Reflection from Layered Surfaces due to Subsurface Scattering

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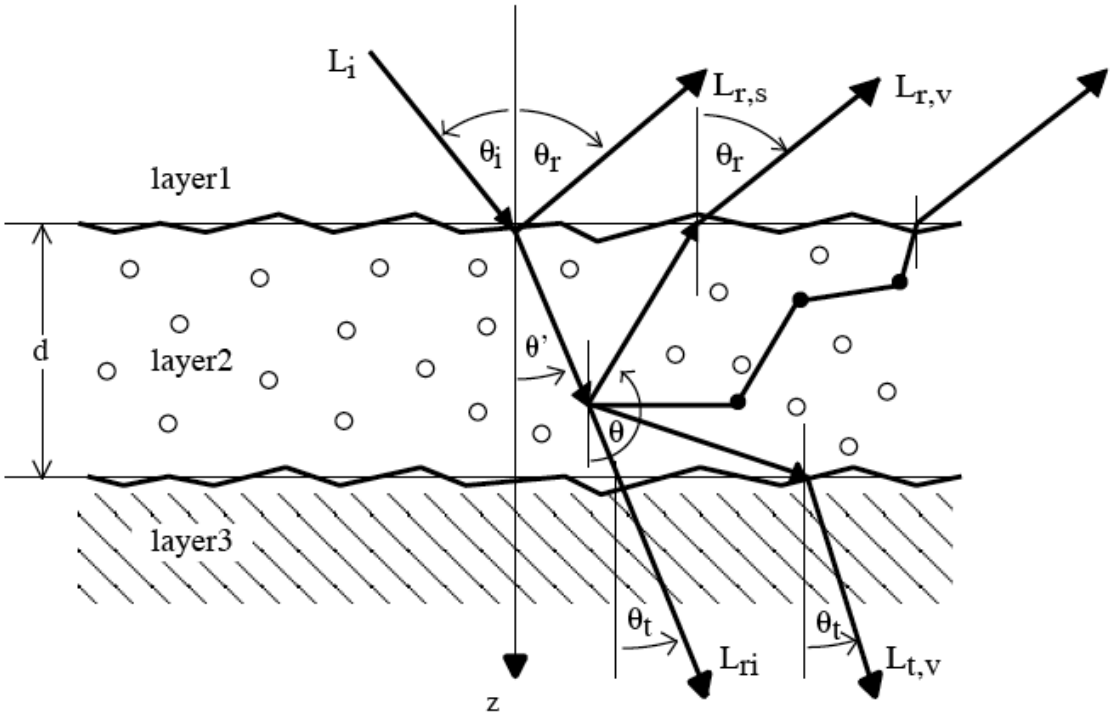
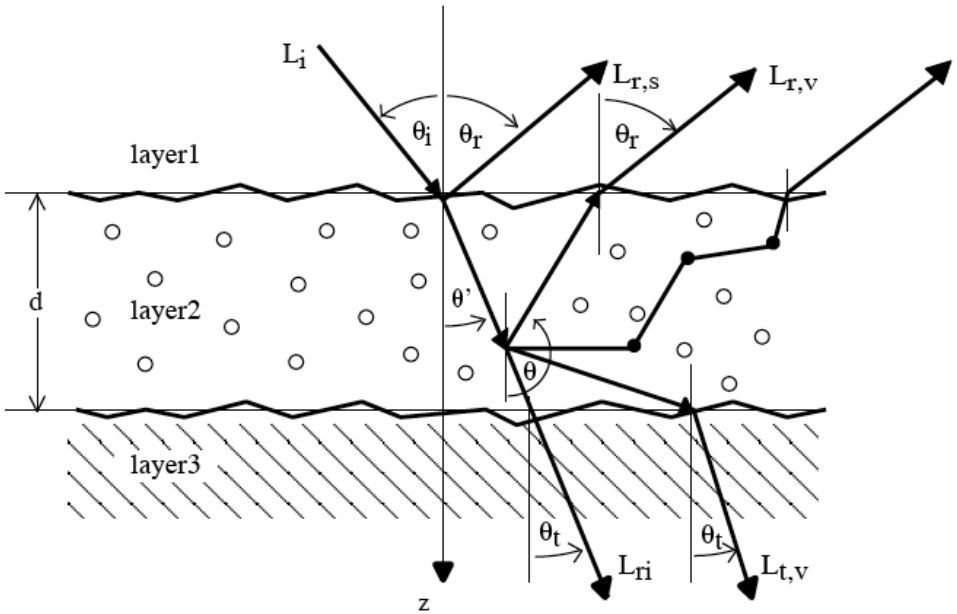
Reflected and Transmitted Radiances



$$L_r(\theta_r, \phi_r) = L_{r,s}(\theta_r, \phi_r) + L_{r,v}(\theta_r, \phi_r) \quad (1)$$

$$L_t(\theta_t, \phi_t) = L_{ri}(\theta_t, \phi_t) + L_{t,v}(\theta_t, \phi_t) \quad (2)$$

