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Dr. Jacco Bikker - IGAD/BUAS, Breda, February 6

# Welcome!



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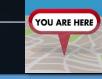




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Thursday 09:00 - 14:00

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LAB 2

advanced Whitted audio, AI & physics faster Whitted

GAME JAM

profiling, rules of engagement threading

Friday

09:00 - 17:00



LAB<sub>3</sub>

work @ home

End result day 2:

A solid Whitted-style ray tracer, as a basis for subsequent work.

SIMD applied SIMD SIMD triangle SIMD AABB

LAB 4

End result day 3:

A 5x faster tracer.

Monday 09:00 - 17:00

acceleration grid, BVH, kD-tree SAH binning



LAB 5

refitting top-level BVH threaded building

LAB 6

Tuesday 09:00 - 17:00

Monte-Carlo Cook-style glossy, AA area lights, DOF



LAB 7

path tracing



LAB8

Thursday 09:00 - 17:00

random numbers stratification blue noise



LAB9

importance sampling next event estimation

**LAB 10** 

Friday 09:00 - 17:00

future work



**LAB 11** 

path guiding



**LAB 10** 



End result day 4:

A real-time tracer.

End result day 5:

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End result day 6:

Efficiency.

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Great product.

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## Path Tracing

$$L_o(x,\omega_o) = L_E(x,\omega_o) + \int_{\Omega} f_r(x,\omega_o,\omega_i) L_i(x,\omega_i) \cos \theta_i \ d\omega_i$$

The rendering equation allows us to accurately simulate light transport:

- Given a sensible scene description
- Given a sensible camera model
- Ignoring some complex effects.

We evaluate it using Monte Carlo integration:

$$L_o(p,\omega_o) \approx \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_r(p,\omega_o,\Omega_i) L_d(p,\Omega_i) \cos \theta_i$$

→ The result is always an estimate, with variance.



www.mitsuba-renderer.org







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We solve this by lowering our ISO settings, so we gather more photons per pixel.

(that obviously has consequences)



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### Today:

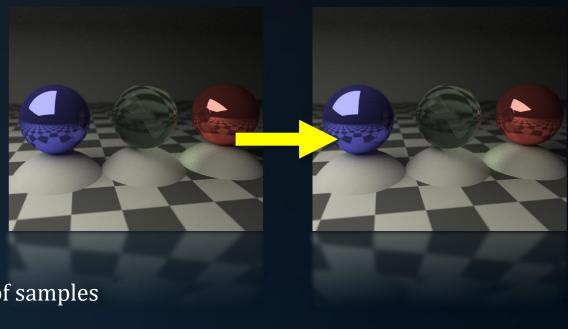
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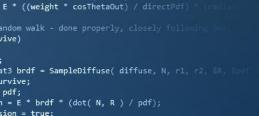
#### Aim:

- to get a better image with the same number of samples
- to increase the efficiency of a path tracer
- to reduce variance in the estimate

#### Requirement:

produce the correct image





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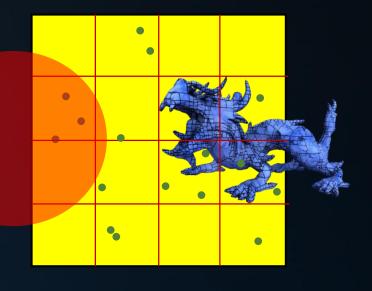
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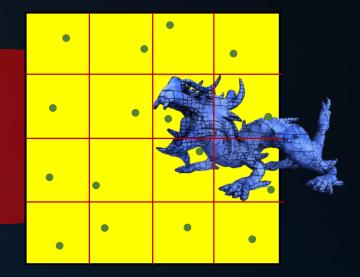
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#### For 4x4 strata:

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stratum_x = (idx % 4) * 0.25 // idx = 0..15
stratum_y = (idx / 4) * 0.25
r0 = Rand() * 0.25
r1 = Rand() * 0.25
P = vec2( stratum_x + r0, stratum_y + r1 )
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## **Troubleshooting Path Tracing Experiments**

When experimenting with stratification and other variance reduction methods you will frequently produce incorrect images.

#### Tip:

Keep a simple reference path tracer without any tricks. Compare your output to this reference solution frequently.

