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# Radiosity

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# Outline

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

# Radiosity - Overview

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

# Example

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**From Cohen, Chen, Wallace and Greenberg 1988**

# Basic Properties

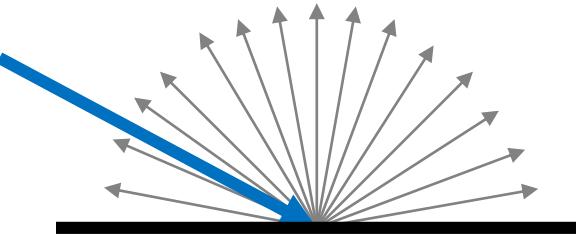
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- Illumination computed for planar patches
  - Finite element method
- View independent solution
  - Long preprocessing ( $1x$ )
  - Fast viewing ( $Nx$ )
- Cannot simulate specular reflection/refraction
- Good soft shadows, bad sharp shadows

## Assumption #1: Diffuse emission and reflection

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



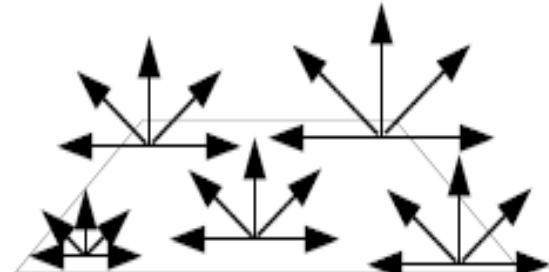
$$B(x) = \rho_d(x) E(x)$$

$B(x)$  ... radiosity [W/m<sup>2</sup>]

$E(x)$  ... irradiance [W/m<sup>2</sup>]

$\rho_d(x)$  ... diffuse reflectivity (albedo)

