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Unit 05 – Participating Media

So far...

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Assumes:

- Interaction directly at the surface (true for metals)
- No interaction with the volume in between (true for vacuum)

Fog

Water

Della-Stock

Scope

Surface approxiation not always valid → need to extend our model of light transport for materials that

- allow perceivable light penetration and
- perceivably interact with light.

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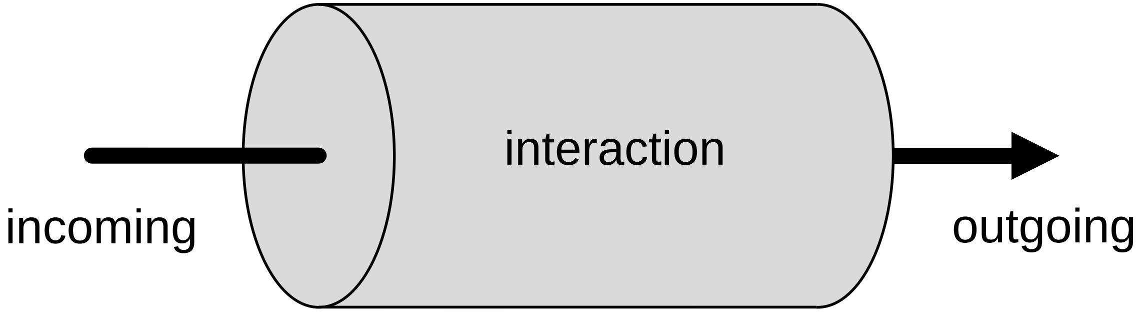

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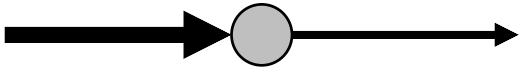

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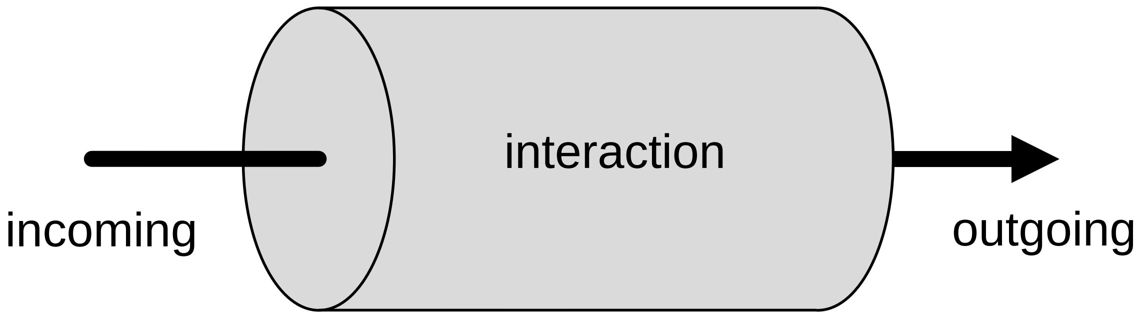

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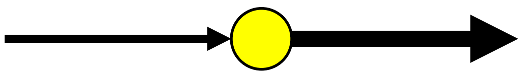

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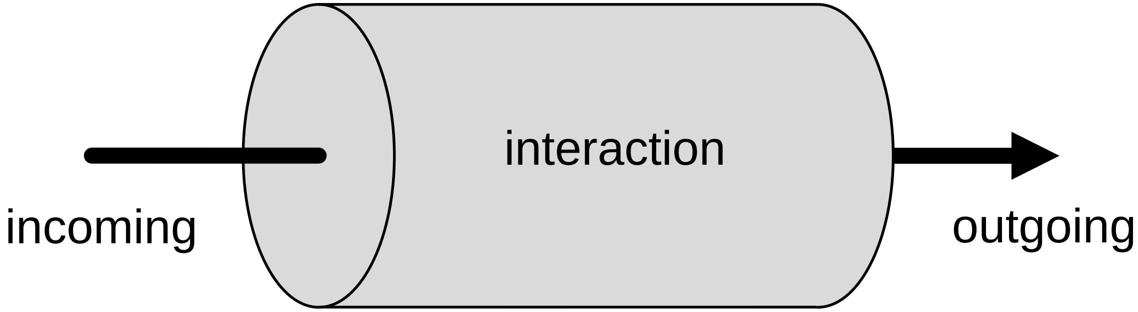

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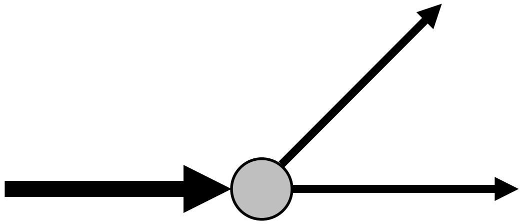

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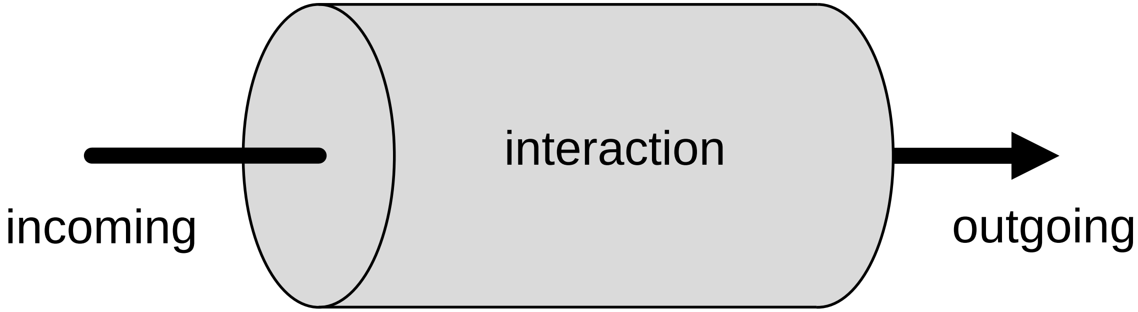

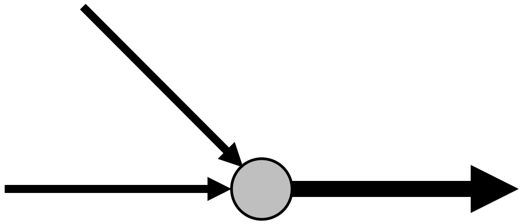

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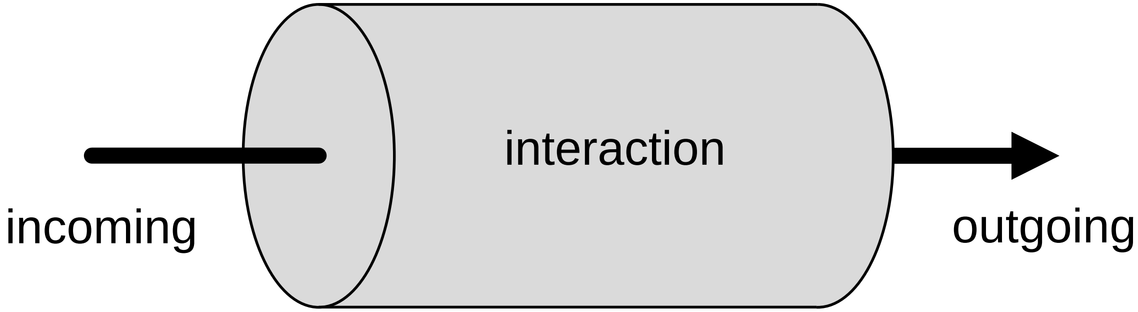

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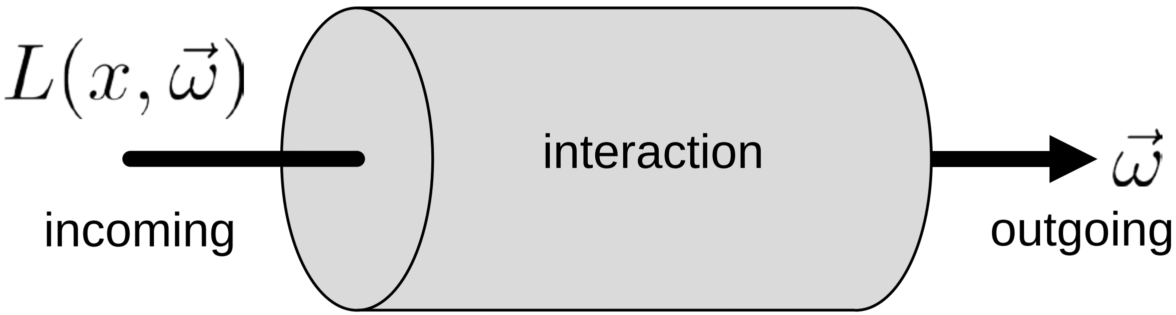

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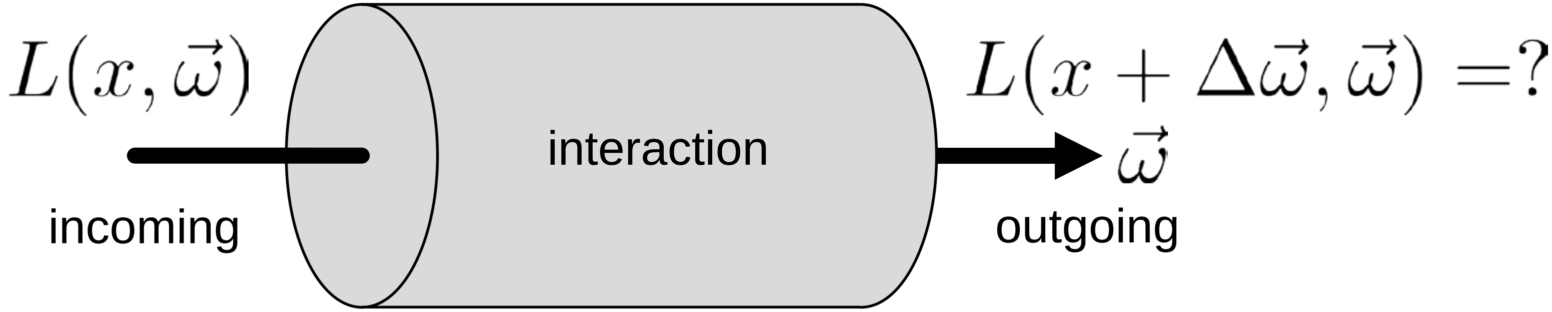

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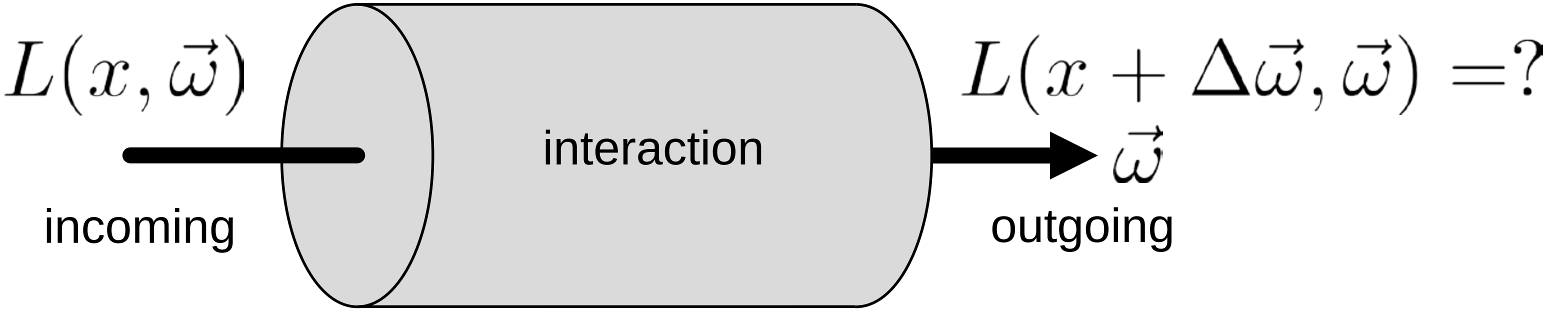

