# CS580: Radiometry

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# **Class Objectives**

- Know terms of:
  - Hemispherical coordinates and integration
  - Various radiometric quantities (e.g., radiance)
  - Basic material function, BRDF

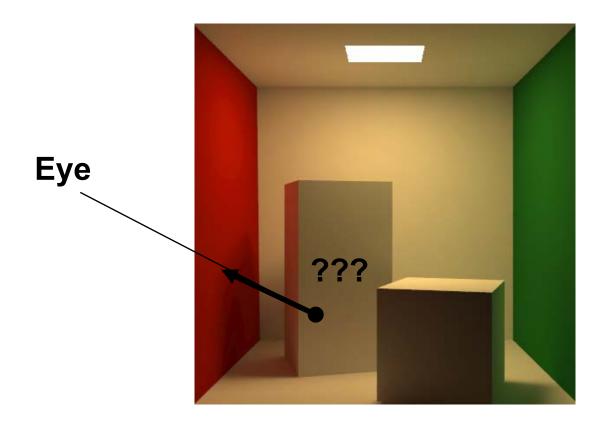


#### **Announcements**

- Final project
  - Make a team of two
  - Think about which paper you want to implement
  - Present a paper related to it
- Scope of papers
  - Papers since the year of 2008



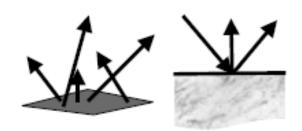
## **Motivation**





# **Light and Material Interactions**

- Physics of light
- Radiometry
- Material properties





Rendering equation



# **Models of Light**

- Quantum optics
  - Fundamental model of the light
  - Explain the dual wave-particle nature of light
- Wave model
  - Simplified quantum optics
  - Explains diffraction, interference, and polarization



- Geometric optics
  - Most commonly used model in CG
  - Size of objects >> wavelength of light
  - Light is emitted, reflected, and transmitted



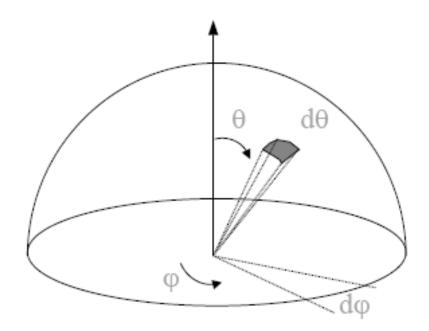
## Radiometry

- Measurement of light energy
  - Critical component for photo-realistic rendering
- Light energy flows through space
  - Varies with time, position, and direction
- Radiometric quantities
  - Densities of energy at particular places in time, space, and direction
- Photometry
  - Quantify the perception of light energy



# Hemispheres

- Hemisphere
  - Two-dimensional surfaces
- Direction
  - Point on (unit) sphere



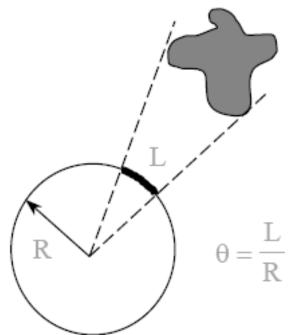
$$\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$
$$\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

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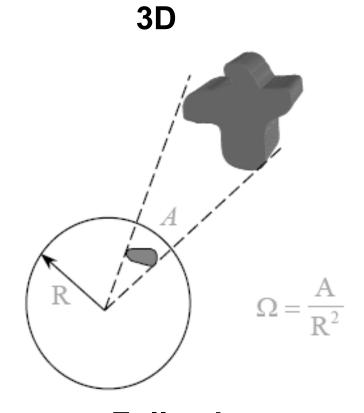


