

HDR imaging and the Bilateral Filter

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Leica discussion

- Photographers discuss what features they want in future Leica cameras
 - <u>http://luminous-landscape.com/essays/leica-open-letter.shtml</u>
 - <u>http://luminous-landscape.com/essays/leica-different-view.shtml</u>
 - http://luminous-landscape.com/essays/hogan-leica.shtml
- Inspiring for class projects on focusing & metering



From http://luminous-landscape.com/essays/leica-open-letter.shtml

The dynamic range problem

- media (approximate and debatable)
 - 10:1 photographic print (higher for glossy paper)
 - 20:1 artist's paints
 - 200:1 slide film
 - 500:1 negative film
 - 1000:1 LCD display
 - 2000:1 digital SLR (~11 bits)
- challenges
 - choosing which 6-12 bits of the world to include in your photograph (cell phone to professional SLR, respectively)
 - metering the world to help you make this decision, since the world has more dynamic range than any light meter
 - compressing 12 bits into 4 bits for print, or 10 for LCD
 - this is the tone mapping problem

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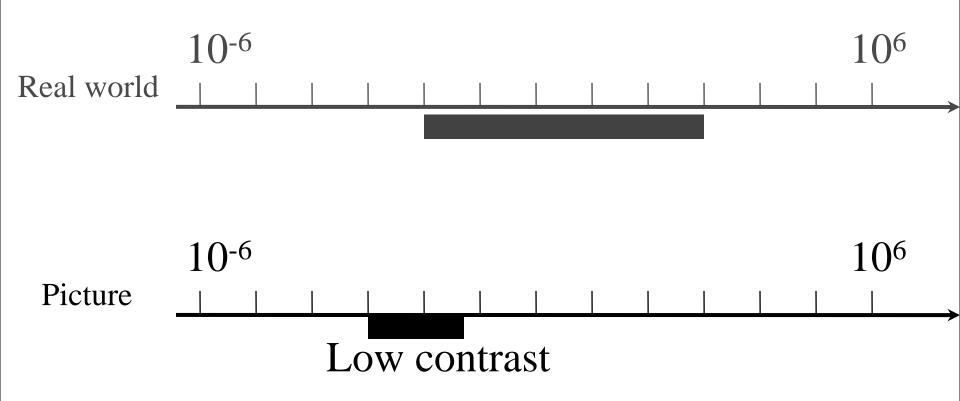
Picture dynamic range





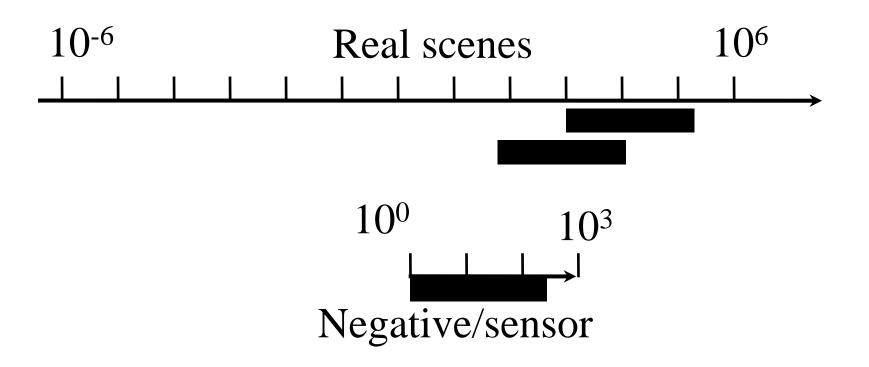
– Black





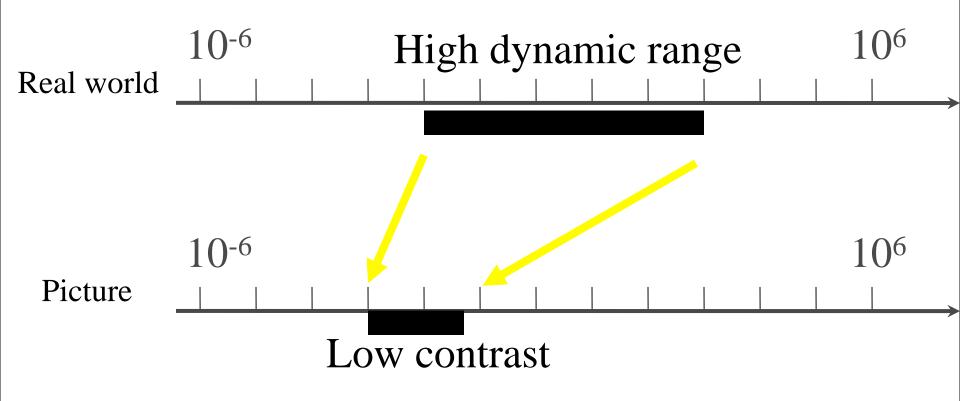
Problem 1: record the information

- The range of illumination levels that we encounter is 10 to 12 orders of magnitudes
- Negatives/sensors can record 2 to 3 orders of magnitude



Problem 2: Display the information

- Match limited contrast of the medium
- Preserve details



Without HDR & tone mapping





With HDR & tone mapping





Can be extreme



By Anthony Wong, <u>http://abduzeedo.com/20-beautiful-hdr-pictures-part-3</u>



Not always cheesy





By Alexandre Buisse

http:// luminouslandscape.com/ essays/hdrplea.shtml

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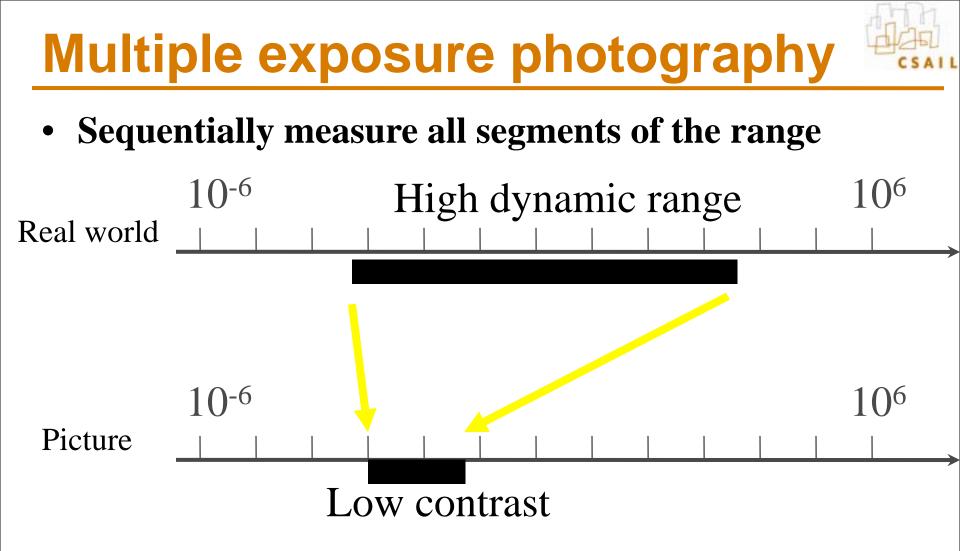


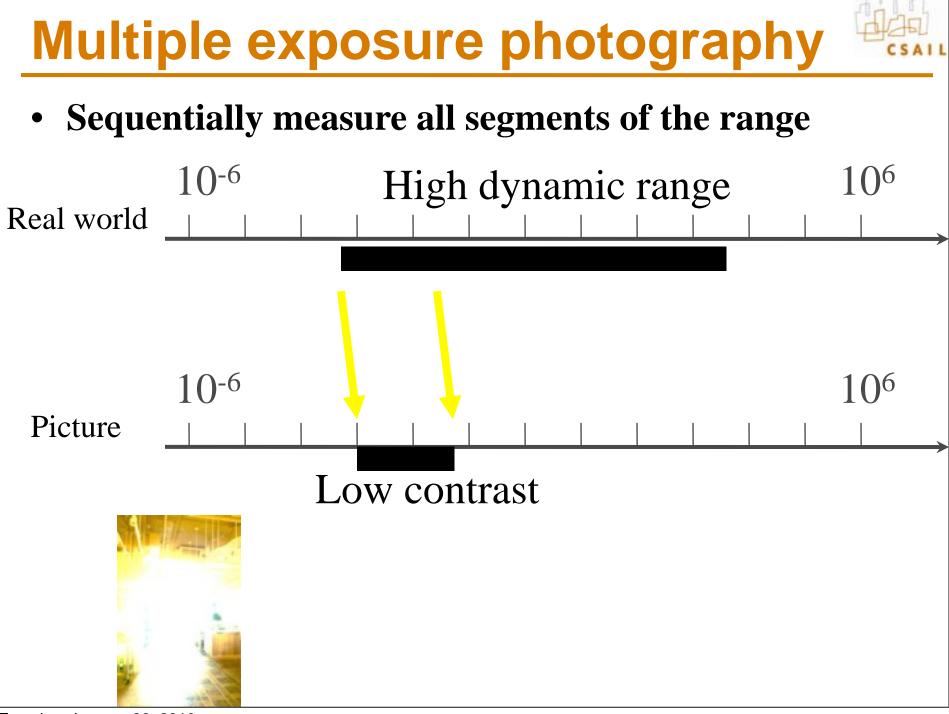
Multiple-exposure High-Dynamic-Range imaging

