

Introduction to Computer Graphics



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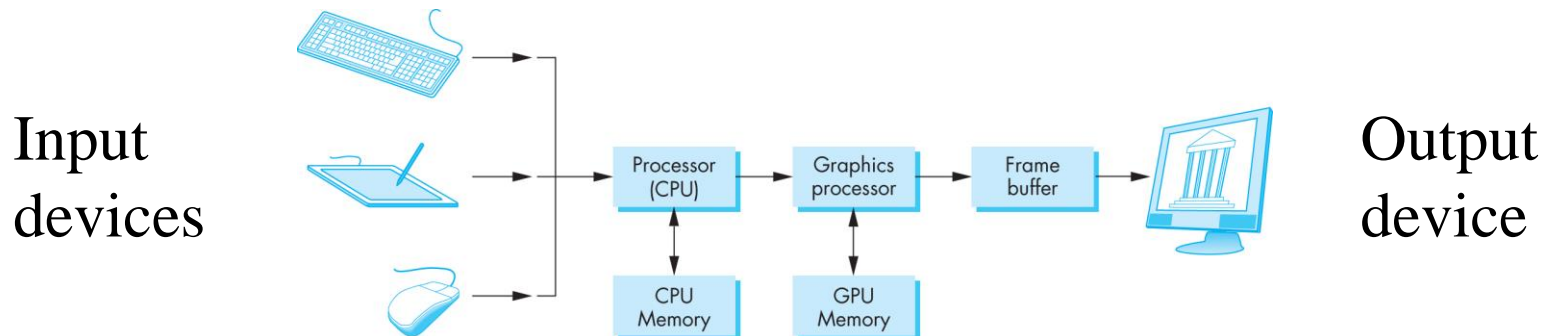
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Computer Graphics

- *Computer graphics* deals with all aspects of creating images with a computer (研究利用计算机生成图像的方法)
 - Hardware 硬件
 - Software 软件
 - Applications 相关应用



Example

- How to create this image?



- What hardware/software did we need to produce it?

Preliminary Answer

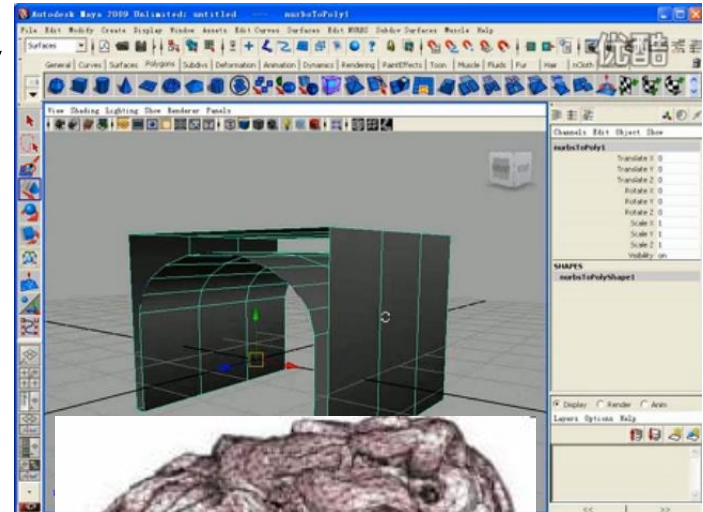
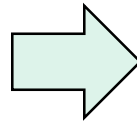
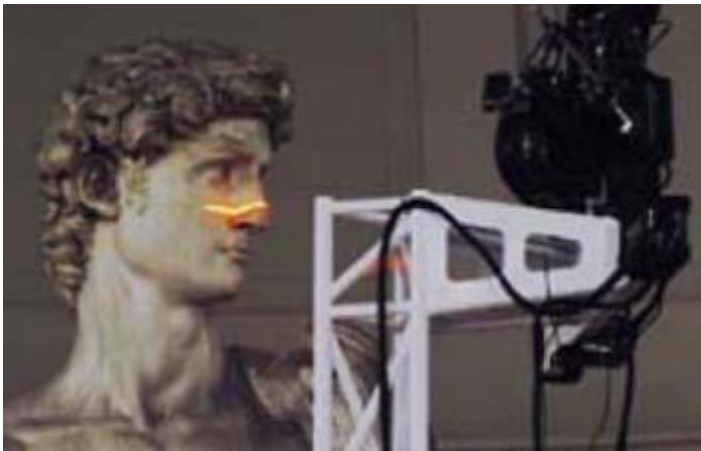
- **Application:** The object is an artist's rendition of the sun
- **Software:** Maya for modeling and rendering but Maya is built on top of OpenGL
- **Hardware:** PC with graphics card for modeling and rendering

Main Research Contents (主要研究内容)

- Modeling (建模)
 - Create the 3D objects (draw what)
- Rendering (绘制、渲染)
 - How to draw a image
- Animation (动画)
 - How to generate the moving/deforming objects
 - How to draw the object's motion

Modeling (建模)

- Create the 3D geometry
 - Generate
 - Reconstruct



Rendering (绘制)

- Creating the image
 - As realistic as possible
 - As cartoonlike as possible
 - ...



Animation (动画)

- Generating the image of moving objects
 - How to generate the moving/deforming objects
 - How to draw the object's motion
 - Obey the physics rules

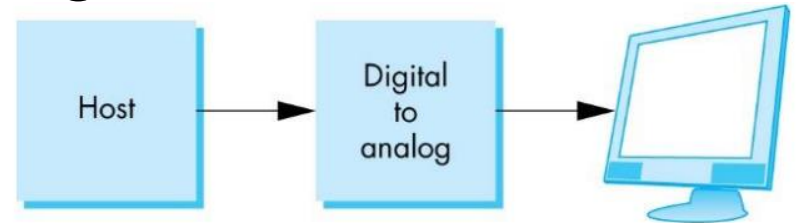


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Computer Graphics: 1950-1960

- Computer graphics goes back to the earliest days of computing
 - Strip charts 条形图
 - Pen plotters 笔式绘图仪
 - Simple displays using A/D converters to go from computer to calligraphic CRT 画线CRT显示器(矢量CRT显示器)
- Cost of refresh for CRT too high
 - Computers slow, expensive, unreliable