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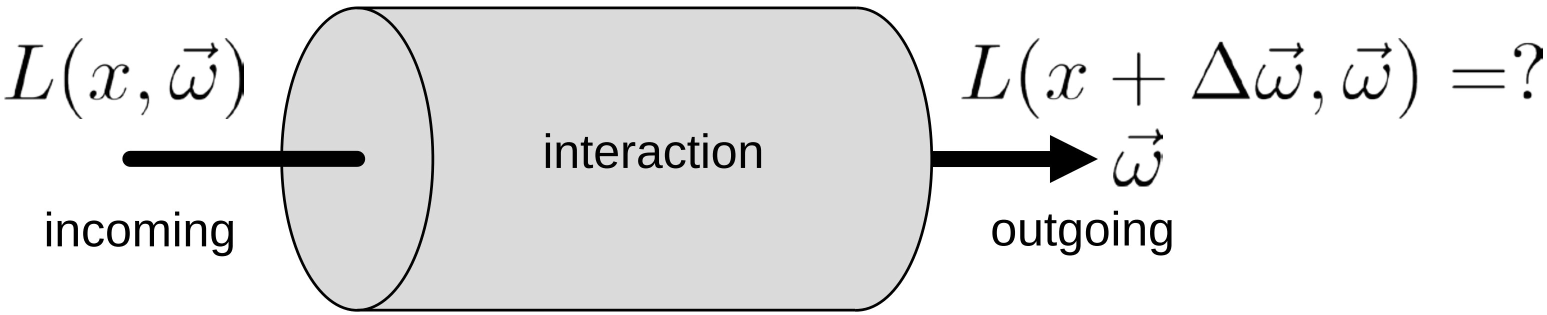

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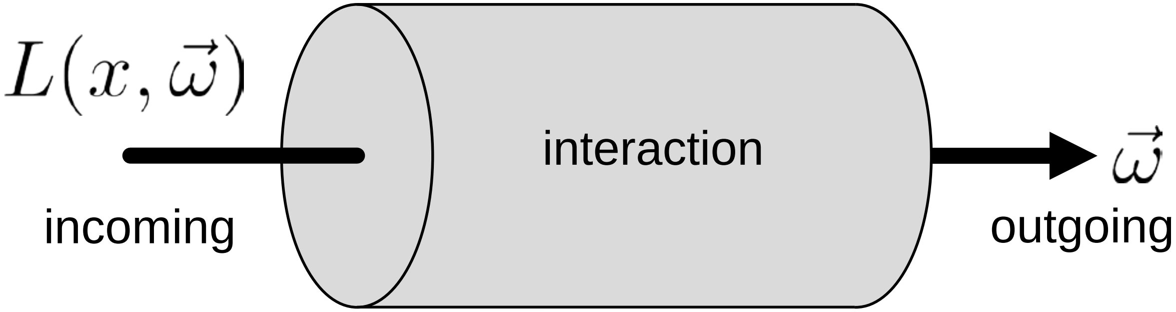

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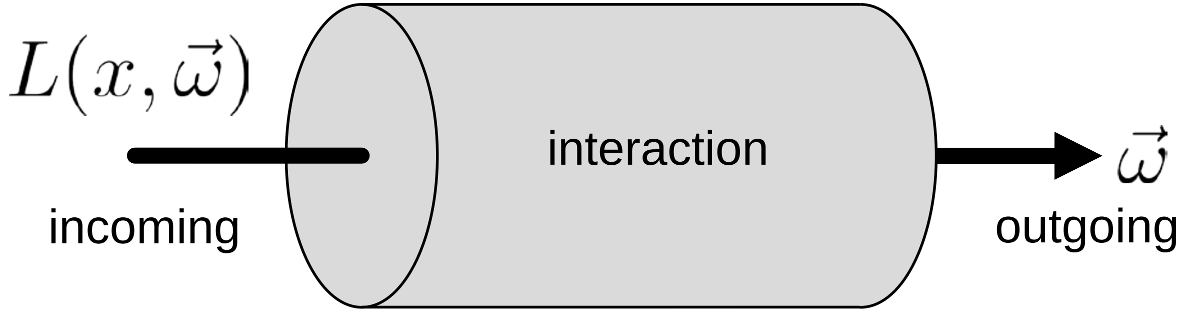

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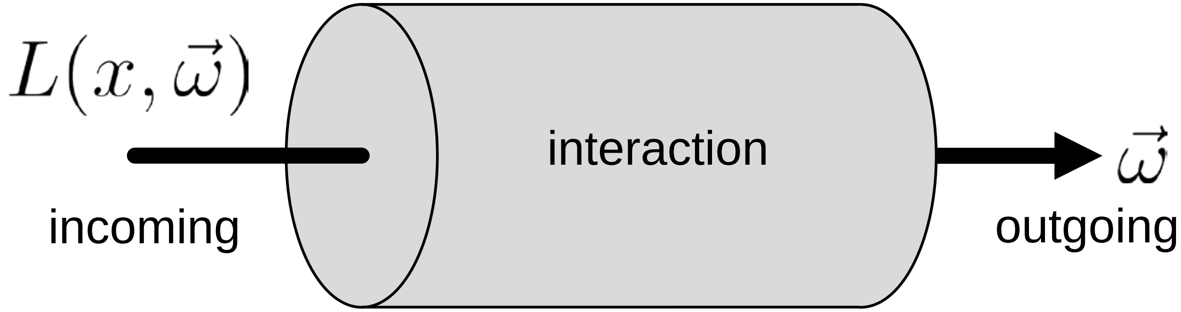

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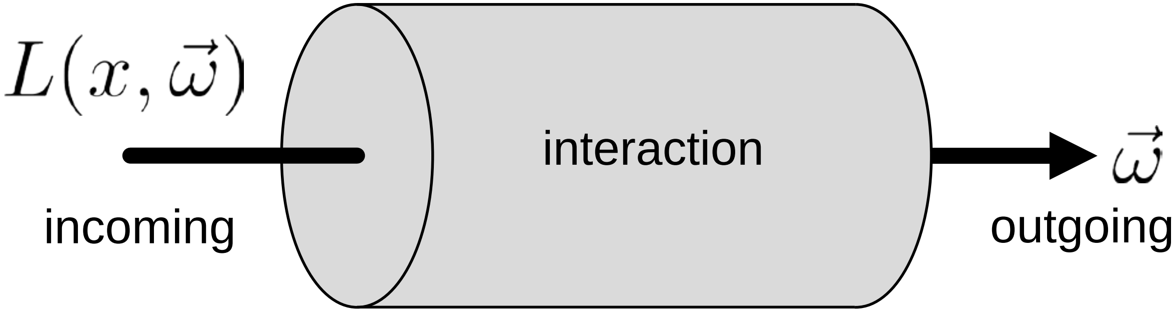

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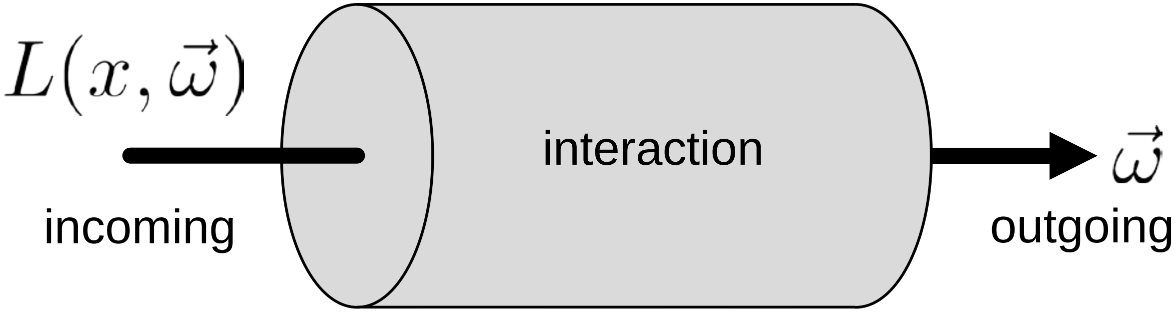

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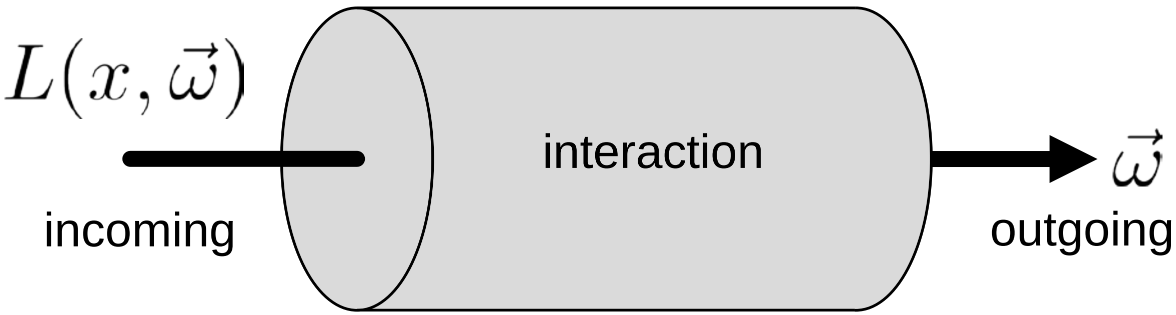

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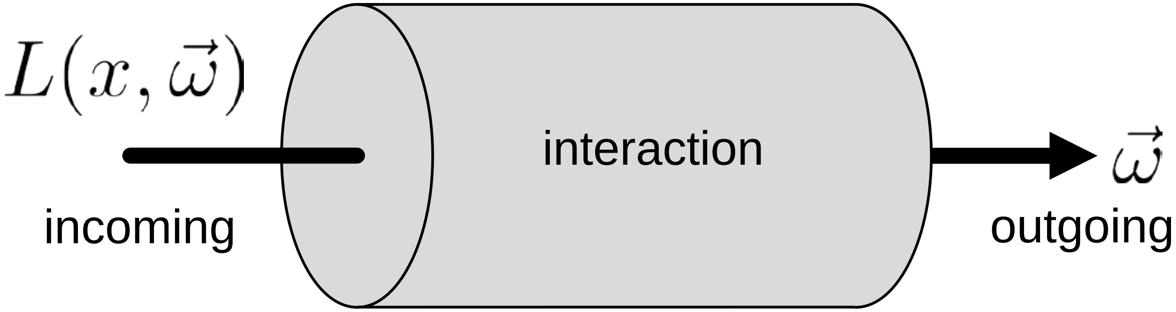

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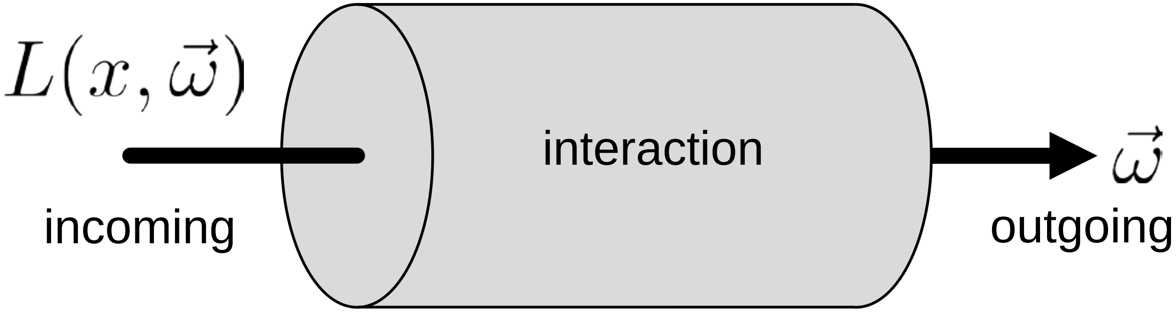

