Image-Based Lighting

15-463: Rendering and Image Processing
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Inserting Synthetic Objects

Why does this look so bad?

- Wrong camera orientation
- Wrong lighting
- No shadows

Solutions

Wrong Camera Orientation

- Estimate correct camera orientation and renender object
- Use corresponding points to warp the object/scene
  - Only works for small warps and/or mostly planar objects

Lighting & Shadows

- Estimate (eyeball) all the light sources in the scene and simulate it in your virtual rendering
- Now can use shadow matting to put in shadows

But what happens if lighting is complex?

- Extended light sources, mutual illumination, etc.

Environment Maps

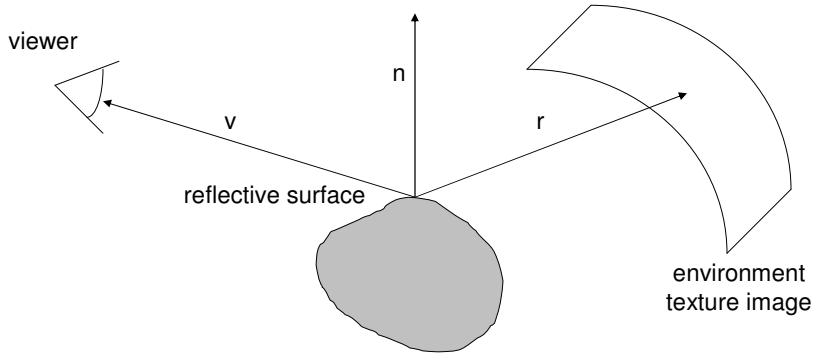
Simple solution for shiny objects

- Models complex lighting as a panoramic image
- i.e. amount of radiance coming in from each direction

Environment Mapping

Reflected ray: $\boldsymbol{r}=2(\boldsymbol{n}\cdot\boldsymbol{v})\boldsymbol{n}-\boldsymbol{v}$

projector function converts reflection vector (x, y, z) to texture image (u, v)



Texture is transferred in the direction of the reflected ray from the environment map onto the object
What is in the map?

What approximations are made?

The map should contain a view of the world with the point of interest on the object as the eye

- We can't store a separate map for each point, so one map is used with the eye at the center of the object
- Introduces distortions in the reflection, but the eye doesn't notice
- Distortions are minimized for a small object in a large room

The object will not reflect itself!

Environment Maps

The environment map may take one of several forms:

- Cubic mapping
- Spherical mapping
- other

Describes the shape of the surface on which the map "resides"

Determines how the map is generated and how it is indexed

Cubic Mapping

The map resides on the surfaces of a cube around the object

- Typically, align the faces of the cube with the coordinate axes

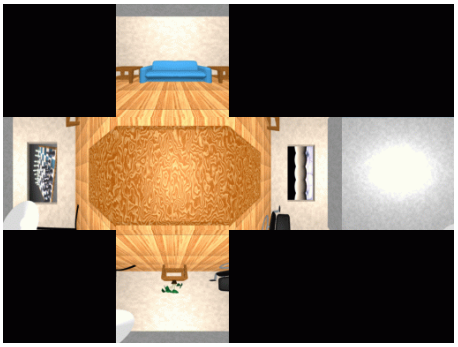
To generate the map:

- For each face of the cube, render the world from the center of the object with the cube face as the image plane
  - Rendering can be arbitrarily complex (it's off-line)

To use the map:

- Index the R ray into the correct cube face
- Compute texture coordinates

Cubic Map Example



Sphere Mapping

Map lives on a sphere

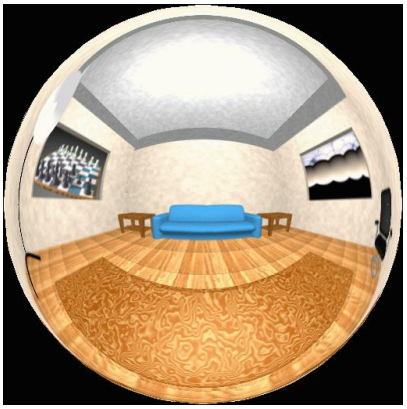
To generate the map:

- Render a spherical panorama from the designed center point

To use the map:

- Use the orientation of the R ray to index directly into the sphere

Example



What about real scenes?

from Terminator 2

Real environment maps

We can use photographs to capture environment maps

- The first use of panoramic mosaics

How do we deal with light sources? Sun, lights, etc?