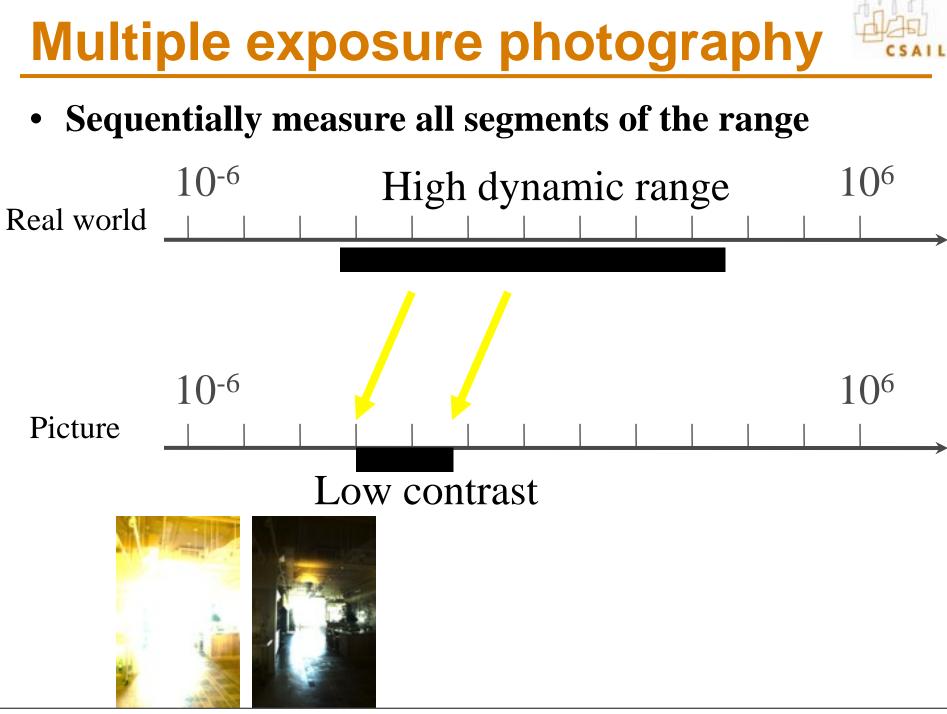


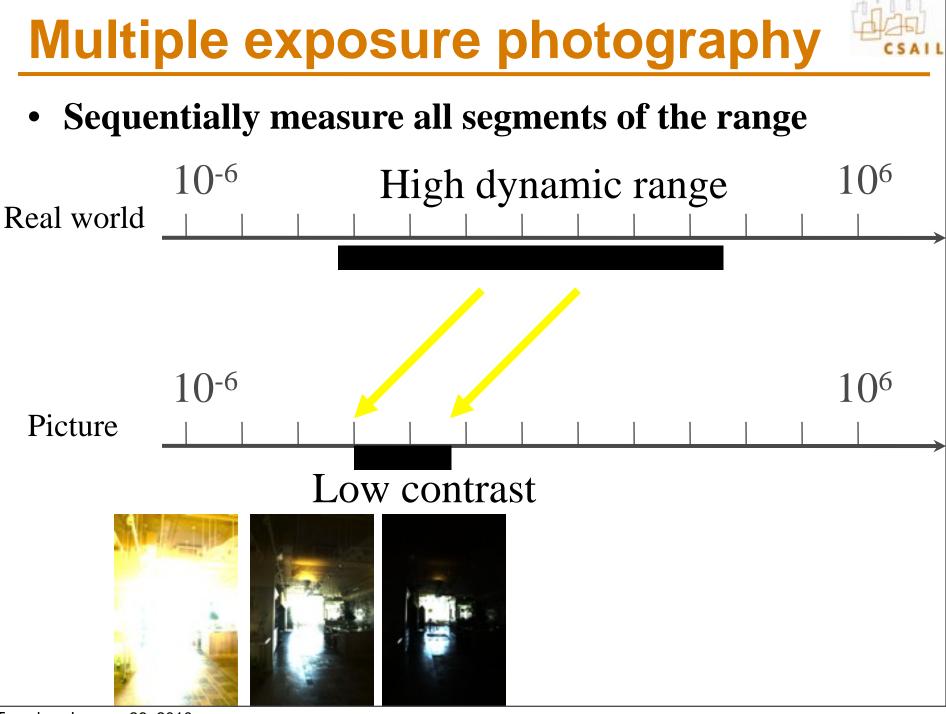
• Tone mapping using the bilateral filter

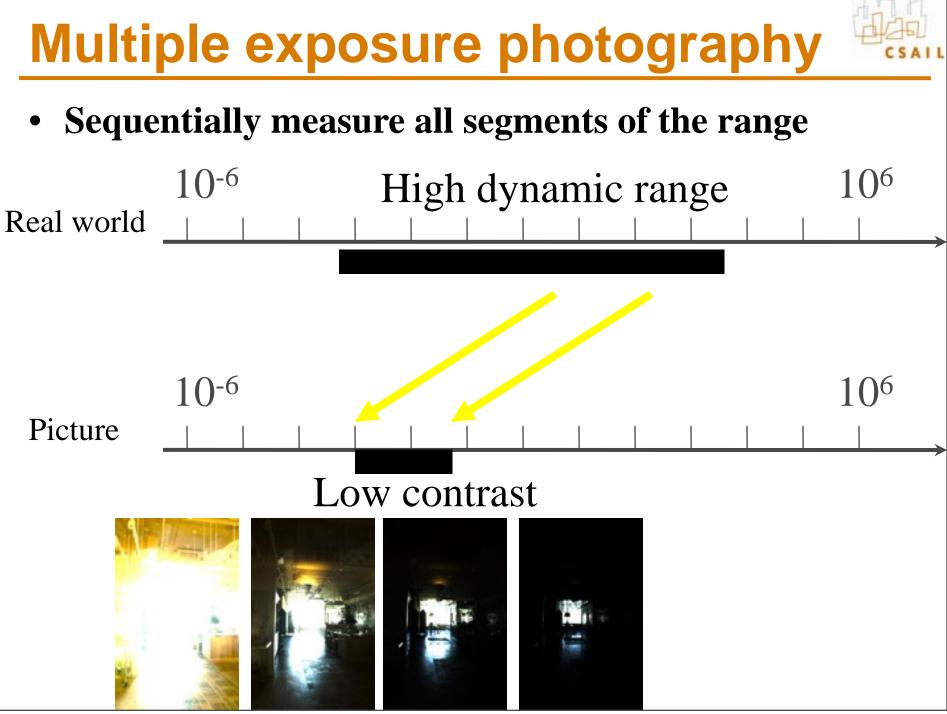


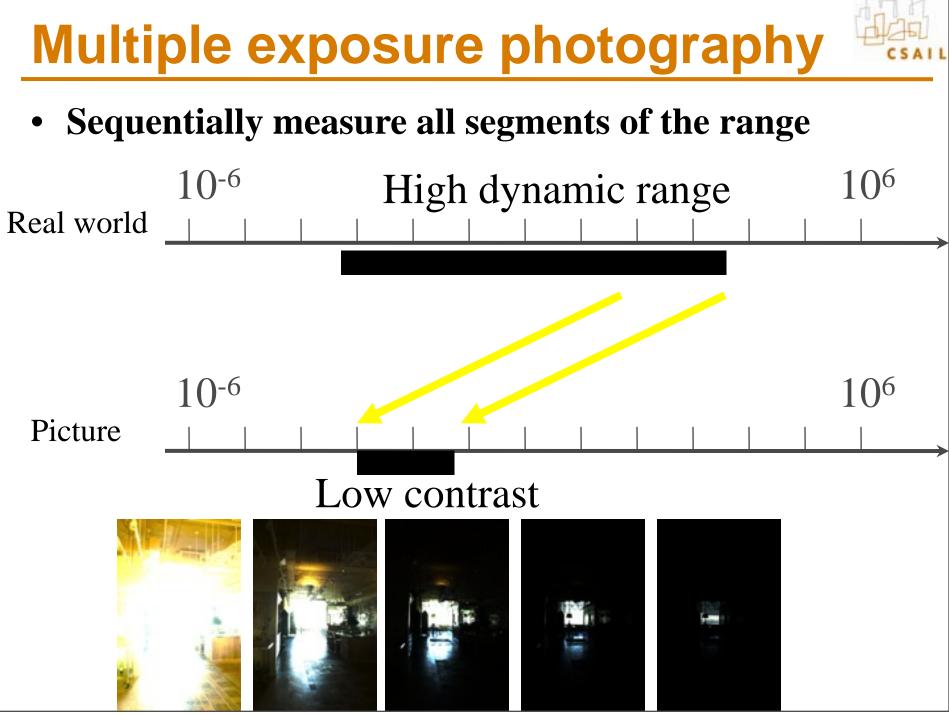








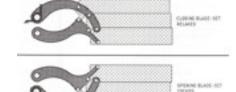




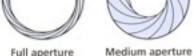
How do we vary exposure?



