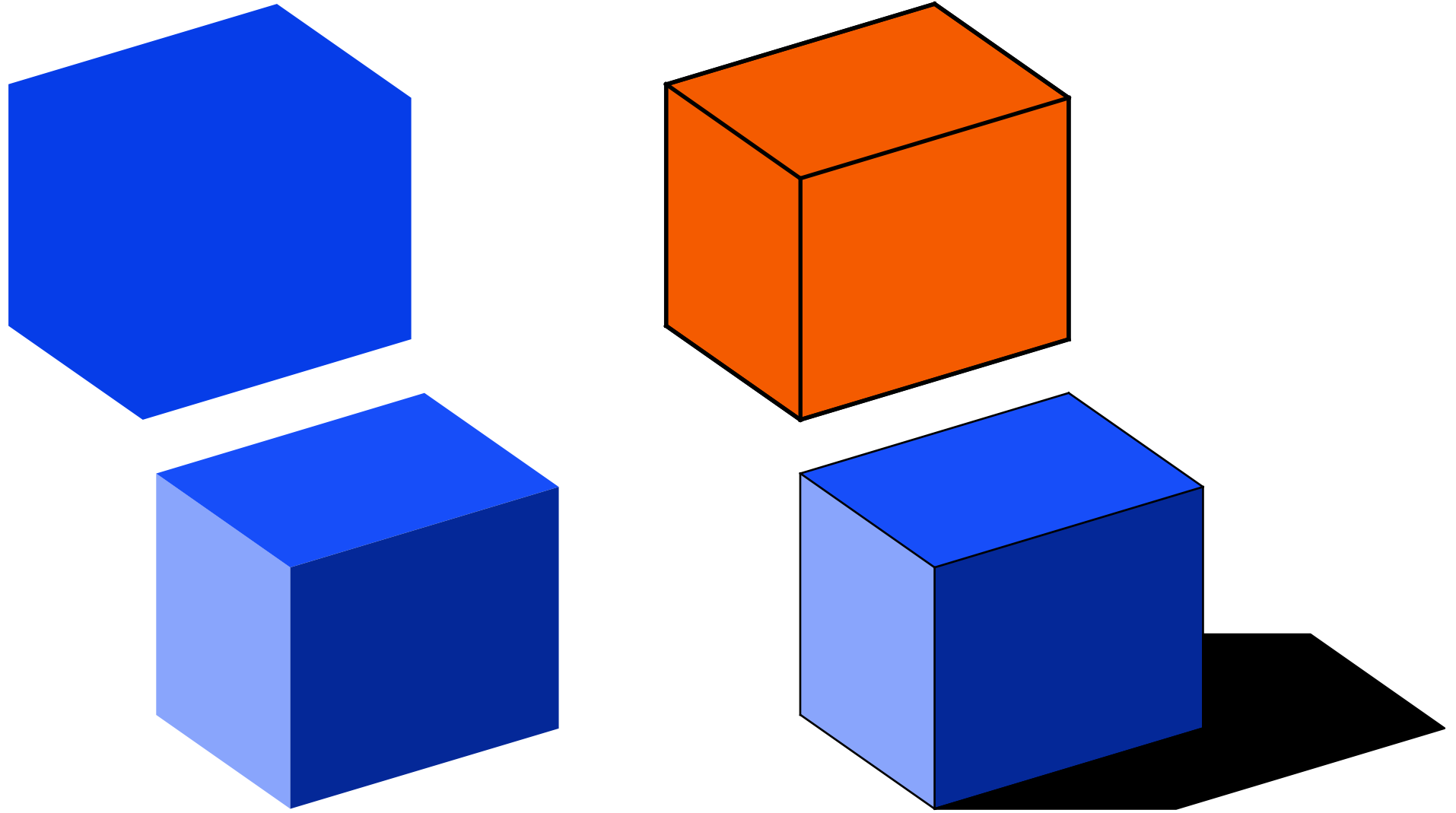


The Phong Shading Model

