# Ray tracing UV light disinfection of hospital rooms

By Oscar Fickel

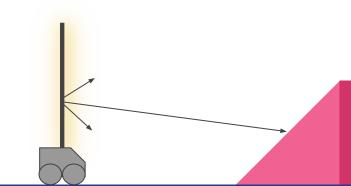
#### Content

- Concept
- Approach
- Results
- Implementation
- Limitations / future work

## Concept

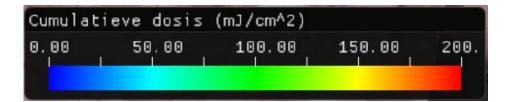
- UV lamp robot moves to points in a room
- Visualising UV radiation on the surfaces of this room
- Using ray tracing, an increasingly popular computer graphics technique





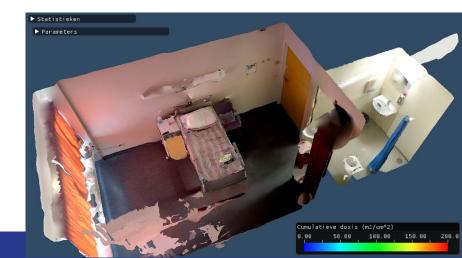
# Approach

- Produce a heatmap
- Compute once a dose/color per triangle
- Cumulative dosage & maximum irradiance

