A dynamic, abstract background featuring swirling, translucent green and blue light streaks against a black background. The light trails create a sense of motion and depth.

# Welcome to 50.017 Graphics and Visualization

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# Luxo Jr.

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- Pixar Animation Studios, 1986
- Director: John Lasseter
- Shown in SIGGRAPH 1986



# Plan

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- Overview of computer graphics
- Administrivia
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# What are the applications of graphics?

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# Movies/special effects

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# More than you would expect

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# Video Games

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# Simulation

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# CAD-CAM & Design

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# Architecture

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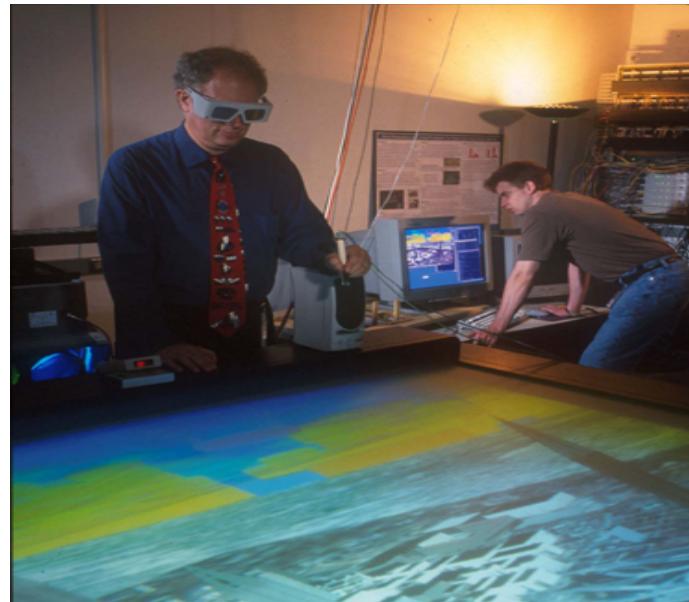
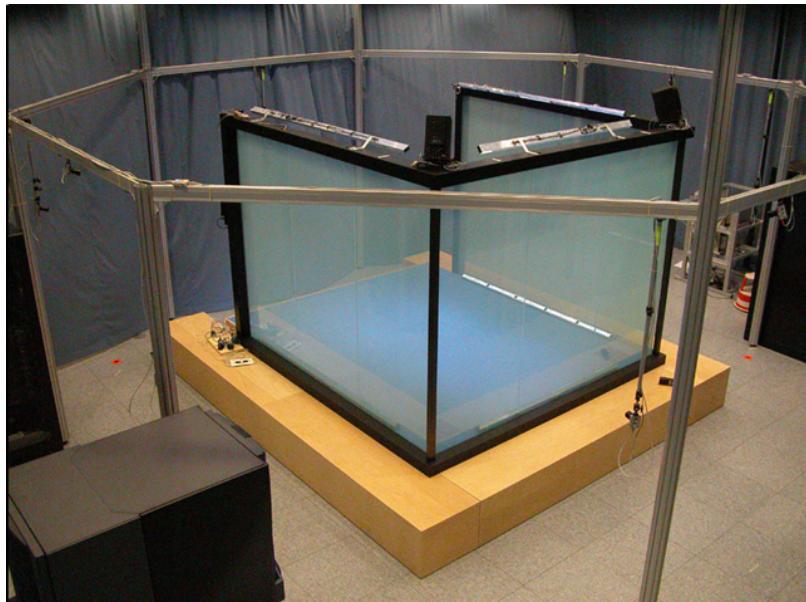


# Game Engines

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# Virtual Reality

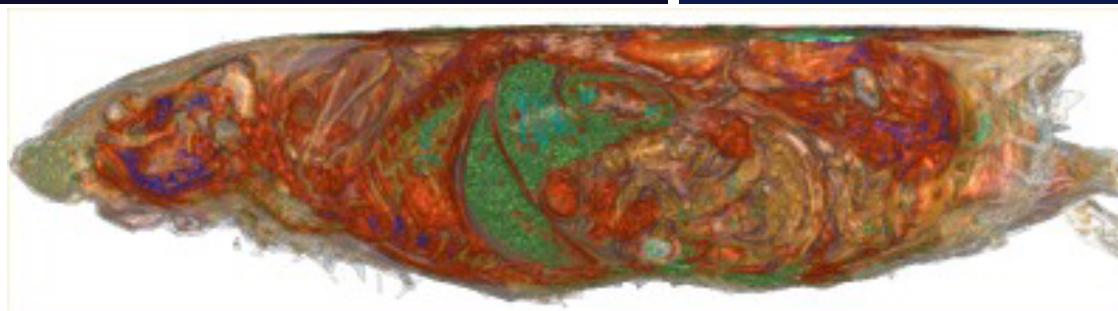
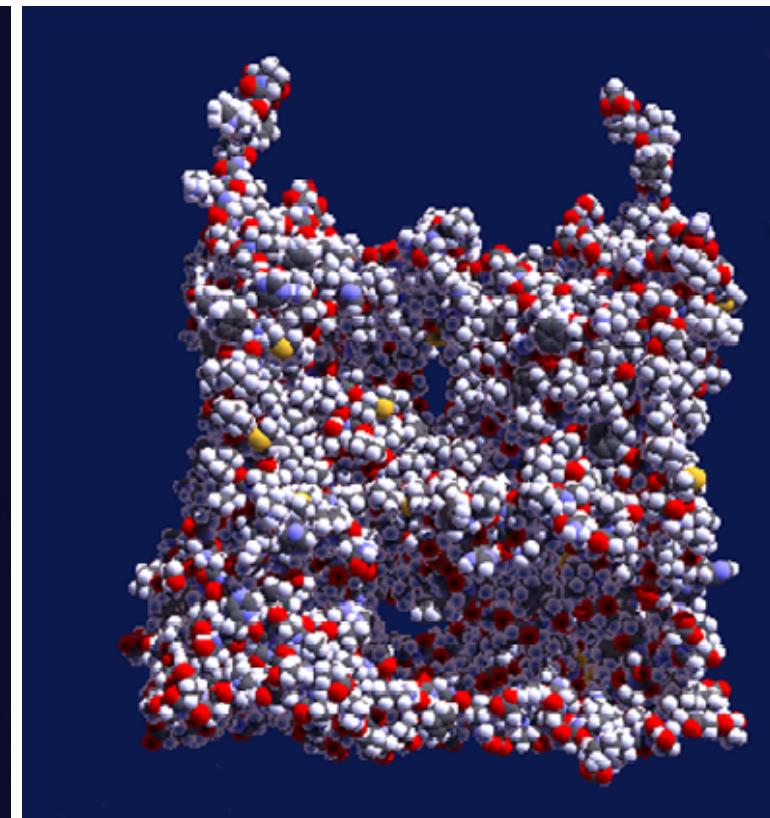
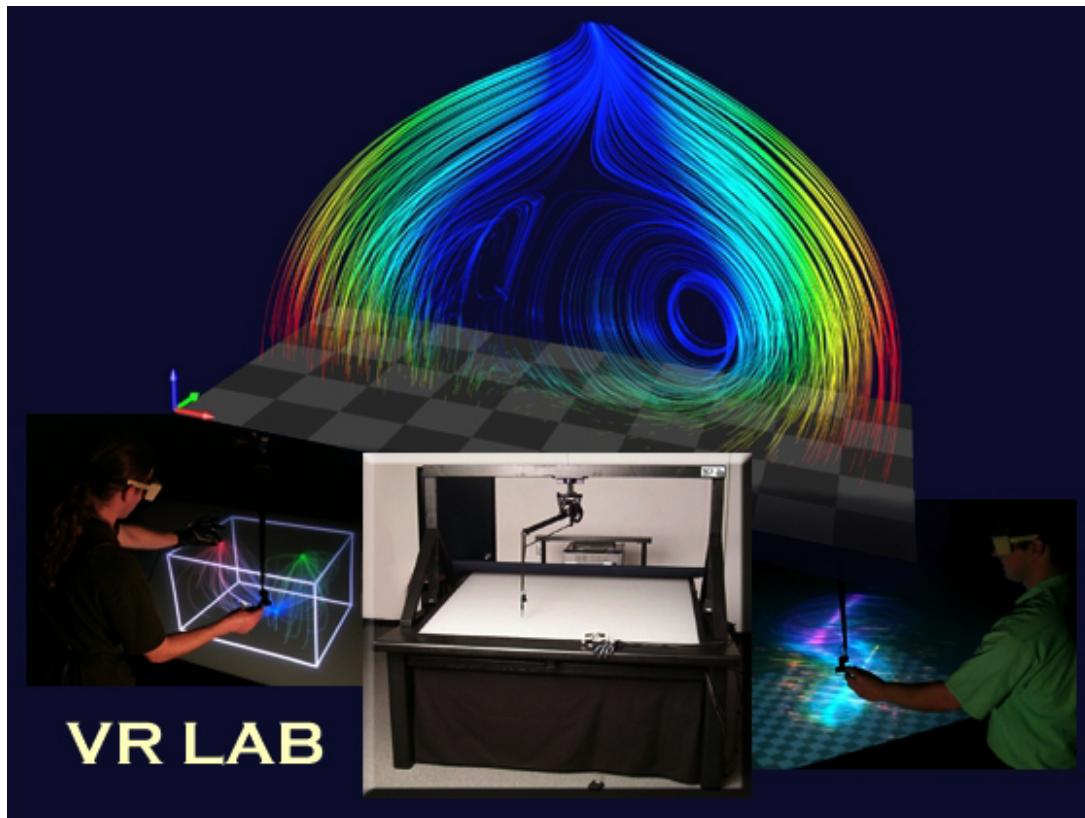
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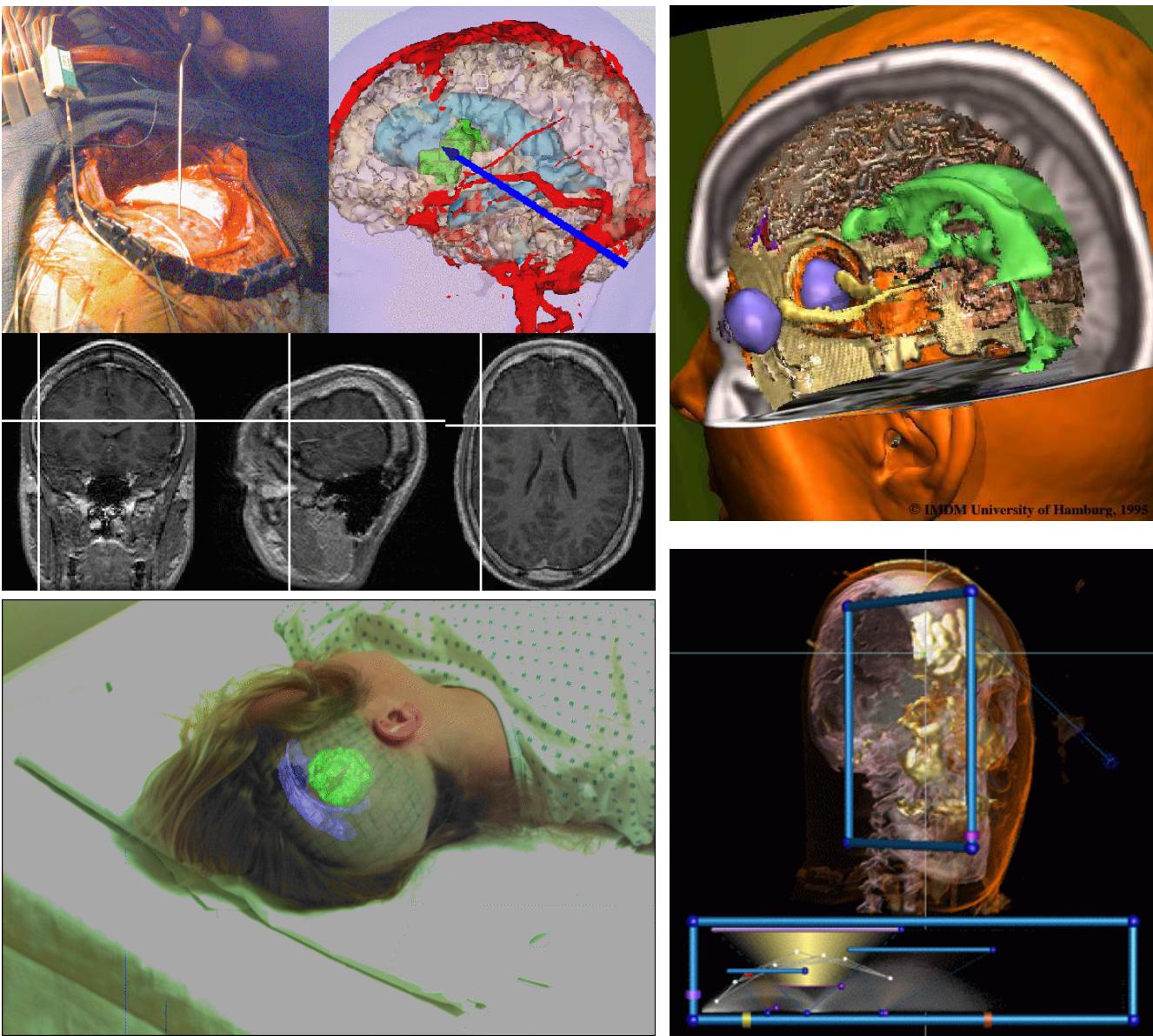
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# Visualization



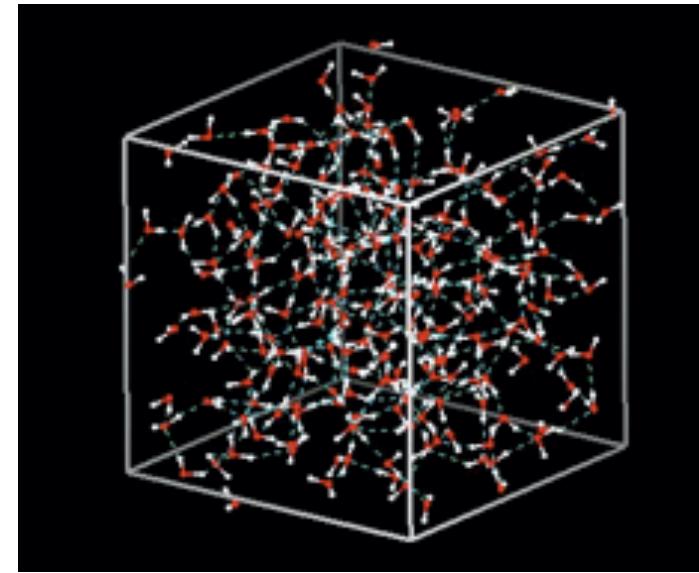
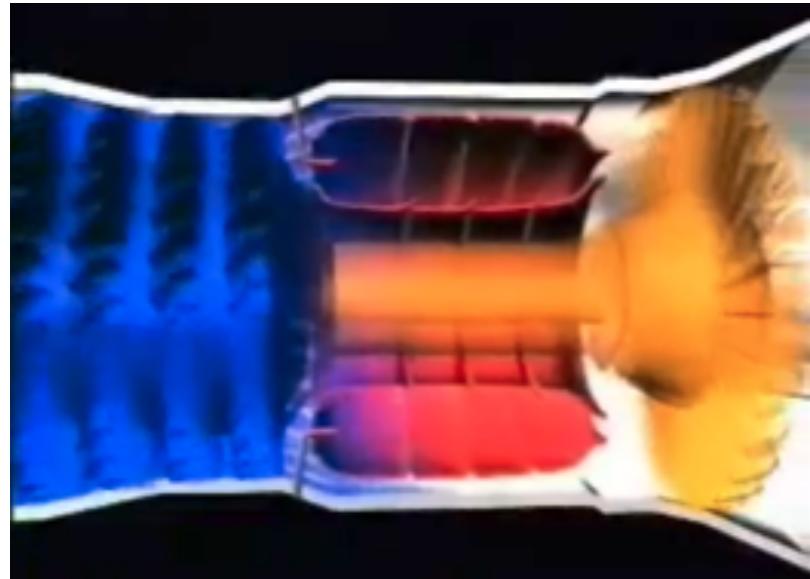
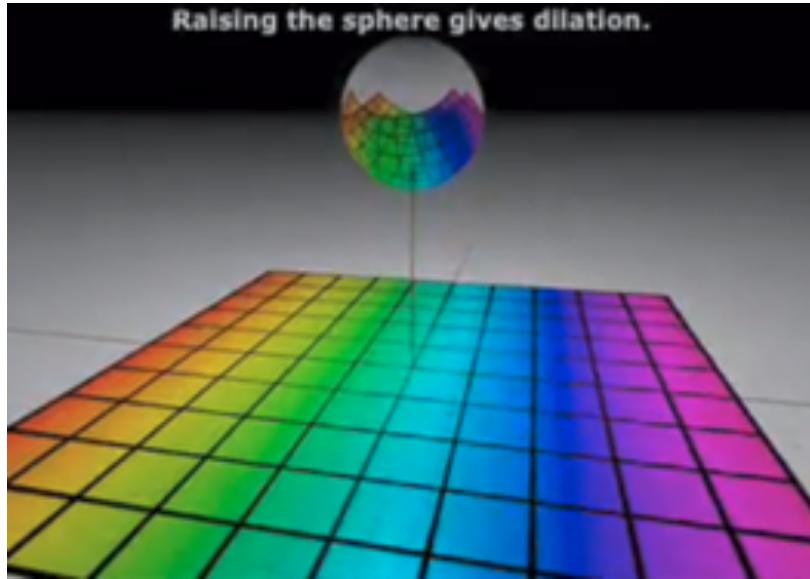
# Medical Imaging

