

# A Practical and Hierarchical Yarn-based Shading Model for Cloth

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# Why Cloth Rendering?

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**Entertainment**



**Virtual Reality**

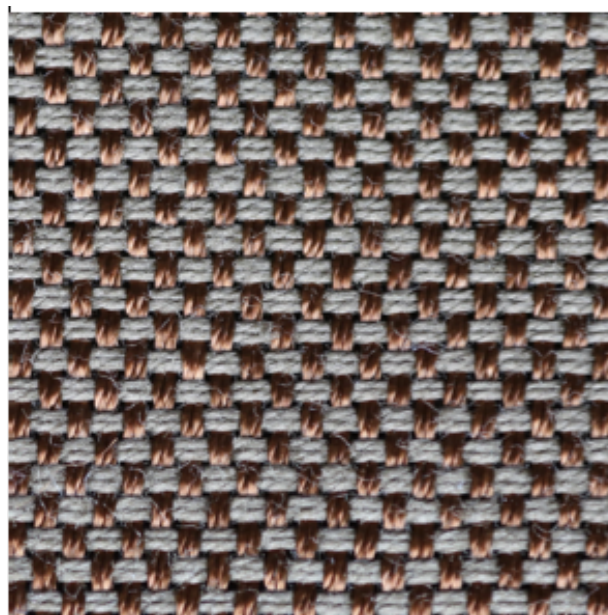


**Online retail**

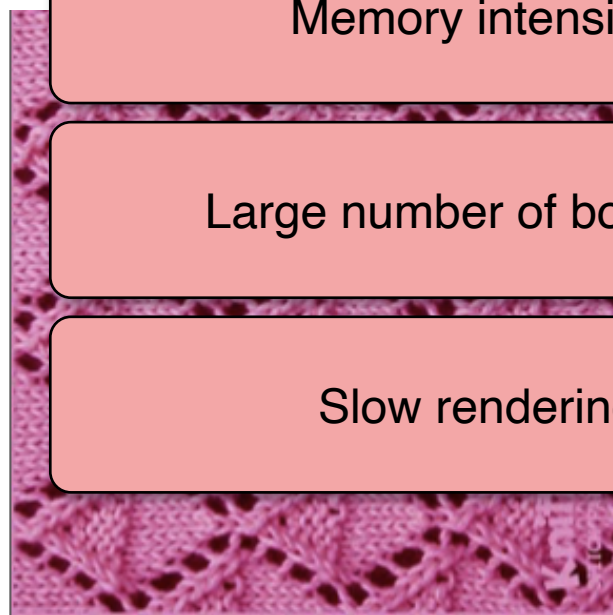


# Cloth Rendering is Difficult!

Challenge: Geometry



*Woven sample*

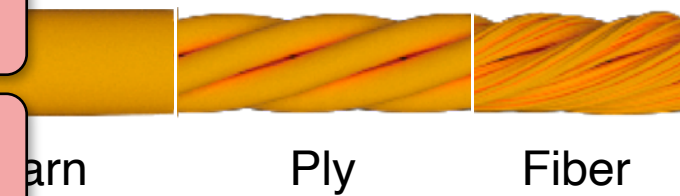


Knitted sample

Memory intensive!

Large number of bounces!

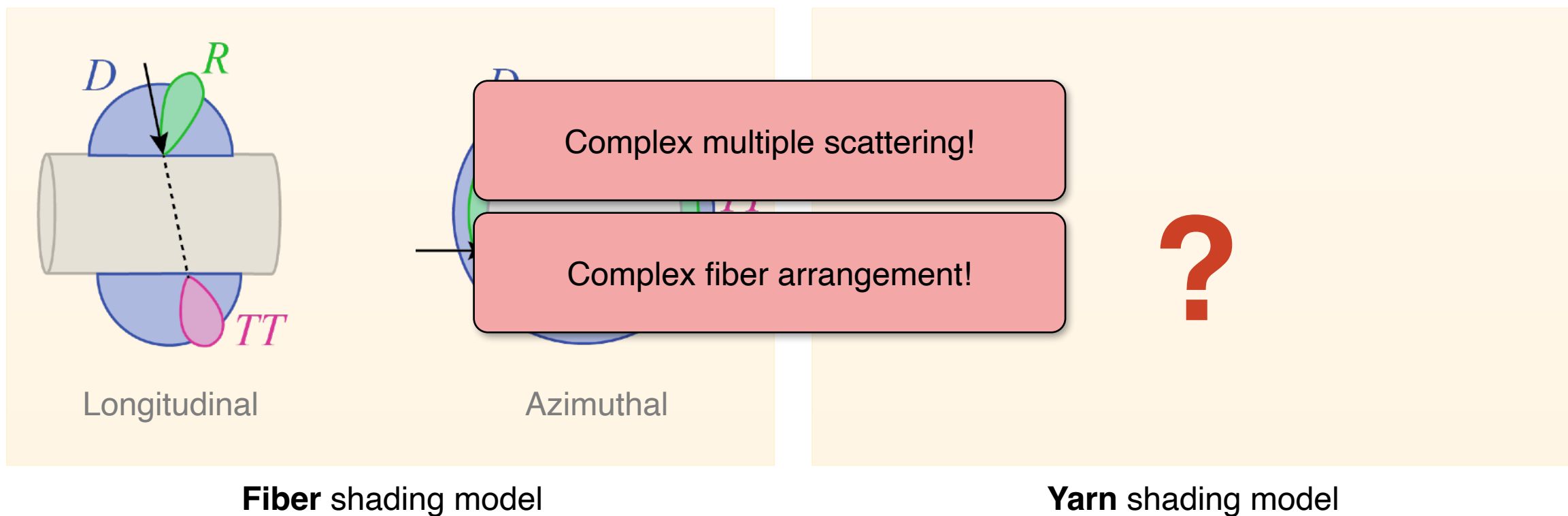
Slow rendering!





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Challenge: Shading





# Background

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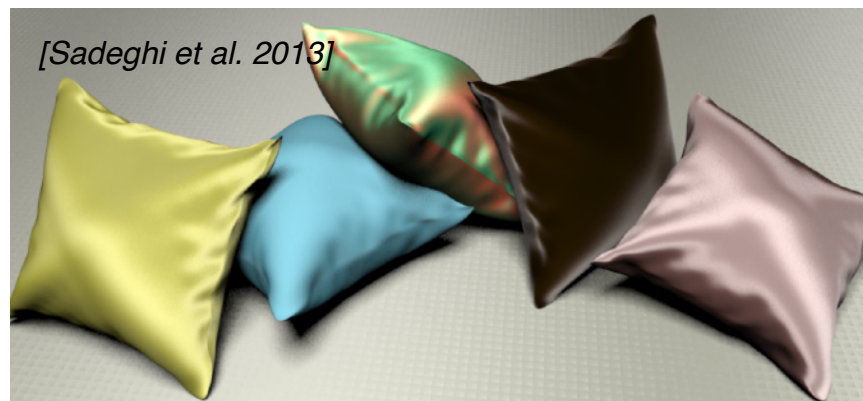
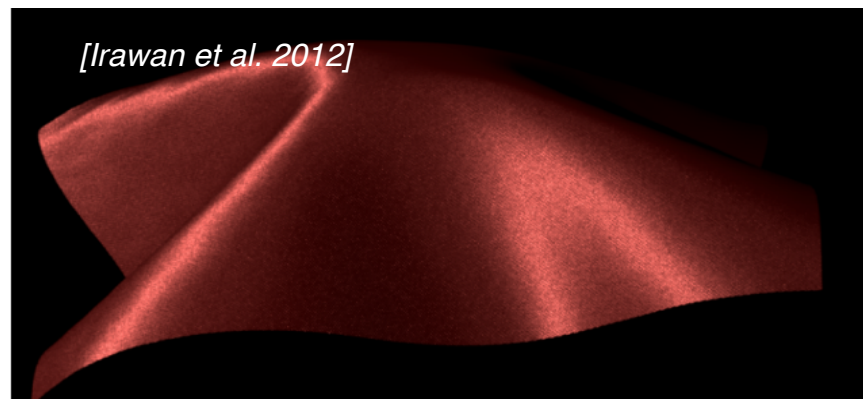


# Surface-based Methods

Memory and time efficient!

