

Topic 08:

Radiometry

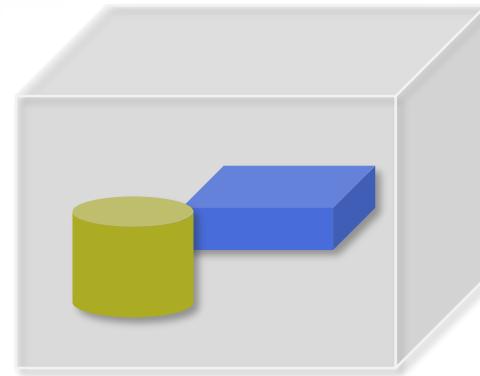
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image formation

and a camera

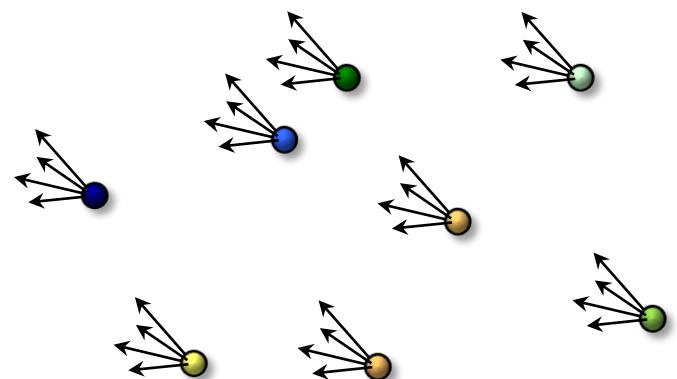


given a (static) 3D scene



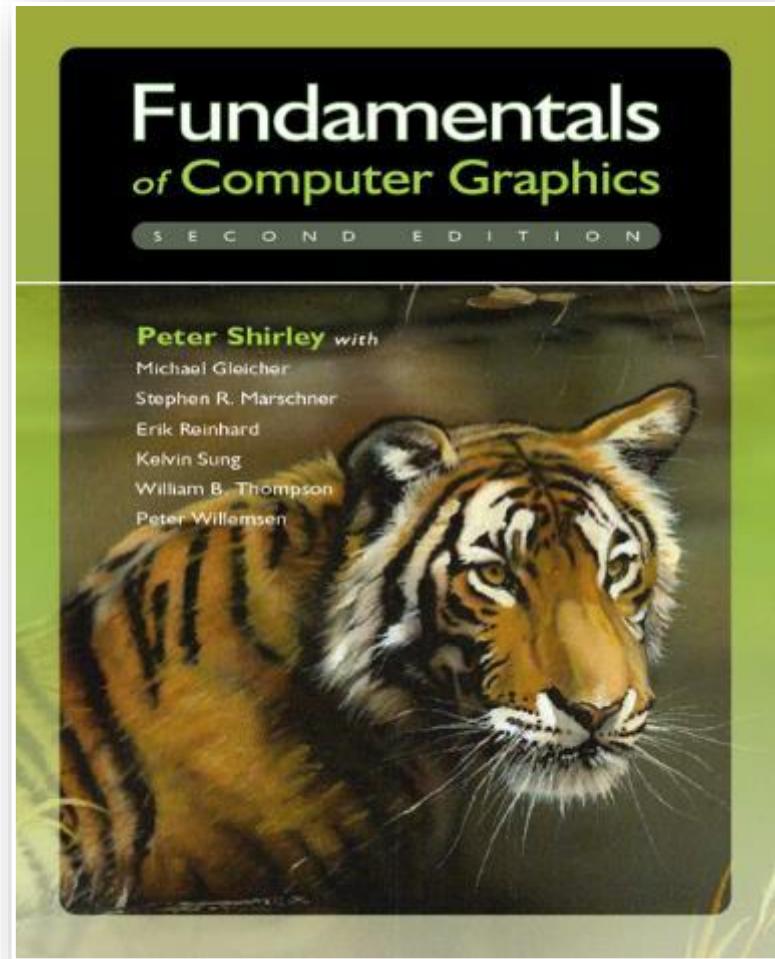
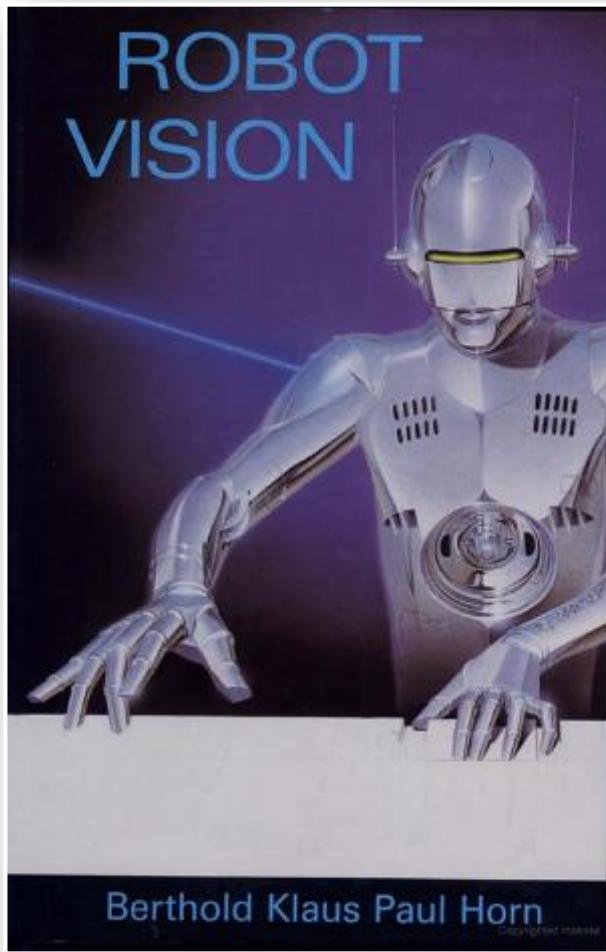
a set of light sources

how do we express mathematically
the captured photo?



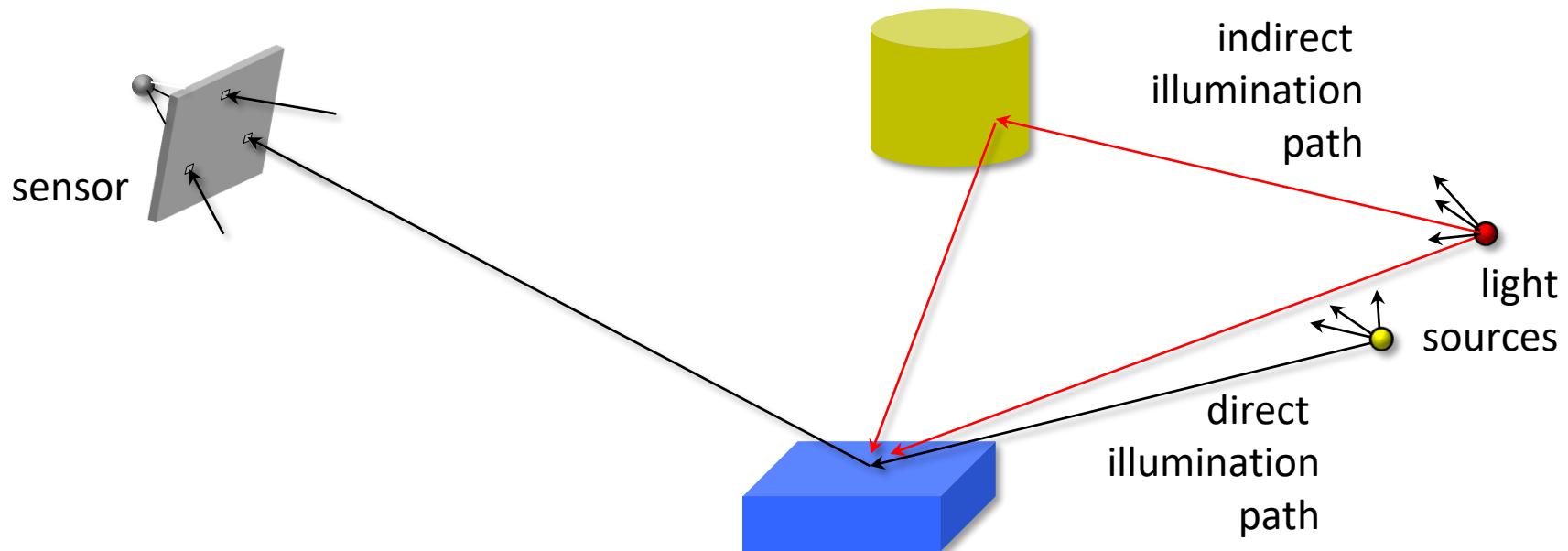
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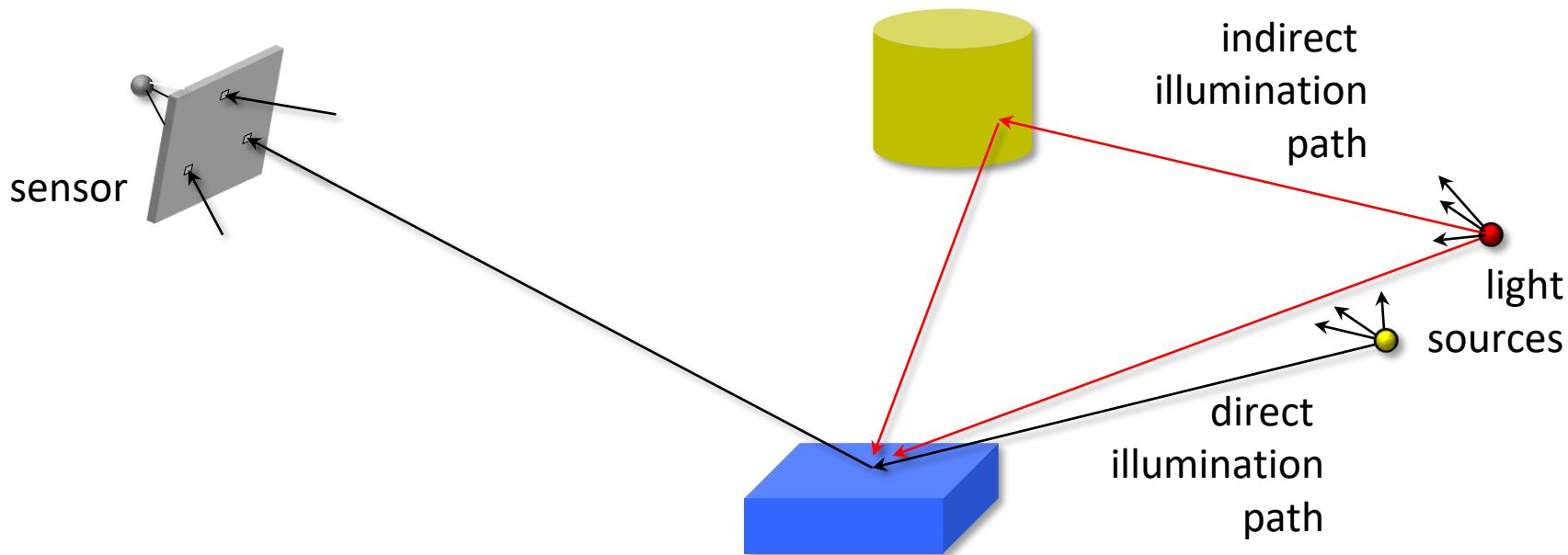
what is a photo?

answer 2: a 2D array of photon counts recorded by camera sensor



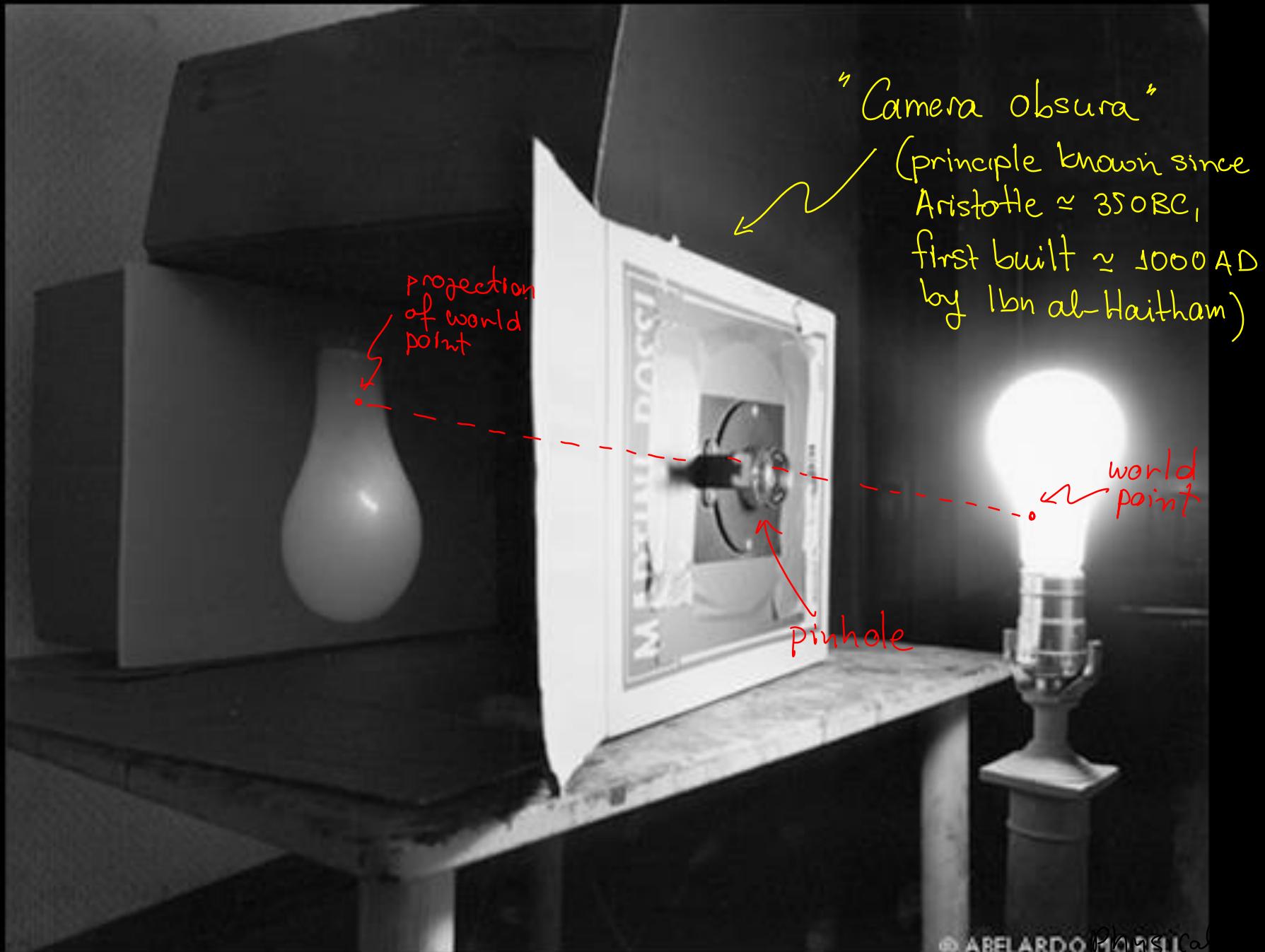
in this course...

ignore quantum nature of light, ignore indirect illumination (mostly)

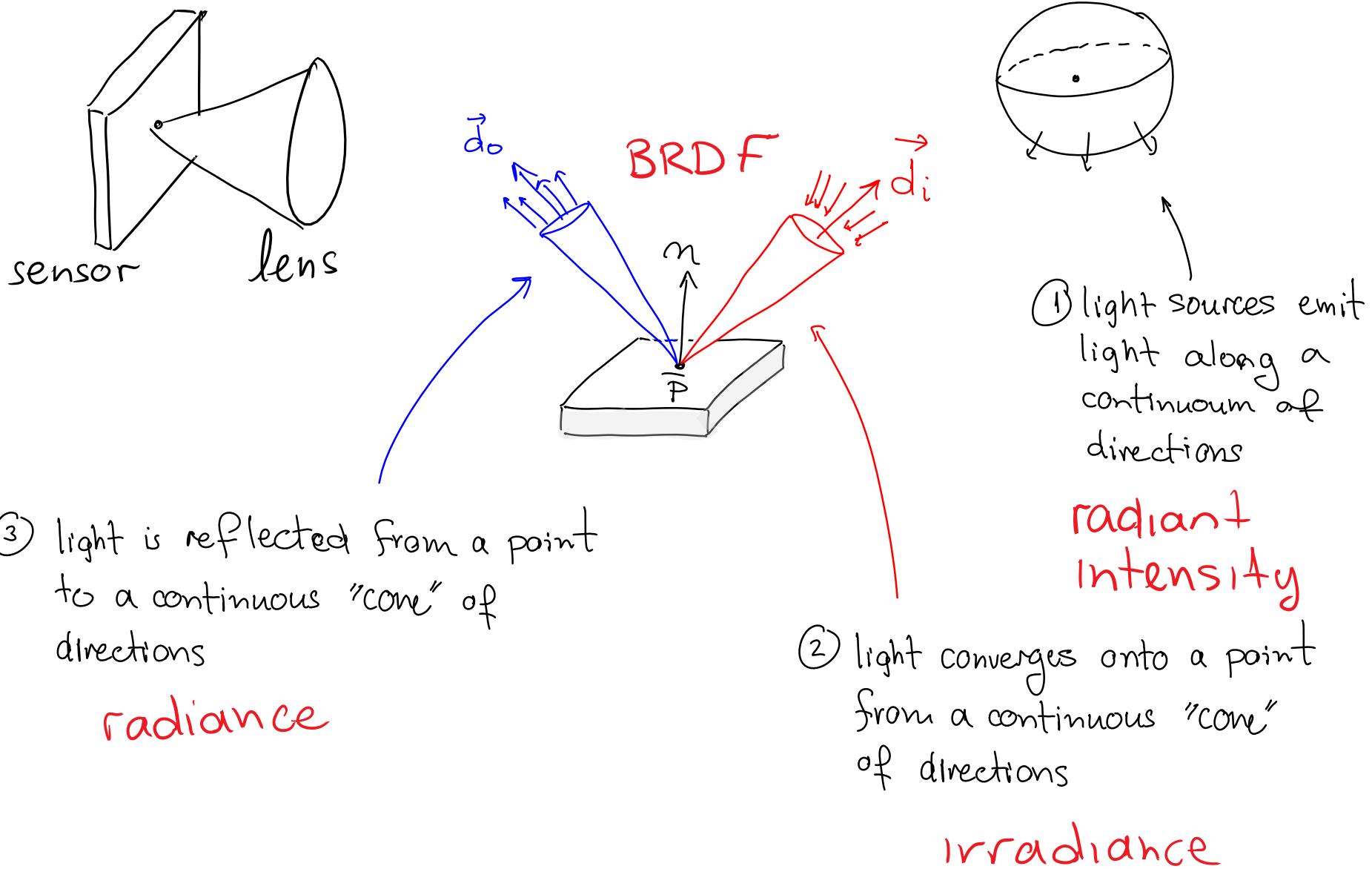


Two steps in modeling image formation:

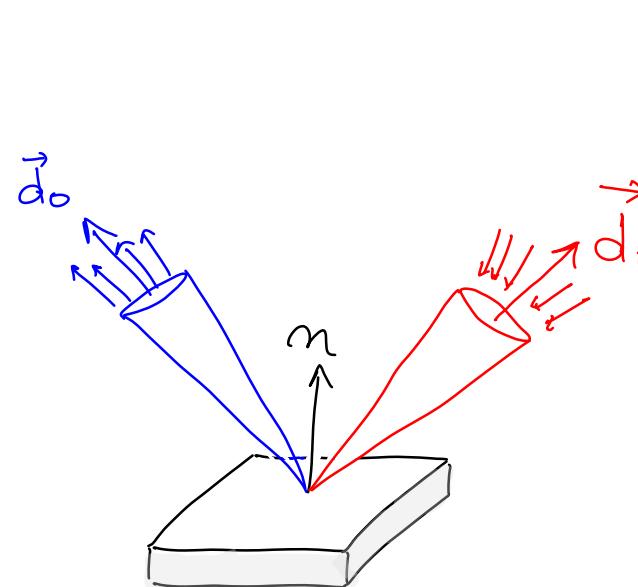
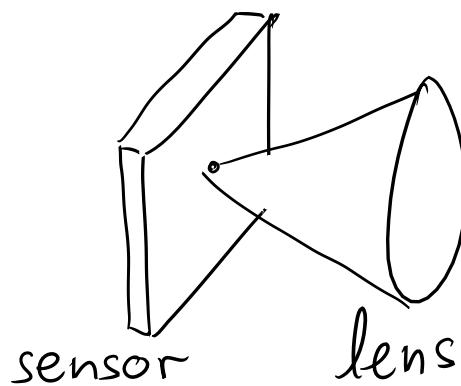
projection: quantifying the **2D image location** of a scene point
radiometry: quantifying the **appearance** of a scene point



The Basic “Light Transport” Path



Radiometry: Getting the Physics Right



Radiometry: measurement of electromagnetic radiation

Physics:

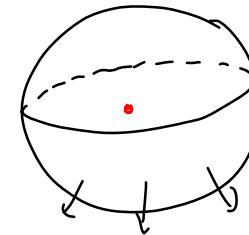
Joules
Watts

Geometry:

differential
patches
directions
solid angles
foreshortened area

Radiometry:
radiant energy
radiant flux
irradiance
radiance
radiant exitance
BRDF

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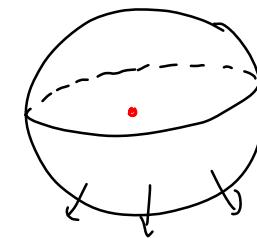
light sources emit
light along a
continuum of
directions

Radiant Energy & Radiant Flux

- Light is energy (i.e. photons)

⇒ measured in Joules (J)
 $(4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J per photon})$

⇒ energy emitted by a
 light source is called
radiant energy



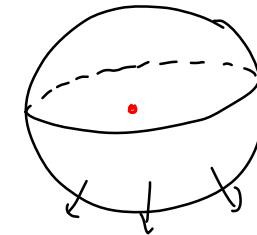
light source
 emits radiant
 flux ϕ (in Watts)

- We are interested in "steady-state" conditions (energy per unit time interval)

⇒ energy per unit time (a.k.a power)
 ⇒ measured in Watts ($= \text{J/sec}$)
 ⇒ called **radiant flux ϕ**

Measuring Light Emitted from a (Point) Source

light emitted
by the light source falls
onto an object surface.



light source
emits radiant
flux ϕ (in Watts)

Q: How do we measure
emission along specific
directions?

Q: How do we measure
light received at a
point on a surface?

Q: What units should we use?