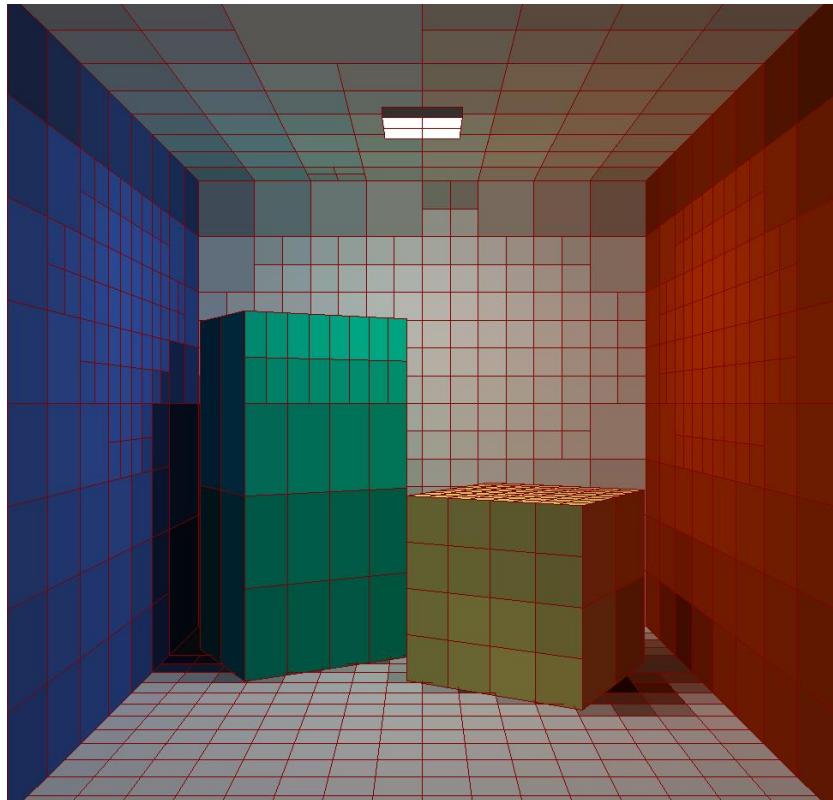
- View independent reflection



## Assumption #2: Constant radiosity on patches

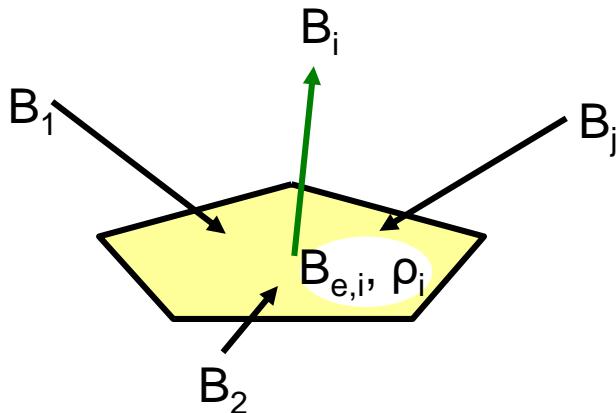
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- Scene subdivision to patches
- Piecewise constant approximation of radiosity



# Radiosity Equation

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

radiosity  $B_i$   
self emission  $B_{e,i}$  ( $E_i$ )  
reflectivity (albedo)  $\rho_i$   
form factor  $F_{ij}$

# Form Factor

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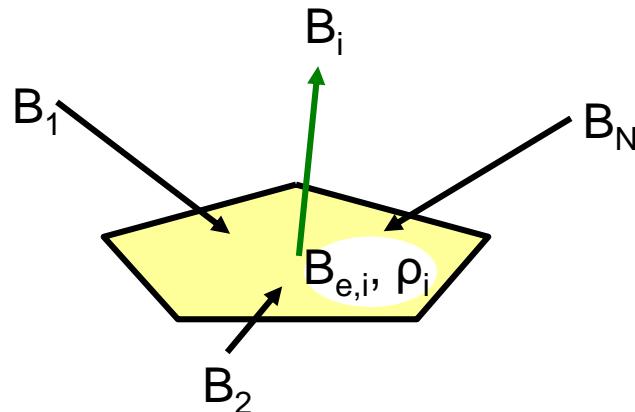
- Form factor  $F_{ij}$ 
  - Portion of energy from i reaching j (energy  $i \rightarrow j$ )

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

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

# Radiosity Equation

- Leads to system of N equations with unknowns  $B_i$



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

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

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

Power formulation

# Solving Radiosity Equation

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- Linear system:  $N$  equations with  $N$  unknowns (radiosities)

- $B_i$  ... (unknown)
- $B_{e,i}$  ... (known)
- $\rho_i$  ... (known)
- $F_{ij}$  ... form factors
  - Have to be computed, known when solving the system

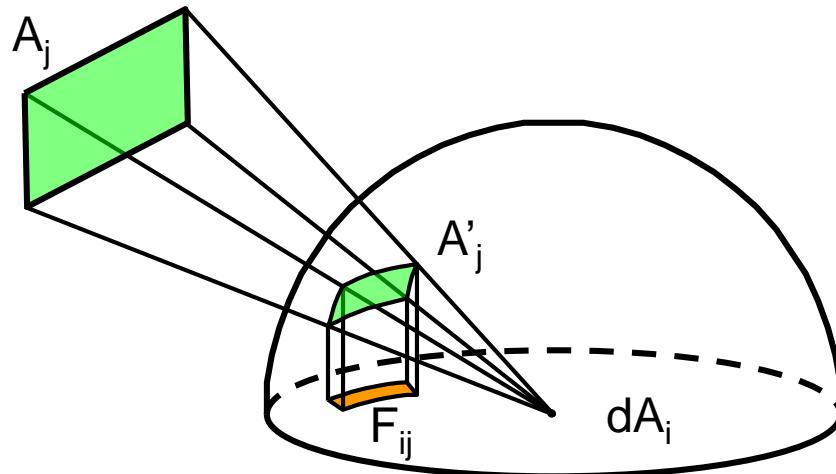
$$B_i = B_{e,i} + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^N B_j F_{ij}$$

