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# High Dynamic Range Imaging

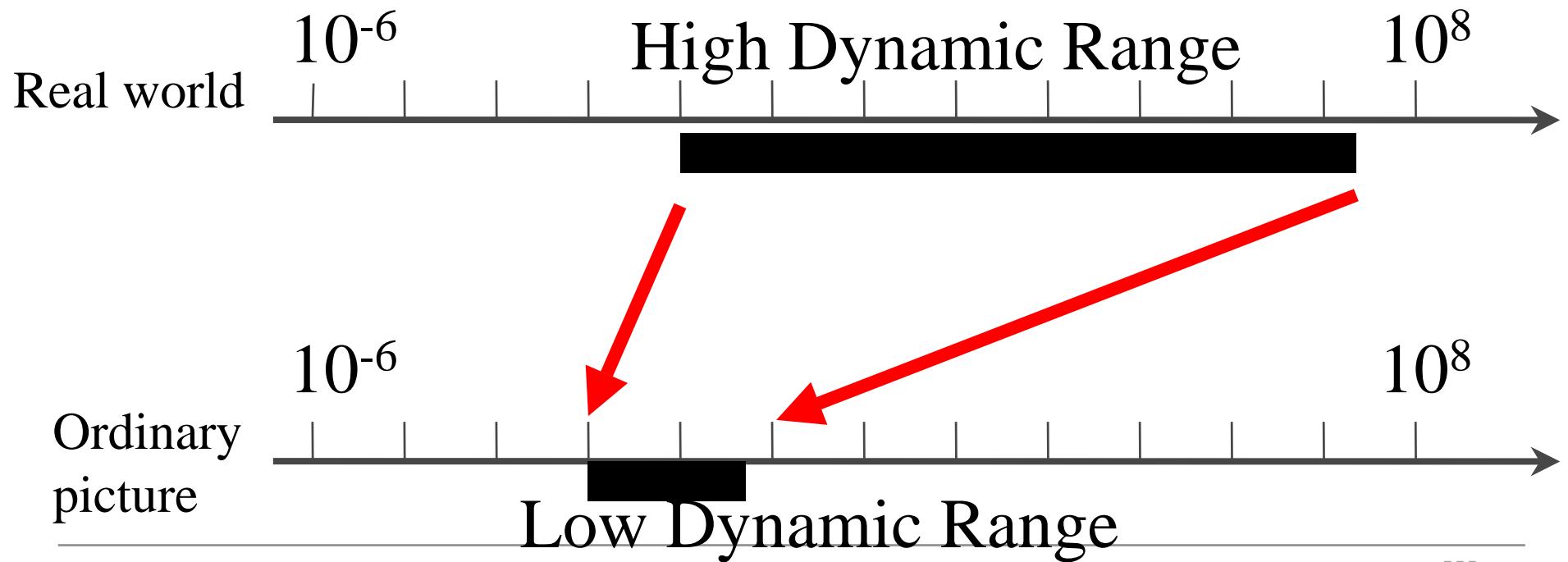
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# What is HDR?

- HDR = High Dynamic Range
  - typically **highest : lowest luminance** [cd/m<sup>2</sup>]
  - peak signal:noise level, exposure (f-stops), log-10 units...
- several orders of magnitude
- INT is not enough



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- Tone mapping
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# Motivation

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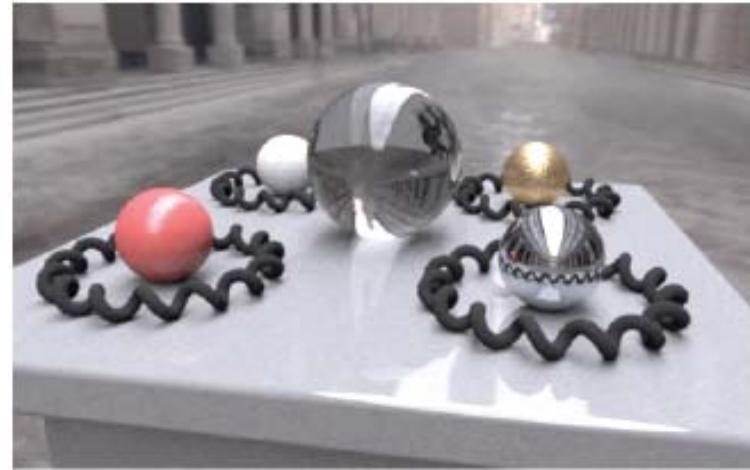
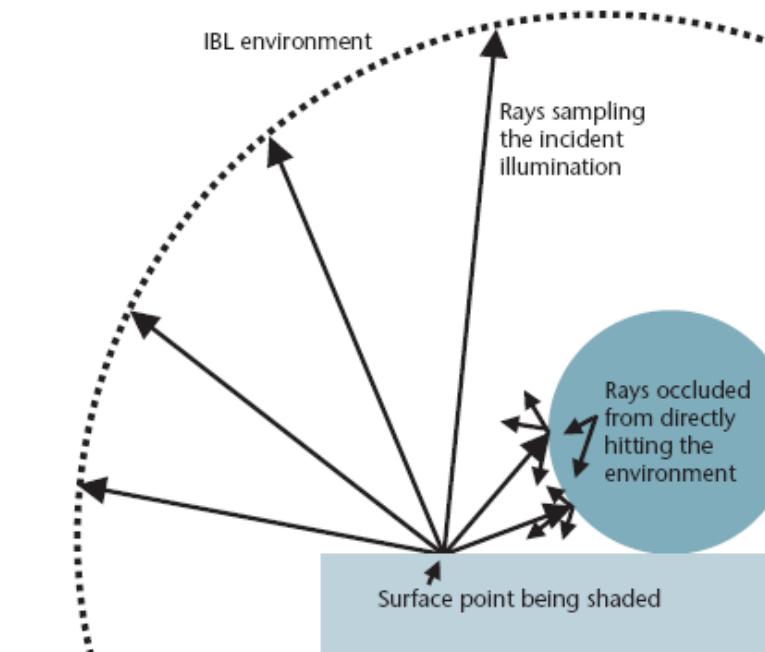
- real world is HDR!
- physically-based rendering outputs
- photography
- digital cinema
- games (explosions are really HDR ☺), [video \[2:24\]](#)
- ...



# HDR Applications

## ■ Image-Based Lighting

- [Debevec 98]
- using HDR radiance maps to illuminate synthetic objects
- RNL - videos



# HDR Applications

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- physically-based rendering (global illumination)
- image-based rendering and modeling
- HDR panoramic imaging
- visualization (i.e. medical imaging)
- computer vision (algorithms perform better)
- human vision simulation and psychophysics

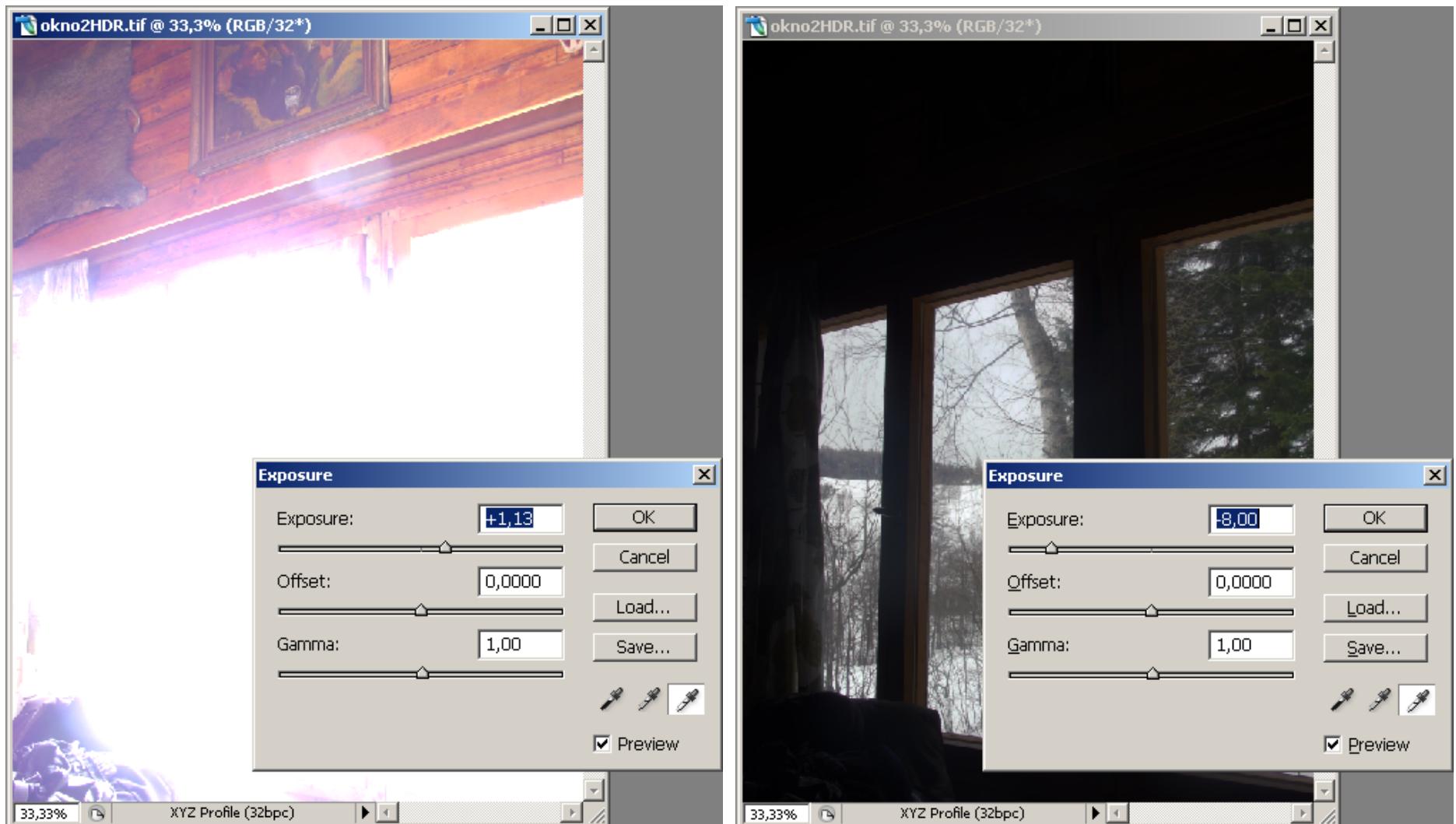


- digital photography in PS\_CS2, CS\_3
  - HDR first in version: 9.0 (CS2)
  - 32 bits-per-channel HDR images
  - Merge To HDR command
  - Photoshop (PSD, PSB), Radiance (HDR), Portable Float Map (PFM), OpenEXR, TIFF (LogLuv just reads)



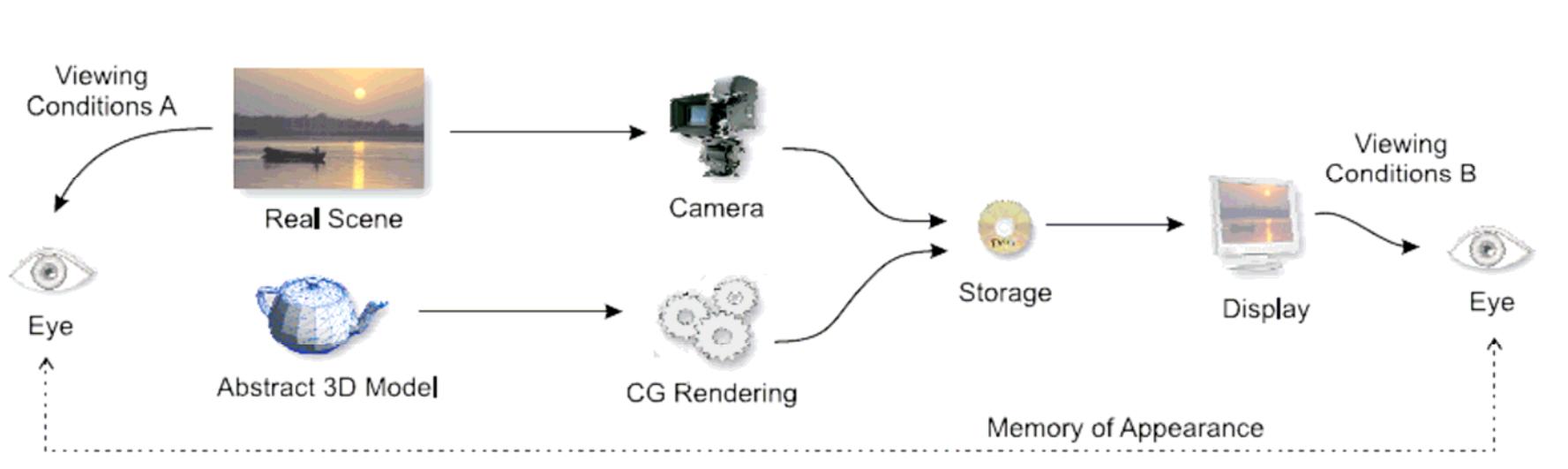
# HDR Applications

Adobe® Photoshop®



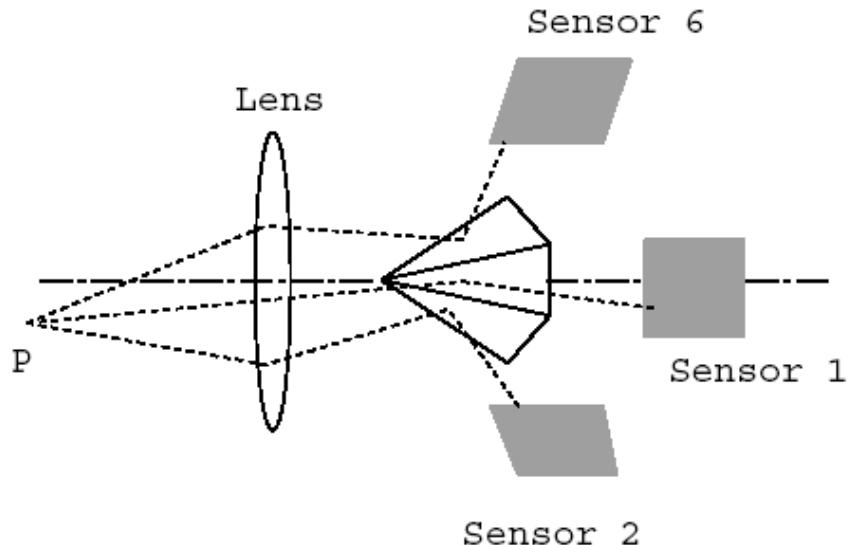
# HDR Imaging Pipeline

- traditional LDR pipeline not sufficient
- new generations of input/output devices
- supported by new graphics hardware



# HDR Image Acquisition

- Software simulation
  - physically based methods
- Specialized input devices
  - Panoscan Mark3, SpheronVR (scanning panoramic cameras), HDR video, etc.
- HDR from multiple photographs



# HDR Image Acquisition

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f/8, 1/1000s



f/5.6, 1/250s



f/5.6, 1/30s



f/5.6, 1/4s



f/5.6, 2s



f/5.6, 8s



# HDR Image Acquisition

- [Debevec and Malik 1997]

- film response function recovery:

we have:

$Z_{ij}$  [-] – value of pixel  $i$  with exposure time  
 $j$

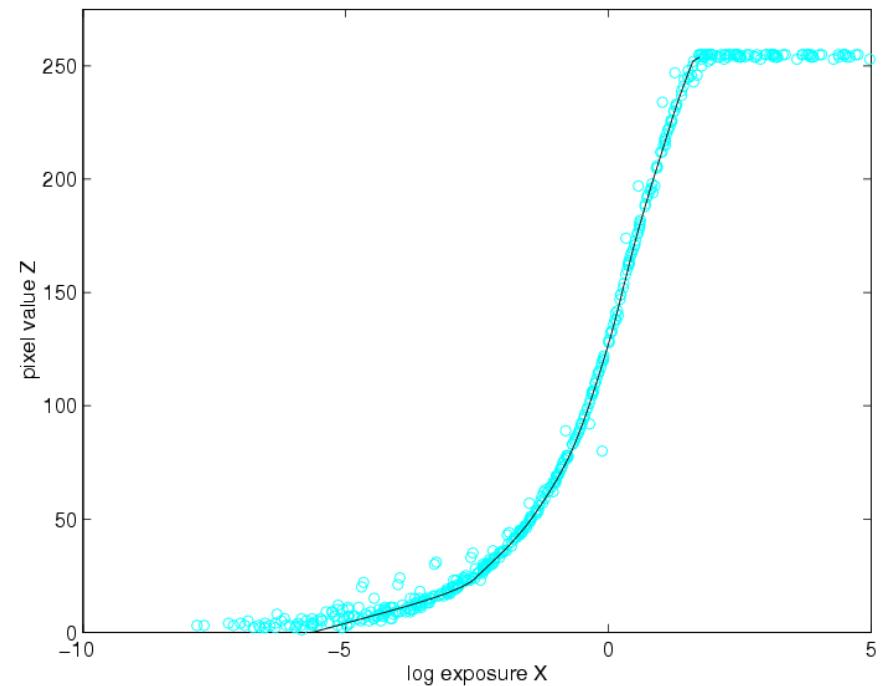
$E_i$  [ $\text{W/m}^2$ ] – Irradiance constant for pixel  $i$

$\Delta t_j$  [s] – exposure time

$$Z_{ij} = f(E_i \Delta t_j)$$

we wish to recover  $f$  and  $E_i$ , that best satisfy the overdetermined set of eqns. (least sq. error)

