CSE 152: Computer Vision

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Light and Shading

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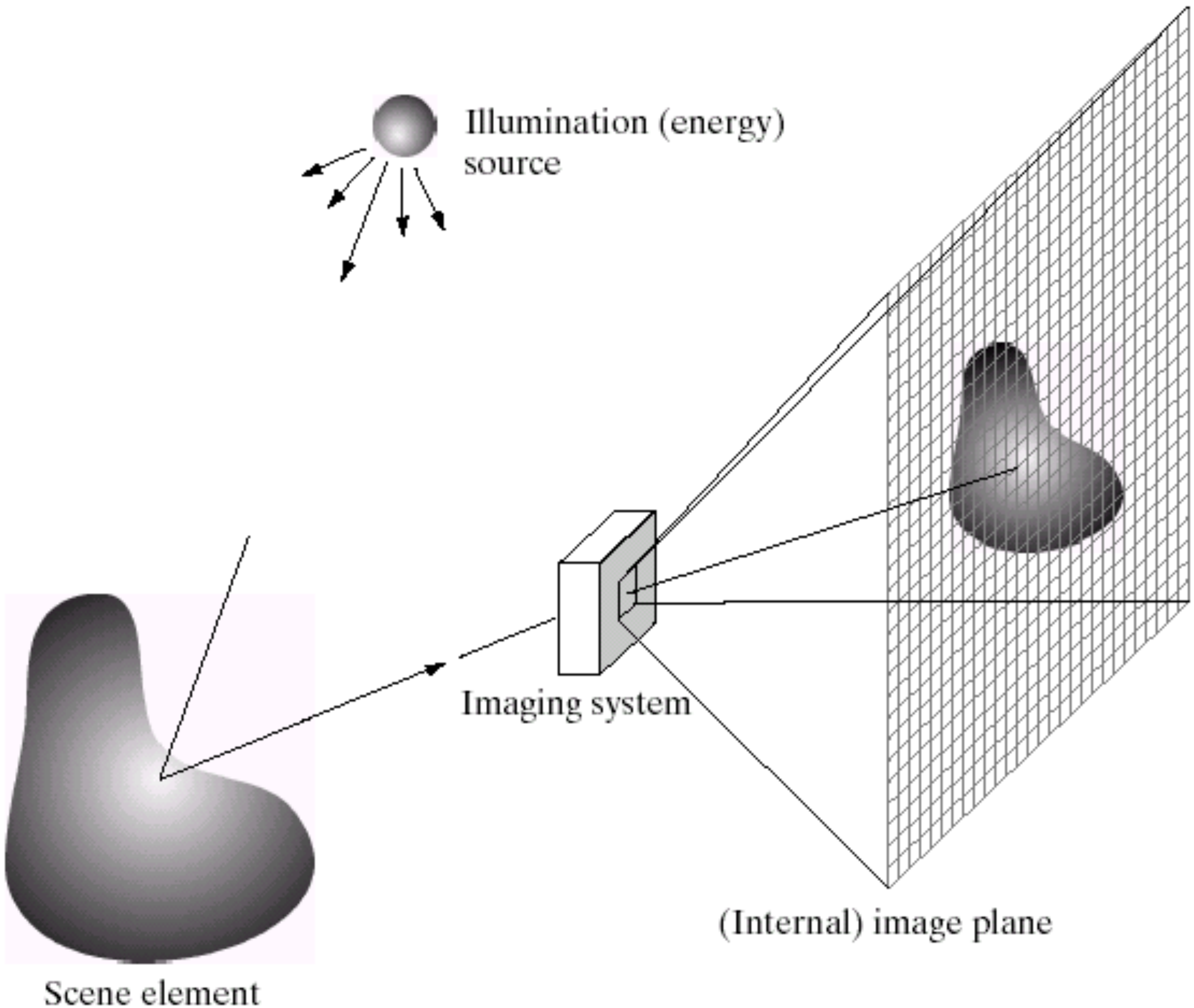
How light is recorded



Digital camera

A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array

- Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
- Two common types: Charge Coupled Device (CCD) and CMOS
- http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm

Sensor Array

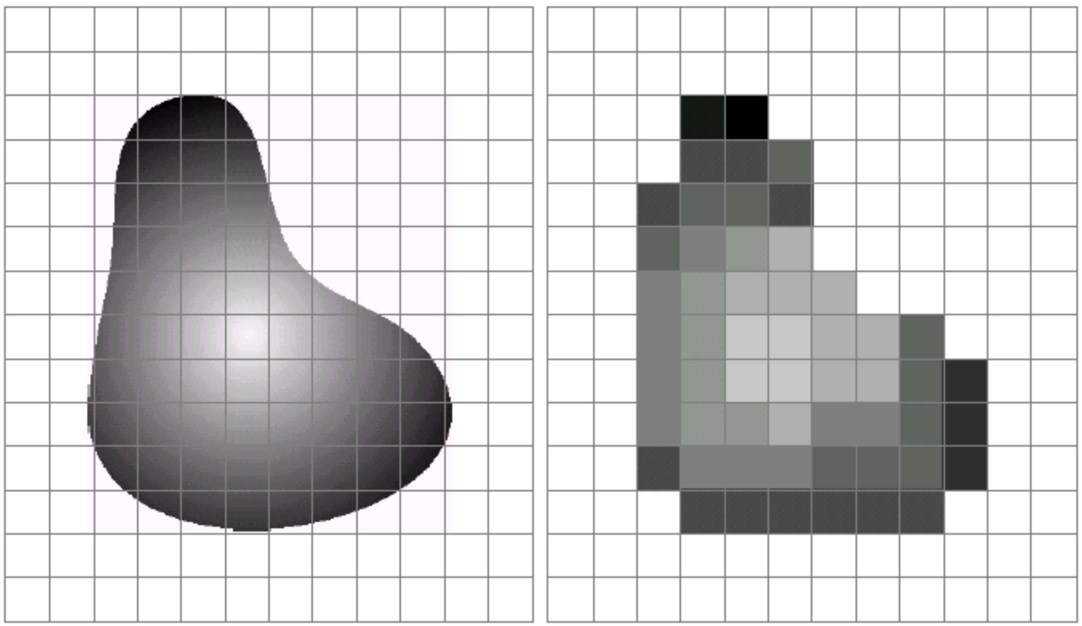


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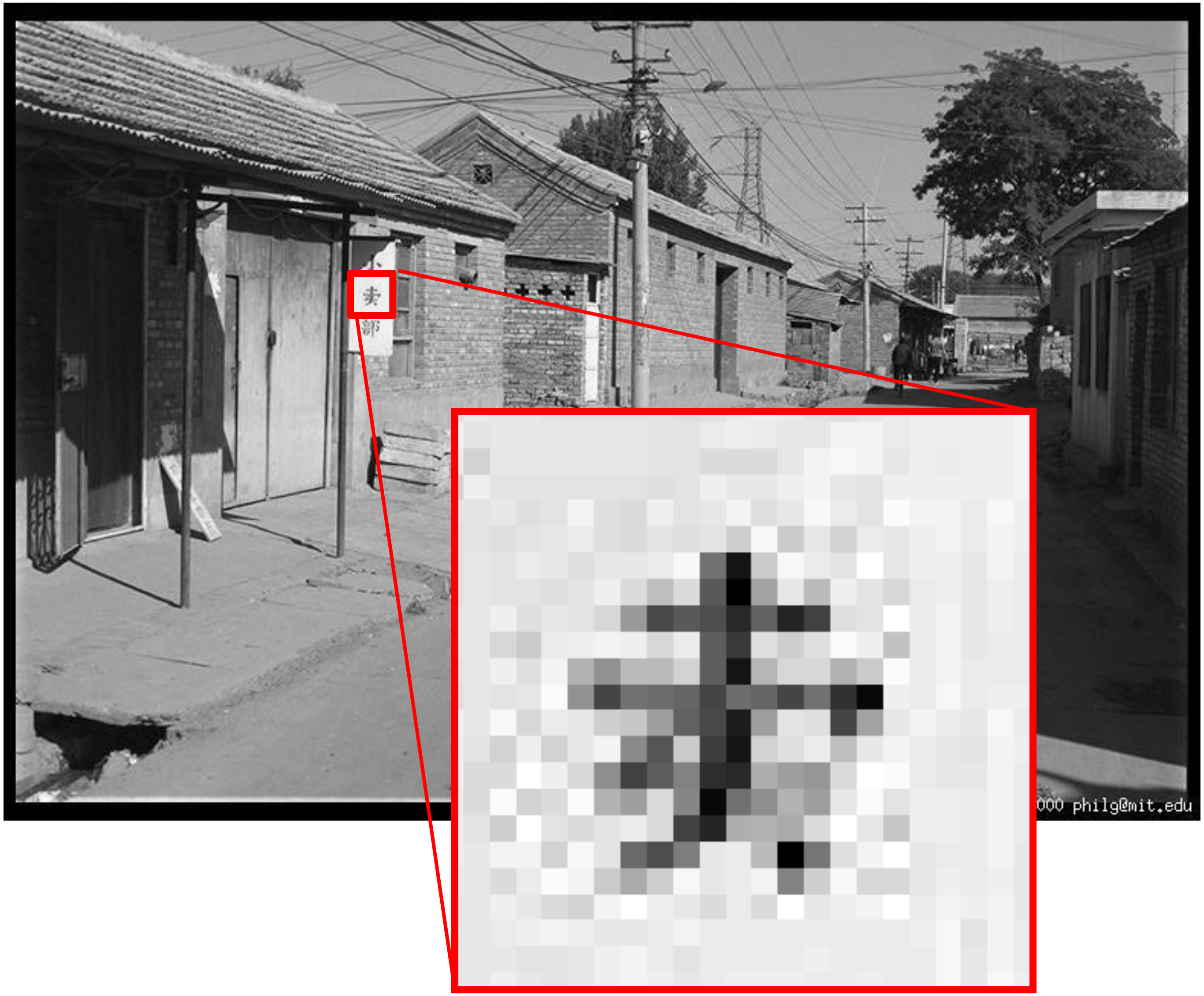
FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuos image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

CMOS sensor

Each sensor cell records amount of light coming in at a small range of orientations

The raster image (pixel matrix)



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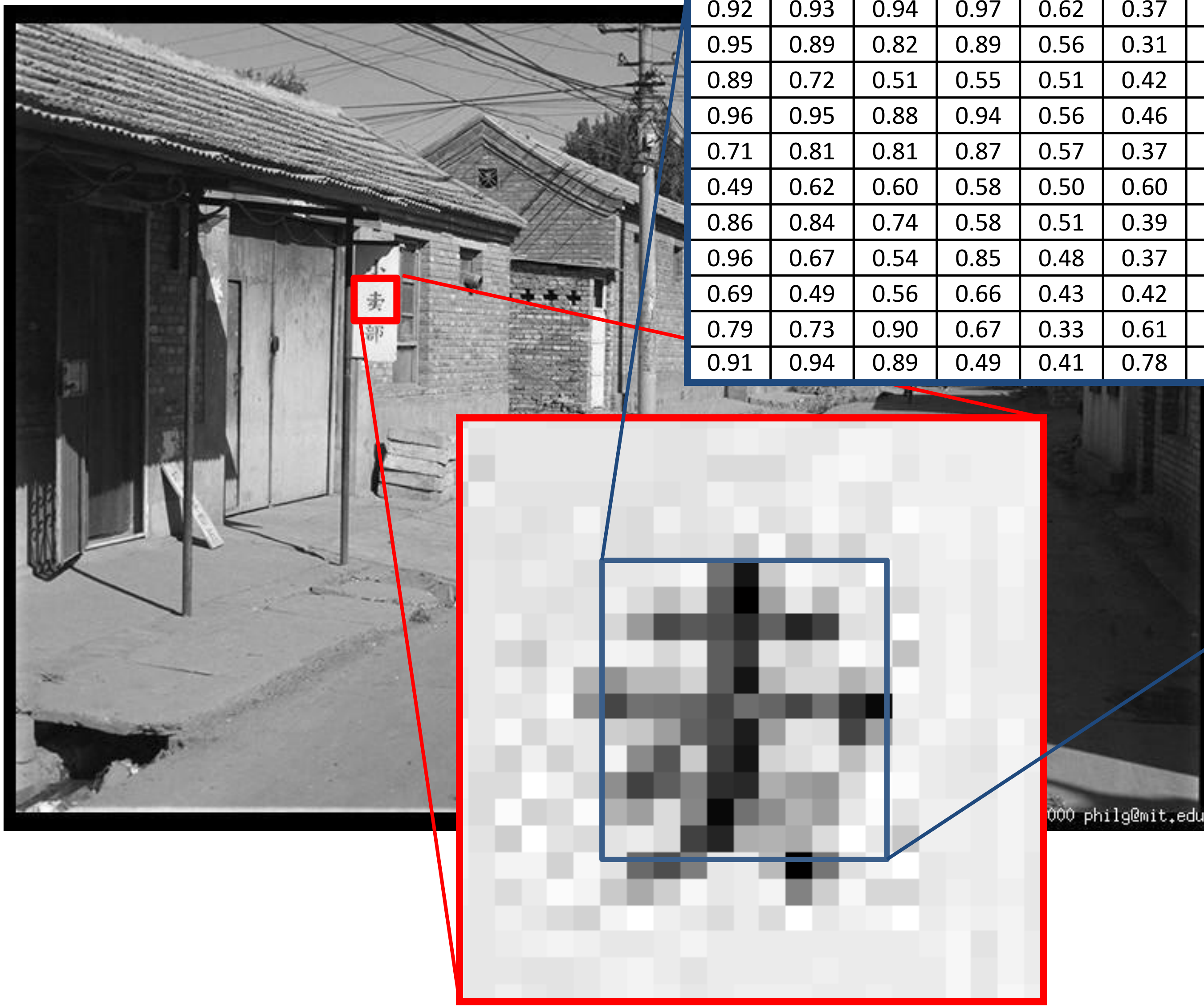