- They are much much brighter than the rest of the enviarnment

User High Dynamic Range photography, of course!

Several ways to acquire environment maps:

- Stitching mosaics
- Fisheye lens
- Mirrored Balls

Stitching HDR mosaics

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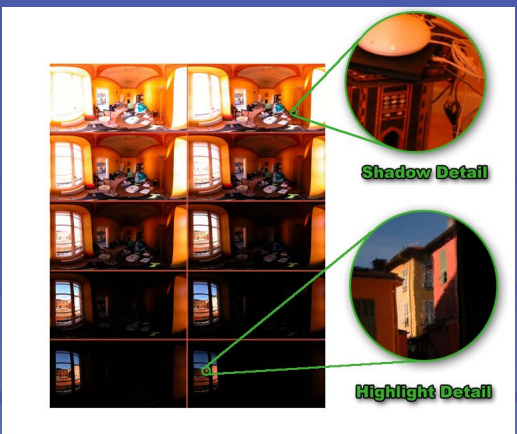
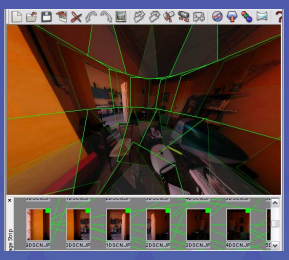
http://www.gregdowning.com/HDRI/stitched/





Scanning Panoramic Cameras

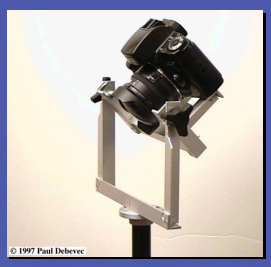
Pros:

- *very* high res (10K x 7K+)
- Full sphere in one scan – no stitching
- Good dynamic range, some are HDR

Issues:

- More expensive
- Scans take a while

Companies: Panoscan, Sphereon



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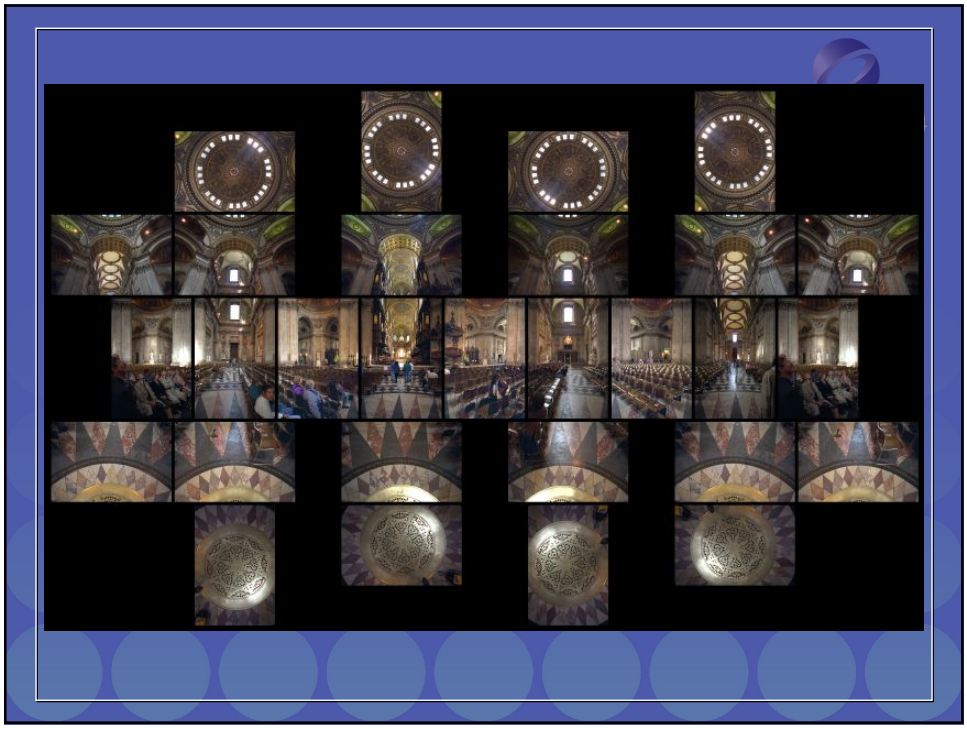
