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# Computational Photography

**Computer Vision**  
CSE 576, Spring 2008  
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## Today's lecture

### Computational Photography

- photometric camera calibration
- high-dynamic range imaging & tone mapping
- flash photography
- PhotoMontage
- object cutouts and matting
- Poisson blending
- inpainting and texture synthesis

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## Readings

- Debevec and Malik, Recovering High Dynamic Range Radiance Maps from Photographs. In *SIGGRAPH 97*.
- S. B. Kang et al. High dynamic range video. *SIGGRAPH 2003*.
- D. Lischinski. Interactive local adjustment of tonal values. *SIGGRAPH 2006*.
- G. Petschnigg *et al.* Digital photography with flash and no-flash image pairs. *SIGGRAPH 2004*.
- P. Pérez et al. Poisson image editing. *SIGGRAPH 2003*

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## Sources

Some of my slides are from:

6.098 Digital and Computational Photography  
6.882 Advanced Computational Photography

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[Bill Freeman](#) and [Frédo Durand](#)

<http://groups.csail.mit.edu/graphics/classes/CompPhoto06/>

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# Sources

Some of my slides are from:



**15-463 (15-862): Computational Photography**  
Computer Science Department  
Carnegie Mellon University

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**UNIVERSITY UNITS:** 12  
**SEMESTER:** Fall 2007  
**NEWSGROUP:** [cmu.cs.class.cs463](#) (read this for important information!)  
**WEB PAGE:** <http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/courses/15-463/>  
**LOCATION:** WeH 5312  
**TIME:** T R 12:00-1:20 PM

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

Computational Photography is an emerging new field created by the convergence of computer graphics, computer vision and photography. Its role is to overcome the limitations of the traditional camera by using computational techniques to produce a richer, more vivid, perhaps more perceptually meaningful representation of our visual world.

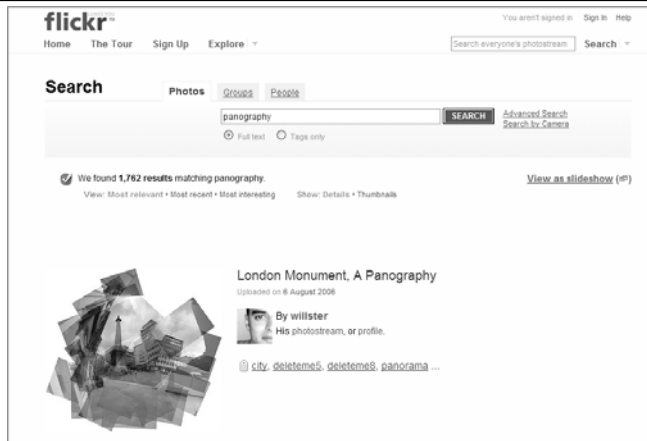
[Alexei \(Alyosha\) Efros](#)

<http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/courses/15-463/>

But first, ...

... for something (a little) different ...

# Panography - <http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=panography>



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# Panography

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What kind of motion model?

What kind of compositing?

Can you do “global alignment”?

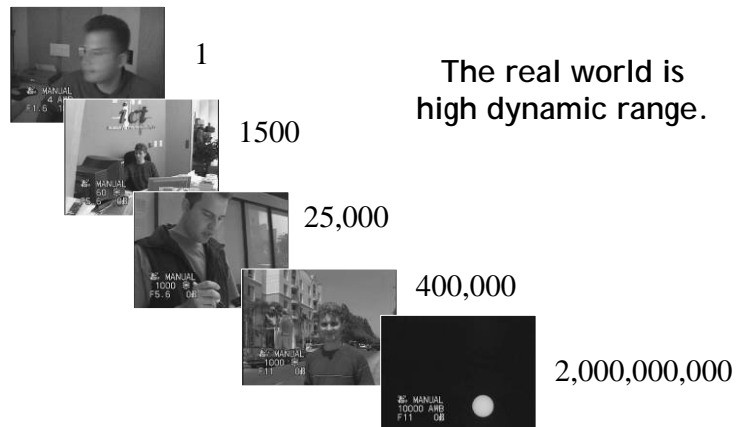
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# High Dynamic Range Imaging (HDR)

*slides borrowed from  
15-463: Computational Photography  
Alexei Efros, CMU, Fall 2007,  
Paul Debevec, and my talks*

# Problem: Dynamic Range

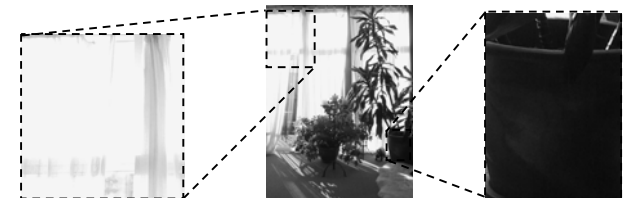
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# Problem: Dynamic Range

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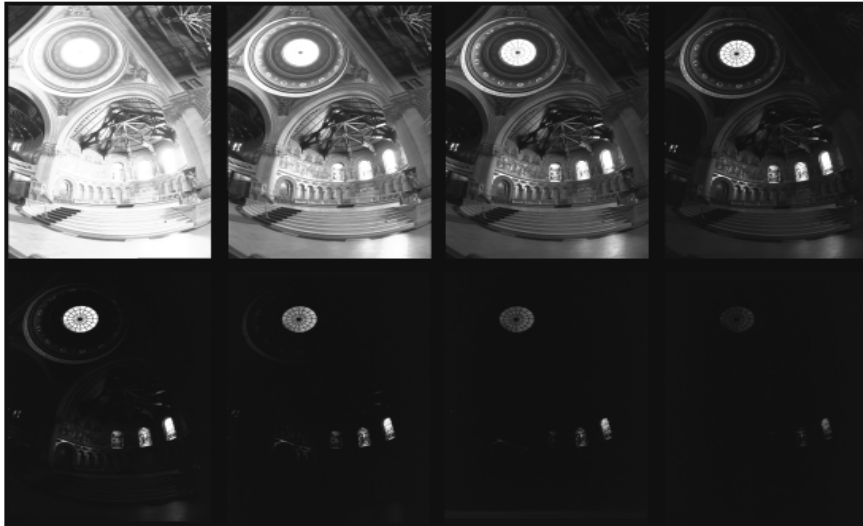
Typical cameras have limited dynamic range



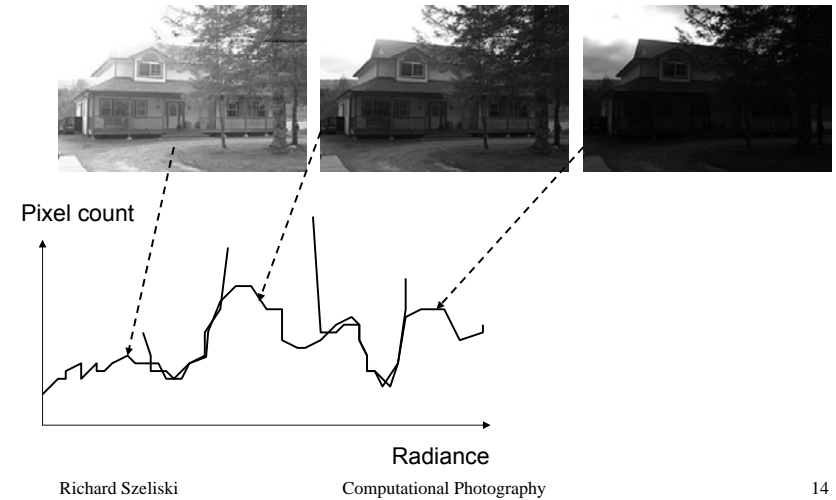
What can we do?

Solution: merge multiple exposures

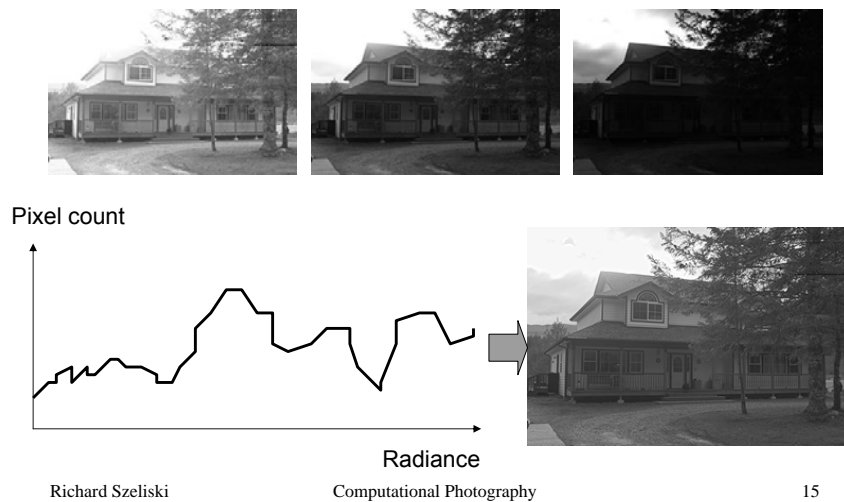
## Varying Exposure



## HDR images — multiple inputs



## HDR images — merged



## Camera is not a photometer!

Limited dynamic range

⇒ Use multiple exposures?