- construction of HDR radiance map

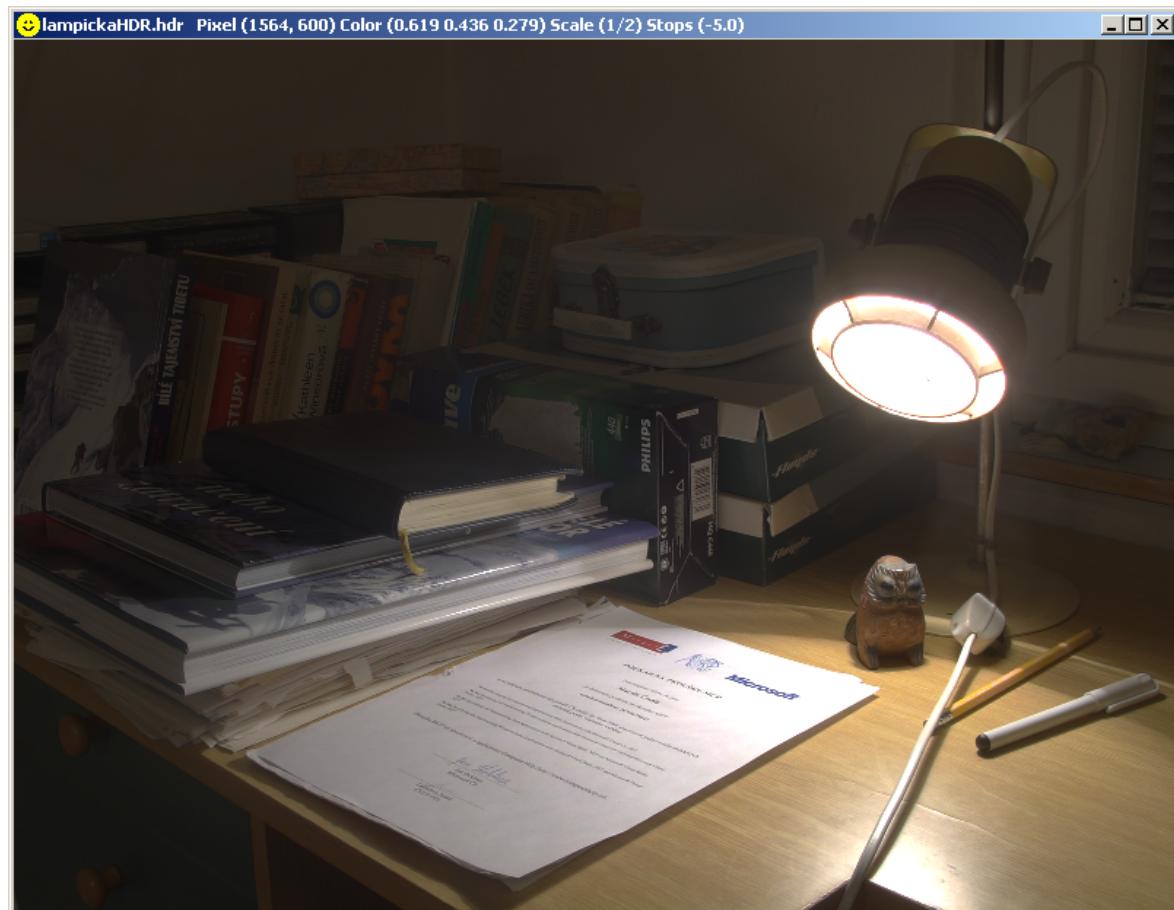


# HDR Image Acquisition

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- [Debevec and Malik 1997]

- sample



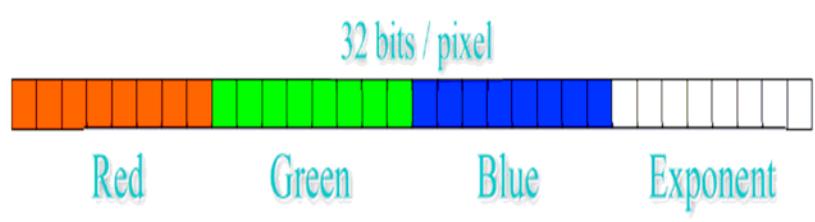
# HDR Image File Formats

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- we need **FLOATS** (at least)
  - precision, dynamic range
  - typically  $4B == 3.4 E +/- 38$
  - the image file is **4x bigger** ( $96b/pixel \times 24b/pixel$ ) than usual!

- Raw Binary Floating Point (.raw)
  - cameras, manufacturer-specific
  - not really HDR

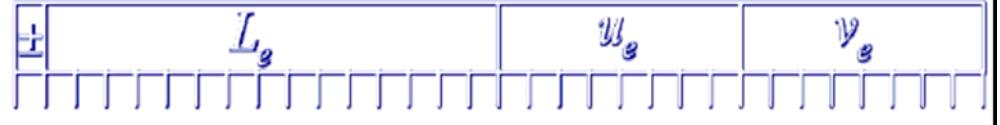
- Radiance RGBE (.pic, .hdr)
  - [Ward92]
  - 32b/pixel
  - 3x 8b mantissa + 1x exponent
  - $10^{+/-38}$  (too much,  $10^{+9/-7}$  would be enough), 1% relative accuracy



# HDR Image File Formats

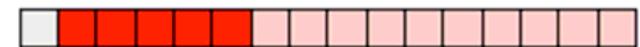
- SGI LogLuv TIFF (.tif)

- [Ward 98]
- human perception based:
  - log encoding of luminance,  $10^{+/-38}$ , 0.3% relative accuracy
  - CIE (u, v) encoding for chroma, errors under visible threshold
- 3 variants: 24b/pixel, 30b/pixel, 32b/pixel



- OpenEXR (.exr)

- Industrial Light and Magic [2003]
- 16b float (Half data type)
- 48 or 96b/pixel + lossless compression
- multiresolution
- supported by graphics hardware (NVidia, ATI frame buffers)



sign exponent mantissa



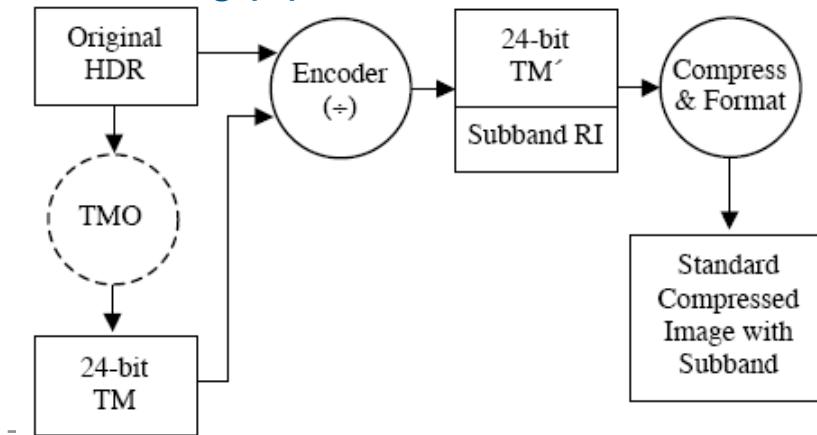
# HDR Image File Formats

- JPEG HDR - Subband Encoding (.jpeg) [Ward and Simmons 04]

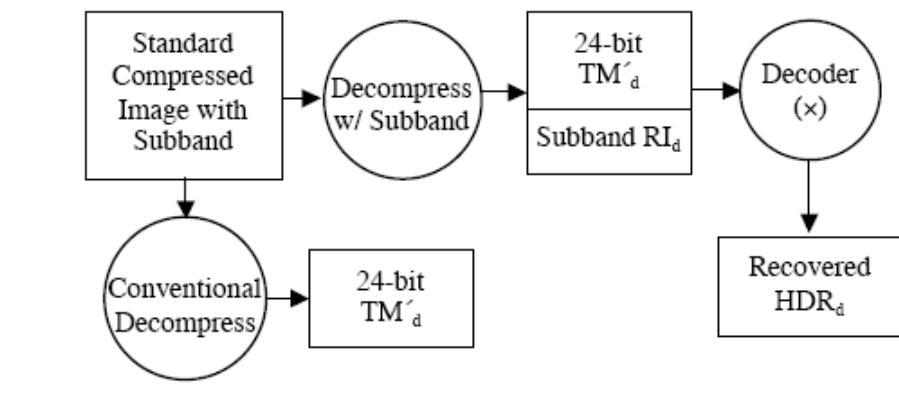
- Tone-mapped version
  - + Ratio image (subband – metadata JFIF)
- Ratio Image:
$$RI(x,y) = \frac{L(HDR(x,y))}{L(TM(x,y))}$$
- allows lossy compression
- naive software = tone mapped version, specialized software = HDR



Encoding pipeline



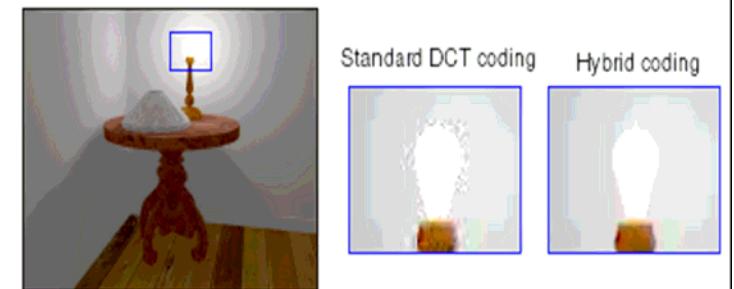
Alternate decoding paths



# HDR Video

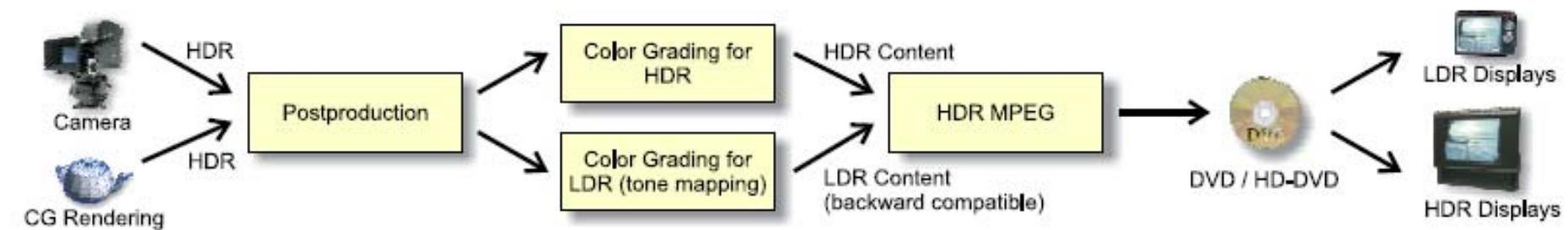
## ■ HDRV – perception-motivated [Mantiuk et al. 04]

- perceptual Luminance quantization
- 11b for Luminance + 2x 8b for chrominance
- based on MPEG-4
- no LDR (pure HDR video)



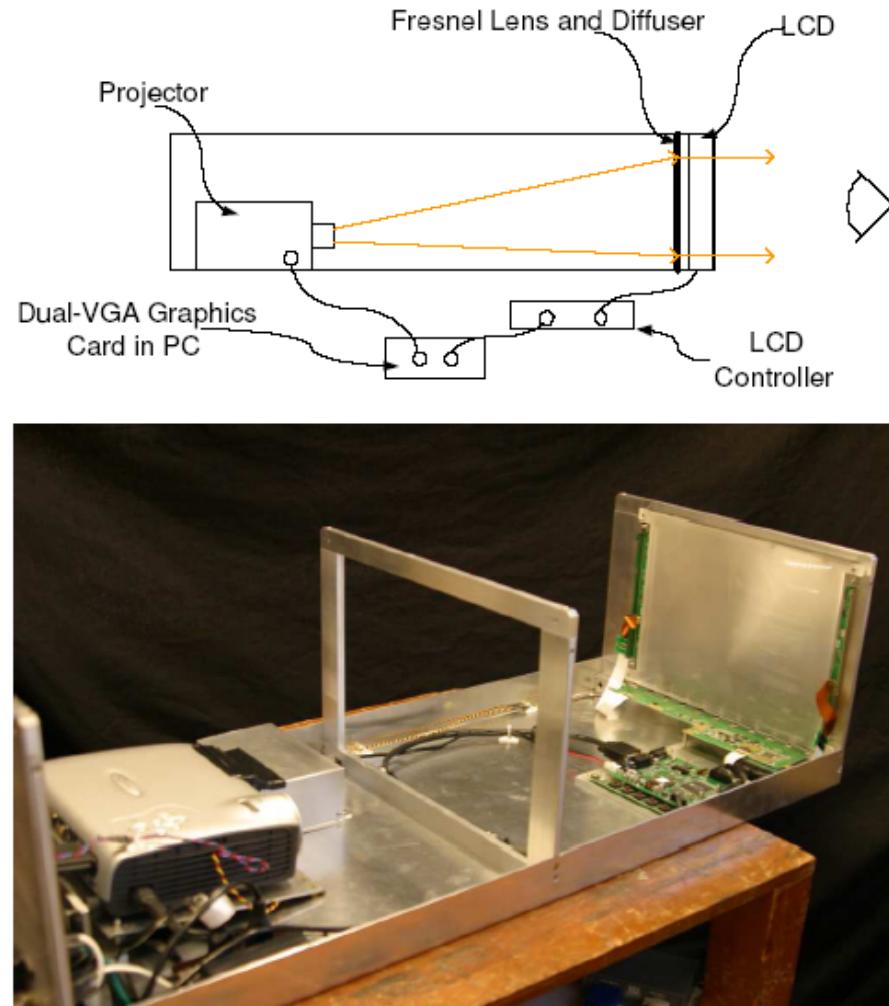
## ■ HDR MPEG [Mantiuk et al. 06]

- backward-compatible MPEG
- residual stream + standard LDR stream
- just 30% data flow increase



# HDR Display Systems

- [Seetzen et al.]
  - LCD panel + projector
  - LCD panel + LED panel
  - applications:
    - HDR image viewer
    - interactive photorealistic rendering
    - volume rendering
    - medical image viewer

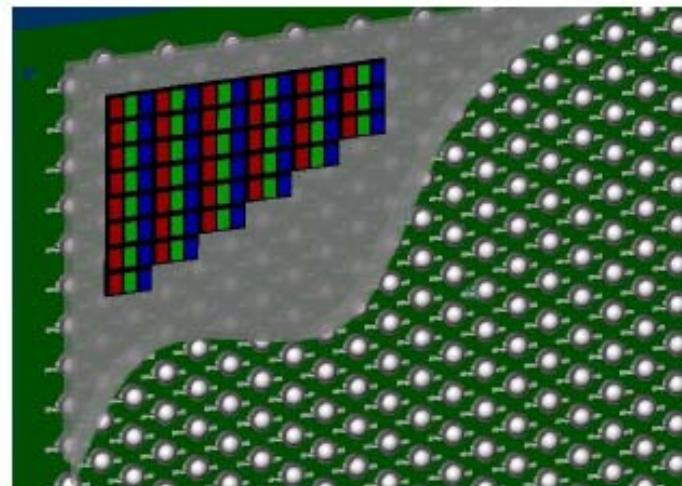


# HDR Display Systems



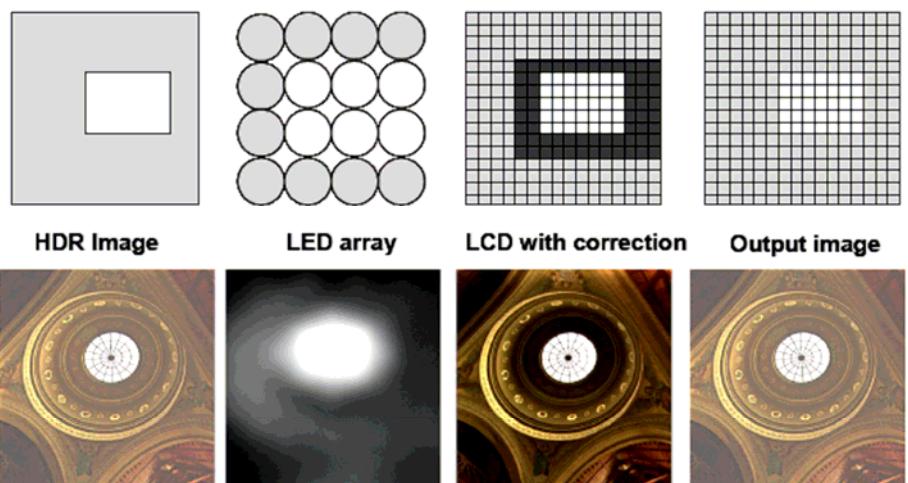
## ■ ordinary LCD

- 300:1 to 1000:1
- black=0.1 to 1 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
- peak=300 to 500 cd/m<sup>2</sup>