Not real enough!

Only woven!





# Micro-appearance Methods

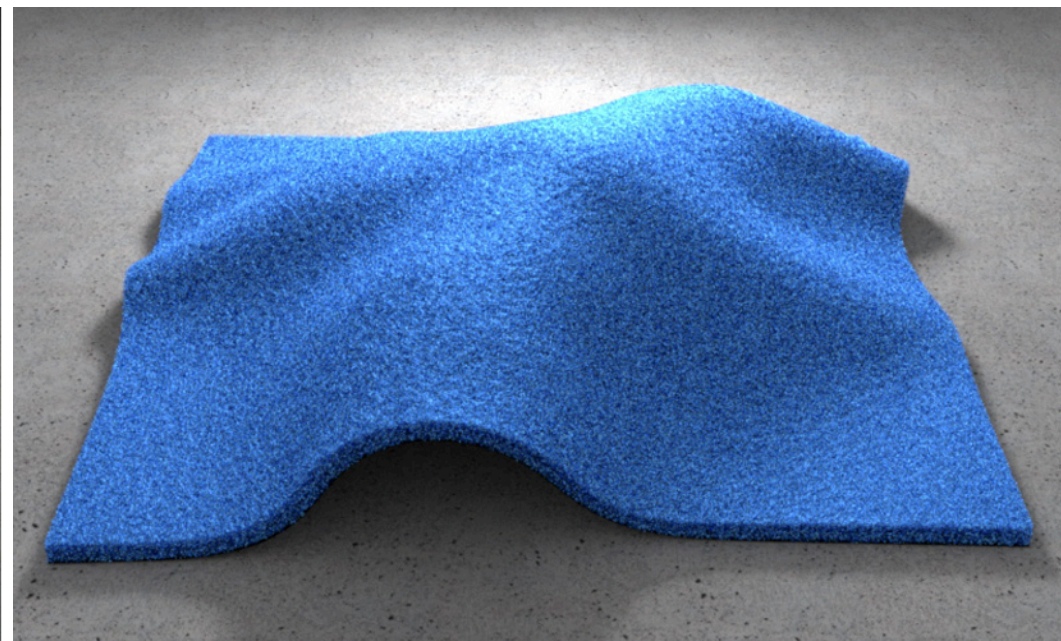
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Accurate and realistic!

Memory and time inefficient!



*[Zhao et al. 2016]*



*[Khungurn et al. 2015]*



# Ply-based method

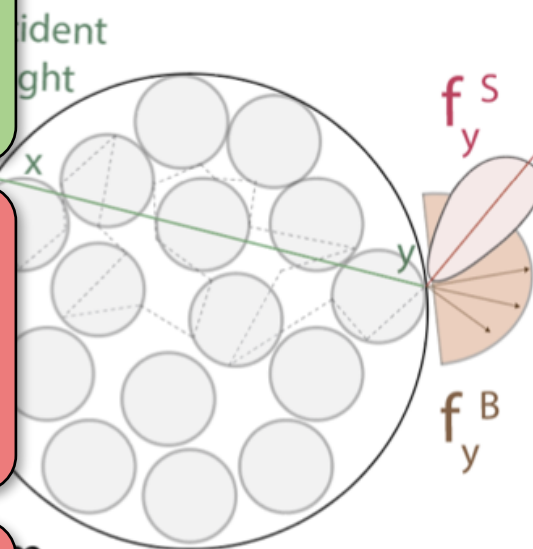


[Montazeri et al. 2020]

Fast rendering!

Artist driven

Inefficient for multi-ply







# So What?

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Accurate and  
realistic!

Fast rendering!

Memory efficient!

Physically-based!

General model!

Easy to edit!



# Our Method

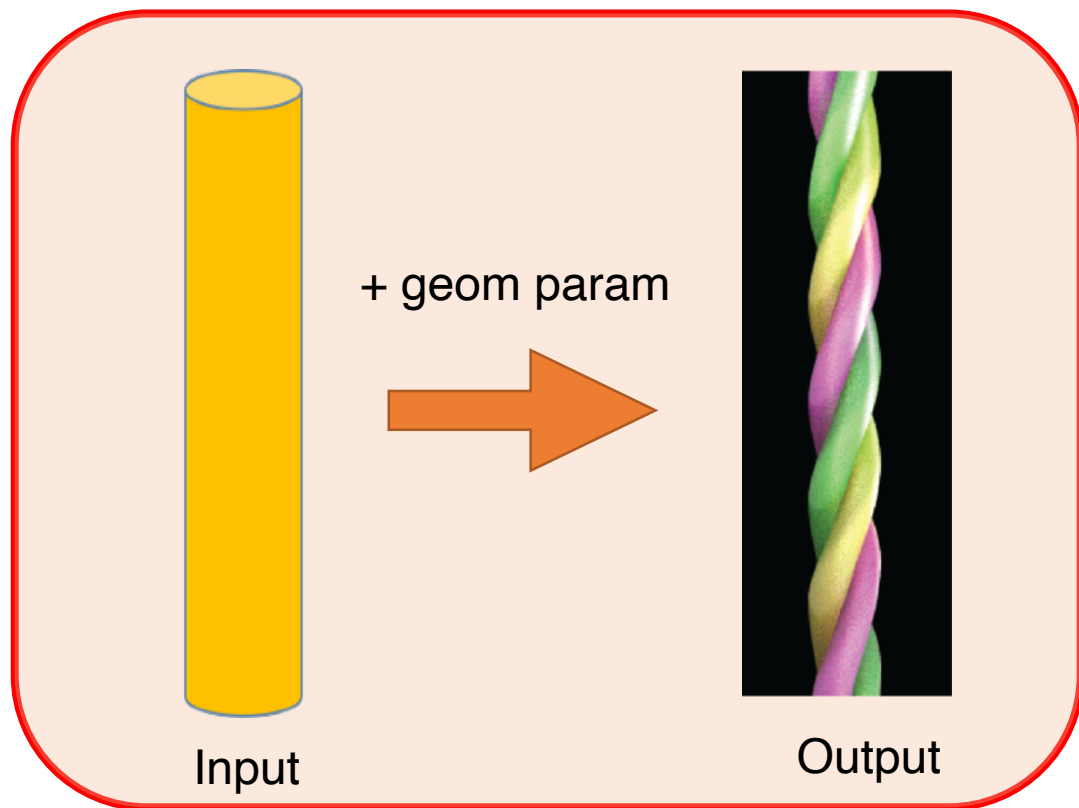
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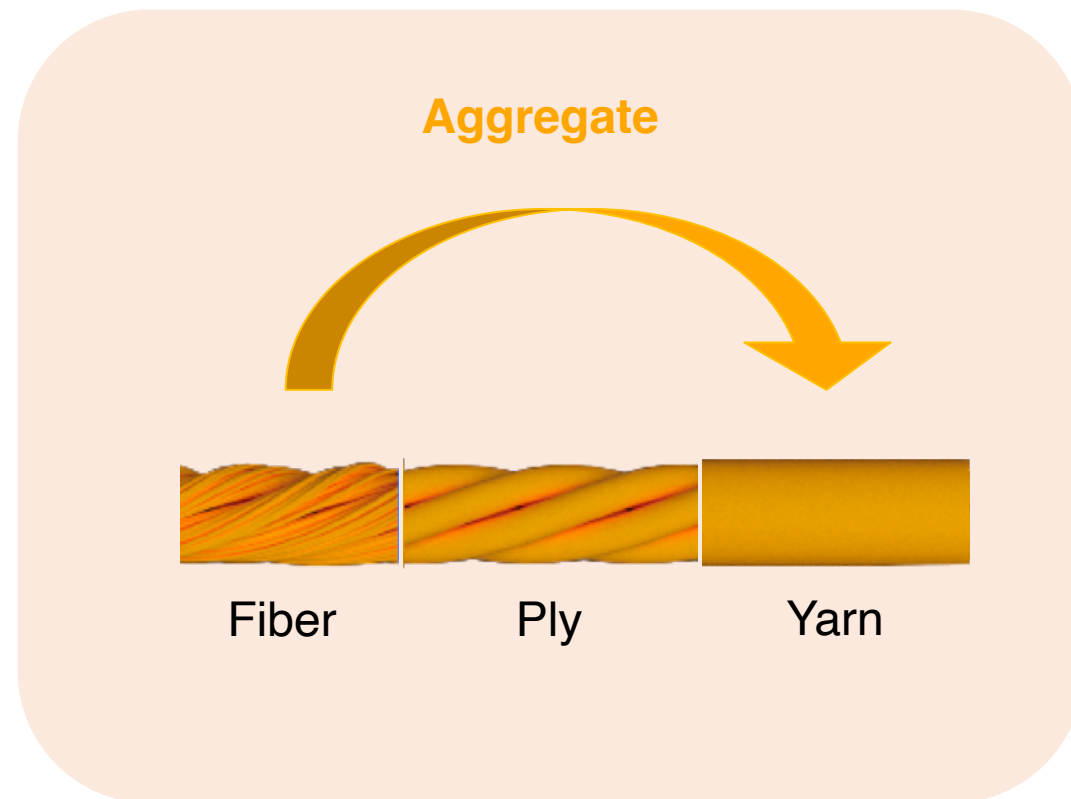
*Avatar: The Way of Water, Weta Digital, 2023*



