



CS334/ECE30834

Fundamentals of Computer Graphics

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Who am I?

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Associate Professor of CS doing Graphics

Doctorate in Graphics

Master's in Graphics

Bachelors in Graphics

High School Degree doing graphics/robots/science

1980 ([TRS80 Model I](#))

Then: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yuqdC8ld48>)

<http://thinkingscifi.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/starwars-graphics.png>

Now: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAEkuVgt6Aw>

- CGVLAB

<http://www.cs.purdue.edu/cgvlab>

My Computer Graphics/Vision/Visualization Research



- Workforce:
 - Graduate students (20+ in CGVLAB)
 - Undergraduate students (1-3 per semester with me)
 - Postdocs and Visiting Professors
- Funding:
 - NSF, MTC, IARPA, USDA, Internet2, Microsoft, Google, Adobe, (Intel), and others



- **Inverse Procedural Modeling**

- Facilitate semi-automatic and controllable content creation and edition of large and complex geometric models for use in digital simulation, visualization, entertainment, education, and cultural heritage by converting unstructured data into organized and easily editable procedural representations

- **Urban Modeling and Simulation**

- Collaborations with numerous experts in urban planning, atmospheric/geological sciences, civil engineering, architecture, hydrology, and transportation engineering to capture, simulate, and modify models of urban environments

- **Imaging and Reconstruction**

- Develop multiple novel image processing and image-based 3D reconstruction methods



Course Mechanics

- CS334
 - <https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/aliaga/cs334-25spring/index.htm>
(see course summary + schedule)
- Brightspace
 - For assignments, etc.
- Piazza
 - For communication
- TAs (Yuchen, Zhanyu) + instructor (Daniel)
 - For questions, grading, etc.
 - Office hours: Mon 4-7pm in LWSN 3130 and Th 1-2:30pm in LWSN 3130



Best way to contact me

- About class general tech questions: use Piazza
- About other stuff or me directly:
 - Email (yes, old fashioned)
 - Mandatory
 - Put CS334 in subject
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 - Put CS334 in subject
 - Do NOT put “CS 334” in subject
 - Do NOT only put “Question” in subject, etc...



Exam Question

- Q#1: What must be in subject of an email to me?
 - Answer: CS334
- Q#2: If you want to schedule a meeting with me, what should be in the subject of the email to me?
 - Answer: CS334



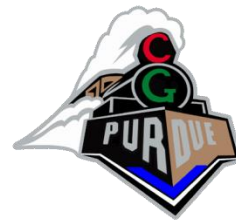
Cellphones / Laptops

- NONE
- We are here not elsewhere...
- Unless, you are really really really taking notes

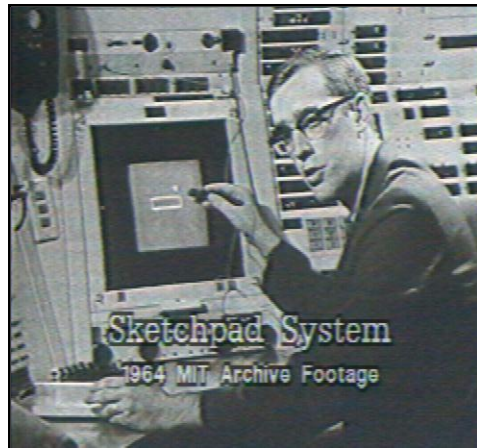


History of Computer Graphics

(slides courtesy of Marc Levoy)



