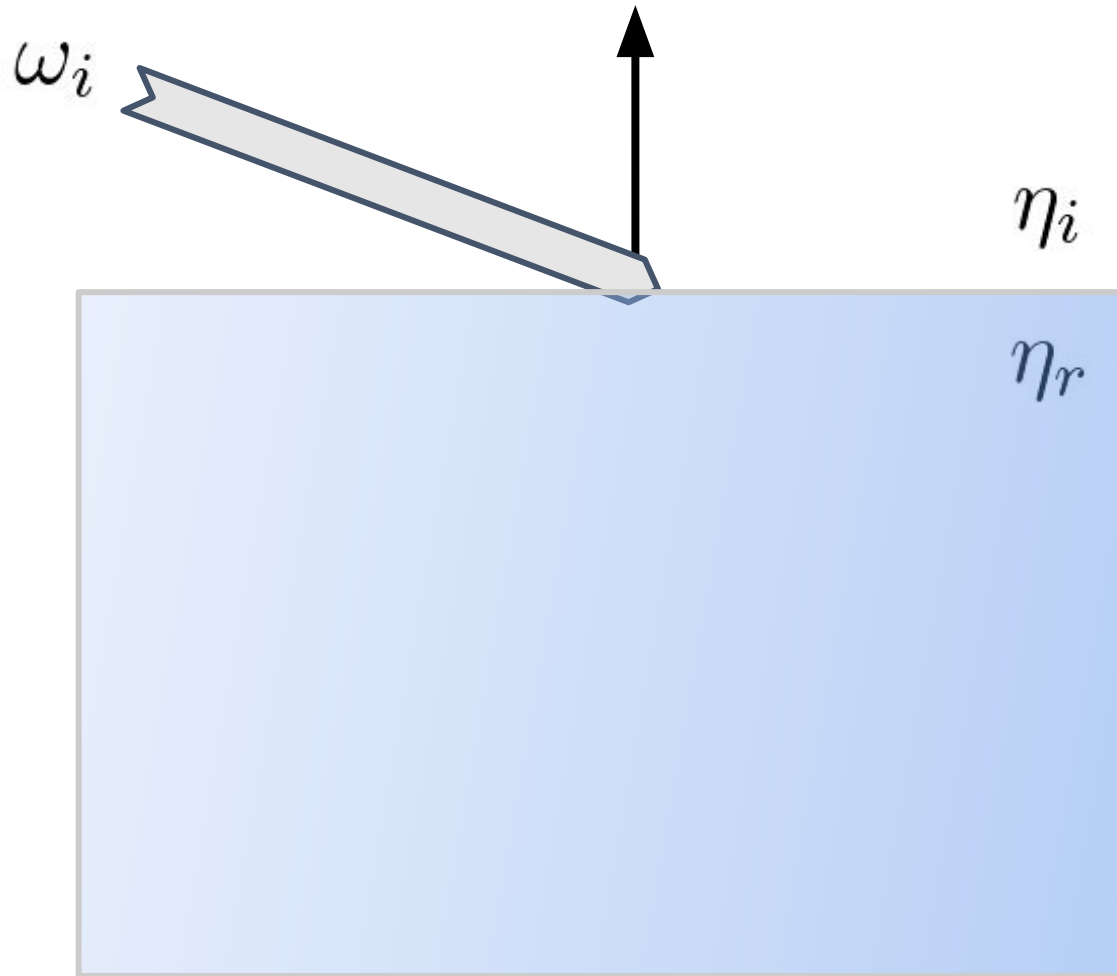
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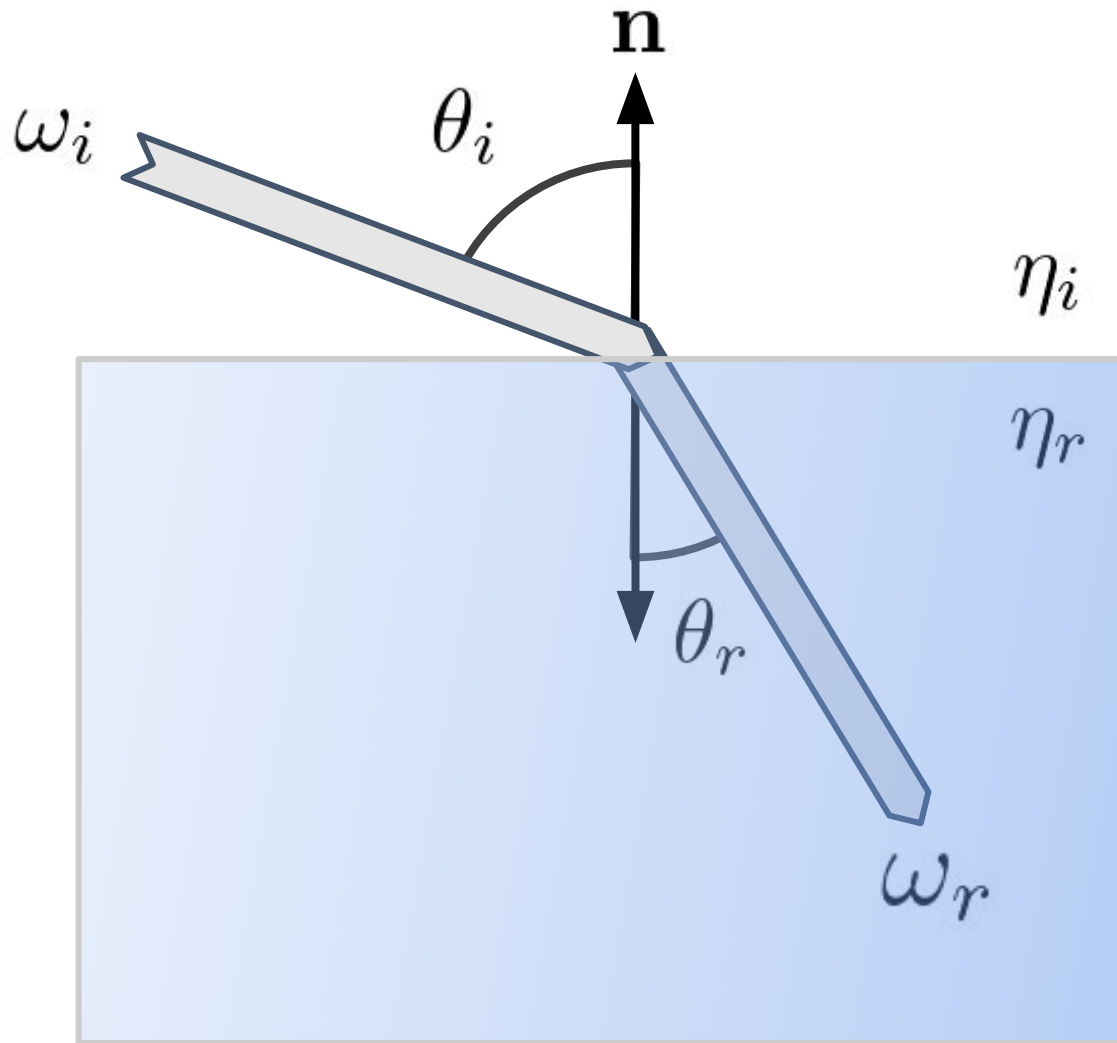


