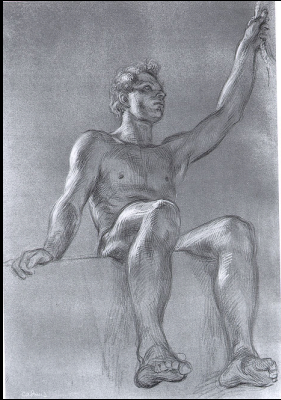


Non-Photorealistic Rendering (NPR)



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Adam Finkelstein
Princeton University
COS 426, Spring 2005

Thanks: Lee Markosian

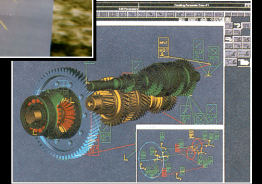
Computer graphics today



Visualization [NLM]



Training [NASA]



CAD [Intergraph]

Computer graphics today

Entertainment



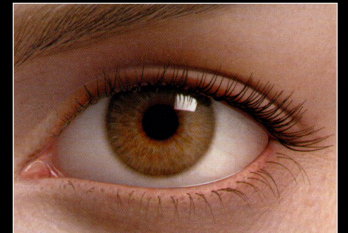
Geri's Game [Pixar]



Quake [Id Software]

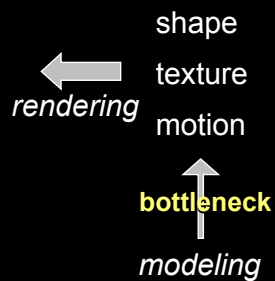
Computer graphics today

Don't try this at home!



"Final Fantasy"
Square 2001

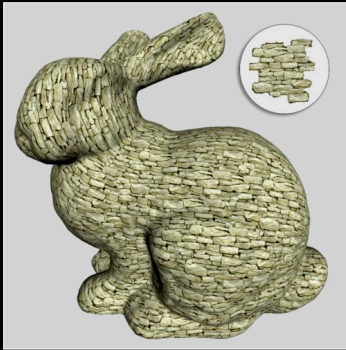
What is 3D content?



How can we create 3D content?

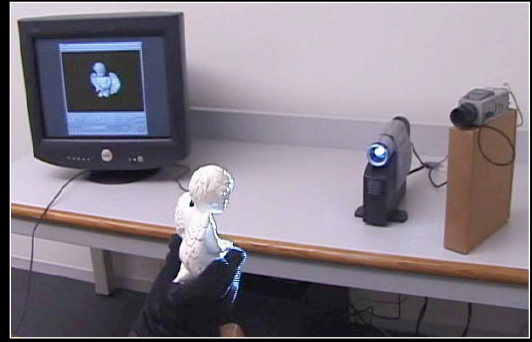
1. Generate it procedurally.
2. Scan the real world.
3. Create it "by hand."

1. Generate content procedurally



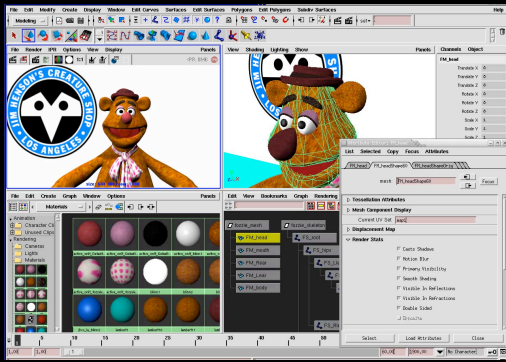
Lapped Textures [Praun 2000]

2. Scan the world



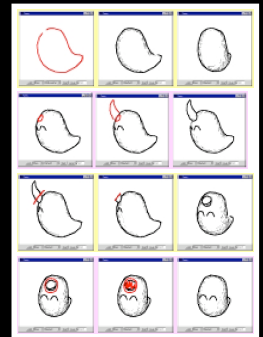
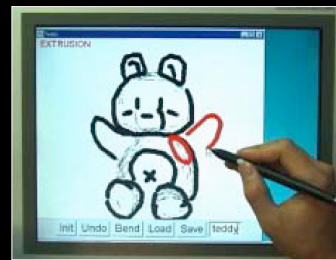
Real-Time 3D Model Acquisition [Rusinkiewicz 2002]

3. Model "by hand"



Maya (Alias|Wavefront)

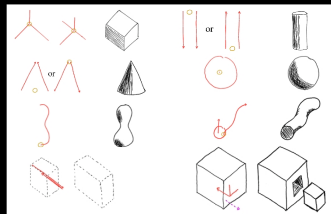
Model by drawing



Teddy [Igarashi 1999]

- Open or closed strokes, scribbling
- Creation, painting, extrusion, bending

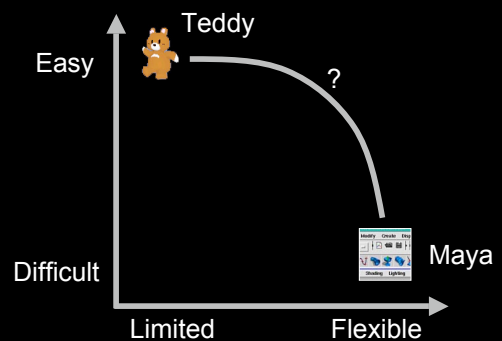
Model by drawing



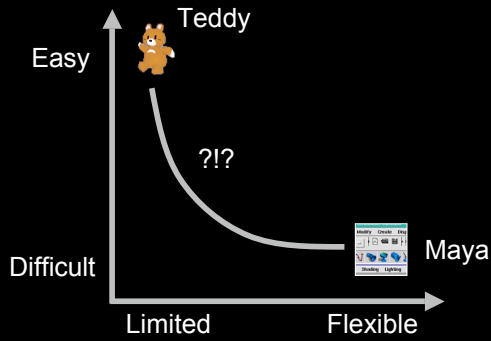
Sketch [Zeleznik 1996]

- Gestural interface: strokes & interactors
- Create, edit, or group by manipulation

