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## 3-D Vector Radiative Transfer for Vegetation Cover Polarized BRDF Modeling

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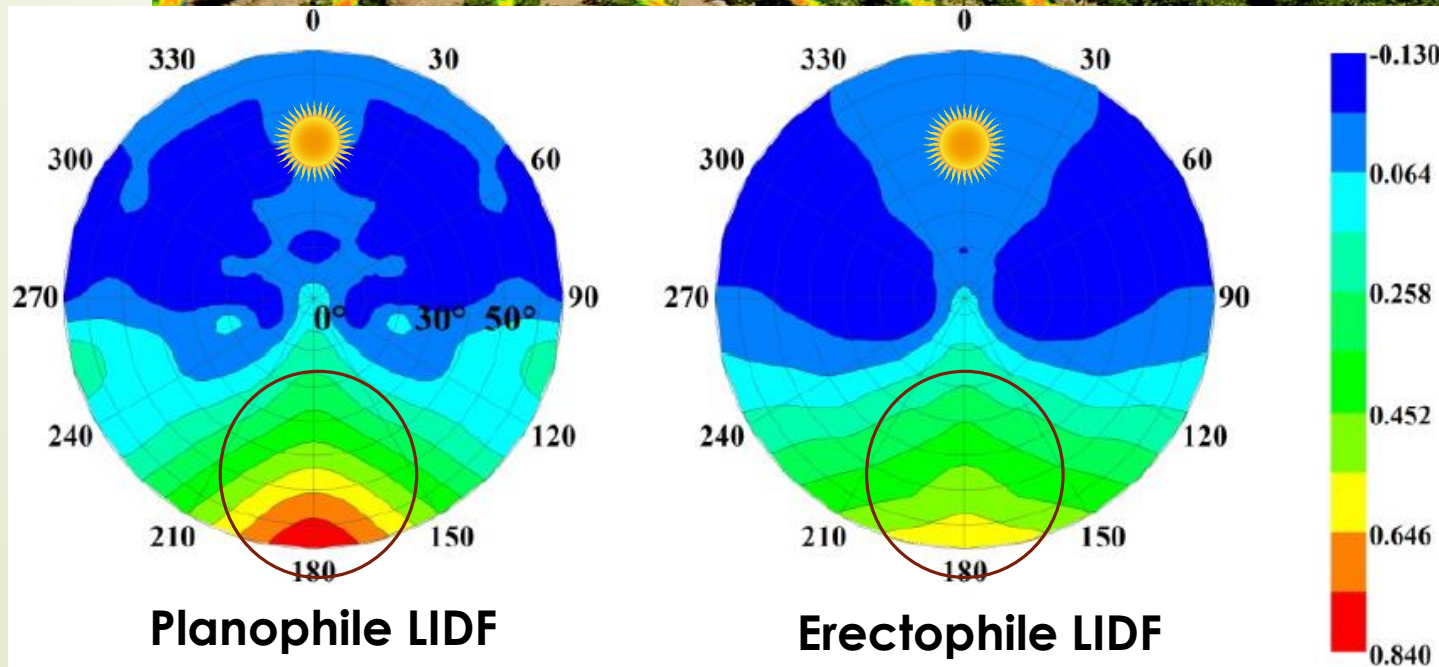
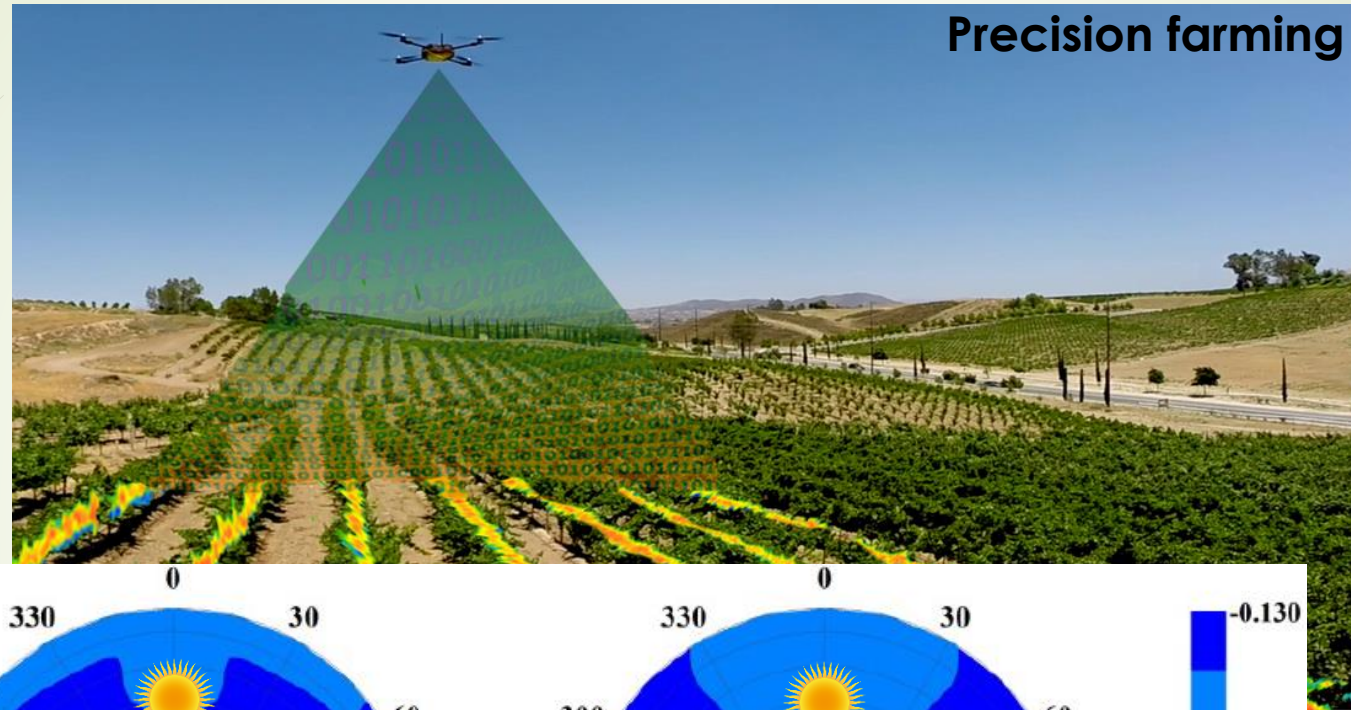
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# Problematic