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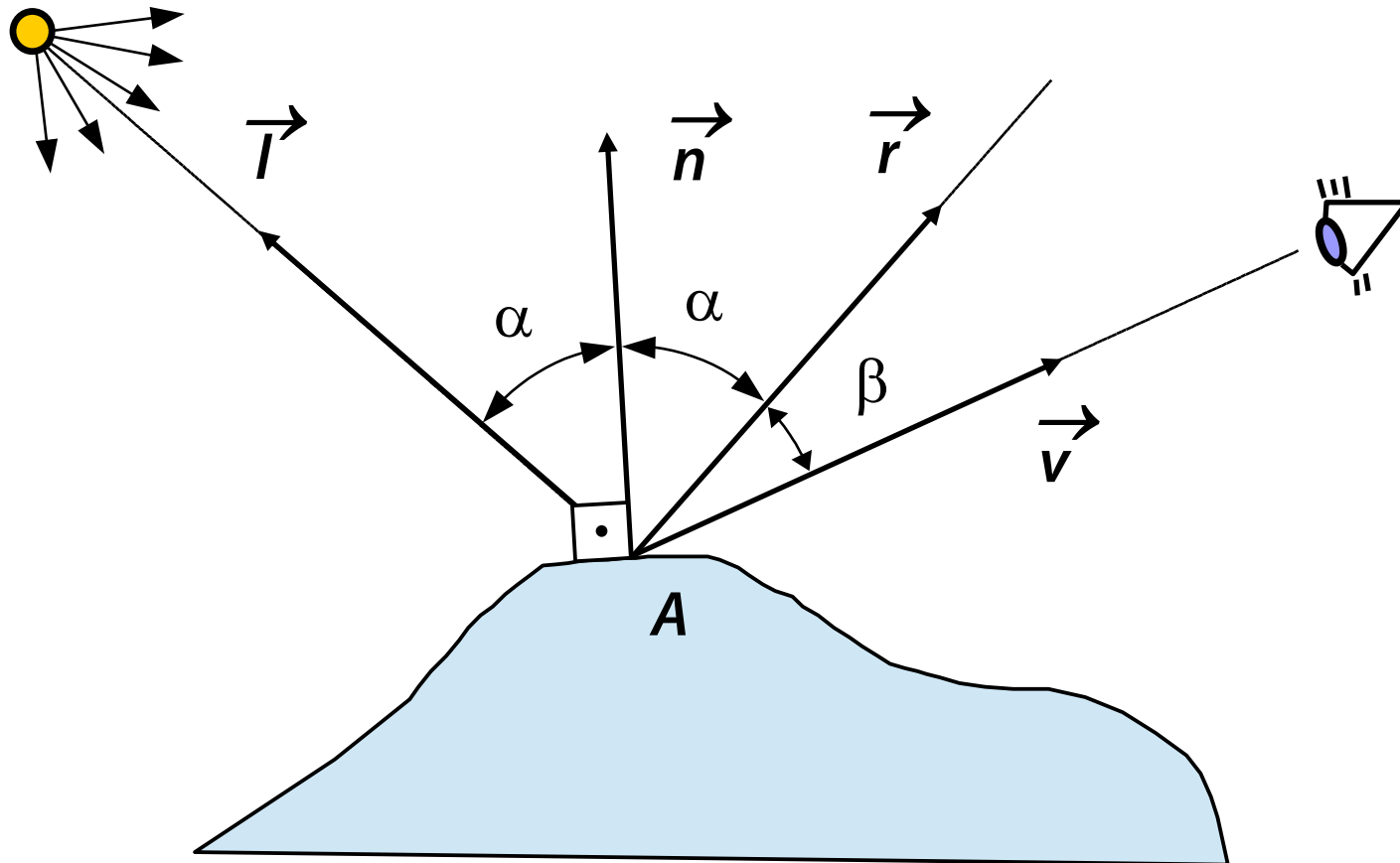