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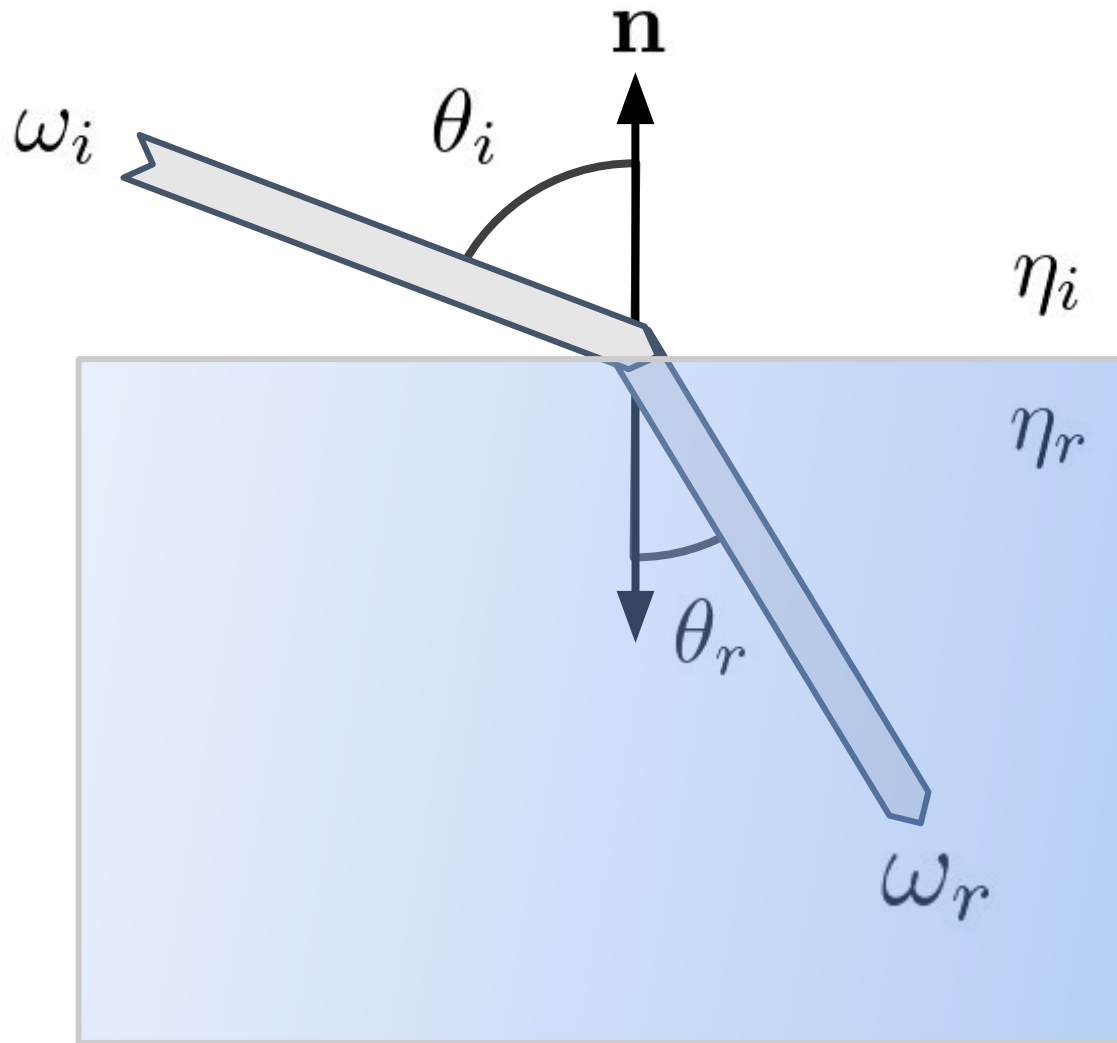
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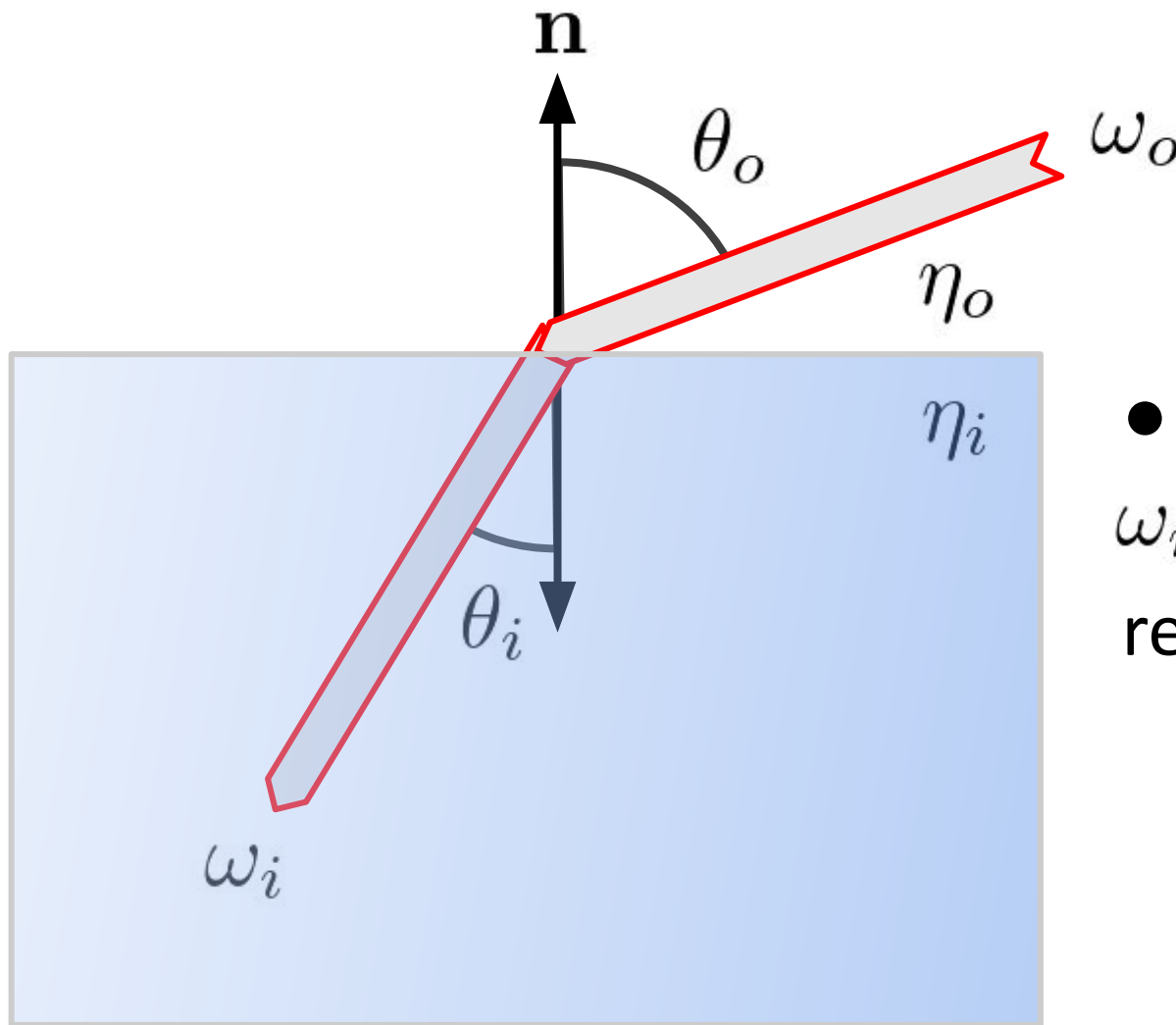
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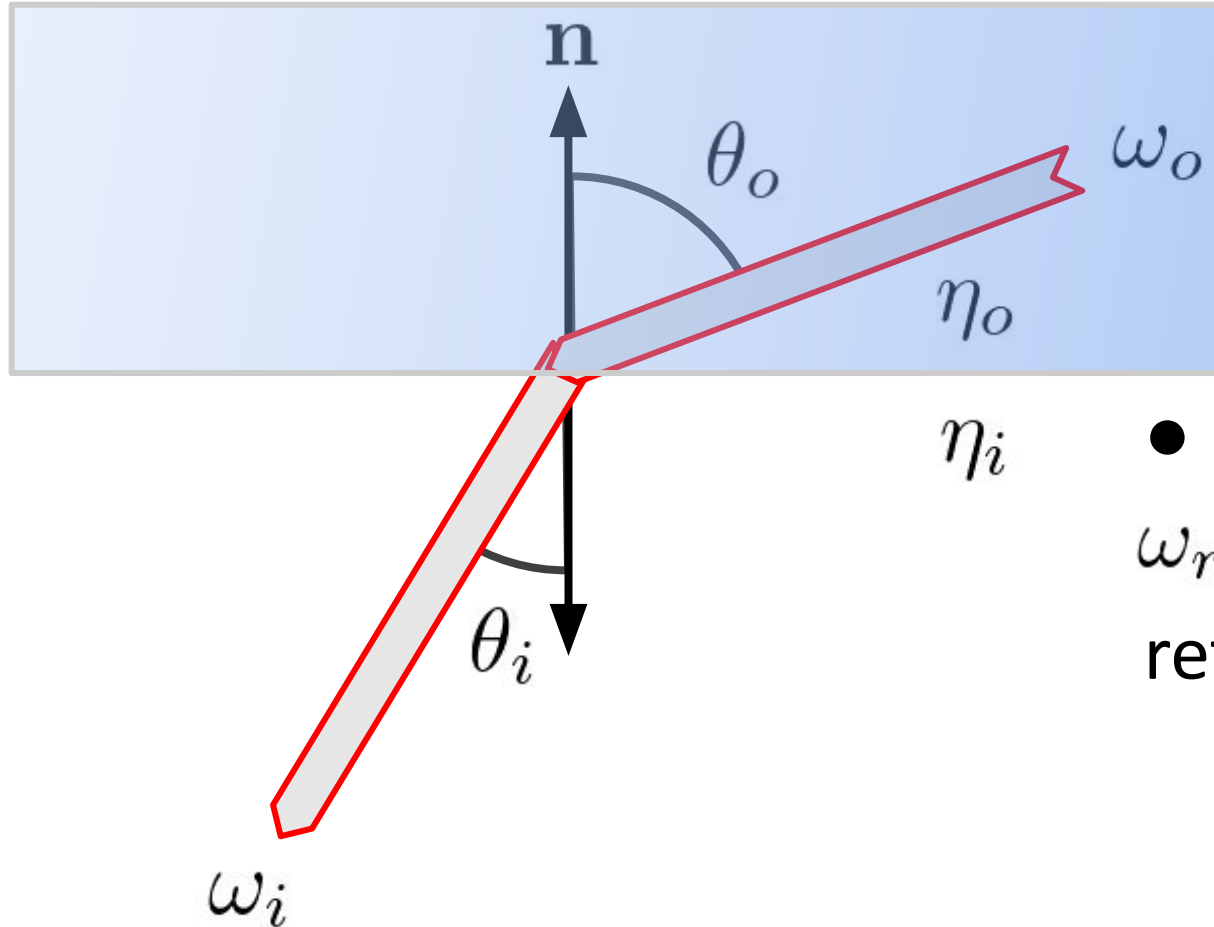
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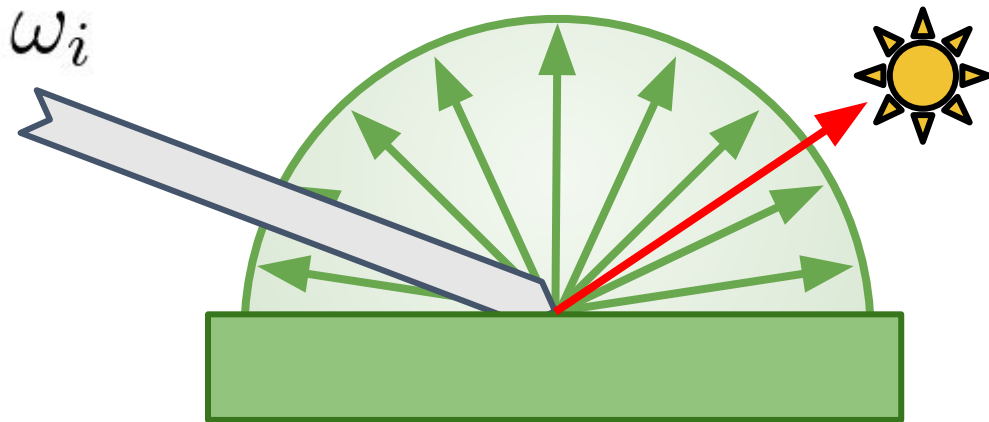
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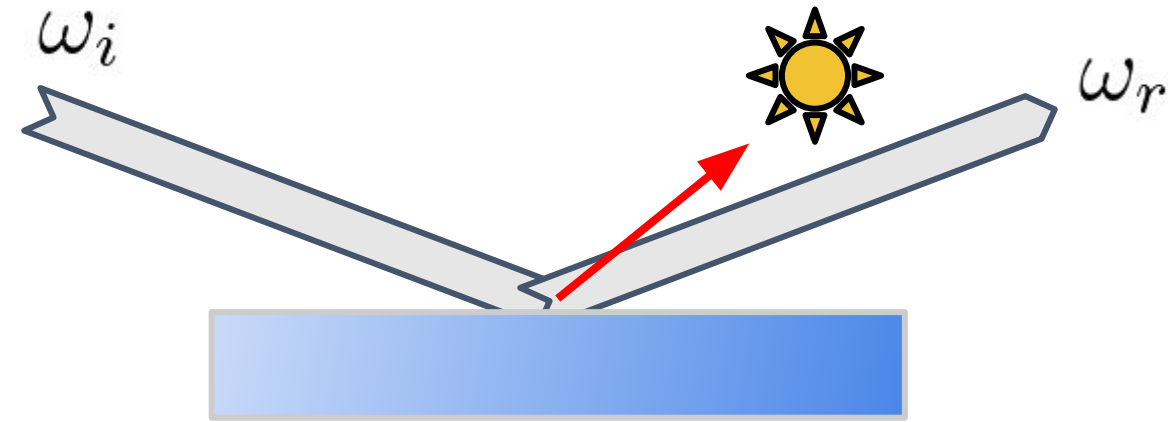
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**Next-event estimation will  
always return 0**

# The full BSDF

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$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_d \frac{1}{\pi} + k_s \frac{\delta_{\omega_r}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i} + k_t \frac{\delta_{\omega_t}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i}$$