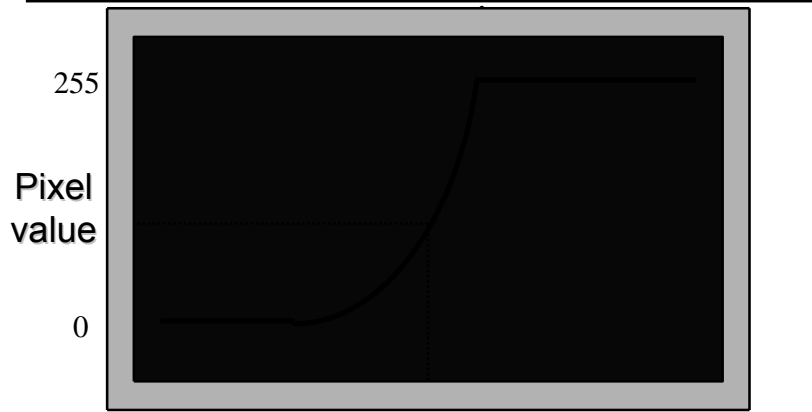
Unknown, nonlinear response

⇒ Not possible to convert pixel values to radiance

Solution:

- Recover response curve from multiple exposures, then reconstruct the **radiance map**

# Imaging system response function



$\log \text{ Exposure} = \log (\text{Radiance} * \Delta t)$   
 (CCD photon count)

# Camera Calibration

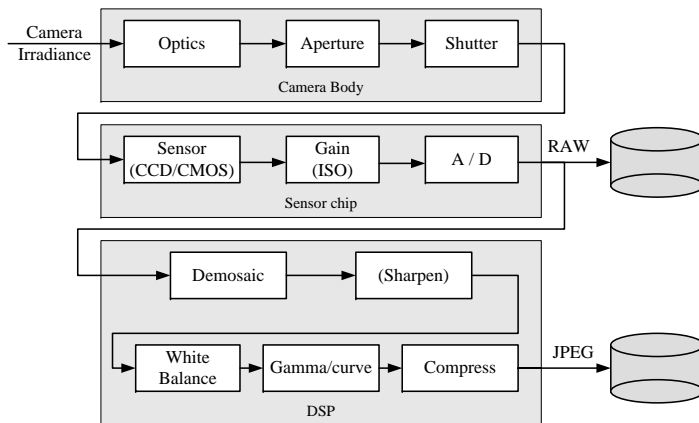
## Geometric

- How pixel **coordinates** relate to **directions** in the world

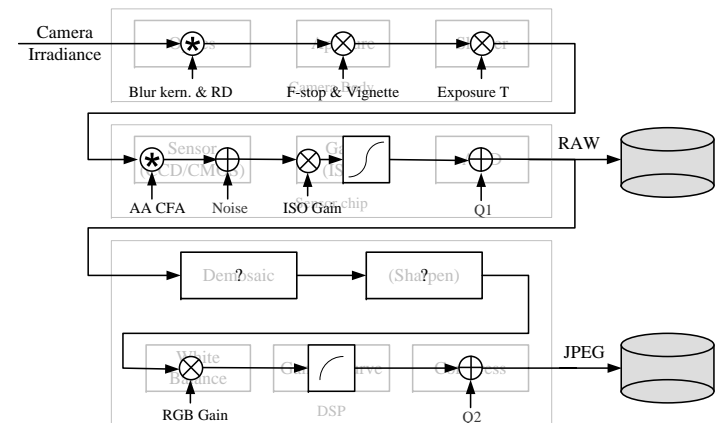
## Photometric

- How pixel **values** relate to **radiance** amounts in the world
- Per-pixel **transfer** and **blur**

# Camera sensing pipeline



# Camera sensing pipeline



# Recovering High Dynamic Range Radiance Maps from Photographs

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Paul Debevec  
Jitendra Malik



Computer Science Division  
University of California at Berkeley

SIGGRAPH'97, August 1997

# Ways to vary exposure

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- Shutter Speed (\*)
- F/stop (aperture, iris)
- Neutral Density (ND) Filters



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# Shutter Speed

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Ranges: Canon D30: 30 to 1/4,000 sec.  
(1997) Sony VX2000: 1/4 to 1/10,000 sec.

Pros:

Directly varies the exposure  
Usually accurate and repeatable

Issues:

Noise in long exposures

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# Shutter Speed

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Note: shutter times usually obey a power series –  
each “stop” is a factor of 2

1/4, 1/8, 1/15, 1/30, 1/60, 1/125, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000 sec

Usually really is:

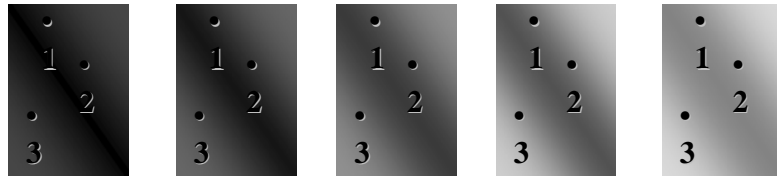
1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024 sec

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## The Algorithm



$\Delta t =$   
1/64 sec      1/16 sec      1/4 sec      1 sec      4 sec

$$\text{Pixel Value } Z = f(\text{Exposure})$$

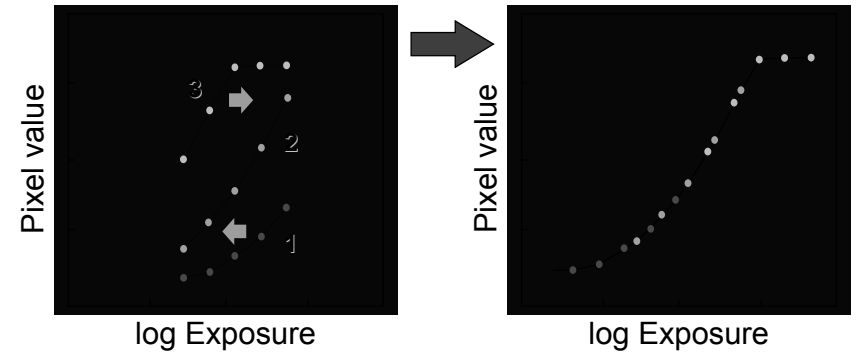
$$\text{Exposure} = \text{Radiance} \times \Delta t$$

$$\log \text{Exposure} = \log \text{Radiance} + \log \Delta t$$

## Response Curve

Assuming unit radiance  
for each pixel

After adjusting radiances to  
obtain a smooth response  
curve



## The Math

Let  $g(z)$  be the *discrete* inverse response function

For each pixel site  $i$  in each image  $j$ , want:

$$\ln \text{Radiance}_i + \ln \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$$

Solve the over-determined linear system:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left[ \ln \text{Radiance}_i + \ln \Delta t_j - g(Z_{ij}) \right]^2 + \lambda \sum_{z=Z_{\min}}^{Z_{\max}} g''(z)^2$$

fitting term

smoothness term

## MatLab code

```
function [g,lE]=gsolve(Z,B,l,w)

n = 256;
A = zeros(size(Z,1)*size(Z,2)+n+1,n+size(Z,1));
b = zeros(size(A,1),1);

k = 1;           %% Include the data-fitting equations
for i=1:size(Z,1)
    for j=1:size(Z,2)
        wij = w(Z(i,j)+1);
        A(k,Z(i,j)+1) = wij; A(k,n+1) = -wij; b(k,1) = wij * B(i,j);
        k=k+1;
    end
end

A(k,129) = 1;   %% Fix the curve by setting its middle value to 0
k=k+1;

for i=1:n-2     %% Include the smoothness equations
    A(k,i)=1*w(i+1); A(k,i+1)=-2*1*w(i+1); A(k,i+2)=1*w(i+1);
    k=k+1;
end

x = A\b;       %% Solve the system using SVD

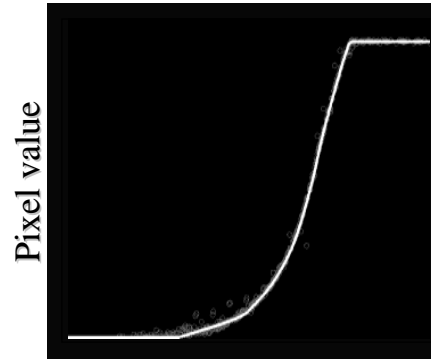
g = x(1:n);
lE = x(n+1:size(x,1));
```

## Results: digital camera

Kodak DCS460  
1/30 to 30 sec



Recovered response  
curve



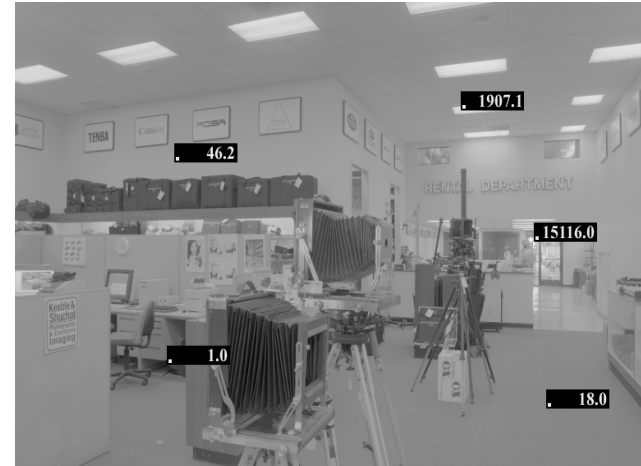
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## Reconstructed Radiance Map



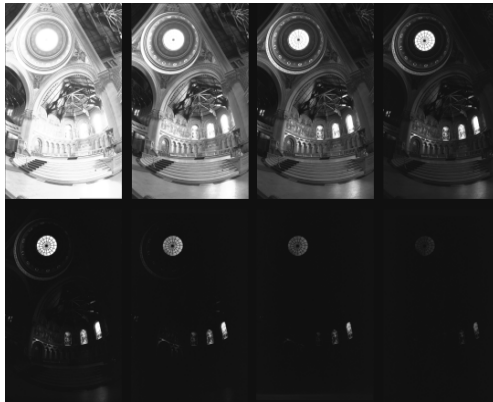
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## Results: Color Film

Kodak Gold ASA 100, PhotoCD

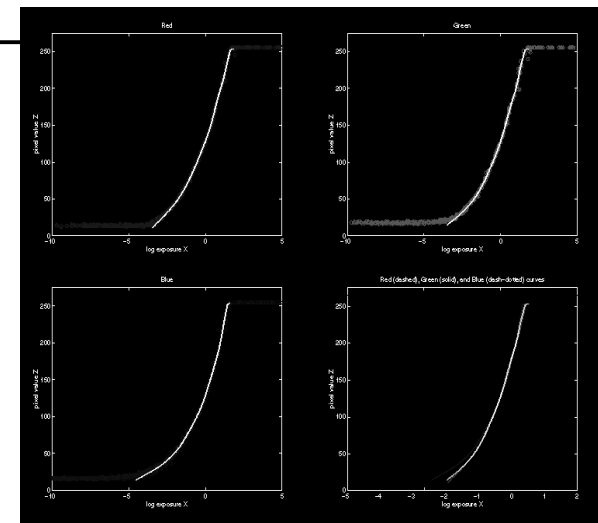


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## Recovered Response Curves



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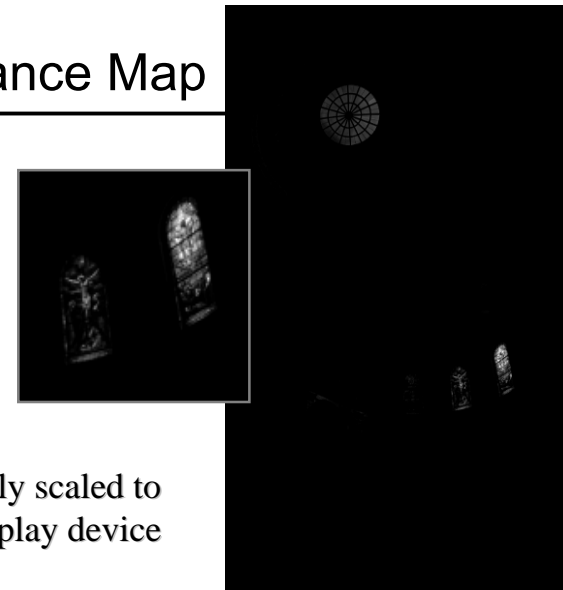