## Polarimetric camera



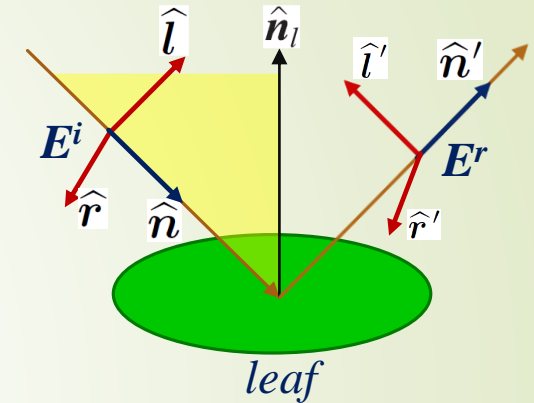
# Leaf interception and reflection

- $E^i$  : Transverse plane wave

$$E^i = E_l^i \hat{l} + E_r^i \hat{r}$$

- Stokes vector

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \begin{pmatrix} E_l E_l^* + E_r E_r^* \\ E_l E_l^* - E_r E_r^* \\ -E_l E_r^* - E_r E_l^* \\ j(E_r E_l^* - E_l E_r^*) \end{pmatrix}$$



- Leaf partially reflects specularly incident light

$$E_l^r = R_l E_l^i$$

$$E_r^r = R_r E_r^i$$

- In terms of Stokes vector :