BRDF and BTDF



$$f_r(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) \equiv \frac{L_r(\theta_r, \phi_r)}{L_i(\theta_i, \phi_i) \cos\theta_i dw_i} \quad (BRDF) \qquad (3)$$

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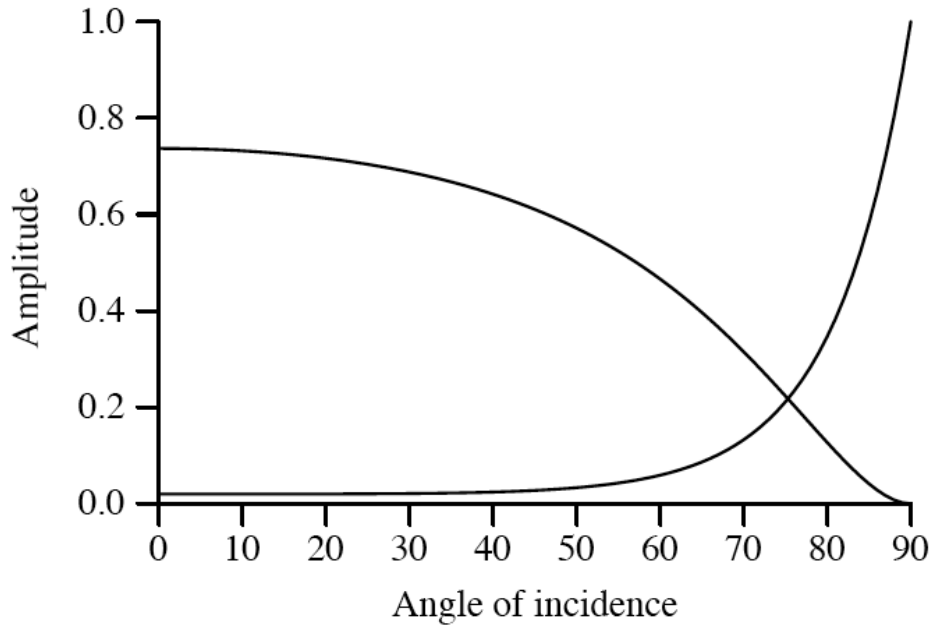

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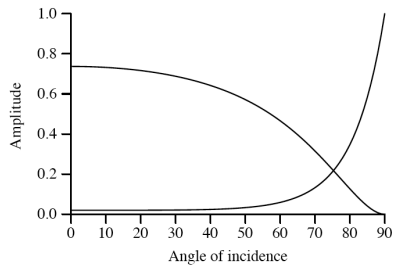

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$$R^{12}(n_i, n_t; \theta_i, \phi_i \rightarrow \theta_r, \phi_r) = R(n_i, n_t, \cos\theta_i, \cos\theta_t)$$

$$T^{12}(n_i, n_t; \theta_i, \phi_i \rightarrow \theta_t, \phi_t) = \frac{n_t^2}{n_i^2} T = \frac{n_t^2}{n_i^2}(1 - R)$$

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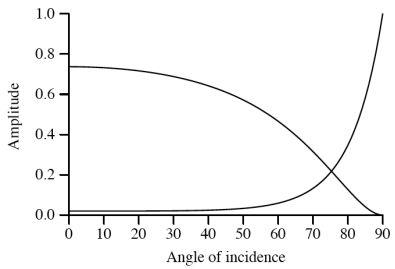

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- In our model of reflection:

$$f_r = R f_{r,s} + T f_{r,v} = R f_{r,s} + (1 - R) f_{r,v} \quad (7)$$

Description of Materials

- Index of Refraction
- Absorption and scattering cross section

$$\sigma_t = \sigma_a + \sigma_s$$

- Scattering phase function Henyey-Greenstein

$$p_{HG}(\cos j) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1 - g^2}{(1 + g^2 - 2g \cos j)^{3/2}}$$

