
Image-Based Reflectometry

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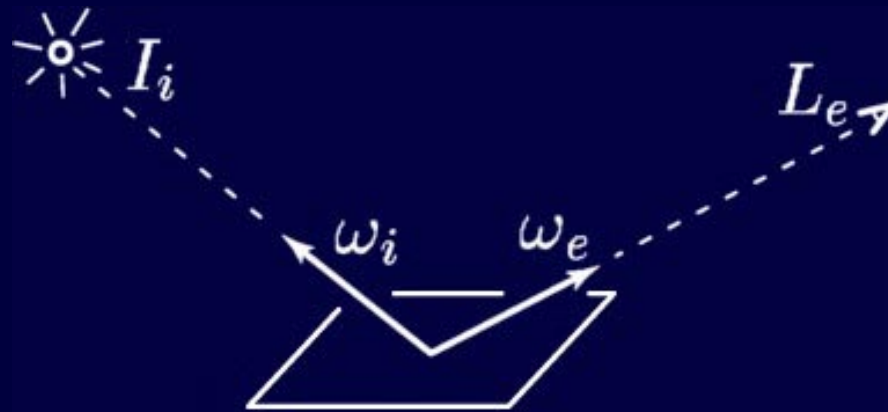
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Cornell Program of Computer Graphics

Why Measure Reflectance?

- Faithfully represent real materials
- Avoid manual parameter tuning
- Discover how real surfaces behave
- Develop new reflectance models

BRDF



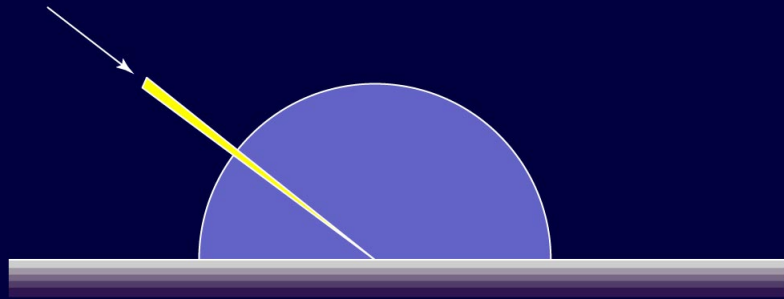
$$\rho(\omega_i, \omega_e) = \frac{dL_e}{dI_i} = \frac{\text{exitant radiance}}{\text{incident irradiance}}$$

“**B**idirectional **R**eflectance **D**istribution **F**unction”