Mueller matrix:  $M$

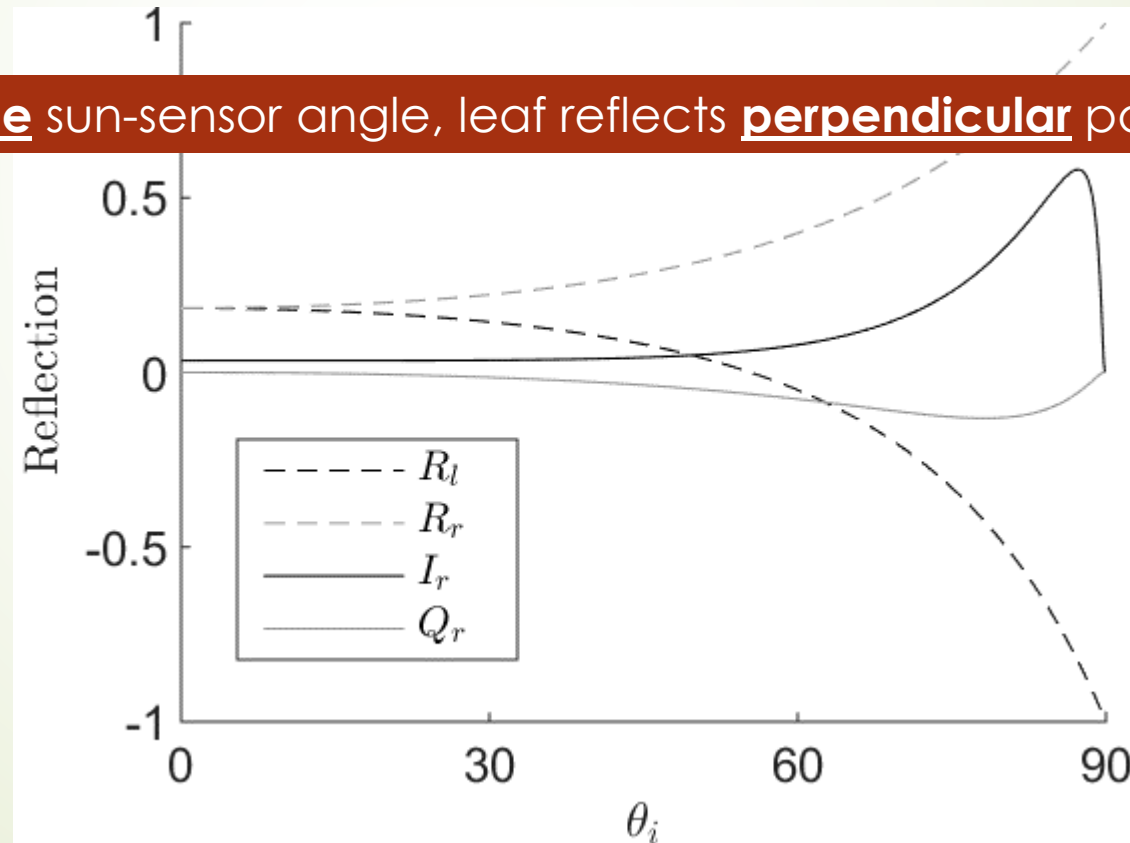
$$\mathbf{I}_r = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} R_l^2 + R_r^2 & R_l^2 - R_r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ R_l^2 - R_r^2 & R_l^2 + R_r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2R_l R_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2R_l R_r \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_i$$