# **Solid Angles**

2D



Full circle = 2pi radians

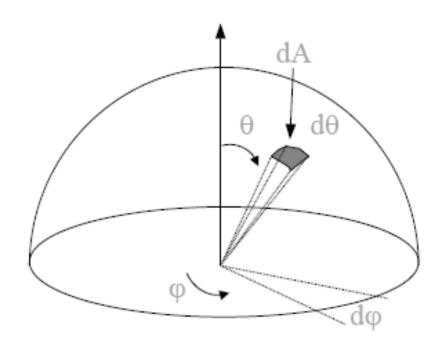


Full sphere = 4pi steradians



# **Hemispherical Coordinates**

- Direction, (
  - Point on (unit) sphere



$$dA = (r\sin\theta d\varphi)(rd\theta)$$

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## **Hemispherical Coordinates**

#### Differential solid angle

$$d\omega = \frac{dA}{r^2} = \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi$$



# **Hemispherical Integration**

#### Area of hemispehre:

$$\int_{\Omega_x} d\omega = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin\theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi [-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi/2}$$

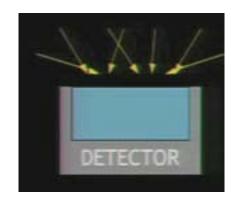
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi$$

$$= 2\pi$$



# **Energy**

- Symbol: Q
  - # of photons in this context
  - Unit: Joules

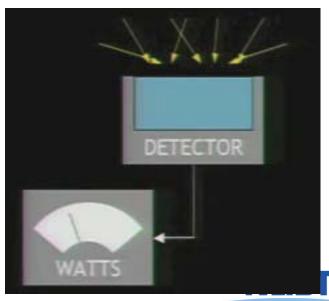


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# Power (or Flux)

- Symbol, P or Φ
  - Total amount of energy through a surface per unit time, dQ/dt
  - Radiant flux in this context
  - Unit: Watts (=Joules / sec.)
  - Other quantities are derivatives of P
- Example
  - A light source emits 50 watts of radiant power
  - 20 watts of radiant power is incident on a table



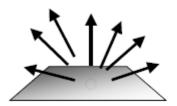
#### **Irradiance**

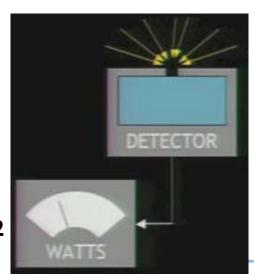
- Incident radiant power per unit area (dP/dA)
  - Area density of power



- Area power density existing a surface is called radiance exitance (M) or radiosity (B)
- For example
  - A light source emitting 100 W of area 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Its radiant exitance is 1000 W/ m<sup>2</sup>







# Irradiance Example

- Uniform point source illuminates a small surface dA from a distance r
  - Power P is uniformly spread over the area of the sphere

$$dP = P \frac{dA}{4\pi r^2}$$
;  $E = \frac{dP}{dA} = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$ 

dA

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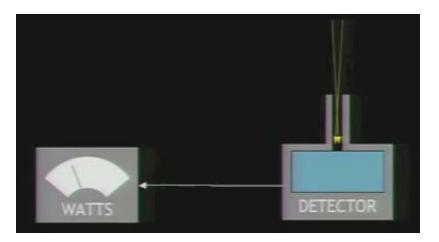
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$$E' = \frac{dP}{dA'} = \frac{dP}{dA/\cos\theta} = E\cos\theta$$
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#### Radiance

- Radiant power at x in direction θ
  - $L(x \rightarrow \Theta)$ : **5D** function
    - Per unit area
    - Per unit solid angle



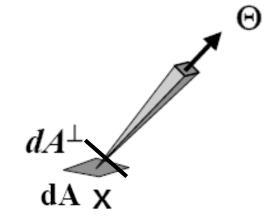
Important quantity for rendering



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$$L(x \to \Theta) = \frac{d^2 P}{dA^{\perp} d\omega_{\Theta}}$$



- Units: Watt / (m² sr)
- Irradiance per unit solid angle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative of P
- Most commonly used term