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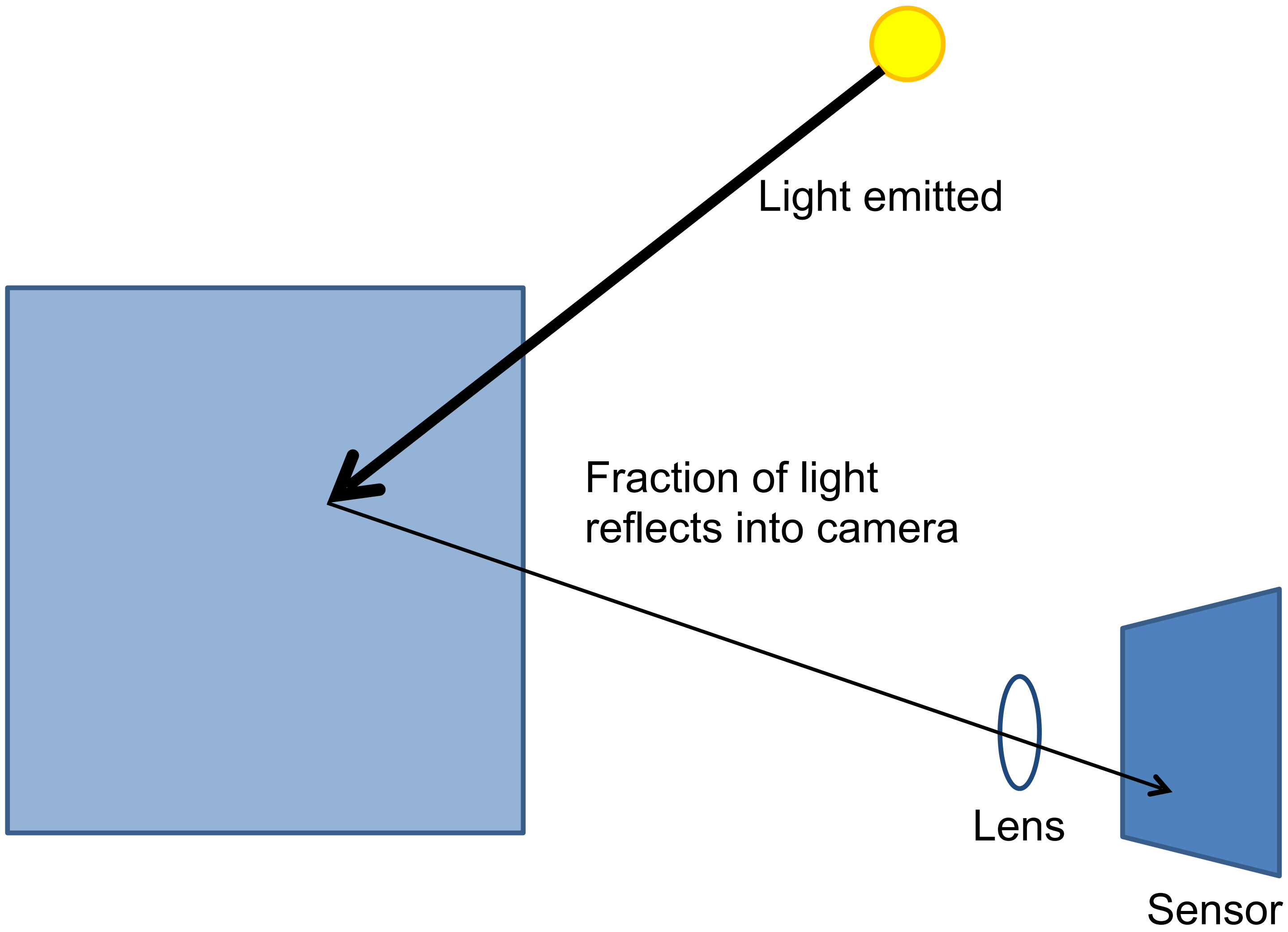
Today’s class: Light and Shading

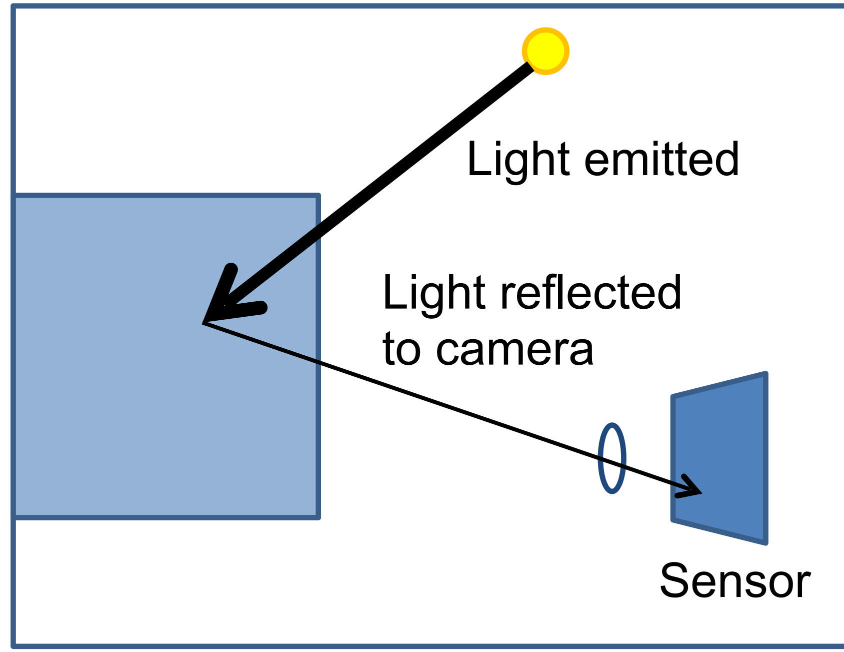
- What determines a pixel’s intensity?
- What can we infer about the scene from pixel intensities?

How does a pixel get its value?



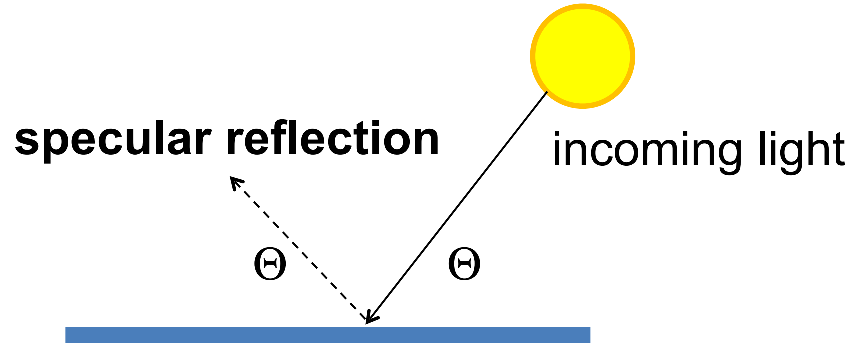
How does a pixel get its value?

- Major factors
  - Illumination strength and direction
  - Surface geometry
  - Surface material
  - Nearby surfaces
  - Camera gain/exposure

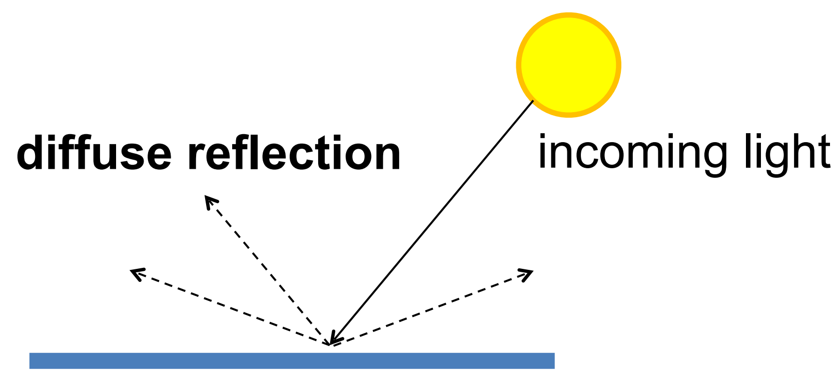


Basic models of reflection

- Specular: light bounces off at the incident angle
  - E.g., mirror

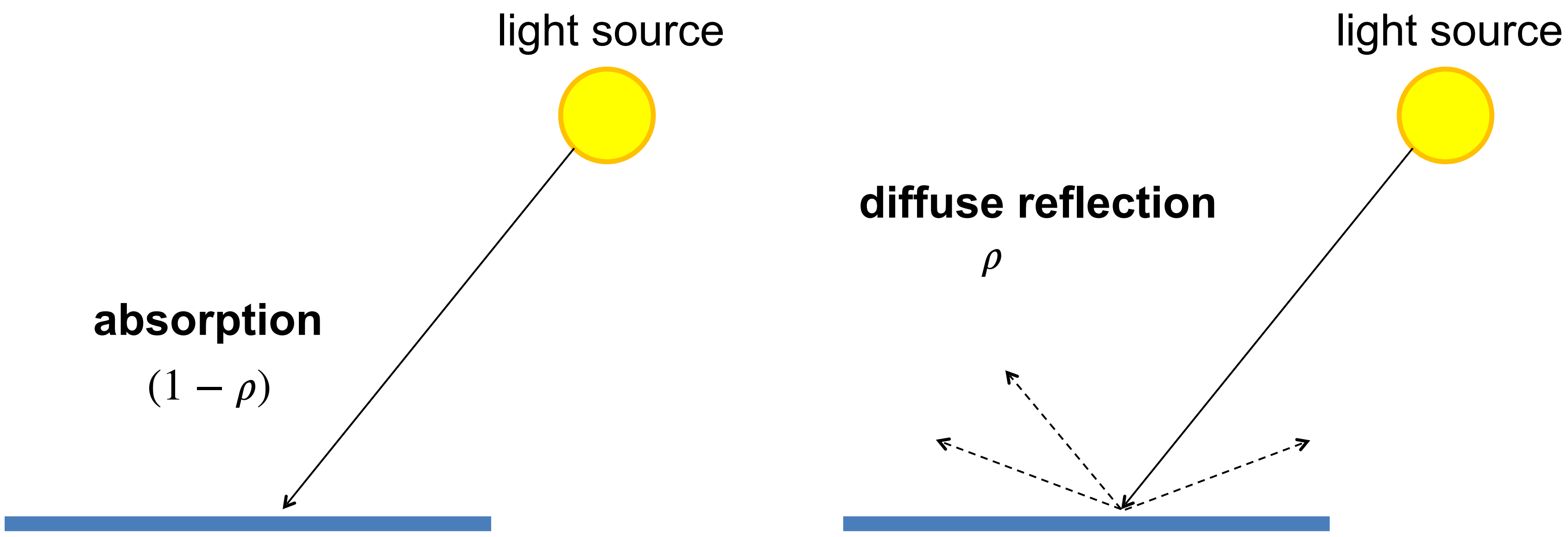


- Diffuse: light scatters in all directions
  - E.g., brick, cloth, rough wood



Lambertian reflectance model

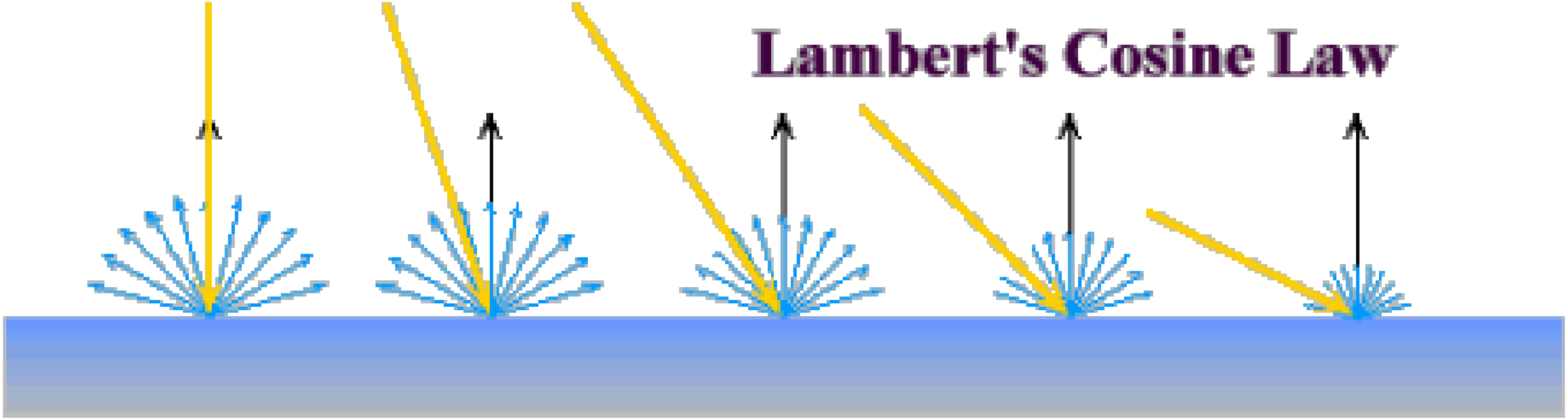
- Some light is absorbed (function of albedo ρ)
- Remaining light is scattered (diffuse reflection)
- Examples: soft cloth, concrete, matte paints



Diffuse reflection: Lambert's cosine law

Intensity does *not* depend on viewer angle.

- Amount of reflected light proportional to $\cos(\theta)$
- Visible solid angle also proportional to $\cos(\theta)$



Specular Reflection

- Reflected direction depends on light orientation and surface normal
  - E.g., mirrors are fully specular
  - Most surfaces can be modeled with a mixture of diffuse and specular components

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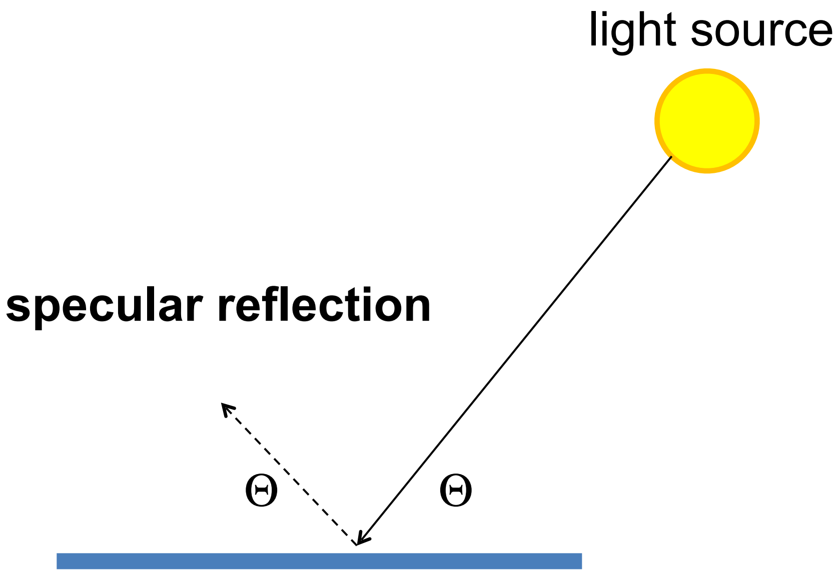


Most surfaces have both specular and diffuse components

- Specularity = spot where specular reflection dominates (typically reflects light source)

Photo: northcountryhardwoodfloors.com

Typically, specular component is small

Intensity and Surface Orientation

Intensity depends on illumination angle because less light comes in at oblique angles.

