Large Format Displays

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Multi-projector Displays

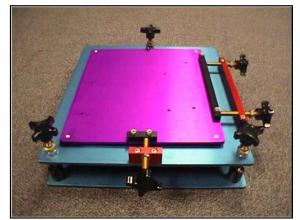
- Tile multiple projectors
 - Covers a much larger viewing area
- Logical abstraction of a single display
- Seamless imagery across projectors

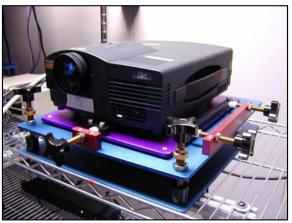




First Generation Displays

- Cost Prohibitive
 - Projectors (\$75,000)
 - SGI Infinite Reality (\$1,000,000)
- Manual Registration
 - Expensive 6 DOF mounts
 - Fresnel lens
 - Manual manipulation
 - Projector and mount controls



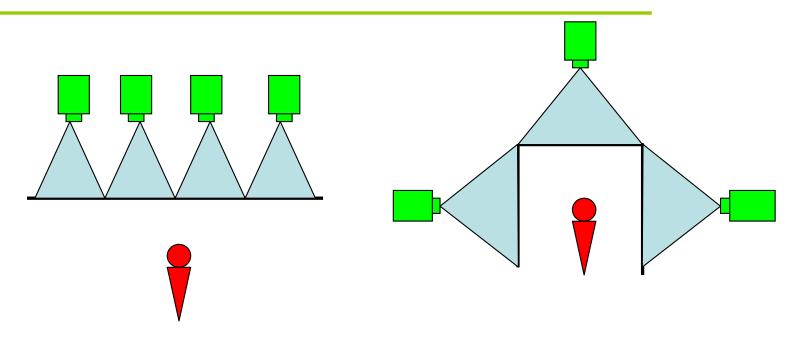


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First Generation Displays



- Precise abutting construction
- Hardwired in rendering software





Problems

- Rigid permanent structures in dedicated rooms
- Not scalable
- Not easily deployable
- Not reconfigurable





Current Generation Displays

- Affordable
 - Portable projectors, PC Cluster Rendering
 - 10 projector wall < \$50,000
- Casually aligned
- No expensive optics
- Allowing overlaps between projectors

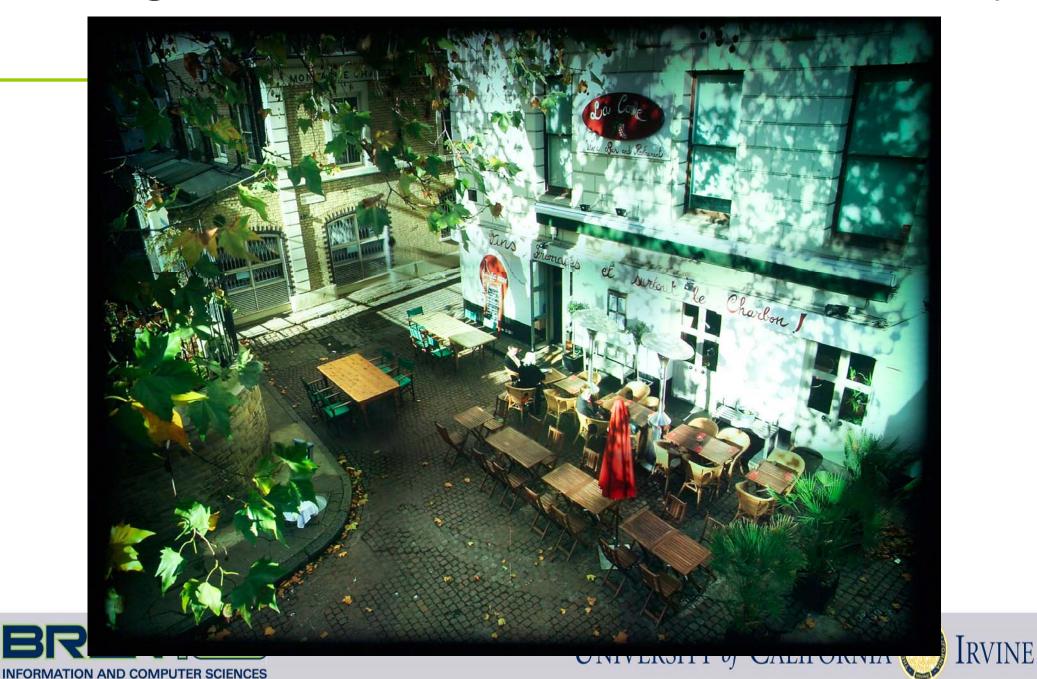




Geometric & Photometric Mismatch



Registration for Seamless Display



Camera Based Registration

- Camera feedback detects misregistration
- Encoded in a mathematical function
 - Both geometric and photometric
- Change the projected image digitally
 - Apply the inverse function
 - In real-time via GPU





Overview

- Geometric Registration
- Photometric Registration
- PC Cluster Based Rendering
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 $\begin{array}{c|c} \textbf{Projector} & \textbf{G} \\ (x_i, y_i) & & (s, t) \end{array}$





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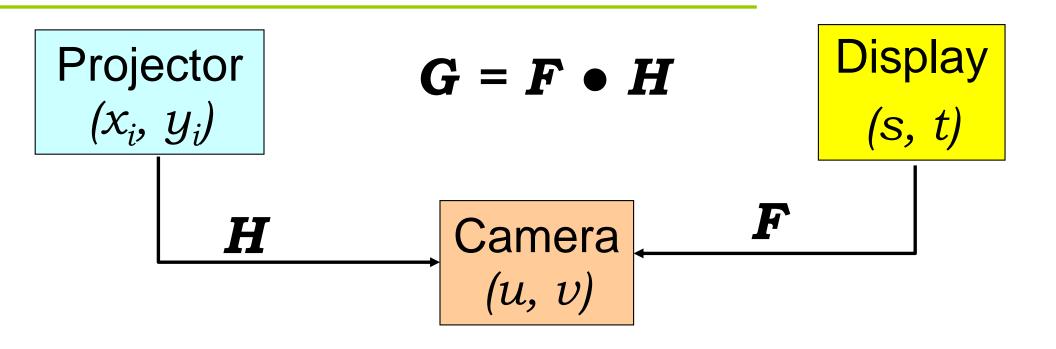


Image wallpapered seamlessly on D





Planar Displays

- Representation of G, H and F
 - Type of function
 - Linear, piecewise linear, non-linear
 - Number of cameras (usually single)
 - Geometric imperfections in projectors
 - Desired accuracy





Linear

- Assumptions
 - Perfect projectors (No radial distortion)
- H and F are both linear 3x3 matrices
 - Commonly called homography
- $G = F \times H$
 - Matrix multiplication
- G^{-1} applied to I to generate image for each P_i
 - Easy to find the inverse

R. Raskar, Immersive Planar Display using Roughly Aligned Projectors, IEEE VR, 2000.





Non-Linear Method for Planar Display

- Projectors can have non-linearities
- Use of lens on rear projectors
- *H* is non-linear
- Issues
 - Not easily invertible
 - Cannot be concatenated





Piecewise Linear Method

- H is a piecewise linear function
 - Reduces local errors
 - Requires dense sampling
 - Triangulation

R. Yang, D. Gotz, J. Henseley, H. Towles, M. S. Brown, PixelFlex: A Reconfigurable Multi-Projector Display System, IEEE Visualization, 2001.





Non-Linear Method for Planar Display

- H is a cubic polynomial
 - Linear regression for polynomial fitting
- Issues
 - Not perspective projection invariant
 - Assumes near rectangular array

M. Hereld, I. Judson, R. Stevens, DottyToto: A Measurement Engine for Aligning Multi-Projector Display Systems, Argonne National Laboratory preprint ANL/MCS-P958-0502, 2002.





Non-Linear Method for Planar Display

- H is a rational Bezier function
 - Perspective projection invariant
 - Can tolerate large non-linearities
 - Uses iterative procedure (Levenberg-Marquadt) for Bezier fitting
 - Assures global smoothness of lines
 - Requires sparse sampling (compact)

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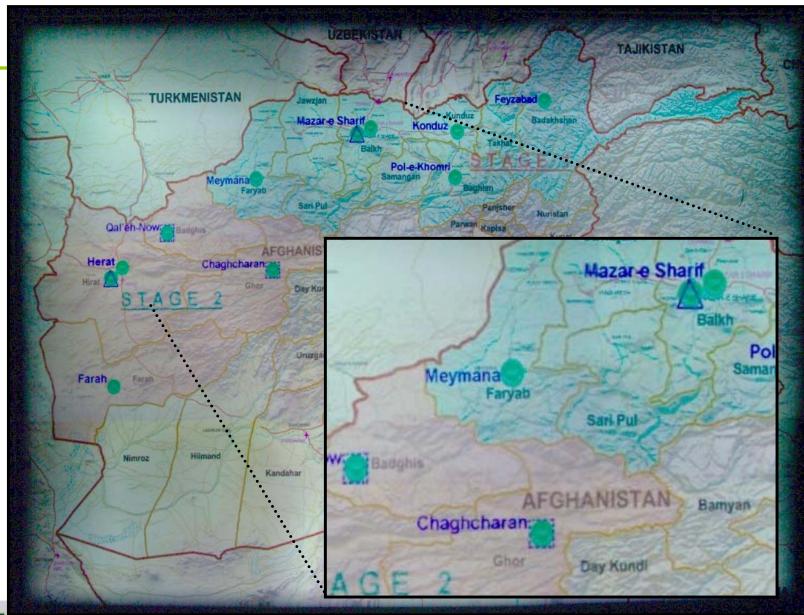
Results







