

Lighting And Material Of Halo3

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Talk Overview

- Introduction
- Halo3 Lighting
- Halo3 Material Model
- HDR Rendering
- Results
- Acknowledgement
- Q&A

Halo2

per pixel light map
per vertex dominant
lightdir+“ambientess”

Bump maps modulates
light map color.

Objects sample LM
and build fake lights.

Bumps only see
single directional
light
Bumps disappear
in shadowy area
Specular from
point lights only
LDR pipeline

CAUTION

Halo3

- What do we want?
 - global illumination
 - handle variety of lighting environments
 - consistent lighting everywhere
 - render bump maps “correctly”
 - complex material under complex lighting
 - HDR

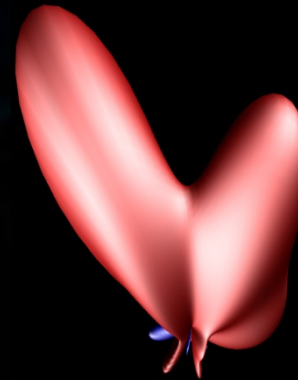
Definitions

- Radiance
 - $L(\omega)$: density of light energy through a given point in a given direction.
- Irradiance
 - I : incident radiance integrated over the hemisphere of the surface normal with the cosine lobe.
- BRDF
 - $f(V, L)$: Bidirectional reflectance distribution function.
- Fresnel
 - F : Predicts ratio of reflected and transmitted light when light travels between different mediums.
 - $F0$: Reflectance at near normal incident angle.

Related Work

- Irradiance Volume [Greger98][ATI05]
- SH Irradiance Environment Map [Ramamoorthi01]
- Pre-computed Radiance Transfer [Sloan02]
- SH Light Maps [Good, Taylor05]
- Sky and Atmosphere [Preetham99][Hoffman02]
- Reflectance Models [CookTorrance82][Schlick94]
- Low Frequency Glossy Material [Kautz02][Sloan03]
- Frequency Space Environment Map [Ramamoorthi02]

SH Irradiance Env Map



[Ramamoorthi00]

$$L_{lm} = \iint_{\theta, \phi} L(\theta, \phi) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi$$

distant radiance in a given direction
 spherical basis evaluated at given angle
 diff solid angle

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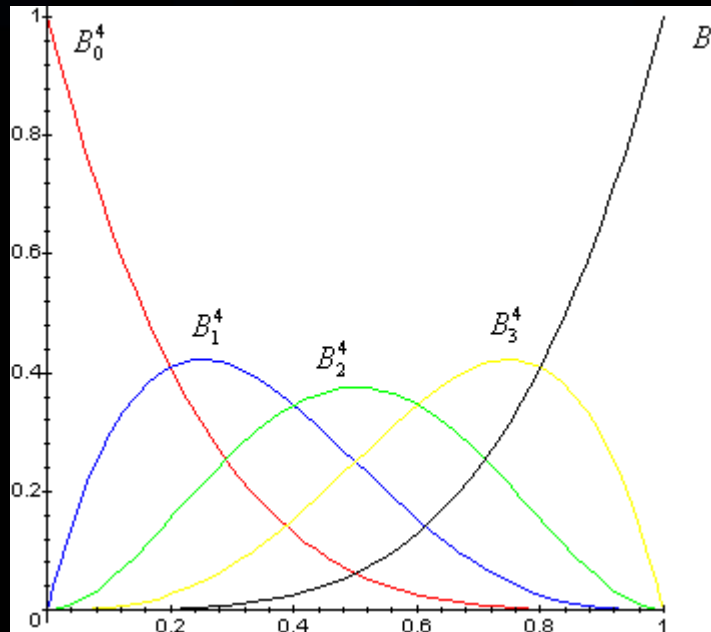
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Harmoniques sphériques

- Base de fonctions
 - Espace vectoriel de ... fonctions
 - Exemple : base de fonction de polynômes



Addon
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Harmoniques sphériques

- Décomposition d'une fonction

$$f(x) = \sum_{i:\text{indices}} f_i \Gamma_i(x)$$

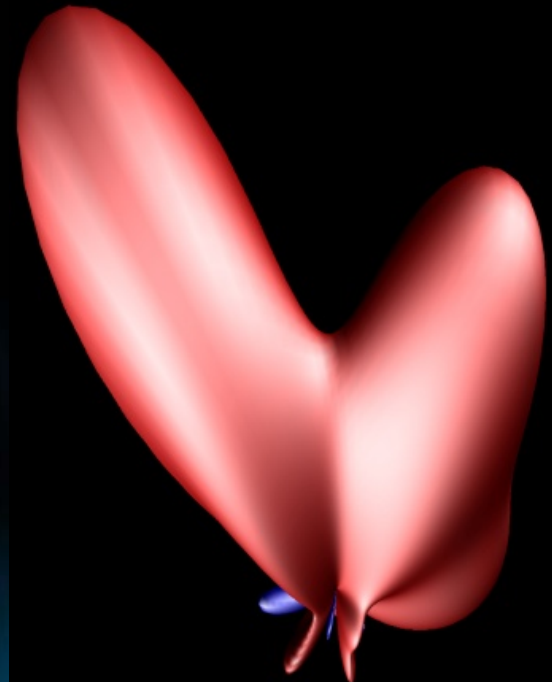
- Intérêt :
 - Précalculs sur les Γ
 - Stocke une fonction avec n coefficients
 - Décomposition en espace
 - Décomposition en fréquence

Harmoniques sphériques

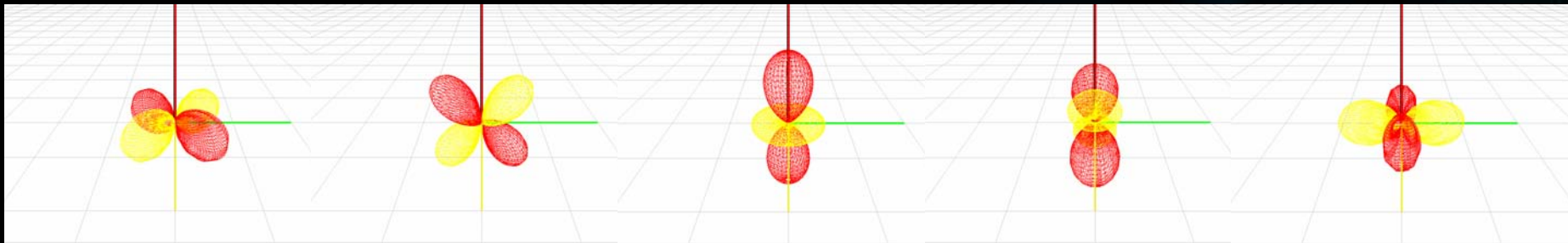
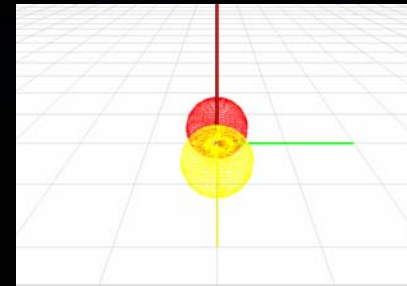
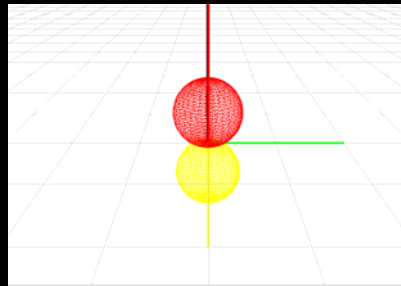
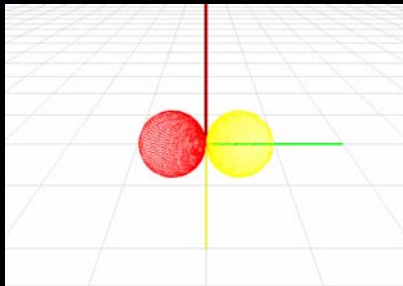
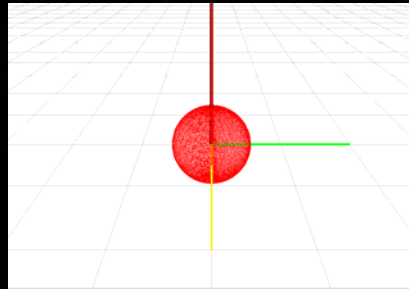
- Problématique :
 - Capturer une fonction variant dans des coordonnées sphériques

Décomposition
en fréquence

En 1 point
donné



Harmoniques sphériques



Harmoniques sphériques

- Décomposition d'une fonction

$$L(\omega) = c_0^0 \times \text{[diagram of } c_0^0 \text{]} +$$

$$c_1^{-1} \times \text{[diagram of } c_1^{-1} \text{]} + c_1^0 \times \text{[diagram of } c_1^0 \text{]} + c_1^1 \times \text{[diagram of } c_1^1 \text{]} +$$

$$c_2^{-2} \times \text{[diagram of } c_2^{-2} \text{]} + c_2^{-1} \times \text{[diagram of } c_2^{-1} \text{]} + c_2^0 \times \text{[diagram of } c_2^0 \text{]} +$$

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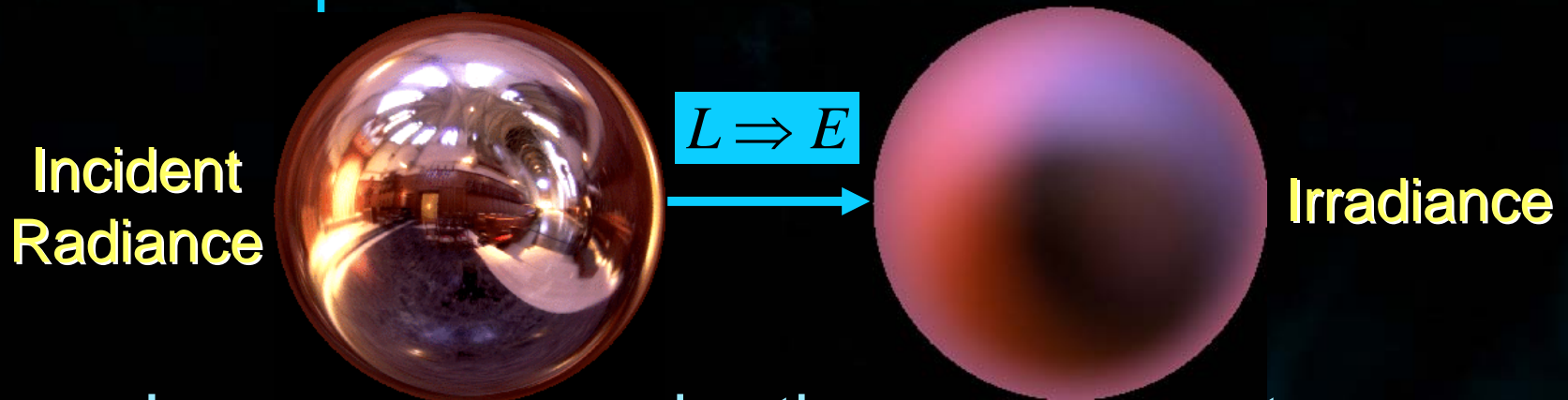
Harmoniques sphériques