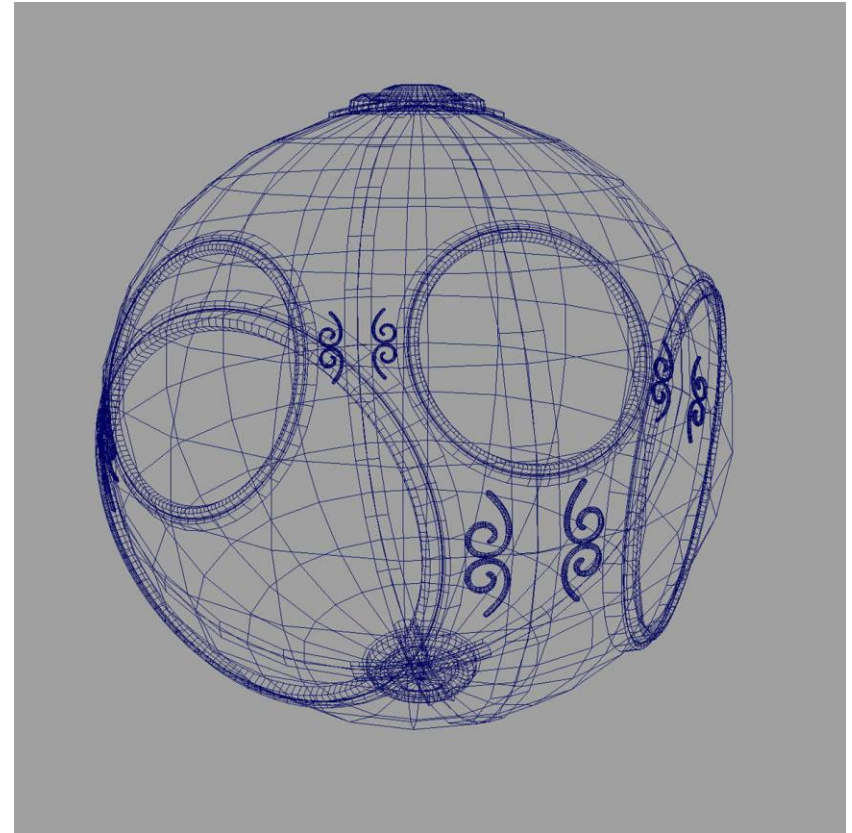
Pen plotters 笔式绘图仪



Computer Graphics: 1960-1970

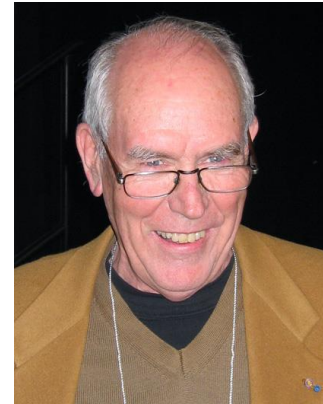
- *Wireframe* graphics
 - Draw only lines
- Sketchpad
- Display Processors

wireframe representation
of sun object

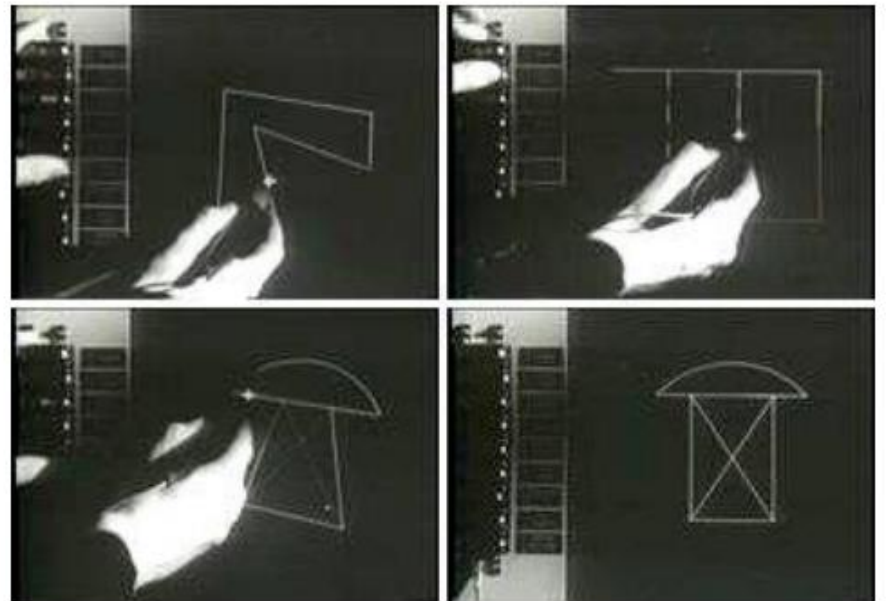


Sketchpad

- ***Ivan Sutherland's*** PhD thesis at MIT
 - Recognized the potential of man-machine interaction
 - Loop
 - Display something
 - User moves light pen
 - Computer generates new display
 - Sutherland also created many of the now common algorithms for computer graphics

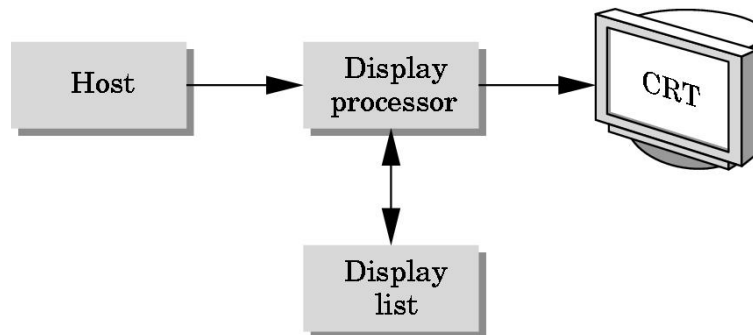


Sketchpad



Display Processor

- Rather than have the host computer try to refresh display use a special purpose computer called a *display processor* (DPU)



