

My History with Papers

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- **Mozilla**
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- **Recent project: Prettier**



Real Time Rendering of Light Scattering For Outdoor Scenes

Abstract

The field of computer graphics has given scientists, mathematicians, and others an opportunity to simulate realistic environments and scenarios without the cost or limitations of physical models. As technological power increases rapidly, researchers are able to model more complex and realistic scenes, such as atmospheres that include light scattering and aerial perspective. This paper focuses on the real-time rendering of atmospheric scattering and aerial perspective which give realistic depth cues and color. Because it is computationally expensive due to the calculation of several integrals, the calculations must be optimized and simplified to achieve results in real-time. After briefly summarizing the mathematical operations required for this effect, this paper will describe several variations and their corresponding implementations. These implementations will be analyzed thoroughly and judged according to their performance and quality.



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Rendering Outdoor Light Scattering in Real Time

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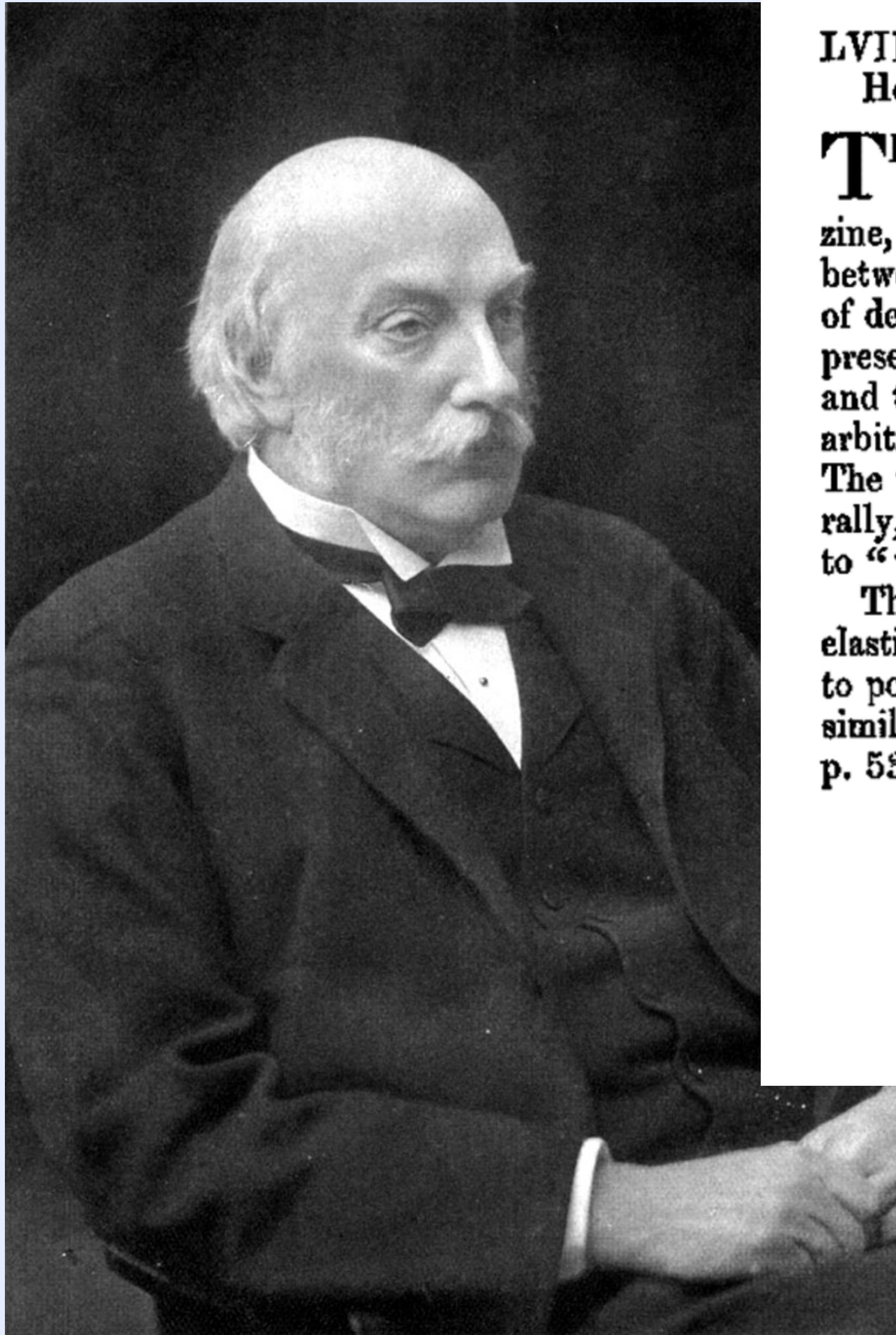
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Introduction

Atmospheric scattering of light is important in outdoor scenes. It changes sunlight from the pale red of dawn to the bright yellow of midday and back again. It determines the color and brightness of the sky throughout the day, and it cues us to the distance of objects by shifting their colors. All these effects vary not only based on time of day, but also depending on weather, pollution and other factors. On planets with different atmospheric compositions, these effects would differ significantly from those seen on Earth.

In this paper we will explain the ways in which atmosphere affects light, including the





