

Deformable Body Simulation on GPU

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Why deformable bodies?

- Looks more real than rigid bodies
 - Most objects in the real world deform, true rigid bodies don't physically exist
- Open up new possibilities in gaming experiences
- GeForce 8800 can handle the computations necessary for deformable body simulation entirely on the GPU
 - Simulation
 - Collision detection and response
 - Rendering



Previous works on "Real Time" simulation of deformable bodies

- Physically based
 - From Solid Mechanics
 - Start from Stress-Strain relationship
 - Derive governing Partial Differential Equation (PDE)
 - Discretize to ODE and Solve
 - Explicit Integration Unstable for reasonable time step
 - Implicit Integration More complex to implement
 - May perform dimension reduction to reduce run-time complexity
 - Very long pre-processing time
 - Examples
 - Modal Analysis [1]
 - Interactive Virtual Materials [2]
 - Reduced nonlinear model [3]



Previous works on "Real Time" simulation of deformable bodies

Non-physically based

- Ignore what really happens in the physical world
- Come up with a function for computing internal forces
 - Based on current position and velocity
- Examples
 - Mass-Spring Models [4]
 - A Versatile and Robust Model for Geometrically Complex Deformable Solids [5]
 - Meshless Shape Matching [6] *



Pros and Cons

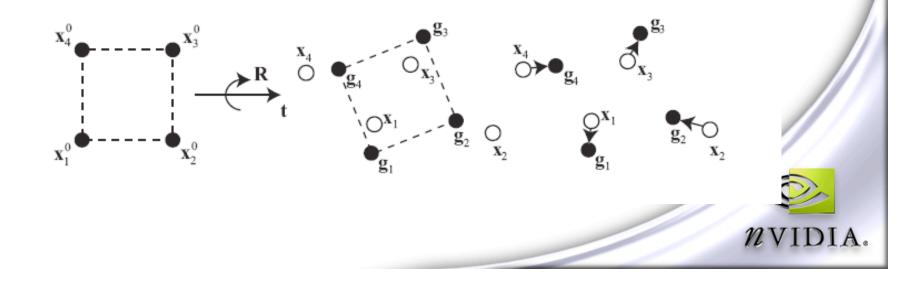
- Physically Based
 - Pros:
 - More correct
 - Can be used for prediction
 - Parameters from real objects
 - Cons:
 - Messy math
 - Hard to implement
 - More expensive

- Non-Physically Based
 - Pros:
 - Easier to implement
 - Cheaper
 - Easier math
 - Cons:
 - Lots of parameters
 - Parameters make less sense
 - Can't get parameters from real objects
 - Can't use to predict

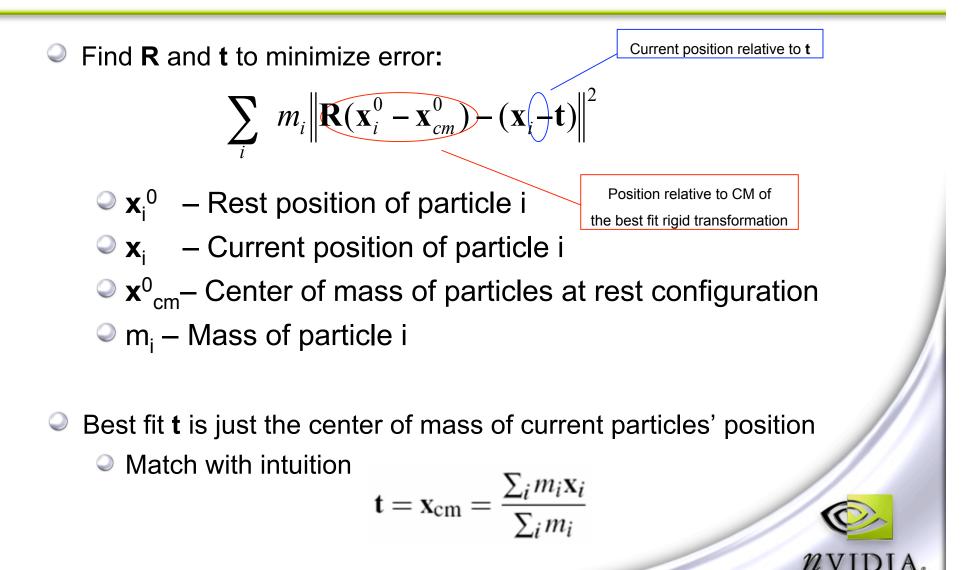


Meshless Shape Matching Basics

- Deformable Objects consist of lots of particles
- Match current object shape against the rest shape
 - Start with best fit rigid transformation
- Pull particles toward the matched shape
 - Can update a particle velocity and position independently
 - Need not care about other particles



Best fit Rigid Transformation





Best fit Rigid Transformation

- Computing R (Optimum Rotation)
 - First, remove translation from consideration
 - Rewrite the optimization equation

$$\sum_{i} \mathbf{m}_{i} (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} - \mathbf{p}_{i})^{2}$$

- Where,
 - A is a 3x3 matrix, a linear transformation
 - $\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{x}_i^0 \mathbf{x}_{cm}^0$, rest position relative to the rest center of mass
 - $\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_{cm}$, current position relative to the current center of mass
- Compute best fit A