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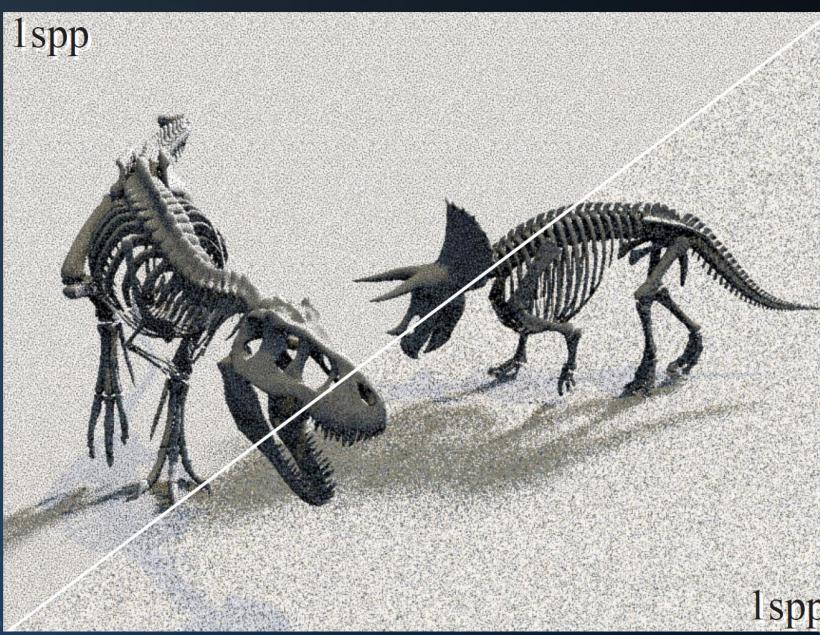
## Not All Noise is Equal

Our eyes expect noise. 'Good noise' is uniform, high-frequent, and... blue\*.

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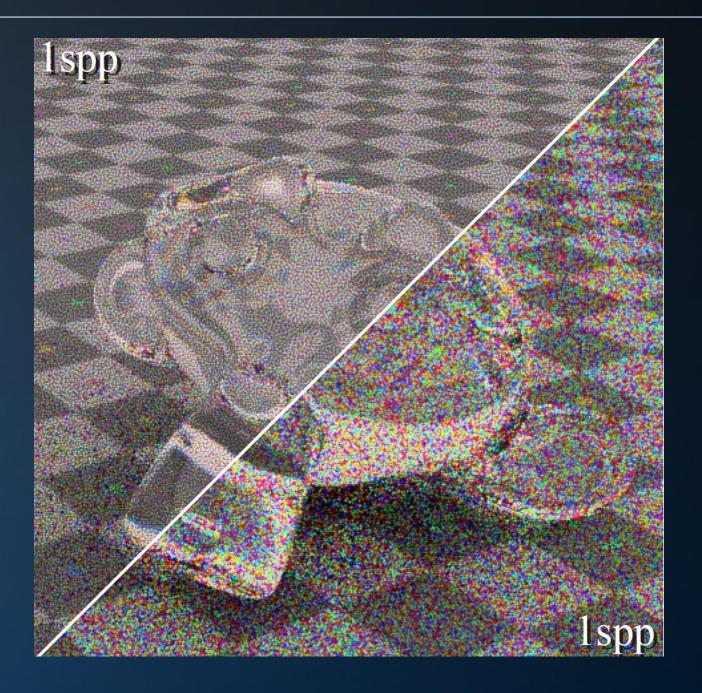


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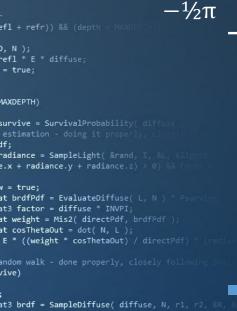
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## Incoming <u>direct light</u>

$$= \int_{\Omega} L_d(x, \omega_i) \cos \theta_i \, d\omega_i$$

$$\approx \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L_d(p, \omega_i) \cos \theta_i$$