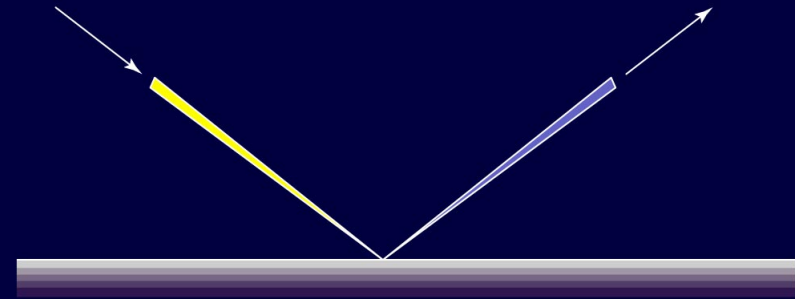
BRDF Properties

- Reciprocity
- Energy conservation
- Isotropy

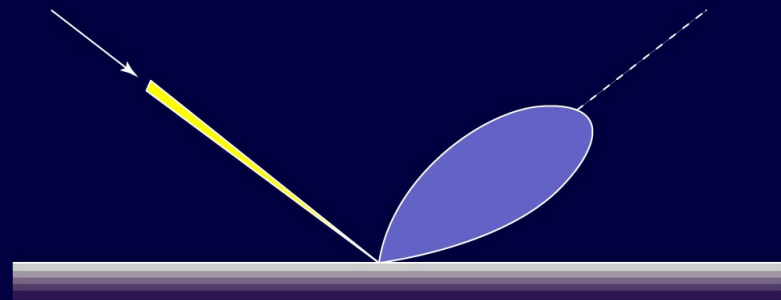
Modes of Reflection



Lambertian

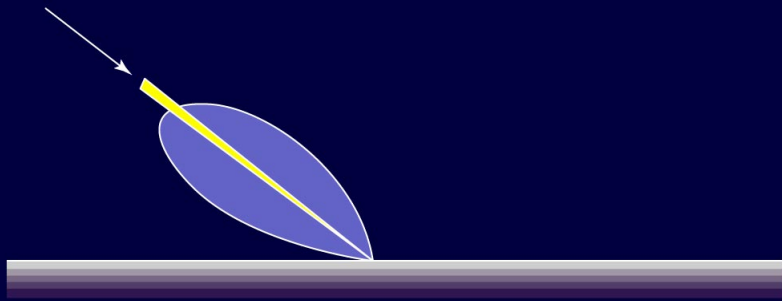


Specular

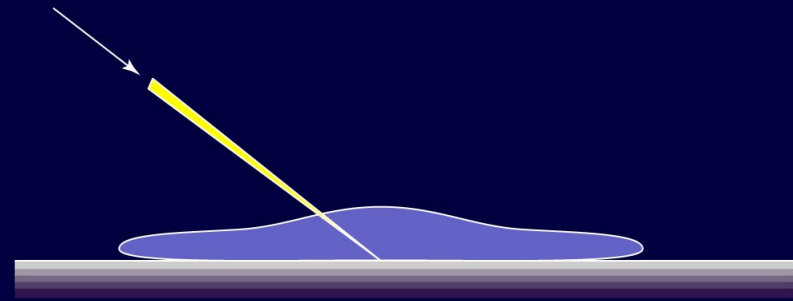


Off-Specular

Modes of Reflection



Retroreflection



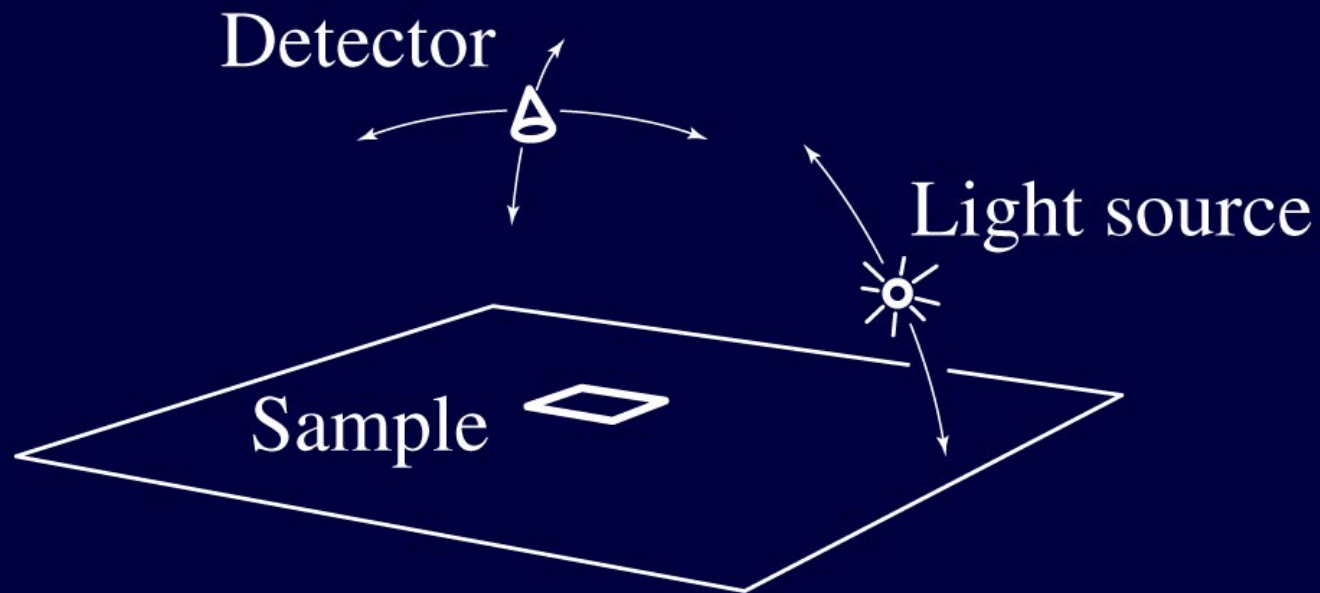
Near Horizon

Measurement Challenges

- High-dimensional domain
 - 4 dimensions of angle; 5 with wavelength
 - Many samples required; slow measurements
- Confounding reflectance and geometry
- Dynamic range

