

# Introduction to computer vision VI

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# Light, shading, color and shadows

- Radiometry
  - Radiance
  - Irradiance
  - BRDF
  - Photometric stereo
- Color
  - Spectral radiometry
  - Source and surface colors
  - Trichromacies
  - The eye
  - Color spaces
  - The bichromatic model

# Light and shadows



[These slides courtesy of S. Narasimhan, CMU.]

# Reflections







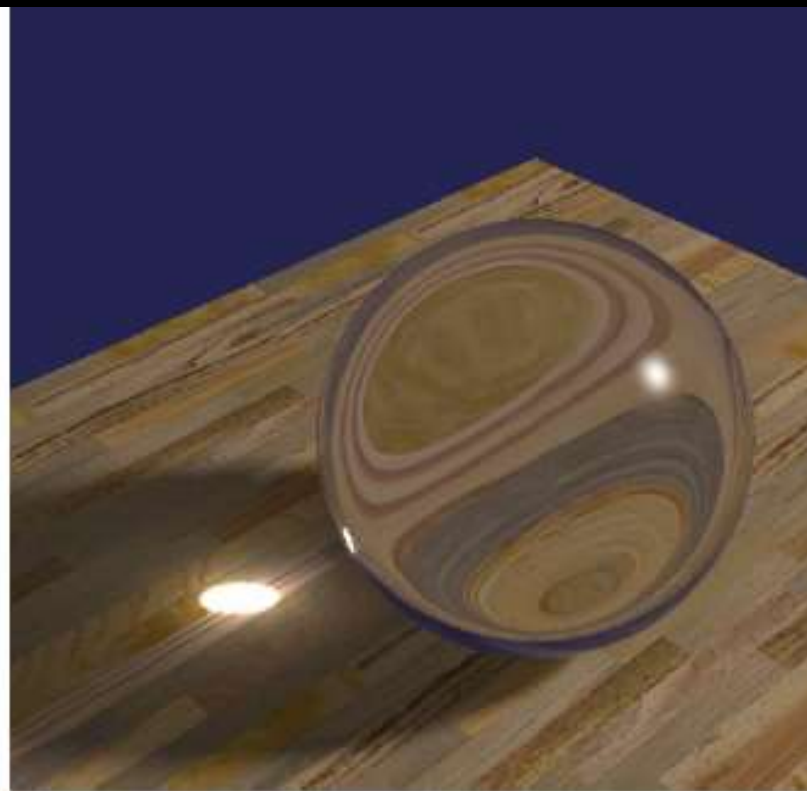


# Reflections and refractions



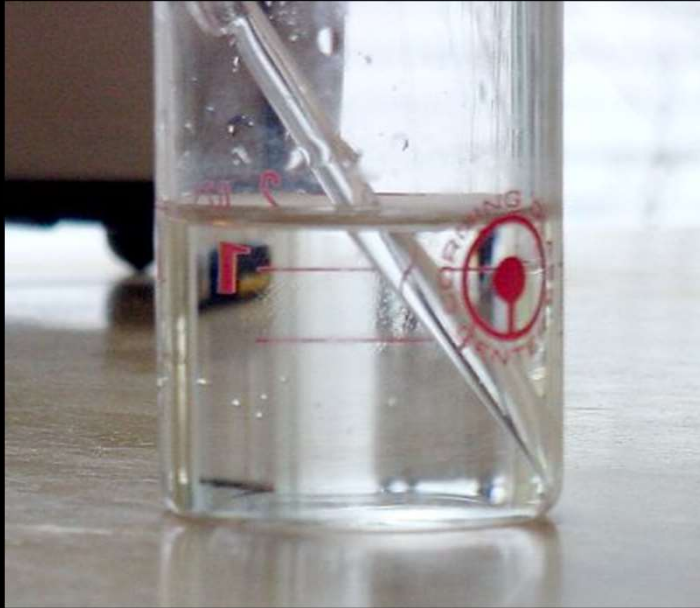


# Refraction



Caustics

# Is glass really transparent?





# Interreflections



# Scattering

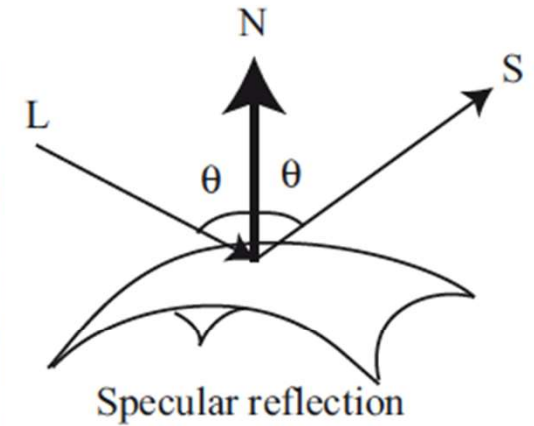
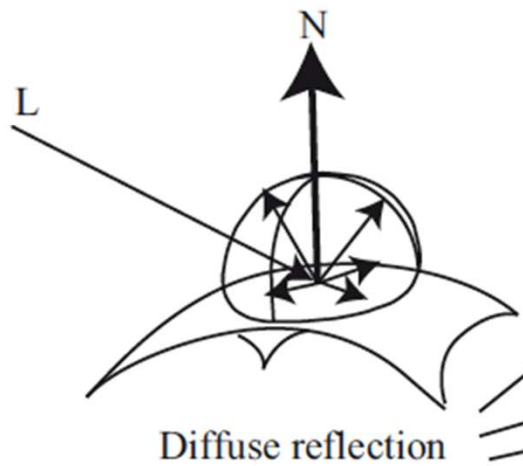




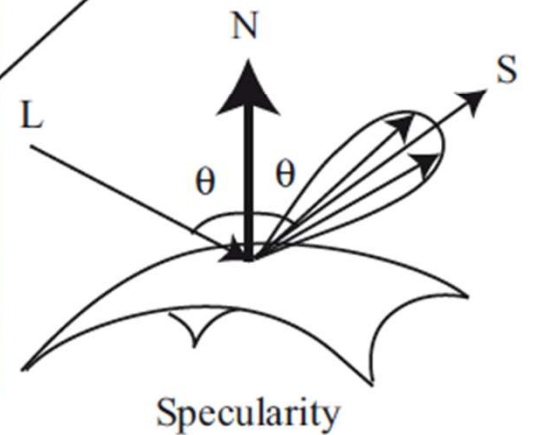




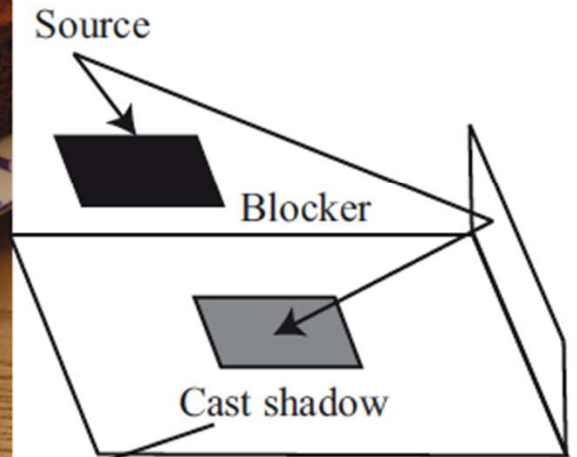
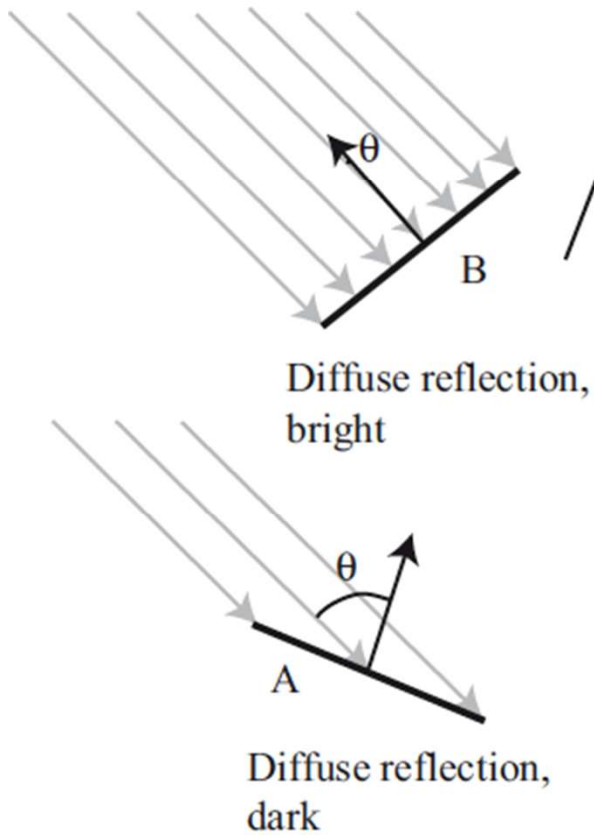




Specularities



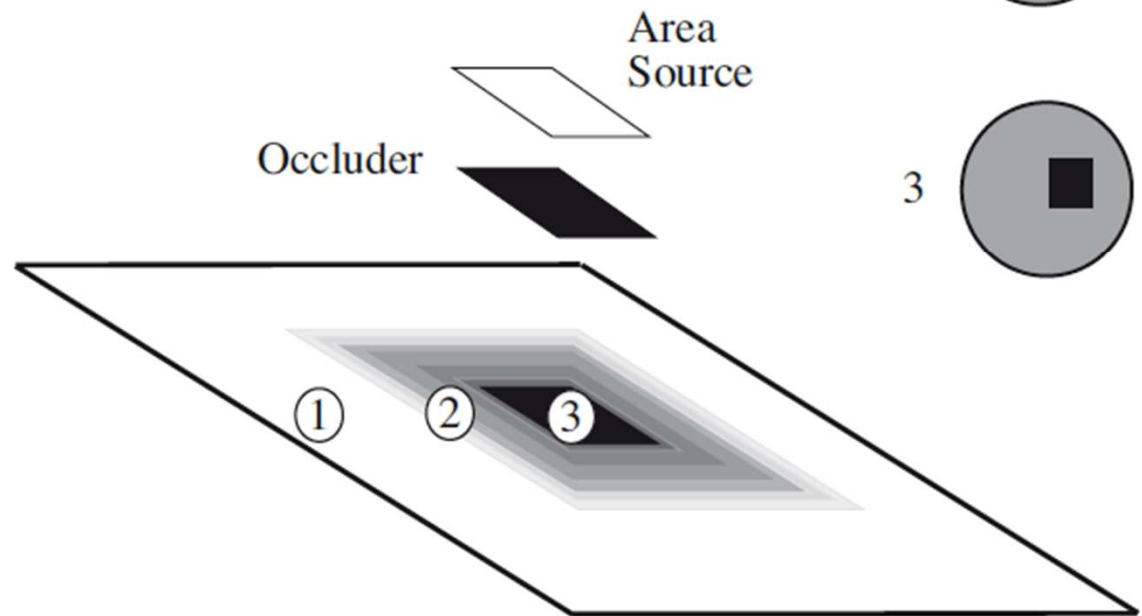
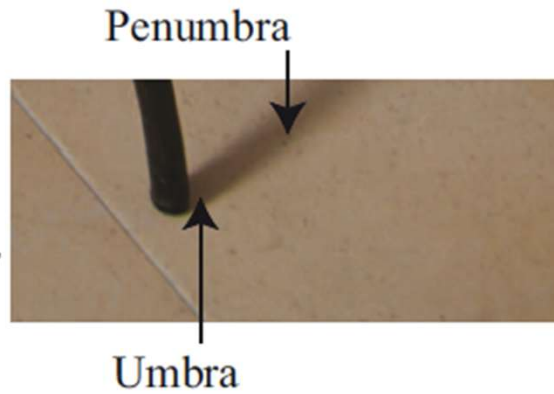
The two main types of reflection: diffuse and specular



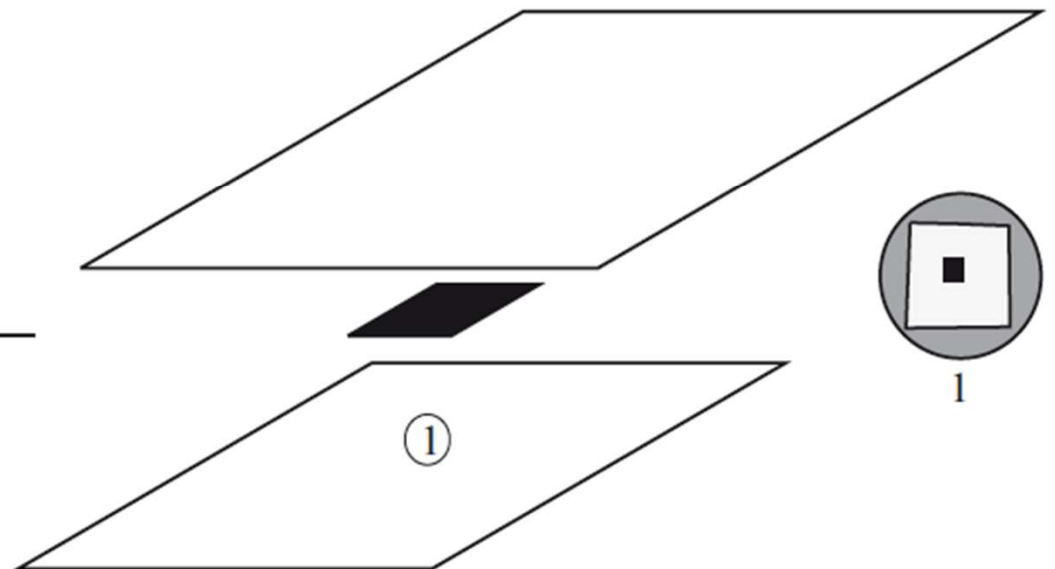
Shading and orientation (distant light sources)  
Interreflections and soft shadows



A      B  
Gradient

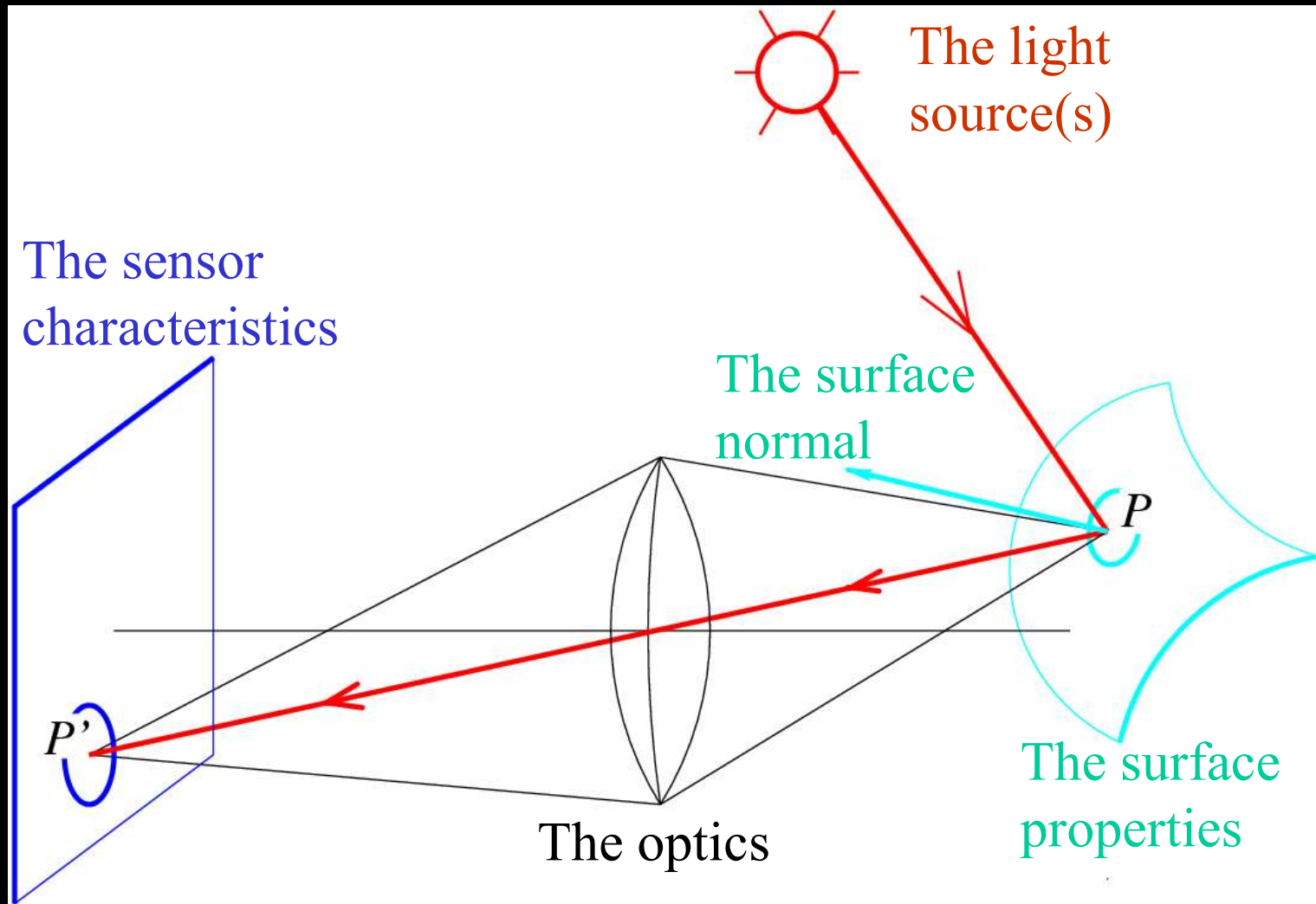


Area sources and soft shadows



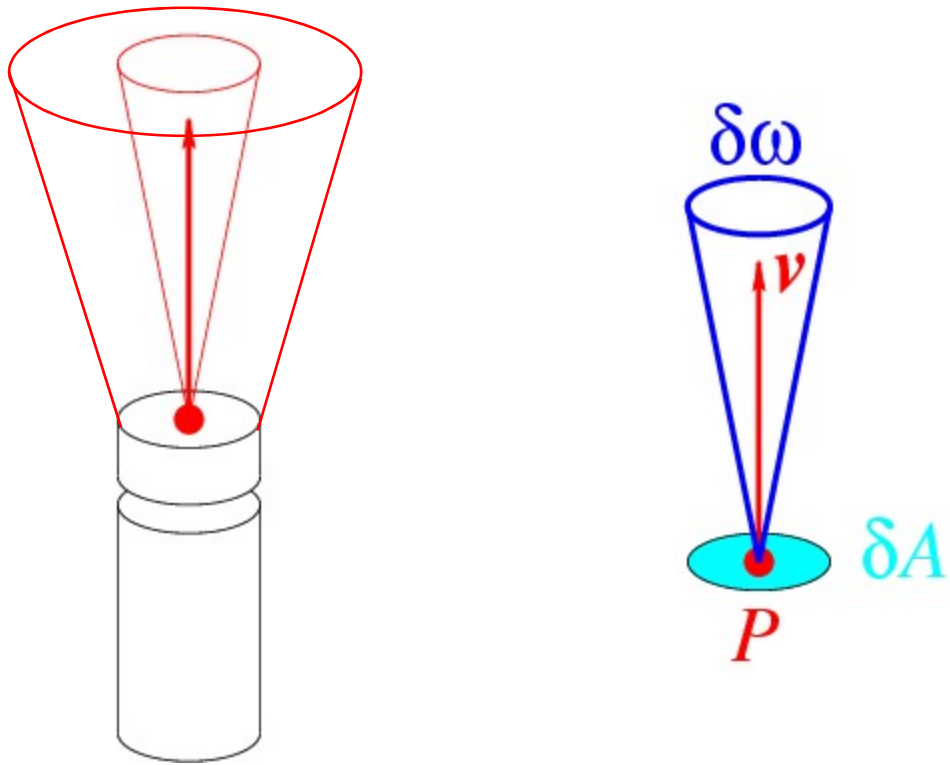
Indoor scene with some directional component but almost no shadows: small occluders and large sources

