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Computer Graphics

Introduction to Computer Graphics

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EPL426: Computer Graphics

Instructor: Andreas Aristidou
Type: Undergraduate (Restricted Choice)
Prerequisite: [EPL232 - Programming Tools and Applications](#)
Lectures A: Tuesday & Friday, 10:30-12:00 (ΘΕΕ01 #202)
Recitations: Tuesday, 10:00-11:00 (ΧΩΔ01 #002)
Laboratory: Wednesday, 18:00-19:30 (ΘΕΕ01 #B121)
Teaching Assistants: Andreas Andreou

Overview

The course teaches the basic principles of computer graphics. The course familiarizes students with the concepts of scene construction, scene hierarchies, camera specification, projections of primitives, clipping, visible surface determination, polygon rasterisation (z-buffer), texture mapping, local and global illumination, shadows, ray tracing, radiosity, real-time acceleration techniques. Provision of both the theoretical foundations as well as practical skills through the use of industry standards, such as OpenGL and the Unity game engine.

» You can download the syllabus of the course [here](#)...

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Course Schedule and Lectures

1. [Introduction to Graphics: Syllabus & Basics](#) Course Objectives and Syllabus. [PDF | 13.16 MB]

Lab Schedule

1. [Introduction: Ray Tracing](#) [PDF | 0.58 MB]
[Code:](#) MIRO Base Code [ZIP | 0.44 MB]

2. [Miro: Ray Tracing](#) [PDF | 0.36 MB]
[Exercises:](#) MIRO Exercise 1 [PDF | 0.33 MB]

3. [Phong Shading: Intro](#) [PDF | 0.55 MB]
[Phong Shading: WebGL](#) [PDF | 0.32 MB]
[Code:](#) OpenGL Base Code [ZIP | 0.44 MB]

4. [OpenGL: Transformations](#) [PDF | 0.45 MB]
[Exercises:](#) OpenGL Exercise 2 [PDF | 0.23 MB]

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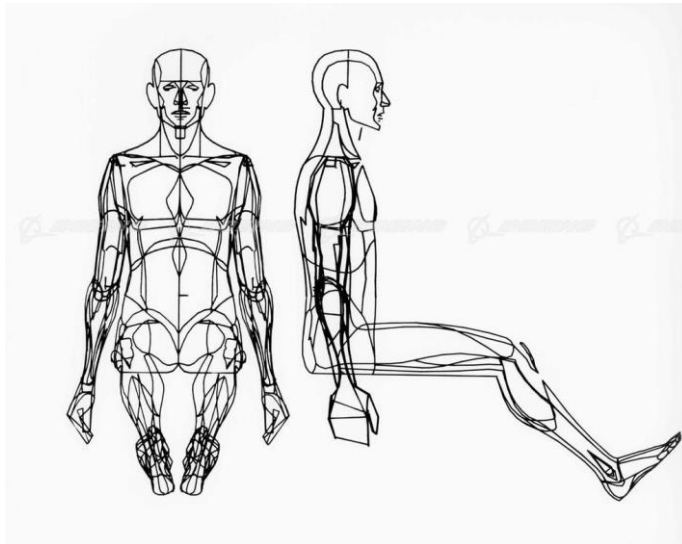
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Computer Graphics: *Introduction*

- **Computer Graphics**
 - What's It All About?
 - Application Areas
 - Interactive Computer Graphics
- **How do graphics work**
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 - Animation
 - Rendering
- **Course Outline**
 - Lectures, Exams, Evaluation
 - Books
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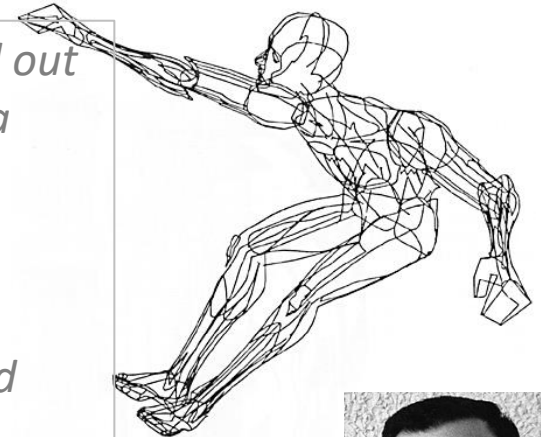
- **com•put•er graph•ics** /kəm'pyŭdər 'grafiks/ *n.* The use of computers to synthesize and manipulate visual information.
- The creation, storage and manipulation of models and images. Such models come from diverse and expanding set of fields including physical, biological, mathematical, artistic, and conceptual/abstract structures.



Perhaps the best way to define computer graphics is to find out what it is not. It is not a machine. It is not a computer, nor a group of computer programs. It is not the know-how of a graphic designer, a programmer, a writer, a motion picture specialist, or a reproduction specialist.

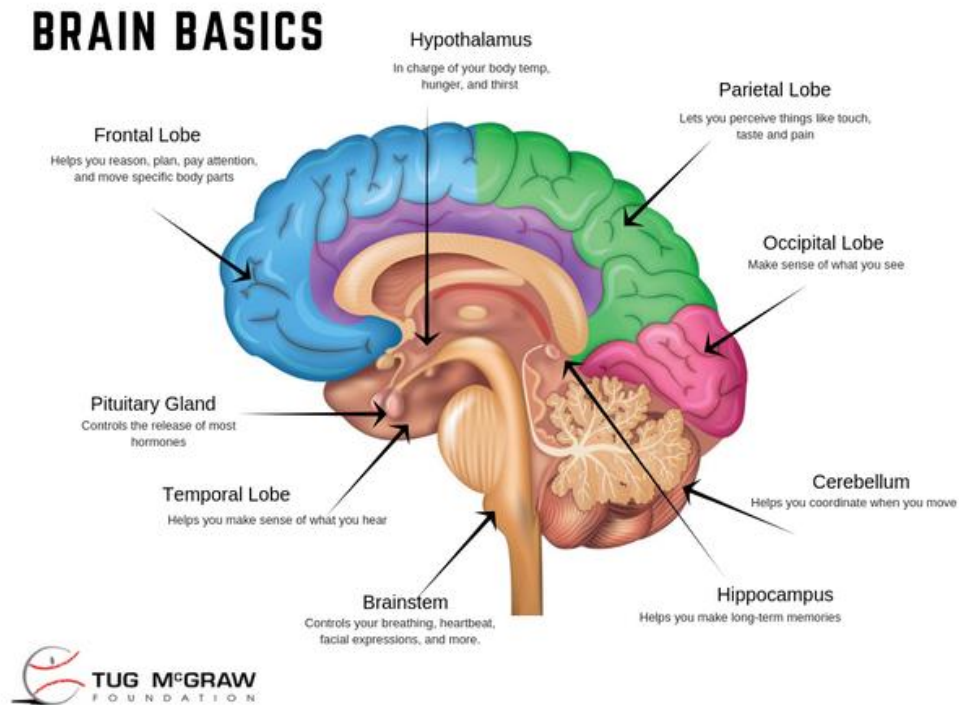
*Computer graphics is all these – a consciously managed and documented technology directed toward **communicating information** accurately and descriptively.”*

Computer Graphics, by William A. Fetter, 1966



Computer Graphics: *Why Visual Information?*

- About 30% of brain dedicated to visual processing...



Sources: Duke Medicine, John Hopkins Mayo Clinic, National Cancer Institute, WebMD

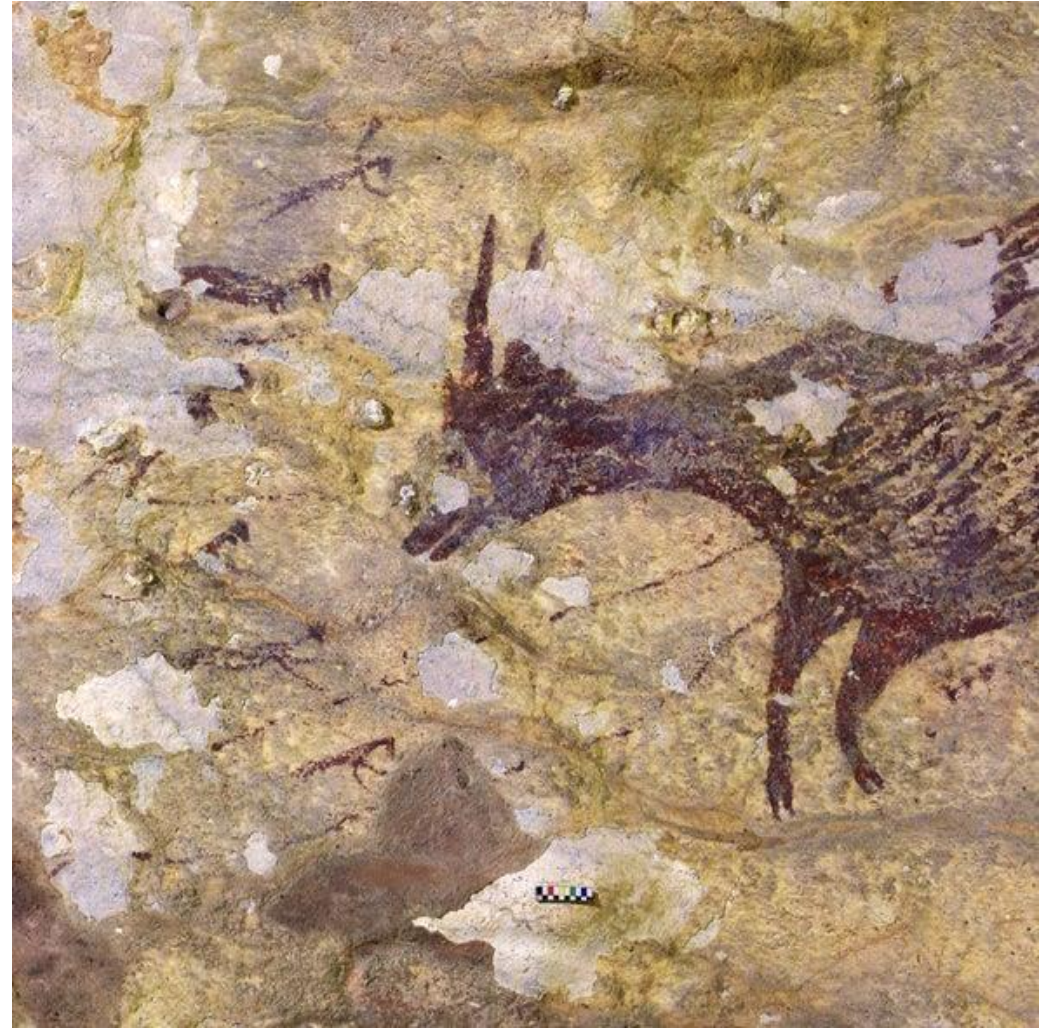


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- ...eyes are highest-bandwidth port into the head!

Computer Graphics: *History of visual depiction*

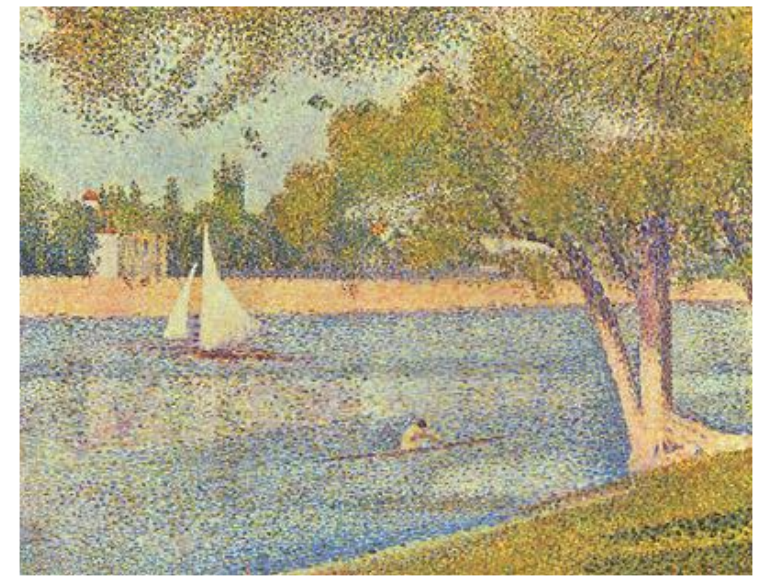
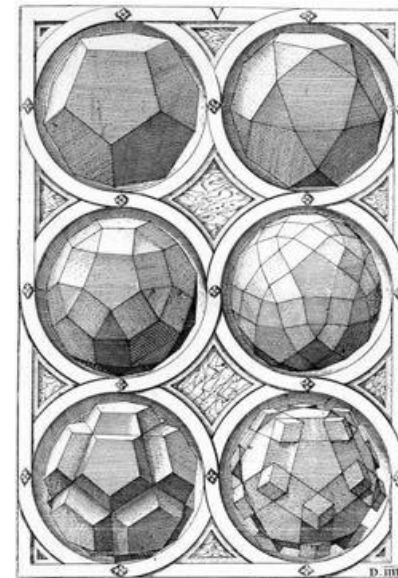
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Indonesian cave painting (~38,000 BCE)

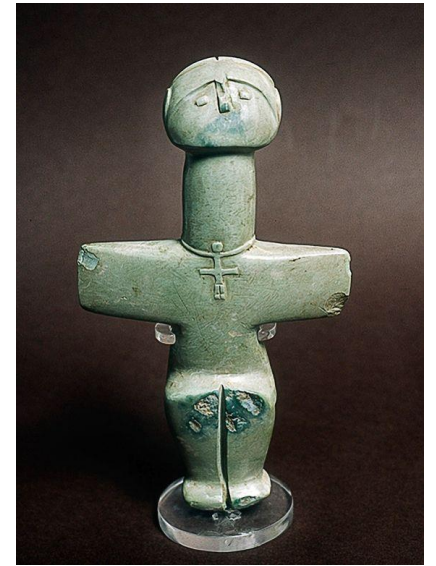
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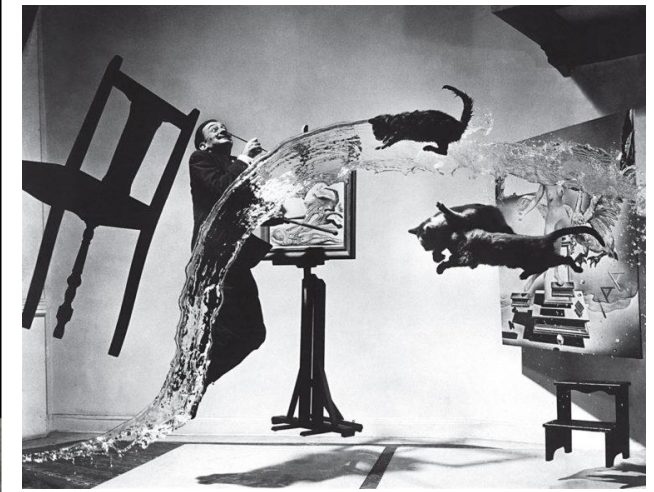
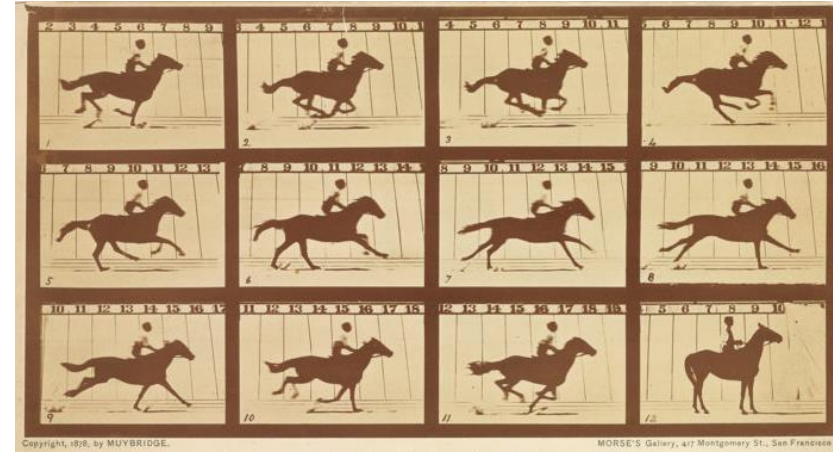
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Joseph Niépce, "View from the Window at Le Gras" (1826)

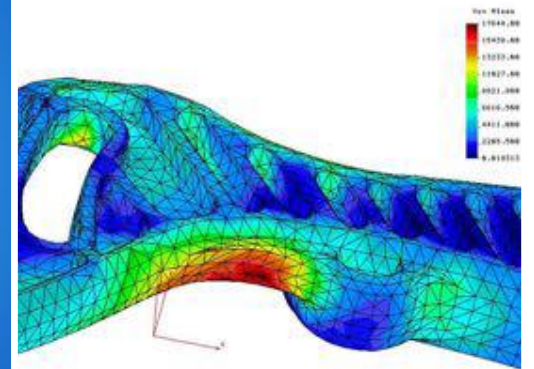
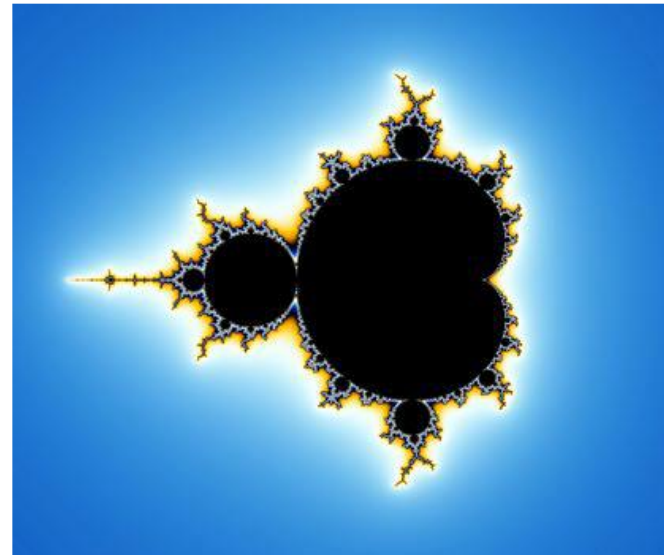
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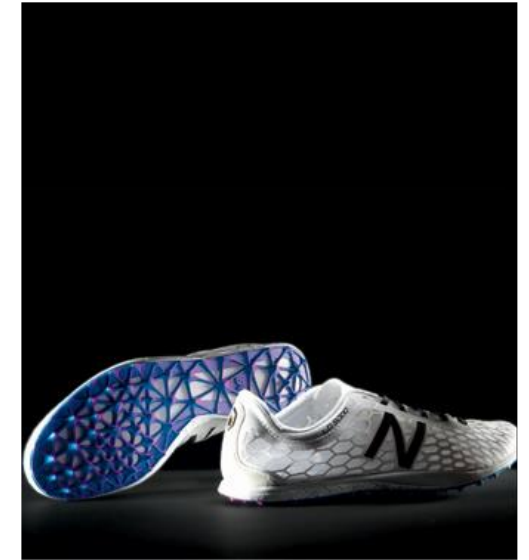
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- **Digital imagery**
 - Intersection of visual depiction & computation



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- **Digital imagery**
- **3D fabrication**
 - Create physical realization of digital shape



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3D Computer Graphics: Not image processing!

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Why only visual?



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9D Cinemas

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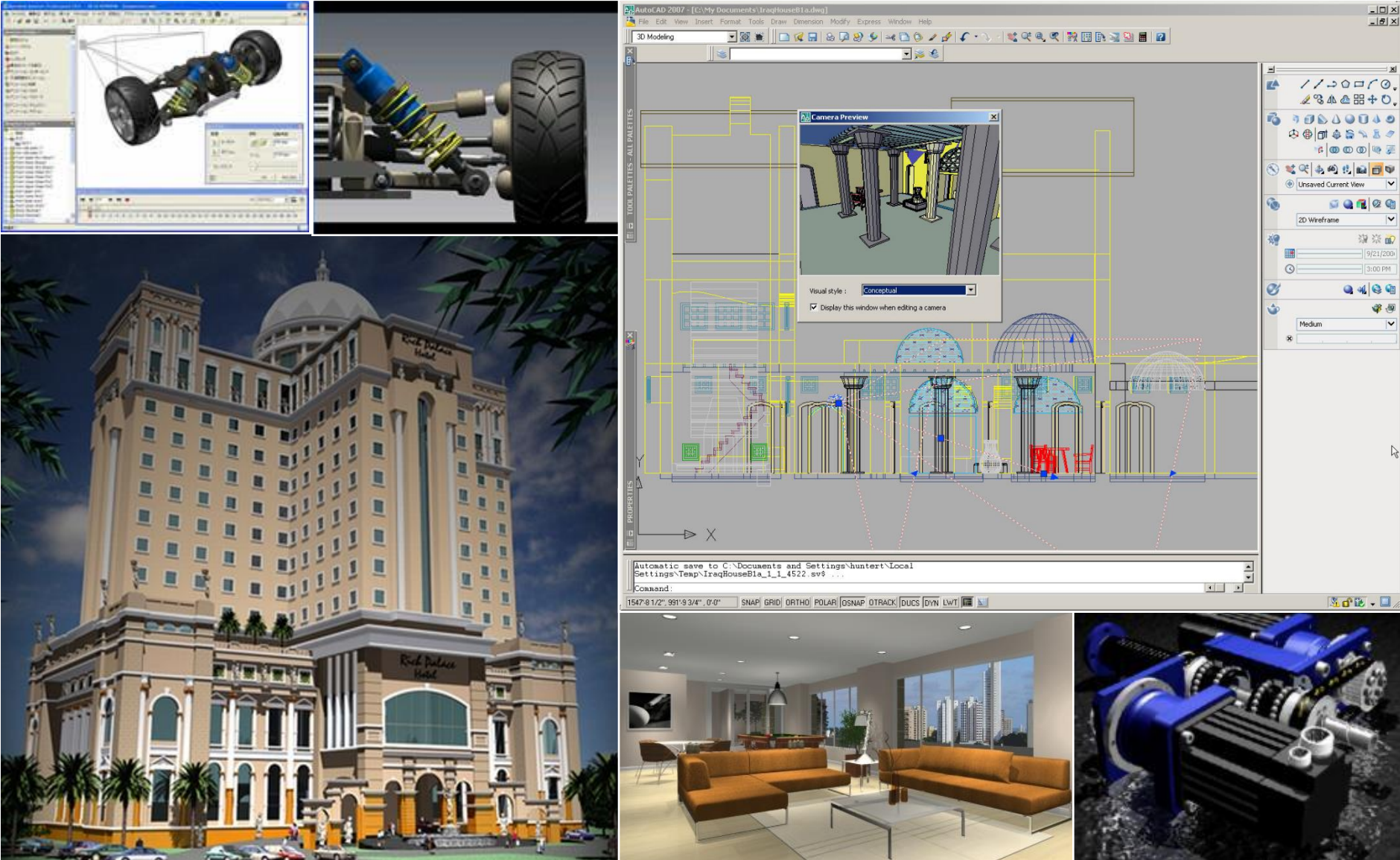
(...What about taste? Smell?!)

Computer graphics are everywhere!