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# Polarization example

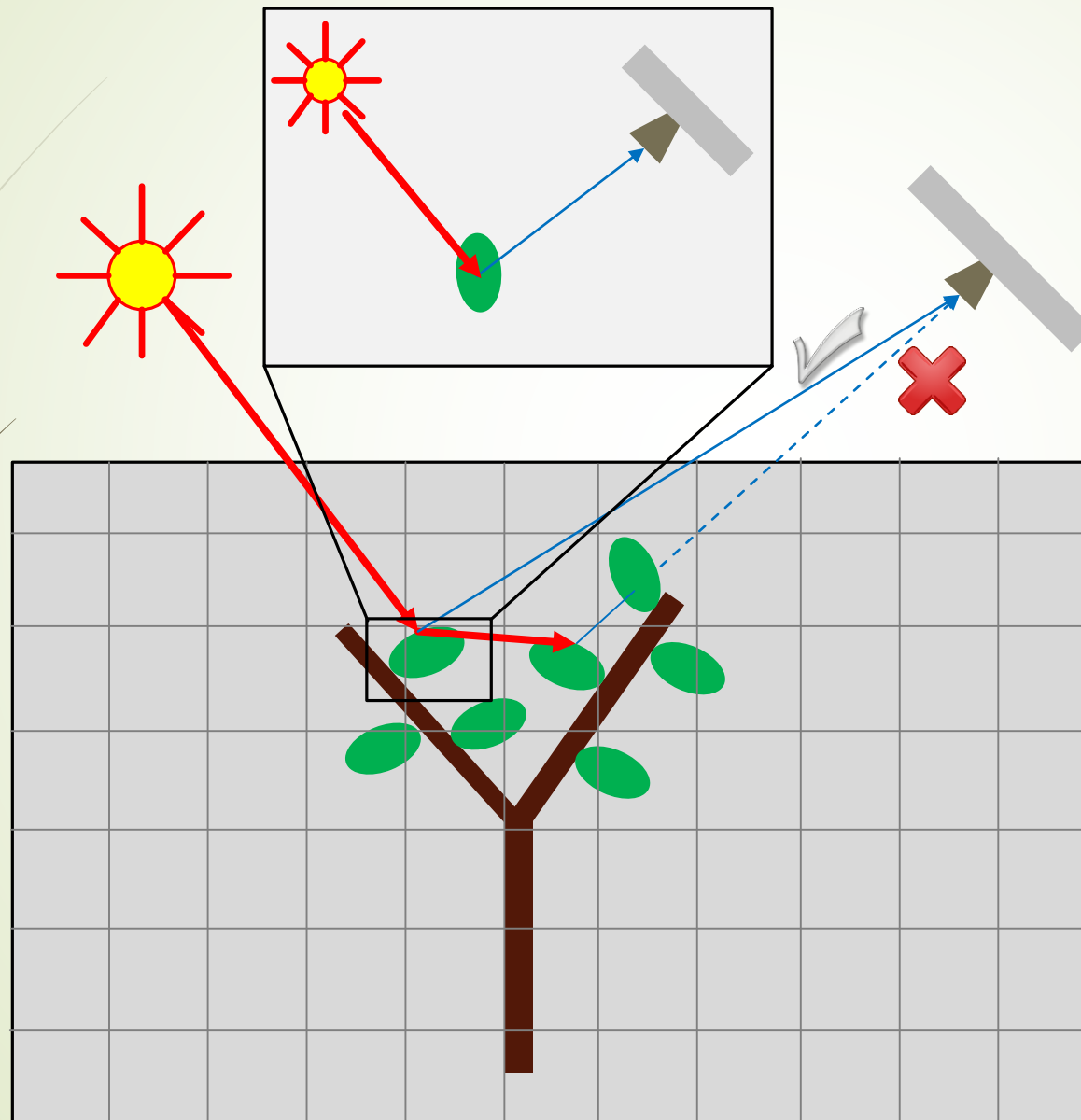
Incident light is unpolarized :  $\mathbf{I}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}_r = \begin{bmatrix} I_r \\ Q_r \\ U_r \\ V_r \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} R_l^2 + R_r^2 \\ R_l^2 - R_r^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

For large sun-sensor angle, leaf reflects perpendicular polarized light



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# Monte Carlo: Ray Tracing



## Tracking

- Voxel by voxel
- Interception checking

## Scattering

- Bi-Lambertian scattering
  - Random direction
  - Polarization remove
- Specular reflection
  - Specular direction
  - Polarization introduction