# Overview



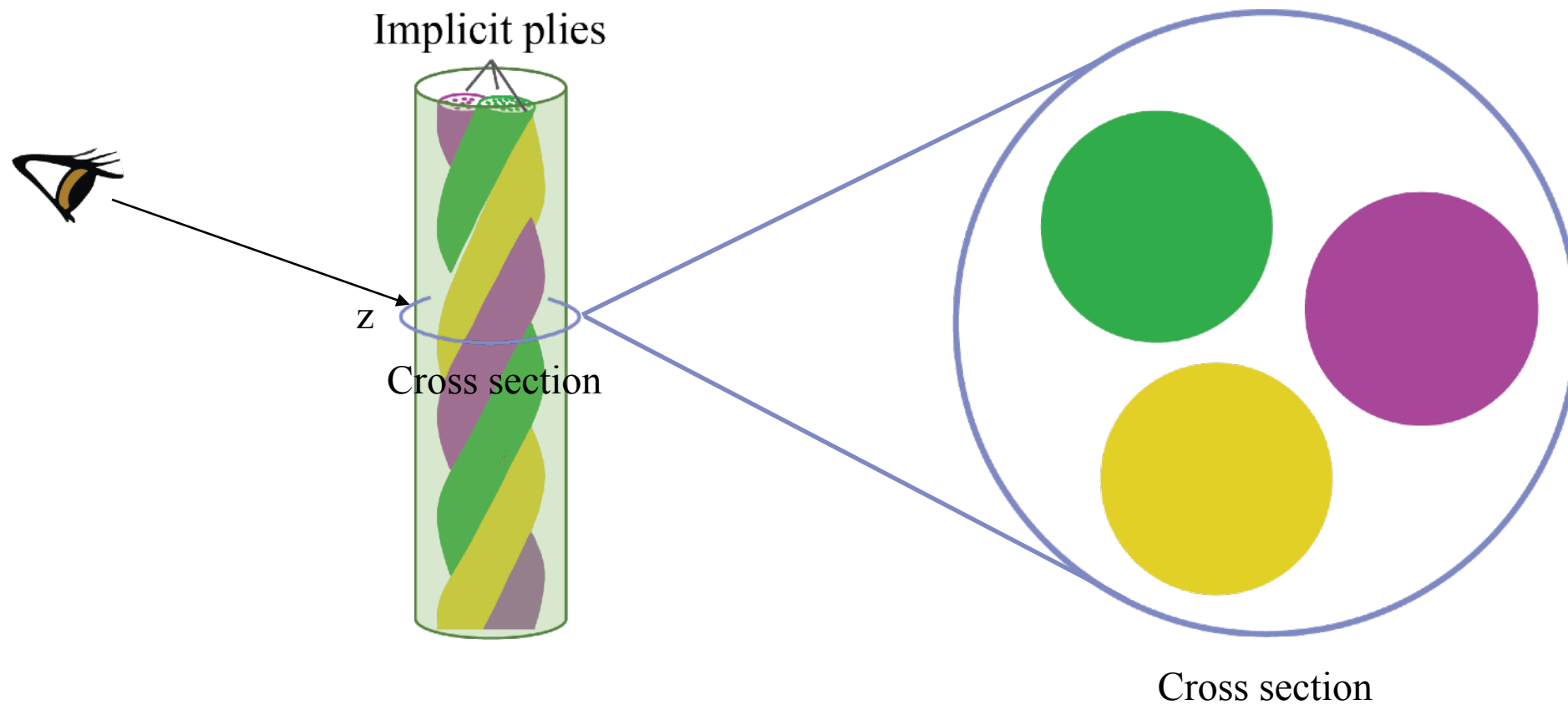
Geometric representation



Shading



# Our geometric representation

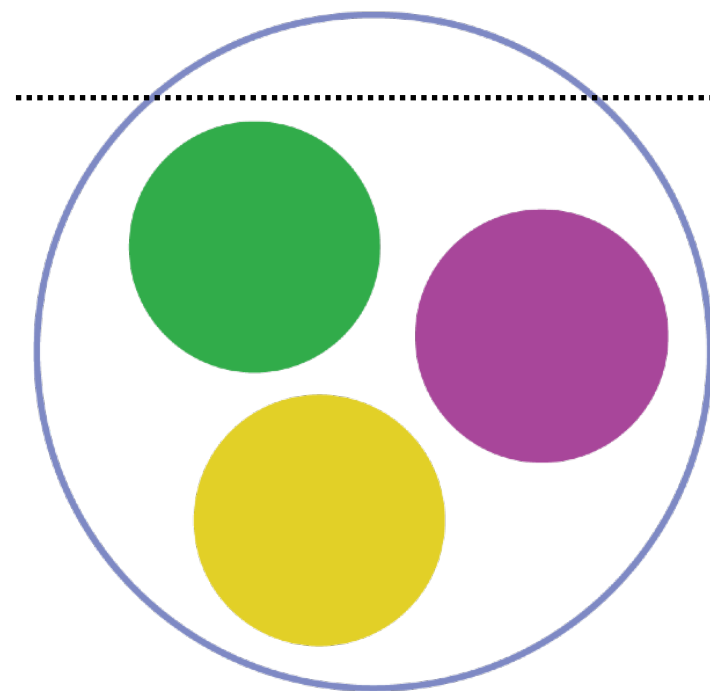
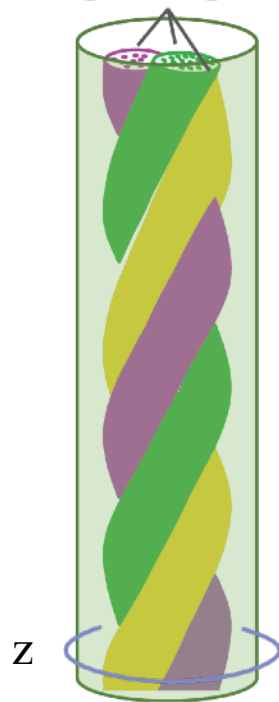




