Microfacet models for reflection and refraction

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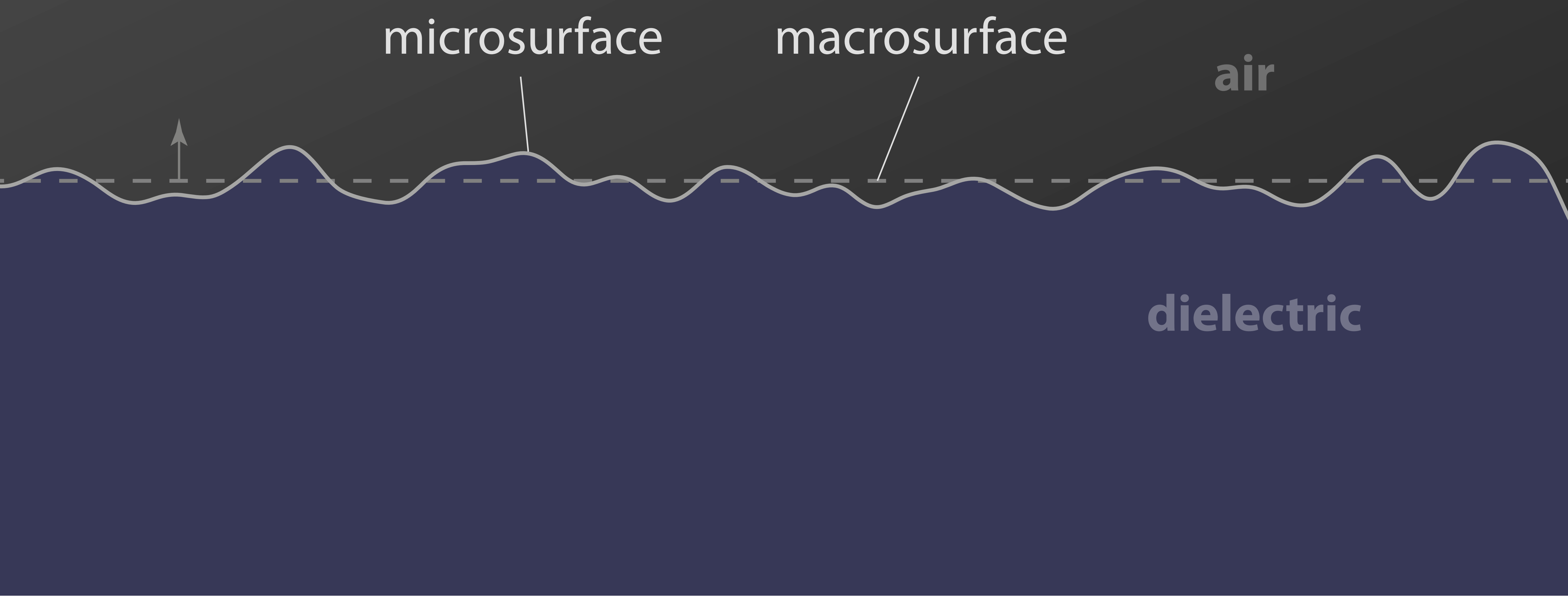
Microfacet scattering models

Rough dielectric surface

- smooth at wavelength scale
- rough at microscale
- flat at macroscale



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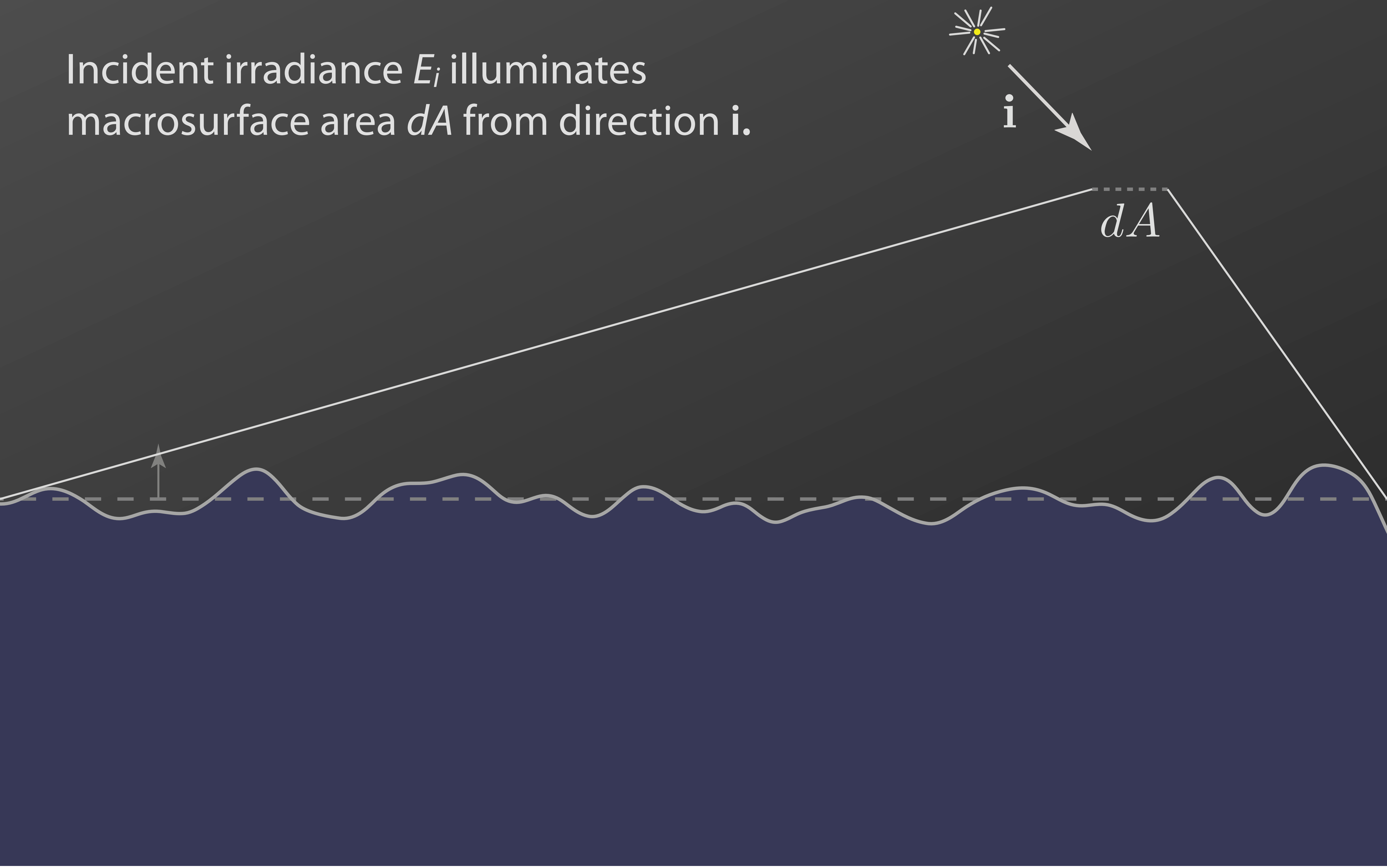

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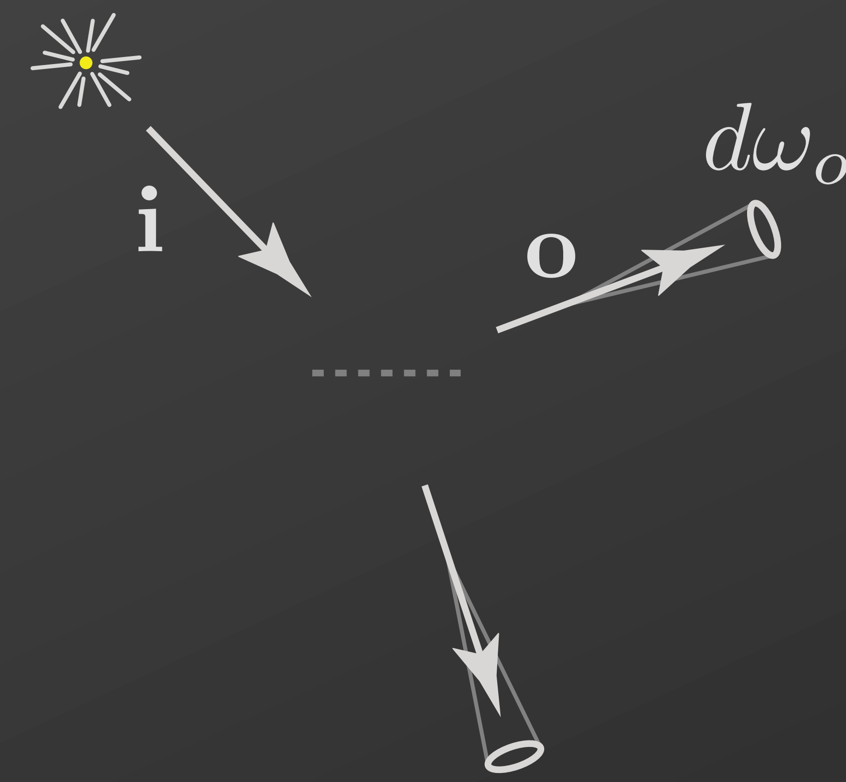

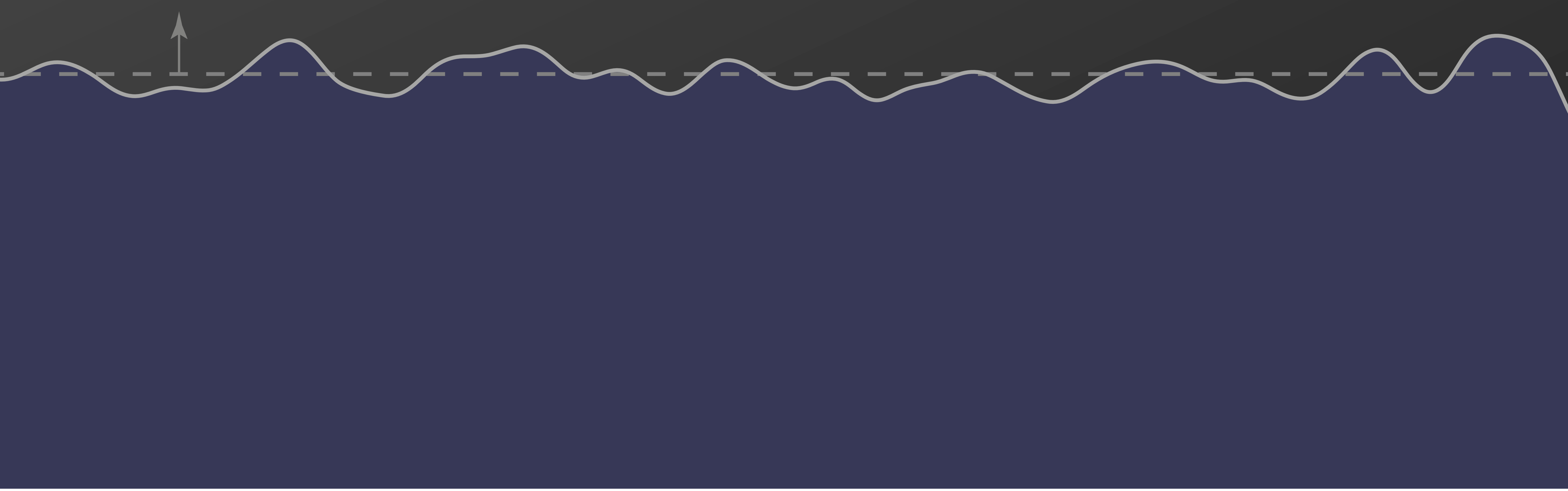

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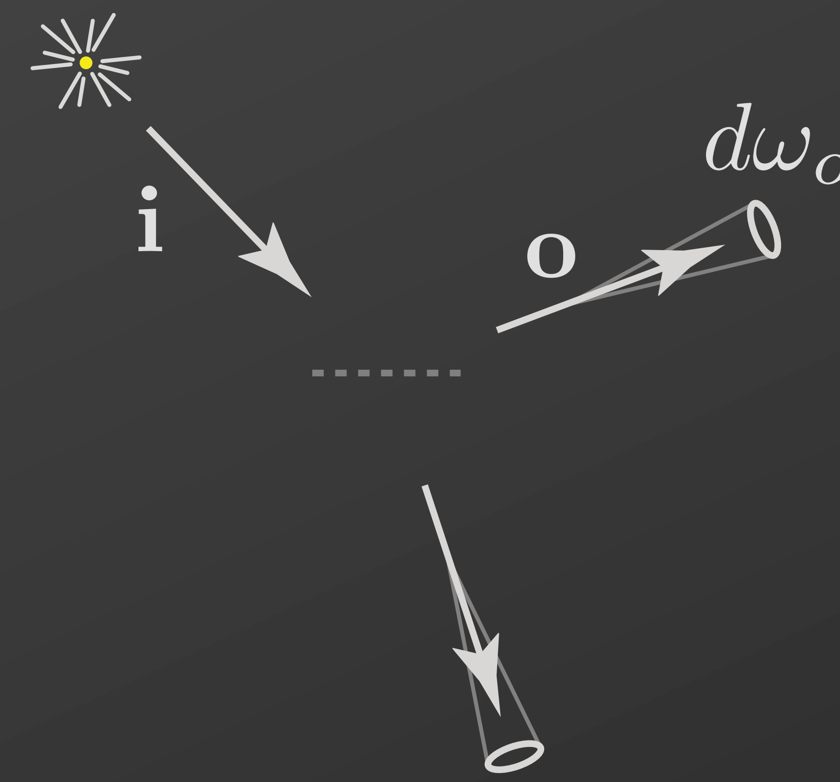

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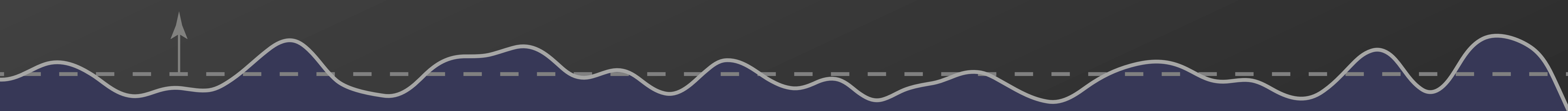

$$f_s(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}) = \frac{L_{r,t}}{E_i}$$

Bidirectional **S**cattering **D**istribution **F**unction

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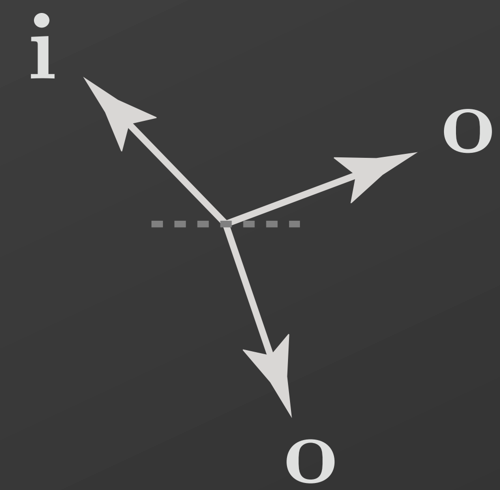