# Radiance: Projected Area

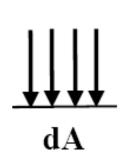
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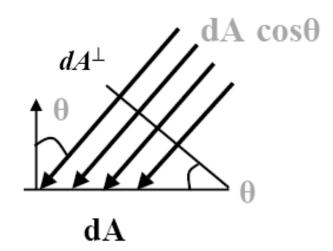
$$= \frac{d^{2}P}{d\omega_{\Theta} dA \cos \theta}$$

$$dA^{\perp}$$

$$dA \times$$

Why per unit projected surface area

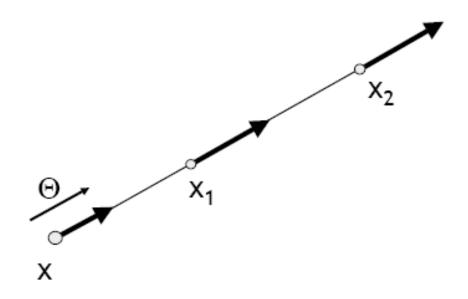






# **Properties of Radiance**

Invariant along a straight line (in vacuum)



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#### **Invariance of Radiance**

We can prove it based on the assumption the conservation of energy.  $N_y$   $\theta_y$   $N_x$   $\theta_x$ 

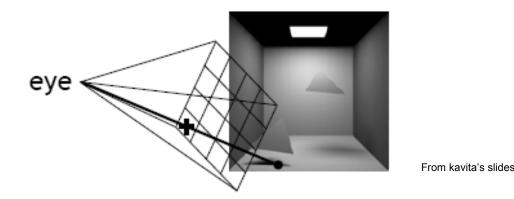
Figure 2.3. Invariance of radiance.



 $L(x \rightarrow y) = L(y \leftarrow x)$ 

## Sensitivity to Radiance

Responses of sensors (camera, human eye) is proportional to radiance



 Pixel values in image proportional to radiance received from that direction



## Relationships

Radiance is the fundamental quantity

$$L(x \to \Theta) = \frac{d^2 P}{dA^{\perp} d\omega_{\Theta}}$$

• Power:

$$P = \int_{\substack{Area \ Solid \\ Angle}} \int L(x \to \Theta) \cdot \cos\theta \cdot d\omega_{\Theta} \cdot dA$$

Radiosity:

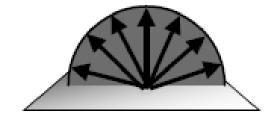
$$B = \int_{\substack{Solid \\ Angle}} L(x \to \Theta) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot d\omega_{\Theta}$$



## Example: Diffuse emitter

Diffuse emitter: light source with equal radiance everywhere

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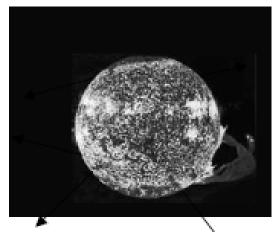
$$= L \int_{Area\ Solid\ Angle} \int_{Area\ Solid\ Angle} \int \cos\theta \cdot d\omega_{\Theta}$$

$$= L \cdot Area \cdot \pi$$

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# Sun Example: radiance

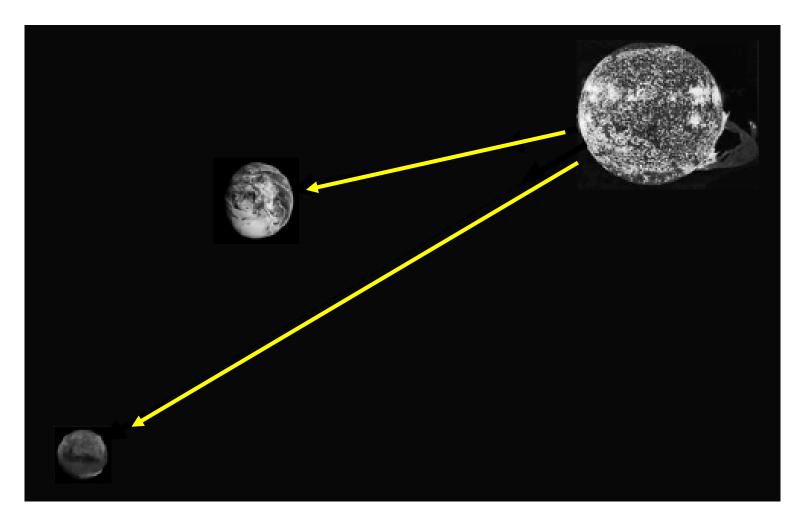
- Power: 3.91 x 10<sup>26</sup> W
- Surface Area: 6.07 x 10<sup>18</sup> m<sup>2</sup>