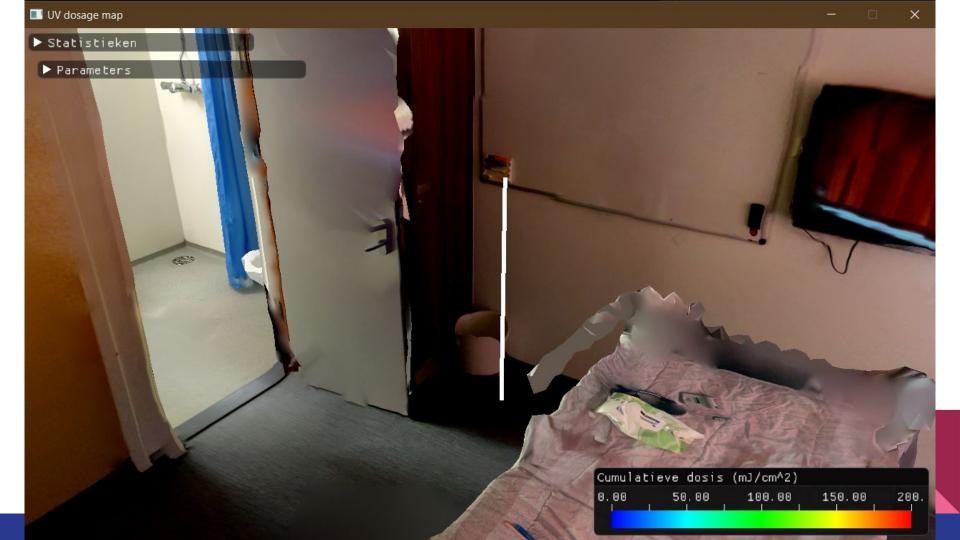


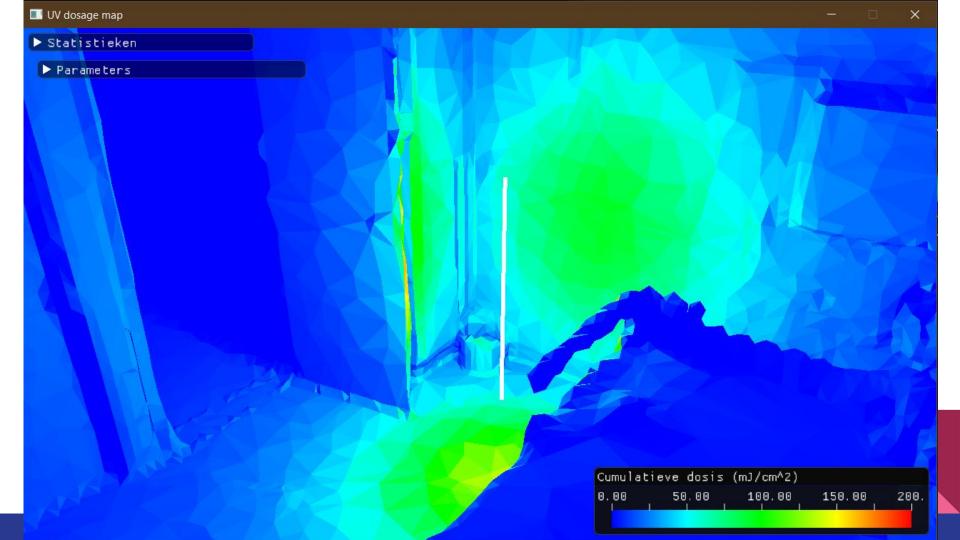
#### 3D model

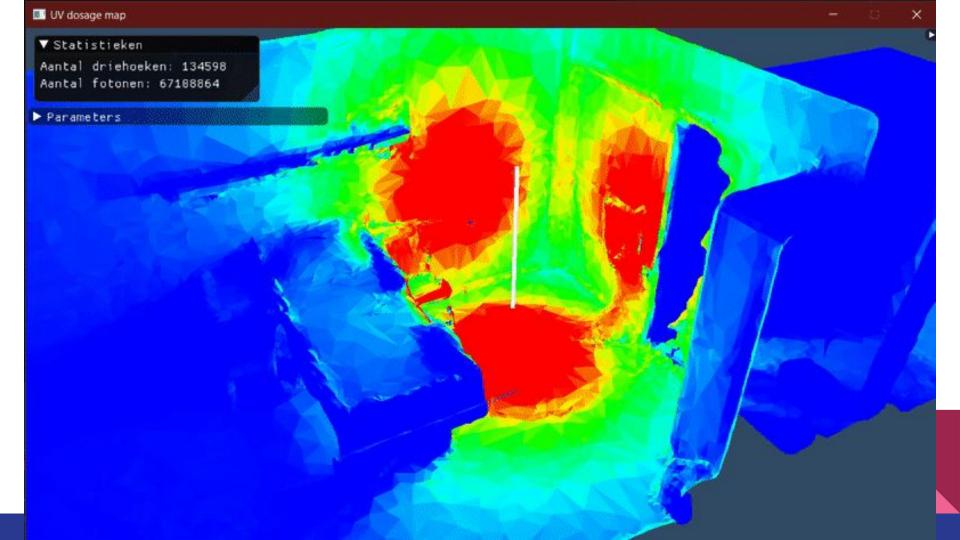
- Obtained by using LiDAR technology in iPhones, via Polycam
- Slightly variable level of detail
- Not super robust, but decent, and is both cheaper and more efficient compared to the alternatives