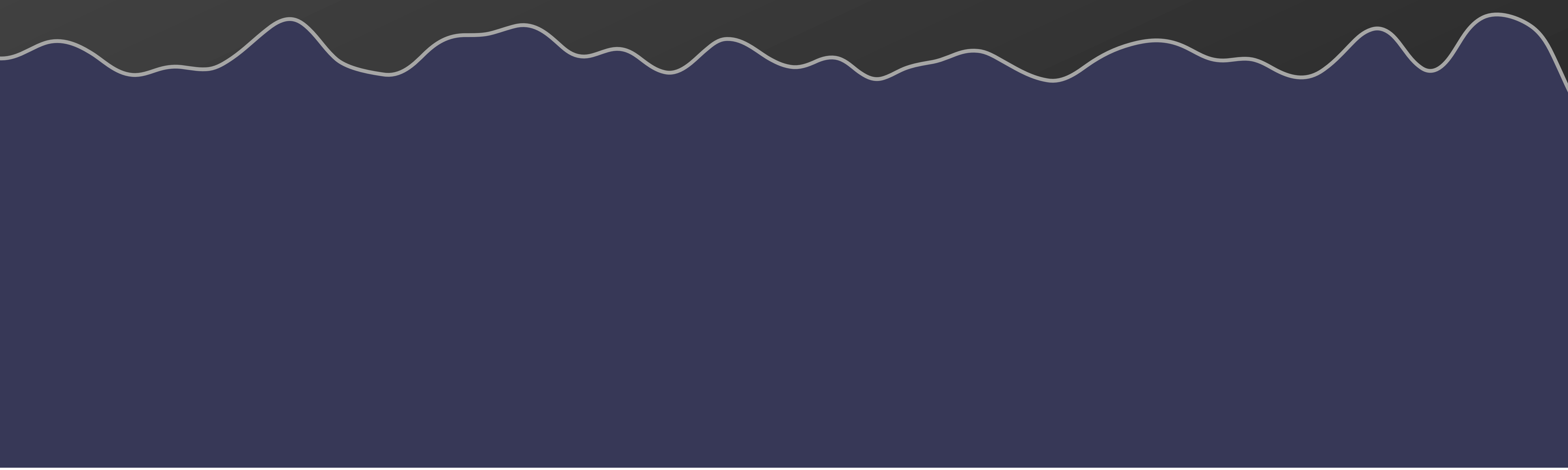

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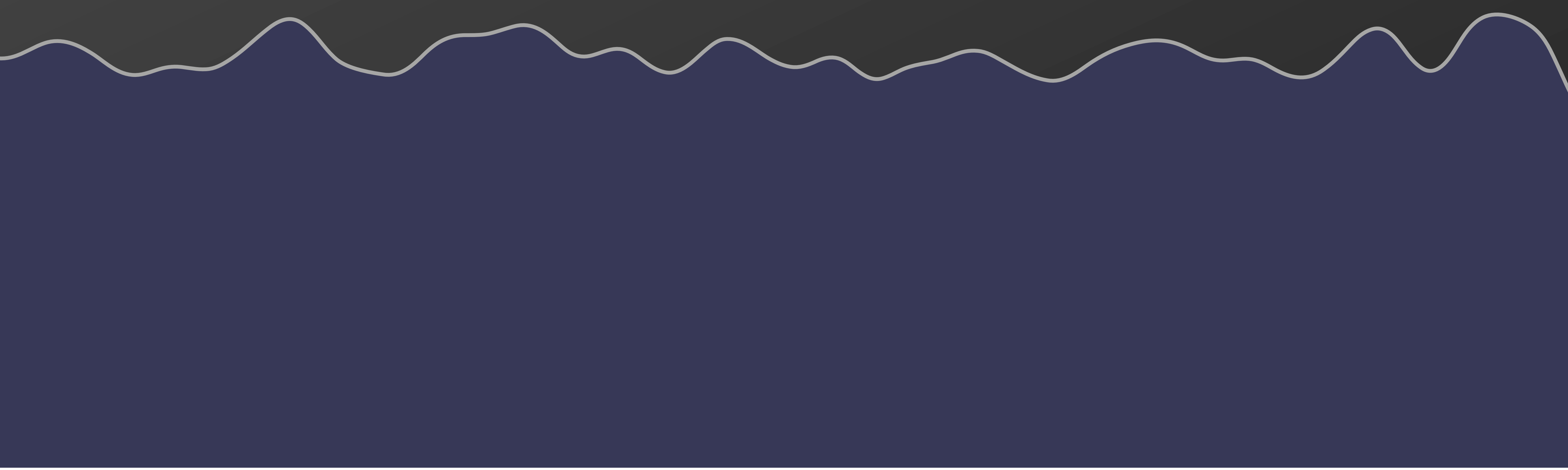

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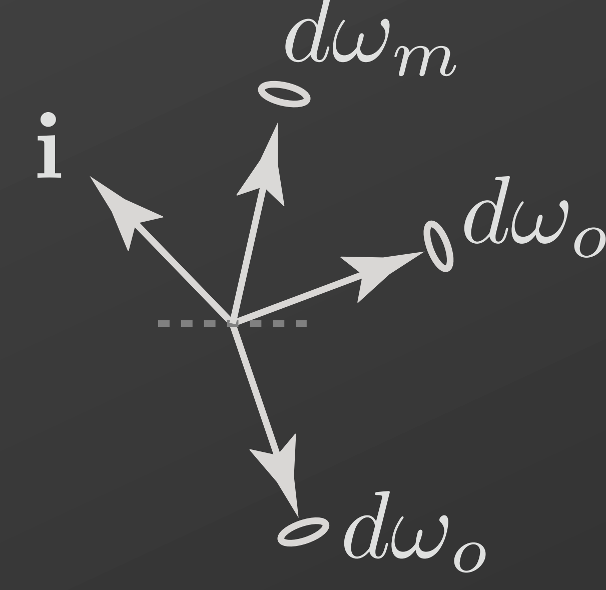
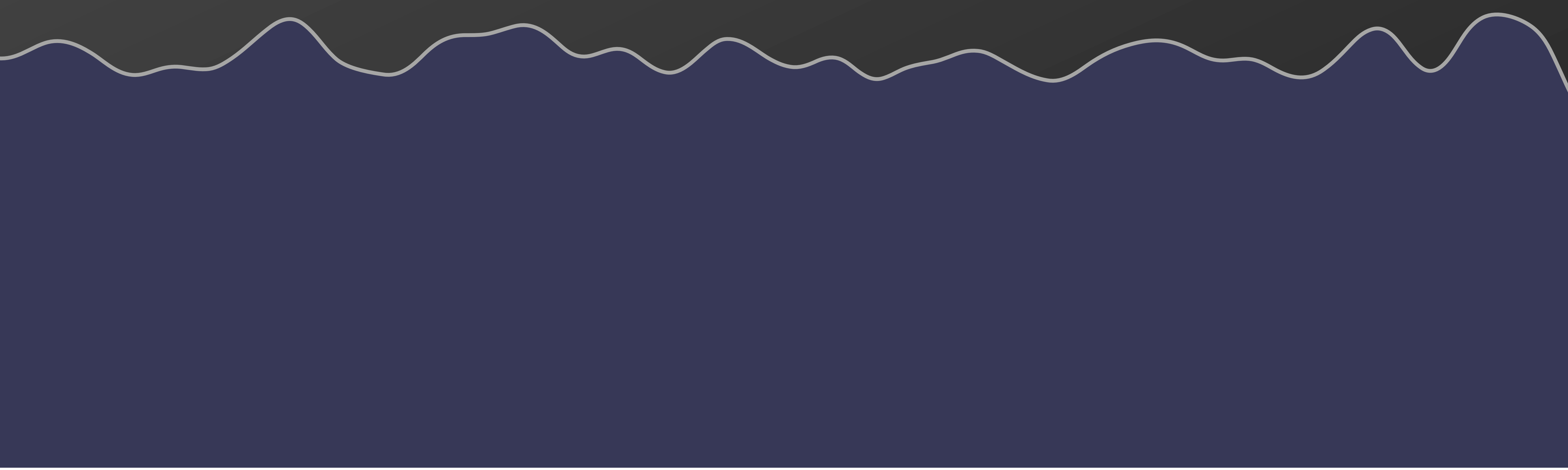


The size of the set of relevant normals $d\omega_m$ relative to the receiving solid angle $d\omega_o$ is determined by **h**.



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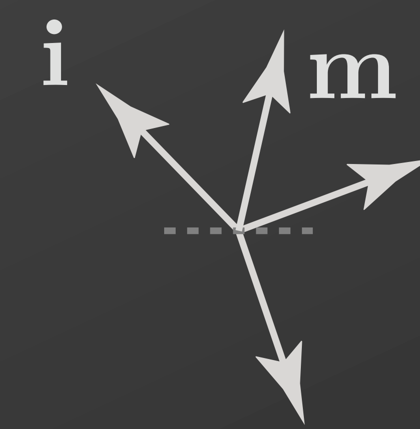

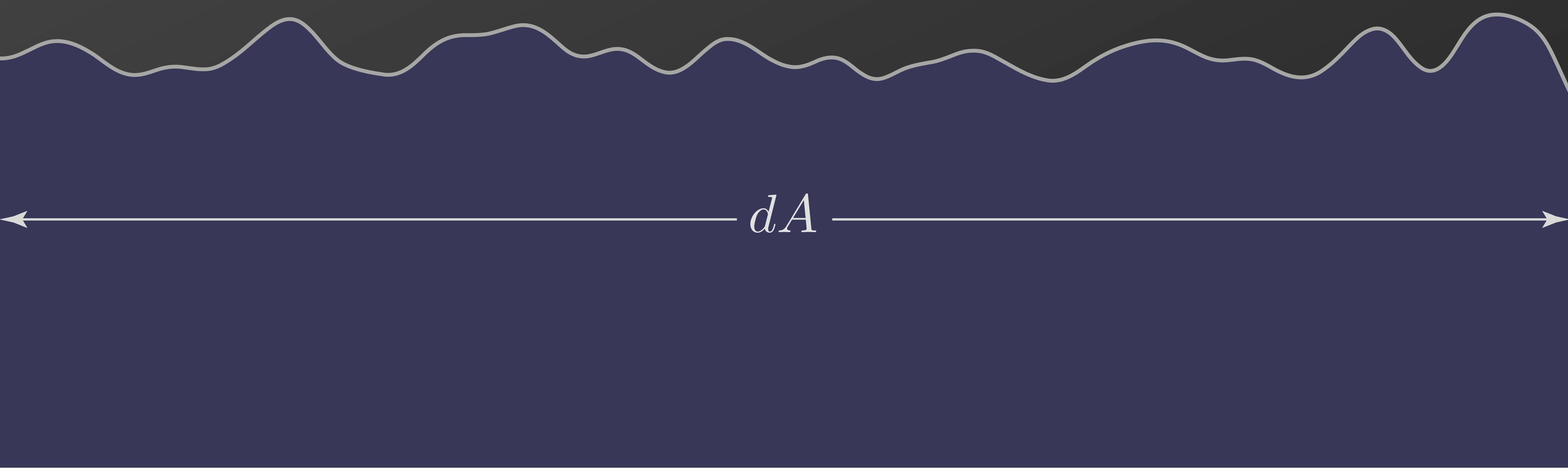

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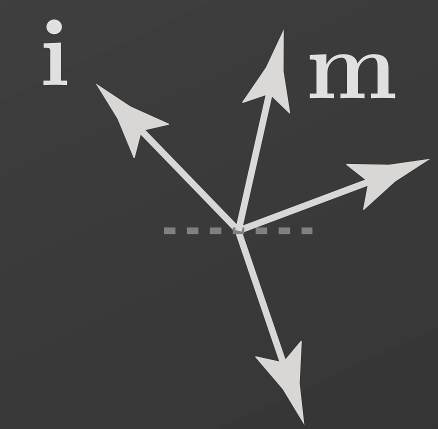

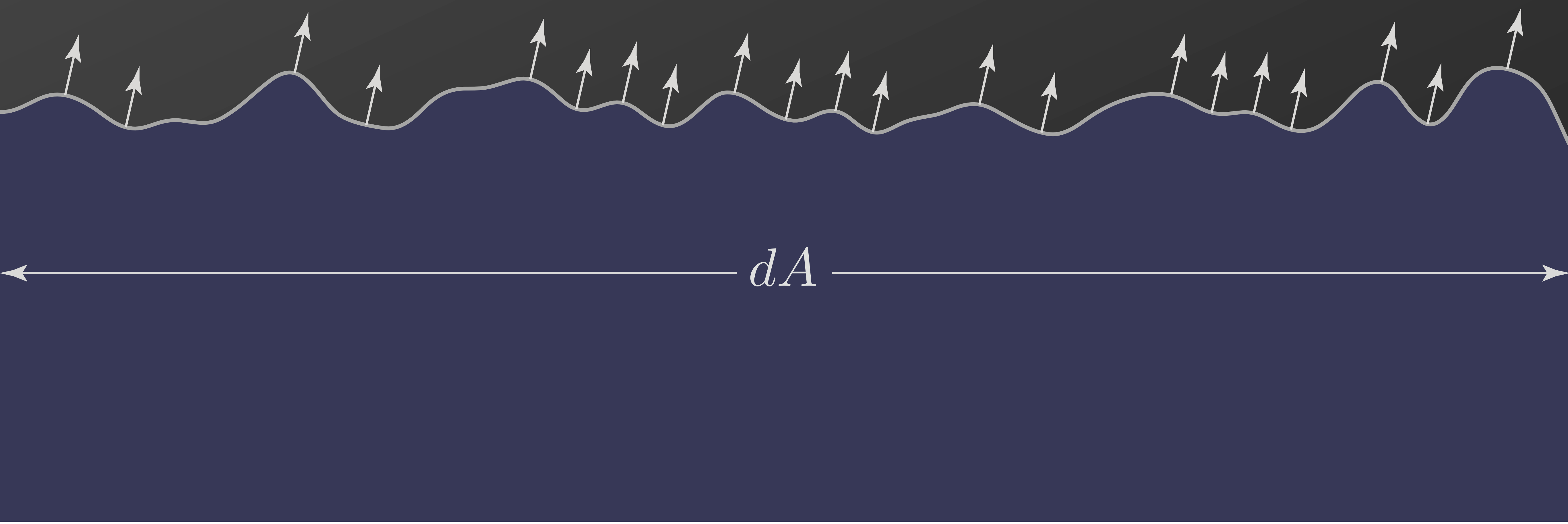

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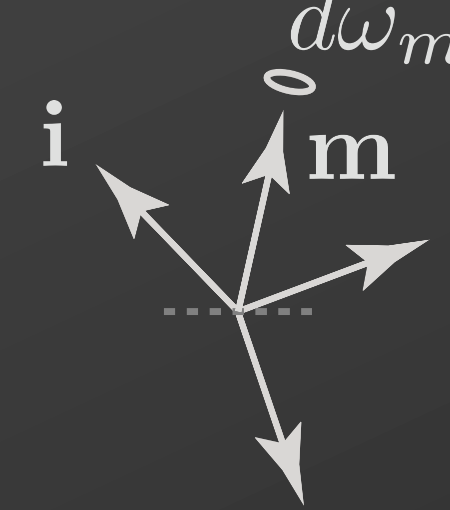
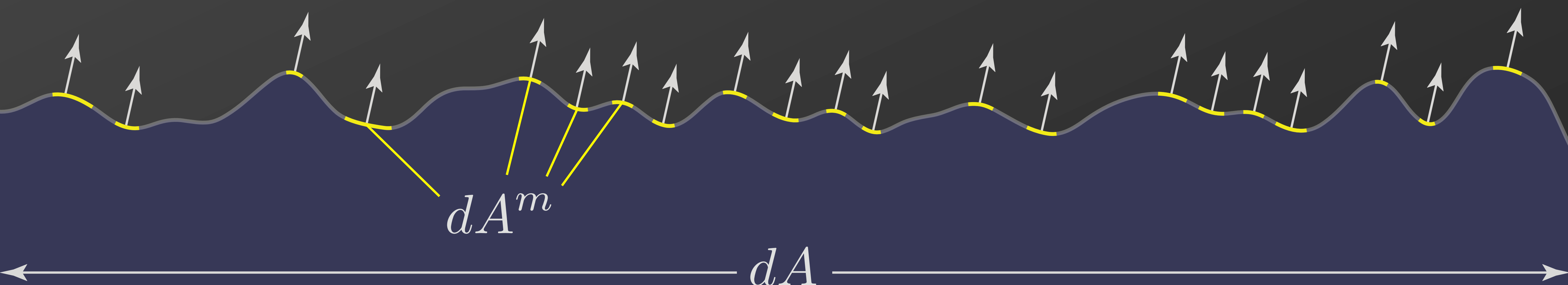


The ratio of relevant microsurface area dA^m to macrosurface area dA is $D(\mathbf{m})d\omega_m$.



