Particle System





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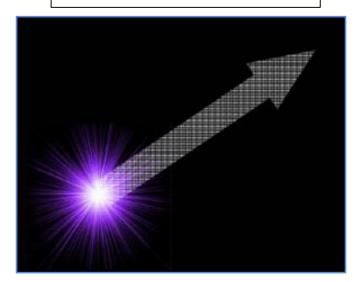
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Introduction

What is Particle System?

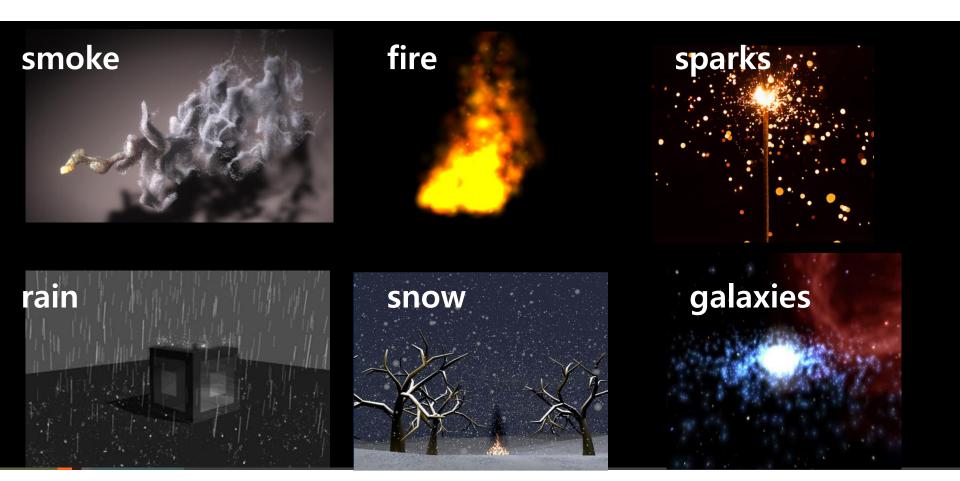
- A particle system is collection of individual elements (particles)
 - Controls a set of particles which act autonomously but share some common attributes. Ex:
 - Position(2D/3D)
 - Velocity (vector: speed and direction)
 - Color+(transparency)
 - Life time
 - Size
 - Shape
 - Etc.

What control handles do we want/need?



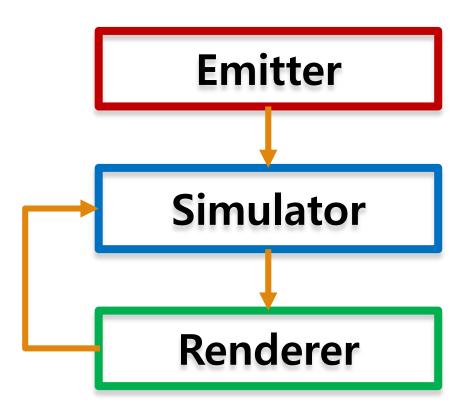
Particle System Applications

 Particle system is the solution to modeling fuzzy, amorphous(changeable), dynamic and fluid objects like:



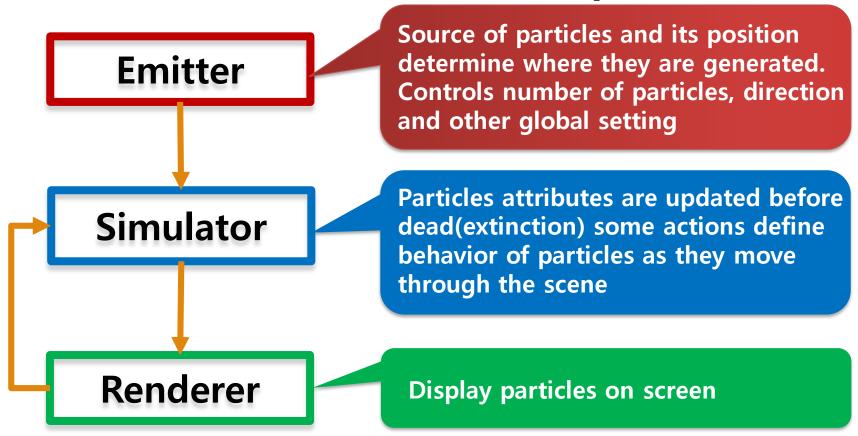
Particle Systems Configuration

A particle system implement with 3 parts



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The Full Model of Particle Systems

For each frame:

