

Radiosity

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Outline

- Radiosity Methods
 - Assumptions
 - Basic principle
 - Radiosity equation
 - Iterative methods
 - Meshing
 - Instant radiosity

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Radiosity - Overview

- Globall Illumination Computation
- Assumption: Diffuse surfaces
- Energy transport
 - Balance of emitted and absorbed energy
 - Origin in heat transfer simulation

Example



From Cohen, Chen, Wallace and Greenberg 1988

Basic Properties

- Illumination computed for planar patches
 - Finite element method
- View independent solution
 - Long preprocessing (1x)
 - Fast viewing (Nx)
- Good soft shadows, bad sharp shadows
- Cannot simulate specular reflection/refraction

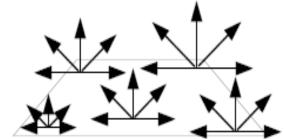
Assumption #1: Diffuse emission and reflection

- Directionally independent radiance
- Diffuse emitor
 - Equal radiance in all directions
- Reflection on a diffuse patch

$$\mathsf{B}\left(\mathbf{x}\right) = \rho_{\mathsf{d}}(\mathbf{x}) \ ^{*}E\left(\mathbf{x}\right)$$

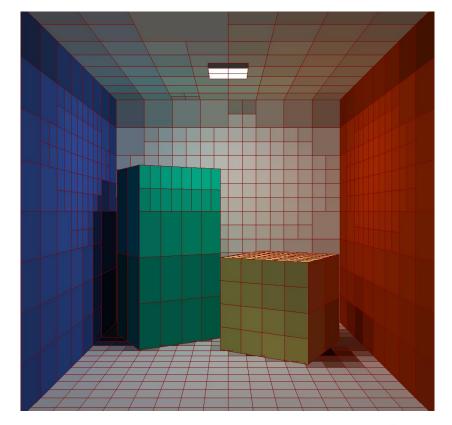
B ... radiosity [W/m²] E ... irradiance [W/m²] ρ_{d} reflectivity

View independent solution

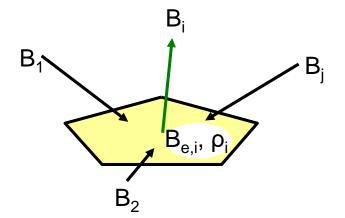


Assumption #2: Constant radiosity on patches

- Scene subdivision to patches
- Piecewise constant approximation of radiosity



Radiosity Equation



$$B_i = B_{e,i} +
ho_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N B_j \cdot F_{ij}$$

radiosity B_i self emmision $B_{e,i}$ (E_i) reflectivity ρ_i form factor F_{ii}

Form Factor

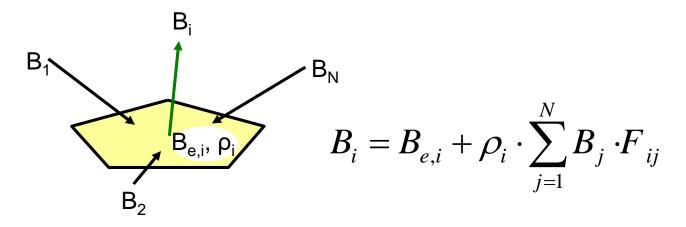
- Form factor F_{ii}
 - Portion of energy from Ai reaching Aj

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_i} \frac{v(x_i, x_j) \cos\phi_i \cos\phi_j}{\pi r^2} dA_j dA_i$$

$$A_i F_{ij} = A_j F_{ji}$$

Radiosity Equation

Leads to system of N equations with unknowns B_i



$$\begin{vmatrix} A_i B_i = A_i B_{e,i} + \rho_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N A_j B_j \cdot F_{ji} \end{vmatrix} A_i F_{ij} = A_j F_{ji}$$

Power formulation

Solving Radiosity Equation

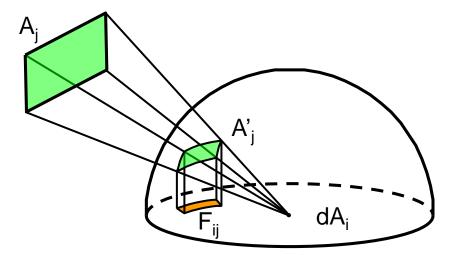
- Linear system: N equations with N uknowns (radiosities)
 - $-B_i$... (uknown)
 - *B*_{e,i} ...(known)
 - $-\rho_i$... (known)
 - F_{ii} ... form factors
 - · Have to be computed, known when solving the system

$$B_{i} = B_{e,i} + \rho_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{N} B_{j} F_{ij}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho_1 F_{1 \to 1} & -\rho_1 F_{1 \to 2} & \dots & -\rho_1 F_{1 \to n} \\ -\rho_2 F_{2 \to 1} & 1 - \rho_2 F_{2 \to 2} & \dots & -\rho_2 F_{2 \to n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \dots \\ B_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{e,1} \\ B_{e,2} \\ \dots \\ B_{e,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Configuration Factor Fij