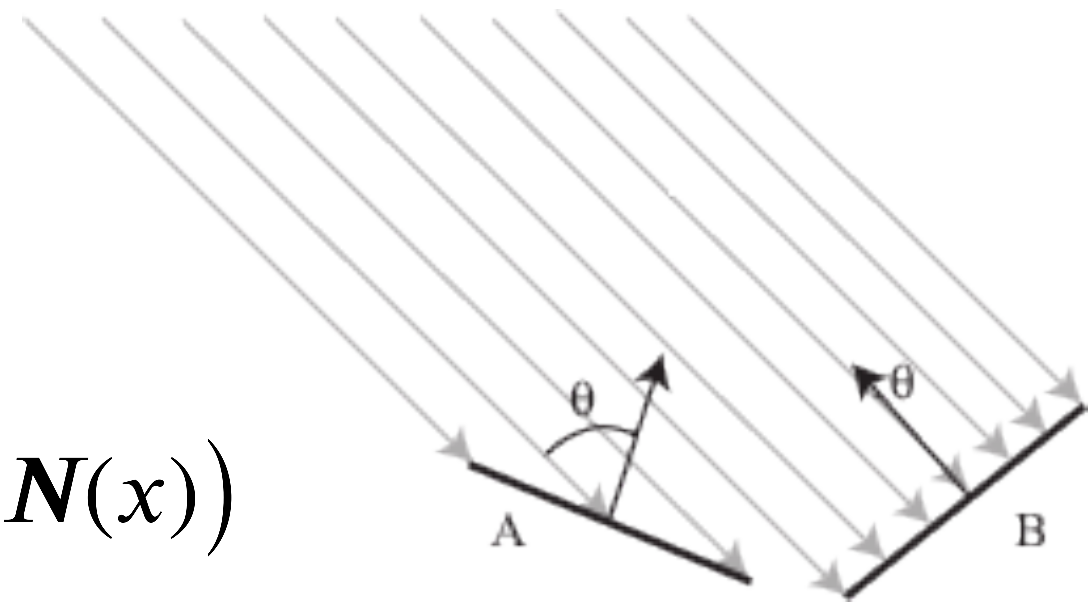
$\rho =$ albedo

$\boldsymbol{S} =$ directional source

$\boldsymbol{N} =$ surface normal

$\mathrm{I} =$ reflected intensity

$$I(x) = \rho(x)\big(\boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{N}(x)\big)$$



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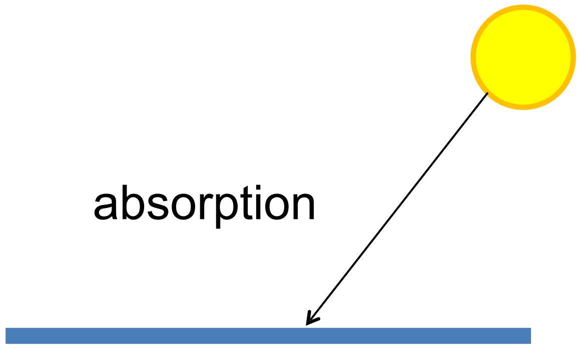
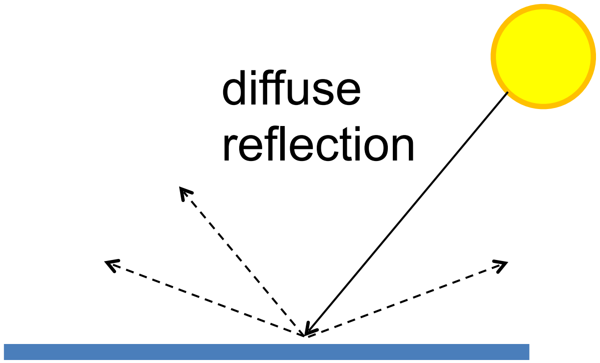
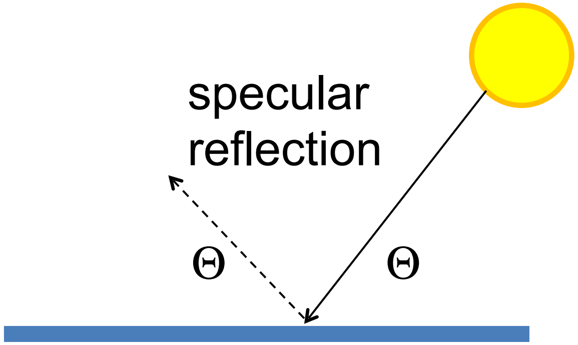
Recap

- When light hits a typical surface
  - Some light is absorbed (1-ρ)
    - More absorbed for low albedos
  - Some light is reflected diffusely
    - Independent of viewing direction
  - Some light is reflected specularly
    - Light bounces off (like a mirror), depends on viewing direction







Other possible effects

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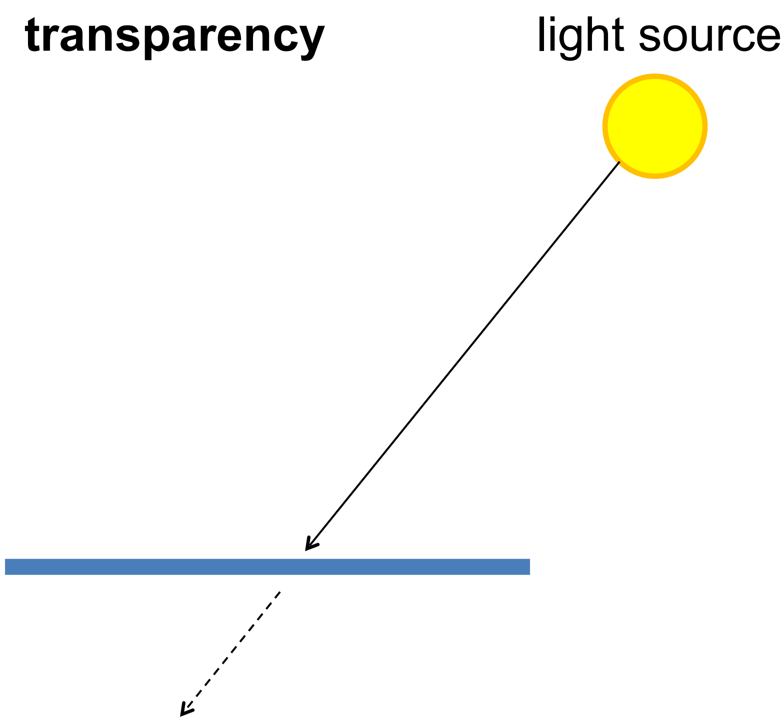
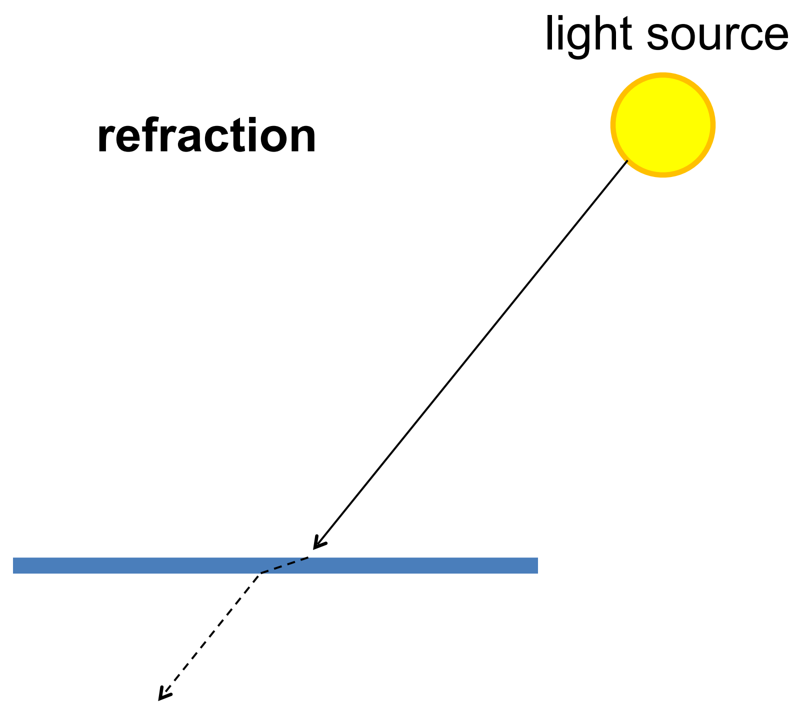
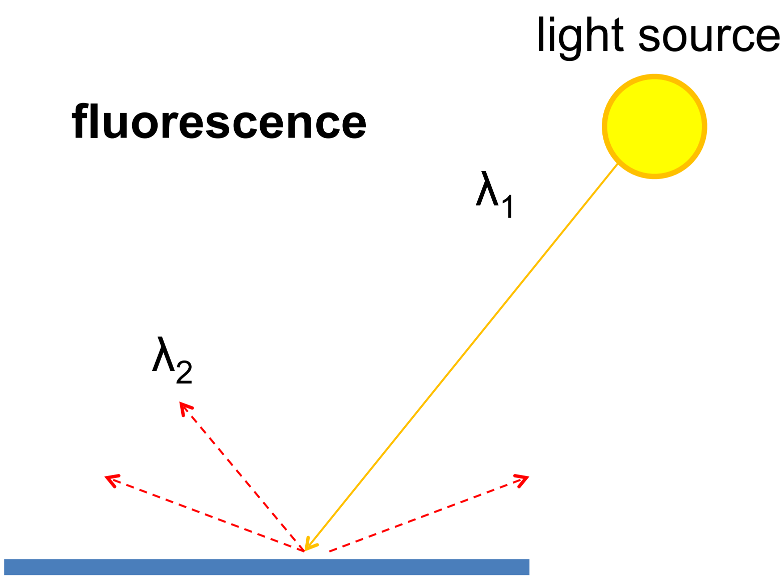


refraction

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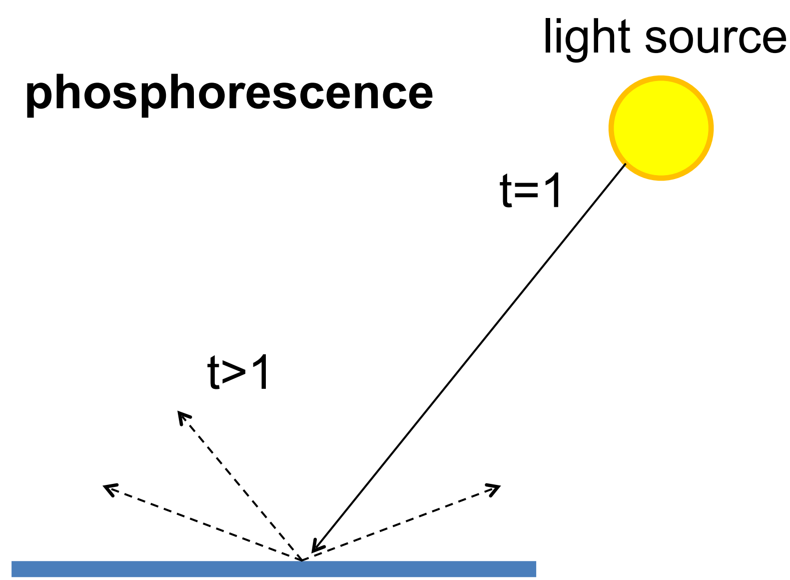
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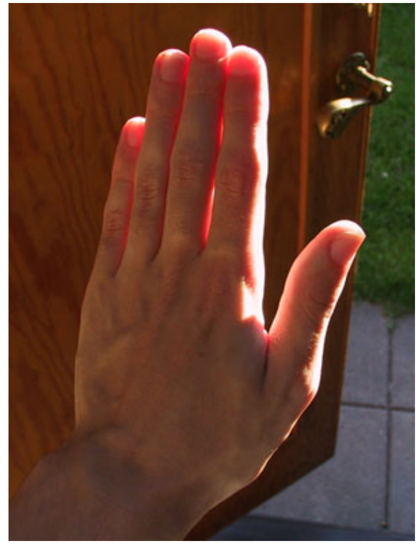
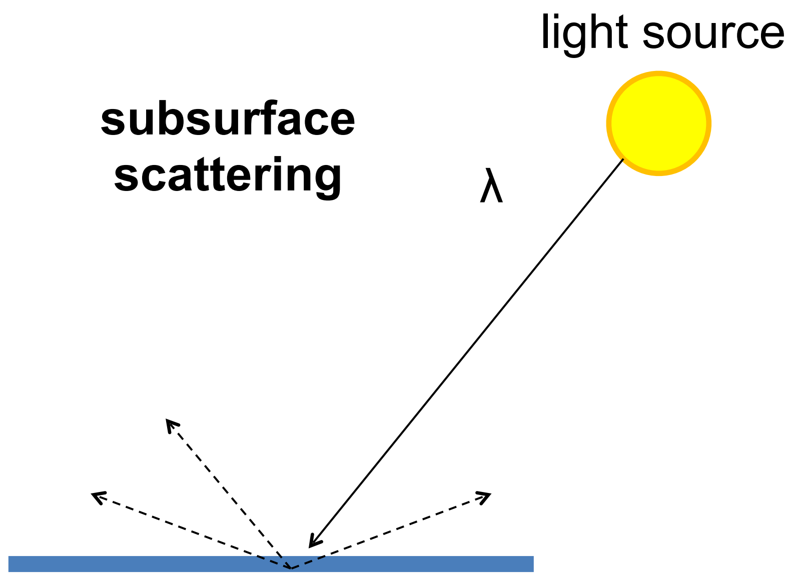
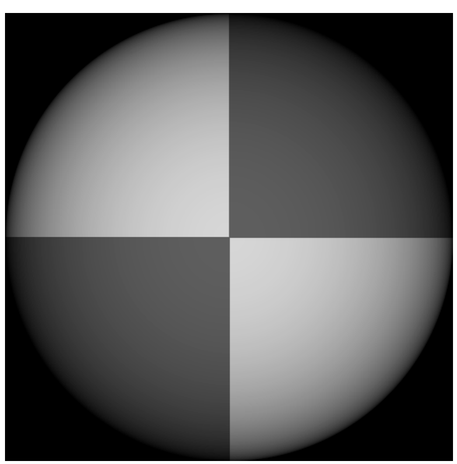


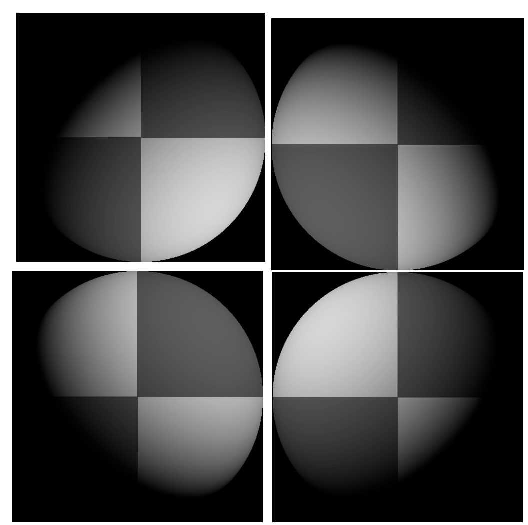
subsurface scattering



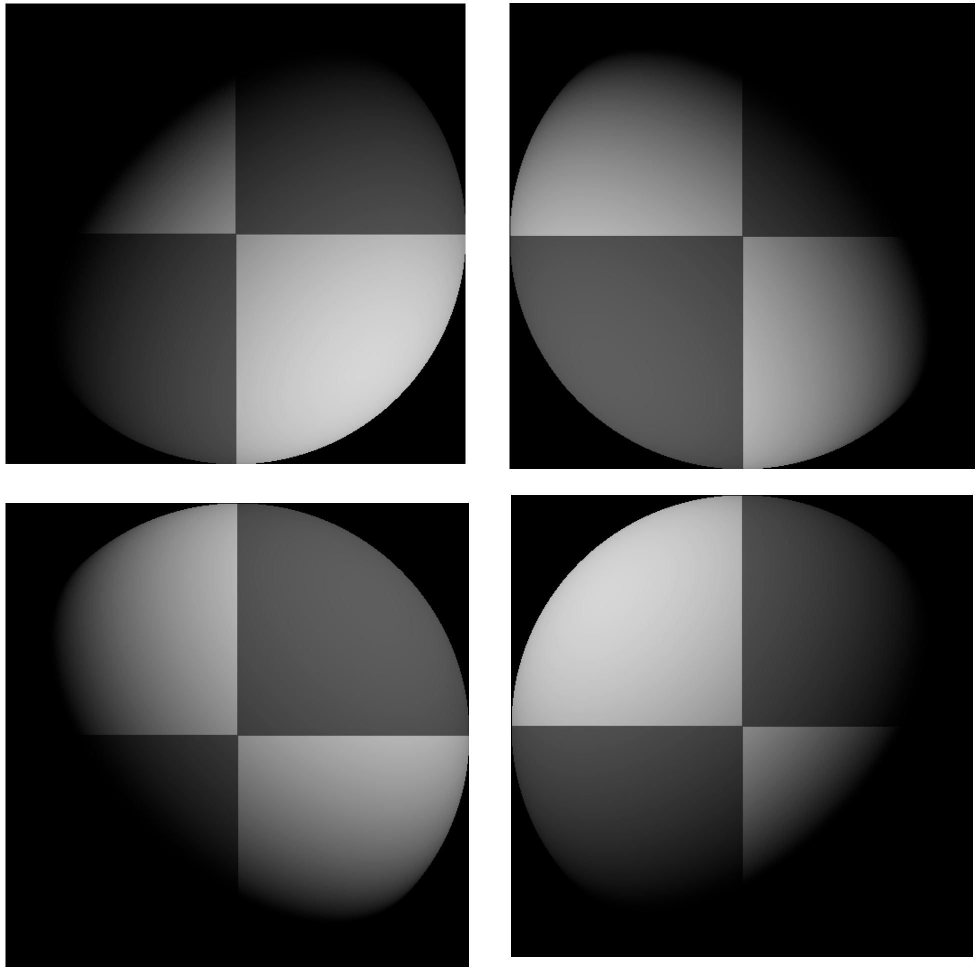
Application: photometric stereo

- Assume:
  - a set of point sources that are infinitely distant
  - a set of pictures of an object, obtained in exactly the same camera/object configuration but using different sources
  - A Lambertian object (or the specular component has been identified and removed)