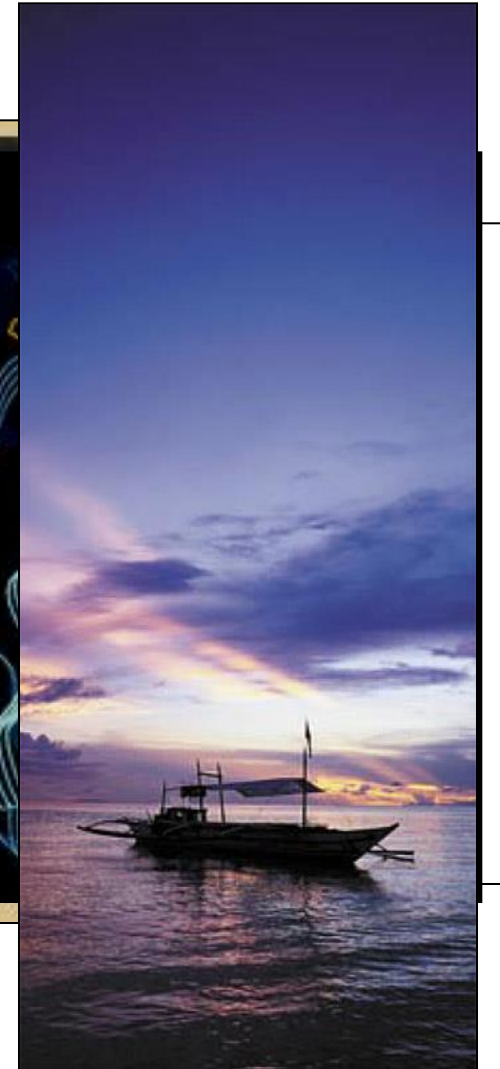
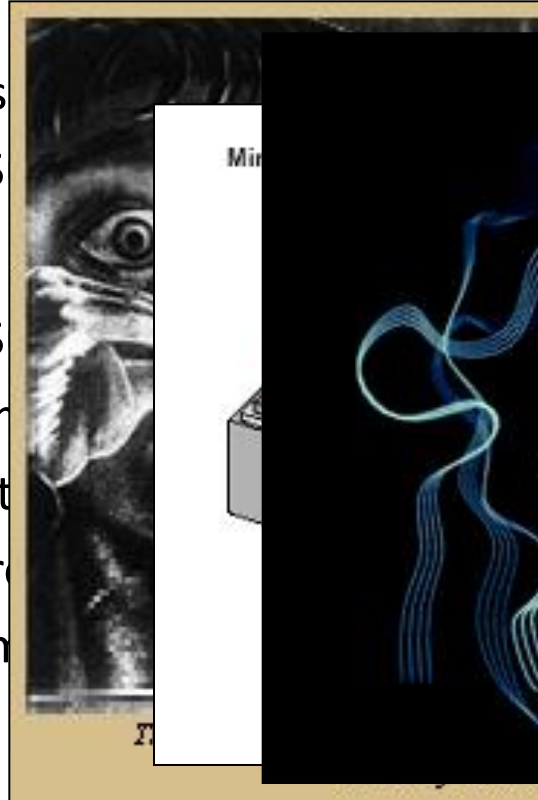
Ivan Sutherland (1963) - SKETCHPAD



- pop-up menus
- constraint-based drawing
- hierarchical modeling

Display hardware

- vector displays
 - 1963 – modified oscilloscope
 - 1974 – Evans and Sutherland
- raster displays
 - 1975 – Evans and Sutherland
 - 1980s – cheap frame buffers
 - 1990s – liquid-crystal displays
 - 2000s – micro-mirrors
 - 2010s – high dynamic range
- other
 - stereo, head-mounted displays
 - autostereoscopic displays





Input hardware

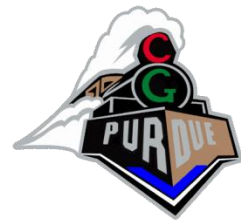
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 - light pen, tablet, mouse, joystick, track ball, touch panel, etc.
 - 1970s & 80s - CCD analog image sensor + frame grabber



