

# Lighting Research at Bungie

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# Talk Outline

- Introduction
- Real-time Lighting
- Pre-computed Lighting

# Pre-computed Global Illumination

**HALO 3**  
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# Real-time Lighting in Games



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# Trends

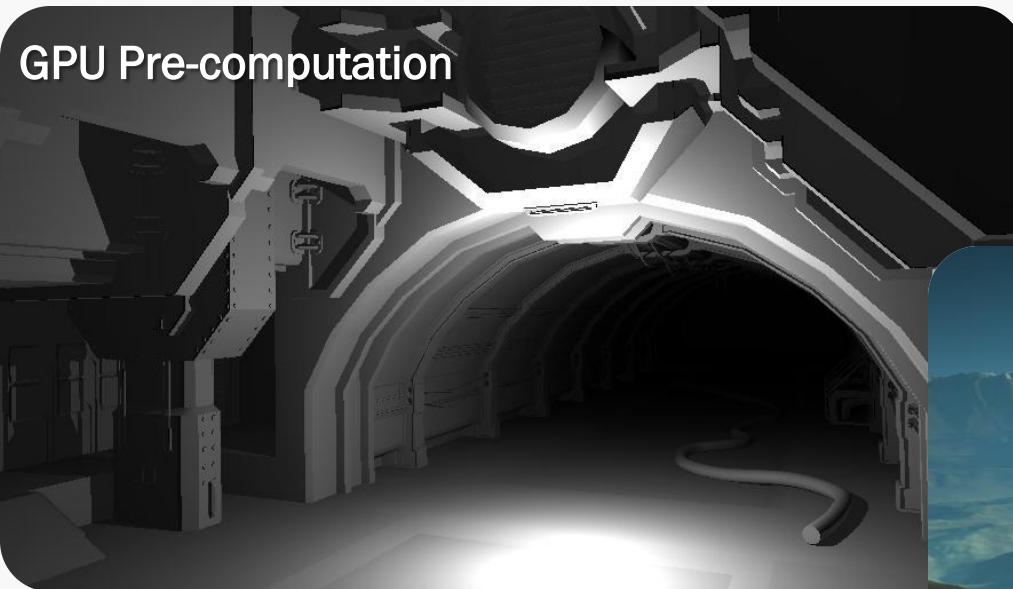
- Pipeline quality == graphics quality
- Artistic style over photo-realism
- Real time lighting is getting more GI
- GPGPU is tangible and real

# R&D Focus

- Content Pipeline
- Artistic Vision And Style
- End-user Experience
- Scalable Technology

HALO 3  
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# Two Research Directions



# Real-Time Lighting

# Sky and Atmosphere



# Previous Model

HALO 3

- [PSS99][PreethamHoffman03]
- Offline pre-computed sky texture
- Real-time scattering
- Single scattering only
- Viewable from ground only

# Current Model

- [BrunetonNeyret2008]
- Single and multiple scattering
- Pre-computation on the GPU
- Viewable from space
- Light shafts

# Raleigh Scattering



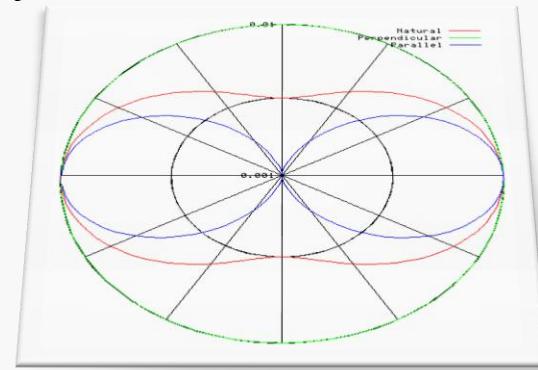
# Raleigh Scattering

- Small particles scattering (air):  $x = \frac{2\pi r}{\lambda}$  where  $x \ll 1$
- Chromatic dependency:

$$\beta_R^S(h, \lambda) = \frac{8\pi^3(n^2 - 1)^2}{3N\lambda^4} e^{-\frac{h}{H_R}}$$

$$P_R(\mu) = \frac{3}{16\pi} (1 + \mu)^2 \text{ where } \mu = \cos \Theta$$

- Depends on altitude, wavelength, molecular density at sea level, and atmospheric density



[Elek08]

# Mie Scattering



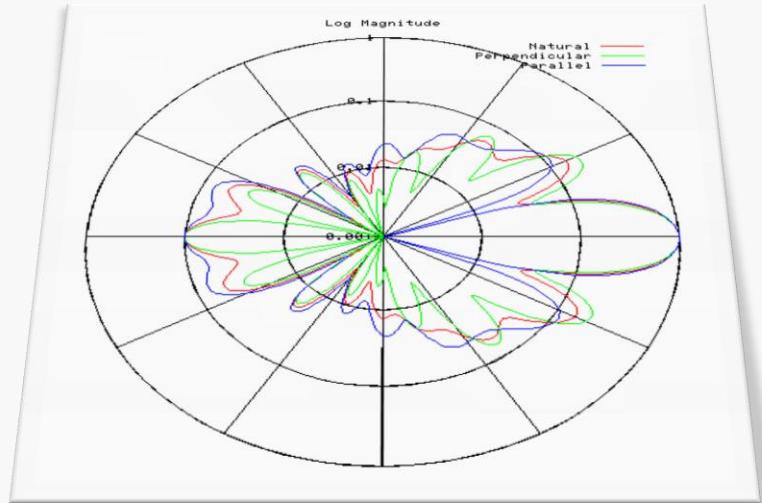
# Mie Scattering

- Light scattering on larger particles
  - Achromatic –  $\lambda$ -independence
- Phase function is strongly anisotropic
- Analytical approximation by Cornette-Shanks:

$$\beta_M^S(h, \lambda) = \beta_M^S(0, \lambda) e^{-\frac{h}{H_M}}$$

$$P_M(\mu) = \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{(1 - g^2)(1 + \mu^2)}{(2 + g^2)(1 + g^2 - 2g\mu)^{3/2}}$$

$x \geq 1$



[Elek08]

# Rendering Equation for the Atmosphere

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s}) = (L_o + R[L] + S[L])(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s})$$

- $x$  – viewer,  $v$  – view direction,  $s$  – sun direction
- Account for:
  - Direct sun light  $L_o$
  - Reflected light at point being shaded ( $x_o$ )  $R[L]$
  - Inscattered light  $S[L]$  (toward the viewer)
- Accurate solution is non-trivial to compute in real-time still

# Direct Sun Light Computation

$$L_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s}) = T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0)L_{sun}, \text{ or } 0$$

- Direct sunlight is attenuated by transmittance function before reaching the viewer
- Accounts for occlusions

# Reflected Light

$$R[L](\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s}) = T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0)I[L](\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{s})$$

- Reflected light is attenuated by the transmittance
- Depends on the light  $I[L]$  reflected at  $\mathbf{x}_0$
- Reflected light is null on the top atmosphere boundary

# Inscattered Light

$$S[L](\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s}) = \int_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{x}_0} T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) J[L](\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{s}) dy$$

- Light scattered towards the viewer between the point being shaded and the viewer
- Depends on the transmittance  $T$  and the radiance  $J$  of light scattered toward the viewer

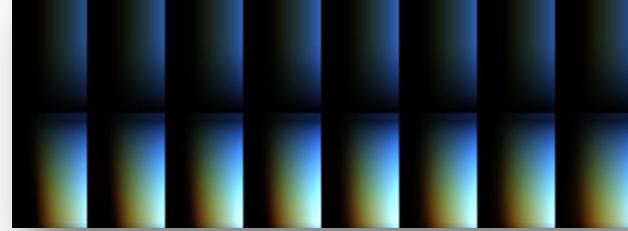
# Pre-computation

- Store pre-computed look-up tables as textures
- Use GPU to generate the textures

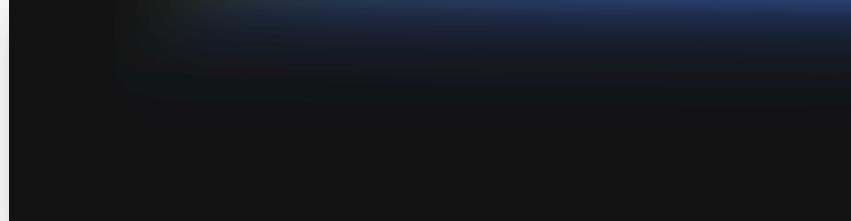
*Transmittance ( $r, \mu$ )*



*Inscatter ( $r, \mu, \mu_S, \nu$ )*



*Irradiance ( $r, \mu_S$ )*



# Different Atmospheres



# Time Of Day



# Atmosphere Seen From Space



# Sky Light

- [BrunetonNeyret2008] used a single color for sky irradiance
  - For distant mountains / objects, just use that
- **Better approximation for close-up geometry:**
  - Use CIE sky luminance distribution
  - Scale by the pre-computed irradiance
  - Project to SH per azimuth angle
  - Fit the coefficients with a polynomial
  - Render with PRT for GI look