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Using Multiple Cameras

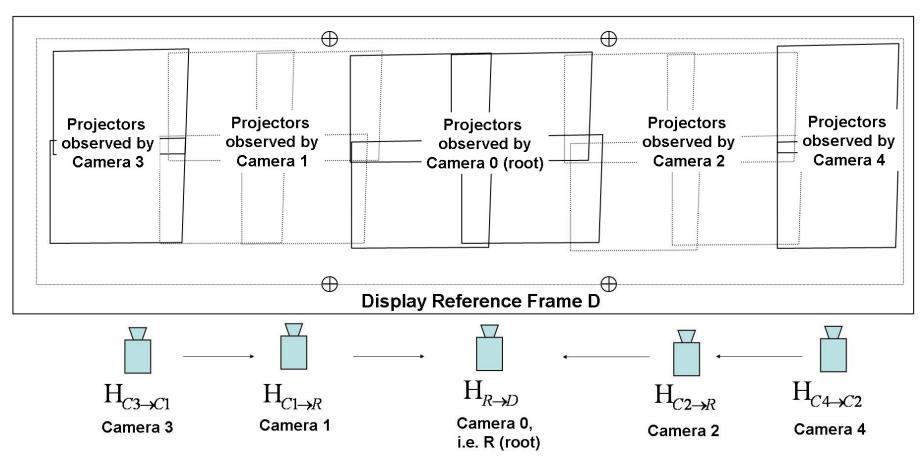
- Scalability not limited by camera resolution
- Linear method can be scaled
 - Homographies can be concatenated
- Cheaper cameras with smaller FOV





Set Up

Display Surface







Method

- FOV of adjacent cameras C_i and C_k overlaps
- C_i and C_k are related by homography
 - $-H_{C_j\to C_k}$
 - Obšerving projected points in overlapping FOV
- Choose a root camera R
- R is related to D by a homography

$$-H_{R \to D}$$





Method

• C_j can be related to D by a concatenation of camera homographies

$$-H_{C_j \to D} = H_{R \to D} \times H_{C_k \to R} \times \dots H_{C_j \to C_k}$$

- More than one path from C_j to R
 - Minimum spanning homography tree
 - Hence, unique path





Method

- Projector P_i can be related to C_j
 - $-H_{P_i \rightarrow C_j}$
- Hence, P_i can be related to D by concatenation of homographies

$$-H_{P_i \to D} = H_{C_j \to D} \times H_{P_i \to C_j}$$

- Errors can accumulate along a path of tree
 - Global error diffusion

H. Chen, R. Sukthankar, G. Wallace, Scalable Alignment of Large-Format Multi-Projector Displays Using Camera Homography Trees, IEEE Visualization, 2002.





Parametric Non-planar Display

- Cylindrical display
- Display parameterization
 - Equally placed physical markers
 - Top and bottom rim of the surface
- H and F are piece-wise linear functions
 - Sample densely

M. Harville, B. Culbertson, I. Sobel, D. Gelb, A. Futzhugh, D. Tanguay, Practical Methods for Geometric and Photometric Correction of Tiled Projector Displays on Curved Screens, IEEE PROCAMS, 2006.





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Main Question: What is correct?

- Single view point
 - Camera (u, v) = Display (s, t)
 - May not be correct from other viewpoints
 - Users can tolerate a large deviation from viewpoint

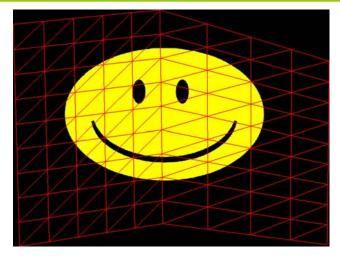
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Corner: Single View

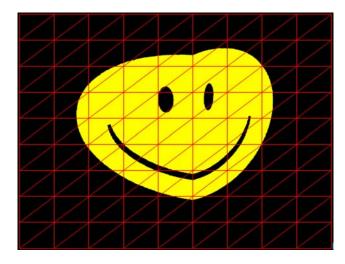
Original projector input





Projected image is distorted

Warped projector input





Projected image is undistorted from camera's viewpoint





Main Question: What is correct?

- Wall paper with local correctness
 - Globally incorrect from any one view point
 - Locally correct from normal at that point
 - Conformal mapping

- 1) R. Raskar, J. van Baar, P. Beardsley, T. Willwacher, S. Rao, C. Forlines, iLamps: Geometrically Aware and Self-Configuring Projectors, SIGGRAPH 2003
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Corner: Conformal Mapping







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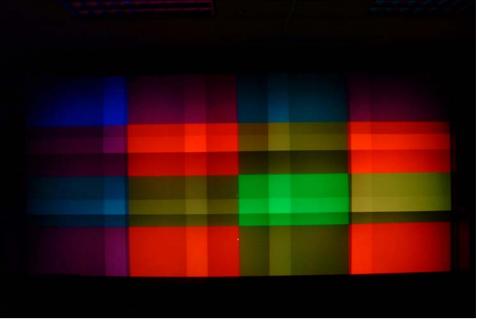




The Problem

- Perfect geometric alignment
- Color variation problem not addressed
- Breaks the illusion of a single display

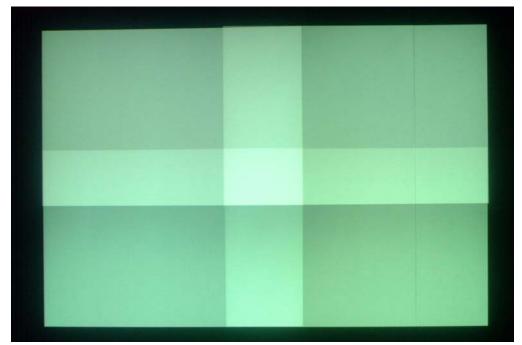




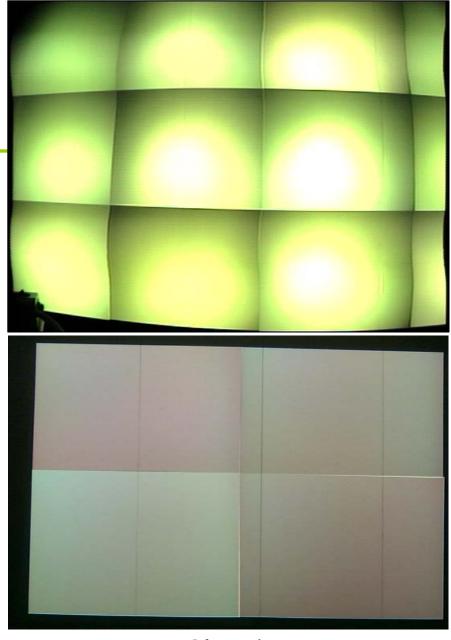




The Problem



Overlapping



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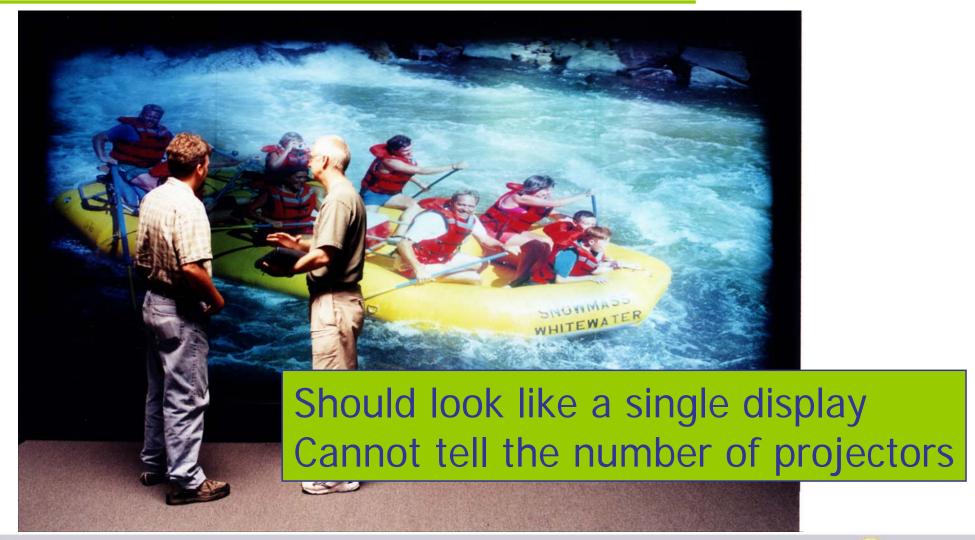
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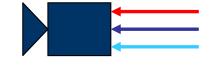






Background: Color

- Perceptual Representation
 - Luminance (L)
 - Brightness
 - Chrominance (x, y)
 - Hue and Saturation
- Representation Using Primaries
 - Three channels (Red, Green, Blue)
- Color Gamut



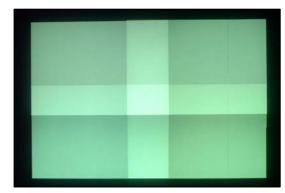




Properties of Color Variation

- Intra-projector
 - Within a single projector
- Inter-projector
 - Across different projectors
- Overlaps