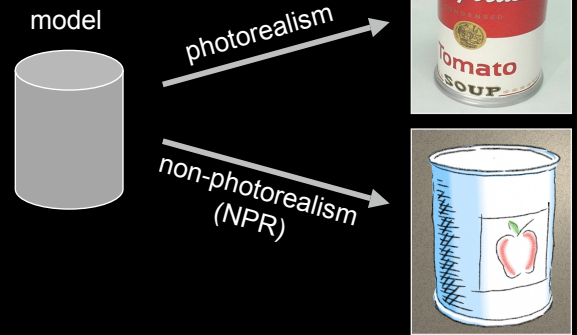
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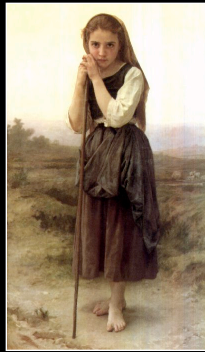
Usability versus flexibility



Rendering alternatives

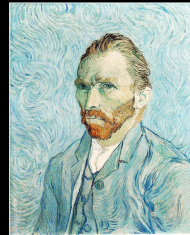


Photorealism in painting



Bouguereau, *The Little Shepherdess*, 1891

Non-photorealism in painting



van Gogh 1889



Gris 1912

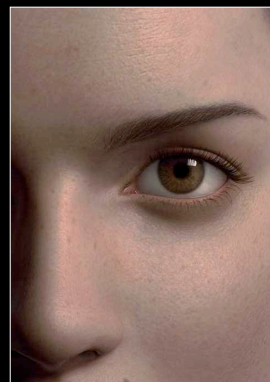


Kandinsky 1923

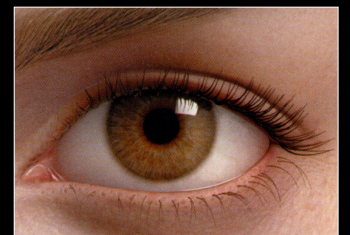
Realistic modeling and rendering



Photorealism in computer graphics



Stunning budget!



"Final Fantasy"
Square 2001



NPR in computer graphics

[Kowalski 99]

Non-photorealism

Less detail

Picasso

Non-photorealism

Quick

Design studies
(Hewlett-Packard)

Non-photorealism

Extra semantic information

Mitchell Bldg
Stanford

Non-photorealism

Guide viewer's eye



"The New Chair"
[Curtis 98]

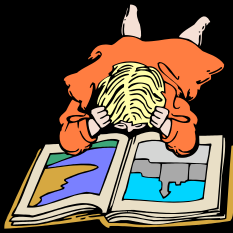
Non-photorealism

Emotionally rich

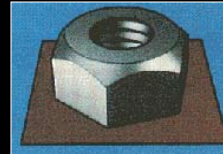
"Curse of Monkey Island"
LucasArts



A Brief History of NPR...



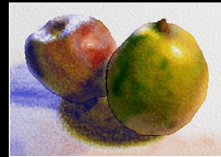
NPR: Simulating various media



Technical Illustration [Saito 90]



Pen & Ink [Winkenbach 94]



Watercolor [Curtis 97]



Paint [Hertzmann 98]

NPR: Dynamic imagery

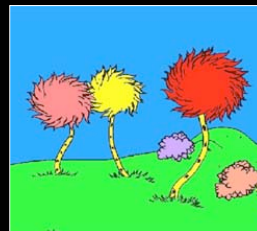


Painterly rendering for
3D models [Meier 96]

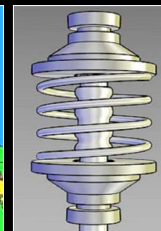


Painterly rendering for
video [Litwinowicz 97]

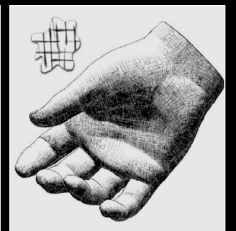
NPR: Interactive Rendering



[Kowalski 99]



[Gooch 98]



[Praun 01]

Non-photorealistic rendering (NPR)

- Elision of detail
- Selective enhancement
- Stylization and abstraction
 - Complexity is suggested



Overview of remaining topics

- Technical illustration
- Pen & ink
- Painterly rendering
- Silhouette detection
- Graftals
- WYSIWYG NPR
- Suggestive contours

Technical illustration

- Saito and Takahashi, Siggraph 90
- Purpose: render 3D models in styles that are more “comprehensible”
- Method:
- Render various intermediate images
 - Do image-processing operations on them
 - Combine the results

