



# Advanced Materials

**Computer Graphics**

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*(with some slides borrowed from Prof. Yung-Yu Chuang)*

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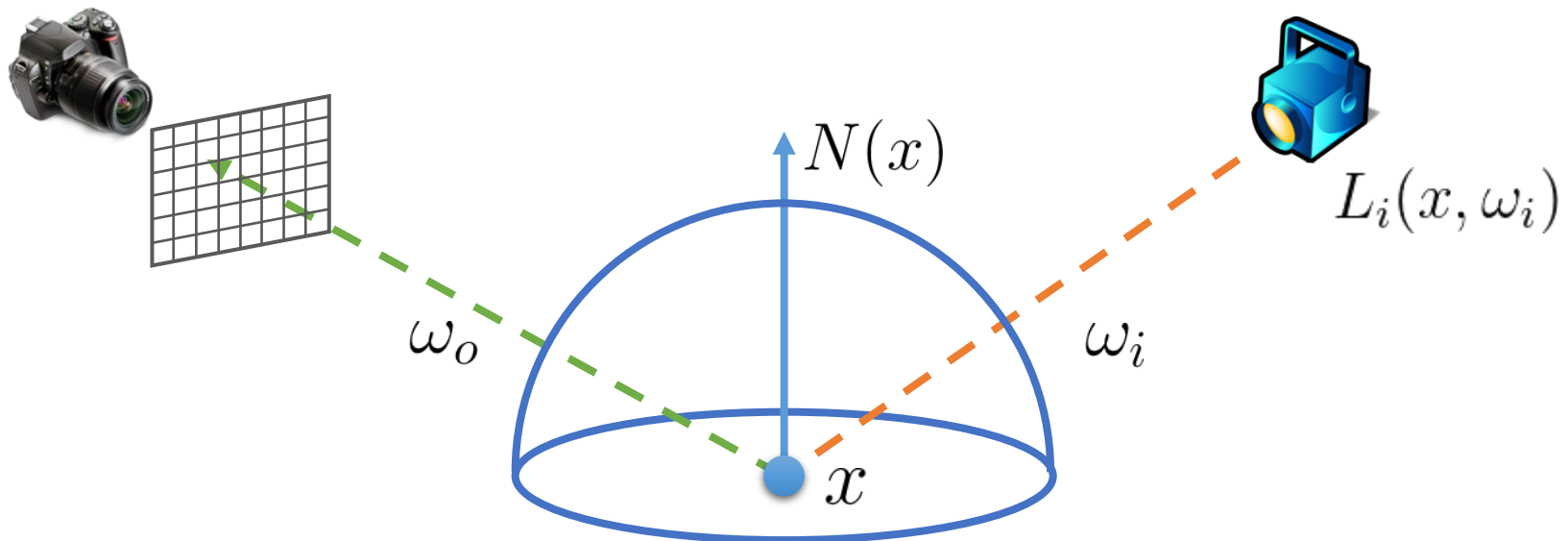
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# The Rendering Equation

- Proposed by Kajiya [1986]

$$L(x, \omega_o) = L_e(x, \omega_o) + \int_{\Omega} L_i(x, \omega_i) f_r(x, \omega_o \leftarrow \omega_i) (N(x) \cdot \omega_i) d\omega_i$$

emitted radiance      incident radiance      reflected radiance  
 geometry term  
 bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF)  
 Integral of all directions



# Formal Material Representation

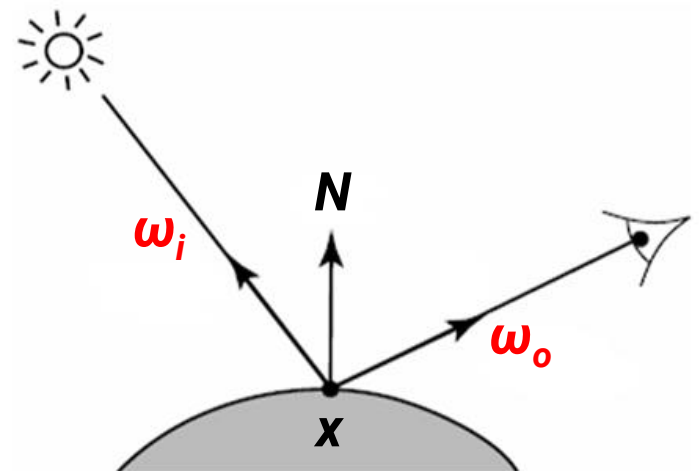
- In **Physically-based Rendering (PBR)**, the characteristic of a material is usually defined by **Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)**

$$f_r(x, \omega_o \leftarrow \omega_i)$$

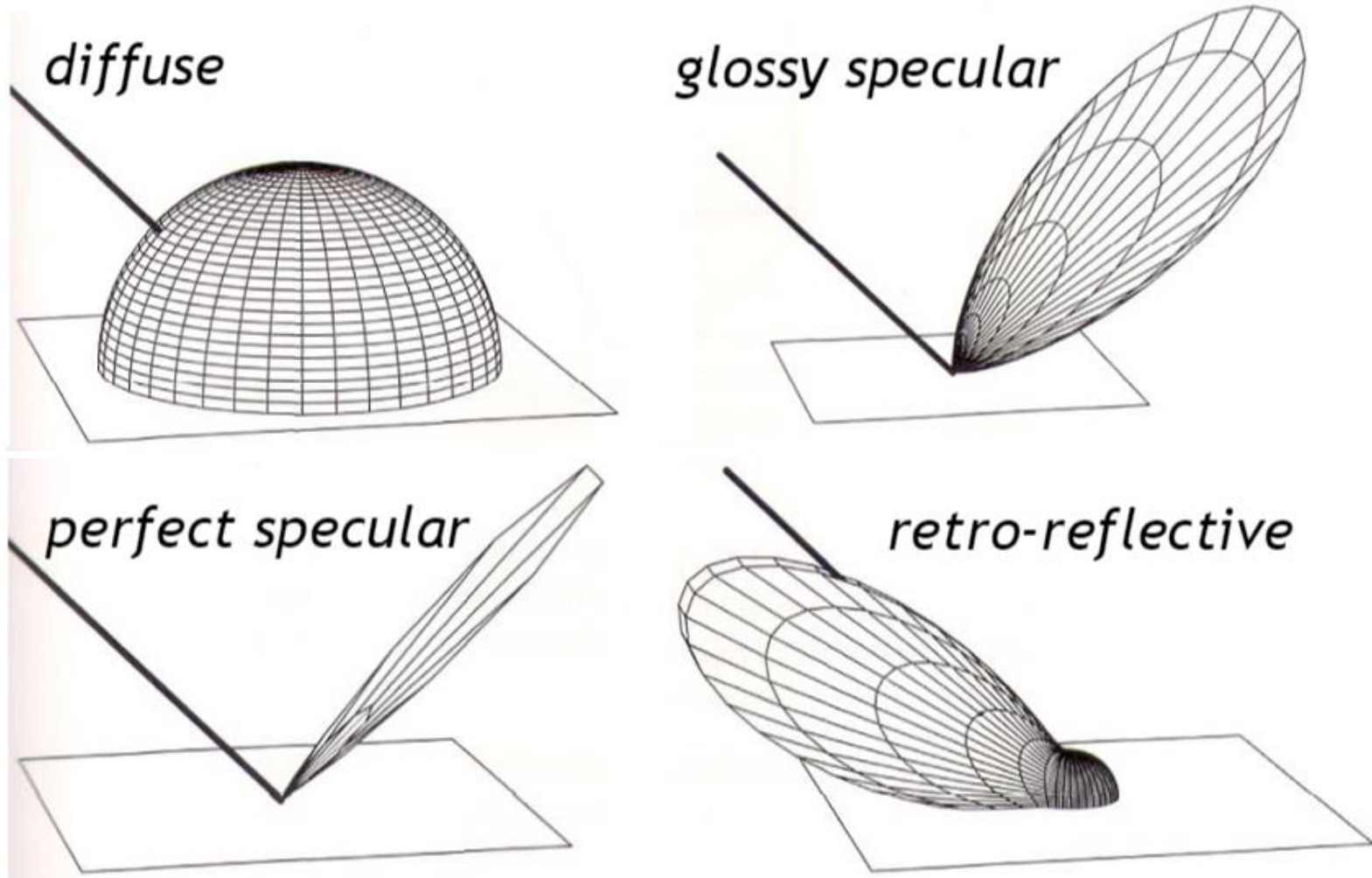
- Describe how much light (**ratio**) coming from  $\omega_i$  will reflect toward  $\omega_o$  at point  $x$

## A good representation should have

- Accuracy
- Expressiveness
- Speed



# Reflection Categories



# Classification of BRDF

- **Phenomenological models**

- Qualitative approach
- Models with intuitive parameters
- Examples are Phong and Blinn-Phong lighting models