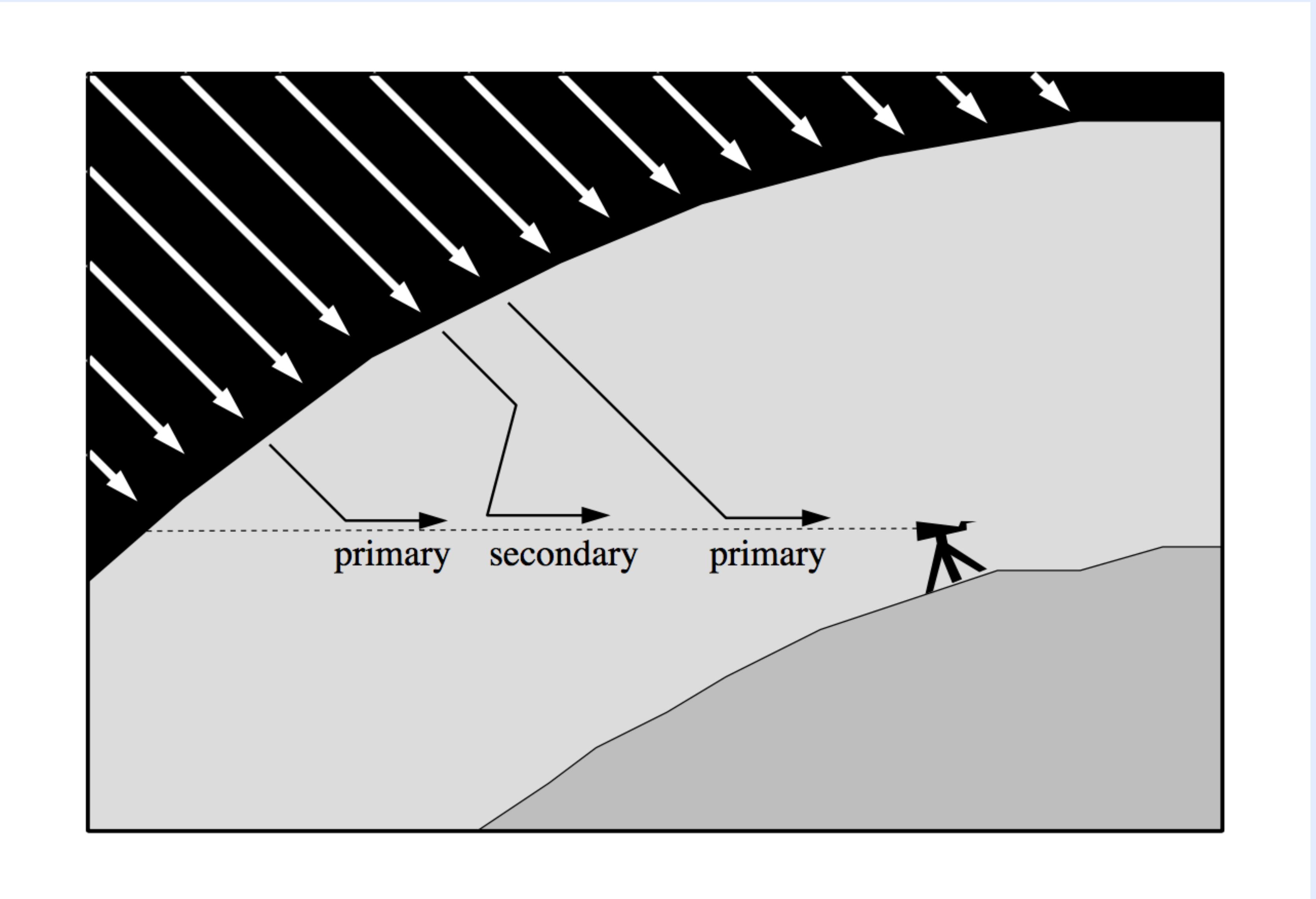
LVIII. *On the Scattering of Light by small Particles. By the Hon. J. W. STRUTT, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge**.

THE investigation of the diffraction of light by small particles, contained in the February Number of this Magazine, proceeds throughout on the assumption that the difference between two media which differ in refractive power is a difference of density and not a difference of rigidity. My object in the present communication is to attack the problem more generally, and to show that the more special hypothesis is in no degree arbitrary, but forced upon us by the phenomena themselves. The words "density," "rigidity" need not be interpreted literally, but are used in a generalized sense analogous to that given to "velocity" and "force" in the higher mechanics.

The first step is to find the equation of motion of an isotropic elastic medium whose density and rigidity may vary from point to point. If D denote the density and n the rigidity, a process similar to that used in Thomson and Tait's 'Natural Philosophy,' p. 530, leads us to the following :—

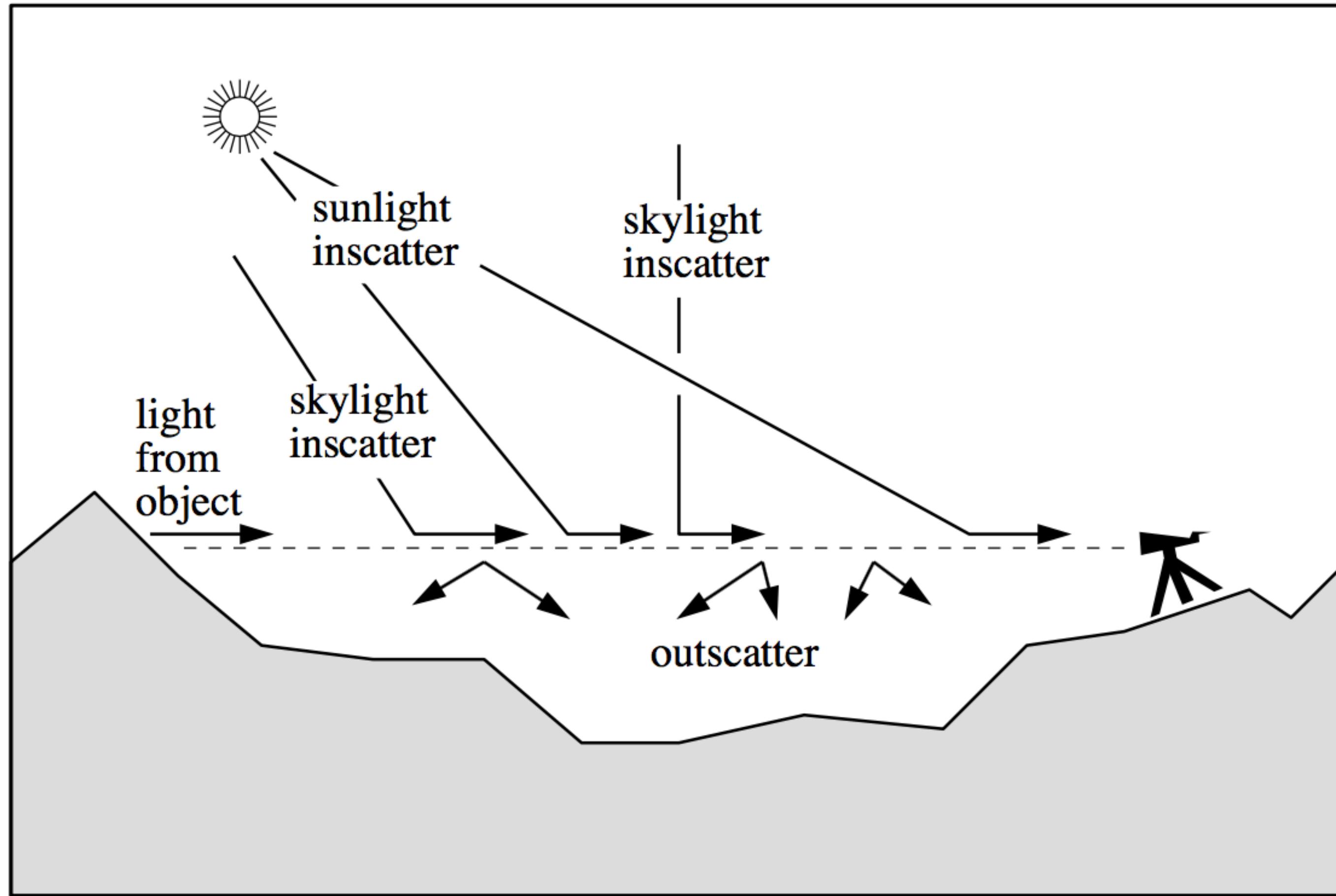
$$\frac{d}{dx}(m\delta) + \nabla_n \xi - D \frac{d^2\xi}{dt^2} - \frac{dn}{dx} \frac{d\eta}{dy} - \frac{dn}{dx} \frac{d\zeta}{dz} + \frac{dn}{dy} \frac{d\eta}{dx} + \frac{dn}{dz} \frac{d\zeta}{dx} = 0, \dots \quad (1)$$