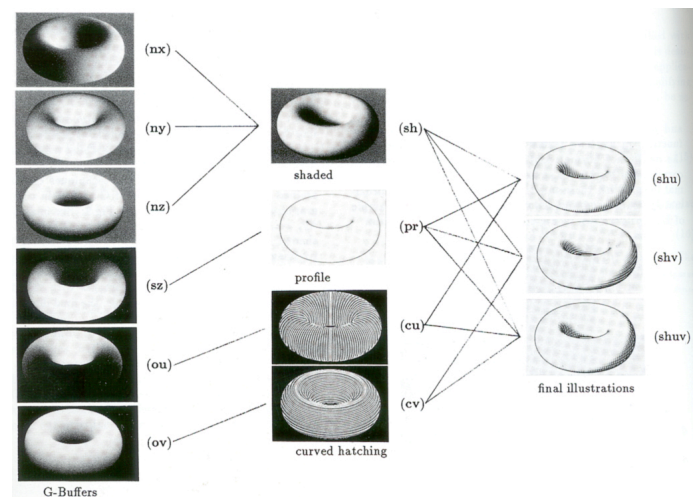
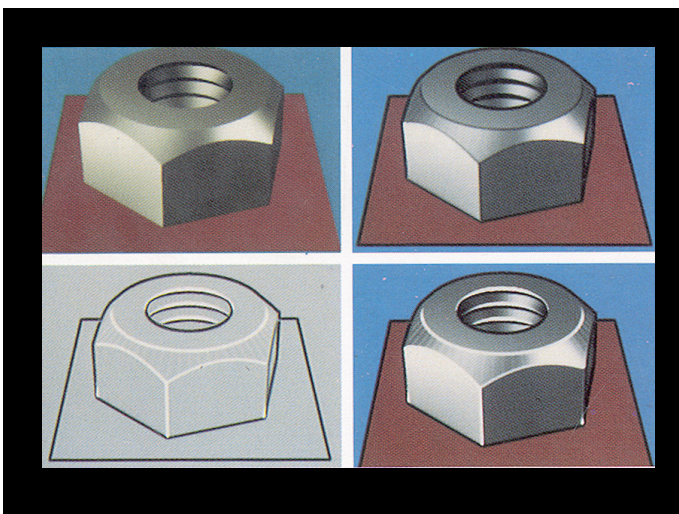
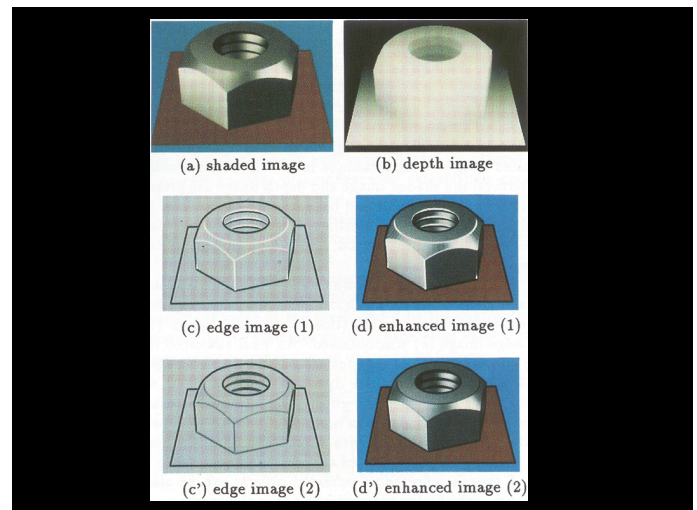
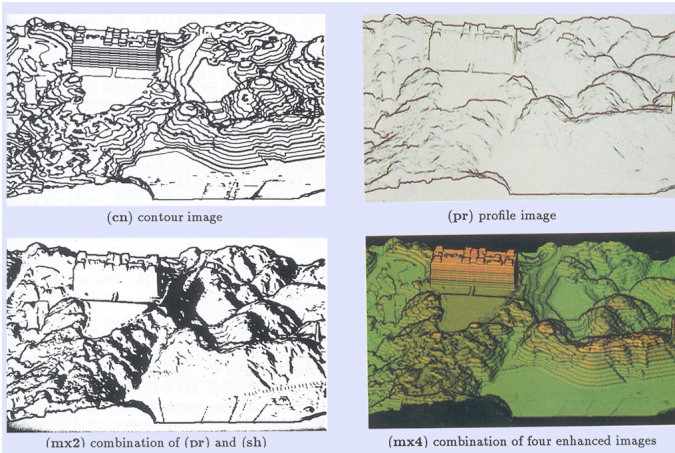


Fig.9 Process of drawing illustrations.

Problem

Parameters need careful tuning to achieve good results



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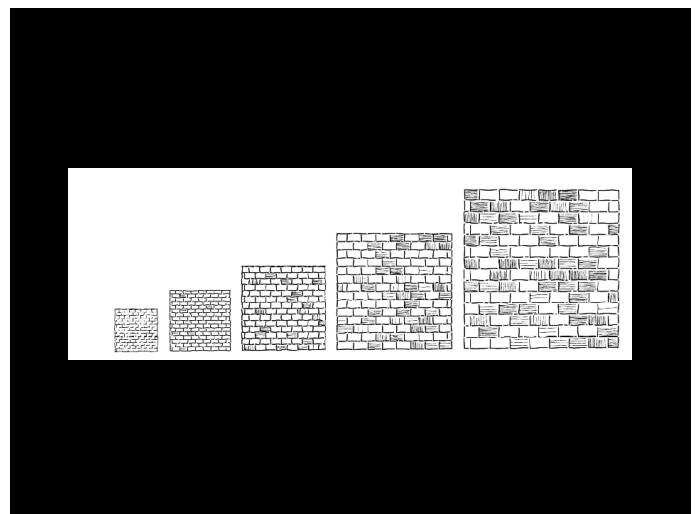
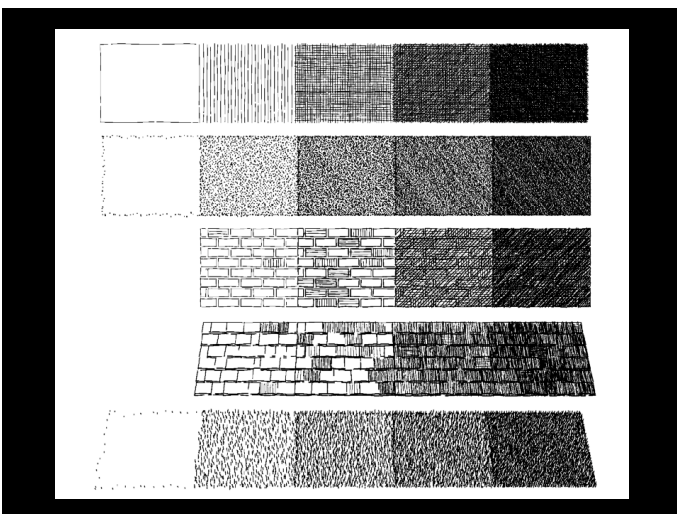
Pen and Ink