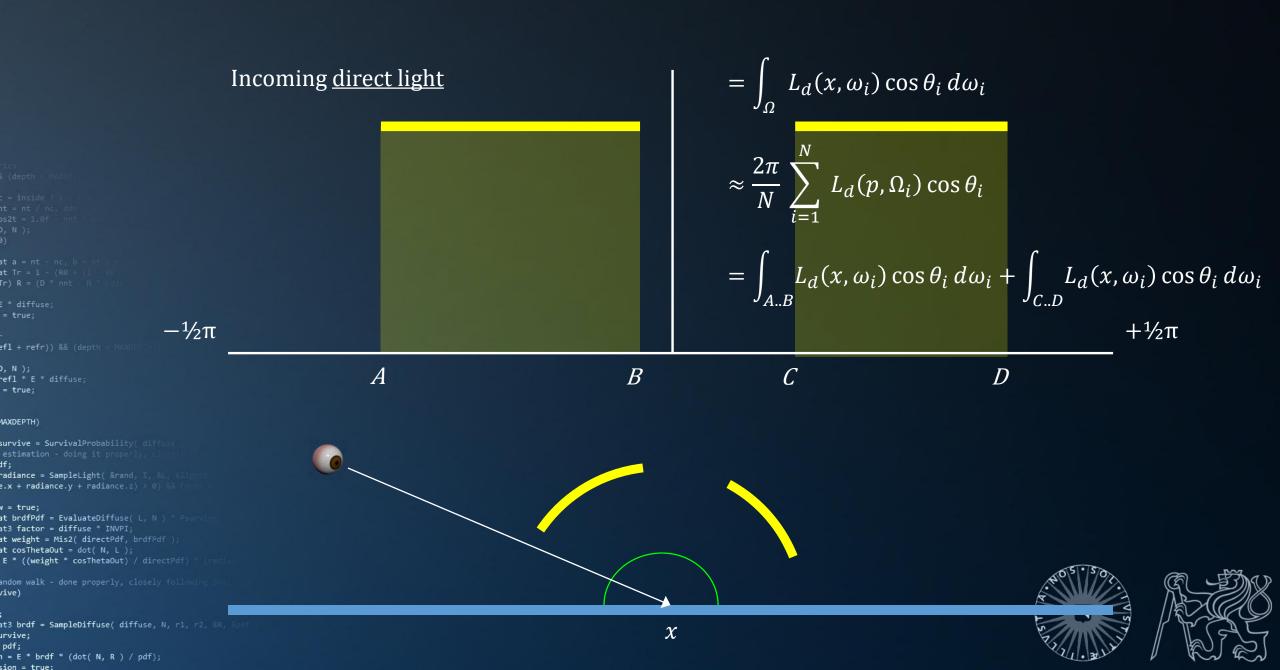
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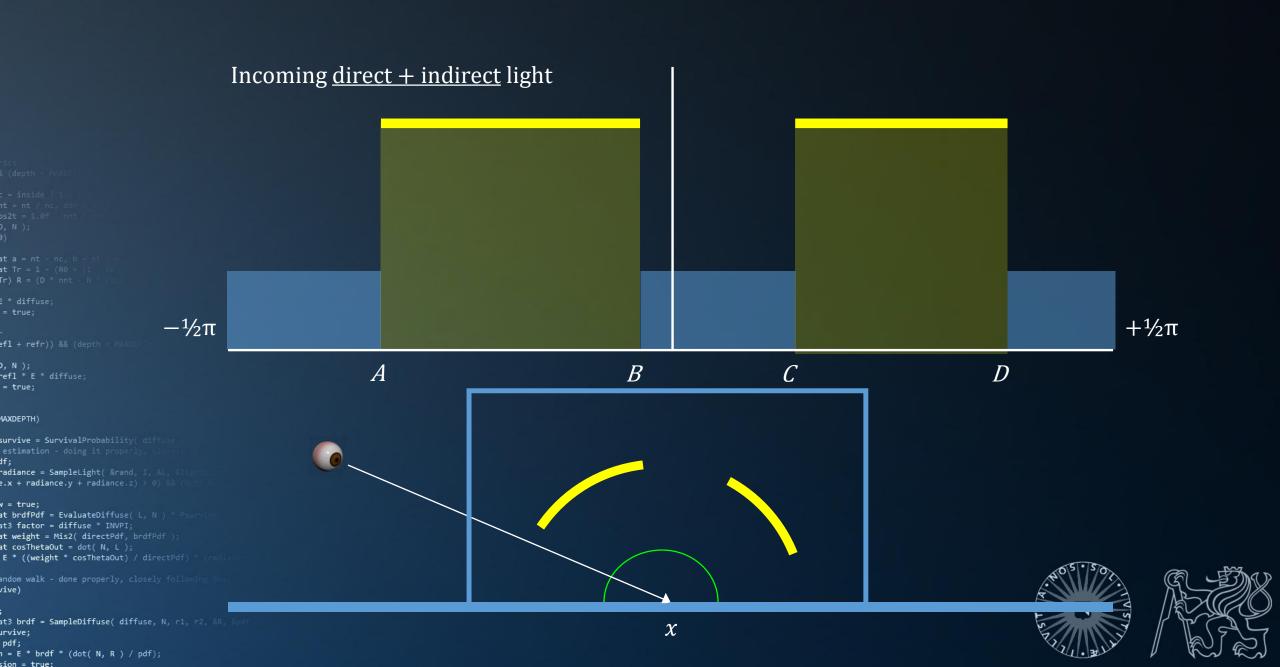