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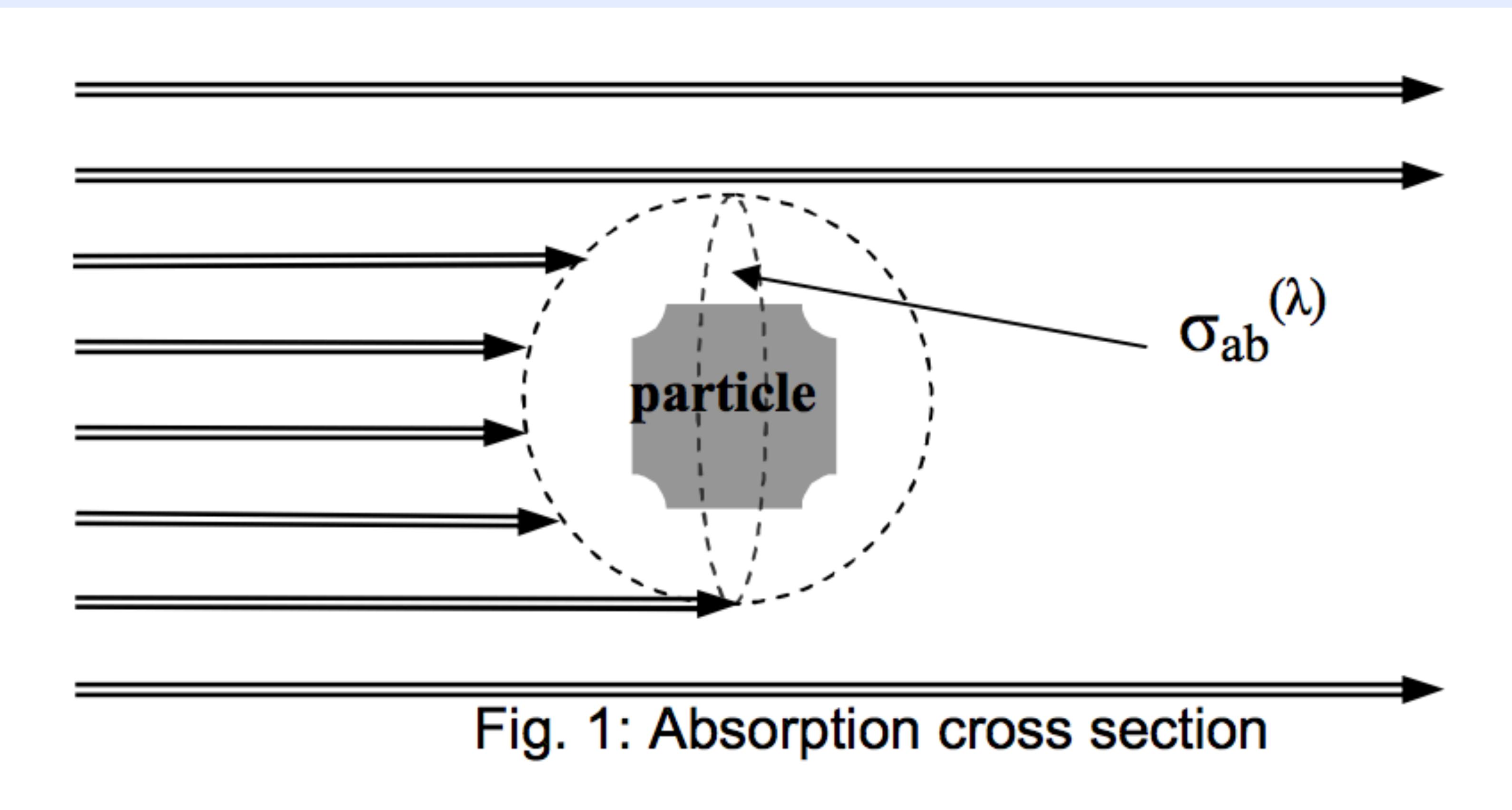