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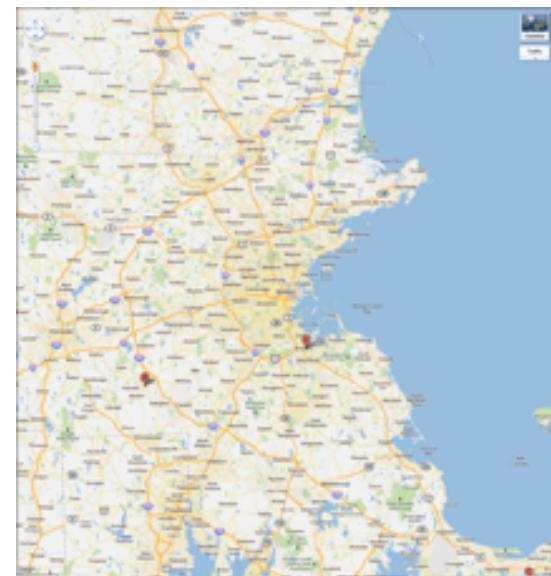
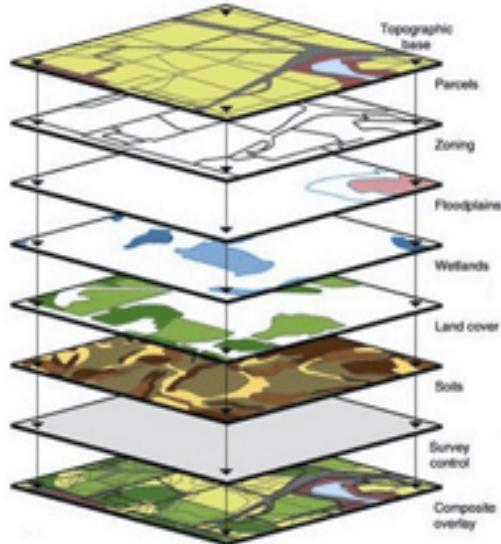
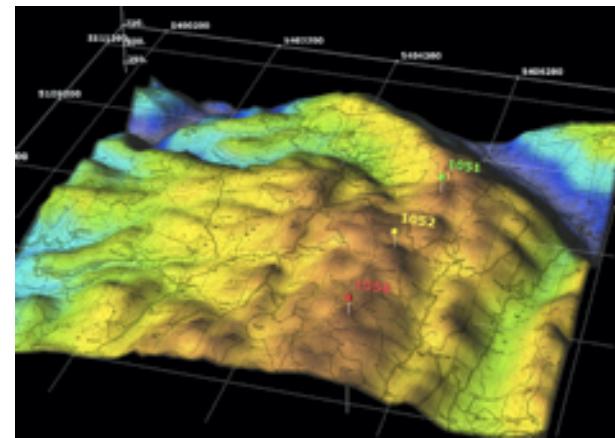


# Education

Raising the sphere gives dilation.



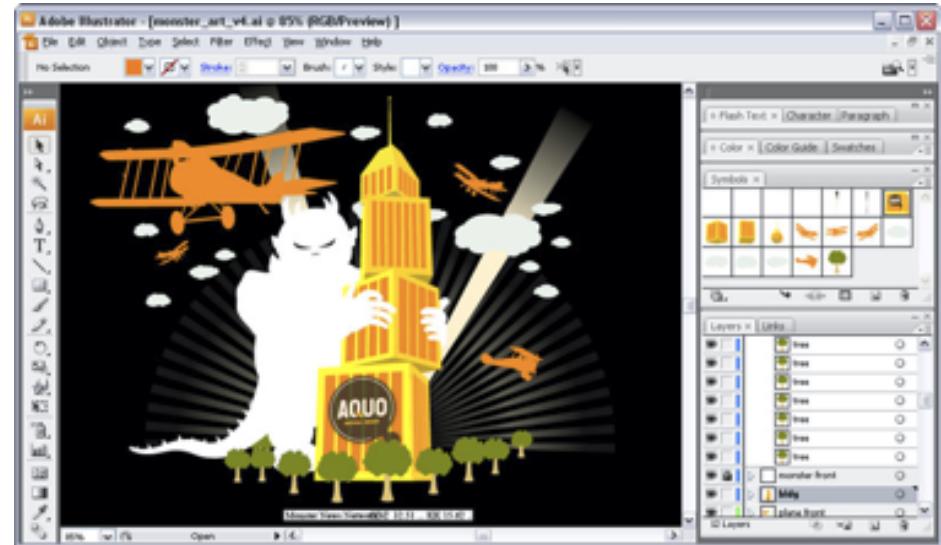
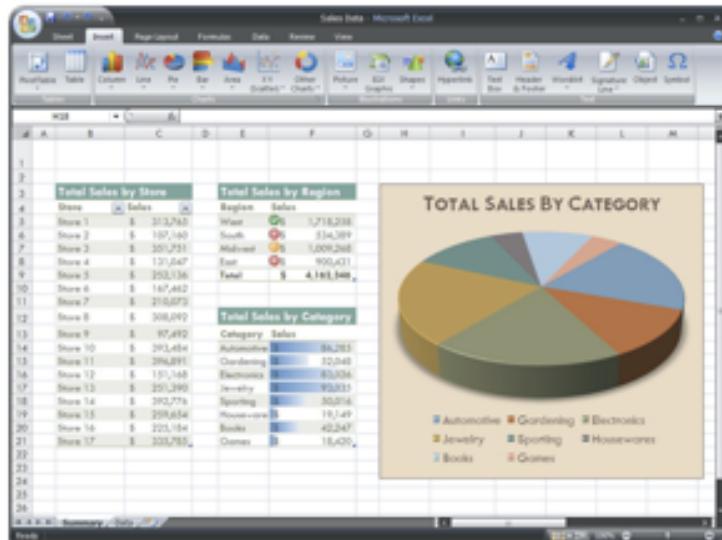
# Geographic Info Systems & GPS



# Any display

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- Computers go through OpenGL and DirectX to display anything
- 2D graphics, Illustrator, Flash, Fonts



# What do you expect to learn?

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- And why?

# What you will learn in 50.017

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- Fundamentals of computer graphics algorithms
  - Will give a pretty good idea of how to implement lots of the things just shown
- We will concentrate on 3D, not 2D illustration or image processing
- Basics of real-time rendering
  - Basic OpenGL
    - Not the focus, though: Means, not the end.
- You will get extensive C/C++ programming experience
- A little bit Unity (C#) and WebGL

# What you will NOT learn in 50.017

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- Software packages
  - CAD-CAM, 3D Studio MAX, Maya
  - Photoshop and other painting tools
- Graphics hardware
- Artistic skills
- Game design

# How much Math?

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- Lots of simple linear algebra
  - Get it right, it will help you a lot!
- Some more advanced concepts
  - Homogeneous coordinates
  - Ordinary differential equations (ODEs) and their numerical solution
  - Sampling, antialiasing (some gentle Fourier analysis)
- Always in a concrete and visual context

# Beyond computer graphics

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- Many of the mathematical and algorithmic tools are useful in other engineering and scientific context
- Linear algebra
- Splines
- Differential equations
- Monte-Carlo integration
- Machine Learning, Optimization...

# Questions?

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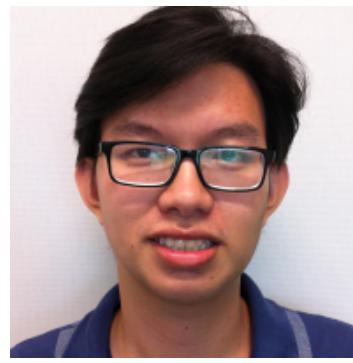
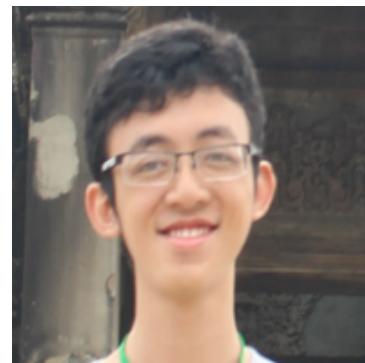
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# Team

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- Instructor
  - Sai-Kit Yeung
- Teaching Assistant
  - Zhipeng Mo
  - Benjamin Kang
  - Quang-Hieu Pham
  - Minh-Khoi Tran
  - Zheng Hui Er
  - Charmaine Wee



# Administrivia: Website, Staff Email

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- Course website
  - <http://people.sutd.edu.sg/~saikit/courses/50.017/>
  - Announcements
  - Slides (posted soon after each lecture)
  - Assignments, both instructions and turn-in
- Email
  - [saikit@sutd.edu.sg](mailto:saikit@sutd.edu.sg)
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  - [Charmaine Wee \(charmaine\\_wee@sutd.edu.sg\)](mailto:Charmaine Wee (charmaine_wee@sutd.edu.sg))
  - Preferred method of communication

# Administrivia: Grading Policy

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- Assignments: 42%
  - 1 one-week programming assignments
  - 5 two-week programming assignments
  - Must be completed individually
- Labs: 10%
  - Assignment, project discussions
  - 4 lab sessions on Unity, 1 lab session on WebGL
- Final project: 15%
  - Project proposal: 2%, due on Mar 24<sup>th</sup> (Friday)
  - Project presentations and report: 13%
    - Presentations on Apr 17<sup>th</sup>,
    - Report due on Apr 27<sup>th</sup>
- Quizzes: 8%
  - Beginning of the class (highest 8), edimension
- Midterm Exam: 10%
  - Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, 9am-1030am
- Final Exam: 15%
  - Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Thur, 9am-11am
  - Absent in final exam – straight F. Medical reason needs to support with proof.
  - Make up exam will be in oral format.

# Administrivia: Prerequisites

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- Not strictly enforced
- All assignments are in C/C++
  - Optional review/introductory session on Wed 5pm
- Calculus, Linear Algebra
  - Solving equations, derivatives, integral
  - vectors, matrices, basis, solving systems of equations

# Administrivia: Labs

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- Mainly conducted by TA and my RA
- Time: 830am Tuesday (not every week..)
- Mid-semester – 10%
  - 4 Sessions on Unity
  - 1 Session on WebGL

# Administrivia: Assignments

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- Turn in code and executable to edimension
- Always turn in a README file
  - Describe problems, explain partially-working code  
Say how long the assignment took
- Coding style is important
  - Some assignments are cumulative
- Collaboration policy:
  - You can chat, but code on your own
  - Acknowledge your collaboration! (in readme file)
- Late policy:
  - Due @ 11:55pm
  - They may be submitted late by no more than 24 hours, weekend and holiday counted. The penalty for late submission is 20% of the score
  - Medical problems must be documented

# Collaboration policy

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- Student Conduct:
  - [Important] Students are required to adhere to the University Policy on Academic Standards and Cheating, to the University Statement on Plagiarism and the Documentation of Written Work, and to the Code of Student Conduct.
  - [Important] Also note that posting projects or solutions on public websites requesting or offering to pay for outside assistance is strictly prohibited. It is also not allowed to publicly post your solutions, even this is for free, as it allows other students to copy them and hence results in plagiarism. These are all serious academic dishonesty. Students (whether past or current students) involved in these activities will be identified and sanctioned with no exception.
  - [Important] If Plagiarism is confirmed, straight F will be given to the final grade. Academic warning will be given with potential academic probation for repeated cases.

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(we use automated plagiarism detection software!)
- Acknowledge your collaboration (in README)
- Talk to each other, get a community going
  - Graphics is fun!

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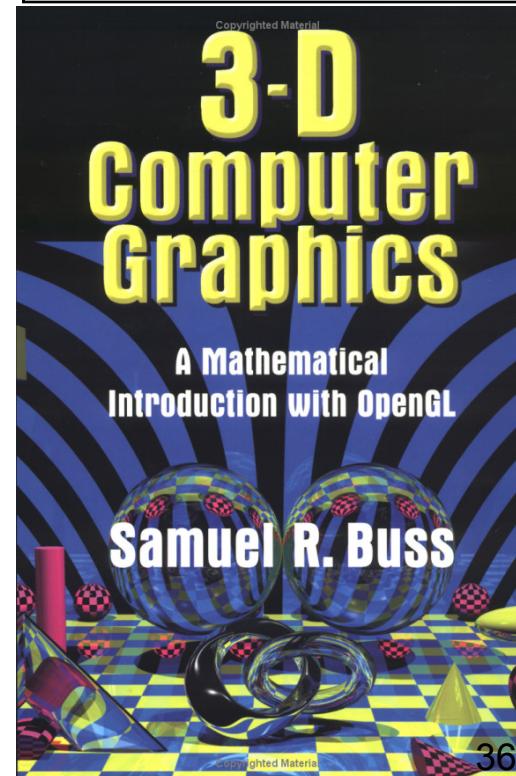
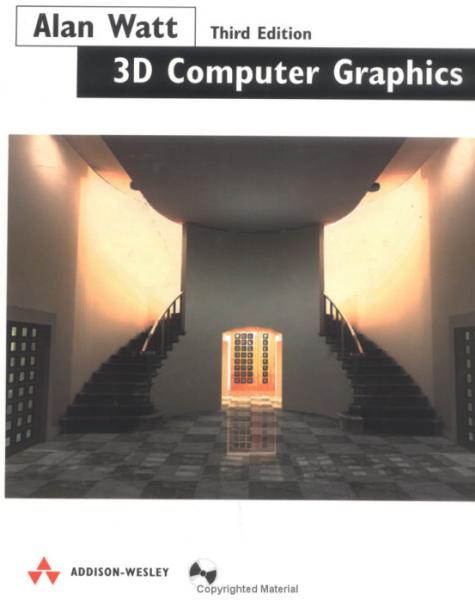
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- The assignments are a lot of work. Really.
  - Start early!