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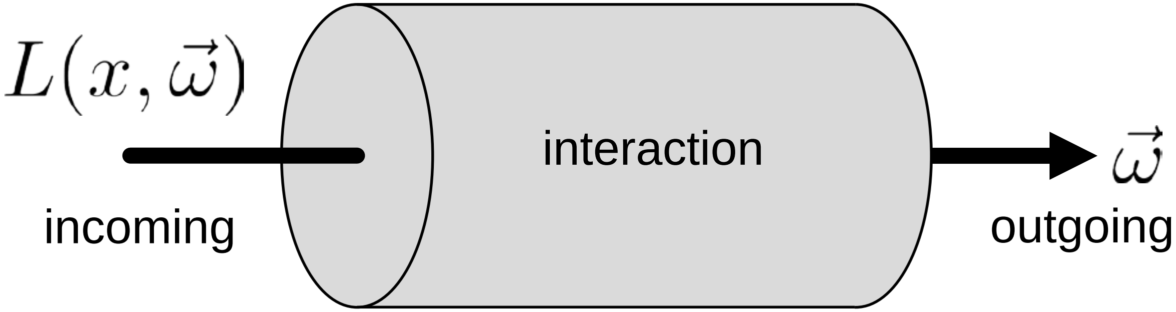

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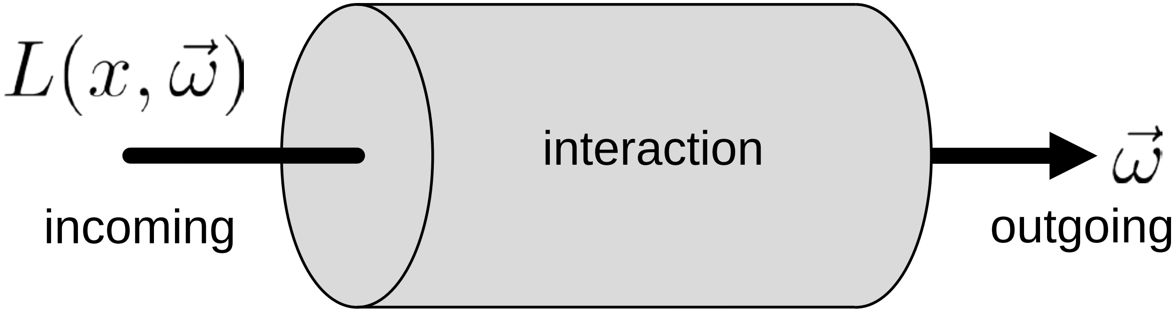

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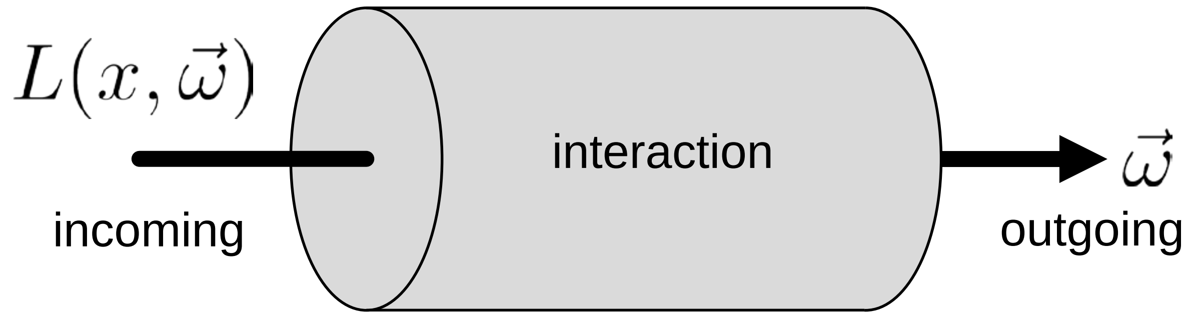

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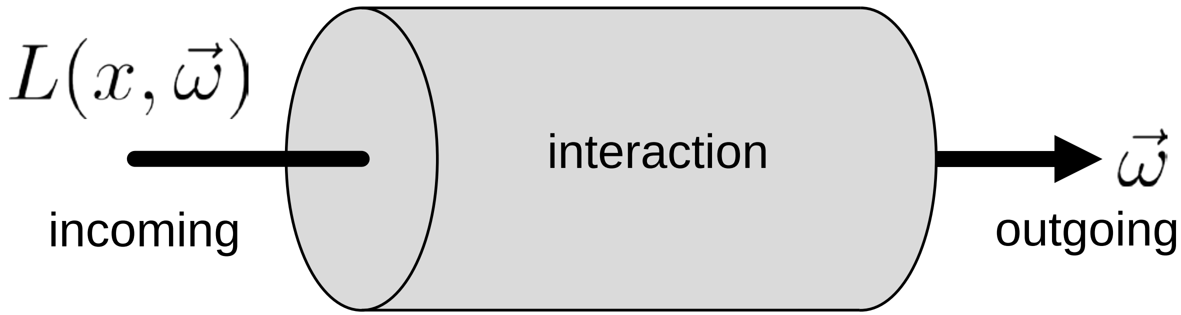

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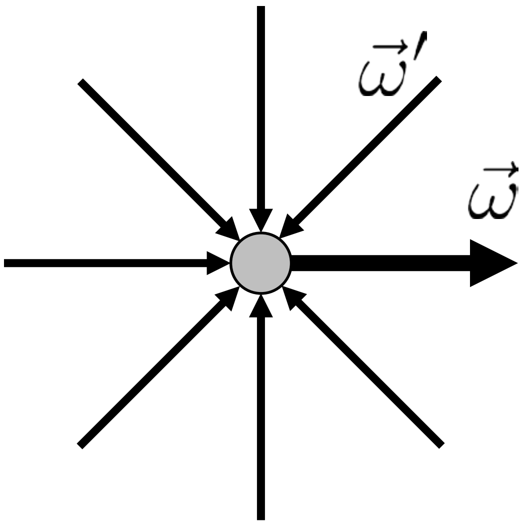
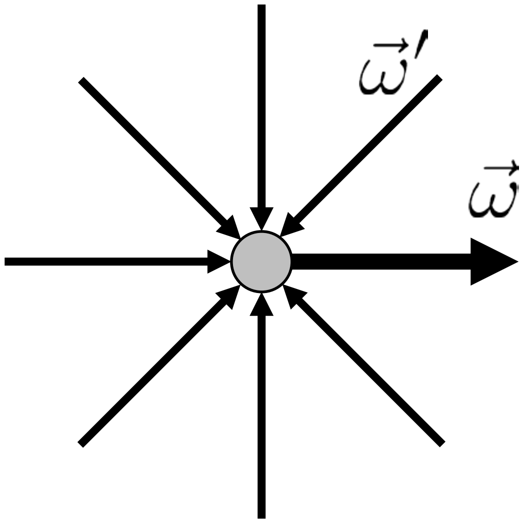


Phase Function

For incoming direction $\vec{\omega}'$ how much radiance is scattered into direction $\vec{\omega}$?



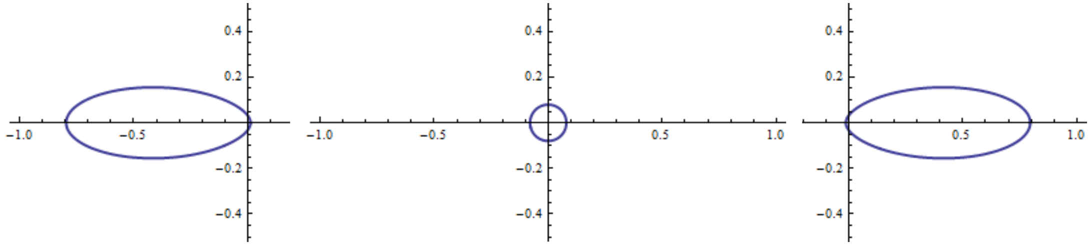
Phase function: $p(x, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}')$

- Depends on the material
  - Size of particles
  - Geometry of particles
- Normalized, i.e., $\int_{4\pi} p(x, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') d\vec{\omega}' = 1$

Phase Function

- Henyey-Greenstein
  - Interstellar dust
  - Analytic
  - Anisotropy g

$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1-g^2}{\left(1+g^2-2g\cos(\theta)\right)^{3/2}}$$



$g = -0.6$ $g = 0.0$ $g = 0.6$

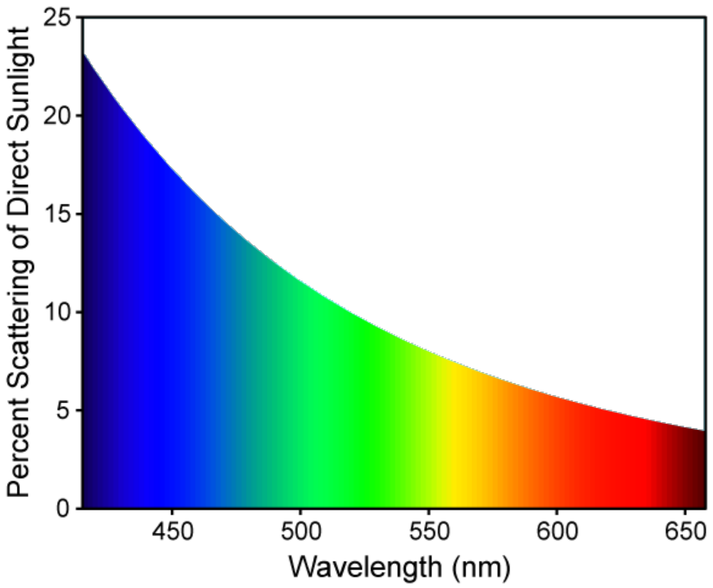
- Schlick Approxim.