{

Generate new particles and assign attributes

---- Emitter

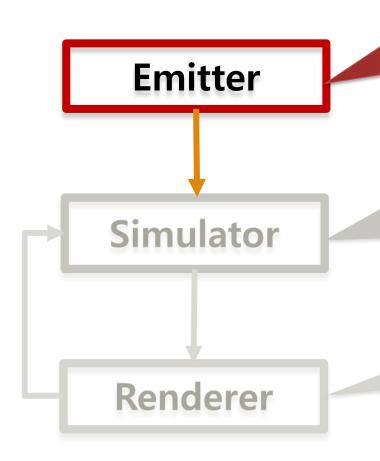
- Update particles based on attributes and physics
- → Simulator

Delete any expired particles

----- Renderer

Render particles

Emitter

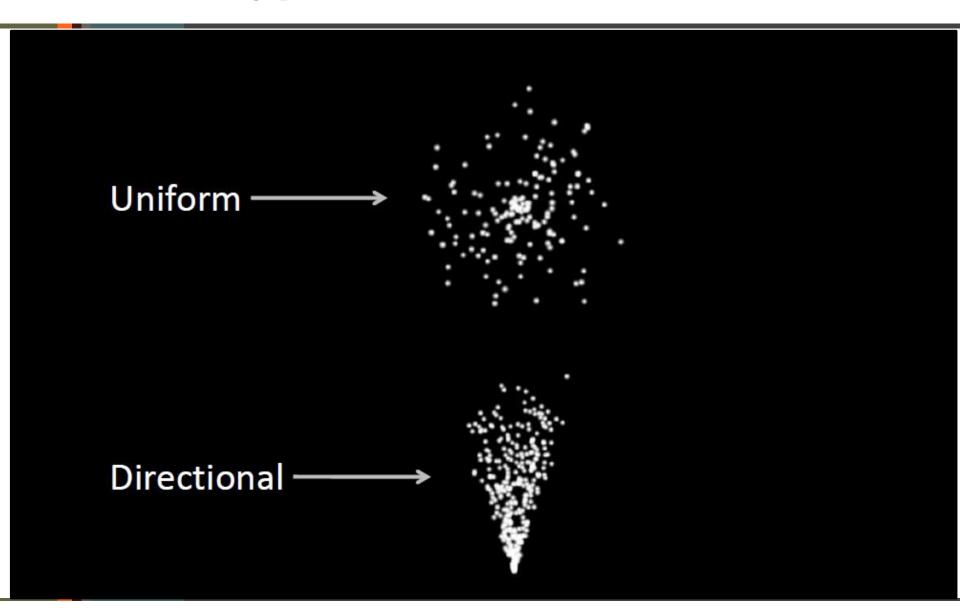


Source of particles and its position determine where they are generated. Controls number of particles, direction and other global setting

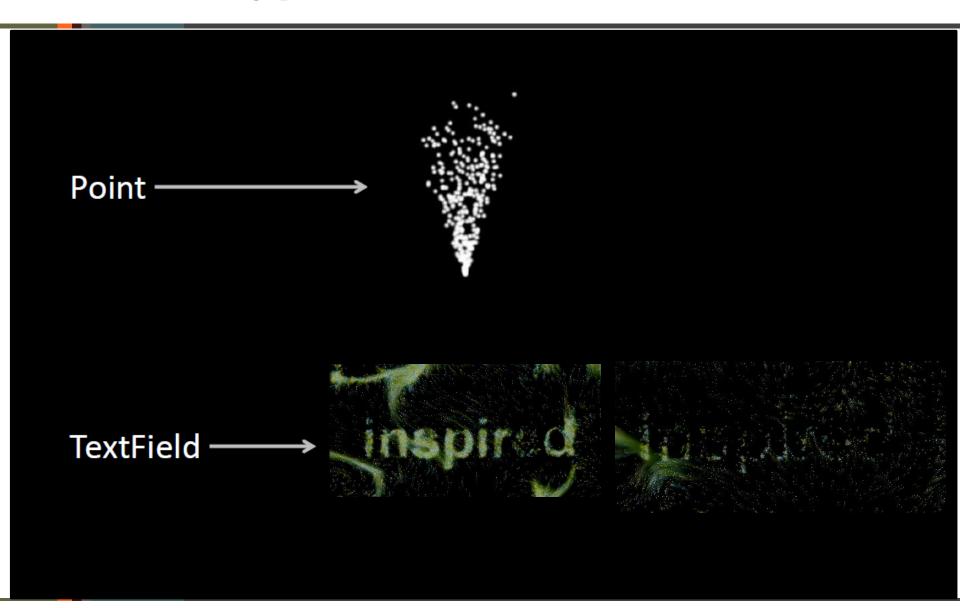
Particles attributes are updated before dead(extinction) some actions define behavior of particles as they move through the scene

Display particles on screen

Emitter Type(Control)



