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# A Practical Analytic Model for the Radiosity of Translucent Scenes

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# Rendering Translucent Objects

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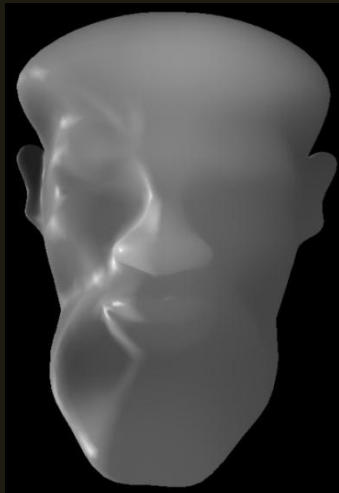
Monte-Carlo

[Jensen et al. 1999; Pharr and Hanrahan 2000]



Analytic model

[Jensen et al. 2001; Donner and Jensen 2007]



Radiosity based method

[Lensch et al. 2002; Carr et al. 2003]

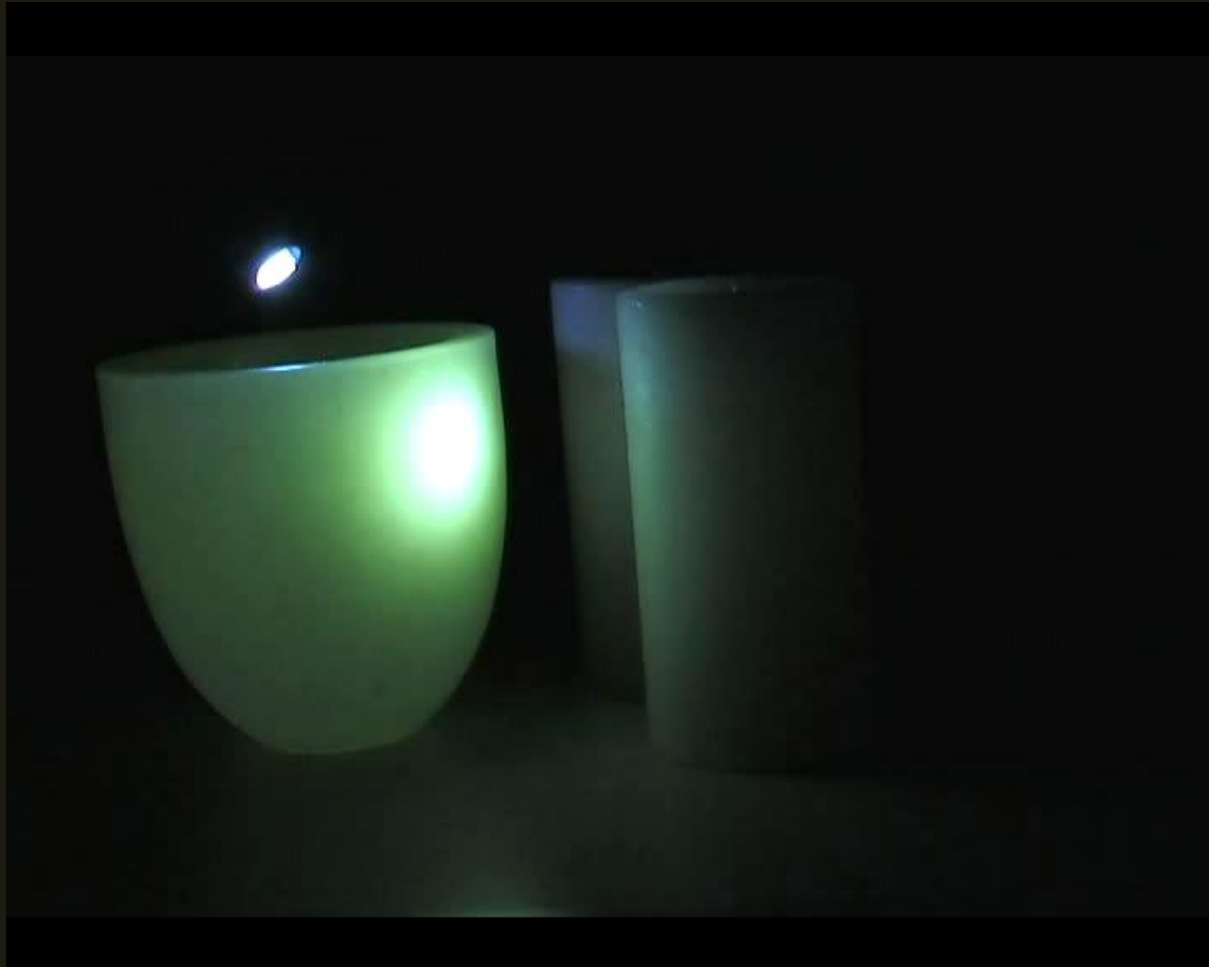


Precomputed Radiance Transfer

