

Computer Graphics

Advanced Illumination Models and BRDFs

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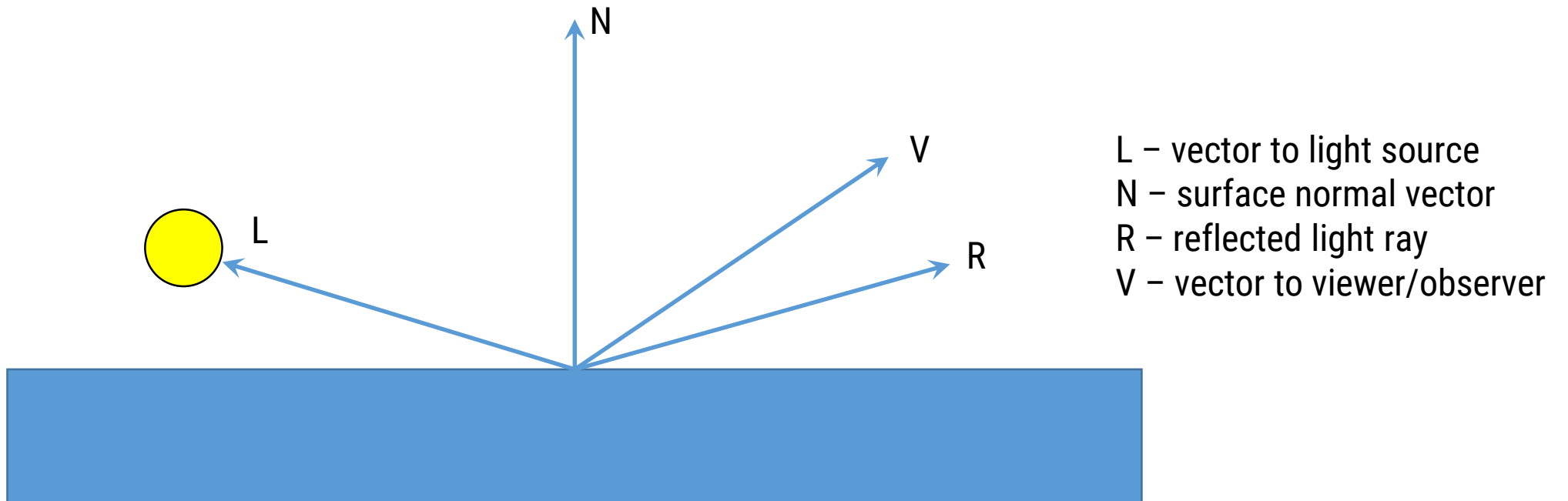
Overview

- going beyond Phong's illumination model
- advanced heuristics
 - Blinn-Phong model
 - Cook-Torrance model
 - Gooch model
- model based on real data: BRDF

Re-Cap: Phong's Model of Illumination

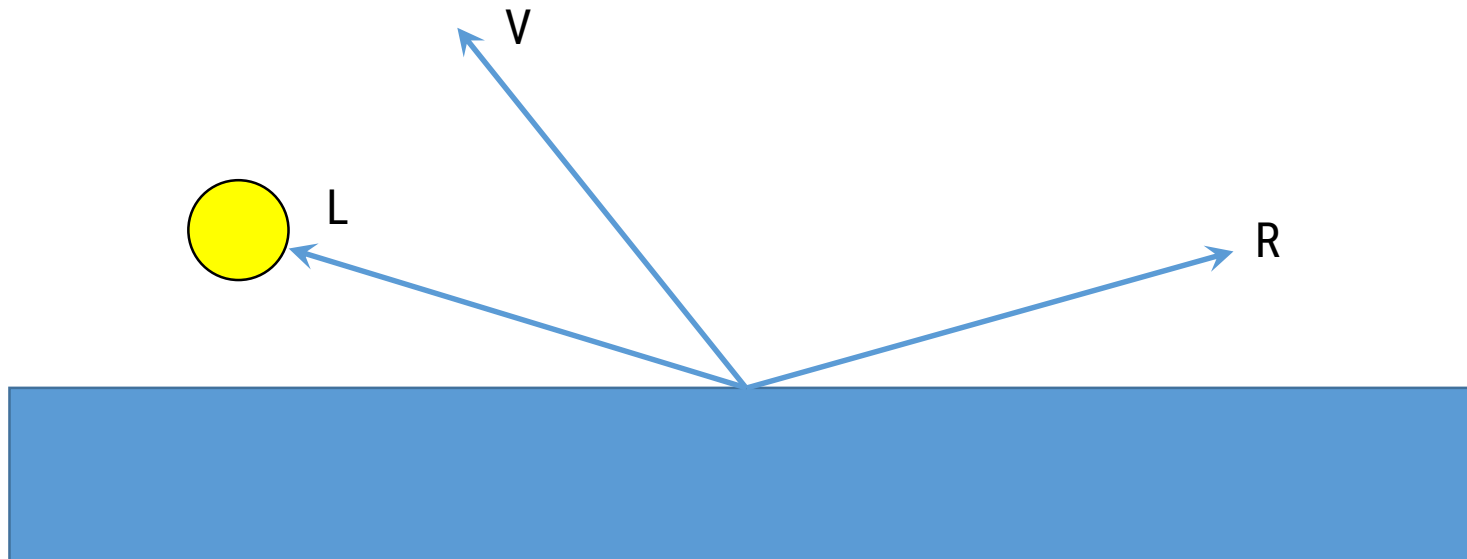
- combination of ambient, diffuse, and specular light

$$I_{Phong} = L \cdot k_a + \frac{1}{a + bd + cd^2} (L \cdot k_d \cdot (L \cdot N) + L \cdot k_s \cdot (R \cdot V)^e)$$



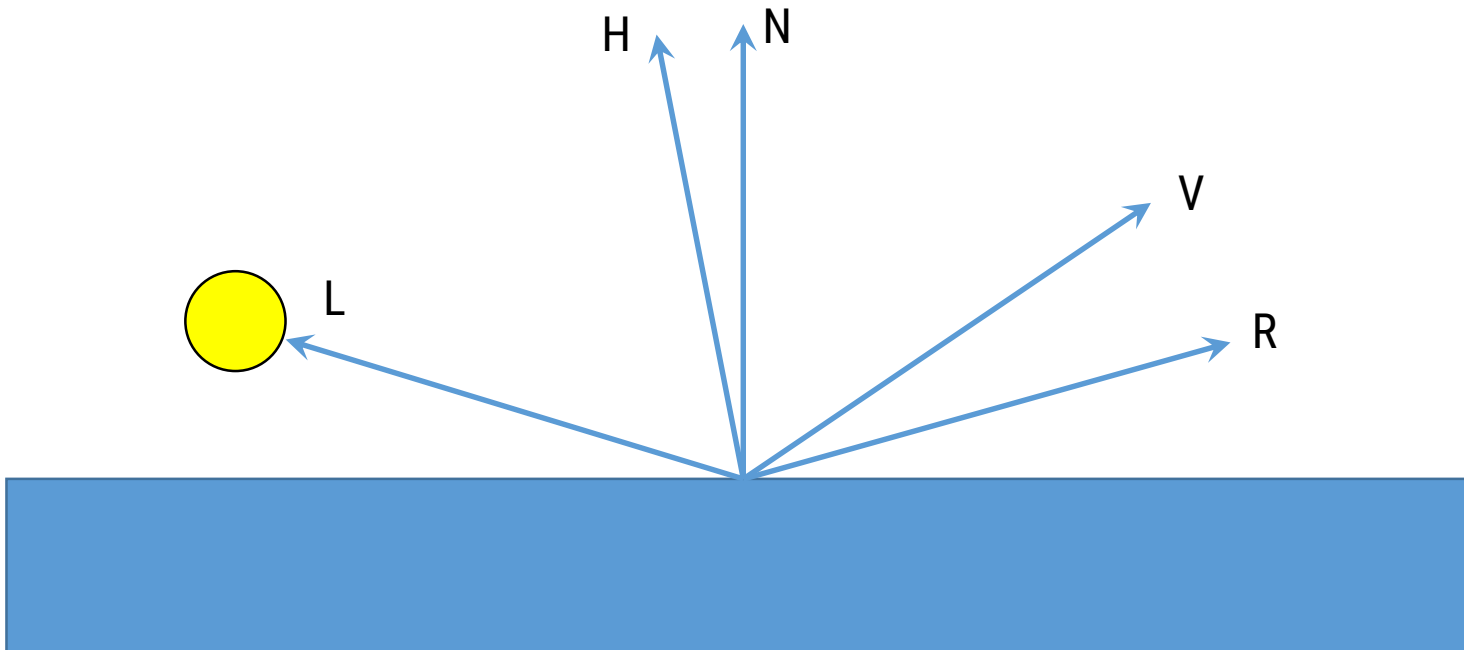
Blinn-Phong Model

- limitation of Phong model:
 - no specular reflectance if angle between V and $R > 90$ degrees
 - some amount of light should still arrive (microfacet model)



Blinn-Phong Model

- idea – use H: half-way vector between L and V
 - compute specular component as $(H \cdot N)^e$
 - $H \cdot N > 0$, even if if angle between V and R > 90 degrees ($V \cdot R < 0$)

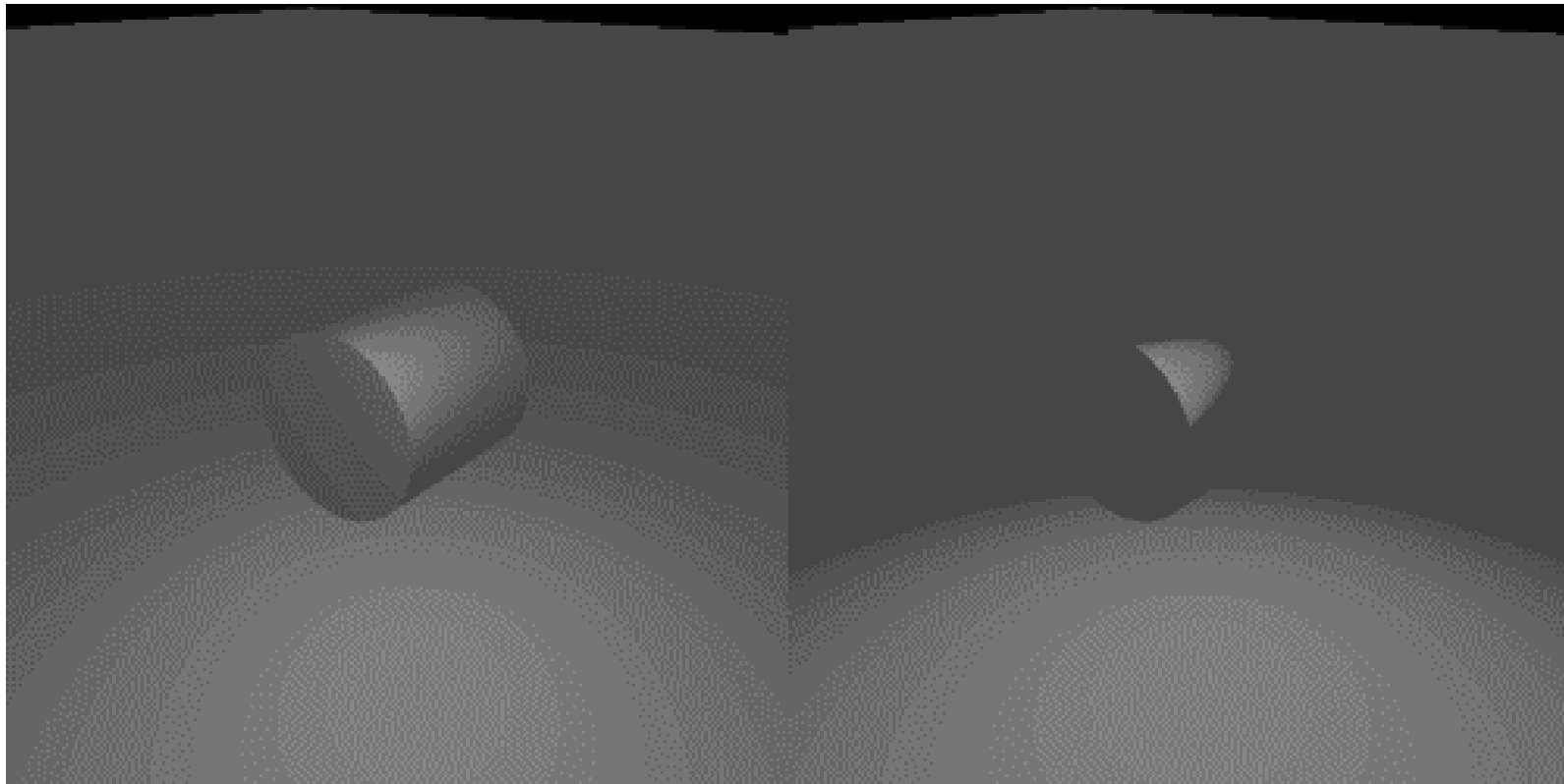


Blinn-Phong Model

- result:

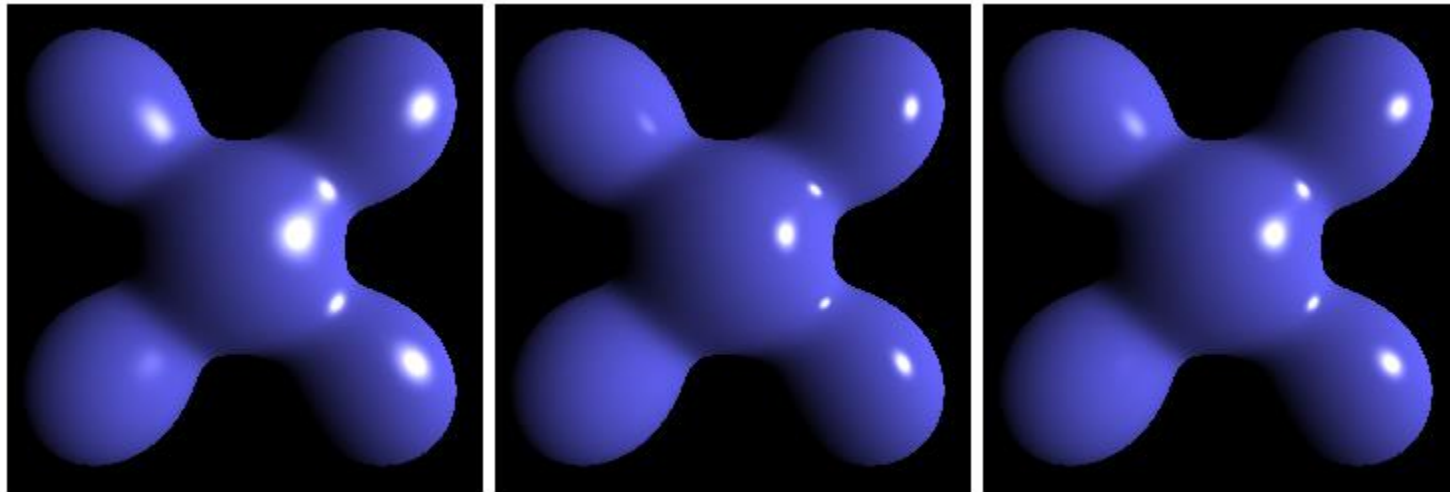
Blinn-Phong

Phong



[Jason L. McKesson]

Blinn-Phong Model



Blinn-Phong

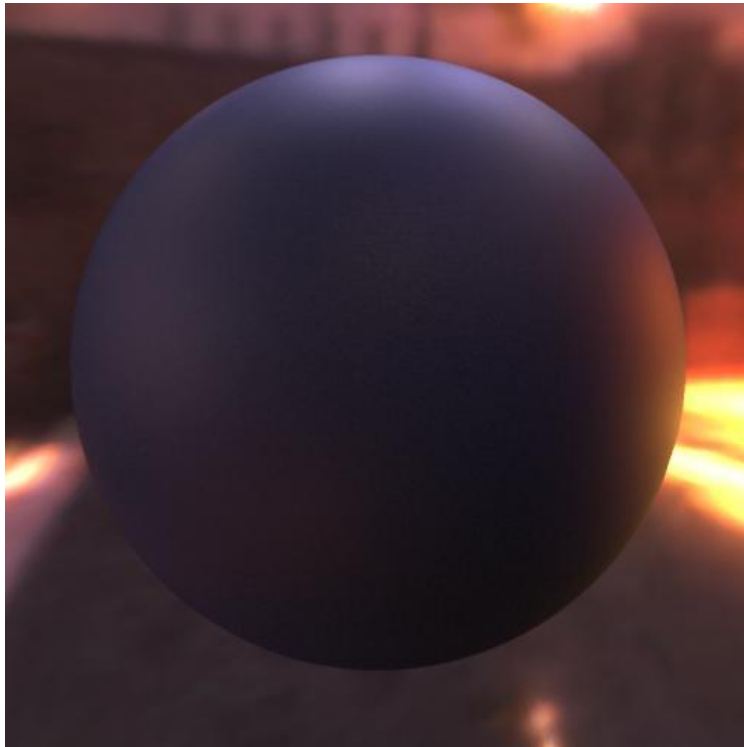
Phong

Blinn-Phong
(higher exponent)

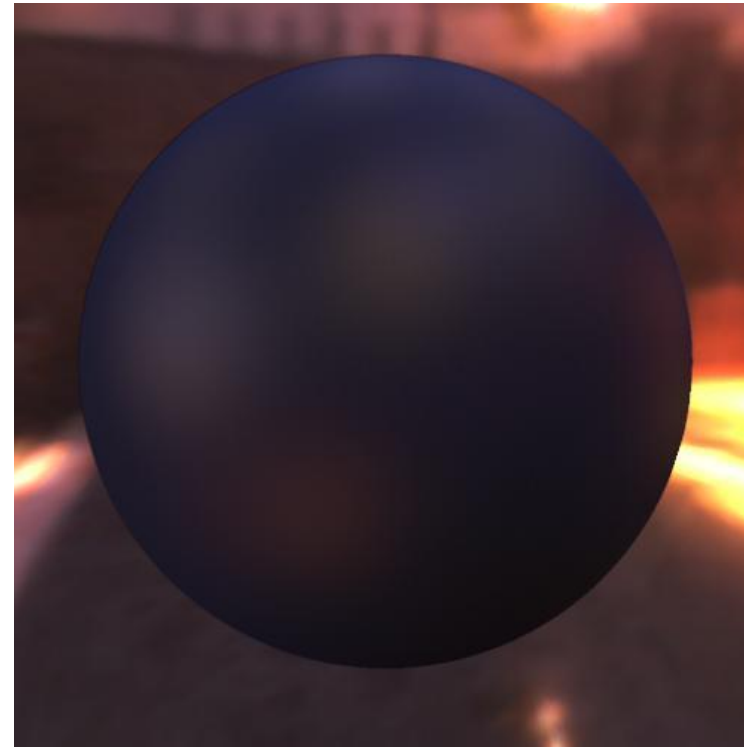
- due to smaller angles between H and N compared to R and V , the produced highlights are normally wider
- adjusted exponents to address this point

Blinn-Phong Model

- quality actually empirically shown to be better than Phong



acquired data

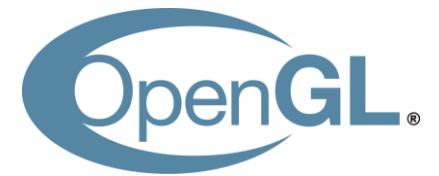
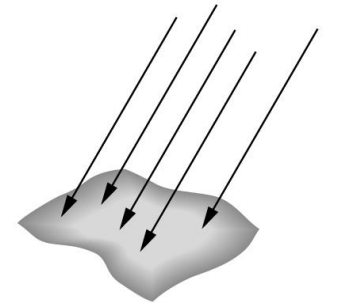
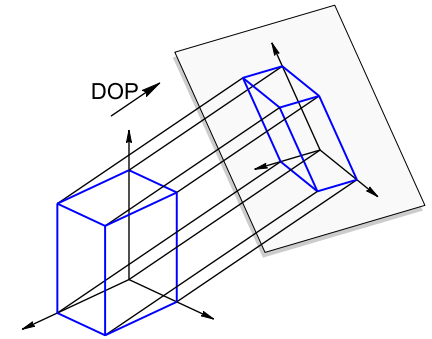


Blinn-Phong model

[Ngan et al, 2004]

Blinn-Phong Model

- performance equivalent to normal Phong model
- higher performance for lights and viewers at infinity
 - cameras become orthographic cameras: V is constant
 - lights become directional lights: L is constant
 - thus H is also constant
- the Blinn-Phong model was thus the one used in early (non-programmable) OpenGL pipelines; i.e., not the Phong model



Status so far

- limited representation of material properties: plastic look
- limited consideration of light frequency



Cook-Torrance Model

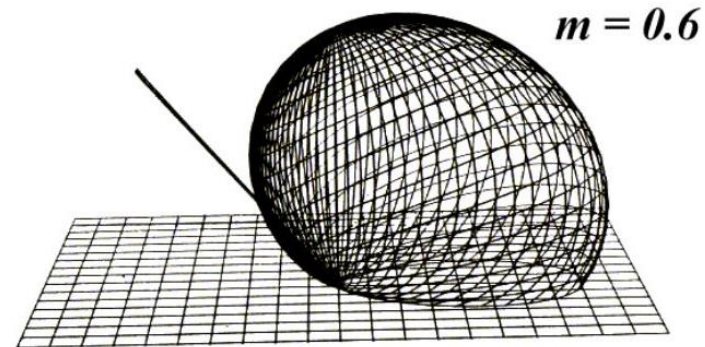
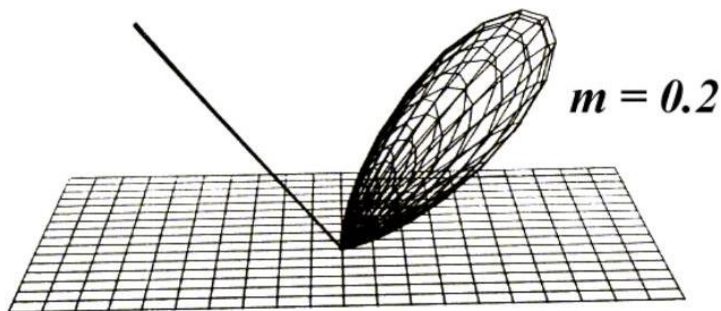
- limited consideration of materials in previous models
- goal:
 - consider wavelength-dependent behavior
 - represent wider range of materials
 - focus on specular part of illumination (to combine with diffuse/ambient terms)
- use of three aspects:
 - microfacet distribution
 - geometry attenuation
 - Fresnel reflection



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Cook-Torrance: microfacet distribution

- improvement over simple exponent for specular highlight
- uses a model (Beckmann distribution) with roughness term m