- **Geometric optics**

- Microfacet models

- **Measured data**

- Usually described in tabular form or coefficients of a set of basis functions

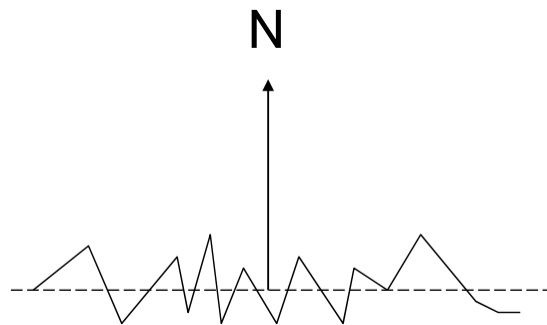
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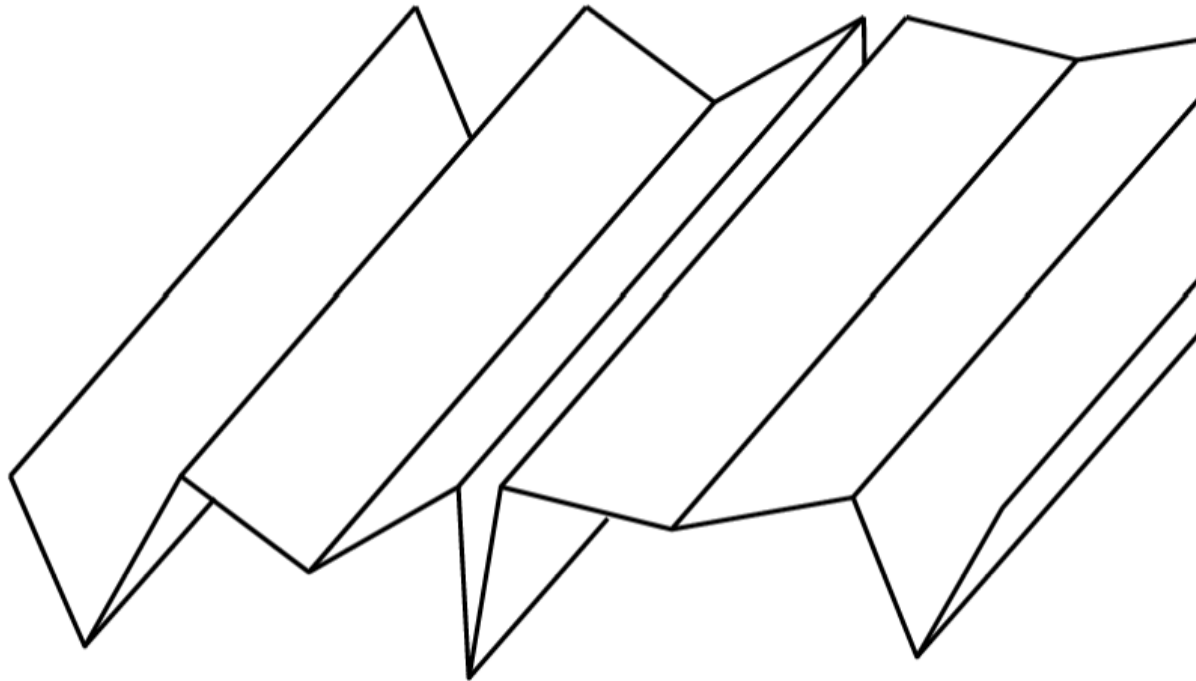


# Microfacet Model

- Rough surfaces can be modeled as a collection of small **microfacets**
- The **aggregate behavior** of the small microfacets determines the scattering
- Two components for deriving a closed-form BRDF expression
  - The distribution of microfacets
  - How light scatters from the individual microfacet



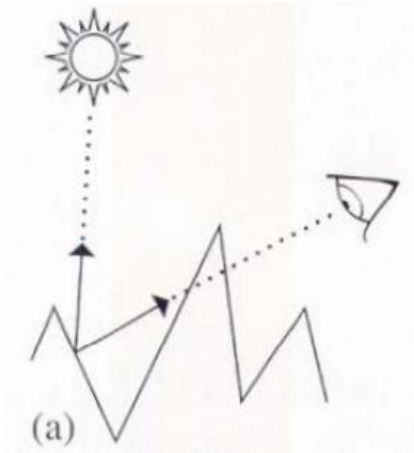
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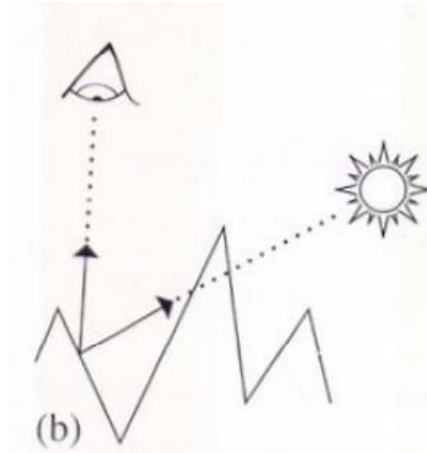
Most microfacet models assume that all microfacets make up **symmetric V-shaped** grooves so that only neighboring microfacet needs to be considered

# Microfacet Model (cont.)

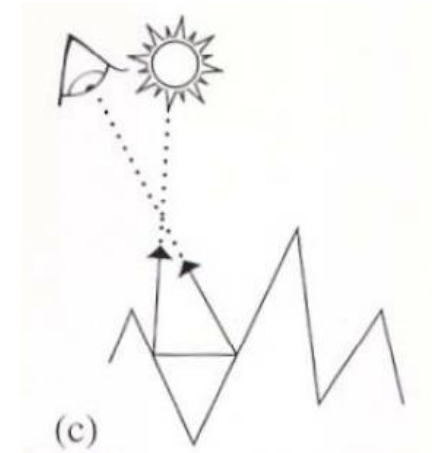
- Important geometric effects to consider



(a) **masking**



(b) **shadowing**

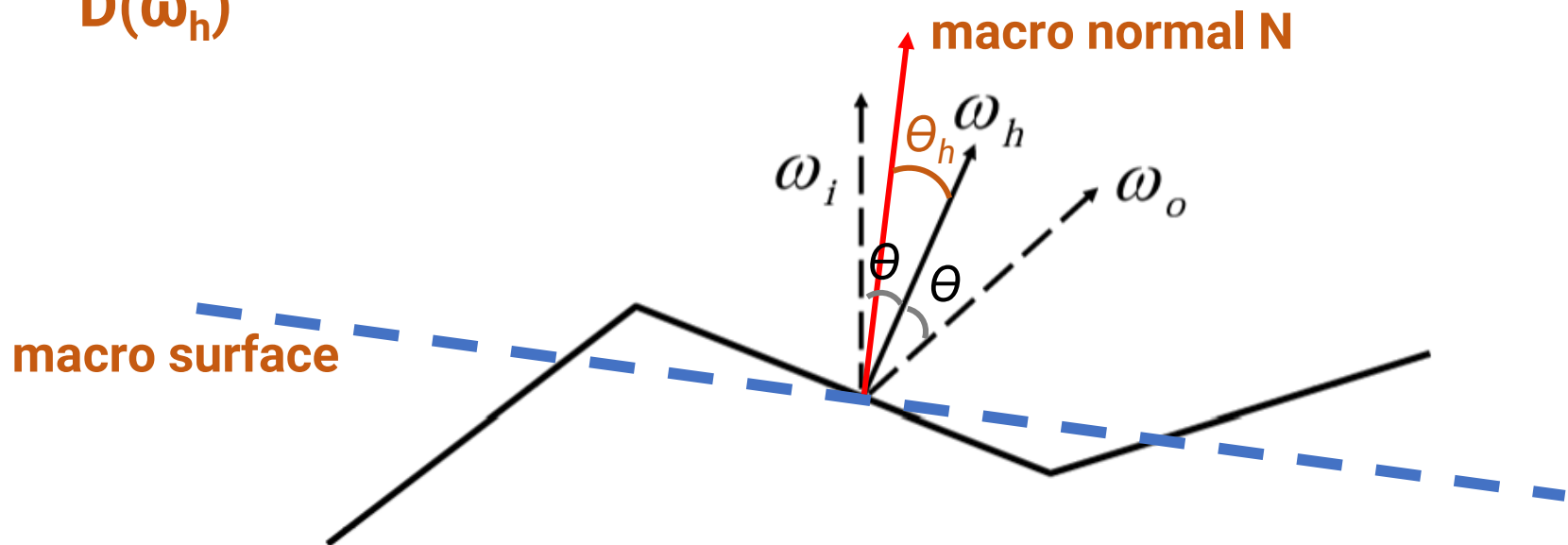


(c) **interreflection**

- Particular models consider these effects with varying degrees of accuracy

# Torrance-Sparrow Model

- One of the first microfacet model
- Designed to model **metallic** surfaces
- Assumption: a surface is composed of a collection of **perfectly smooth mirrored** microfacets with **distribution**  $D(\omega_h)$



# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Described by
  - Microfacet distribution  $D$
  - Geometric attenuation  $G$
  - Fresnel reflection  $F$