Luminance variation is more significant





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Existing Methods

- Edge Blending
- Gamut Matching
- PRISM





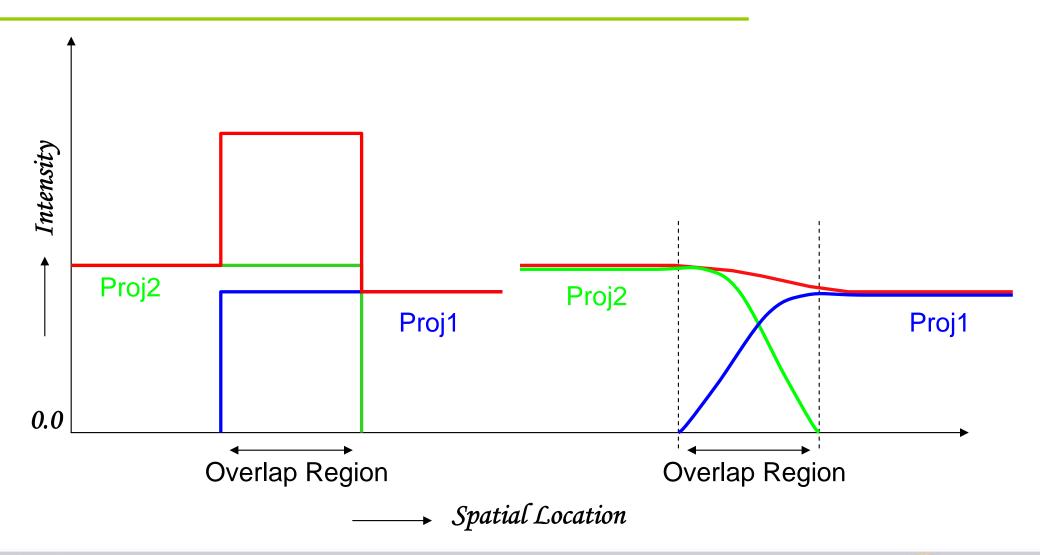
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Edge Blending







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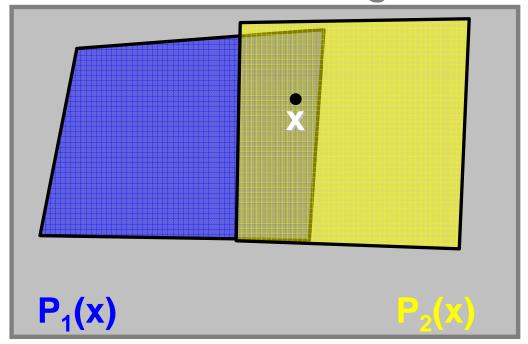
- Software Edge Blending
- Aperture Edge Blending





Software Edge Blending

Camera image



x has contributions from $P_1(x)$ and $P_2(x)$

Intensity at x: $\alpha_1(x)P_1(x) + \alpha_2(x)P_2(x)$

Find alpha such that: $\alpha 1(x) + \alpha 2(x) = 1$

Algorithm

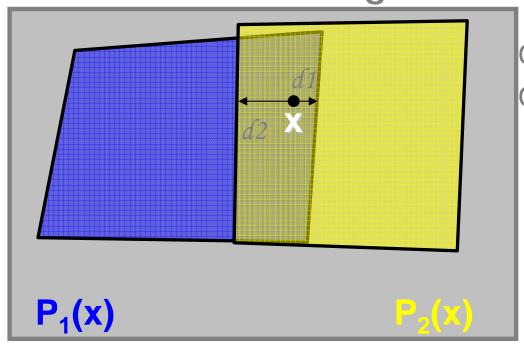
Assign intensity weights based on x's distance from projector boundaries





Assigning Intensity Weights

Camera image



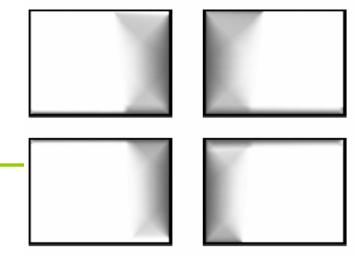
d1=x's distance to $P_1's$ boundary d2=x's distance to $P_2's$ boundary



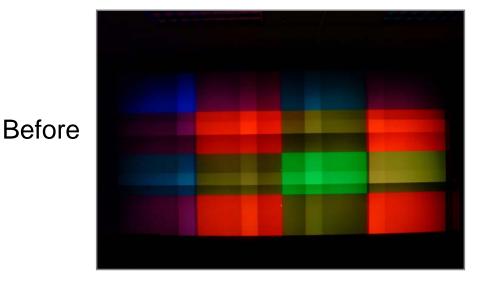


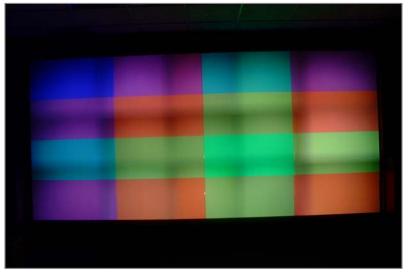
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Cannot attenuate the blacks



Computed Alpha Masks





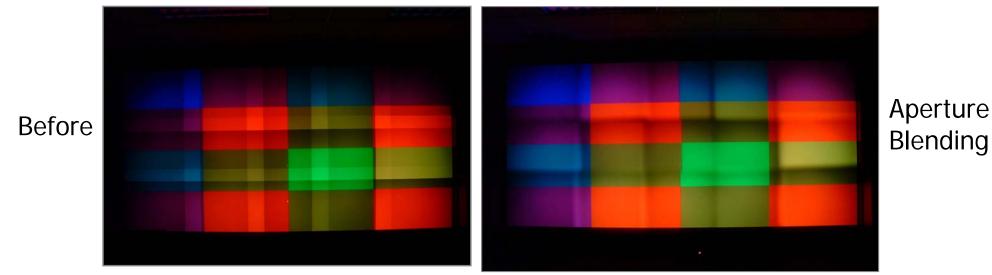
Software Blending

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- 2) R. Raskar et al, Seamless Camera-Registered Multi-Projector Displays Over Irregular Surfaces, Proceedings of IEEE Visualization, 161-168, 1999.





Aperture Edge Blending





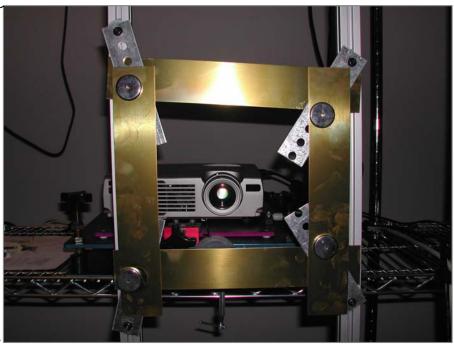


Aperture Edge Blending

Before

Aperture Blending





K. Li et.al, Early experiences and challenges in building and using a scalable display wall system, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications 20(4), 671-680, 2000. [Aperture Edge Blending]





Edge Blending

- Scalable
- Can be used in overlapping configuration only
 - Addresses only overlap variation
- Not enough control (Aperture)
- No black attenuation (Software)
- Assumes linearity of projector response
- Works if projectors are adjusted to be very similar





Existing Methods

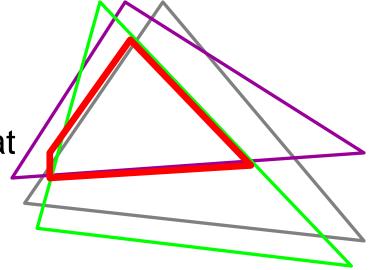
- Blending
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Gamut Matching

- Use a photometer to capture the color gamut
 - One measurement per projector
- Find the common color gamut that all the projectors can reproduce
- Use linear transformations to achieve the matching



- 1) G. Wallace, H. Chen, and K. Li, Color gamut matching for tiled display walls, Immersive Projection Technology Workshop, 2003.
- 2) M. Bern and D. Eppstein, Optimized color gamuts for tiled displays, 19th ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, 2003.





Gamut Matching

- Can be used in abutting configuration only
 - Addresses only inter projector variation
- Not scalable to 40-50 projectors
 - Due to algorithmic complexity

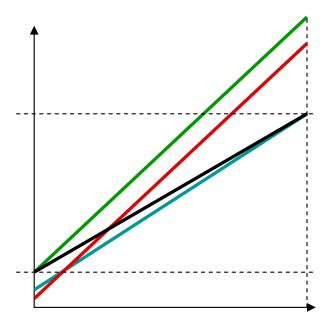
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Matching Transfer function

Assume chrominance is spatially constant



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- PRISM: PeRceptual Seamlessness in Multi-Projector Displays





What we want?