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

# Configuration Factor $F_{ij}$

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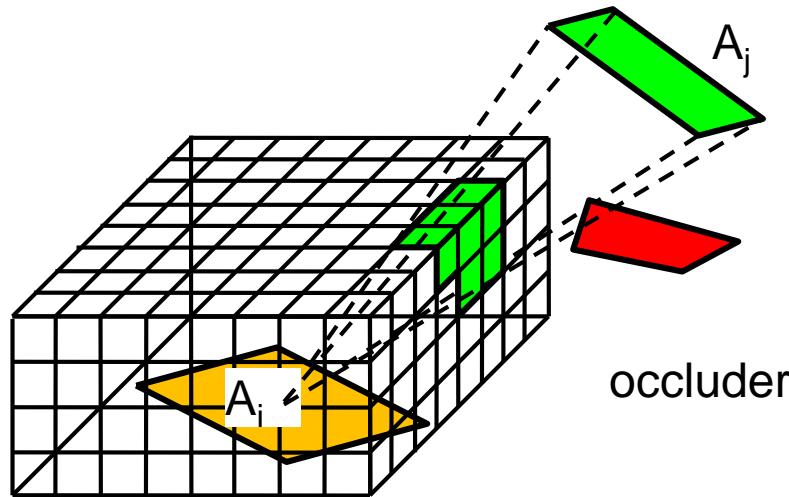
- Part of energy emitted by patch  $i$  to patch  $j$
- or
- How patch  $i$  sees patch  $j$  (Nusselt analogy)



# Computing $F_{ij}$ using Hemicube

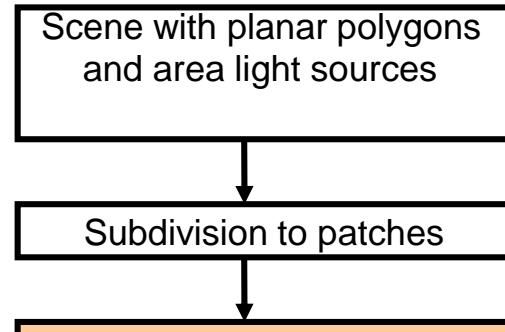
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- Hemicube instead of Hemisphere
- Configuration factors from patch projections
  - Cell weights ( $\delta$  factors)
  - z-buffer

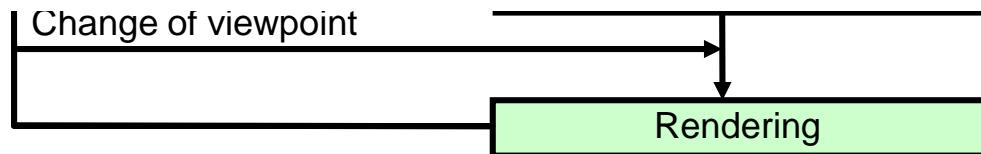


# Classical Computation Scheme

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replaced by explicitly iterative methods



# Progressive Radiosity

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Idea: shooting (unshot) energy from brightest patches

generate mesh by subdividing polygons into elements

for each element i

$b_i \leftarrow e_i$  //radiosity

$\Delta b_i \leftarrow e_i$  //unshot radiosity

until convergence (quantitative, or user gets impatient)

i = index of element with maximum “unshot power”  $A_i \Delta b_i$

Compute  $F_{ij}$  for all elements j using hemicube or ray tracing

for each element j

$\Delta R_{\text{Rad}} \leftarrow p_j \Delta b_i F_{ij} A_i / A_j$  //incremental radiosity shot from i to j

$b_j \leftarrow b_j + \Delta R_{\text{Rad}}$  //update total radiosity of element j

$\Delta b_j \leftarrow \Delta b_j + \Delta R_{\text{Rad}}$  //update unshot radiosity of element j