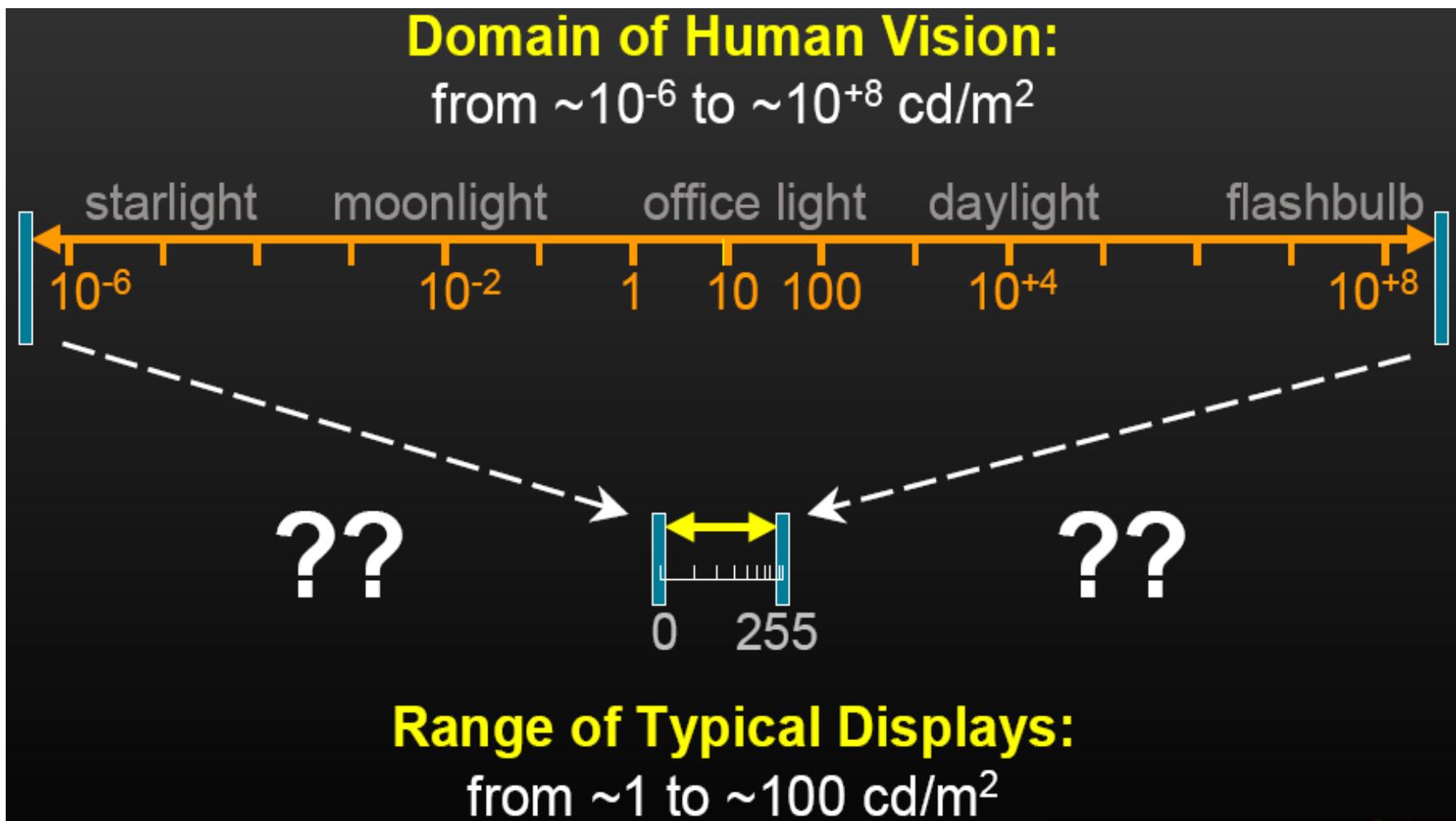


## ■ [brightsidetech.com]

- HDR LCD
- individually modulated LEDs  
(not uniform backlight)
- 200 000:1
- black=0 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
- peak=4000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
- HDR from LDR



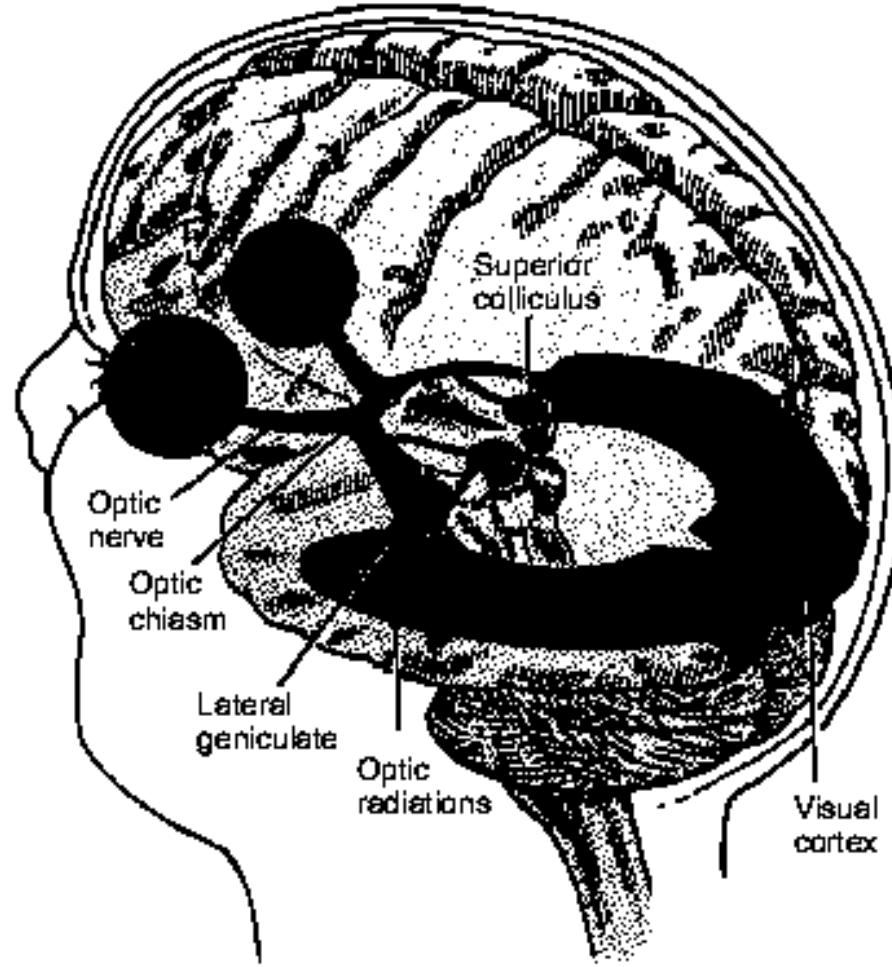
# Tone Mapping Issue



# Human Visual System

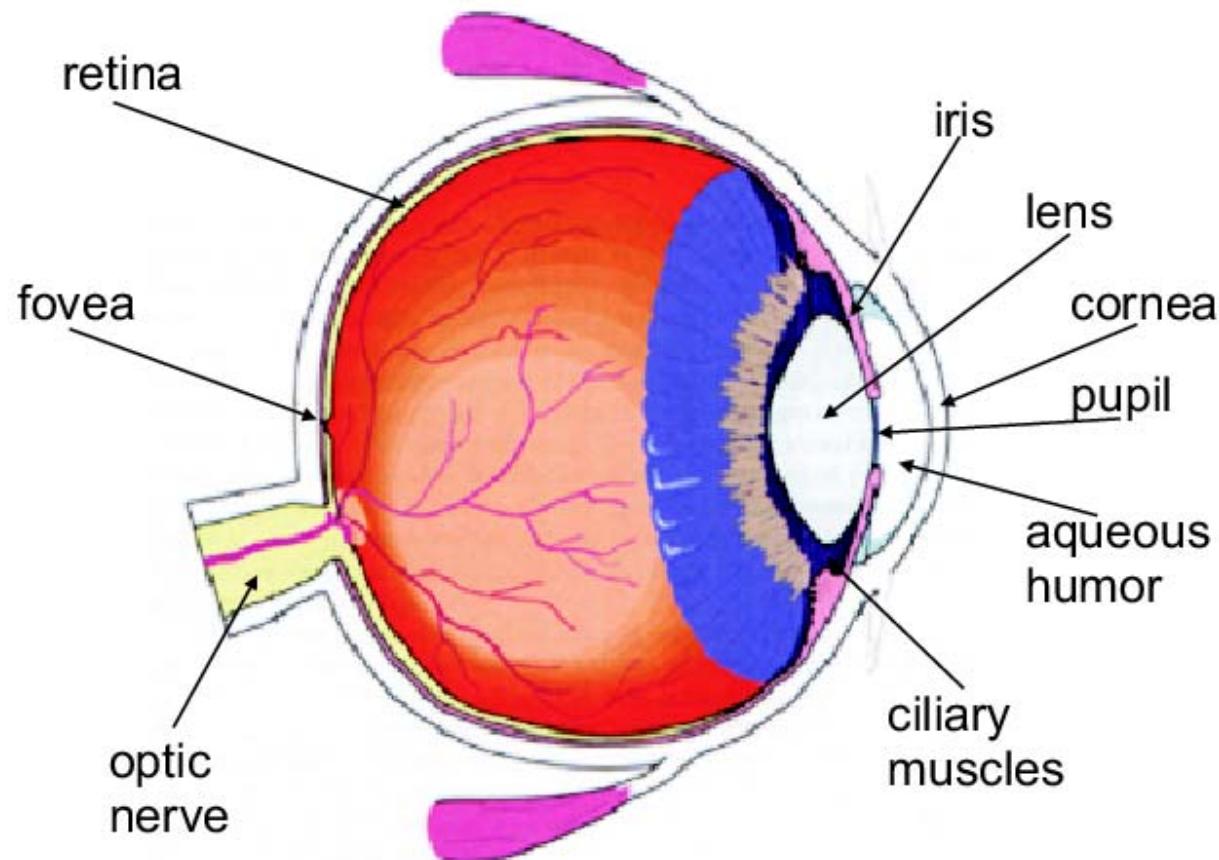
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- eye
- retina
- LGN
- visual pathways
- visual cortex



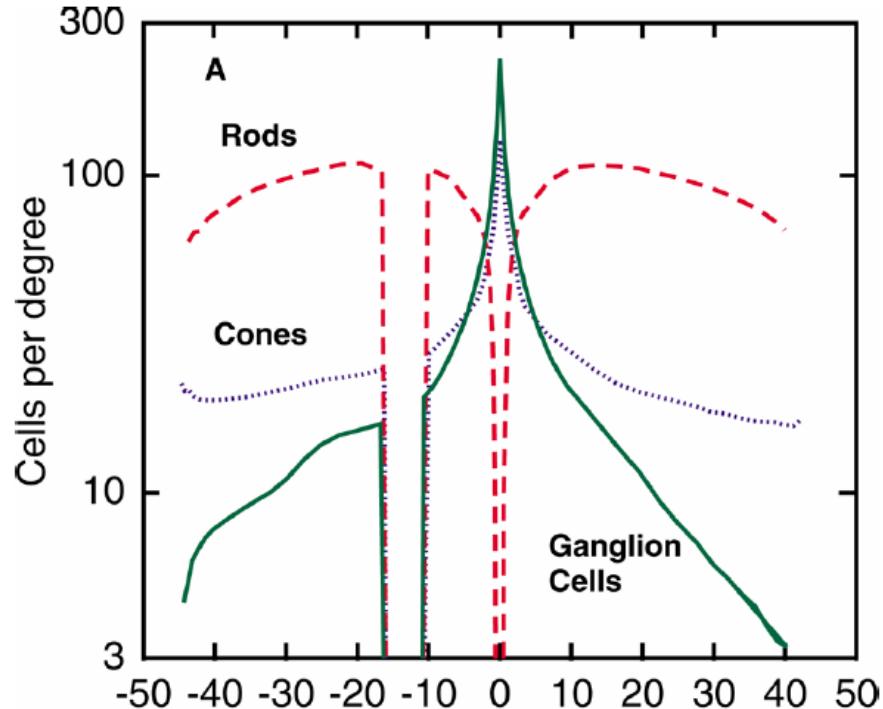
# Eye

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# Retina

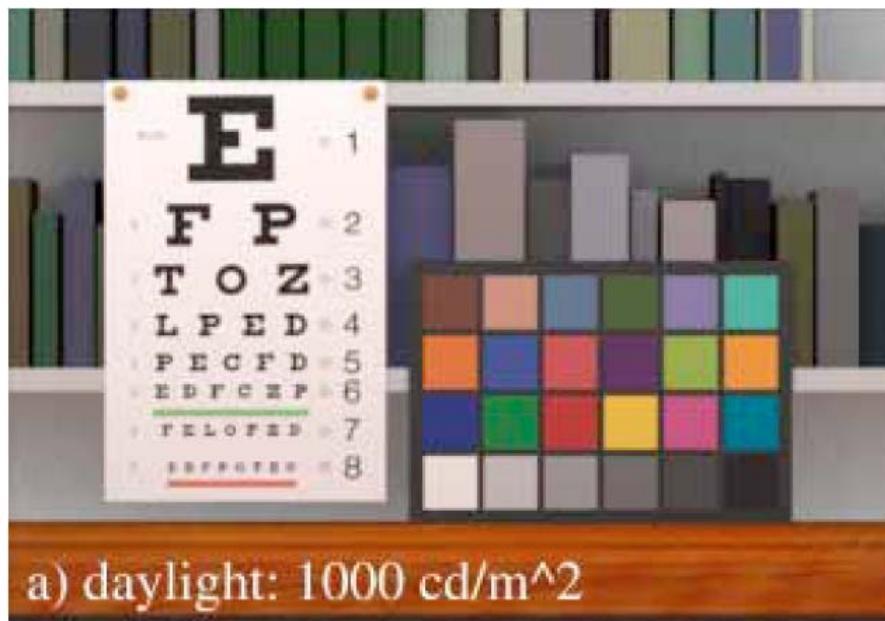
- Photoreceptors
  - Rods (~120 000 000), scotopic vision
  - Cones (~ 8 000 000), photopic vision, colour
- Fovea
  - just cones, no rods
- Blind spot
  - no receptors



# Photopic & Scotopic vision

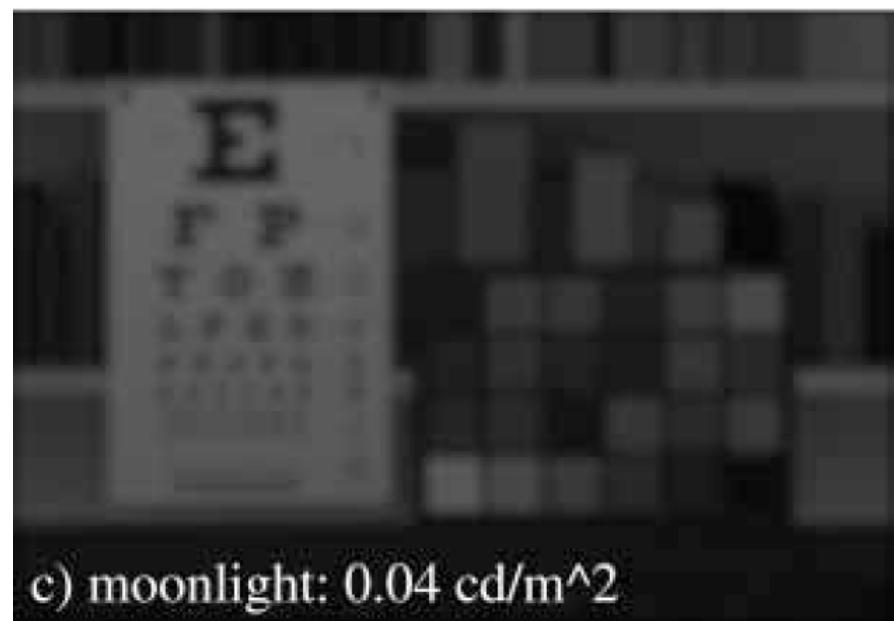
- [Ferwerda 96]

Photopic (daylight)



Scotopic (moonlight)

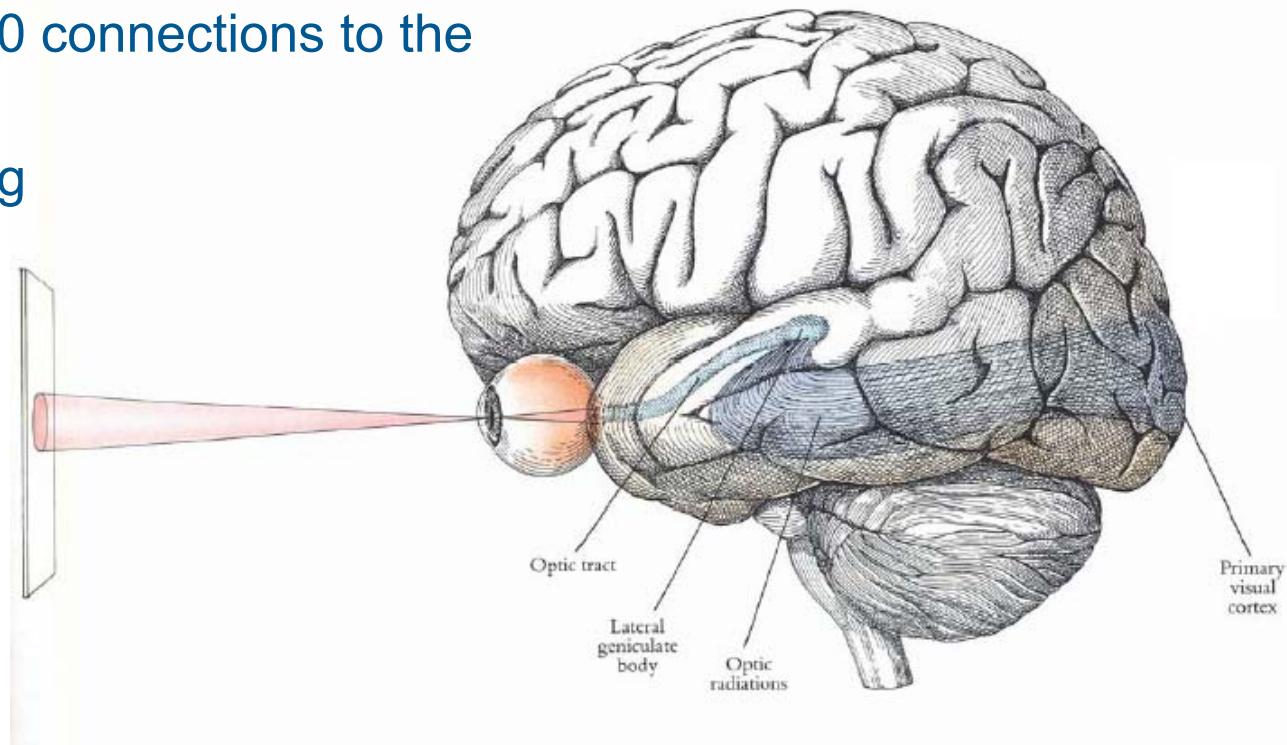
Purkinje shift (sensitivity shift towards blue)