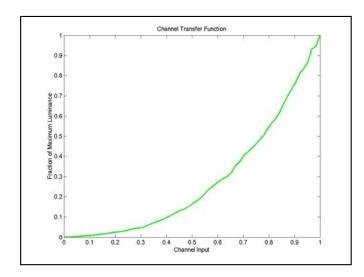
- Addresses parts of the problem only
 - Blending : Overlaps
 - Others: Inter Projector Variations
- Intra-projector variation not addressed
 - Spatial variation
- Desire an unified method
 - Takes care of inter, intra and overlap together



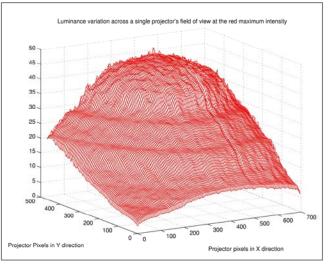


Intra-Projector Luminance Variation

- Spatial luminance variation
 - Luminance function
- Constant transfer function





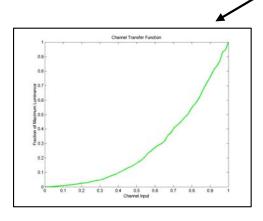


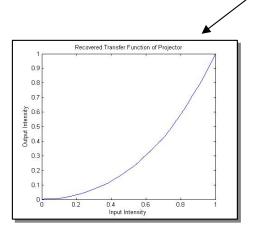


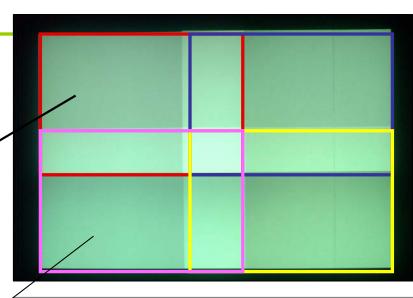


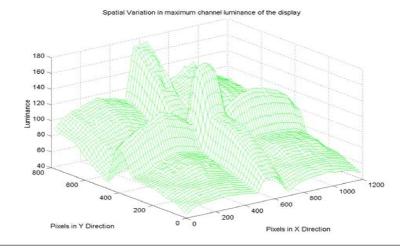
Display Luminance Variation

 Add luminance function of each projector













PRISM

- Reconstruction
- Modification
- Reprojection





PRISM

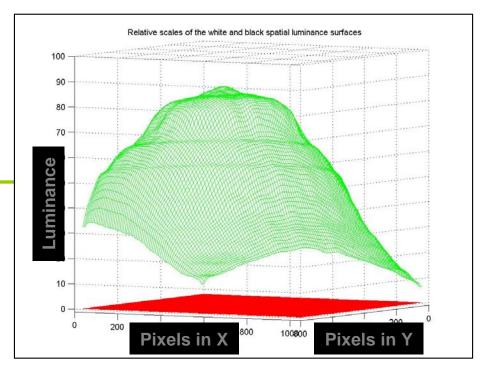
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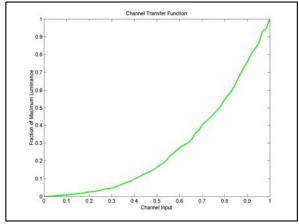




Each projector

- Using a camera find
 - Luminance function
 - Black Offset
 - Transfer function
- How to calibrated camera?
 - HDR imaging



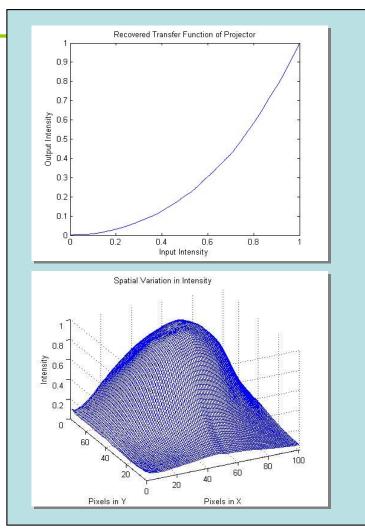


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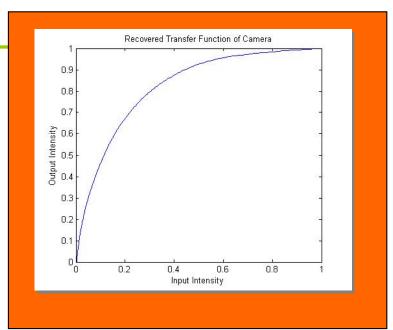


Projector-camera self-calibration



Projector





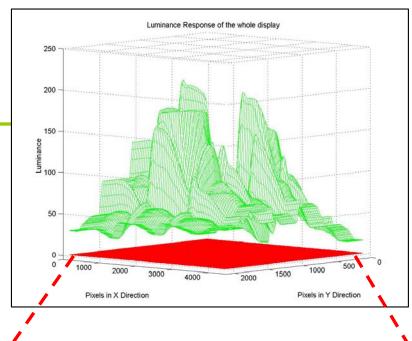
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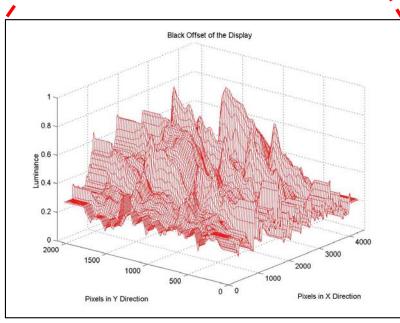
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Display

 Add luminance functions of all projectors





15 Projector Display





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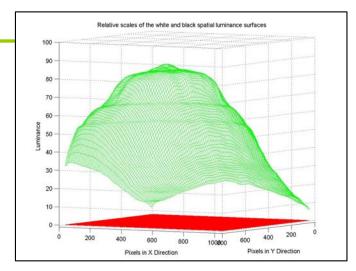
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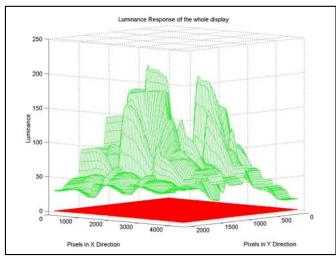




Goal: Make it look like one projector

- Single projector
 - Constant transfer function
 - Luminance function does not have sharp changes
- Multi-projector
 - Varying transfer function
 - Luminance function shows sharp changes









Modification

- Design a new luminance function that does not have sharp discontinuities
- Design a common transfer function for all projectors





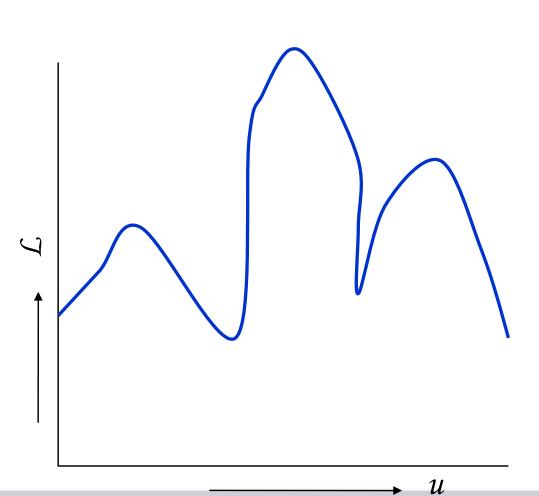
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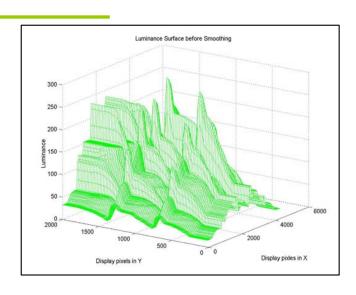
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Strict Luminance Uniformity

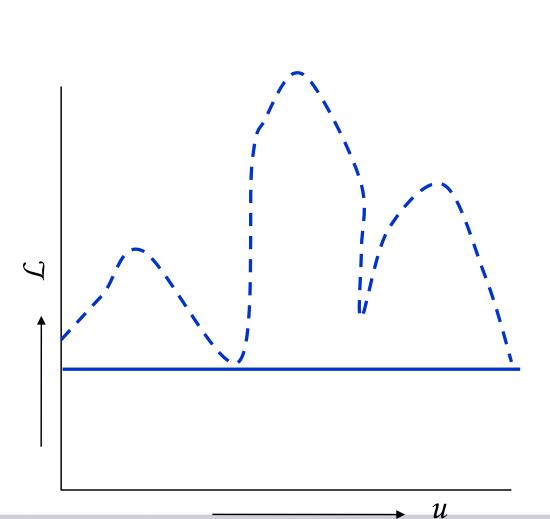


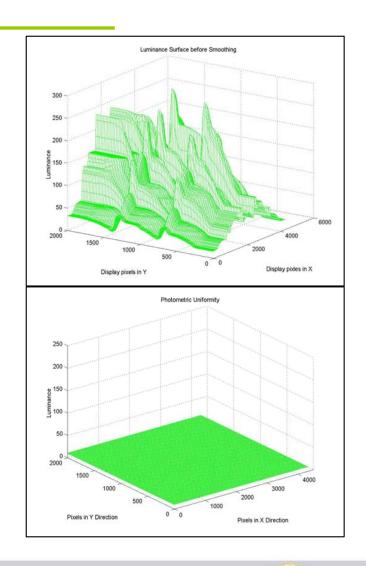






Strict Luminance Uniformity









Results



After Strict Luminance Uniformity

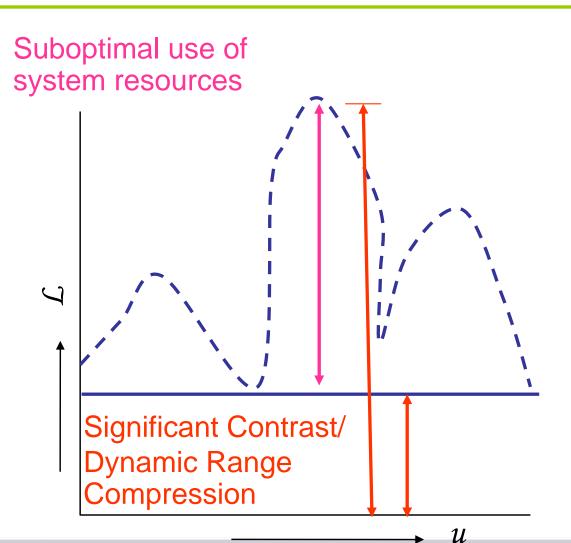
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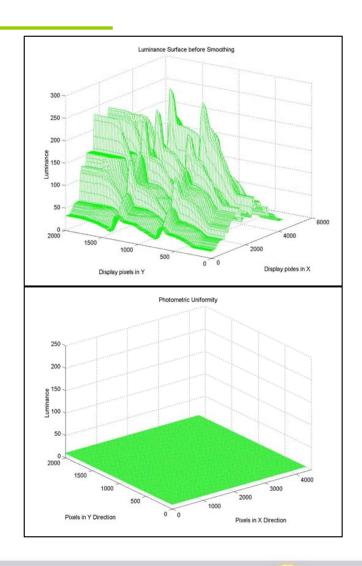
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Strict Luminance Uniformity









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Before

Which one is better?