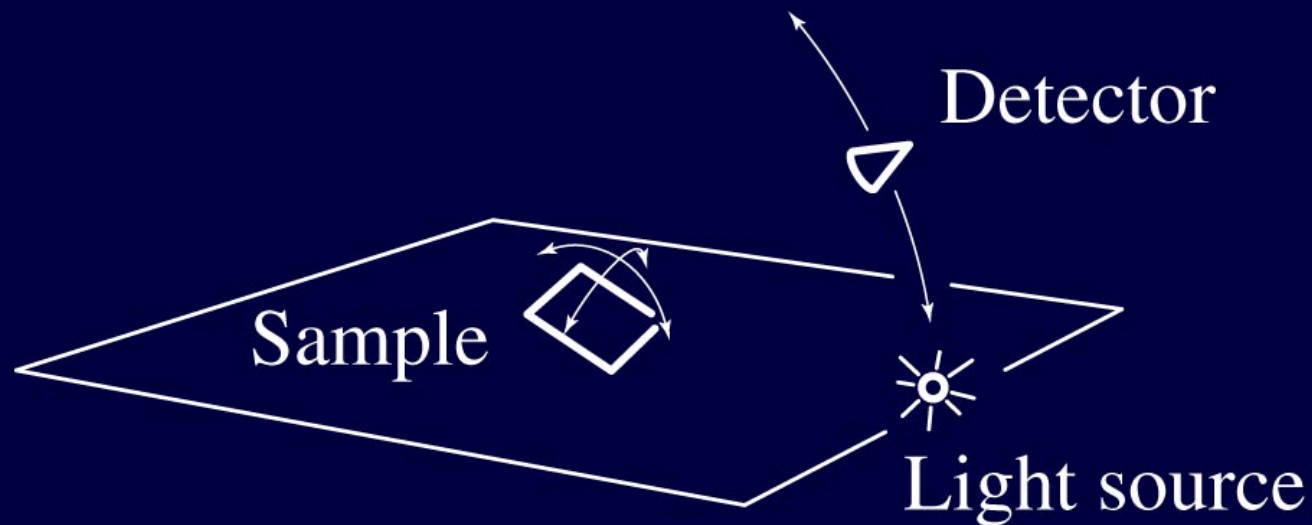
A Simple Gonioreflectometer

3 DOF: 2 detector, 1 source



Another Gonioreflectometer

3 DOF: 2 sample, 1 detector



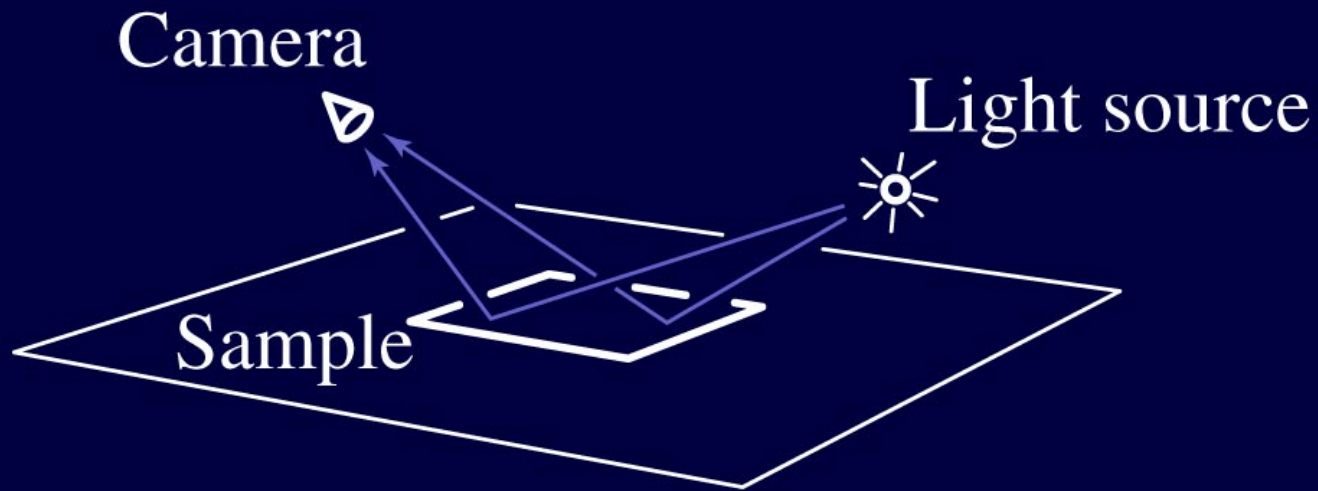
Torrance & Sparrow 65; Dana et al. 96

Image-Based Measurement

- Image sensor replaces mechanical DOFs
- Advantages
 - speed
 - simplicity of apparatus
 - use of off-the-shelf parts