# Image Formation: Radiometry



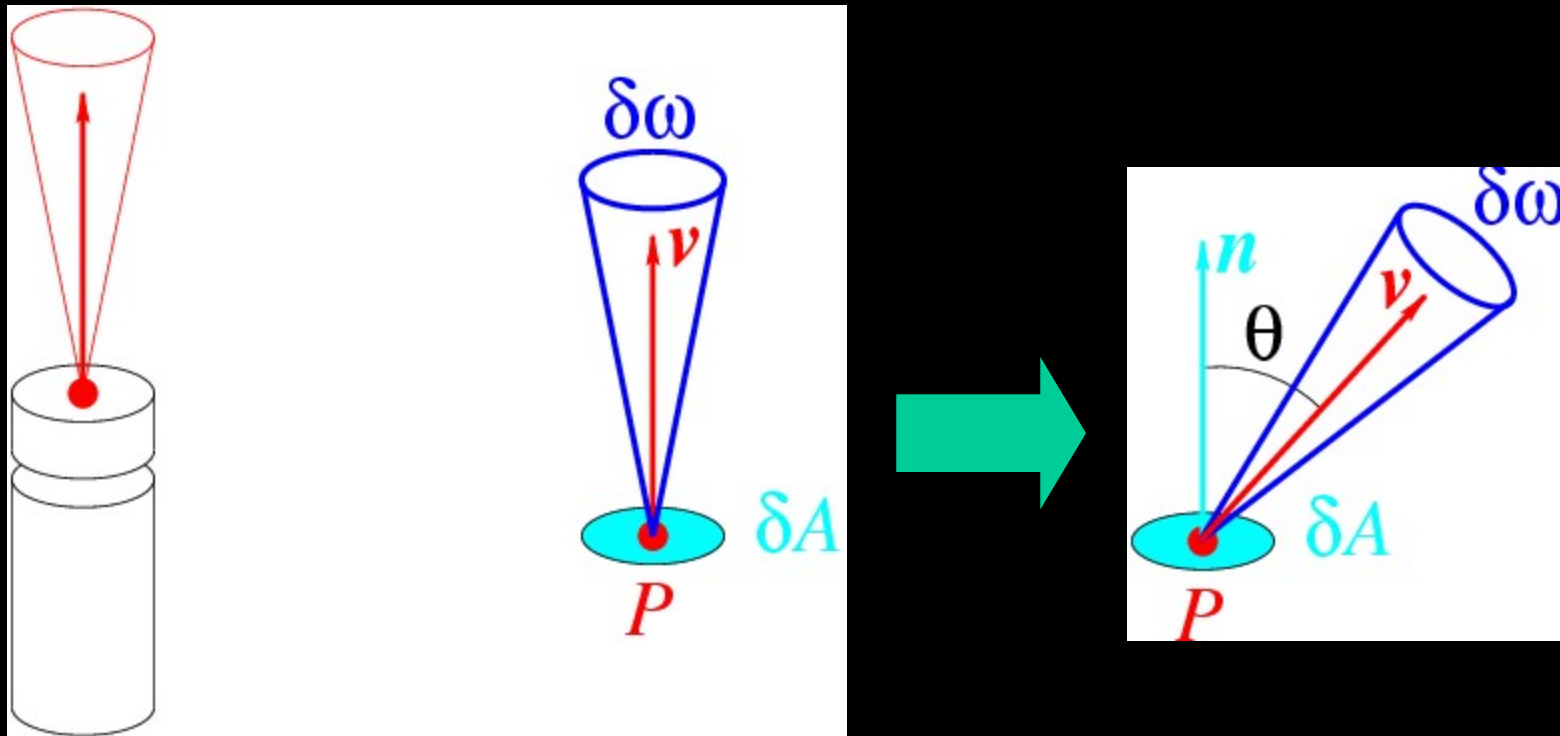
What determines the brightness of an image pixel?

DEFINITION: The radiance is the power traveling at some point in a given direction per unit area perpendicular to this direction, per unit solid angle.



$$\delta^2 P = L(P, \nu) \delta A \delta \omega$$

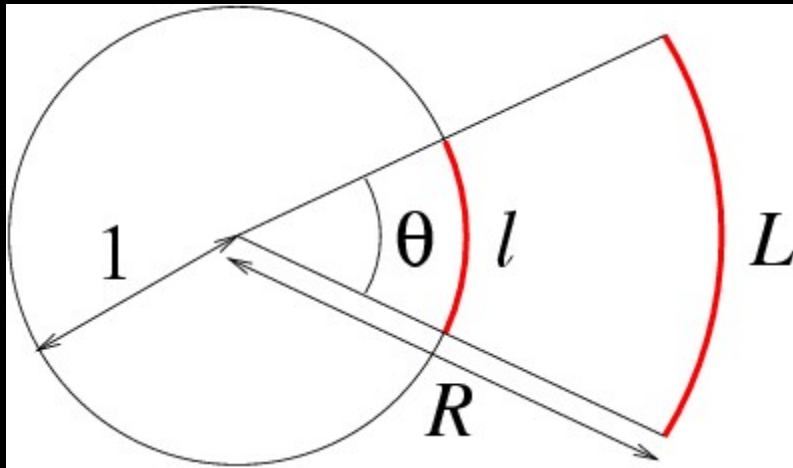
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$$\delta^2 P = L(P, \nu) \delta A \delta \omega$$

$$\delta^2 P = L(P, \nu) \cos \theta \delta A \delta \omega$$

DEFINITION: Angles and Solid Angles

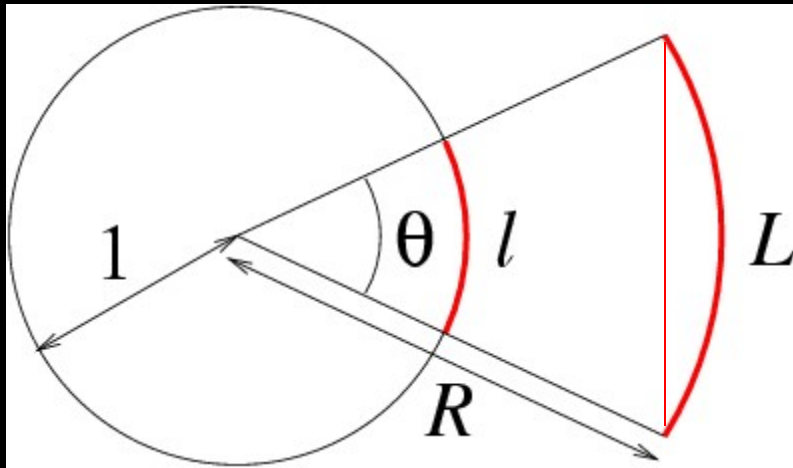


$$\theta = l = \frac{L}{R}$$

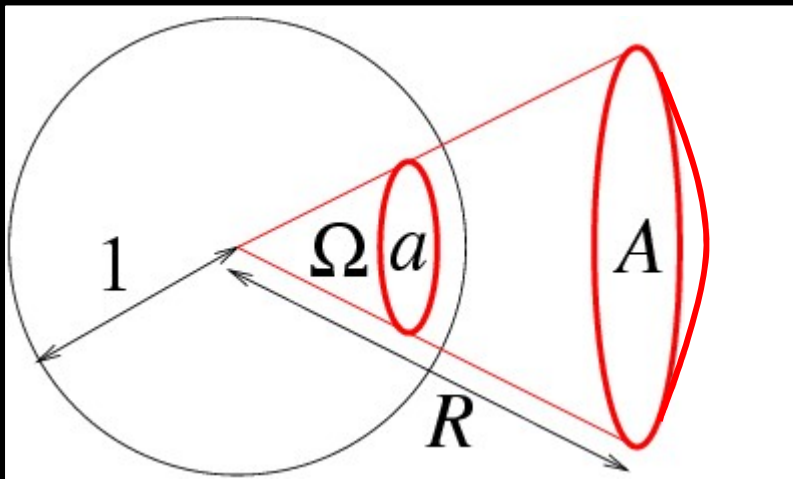
(radians)



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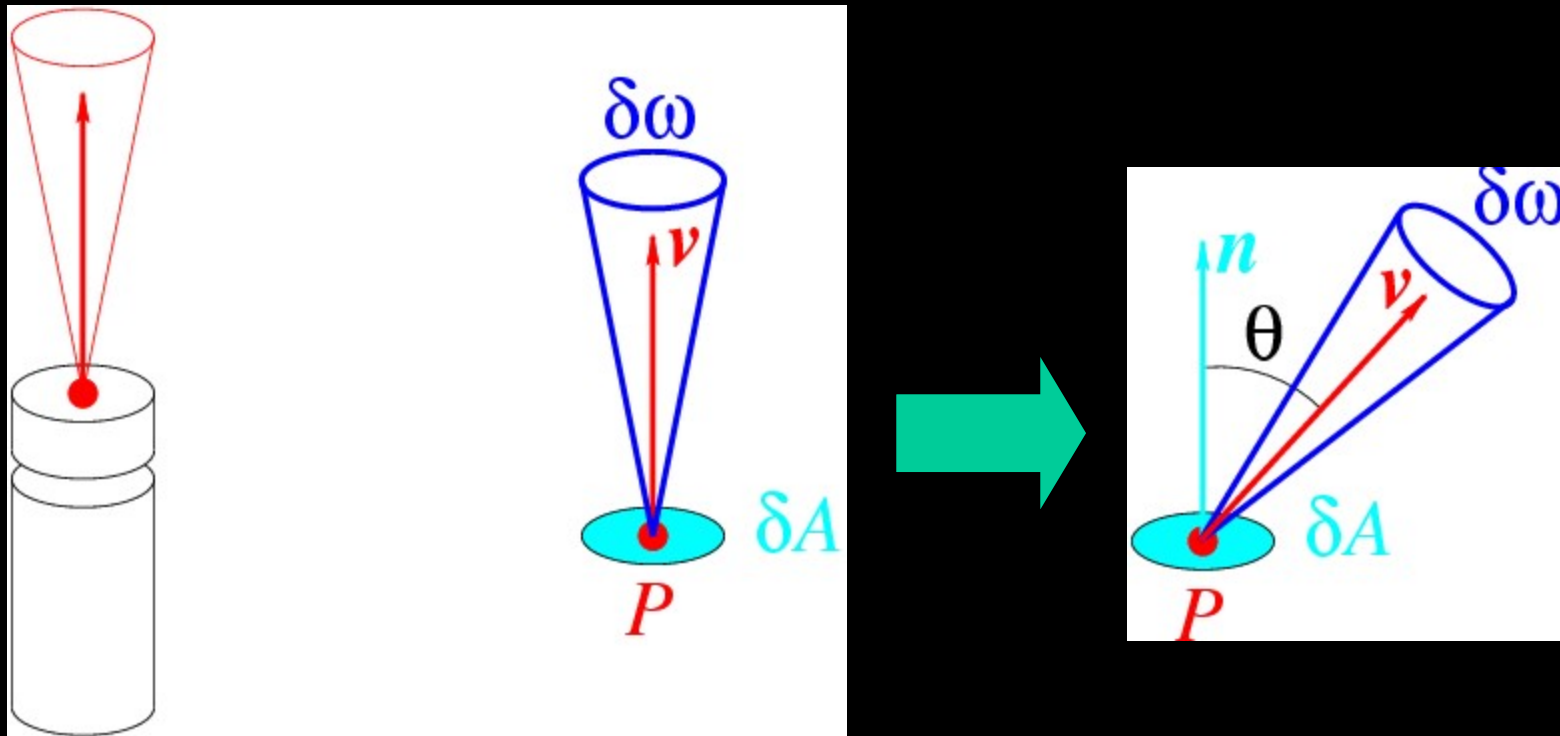


$$\theta = l = \frac{L}{R} \quad (\text{radians})$$



$$\Omega = a = \frac{A}{R^2} \quad (\text{steradians})$$

PROPERTY: Radiance is constant along straight lines (in vacuum).

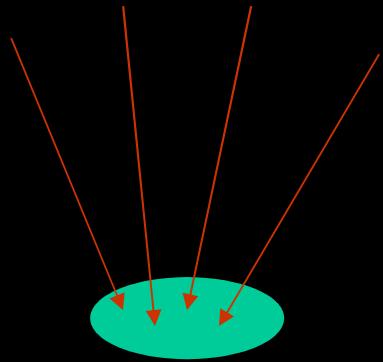


$$\delta^2 P = L(P, \nu) \delta A \delta\omega$$

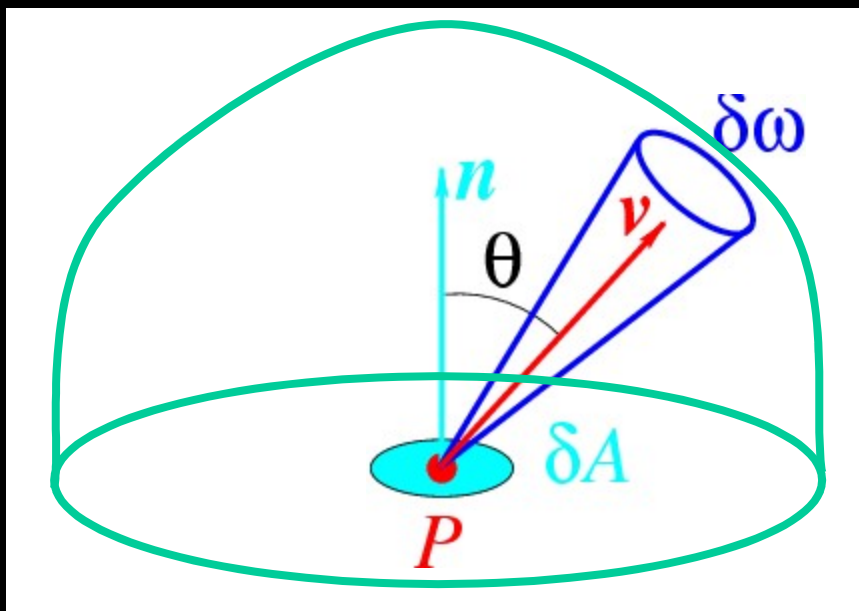
$$\delta^2 P = L(P, \nu) \cos\theta \delta A \delta\omega$$



## DEFINITION: Irradiance



The irradiance is the power per unit area incident on a surface.

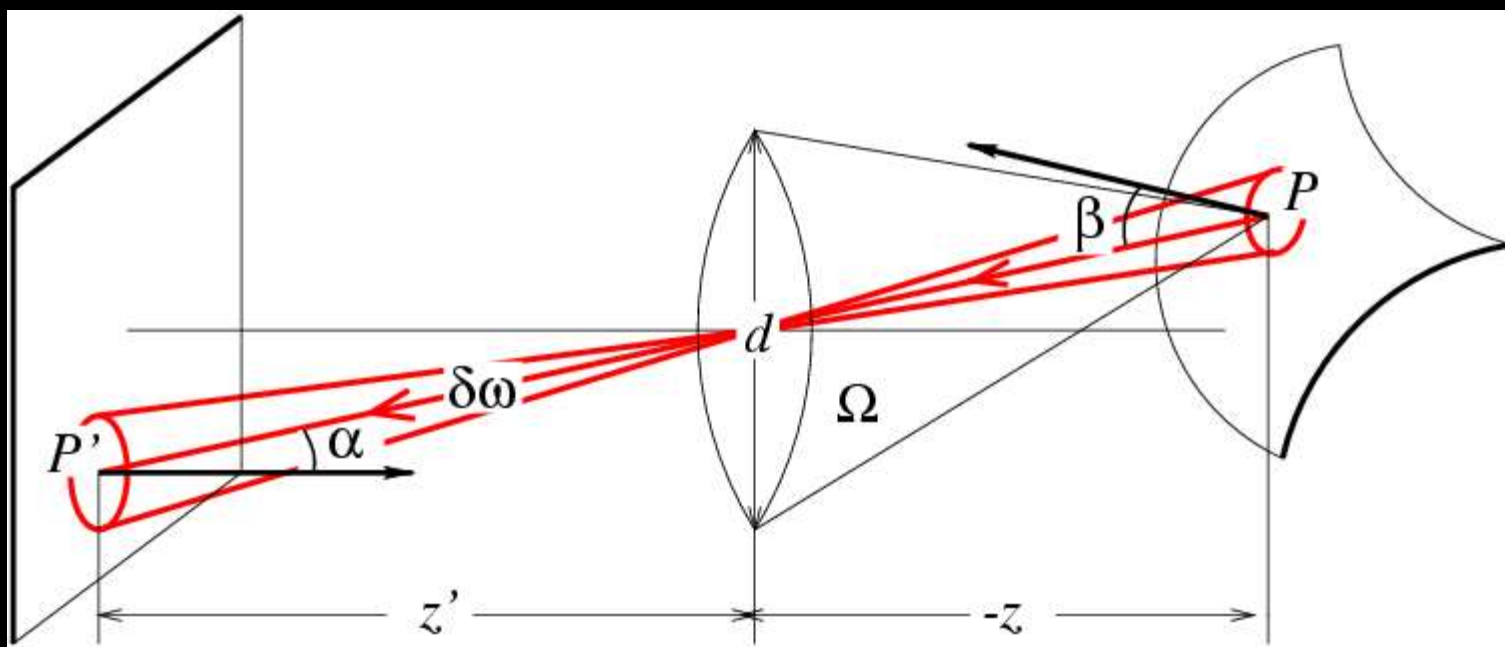


$$\delta^2 P = \delta E \delta A = L_i(P, \nu_i) \cos \theta_i \delta \omega_i \delta A$$

$$\delta E = L_i(P, \nu_i) \cos \theta_i \delta \omega_i$$

$$E = \int_H L_i(P, \nu_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

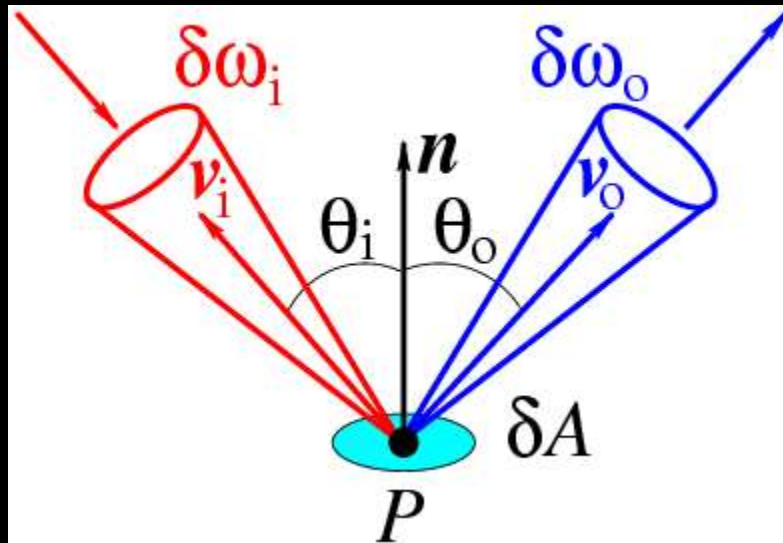
# Photometry



$$E = \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{d}{z'} \right)^2 \cos^4 \alpha \right] L$$

- $L$  is the radiance.
- $E$  is the irradiance.

