
Global Illumination

Radiosity

Visual Imaging in the Electronic Age

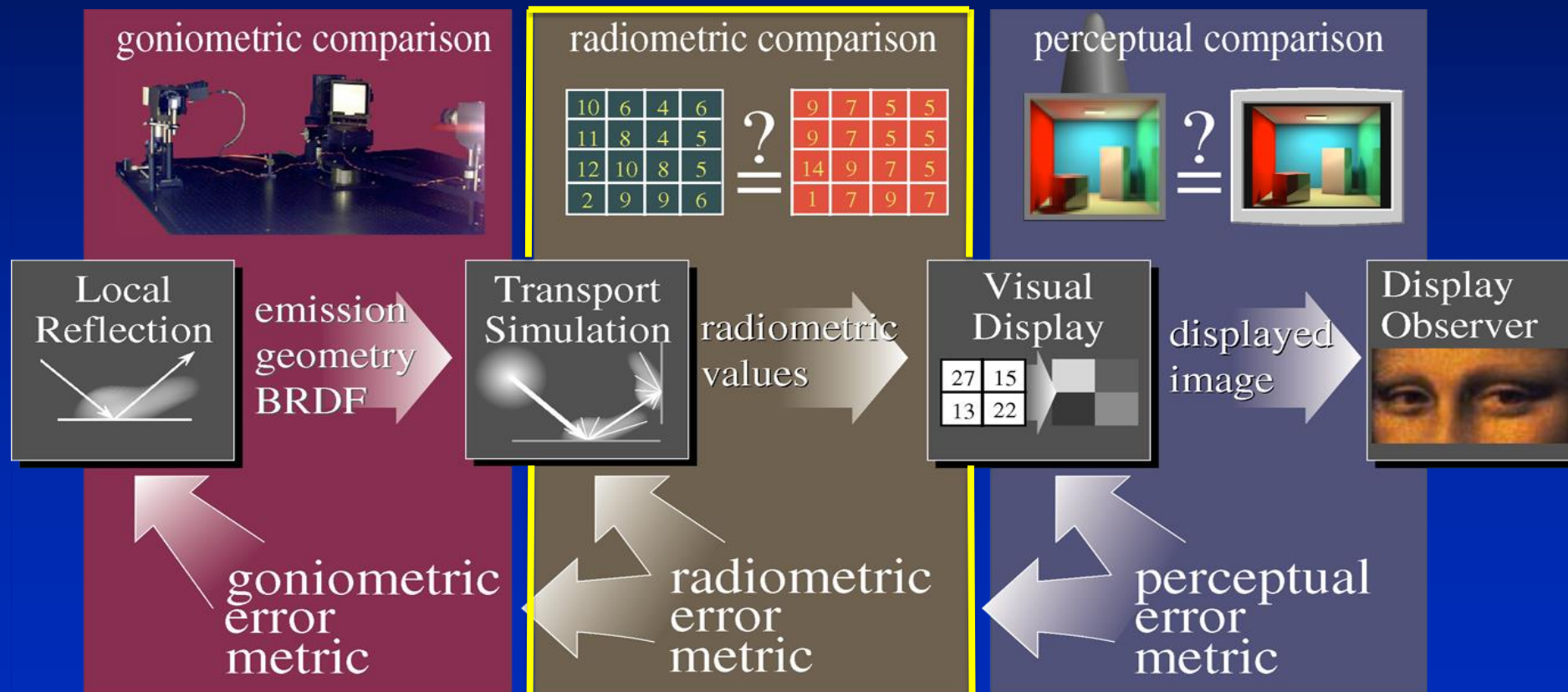
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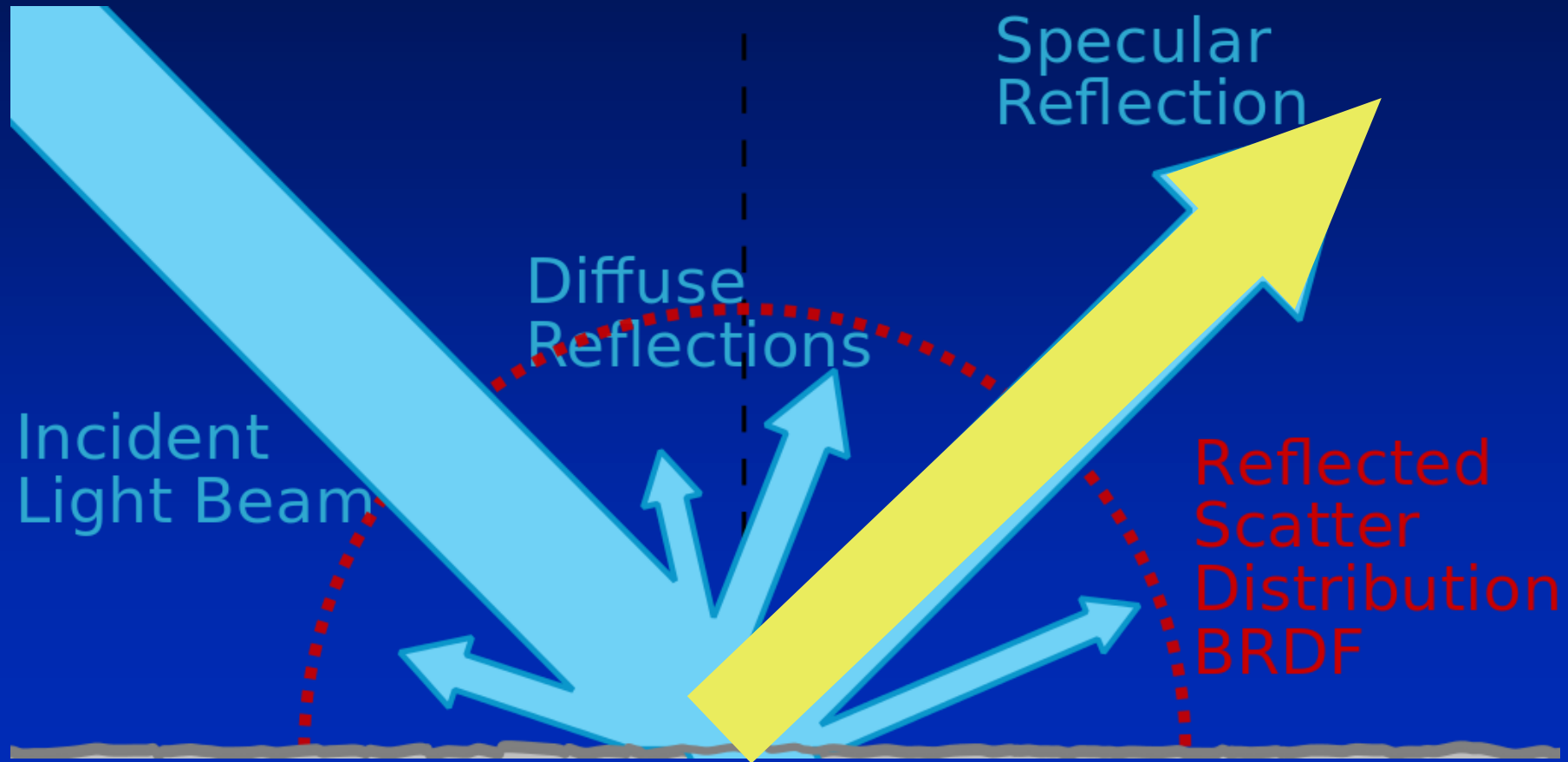
Lecture #17

Rendering Framework

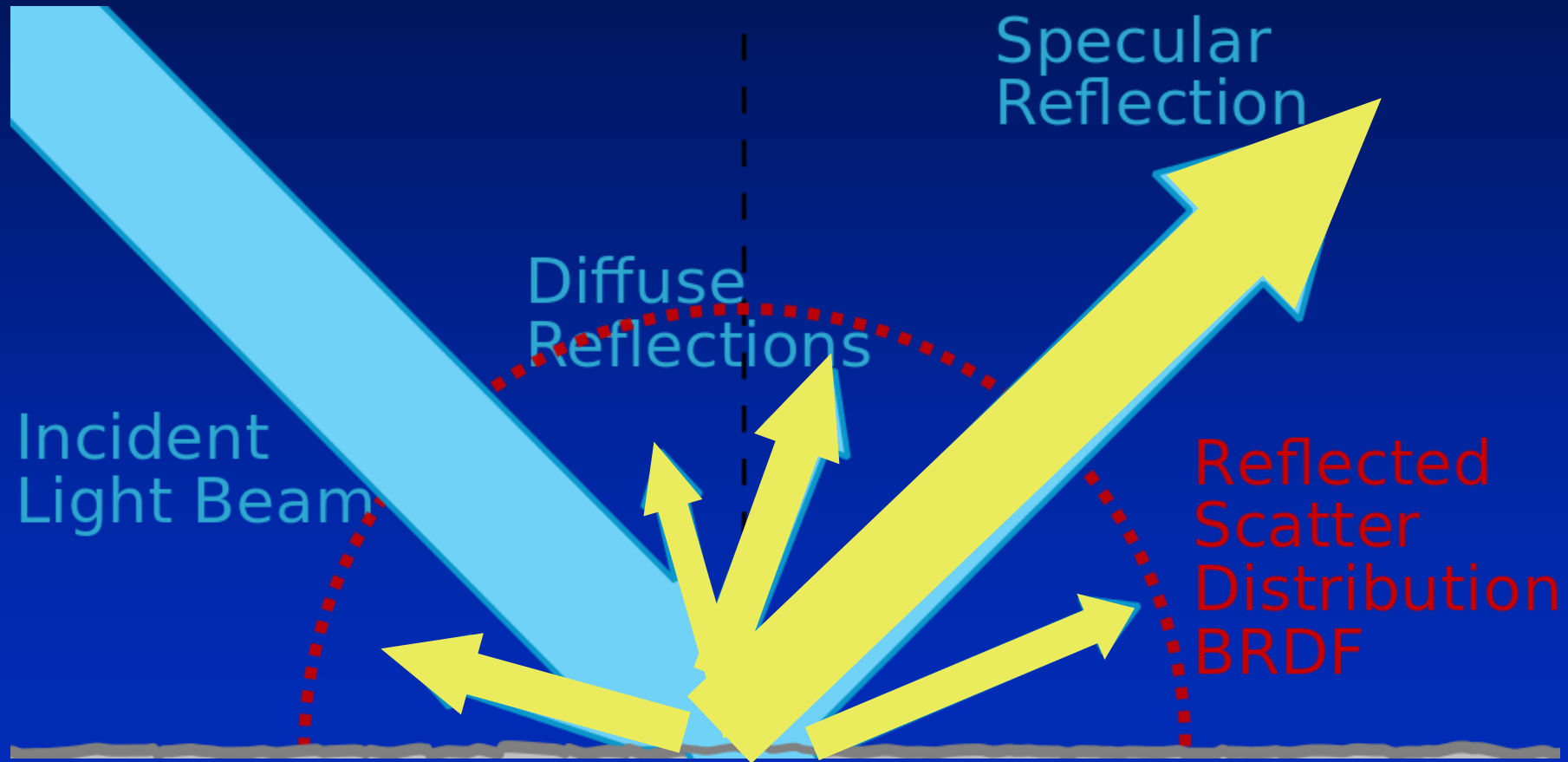
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Ray Tracing