Light Transport Equations

- Transport theory models the distribution of light in a volume by

$$\frac{\partial L(\vec{x},\theta,\phi)}{\partial s} =$$

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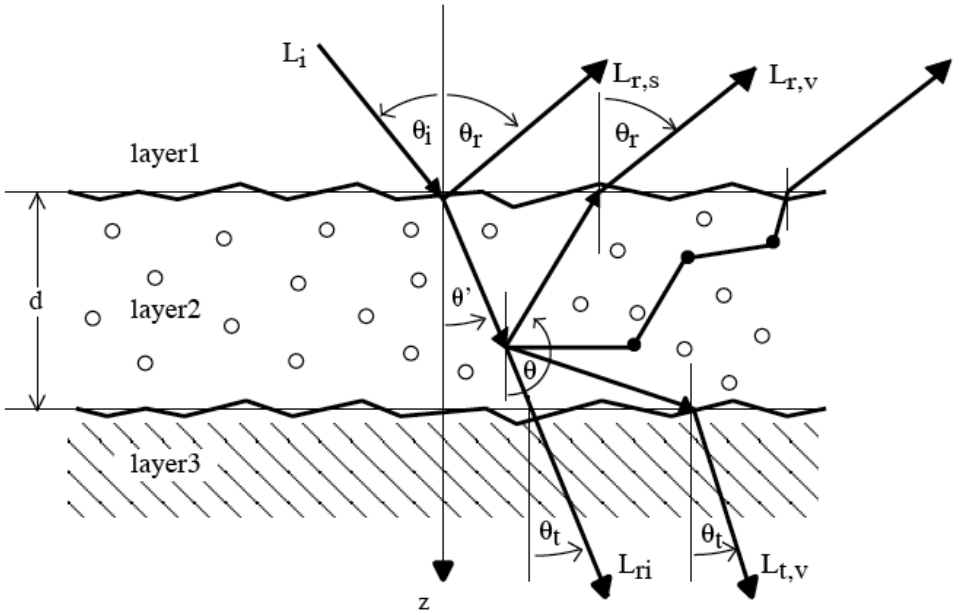
$$L(z;\theta,\phi) = \tag{10}$$

$$\int_0^z e^{-\int_0^{z'} \sigma_t \frac{dz''}{\cos\theta}} \int \sigma_s(z') p(z';\theta,\phi;\theta',\phi') L(z';\theta';\phi') dw' \frac{dz'}{\cos\theta}$$



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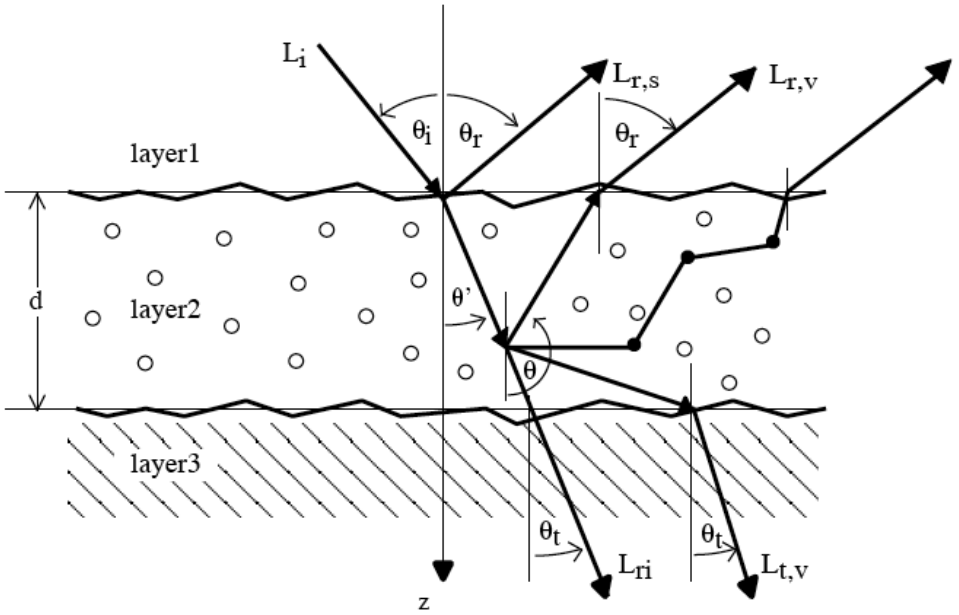