• Turn out to be
$$\mathbf{A} = (\sum_{i} m_i \mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{q}_i^T) (\sum_{i} m_i \mathbf{q}_i \mathbf{q}_i^T)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_{pq} \mathbf{A}_{qq}$$

Extract Rotation Part

Linear Transformation = Rotation + Scaling + Shear

A = RS, R is a rotation mat, S is a symmetric mat

Extracting Rotation

- We know that A = RS
- Can show that S = sqrt(A^TA), eg. A^TA = SS
- We can then get R = AS⁻¹
- Computing S⁻¹
 - Find **Q** = **A^TA**
 - Diagonalize Q, Q = J^TDJ
 - With Jacobi Rotation
 - \bigcirc Compute **S**⁻¹ = **J**^Tsqrt(**D**⁻¹)**J**
 - sqrt(D⁻¹) is just matrix of 1/sqrt of diagonal entries of D
- Paper suggests extracting R from A_{pq}
 - Bad idea because A_{pq} is ill-conditioned
 - Plus we're working with single precision float here



Jacobi Rotation

```
void Jacobi(inout float3x3 mat, inout float3x3 jmat, in int j, in int k) {
      // First, check if entries (j,k) is too small or not, if so, do nothing
       if (abs(mat[j][k]) > 1e-20) {
                 // This is just some math to figure out cosine and sine necessary to zero out the two entries
                 float tau = (mat[j][j]-mat[k][k])/(2.0f*mat[j][k]);
                  float t = sign(tau) / (abs(tau) + sqrt(1 + tau*tau));
                  float c = 1/sqrt(1+t*t);
                  float s = c^*t:
                 // Build the rotation matrix
                  float3x3 R = {1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f};
                  R[i][i] = c; R[k][k] = c; R[i][k] = -s; R[k][i] = s;
                  jmat = mul(jmat, R); mat = mat*R;
                  R[i][k] = s; R[k][i] = -s;
                  mat = R*mat;
      }
}
float3x3 ComputeOptimumRotation(in float3x3 A) {
      float3x3 jmat = {1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f};
      float3x3 mat = mul(transpose(A), A);
      // Do 5 iterations of Jacobi rotation
      [unroll(5)] for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {Jacobi(mat, jmat, 0, 1); Jacobi(mat, jmat, 0, 2); Jacobi(mat, jmat, 1, 2);}
      // A^tA == jmat^t mat jmat
      // OptimumR = A jmat^t sqrt(1/mat) jmat
      float3x3 optimumR = transpose(mul(A, mul( transpose(jmat), float3x3(
                                   jmat[0] / sqrt(mat[0][0]), jmat[1] / sqrt(mat[1][1]), jmat[2] /sqrt(mat[2][2])))));
       const int first = 1, second = 2, third = 0;
       optimumR[first] = normalize(optimumR[first]);
       optimumR[third] = normalize(cross(optimumR[first], optimumR[second]));
       optimumR[second] = cross(optimumR[third], optimumR[first]);
       return transpose(optimumR);
}
```



Particles position and velocities update

Compute intermediate position and velocity

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{v}_i + h\mathbf{f}_i / m_i$$
$$\overline{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{x}_i + h\overline{\mathbf{v}}_i$$

I_i is the force acting on particle i

♀ Eg. Gravity, Collision Force, User Specified Force

Compute best fit rigid transformation of the intermediate position

Update the position and velocity

$$\mathbf{g}_{i} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{q}_{i} + \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{cm} \qquad \mathbf{q}_{i} = \mathbf{x}_{i}^{0} - \mathbf{x}_{cm}^{0}$$
$$\mathbf{v}'_{i} = \mathbf{v}_{i} + h\mathbf{f}_{i} / m_{i} + \frac{\alpha}{h}(\mathbf{g}_{i} - \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{i})$$
$$\mathbf{x}'_{i} = \mathbf{x}_{i} + h\mathbf{v}'_{i}$$

α control how fast the deformable body restore to rigid shape
 α = 1 will make this a rigid body simulation

Extension

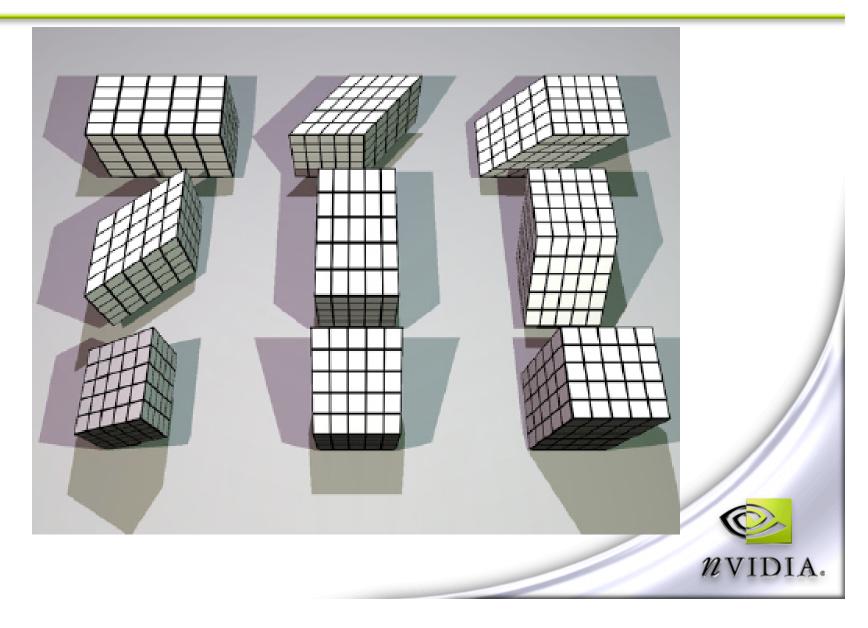
- So far, goal shape is always a rigid transformation
 - Will support only small deformations
- To obtain a more interesting deformation:
 - Want to make the goal shape be a deformed configuration
 - Then slowly pull the goal shape towards the rigid transformation
- Blend rigid transformation with linear transformation
 - A is the best fit
 - To conserve volume, divide **A** by $\sqrt[3]{det(A)}$
 - \bigcirc Use β **A** + (1- β) **R** in place of **R** in computing the goal position