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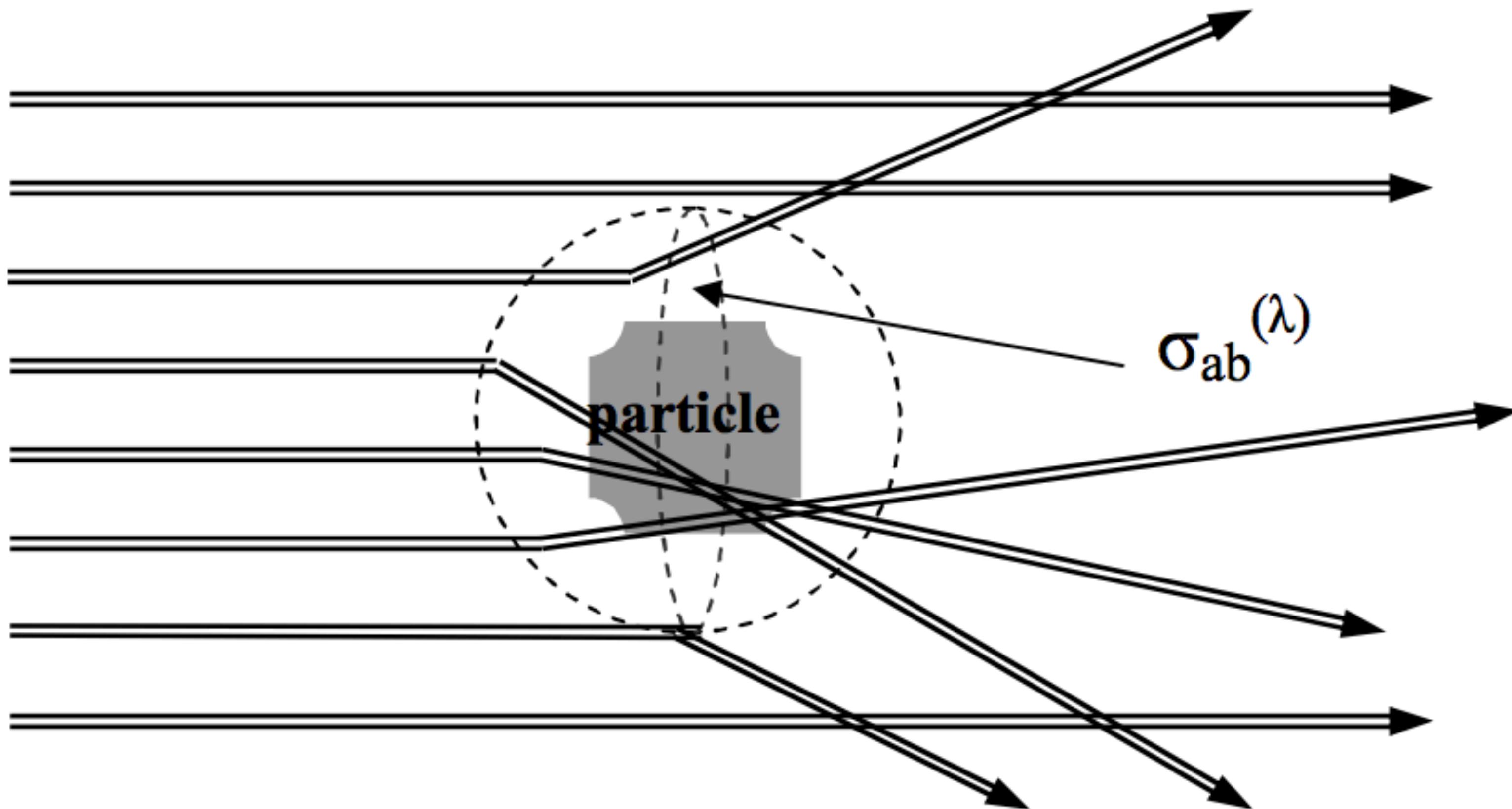
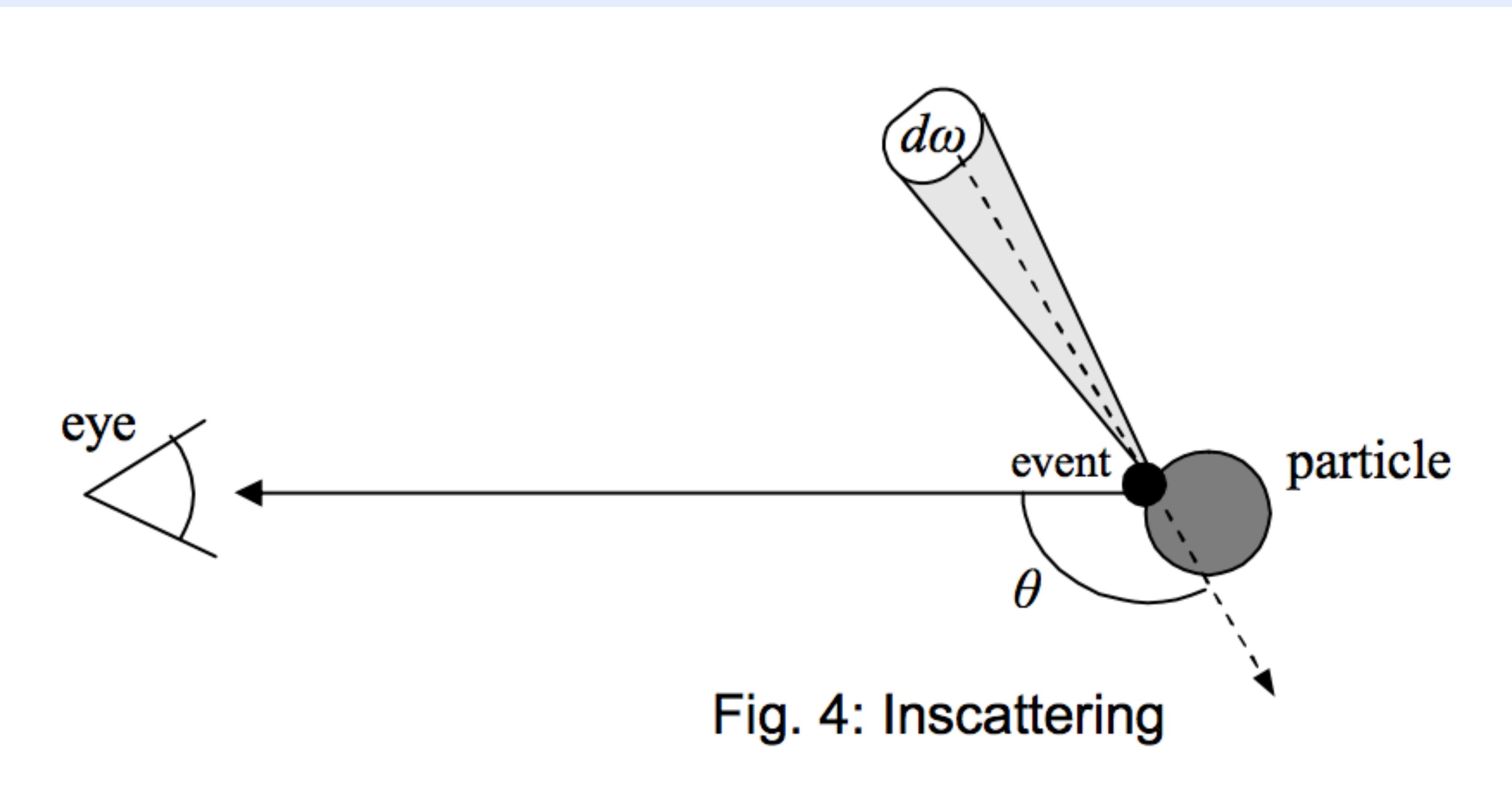


Fig. 3: Scattering cross section



$$L^{(\lambda)}(x) = L_0^{(\lambda)} e^{-\int_0^x \beta_{ab}^{(\lambda)}(x') dx'}$$