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

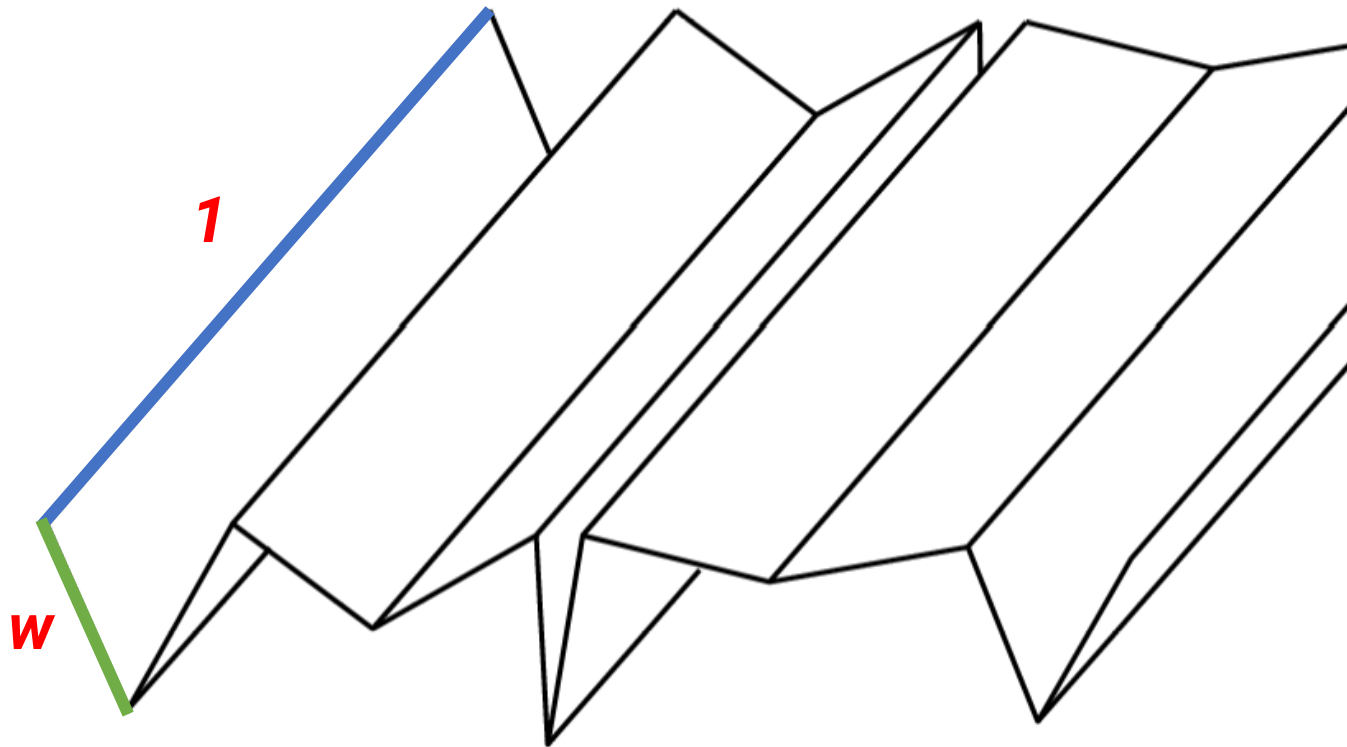
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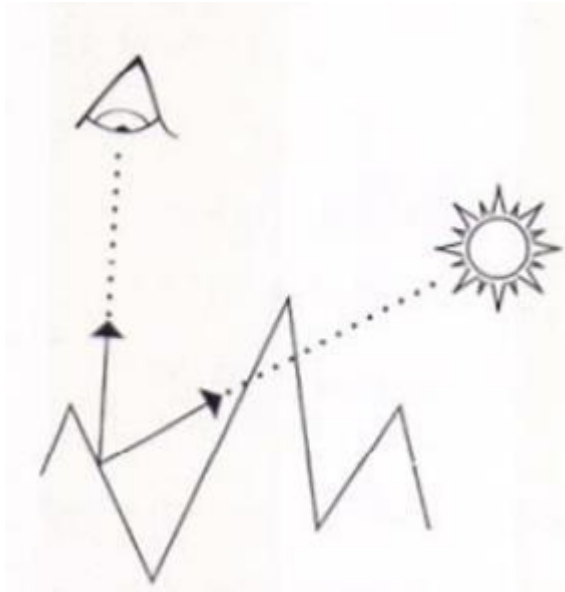
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- Configuration

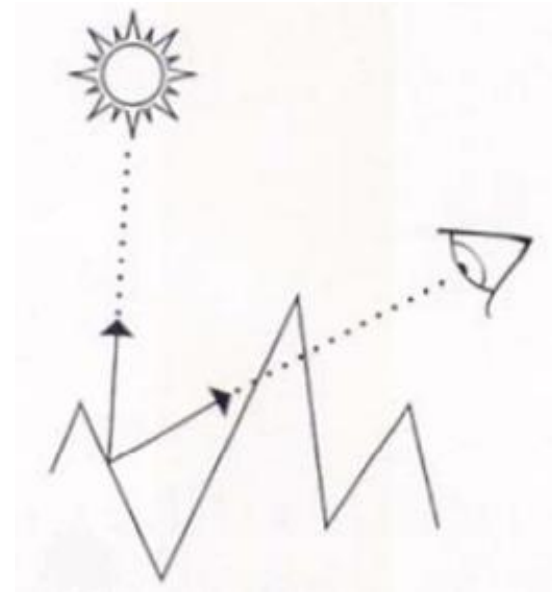


# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Geometry attenuation factor



**shadowing**



**masking**

$$G = \frac{\text{facet area that is both visible and illuminated}}{\text{total facet area}}$$



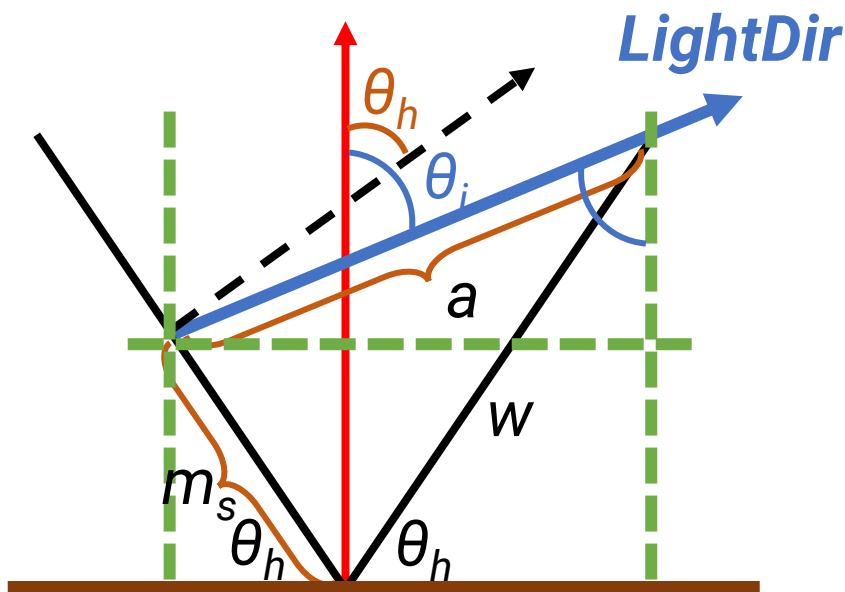
# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Shadowing term

$$1 - \frac{m_s}{w}$$

$$a \sin \theta_i = w \cos \theta_h + m_s \cos \theta_h \quad \times \cos \theta_i$$

$$a \cos \theta_i = w \sin \theta_h - m_s \sin \theta_h \quad \times -\sin \theta_i$$



$$\frac{m_s}{w} = -\frac{\cos(\theta_h + \theta_i)}{\cos(\theta_h - \theta_i)}$$

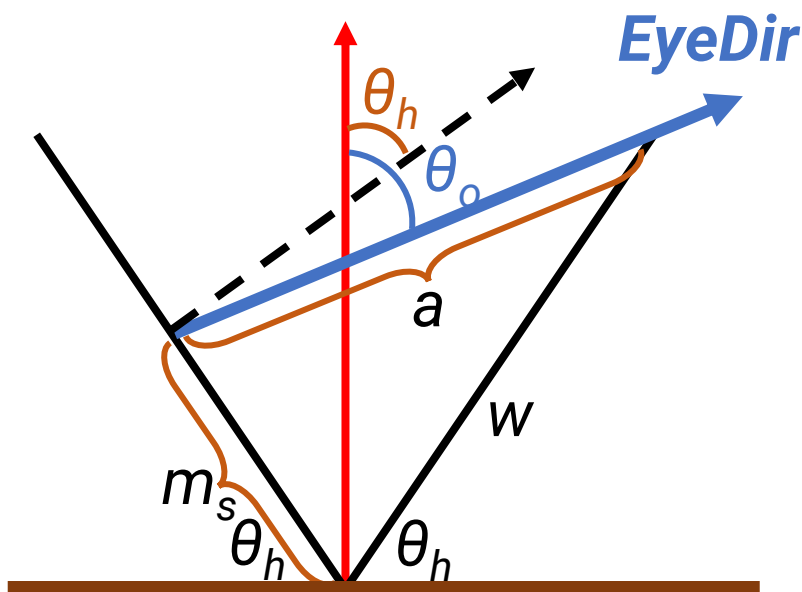
$$1 - \frac{m_s}{w} = \frac{2\cos\theta_h \cos\theta_i}{\cos(\theta_h - \theta_i)}$$