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Flux Through an Arc (2D world, Uniform Source)

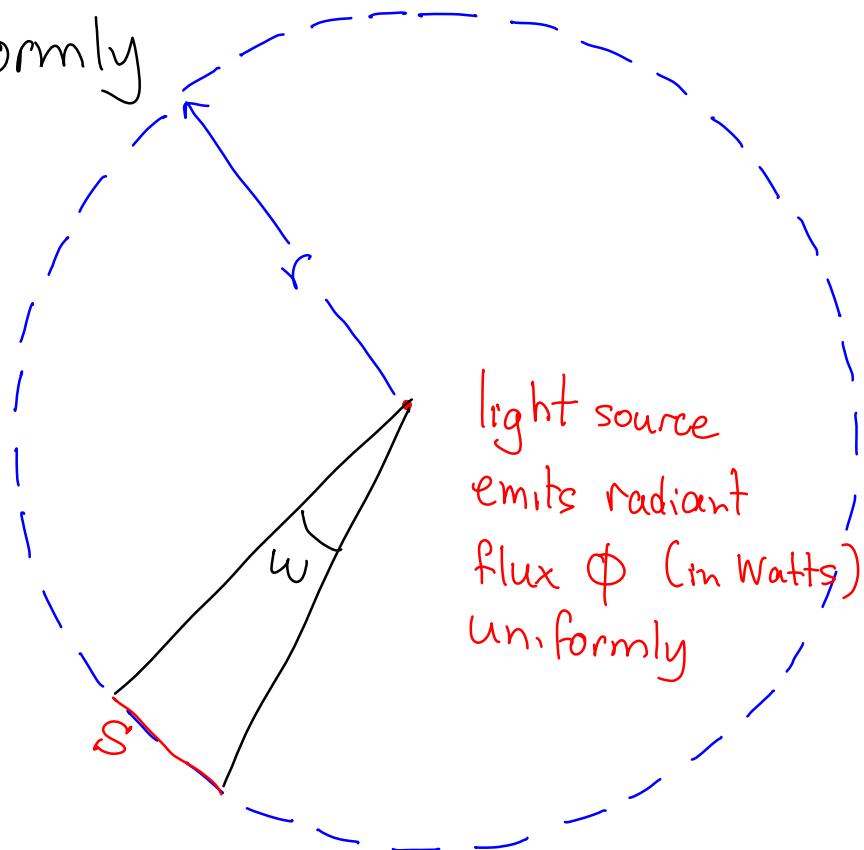
- Suppose source emits uniformly in all directions
- How much flux flows through arc S' ?

$$\phi \frac{\text{length of } S}{\text{perimeter}} =$$

$$\phi \frac{w\pi}{2\pi r} = w \frac{\phi}{2r}$$

measured in radians (rad)

measured in Watts per radian (W/rad)



light source
emits radiant
flux ϕ (in Watts)
uniformly

Flux Along a Direction (2D world, Uniform Source)

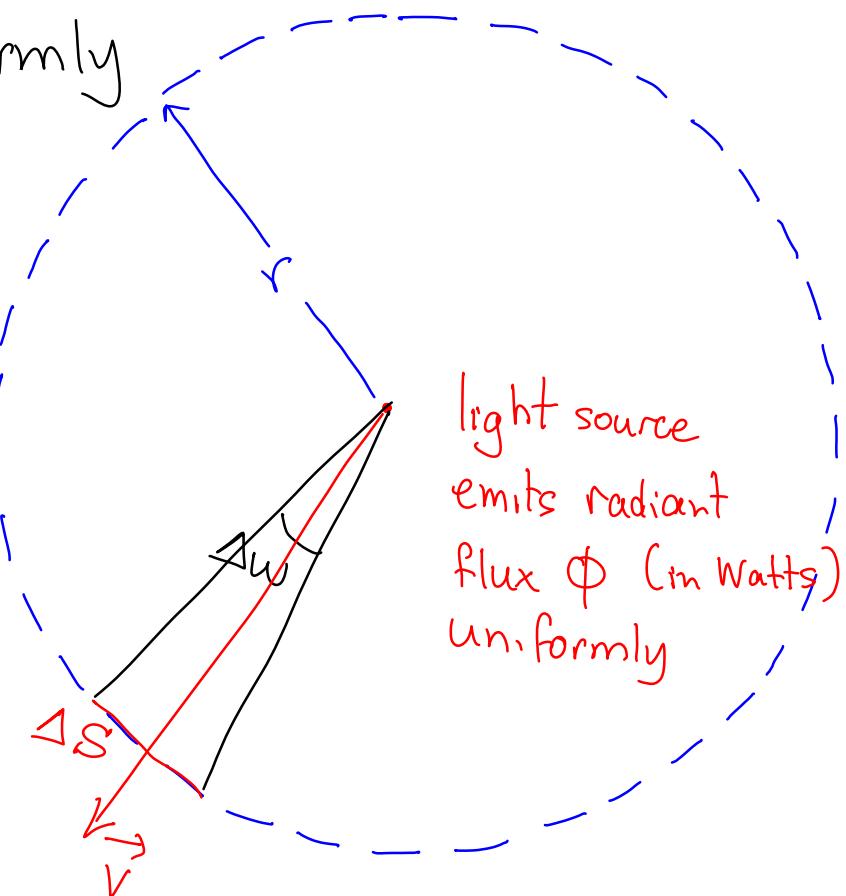
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- How much flux flows along direction \vec{v} ?

- Consider a small arc ΔS centered at \vec{v}

$$\Delta\phi = \phi \frac{\text{length } \Delta S}{\text{perimeter}} = \Delta w \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$

- Define flux along \vec{v} to be the limit of $\Delta\phi$ as $\Delta w \rightarrow 0$:

$$d\phi = dw \frac{\phi}{2\pi} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{\Delta w \rightarrow 0} \Delta w \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$



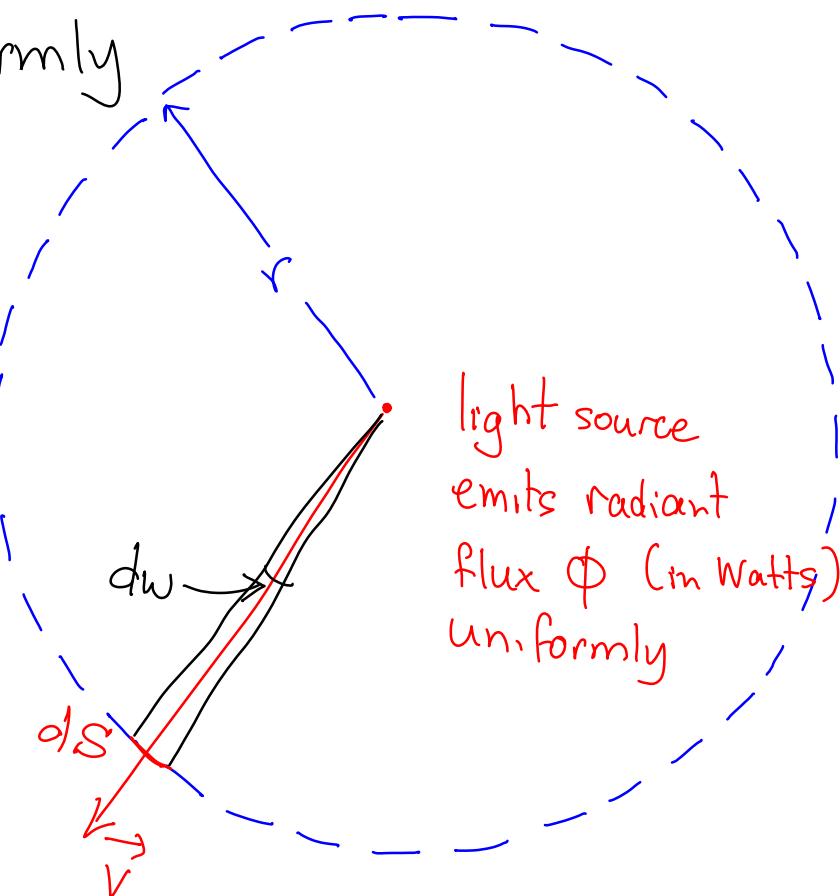
Flux Along a Direction (2D world, Uniform Source)

- Suppose source emits uniformly in all directions
- How much flux \rightarrow flows along direction \vec{v} ?

* Ans: A differential flux $d\phi$:

$$d\phi = \frac{dw}{2\pi} \quad \text{measured in Watts per radian (W/rad)}$$

differential flux
 differential angle
 these are both infinitesimal quantities!



Flux Along a Direction (2D, Non-Uniform Src)

- Suppose source emits flux non-uniformly.

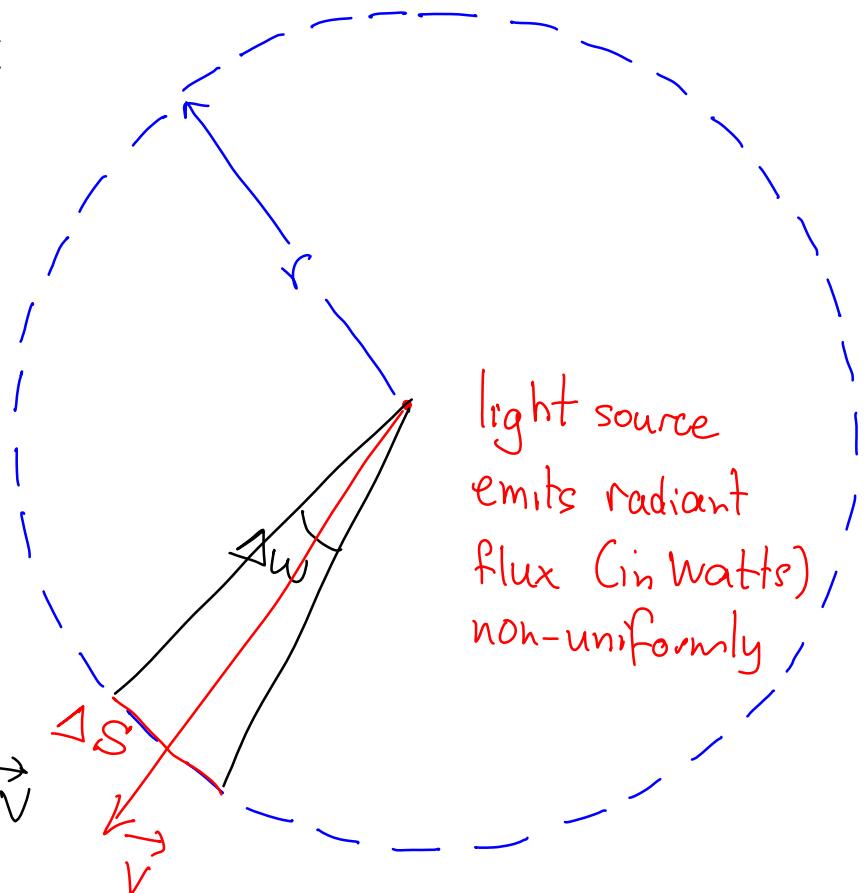
- How do we quantify the source's emission "strength" in a given direction?

- Consider a small arc ΔS centered at \vec{v}

- To describe the light source's emission along \vec{v} we need the fraction

$$\frac{\text{watts}}{\text{radian}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\Delta \phi}{\Delta \omega} \hookrightarrow \text{flux "sent" through angle } \Delta \omega \\ \Delta \omega \hookrightarrow \text{angle } \Delta \omega \end{array} \right.$$

as $\Delta \omega \rightarrow 0$



Flux Along a Direction: Radiant Intensity

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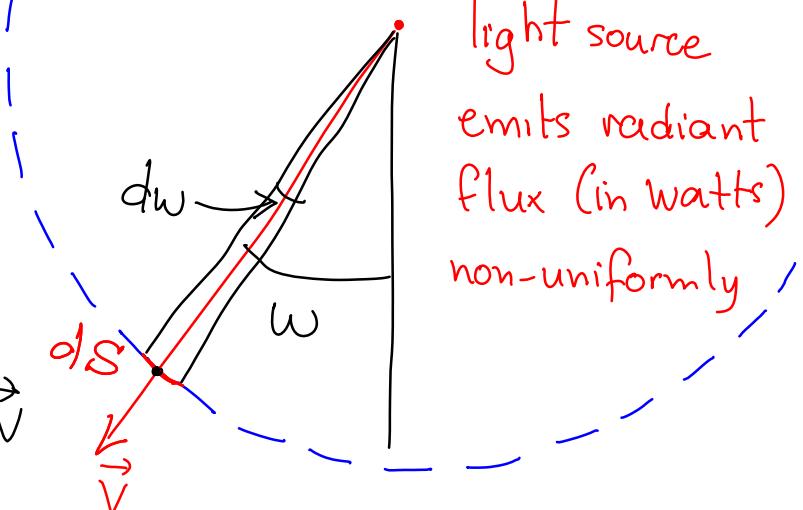
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$$\lim_{\Delta w \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \phi}{\Delta w} =$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dw} = I(w)$$

Intuition: associate a "brightness" to each point on circle to describe "strength" of emitted light in that direction. That is, $I(w)$ is an "angular density"



Radiant intensity
of source in
direction w $\left(\frac{\text{watts}}{\text{radian}} \right)$

Flux Along a Direction: Radiant Intensity

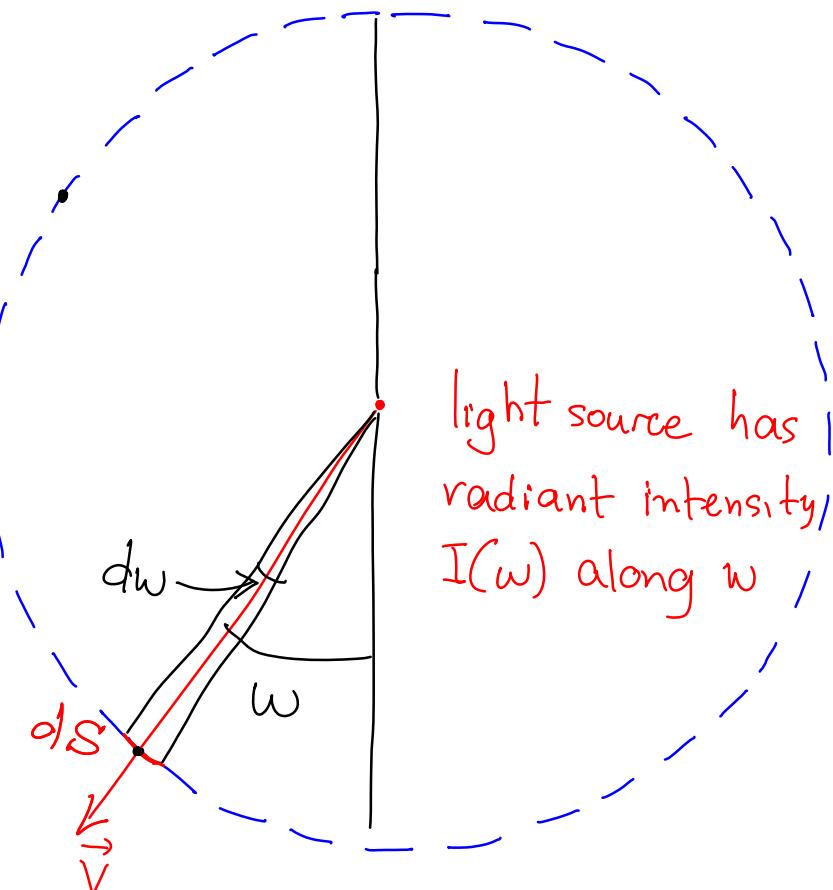
- Suppose source emits flux non-uniformly.

- Its emission strength given by radiant intensity:

$$I(w) = \frac{d\phi}{dw} \quad \left(\frac{\text{Watts}}{\text{radian}} \right)$$

- Differential flux given by

$$d\phi = dw \cdot I(w)$$



- Compare to a uniformly-emitting source of flux \$\phi\$

$$d\phi = dw \cdot \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$

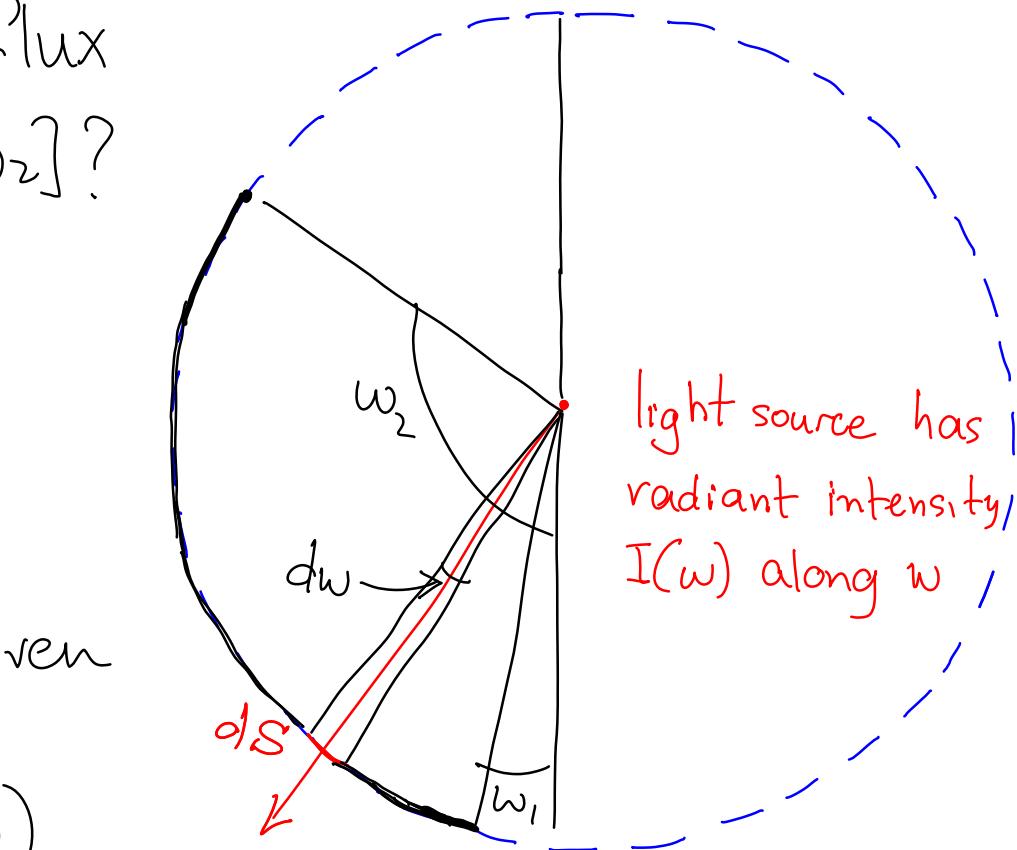
Flux Through a General Arc (2D, Non-Uniform)

- What is the total flux through the arc $[w_1, w_2]$?

- Differential flux given by

$$d\phi = dw \cdot I(w)$$

\Rightarrow Compute the integral over $[w_1, w_2]$



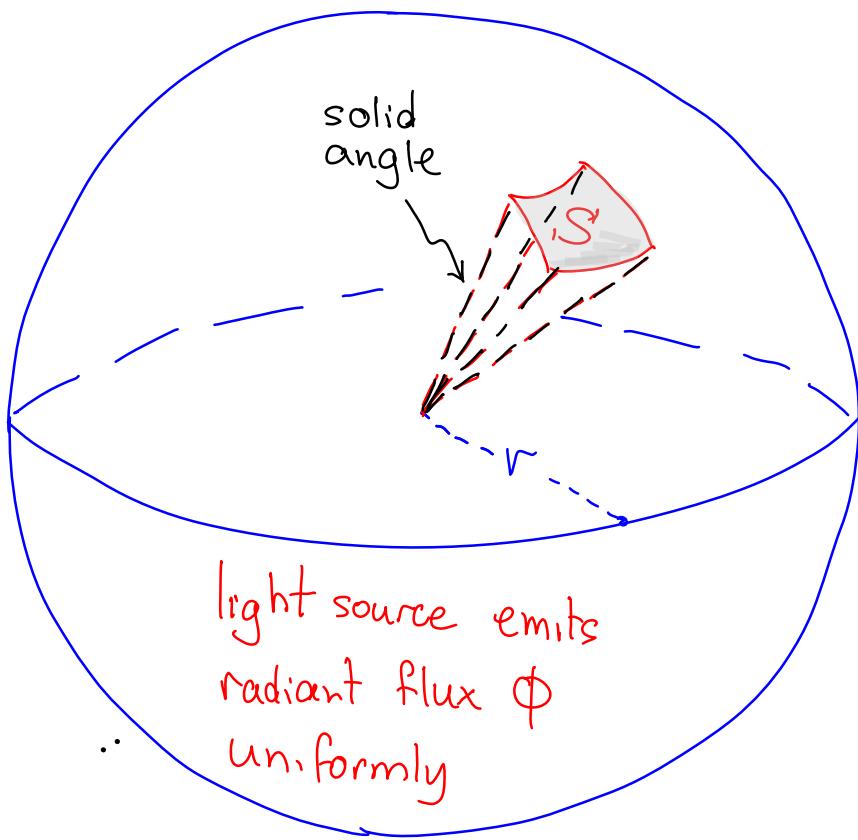
$$\phi_{w_1, w_2} = \int_{w_1}^{w_2} d\phi = \int_{w_1}^{w_2} I(w) dw$$

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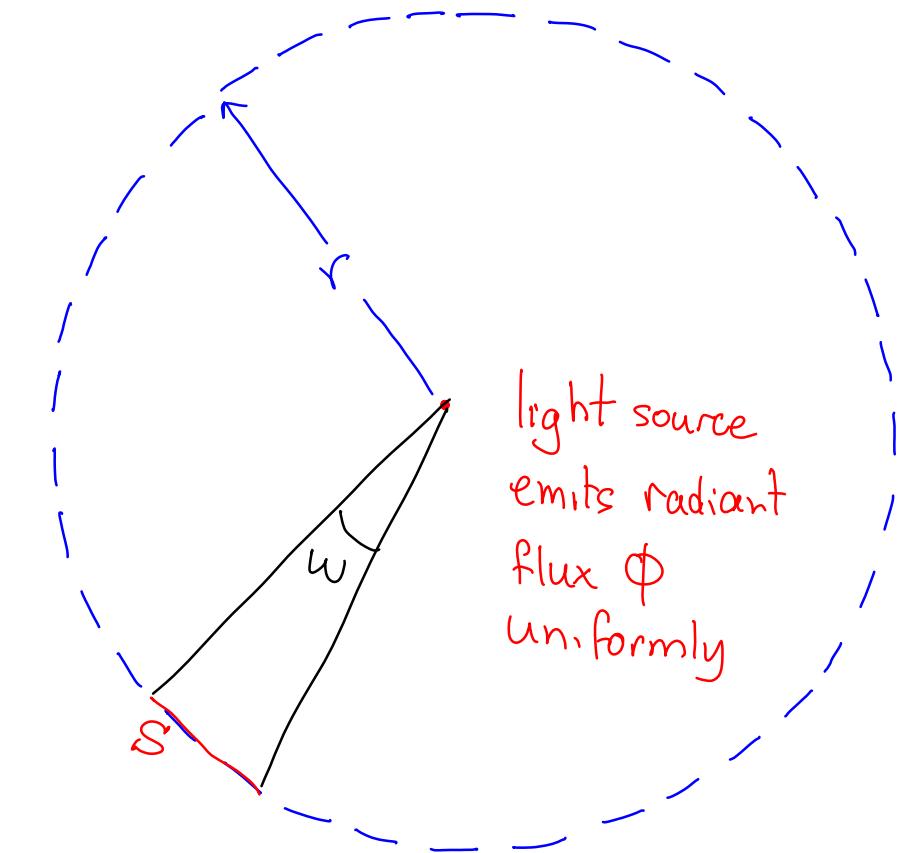
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Flux Through an Arc (for 3D, Uniform Source)



flux through S :