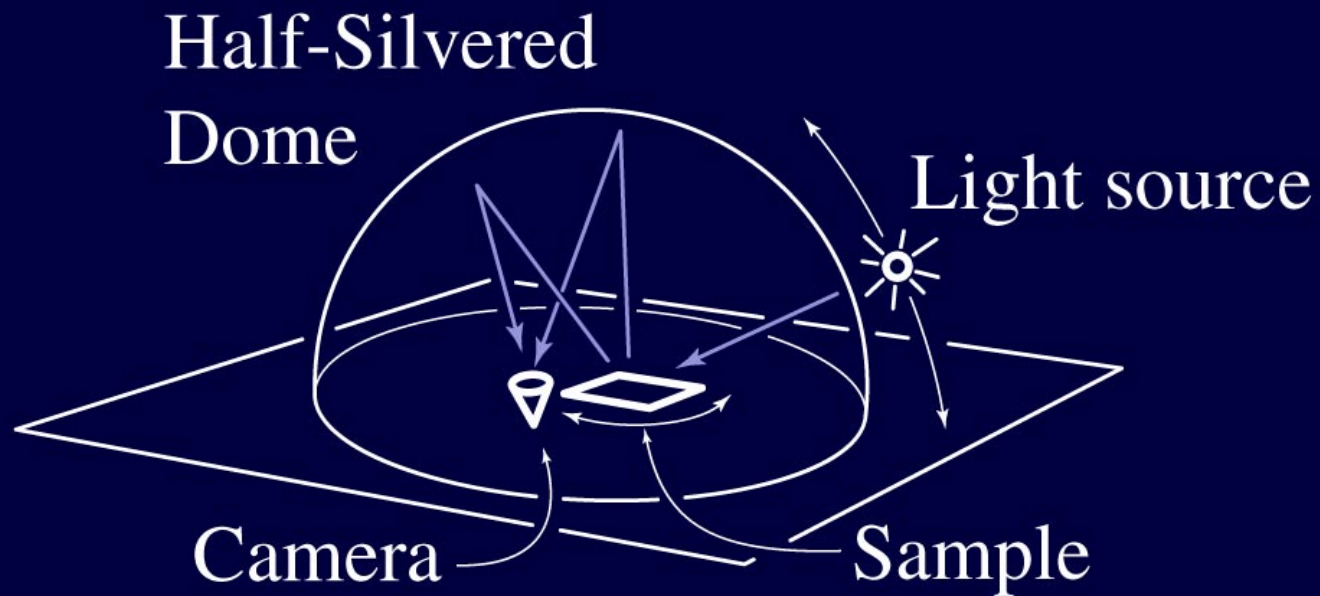
Karner, Mayer, & Gervautz 96

2 DOF: 2 sample



Ward 92

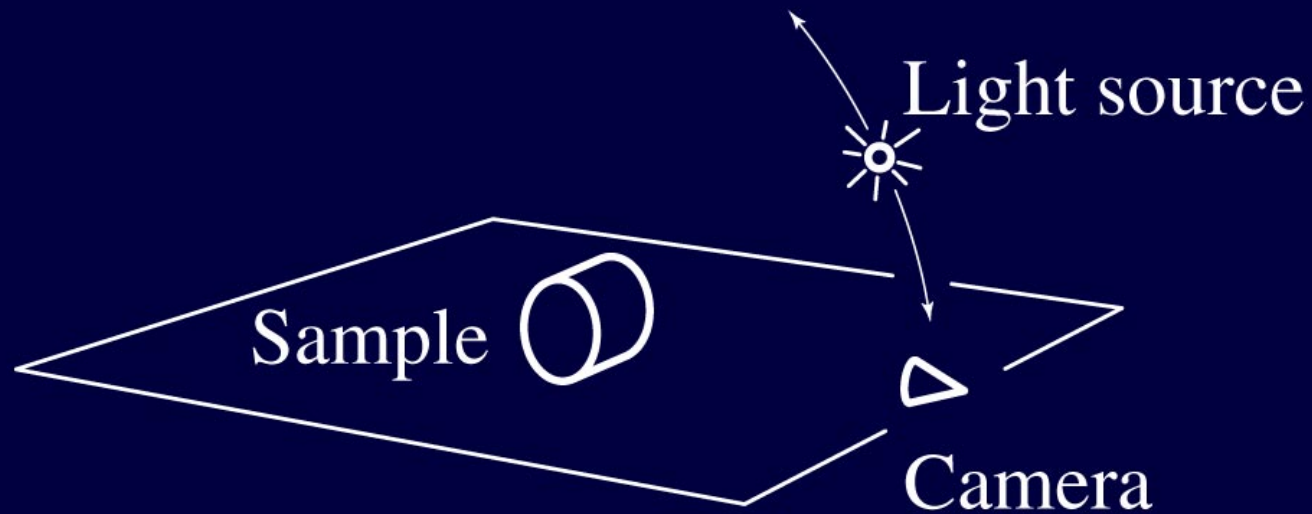
4 DOF: 2 image, 1 source, 1 sample



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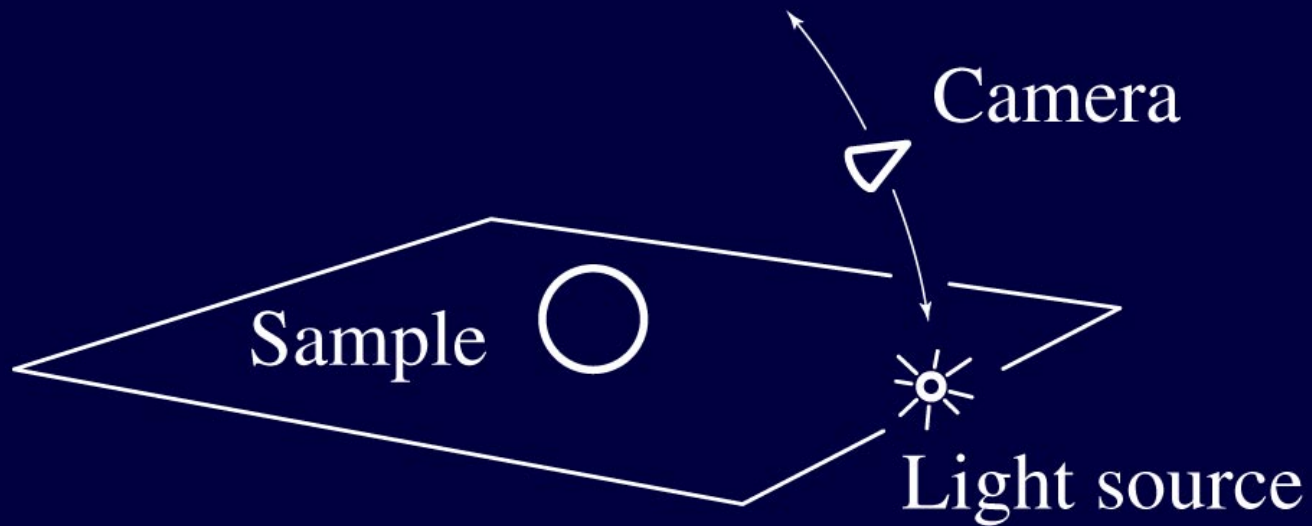
Lu, Koenderink, & Kappers 98

2+ DOF: 1 image, 1 source (plus 1 sample)



