CS 563 Advanced Topics in Computer Graphics *Global Illumination*

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Global Illumination



Examples



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More examples



http://graphics.ucsd.edu/~henrik/papers/fast_bssrdf/



http://www.cemyuksel.com/research/gihair/

What is it?





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_illumination

Path Tracing



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kajiya



How it works





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Not enough samples



Unless...



Caustics



http://mvpny.com/R11GITutorial/R11GITutorial_Part1.html

Light Sampling





Damon's Hybrid



Radiosity



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiosity_(3D_computer_graphics)

How it works





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Photon Mapping



http://vray.info/features/vray1.5_preview/

Photon Mapping Second Pass

Calculating Radiance at an intersection point:

1.Gather the N nearest photons using the nearest

neighbor search function on the photon map.

2.Let S be the sphere that contains these N photons.

- 3.For each photon, divide the amount of flux (real photons) that the photon represents by the area of S and multipl by the BRDF applied to that photon.
- 4. The sum of those results for each photon represents total surface radiance returned by the surface intersection in the direction of the ray that struck it.

Nice image to offset all that text



http://ompf.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=1181

The Future?



Questions?



http://cs.swan.ac.uk/~csbenjamin/cgf/

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