$$\mathbf{g}_i = (\beta \mathbf{A} + (1 - \beta) \mathbf{R}) \mathbf{q}_i + \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{cm}$$

 \bigcirc β must be < 1 so as to have tendency to restore to rest state



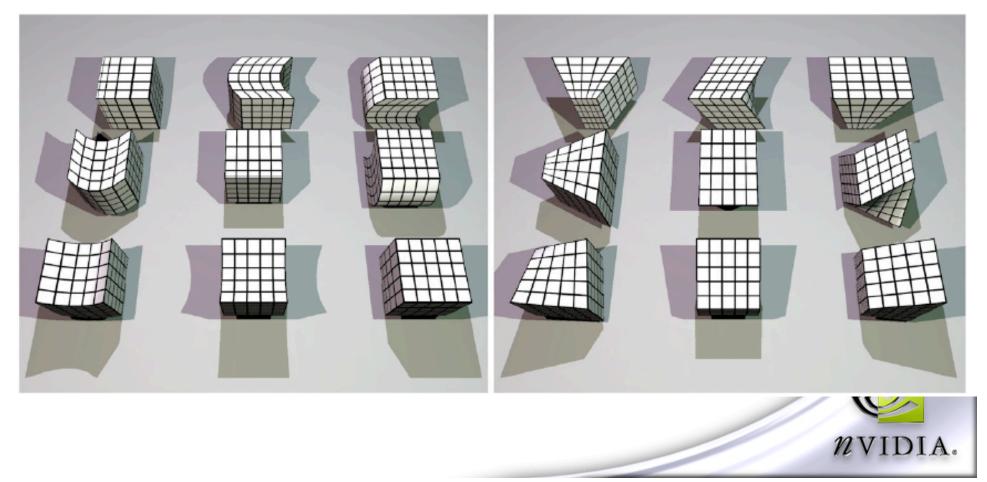
Extension



More Extension

Linear not good enough

Use quadratic best fit!



Best Fit Quadratic Transformation

Best fit quadratic transformation

$$\overline{\mathbf{A}} = [\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}] \in \mathfrak{R}^{3 \times 9}$$

- A is linear transformation
- Q is pure quadratic terms
- M is mixed quadratic terms

When ∑_i m_i (Āq̄_i −p_i)² is minimized where

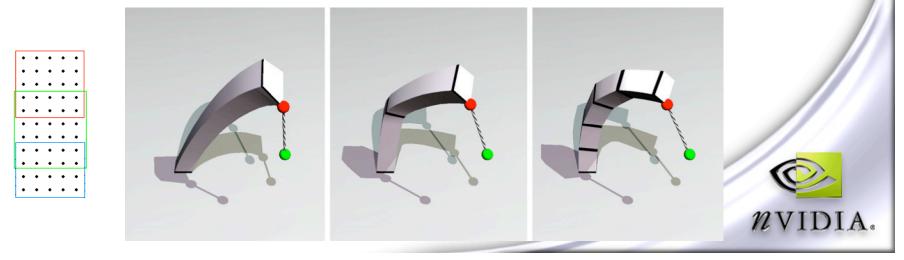
$$\overline{\mathbf{q}} = [q_x, q_y, q_z, q_x^2, q_y^2, q_z^2, q_x q_y, q_y q_z, q_z q_x]^T \in \Re^{1x9}$$

The minimum turns out to be:

$$\overline{\mathbf{A}} = (\sum_{i} m_{i} \mathbf{p}_{i} \overline{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{T}) (\sum_{i} m_{i} \overline{\mathbf{q}}_{i} \overline{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{T})^{-1} = \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{pq} \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{qq}$$

Cluster Based Deformation

- Deformation for large complex objects may not be well fitted by a single quadratic deformation
- Cluster particles together
 - Particles can be in several clusters
 - Each cluster computes a separate goal shape
- Goal shapes from clusters are then averaged to form final goal shape