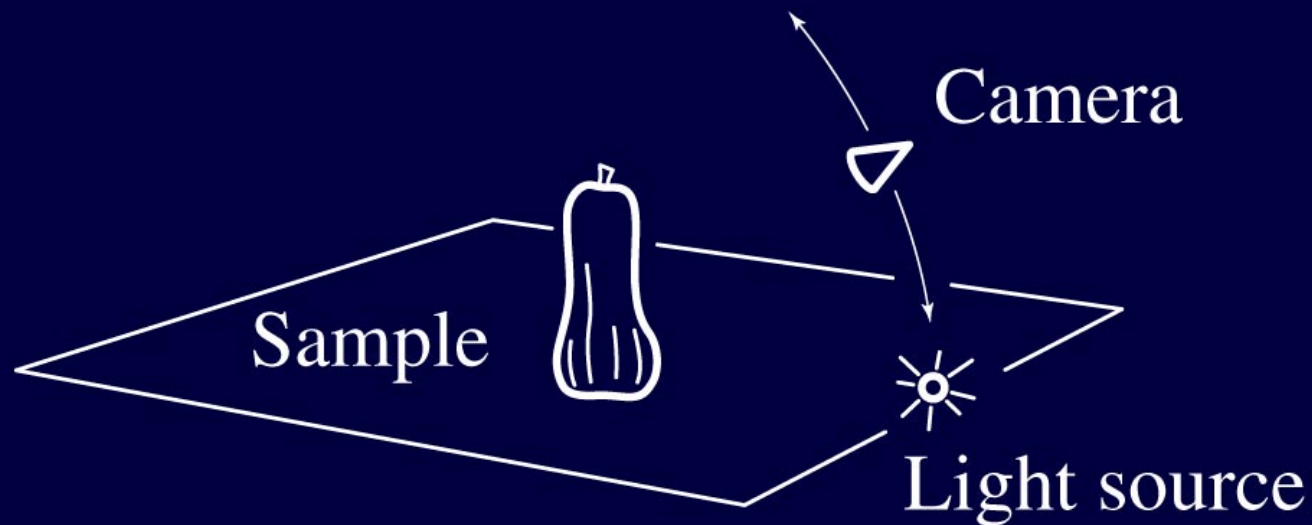
Our Technique

3 DOF: 2 image, 1 camera



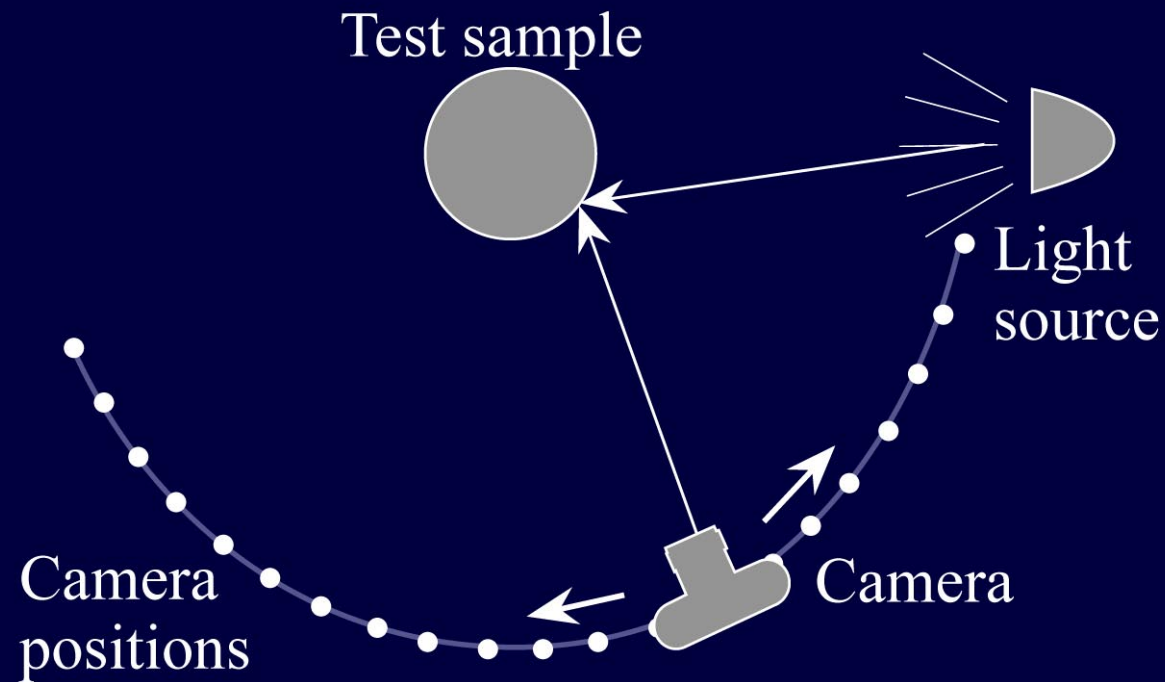
Our Generalized Technique

3 DOF: 2 image, 1 camera



Ikeuchi & Sato 91; Sato, Wheeler, & Ikeuchi 97

BRDF Measurement Setup



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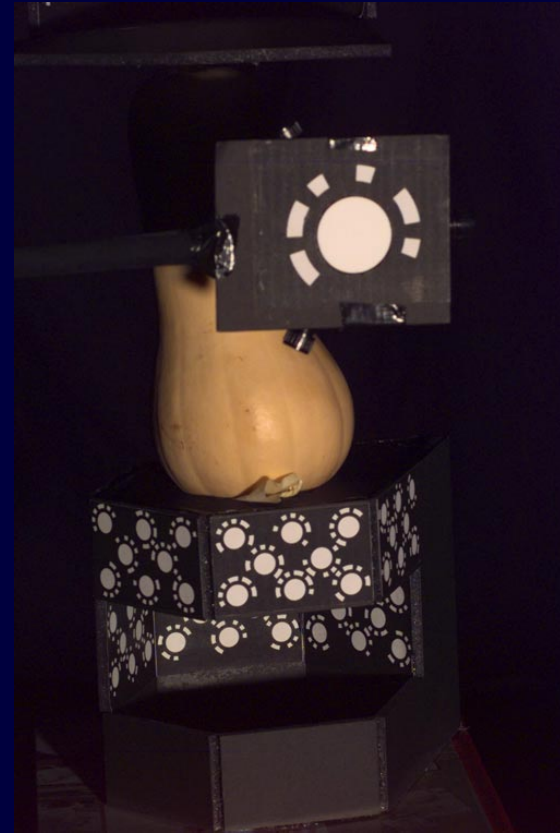
Calibration

- Geometric
 - photogrammetric targets
 - image locations give transformations
 - 3 sets: sample, source, stationary
 - result: automatic, totally flexible calibration



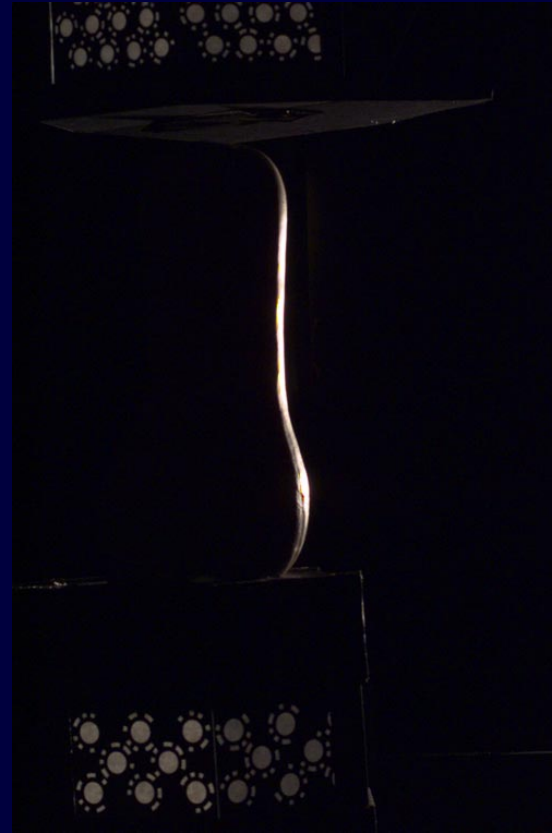
Calibration

- Radiometric
 - camera flat field
 - camera linearity
 - source flat field
 - absolute reflectance

