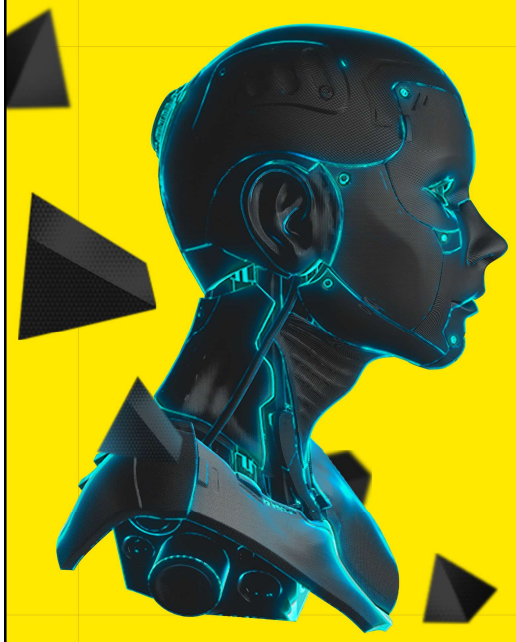

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A Whirlwind Introduction to Computer Graphics

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Course Goals

- Provide a background for the amazing things you will hear about in the other SIGGRAPH 2021 venues
- Create an understanding of common computer graphics vocabulary
- Help you understand the significance of the images and animations that you will see
- Provide references for further study

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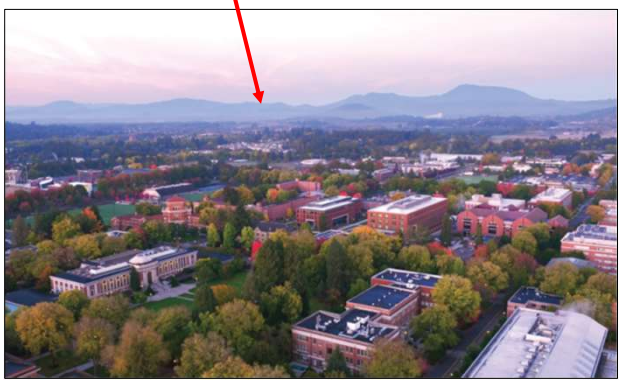

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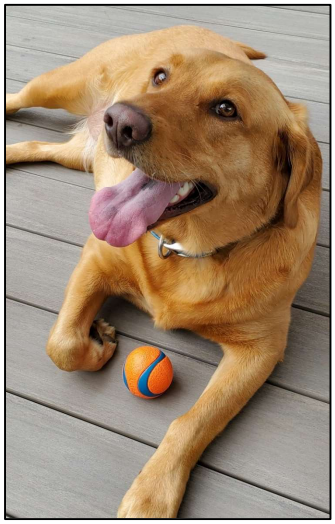
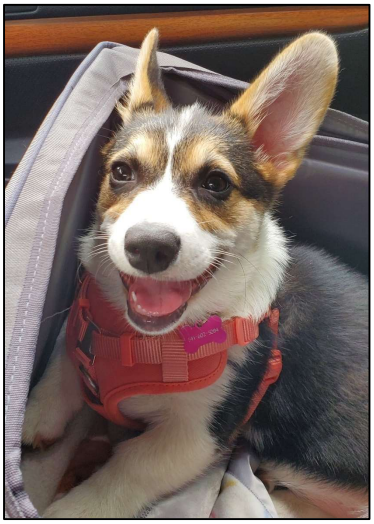
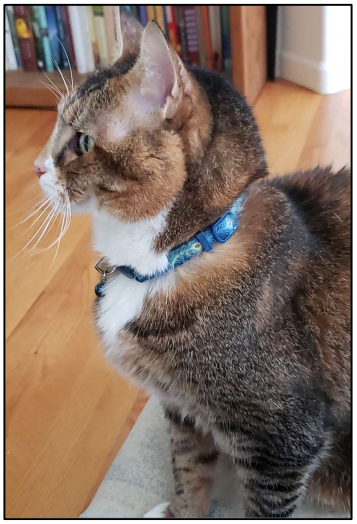

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Sections

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- How the computer graphics pieces fit together
- Modeling
- Rendering
- Animation
- Finding More Information

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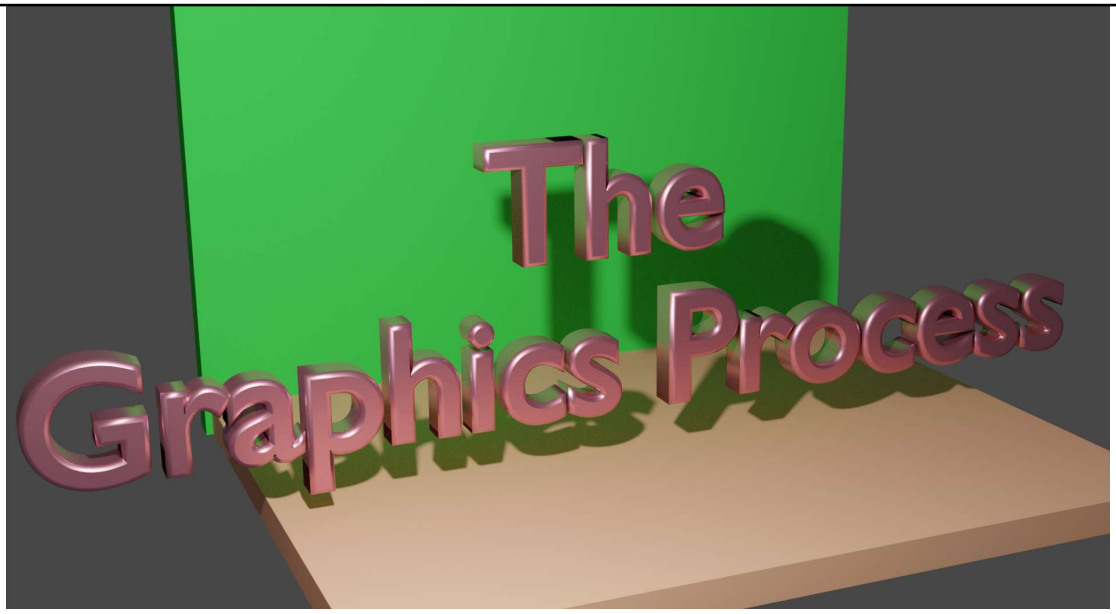

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What are all the pieces that go into making the graphics you will be see?
What does it take to make them?

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The Process

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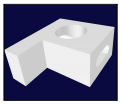

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Texture Information

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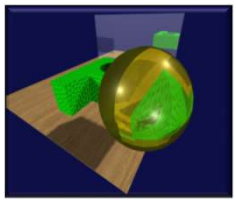

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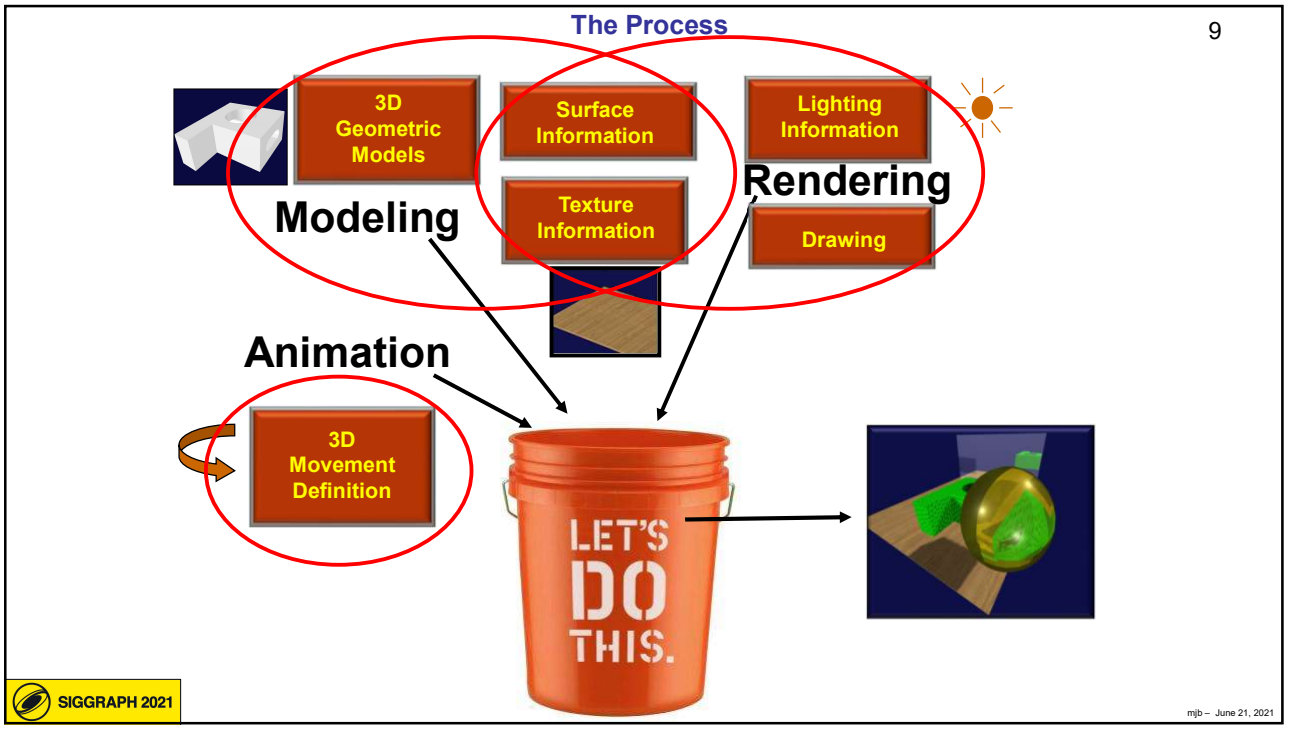
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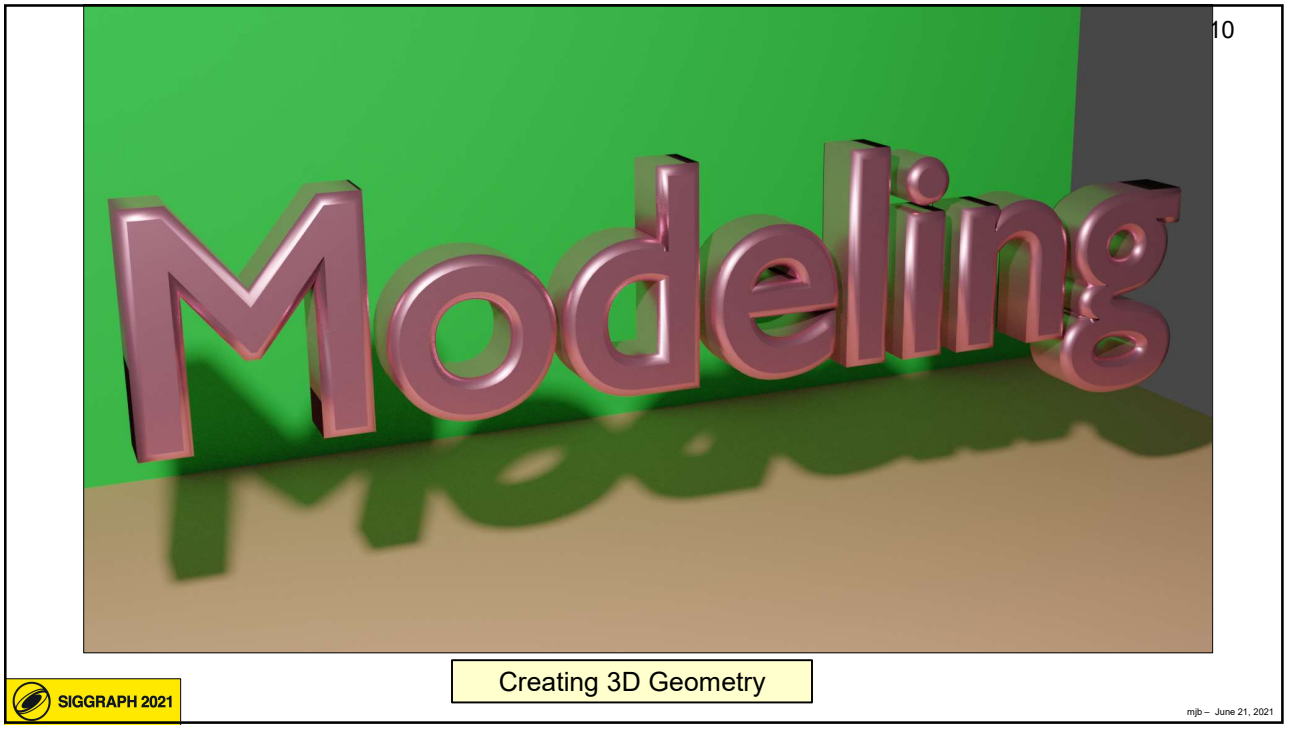
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Modeling
Creating 3D Geometry
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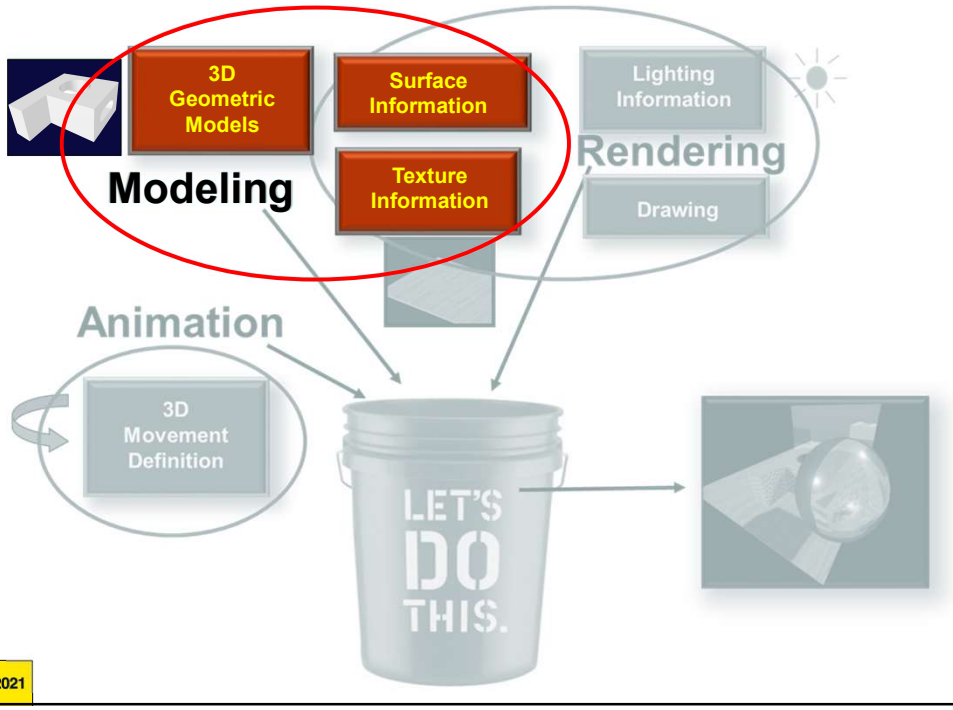

What do we mean by "Modeling"?

In computer graphics applications, how we model geometry depends on what we would like to use the geometry for:

- Looking at its appearance
- Interacting with its shape?
- How does it interact with its environment?
- What is its surface area and volume?
- Will it be able to be 3D-printed?
- Etc.