- Fonction représentée par un ensemble de coefficient :

$$\Lambda = [c_l^m] = \left[c_0^0 \quad c_1^{-1} \quad \dots \quad c_{n-1}^{n-1} \right]^T$$

Exemple : calcul de l'irradiance

- A priori, pour chaque pixel, intégrale sur l'hémisphère



- Les surfaces lambertiennes agissent comme des filtres passe bas
- Idée : Faire une décomposition (analyse) en fréquence

Harmoniques sphériques

- Sources wolfram :

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$

Coefficient de pondération

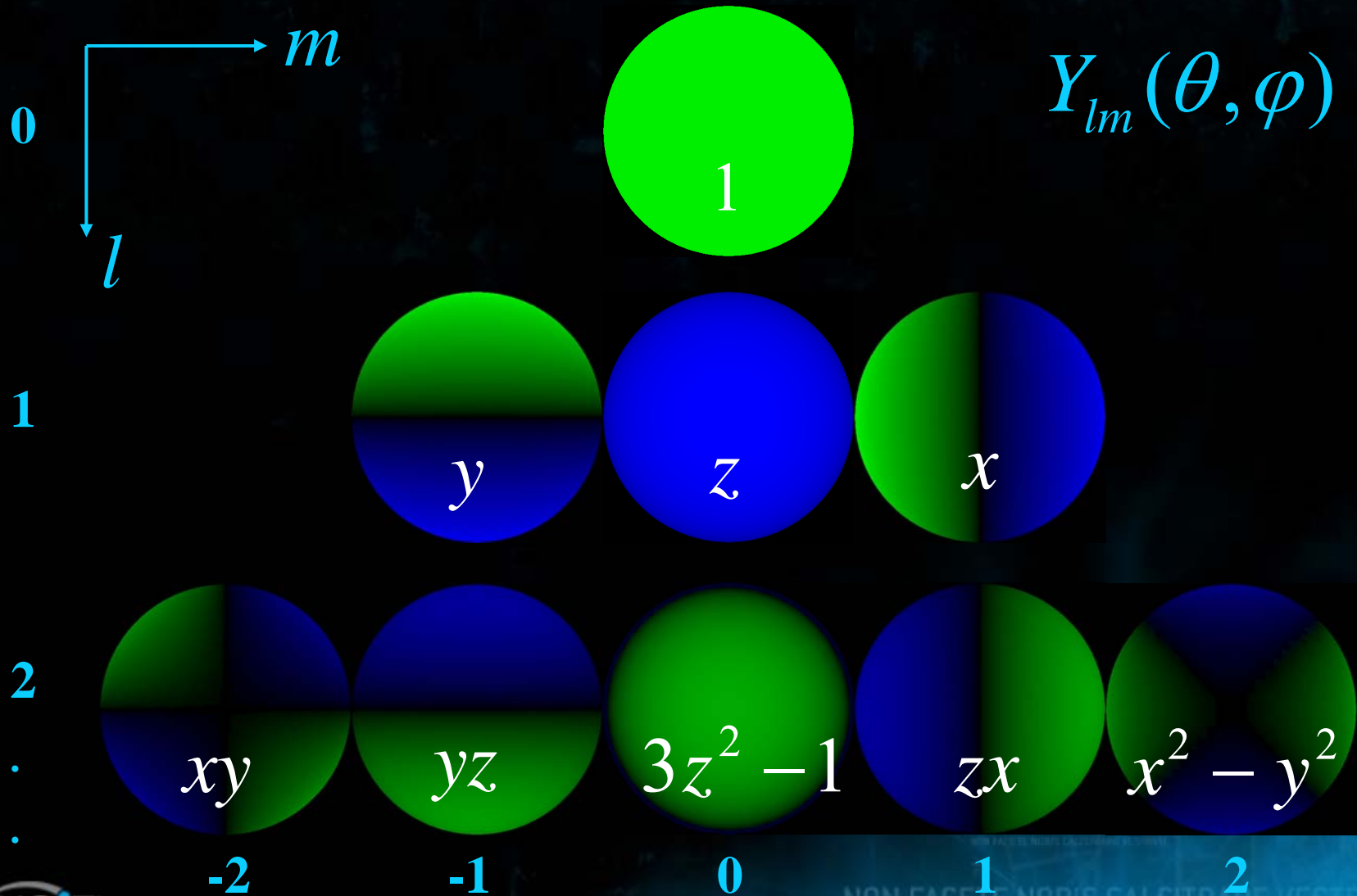
**Polynôme de Legendre
(agit sur le cosinus)**

Exponentielle complexe !

Solution de l'équa. dif.

$$\left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + l(l+1) \right] u = 0,$$

Harmoniques sphériques



Utilisation des harmoniques sphériques

Sur l'illumination (L) et l'irradiance (E)

$$L(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} L_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$E(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{+l} E_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

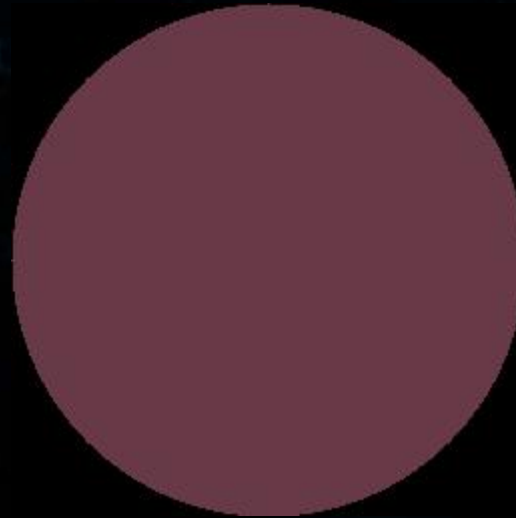


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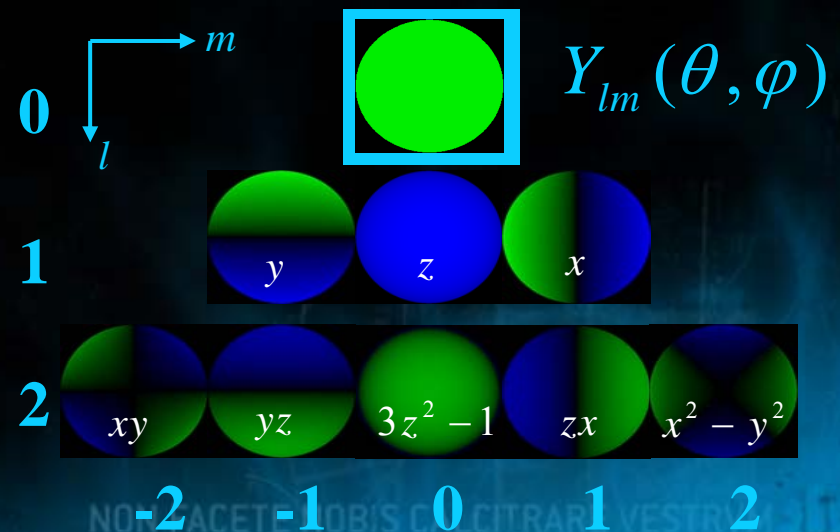
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Ordre 0
1 terme



Erreur RMS = 25 %



Approximation 9 paramètres

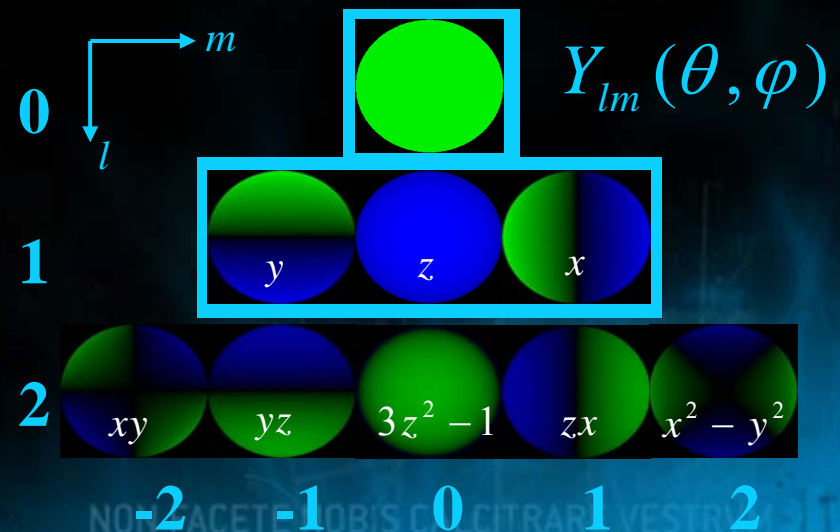
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Ordre 1
4 termes



Erreur RMS = 8%



Approximation 9 paramètres

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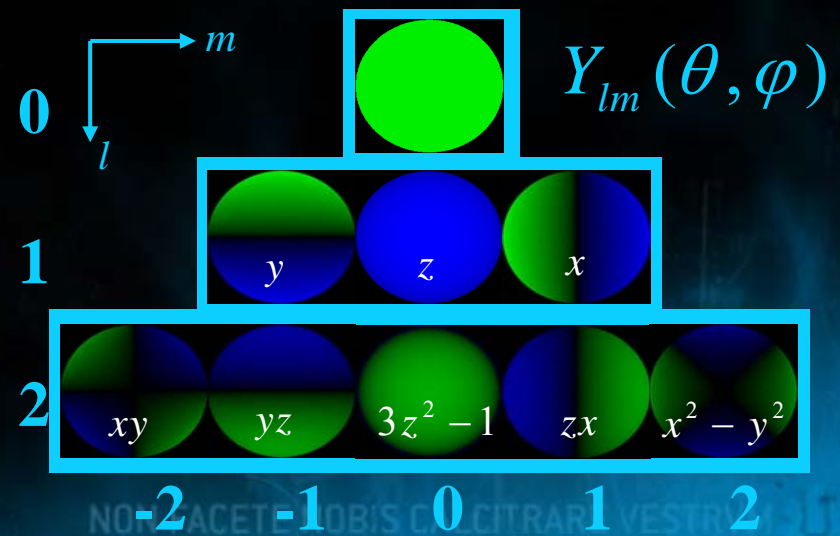


