

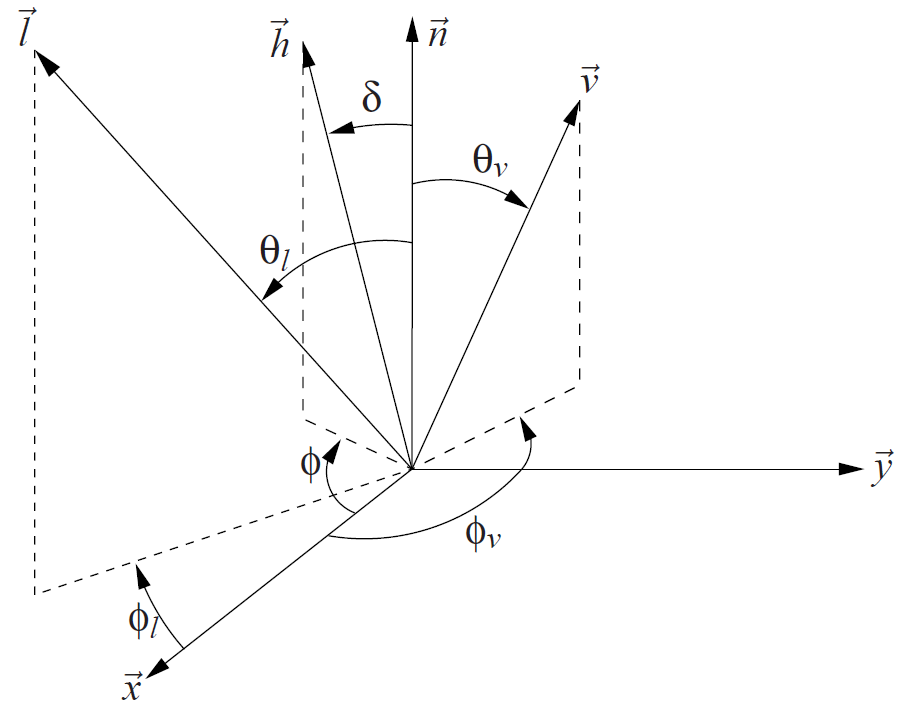
# BSDF CRASH COURSE AND THE RADIANCE 3-PHASE-METHOD

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  - theory
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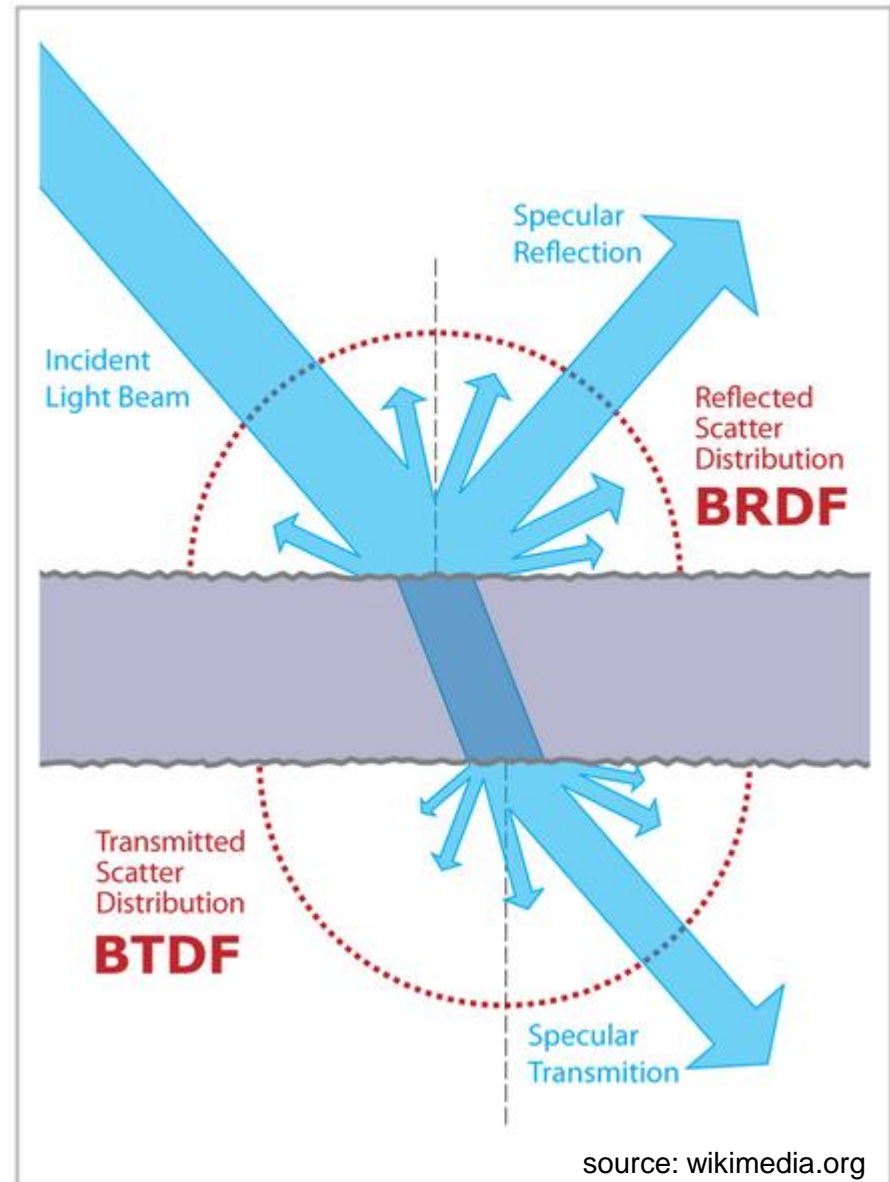
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## *BSDF, BTDF, BRDF, BSSSDF?*

- BSDF** – **bidirectional scattering distribution function**
- BRDF** – **bidirectional reflection distribution function**
- BTDF** – **bidirectional transmission distribution function**
- B(S)SSDF** – **bidirectional (sub)surface scattering distribution function**

*we are talking about **data-driven BSDFs!***



## rendering equation

$$L_v(\theta_v, \phi_v) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} L_l(\theta_l, \phi_l) f(\theta_l, \phi_l; \theta_v, \phi_v) \cos \theta_l \sin \theta_l d\theta_l d\phi_l$$

$(\theta_l, \phi_l)$  light source direction

$(\theta_v, \phi_v)$  view point direction

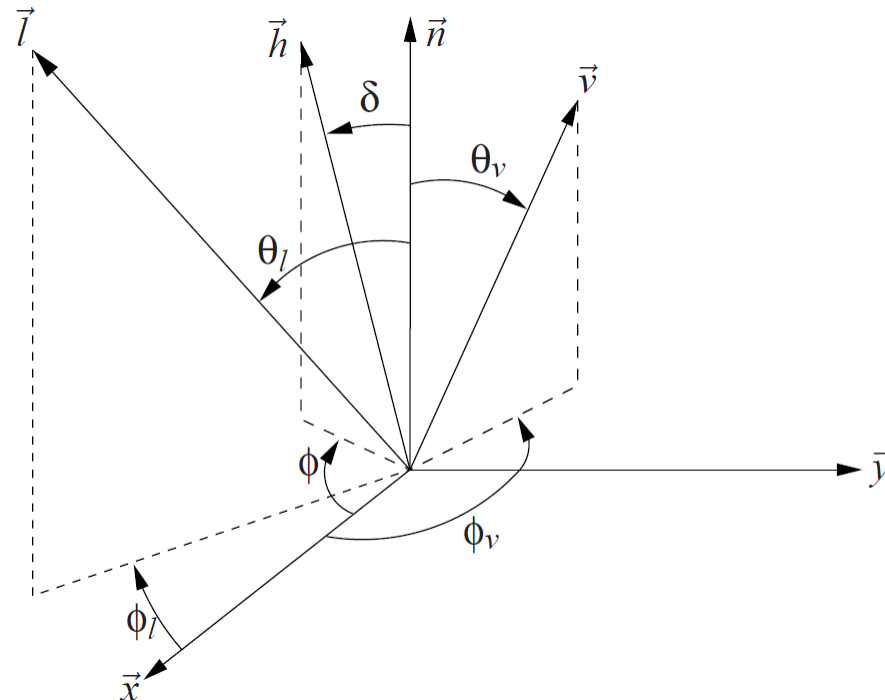
$f(\theta_l, \phi_l; \theta_v, \phi_v)$  BSDF

$L_l(\theta_l, \phi_l)$  radiance from light

source direction

$L_v(\theta_v, \phi_v)$  radiance to view

point direction



further reading:

Kajiya J. T.: The rendering equation. SIGGRAPH Comput. Graph. 20, 4 (1986), 143–150.

Nicodemus et al.: Geometrical Considerations and Nomenclature for Reflectance. NBS Monograph 160, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, 1977.

## physical plausibility

## 1. Helmholtz reciprocity

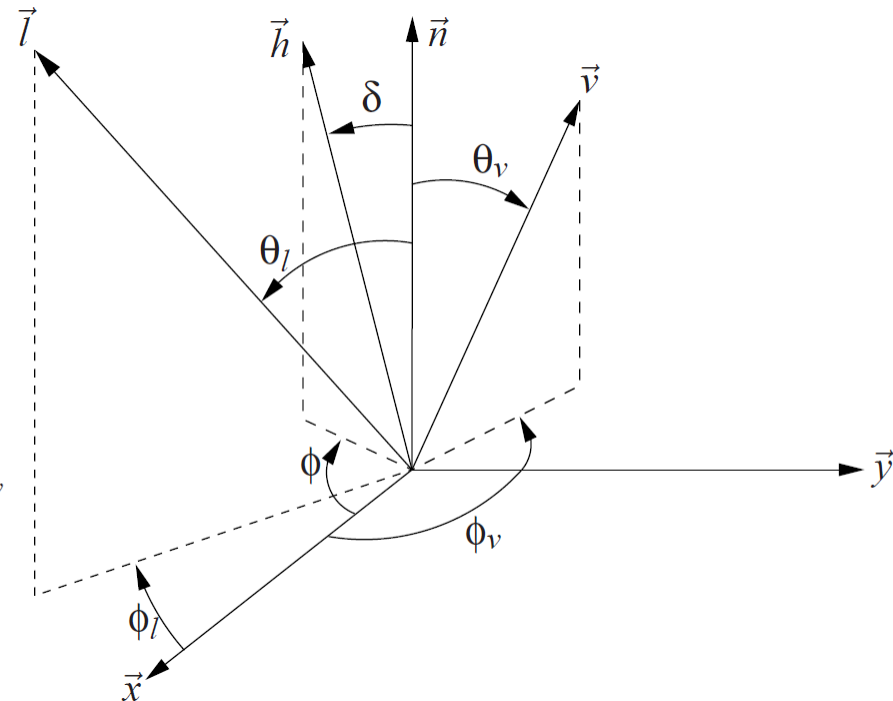
$$f(\theta_l, \phi_l; \theta_v, \phi_v) = f(\theta_v, \phi_v; \theta_l, \phi_l)$$

## 2. energy balance

albedo

$$a(\theta_l, \phi_l) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} f(\theta_l, \phi_l; \theta_v, \phi_v) \cos \theta_v \sin \theta_v d\theta_v d\phi_v$$

bounded by 1



further reading:

Lewis R. R.: Making shaders more physically plausible, *Computer Graphics Forum (Eurographics '94 Conference Issue) 13, 3 (1994), 1–13.*

## Klems patches

- subdivision of hemisphere into

**145 patches**

- approx. **equal illuminance** from each patch if luminance is constant in hemisphere

- **9  $\theta$  ranges**

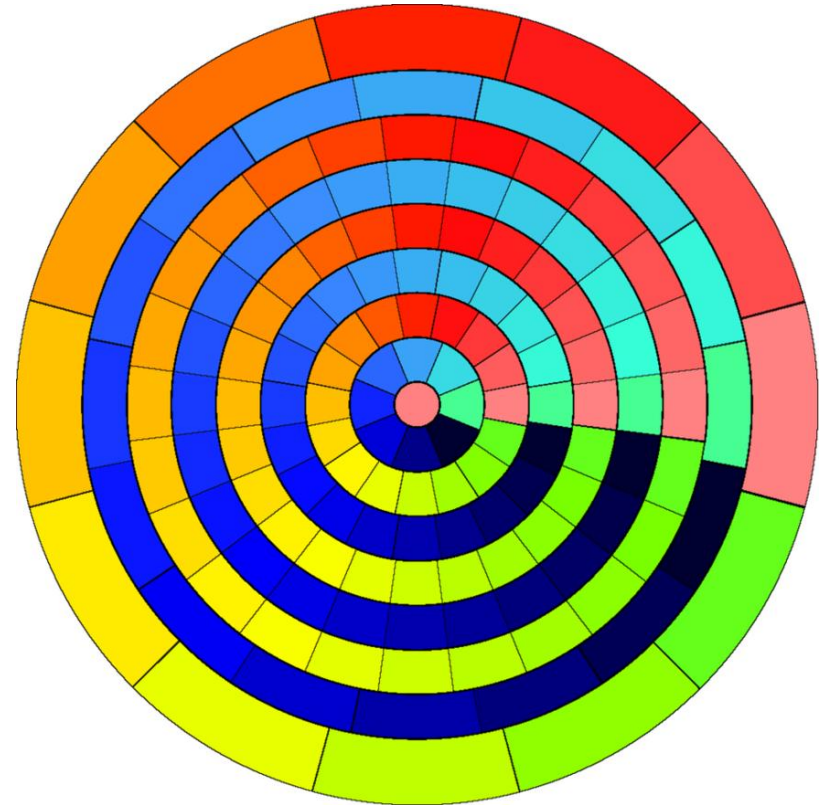
$\{0^\circ-5^\circ, 5^\circ-15^\circ, 15^\circ-25^\circ, 25^\circ-35^\circ, 35^\circ-45^\circ,$   
 $45^\circ-55^\circ, 55^\circ-65^\circ, 65^\circ-75^\circ, 75^\circ-90^\circ\}$

- **$\phi$  subdivisions** per  $\theta$  range

$\{1, 8, 16, 20, 24, 24, 24, 16, 12\}$

- **average solid angle**  $2\pi/145 = 0.0433$  sr,

i.e. cone with  $2 \times 6.73^\circ$  apex angle  $[2\pi*(1-\cos(\alpha/2)) = 2\pi/145]$



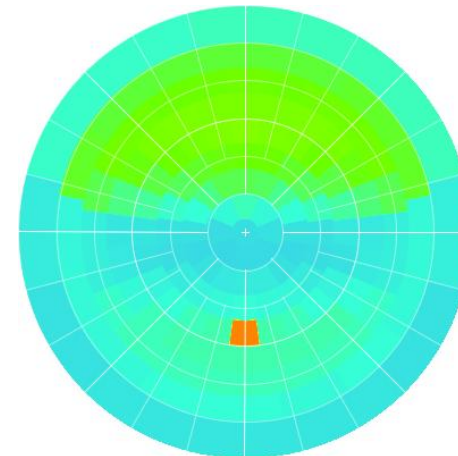
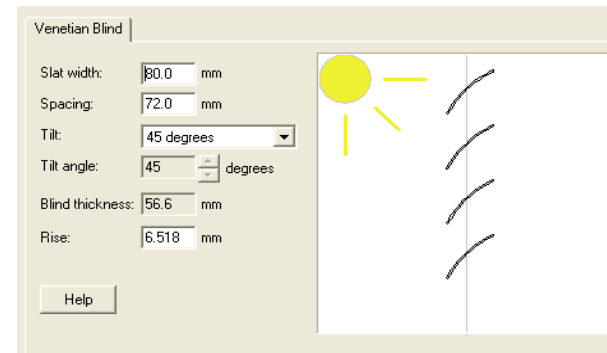
further reading:

Klems J.H.: A new method for predicting the solar heat gain of complex fenestration systems; Overview and derivation of the matrix layer calculation. ASHRAE Transactions 100 (1), 1994





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## measurement

### • in-plane measurement



### • classical goniometers

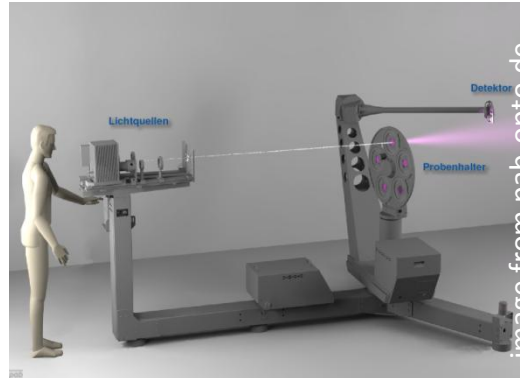


image from pab-opto.de



image from lighttec.fr

### • CCD based goniometers

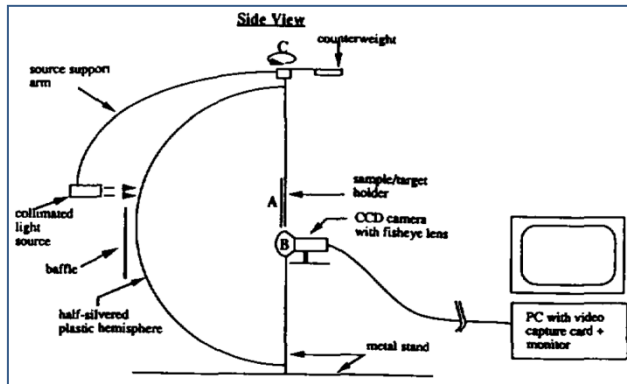


image from Greg's 1992 SG paper

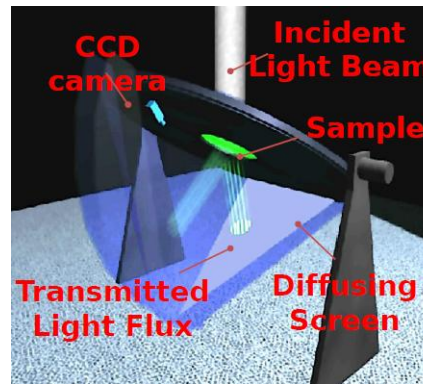


image from J.Kämpf, talk 2011



image from lighttec.fr

further reading:

pab-opto.de (Peter Apian-Bennewitz)

various talks from Radiance Workshops 2010 and 2011

## simulation

- **genBSDF**



part of the RADIANCE software package

<http://radiance-online.org/cgi-bin/viewcvs.cgi/ray/src/util/genBSDF.pl>

- **WINDOW6 / WINDOW7**



LBNL software for calculation of total window thermal performance indices

[windows.lbl.gov/software/window/window.html](http://windows.lbl.gov/software/window/window.html)

- **commercial software (e.g. LucidShape, ASAP)**

need to create own „patch – illumination“ and conversion from ray file to patches

further reading:

Greg's talks from Radiance Workshops 2010 and 2011

WINDOW documetation [http://windows.lbl.gov/software/window/6/w6\\_docs.htm](http://windows.lbl.gov/software/window/6/w6_docs.htm)

## genBSDF

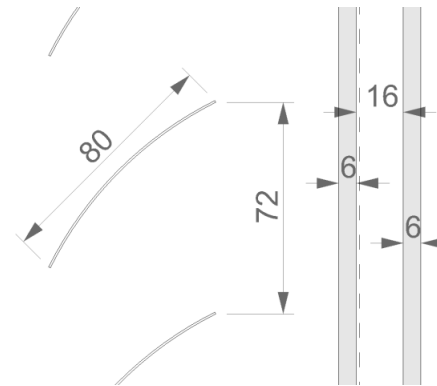
- raytracing
- Klems patches + var. resolution (3D/4D)
- geometry & material: RADIANCE scope
- light
- BSDF for subsystem or material
- parameter settings
- ...

## WINDOW6/7

- radiosity
- Klems patches
- limited geometry & material
- light and thermal
- BSDF for subsystem
- databases (IGDB and CGDB)
- ...

### example blind

- exterior venetian blinds
- diffuse, light gray,  $\rho = 48\%$
- double glazing
- tilt angle  $45^\circ$



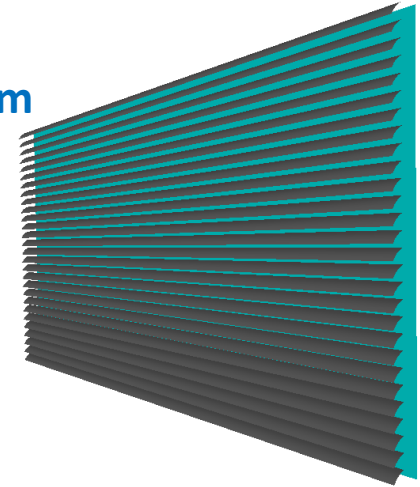
## genBSDF

### 1. define materials and generate geometry including the glazing system

(genblinds, obj2rad, ...)

x = width, y = height, z = depth

!! +z into room (no +z in model!)



## 2. run genBSDF

### Klems:

```
genBSDF -n 8 +f +b +geom meter system.rad > system_Klems.xml
```

default: Klems, backward component, geometry into xml

add: forward component and use 8 cores

### var. Res:

```
genBSDF -n 8 -t4 5 -c 10240 +f +b +geom meter system.rad > system_VarT45.xml
```

change: var. Resolution BSDF (4D) with max. resolution 1024 x 1024,  
number of samples per input region

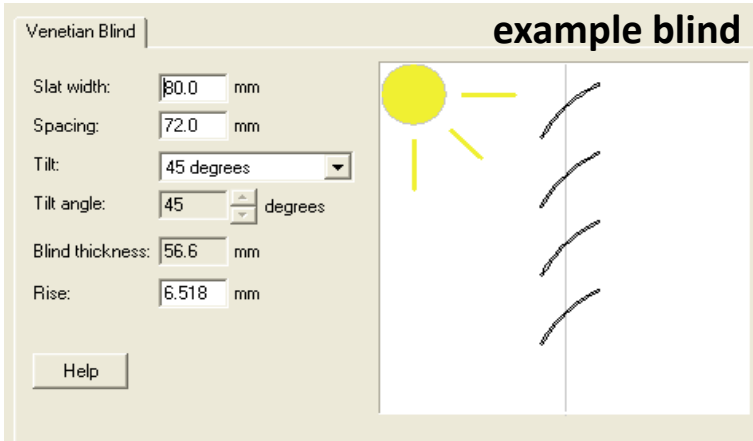
### parameters good to know:

-dim x1 x2 y1 y2 z1 z2, -r "rtopts" (check the genBSDF manpage for details)

### hidden parameter:

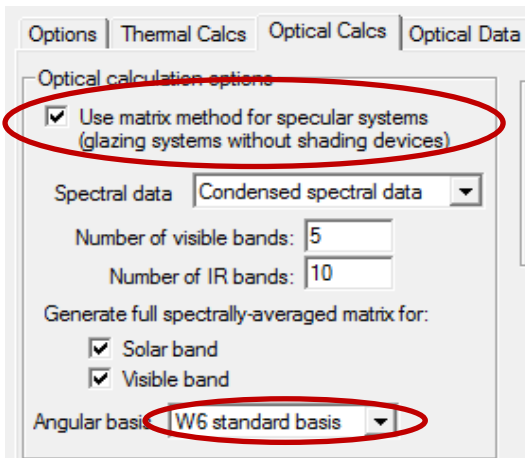
-t p[%] ... percentage for rtree\_reduce (size & accuracy of var. resolution BSDF),  
a value < 0 skips rtree\_reduce → full max. resolution

## WINDOW



### 1. define shading layer

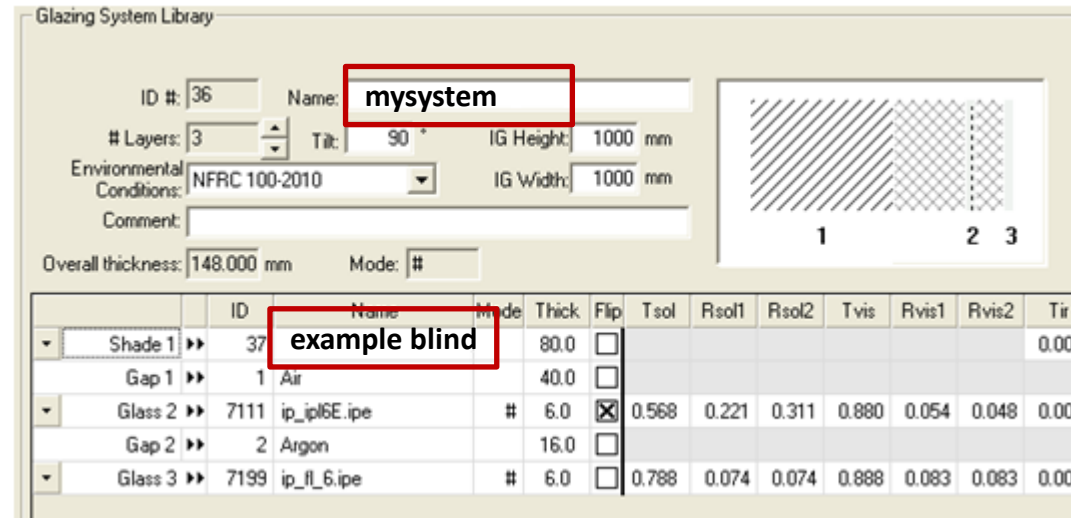
File → Preferences → Optical Calcs



further reading:

talk from Radiance Workshop 2012 (Christian Kohler)

### 2. define glazing system using the shading layer



### 3. run calculation and pick up *mysystem.xml* at C:\Users\Public\LBNL\WINDOW6\

## genBSDF vs. WINDOW6 vs. ASAP

example blind

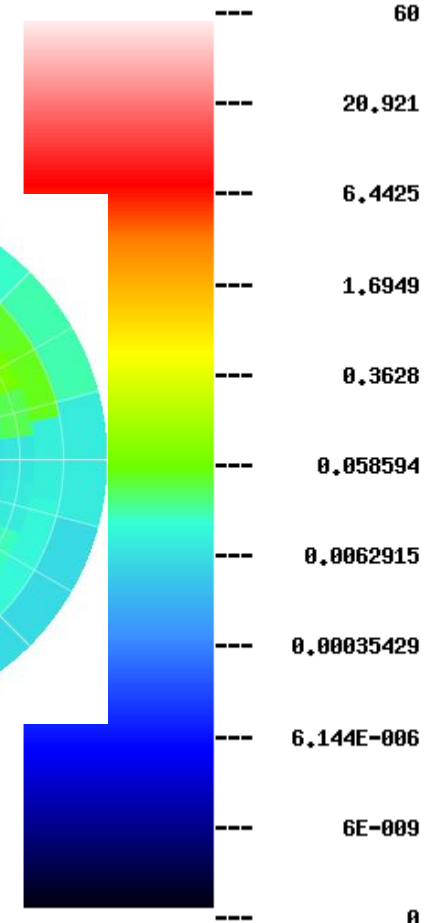
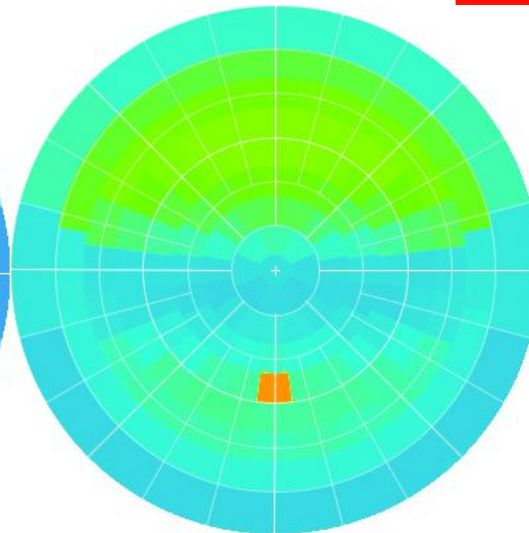
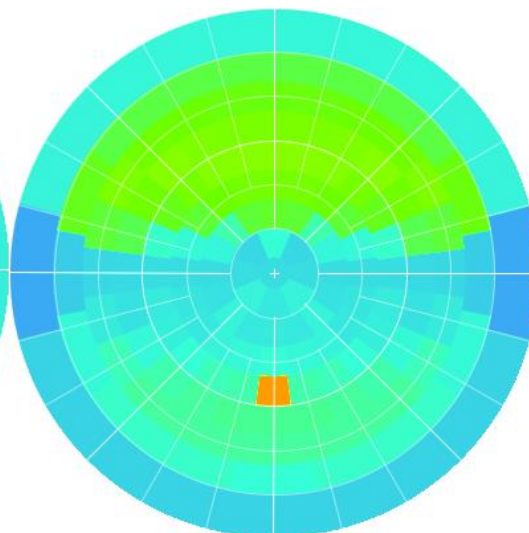
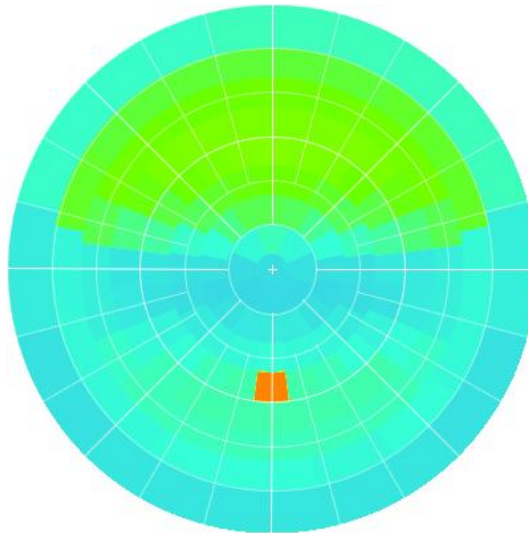
tilt angle: 0°

Klems patch: 64

genBSDF

WINDOW6

ASAP



further reading:

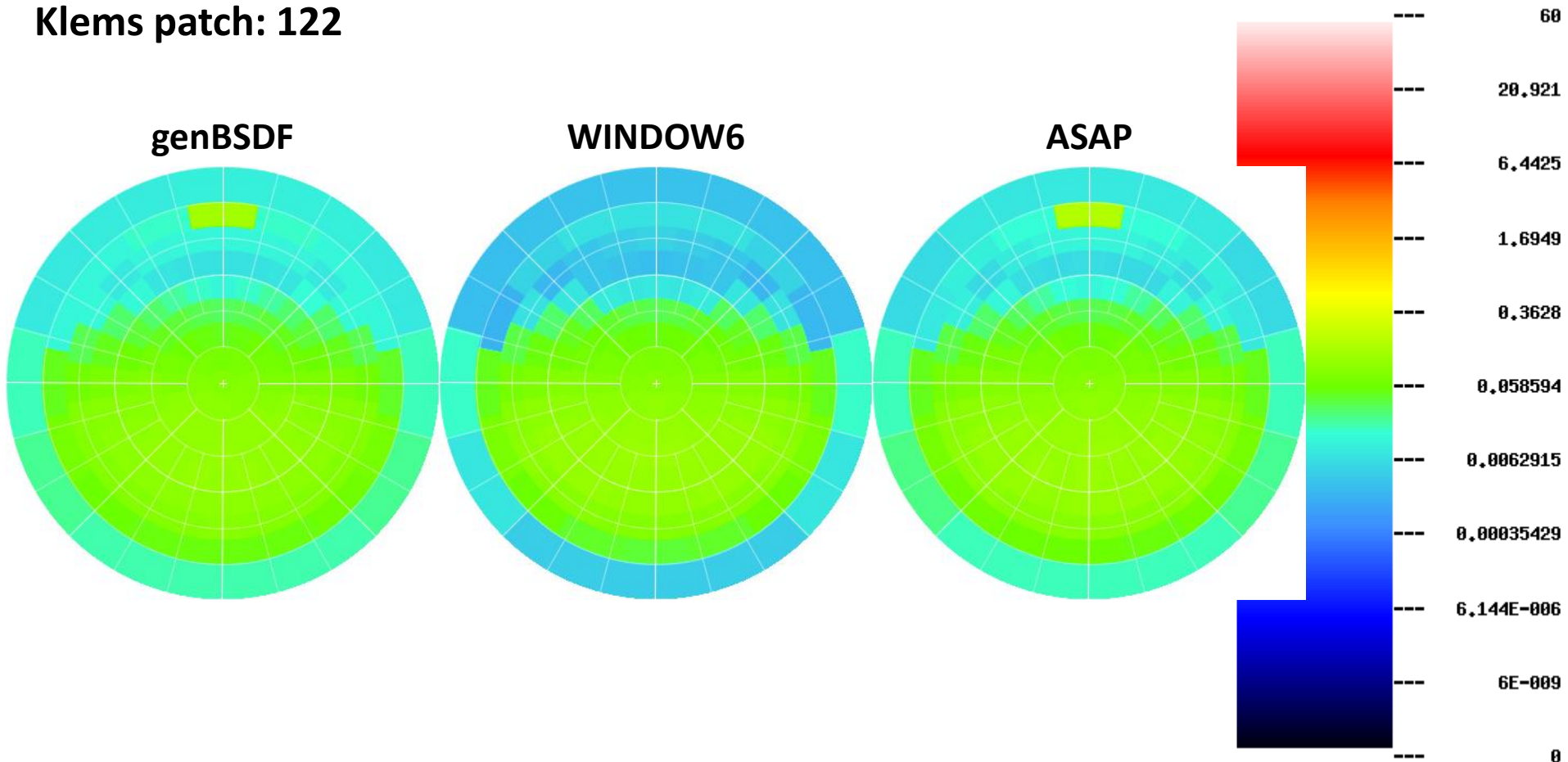
talks from Radiance Workshop 2011 (Anne Iversen, David Appelfeld)

## genBSDF vs. WINDOW6 vs. ASAP

example blind

tilt angle: 45°

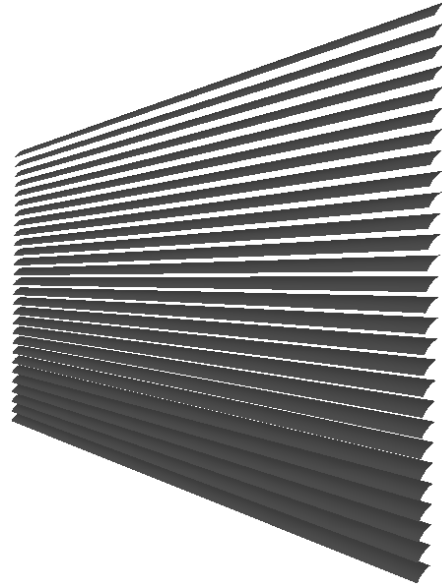
Klems patch: 122





## genBSDF + WINDOW

1. generate BSDF of system only with genBSDF +f +b



2. fake generated XML file

- use XML file generated by WINDOW as template
- fill “Visible” and “NIR” blocks with data from the XML file generated by genBSDF

Shade Material

ID #: 52009 Thickness: 80 mm

Name: myownmaterial

Product Name: myown

Manufacturer: me

Solar

Trans., Front (Tsol):	
Trans., Back (Tsol2):	
Reflect., Front (Rsol1):	
Reflect., Back (Rsol2):	

Visible

Trans., Front (Tvis):	
Trans., Back (Tvis2):	
Reflect., Front (Rvis1):	
Reflect., Back (Rvis2):	

IR

Trans (Tir):	0.000
Emis., Front (Emis1):	0.900
Emis., Back (Emis2):	0.900

Conductivity: 160.000 W/m-K

Color:

Shading Layer Library

ID #: 20014

Name: myownsystem

Product Name:

Manufacturer:

Type: Shade with BSDF data

Material: 52009 myownmaterial

BSDF File: L:\system\_only\_genBSDF\_into\_WINDOW.xml

Effective Openness: 0.000

BSDF File

Device Type: Other

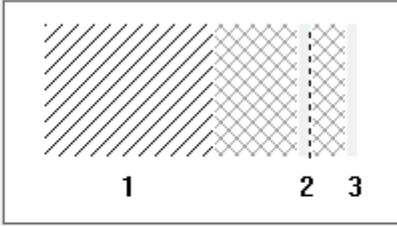
Angle Basis: LBNL/Klems Full

3. define a shade material (thickness) and a shading layer with BSDF data and load faked BSDF

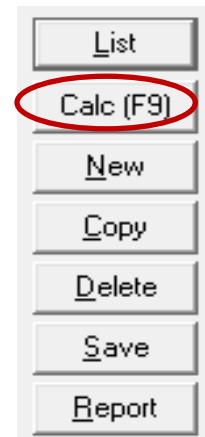
## genBSDF + WINDOW

### 4. define glazing system using the BSDF shading layer

ID #: 49    Name: **mygenBSDFsystem**  
 # Layers: 3    Tilt: 90 °    IG Height: 1000.00 mm  
 Environmental Conditions: CEN    IG Width: 1000.00 mm  
 Overall thickness: 148.000 mm    Mode: #     Model Deflection

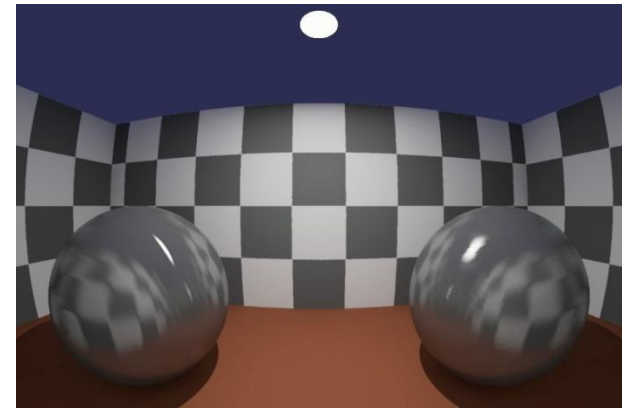


	ID	Name	Mode	Thick	Flip	Tsol	Rsol1	Rsol2	Tvis	Rvis1	Rvis2
Shade 1 ▶▶	20014	myownsystem		80.0	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Gap 1 ▶▶	1	Air		40.0	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Glass 2 ▶▶	7111	ip_ip16E.ipe	#	6.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.568	0.221	0.311	0.880	0.054	0.048
Gap 2 ▶▶	2	Argon		16.0	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Glass 3 ▶▶	7199	ip_fl_6.ipe	#	6.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.788	0.074	0.074	0.888	0.083	0.083



### 5. run calculation and pick up *mygenBSDFsystem.xml* at C:\Users\Public\LBNL\WINDOW7\

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## BSDFs in mkillum

Greg announced at the workshop 2011:

(“The BSDF as a First-class Citizen in Radiance”)

- **mkillum** is still valuable as a means to improve rendering performance
- **mkillum** access to BSDF data will be removed in upcoming release
  - BSDF sampling is more general in rendering code
  - Incorporates reflection and variable-resolution data

thus

- just use it as usual (it is still valuable!) and
- include the BSDF via the material primitive in the scene

Lars Grobe will present more thoughts on the mkillum topic!

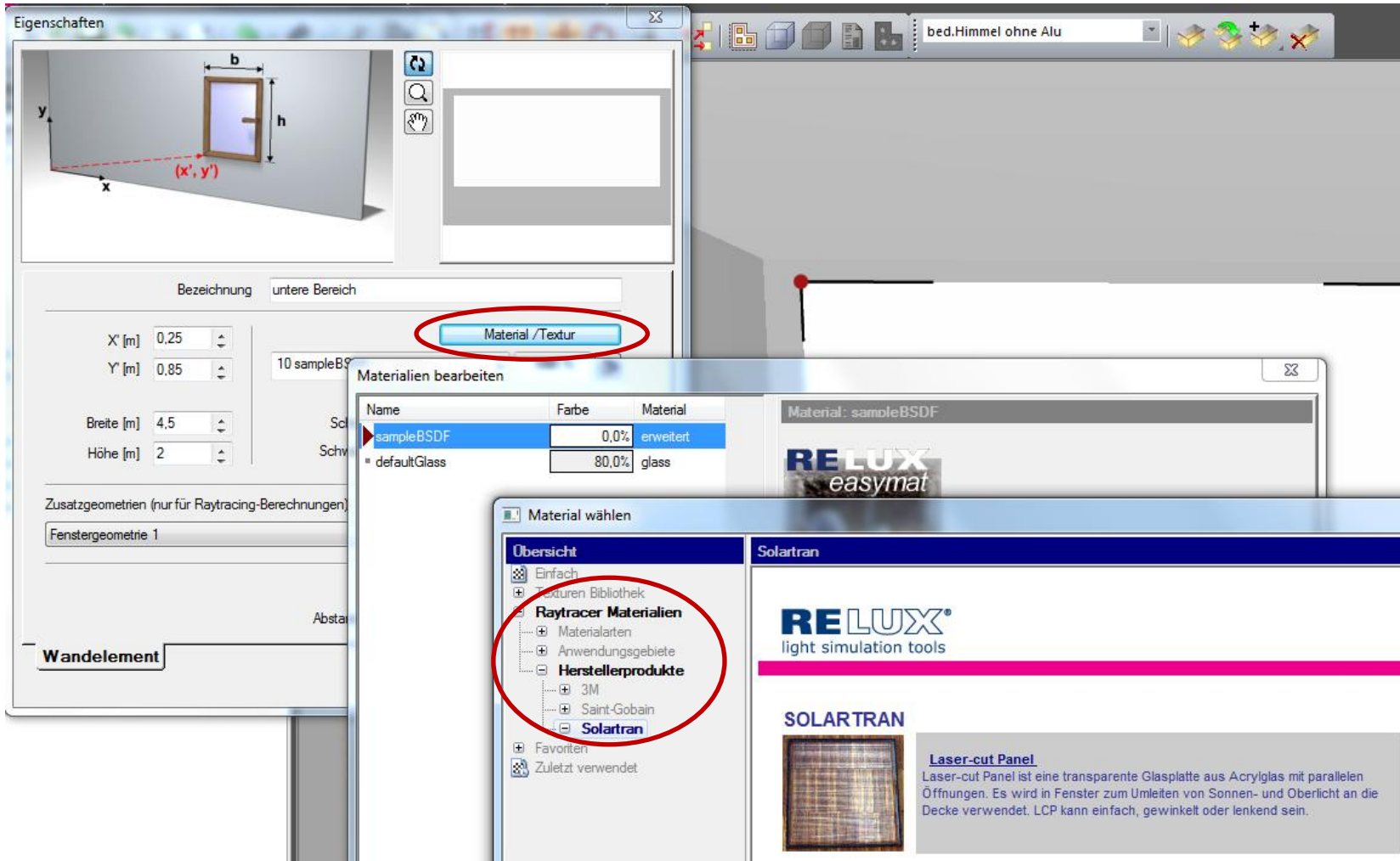
further reading:

Greg’s talk “The BSDF as a First-class Citizen in Radiance” from Radiance Workshop 2011

Lars Grobe’s talk from Radiance Workshop 2012

## BSDFs in mkillum – used in RELUX

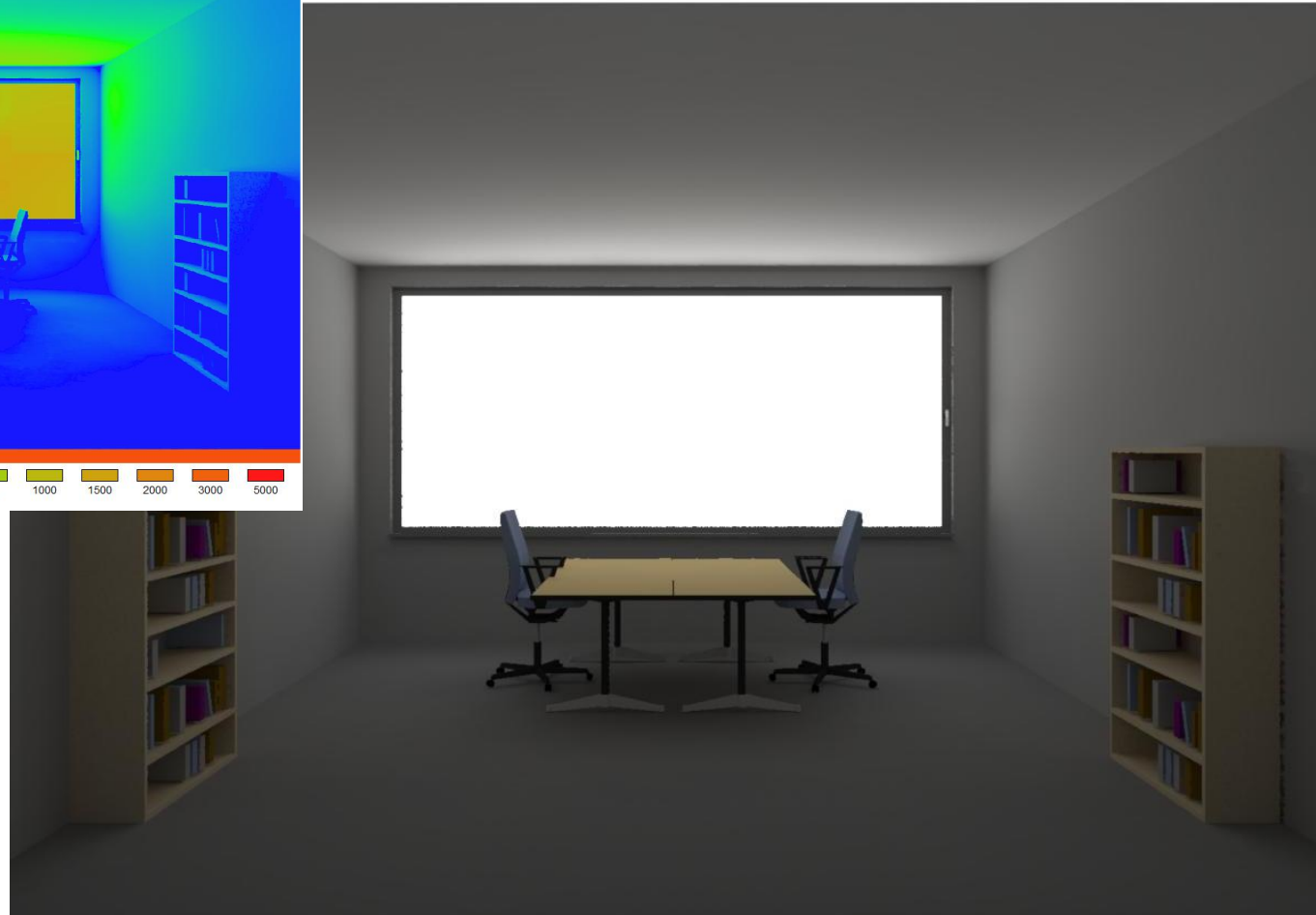
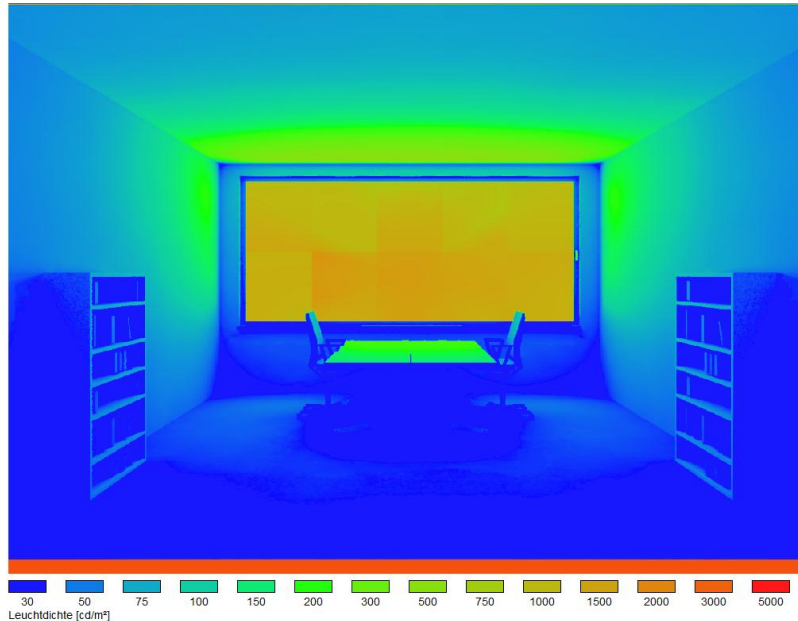
Carsten Bauer can tell you more...