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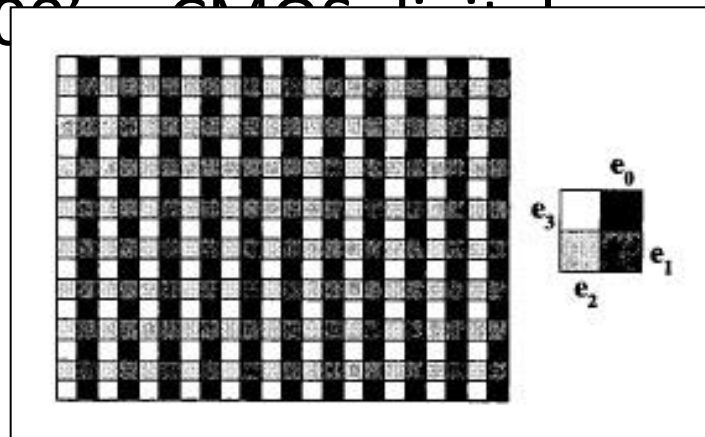
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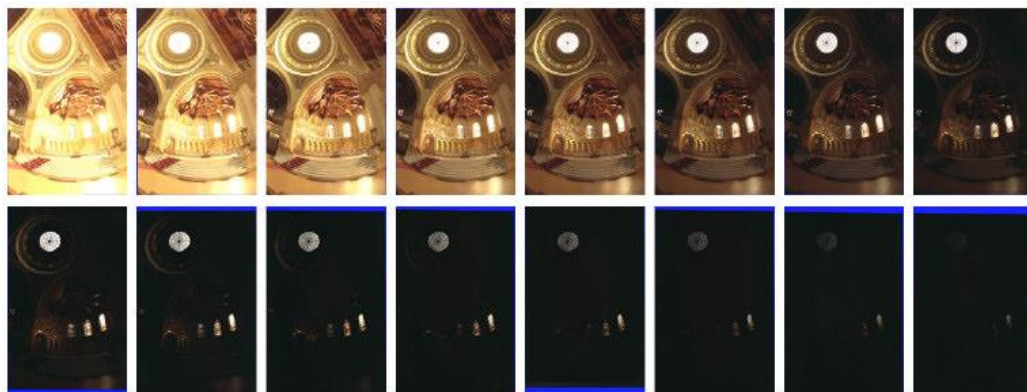
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 - 1990s & 2000s - CMOS digital image sensor + in-camera processing



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→ high-dynamic range (HDR) imaging

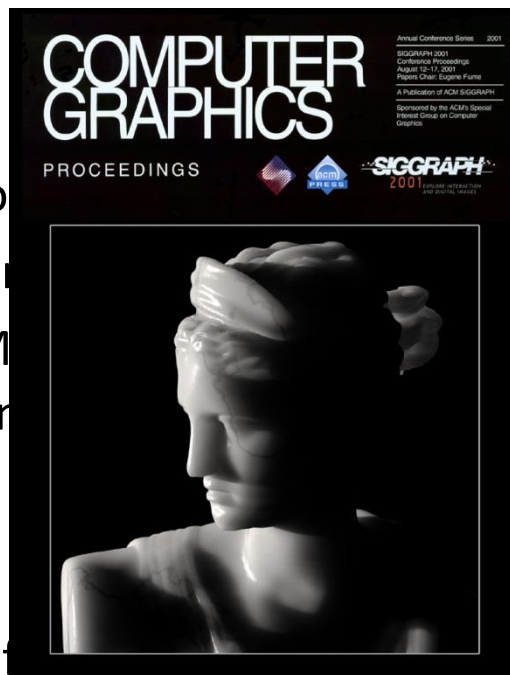
- negative film = 130:1 (7 stops)
- paper prints = 46:1
- [Debevec97] = 250,000:1 (18 stops)