- **Options:**
 - Shutter speed



– Aperture







Full aperture

Stopped down

- ISO

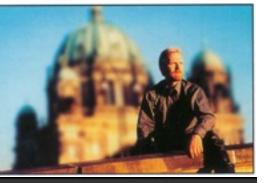
– Neutral density filter



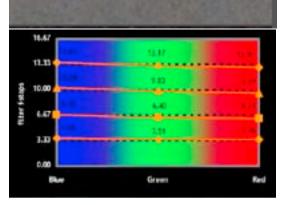
Slide inspired by Siggraph 2005 course on HDR

Tradeoffs

- Shutter speed
 - Range: ~30 sec to 1/4000sec (6 orders of magnitude)
 - Pros: reliable, linear
 - Cons: sometimes noise for long exposure
- Aperture
 - Range: ~f/1.4 to f/22 (2.5 orders of magnitude)
 - Cons: changes depth of field
 - Useful when desperate
- ISO
 - Range: ~100 to 1600 (1.5 orders of magnitude)
 - Cons: noise
 - Useful when desperate
- Neutral density filter
 - Range: up to 4 densities (4 orders of magnitude) & can be stacked
 - Cons: not perfectly neutral (color shift), not very precise, need to touch camera (shake)
- Pros: works with strobe/flash, good complement when desperate Slide after Siggraph 2005 course on HDR



Nikon D2X 150 3200





Questions?



HDR image using multiple exposure

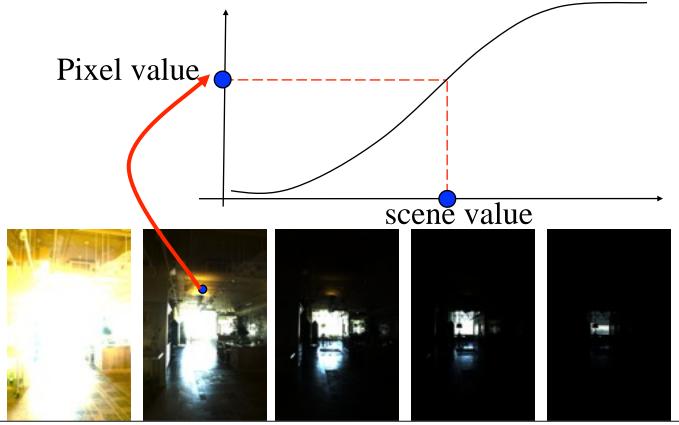
- Given N photos at different exposure
- Recover a HDR color for each pixel
- We'll study Debevec and Malik's 97 algorithm
 - <u>http://www.debevec.org/Research/HDR/</u>





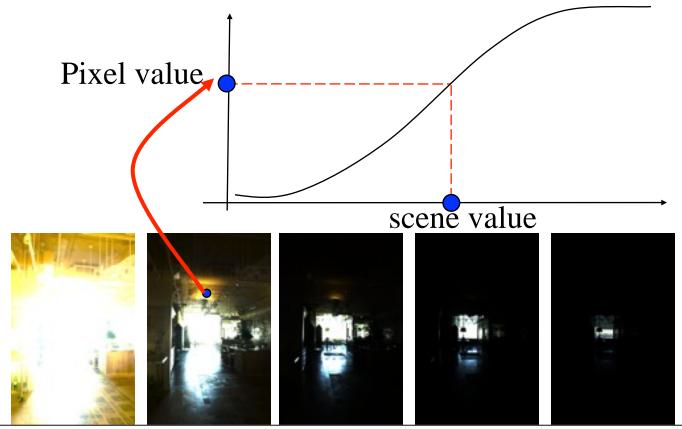
• For each pixel

- for each frame
 - if not black & not saturated, convert to absolute luminance
- Take average if well-exposed in multiple frames



But how do we get the curve?

- Easy when shooting raw (linear)
- Need calibration otherwise



Calibrating the response curve

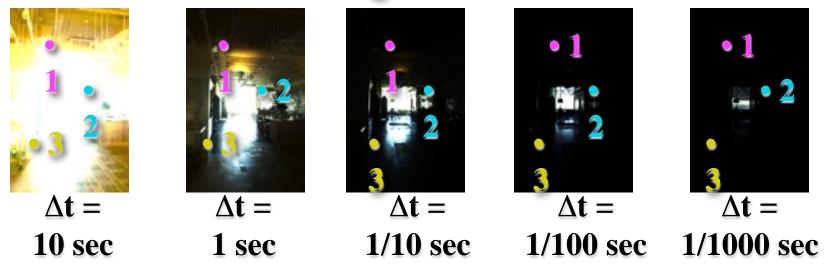


- Two basic solutions
 - Vary scene luminance and see pixel values
 - Assumes we control and know scene luminance
 - Vary exposure and see pixel value for one scene luminance
 - But note that we can usually not vary exposure more finely than by 1/3 stop
- Best of both:
 - Vary exposure
 - Exploit the large number of pixels

The Algorithm



Image series



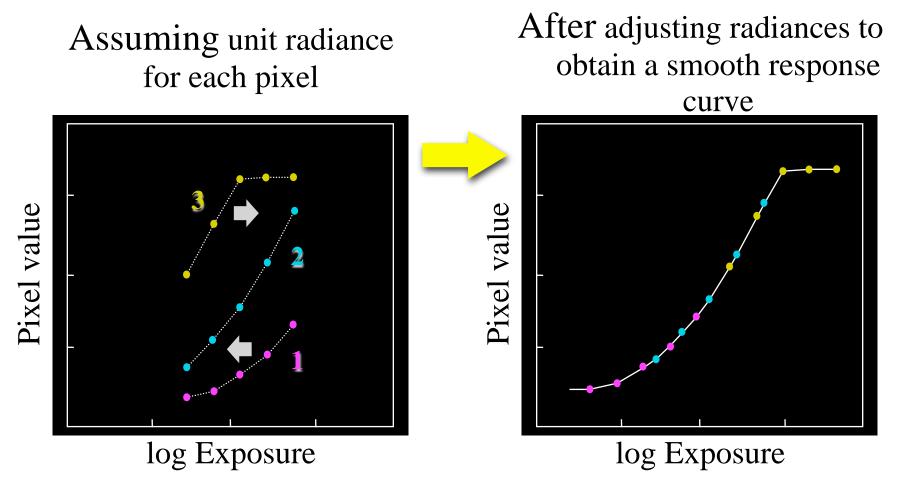
Pixel Value Z = f(Exposure)exposure: essentially # photons

Exposure = Radiance × Δt log Exposure = log Radiance + log Δt

Slide adapted from Alyosha Efros who borrowed it from Paul Debevec Δ t don't really correspond to pictures. Oh well.

Response curve

- CSAIL
- Exposure is unknown, fit to find a smooth curve



The math



- unknowns: response curve f and radiance of pixels
- for each pixel i and image j
 - Pixel Value Z_{ij}=f(Exposure_{i,j})
 - $-\log Exposure = \log Radiance_i + \log \Delta t_j$
- Easier to deal with inverse function (in log) g=log (f⁻¹)

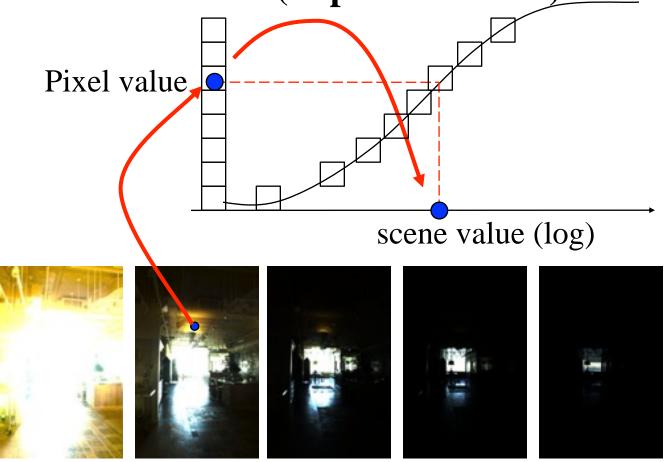
$\log \text{Radiance}_i + \log \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$

• We have #pixels * #images equations

Inverse response curve g

• Discretize pixel values

- but ignore saturated black and white pixels
- Enforce smoothness (improves results)



The Math



- For each pixel site *i* in each image *j*, want: $\log Radiance_i + \log \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$
- Solve the overdetermined linear system:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \left[\log Radiance_{i} + \log \Delta t_{j} - g(Z_{ij}) \right] + \lambda \sum_{z=Z_{min}}^{Z_{max}} g''(z)^{2}$$

fitting term

Matlab code



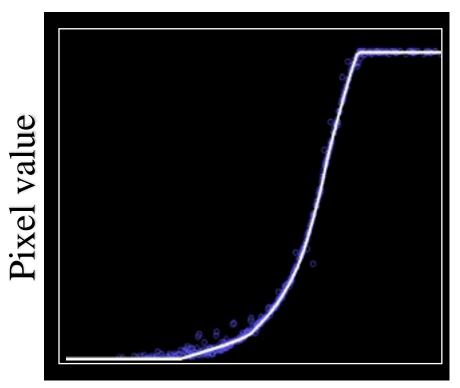
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function [q,lE]=qsolve(Z,B,l,w)
n = 256;
A = \operatorname{zeros}(\operatorname{size}(Z,1) * \operatorname{size}(Z,2) + n + 1, n + \operatorname{size}(Z,1));
b = zeros(size(A,1),1);
                          %% Include the data-fitting equations
k = 1;
for i=1:size(Z,1)
  for j=1:size(Z,2)
    wij = w(Z(i,j)+1);
    A(k,Z(i,j)+1) = wij; A(k,n+i) = -wij; b(k,1) = wij * B(i,j);
    k=k+1;
  end
end
A(k, 129) = 1;
                         %% Fix the curve by setting its middle value to 0
k=k+1;
for i=1:n-2
                         %% Include the smoothness equations
  A(k,i)=1*w(i+1); A(k,i+1)=-2*1*w(i+1); A(k,i+2)=1*w(i+1);
  k=k+1;
end
x = A \setminus b;
                          %% Solve the system using SVD
                                             Slide stolen from Alyosha Efros who stole it from Paul Debevec
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Kodak DCS460 1/30 to 30 sec



