Interactive Collision Detection for Deformable and Fracturing Objects

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Objectives

- Discuss techniques for collision detection for deformable and fracturing models
 - Basic BVH-based collision detection
 - Hybrid parallel collision detection
 - Fracturing-aware collision detection



<Cloth-ball, 94K triangles>



<Breaking dragon, 252K triangles>



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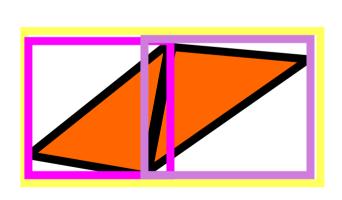
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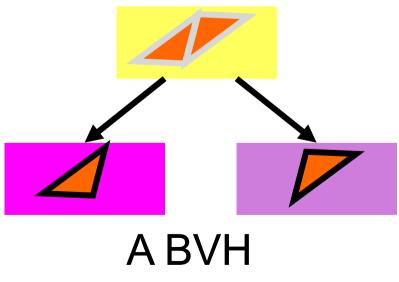
box (OBB)

Sphere Cheap to compute Axis-aligned bounding box (AABB) Oriented bounding Tigher BVs

Bounding Volume Hierarchies (BVHs)

- Organize bounding volumes recursively as a tree
- Construct BVHs in a top-down manner
 - Use median-based partitioning or other advanced partitioning methods







BVH-based Collision Detection

BVH traversal

BV overlap test **Dequeue**

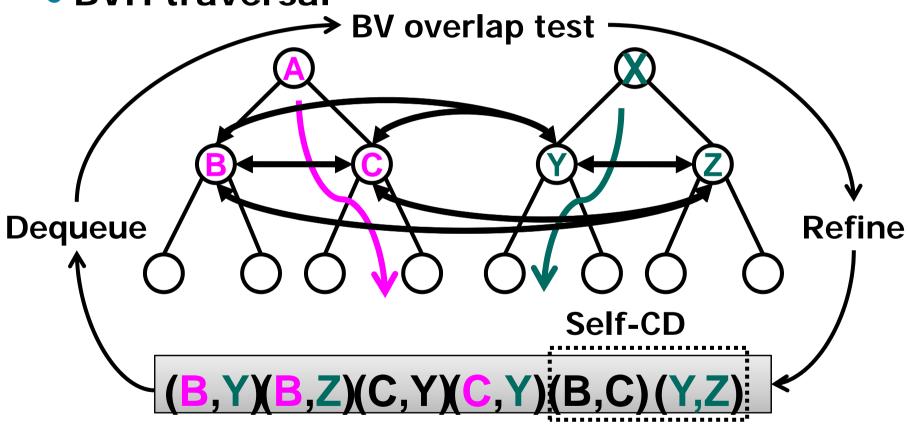
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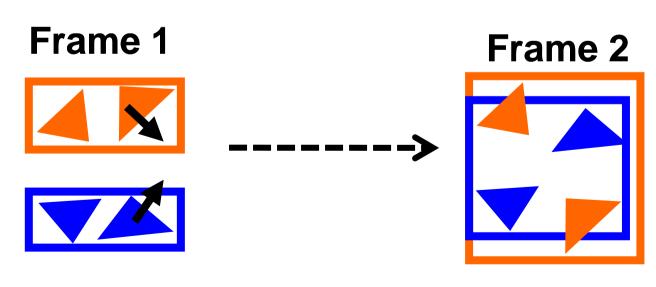
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BVH Update

- Reconstruct BVHs from scratch
- BV Refitting
 - Refit BVs with deformed vertices
 - Performed efficiently in a bottom-up traversal
 - Can have loose BVs when deformation levels are high





Discrete vs. Continuous

- Discrete collision detection (DCD)
 - Detect collisions at each frame
 - Fast, but can miss collisions