Path Tracing

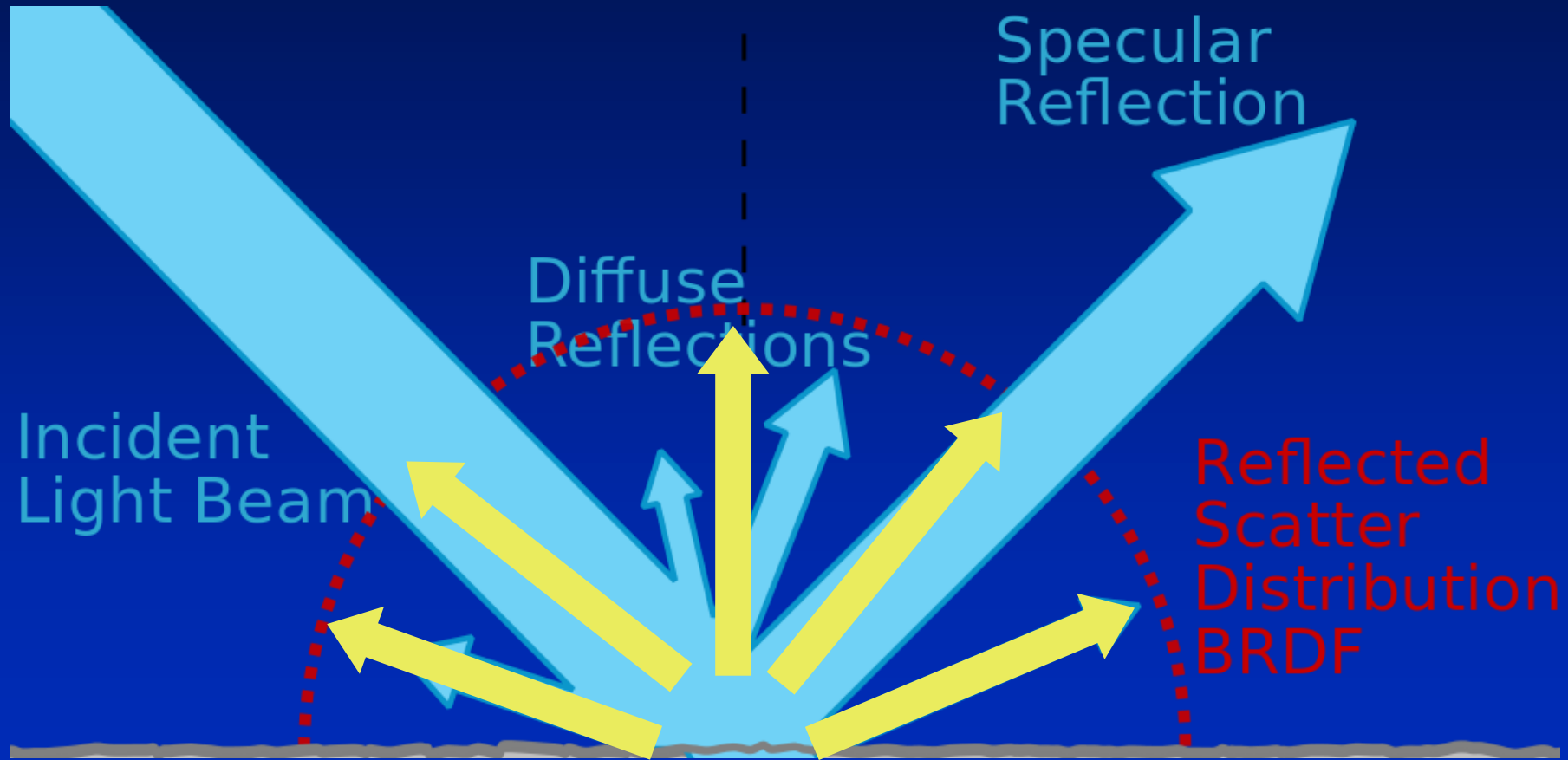


End of Review

Global Illumination Methods

- Ray Tracing
- Path Tracing
- Radiosity

Radiosity



Steel Mill

Wallace 1988



If each polygon is considered a light source, how can we compute and render the scene?

Steel Mill Statistics

Wallace 1988



VAX 11/780 (\$250,000)

1 MIP Machine

- 30,000 Patches
- 50,000 Elements
- 190 Hours Processing Time

Diffuse Environment



Diffuse Student Environment



Radiosity Algorithms

- Polygons only
- Diffuse BRDFs only
- Diffuse light sources only
- Static scenes only

Museum Simulation



(Chen et al. 1988)

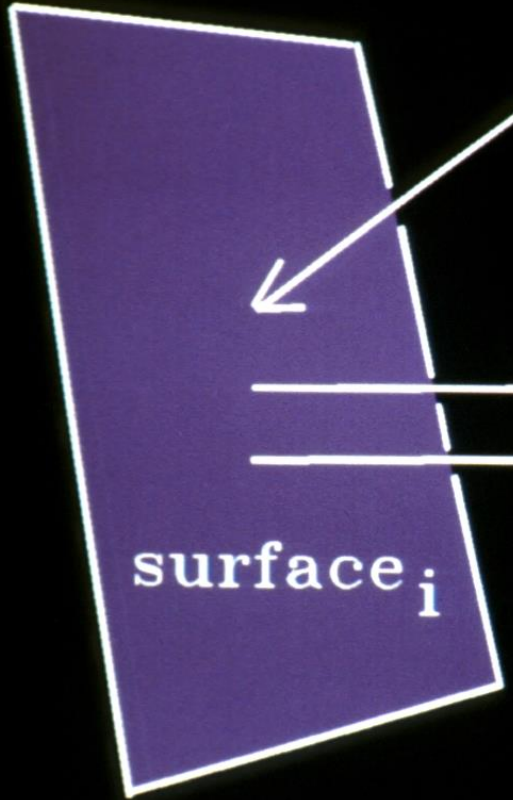
Radiosity Advantages

- Physically based approach for diffuse environments
- Can model diffuse interactions, color bleeding, indirect lighting and penumbra (area light sources)
- Accounts for very high percentage of total energy transfer

RADIOSITY =

EMITTED +

REFLECTED LIGHT



$$\sum B_j F_{ij}$$

$$E_i$$

$$\rho_i \sum B_j F_{ij} \left. \vphantom{\sum B_j F_{ij}} \right\} B_i$$

The Radiosity Method

$$B_i = E_i + \rho_i \sum_{j=1}^n B_j F_{ij}$$

B_i = radiosity of patch i

E_i = emission of patch i

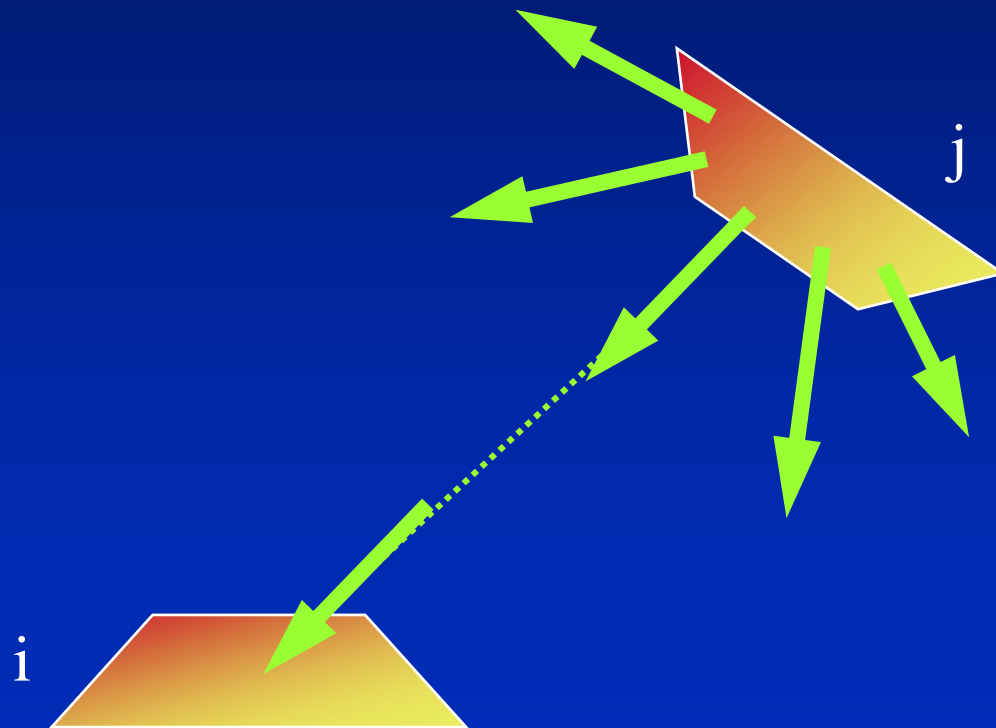
ρ_i = reflectivity of patch i

F_{ij} = form - factor from i to j

* assuming diffuse environments

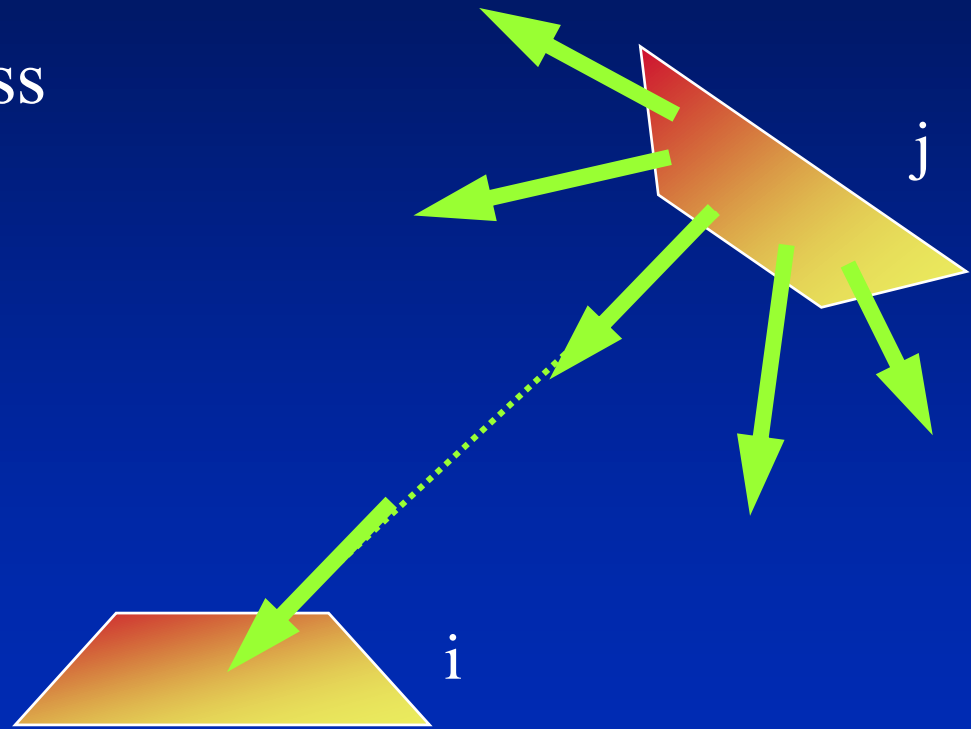
Form Factor

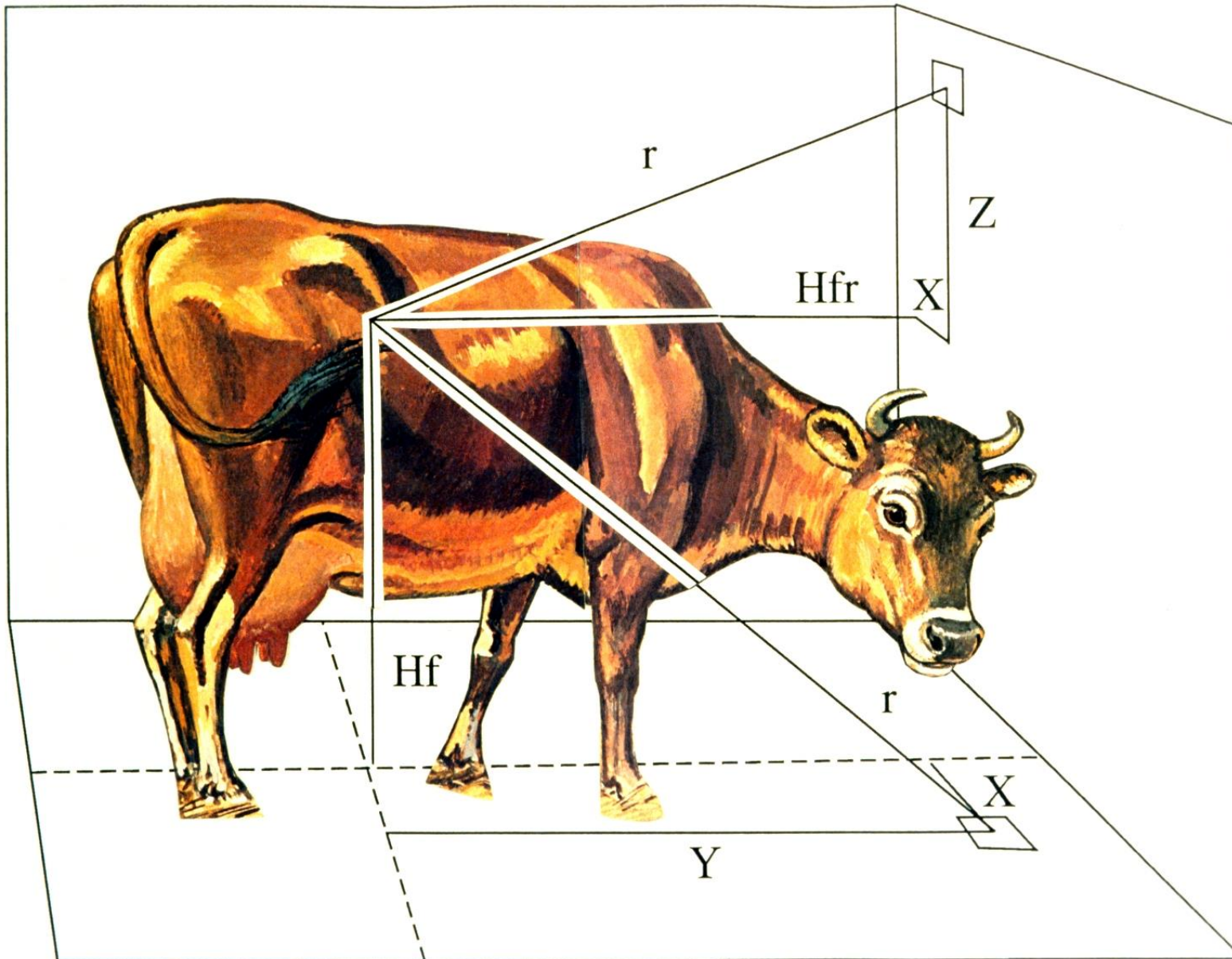
- $F_{i \leftarrow j}$ = the fraction of power emitted by j , which is received by i