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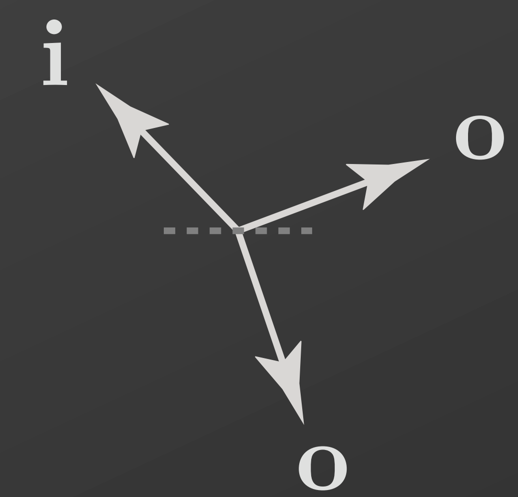

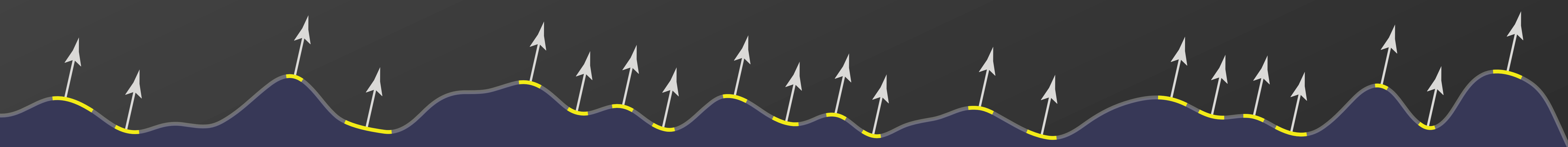

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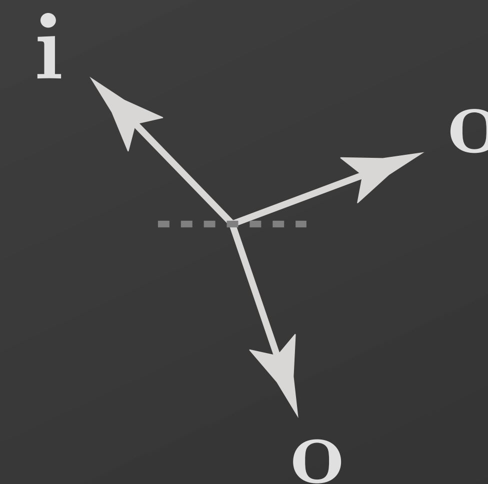

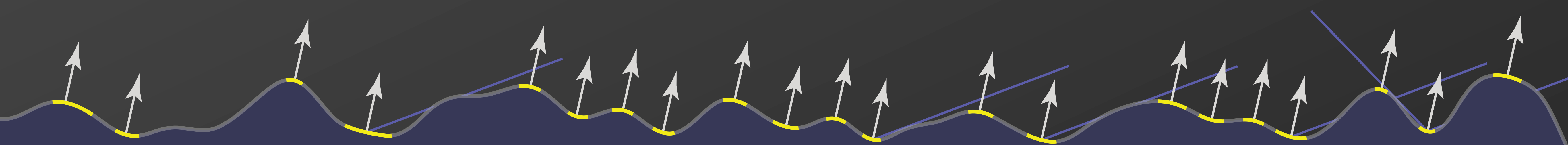

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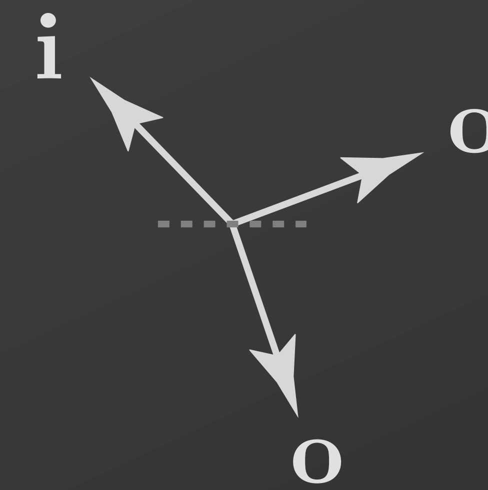

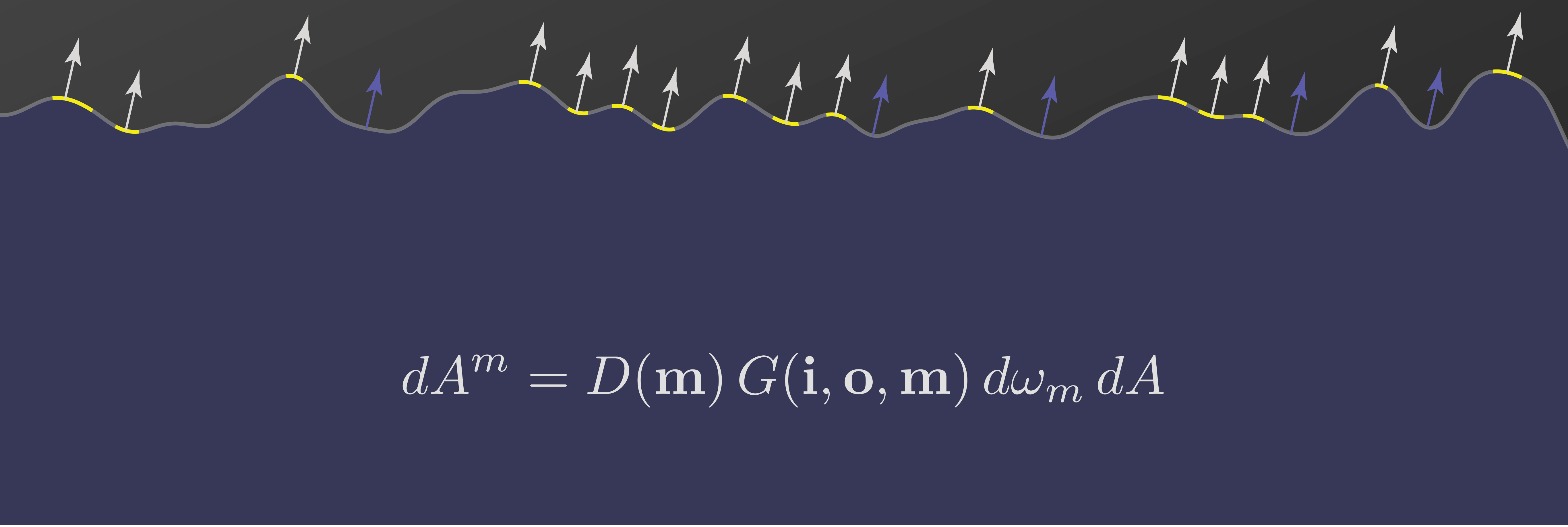

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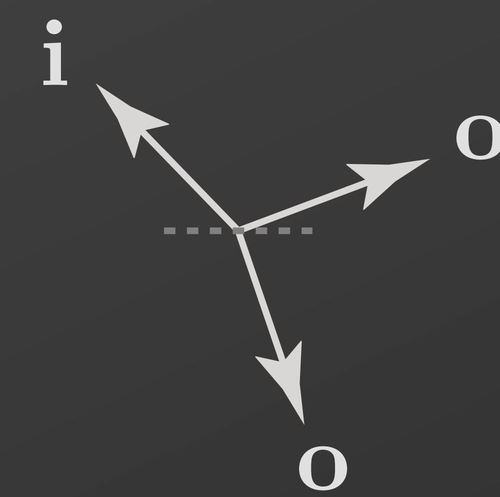
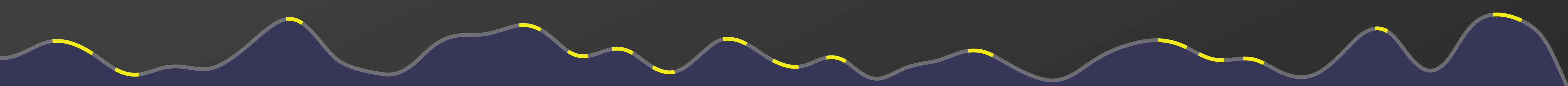


We now know the size of the scattering area, which determines how much light reflects.



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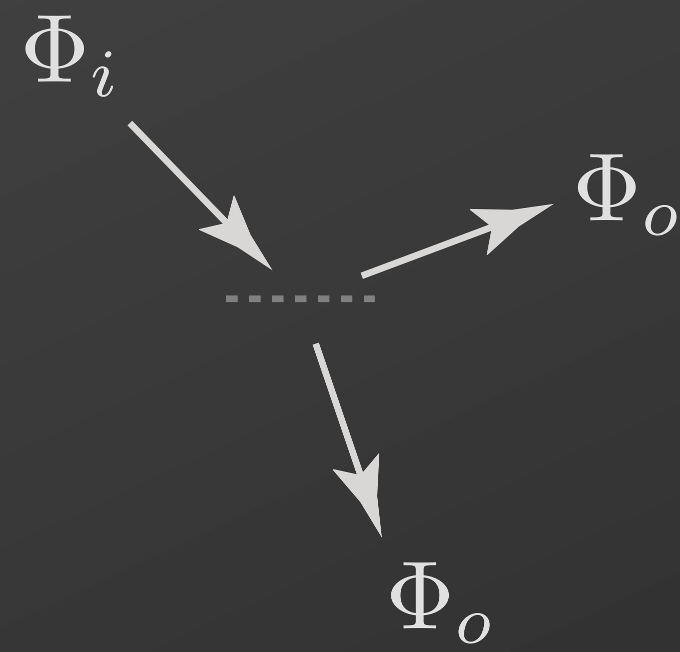

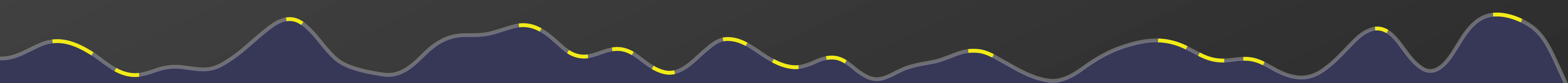

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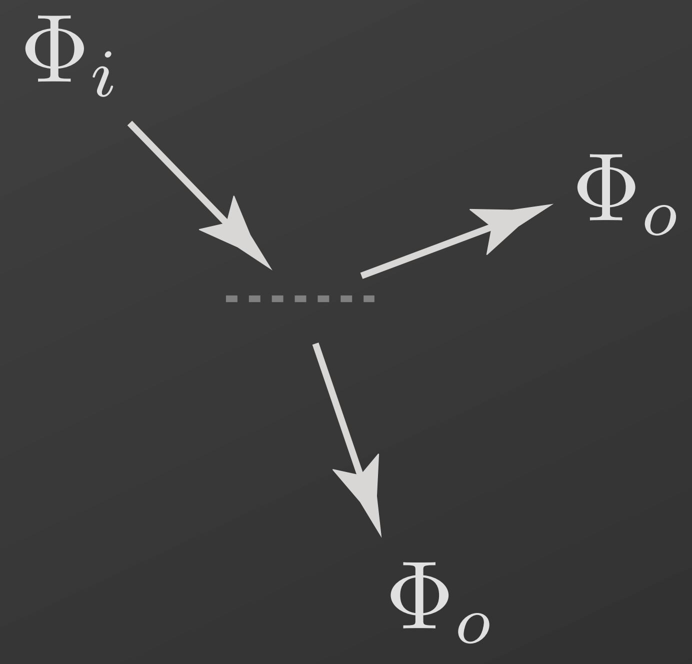
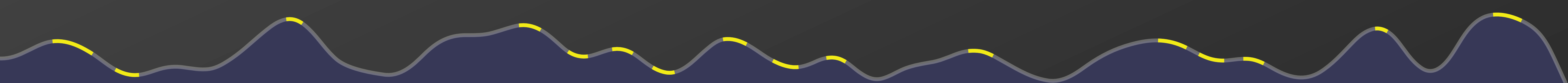


This scattered power is related to the incident irradiance by the attenuation and the scattering area, projected in the incident direction.



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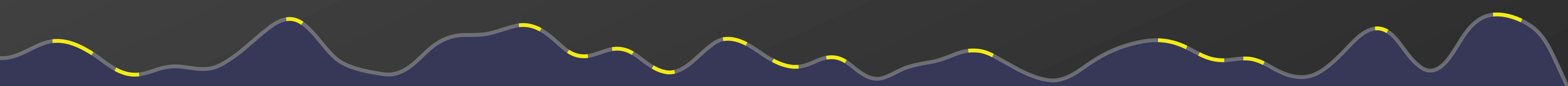

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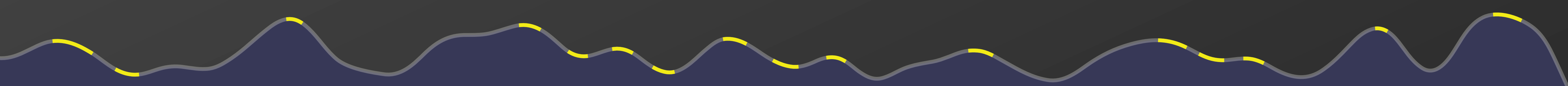

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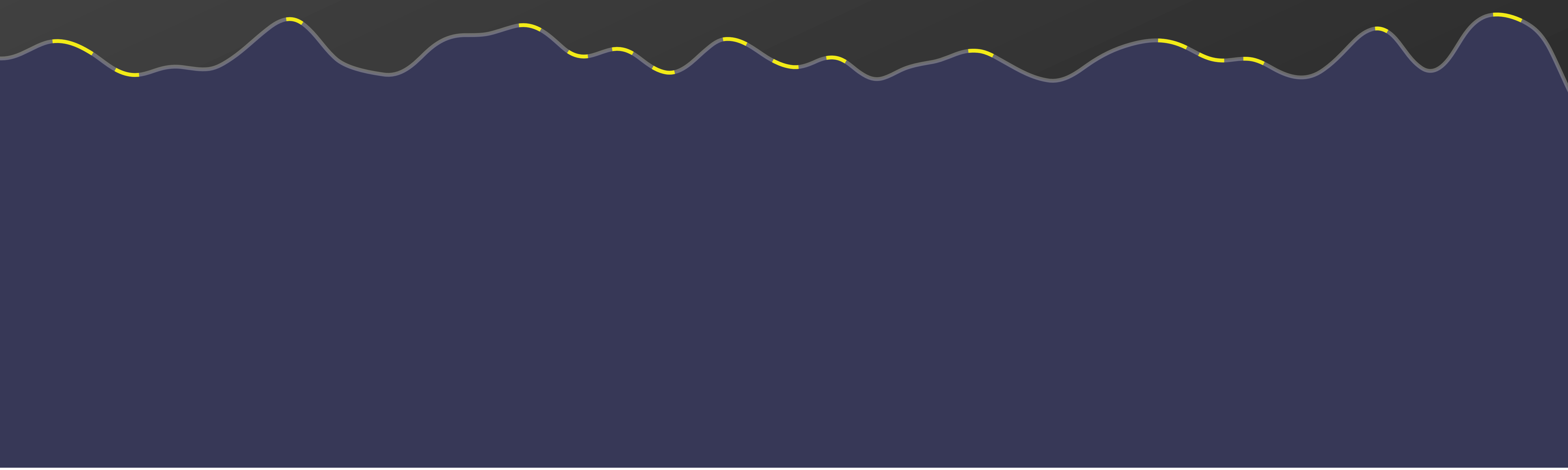

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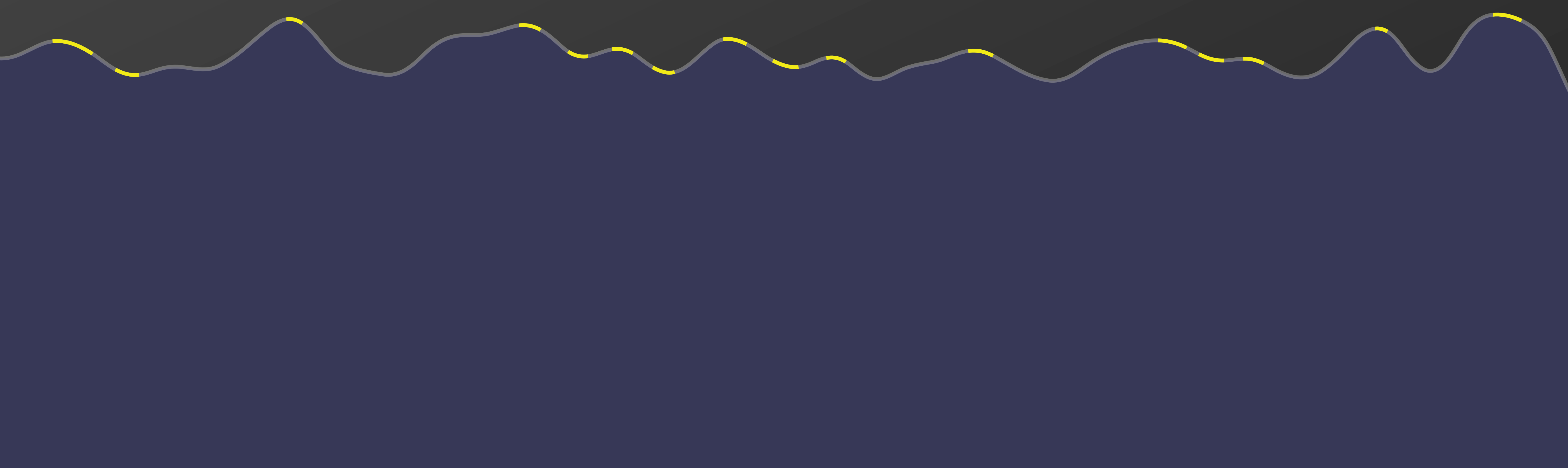

