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Indirect Illumination Introduction 1

Real-time Indirect illumination is an active research topic

Numerous approaches exist

Reflective Shadow Maps (RSM) [Dachsbacher/Stammiger05] Splatting Indirect Illumination [Dachsbacher/Stammiger2006] Multi-Res Splatting of Illumination [Wyman2009] Light propagation volumes [Kapalanyan2009] Approximating Dynamic Global Illumination in Image Space [Ritschel2009]

Only a few support indirect shadows

Imperfect Shadow Maps [Ritschel/Grosch2008] Micro-Rendering for Scalable, Parallel Final Gathering(SSDO) [Ritschel2010] Cascaded light propagation volumes for real-time indirect illumination [Kapalanyan/Dachsbacher2010]

Most approaches somehow extend to multibounce lighting

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Indirect Illumination Introduction 2

This section will cover

An efficient and simple DX9-compliant RSM based implementation for smooth one bounce indirect illumination

Indirect shadows are ignored here

A Direct3D 11 technique that traces rays to compute indirect shadows

> A Part of this technique could generally be used for ray-tracing dynamic scenes

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Indirect Illumination w/o Indirect Shadows

- 1. Draw scene g-buffer
- 2. Draw Reflective Shadowmap (RSM) RSM shows the part of the scene that recieves direct light from the light source
- 3. Draw Indirect Light buffer at 1/2 res RSM texels are used as light sources on gbuffer pixels for indirect lighting
- 4. Upsample Indirect Light (IL)
- 5. Draw final image adding IL

Step 1



G-Buffer needs to allow reconstruction of World/Camera space position World/Camera space normal Color/ Albedo

DXGI_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_FLOAT positions may be required for precise ray queries for indirect shadows

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Step 2



- Second Structures S
- Only draw emitters of indirect light
- DXGI_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_FLOAT position may be required for ray precise queries for indirect shadows

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Step 3

 Render a ½ res IL as a deferred op
 Transform g-buffer pix to RSM space ->Light Space->project to RSM texel space Use a kernel of RSM texels as light sources RSM texels also called Virtual Point Light(VPL) Kernel size depends on Desired speed Desired look of the effect RSM resolution

Computing IL at a G-buf Pixel 1



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Computing IL at a G-buf Pixel 2

RSM texel/VPL $D = \frac{P_L - P_p}{|P_L - P_p|}$ N_p N_L
g-buffer pixel

$$Contribution_{VPL} = \frac{sat(N_P \cdot D) \cdot sat(N_L \cdot (-D))}{|P_L - P_P|^2} \cdot Col_{VPL} \cdot Area_{VPL}$$

This term is very similar to terms used in radiosity form factor computations

Computing IL at a G-buf Pixel 3



stx : sub RSM texel x position [0.0, 1.0] **sty** : sub RSM texel y position [0.0, 1.0]

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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 4



IndirectLight = (1.0f-sty) * ((1.0f-stx) * + stx *) + (0.0f+sty) * ((1.0f-stx) * + stx *)

Evaluation of 4 big VPL kernels is slow \otimes

stx : sub texel x position [0.0, 1.0[VPL kernel at **t0** VPL kernel at **t2 sty** : sub texel y position [0.0, 1.0[VPL kernel at **t1** VPL kernel at **t3**



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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 5



SmoothIndirectLight =

(1.0f-sty)*(((1.0f-stx)*(B0+B3)+stx*(B2+B5))+B1)+

(0.0f+sty)*(((1.0f-stx)*(B6+B3)+stx*(B8+B5))+B7)+B4

stx : sub RSM texel x position of g-buf pix [0.0, 1.0[
sty : sub RSM texel y position of g-buf pix [0.0, 1.0[

This trick is probably known to some of you already. See backup for a detailed explanation !

Indirect Light Buffer



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Step 4



Indirect Light buffer is ½ res Perform a bilateral upsampling step

See Peter-Pike Sloan, Naga K. Govindaraju, Derek Nowrouzezahrai, John Snyder. "Image-Based Proxy Accumulation for Real-Time Soft Global Illumination". Pacific Graphics 2007

Result is a full resolution IL



Combine Direct Illumination Indirect Illumination Shadows (not mentioned)

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Scene without IL



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Combined Image



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Combined Image

DEMO ~280 FPS on a HD5970 @ 1280x1024 for a 15x15 VPL kernel Deffered IL pass + bilateral upsampling costs ~2.5 ms

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How to add Indirect Shadows

1. Use a CS and the linked lists technique

Insert blocker geomety of IL into 3D grid of lists – let's use the triangles of the blocker for now see backup for alternative data structure

2. Look at a kernel of VPLs again

3. Only accumulate light of VPLs that are occluded by blocker tris

Trace rays through 3d grid to detect occluded VPLs Render low res buffer only

4. Subtract blocked indirect light from IL buffer

Blurred version of low res blocked IL is used

Blur is combined bilateral blurring/upsampling

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Insert tris into 3D grid of triangle lists

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Rasterize dynamic blockers to 3D grid using a CS and atomics

Scene

Insert tris into 3D grid of triangle lists



3D Grid Demo





Indirect Light Buffer

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Blocker of green light **Emitter of** Expected green indirect light shadow

Blocked Indirect Light



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Indirect Light Buffer



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Subtracting Blocked IL



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Final Image



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Final Image

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Future directions

Speed up IL rendering

- Render IL at even lower res
- Look into multi-res RSMs

Speed up ray-tracing

- Per pixel array of lists for depth buckets (see backup)
- Other data structures

A Raytrace other primitive types

- Splats, fuzzy ellipsoids etc.
- A Proxy geometry or bounding volumes of blockers

Get rid of Interlocked*() ops

- \odot Just mark grid cells as occupied => >150 fps
- Lower quality but could work on earlier hardware through scattered splats

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Credits for the basic idea of how to implement PPLL under Direct3D 11 go to Jakub Klarowicz (Techland), Holger Gruen and Nicolas Thibieroz (AMD)

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Backup Slides IL



Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 1



Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 2



stx : sub texel x position [0.0, 1.0[
sty : sub texel y position [0.0, 1.0[

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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 3



sty : sub texel y position [0.0, 1.0]

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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 4



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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 5



Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 6



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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 7



IndirectLight = (1.0f-sty) * ((1.0f-stx) * 🔄 + stx * 🚺) -(0.0f+sty) * ((1.0f-stx) * 🚺 + stx * 🚺)

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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 8



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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 9



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Computing IL at a g-buf pixel 9



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Evaluation of 7 small and 1 bigger VPL kernels is fast ©

stx : sub texel x position [0.0, 1.0[
sty : sub texel y position [0.0, 1.0[

Insert Tris into 2D Map of Lists of Tris

2D buffer

Rasterize blockers of IL from view of light

Scene

Light

Insert Tris into 2D Map of Lists of Tris



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