The Future of VFX (Virtual Effects) & SFX (Special Effects)

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Abstract—**This paper gives detailed information on the idea of VFX and SFX and its concepts of CGI, and its importance in Animation and Education sector. In this research paper we will talk about Virtual effects and also involves the reality of how actual are the action scene are and CGI to create realistic environment, effects and shots and edits, CGI edits effects and scene that is impossible to film in real life scenario. With CGI we can film the imaginary world and things. Now a days its hard to make a film with VFX and SFX. This paper talks about a different concept in production pipeline of Pre-Visualization. It tells about photorealism and how it is done in films.**

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Fig.: picture of iron man for an example of VFX

Introduction

Visual effects is the process by which imagery is created or manipulated outside the context of a live Action shot in film making. In filmmaking, the process through which imagery is created or altered outside the framework of a live action shot is known as visual effects, or VFX.
In order to create environments, inanimate objects, animals, and/or creatures that look realistic but would be risky, expensive, impractical, time-consuming, or impossible to capture on film, visual effects involve the integration of live action footage, i.e. Special Effects (SFX), and generated imagery (digital effects and/or optical effects). With the release of inexpensive and user-friendly animation and composition software, visual effects using computer-generated imagery (CGI) have lately become available to independent filmmakers.

Visual effects are frequently essential to the plot and appeal of a film. Even though the majority of visual effects work is finished in post-production, pre-production and production are typically when it needs to be meticulously planned and synchronized. While special effects like explosions and car chases are created on set, visual effects are typically created in post-production with the use of various tools and technologies including graphic design, modelling, animation, and related applications.

A visual effects supervisor is typically involved in the production from the beginning to closely collaborate with production and the director of the film on designing, directing, and leading the teams necessary to produce the desired effects.

Fig. Global Visual Effects Market 2019-2023

• *Visual effects primarily divide into two groups of:*

1. Special Effects: **Special effects** (often abbreviated as **SFX**, **F/X** or simply **FX**) are illusions or visual tricks used in the theatre, film, television, video game, amusement park and simulator industries to simulate the imagined events in a story or virtual world.

2. Digital effects:

- A visual effect, created for visual medium such as television or film
- A sound effect, created digitally to alter existing sounds
- A digital effects unit to alter musical instrument sound


Fig.: Example of vfx used in film's.

• ***What's the difference between VFX, SFX and CGI?***

- VFX: VFX typically enters the picture after a movie, television show, etc. has been produced. The scenes are initially filmed in front of a green screen, and any necessary effects or details are then added with the use of sophisticated computer technologies.
- SFX: It entails the creation and application of real-world effects right on the set. Animatronics, puppetry, creature costumes, and prosthetic makeup are examples of special effects. For the various shots of various characters, for instance, real puppets were made as animatronic versions.

- CGI: The use of computer graphics to generate or enhance pictures for visual works of art, printed materials, video games, movies, television shows, advertising, videos, and simulators is known as CGI. They are computer-generated characters, models, or designs. However, it also refers to static or dynamic 2D

computer generated images. CGI is most frequently used to describe static or dynamic 3D computer generated images.

The need for VFX:

1. The first reason is when the director or screenplay writer cannot imagine a feasible approach to shoot a scene for a movie.
2. The second justification is when a scenario in the movie is far too perilous for someone to execute a stunt or anything else. Instantaneous special effects can be changed in post-production after the fact.
3. The third reason is that you may create the artificial settings on a computer and then composite the shots with real-world footage when it is more cost-effective to do so than to film a scene with many crew members or when there is a problem with the area where filming is being done.

VFX in earlier days

Movie industry always relied on visual effects even in early years of film making like Jurassic Park, king Kong, stars wars etc. are some of the films when the special effects were done practically and manually composited when computer where not very highly advance.

In *1960's* with the aid of motion capturing animation technique, Sony Pictures Digital Production Inc. created some incredibly stunning practical effects in the 1960s for the movie Jason and the Argonauts (1963), where he brought skeleton to actual charter. Pixar has contributed significantly to the development of techniques such as hand-drawn Rotoscoping and miniatures for numerous set pieces. 1968's "A Space of Odyssey"

In 1970's the exorcists, the Poseidon adventure, and other films that used their techniques include Star Wars, which was released in the 1970s with its special effects technology and some advanced special effects like matte painting and grotesque effects. These effects are still used in the VFX industry today.

In *1980's* with incredible stop motion work in films like Blade Runner, Clash of the Titans, Raiders of the Lost Ark, etc., Warner Bros. entertainment made a significant positive move toward visual effects in the 1980s. The first computer-generated image film was Star Trek 2, which had a fully CGI scene. Subsequently, many films used 3D computer models to replace the miniature model technique. The first 3D animated short film was released in 1984. The journey that Andre and Wally took.

In *1990's* Due to the debut of CGI, the VFX sector experienced a surge in the 1990s. In order to produce several cinematic sequences in Jurassic Park (1993), Steven Spielberg created a number of 3D computer models and integrated them with animatronics. It gave film a fresh appearance. Toy Story, a popular computer-generated film by Pixar, was fully constructed before The Matrix debuted with its own unique effects and high-quality CG components.

2000's with the development of new computer generations, the quality of VFX has continuously improved. Now that computers were significantly faster, it was possible to render challenging sequence scenarios. Motion capturing techniques were used for Pirates of the Caribbean, The Lord of the Rings, and other films. Avatar is regarded as the film of the millennium because it advanced motion capturing technology and had visually stunning special effects.