# The Radiance Map

W/sr/m2  
 121.741  
 28.869  
 6.846  
 1.623  
 0.384  
 0.091  
 0.021  
 0.005



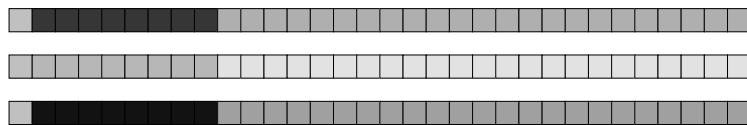
# The Radiance Map



Linearly scaled to display device

# Portable FloatMap (.pfm)

12 bytes per pixel, 4 for each channel



sign exponent

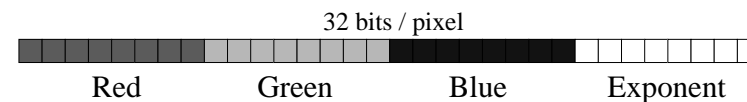
mantissa

Text header similar to Jeff Poskanzer's .ppm image format:

Floating Point TIFF similar

```
PF
768 512
1
<binary image data>
```

# Radiance Format (.pic, .hdr)



$$(145, 215, 87, 149) =$$

$$(145, 215, 87) * 2^{(149-128)} =$$

$$(1190000, 1760000, 713000)$$

$$(145, 215, 87, 103) =$$

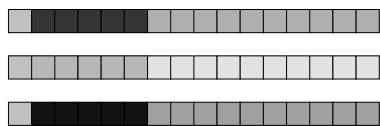
$$(145, 215, 87) * 2^{(103-128)} =$$

$$(0.00000432, 0.00000641, 0.00000259)$$

Ward, Greg. "Real Pixels," in Graphics Gems IV, edited by James Arvo, Academic Press, 1994

## ILM's OpenEXR (.exr)

6 bytes per pixel, 2 for each channel, compressed



sign exponent mantissa

- Several lossless compression options, 2:1 typical
- Compatible with the "half" datatype in NVidia's Cg
- Supported natively on GeForce FX and Quadro FX
- Available at <http://www.openexr.net/>

## High Dynamic Range Video

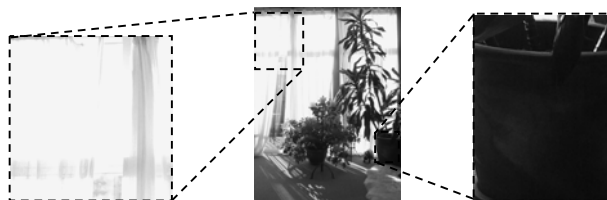
*Sing Bing Kang, Matt Uyttendaele,  
Simon Winder, Rick Szeliski*



[SIGGRAPH'2003]

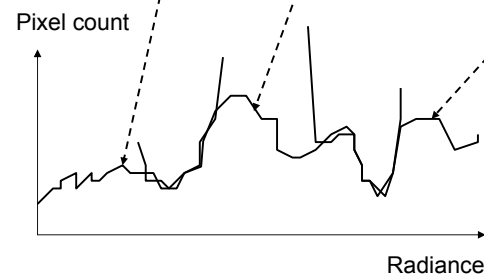
## High dynamic range photography

Typical cameras have limited dynamic range

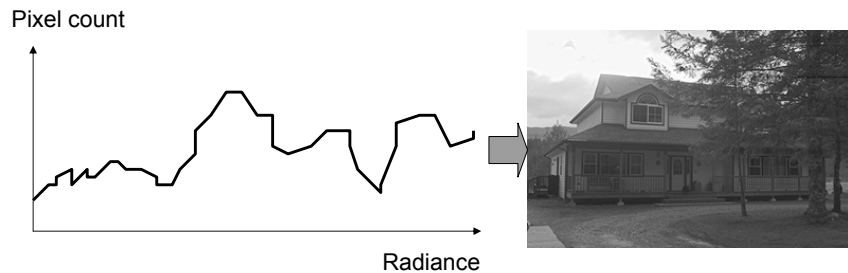


Solution: merge multiple exposures

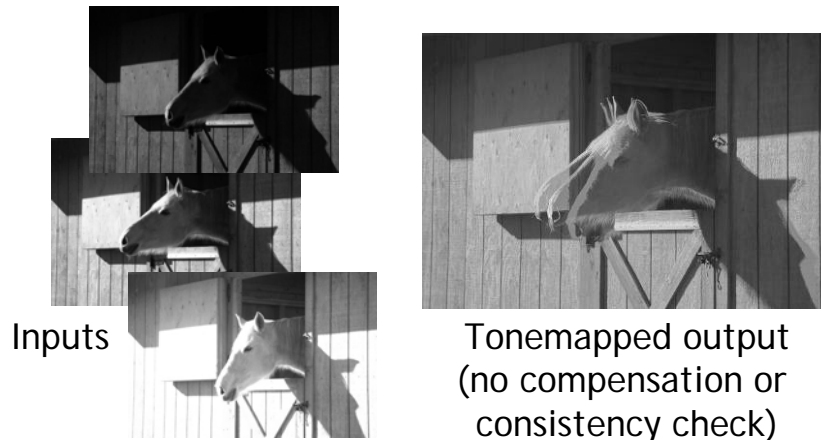
## HDR images — multiple inputs



# HDR images — merged



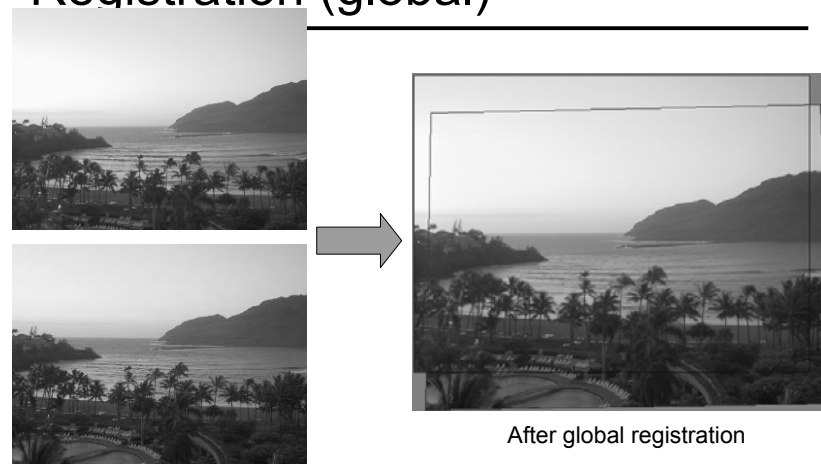
# What about scene motion?



# With motion compensation



# Registration (global)



## Registration (local)



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## HDR image viewing

Interactively adjust exposure in window



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## HDR Merge Application

Launch from  
MSR Batch Stitcher



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## Now What?

**W/sr/m<sup>2</sup>**  
121.741  
28.869  
6.846  
1.623  
0.384  
0.091  
0.021  
0.005



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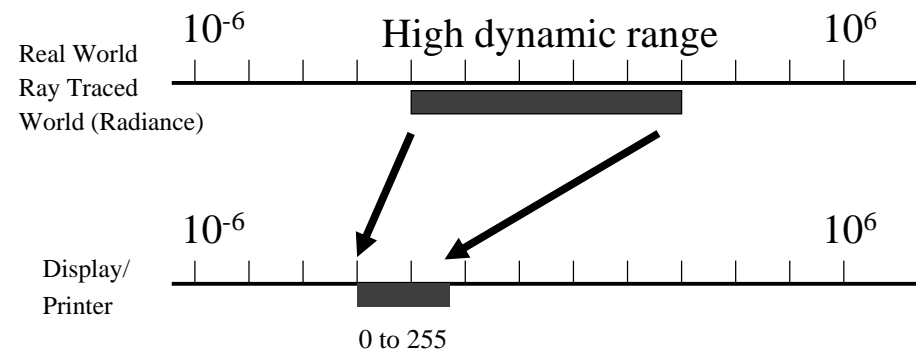
# Tone Mapping

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# Tone Mapping

How can we do this?

Linear scaling?, thresholding? Suggestions?



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# Simple Global Operator

Compression curve needs to

- Bring everything within range
- Leave dark areas alone

In other words

- Asymptote at 255
- Derivative of 1 at 0

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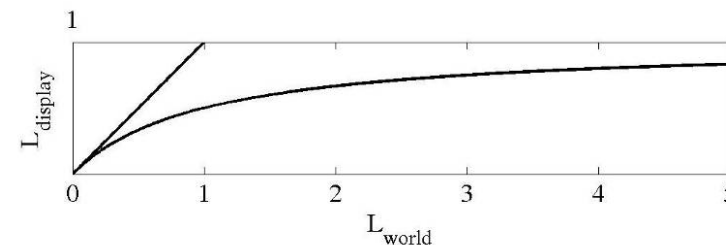
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# Global Operator (Reinhart et al)

$$L_{display} = \frac{L_{world}}{1 + L_{world}}$$



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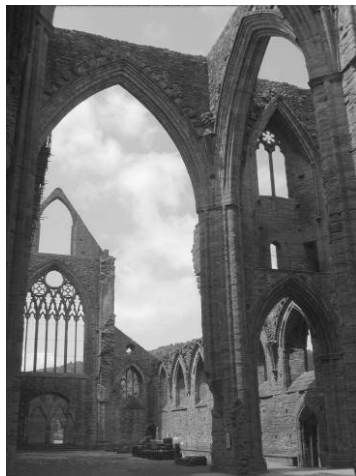
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# Global Operator Results



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Reinhart Operator  
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Darkest 0.1% scaled  
to display device

# What do we see?



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# What does the eye sees?

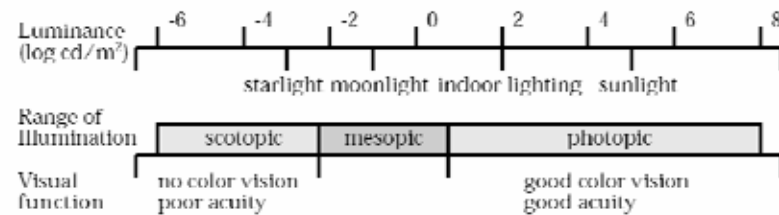


Figure 1: The range of luminances in the natural environment and associated visual parameters. After Hood (1986).