Photometric stereo slides by Forsyth



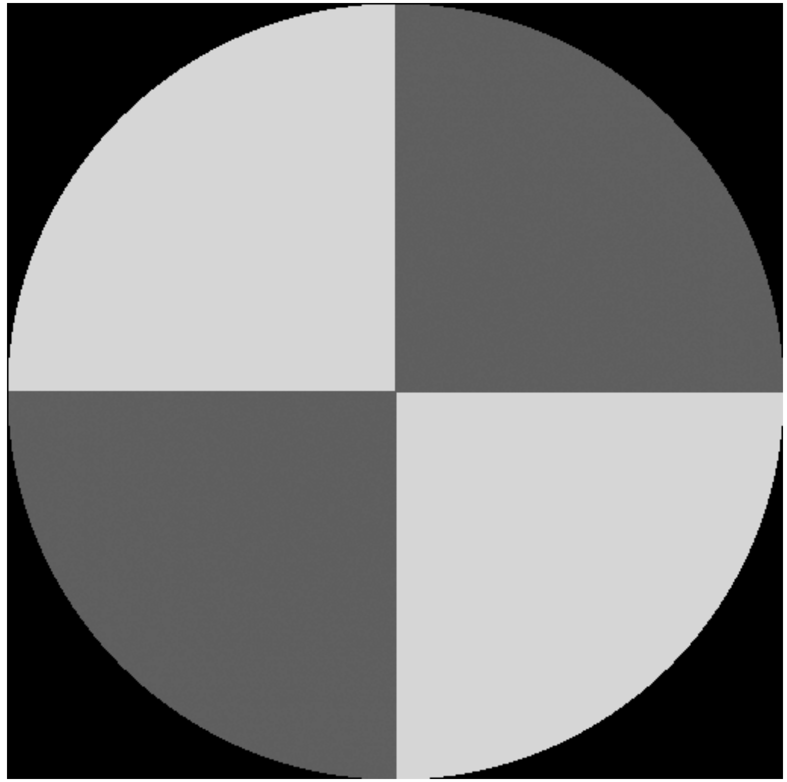
Intensity for pixel x

Source i direction and strength

Each image is: $$I_i(x) = \mathbf{S}_i \cdot (\rho(x)\mathbf{N}(x))$$

albedo times 3D normal vector

So if we have enough images with known sources, we can solve for $\mathbf{B}(x) = \rho(x)\mathbf{N}(x)$

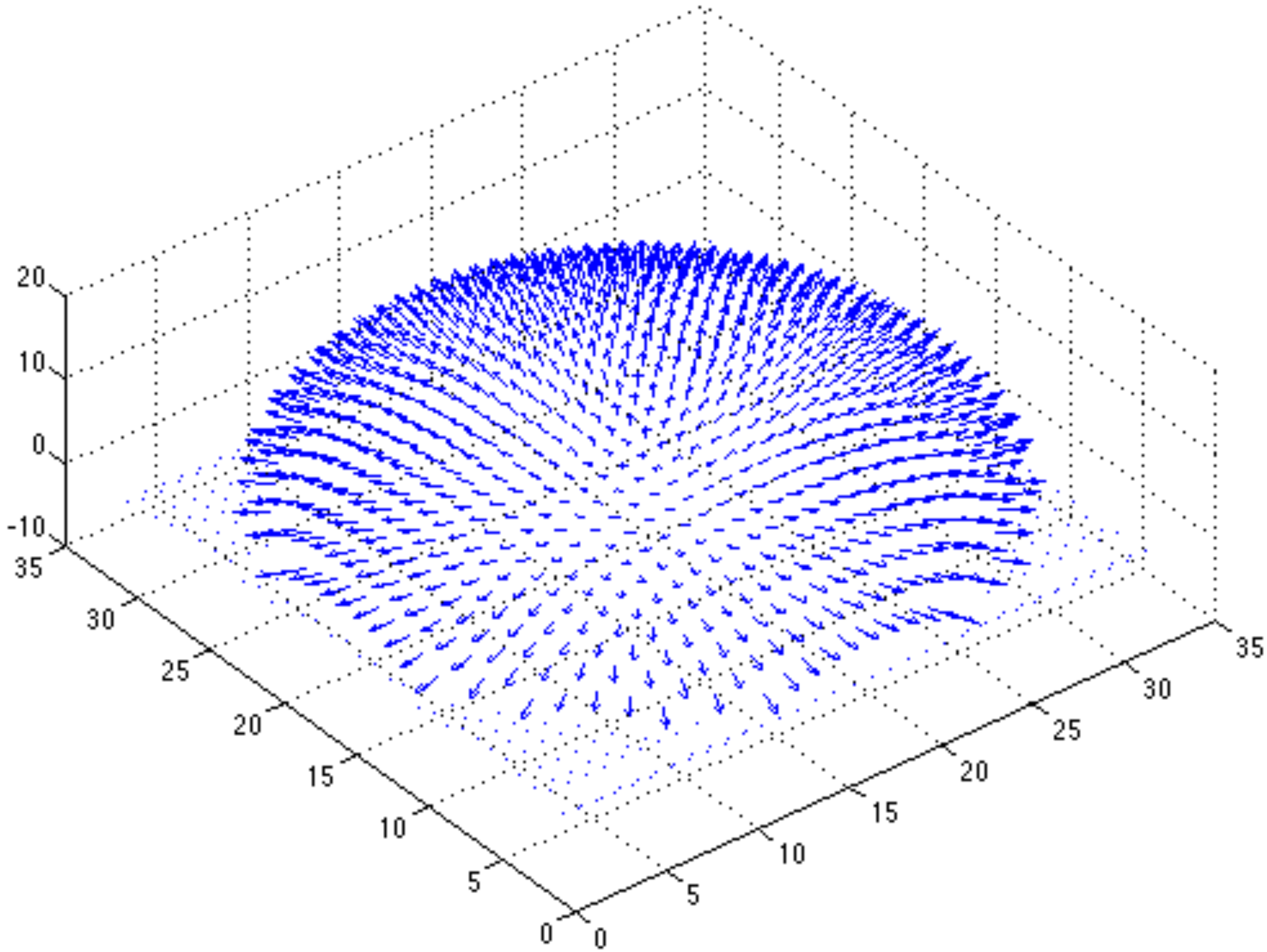


$$\boldsymbol{B}(x) = \rho(x)\boldsymbol{N}(x)$$

And the albedo (shown here) is given by:

$$\rho(x) = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{B}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{B}(x)}$$

(the normal is a unit vector)



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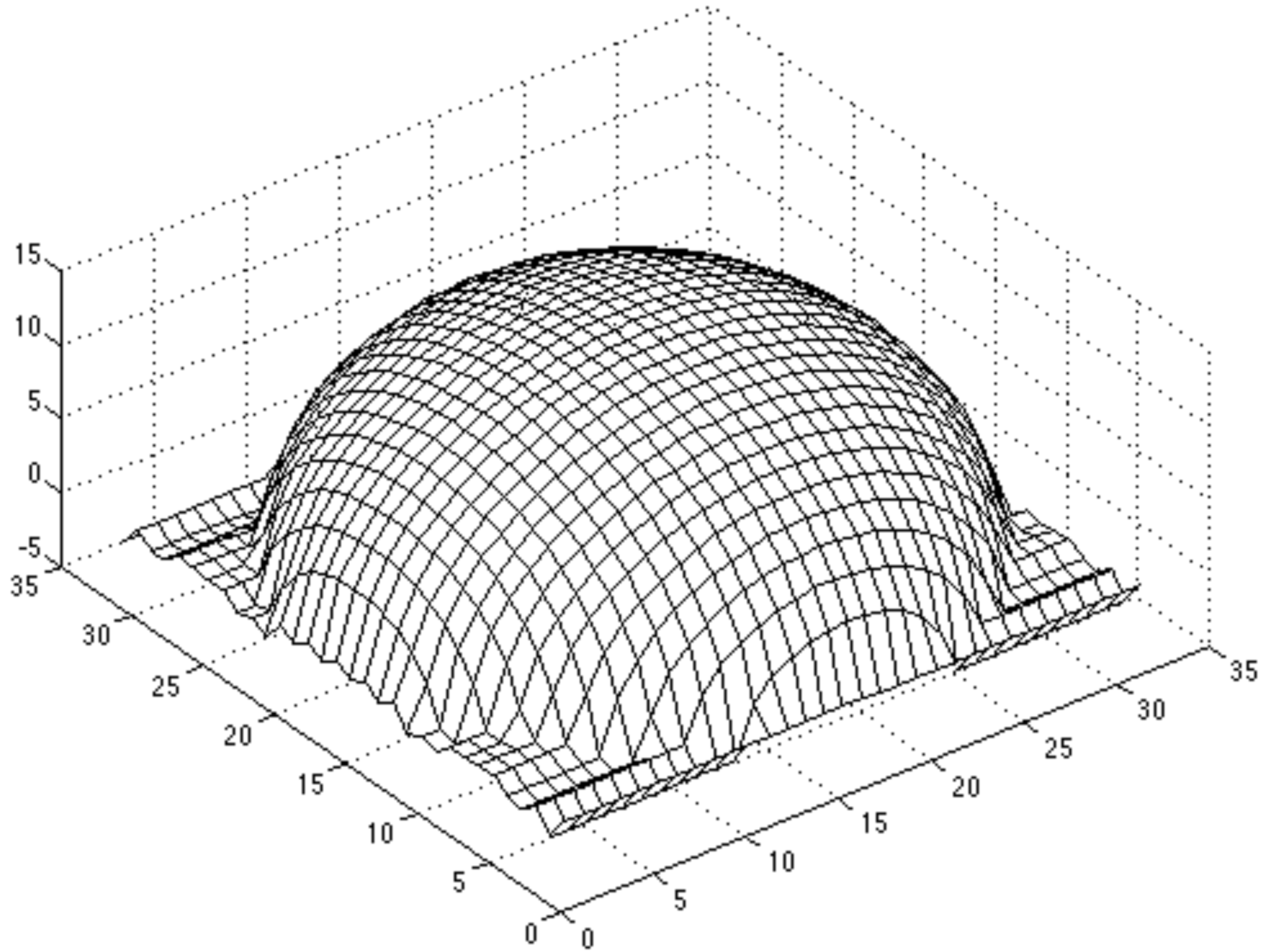

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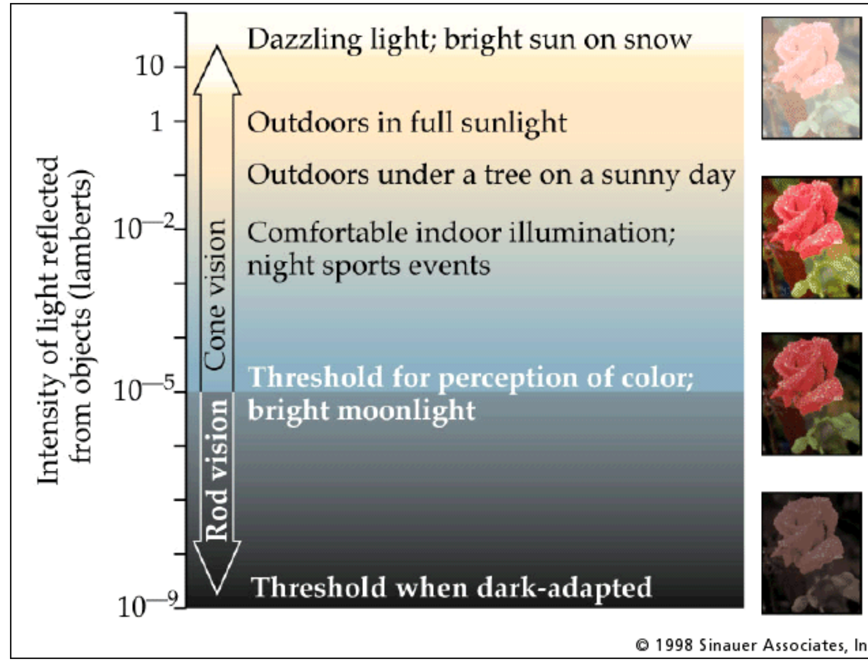
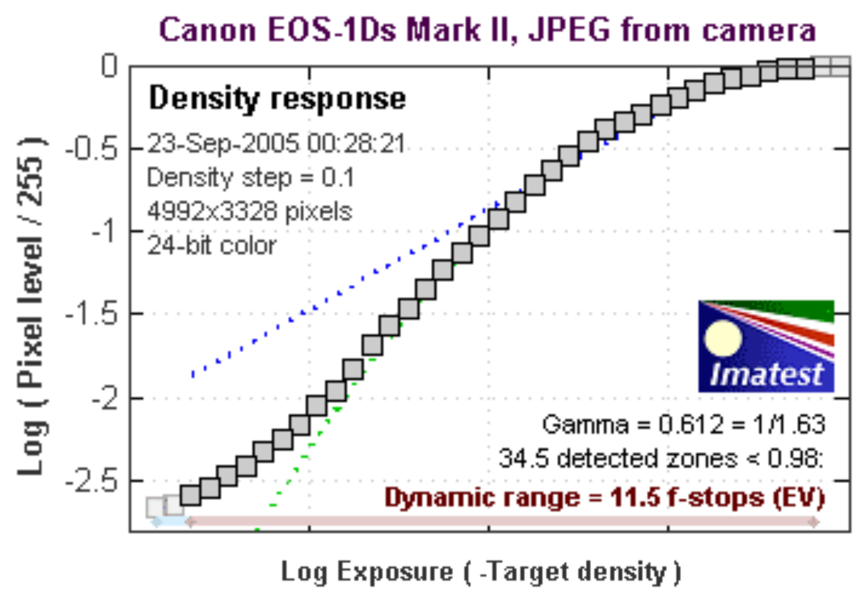
Dynamic range and camera response