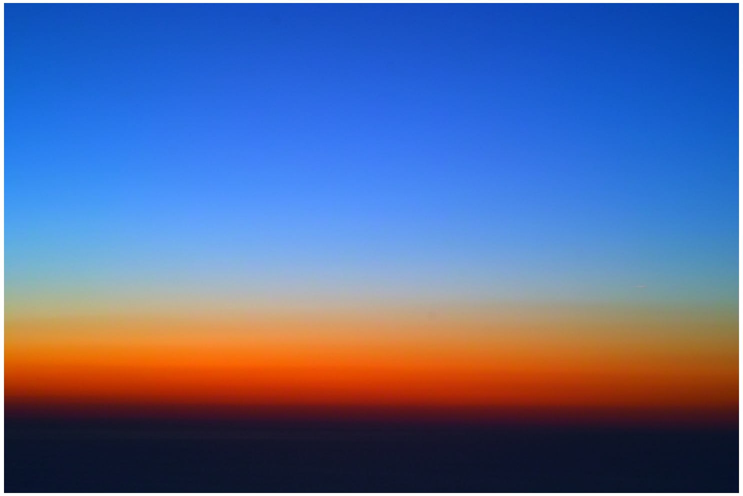
$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1-k^2}{\left(1-k\cos(\theta)\right)^{2}}, k = 1.55g - 0.55g^3$$

- Lorenz-Mie Scattering
  - Spherically homogeneous particles
  - Full electrodynamic computation

Phase Function

- Rayleigh Scattering
  - Small particle approximation of Lorenz-Mie
  - Covers scattering by pure air
  - Depends on the light‘s wavelength





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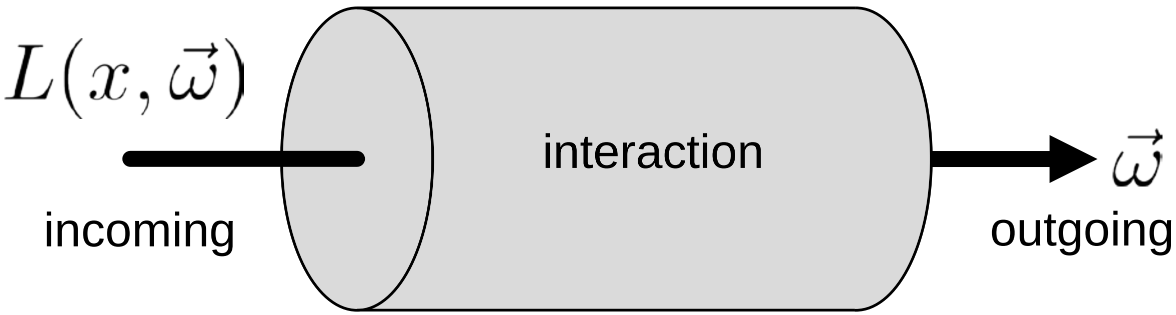

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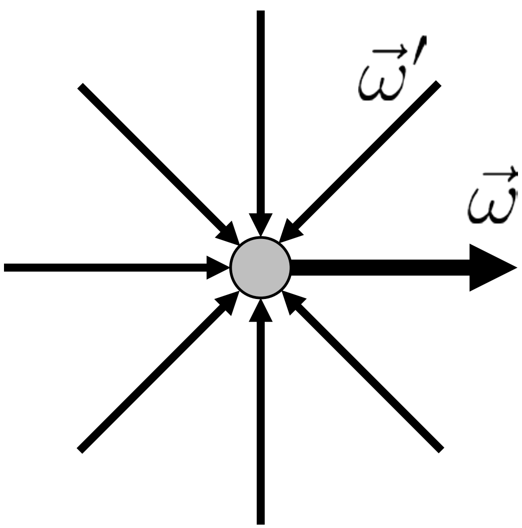

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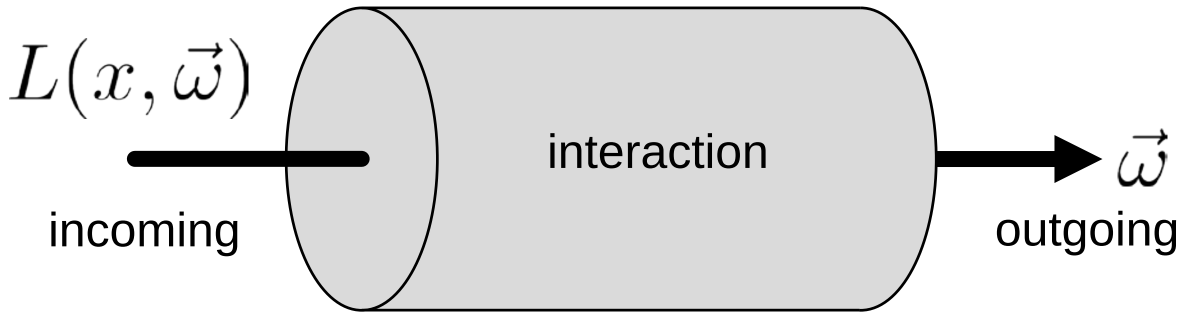

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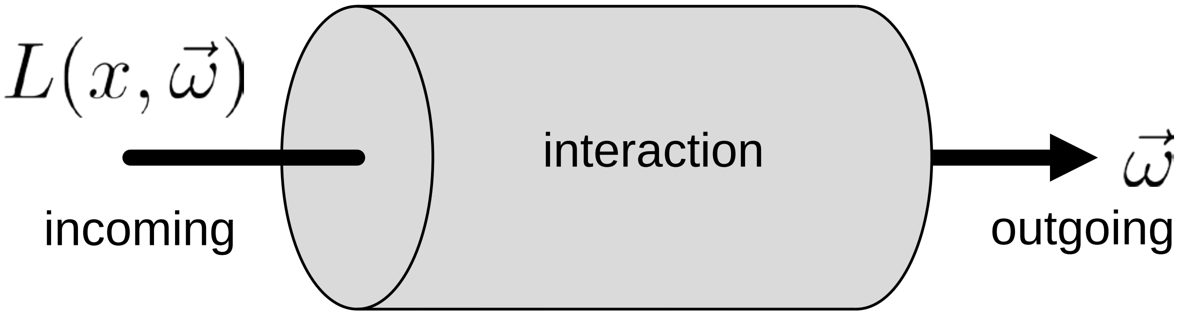
Radiative Transfer Equation



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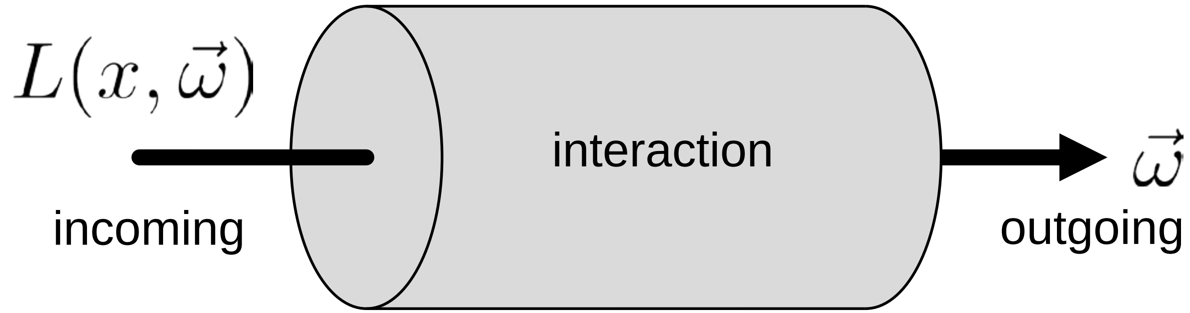

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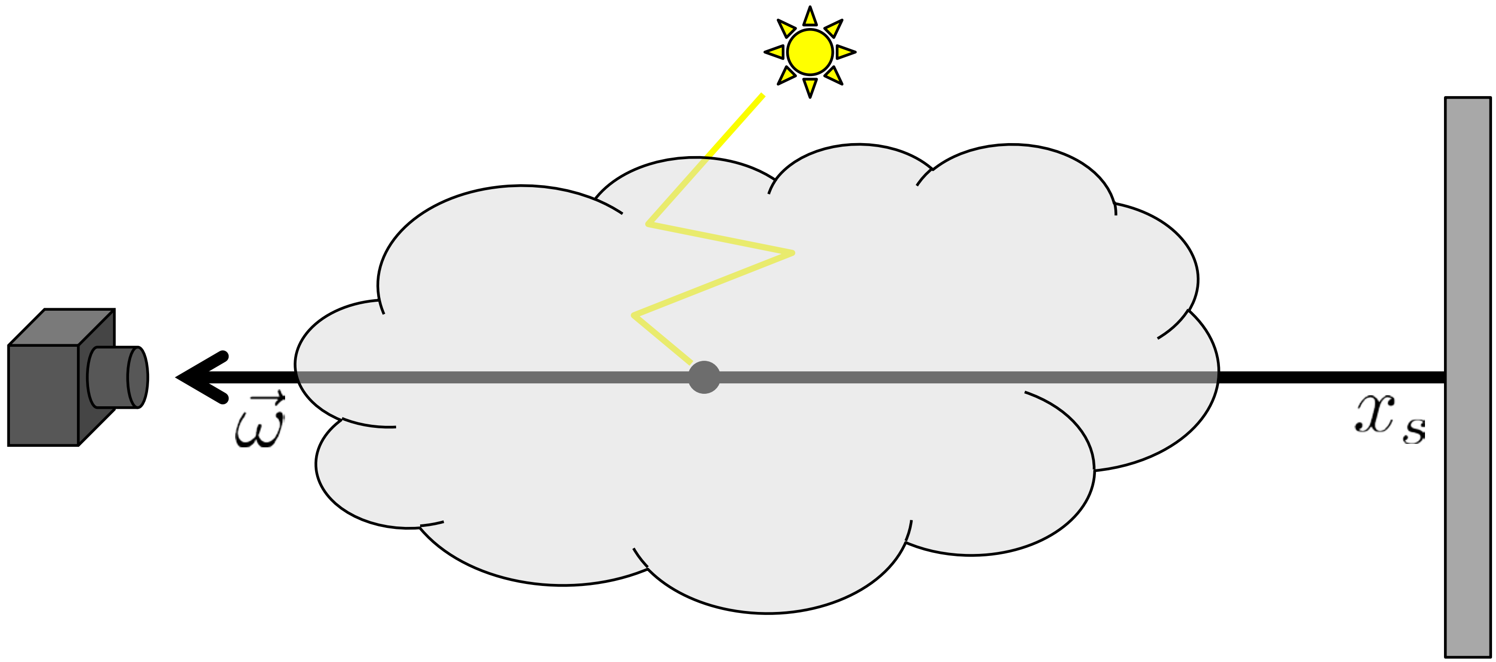

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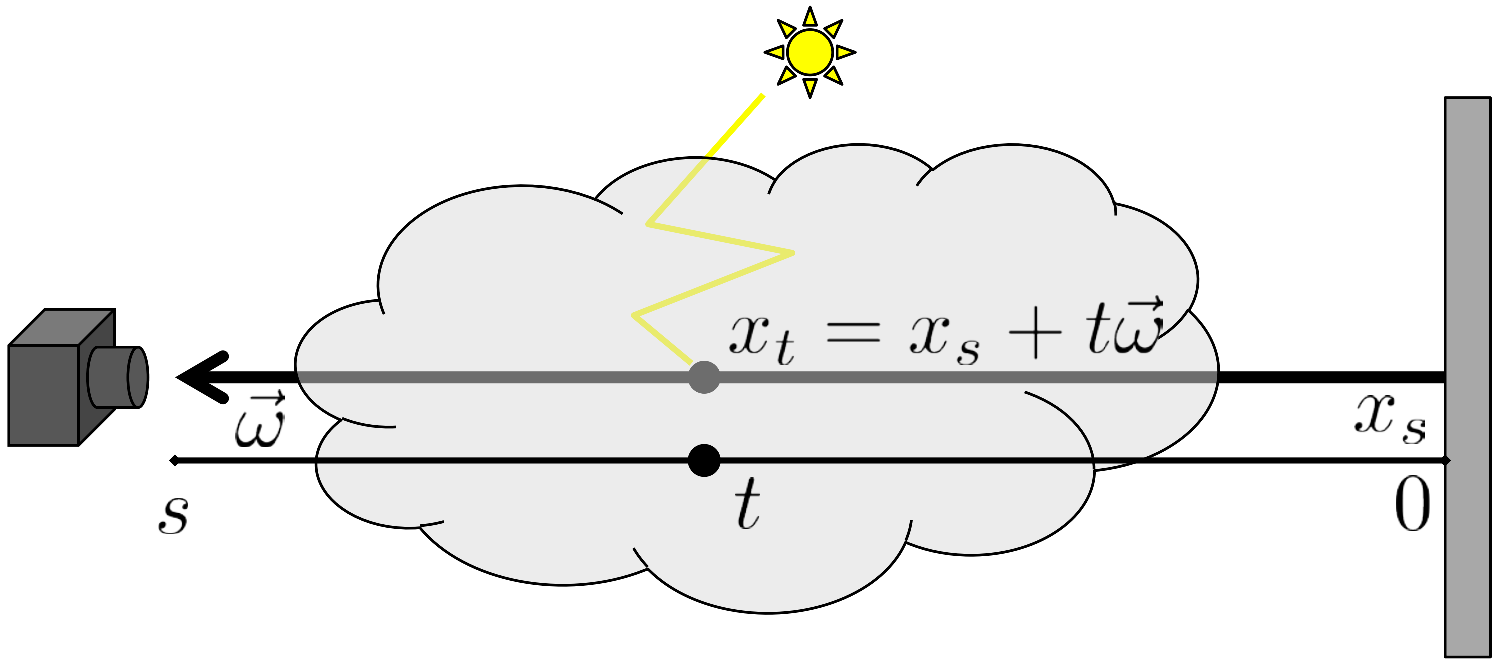