# Textbooks

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- No textbook is required
  - Notes will be self-contained
- Recommendations
  - Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice (3rd Edition) (Hughes, Dam, McGuire, Sklar, Foley, Feiner, Akeley)
  - 3D Computer Graphics (Watt)
  - 3D Computer Graphics: A Mathematical Introduction with OpenGL (Buss)
  - Real-Time Rendering, 3rd ed. (Akenine-Möller, Haines, Hoffman)
  - Fundamentals of Computer Graphics, 3rd ed. (Shirley, Marschner)



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Remedy Entertainment / Microsoft Games Studios

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Semester

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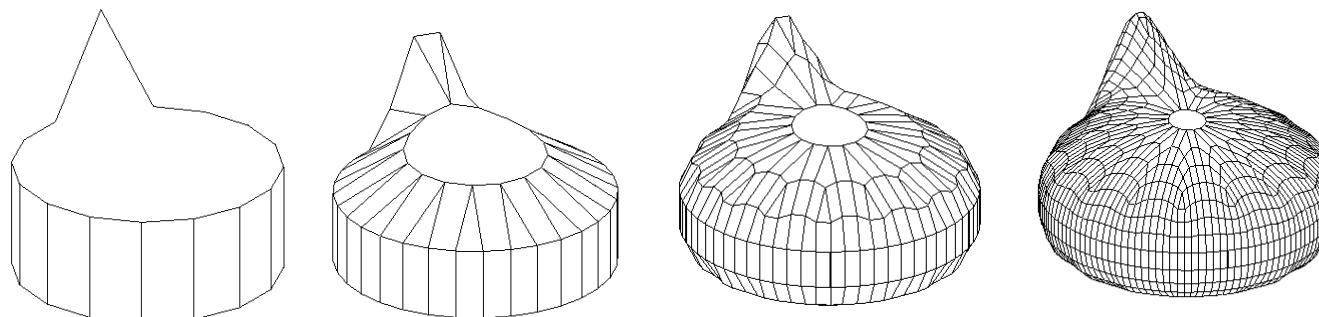
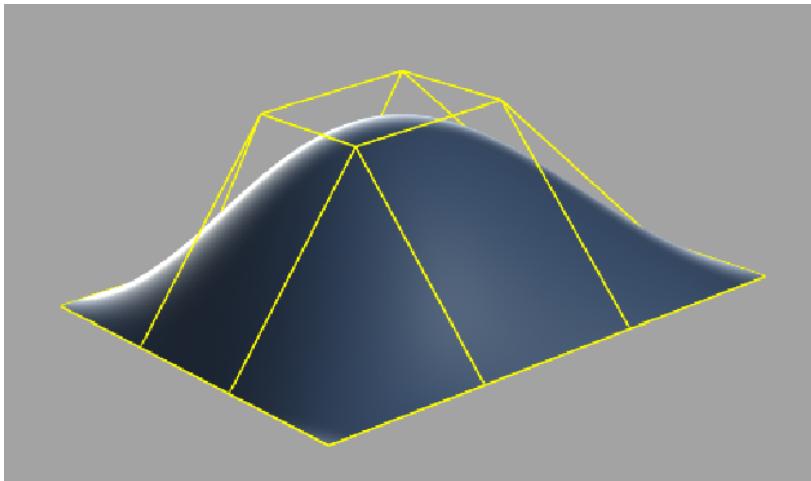
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- Modeling, Transformations
- Animation
- Ray Casting / Ray Tracing
- Ray Tracing Acceleration, Global Illumination
- Sampling, Textures
- The Graphics Pipeline

# Modeling

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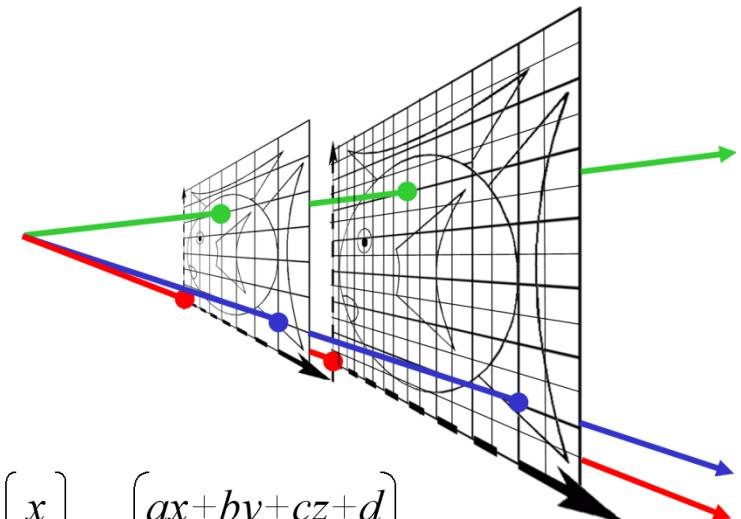
- Curves and surfaces
- Subdivision surfaces



# Transformations

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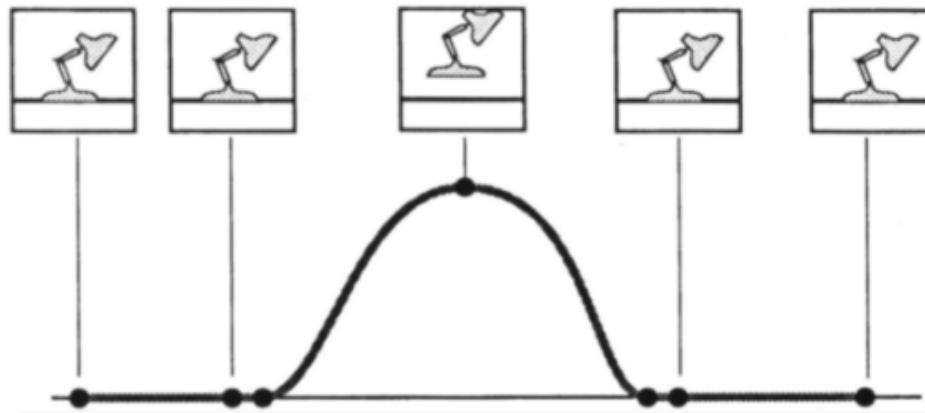
- Yep, good old linear algebra
- Homogeneous coordinates
  - (Adding dimensions to make life harder)
- Perspective



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# Animation: Keyframing

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ACM © 1987 "Principles of traditional animation applied to 3D computer animation"

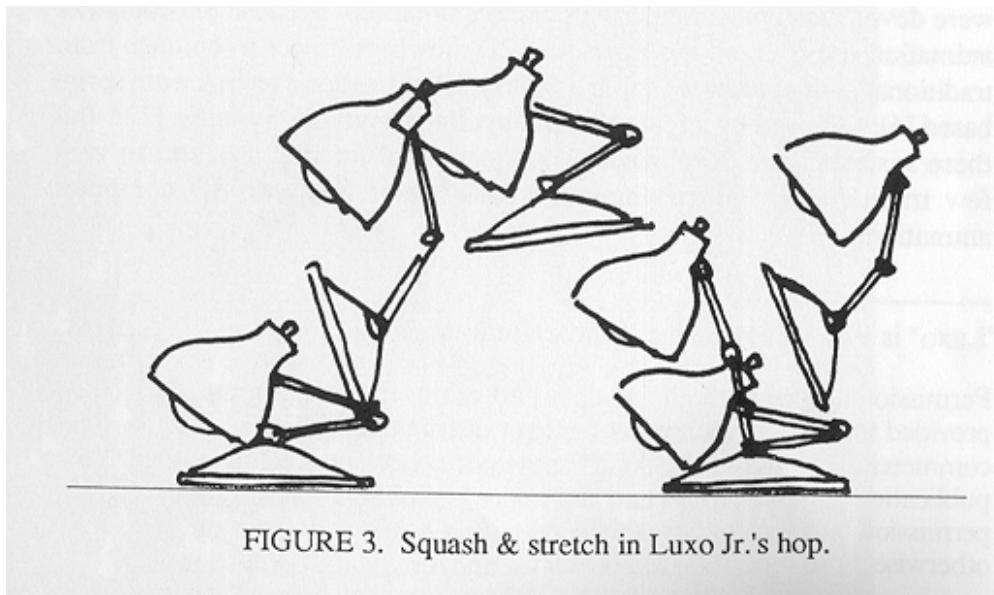
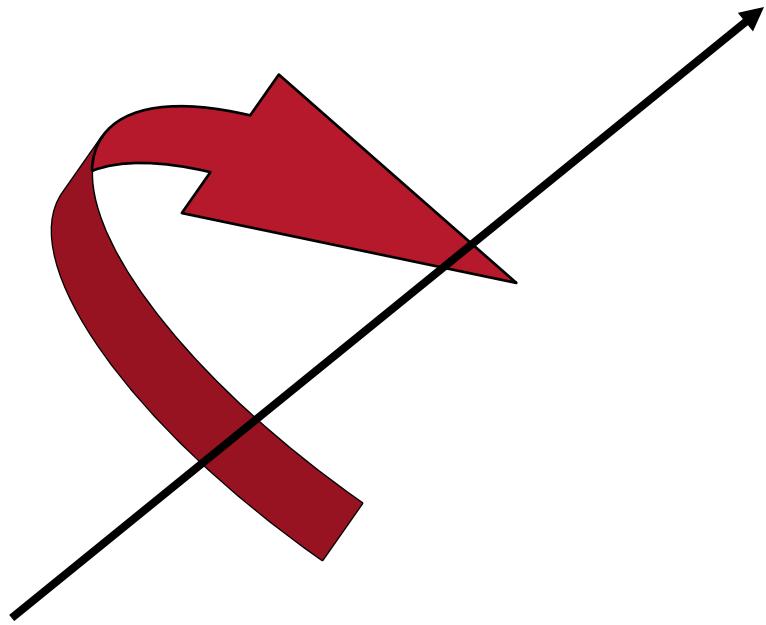


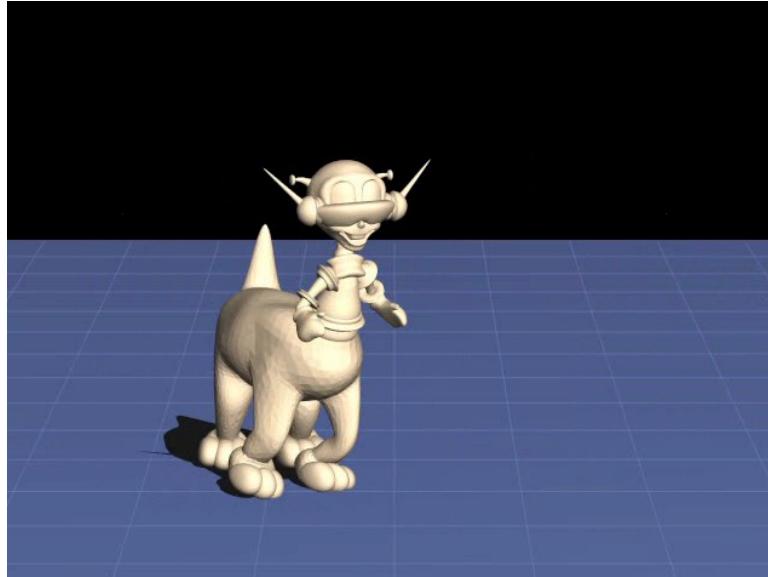
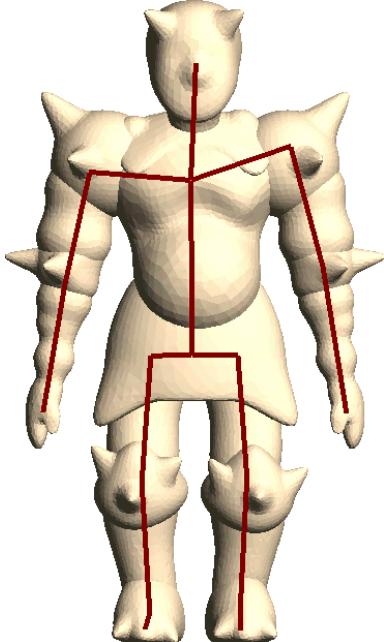
FIGURE 3. Squash & stretch in Luxo Jr.'s hop.



# Character Animation: Skinning

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- Animate simple “skeleton”
- Attach “skin” to skeleton
  - Skin deforms smoothly with skeleton
- Used everywhere (games, movies)



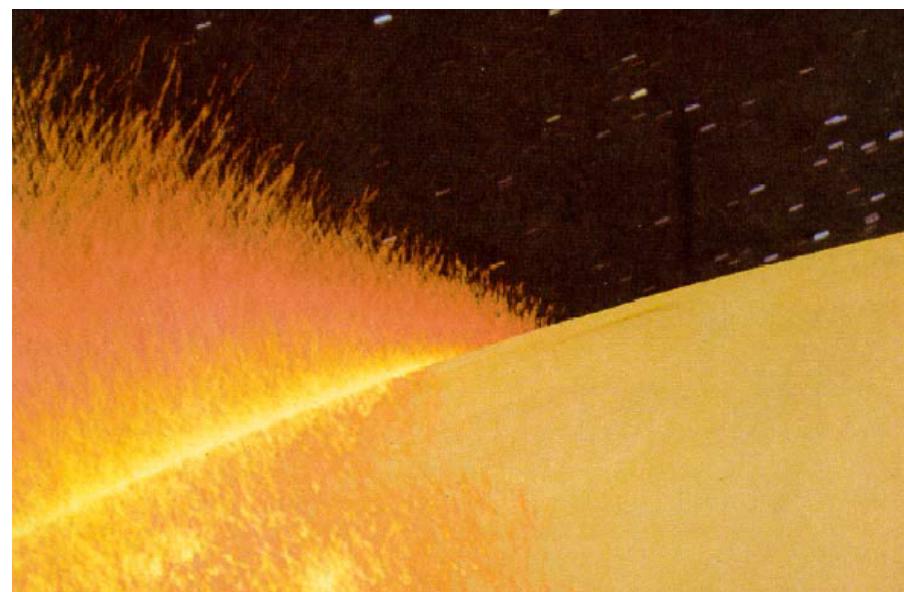
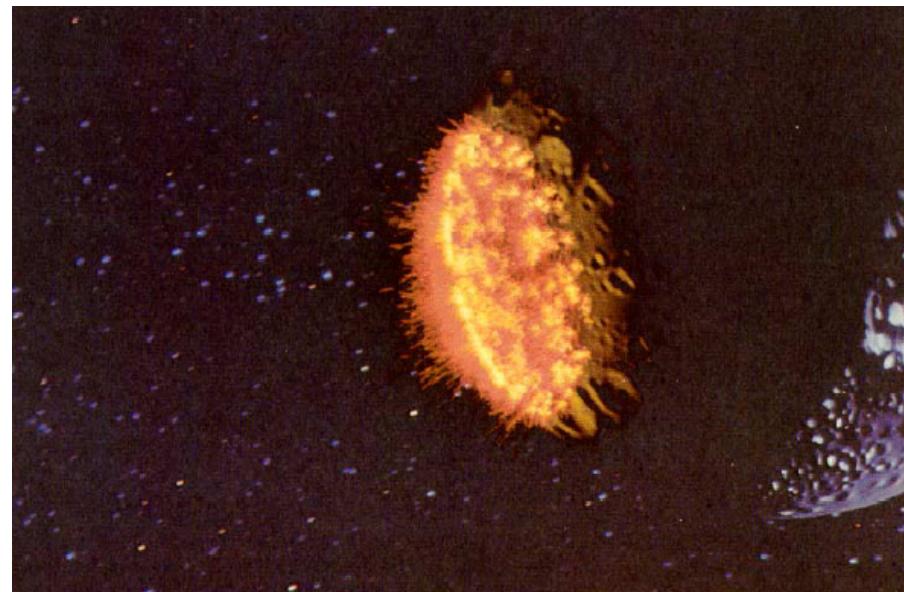
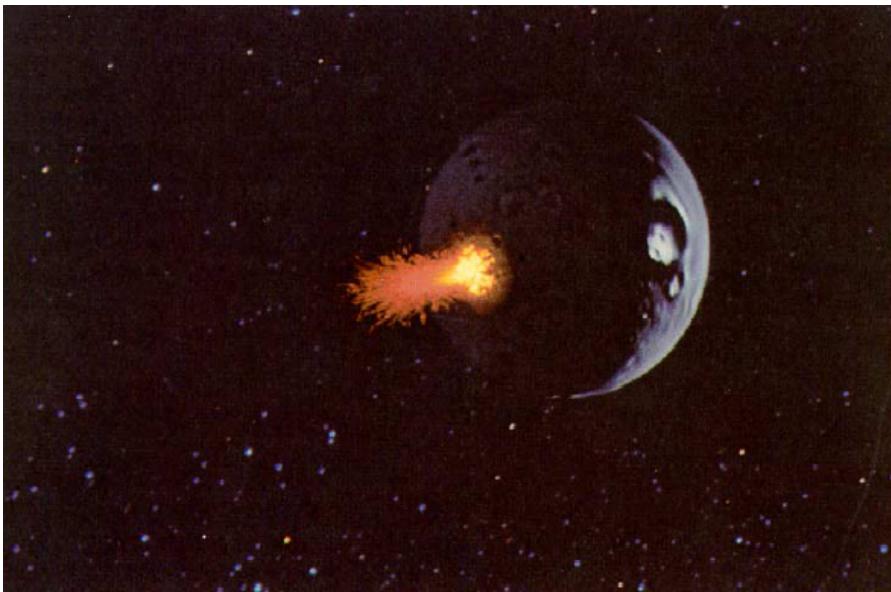
Ilya Baran