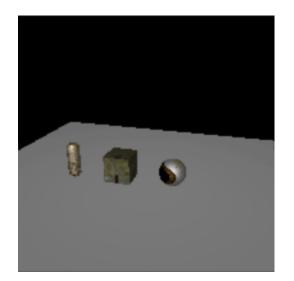
GeForce 8800 Implementation

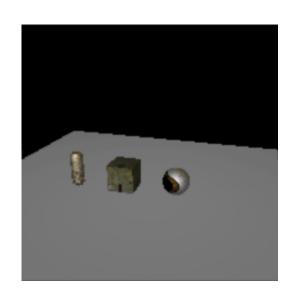
- Goals:
 - Fast deformation physics for objects with multiple clusters
 - Perform collision detection and handling
 - Done entirely on GPU
 - Lots of objects in real time
 - Support skinning
 - Simulate low-resolution mesh
 - Render high resolution mesh

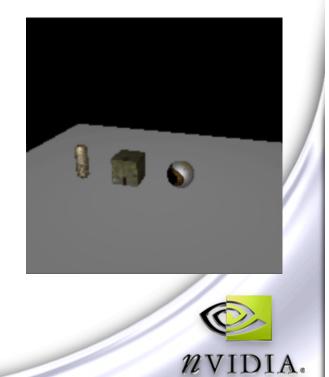


Demo

Falling Objects
 Varying α, β







Demo

Collision with height map Varying α, β





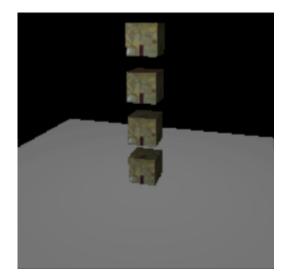


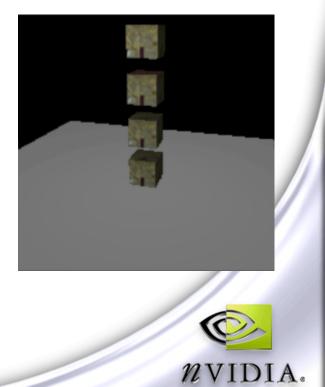
Demo

Collision between objects

 \bigcirc Varying α , β







Considerations

Need to perform computations in parallel manner
 Doing one pass for all objects before doing the next pass

Balance between having small number of passes and having redundant computations



3 types of Texture2Ds used

- For storing information about each particle
- For storing information about particles in each cluster
 - A particle can belong to many clusters
- For storing information about clusters

2 types of usage

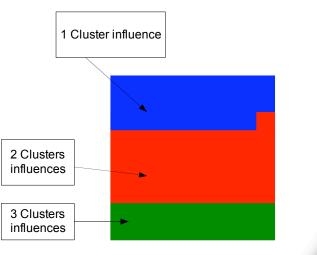
- Never changes during run-time
- Being updated and used dynamically



Texture2Ds for storing information about particles,

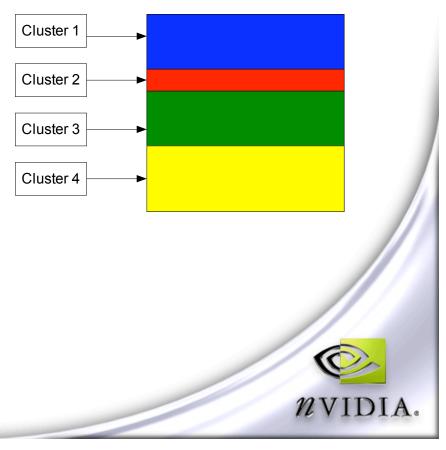
- Current Position and Intermediate Position, xTex, xBarTex
 - XYZ → RGB, Mass → A
- Current Velocity, vTex
 - XYZ → RGB, #influenced cluster → A
- Acceleration, aTex
- Goal Position, gTex
- $\bigcirc \overline{q}$, qBarTex
 - 3 Texels $\overline{\mathbf{q}} = [\mathbf{q}_x, \mathbf{q}_y, \mathbf{q}_z, \mathbf{q}_x^2, \mathbf{q}_y^2, \mathbf{q}_z^2, \mathbf{q}_x \mathbf{q}_y, \mathbf{q}_y \mathbf{q}_z, \mathbf{q}_z \mathbf{q}_x]^T$
- Particles are sorted
 - Row major order
 - Based on number of clusters that influence them







- Texture2Ds for storing information about particles in each cluster
 - Pointer to xTex texture, xAdrTex
 - To specify which particles are members of this cluster
 - Position of particles, xValTex
 - To reduce # of dependent texture fetch
 - Position of particles wrp to cluster CM, pValTex
- Each cluster corresponds to a quad in the texture

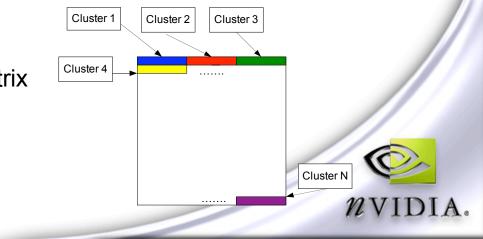


Texture2Ds for storing information about clusters

- Take up various number of texels
 - CM, cmTex, takes 1 texel per cluster
 - X,Y,Z \rightarrow RGB, Total Mass \rightarrow A
 - ApqbarTex, takes 8 texels
 - Packed 3x9 matrix

Goal Transformation, transformTex, takes 8 texels

- Packed 3x9 matrix
- AqqbarTex, take 12 texels
 - Packed symmetric 9x9 matrix



Texture Summary

- Particle info
 - Tex Current particle position
 - Sector Sector
 - vTex Current particle's velocity
 - aTex Current particle's acceleration
 - gTex Particle's goal position
 - QBarTex Particle
- Particle in cluster info
 - xAdrTex Pointer to fetch particle position
 - XValTex –Cluster particle's current position
 - gValTex Cluster particle's goal position
 - pValTex Cluster particle's position wrt to CM

