

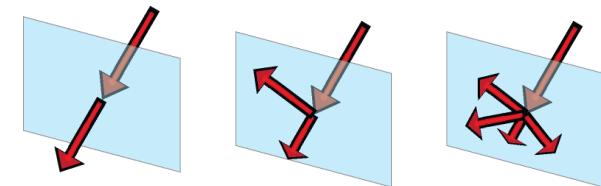
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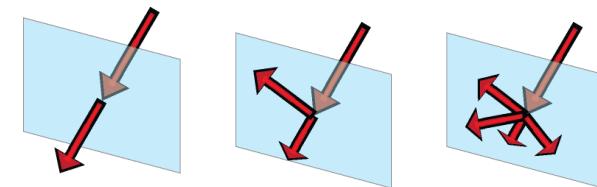
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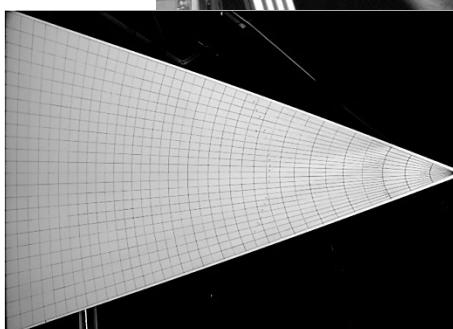
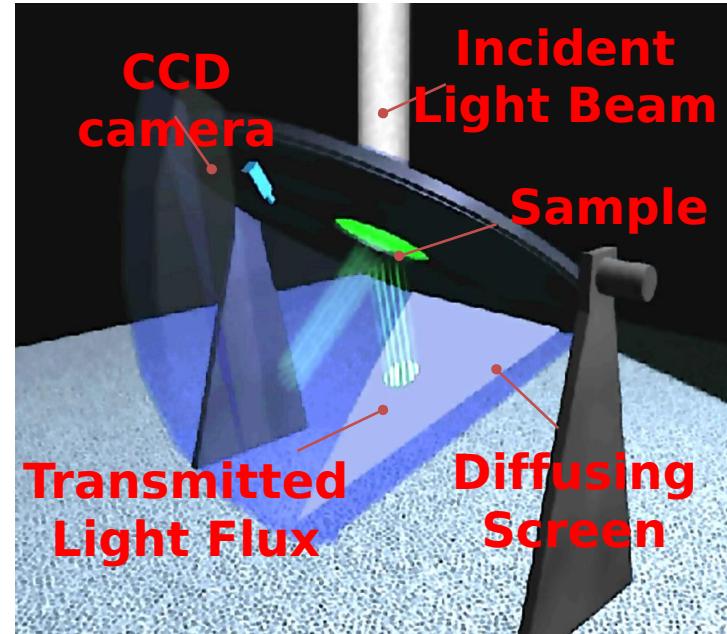
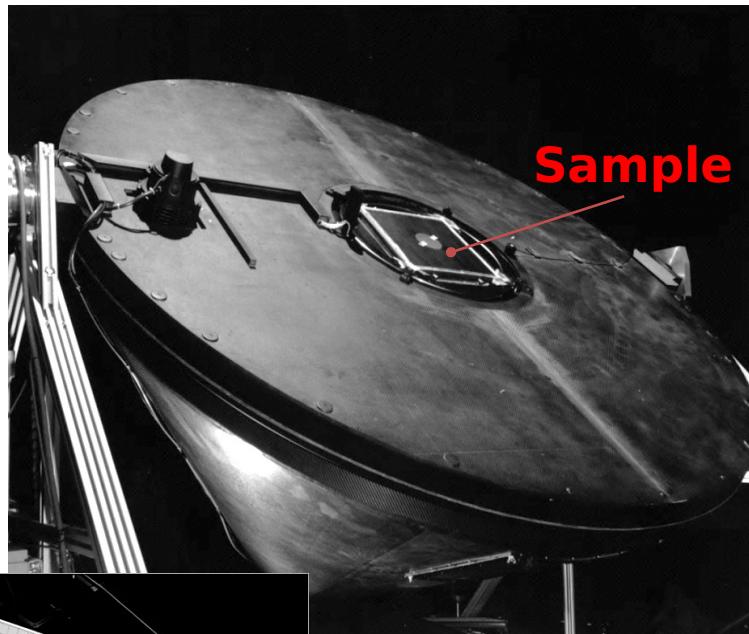
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## LESO-PB's Goniophotometer