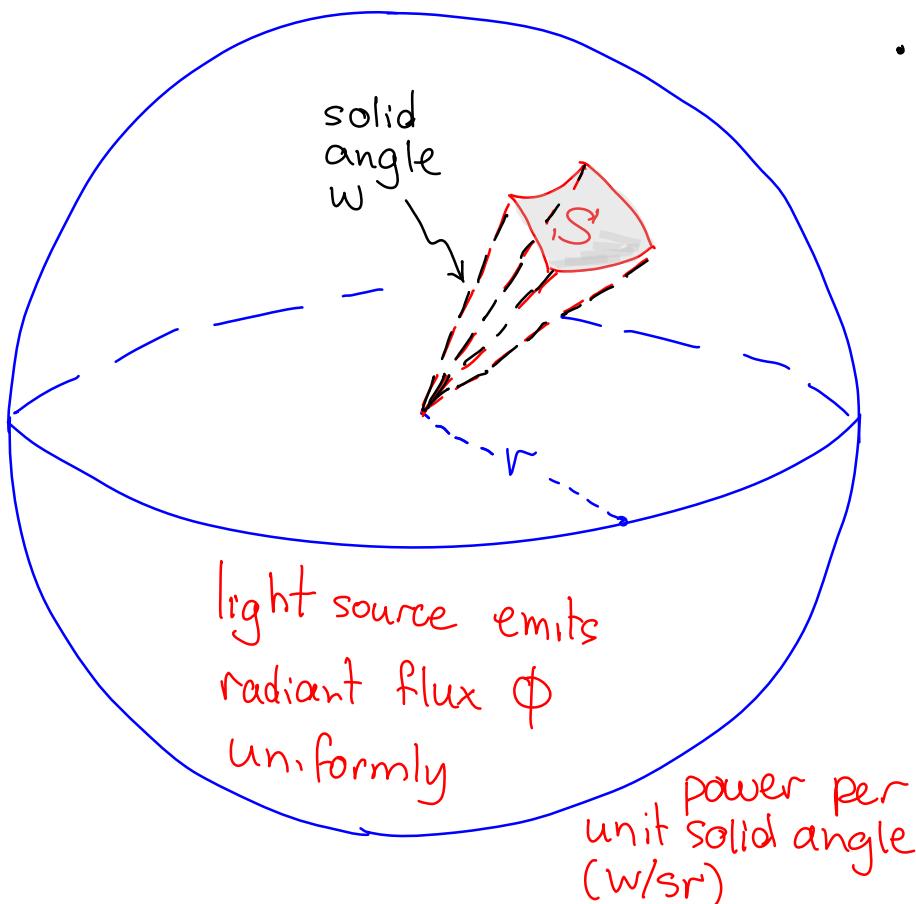
$$\phi \frac{\text{area}(S)}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\text{area}(S)}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\phi}{4\pi}$$



flux through S :

$$\phi \frac{\text{length}(S)}{\text{perimeter}} = \omega \cdot \frac{\phi}{2\pi} \left(\frac{w}{\text{rad}} \right)$$

Arcs/Angles in 2D \Leftrightarrow Areas/Solid Angles in 3D



flux through S :

$$\phi \frac{\text{area}(S)}{4\pi r^2} = w \frac{\phi}{4\pi}$$

solid angle (sr)

- Definition:

Solid angle w of a patch S on a sphere of radius r :

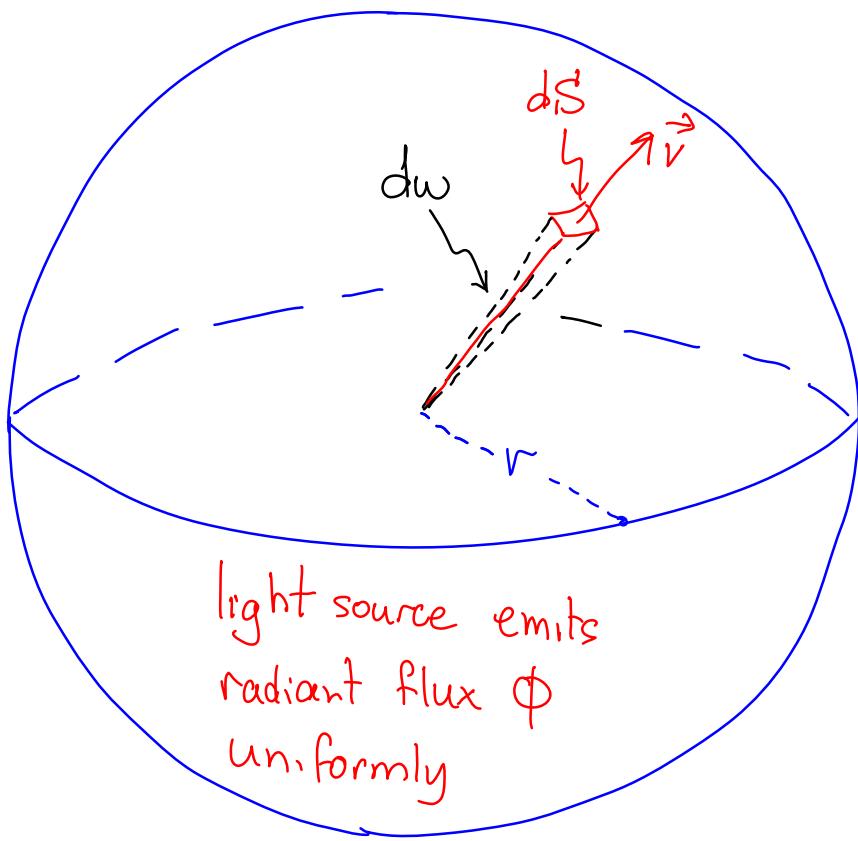
$$w = \frac{\text{area}(S)}{r^2}$$



- Solid angles are measured in steradians (sr)

- The solid angle of a full sphere is 4π

Flux Along a Direction (3D, Uniform Source)

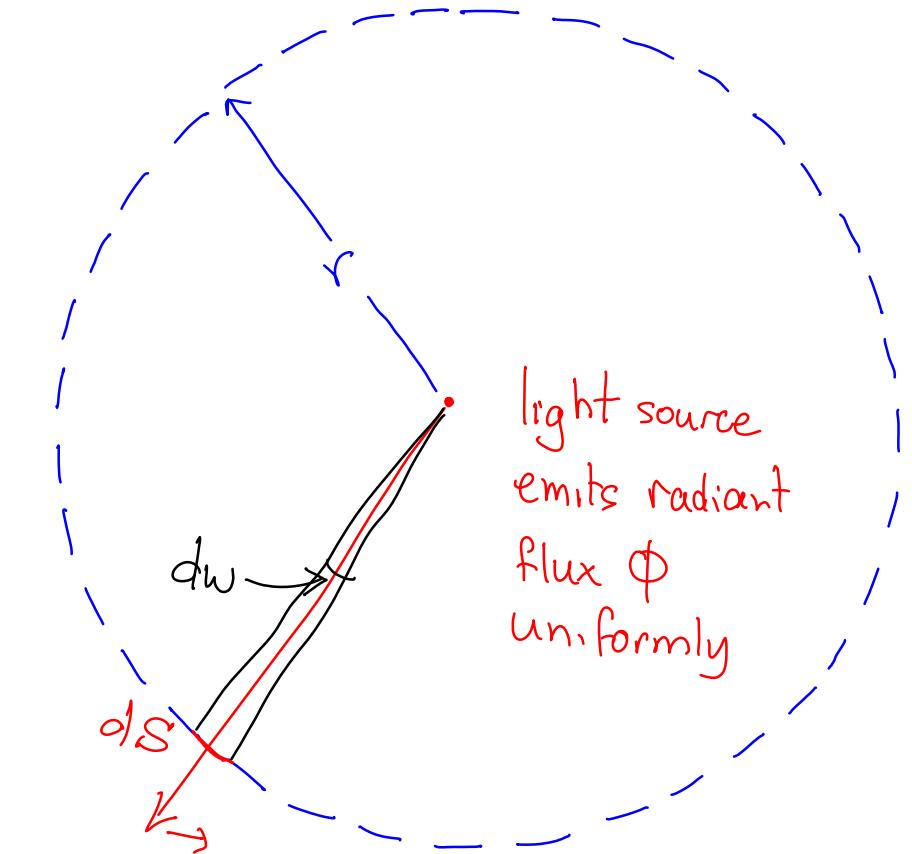


light source emits
radiant flux ϕ
uniformly

differential
flux along direction \vec{v} :

$$d\phi = \frac{dw}{\text{differential solid angle}} \frac{\phi}{4\pi}$$

power per unit solid angle

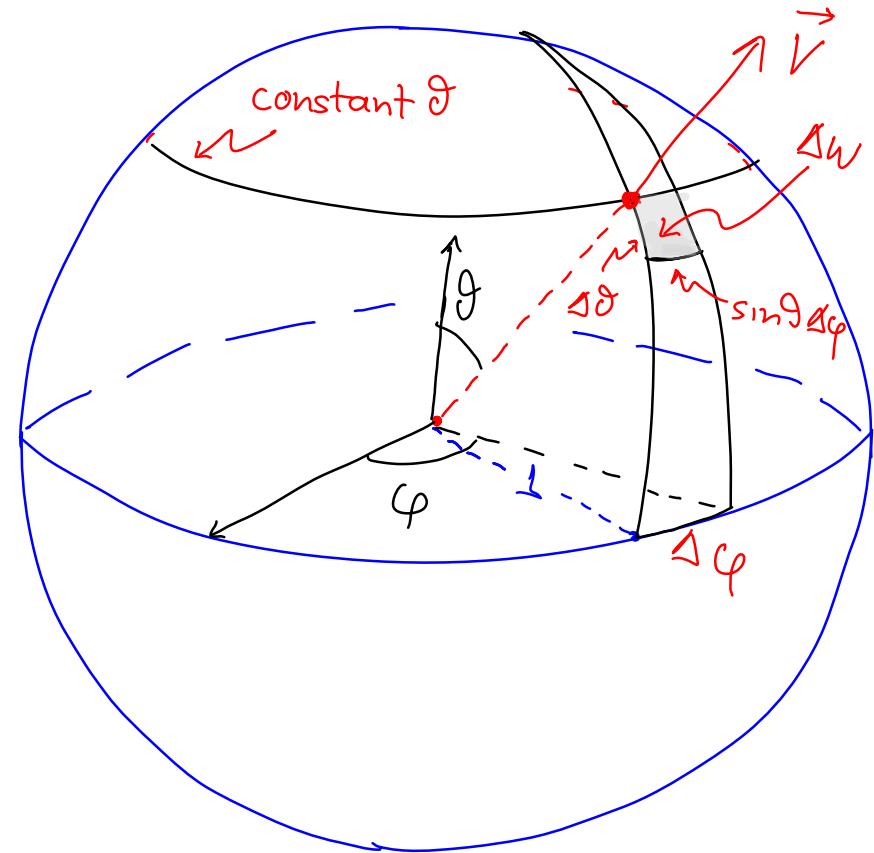
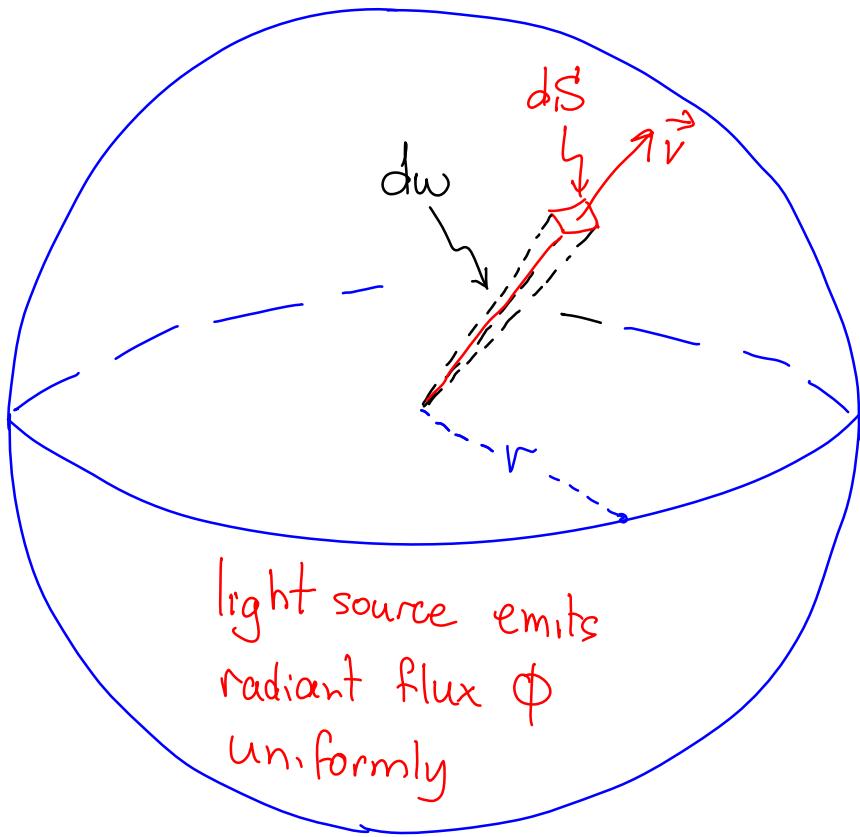


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Differential Solid Angles \Leftrightarrow Spherical Coords



differential
flux along direction \vec{v} :

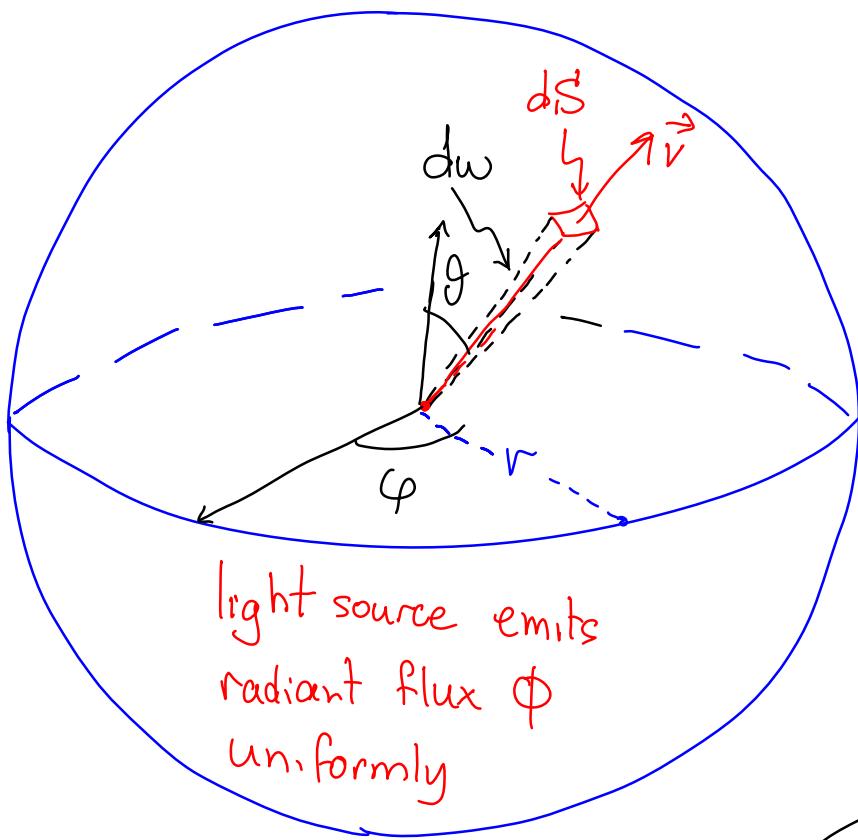
$$d\phi = dw \frac{(\phi)}{4\pi} \quad \text{power per unit solid angle}$$

if $v = (\sin\theta \cos\phi, \sin\theta \sin\phi, \cos\theta)$

$$\text{area}(\Delta\omega) \approx \Delta\theta \cdot \Delta\phi \sin\theta$$

when $\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0$, $dw = d\theta d\phi \sin\theta$

Flux Along a Direction (3D, Uniform Source)



differential
flux along direction \vec{v} :

$$d\phi = dw \frac{\phi}{4\pi}$$

power per
unit solid
angle

Differential flux along
direction (ϑ, φ) for
a source emitting uniformly
in all directions:



$$d\phi = d\Omega d\varphi \sin\vartheta \frac{\phi}{4\pi}$$

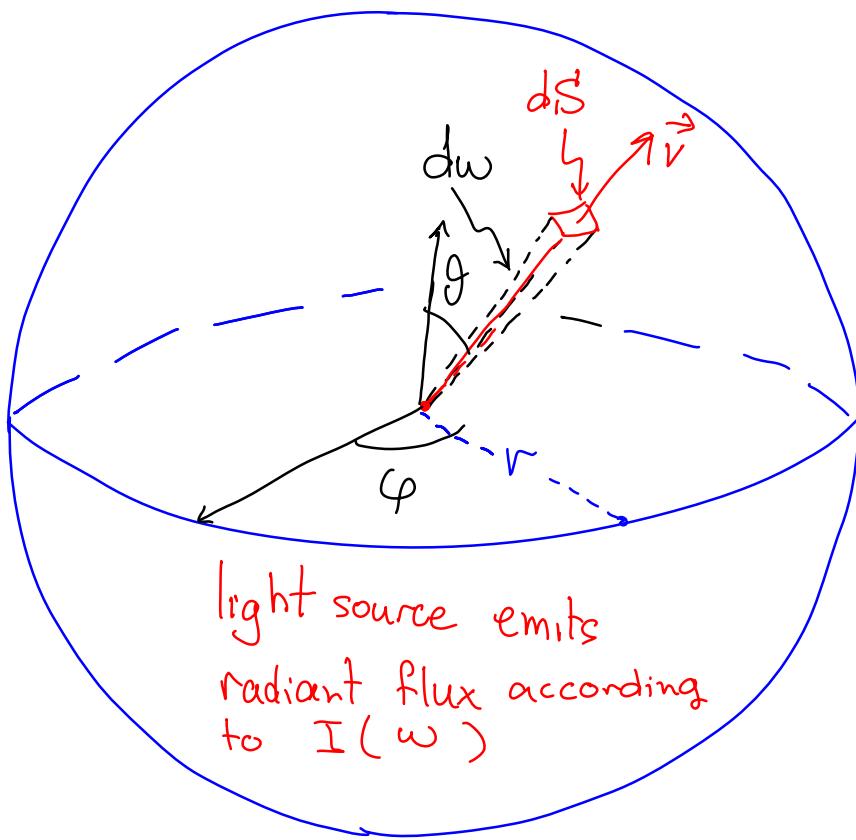
combining boxed
expressions

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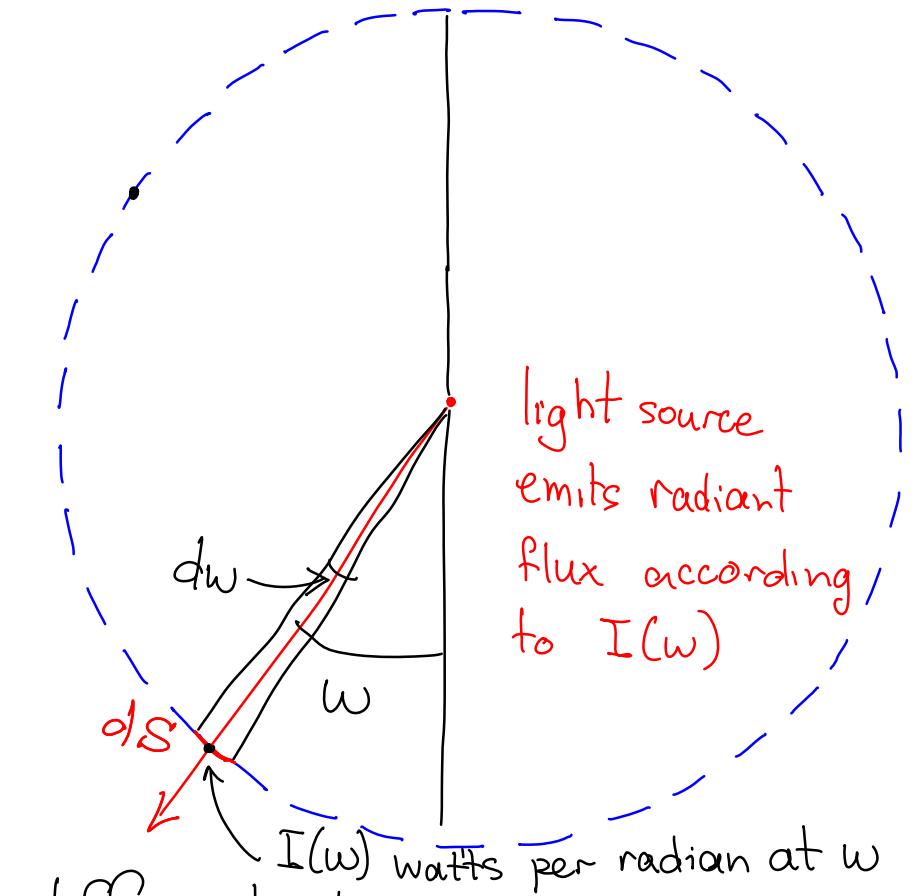
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Radiant Intensity (3D, Non-Uniform Src)



differential flux along direction \vec{v} :

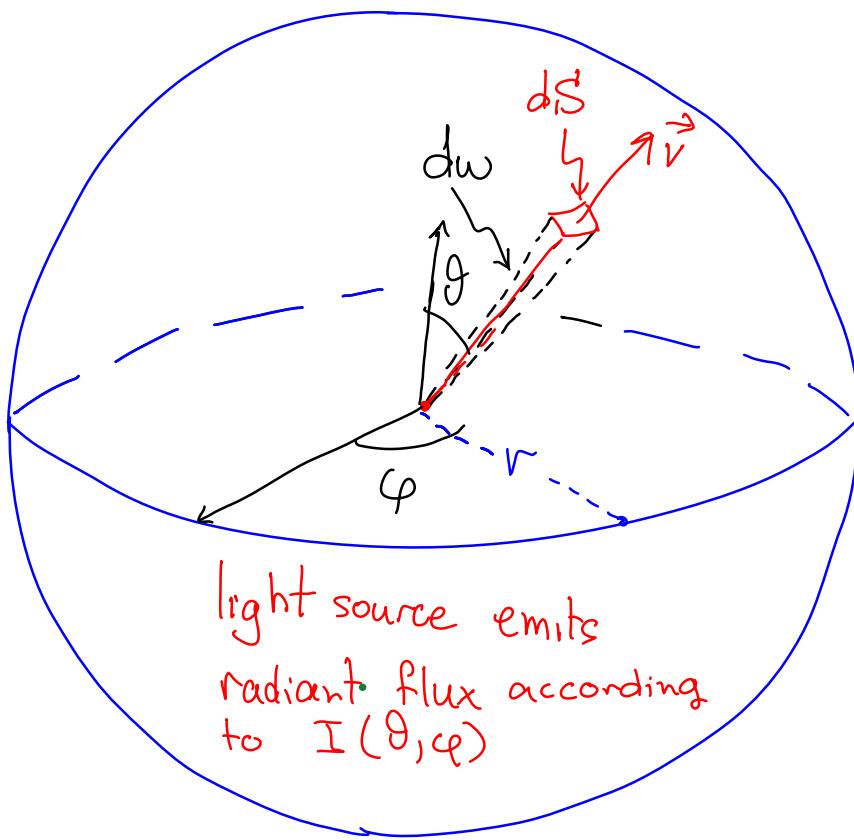
$$d\phi = dw \boxed{\begin{array}{l} I(\omega) \\ \text{Radiant intensity} \\ (\text{watts/steradian}) \end{array}}$$



differential flux along direction \vec{v} :

$$d\phi = dw \cdot I(\omega)$$

Radiant Intensity (3D, Non-Uniform Src)



differential
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$$d\phi = dw I(w)$$