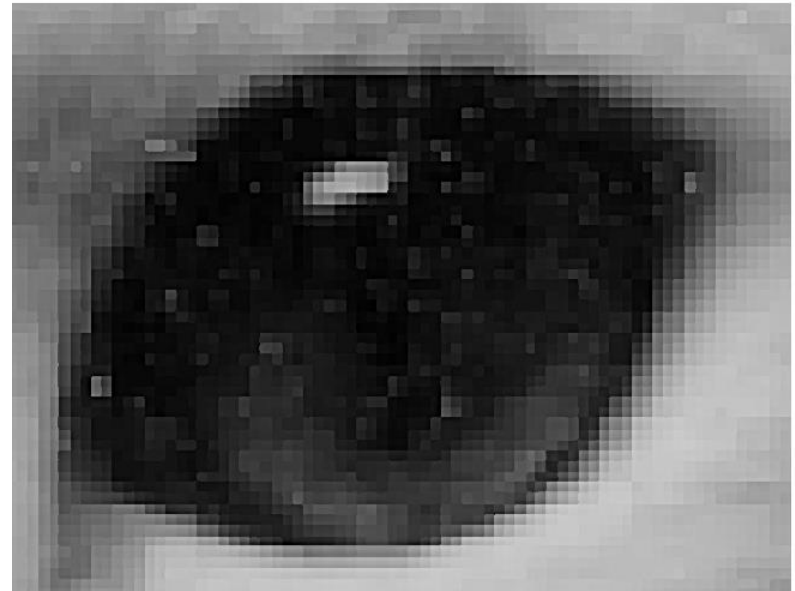
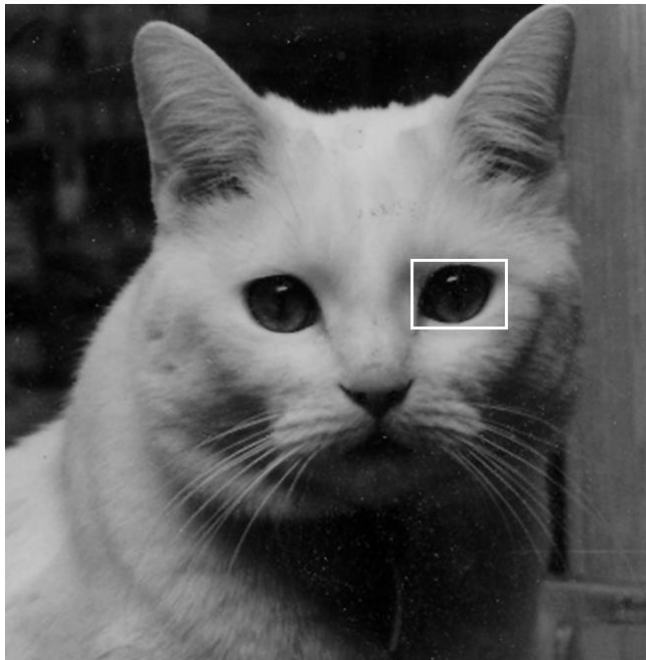
- Graphics stored in display list (display file) on display processor
- Host *compiles* display list and sends to DPU

Computer Graphics: 1970-1980

- Raster Graphics 光栅图形学
 - Compare with vectorised graphics
- Beginning of graphics standards
 - GKS: European effort
 - Becomes ISO 2D standard
 - Core: North American effort
 - 3D but fails to become ISO standard
- Workstations and PCs

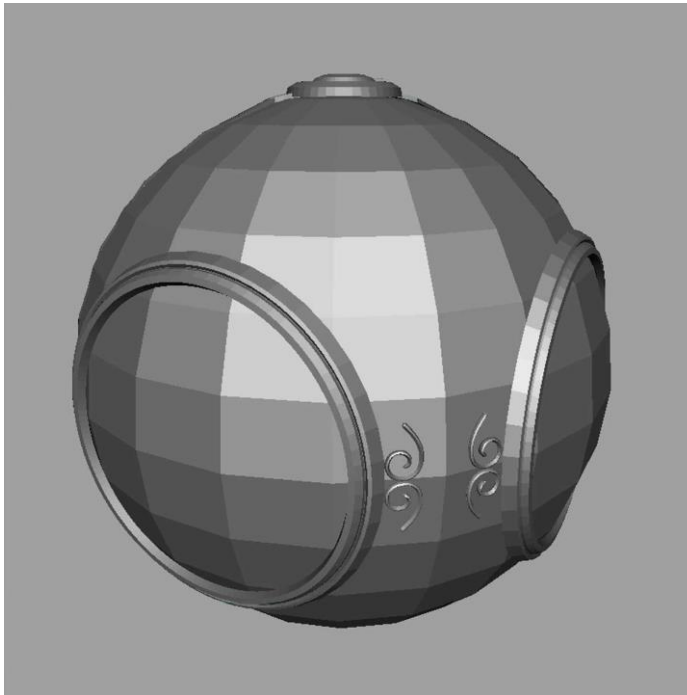
Raster Graphics

- Image produced as an array (the *raster*) of picture elements (*pixels*) in the *frame buffer*



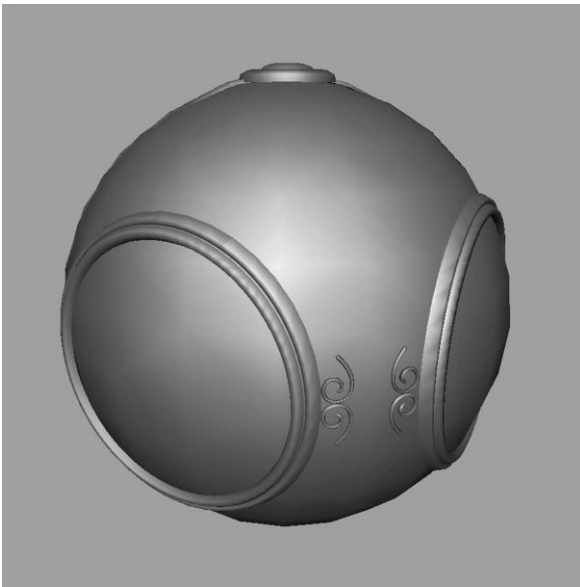
Raster Graphics

- Allows us to go from lines and wire frame images to filled polygons



Computer Graphics: 1980-1990

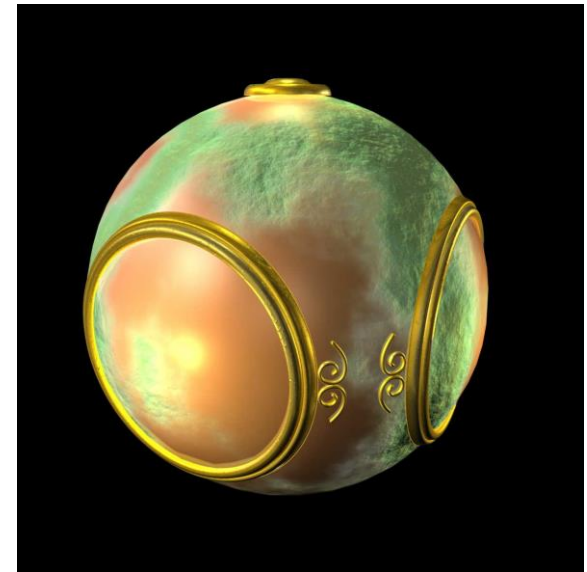
Realism comes to computer graphics



smooth shading



environment
mapping



bump mapping

Computer Graphics: 1980-1990

- Special purpose hardware
 - Silicon Graphics (Silicon Graphics, Inc. SGI) geometry engine
 - VLSI implementation of graphics pipeline
- Industry-based standards
 - PHIGS
 - RenderMan (皮克斯公司)
- Networked graphics: X Window System
- Human-Computer Interface (HCI)