Recovered response curve



log Exposure

Reconstructed radiance map





Result: color film

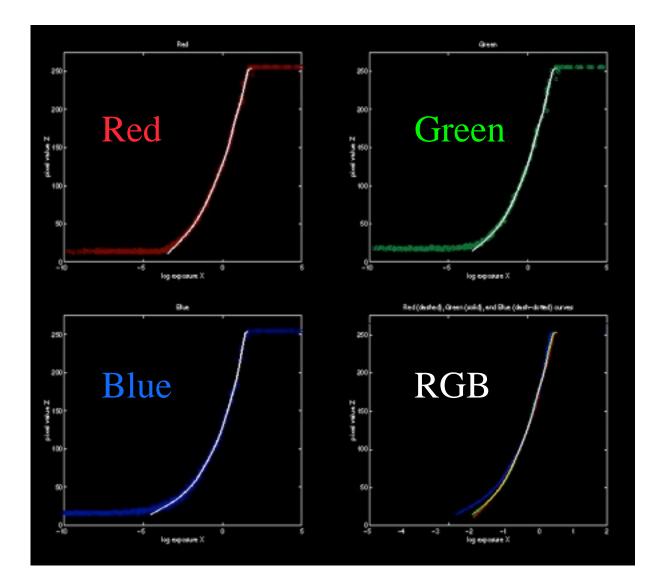


Kodak Gold ASA 100, PhotoCD



Recovered response curves



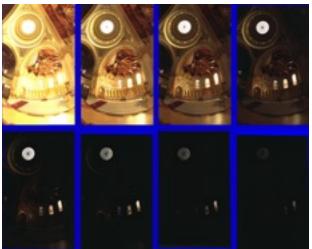


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Recap



- Curve calibration
 - Take many images of static scene (1/3 stop)
 - Solve optimization problem
- HDR multiple-exposure merging
 - Take multiple exposures (e.g. every 2 stops)
 - (optional) align images

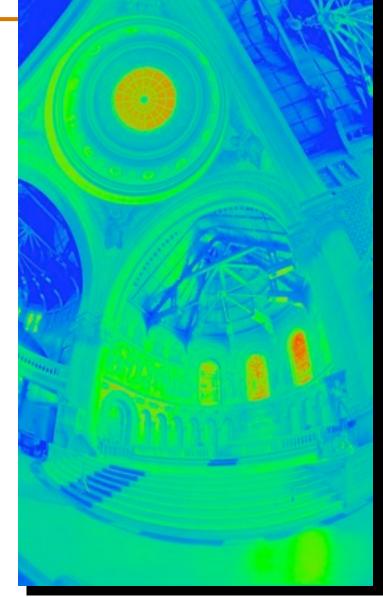


- for each pixel, use picture(s) where properly exposed
 - use inverse response curve and exposure time
- Output: one image where each pixel has full dynamic range, stored e.g. in float aka radiance map

The Radiance map



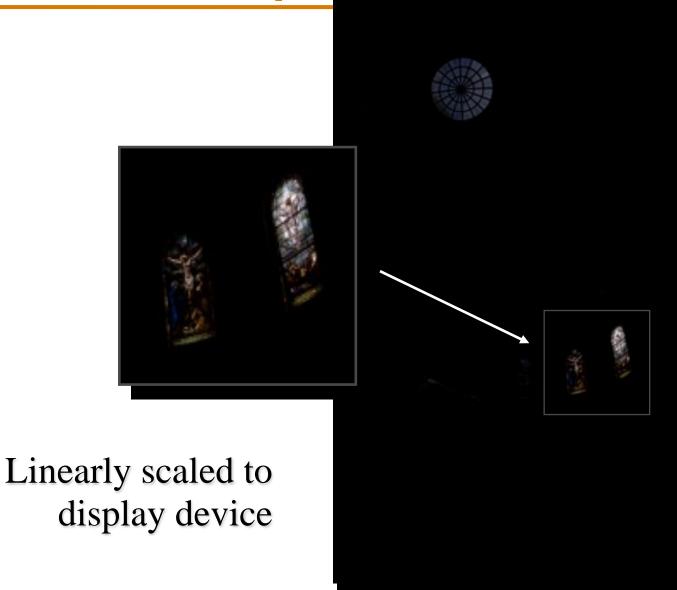




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The Radiance map





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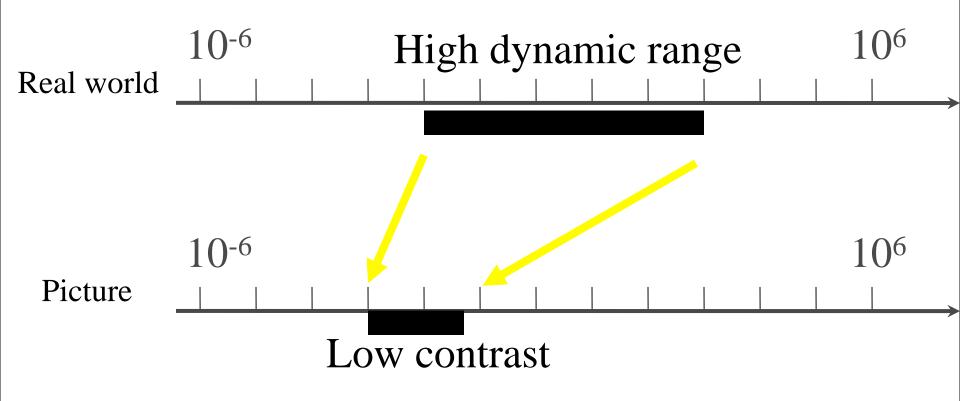


• Tone mapping using the bilateral filter



Problem 2: Display the infromation

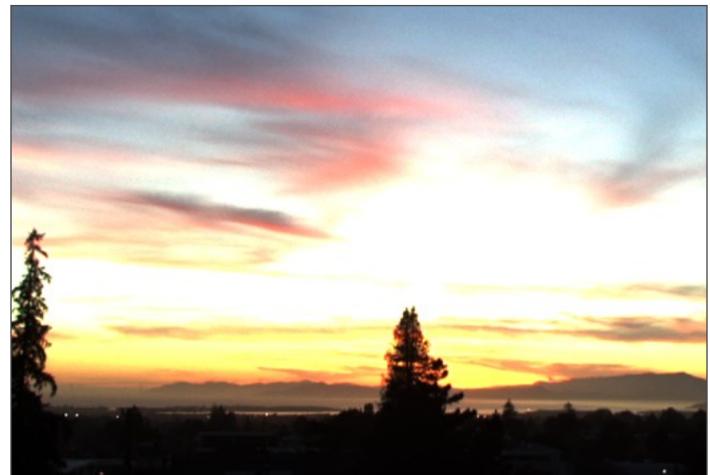
- Match limited contrast of the medium
- Preserve details



The second half: contrast reduction

• Input: high-dynamic-range image

(floating point per pixel)



Naïve technique



- Scene has 1:10,000 contrast, display has 1:100
- Simplest contrast reduction?