$\Delta b_i \leftarrow 0$  //reset unshot radiosity for element i to zero

display scene using radiosities  $b_j$ , if desired

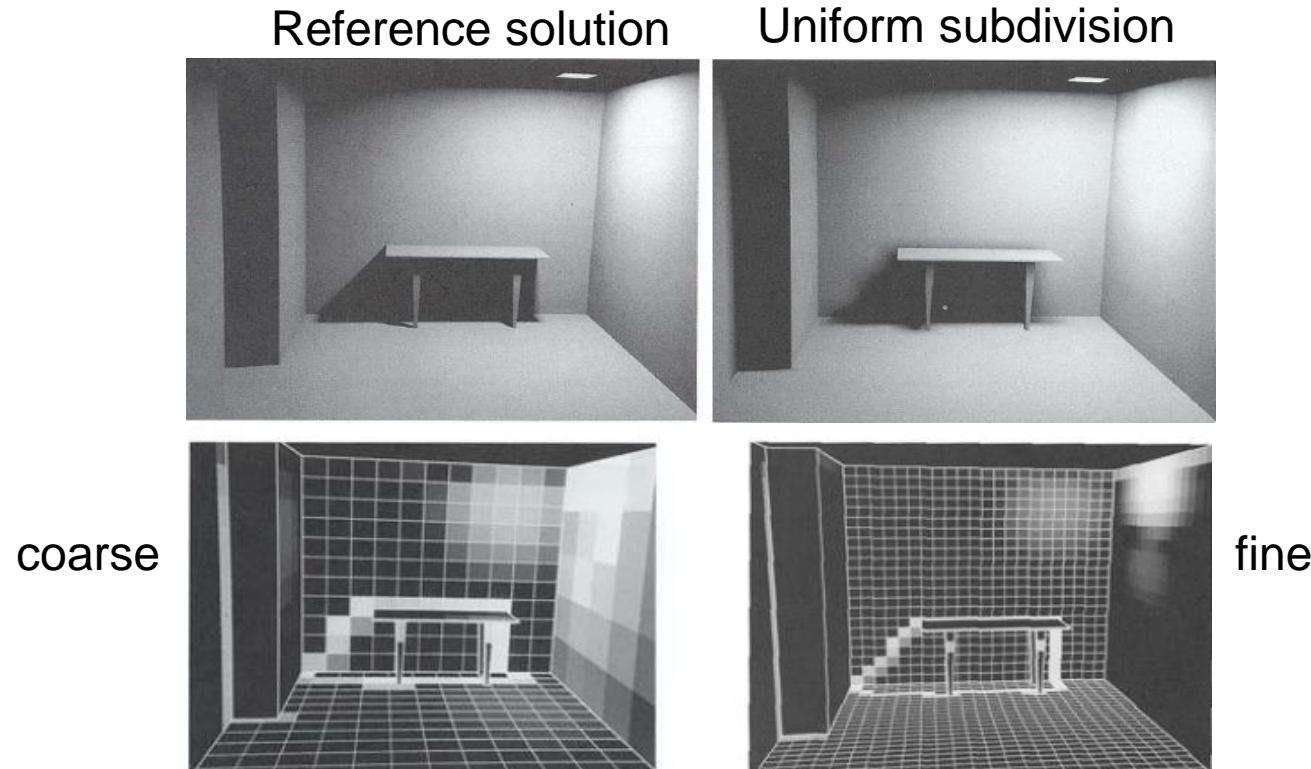
# Other methods

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- 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!

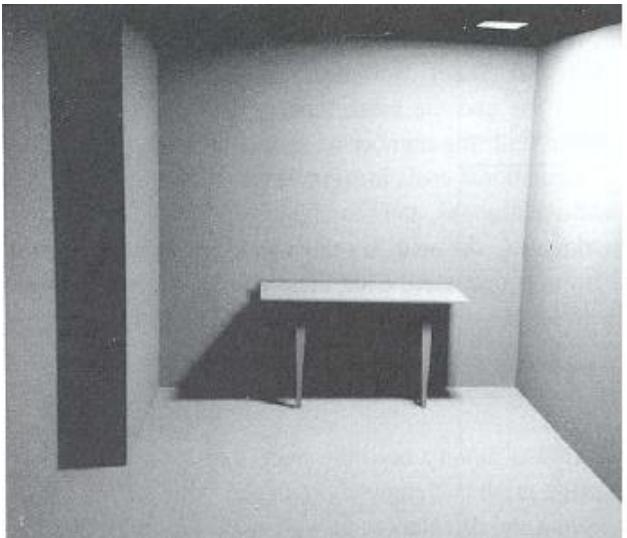
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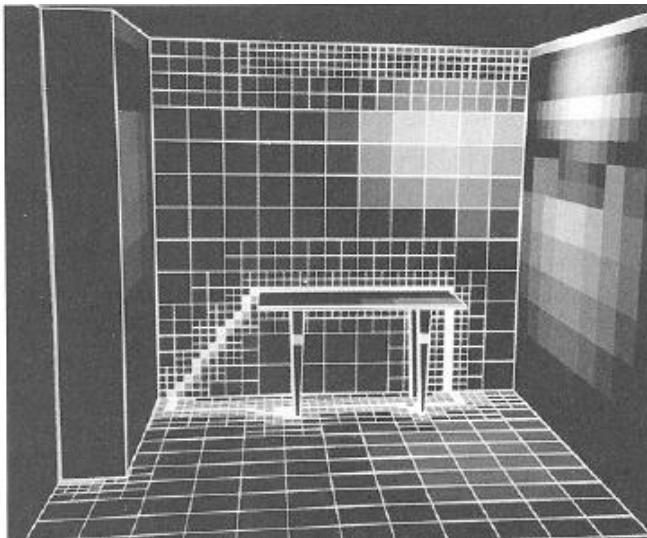