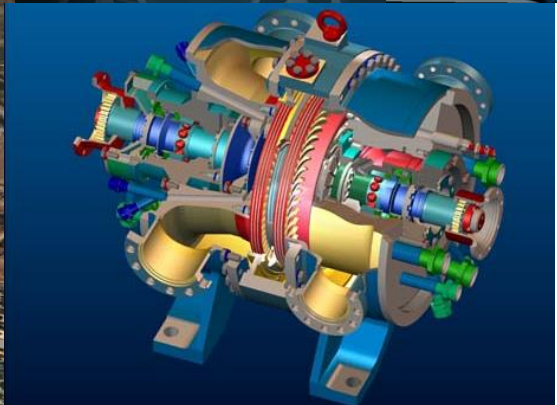
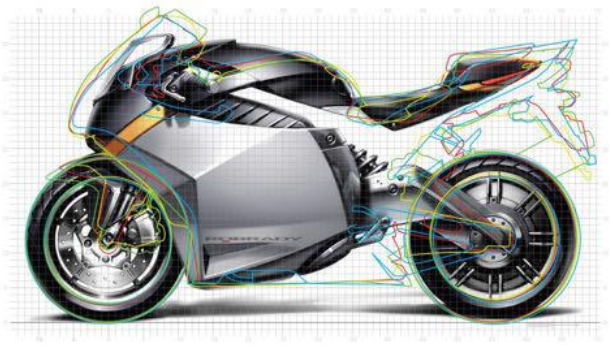
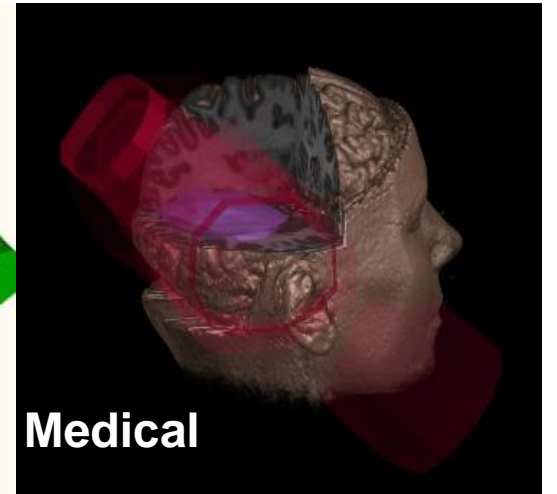
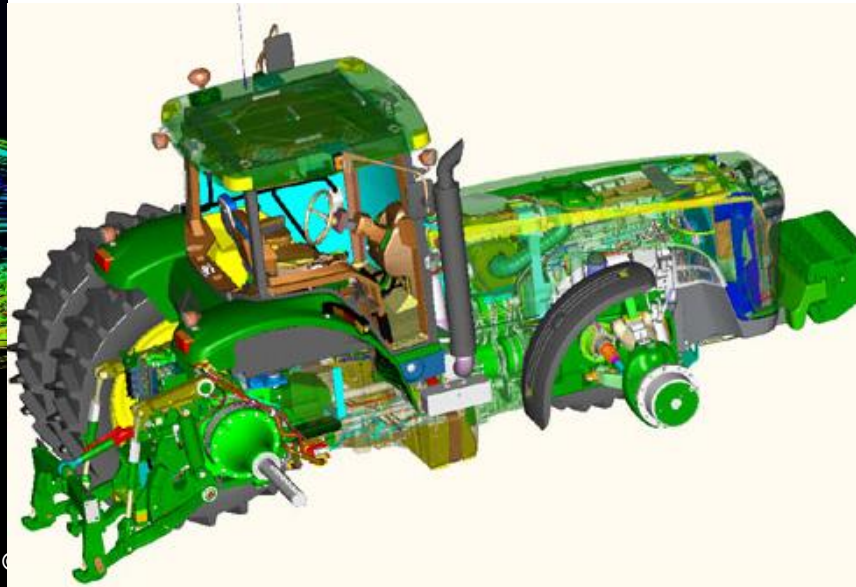
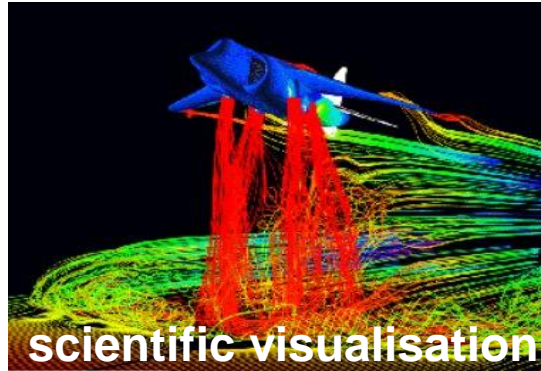
Some Applications of Computer Graphics

- Some of the application areas which make heavy use of computer graphics are:
 - Computer aided design
 - Scientific visualisation
 - Films
 - Games
 - Virtual/Augmented Reality
- **NOTE:** There are lots more and there is huge overlap between these different areas

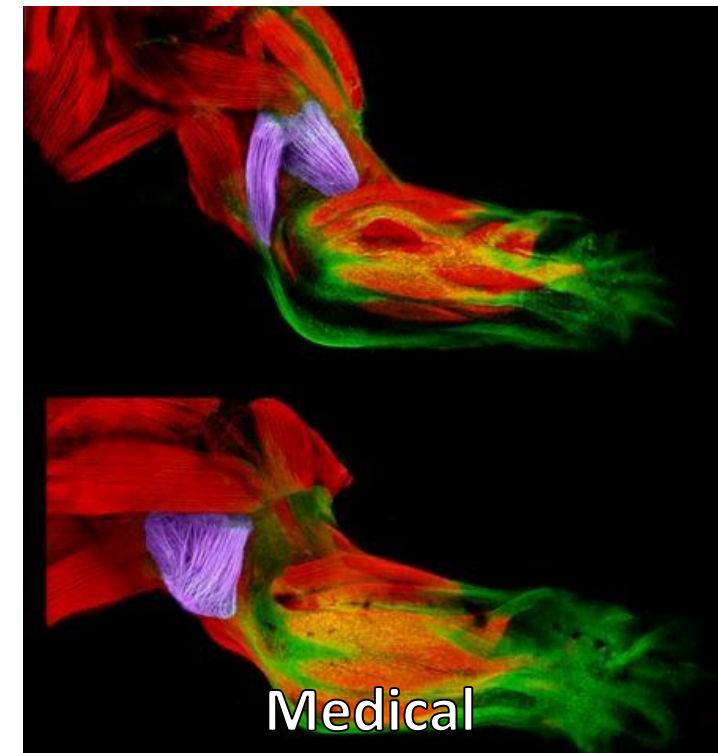
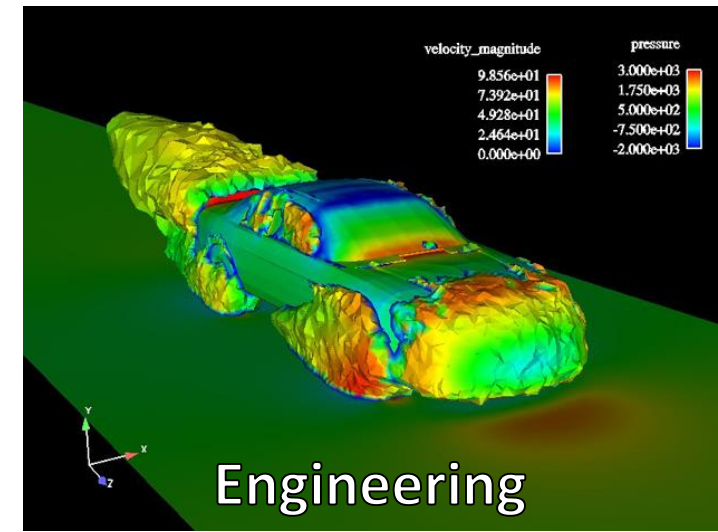
Computer Aided Design



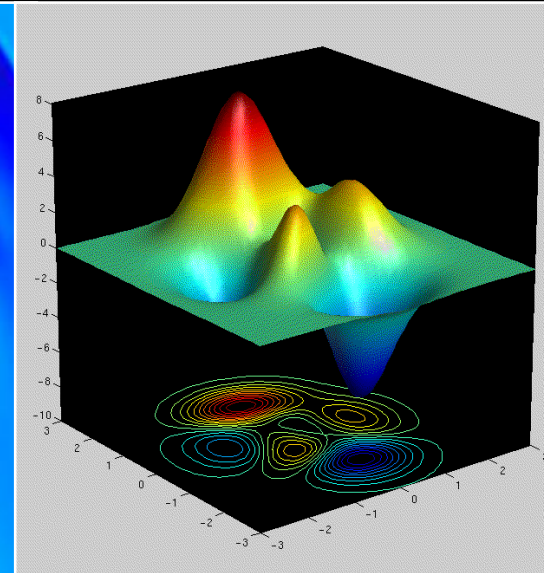
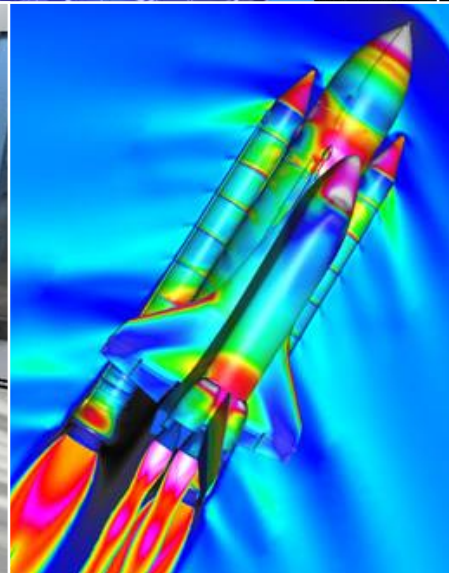
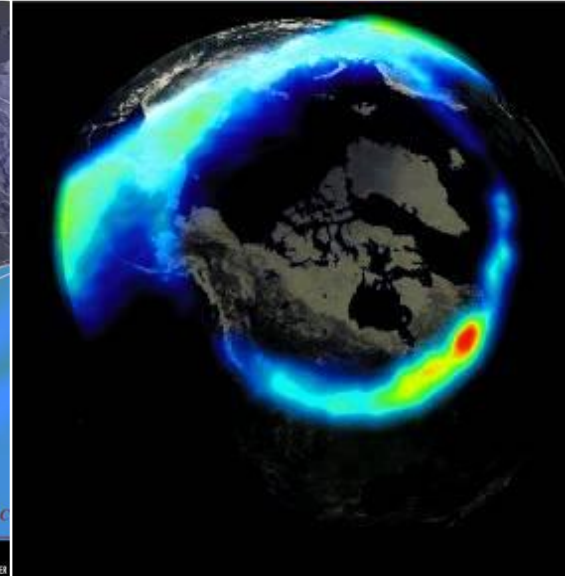
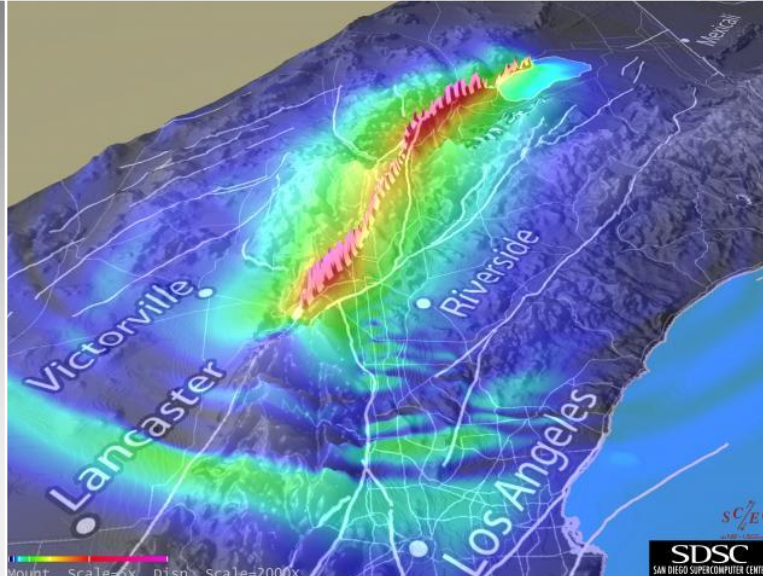
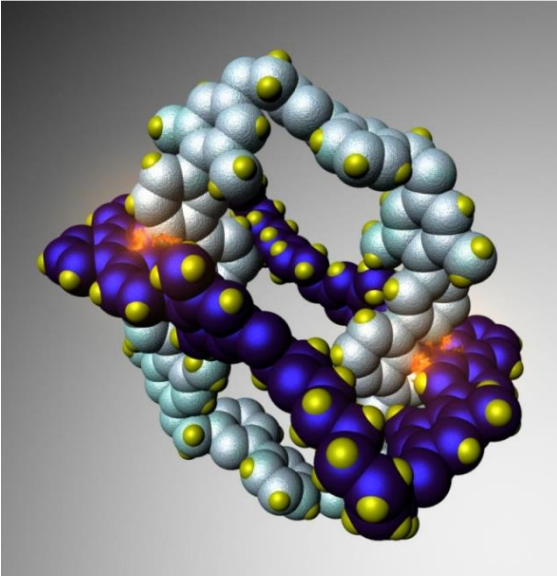
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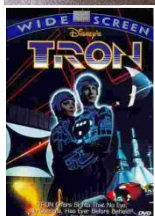
Scientific Visualisation



Navigation



Films



Films



Games



Games



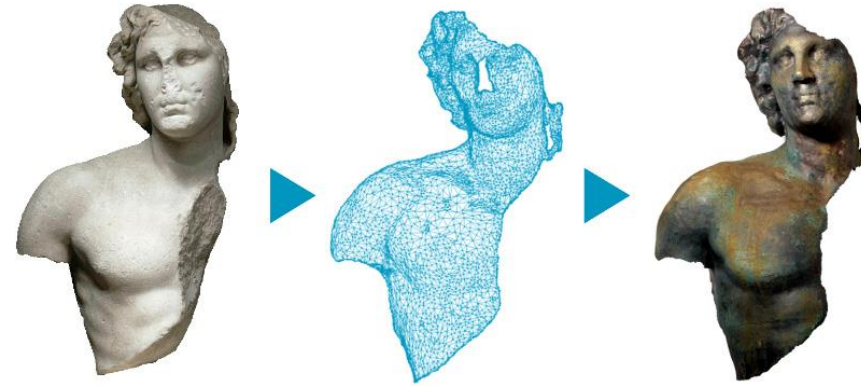
Games



Virtual/Augmented Reality



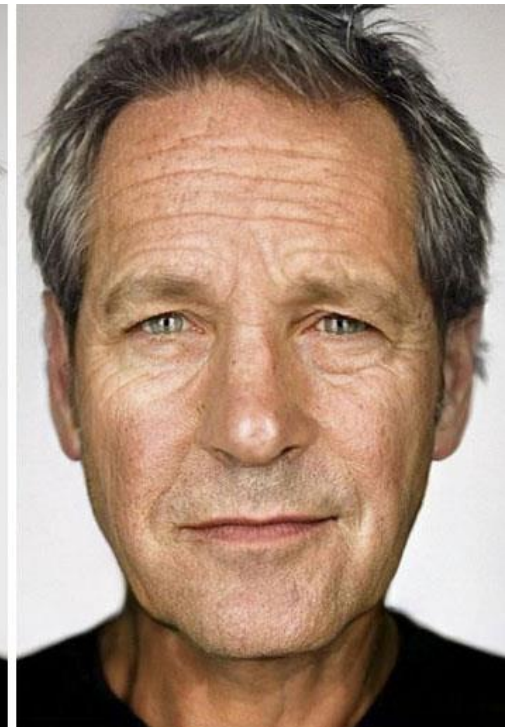
Cultural Heritage



3D printable files are shared online so anyone can print their own

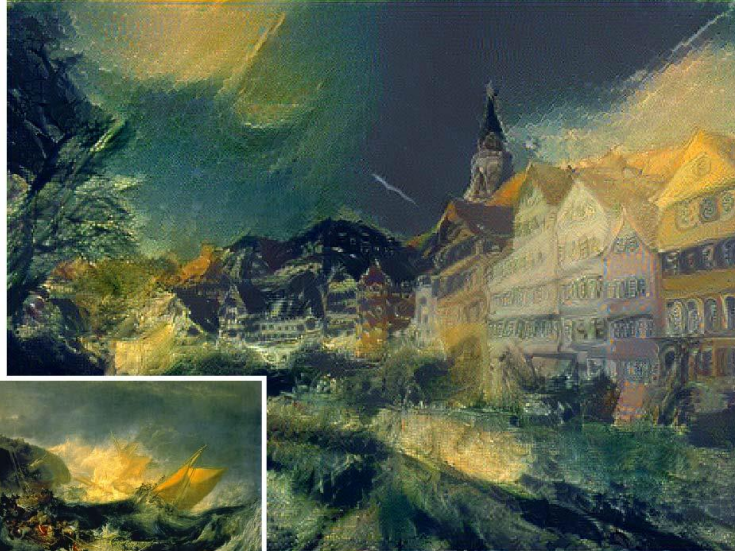


Entertainment





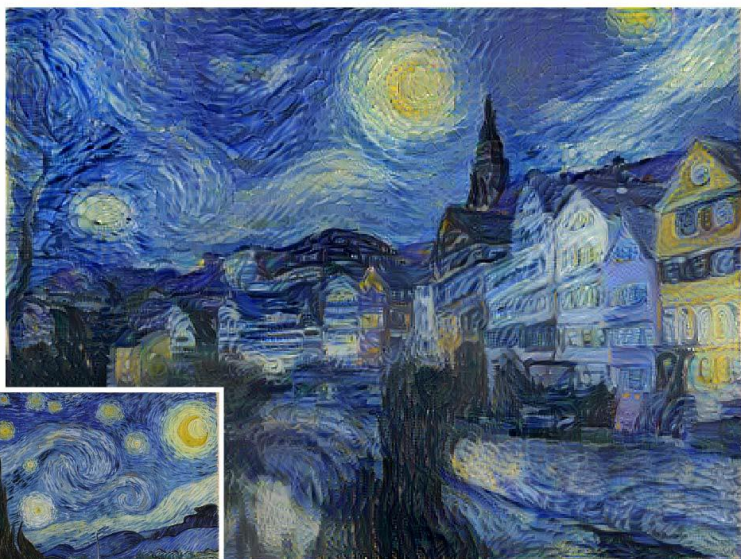
Neckarfront in Tübingen, Germany
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The Shipwreck of the Minotaur
by J.M.W. Turner, 1805



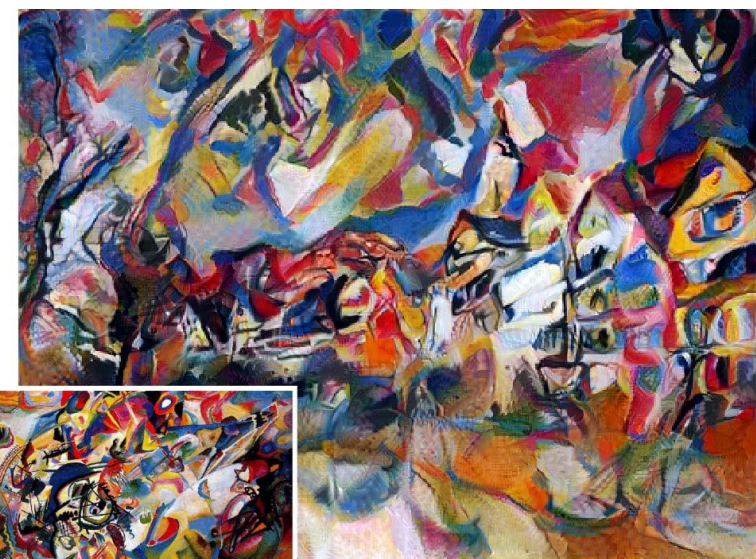
Femme nue assise
by Pablo Picasso, 1910



The Starry Night
by Vincent van Gogh, 1889



Der Schrei
by Edvard Munch, 1893



Composition VII
by Wassily Kandinsky, 1913

Gatys et al. 2016. Image Style Transfer Using Convolutional Neural Networks. Proc. CVPR 2016.

Foundations of computer graphics

Visual Computing

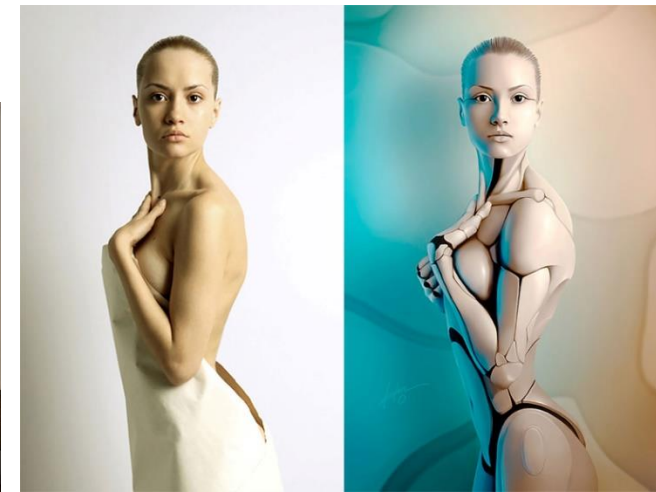
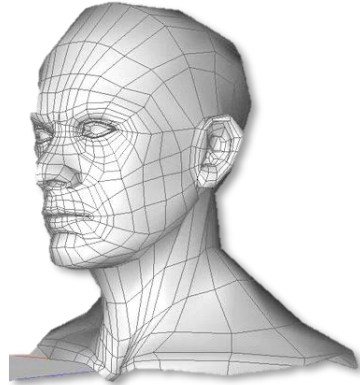
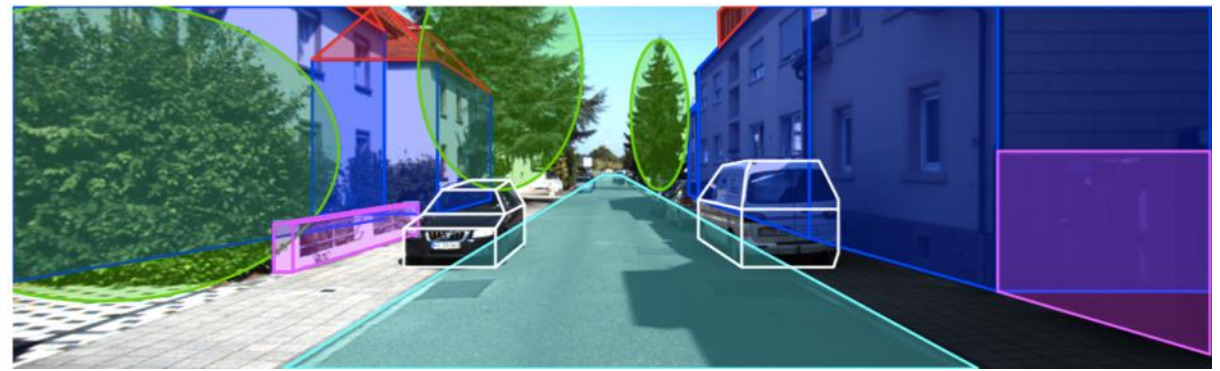
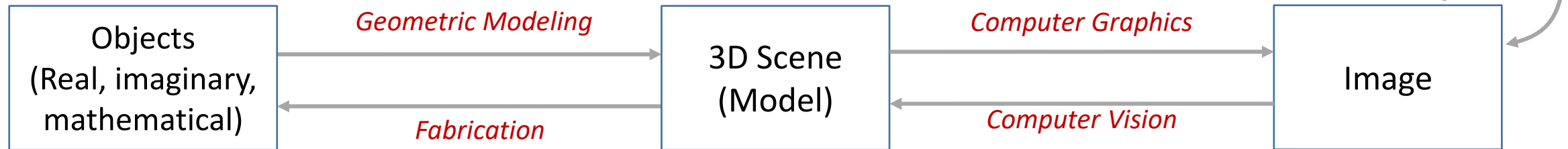
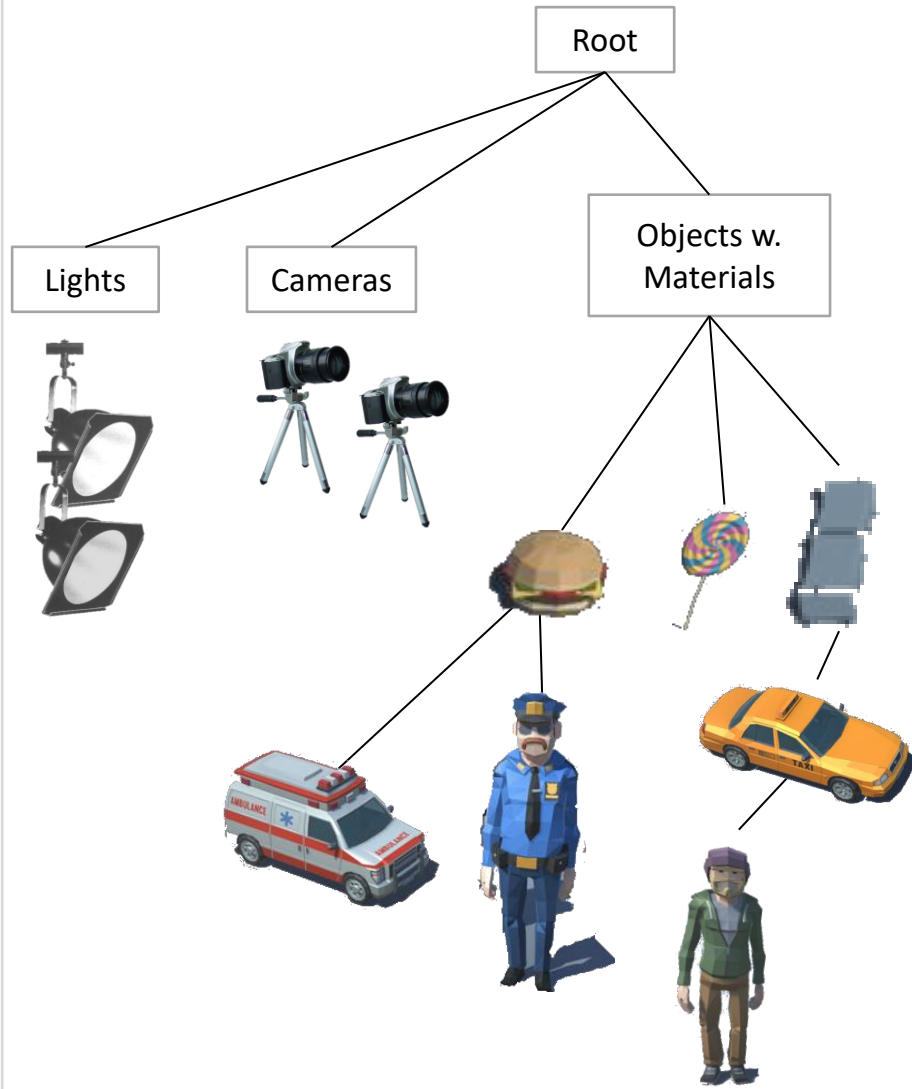