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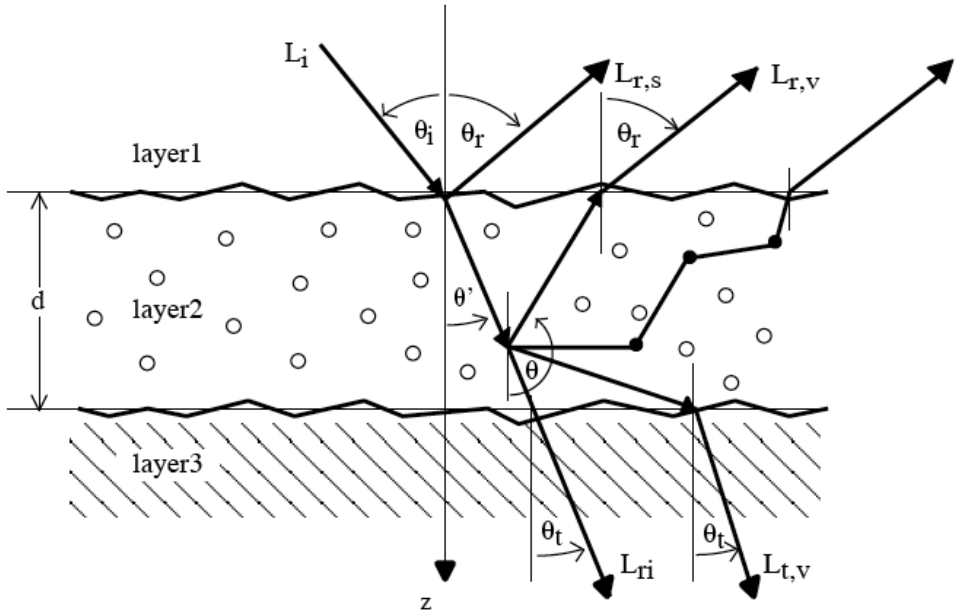

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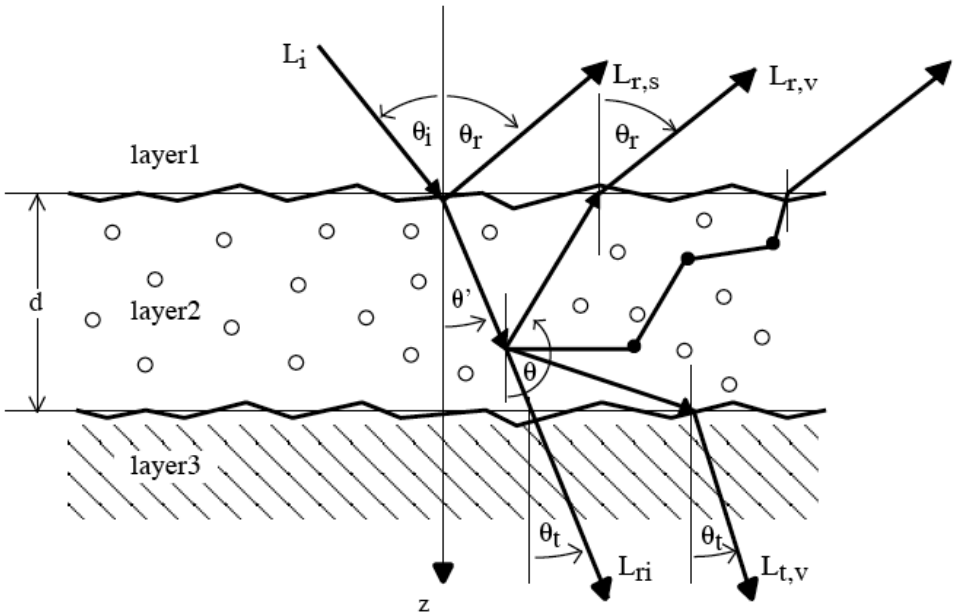