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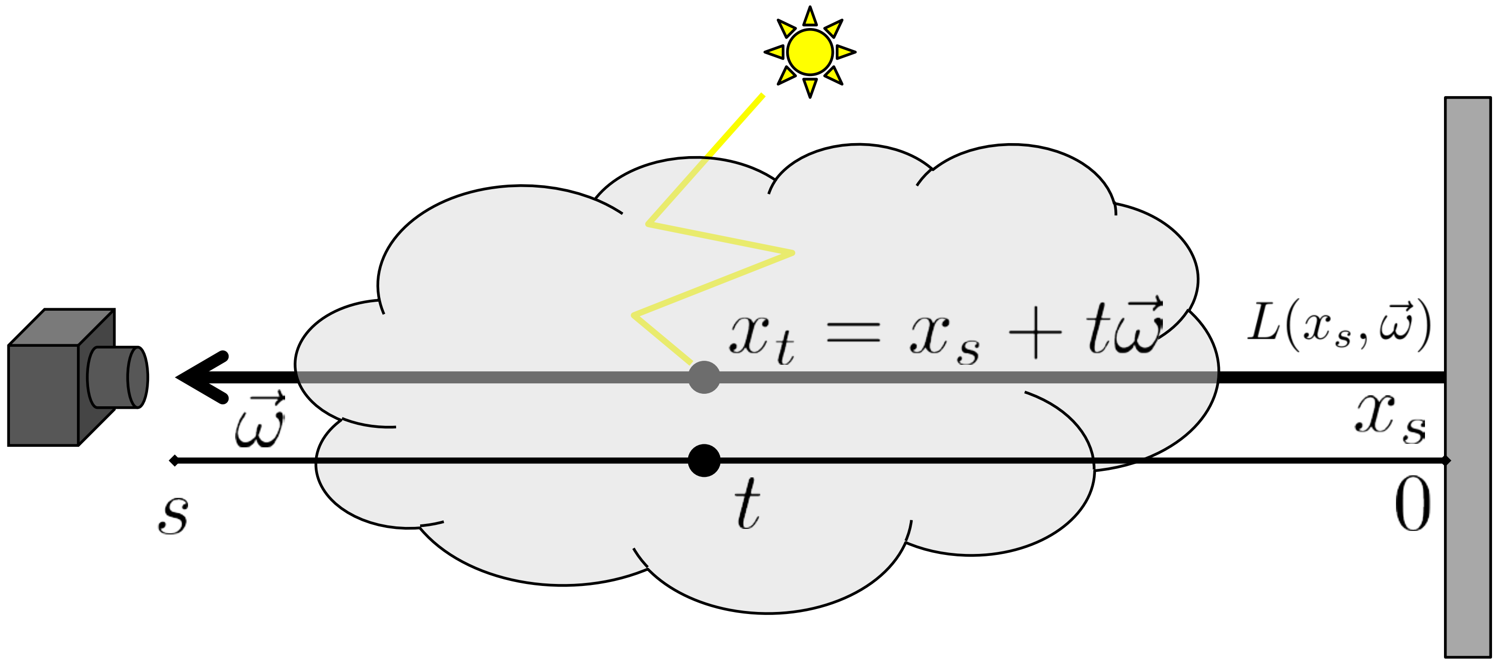

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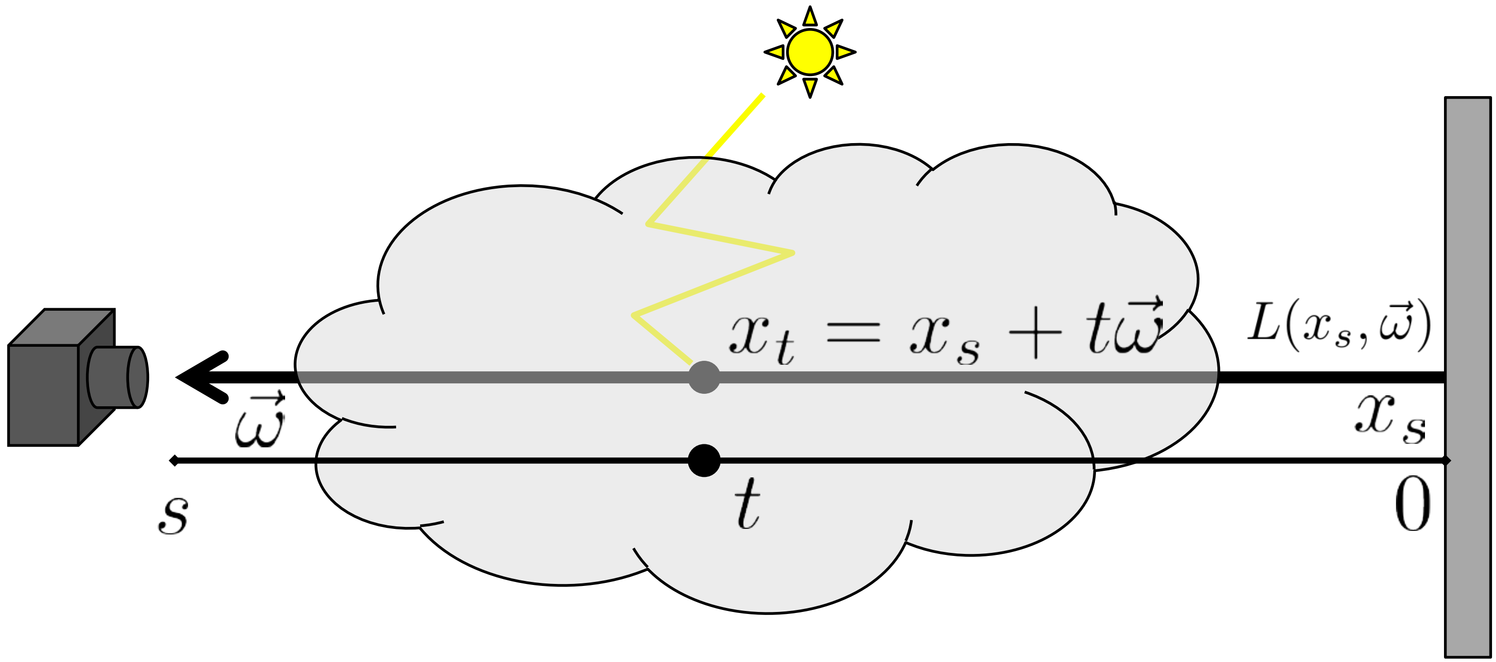

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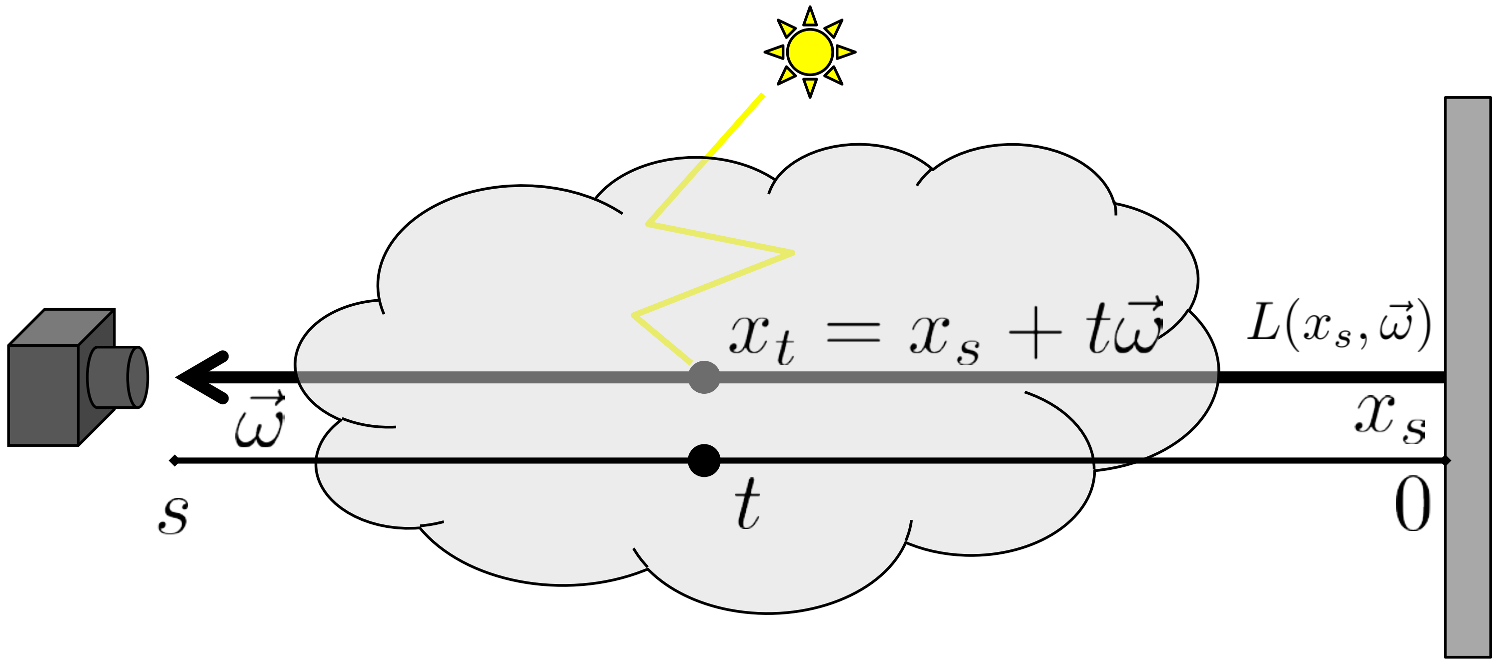

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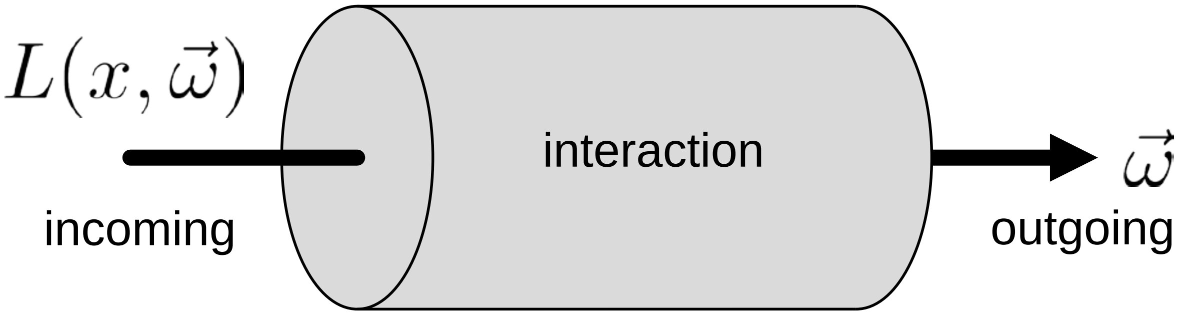