Want to experiment with some free modeling programs?
Want some notes on how to get started?
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http://cs.oregonstate.edu/~mjb/sketchup
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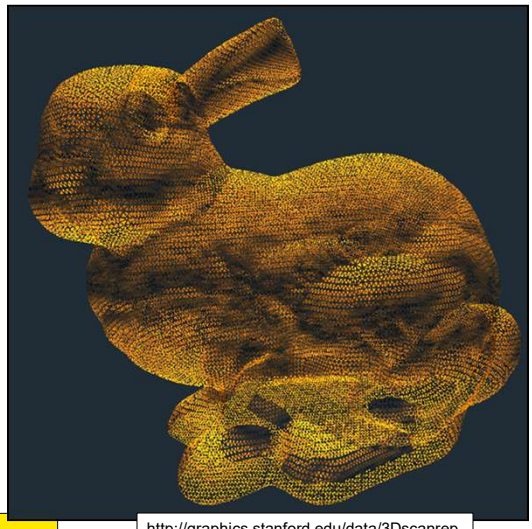
Explicitly Listing Geometry and Topology

Models defined this way can consist of thousands of vertices and faces – we need some way to describe them effectively



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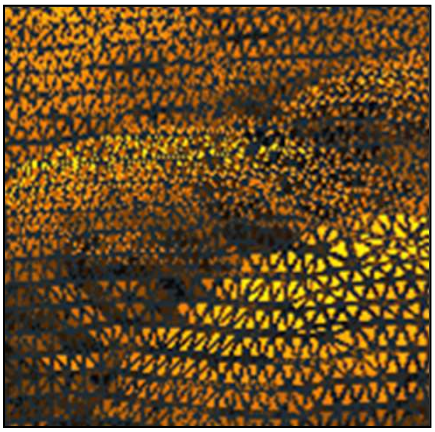
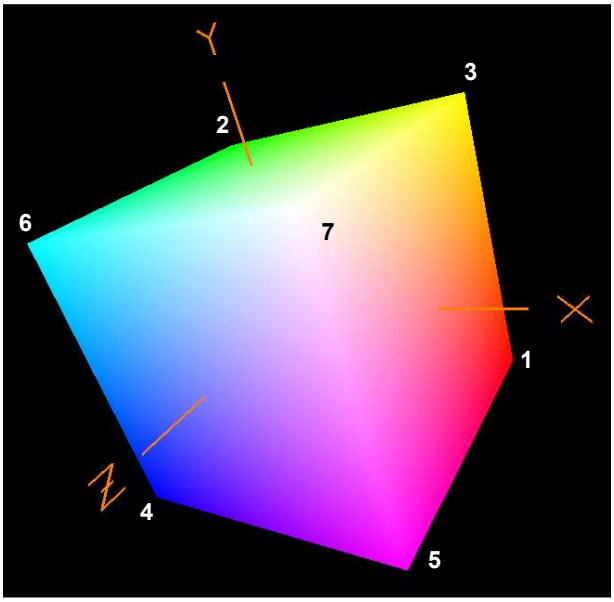
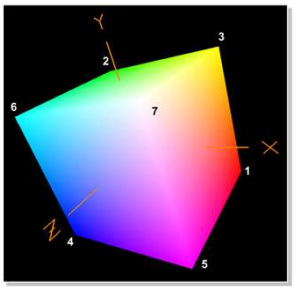