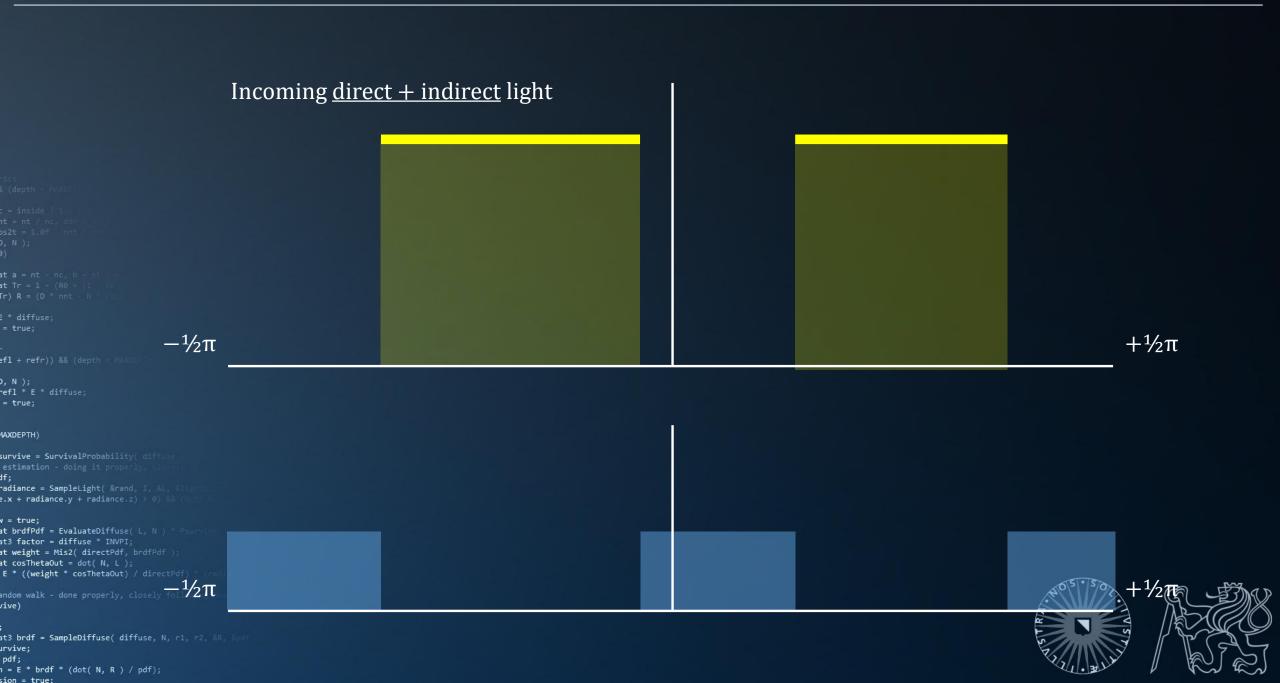
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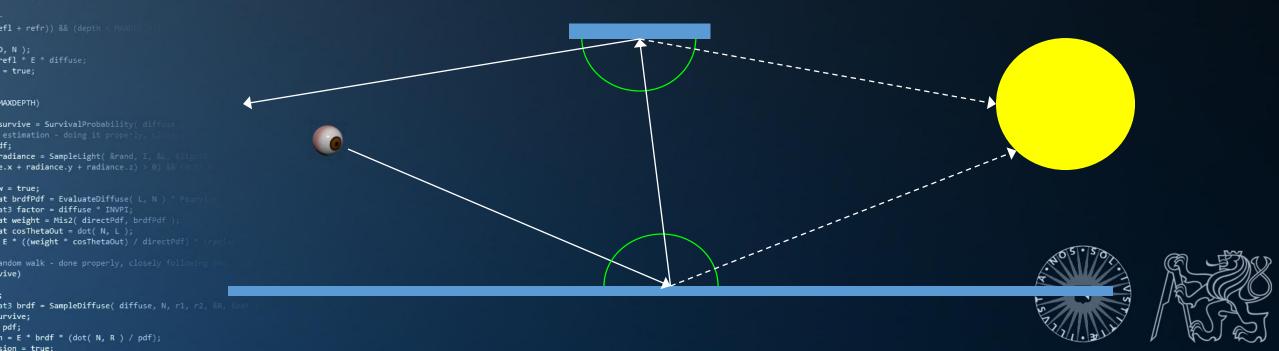
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#### **Next Event Estimation**

Observation: light travelling via any vertex on the path consists of indirect light and direct light for that vertex.