# CIE Standard Luminance Distribution

Table 1. Standard parameters

Type	Gradation	Indikatrix	a	b	c	d	e	Description of luminance distribution
1	I	1	4.0	-0.70	0	-1.0	0.00	<b>CIE Standard Overcast Sky, alternative form</b> Steep luminance gradation towards zenith, azimuthal uniformity
2	I	2	4.0	-0.70	2	-1.5	0.15	Overcast, with steep luminance gradation and slight brightening towards the sun
3	II	1	1.1	-0.8	0	-1.0	0.00	Overcast, moderately graded with azimuthal uniformity
4	II	2	1.1	-0.8	2	-1.5	0.15	Overcast, moderately graded and slight brightening towards the sun
5	III	1	0.0	-1.0	0	-1.0	0.00	<b>Sky of uniform luminance</b>
6	III	2	0.0	-1.0	2	-1.5	0.15	Partly cloudy sky, no gradation towards zenith, slight brightening towards the sun
7	III	3	0.0	-1.0	5	-2.5	0.30	Partly cloudy sky, no gradation towards zenith, brighter circumsolar region
8	III	4	0.0	-1.0	10	-3.0	0.45	Partly cloudy sky, no gradation towards zenith, distinct solar corona
9	IV	2	-1.0	-0.55	2	-1.5	0.15	Partly cloudy, with the obscured sun
10	IV	3	-1.0	-0.55	5	-2.5	0.30	Partly cloudy, with brighter circumsolar region
11	IV	4	-1.0	-0.55	10	-3.0	0.45	White-blue sky with distinct solar corona
12	V	4	-1.0	-0.32	10	-3.0	0.45	<b>CIE Standard Clear Sky, low illuminance turbidity</b>
13	V	5	-1.0	-0.32	16	-3.0	0.30	<b>CIE Standard Clear Sky, polluted atmosphere</b>
14	VI	5	-1.0	-0.15	16	-3.0	0.30	Cloudless turbid sky with broad solar corona
15	VI	6	-1.0	-0.15	24	-2.8	0.15	White-blue turbid sky with broad solar corona

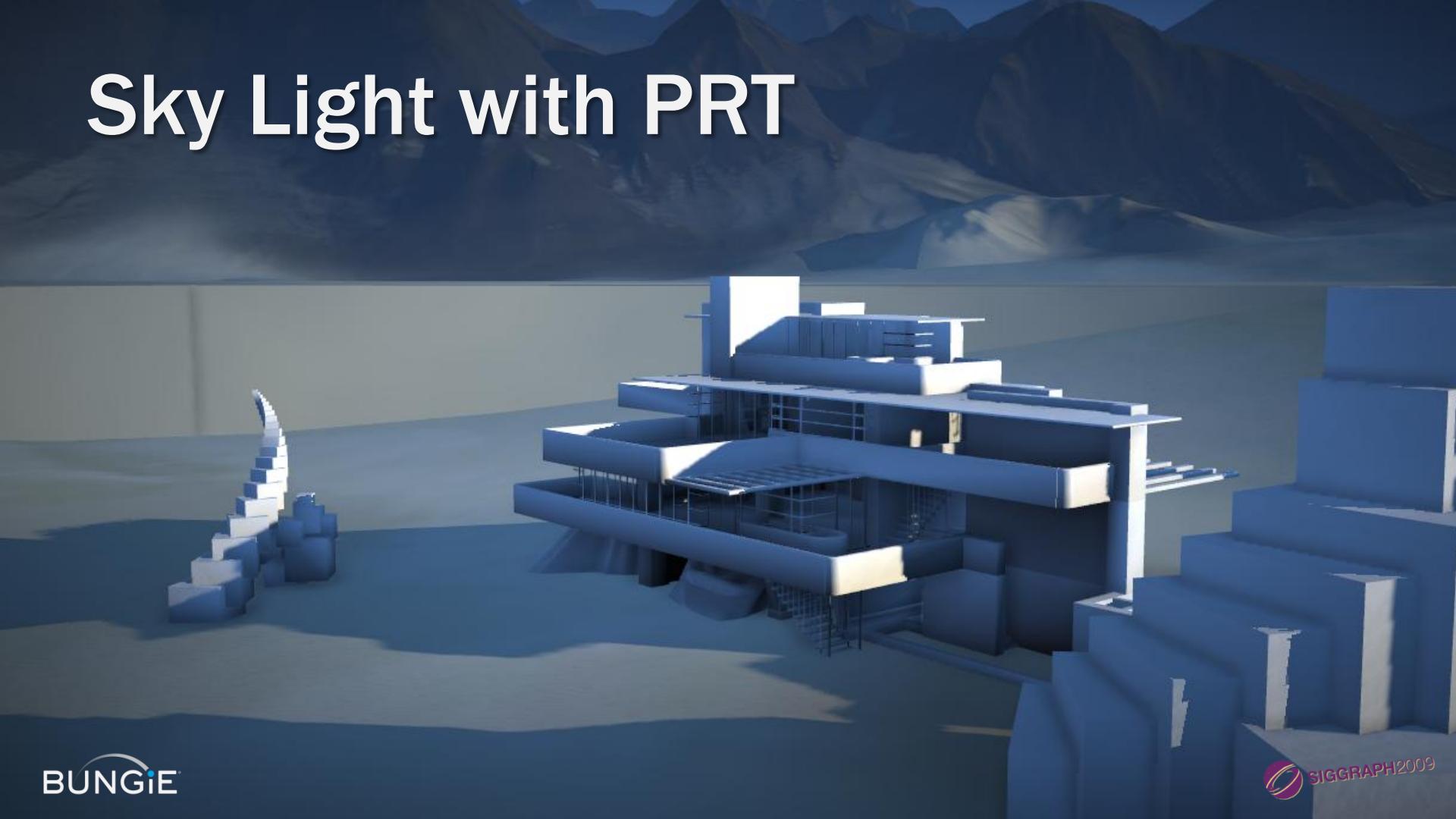
# Direct Illumination Only



# CIE Sky Illumination in SH



# Sky Light with PRT



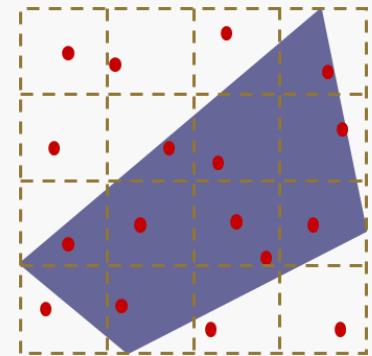
# Shadows

# Shadow Mapping in Games

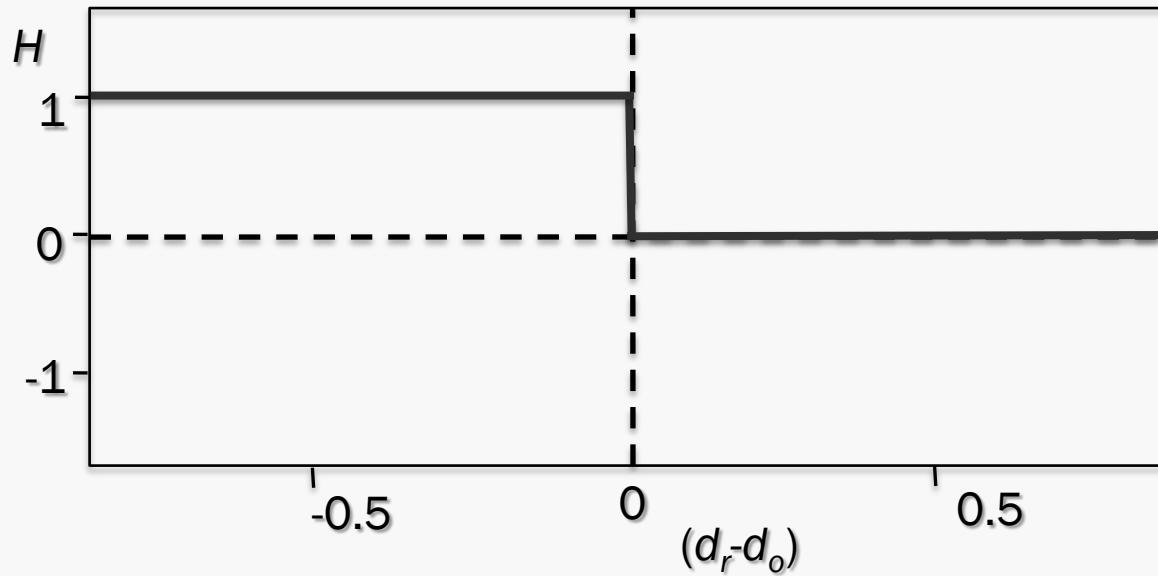
- Shadow mapping is now fairly common in latest video games
- A number of practical production issues remain for high quality stable shadows:
  - Managing aliasing due to resolution and projection
- Open-world scenarios now frequently resort to a variant of cascade shadow mapping
  - Used for resolution management
  - Unfortunately, cascading doesn't solve projection, or sampling, aliasing artifacts

# Sampling Aliasing

- Currently, sampling approaches are typically resolved via PCF [Reeves et al. 1987] for soft shadows results
  - Filter shadow test results
  - Often combined with a rotated Poisson disk filter
- **Expensive at run-time**
  - Requires a lot of samples to hide visible structure patterns
  - Linear in cost in terms of # of samples



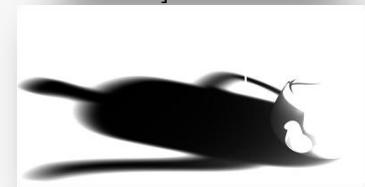
# Shadow Mapping [RSC87]



- Heaviside step function:  $H(d_r - d_o)$  where  $d_r$  is the receiver depth, and  $d_o$  is the occluder depth.
- 1 means no shadows (fully lit) and 0 means completely in shadow.