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Masking term

$$1 - \frac{m_v}{w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \sin \theta_o &= w \cos \theta_h + m_s \cos \theta_h \quad \times \cos \theta_o \\ a \cos \theta_o &= w \sin \theta_h + m_s \sin \theta_h \quad \times -\sin \theta_o \end{aligned}$$



$$1 - \frac{m_v}{w} = \frac{2 \cos \theta_h \cos \theta_o}{\cos(\theta_h - \theta_o)}$$

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Geometry attenuation factor

$$G = \frac{\textit{facet area that is both visible and illuminated}}{\textit{total facet area}}$$

$$G = \min \left( 1 - \frac{m_s}{w}, 1 - \frac{m_v}{w} \right) = \min \left( \frac{2\cos\theta_h\cos\theta_i}{\cos(\theta_h - \theta_i)}, \frac{2\cos\theta_h\cos\theta_o}{\cos(\theta_h - \theta_o)} \right)$$

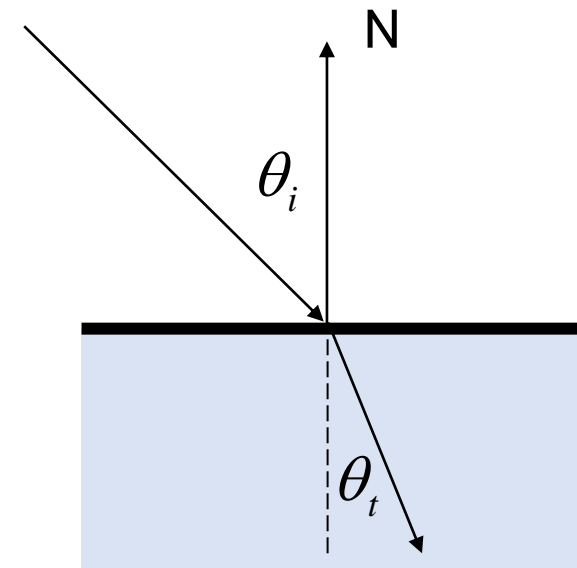
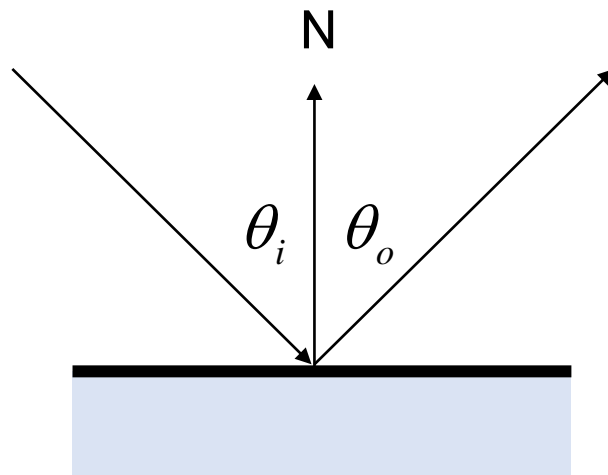
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# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Real-world surface has both **reflection** and **transmission**
  - Perfect specular reflection:  $\theta_i = \theta_o$
  - Perfect specular transmission:  $\underline{\eta}_i \sin \theta_i = \underline{\eta}_t \sin \theta_t$  (Snell's law)  
index of refraction



# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- **Reflectivity** and **transmissiveness**: fraction of incoming light that is reflected or transmitted
  - Usually **view dependent**
  - Hence, the reflectivity is not a constant and should be corrected by the **Fresnel equation**
- Fresnel equation
  - Related to the wave's electric field
  - S polarization and P polarization

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresnel\\_equations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresnel_equations)

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Different properties for dielectrics and conductors

$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{\eta_t \cos \theta_i - \eta_i \cos \theta_t}{\eta_t \cos \theta_i + \eta_i \cos \theta_t}$$

$$r_{\perp} = \frac{\eta_i \cos \theta_i - \eta_t \cos \theta_t}{\eta_i \cos \theta_i + \eta_t \cos \theta_t}$$

Fresnel reflectance  
for **dielectrics**

$$r_{\parallel}^2 = \frac{(\eta^2 + k^2) \cos^2 \theta_i - 2\eta \cos \theta_i + 1}{(\eta^2 + k^2) \cos^2 \theta_i + 2\eta \cos \theta_i + 1}$$

$$r_{\perp}^2 = \frac{(\eta^2 + k^2) - 2\eta \cos \theta_i + \cos^2 \theta_i}{(\eta^2 + k^2) + 2\eta \cos \theta_i + \cos^2 \theta_i}$$

Fresnel reflectance  
for **conductors**

$$F_r(\omega_i) = \frac{1}{2} (r_{\parallel}^2 + r_{\perp}^2)$$

assume light is unpolarized

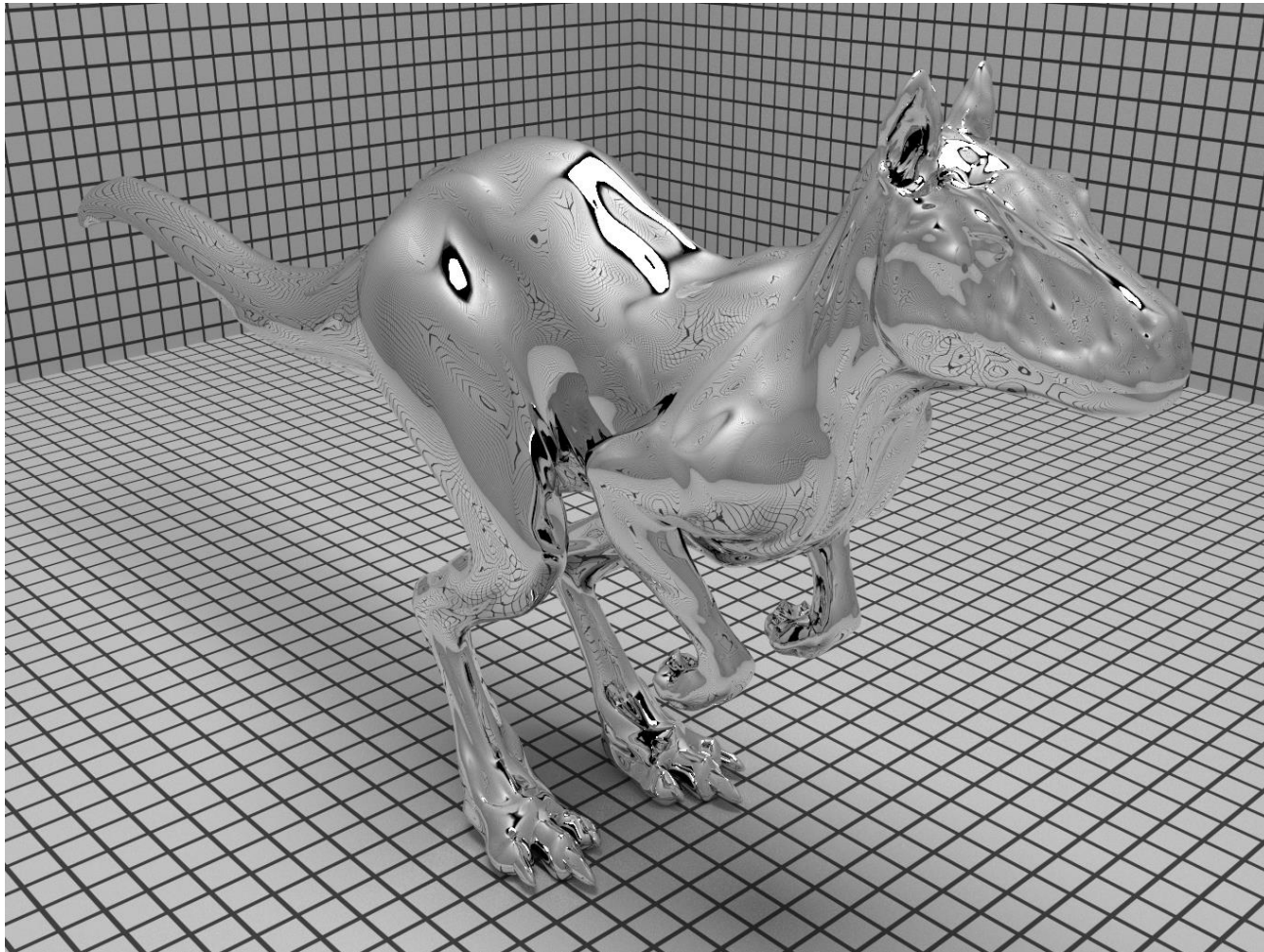
# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Indices of refraction

medium	Index of refraction
Vaccum	1.0
Air at sea level	1.00029
Ice	1.31
Water (20°C)	1.333
Fused quartz	1.46
Glass	1.5~1.6
Sapphire	1.77
Diamond	2.42