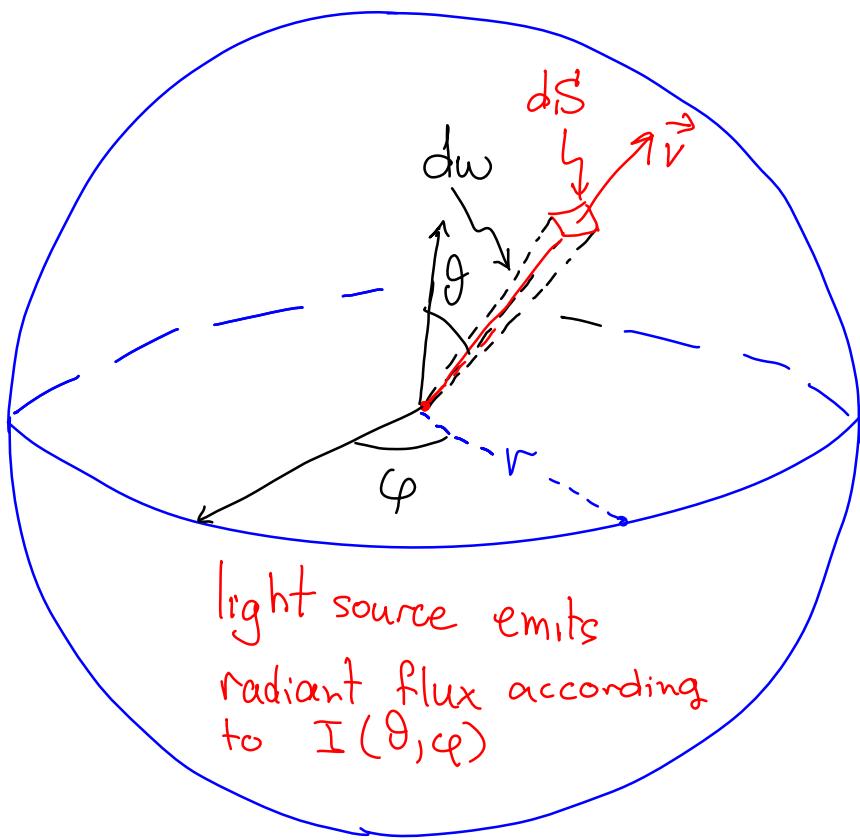
- $I(w)$ is called radiant intensity - (flux along specific direction)
- Measured using W/sr
- Can also be written as a function of θ, φ :
 $I(\theta, \varphi)$

differential flux along (θ, φ)



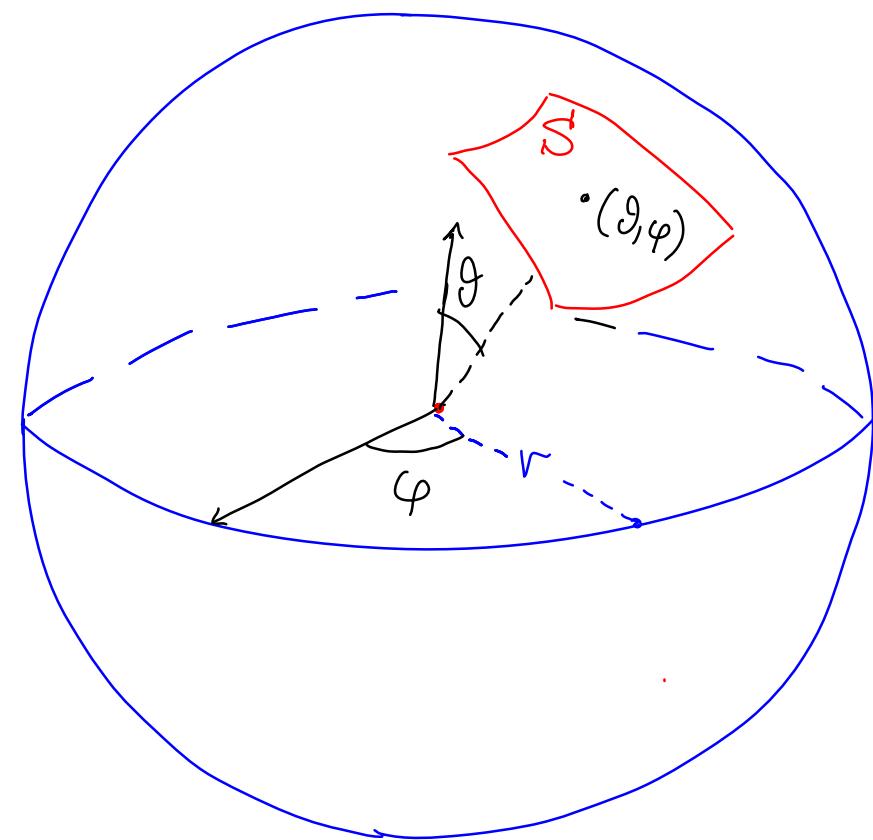
$$d\phi = d\Omega d\varphi \sin\theta I(\theta, \varphi)$$

Flux Through a General Patch (3D, Non-Uniform)



differential
flux along direction \vec{v} :

$$d\phi = d\theta d\varphi \sin\theta I(\theta, \varphi)$$



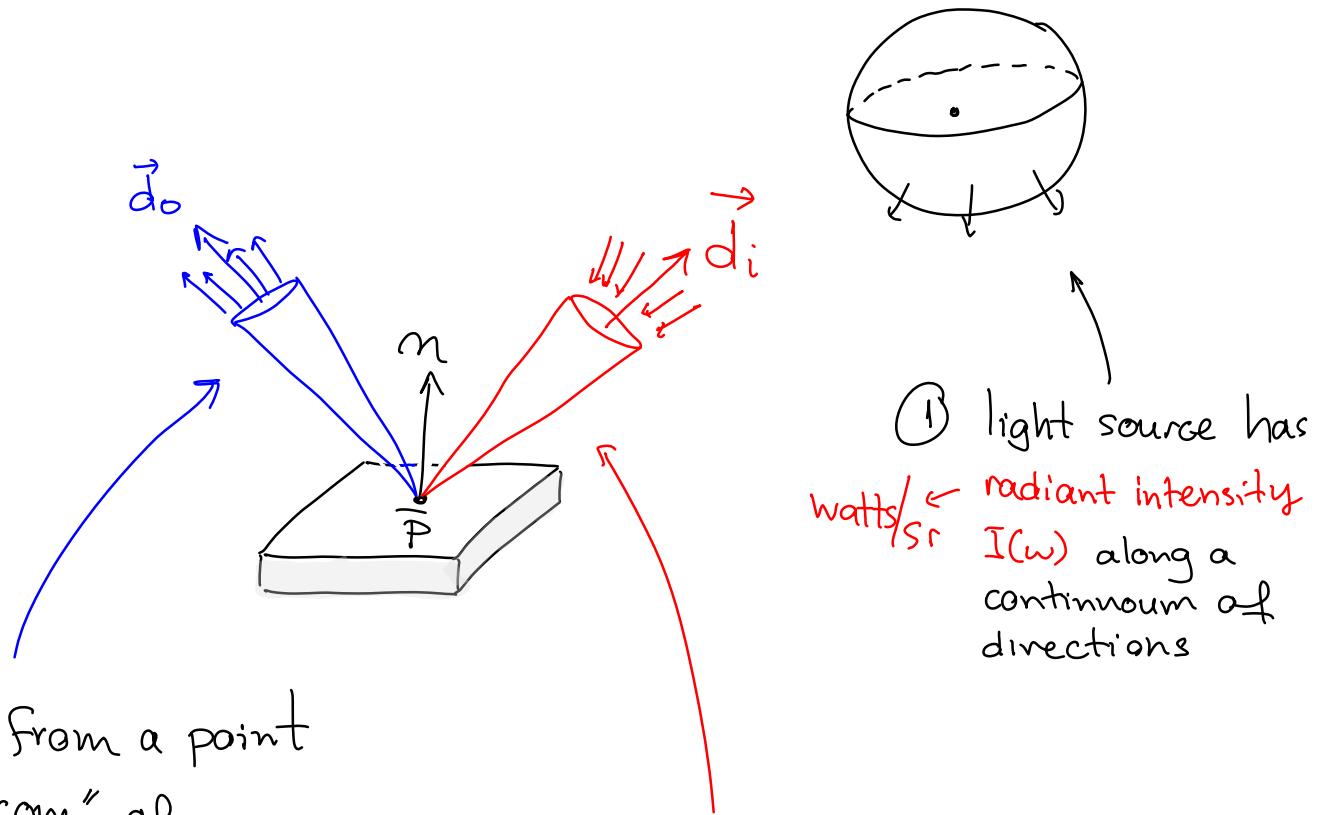
$$\phi_S = \iint_{(\theta, \varphi) \in S} \sin\theta I(\theta, \varphi) d\theta d\varphi$$

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The Basic “Light Transport” Path

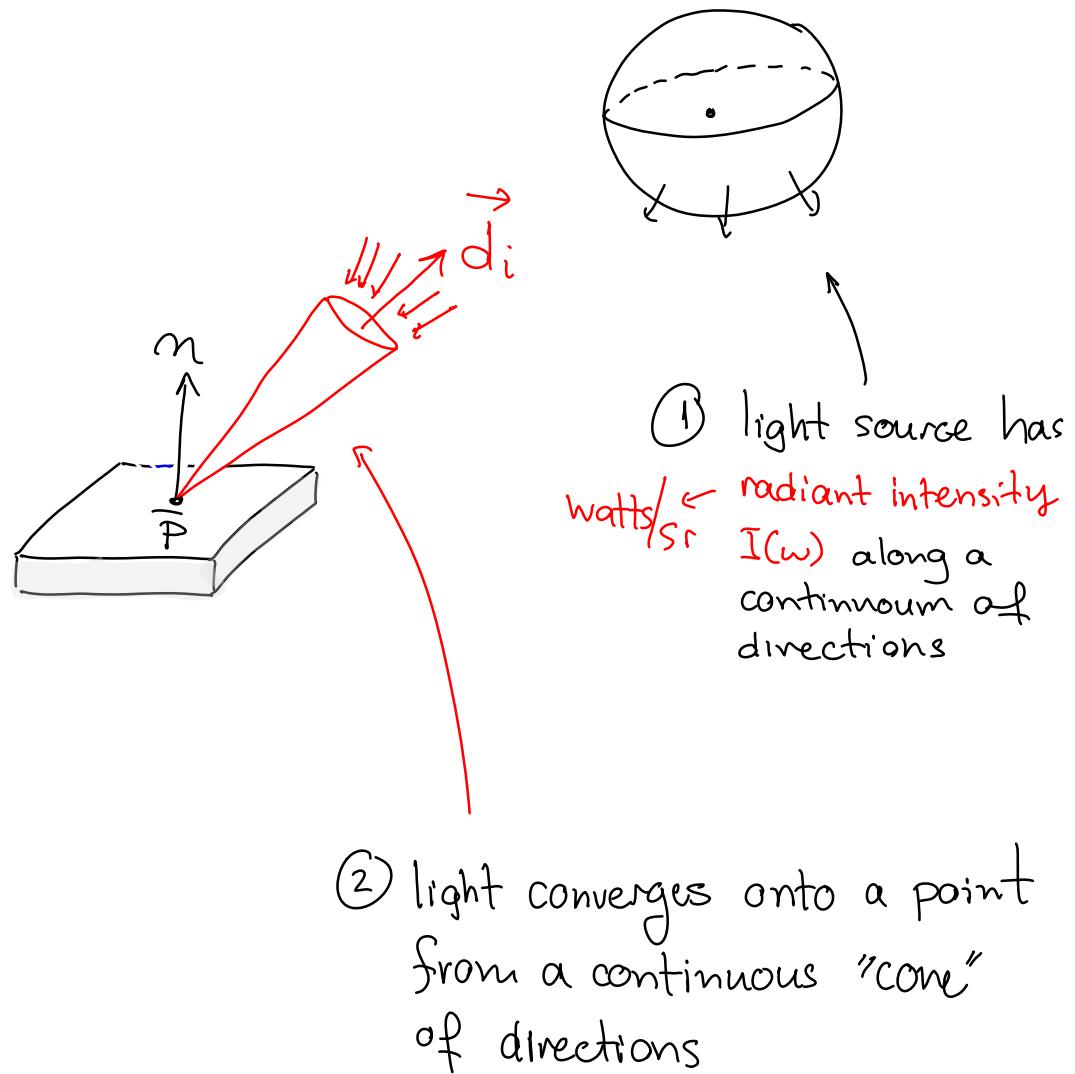


③ light is reflected from a point to a continuous "cone" of directions

② light converges onto a point from a continuous "cone" of directions

① light source has
watts/ sr radiant intensity
 $I(\omega)$ along a continuum of directions

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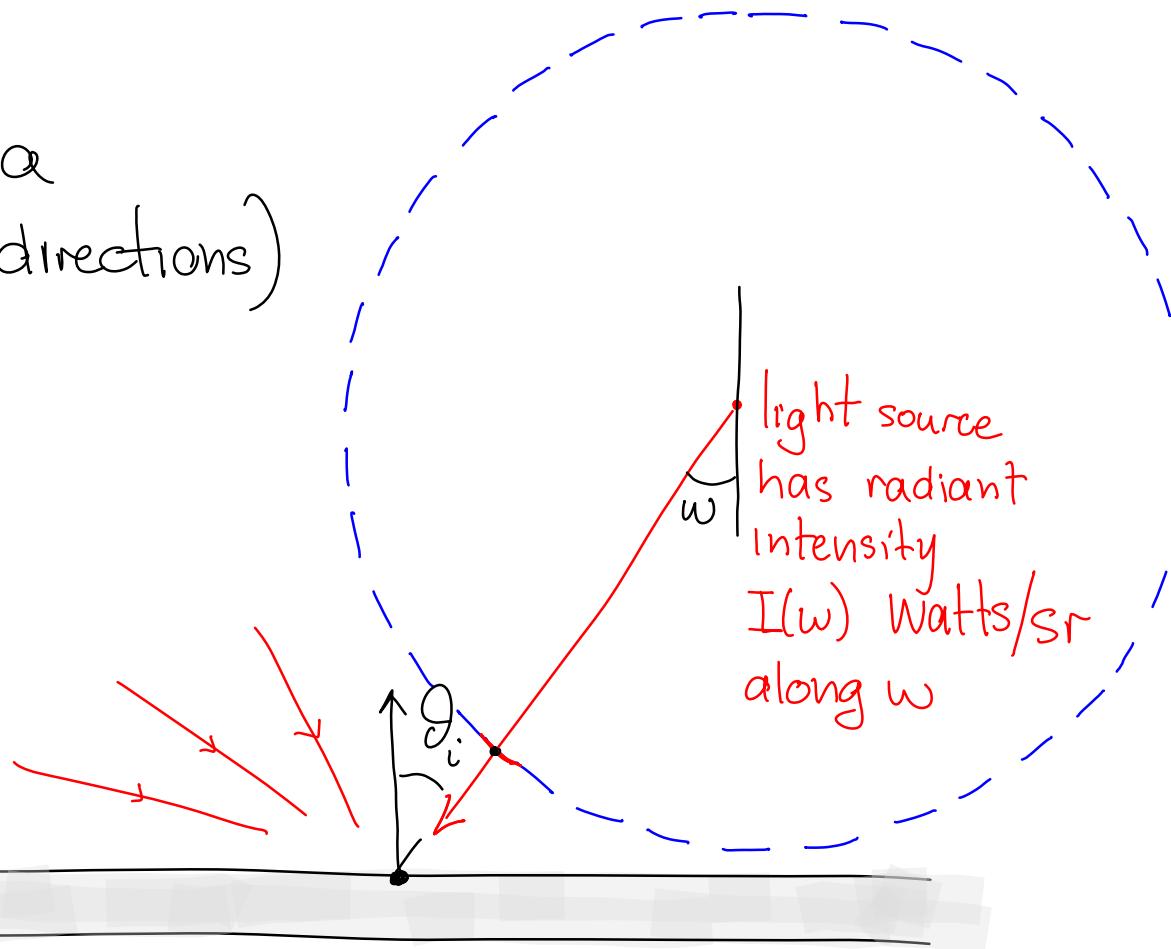
Measuring Incident Light: Irradiance

Irradiance H

Flux received at a
~~point~~ (from all directions)

" an infinitesimally-small surface element with a specific orientation

material



Definition of Irradiance (for “small patches”)

Irradiance H

Flux received per unit area:

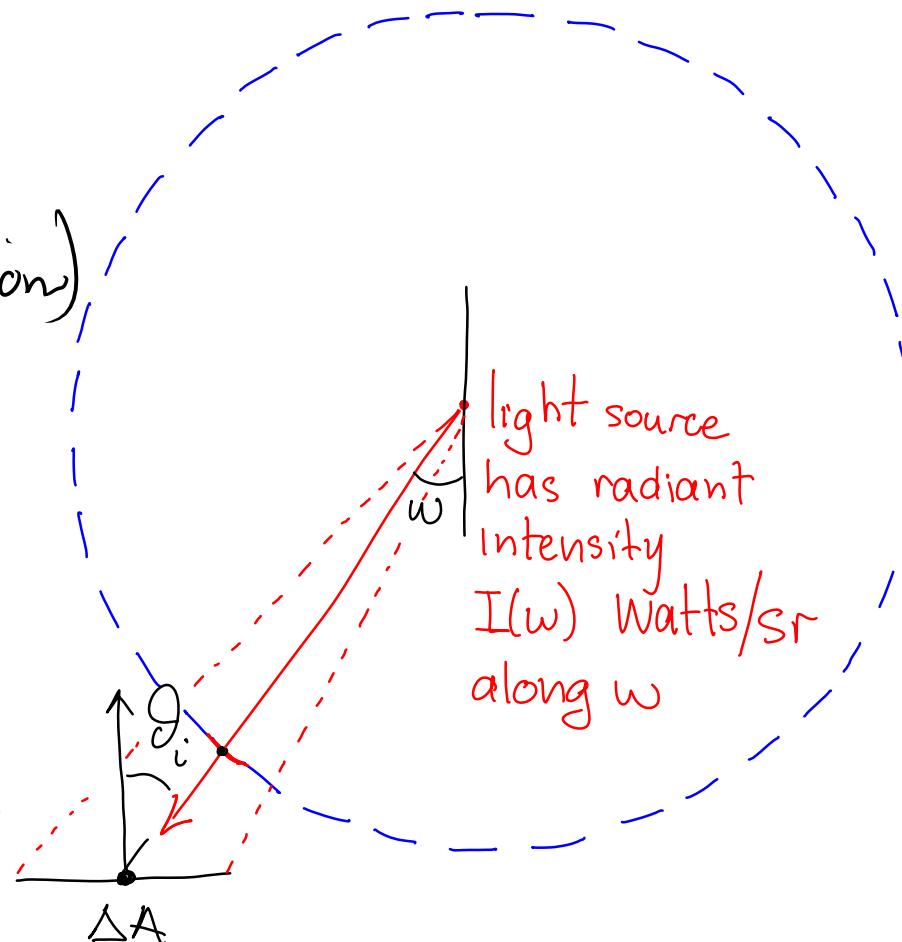
$$H = \frac{\text{flux received (all direction)}}{\text{area of patch}}$$

(measured in Watts/m²)

For small patches

$$H = \frac{\Delta\phi}{\Delta A} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{total flux} \\ \text{received from} \\ \text{all directions} \end{matrix}$$

\nearrow
area of patch



Definition of Irradiance (for differential areas)

Irradiance H

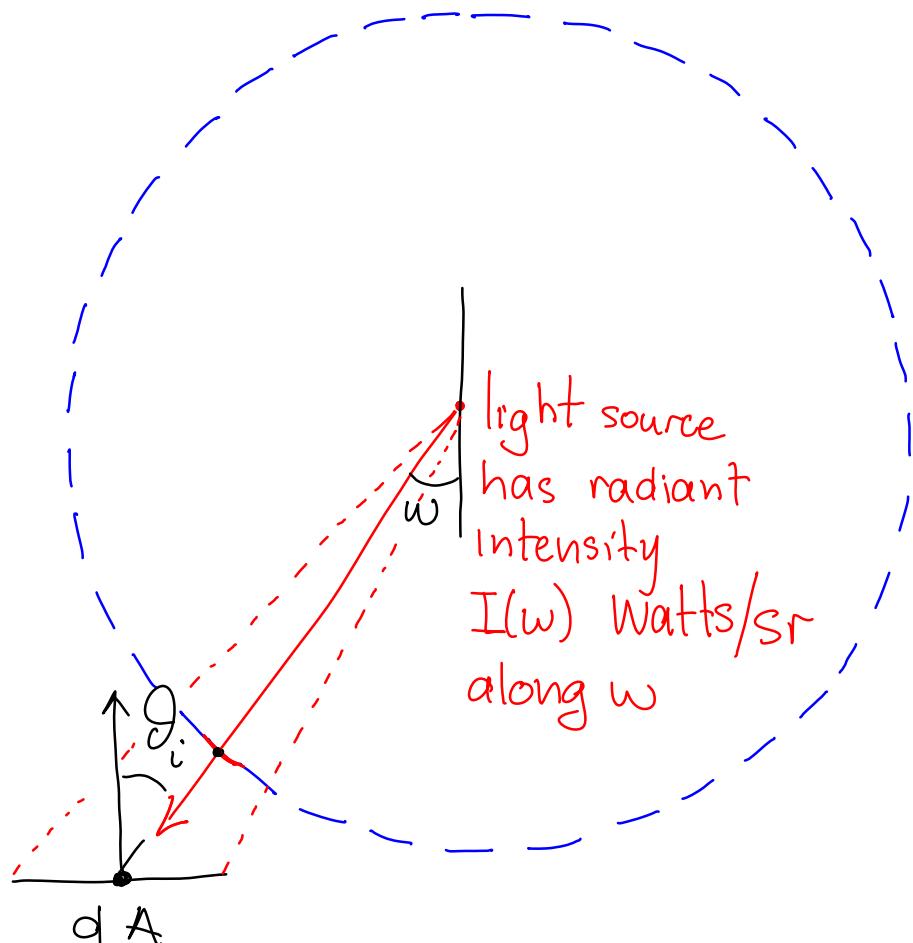
Flux received per unit area:

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(measured in Watts/m²)

For infinitesimal patches

$$H = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \phi}{\Delta A} = \frac{d\phi}{dA}$$



Computing Irradiance: Normal Incidence

Irradiance H

Flux received per unit area:

- $H = \frac{\text{flux received (all directions)}}{\text{area of patch}}$

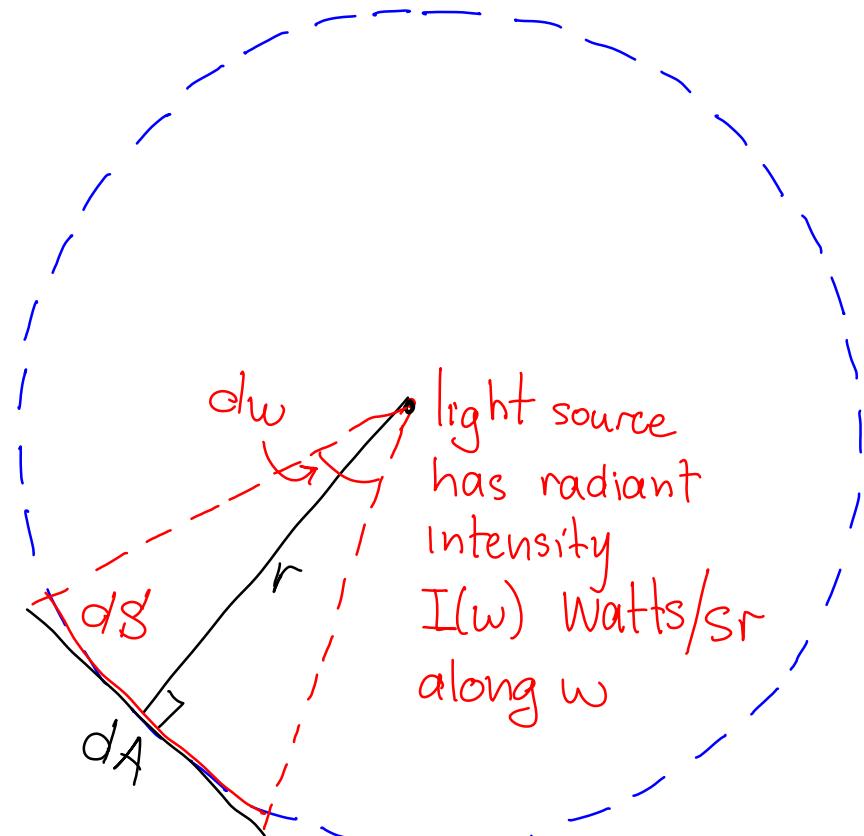
(measured in Watts/m²)

Example 1: * Calculate the irradiance at a planar patch dA that faces the source and is distance r away from it

- let $d\phi$ be the flux through dA

- $d\phi = \text{flux through } dS = dw \cdot I(w) = \frac{dS}{r^2} \cdot I(w)$

- for infinitesimal patches $dA \approx dS \Rightarrow d\phi \approx \frac{dA}{r^2} I(w)$



$$H = \frac{d\phi}{dA} = \frac{I(w)}{r^2}$$

$$d\phi \approx \frac{dA}{r^2} I(w)$$

Computing Irradiance: Normal Incidence

- Irradiance H

Flux received per unit area:

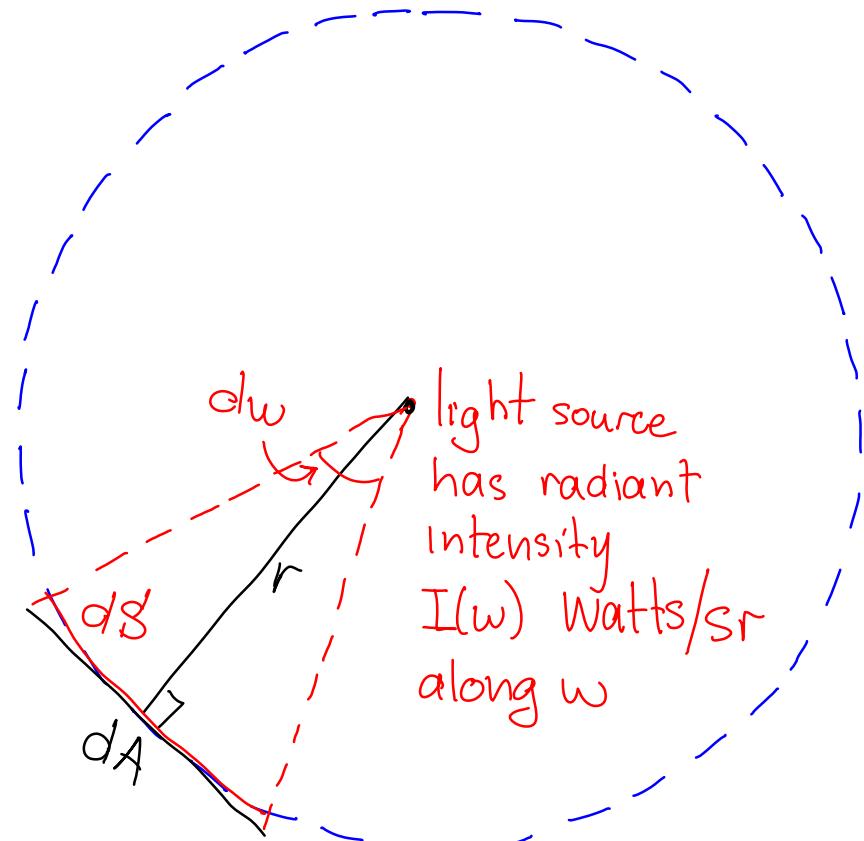
$$H = \frac{\text{flux received (all directions)}}{\text{area of patch}}$$

(measured in Watts/m²)

Example 1: Calculate the irradiance at a planar patch dA that faces the source and is distance r away from it

⇒ Irradiance decreases quadratically with distance ("squared-distance fall-off")

⇒ the farther the patch is, the less light it gets



$$H = \frac{d\Phi}{dA} = \frac{I(w)}{r^2}$$

Computing Irradiance: Tilted Patches

- Irradiance H

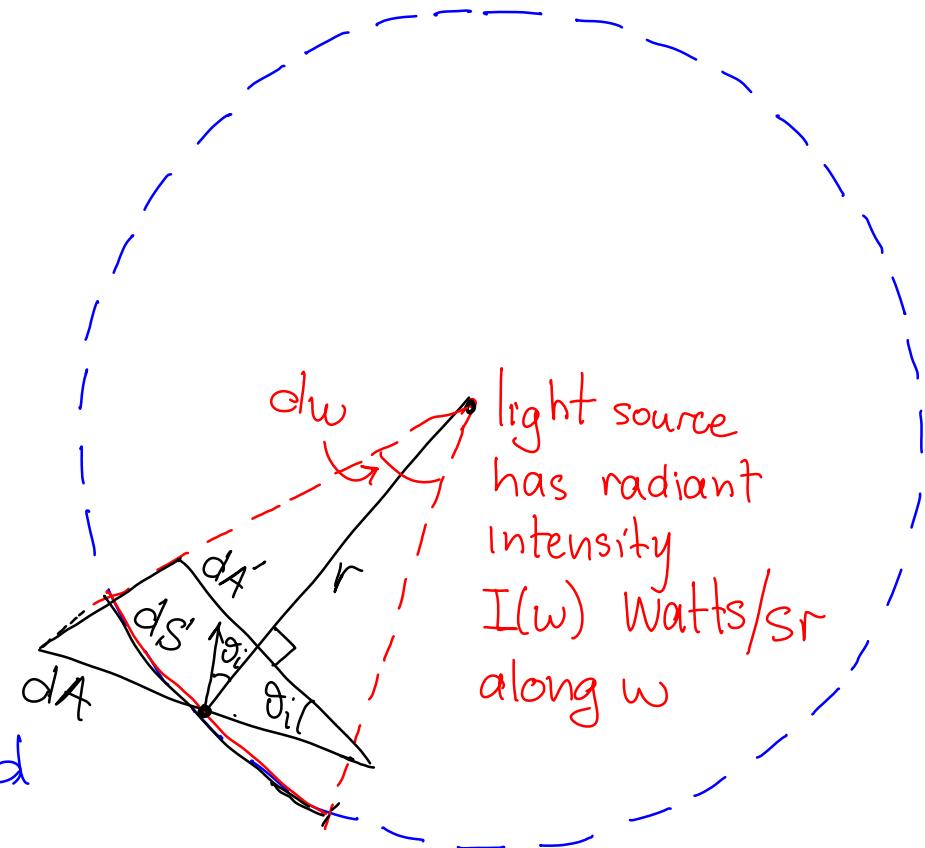
Flux received per unit area:

$$H = \frac{\text{flux received (all directions)}}{\text{area of patch}}$$

(measured in Watts/m²)

Example 2: Calculate the irradiance at a planar patch dA at angle θ with source and distance r away from it

- define dA' to be the patch at distance r that faces the light source
- for infinitesimal patches, $dA' \approx dA \cos \theta \Rightarrow$



$$H = \frac{d\Phi}{dA'} = \frac{I(w)}{r^2}$$

$$H = \frac{d\Phi}{dA} = \frac{I(w) \cos \theta_i}{r^2}$$

Computing Irradiance: Foreshortening

- Irradiance H

Flux received per unit area:

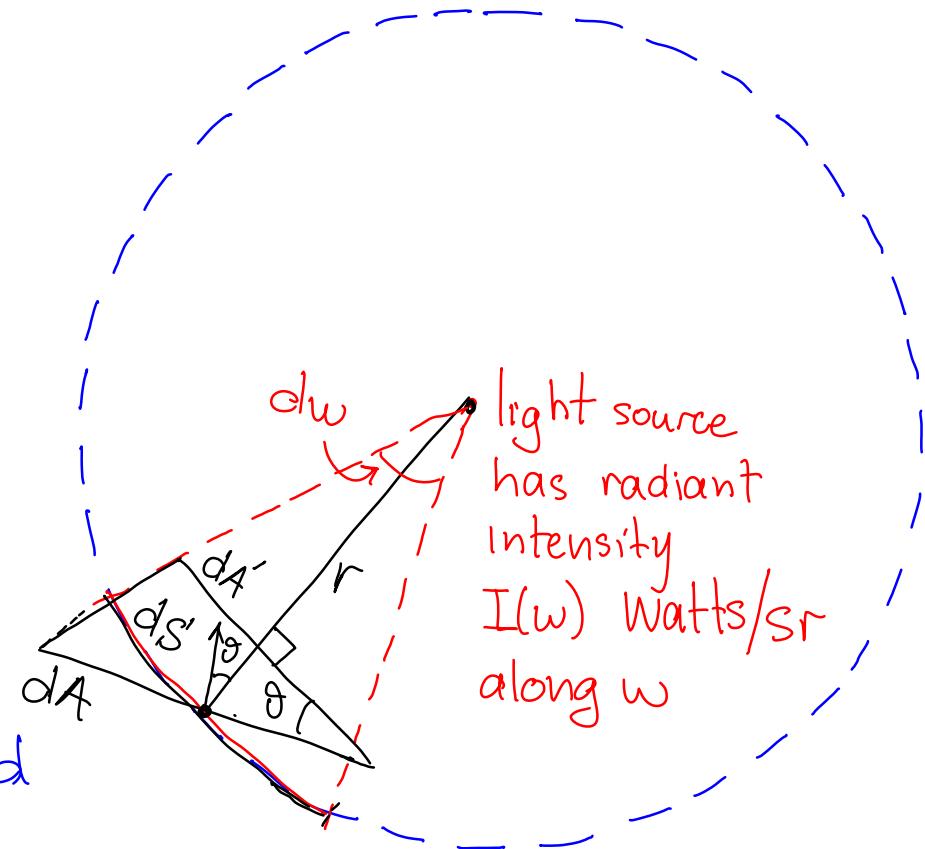
$$H = \frac{\text{flux received (all directions)}}{\text{area of patch}}$$

(measured in Watts/m²)

Example 2: * Calculate the irradiance at a planar patch dA at angle θ with source and distance r away from it

The foreshortening effect:

patches tilted relative to the source receive less light per unit area



$$H = \frac{d\phi}{dA} = \frac{I(w) \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

Example: Irradiance due to Point Light Source

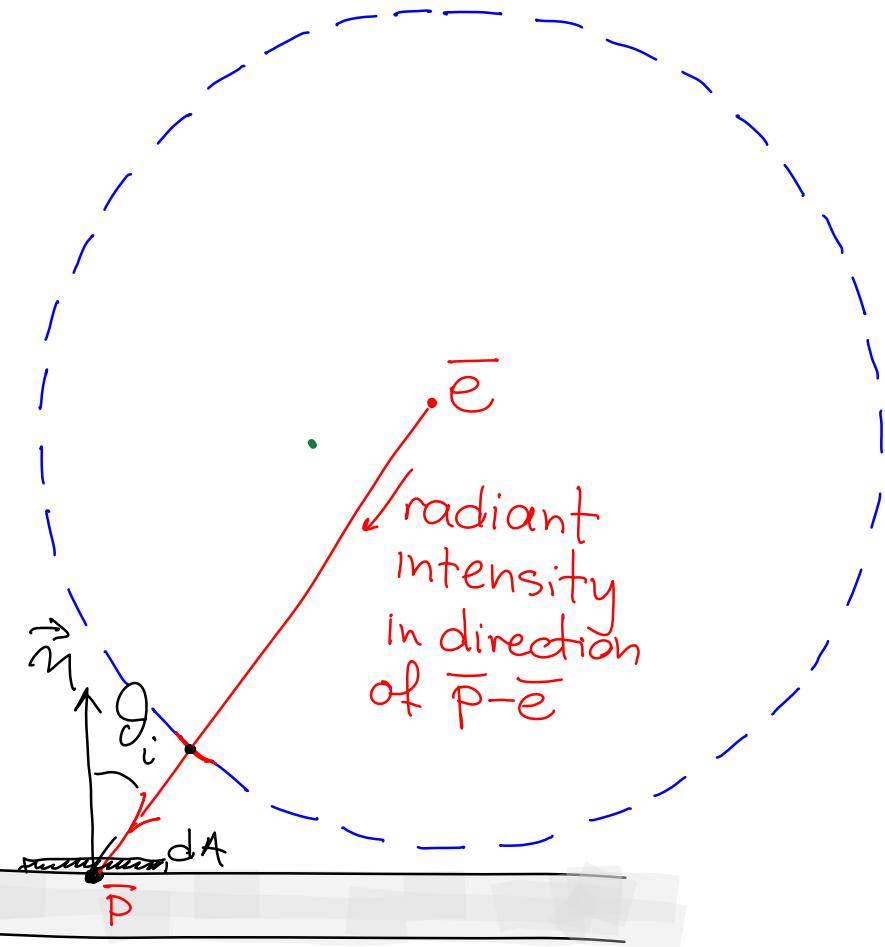
Irradiance:

Flux received per unit area:

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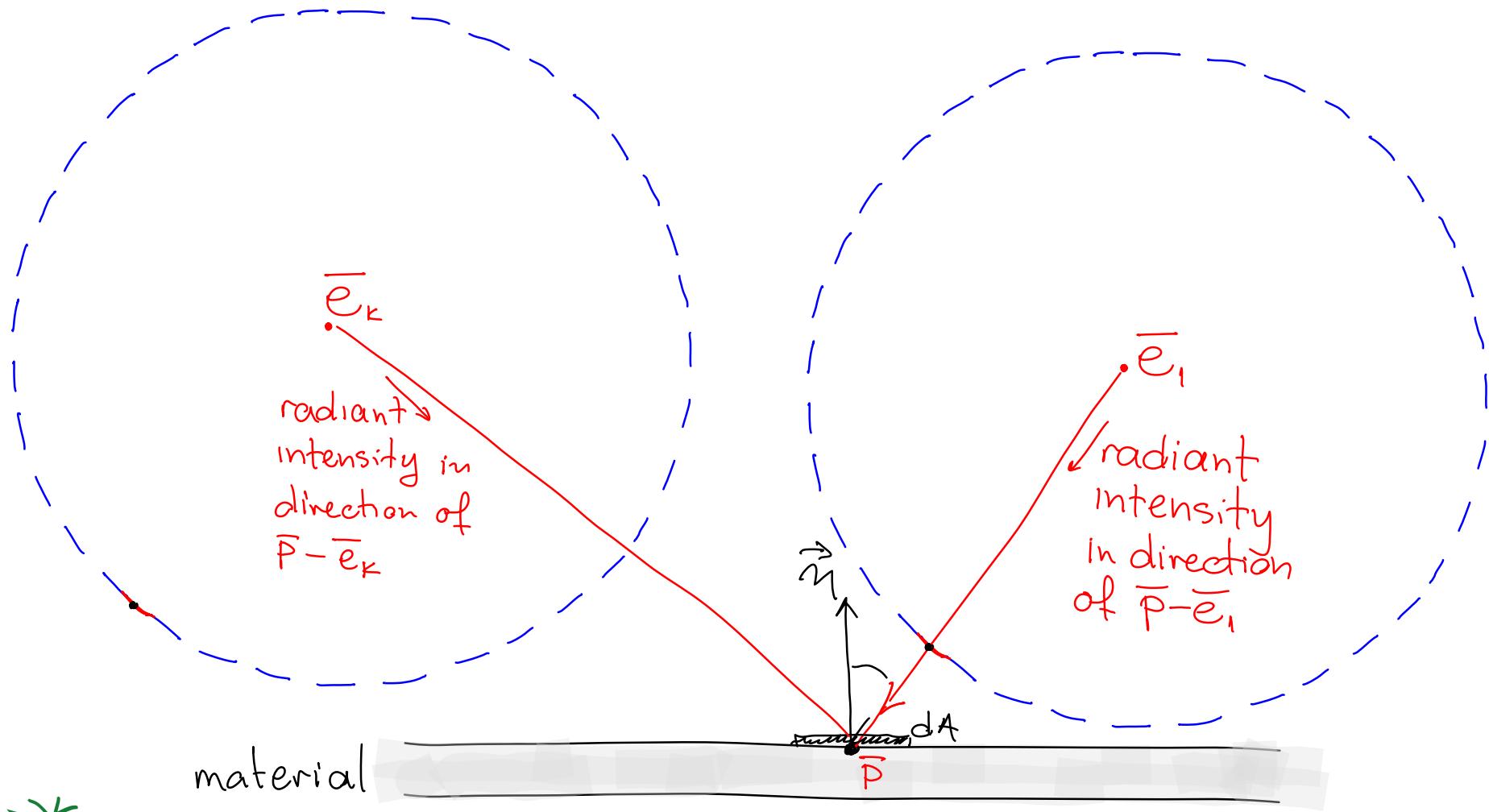
(measured in Watts/m²)

material



* Irradiance at \bar{P} (one light): $H(\bar{P}) = \frac{I(\bar{P} - \bar{e})}{\|\bar{P} - \bar{e}\|^2} \vec{n} \cdot \frac{(\bar{P} - \bar{e})}{\|\bar{P} - \bar{e}\|}$

Example: Irradiance due to Multiple Sources



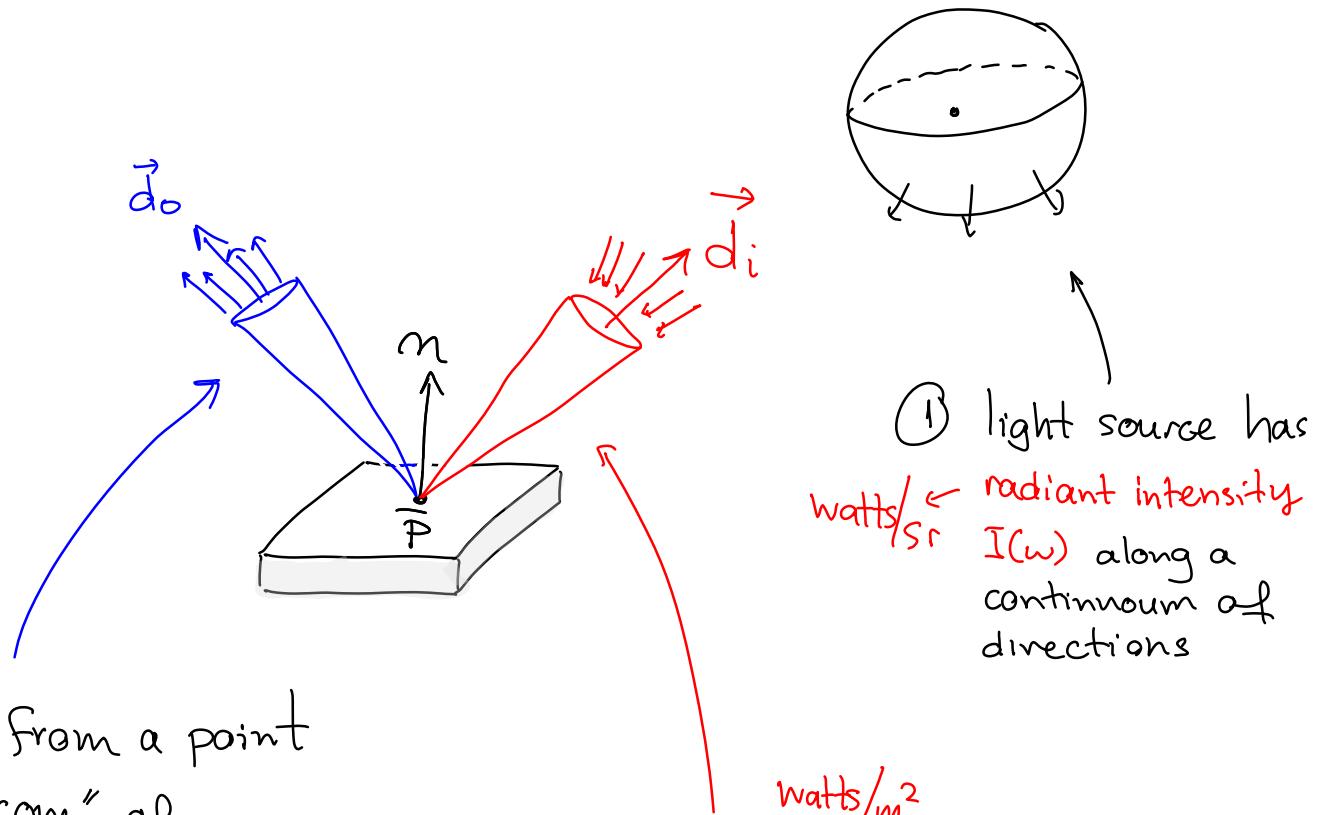
$$\text{Irradiance at } \bar{P} \text{ (K lights)}: H(\bar{P}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{I(\bar{P}-\bar{e}_k)}{\|\bar{P}-\bar{e}_k\|^2} \vec{n} \cdot \frac{\vec{(\bar{P}-\bar{e}_k)}}{\|\bar{P}-\bar{e}_k\|}$$

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The Basic “Light Transport” Path



- ③ light is reflected from a point to a continuous “cone” of directions

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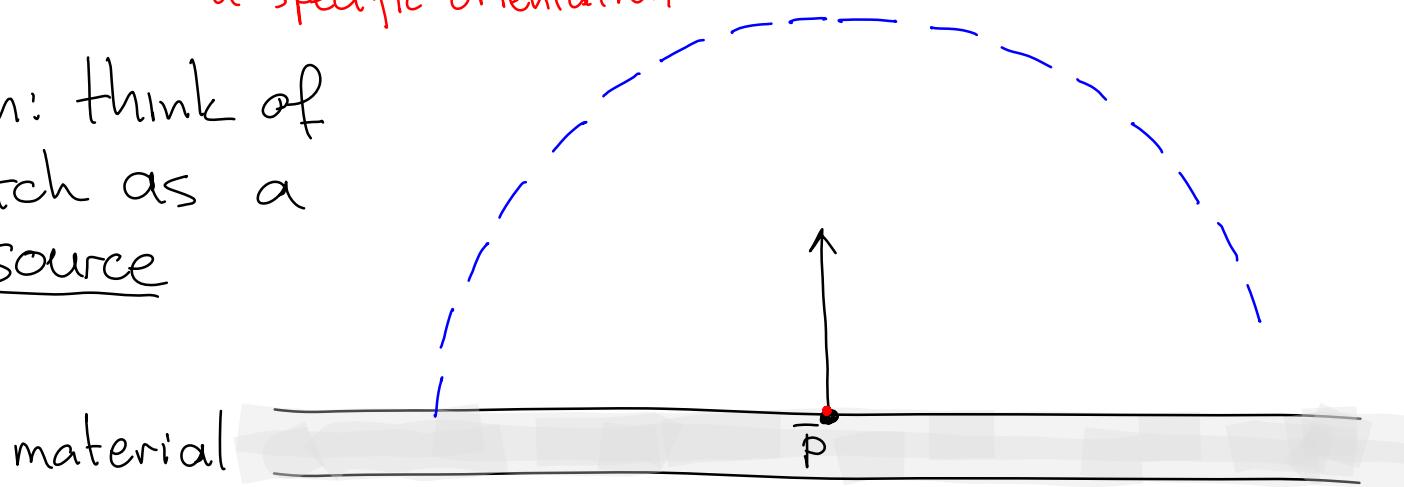
Measuring Outgoing Light: Radiance