- Each geometry primitive/material must have three BSDF coefficients:
  - $k_d$ : Lambertian diffuse
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  - $k_t$ : Perfect refraction (delta BTDF, Snell's law)

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- For physical correctness:
  - $k_d + k_s + k_t \leq 1$  on all channels (RGB)
- Recommended, not mandatory:
  - Emissive objects do not reflect/refract, and vice versa
    - Area lights with emission coefficient ( $k_e > 0$ )

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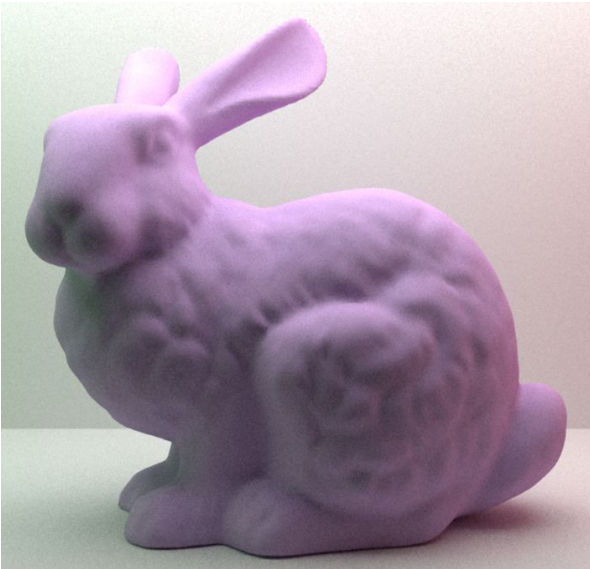


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**Specular**



$$k_s > 0$$

**Plastic**



$$k_d, k_s > 0$$



# Combining coefficients

- How do we sample  $w_i$  when there is more than one strategy?

Diffuse



Uniform cosine  
sampling

Specular



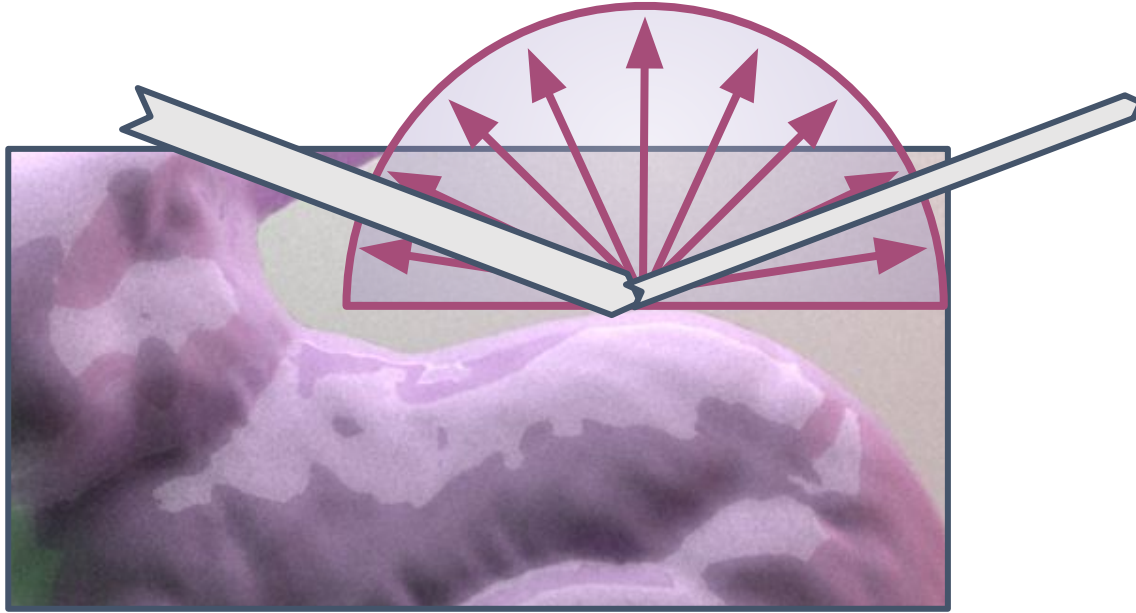
Deterministic  
(delta BRDF)

Plastic

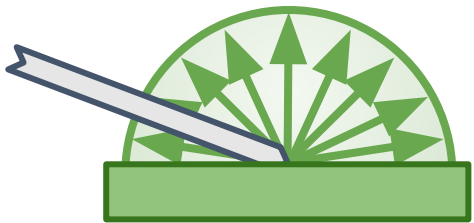


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# Russian Roulette: motivation

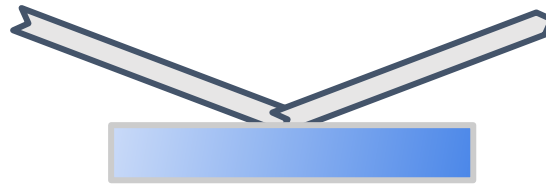


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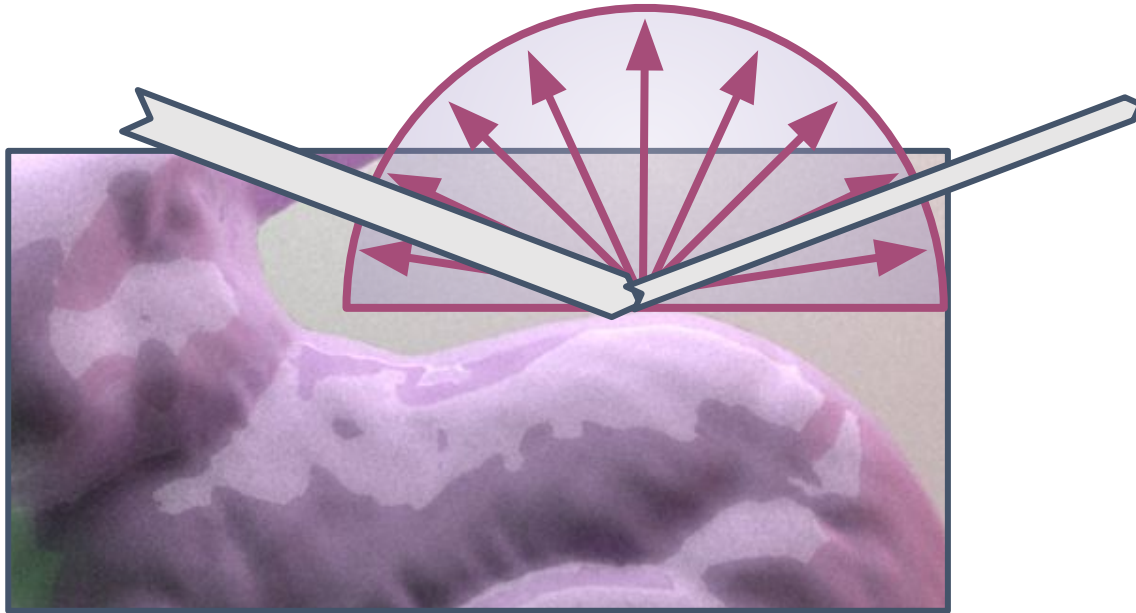
Diffuse

+



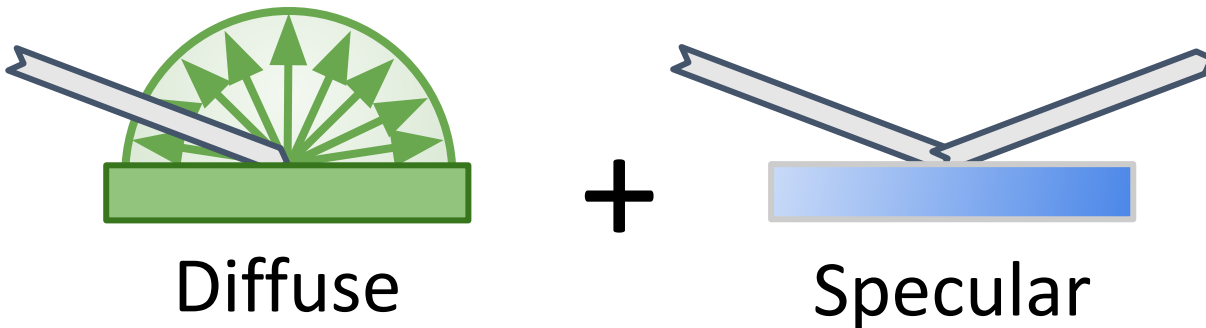
Specular

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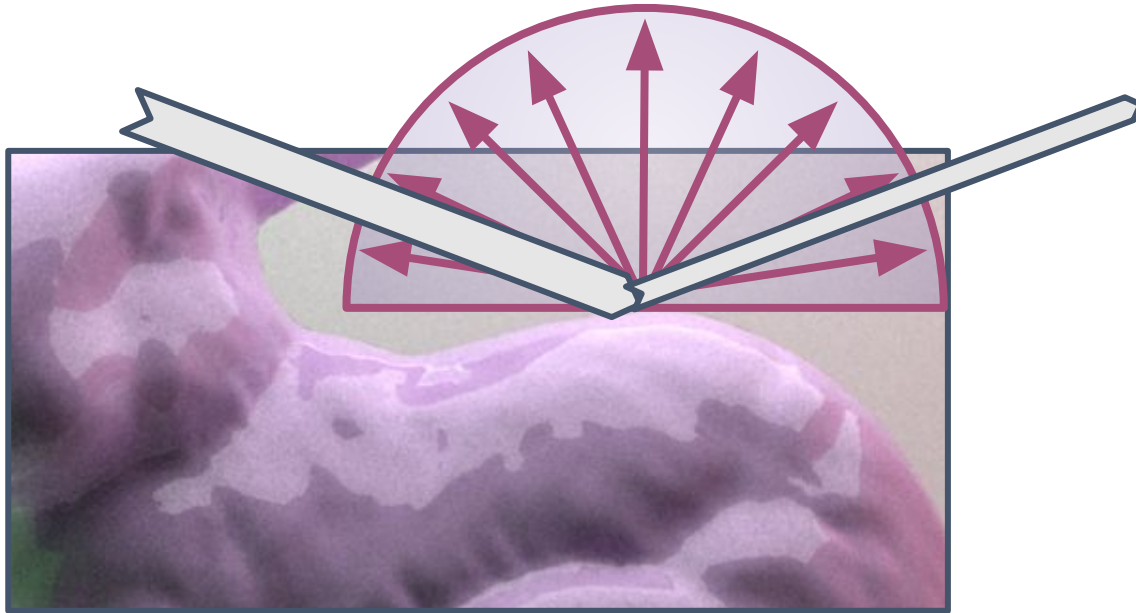


Plastic

- Only sample diffuse
  - Ignores specular part
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  - Ignores diffuse part