- Power = Radiance.Surface Area.π
- Radiance = Power/(Surface Area.π)

Radiance = 2.05 x 10<sup>7</sup> W/ m<sup>2</sup>.sr

# Sun Example



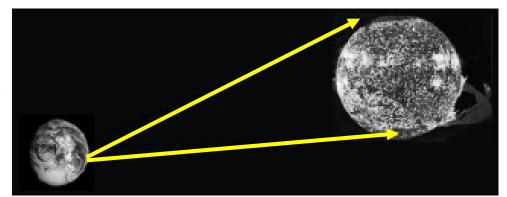
Same radiance on Earth and Mars?

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## Sun Example: Power on Earth

Power reaching earth on a 1m<sup>2</sup> square:

$$P = L \int\limits_{Area} dA \int\limits_{Solid} \cos\theta \cdot d\omega_{\Theta}$$

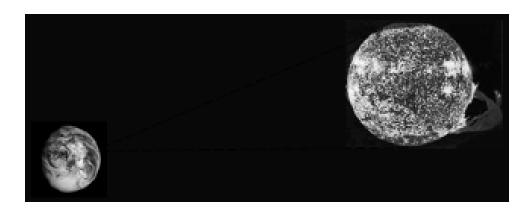


• Assume  $\cos \theta = 1$  (sun in zenith)

$$P = L \int\limits_{Area} dA \int\limits_{Solid} d\omega_{\odot}$$

## Sun Example: Power on Earth

#### Power = Radiance.Area.Solid Angle



Solid Angle = Projected Area<sub>Sun</sub>/(distance<sub>earth\_sun</sub>)<sup>2</sup> = 6.7 10<sup>-5</sup> sr

 $P = (2.05 \times 10^7 \text{ W/ m}^2.\text{sr}) \times (1 \text{ m}^2) \times (6.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ sr})$ = 1373.5 Watt

# Sun Example: Power on Mars

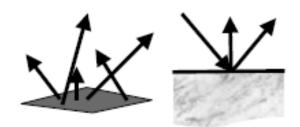
#### Power = Radiance.Area.Solid Angle



$$P = (2.05 \times 10^7 \text{ W/ m}^2.\text{sr}) \times (1 \text{ m}^2) \times (2.92 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr})$$
  
= 598.6 Watt

# **Light and Material Interactions**

Physics of light



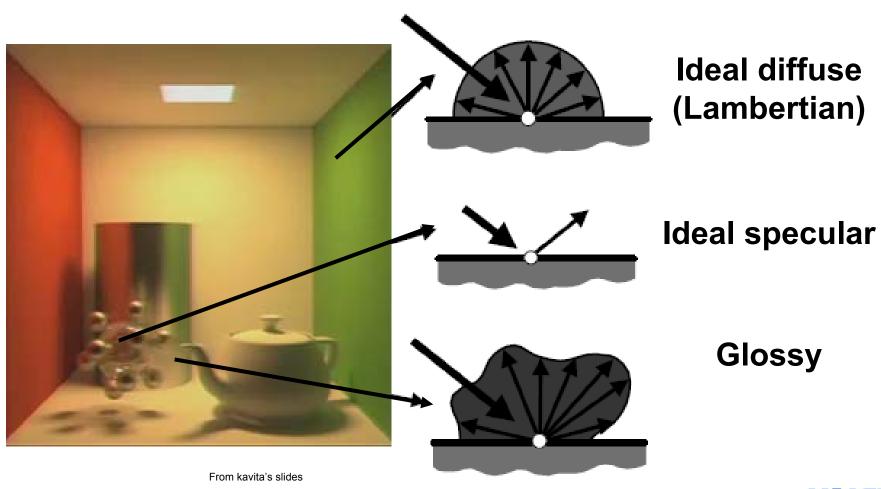
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- Material properties