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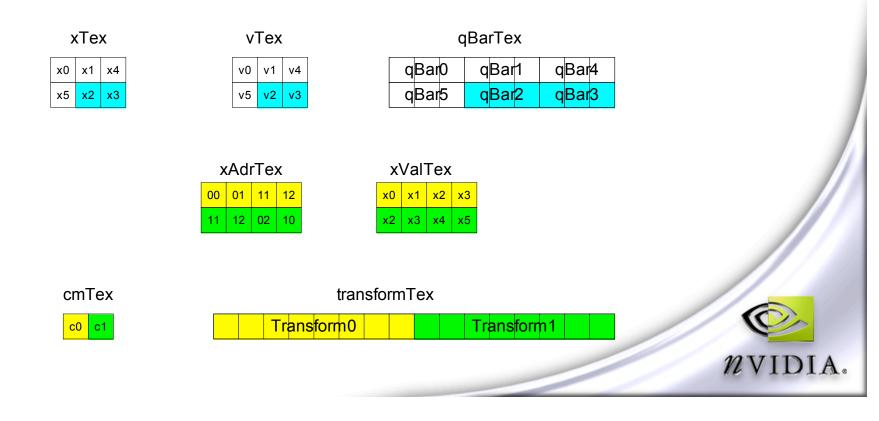
- aValTex Cluster particle's acceleration
- Cluster info
 - cmTex Cluster's center of mass
 - ApqbarTex Cluster's ApqBar
 - transformTex Transformation for computing goal
 - AqqbarTex Cluster's AqqBar



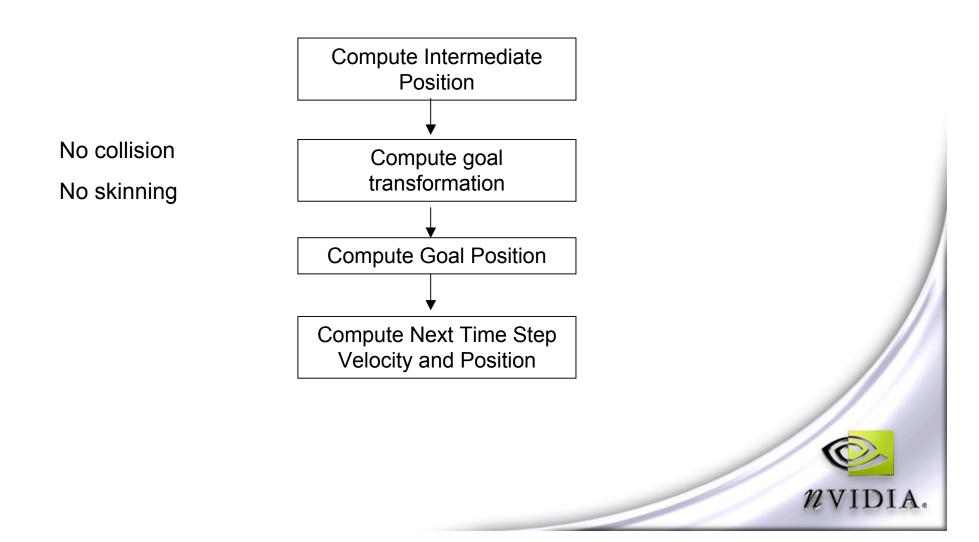


Example

- 6 Particles
- 2 clusters
 - Cluster 0 has particles 0 1 2 3
 - Cluster 1 has particles 2 3 4 5

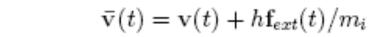


Overview of DX10 implementation



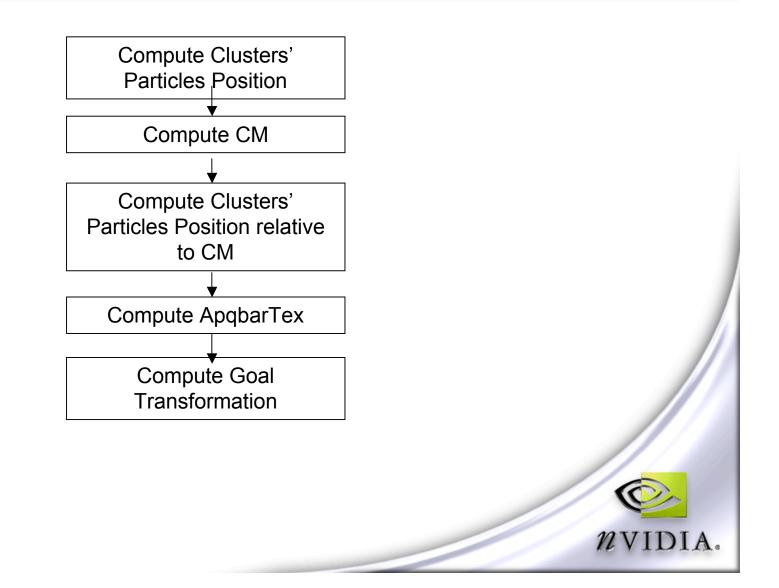
Computing Intermediate Position

- Input: xTex, vTex, aTex, Height Map
- Output: xBarTex $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + h\bar{\mathbf{v}}(t)$,
- Computation: PS
 - Draw a quad
 - First compute intermediate velocity
 - Then compute intermediate position
 - Acceleration includes:
 - Gravity
 - External force
 - Collision force with height map
 - Fetch height from height map (RGB encodes normal, A encodes height)
 - See if it penetrates ground or not
 - If so, apply force in heightmap's normal direction
 - Collision force with other objects (later)