Form Factor

- Area
 - if i is smaller, it receives less power
- Orientation
 - if i faces j , it receives more power
- Distance
 - if i is further away, it receives less power





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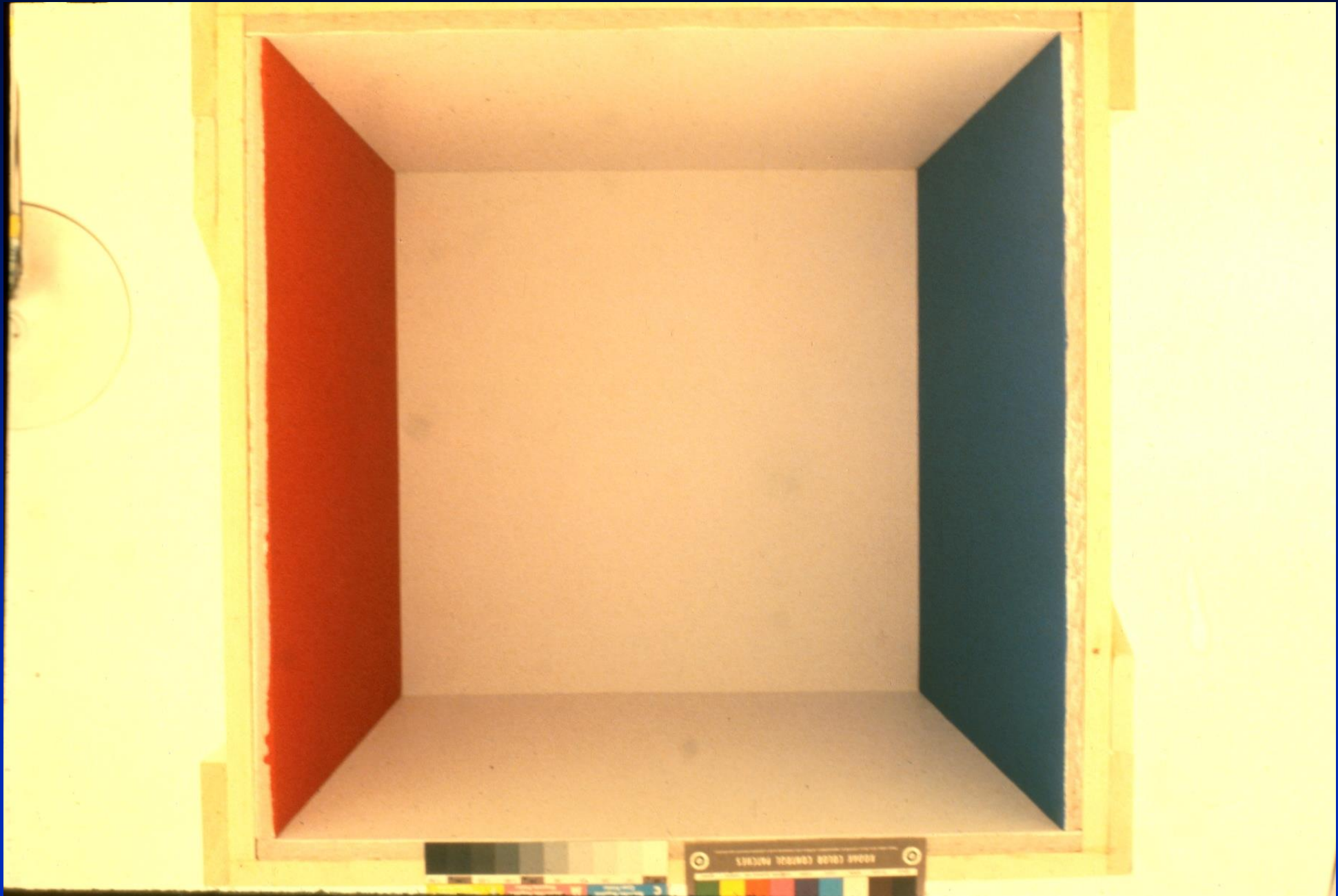
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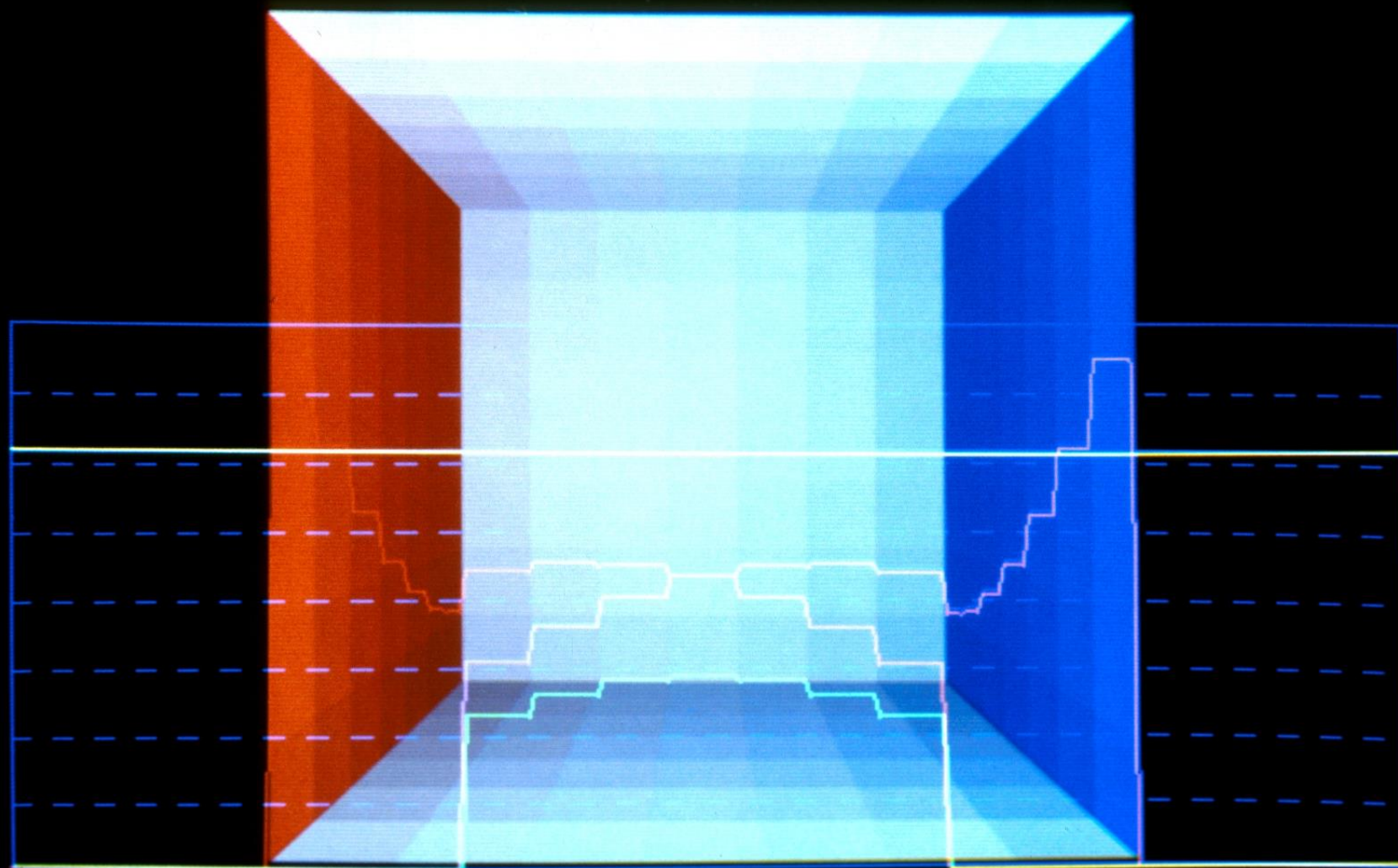
Simultaneous Radiosity Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ B_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\rho_1 F_{11} & -\rho_1 F_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & -\rho_1 F_{1N} \\ -\rho_2 F_{21} & 1-\rho_2 F_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & -\rho_2 F_{2N} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -\rho_N F_{N1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1-\rho_N F_{NN} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ E_N \end{bmatrix}$$