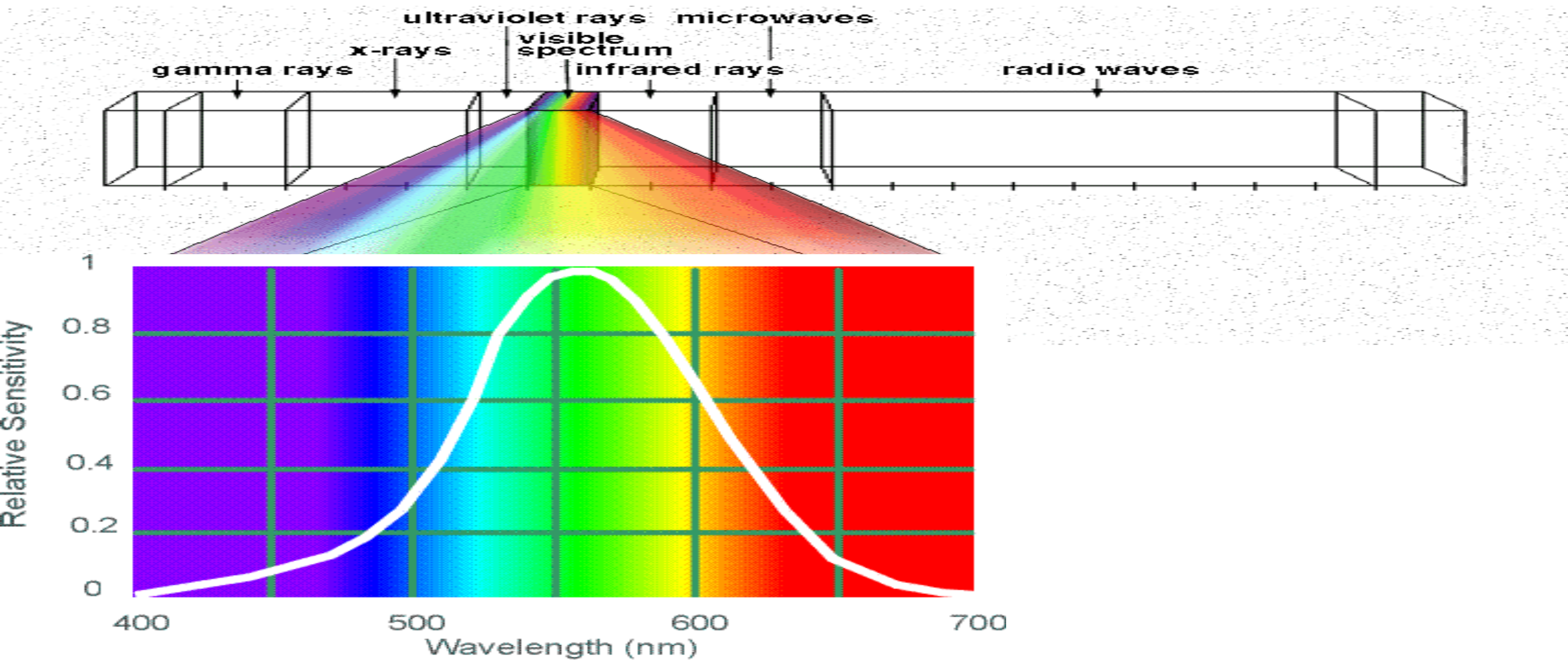
- Typical scenes have a huge dynamic range
- Camera response is roughly linear in the mid range (15 to 240) but non-linear at the extremes
  - called saturation or undersaturation





Color

Light is composed of a spectrum of wavelengths



Human Luminance Sensitivity Function

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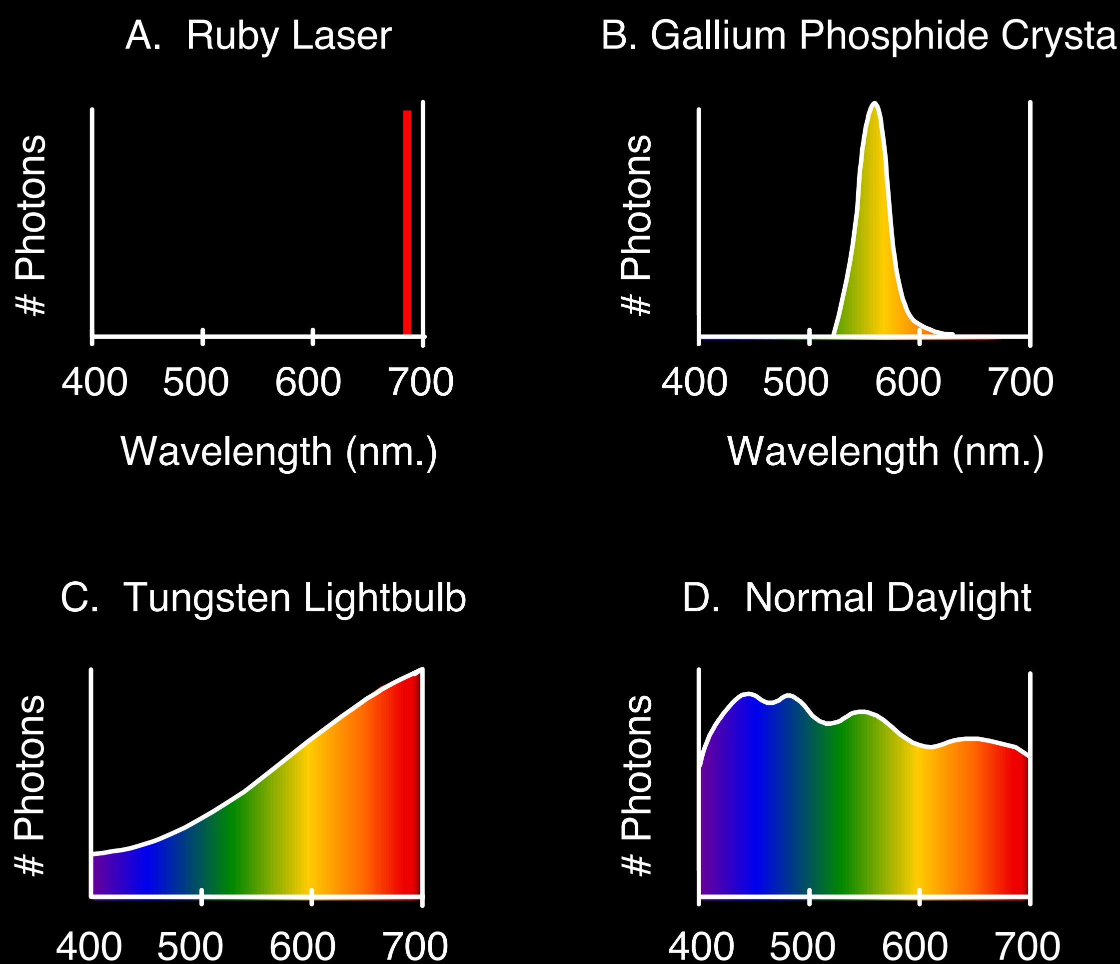
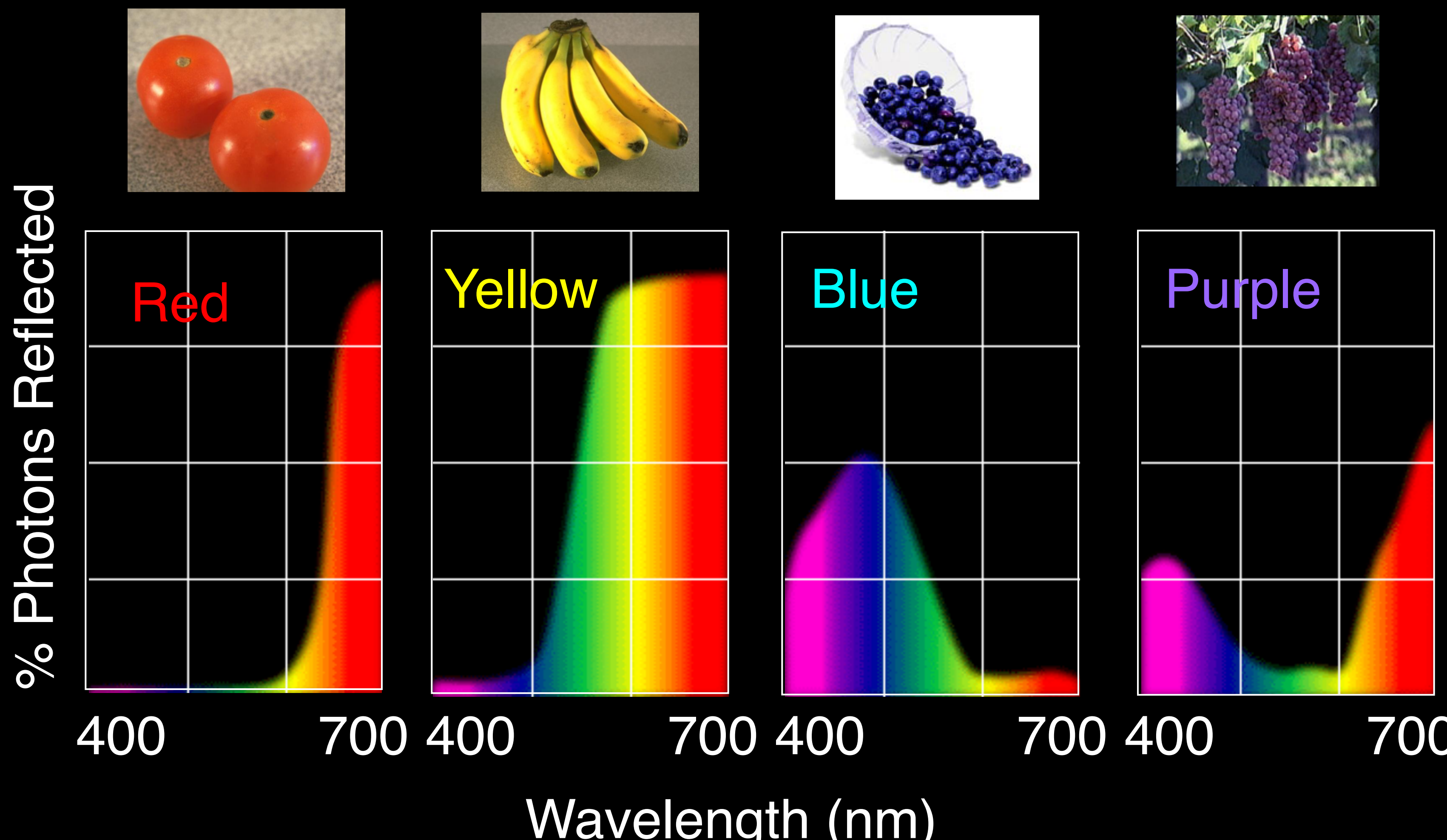
http://www.yorku.ca/eye/photopik.htm

Some examples of the spectra of light sources

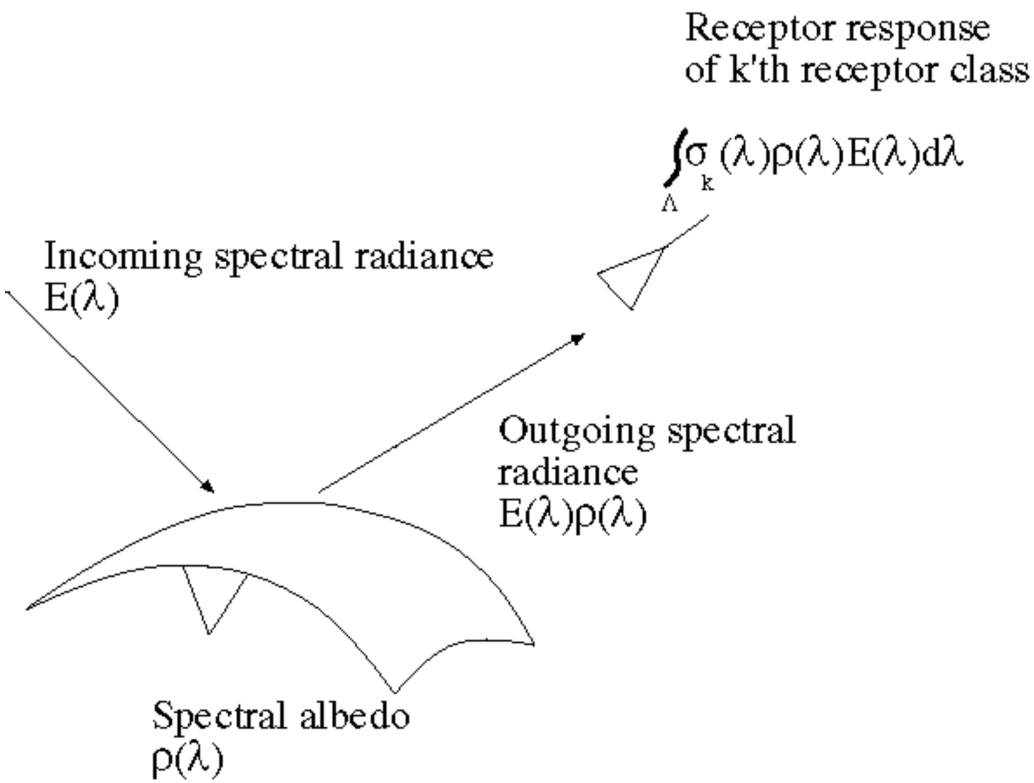


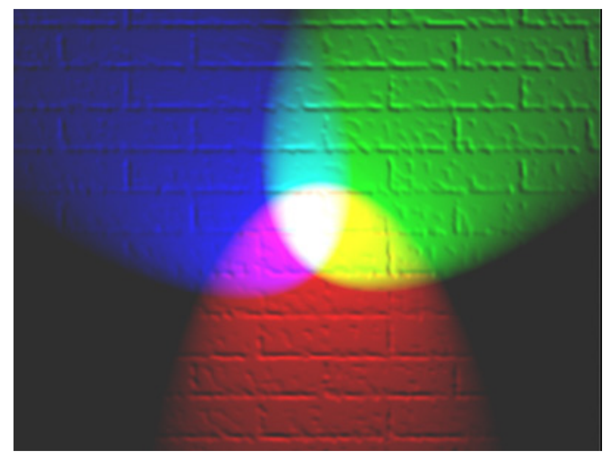
Some examples of the reflectance spectra of surfaces



The color of objects

- Colored light arriving at the camera involves two effects
  - The color of the light source (illumination + inter-reflections)
  - The color of the surface