Input: 145 Tregenza zones, Output:  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$  (at best)  
PhD Thesis, Marilyne Andersen, LESO-PB, EPFL, 2004  
→ Recalibration of machine

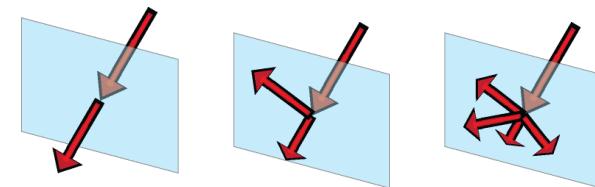
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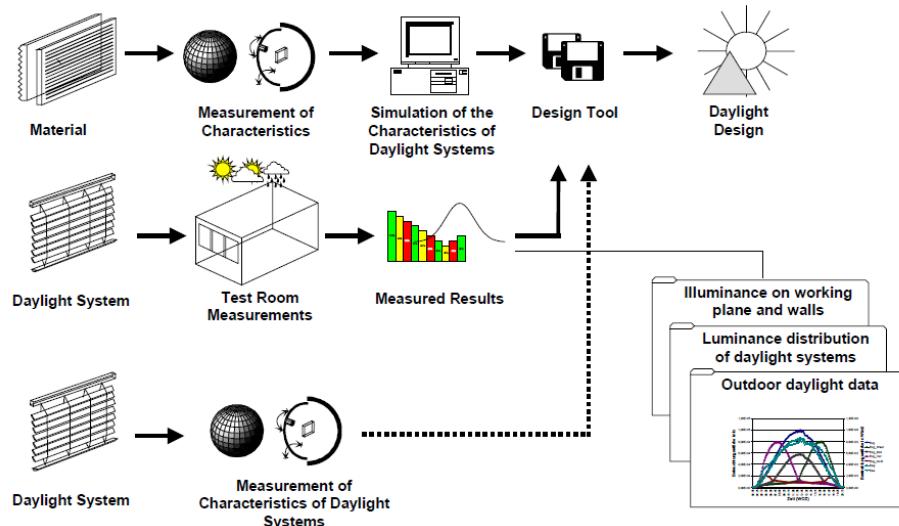
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## IEA 21 standard



```
#material: sun directing glass (Lumitop)
#manufacturer: Vegl
#Isym=3 ! symmetry indicator: 0 no symmetry (phi_1 = 0°...360°)
#    1 rotary symmetry (only for one phi_1)
#    2 symmetry to phi=0° and phi=180° (phi_1 = 0°...180°)
#    3 symmetry to phi=90° and phi=270° (phi_1 = -90°...90°)
#    4 symmetry to phi=0° & phi=180° and to phi=90° & phi=270°
(phi_1=0°...90°)
#measurements done at TU Berlin Fachgebiet Lichttechnik, TUB
#measurements and processing by Berit Herrmann, Sirri Aydinli
#date of measurement: 29. September 1998
#contact aydinli@ee.tu-berlin.de for details
#light incidence:
#phi_1: 0° (azimuth)
#theta_1: 0° (altitude)
#light transmittance: 0.45

#data
#phi_2          theta_2          btdf
0.000000e+000  9.590000e+001  2.497359e-002
0.000000e+000  9.940000e+001  2.619607e-002
0.000000e+000  1.028000e+002  2.703650e-002
...
0.000000e+000  1.437000e+002  6.901417e-002
END
```

*International Energy Agency Task 21, Source Book on Daylighting Systems and Components, Chap. 8.3: Optical Characteristics of Daylighting Materials, pp. 8.16 - 8.22, Paris, July 2000.*