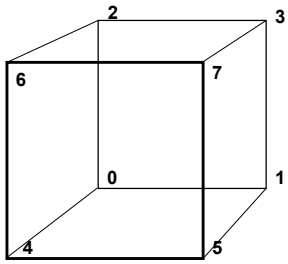
This is often called a **Mesh.**

Cube Mesh Example



Explicitly Listing Geometry and Topology -- Quadrilaterals



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};
```

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        { 1., 1., 1. },
};
```

```
static GLuint CubeIndices[ ][4] =
{
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        { 4, 5, 7, 6 },
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        { 2, 6, 7, 3 },
        { 0, 1, 5, 4 }
};
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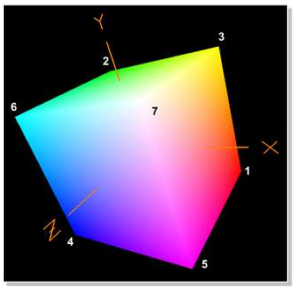
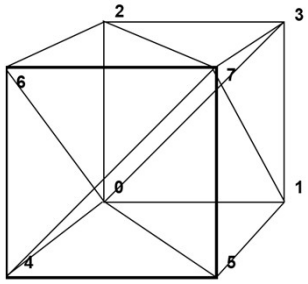
More likely we would use Triangles



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};
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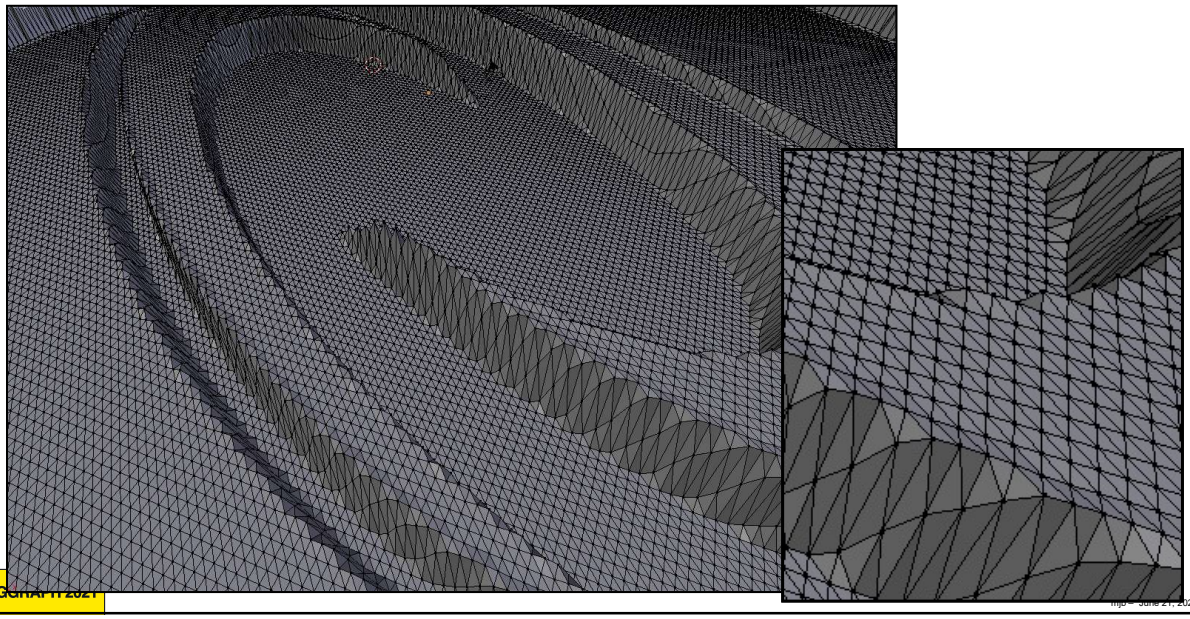
Triangular Meshes are Very Important These Days Because 3D Printing Requires a Triangular Mesh Data Format



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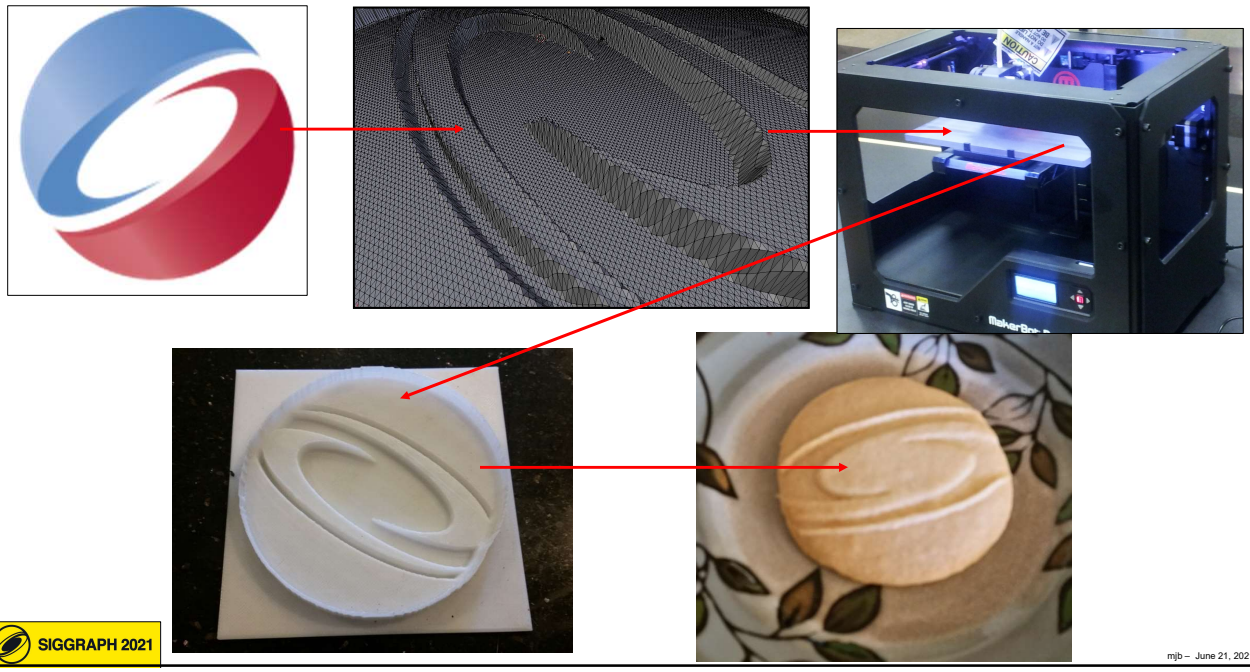
3D geometric modeling at its very best -- mmmm… :-)



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Meshes Can Be Smoothed

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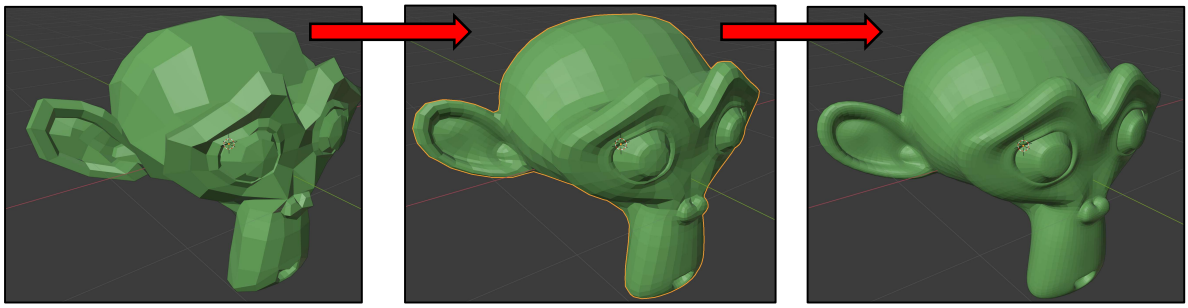

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Meshes Can Be Edited

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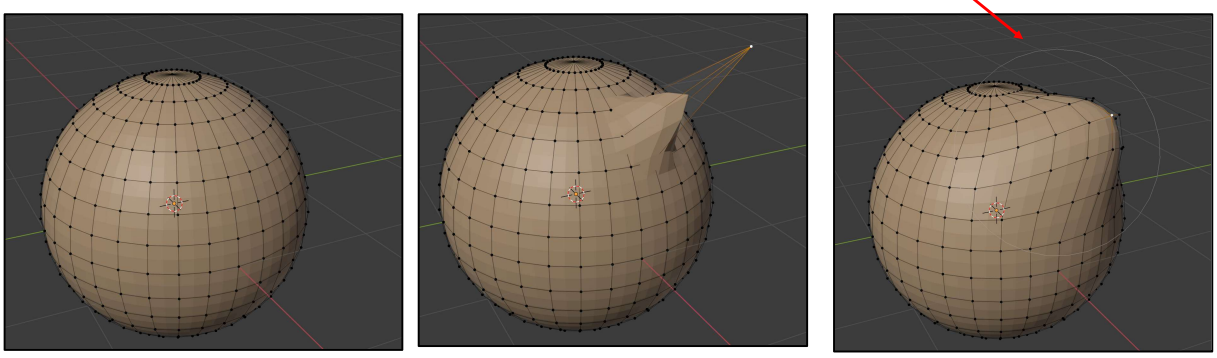

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Pulling on a single Vertex

Pulling on a Vertex with Proportional Editing Turned On

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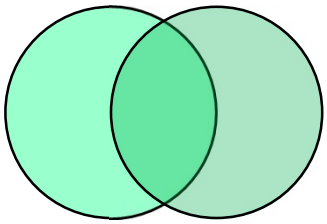
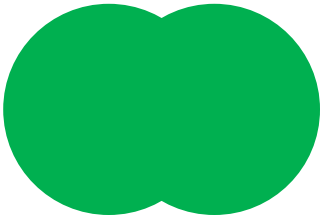
Another way to Model:
Remember Venn Diagrams (2D Boolean Operators)?



Two Overlapping Shapes



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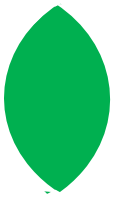

Intersection

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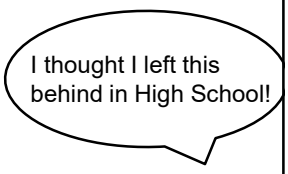
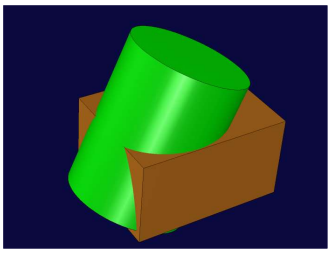
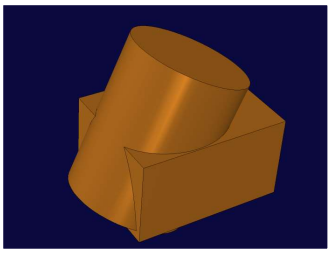


Solid Modeling Using 3D Boolean Operators



Two Overlapping Solids



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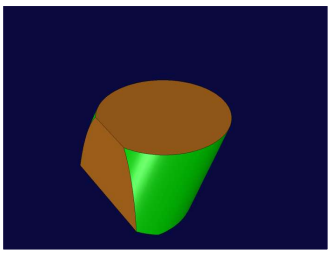

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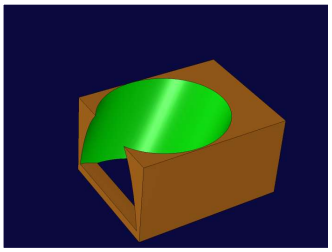

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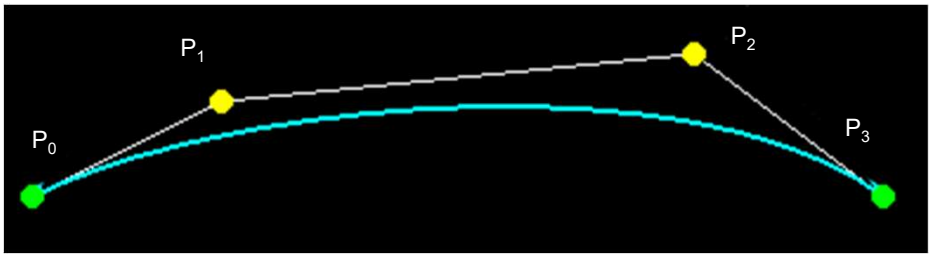
This is often called **Constructive Solid Geometry,** or **CSG**

Another way to Model:
Curve Sculpting – Bézier Curve Sculpting



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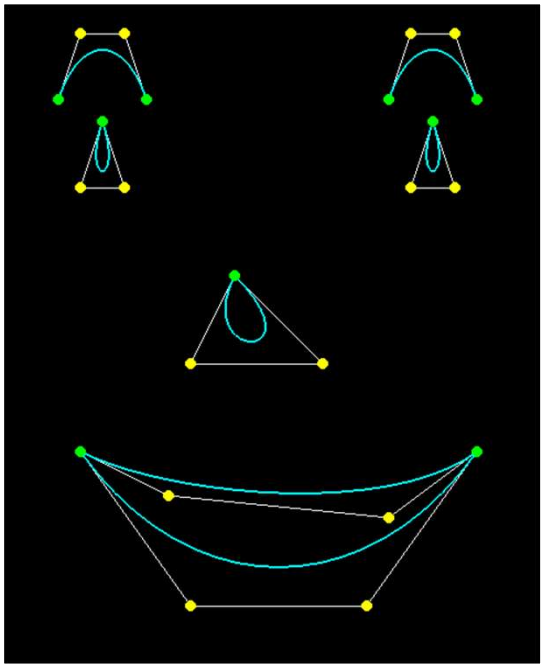
Curve Sculpting –Bézier Curve Sculpting Example



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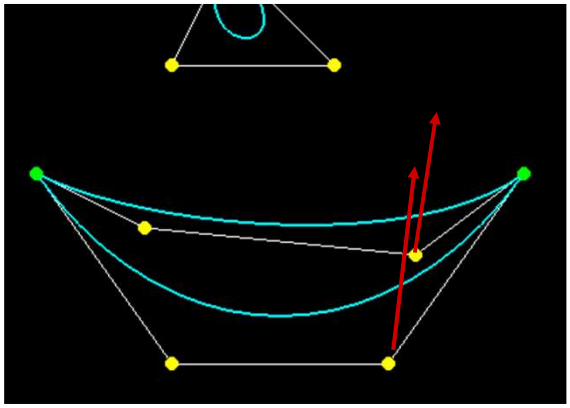
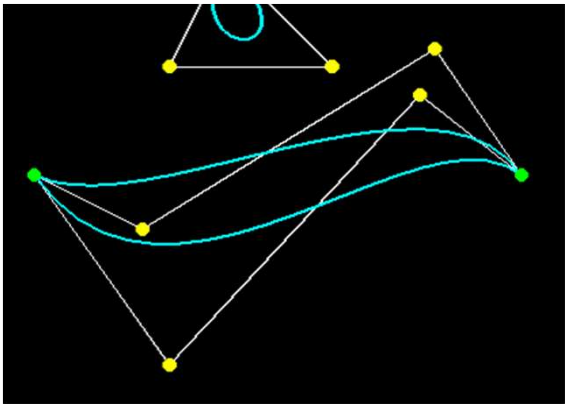
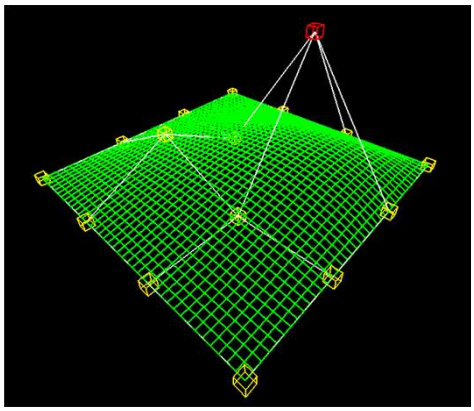




A *Small* Amount of Input Change Results in a *Large* Amount of Output Change

Another way to Model: Surface Sculpting

In general, these are referred to as ***Patches***. These, in particular, are Beziér patches. Non-uniform Rational B-spline Surfaces, or NURBS, are another popular type.



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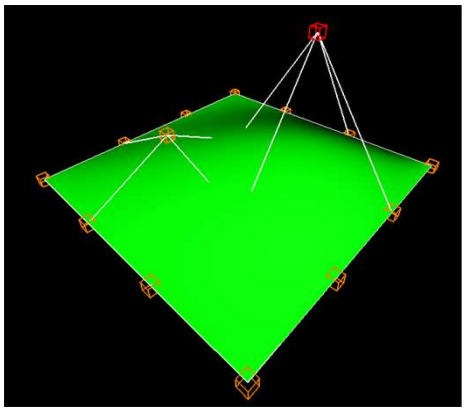
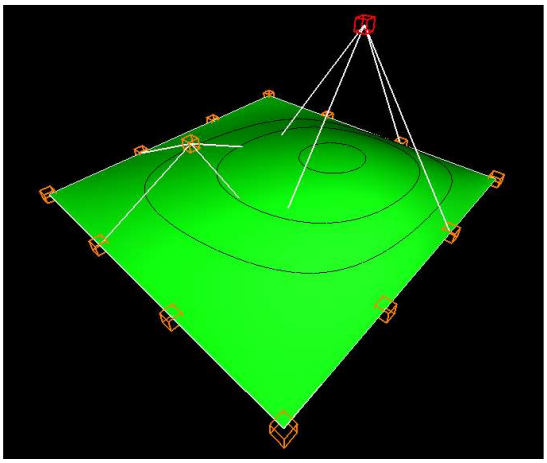


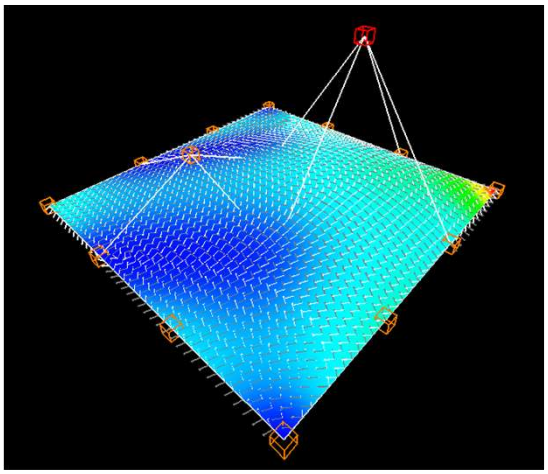
Surface

Like the curve sculpting, a *Small* Amount of Input Change Results in a *Large* Amount of Output Change

Surface Equations can also be used for Analysis

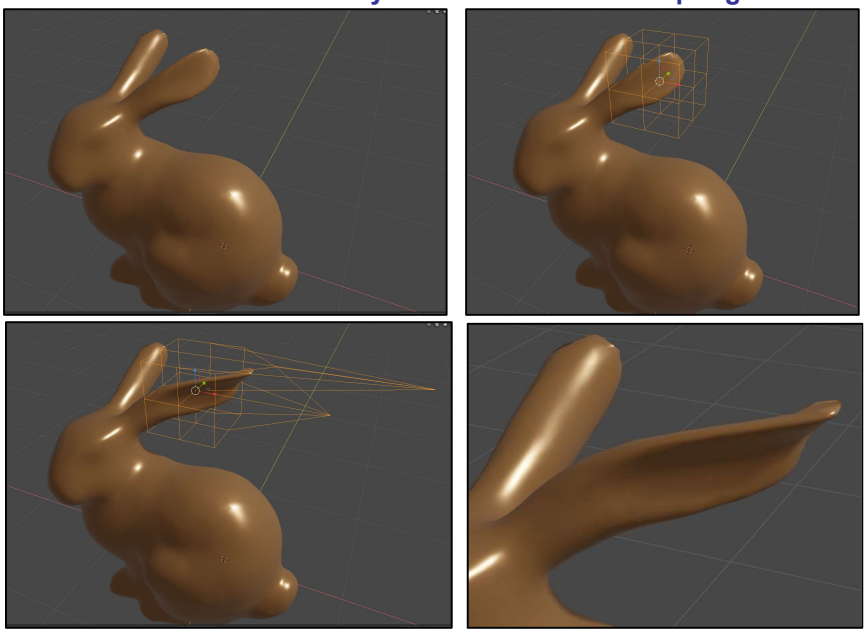


Showing Contour Lines



Showing Curvature

Another Way to Model: Volume Sculpting



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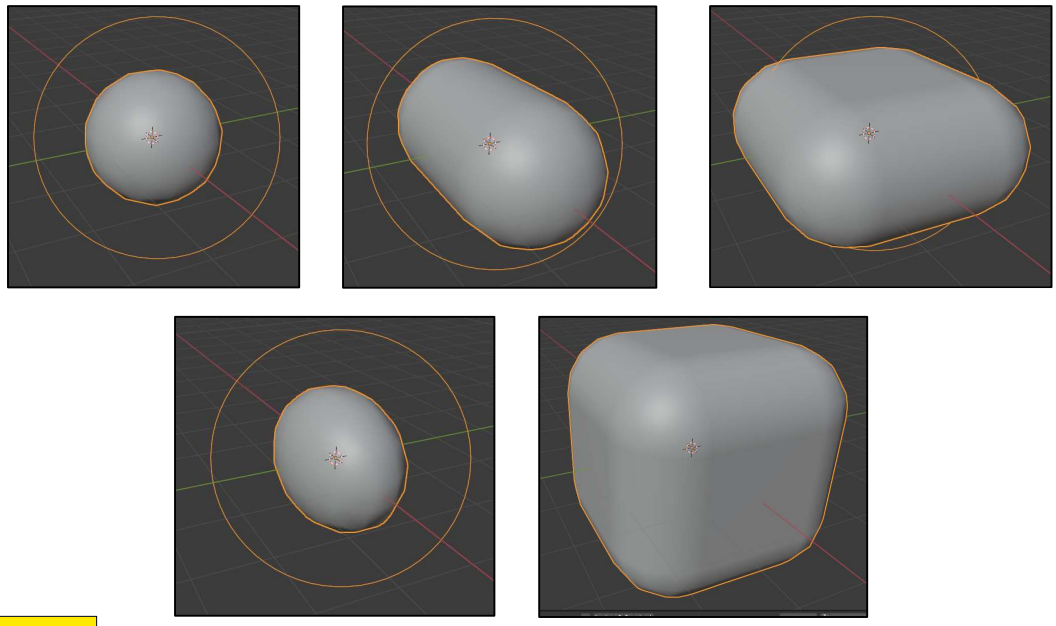
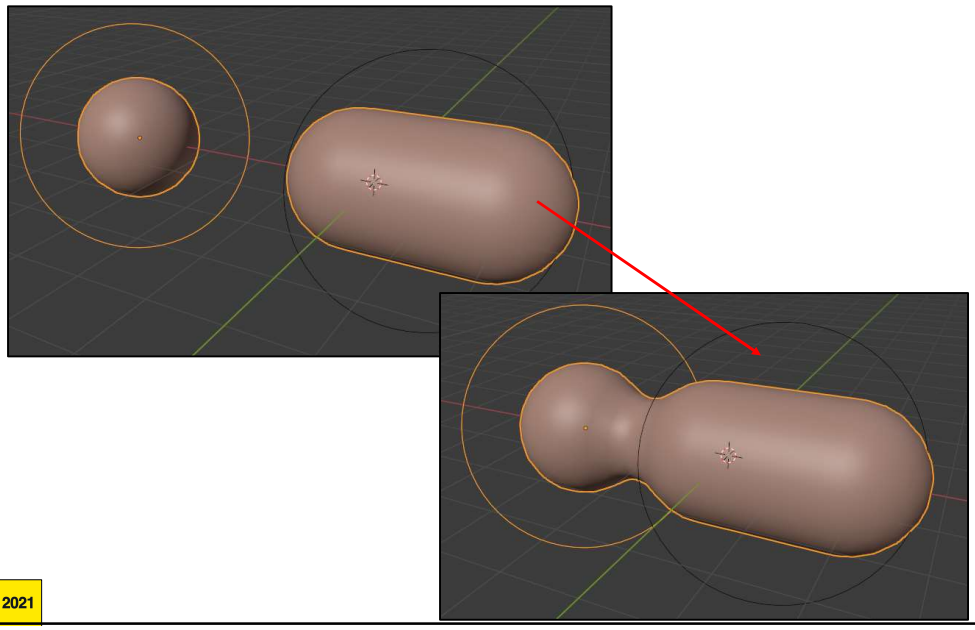
This is often called a **"Lattice"** or a **"Cage"**.

Metaball Objects

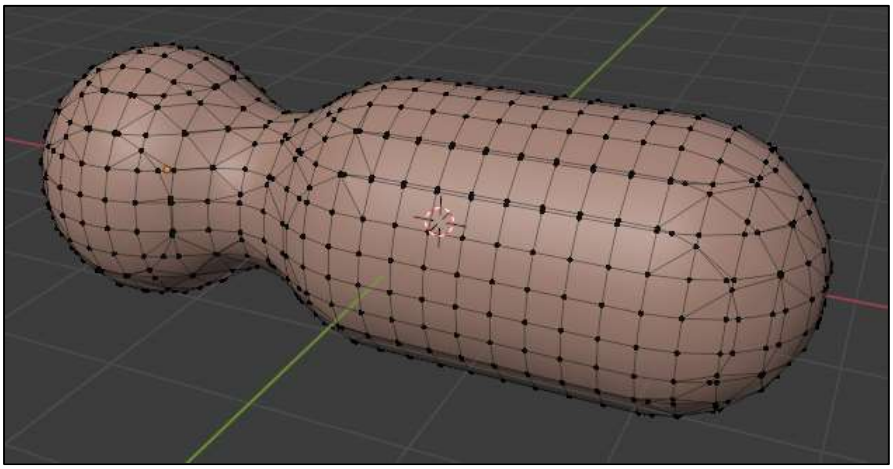


Metaball Objects

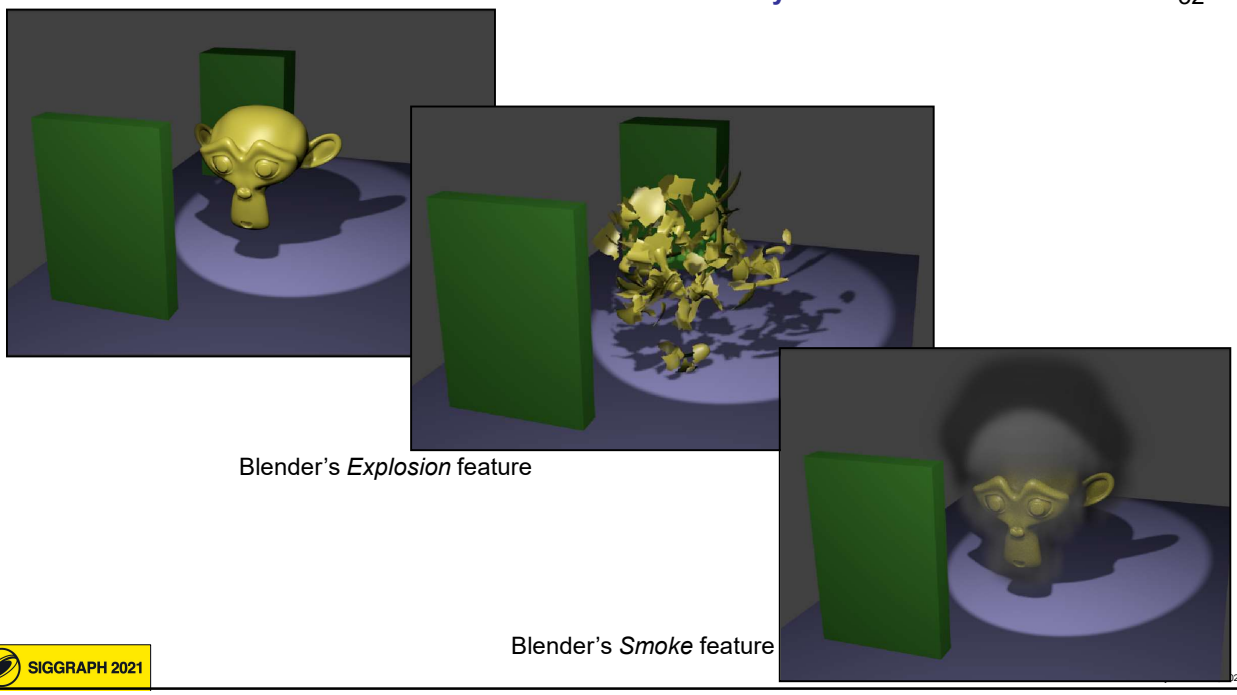