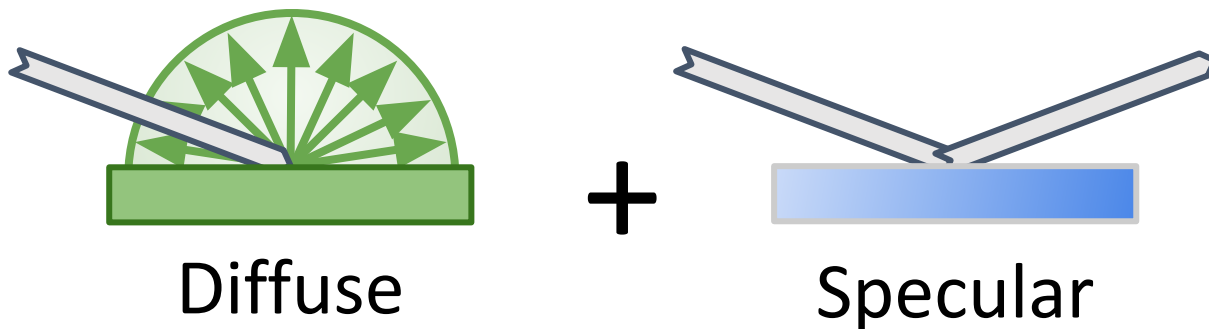


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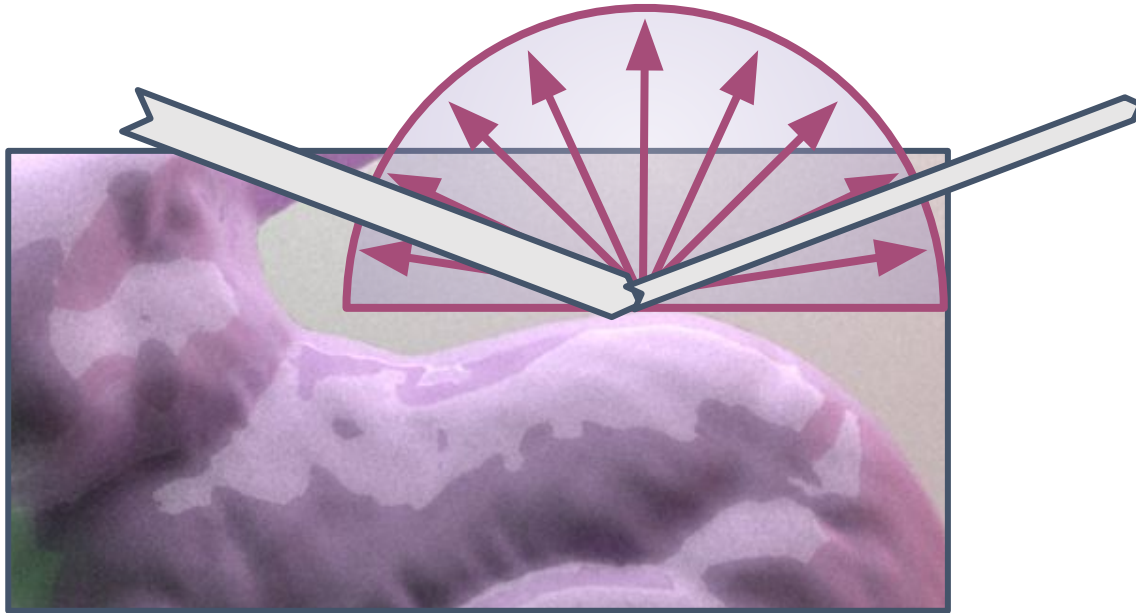
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- Sample both at the same time with two rays
  - Grows exponentially

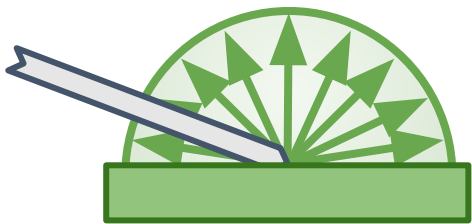




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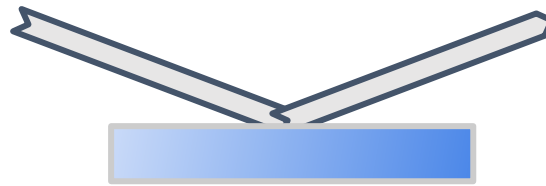


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Diffuse

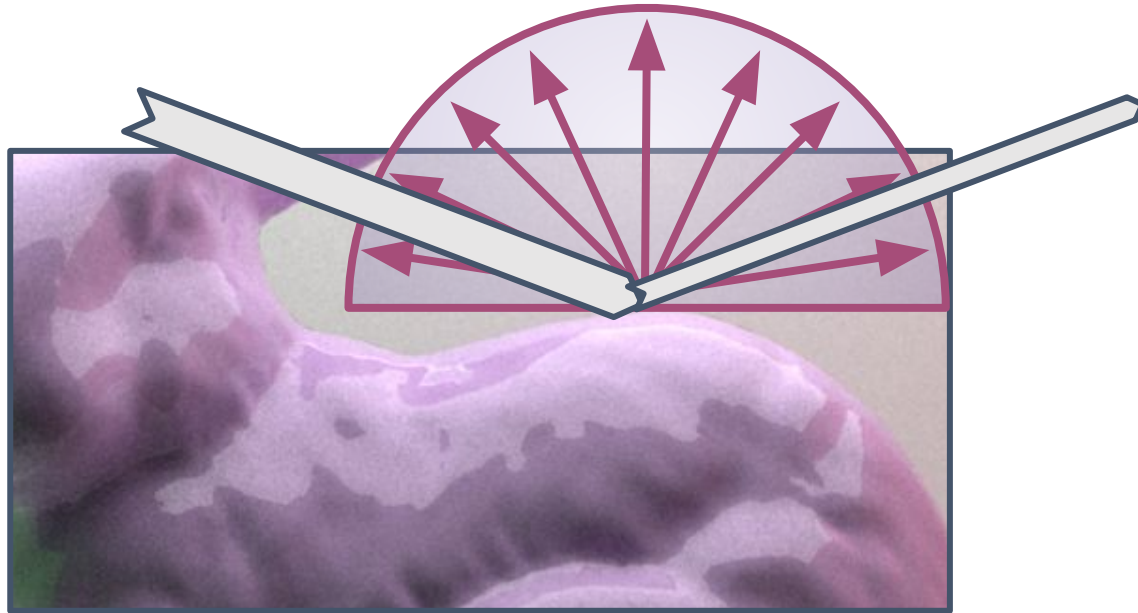
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Specular

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- ~~Sample both at the same time with two rays~~
  - Grows exponentially
- **Russian Roulette:** sample one random event (diffuse / specular)

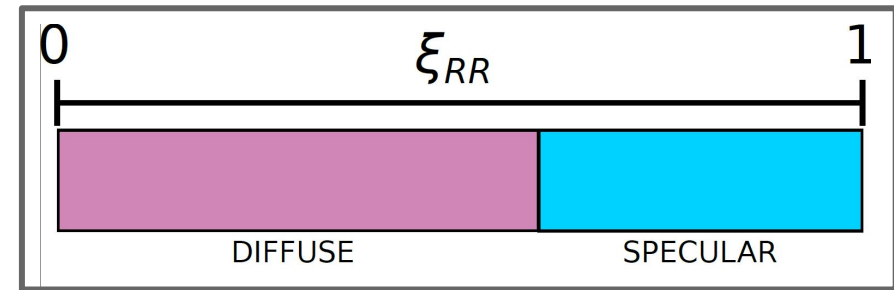
# Russian Roulette: explanation



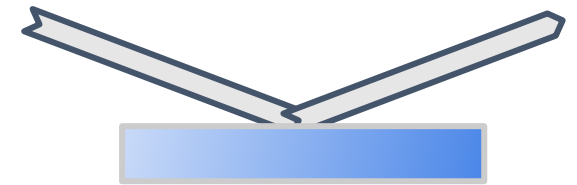
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- **Russian Roulette:** sample one random event (diffuse / specular)

Random number  $\xi_{RR} \in [0, 1]$ :

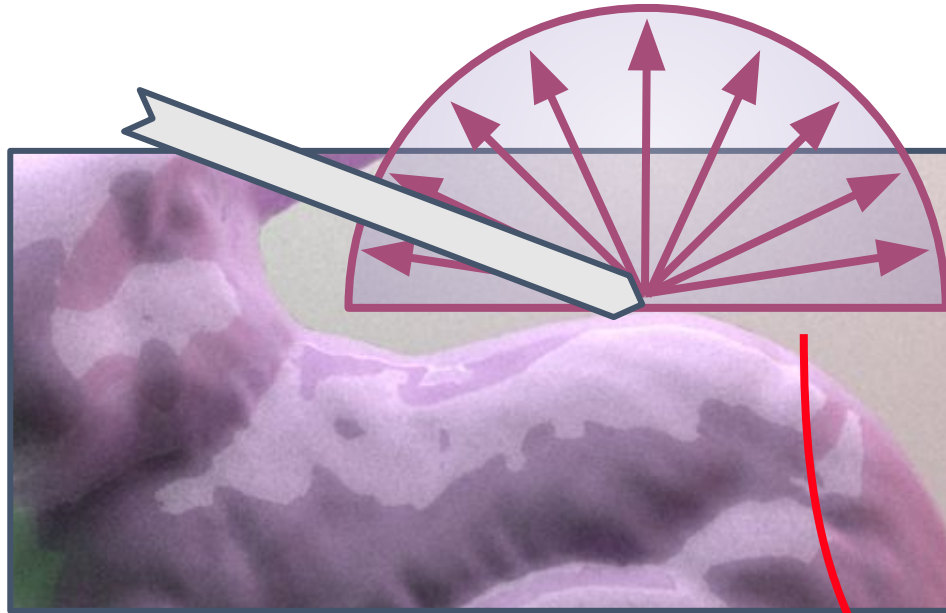


Diffuse



Specular

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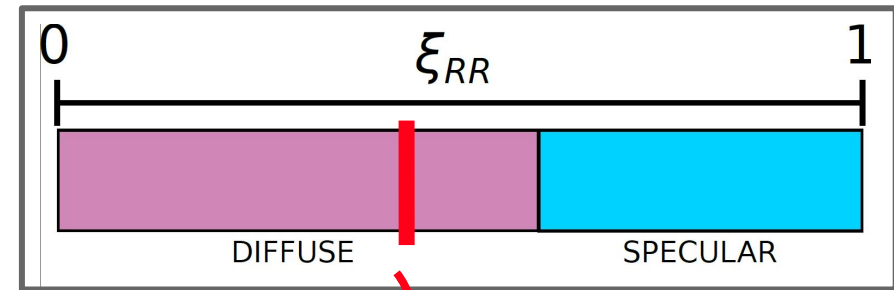