# Shadow Prefiltering

- Linearly filterable shadow test
  - Reformulate shadow filtering test to support pre-filtering
- A number of recent techniques designed to address this:
  - Variance Shadow Maps [Donnelly / Lauritzen 06]
  - Convolution Shadow Maps [Annen et al 2007]
  - Exponential Shadow Maps [Annen et al 2008] [Salvi 2008]



# Shadow Test Reformulation

- Separate the terms for occluder and receiver
  - Thus we can pre-filter occluder terms with hardware mipmapping and with image-space blurs for soft shadows
- Depth bias no longer necessary to alleviate ‘shadow acne’
  - Due to the changed shadow test

# Probabilistic Shadow Test

- Inspired by the Deep Shadow Maps [LocovicVeach2000]
- Probability that a given sample is in shadow, given current receiver & occluder depths

$$f(d_r) = \Pr(d_o \geq d_r)$$

- $d_o$  becomes a random variable
  - Represents the *occluder depth distribution* function
- $d_r$  is the current receiver depth



# Variance-Based Shadow Test

- Binary test becomes a probability distribution function
  - Probability current fragment is in shadow
- $\Pr(d_o \geq d_r)$  is derived from two moments:  
$$\mu = E(d_o) \text{ and } \sigma^2 = E(d_o^2) - E(d_o)^2$$

# Variance-Based Shadow Test

- Use Chebyshev's inequality as upper bound for the test:

$$\Pr(d_o \geq d_r) \leq p_{\max}(d_r) \equiv \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + (\mu - d_r)^2}$$

# Variance Shadow Map Approach

## Pros

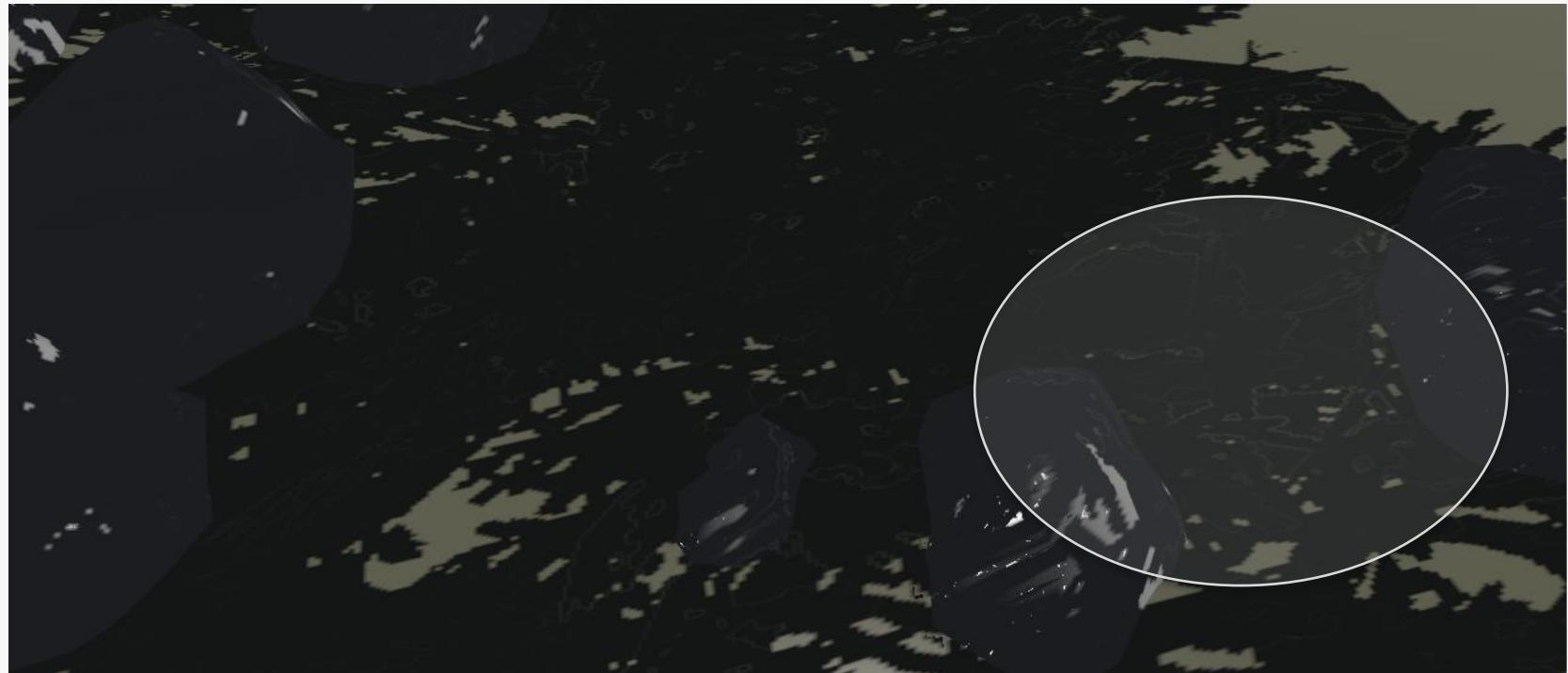
- Image-space & hardware filtering for soft shadows
- Alleviates depth bias artifacts for polygons that span depth ranges
  - Especially when filtering

# Variance Shadow Map Approach

## Cons

- Twice the memory of the regular shadow map
- Light bleeding in areas of high depth complexity
- Exacerbated by filtering with large kernels
  - Variance is increased with large blurs

# Variance Shadow Maps: Light Bleeding



# Light Bleeding Fix-up

- All shadow test results below some minimum variance  $p_{min}$  get clamped to 0
- The rest of the range rescaled to [0..1]
- Removes light bleeding
  - But similarly to dilation, this ‘fattens’ up shadows
  - Especially when applying large blurs

# Can We Do Better?

- Two moments simply do not provide enough information to fully reconstruct the shadow test
  - We don't know the distribution function a priori
- Recall that  $n^{\text{th}}$  moment can be expressed as

$$\mu_n = E[x^n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^n$$

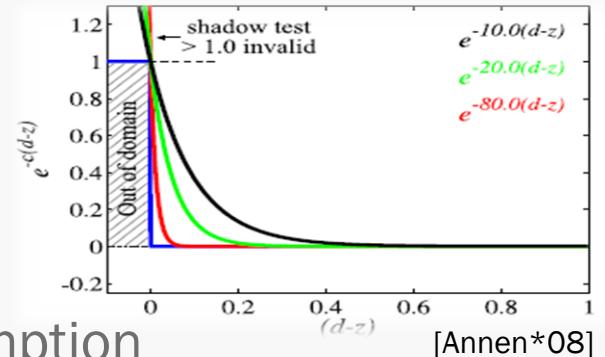
- However, we don't want to just render  $n$  moments
  - 2 channels of 16F or 32F textures is hurtful enough

# Exponential Shadow Map Test

- Assume  $d_r \geq d_o$
- Shadow test becomes  $f(d_o, d_r) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\alpha(d_o, d_r)}$
- Approximate by using a large positive constant  $c$ :

$$f(d_o, d_r) = e^{-c(d_o - d_r)}$$

- Clamp result to [0..1] range to ensure correct results
  - Fixes up some regions where the assumption does not hold



# Exponential Shadow Map Prefiltering

- Separate terms which depend on occluder and receiver depths:

$$f(d_o, d_r) = e^{-c(d_o - d_r)} = e^{-cd_o} e^{cd_r}$$

$$f(d_o, d_r) = f(d_o) f(d_r)$$

- Convolving  $f(d_o, d_r)$  with a filter kernel :  $w$

$$w \cdot f(d_o, d_r) = w \cdot (e^{-c(d_o - d_r)}) = w \cdot e^{-cd_o} \cdot e^{cd_r}$$

- Allows filtering of only the occluder terms == prefiltering

# Exponential Shadow Map Benefits

## 1. Extremely easy to implement:

- a) Render the exponential of occluder depth
- b) Prefilter
- c) Using mip maps and/or applying separable Gaussian blurs
- d) Reconstruct ESM test at run-time

# ESM Shadow Test Computation

```
float ComputeESM( float2 vShadowMapUVs, float fReceiverDepth,
                  float fCascadeIndex )

{
    // Filtered look up using mip mapping
    float fOccluderExponential = tCascadeShadowMaps.Sample(
        sShadowLinearClamp,
        float3(vShadowMapUVs, fCascadeIndex)).r;
    float fReceiverExponential = exp( -fESMExponentialMultiplier *
                                      fReceiverDepth );
    float fESMShadowTest = fOccluderExponential * fReceiverExponential;
    return saturate(fESMShadowTest);
}
```

# Exponential Shadow Map Benefits

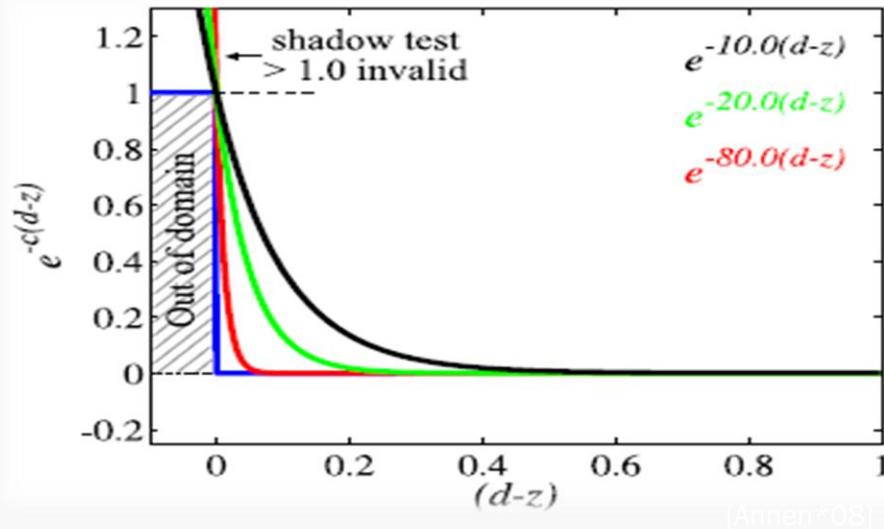
2. Solves biasing problems ('shadow acne') that exist with regular shadow maps
3. Excellent soft shadows visual results with even small filters
  - a) For example, a 5x5 separable Gaussian

# Exponential Shadow Map Benefits

4. Only uses a single channel texture
5. Deals well with scene depth complexity
  - Not based on variance
  - Thus light bleeding due to depth variance doesn't show up
  - Doesn't get exacerbated with wider filter kernels

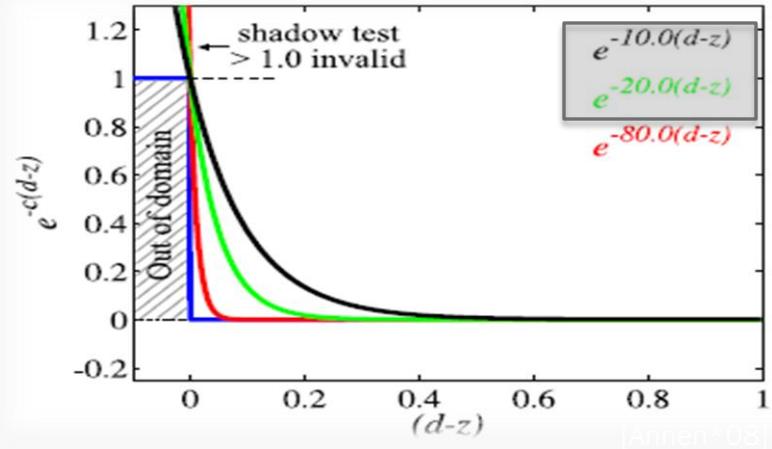
# Thought We're Done?