# DEFINITION: The Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)

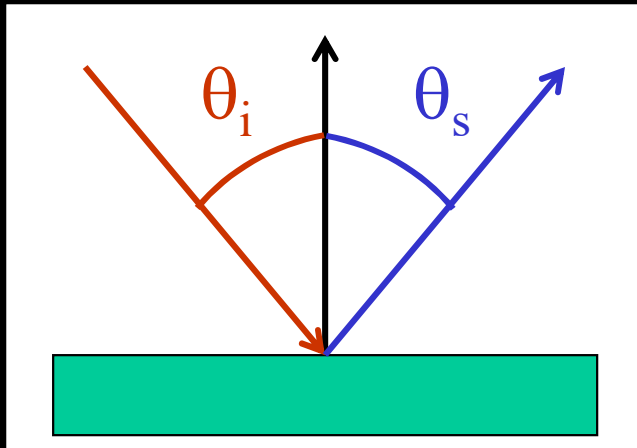


The BRDF is the ratio of the radiance in the outgoing direction to the incident irradiance ( $\text{sr}^{-1}$ ).

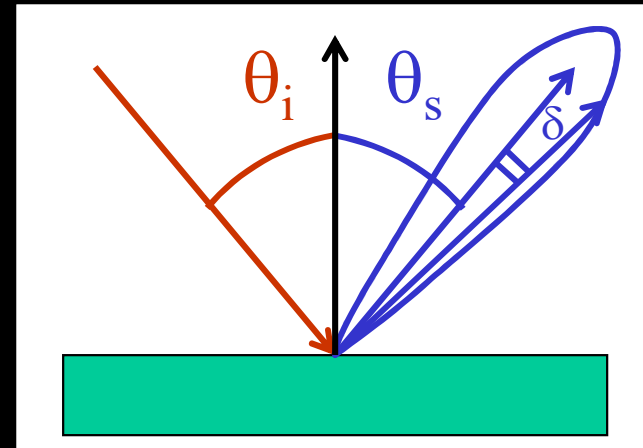
$$\begin{aligned}\delta L_o ( P, \nu_o ) &= \rho_{\text{BD}} ( P, \nu_i, \nu_o ) \delta E_i ( P, \nu_i ) \\ &= \rho_{\text{BD}} ( P, \nu_i, \nu_o ) L_i ( P, \nu_i ) \cos \theta_i \delta \omega_i\end{aligned}$$

Helmoltz reciprocity law:  $\rho_{\text{BD}} ( P, \nu_i, \nu_o ) = \rho_{\text{BD}} ( P, \nu_o, \nu_i )$

# DEFINITION: Specular Surfaces as Perfect or Rough Mirrors



Perfect mirror



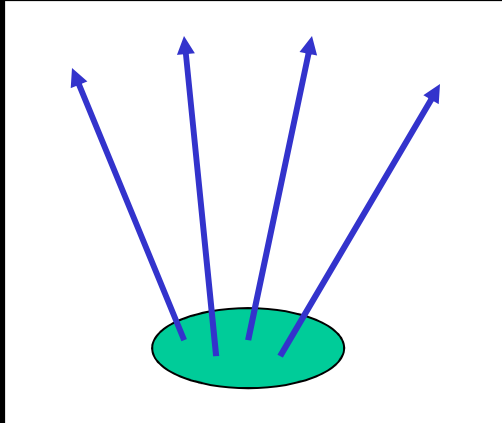
Rough mirror

Perfect mirror:  $L_o(P, \mathbf{v}_s) = L_i(P, \mathbf{v}_i)$  [BRDF=double delta function]

Phong (non-physical model):  $L_o(P, \mathbf{v}_o) = \rho_s L_i(P, \mathbf{v}_i) \cos^n \delta$

Hybrid model:  $L_o(P, \mathbf{v}_o) = \rho_d \int_H L_i(P, \mathbf{v}_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i + \rho_s L_s(P, \mathbf{v}_i) \cos^n \delta$

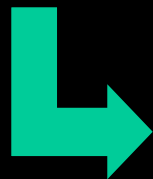
## DEFINITION: Radiosity



The radiosity is the total power Leaving a point on a surface per unit area ( $W \times m^{-2}$ ).

$$B(P) = \int_H L_o (P, \nu_o) \cos\theta_o d\omega$$

Important case:  $L_o$  is independent of  $\nu_o$ .

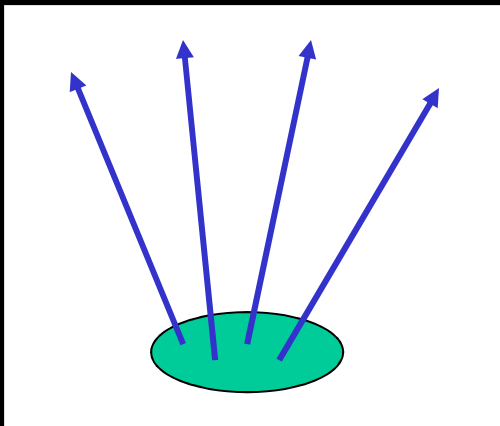


$$B(P) = \pi L_o(P)$$



## DEFINITION: Lambertian (or Matte) Surfaces

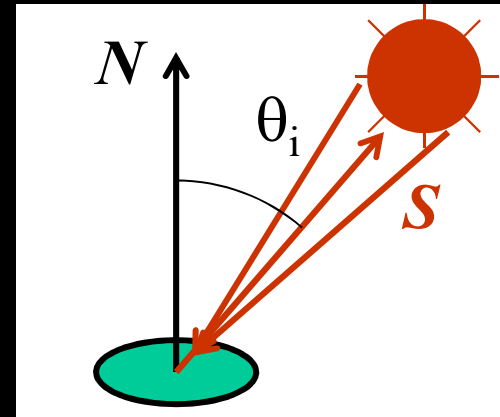
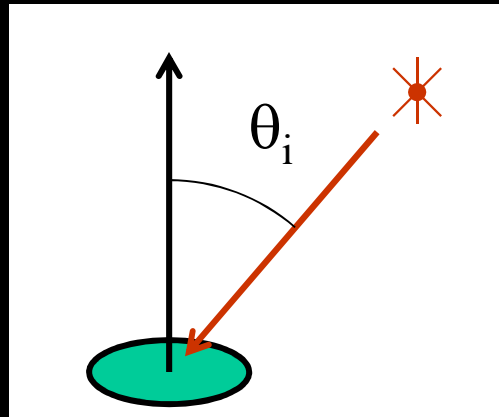
A Lambertian surface is a surface whose BRDF is independent of the outgoing direction (and by reciprocity of the incoming direction as well).



$$\rho_{\text{BD}}(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_o) = \rho_{\text{BD}} = \text{constant.}$$

Note:  $1 \geq \Pi \rho_{\text{BD}}$   The albedo is  $\rho_d = \Pi \rho_{\text{BD}}$ .

## DEFINITION: Point Light Sources

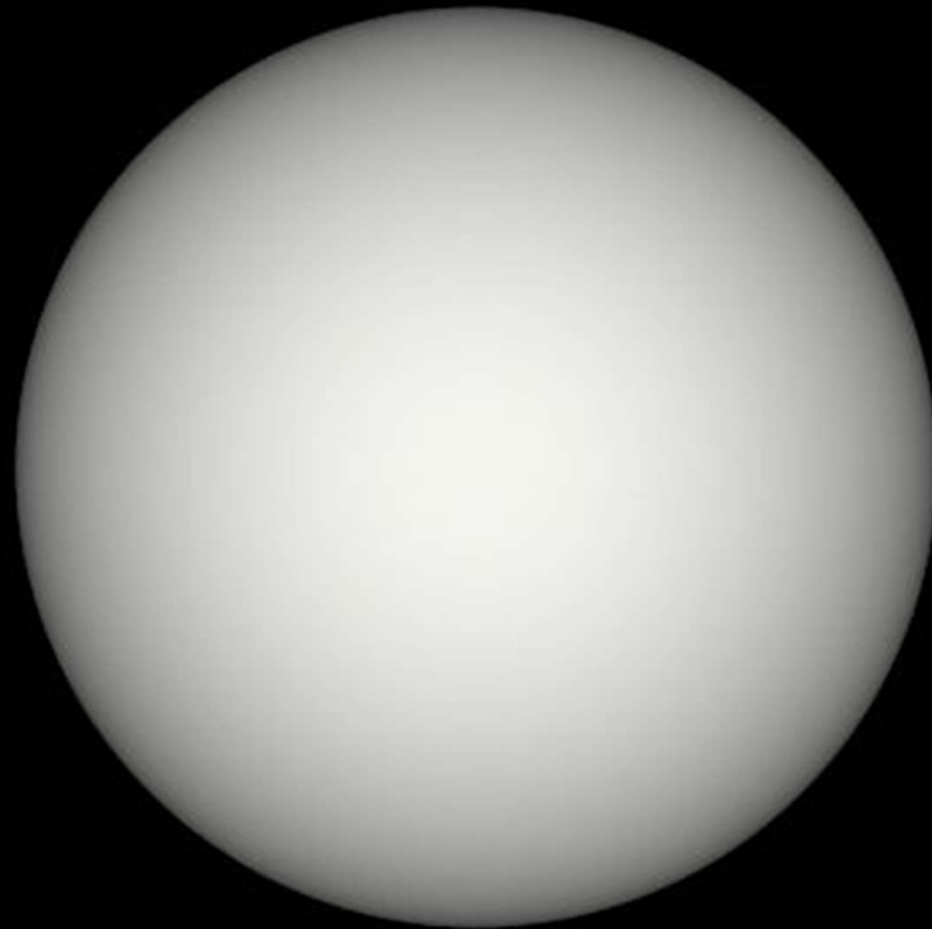


A point light source is an idealization of an emitting sphere with radius  $\varepsilon$  at distance  $R$ , with  $\varepsilon \ll R$  and uniform radiance  $L_e$  emitted in every direction.

For a Lambertian surface, the corresponding radiosity is

$$B(P) = \left[ \rho_d(P) L_e \frac{\Pi \varepsilon^2}{R(P)^2} \right] \cos \theta_i \approx \rho_d(P) \frac{\mathbf{N}(P) \cdot \mathbf{S}(P)}{R(P)^2}$$

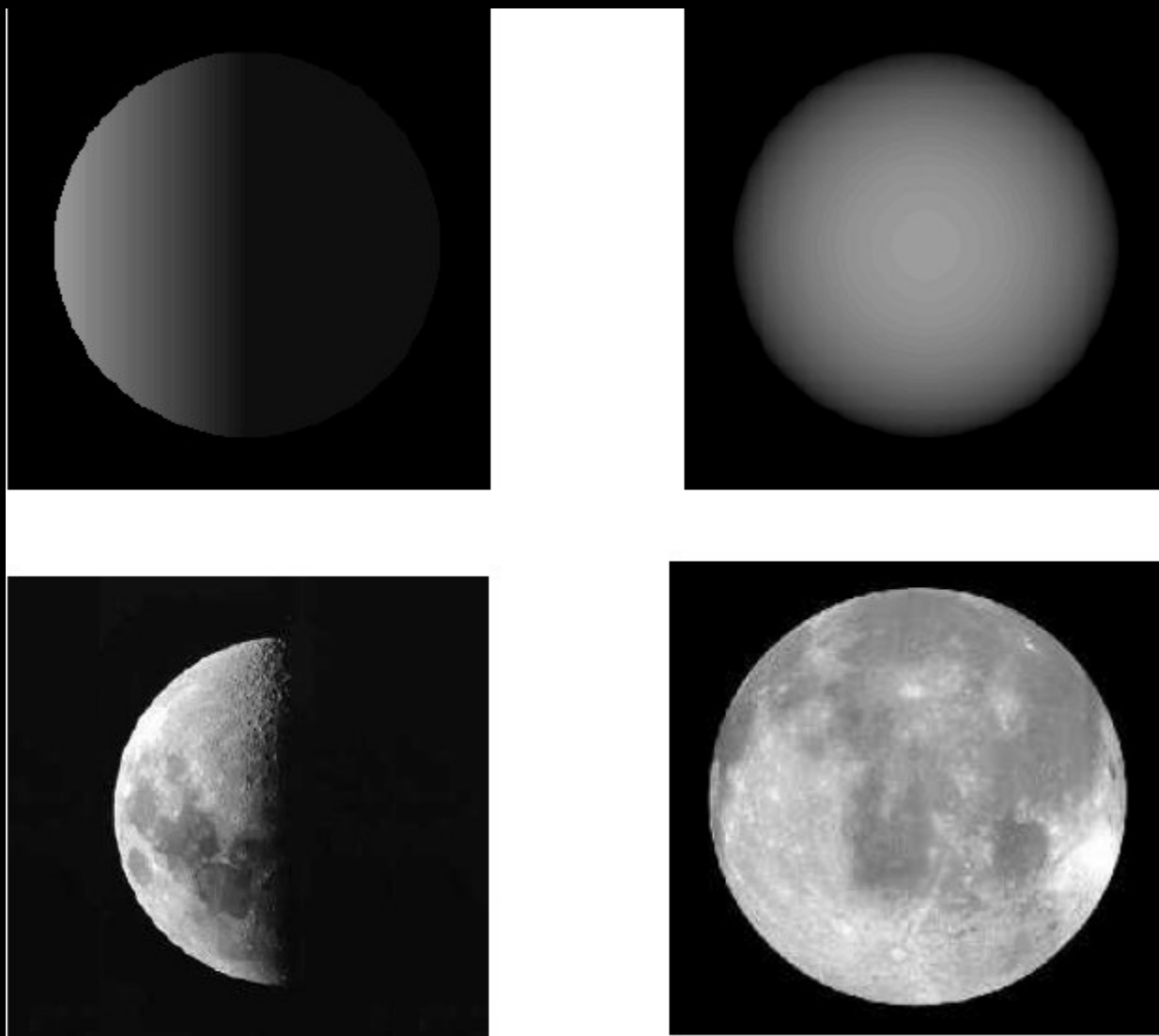
Lambertian sphere with the sun  
behind its observer



Is the moon Lambertian?

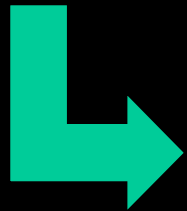


The moon "looks" matte but is not Lambertian



## Local Shading Model

- Assume that the radiosity at a patch is the sum of the radiosities due to point light sources alone.



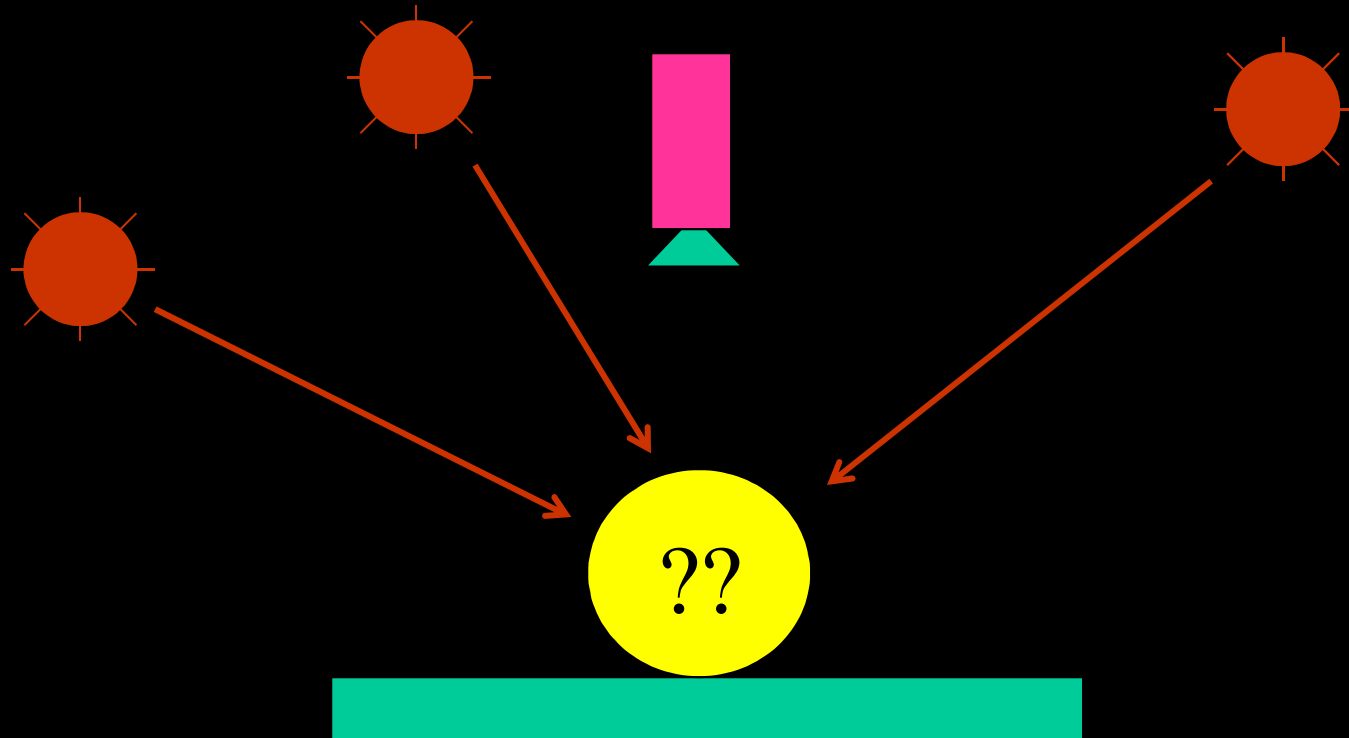
No interreflections.