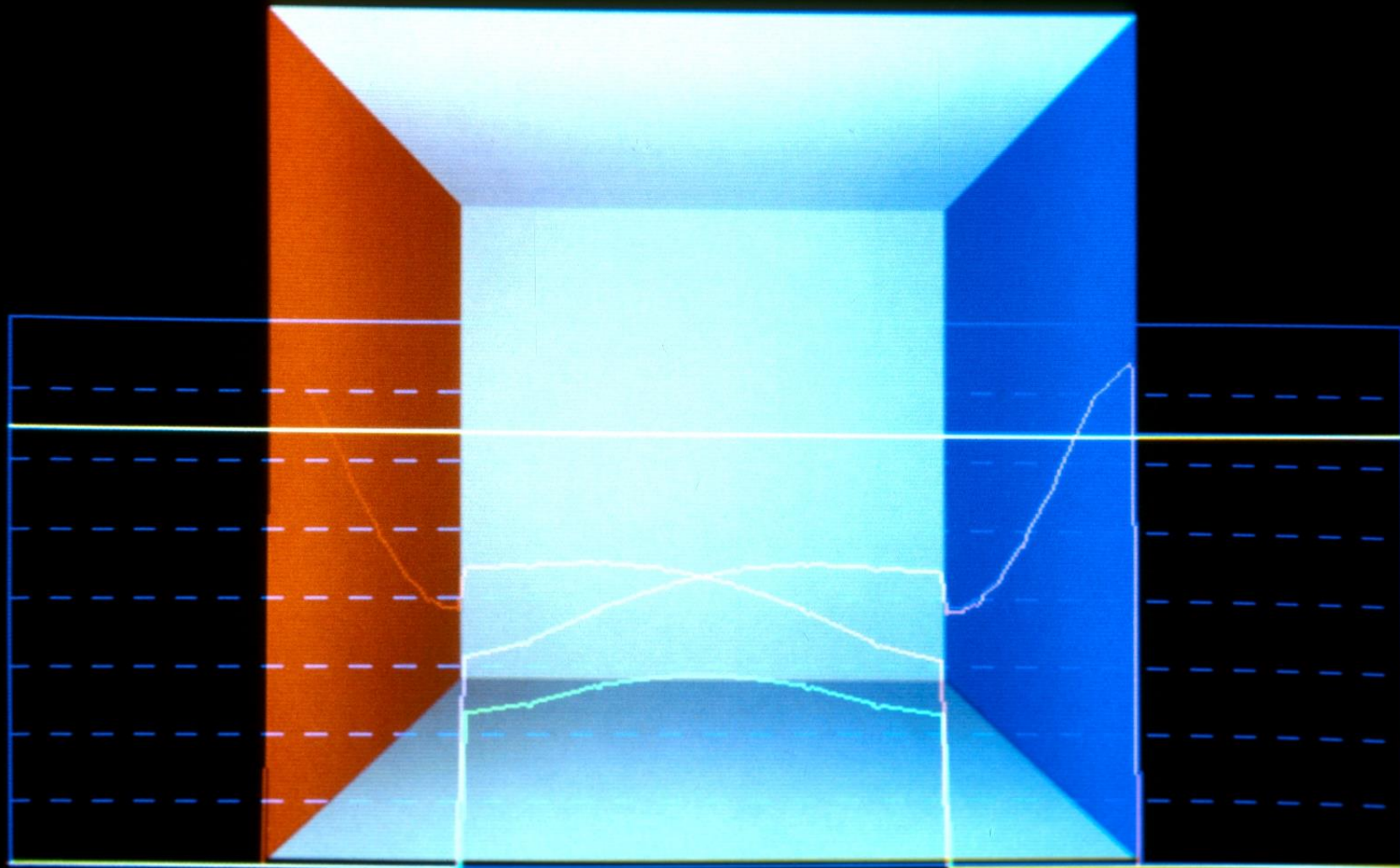




49 patches per side
constant coloring per patch RGB plot

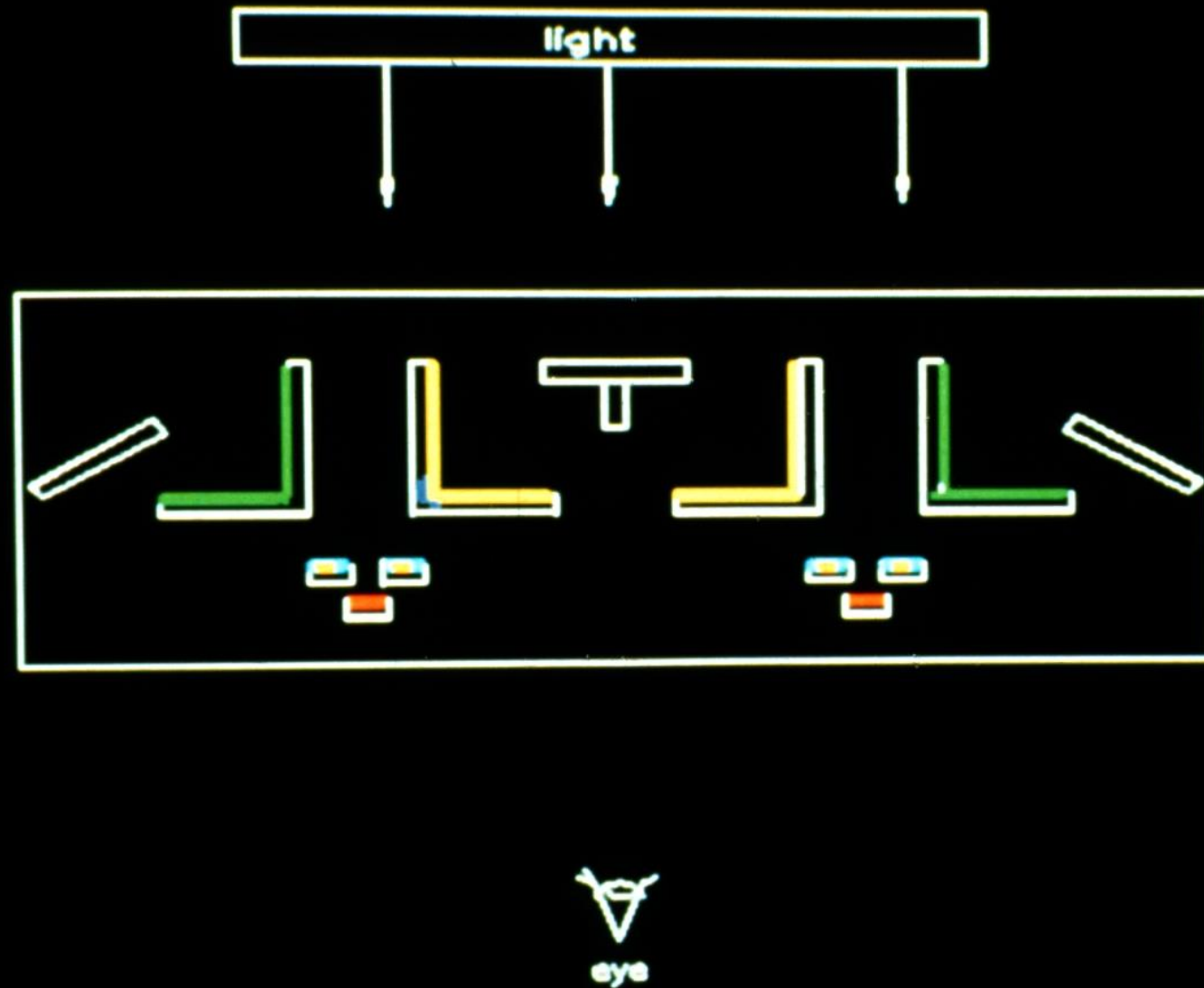


49 patches per side
linear interpolation RGB plot

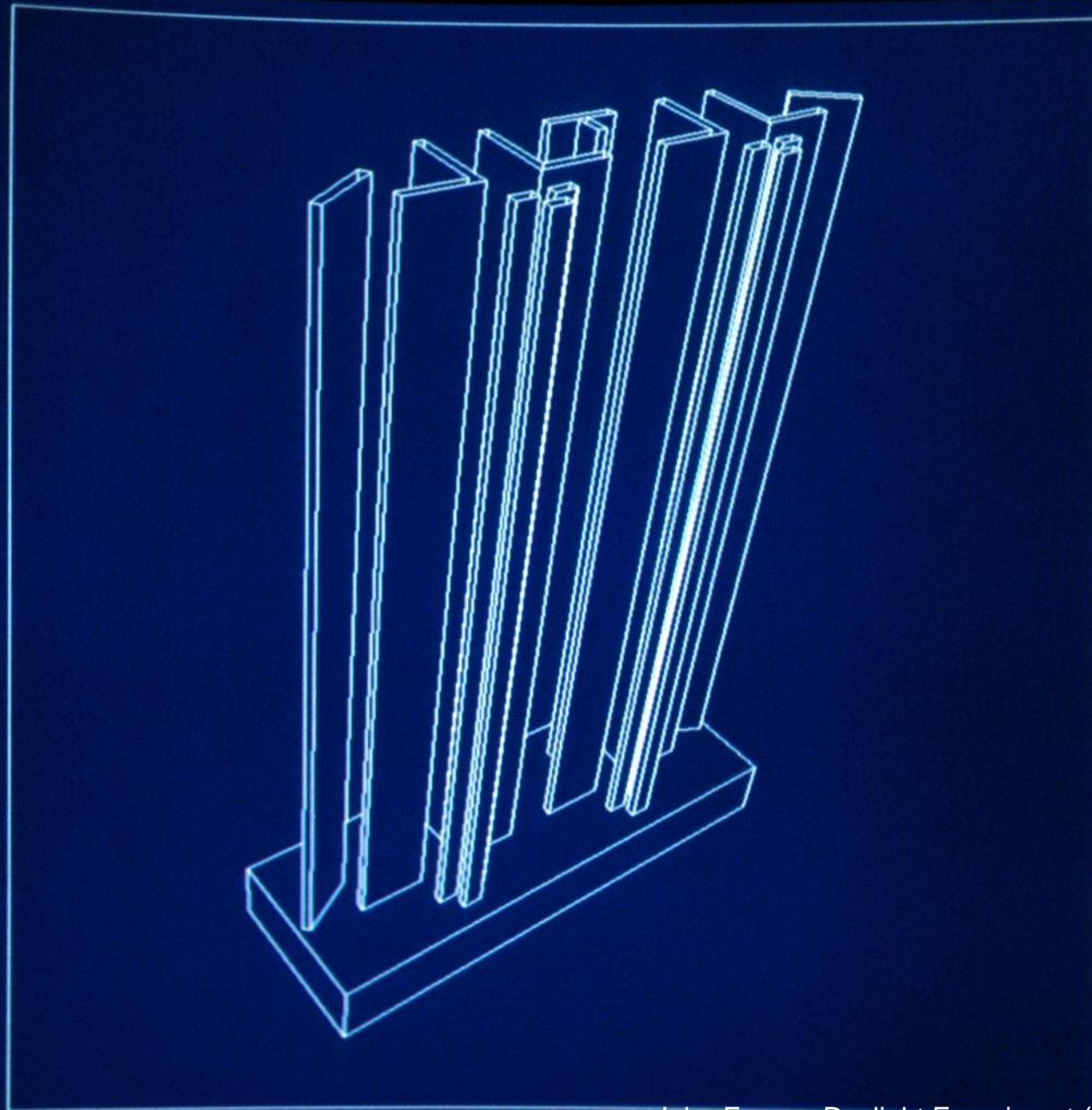


Cornell Box with Cameras

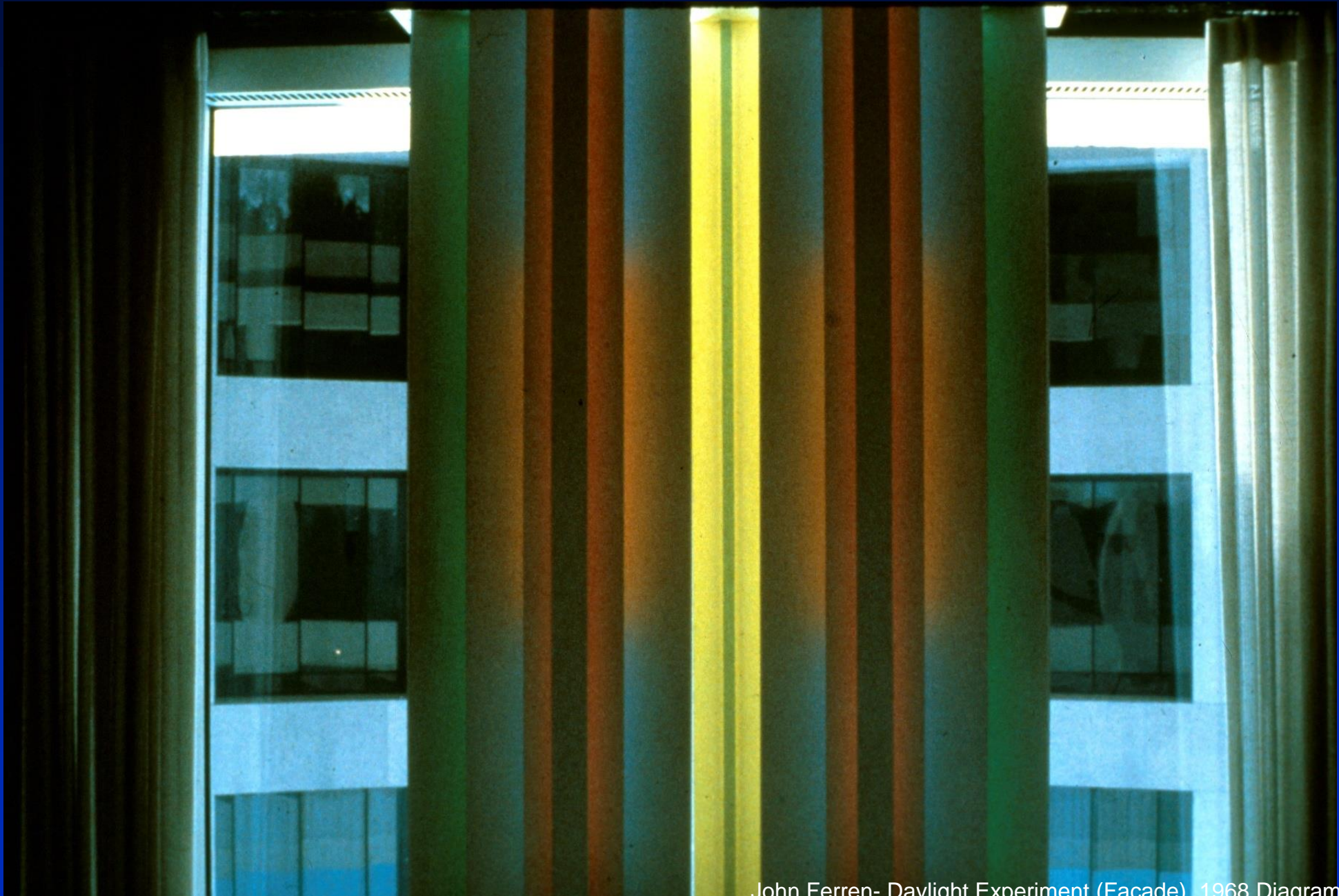