- Not yet, unfortunately.
- Let's look at the shadow test again:



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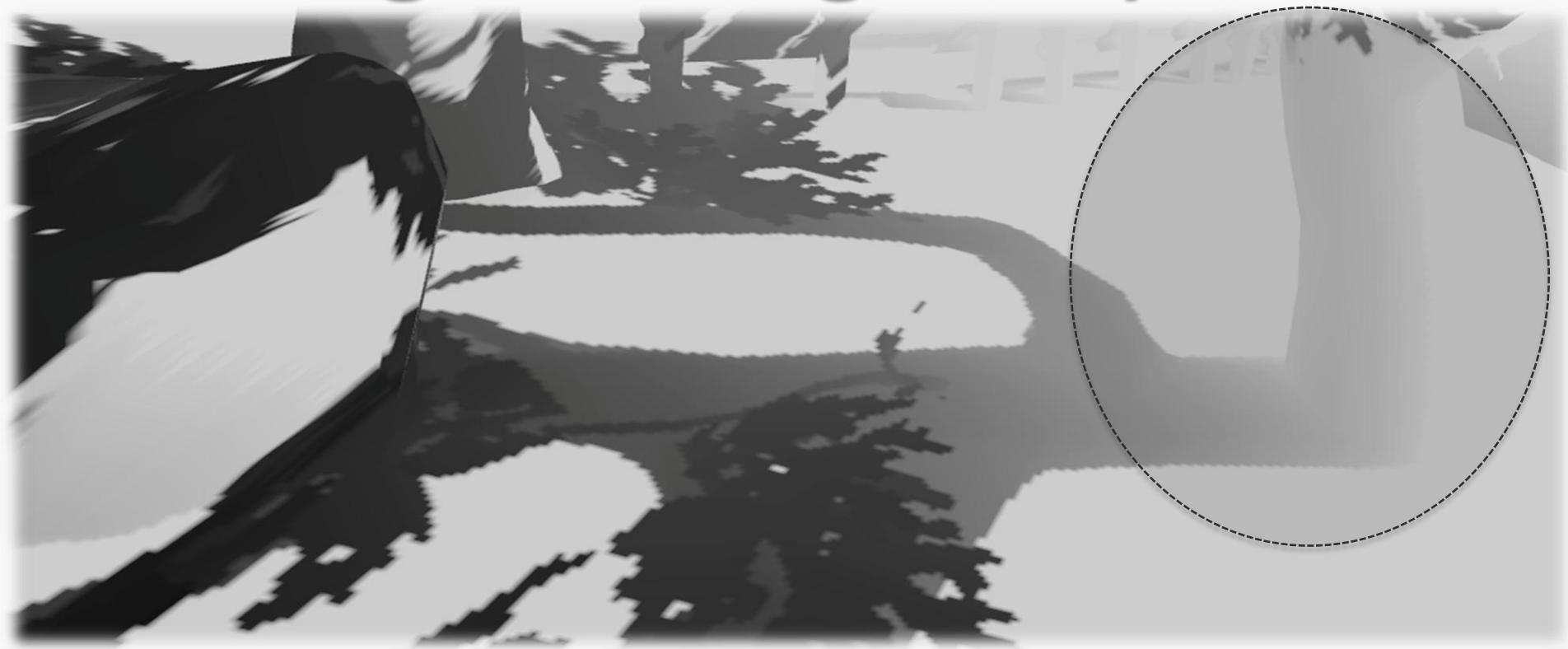
- Small values for  $c$  only work in scenes with low depth complexity
- Otherwise we see a lot of light leaking artifacts



# Thought We're Done?

- However, larger values of  $c$  such as  $c = 80$  demand high precision floating-point buffers
  - $c \sim 88$  is the maximum value for 32F; otherwise overflow

# ESM Light Leaking Example



# ESM Logarithmic Space Filtering

- Render linear depth instead of the exponential
- Filter in log space
- Let's expand the filtering operation on occluder depths:

$$w \cdot f(d_o) = \sum_{i=0}^N w_i e^{cd_{o_i}} = w_0 e^{cd_{o_0}} + w_1 e^{cd_{o_1}} + \dots + w_N e^{cd_{o_N}}$$

# ESM Logarithmic Space Filtering

- For 3 samples, we have:

$$w_0 e^{cd_{o_0}} + w_1 e^{cd_{o_1}} + w_2 e^{cd_{o_2}} = \\ e^{cd_{o_0}} \left( w_0 + w_1 e^{c(d_{o_1} - d_{o_0})} + w_2 e^{c(d_{o_2} - d_{o_0})} \right)$$

- Since  $e^{\ln p} = p$  we can write:

$$w \cdot f(d_o) = e^{cd_{o_0}} e^{\ln \left( w_0 + w_1 e^{c(d_{o_1} - d_{o_0})} + w_2 e^{c(d_{o_2} - d_{o_0})} \right)}$$

# ESM Logarithmic Space Filtering

- Generalizing to N samples:

$$w \cdot f(d_o) = e^{cd_{o_0}} e^{\ln\left(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i e^{c(d_{o_i} - d_{o_0})}\right)}$$

- This replaces the standard Gaussian or box filter summation
  - Weights are from the Gaussian filter kernel
  - Instead of regular summation, compute the result above, summing over the samples

# ESM Logarithmic Space Filtering

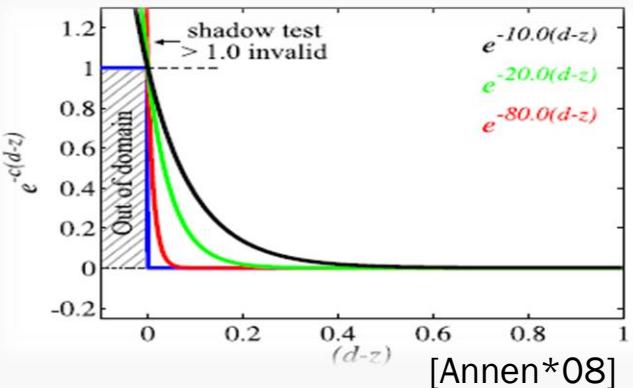
- Allows us to use 16F texture format with high values for c
  - During the actual filtering operation we have at least 24 bit precision (on consoles) and 32 bit on most recent PC hardware
- Every little bit helps
  - Pun intended!

# Thought We're Done?™

- Furthermore, ESM shadow test has the following limitation:

$$f(d_o, d_r) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\alpha(d_o, d_r)}$$

- As  $d_o \rightarrow d$ ,  $f(d_o, d_r) \rightarrow 1$
- Thus we see *contact light leaking* with ESM
  - In places where the occluder is near the receiver
  - Turns out this is a fairly frequent occurrence



# Contact Leaking Reduction

- A brute-force solution is to over-darken the results of shadow test based on occluder-receiver proximity

```
// Filtered look up using bilinear filtering
float fOccluderExponential =
    tCascadeShadowMaps.Sample( sShadowLinearClamp, float3( vShadowMapUVs, fCascadeIndex ) ).r;

float fUnfilteredOccluderDepth =
    tCascadeDepthBuffers.SampleLevel( sShadowPointClamp, float3( vShadowMapUVs, fCascadeIndex ), 0 ).r;

float fReceiverExponential = exp( -fESMExponentialMultiplier * fReceiverDepth );
float fESMShadowTest      = saturate( fOccluderExponential * fReceiverExponential );

if (fUnfilteredOccluderDepth < fReceiverDepth )
{
    const float fDarkeningAmount = 0.05;
    fESMShadowTest *= fDarkeningAmount;
}
```

# ESM Over Darkening

- That works fine – so long as we do not prefilter shadows



# ESM Over Darkening with Filtering

- Results in “fat & stylized shadows”



# Cascade Shadow Maps & Prefiltered Shadow Formulations

- At first glance, cascade shadow maps are orthogonal to prefiltered shadow maps
  - One manages shadow map resolution, the other – filtering / sampling
- However, in practice we encounter the need for additional fix-ups for using VSM / ESM with cascades
  - Specifically with regards to selection of cascade frustum

# Typical Cascade Frustum Selection

```
int GetInitialFrustumIndex( float3 vPositionWS )
{
    float fPosZ = -mul( mCascadeViewMatrix, float4(vPositionWS,1.0f)).z;
    int nFrustumIndex= 0;
    if ( fPosZ <= vFarBounds[0] )
    {
        nFrustumIndex = 0;
    }
    else if ( fPosZ <= vFarBounds[1] )
    {
        nFrustumIndex = 1;
    }
    else if ( fPosZ <= vFarBounds[2] )
    {
        nFrustumIndex = 2;
    }
    else
    {
        nFrustumIndex = 3;
    }
    nFrustumIndex = min( nFrustumIndex, NUM_CASCADES );
    return nFrustumIndex;
}
```