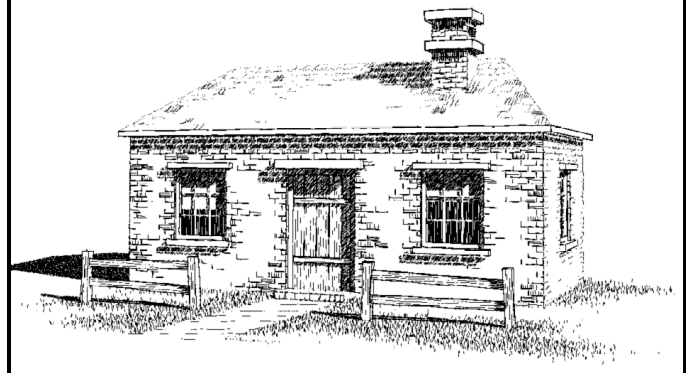
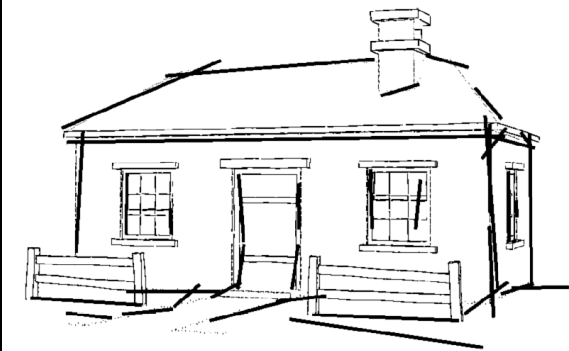
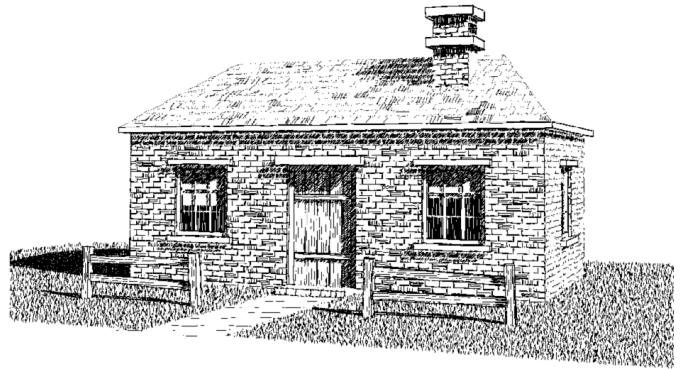
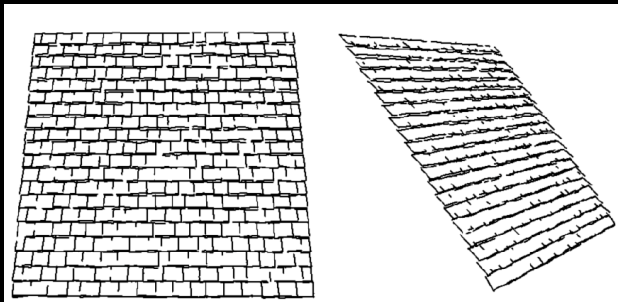
Winkenbach and Salesin, Siggraph 94

Purpose: render 3D models as pen & ink drawings

Method:

- annotate model with procedural “textures”
- Render tonal “reference image”
- Use it to guide pen and ink textures

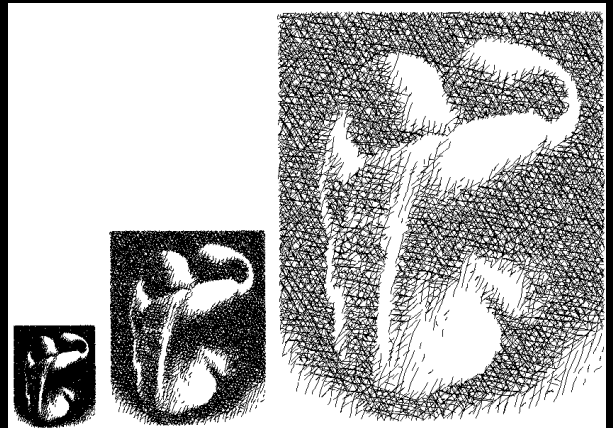




Pen and Ink

Salisbury, Anderson, Lischinski and Salesin, Siggraph 96

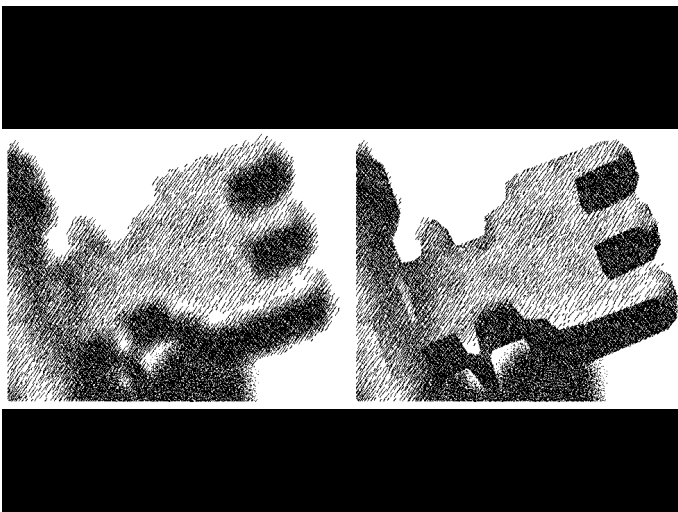
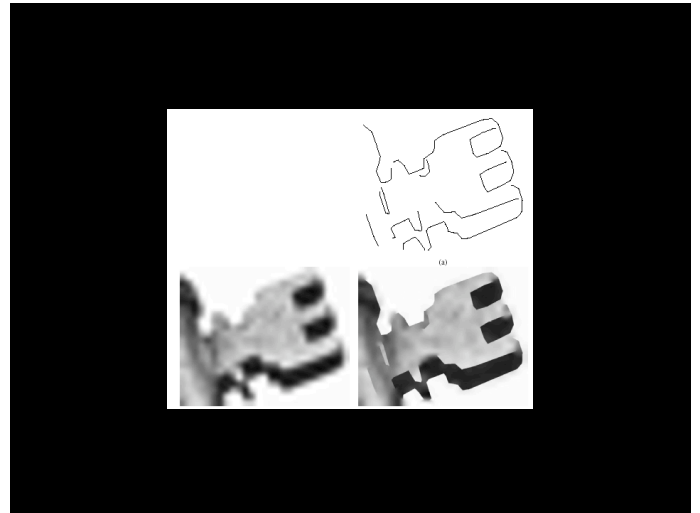
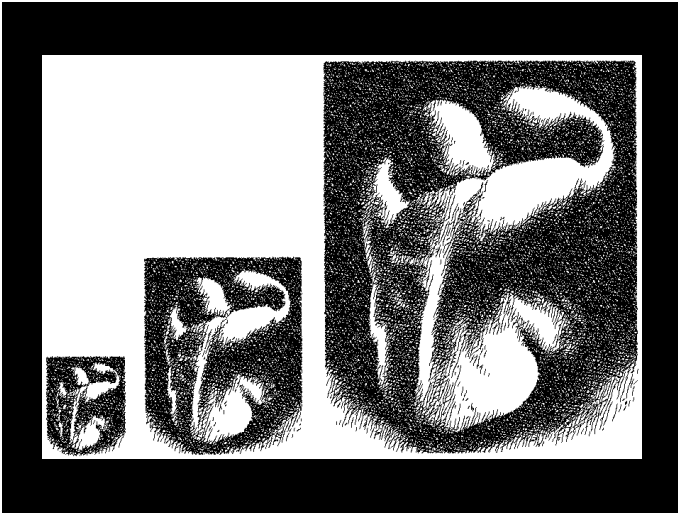
Purpose: define a scale-independent representation for pen & ink images