$m = 0.1$

0.3

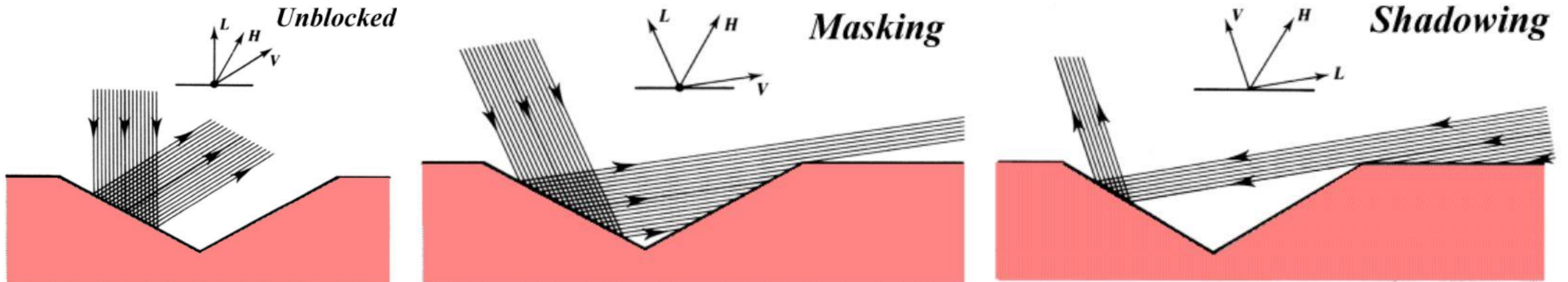
0.6

0.8

1.0

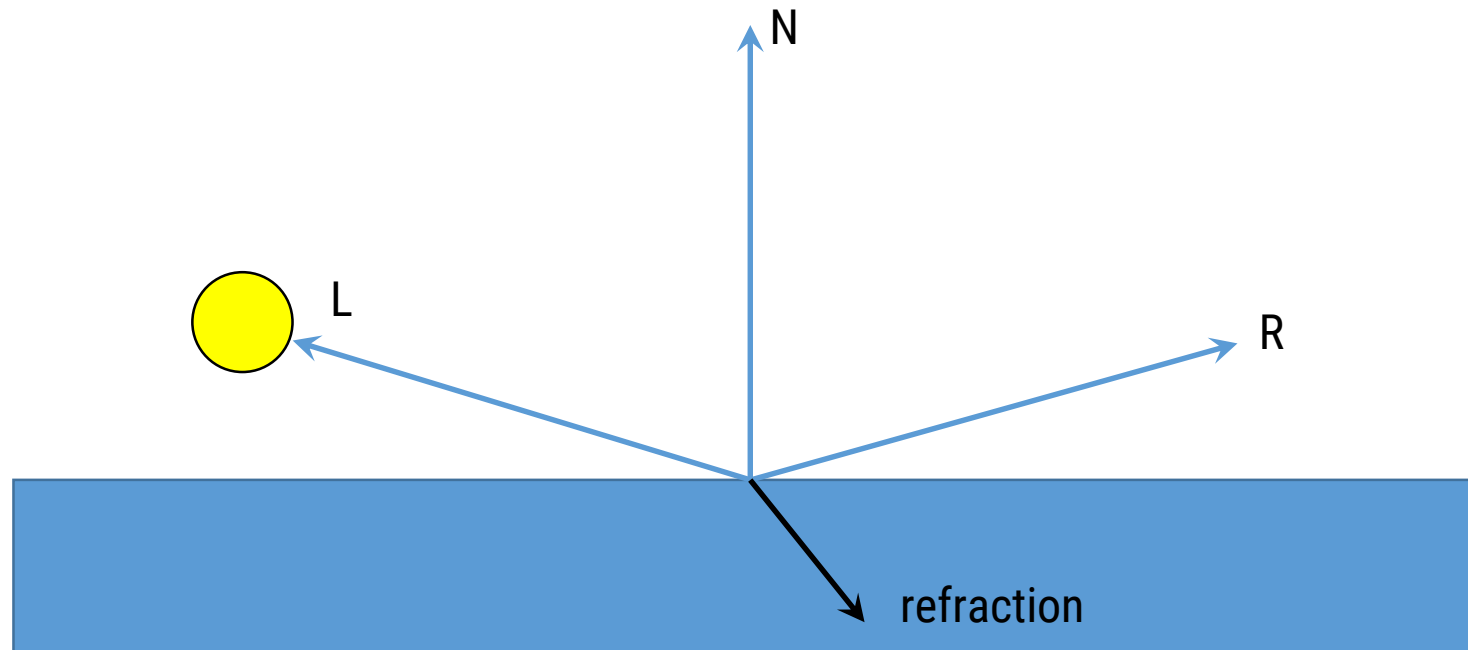
Cook-Torrance: geometry attenuation

- amount of effective light is affected by microfacet masking and shadowing



Cook-Torrance: Fresnel reflection

- reflection
 - depends on angle, absorption, and refraction
 - is different based on light polarization



Cook-Torrance Model

The diagram illustrates the components of the Cook-Torrance model. The equation is $f_{\text{cook-torrance}} = \frac{DGF}{4(\omega_o \cdot n)(\omega_i \cdot n)}$. The term DGF is annotated with three labels: 'microfacet distribution' (pointing to D), 'geometry attenuation' (pointing to G), and 'Fresnel reflection' (pointing to F). The term $4(\omega_o \cdot n)$ is annotated with 'outgoing light direction' (pointing to ω_o), and the term $(\omega_i \cdot n)$ is annotated with 'incoming light direction' (pointing to ω_i).

$$f_{\text{cook-torrance}} = \frac{DGF}{4(\omega_o \cdot n)(\omega_i \cdot n)}$$

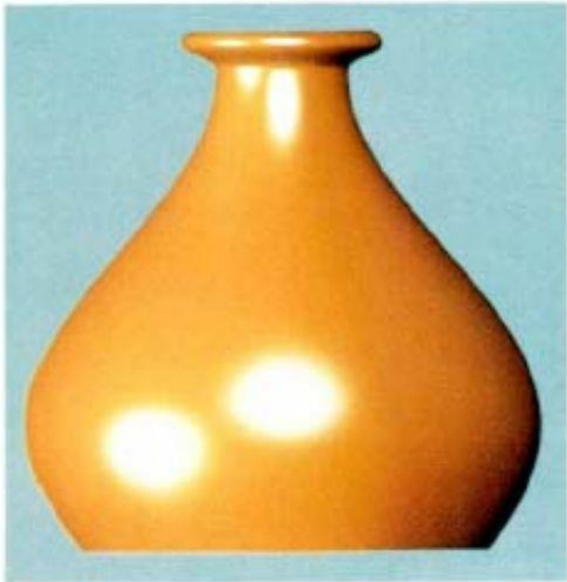
Labels for DGF :

- microfacet distribution
- geometry attenuation
- Fresnel reflection

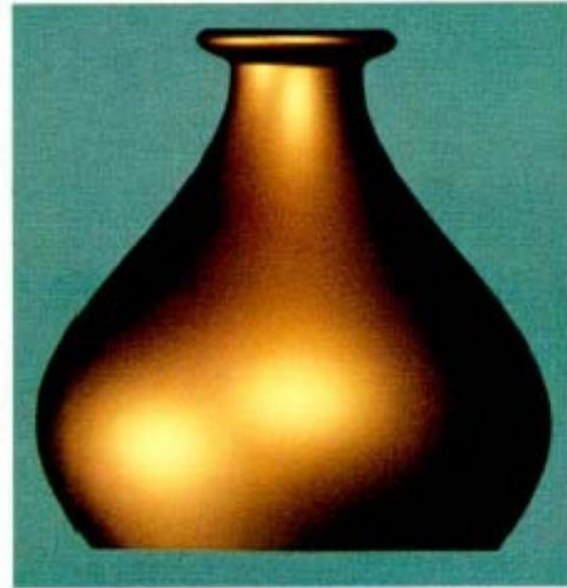
Labels for $4(\omega_o \cdot n)$ and $(\omega_i \cdot n)$:

- outgoing light direction
- incoming light direction

Cook-Torrance Model: Results



Phong



Cook-Torrance



Carbon

Red
Rubber

Obsidian

Lunar
Dust

Olive
Drab

Rust

Bronze

Tungsten

Copper

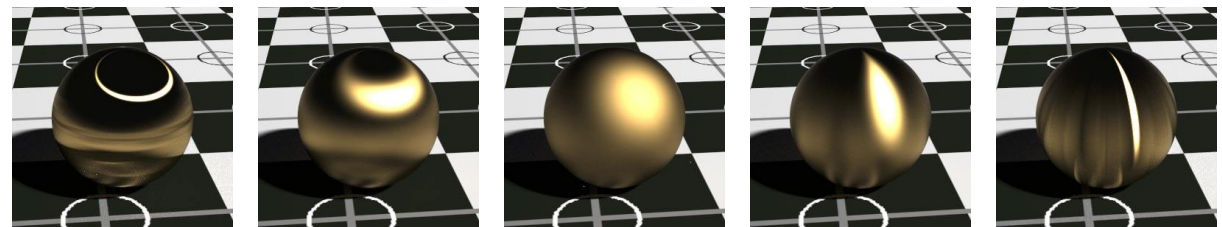
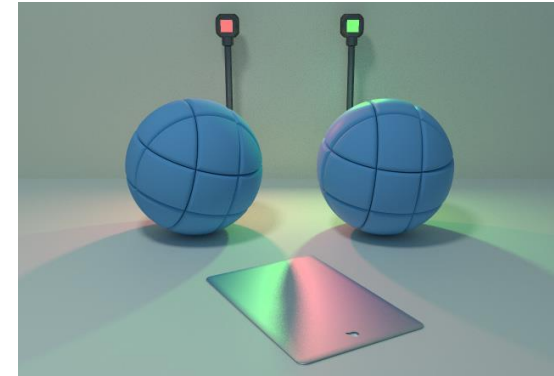
Tin

Nickel

Stainless
Steel

Other Heuristics for Photorealism

- Ward (1992):
 - focus on anisotropic reflection
 - based on empirical data
- Lafortune (1997):
 - generalization of Phong's model
 - based on empirical data
- Ashikhmin-Shirley (2000):
 - focus on anisotropic reflection
 - model for BRDF computation

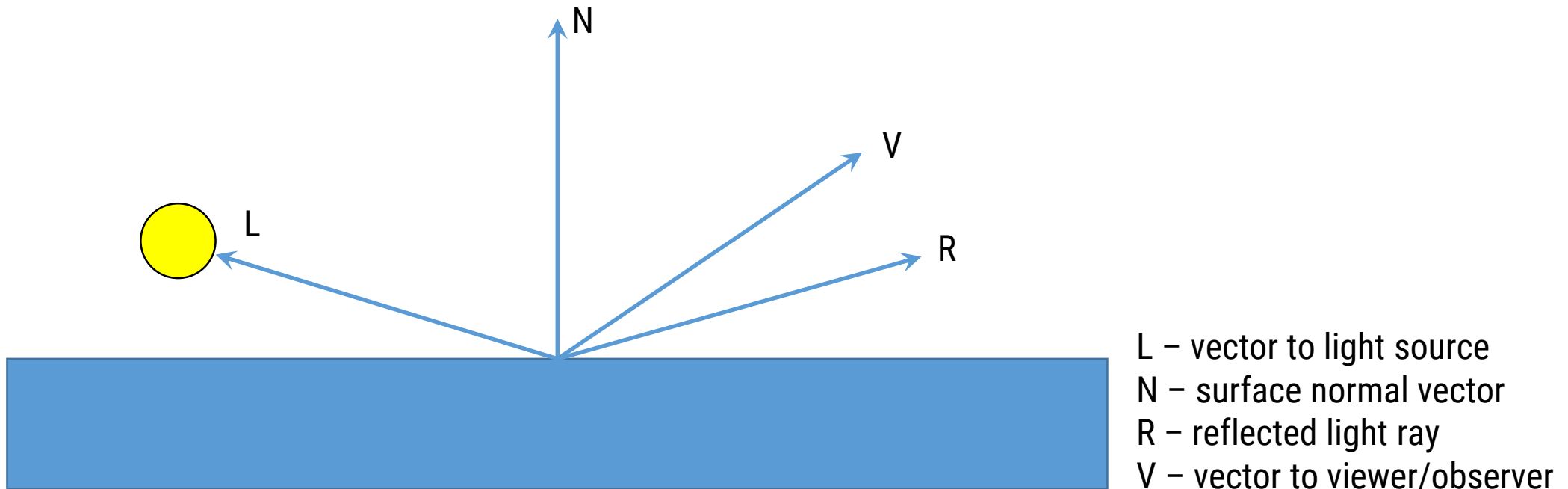


Status so far

- more or less detailed heuristics of light reflection behavior
- we know that reflection depends on
 - amount of incoming light
 - direction of incoming light (w.r.t. orientation of the surface)
 - direction of outgoing light (w.r.t. orientation of the surface)
 - material properties (potentially with anisotropic behavior)
 - frequency of the light

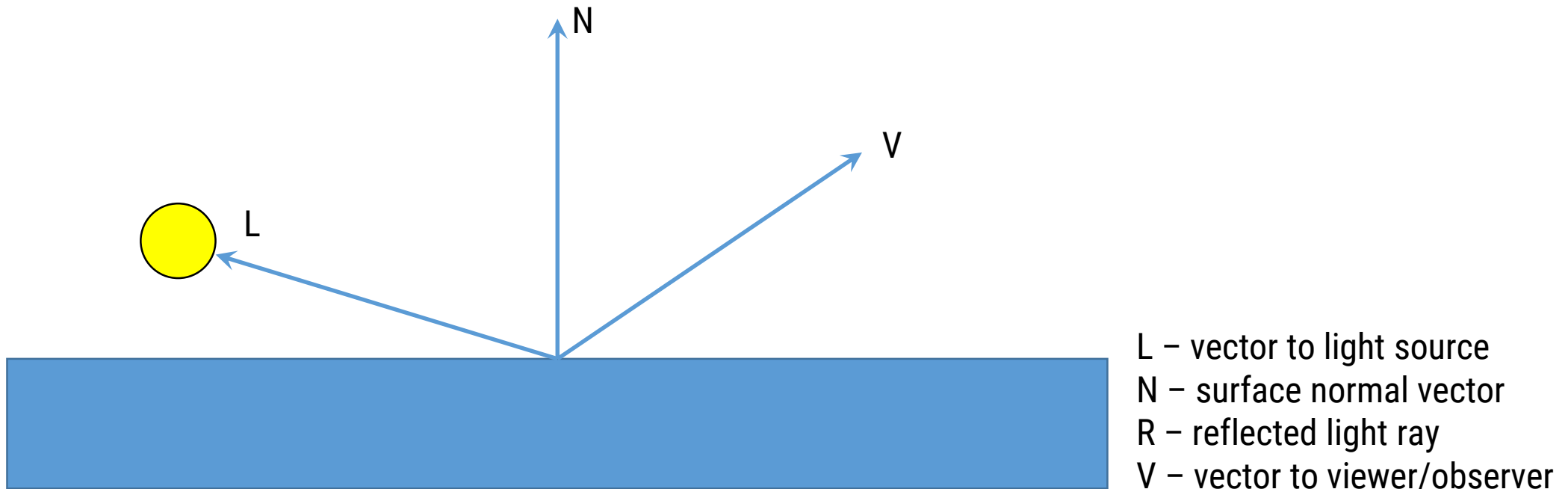
BRDFs

- Bi-directional Reflection Distribution Function
- generic view of the direct reflection behavior at a point