# Prefiltered Shadow Cascade Selection

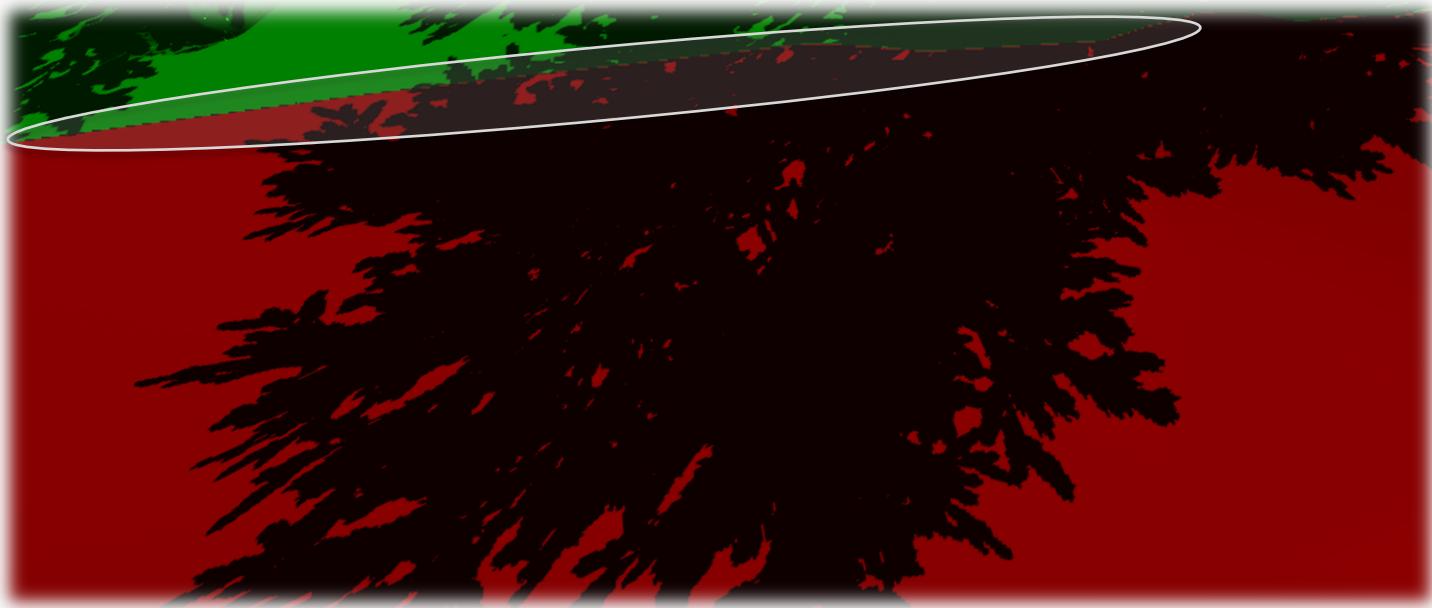
- Need to make sure that every fragment in a pixel quad chooses the same cascade frustum
- This is required so that derivatives are meaningful and mip selection is correct
  - Necessary for ESM / VSM whenever we use mip mapping
- Want to select the same frustum index for all fragments in the same quad

# Artifacts Due to Incorrect Cascade Selection with Prefiltered Shadows



A "traveling" line of 'flipped' shadow test result along the boundary of cascade frustums

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# Prefiltered Shadow Cascade Selection

```
float4 ComputePrefilteredCascadesShadowPositionAndFrustumIndex ( float3 vPosWS )
{
    int nFrustumIndex = GetInitialFrustumIndex( vPositionWS );
    const int aLog2LUT[8] = { 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3 };
    int n2PowFrustumIndex = 1 << nFrustumIndex;
    // Now determine the difference across pixels in the quad:
    int nFrustumIndexDX      = abs( ddx( n2PowFrustumIndex ) );
    int nFrustumIndexDY      = abs( ddy( n2PowFrustumIndex ) );
    int nFrustumIndexDXDY    = abs( ddx( nFrustumIndexDY ) );
    // This quantity will be _the same_ for all pixels across the quad,
    // which is what allows us to consistently select frustum index for
    // all pixels in the quad:
    int nMaxDifference = max( nFrustumIndexDXDY, max( nFrustumIndexDX,
                                                       nFrustumIndexDY ) );
    // If the derivatives are zero across the quad, we can simply use the original
    // frustum index. If there are differences, we will recover the desired
    // frustum index by looking up into the log table:
    nFrustumIndex = nMaxDifference > 0 ? aLog2LUT[nMaxDifference-1]:nFrustumIndex;
    return ComputeCascadeSamplingParameters( vPositionWS, nFrustumIndex )
}
```

# Let's Fix Contact Leaking – Round 2

- Another thing we can try is to have tighter depth range for each cascade
  - Clamp the depth / z range to the bounding volume of the cascade frustum in light space
  - What happen to occluders outside the bounds?

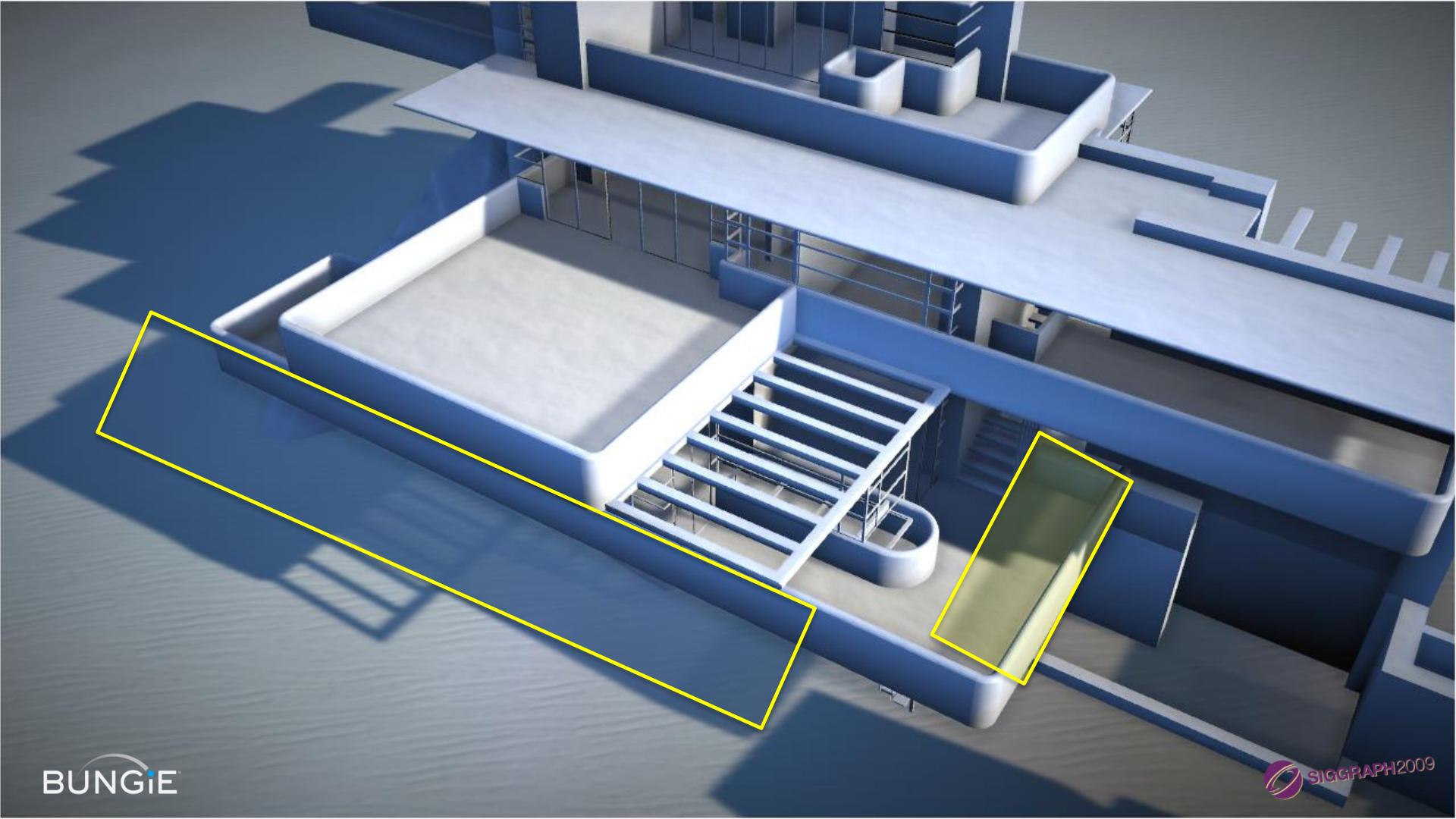
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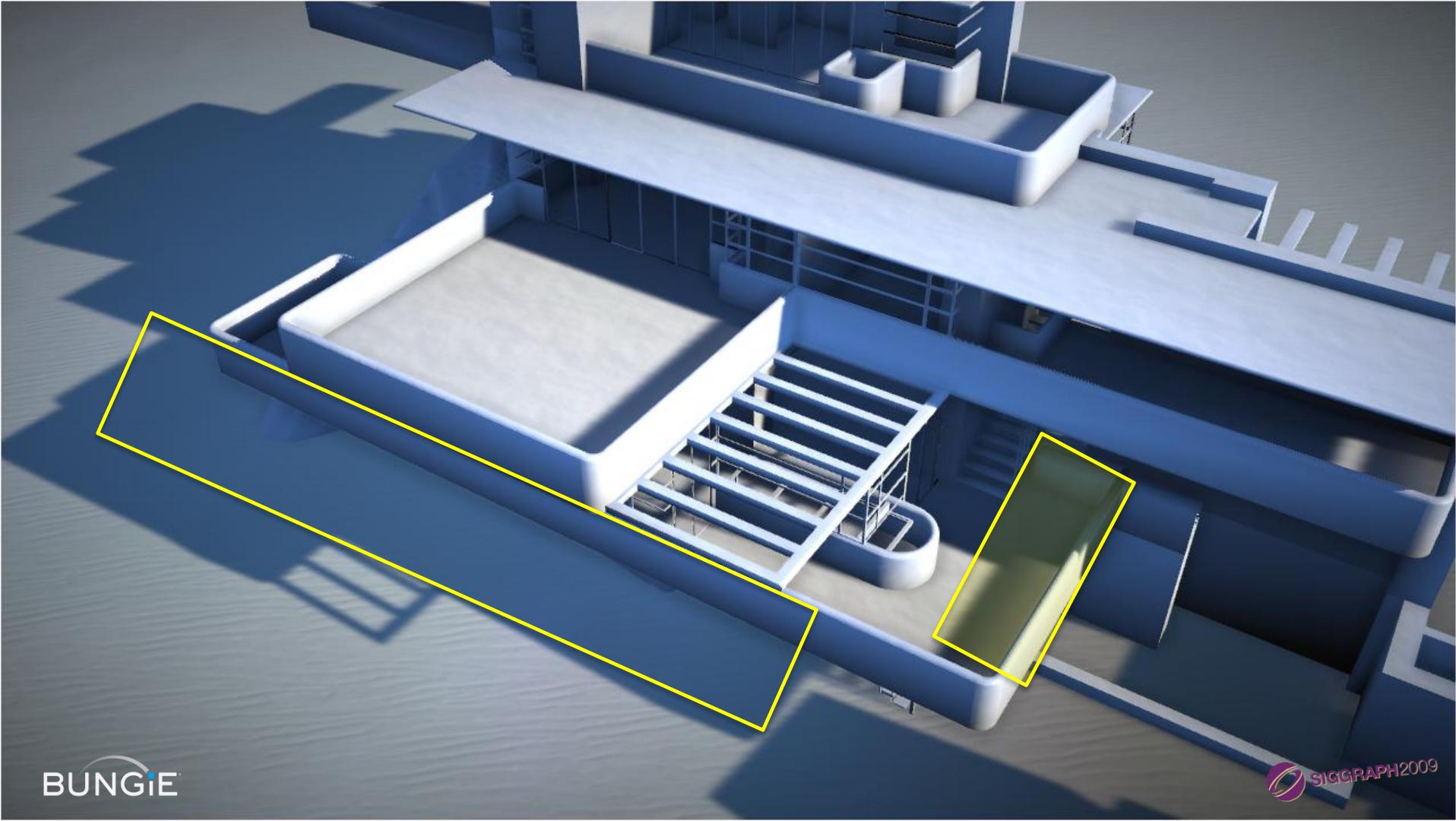
- As we clamp, the occluders *outside* of the bounding volume are flattened onto the near / far plane of the frustum bounding box
  - Aka the ‘shadow pancakes’