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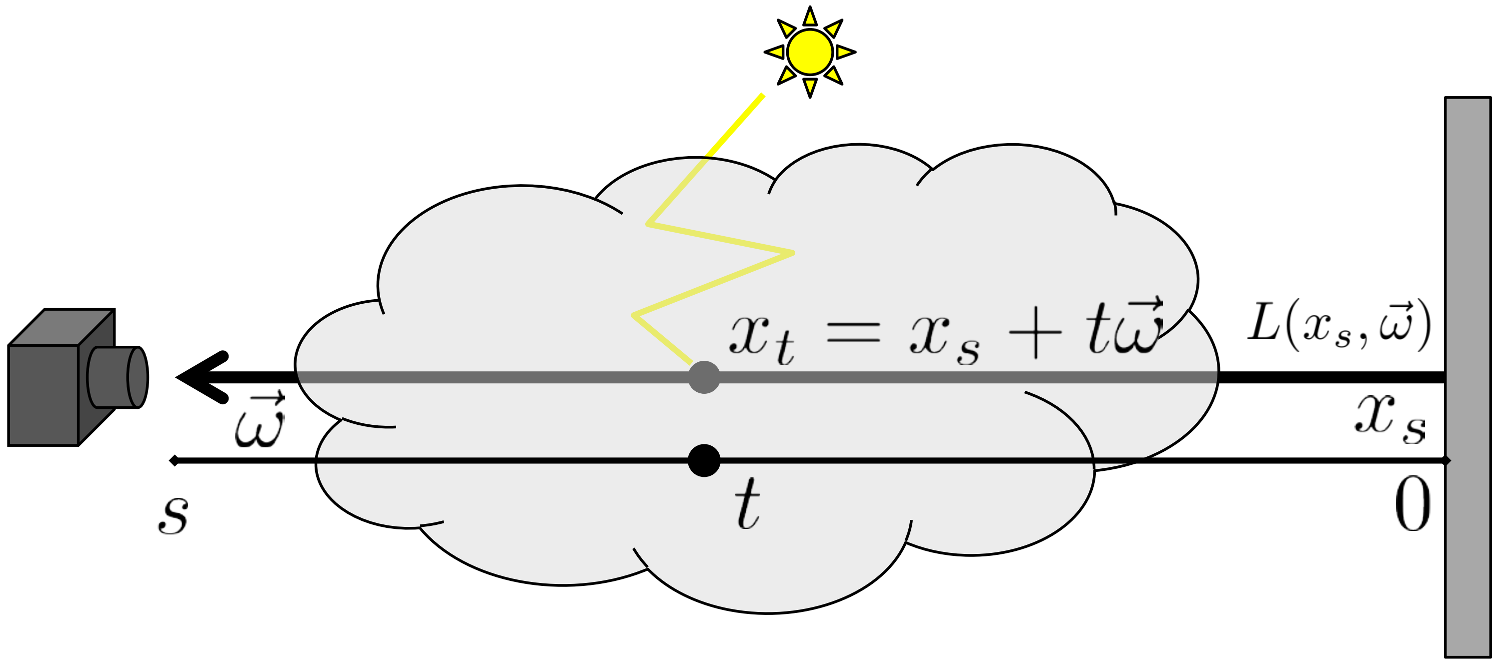

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$$T_r(x, x_s) = \exp\left(-\int_0^s \sigma_t(x + t\omega)dt\right) \qquad \text{(solution of } y'(x) = -f(x)y(x)\text{)}$$

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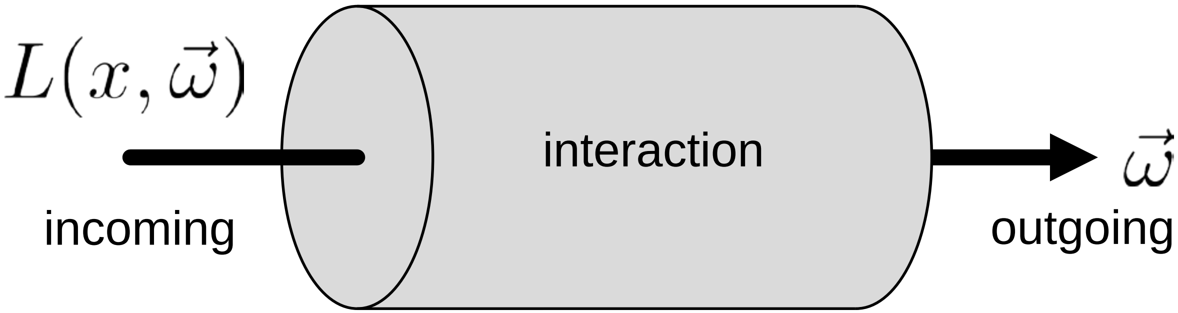

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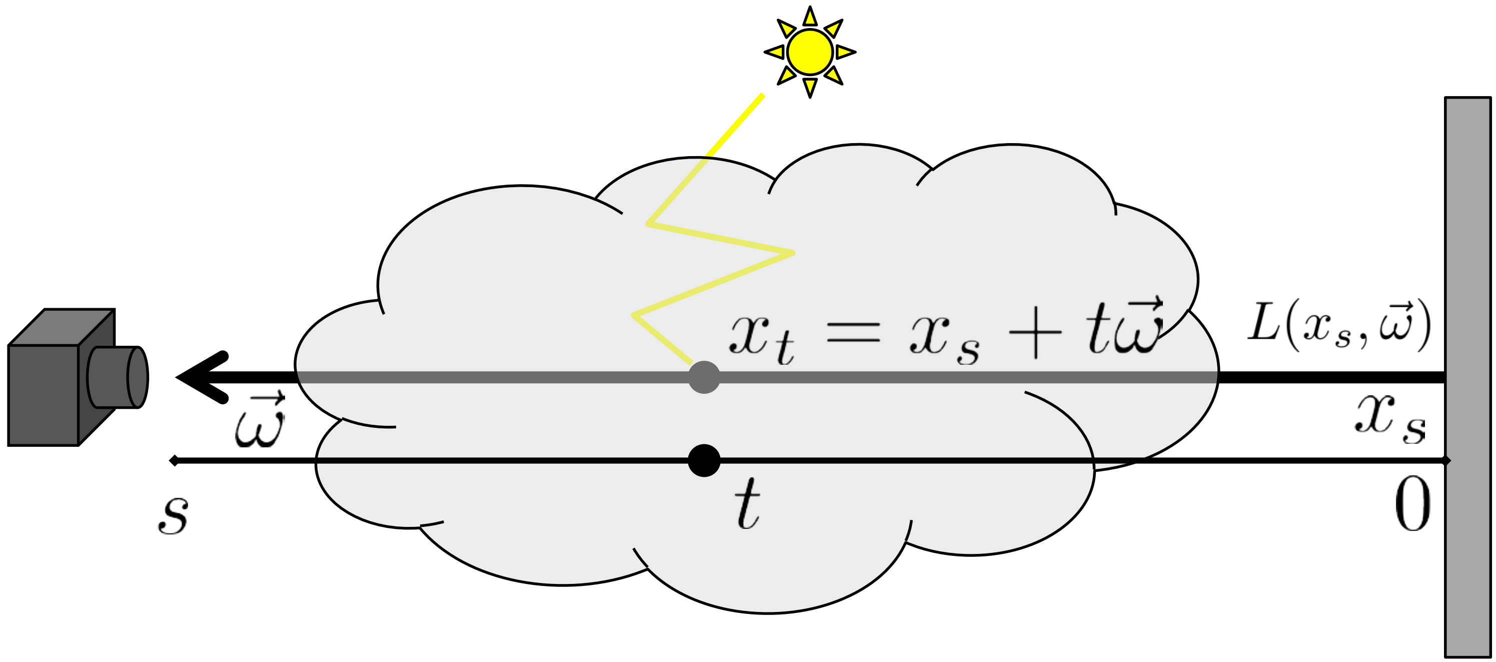

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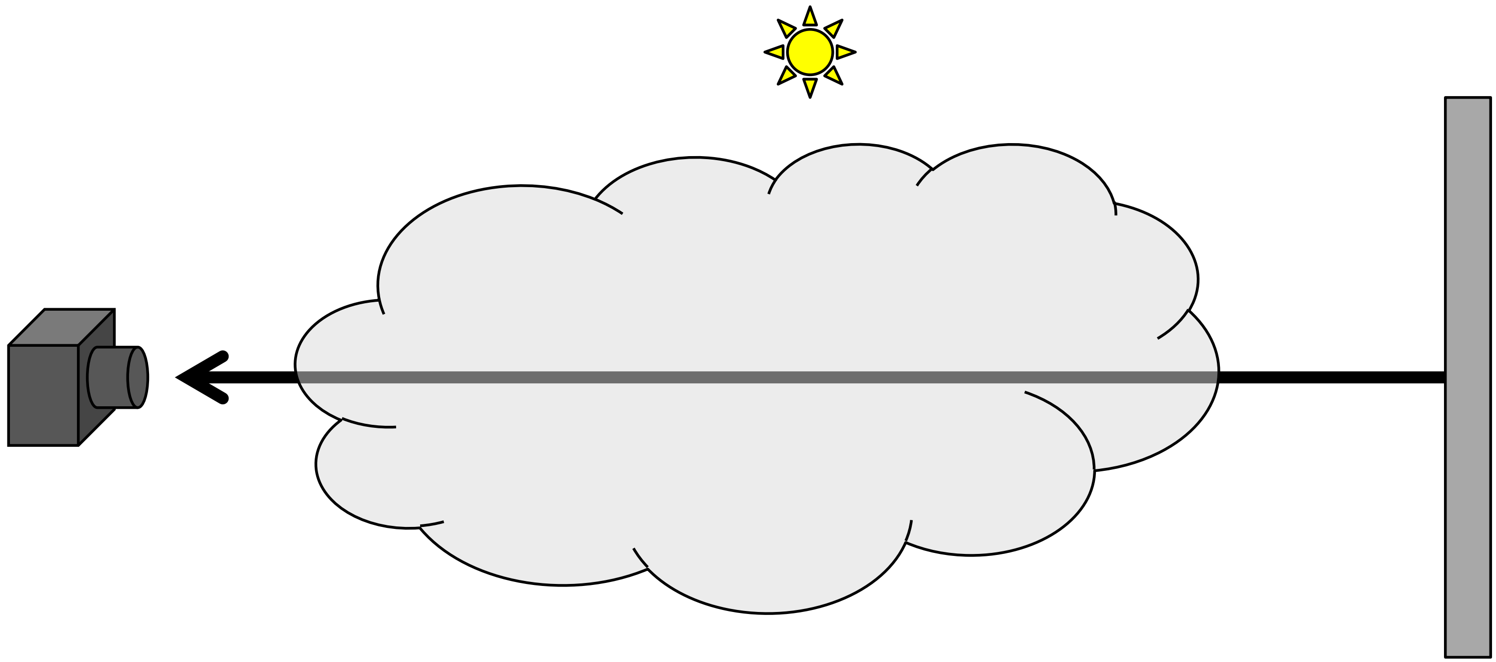