Computing Goal Transformation



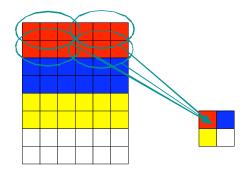
Computing Clusters' Particles Position

- Compute position of particles for each cluster
- Input: xBarTex, xAdrTex
- Output: xValTex
- Computation: PS
 - Draw quads, one per cluster
 - Fetch xAdrTex to get pointer to xBarTex
 - Fetch xBarTex and output



Computing CM

- Compute center of mass for each cluster
- Input: xValTex
- Output: cmTex
- Computation: VS, PS
 - Draw points, several points per cluster
 - Each point sum the position of M particles weighted by the mass, fetched from xValTex
 - For points belonging to the same cluster, output to the same pixel
 - Use 32-bit float additive alpha blending
 - GeForce 8800 has this functionality!



xValTex



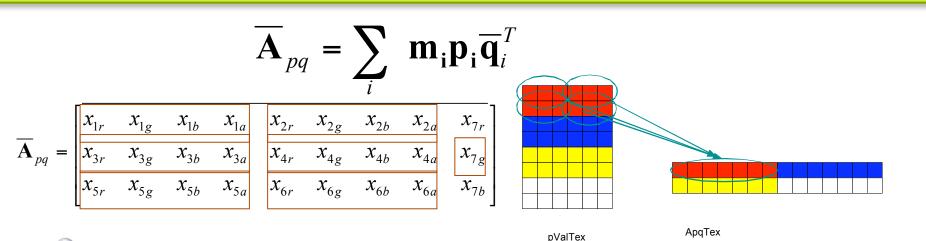
cmTex

Computing positions relative to CM

- Input: xValTex, cmTex
- Output: pValTex
- Computation: GS, PS
 - Draw points, one point per cluster
 - GS:
 - Fetches cmTex of the cluster
 - Create a quad to cover portion of pValTex that corresponds to the cluster
 - PS fetches xValTex and subtract with CM



Computing ApqBarTex



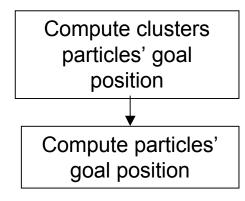
- Input: pValTex, qBarTex
- Output: ApqBarTex
- Computation: GS (can push up to VS)
 - Draw points, several points per cluster
 - \bigcirc Compute $\mathbf{m}_i \mathbf{p}_i \overline{\mathbf{q}}_i^T$, which is a 3x9 matrix in GS
 - Sum contribution from M particles
 - Output 7 adjacent points
 - Use 32 bits float additive alpha blending to sum the sums

Computing Goal Transformation

- Input: ApqBarTex, AqqBarTex
- Output: transformTex
- Computation: GS (can push up to VS)
 - Draw points, 1 point per cluster
 - \bigcirc Compute **A** by multiplying $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{pq}$ with $\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{qq}$
 - Second the packed \mathbf{A}_{qq}
 - Extract the 3x3 left sub matrix to get A
 - Compute optimum rotation, R, with Jacobi Method
 - Compute $\mathbf{T} = \beta \overline{\mathbf{A}} + (1 \beta) \overline{\mathbf{R}}$
 - Output 7 points



Computing Goal Position





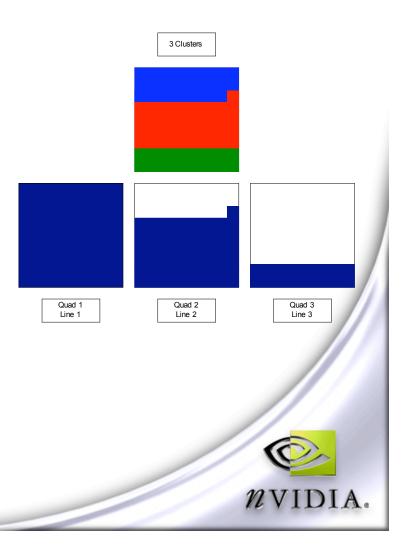
Computing Clusters Particles' Goal Position

- Compute the goal position of particles in each cluster
- Input: transformTex, pValTex, cmTex, qBarTex
- Output: gValTex
- Computation: GS, PS
 - Render quads, 1 quad per cluster
 - Use GS to fetch cmTex, transformTex and generates quad
 - Use PS to fetch qBarTex, multiply with the transformation and add with CM

$$\mathbf{g}_i = \mathbf{T}\overline{\mathbf{q}}_i + \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{cm}$$