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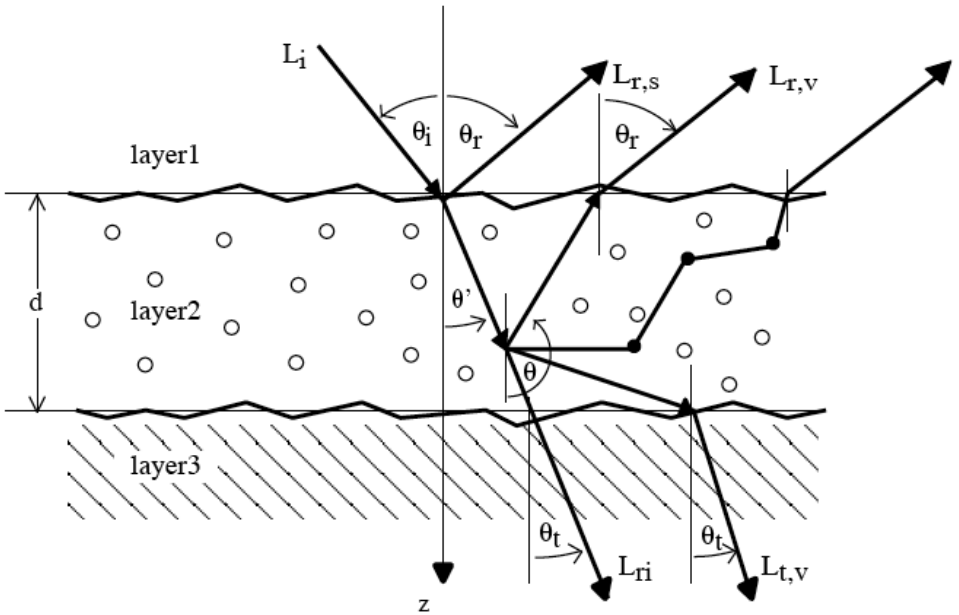

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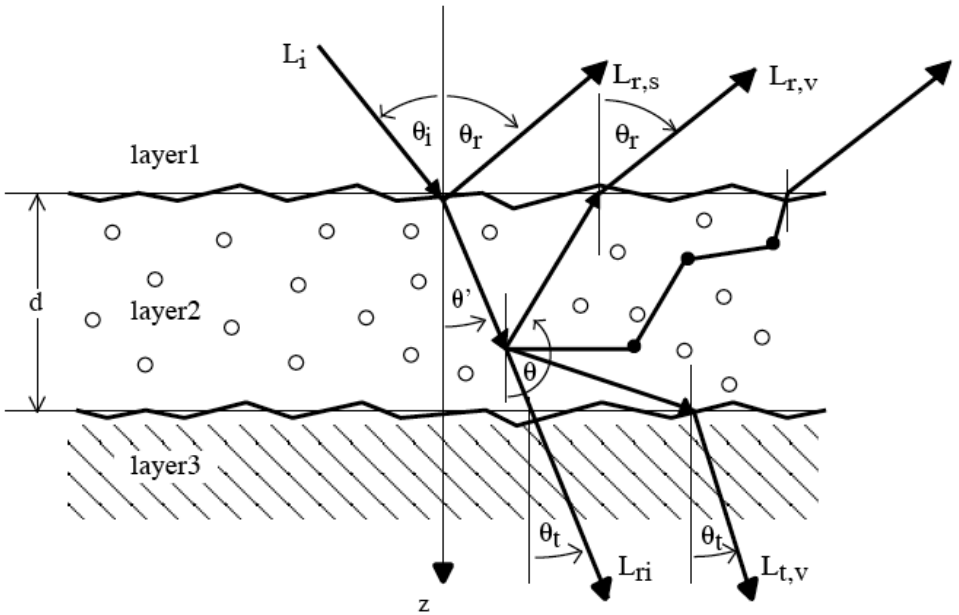