Absorption

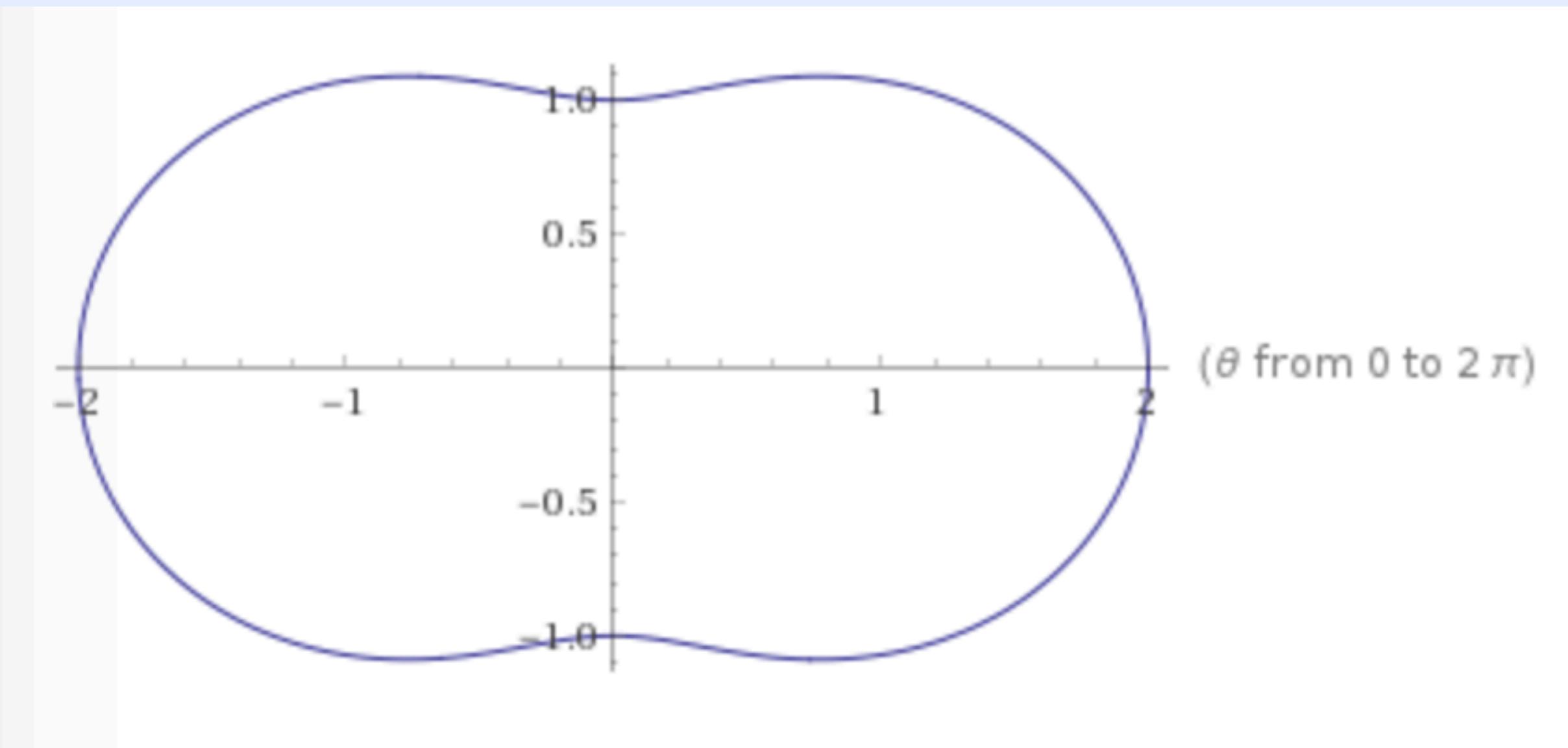
$$L^{(\lambda)}(x) = L_0^{(\lambda)} e^{-\int_0^x \beta_{sc}^{(\lambda)}(x') dx'}$$

Out-scattering

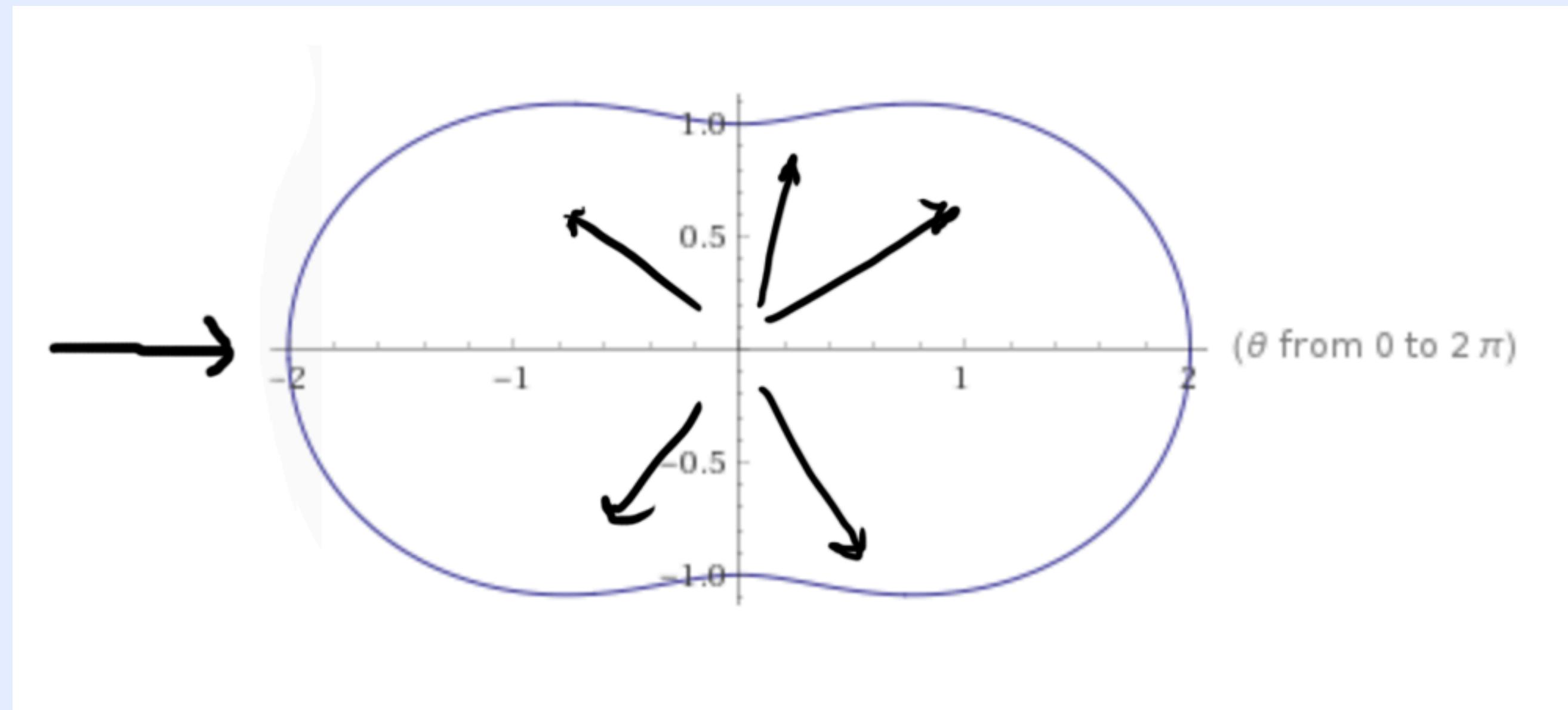


$$dL_{\text{inscatter}}^{(\lambda)} = \beta_{sc}^{(\lambda)} dx \int_{\Omega} L_i^{(\lambda)}(\theta, \varphi) \Phi(\theta) d\omega = dx \int_{\Omega} L_i^{(\lambda)}(\theta, \varphi) \boxed{\beta_{sc}^{(\lambda)}(\theta)} d\omega$$

