

# Multi-Projector Techniques for Real-Time Visualizations in

Multi-Projector Techniques for Real-Time Visualizations in Everyday Environments



# Outline

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#### Geometric Correction Planar, Non-Trivial, Complex Surfaces



Radiometric Compensation Local and Global Light Effects



Advanced Techniques View-Dependence, Multi-Focal Projection, Light Transport



Outlook Limitations and Future Work





# Introduction

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## Motivation: Projection







## **Application: Historic Sites and Museums**



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## **Application: Architectural Visualization**





Bimber et al, IEEE/ACM ISMAR 2005

On-Site Architectural Visualizations (Running project in coop. with Architecture Faculty, BUW)

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## **Application: Pocket Projectors**



Courtesy: InFocus

Courtesy: Siemens



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## **Some Challenges**



color blending

geometric warping

misregistration

regional defocus



scattering



specular reflection, refraction, sub-surface scattering, inter-reflections, dispersion, diffraction, etc.



## **A Multi-Projector-Camera Approach**



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# **Geometric Correction**

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### **Planar Surfaces**



 $p_2 \cong A_{3x3}p_1$ 

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# Homography

- homography is a mapping between two projections over a plane
- can map pixel coordinates from one perspective to another
- equation system has to be solved to determine 8 parameters of matrix A
- can be used directly in transformation pipeline by multiplying the following matrix after projection (without perspective division):



(approximately)

# **Multi-Projector Registration**

 registering multiple projectors onto a common planar surface

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- map all perspective into a single target perspective via homographies
- target perspective can be camera perspective
  - automatic determination of matrix parameters via structured light
- rendering
  - render image for target perspective (if target perspective is orthogonal to plane, then it can be done with an off-axis projection of an observer!)
  - map pixels into individual projector views (i.e., multiply 4x4 version of homography matrix onto matrix stack [after projection] and ensure that depth values remain intact!)







# **Example: Tiled Projection Screens**



Courtesy: Brown, et al., IEEE TVCG, 2005



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#### **Non-Trivial Surfaces**



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- given a geometric definition of the surface
  - scan or model

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- determine intrinsic and extrinsic of projectors with respect to surface
  - measure projections of known 3D surface points on image plane of projector and solve equation system to determine parameters of matrix
- define virtual camera with same parameter for each projector
- render 3D model of surface, textured with images, from perspective of projectors/ virtual cameras
- texture coordinates can be automatically generated from target perspective via projective texture mapping





## **Example: Shader Lamps**



Courtesy: Raskar, et al., EGRW 2001

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## **Complex Surfaces**



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# **Pixel Displacement Mapping**

- registering projections to such a surface by determining their intrinsic and extrinsic is too imprecise
  - non-linear lens distortion
  - errors in measuring fiducials
- rendering of 3D surface representation from perspective of projector might be to slow
  - high geometric complexity of model
  - many triangles to render
    - project, raster, texture
- measure per-pixel mapping between projector perspectives and target perspective (e.g., camera)
- render image from target perspective and map it (look-up) into perspective of projectors (e.g., pixel-shading)





## **Example: Stucco Wall**



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#### **Example: Fossil Cast**



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### **Example: Scruffy Room Corner**



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# **Radiometric Compensation**

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 regions of display surfaces that are illuminated by multiple projectors simultaneously appear brighter

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- projectors can have different brightness and can cover a different color space
- result: inconsistent image (intensity and color)
- humans can perceive 2% difference in brightness and a color variation of 2nm
- variations in brightness is more critical than variation in color
- solutions: intensity blending and color space mapping
- these techniques are not explained here!
- we assume that projectors and cameras are linearized and color mapped





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## **Compensating Local Light Effects**





Bimber et al, IEEE Computer 2005

# **Single Projector**

determining parameters (textures):

- (1) turn off environment light and project black flood image
  I=0.E=0 → BFM
- (2) turn on environment light and project black flood image
  I=0,E=1 → EM (incl. BFM !)
- (3) turn off environment light and project white flood image
   I=1,E=0 → FM (incl. BFM !)
   → FM=FM-BFM

#### compensation (per pixel): I=(R-EM)/(FM)

#### R=IFM+EM

- $I \rightarrow \text{projected image}$
- $B \rightarrow black-level$
- $F \rightarrow$  projector-2-surface form factor
- $E \rightarrow$  environment light
- $M \rightarrow$  surface reflectance (diffuse)

Nayar et al, CVPR 2004

# **Color Mixing**

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#### determining color mixing matrix V:

for un-normalized matrix: (camera and projector response must be known and linearized):

capture 9+ images  $\rightarrow$  least squares

for normalized matrix (camera response must be known, projector response can be unknown):

diagonals are 1 (unknown scaling)

off-diagonals are  $V_{ij} = \Delta C_j / \Delta I_i = \Delta C_j / \Delta R_i$ 

(since  $V_{ii}=1$ ,  $\Delta I_i=\Delta C_i$ ) capture 6 images **C** (2 per color channel to determine deltas)

#### compensation (per pixel): I=V<sup>-1</sup>\*R (does not consider environment light!)

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#### R=V\*I

 I → projected image
 V → color mixing matrix (projector/camera/reflectance)







# **Dynamic Adaptation**

determining color mixing matrix  $V_0$ : similar as before:  $V_{ij}=\Delta C_j/\Delta I_i$ (un-normalized!)