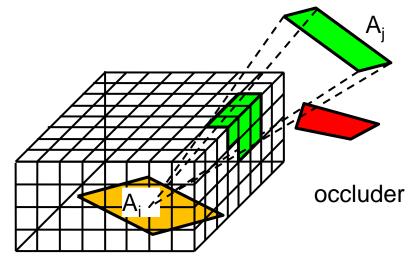
- Part of energy emmitted by patch i to patch j
 or
- How patch i sees patch j (Nusselt analogy)



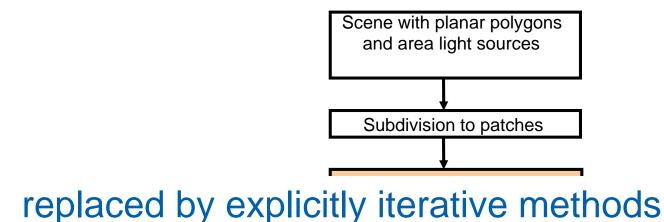
Computing F_{ij} using Hemicube

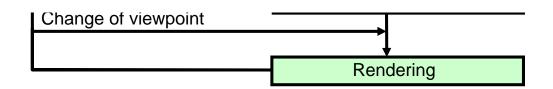
- Hemicube instead of Hemisphere
- Configuration factors from patch projections
 - Cell weights (δ factors)

- z-buffer



Classical Computation Scheme





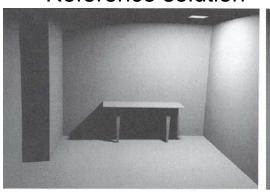
Iterative Methods

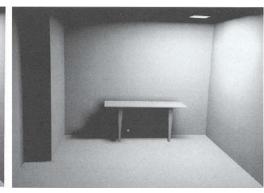
- Progressive radiosity
 - Southwell iteration: shooting energy from brightest patches
- Hierarchical radiosity
 - Patches in a hierarchy
 - Energy transfer between hierarchy nodes
- Stochastic radiosity (Monte-Carlo)
 - Using rays to stochastically distribute energy (random walk)
 - Diffuse ray reflection
 - Register #hits per patch
 - No form-factor computation needed!

Meshing

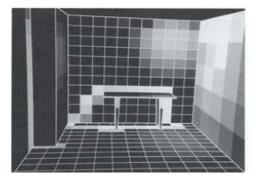
Reference solution

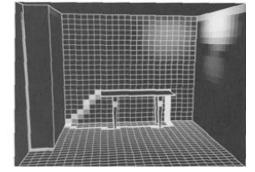






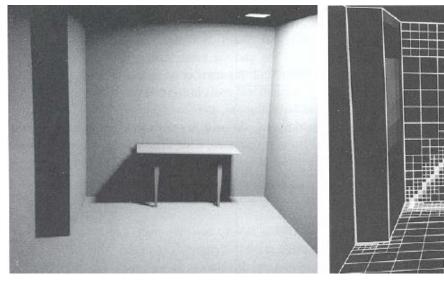
coarse

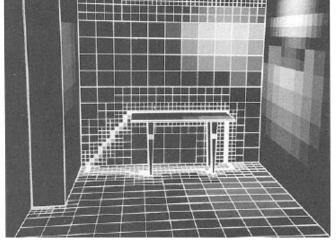




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Adaptive Subdivision



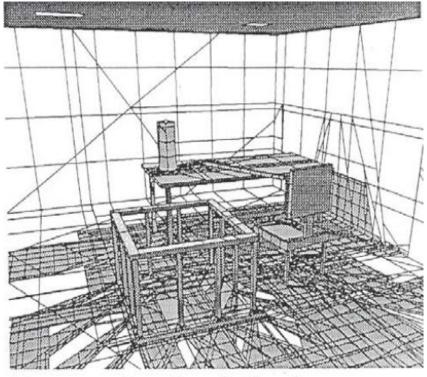


solution

adaptive subdivision

Discontinuity Meshing

Subdivision along illumination discontinuities



From Campbell et al.