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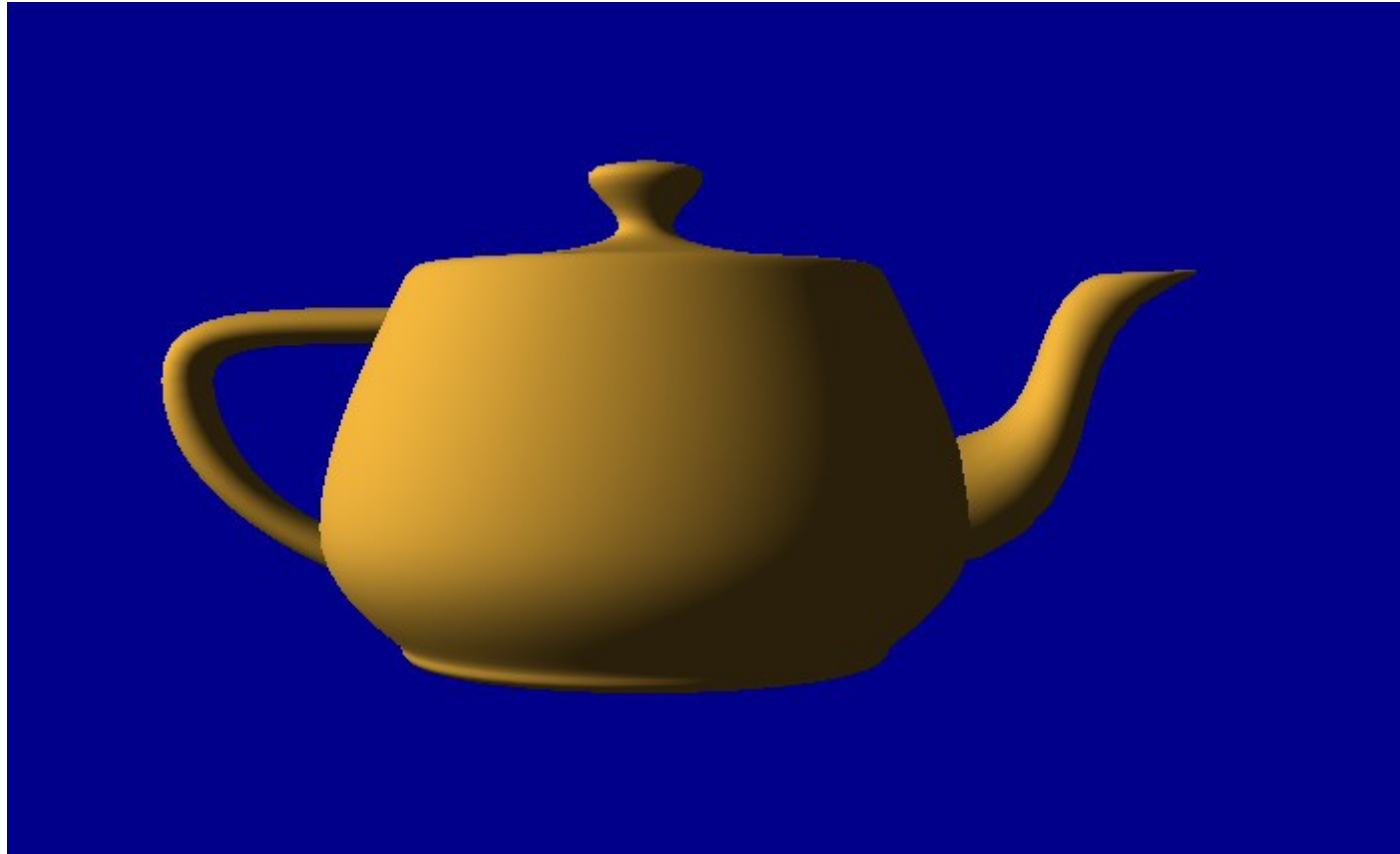