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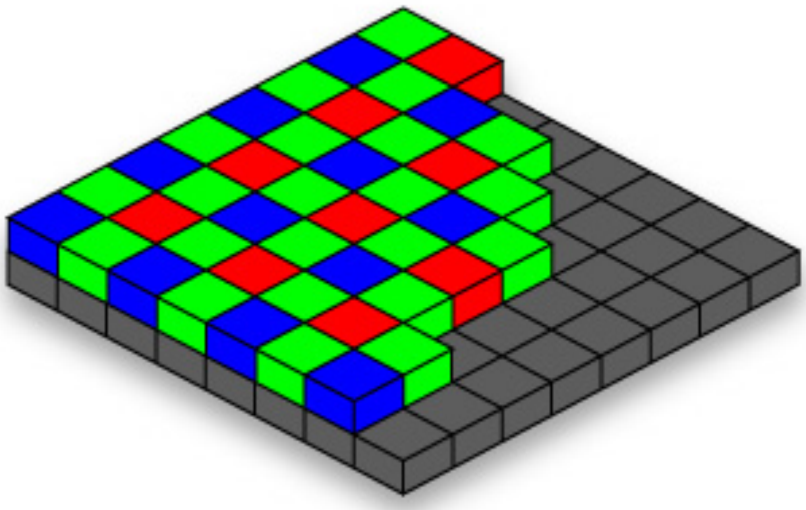
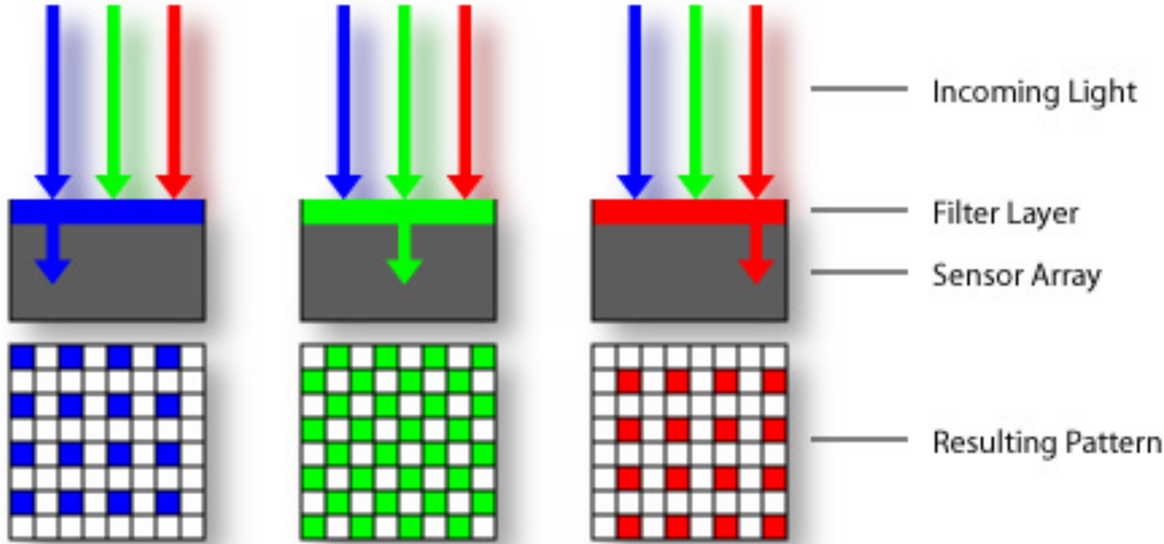
Color Sensing: Bayer Grid





Estimate RGB at each cell from neighboring values

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayer_filter

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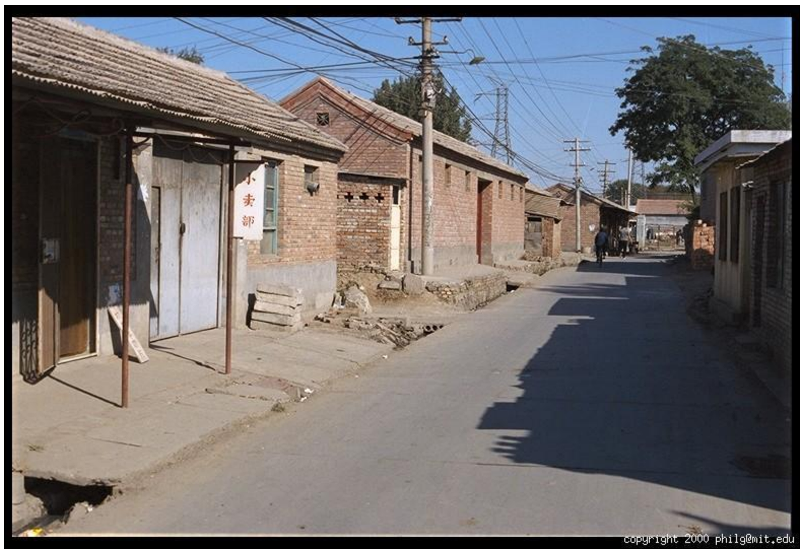
Color Image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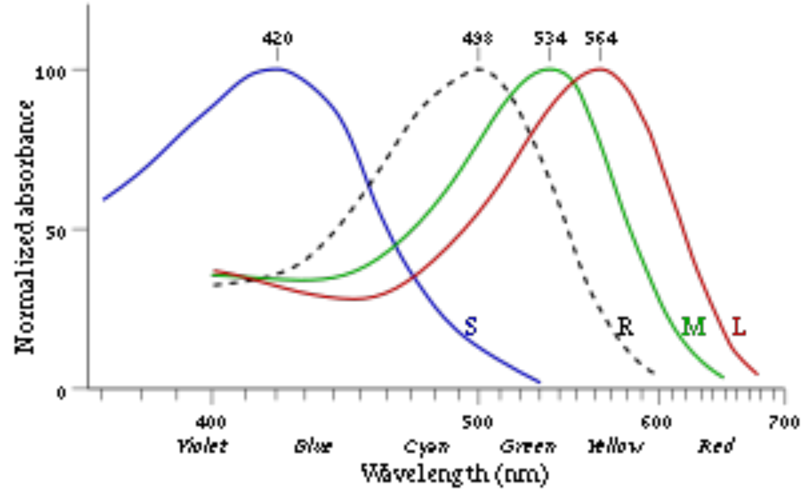
Why RGB?

If light is a spectrum, why are images RGB?

Human color receptors

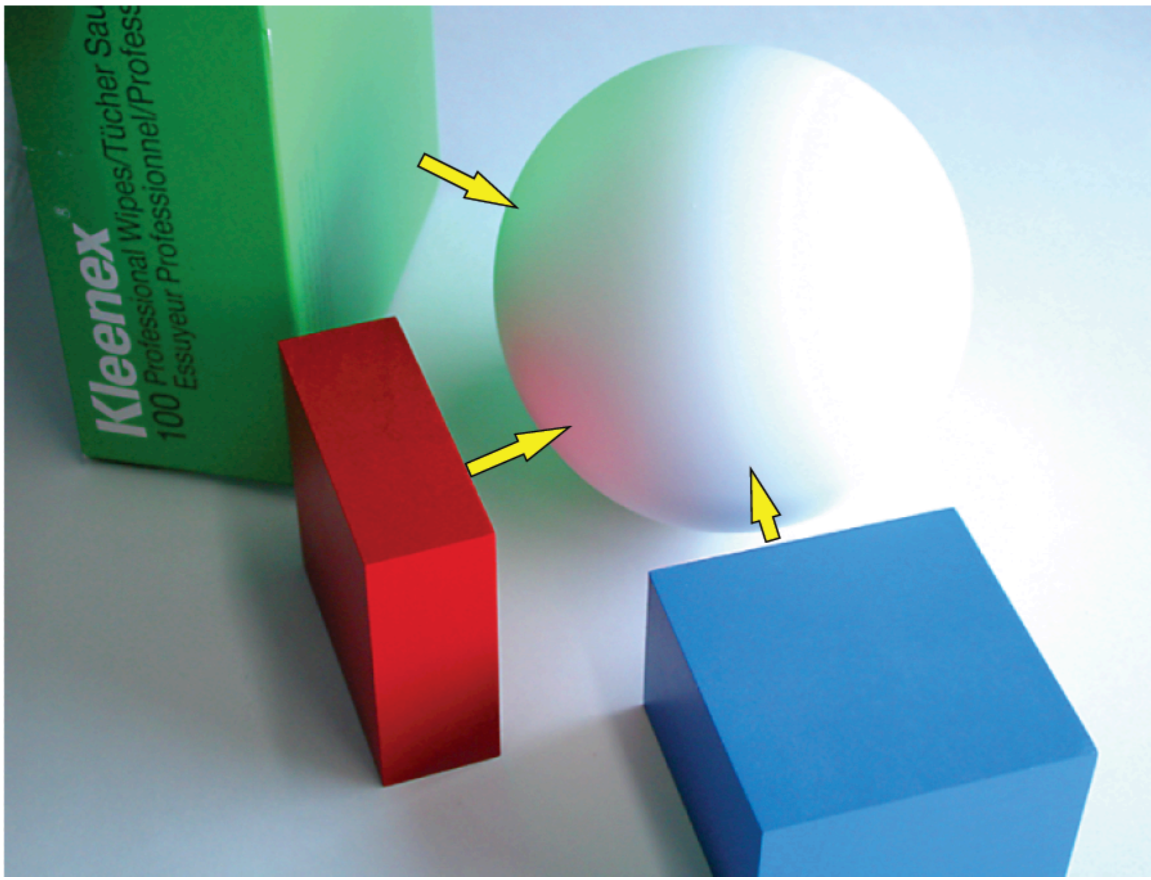


- Long (red), Medium (green), and Short (blue) cones, plus intensity rods
- Fun facts
  - "M" and "L" on the X-chromosome
    - That's why men are more likely to be color blind (see what it's like: http://www.vischeck.com/vischeck/vischeckImage.php)
  - "L" has high variation, so some women are tetrachromatic
  - Some animals have 1 (night animals), 2 (e.g., dogs), 4 (fish, birds), 5 (pigeons, some reptiles/amphibians), or even 12 (mantis shrimp) types of cones

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_vision

So far: light→surface→camera

- Called a local illumination model
- But much light comes from surrounding surfaces



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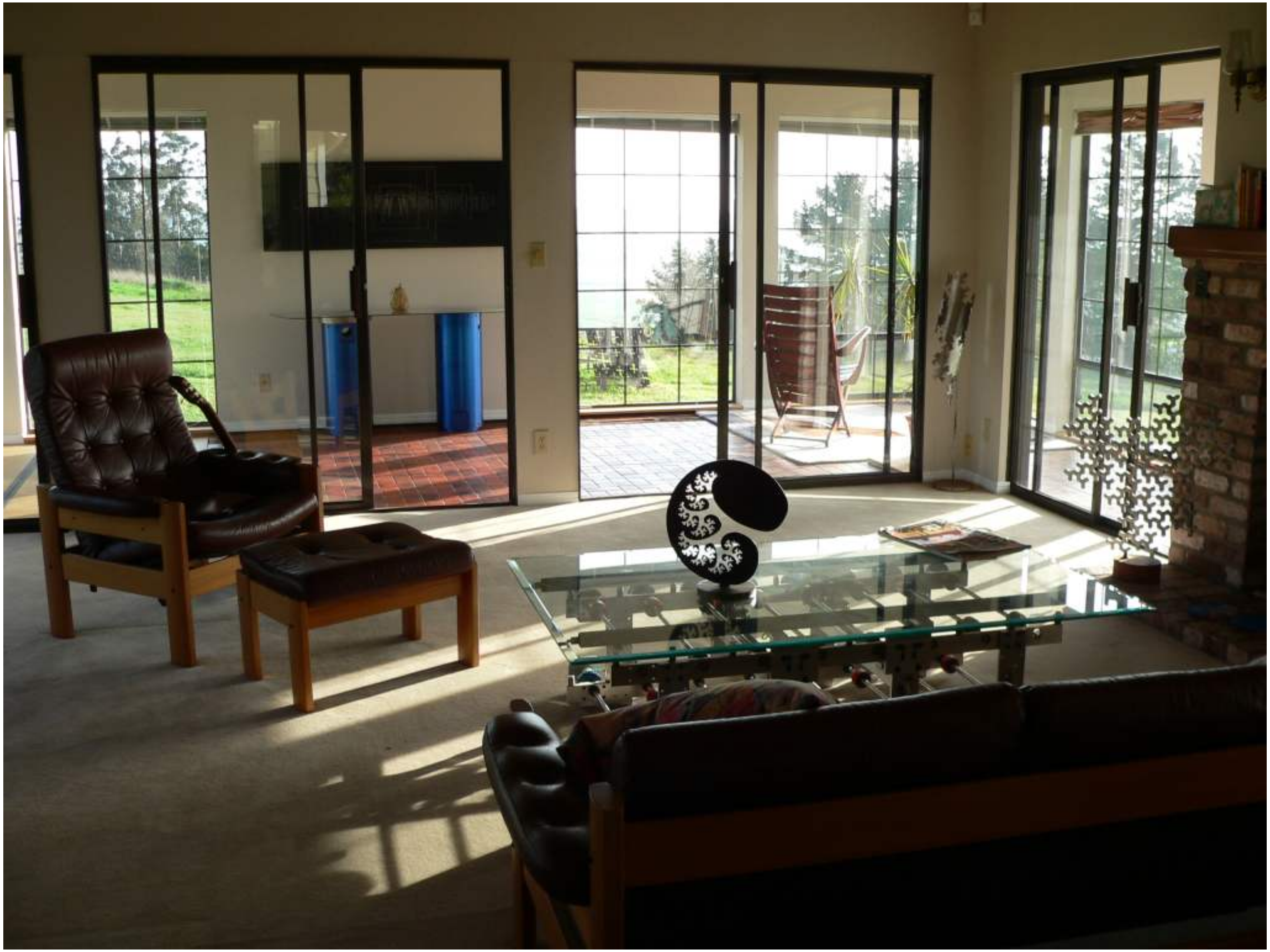
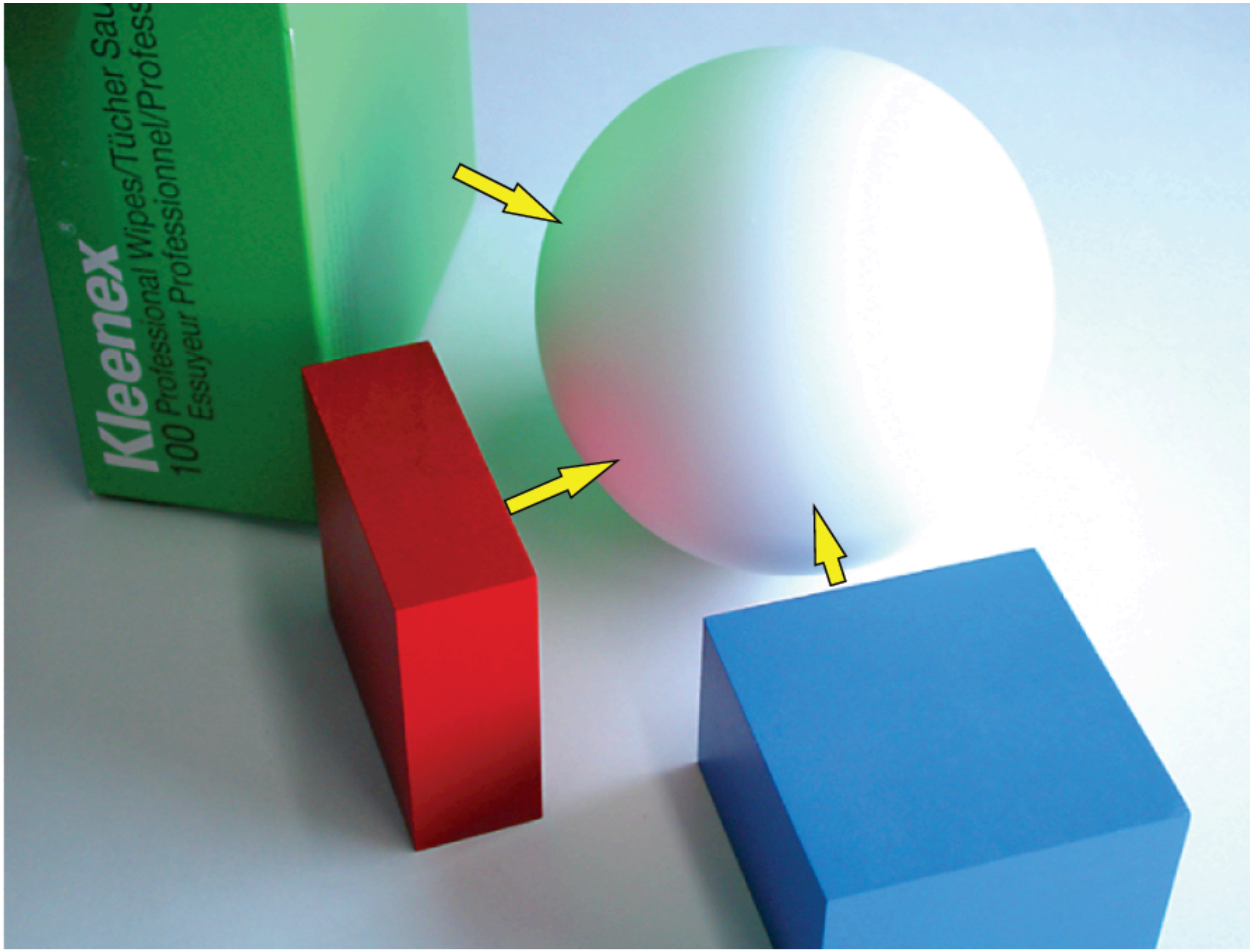
Inter-reflection is a major source of light