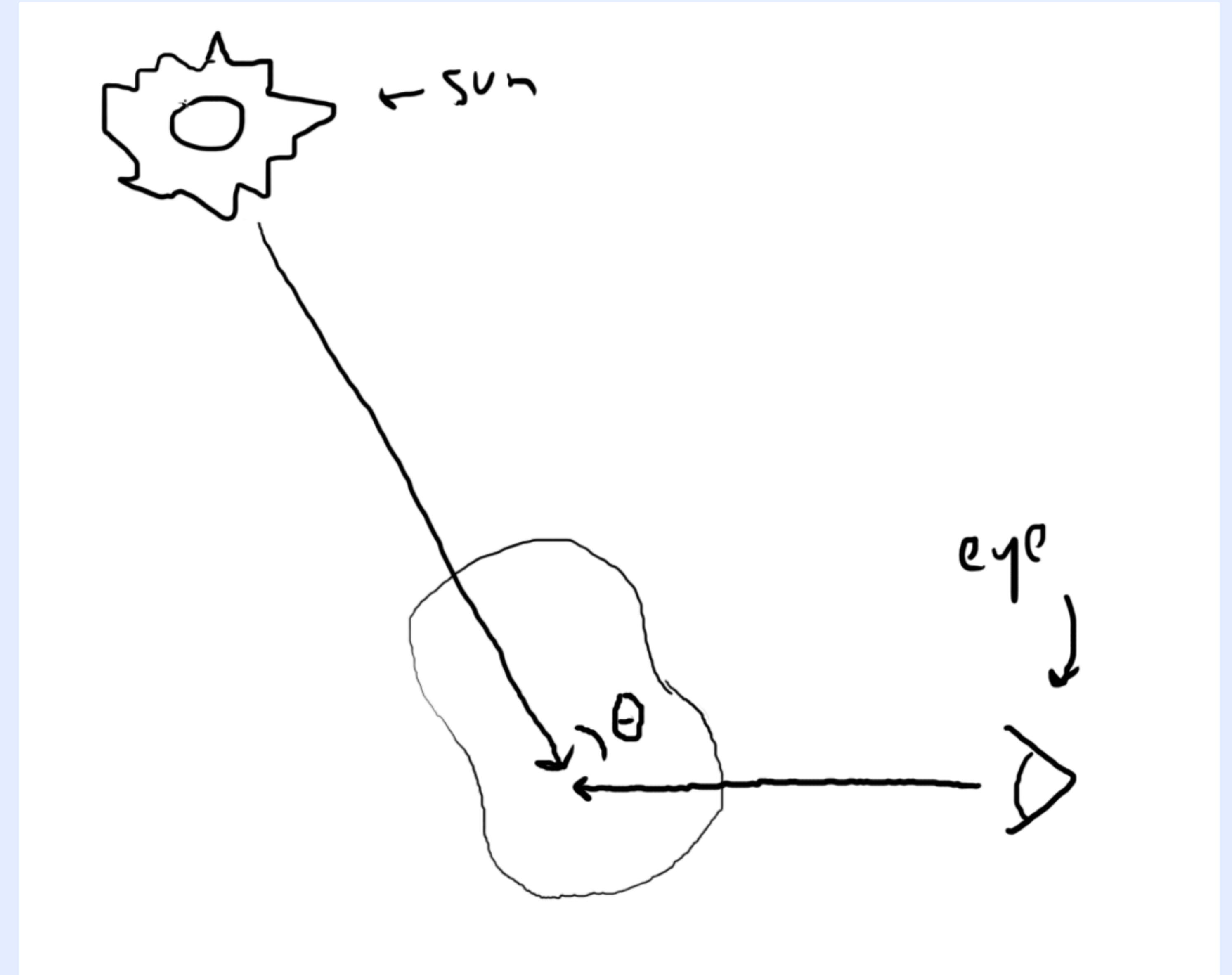
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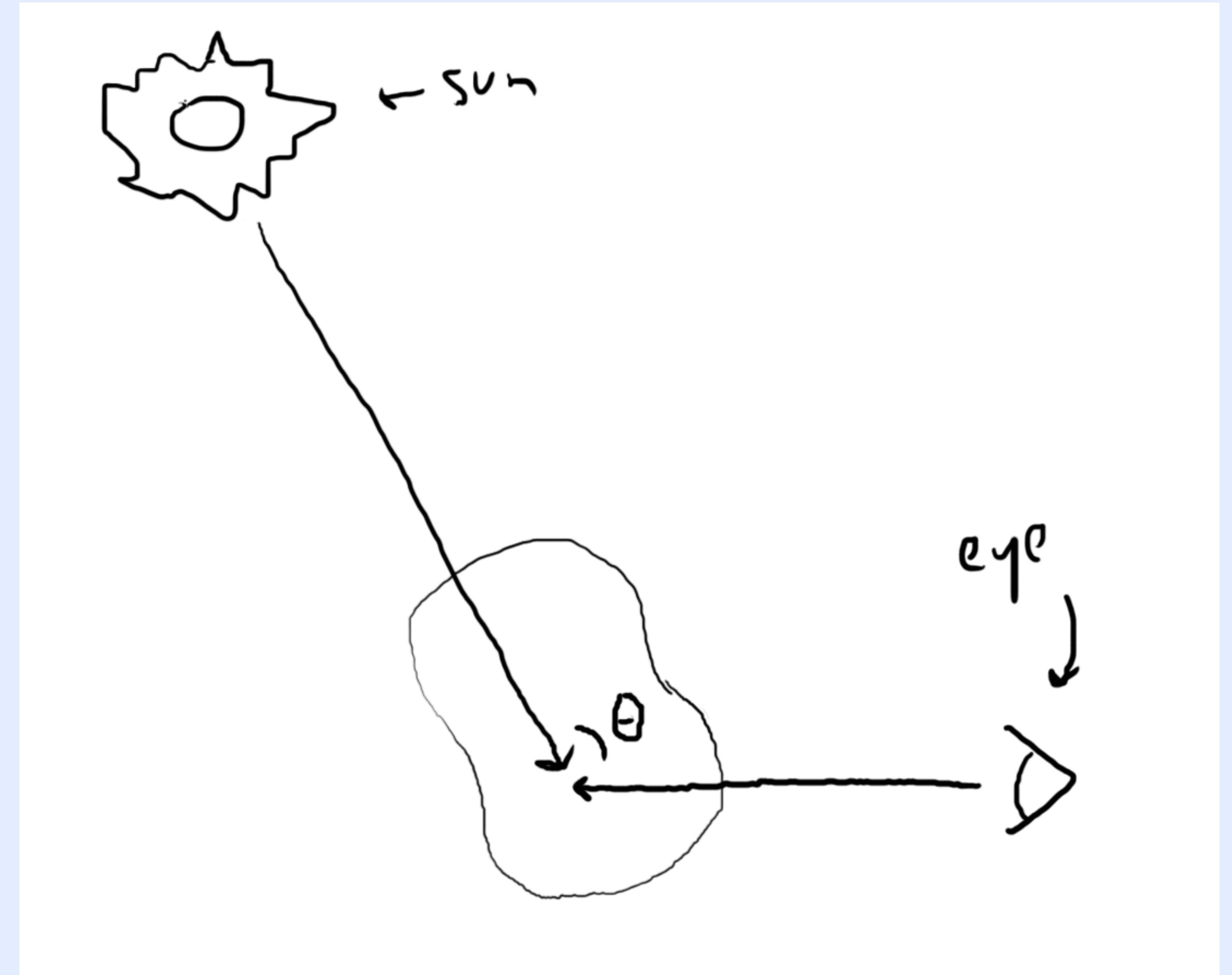


Phase function: $1 + \cos^2 \theta$



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$$L(s, \theta) = L_0 F_{ex}(s) + L_{in}(s, \theta)$$

(19)

where L_0 is the input color, s is the distance to the camera, and θ is the angle to the sun.