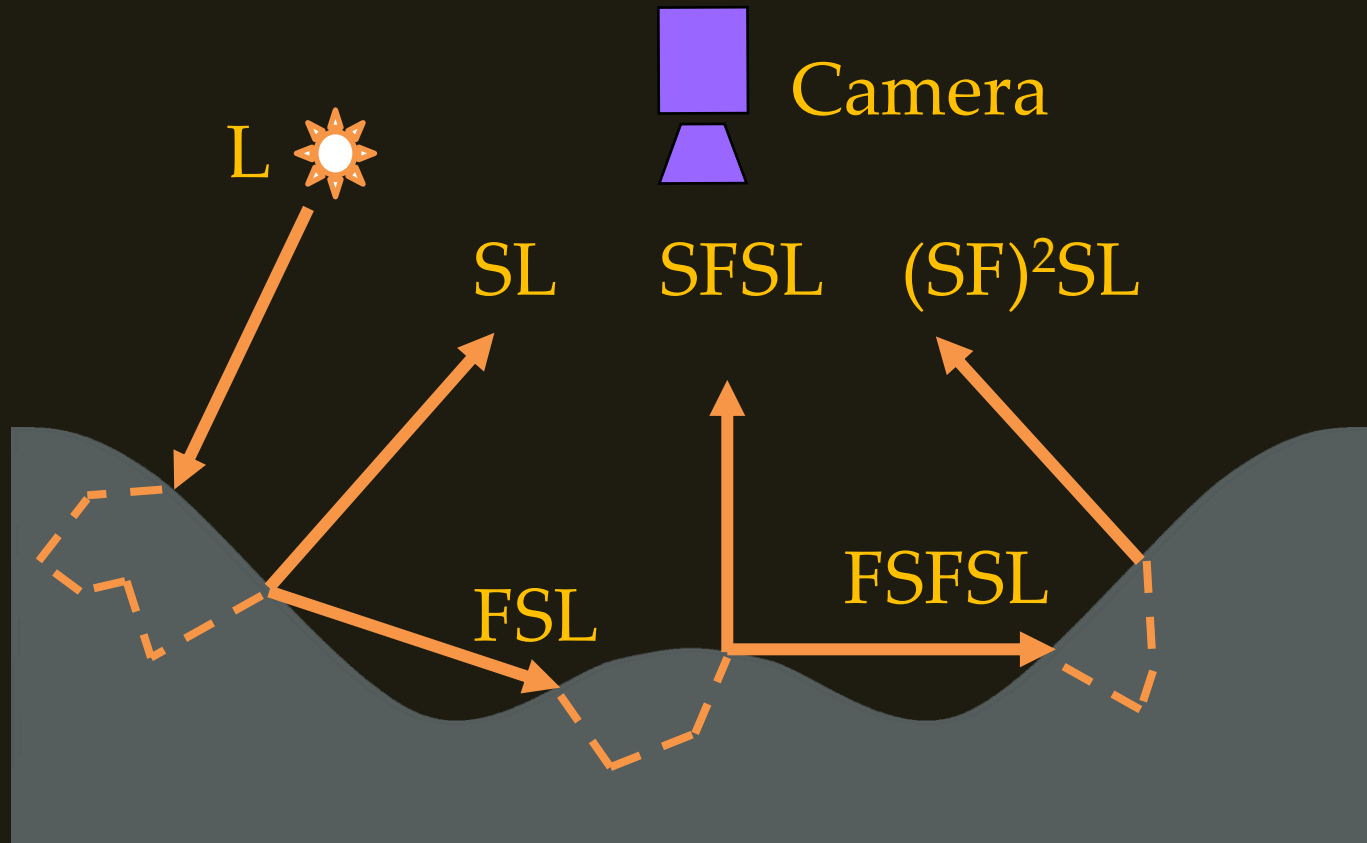
[Wang et al. 2005; Wang et al. 2008]

# Optical Interactions between Translucent Objects

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# Light Transport Pathways



Subsurface scattering: **S**

Inter-reflection: **F**

# Analytic Model

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First bounce:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & \cdots & S_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{n1} & \cdots & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}}_L$$