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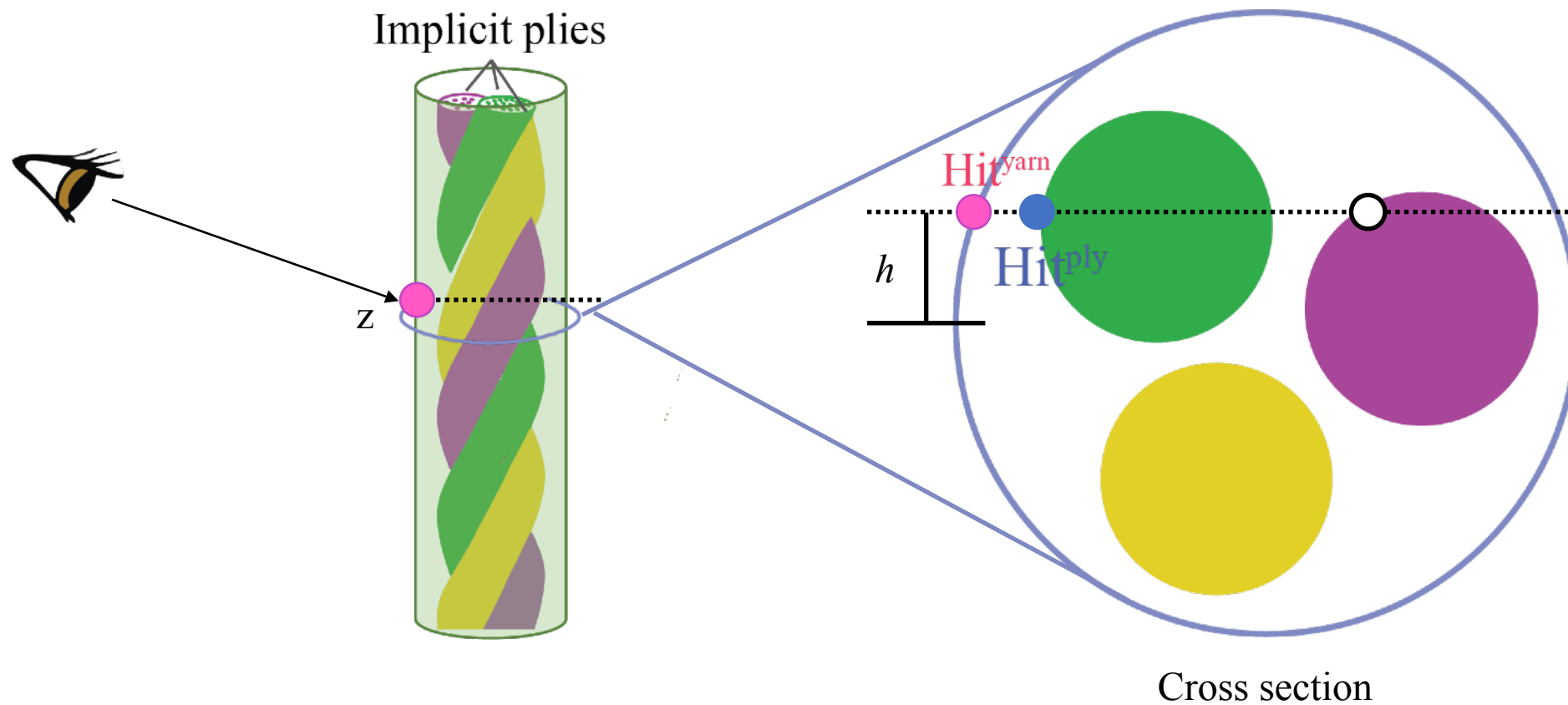
Implicit plies