Naïve: Gamma compression

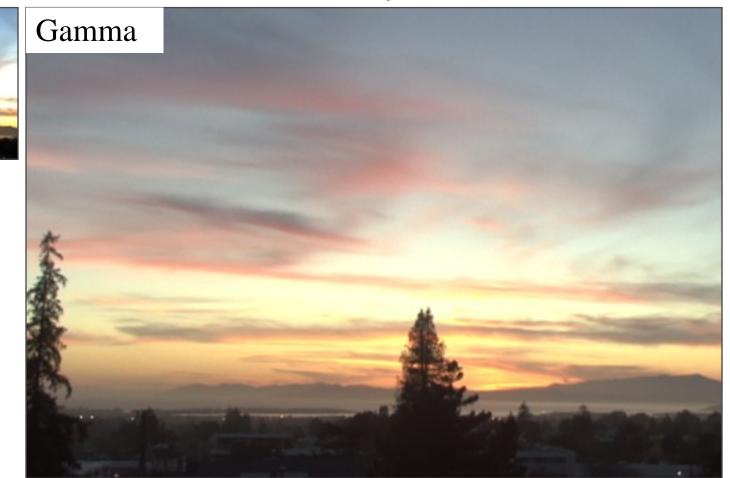


applied

independently

on R, G & B

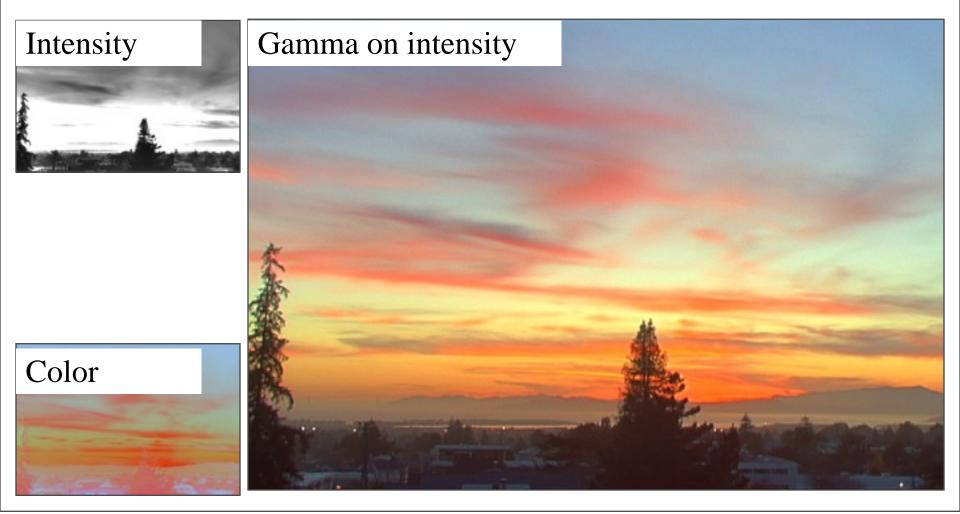
- X \rightarrow X^{γ} (where γ =0.5 in our case)
- But... colors are washed-out. Why?



Input

Gamma compression on intensity

• Colors are OK, but details (intensity high-frequency) are muddy



Oppenheim 1968, Chiu et al. 1993

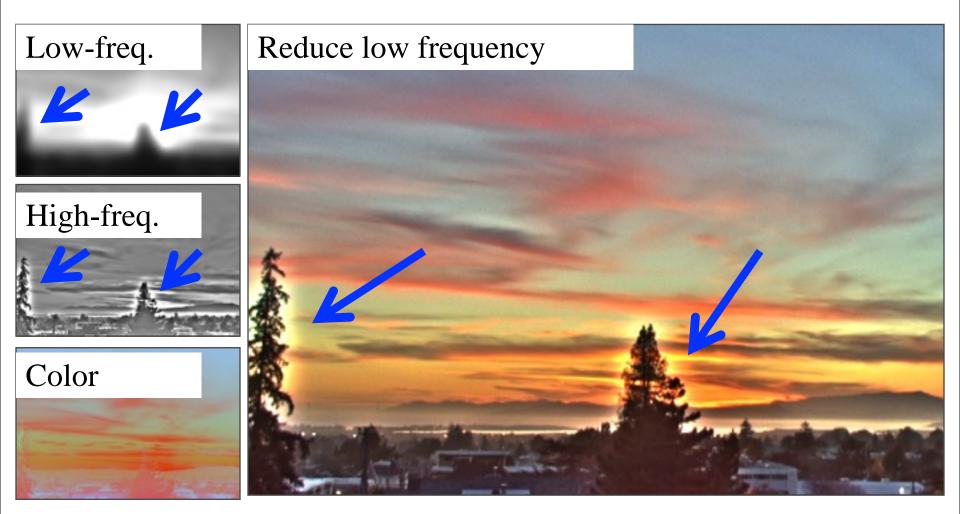
- Reduce contrast of low-frequencies
- Keep high frequencies



The halo nightmare

CSAIL

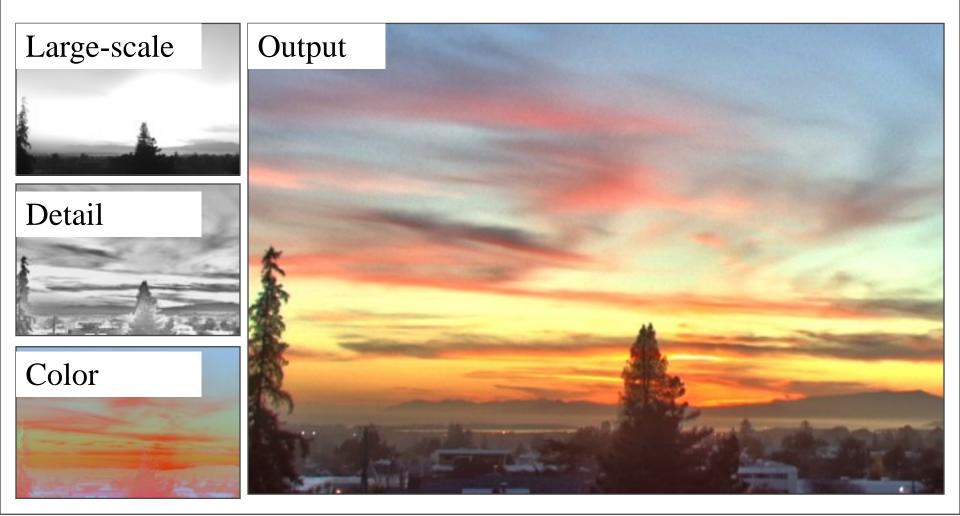
- For strong edges
- Because they contain high frequency





Our approach

- Do not blur across edges
- Non-linear filtering



Bilateral filter



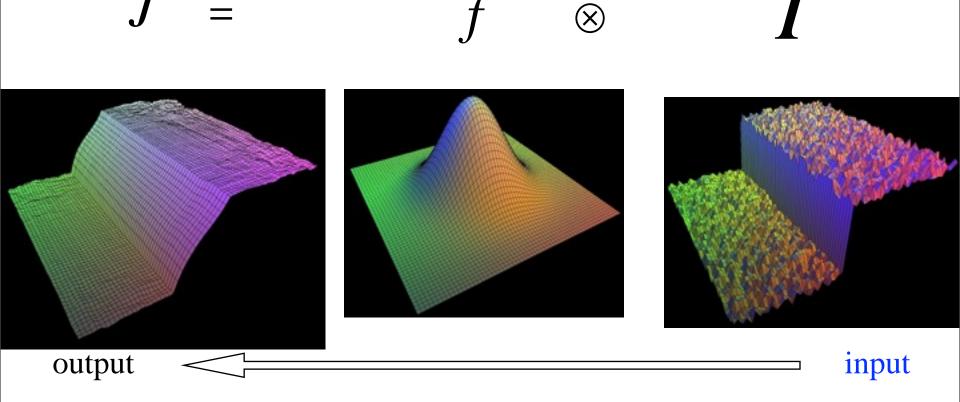
Tomasi and Manduci 1998]

- http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/~manduchi/Papers/ICCV98.pdf

- Discussed for denoising in previous lecture
- Related to
 - SUSAN filter [Smith and Brady 95] http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/smith95susan.html
 - Digital-TV [Chan, Osher and Chen 2001] http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/chan01digital.html
 - sigma filter <u>http://www.geogr.ku.dk/CHIPS/Manual/</u> <u>f187.htm</u>
- Full survey: <u>http://people.csail.mit.edu/sparis/publi/</u> 2009/fntcgv/Paris 09 Bilateral filtering.pdf

Start with Gaussian filtering

• Here, input is a step function + noise





• Weight of ξ depends on distance to x

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \qquad I(\xi)$$

$$input$$

The problem of edges

- Here, $I(\xi)$ "pollutes" our estimate J(x)
- It is too different

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \qquad I(\xi)$$

input

output

Principle of Bilateral filtering



[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• Penalty g on the intensity difference

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$



Bilateral filtering

CSAIL

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• Spatial Gaussian f

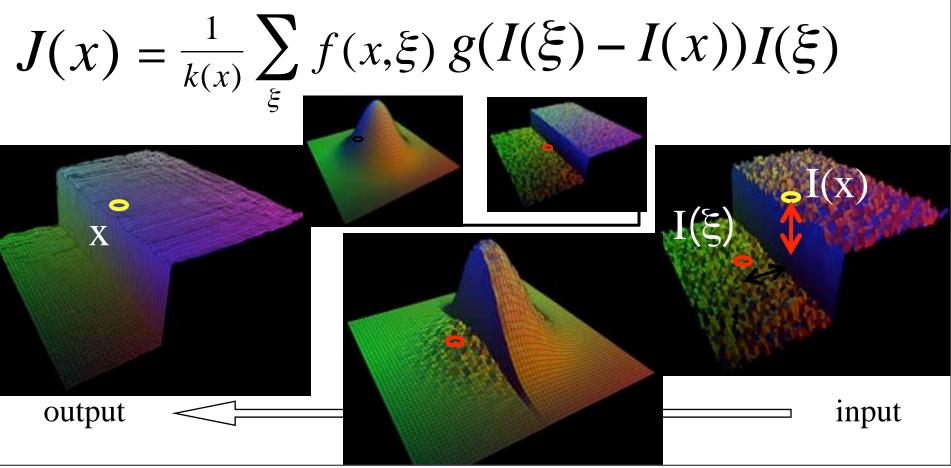
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$