Ordre 2
9 termes



Erreur RMS = 1%

Pour toute illumination,
erreur moyenne < 3%
[Basri Jacobs 01]



Calcul des coefficients

- Calcul des 9 coefficients L_{lm}
 - 9 coefficients au lieu d'une intégrale pour chaque pixel !
 - Peuvent être considérés comme les moments de l'illumination

$$L_{lm} = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} L(\theta, \phi) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

- Somme pondérée pour la texture d'env.

$$L_{lm} = \sum_{pixels(\theta, \phi)} envmap[pixel] \times basisfunc_{lm}[pixel]$$

Comparaison



**Illumination
incidente
300x300**



**Irradiance map
Texture: 256x256
Intégrale
hémisphérique 2h**

Time \propto 300x300x256x256



**Irradiance map
Texture: 256x256
Coef harmoniques
sphériques 1sec**

Time \propto 9x256x256

Rendu

Irradiance approchée par interpolation quadratique

$$E(n) = c_4 L_{00} \mathbf{1} + 2c_2 L_{11} x + 2c_2 L_{1-1} y + 2c_2 L_{10} z + c_5 L_{20} (3z^2 - 1) + 2c_1 L_{2-2} xy + 2c_1 L_{21} xz + 2c_1 L_{2-1} yz + c_1 L_{22} (x^2 - y^2)$$

$$E(n) = n^t M n$$

Matrice 4x4
(linéaire sur
les coefficients L_{lm})

Vecteur normal

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Implementation GPU

$$E(n) = n^t M n$$

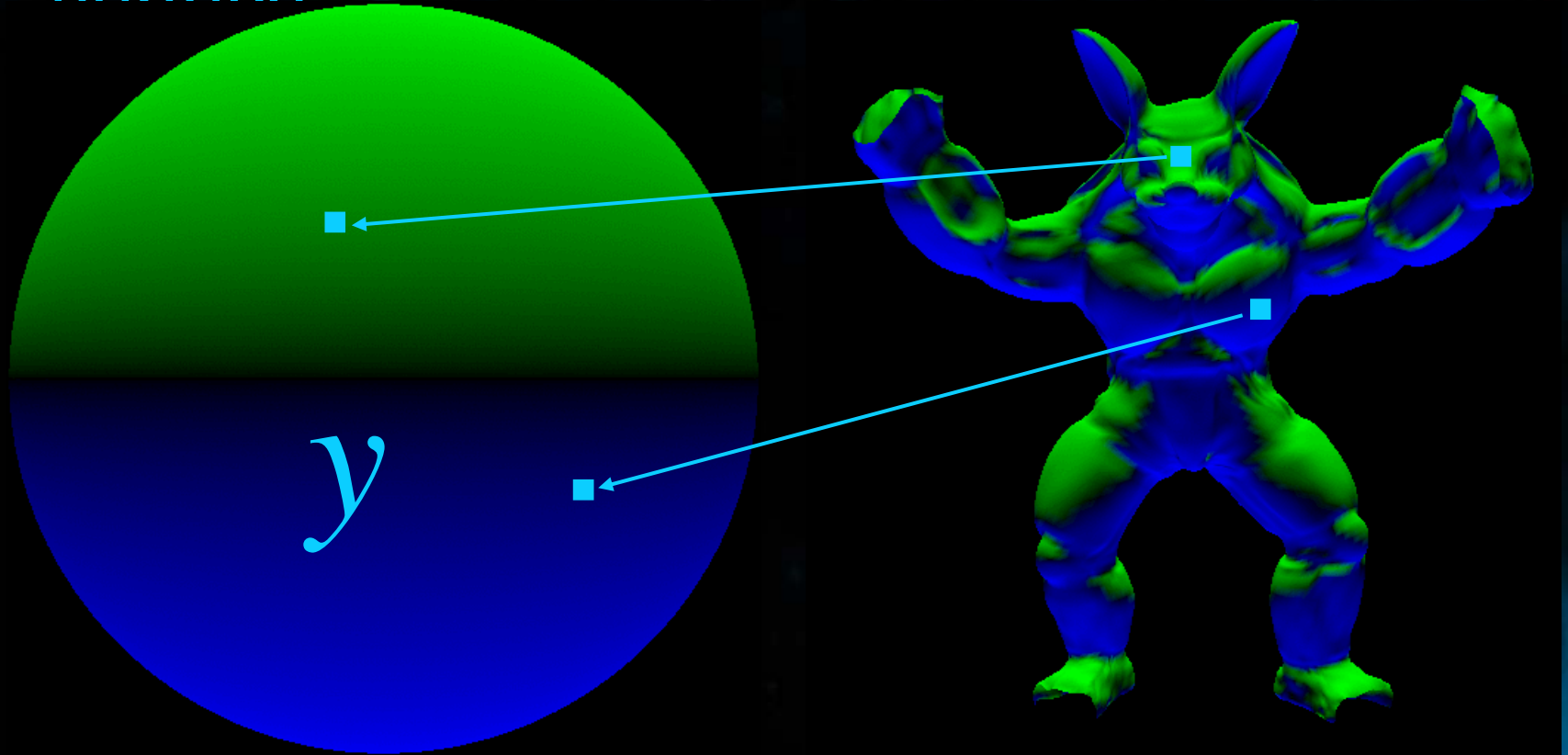
Rendu simple procedural

- Pas de texture
- Multiplication matrice vecteur et prod. scalaire
- Pixel shader

```
surface float1 irradmat (matrix4 M, float3 v) {  
    float4 n = {v,1};  
    return dot(n,M*n);  
}
```


Géométrie complexe

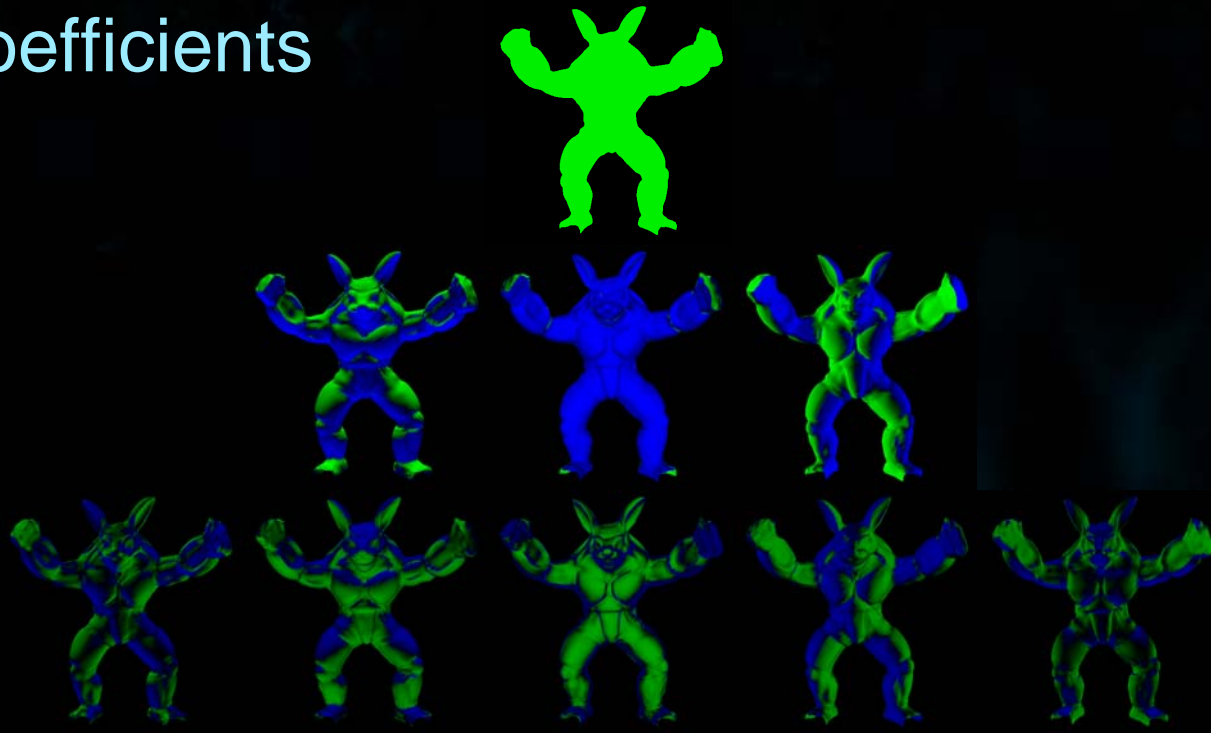
Utilisation seulement des normales de surface



Lighting Design

Somme pondéré par L_{lm} des fonctions

On peut changer l'apparence en changeant les coefficients



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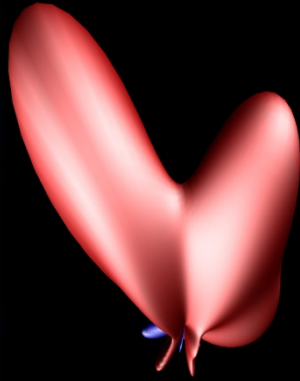
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Demo (2001)



SH Irradiance Env Map



$$E(n) = n^t M n$$

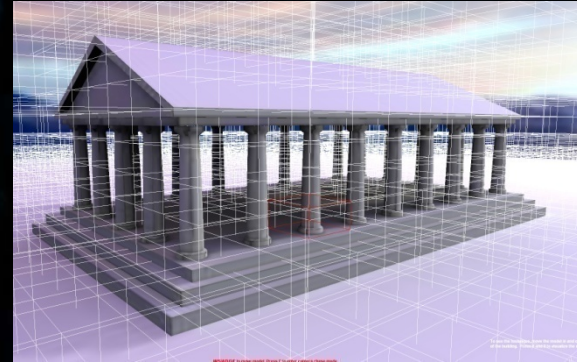
- Irradiance distribution as SH vector.
- <3% error with just 9 terms [Basri Jacobs 01]
- Evaluate normal to get irradiance.
- Only represent a single point in space.
- Only for infinite lighting environment.
- What about local lighting?

Retour
talk

Irradiance Volumes



[Greger 98]

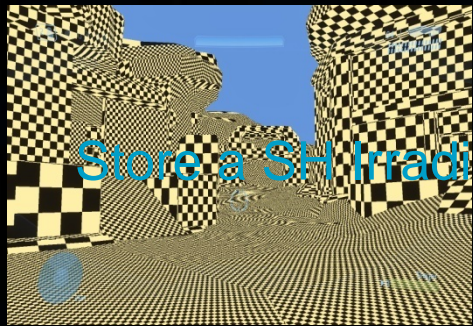


[ATI 05]

- Spatially divide volume into cells.
- irradiance volume per cell.
- Interpolate between samples.
- Sharp shadow boundaries?
- Bump maps?