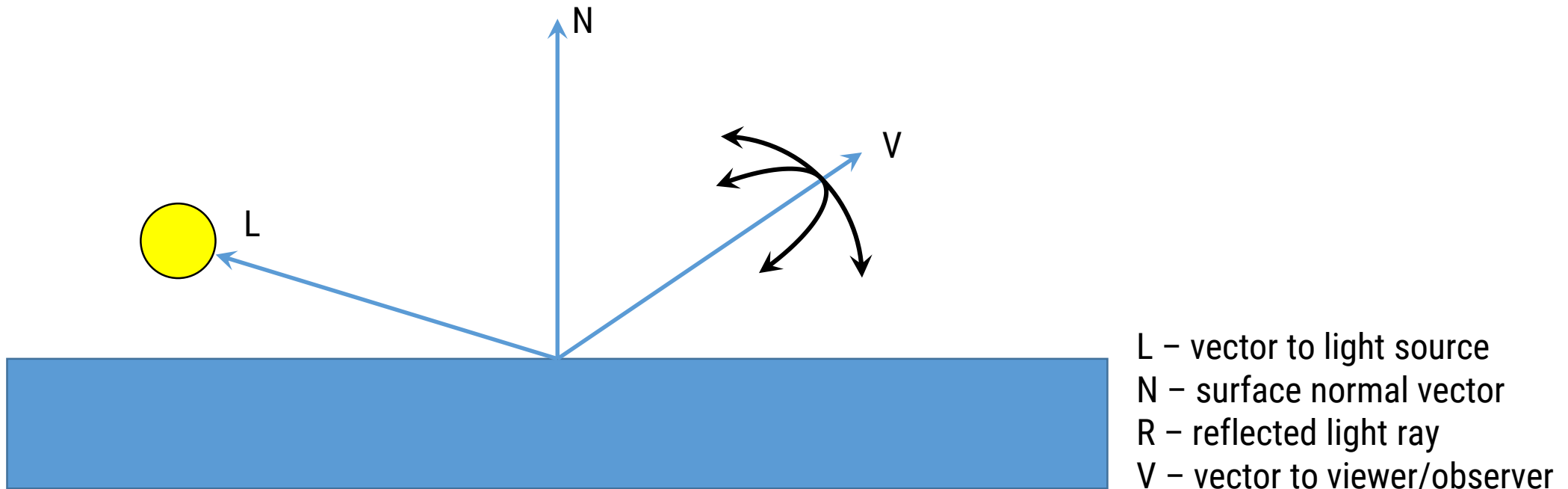
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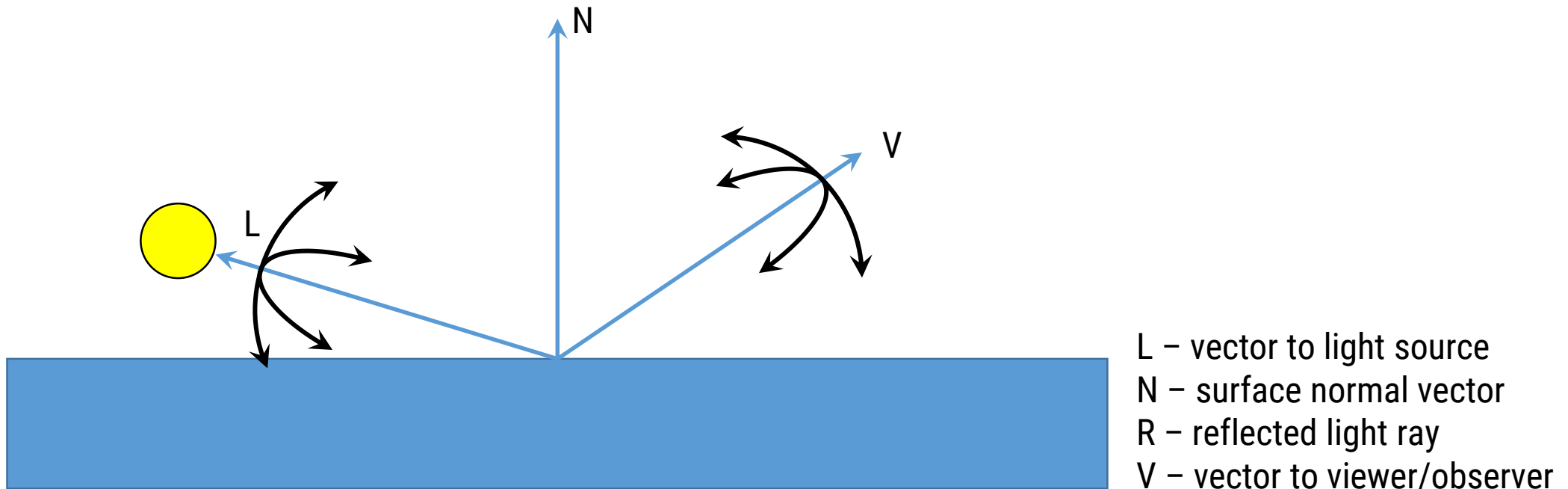
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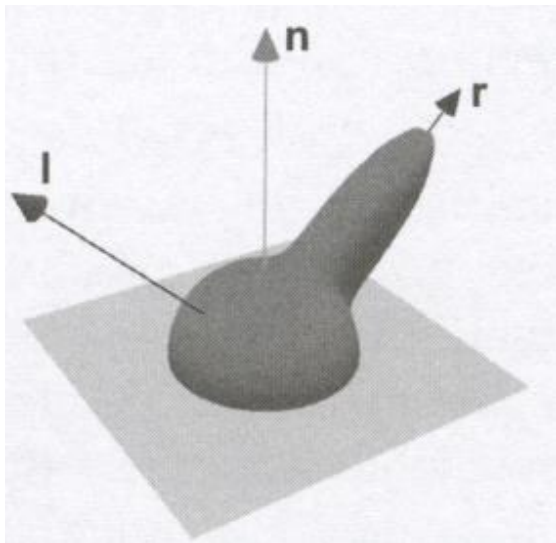
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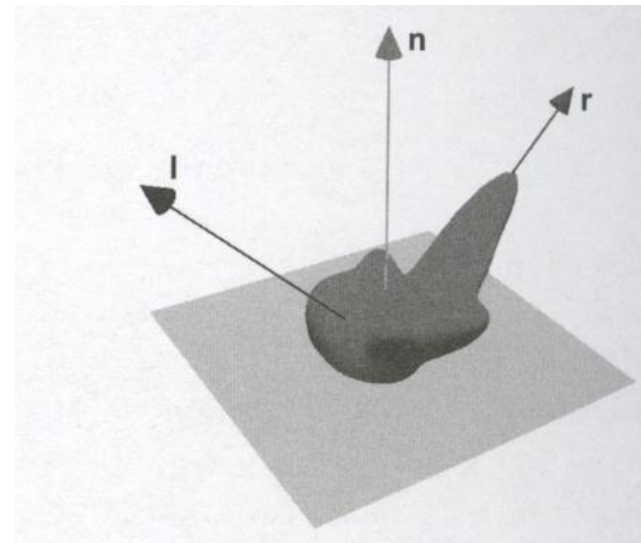
BRDFs

- Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function
- generic view of the direct reflection behavior at a point

visualization for one incoming light direction:



Phong



more realistic

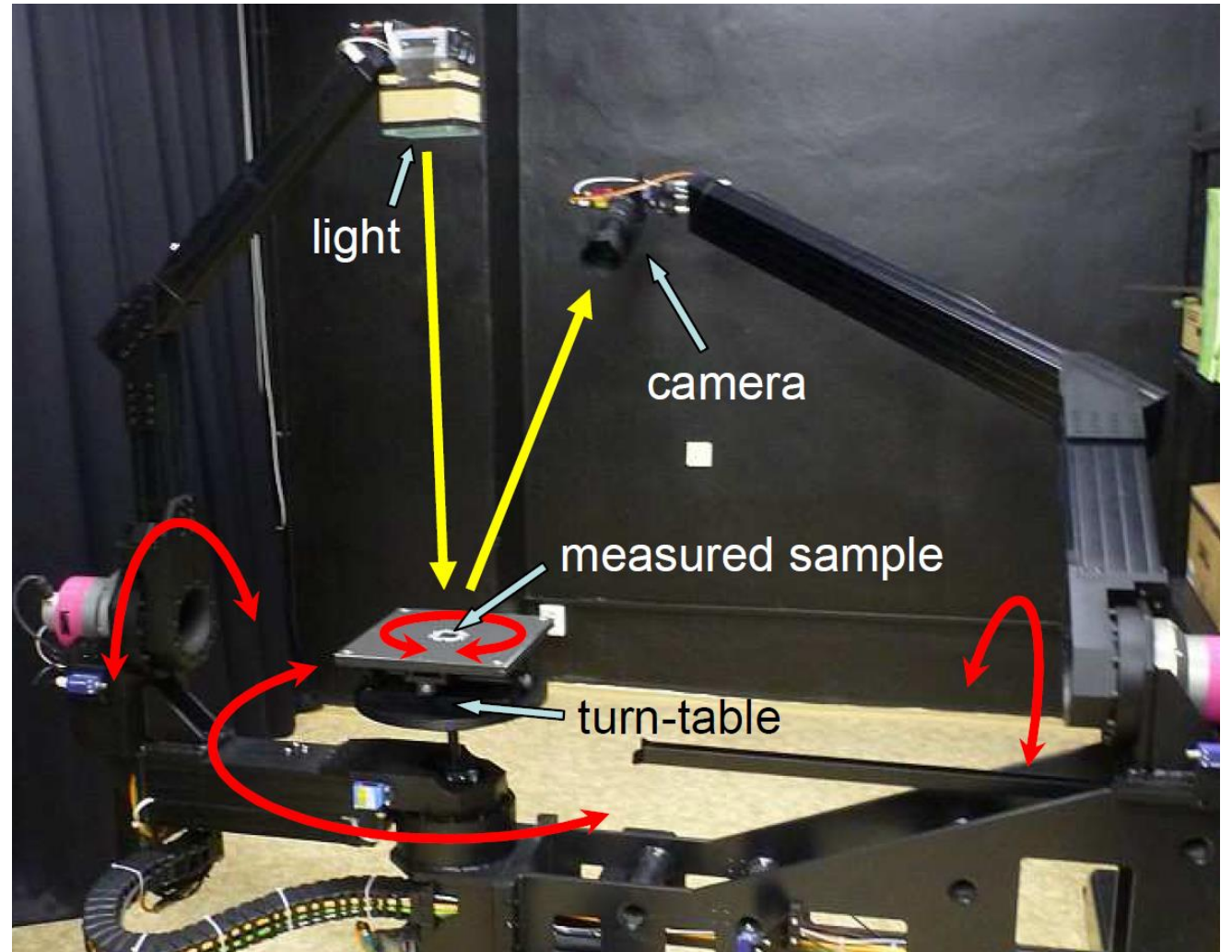
Bender/Brill (2003)