# Visual Cortex

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- visual cortex ~50% of the whole brain
- 100 000 000 000 visual cells in the brain
- each cell has 4000 connections to the others
- parallel processing



# Visual Adaptation

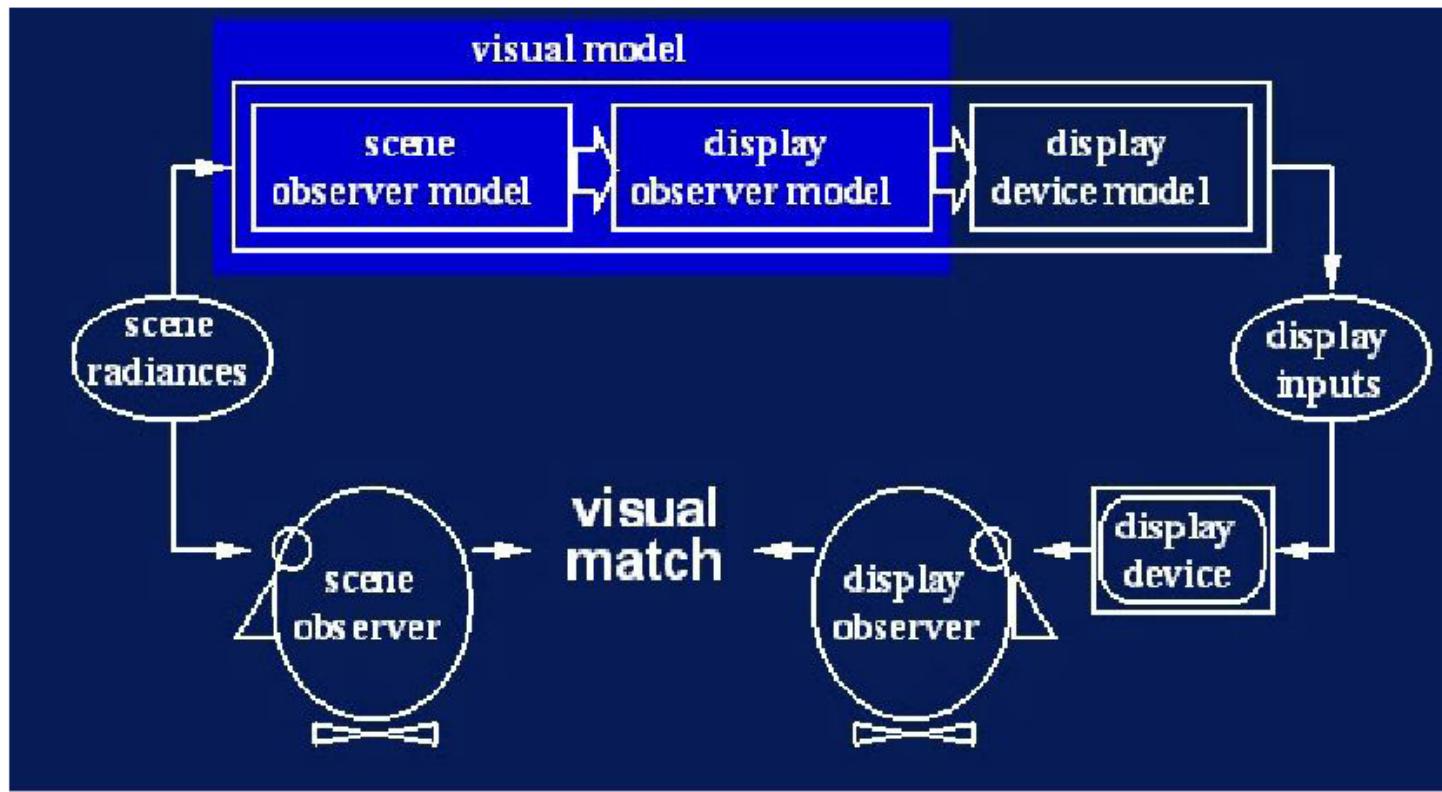
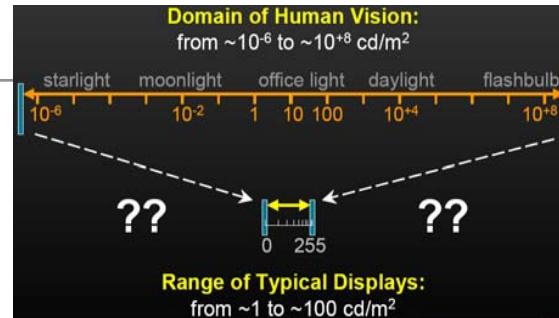
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- Let more light in
  - Pupil (Human 10:1)
- Use more sensitive photoreceptors
  - rods, cones
- Add up more light
  - Temporal integration
  - Spatial integration (poor acuity)
- **Light adaptation, Dark adaptation**
  - pigment bleaching/regeneration



# Tone Mapping

- [Tumblin and Rushmeier 93]

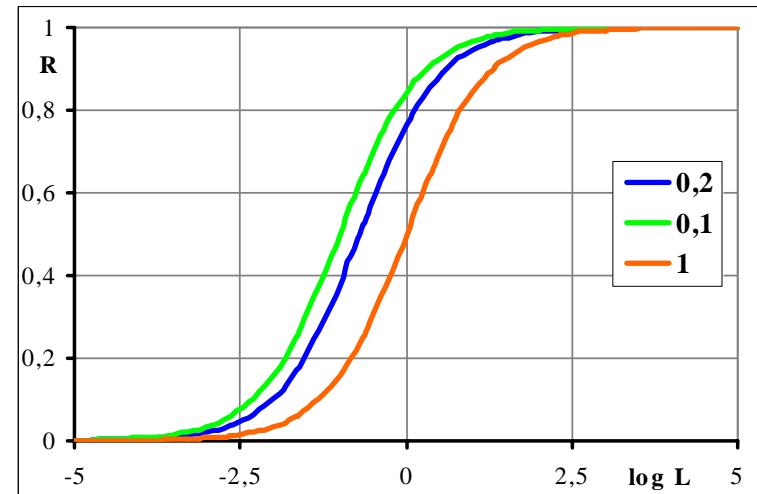


# Tone Mapping

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## ■ Tone mapping methods (operators)

- Global
  - same function for each pixel
  - suitable for interactive applications
  - suitable just for “medium HDR”
  - easy to implement
- Local
  - different mapping for each pixel
  - computationally demanding
  - perfect local contrast
  - more compression possible
  - possible artifacts



# Tone Mapping – Global

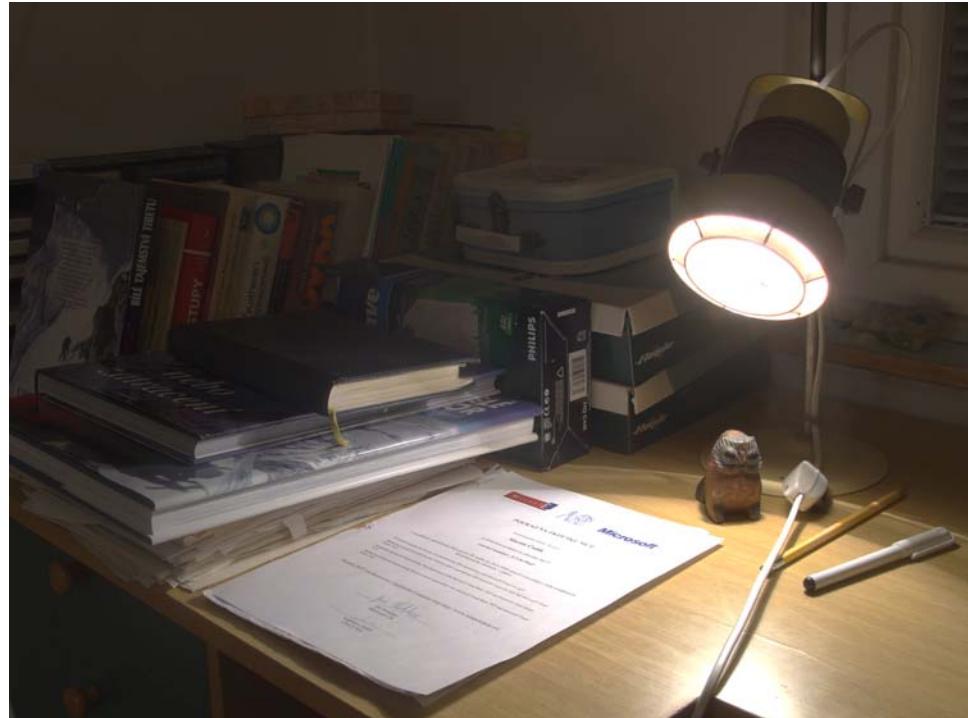
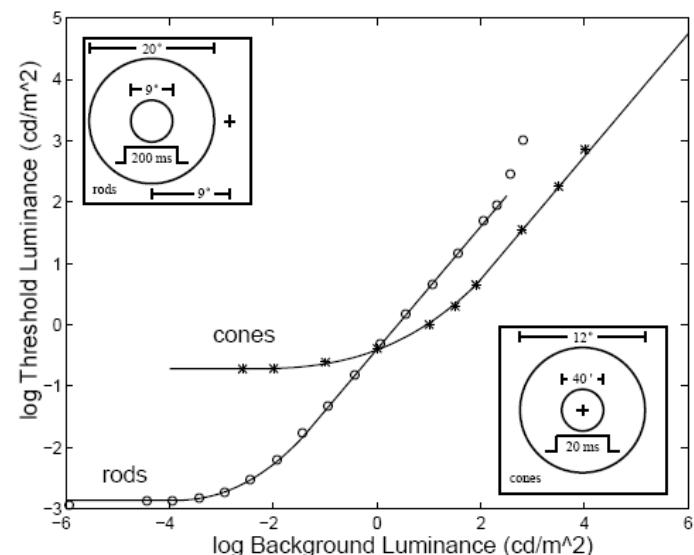
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- linear scaling
  - Display luminance:  $L_d$
  - World luminance:  $L_w$
  - $L_d = L_w * 1/L_{w\_max}$



# Tone Mapping – Global

- [Ward 94,  
Ferwerda et al. 96]
  - linear scaling based on TVI functions ( $JND_w \rightarrow JND_d$ )
  - dark scenes appear dark, bright scenes appear bright

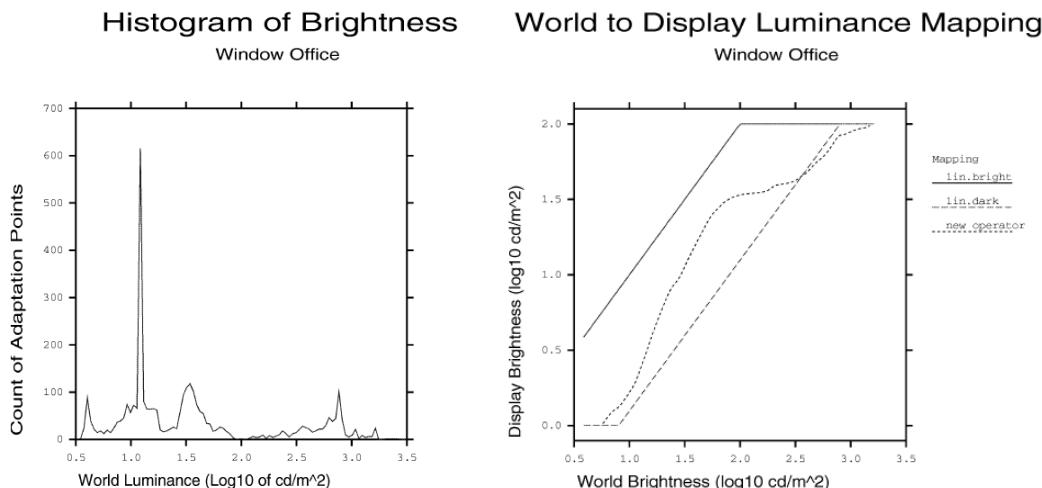


$$L_d = m \cdot L_w \quad m = \left[ \frac{1.219 + L_{da}^{0.4}}{1.219 + L_{wa}^{0.4}} \right]^{2.5}$$
$$t(L_{da}) = m(L_{wa}, L_{da}) t(L_{wa})$$



# Tone Mapping – Global

- [Ward et al. 97]
  - visibility matching
  - histogram-based



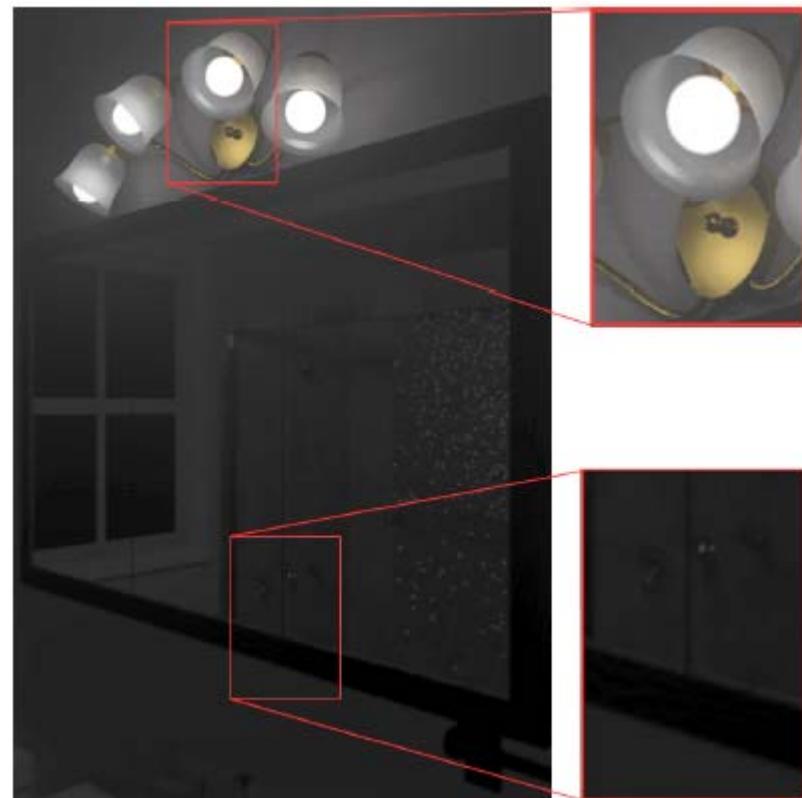
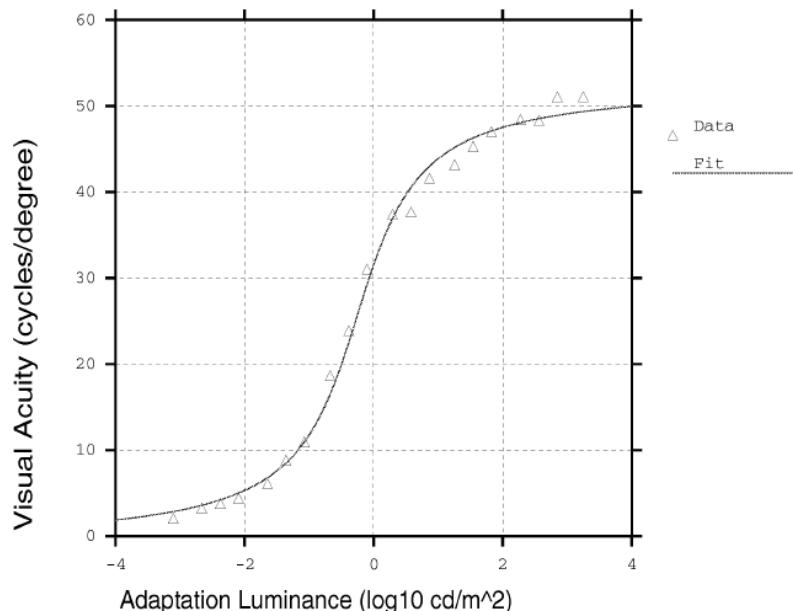
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procedure
    match_visibility()
generate histogram of
    effective adaptation
    image
adjust histogram to
    contrast sensitivity
    function
apply histogram adjustment
    to image
translate CIE results to
    display RGB values
end
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# Tone Mapping – Global

- [Ward et al. 97]
  - [Shaler 37]