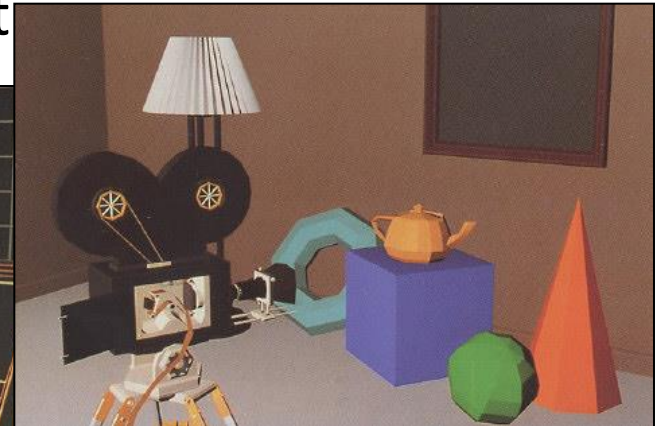
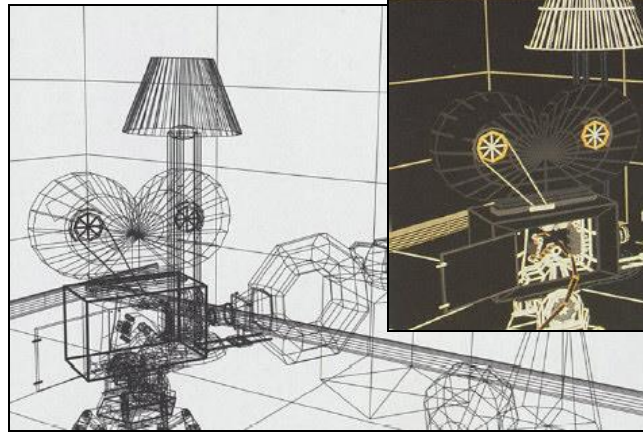
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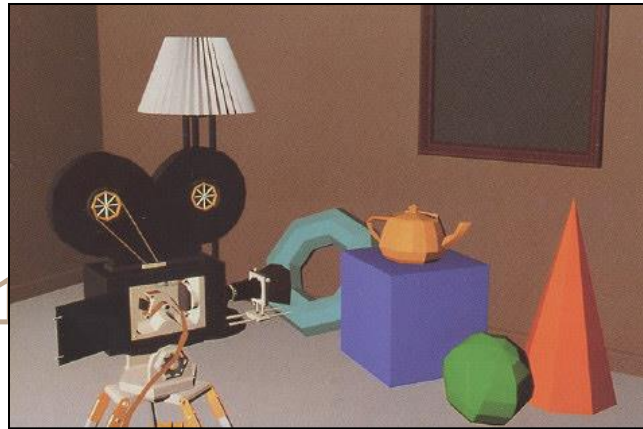
- 2D
 - light pen, tablet, mouse
 - 1970s & 80s - CCD area
 - 1990s & 2000's - CMOS
 - high-dynamic range
- 3D
 - 1980s - 3D trackers
 - 1990s - active range
- 4D and higher
 - multiple cameras
 - multi-arm gantries



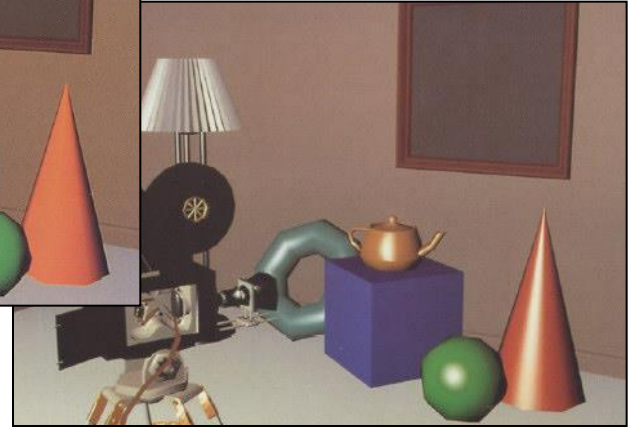
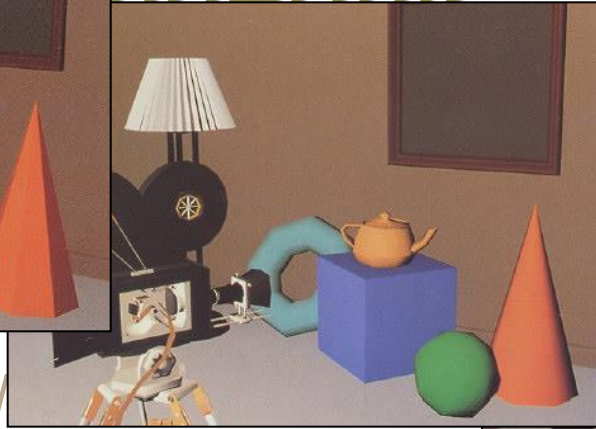
Rendering