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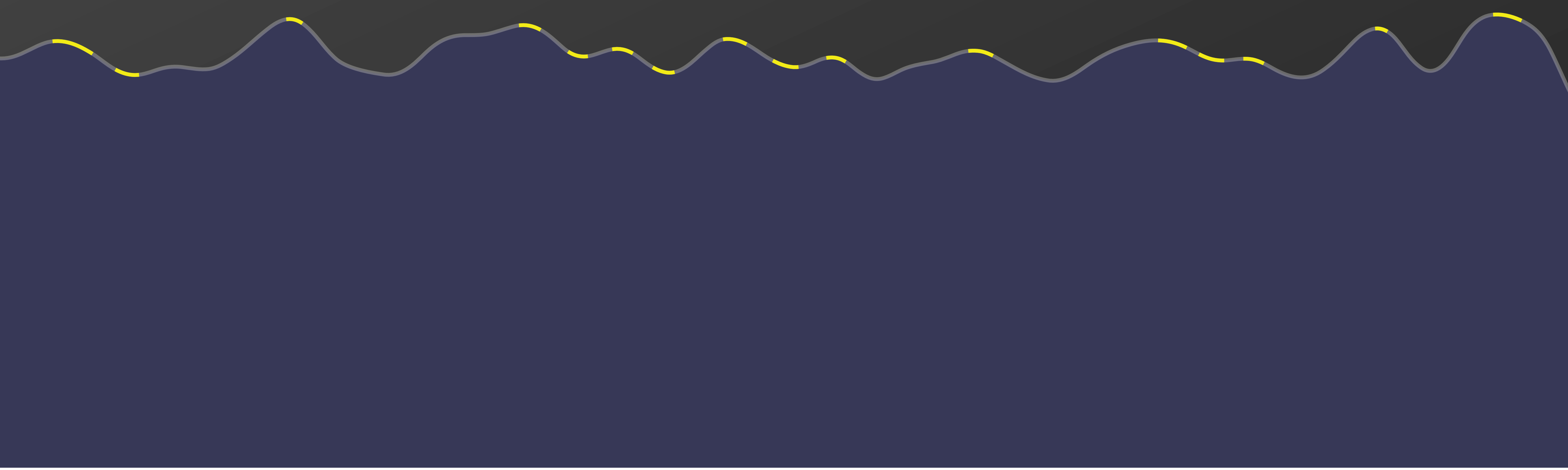

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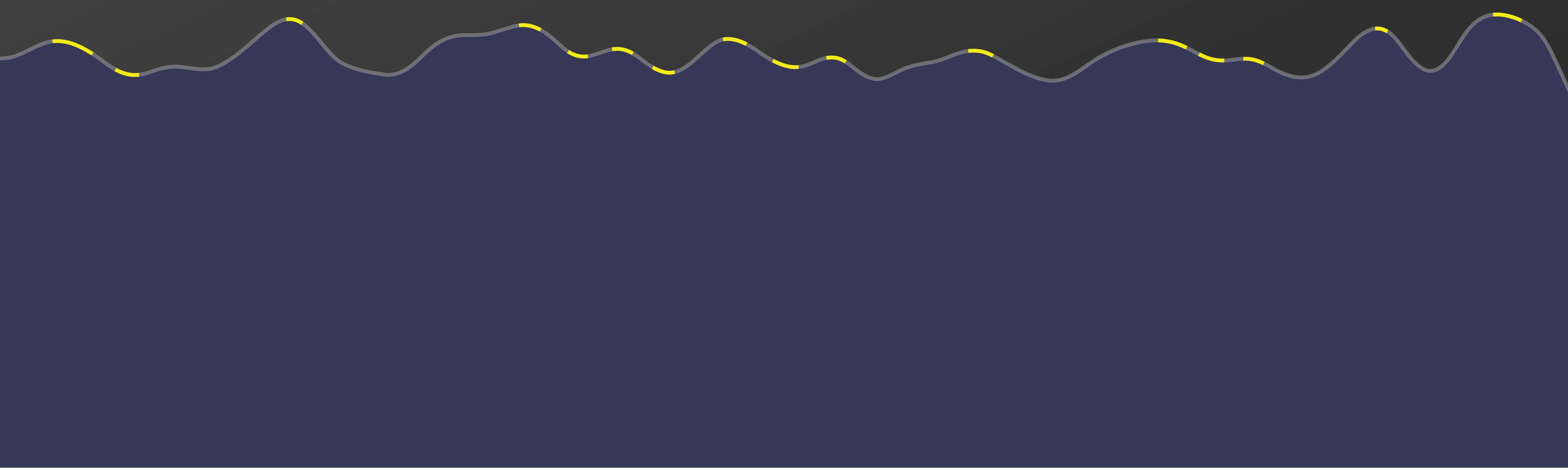

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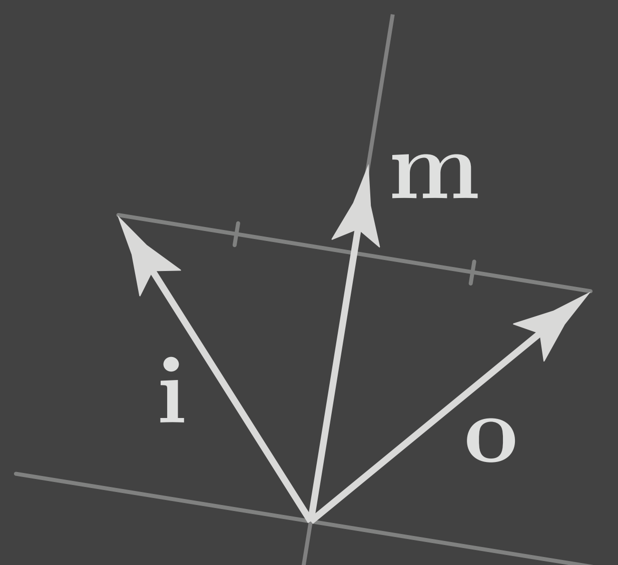

$\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{o}$ parallel to $\mathbf{m}$

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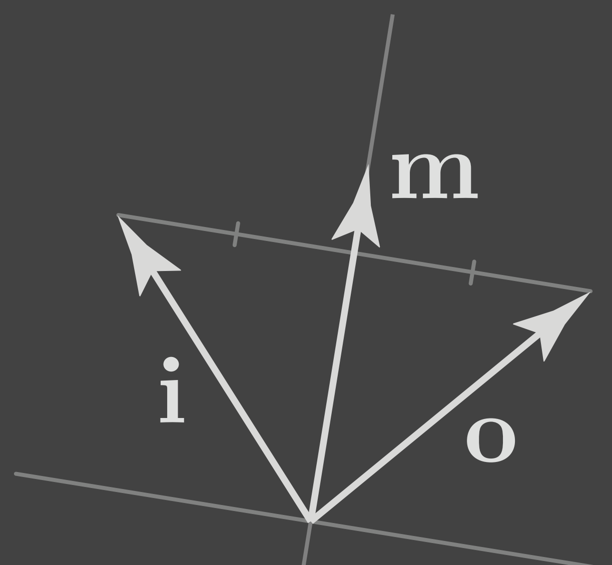

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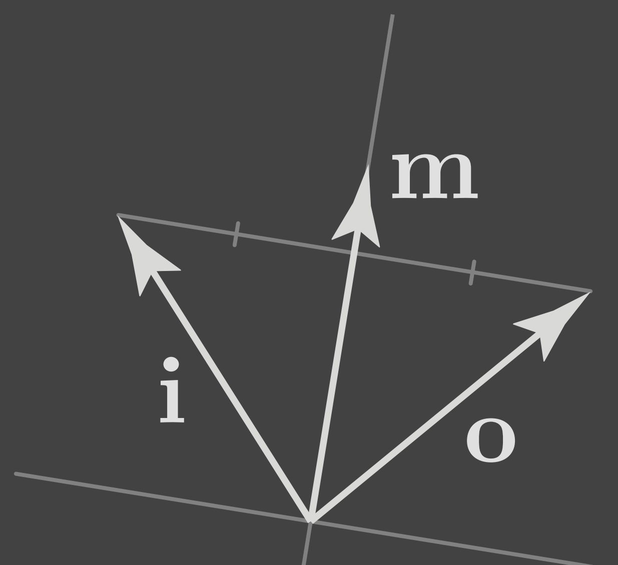

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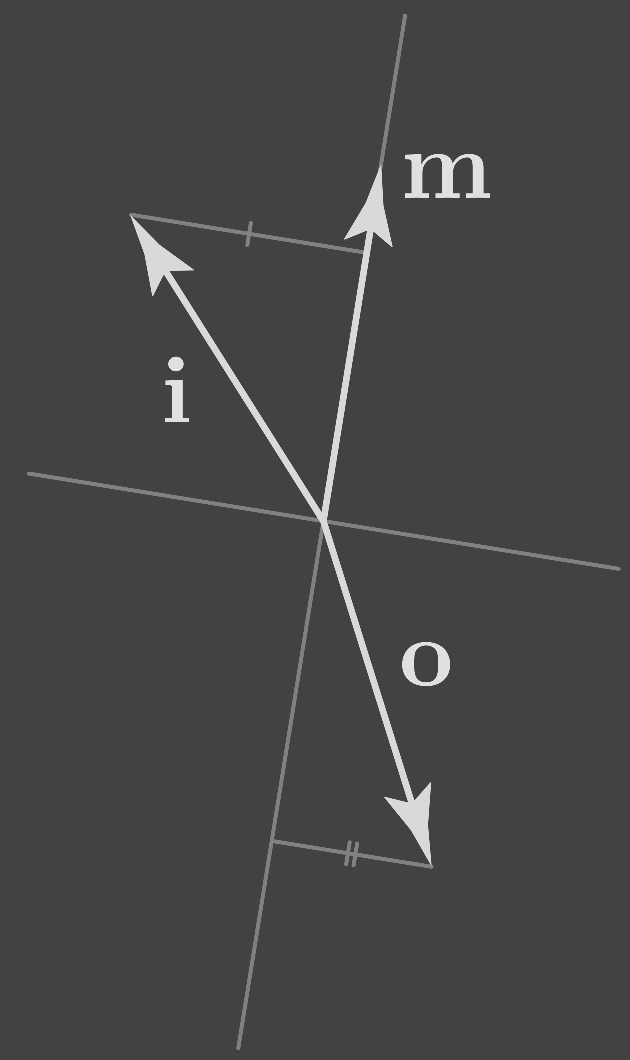

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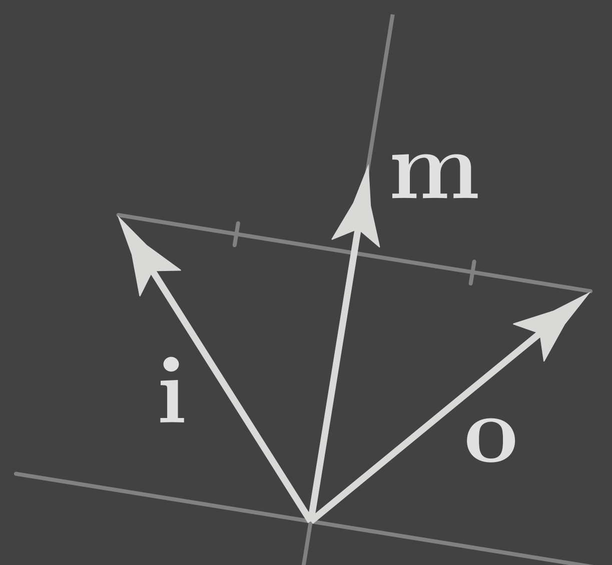

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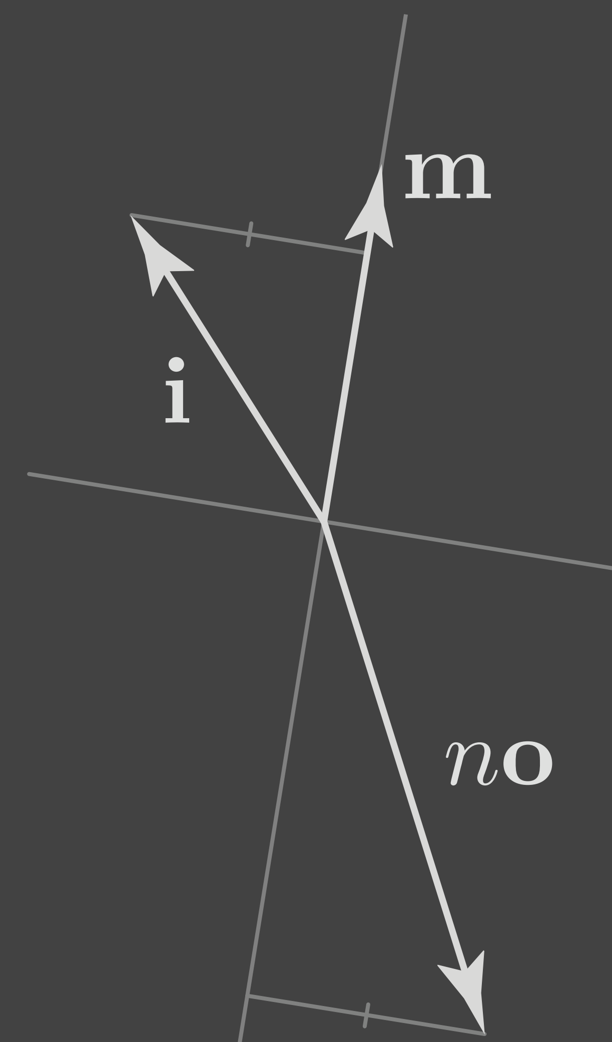

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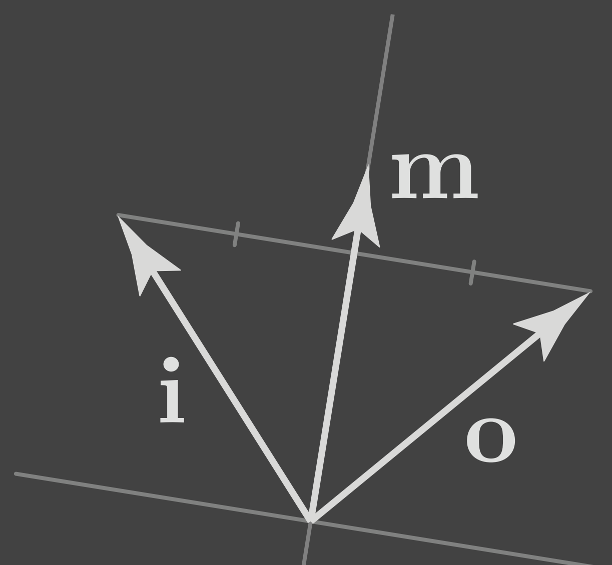