John Ferren- Daylight Experiment (Facade), 1968 Diagram
Hirshhorn Museum

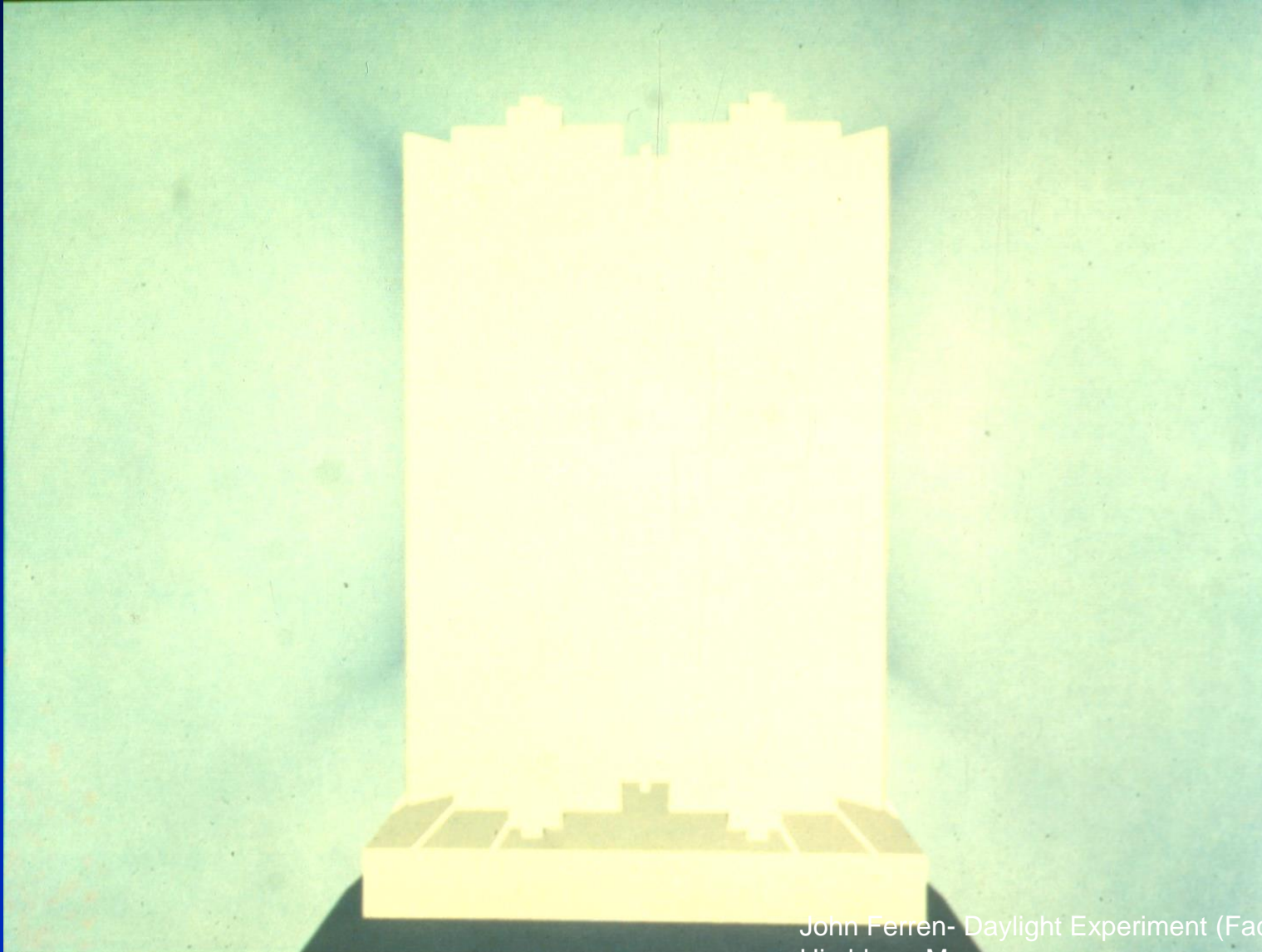


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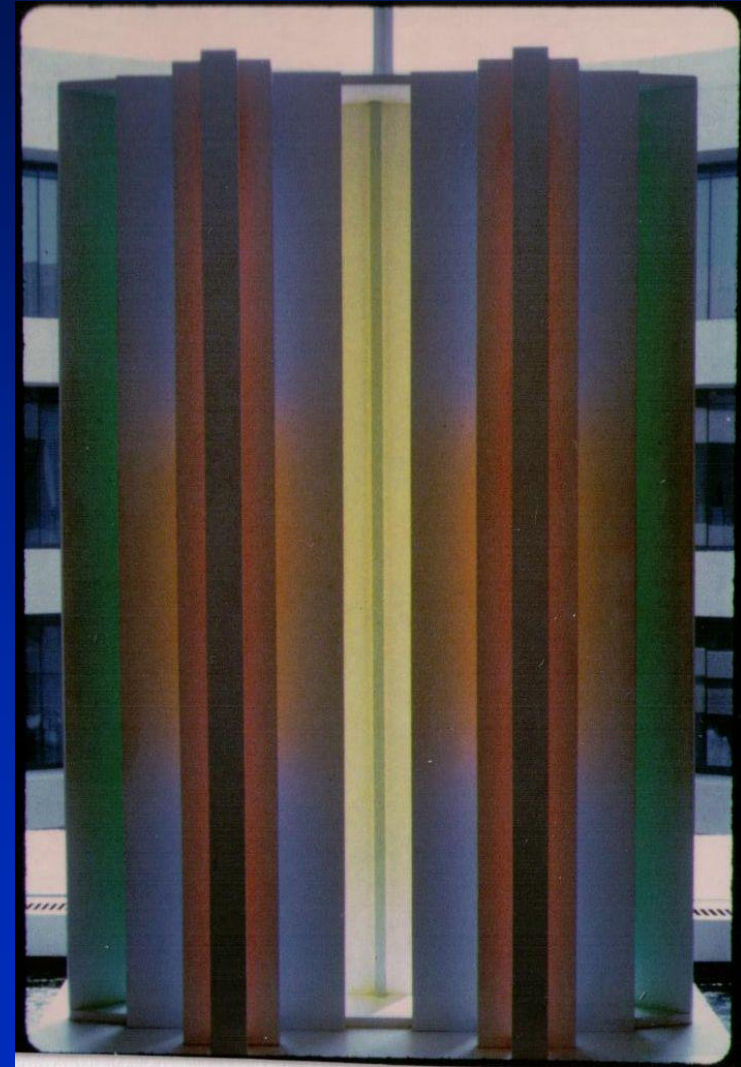
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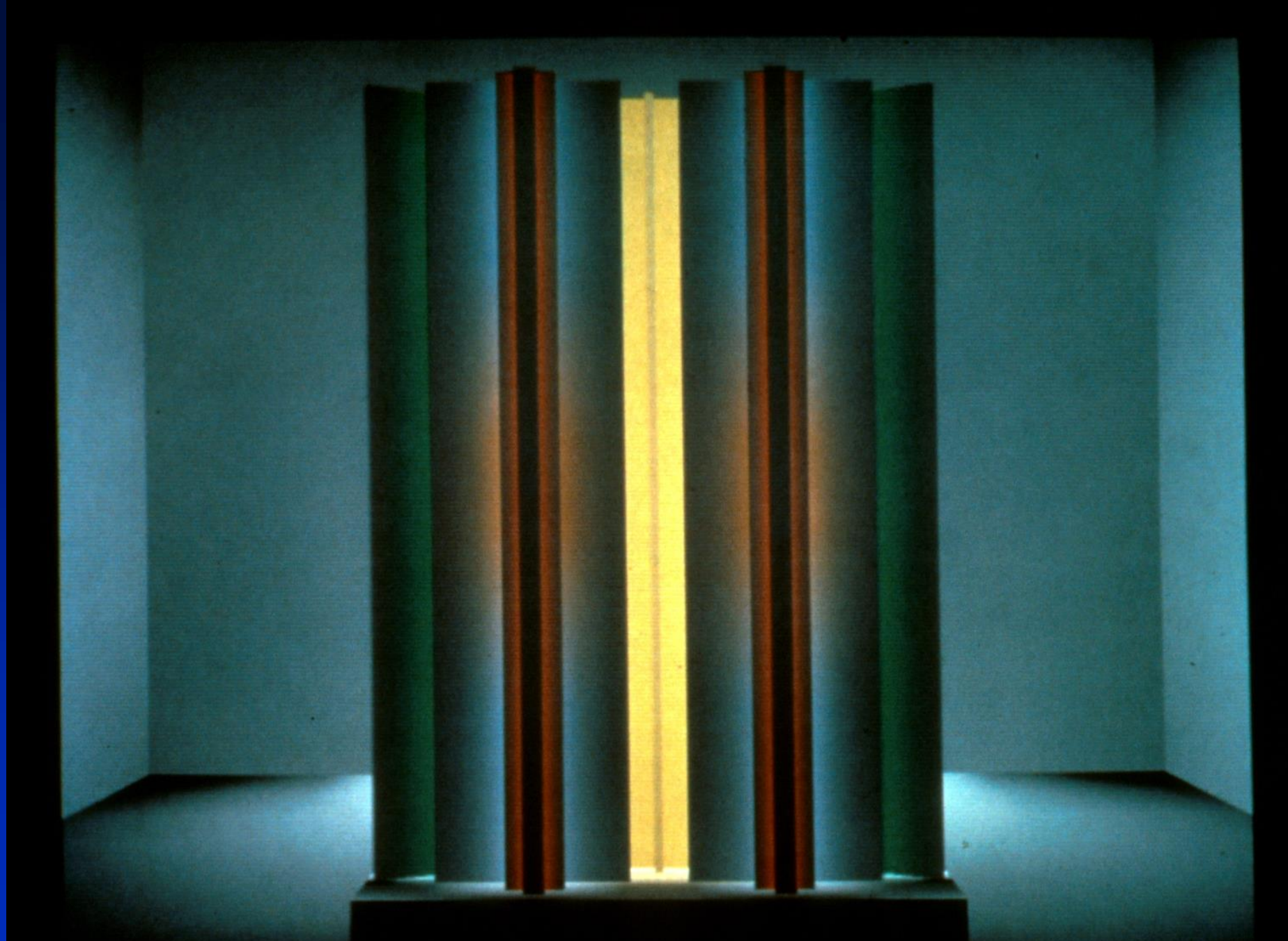
Ray Traced Model