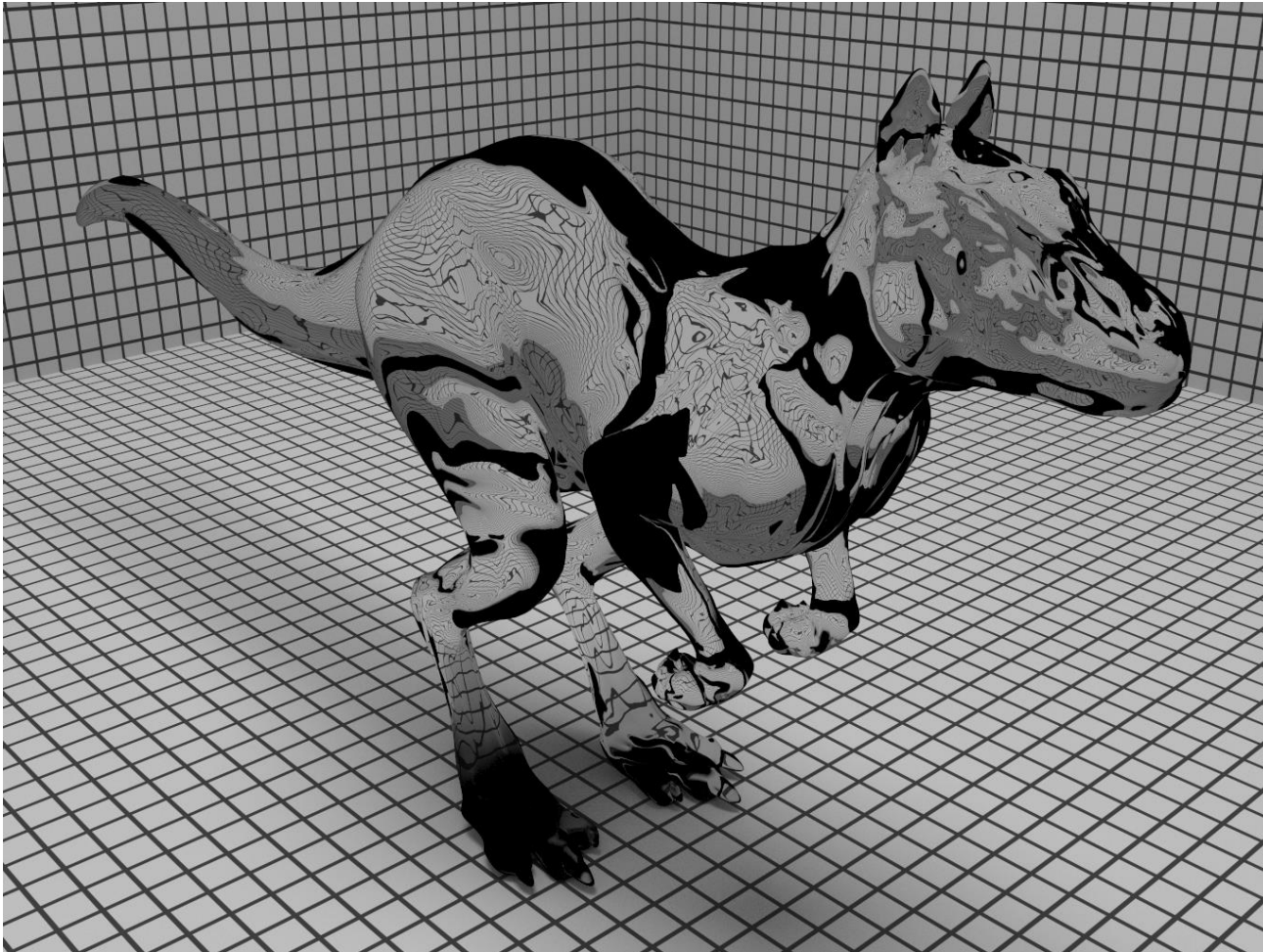


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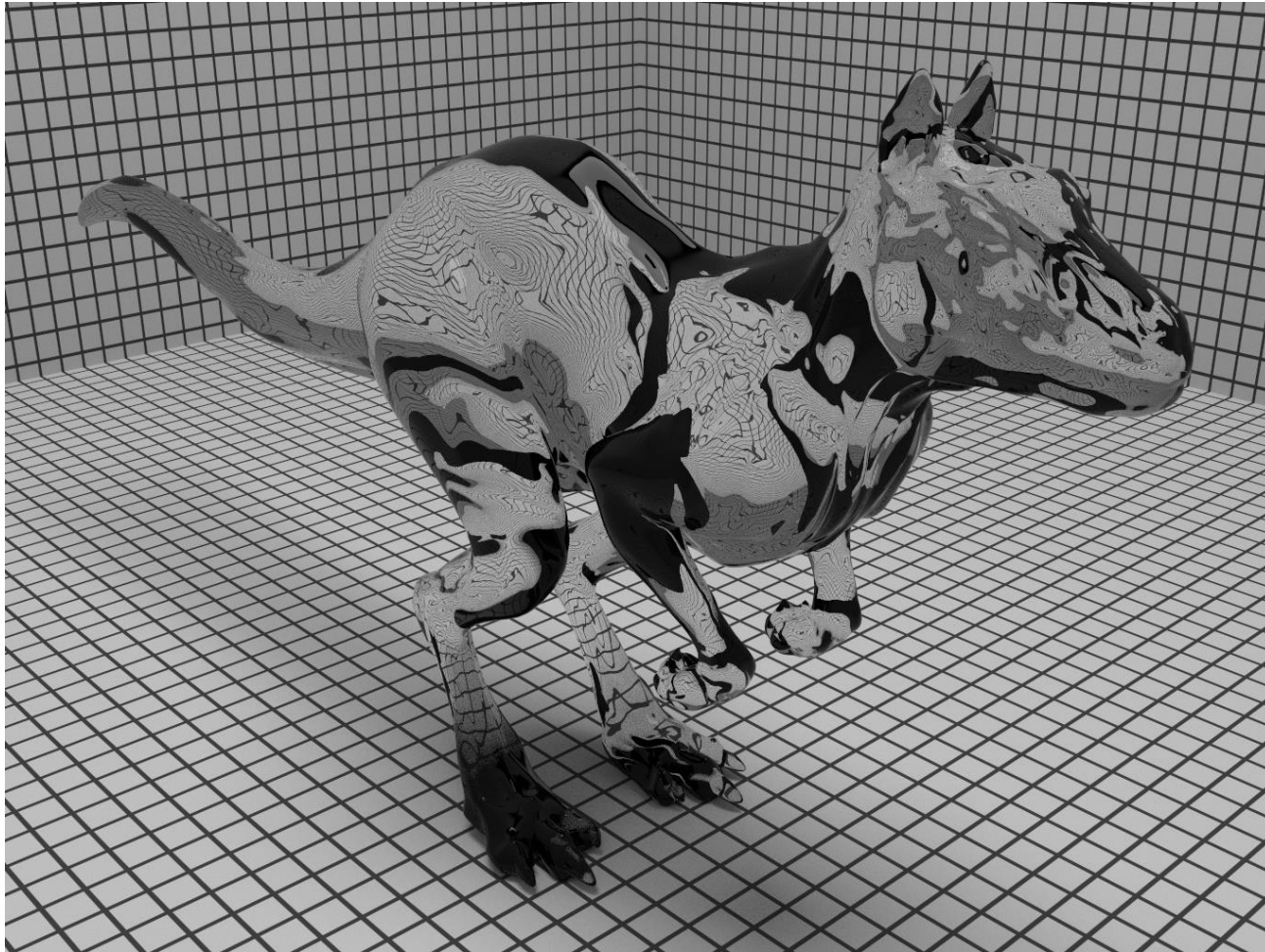
perfect specular refraction

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)



perfect specular transmission (refraction)

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)



Fresnel modulation

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**How many micro surfaces have this orientation**

Commonly used distributions: Beckmann, GGX

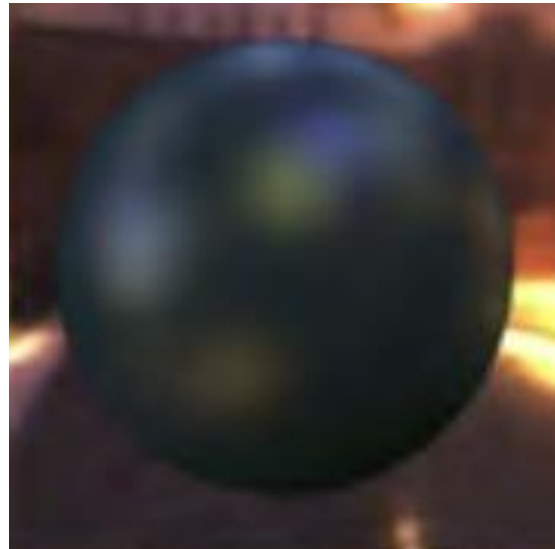
$$D(\omega_h) = \frac{\alpha^2}{\pi \left( (\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega_h)^2 (\alpha^2 - 1) + 1 \right)^2}$$