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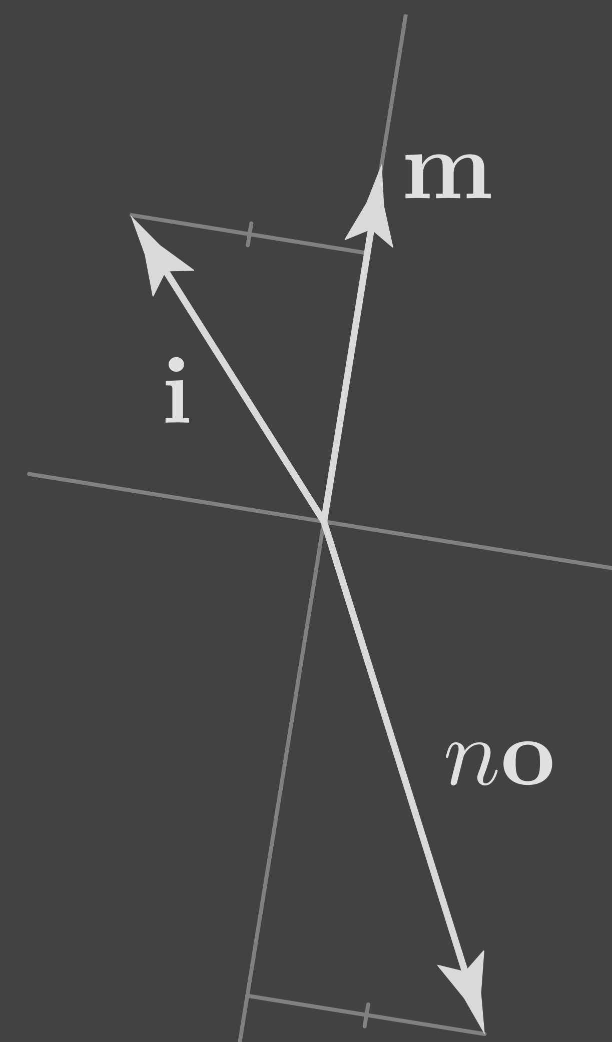

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Construction of half-vector solid angle

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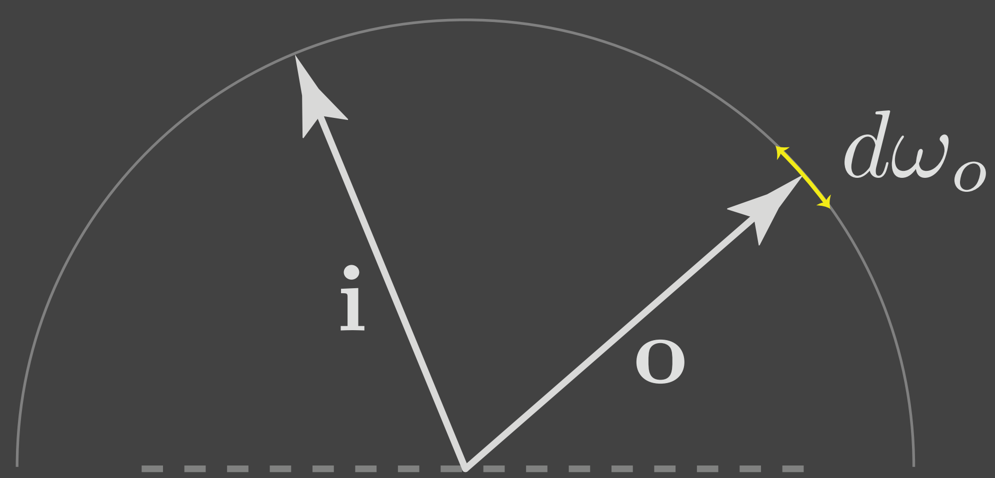

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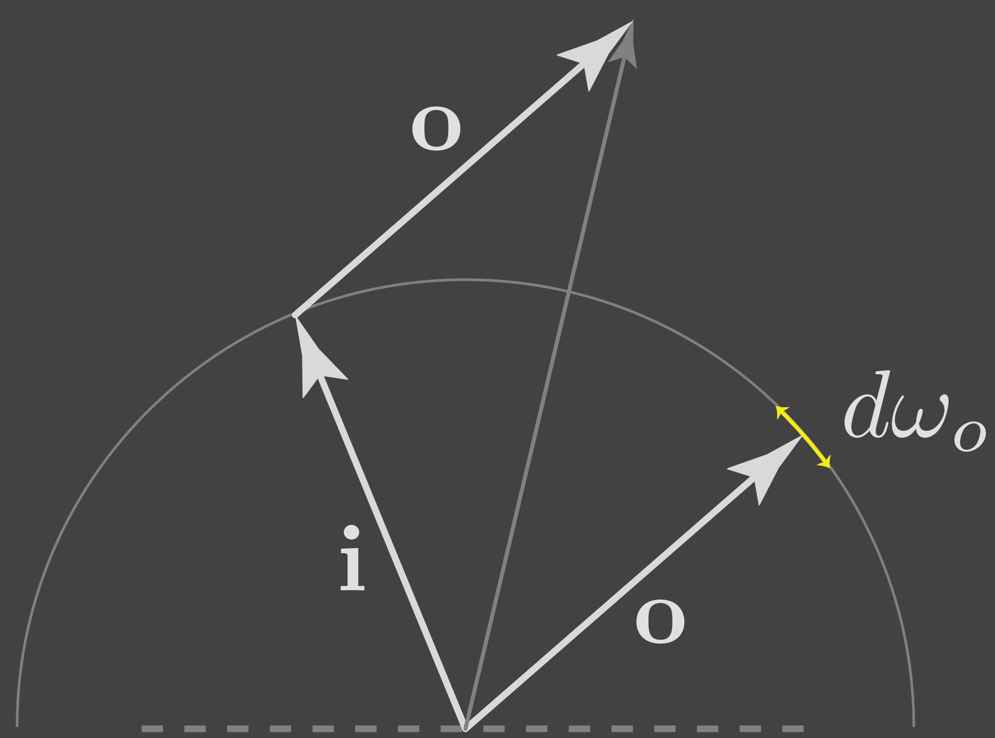

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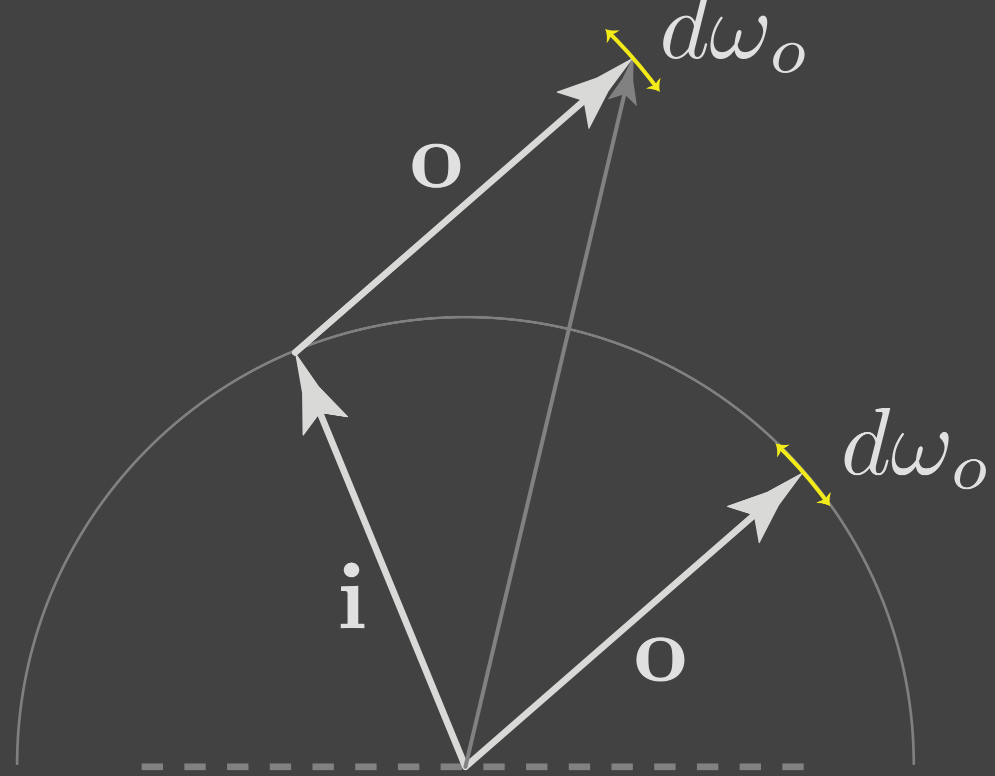

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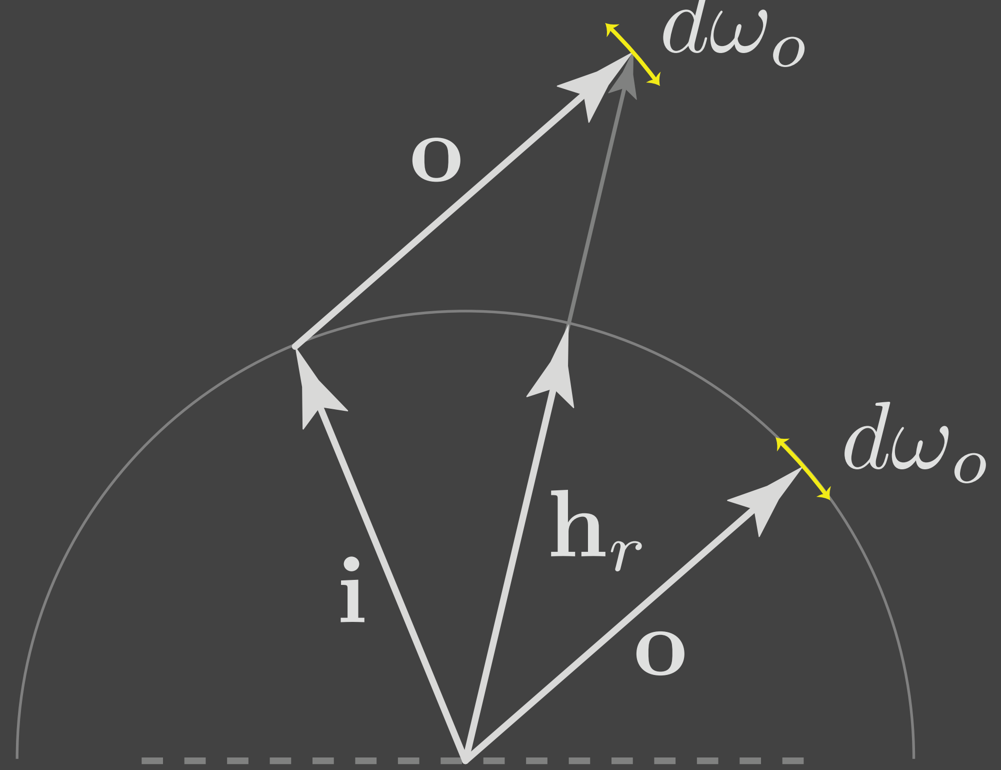

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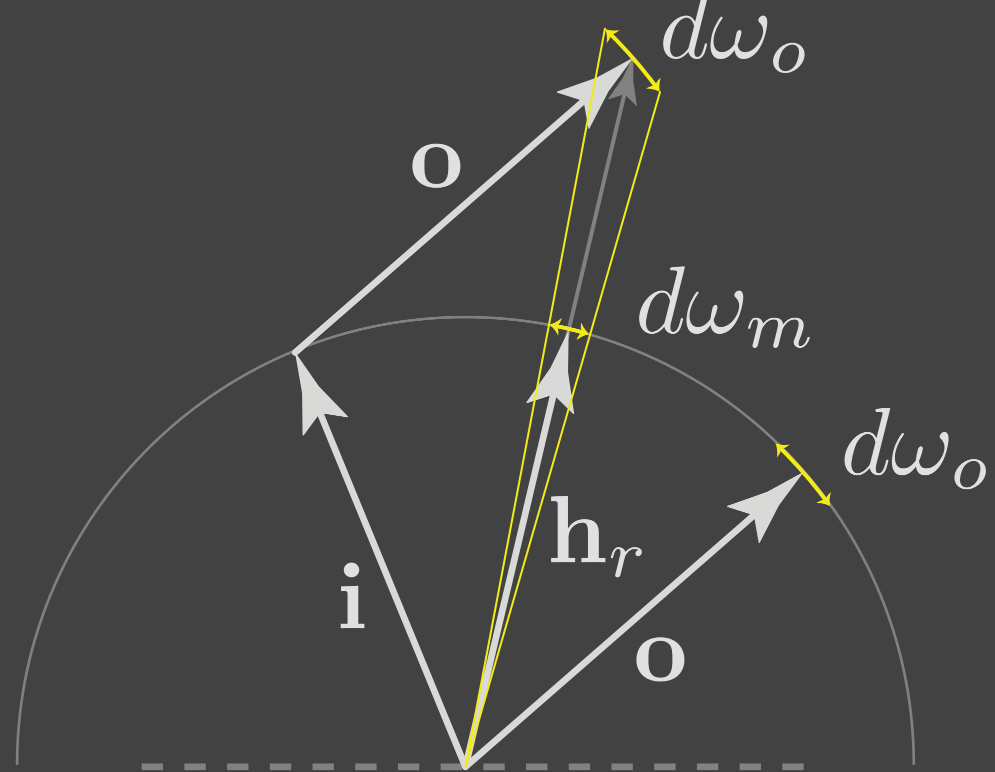

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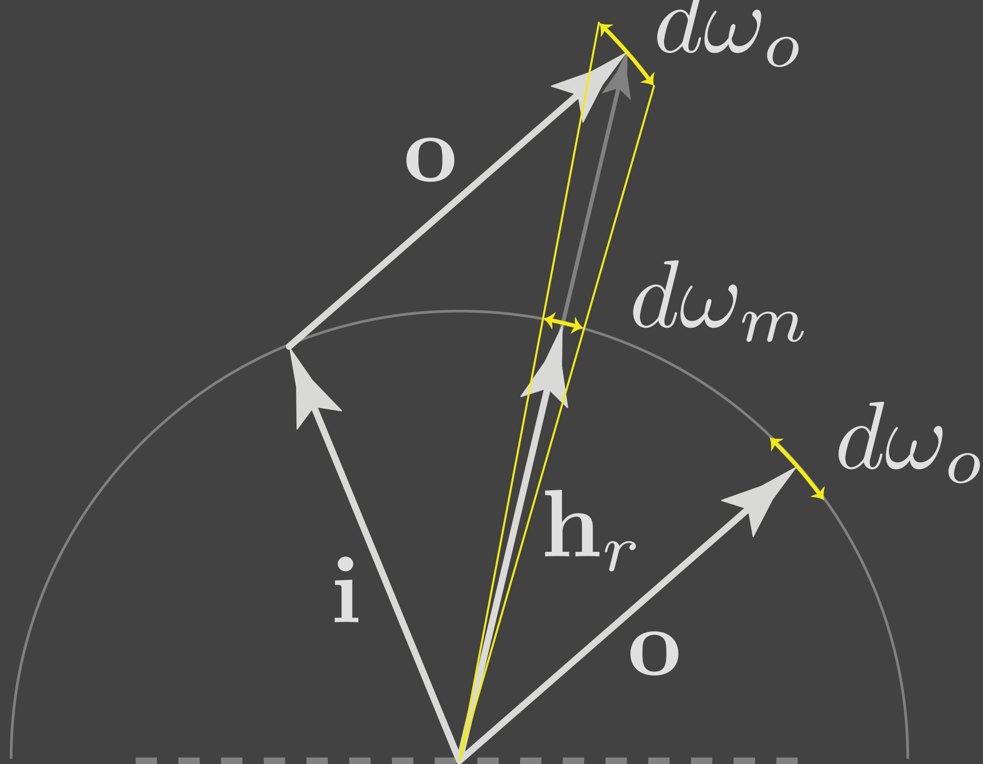

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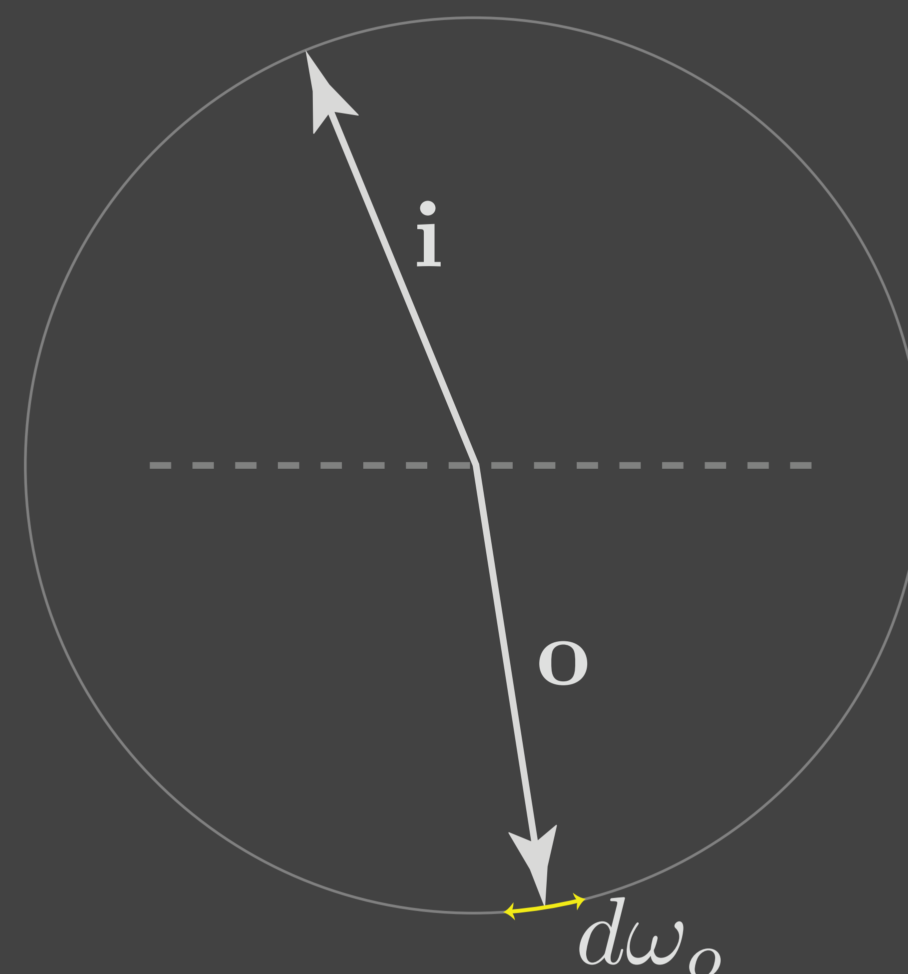