# Adaptive Subdivision

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solution

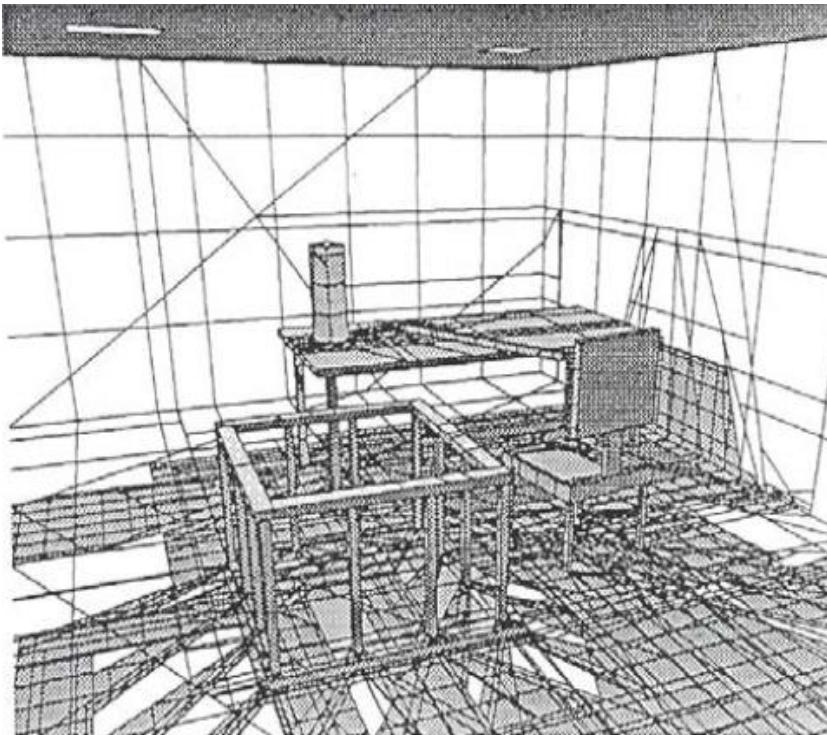


adaptive subdivision

# Discontinuity Meshing

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- Subdivision along illumination discontinuities



From Campbell et al.