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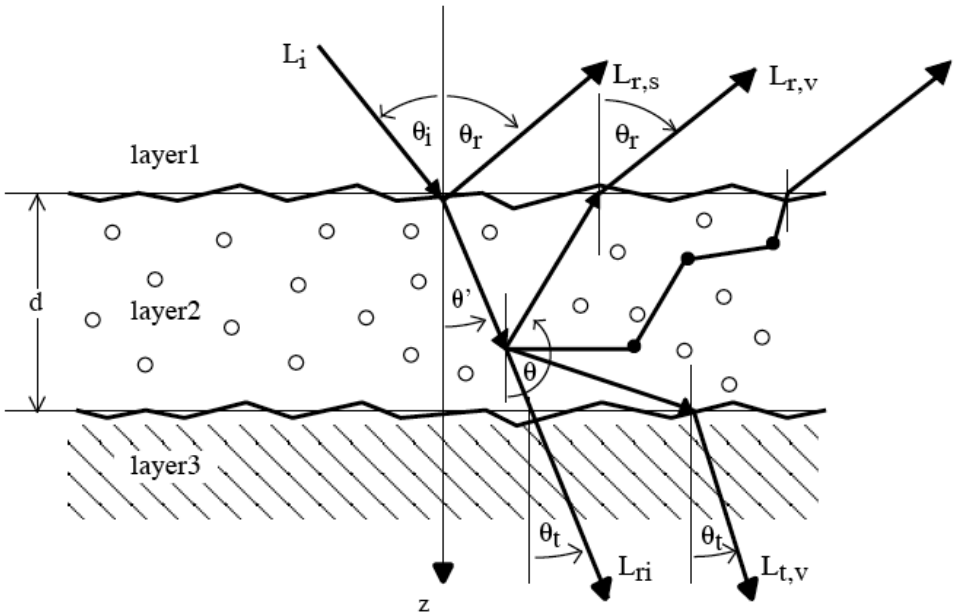

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Solving the Intergral Equation

$$L = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} L^{(i)}$$

$$L^{(i+1)}(z;\theta,\phi) = \int_0^z e^{-\int_0^{z'} \sigma_t \frac{dz''}{\cos\theta}} \int \sigma_s(z') p(z';\theta,\phi;\theta',\phi') L^{(i)}(z';\theta';\phi') dw' \frac{dz'}{\cos\theta} \tag{17}$$