After Strict Luminance Uniformity







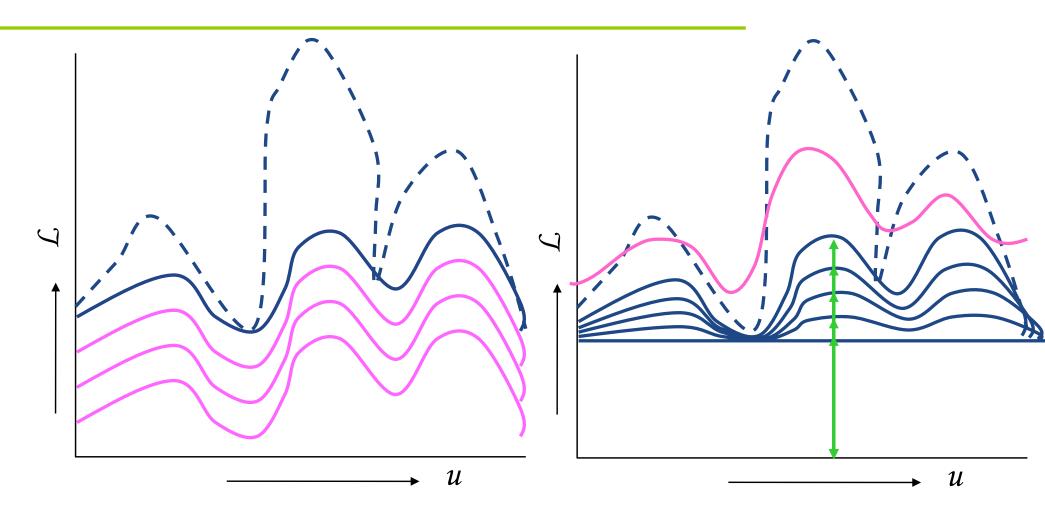
Optimization Problem

- Smoothing P(x,y) to generate F(x,y)
 - Maximize dynamic range $\sum F(x,y)$
 - Smoothing guided by perceptual parameters
 - $F'(x,y) \le kF(x,y), 0.0 \le k \le 1.0$
 - Assures no visible seams
 - Smoothened profile within the original profile
 - $F(x,y) \leq P(x, y)$
 - Assures with display capability
 - Optimal solution using dynamic programming





Optimization Problem



Strict photometric uniformity is a special case.





Results



After Strict Luminance Uniformity

Before







Results



After Luminance Smoothing

Before

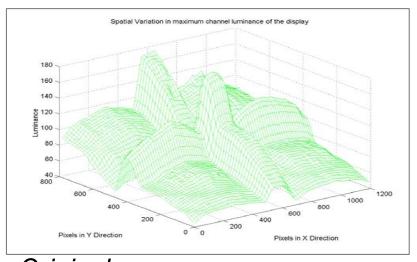
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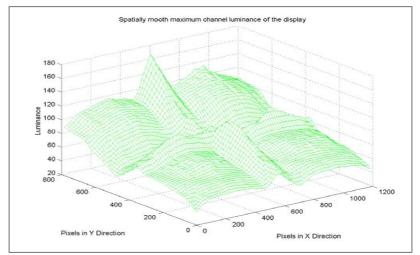




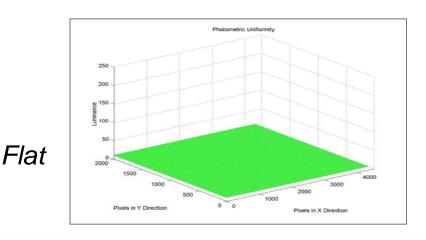
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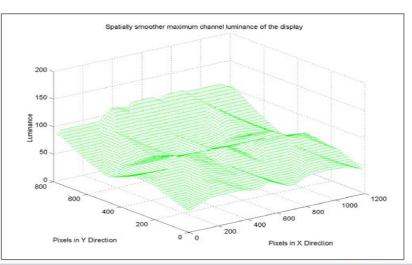
Smooth





Original









Different Smoothing Parameter (3x5 array of 15 projectors)

Smooth





Smoother

Original





Flat





Modification

- Design a new luminance function that does not have sharp discontinuities
- Design a common transfer function for all projectors
 - Usually a quadratic function is good





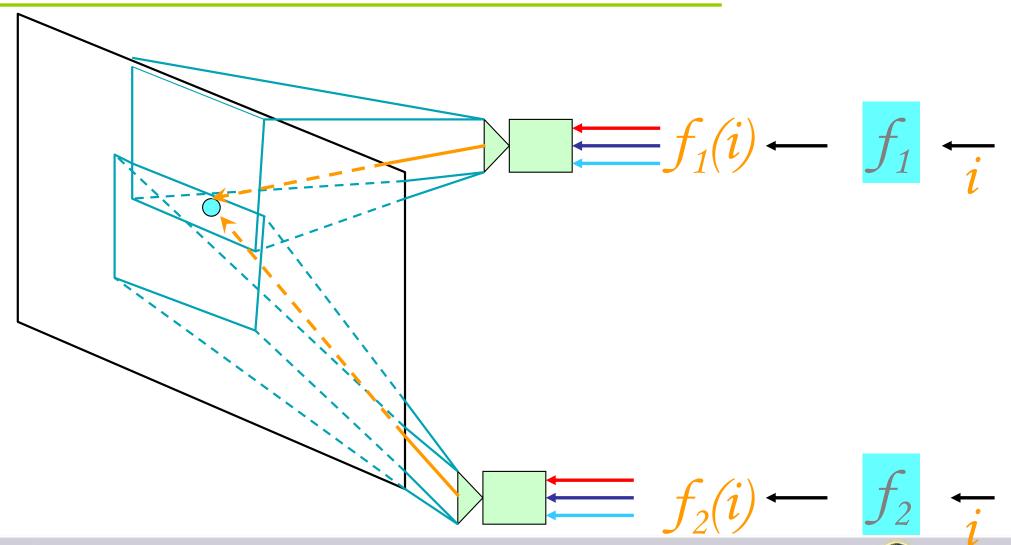
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How to modify input?







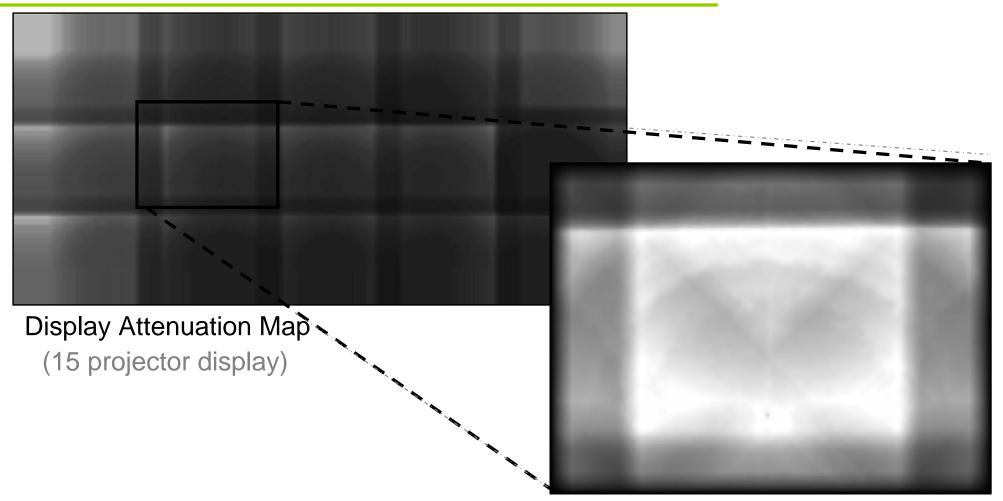
Smoothing Maps

- Attenuation Map
 - Per pixel luminance attenuation to achieve the desired luminance function
- Offset Map
 - Per pixel luminance offset to achieve the desired black offset