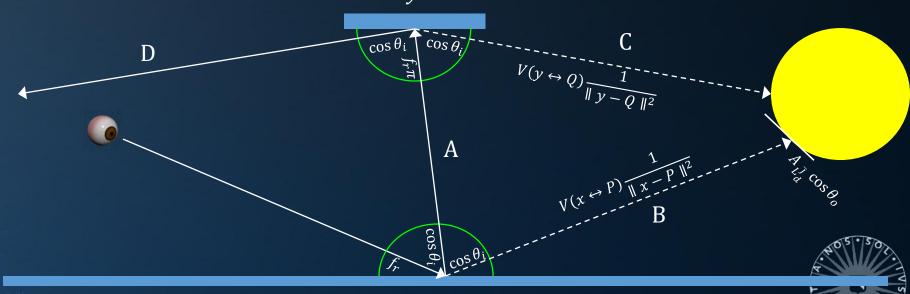
Next Event Estimation: sampling direct and indirect separately.



### **Next Event Estimation**

Per surface interaction, we trace *two* random rays.

- Ray A returns (via point x) the energy reflected by y (estimates indirect light for x).
- Ray B returns the direct illumination on point x (estimates direct light on x).
- Ray C returns the direct illumination on point y, which will reach the sensor via ray A.
- Ray D leaves the scene.





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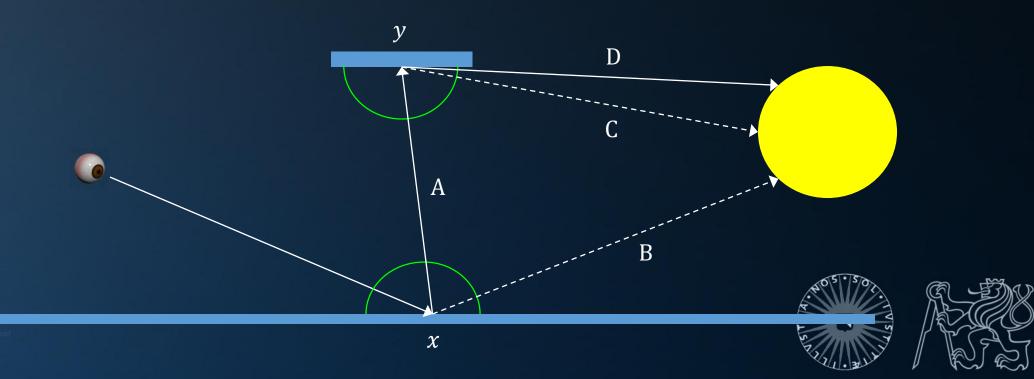
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#### **Next Event Estimation**

When a ray for indirect illumination stumbles upon a light, the path is terminated and no energy is transported via ray D:

This way, we prevent accounting for direct illumination on point *y* twice.



#### **Next Event Estimation**

We thus split the hemisphere into two distinct areas:

- 1. The area that has the projection of the light source on it;
- 2. The area that is not covered by this projection.

We can now safely send a ray to each of these areas and sum whatever we find there.

(or: we integrate over these non-overlapping areas and sum the energy we receive via both to determine the energy we receive over the entire hemisphere)

#### Area 1:

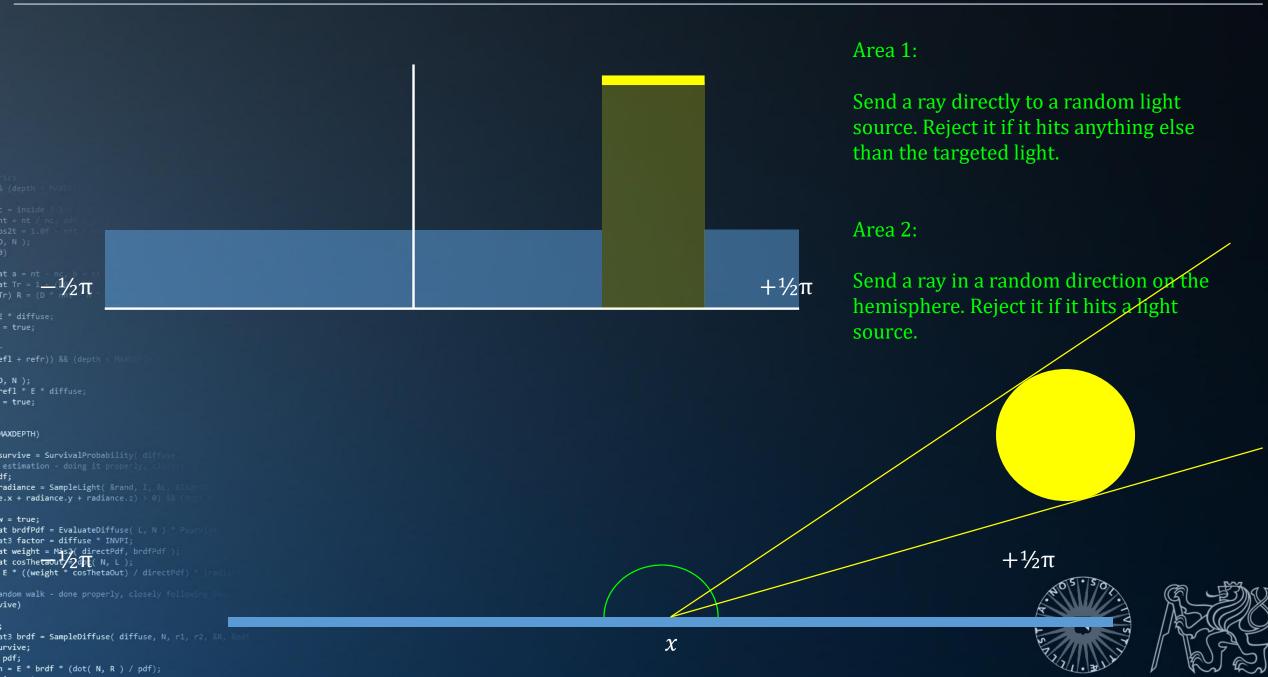
Send a ray directly to a random light source. Reject it if it hits anything else than the targeted light.