Salisbury et al., cont'd

Method:

- Store lo-res greyscale image annotated with discontinuities
- filter greyscale image to desired size, run stroke generation algorithm on it



Problems

Only produces still images

- Would not provide temporal coherence

What's the application?

Talk overview

Technical illustration

Pen & ink

Painterly rendering

Silhouette detection

Graftals

WYSIWYG NPR

Coherent stylized silhouettes

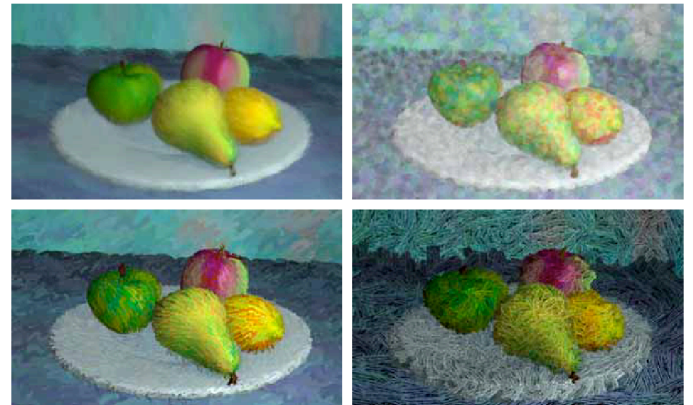
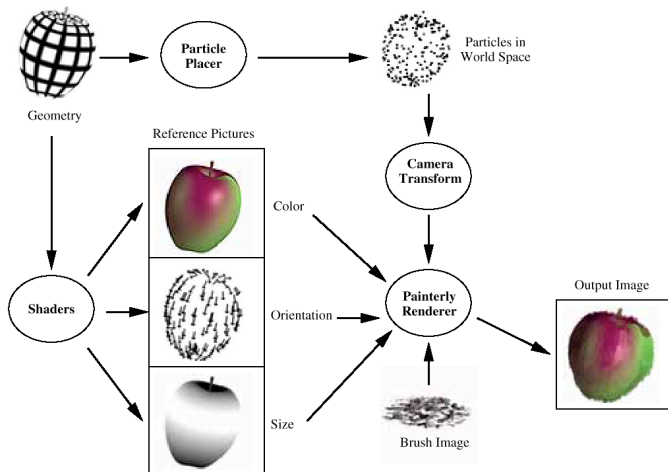
Painterly rendering

Meier, Siggraph 96

Problem: produce animations in a “painterly” style with temporal coherence of strokes

Method:

- Populate surfaces with stroke “particles”
- Render with the help of reference images



Problem

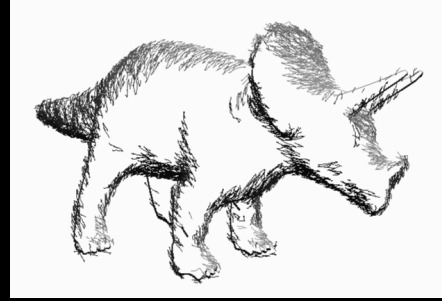
Particles have fixed distribution

- Need prescribed camera path

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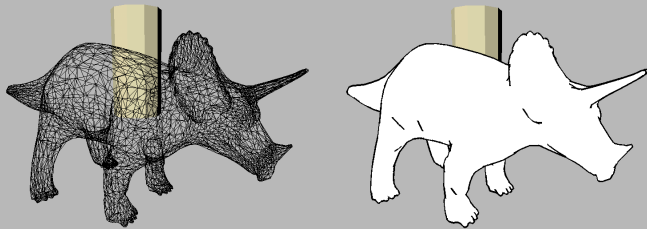
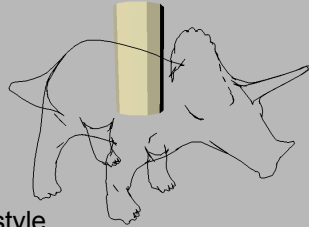
Silhouette detection



Real-Time Nonphotorealistic Rendering. Markosian, Kowalski, Trychin, Bourdev, Goldstein, & Hughes. SIGGRAPH 1997.