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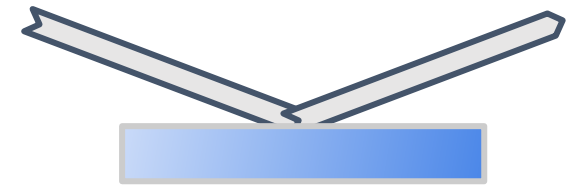
Sample  $\omega_i$  based on your strategy for **diffuse** BRDFs

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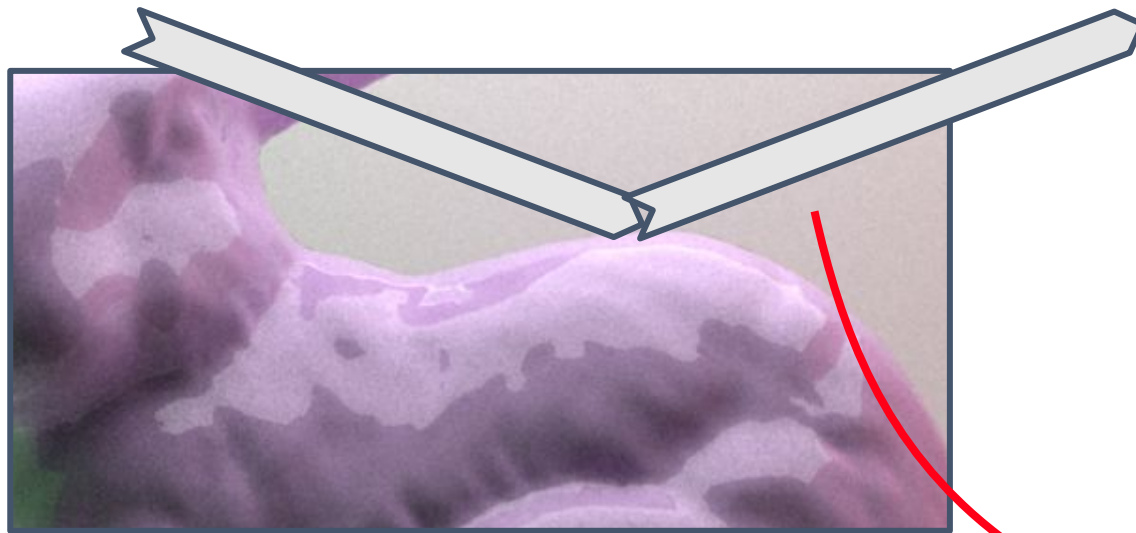


Diffuse



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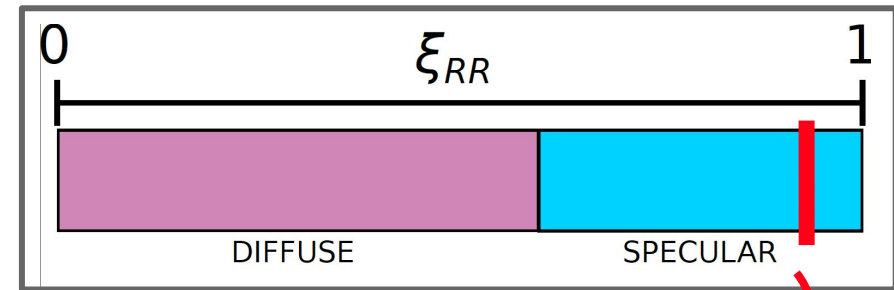


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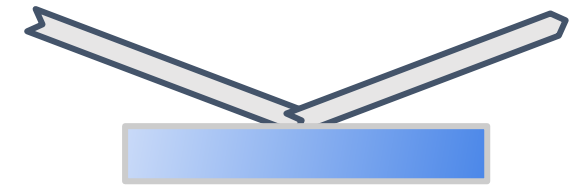
Sample  $\omega_i$  based on your strategy for **specular** BRDFs

- **Russian Roulette:** sample one random event (diffuse / specular)

Random number  $\xi_{RR} \in [0, 1]$ :



Diffuse



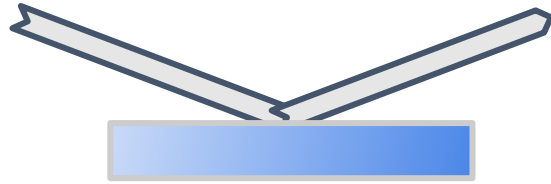
Specular

# Russian Roulette: probabilities



Diffuse

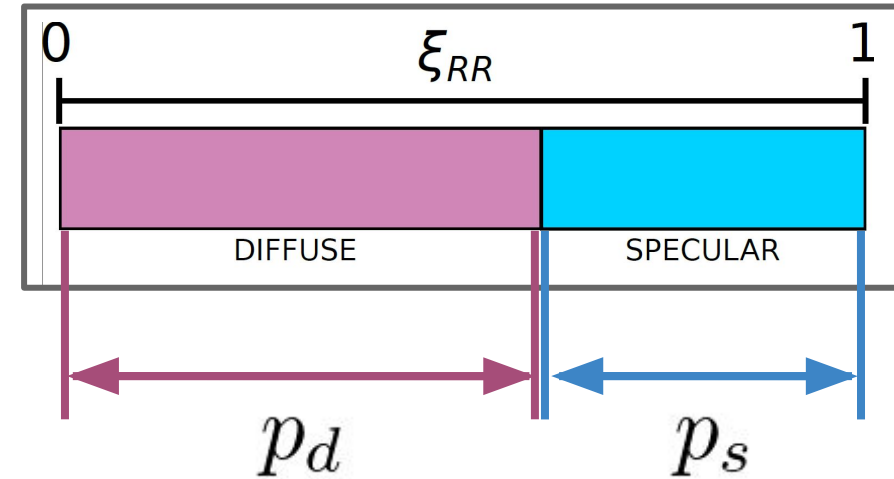
$k_d$



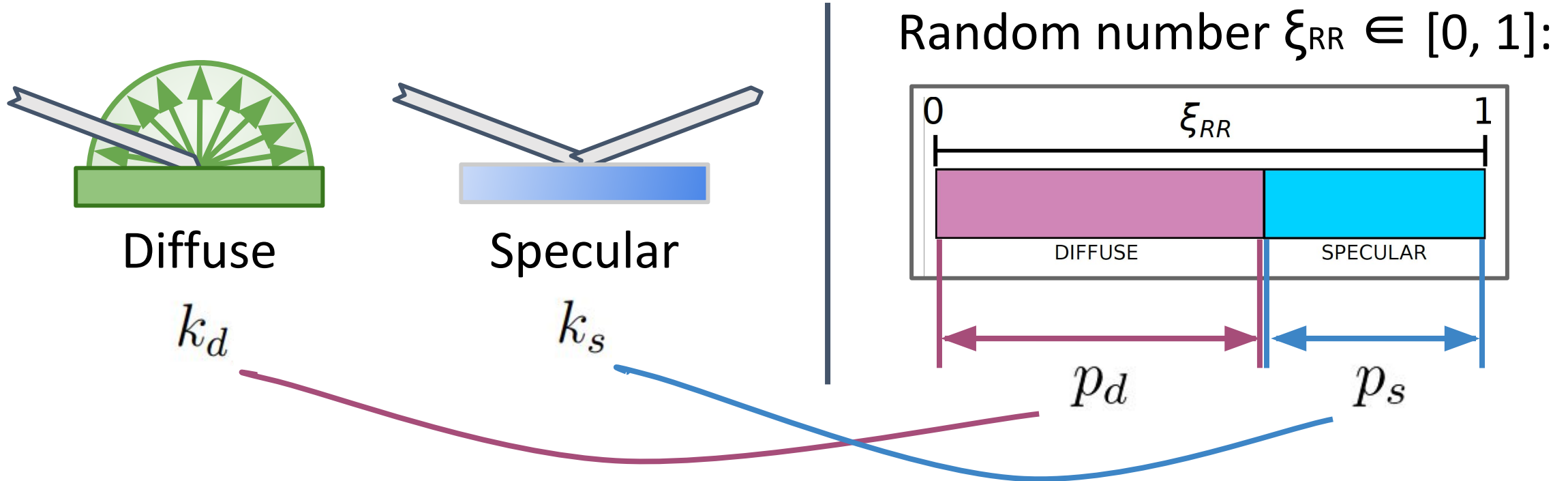
Specular

$k_s$

Random number  $\xi_{RR} \in [0, 1]$ :

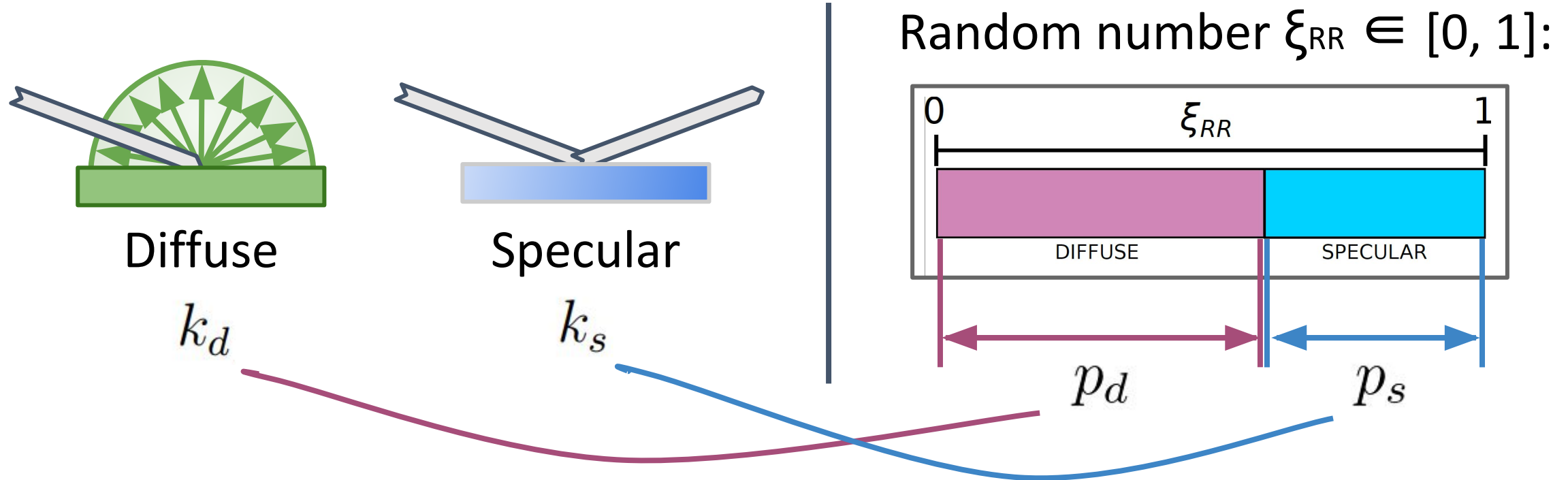


# Russian Roulette: probabilities



- How to obtain probabilities  $p_d, p_s$  based on RGB coefficients  $k_d, k_s$ ?