Human Visual Acuity Function (Foveal)  
due to Shaler

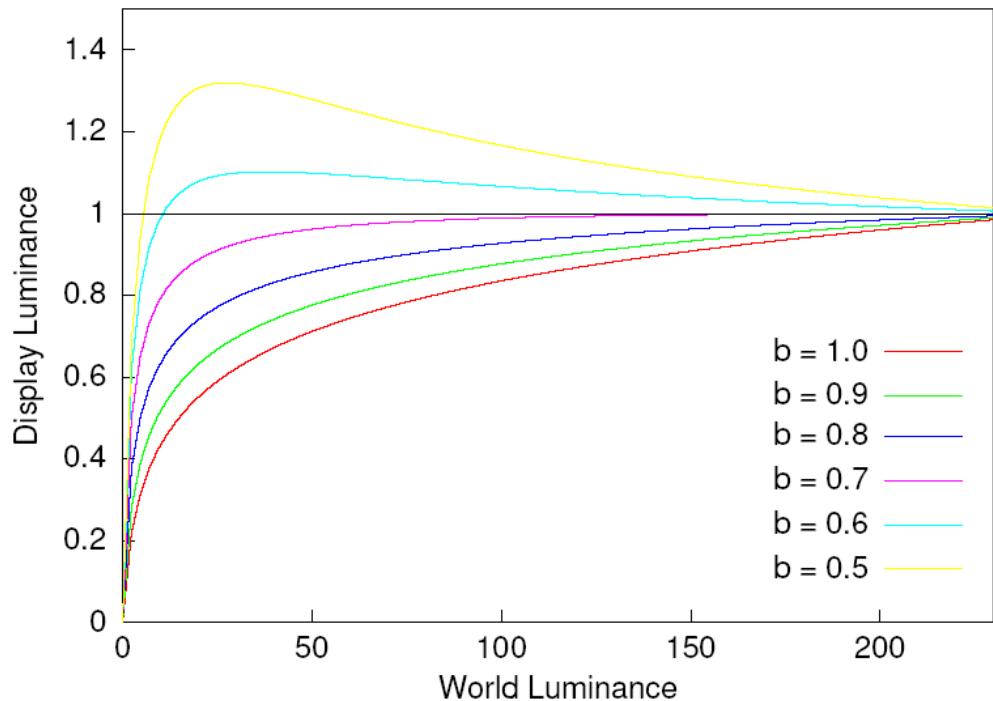


# Tone Mapping – Global

- [Drago et al. 03]
  - logarithmic compression of luminance
  - adaptive base of logarithm

$$\log_{base}(x) = \frac{\log(x)}{\log(base)}$$

(depends on each pixel)



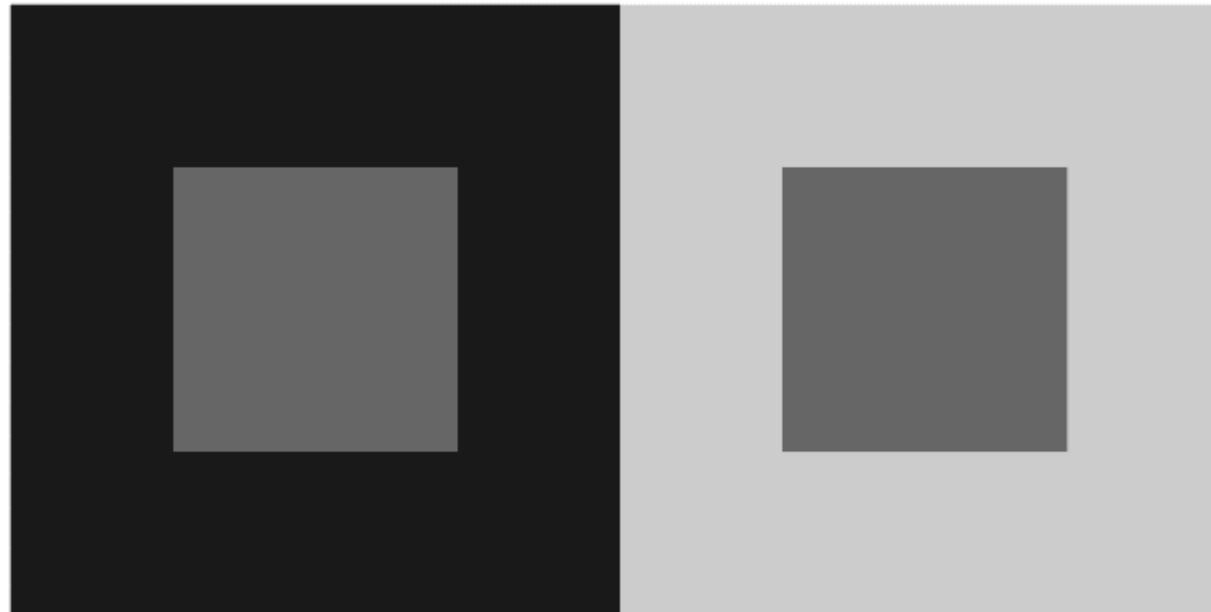
$$L_d = \frac{L_{dmax} \cdot 0.01}{\log_{10}(L_{wmax} + 1)} \cdot \frac{\log(L_w + 1)}{\log\left(2 + \left(\left(\frac{L_w}{L_{wmax}}\right)^{\frac{\log(b)}{\log(0.5)}}\right) \cdot 8\right)}$$



# Tone Mapping – Local

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- local adaptation
  - for each pixel, consider its neighbouring as well
  - HVS do it similarly
- simultaneous contrast



# Tone Mapping – Local

- [Chiu et al. 93]
  - local adaptation
  - low-pass filtered (blurred) image

$$L_d(x, y) = \frac{L_w(x, y)}{k L_w^{\text{LPF}}(x, y)}$$

halo artifacts (esp. for strong edges)



# Tone Mapping – Local

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- Halo artifacts

exaggerated artifacts

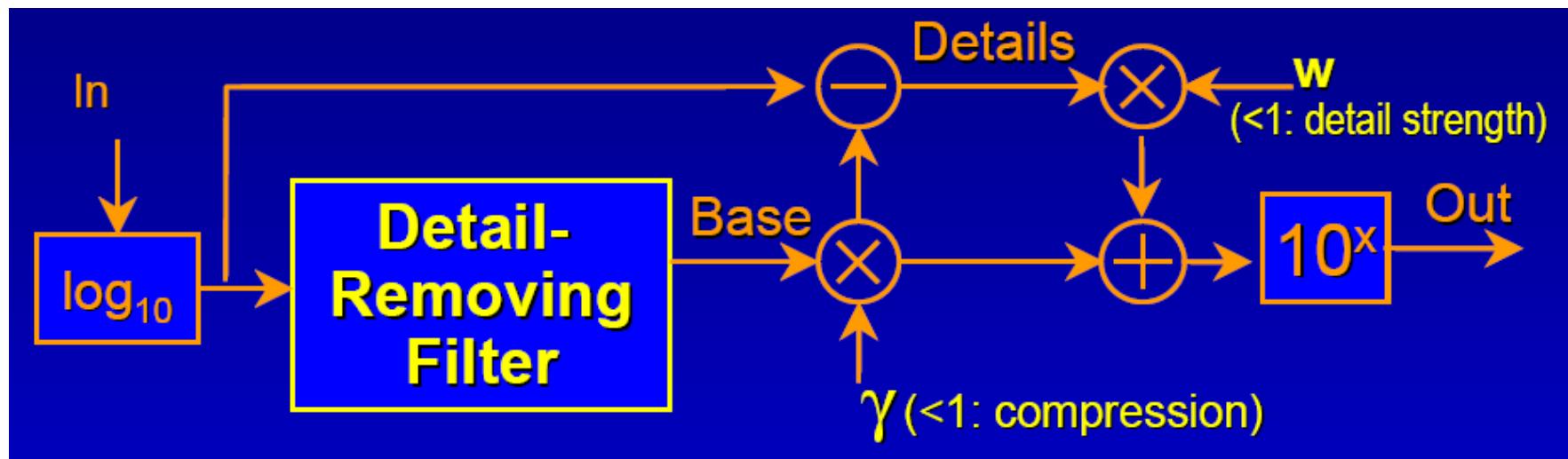


no artifacts



# Tone Mapping – Local

- [Oppenheim et al. 68]
  - illuminance (HDR, slowly varying)
  - reflectance (details)
- [Tumblin and Turk 99] - LCIS, [Durand and Dorsey 02] – bilateral filter, [Choudhury and Tumblin 03] – trilateral filter, [Xu and Pattanaik 03] - level-set framework
  - edge-preserving smoothing operators



# Tone Mapping – Local

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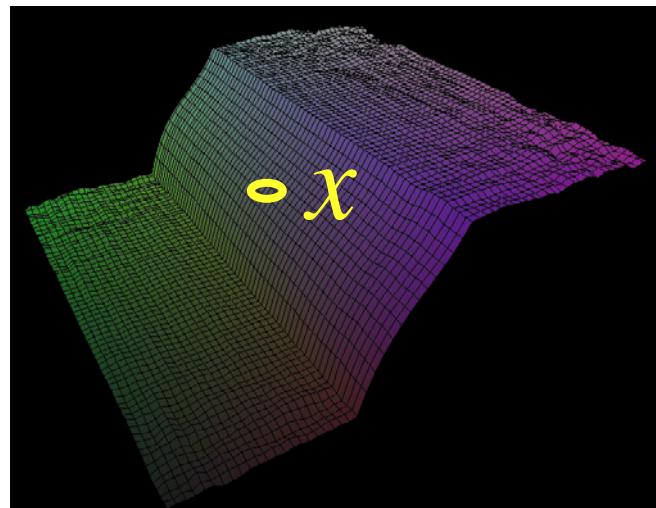
- [Durand and Dorsey 02]
  - edge-preserving **bilateral filter** [Tomasi and Maduci 98]



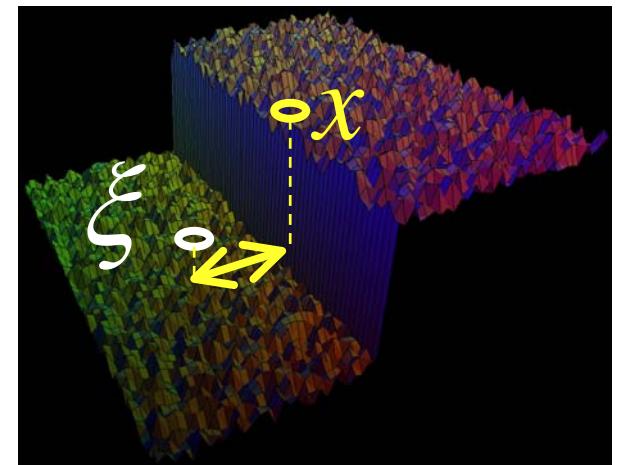
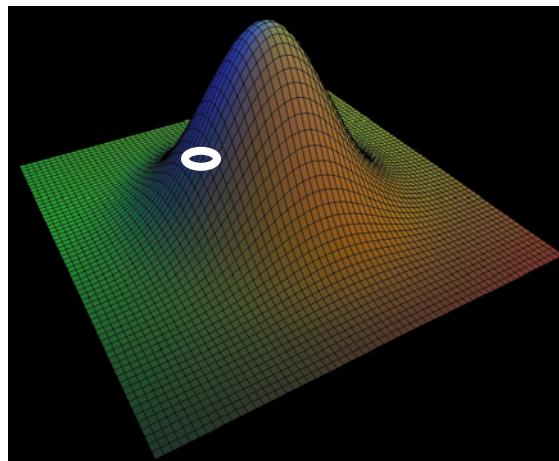
# Gaussian filter as weighted average

- Weight of  $\xi$  depends on distance to  $x$

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x, \xi) I(\xi)$$



output



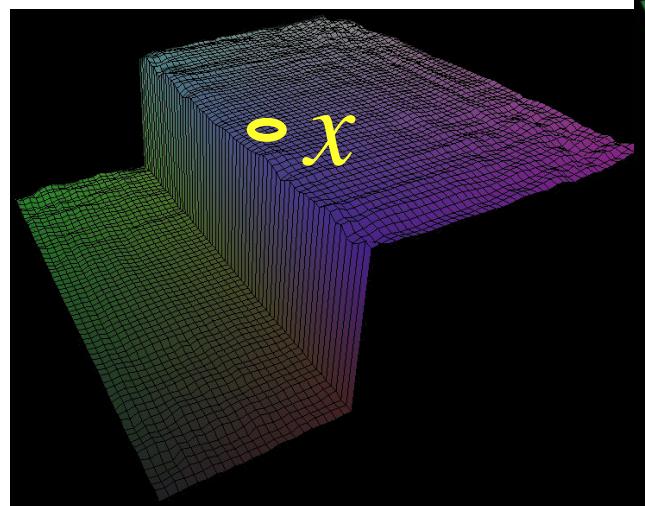
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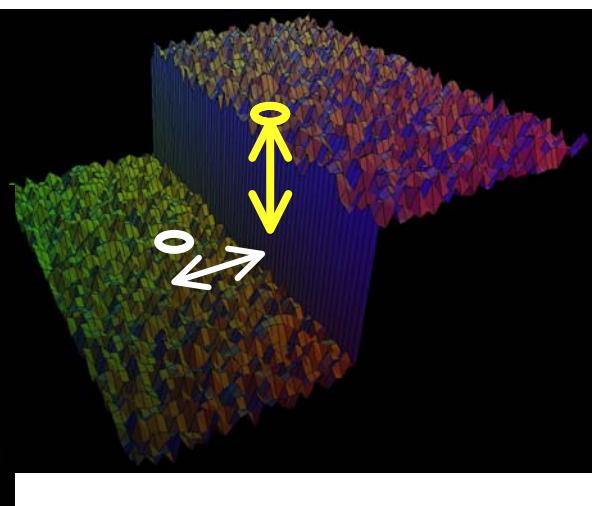
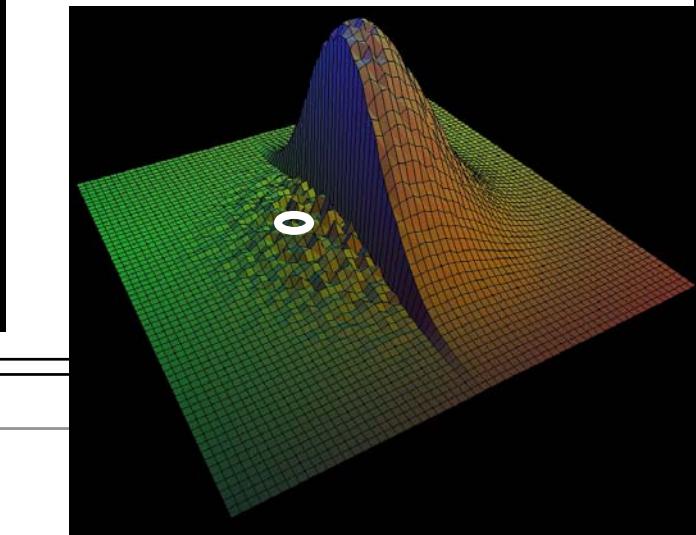
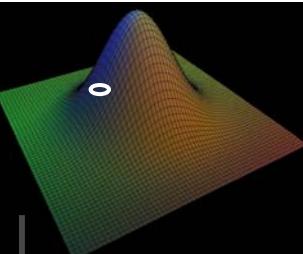
# Bilateral filtering

- Spatial Gaussian  $f$
- Penalty  $g$  on the intensity difference

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x, \xi) g(I(\xi) - I(x)) I(\xi)$$



output



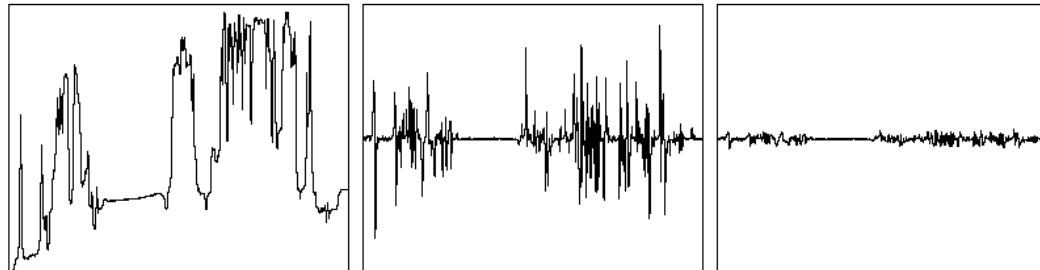
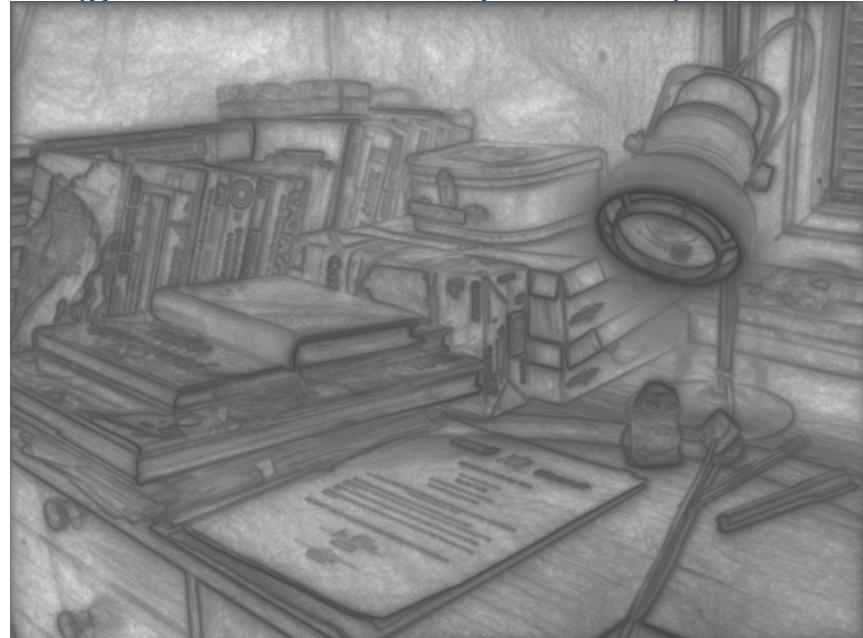
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# Tone Mapping – Local