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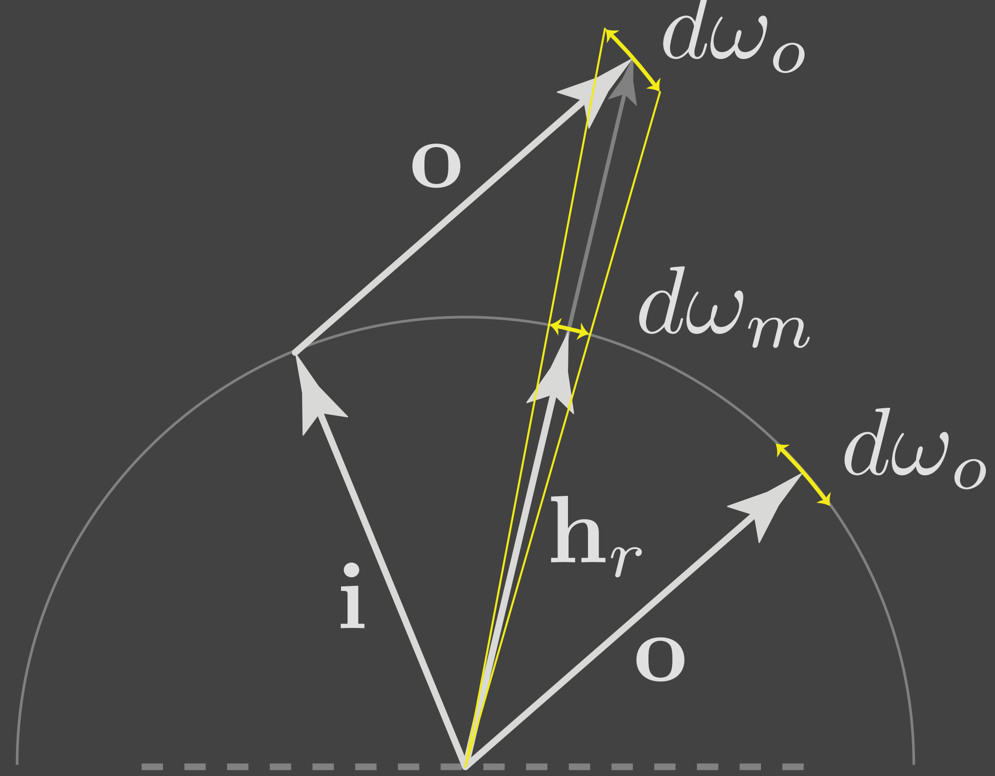

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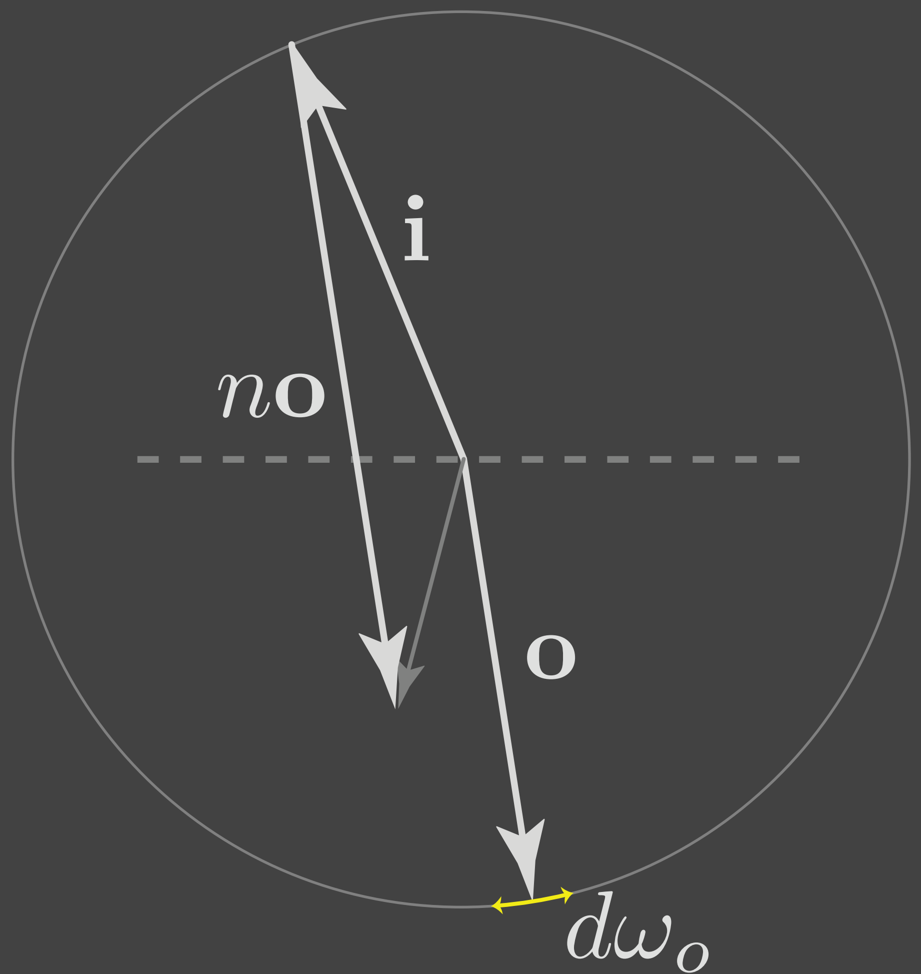

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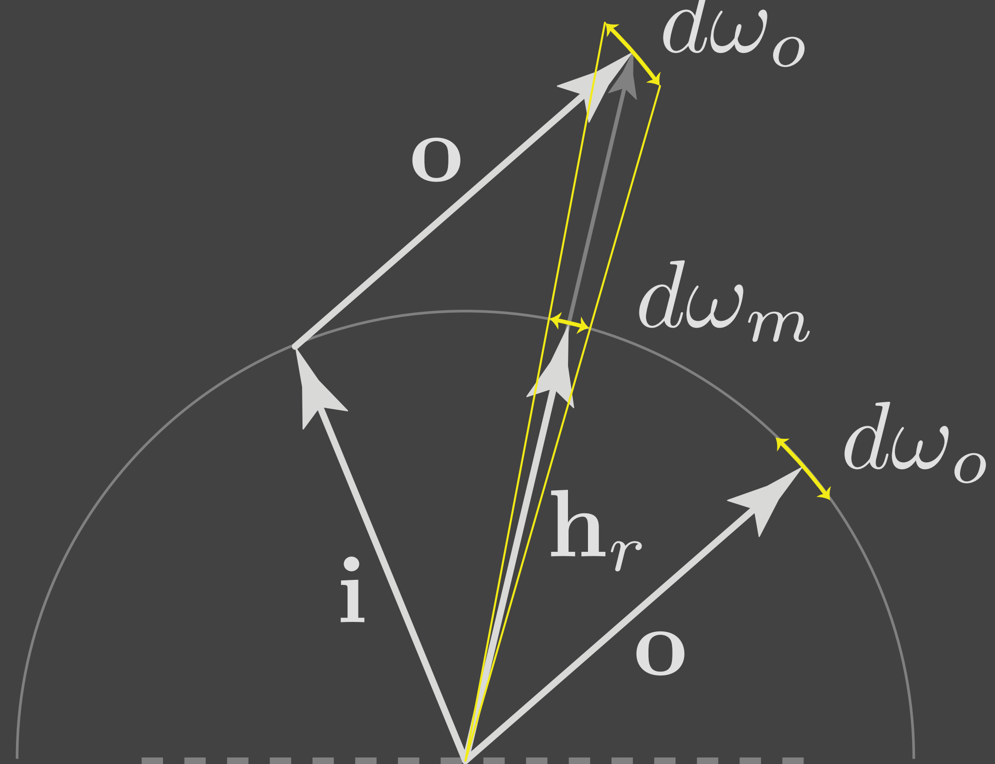

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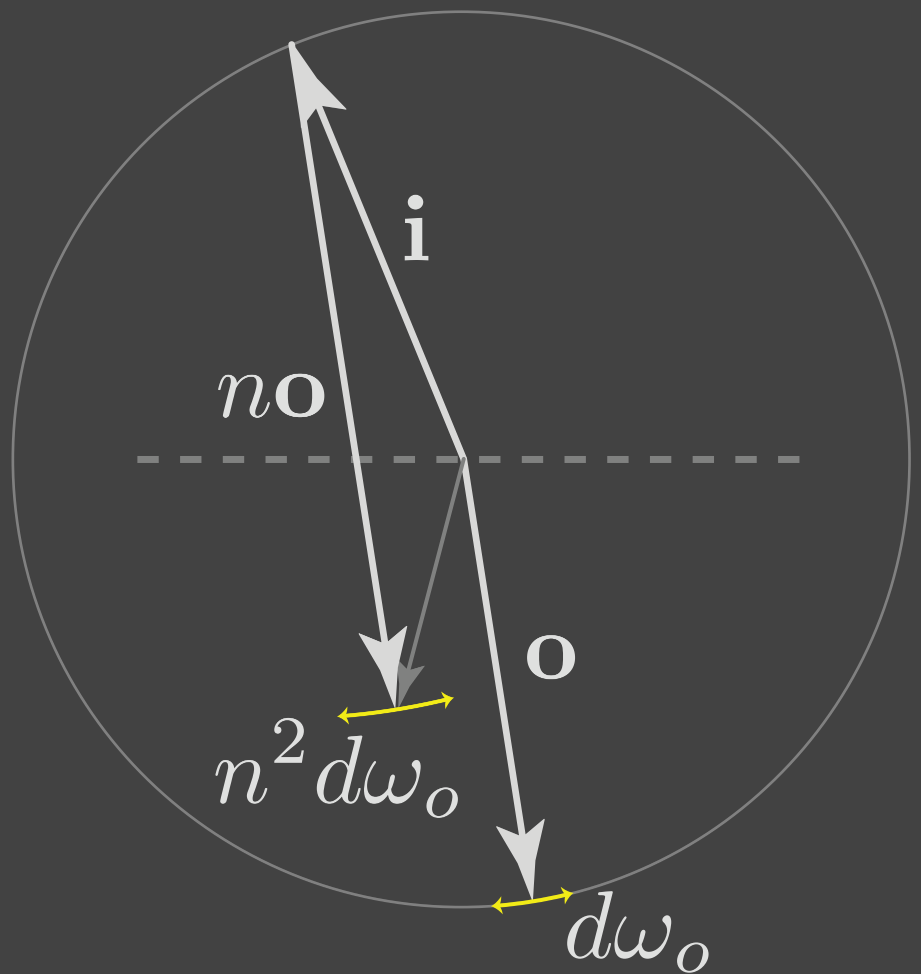

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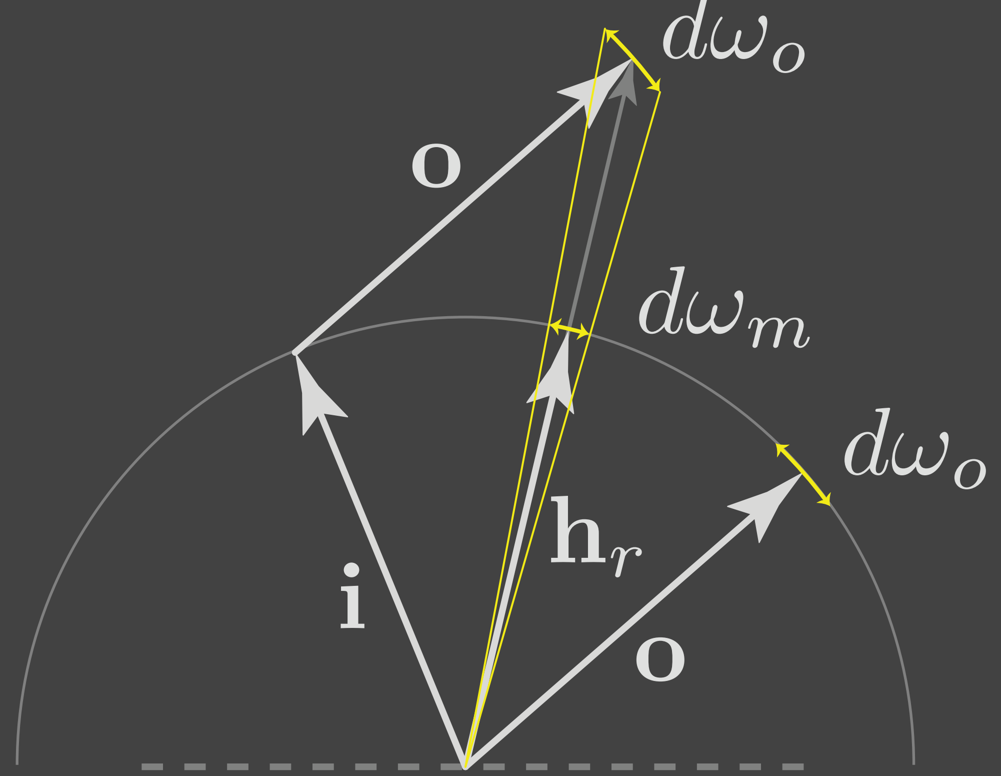

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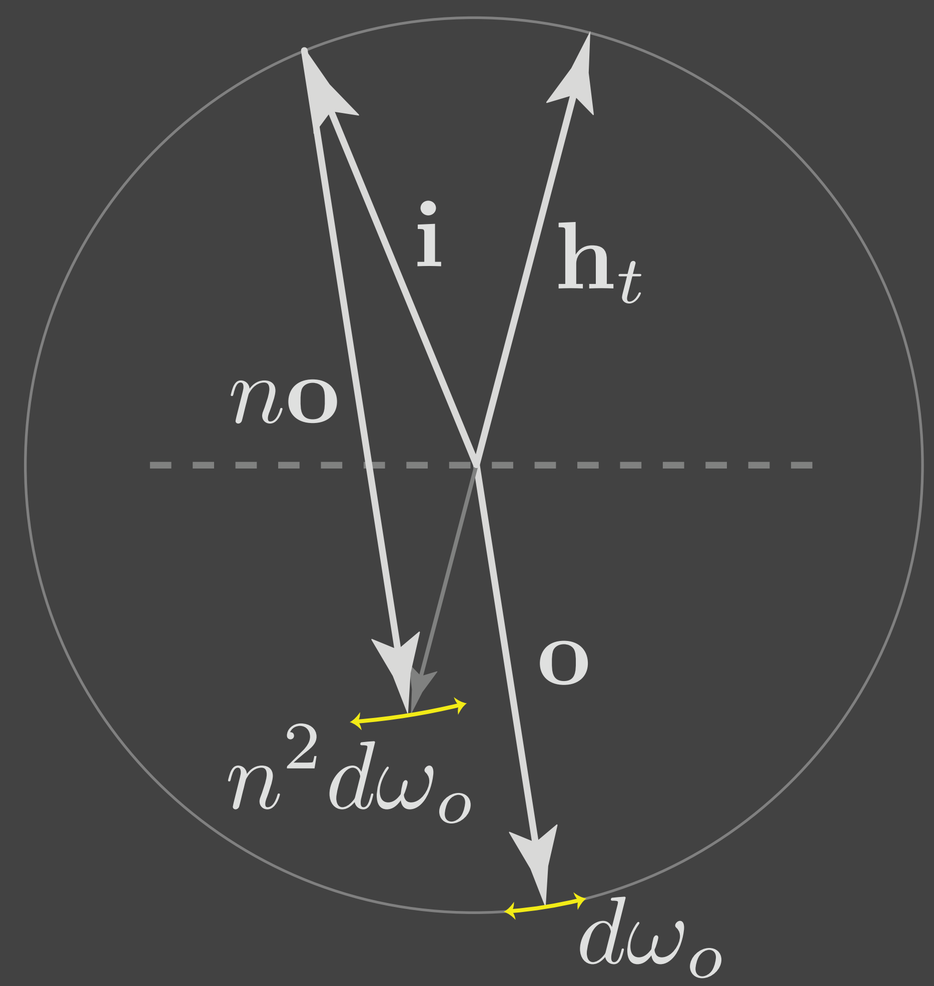