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Experiment and Photograph

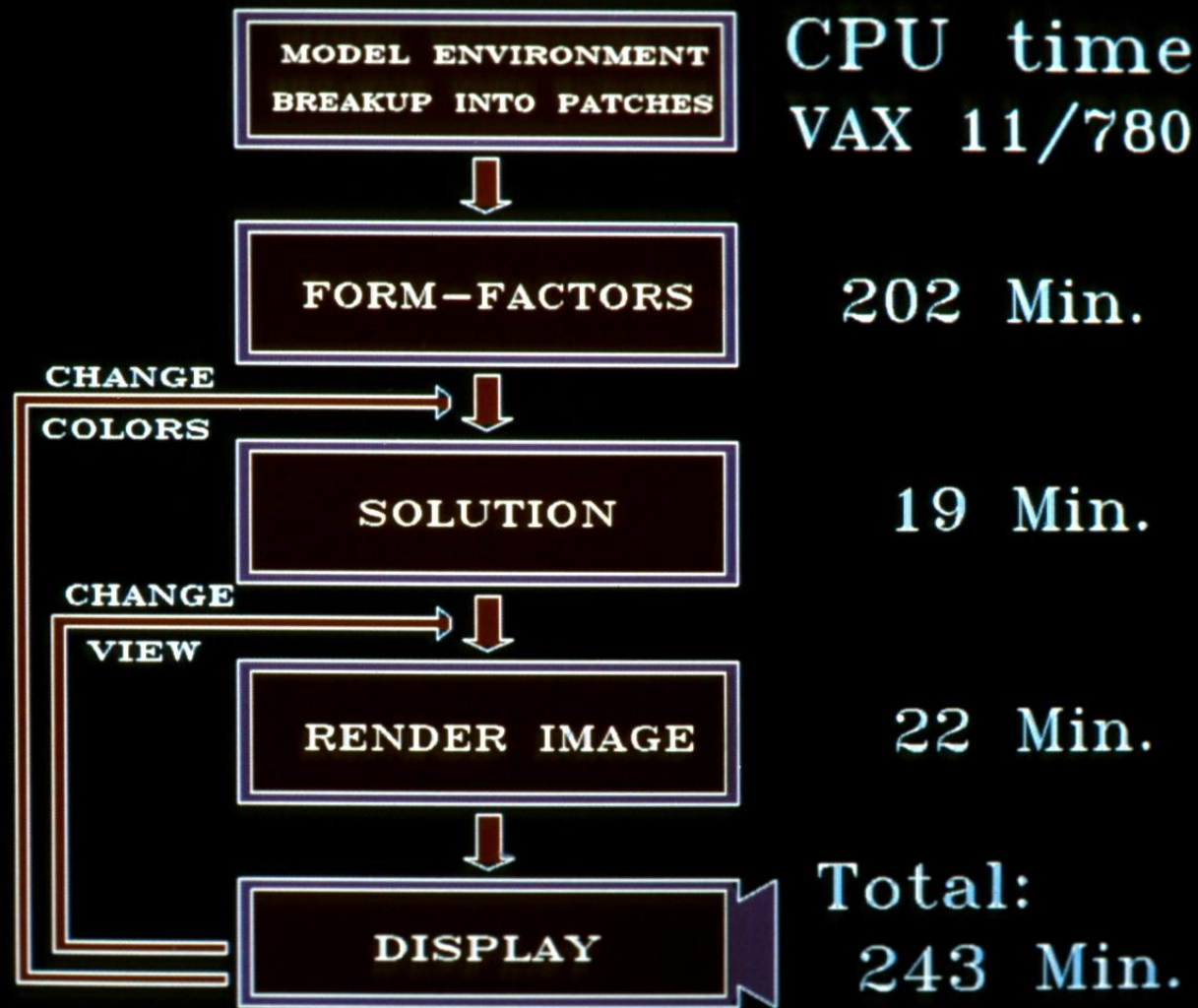




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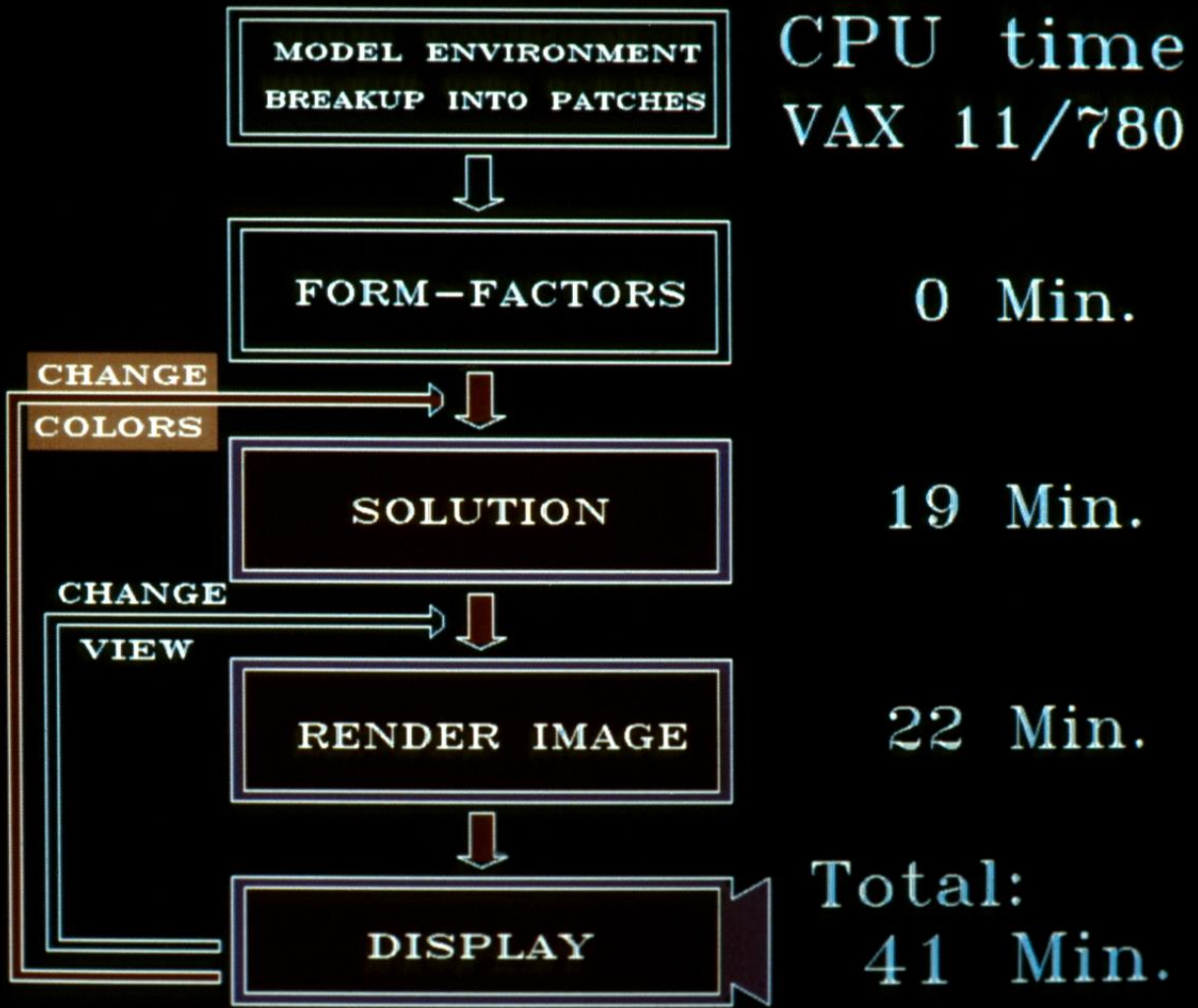
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1985



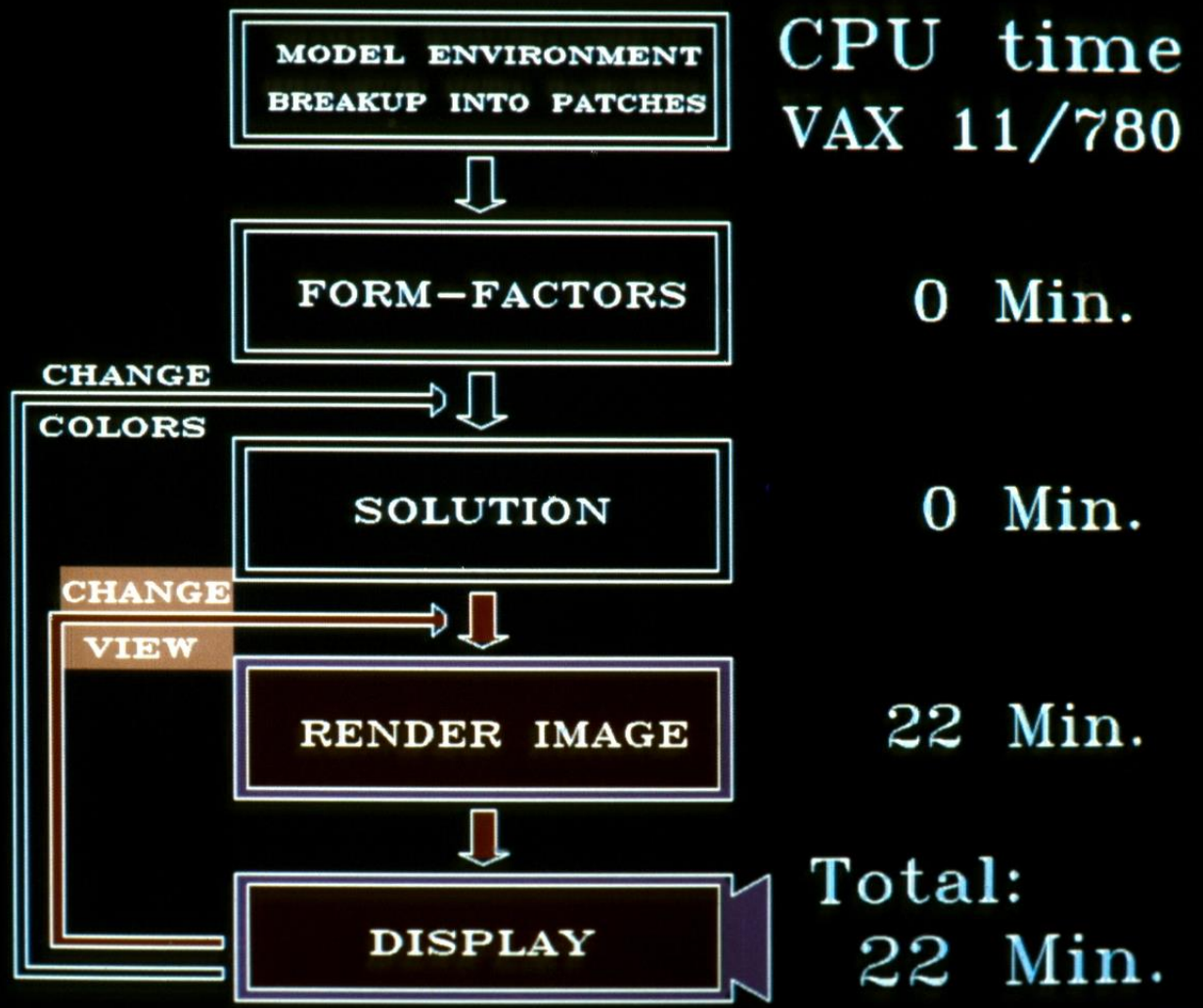
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1985

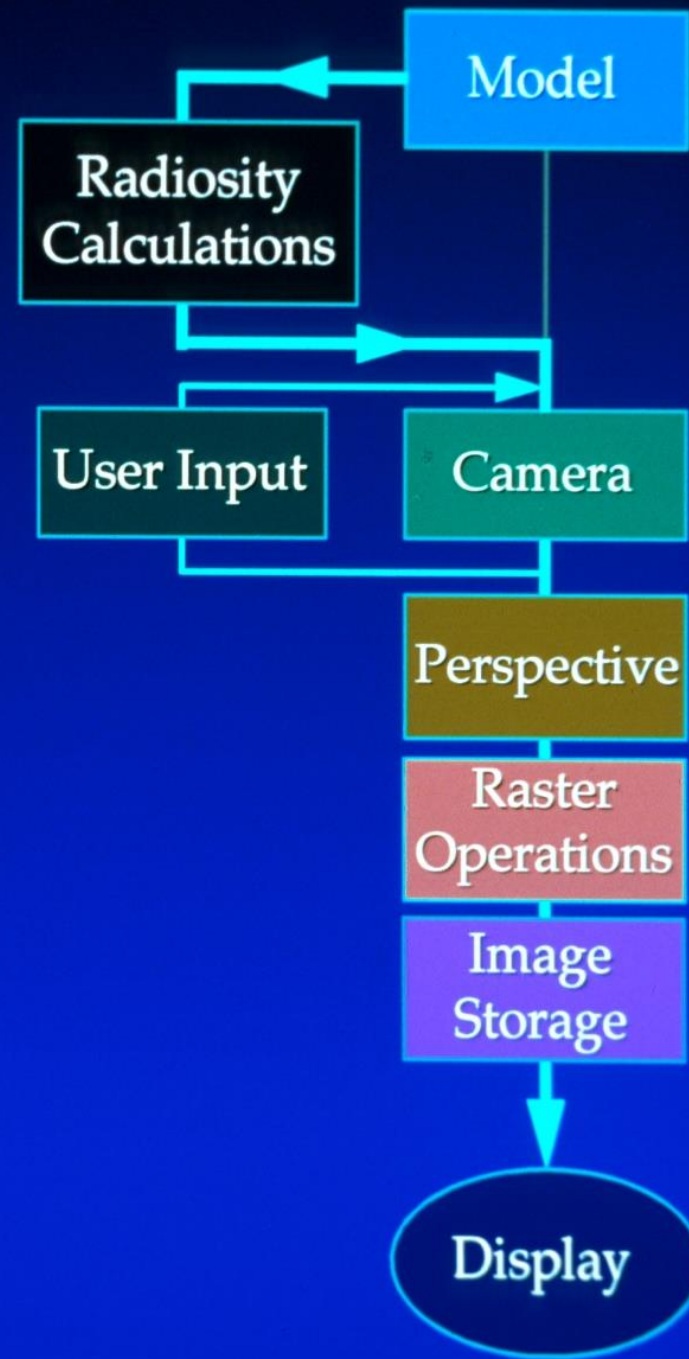


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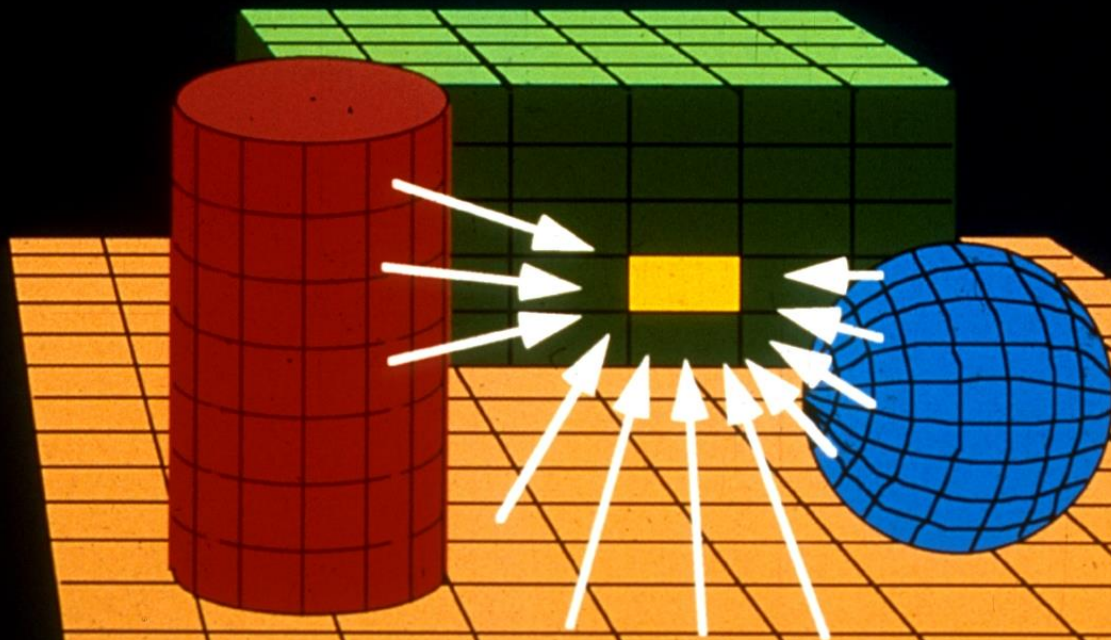