BRDFs

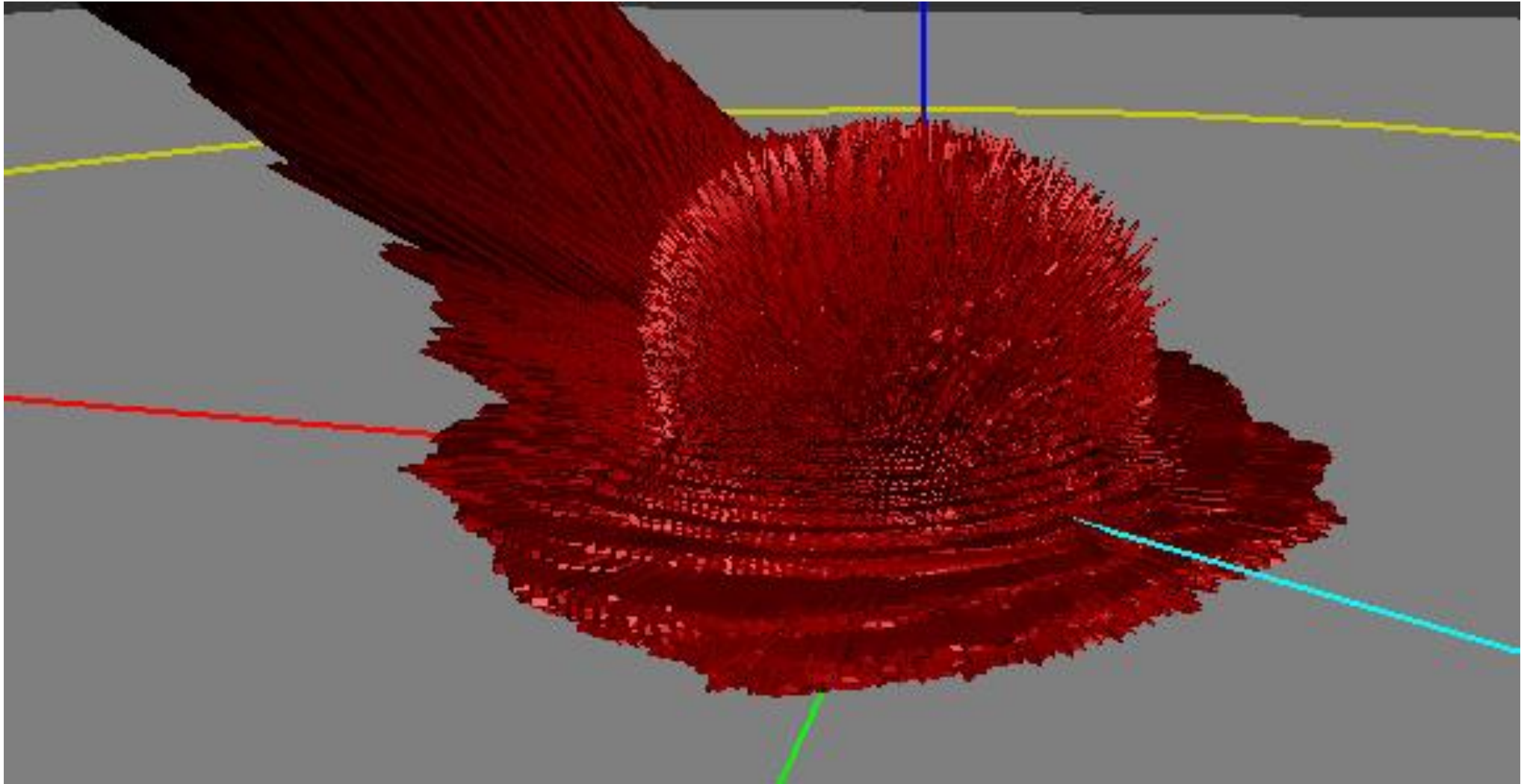
- Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function
- generic view of the direct reflection behavior at a point
- can be used as a replacement of diffuse and specular components in illumination computation
- the advanced models typically lead to a BRDF-like formulation
- dependence of reflection on light frequency needs to be considered on top of directional components

Measuring the BRDF

- bi-directional camera movement
- bi-directional light source movement
- combination of many measurements to final BRDF

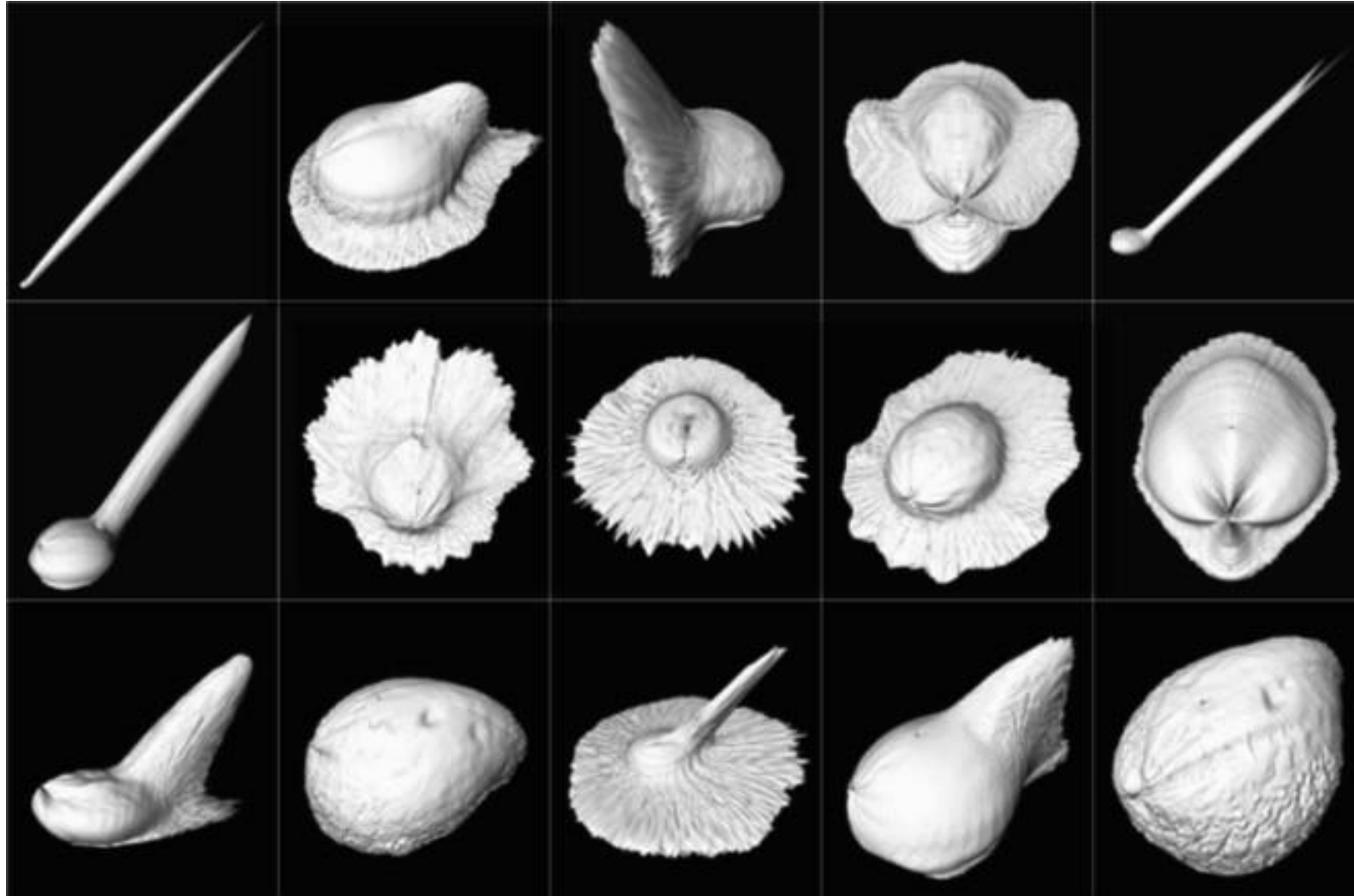


Measuring the BRDF



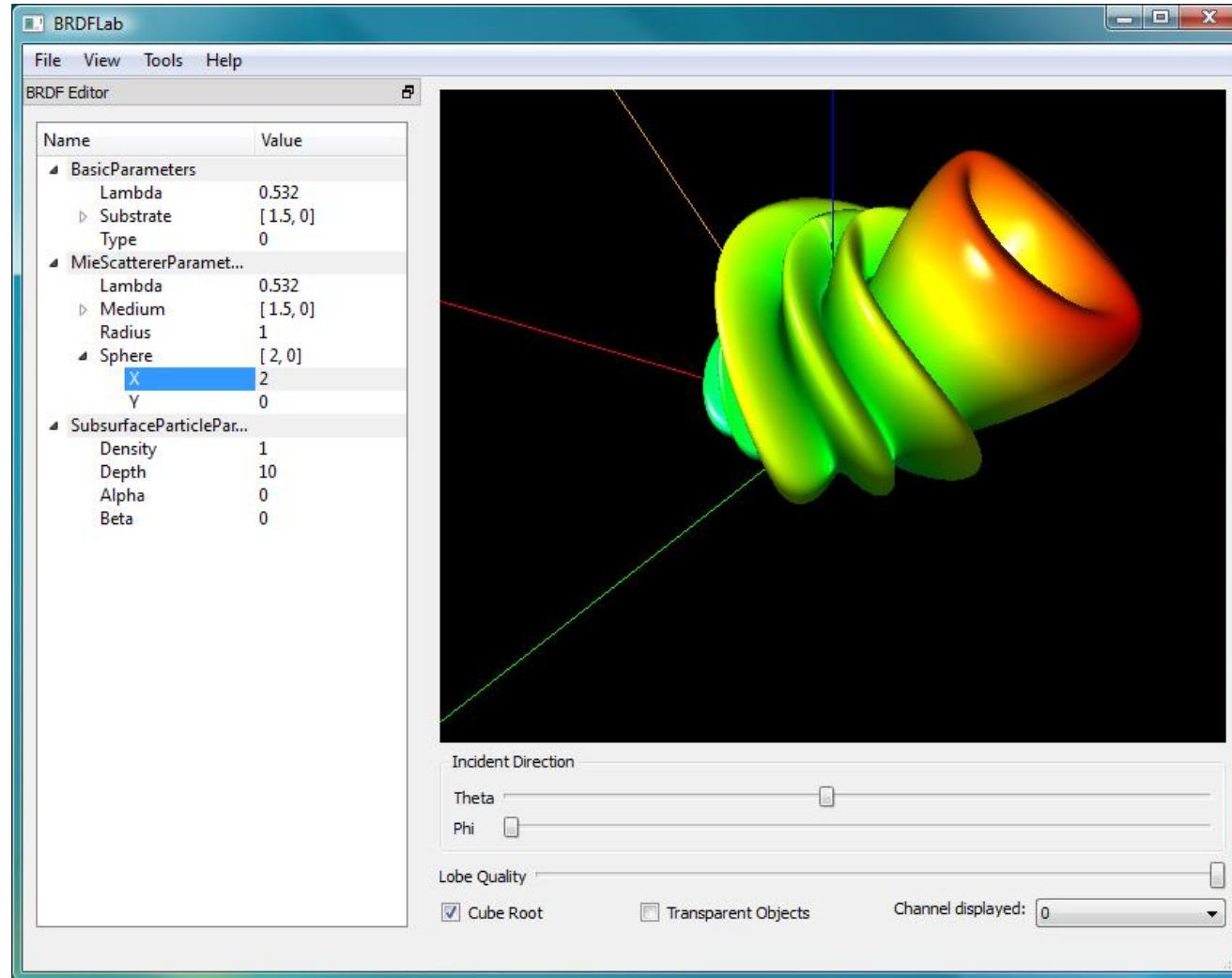
BRDF of nylon

Measuring the BRDF



[Park & Lee, 2015]

Simulating the BRDF



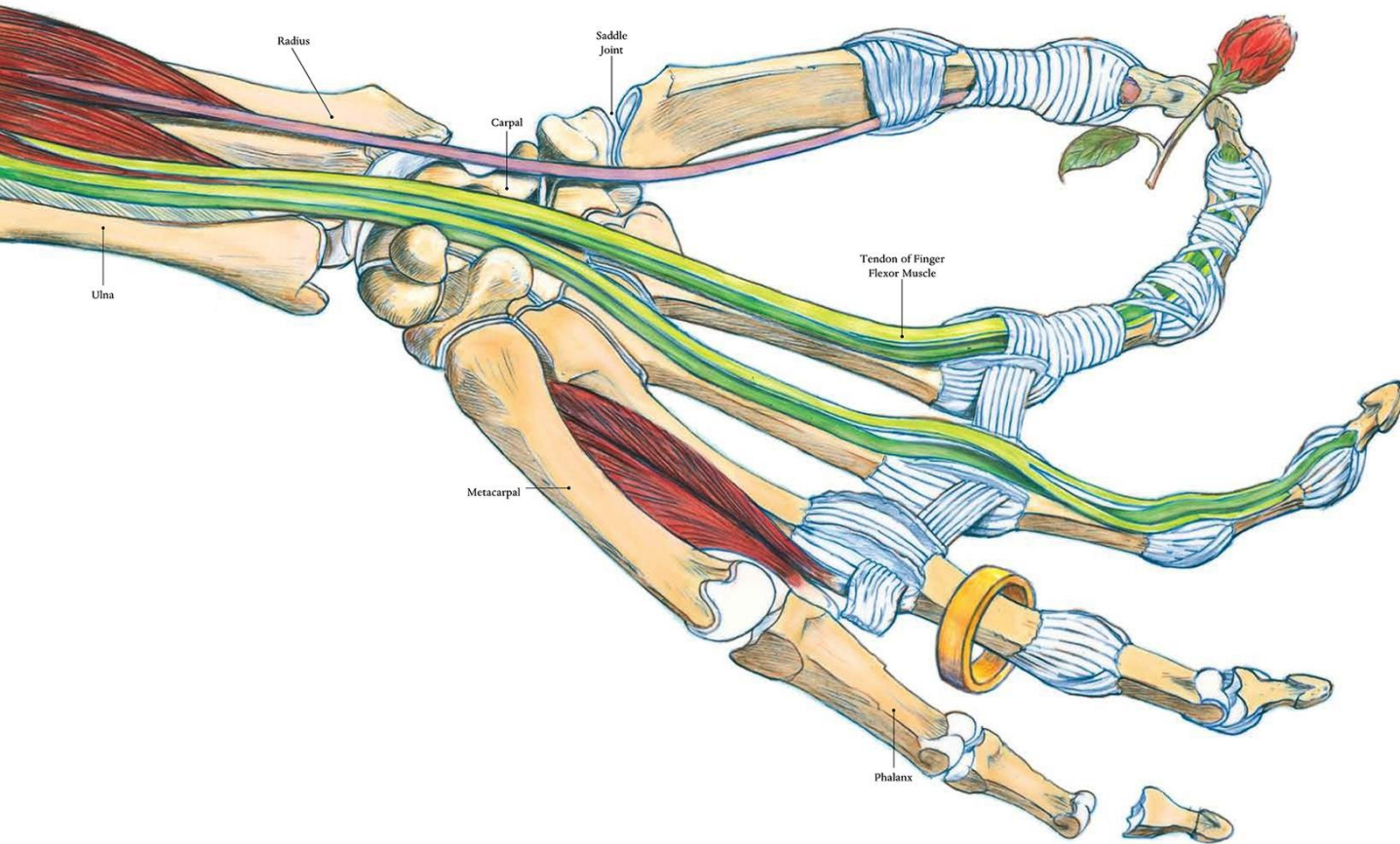
<http://brdflab.sourceforge.net/>

Status so far: "Photorealism"