# Torrance-Sparrow Model (cont.)

- Put it all together



measured



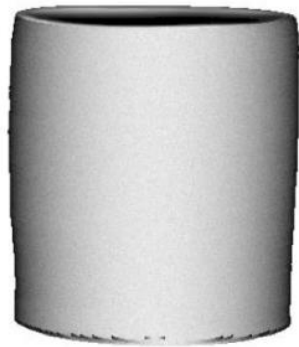
Blinn-Phong



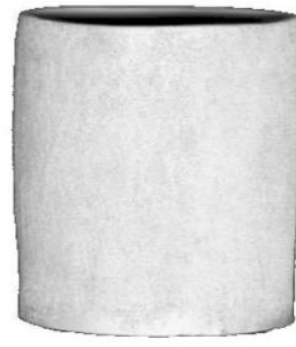
Cook-Torrance  
(microfacet)

# Oren-Nayar Model

- Many real-world materials such as concrete, sand and cloth are not real Lambertian
  - Specifically, rough surfaces generally appear brighter as the illumination direction approaches the viewing direction



Lambertian model



real image

- Assumption: a surface is composed of a collection of **perfectly Lambertian** grooves whose orientation angles follow a Gaussian distribution

# Oren-Nayar Model (cont.)

$$f_r(\omega_o \leftarrow \omega_i) = \frac{\rho}{\pi} (A + B \max(0, \cos(\phi_i - \phi_o)) \sin \alpha \tan \beta)$$

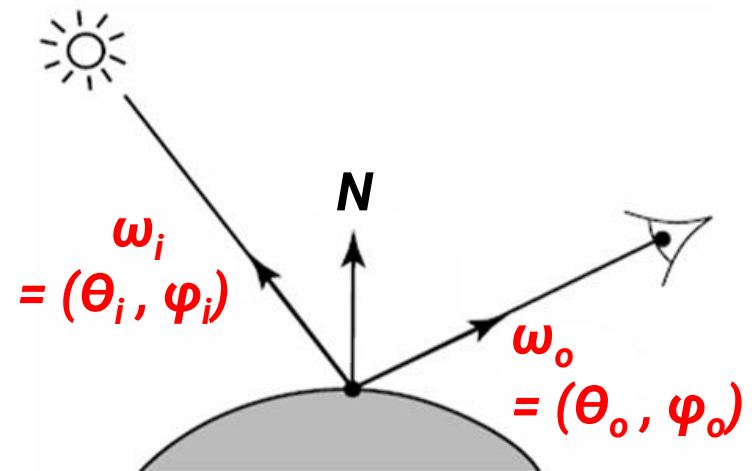
$$A = 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2(\sigma^2 + 0.33)}$$

$\sigma^2$  the standard deviation of Gaussian

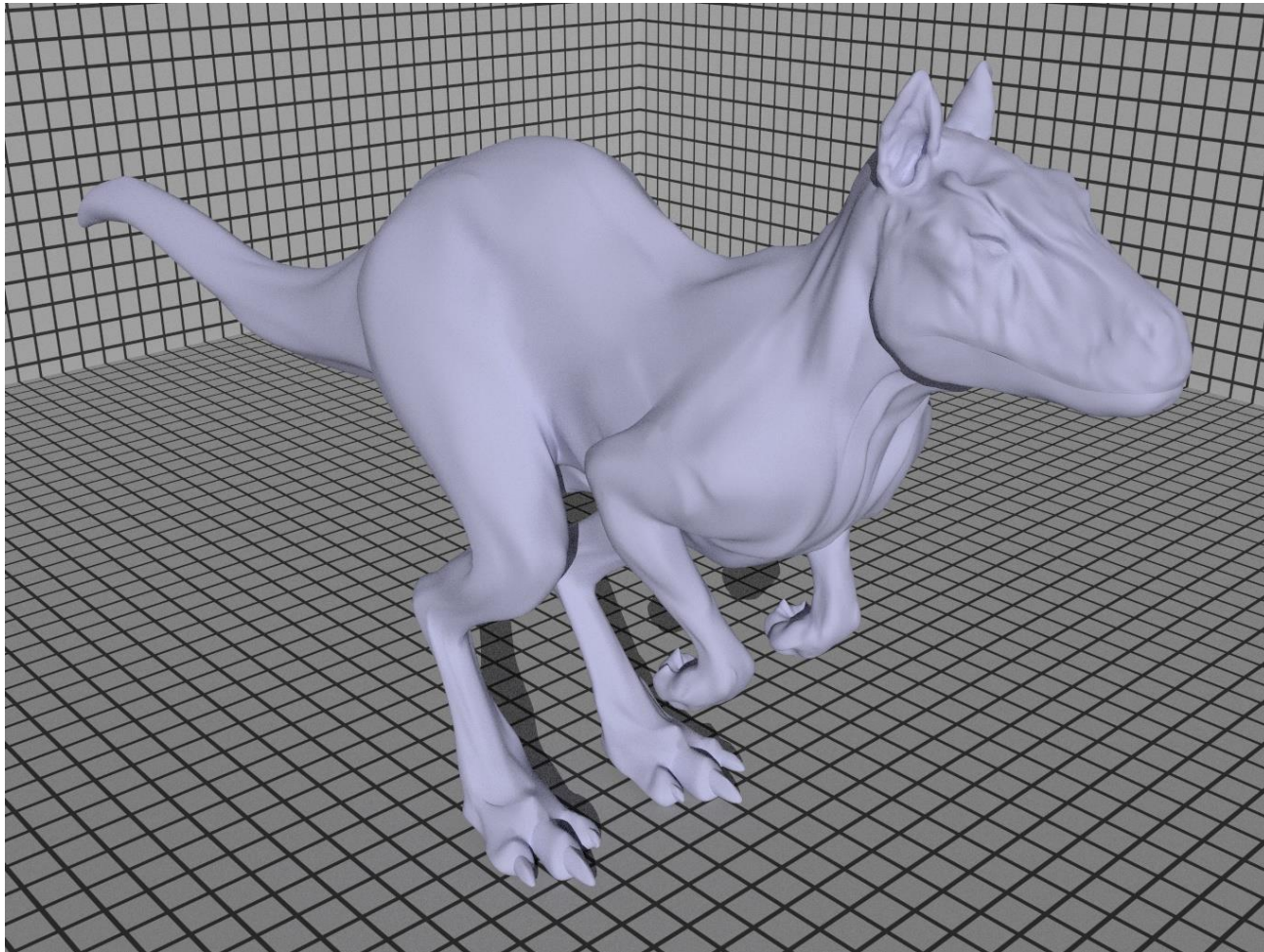
$$B = \frac{0.45\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + 0.09}$$

$$\alpha = \max(\theta_i, \theta_o)$$

$$\beta = \min(\theta_i, \theta_o)$$



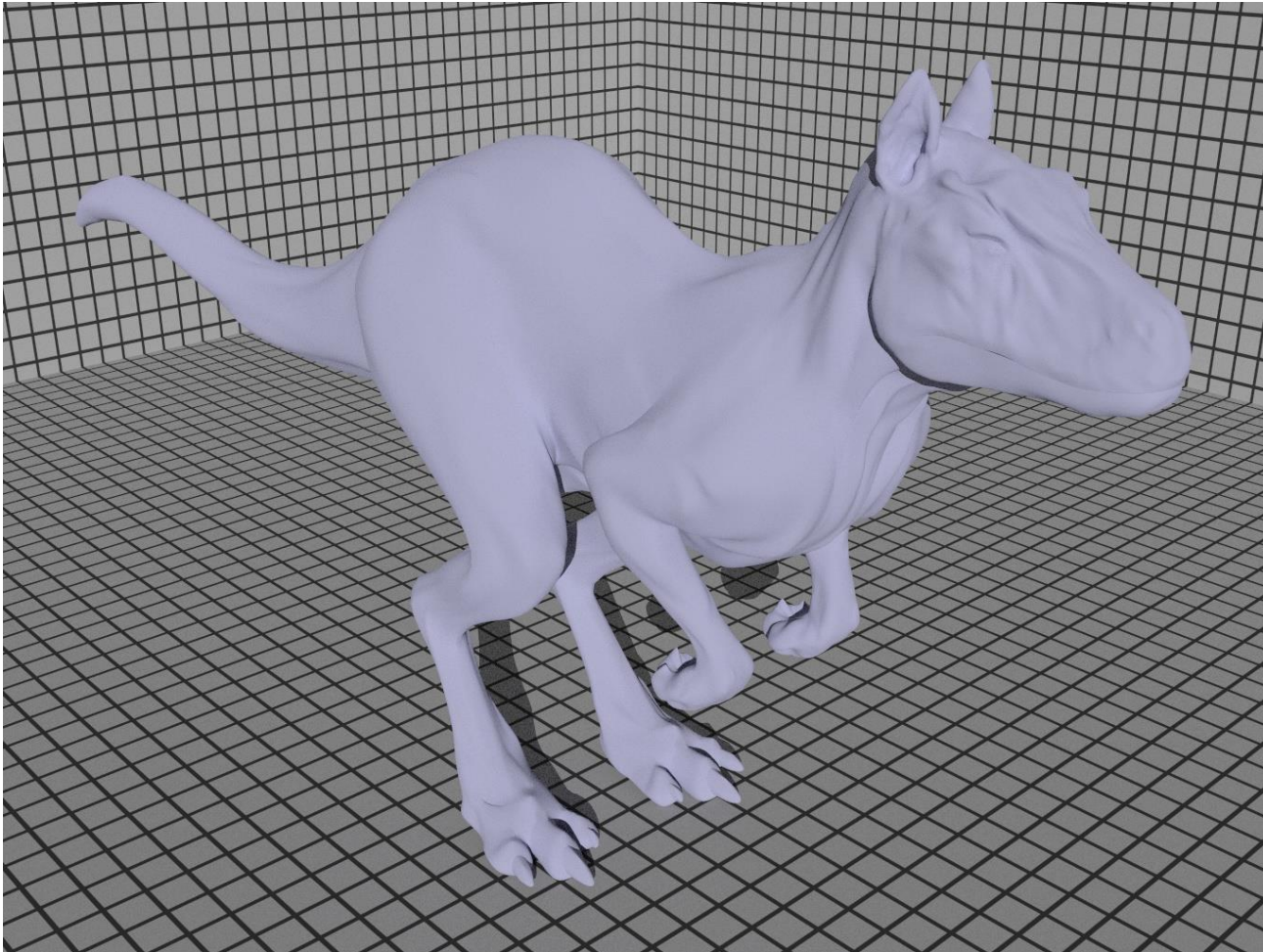
# Oren-Nayar Model (cont.)