Second bounce:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & \cdots & S_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{n1} & \cdots & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & \cdots & F_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F_{n1} & \cdots & F_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_F \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & \cdots & S_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{n1} & \cdots & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ \vdots \\ L_n \end{bmatrix}}_L$$

N-th bounce:  $(SF)^{N-1}SL$

All bounces:  $B = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (SF)^{N-1}SL = (I - SF)^{-1}SL$

# Comparing with Traditional Radiosity

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Radiosity:  $B = (I - F)^{-1}L$

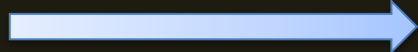
$$S = I \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \quad S$$

Analytic model:  $B = (I - SF)^{-1}SL$

Pros:

- Realtime changing viewpoints
- Fast relighting and changing materials

Cons:

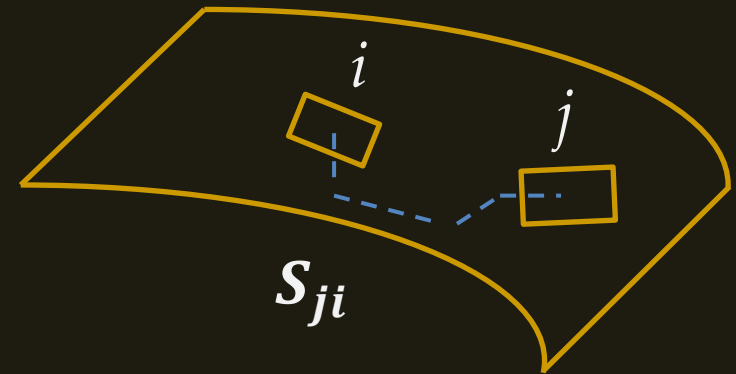
- Precomputating S and F: 10+ minutes
- Memory consumption: 1.5 GB  100MB

[Willmott et al. 1999]

# Subsurface Scattering Matrix

Subsurface scattering matrix:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & \cdots & S_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{n1} & \cdots & S_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



Subsurface scattering factor: [Carr et al. 2003]

$$S_{ji} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} s(i, j) dA_j dA_i$$

BSSRDF  $s(i, \vec{\omega}_i; j, \vec{\omega}_j)$

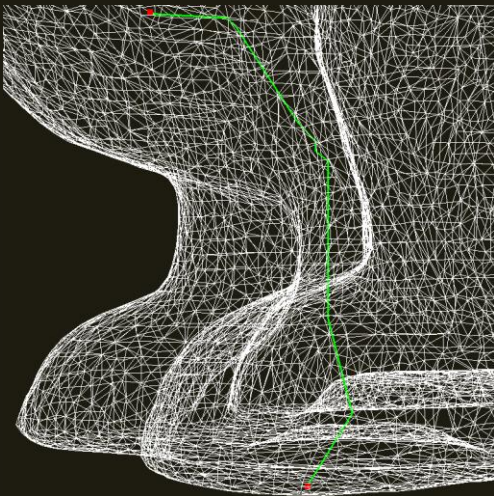


# Homogeneous Materials

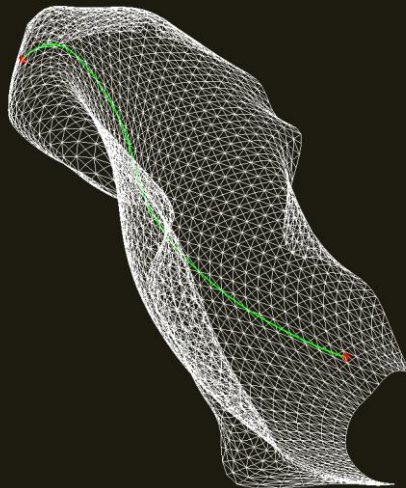
Subsurface scattering factor:

$$S_{ji} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} s(r) dA_j dA_i$$

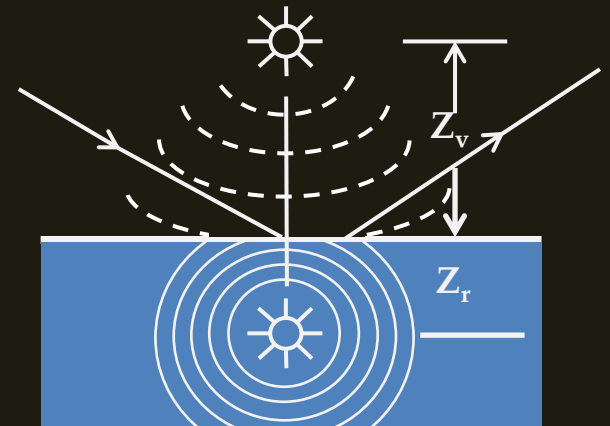
Computing distance  $r$ :