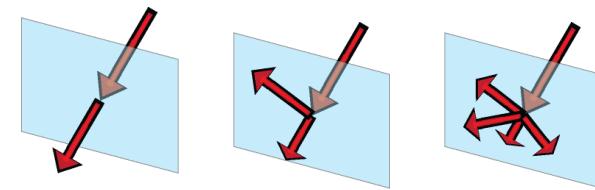
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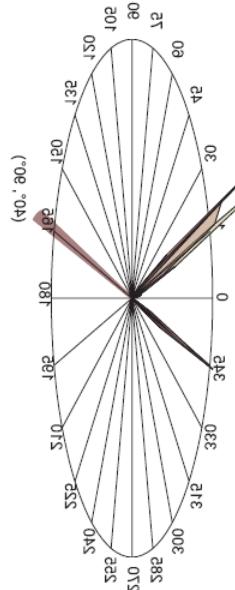


First attempt to use BTDF data with Radiance (2004)

Laser Cut Panel



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BTDF2prism2



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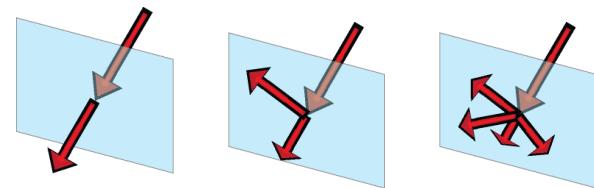
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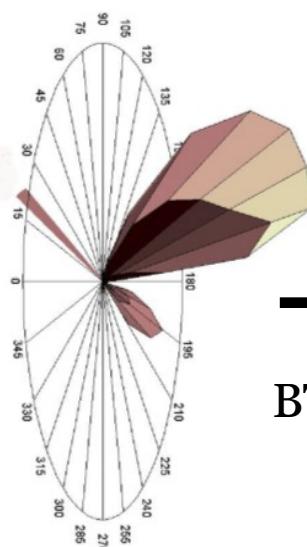
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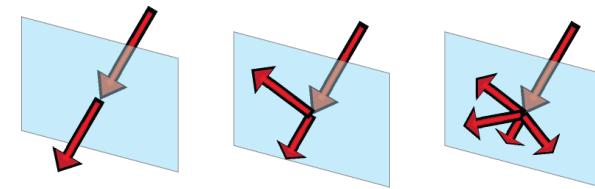
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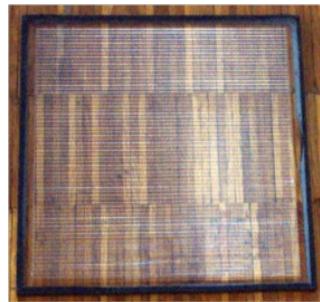
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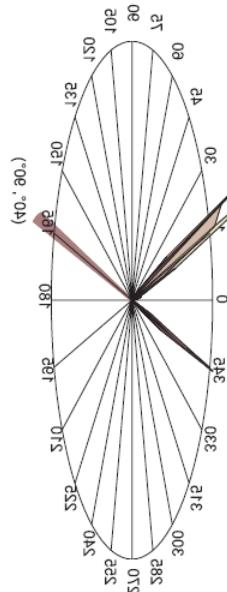


New attempt to use BTDF data with Radiance (2010)

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2010: mkillum pre-process  
2011: bsdf material

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Using an XML file format to describe the BTDF