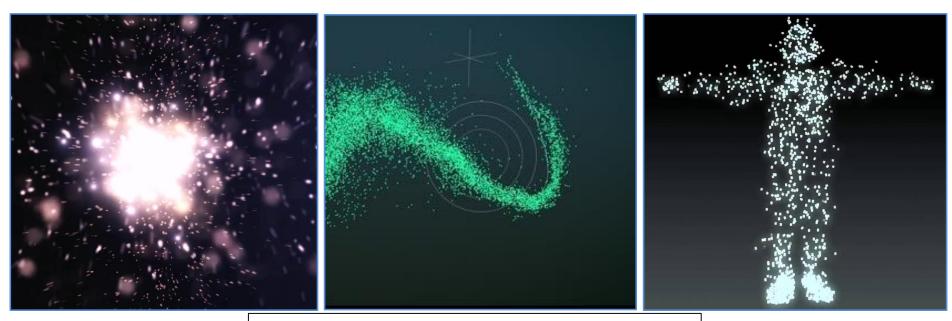
Emitter Type(Zone)



Creating Particles

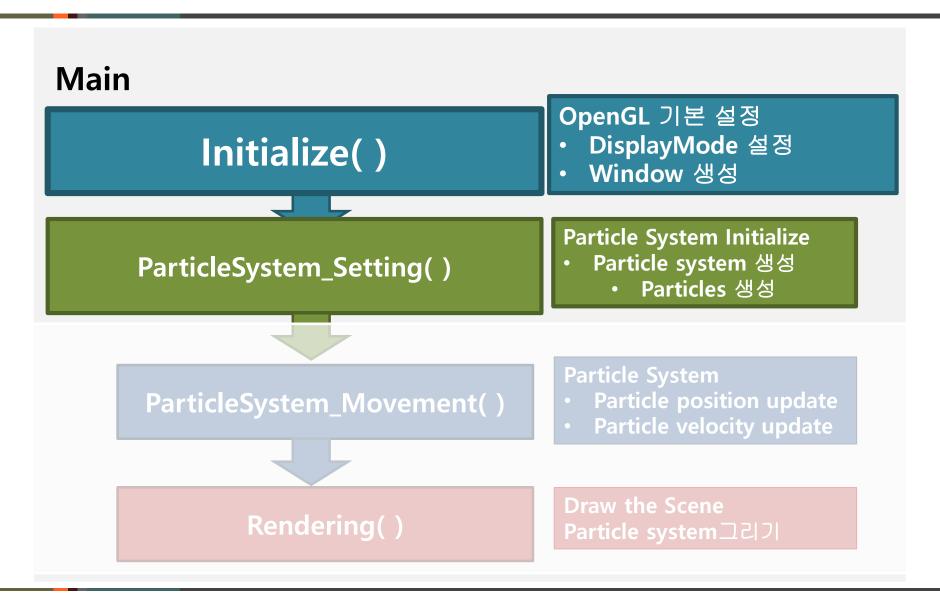
Where and How to create particles?

- Around some center
- Along some path
- Surface of shape
- Where particle density is low or high

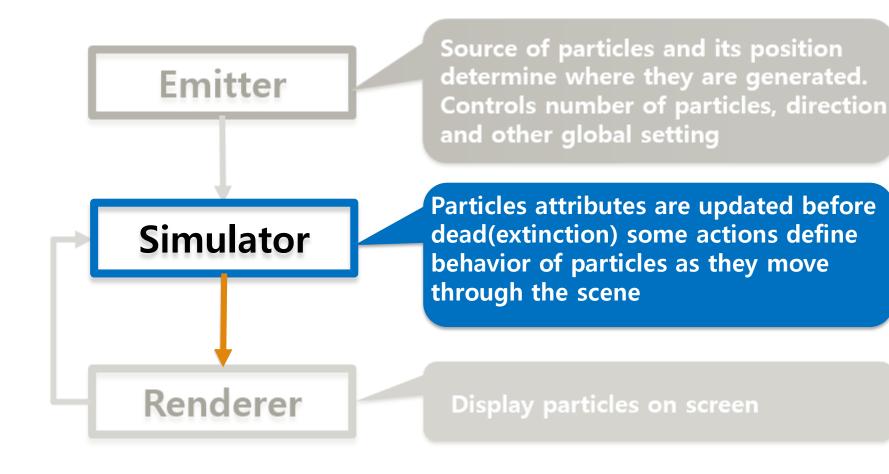


This is where user controls animation

Code skeleton: Initialize()



Simulator

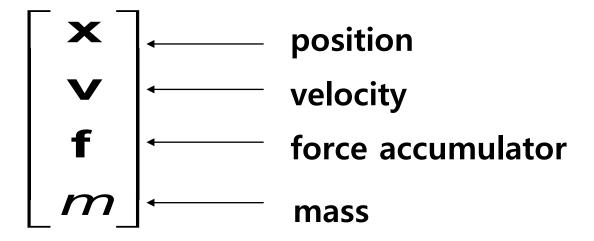


Physics of Particles

- Physics system controls the motion of every particle
- A particle's position in each succeeding frame can be computed by its velocity
- This can be modified by an acceleration force for more complex movements

Particle Structure

How do we represent a particle?