Surface Radiance $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o)$

Flux emitted in a particular direction by a ~~surface point~~

an infinitesimally-small surface element with a specific orientation

Intuition: think of the patch as a light source

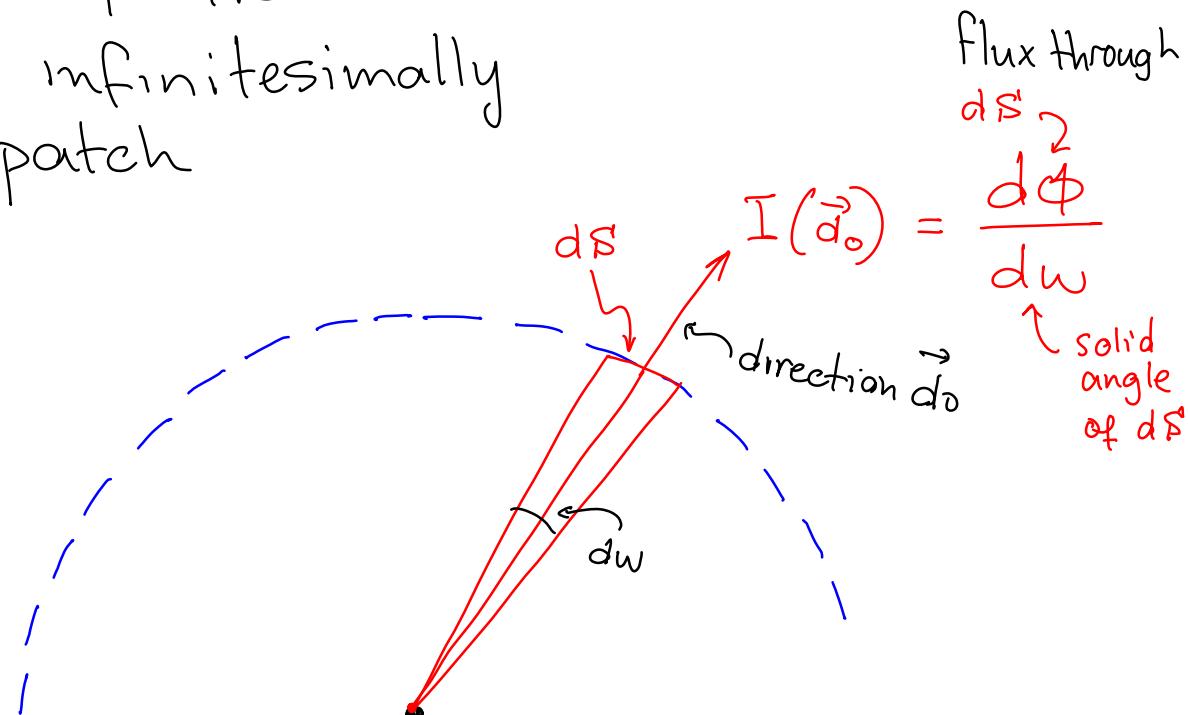


Defining Radiance: Basic Intuition

Surface Radiance $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o)$

Flux emitted in a particular direction by an infinitesimally small surface patch

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When the light source is a point its emission is quantified using its radiant intensity $I(\vec{d}_o)$

Defining Radiance: Basic Intuition

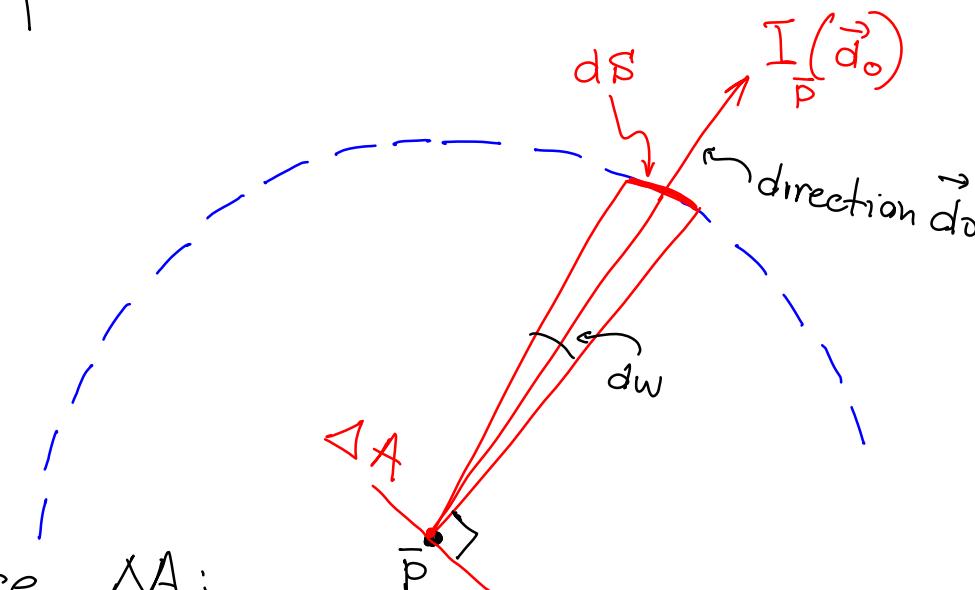
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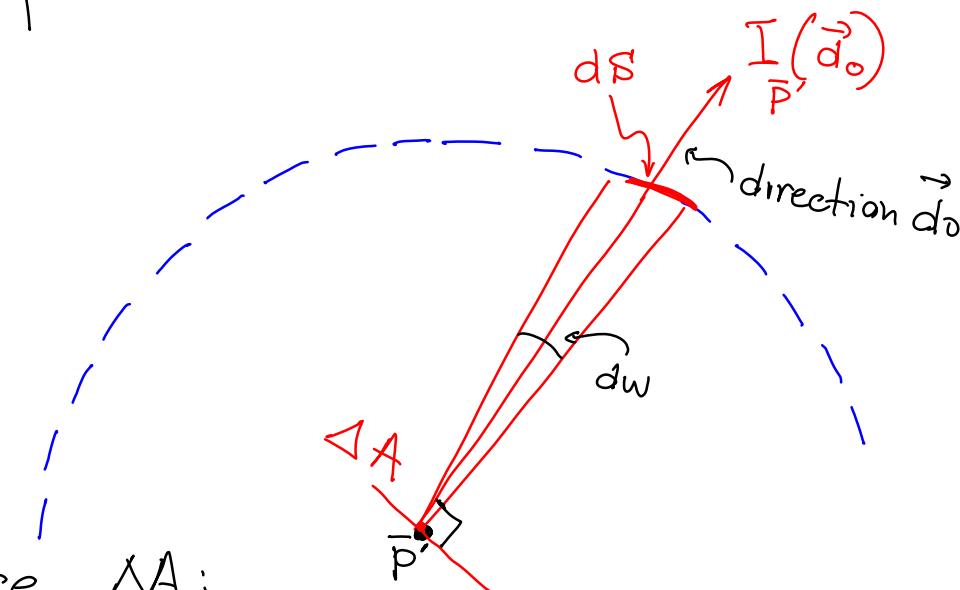
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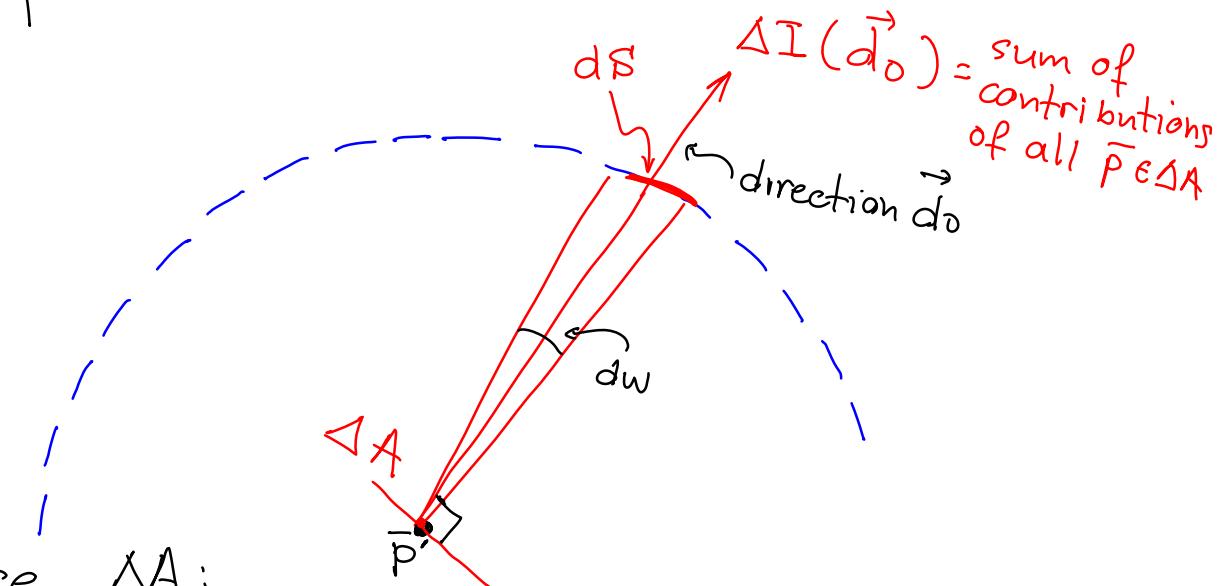
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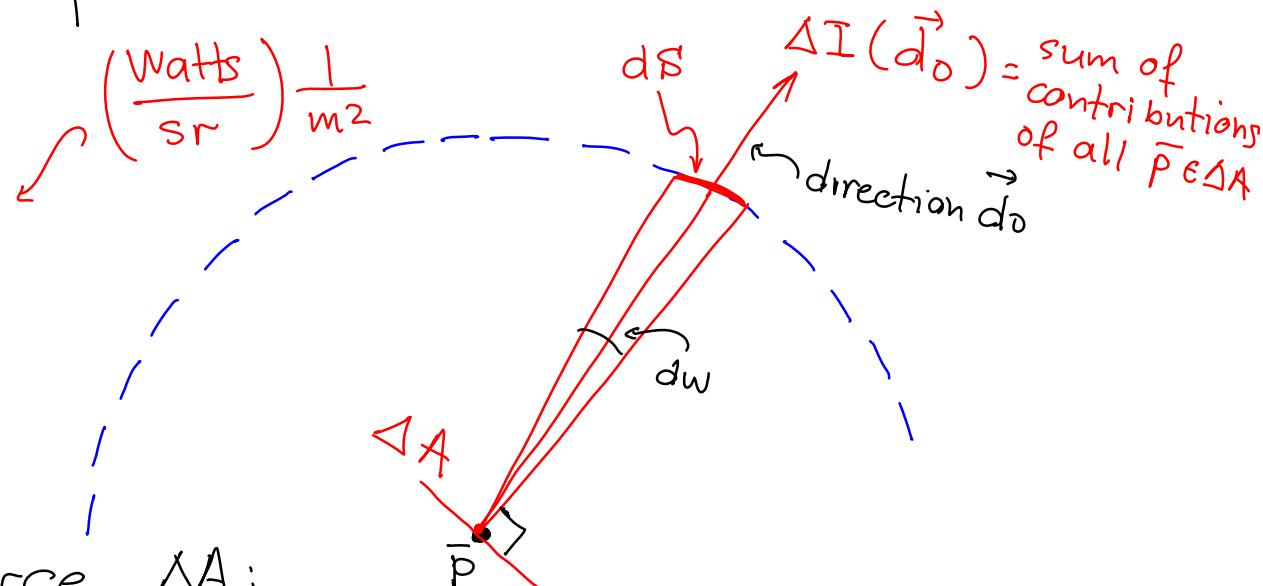
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Flux emitted in a particular direction by an infinitesimally small surface patch

$$L(\vec{P}, \vec{d}_o) =$$

$$\lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta I(\vec{d}_o)}{\Delta A}$$



For a patch source ΔA :

- Measure total radiant intensity ΔI through dS due to ΔA
- Divide by the area of the patch (and take limit)

Definition of Radiance

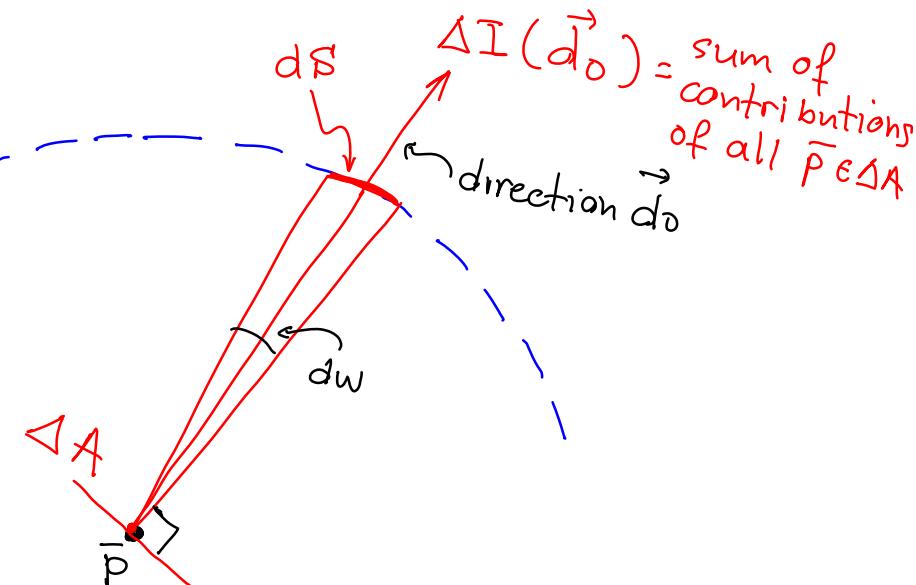
Surface Radiance $L(\vec{P}, \vec{d}_o)$

Flux emitted in a particular direction by an infinitesimally small surface patch

$$L(\vec{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{dI}{dA}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dA} \left(\frac{d\phi}{dw} \right) = \frac{d^2\phi}{dAdw}$$

(in Watts/sr.m²)



For a patch source ΔA :

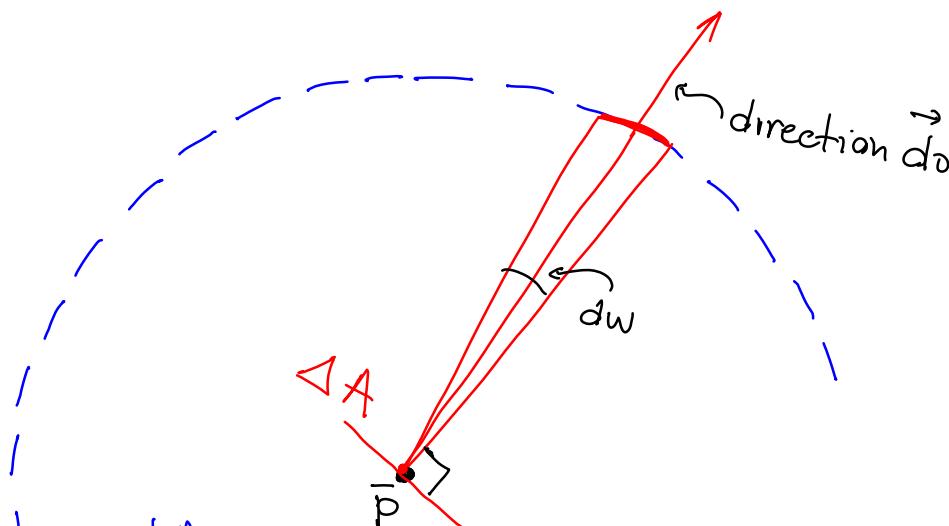
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Definition of Radiance Assumes Perpendicular Patch

Surface Radiance $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o)$

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$$\begin{aligned} L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) &= \frac{dI}{dA} \\ &= \frac{d}{dA} \left(\frac{d\phi}{dw} \right) = \frac{d^2\phi}{dA dw} \end{aligned}$$



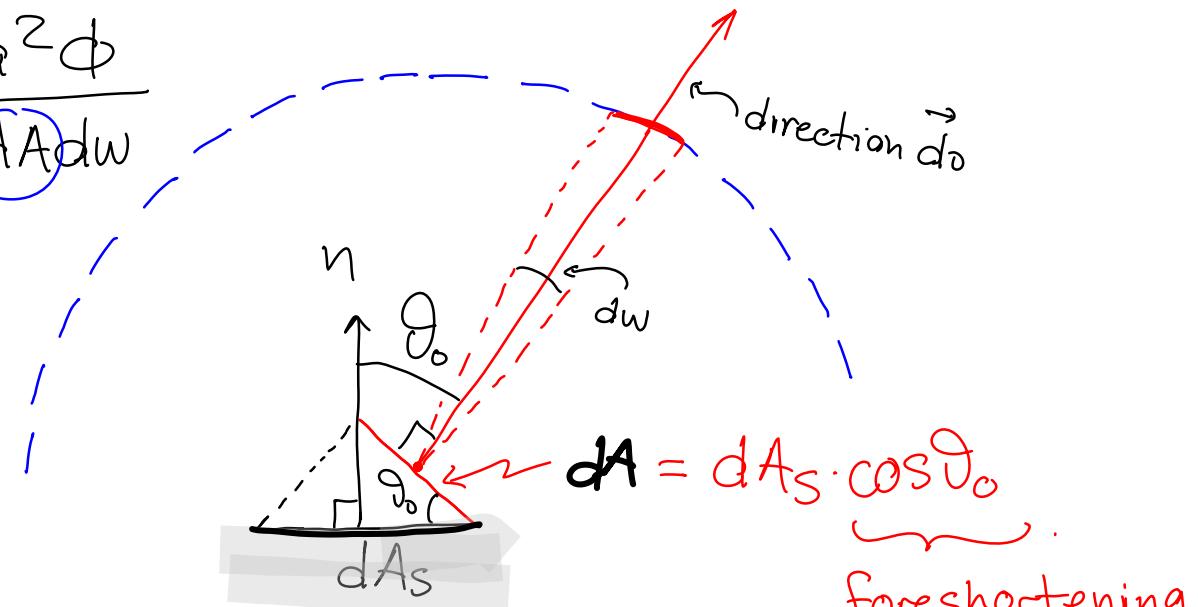
Attention: Division by dA assumes that patch is perpendicular to emission direction \vec{d}_o

Radiance for a Tilted Patch

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$$L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{dI}{dA} = \frac{d^2\phi}{dAdw}$$



dA : patch orthogonal to \vec{d}_o

dA_s : tilted surface patch

Radiance for a Tilted Patch

Surface Radiance for a tilted patch *

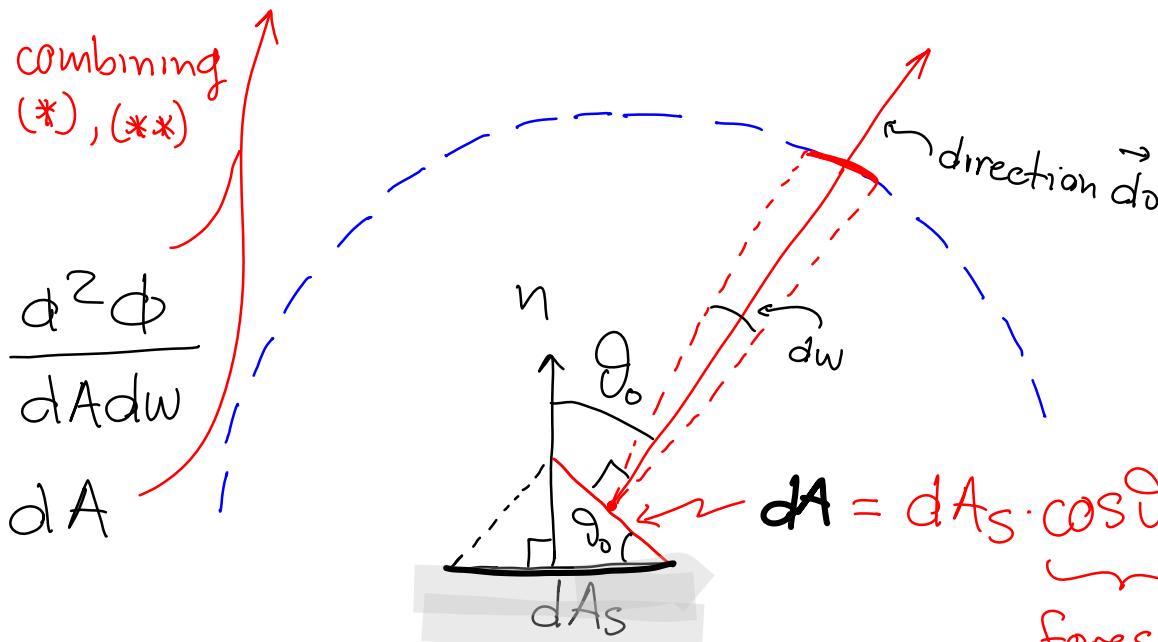
$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dA_S dw}(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o) = \cos\vartheta_o \cdot L(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o)$$

$$= (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_o) L(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o)$$

So we have:

$$(*) L(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{d^2\phi}{dA dw}$$

$$(**) dA_S = \frac{1}{\cos\vartheta_o} \cdot dA$$



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Measuring All Outgoing Light: Radiant Exitance



Surface Radiance for a tilted patch

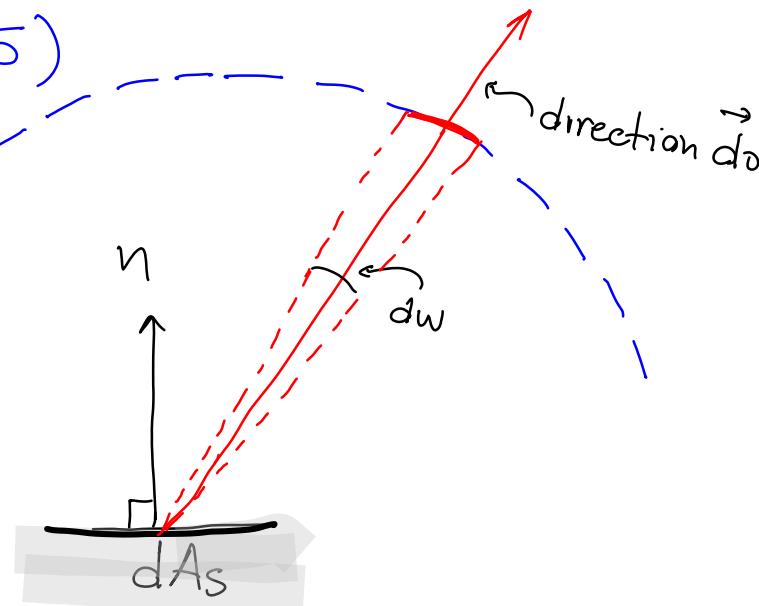
$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dA_s dw}(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o) = (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_o) L(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o)$$

Radiant exitance $E(\bar{p})$
(aka Radiosity)