- For point sources: 
$$B(P) = \sum_{\text{visible } s} \rho_d(P) \frac{\mathbf{N}(P) \cdot \mathbf{S}_s(P)}{R_s(P)^2}$$

- For point sources at infinity:

$$B(P) = \rho_d(P) \mathbf{N}(P) \cdot \sum_{\text{visible } s} \mathbf{S}_s(P)$$

# Photometric Stereo (Woodham, 1979)



Problem: Given  $n$  images of an object, taken by a fixed camera under different (known) light sources, reconstruct the object shape.

$$I(\mathbf{P}) = k_B B(\mathbf{P}) = k_B \rho \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{P}) \cdot \mathbf{S}$$



# Photometric Stereo: Example (1)

- Assume a Lambertian surface and distant point light sources.

$$I(P) = kB(P) = k\rho \mathbf{N}(P) \cdot \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{g}(P) \cdot \mathbf{V}$$

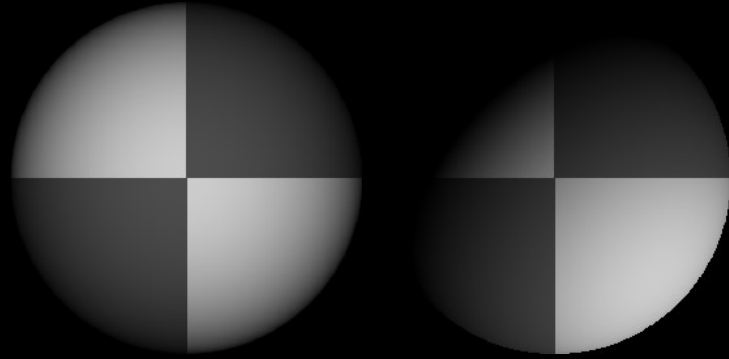
with  $\mathbf{g}(P) = \rho \mathbf{N}(P)$   
and  $\mathbf{V} = k \mathbf{S}$

- Given  $n$  images, we obtain  $n$  linear equations in  $\mathbf{g}$ :

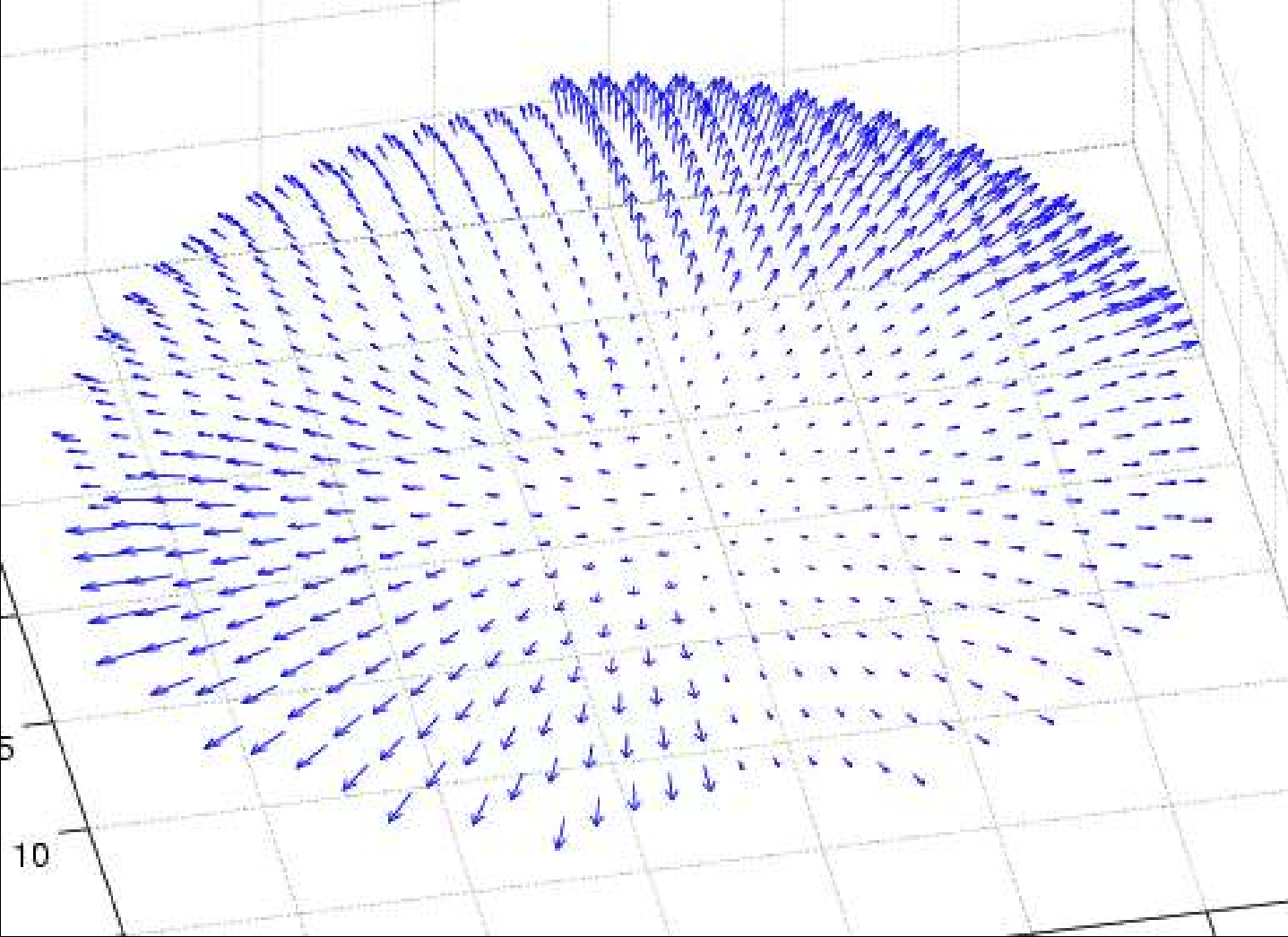
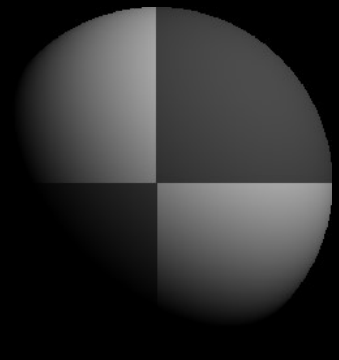
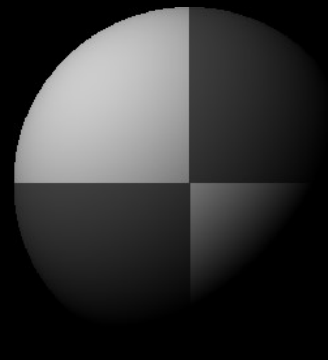
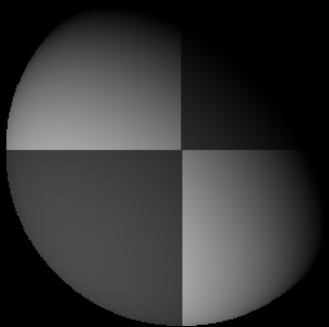
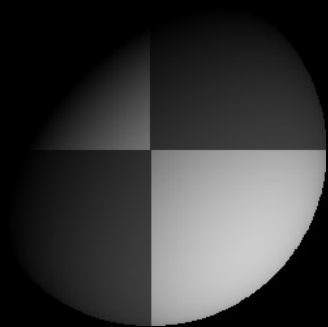
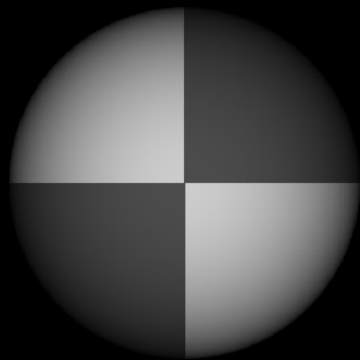
$$\mathbf{i} = \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \dots \\ I_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 \cdot \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{V}_2 \cdot \mathbf{g} \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{V}_n \cdot \mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1^T \\ \mathbf{V}_2^T \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{V}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{g} \quad \mathbf{g} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{g} \quad \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{i}$$

## Photometric Stereo: Example (2)

- What about shadows?



- Just skip the equations corresponding to zero-intensity pixels.
- Only works when there is no ambient illumination.



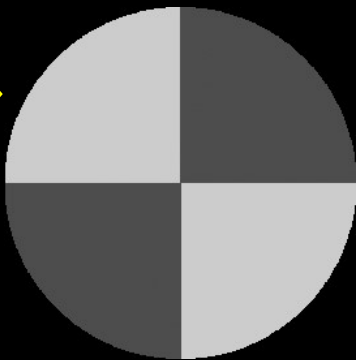
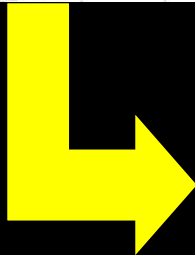
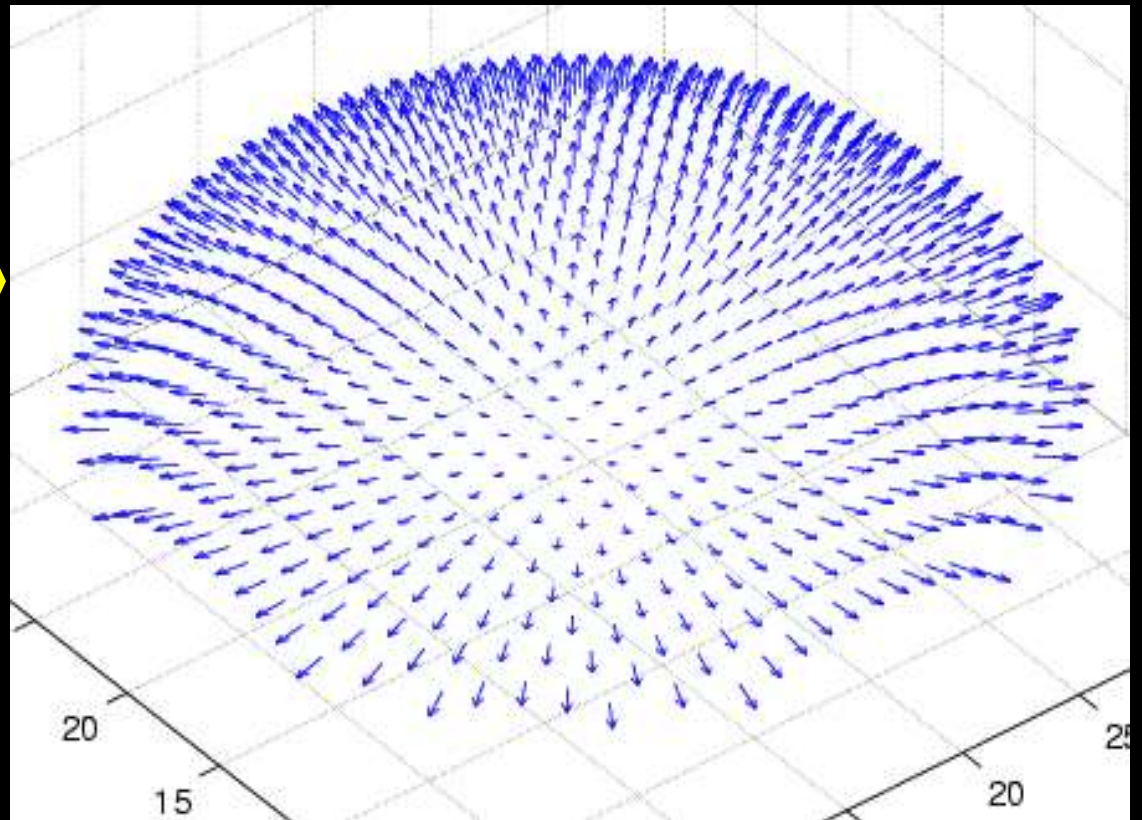
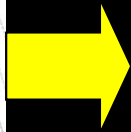
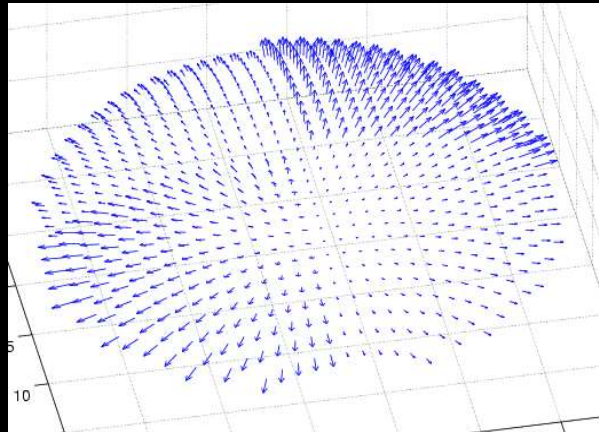
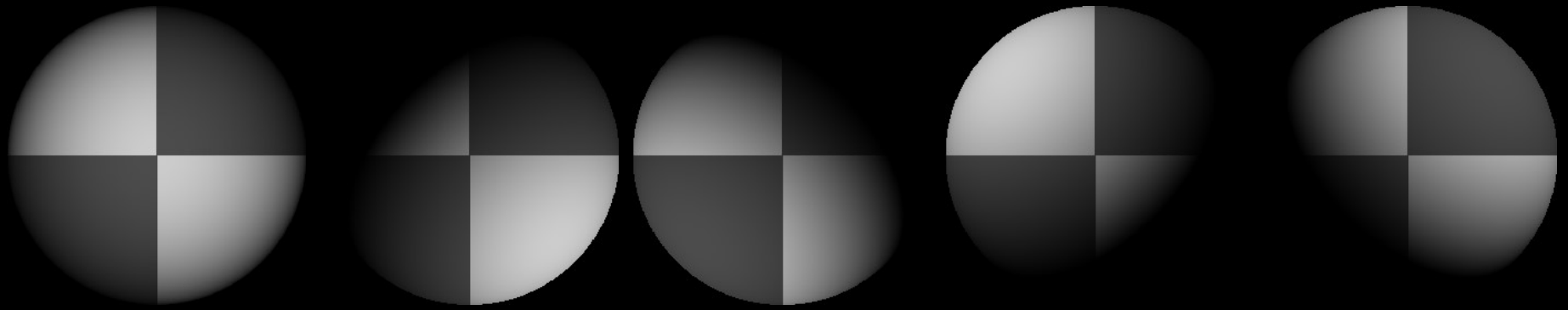
# Photometric Stereo: Example (3)

$$\mathbf{g}(P) = \rho(P)\mathbf{N}(P)$$



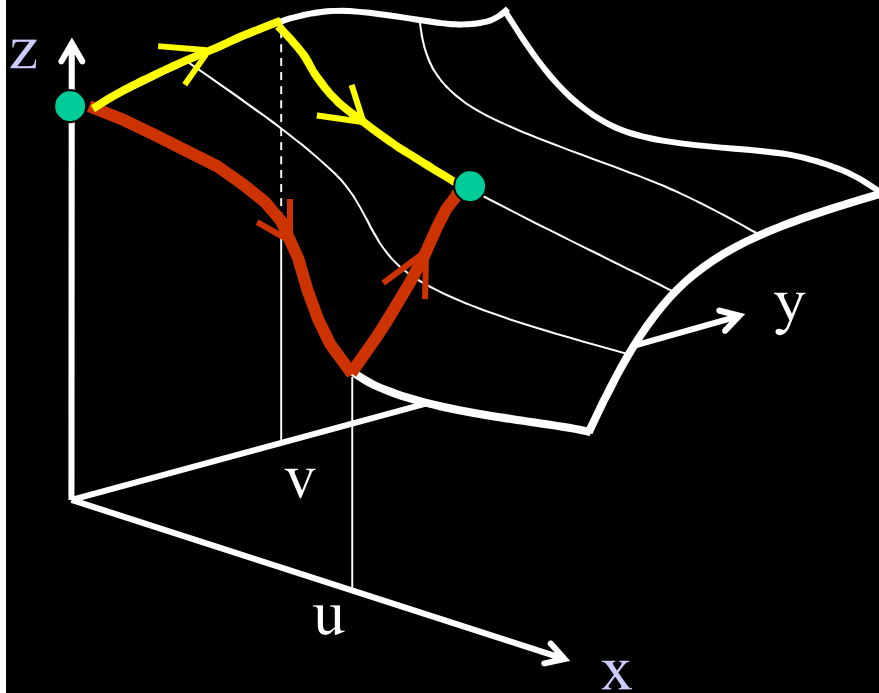
$$\rho(P) = |\mathbf{g}(P)|$$

$$\mathbf{N}(P) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{g}(P)|} \mathbf{g}(P)$$



# Photometric Stereo: Example (3)

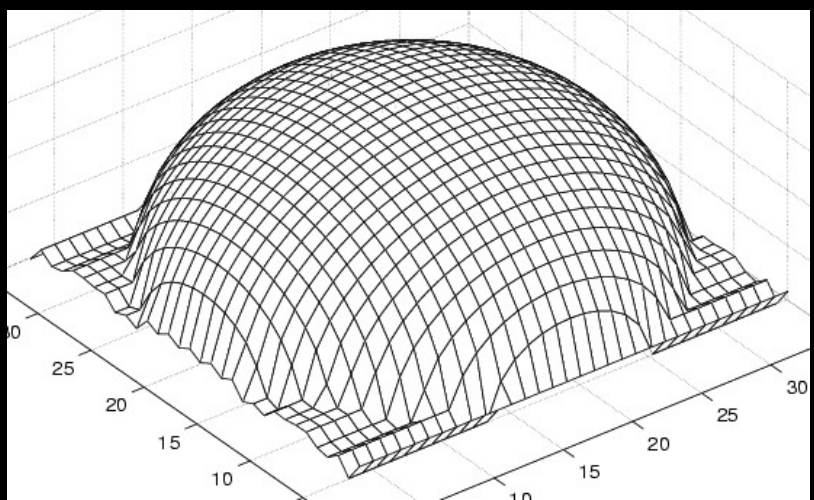
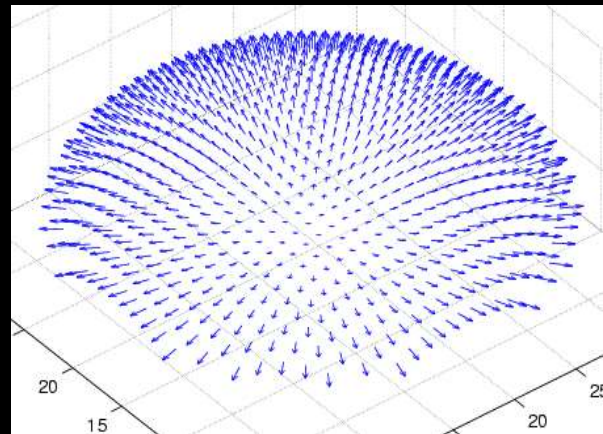
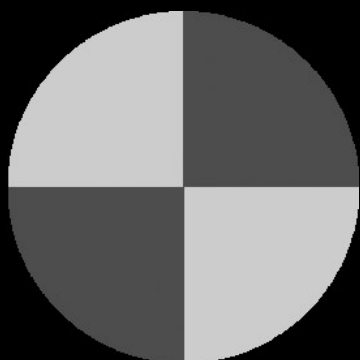
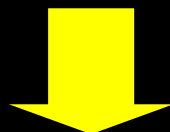
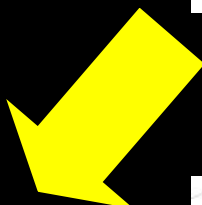
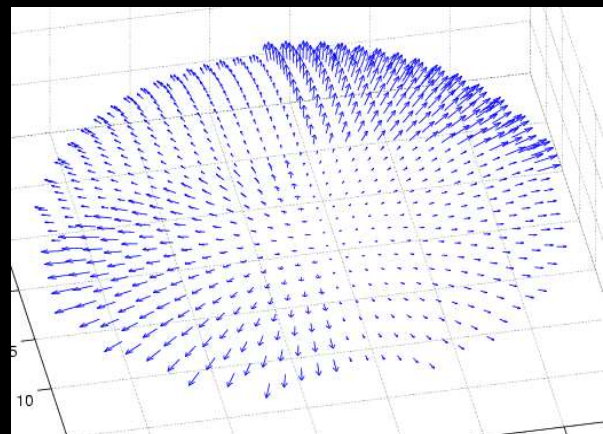
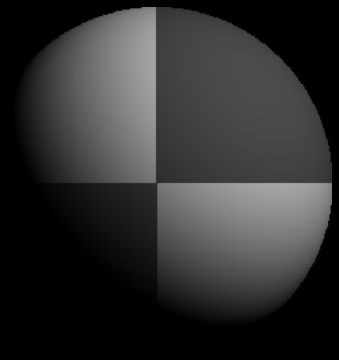
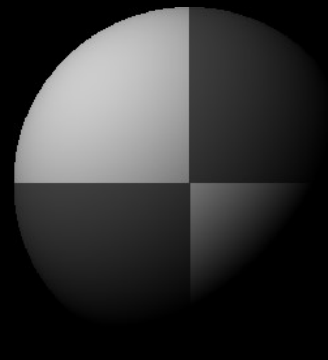
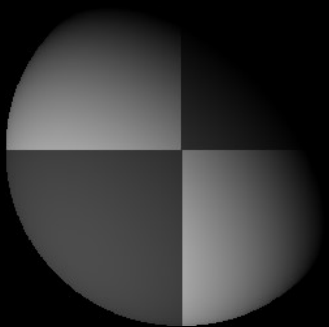
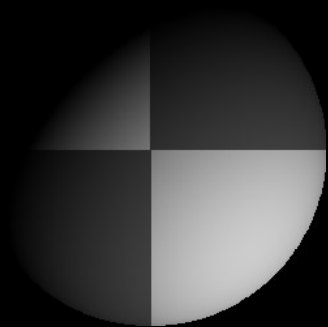
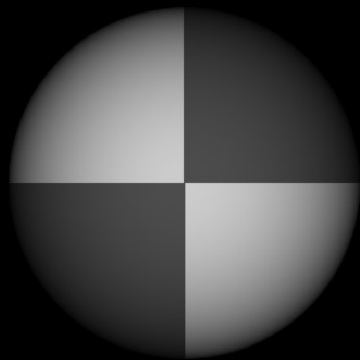
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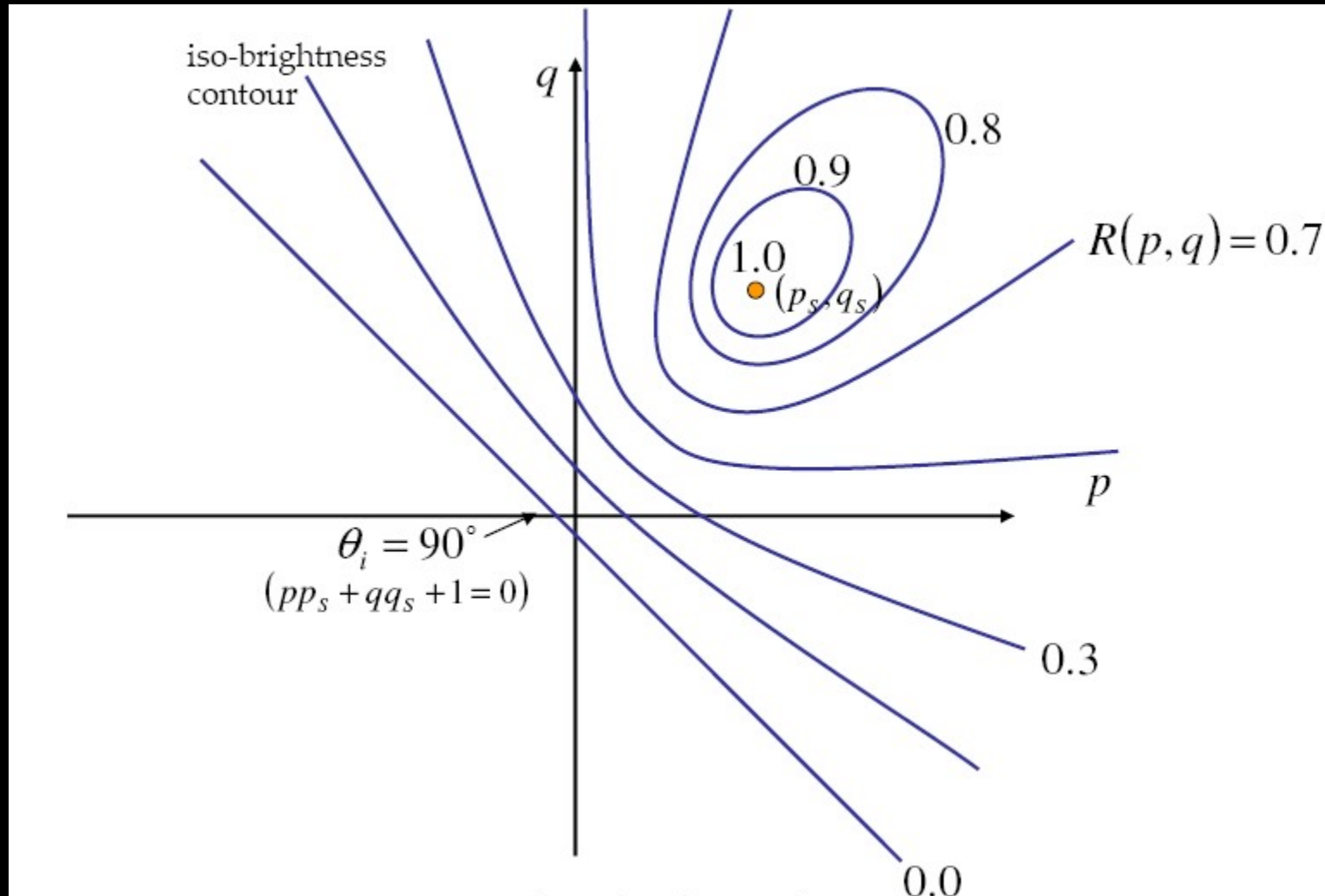
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \propto \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{a}{c} = -p \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{b}{c} = -q \end{cases}$$