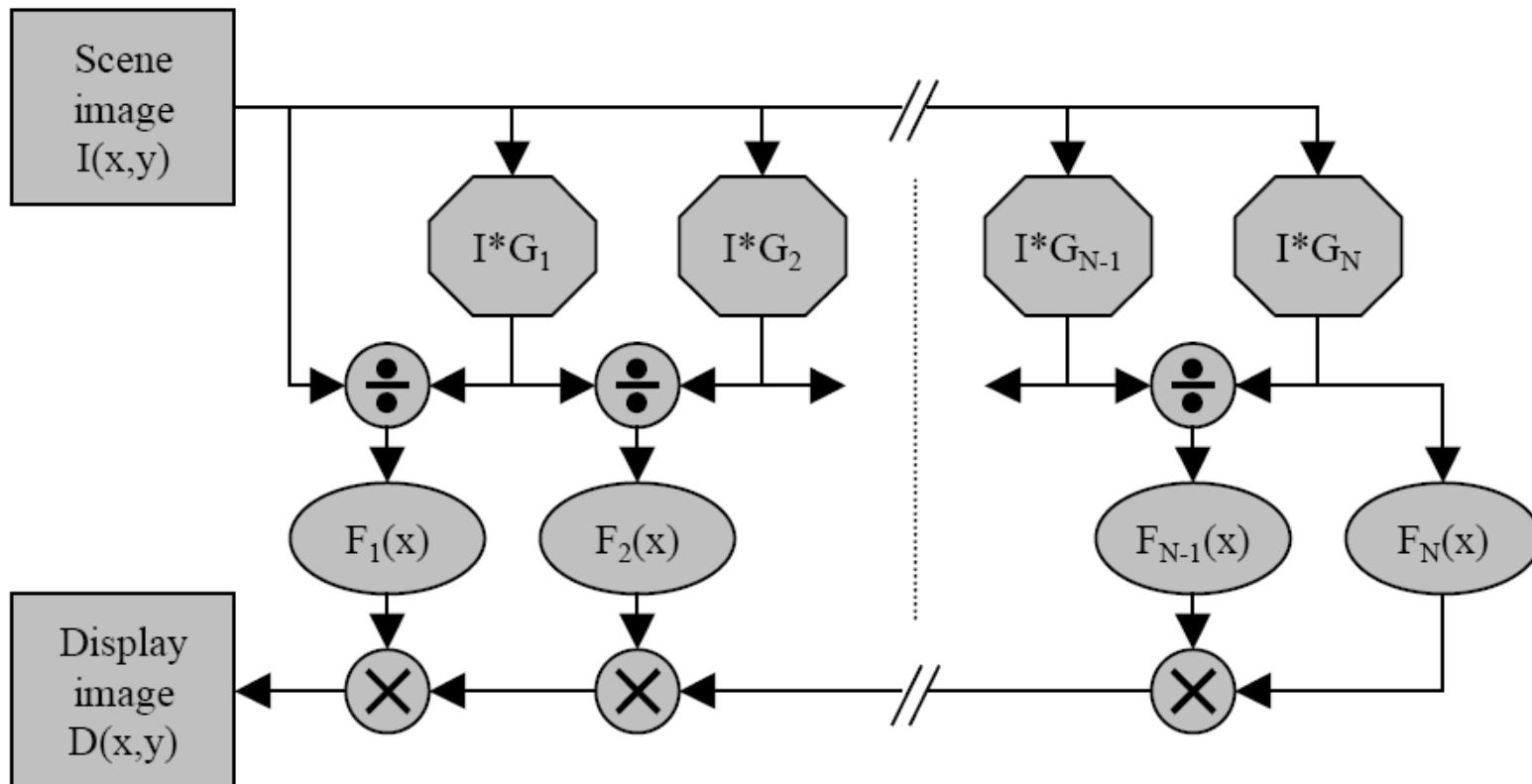
- [Fattal et al. 02]
  - **gradient-domain** based approach
  - illuminance – small gradients, large gradients (edges of light sources)
  - reflectance – sharp spikes, small gradients
  - **attenuation of large gradients**
  - finally – integration (Poisson equation)

Gradient attenuation function  
(generated from multiple scales):



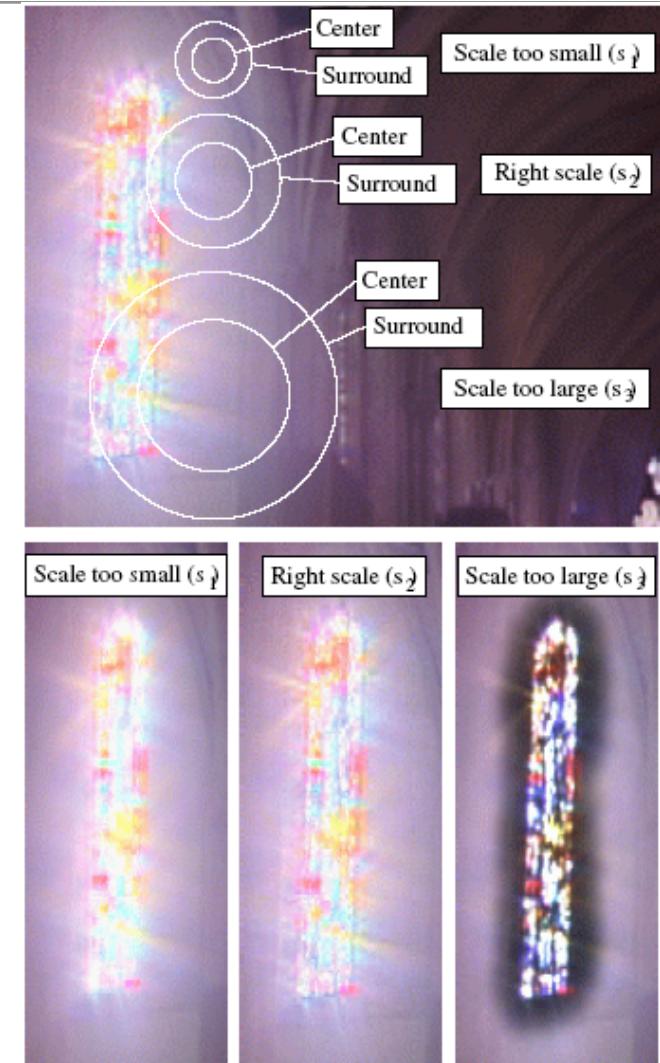
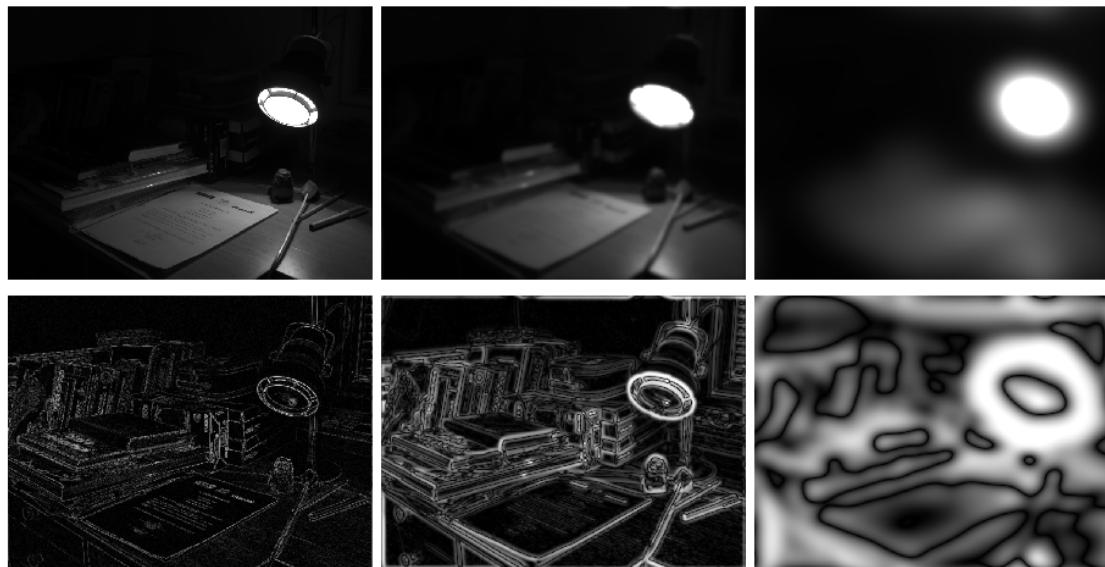
# Tone Mapping – Local

- Multiscale methods
  - [Peli 90] – Local band-limited contrast



# Tone Mapping – Local

- Multiscale methods: [Jobson 96, Pattanaik 98, Reinhard et al. 02, Ashikhmin 02]
  - Ganglion cells
    - receptive fields
  - Scale selection mechanism
- Multiple spatial scales [Peli90]

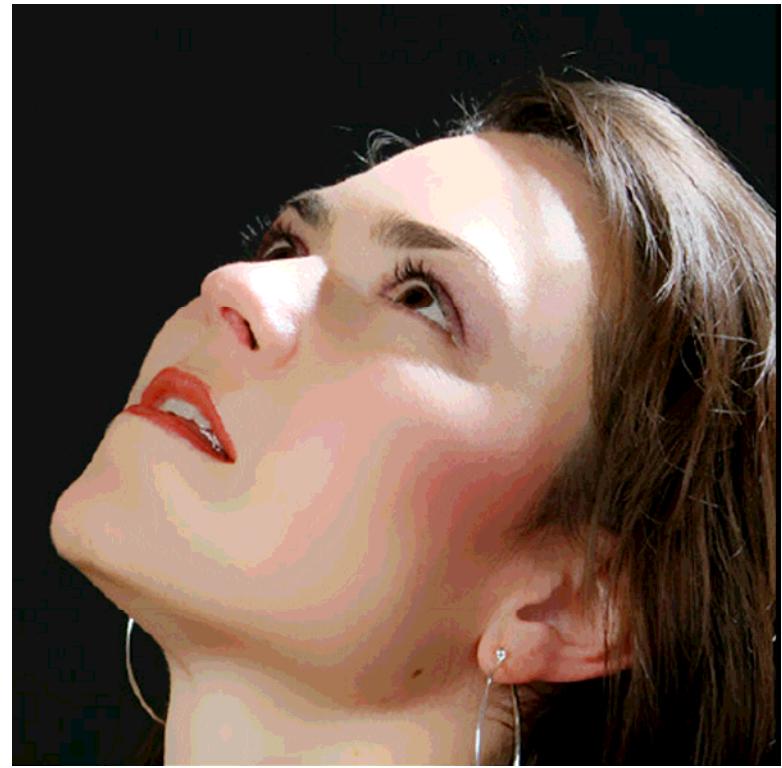
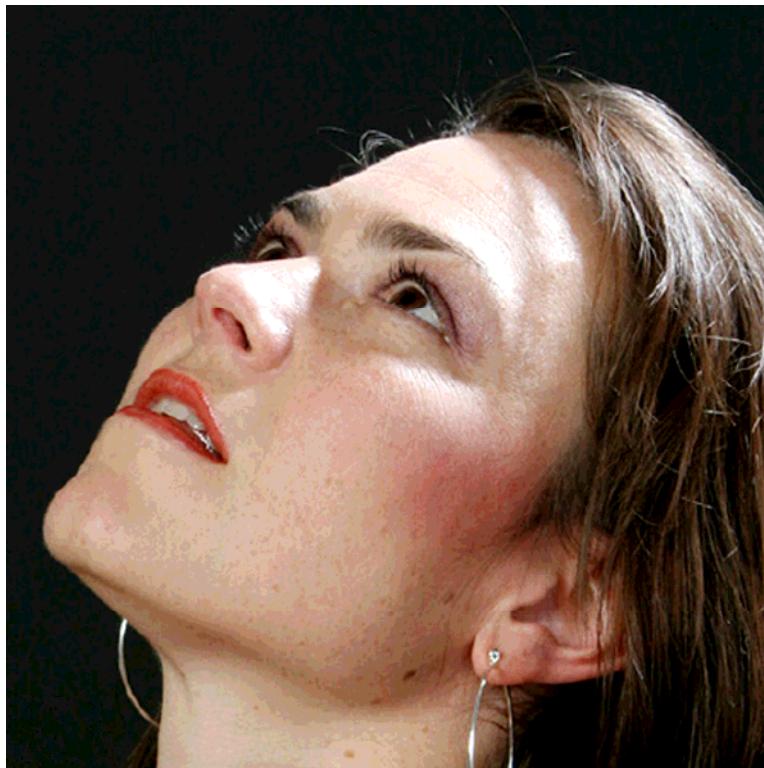




# Applications in LDR?

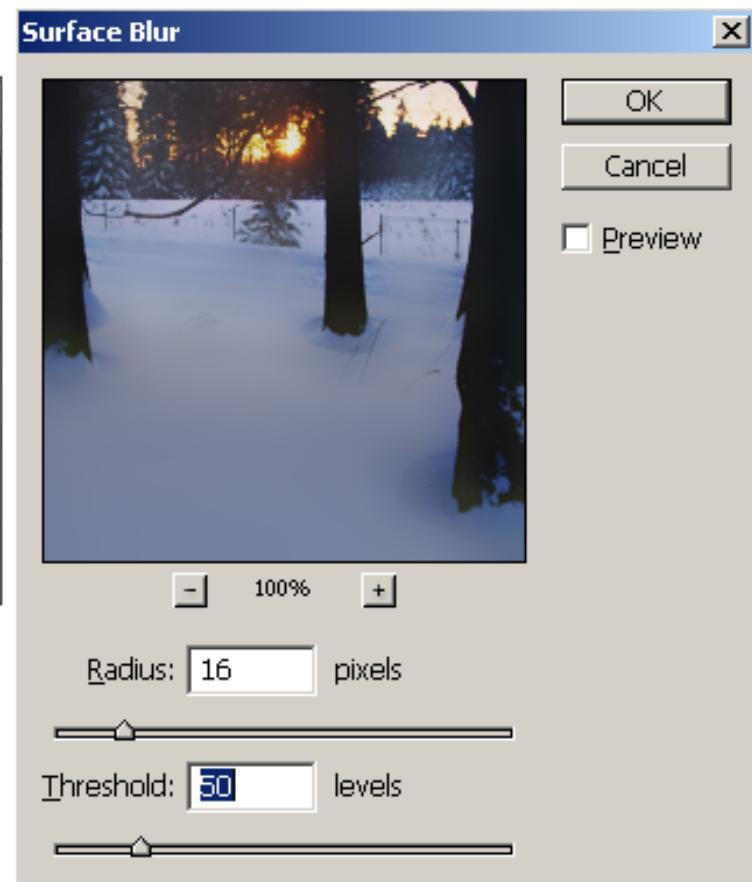
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- YES, i.e. Bilateral filter [Weiss06fast]



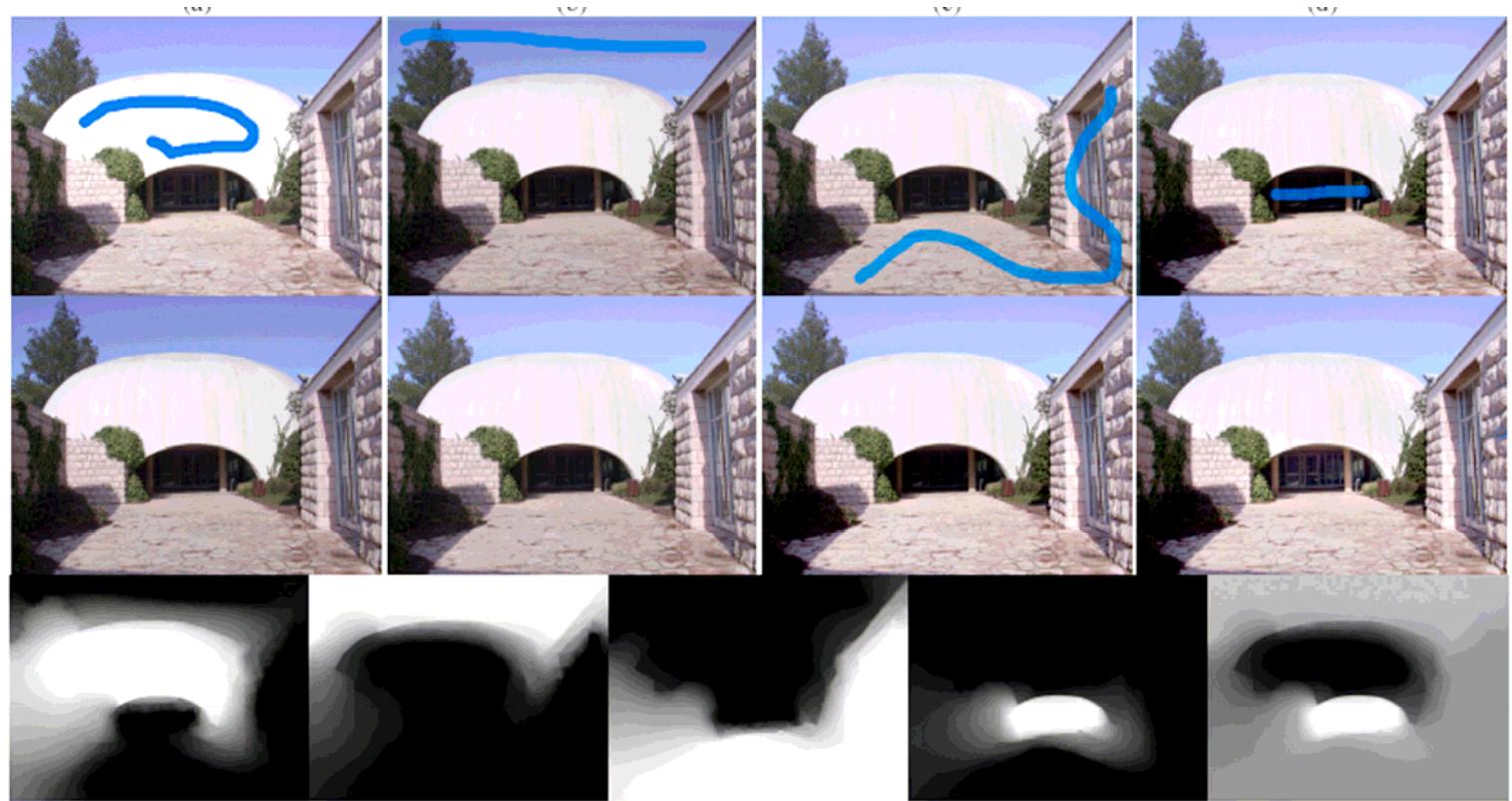
# Bilateral Filter in Adobe® Photoshop® CS2