- 1960s - the visibility problem
 - Roberts (1963), Appel (1967) - hidden-line algorithms
 - Warnock (1969), Watkins (1970) - hidden-surface algorithms
 - Sutherland (1974) - visibility = sorting



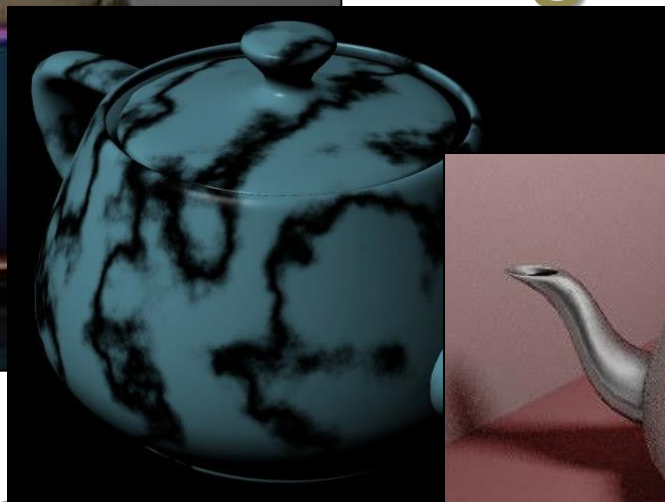


rendering



- - Warnock (1969), visibility algorithms
 - Sutherland (1974) - visibility = sorting
- 1970s - raster graphics
 - Gouraud (1971) - diffuse lighting
 - Phong (1974) - specular lighting
 - Blinn (1974) - curved surfaces, texture
 - Crow (1977) - anti-aliasing

Lighting



algorithms

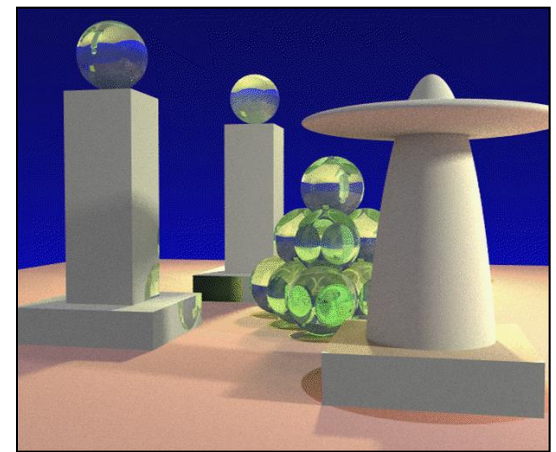
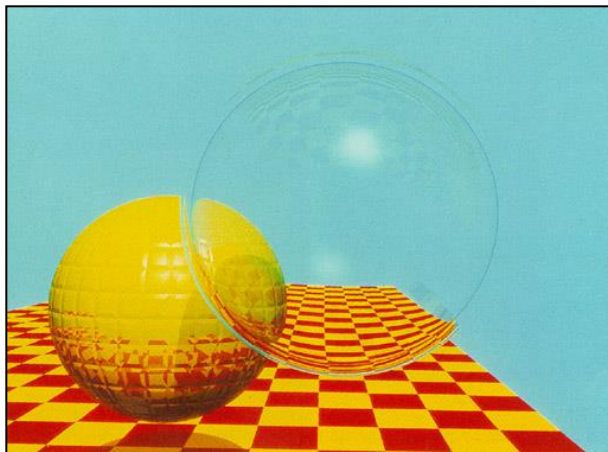
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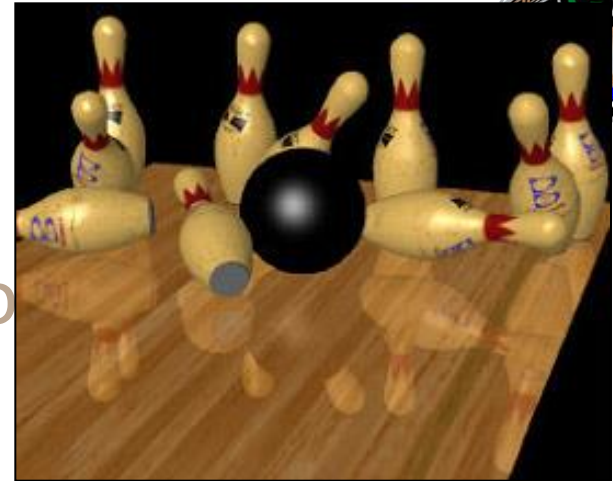