$$z(u, v) = \int_0^u \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x, 0) dx + \int_0^v \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(u, y) dy$$



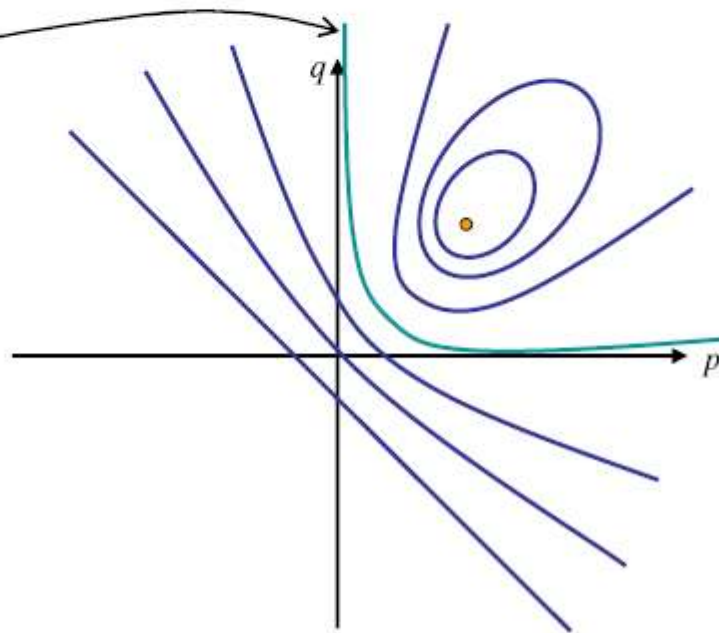
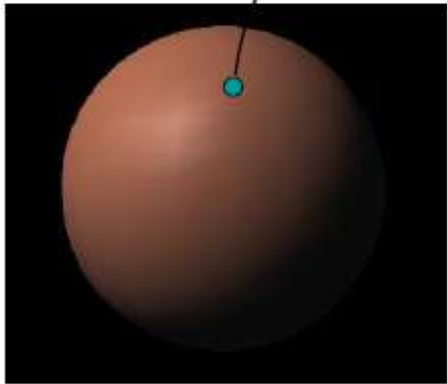
# Reflectance map: known reflectance and light source



[Here: Lambertian case.]

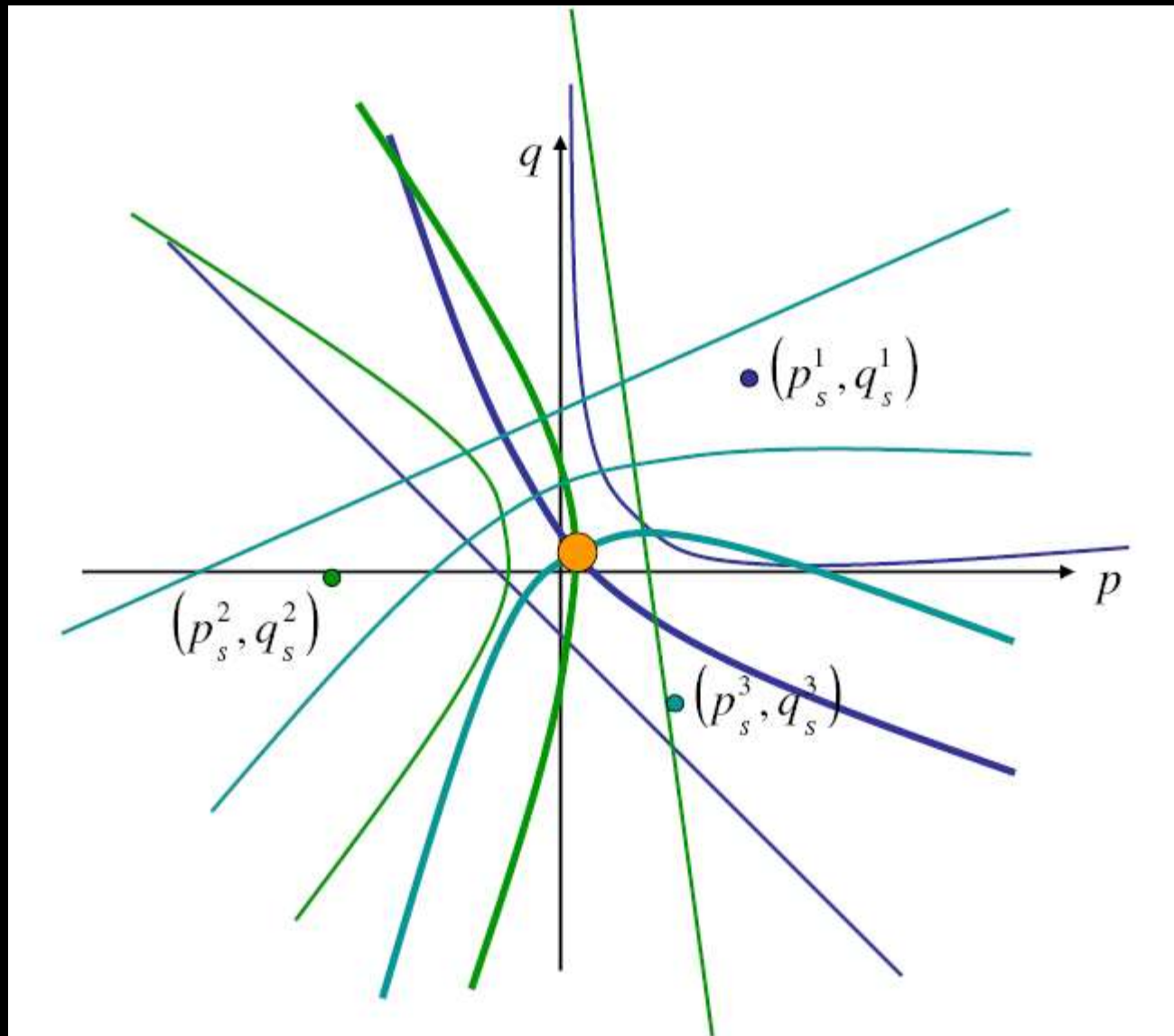


- Given a single image of an object with known surface reflectance taken under a known light source, can we recover the shape of the object?
- Given  $R(p,q)$  ( $(p_S, q_S)$  and surface reflectance) can we determine  $(p,q)$  uniquely for each image point?

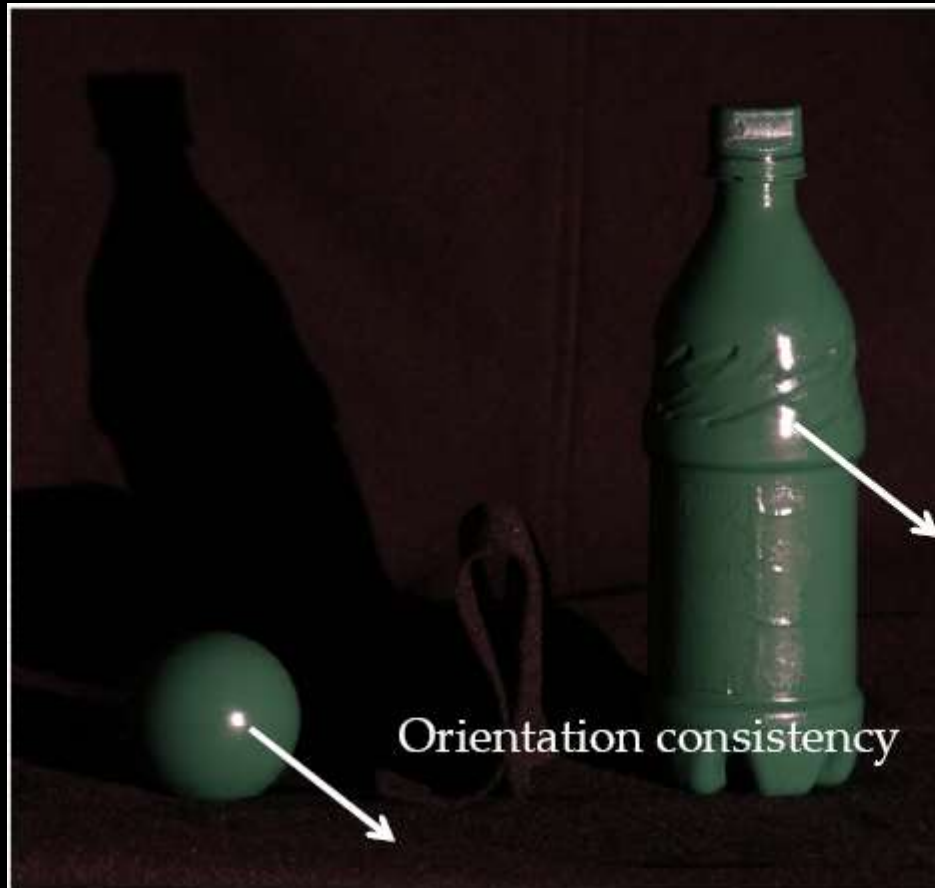


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# Using more images: photometric stereo

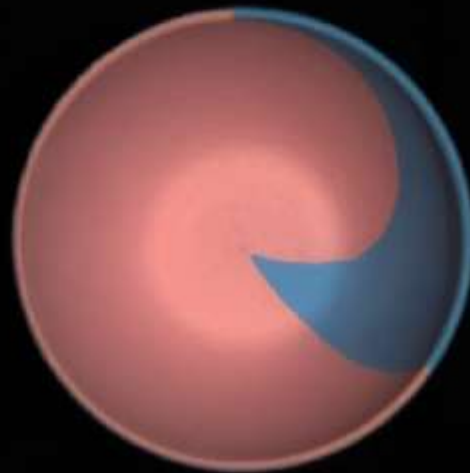
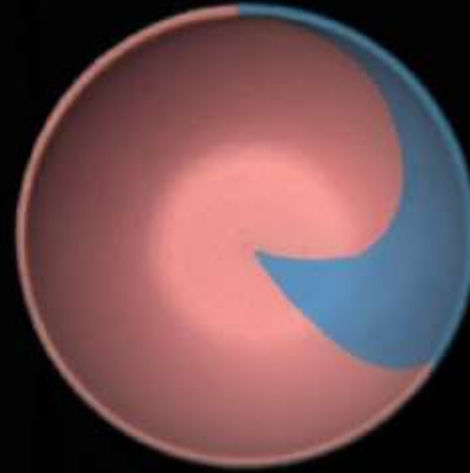
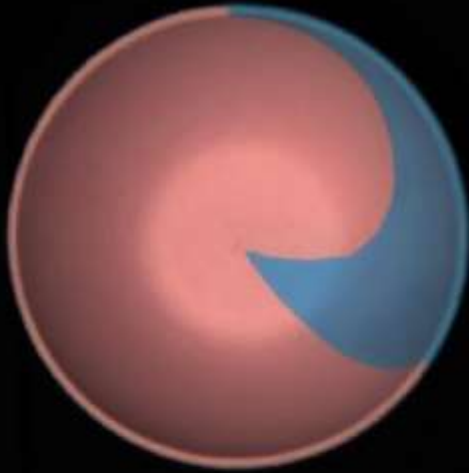


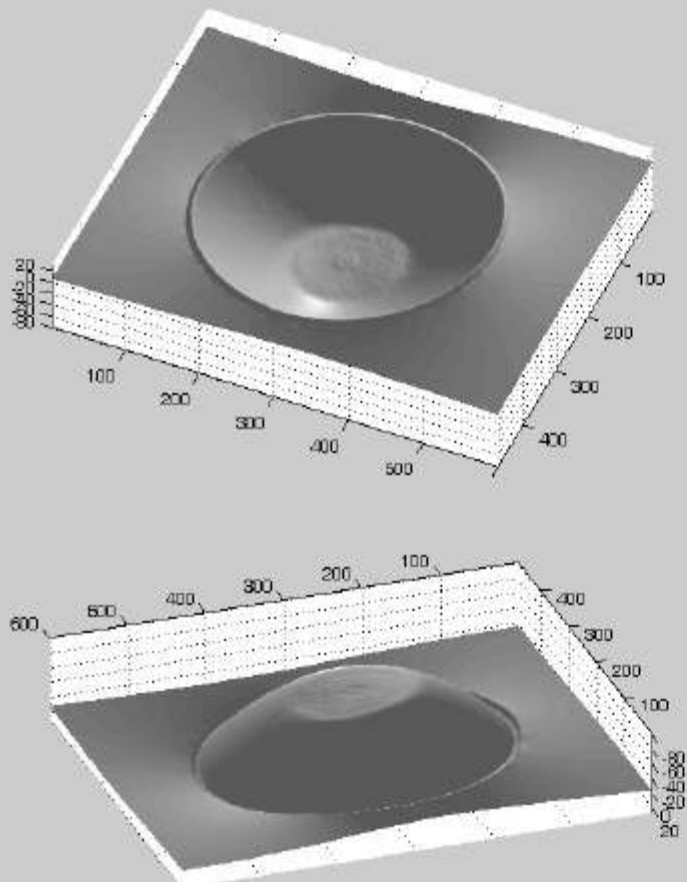
## Example-based photometric stereo



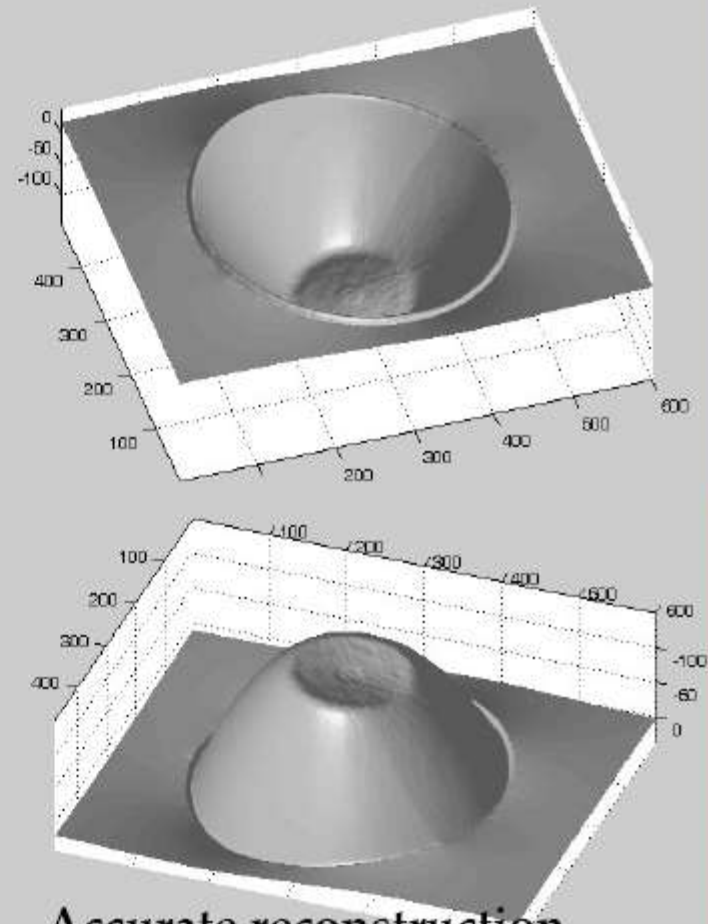
[Silver, 1980; Woodham, 1982, Seitz & Hertzmann, 2003]

# Problem: Interreflections



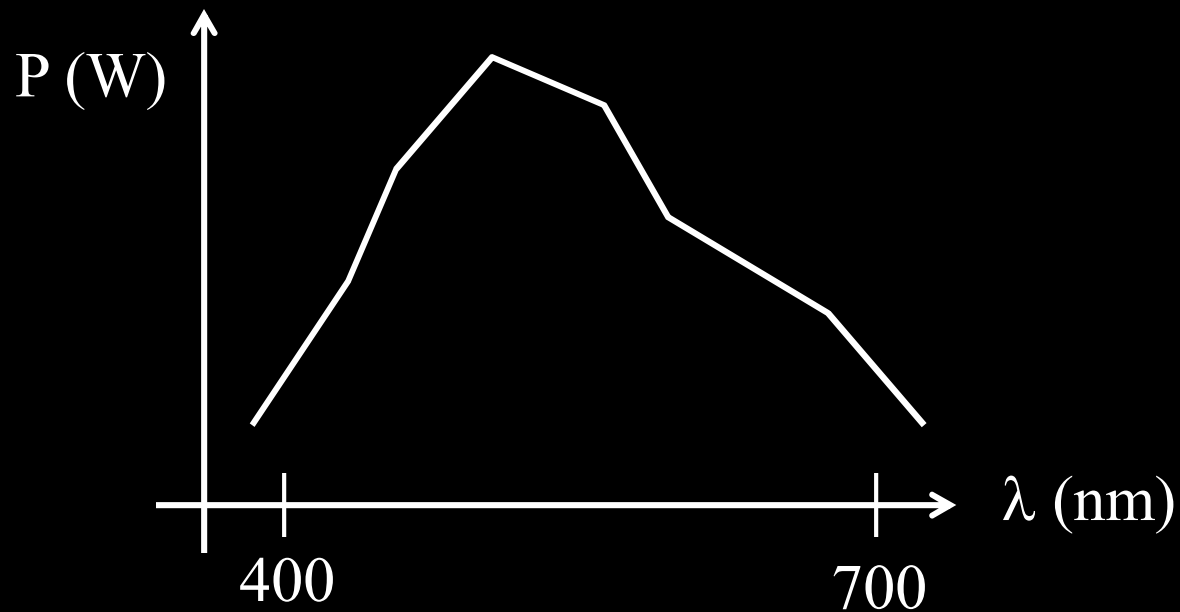


**Shallow reconstruction  
(effect of interreflections)**



**Accurate reconstruction  
(after removing interreflections)**

**COLOR:** Light energy usually depends on wavelength



What causes the apparent color of a surface?