Cross section

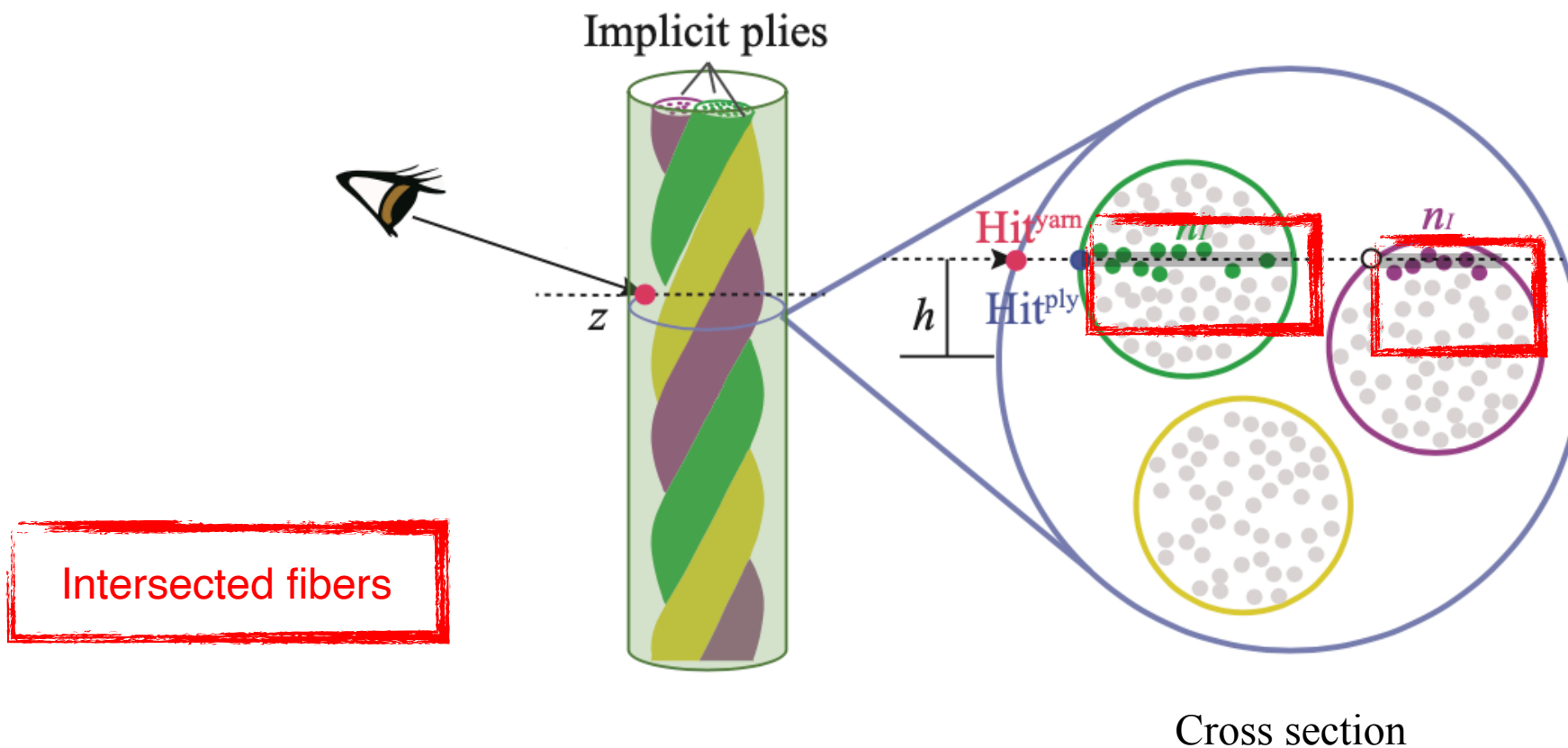


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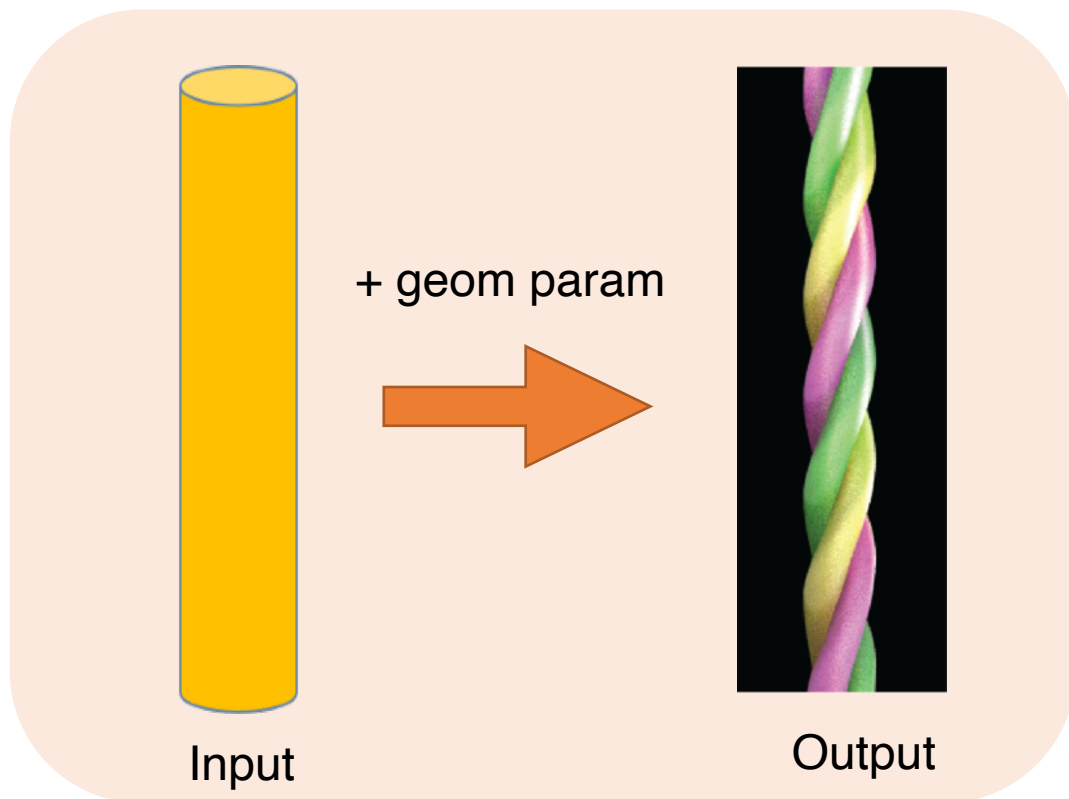
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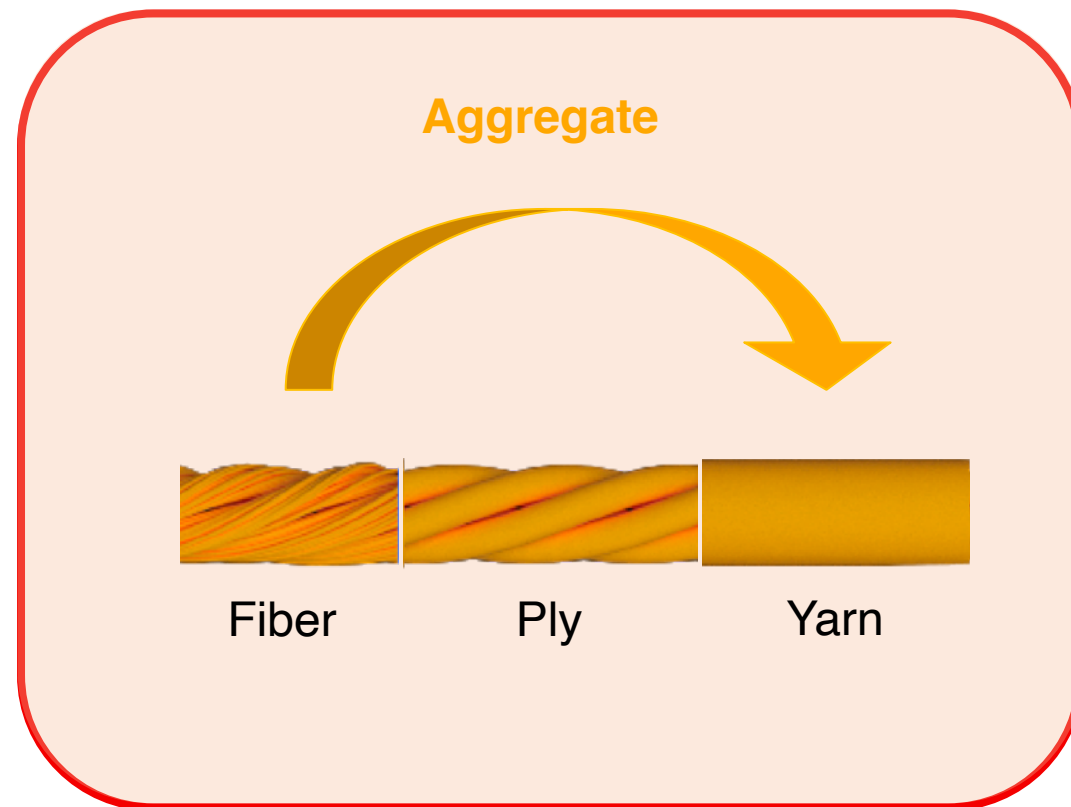




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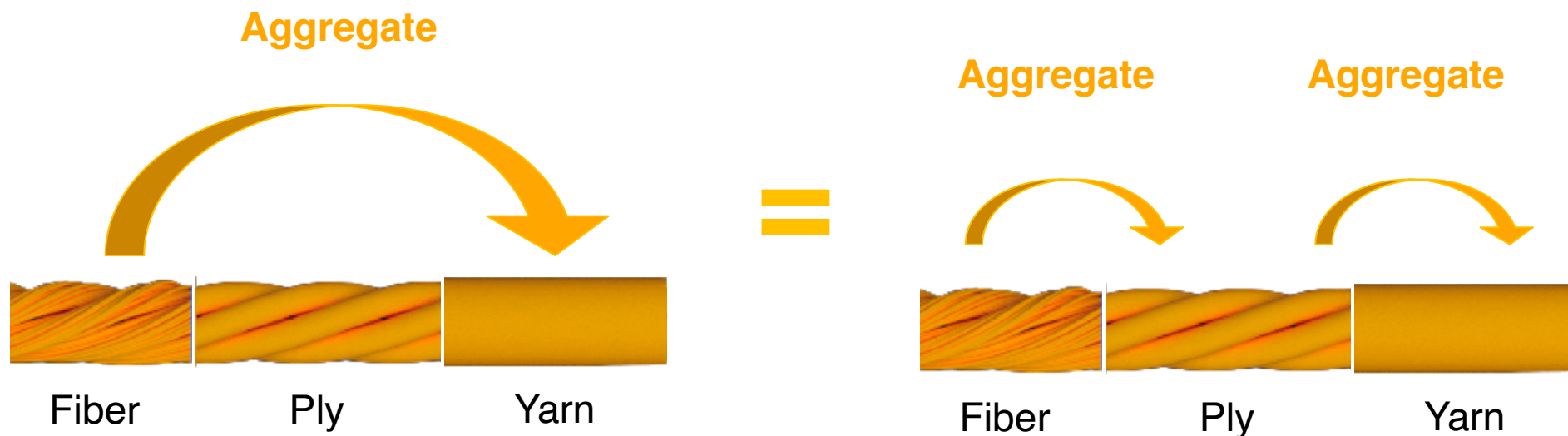
Geometric representation



Shading

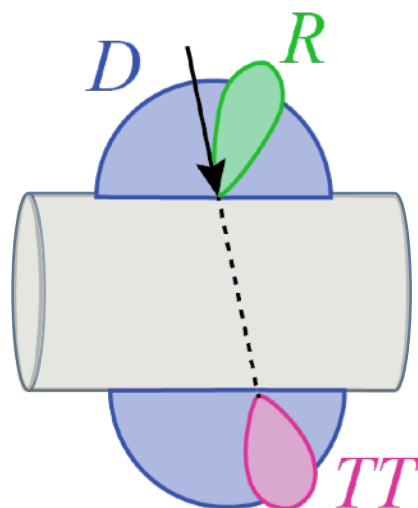


# Our Hierarchical Shading Model



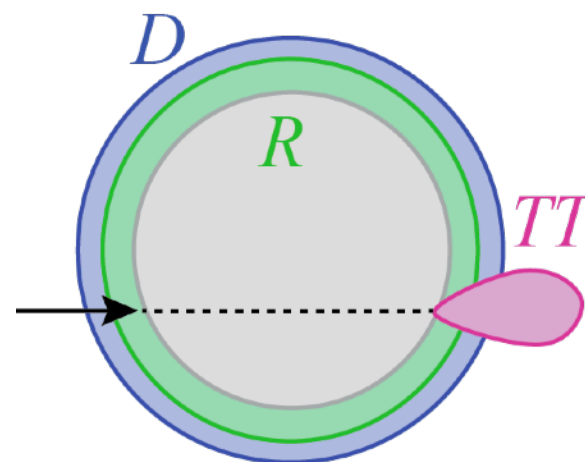


# Fiber-level Shading Model



longitudinal

More realistic!



azimuthal

Wider range of material!