Phong Reflectance Model





Diffuse and Ambient Light





Diffuse Component E_D

Describes an **ideally diffuse surface** (Lambert's cosine law)

$$E_D = I_i \cdot C_D \cdot k_D \cdot \cos \alpha$$

I_i ... light source intensity

C_D ... diffuse color (RGB)

k_D ... diffuse coefficient (0.0 to 1.0)

$\cos \alpha = \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n}$... scalar product of light direction and surface normal



Ambient Light E_A

Globally constant lighting

Approximates / replaces **indirect light**

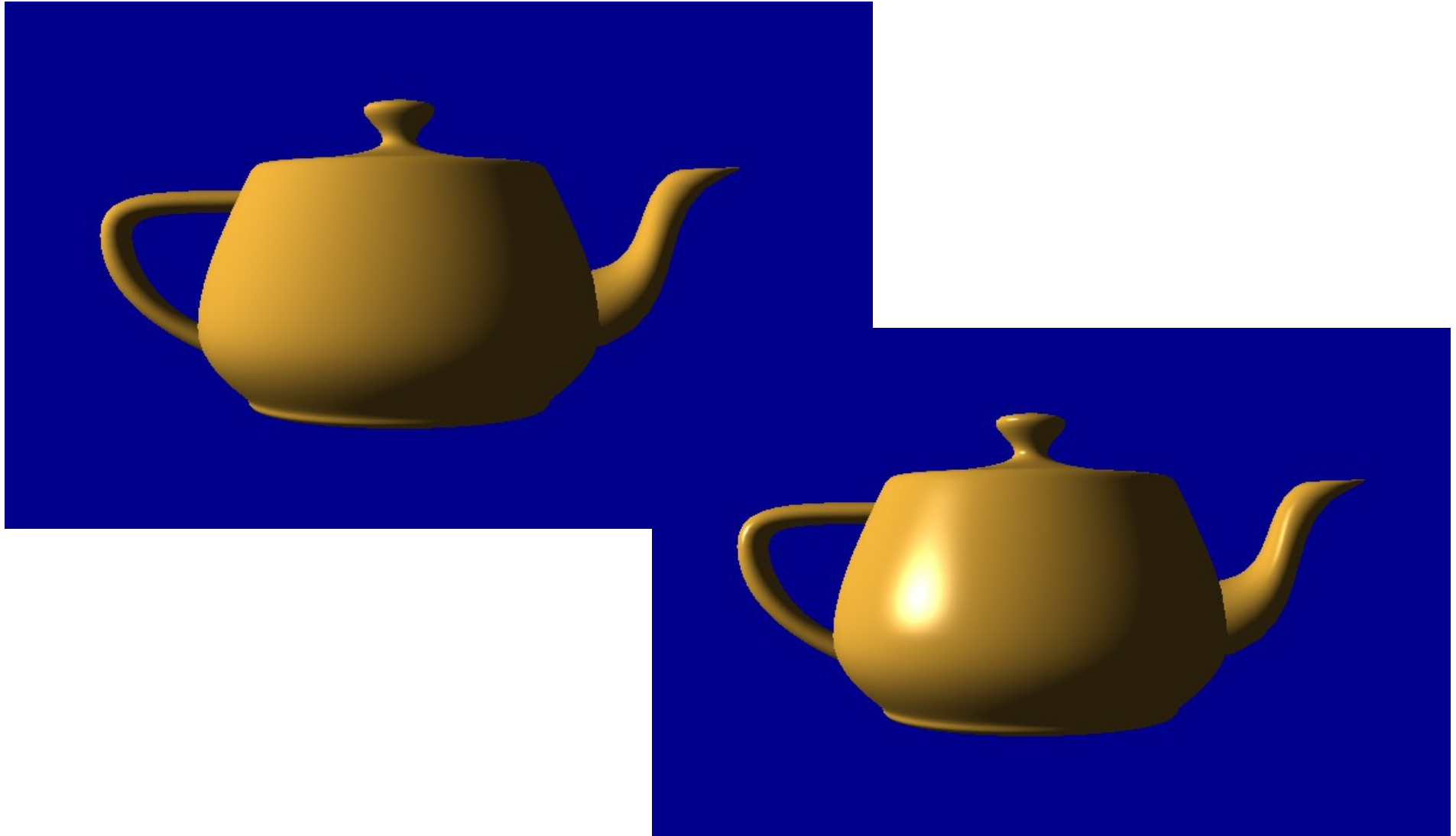
$$E_A = C_D \cdot k_A$$

C_D ... diffuse color (RGB)

k_A ... ambient coefficient (0.0 to 1.0)



Specular Component



Specular Component E_s (Phong, 1975)



Simulates **highlights** on glossy surfaces

$$E_s = I_i \cdot C_s \cdot k_s \cdot \cos^h \beta$$

C_s ... highlight color (RGB)