Miss collisions







Frame1

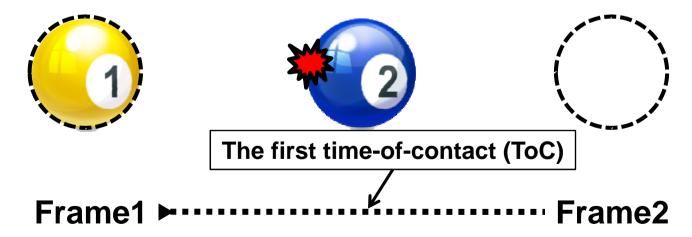
Frame2





Discrete vs. Continuous

- Discrete collision detection (DCD)
- Continuous collision detection (CCD)
 - Identify the first time-of-contact (ToC)
 - Accurate, but requires a long computation time
 - Vertex-face & edge-edge elementary tests [Provot96]





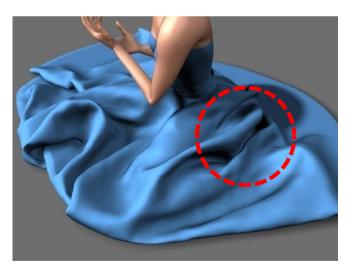


Inter- and Self-Collisions

- Inter-collisions
 - Collisions between two objects



- Self-collisions
 - Collisions between two regions of a deformable object
 - Takes a long computation time to detect



From Govindaraju's paper





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Parallel Computing Trends

- Many core architectures
 - Multi-core CPU architectures
 - GPU architectures
- Heterogeneous architectures
 - Intel's Larabee and AMD's Fusion
- Designing parallel algorithms is important to utilize these parallel architectures



Recent Parallel Collision Detection Methods

- CPU-based CD method
 - Tang et al., Solid and Physical Modeling, 2009

- gProximity: GPU-based CD method
 - Lauterbach et al., Eurographics 2010

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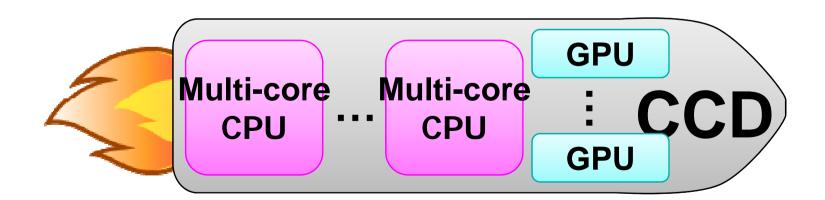
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HPCCD: Hybrid Parallel CCD

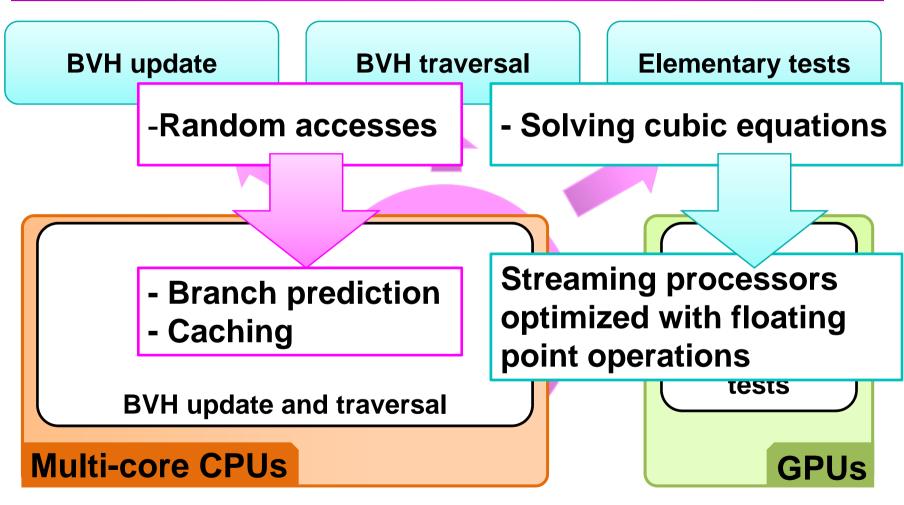
- Utilize both multi-core CPUs and GPUs
 - No locking in the main loop of CD
 - GPU-based exact CD between two triangles
- High scalability & interactive performance