Image Processing



Computer Graphics

Scene Description



Rendering
Algorithm

Image

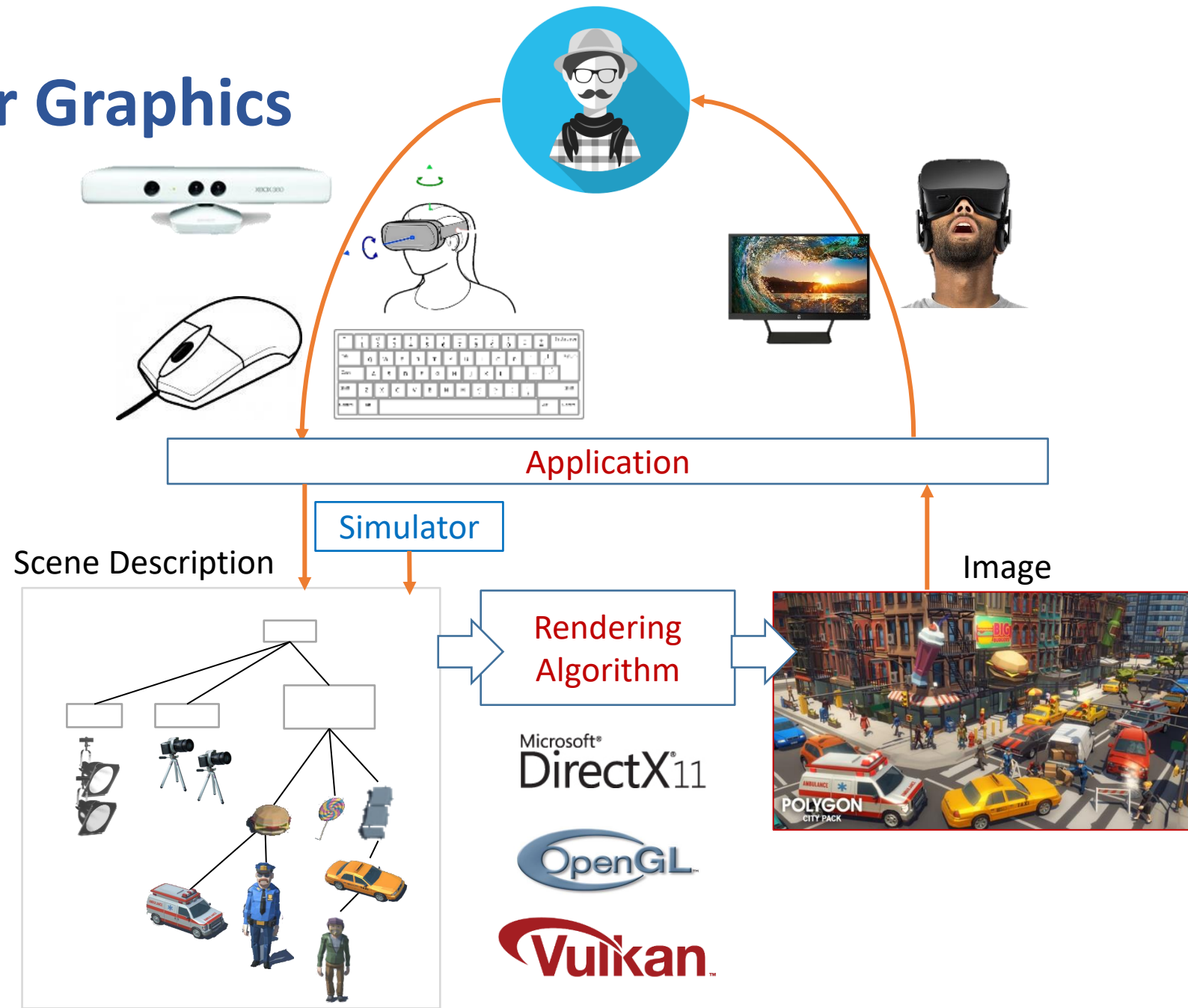


Polygon City Pack for Unity

<https://www.assetstore.unity3d.com/en/#!/content/95214>

Interactive Computer Graphics

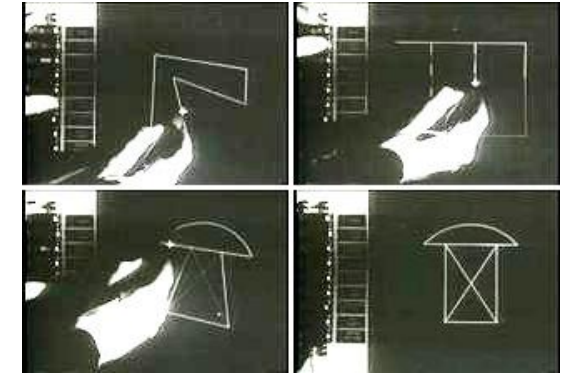
- User controls content, structure, and appearance of objects and their displayed images via rapid visual feedback
- **Interactive**: 15-120 frames per second depending on application
- Users and/or simulations modify the scene state



Basic components of an interactive graphics system

Interactive Computer Graphics

- a.k.a. Real-time Computer Graphics, Real-time Rendering.
- User controls content, structure, and appearance of objects and their displayed images via **rapid visual feedback**.
- Basic components of an interactive graphics system:
 - **input** (e.g., mouse, stylus, multi-touch, in-air fingers...)
 - **processing** (and storage of the underlying representation/model)
 - **display/output** (e.g., screen, paper-based printer, video recorder...)



The Sketchpad system uses drawing as a novel communication medium for a computer. The system contains input, output, and computation programs which enable it to interpret information drawn directly on a computer display. Sketchpad has shown the most usefulness as an aid to the understanding of processes, such as the motion of linkages, which can be described with pictures. Sketchpad also makes it easy to draw highly repetitive or highly accurate drawings and to change drawings previously drawn with it...

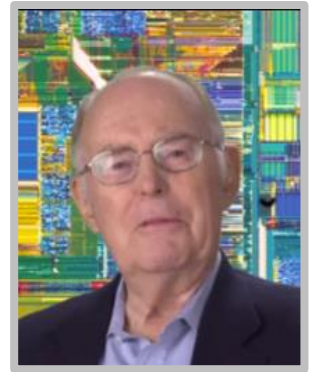
Ivan Sutherland (1963)

Ph.D. thesis: *Sketchpad, A Man-Machine Graphical Communication System*
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Enabling Modern Computer Graphics

Hardware revolution

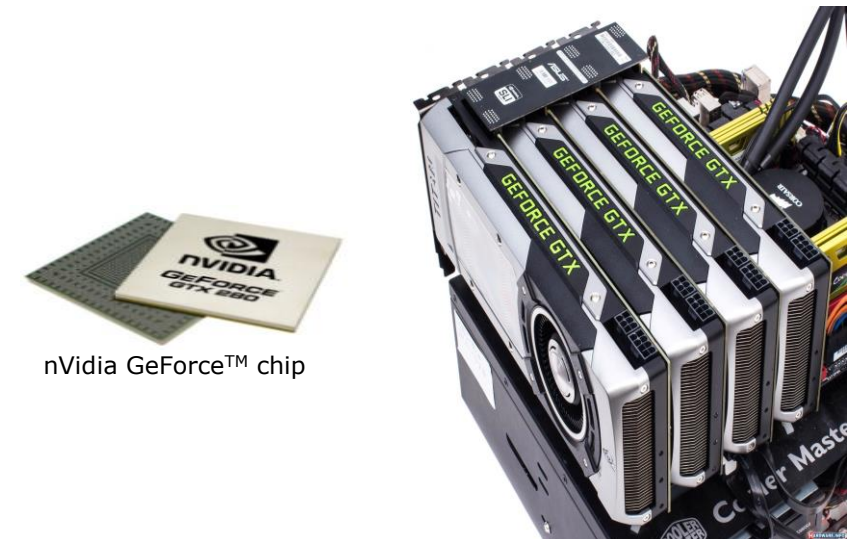
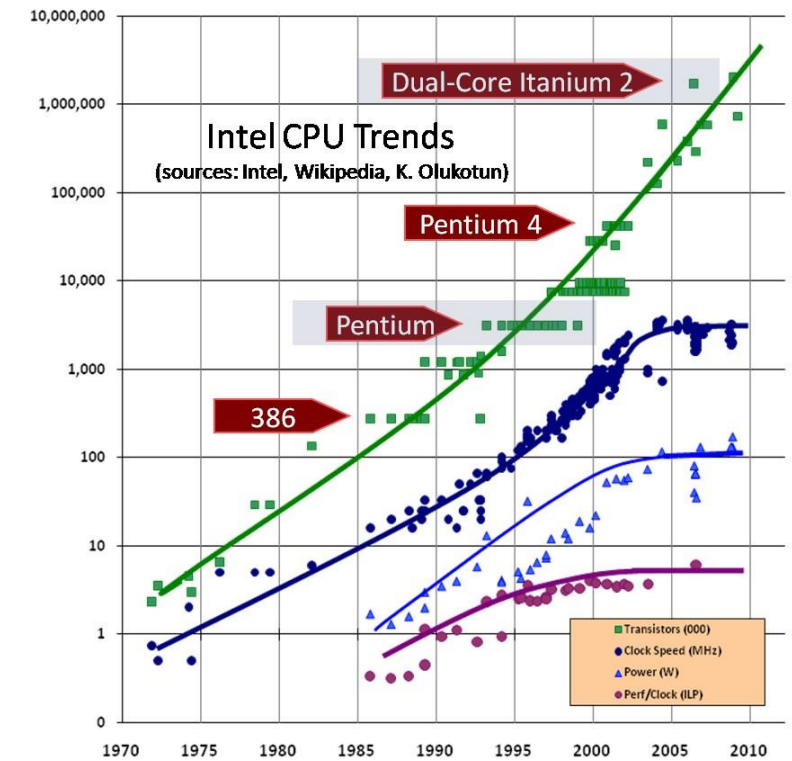
- **Moore's Law:** every 18-24 months, computer power improves by factor of 2 in price / performance as feature size shrinks
 - Newest processors are 64-bit and many-core



Enabling Modern Computer Graphics

Hardware revolution

- Significant advances in commodity graphics chips (GPUs) every 6 months vs. several years for general purpose CPUs
 - NVIDIA Titan XP... 3840 shaders (cores)
 - Graphic subsystems (GPUs)
 - Offloads graphics processing from CPU to chip designed for doing graphics operations fast
 - nVidia GeForce™, ATI Radeon™
 - GPUs used for special purpose computation, also being ganged together to make supercomputers
 - You can put multiple GPUs together in your computer using SLI.
 - GPUs has led to development of other dedicated subsystems
 - Physics: nVidia PhysX PPU (Physics Processing Unit), standard on many NVIDIA GPUs
 - Artificial Intelligence: Alseek Intia Processor (as of 2008)



nVidia GeForce™ chip

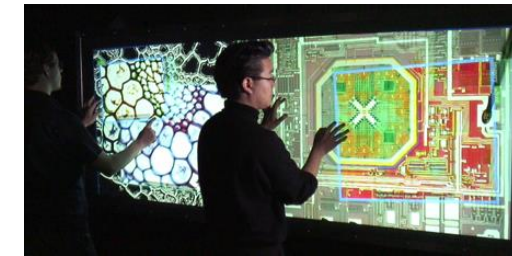
Enabling Modern CG

■ Many form factors

- Cell Phones/PDAs (smartphones), Laptop/Desktops,
- Jeff Han's [Perceptive Pixel](#), Microsoft Surface
- 3D immersive virtual reality systems

■ Software Improvements

- Parallelization
 - Most operations are embarrassingly parallel: changing value of one pixel is often independent of other pixels
- Distributed and Cloud computing
 - Send operations into 'cloud', get back results, don't care how
 - Rendering even available as internet service!
- Algorithms and data structures
 - Rendering of natural phenomena
 - Acceleration data structures for ray tracing



Perceptive Pixel



Microsoft Surface



Brown's Cave™

Enabling Modern CG

■ Input Devices

- Mouse, tablet & stylus, multi-touch, force feedback, and other game controllers (e.g., Wii), scanner, digital camera (images, computer vision), etc.
- Whole body as interaction device:
 - <http://www.xbox.com/kinect>



Xbox Kinect



Leap Motion

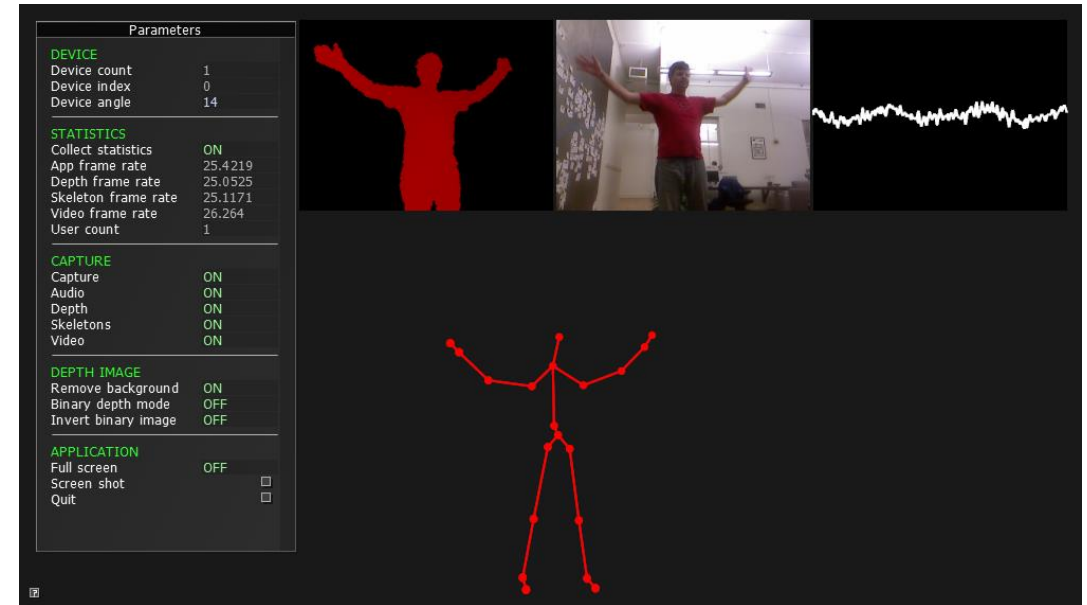
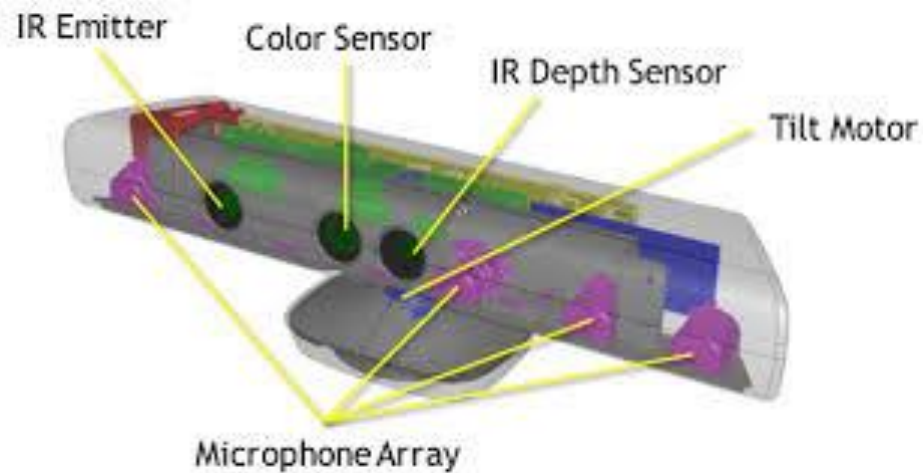


Nimble UX

How do we interact with graphics images?



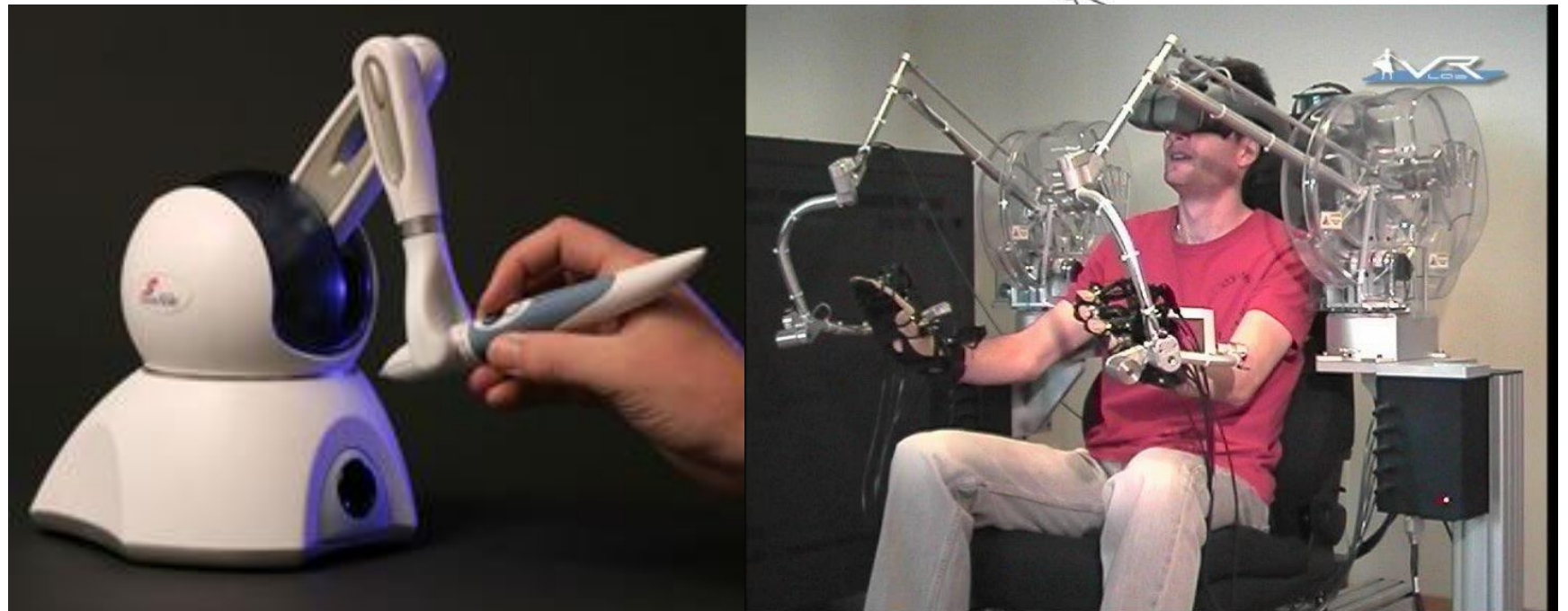
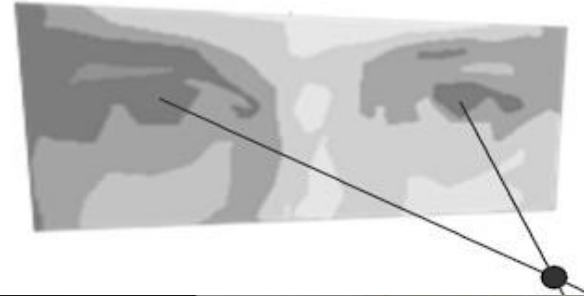
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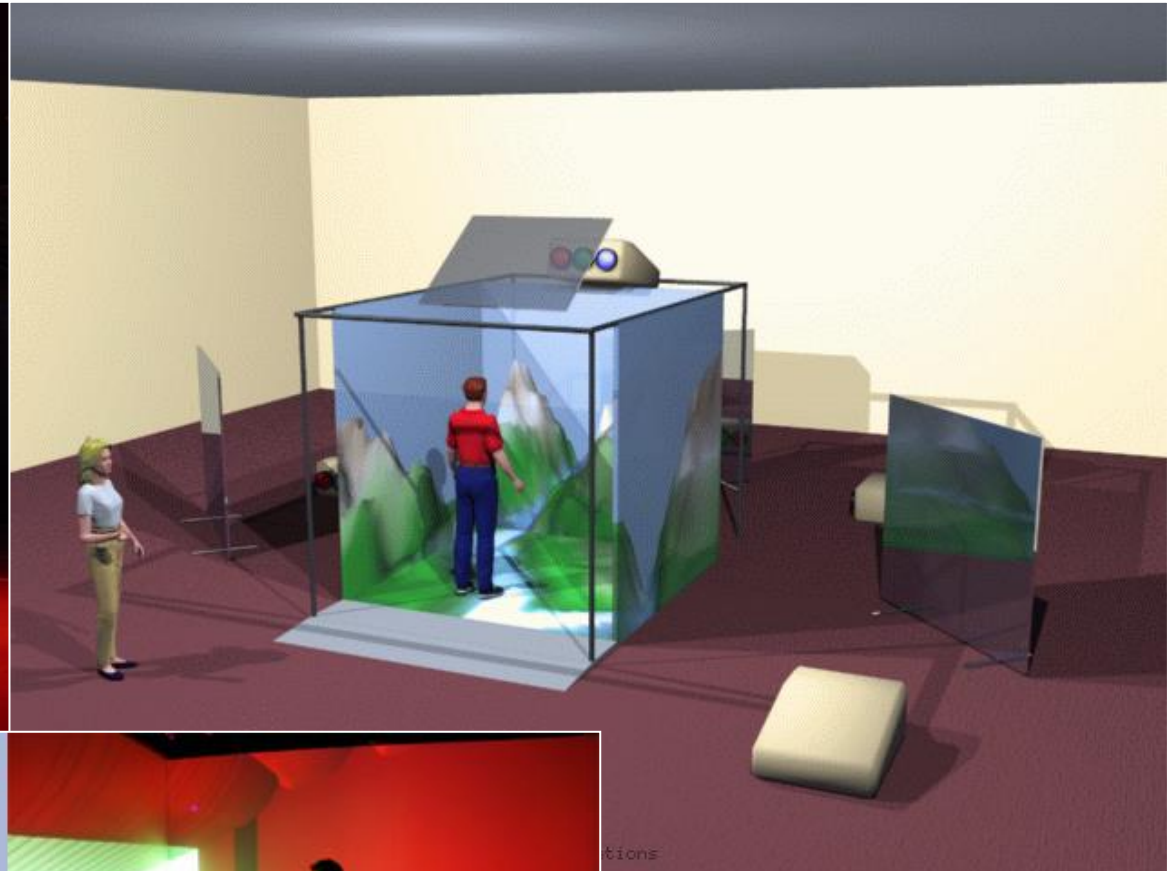
Immerse the user

- Stereo vision
- Tracking
- Haptics
- Surround sound
- Smell & taste (??)

Cooperative Stereo Vision



How do we interact with graphics images?



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Stereo – Head Mounted Displays



Augmented Reality Goggles



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How do we make this image?



- Modelling
 - Geometry
 - Materials
 - Lighting
- Animation
 - How characters move?
- Rendering
 - Render light, shadows
 - Camera
 - Special Effects
 - Post-processing

Uncharted 4: <https://youtu.be/zL46dpNEPPA>

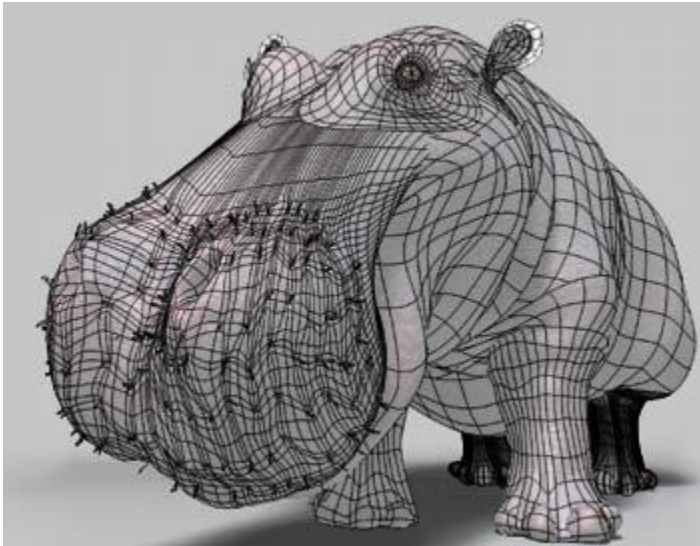
Making of Uncharted 4: <https://youtu.be/3uKia6kb1fk>

How graphics images are made

- **Important factors:**

1. **Geometric Modeling:** Create mathematical models of 2D and 3D objects.
2. **Animation:** Definition/Representation of temporal behavior of objects.
3. **Rendering:** Export images.