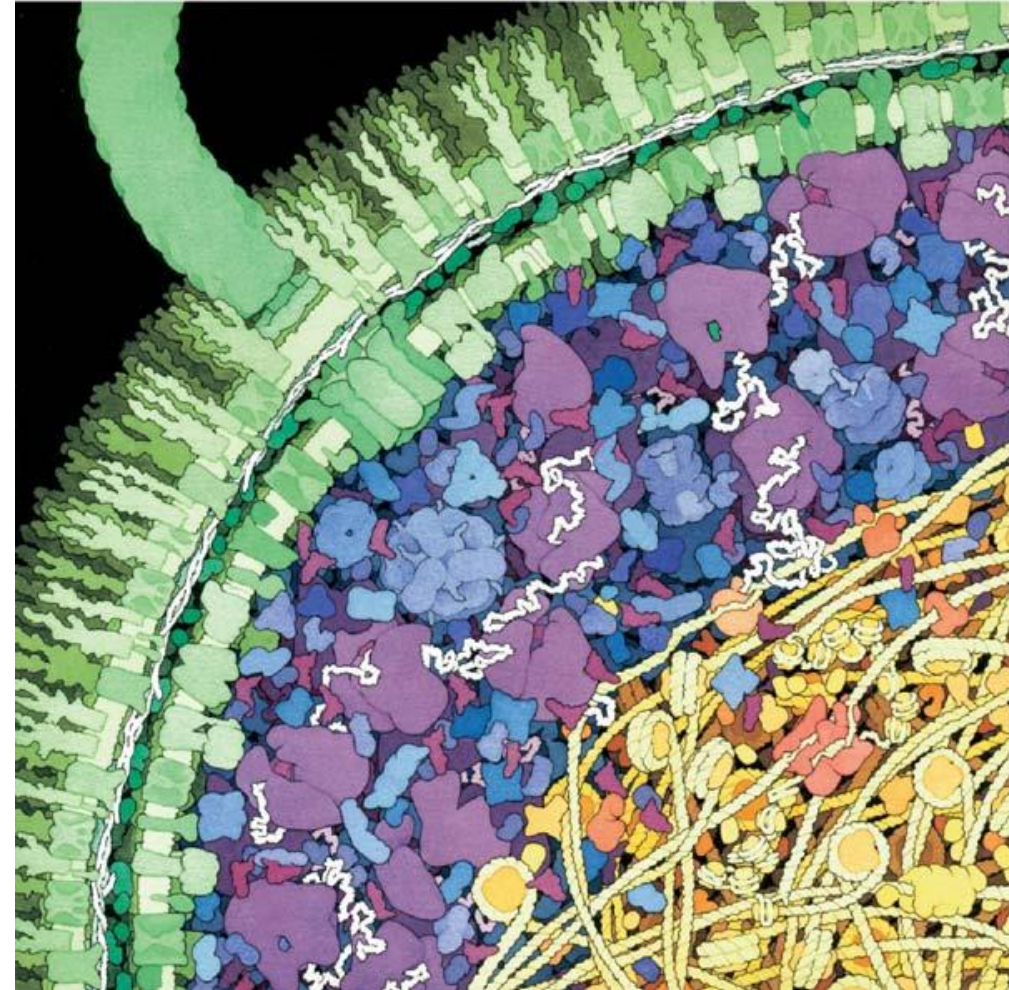


(global illumination)

Other forms of depiction ...



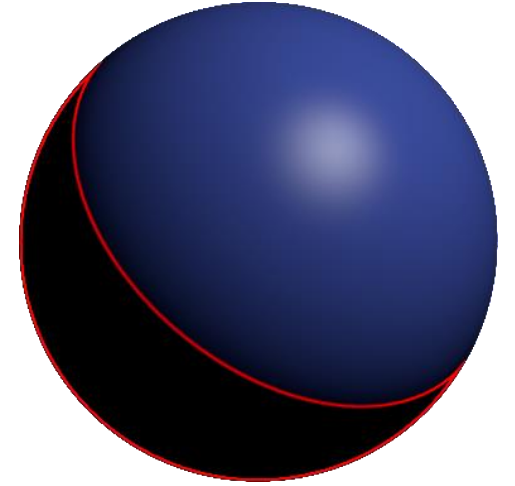
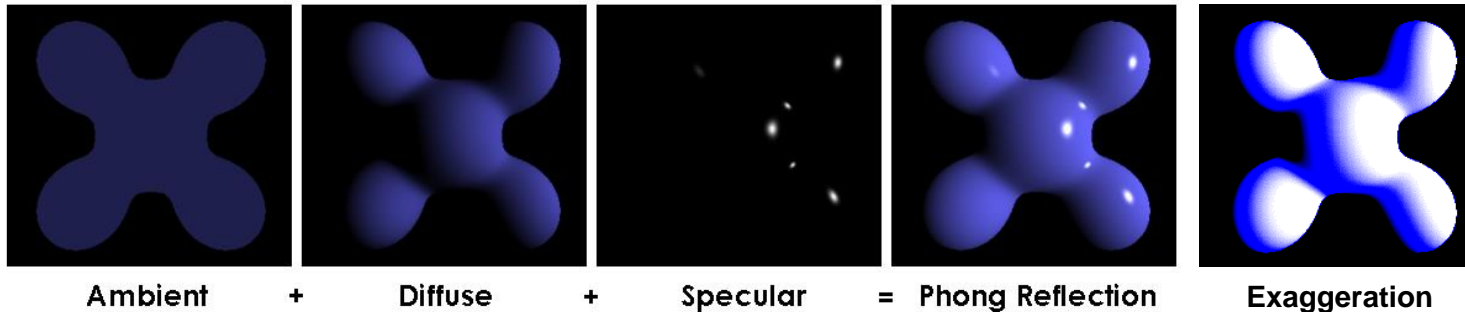
David Macaulay, "The Way We Work"



Goodsell, 2005

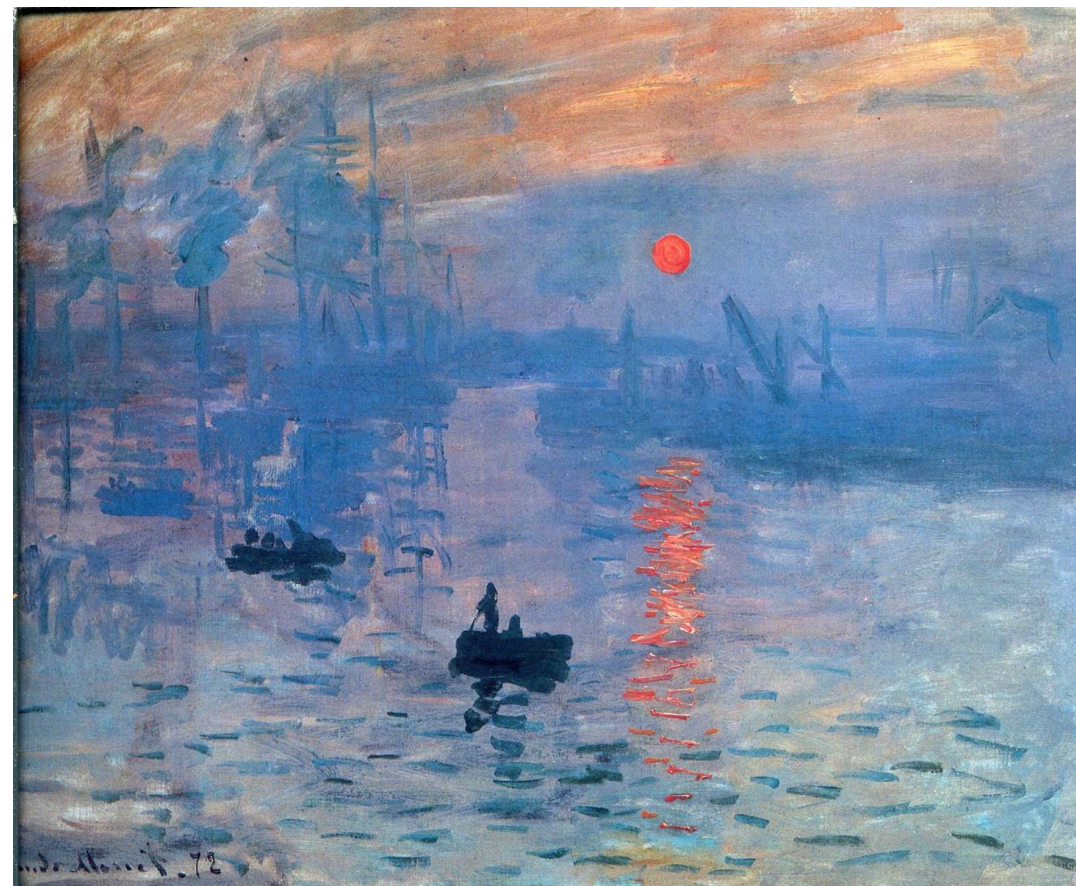
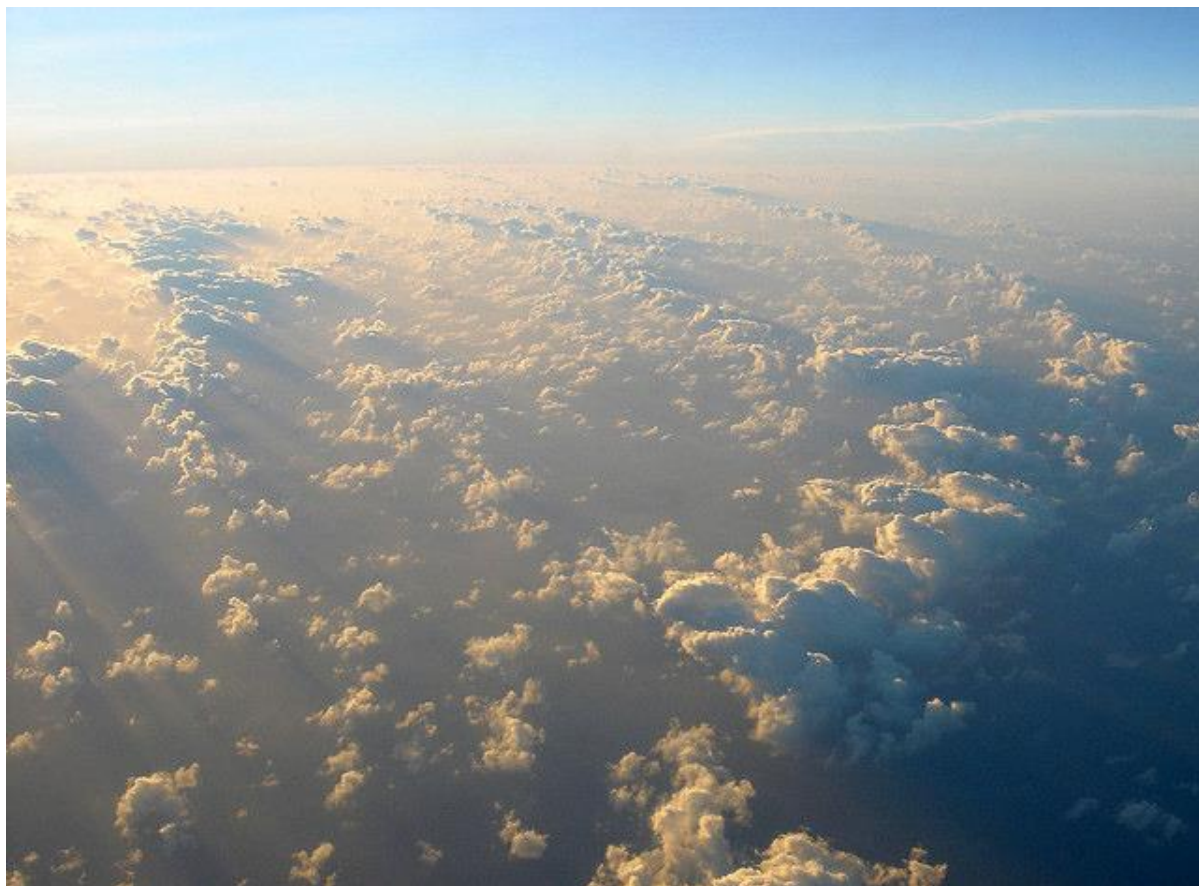
Gooch Model