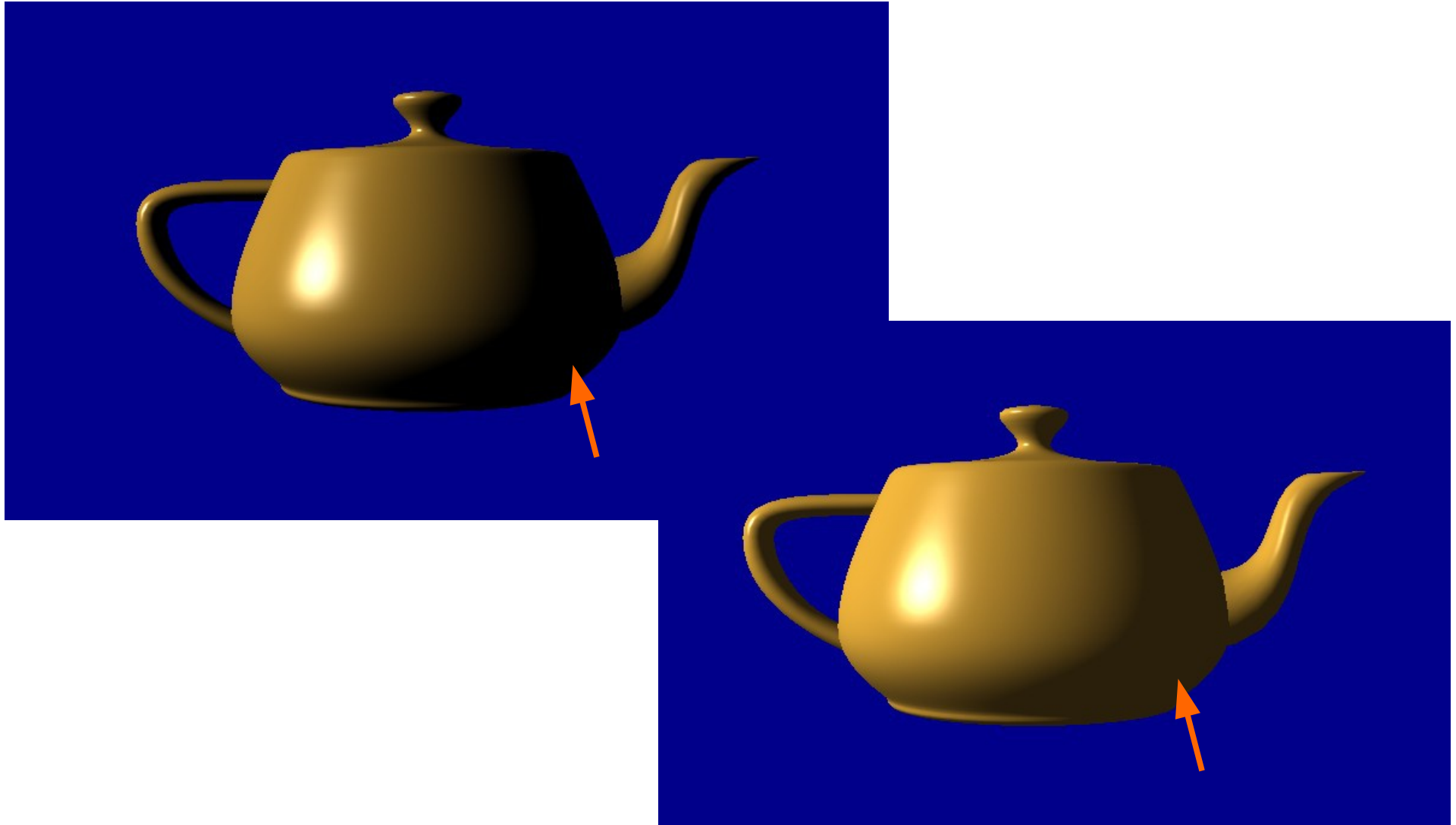
k_s ... specular coefficient (0.0 to 1.0)

$\cos \beta = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{v}$... dot product of unit vectors

h ... highlight/specularity exponent (5 ... 500)



Effect of the Ambient Light





Integrated Model (single light source)

$$E = E_A + E_D + E_S$$

Colors

$$C_D = C \quad \dots \text{ material color (RGB)}$$

$$C_S = C_L \quad \dots \text{ light color (RGB)}$$

Consistency

“ $k_A + k_D + k_S = 1$ ” (to avoid overflow)

- there's usually no need to be so strict
- for HDR it is enough to keep $k_D + k_S$ constant



Multiple Lights

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_A + \sum_i (\mathbf{E}_D + \mathbf{E}_S)$$

Implementation-wise, **Ambient Component \mathbf{E}_A** can be considered as a contribution from a specific (omnidirectional and constant) source



Notes

1. Calculating the **reflection vector R** (\vec{n} and \vec{l} must be unit vectors)

$$\mathbf{R} = 2\vec{n} (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{l}) - \vec{l}$$

2. Original formula of **Phong shading** for glossy surfaces had a $W(\alpha)$ function instead of constants $C_s \cdot k_s$

Reflections should be stronger (according to the Fresnel formula) at **large angles α** (and Phong was aware of it)