- PS\_CS2, CS\_3
  - Bilateral Filter = Surface Blur filter



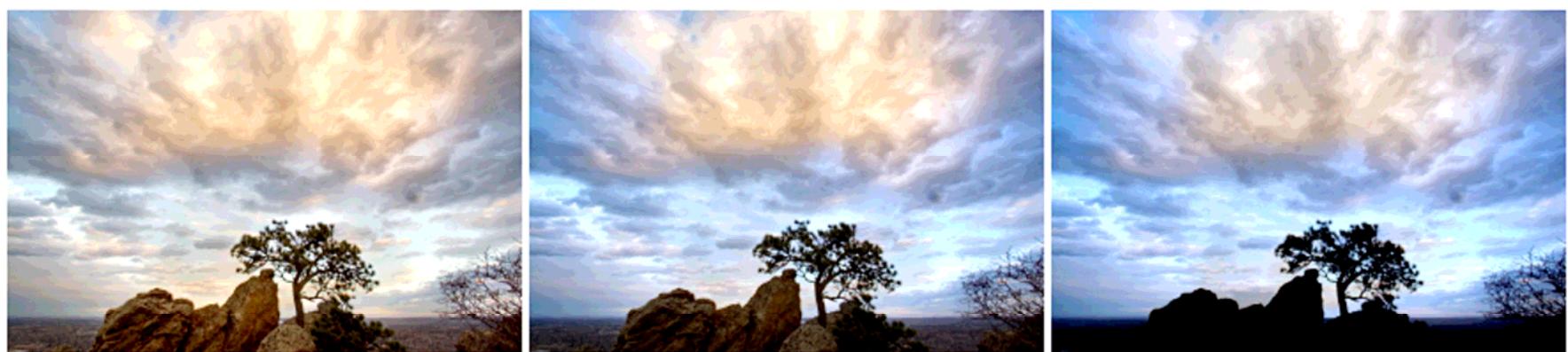
# Interactive Tone Mapping

- [Lischinski06]
  - ‘manual’ tone mapping
  - fast approximate solution



# Interactive Tone Mapping

- Interactive tonal adjustment [Lischinski06]



# Tone Mapping – Time Dependent Methods

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## ■ Motivation

- HVS simulation
  - light-dark adaptation
  - chromatic adaptation
- temporal-aliasing

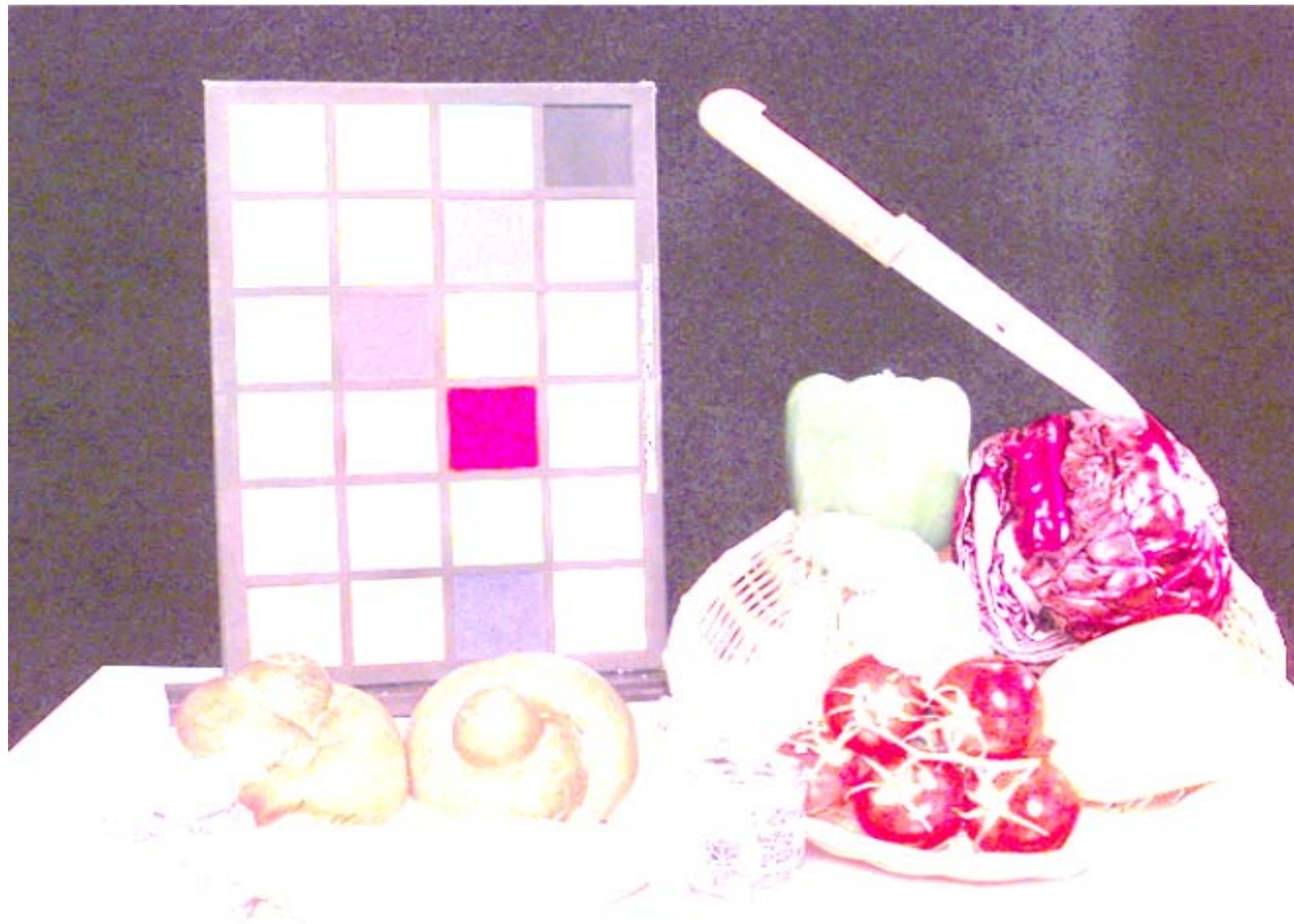
## ■ Application

- simulation of safety conditions
- interactive applications, games
- HDR video









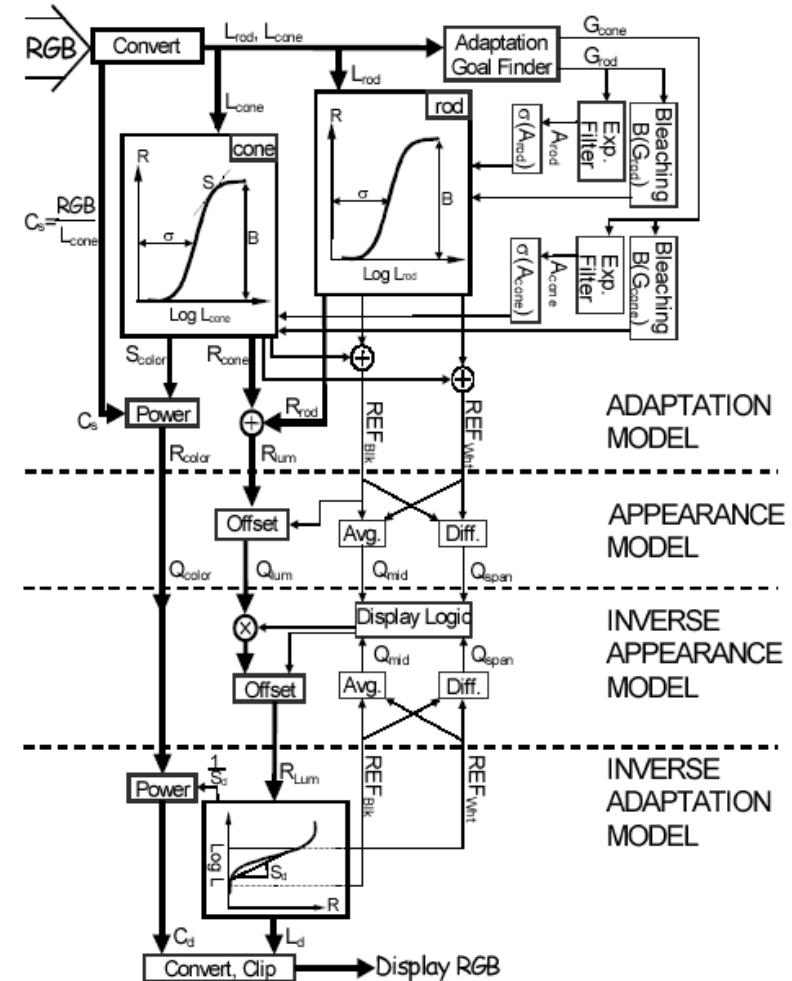






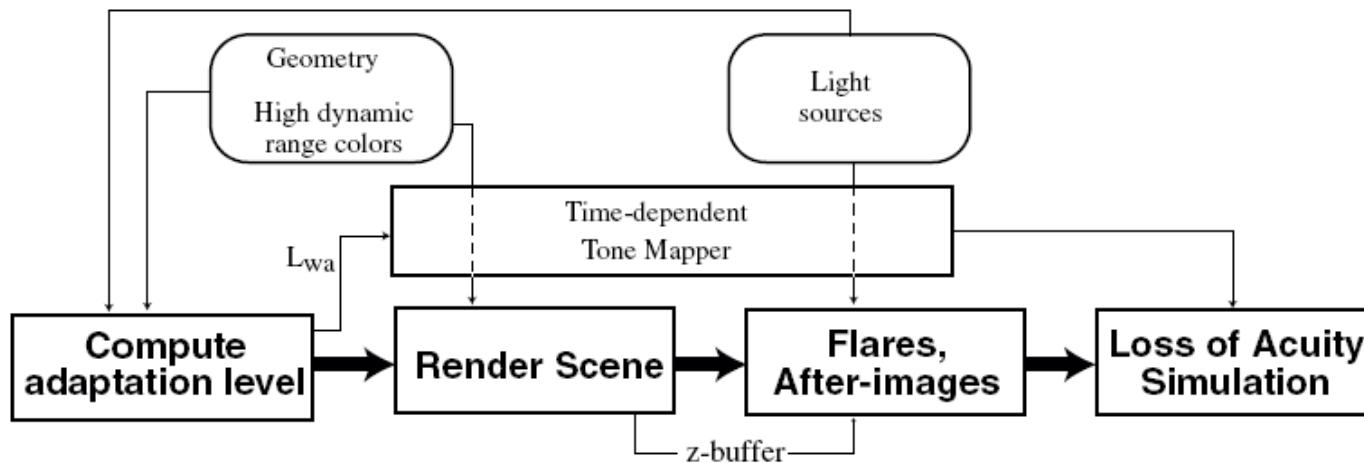
# Tone Mapping – Time Dependent Methods

- [Pattanaik et al. 00]
  - physically-based
  - global TMO + exponential filters
  - S-shaped curve:
$$L_d(x, y) = \frac{L_w(x, y)^n}{L_w(x, y)^n + \sigma^n}$$
  - R – retina-like responses
  - B – photopigment bleaching
  - A – adaptation amounts (fast neural effects)
  - G – goal adaptation values
  - Q – luminance appearance val.
- [Artusi et al. 01]
  - extends [Pattanaik et al. 00]
  - chromatic adaptation



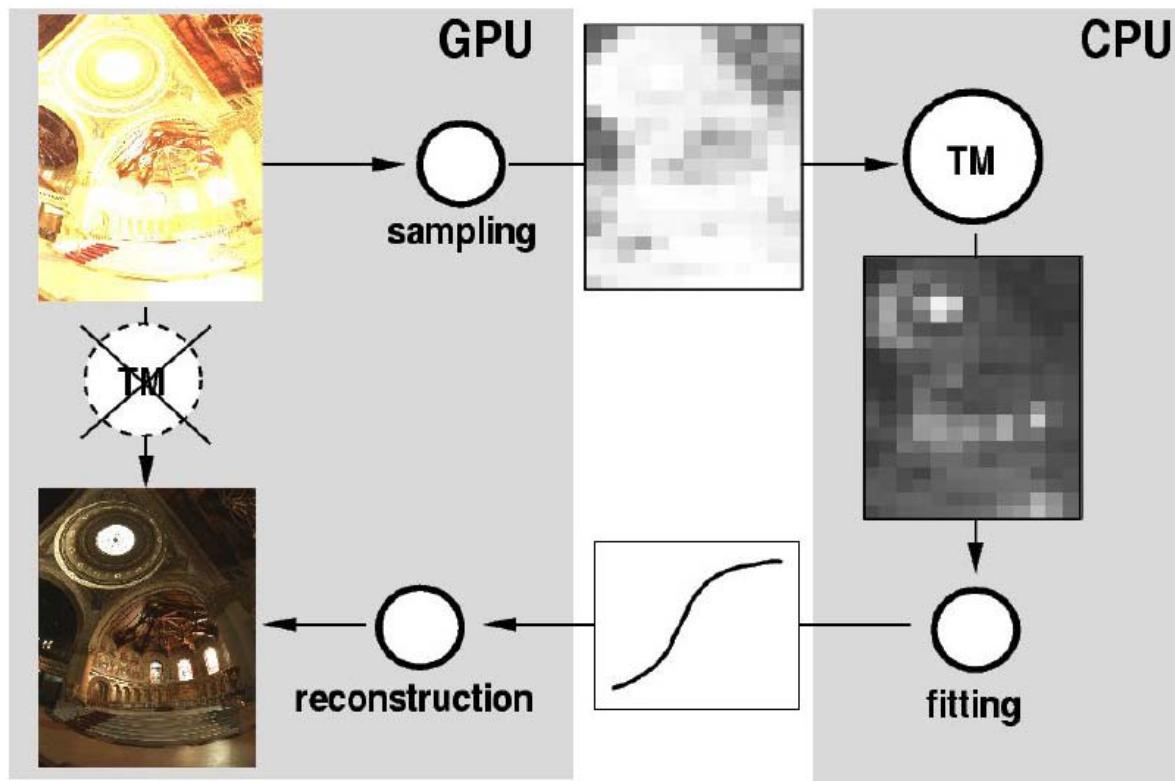
# Tone Mapping – Time Dependent Methods

- [Durand & Dorsey 00]
  - interactive applications
  - model of time-dependent adaptation
    - global TMO:  $L_d = m L_w$  ([Ferwerda et al. 96])
    - exponential filter:  $dm/dt = (m^* - m)/\tau$
    - no dark adaptation
    - single world adaptation level  $L_{wa}$



# Tone Mapping – Time Dependent Methods

- GPU
  - [Artusi et al. 03]

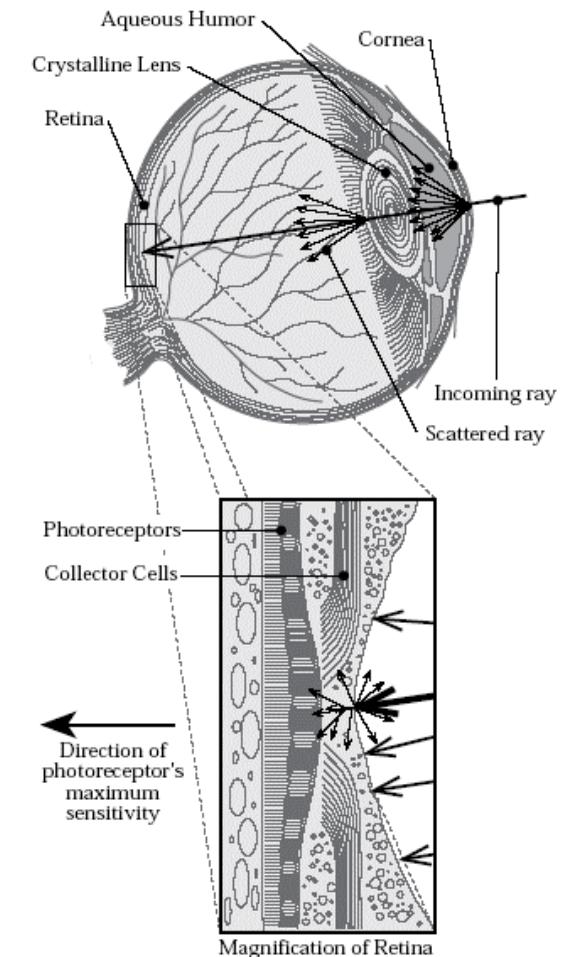
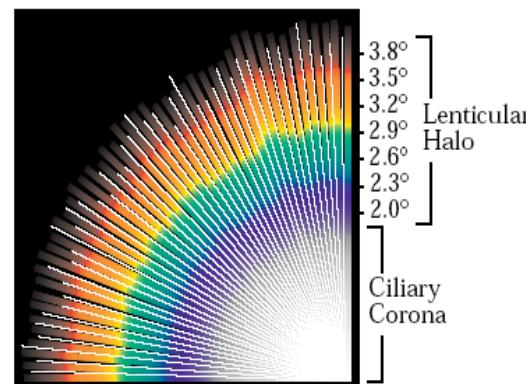