## BSDFs in mkillum – used in RELUX

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**RELUX**<sup>®</sup>  
light simulation tools



## BSDF material primitive

```
void BSDF material_name
6+ thickness system.xml up_x up_y up_z funcfile transform
0
0|3|6|9 rdf gdf bdf
      rdb gdb bdb
      rdt gdt bdt
```

<b>thickness</b>	0 for BSDF surface != 0 for ignoring BSDF for view/shadow rays
<b>system.xml</b>	BSDF XML file containing scattering data
<b>up_x up_y up_z</b>	up-vector for BSDF-data (+y in genBSDF)
<b>funcfile</b>	function file for up-vector (or . if none)
<b>transform</b>	transform of BSDF data (e.g. rotate with -rz $\alpha$ )
<b>rdf gdf bdf</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse front reflection (RGB)
<b>rdb gdb bdb</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse back reflection (RGB)
<b>rdt gdt bdt</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse transmission (RGB)

further reading:

Greg's talk "The BSDF as a First-class Citizen in Radiance" from Radiance Workshop 2011

## BSDF material primitive - example

### reference material

```
void plastic2 ptest2_20_01_10
4 0 1 0 .
0
6 .1 .1 .1 .2 .01 .10
```

### variable resolution BSDF

```
genBSDF -t4 6 -c 40960 +b -f -r "-ss 64" -t xx
```

with varying degree of data reduction

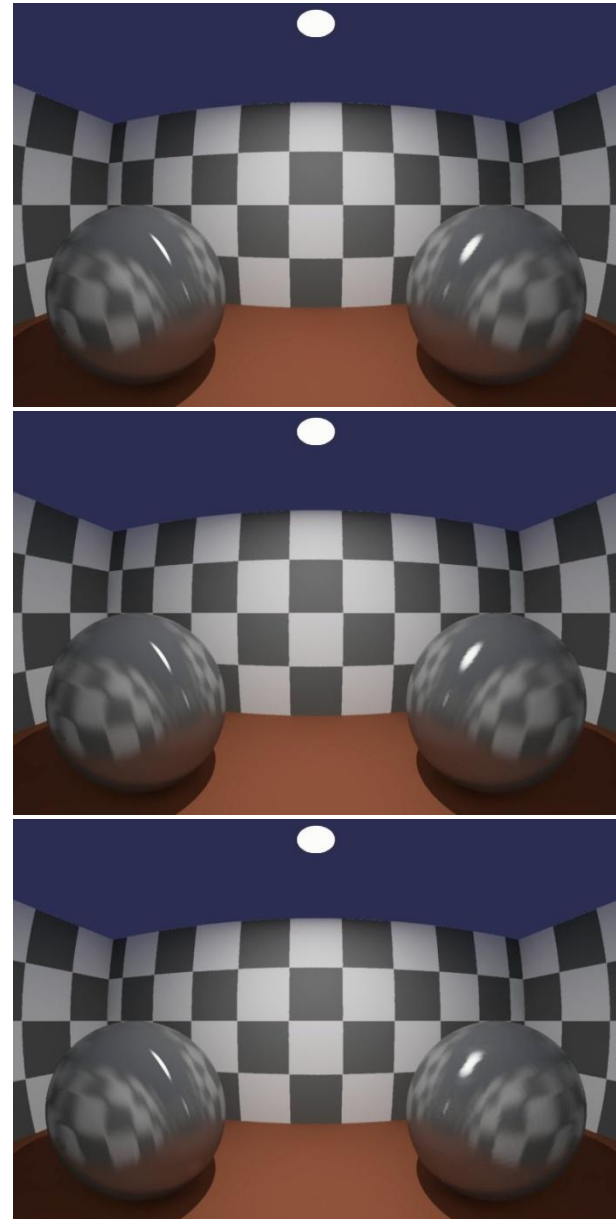
```
-t 0 / 95 / 99
```

### BSDF material

```
void BSDF mat
8 0 ptest2_20_01_10.xml 0 1 0 . -rz 0
0
0
```

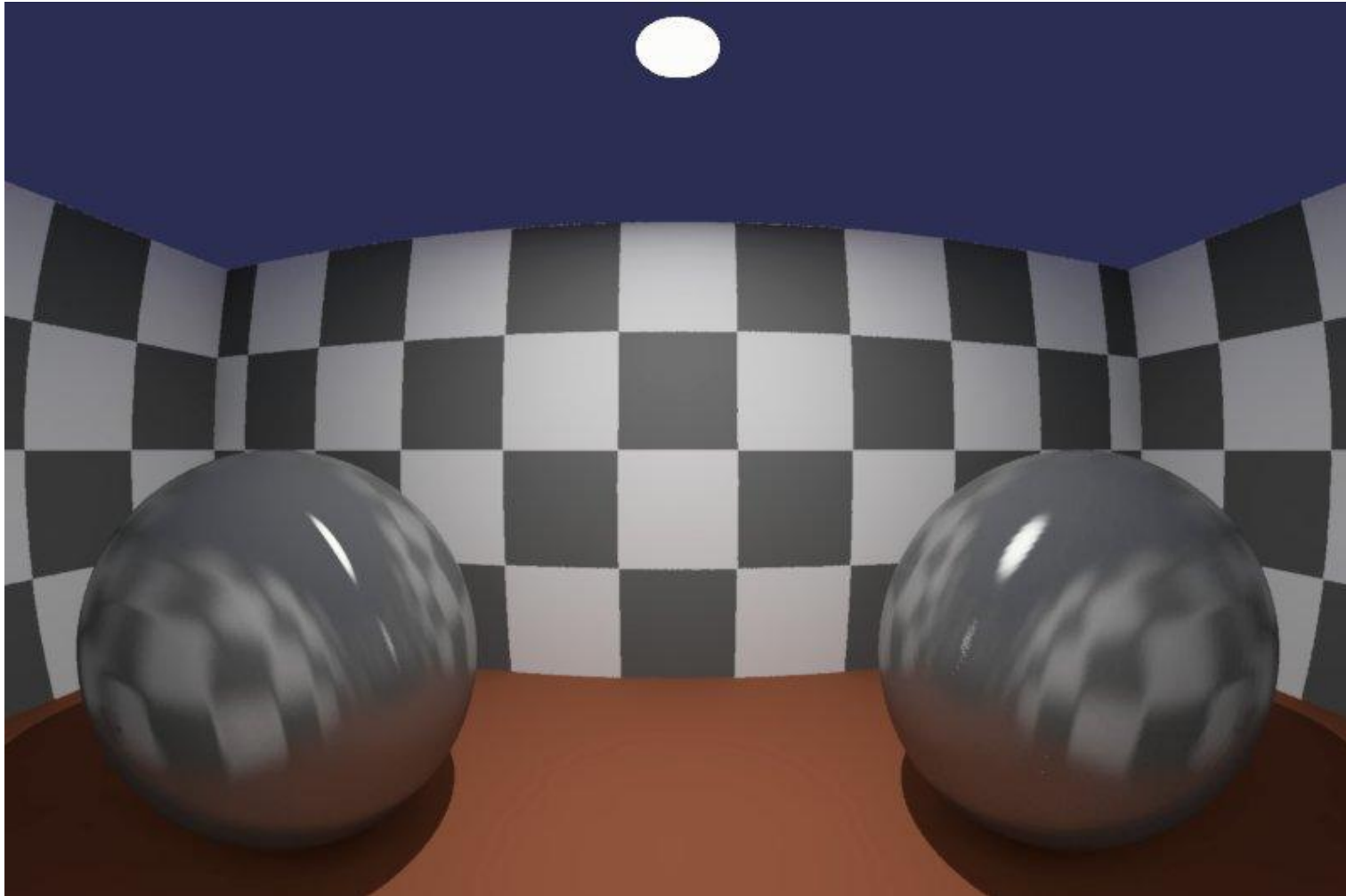
### images

left: reference material  
right: BSDF material





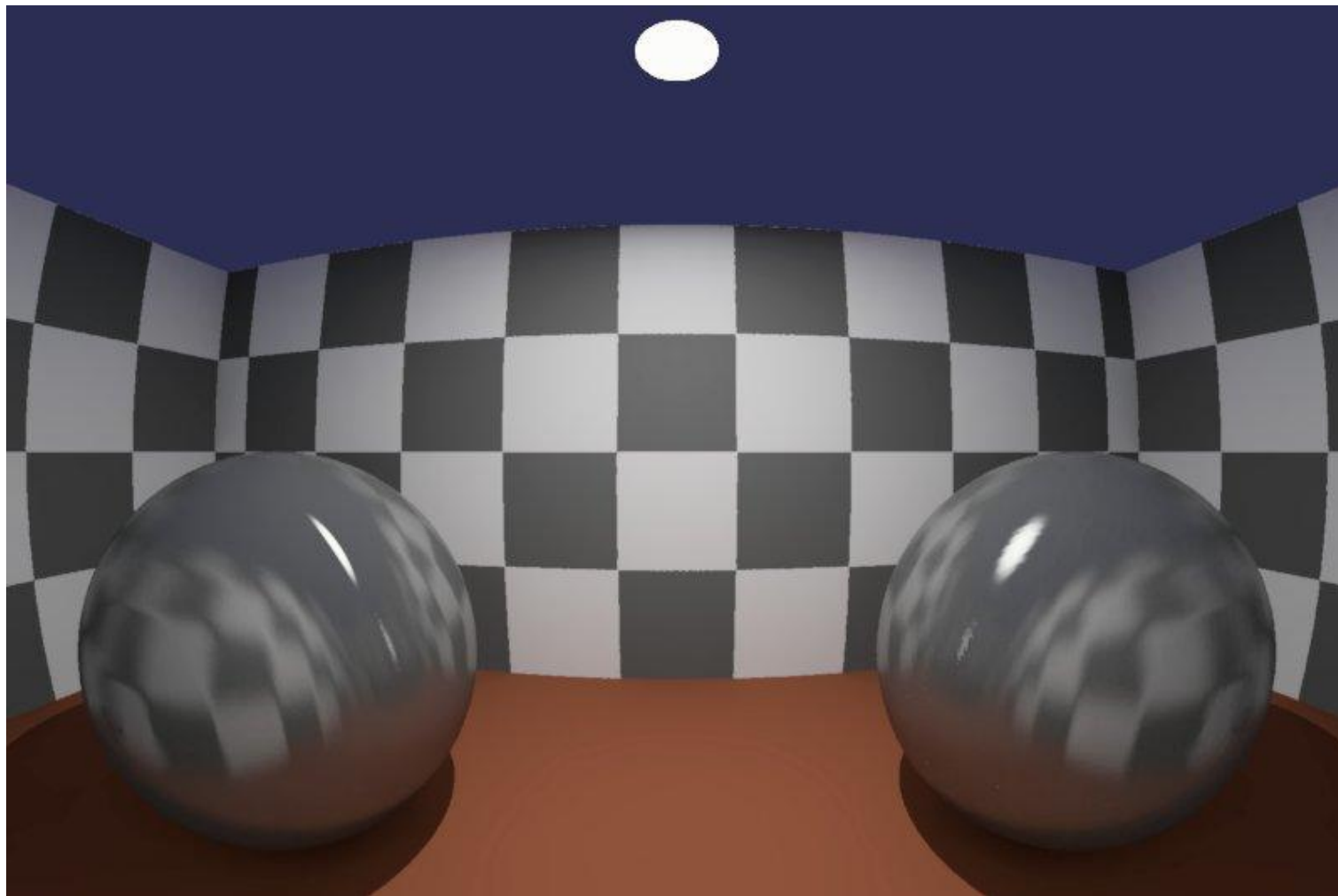
## BSDF material primitive - example



left: reference plastic2 material

right: BSDF material, 0% reduction (full data, 238M)

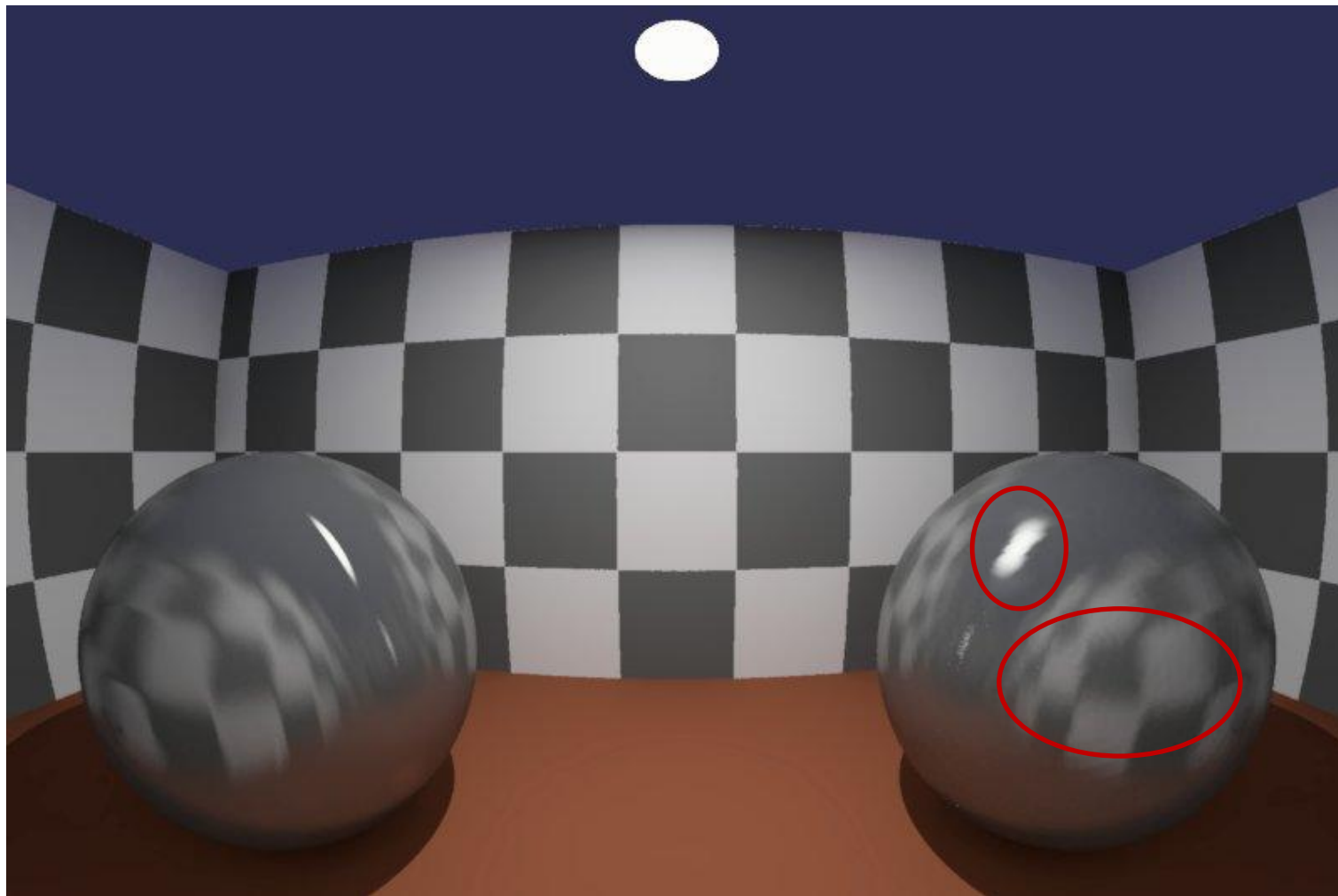
## BSDF material primitive - example



left: reference plastic2 material

right: BSDF material, 95% reduction (5% data, 12M)