Computing Particles' Goal Position

- Compute goal positions of particles
 - Average the goal position of the particle from the cluster it belongs to
- Input: gValTex
- Output: gTex
- Computation: PS
 - Draw quads and lines
 - First quad and a line for all particles with >=1 influence cluster
 - Next quad and 2 lines for all particles with >=2 influence clusters
 - ○
 - Do additive alpha blending
- This is why we sort the particles based on the number of influences



Compute Next Time Step Position & Velocity

- Update the position and velocity of particles
- Input: xTex, vTex, aTex, gTex, xBarTex
- Output: xTex', vTex'
- Computation: PS
 - Draw a quad
 - Use MRT, for position and velocity
 - Compute velocity first then use it to compute position

$$v_i(t+h) = v_i(t) + \alpha \frac{g_i(t) - \overline{x}_i(t)}{h} + h f_{ext}(t) / m_i$$
$$x_i(t+h) = x_i(t) + h v_i(t+h)$$



Collision Handling

Collision detection with depth cube map

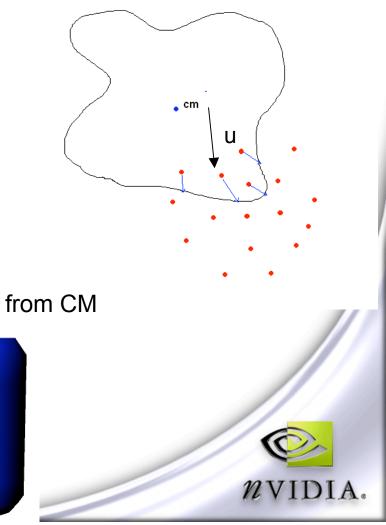
- Detect if particles in a cluster penetrate through another cluster or not
- If so, apply penalty force
- For a cluster,
 - Need to check if particles collide with any other cluster or not
 - Slow, O(N²) cube map look up
 - Need some pruning
 - Only check clusters whose bounding box overlaps with this cluster



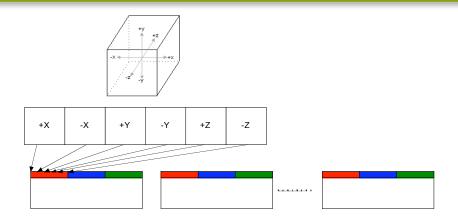
Collision Detection with Depth Cube Map

- Create depth cube map for each cluster
 - Centered at CM
 - Update every frame
 - Low Resolution, use 16x16 now
- Look into depth cube map in direction u
 - If distance from CM < depth</p>
 - Apply force in direction of u
 - Magnitude proportional to depth-distance from CM

+X	-X	+Y	-Y	+Z	-Z



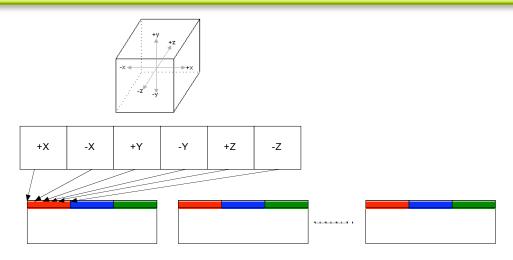
Cube Map Collision Detection Implementation



- DX10 does not support array of cube maps
 - Instead flatten the cube map and stores the 6 faces in a Texture2D slice
 - Store several cube maps per Texture2D slice
- Use a cube map atlas
 - Store a 2D texture coordinate in the cube map
 - Look up the cube map atlas to get (u,v)
 - Offset u,v and choose slice # appropriately to fetch the correct cube map
 - Fetch the corresponding position in the Texture2D slice



Cube Map Creation



- DX10 allows only limited numbers of textures that can be used at a time
- Suppose there are N clusters and the Texture2DArray is of size S,
 - Need N/S rendering passes
 - Each pass create S cube map
 - Use GS to output 6 triangles per each input triangle
 - Output to 6 viewports of the same Texture2D slice
 - Choose Texture2D slice depending on which cluster the triangle belongs to
 - Change viewport after every pass

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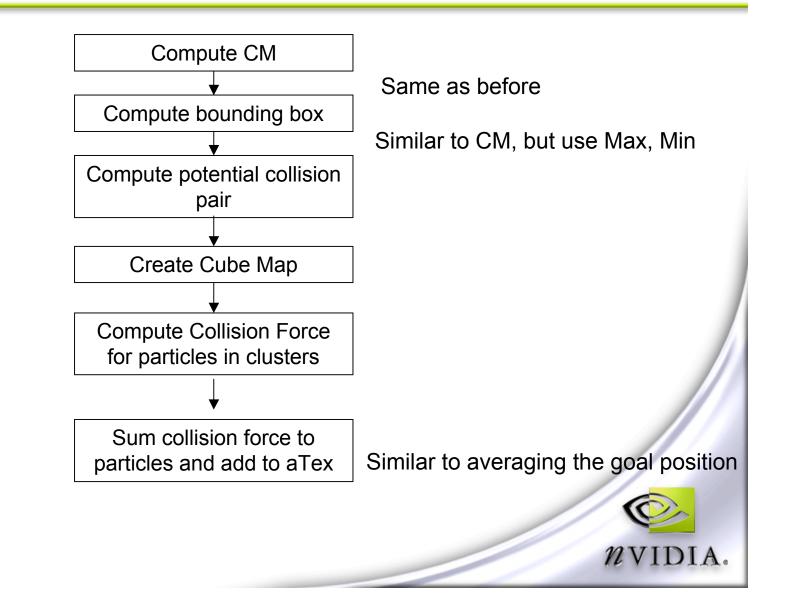
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Pruning