In the vertex shader we compute $F_{ex}(s)$ and $L_{in}(s, \theta)$ using the following equations:

$$F_{ex}(s) = e^{-(\beta_R + \beta_M)s}$$

$$L_{in}(s, \theta) = \frac{\beta_R(\theta) + \beta_M(\theta)}{\beta_R + \beta_M} E_{sun} (1 - e^{-(\beta_R + \beta_M)s})$$

$$\beta_R(\theta) = \frac{3}{16\pi} \beta_R (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

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

where β_R is the Rayleigh coefficient, β_M is the Mie coefficient, g is Henyey/Greenstein phase function eccentricity, and E_{sun} is the irradiance of the sun. All that's left for the pixel shader is the multiplication and addition as described in Eq. 19.



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An Incremental Approach to Compiler Construction

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Abstract

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**1. Write a compiler for a language
that returns a fixed-sized integer.**

Let's write a small C function that returns an integer:

```
int scheme_entry(){  
    return 42;  
}
```

Let's compile it using `gcc -O3 --omit-frame-pointer -S test.c` and see the output. The most relevant lines of the output file are the following:

1. .text
2. .p2align 4,,15
3. .globl scheme_entry
4. .type scheme_entry, @function
5. scheme_entry:
6. movl \$42, %eax
7. ret

```
(define (compile-program x)
  (emit "movl $~a, %eax" x)
  (emit "ret"))
```

```
(read "(+ 1 2 (* foo 1000))")
;; '(+ 1 2 (* foo 1000))
```

```
(read "(define (foo x y) (+ x y))")
;; '(define (foo x y) (+ x y))
```

Immediate Constants

```
(define (compile-program x)
  (define (immediate-rep x)
    (cond
      ((integer? x) (shift x fixnum-shift))
      . . .)
    (emit "movl $~a, %eax" (immediate-rep x))
    (emit "ret")))
```

Unary Primitives

```
(define (emit-expr x)
  (cond
    ((immediate? x)
     (emit "movl $~a, %eax" (immediate-rep x)))
    ((primcall? x)
     (case (primcall-op x)
       ((add1)
        (emit-expr (primcall-operand1 x))
        (emit "addl $~a, %eax" (immediate-rep 1)))
       ...))
    (else ...)))
```

**integer->char
char->integer
null?
zero?
not**

Binary Primitives

So far, single registry for return value: %eax

(+ (add1 10) (add1 11))

Need a stack!

Binary Primitives

- Contiguous array of memory locations
- Pointer to base of stack in %esp register
- Return point stored at the base: 0(%esp)
- Free to use locations above it for intermediate values: -4(%esp) etc
- Compiler tracks current index into stack

Binary Primitives

```
(define (emit-primitive-call x si)
  (case (primcall-op x)
    ((add1) ...)
    ((+)
     (emit-expr (primcall-operand2 x) si)
     (emit "movl %eax, ~a(%esp)" si)
     (emit-expr
      (primcall-operand1 x)
      (- si wordsize))
     (emit "addl ~a(%esp), %eax" si)))
    ...))
```

Local Variables

- Compiler passes around an environment in addition to stack index
- When new variable is introduced:
 - compile expression
 - push it onto the stack
 - add variable to environment with stack location

Local Variables

- When a variable is used:
 - get stack location from environment
 - read it from the stack

```
(define (emit-expr x si env)
  (cond
    ((immediate? x) ...)
    ((variable? x)
     (emit "movl ~a(%esp), %eax" (lookup x env)))
    ((let? x)
     (emit-let (bindings x) (body x) si env))
    ((primcall? x) ...)
    ...))
```



```
(define (emit-let bindings body si env)
  (let f ((b* bindings) (new-env env) (si si))
    (cond
      ((null? b*) (emit-expr body si new-env))
      (else
        (let ((b (car b*)))
          (emit-expr (rhs b) si env)
          (emit "movl %eax, ~a(%esp)" si)
          (f (cdr b*)
            (extend-env (lhs b) si new-env)
            (- si wordsize)))))))
```



On and on...

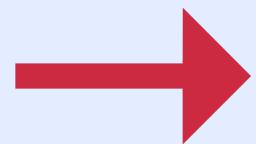
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    for(let i = 0; i < entities.length; i++) {  
        if(update(entities[i])) {  
            doSomething();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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```
function bar(x) {  
    return foo(x - 1) + 1;  
}  
  
function foo(x) {  
    if(x > 0) {  
        return 3 + bar(x);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}  
  
module.exports = { foo: foo };
```

```
function* bar(x) {
  yield ["return", (yield foo(x - (yield 1))) + (yield 1)]
}

function* foo(x) {
  if(x > (yield 0)) {
    yield ["return", (yield 3) + (yield bar(x))]
  }
  yield ["return", (yield 0)]
}

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```

Exceptional Continuations in JavaScript

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ABSTRACT

JavaScript, the main language for web-site development, does not feature continuation. However, as part of client-server communication they would be useful as a means to suspend the currently running execution.

In this paper we present our adaption of exception-based continuations to JavaScript. The enhanced technique deals with closures and features improvements that reduce the cost of the work-around for the missing `goto`-instruction. We furthermore propose a practical way of dealing with exception-based continuations in the context of non-linear executions, which frequently happen due to callbacks. Our benchmarks show that under certain conditions continuations are still expensive, but are often viable. Especially compilers translating to JavaScript could benefit from static control flow analyses to make continuations less costly.

1. Introduction

XML http requests are an integral part of Ajax and the now called

JavaScript does not feature any construct similar to continuations, though. Most interpreters carry the necessary information to efficiently implement them, but as far as we know only Rhino (Mozilla Foundation) gives access to its continuations. In general continuations need to be implemented on top of JavaScript's high level constructs.