# Russian Roulette: probabilities



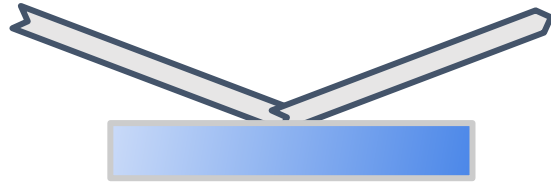
- How to obtain probabilities  $p_d, p_s$  based on RGB coefficients  $k_d, k_s$ ?
  - Example:  $p_i = \max k_i$  (maximum of RGB channels)
  - Remember:  $k_d + k_s + k_t \leq 1$  on all channels (RGB)

# Russian Roulette: probabilities



Diffuse

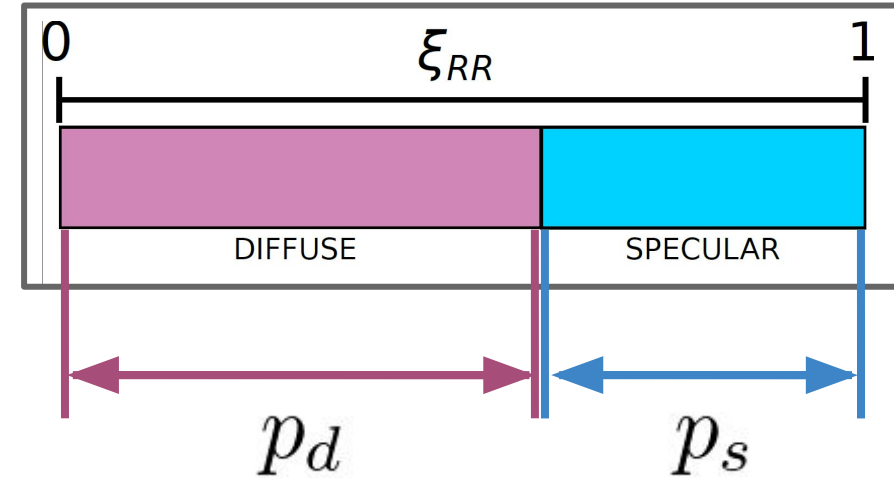
$k_d$



Specular

$k_s$

Random number  $\xi_{RR} \in [0, 1]$ :



- After evaluating each event, divide by its probability:

$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_d \frac{1}{\pi} + k_s \frac{\delta_{\omega_r}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i} + k_t \frac{\delta_{\omega_t}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i}$$

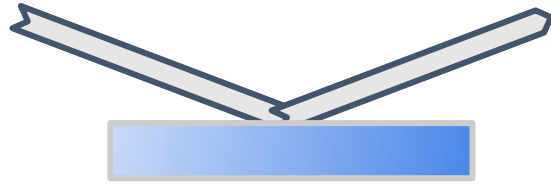


# Russian Roulette: probabilities



Diffuse

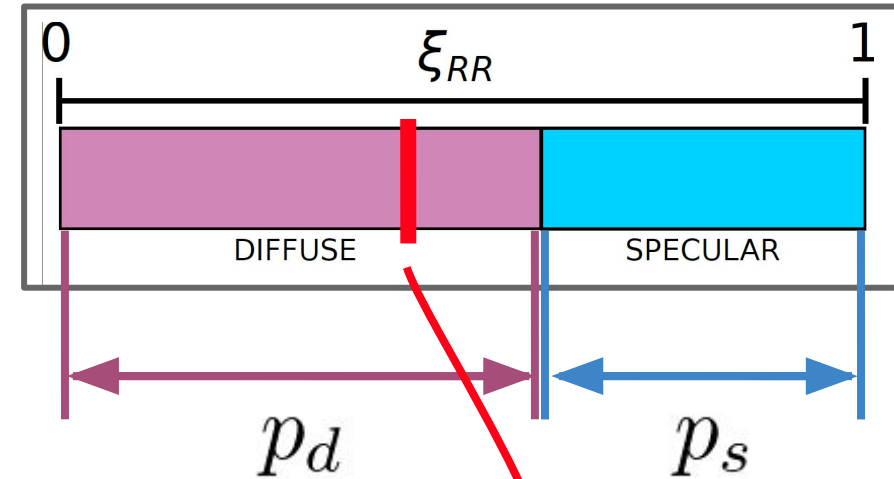
$k_d$



Specular

$k_s$

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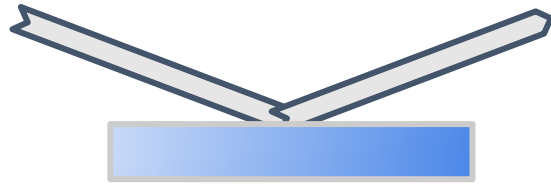
$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_d \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{p_d}$$

# Russian Roulette: probabilities



Diffuse

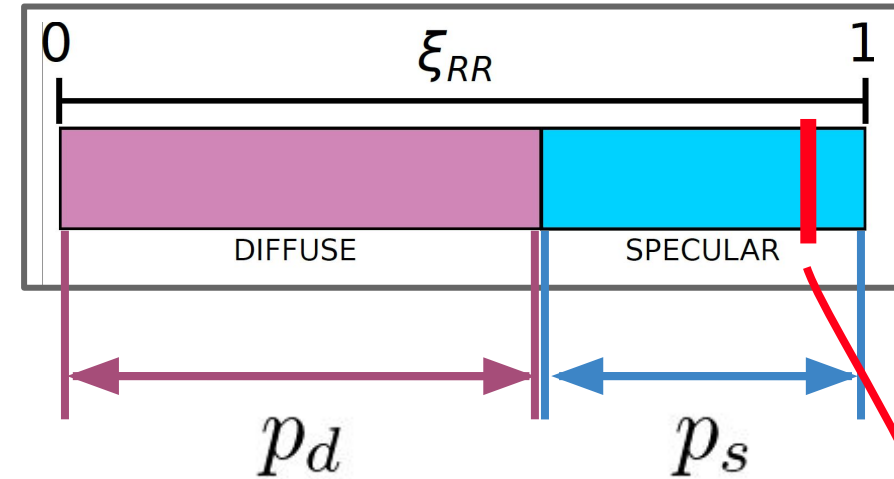
$k_d$



Specular

$k_s$

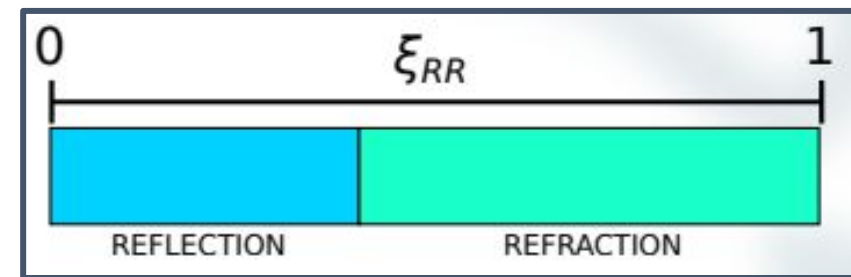
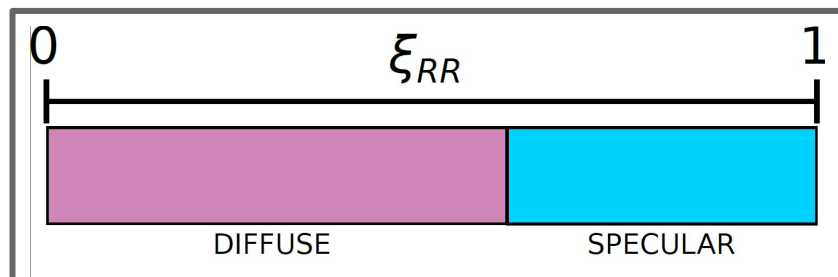
Random number  $\xi_{RR} \in [0, 1]$ :



- After evaluating each event, divide by its probability:

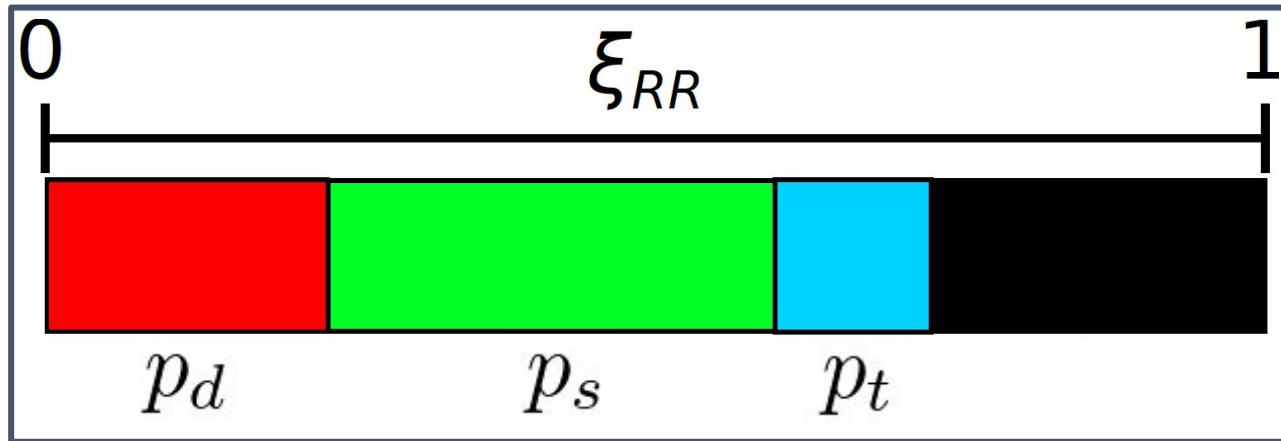
$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_s \frac{\delta_{\omega_r}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i} \cdot \frac{1}{p_s}$$

# Material combinations



# Path termination

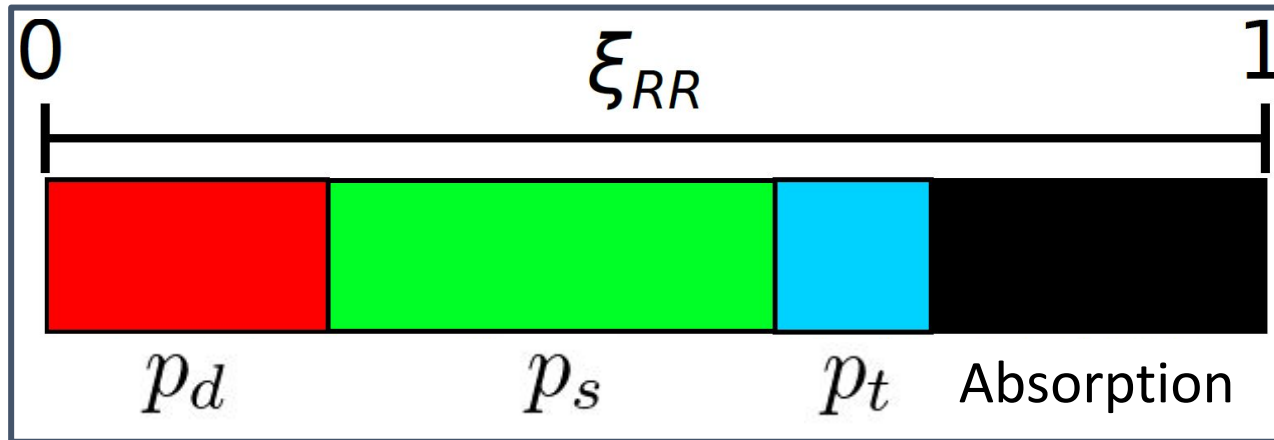
- Until now we have defined three events for Russian Roulette
  - Diffuse, perfect specular, perfect refractive