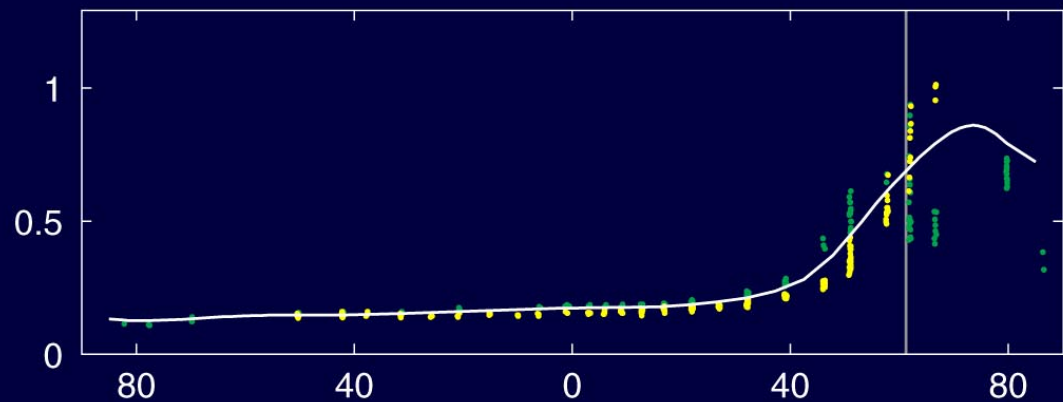
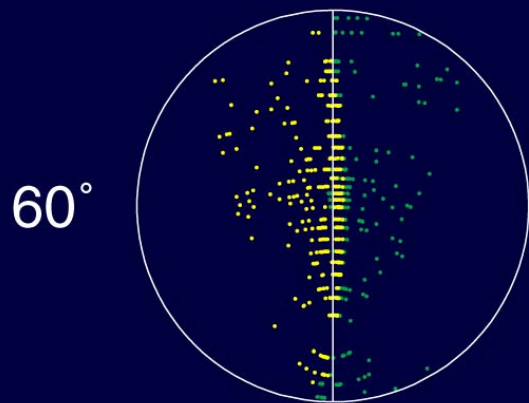
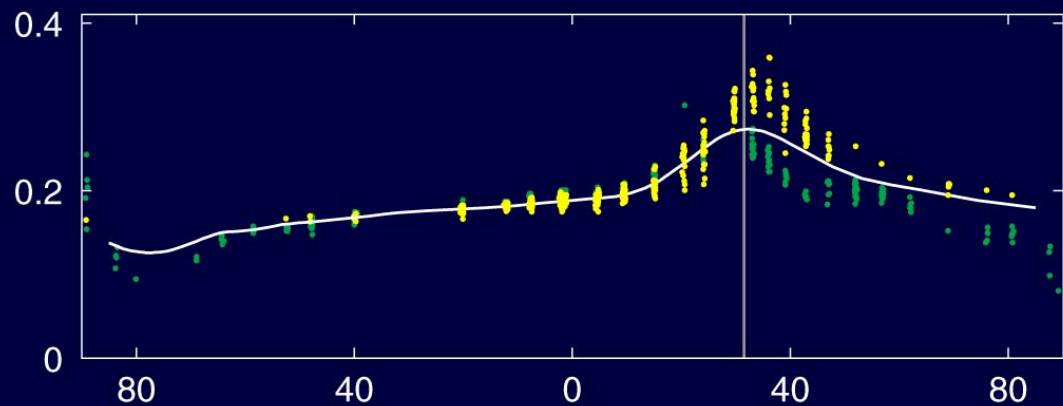
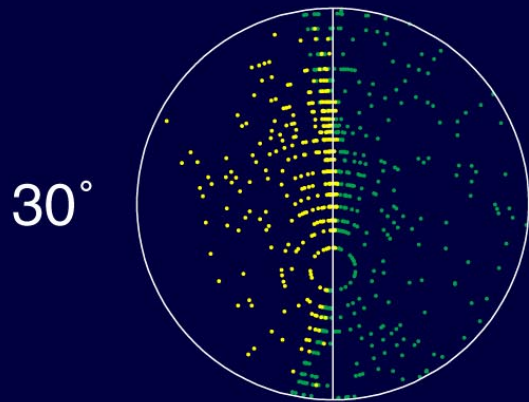