Total flux emitted
from dA_s in all
directions

⇒ an integral over
directions:

$$* E(\bar{p}) = \int_{\vec{d}_o} (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_o) L(\bar{p}, \vec{d}_o) d(\vec{d}_o)$$

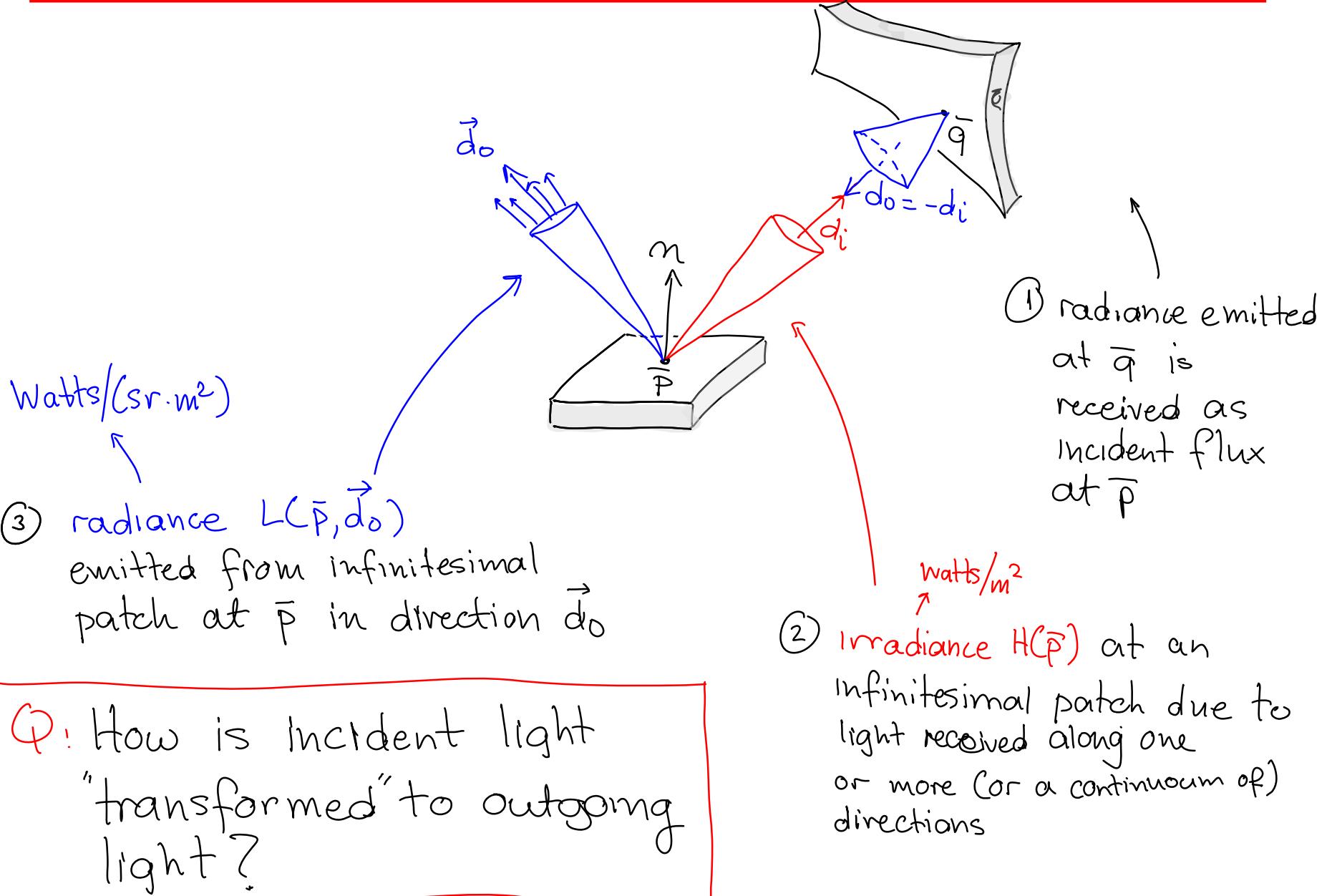


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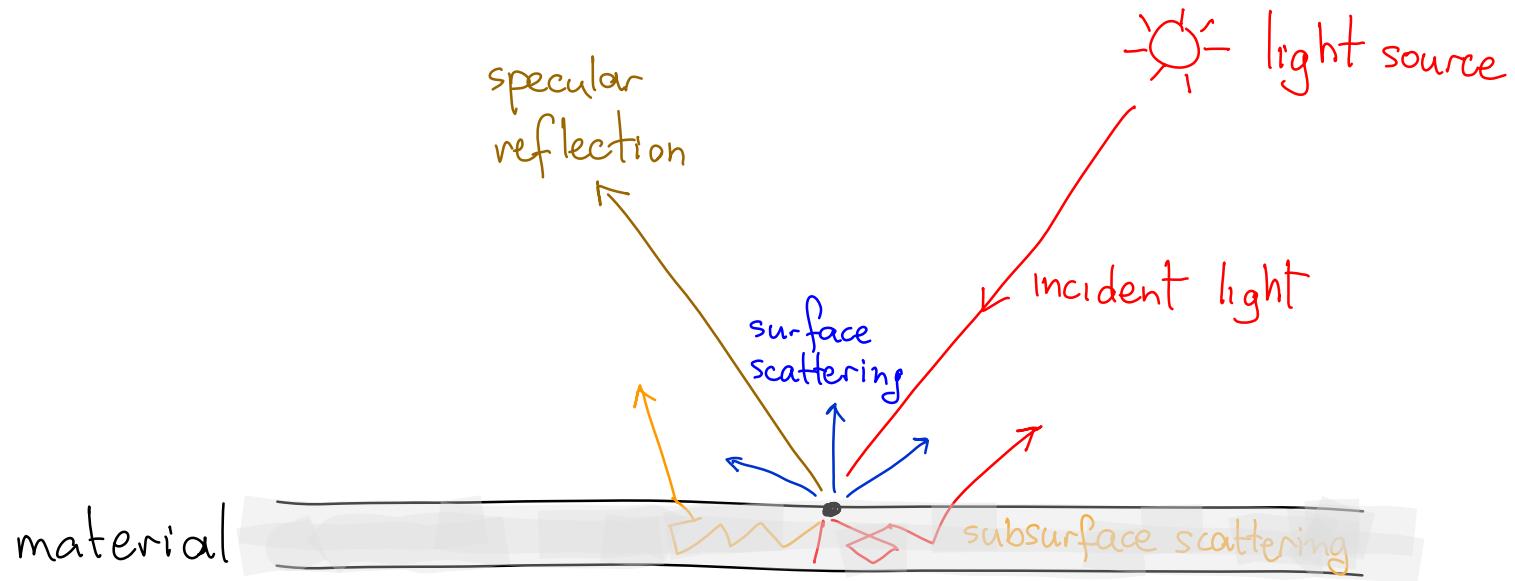
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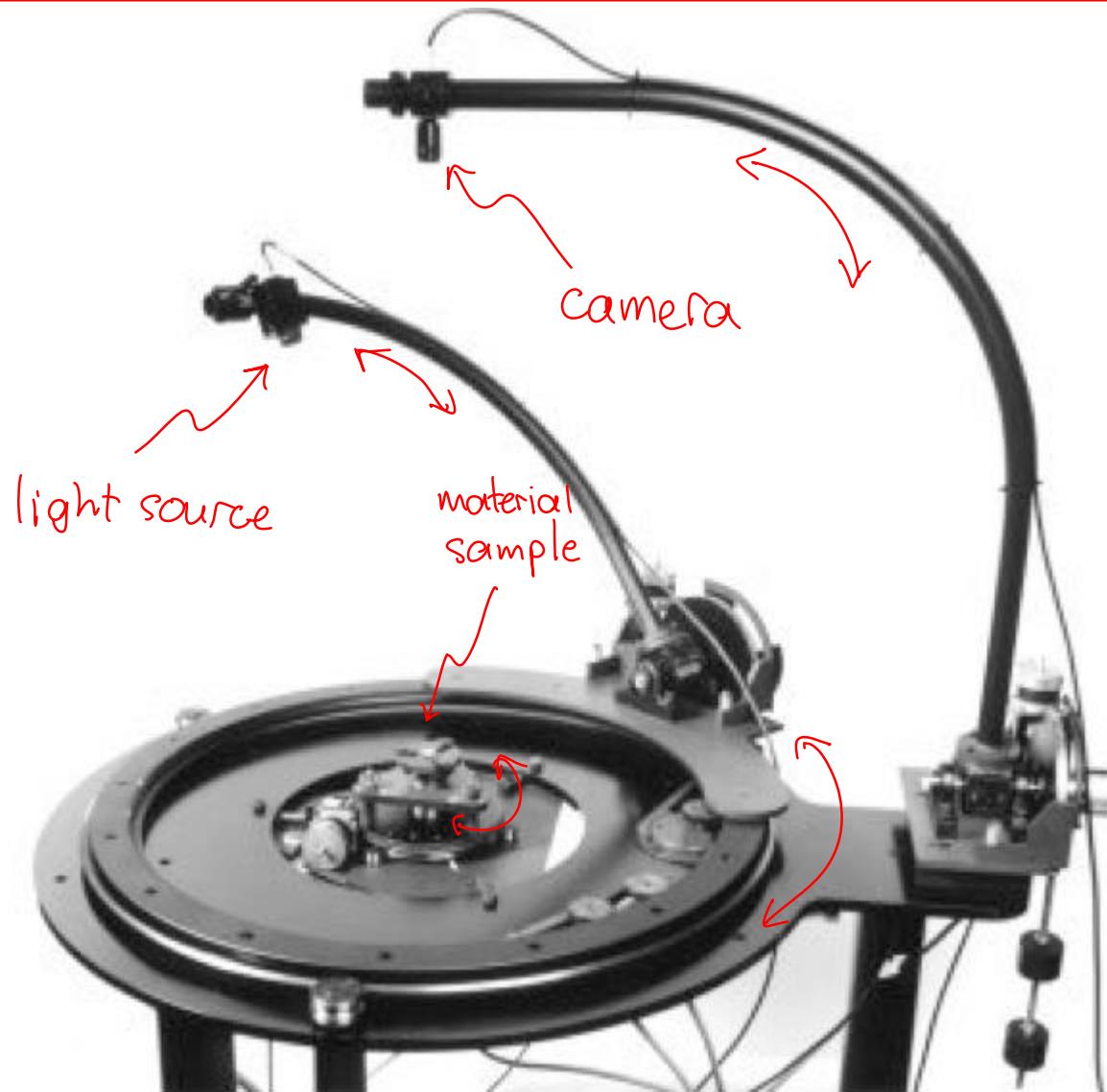
Completing the Light Transport Path: Reflectance



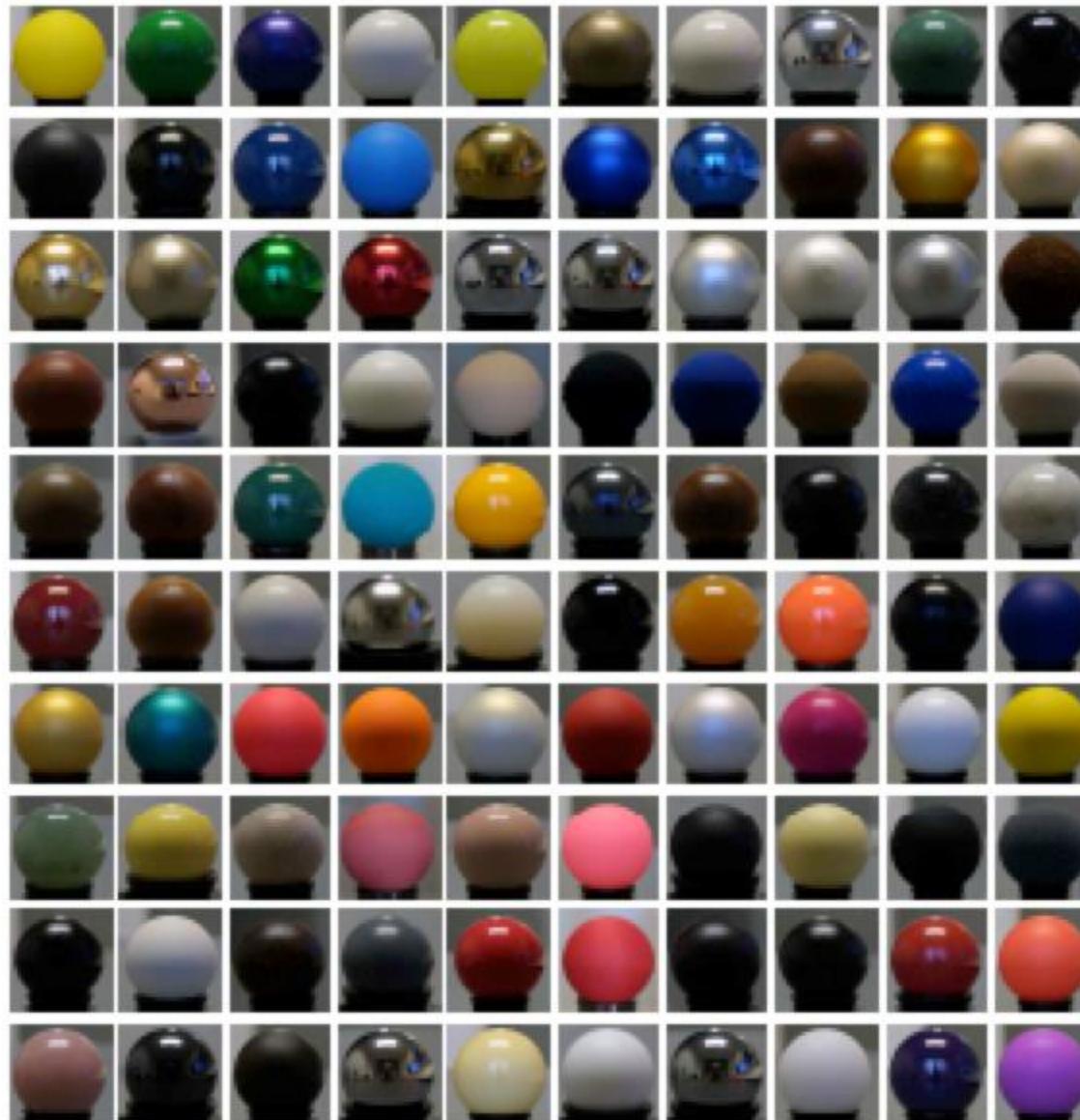
Common Modes of Local Light Transport



Empirical Measurement of Reflectance

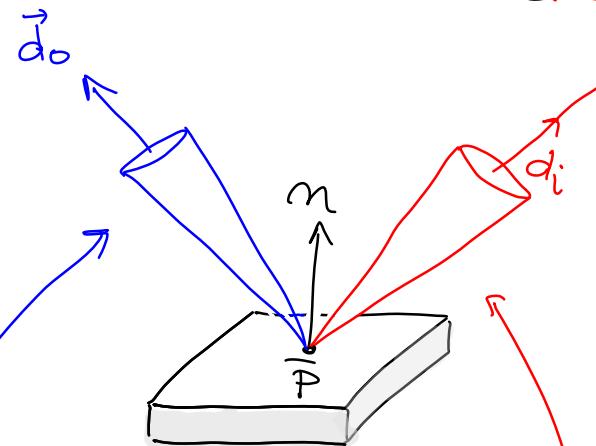


Visualizing Surface Reflectance Properties



General Definition: The BRDF of a Point

$$\text{BRDF : } \rho(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{\text{radiance}}{\text{irradiance}} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{in direction } \vec{d}_o \\ \text{due to flux arriving} \\ \text{from an infinitesimal} \\ \text{solid angle around } \vec{d}_i}}$$



Watts/(sr·m²)

③ radiance $L(\vec{p}, \vec{d}_o)$
emitted from infinitesimal
patch at \vec{p} in direction \vec{d}_o

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in direction \vec{d}_o
 due to flux arriving
 from an infinitesimal
 solid angle around \vec{d}_i

Intuition: The BRDF tells us how bright \vec{P} will appear if viewed along \vec{d}_o when it receives light from a small cone of directions along \vec{d}_i

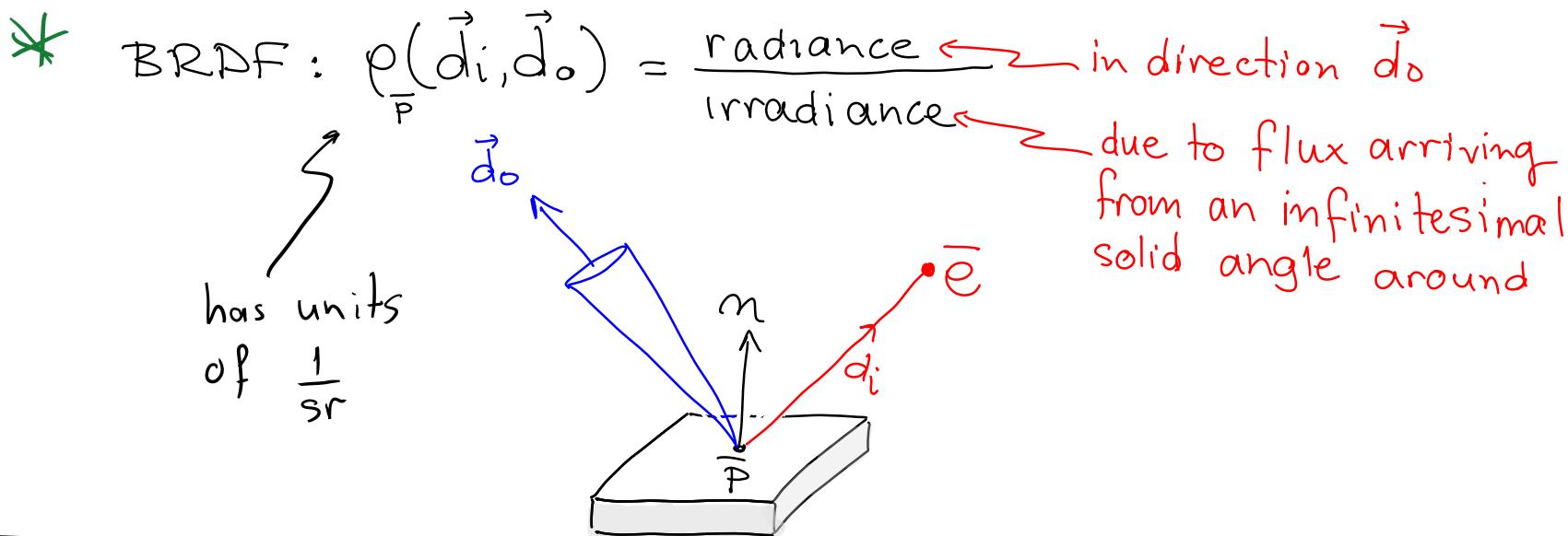
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$$\text{BRDF : } \rho_{\vec{P}}(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{\text{radiance}}{\text{irradiance}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{in direction } \vec{d}_o \\ \text{due to flux arriving} \\ \text{from an infinitesimal} \\ \text{solid angle around } \vec{d}_i \end{matrix}$$

Simpler: Suppose we only have a point light source

Intuition: The BRDF tells us how bright
 \vec{P} will appear if viewed along \vec{d}_o
 and the source is along \vec{d}_i .

Radiance Due to a Point Light Source



Example #1:

Reminder:
 $H(\vec{p}) = \frac{I(\omega)}{r^2} \cos \theta$

Source is at \vec{e}

Radiant intensity is $I(\vec{p}-\vec{e})$

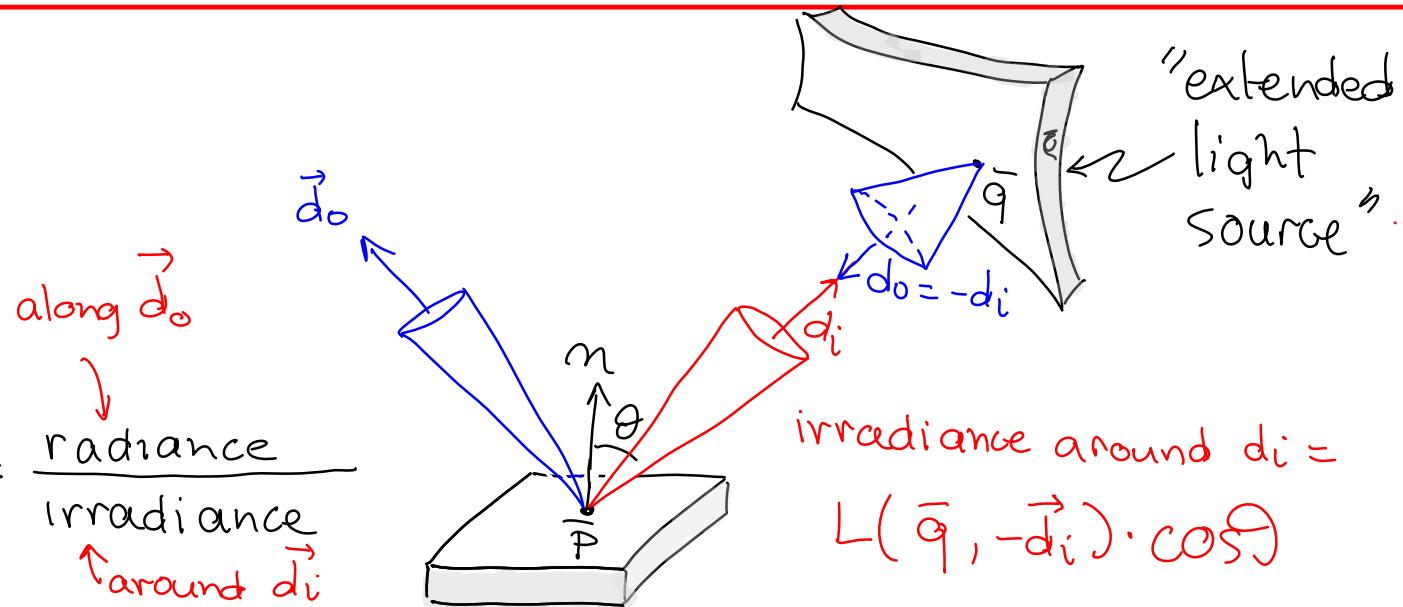
BRDF at \vec{p} is $\rho_{\vec{p}}$

Q: What is the radiance along \vec{d}_o ?