Inter-reflection affects the apparent color of objects



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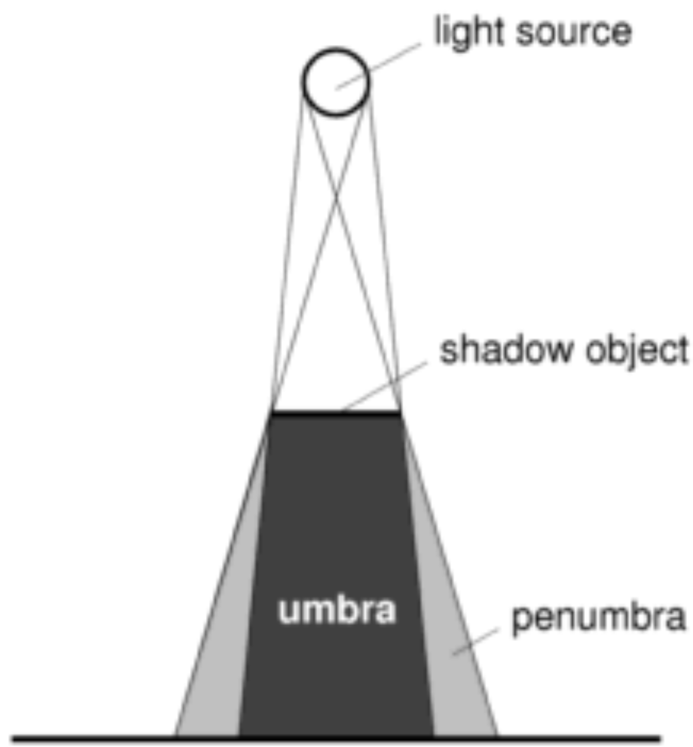
Scene surfaces also cause shadows

- Shadow: reduction in intensity due to a blocked source



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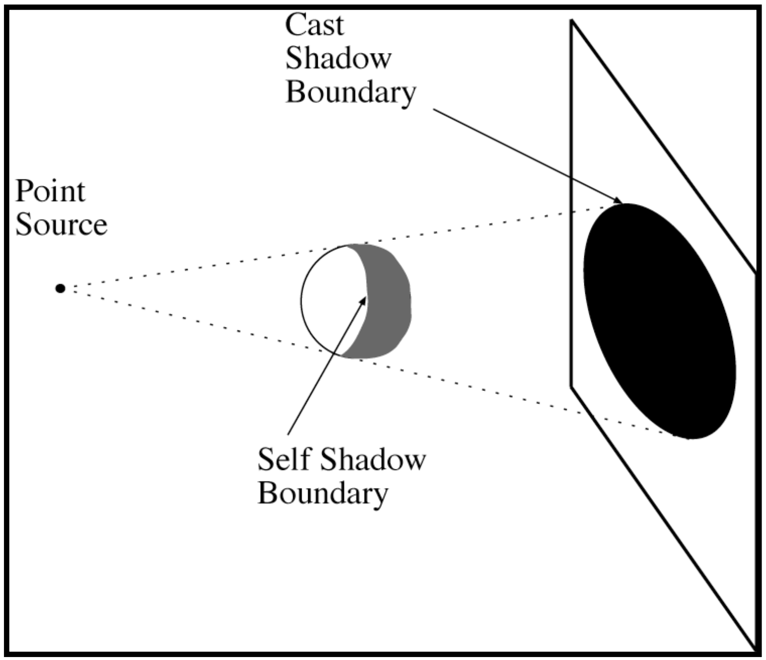

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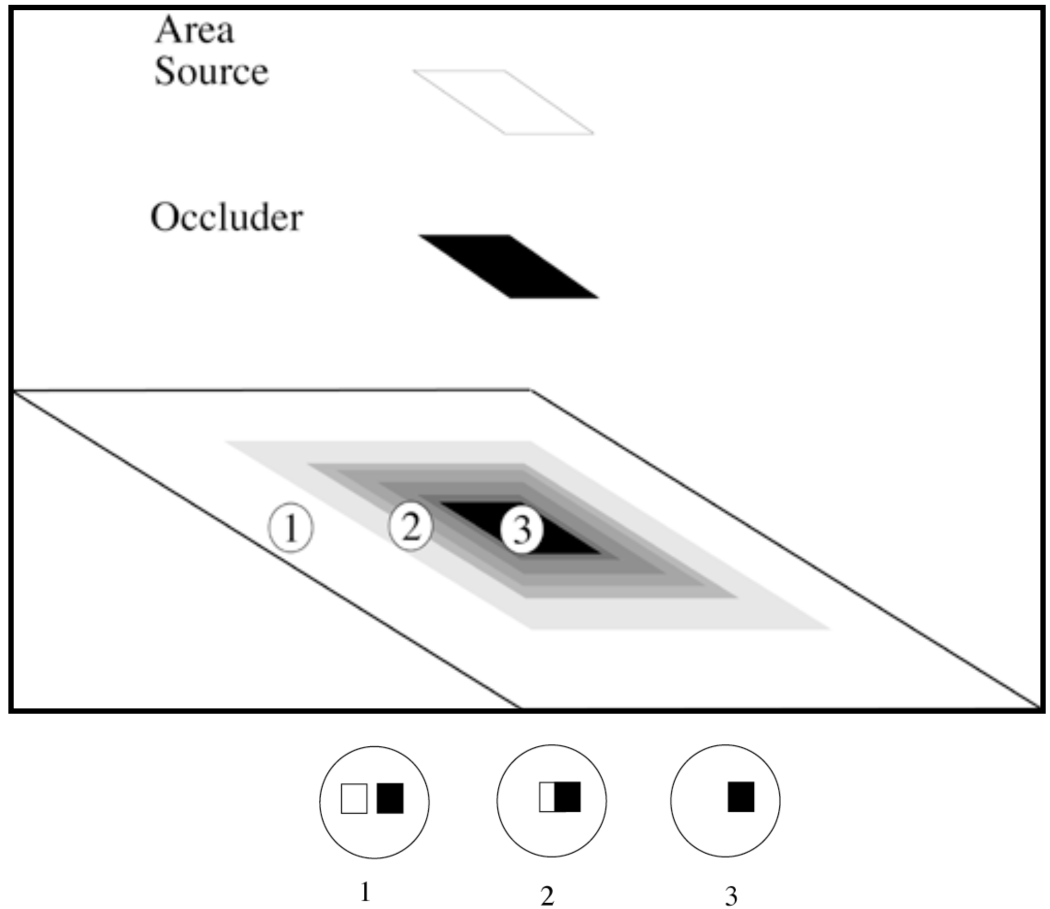

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Models of light sources

- Distant point source
  - One illumination direction
  - E.g., sun
- Area source
  - E.g., white walls, diffuse lamps, sky
- Ambient light
  - Substitute for dealing with interreflections
- Global illumination model
  - Account for interreflections in modeled scene

What does the intensity of a pixel tell us?

im(234, 452) = 0.58

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0.95	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.56	0.31	0.75	0.92	0.81	0.95	0.91
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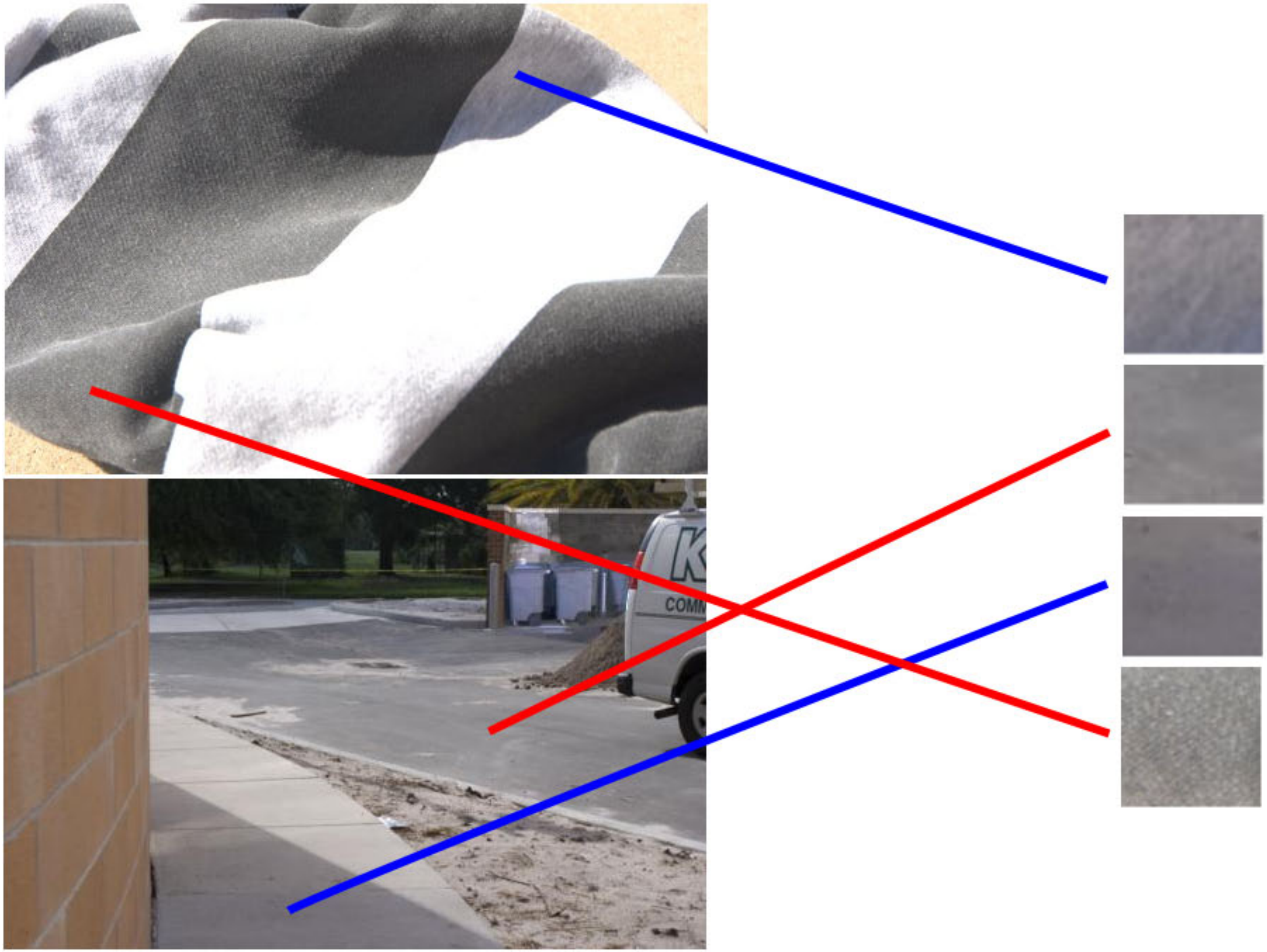
0.79	0.73	0.90	0.67	0.33	0.61	0.69	0.79	0.73	0.93	0.97
0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	0.41	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.89	0.99	0.93

The plight of the poor pixel

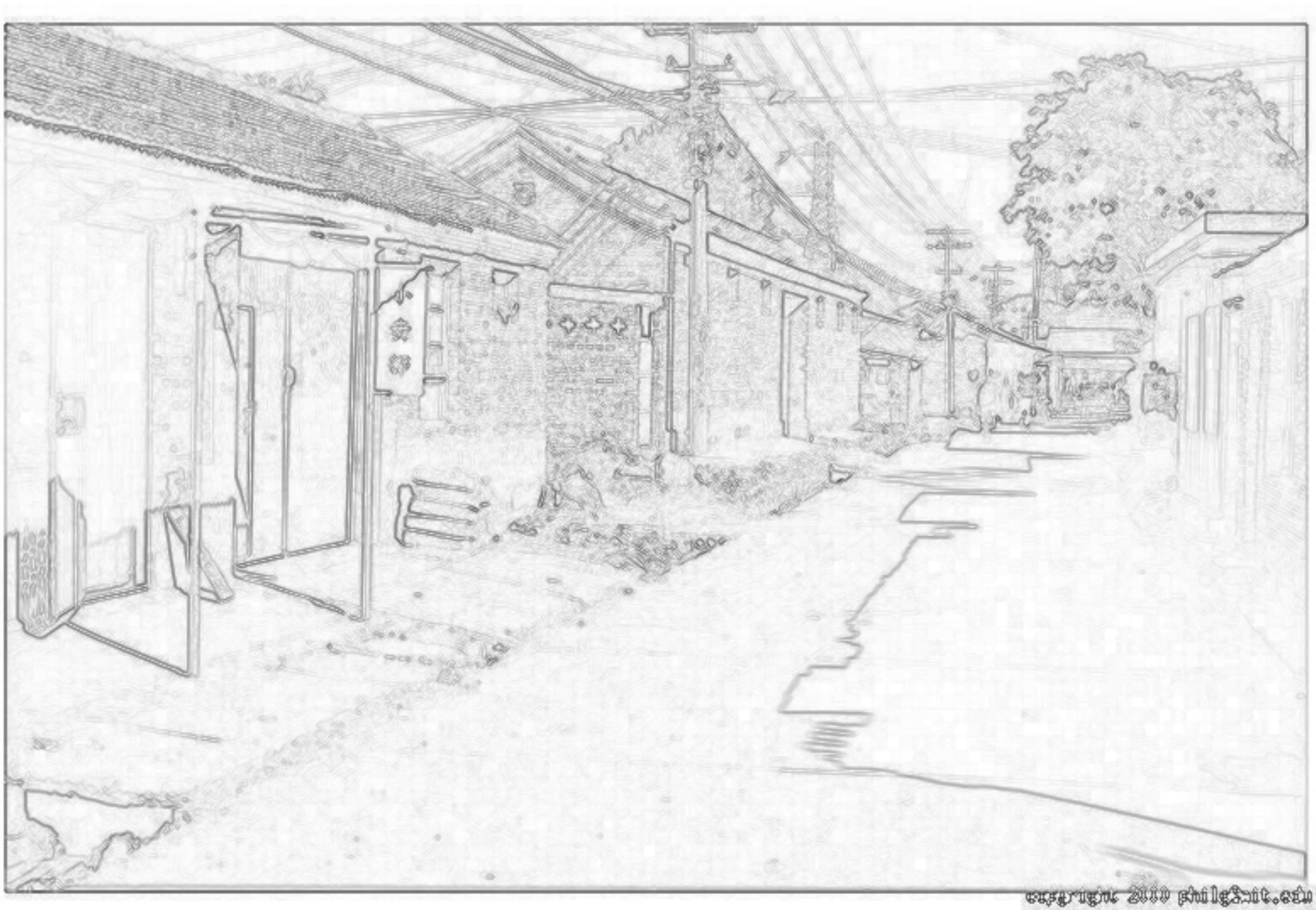
- A pixel's brightness is determined by
  - Light source (strength, direction, color)
  - Surface orientation
  - Surface material and albedo
  - Reflected light and shadows from surrounding surfaces
  - Gain on the sensor
- A pixel's brightness tells us nothing by itself