Computer Graphics: 1990-2000

- OpenGL API
- Completely computer-generated feature-length movies (Toy Story) are successful
- New hardware capabilities
 - Texture mapping
 - Blending
 - Accumulation, stencil buffers

Computer Graphics: 2000-

- Photorealism
- Graphics cards for PCs dominate market
 - Nvidia, ATI
- Game boxes and game players determine direction of market
- Computer graphics routine in movie industry: Maya, Lightwave
- Programmable pipelines
- GPGPU

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Applications

- Visualization of Information (信息可视化)
- Design (设计)
- Simulation and Animation (模拟与动画)
- User Interface (用户界面)

Digital Earth and Digital Urban (数字地球与数字城市)

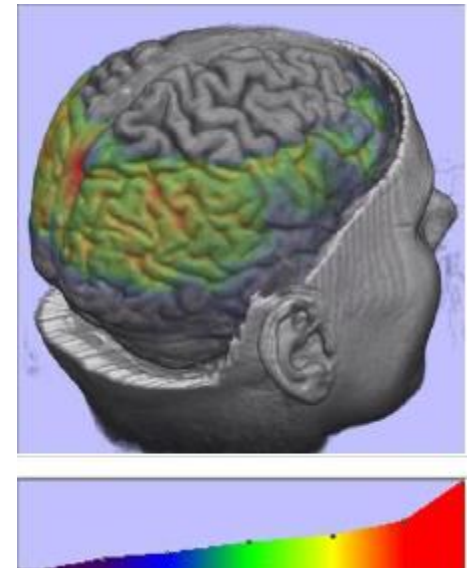
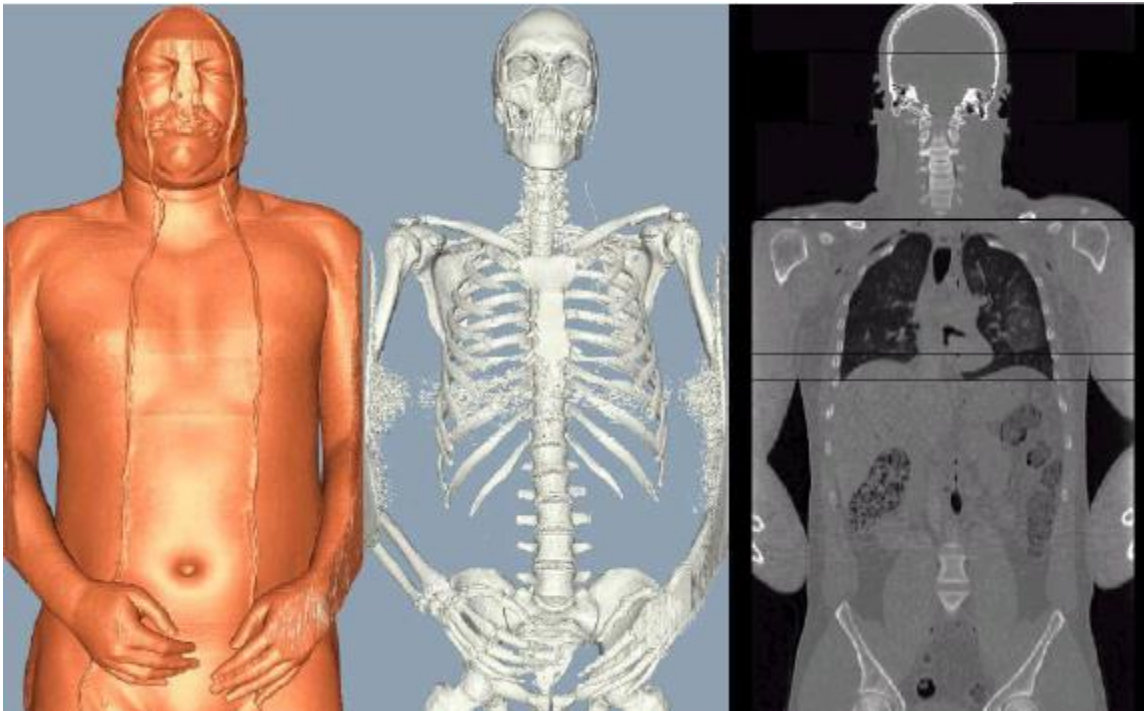
- Google earth
- Bing maps (previously Microsoft Virtual Earth)