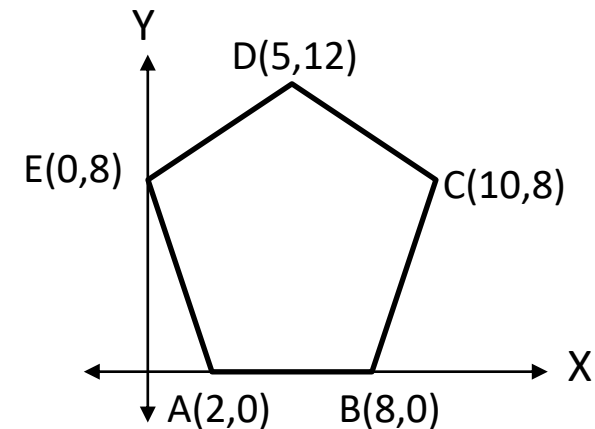
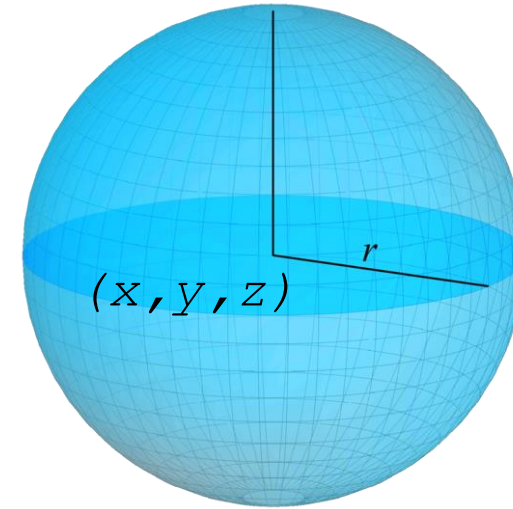
Geometric Modelling



<http://www.3drender.com/>

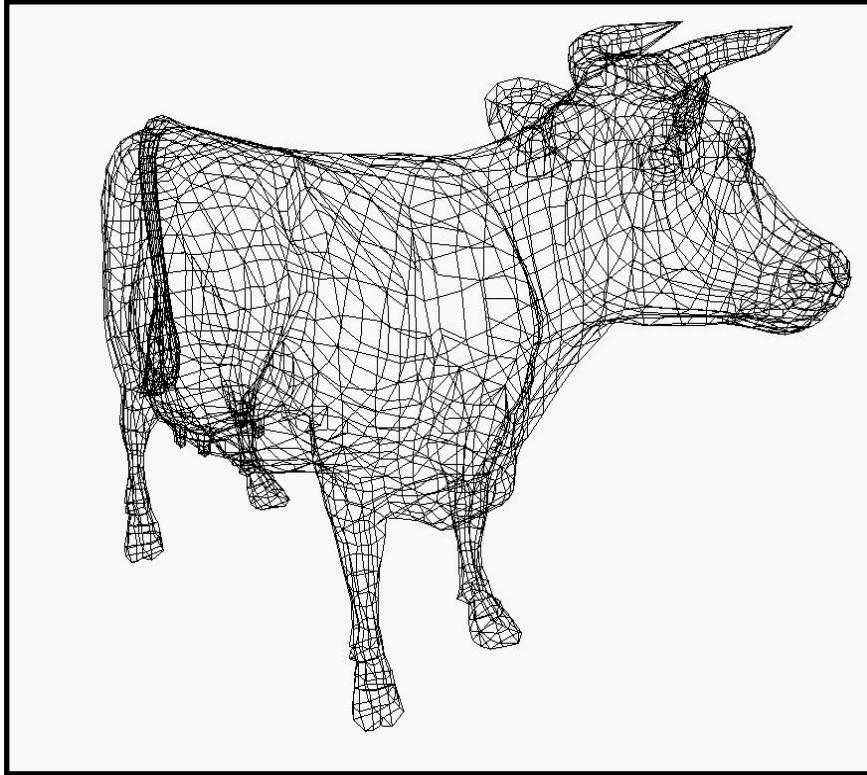
Geometric Modelling

- Simple objects (primitives) can be easily defined:
 - E.g. For a sphere you only need 4 values (x,y,z,r) .
 - E.g. For a polygon you need its vertices.



Geometric Modelling

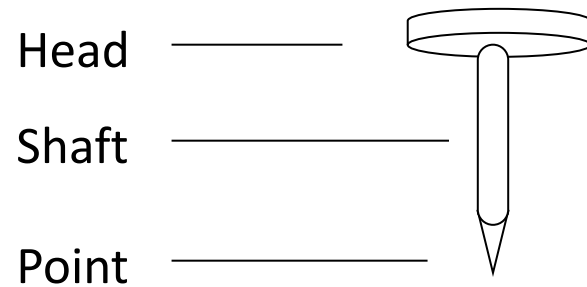
- We combine polygons to define any shape.



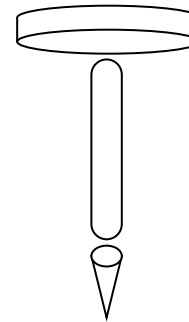
However, the number of polygons may be huge!

Decomposition of a Geometric Model

- Divide and Conquer
- Hierarchy of geometrical components
- Reduction to primitives (e.g., spheres, cubes, etc.)
- Simple vs. not-so-simple elements (nail vs. screw)



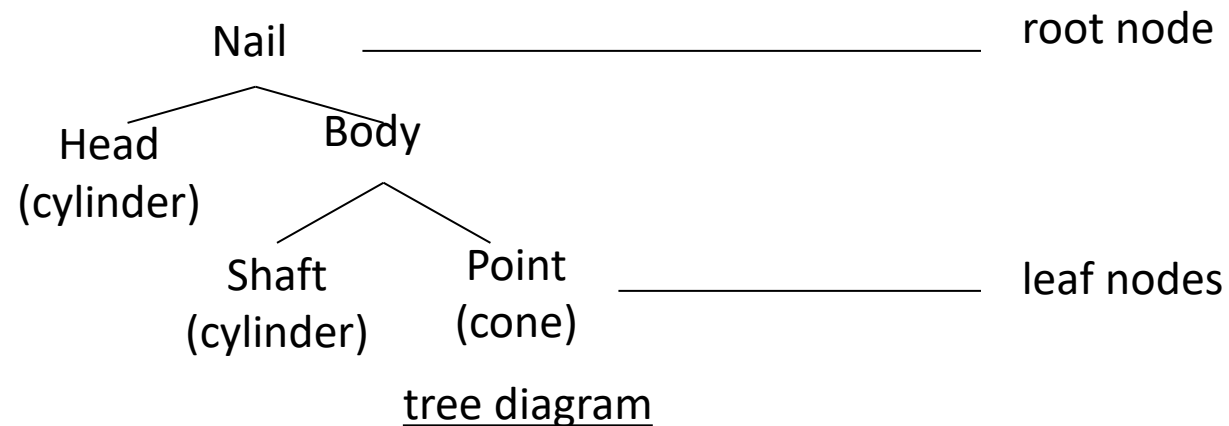
composition



decomposition

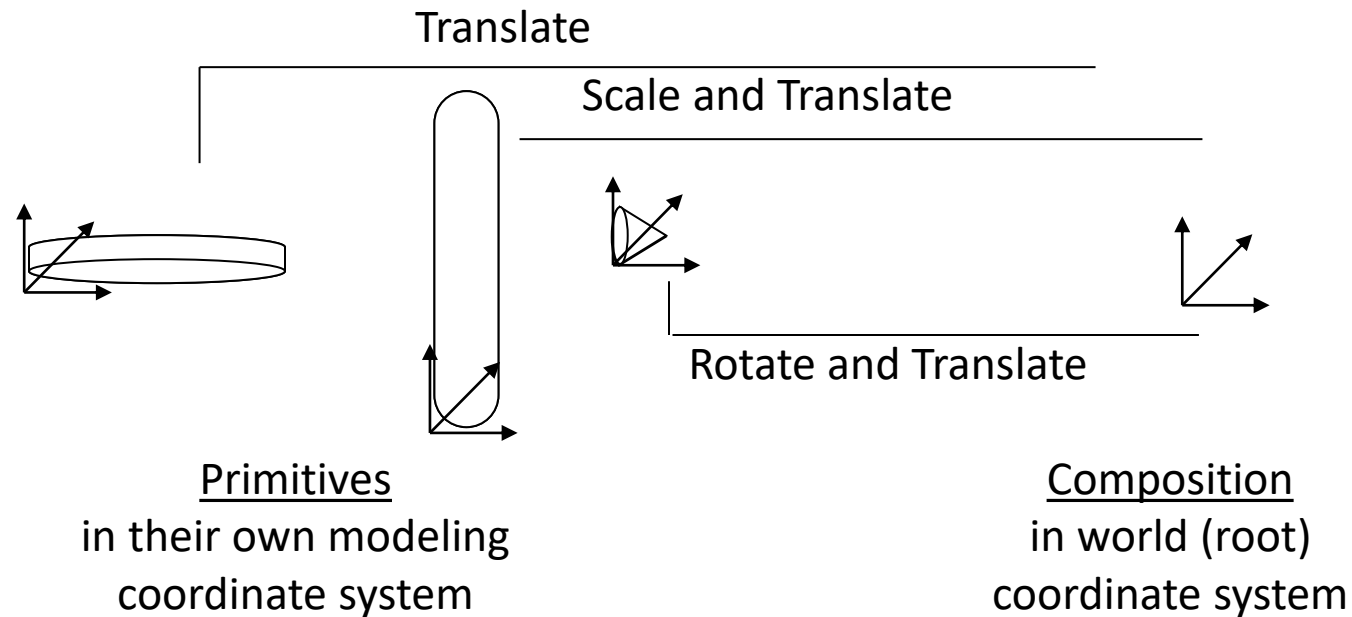
Hierarchical (Tree) Diagram of Nail

- Object to be modeled is (visually) analyzed, and then decomposed into collections of primitive shapes.
- Tree diagram provides visual method of expressing “composed of” relationships of model



- Such diagrams are part of 3D program interfaces (e.g., 3D Studio MAX, Maya)
- As a data structure to be rendered, it is called a **scenegraph**

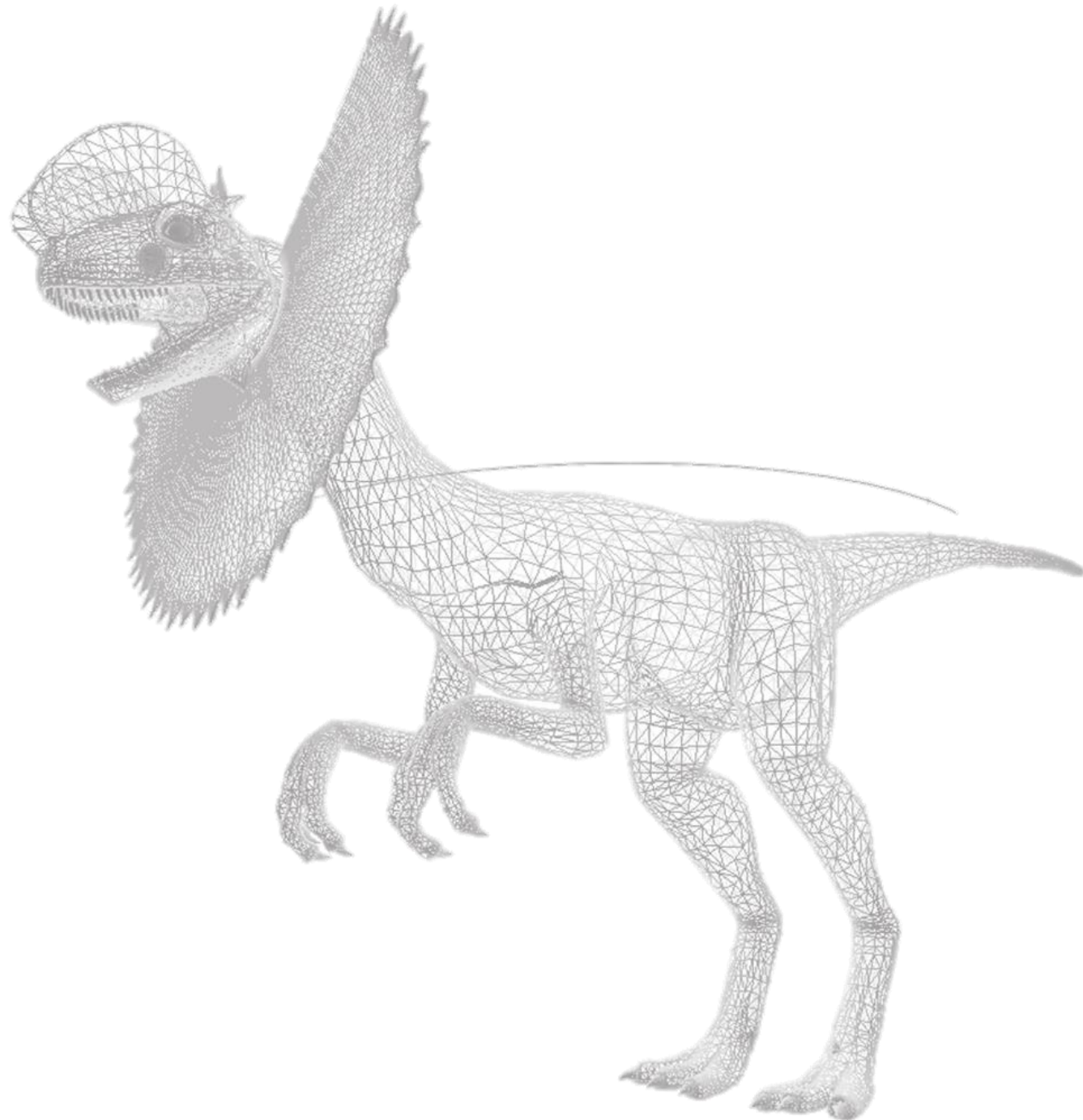
Composition of a Geometric Model



- Primitives created in decomposition process must be assembled to create final object. Done with **affine transformations**, T, R, S (as in above example). Order matters – these are not commutative!

Objects

- Objects consist of geometry + materials
- Geometry - typically a 3D Mesh
 - Approximates a continuous surface with a set of polygons (triangles + quads)
 - In offline rendering, we can also trace mathematical objects and volumes
- Material – describes how light interacts with the object



Modelling of materials



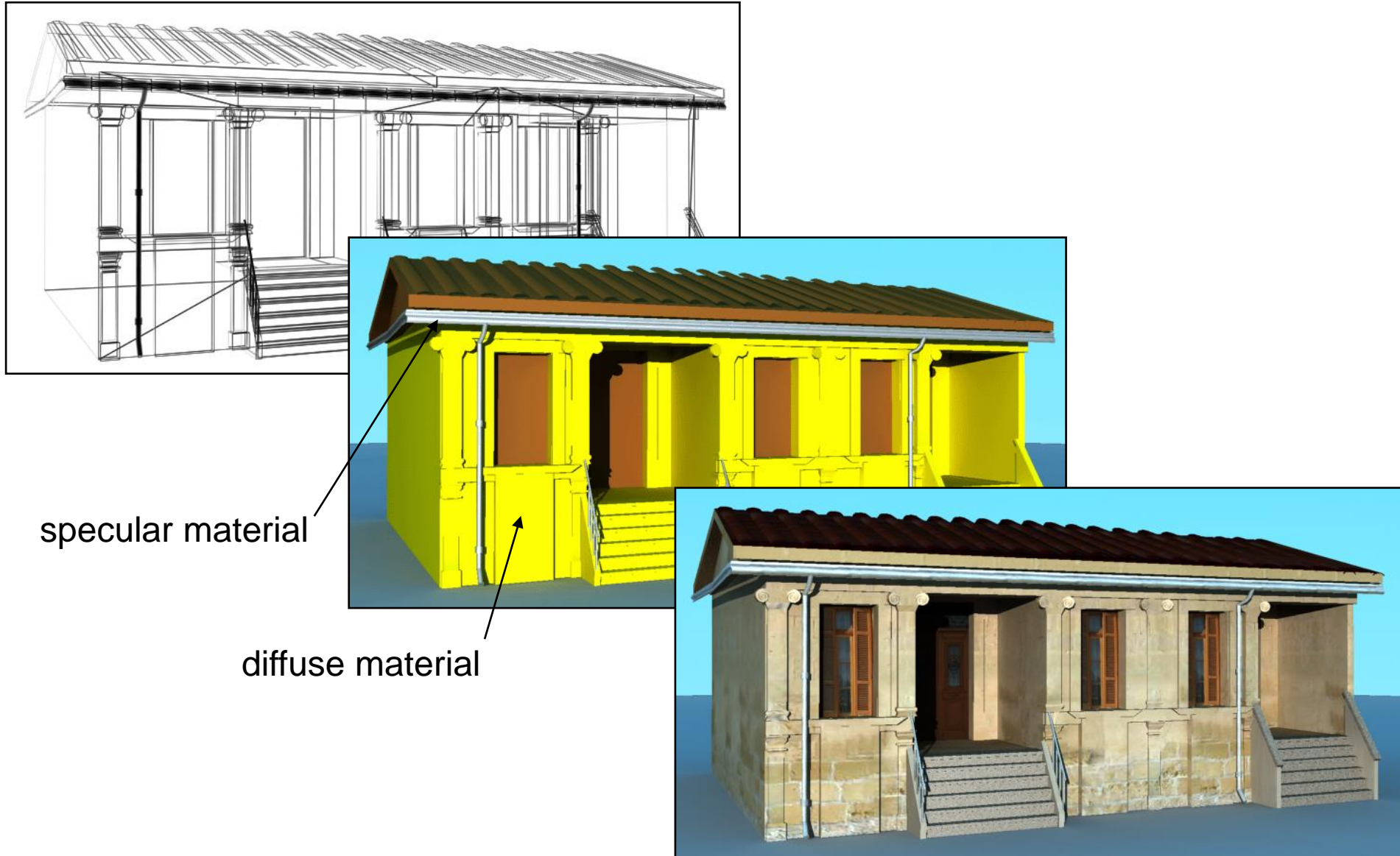
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Modelling of materials



Identical Light Transport Algorithm and Geometry but different Material descriptions

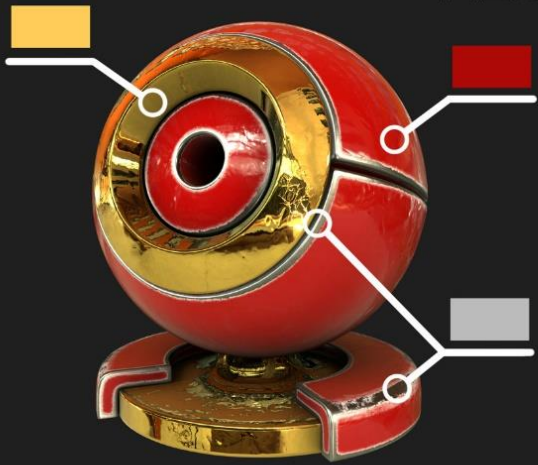
Materials – reflective properties



Materials

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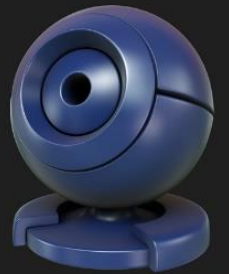
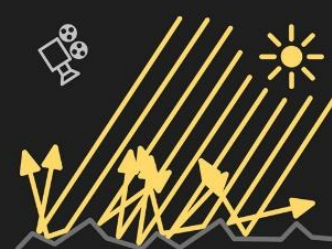
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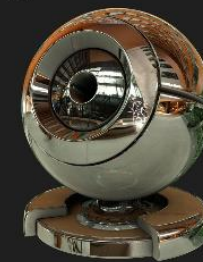
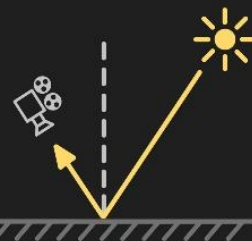


ROUGHNESS

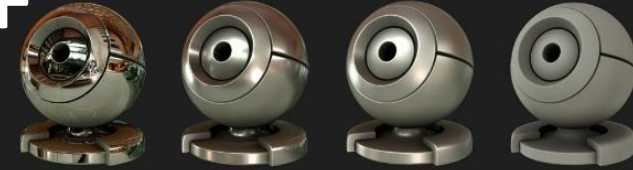


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SPECULAR



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roughness intensity

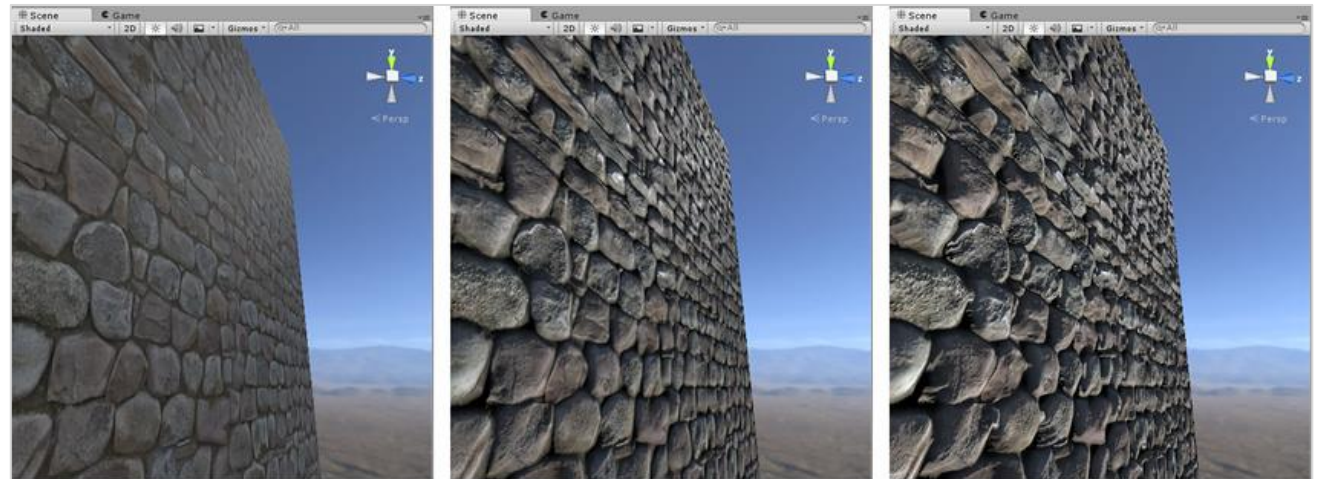
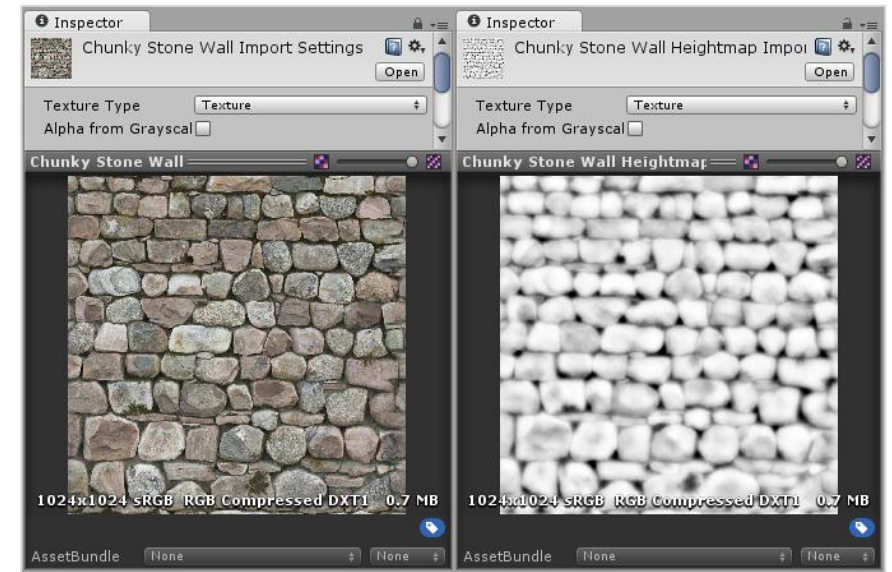
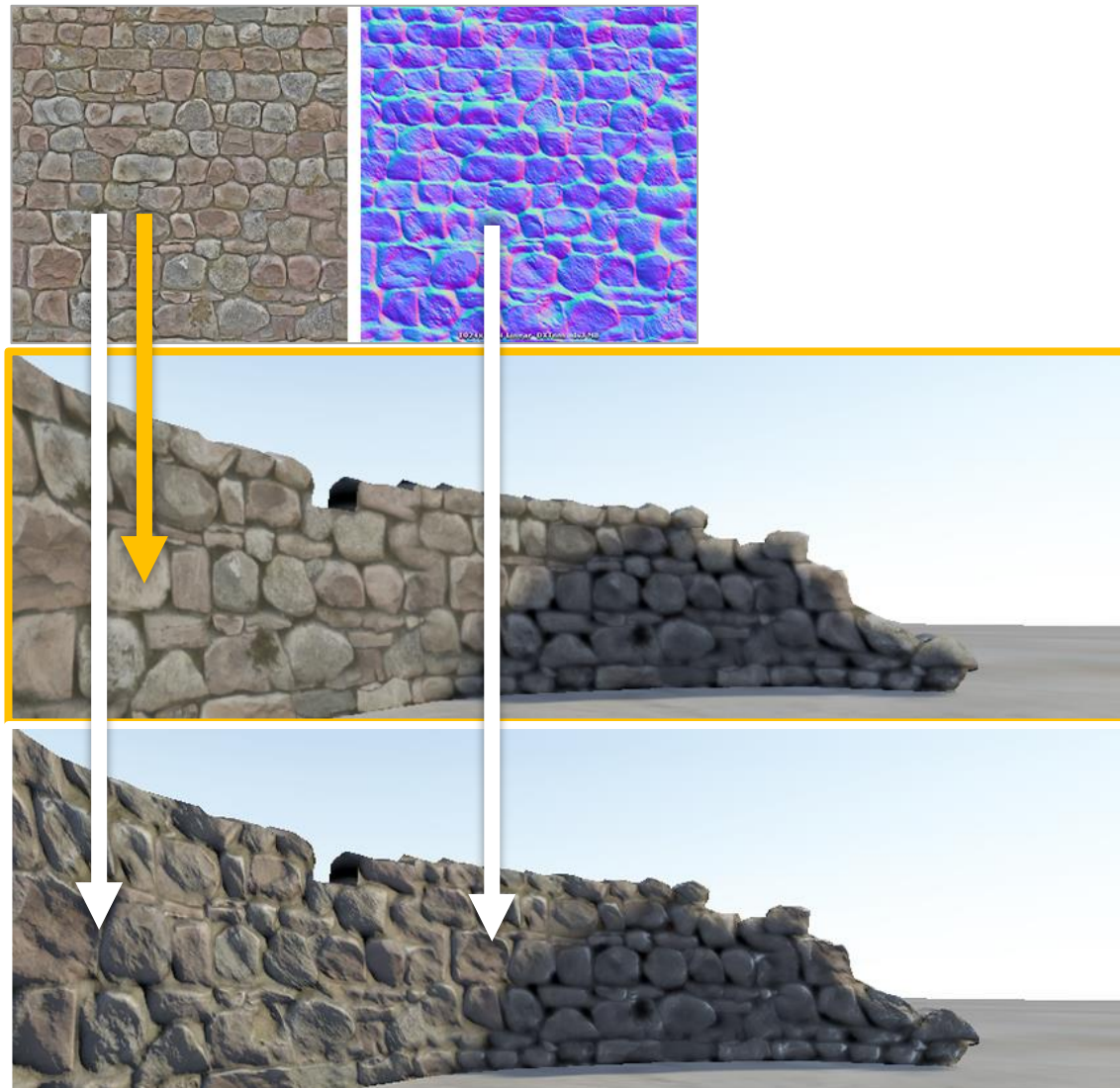
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METALS



