







over-exposure  
(non-linearity due  
to sensor saturation)



number of photons





span of the light (weighted by human's eye sensitivity to different wavelengths)

**Luminous intensity:** Measure of the light that shines from the source in a given direction



and  $3 \times 10^{16}$  Hz)



$$\text{Luminous Intensity}(I) = \text{Luminance}(L) \times \text{Area}(A) \times \text{Solid Angle}(\Omega)$$













3. Inverse tone mapping: How do we show conventional images in HDR displays?









- Pros: Full control.
- Cons: Very slow, requires a lot of experience.



generic camera mode dial







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# *A brief note on ISO...*



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ISO 80

ISO 800

ISO 1600



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$$I_{\text{linear}}(x,y) = \text{clip}[ t_i \cdot L(x,y) + \text{noise} ]$$

*How can we merge these images into one?*

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transforms

reproduction

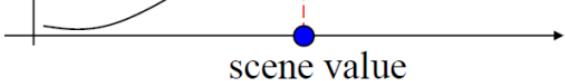
linear, 8-bit)



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Patches at bottom row have reflectance that increases linearly.

Different values correspond to patches of increasing reflected irradiance.

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All points on (the white part of) the target have the same reflectance.

Different values correspond to images taken under increasing camera exposure.

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# Same scene irradiance, different camera exposure



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$$I_{\text{non-linear}}(x,y) = f[ I_{\text{linear}}(x,y) ]$$

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$$I_{\text{non-linear}}(x,y) = f[I_{\text{linear}}(x,y)]$$

If we want the non-linearity, we go back to  $I_{\text{linear}}$  as before...  $\rightarrow f^{-1}$

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$$I_{\text{non-linear}}(x,y) = f[I_{\text{linear}}(x,y)] \quad I_{\text{est}}(x,y) = f^{-1}[I_{\text{non-linear}}(x,y)]$$

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Same steps as in the KITW case.



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HDR image  
(relative radiance)

spotmeter (absolute  
radiance at one point)

absolute  
radiance map

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- Hybrid approaches (e.g., based on compressive sensing) & DL-based approaches







(a) Input images with corresponding weight maps

(b) Fused result

Mertens, Tom, Jan Kautz, and Frank Van Reeth. "Exposure Fusion." *Computer Graphics and Applications, Pacific Conference on*. IEEE Computer Society, 2007.

Serrano, Ana, Felix Heide, Diego Gutierrez, Gordon Wetzstein, and Belen Masia. "Convolutional sparse coding for high dynamic range imaging." In *Computer Graphics Forum*, 2016.



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[Serrano 2016] [http://webdiis.unizar.es/~bmasia/pubs/eg2016/project\\_page\\_CSCHDR.html](http://webdiis.unizar.es/~bmasia/pubs/eg2016/project_page_CSCHDR.html)





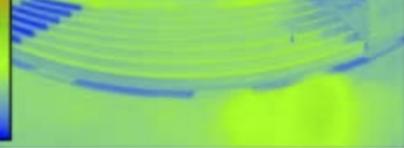


adaptation range of our eyes

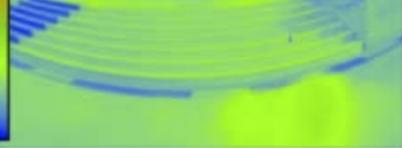
**Figure 1. The tone reproduction problem: What operator will cause a close match between real-world and display brightness sensations?**

a set of output values to approximate the appearance of an HDR image in a medium that has low dynamic range.

6.846  
1.623  
0.384  
0.091  
0.021  
0.005



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- Perceptually motivated, as it approximates our eye's response curve.





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image has more contrast, which is often critical in contrast-deprived HDR images. This method also allows changing the tonal curve to better suit the image.



Drago: 0.9526



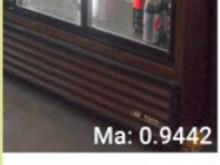
Durand: 0.8607



Mantiuk: 0.7955



Ma: 0.9442



- We know how to display HDR images (tonemapping)

# Lightning





combination of 1-3, depending on the imaging scenario.

In consumer photography, HDR photography includes step 4 (tonemapping).