Bilateral filtering

CSAIL

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- Spatial Gaussian f
- Gaussian g on the intensity difference



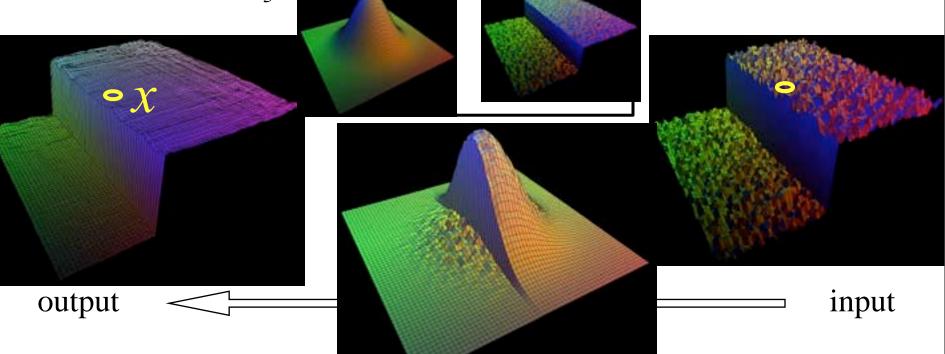
Normalization factor



[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

•
$$\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x))$$

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$

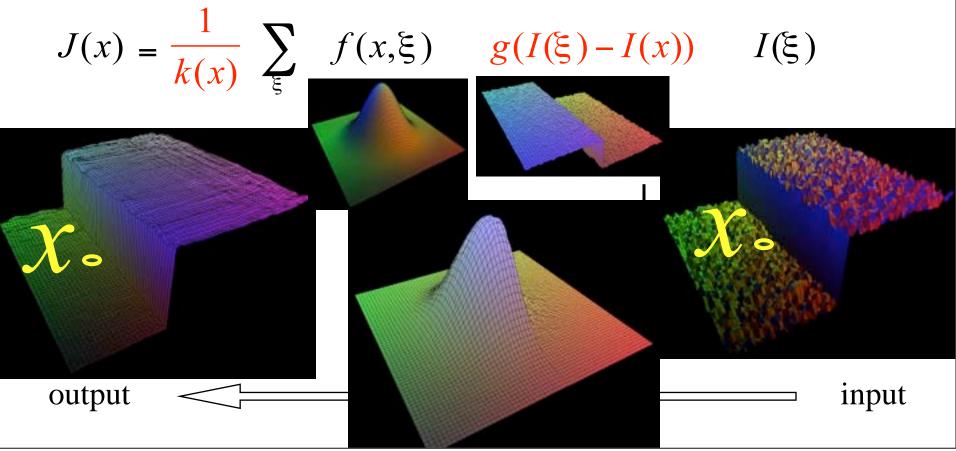


Bilateral filtering is non-linear

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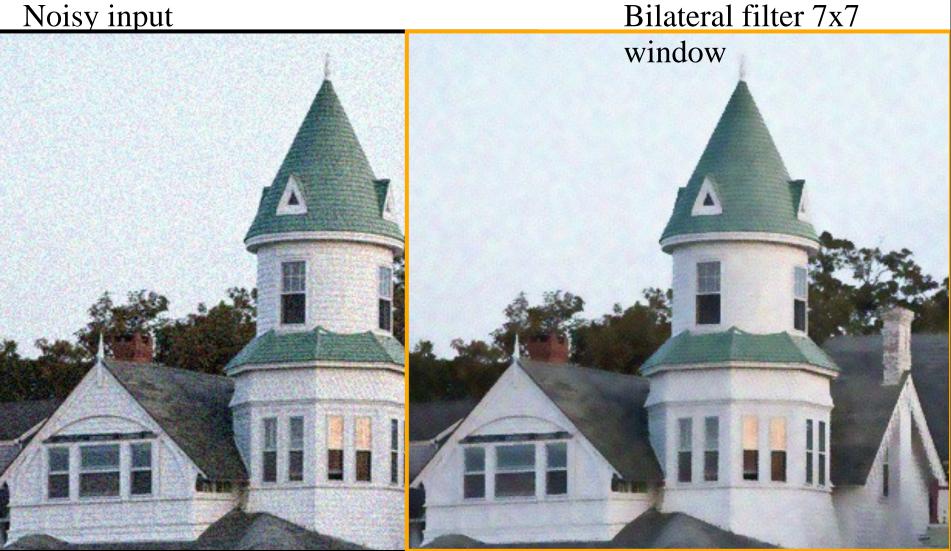
[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• The weights are different for each output pixel





Noisy input



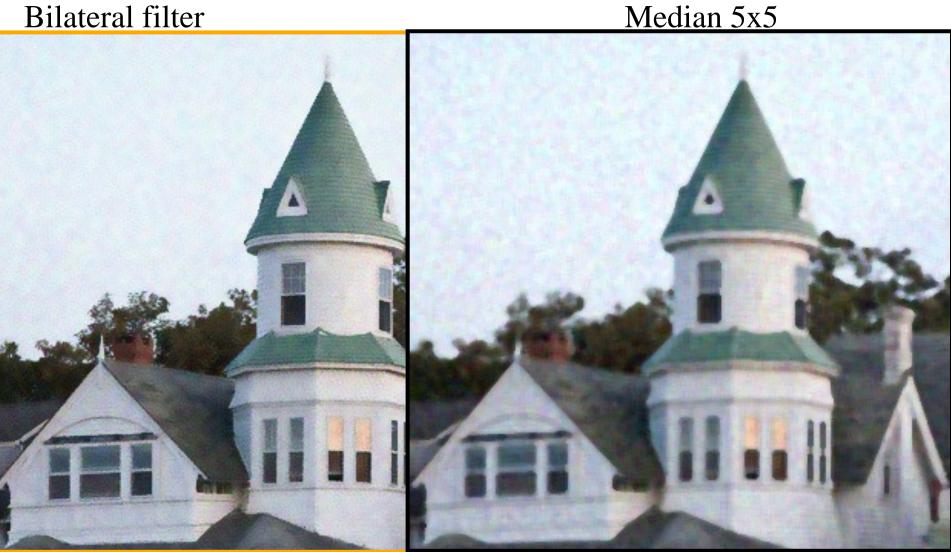


Bilateral filter





Bilateral filter



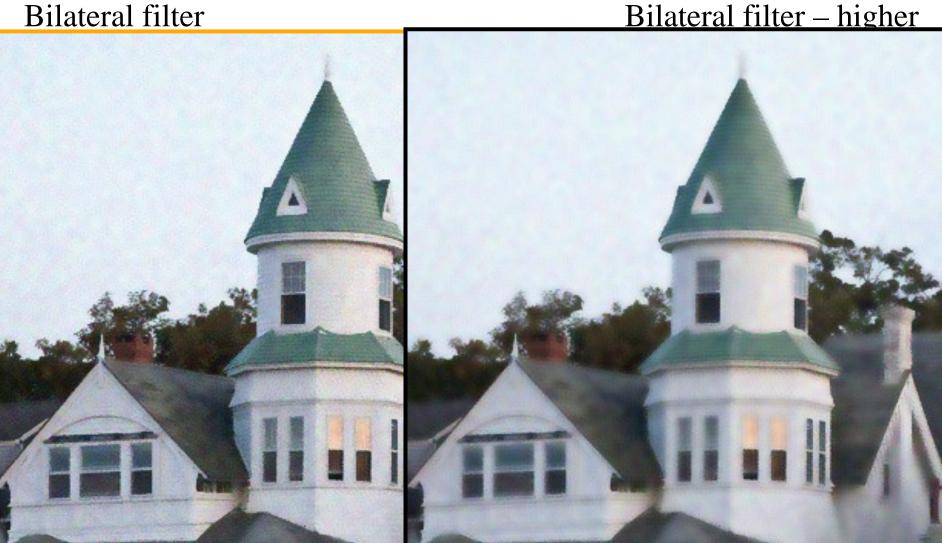


Bilateral filter

<u>Bilateral filter – lower</u>







Questions?



Questions?







Contrast too high!