# Glare Simulation

- increases subjective dynamic range
- Glare effects
  - bloom (veiling luminance)
  - flare
    - lenticular halo
    - ciliary corona



Carl Saltzmann, 1884

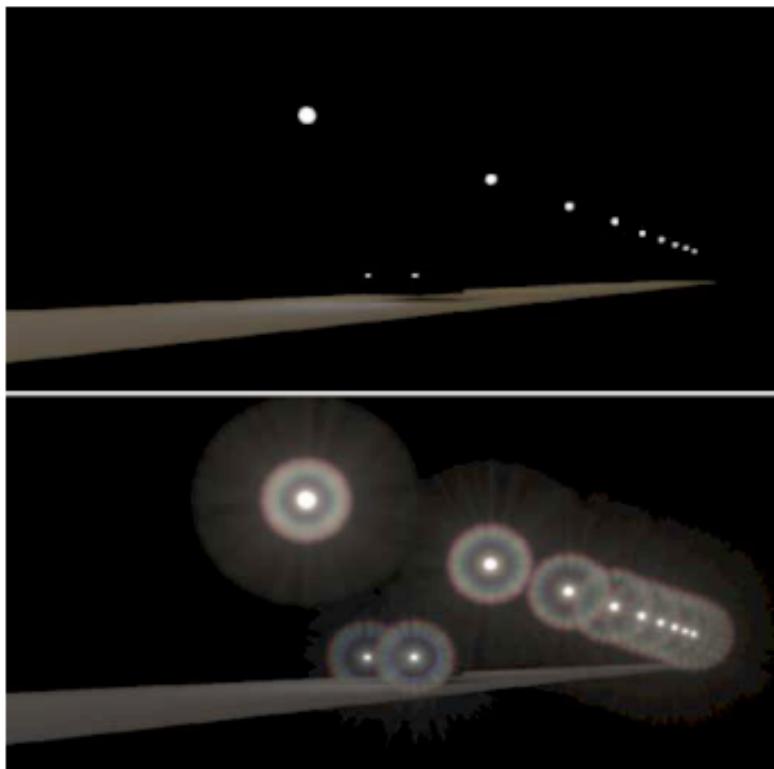


# Glare Simulation [video]

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- flare

- lenticular halo
- ciliary corona

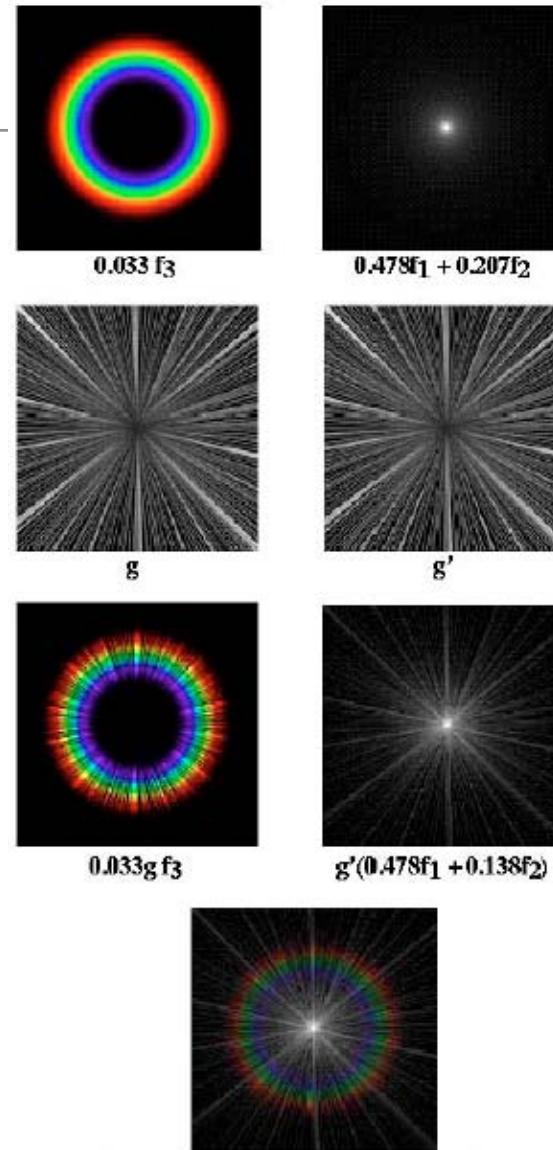
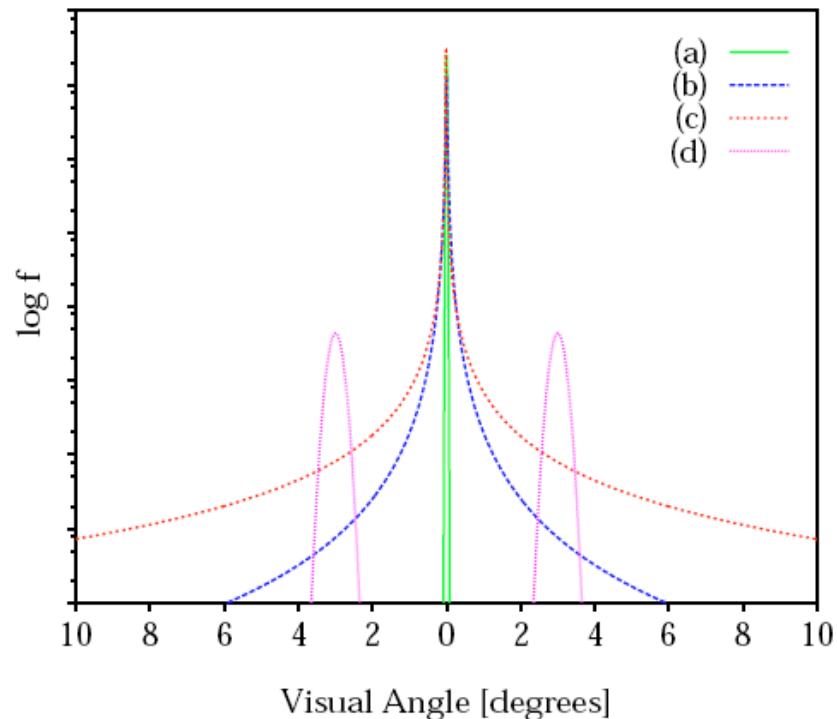


- bloom



# Glare Simulation

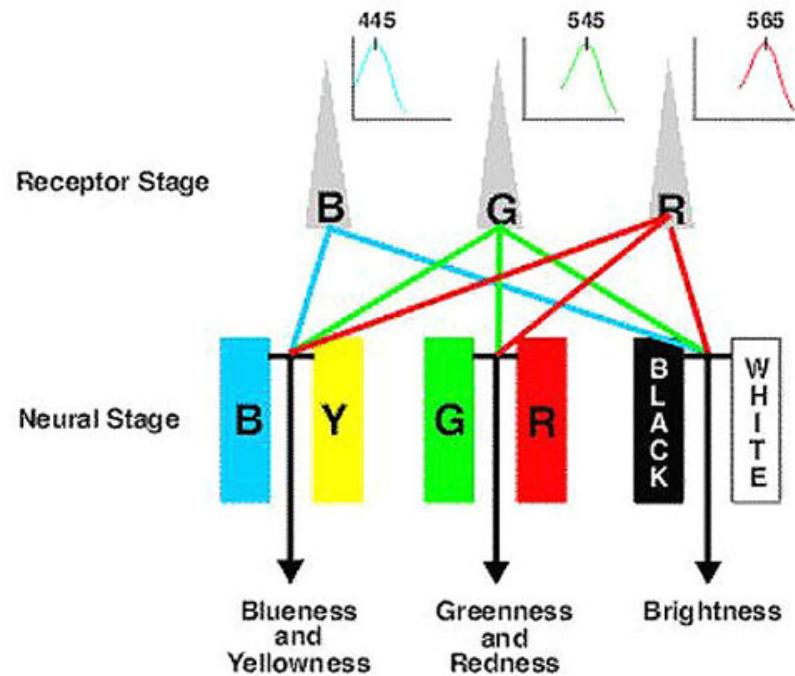
- [Spencer et al. 95]
  - digital filter
  - point-spread function (PSF) based



# Colour Vision

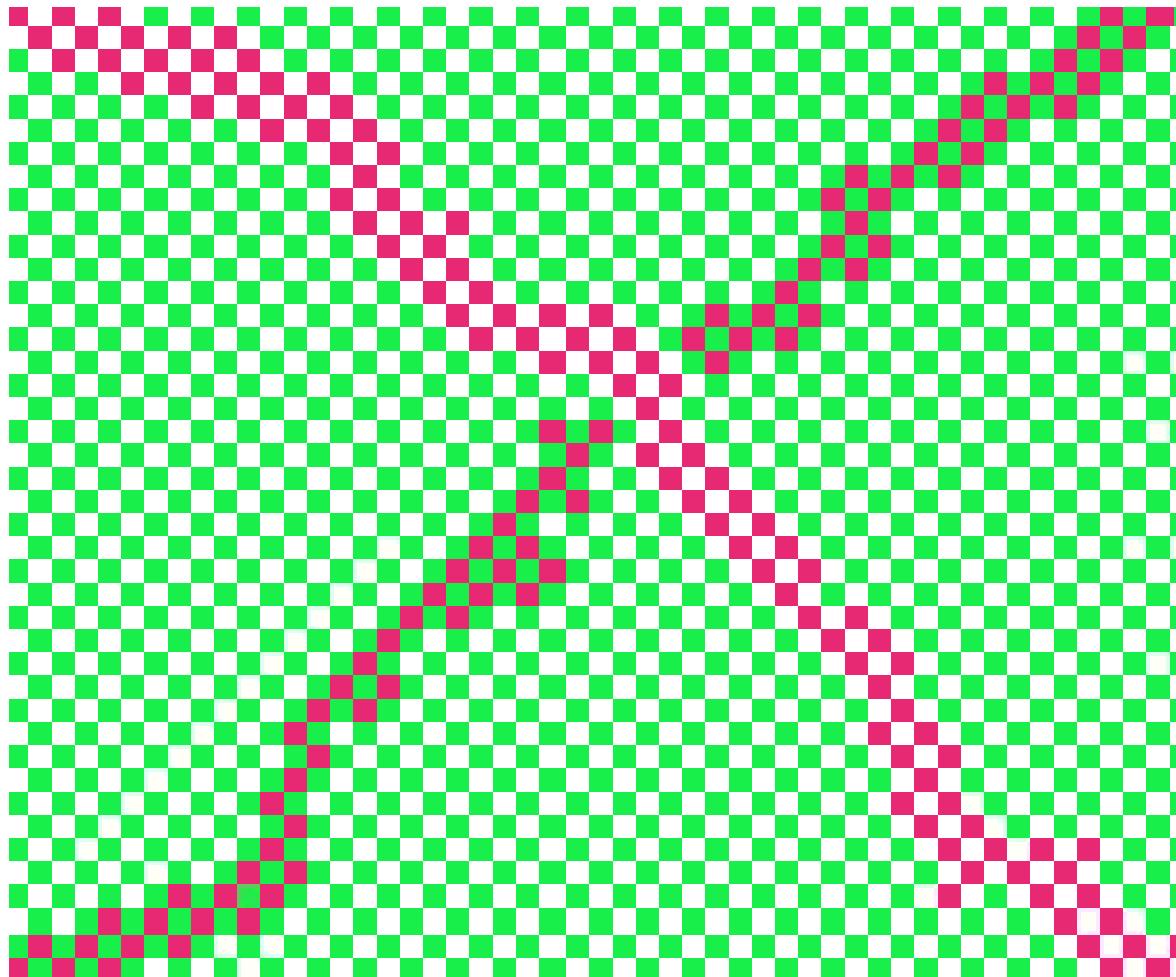
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- Component (Trichromatic) theory (Young 1802, Helmholtz 1866)
  - red (L), green (M), blue (S)
- Opponent colour theory (Hering 1872)
  - red-green, blue-yellow, black-white
- Stage theory
  - incorporates both the trichromatic theory and the opponent colour theory into two stages
- Chromatic adaptation
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> type of adaptation (light, dark, ~)



# Color Contrast

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# Color – Chromatic Adaptation

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- [Pattanaik 98]
  - multiscale processing
  - color processing resembles [Hunt 95]



# Color – Chromatic Adaptation

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## ■ [Von Kries 1902]

- “Individual components present in the organ of vision are completely independent of one another and each is fatigued or adapted exclusively to its own function.”
- simple gain-control:

$$L_a = k_L L$$

$$k_L = 1 / L_{white}$$

$$M_a = k_M M$$

$$k_M = 1 / M_{white}$$

$$S_a = k_S S$$

$$k_S = 1 / S_{white}$$



# Color

- Retinex theory [Land, McCann 71]
  - enhanced von Kries model (treats spatial distribution of colors, for  $c \rightarrow \infty$  =von Kries-like)
  - “gray-world” assumption
  - center-surround spatially opponent operation
  - retinex=retina, LGN, cerebral cortex
  - L, M, S retinex processed independently



$$R_i(x, y) = \log I_i(x, y) - \log [F(x, y) * I_i(x, y)]$$

$$F(x, y) = K e^{-r^2/c^2}$$

- Multiscale retinex [Jobson et al. 97]
  - based on multiple single-scale retinexes
  - color restoration

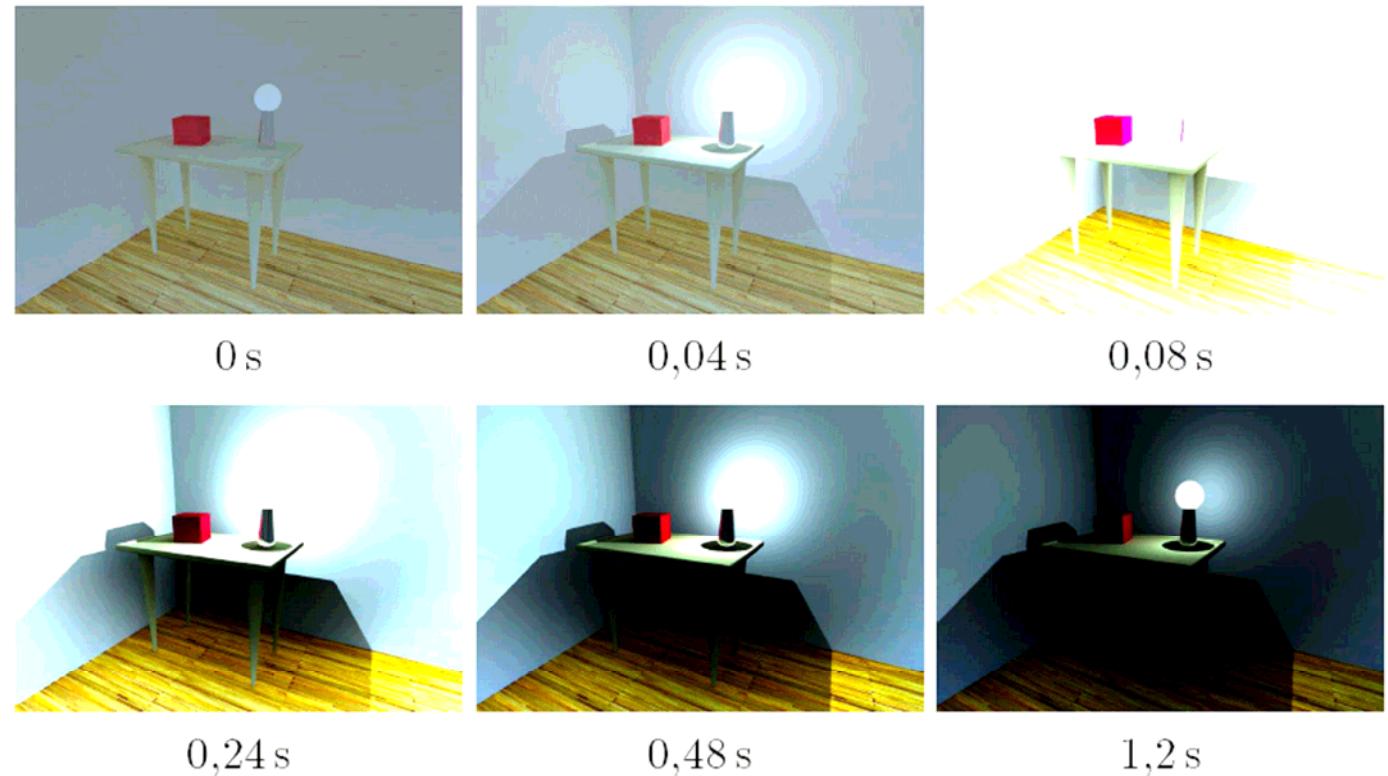
$$R_{MSR_i} = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n R_{n_i}$$

$$F_n(x, y) = K e^{-r^2/c_n^2}$$



# Color Appearance Modeling

- iCAM [Fairchild et al. 02, 04], [Kuang et al. 06]
  - color appearance model
  - tone mapping operator
  - time-dependent



# Conclusions

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- HDR? - anywhere you would use conventional image
  - (HDR + tone-mapping)
  - superset of conventional image applications
- Graphics hardware support
  - floating point
- HDR displays available / available soon
  - but TMO always needed for prints
- Covered
  - HDR acquisition
  - HDR file formats
  - dynamic range compression
  - HVS simulation
- Not covered
  - color gamut mapping



# Thank You for Your Attention

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