Google Earth: 3D Urban

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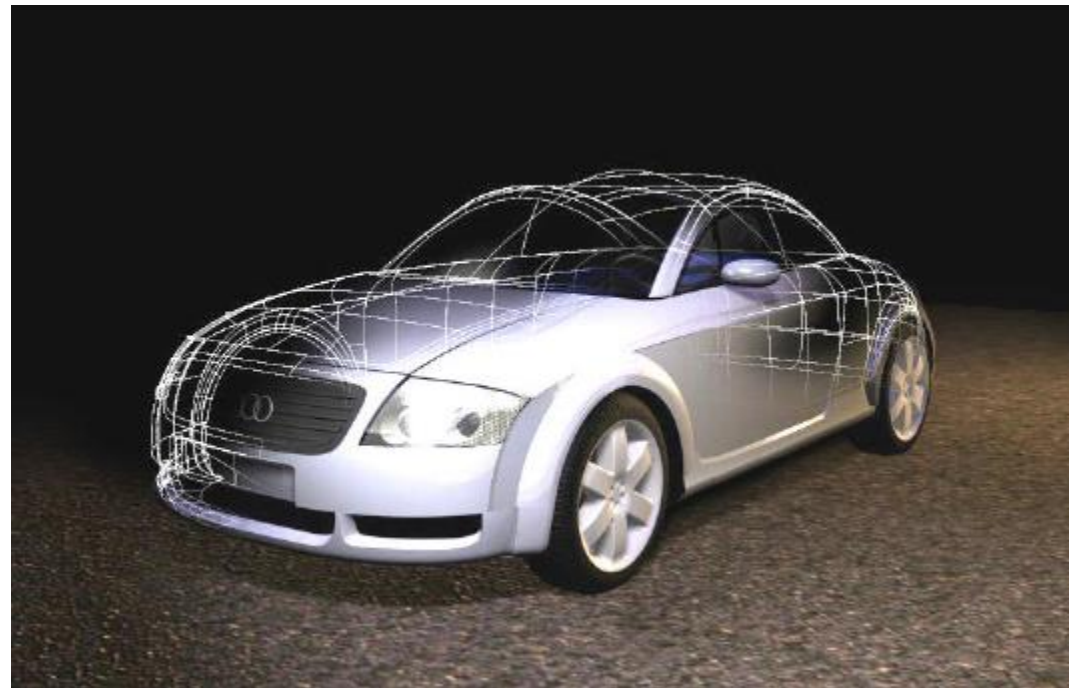
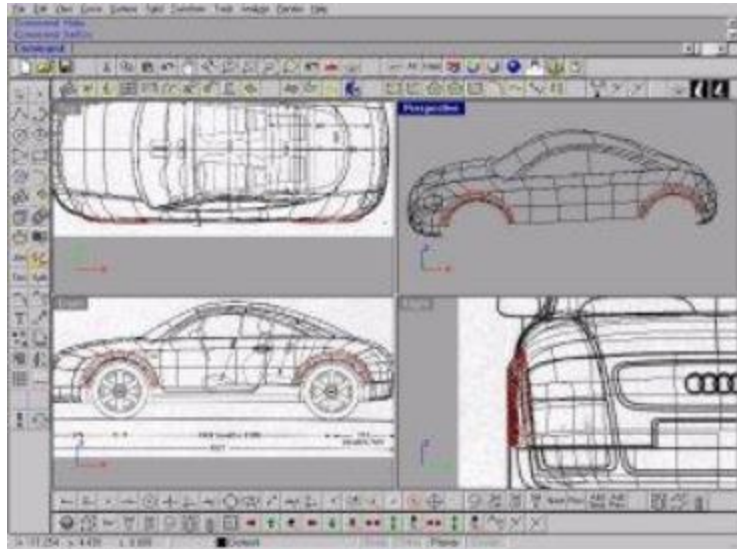
Medical Image (医疗图像)



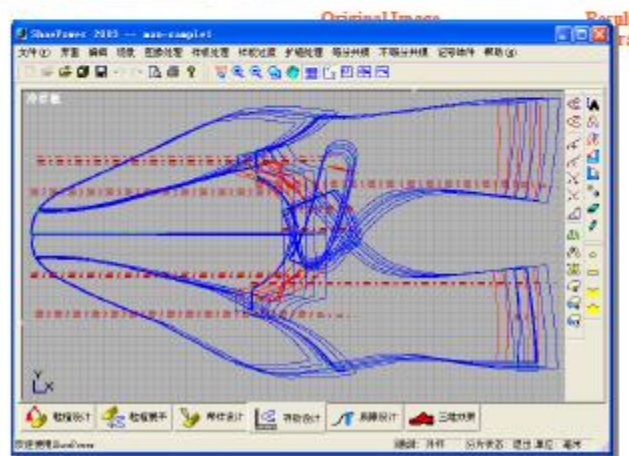
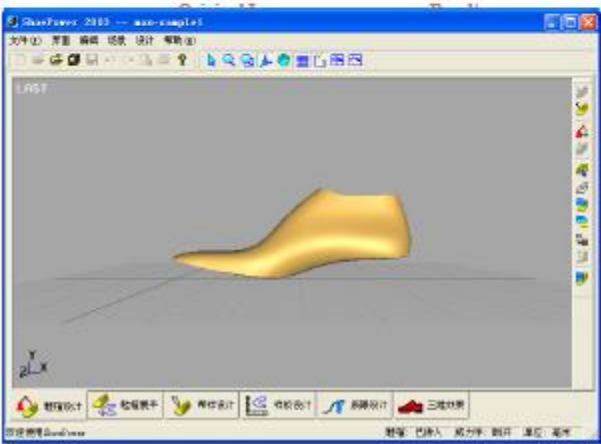
Visualization of Big Data



Design of Cars



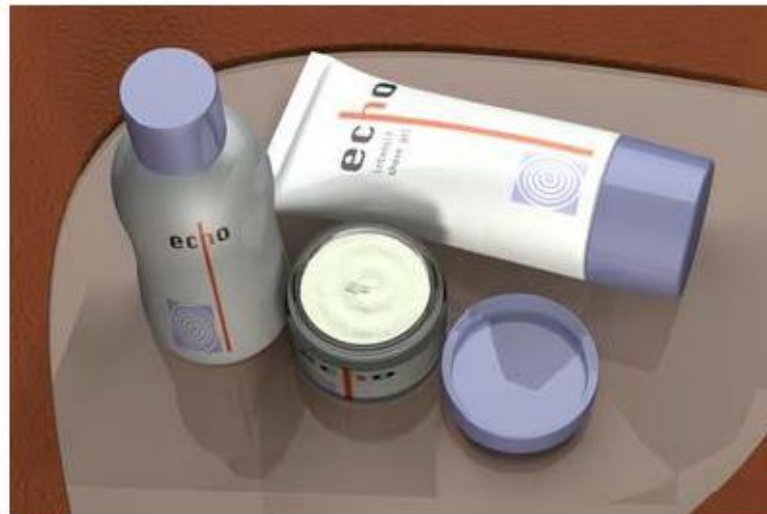
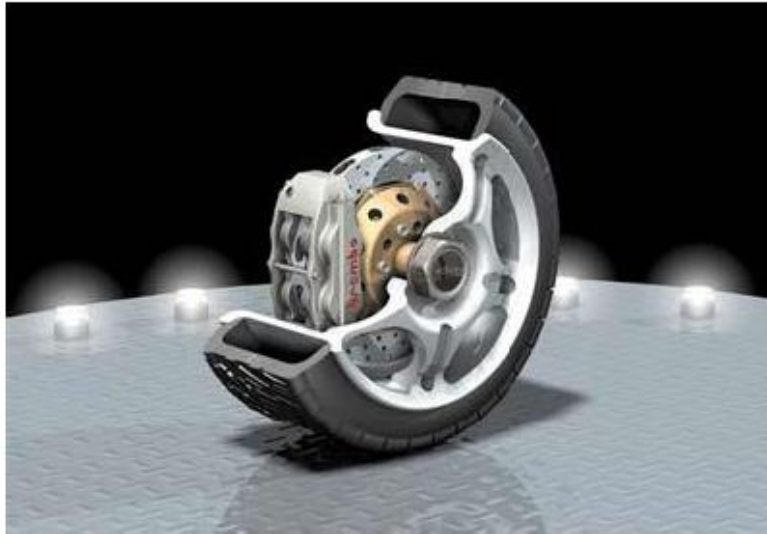
Virtual Design