The eye has a huge dynamic range  
Do we see a true radiance map?

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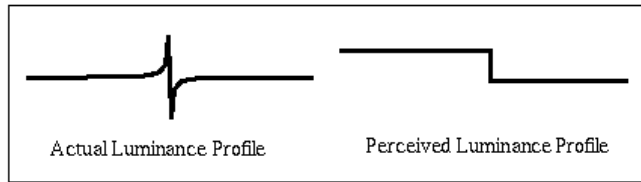
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# Metamores

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Craik-O'Brien Cornsweet Effect



Can we use this for range compression?

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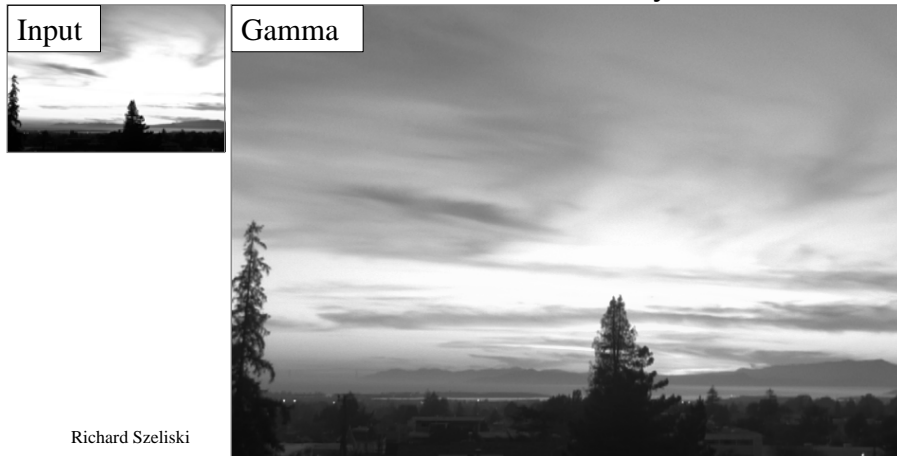
# Fast bilateral filtering for the display of high-dynamic-range images

Frédo Durand and Julie Dorsey  
SIGGRAPH 2002.

# Naïve: Gamma compression

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$X \rightarrow X^\gamma$ , colors are washed-out. Why?

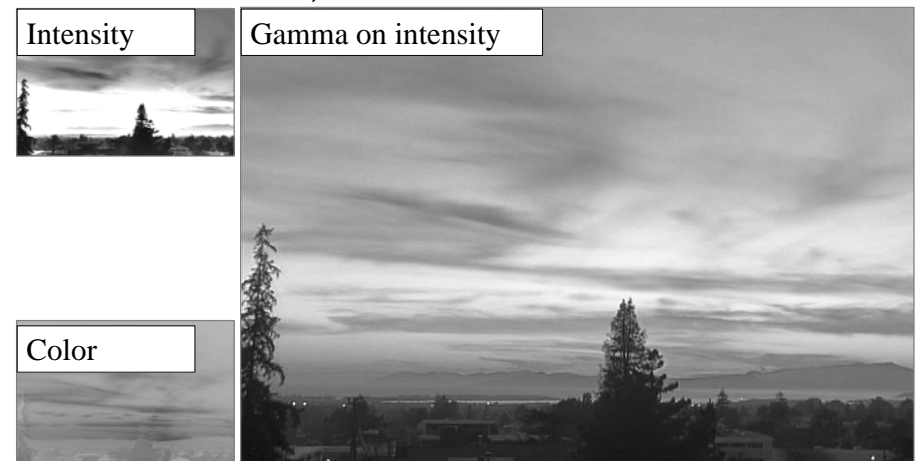


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# Gamma compression on intensity

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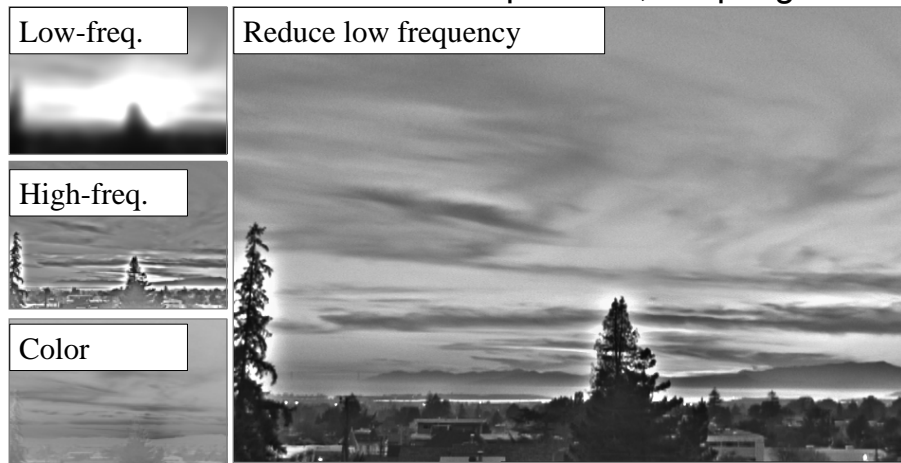
Colors are OK, details are blurred



## Oppenheim 1968, Chiu et al. 1993

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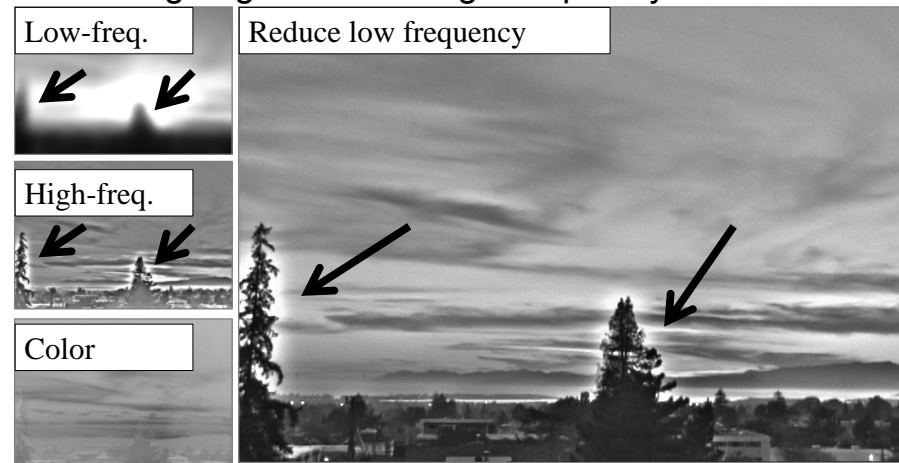
Reduce contrast of low-frequencies, keep high



## Halos

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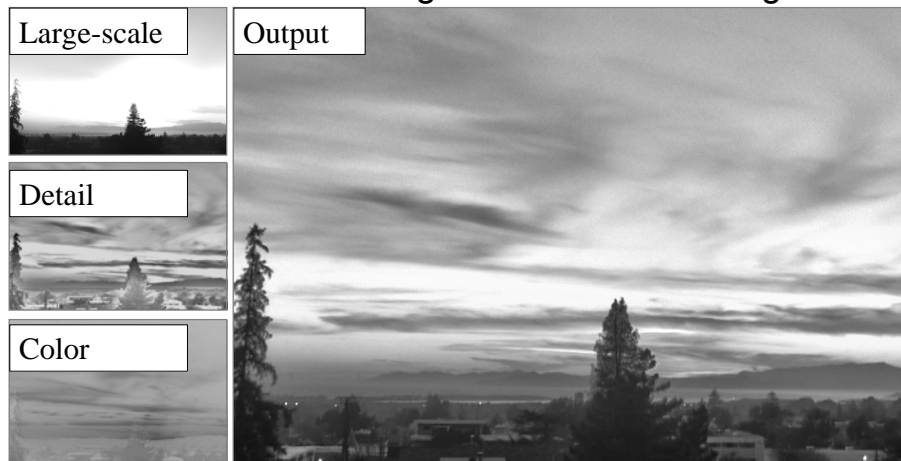
Strong edges contain high frequency



## Our approach

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Do not blur across edges: non-linear filtering



## Bilateral filter

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Tomasi and Manduchi 1998

<http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/~manduchi/Papers/ICCV98.pdf>

Related to

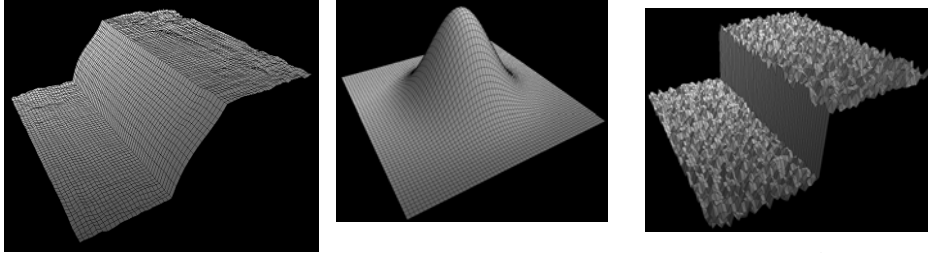
- SUSAN filter [Smith and Brady 95]  
<http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/smith95susan.html>
- Digital-TV [Chan, Osher and Chen 2001]  
<http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/chan01digital.html>
- sigma filter  
<http://www.geogr.ku.dk/CHIPS/Manual/f187.htm>



# Start with Gaussian filtering

Output is blurred

$$J = f \otimes I$$

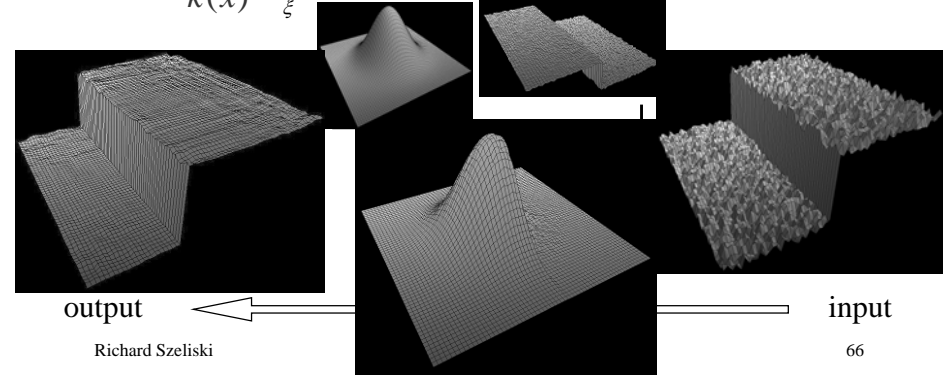


output ← input  
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# Bilateral filtering is non-linear