Materials: Roughness without the geometry

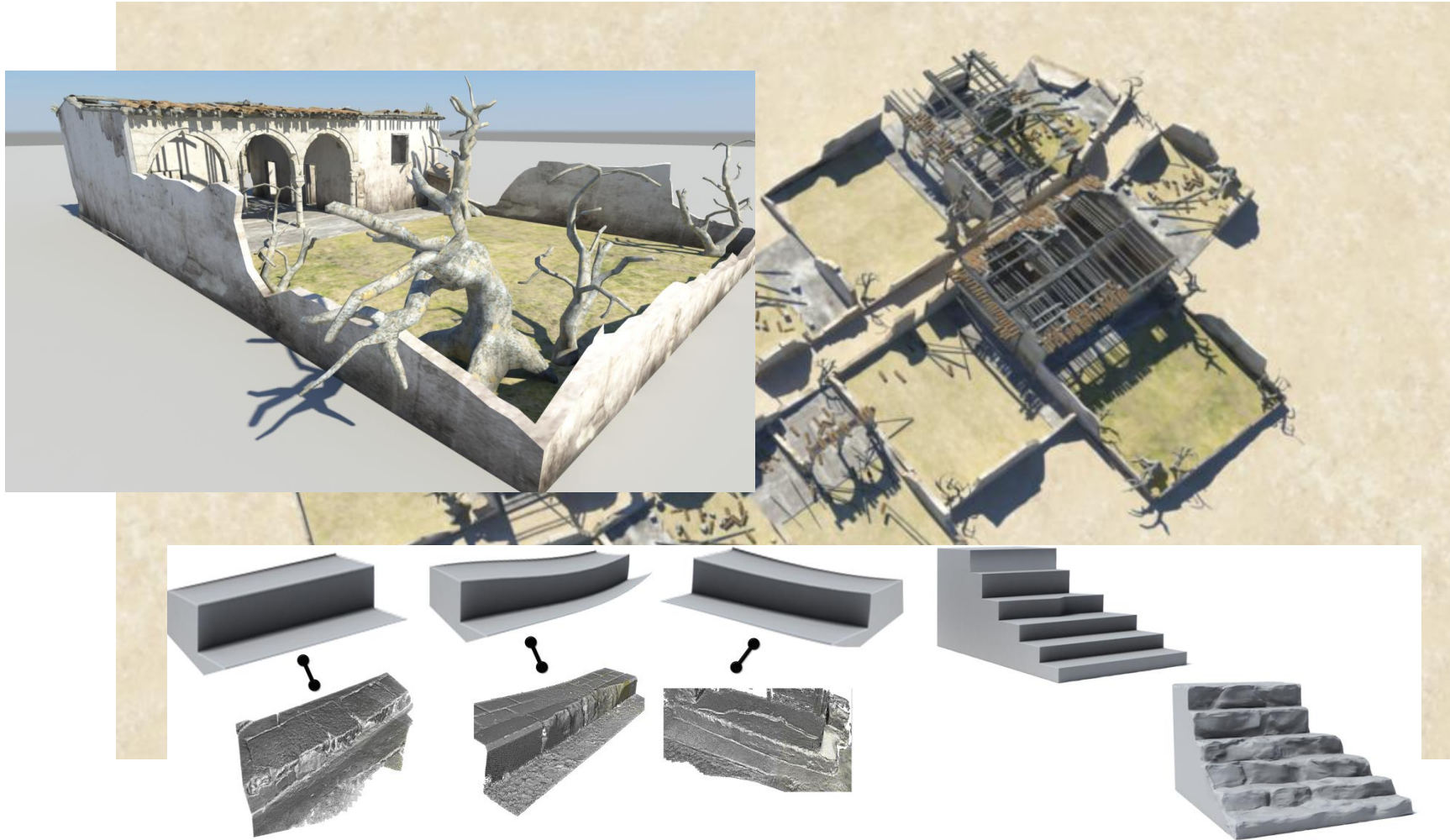


Materials

Your imagination is the limit



Materials: *Aging*



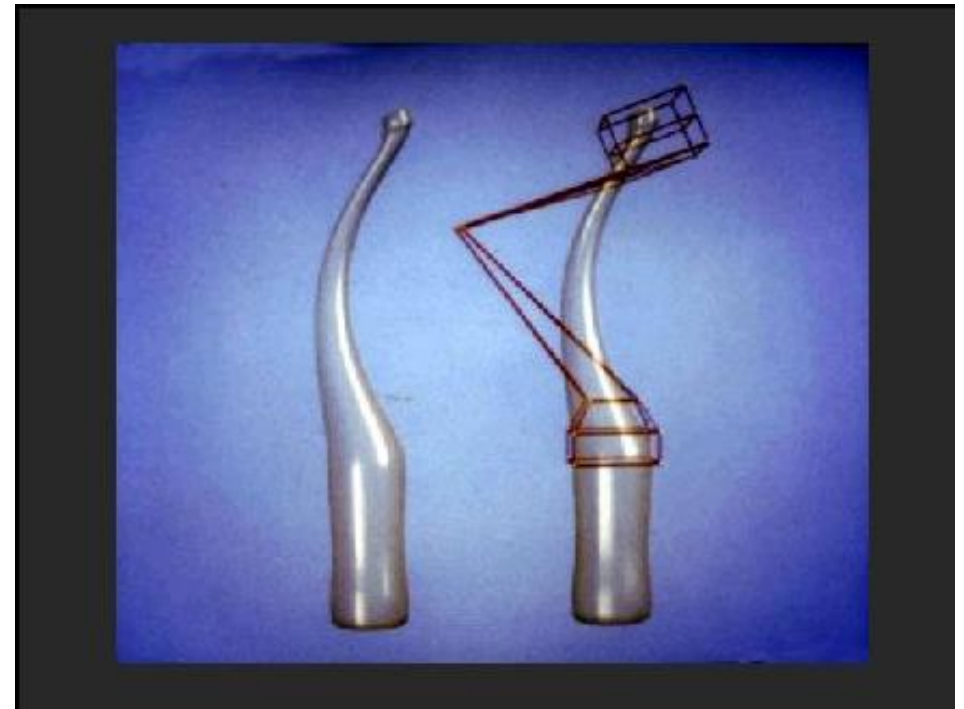
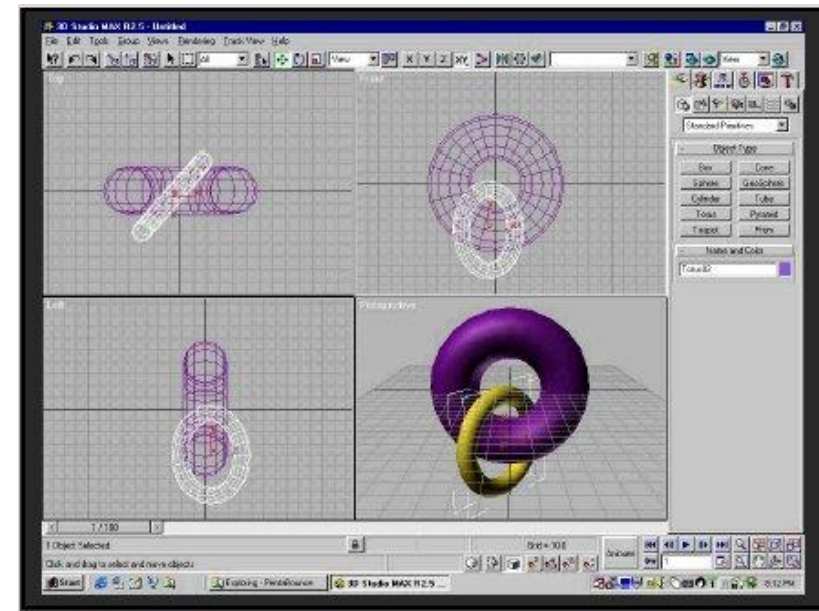
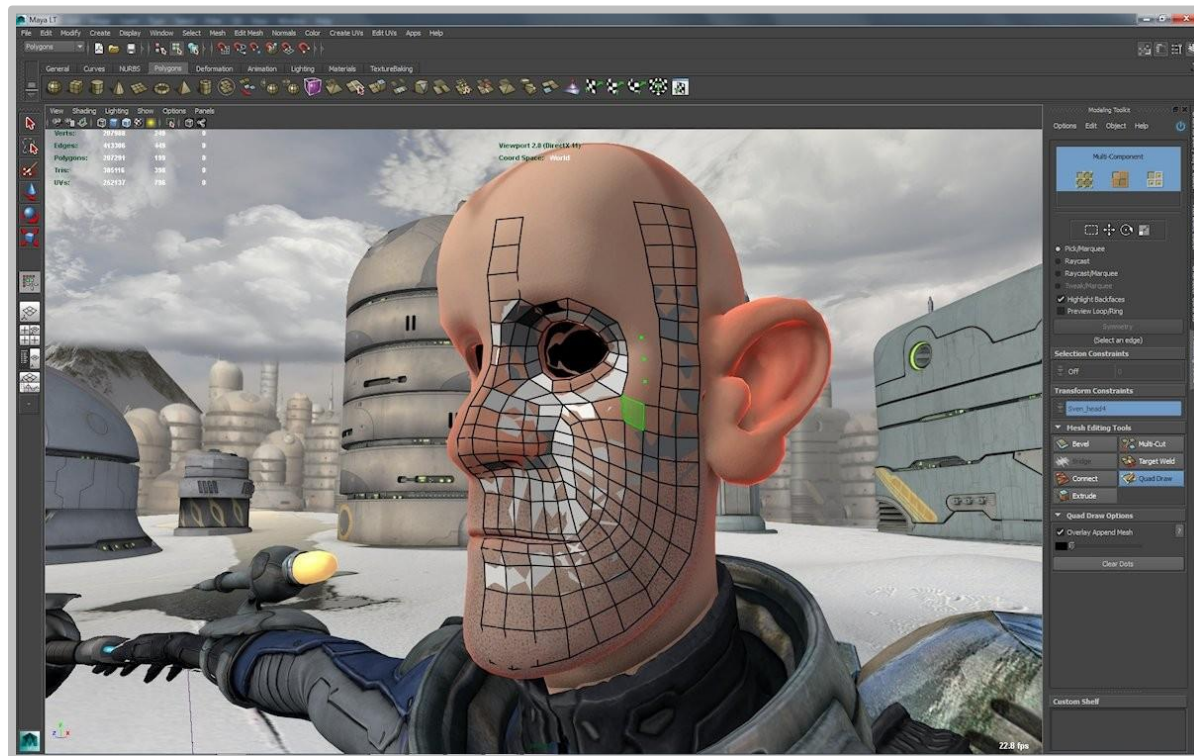
Modelling methods

- Model library



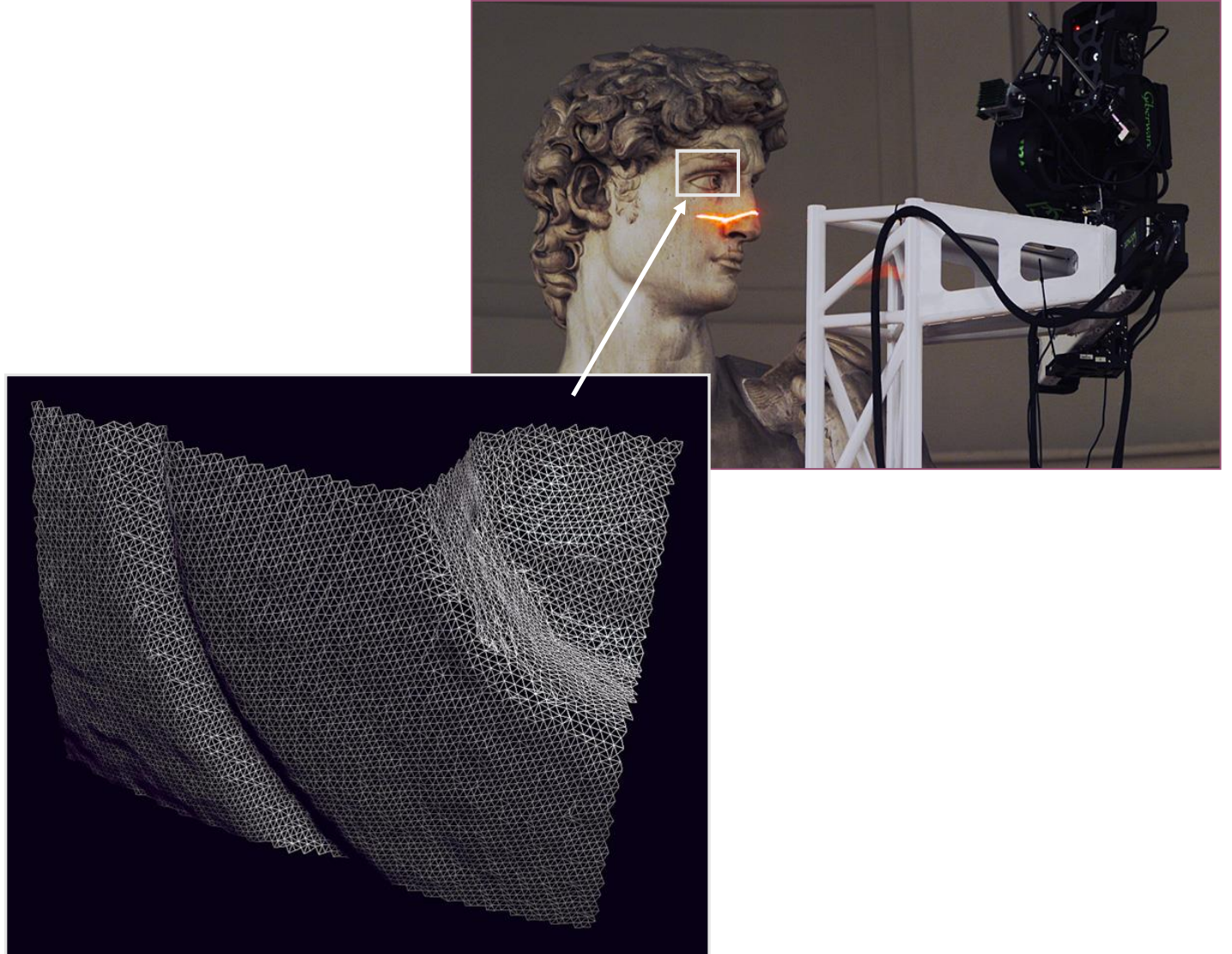
Modelling methods

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- **Modeling software**



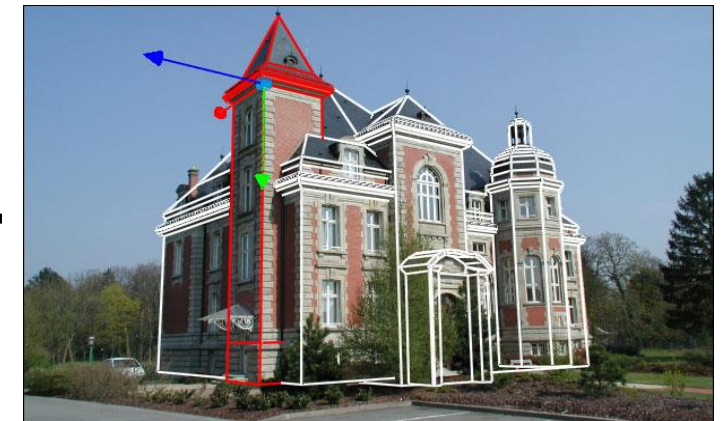
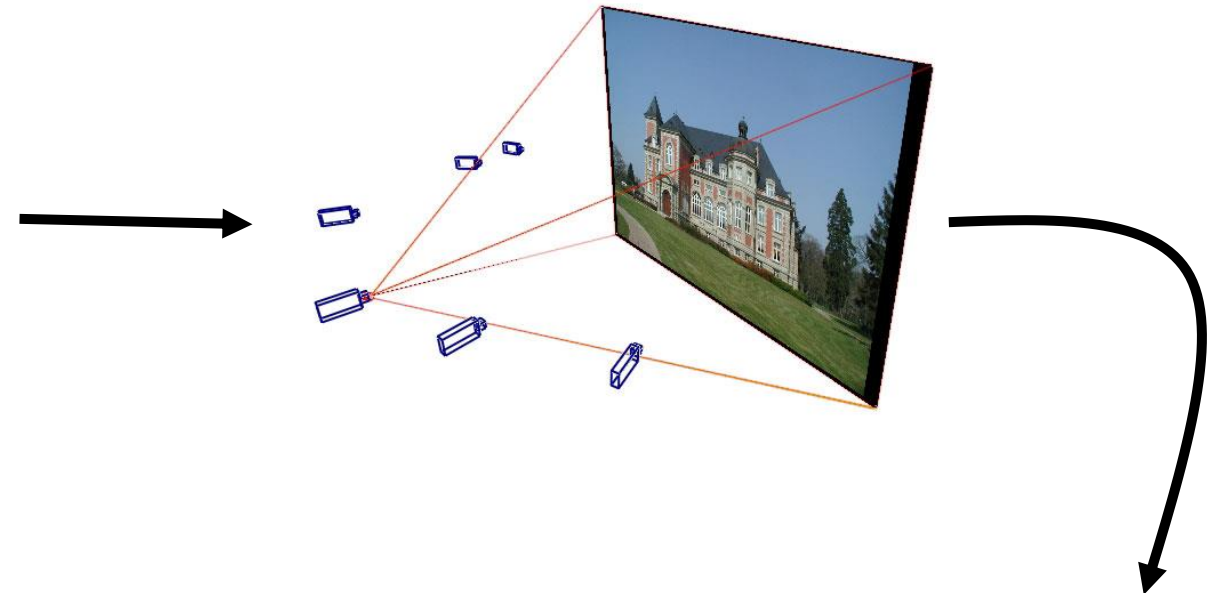
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- Modeling software
- **3D scanner**



Modelling methods

- Model library
- Modeling software
- 3D scanner
- **Image based modeling**

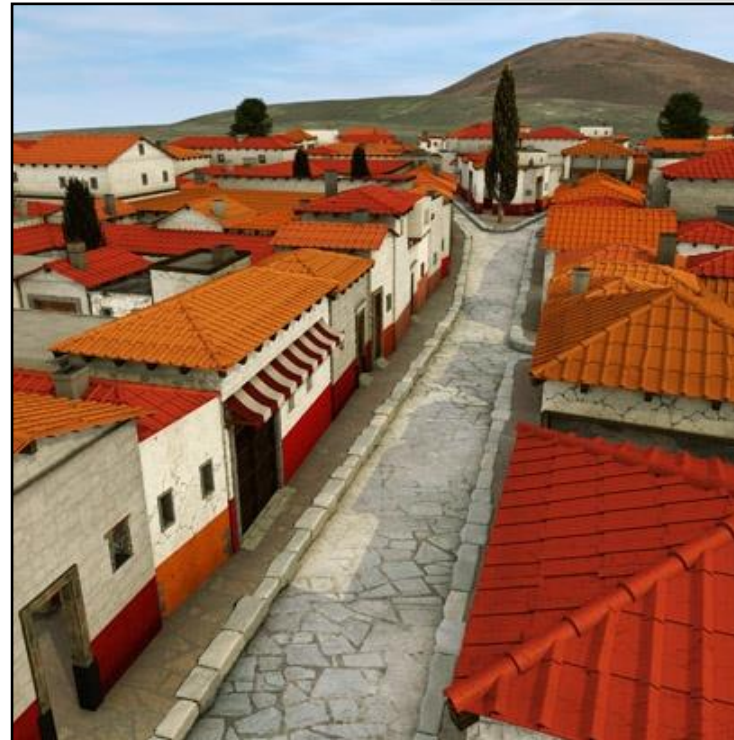
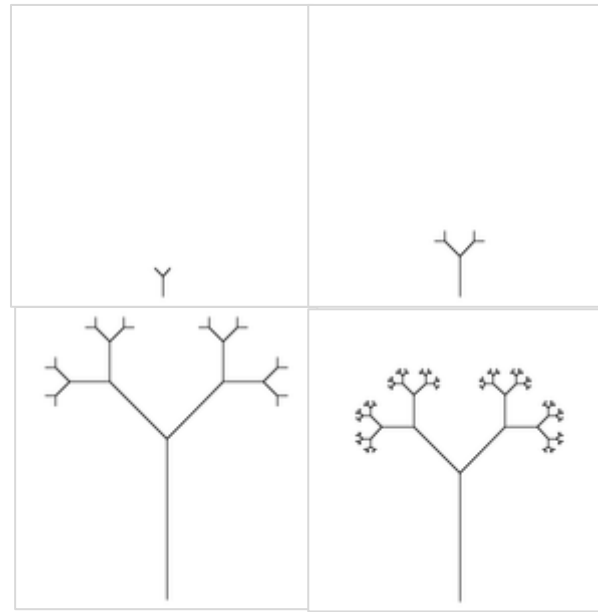


Paphos Gate



Modelling methods

- Model library
- Modeling software
- 3D scanner
- Image based modeling
- **Procedural**



Virtual Pompeii

<https://youtu.be/dQs9h3YurOk>

Procedural modeling (using Esri's CityEngine)

- Use CGA shape grammar
- A set of rules that describe recursively the shape and details of the buildings

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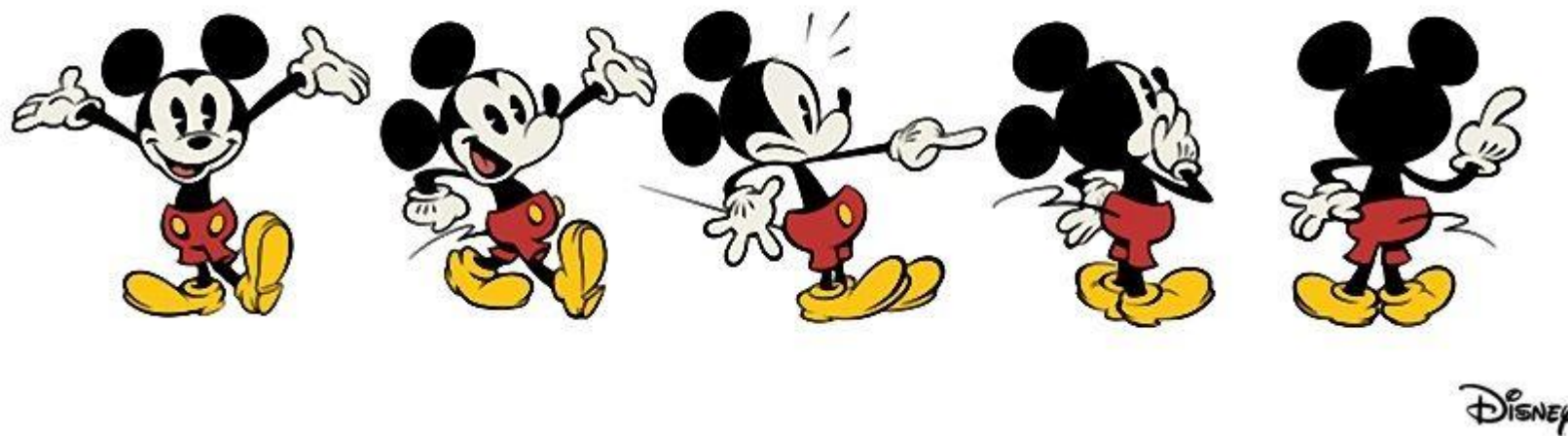


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Procedural modeling

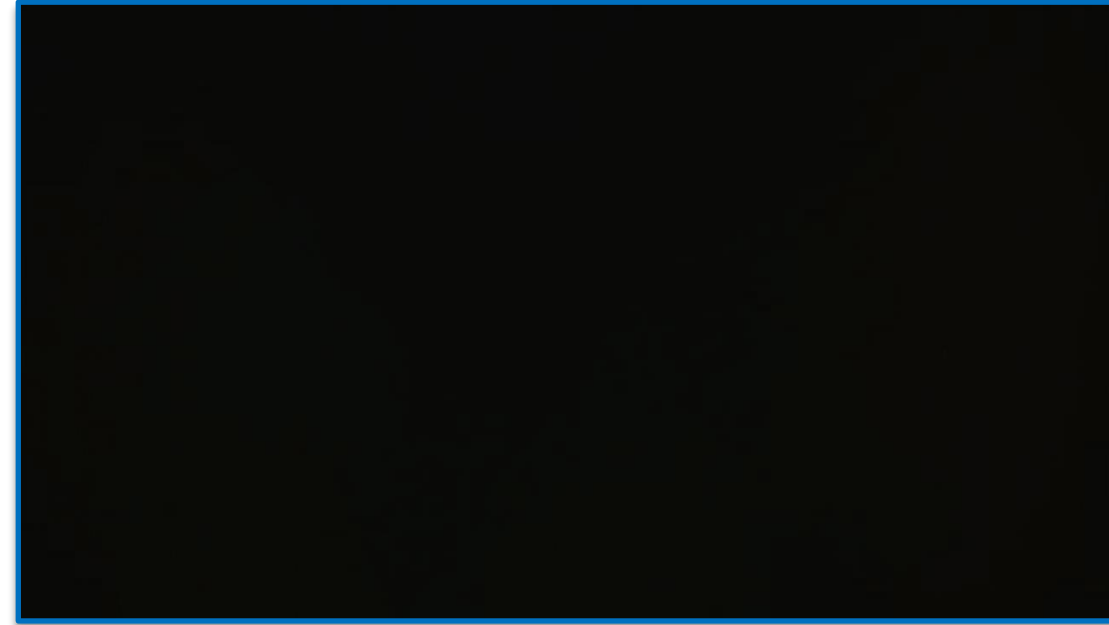


Animation

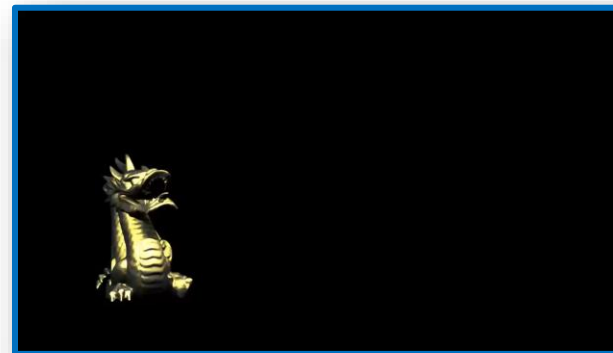


Animation

- It allows us to bring life into virtual characters
- There are many applications that require motion of **characters** or motion of **objects**.
 - Entertainment industry (e.g., movies, games)
 - Virtual / Augmented Reality.
 - Applications in Education or for Simulations.
- Other animation types?
 - Trees, liquids, fire, animals, clouds, etc ...
- Any other important factors for animation production?
 - Lighting, Rendering, etc ...