$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_d \frac{1}{\pi} + k_s \frac{\delta_{\omega_r}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i} + k_t \frac{\delta_{\omega_t}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i}$$

# Path termination

- Until now we have defined three events for Russian Roulette
  - Diffuse, perfect specular, perfect refractive
- New: “absorption” event as a path termination condition



$$1 - (p_d + p_s + p_t)$$

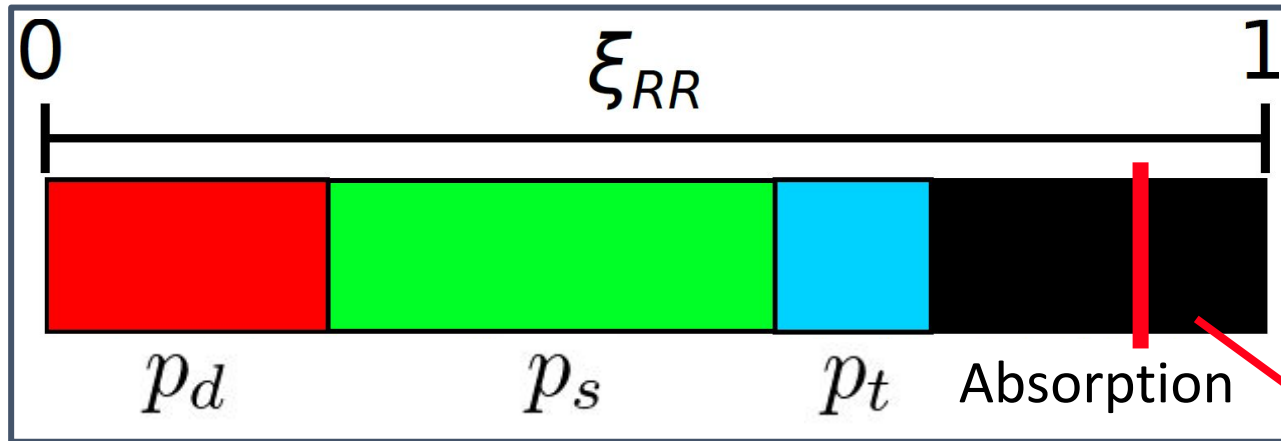
An arrow points from this equation to the black 'Absorption' segment of the bar in the diagram above.

$$f_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i, \omega_o) = k_d \frac{1}{\pi} + k_s \frac{\delta_{\omega_r}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i} + k_t \frac{\delta_{\omega_t}(\omega_i)}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_i}$$

Below the equation, there are three horizontal colored bars: red, green, and blue, corresponding to the terms in the equation.

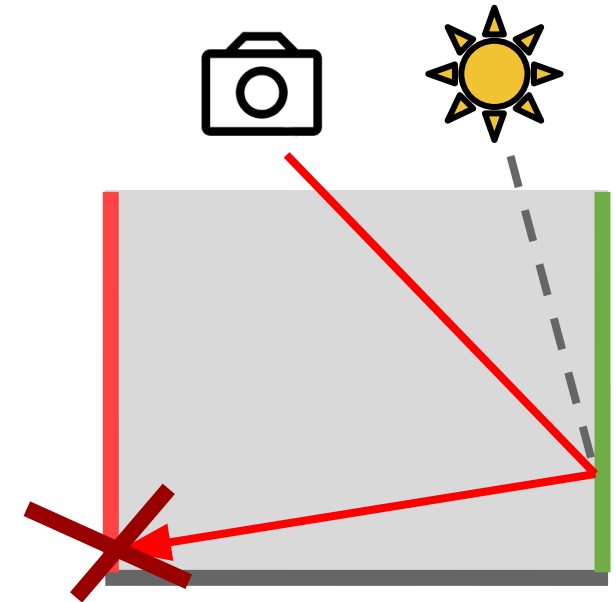
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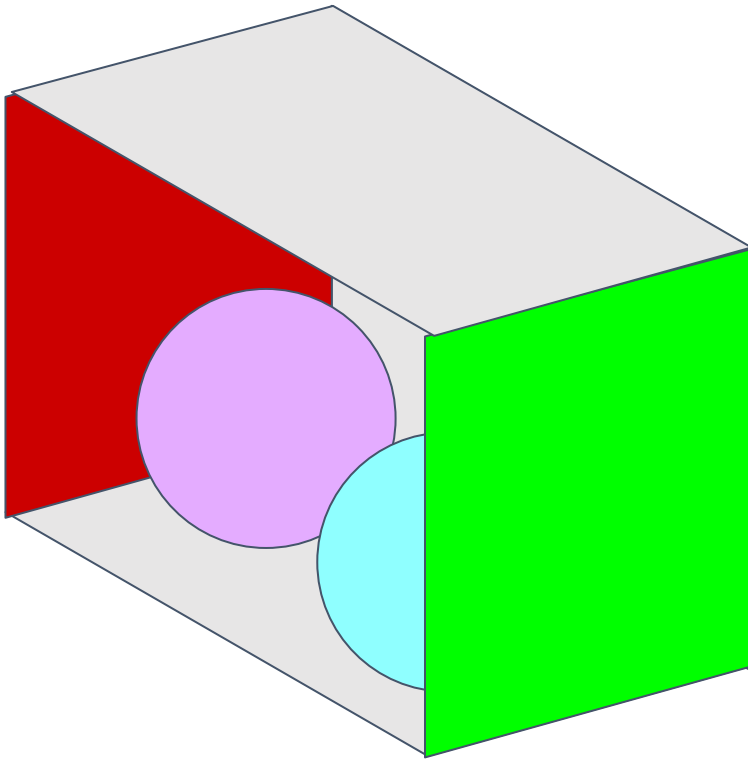
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- Until now we have defined three events for Russian Roulette
  - Diffuse, perfect specular, perfect refractive
- New: “absorption” event as a path termination condition
  - Remember previous termination path conditions:
    - Ray does not intersect
    - Ray intersects with an area light
    - Number of bounces  $> N$  (not required with Russian Roulette)

# Example scene: Cornell Box

- **Geometry**



## Planes defined by normal ( $n$ ) and distance ( $d$ )

Left plane       $n = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $d = 1$

Right plane      $n = (-1, 0, 0)$ ,  $d = 1$

Floor plane      $n = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $d = 1$

Ceiling plane     $n = (0, -1, 0)$ ,  $d = 1$

Back plane       $n = (0, 0, -1)$ ,  $d = 1$

## Spheres defined by center ( $c$ ) and radius ( $r$ )

Left sphere      $c = (-0.5, -0.7, 0.25)$ ,  $r = 0.3$

- Mix of blue diffuse + specular

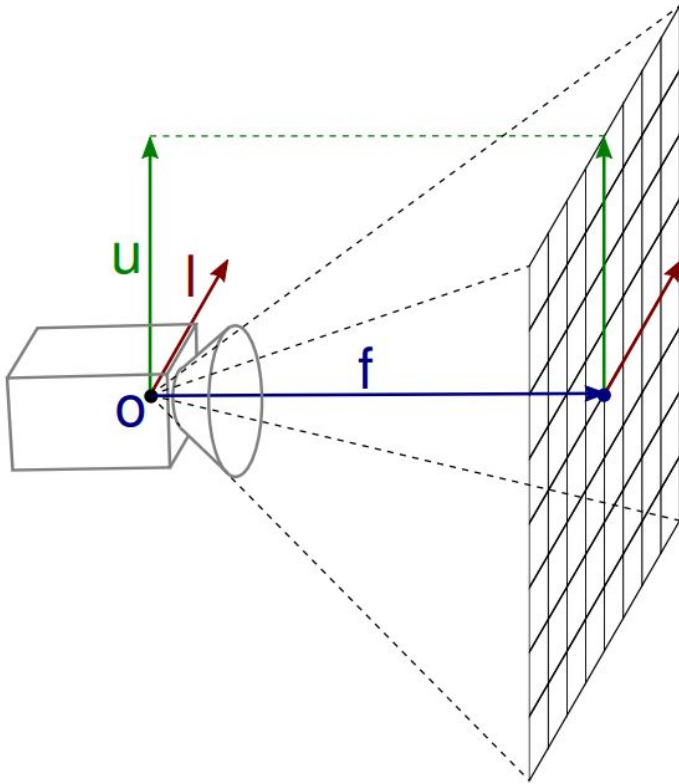
Right sphere     $c = (0.5, -0.7, -0.25)$ ,  $r = 0.3$

- Mix of specular and refraction,  $\eta = 1.5$



# Example scene: Cornell Box

- Camera & light sources



## Camera and image plane defined by

Origin  $O = (0, 0, -3.5)$

Left  $L = (-1, 0, 0)$

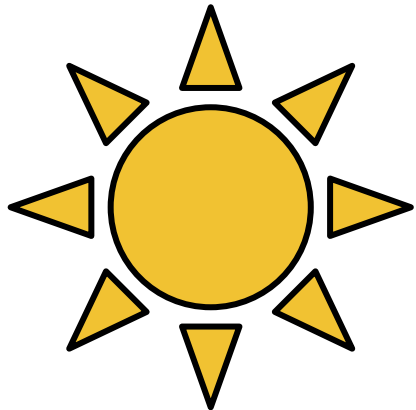
Up  $U = (0, 1, 0)$

Forward  $F = (0, 0, 3)$

Size 256x256 pixels

# Example scene: Cornell Box

- Light sources



## Center and power (emission)

Center  $c = (0, 0.5, 0)$

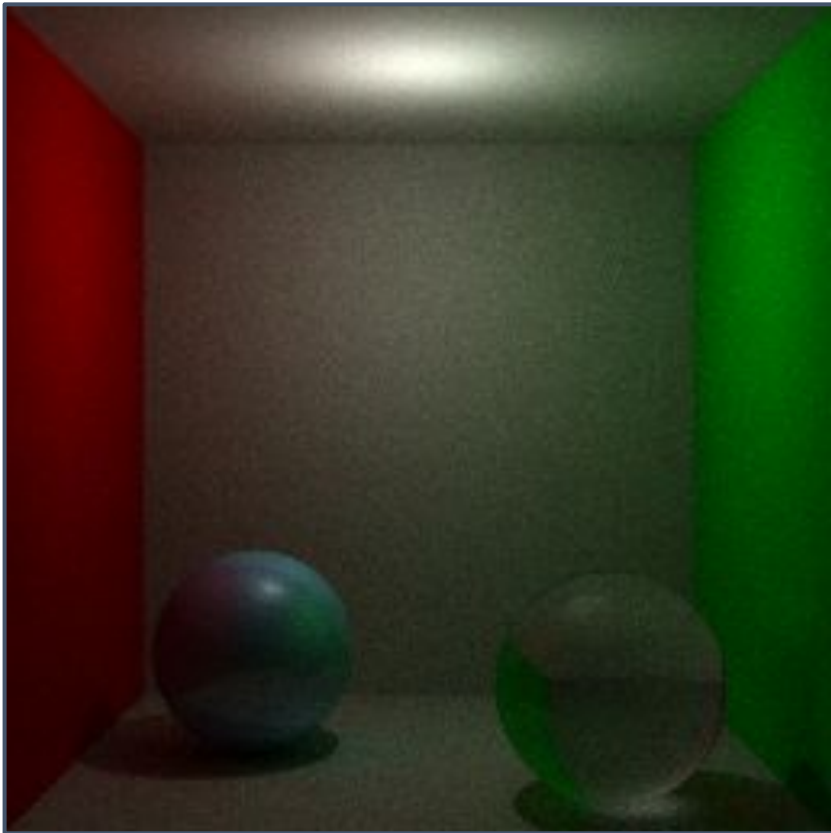
Power can be any number e.g.  $p = (1, 1, 1)$