Ans: $L(\vec{p}, \vec{d}_o) = \rho(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) H(\vec{p}) = \rho(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) \frac{I(\vec{p}-\vec{e})}{\|\vec{p}-\vec{e}\|^2} \cos \theta$

Radiance Due to an Extended Source

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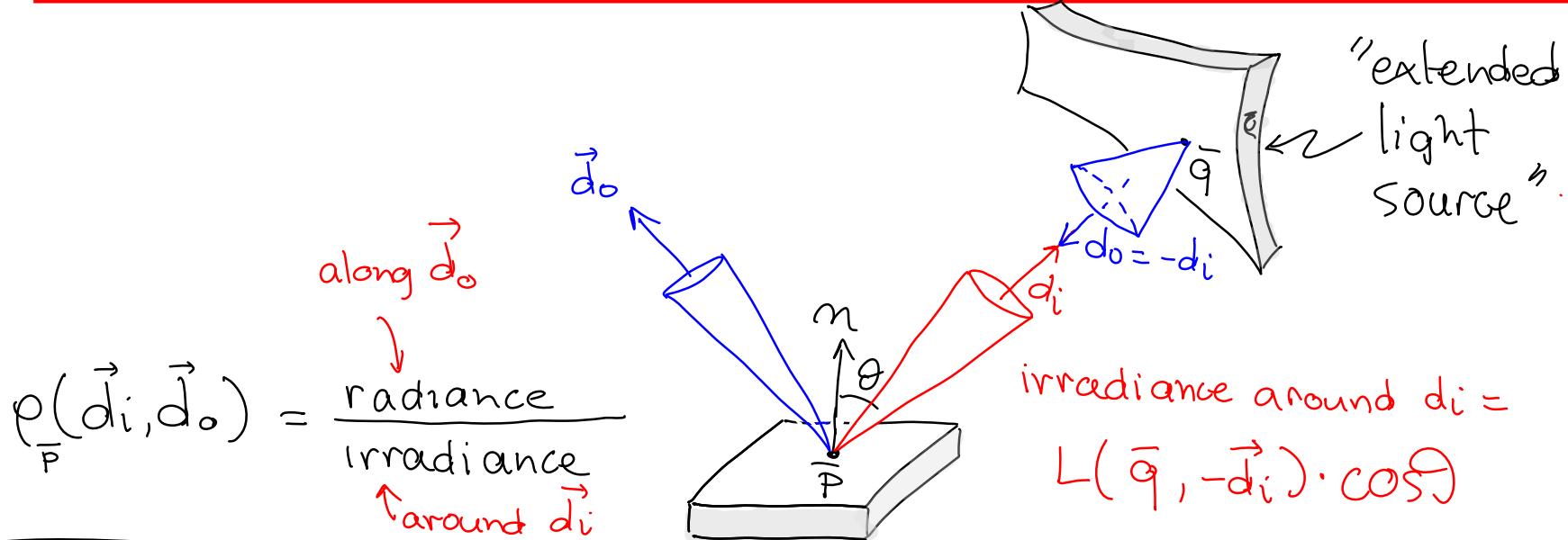
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$$\text{Ans: } L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \int_{\vec{d}_i} \rho_{\bar{P}}(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) \cdot (\text{irradiance around } \vec{d}_i) d(\vec{d}_i) \\ L(\bar{q}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i)$$

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Using spherical coords (θ, φ) for \vec{d}_i :

Ans: $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \iint_{\theta, \varphi} \rho_{\bar{P}}(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) \cdot (\text{irradiance around } \vec{d}_i) \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi$

\downarrow

$L(\bar{q}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i)$

The BRDF of a Diffuse Point

BRDF : $\rho(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{\text{radiance}}{\text{irradiance}}$

in direction \vec{d}_o
 due to flux arriving
 from an infinitesimal
 solid angle around

Example #3: * What is the BRDF of a diffuse surface point?

For diffuse points:

- brightness independent of \vec{d}_o
- brightness depends only on total incident flux (i.e. irradiance) not illumination dir

The BRDF of a Diffuse Point

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Example #3: What is the BRDF of a diffuse surface point?

For diffuse points:

radiance = constant fraction of irradiance

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) = \text{constant}$$

what is it equal to?

The BRDF of a Diffuse Point

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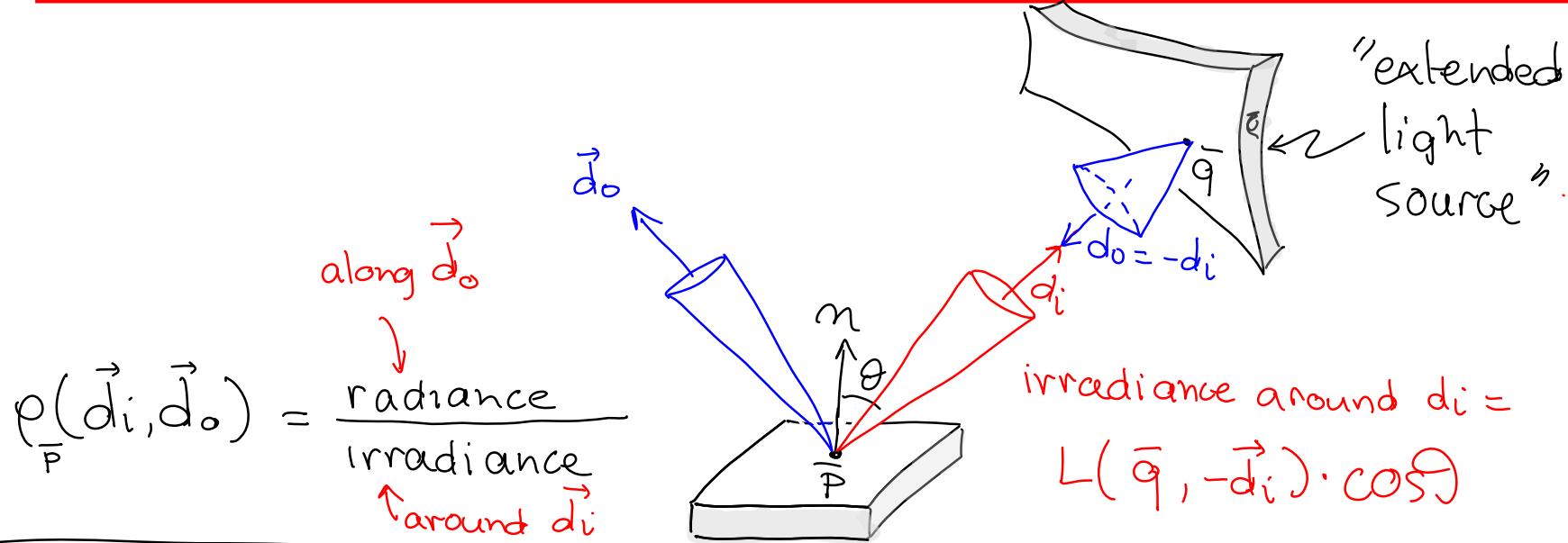
For diffuse points:

total light coming in \leq total light going out

(irradiance) (radiant exitance)

can show that $\rho = \frac{1}{\pi}$

. Radiance of a Diffuse Point Due to Extended Src



Example #4: * Extended source with radiance $L(\bar{q}, \vec{d}_i)$
 \bar{P} is a diffuse point

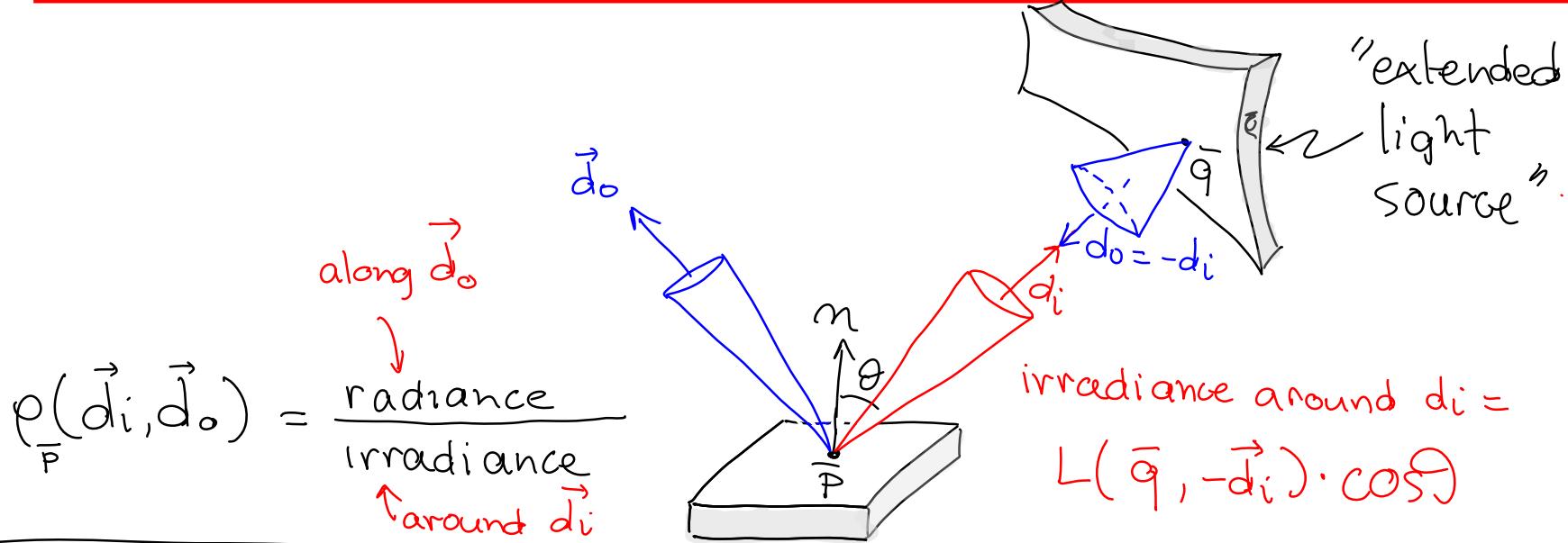
Q: What is the radiance along \vec{d}_o ?

Ans: $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \int_{\vec{d}_i} p_{\bar{P}}(\vec{d}_i, \vec{d}_o) \cdot (\text{irradiance around } \vec{d}_i) d(\vec{d}_i)$

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$L(\bar{q}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i)$

Radiance of a Diffuse Point Due to Extended Src

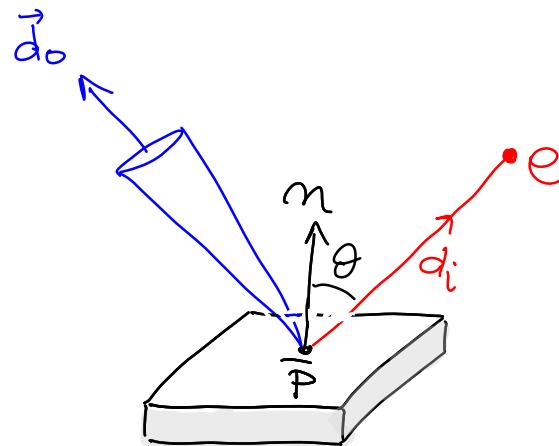


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Radiance of Diffuse Point due to Point Light Src



Example #5: * Point light source at distance r
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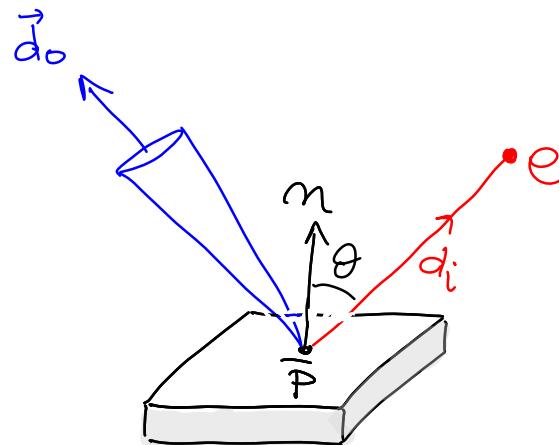
Q: What is the radiance along \vec{d}_o ?

Ans: $L(\bar{P}, \vec{d}_o) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\vec{d}_i} L(\bar{q}, -\vec{d}_i) (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}_i) d(\vec{d}_i)$

$\uparrow \frac{I(\bar{P}-\bar{e})}{\|\bar{P}-\bar{e}\|^2}$

only one direction

Radiance of Diffuse Point due to Point Light Src



Example #5 : Point light source at distance r
 \bar{p} is a diffuse point

Q: What is the radiance along \vec{d}_o ?

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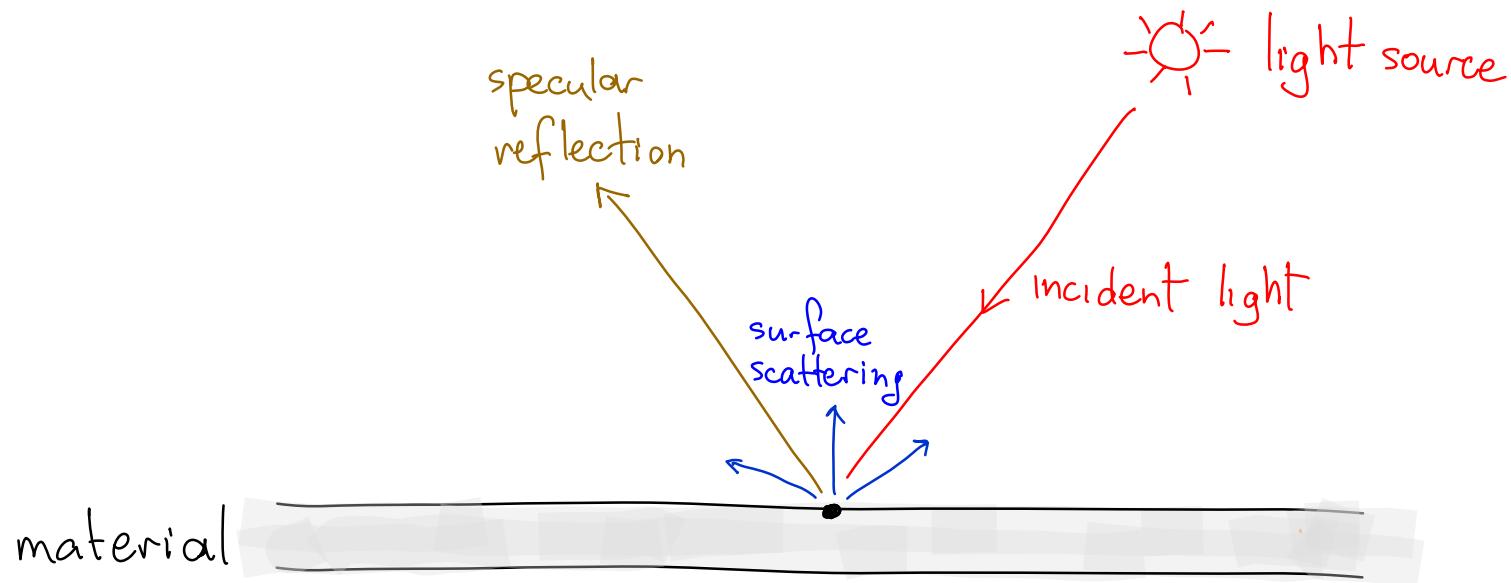
can be ignored if light very far away

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A Simple Parametric Model: Phong Reflectance

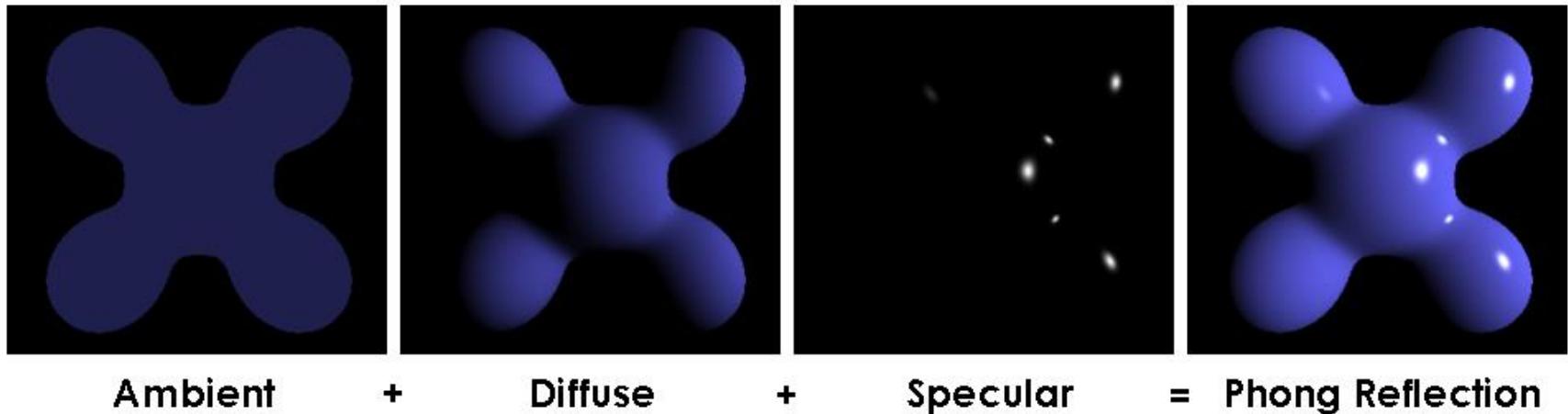


Phong model: A simple, computationally-efficient model that has 3 components:

- Diffuse
- Ambient
- Specular

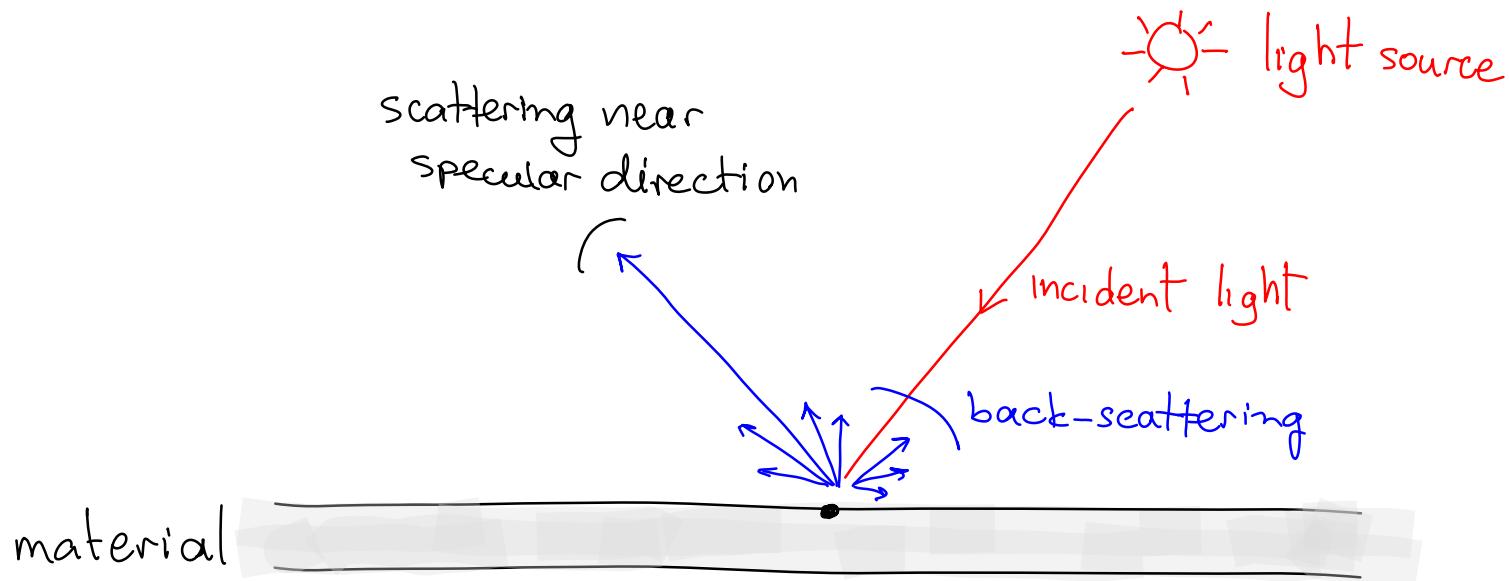
Phong Reflectance: The General Equation *

Brad Smith, Wikipedia



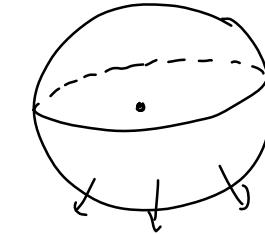
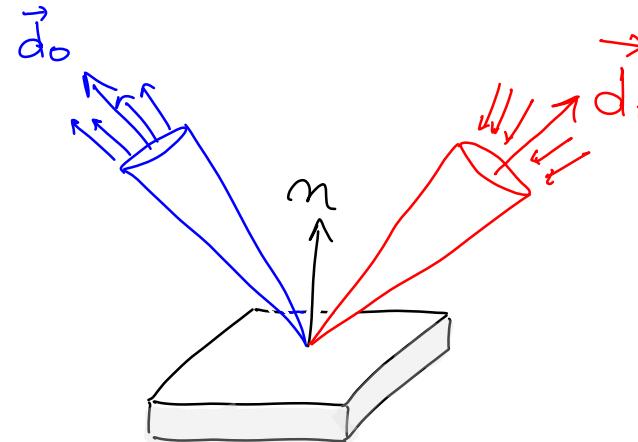
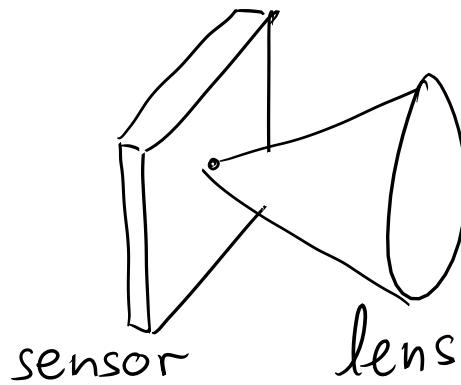
$$L(\vec{b}, \vec{n}, \vec{s}) = \underbrace{r_a I_a}_{\substack{\text{intensity at} \\ \text{projection of} \\ \text{point } \bar{p}}} + \underbrace{r_d I_d \max(0, \vec{n} \cdot \vec{s})}_{\text{diffuse}} + \underbrace{r_s I_s \max(0, \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b})^\alpha}_{\text{specular}}$$

Generalizing the Phong Model



- All reflected light can be thought of as a form of scattering
- For most real materials, the Phong-based distinction into specular + diffuse reflection is a crude approximation

Radiometry: Getting the Physics Right



Radiometry: measurement of electromagnetic radiation

Physics:

Joules
Watts

Geometry:

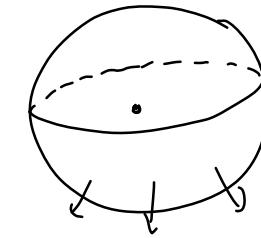
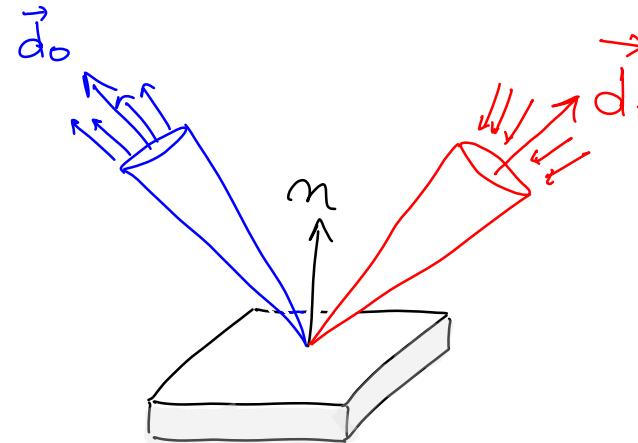
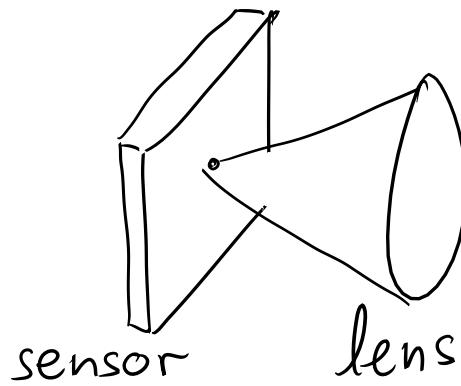
differentiation

- patches
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- solid angles
- foreshortened area

Radiometry:

- radiant energy
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- radiance
- radiant exitance
- BRDF

Radiometry & Color (see lecture notes)



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+ wavelength λ