Attenuation Map

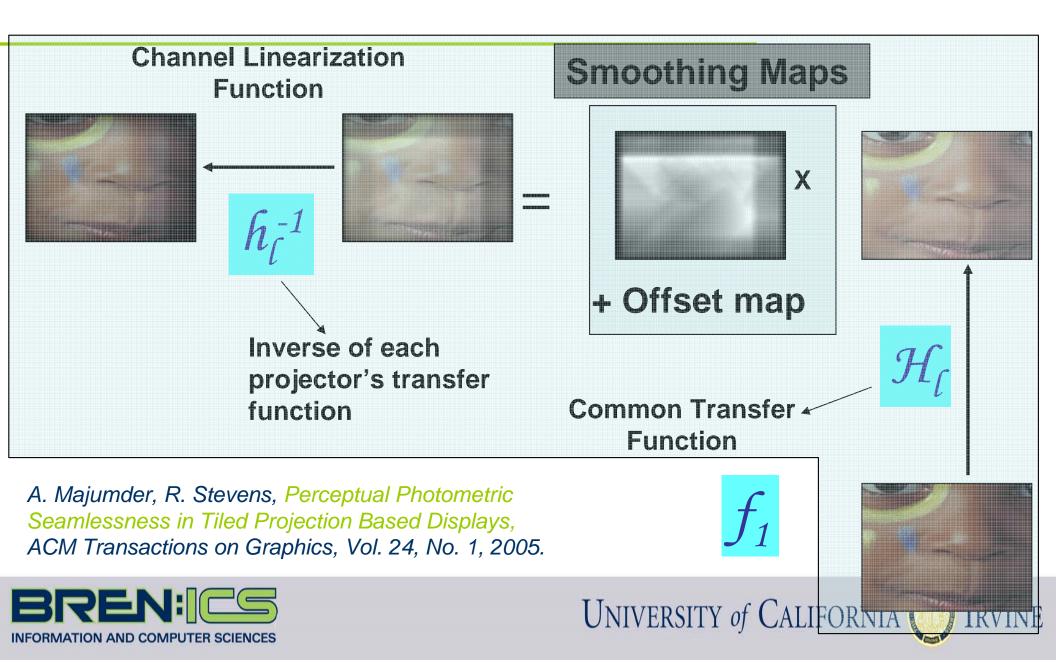


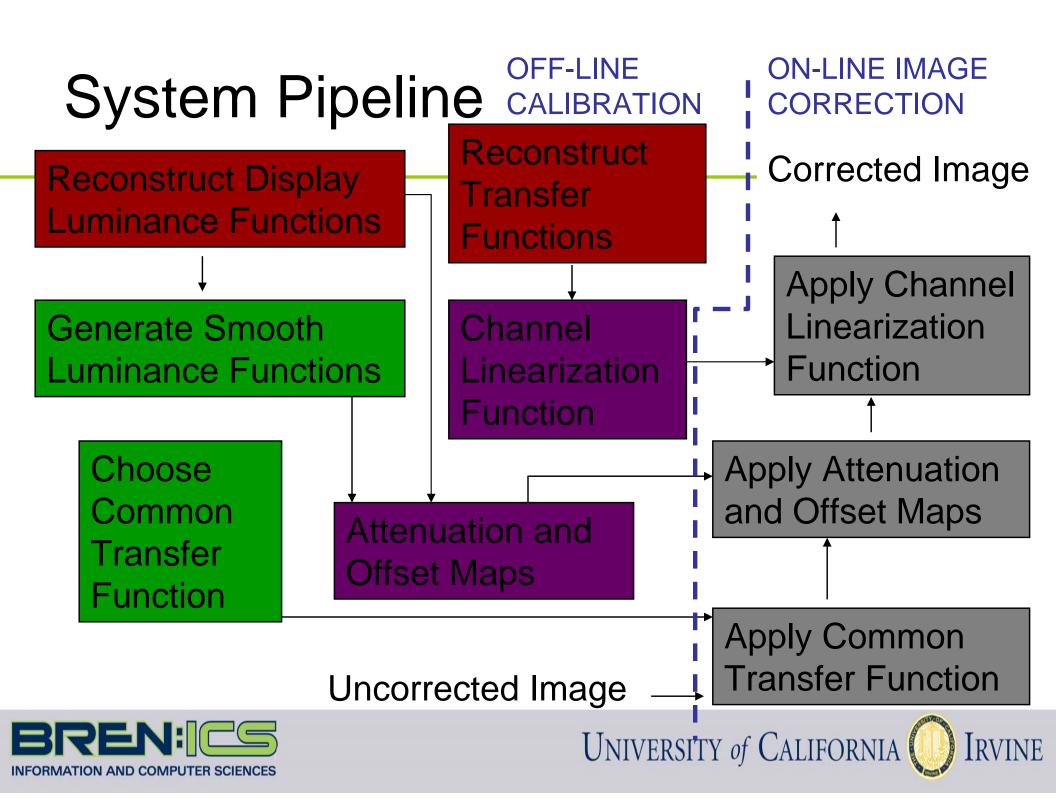






Per Projector Image Correction





Results (Before)

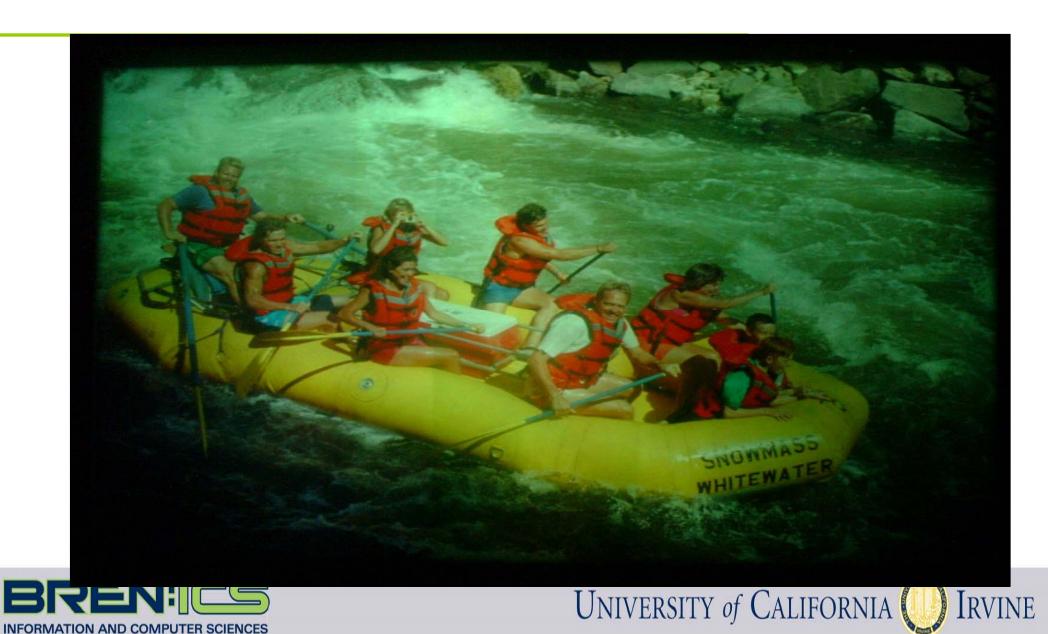
6 Projector Display







Results (After)



Results (Before)

15 Projector Display







Results (After)



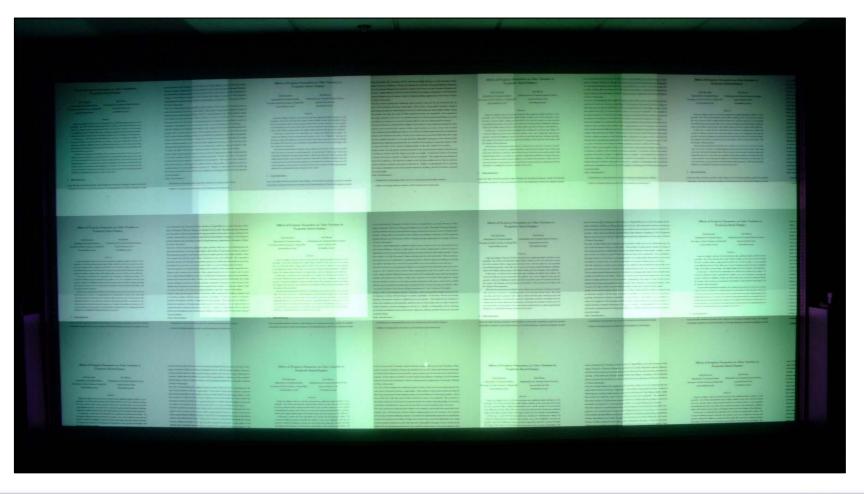
Summary

Method	Addresses	
Edge Blending	Overlap	Luminance Only
Gamut matching	Inter	Luminance and Chrominance
PRISM	Intra + Inter + Overlap	Luminance Only





Handling Chrominance



Before





Handling Chrominance

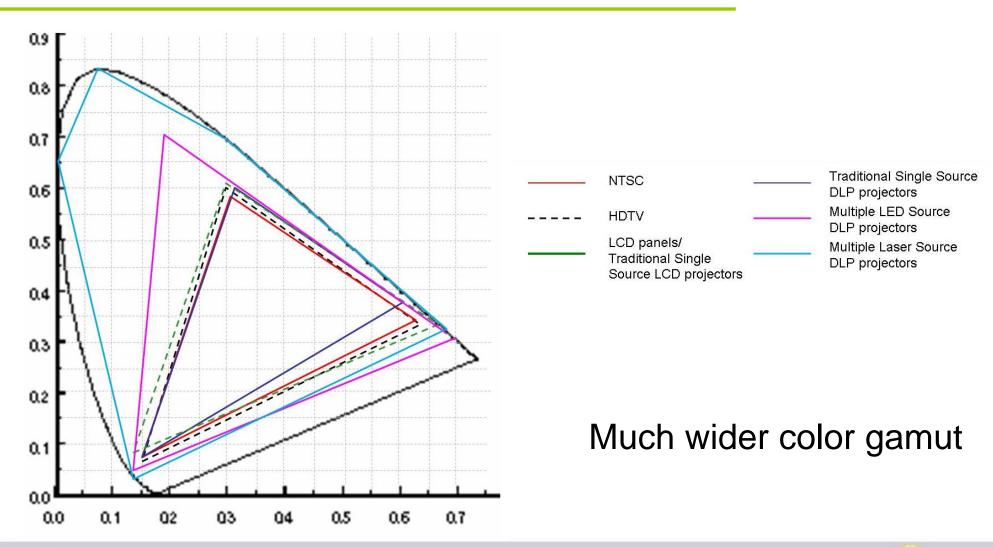


After





LED Based Projectors







Results of Gamut Expansion









Original









JND (in grayscale)
between original and
the one displayed by
LED (a difference of
3JND is visible)







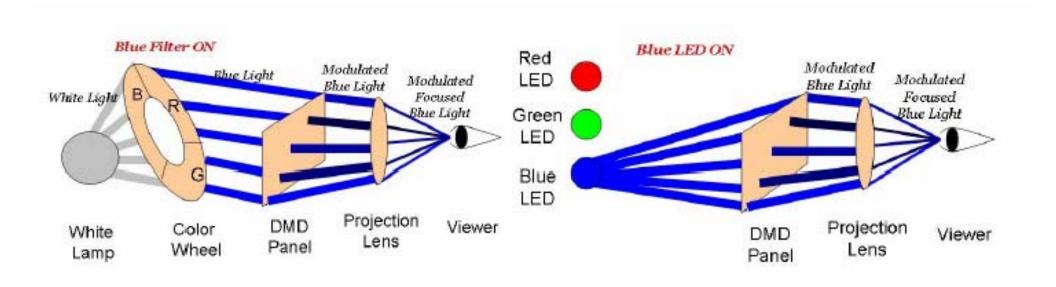


The displayed image captured by a camera in a projector-camera application.