R: reflection term  
TT: transmission term  
D: diffuse term



*Ref*



*Ours*



*Different Density*

*Ref*



*Ours*



*Different Twist*

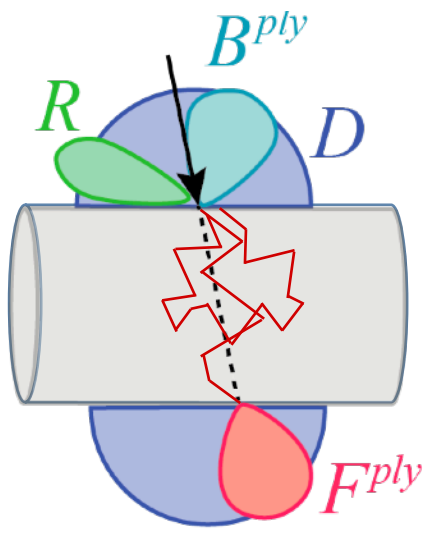
*20*  
*Ref*



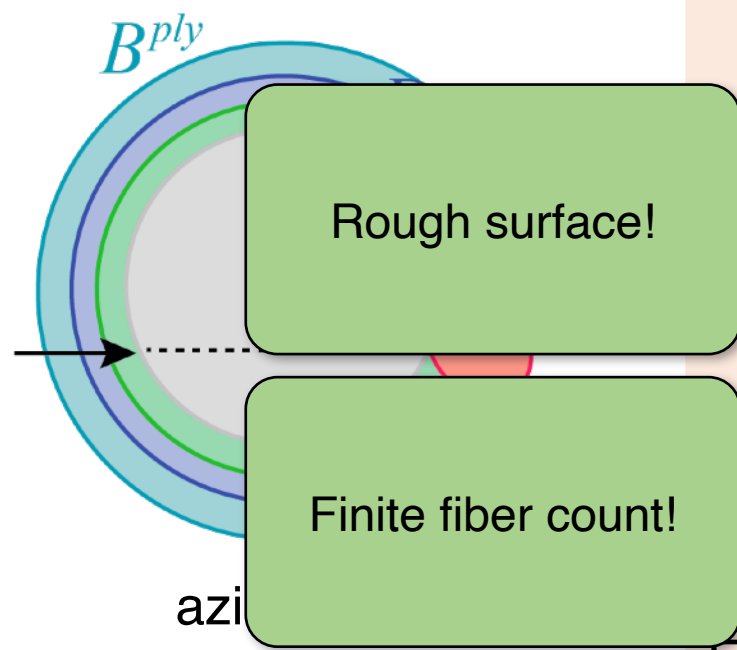
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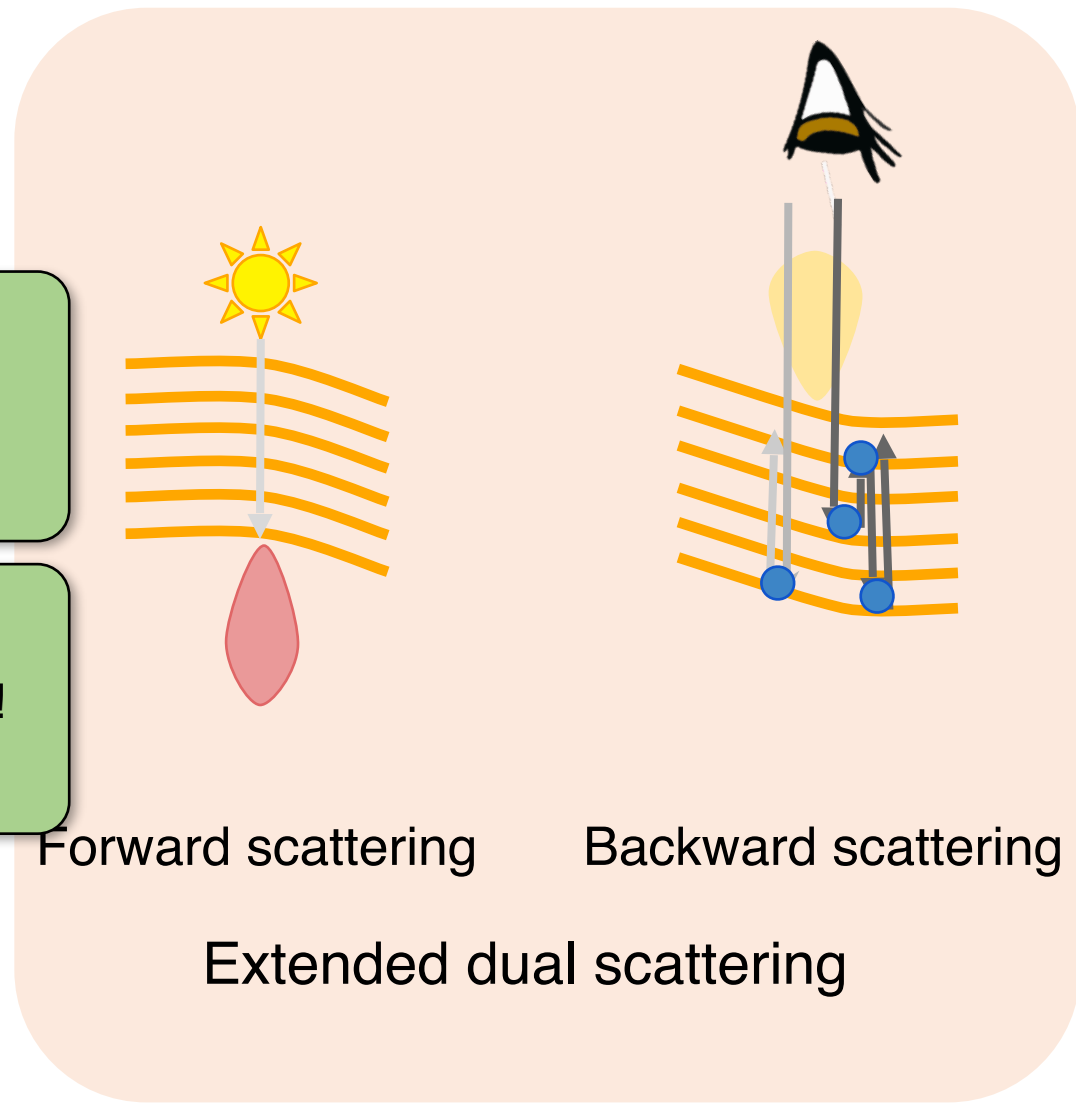
# Ply-level Shading Model