And yet we can interpret images…

- Key idea: for nearby scene points, most factors do not change much
- The information is mainly contained in *local differences* of brightness

Large Difference in Neighboring Pixels



What is this?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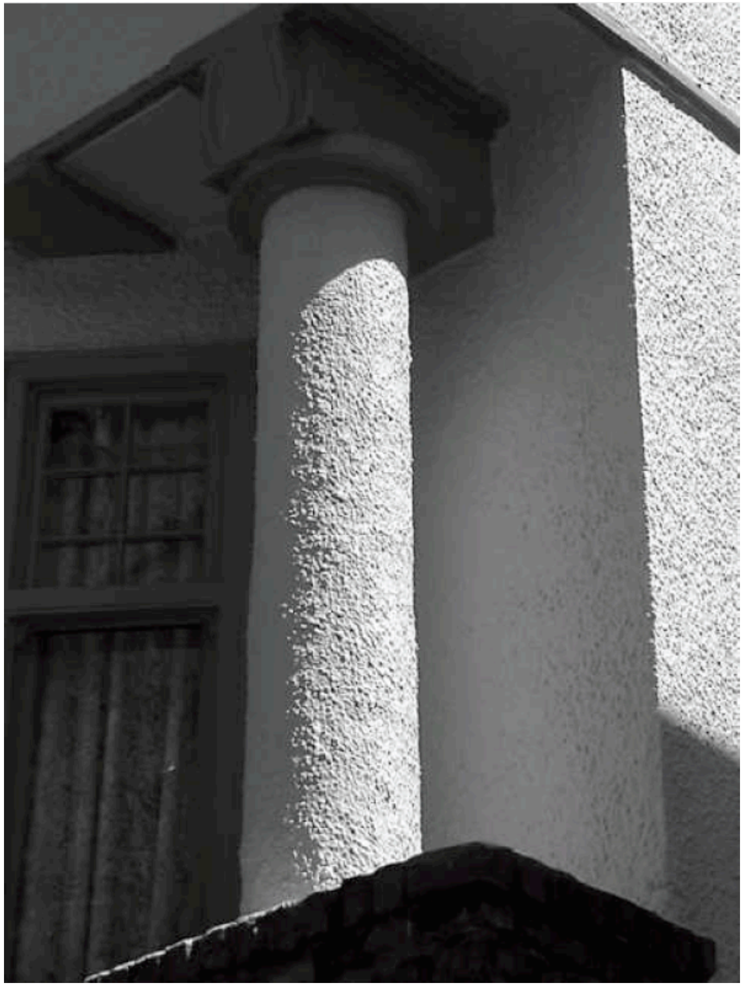
What differences in intensity tell us about shape

- Changes in surface normal
- Texture
- Proximity
- Indents and bumps
- Grooves and creases



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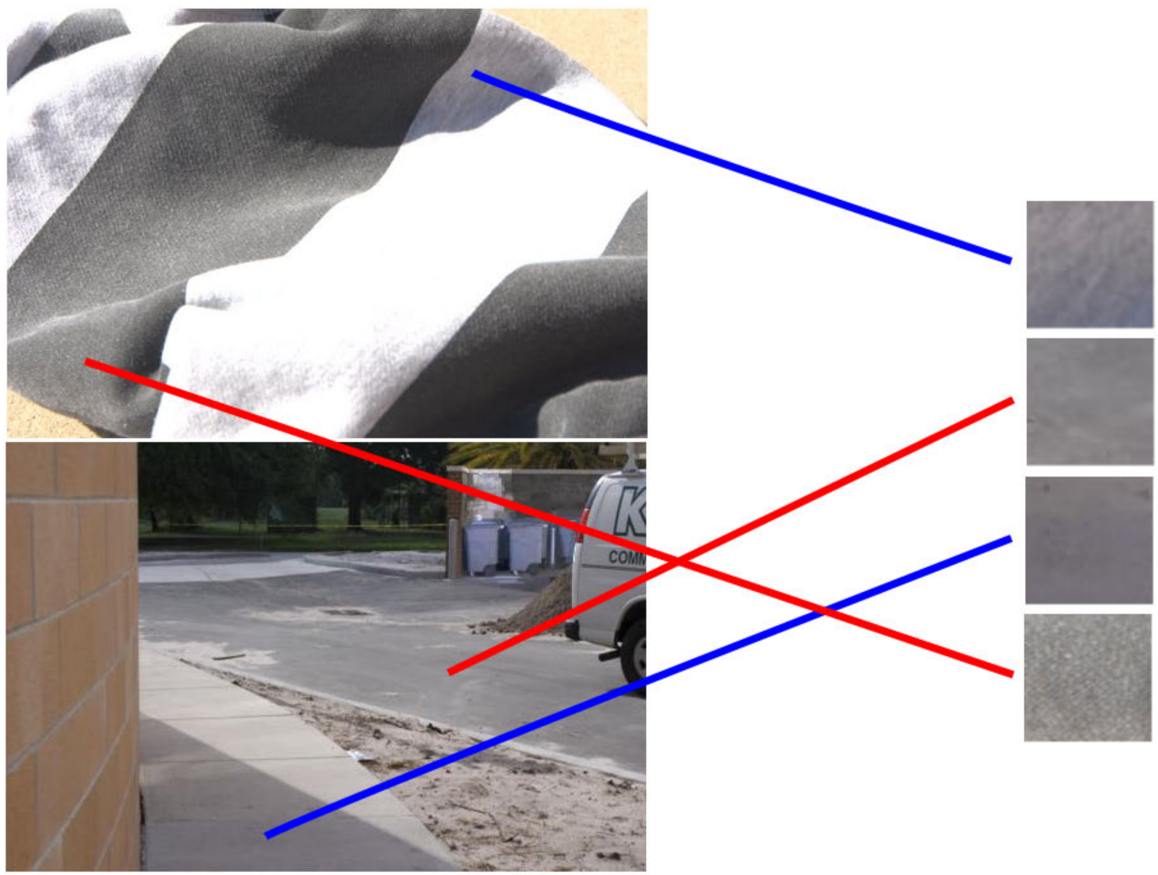
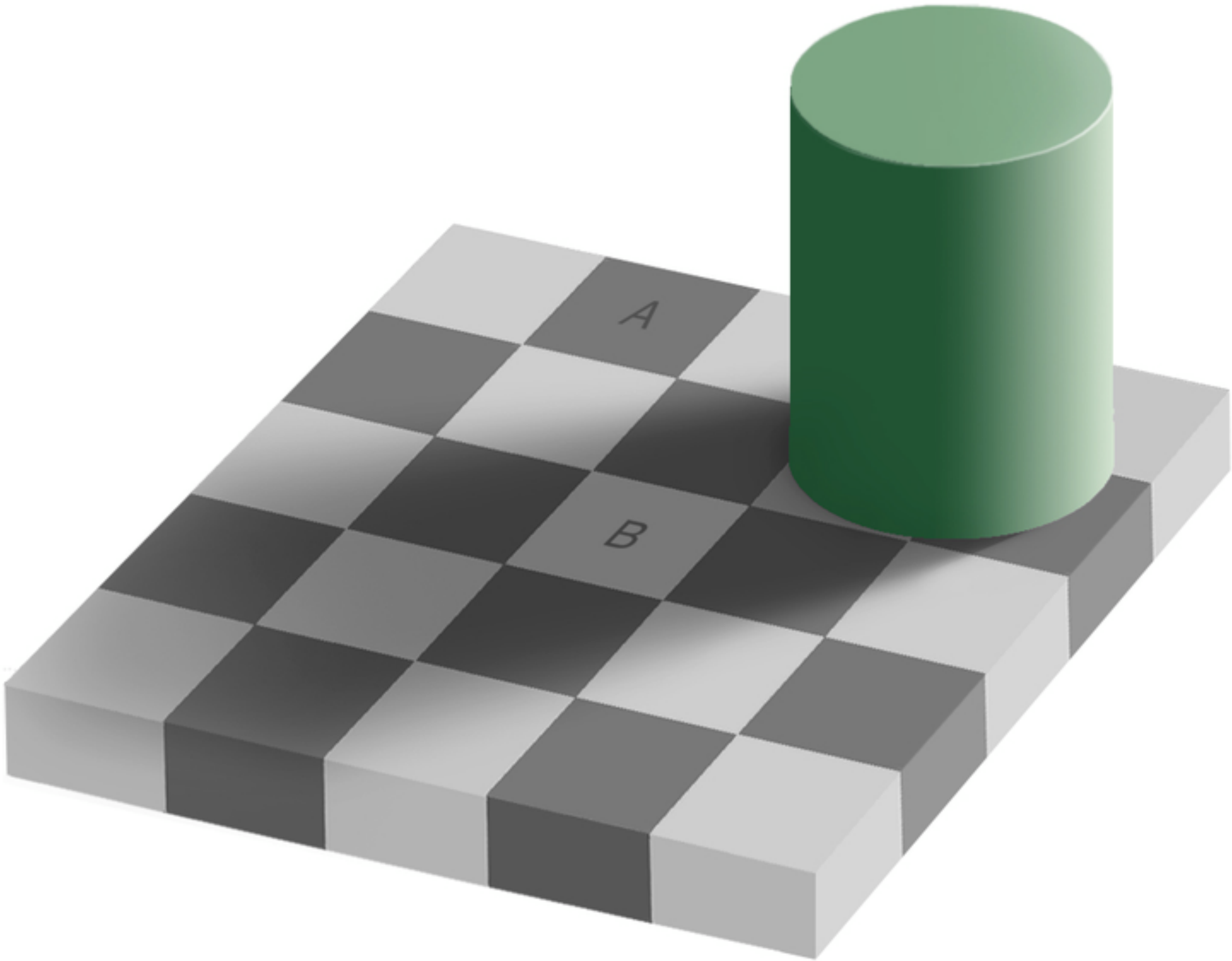
Color constancy

- Interpret surface in terms of albedo or “true color”, rather than observed intensity
  - Humans are good at it
  - Computers are not nearly as good



Perception of Intensity



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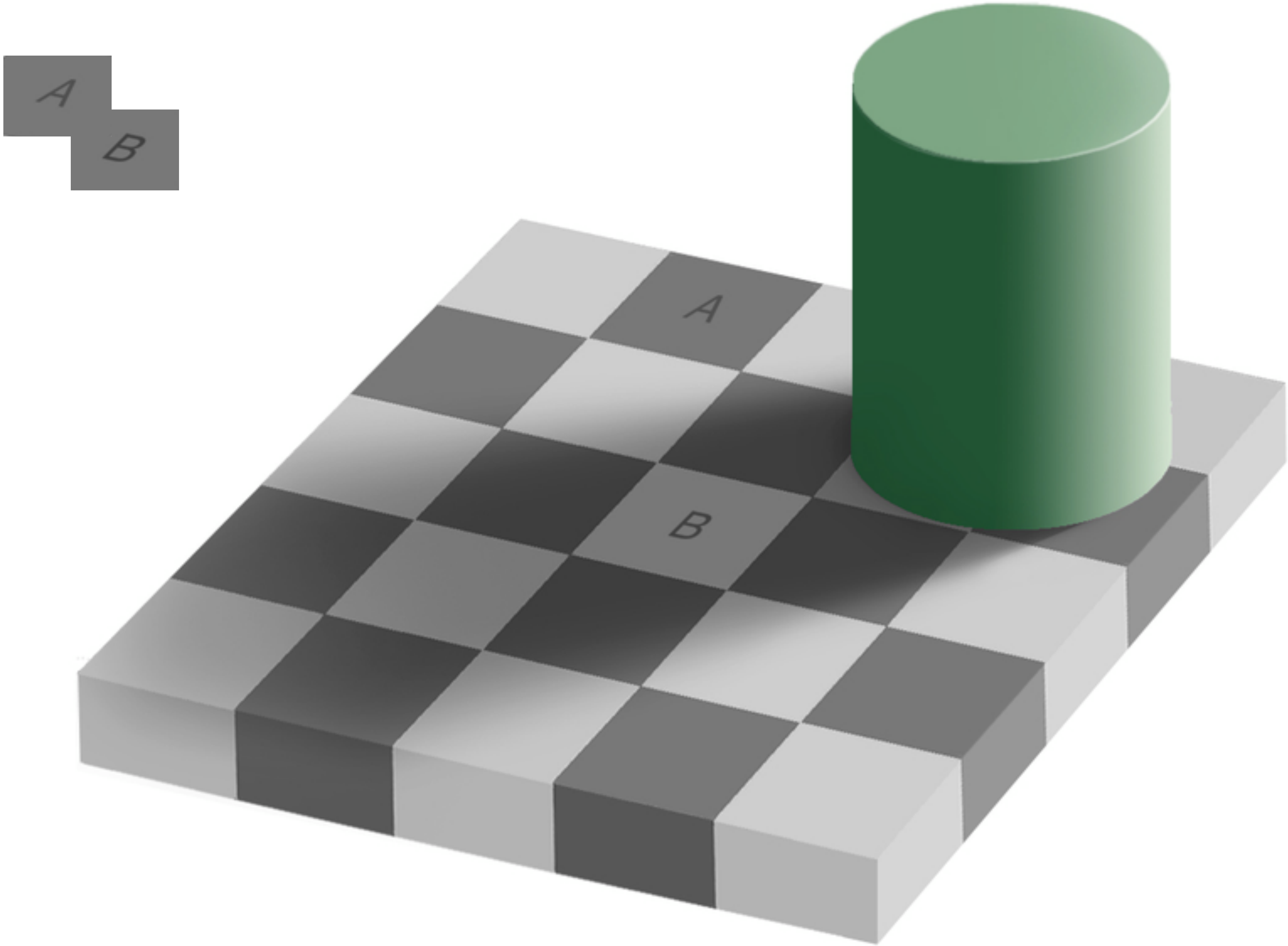

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Things to remember

- Important terms: diffuse/specular reflectance, albedo, umbra/penumbra
- Observed intensity depends on light sources, geometry/material of reflecting surface, surrounding objects, camera settings
- Objects cast light and shadows on each other
- Differences in intensity are primary cues for shape