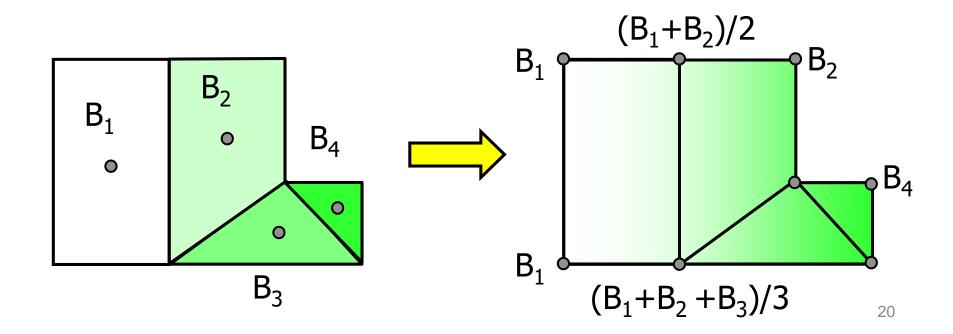
Discontinuity Meshing - Example



From Lischinski, Tampieri, Greenberg 1992

Radiosity and Shading

- Radiosity determines patch color at patch center
- For Gouraud shading values at vertices needed

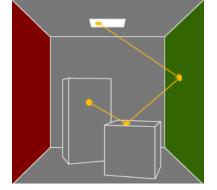


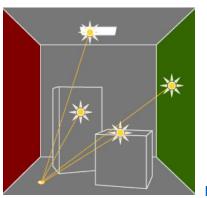
Instant Radiosty

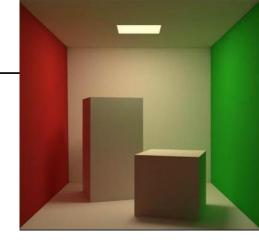
- Use many virtual point lights (VPLs)
- No explicit meshing needed!
- 1. Create VPLs
 - Shoot photons
 - Random walk

2. Render

- For each VPL
- Render with shadows



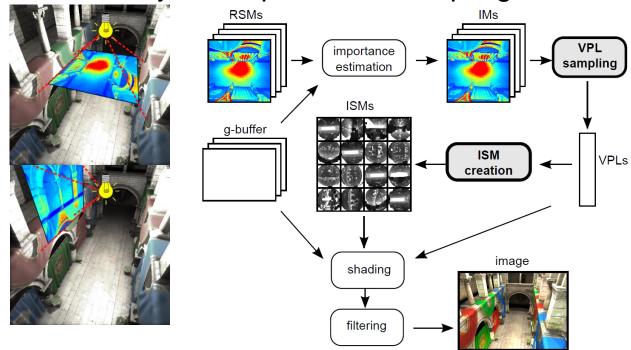




Temporally Coherent VPL Sampling

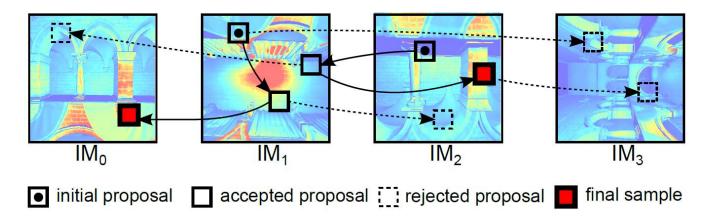
Global illumination using instant radiosity (many VPLs)

Improve stability of adaptive VPL sampling



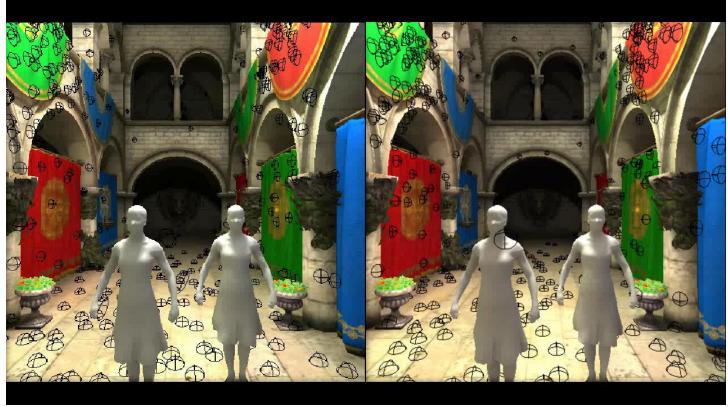
Temporally Coherent VPLs

- Metropolis-Hastings sampling
- Independent Markov chain



[Temporally Coherent Adaptive Sampling for Imperfect Shadow Maps (2013)]

Temporally Coherent VPLs



CDF sampling

Our method

Radiosity - DEMO

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