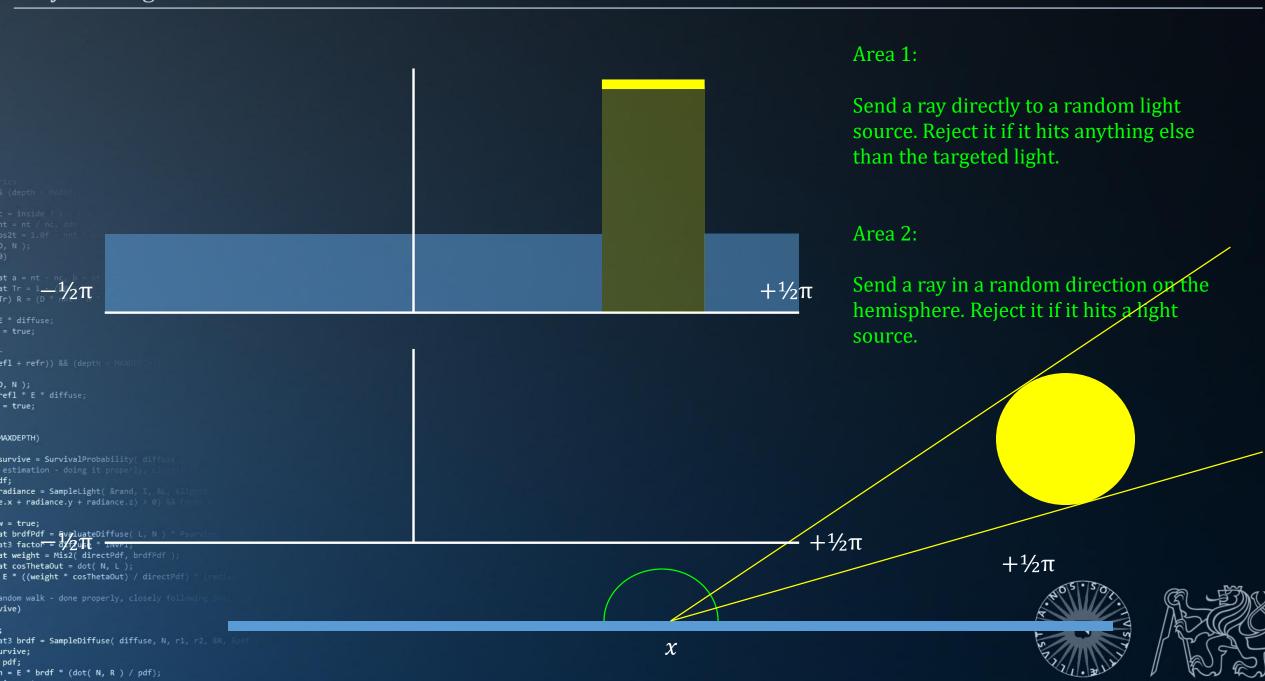
#### Area 2:

Send a ray in a random direction on the hemisphere. Reject it if it hits a light source.