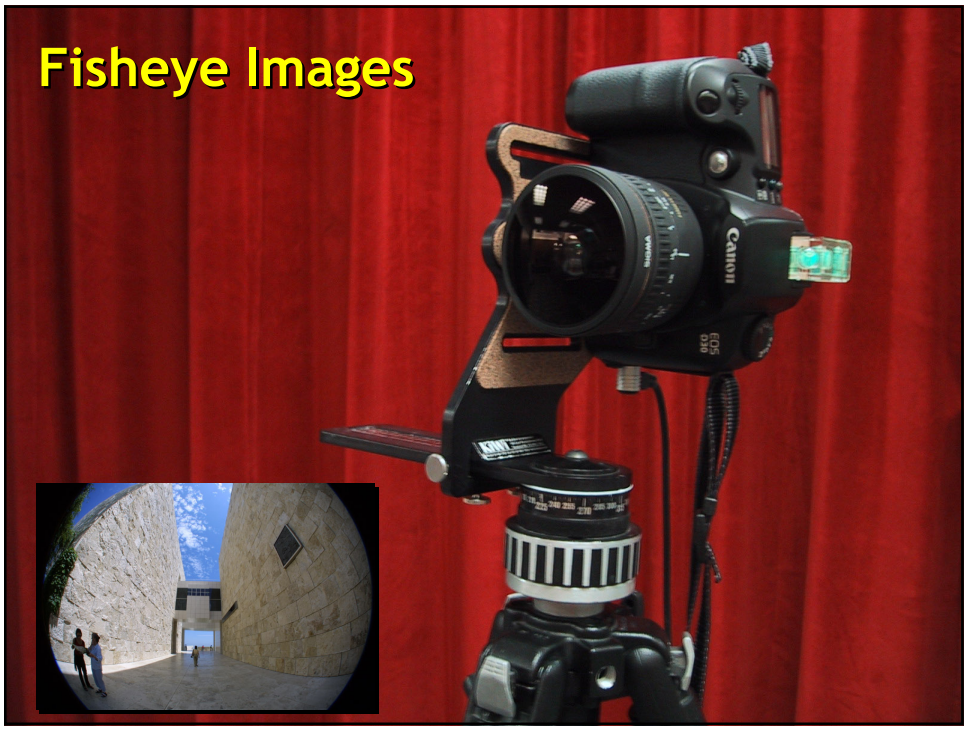
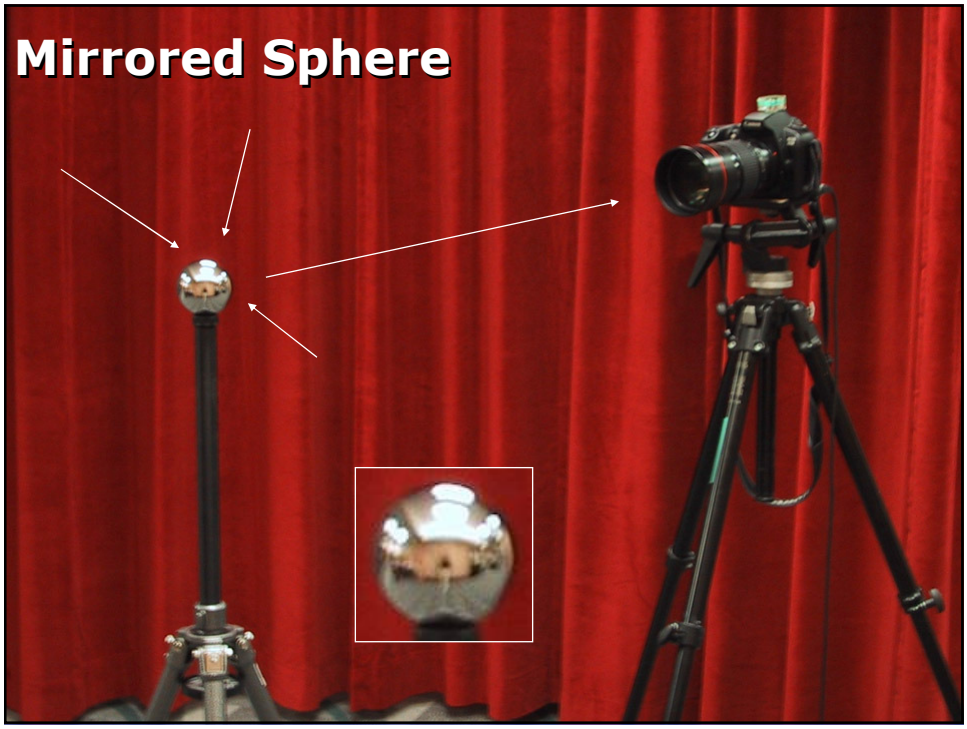
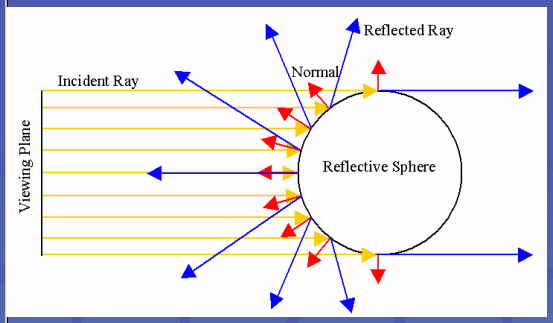
See also www.kaidan.com