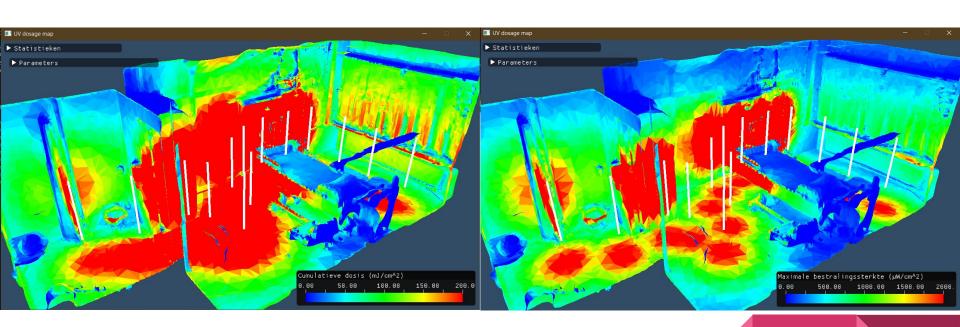


# Results







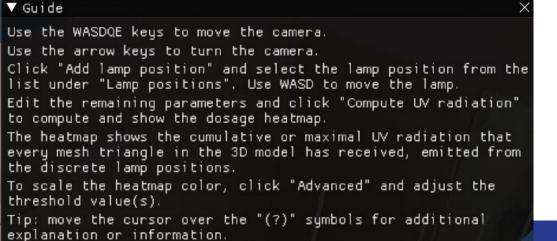


Cumulative dosage

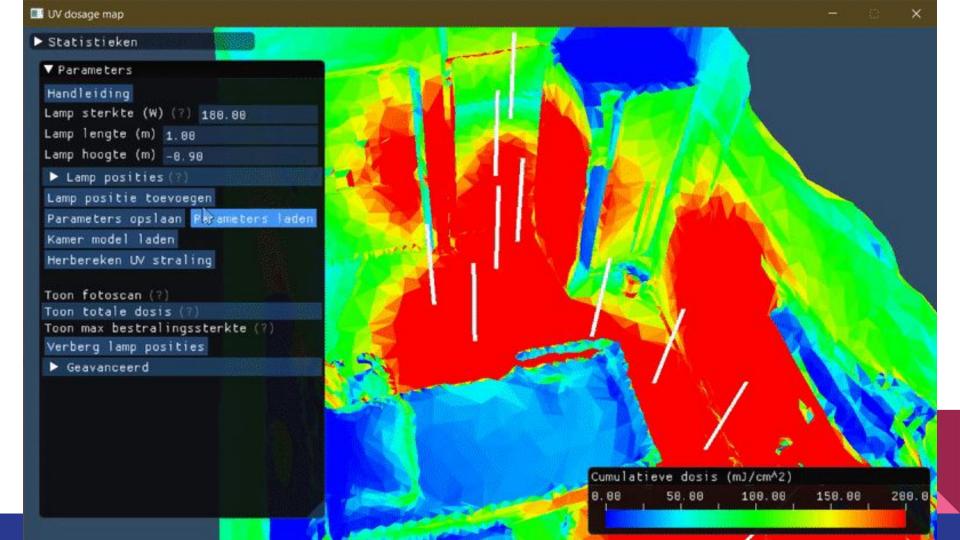
Maximum irradiance

#### **User Interface**

- Lamp parameters
- Editable light positions



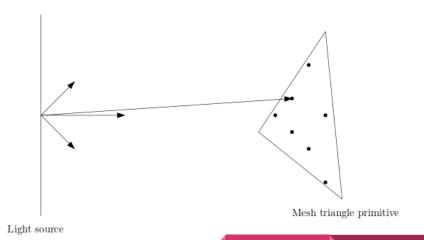
```
▼ Parameters
Guide Switch to Dutch
Lamp power (W) (?) 443.32
Calibrate
Lamp length (m) 1.00
Lamp height above floor (m) 0.60
Lamp positions (?)
Add lamp position
Save parameters Load parameters
Load room model
Compute UV radiation
Show photo scan (?)
Show cumulative dosage (?)
Show max irradiance (?)
Hide lamp positions
Show threshold view (?)
Advanced
Legend threshold (?) 200.00
dose (mJ/cm^2)
Threshold irradiation (?) 1500.00
 (µW/cm^2)
Photons per iteration (?) 33554432
Note: the max irradiation
map only works for 1 iteration
Number of iterations 10
```

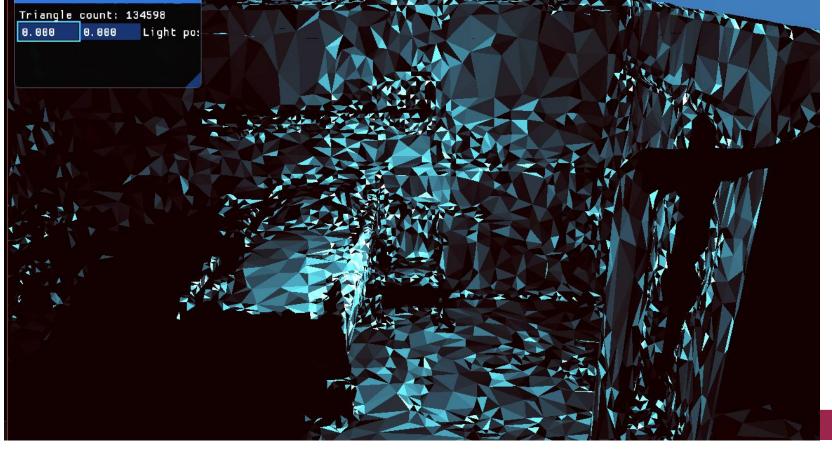


# Implementation

## Counting photons per triangle

- Rays/photons sent out from light source (vertical line) in all directions
- Count per triangle the number of hits
- Divide by area to get photon density
- Angle of light is automatically handled
- Same for inverse square law: intensity decreases in proportion to square distance
- Smaller triangles are more noisy





A low photon count results in inaccuracies at smaller triangles, luckily the use of a BVH acceleration structure allows for shooting a large enough number of photons

# **Implementation**

- Computing irradiance & dose
- Within a few seconds on the GPU:
   Generating rays, computing intersections,
   then applying formula & mapping to colors

$$D = \frac{I * \sum_{l=0}^{L} (\Delta t_l * n_l)}{A * \frac{N}{L}} * 0.1$$

where I[W] is the intensity of the light source, L is the number of light positions,  $n_l$  is the number of photons received by the triangle from light position l,  $\Delta t_l$  is the time duration per light position,  $A[m^2]$  is the surface area of the triangle, and N is the total number of photons. The fraction is multiplied by 0.1 to convert from  $Jm^{-2}$  to  $mJcm^{-2}$ .

## Limitations / (Possible) Sources of Inaccuracy

- Mesh accuracy
- Number of photons
- Lamp is approximated as vertical line
- User entered parameters
- Lamp movement is ignored
- Air and surface conditions are (somewhat) ignored
- Reflections are ignored
- Lamp needs 2 minute warm up

#### Additional Future work

- More advanced calibration & validation
- Optimisation of disinfection strategy