- the color and geometry of the light sources,
- the color and geometry of the surface,
- the spectral characteristics and geometry of the sensor.

## Spectral Units

- Radiance  $L(P, \nu)$  - Spectral Radiance  $L^\lambda(P, \nu)$
- The spectral radiance is the power traveling at some point in a given direction per unit area perpendicular to the direction of travel, per unit angle and **per unit Wavelength ( $W m^{-2}sr^{-1}$ )**.
- The power emitted in the range  $[\lambda, \lambda + \delta\lambda]$  is

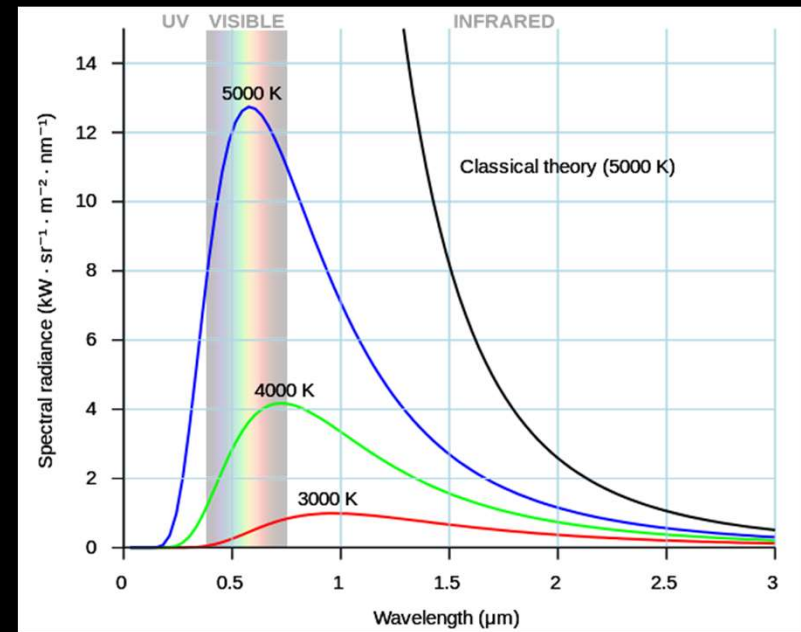
$$\delta P = L^\lambda(P, \nu) \cos\theta \delta\omega \delta A \delta\lambda.$$

- Irradiance  $\rightarrow$  Spectral Irradiance
- BRDF  $\rightarrow$  Spectral BRDF
- Etc.

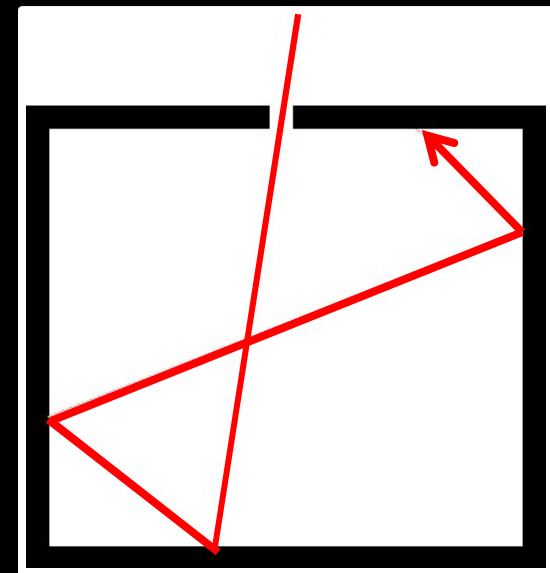
# Sources

- Black body (Planck's Law):

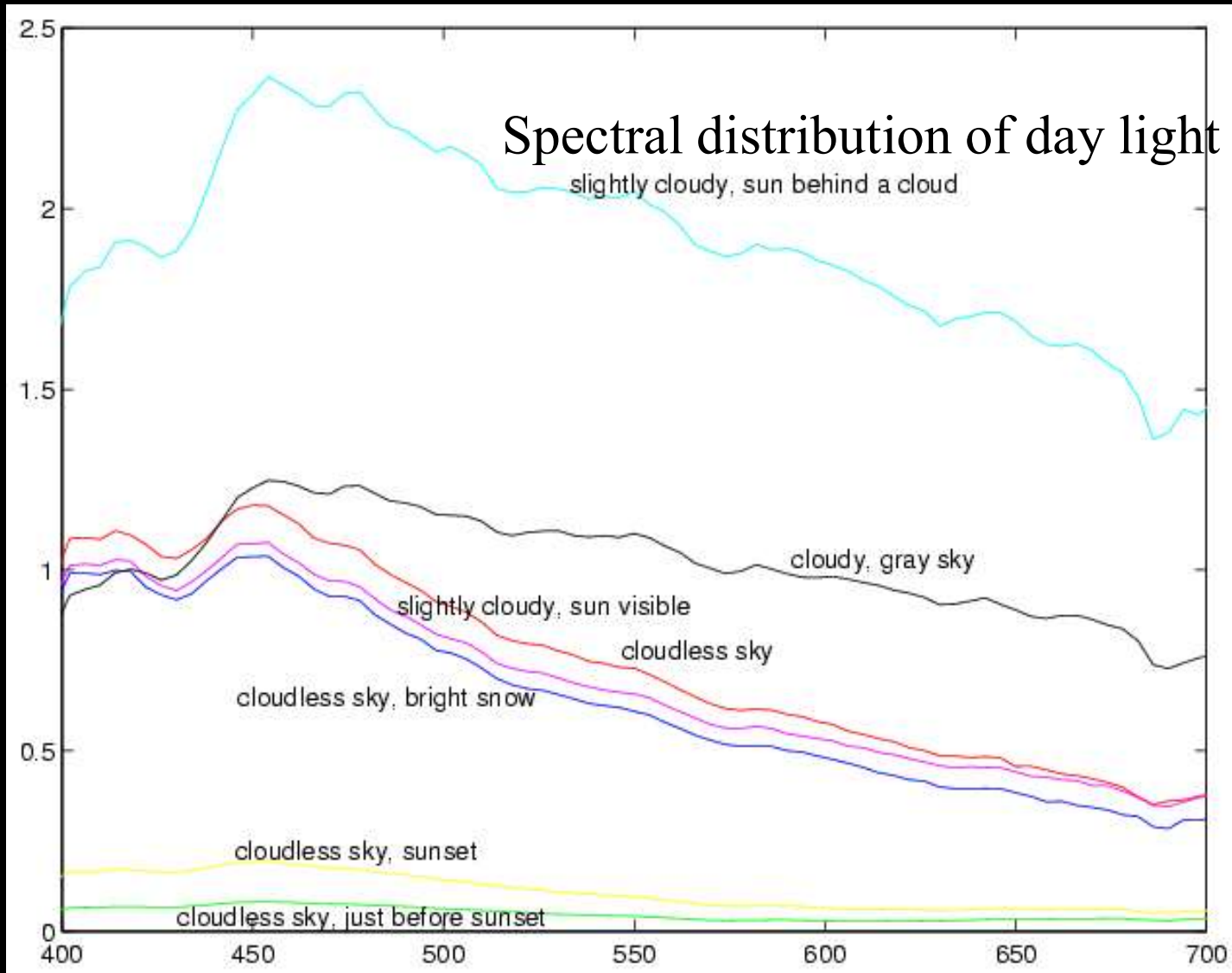
$$E(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{\exp(hc / \lambda kT) - 1}$$



- Sun (daylight) and sky (airlight)  
[sky brighter at horizon]
- Incandescent lights
- Fluorescent lights
- LEDs
- Sodium or mercury arc lamps

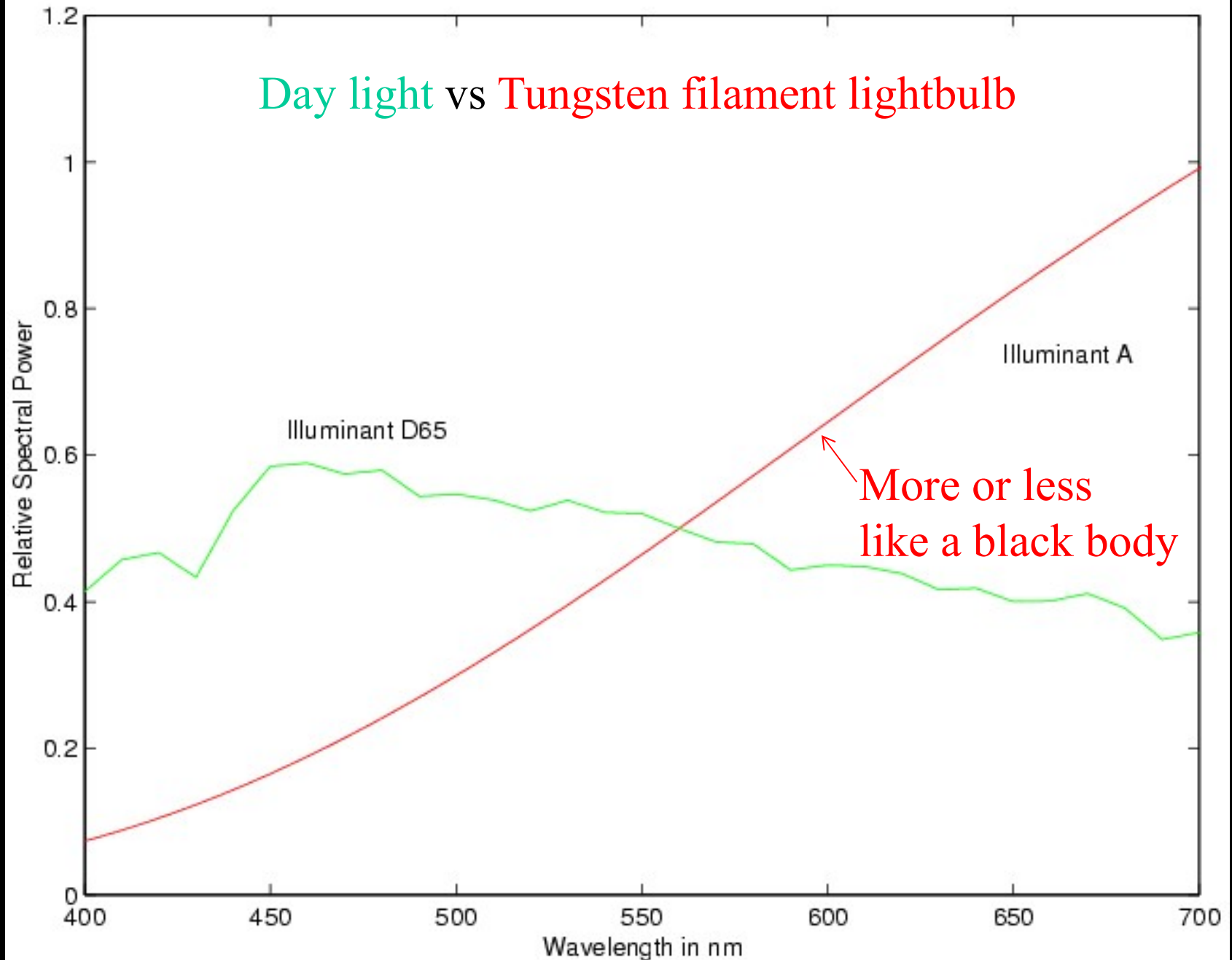






The sun looks yellow because shorter-wavelength frequencies (blue) are scattered out of sun rays faster than longer-wavelength frequencies (red) -> yellow sun and blue sky.

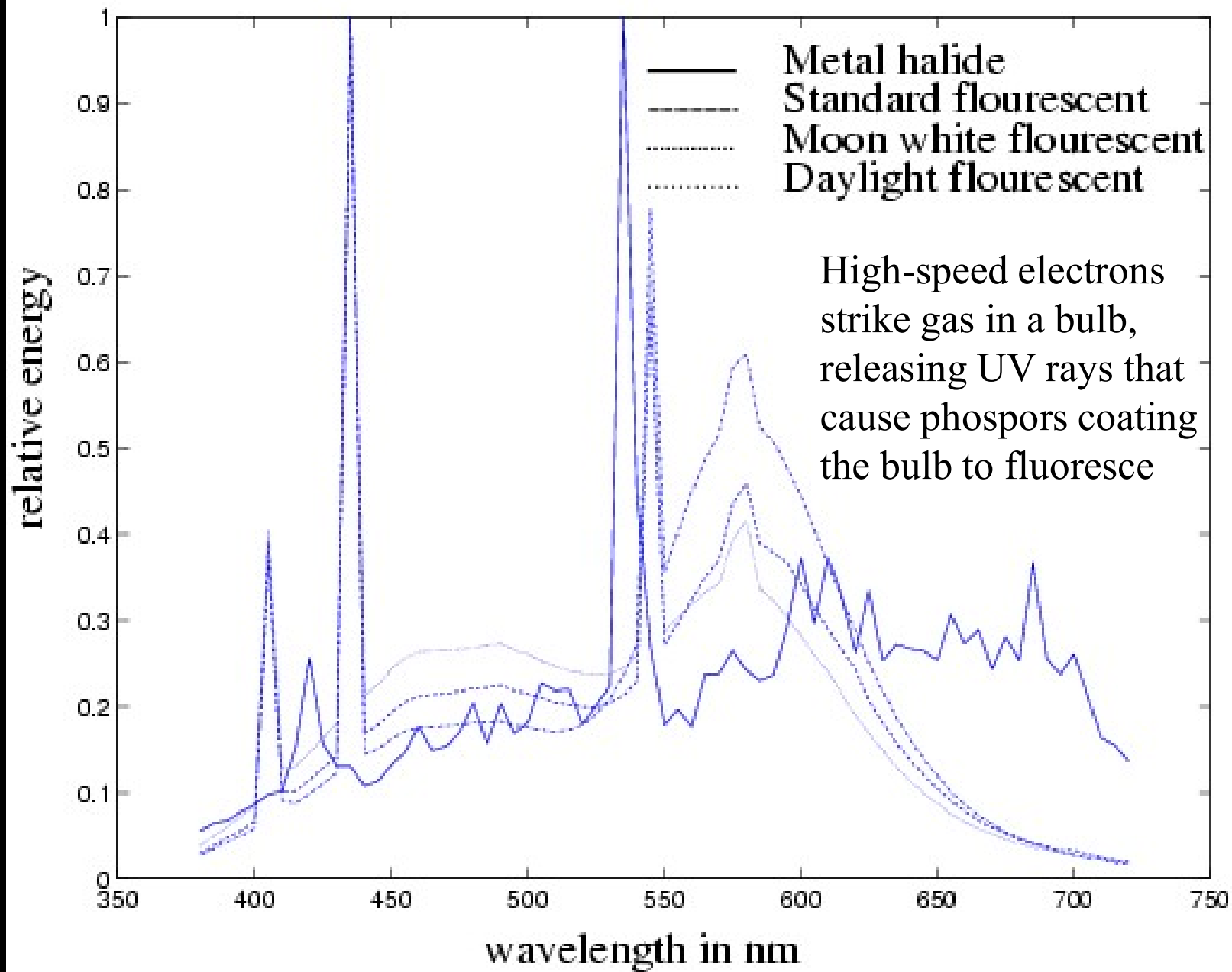
# Day light vs Tungsten filament lightbulb



