

A short presentation on my background in computer graphics

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Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Master Thesis
- 3 Ray tracing revisited for rendering CSG models consisting of higher order primitives
- 4 Voxel based path tracing

About Me...

- My name is **Morteza Mostajab** [BAM14] [CW14]
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Hamedan University of Technology, Iran
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Technische Universität München
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Researcher at Fraunhofer IGD, Darmstadt
- Research interests:
*Real-time physically-based rendering
(Rasterization-based or Ray-tracing)*
Virtual reality
Computer graphics and visualization
Game Programming



Inspiration

- Games, Animations, Movies with Special Effects,...



(a) Last Ninja 3



(b) Gears of War



(c) Ratatouille



(d) The lord of the rings

- My firsts...



(e) First Computer



(f) First IBM
compatible PC



(g) First Console
(Atari 2600)

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Motivation

- **Goal:** Use virtual reality to help engineers getting a better **understanding** of simulations, make **investigation** in flow field features easier.
- Virtual reality applications demands 75-140 frames per second scene update and rendering to reduce **latency**.
- **Initial motivation:**
 - **Immersive Streamline Demo:** a demo which user could stand in a simulation model to understand flow field features by:
 - Prototype demo which placed the user virtually in simulation model.
 - User could interact with virtual world by moving streamlines' seeding plane.
 - User could walk around in the simulation model, look closer into streamlines to understand flow field's features better.

Immersive Streamline Demo

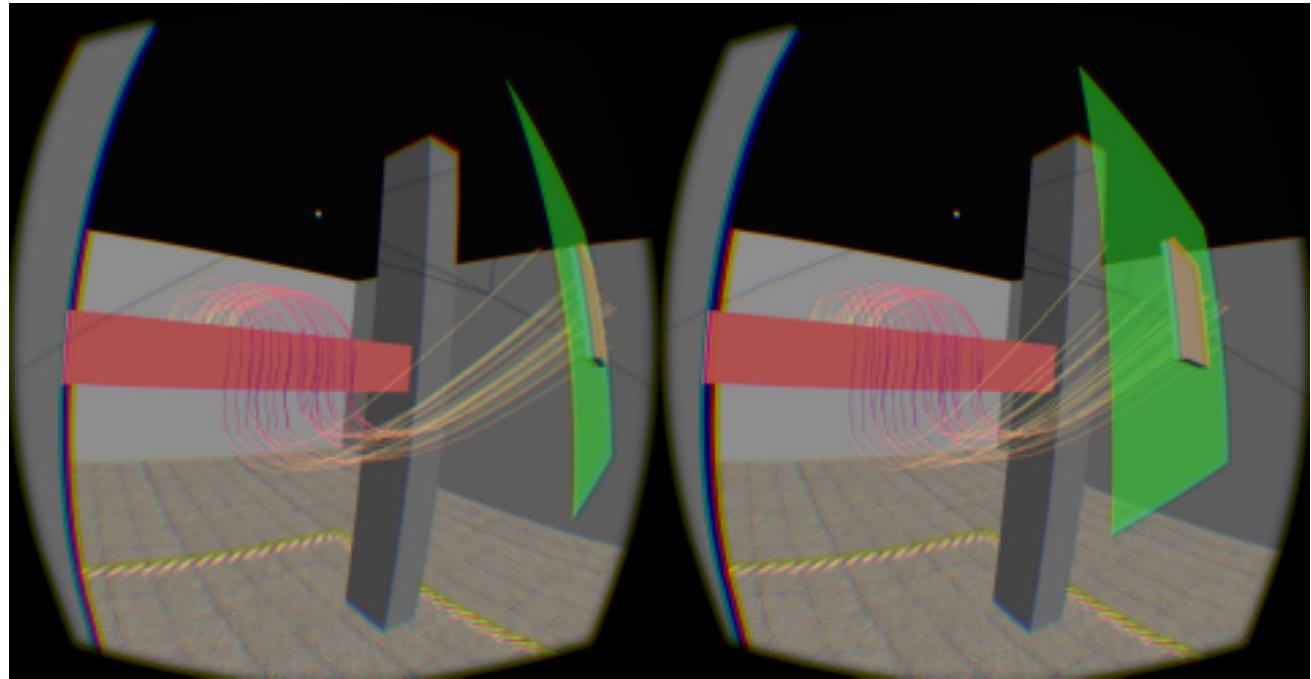


Figure 1: Immersive Streamlines was a prototype demo done at Fraunhofer IGD. The user is able to move inside the virtual world, interact with it, and look closely at the flow visualization results. The image shows a stereo pair, which is displayed on Oculus Rift HMD.

Problem Definition

- Streamline's computation was 10 frames per second (latency was very visible to user).
- Streamline's accuracy was not high enough (straight lines in streamlines are visible in the screenshot).
- Stream surfaces can provide more information about flow fields features.

Main Contributions

- Investigation techniques from ray tracing field for application in streamline computation:
 - Using acceleration structures
 - Using ray-packing
- Using heterogeneous computing:
 - Scale streamline computation on all capable devices.
 - Scale rendering on all graphic processing units.

Related Works

- Parallel stream surface computation for large data sets [CCG⁺12]. proposed a distributed stream surface computation system.
 - **My method is not distributed but uses all available computation devices.**
- Interactive Streak Surface Visualization on the GPU [BFTW09]. Bue+09 samples the simulation mesh on a regular grid, then compute the streak surface.
 - **Reduces accuracy, ignores a lot of information exist in simulation mesh by sampling it on a regular grid.**

Related Works

- Interactive particle tracing for the exploration of flow fields in virtual environments [Sch08].
Sch08 uses the neighboring graph instead of acceleration structure on GPU.
 - **step size needed to be small enough.**
- Fast, Memory-Efficient Cell Location in Unstructured Grids for Visualization [GJ10].
introduces cell-tree acceleration structure use it for particle tracing.
 - **I have evaluated more acceleration structures to classify them based on memory requirements and performance.**

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Supported Higher order primitives



Pyramid



Box



Circular torus



Rectangular torus



Spherical dish



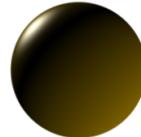
Elliptical dish



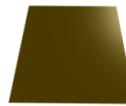
Snout



Cylinder



Sphere



Plane



Triangulated mesh

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