- limitations of past models:
 - areas with only ambient illumination appear flat



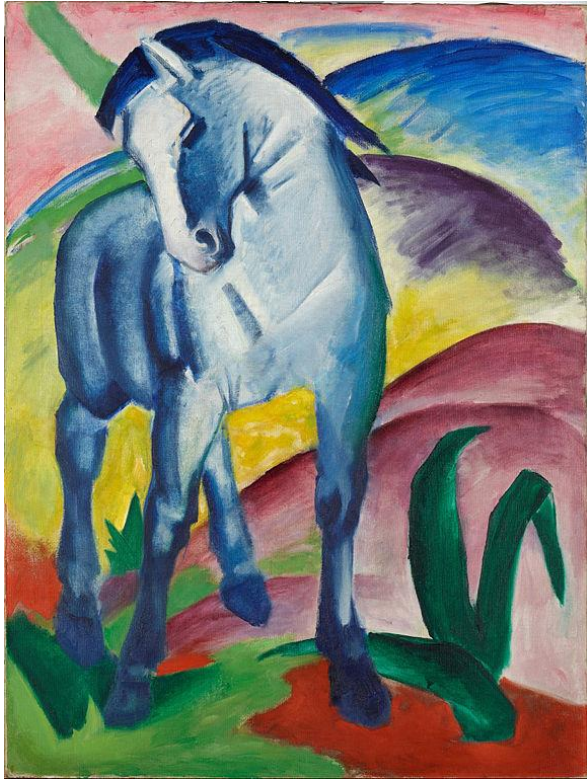
- goal:
 - inspiration from traditional illustration and painting
 - cool to warm color transitions
 - produce images for (technical) illustrations

Visual Inspirations



Claude Monet (1872): Sunrise

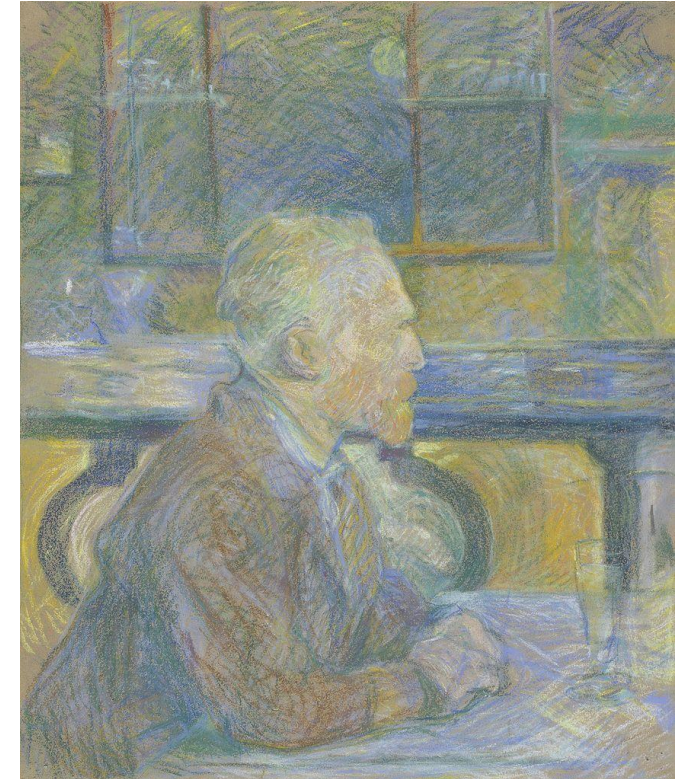
Visual Inspirations



Franz Marc (1911):
Blaues Pferd I



Vassily Kandinsky (1908):
Murnau, Dorfstrasse



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Vincent van Gogh

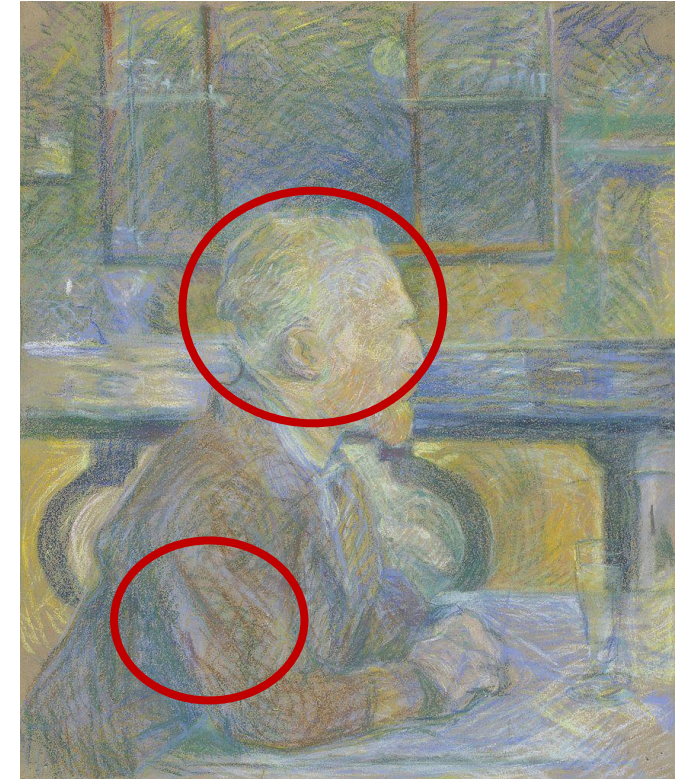
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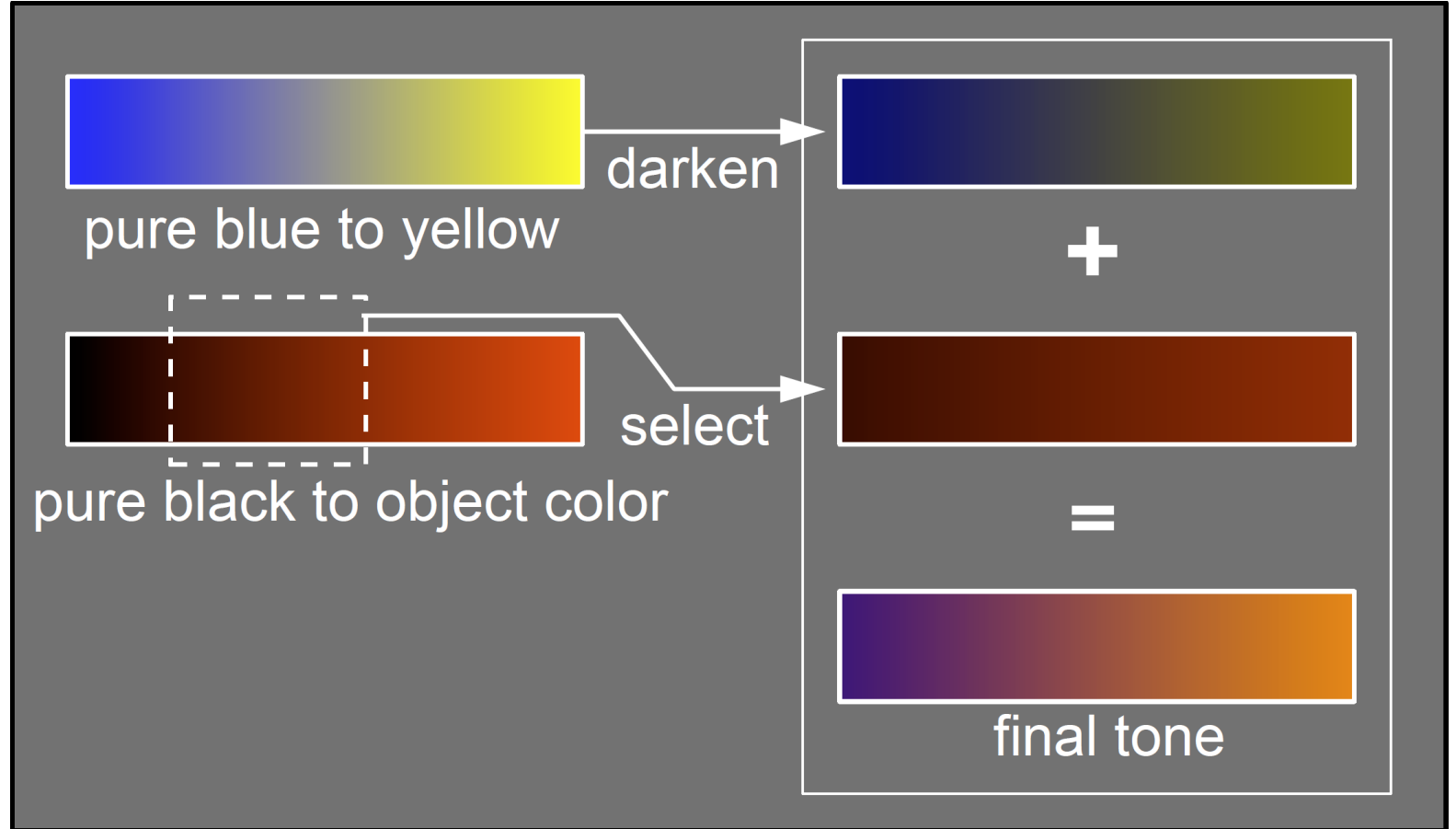
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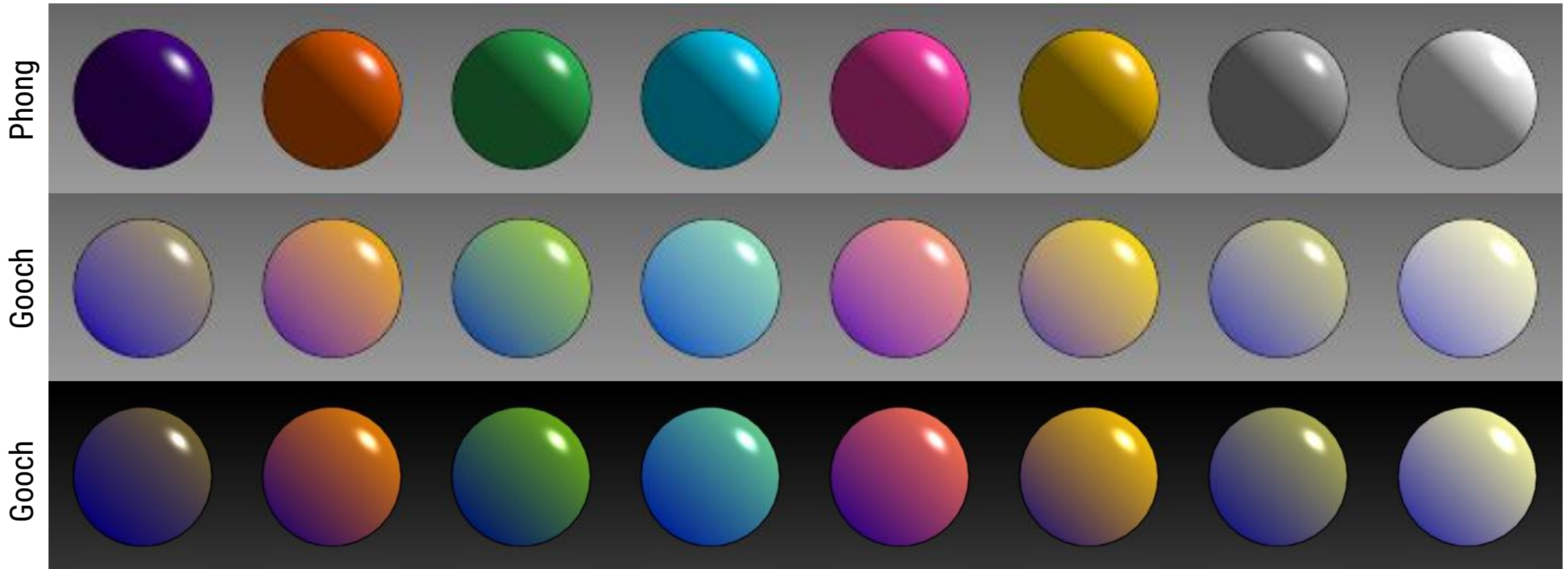
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Gooch Model: Principle of Color Mixing

$$I_d = \left(\frac{1 + L \cdot N}{2} \right) k_{cool} + \left(1 - \frac{1 + L \cdot N}{2} \right) k_{warm}$$
$$k_{cool} = k_{blue} + \alpha k_d$$
$$k_{warm} = k_{blue} + \beta k_d$$