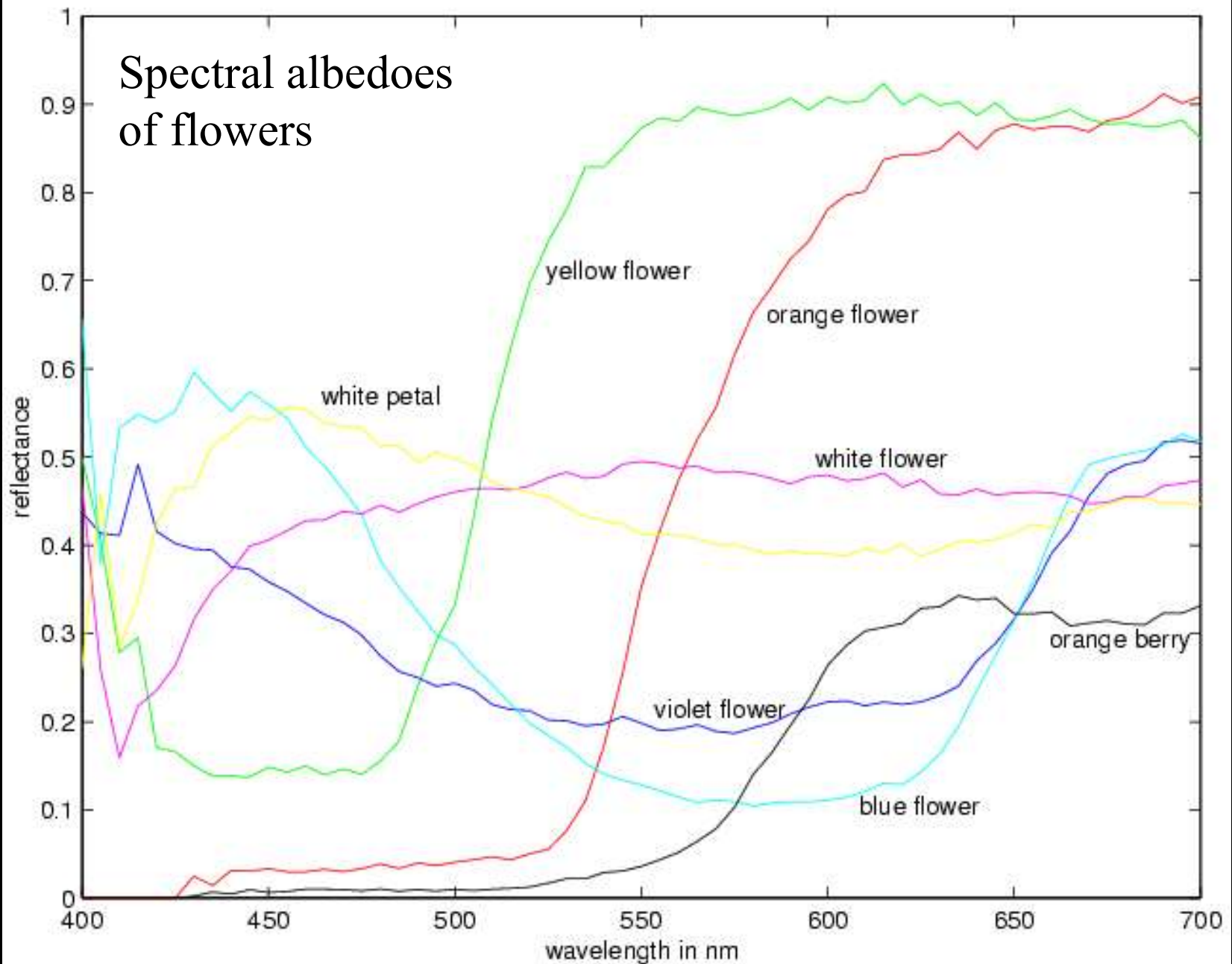
More or less like a black body

Illuminant A

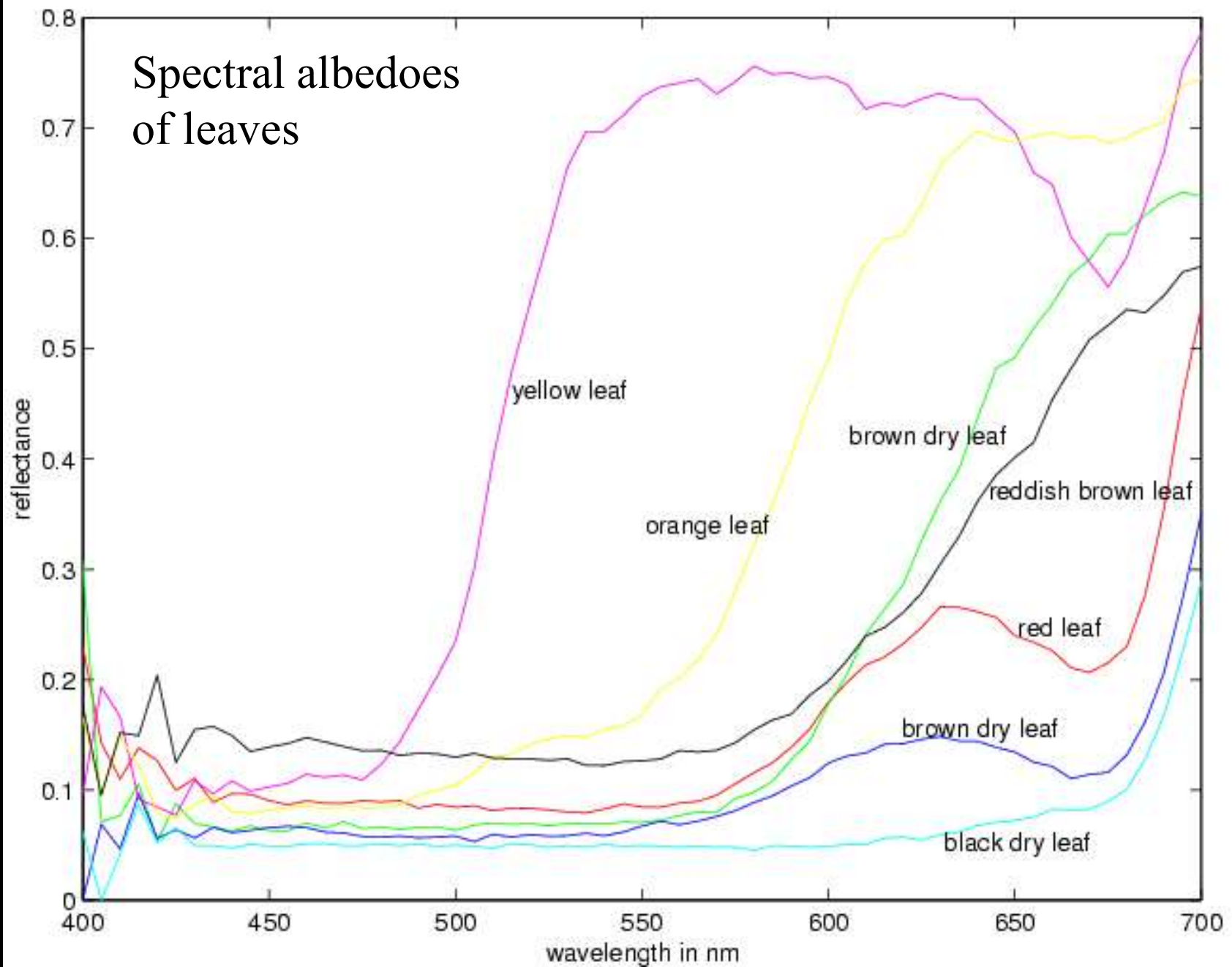
Illuminant D65



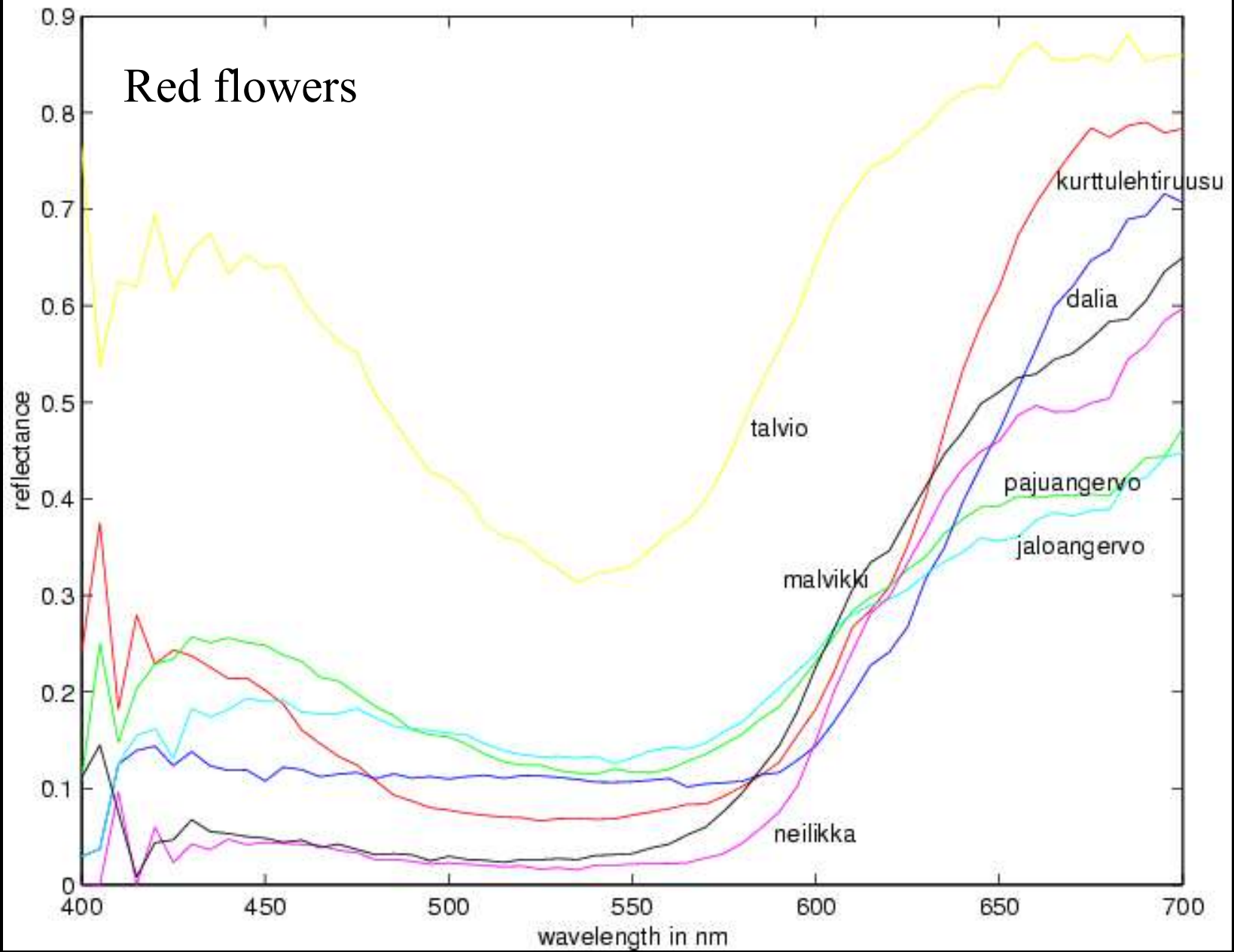
# Spectral albedoes of flowers



# Spectral albedoes of leaves

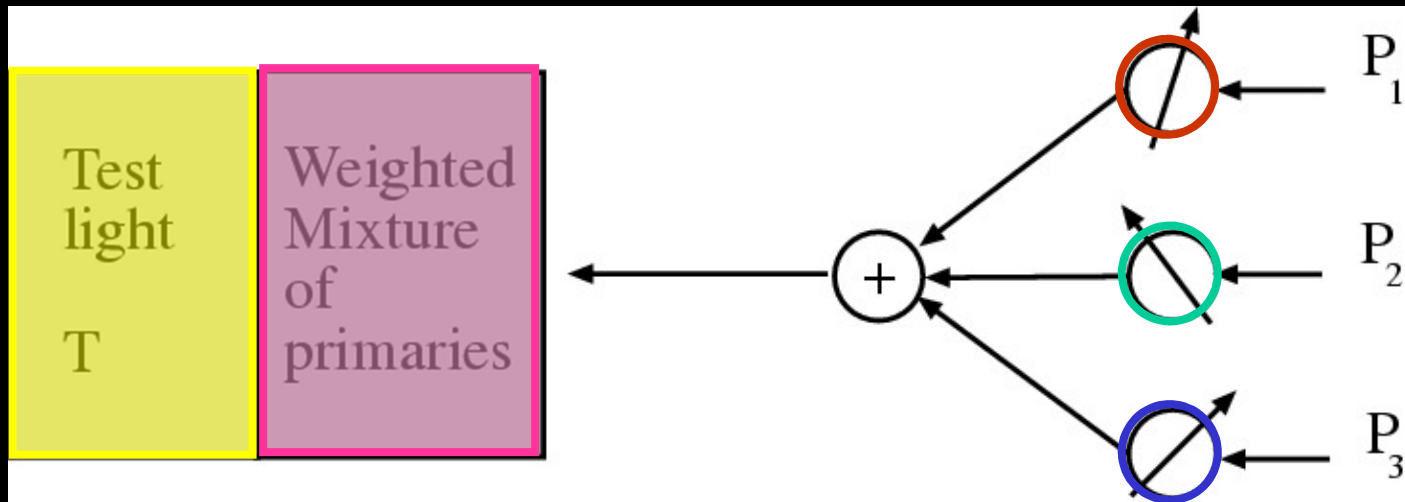


# Red flowers





# Color Matching Experiments



Adjust the knobs on the primaries until the split field looks uniform.

$$T = w_1 P_1 + w_2 P_2 + \dots + w_k P_k$$

Notation only!



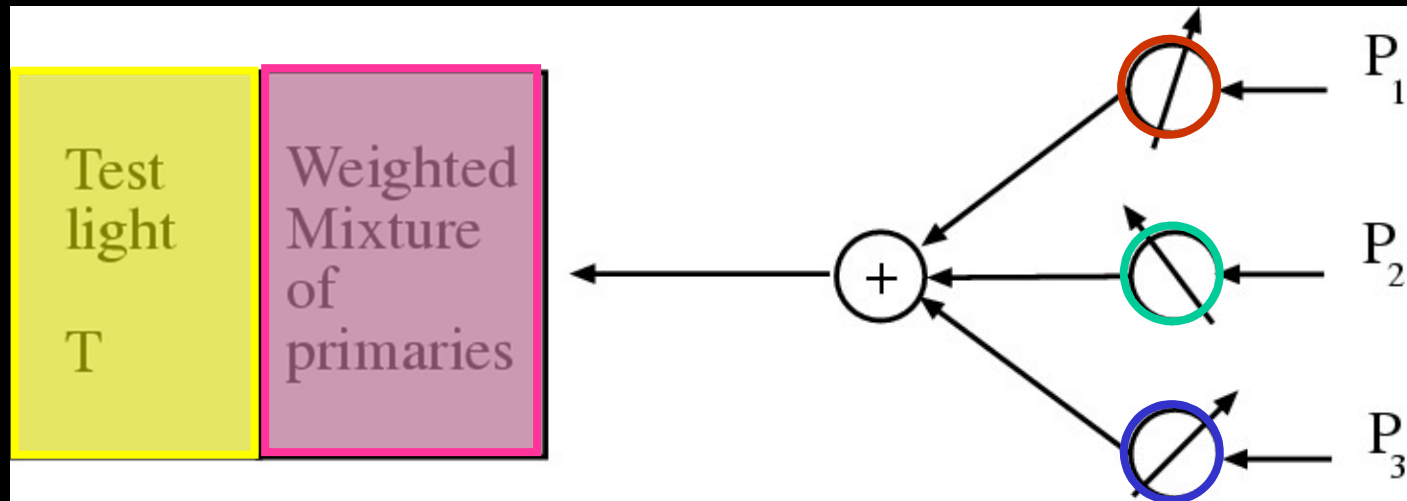
# Trichromacy

Three primaries are sufficient to match any test light!

## Note:

- This requires using independent primaries and allowing subtractive matching.
- For a given set of primaries and test light, people tend to pick the same weights.
- This is related to our three types of cones.

# Color Matching Experiments



Adjust the knobs on the primaries until the split field looks uniform.

$$T = w_1 P_1 + w_2 P_2 + \dots + w_k P_k$$

Notation only!

$$T + w_1 P_1 + \dots + w_n P_n = w_{n+1} P_{n+1} + \dots + w_k P_k$$

Subtractive matching

## Linearity of Colour Matching (Grassman's Laws)

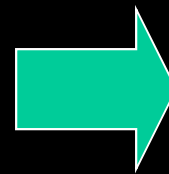
$$T_a = w_{a1}P_1 + w_{a2}P_2 + w_{a3}P_3 \quad \text{and} \quad T_b = w_{b1}P_1 + w_{b2}P_2 + w_{b3}P_3$$



$$\lambda T_a + \mu T_b = (\lambda w_{a1} + \mu w_{b1})P_1 + (\lambda w_{a2} + \mu w_{b2})P_2 + (\lambda w_{a3} + \mu w_{b3})P_3$$

$$T_a = w_1P_1 + w_2P_2 + w_3P_3$$

and



$$T_a = T_b$$

$$T_b = w_1P_1 + w_2P_2 + w_3P_3$$

Note: this does not mean that  $T_a$  and  $T_b$  have the same spectrum.

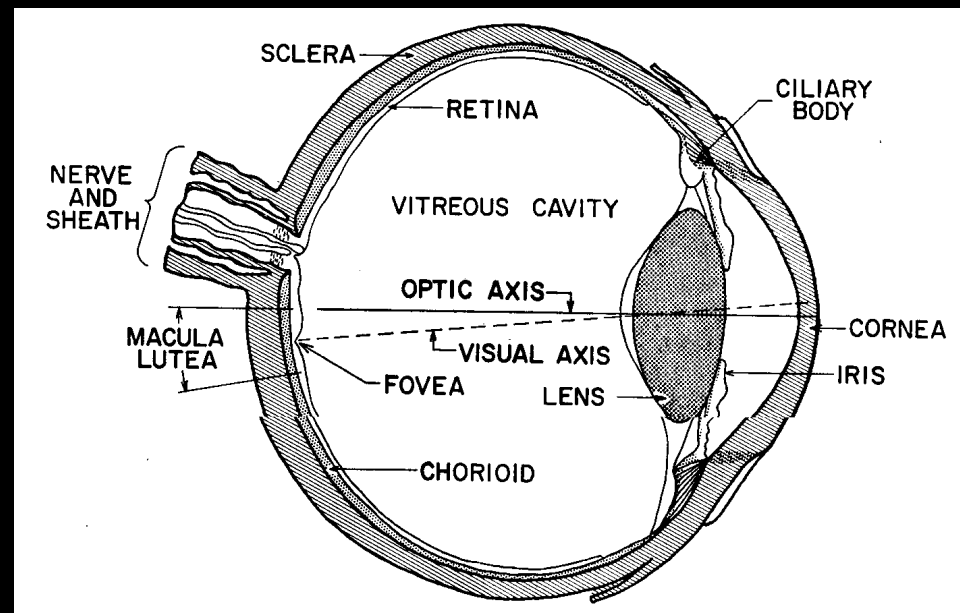
## Principle of Univariance

- The eye photoreceptors do not directly measure spectral radiance.
- Two lights will match if they produce the same photoreceptor responses even if they have quite different spectral radiances.
- Because of linearity, the response of each photoreceptor can be modeled as

$$P_k = \int_{\Lambda} \sigma_k(\lambda) E(\lambda) d\lambda.$$

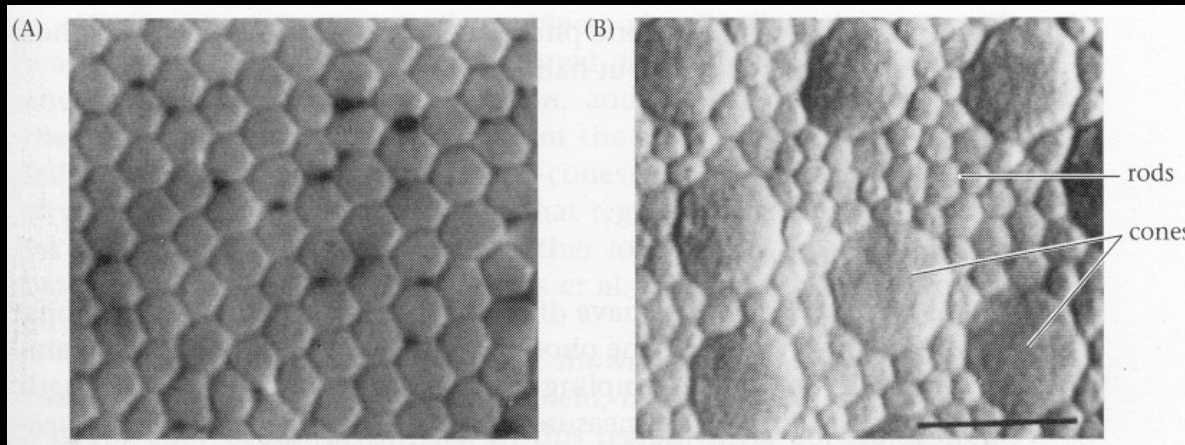
- The sensitivity  $\sigma_k$  can be measured experimentally.