# Let's Make Pancakes – Shadow Pancakes, Of Course!

- When the occluder object is outside the viewing frustum we don't care about the actual depth of the occluder
- Just need to know its effect on the rest of the scene
  - Is it going to shadow the objects within the cascade frustum?
  - Can't see these occluders any way



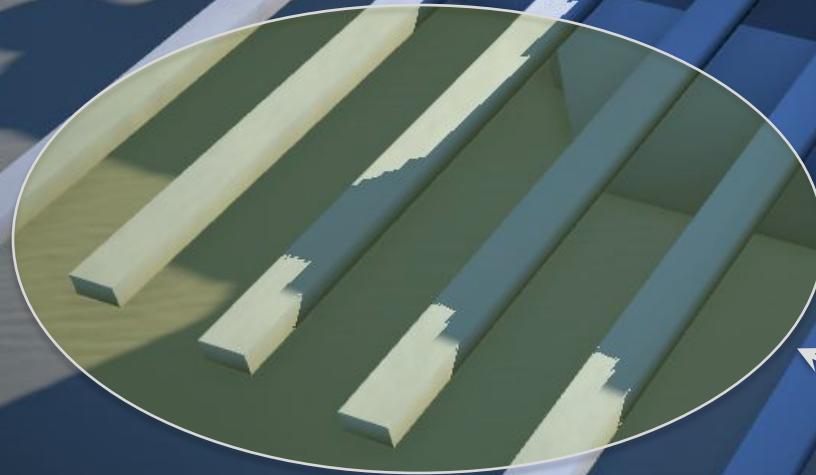


# ESM with Z-Range Clamping and NO filtering



- Discover a new problem... with filtering

# ESM with Z-Range Clamping and Filtering



Artifacts due to filtering!

# EVSM with Depth Warps

- Can we do better? Yes, we can – using Exponential Variance Shadow Maps (**EVSM**)
  - Combines the benefits of ESM and VSM
- **Significantly alleviates contact leaking artifacts**
  - At increased memory cost (4X!)
- **Light bleeding at high variance areas re-appears**
  - However, this can be easily reduced (especially as compared to VSMs)
- **No need to clamp the depth range**

# EVSM

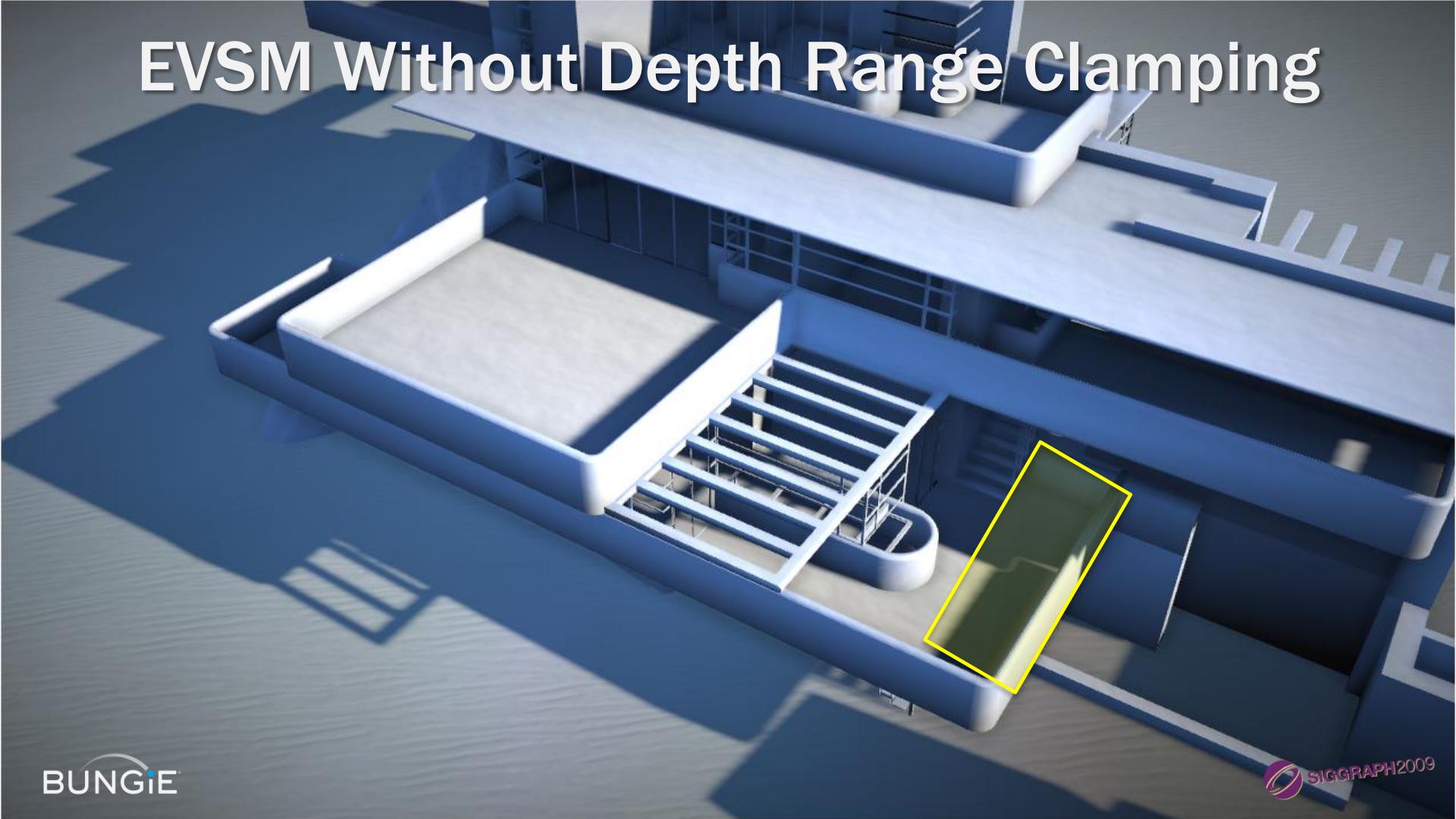
```
float ComputeEVSM( float2 vShadowMapUVs, float fReceiverDepth, float fCascadeIndex ) {
    //depth should be 0 to 1 range.
    float2 warpedDepth = WarpDepth(fReceiverDepth);
    float posDepth = warpedDepth.x;
    float negDepth = warpedDepth.y;

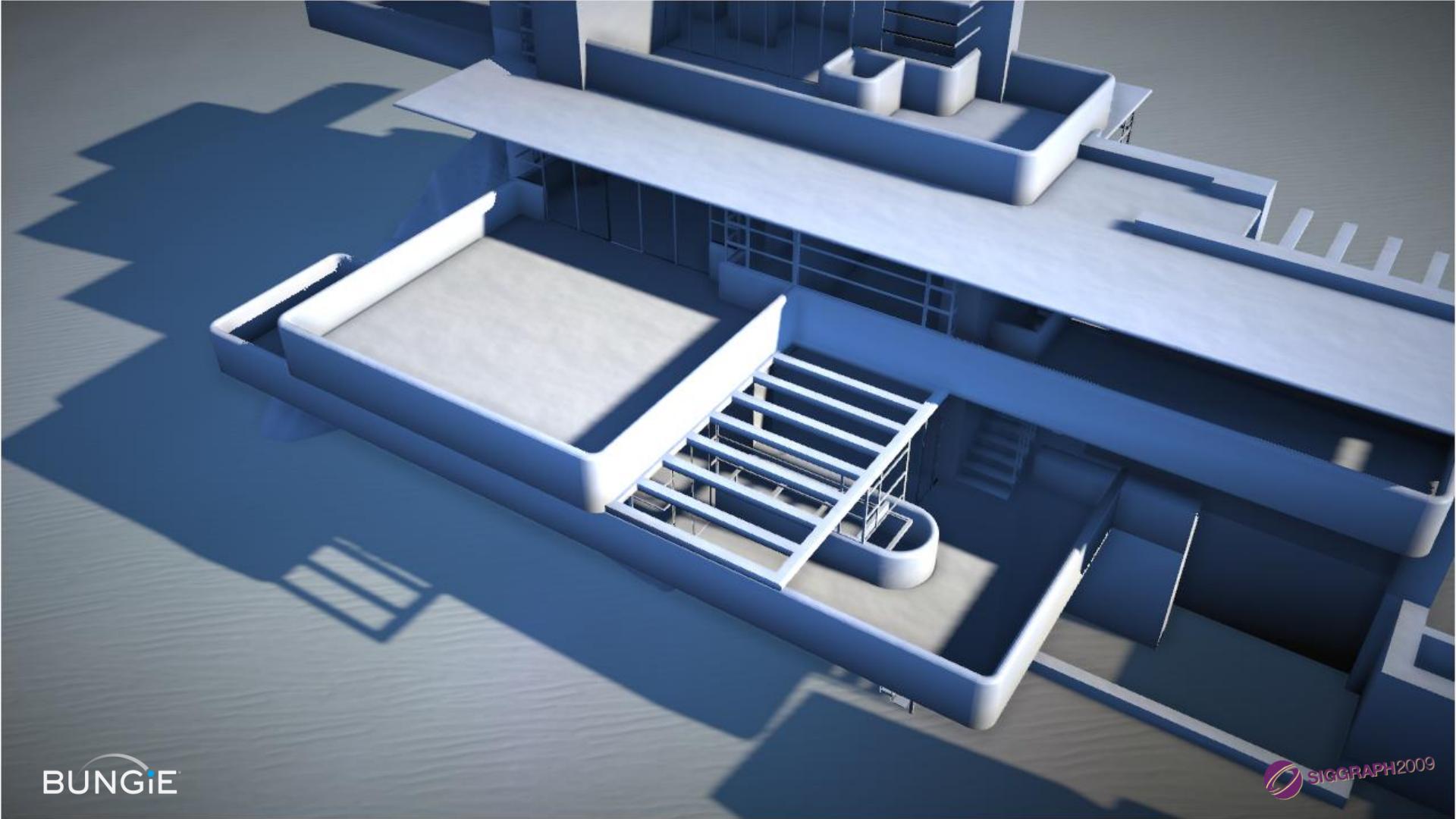
    float4 occluder = tCascadeShadowMaps.Sample( sShadowLinearClamp,
                                                float3( vShadowMapUVs, fCascadeIndex ) );
    float2 posMoments = occluder.xz;
    float2 negMoments = occluder.yw;

    // compute derivative of the warping function at depth of pixel and use it to scale min
    // variance
    float posDepthScale = fESMExponentialMultiplier * posDepth;
    float posMinVariance = VSM_MIN_VARIANCE * posDepthScale * posDepthScale;
    float negDepthScale = fESMExponentialMultiplier2 * negDepth;
    float negMinVariance = VSM_MIN_VARIANCE * negDepthScale * negDepthScale;

    //compute two Chebyshev bounds, one for positive and one for negative, and takes the
    //minimum
    float shadowContrib1= ComputeChebyshevBound(posMoments.x, posMoments.y, posDepth,
                                                posMinVariance);
    float shadowContrib2= ComputeChebyshevBound(negMoments.x, negMoments.y, negDepth,
                                                negMinVariance);
    return min(shadowContrib1, shadowContrib2);
}
```