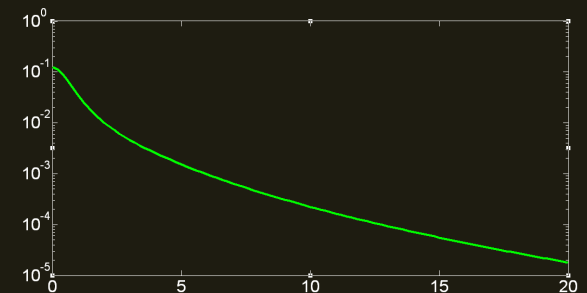
Volume



Shell



Dipole diffusion

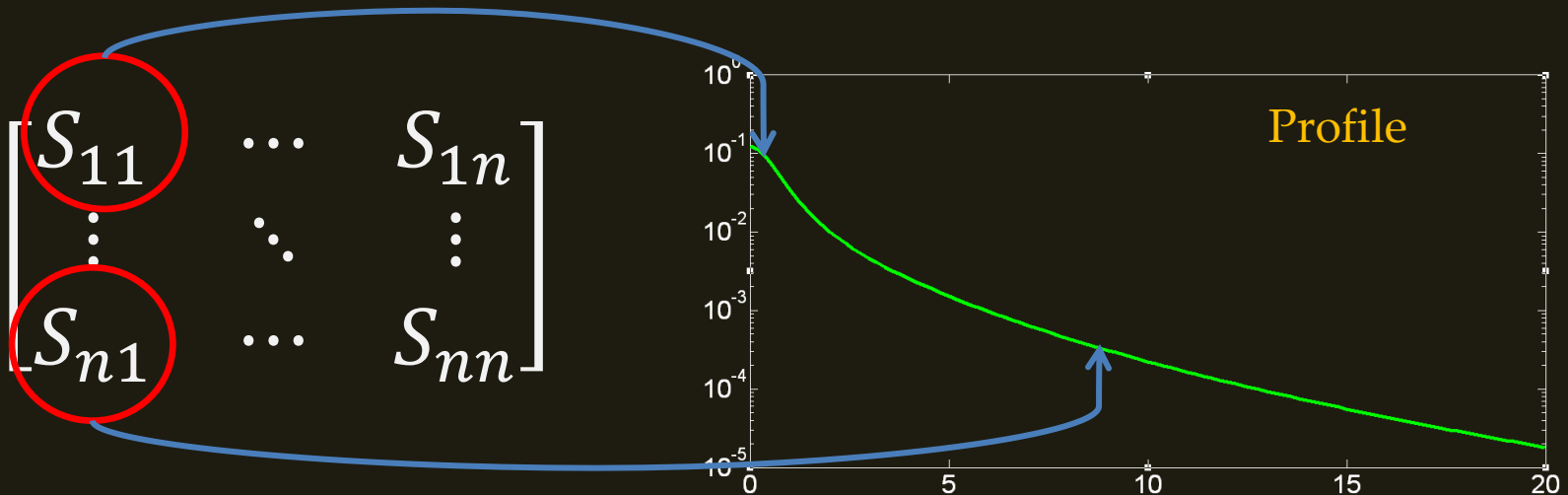


Profile

# Changing Translucencies

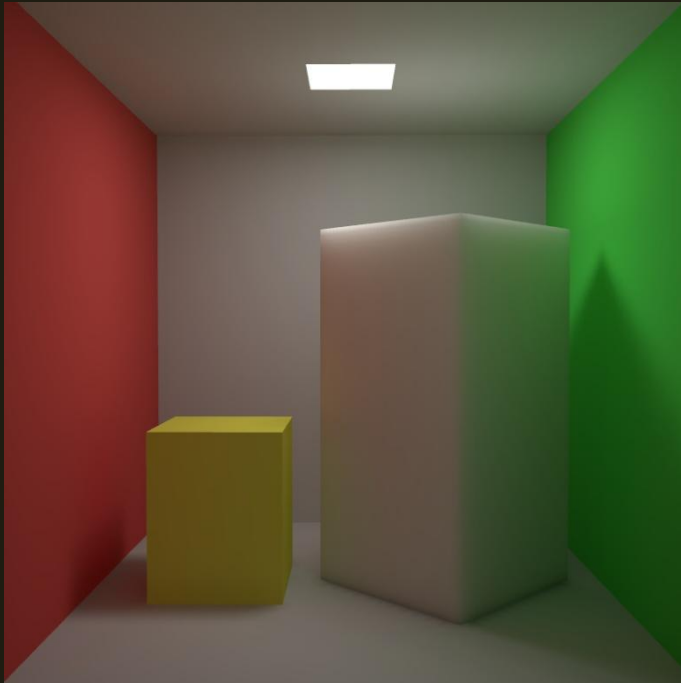
Subsurface scattering factor:

$$S_{ji} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} s(r) dA_j dA_i \approx \frac{1}{A_i} \sum_{\Delta A_i} \sum_{\Delta A_j} s(r) \Delta A_j \Delta A_i$$

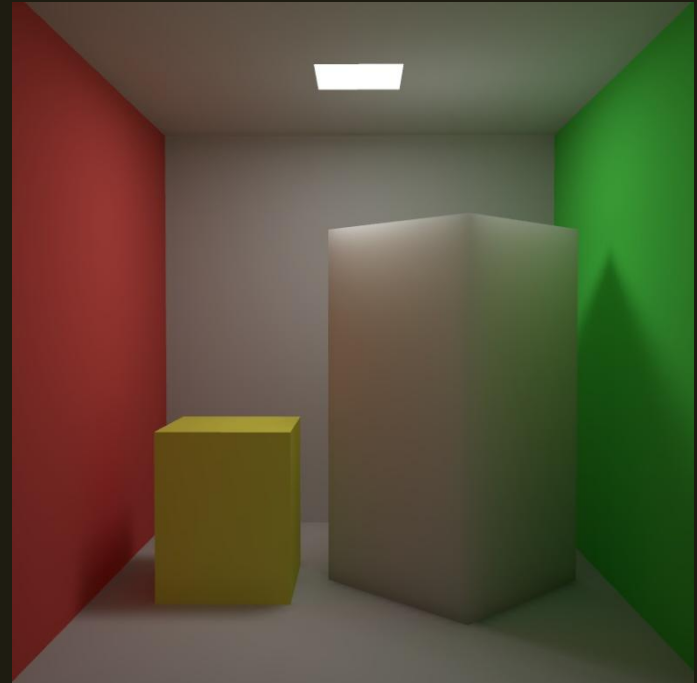


# Changing Translucencies

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Less translucent



More translucent

Performance: 2fps

# Heterogeneous materials

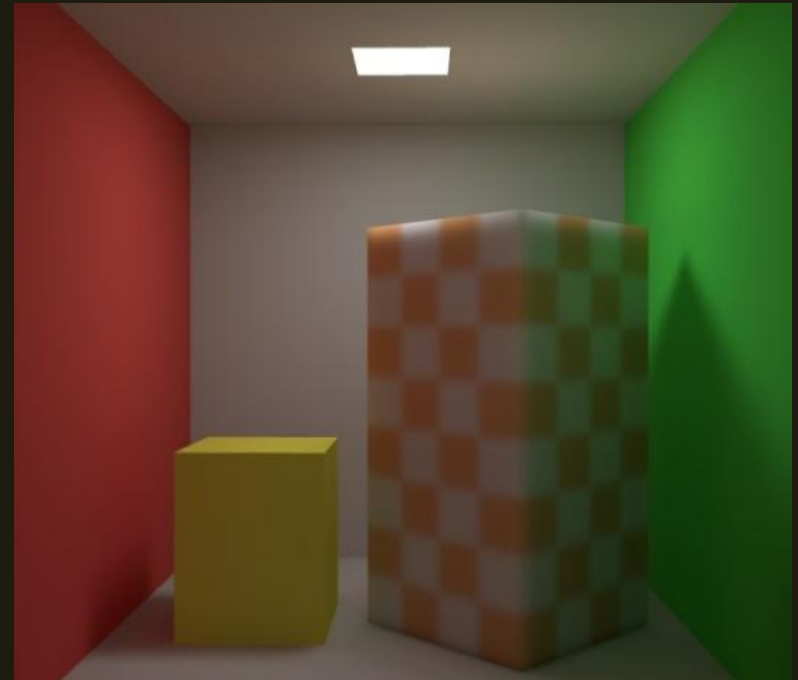
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Subsurface scattering factor:

$$S_{ji} = \frac{1}{A_i} \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} s(i, j) dA_j dA_i$$

4D BSSRDF Function:

- Measurement: DISCO [Goesele et al. 2004]
- Simulation: [wang et al. 2008], [Arbree et al. 2011]



# Relighting

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Analytic model:

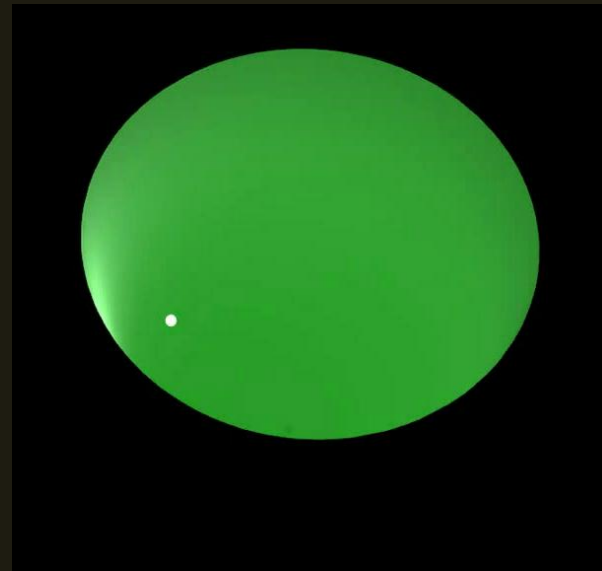
$$B = (I - SF)^{-1}SL = TL$$

Iterative solver: 5fps

Relighting only (>20 fps)