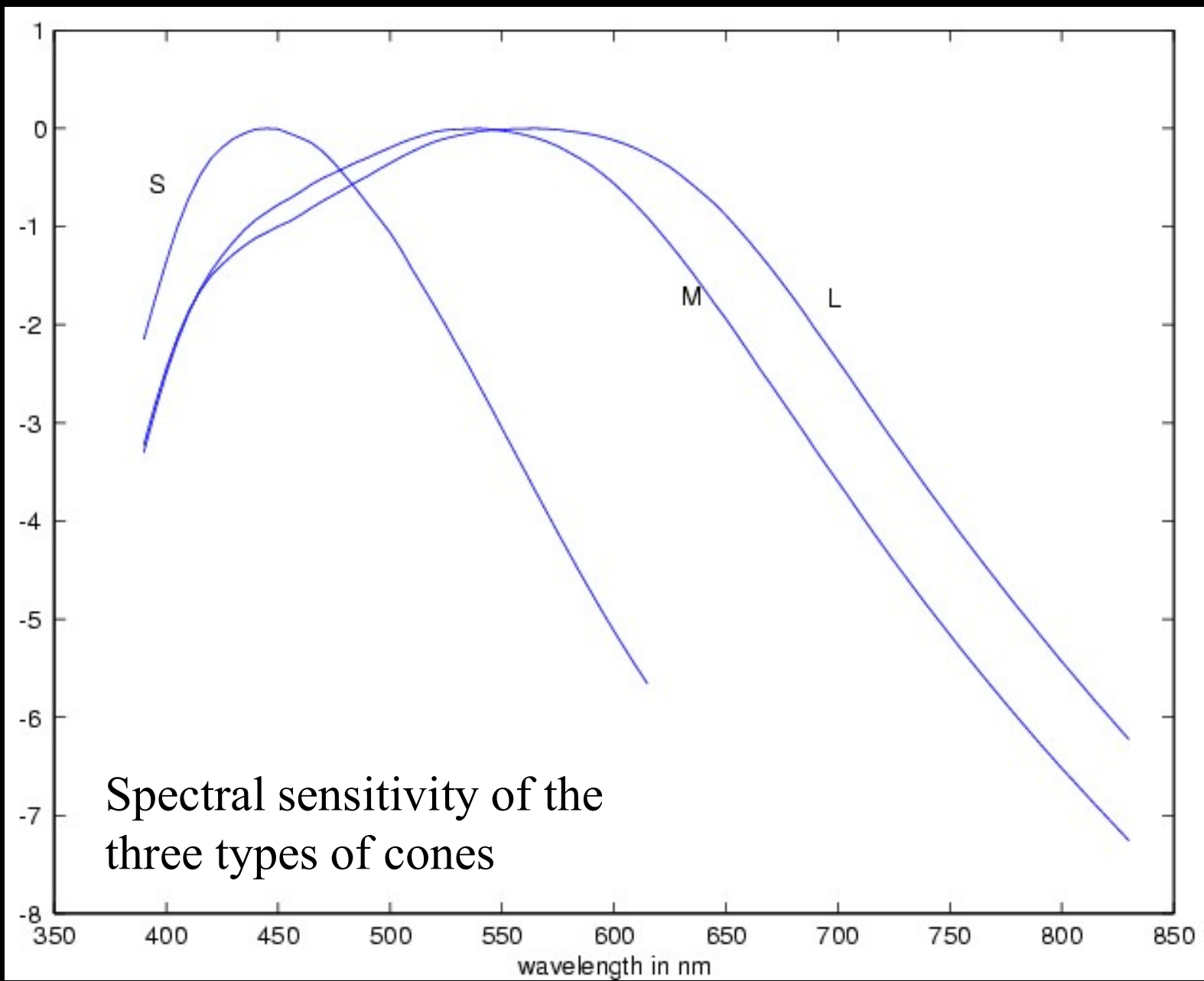
# The human eye..



Cones in the fovea

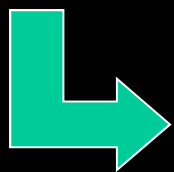
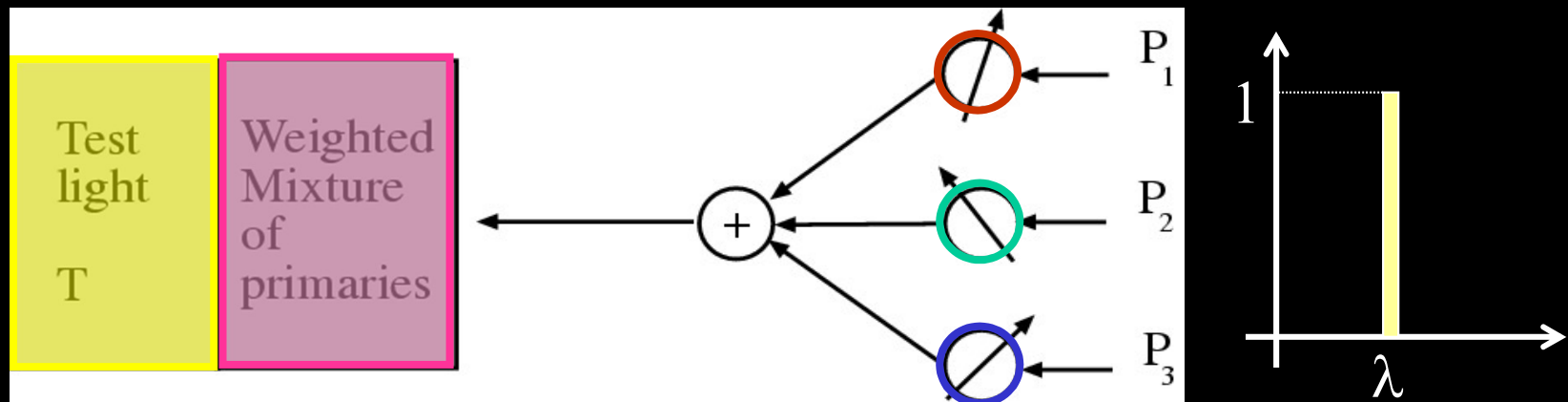
Rods and cones in the periphery





# Color Matching Functions

- Problem: given a set of primaries, what are the weights matching a given spectral radiance?
- Experiments:



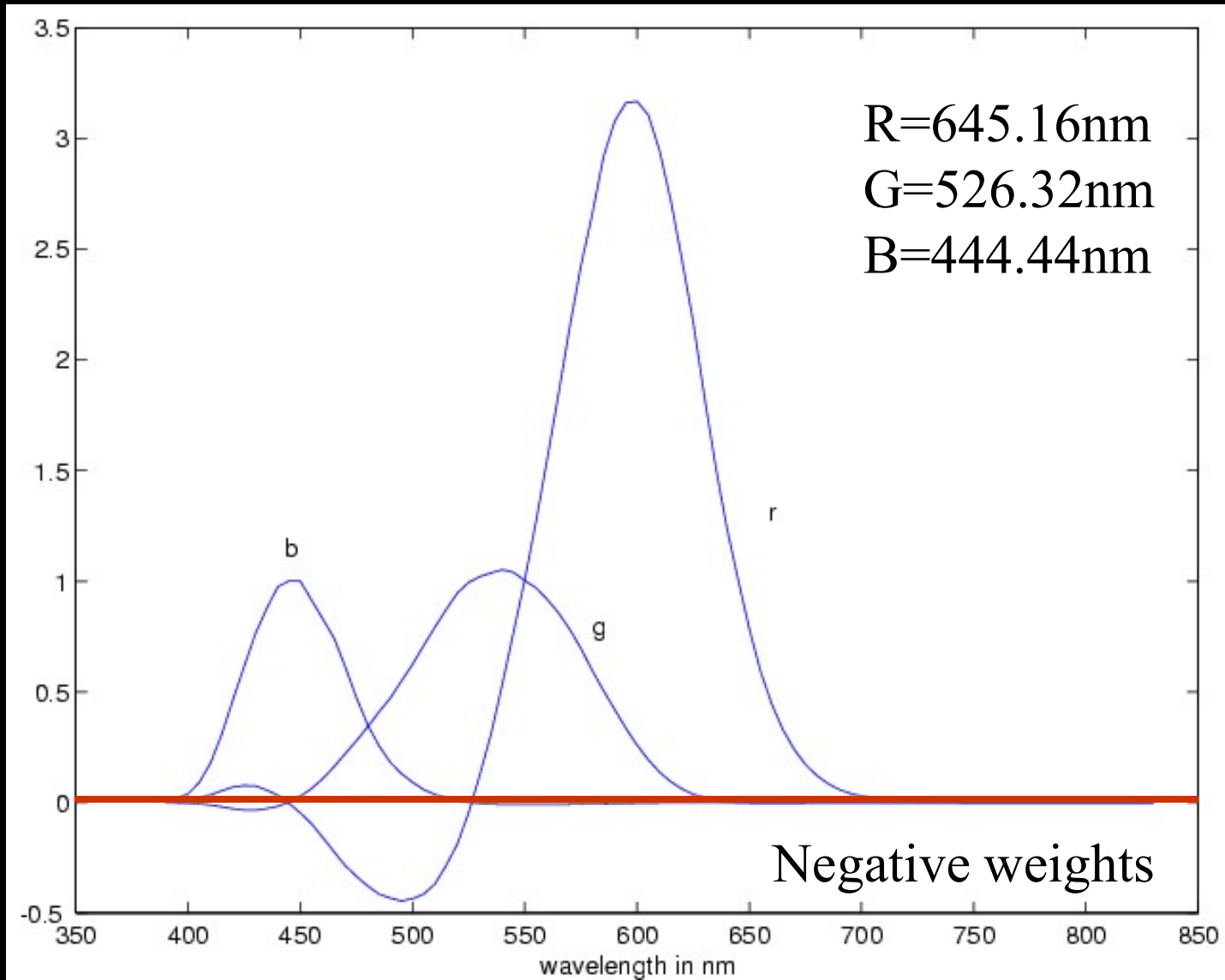
$$L(\lambda) = f_1(\lambda)P_1 + f_2(\lambda)P_2 + f_3(\lambda)P_3$$

Color matching functions

- To match  $S$  use linearity:

$$S = \left( \int_{\Lambda} f_1(\lambda) S(\lambda) d\lambda \right) P_1 + \left( \int_{\Lambda} f_2(\lambda) S(\lambda) d\lambda \right) P_2 + \left( \int_{\Lambda} f_3(\lambda) S(\lambda) d\lambda \right) P_3$$

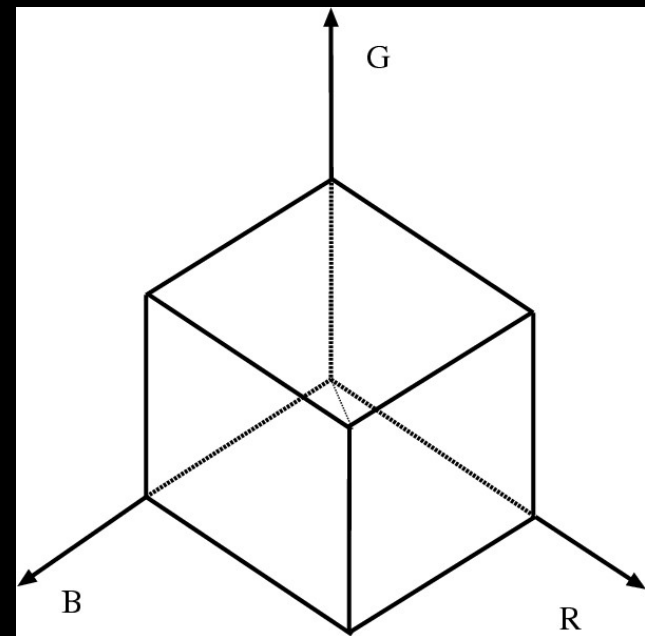
# RGB Color Matching Functions



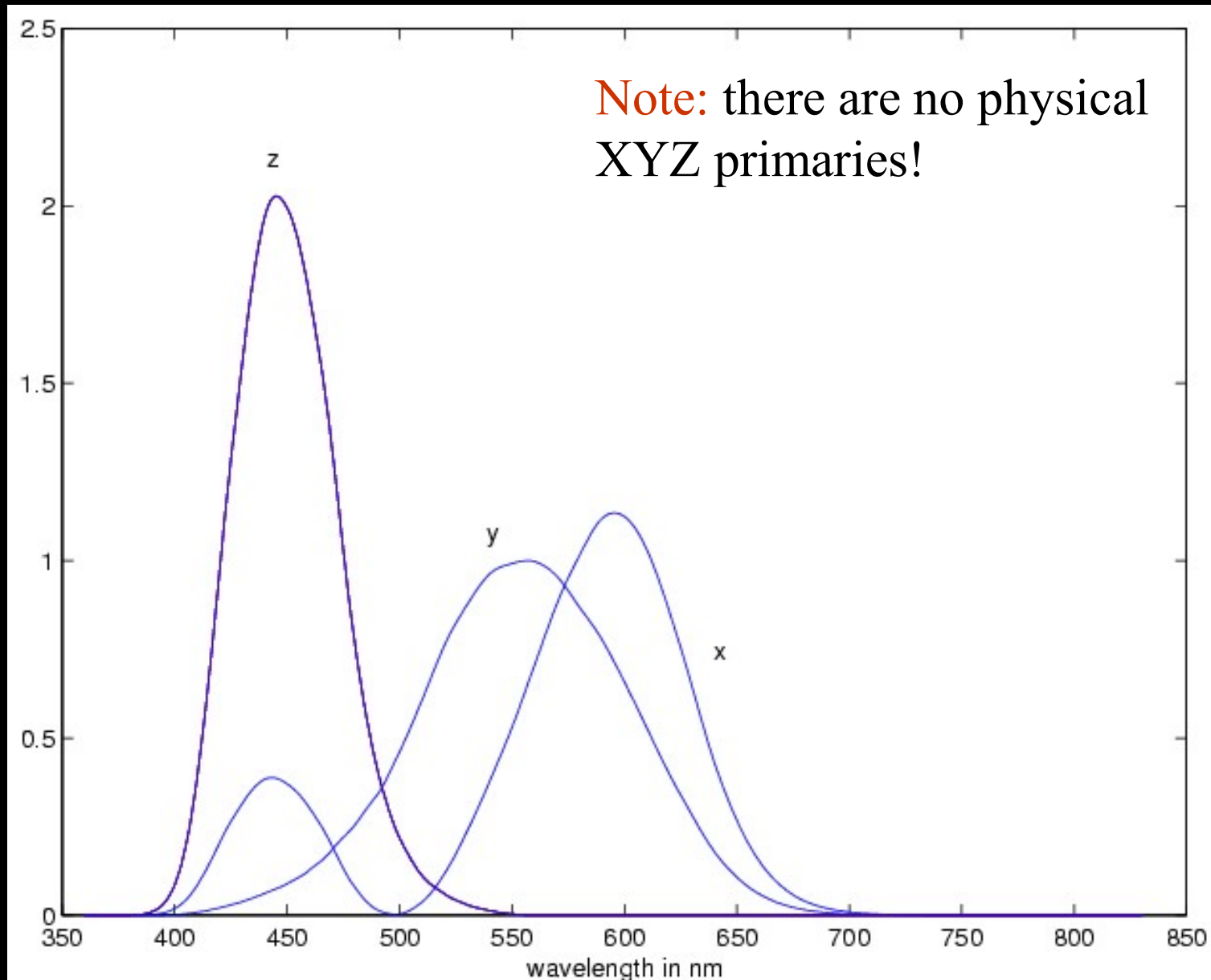




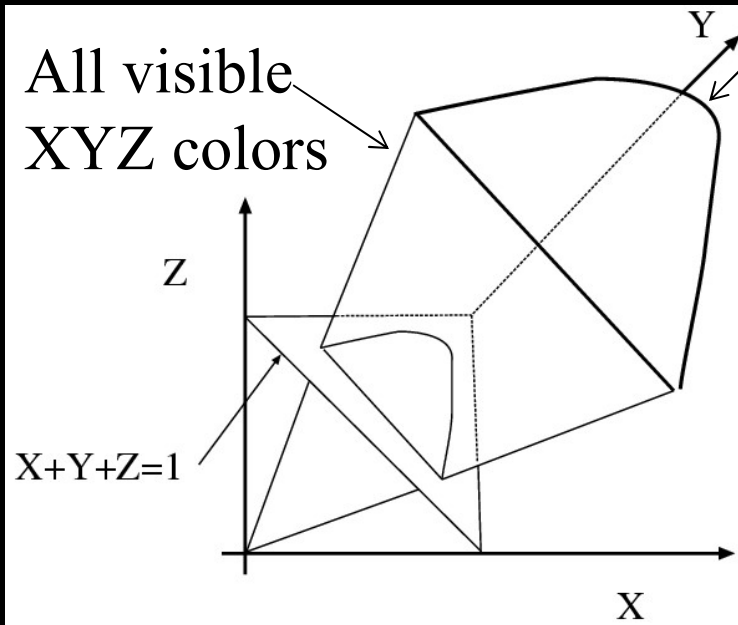
A rather poor reproduction of the RGB color cube..



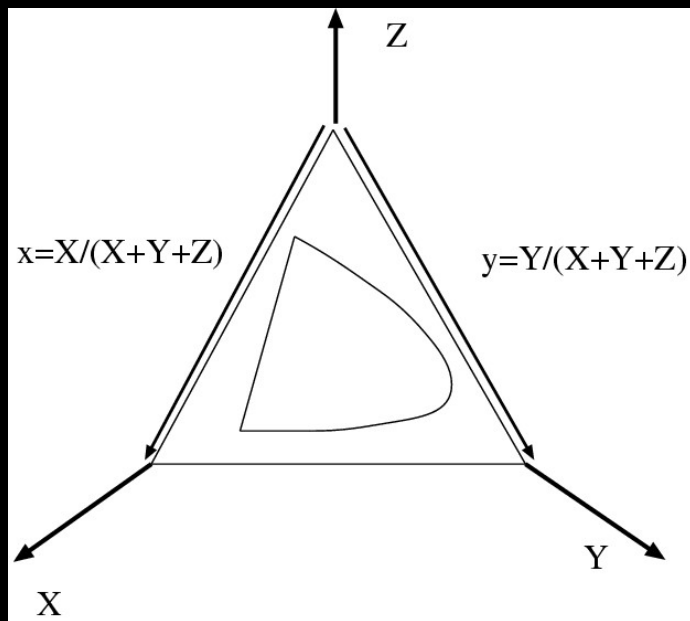
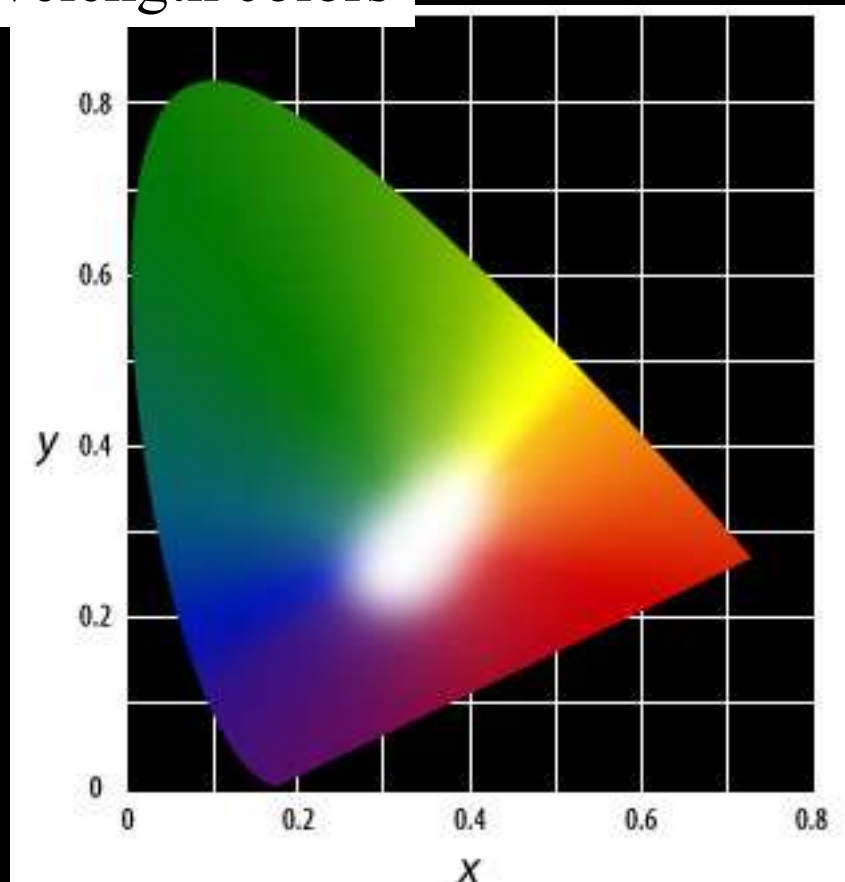
# CIE XYZ Color Matching Functions



All visible  
XYZ colors



Boundary: Single  
wavelength colors



CIE XYZ and xy spaces