subsurface scattering

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subsurface scattering





Jensen et al. 2001

Fresnel effects

- absorption
- emission
- out scattering
- in scattering
- extinction

scattering processes

$dL_o(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}) = -\sigma_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w})L_i(\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{w})dt$

$$e^{\int_0^d \sigma_a (\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{w})\mathbf{w}dt}$$

absorption



emission

$dL_o(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w}) = -\sigma_s(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{w})L_i(\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{w})dt$

out scattering

$\sigma_t(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}) = \sigma_a(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}) + \sigma_s(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w})$

extinction

$$tr(\mathbf{p} \to \mathbf{p}') = e^{-\int_0^d \sigma_t(\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{w})dt}$$

transmittance

$$\tau(p \to p') = \int_0^d \sigma_t(p + tw, w) dt$$

optical thickness

- distance between partcles many times larger than radius
- describe with phase functions

in scattering

phase functions



$$(w \cdot \nabla)L(x, w) = -\sigma_t L(x, w) + \sigma_s \int_{4\pi} p(w, w')L(x, w')dw' + Q(x, w)$$

radiative transport

- bidirectional subsurface scattering reflectance distribution function
- bidirectional surface scattering distribution function
- bidirectional scattering surface reflectance distribution function

BSSRDF

$$L(x,w) = \int_{H^2} \int_S S(x',w';x,w) L(x,w') \cos\theta' dw'$$

BSSRDF

- scattered light enters at one point
- based on linear trannsport theory
- infinite homogeneous plane
- constant illumination

analytic models

- HG phase function, Rayleigh scattering
- derived from a statistical model of scattering events
- layer of clouds or dust

Blinn 1982



Blinn 1982

- derived from radiative transport theory
- multiple layers
- captures directional effects









convergence independent of dimension
error decrease O(sqrt(N))

Monte Carlo

- application: weathered stone layer
- cast photon map into layer
- sample along penetration depth





Dorsey 1999

abstraction of scattering functions

 layer-to-layer interaction described by a set of adding equations



$$\mathbf{S}(z) = \int_0^z e^{-\sigma_t (1/\mu_i + 1/\mu_o)(z - z')} (\mathbf{k}(z') + \mathbf{k}(z')\mathbf{S}(z') + \mathbf{S}(z')\mathbf{k}(z')\mathbf{S}(z')) dz'$$

$$S(z,r_{i} \to r_{o}) = \int_{0}^{z} e^{-(\sigma_{t}(x_{i})/\mu_{i} + \sigma_{t}(x_{o})/\mu_{o})(z-z')} \left(k(r_{i}(z') \to r_{o}(z')) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{R}^{+}_{\mathcal{M}^{2}(z')}} k(r_{o} \to -r') S(z',r_{i} \to r') \frac{dr'}{\mu_{r'}^{2}} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{R}^{+}_{\mathcal{M}^{2}(z')}} S(z',r' \to r_{o}) k(r_{i} \to r') \frac{dr'}{\mu_{r'}^{2}} + \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \int_{\mathcal{R}^{+}_{\mathcal{M}^{2}(z')}} \int_{\mathcal{R}^{+}_{\mathcal{M}^{2}(z')}} S(z',r'' \to r_{o}) k(-r' \to -r'') S(z',r_{i} \to r') \frac{dr'}{\mu_{r'}^{2}} \frac{dr''}{\mu_{r''}^{2}} dz'$$





depth = 0.



depth = 0.2





depth = 0.8



depth = 2.0



- assumes homogeneous media
- fast evaluation for multiple scattering with many events (milk, skin)
- diffusion for multiple scattering introduced by Stam in 95 for participating media

diffusion for multiple scattering

 $\overline{S(x_i, w_i; x_o, w_o)} = S_d(x_i, w_i; x_o, w_o) + S^{(1)}(x_i, w_i; x_o, w_o)$

- exact single scattering
- dipole approximation of diffusion model for multiple scattering



single scattering



multiple scattering



MC evaluation









- decouple sample irradiance computation from diffuse approximation computation
- hierachical evaluation of multiple scattering term





- build octree model of (irradiance, centroid, total area)
- depth criteria: solid angle for evaluation point to total area < eps.

- dipole diffusion approximation breaks down
- assumption of infinite depth: no transmittance though to opposite side

thin objects

- multipole approximation
- frequency space Kubelka Munk model for interaction among multiple layers
- rough surfaces: replace fresnel attenuation with a BRDF

Donner 05

Donner 05

Dipole model

Multipole model

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Monte Carlo reference

Donner 05

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- MC evaluation until ray passes a depth threshold
- diffusion approximation in core

Li 05

a. Monte Carlo (246 min)

b. Hybrid method (33 min)

c. Jensen et al. (10 min)

• diffusion approximation for multiple scattering blurs out local variation

nonhomogeneities

- model mesostructure and volumetric nonhomogeneity in region near surface
- fit "shell texture function" to high quality data in volume
- evaluate core using diffusion approximation
- evaluate shell with STF

Chen 04

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- two scale model: fine nonhomogeneities, course diffusion approximation
- local scattering effects: local reflectance, mesostructure entrance function, mesostructure exit function
- texture synthesis of local model.

Tong 05