Translucent wax bowl



Diffuse bowl

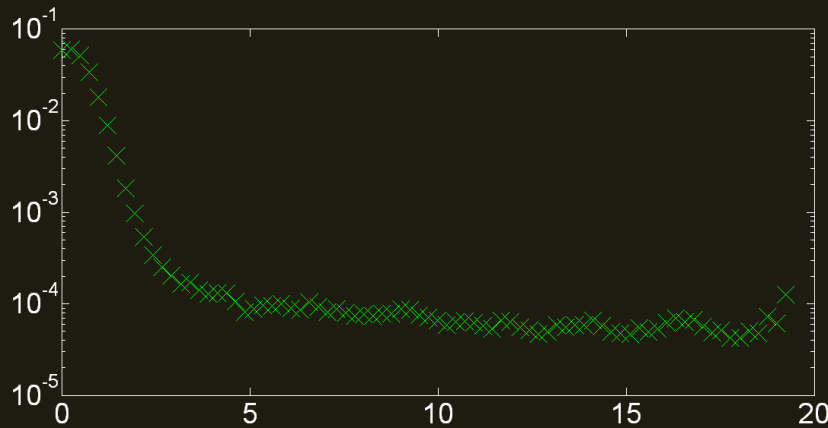
# Validation using Material Capture



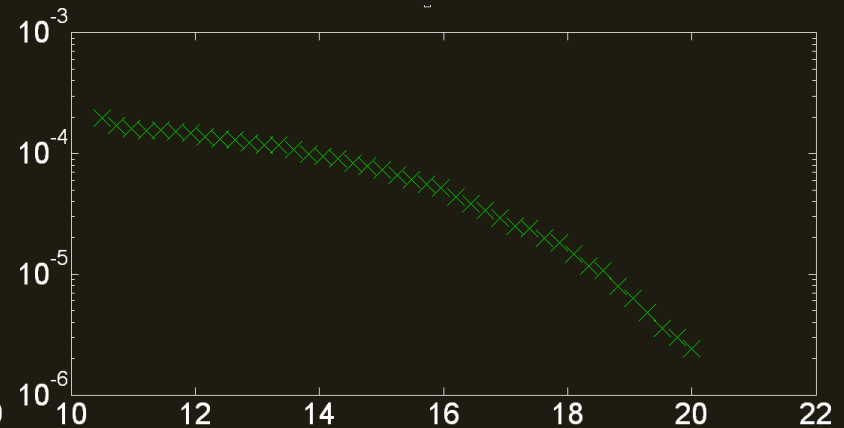
Reflection distribution



Transmission distribution



Reflection profile

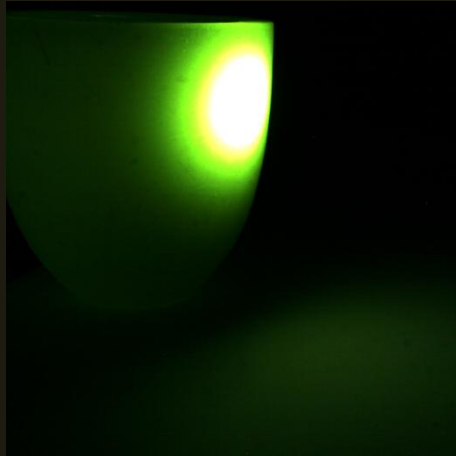


Transmission profile

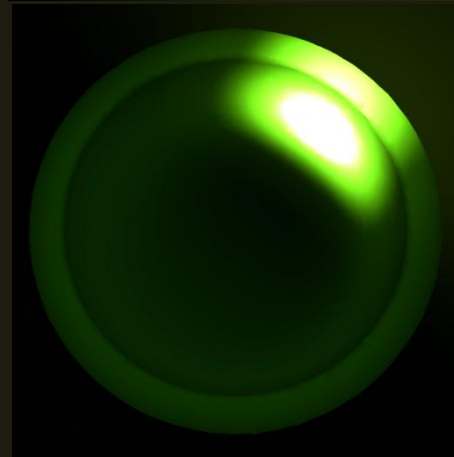
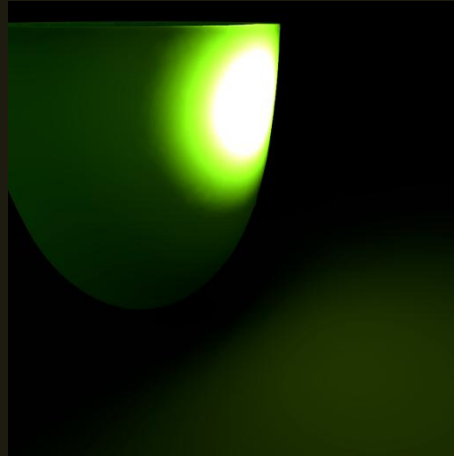
# Validation Results

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Photo



Rendering



# Rose

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Our result



First bounce removed

$$B - SL$$



Diffuse Inter-reflection

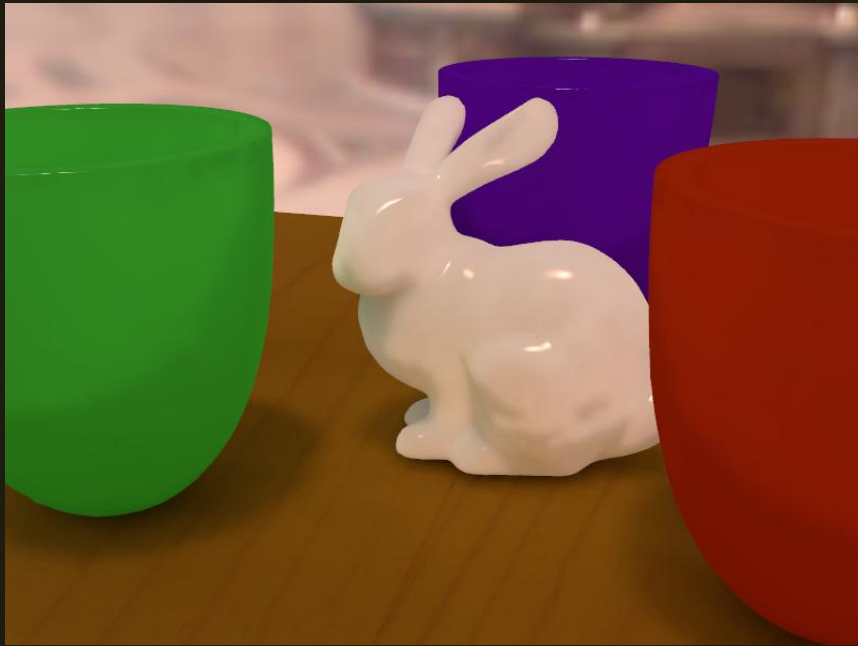
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} F^i L$$

| # of polys | Pre-computation (min) | Relighting | Change Trans (fps) |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 72k        | 15 + 20               | 3          | 0.5                |