longitudinal



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Forward scattering

Backward scattering

Extended dual scattering



*Ref*



*Ours*



*Ref*

*Different Density*



*Ours*



*Ref*

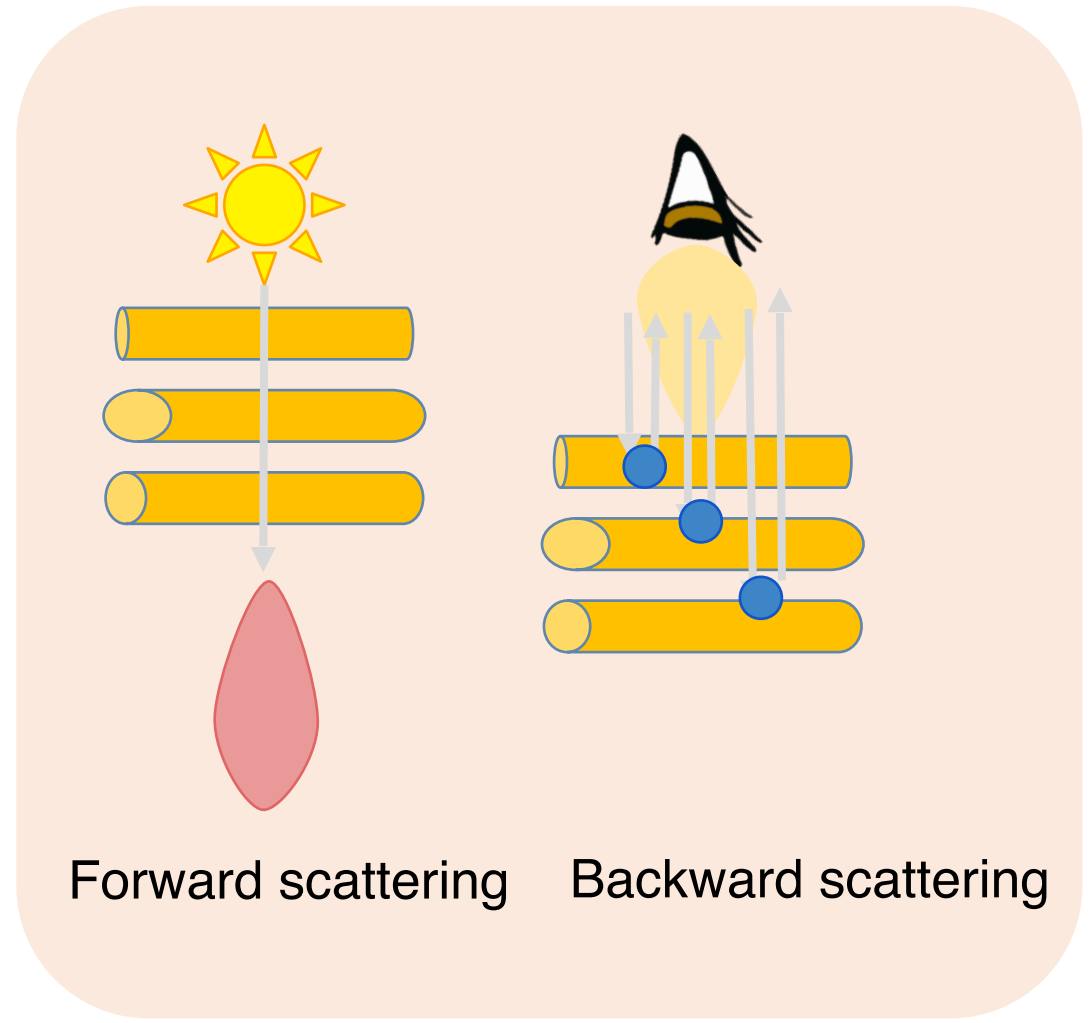
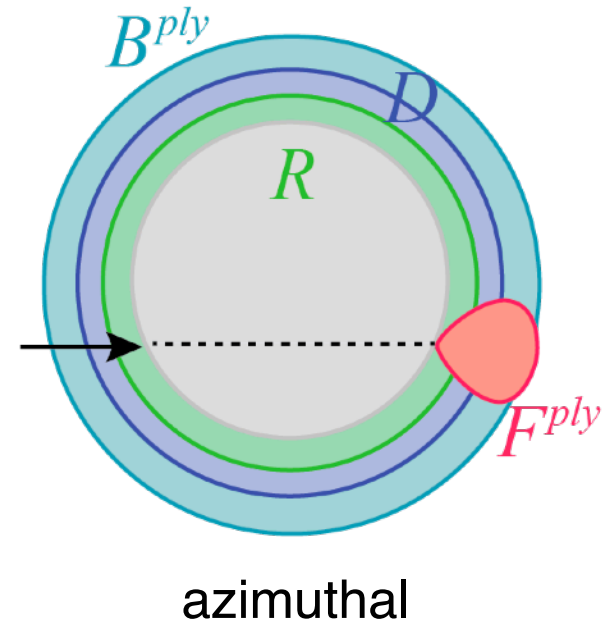
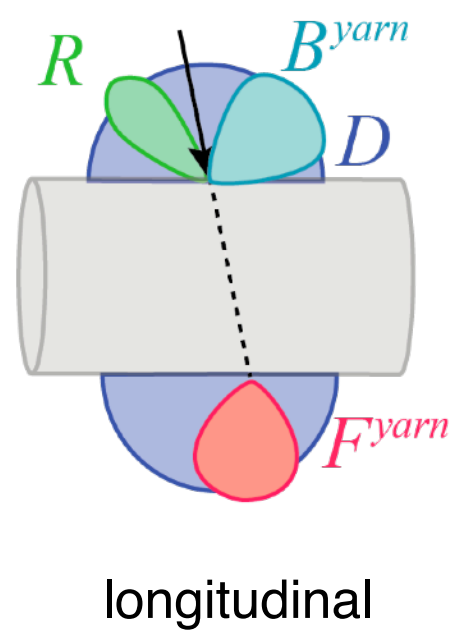
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*Ours*