## BSDF material primitive - example



left: reference plastic2 material

right: BSDF material, 99% reduction (1% data, 3.9M)

## test scene



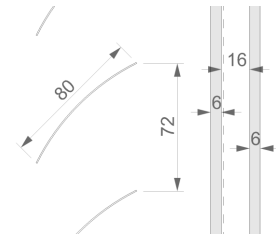
## BSDF material primitive for the example blind

cie clear sky in innsbruck, september 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 27.9^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -55.8^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 9 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
void BSDF mat_fenestration  
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .  
0  
0
```

```
mat_fenestration polygon window  
0  
0  
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85  
-2.25 -2.7 2.85  
2.25 -2.7 2.85  
2.25 -2.7 0.85
```



```
rad - options  
QUALITY= high VARIABILITY= high  
DETAIL= med INDIRECT= 3  
PENUMBRAS= true render= -av 0 0 0
```

13.1 CPU hours

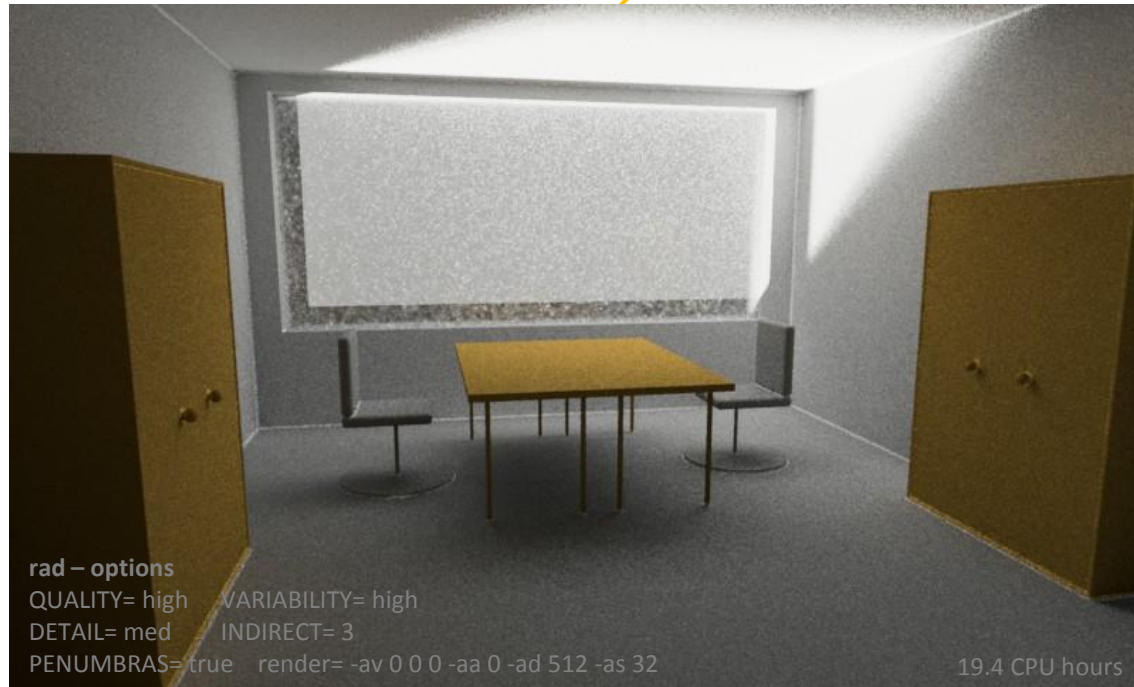
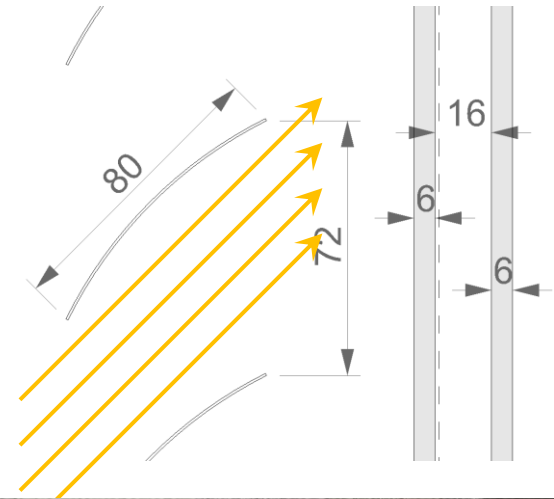
## BSDF material primitive for the example blind

fake "sun" at direction (1, -1, -1), i.e.  $\gamma = -35.26^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -45^\circ$   
(sun profile angle  $\varepsilon = -45^\circ$ )

```
void light solar 0 0 3 1e+06 1e+06 1e+06
solar source sun 0 0 4 1 -1 -1 0.5
```

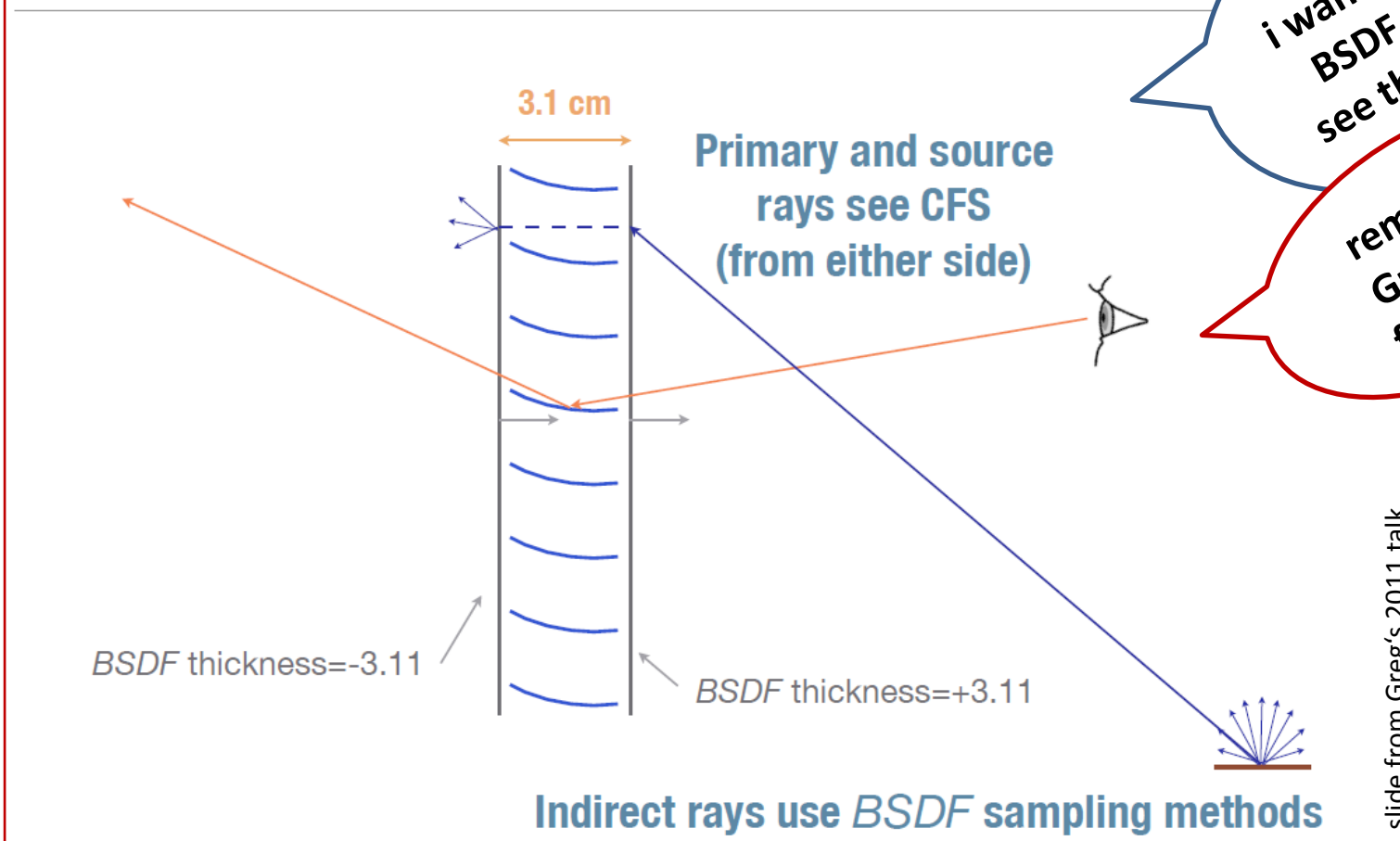
```
void BSDF mat_fenestration
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .
0
0
```

```
mat_fenestration polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
-2.25 -2.7 2.85
2.25 -2.7 2.85
2.25 -2.7 0.85
```



## adding the geometry for the example blind

### Proxy Example



further reading:

Greg's talk "The BSDF as a First-class Citizen in Radiance" from Radiance Workshop 2011

## adding the geometry for the example blind

just specify the following in the rad-file (the xform-command places the window properly)

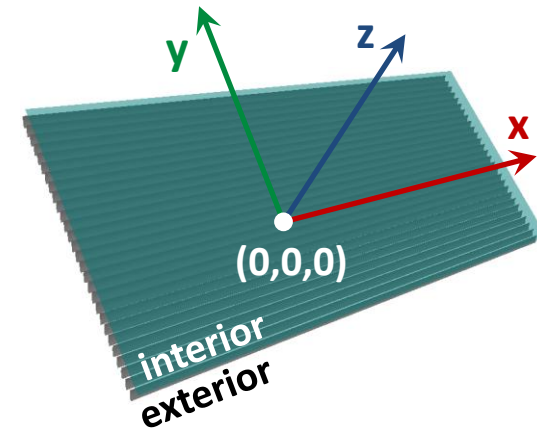
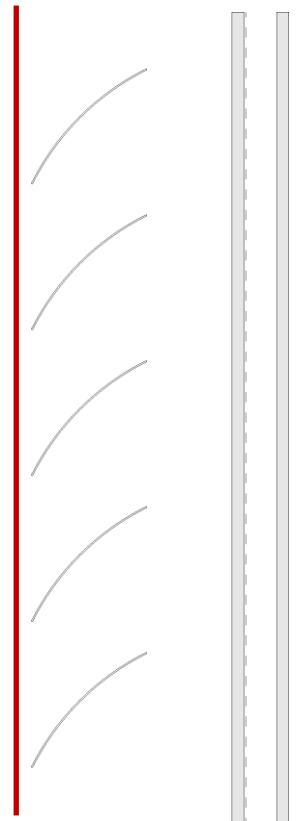
```
!pkgBSDF -s system.xml | xform -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
```

pkgBSDF provides you with

- a **BSDF surface at the front** that is x-y-centered at (0,0) and  $\max(z) = 0$

and – if geometry is included in system.xml (remember +geom meter) –

- a **BSDF surface at the back**
- detailed geometry of the whole system as used in genBSDF





## adding the geometry for the example blind

```
!pkgBSDF -s system.xml | xform -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
```

returns

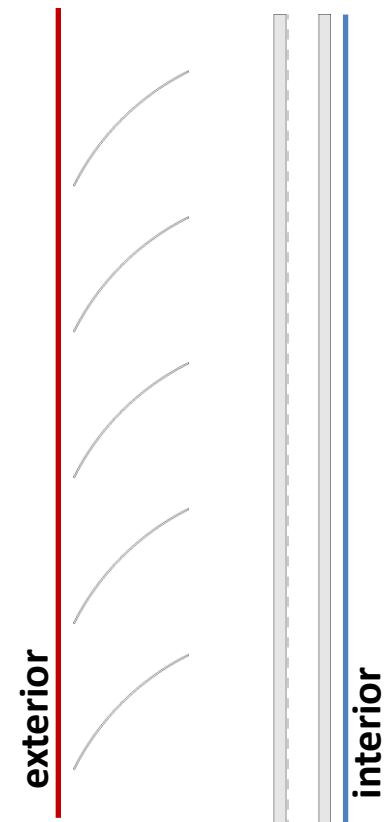
- a BSDF surface at the front

```
void BSDF m_system_f
16 0.136005 system.xml 0 1 0 . -i 1 -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
0
0
m_system_f polygon system_f
0
0
12 ...
```

- a BSDF surface at the back

```
void BSDF m_system_b
16 -0.136005 system.xml 0 1 0 . -i 1 -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
0
0
m_system_b polygon system_b
0
0
12 ...
```

- detailed geometry of the whole system as used in genBSDF generated by mgf2rad from the data in the XML-header

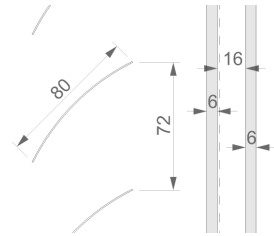


## BSDF material primitive for the example blind with geometry

cie clear sky in innsbruck, september 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 27.9^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -55.8^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 9 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
!pkgBSDF -s system.xml | xform -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
```

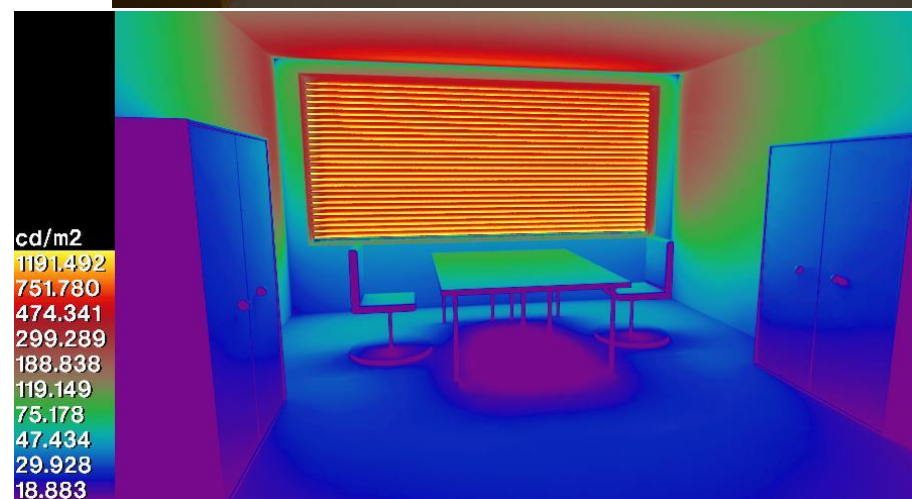
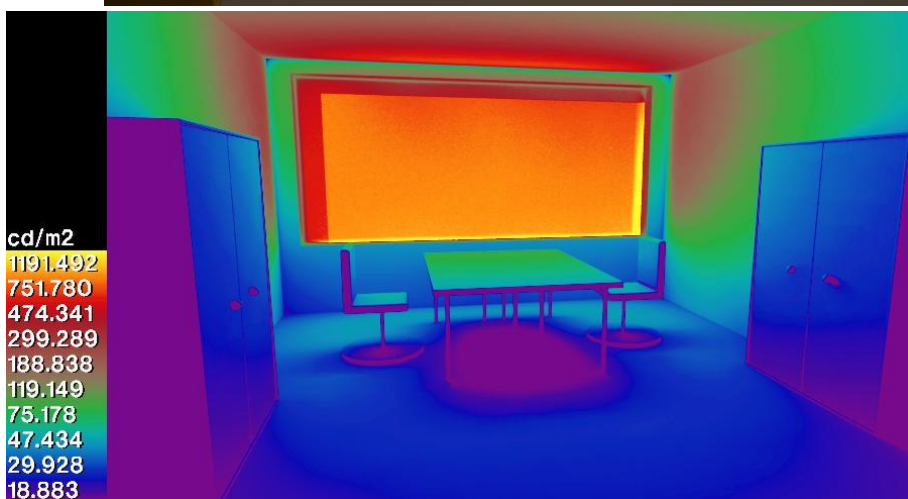