The cool thing is that, if you move them close enough together, they will “glom” into a single object



Metaball Objects Can Be Turned into Meshes for Later Editing



Geometric Models can also be used for Physical Simulation

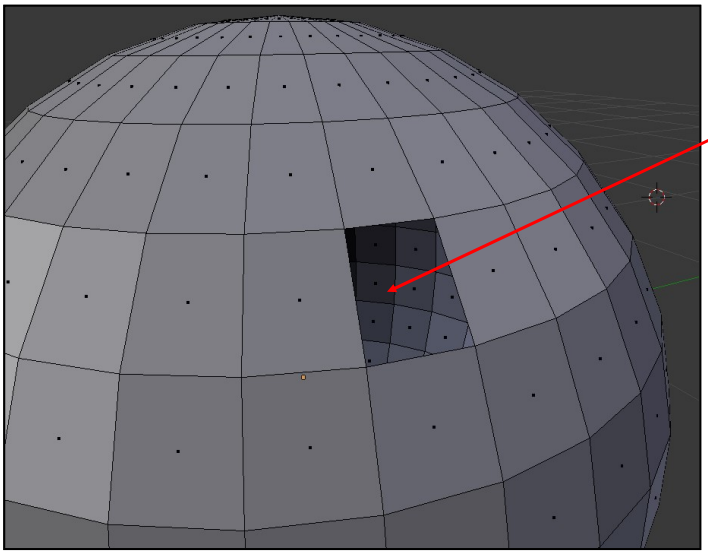


Blender's *Explosion* feature

Blender's *Smoke* feature

Object Modeling Rules for 3D Printing

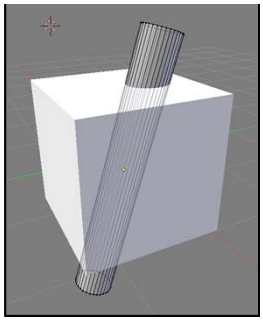
The object must be a legal solid. It must have a definite inside and a definite outside. It can't have any missing face pieces.



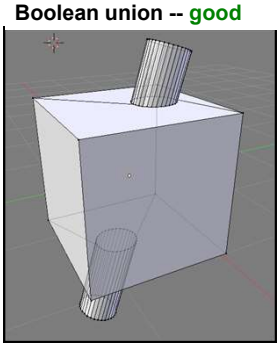
Object Modeling Rules for 3D Printing

Objects cannot pass through other objects. If you want two shapes together, do a CSG union on them so that they become one complete object.

Overlapping in 3D -- bad



Boolean union -- good



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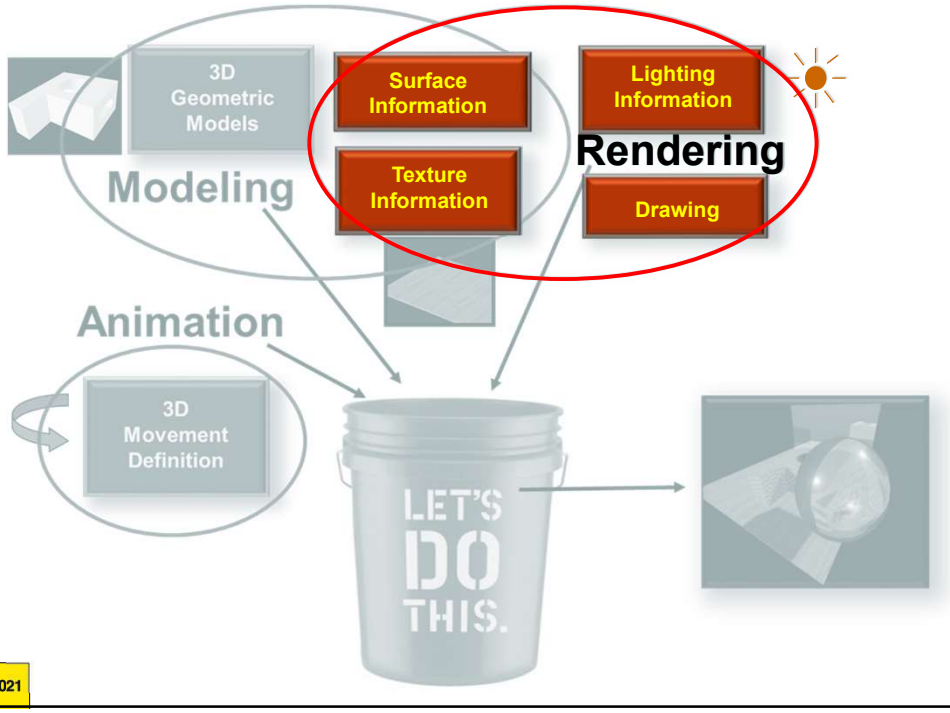

Rendering

Rendering is the process of creating an image of geometric modes. Again, there are questions you need to ask first:

- Why am I doing this?
- How realistic do I want this image to be?
- How much compute time do I want this to take?
- Do I need to take lighting into account?
- Does the illumination need to be global or will local do?
- Do I need to create shadows?
- Do I need to create reflections and refractions?

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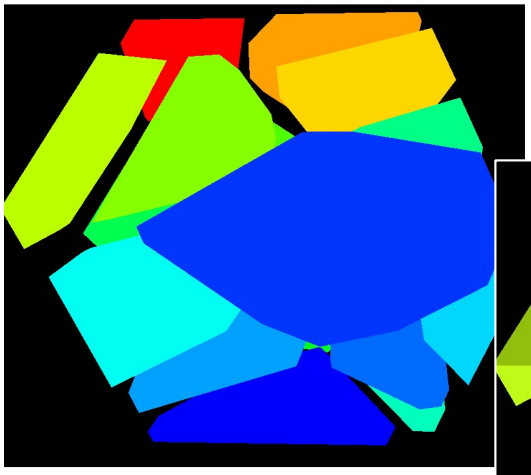
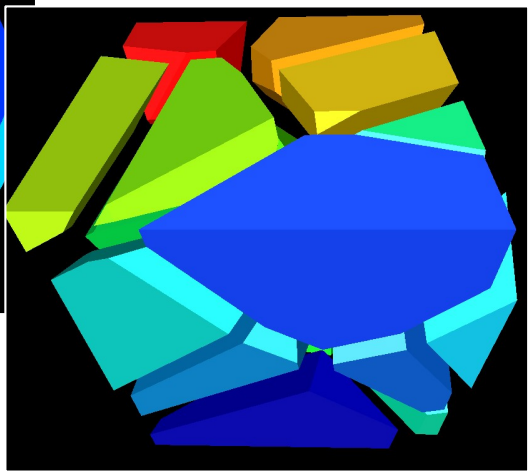
Why Do We Care About Lighting?

No lighting

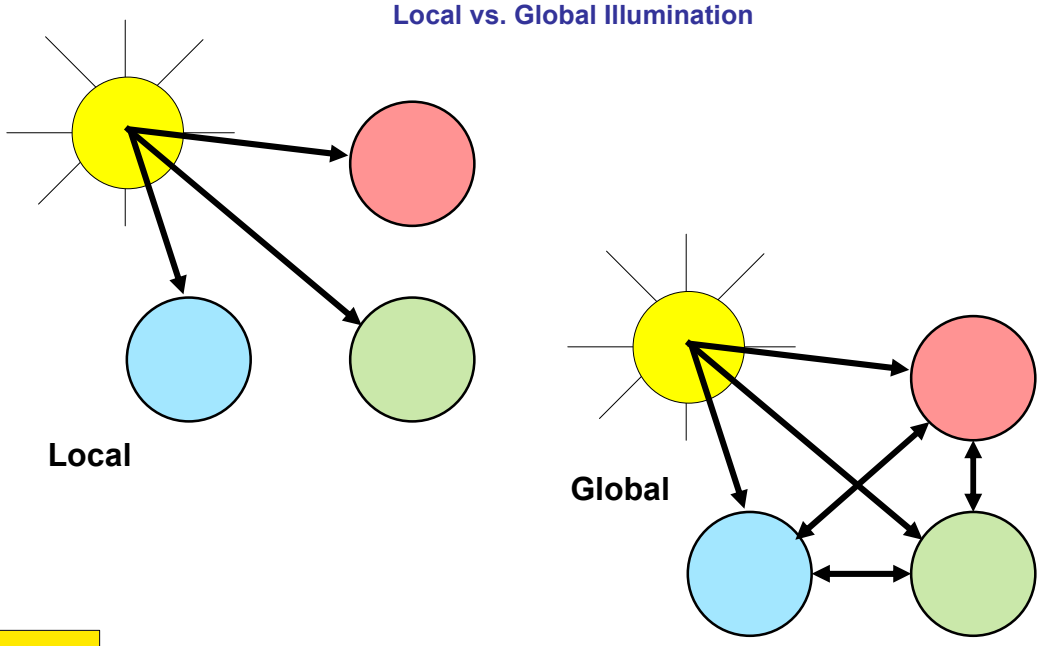


Lighting

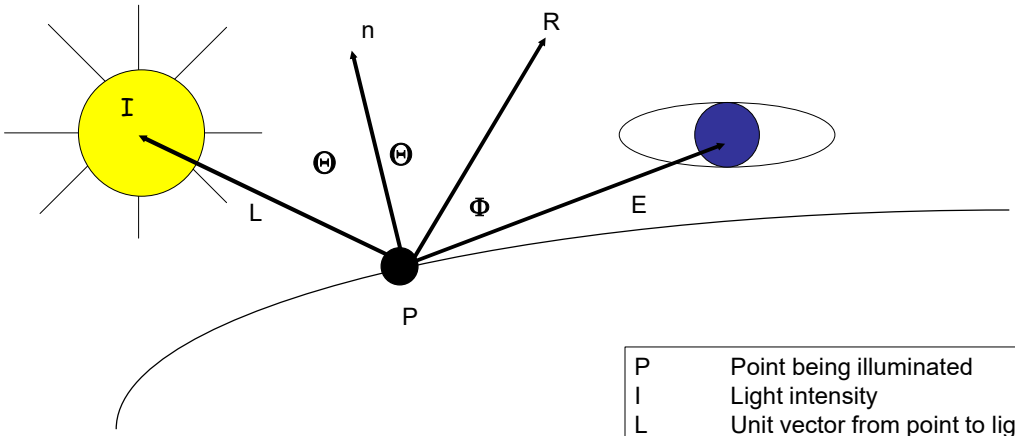


Lighting makes it possible to tell the difference between surfaces or parts of surfaces

Local vs. Global Illumination



A Common type of Local Illumination: Ambient-Diffuse-Specular (ADS)



P	Point being illuminated
I	Light intensity
L	Unit vector from point to light
n	Unit vector surface normal
R	Perfect reflection unit vector
E	Unit vector to eye position

A Common type of Local Illumination: Ambient-Diffuse-Specular (ADS)

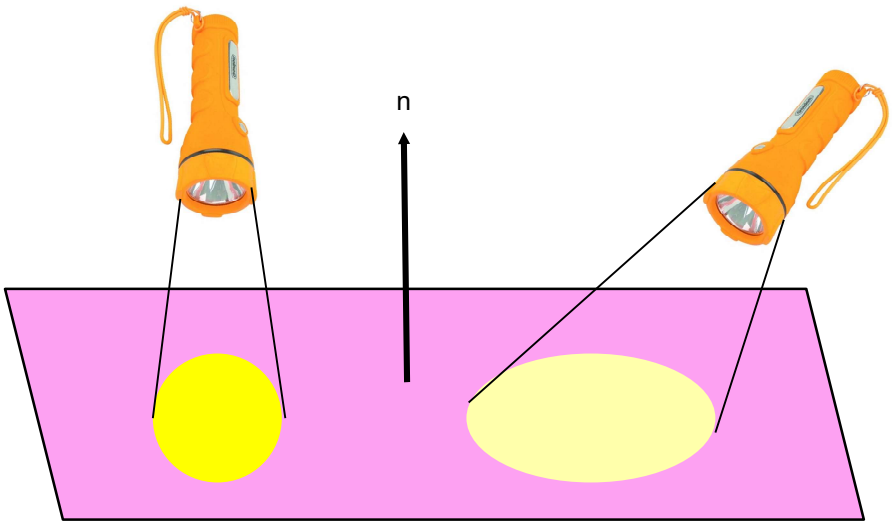
1. Ambient = a constant	Accounts for light bouncing "everywhere"
2. Diffuse = $I^*\cos\Theta$	Accounts for the angle between the incoming light and the surface normal
3. Specular = $I^*\cos^s\phi$	Accounts for the angle between the "perfect reflector" and the eye; also the exponent, S, accounts for surface shininess

Note that $\cos\Theta$ is just the dot product between unit vectors L and n

Note that $\cos\phi$ is just the dot product between unit vectors R and E

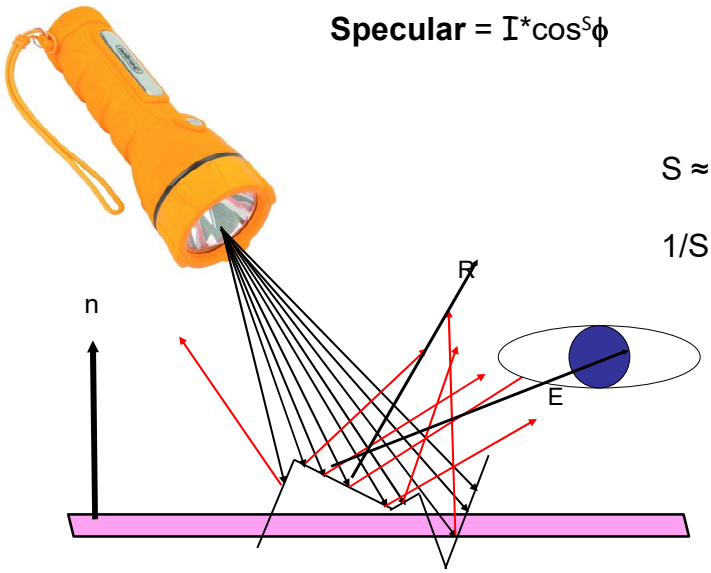
Diffuse Lighting works because of spreading out the same amount of light energy across more surface area

Diffuse = $I^*\cos\Theta$



The Specular Lighting equation is a heuristic that approximates reflection from a rough surface

Specular = $I^*\cos^s\phi$



S ≈ "shininess"

1/S ≈ "roughness"

Put them all together!

+

+

=

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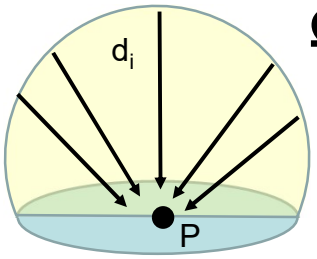
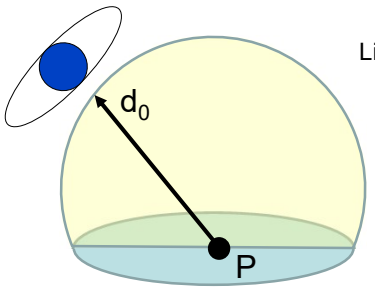
Global Illumination: The Rendering Equation



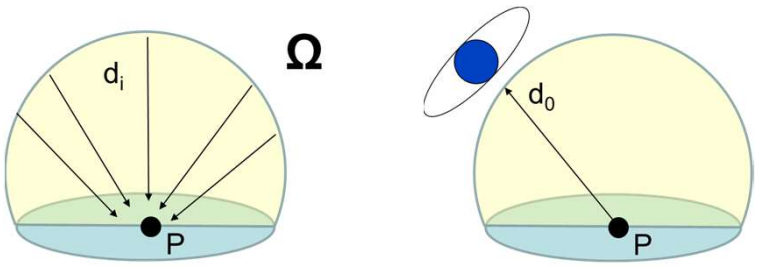
Light arriving at Point P from everywhere

$$\boldsymbol{B(P,d_0,\lambda) = E(P,d_0,\lambda) + \int_{\Omega} B(P,d_i,\lambda) f(\lambda,d_i,d_0)(d_i \cdot \hat{n}) d\Omega}$$



Light departing from Point P in the direction that we are viewing the scene from

The Rendering Equation

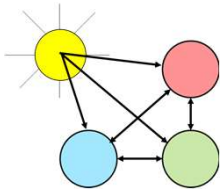


$$\boldsymbol{B(P,d_0,\lambda) = E(P,d_0,\lambda) + \int_{\Omega} B(P,d_i,\lambda) f(\lambda,d_i,d_0)(d_i \cdot \hat{n}) d\Omega}$$

In plain language, this is a light balance equation:

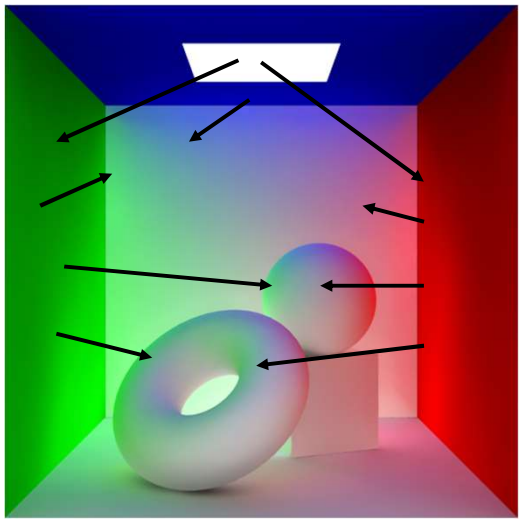
"The light shining from the point P towards your eye is the reflection of the incoming light directed to the point P from all of the other points in the scene."

The Lighting Equation at Work



- The left wall is green.
- The right wall is red.
- The back wall is white.
- The ceiling is blue with a light source in the middle of it.