Compensation of Light Distance

This should be ... $1/d^2$

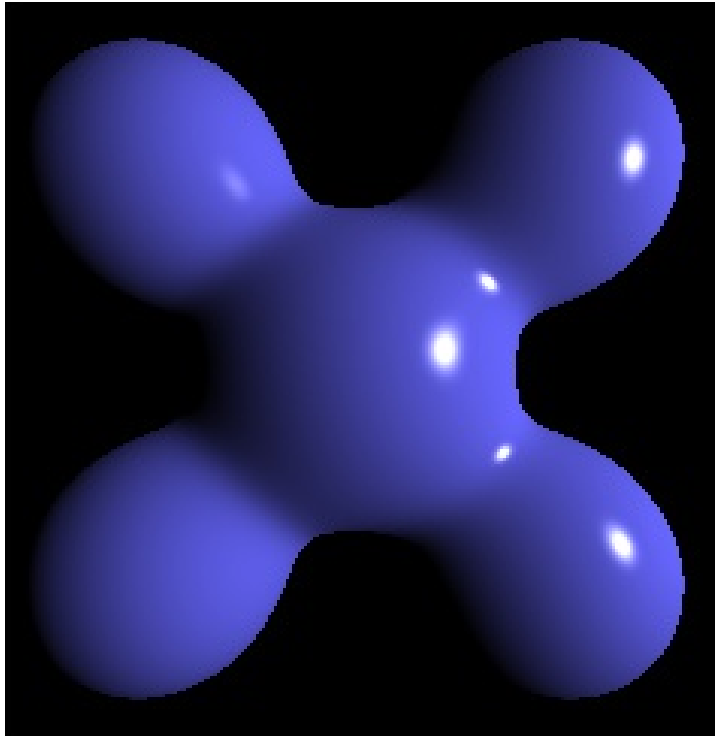
– too large value range (monitors cannot display it)

Instead, use ... $1/(c_0 + c_1d + c_2d^2)$

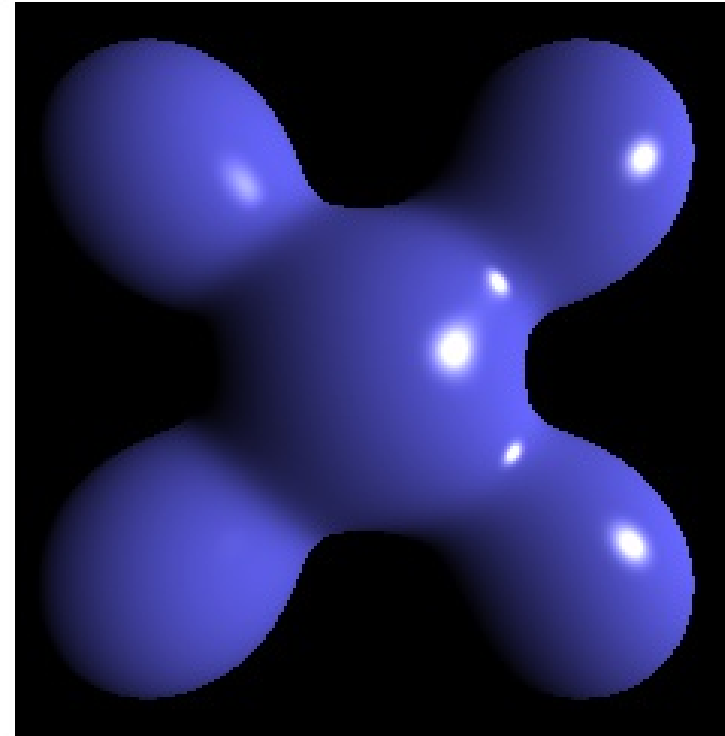
$$E = E_A + \sum_i (E_D + E_S)/(c_0 + c_1d_i + c_2d_i^2)$$



Blinn-Phong Model



Phong



Blinn-Phong



Simplified Calculation (Blinn, 1977)

Light sources at infinity (directional light sources)

- in the entire scene, constant light vectors \vec{l}_i

Parallel projection (observer at infinity)

- in the entire scene, the vector \vec{v} is constant



Simplification

If both previous conditions are met, we can use $(\vec{h}_i \cdot \vec{n})^{4h}$ instead of $(\vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{v})^h$

Half-way vector $\vec{h}_i = (\vec{l}_i + \vec{v}) / |\vec{l}_i + \vec{v}|$
– \vec{h}_i is constant everywhere

Sometimes this simplification is called “**Blinn-Phong model**”



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