Update Step

For each particle:

{

Acceleration

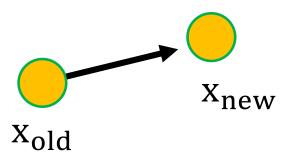
$$a = f/m$$

Velocity

$$v_{\text{new}} = v_{\text{old}} + a\Delta t$$

Position

$$x_{\text{new}} = x_{\text{old}} + v_{\text{old}} \Delta t$$



Time Integration (Velocity)

- Velocity (speed + direction)
 - Rate at which position changes

$$\frac{\Delta \mathbf{x}}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{V}$$

Multiply by time

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \Delta \mathbf{t}$$

Also called Forward Euler

Forward Euler (Example)

$$X^{t+\Delta t} = X^t + V\Delta t$$

Example:

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$$X(t=0) = (0, 1)$$

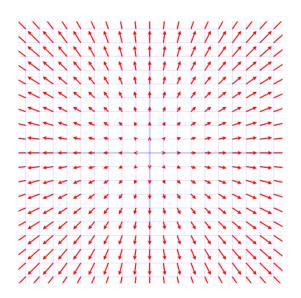
• $V = (-y, x),$
• $\Delta t = 0.5$
Find $X(t=1.5).$

$$X(0.5) = (0,1) + (-1,0)x0.5 = (-0.5, 1)$$

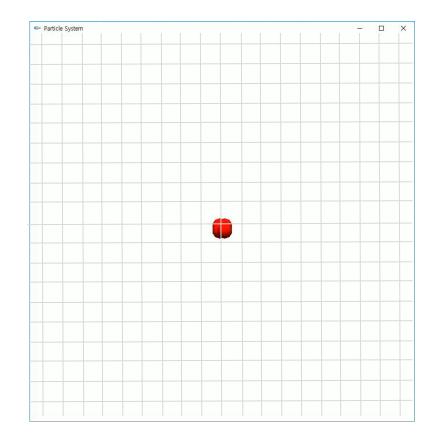
 $X(1) = (-0.5, 1) + (-1, -0.5)x0.5 = (-1, 0.75)$
 $X(1.5) = (-1,0.75) + (-0.75,-1)x0.5 = (-1.375, 0.25)$

Vector Fields(Radial expansion)

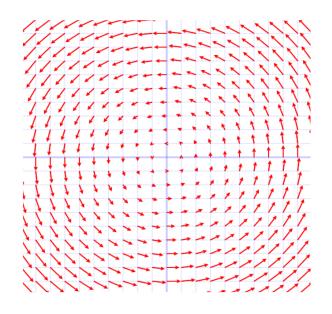
Particle motion(): position to velocity vector, i.e., a vector field.



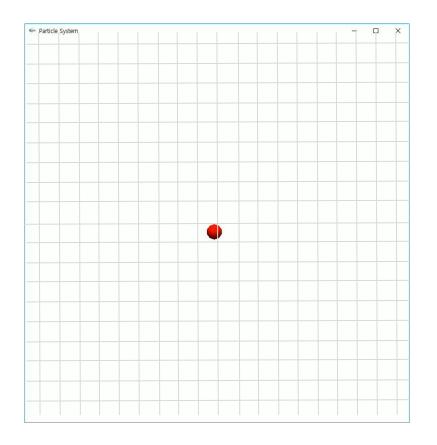
Radial expansion: V=(x,y)



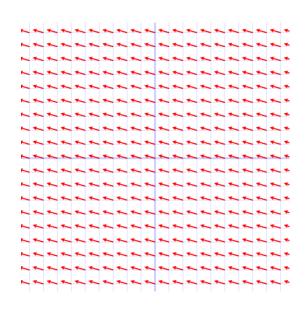
Vector Fields(Rotational vortex)



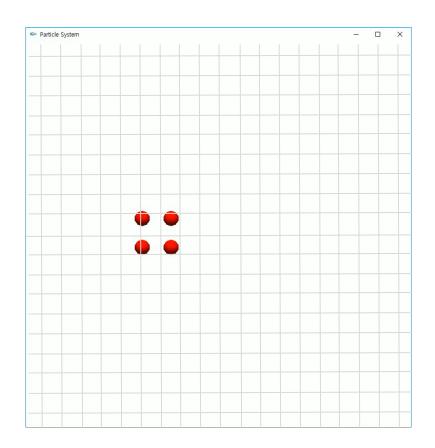
Rotational Vortex: V = (-y, x)



Vector Fields(Constant wind)



Constant Wind: V = (-7,2)



Time Integration (Forces)

- Newton's 2nd law
 - Acceleration
 - The rate that velocity changes

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}/\Delta t$$

• Useful for gravity, spring, wind etc.