The weights are different for each output pixel

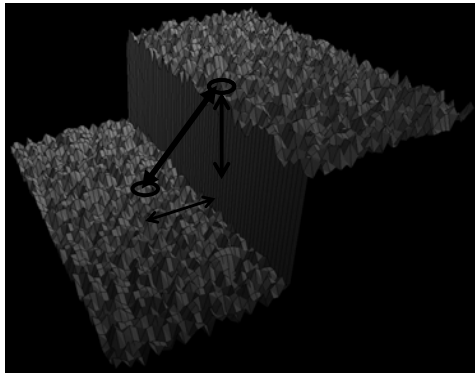
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x, \xi) g(I(\xi) - I(x)) I(\xi)$$



output ← input  
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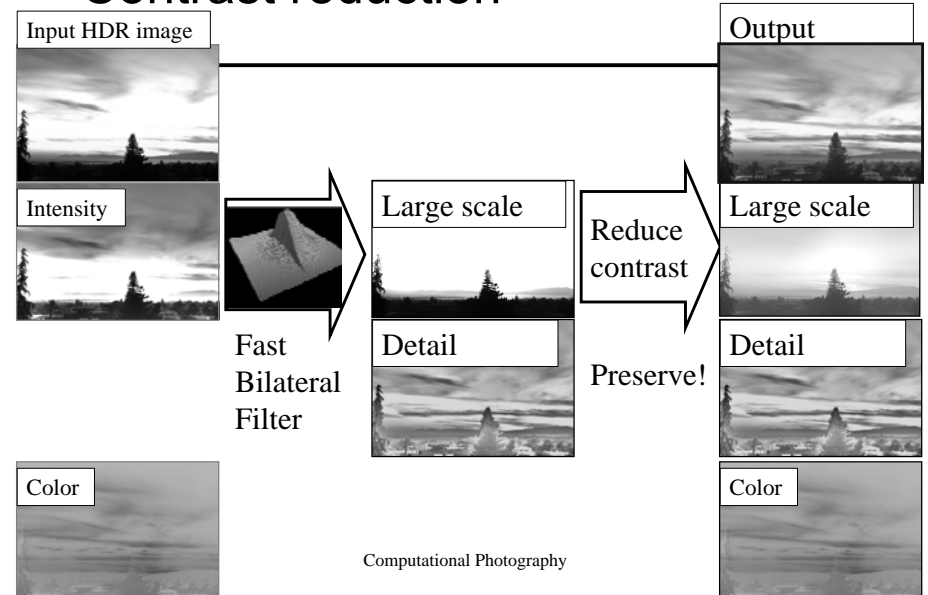
# Other view

The bilateral filter uses the 3D distance



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# Contrast reduction



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## Dynamic range reduction

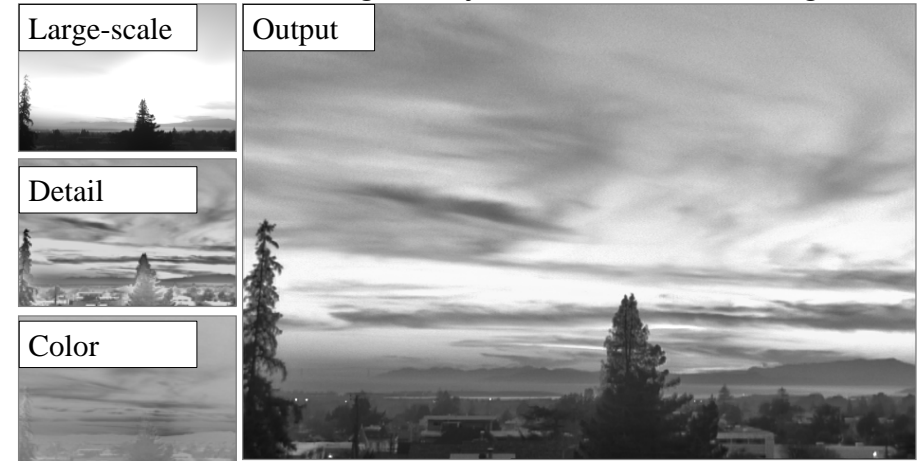
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- To reduce contrast of base layer
  - scale in the log domain  $\rightarrow \gamma$  exponent in linear
- Set a target range:  $\log_{10}(5)$
- Compute range in the log layer: (max-min)
- Deduce  $\gamma$  using *division*
- Normalize so that the biggest value in the (linear) base is 1 (0 in log):
  - offset the compressed based by its max

## Summary of approach

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Do not blur base/gain layer: non-linear filtering

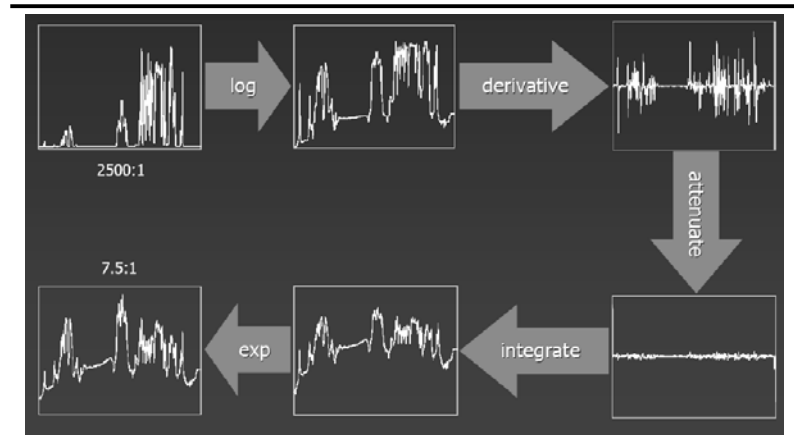


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## Gradient domain high dynamic range compression

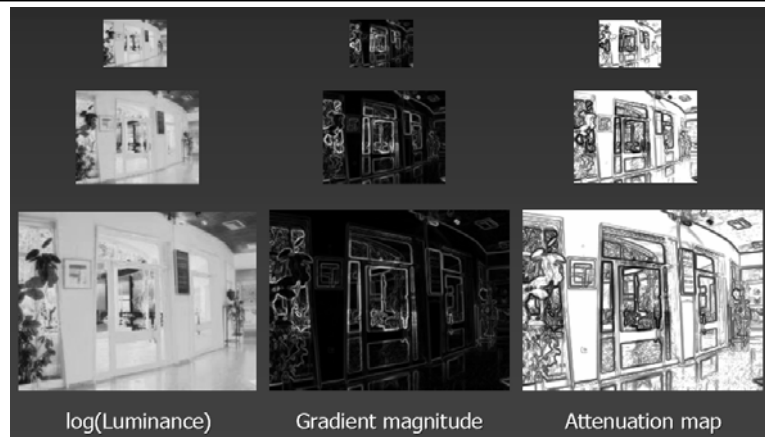
Raanan Fattal, Dani Lischinski, and  
Michael Werman  
SIGGRAPH 2002.

## Gradient Tone Mapping



Slide from Siggraph 2005 by Raskar (Graphs by Fattal et al.)

## Gradient attenuation



From Fattal et al.

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## Interactive Local Adjustment of Tonal Values

Dani Lischinski  
Zeev Farbman  
*The Hebrew University*

Matt Uyttendaele  
Rick Szeliski  
*Microsoft Research*

SIGGRAPH 2006

## Tonal Manipulation

- brightness
- exposure
- contrast
- saturation
- color temperature
- ...



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## Interpretation 1:



## Interpretation 2:



## Interpretation 3:



## This Work is About:

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New tool for interactive tonal manipulation:  
developing negatives in the digital darkroom.

Target material:

- HDR images: the ultimate digital negative.
- Camera RAW images: the most common digital negative.
- Ordinary snapshots.

## Existing Tools

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Automatic tone mapping algorithms

- Why do we need yet another tone mapping approach?
- Why interactive rather than automatic?

Image manipulation and editing packages, e.g.,  
Adobe Photoshop.

## Tone Reproduction Operators



Bilateral Filtering

Durand & Dorsey 2002  
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Gradient Domain

Fattal et al. 2002  
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Photographic

Reinhard et al. 2002  
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## Automatic vs. Interactive



Bilateral Filtering

Durand & Dorsey 2002  
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Interactive Tone  
Mapping

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## Automatic vs. Interactive

Existing automatic TM operators are  
“black boxes”

- No direct control over the outcome
- No local adjustment
- Not suitable for creative/artistic work
- Results do not always look “photographic”
- Most operators not *really* automatic

## But What About Photoshop?

You can do just about everything ...

Adjustment Layers

Layer Masks

- Select regions
- Paint blending weights

... but you need a lot of experience, patience,  
and time!

## Example

15 minutes in Photoshop:



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3 minutes:



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## Approach

User indicates regions using scribbles.  
User adjusts tonal values using sliders.

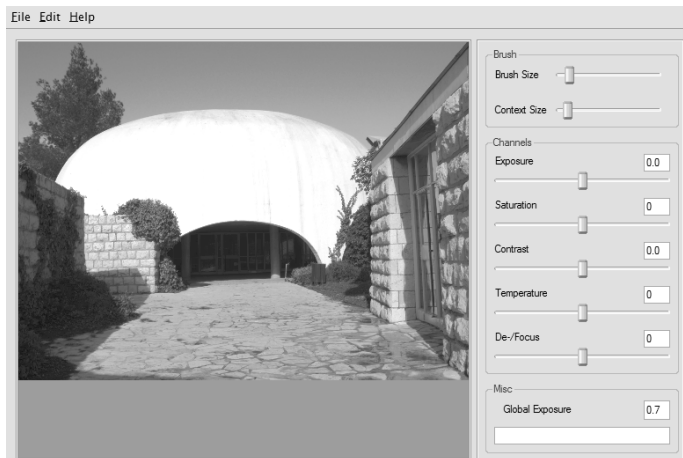
Scribbles + tonal values are interpreted as soft constraints.  
Optimization framework “propagates” the constraints to the entire image.