## BSDF material primitive for the example blind

without geometry



with geometry



## what about the direct sun?

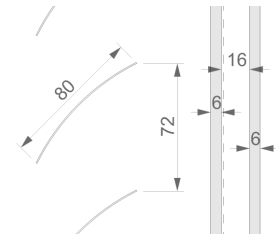
cie clear sky in innsbruck, december 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 7.2^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -43.3^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 12 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
void BSDF mat_fenestration
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .
0
0
```

```
mat_fenestration polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
    -2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

slotchy shadow edges  
due to indirect calculation



## what about the direct sun?

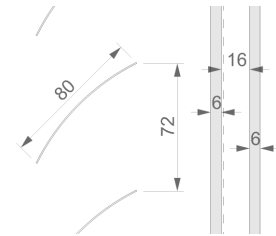
cie clear sky in innsbruck, december 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 7.2^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -43.3^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 12 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
void BSDF mat_fenestration
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .
0
0
```

```
mat_fenestration polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
    -2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

switching off indirect calculation  
(-aa 0) removes splatches  
but introduces some noise

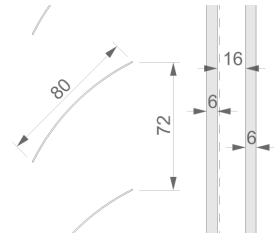


## what about the direct sun?

cie clear sky in innsbruck, december 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 7.2^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -43.3^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 12 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
!pkgBSDF -s system.xml | xform -rx 90 -rz 180 -t -0.0 -2.7 1.85
```



using the geometry helps,  
since the direct part is  
now treated separately

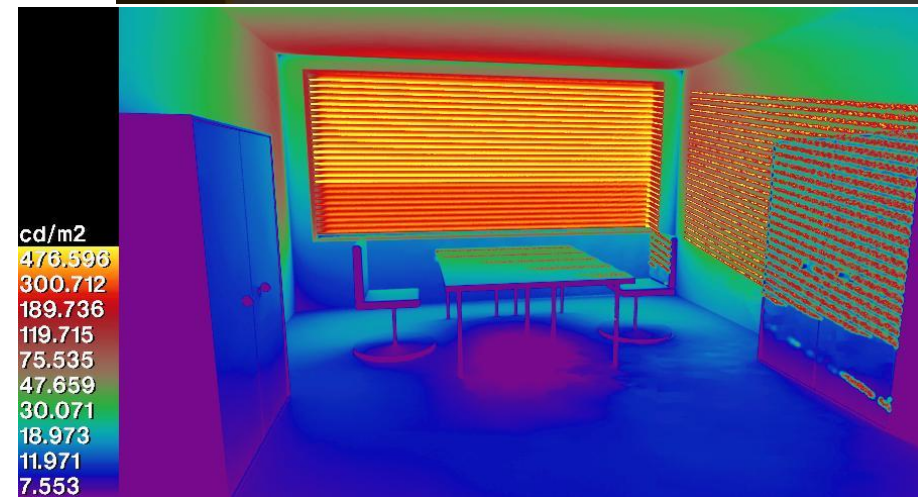
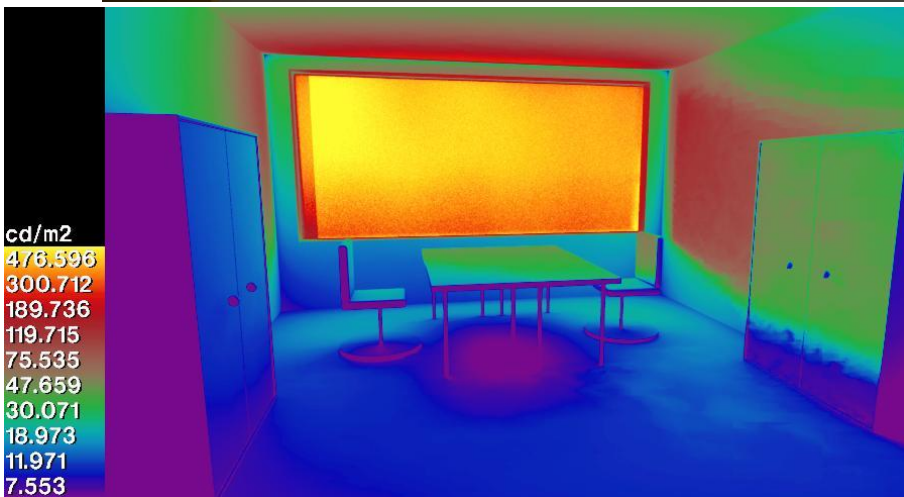


## BSDF material primitive for the example

without geometry



with geometry



## BSDF material primitive

```
void BSDF material_name
6+ thickness system.xml up_x up_y up_z funcfile transform
0
0|3|6|9 rdf gdf bdf
      rdb gdb bdb
      rdt gdt bdt
```

<b>thickness</b>	0 for BSDF surface >0 / <0 for ignoring BSDF for view rays
<b>system.xml</b>	BSDF XML file containing scattering data
<b>up_x up_y up_z</b>	up-vector for BSDF-data (+y in genBSDF)
<b>funcfile</b>	function file for up-vector (or . if none)
<b>transform</b>	transform of BSDF data (e.g. rotate with -rz $\alpha$ )
<b>rdf gdf bdf</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse front reflection (RGB)
<b>rdb gdb bdb</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse back reflection (RGB)
<b>rdt gdt bdt</b>	<i>additional</i> diffuse transmission (RGB)

further reading:

Greg's talk "The BSDF as a First-class Citizen in Radiance" from Radiance Workshop 2011



## adding some diffuse reflection

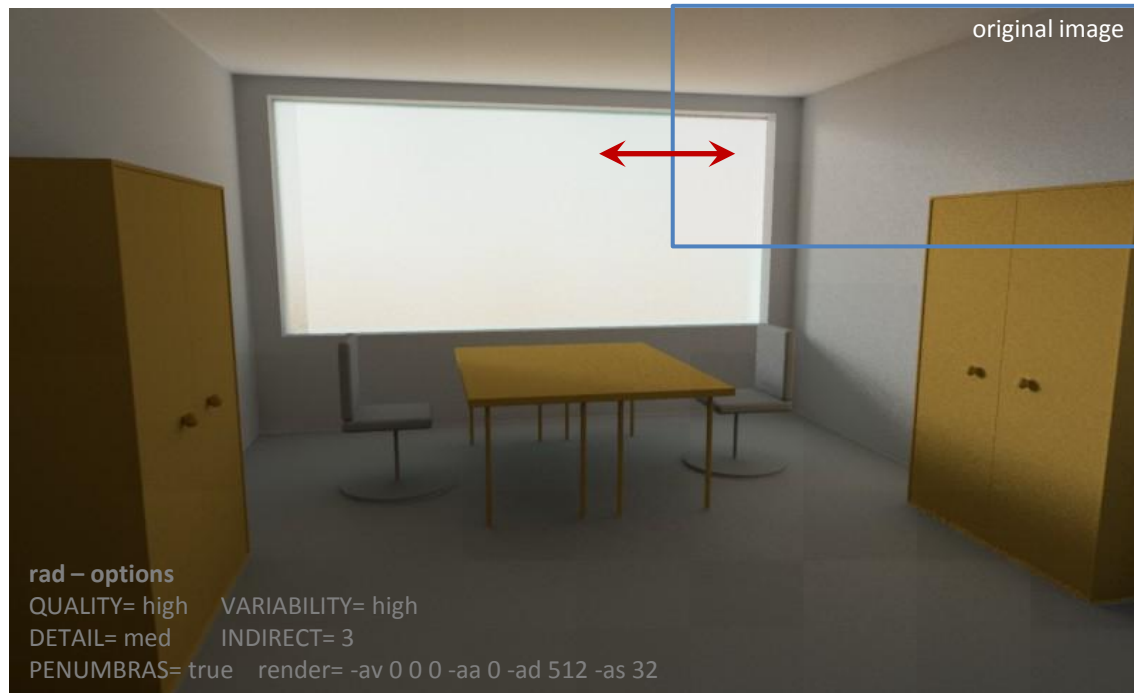
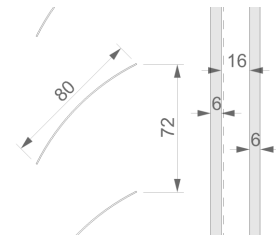
cie clear sky in innsbruck, december 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 7.2^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -43.3^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 12 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
void BSDF mat_fenestration
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .
0
3 0 0.5 0.5
```

```
mat_fenestration polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
    -2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

notice the slightly  
cyan-colored window



## adding some diffuse transmission

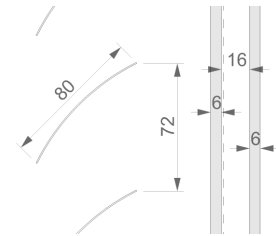
cie clear sky in innsbruck, december 21, 09:00 ( $\gamma = 7.2^\circ$ ,  $\phi = -43.3^\circ$ )

```
!gensky 12 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s
```

```
void BSDF mat_fenestration
6 0 system.xml 0 0 1 .
0
9 0 0 0
0 0 0
0.5 0.0 0.5
```

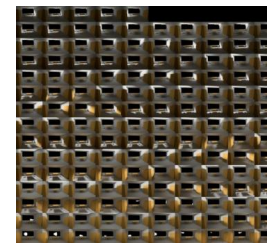
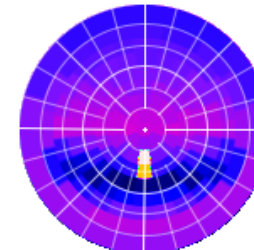
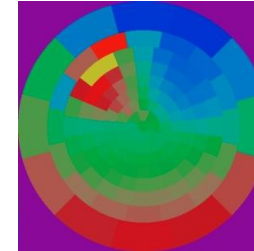
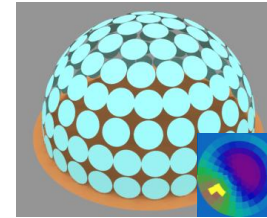
```
mat_fenestration polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
-2.25 -2.7 2.85
2.25 -2.7 2.85
2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

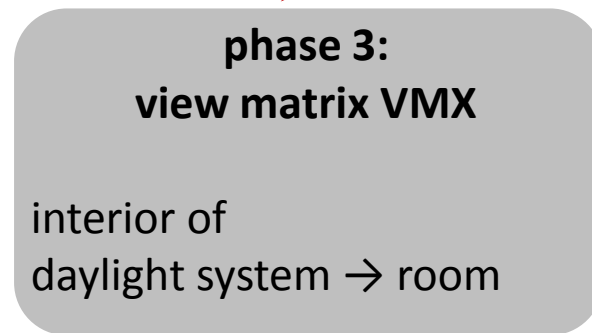
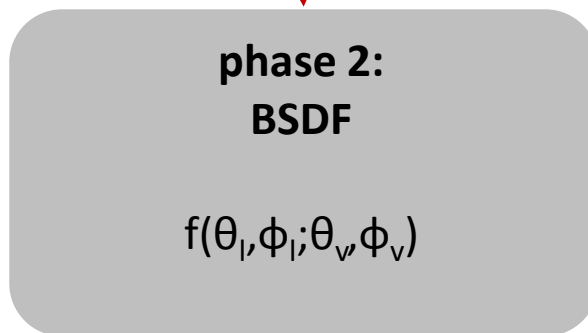
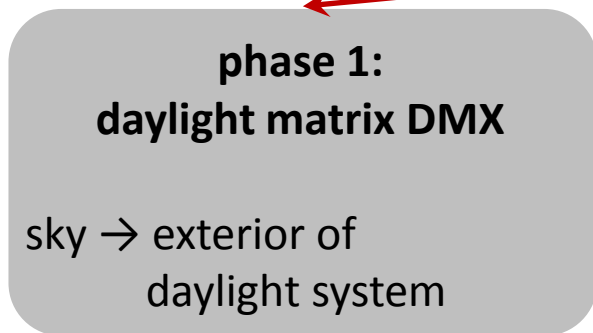
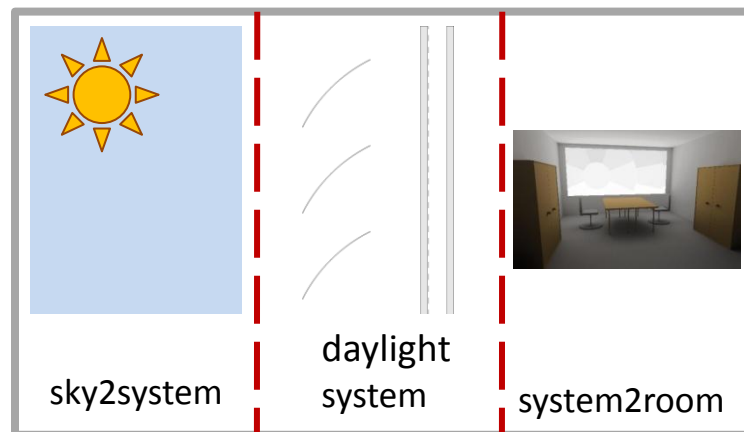
can you see any  
difference??? 😊



```
rad - options
QUALITY= high VARIABILITY= high
DETAIL= med INDIRECT= 3
PENUMBRAS= true render= -av 0 0 0 -aa 0 -ad 512 -as 32
```

- basics of BSDFs
  - theory
  - discretizations
- generating BSDFs
  - measurements
  - simulations
- using BSDFs in RADIANCE
  - mkillum
  - BSDF material primitive
- **using** BSDFs in the RADIANCE 3-phase method
- Q & A





## Calculation of results



further reading: Greg's talks from 2009 and 2010

A.McNeil: "The Three-Phase Method for Simulating Complex Fenestration with Radiance", [online](#)

A.McNeil, E.S.Lee: „A validation of the Radiance three-phase simulation method for modeling annual daylight performance of optically-complex fenestration systems“, Journal of Building Performance Simulation

## RADIANCE 3-phase daylight coefficient method

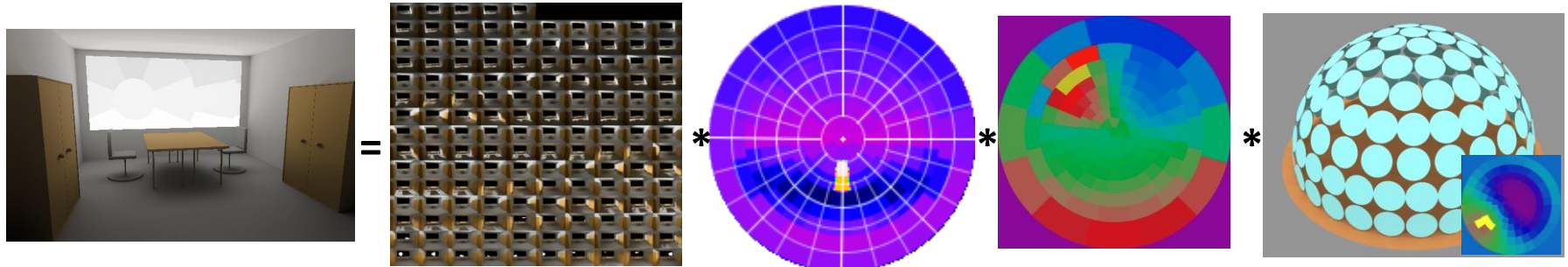
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1,1 \dots 1,145 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ n,1 \dots n,145 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1,1 \dots 1,145 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 145,1 \dots 145,145 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1,1 \dots 1,2305 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 145,1 \dots 145,2305 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 2305 \end{pmatrix}$$