Rendering

- early 1980s - global illumination
 - Whitted (1980) - ray tracing
 - Goral, Torrance et al. (1984), Cohen (1985) - radiosity
 - Kajiya (1986) - the rendering equation



→ shaders

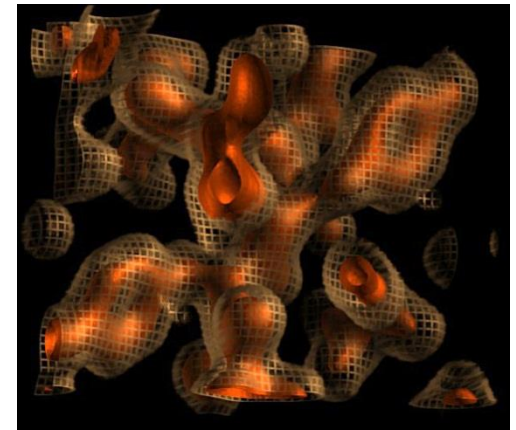
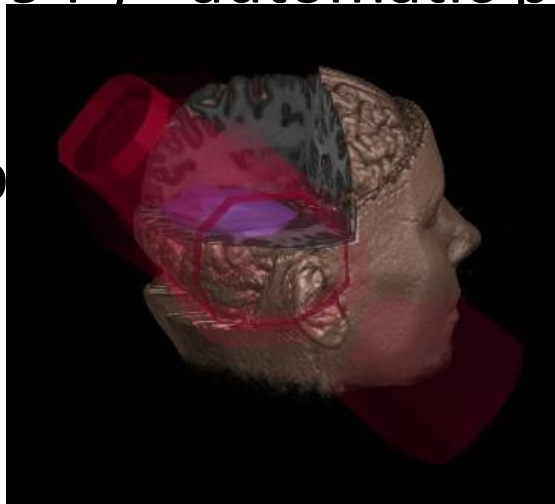
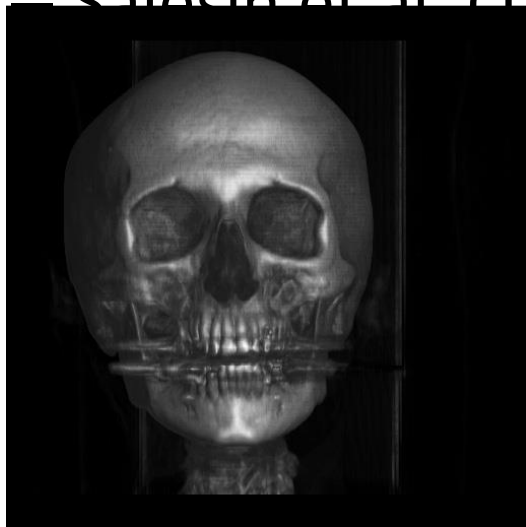


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 - Goral, Torrance and Whitted (1985) - radiosity
 - Kajiya (1986) - the rendering equation
- late 1980s - photorealism
 - Cook (1984) - shade trees
 - Perlin (1985) - shading languages
 - Hanrahan and Lawson (1990) - RenderMan



Rendering

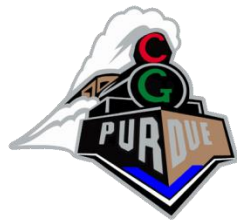
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 - Haeberli (1990) - impressionistic paint programs
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Sampling of Computer Graphics Today



Faces a while ago...