BRDF Measurement Data

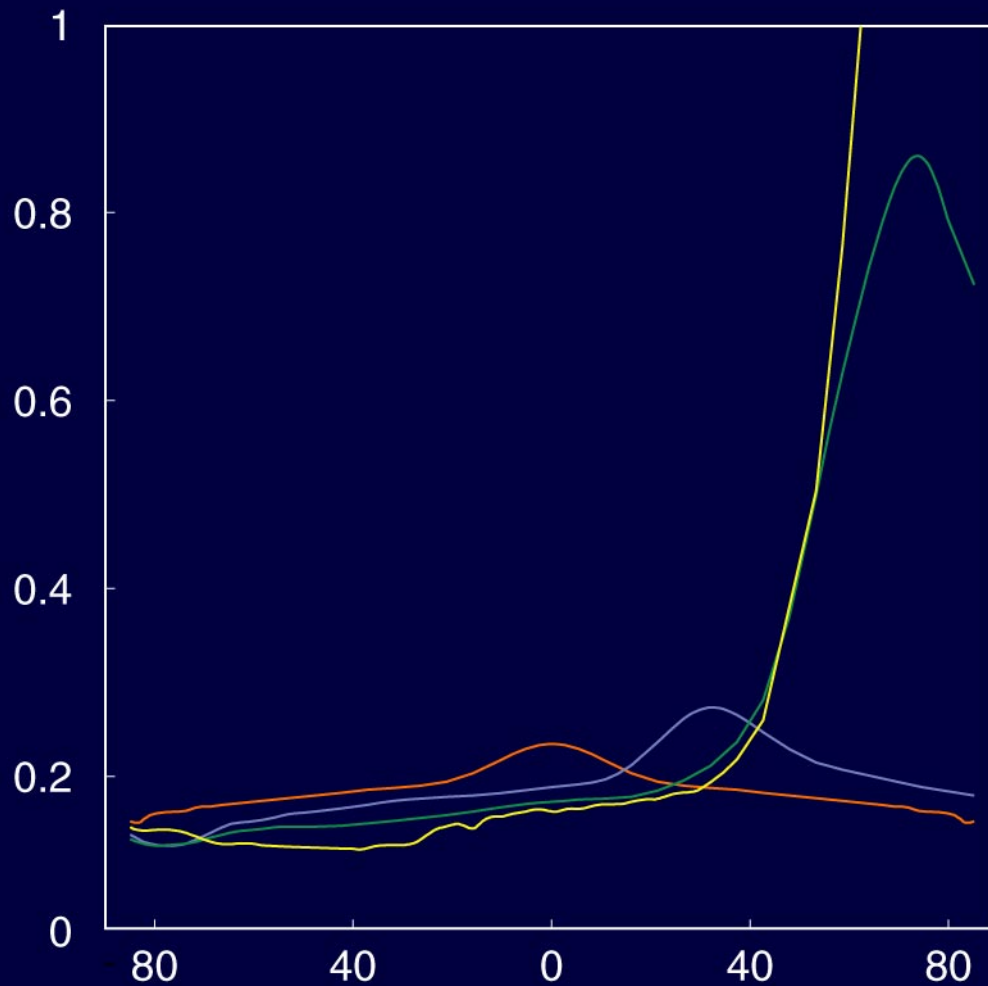
Geometry used



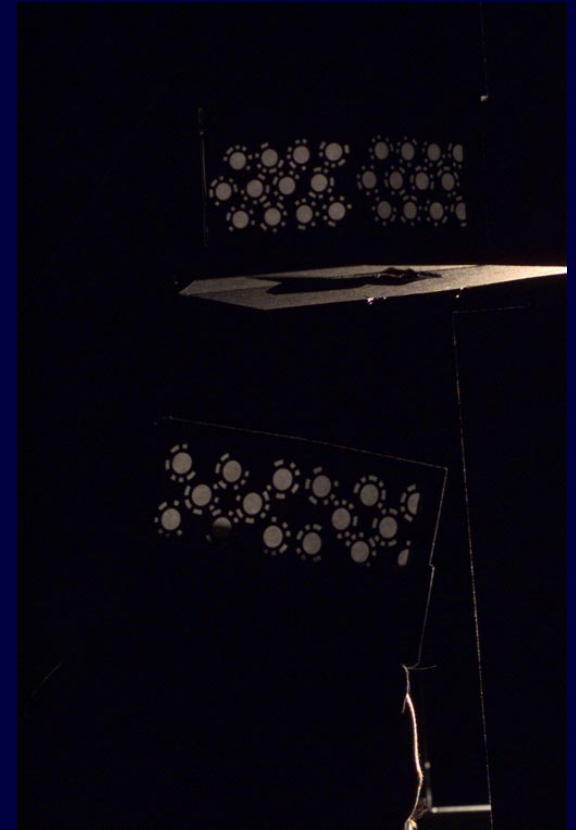
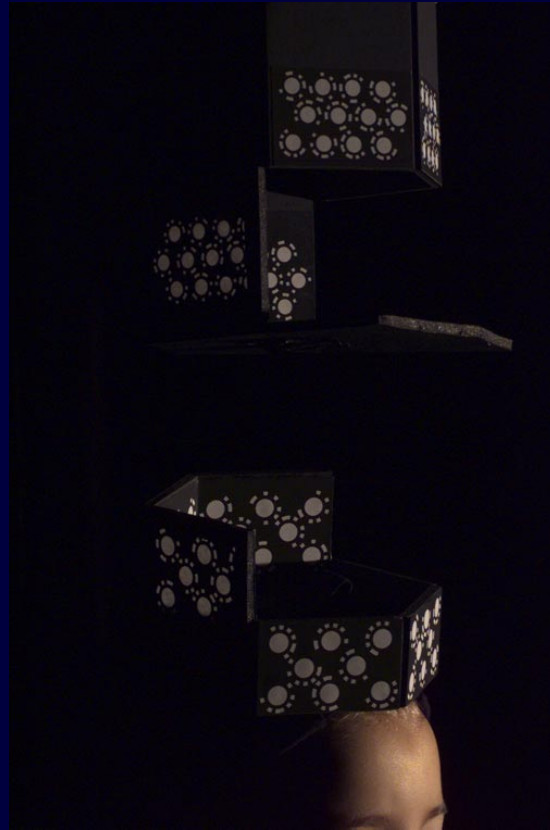
Measurement Results: Squash