© Pixar Animation



Character Animation

- 3 main categories:
 - **Skeleton motion** – motion at the main parts of the body.



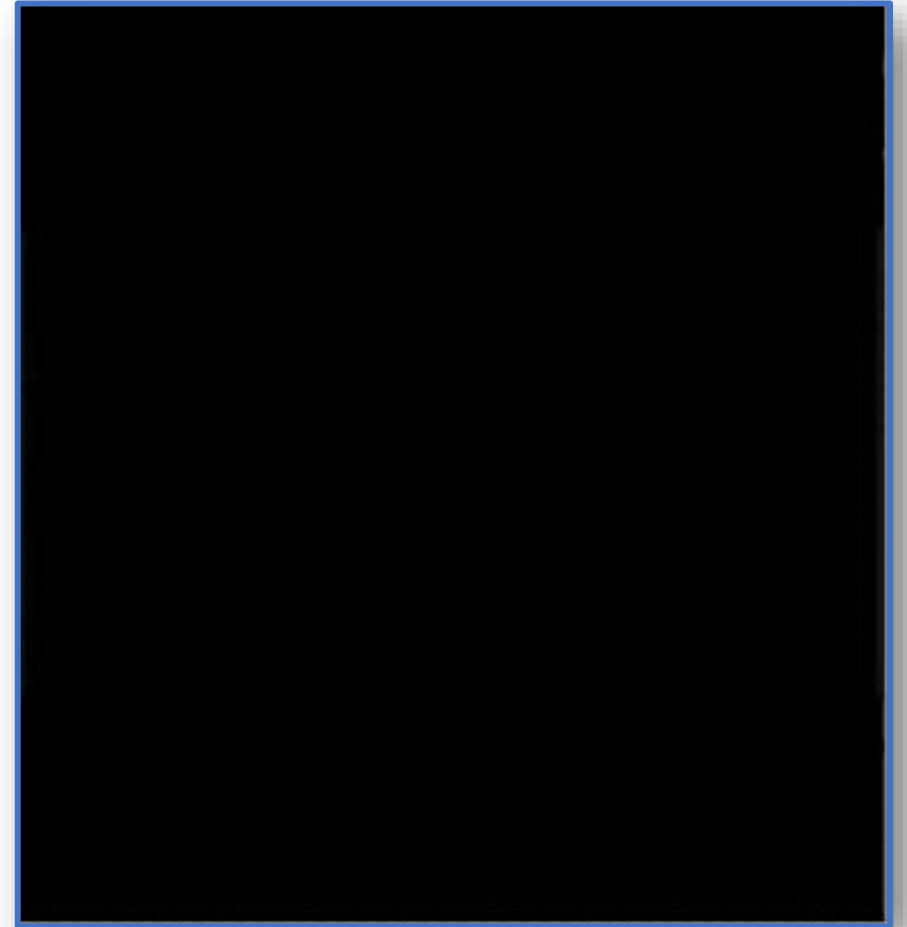
Character Animation

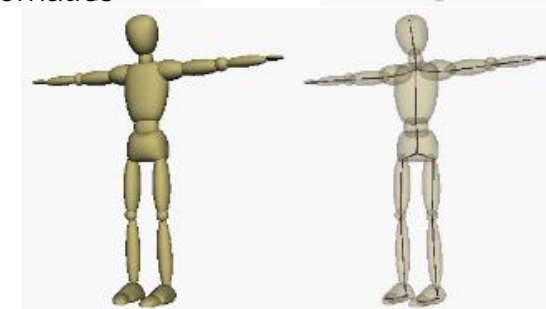
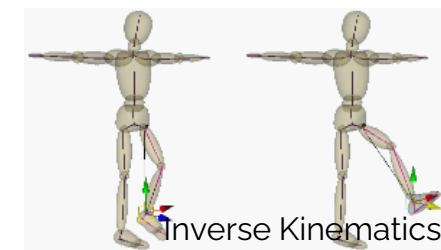
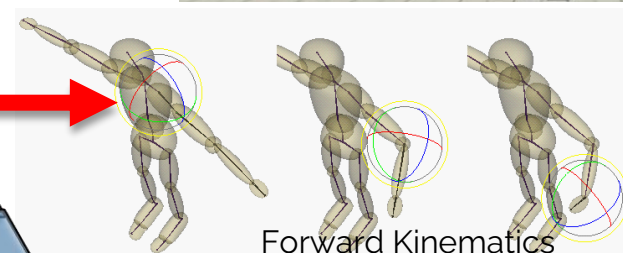
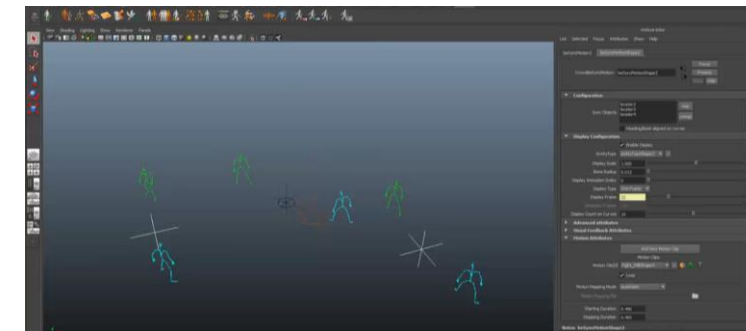
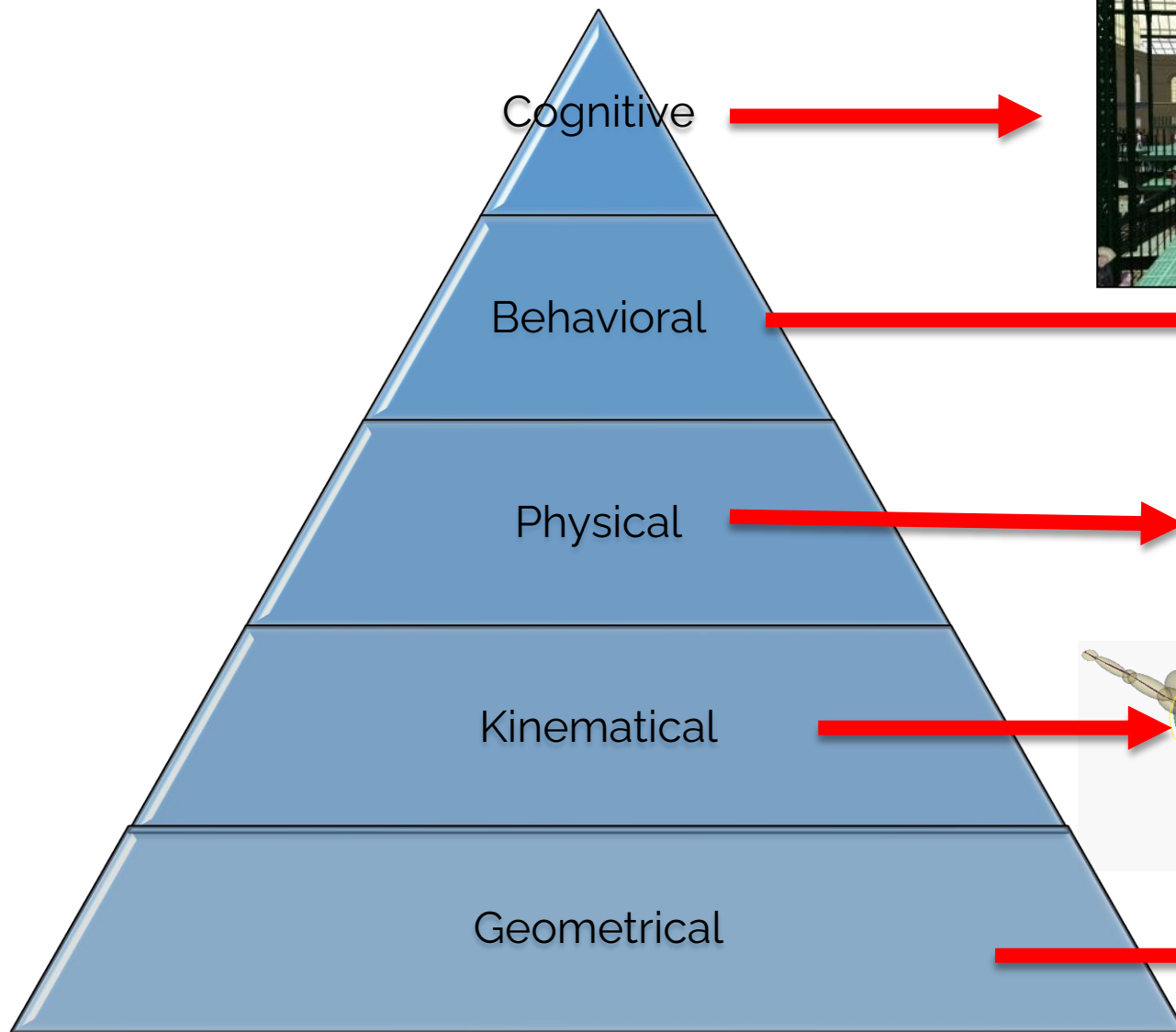
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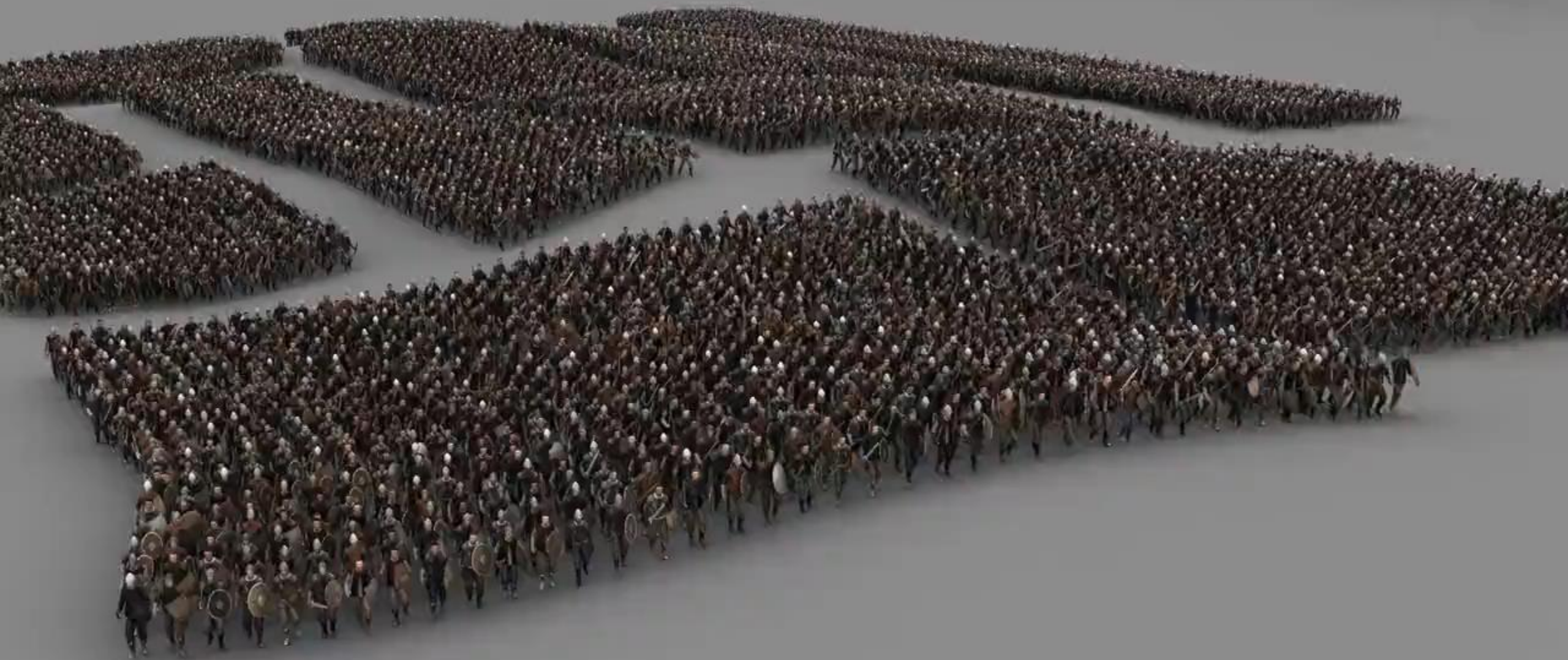


Character Animation

- 3 main categories:
 - **Skeleton motion** – motion at the main parts of the body.
 - **Facial motion** – motion at the main characteristics of the face.
 - **Hair motion, skin motion, and clothing motion**







Crowd behavior



FRAMESTORE



Animation: *Introduction*

- What is the most common way of creating animated characters?

Animation: *Animated Manually: key-framing*



Flipbook Animation



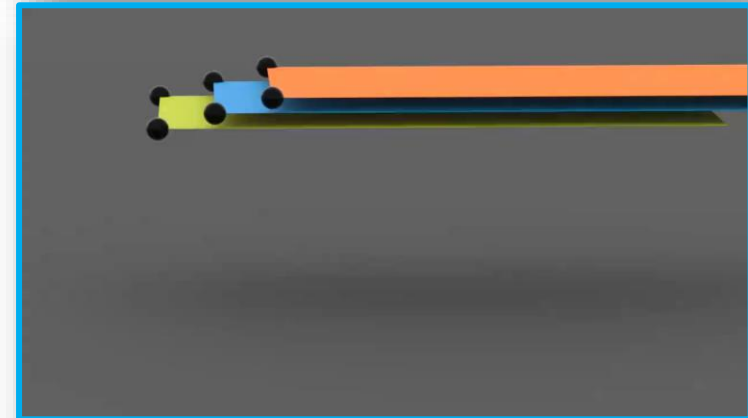
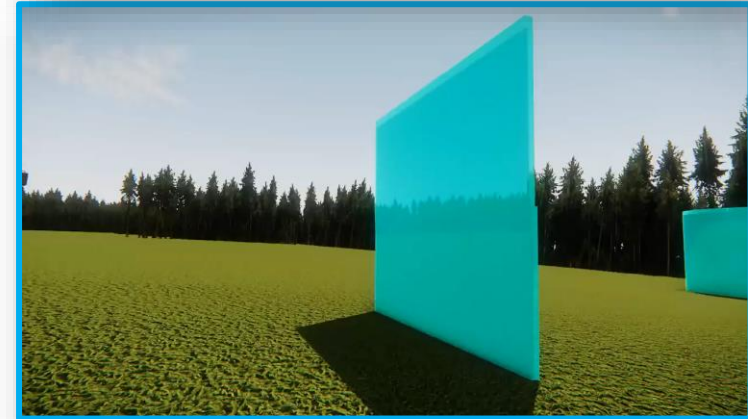
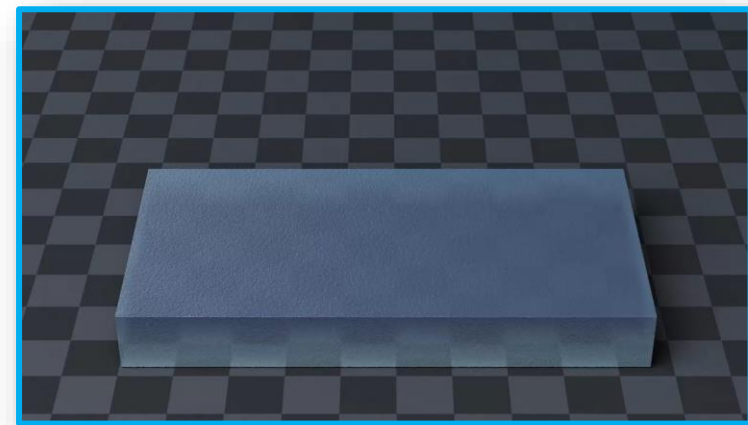
@ Disney Studios

Animation: *Animated Manually: key-framing*

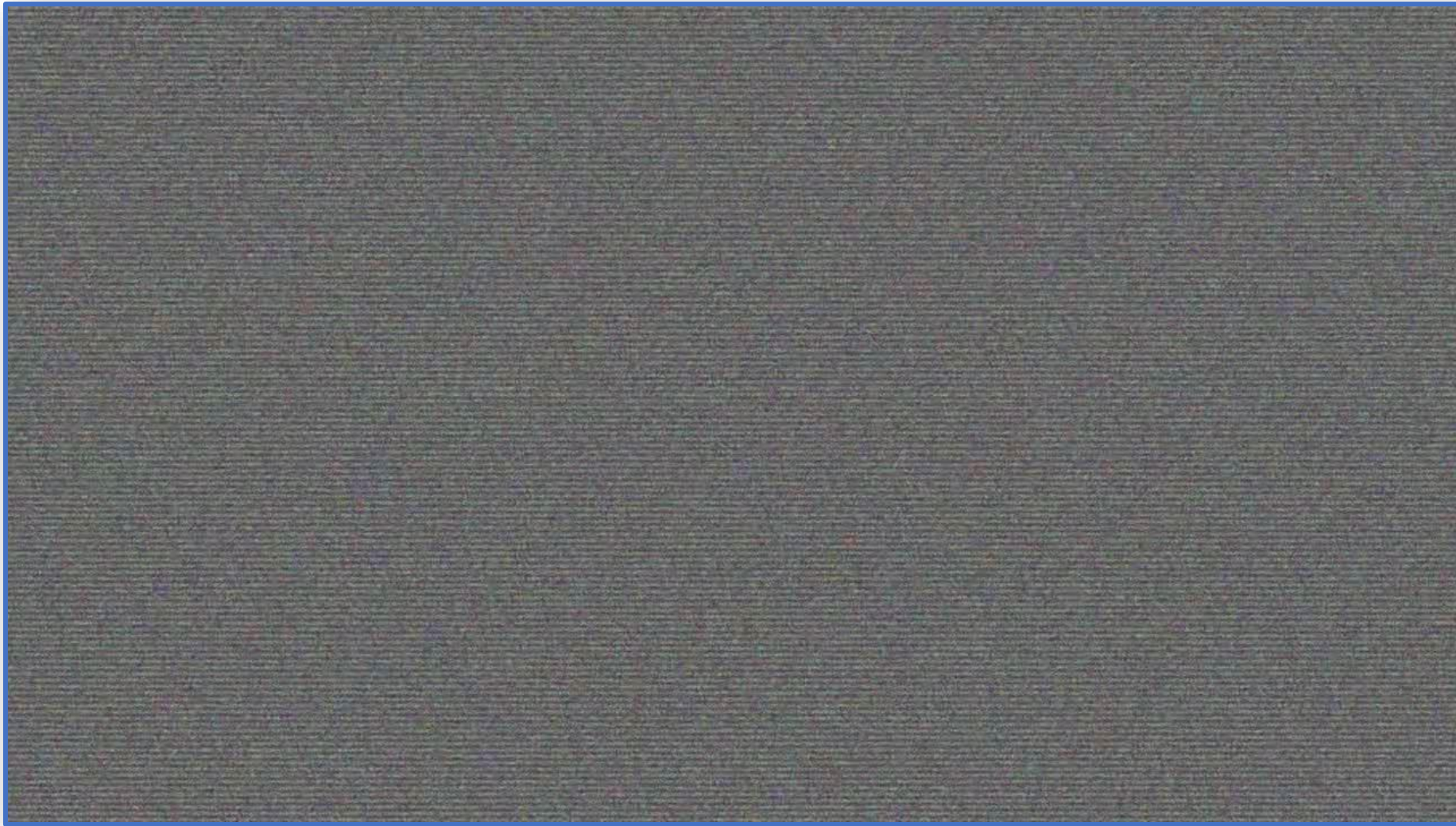


Character Animation: *Physics Simulation*

We present a control system based on 3D muscle actuation



Character Animation: *Motion Capture*



Character Animation: *Motion Capture*



Image courtesy of Naughty Dog.



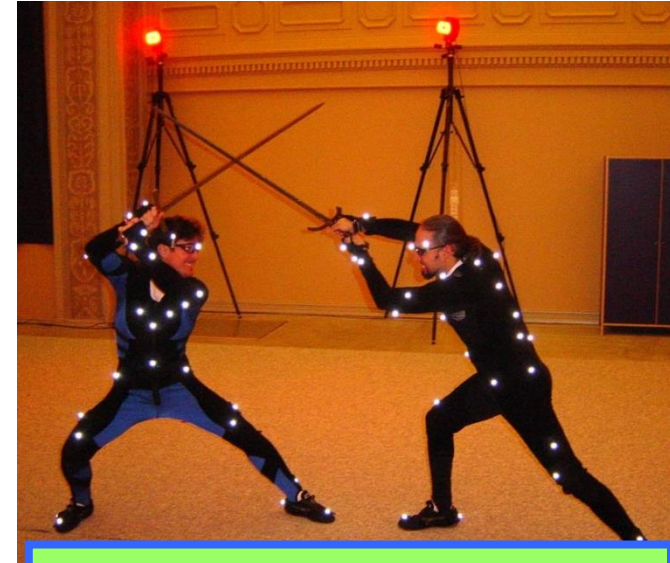


Animation

Animating Characters is the most difficult.



Animated Manually



Motion Captured



Synthesize in some Manner

3. Rendering



Modelling Vs Rendering

■ Modeling

- Create models
- Apply materials to models
- Place models around scene
- Place lights in scene
- Place the camera

■ Rendering

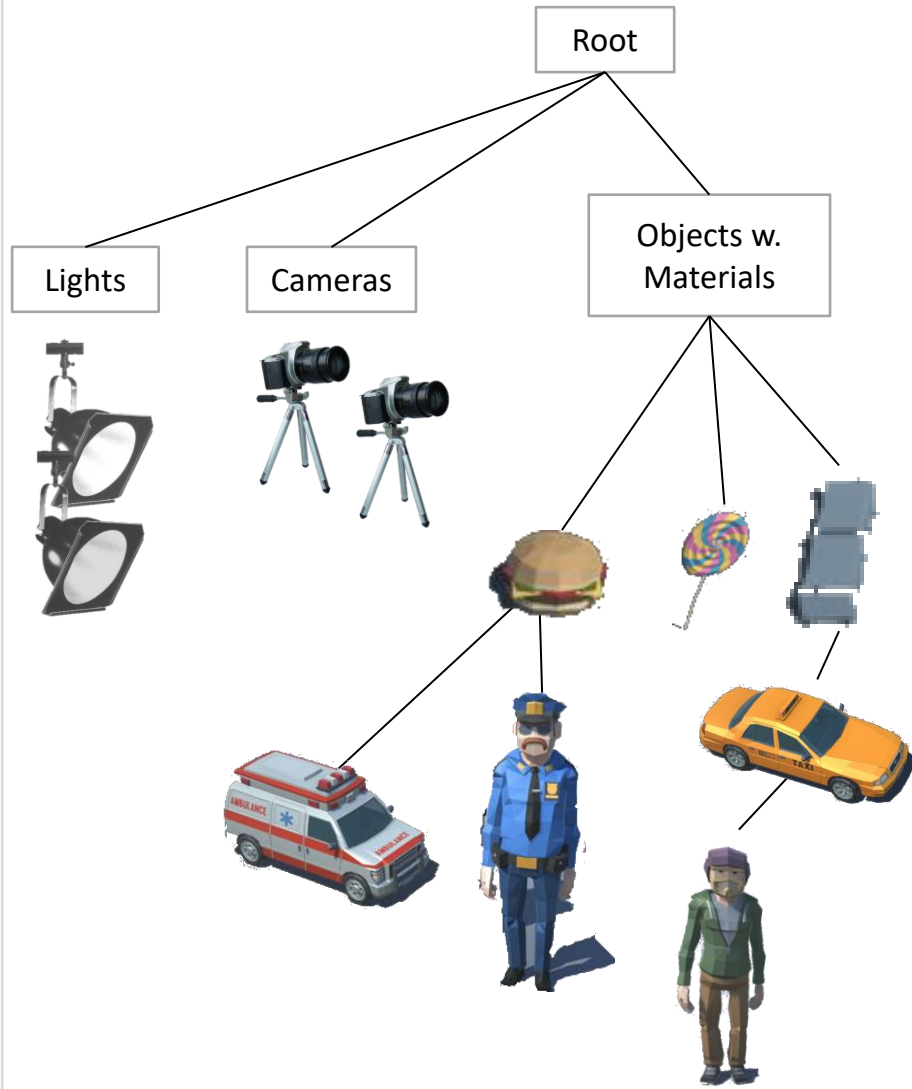
- Take “picture” with camera
- ▶ Both can be done with commercial software:
Autodesk Maya™, 3D Studio Max™, Blender™, etc.