determine reflected environment light  $E_0^*M_0$  at t=0:  $E_0^*M_0=C-V_0^*I$  (project arbitrary I and capture C)  $R_t=$ 

compensation (per pixel at t):  $I_t = V_0^{-1*} (R^*M_0/M_{t-1} - E_{t-1}^*M_0)$   $\rightarrow E_{t-1}^*M_0 \text{ approx. } E_0^*M_0$  $\rightarrow M_0/M_{t-1} = C_0/C_{t-1}$ 





# Limited Dynamic Range and Brightness



# **Multiple Projectors**

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#### strategy: balance intensity load

 assume: total intensity is equally balanced among multiple low-capacity units

$$\mathbf{I}_{i} = \mathbf{I}_{1} = \mathbf{I}_{2} = \dots = \mathbf{I}_{N}$$

 this is equivalent to the assumption that a single high capacity projector produces the total intensity arriving on the surface virtually

> $R = EM + I_i(F_1M + F_2M + \dots + F_NM)$  $\rightarrow EM + I(F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_N)M$

# $\begin{array}{l} \text{compensation (per pixel):} \\ I_i = (R\text{-}EM)/(F_1M + F_2M + \ldots + F_NM) \\ \text{remember: } F_iM = F_iM - B_iF_iM \\ \text{or } BFM = B_1F_1M + \ldots + B_iF_iM \end{array}$



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# **Considering Human Visual Perception**

threshold map (Ramasubramanian et al. Siggraph'99)

- computes for every pixel of an image **R** the amount of luminance difference that is imperceptible
- considers contrast, luminance and spatial frequency in local neighborhood

# adaptation of un-compensated

(original) image R:

- compute and apply a single (global) scaling factor **R'=R**\*α that minimizes the perceived error (Wang, et al. 2005, only monochrome, not real-time, single projector)
- coming soon: color, real-time, global and local adaptation, potentially multiple projectors







## **Example: Curtain**



Bimber et al, IEEE Computer 2005

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## **Example: Fossil**



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## **Example: Natural Stone Wall**



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# **Example: Wallpaper**



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# **Compensating Diffuse Scattering**

Bimber et al, IEEE/ACM ISMAR 2005





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## Advanced Techniques View-Dependence

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- view-dependent geometry correction can be compute if geometry is known
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- planar/multi-plane: offaxis projection
- parametric: warping via parametric description
- scanned/modelled: projective texture mapping



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# Example: Life-Sized Projector-Based Dioramas



Courtesy: Low, et al., 2001



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# **Complex Surfaces**

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- if geometry is unknown image-based rendering helps
- sample geometric and radiometric parameters from multiple (source) camera (perspective)
- for novel (destination) camera
  - compute weighted penalties:

$$p_j = \alpha a_j + (1 - \alpha) b_j$$

 select k best perspectives (lowest penalities) and normalize them:

$$w_j = \left(1 - \frac{p_j}{\max_{pk}}\right) \frac{1}{p_j}$$

 interpolate new parameter textures (P<sub>i</sub>2C<sub>j</sub>, F<sub>ij</sub>M, E<sub>ij</sub>M) and direction vector for destination perspective to render new IP:

$$t_d = \sum_{j=1}^{k} w_j t_j$$

- lookups in IP with interpolated P<sub>i</sub>2C<sub>j</sub>

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# **Example: Tracking and Stereo**



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# **Depth and Occlusion**



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### **Example: Stereo on Wallpaper**



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## Advanced Techniques Multi-Focal Projection

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- structured light projection of grid point samples (2- dimensional phase shift)
  - pre-correction: geometric and radiometric correction (corrected grid points must be observed in camera)

$$I_{x,y} = (R_{x,y} - EM_{x,y})/FM_{x,y}$$

post-correction:

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$$\begin{split} R'_{x',y'} &= fI_{x,y} FM_{x',y'} + EM_{x',y'} \\ fI_{x,y} &= \frac{(R'_{x',y'} - EM_{x',y'})}{FM_{x',y'}} \\ f &= \frac{fI_{x,y}}{FM_{x',y'}} \end{split}$$

 the normalized intensity aproad texture f serves as basis to estimate focus measures (e.g., via FFT/DCT, intensity loss, point spread, etc.)



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# **Example: Different Configurations**



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# **Example: Shifting Focal Plane**



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# Image Composition

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- using the focus values of each projector's pixels (Φ<sub>i,x,y</sub>), compose an image with minimal total defocus
  - excusive composition: surface point is covered by a single projector pixel (the one with highest \$\Phi\_{1}\$,"



weighted

before

$$I_i = \frac{w_i (R - EM)}{\sum_j^N w_j FM_j} \quad w_{i,x,y} = \frac{\Phi_{i,x,y}}{\sum_j^N \Phi_{j,y}}$$

 weighted composition: compute normalized weight and multiply it with *FM* and *I*

$$I_{i} = w_{i}(R-EM)/FM_{i}, \quad w_{i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \Phi_{i,x,y} \geq \Phi_{j,x,y} \\ 0 & else \end{cases}$$

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## **Example: Room Corner**



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# **Example: Large Focal Depth**



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## Advanced Techniques Light Transport

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### **Form-Factors from Light Transport Matrix**



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- traditional radiometric compensation requires direct projector-camera pixel correspondence
- include arbitrary global illumination effects using T
- apply inverse light transport T<sup>-1</sup>C=P

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 since T is huge, decompose it into clusters and solve in real-time on GPU





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# Outlook

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# Limitations

- technological limitations of projectors:
  - brightness, resolution, focal depth
  - black-level and dynamic range
  - size, cost, portability ·
- technological limitations of cameras:

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# **Future Work**

- new techniques:
  - consider human visual perception
    - spent computational power only on overcoming limitations that can actually be perceived
  - consider global effects
    - inter-reflections, scattering, etc.

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