# Bunny



Environment light



Spot lights



Point lights

# Bunny

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Camera 1



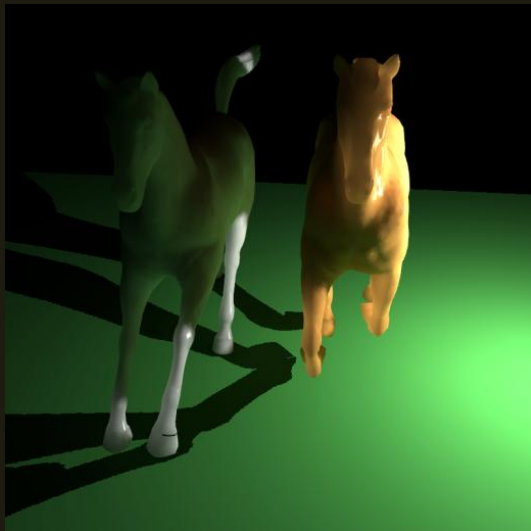
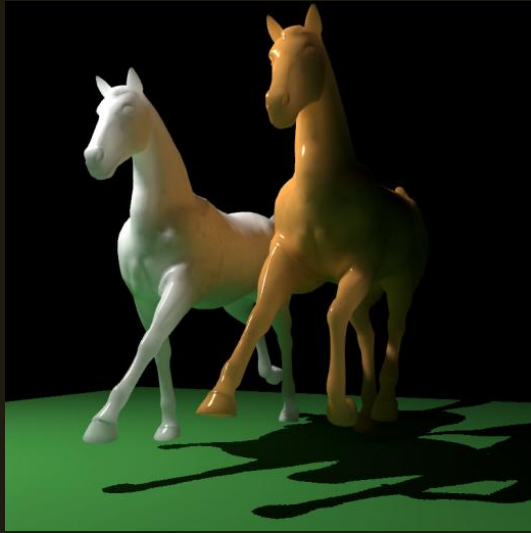
Camera 2

| # of polys | Pre-computation (min) | Relighting (fps) | Change Trans (fps) |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 73k        | 10 + 12               | 3                | 0.25               |

# Horses

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Our result



First bounce removed

$B - SL$





Our result



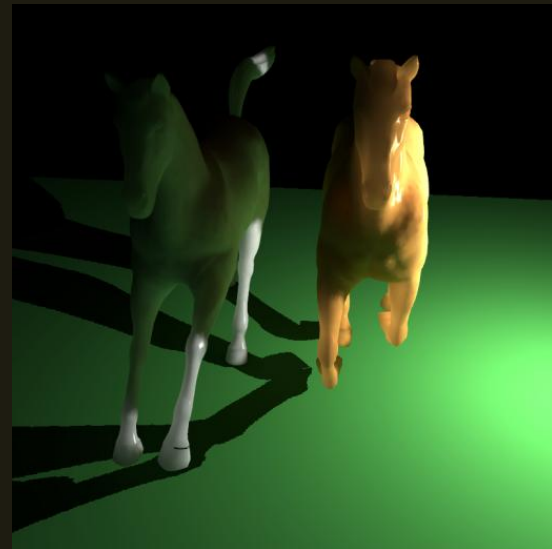
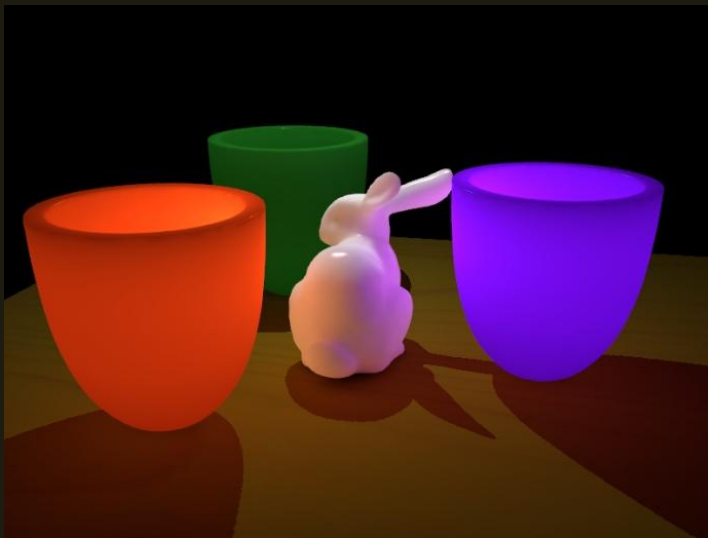
First bounce removed  
 $B - SL$

| # of polys | Pre-computation (min) | fps  |
|------------|-----------------------|------|
| 63k        | $(9 + 10) * 48$       | 0.05 |

# Future Work

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- Reduce memory consumption
  - Hierarchical method ([Willmott et al. 1999 ; Mertens et al. 2003])
- Multiple bounces of specular reflection
- Interactive rendering of dynamic scenes with translucent objects



# Radiosity in Computer Games

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Coarse radiosity solution



Fine interpolated result



DICE & Geometrics  
(Battle field 3)

# Summary

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- Analytic model combining subsurface scattering and inter-reflection
- Supports both homogeneous and heterogeneous materials
- Interactive change in viewpoint, lighting and translucency