Just be careful with the #MAX

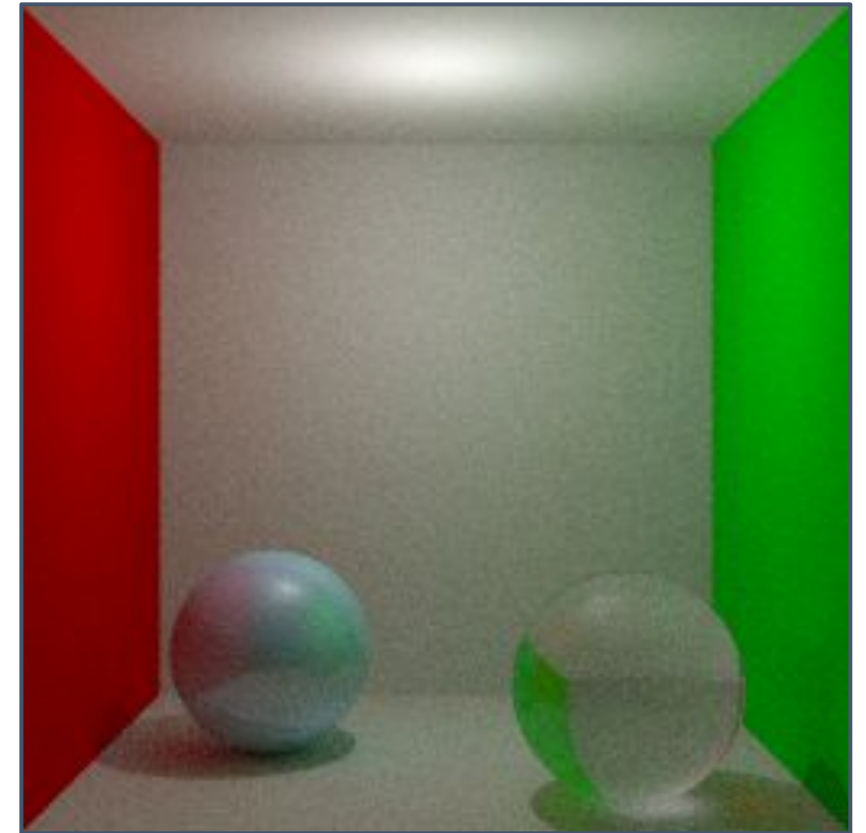
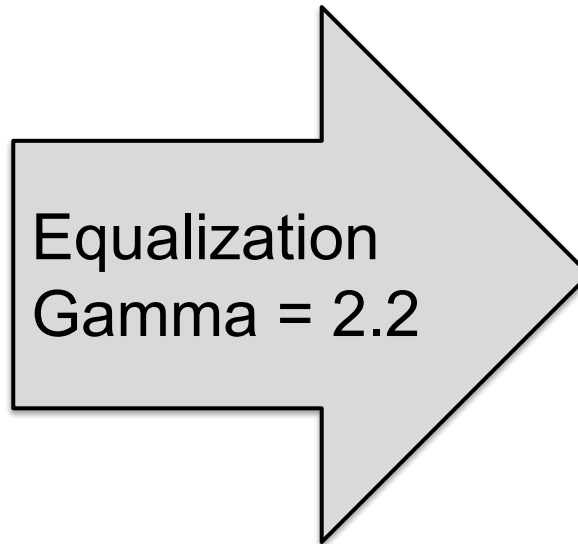
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1  P3
2  # feep.ppm
3  #MAX=<maximum of your RGB memory values>
4  4 4
5  15
6  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 15 0 15
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# Example scene: Cornell Box

- Results (no area lights + point light)



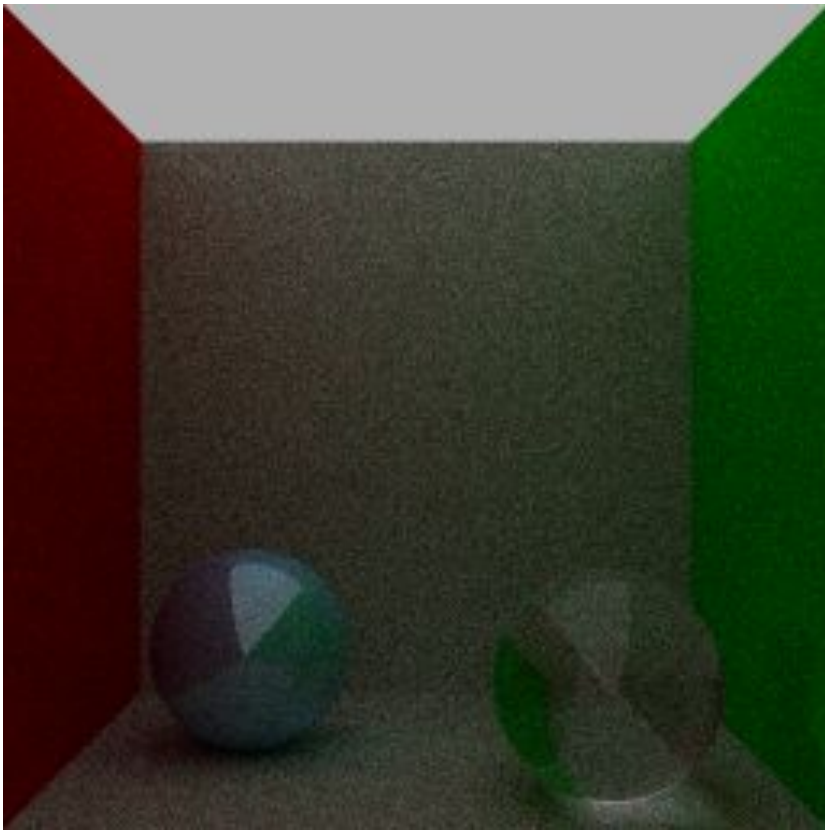
Using a point light



With tone mapping

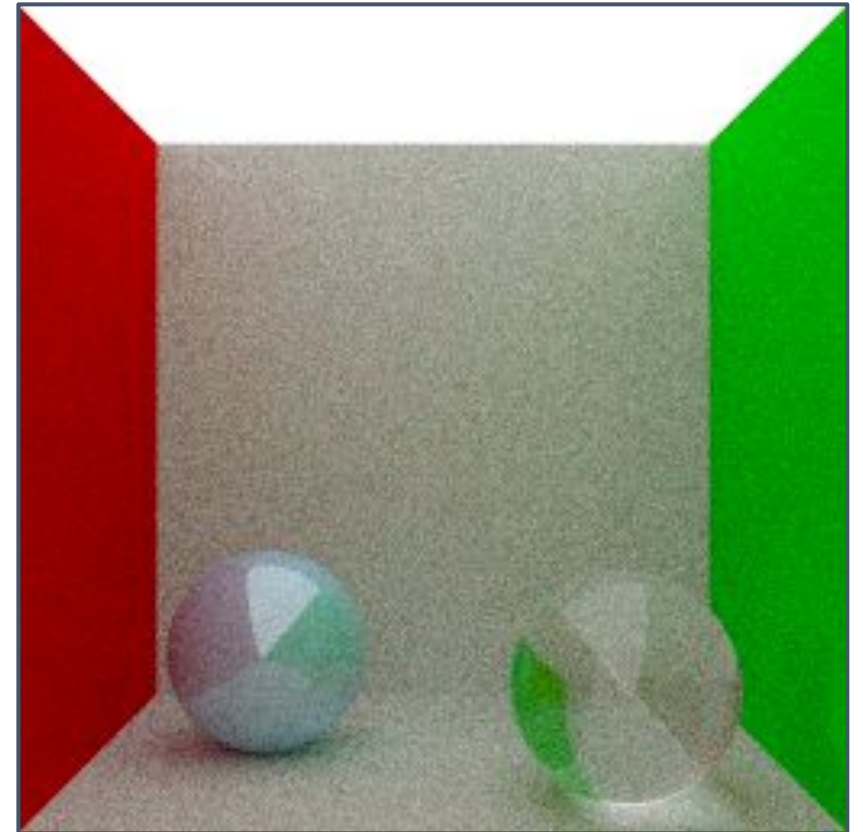
# Example scene: Cornell Box

- Results (no point light + ceiling plane is an area light)



Using an area light

Equalization  
 $\text{Gamma} = 2.2$



With tone mapping

**DO ASK** questions, either now or after the lab

But be reasonable, please :)

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# What to expect from this session

In the programming language of your choice implement:

- Perfect specular and refractive BSDFs (add  $k_s$  and  $k_t$  for each material)
  - Extend “**evaluate**” and “**sample**” functions
- Apply Russian Roulette **at each intersection** to select an event:
  - (1) Diffuse, (2) Perfect specular, (3) Perfect refractive, (4) Absorption
  - Sample BSDF based on selected event, evaluate and divide by event’s probability
- Recommended deadline: November 13th (moodle: January 11th)
  - Extensions (do not count towards recommended deadline):
    - **Recommended to finish base path tracer for next week before any optionals**
    - **Realistic coefficients:** Modulate specular/refractive coefficients  $k_s$  and  $k_t$  using Fresnel equations
    - **Textures:** make material coefficients on hit position  $\mathbf{x}$
    - **Fresnel effects:** make material coefficients depend on viewing direction  $\omega_o$