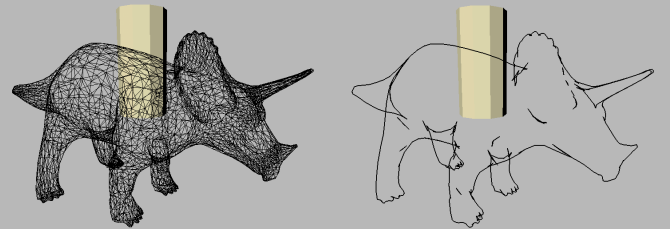
Applications

Visualization
Fast, simple "line drawing" style



Observation: silhouette edges are

- sparse
- connected in long chains
- temporally coherent



Randomized silhouette detection

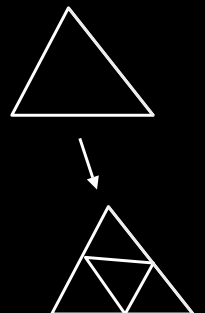
- Check a fraction of edges.
- Find one, find whole chain
- Check old silhouettes

Analysis

For fixed probability:
check $O(\sqrt{n})$ edges

Refinement scheme:

- silhouette chains "persist"
- mesh edges quadruple
- silhouette edges double



Example

Suppose at coarsest level mesh has 128 edges,
and we want to detect a chain of 8 edges w/
probability $p = 0.95$

Then $\beta \approx 0.707$

We must take $\alpha = -\log(1 - p)/\beta \approx 4.24$

Deterministic schemes

Hierarchical methods:
pre-computed spatial data structure

Illustrating Smooth Surfaces.
Hertzmann & Zorin. SIGGRAPH 2000.

Silhouette Clipping.
Sander, Gu, Gortler, Hoppe, & Snyder.
SIGGRAPH 2000.

Comparison

Randomized:

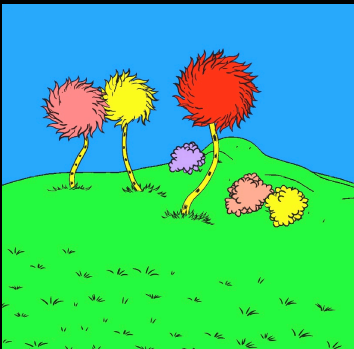
- Simple
- Effective
- Small silhouettes come in late

Deterministic:

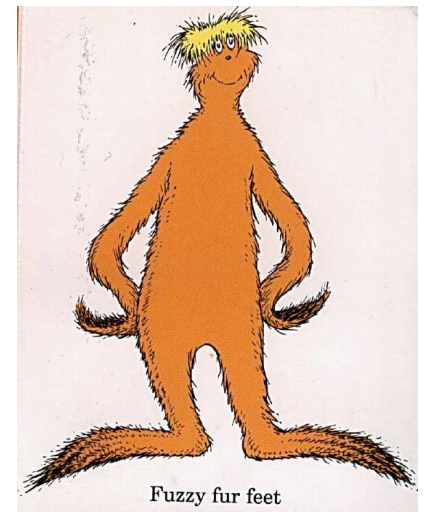
- Requires pre-process
- Not for animated models

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Art-based Rendering of Fur, Grass and Trees.
Kowalski, Markosian, Northrup, Bourdev,
Barzel, Holden & Hughes. SIGGRAPH 1999.

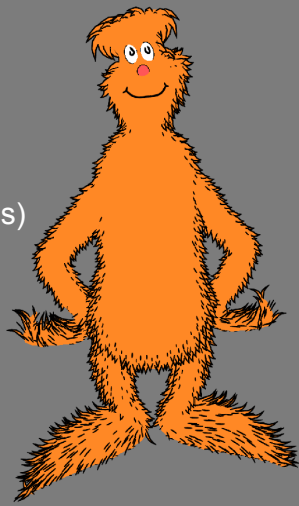


Dr. Seuss

Fuzzy fur feet

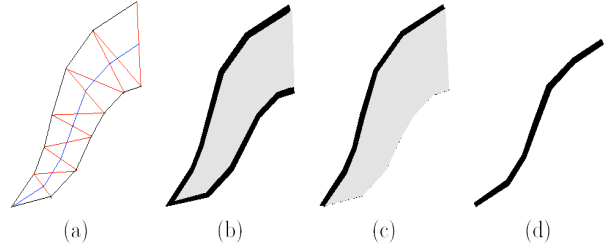
Graftal textures

Detail elements (graftals)
generated as needed



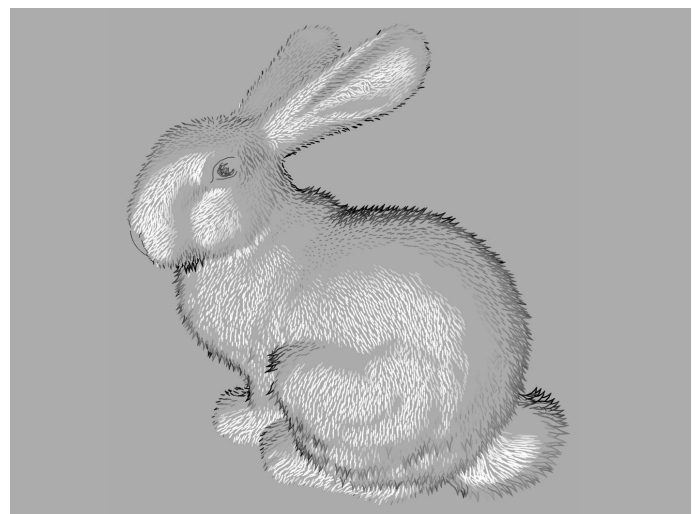
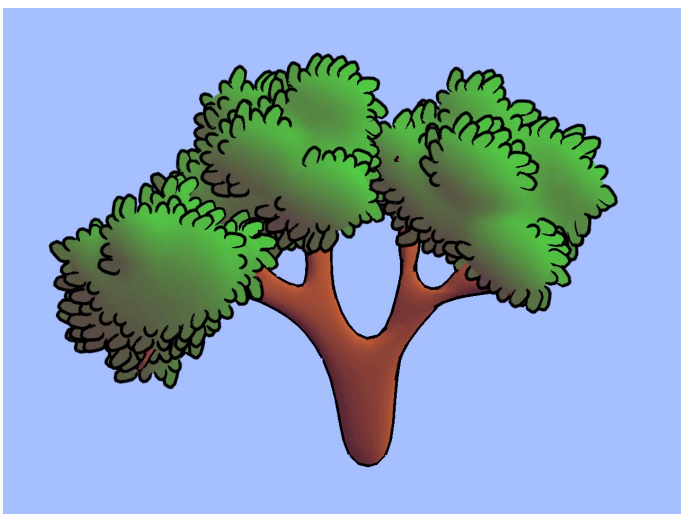
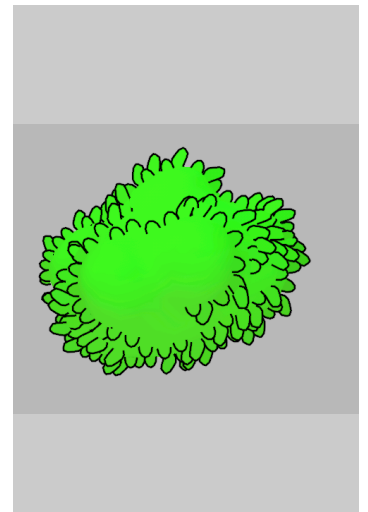
Graftals