CS128 lighting assignment by Patrick Doran, Spring 2009

Computer Graphics

Scene Description



Rendering
Algorithm

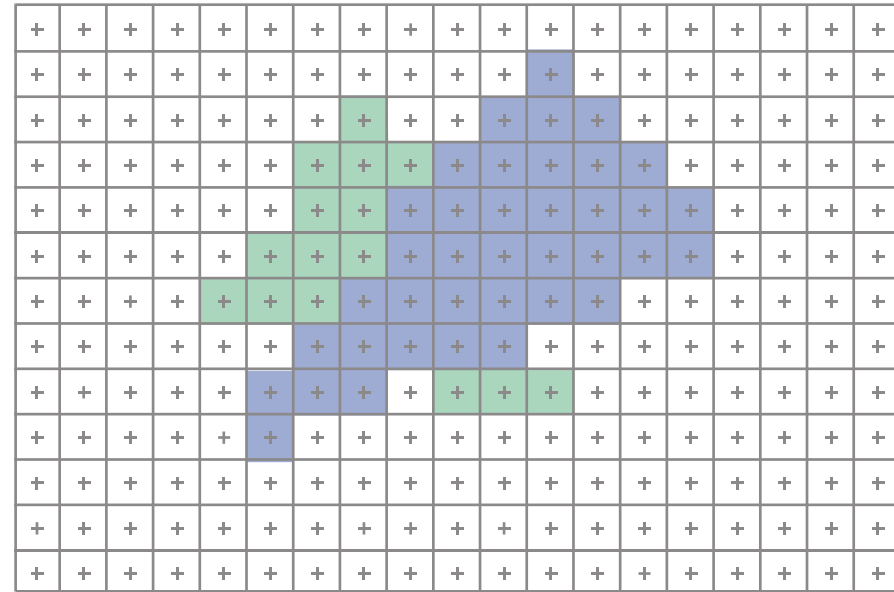
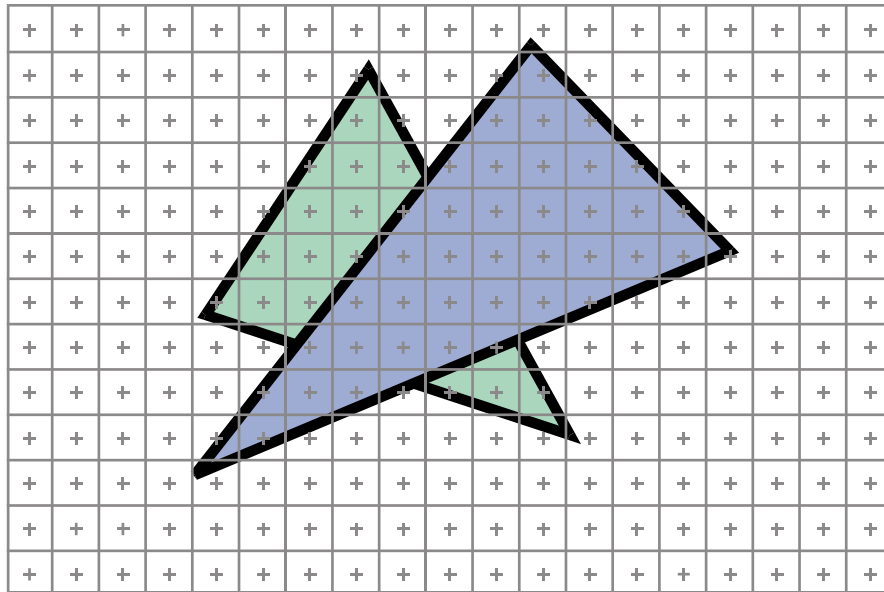
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Polygon City Pack for Unity

<https://www.assetstore.unity3d.com/en/#!/content/95214>

What is a digital image?

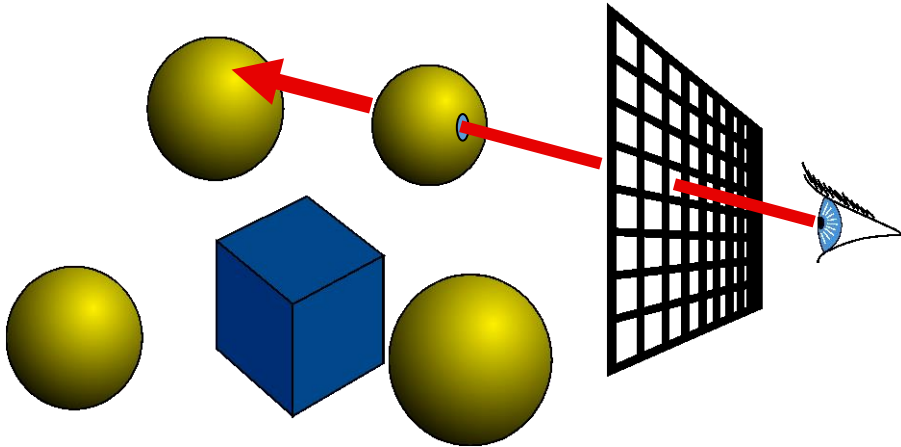


Two main approaches for creating images.

A. Ray Casting

- For each pixel
 - For each object

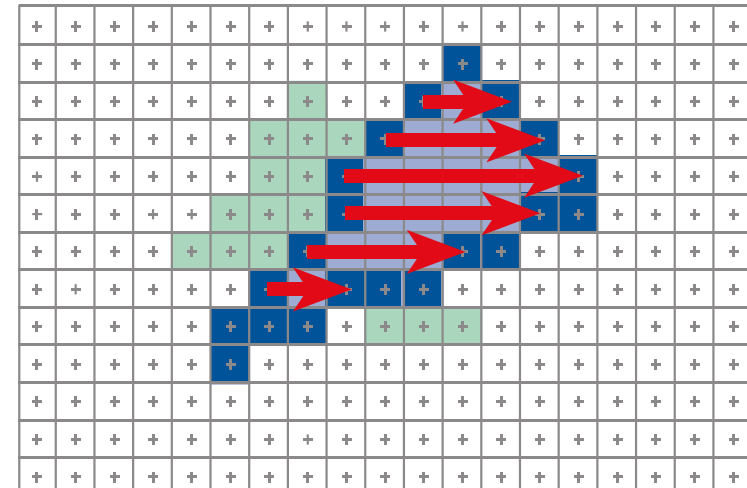
Send pixels to the scene



B. Rendering Pipeline

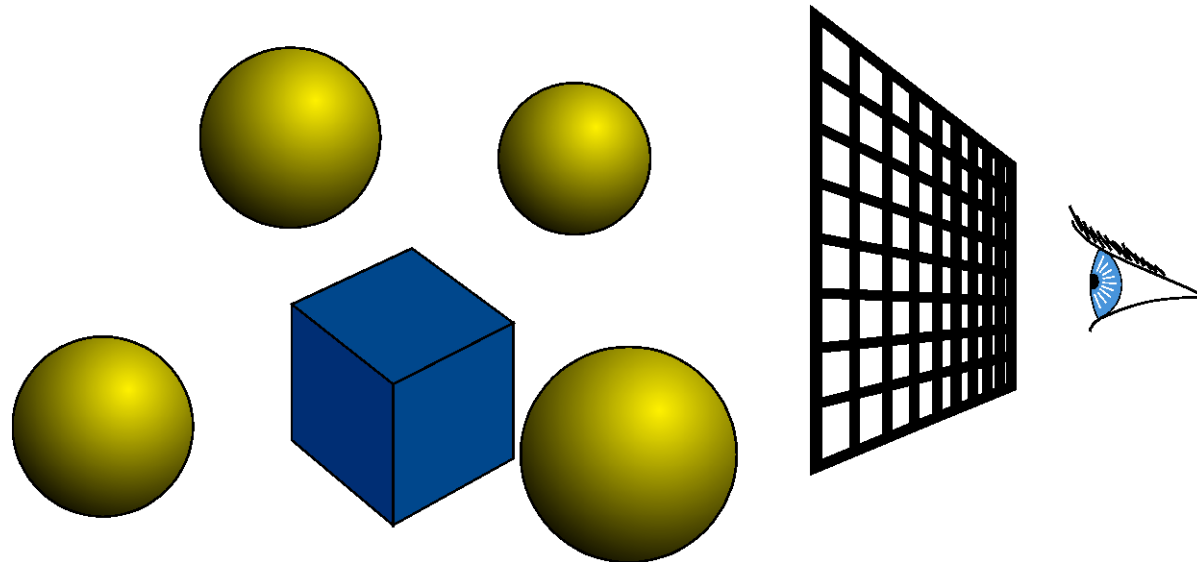
- For each triangle
 - For each projected pixel

Project scene to the pixels



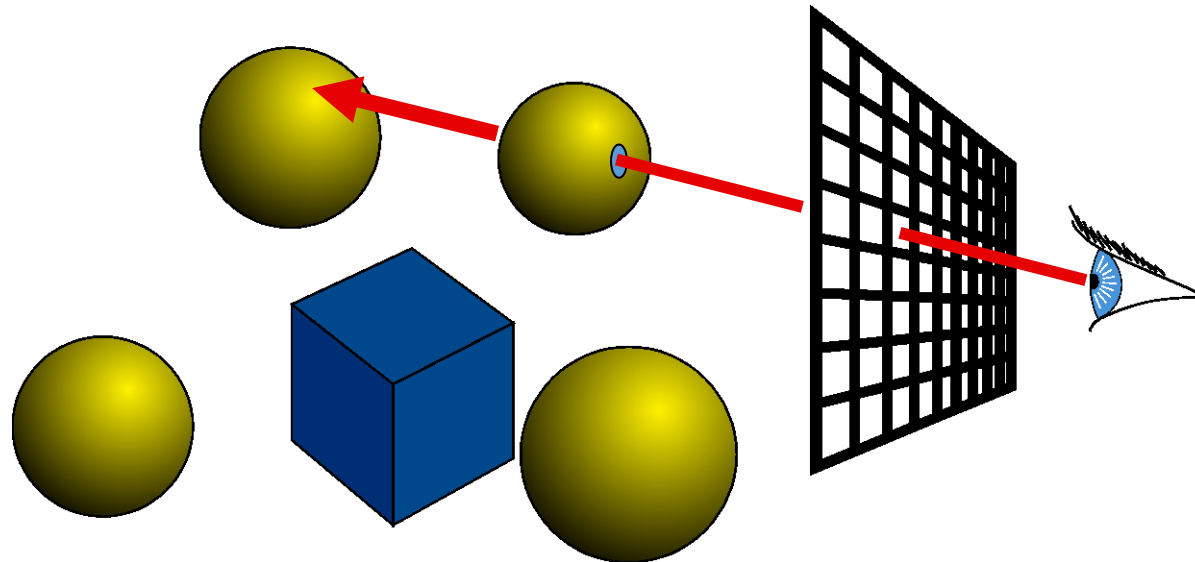
Ray Casting

- For every pixel
construct a ray from the eye
 - For every object in the scene
 - Find intersection with the ray
 - Keep if closest



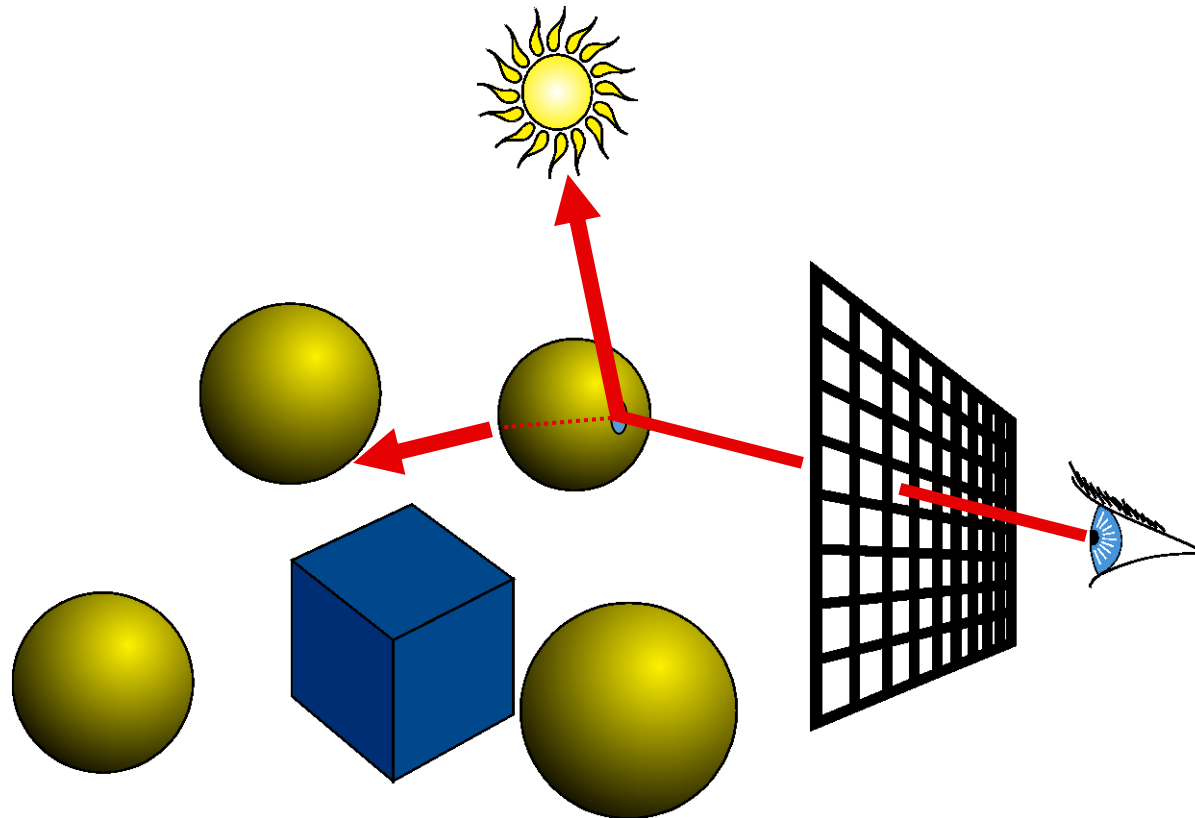
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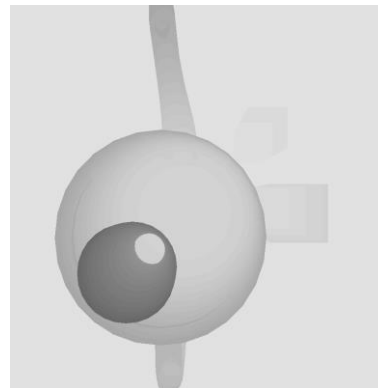
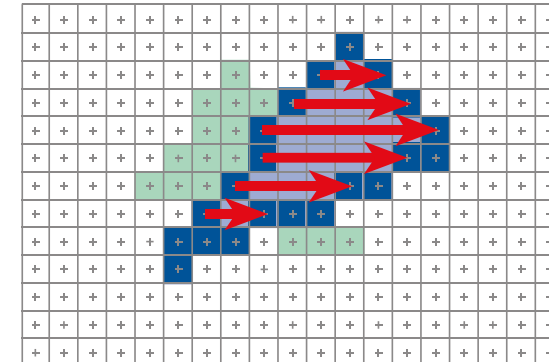
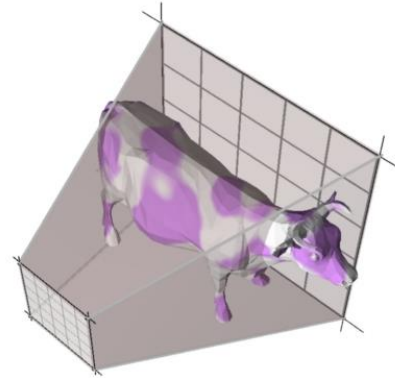
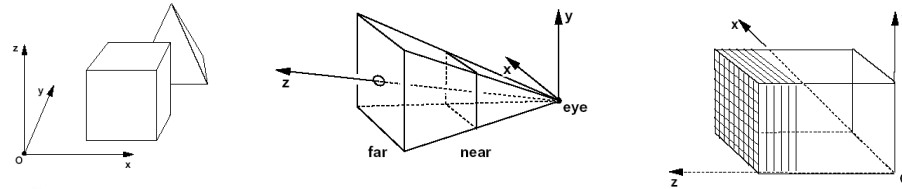
Ray Casting – Ray Tracing

- Shade (interaction of light and material)
- Secondary rays (shadows, reflection, refraction)



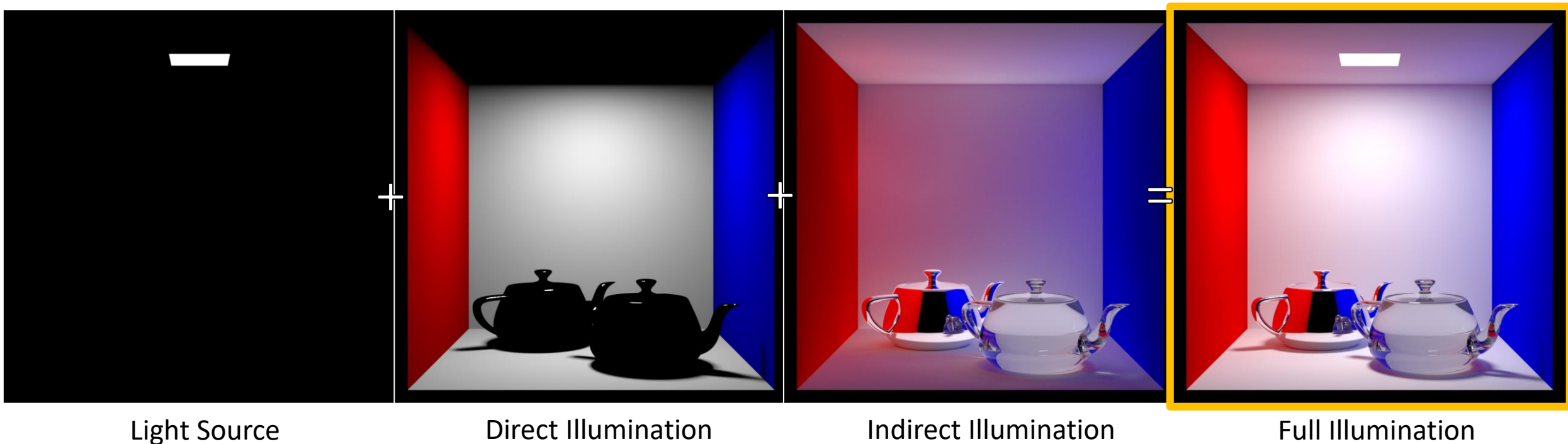
Rendering Pipeline

- Transformations
- Clipping
- Scanning
- Visibility

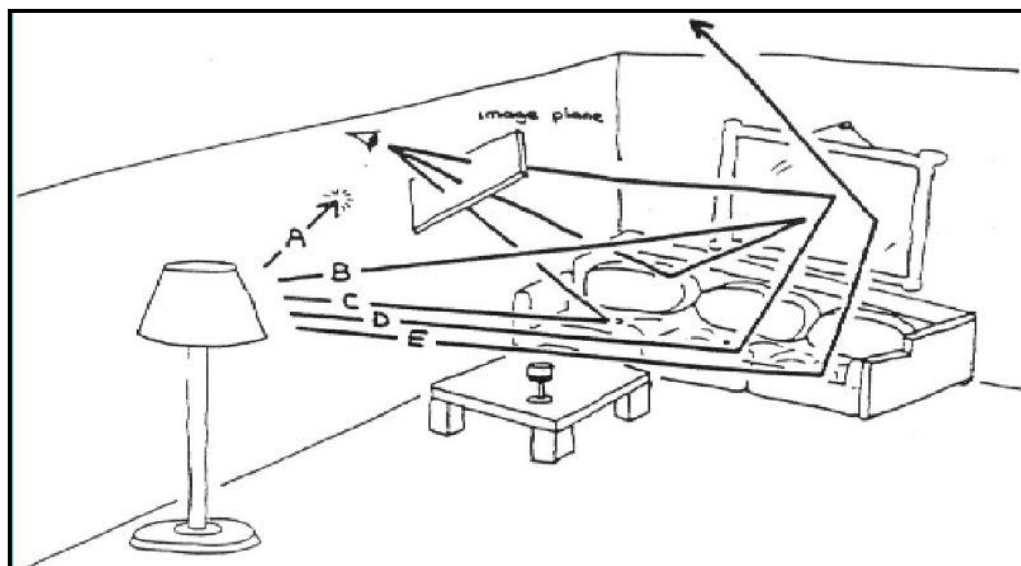


illumination – *maybe the most important part of the process*

Rendering algorithms split illumination in several parts



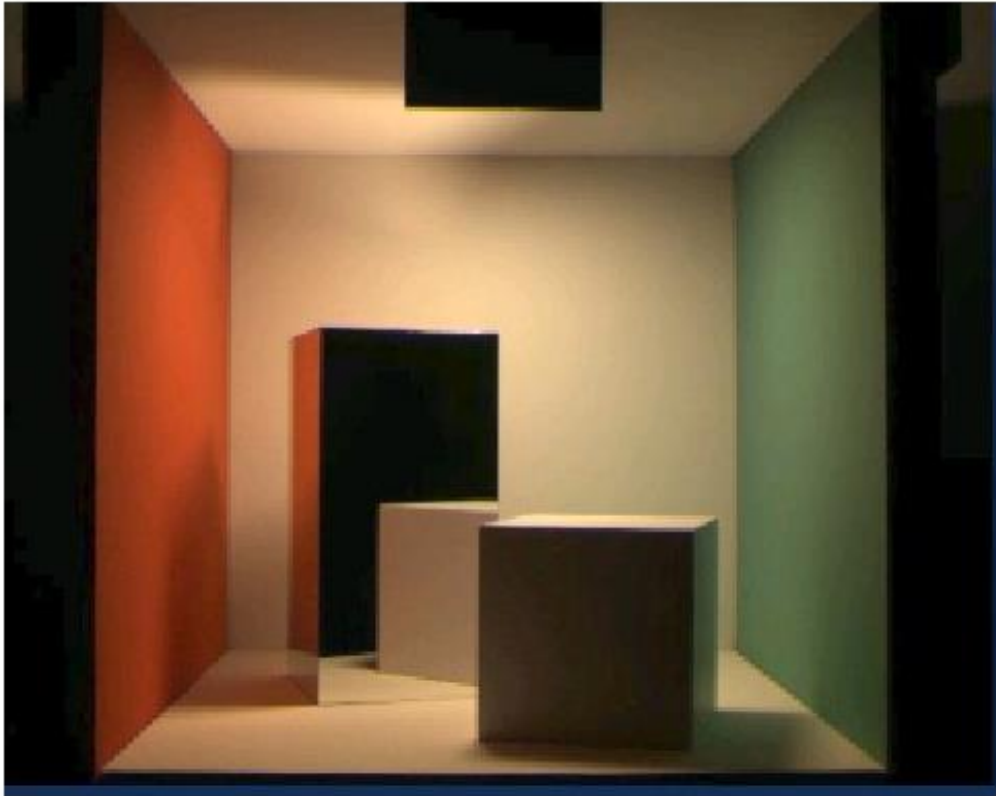
Photorealism



The rendering equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\mathbf{r}, \vec{\omega}, \lambda, \mathbf{e}, t) = & \mu(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) \left[L^e(\mathbf{s}, \vec{\omega}, t, \lambda) \right. \\
 & + m_p(\vec{\omega}) \int_{-\infty}^t d(t - \tau) P_p(\mathbf{s}, \lambda) \int_{\Theta_i^t} L(\mathbf{s}, \vec{\omega}', \lambda, \mathbf{e}, \tau) \cos \theta' d\vec{\omega}' d\tau \\
 & \left. + \int_{\Theta_i^t} f(\mathbf{s}, \lambda, \vec{\omega}' \rightarrow \vec{\omega}) \int_{\mathcal{R}_v} P_f(\mathbf{s}, \lambda' \rightarrow \lambda) L(\mathbf{s}, \vec{\omega}', \lambda', \mathbf{e}, t) d\lambda' \cos \theta' d\vec{\omega}' \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Global illumination