SH Light Map

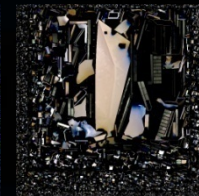


Store a SH Irradiance environment map per pixel over the surface

Parameterize



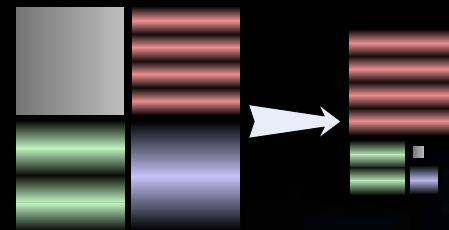
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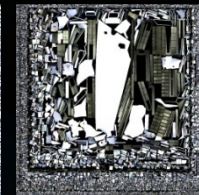
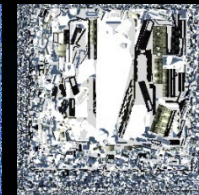
linear



Rendering



Compression

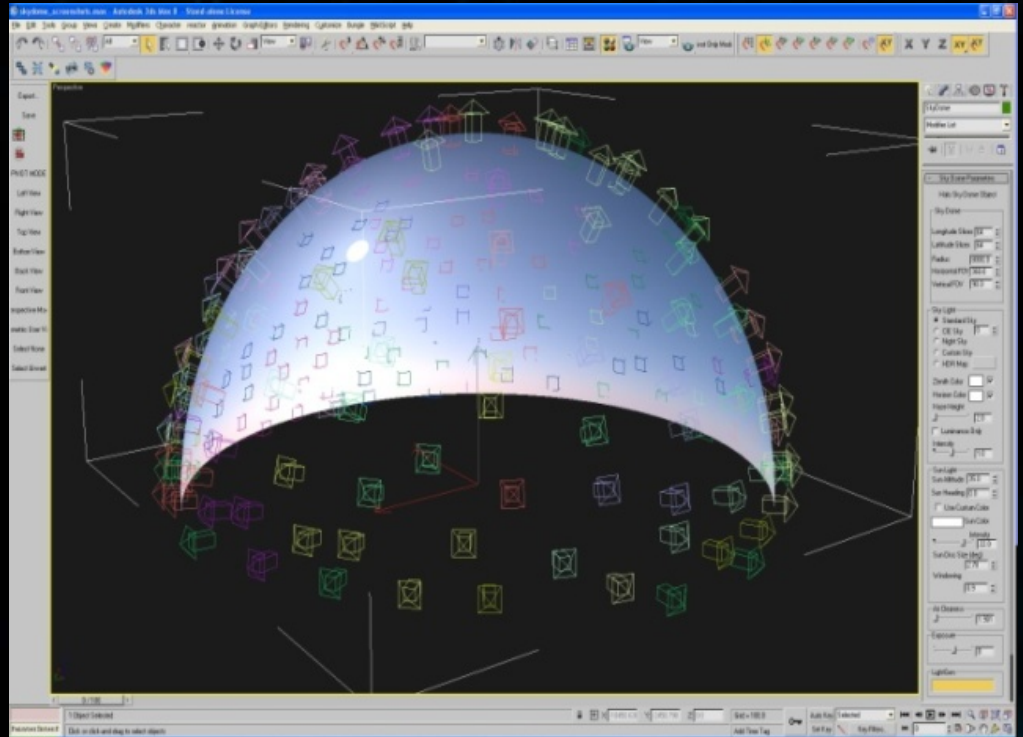


quadratic

Other basis would work too, e.g. Half Life Basis, ZH, etc.

Sky and Sun

- HDR pipeline means starting with HDR light sources.
- Custom sky plugin for 3DStudio Max.
- Procedural Sky/Sun Model[Preetham99]
- CIE Sky Model
- Can also use HDR Cubemap



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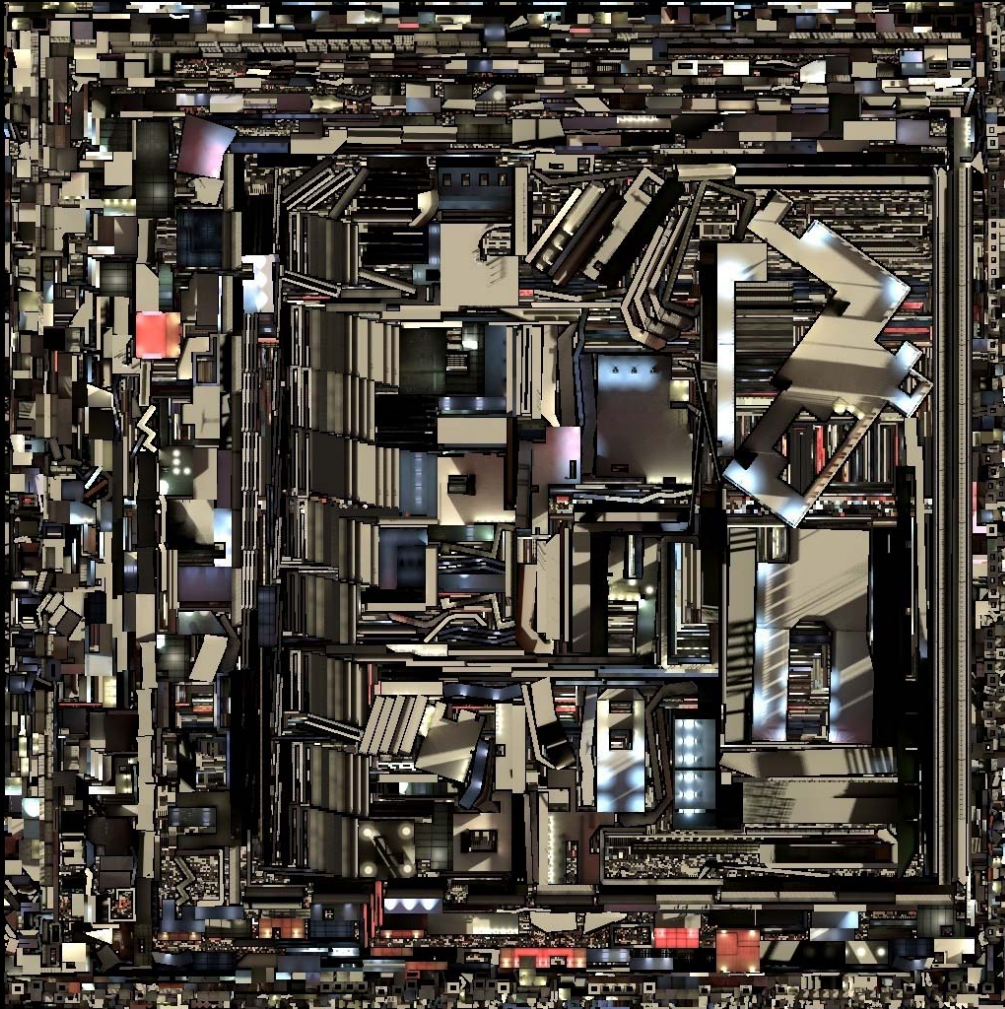
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HDR Sky Example

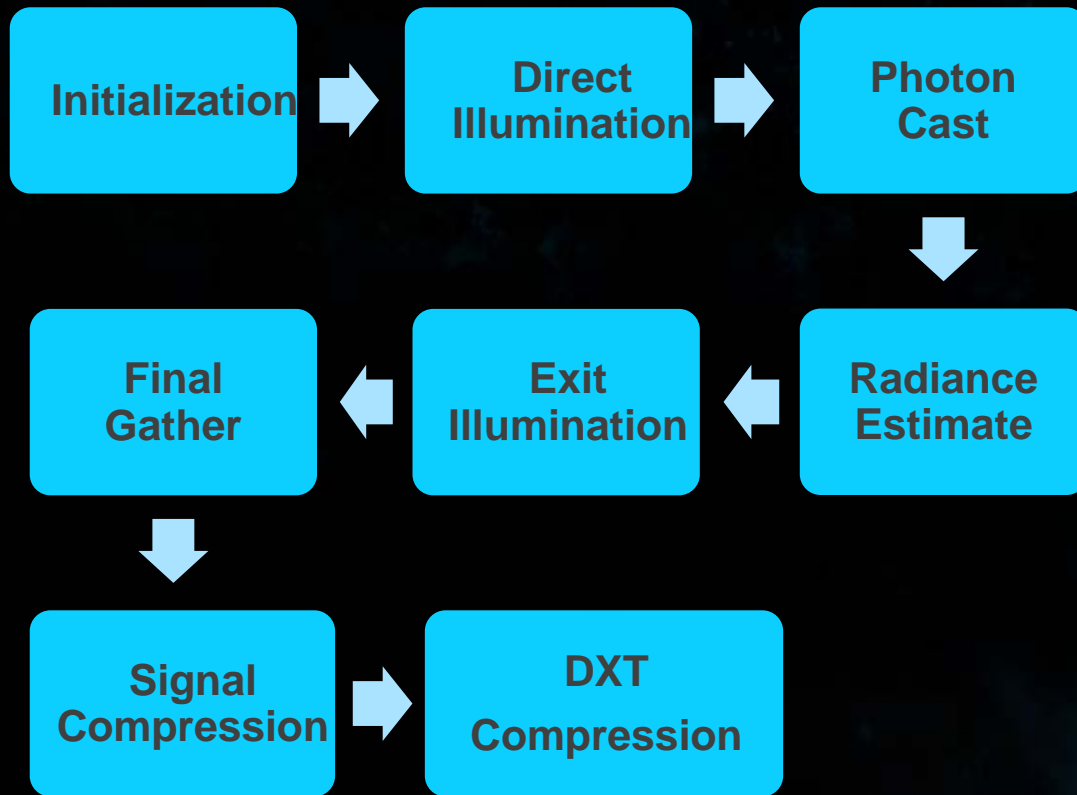


Parameterization



- UVAAtlas (DirectX SDK)
 - Minimize distortion
 - Efficient Packing
 - Input “importance”
- Halo3 improvements:
 - small charts placement.
 - long and thin charts.
- > 80% texel utilization
 - Halo2: < 50%

Photon Mapping Farm



256 servers; 456 Processors; 1GB memory per proc; see Luis's talk.

Compression



Signal Optimization:

- Compute signal gradient
- Resample to half dim.
- Preserve high freq charts
- Squeeze low freq charts

DXT Compression

- Use 2 DXT5 for each FP16
- Color space conversion
- 12 bits (2 DXT5 alpha) luminance
- 3:1 compression ratio

Details in a separate talk by Yaohua Hu.