Epic Games

# Particle systems

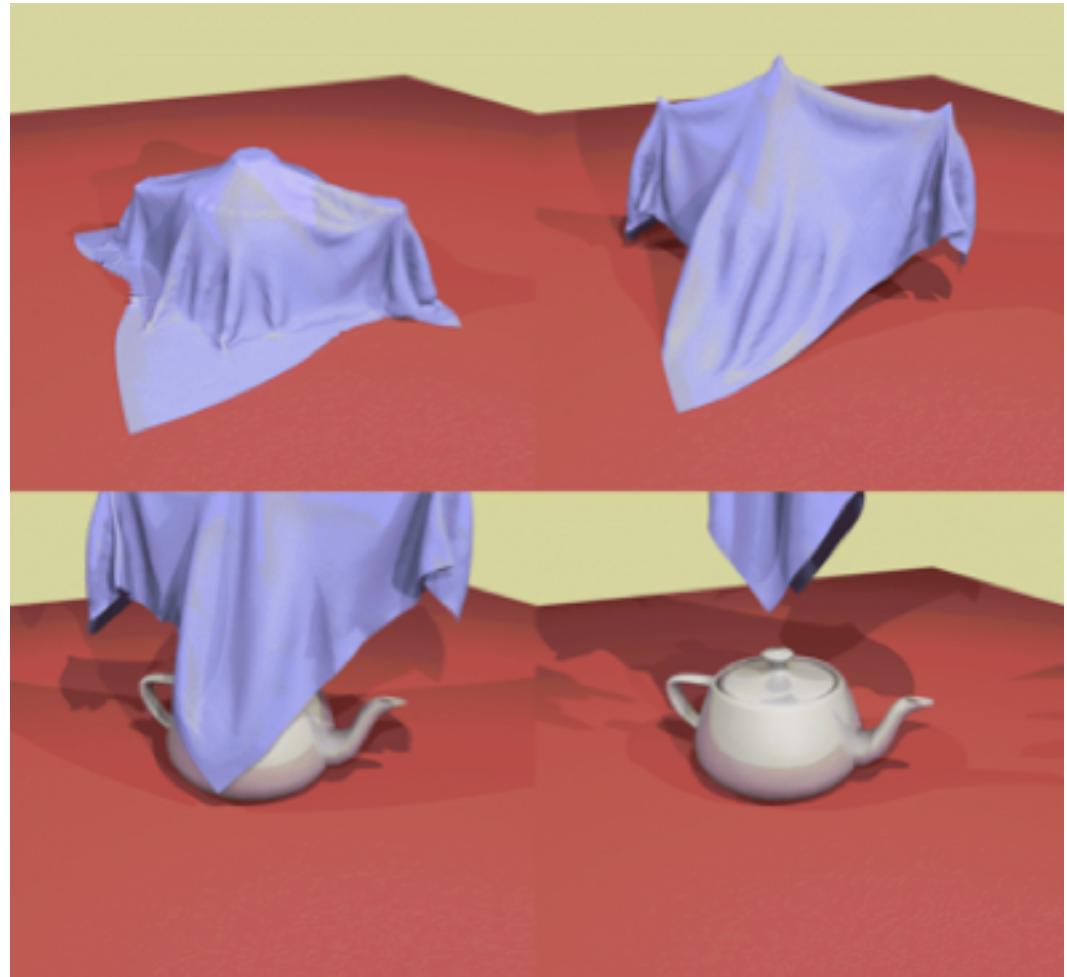
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# “Physics” (ODEs)

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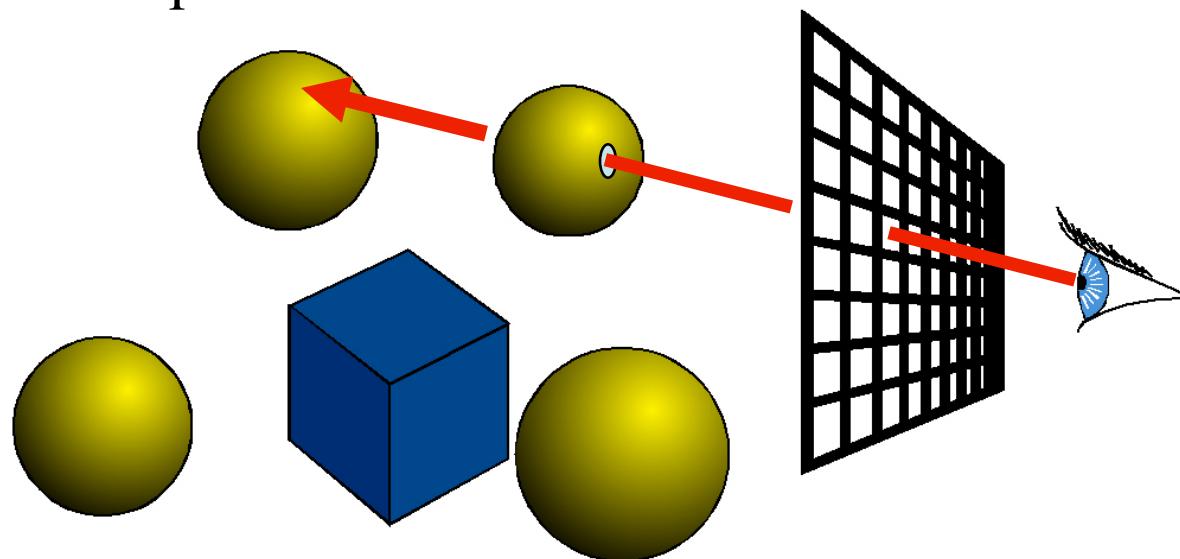
- Fire, smoke
- Cloth



# Ray Casting

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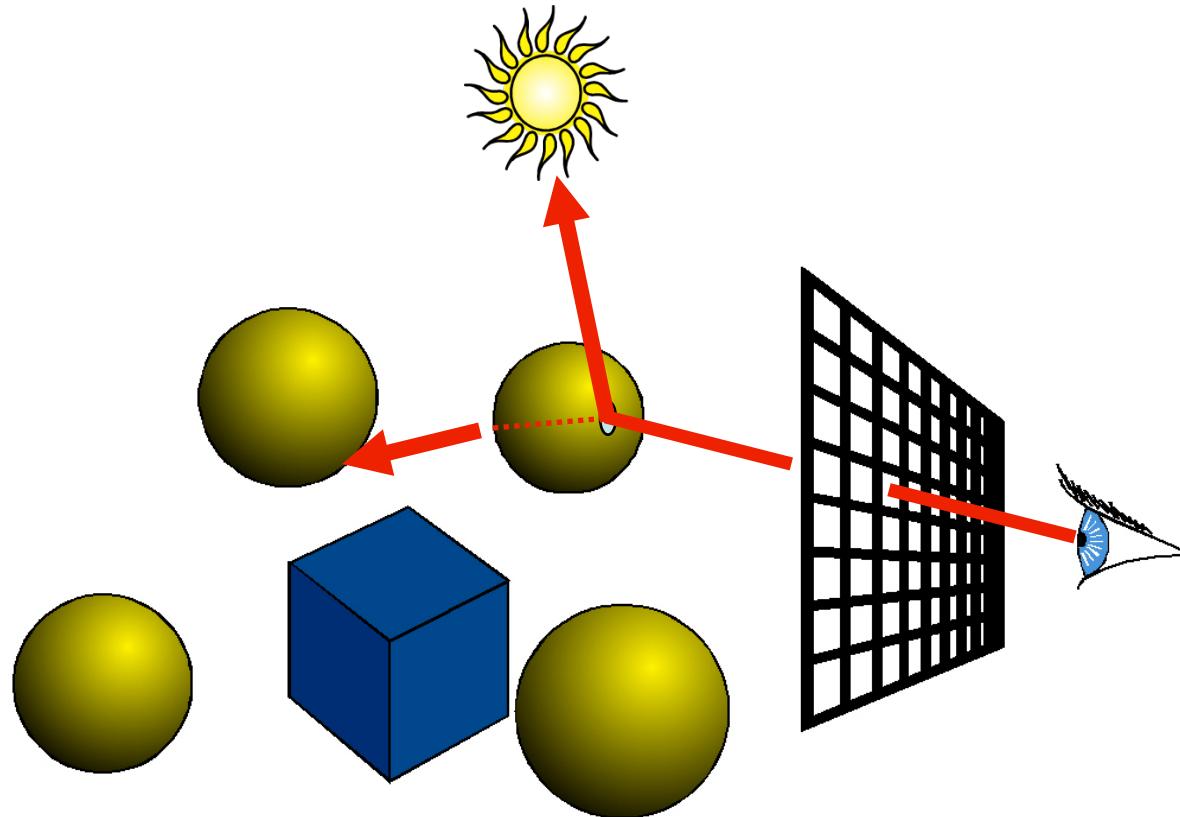
- For every pixel  
construct a ray from the eye
  - For every object in the scene
    - Find intersection with the ray
    - Keep if closest



# Ray Tracing

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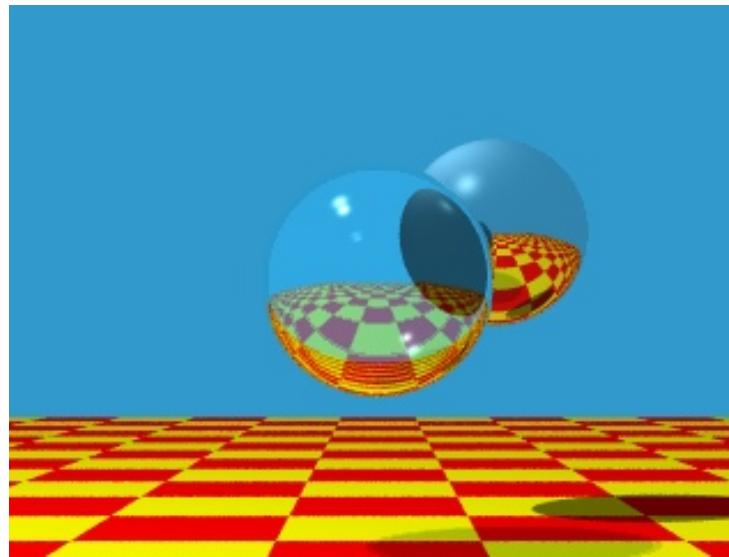
- Shade (interaction of light and material)
- Secondary rays (shadows, reflection, refraction)



# Ray Tracing

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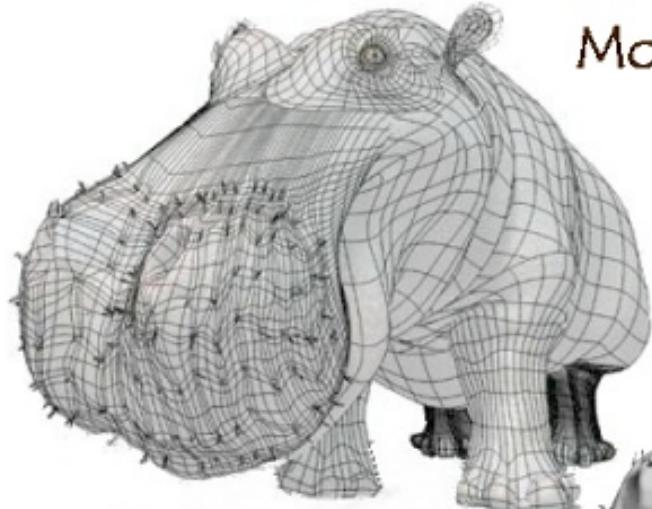
- Original Ray-traced image by Whitted
- Image computed using the Dali ray tracer by Henrik Wann Jensen
- Environment map by Paul Debevec



HENRIK WANN JENSEN - 2008

# Textures and Shading

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Model

Model + Shading



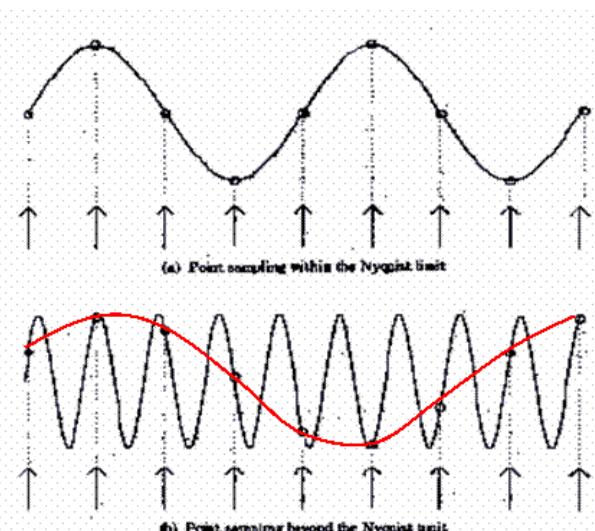
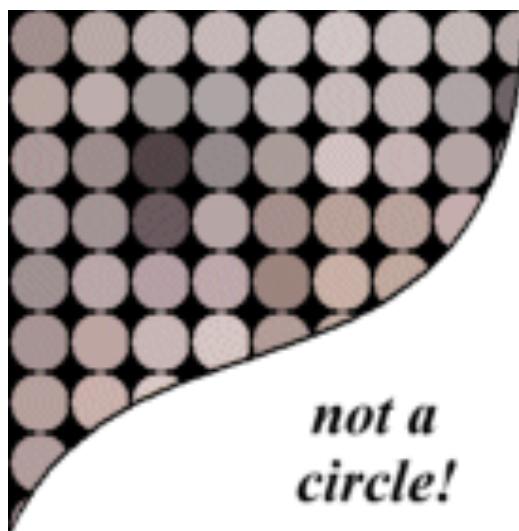
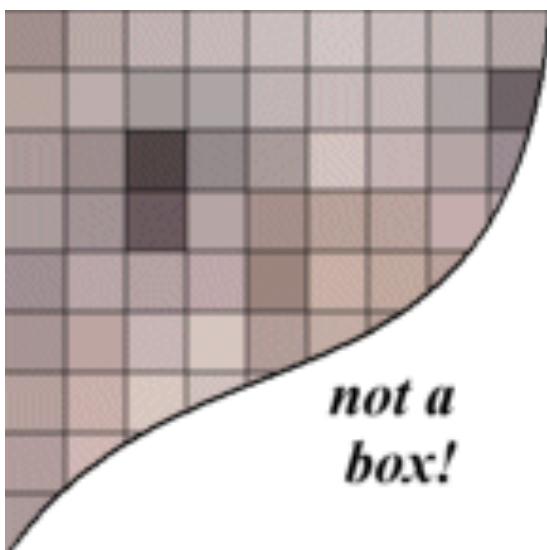
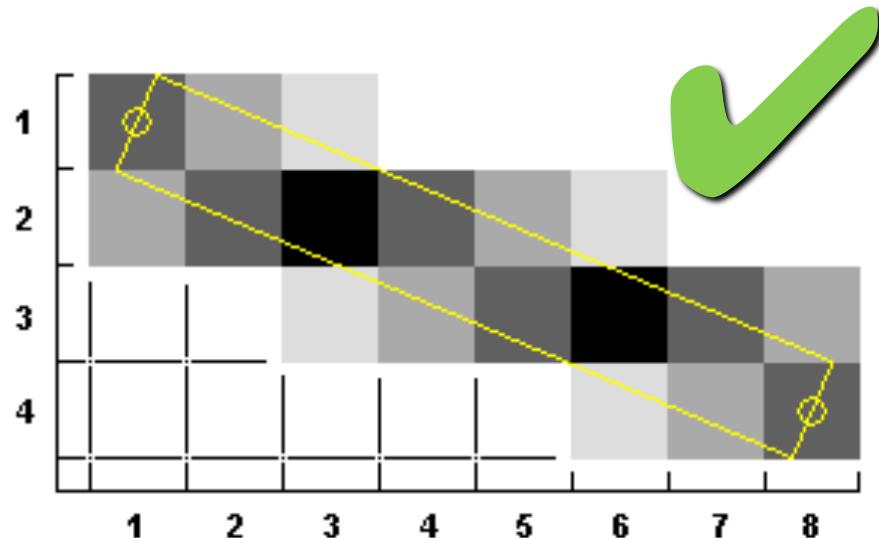
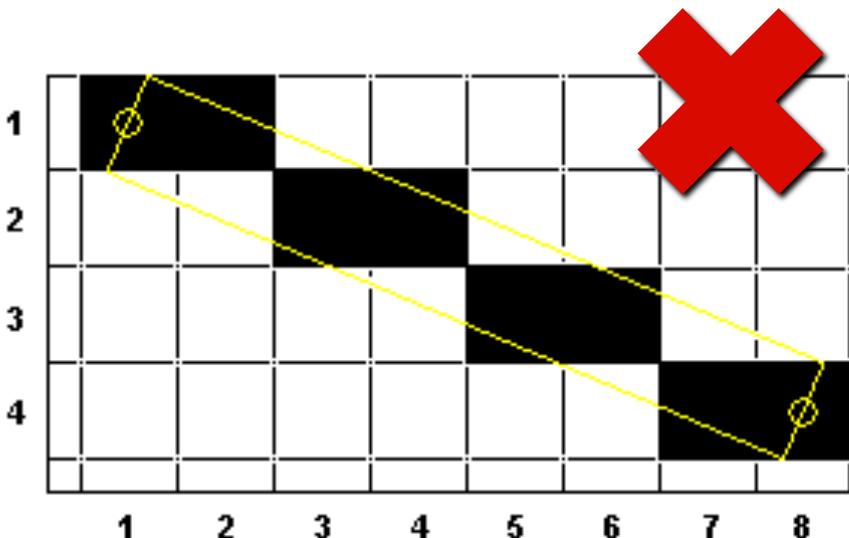
Model + Shading  
+ Textures

At what point  
do things start  
looking real?