# Discontinuity Meshing - Example

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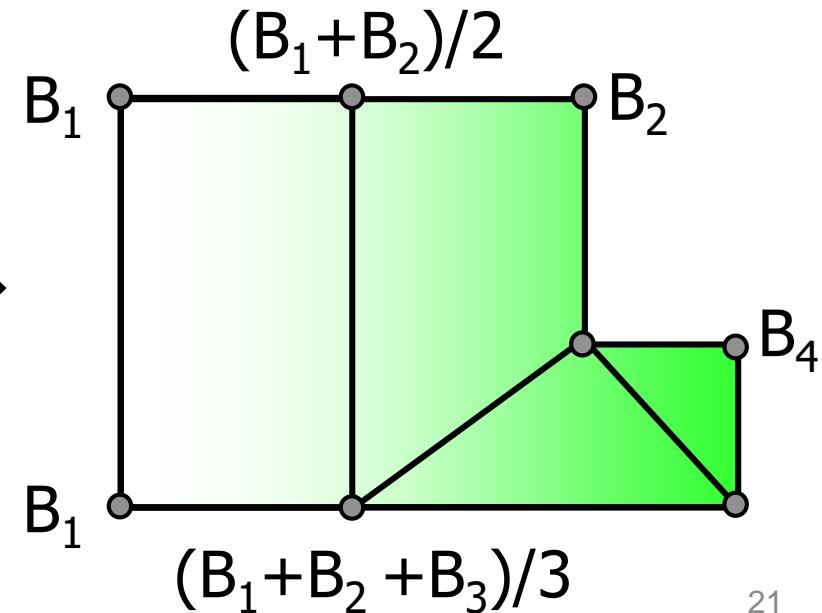
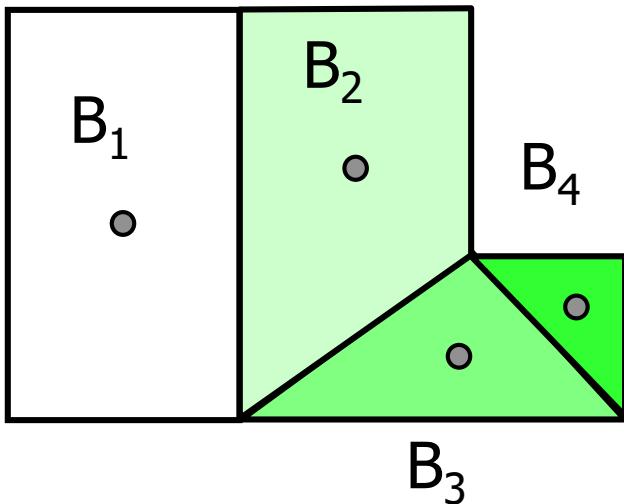


**From Lischinski, Tampieri, Greenberg 1992**

# Radiosity and Shading

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

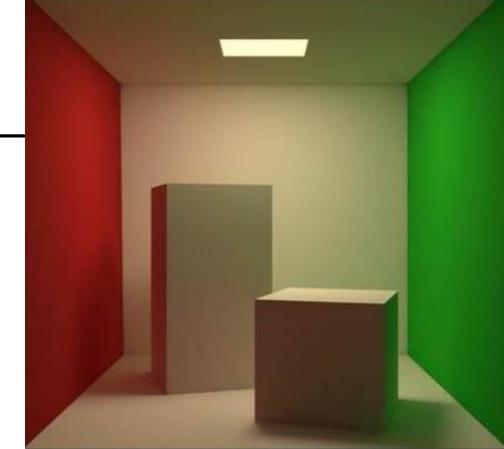
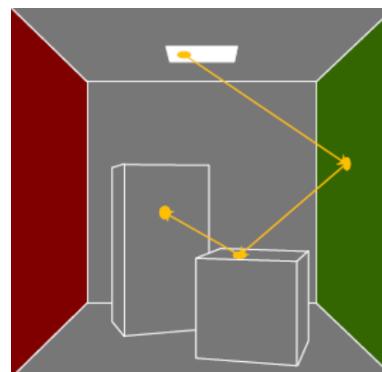


# Instant Radiosity

- Use many virtual point lights (VPLs)
- No patch subdivision needed!