DXT Compression

Addon
Cours

- DXT 1 :
 - DXT1 is the smallest variation of S3TC, storing 16 input pixels in 64 bits of output, consisting of two 16-bit RGB 5:6:5 color values and a 4x4 two bit lookup table.



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DXT Compression

- DXT 1

- If the first color value (c_0) is numerically greater than the second color value (c_1), then two other colors are calculated :

$$c_2 = \frac{2}{3}c_0 + \frac{1}{3}c_1$$

$$c_3 = \frac{1}{3}c_0 + \frac{2}{3}c_1$$

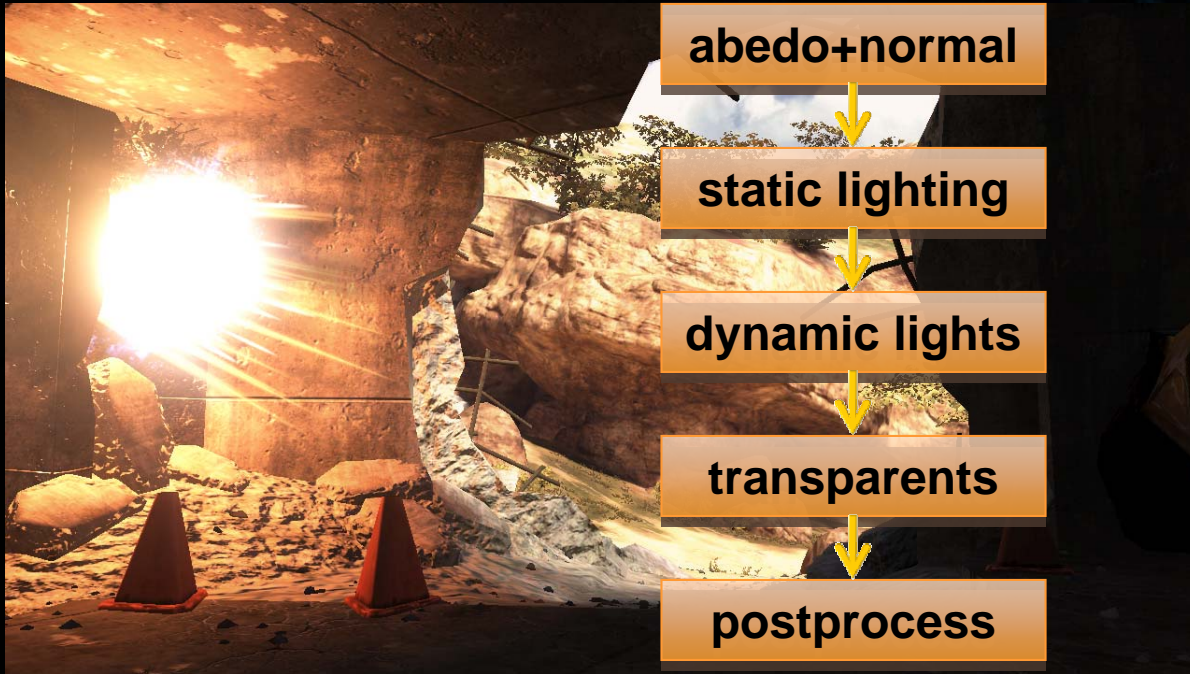
- Otherwise, if $c_0 \leq c_1$

then

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_0 + \frac{1}{2}c_1$$

and c_3 is transparent.

Rendering Passes



abedo+normal

static lighting

dynamic lights

transparents

postprocess

Object Lighting



sample surface

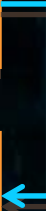


PRT



VS:
PRT/Unshadowed

PS:
Unshadowed * ratio



Optimization

- given a quadratic SH vecotor, $i=0,\dots,8$

- Pull out dominant light.
- Store SH linear + dominant light.
- In Shader, do $N \cdot \text{dot}(L, N) + \text{shirm}(\text{sh}[] - c * Y(d), N)$

$$E = \sum_{i=0,\dots,8} (\lambda_i - cY_i(d))^2, E' = 0$$

$$c = \sum_{i=0,\dots,8} (\lambda_i Y_i(d)) / \sum_{i=0,\dots,8} Y_i(d)^2$$



See Peter Pike Sloan's talk "Stupid Spherical Harmonics Tricks".