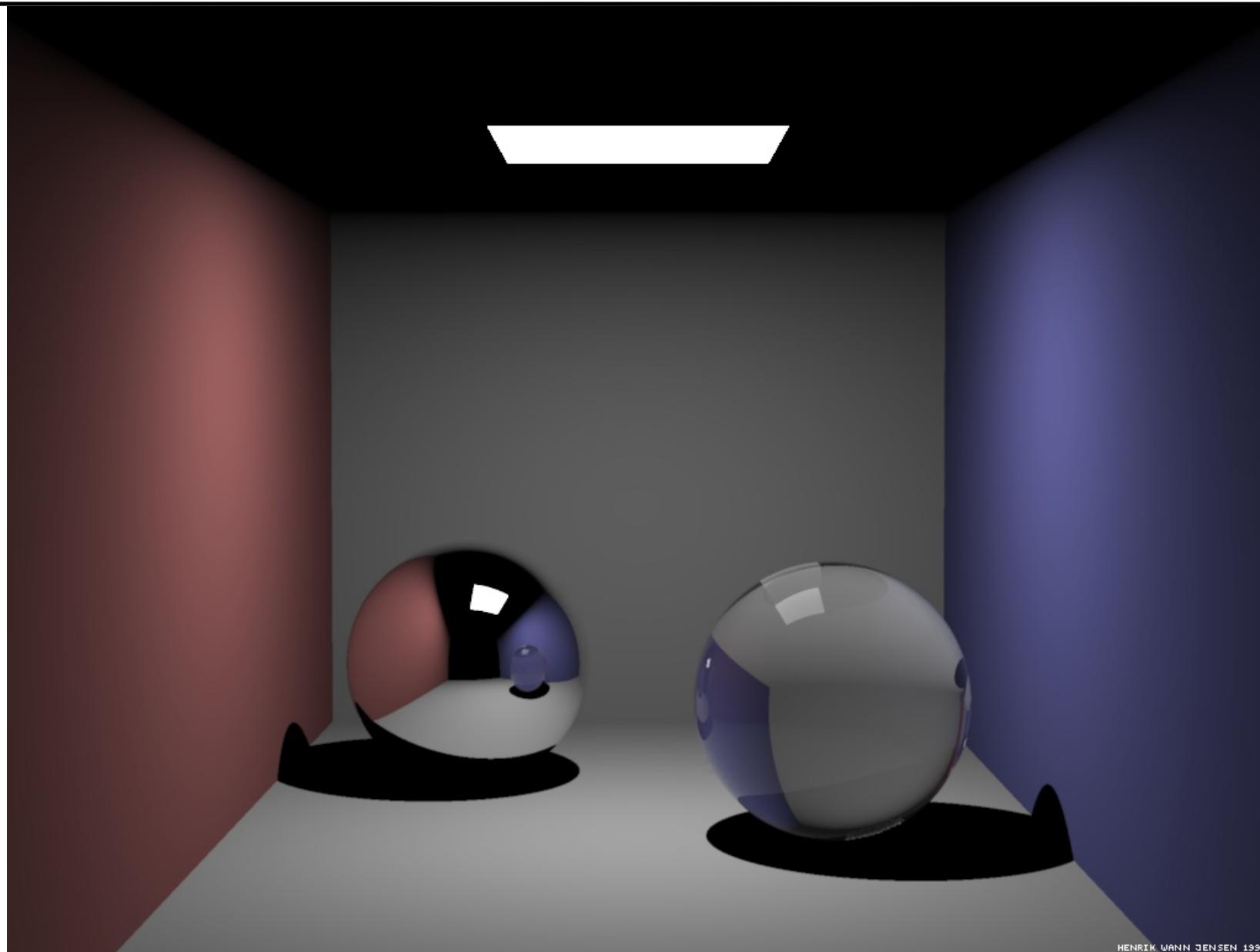
For more info on the computer artwork of Jeremy Birn  
see <http://www.3drender.com/jbirn/productions.html>

# Sampling & Antialiasing



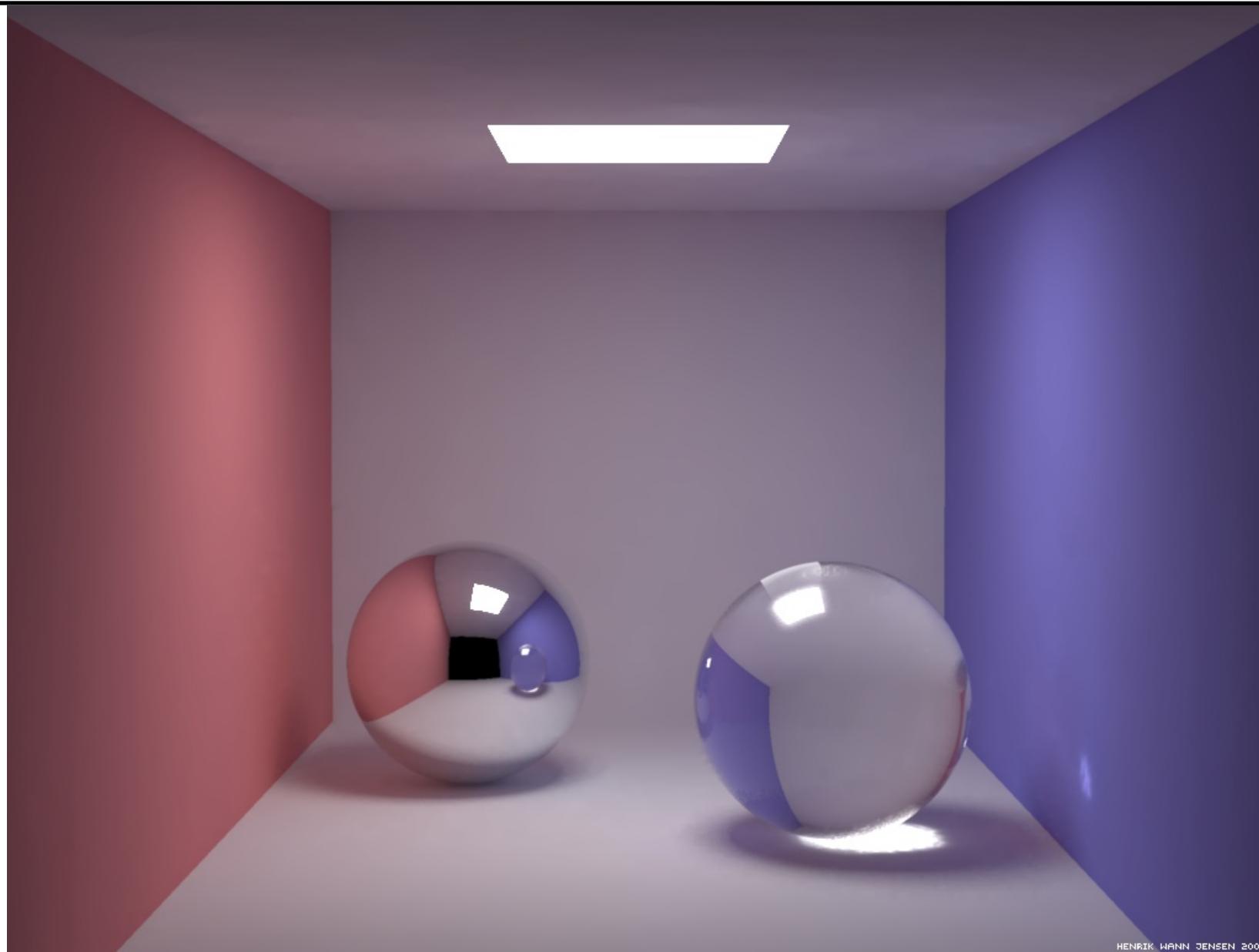
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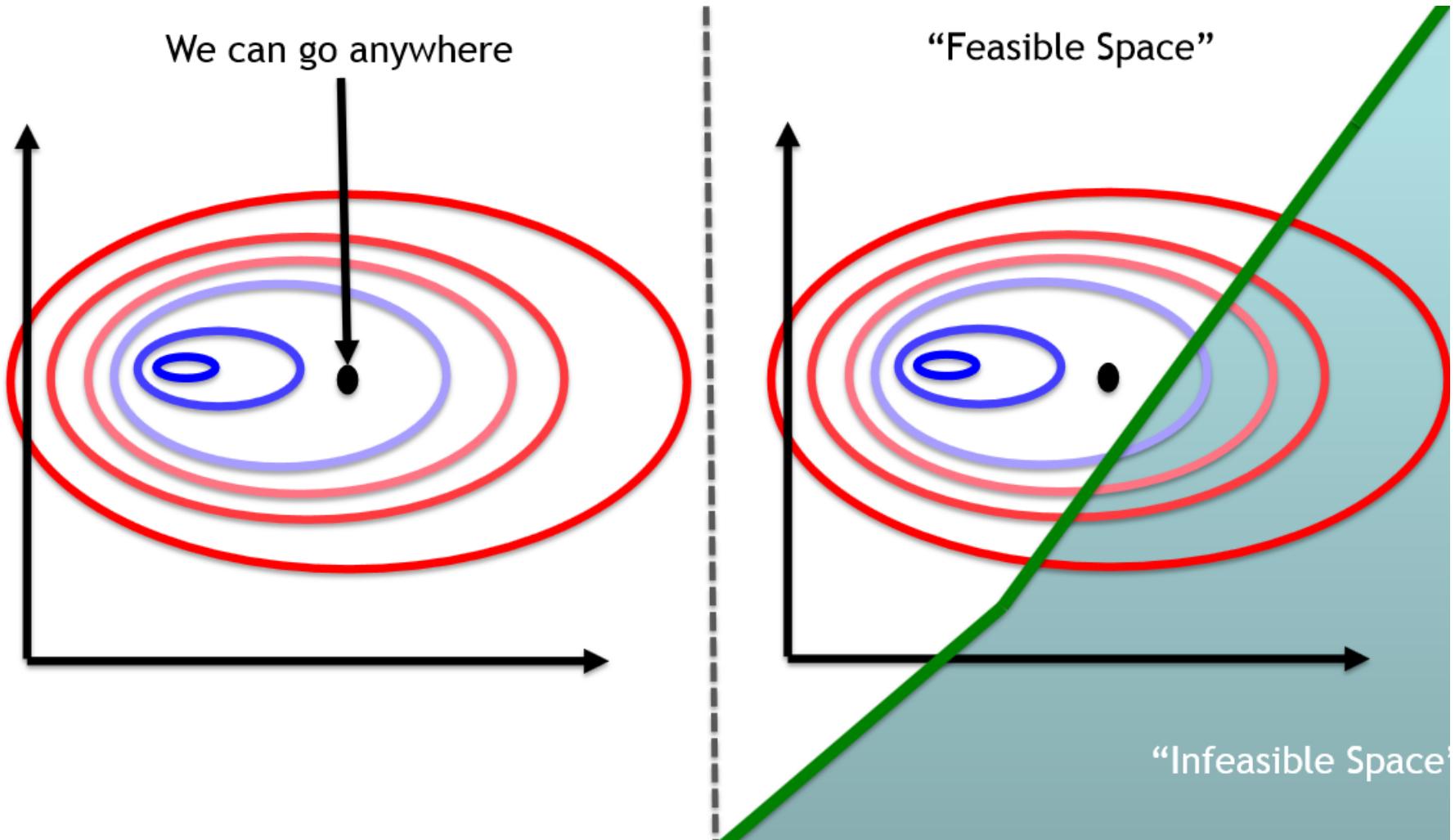


# Global Illumination

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# Machine Learning and Optimization



# The Graphics Pipeline

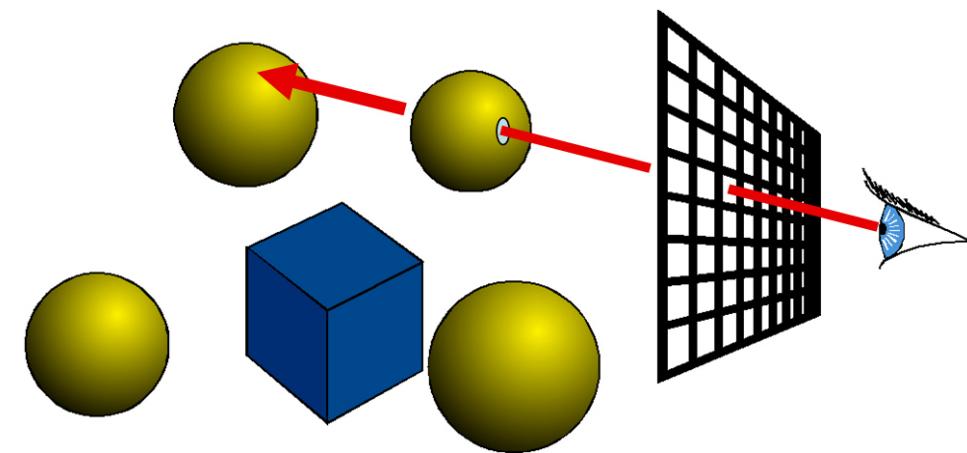
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## Ray Casting

