# Computational Photography: Real Time Plenoptic Rendering

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# Overview

- Plenoptic cameras
- Rendering with GPUs
- Effects
  - Choosing focus
  - Choosing viewpoint (parallax)
  - Stereo
  - Choosing depth of field
  - HDR
  - Polarization
  - Super resolution
- Demos
- Conclusion





## Making (and Recreating) Memories



# What's Wrong with this Picture?



#### Perspective



Film



#### Along Came Photoshop



## What's Wrong with This Picture?



# What's Wrong? It's Only a Picture!



#### Can We Create More than Pictures?





Can we request that Photography renders the full variety offered by the direct observation of objects? Is it possible to create a photographic print in such a manner that it represents the exterior world framed, in appearance, between the boundaries of the print, as if those boundaries were that of a window opened on reality.

Gabriel Lippmann, 1908.

#### **Pixels and Cores**

- Moore's Law: Megapixels keep growing
  - 7.2 MP = 8 by 10 at 300dpi
  - Available on cell phones
- 60MP sensors available now
  - Larger available soon (can a use be found?)
- Use pixels to capture richer information about a scene
- Computationally process captured data
  - GPU power also riding Moore's Law curve





# Infinite Variety (Focusing)



# Focusing



# Focusing



## **Different Views**



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#### **Computational Photography**

- With traditional photography light rays in a scene go through optical elements and are captured by a sensor
- With computational photography, we capture the light rays and apply optical elements computationally



## Taking Pictures

- A traditional camera places optical elements into the light rays in a scene
- A pixel on the sensor is illuminated by rays from all directions
- The sensor records the intensity of the sum of those rays
- We lose all of the information about individual rays



#### Radiance (Plenoptic Function, Lightfield)

- Instead of integrating rays from all directions, capture the rays themselves (the radiance)
- Record all the information about the scene



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#### Computational Photography – The Basic Idea

- Using radicance, we can "take the picture" computationally
- Choose and apply optical elements computationally
- Render computationally
- Explore the "full variety" <u>computationally</u> and <u>interactively</u>



#### Radiance (and Transformations)

- The radiance r(q, p) is a density function over 4D ray space
- Each ray is a point in 4D ray space



(2D diagrams shown because they are easier to draw.)

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- Effects of optical elements (lenses, free space) are linear transformations
- Rendering (taking a picture) is integration over all p at a given q





#### Capturing the 4D radiance with a 2D sensor

- To capture individual rays, first we have to separate them
- At a particular spatial point, we have a set of rays at all directions
- If we let those rays travel through a pinhole, they will separate into distinguishable individual rays
- Two pinholes will sample two positions



#### A plenoptic camera

- A camera with an array of pinholes will capture an image that represents the 4D radiance
- In practice, one might use a microlens array to capture more light
  - (cf Ng et al "Handheld Plenoptic Camera")



#### The focused plenoptic camera

- With the Adobe camera, we make one important modification
- We use the microlenses to create an array of relay cameras to sample the plenoptic function with higher spatial resolution
  - Note that image plane can also be behind the sensor (virtual image is captured)



#### Rendering: Taking a Computational Picture

To take a picture (render) we integrate over all directions p



#### The Story So Far

- A plenoptic camera takes a 2D picture radiance image (or "flat")
- The pixels are samples of the radiance in the 4D ray space
- Optical elements (lenses, space) transform the ray space
- We take a picture by rendering (computationally)
- We adjust the picture by transforming the ray space (computationally)



### The Part of the Talk Where we Reveal the Magic



### First, the Camera



# Plenoptic Image (Flat)



## **GPU** Programming

- Basic alternatives for programming GPU: General purpose (CUDA) or graphics-based (GLSL)
- Open GL Shader Language (GLSL) a natural fit
  - Texture mapping



#### Rendering with GPU using Open GL

- Read in plenoptic radiance image
- Create 2D texture object for radiance
- Serialize image data to Open GL compatible format
- Define the texture to OpenGL

```
image = Image.open("lightfield.png")
```

```
str_image = image.tostring("raw", "RGBX", 0, 1)
```

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## **GLSL** Implementation of Rendering

- Given output pixel coordinate gl\_TexCoord[0].st
- $p = \lfloor \frac{x}{\mu} \rfloor$ Find relevant microimage
- $q = \left(x \lfloor \frac{x}{\mu} \rfloor \mu\right) \frac{M}{\mu} = \left(\frac{x}{\mu} p\right) M$ Find offset within  $q' = q + \frac{\mu - M}{2} = \left(\frac{x}{\mu} - p\right)M + \frac{\mu - M}{2}$
- Center



## **GLSL** Rendering

#### uniform sampler2DRect flat;







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# **GLSL** Rendering









#### **Computational Refocusing**



- What does the sensor capture with different focal planes?
- What is this in terms of phase space?

#### **Computational Refocusing**

- We capture radiance *r*<sub>1</sub>. How can we compute *r*<sub>2</sub>?
- Apply translation transform of the radiance and render from transformed r
  - Very expensive



## Plenoptic 2.0 Refocusing Principle

- Rendering for two different focal planes
- Comments?



## Plenoptic 2.0 Refocusing Principle

A new focal plane can be rendered directly from original radiance



## **GLSL** Rendering

#### uniform sampler2DRect flat;

 $(\mu - M)$ p**uniform float** M, mu; flat **void** main() rendered image vec2 x\_mu = gl\_TexCoord[0].st/mu;  $// x/\mu$ x**vec2**  $p = floor(x_mu);$  //  $p = \lfloor x/\mu \rfloor$  **vec2**  $q = (x_mu - p) * M;$  //  $(x/\mu - p)M$  **vec2** qp = q + 0.5\*(mu - M); //  $q' = q + (\mu - M)/2$  $\mu$ **vec4** colXY = **vec4**(0.0); for (int i = -1; i <= 1; ++i) { for (int i = -1; i <= 1; ++i) { vec2 ij = vec2(float(i), float(j)); vec2 dq = qp - ij \* M; **vec2** fx = (p + ij)\*mu + dq;colXY += **texture2DRect**(flat, fx); } Pixels  $\mathbf{gl}_{-}\mathbf{FragColor} = \operatorname{colXY} / 5.0;$ Rendered Image

**Microimage** 

Pixels

q

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# To Find Out More

- Georgiev, T., Lumsdaine, A., "Focused Plenoptic Camera and Rendering," *Journal of Electronic Imaging*, Volume 19, Issue 2, 2010
- <u>http://www.tgeorgiev.net/CVPR2010/</u>



#### Live Demonstrations



uniform sampler2DRect flat;

// Plenoptic image

```
uniform float M, mu;
```

```
void main()
{
  vec2 x_mu = gl_TexCoord[0].st/mu; // x/\mu
  vec2 p = floor(x_mu); // p = \lfloor x/\mu \rfloor
  vec2 q = (x_mu - p) * M; // (x/\mu - p)M
  vec2 qp = q + 0.5*(mu - M); // q' = q + (\mu - M)/2
```

**vec2** fx = p \* mu + qp;  $// f(x) = p\mu + q'$ 

```
gl_FragColor = texture2DRect(flat, fx);
```