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## User interface



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## Input: constraints

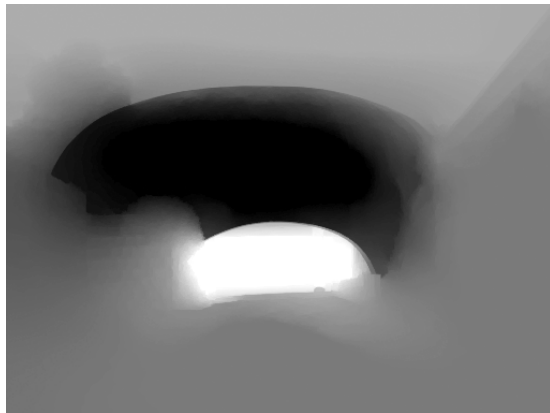


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## Result: adjustment map



## Constraint Propagation

Approximate constraints with a function whose smoothness is determined by underlying image:

$$f = \arg \min_f \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x}} w(\mathbf{x}) (f(\mathbf{x}) - g(\mathbf{x}))^2}_{\text{data term}} + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x}} h(\nabla f, \nabla L)}_{\text{smoothness term}} \right\}$$

Our smoothness term:

$$h(\nabla f, \nabla L) = \frac{|f_x|^2}{|L_x|^{\alpha + \epsilon}} + \frac{|f_y|^2}{|L_y|^{\alpha + \epsilon}}$$

## Linear System

$$\mathbf{A}f = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\lambda \left( |L_i - L_j|^{\alpha} + \epsilon \right)^{-1} & j \in N_4(i) \\ w_i - \sum_{k \in N_4(i)} \mathbf{A}_{ik} & i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$b_i = g_i w_i$$

## Solving the System

Sparse symmetric positive definite system:

- Use preconditioned conjugate gradients (PCG)
- Which preconditioner?

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{L}$$

Matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  depends on the image, only  $\mathbf{W}$  depends on constraints.

Idea: use incomplete Cholesky decomposition of  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}$ .

## Multi-resolution Solver

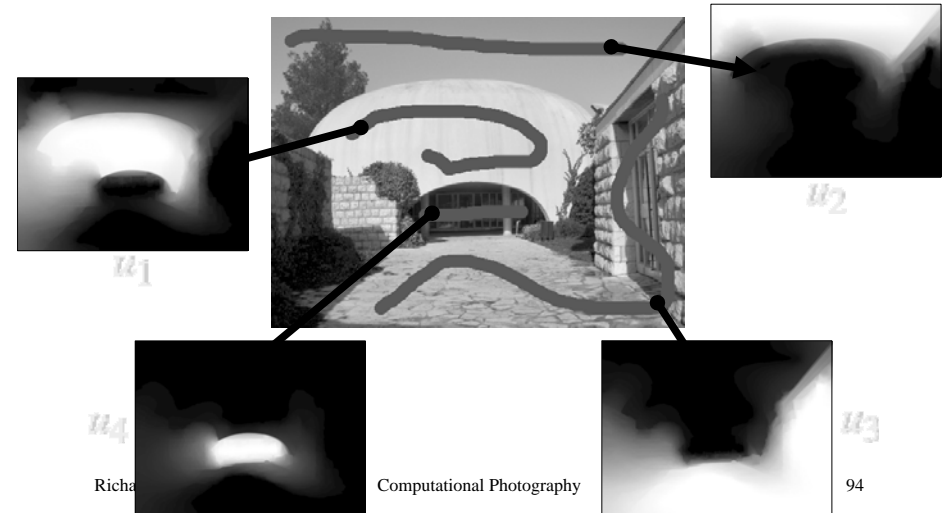
Solve a coarse version of the problem using a direct solver.

Repeat:

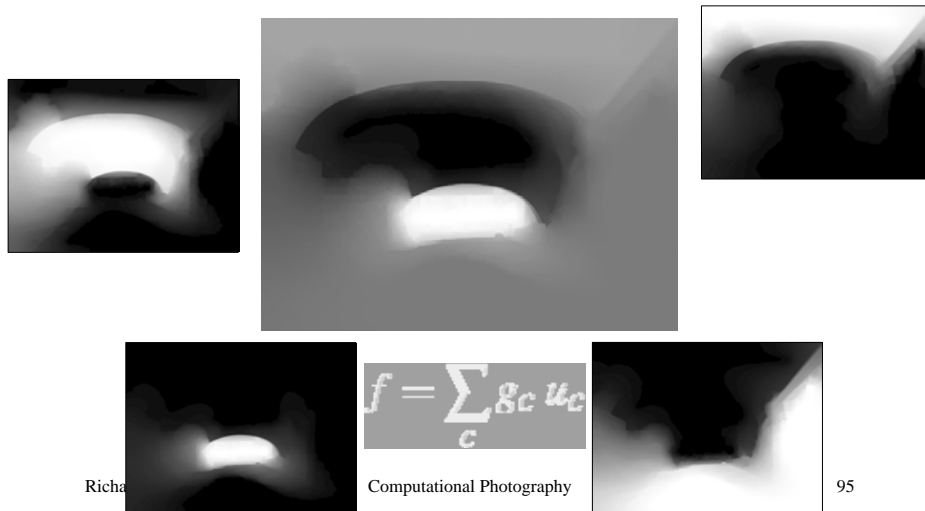
- Upsample solution to next level, perform a few PCG iterations.

Stop once desired preview resolution has been reached.

## Influence Functions



## Influence Functions



## Rapid Solution Update

When a single constraint's value is modified:

$$g'_c = g_c + \Delta g_c$$

The new solution  $f'$  is given as a linear combination:

$$f' = f + \Delta g_c u_c$$



## Automatic Initialization

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Inspired by Ansel Adams' "Zone System".

- Segment image (very crudely) into brightness "zones"
- Determine the desired exposure for each zone
- Let the image-guided optimization produce a piecewise smooth exposure map

## Results – Automatic mode

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## Results – Automatic mode

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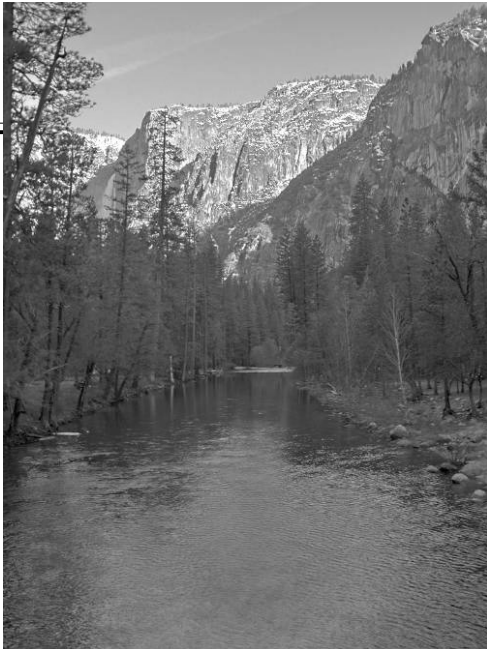
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## Snapshot Enhancement



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## Snapshot Enhancement



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## Spatially Variant White Balance



## Fake Depth of Field

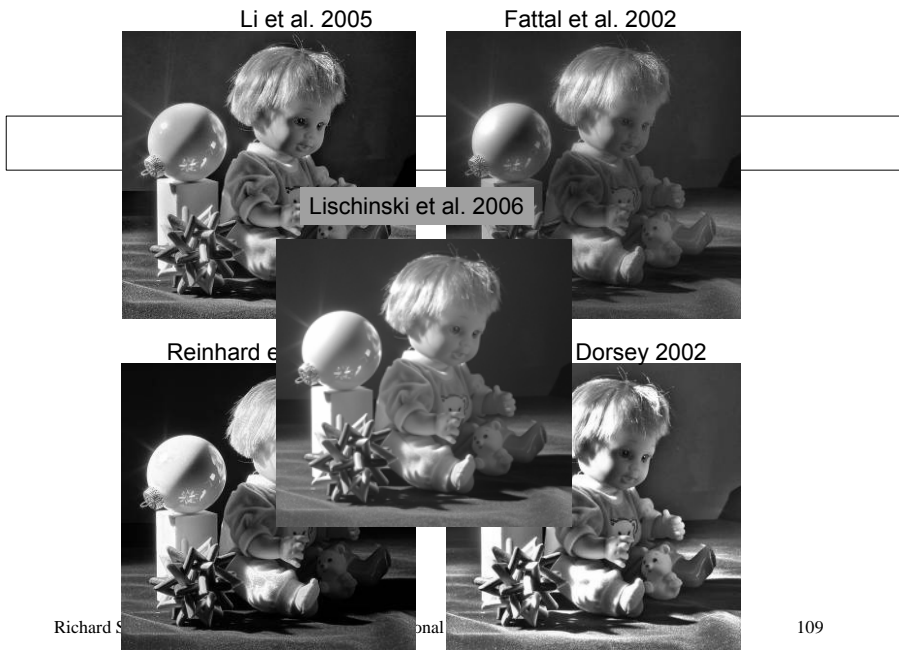


## Comparison of tone mappers

Durand and Dorsey. *Fast bilateral filtering for the display of high-dynamic-range images*. SIGGRAPH 2002.

Fattal, Lischinski, and Werman. *Gradient domain high dynamic range compression*. SIGGRAPH 2002.

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## Merging flash and non-flash images

*Georg Petschnigg, Maneesh Agrawala,  
Hugues Hoppe, Rick Szeliski,  
Michael Cohen, Kentaro Toyama*  
[SIGGRAPH'2004]

## Flash + non-flash images

Flash photos have less noise, more detail

Non-flash photos have better color

Idea: merge them together

- But how?



non-flash

flash

merged

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## Flash + non-flash images

Smooth non-flash photo using flash photo's edge information

Add high-frequency details from flash image



non-flash

flash

merged

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## Joint bilateral filter

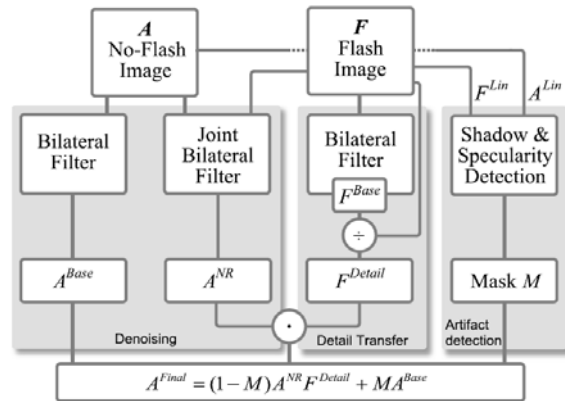


Figure 3: Overview of our algorithms for denoising, detail transfer, and flash artifact detection.