For each pixel

For each object

Send pixels to scene

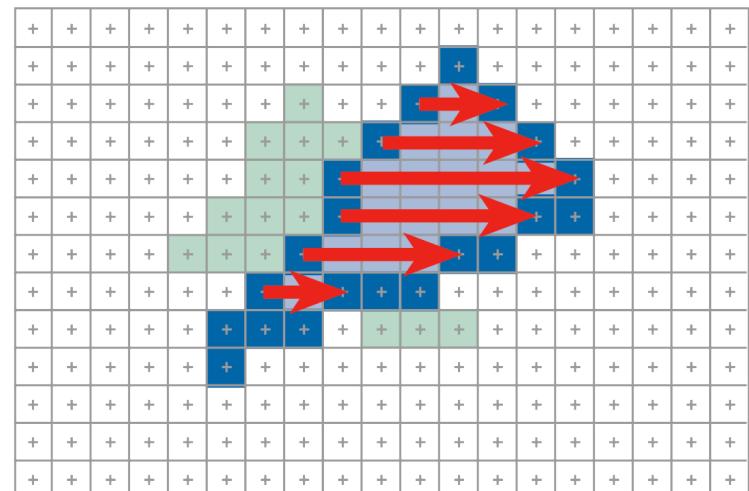


## Rendering Pipeline

For each triangle

For each projected pixel

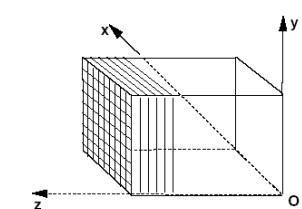
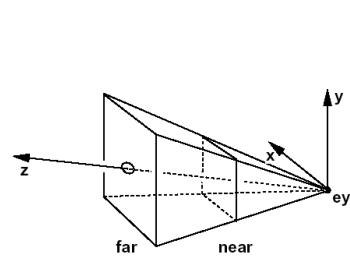
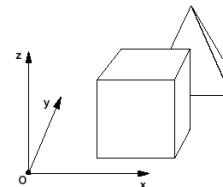
Project scene to pixels



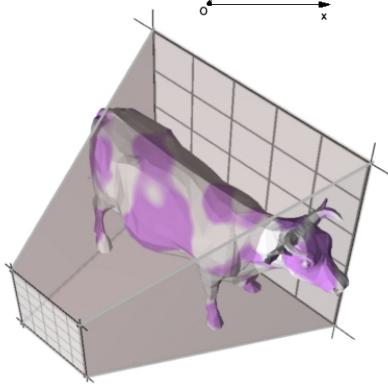
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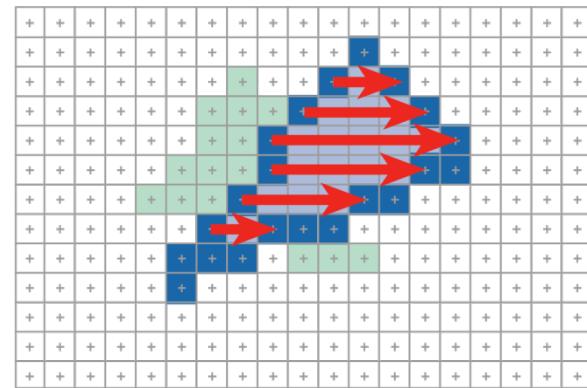
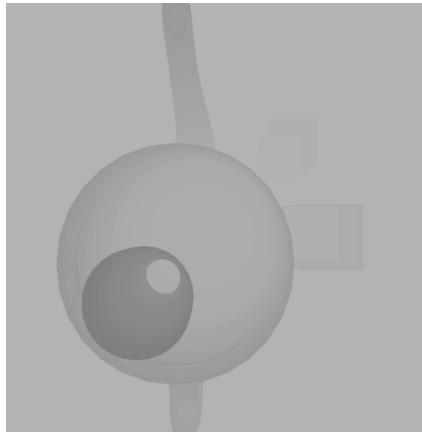
- Transformations



- Clipping

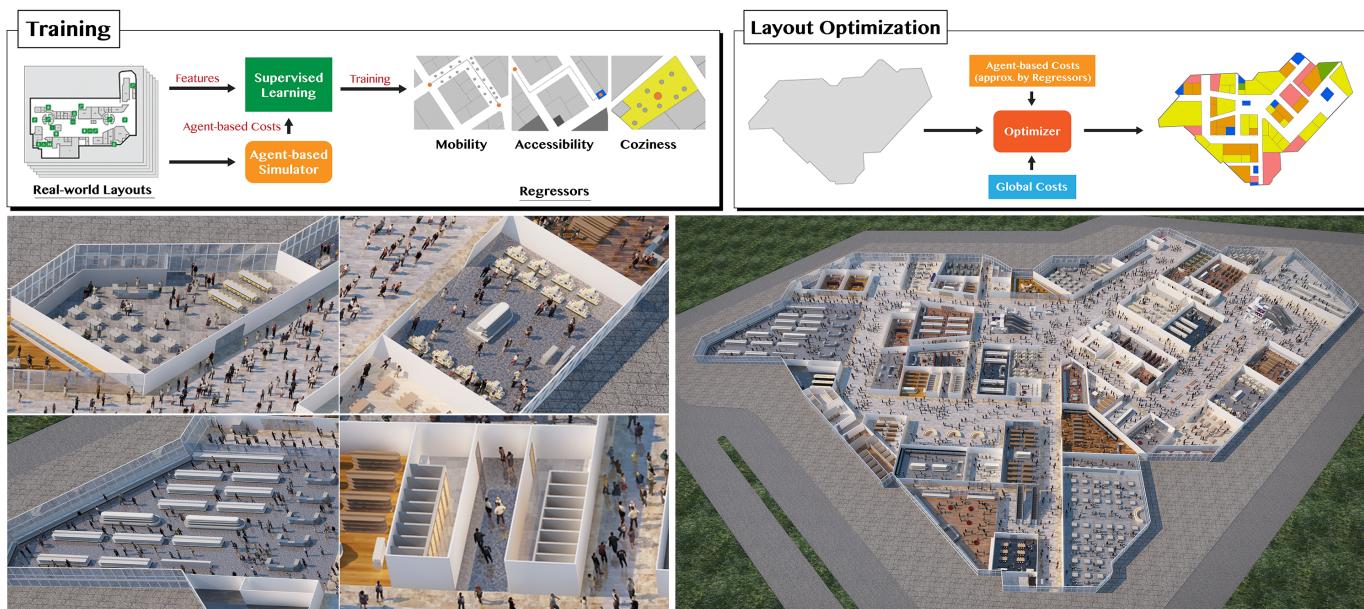
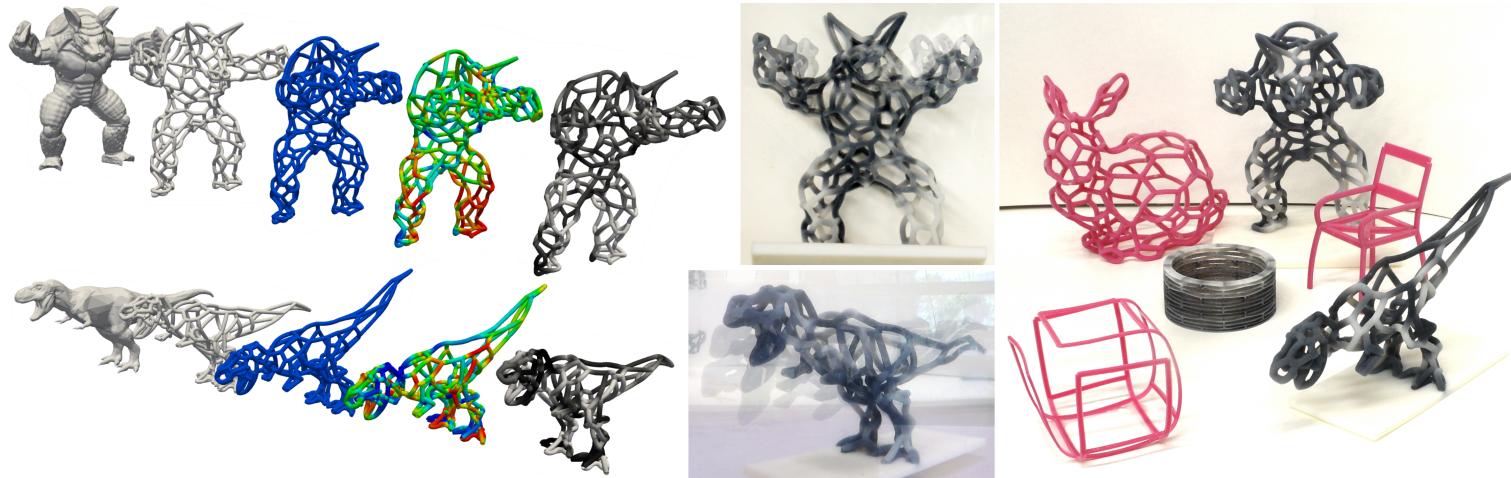


- Rasterization



- Visibility

# Latest Graphics Research



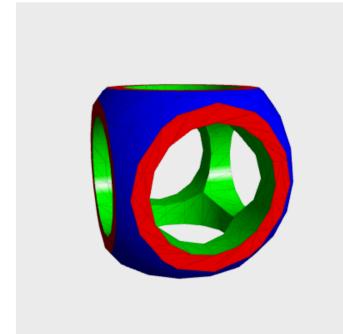
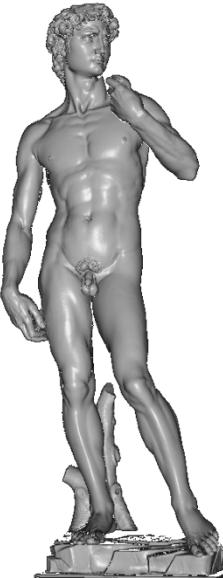
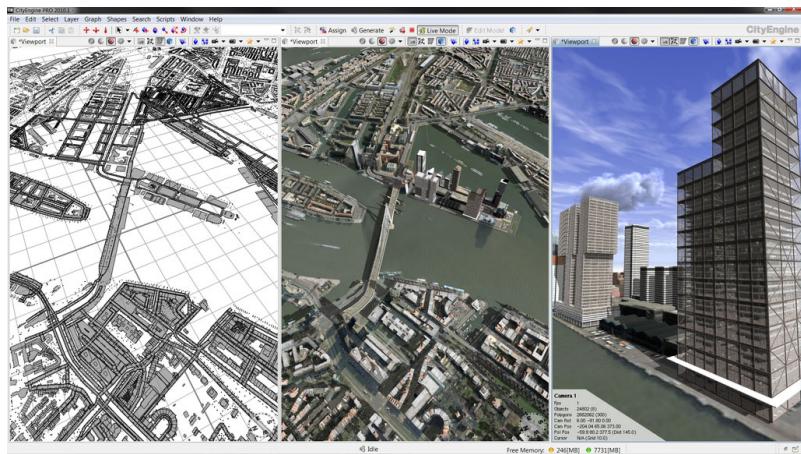
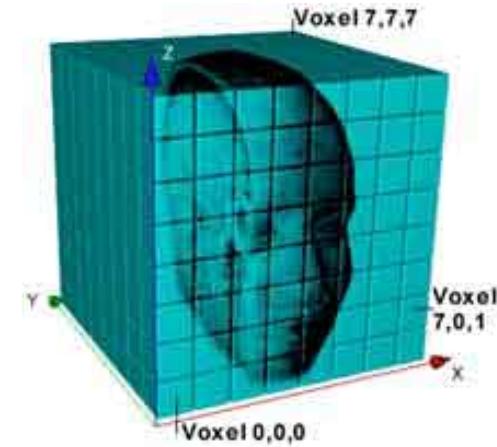
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# Advanced Modeling

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- Computational Fabrication (TAE) – Term 8
  - Solid Modeling
  - Constructive Solid Modeling (CSG)
  - Procedural Modeling
  - 3D Scanning
  - Simulation



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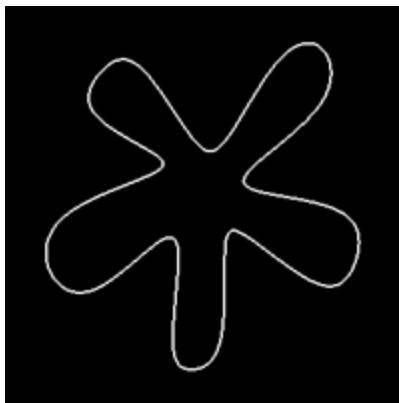
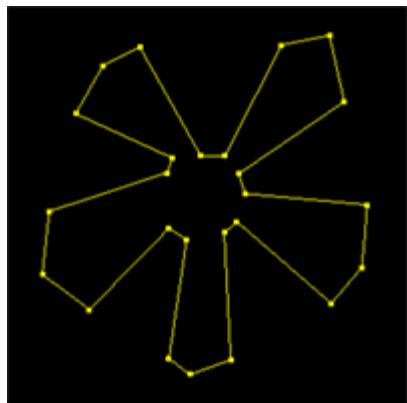
# Assignments

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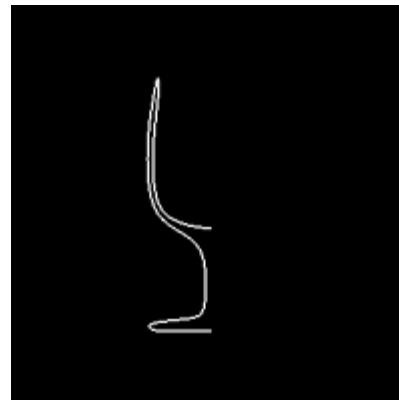
- 0: Warm up (mesh display with OpenGL)
- 1: Curves & surfaces
- 2: Hierarchical modeling, skinning
- 3: Physically-based simulation
- 4: Ray casting
- 5: Ray tracing

# Assignment 1: curves & surfaces

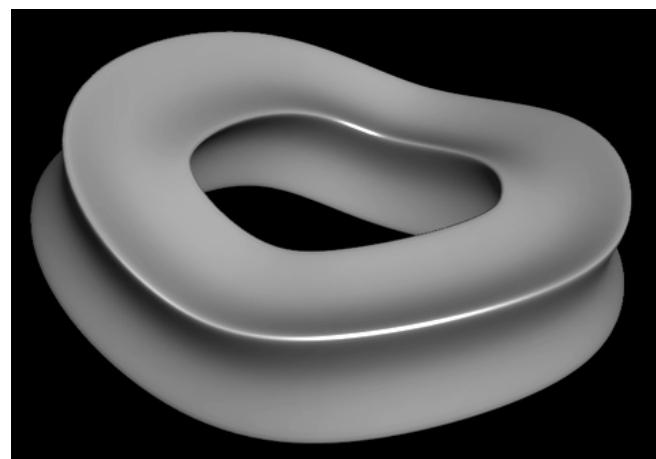
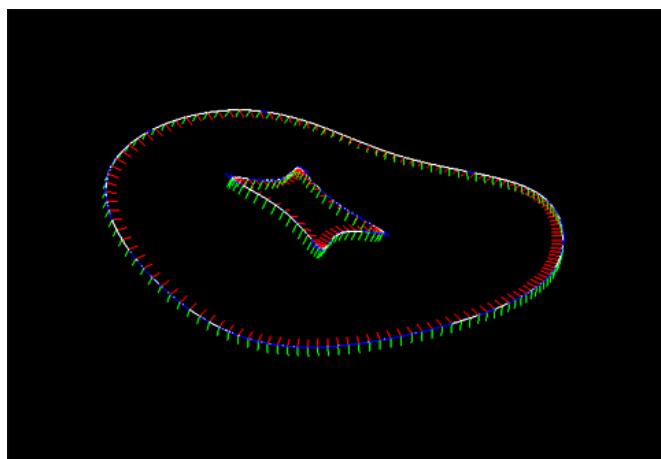
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Bezier curves