**R** (n x 1)      **VMX** (n x 145)      **BSDF** (145 x 145)      **DMX** (145 x 146/578/2306)      **S** (146/578/2306 x 1)

- R** ..... result: illuminance and luminance values
- VMX** ..... view matrix: contribution of every Klems' patch from the interior side of the daylight system (145) to every measurement point
- BSDF** ... bidirectional scattering distribution function: function describing the properties of the daylight system (only transmission considered, no var. resolution)
- DMX** .... daylight matrix: contribution of every Tregenza / Reinhart sky patch (145 / 577 / 2305) and 1 ground patch to every Klems' patch at the exterior side of the daylight system
- S** ..... sky vector: luminance of every single Tregenza / Reinhart sky patch

**Simulation:**      **pre-calculation:**      **VMX, BSDF, DMX**  
                          **every time step:**      **S, R (= matrix multiplication)**

## RADIANCE 3-phase daylight coefficient method



result

view matrix VMX

BSDF

daylight matrix DMX

sky radiance  
distribution

pre-calculation  
(time-consuming)

at every time step  
(fast matrix calculation)

## phase1: daylight matrix DMX

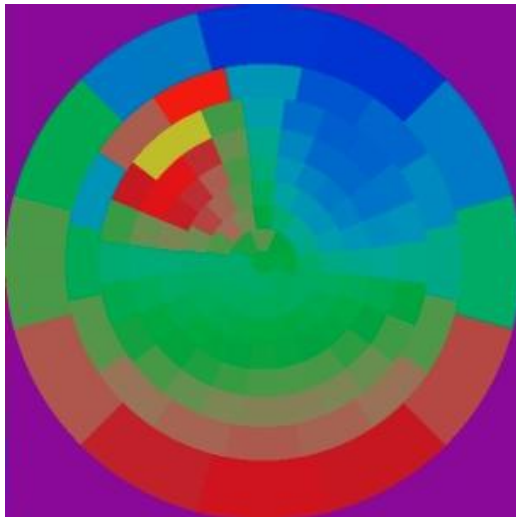
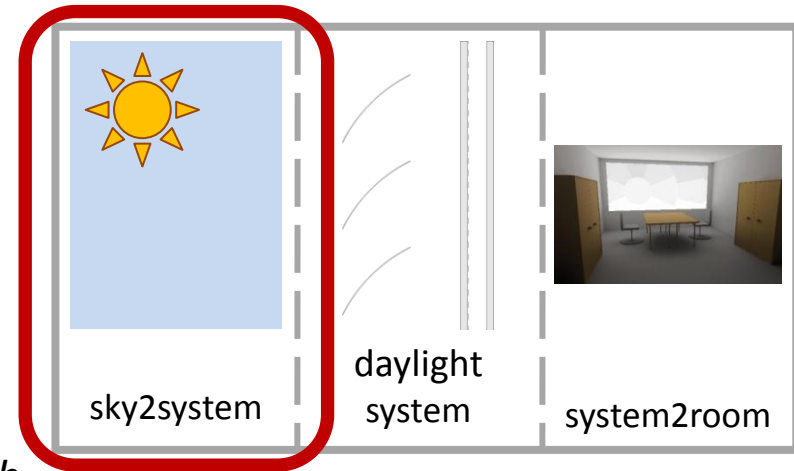
contribution of sky part to the exterior of the daylight system

### Structure

sky: Tregenza-/  
Reinhart-patches  
facade: Klems-patches

### calculation

*genklemsamp* and *rtcontrib*



outgoing DMX distribution for a given sky  
(i.e. incident distribution on the system)

further reading:

Andy McNeil: "The Three-Phase Method for Simulating Complex Fenestration with Radiance", [sites.google.com/a/lbl.gov/andy-radiance/](http://sites.google.com/a/lbl.gov/andy-radiance/)

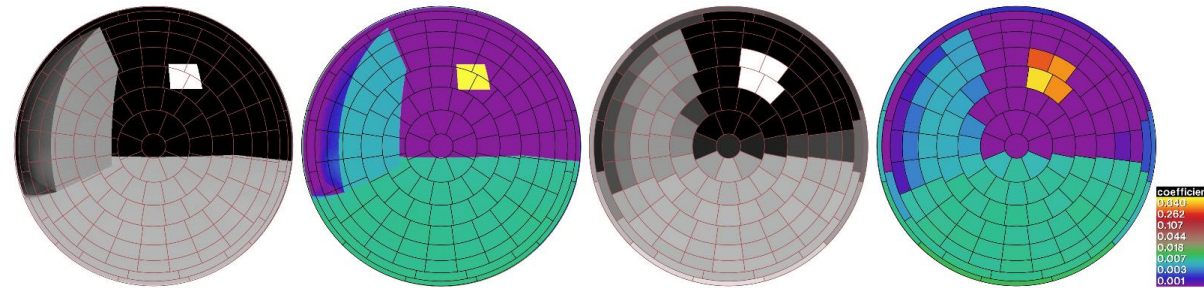


Figure 7. Renderings of contributions from Tregenza patch 74 (left two images) and visualizations of the D matrix coefficients for the same Tregenza patch (right two images). Reflections from model geometry (ground polygon and adjacent building) are included in the D matrix.

(image from Andy McNeil's tutorial)

## phase1: daylight matrix DMX

### example calculation

```
genklemsamp -c 3000 -vd 0 -1 0 -ff window_glow.rad | \
rtcontrib -n 8 -ab 3 -ad 3000 -lw 1e-9 -c 3000
-e MF:4 -f reinhart.cal -b rbin -bn Nrbins
-m sky_glow -fff scene_dmx.oct > south.dmx
```

**genklemsamp**  
program to  
generate  
Klems samples

**-e:** define sky subdivision  
1: Tregenza (145+1)  
2/4: Reinhart (577/2305+1)  
**-f:** cal-file that calculates  
*rbin* and *Nrbins*  
**-b:** current bin number  
**-bn:** total number of bins

**-c:** number of  
sample rays per  
Klems patch  
(must match)

```
window_glow.rad
void glow windowglow
0
0
4 1 1 1 0
windowglow polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
    -2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

### scene\_dmx.oct

octree that contains the scene and a uniform sky  
with the modifier for r(t)contrib

```
void glow sky_glow
0
0
4 1 1 1 0
sky_glow source sky1
0
0
4 0 0 1 360
```

} in sky1.rad

```
oconv myscene.rad sky1.rad > scene_dmx.oct
```



## phase2: BSDF

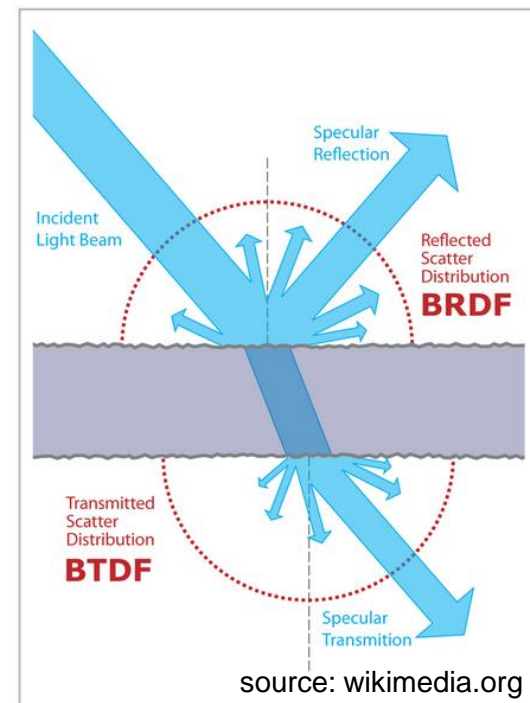
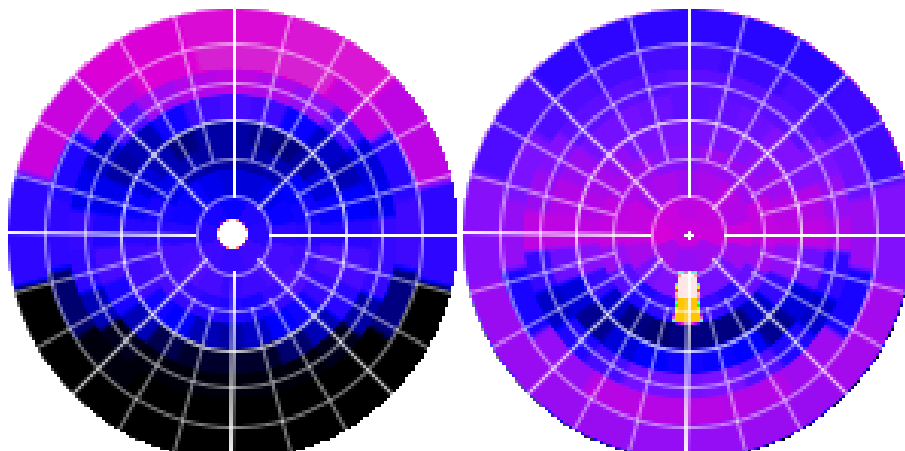
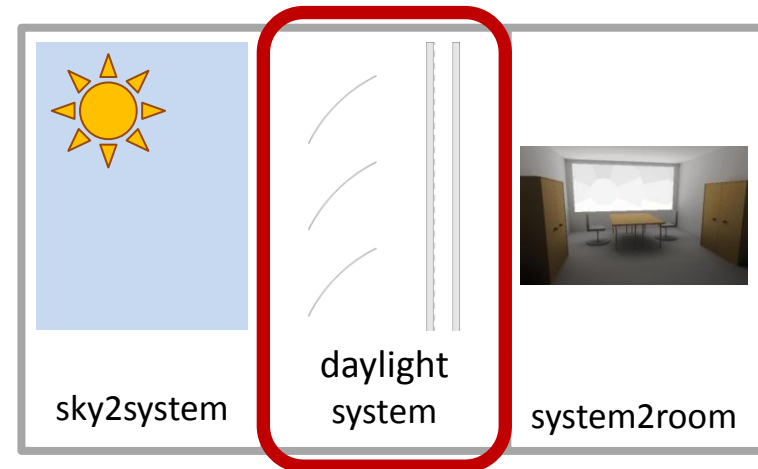
function describing  
the properties of the  
daylight system

### structure

inside: Klems-patches  
outside: Klems-patches

### calculation

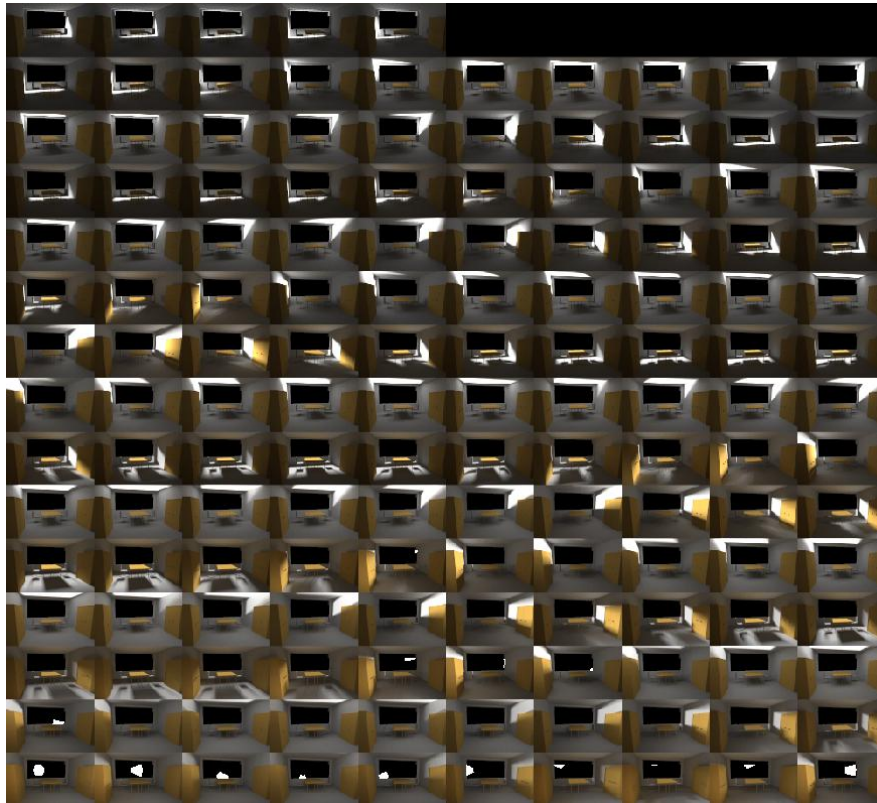
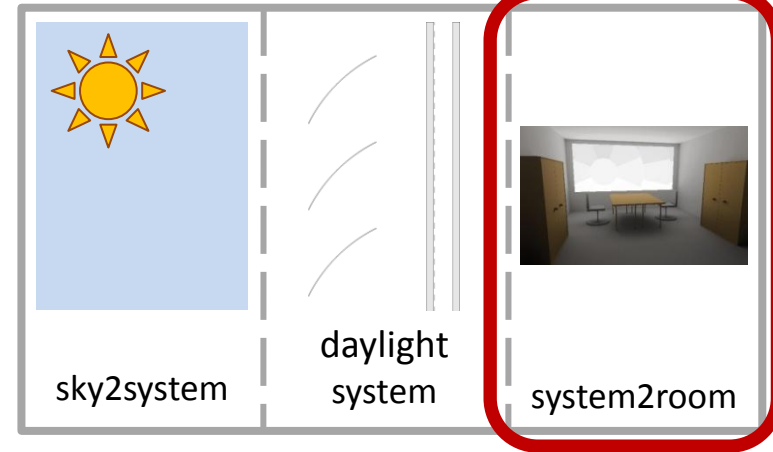
*genBSDF*, WINDOW6/7,  
forwards raytracing  
(see above)



## phase3: view matrix VMX

contribution to the room illumination from every single Klems-patch

**structure**  
facade: Klems-patches  
room: points or image pixels



## calculation

$r(t)_{contrib}$ ,  $vwrays$  (images)

## examples

- 1 irradiance grid per Klems-patch
- 1 image per Klems-patch



## phase3: view matrix VMX

### example calculation: irradiance grid

```
rtcontrib -n 8 -f klems_int.cal -b kbinS -bn Nkbins
-m windowglow -I+ -ab 8 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-8
scene_vmx.oct < E_grid.pts > E_grid.vmx
```

**rtcontrib** –  
what else?

**-f:** cal-file that calculates  
*kbinS* and *Nkbins*  
**-b:** current bin number  
**-bn:** total number of bins

**E\_grid.pts**  
calculation points  
and directions

#### scene\_vmx.oct

octree that contains the room a uniformly glowing /  
lighting window with the modifier for r(t)contrib

```
void glow windowglow
0
0
4 1 1 1 0
windowglow polygon window
0
0
12 -2.25 -2.7 0.85
    -2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 2.85
    2.25 -2.7 0.85
```

} in window\_glow.rad

```
oconv myscene.rad window_glow.rad > scene_vmx.oct
```

## phase3: view matrix VMX

### example calculation: radiance image