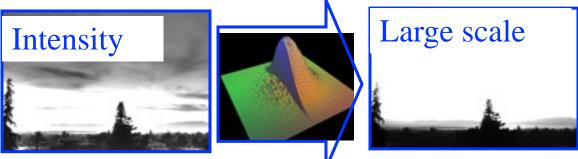






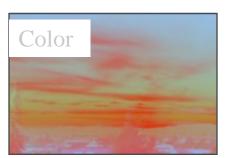






Bilateral Filter

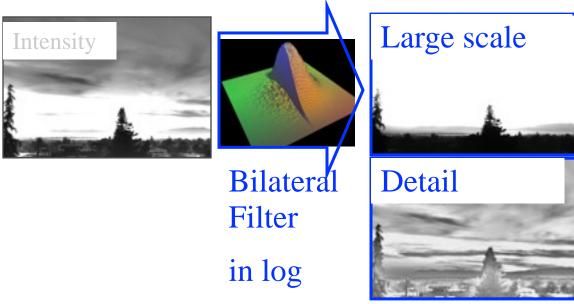
in log



Spatial sigma: 2 to 5% image size Range sigma: 0.4 (in log 10)



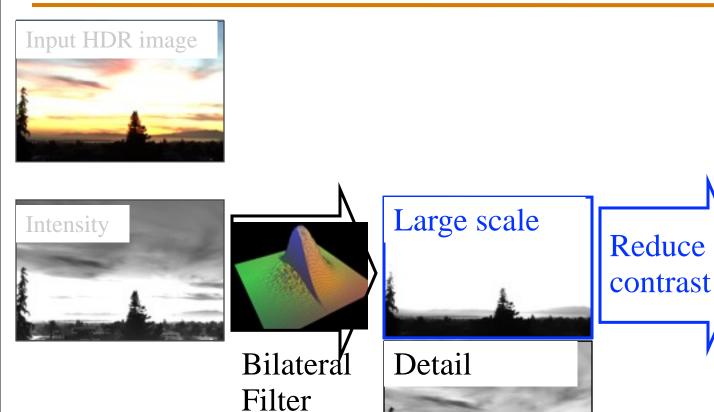




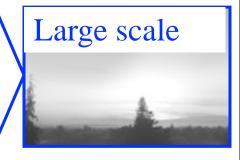


Detail = log intensity - large scale (residual)





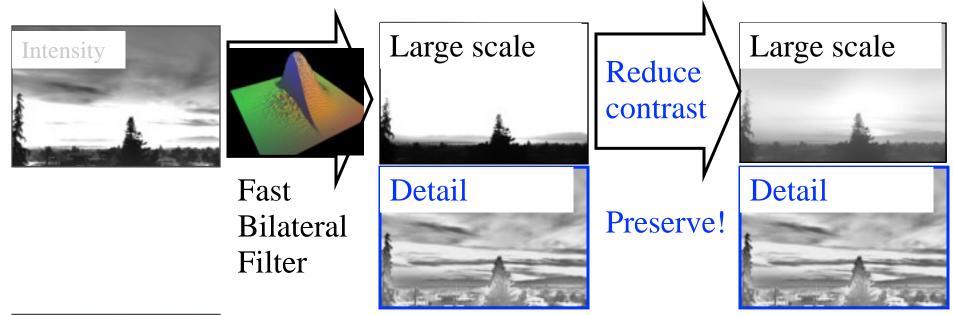
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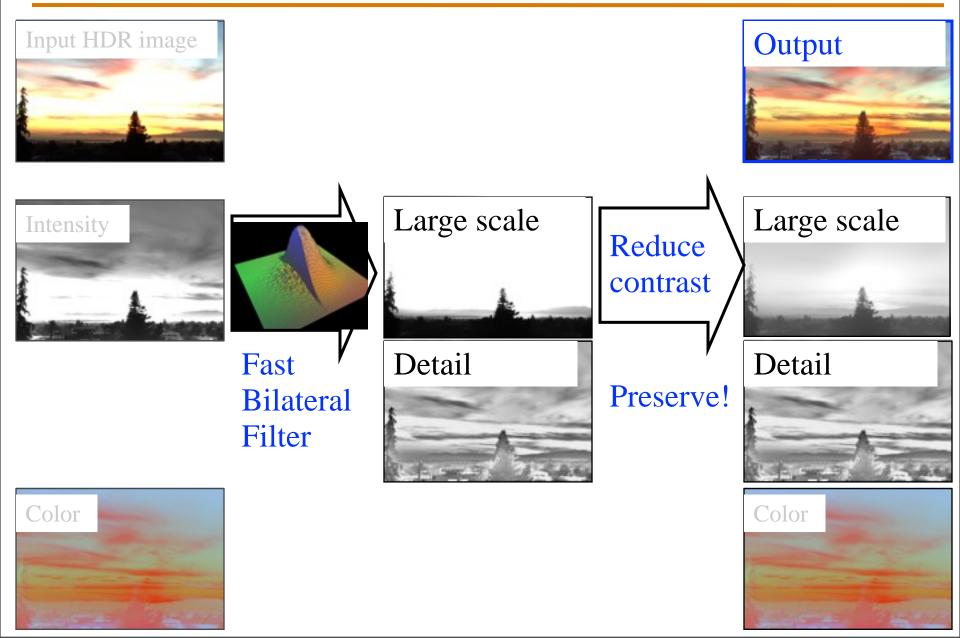












Reduction

CSAIL

- To reduce contrast of base layer
 - scale in the log domain
 - \rightarrow γ exponent in linear space
- Set a target range: $\log_{10}(5)$
- Compute range in the base (log) layer: (max-min)
- Deduce γ using an elaborate operation known as *division*
- You finally need to normalize so that the biggest value in the (linear) base is 1 (0 in log):

– Offset the compressed based by its max

Contrast reduction in log domain

- Set target large-scale contrast (e.g. log₁₀ 10)
 - In linear output, we want 1:10 contrast for large scale
- Compute range of input large scale layer:
 - largeRange = max(inLogLarge) min (inLogLarge)
- Scale factor $k = \log_{10} (10) / \text{largeRange}$
- Normalize so that the biggest value is 0 in log

outLog= inLogDetail + inLogLarge * k – max(inLogLarge)











What matters



- Spatial sigma: not very important
- Range sigma: quite important
- Use of the log domain for range: critical
 - Because HDR and because perception sensitive to multiplicative contrast
 - CIELab might be better for other applications
- Luminance computation
 - Not critical, but has influence
 - see our Flash/no-flash paper [Eisemann 2004] for smarter function



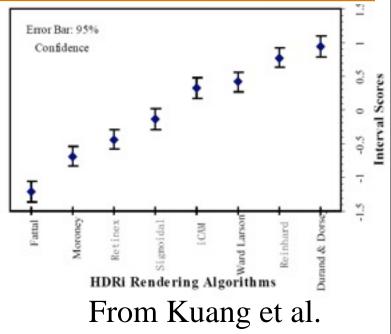


- Direct bilateral filtering is slow (minutes)
- Fast algorithm: bilateral grid
 - http://groups.csail.mit.edu/graphics/bilagrid/
 - <u>http://people.csail.mit.edu/sparis/publi/2009/ijcv/</u>
 <u>Paris 09 Fast Approximation.pdf</u>
 - <u>http://graphics.stanford.edu/papers/gkdtrees/</u>



Tone mapping evaluation

- User experiments to evaluate competing tone mapping
 - Ledda et al. 2005 http://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Publications/ Papers/2000255.pdf
 - Kuang et al. 2004 <u>http://www.cis.rit.edu/fairchild/PDFs/</u> PRO22.pdf
- Interestingly, the former concludes bilateral is the worst, the latter that it is the best!
 - They choose to test a different criterion: fidelity vs. preference
- More importantly, they focus on algorithm and ignore parameters



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Scene 1	P	В	A	H	1	L
Scene 2	1	P	H	A	B	L
Scene 3	P	1	A	H	L	B
Scene 4	P	L	1	A	H	B
Scene 5	1	H	A	P	L	B
Scene 6	Ι	H	A	P	L	B
Scene 7	1	A	P	H	B	L
Scene 8	1	P	A	Н	L	B
Scene 9	P	A	L	H	B	1

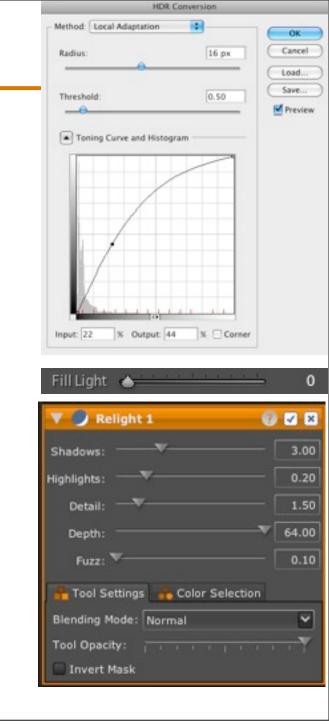
Adapted from Ledda et

Related tools

Photoshop "Local adaptation"

Lightroom Fill Light

• Lightzone Relight

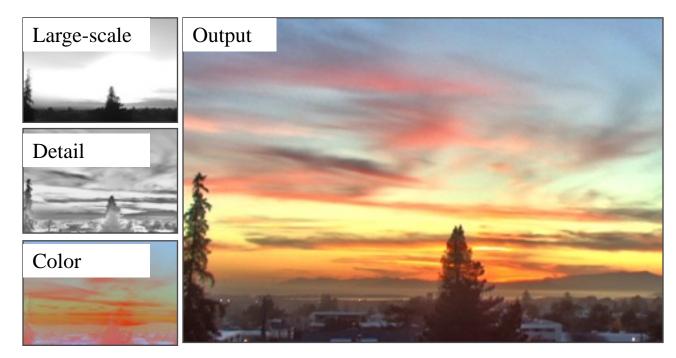


Questions?



What have we learnt?