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + a\Delta t$$

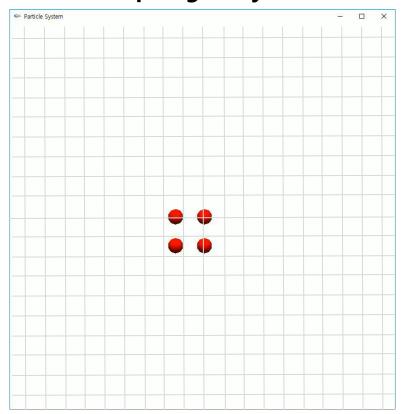
Type of Forces: Gravity

- Constant: gravity
 - Force Law:

$$f = mg$$

• g: gravity acceleration

Example: gravity=-9.8



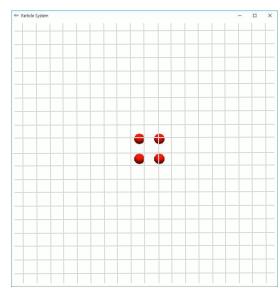
Type of Forces: Drag

- Velocity dependent: drag
 - Force Law:

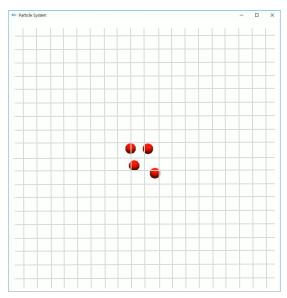
$$f = -k_{drag}v$$

• *k:* drag constant

Example: k=-0.3



Initialize velocity: Same



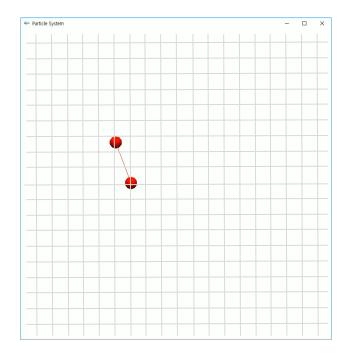
Initialize velocity: Different

Type of Forces: Springs

- Distance dependent: springs
 - The spring forces between a pair of particles at position \boldsymbol{a} and \boldsymbol{b}
 - Force Law:

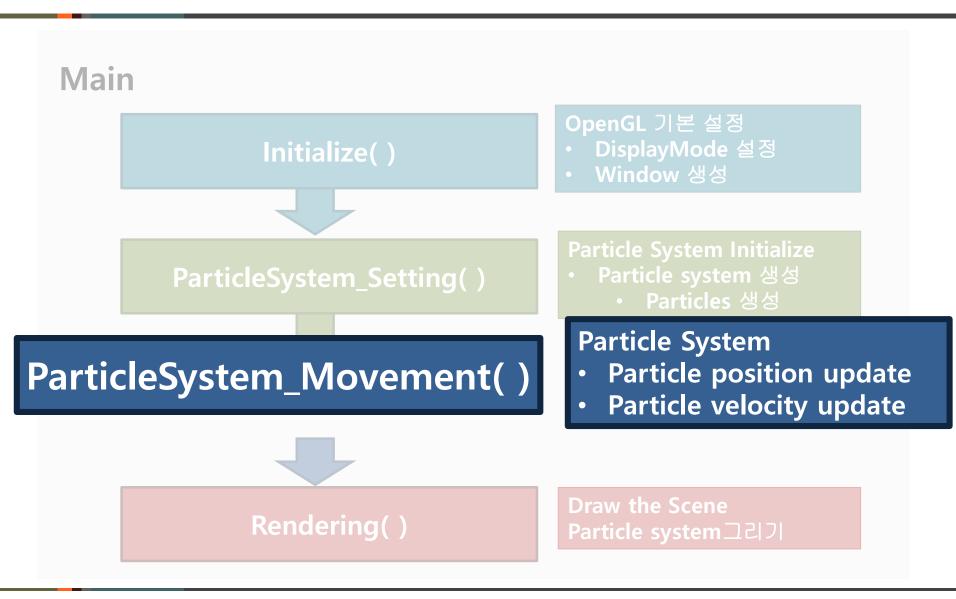
$$f_a = -k_s \Delta x$$
, $f_b = -f_a$

- Δx : (a-b) L
- L: spring length
- k_s : spring constant

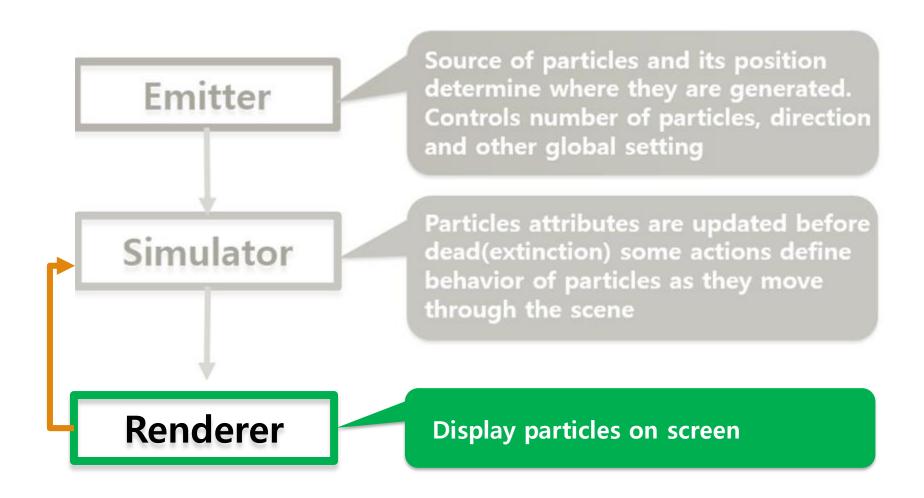


[one of the particle is fixed in there]

Code skeleton: Movement_Update()

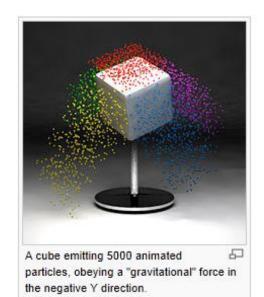


Renderer



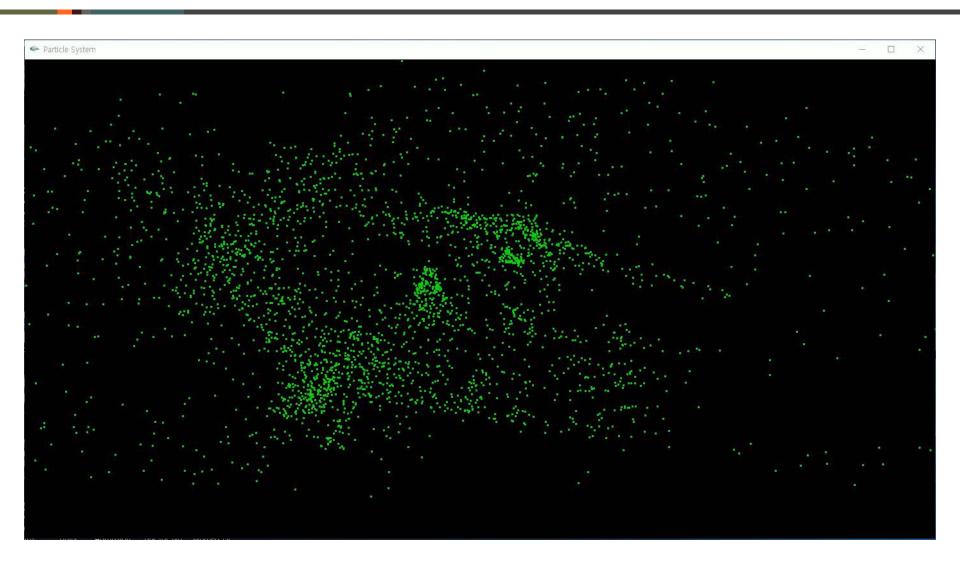
Display Particle System on Screen

- After the simulation stage, the particle need rendering
- The particle render type of a particle object specifies the form of its particles
 - E.g. you can display as
 - Points
 - Lines(from last position to current position)
 - Spheres
 - Texture
 - Geometry(small objects)

