#### Computing the Bidirectional Scattering of a Microstructure Using Scalar Diffraction Theory and Path Tracing

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medium (index of refraction: n = n' + i n'')









Simulation based on microgeometry to compute the bidirectional scattering distribution function (BSDF) of a surface.

# Method

- Discretization of visible spectrum into wavelength intervals:  $\Delta \lambda$ .
- Discretization of direction hemispheres into solid angle bins:  $\Omega_i$ ,  $\Omega_o$ .
- Measurement equation for the BSDF value of a given set of bins divided into single and multiple scattering terms:

 $f_s(\boldsymbol{x}, \Omega_i, \Omega_o) \approx f_s^1(A, \Omega_i, \Omega_o) + f_s^+(A, \Omega_i, \Omega_o).$ 

• A is the microscopic patch of surface area representing the macroscopic surface location x.

Δλ

Δλ

- $f_s^1$  is evaluated by Monte Carlo integration of the Kirchhoff integral augmented by shadowing and masking based on ray tracing.
- $f_s^+$  is evaluate by path tracing but excluding single scattering.
- We visualize our results using orthogonally projected slices of the BSDF for a given direction of incidence  $\vec{\omega}_i$  and integrated across the spectrum.

 $f_s^1$ 





 $10^{3}$ 

## Results

- Surface by Havran et al. [HTM16] for perceptual comparison of BRDFs.
- Mirror material.
- BRDF is normalized.
- Insets are BRDF slices in RGB and close-ups.
- Microgeometry (A):



overhangs



## Results

- Disk standing on textured background for perceptual comparison of BSDF.
- Glass material.
- BSDF is normalized.
- Insets are BRDF and BTDF slices in false colors.
- Microgeometry (A):





# Results

- BSDF slices in false colors for validation.
- Index of refraction: n = 2.
- BSDF is normalized.
- Linearly polarized incident light with  $\lambda = 850$  nm.
- Microgeometry (A):



axicons



Our inclusion of multiple scattering captures the characteristic beam shape transmitted by elliptic axicons. This is hard to obtain with FDTD due to lower resolution.



Close-ups: FDTD ours

# Scalar diffraction (single scattering)

• Microgeometry (*A*):



noisy hemispheres



# Our method (scalar diffraction + multiple scattering)

• Microgeometry (*A*):



noisy hemispheres



# Thanks for watching

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