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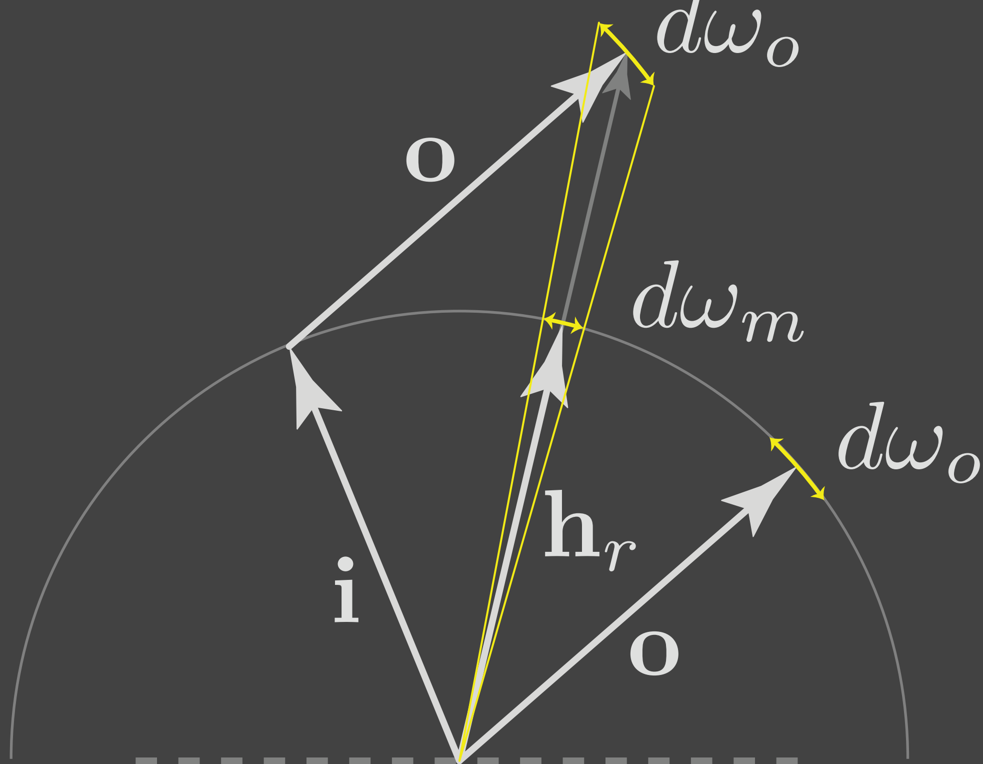

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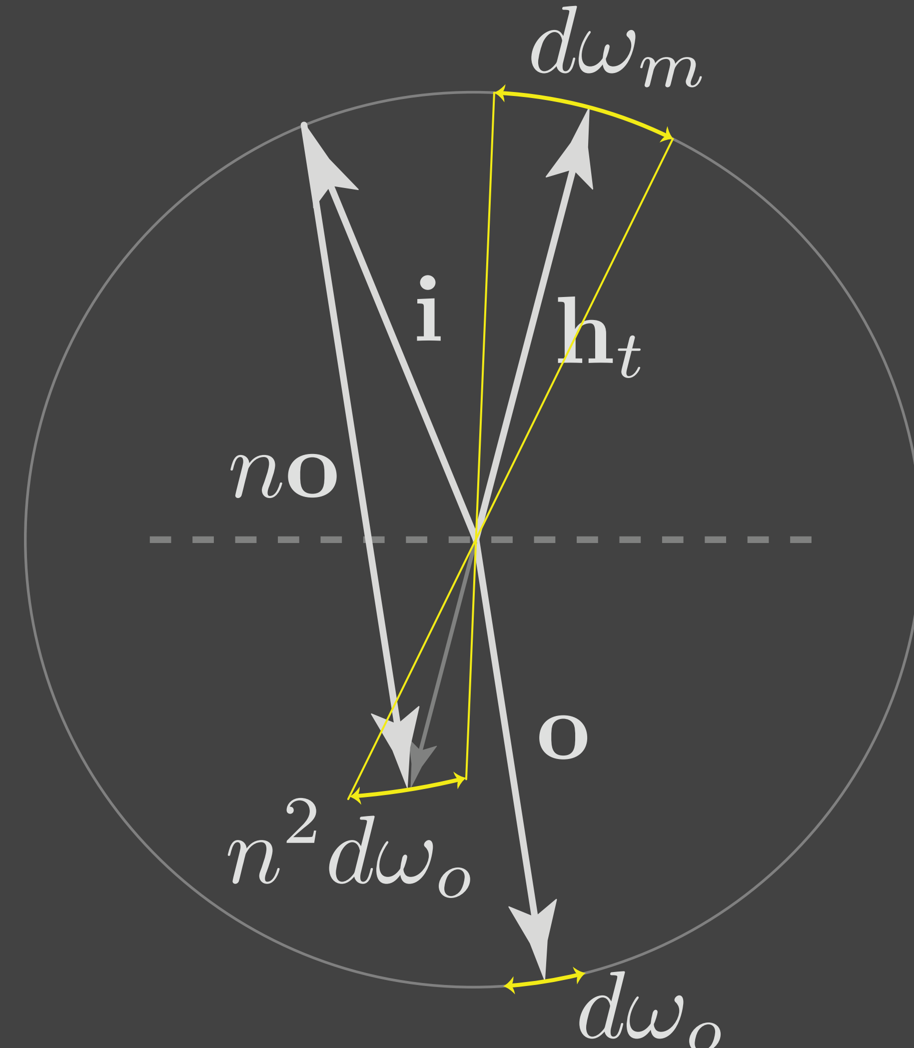

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Result: scattering functions

reflection

$$f_s(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}) = \frac{|\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{m}|}{|\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}|\,|\mathbf{o} \cdot \mathbf{n}|}\,\rho(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o})\,D(\mathbf{m})\,G(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{m})\,\frac{d\omega_m}{d\omega_o}$$

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Result: scattering functions

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$$f_r(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{i}\cdot\mathbf{n}|\,|\mathbf{o}\cdot\mathbf{n}|}\,\frac{F(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{m})\,D(\mathbf{m})\,G(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{m})}{4}$$

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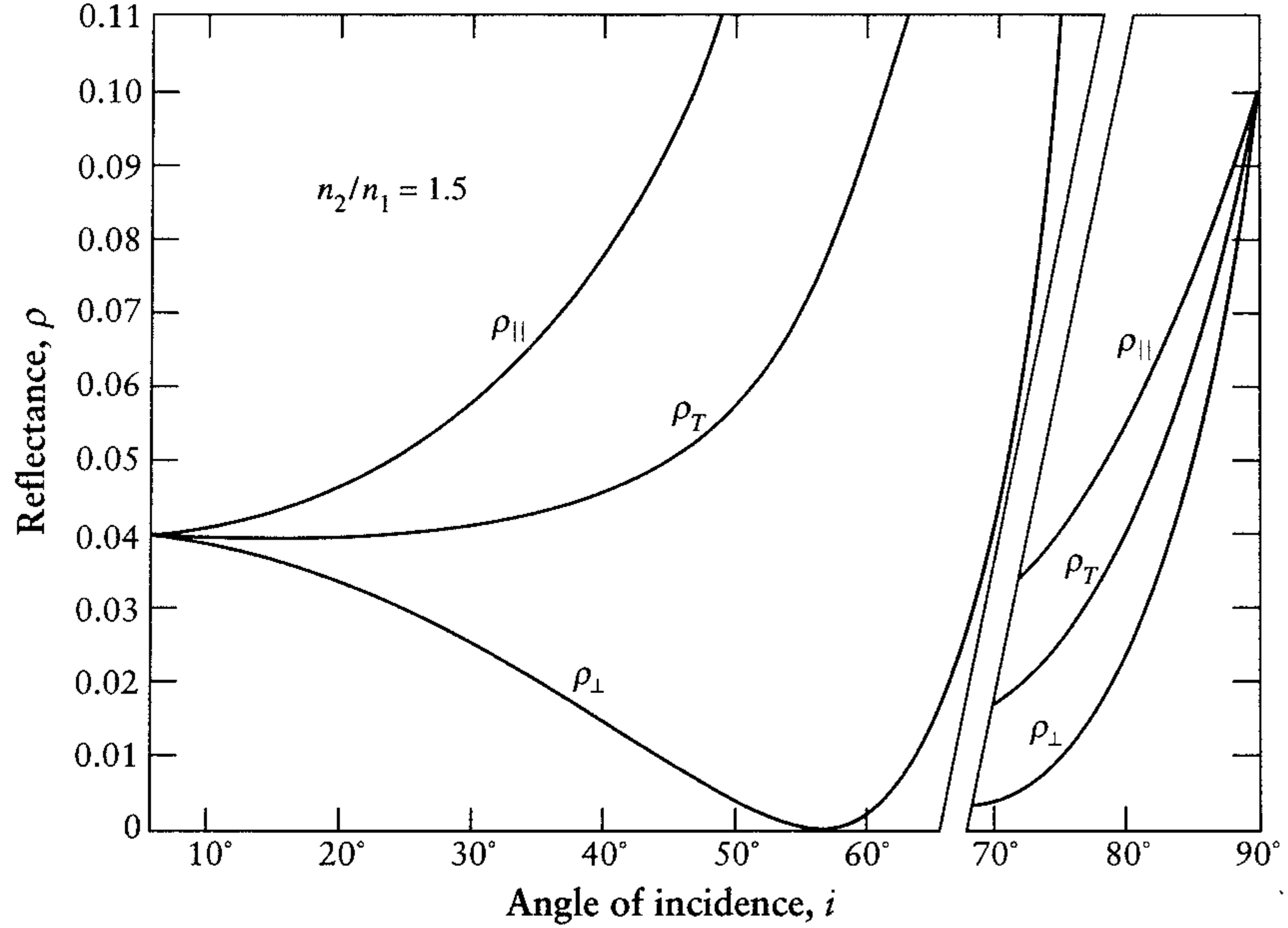

FIGURE 15.8

The Fresnel reflectance for an air-glass boundary with index of refraction 1.5. We show the two polarized components and the term for unpolarized light. Redrawn from Judd and Wyszecki, *Color in Business, Science and Industry*, fig. 3.2, p. 400.

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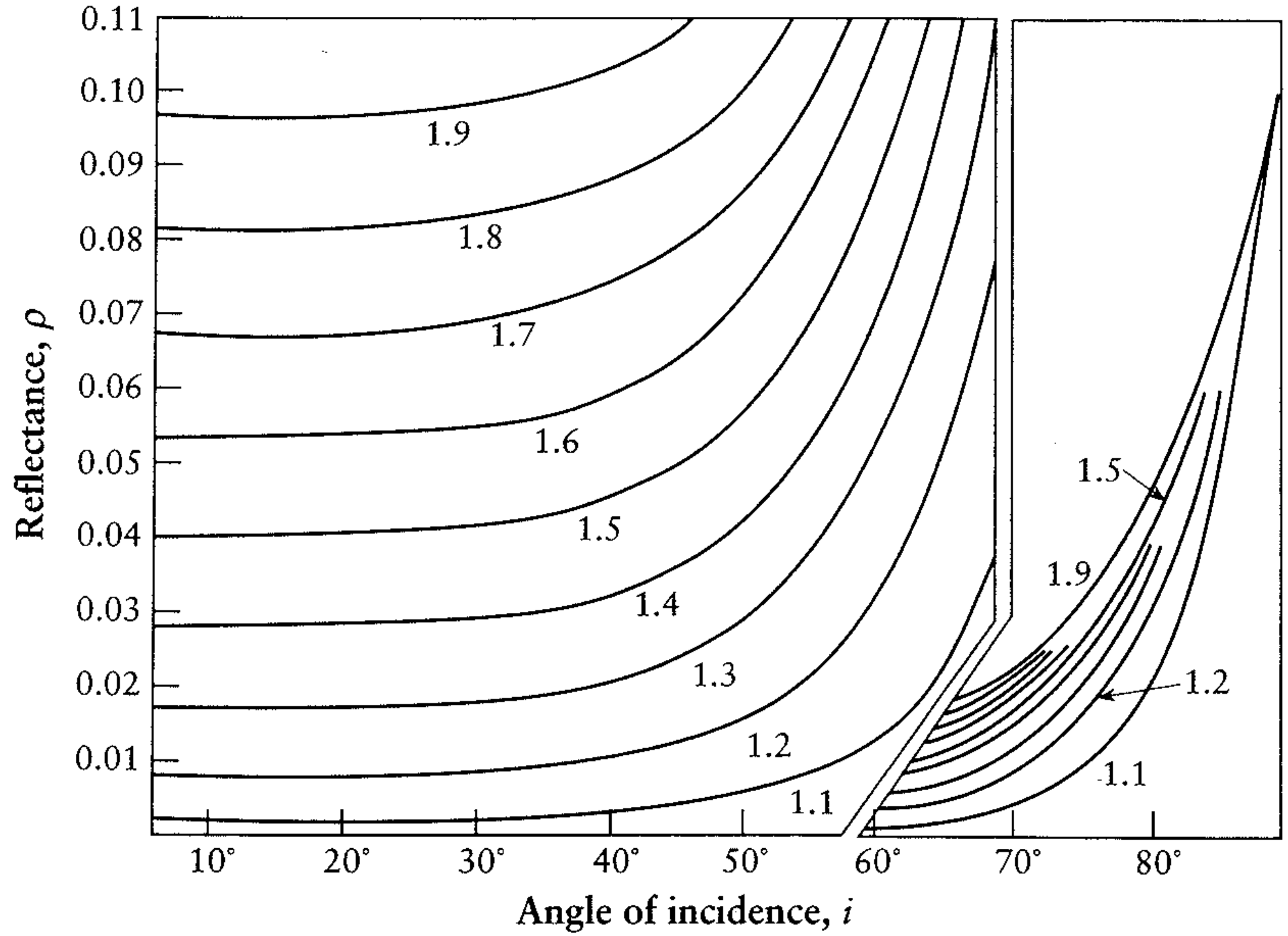

FIGURE 15.9

The Fresnel reflection for unpolarized light for different indices of refraction. Redrawn from Judd and Wyszecki, *Color in Business, Science and Industry*, fig. 3.3, p. 401.