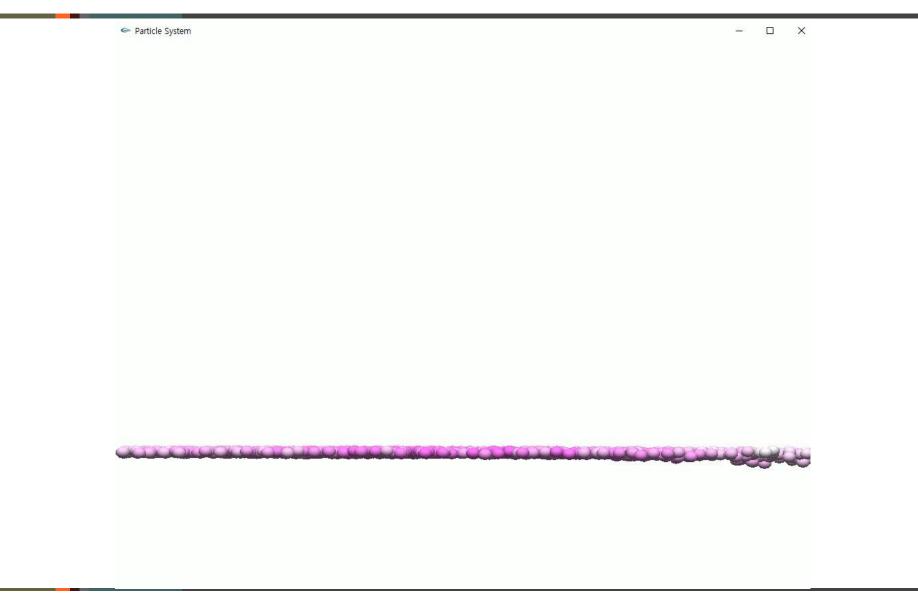




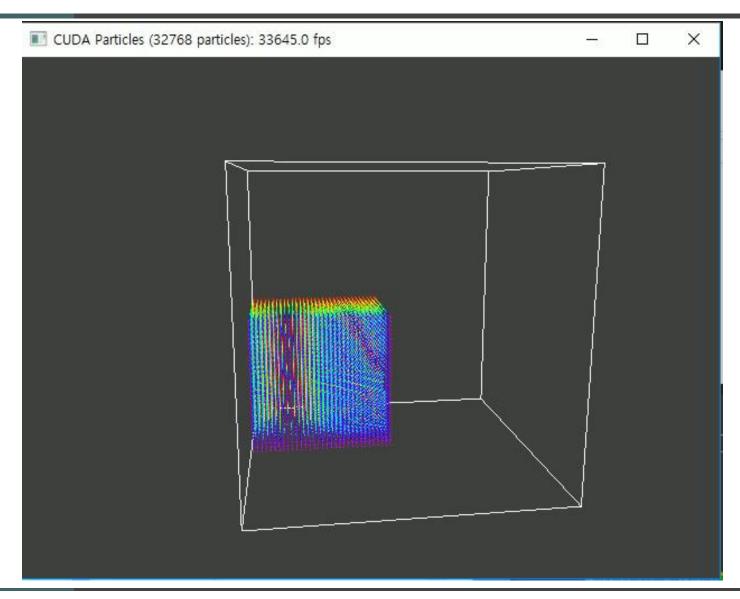
Particle Rendering: Points



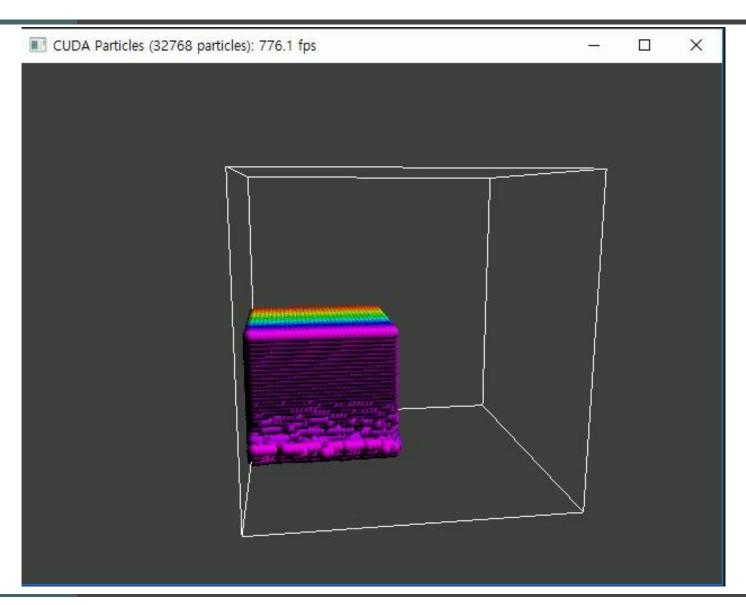
Particle Rendering: Spheres



GPU Shading with Points



GPU Shading with Sphere



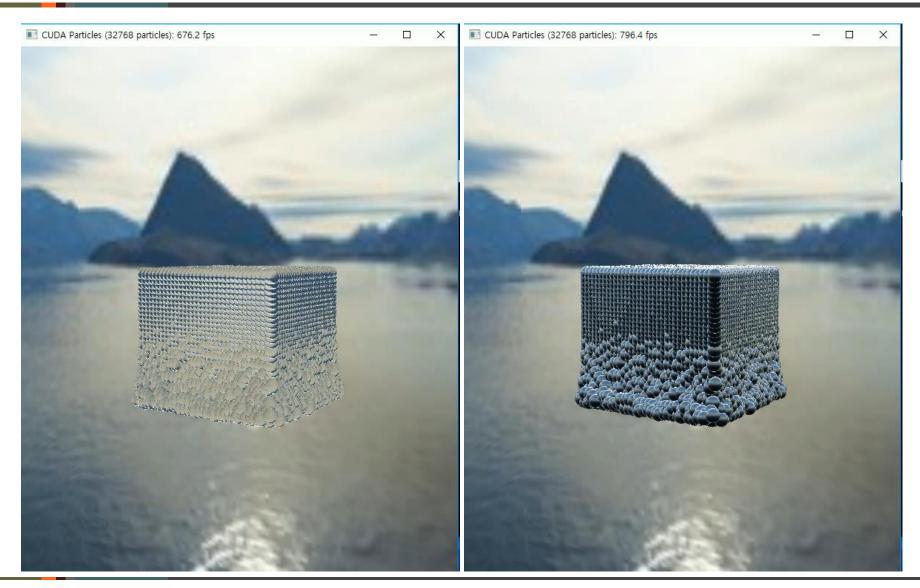
