

# forward and inverse radiometric models for translucent materials

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### forward problem

using radiometric models to simulate translucent materials



#### what are radiometric models?

model radiant energy propagation through a system/material without explicitly including phase/coherence







ignores coherence/phase



# radiometric models are based on the radiative transfer equation (RTE)



(a) Absorption (b) Out-scattering (c) In-scattering (d) Emission

$$(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}) = -\mu_a(\boldsymbol{x}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}) - \mu_s(\boldsymbol{x}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}) + \mu_s(\boldsymbol{x}) \int_{4\pi} p(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}') + l_e(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}) L(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega},$$



### the RTE depends on the scattering and absorption coefficients ...



absorption/scattering coefficient: probability of absorption/scattering per unit distance



#### ... and on the phase function

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}', \lambda) \longrightarrow p(\theta, \lambda)$$

#### phase function:

angular probability distribution of the scattered light





#### surface scattering is a boundary condition to the RTE





#### the surface BSDF does not describe bulk scattering

#### surface BSDF:

proportionality factor of scattered radiance to the incident irradiance

$$f_s(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') = \frac{L_{out}(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega}')}{E_{in}(\boldsymbol{x}, \vec{\omega})}$$





#### certain phase effects are included in radiometric models

### surface BSDF models wave scattering



### wave effects are included in the phase function





#### there are multiple methods available to solve the RTE

Monte Carlo ray tracing finite element methods adding-doubling method Kubelka-Munk model











#### Kubelka-Munk model is applicable to many sample types



diffusely illuminated thick scattering samples

thin scattering samples in which light distribution is partially diffused absorbing media in which light distribution varies with degree of absorption



#### adding-doubling can simulate radiant intensity distributions







### inverse problem

estimating the scattering parameters of translucent materials



what scattering properties do we need to estimate?

 $\mu_a(\lambda) \quad \mu_s(\lambda) \quad p(\theta, \lambda) \quad f_s(\vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}')$ 

appearance



optical performance







#### how do we estimate the surface and bulk properties?





#### fitting simulations to measurements





#### spectral reflection and the Kubelka-Munk method





#### using radiant intensity with IAD improves generalization



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# more complex measurements can further improve accuracy



**similarity theory:** for very opaque samples, different sets of parameter produce indistinguishable images or optical performance



#### using radiance measurements is one such example





## obtaining scattering properties for combined scattering samples is not trivial but BSSRDF may help