Task Distribution







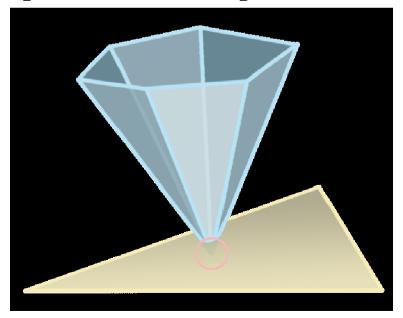
Testing Environment

- Machine
 - One quad-core CPU (Intel i7 CPU, 3.2 GHz)
 - Two GPUs (Nvidia Geforce GTX285)
- Run eight CPU threads by using Intel's hyper threading technology



BVH-based CCD

- Axis-aligned bounding boxes
- Feature based BVHs [Curtis et al., I3D 08]
 - Assign each features (e.g., vertex and edge) to each triangle
 - Drastically reduce many redundant tests



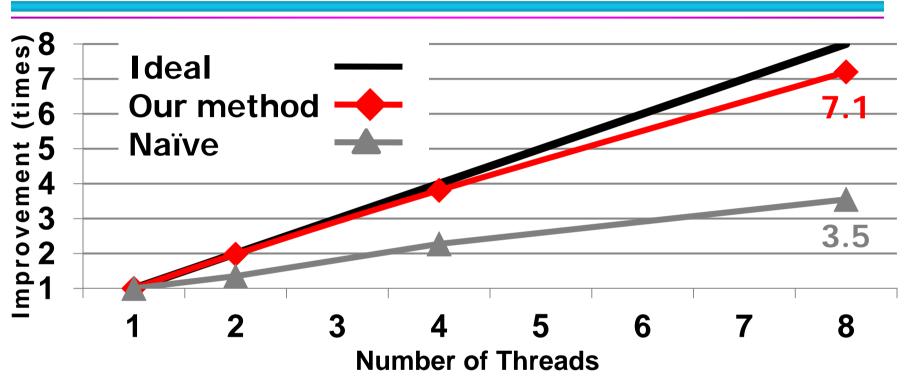


Results





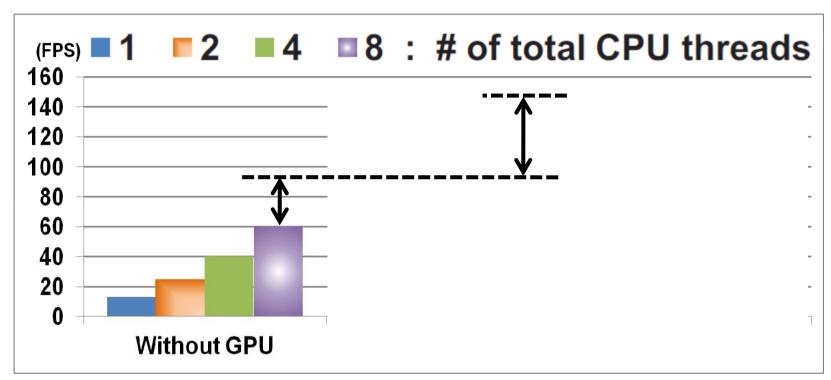
Results of a CPU-based Parallel CCD



- Remove locking in the main loop of CD
- Employ efficient dynamic load-balancing based on inter-CD task units



Results of HPCCD



 As the number of GPUs is increased, we get higher performances



Limitation

Low scalability for small rigid models



Summary

- A hybrid parallel algorithm
 - Utilize both multi-core CPUs and GPUs

The implementation code is available as OpenCCD

library (http://sglab.kaist.ac.kr/OpenCCD)