- The objects sitting on the floor are white.

If the appearance of an object is also affected by the appearances of other objects, then you have **Global Illumination.**

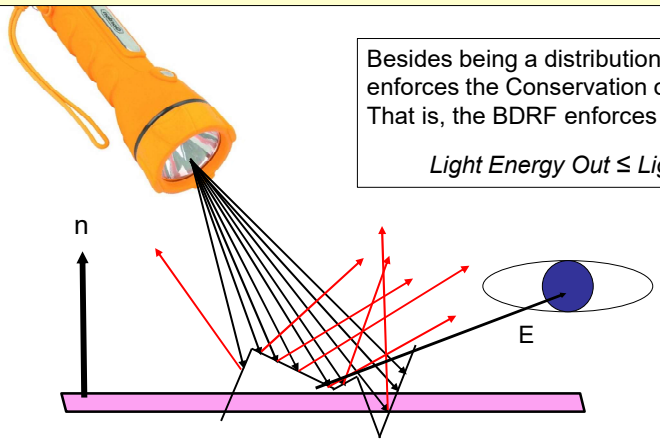


http://www.swardson.com/unm/tutorials/mentalRay3/

When light hits a surface, it bounces in particular ways depending on the angle and the material

This distribution of bounced light rays is called the **Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function**, or **BRDF**.

For a given material, the BRDF behavior of a light ray is a function of 4 variables: the 2 spherical coordinates of the incoming ray and the 2 spherical coordinates of the outgoing ray.



Besides being a distribution, the BDRF enforces the Conservation of Energy law. That is, the BDRF enforces

Light Energy Out ≤ Light Energy In

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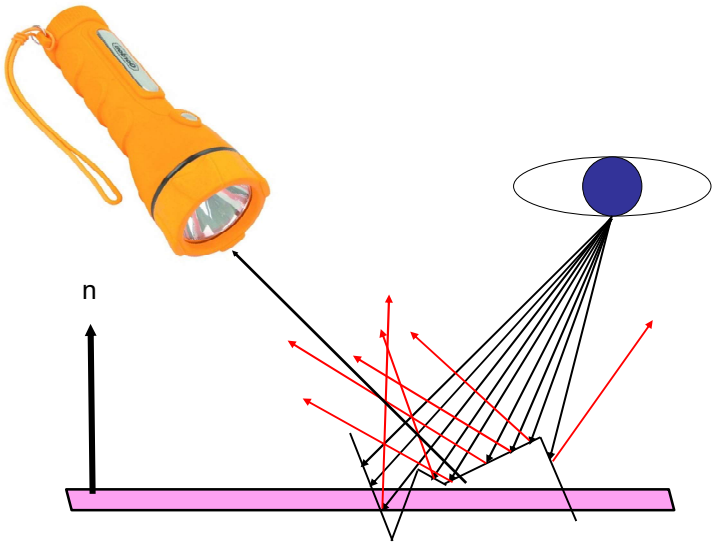
Usually it is easier to trace from the eye



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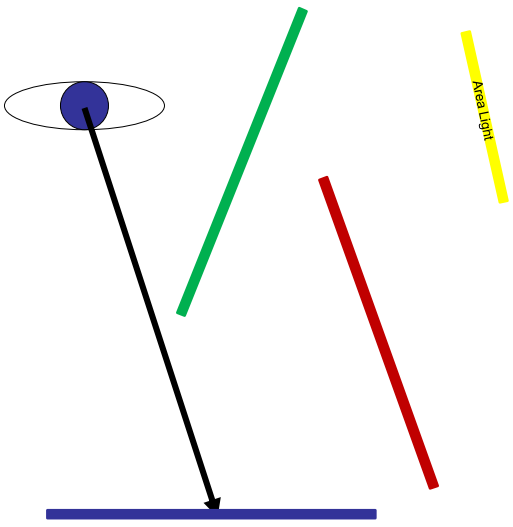

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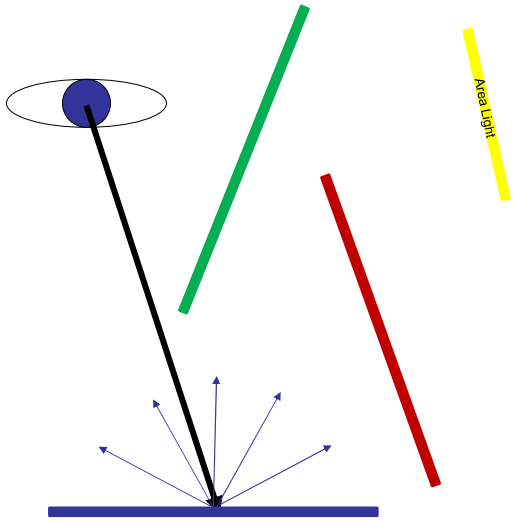

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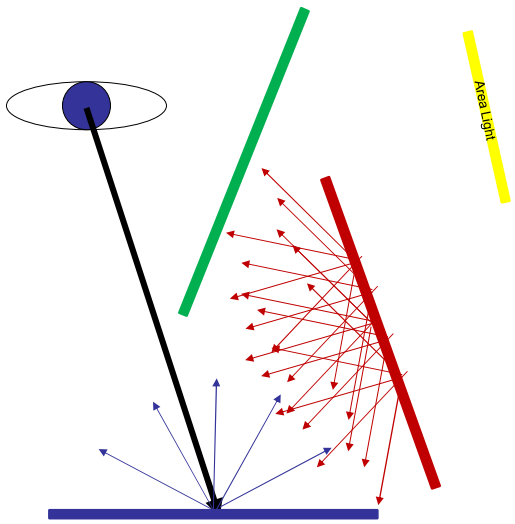

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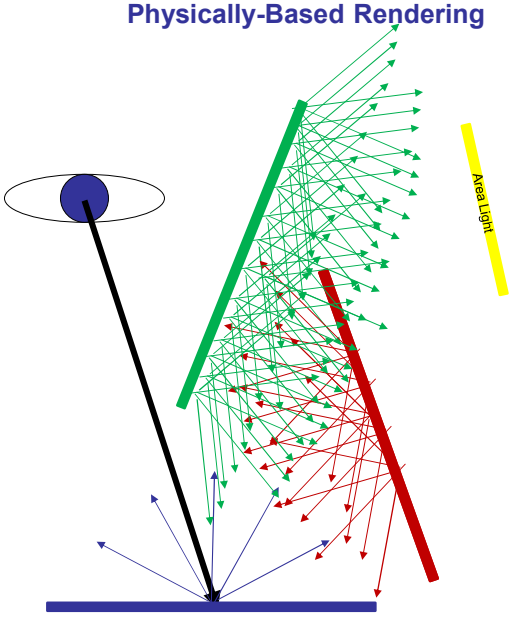

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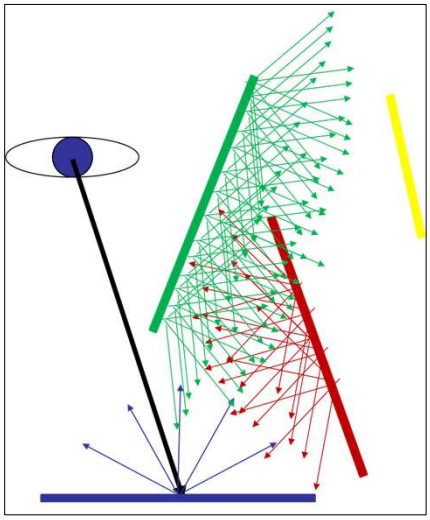

Clearly this is capable of spawning an infinite number of rays. How do we handle this?

For a small-ish number of bounces, we can evenly distribute a collection of rays.

For lots of bounces, it's **Monte Carlo** simulation to the rescue!

$$LightGathered = \frac{\sum_{0}^{N-1} ResultOfRaysCastInRandomDirection}{N}$$

Recurse by applying this equation for all ray hits (yikes!)

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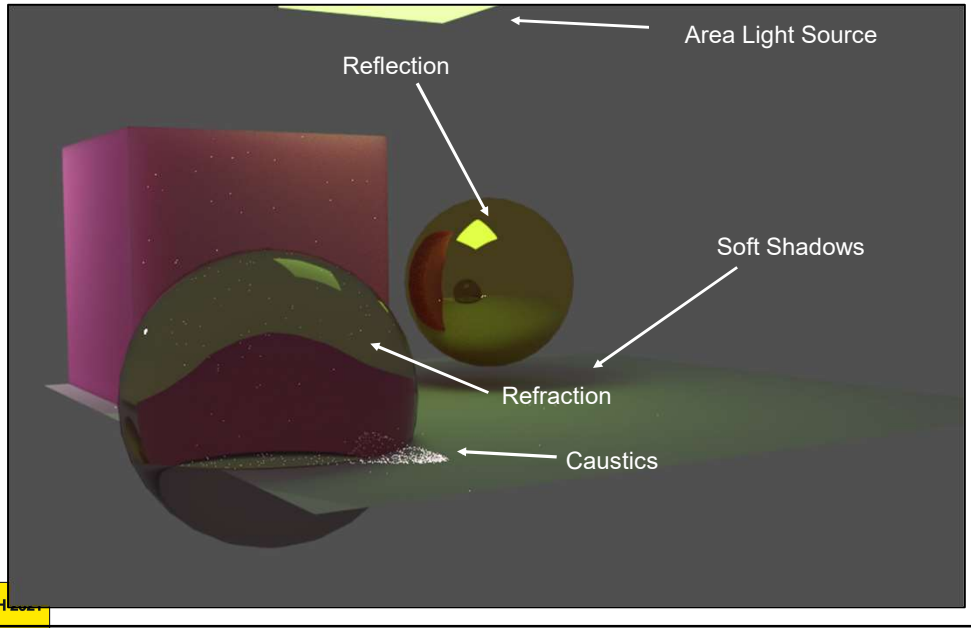
Physically-Based Rendering using the Blender *Cycles* Renderer



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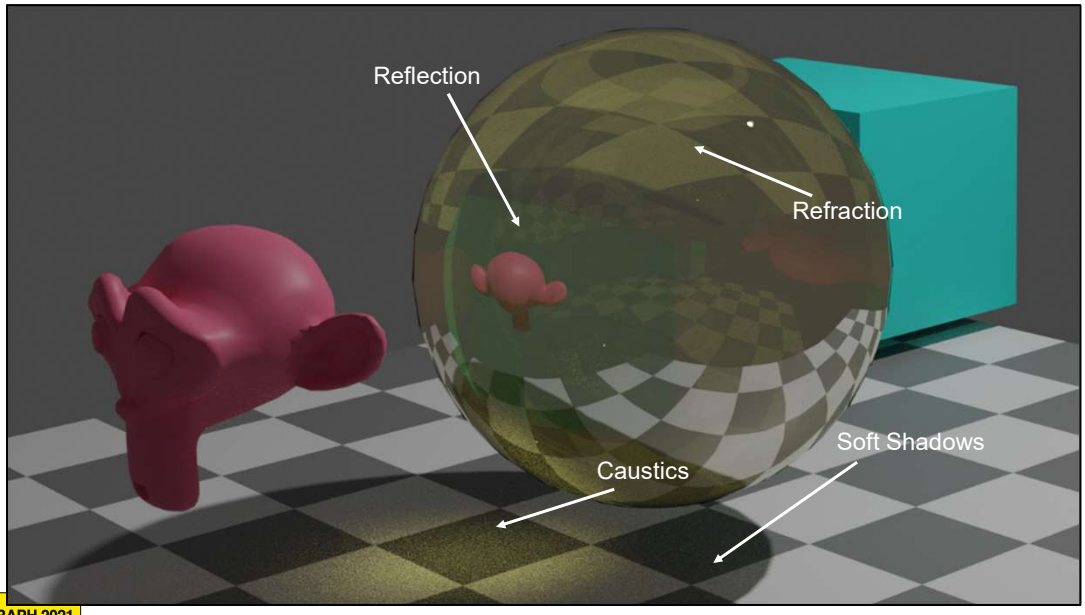

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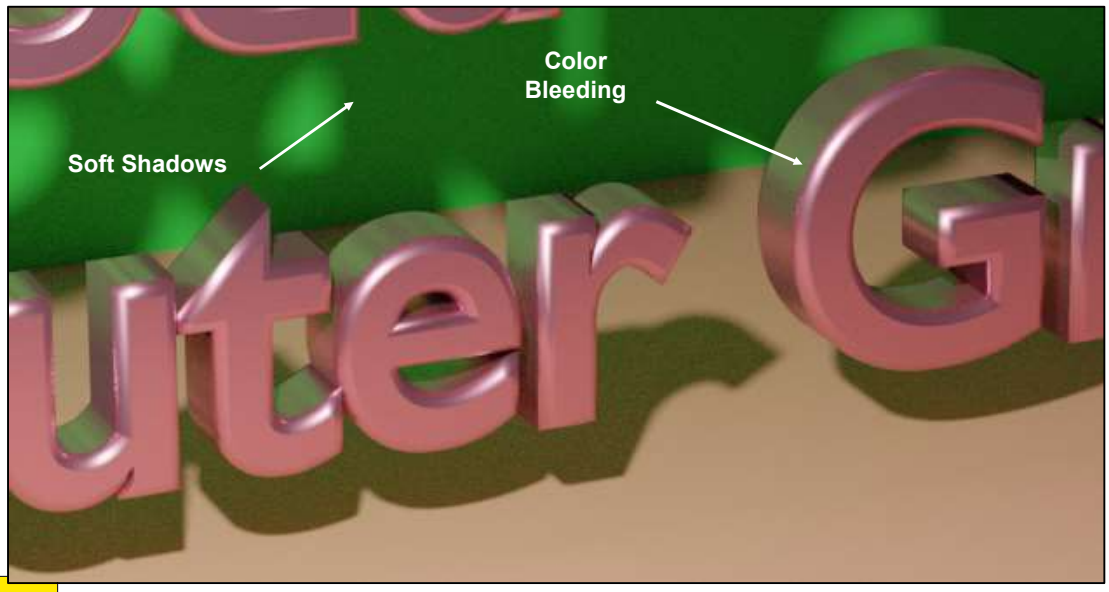
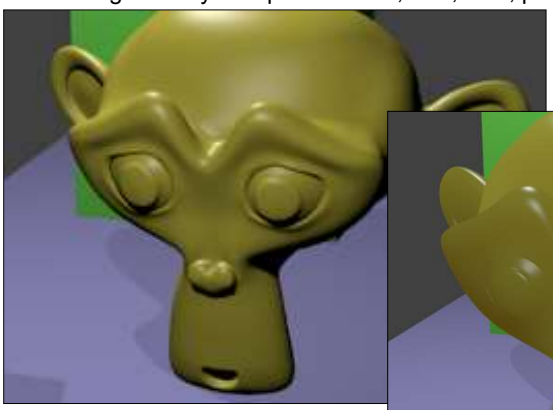
An Example from the Title Slide



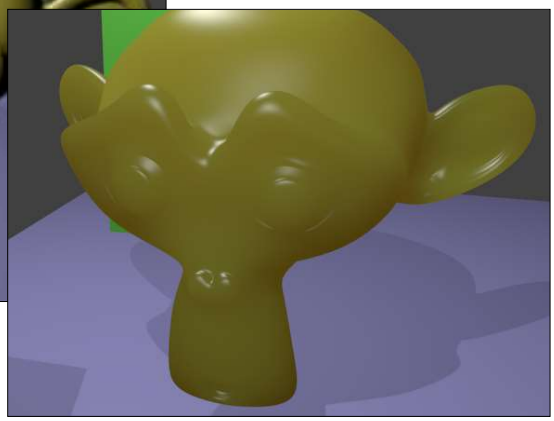
Subsurface Scattering

Subsurface Scattering models light bouncing around *within* an object before coming back out.

This is a good way to represent skin, wax, milk, paraffin, etc.



Without Subsurface Scattering



With Subsurface Scattering

Tricky Lighting Situations

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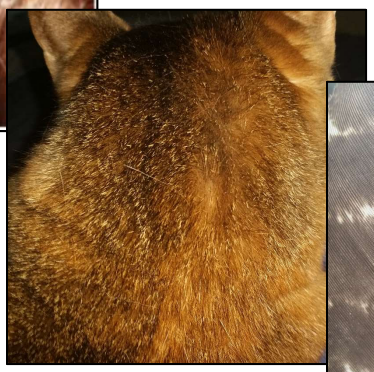
Hair



Fur

Feathers

Watch for these at the conference and in CG movies!

An Neat Global Illumination-ish Trick: Screen Space Ambient Occlusion (SSAO)

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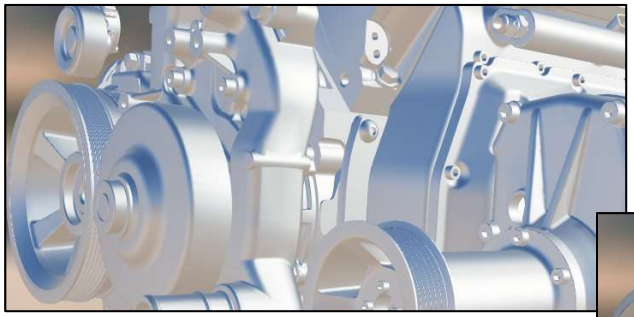

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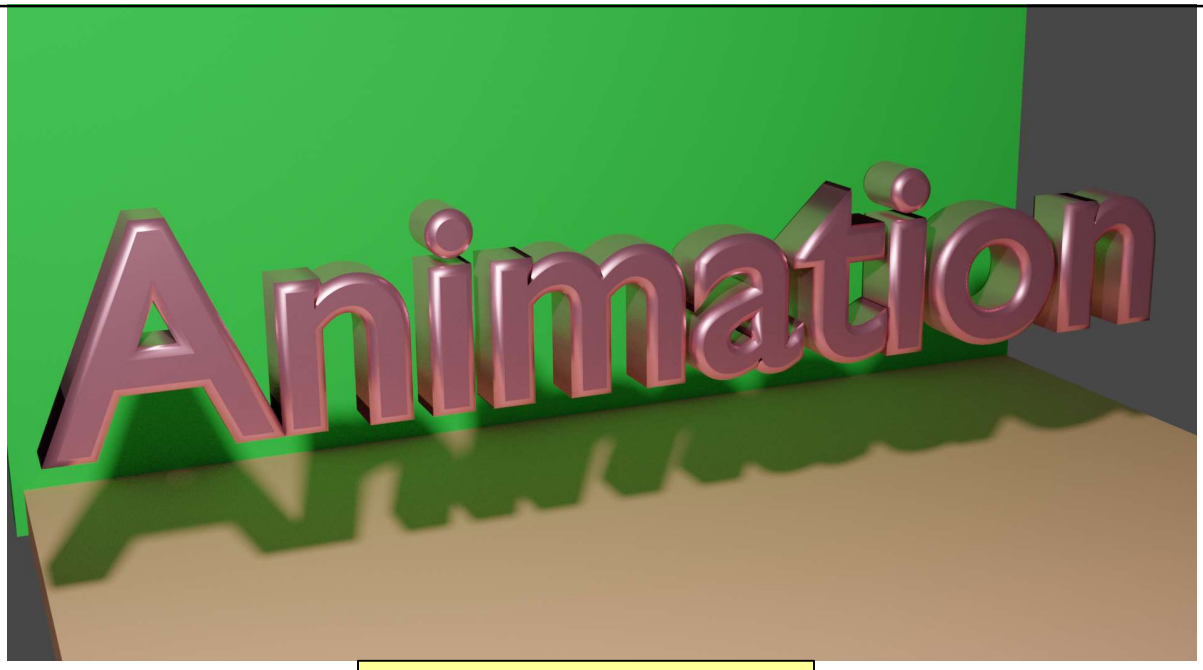

Creating the motion you want

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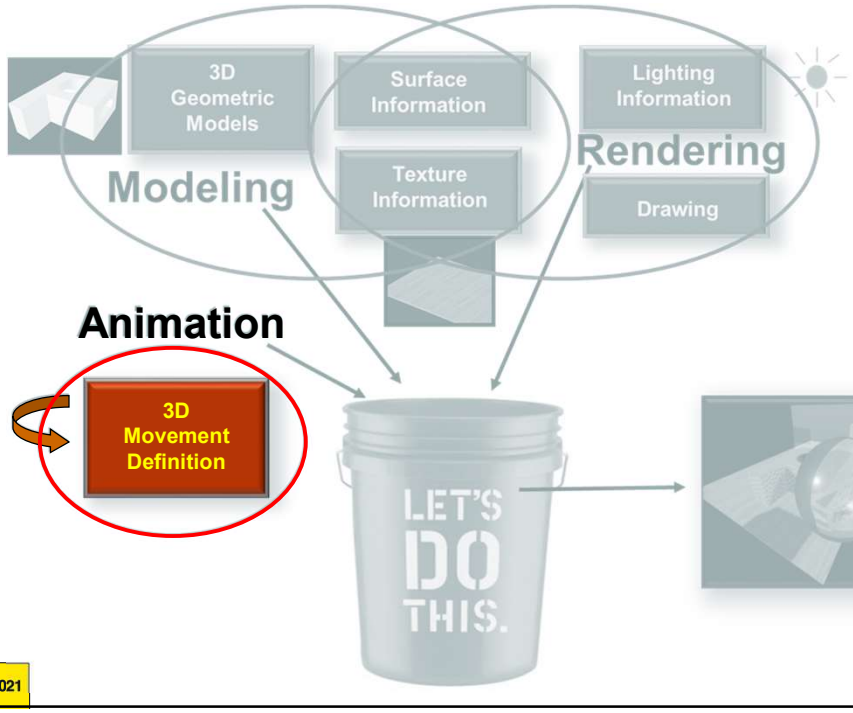

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Animation

Rendering is the process of giving motion to your geometric modes. Again, there are questions you need to ask first:

- Why am I doing this?
- Do I want the animation to obey the real laws of physics?
- Am I willing to "fake" the physics to get the objects to *want* to move in a way that I tell it?
- Do I have specific key positions I want the objects to pass through no matter what?
- Do I want to simply record the motion of a real person, animal, etc., and then play it back?

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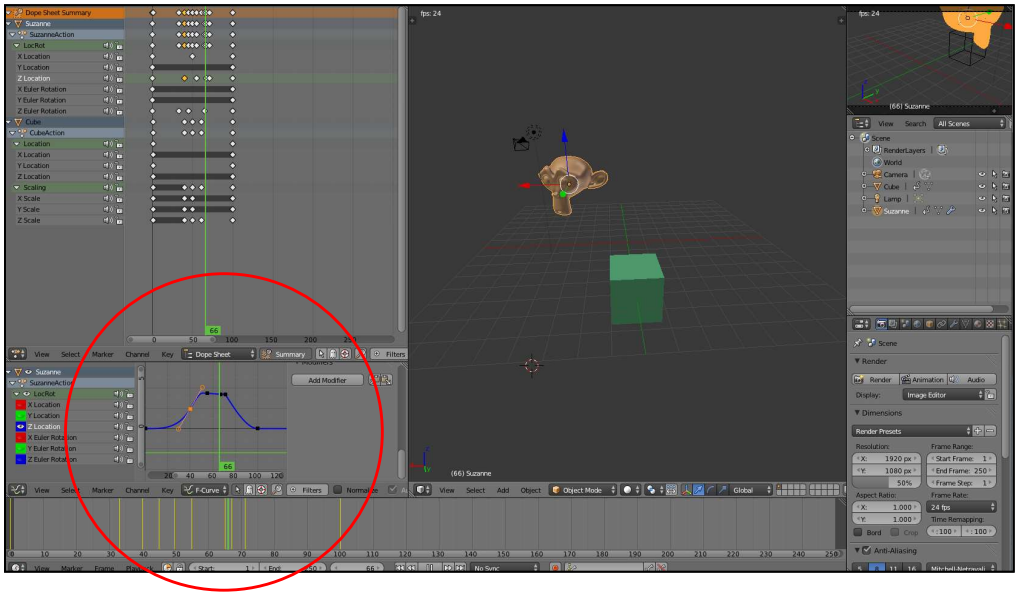
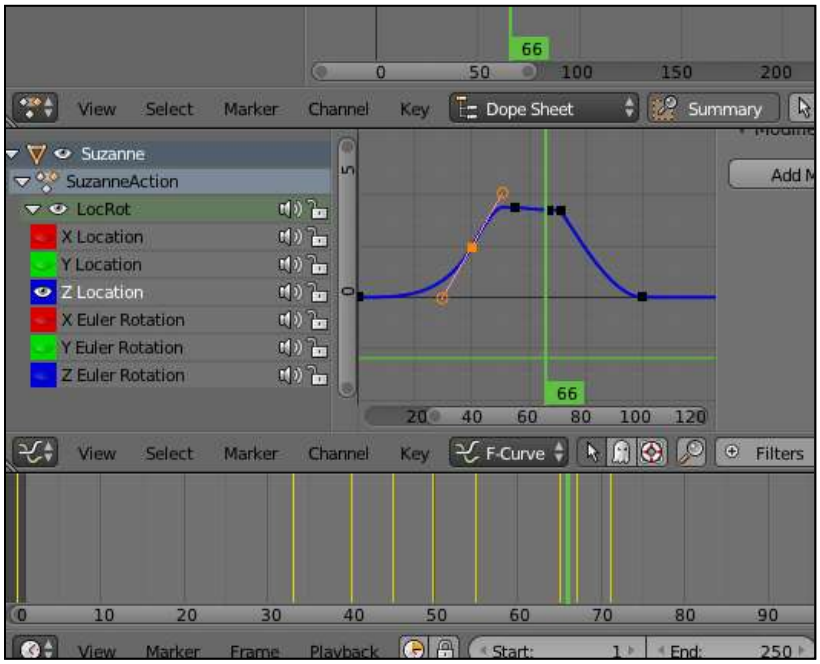


Forcing the geometry to smoothly pass through key positions

Keyframe Animation



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Sidebar: DIY KeyTime Animation

A simple C++ class can do it for you

class Keytimes:

```
void    AddTimeValue( float time, float value );
float   GetFirstTime( );
float   GetLastTime( );
int     GetNumKeytimes( );
float   GetValue( float time );
void    PrintTimeValues( );
```

Find this code (keytime.h, keytime.cpp) on:
http://cs.oregonstate.edu/~mjb/whirlwind

DIY KeyTime Animation


```
Keytimes Xpos;

int
main( int argc, char *argv[ ] )
{
	Xpos.AddTimeValue(  0.0,  0.000 );
	Xpos.AddTimeValue(  2.0,  0.333 );
	Xpos.AddTimeValue(  1.0,  3.142 );
	Xpos.AddTimeValue(  0.5,  2.718 );

	for( float t = 0.; t <= 2.01; t += 0.1 )		// just to show the example – we don't really use a float in a for-loop
	{
		float v = Xpos.GetValue( t );
		fprintf( stderr, "%8.3f\t%8.3f\n", t, v );
	}
}
```


DIY KeyTime Animation


```
( 0.00,  0.000)
( 0.00,  0.000)  ( 2.00,  0.333)
( 0.00,  0.000)  ( 1.00,  3.142)  ( 2.00,  0.333)
( 0.00,  0.000)  ( 0.50,  2.718)  ( 1.00,  3.142)  ( 2.00,  0.333)
4 time-value pairs
Time runs from    0.000 to    2.000
   0.000         0.000
   0.100         0.232
   0.200         0.806
   0.300         1.535
   0.400         2.234
   0.500         2.718
   0.600         2.989
   0.700         3.170
   0.800         3.258
   0.900         3.250
   1.000         3.142
   1.100         2.935
   1.200         2.646
   1.300         2.302
   1.400         1.924
   1.500         1.539
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   2.000         0.333
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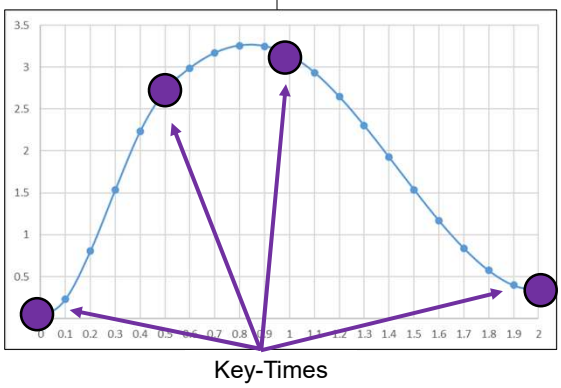


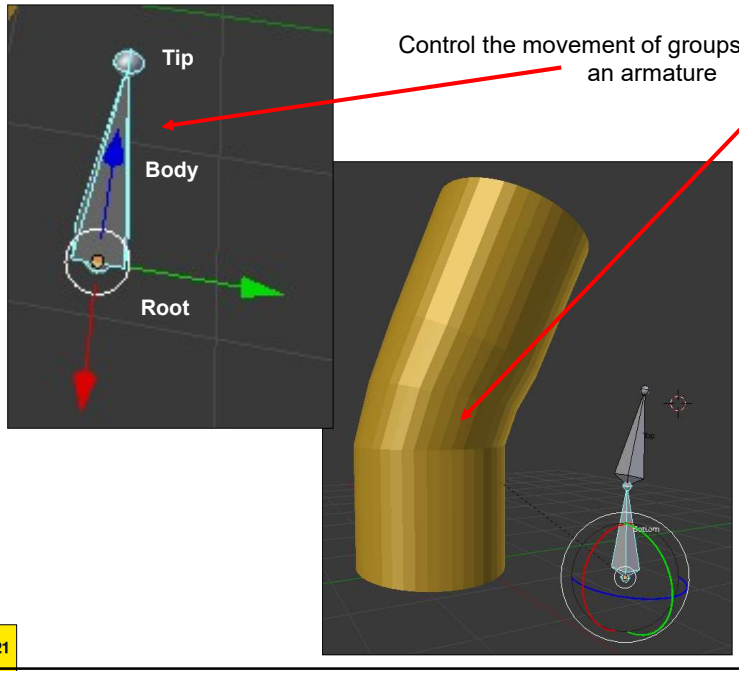
Key-Times

Using the System Clock for Timing in Display( )


```
#define MSEC      10000          // i.e., 10 seconds
Keytimes Xpos, Ypos, Zpos;
Keytimes ThetaX, ThetaY, ThetaZ;

. . .

if( AnimationIsOn )
{
      // # msec into the cycle ( 0 - MSEC-1 ):
      int msec = glutGet( GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME )  %  MSEC;

      // turn that into a time in seconds:
      float nowTime = (float)msec  / 1000.;
      glPushMatrix( );
            glTranslatef( Xpos.GetValue( nowTime ), Ypos.GetValue( nowTime ), Zpos.GetValue( nowTime )  );
            glRotatef(  ThetaX.GetValue( nowTime ),  1., 0., 0. );
            glRotatef(  ThetaY.GetValue( nowTime ),  0., 1., 0. );
            glRotatef(  ThetaZ.GetValue( nowTime ),  0., 0., 1. );
            << draw the object >>
      glPopMatrix( );
}
```

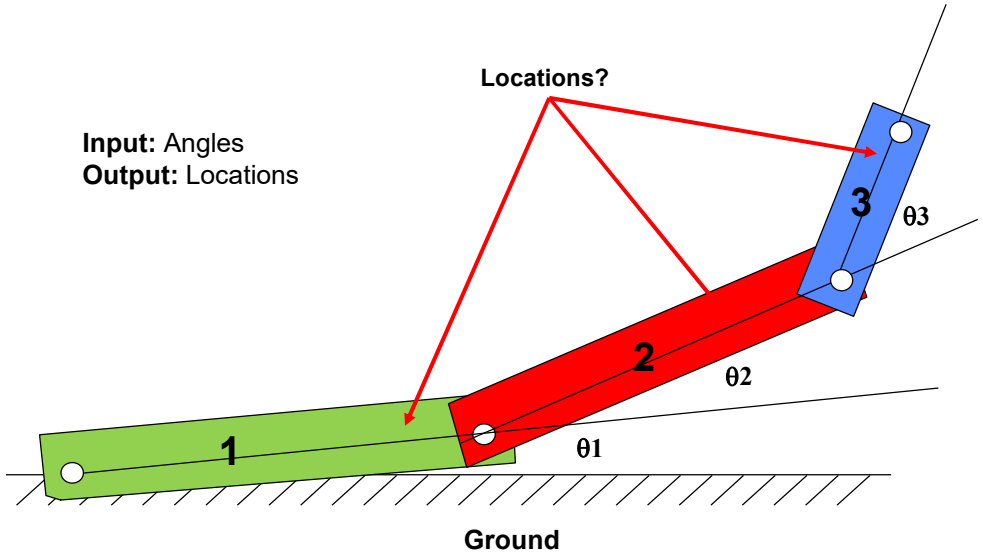
Number of msec in the animation cycle

Rigging Animation

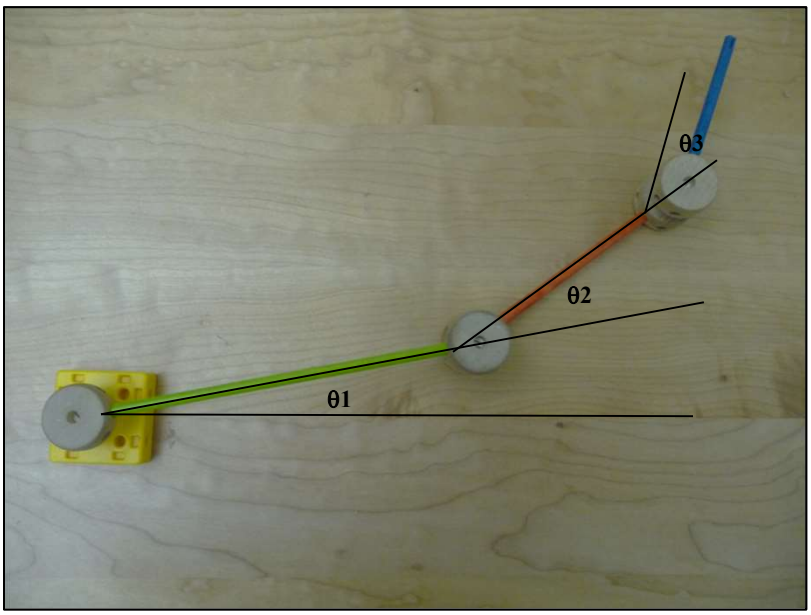


Control the movement of groups of vertices with an armature

Forward Kinematics: Transformation Hierarchies



Forward Kinematics:
Change Parameters – Things Move
(All Children Understand This)



Inverse Kinematics

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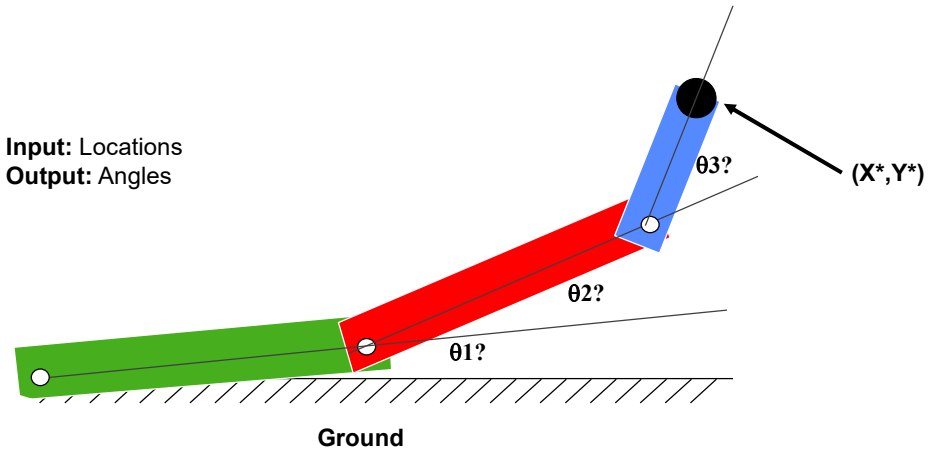
Forward Kinematics solves the problem "if I know the link transformation parameters, where are the links?".

Inverse Kinematics (IK) solves the problem "If I know where I want the end of the chain to be (X*,Y*), what transformation parameters will put it there?"



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Inverse Kinematics (IK): Things Need to Move – What Parameters Will Make Them Do That?

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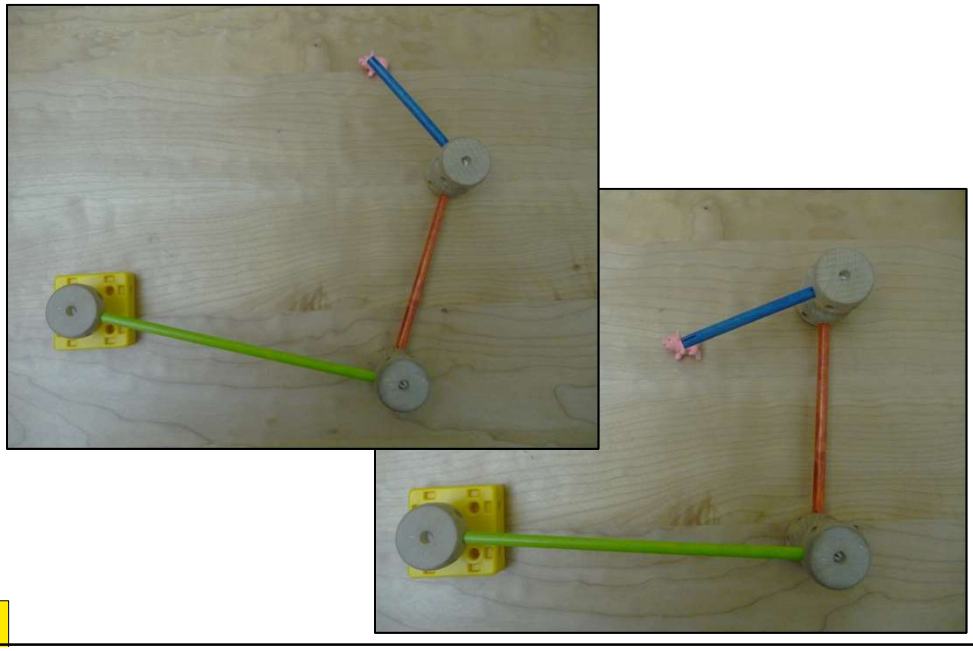

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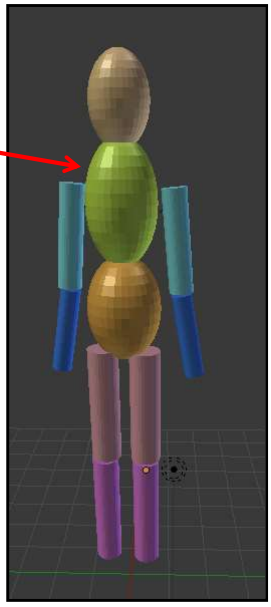
Animating a Human-ish Form

Start with this …

… and turn it into a kinematic model:



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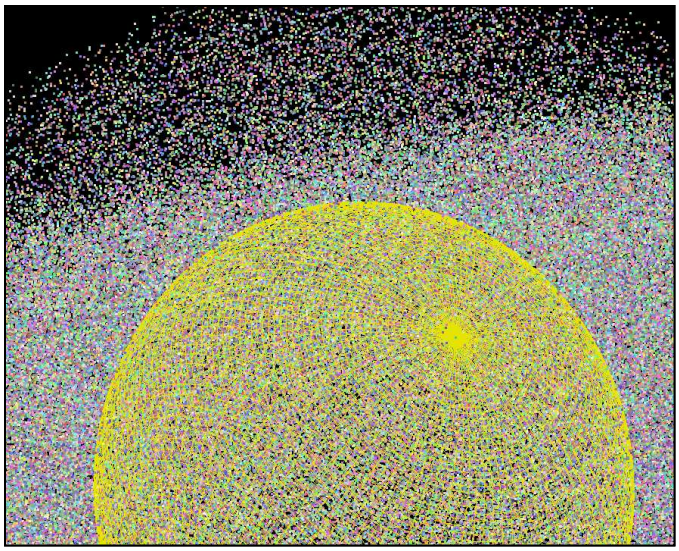

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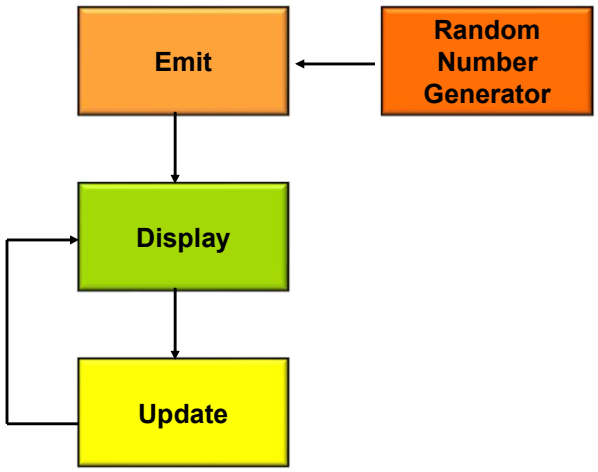
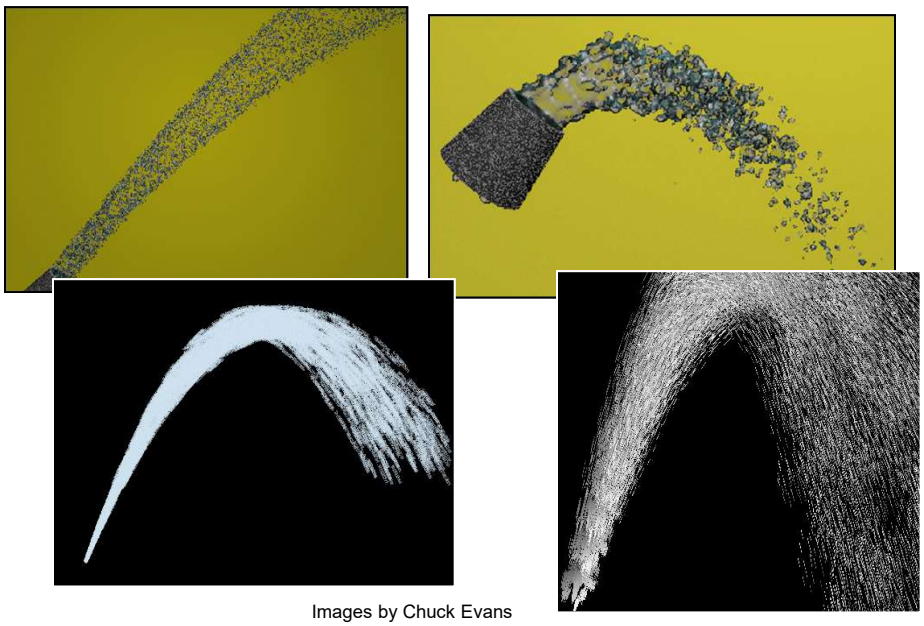
Check out this movie! These are particles animated on a GPU.