## Bilateral detail filter

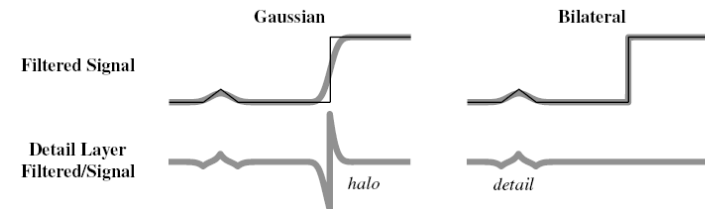


Figure 5: (left) A Gaussian low-pass filter blurs across all edges and will therefore create strong peaks and valleys in the detail image that cause halos. (right) The bilateral filter does not smooth across strong edges and thereby reduces halos, while still capturing detail.

## Final result



## Today's lecture

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- photometric camera calibration
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- PhotoMontage
- object cutouts and matting
- Poisson blending
- inpainting and texture synthesis

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## Interactive Digital Photomontage

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Maneesh Agrawala, Steven Drucker,  
Alex Colburn, Brian Curless,  
David Salesin, Michael Cohen  
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[SIGGRAPH'2004]*

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## PhotoMontage

Goal: select pieces to form the “best” composite

Q: How can we formulate this?



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Mathematical “Diversion”

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## A Comparative Study of Energy Minimization Methods for Markov Random Fields

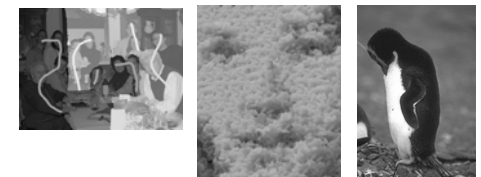
*Richard Szeliski, Ramin Zabih, Daniel Scharstein,  
Olga Veksler, Vladimir Kolmogorov, Aseem Agarwala,  
Marshall Tepfen, and Carsten Rother  
ECCV 2006*

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## Markov Random Fields

Used a lot in computer vision and graphics:

- stereo matching
- image segmentation
- image blending
- texture synthesis
- image restoration



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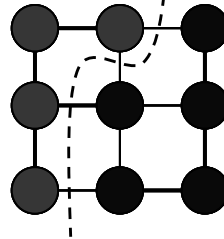
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# Markov Random Fields

We want to minimize the energy function  $E(f)$

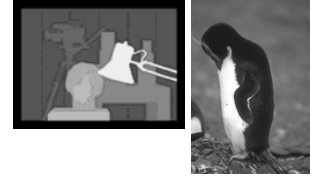
$$\arg \min_f \underbrace{\sum_p D(p, f_p)}_{\text{assignment costs}} + \underbrace{\sum_{p,q \in N} V(f_p, f_q)}_{\text{separation costs}}$$

with **spatially varying**  
smoothness/interaction  
potentials  $V_{pq}(f_p, f_q)$



# MRF labels

- Ordered labels
  - depth map (stereo)
  - gray levels (image restoration)
- Unordered labels
  - image id (quilting / PhotoMontage)
- Binary labels
  - segmentation (GrabCut)

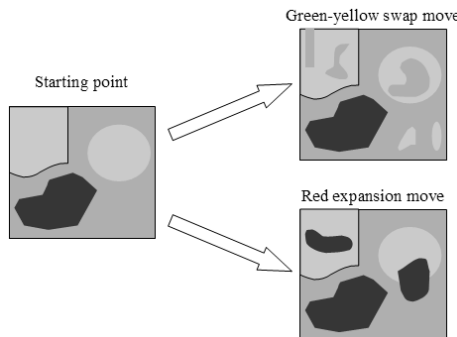


# Graph cuts

Sequence of *binary* sub-problems solved by max-flow algorithm:  
[Boykov, Veksler & Zabih, PAMI 2001]

•  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  swap: optimize pair of labels

•  $\alpha$  expansion: change all pixels to *one* value

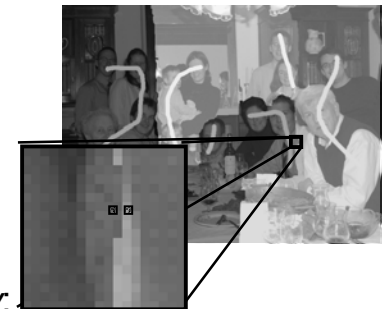


# PhotoMontage

Interaction potentials *not* symmetric:  
measures similarity between neighboring pixels in two *different* images

Interaction potential may *not* be symmetric

May violate *sub-modularity*:  
some algorithms don't work



## Photomontage: input



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## Photomontage: output

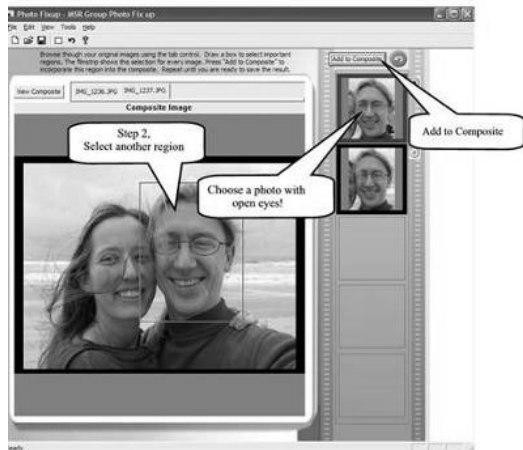


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## GroupShot application



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## Cutout-based compositing

Interactively blend *different* images:  
focus settings

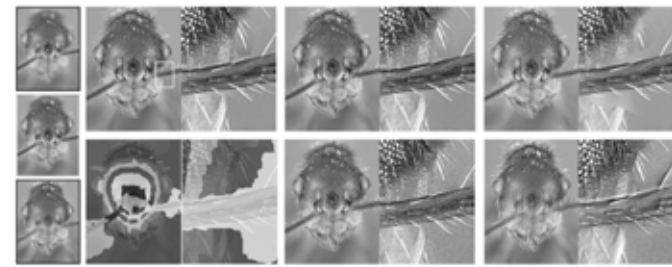


Figure 2 A set of macro photographs of an act (these of eleven used shown on the left) taken at different focal lengths. We use a global maximum contrast image objective to compute the graph-cut composite automatically (top left, with an inset to show detail, and the labeling shown directly below). A small number of remaining artifacts disappear after gradient-domain fusion (top, middle). For comparison we show composites made by Auto-Montage (top, right), by Haberli's method (bottom, middle), and by Laplacian pyramids (bottom, right). All of these other approaches have artifacts. Haberli's method creates excessive noise, Auto-Montage fails to attach some hairs to the body, and Laplacian pyramids create holes around some of the hairs.

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## Cutout-based compositing

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Interactively blend *different* images:  
people's faces



Figure 6 We use a set of portraits (first row) to mix and match facial features, to either improve a portrait, or create entirely new people. The faces are first hand-aligned, for example, to place all the noses in the same location. In the first two images in the second row, we replace the closed eyes of a portrait with the open eyes of another. The user paints strokes with the designated source objective to specify desired features. Next, we create a fictional person by combining three source portraits. Gradient-domain fusion is used to smooth out skin tone differences. Finally, we show two additional mixed portraits.

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## Cutout-based de-ghosting

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- Select only one image per output pixel, using spatial continuity
- Blend across seams using gradient continuity (“Poisson blending”)



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## GrabCut: Cut & Paste Images Easily

*Carsten Rother*  
*Andrew Blake*  
*Vladimir Kolmogorov*  
[SIGGRAPH'2004]

## GrabCut

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User draws a rectangle or lasso around an object  
Object edges are detected and feathered  
Approach: binary graph cut w/ color statistics



User Input

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Segmentation

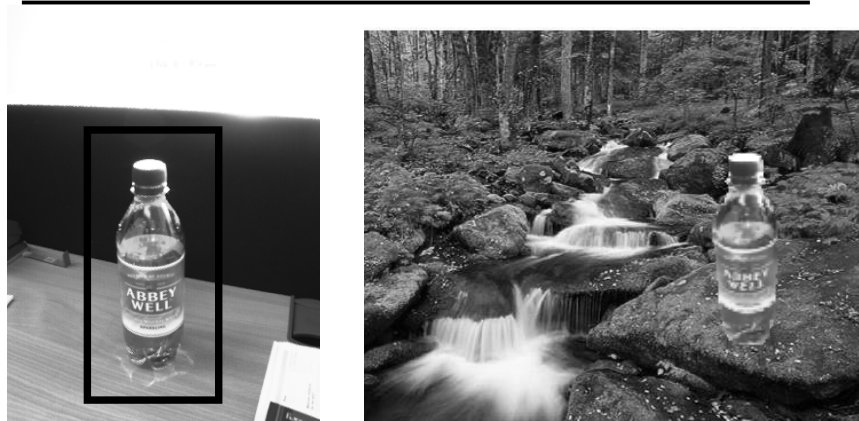
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New composed Image

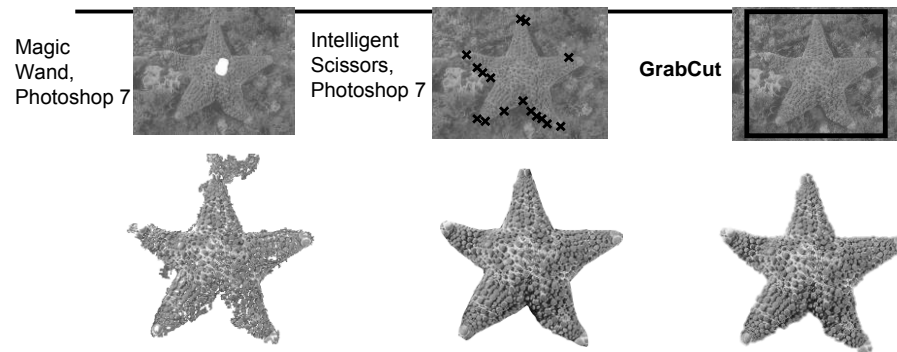
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# GrabCut example



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# GrabCut — Comparison



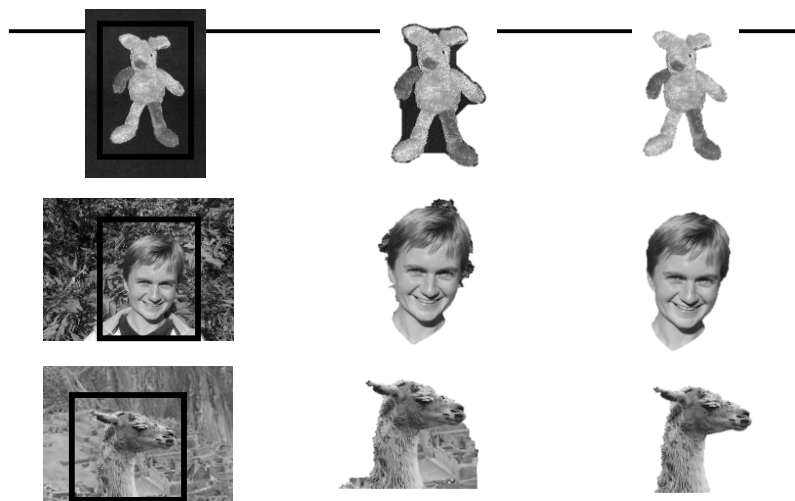
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# Results — No User Interaction