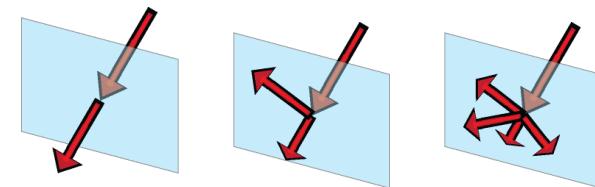
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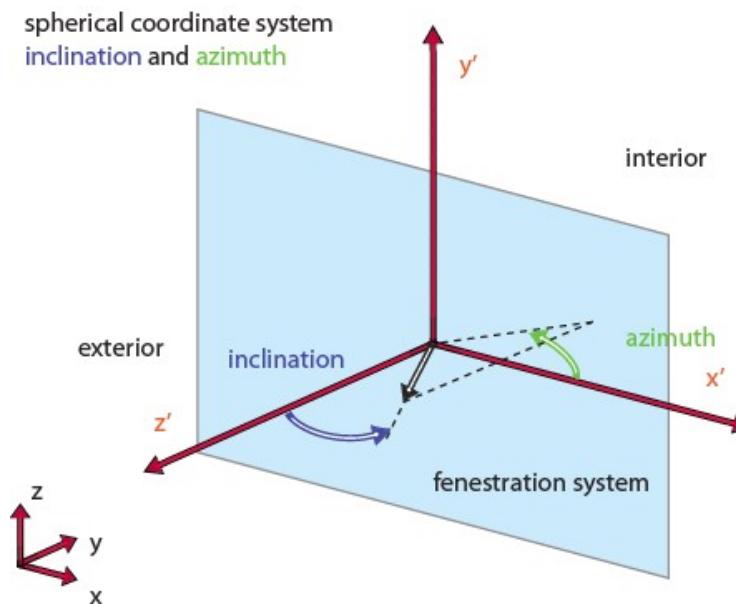
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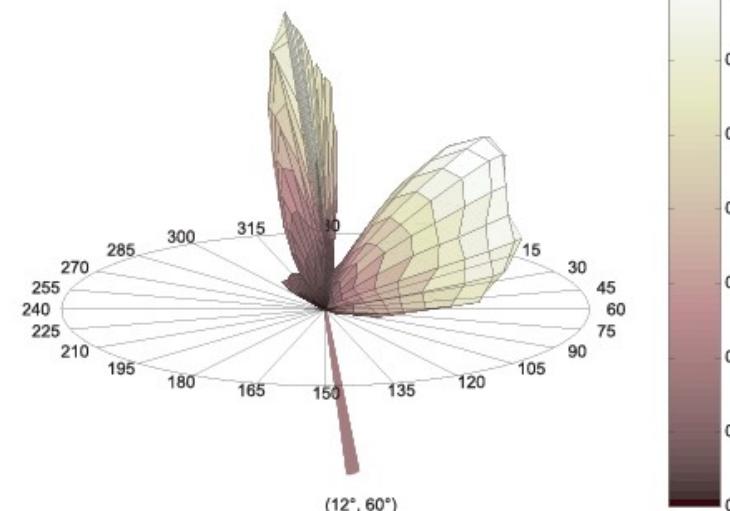
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Conversion from **IEA21** to the XML format



BTDF visualization: photometric solid  
(hemispherical light transmittance of 0.43)



Reference frame attached to the sample:

- z' pointing **outside**, y' vertical, x' horizontal

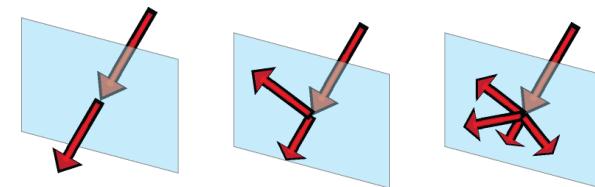
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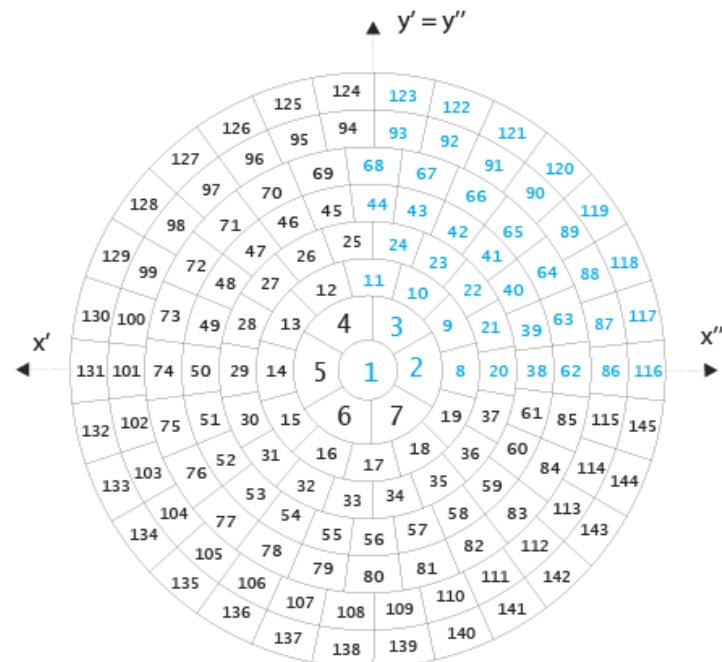
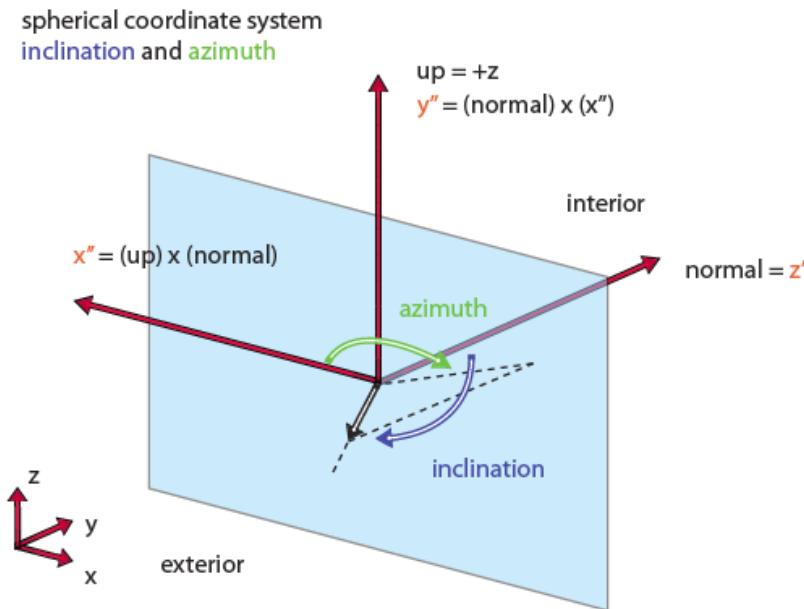
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Reference frame attached to the sample (with up=+Z or direction o o 1):  
- z'' pointing **inside**, y'' vertical, x'' horizontal