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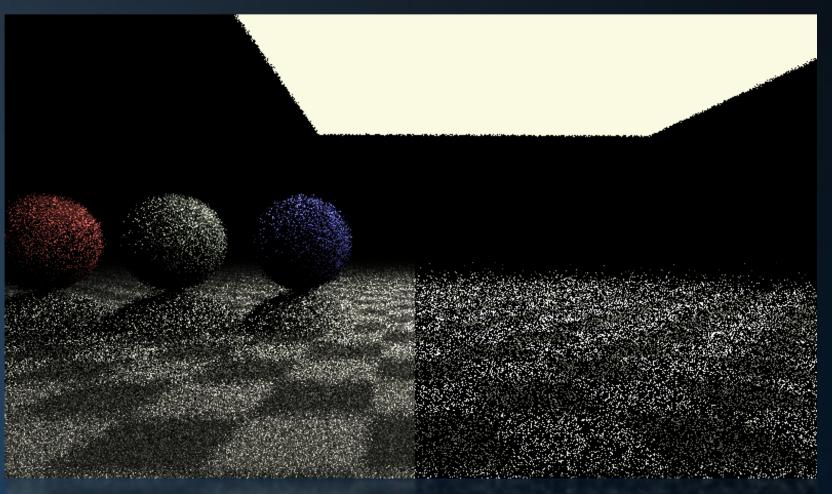


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Color Sample( Ray ray )
   // trace ray
   I, N, material = Trace( ray );
   BRDF = material.albedo / PI;
   // terminate if ray left the scene
   if (ray.NOHIT) return BLACK;
   // terminate if we hit a light source
   if (material.isLight) return BLACK;
   // sample a random light source
   L, Nl, dist, A = RandomPointOnLight();
   Ray lr( I, L, dist );
   if (N \cdot L > 0 \&\& Nl \cdot -L > 0) if (!Trace(lr))
      solidAngle = ((Nl \cdot -L) * A) / dist^2;
      Ld = lightColor * solidAngle * BRDF * N·L;
   // continue random walk
   R = DiffuseReflection( N );
   Ray r( I, R );
   Ei = Sample(r) * (N \cdot R);
   return PI * 2.0f * BRDF * Ei #
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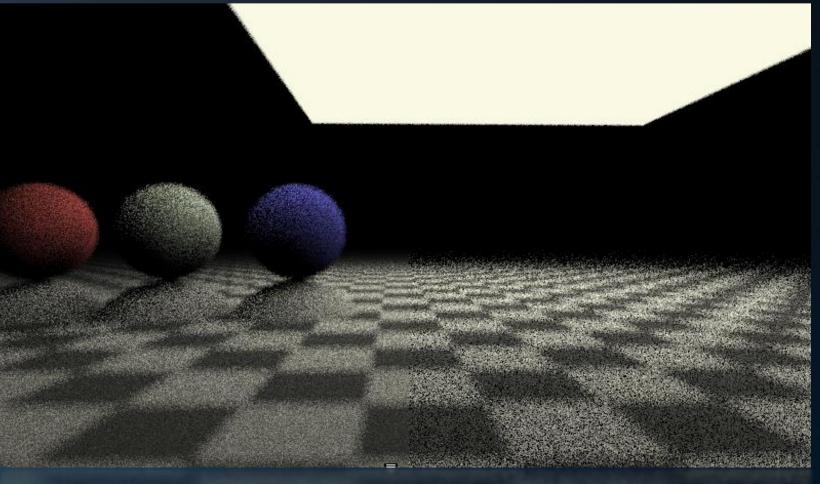
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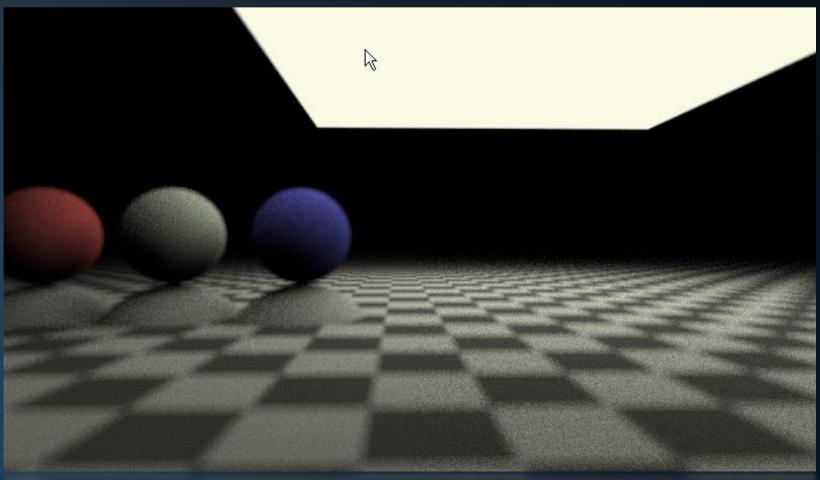
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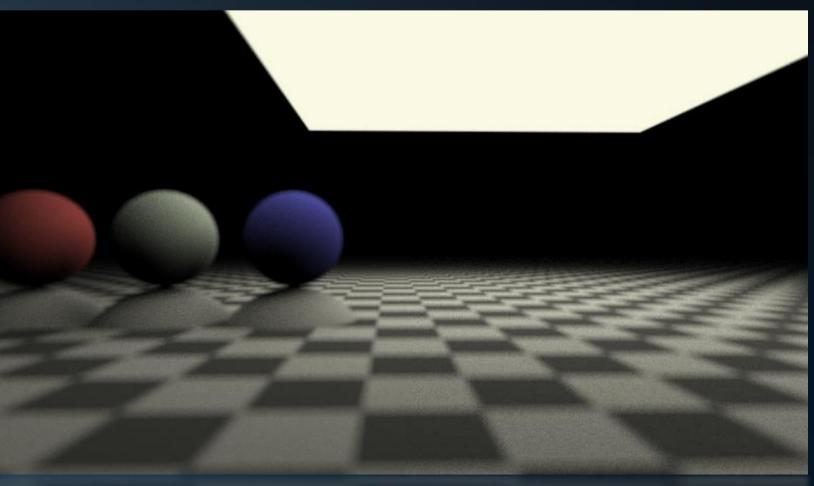
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#### **Next Event Estimation**