Measured

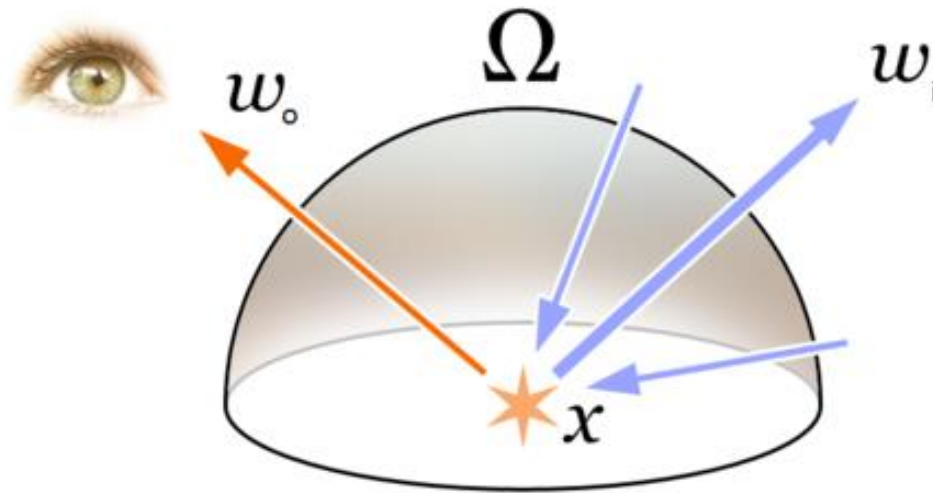


Simulated

The Rendering Equation

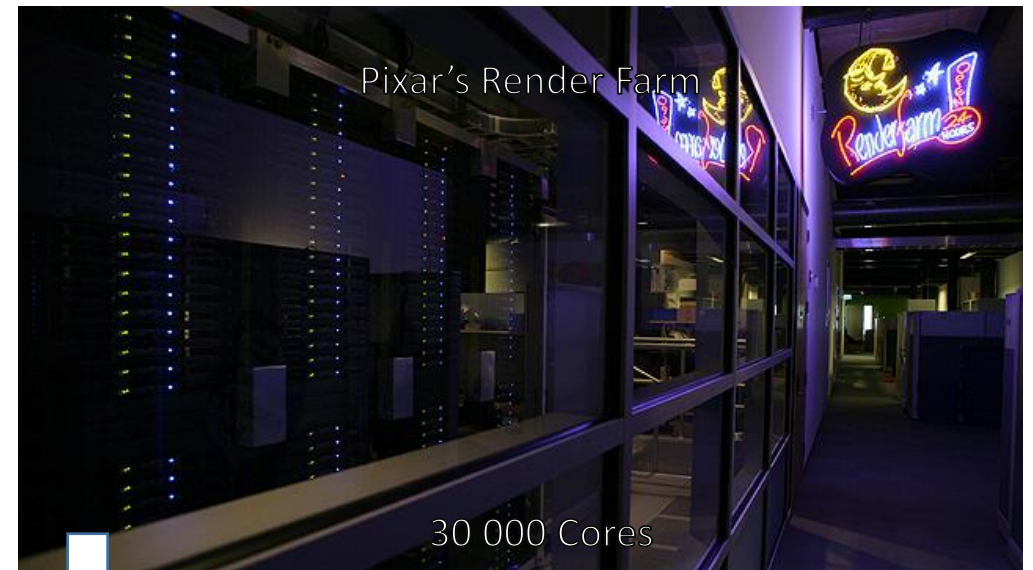
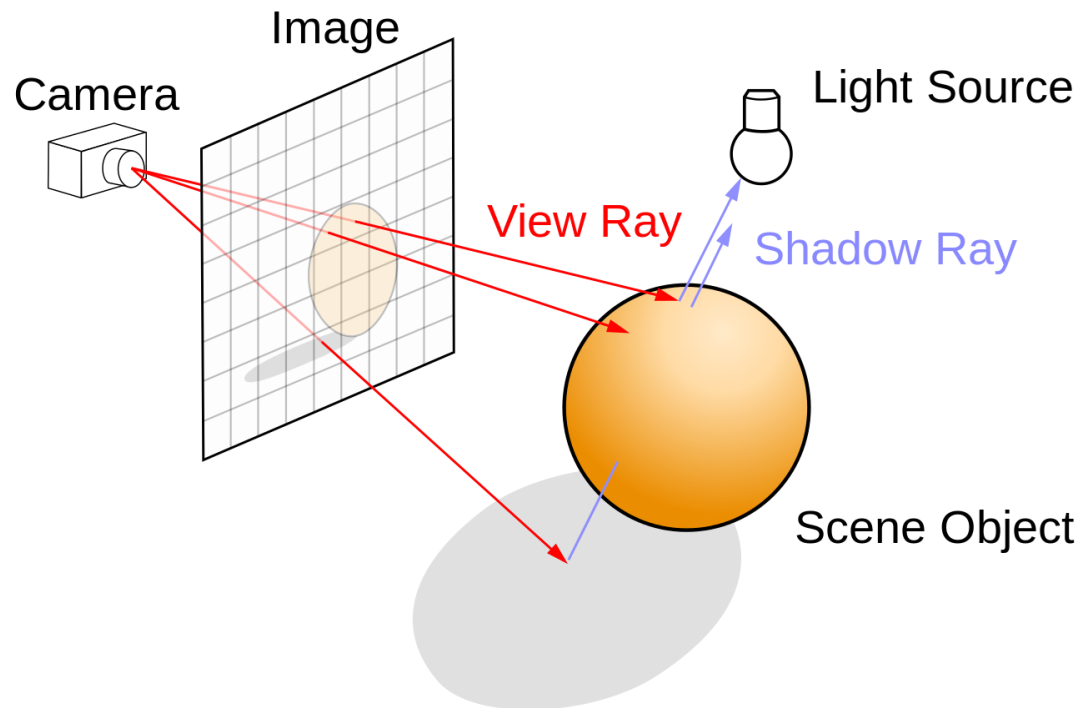
- Rendering methods approximate the following equation:

$$\textit{Outgoing Light} = \textit{Emitted Light} + \textit{Reflectance Function} * \textit{Incoming Light}$$



Offline Computer Graphics

- Aka, Batch Computer Graphics, for final production-quality video and film (special effects – FX).
- Realistic but computationally expensive
- Typically based on **tracing rays** of light to the eye/camera



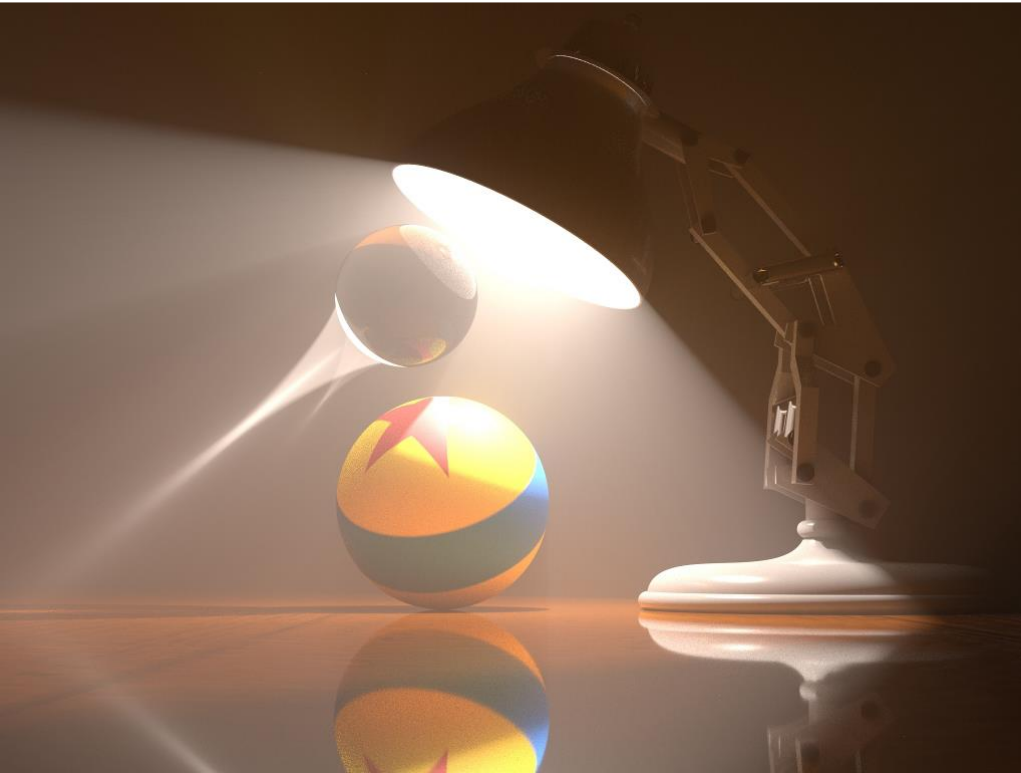
Rendering a single frame of The Good Dinosaur (a 24 fps movie) averaged 48 hours on a 30,000-core render farm!

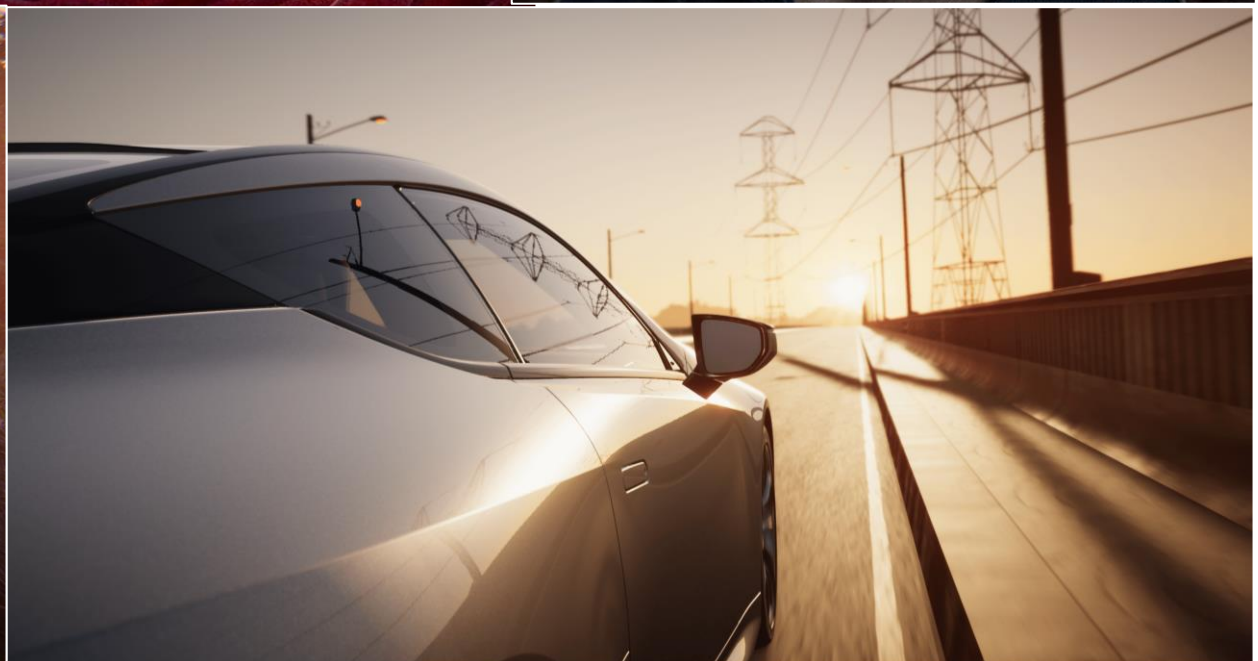
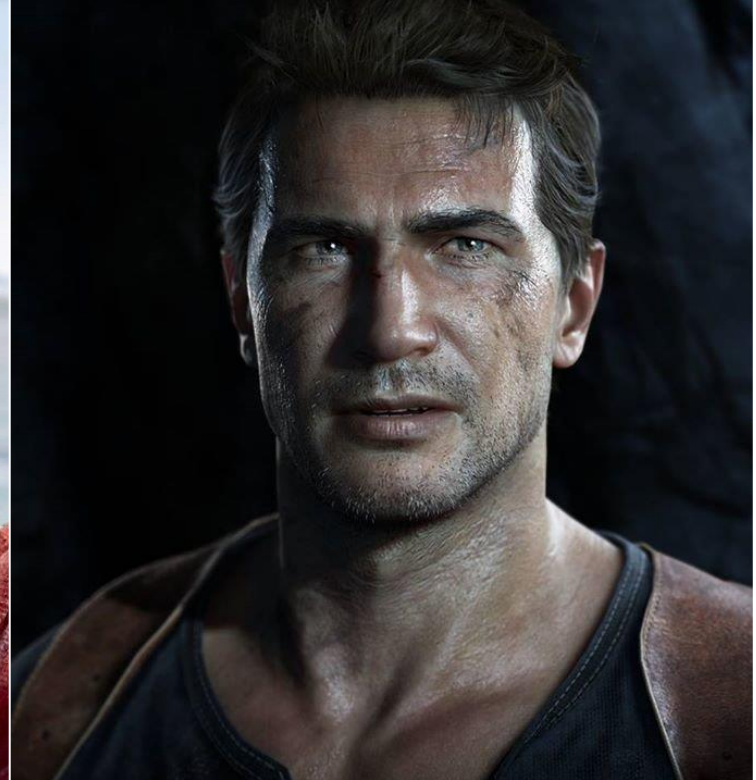
Graphics Library

- Examples: OpenGL™, DirectX™, Windows Presentation Foundation™ (WPF), RenderMan™, HTML5 + WebGL™
- Primitives (characters, lines, polygons, meshes,...)
- Attributes
 - Color, line style, material properties for 3D
- Lights
- Transformations
- Immediate mode vs. retained mode
 - **immediate mode**: no stored representation, package holds only attribute state, and application must completely draw each frame
 - **retained mode**: library compiles and displays from **scenegraph** that it maintains, a complex DAG. It is a display-centered extract of the Application Model

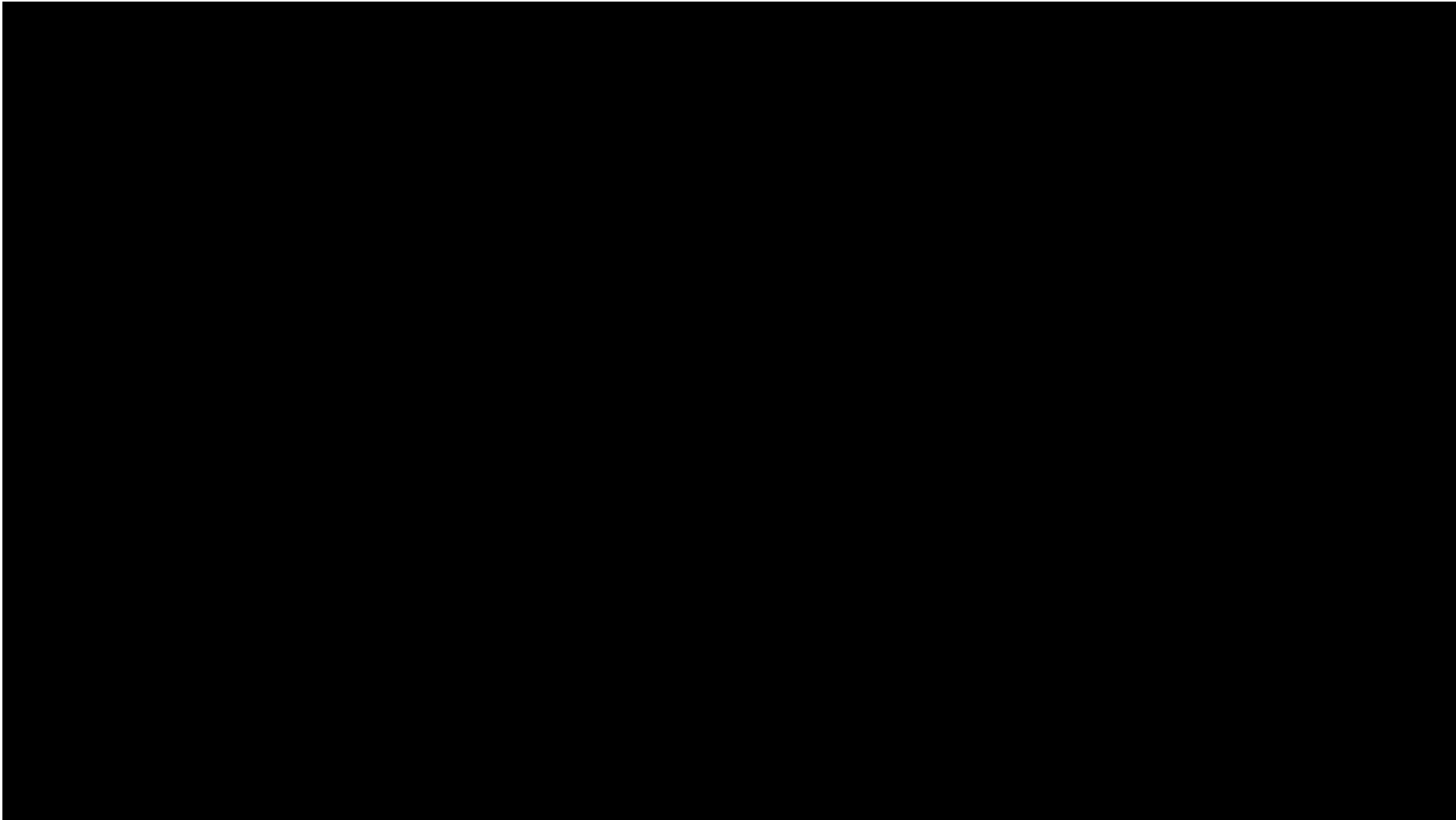


Some eye candy





Photorealistic Rendering







Computer Graphics: *Introduction*

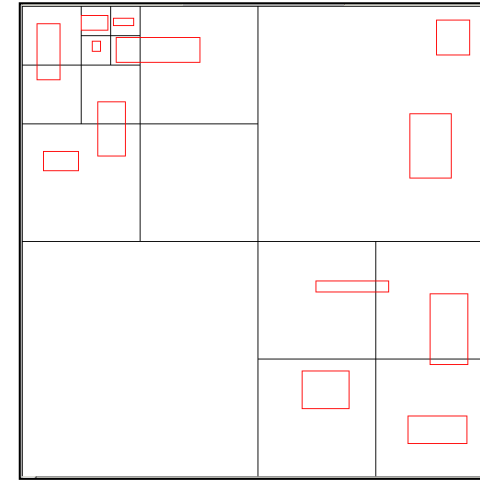
- **Computer Graphics**
 - What's It All About?
 - Application Areas
 - Interactive Computer Graphics
- **How do graphics work**
 - Modeling
 - Animation
 - Rendering
- **Course Outline**
 - Lectures, Exams, Evaluation
 - Books
 - Miscellanea

What we will learn at CS426 (ΕΠΛ426)

- The basic principles and algorithms of computer graphics.
- Enough practical knowledge so that we can implement most of the above.
 - **Geometrical Modelling** – Basic knowledge
 - **Animation** – Quick Introduction
 - **Rendering** – In depth knowledge

What we will learn at CS426 (ΕΠΛ426)

- Camera definition
- Modelling
 - Polygons, polyhedron
 - Scene graph
- Rendering Pipeline
 - crop, hide, scan, shadows...
- Global illumination with Radiosity
- Acceleration methods
 - Acceleration data structures
- Ray tracing
- GPU programming
- OpenGL & WebGL & Unity3D game engine
- Introduction to animation



hierarchical data structures



Τι ΔΕΝ θα μάθουμε στο ΕΠΛ426

- Tools for 2D image processing
 - Photoshop and other painting tools
- Artistic skills
- Game design

Prerequisites:

- Good programming skills
 - We will use C/C++ for lab assignments (Javascript για WebGL)
 - CS132 (ΕΠΛ 132), CS232 (ΕΠΛ 232)
- Geometric Algebra
 - Vectors, matrices, Θα χρειαστεί να ξέρουμε για διανύσματα, πίνακες, system of linear equations, basic knowledge on geometry
 - During the first two weeks we will cover the basics to refresh your memory.

Evaluation

- Find the Syllabus on the website:
<http://www.cs.ucy.ac.cy/courses/EPL426/>
- The website will be updated frequently.
 - Notes will be available the previous day of each lecture.

- Evaluation:

Evaluation	Weight
Assignments	40%
Mid-term exams	20%
Final exams	40%
Logipaignion	Up to 10%

Our philosophy

- **We want active students in the class:** you are advised to be present in all of the lectures and participate:
 - Cameras should be enabled and I will note your attendance.
 - Lectures will NOT be recorded.
- **Required assignments.**
- **Required examinations.**
- Reasonable and lenient assessment (at least that is what the examiner believes)

Practical part

- A big part of the final grade will be given by the practical work:
 - Various small **exercises/assignments** for implementing concepts that we will learn in theory
- **Lab assignment** in openGL / webGL (15%)
- **Final project** in groups of 2 people for the implementation of an "impressive" application (25%)

GDC

GAME DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

17 DECEMBER 2021 - 14 MAY 2022

TEAM REGISTRATION

OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 17 2021

ENROLL NOW!

GAME SUBMISSIONS

BY MARCH 31 2022

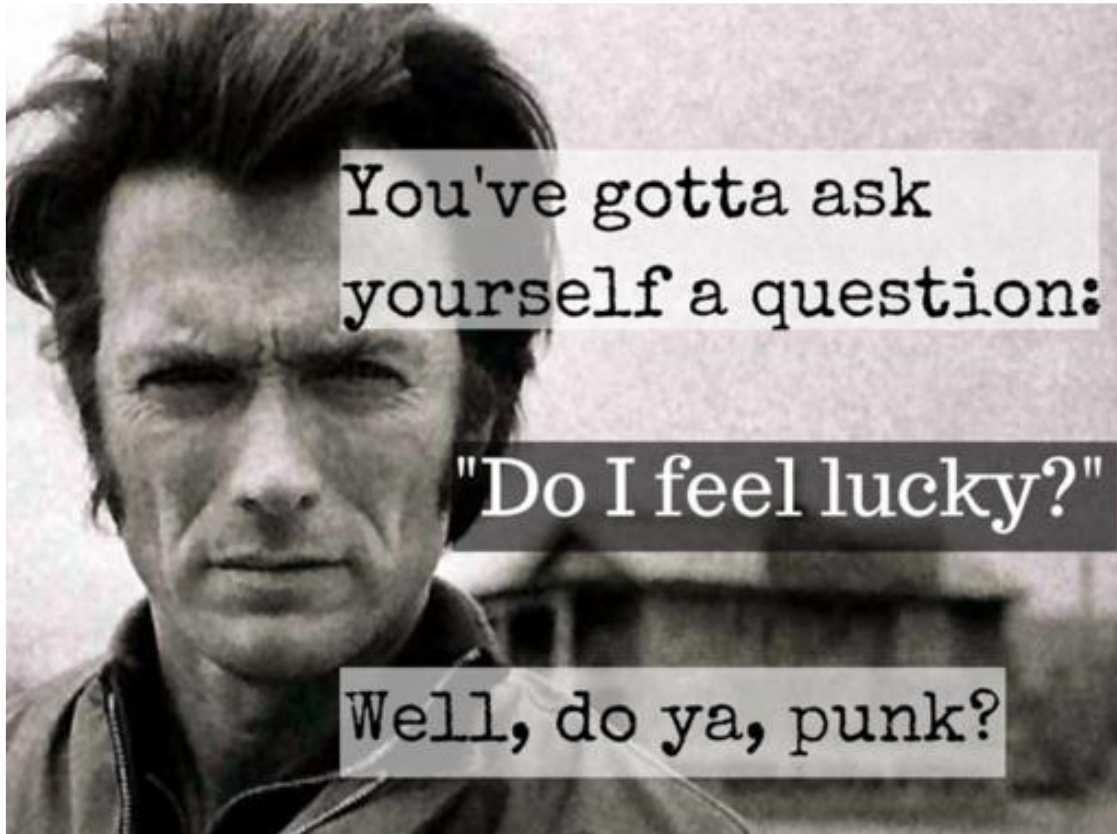
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Late hand-in policy

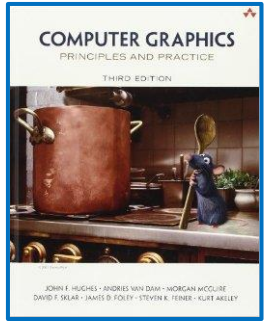
- Programming assignments
 - No late assignments will be accepted!
 - No extensions will be given!

Cheating Policy



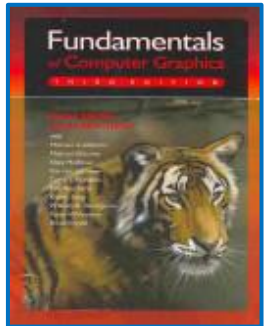
- Let's keep it simple: if you are caught cheating, you will get a **zero** for the entire course (not just the assignment).

Books

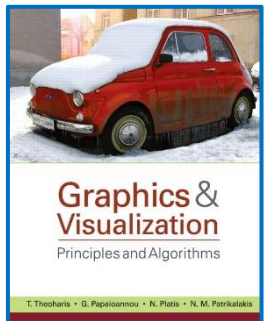


- “Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice”, J. F. Hughes, A. van Dam, M. McGuire, D. F. Sklar, J. D. Foley, S. K. Feiner, K. Akeley, Addison-Wesley, 2013

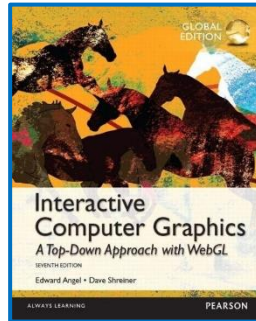
Great for really in-depth theory



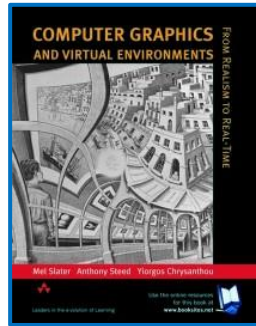
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Next Lecture

- Next time, we'll do a math review & preview
 - Linear algebra, vector calculus
 - Help make the rest of the course easier!

Thank you!