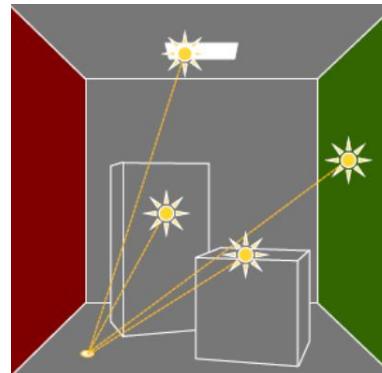
## 1. Create VPLs

- Shoot photons
- Random walk



## 2. Render

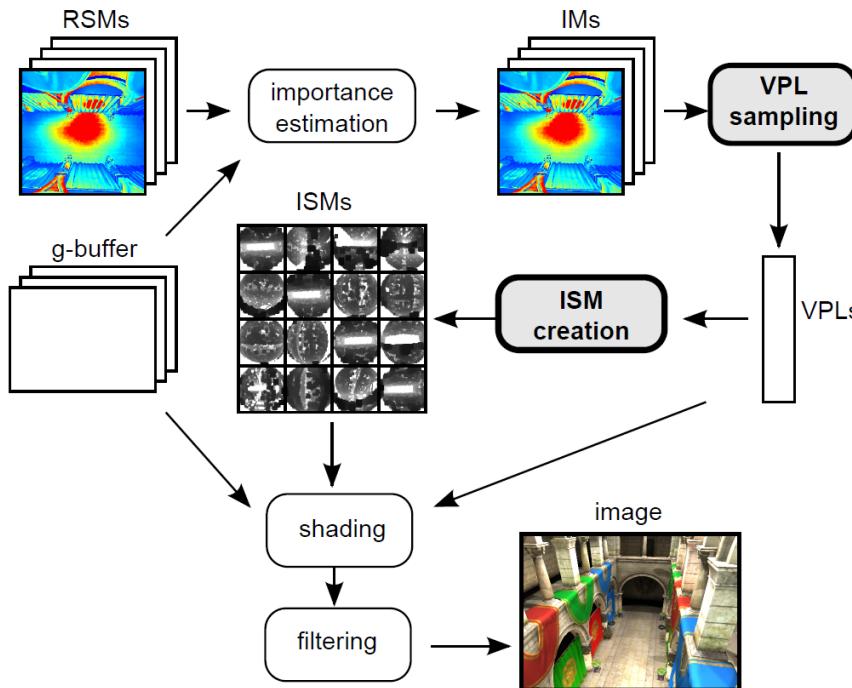
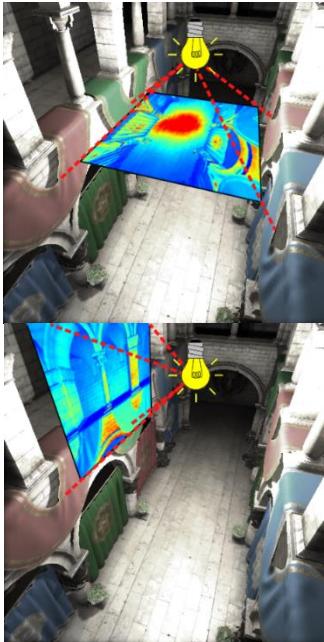
- For each VPL
- Render with shadows



Images courtesy of M. Hasan 22

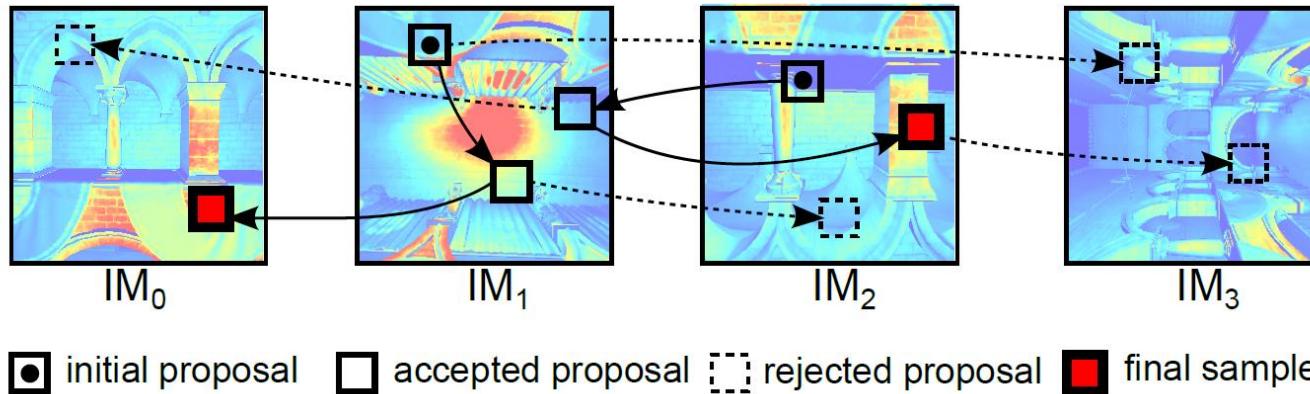
# Temporally Coherent VPL Sampling

- Global illumination using instant radiosity (many VPLs)
- Improve stability of adaptive VPL sampling