# Yarn-level Shading Model





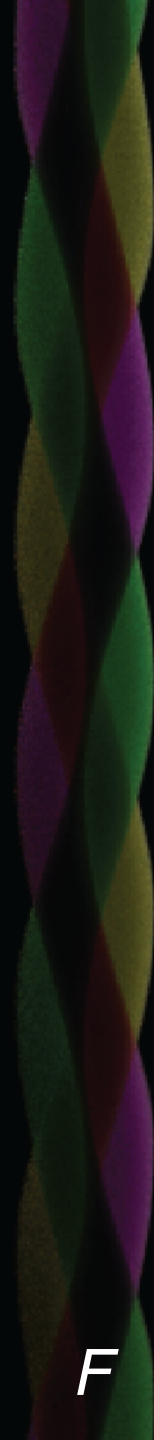
*Full*



*R*



*D*



*F*



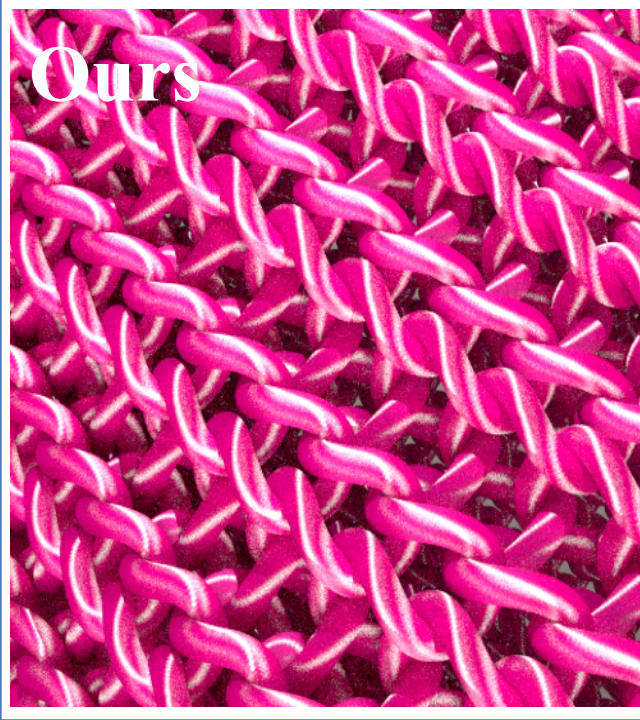
*B*





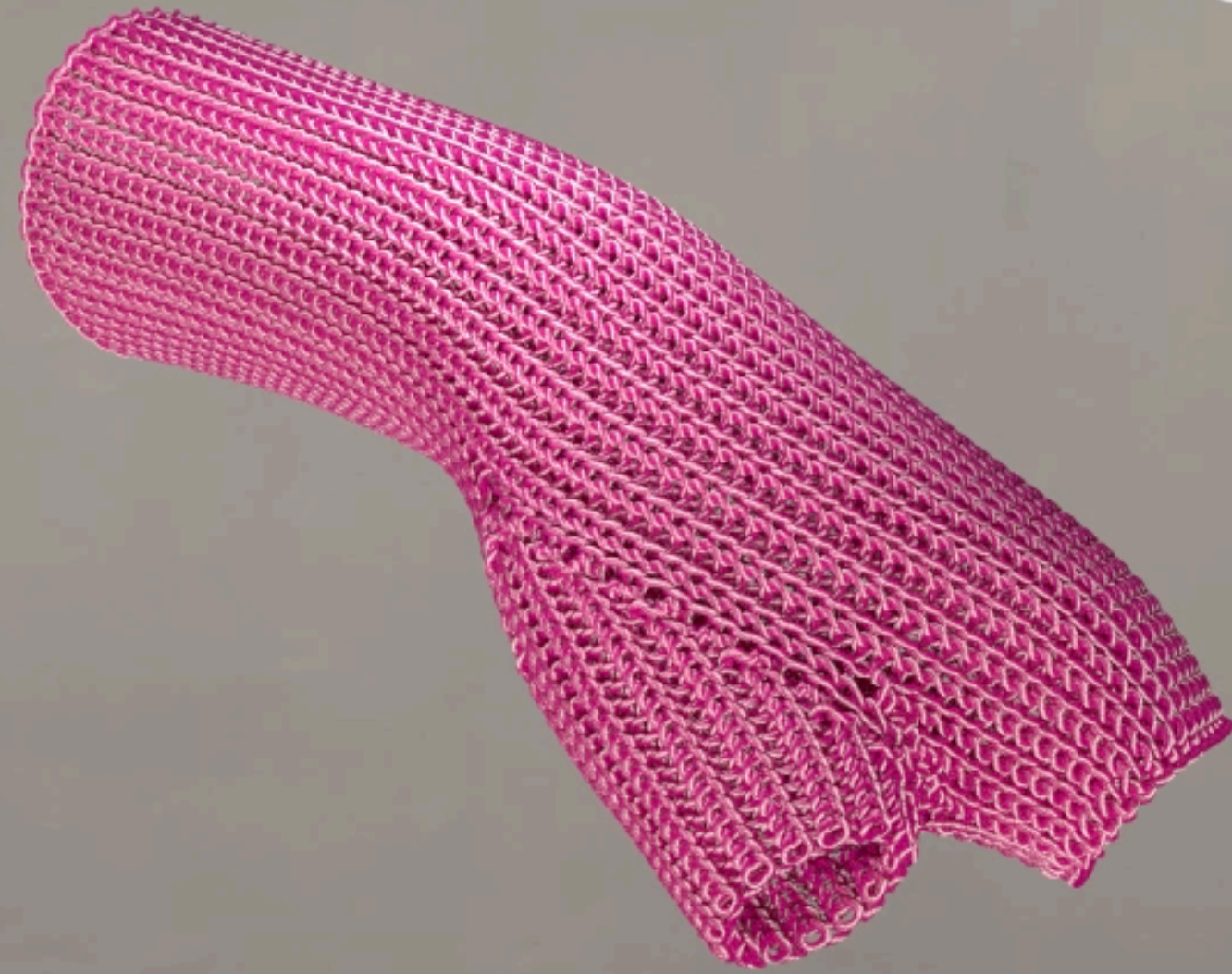
# Results

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Ref

Ours



# Single Yarn

Changing fiber twist  
(5° - 60°)

Ours: 32 SPP

Ref: 256 SPP

Increasing fiber twist



Ours



Ref

Increasing fiber twist



Ours



R



D



B



F

# Increasing fiber numbers



Ours



Ref

# Knitted Glove

Temporal stability  
(Moving Light)

32 SPP

Point light

# Knitted Glove

Temporal Stability  
(Zooming in/out)

32 SPP

Point light + Env light





# Performance

	Time (s)		Memory (MB)		#Bounce	
	Ref	Ours	Ref	Ours	Ref	Ours
Fig. 6.a	187	7x speedup!		<b>1.8</b>	12.4	<b>1.6</b>
W/ twice fibers	265		<b>1.8</b>	17.4	<b>1.6</b>	
Fig. 6.b	343	3% memory!		<b>4.0</b>	16.5	<b>3.2</b>
W/ twice fibers	547		<b>4.0</b>	21.3	<b>3.2</b>	
Fig. 1	519		<b>4.0</b>	26.4	<b>4.2</b>	



# Conclusion

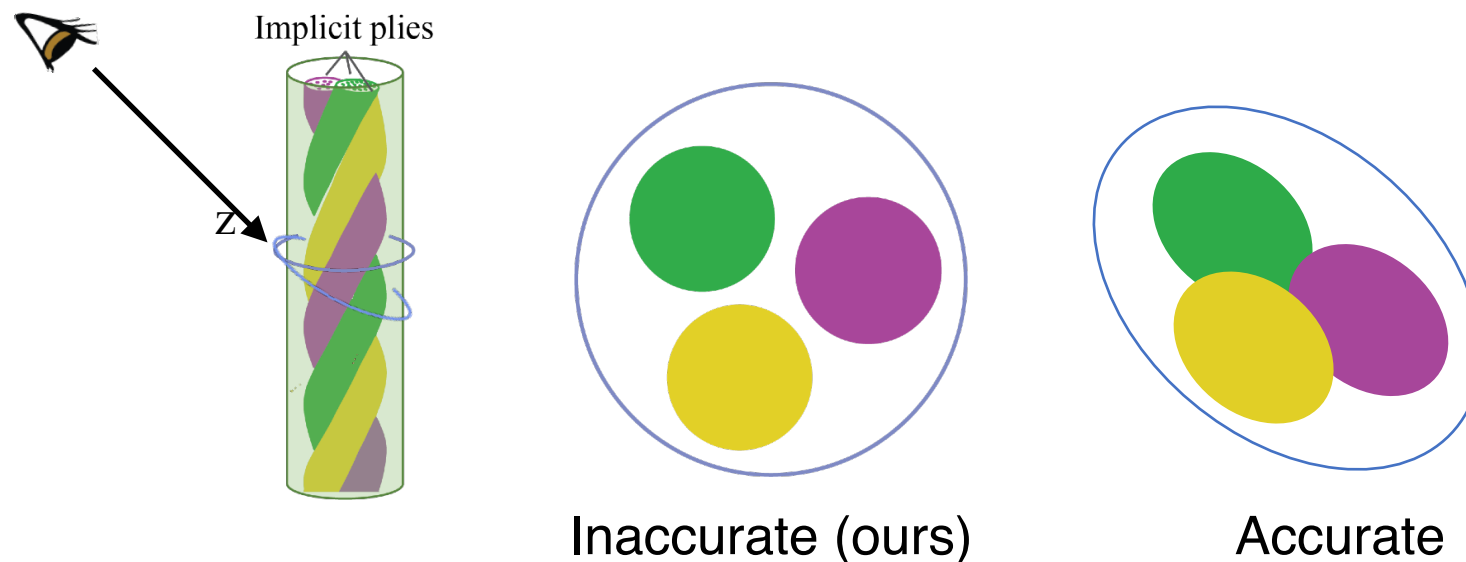
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- Efficient and accurate yarn-based shading model
- Represent single and multiple scattering of light
- Yarn-based representation with ply-level geometries
- General application to render woven and knitted fabrics
- Independent to the ply count



# Limitations

- Perpendicular ray assumption: inaccurate at grazing angles.

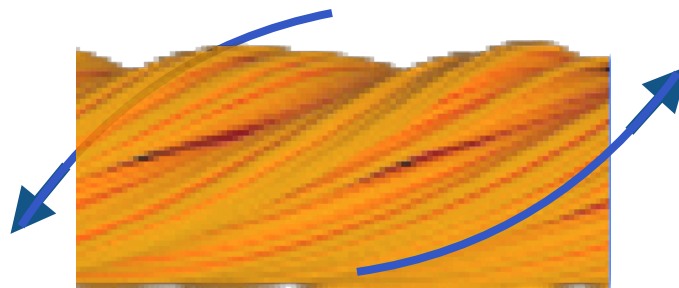




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- Uniform fiber distribution assumption: inaccurate scattering events
- Not considered fly-away fibers



w/o flyaway



w/ flyaway

[Montazeri et al. 2020]



From Alex Alvarado



# Future Work

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- Implementing BCSDf model for real-time rasterization-based applications.
- Extending the method with multi-resolution for efficient level-of-detail rendering.



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