Some vertices require special attention:

- If the first vertex after the camera is emissive, its energy can't be reflected to the camera.
- For specular surfaces, the BRDF to a light is always 0.

Since a light ray doesn't make sense for specular vertices, we will include emission from a vertex directly following a specular vertex.

The same goes for the first vertex after the camera: if this is emissive, we will also include this.

This means we need to keep track of the type of the previous vertex during the random walk.



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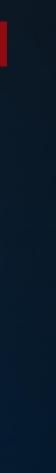
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n = E \* brdf \* (dot( N, R ) / pdf);

at3 brdf = SampleDiffuse( diffuse, N, r1, r2, &R, )

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// trace ray
                                                    I, N, material = Trace( ray );
                                                    BRDF = material.albedo / PI;
                                                    // terminate if ray left the scene
                                                    if (ray.NOHIT) return BLACK;
                                                    // terminate if we hit a light source
                                                    if (material.isLight)
                                                        if (lastSpecular) return material.emissive;
                                                                          else return BLACK;
at a = nt - nc, b
                                                    // sample a random light source
                                                    L, Nl, dist, A = RandomPointOnLight();
                                                    Ray lr( I, L, dist );
                                                    if (N \cdot L > 0 \&\& Nl \cdot -L > 0) if (!Trace(lr))
efl + refr)) && (depth < MA
refl * E * diffuse;
                                                        solidAngle = ((Nl \cdot -L) * A) / dist^2;
                                                        Ld = lightColor * solidAngle * BRDF * N·L;
(AXDEPTH)
survive = SurvivalProbability( diff.
                                                    // continue random walk
                                                    R = DiffuseReflection( N );
radiance = SampleLight( &rand, I, &L.
e.x + radiance.y + radiance.z) > 0) 8
                                                    Ray r( I, R );
v = true;
                                                    Ei = Sample(r, false) * (N \cdot R);
at brdfPdf = EvaluateDiffuse( L, N )
at3 factor = diffuse * INVPI;
                                                    return PI * 2.0f * BRDF * Ei + Ld;
at weight = Mis2( directPdf, brdfPdf )
at cosThetaOut = dot( N, L );
E * ((weight * cosThetaOut) / directPdf)
andom walk - done properly, closely follow
at3 brdf = SampleDiffuse( diffuse, N, r1, r2, &R, &p
n = E * brdf * (dot( N, R ) / pdf);
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Color Sample( Ray ray, bool lastSpecular )





# End of PART 9.



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(AXDEPTH)

v = true;

ırvive;

survive = SurvivalProbability( diffu

radiance = SampleLight( &rand, I, &L, &l 2.x + radiance.y + radiance.z) > 0) &&

at brdfPdf = EvaluateDiffuse( L, N ) \* P

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E \* ((weight \* cosThetaOut) / directPdf) \* (re

at3 brdf = SampleDiffuse( diffuse, N, r1, r2, &R, Apd

at3 factor = diffuse \* INVPI; at weight = Mis2( directPdf, brdfPdf ); at cosThetaOut = dot( N, L );