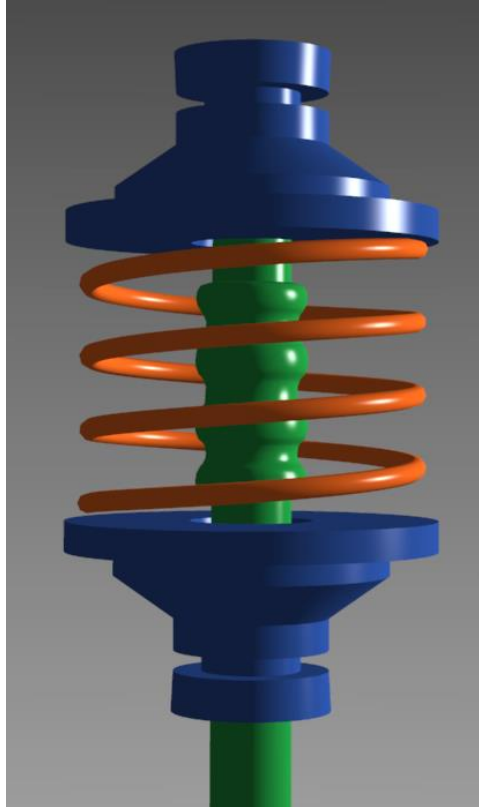


Gooch Model: Results

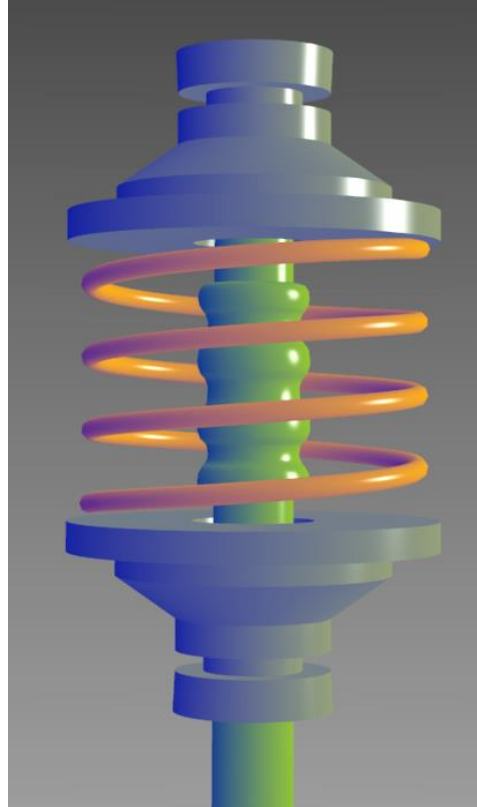


- notice the lack of hard border between diffuse and ambient illumination in the Gooch-illuminated versions on the bottom

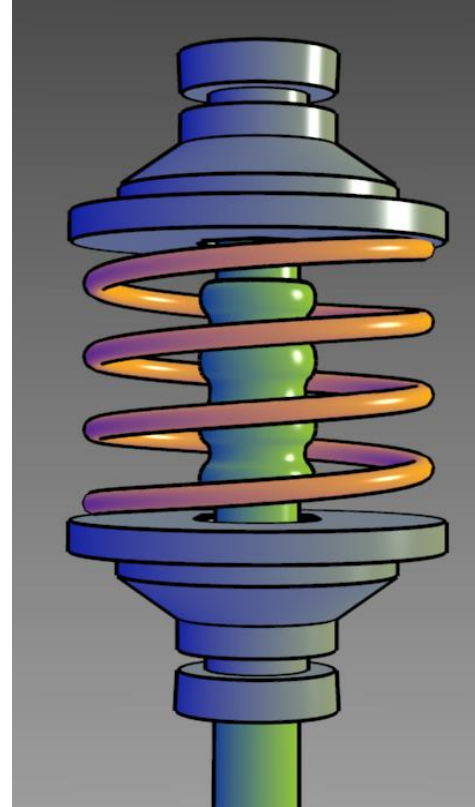
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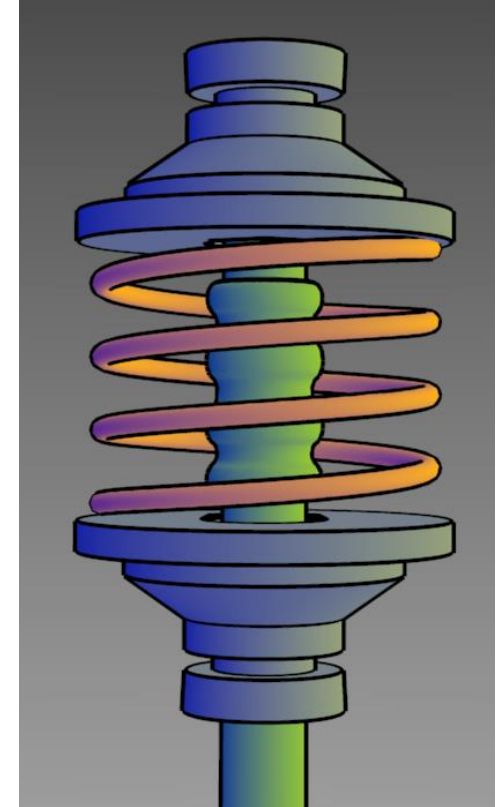
Phong



Gooch model



Gooch model
plus lines



simulation using Phong
based on 2 colored lights

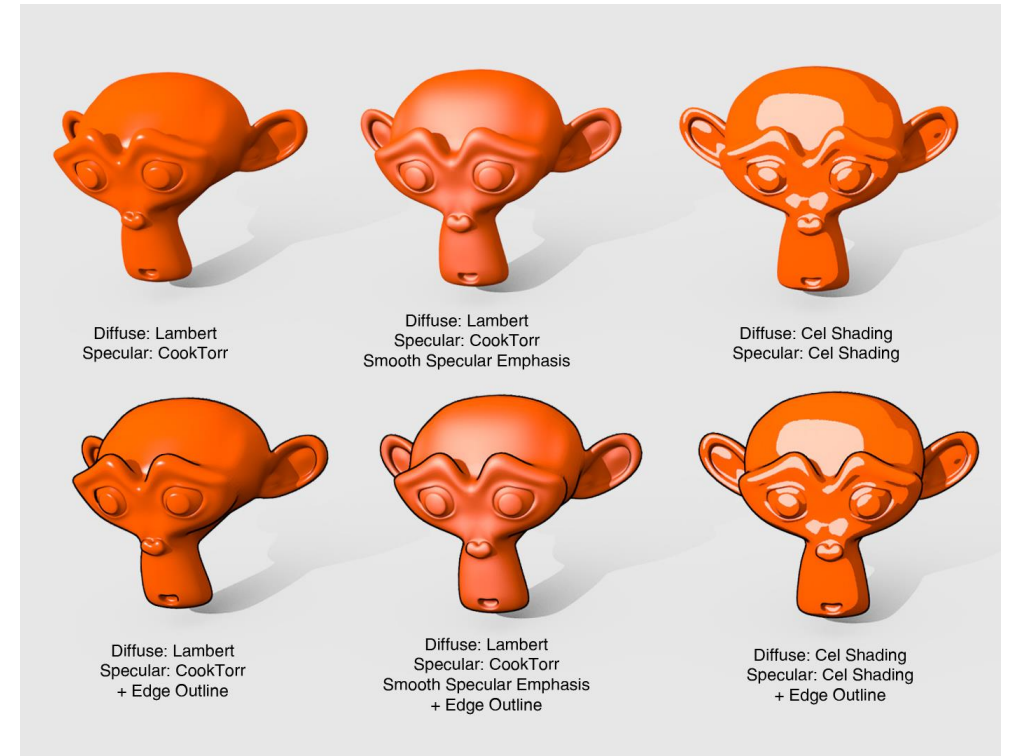
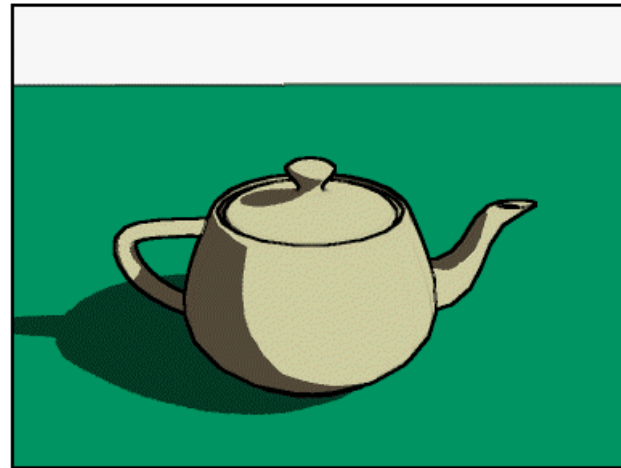
Other Extreme: Cartoon/Cel “Shading”

- inspired by traditional cel animation

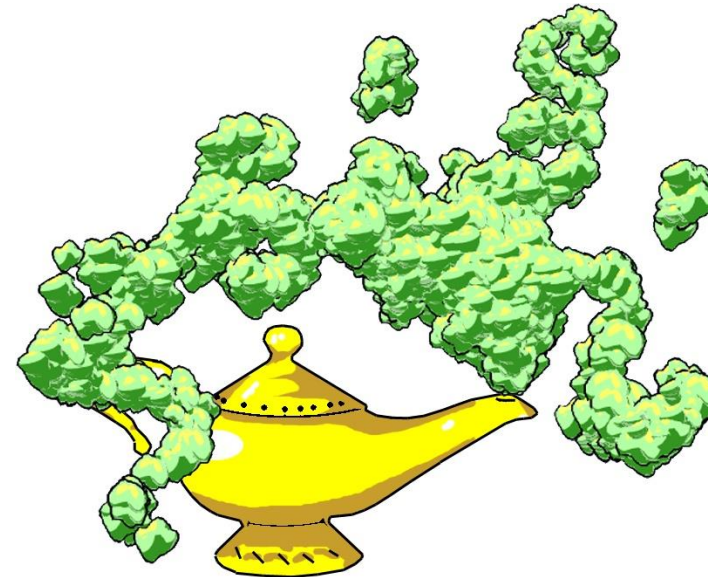
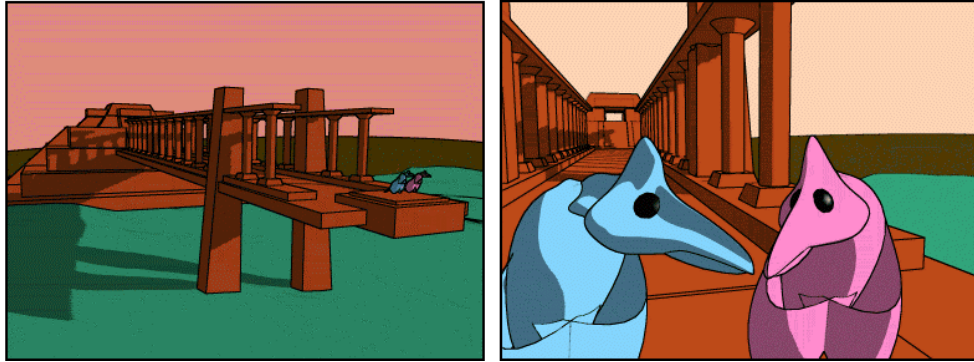


Other Extreme: Cartoon/Cel “Shading”

- core idea: reduce the continuous reflectance to discrete steps



Other Extreme: Cartoon/Cel "Shading"



Advanced Illumination Models: Summary

- based on physical reflection of light on surfaces
- wide range of heuristics with
 - varying degrees of realism (both visual and physical foundations)
 - varying complexities (also computational complexities)
 - goal is generally “photo-realism”
 - can be captured/measured in BRDF
- other models inspired by illustration and artworks
- selection based on visual goals, available data, and computational power