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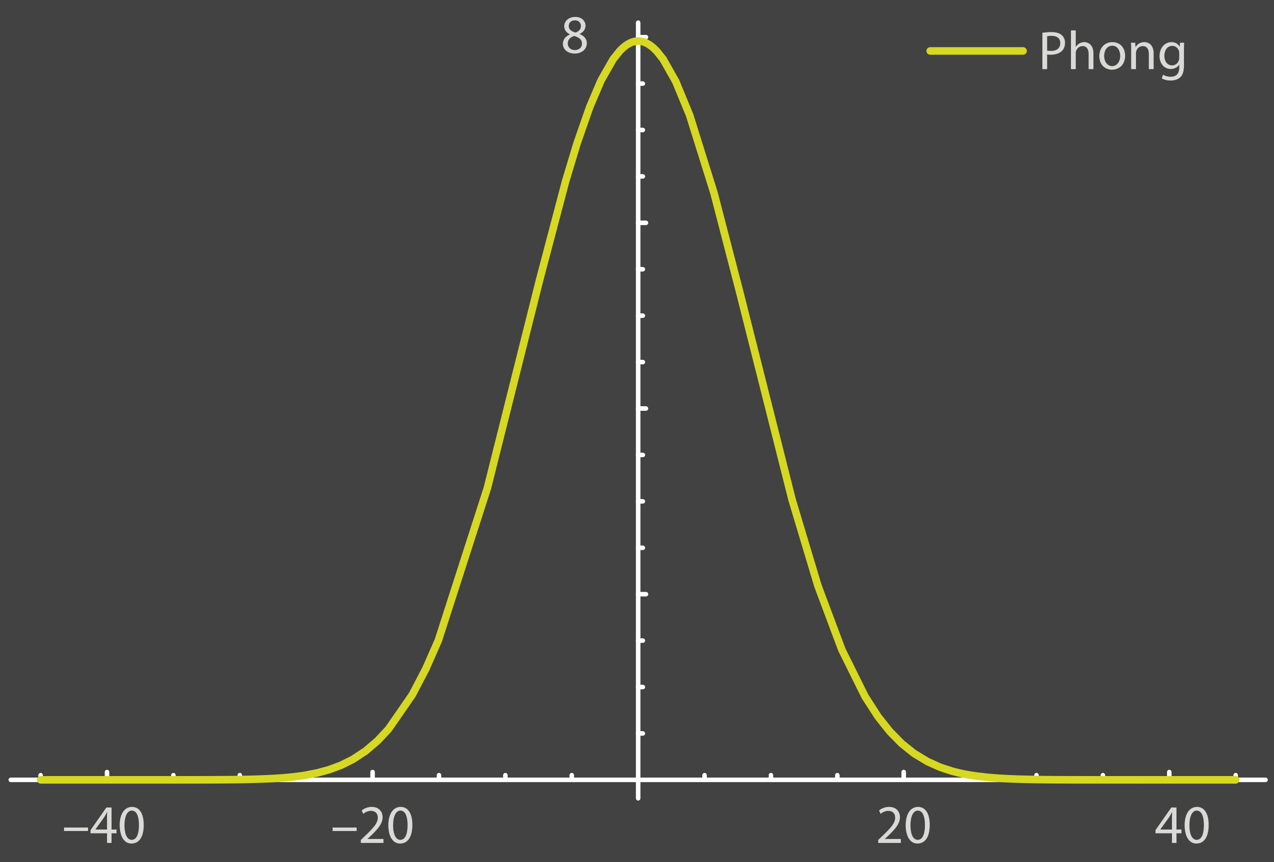

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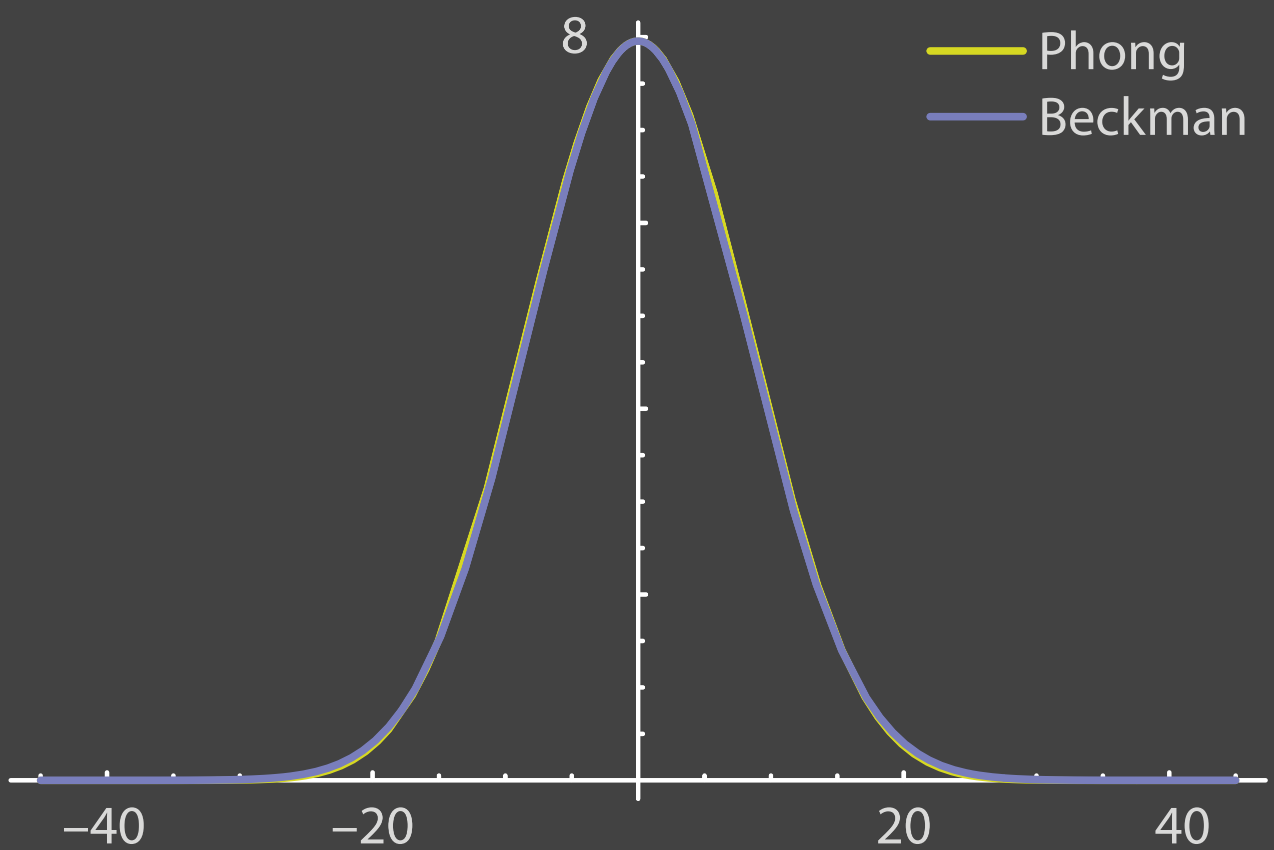

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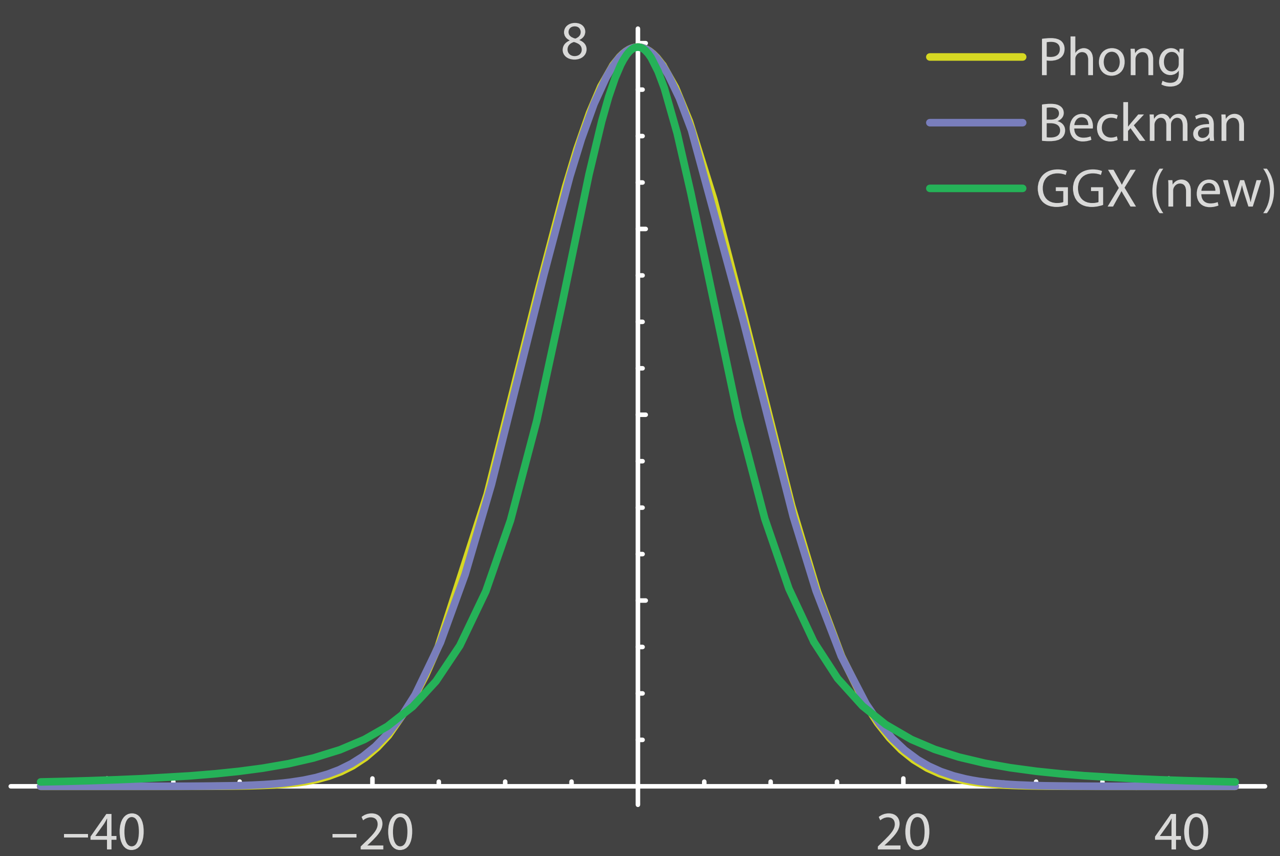

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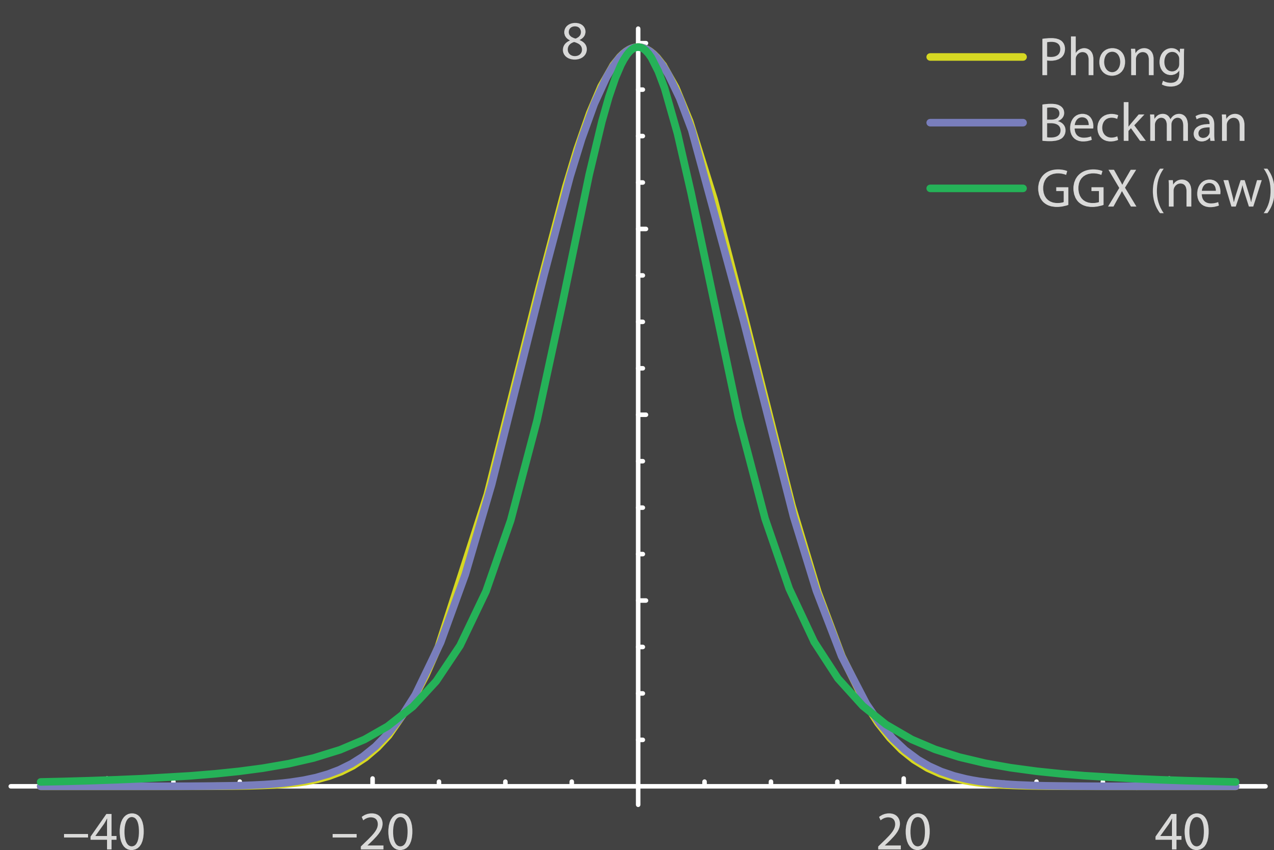

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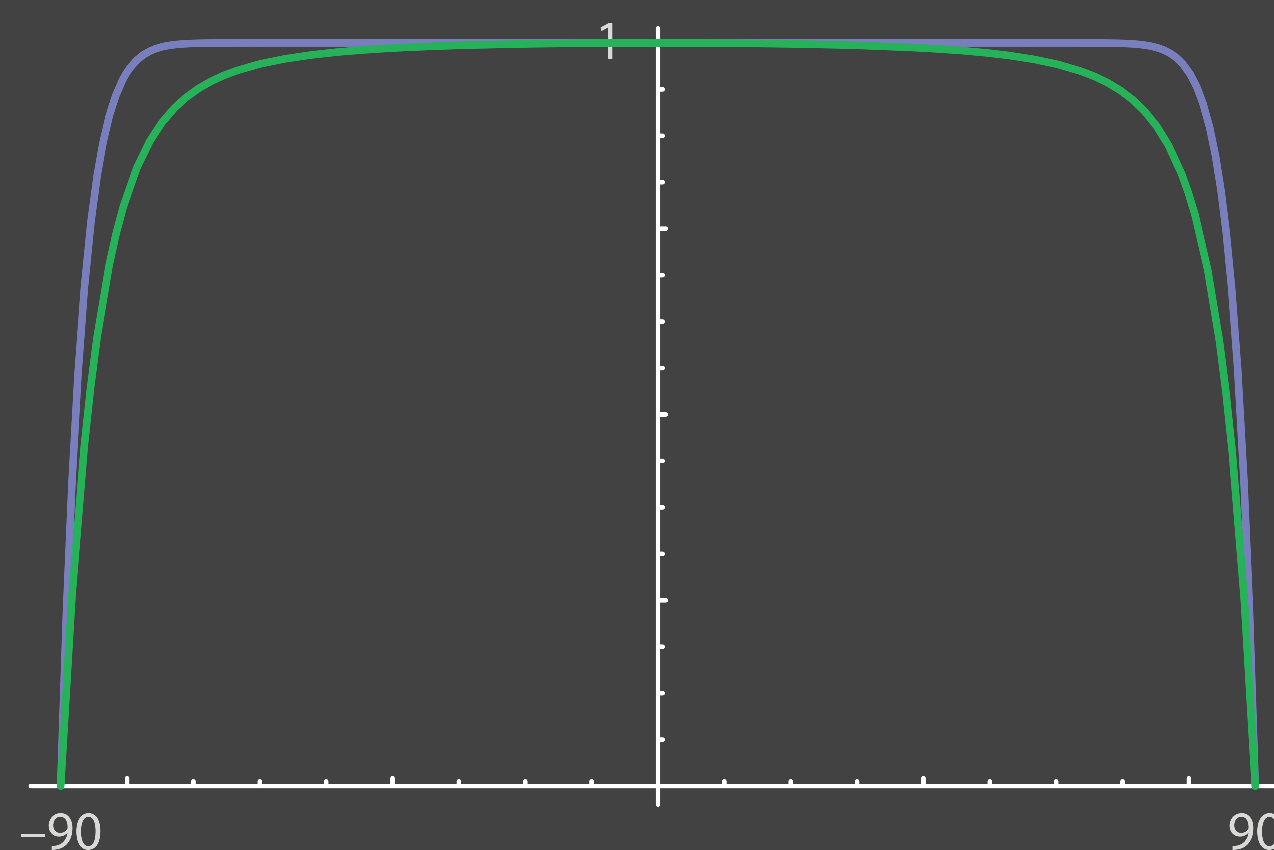

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