Surfaces of revolution

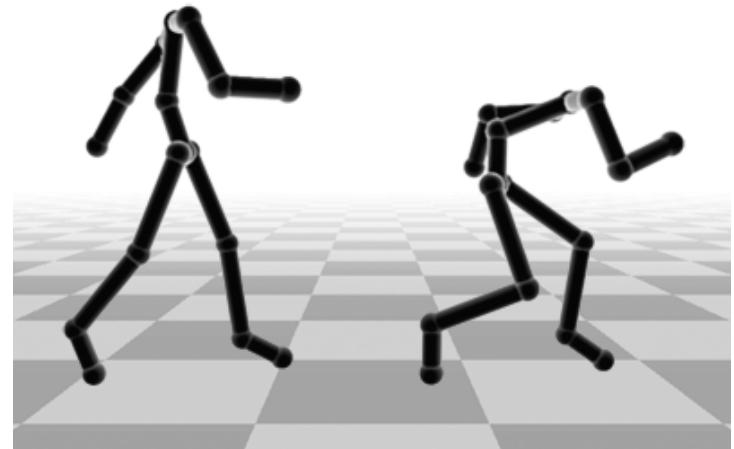
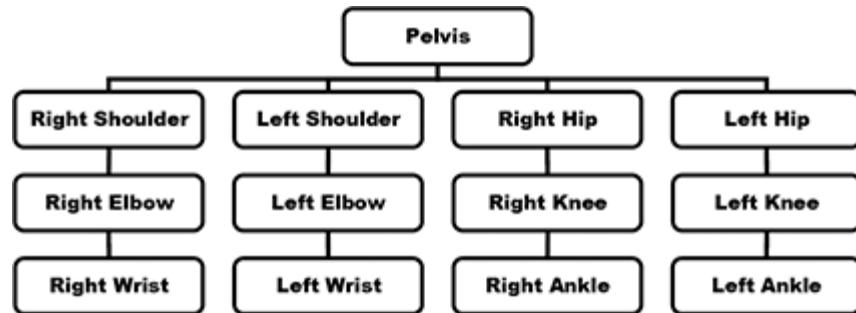


Sweep surfaces

# Assignment 2: hierarchical modeling

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- Animate character skeleton as tree of transformations



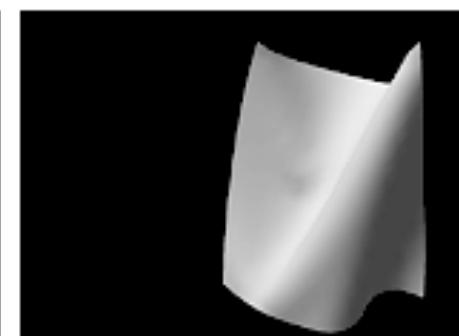
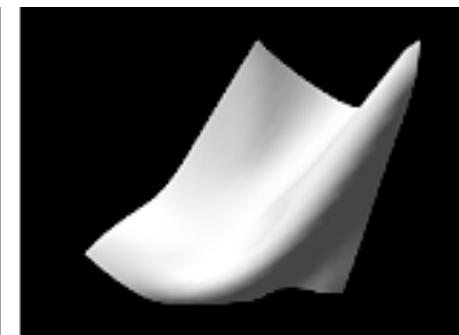
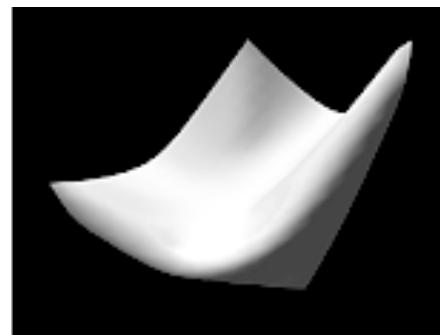
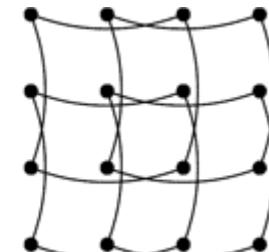
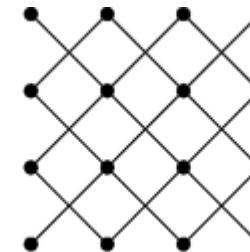
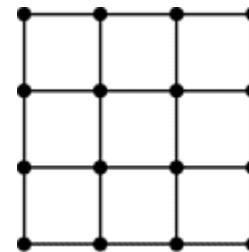
- Skinning: smooth surface deformation



# Assignment 3: physics

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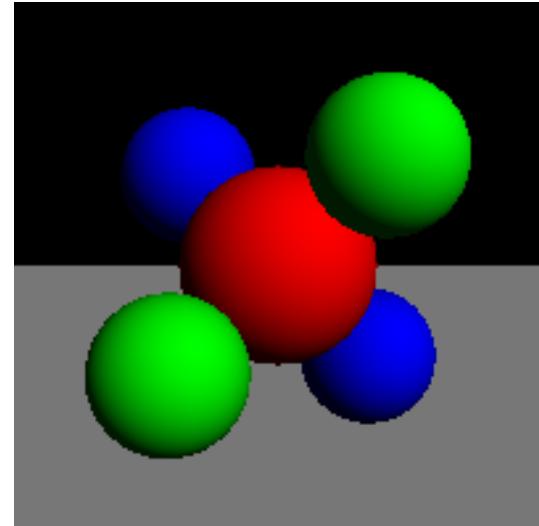
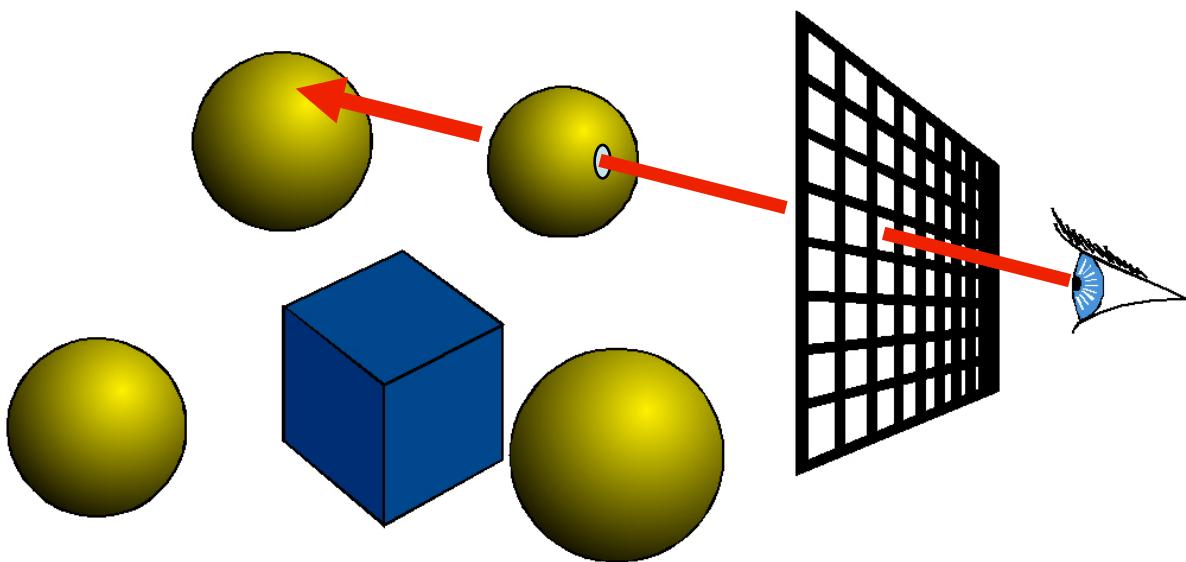
- Simulate cloth as a mass-spring network
  - ODE integration



# Assignment 4: ray casting

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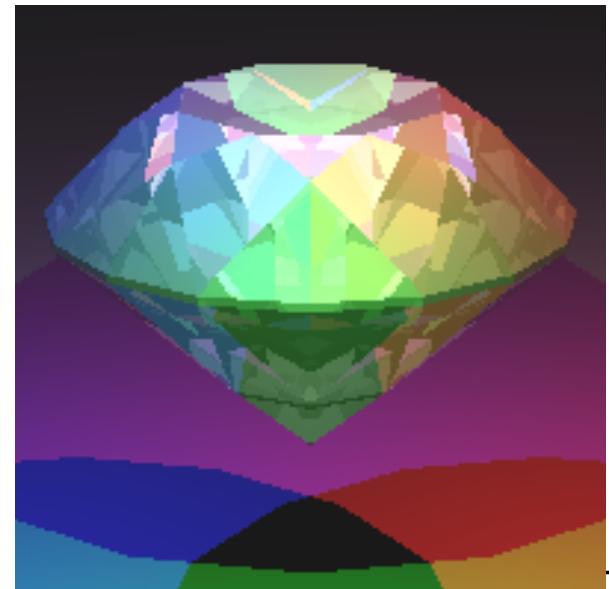
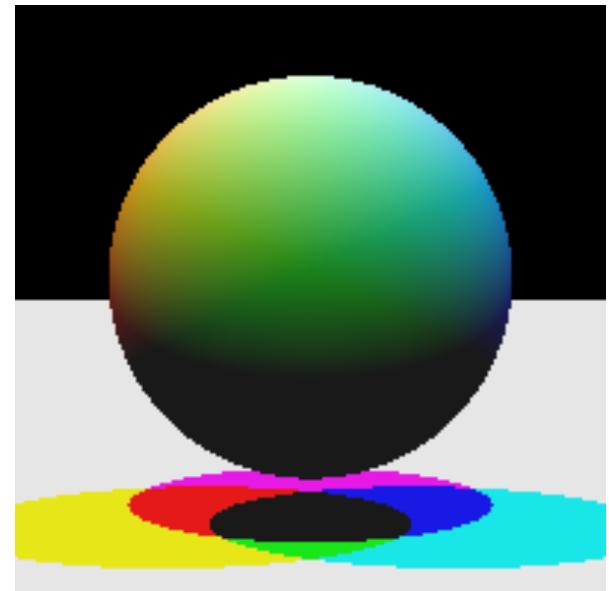
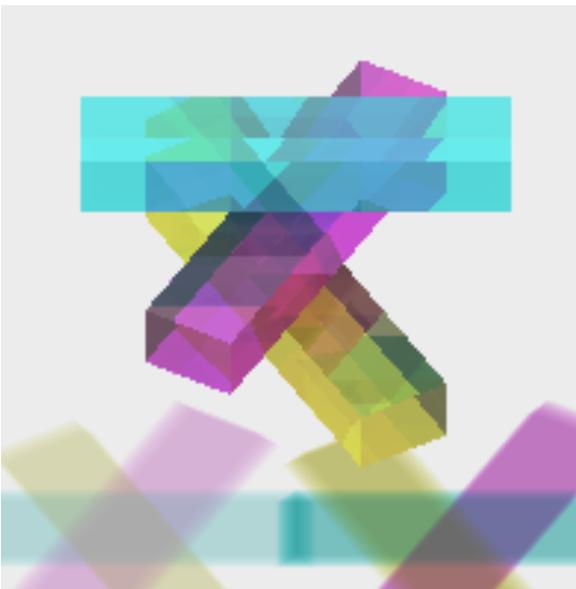
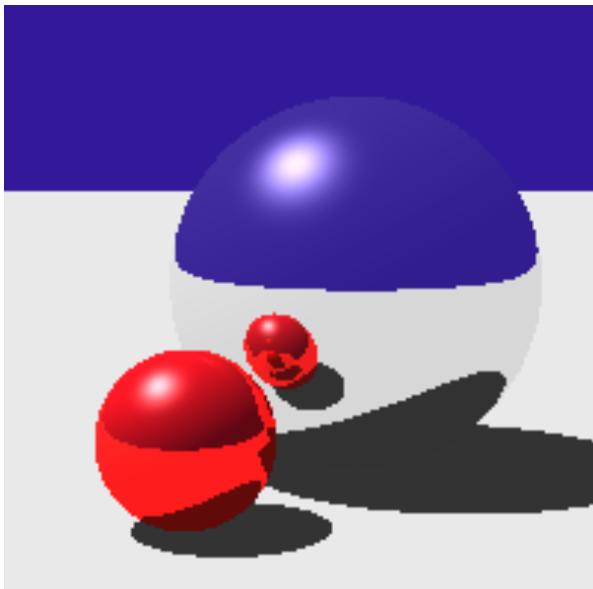
- Cast rays from the viewpoint
- Intersect with scene primitives



# Assignment 5: ray tracing

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- Shadows, reflection, refraction
- + flexible extension



# Final Projects

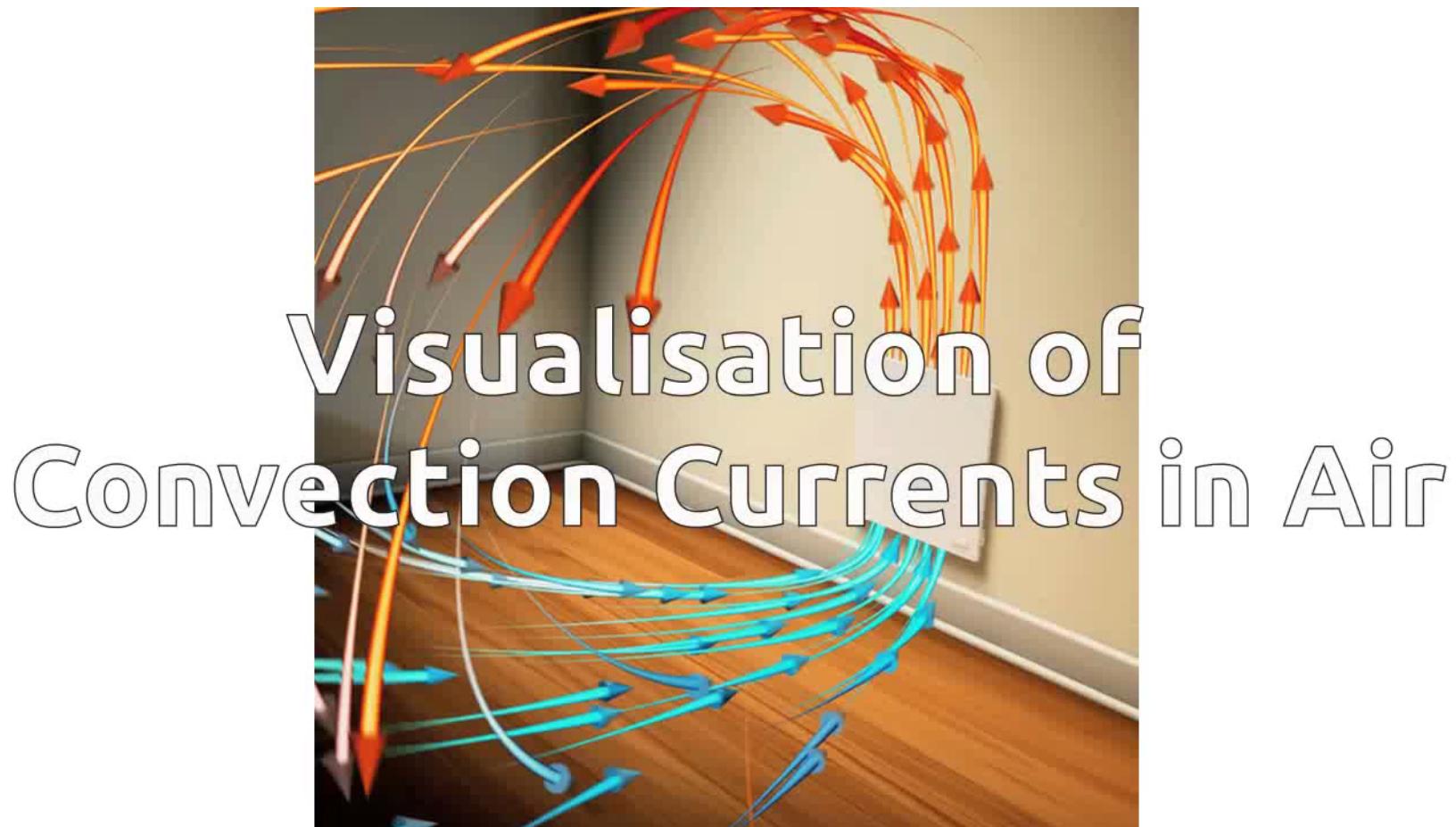
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- Project proposals due on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>
- Presentation on Apr 17<sup>th</sup>
- Final report due on Apr 27th
- Scope
  - Built from scratch **OR**
  - A significant extension of one of the assignments
- Done in group
- Any platform (e.g., mobile, web, etc.)
- Projects judged by all the instructor and TA

# Final Projects

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- Term 7, 2015
  - Student voted 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up



# Final Projects

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- Term 7, 2015
  - Student voted 1<sup>st</sup> runner up

## Particle Morphing Interactive Musical Instruments

50.017: Graphics Visualisation Final Project  
By Sunardi, He Ruidan, Tan Enyi

(Best Voted Project 1st Runner-Up)

Singapore University of Technology and Design

# Final Projects

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- Term 7, 2015
  - Student voted best