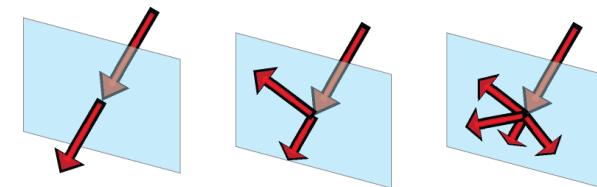
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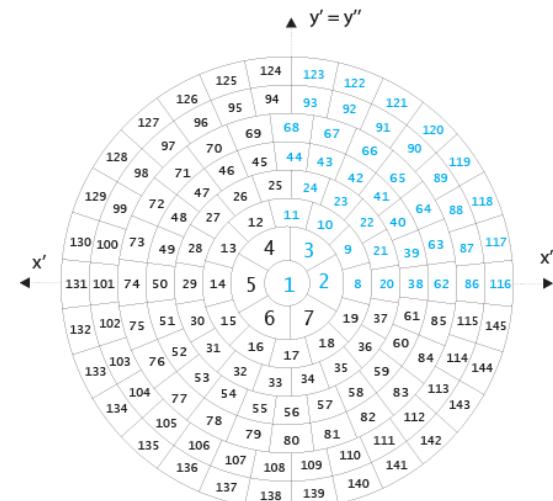
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## Sample of the XML format

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<WindowElement>
  <Information Material="Lumitop" Source="BTDF2rad"/>
  <Optical>
    <Layer>
      <DataDefinition>
        <IncidentDataStructure>Columns</IncidentDataStructure>
      </DataDefinition>
      <WavelengthData>
        <Wavelength>Visible</Wavelength>
        <WavelengthDataBlock>
          <WavelengthDataDirection>Transmission Front</WavelengthDataDirection>
          <ColumnAngleBasis>EPFL/Tregenza Full</ColumnAngleBasis>
          <RowAngleBasis>EPFL/5deg Full</RowAngleBasis>
          <ScatteringData>
            ...[145 x 1297 values]...
      