- \bigcirc Don't want to do O(N²) cube map lookup
 - Compute Bounding Box of clusters
 - Do cube map check only for pairs of clusters whose BBs overlap
 - Avoid checking pairs of clusters from the same object
 - For each pair (i, j)
 - For all particles in cluster i, lookup into the depth cube map of cluster j
 - Apply penalty force to particle i if found to penetrate



Collision Handling Overview



Computing Potential Colliding Pairs

- Input: Bounding Boxes(Maxs and Mins of xyz of particles in each cluster)
- Output: Potential Colliding Pairs
- Computation: GS stream out (can push to VS)
 - Bind NULL vertex buffer
 - Draw all possible (i, j) where cluster i and j do not come from the same object and i < j</p>
 - If bounding box of i, j overlap
 - Stream out 2 points containing information about (i, j) and (j, i)
 - Can later use more sophisticated pruning techniques
 - We store the ID of the object each cluster belong to in a constant buffer



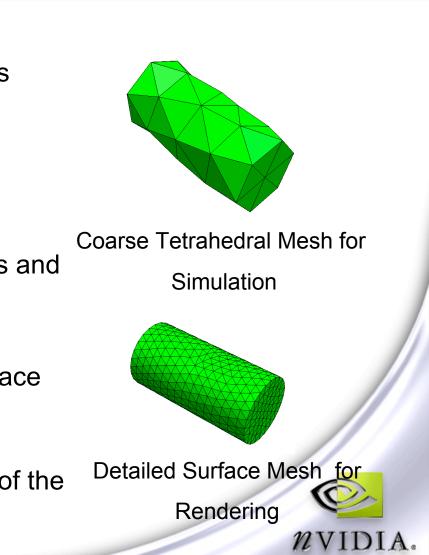
Computing Collision Force

- Input: Potential Colliding Pairs, cmTex, pValTex
- Output: aValTex
- Computation: GS, PS
 - Use DrawAuto to draw points of potentially colliding pairs (i,j)
 - In GS,
 - Turn a point to a quad covering particles in cluster i
 - Fetch CM of cluster j and pass as a vertex attribute
 - In PS, computation is done for each particles in i
 - Look up cube map of j and check for penetration
 - Apply force proportional to penetration depth
 - In direction radially outward from CM of j
 - Additive alpha blending to sum force



Skinning

- Treat particles as control points
 - Compute surface mesh's vertices based on control point position
- Barycentric interpolation for now
 - Weights stored in a texture
 - 4 control points per vertex
- Need tetrahedral mesh that encloses and approximates the surface mesh
 - Generate with NetGen
- Given a tetrahedral mesh and a surface mesh:
 - Program will figure out which tetrahedron each of the vertices of the surface mesh are in



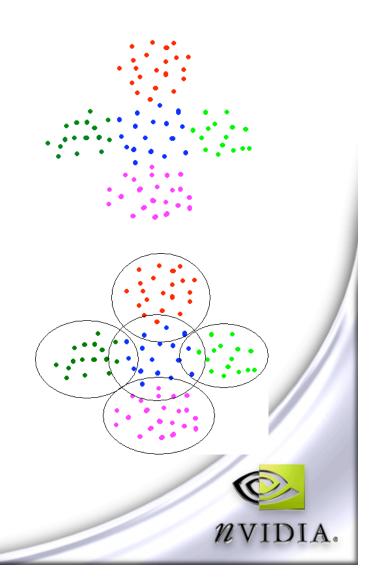
Normal vector computation

- Use GS and Alpha blending
- Input: Deformed vertex positions as a texture
- Output: Normal vectors as a texture
- Computation:
 - GS:
 - Compute triangle's area weighted normal
 - Turn a triangle into 3 points each with normal as color
 - Output 3 points to the corresponding vertices position. Use additive alpha blending to accumulate vertex normal
- Normalize it before use
- Use vertex texture fetch to get the normal out



Automatic Cluster Generation

- Given the tetrahedral mesh,
 - Compute K-Mean of the vertices
 - Partition the vertices into K groups
 - Make each group a cluster
 - Also add 1-Ring neighbors to clusters
- Done in preprocessing step on the CPU



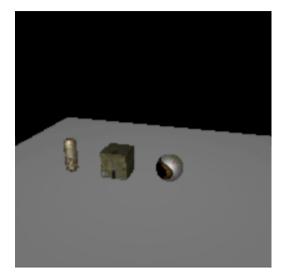
Current Status

Currently 20 Computation Passes + 1 Rendering Pass

- Load X files and .mesh file (from NETGEN)
- Parameters for each objects:
 - $\odot \alpha$, β for controlling softness
 - Penalty force constant
 - In collision event between (i, j), will take the max
 - Number of clusters to use



Result







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Future

Plastic deformation (permanent deformation)

- \bigcirc Need to update \overline{A}_{qq} on the fly
- Need 9x9 symmetric matrix inversion in GPU

Gaussian Elimination in GS?

Other solid simulation models

FEM

Need sparse linear system solver

- Smarter collision pruning
- More sophisticated collision handling
 - Contact surface approximation with cube map?



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