Oriented in local frame
Can choose level of detail



Needed for placement of graftals:

Controlled *screen-space* density
Placement on surfaces
Controlled placement (e.g. at silhouettes)
Persistence of graftals



Problems

Graftal textures defined in code

- hard to edit
- how to extend with UI?

Coherence

- Graftals popping in/out
- Better at low frame rates!



Art-based Rendering w/ Continuous Levels of Detail.
Markosian, Meier, Kowalski, Holden, Northrup,
& Hughes. NPAR 2000.

Basic graftals

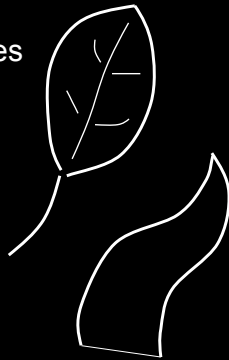
Collection of drawing primitives

- triangle strips / fans

Canonical vertices

Local coordinate frame

Tuft: hierarchy of graftals

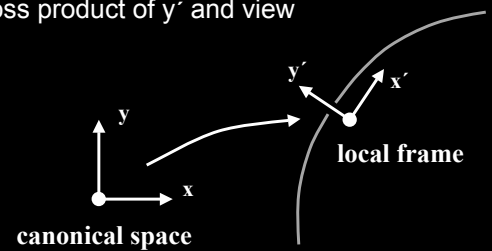


The local frame

Base position (e.g. on surface)

y' (e.g. surface normal)

x' (e.g. cross product of y' and view vector)



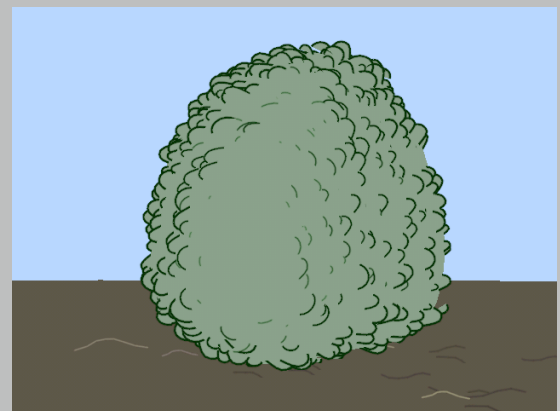
Placement and duplication

Designer creates a few “example graftals”

Duplicates generated on surfaces

- explicitly
- procedurally

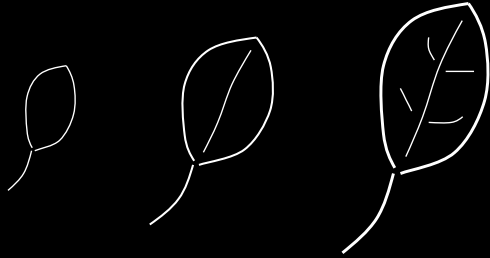
Random variation



Level of detail (LOD)

Graffal computes current LOD

Draws primitives that exceed threshold

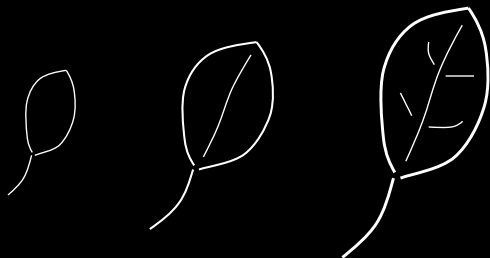


Computing LOD

LOD derived from:

- apparent size
- orientation
- elapsed time

σ : ratio of current size to “rest” size



$\sigma = .7$

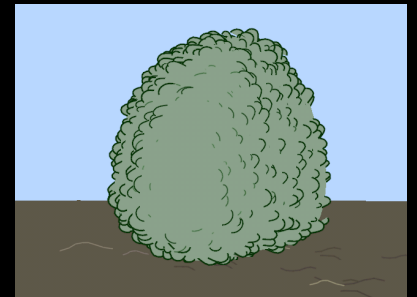
$\sigma = 1$

$\sigma = 1.4$

Orientation

Value used to selectively suppress LOD

E.g.: $1 - |v \cdot n|$



Movie



Discussion

Coherence: much better!

Slower

Introducing / removing elements

- Fading & thinning work well
- Growing looks creepy

LOD mechanism too inflexible

Need direct UI

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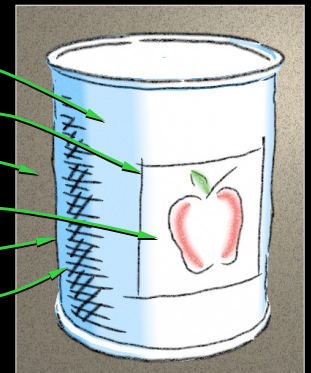
WYSIWYG NPR: Drawing Strokes Directly on 3D Models.
Kalnins, Markosian, Meier, Kowalski, Lee, Davidson,
Webb, Hughes & Finkelstein. SIGGRAPH 2002.