Difference in Architecture



Traditional DLP Projectors

LED Projectors





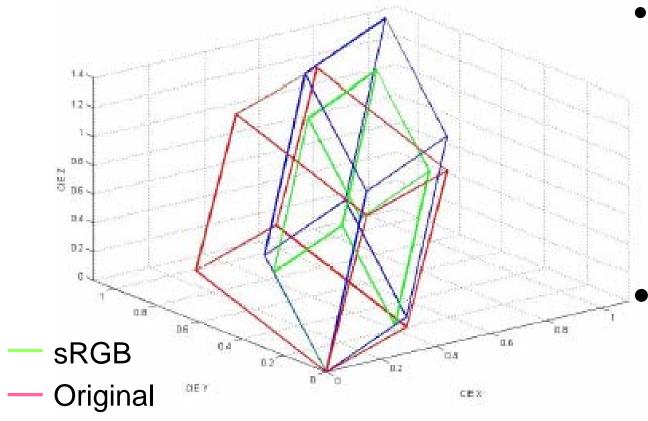
Advantages

- Simultaneous ON-time for LEDs
- Hence, color of the primaries can be changed easily
- Gamut Reshaping
 - Color emulation for single projector
 - Color balancing for multiple projector
- Identify





Gamut Reshaping



- Finds optimal gamut
 - Emulates 2D color gamut and white point
 - Increasesdynamic range
 - Hence,
 - Color balances
 multiple projector
 with different color
 properties

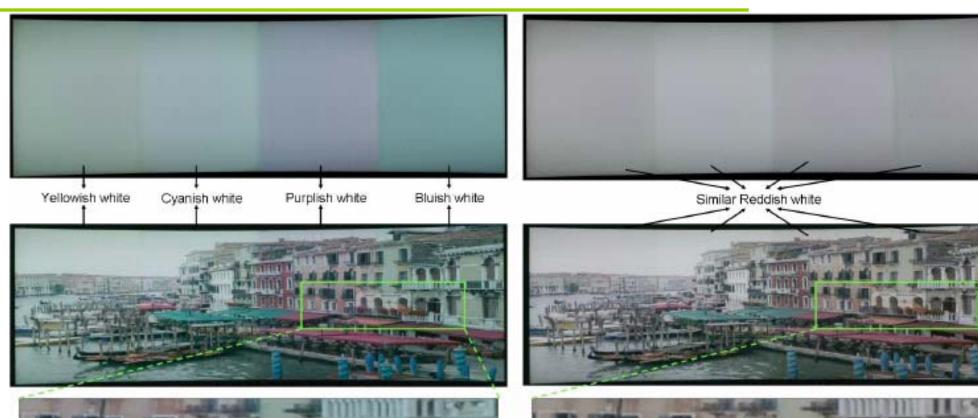


Gamut

Reshaped



Results (4 projector curved screen)











Results (16 projector planar screen)







First multi-projector curved desktop

- Ostendo Technologies, Carlsbad
 - Demo in PROCAMS



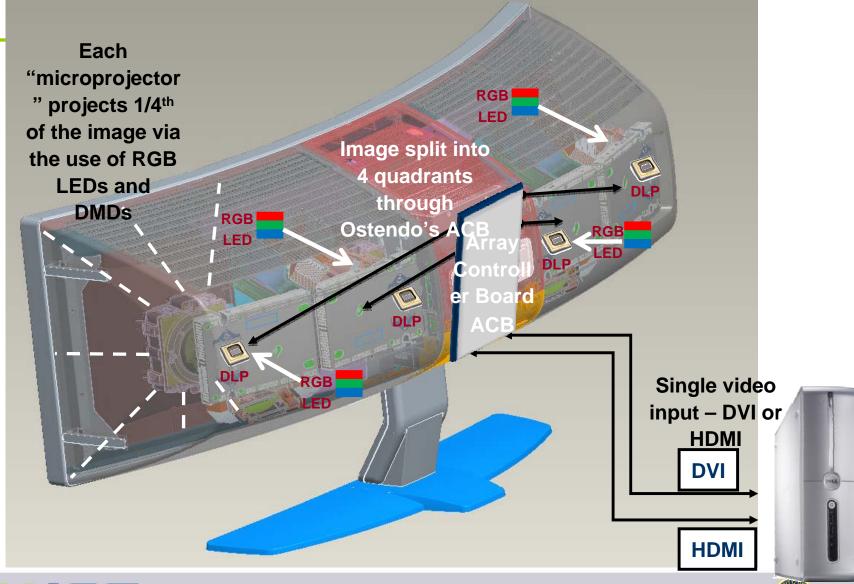
R. Yang, A. Majumder, M. S. Brown, Camera-Based Calibration Techniques for Seamless Multi-Projector Displays, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 11(2), 2005

Model	*CRVD-42DWX+	
Diagonal	42.4"	
Native Resolution	2880 x 900 - Double WXGA+	
Curved Seamless Image	Yes	
Response Time	<0.02milliseconds	
Dynamic Range	12-bit - 4,096 levels	
Color Gamut sRGB	Coverage Size 100%	
Adobe RGB	99.3% 119%	
Number of Colors	68.7 billion	
Contrast	>10,000:1	
Brightness	>300 nits	
Field of View	H90° @ 24" x V30° @ 24"	
Screen Dimensions (flat)	W: 40.4" x H: 12.6"	
Pixel Pitch	0.36mm, 71 DPI	
Aspect Ratio	3.2 : 1	
Monitor Weight (no stand)	25 lbs	
General Availability	Q4 2008	





First multi-projector curved desktop







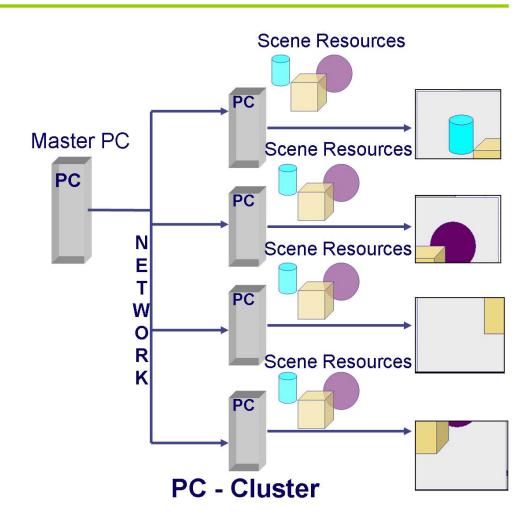
Overview

- Geometric Registration
- Photometric Registration
- PC Cluster Based Rendering
 - Figures: Courtesy Michael S. Brown
- Distributed Rendering





PC Cluster Rendering Framework







PC Cluster Rendering Solutions

- WireGL
- Chromium
- VR Jugglers
- All use PC cluster + network to render a large "logical" framebuffer
 - Rendering is synchronized via the network





Chromium

- Designed to support OpenGL API
 - No change to existing OpenGL applications
- Each PC renders a logical tile
- Tiles can overlap completely, partially or none
- Well suited for our application
 - Each PC drives a projector
 - Has partial overlap
- Use this to incorporate geometric/photometric corrections





PC Based Rendering

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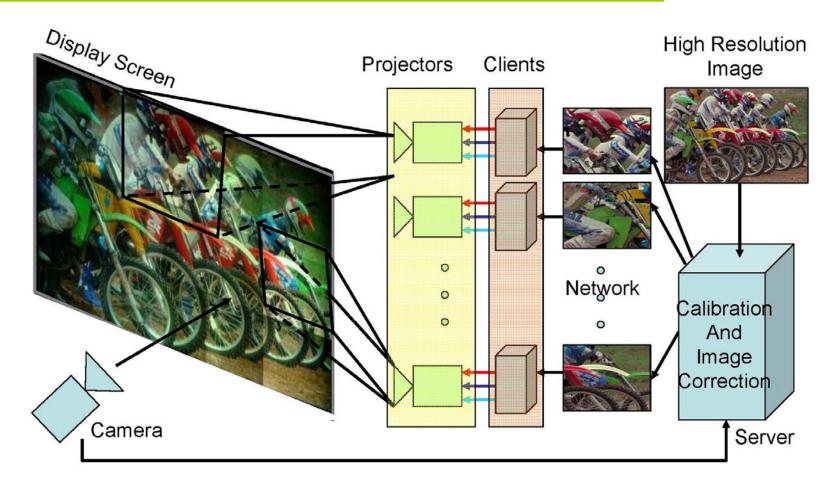
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Centralized Architecture



Centralized Server must use synchronized push





Limitations of Centralized Approach

- Educated User
 - Difficult to deploy
- Not easy to add/remove projectors
 - Not scalable (Limited by camera resolution)
- Not easy to rearrange projectors
 - Not reconfigurable
- Not easy to tolerate faults





Imagine...