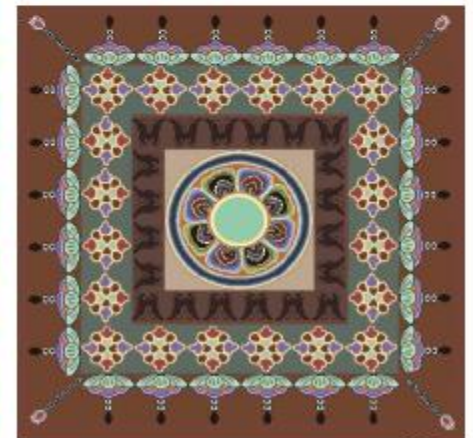
Virtual Try-on



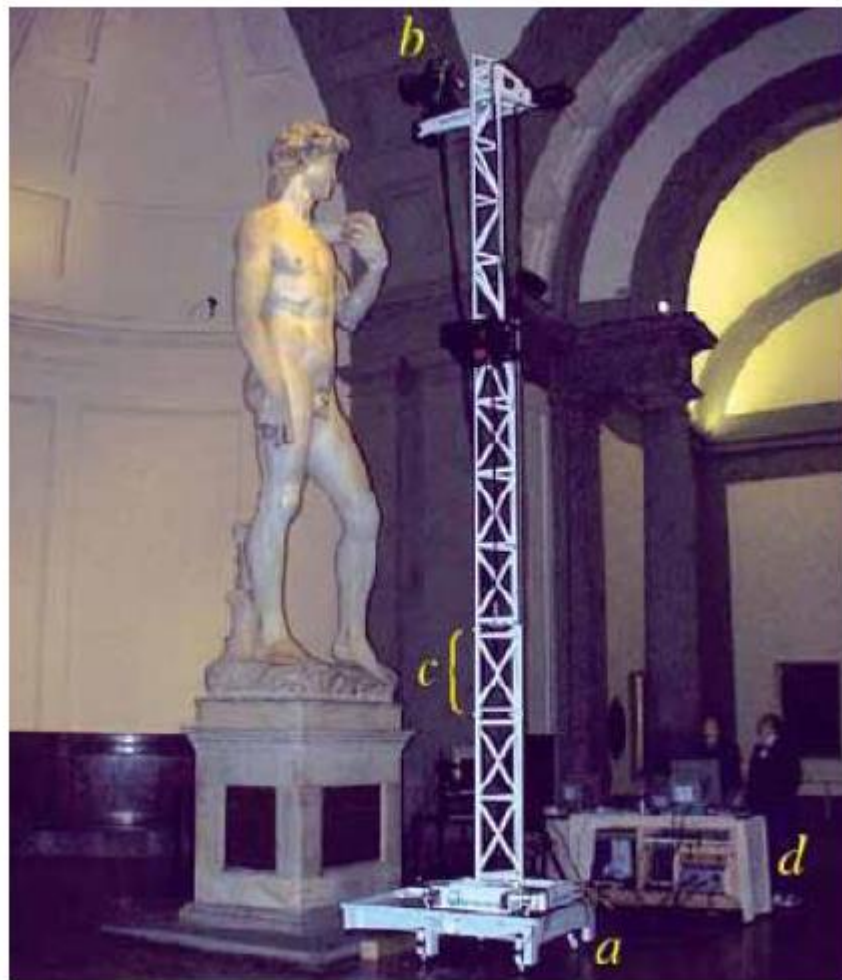
CAD/CAM



Computer Arts



Digital Heritage



Virtual Reality



Virtual Reality



Augmented Reality

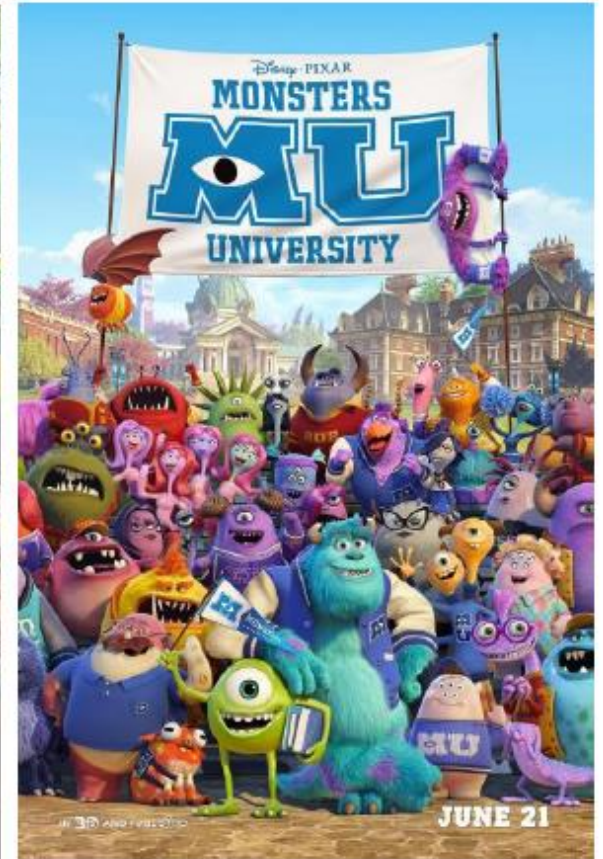
- Microsoft's HoloLens



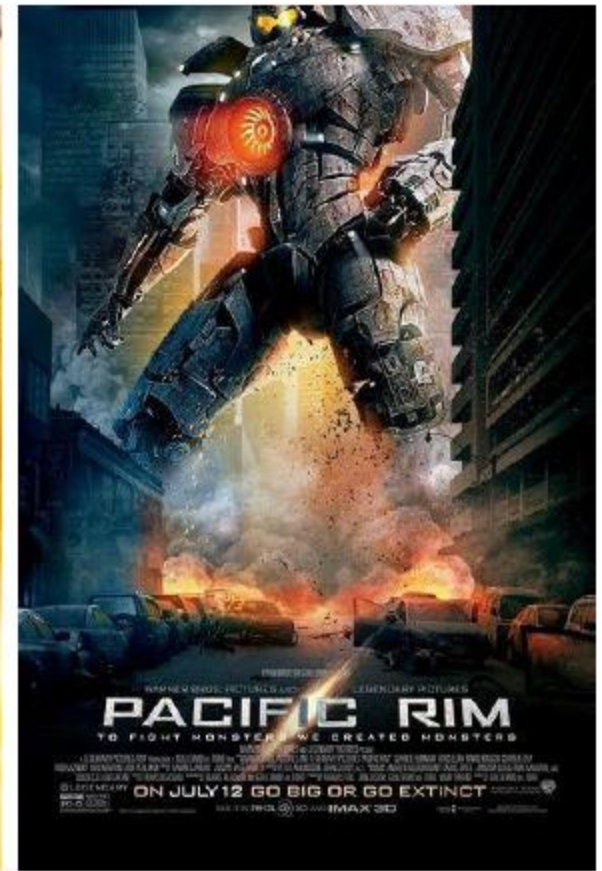
Computer Games



Animation



Movies



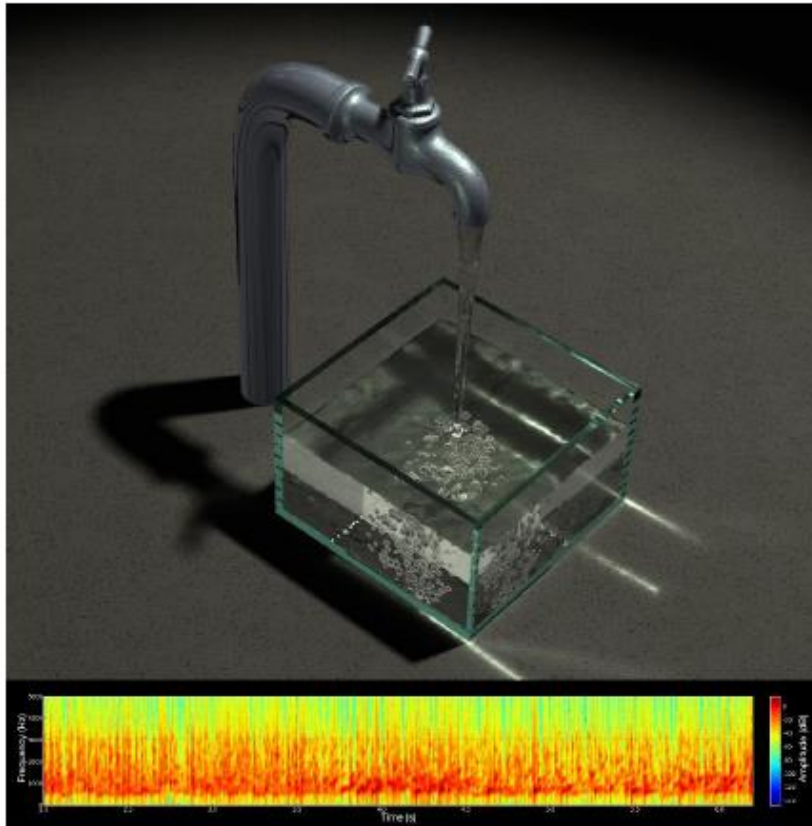
Visual Effects: Life of Pi

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Visual Effects: The Adventures of Tintin