GPU Shading with Refraction



GPU Shading with Reflection



Refraction vs. Reflection



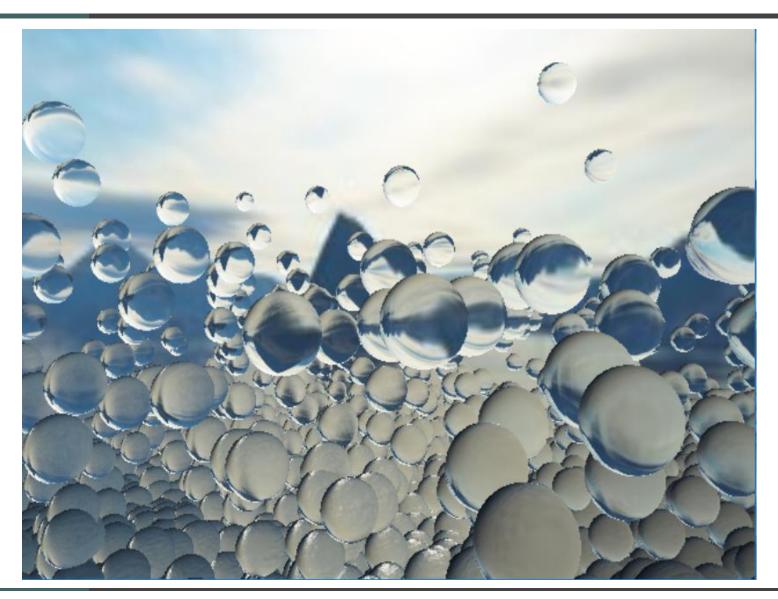
Rendering with Texture



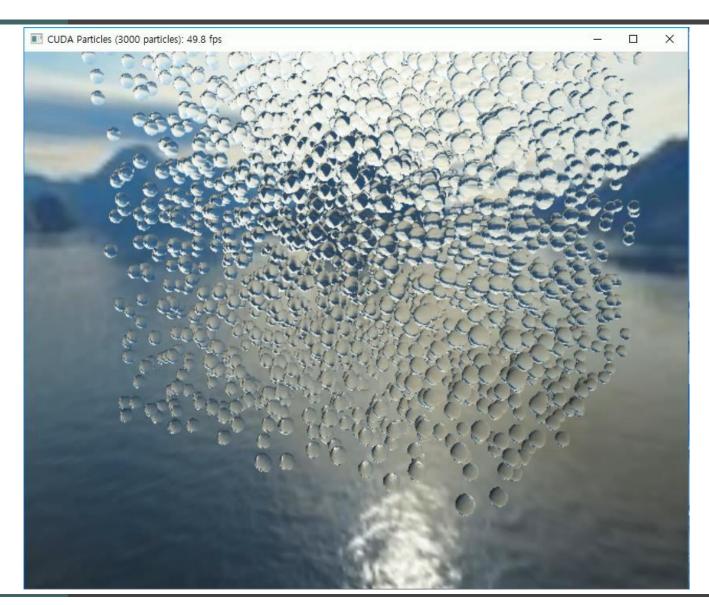




Raytracing Particles



Particle Rendering with Raytracing



Code Skeleton: Rendering()