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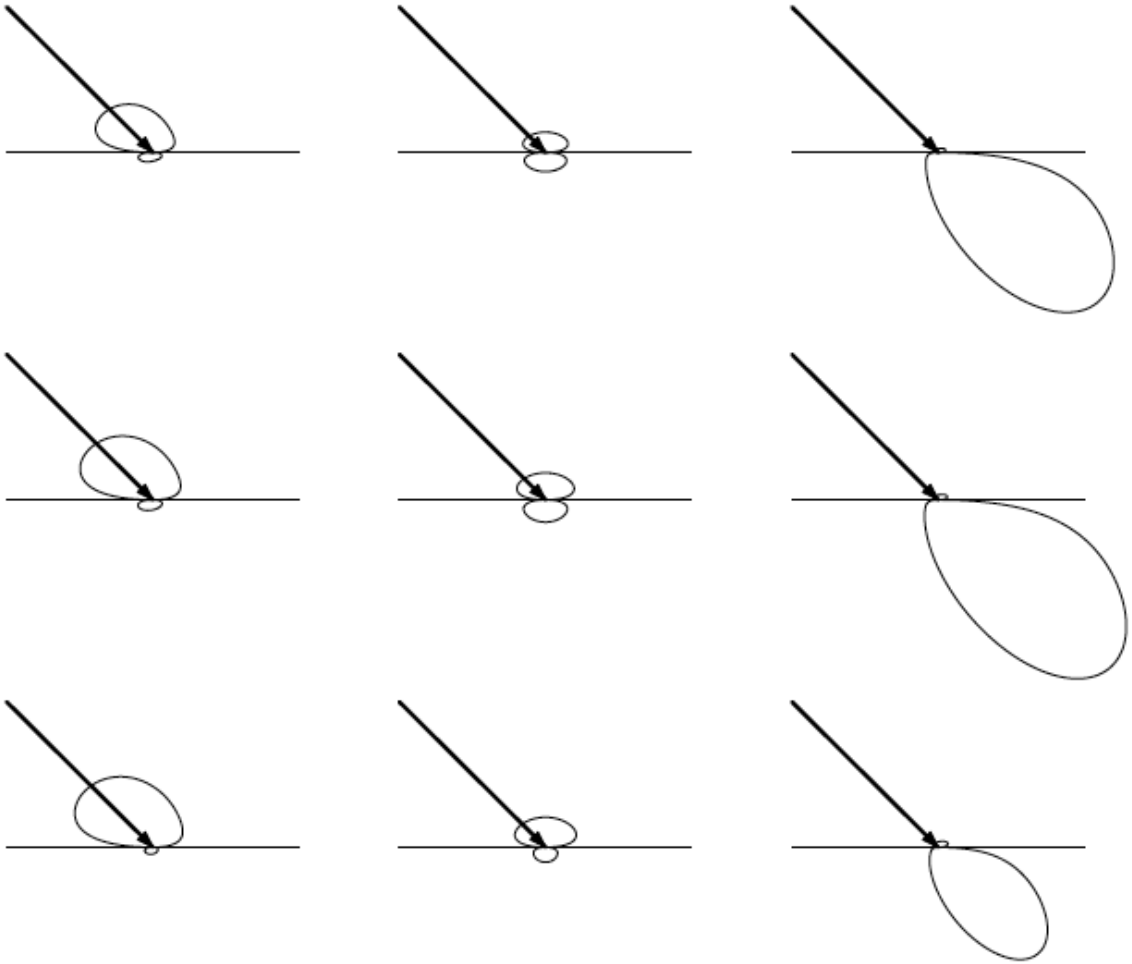
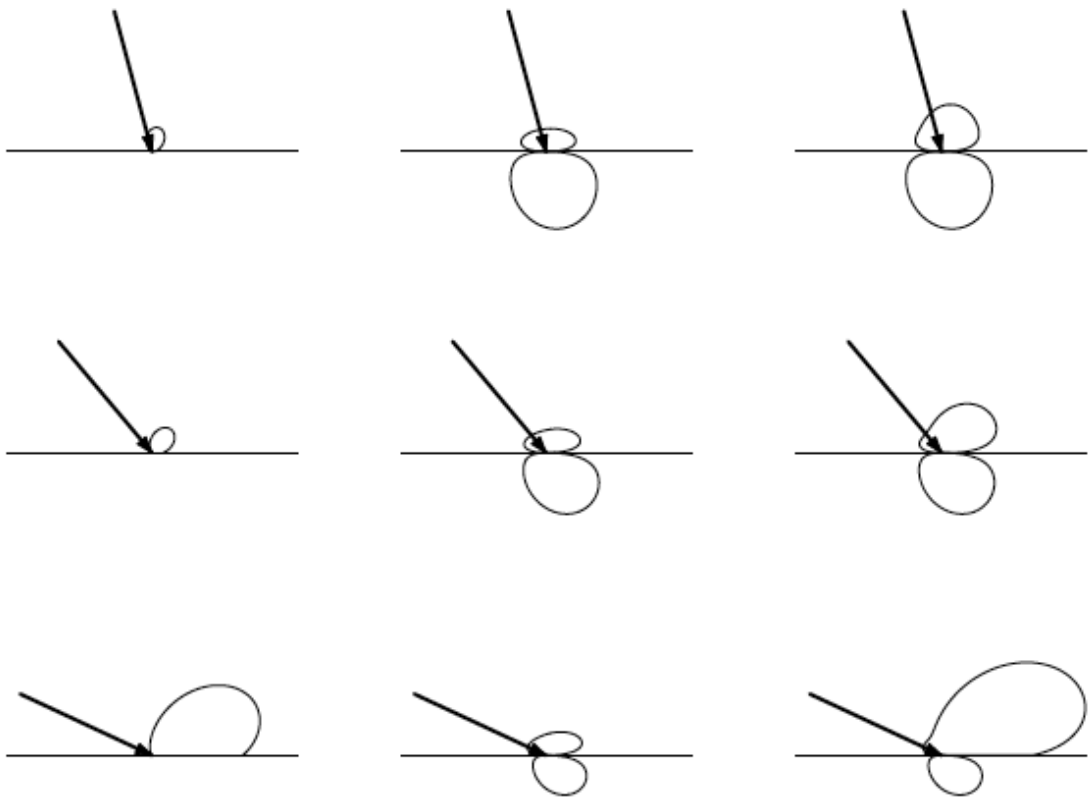
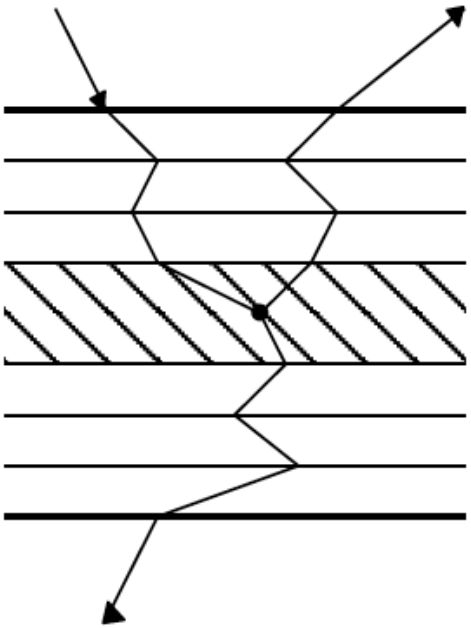
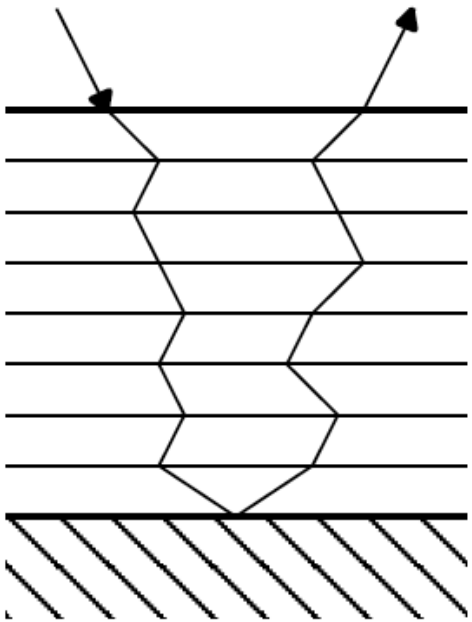