- A display that can calibrate itself with no user intervention
- Can detect addition/removal and recalibrate itself
- Can detect faults and function at a limited capability





Distributed Approach

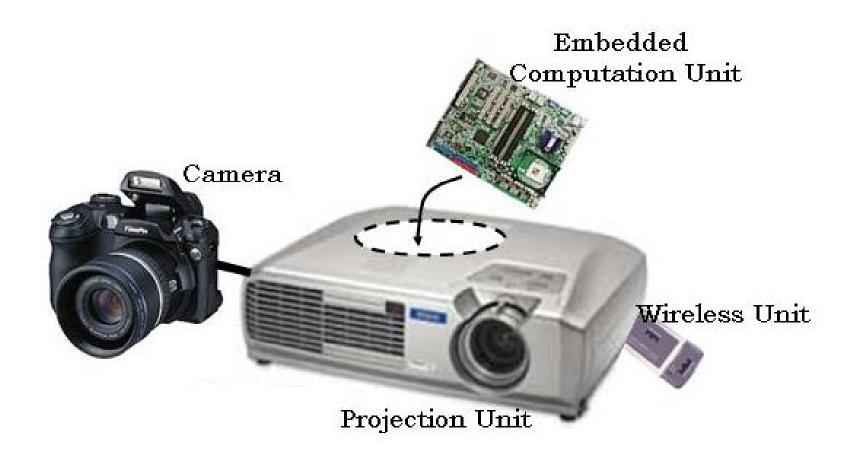
- Plug-and-Play Projector (PPP)
- Distributed Architecture
- Asynchronous Distributed Calibration

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Plug-and-Play Projectors (PPP)



Projector, Camera, Wireless Unit, Embedded Computation Unit (Inspired by Rasker '03)





Plug-and-Play Projectors (PPP)

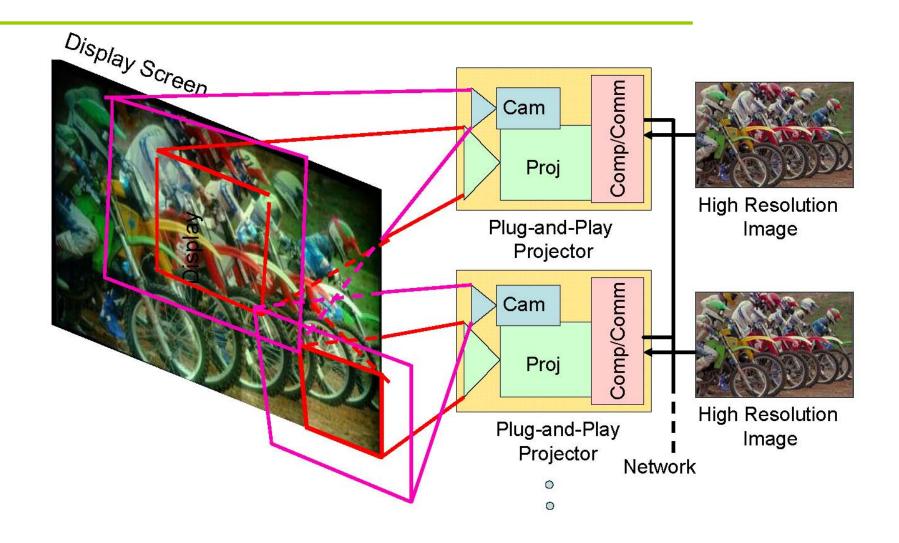


Our Prototype





Distributed Architecture







Distributed Architecture

- Data is pulled by each PPP
- Data server does not know that these are displays
 - Acts like any other data client
- Each PPP manages its own pixels





Asynchronous Distributed Calibration

- Each PPP runs asynchronous SPMD algorithm
 - Each PPP discovers its neighbors
 - PPPs discovers the array configuration
 - Using camera-based-communication
 - Self-calibrates accordingly
 - Scalable
 - Reconfigurable
 - Fault-Tolerant





Initially...







SPMD Algorithm

- Neighbor Discovery
- Configuration Identification
- Alignment





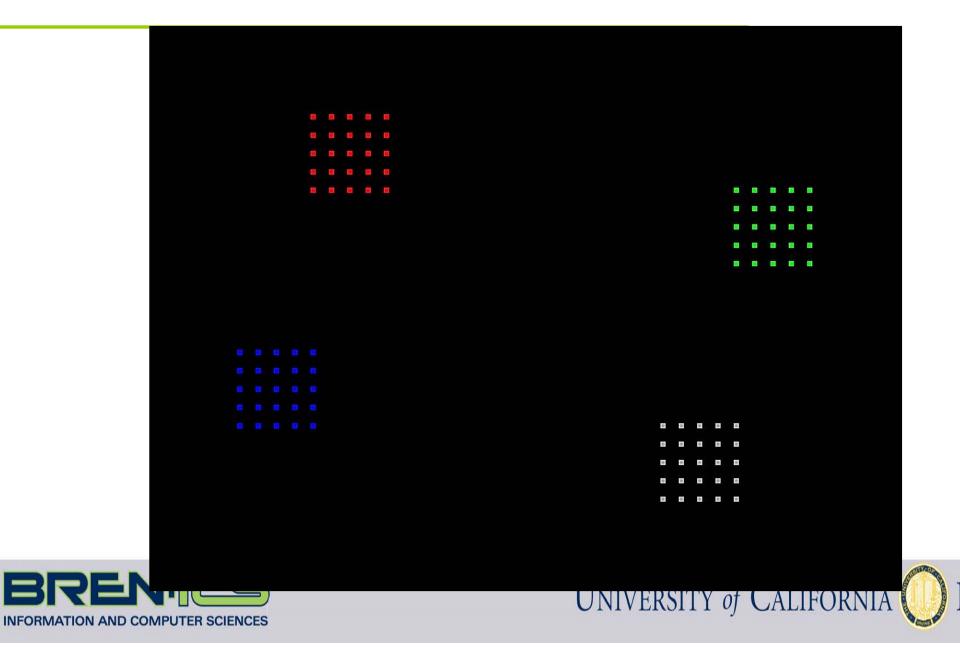
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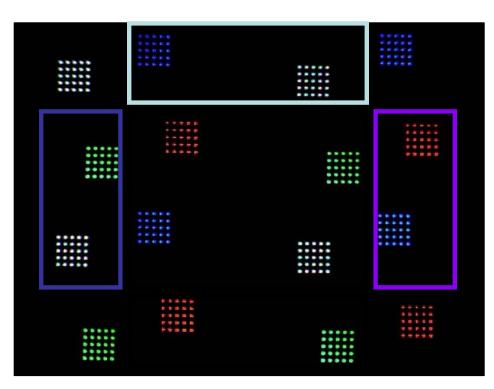




Projected Pattern

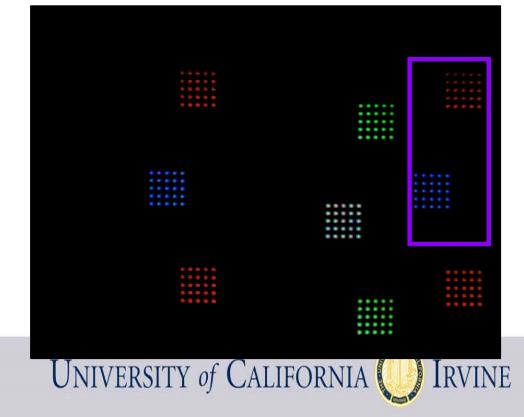


Pattern seen by Cameras



From a camera of a PPP with all four neighbors

From a camera of a PPP at the top-left corner of the display





After Neighbor Discovery

- Each PPP knows
 - The number of neighbors it has
 - Their location relative to self (top, bottom, etc.)
- But does not know
 - Total number of projectors
 - Projection array configuration
 - Its own coordinates in the array





SPMD Algorithm

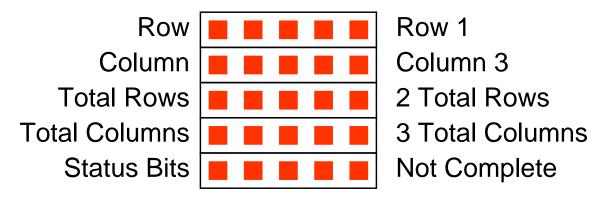
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Communication Pattern

Binary-encoded cluster of blobs



- Neighbors update beliefs by detecting patterns
- Several rounds of such local updates
 - Parameters diffuse to all PPPs
 - Asynchronously converge to correct global values





Enabling Low Bandwidth Network Communication

- Only camera-based communication till now
- PPPs need to know the IP addresses of its neighbors
- Each PPP broadcasts its IP address and coordinates





After Configuration Identification

- Each PPP knows
 - Total size of display
 - The part of the display it is responsible for
 - IP address of neighbors
- But does not know
 - The relative orientation of its neighbor to warp the image to make a seamless display





After Configuration Identification







SPMD Algorithm

- Neighbor Discovery
- Configuration Identification
- Alignment
 - Distributed Homography Tree
 - Iterative refinement





Geometric Alignment and Blending







Primary Reference

- Most common issues
- Many Examples
- Sample code for PC cluster rendering