Particle Systems:
A Cross Between Modeling and Animation?

The basic process is:



Particle Systems Examples



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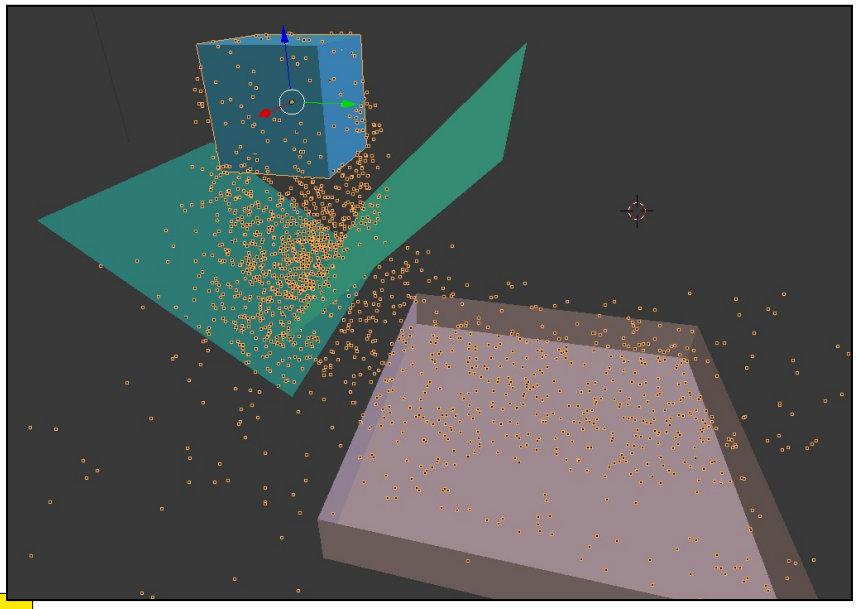
Particle Systems Examples



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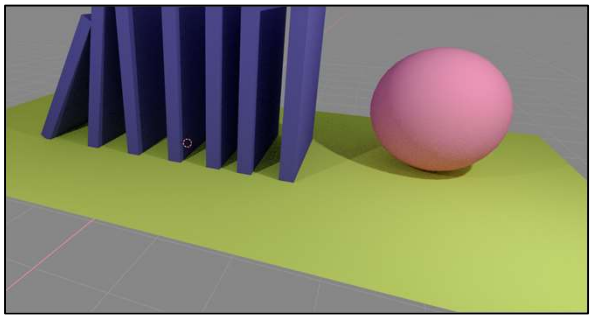
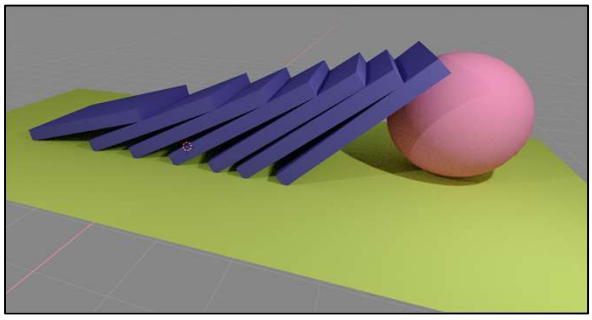
Animating using Rigid-body Physics





Newton's second law:

force = mass * acceleration

or:

acceleration = $\{\ddot{x}\}$ = force / mass

Newton's Second Law

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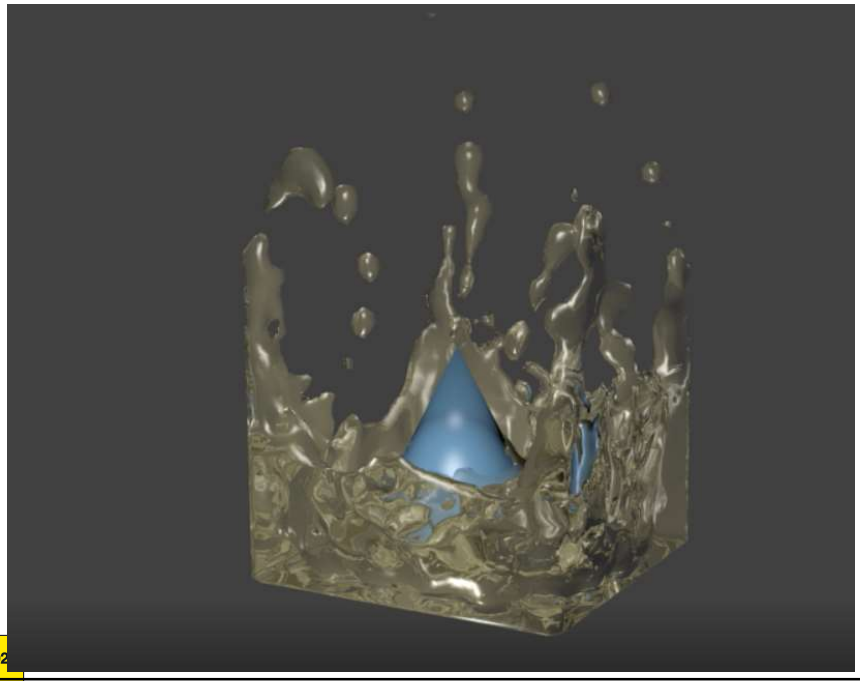
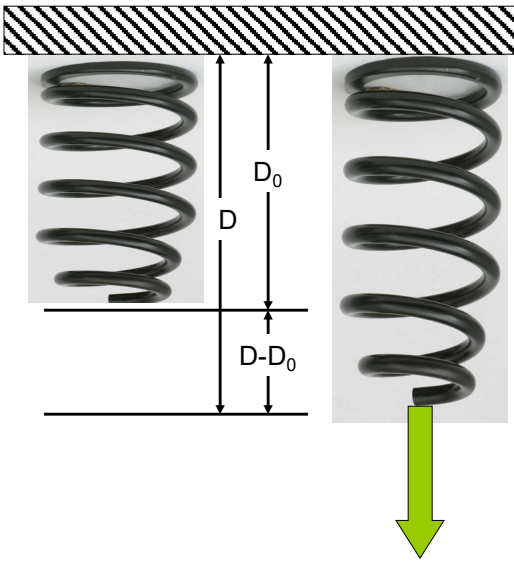
In order to make this work, you need to supply physical properties such as mass, center of mass, moment of inertia, coefficients of friction, coefficients of restitution, etc.

Animating using Fluid Physics



fluid.avi

Animating using Spring Physics



D_0 = unloaded spring length

$$(D - D_0) = \frac{F}{k}$$

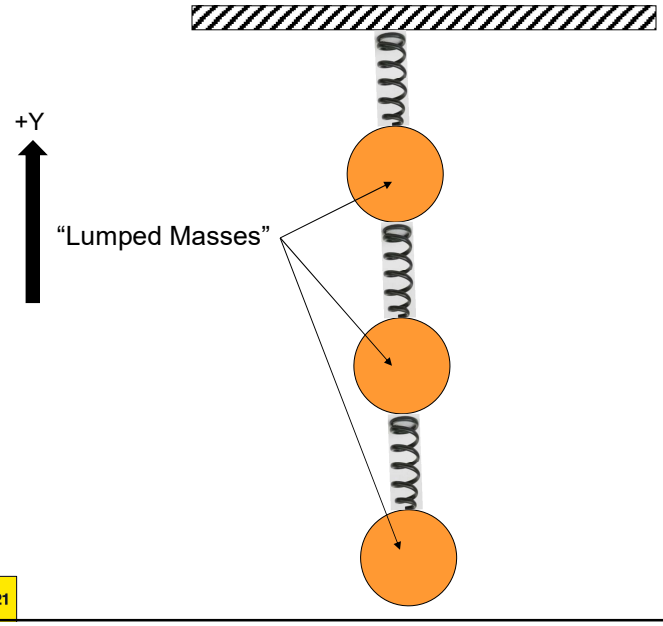
k = ***spring stiffness*** in Newtons/meter or pounds/inch

Or, if you know the displacement, the force exerted by the spring is:

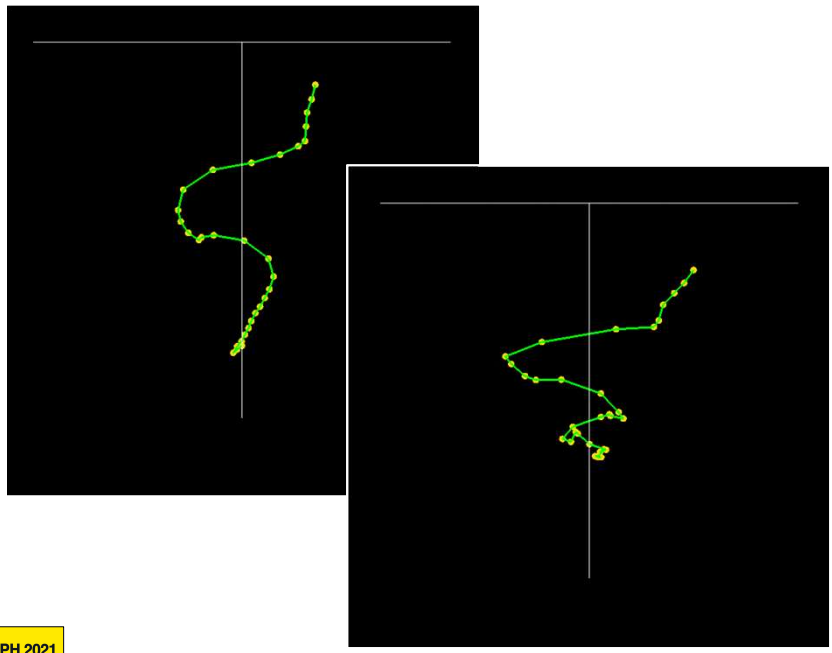
$$F = k\left(D - D_0\right)$$

This is known as **Hooke's Law**

Animating using the Physics of a Mesh of Springs



Simulating a Bouncy Chain



chain.mp4

Placing a Physical Barrier in the Scene

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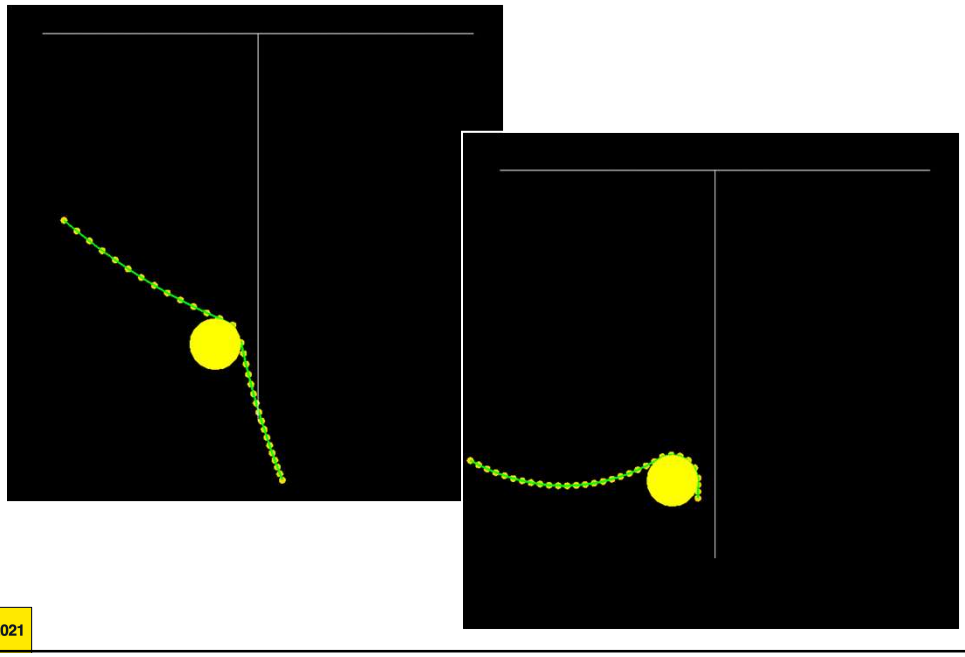

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Animating Cloth

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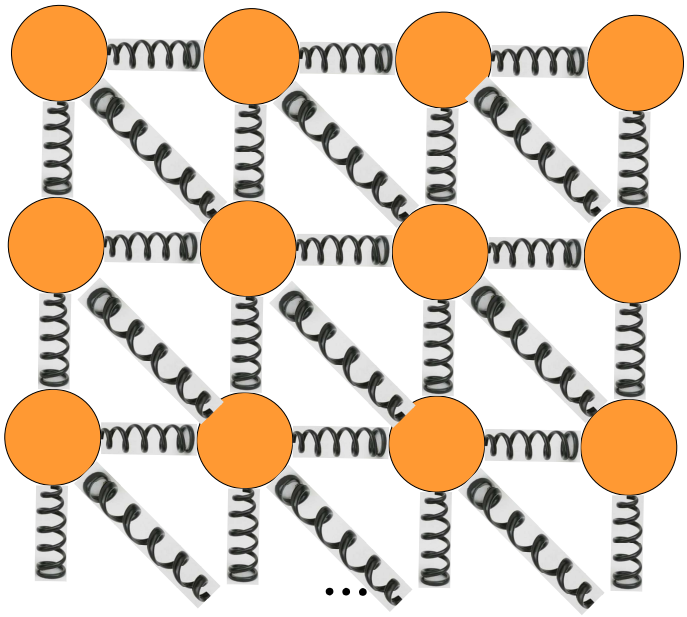

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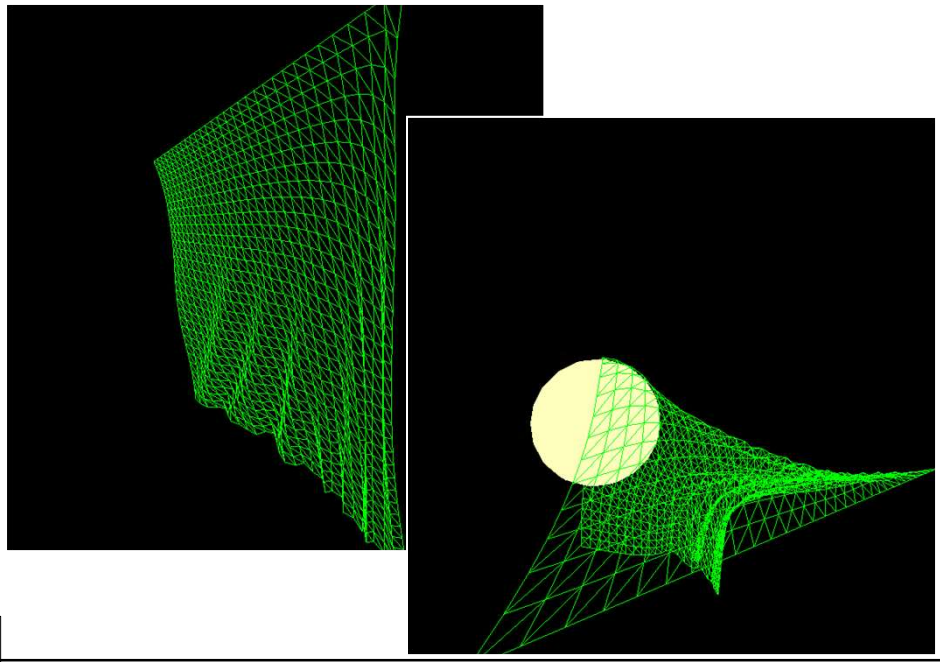
Cloth Examples



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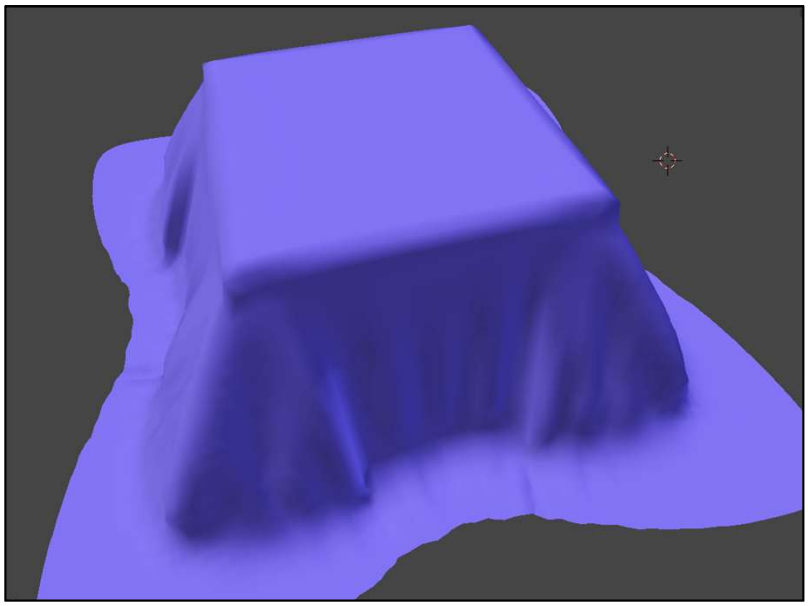

cloth.mp4

Functional Animation – "Fake Physics"

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The Challenge: animate a collection of objects, each trying to move to a target, but without colliding with each other

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Functional Animation:
Make the Object *Want* to Move Towards a Goal Position . . .