Realtime Fluid Simulation with  
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics  
and Marching Cubes

50.017 Final Project by Benjamin Kang, Liu Weilong  
Singapore University of Technology & Design (SUTD)

Recording Hardware:  
Macbook Air (Mid-2012)  
Intel Core i7-3667U 2GHz, Intel HD 4000

# Questions?

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# Plan

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- Overview of computer graphics
- Administrivia
- Overview of the semester
- Overview of assignments
- **Intro to OpenGL & assignment 0**

# Simple 3D with OpenGL

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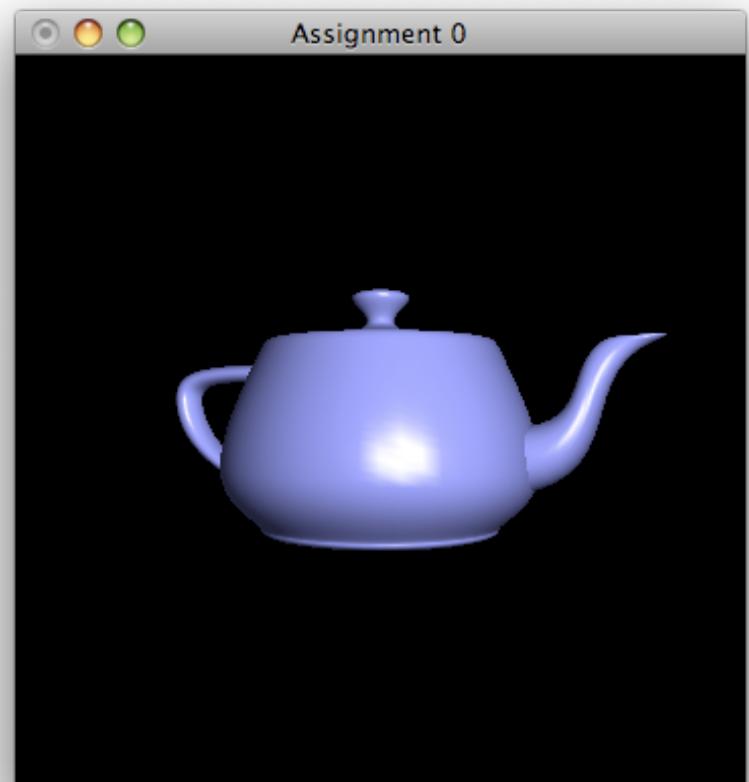


- OpenGL is an API that allows you to send commands to the graphics card to draw 2D or 3D scenes
- At the beginning of the semester, we will use OpenGL as a black box to display 3D content
- Later, we will see what is under the hood

# Assignment 0

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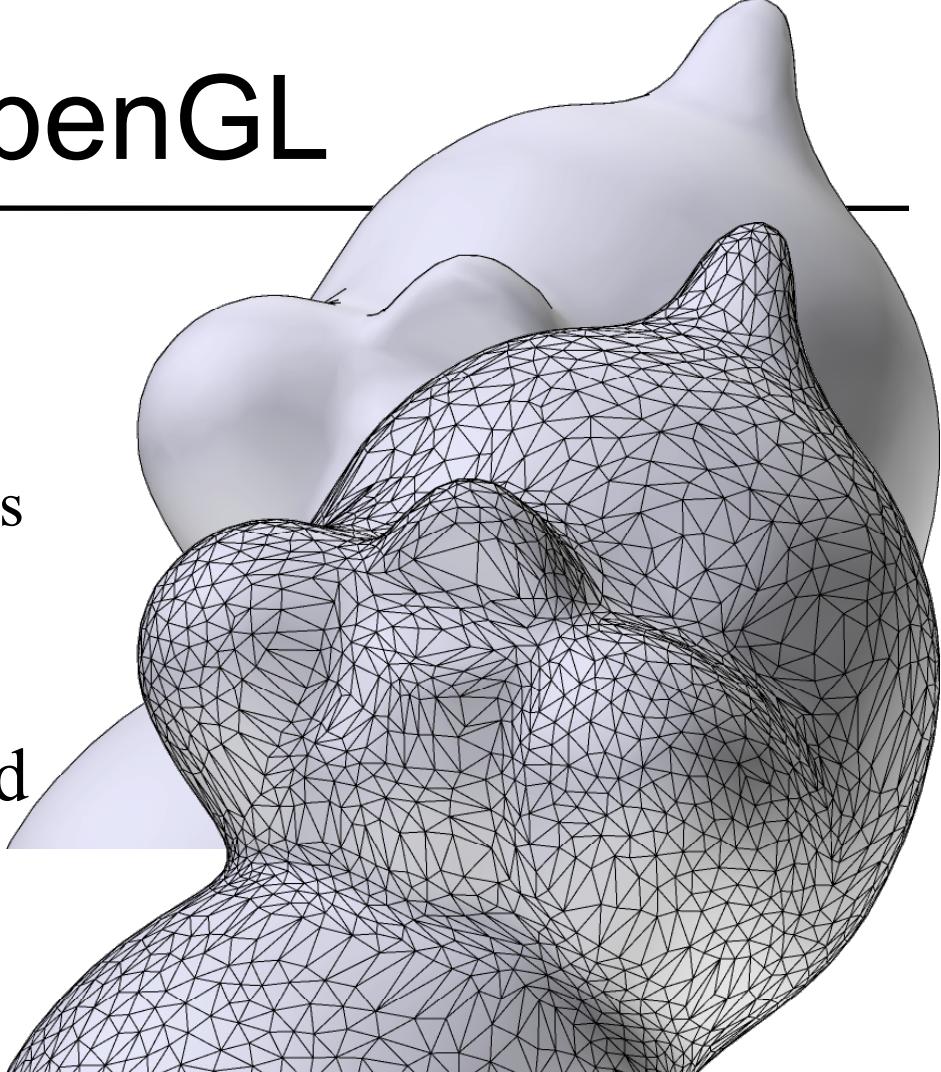
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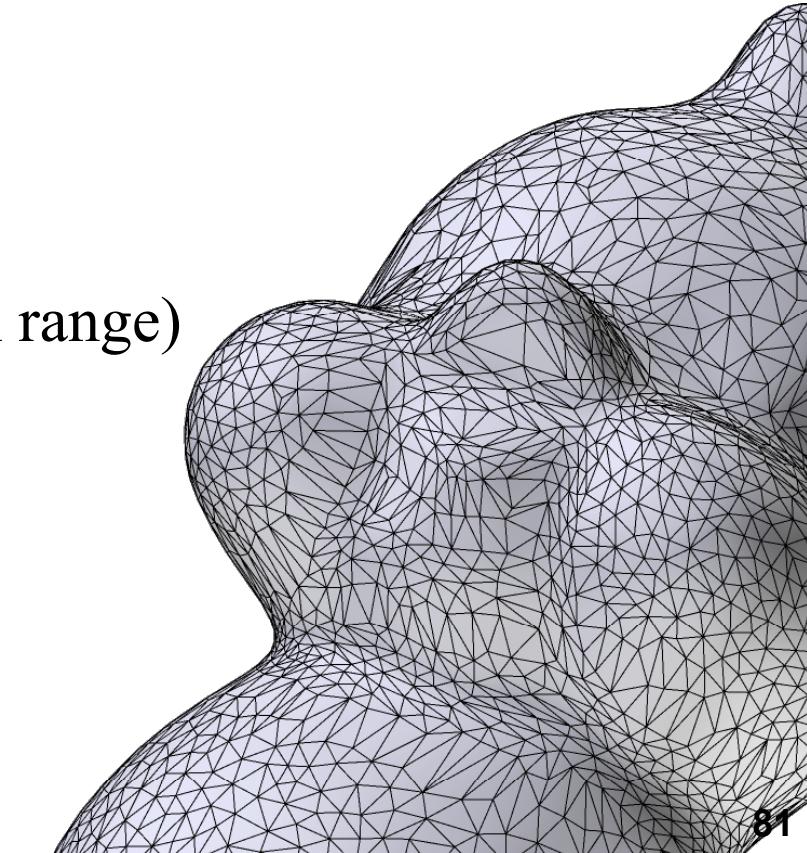
- Scene represented as triangles
  - A triangle is a set of 3 vertices
  - A vertex is a set of 3 floating point numbers ( $x, y, z$ )
- We will use OpenGL to send this to the graphics card (GPU)
  - The GPU will do its magic to display the scene from the current viewpoint



# How to Draw?

- You need to tell OpenGL
  - The geometry of the object
    - Vertex positions
    - Vertex normals
    - 3 x vertex makes a triangle!
  - Camera parameters
    - Field of view, aspect ratio, (depth range)
    - The “projection matrix”

Projection



# Questions?

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# OpenGL high-level pseudocode

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- Initialize
  - (get graphics context, etc.)
- For each frame
  - Manage UI
  - Set appropriate viewpoint
  - Set light source directions
  - For each triangle
    - For i=0 to 2
    - Send vertex data

# OpenGL Example: Viewing

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```
// Current matrix affects objects positions
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
// Initialize to the identity
glLoadIdentity();
// Position the camera at [0,0,5], looking
at // [0,0,0], with [0,1,0] as the up
direction.
gluLookAt(0.0, 0.0, 5.0,
           0.0, 0.0, 0.0,
           0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
// Rotate by -20 degrees about [0,1,0]
glRotated(-20.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);

// Draw a teapot.
glutSolidTeapot(1.0);
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# Vertex data

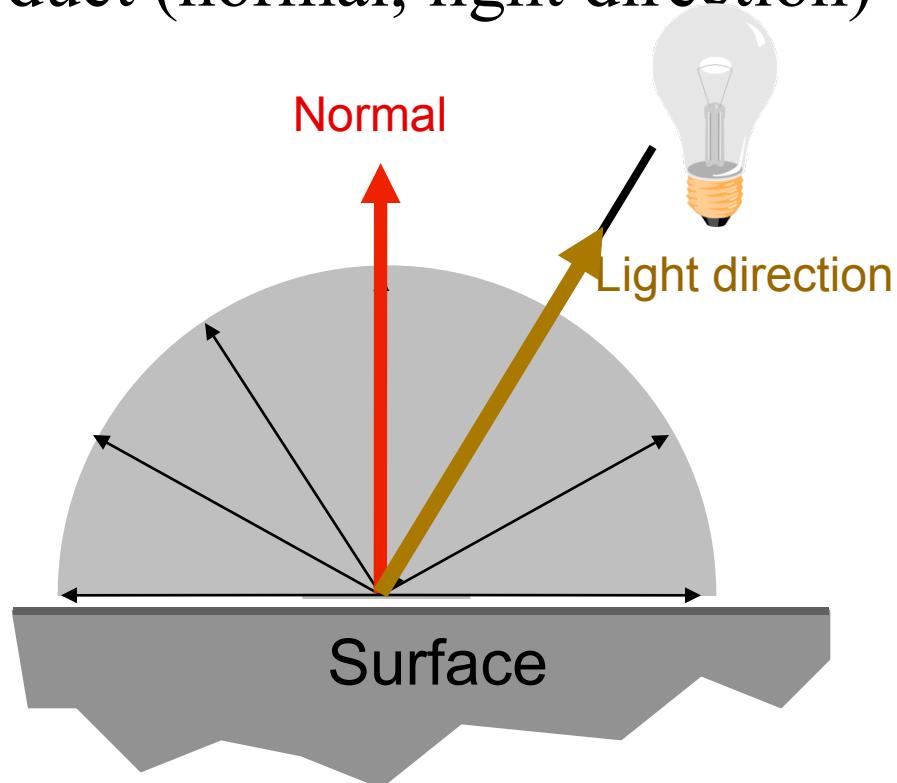
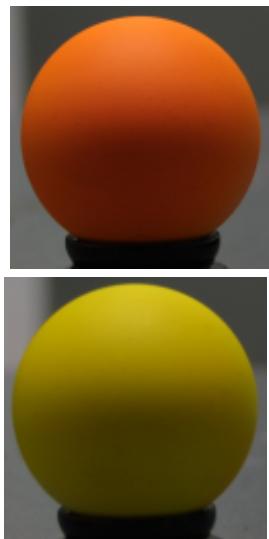
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- What information do we need at each vertex?
  - Coordinates (3 floats)
  - Color (optional, 3 floats)
  - Normal information (optional, 3 floats)
  - Transparency (optional, 1 float)
  - More to come (texture information, shininess)

# Why normals?

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- To compute color as a function of light direction
- Simplest: Diffuse or Lambert model
  - Intensity = dot product (normal, light direction)



# OpenGL Code

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```
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES); //what follows describes triangles  
glColor3d (1,1,0); //red, green and blue components=>(yellow)  
glNormal3d (0, 0, 1); //normal pointing up  
 glVertex3d (2,3,3); //3D position x, y, z  
glColor3d (1,0,0);  
glNormal3d (0, 0, 1);  
 glVertex3d (5,3,3);  
glColor3d (1,0,1);  
glNormal3d (0, 0, 1);  
 glVertex3d (3,6,3);  
glEnd();
```

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# OpenGL is a state machine

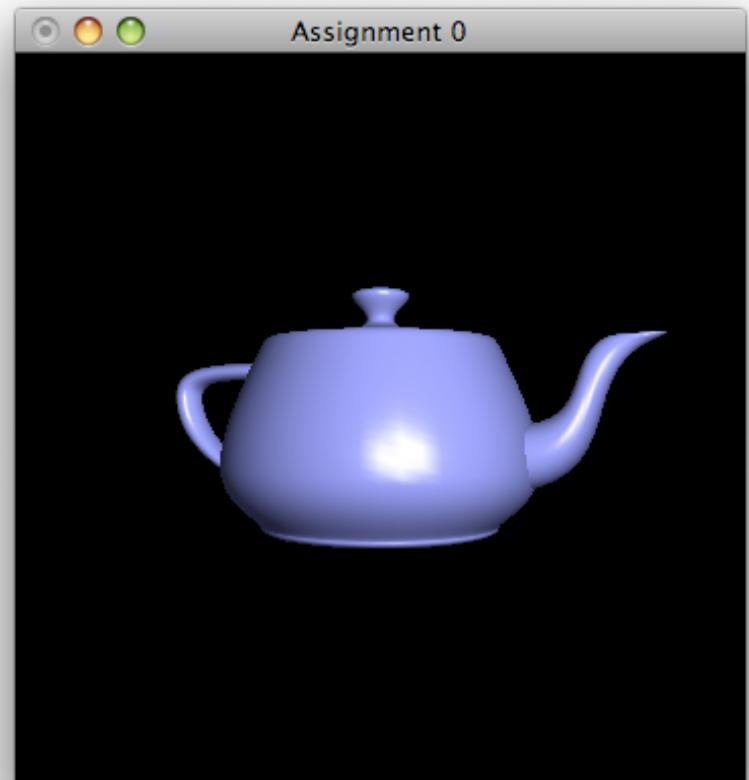
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- Each command changes the state
- For example, glColor3f changes the current color.
  - The color remains valid until we call glColorxx again
  - Use it before each vertex to get per-vertex color.
- Other state to manage lighting and other rendering aspects
- Can make it hard to debug
- (Note: This is conceptually simple, but not quite how you write efficient code these days.)

# Assignment 0

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# What is missing?

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- Shadows
  - Shininess
  - Texture
  - Etc.
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- Be patient, you will have plenty enough

# Linear Algebra is Everywhere

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- Vertices are 3-vectors
- Normals are 3-vectors
  - Orthogonal to surface tangent plane
  - Cross product
- Colors are 3-vectors
- Diffuse shading is a dot product
- A non-bending object moving in a scene undergoes a rigid transformation
- Changing the viewpoint is a linear transformation of the scene coordinate
- Supplementary notes available on course website

# After G&V

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## Crowd-driven Mid-scale Layout Design

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# After G&V and CF

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Optimal Design and Manufacture  
of Active Rod Structures  
with Spatially Variable Materials

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# What Makes Graphics Fun?

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- Very interdisciplinary
  - Within CS: systems, compilers, languages, computer architecture, algorithms, numerical techniques
  - Math, physics, art, perception, architecture, manufacturing
- Helps you understand why the world looks the way it does
- You can “see” the result