# EVSM Without Depth Range Clamping





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# Conclusions on Shadows

- No perfect *and* inexpensive solution exists at the moment (at least not yet)
- Presented a grab-bags of techniques – pick and choose to suit the needs of your game
- Tried to provide the intuition behind the solutions and hacks

# GPU Pre-computed Lighting

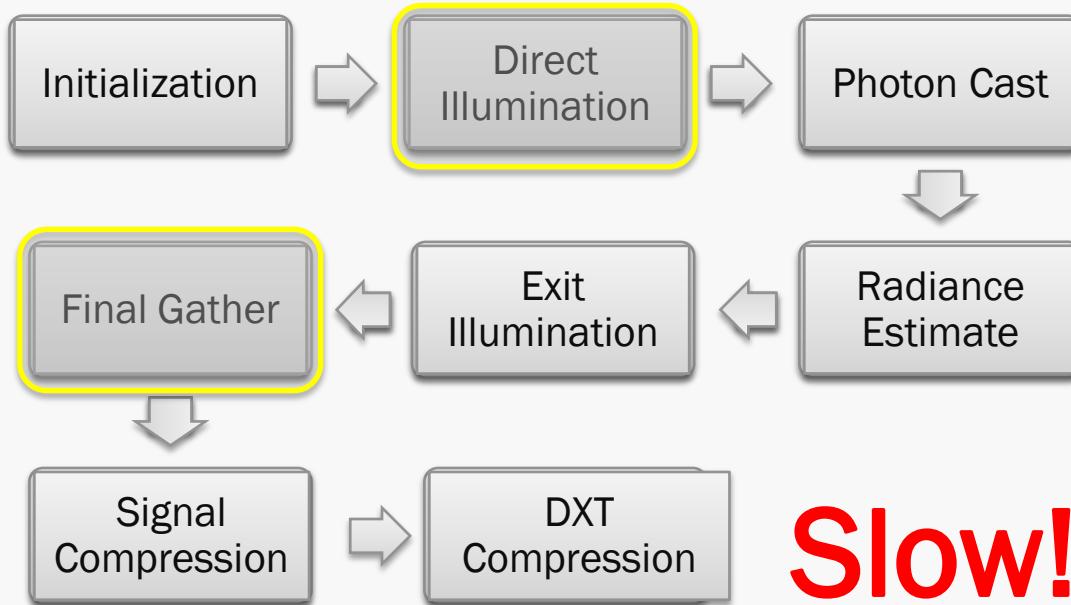
# Motivation

- Exploit massive parallelism of GPU architecture
- Take advantage of GPGPU advances
- Integrated workflow
- High quality global illumination
- Possible path to the future

# Goals/Requirements

- Handle large scenes (5 to 7 million triangles)
- Support all kinds of light sources
- Fast performance
- Real time preview
- User controlled quality-time tradeoff
- General purpose

# CPU Photon Mapping Farm



**Slow!**

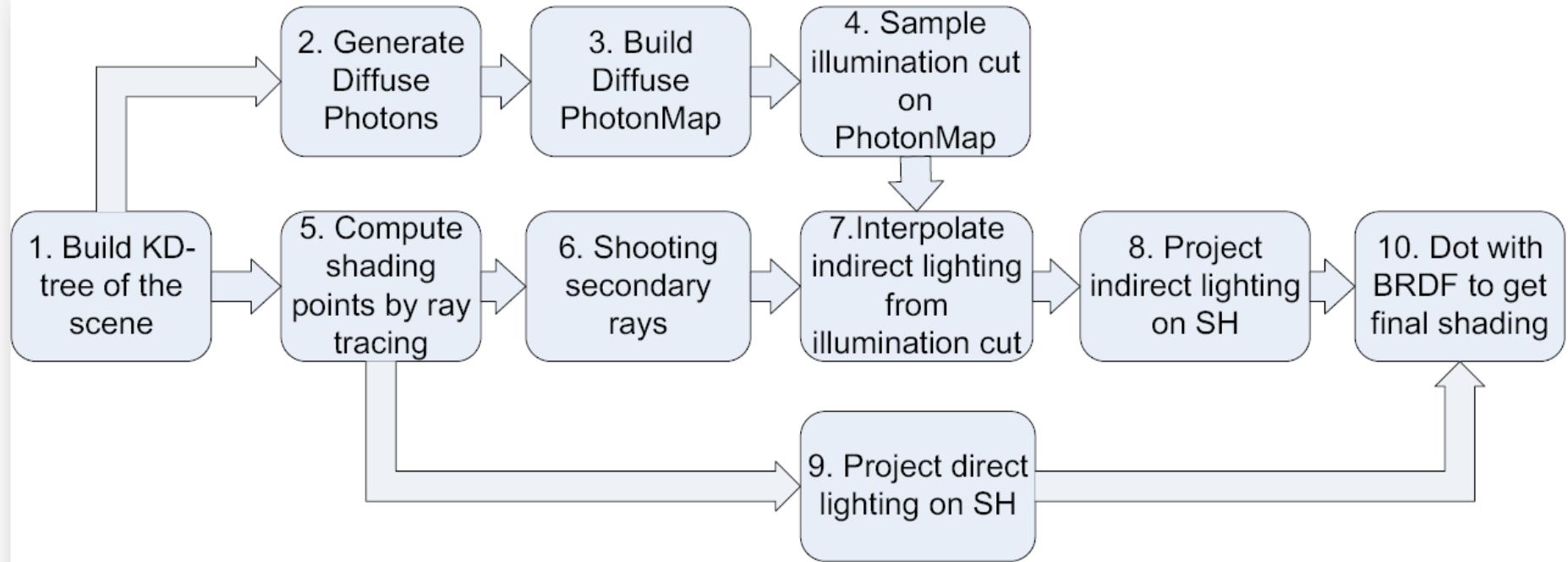


# Speeding up the slow parts

- Direct Illumination
  - Fast ray-cast using GPU KD tree
- Final Gather
  - Fast ray-cast using GPU KD tree
  - Photon Illumination Cut
  - Cluster sample points for indirect illumination