Fisheye Images


Mirrored Sphere



Sources of Mirrored Balls

- 2-inch chrome balls ~ $20
  - McMaster-Carr Supply Co
    www.mcmaster.com
- 6-12 inch large gazing ba
  - Baker's Lawn Ornaments
    www.bakerslawnorn.com
- Hollow Spheres, 2in – 4in
  - Dube Juggling Equipment
    www.dube.com
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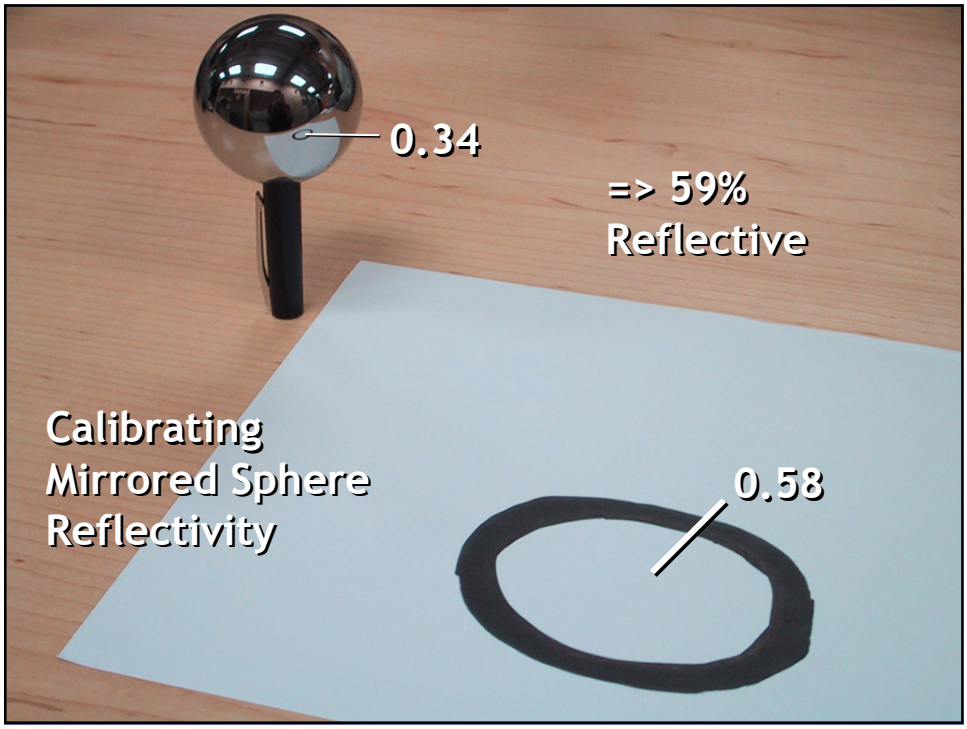
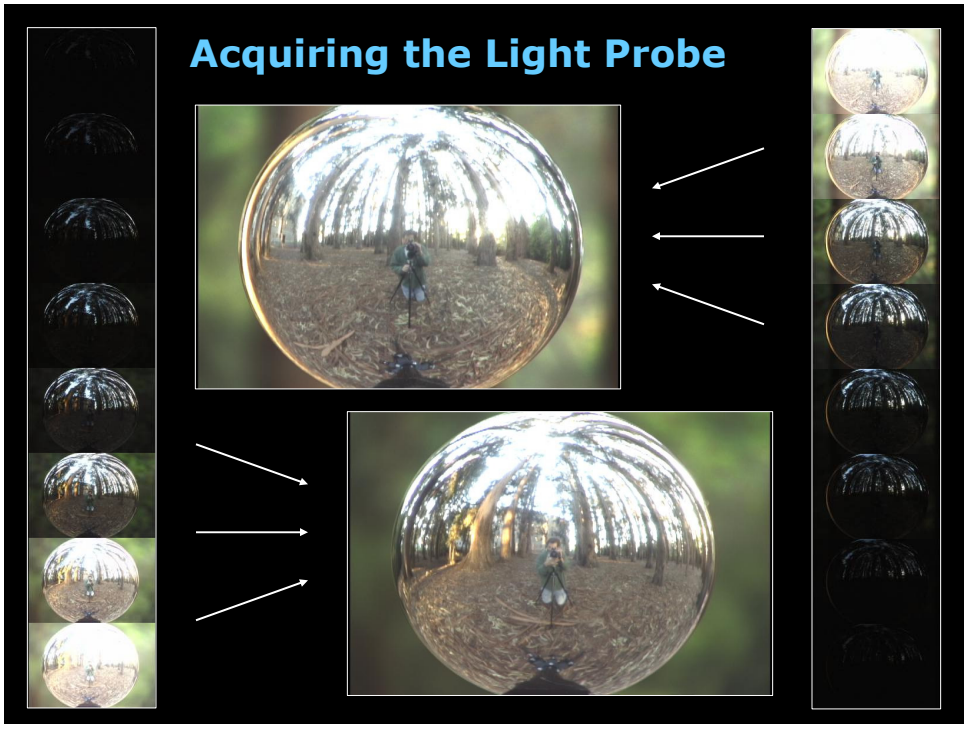
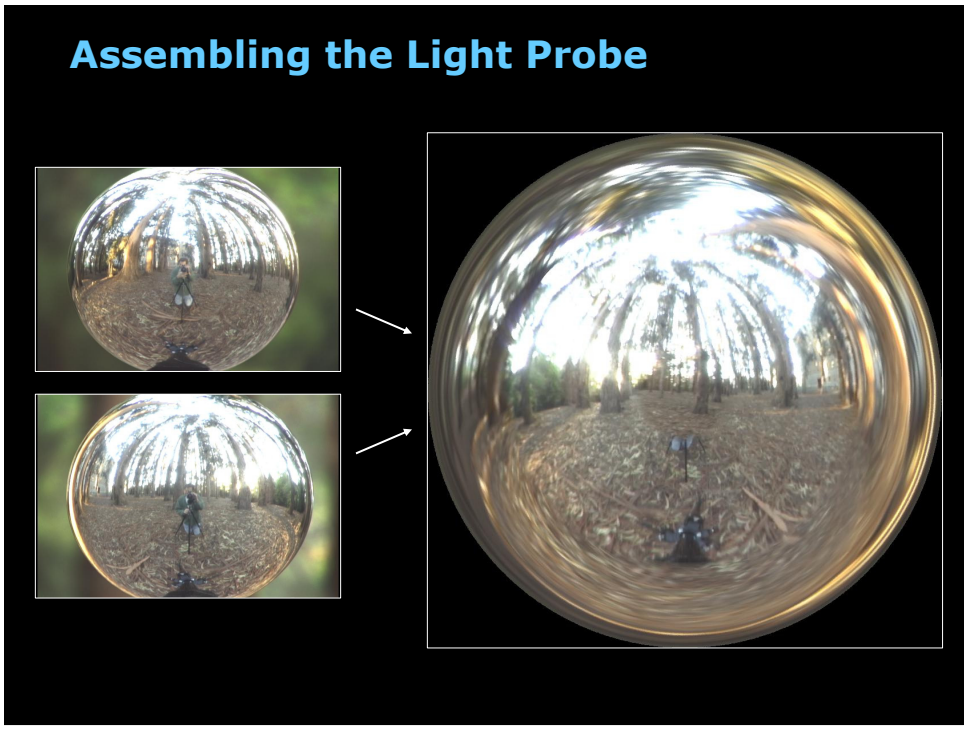