Rendering equation

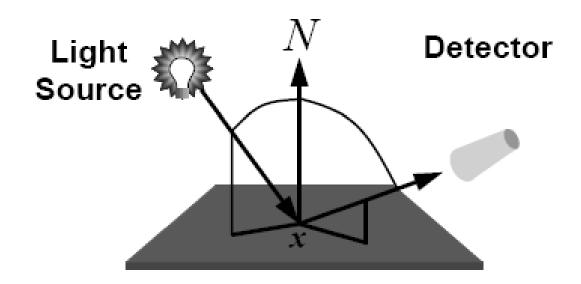


#### **Materials**





# Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)



$$f_r(x, \Psi \to \Theta) = \frac{dL(x \to \Theta)}{dE(x \leftarrow \Psi)} = \frac{dL(x \to \Theta)}{L(x \leftarrow \Psi)\cos(N_x, \Psi)d\omega_{\Psi}}$$

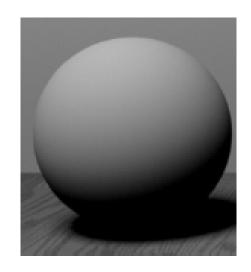
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## BRDF special case: ideal diffuse

#### Pure Lambertian

$$f_r(x, \Psi \to \Theta) = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$$



$$\rho_d = \frac{Energy_{out}}{Energy_{in}} \qquad 0 \le \rho_d \le 1$$

# Properties of the BRDF

Reciprocity:

$$f_r(x, \Psi \to \Theta) = f_r(x, \Theta \to \Psi)$$

• Therefore, notation:  $f_r(x, \Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta)$ 

Important for bidirectional tracing

## Properties of the BRDF

Bounds:

$$0 \le f_r(x, \Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta) \le \infty$$

Energy conservation:

$$\forall \Psi \int_{\Theta} f_r(x, \Psi \leftrightarrow \Theta) \cos(N_x, \Theta) d\omega_{\Theta} \le 1$$

#### **Homework 1**

#### Prove the invaraince

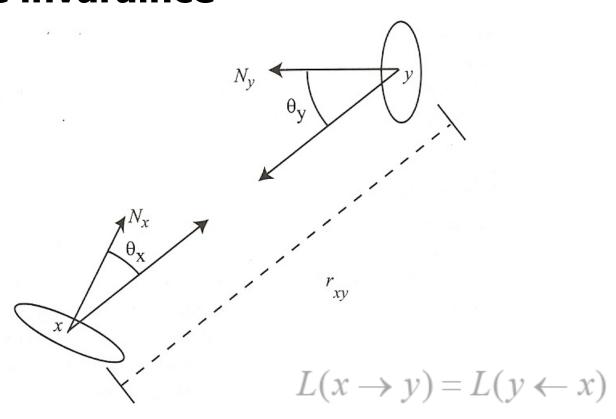


Figure 2.3. Invariance of radiance.



# **Speaking of Radiometry**

- "I need to sum all those radiances to compute the irradiance based on hemispherical integration."
- "Do you have a BRDF model for that copper model? If you give me that model, I can support its visual appearance."



#### **Next Time**

Rendering equation



# **Any Questions?**

- Come up with one question on what we have discussed in the class and submit at the end of the class
  - 1 for already answered questions
  - 2 for typical questions
  - 3 for questions with thoughts
  - 4 for questions that surprised me