Lambertian model



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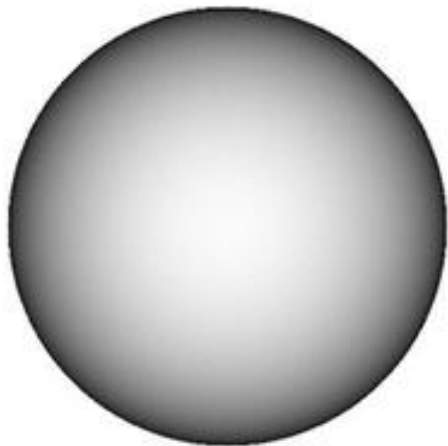
Oren-Nayar model

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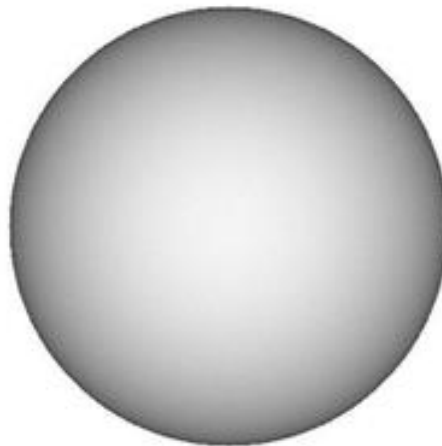
- When the standard deviation  $\sigma$  becomes zero, Oren-Nayar model is reduced to Lambertian model

$$f_r(\omega_o \leftarrow \omega_i) = \frac{\rho}{\pi} (A + B \max(0, \cos(\phi_i - \phi_o)) \sin \alpha \tan \beta)$$

$$\rightarrow f_r(\omega_o \leftarrow \omega_i) = \frac{\rho}{\pi}$$



$\sigma = 0$



$\sigma = 0.1$



$\sigma = 0.3$

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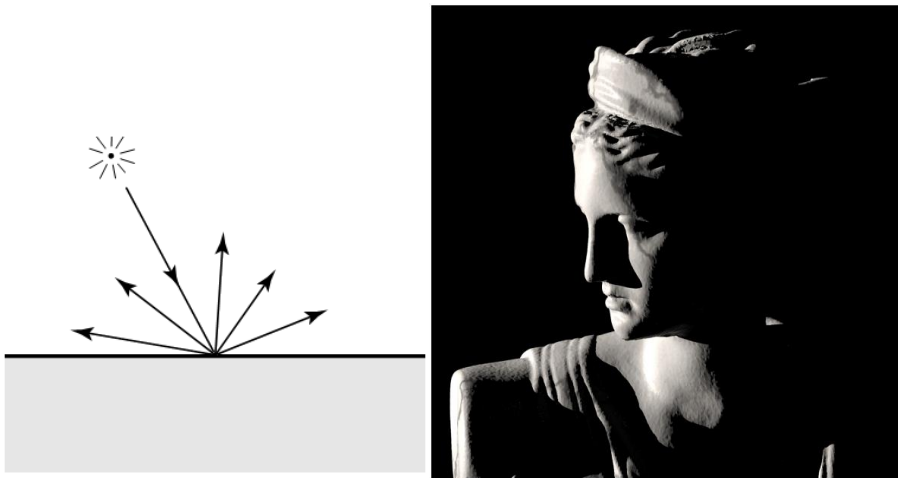
# Subsurface Scattering

- Some materials interact with lights with a subsurface scattering process that **allows lights to enter and scatter within a medium**
- It gives objects a distinct soft look

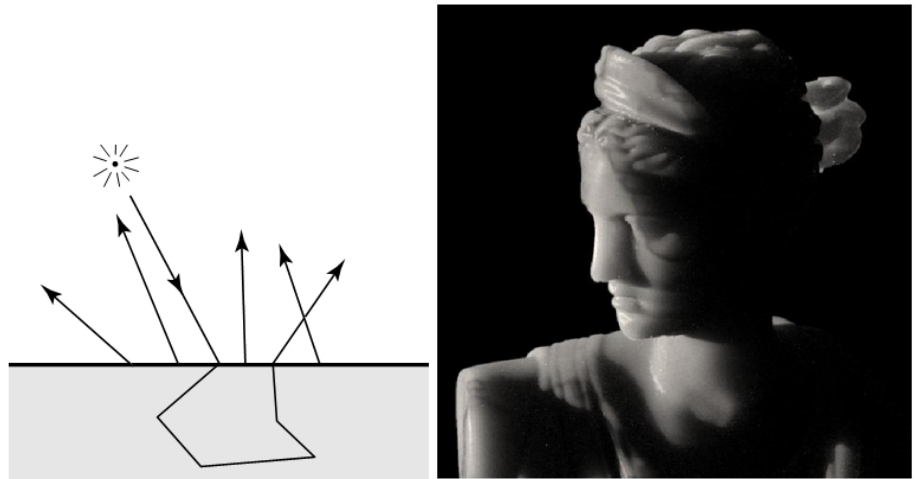


# BSSRDF

- BRDF v.s. BSSRDF

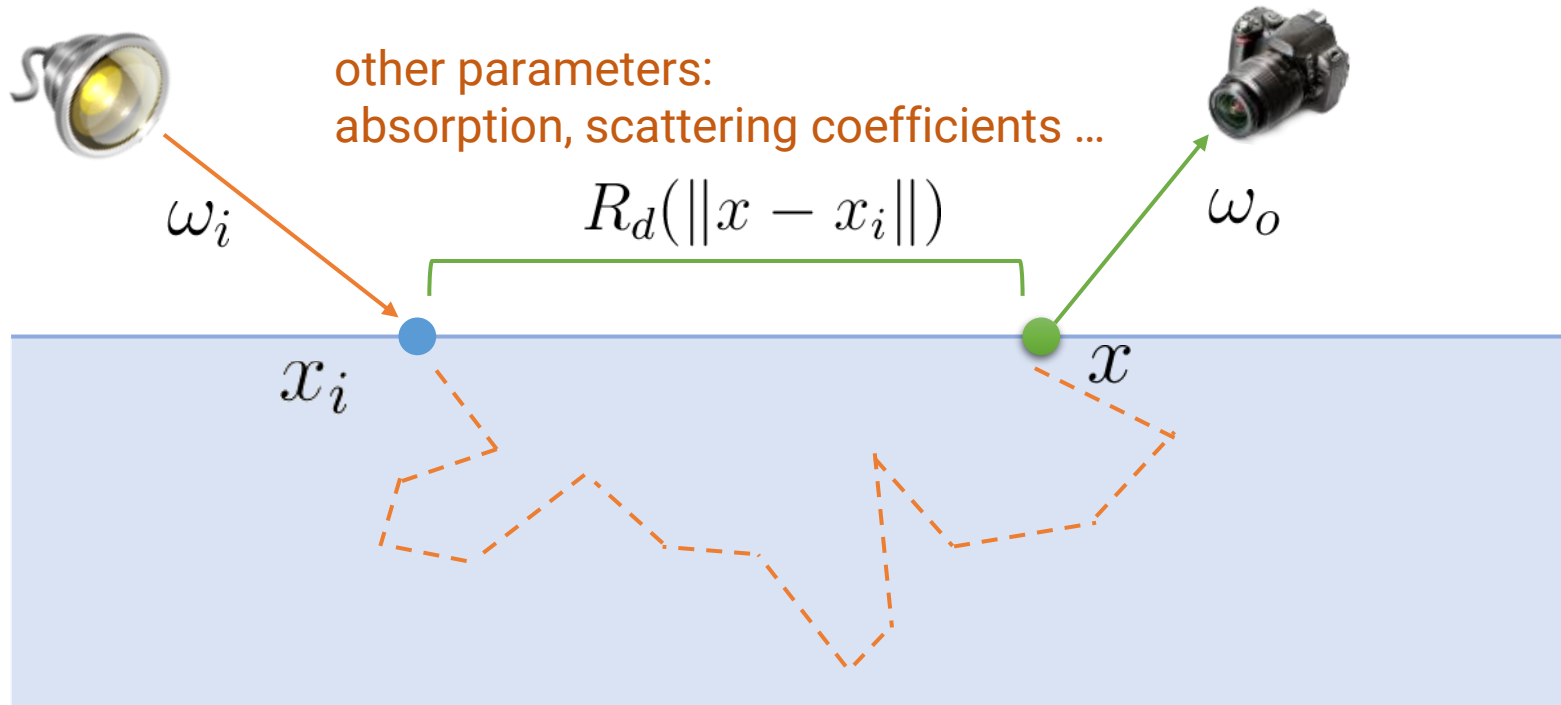


Bidirectional Reflectance  
Distribution Function  
(BRDF)