- Interactive performance
 - Show 19-140 FPS for various deformable models consisting of tens or hundreds of thousand triangles



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CD for Fracturing Models

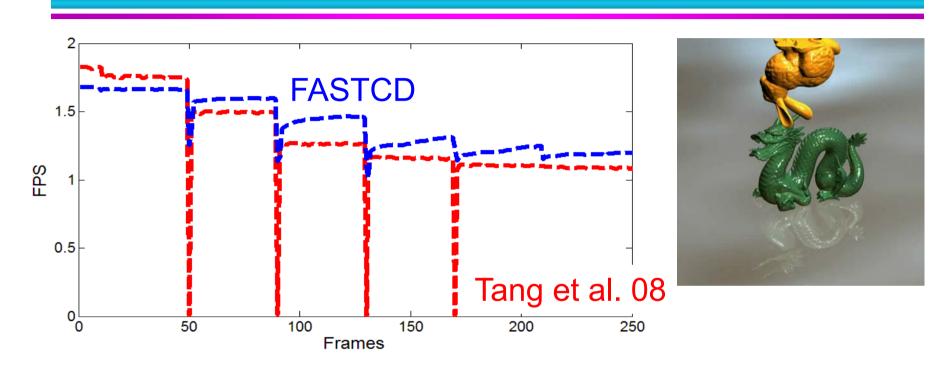
- More widely used in various applications to create more realistic interactions
- Fracturing
 - Changes the connectivity of a mesh: precomputed hierarchies show low culling ratios
 - Places many objects in close proximity: CD cost is increasing
- Fracturing is one of the most challenging scenarios of collision detection

Our Approach

- FASTCD: Fracturing-Aware Stable CD
 - Incrementally update meshes and BVHs by utilizing topological changes of models
 - Design a simple self-CD culling method without much pre-computations



CCD Performance with the Breaking Dragon Model

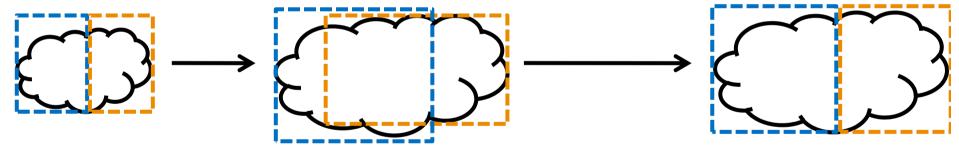


FASTCD shows stable performance



Selective Restructuring of BVHs

- As models deform, culling efficiency of their BVHs can be getting lower
 - Selective restructuring can address the problem

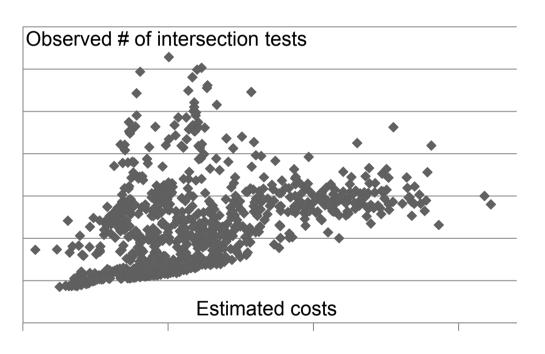


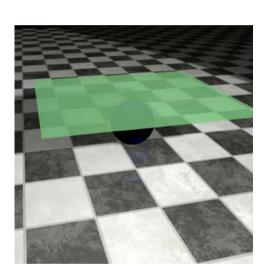
- How to determine a culling efficiency of a BVH?
 - Heuristic metrics have been proposed
 - LM metric : [Larsson and Akenine-Möller 2006]
- A cost metric that measures the expected number of intersection tests is proposed