Real-World HDR Lighting Environments

Lighting Environments from the Light Probe Image Gallery:
http://www.debevec.org/Probes/


Acquiring the Light Probe


Assembling the Light Probe

Not just shiny…

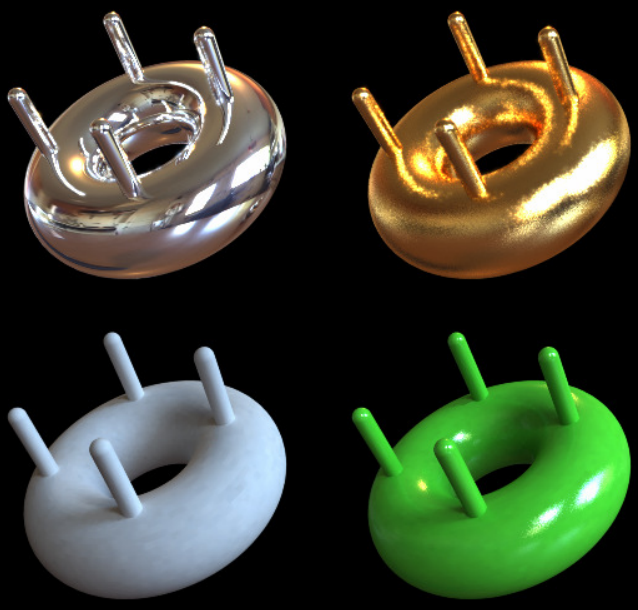
We have captured a true radiance map

We can treat it as an extended (e.g spherical) light source

Can use Global Illumination to simulate light transport in the scene

- So, all objects (not just shiny) can be lighted
- What's the limitation?

Illumination Results



Comparison: Radiance map versus single image

Putting it all together

Synthetic Objects
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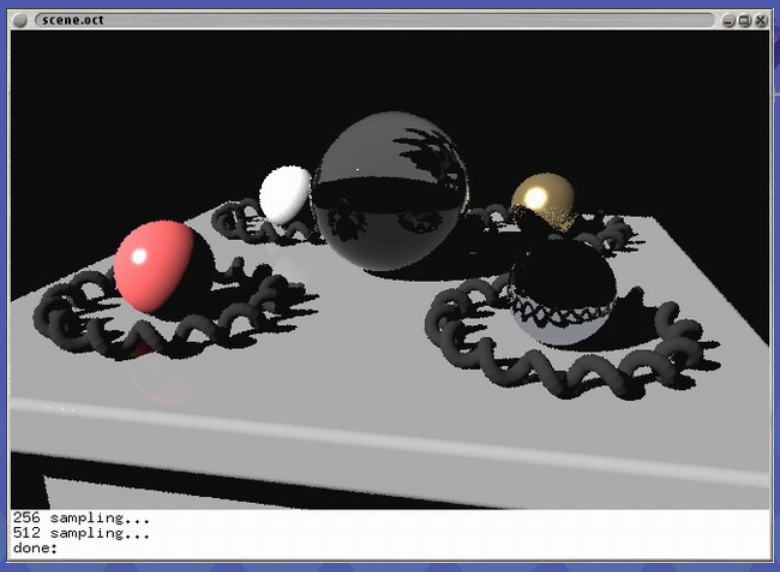
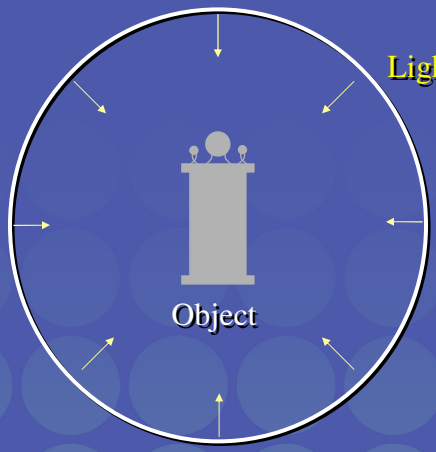
Real light!



CG Objects Illuminated by a Traditional CG Light Source

Illuminating Objects using Measurements of Real Light



Environment assigned "glow" material property in Greg Ward's RADIANCE system.

http://radsite.lbl.gov/radiance/

Paul Debevec. A Tutorial on Image-Based Lighting. IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, Jan/Feb 2002.

Rendering with Natural Light

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