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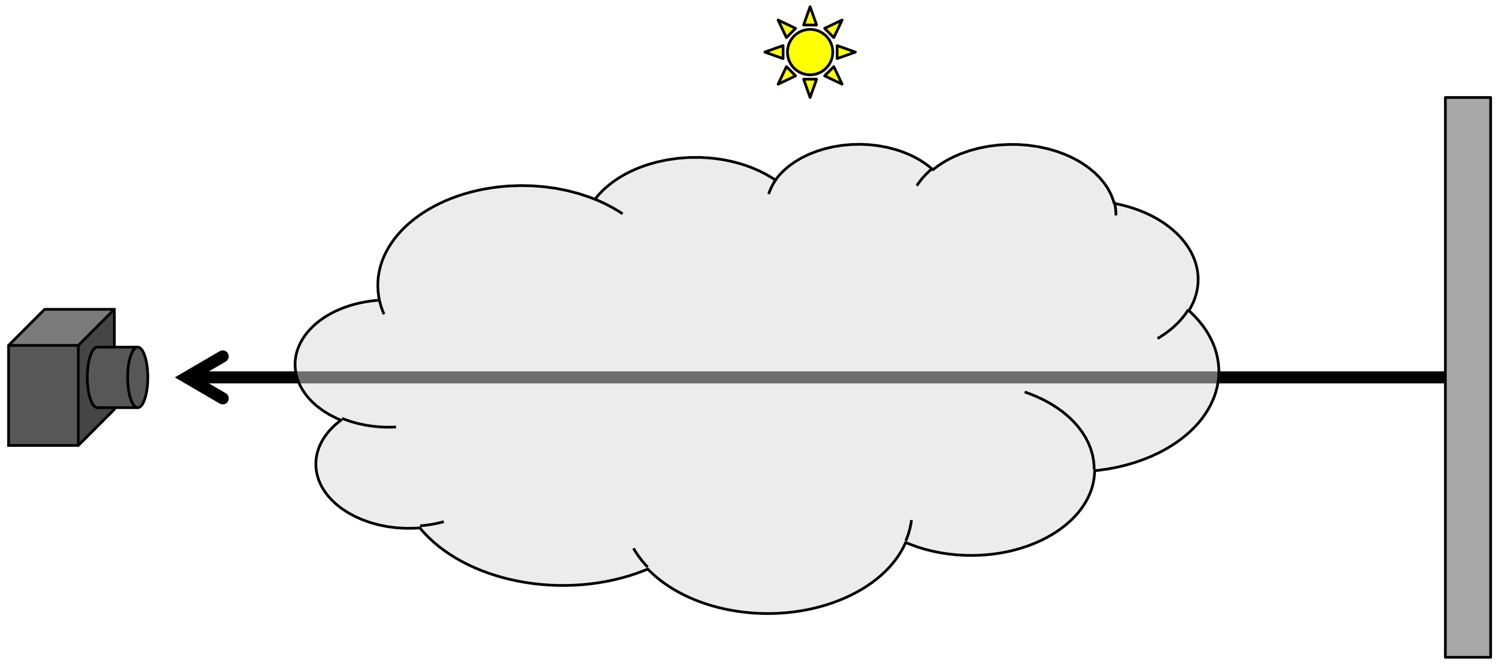

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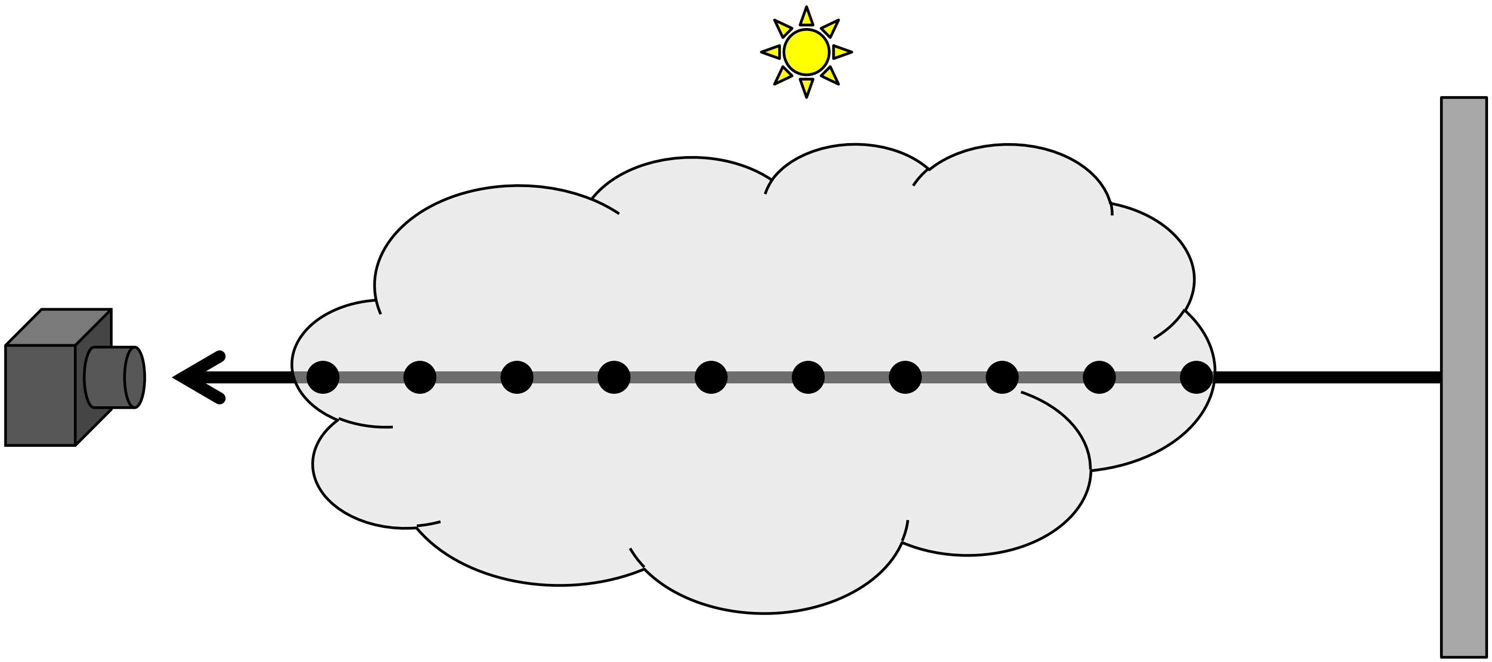

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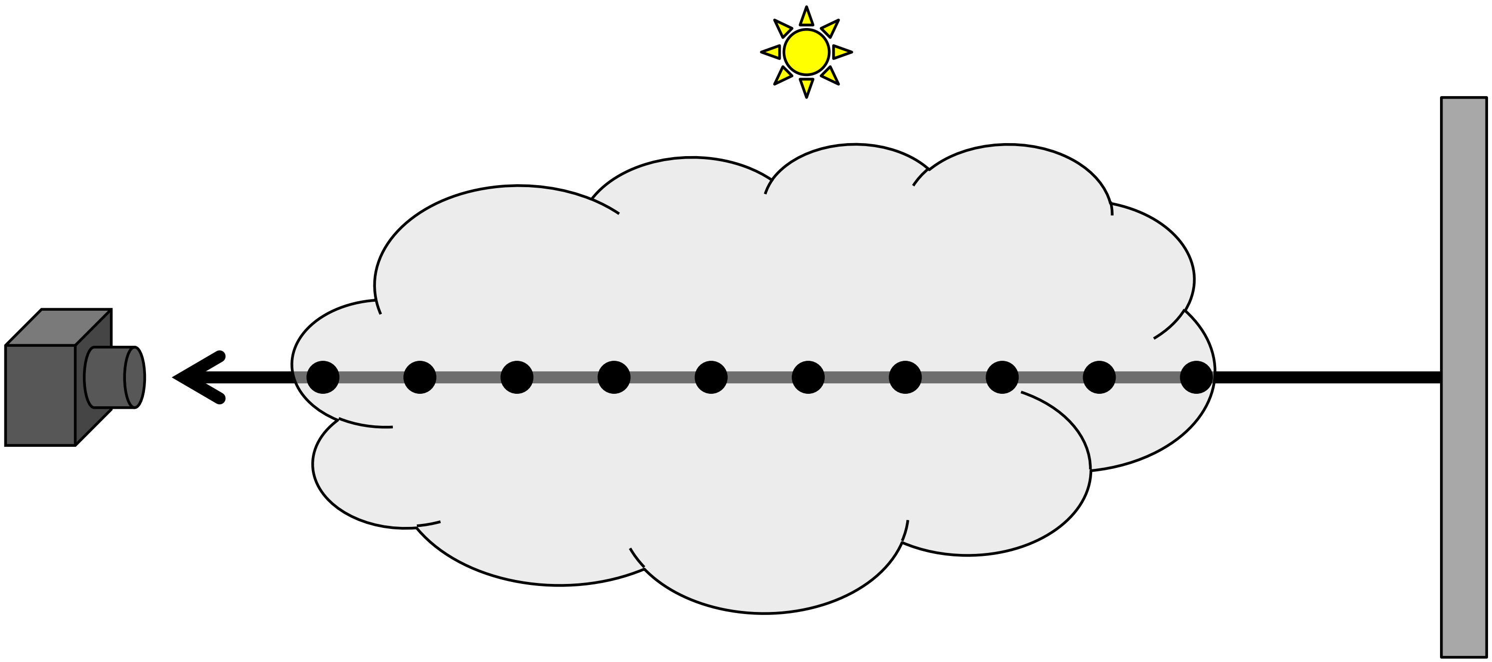

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$$T_r(x_1,x_3) = T_r(x_1,x_2)T_r(x_2,x_3)$$ compute incremetally

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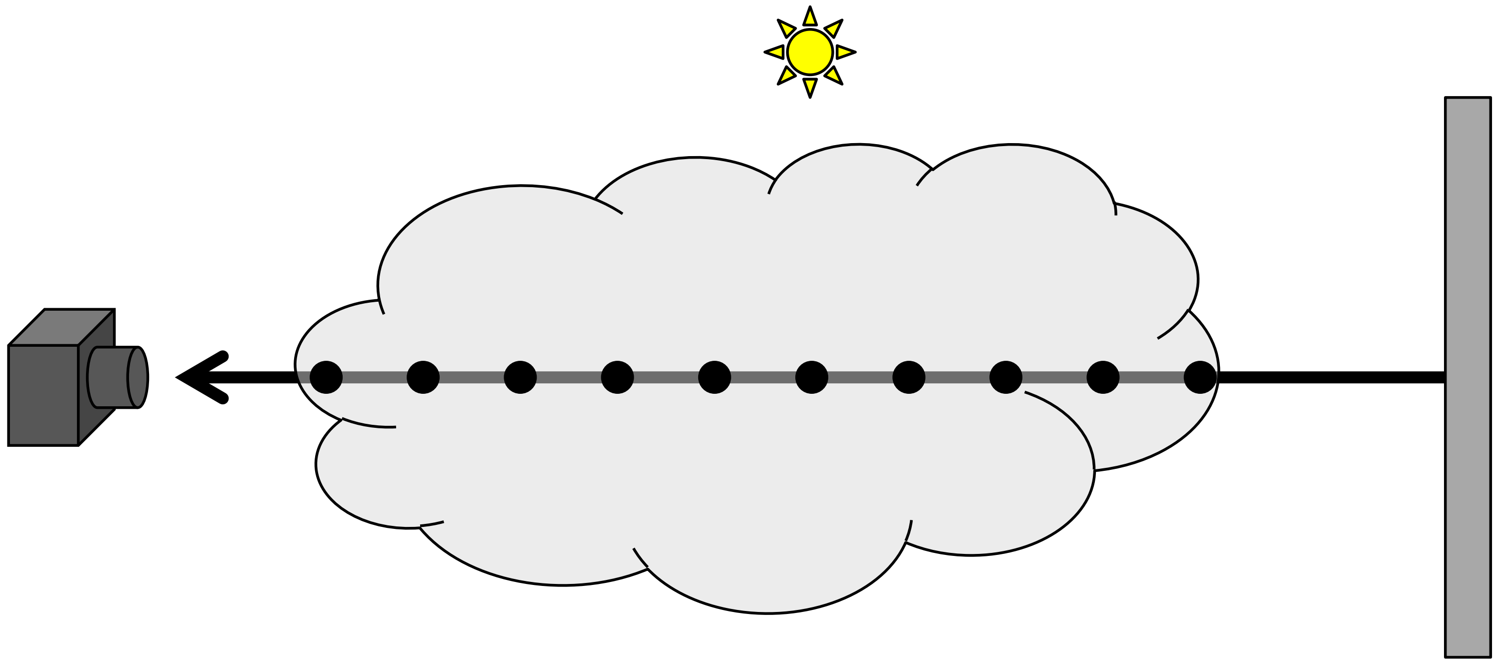