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Simulation

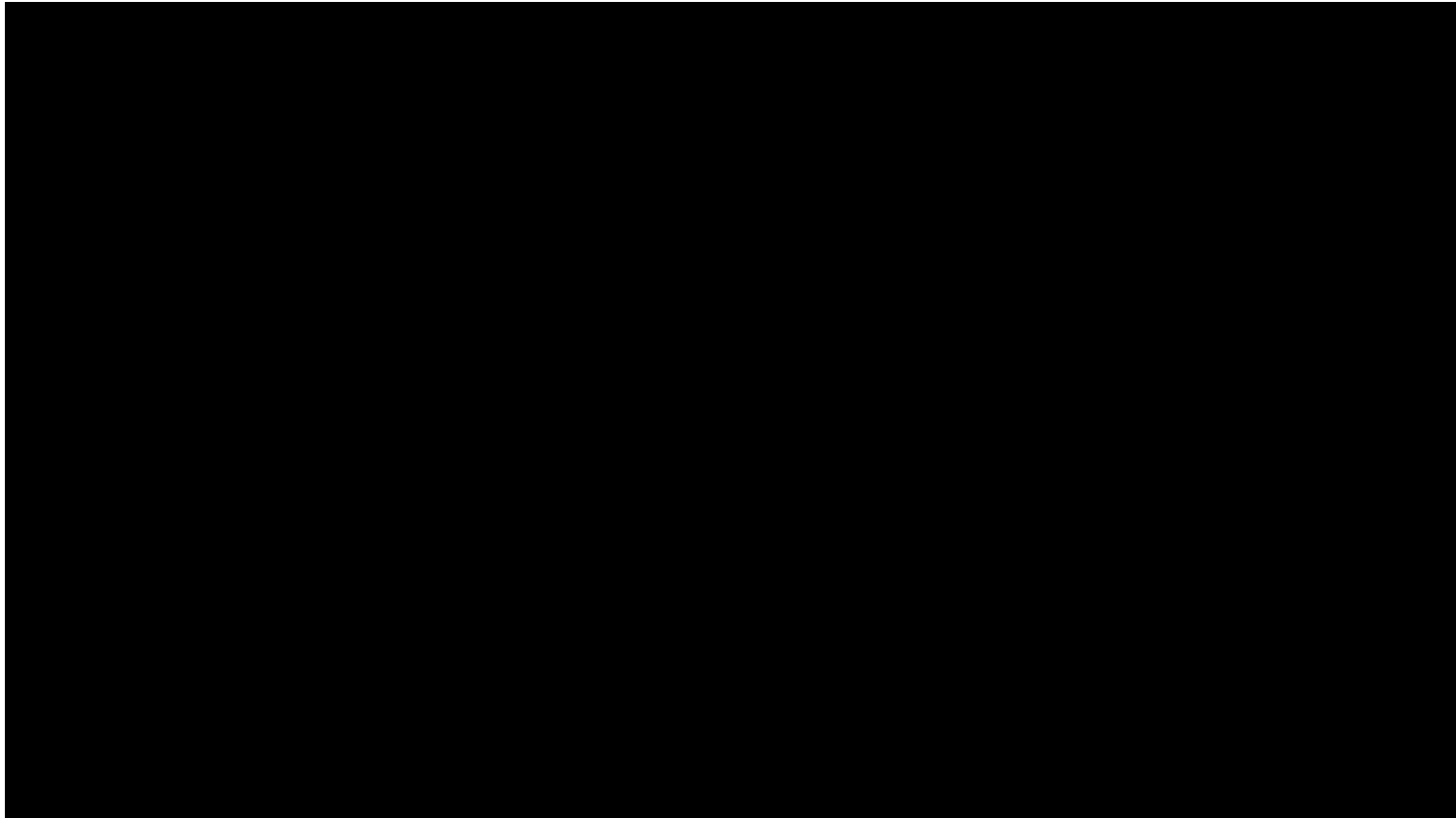


User Interface

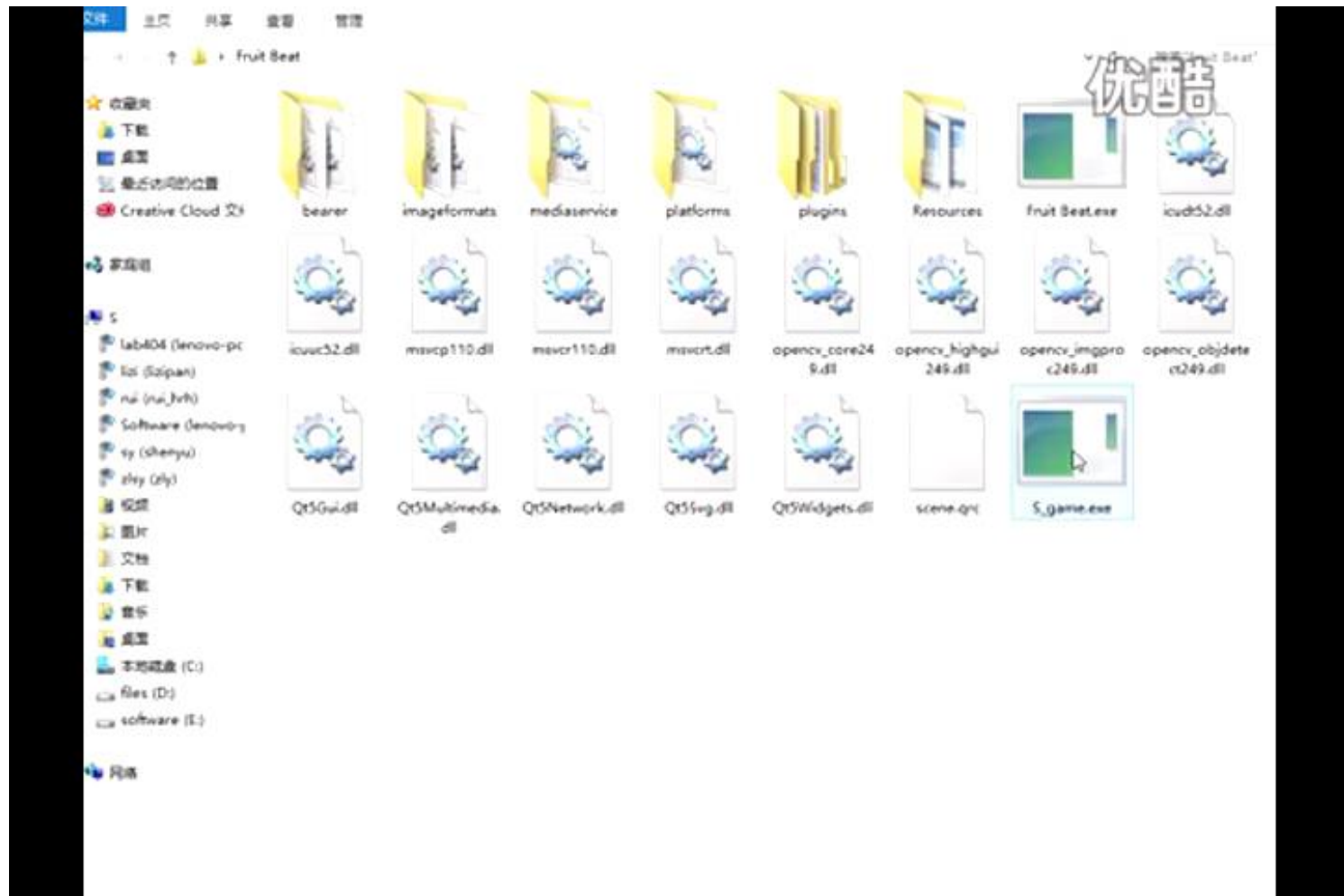