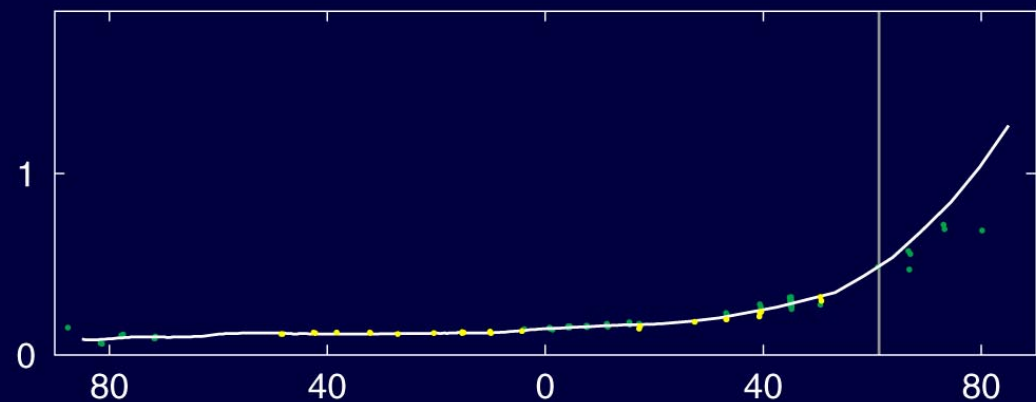
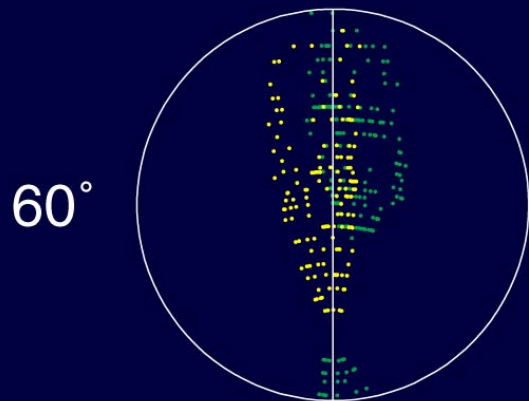
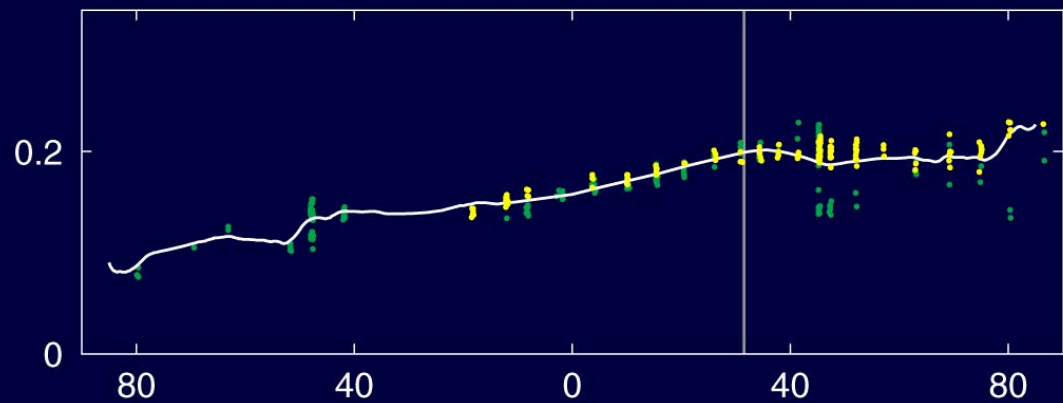
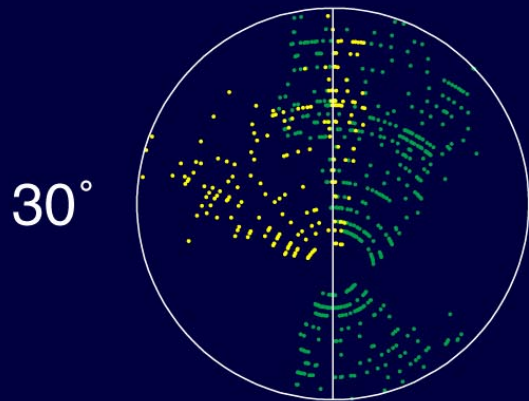
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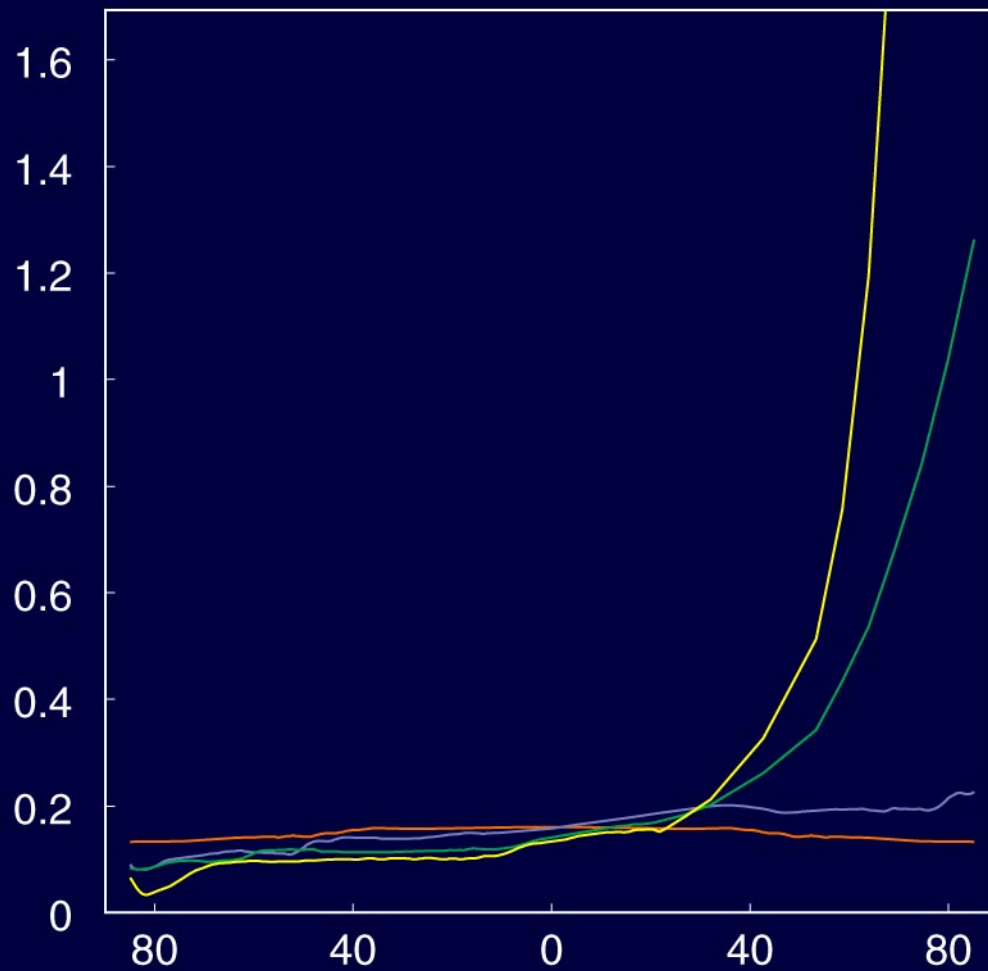
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Measurement Results: Skin



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Advantages & Limitations

- Advantages
 - measures curved samples
 - requires little time
 - requires little equipment w/o scanner
- Limitations
 - measures curved samples
 - measures homogeneous samples
 - requires scanner for arbitrary shapes

Future work

- Get rid of scanner: visual hull
- Video for more frames
- Higher dynamic range Debevec & Malik 97

Future Directions

- Integrated approach to surface appearance
 - BRDF
 - milligeometry
 - reflectance variation