Lighting Examples



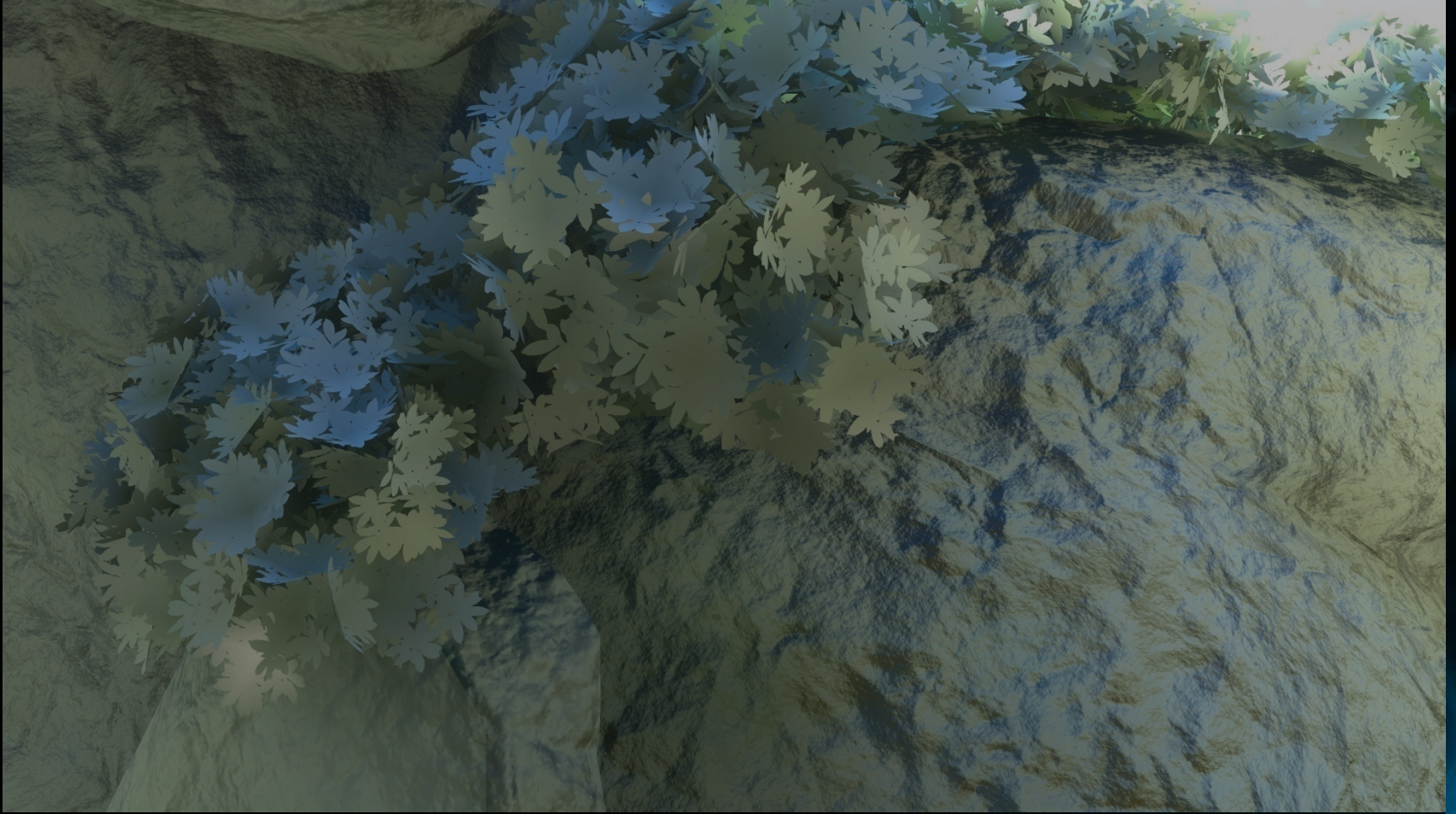
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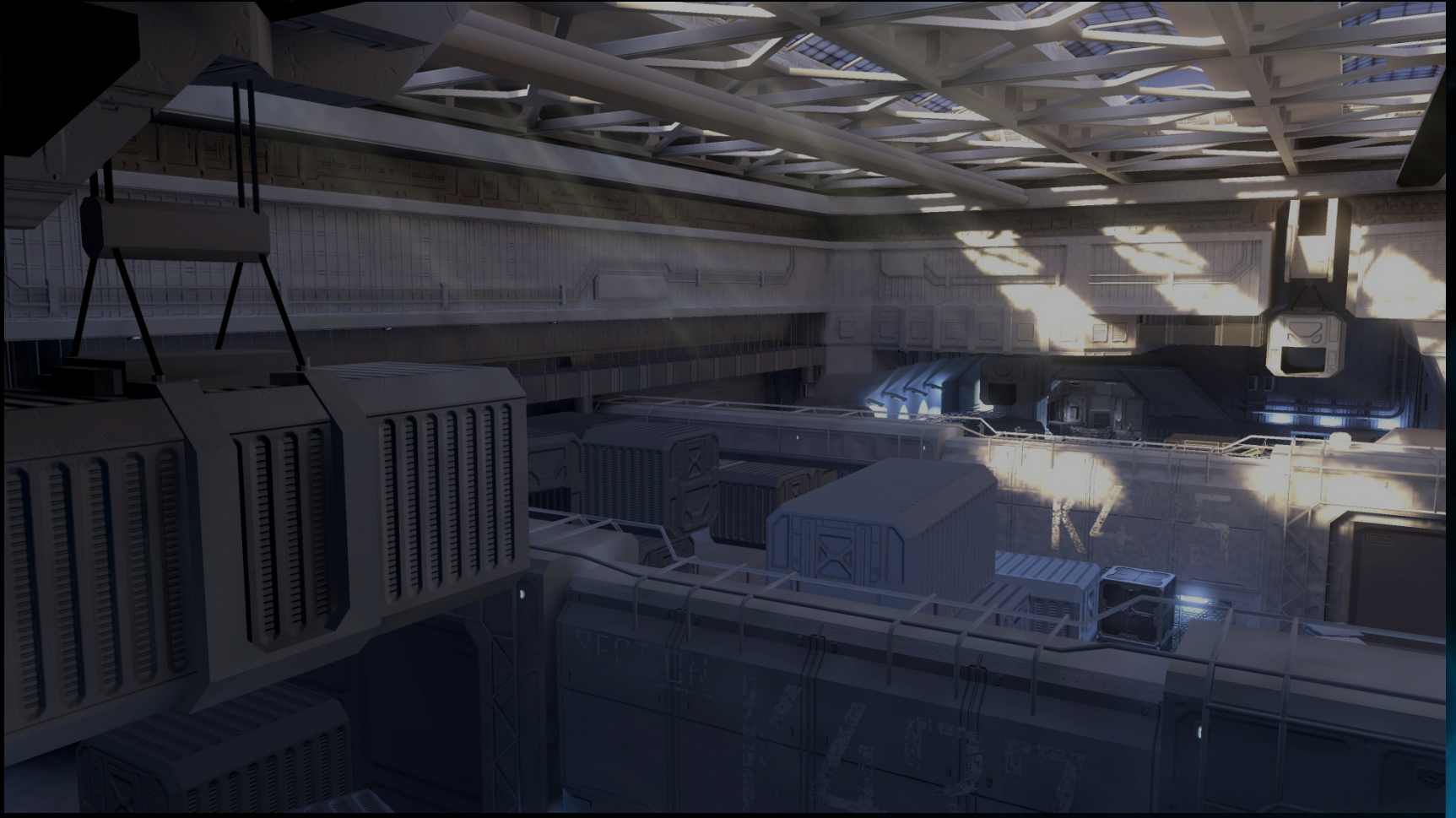
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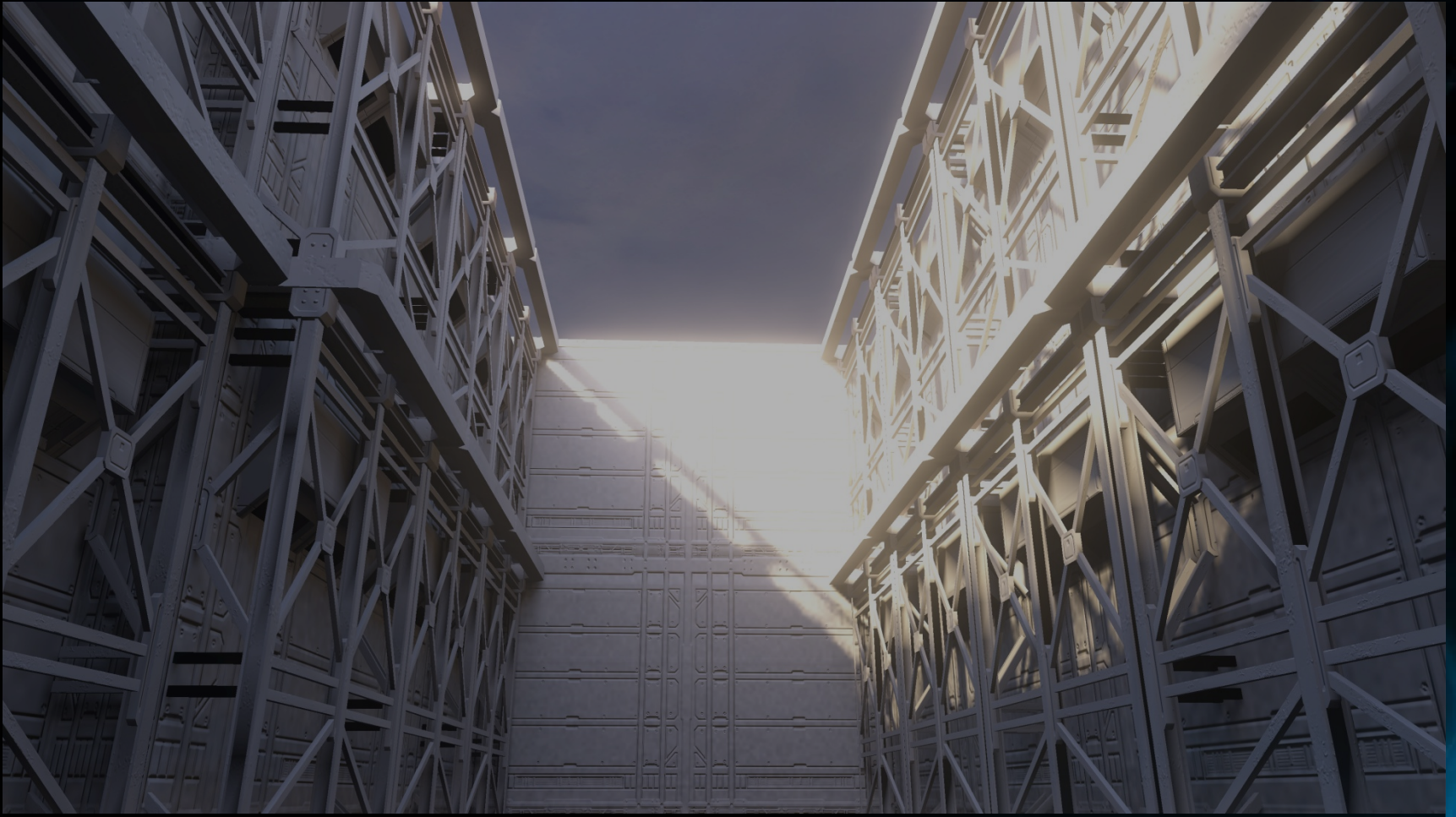
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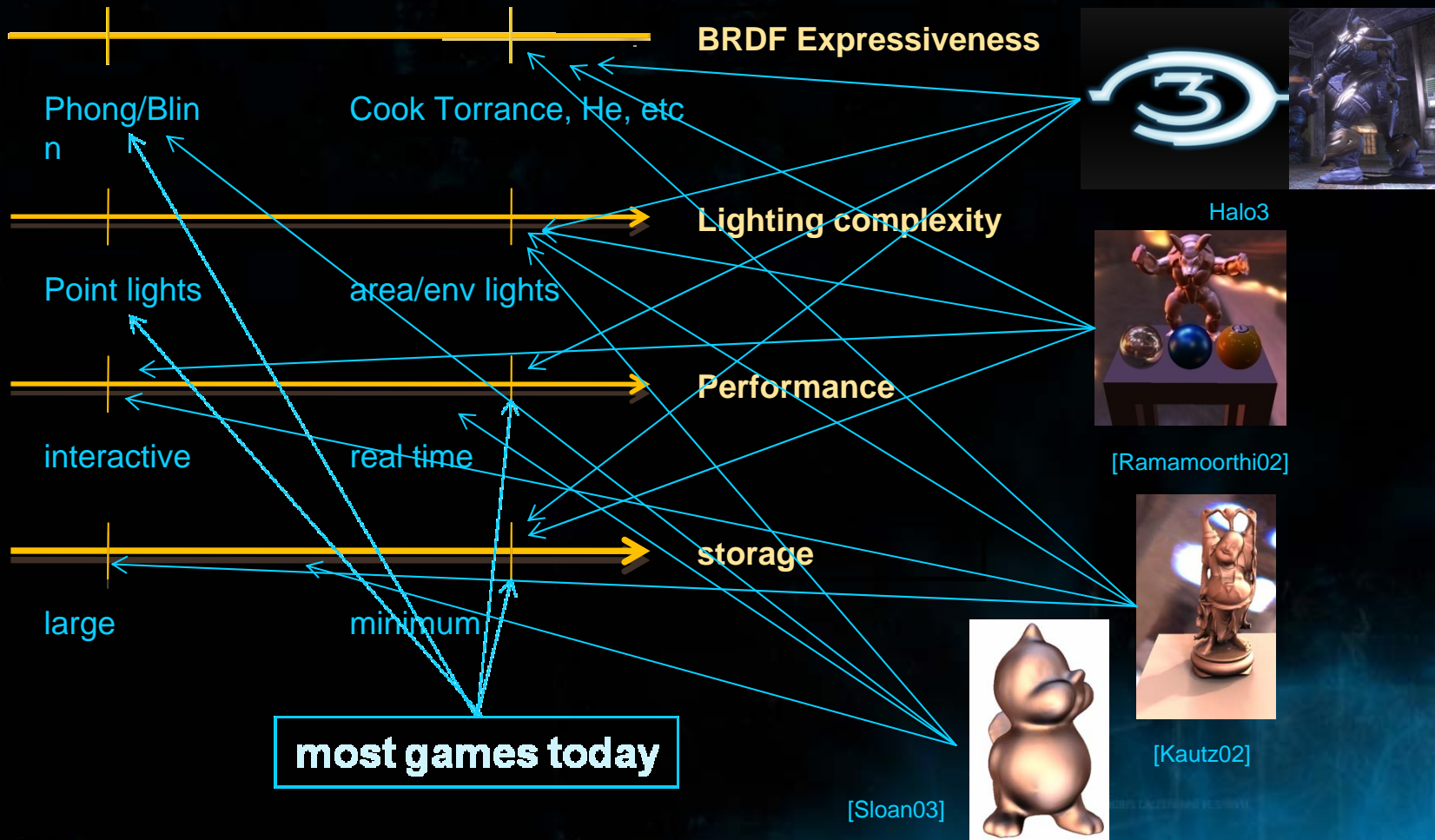
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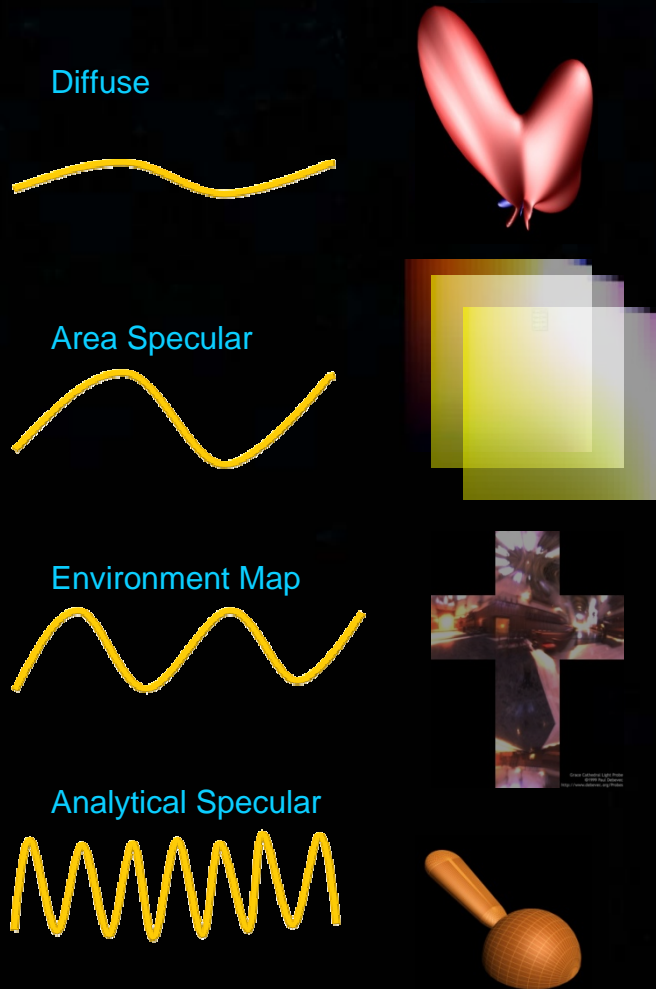
Lighting Examples



Material Motivation



Halo3 Material Model



- The basic Idea
 - Separate material into diffuse parts and
 - Low, med, high freq glossy parts.
 - SH irradiance envmap for diffuse
 - New area specular model for low frequency glossy.
 - Prefiltered env map for mid frequency glossy.
 - BRDF evaluated directly with point lights for high freq.