```
vwrays -ff -vf back_vtv.vf -x 600 -y 600 | \  
rtcontrib -n 8 $(vwrays -vf back_vtv.vf -x 600 -y 600 -d)  
-ffc -fo -o img/window_%03d.hdr  
-f klems_int.cal -b kbinS -bn Nkbins  
-m windowlight -ab 8 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-6 scene_vmx.oct
```

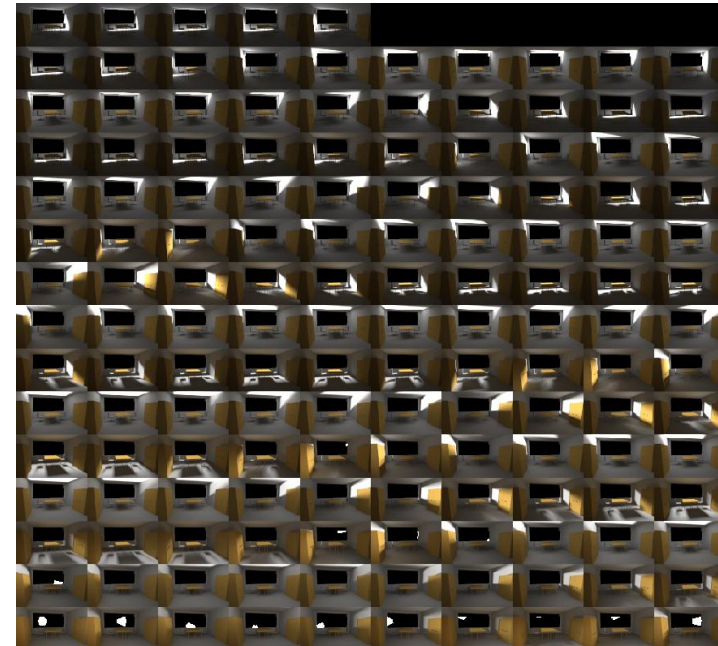
#### **vwrays**

program to generate ray  
samples for specified view

#### **\$(vwrays ...)**

get image dimensions  
from vwrays

**-o:** specify output  
destination;  
**%03d** is replaced by the  
respective bin number



## skyvector

- subdivision of sky into patches
- Tregenza [145+1]
  - Reinhart [577/2305+1]

## calculation

RADIANCE programs  
*gensky/gendaylit and genskyvec*

## example calculation: Reinhart patches for clear sky in Innsbruck

```
gensky 9 21 9:00 -a 47.27 -o -11.39 -m -15 +s | \  
genskyvec -m 4 > ibk_skyvec4.skv
```

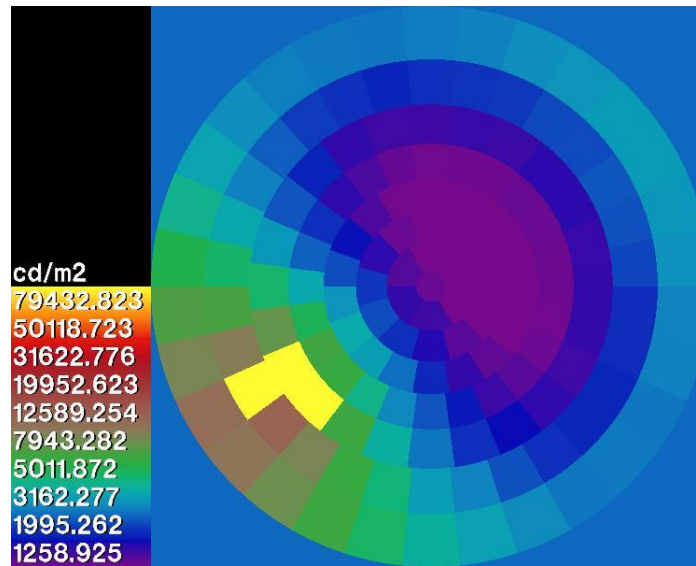
### genskyvec

program to generate average radiances of sky patches

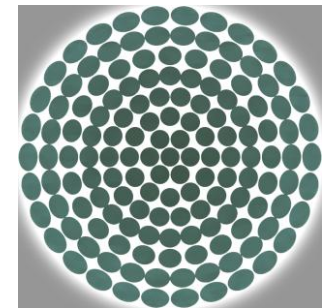
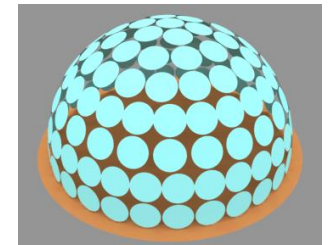
**-m:** define sky subdivision

1: Tregenza (145 + 1)

2/4: Reinhart (577/2305 + 1)

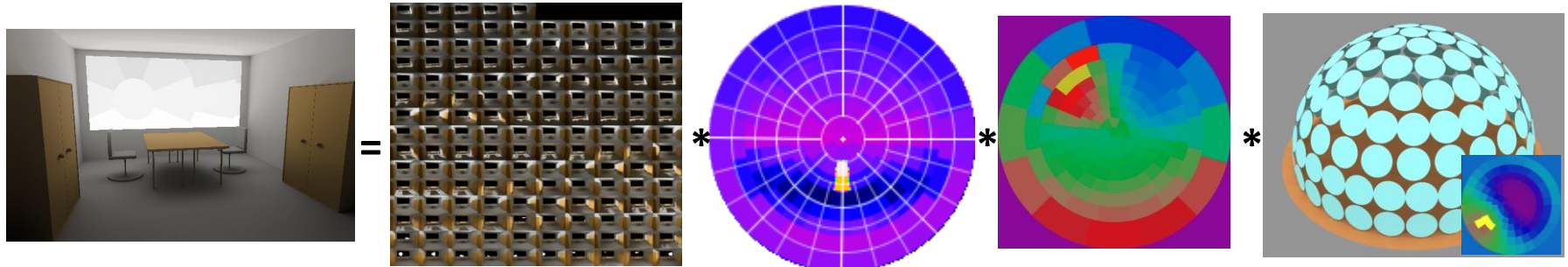


luminances of a clear sky in Innsbruck (-m 1):  
145 Tregenza skypatches + 1 ground patch



indication of the center positions of the 145 Tregenza-skypatches

## RADIANCE 3-phase daylight coefficient method



result

view matrix VMX

BSDF

daylight matrix DMX

sky radiance  
distribution

pre-calculation  
(time-consuming)

at every time step  
(fast matrix calculation)

## combining the matrices – dctimestep

### example calculation – image

```
dctimestep img/window_%03d.hdr system.xml south.dmx ibk_skyvec4.skv > result.hdr
```

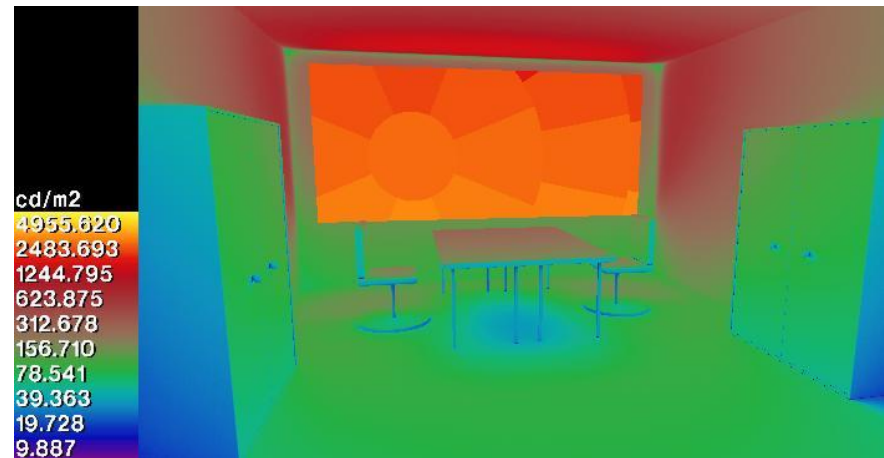
**view matrix**  
145 contribution  
images

**BSDF**

**daylight matrix**  
contributions  
from sky

**sky vector**  
sky radiance  
distribution

**result file**  
radiance  
image



simulation of a day

climate data from S@tel-Light

data every 30 min -> generate  
Perez sky with gendaylit

settings of the venetian blind

(control depending on sun angle,  
different settings for lower  
and upper part):

0 ... 0° tilt angle

1 ... 20° tilt angle

2 ... 40° tilt angle

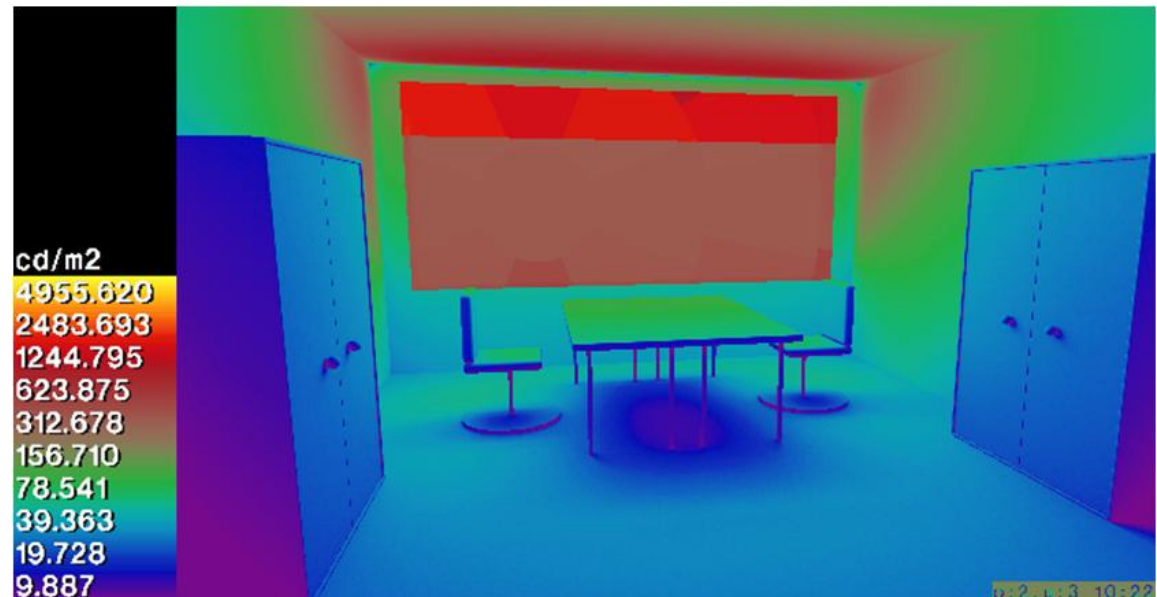
3 ... 70° tilt angle

further information:

S@tel-Light: climate data for Europe, [online](#)



o:2, u:3 10:22



o:2, u:3 10:22



## combining the matrices – dctimestep

### example calculation – sensor point

```
dctimestep E_grid.vmx system.xml south.dmx ibk_skyvec4.skv > result.txt
```

**view matrix**  
with grid point  
contributions

**BSDF**

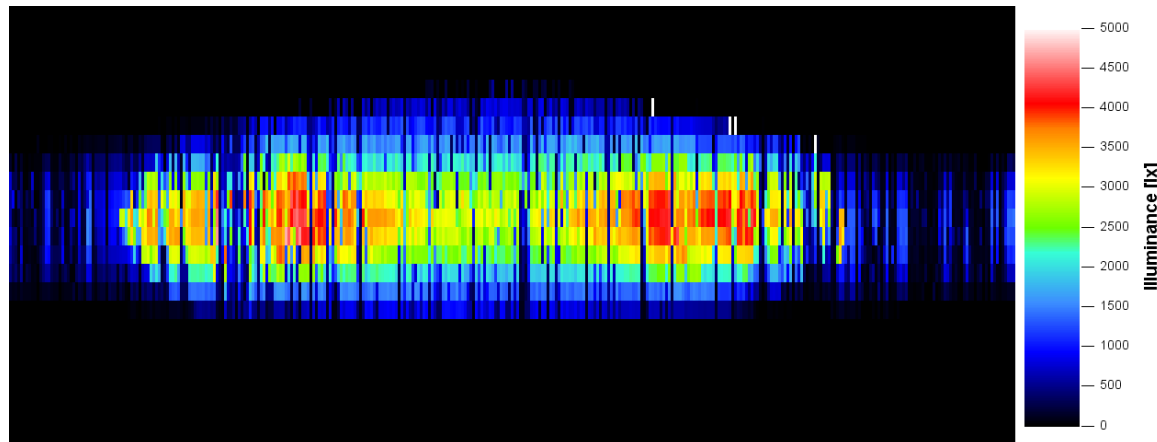
**daylight matrix**  
contributions  
from sky

**sky vector**  
sky radiance  
distribution

**result file**  
irradiance  
values

### annual calculation

```
for (hour in 1..8760) do  
  generate sky_vector with gendaylit from climate_data(hour)  
  calculate result(hour) with dctimestep for appropriate BSDF  
done
```



## further possibilities

### classical daylight coefficient method („1-phase-method“)

```
dctimestep dc_matrix.dcmx skyvec.skv > result.txt/hdr
```

#### daylight coefficient matrix

relative contributions from sky patches to grid points / pixels  
(i.e. this includes the DMX and the BSDF if any)

### acceleration of dctimestep

```
dctimestepcpu E_grid.vmx system.xml south.dmx sky.skm 8760 > result_year.txt
```

**sky matrix skm**  
annual sky description

**8760**  
hours in sky matrix

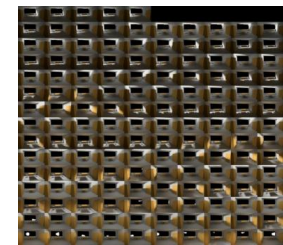
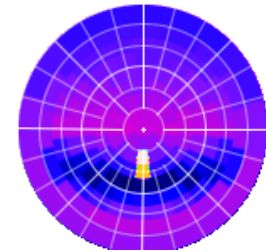
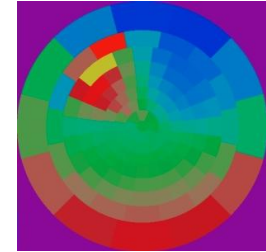
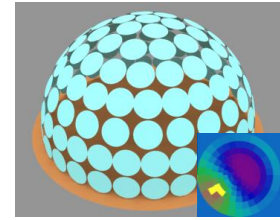
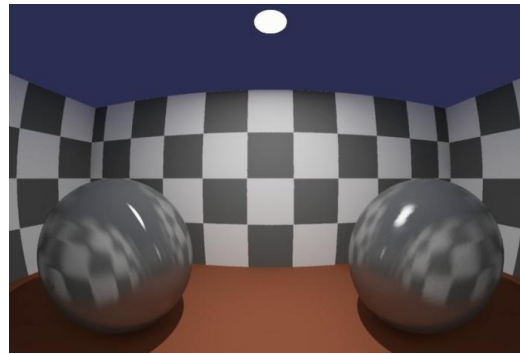
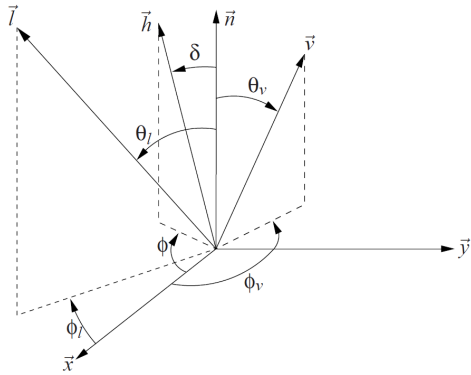
### acceleration test:

CPU i7 960 3.2 Ghz	1 time step	1 year (8760 h)	speed-up 18.8	½ year (4380 h)
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dctimestep	0.174s	25m21s		12m40s

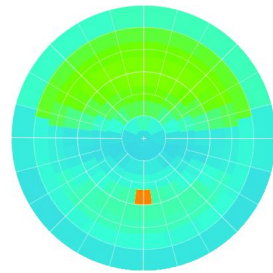
further reading:

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## Questions?



Veretian Blind

Slot width: 80.0 mm  
 Spacing: 72.0 mm  
 Tilt: 45 degrees  
 Tilt angle: 45 degrees  
 Blind thickness: 56.6 mm  
 Rise: 6.518 mm

Help