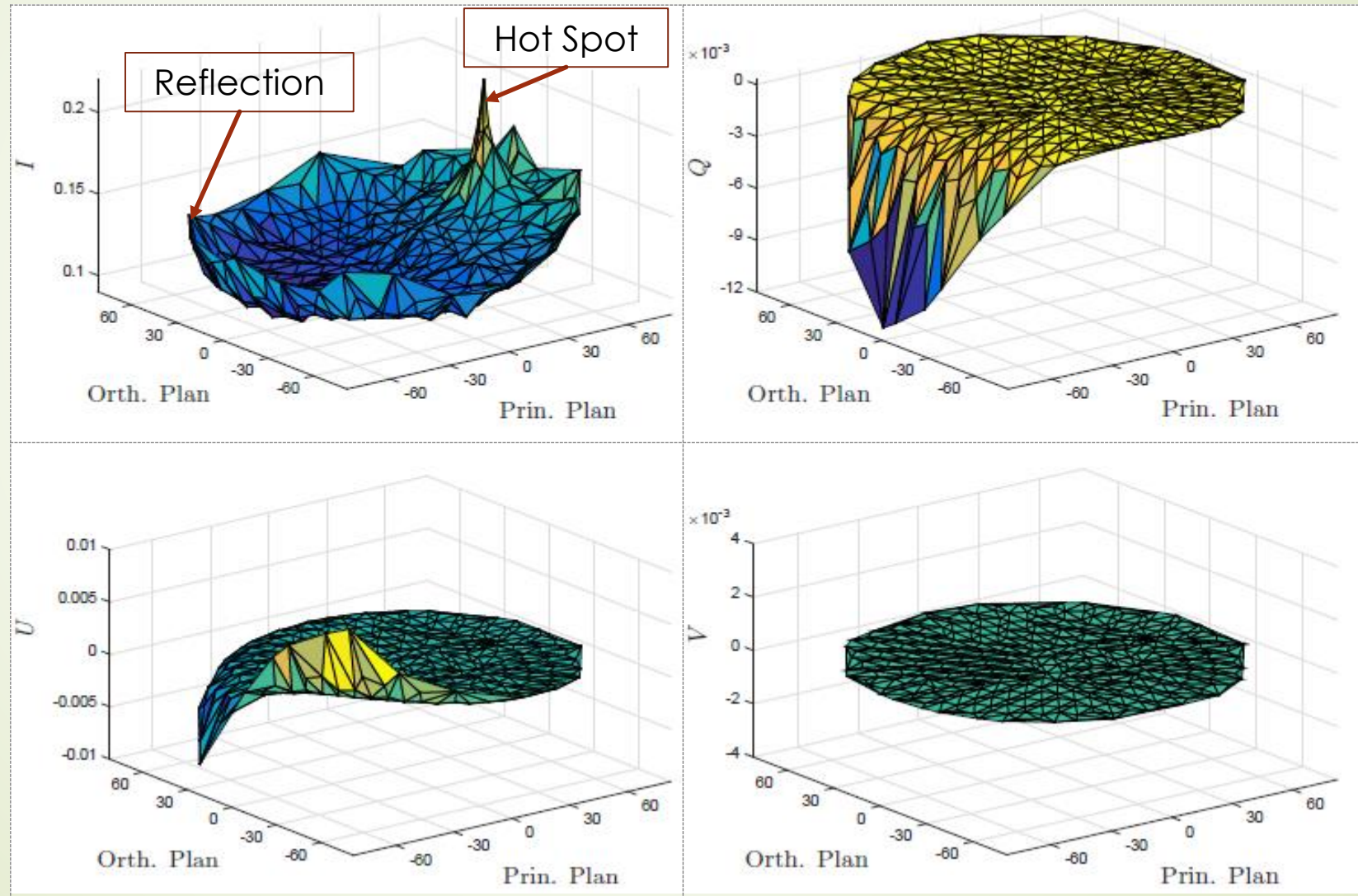
## Reflectance

- Photon spreading
- Non-stationary MC:
  - leaf orientation randomize
  - Probability of reaching the sensor