User Input

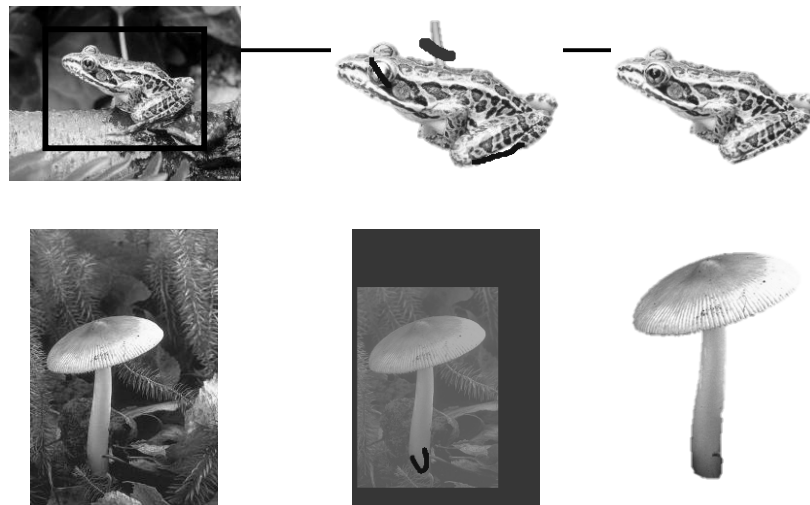
First Iteration

Output



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# Results — Little User Interaction



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## Results — More User Interaction



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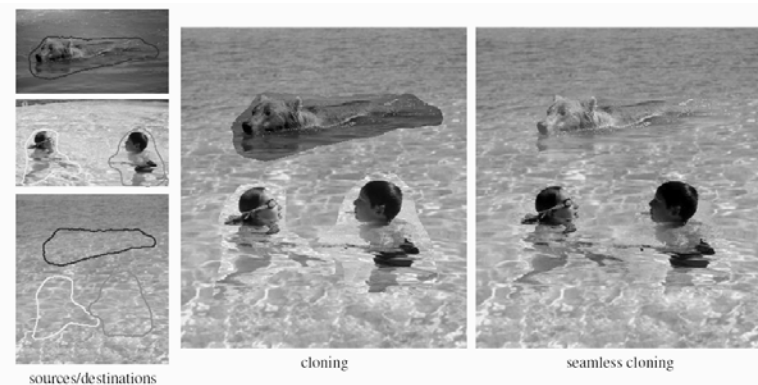
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## Poisson Image Editing

***Patrick Pérez, Michel Gangnet, Andrew Blake***  
**SIGGRAPH 2003**

## Poisson Image Editing



Blend the gradients of the two images, then integrate

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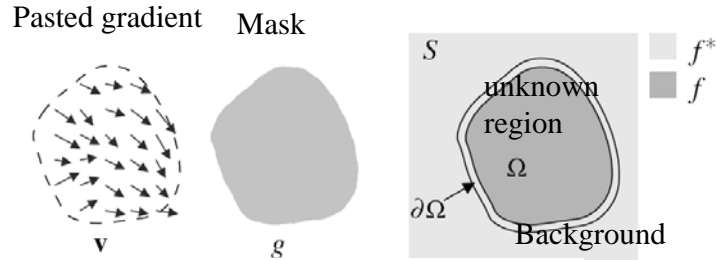
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# Seamless Poisson cloning

Given vector field  $v$  (pasted gradient), find the value of  $f$  in unknown region that optimizes:

$$\min_f \iint_{\Omega} |\nabla f - v|^2 \text{ with } f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega}$$



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Figure 1: Guided interpolation notations. Unknown function  $f$  interpolates in domain  $\Omega$  the destination function  $f^*$ , under guidance of vector field  $v$ , which might be or not the gradient field of a source function  $g$ .

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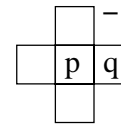
# Discrete Poisson solver

Two approaches:

- Minimize variational problem  $\min_f \iint_{\Omega} |\nabla f - v|^2$  with  $f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega}$ .
  - Solve Euler-Lagrange equation  $\Delta f = \text{div} v$  over  $\Omega$ , with  $f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega}$
- In practice, variational is best

In both cases, need to discretize derivatives

- Finite differences over 4 pixel neighbors
- We are going to work using pairs



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# Discrete Poisson solver

Minimize variational problem

$$\min_f \iint_{\Omega} |\nabla f - v|^2 \text{ with } f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega}$$

$$\min_{f|_{\Omega}} \sum_{\langle p,q \rangle \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset} (f_p - f_q - v_{pq})^2, \text{ with } f_p = f_p^*, \text{ for all } p \in \partial\Omega$$

Discretized gradient  
Discretized  $v: g(p)-g(q)$   
Boundary condition

Rearrange and call  $N_p$  the neighbors of  $p$

Big yet sparse linear system

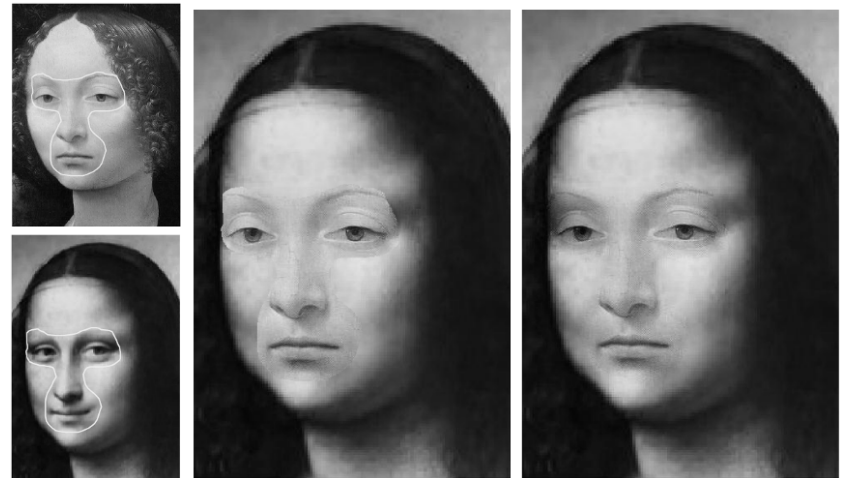
Similar to MRF, but continuous variables

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# Face cloning

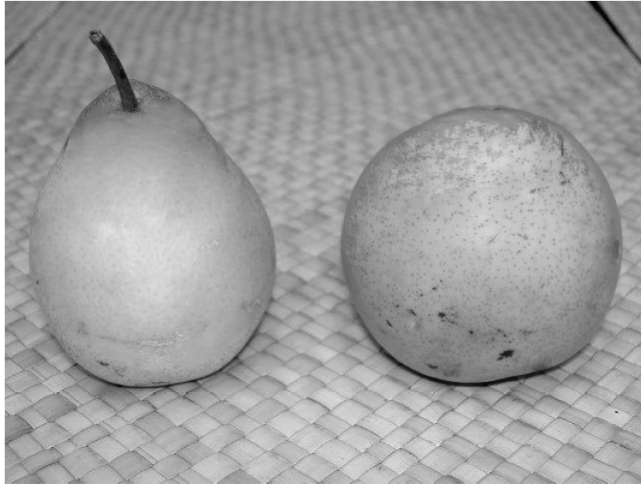
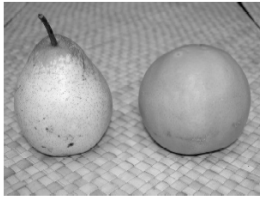


source/destination

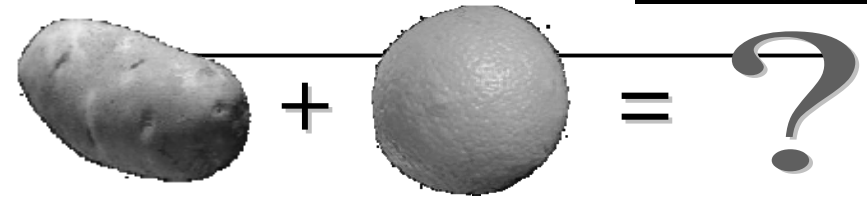
cloning

seamless cloning

## Texture swapping



swapped textures



## Image Quilting for Texture Synthesis & Transfer

Alexei Efros (*UC Berkeley*)

Bill Freeman (*MERL*)

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## Object Removal by Exemplar-Based Inpainting

*A. Criminisi, P. Pérez, K. Toyama*  
CVPR 2003

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## Object removal step by step



Original

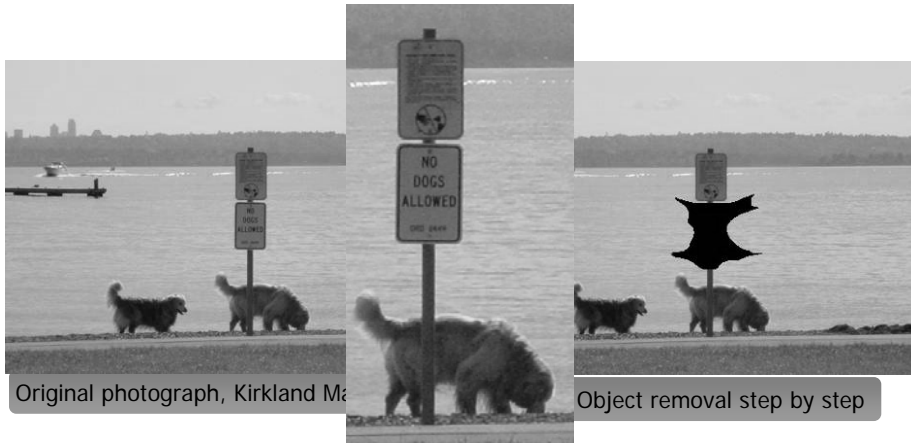
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Object removal step by step

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## Object removal step by step



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## Removing people



## Removing text



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## Completing panoramas



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## Summary of today's lecture

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Questions?