Metric Validation

Estimated # of tests vs. Observed # of tests



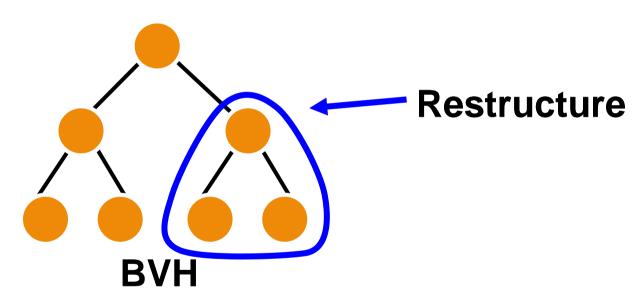


- Linear Correlation: 0.71
 - Tested with various models (0.28 ~ 0.76, average 0.48)



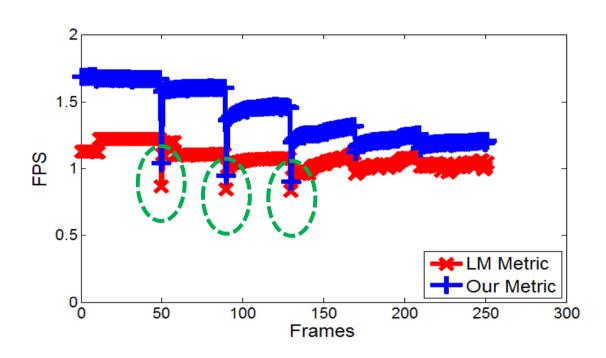
BVH Selective Restructuring

 Restructure only subsets of BVHs after refitting BVs





Result of Selective Restructuring



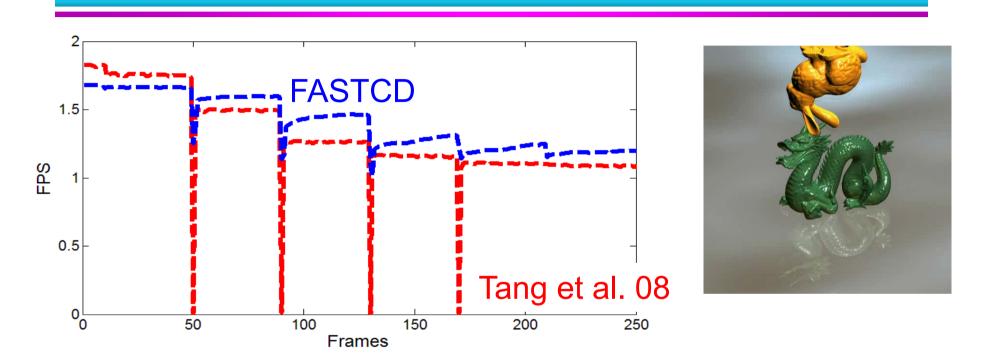


- LM metric : [Larsson and Akenine-Möller 2006]
- Performance degradations at topological changes

 unstable
- Proposed fast BVH construction methods



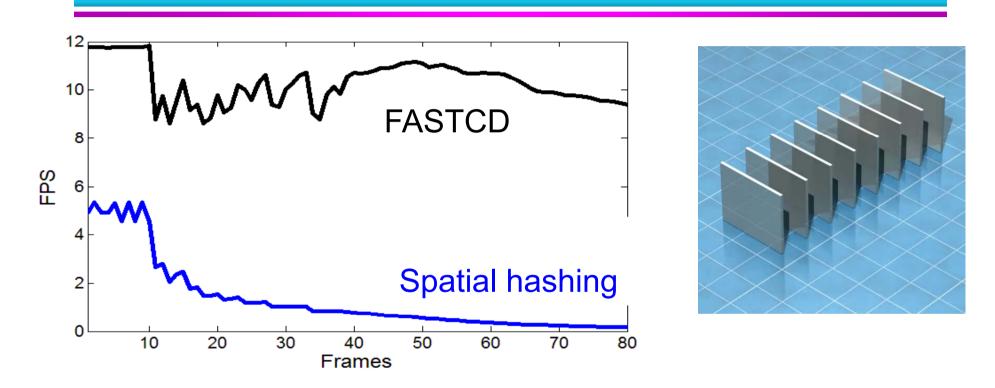
Comparison on CCD



FASTCD shows more stable performance



Comparison (Discrete CD)