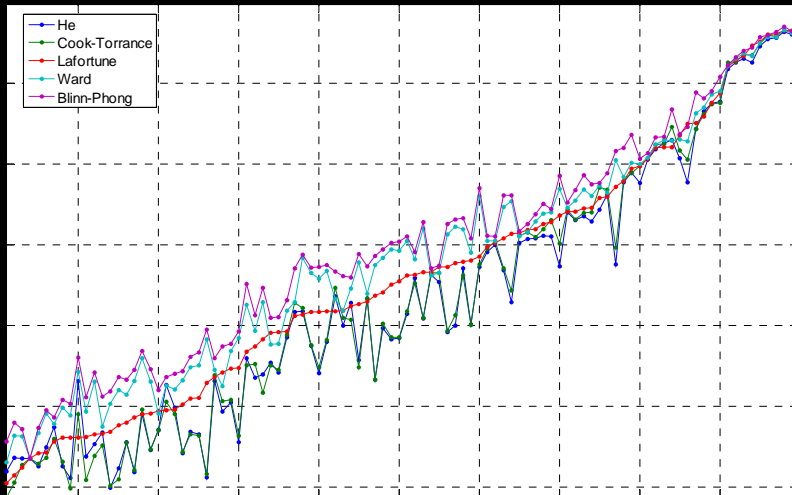
Cook Torrance BRDF



[CookTorrance81]

$$f(V, L) = k_d R_d + k_s \cdot F \cdot R_m$$

view direction diffuse specular Fresnel specular lobe



[Ngan05]

$$R_m(V, L) = \frac{DG}{\pi(N \cdot L)(N \cdot V)}$$

D: microfacet distribution function

G: geometry term

Cook Torrance & Point Lights

- Option1: Evaluate directly in shader
 - E.g. [Dempski Viale 2005]
 - Somewhat expensive, not too bad.
- Option2: Store D, G, F, terms in textures.
- What about lights that are not point lights?
 - Need to integrate light from all directions.
 - Not trivial to do.

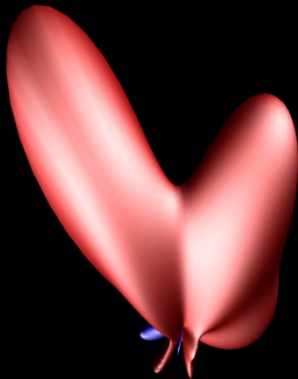
Light Integration

$$I(V) = \oint f(V, L) \cos(\theta) L(\omega) d\omega$$

$$k_d R_d \oint \cos(\theta) L(\omega) d\omega + k_s \oint FR_m(V, L) \cos(\theta) L(\omega) d\omega$$



??



SH irradiance env. map

Light Integration in SH

$$I_s(V) = k_s \oint \boxed{FR_m(V, L) \cos(\theta)} \boxed{L(\omega)} d\omega$$

$$L(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^8 \lambda_i Y_i(\omega)$$

Project light into SH basis.

Project BRDF and cosine term in SH basis

$$B_{m,i}(V) = \oint \frac{F}{F_0} R_m(V, L) \cos(\theta) Y_i(\omega) d\omega$$

$$I_s(V) = K_s F_0 \sum_{i=0}^8 \lambda_i B_{m,i}(V) \leftarrow \text{Dot product to convolve}$$

Light Integration in SH Cont.

$$F \approx F_0 + (1 - F_0)(1 - (L \cdot H))^5 \quad [\text{Shilick85}]$$

$$B_{m,i}(V) = \oint \frac{F_0 + (1 - F_0)(1 - (L \cdot H))^5}{F_0} R_m(V, L) \cos(\theta) Y_i(\omega) d\omega$$

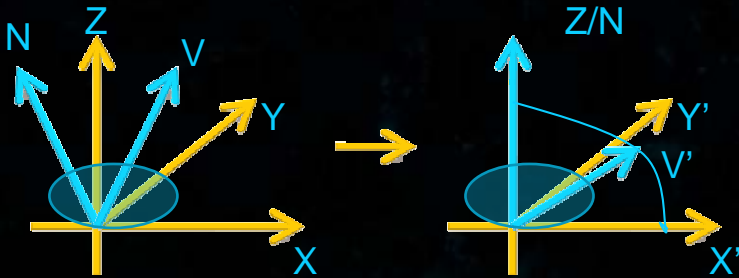
$$C_{m,i}(V) = \oint R_m(V, L) \cos(\theta) Y_i(\omega) d\omega$$

$$D_{m,i}(V) = \oint (1 - (L \cdot H))^5 R_m(V, L) \cos(\theta) Y_i(\omega) d\omega$$

$$B_{m,i}(V) = C_{m,i}(V) + \frac{1 - F_0}{F_0} D_{m,i}(V)$$

Preintegration

Pre-integration



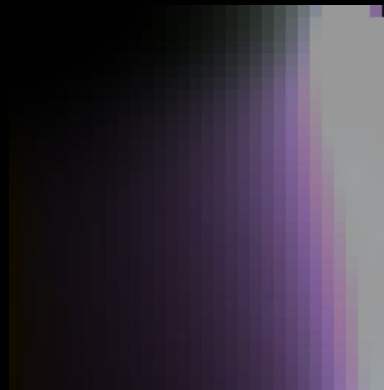
Reflective symmetry means:

$$C_{m,i}(V) = D_{m,i}(V) = 0, i = 1,4,5.$$

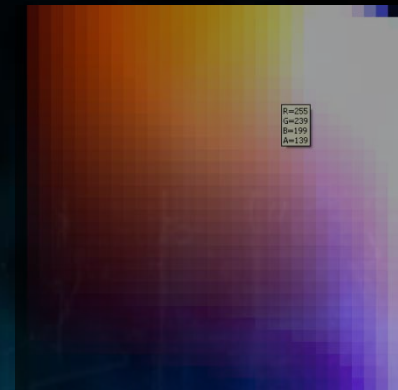
Isotropic BRDF = any coordinate frame 16 m values, and 8 V directions is enough.



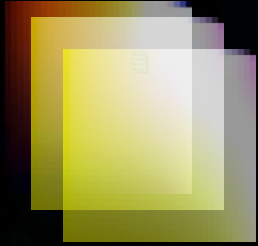
C (i=0,2,3,6)



D (i=0,2,3,6)

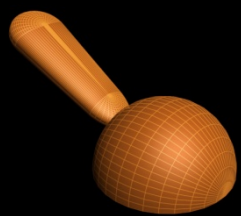


C,D (i=7,8)





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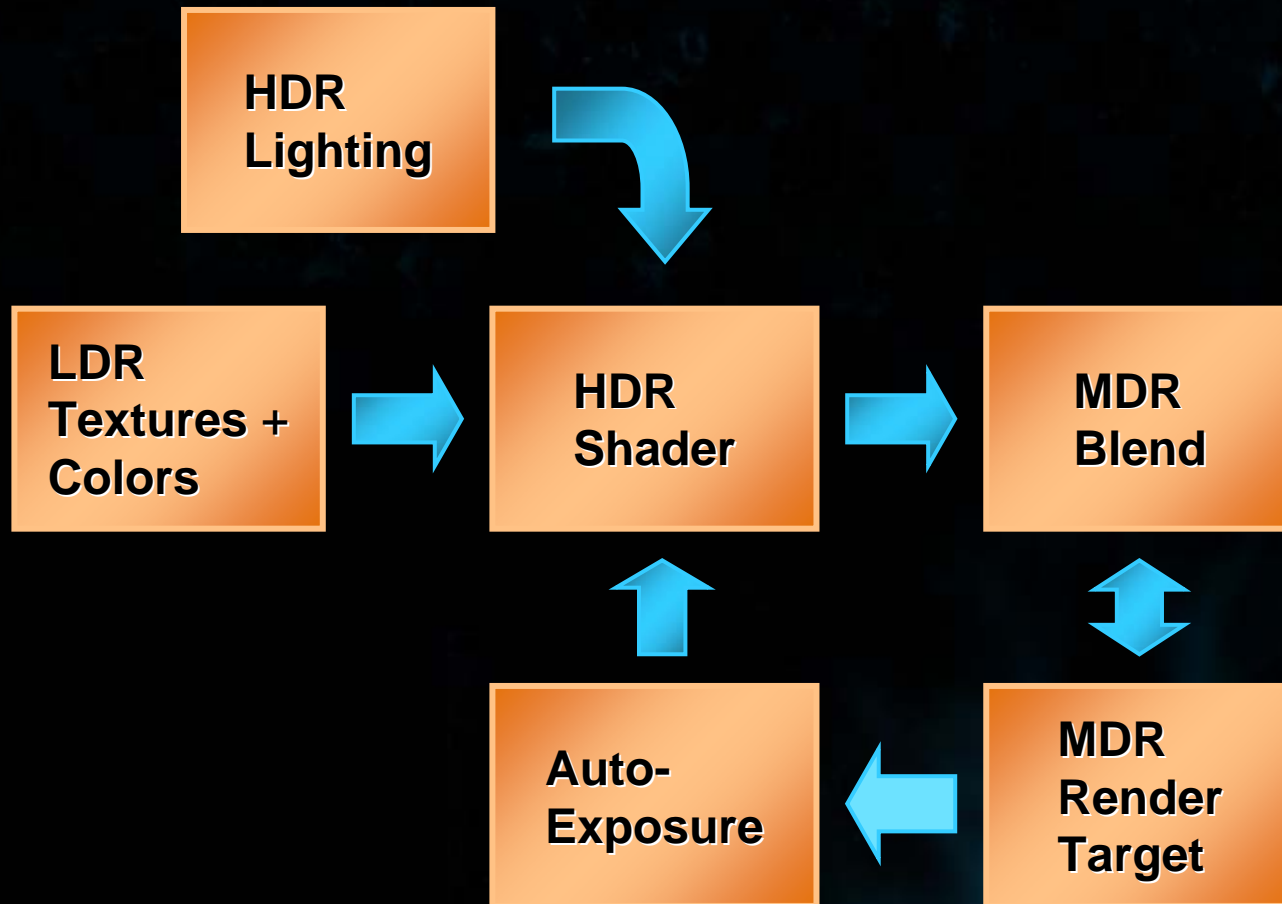
HDR Rendering