# Temporally Coherent VPLs

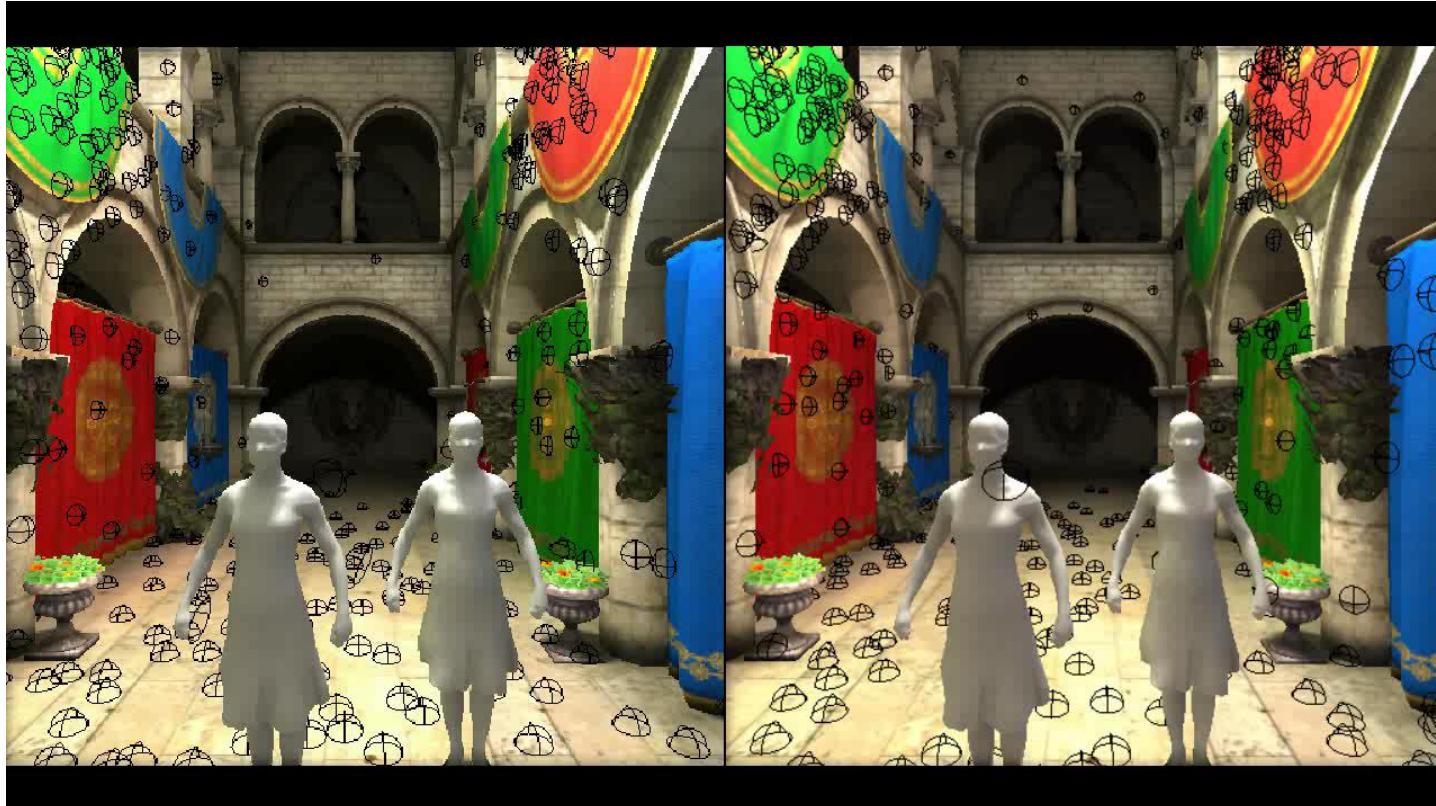
- Metropolis-Hastings sampling
- Independent Markov chain



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

# Temporally Coherent VPLs

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CDF sampling

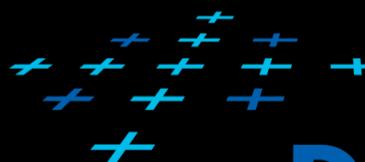
Our method

# Radiosity - DEMO

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Questions?