```



Input 145 Tregenza zones, Output 1297 zones ( $5^\circ$  in azimuth and elevation)  
Radiance 4.0 (official release) – added two basis in the file bsdf.c  
Radiance 4.1 (head version) – (new) define the two basis in the XML file

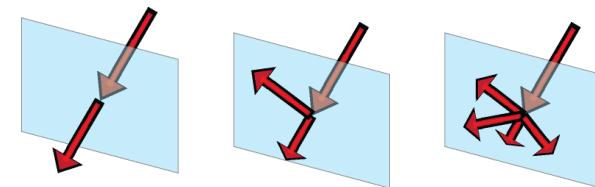
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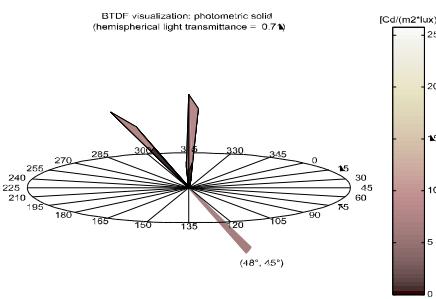
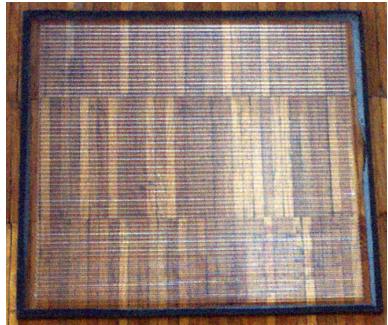
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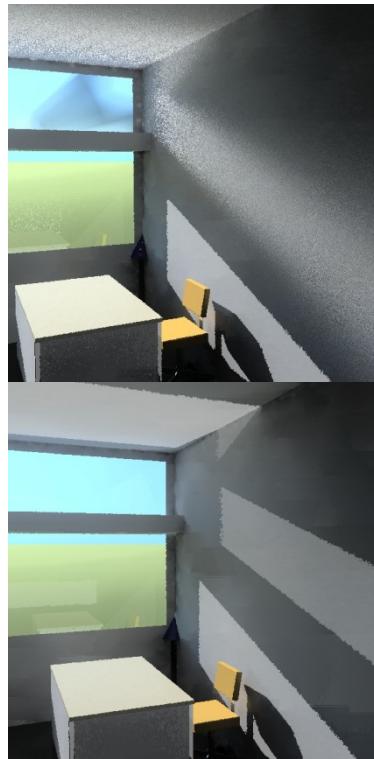
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winter solstice



equinox



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Fast renderings (< 2 minutes), **similar behaviour** for the sharp redirecting material  
Comparison between real (1:1), scale (1:10) and virtual models: Dr A. Thanachareonkit

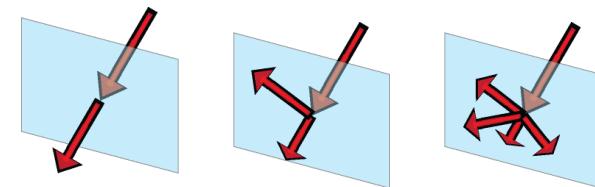
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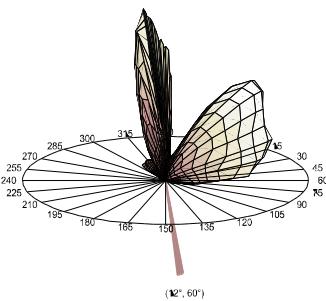
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## Lumitop



BTDF visualization, photometric solid  
(hemispherical light transmittance = 0.43)



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Fast renderings (< 2 minutes), **directional-diffuse** components make the difference

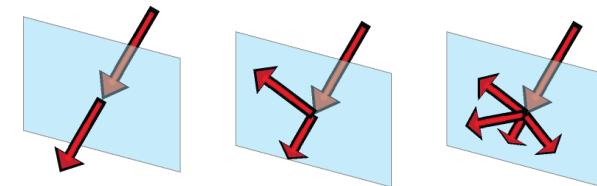
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- Conversion from IEA21 to XML format for rendering of CFS: **BTDF2RADIANCE**
- + Better renderings for directional-diffuse complex fenestration systems
- Increased rendering time
- Random sampling of the light source

## Future work

Verification of the procedure by ways of:

- Virtual Gonio-Photometer
- Comparisons between real (1:1), scale (1:10) and virtual models

PhD thesis on the subject:

- “Optimization of Daylight in Educational Buildings in prevailing clear Sky Conditions and its consequent Influence on Energy Efficiency”, by **Chantal Basurto**, make use of Complex Fenestration System

Import other data format from different goniophotometers