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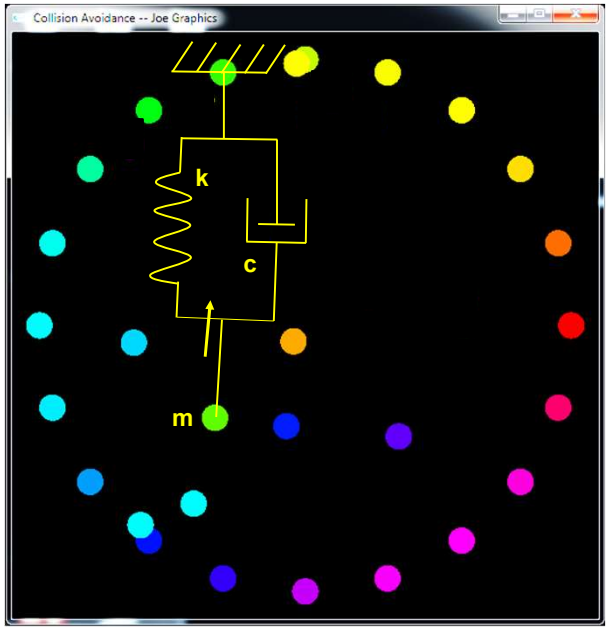

$$m\ddot{x}+c\dot{x}+kx=0$$

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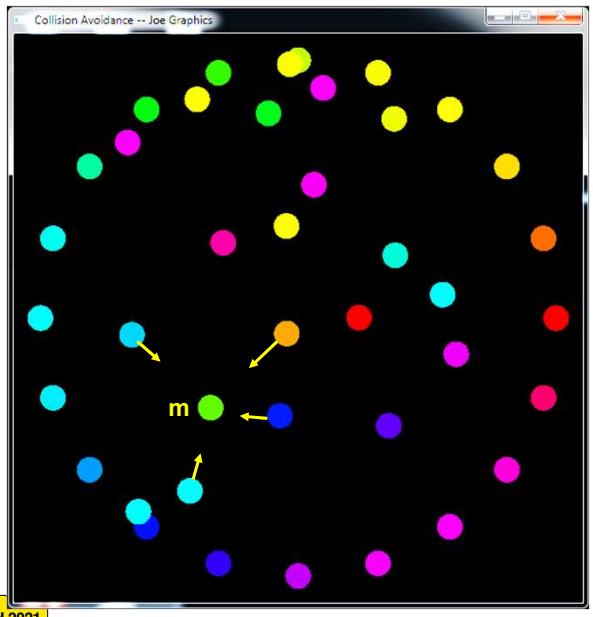
Functional Animation:
. . . While Making it *Want* to Keep Away from all other Objects



$$m\ddot{x} = \sum F_{repulsive}$$

Repulsion Coefficient

$$F_{repulsive} = \frac{C_{repulse}}{d^{Power}}$$

Distance between the boundaries of the 2 bodies

Repulsion Exponent

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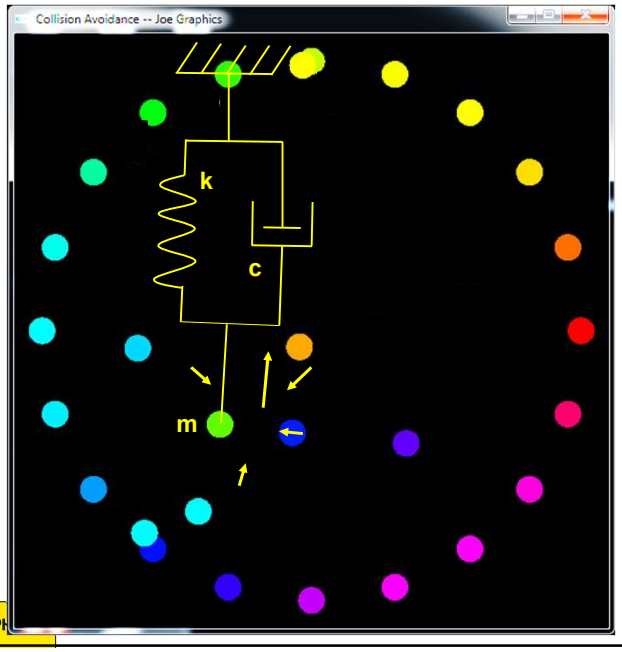
Total Goal – Make the Free Body Move Towards its Final Position
While Being Repelled by the Other Bodies



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Functional Animation

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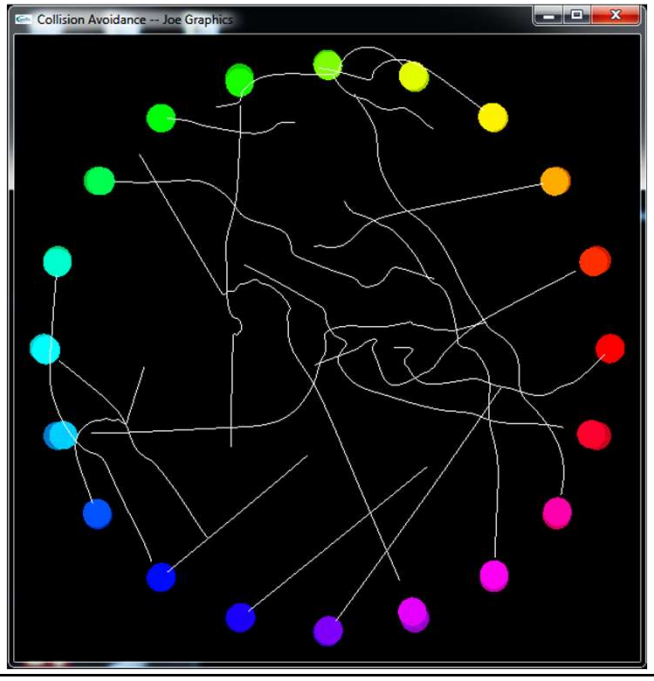

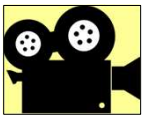

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Increasing the Stiffness

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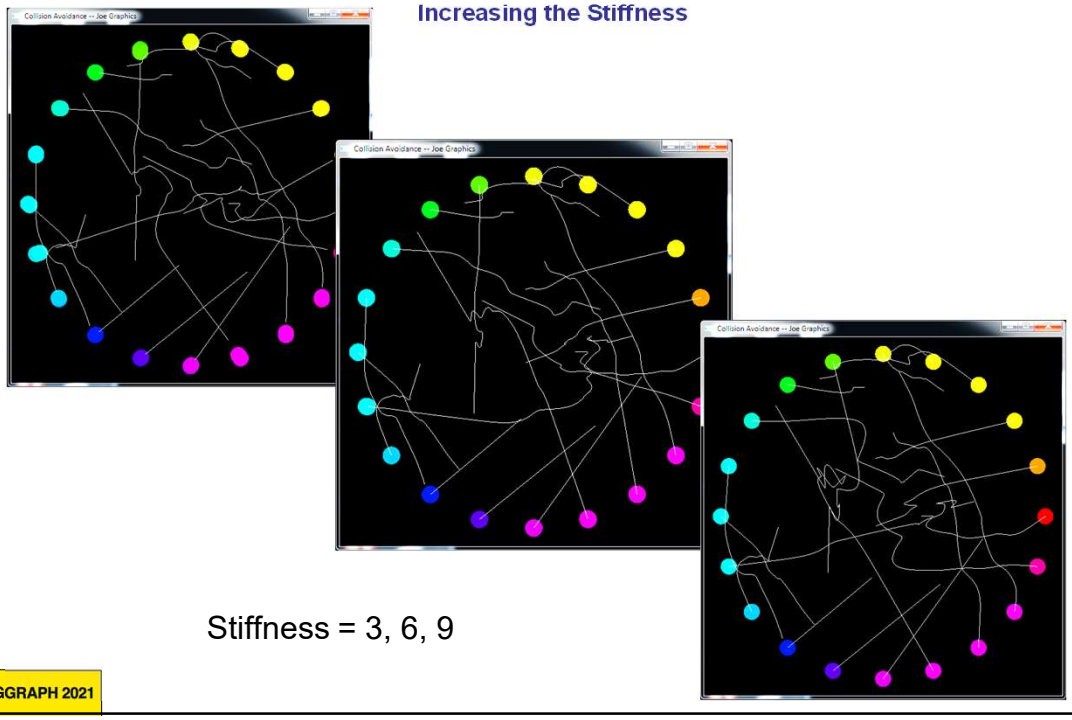

Stiffness = 3, 6, 9

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Increasing the Repulsion Coefficient

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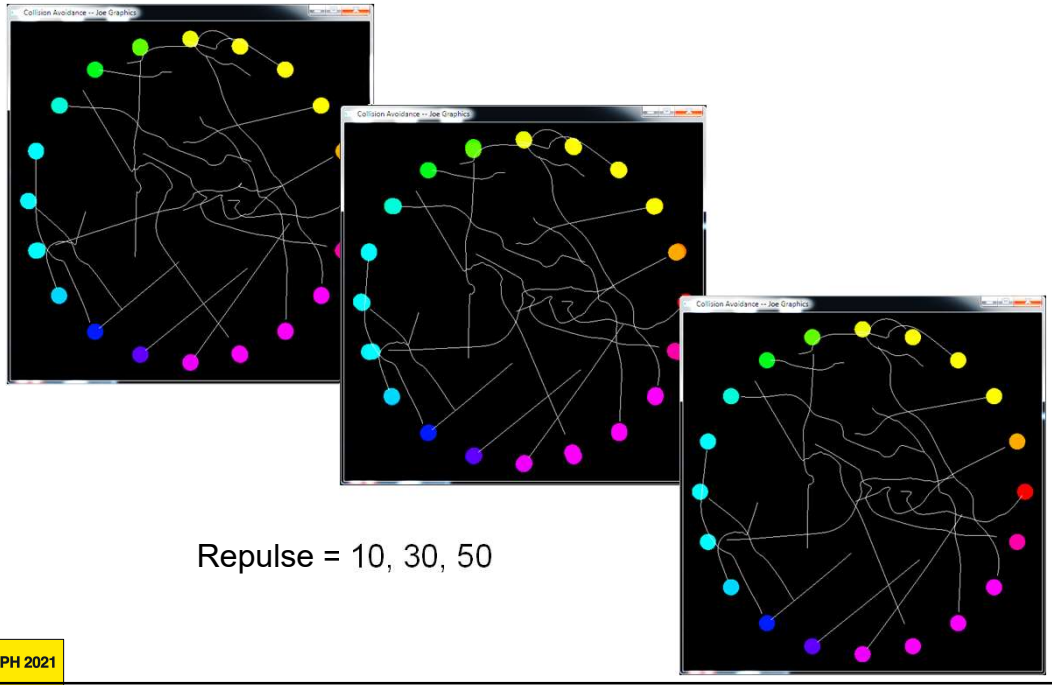

Repulse = 10, 30, 50

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Motion Capture ("MoCap") as an Input for Animation

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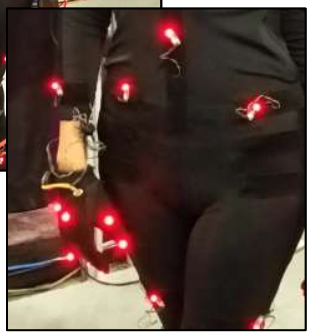

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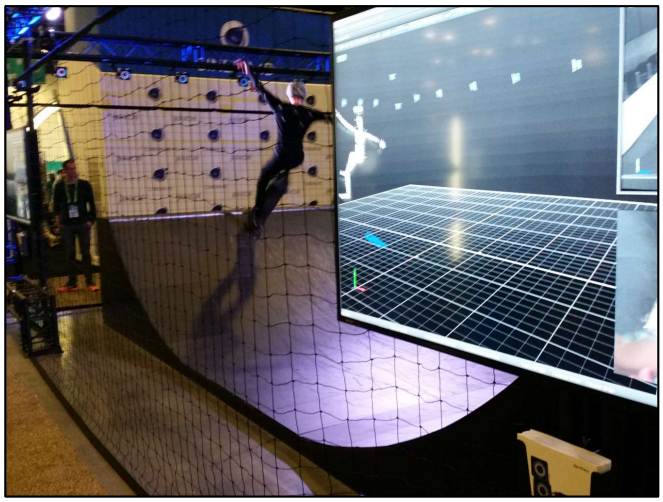

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Even Animals can be MoCapped

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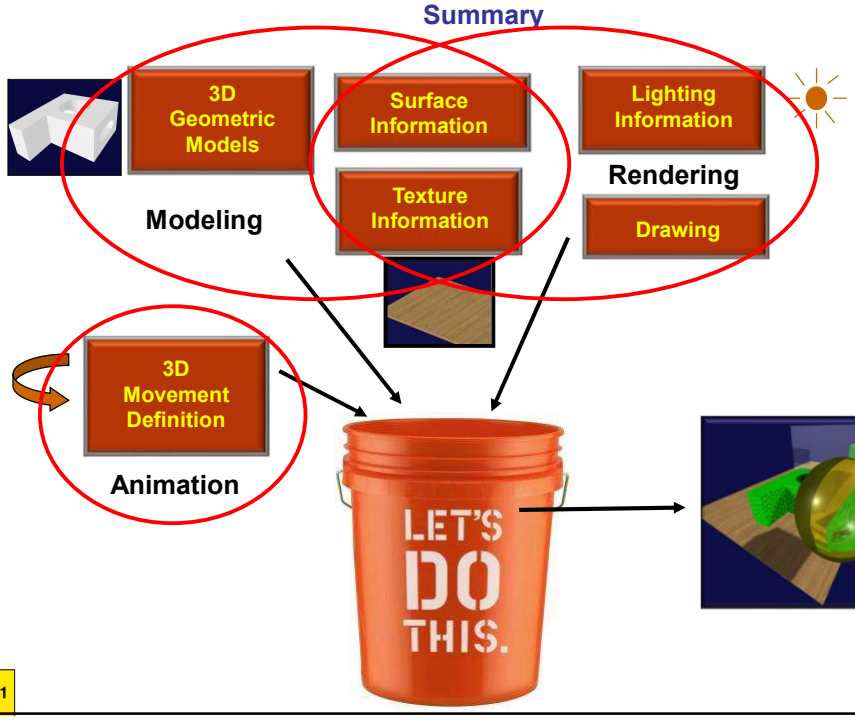

Conclusions !

- SIGGRAPH moments will never come again. Well, this is usually true, but through the 2021 videos, they might. But, be aware of what is going to be archived and what isn't. And, if it is to be archived, how long will you have access to it?
- Especially take advantage of the not-to-be-archived or not-to-be-archived-for-very-long events because you cannot re-live them forever.
- Combine what you have just learned here with what else you learn at the conference and *relate them to your career and life goals*.
- Have fun doing it!

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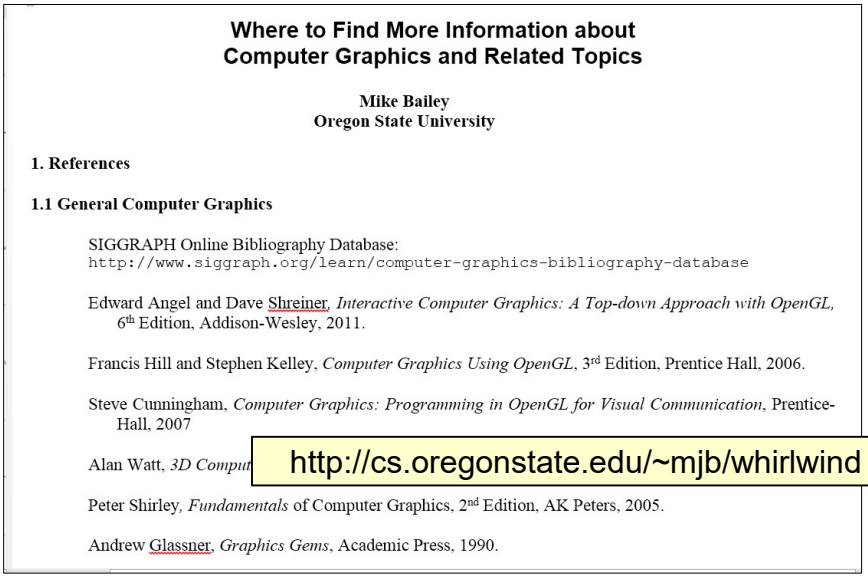

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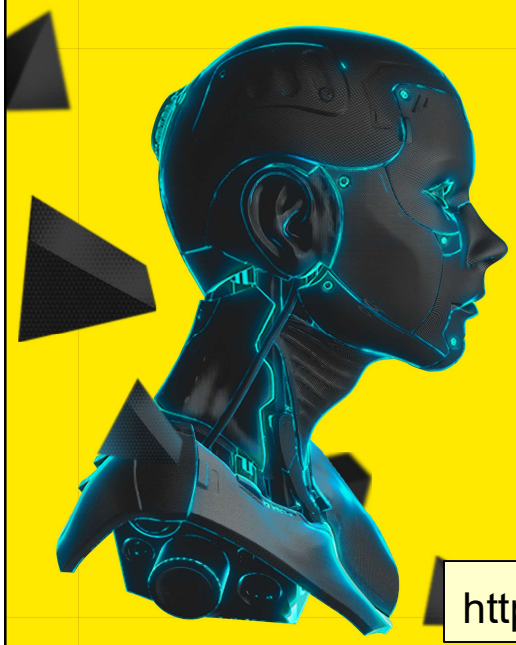

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