Bidirectional Subsurface  
Scattering Reflectance  
Distribution Function  
(BSSRDF)

# Approximate BSSRDF with Dipole



$$S(x, \omega_o; x_i, \omega_i) = S^1(x, \omega_o; x_i, \omega_i) + S^d(x, \omega_o; x_i, \omega_i)$$

$$S^d(x, \omega_o; x_i, \omega_i) = \frac{1}{\pi} F_t(\eta, \omega_o) R_d(\|x - x_i\|) F_t(\eta, \omega_i)$$

“A Practical Model for Subsurface Light Transport”, Jensen et al. 2001

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# Disney Principled BRDF

- **Phenomenological models**
  - More intuitive parameters; however, not accurate
- **Geometric optics**
  - More accurate but difficult to use by artists
- **Disney Principled BRDF** would like to combine the advantages of both models!
  - Represent a physically-based model (based on the Microfacet model) with few intuitive parameters
  - Each parameter has a range between [0, 1]
  - <https://disneyanimation.com/publications/physically-based-shading-at-disney/>

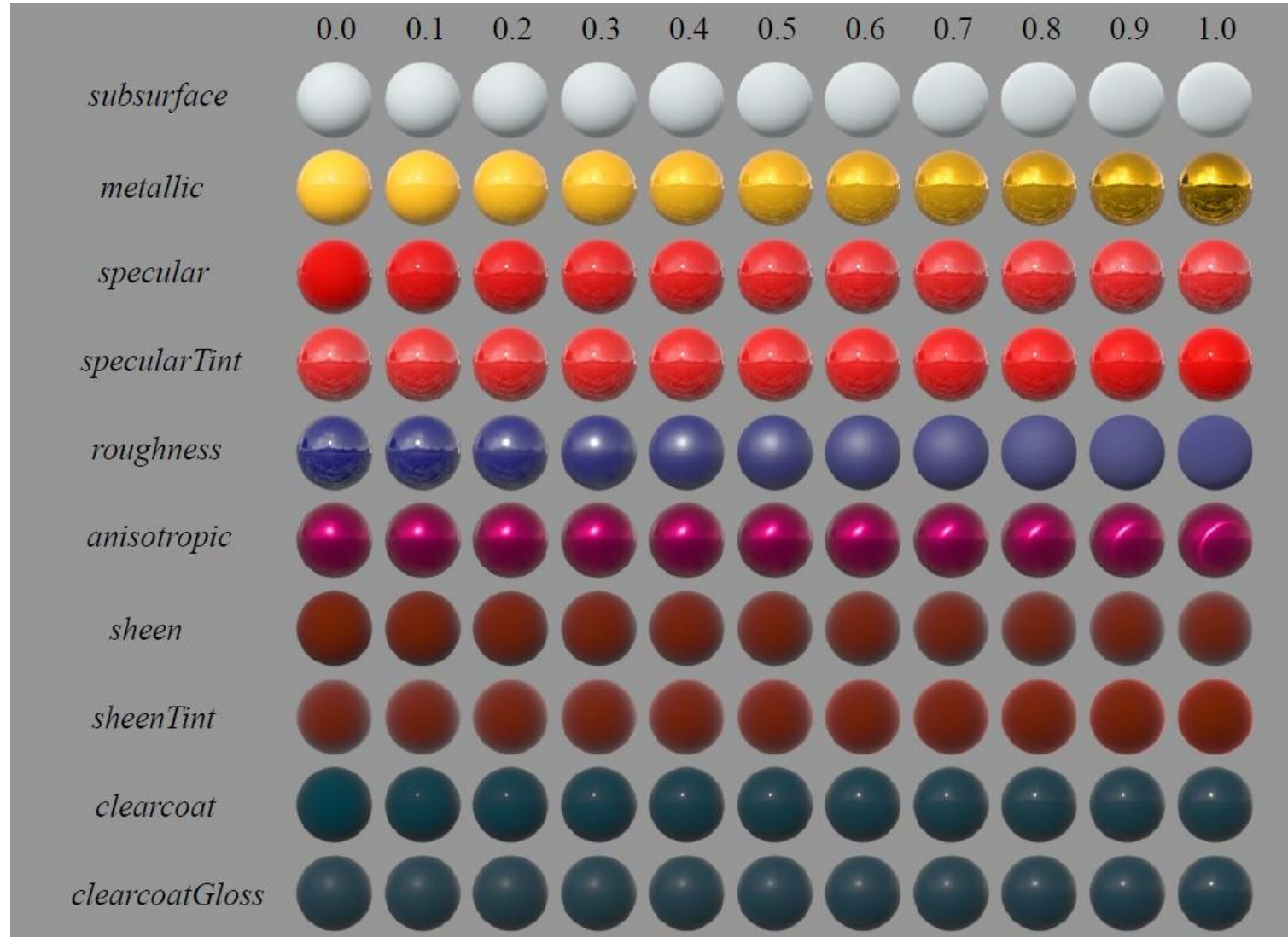


# Disney Principled BRDF (cont.)

- Proposed when producing the movie, **Wreck-It Ralph** (2012)
  - Also used by the **Unity** and **Unreal** engine



# Disney Principled BRDF (cont.)



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- Code: <https://github.com/wdas/brdf/blob/main/src/bdrfs/disney.brdf>

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\text{disney}}(\omega_i, \omega_o) = & (1 - \sigma_m) \left( \frac{C}{\pi} \text{mix}(\underbrace{f_d(\omega_i, \omega_o)}_{\text{diffuse}}, \underbrace{f_{ss}(\omega_i, \omega_o)}_{\text{subsurface}}, \sigma_{ss}) + \underbrace{f_{sh}(\omega_i, \omega_o)}_{\text{sheen}} \right) \\
 & + \frac{F_s(\theta_d) G_s(\omega_i, \omega_o) D_s(\omega_h)}{4 \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_o} \quad \text{specular} \\
 & + \frac{\sigma_c F_c(\theta_d) G_c(\omega_i, \omega_o) D_c(\omega_i, \omega_o)}{4 \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_o} \quad \text{clearcoat}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_d(\omega_i, \omega_o) &= (1 + (F_{D90} - 1)(1 - \cos \theta_i)^5)(1 + (F_{D90} - 1)(1 - \cos \theta_o)^5) \\
 F_{D90} &= 0.5 + 2 \cos^2 \theta_d \sigma_r
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{ss}(\omega_i, \omega_o) &= 1.25(F_{ss}(1/(\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_o) - 0.5) + 0.5) \\
 F_{ss} &= (1 + (F_{ss90} - 1)(1 - \cos \theta_i)^5)(1 + (F_{ss90} - 1)(1 - \cos \theta_o)^5) \\
 F_{ss90} &= \cos^2 \theta_d \sigma_r
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{sh}(\omega_i, \omega_o) &= \text{mix}(\text{one}, C_{\text{tint}}, \sigma_{\text{sh}}) \sigma_{\text{sh}} (1 - \cos \theta_d)^5 \\
 C_{\text{tint}} &= \frac{C}{\text{lum}(C)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_s(\theta_d) &= C_s + (1 - C_s)(1 - \cos \theta_d)^5 \\
 C_s &= \text{mix}(0.08 \sigma_s \text{mix}(\text{one}, C_{\text{tint}}, \sigma_{\text{st}}), C, \sigma_m)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$G_s(\omega_i, \omega_o) = G_{s1}(\omega_i) G_{s1}(\omega_o)$$

$$D_s(\omega_h) = \frac{1}{\pi \alpha_x \alpha_y \left( \sin^2 \theta_h \left( \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{\alpha_x^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{\alpha_y^2} \right) + \cos^2 \theta_h \right)^2}$$

$$F_c(\theta_d) = 0.04 + 0.96(1 - \cos \theta_d)^5$$

$$G_c(\omega_i, \omega_o) = G_{c1}(\omega_i) G_{c1}(\omega_o)$$

$$D_c(\omega_h) = \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{2\pi \ln \alpha (\alpha^2 \cos^2 \theta_h + \sin^2 \theta_h)}$$