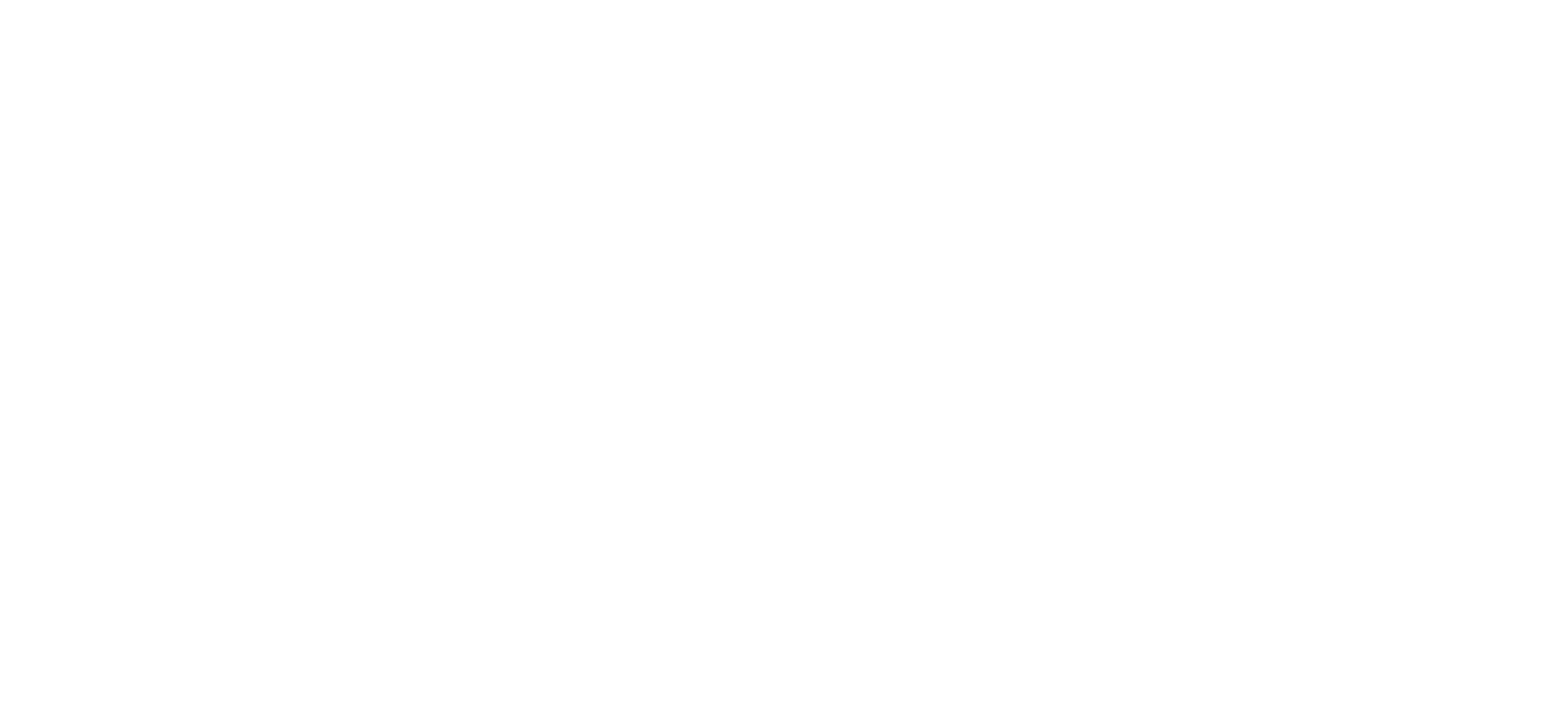




















Image Signal Processors (ISPs) common on mobile platforms. This gives us more bits per pixel and allows us to circumvent the ISP's unwanted tone mapping and spatial denoising. Third, we use a novel FFT-based alignment algorithm and a hybrid 2D/3D Wiener filter to denoise and merge the frames in a burst. Our implementation is built atop Android's Camera API, which provides per-frame camera controls, access to raw image data, and support for the Halide domain-specific language (DSL). It runs in 4 seconds on device (for a 1.2 Mpix image), requires no user intervention, and ships on several mass-produced cell phones.

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- Levoy, "Extreme imaging using cell phones," <http://graphics.stanford.edu/talks/seeinthedark-public-15sep16.key.pdf>  
A set of slides by Marc Levoy on the challenges of HDR imaging and modern approaches for addressing them.



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