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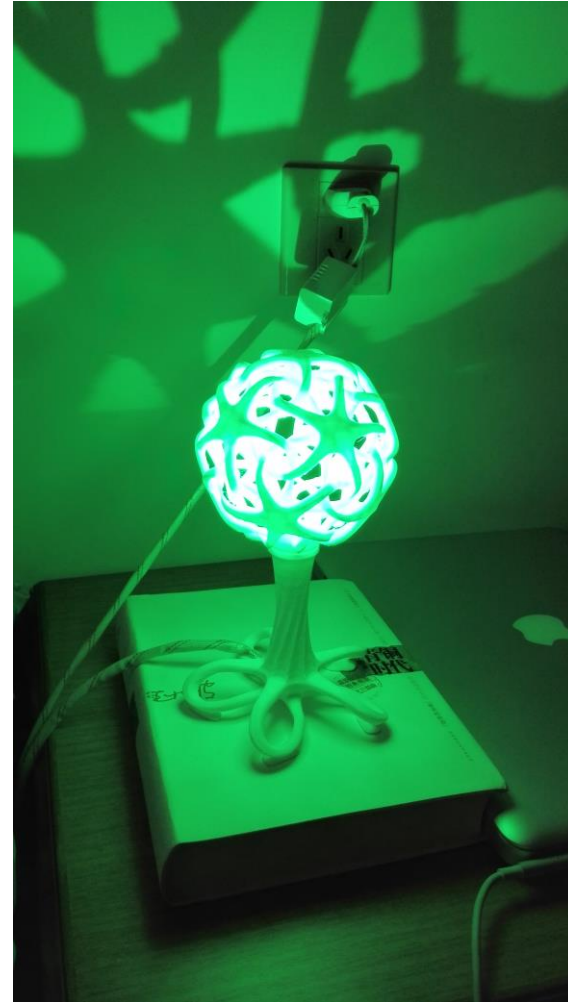
- Kinect



Fruit Cut



3D Printing



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