# Core Algorithm

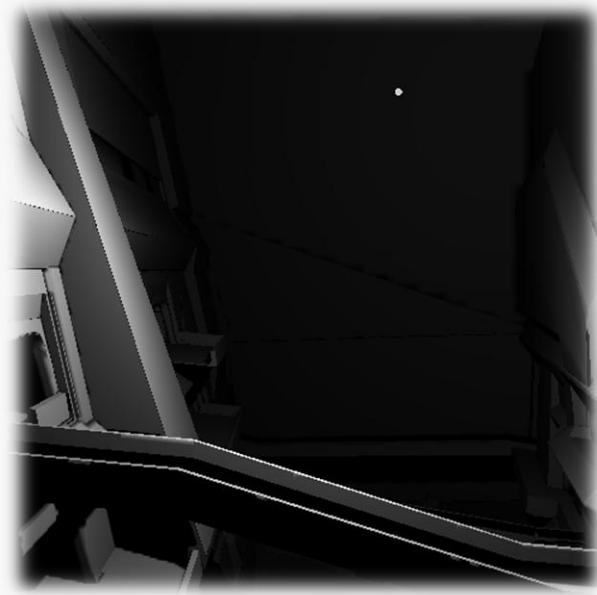


# GPU K-D Tree Construction

- [Zhou2008]: General purpose KD - tree in GPU
  - Fast
  - High quality
  - High Peak Memory
- [Zhou2009]: Memory scalable KD-Tree
  - Bounded memory usage

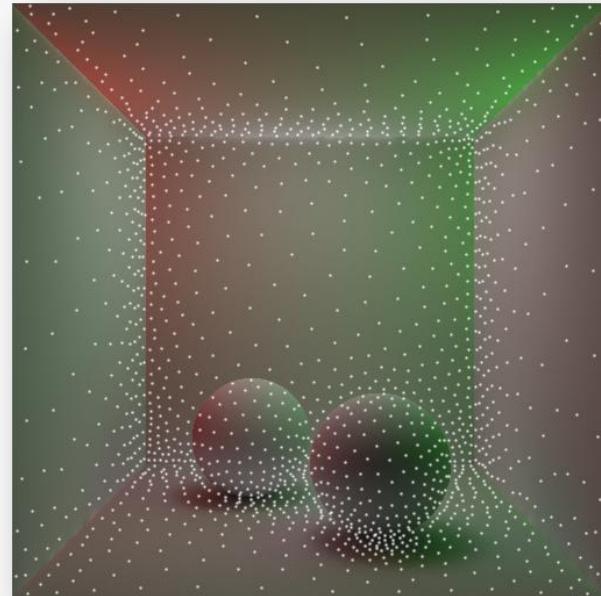
# Direct Illumination

- Generate shading points
  - For preview, ray trace
  - For light map, use texels
- Cast shadow rays towards light source
  - Area light source
  - Multiple rays per light



# Indirect Illumination Sampling

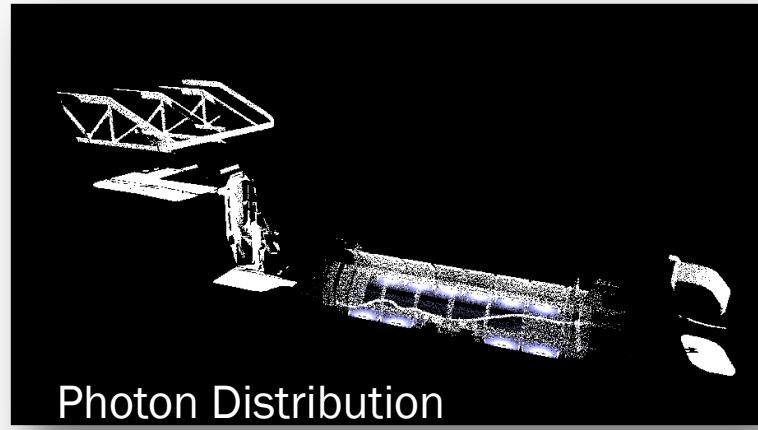
- Indirect Illumination is low frequency
  - Don't need to sample at every shading point
- Cluster samples using geometry and normal variation
- Sample at cluster center
- Coarse to fine interpolation



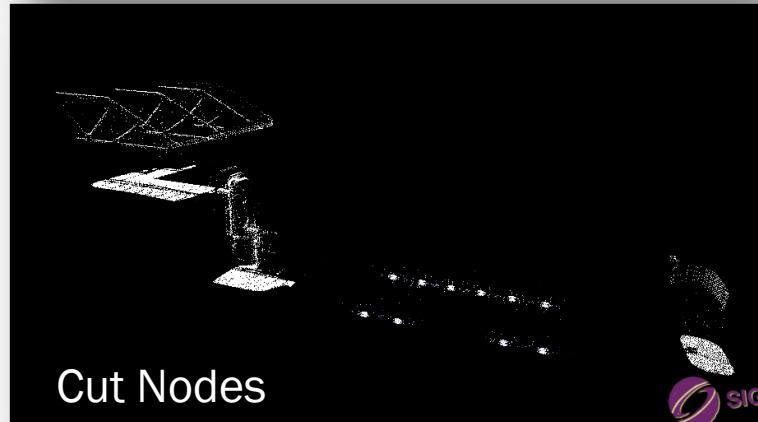
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# Photon Illumination Cuts

- Similar to light cuts
- Estimate irradiance at each node of photon tree
- Compute “cut” through the tree
- Interpolate using RBF basis



Photon Distribution



Cut Nodes

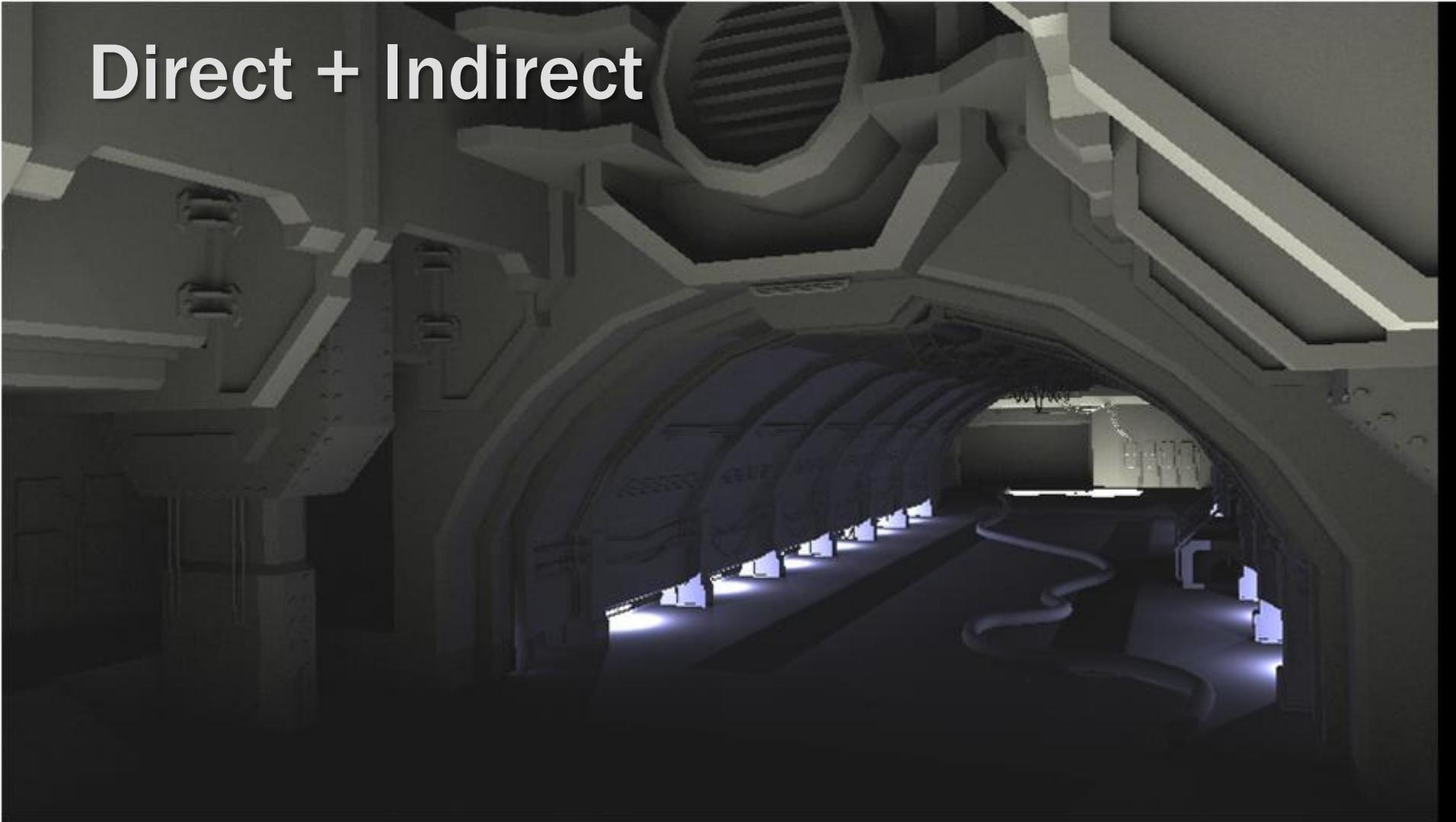
# Direct Only



# Indirect Only

A dark, atmospheric scene, likely from a video game or movie. The foreground is dominated by large, hexagonal ceiling panels with a ribbed texture. A bright, rectangular opening at the end of a curved corridor provides a stark contrast to the surrounding darkness. The overall mood is mysterious and industrial.

# Direct + Indirect



# Direct Only



# Indirect Only



# Direct + Indirect



# Result

Light number: 12

Photon number: 700k

Triangles: 253911

Vertices: 761733

Time:

Scene KD-tree	Photon Tracing	Compute direct	Illumination cut	Irradiance cache	Interpolation
175.11ms	293.12ms	144.80ms	3177.03ms	117.8ms	680.97ms

# Conclusions

- Direct illumination is still not a “solved” problem
- Gap closing up on interactive global illumination
  - Different methods converging towards that goal
- Choose right technique for the right job

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