Animating Explosions

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What are Explosions?

Energy

- Sudden burst of energy from mechanical, chemical or nuclear source
- Causes discontinuous jump in pressure, density, and temperature along the wave front

Shock Waves

 Shock waves reflect, diffract, and merge, allowing them to exhibit a wide range of behavior

Modeling Explosions?

Before Graphics

- Using miniature models
- Full scale in real world

Using Graphics

- Heuristics
- Physics based simulations
- Analytical function or Recorded data

Key Ideas

- Using fluid and particle based system
- Model explosions as compressible, viscous flow
- Includes two way coupling between dynamic objects and fluids

Progress

Particle System

- Radial explosive motion
- Reflective properties on interaction with non reacting surface

Fluid System

- Pressure wave
- Viscous Flow
- Density and temperature based colouring

What Next?

Coupling

 Merge Fluid and particle model to get more realistic shock wave results

Fluid Behaviour

- Directionality in flow
- Conservation of momentum

What Next?

- Dust Clouds
- Realistic Colouring

References

Libraries Used

Basic Algebra Classes (https://github.com/sidch/DGP)
OpenGL

Other Sources

For Lighting and Camera

(http://perso.uclouvain.be/vincent.legat/teaching/meca2170/opengl/9900/cao18/masexp-c)

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Particle Engine Using Triangle Strips

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Demo