# What's In a Picture?

- A picture in *Radiance* is a <u>map</u> of RGB radiance (or irradiance) values
- The exposure of a *Radiance* picture may be adjusted without loss since it contains a dynamic range on the order of 10^77
- Individual radiance (or luminance) values may be displayed on demand by the X11 viewer, **ximage**
- The **falsecolor** program may be used to convert an image to a numerically readable value map with legend
- The **glare** program may be used to identify and analyze glare sources in a picture or scene
- Other programs (principally **rtrace**) may be used to compute values that are not easily represented as a map

# **Computing Other Values**

- Though most people associate *Radiance* with pictures, anything is possible
- The basic computation engine is **rtrace**
- Other programs call **rtrace** to compute what they need
  - mkillum computes output of "secondary sources"
  - findglare analyzes potential glare sources

### RTRACE

- **rtrace** is a renderer without a view
- takes one or more rays and traces them
- the result can be radiance or irradiance or...
- can also take surface element for irradiance



Other Values

RTRACE

Command Example:

Query Lux Values

- ximage will produce ray origin and direction for each pick
- **rtrace -i** will trace ray to surface and compute irradiance
- -x 1 option causes output to be flushed after each ray
- -h option says leave off header, other options in render.opt
- more convenient script called **rlux** provides same functionality
- ximage can get precomputed luminances by itself

Command Example:

Workplane Illuminances

- cnt generates an array of indices
- first rcalc converts indices to surface elements
- rtrace with -I option computes point irradiance rather than radiance
- -opv says output point followed by value
- second **rcalc** command gets x, y of point and computes lux values

# MKILLUM

- Computes output of "secondary sources"
- Takes *Radiance* descriptions of surfaces
- Produces descriptions of secondary sources
- rtrace subprocess does acutal computation



#### Other Values

**MKILLUM** 

Command Example:

% oconv -i scene.oct object.rad > scene0.oct % mkillum @render.opt scene0.oct < object.rad > illum.rad % oconv -i scene.oct illum.rad > scene1.oct

- first **oconv** adds an object to our initial scene's octree
- mkillum creates secondary source for this object
- options for rtrace are in the file render.opt
- second oconv puts new source into final scene

### Example Object:

# The following special comment specifies a data file to mkillum
#@mkillum f=data/object
# Mkillum will add a suffix. The data directory must exist

void polygon window\_illum 0 0 12 5 10 15 15 10 15 15 10 20 5 10 20

### MKILLUM Output:

#@mkillum ! void brightdata illum\_mat.dist 5 noop data/object.dat illum.cal il\_alth il\_azih 0 9 -1 0 0 001 0 1 0 illum\_mat.dist illum illum\_mat 0 0 3 10.858313 10.858313 10.858313 illum\_mat polygon window\_illum 0 0 12 5 10 15 15 10 15 15 10 20 5 10 20

# FINDGLARE

- Locates and quantifies potential glare sources
- Input is *Radiance* octree and/or picture file
- Output is list of glare sources and vertical illuminances, used by **glarendx**
- Runs **rtrace** to compute luminances not found in input picture (if any)



#### Other Values

### FINDGLARE

- Operating principle: Search for sources of glare
  - compute luminances with rtrace (or recall them from a picture)
  - threshold is defined as 7x the average or input by user
  - if luminance is above threshold, then put this point in a glare source
  - glare source is any contiguous bright region
- Compute vertical illuminances
  - hemispherical average of luminances for each view direction
  - view direction always horizontal (i.e. perpendicular to up vector)
- Program options specify:
  - viewpoint for glare calculations
  - view direction(s)
  - threshold for glare sources (optional)
  - resolution of scene sampling
  - input picture
  - input octree
  - rtrace calculation options
- Send output to **glarendx** or similar program
  - computes selected glare index value from **findglare** output
- Usually accessed through interactive script, glare



FINDGLARE

Command Example:

% findglare -ga 15-90:15 -p scene\_fish.pic \
 -av .5 .5 .5 scene.oct > scene.glr
% glarendx -t cie\_cgi scene.glr > scene.cgi

#### FINDGLARE Output:

findglare -ga 15-90:15 -p scene\_fish.pic -av .5 .5 .5 scene.oct VIEW= -vth -vp 15 9 5 -vd 1 0 0 -vu 0 0 1 -vh 180 -vv 180 FORMAT=ascii

BEGIN glare source 0.404864 -0.909961 -0.089756 0.059310 2253.9  $0.043190 \ 0.981473 \ -0.186667$ 2043.5 0.021310 0.694913 - 0.706624 - 0.1333332113.7 0.004492  $0.900071 \ 0.426059 \ -0.091353$ 0.014312 2098.4  $0.126552 \ 0.989846 \ -0.064722$ 2283.3 0.017566 -0.106887 0.993290 -0.0441550.010196 2684.8 0.886601 0.461766 0.026667 0.013529 2160.2 END glare source BEGIN indirect illuminance 90 85.295935 75 83.303689 81.016624 60 45 78.677864 30 76.471920 15 73.975748 0 70.776886 -15 67.029089 -30 63.067914 -45 59.480796 -60 57.322001 -75 56.727562 -90 56.894733

END indirect illuminance

- Designed to make existing *Radiance* functionality more accessible
- Often implemented in a C-shell script that makes calls to other programs
- Examples:
  - glare is a script for performing glare analysis
  - falsecolor is a script to make numerical value maps
  - dayfact is a script for computing daylight factors
  - objview starts rview rendering a single object
  - rad provides higher-level control over the rendering process

## GLARE

- C-shell utility script, Q/A-style interaction
- Simplifies control and operation of **findglare**
- Performs glare analysis with **glarendx**
- Plots results using *Metafile* 2-d graphics routines

# FALSECOLOR

- C-shell script, batch mode (i.e. no interaction)
- Calls various filters to create an informative image
- Legend relates image colors to values
- Options for:
  - legend title (normally "Nits")
  - scale (i.e. maximum value)
  - multiplier (i.e. conversion factor)
  - logarithmic scale
  - number of value divisions
  - printing minimum and maximum values
  - contour lines or bands
  - picture to use as source of values
  - picture onto which contours should be overlaid
  - colors to use for each value (for experts only)

#### Command Example:

#### Log Illuminance Contours

# DAYFACT

- C-shell utility script, Q/A-style interaction
- Computes daylight factor and illuminance on the specified workplane
- Calls **rtrace**, **pfilt** and **falsecolor**
- Runs jobs in the background and notifies by **mail** on completion for convenience
- Workplane must be aligned with X and Y axes