In 2010- With the development of super advanced computers and software programmers like Adobe After Effect, Fusion, Nuke, and Premiere in 2010 and the present, it is now possible to generate incredibly detailed graphics for movies. From black screen to green screen, VFX has come a long way, creating some exciting, lifelike VFX in movies. the apes' home planet is emerging. utilizing motion-capture methods, etc. The Avengers, Pacific Rim, and other 20th-

century films all had amazing special effects. More special effects are likely to appear in the future.

- ***Visual effects in today world***

In today's world VFX is an essential part for the entertainment. it is required in movies, TV shows, gaming industries and advertising/commercial agencies.

1. *Visual effects composition:* In the film industry, CGI (computer-generated images) is commonly employed by compositors, GI artists, and matte painters. Collaborate to create technically complex and aesthetically beautiful effect shots. In CGI visual effects, the artist modifies the visuals to give the screen a realistic appearance. Editing must be done to every CGI component. As technology has advanced, more sophisticated software can now produce CGI. CGI technology is becoming increasingly popular in TV shows, short films, and large theatres since it helps to solve more visual challenges every year.

2. *Visual effect of Bullet Time*: This technology may be seen in films like 1999's THE MATRIX, which featured breath-taking action scenes with the bullet time effect. The frozen moment or staple Technique are other names for this visual effect. It separates the camera's time and space from the object that can be seen. Time slicing is another name for it. This iconic MATRIX shot, which separates space and time and rotates continually in slow motion, creates a bullet shot, made history.

3. *Virtual filmmaking*: Through the use of appropriately matched camera angles and movements, the action is carried out within the computer graphics environment. This visual effect technique is used to recreate 3D objects with the help of multi camera setup to take real object photographs. It includes real object performers and three-dimensional 3D objects, which leads to automated recreation of the scene with the help of algorithms to enhance, redirect, or modify.

4. *Matte Painting*: The art of matte painting in visual effects is to give viewers the impression that a landscape or background is real. One of the earliest visual effects methods still in use today is this one. In order to give the background a realistic sense, this approach calls for matte painters that are extremely skilled and creative. It is a straightforward technique where the movie is shot with your character in the foreground and a blue or green screen in the background, which can subsequently be removed. The term "masking off technique" is often used. Nowadays, a computer is used to create matte paintings; in the past, actual labor was needed.

5. *Stop Visual Effects for Animation*: In order to create this visual effect, things are physically moved in small increments and then photographed. The images are then blended using compositing software. halt the animation VFX enables you to give non-living objects that can't move on their own life. You can create your own character-specific props using materials like cloth, clay, or plasticine. An illustration of a conventional flipbook would be one with consecutive drawings on different pages.

6. *Color Key*: The use of these VFX in movies, TV shows, and other forms is widespread worldwide. In order to erase the background from the screen, we employ a green screen or blue screen post-production procedure. It is a method of combining two layers of still photographs or moving pictures. It is employed in the creation of video games, newscasts, movies, and videos. Any color can be used, but it must stand out or be distinctive from your foreground character or subject. The terms Chroma key, colors separation, and color keying are also used to describe it. After the video is generated, it is composited in VFX software like Adobe Premiere or After Effects.

TRENDS IN VFX:

- Pre–Visualization

Digital pre-visualization became a crucial technique for high-budget feature films starting in the middle of the 1990s.

Previz is the technique of imagining challenging movie scenes before they are filmed. While storyboards give a broad idea of each scene, previz shows the scene that VFX artists will need. You will be filming against a blue or green screen if your movie features a lot of computer graphics and unusual creatures. However, it would be ideal if your live performers could see the finished product, which is where "Pre- Visualization" comes in.

- *The need for pre-visualization.*

VFX Supervisors can practice and experiment with camera motions, lighting placement, staging, and duration with the aid of animated previz. Without Previz, poorly timed virtual camera movements or action sequences will cause the narration of the movie to lose the audience's interest. A strong visual effects previz can tell a good movie from a terrific one.

A previz VFX supervisor makes decisions on not only individual shots but also entire sequences, camera angles, spacing, lenses, and other aspects of a movie.

To put the director's choices in motion, the modern previz crew uses computer animation. Previz begins during preproduction and gives the entire cast and crew an accurate picture of how the actions will be during the filming process.

- *The most significant trend is photorealism.*

The term "photorealism" has attracted well-deserved attention and applications in all forms of traditional and contemporary art. Simply said, photorealism is a visual effects approach that entails using several platforms and mediums to make the collected data as lifelike as possible. It includes drawing, painting, and any other graphic material that is available to a photographer or filmmaker. Even if pop art gave rise to photorealism, it has changed significantly over time. This lengthy lifespan of photorealism can be attributed to its purity and ability to continually maintain its allure.

Mind-blowing Illustrations of photorealism

We may look at the visuals from films like Disney's The Jungle Book and Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy to illustrate how photorealism is applied in VFX. The end product and the usage of realistic pictures offer you an idea of what photorealism can accomplish for the VFX industry as a whole, not just the movie industry.

CONCLUSION

Anything may come to life with the help of VFX technology. Since many years ago, VFX has dominated the entertainment business and will continue to grow as computer software advances allow for the virtualization of the real world and the creation of fantastical worlds.

Additional motion capture methods for VFX will result in real-time animation for movies and video games, which will mark a significant development for people. VFX is the ideal fusion of picture art and reality that allows viewers to have an immersive experience with film art. As a conclusion, I'd like to state that using digital keying techniques like blue screen or green screen enabled film artists to increase their output in accordance with the demands of the scene while utilizing low-cost production.

As a result, the main reason we use visual effects and special effects in our games and films is to create high-quality work so that every piece of content should appear to be a part of the real world and viewers should not be able to tell the difference between the real world and the visual portions of the film. Industries must develop trends and then adapt them in accordance with consumer needs and geographical peculiarities in order to attain this visual.

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