Contributions

- Direct user-control for NPR
- Better silhouettes
- New media simulation
- Stroke synthesis by example
- Hatching with LODs

Overview of Components

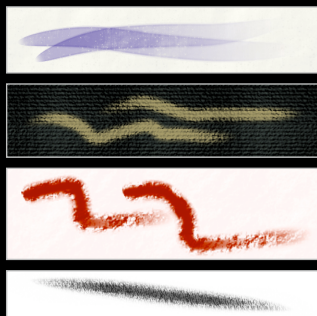
- Base Coat
- Brush Style
- Paper Effect
- Decals
- Outlines
- Hatching



Brush Style

Per stroke:

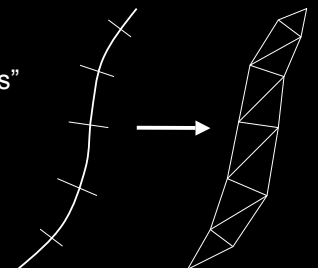
- Color
- Width
- Paper effect



Rendered as triangle strips.

Strokes in OpenGL

Based on "Skeletal strokes"
Hsu *et al.*, UIST '93



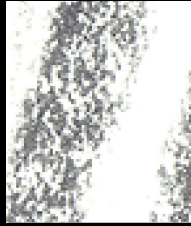
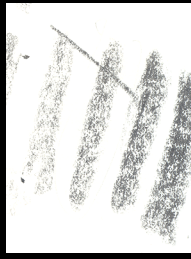
Paper Effect

Height field texture:

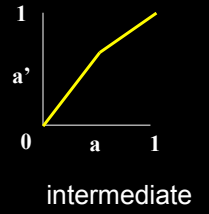
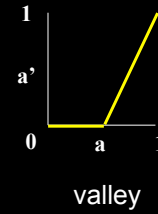
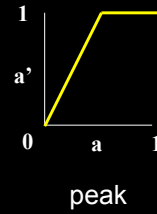
- Peaks catch pigment
- Valleys resist pigment

Implementation:

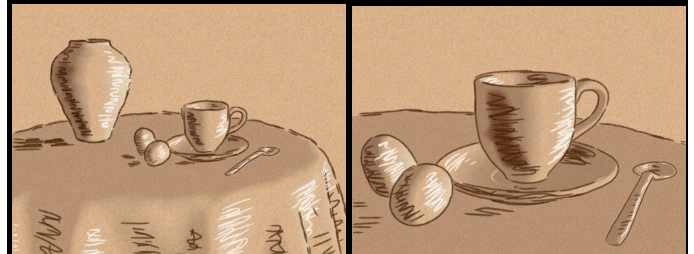
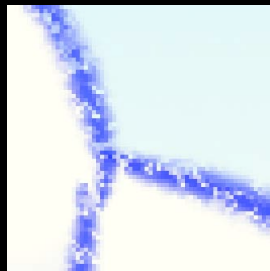
- Pixel shader



Re-map alpha with a "paper texture" heightfield



Hatching: LOD



video

Discussion

Huge benefit from user-control
Wide range of effects
Interactive rates

Future work

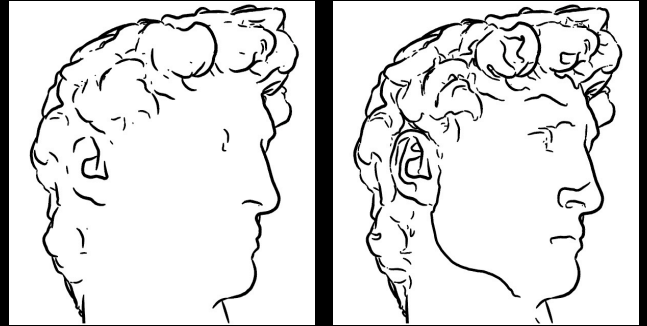
- Stroke patterns / synthesis
- Stroke behavior
- Graftals / LOD
- Silhouette coherence

Overview of remaining topics

- Technical illustration
- Pen & ink
- Painterly rendering
- Silhouette detection
- Graftals
- WYSIWYG NPR
- Suggestive contours

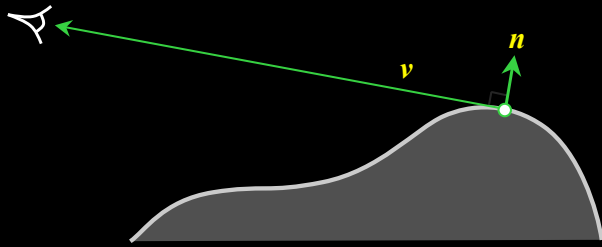
Silhouettes & “suggestive contours”

[DeCarlo 2003]



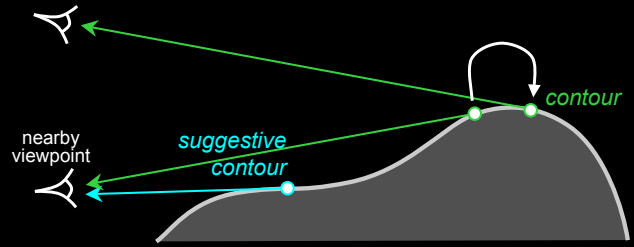
Contours (a.k.a. silhouettes)

Points where $n \cdot v = 0$



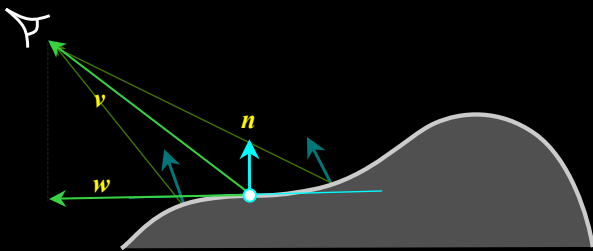
Suggestive contours: definition 1

Contours in nearby viewpoints
(not corresponding to contours in closer views)

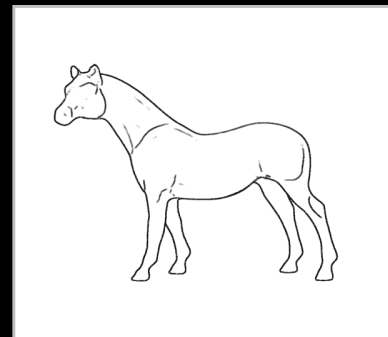


Suggestive contours: definition 2

$n \cdot v$ not quite zero, but a local minimum
(in the direction of w)



Suggestive contour demo...



Much remains to be done....