The reflection steadily increases as the layer becomes thicker.



The distributions vary as a function of reflection direction.
Lambert's Law predicts a constant reflectance in all directions.

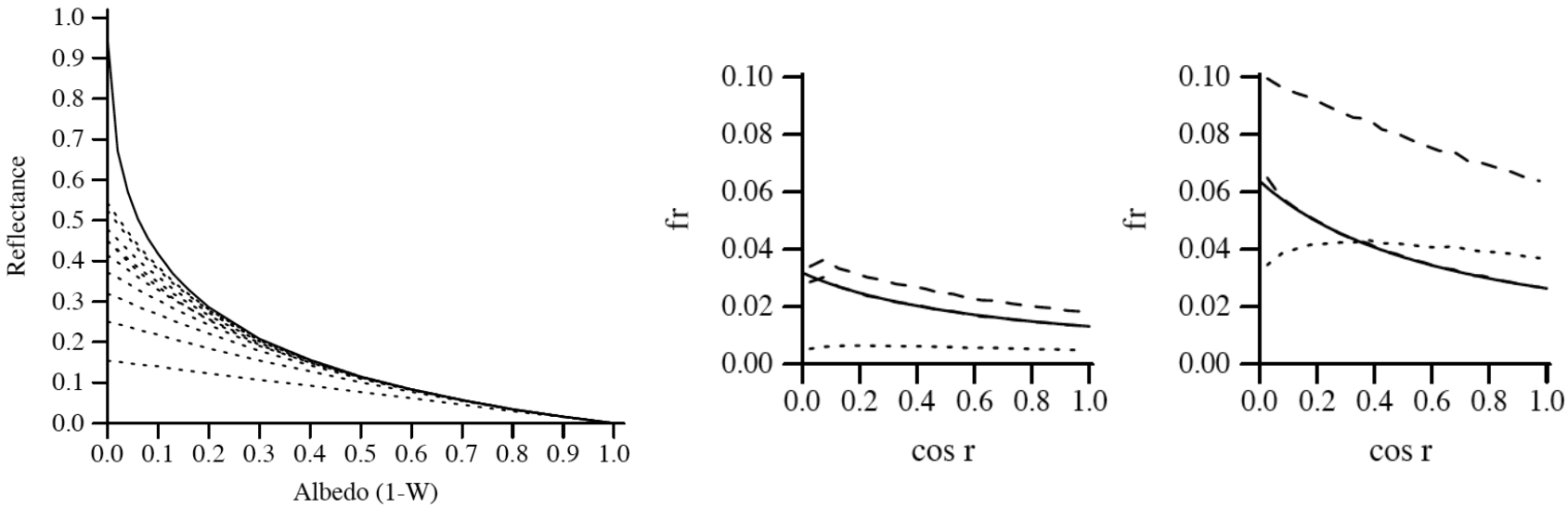




Multiple Scattering

An Monte Carlo Algorithm:

- Initialize:
- Events:
  - Step:
  - Scatter:
- Score:



$$L_{r,v}(\theta_r, \phi_r) = L^{(1)}(\theta_r, \phi_r) + L^m \tag{22}$$