# Experimental Results

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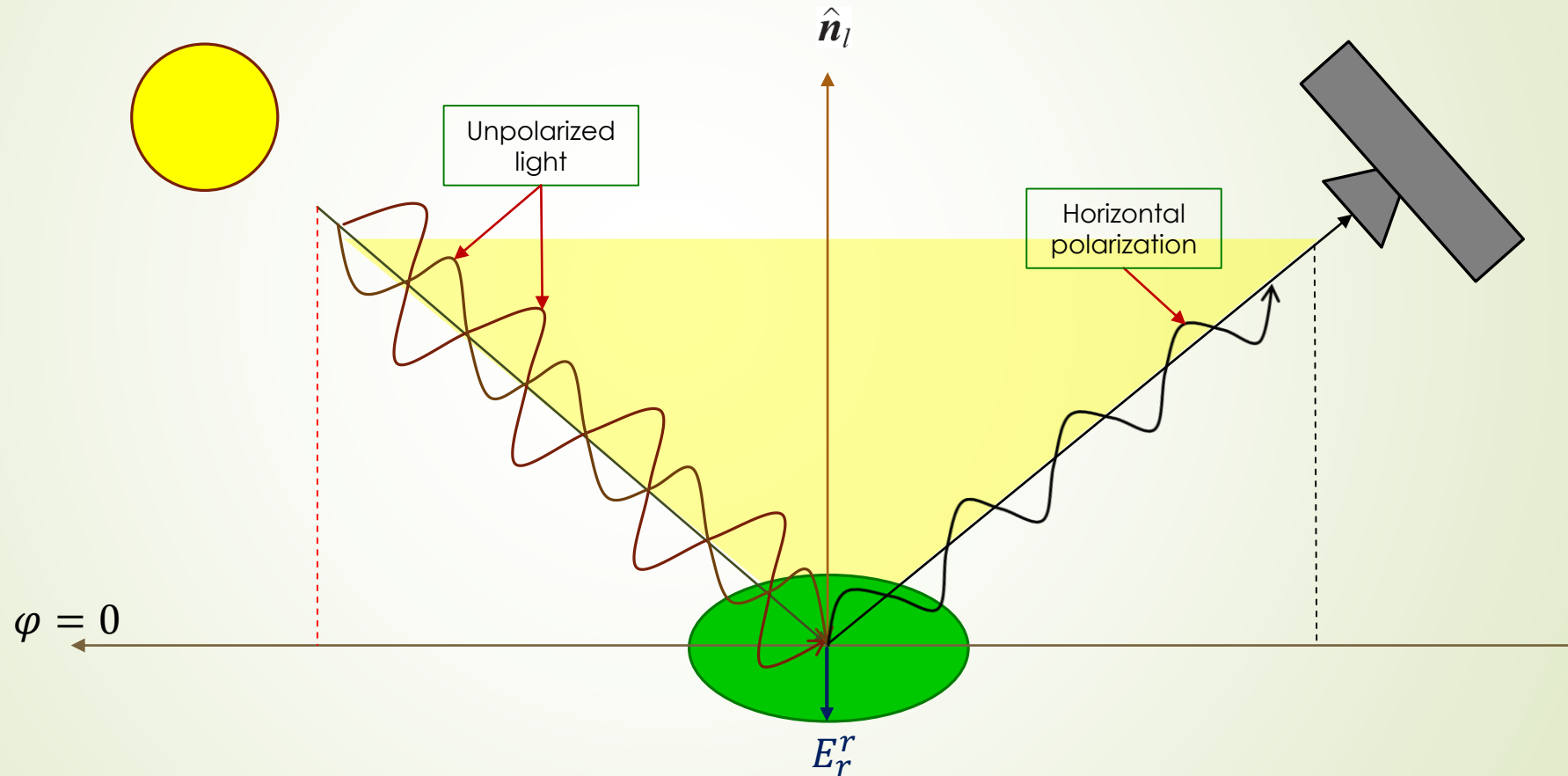
LAI=2;  $(\rho, \tau) = (0.2, 0.2)$ ; LiDF=planophile;  $\theta_s = 50^\circ$ ;



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# Forward Interpretation:

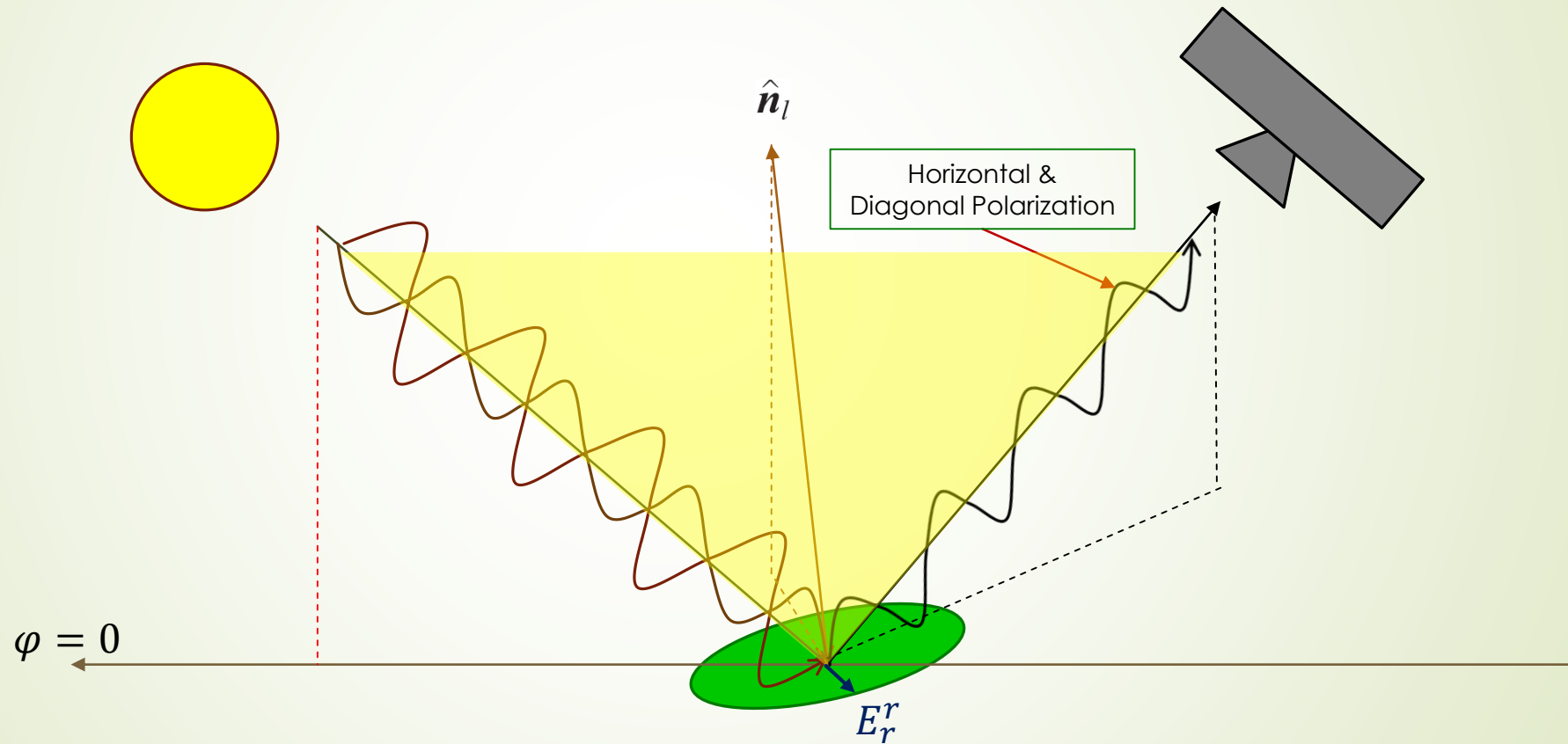
## Horizontal polarization





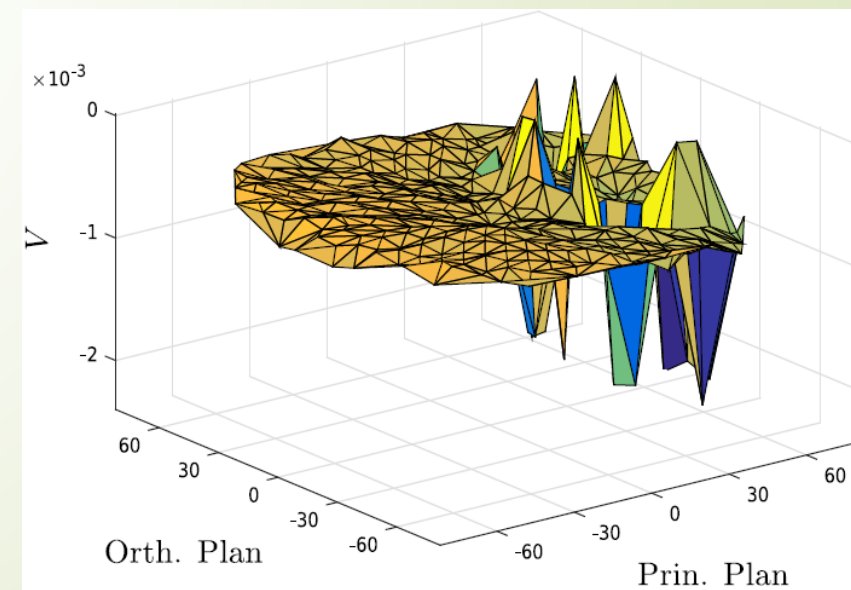
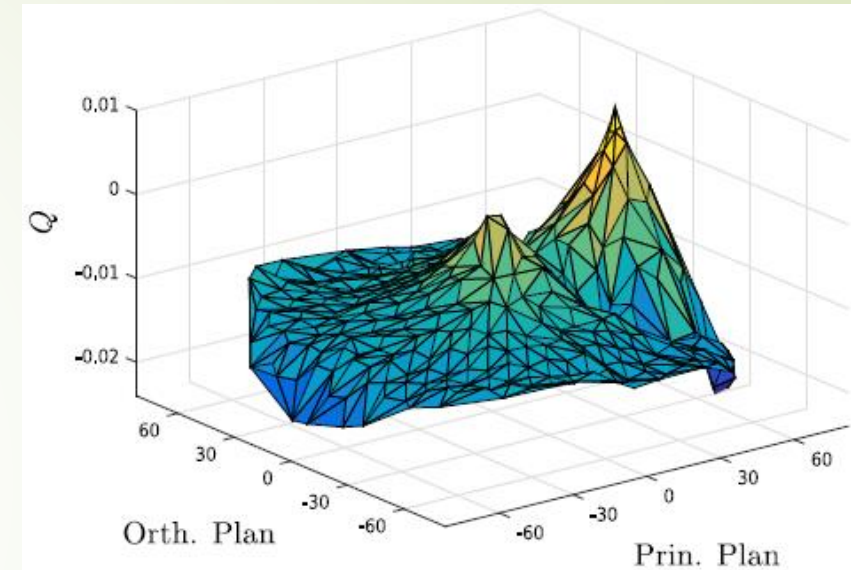
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# Inclined-Forward Interpretation: Diagonal Polarization



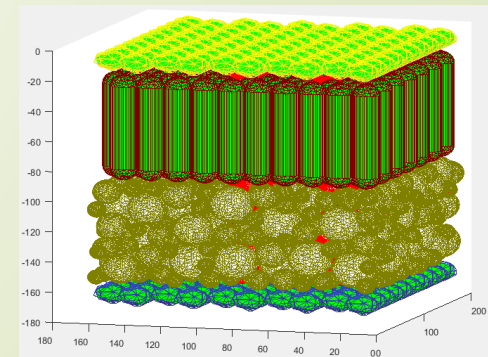
# More realistic results

- ▶ Leaves produce negative polarization: coherent scattering in the backscattering direction (Martin et al. 2010)
- ▶ Leaves produce circular polarization: circular dichroism due to the asymmetric chlorophyll absorption (Martin et al. 2010)



# Conclusion

- Forward VRTM is proposed
  - Mueller Matrix
  - Monte Carlo ray tracing
- Results
  - Leaves highly polarize light for high sun-sensor angles
  - Horizontal polarization is observed in forward direction
  - Diagonal polarization is observed in the inclined-forward direction
- Perspectives
  - Extend the model to simulate polarization within leaves
  - Couple within leaves and within canopy models



Thank you for your attention