Papers To Be Presented

- Physically-Based Real-Time Lens Flare Rendering – *SIGGRAPH 2011*
 - Interactive rendering few frames per second
- Practical Real-Time Lens-Flare Rendering - *Eurographics 2013*
 - Real-time rendering hundreds frames per second



Physically-Based Real-Time Lens Flare Rendering

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Background (1) What is the lens flare?



Lens Flare

• Lens flare is the light scattered in lens systems through generally **unwanted image formation mechanisms**, such as **internal reflection and scattering** from material inhomogeneities in the lens.



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Lens Hood



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Five_lens_hoods.JPG



Deliberate Use of Lens Flares

 Lens flare does not seem like what we see with our eyes - it seems like what "real photograph" is.

Taking "warm" photograph

http://nikonblog.co.kr/953



Examples





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http://m.blog.naver.com/marsem/110159181635

http://cayty.tistory.com/1360

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Flare and Ghost





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http://nikonblog.co.kr/953 http://www.spiritofexploration.com/images/sun2.png

Background (2) What makes the lens flare?



Shape of the Ghost

• Shape of the aperture determines the shape of the ghost.









https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Lens_Flare_at_Borobudur_Stairs_Kala_Arches.JPG https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aperture#/media/File:Aperture_in_Canon_50mm_f1.8_II_lens.jpg

Shape of the Flare ("Star")

- Fraunhofer diffraction
- Caused by the wave nature
- Calculate over RGB channels
- Shape of the aperture + dust and scratches









https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraunhofer_diffraction#/media/File:Rectangular_diffraction.jpg

"Rings"

- Fresnel Diffraction
- When Fresnel number ~ 1
- ** if Fresnel number << 1 then occurs Fraunhofer diffraction







Number of Ghosts

• Any combination of even-number reflection is possible





Color of the Ghost

- Why the ghost has color, not just a white one?
- Anti-reflective coating makes the color





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Lens_Flare_at_Borobudur_Stairs_Kala_Arches.JPG https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-reflective_coating#/media/File:Antireflection_coating_split_pic.jpg



Rainbows

- Caused by chromatic aberration
- In this case, RGB channels are NOT sufficient





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prism#/media/File:Light_dispersion_of_a_mercury-vapor_lamp_with_a_flint_glass_prism_IPNr%C2%B00125.jpg



Acceleration & Approximations



Refraction Model

- Sellmeier's empirical approximation (1871)
- B1~B3 and C1~C3 can be obtained from the material database.

$$n^{2}(\lambda) = 1 + \frac{B_{1}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - C_{1}} + \frac{B_{2}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - C_{2}} + \frac{B_{3}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - C_{3}}$$



Reflection Ratio

• Fresnel equation

KAIST

• Determines how much light is reflected.



$$R = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_1 \cos \theta_1 - n_2 \cos \theta_2}{n_1 \cos \theta_1 + n_2 \cos \theta_2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n_1 \cos \theta_2 - n_2 \cos \theta_1}{n_1 \cos \theta_2 + n_2 \cos \theta_1} \right)^2$$
$$T = 1 - R.$$

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresnel_equations#/media/File:Fresnel1.svg

Absorbance

- Energy loss during the transmission
 - [Hack] Ignore



Rings and Stars

- Once the aperture model is determined, also the shape of rings and stars
 - Save the pre-calculated shape as **textures**
- For Fresnel diffractions, $\alpha = 0.15 \cdot (\lambda/400 \text{ nm}) \cdot (\#/18)$

works well for most cases;





Number of Ghosts

• Inter-aperture reflection requires at least 3 aperture traversals – Ignore this case





Axial Symmetry

 In the middle of the aperture, we can reuse the ray-tracing result through the axis.





Anti-Reflective Coating

- Actual composition is trade secrete :)
- But, a quarter-wave coating is sufficient



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_coating#/media/File:Optical-coating-2.png



Culling Ghosts

- Removing 20% weakest delivers 20% speedup without visible artifacts.
- Even 40% removal is still acceptable.



Comparing with Ray-Tracing

8192² samples per ghost

159s per frame



128² samples per ghost

29.8ms per frame



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Linearization of Equations (1)

• For small θ , sin $\theta \approx \theta$, tan $\theta \approx \theta$, and cos $\theta \approx 1$



Figure 2: 2*D*-vector notation of a ray $\mathbf{r} = [r \ \theta]^{\mathsf{T}}$.



Linearization of Equations (2)





Displacement Matrix





Refraction Matrix





Reflection Matrix





Formulation of Internal-Reflection





Performance



297 fps vs 4.1 fps



Questions?

Thank you for listening!

Figures without reference came from the papers



http://fallout.wikia.com/wiki/File:36_Ambassador_of_Peace.png

Quizes

- 1. What determines the number of ghosts?
- 2. What determines the shape of ghosts?