Continuation Passing Style (CPS) lends itself for this task and with sufficiently high level features (in particular closures) CPS can be implemented as a simple source code transformation (see for example (Steele 1976)). A program in CPS form, as the name suggests, passes the current continuation directly as a parameter to every function and the continuation is hence always available. This technique does indeed work in JavaScript, and some systems such as Links (Cooper et al. 2006) actually use it. In Links the continuations are not exposed to the developers either, but are used internally for threading and transparent asynchronous `xml-http-requests`.

CPS's efficiency is however largely dependent on the speed of closure creation and tail call handling. Neither are fast in current main-

```
function sleep(ms) {  
    suspend(function(resume) {  
        setTimeout(resume, ms);  
    });  
}
```

```
function suspend(handler) {  
    const continuation = new ContinuationException();  
    continuation.handler = handler;  
    throw continuation;  
}
```

```
function sequence(f, g) {  
    print('1: ' + f());  
    return g();  
}
```

```
function sequence(f, g) {
    var tmp1;
    var index = 0;
    try {
        index = 1; tmp1 = f();
        print('1: ' + tmp1);
        index = 2; return g();
    } catch(e) {
        if (e instanceof ContinuationException) {
            var frame = new Object();
            frame.index = index; // save position
            frame.f = f; frame.g = g;
            frame.tmp1 = tmp1;
            e.pushFrame(frame);
        }
        throw e;
    }
}
```

```
function sequence(f, g) {
    var tmp1, goto = false;
    if (RESTORE.doRestore) {
        var frame = RESTORE.popFrame();
        index = frame.index;
        f = frame.f; g = frame.g;
        tmp1 = frame.tmp1;
        goto = index; // emulate a jump
    }
    // ... <suspension-code omitted> ...
    switch (goto) {
        case false:
        case 1: goto = false;
            tmp1 = f();
            print('1: ' + tmp1);
            // fall-through
        case 2: goto = false;
            return g();
    }
    // ... <suspension-code omitted> ...
}
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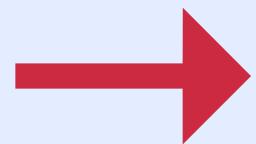
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        tmp1 = frame.tmp1;  
        goto = index;  
    }  
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        switch (goto) {  
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            e.pushFrame(frame);  
        }  
        throw e;  
    }  
}
```

```
function f() {  
    var x = 1;  
    var y = 2;  
    var g = function() { print(x, y); };  
    suspendCall();  
    x = 3;  
    g(); // should print 3, 2  
}
```

call/cc

But wait...

```
function update(dt, entities) {  
    for(let i = 0; i < entities.length; i++) {  
        if(update(entities[i])) {  
            doSomething();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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```
function run() {  
    while(!stop) {  
        update(entities);  
    }  
}
```

```
while (1) {
    if (VM.hasBreakpoint(funcId, $__next)) {
        throw new $ContinuationExc();
    }

    switch($__next) {
        case 0:
            if (!!stop) {
                $__next = 9;
                break;
            }

            $__next = 3;
            break;
        case 3:
            $__next = 7;
            $__tmpid = 1;
            $__t1 = update(entities);
            break;
        case 7:
            $__next = 0;
            break;
        default:
        case 9:
            return;
    }
}
```



```
function foo() {  
    var x = callCC(cont => cont);  
    if(isContinuation(x)) {  
        x(5);  
    }  
    return x;  
}
```

```
console.log(foo()); // -> 5
```

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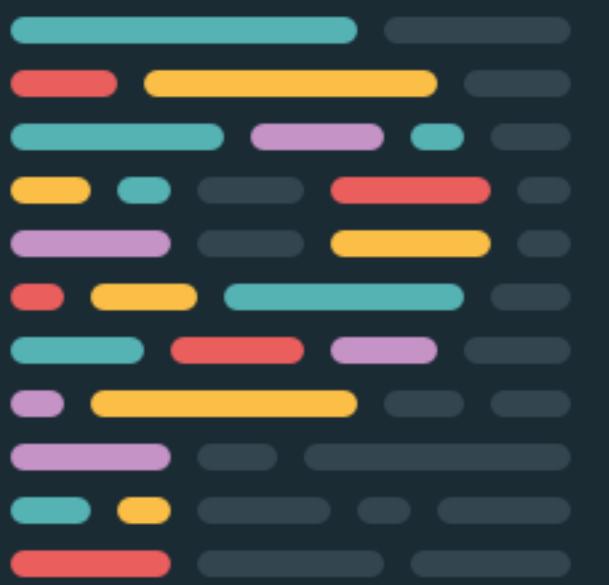
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A prettier printer

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Joyce Kilmer and most computer scientists agree: there is no poem as lovely as a tree. In our love affair with the tree it is parsed, pattern matched, pruned — and printed. A pretty printer is a tool, often a library of routines, that aids in converting a tree into text. The text should occupy a minimal number of lines while retaining indentation that reflects the underlying tree. A good pretty printer must strike a balance between ease of use, flexibility of format, and optimality of output.

Over the years, Richard Bird and others have developed the algebra of programming to a fine art. John Hughes (1995) describes the evolution of a pretty printer library, where both the design and implementation have been honed by an appealing application of algebra. This library has become a standard package, widely used in the field. A variant of it was implemented for use in the Glasgow



Prettier

```
(<>) :: Doc -> Doc -> Doc
nil :: Doc
text :: String -> Doc
line :: Doc
nest :: Int -> Doc -> Doc
layout :: Doc -> String
```

```
showTree (Node s ts) = text s <> showBracket ts
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showBracket [] = nil
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showBracket ts = text "[" <>  
                  nest 2 (line <> showTrees ts) <>  
                  line <> text "]")
```

```
showTrees [t] = showTree t
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```
showTrees (t:ts) = showTree t <> text "," <> line <> showTrees ts
```

```
aaa[  
    bbbbb[  
        ccc,  
        dd  
    ],  
    eee,  
    ffff[  
        gg,  
        hhh,  
        ii  
    ]  
]
```

group :: Doc -> Doc

```
group (text "foo" <> line <> text "bar")
```

foo bar

foo
bar

```
group (text "foo" <> line <> group (text "bar" <> line <> text "baz"))
```

foo bar baz

foo bar
baz

foo
bar
baz

`pretty :: Int -> Doc -> String`

```
showTree (Node s ts) = group (text s <>> nest (length s) (showBracket ts))
```

```
aaa[bbbbbb[ccc, dd],  
eee,  
ffff[gg, hh, ii]]
```

group
concat
indent
conditionalGroup
fill
ifBreak
line
softline
hardline
literalline

```
group(  
    concat([  
        "[" ,  
        indent(  
            concat([  
                softline,  
                printArrayItems(path, options, "elements", print)  
            ])  
)  
,  
        needsForcedTrailingComma ? "," : "",  
        ifBreak(  
            shouldPrintComma(options)  
            ? ","  
            : ""  
        ),  
        ...  
    ])  
)
```

What I learned

How it influenced me

Thanks!
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