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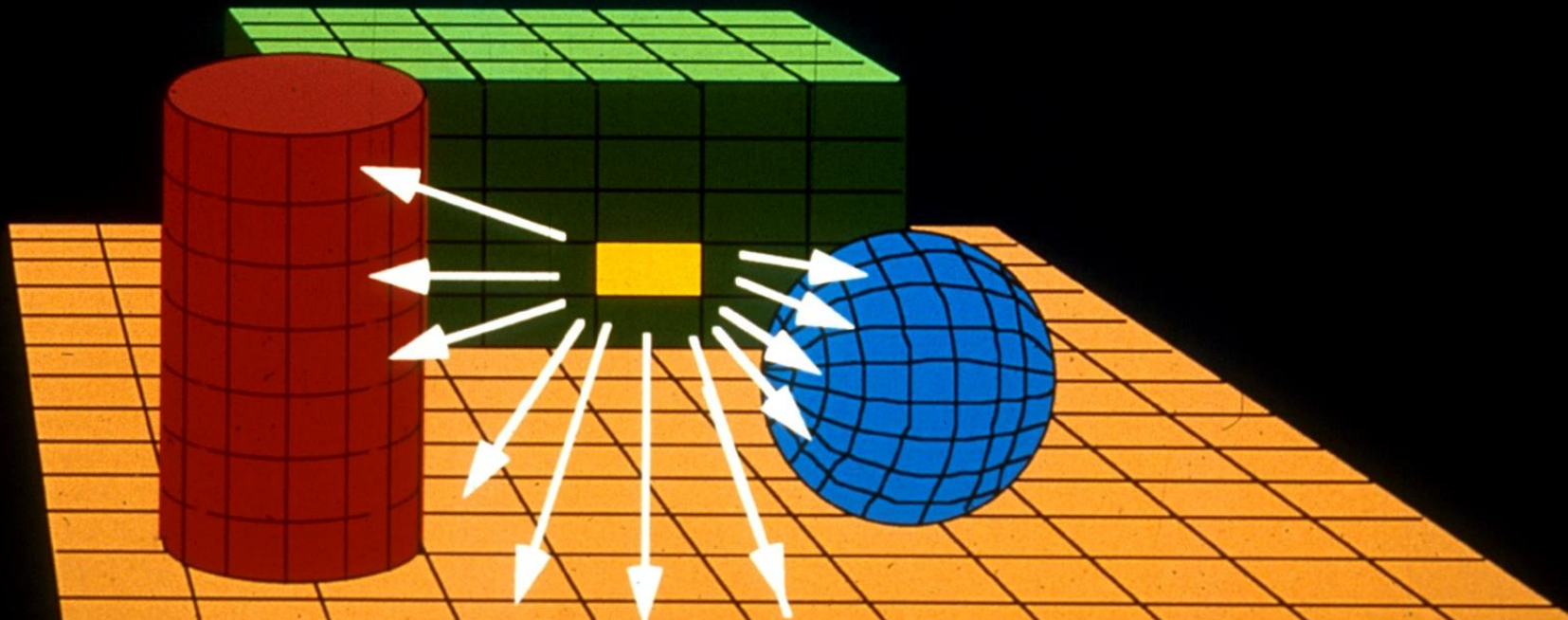
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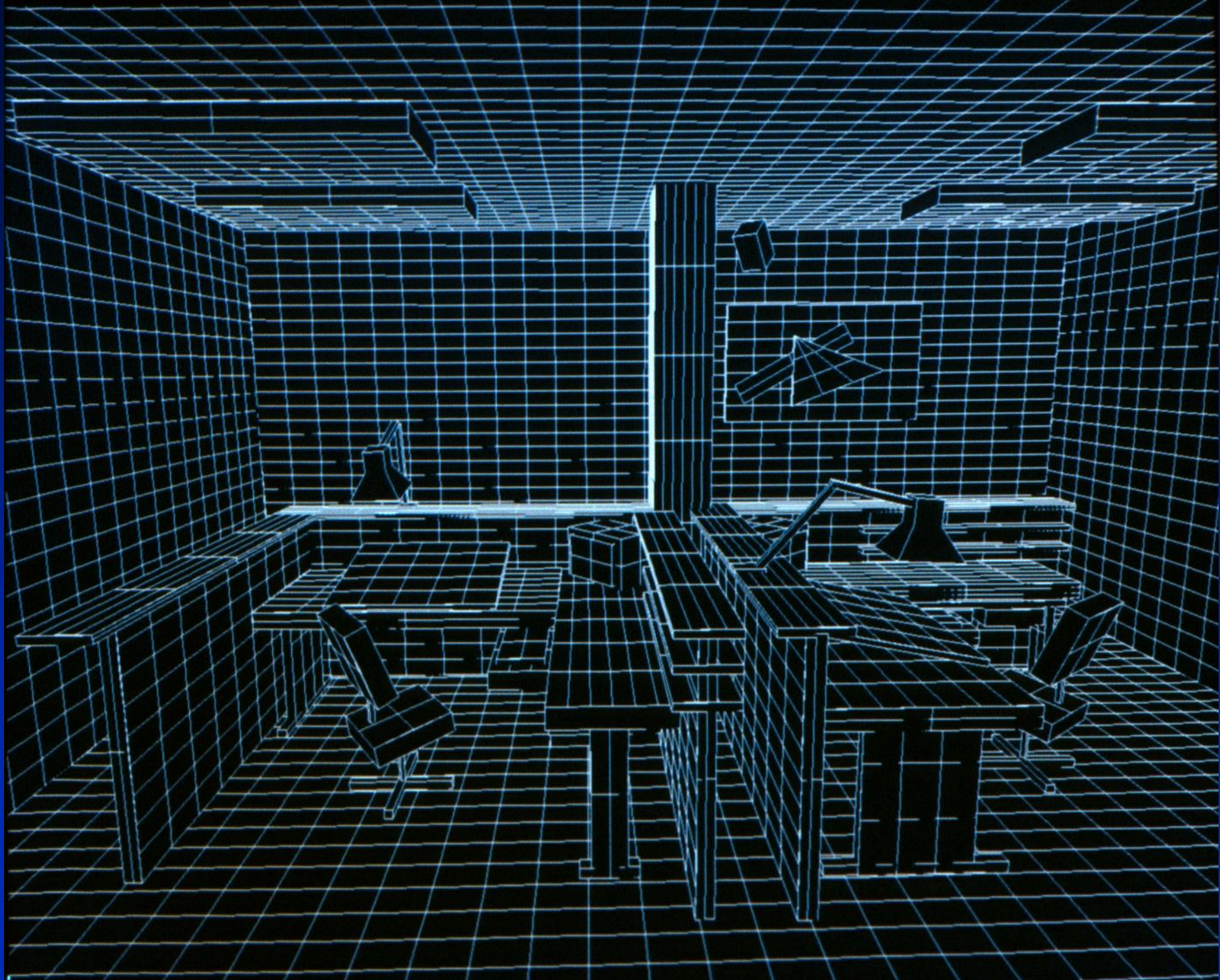


Radiosity (gathering)



Radiosity (shooting)







Ambient Only



One Light Source



Two Light Sources

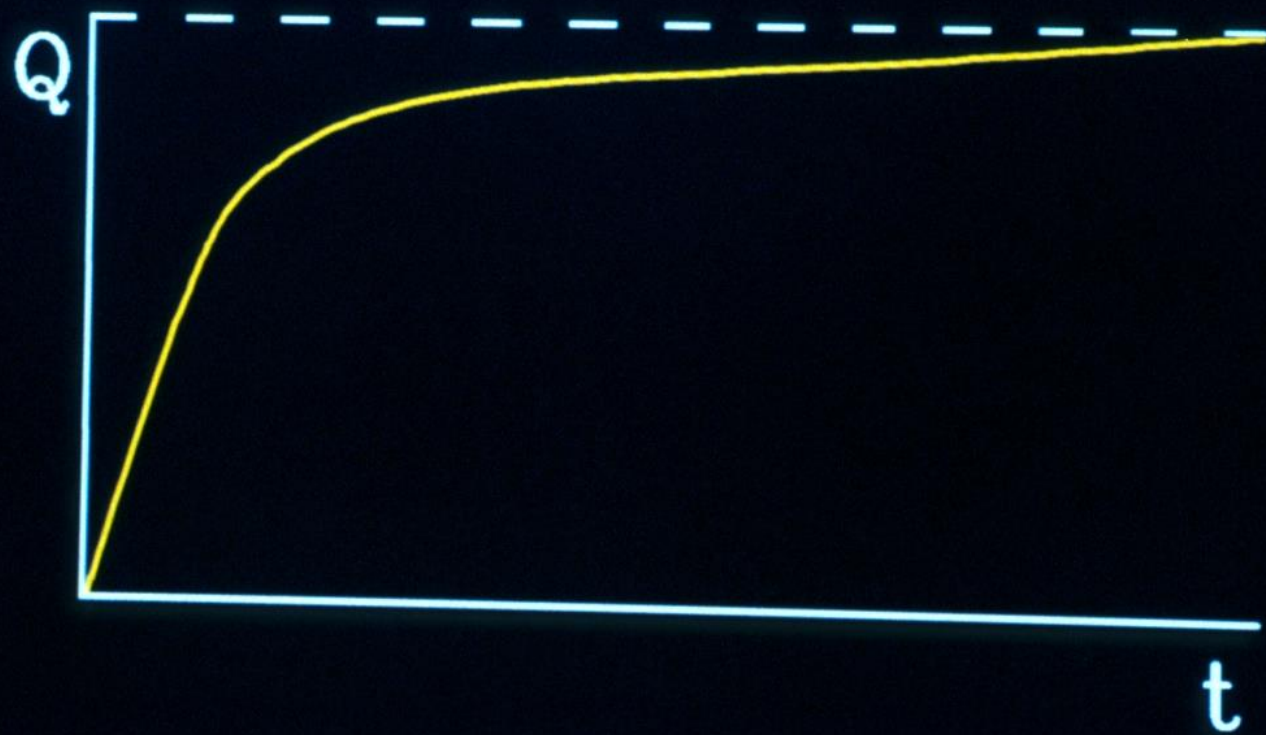


24 iterations



Full Solution

Progressive Refinement Radiosity



Simulated Steel Mill





Radiosity and Volume Rendering

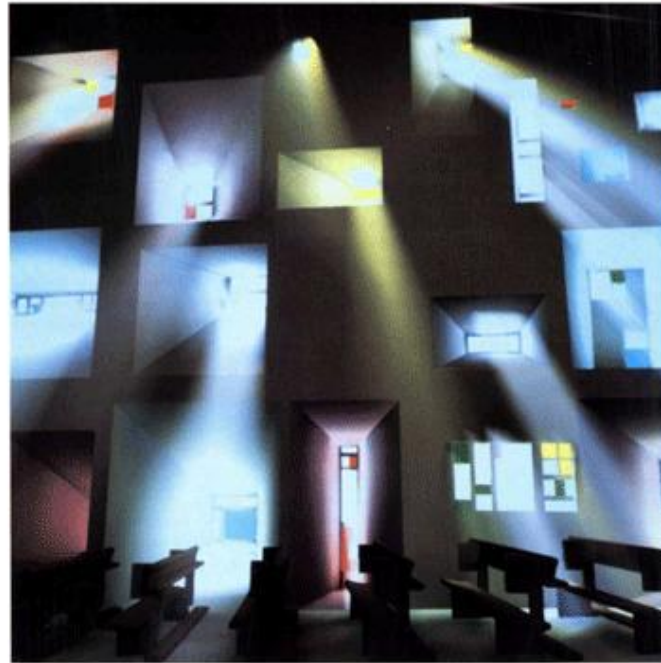
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The new epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases.