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Rendering Pipeline

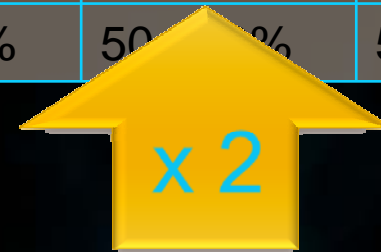


Render Target Considerations

- Memory Size
 - Render Speed
 - Hardware Blend Support
 - Dynamic Range
 - Banding
- } Useable Exposure Range

Xbox 360 Render Targets

	16f	10-bit 7e3	10-bit lin.	8-bit xRGB	16-bit lin.
Exposure Range	30 stops	3 stops	0 stops	0 stops	5 stops
Blend Support	NO ☹️	YES	YES	YES	YES
Memory Size	2x	1x	1x	1x	2x
Blend/Fill Rate	50%	50-100%	50-100%	50-100%	50%
	8-bit xRGB + 8-bit xRGB				
Exposure Range	7 stops				
Blend Support	YES				
Memory Size	2x				
Blend/Fill Rate	25-50%				





Detail

**Bloom
(-7 stops)**

A screenshot from the video game Halo 3. It shows a Spartan in full armor standing in a hangar. A bright light source, possibly a sun or a large light fixture, is positioned behind the Spartan, creating a strong lens flare and washing out the background. The hangar contains several large, cylindrical objects and a vehicle on the left. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the bright light source causing a hazy, overexposed effect in the background.

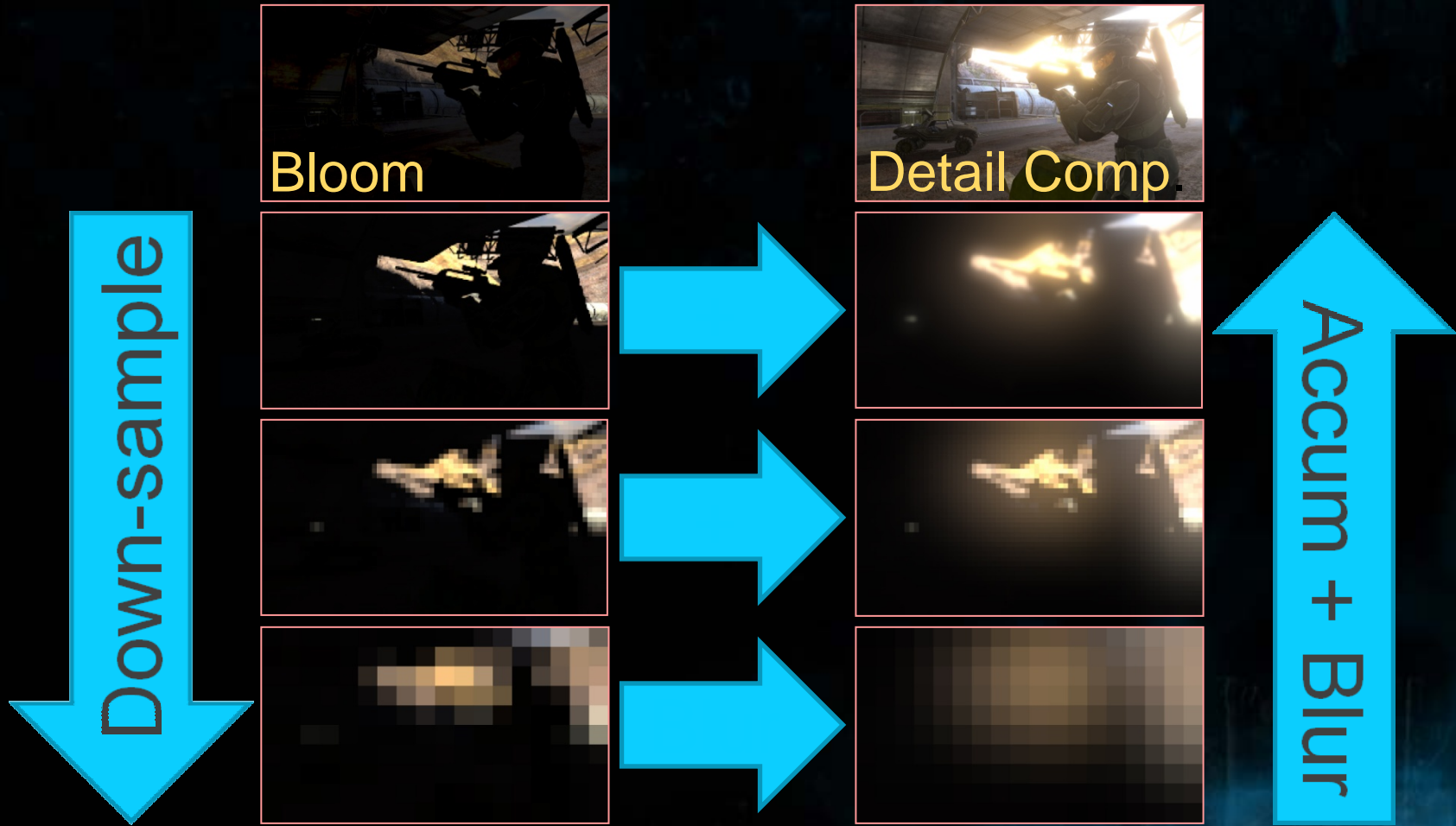
Lack of sufficient dynamic range
makes the dark areas look hazy!

Artificially increase dynamic range...

Bloom Curve

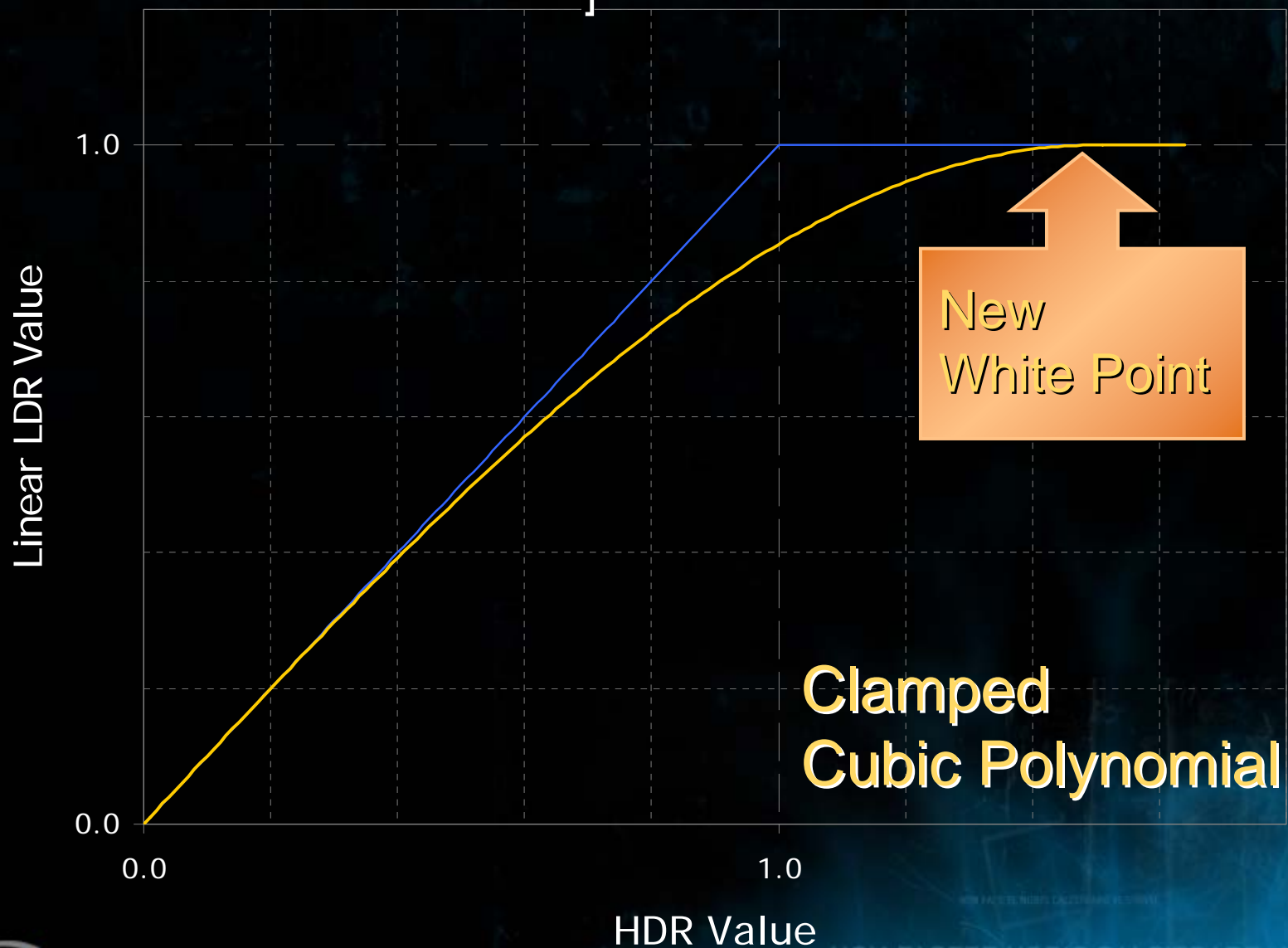


Bloom Postprocessing



(Weighted Average for Auto-Exposure)

Final Step: Tone Curve



**Clamped
Cubic Polynomial**

New
White Point

No Tone Curve



Tone Curve





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Conclusion

- SH light map is a natural extension to the traditional light-mapping pipeline.
- Separating material into layers is a good approximation for all frequency reflectance.
- Area specular is critical for achieving seamless lighting and material integration.
- ALU is cheap, and will get cheaper, take maximum advantage of it.

Future Work

- Global Illumination with local, moving lights.
- GI for dynamic and semi-dynamic scenes.
- Better lighting basis (less ringing, higher frequency).
- Area specular model with complex transport.
- Measured BRDF.
- Non photo-realistic rendering.

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