- 20x faster than optimized spatial hashing [Teschner et al, 2003]
- Stable performance



Summary

- Presented two recent BVH-based methods for interactive CD among large-scale deforming models
 - HPCCD: Hybrid Parallel Continuous Collision Detection
 - FASTCD: Fracturing-Aware Stable Collision Detection
 - The code of HPCCD is available as OpenCCD library
 - ◆ Two fracturing models are available

(http://sglab.kaist.ac.kr/FASTCD/)

Future Directions

- Various parallel proximity queries and their applications
 - g-Planner (GPU-based motion planner), AAAI
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 - Hybrid parallel proximity queries, under progress
 - Their applications to time-critical applications (e.g., robot motion planning)
- Volumetric representations
 - VolCCD, Tang et al. 2010, under progress (zoomed view)

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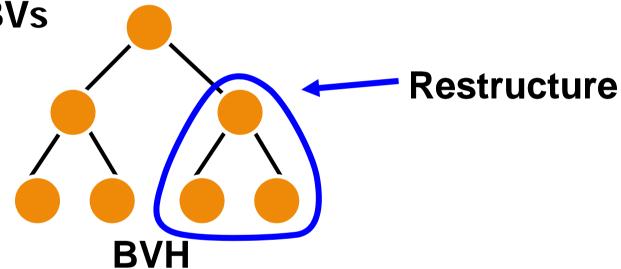


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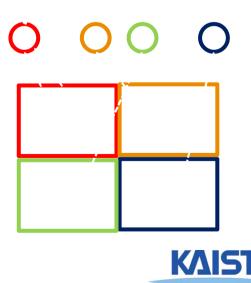
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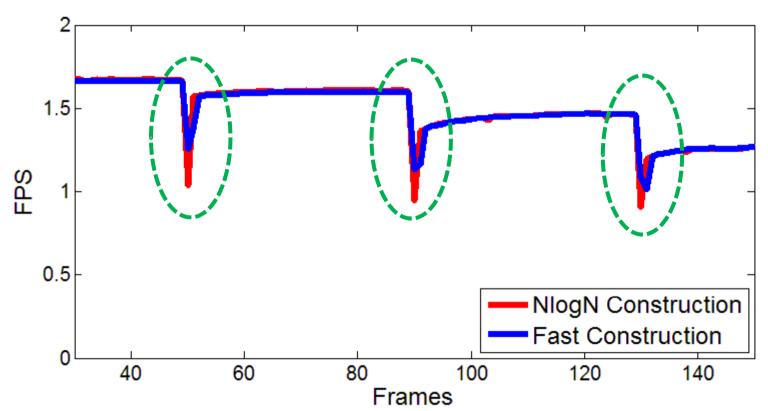
- Requires a metric indentifying such subsets
 - Volume ratios of BVs of parent and child BVs [Zachmann 02, Larsson et al. 06, Yoon et al. 06]

Fast BVH Construction Method

- At a fracturing event, BVHs for fractured parts should be updated for high culling efficiencies
 - Causes noticeable performance degradations
- Propose a BVH construction method based on grid and hashing, instead of typical NlogN methods
- Constructed hierarchies have low culling efficiencies, but use less construction times
 - Improve the overall performance at fracturing events



Result of Fast BVH Construction



 Performance degradations at fracturing events are reduced



Background

- BVH-based collision detection
- BVH construction
- Updates BVHs as models deforms
 - Reconstruction from scratch
 - Refitting