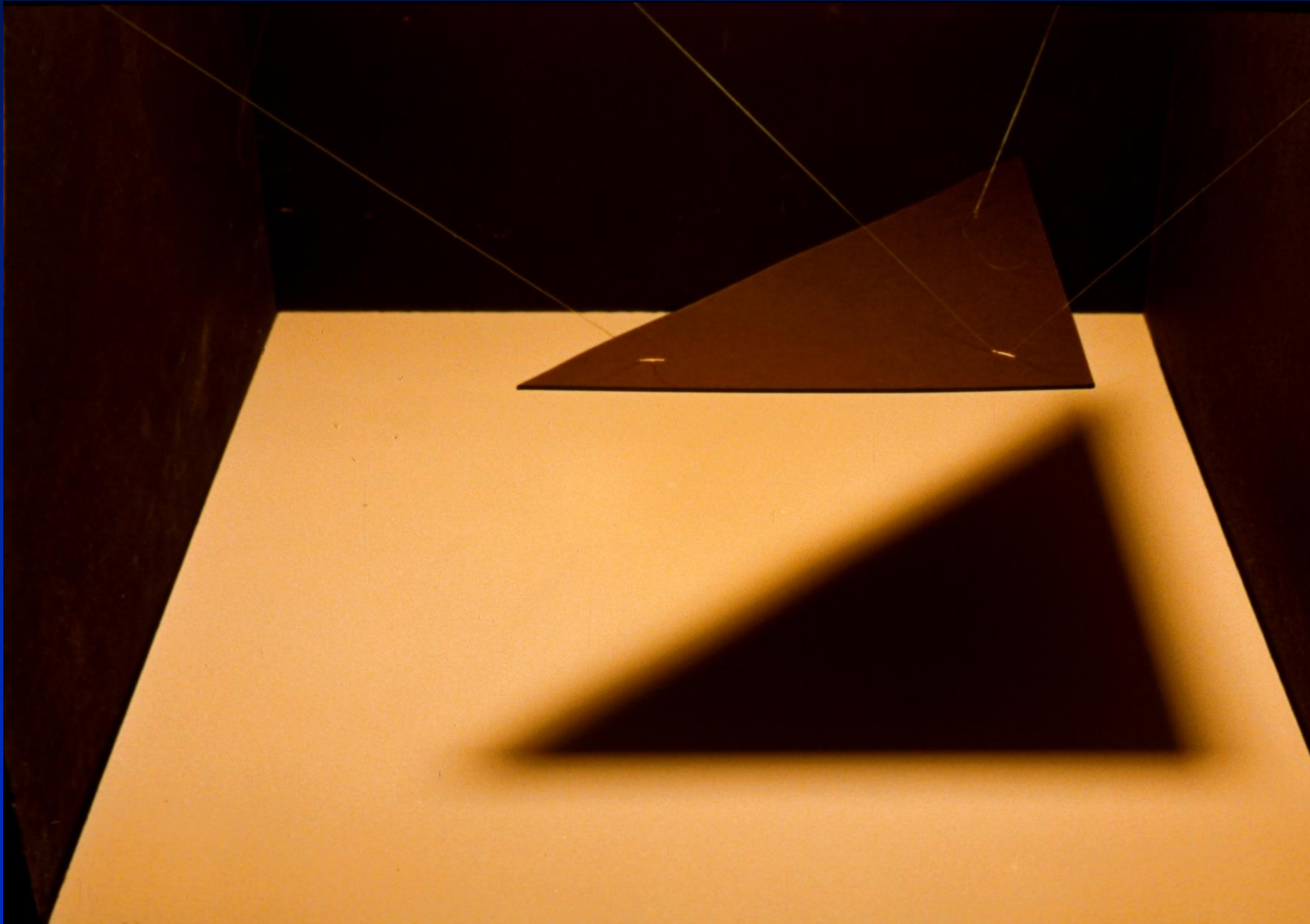
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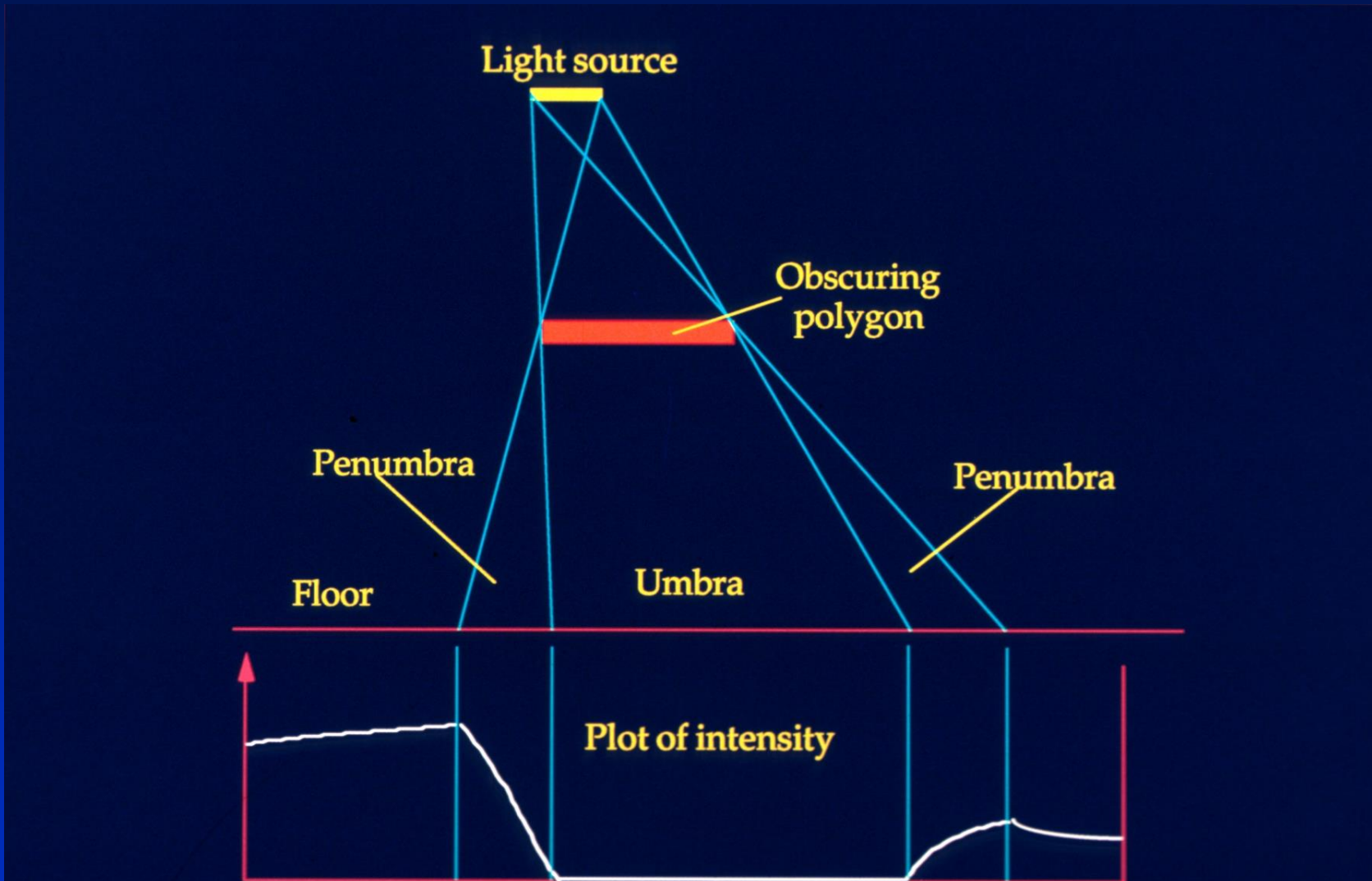


Vivid computer graphics replace architects' pencil sketches and handcrafted models with realistic moving images.

Discontinuity Meshing



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1994



Lischinski, Tampieri

Standard Meshing



Discontinuity Meshing

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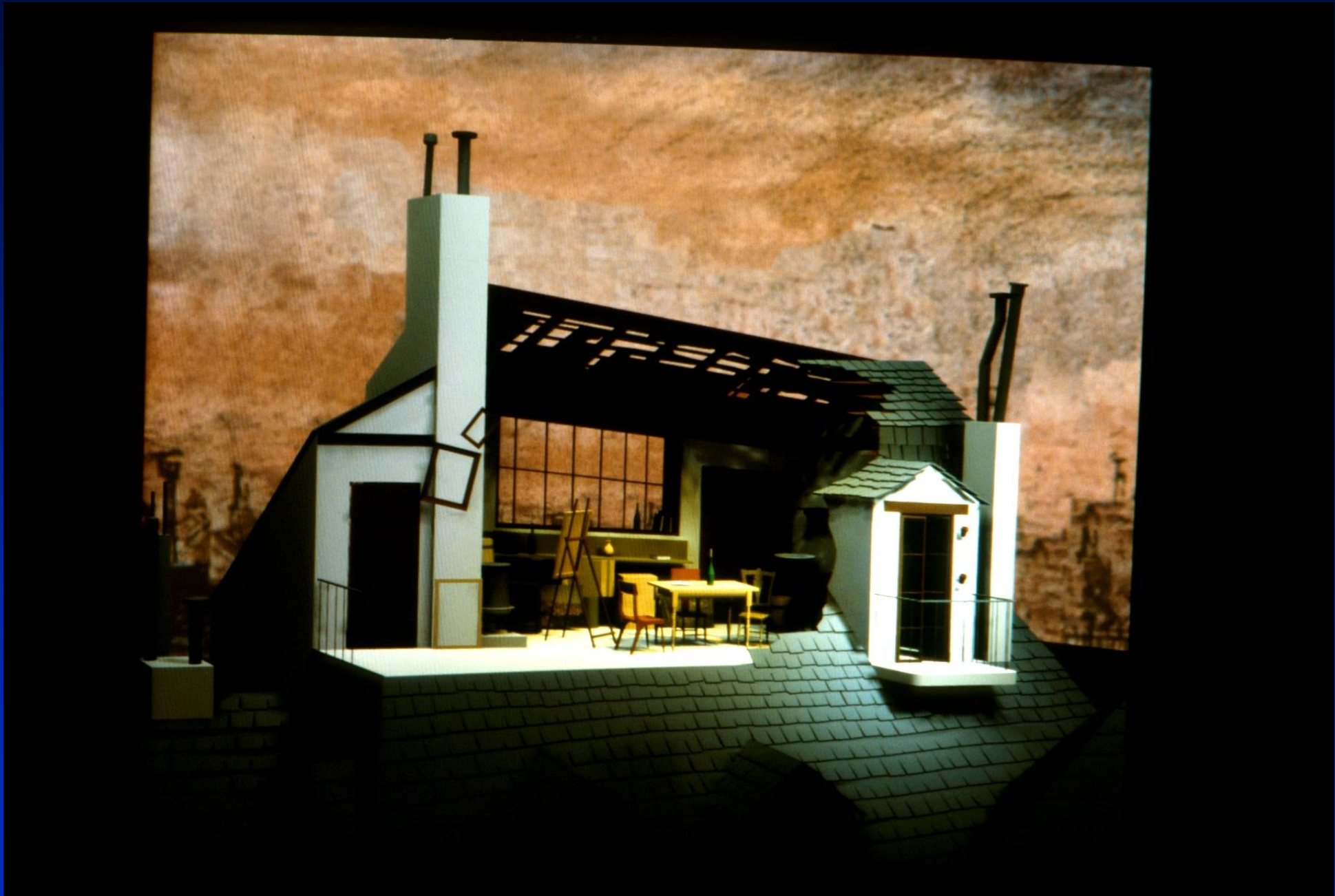


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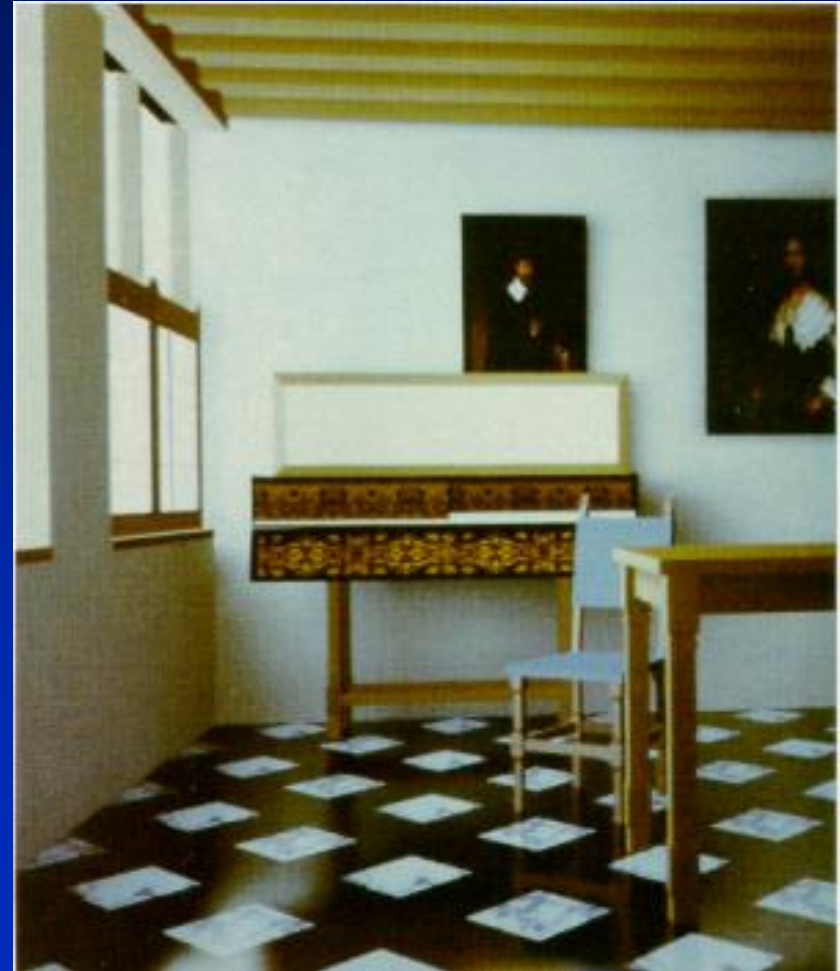






2-Pass Radiosity

Vermeer



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