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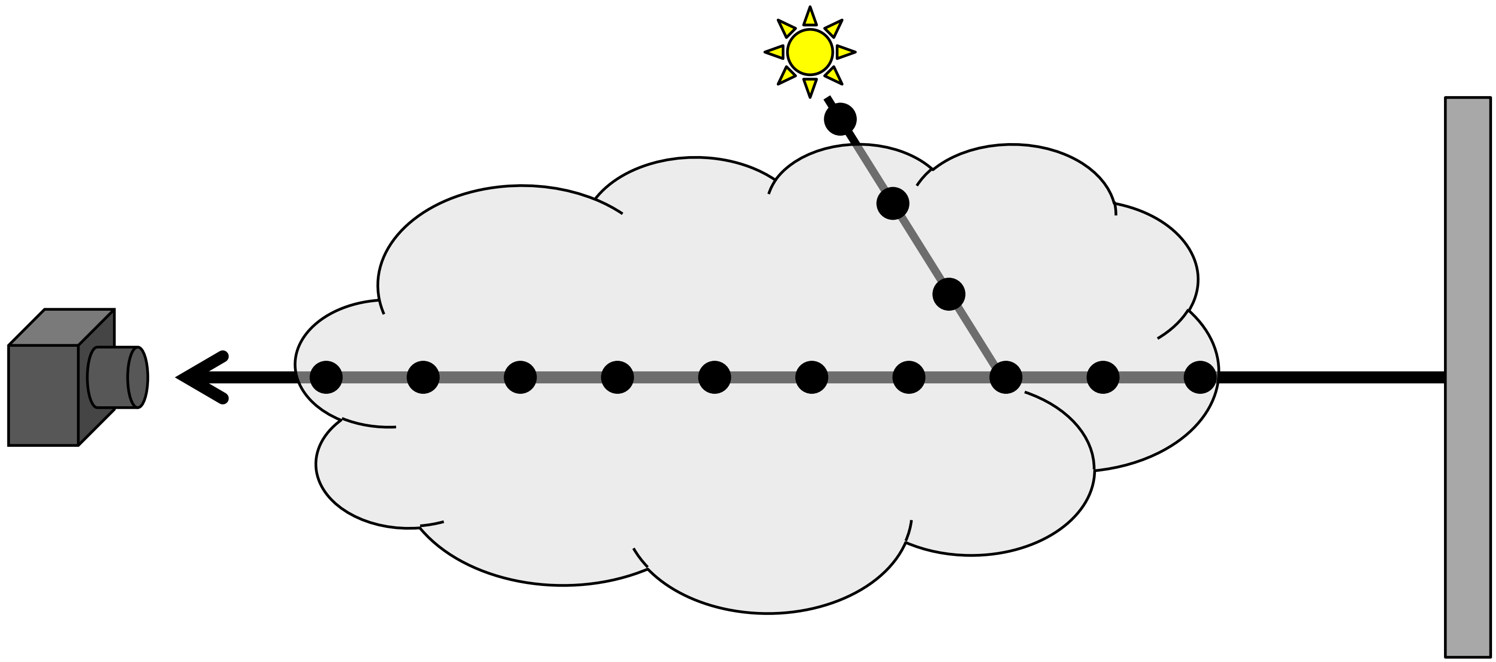

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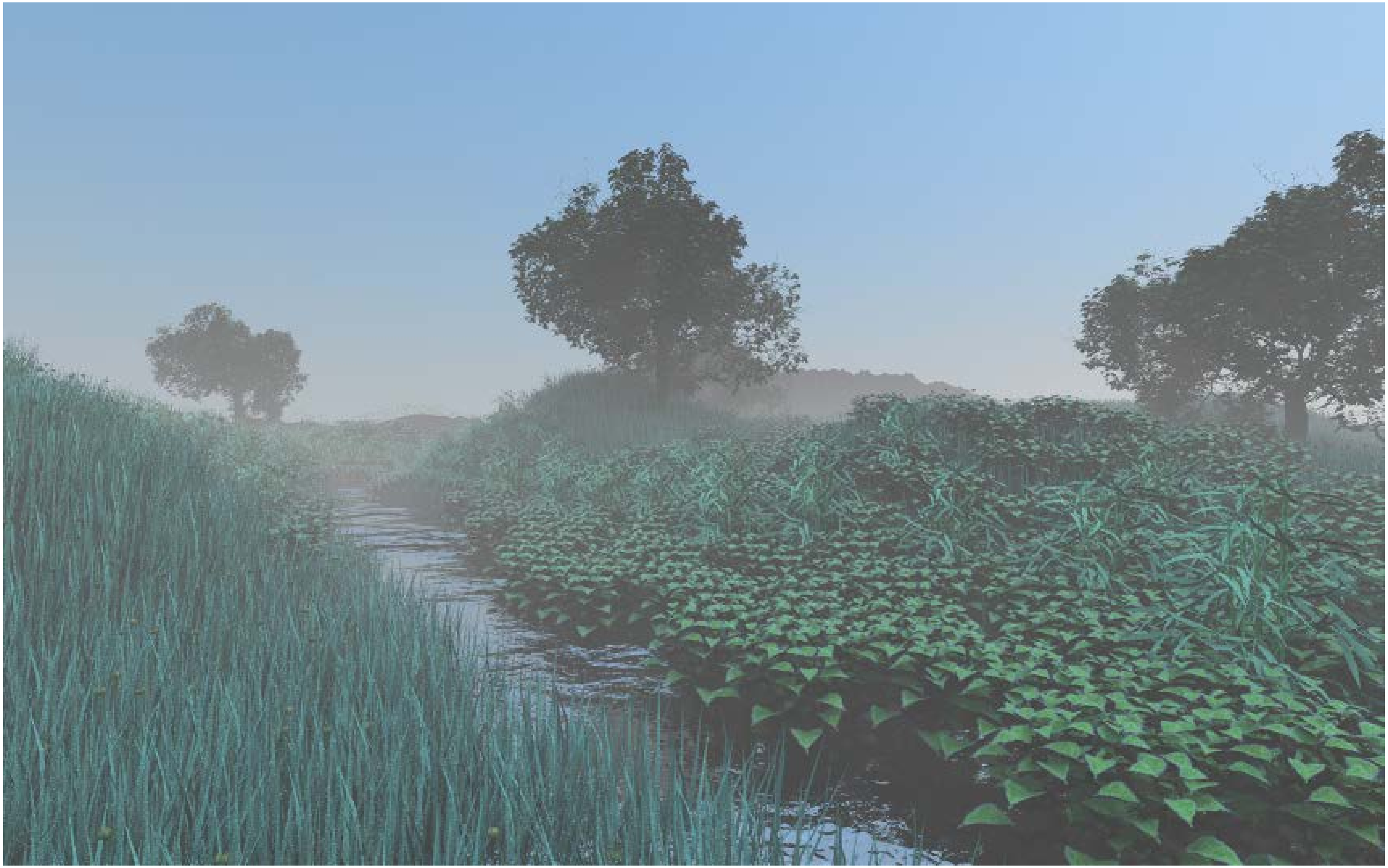
Single scattering: compute $T_r(x_L, x_t)$ to light source

Conventional Rendering

Exponential Fog



Single Scattering

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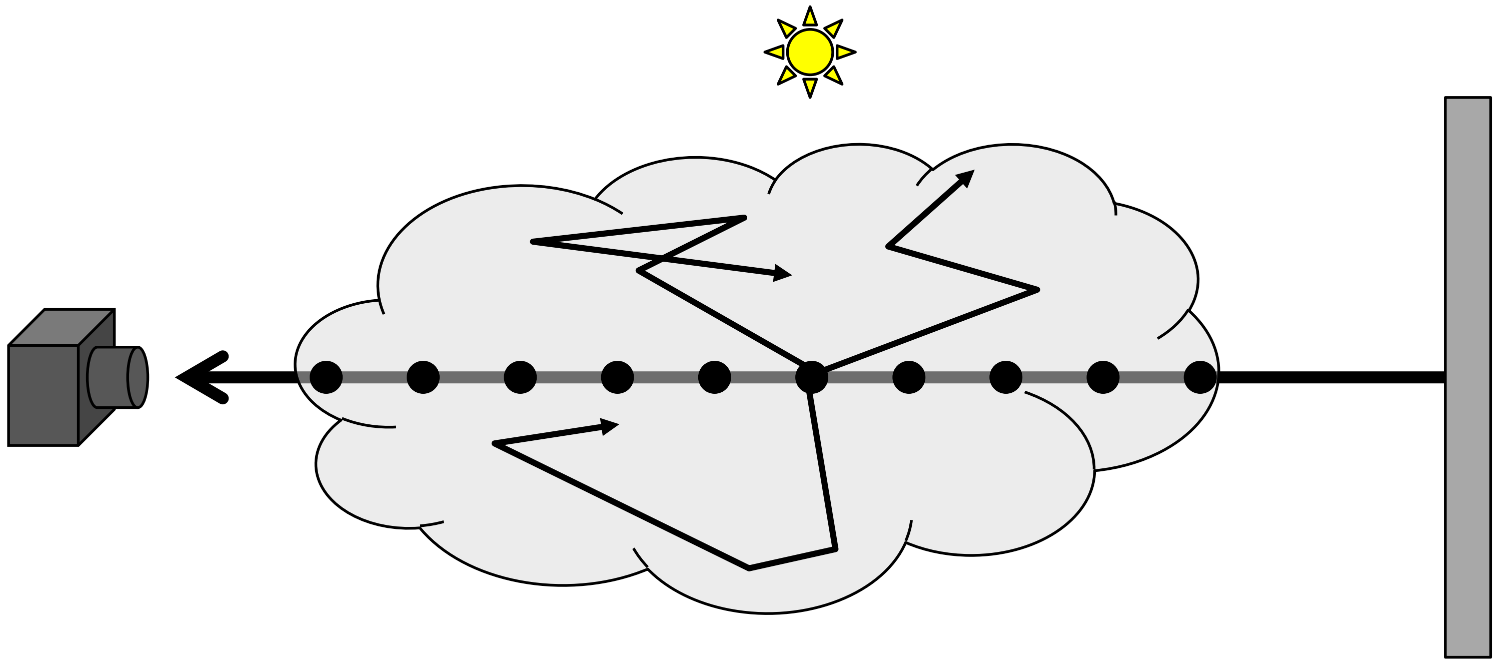

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Multiple scattering: compute random walk

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- Sample phase function $p(x, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}')$

  e.g. Henyey-Greenstein $p(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1 - g^2}{(1 + g^2 - 2g\cos\theta)^{3/2}}$

  by inversion $\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2g}\left(1 + g^2 - \left(\frac{1 - g^2}{1 - g + 2g\xi}\right)^2\right)$

- For a given direction, choose a distance d to travel based on $T_r(\, , \, , \,)$
  - If d is closer than the nearest surface → scatter
  - If not, compute surface radiance

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- Distance d is given by the free-flight distance

  Sample with $d = \frac{-\ln(1-\xi)}{\sigma_t}$ (homogeneous media)

Volumetric Path Tracing - Code

```
color VPT(o,ω)
    s = nearestSurfaceDist(o,ω)
    d = -ln(1 – random()) / σ_t
    if (d<s)
        // Media scattering
        o +=  d*ω
        return σ_s / σ_t * VPT(o, samplePhase())
    else
        // Surface scattering
        o += s*w
        (ω_i, pdf_i) = sampleBRDF(o,ω)
        return BRDF(o,ω,ω_i) * VPT(o,ω_i) / pdf_i
```

Questions?