- Log is good
- Luminance is different from chrominance
- Separate components:
 - Low and high frequencies
- Strong edges are important



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- Gradient Domain High Dynamic Range Compression Raanan Fattal, Dani Lischinski, Michael Werman http://www.cs.huji.ac.il/~danix/hdr/
- Li et al. : Wavelets and activity maps <u>http://web.mit.edu/yzli/www/hdr_companding.htm</u>

Tone mapping code



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HDR combination papers

- CSAIL
- Steve Mann http://genesis.eecg.toronto.edu/wyckoff/ index.html
- Paul Debevec http://www.debevec.org/Research/ HDR/
- Mitsunaga, Nayar, Grossberg http:// www1.cs.columbia.edu/CAVE/projects/rad_cal/ rad_cal.php

Questions?



Smarter HDR capture



Ward, Journal of Graphics Tools, 2003

http://www.anyhere.com/gward/papers/jgtpap2.pdf

Implemented in Photosphere http://www.anyhere.com/

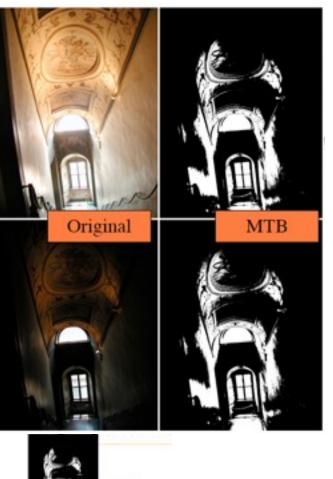
- Image registration (no need for tripod)
- Lens flare removal
- Ghost removal



Images Greg Ward

Image registration

- How to robustly compare images of different exposure?
- Use a black and white version of the image thresholded at the median
 - Median-Threshold Bitmap (MTB)
- Find the translation that minimizes difference
- Accelerate using pyramid









Alignment Results



5 unaligned exposures

Close-up detail

MTB alignment

Time: About .2 second/exposure for 3 MPixel image

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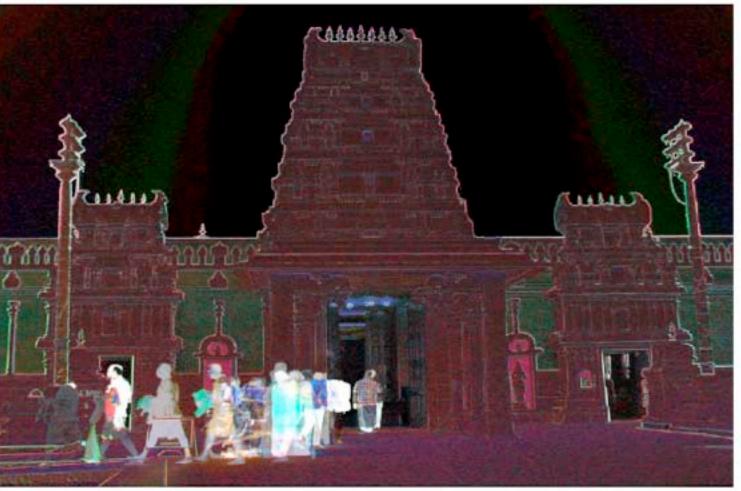
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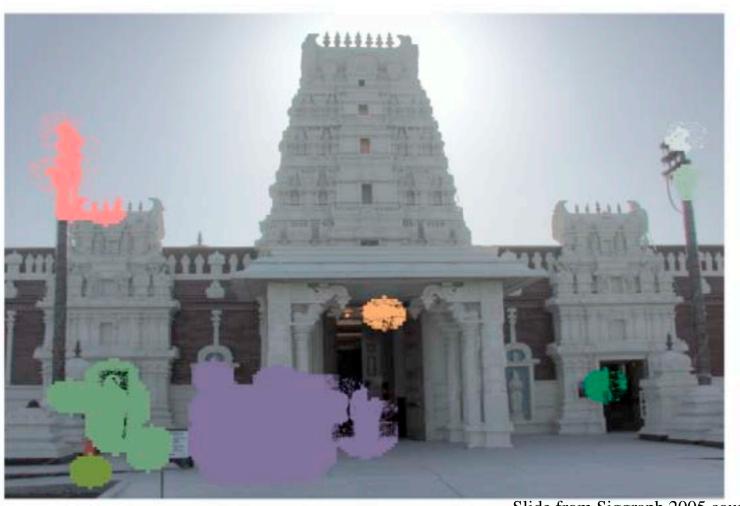
Variance-based Detection



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Region Masking



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Best Exposure in Each Region





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Lens Flare Removal



Extension: HDR video

• Kang et al. Siggraph 2003 http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=882262.882270



Figure 1: High dynamic range video of a driving scene. Top row: Input video with alternating short and long exposures. Bottom row: High dynamic range video (tonemapped).

Extension: HDR video

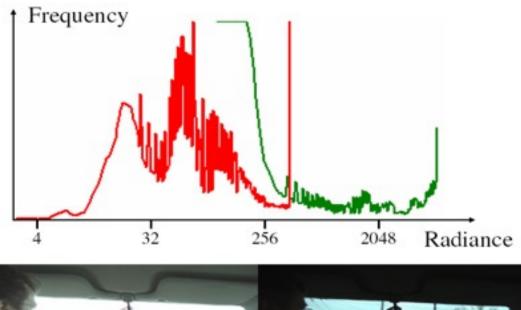




Figure 3: Two input exposures from the driving video. *The radiance histogram is shown on top. The red graph goes with the long exposure frame (bottom left), while the green graph goes with the short exposure frame (bottom right). Notice that the combination of these graphs spans a radiance range greater than a single exposure can capture.*



Questions?



HDR encoding

CSAIL

- Most formats are lossless
- Adobe DNG (digital negative)
 - Specific for RAW files, avoid proprietary formats
- RGBE
 - 24 bits/pixels as usual, plus 8 bit of common exponent
 - Introduced by Greg Ward for Radiance (light simulation)
 - Enormous dynamic range
- OpenEXR
 - By Industrial Light + Magic, also standard in graphics hardware
 - 16bit per channel (48 bits per pixel) 10 mantissa, sign, 5 exponent
 - Fine quantization (because 10 bit mantissa), only 9.6 orders of magnitude
- JPEG 2000
 - Has a 16 bit mode, lossy

HDR formats



- Summary of all HDR encoding formats (Greg Ward): <u>http://www.anyhere.com/gward/hdrenc/</u> <u>hdr encodings.html</u>
- Greg's notes: <u>http://www.anyhere.com/gward/pickup/</u> <u>CIC13course.pdf</u>
- http://www.openexr.com/
- High Dynamic Range Video Encoding

(MPI) <u>http://www.mpi-sb.mpg.de/resources/hdrvideo/</u>

HDR code



- HDRShop <u>http://gl.ict.usc.edu/HDRShop/</u> (v1 is free)
- Columbia's camera calibration and HDR combination with source code Mitsunaga, Nayar, Grossberg http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/CAVE/projects/rad_cal/rad_cal.php
- Greg Ward Phososphere HDR browser and image combination with regsitration (Macintosh, command-line version under Linux) with source code http://www.anyhere.com/
- Photoshop CS2
- Idruna http://www.idruna.com/photogenicshdr.html
- MPI PFScalibration (includes source code) <u>http://www.mpii.mpg.de/resources/hdr/</u> <u>calibration/pfs.html</u>
- EXR tools <u>http://scanline.ca/exrtools/</u>
- HDR Image Editor http://www.acm.uiuc.edu/siggraph/HDRIE/
- CinePaint <u>http://www.cinepaint.org/</u>
- Photomatix <u>http://www.hdrsoft.com/</u>
- EasyHDR http://www.astro.leszno.net/easyHDR.php
- Artizen HDR <u>http://www.supportingcomputers.net/Applications/Artizen/Artizen.htm</u>
- Automated High Dynamic Range Imaging Software & Images <u>http://www2.cs.uh.edu/~somalley/hdri images.html</u>
- Optipix <u>http://www.imaging-resource.com/SOFT/OPT/OPT.HTM</u>

HDR images



- <u>http://www.debevec.org/Research/HDR/</u>
- <u>http://www.mpi-sb.mpg.de/resources/hdr/gallery.html</u>
- <u>http://people.csail.mit.edu/fredo/PUBLI/Siggraph2002/</u>
- <u>http://www.openexr.com/samples.html</u>
- <u>http://www.flickr.com/groups/hdr/</u>
- <u>http://www2.cs.uh.edu/~somalley/hdri images.html#hdr others</u>
- <u>http://www.anyhere.com/gward/hdrenc/pages/originals.html</u>
- <u>http://www.cis.rit.edu/mcsl/icam/hdr/rit_hdr/</u>
- <u>http://www.cs.utah.edu/%7Ereinhard/cdrom/hdr.html</u>
- <u>http://www.sachform.de/download_EN.html</u>
- <u>http://lcavwww.epfl.ch/%7Elmeylan/HdrImages/February06/</u> <u>February06.html</u>
- http://lcavwww.epfl.ch/%7Elmeylan/HdrImages/April04/april04.html
- <u>http://books.elsevier.com/companions/0125852630/hdri/html/images.html</u>

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- <u>http://luminous-landscape.com/essays/hdr-plea.shtml</u>
- <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</u>
 <u>High dynamic range imaging</u>
- <u>http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/high-</u> <u>dynamic-range.htm</u>
- <u>http://www.luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/</u> <u>hdr.shtml</u>