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CbyAk3Sn9I>



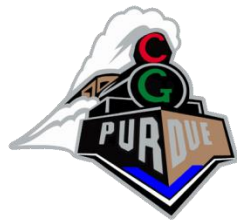
Faces no too long ago...

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qevnfvplbpw>



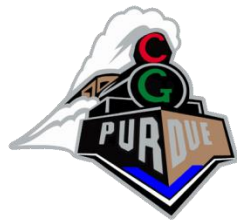
Faces today!

- <https://thispersondoesnotexist.com/>
- (courtesy of Deep Learning & NVIDIA)



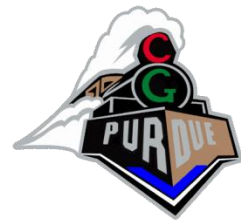
Even Presidents!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd38tSubiR4>



Mona Lisa

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uun5B1hHmds>



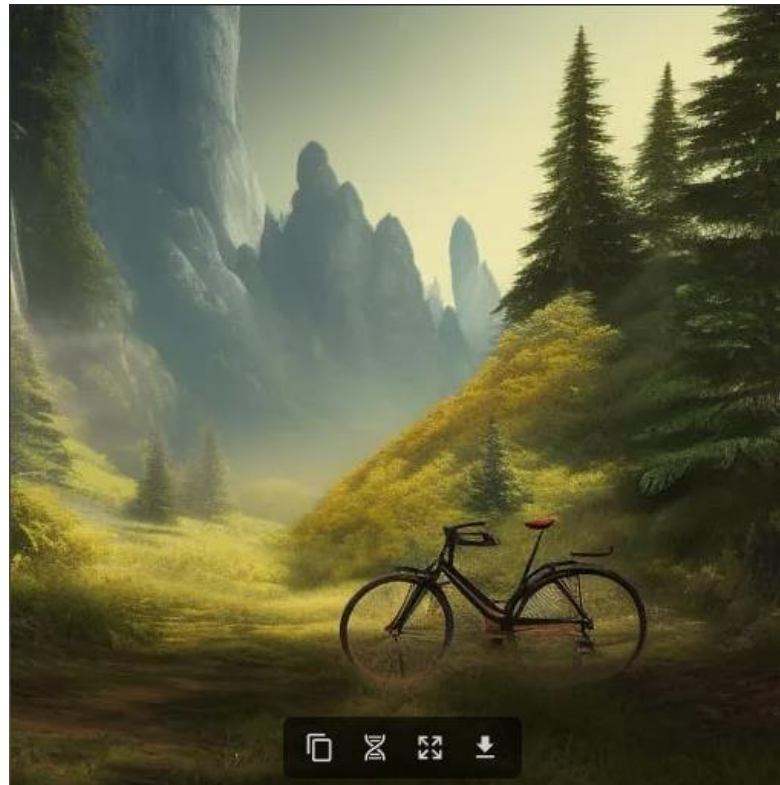
Games, of course

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kqe2ICmTxc>

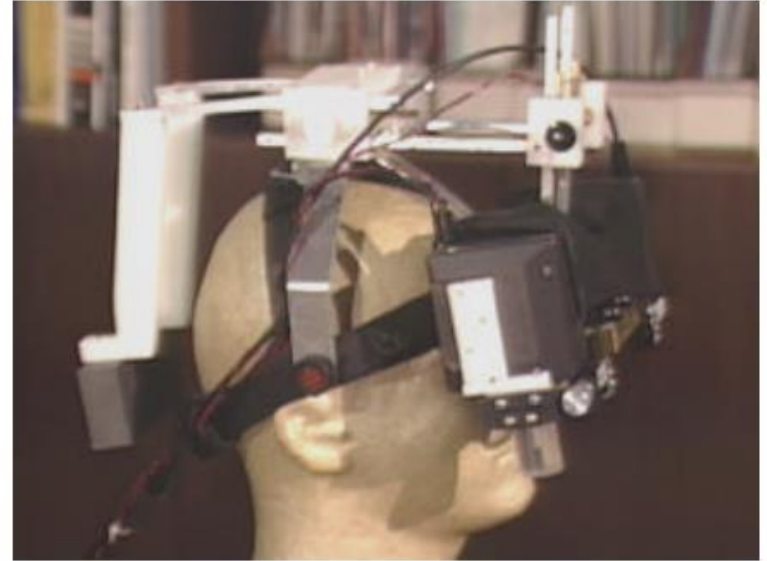


AI Based

- Diffusion based generation (creator.nightcafe.studio)
- I wrote “Mountain with trees and a bicycle”
- I got:



Augmented Reality





Augmented Reality

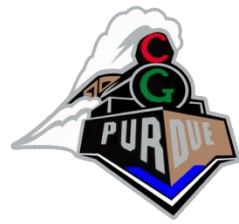


Microsoft
HoloLens

SLASH GEAR Windows 10



Virtual Reality





3D Displays

- Simple
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBQQEcfkHoE>



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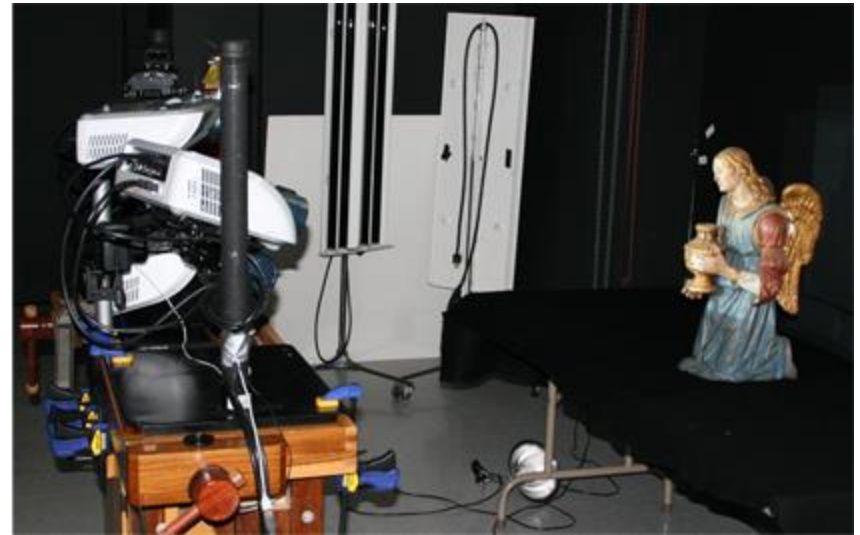
- Complex

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKCUGQ-u08c>

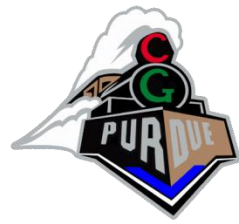
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfHw8NA75Xc>

(careful with Hollywood tricks...)

Projection Based Displays



Projection Based Displays



Dynamic Projection Based Displays



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki8UXSJmrJE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9JXtTj0mzE>



And More!

- <https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/research/ai-playground/>



Books for your enjoyment

(I have a copy of these books if you wish to preview)

- “Interactive Computer Graphics”
 - Angel and Shreiner, pub: Addison Wesley
- “3D Computer Graphics”
 - Watt, pub: Addison Wesley
- “Real-time Rendering”
 - Moller and Haines, pub: AK Peters
- “3D Game Engine Design”
 - Eberly, pub: Morgan Kaufmann
- “Level of Detail for 3D Graphics”
 - Luebke, Reddy, Cohen, Varshney, Watson, and Huebner, pub: Morgan Kaufmann
- **“Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice, 3rd edition**
 - **Hughes, van Dam, McGuire, Sklar, Foley, Feiner, and Akeley**