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1. BRL Scientific Visualization Highlights

Contact:

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Credits:

Michael Muuss and Phillip Dykstra; Also: Kurt Fickie, John Kuzan, Tom DiGiacinto, Kathy Zimmerman and Robert Reschly.

Technical Notes:

This tape presents highlights of scientific visualization work in progress at the US Army Ballistic Research Laboratory in the Spring of 1988.

The calculations shown are: (1) an interior ballistics and gun-tube dynamics calculation, (2) a no model turbulence calculation using spectral methods, and (3) an animation of radar wavefront propagation and scattering.

Hardware:

Cray-2 and Cray X-MP/48, Gould PN9080, SGI 4D/70GT, Lyon Lamb VAS/4 and ENC VI, Sony BVU 850.

Software:

Numerical calculations: in-house codes; Rendering/animation: BRL-CAD software, a^{*} solid-modeling and ray-tracing system BRL distributes free of charge worldwide.

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2. Stress Wave Propagation in Graphite/Epoxy Material

Contact:

Gib Cardwell Precision Visuals, Inc. (PVI) 6260 Lookout Rd. Boulder, CO 80301 (303) 530-9000, ext. 286

Credits:

D. Kriz and J.M. Gary (NIST); G.F. Cardwell and J.D. Wille (PVI).

Technical Notes:

A finite difference technique was used to simulate a single-plane stress wave in graphite/epoxy material. The simulations shows the wave moving through and reflecting from the edges of the material.

Hardware:

Sun 4/110

Software: PV-WAVE by PVI

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3. SEA Accident Reconstruction

Contact:

Ruedy W. Leeman SEA 7349 Worthington-Galena Rd. Columbus, OH 43085 (614) 888-4160

Credits:

Produced by Ruedy W. Leeman and Christopher S. lams. Programming by Christopher S. lams and Doreen Close.

Technical Notes:

Vehicular accident reconstruction and failure analysis are just a few new examples of 3D computer animation.

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics IRIS 40/70GT

Software:

Wavefront and proprietary software

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4. Earthquake and Structural Response

Contact:

Makoto Suzuki Ohsaki Research Institute Shimizu Corporation Fukoku Seimei Blda. 2-2-2. Uchisaiwai-cho Chivoda-ku, Tokvo JAPAN 03/ 508-8101

Credits:

Makoto Suzuki (Ohsaki Research Institute and Shimizu Corporation).

Technical Notes:

This tape contains computer simulations of earthquake wave propagation, structural responses under earthquake. and a tsunami tidal wave

Hardware:

FACOM M-380Q, F6520

Software:

Fujitsu CGMS

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5. Interactive Earth Science Visualization

Contact:

Bill Hibbard Space Science and Eng. Center Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison 1225 W. Dayton St. Madison, WI 53706 (608) 263-4427

Credits:

Bill Hibbard and Dave Santek: Data from Pat Pauley and Paul Mever.

Technical Notes:

This tape depicts a real-time simulation of an extra-tropical cyclone with convective storm activity over the northeast United States.

Hardware:

Stellar GS-1000

Software:

Man-Computer Interactive Data Access System (MCIDAS)

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6. A Little About Bones and Points of Insertion

Contact:

Patrick Doria M.E.M. Institute for **Biomechanics** Murtenstr. 35 3008 Bern Switzerland 41-31/64-86-86

Credits:

Produced by the Laboratory for Experimental Surgery, M.E.M. Institute for Biomechanics: Video and animation by Patrick Doria; 3D reconstruction by A. Wallin and P. Doria: Software by A. Wallin and P. Doria.

Technical Notes:

This 3D computer animation visualizes the result of theoretical and practical surgical experiments, and will be used in educational and research videotapes.

Hardware:

VAX 11/780, Adage 3000, Ampex VPR3

Software:

Movie.BYU, In-house software

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7. Visualization of Brain

Contact:

Arthur W. Toga Laboratory of Neuro Imaging Department of Neurology UCLA School of Medicine 710 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90024-1769 (213) 206-2101

Credits:

Bradley A. Payne and Arthur W. Toga.

Technical Notes:

This tape demonstrates methods of visualizing neurobiologic data to improve doctors' understanding of brain physiology relative to its anatomy.

Hardware:

VAX 8530, Gould-DeAnza 8500 image processor, Lyon Lamb VAS, Sony BVU-950.

Software:

In-house A-buffer rendering and animation software.

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8. Volume Microscopy of Biological Structures

Contact:

Vincent Argiro Vital Images, Inc. 107 W. Washington Ave. Fairfield, IA 52556 (515) 472-7726

Credits:

Vincent Argiro, William Van Zandt, John Kesterson (Vital Images, Inc.); Data courtesy of Sarastro, Inc. and Bio-Rad Laboratories; Post-production by RSVP, Fairfield, IA.

Technical Notes:

This tape contains volume renderings of laser-scan confocal microscope data of various biological specimens. Real-time interactive rendering is demonstrated, followed by playback of a number of rotation series. Data was acquired using Bio-Rad MRC-500 and Sarastro Phoibos 1000 confocal microscopes.

Hardware: Silicon Graphics 4D/120GTX

Software:

Voxel View[™] 1.1 volume rendering system by Vital Images, Inc.

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9. AML Total Hip System with Porocoat

Contact:

Howard Reed Reed Productions, Inc. P.O. Box 977 Center St. Extended Warsaw, IN 46580 (219) 267-4199

Credits:

Art director and producer: Howard Reed; Artists: Susan Huguenard and Jessica Kantor.

Technical Notes:

This segment is from a six-minute, three-screen, animated trade show booth exhibit.

Hardware: IBM PC, TARGA 32, Definicon

Software: Digital Arts 2.0 and 2.1, TIPS

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10. Ray Tracing of Computed Tomograms

Contact:

Hans Peter Meinzer Cancer Research Center Dept. of Medical and Biological Informatics Im Neuenheimer Feld 280 6900 Heidelberg, FRG 06221/484366

Credits:

R. Schäfer, V. Heyers, F. Saurbier, Th. Wolf, H.P. Meinzer, D. Scheppelmann, U. Engelmann, S. Jänicke, V.M. Runge, and M.L. Wood (German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg).

Technical Notes:

3D visualization of CT and NMR slice series using a ray tracing algorithm. The first sequence rotates a 3D visualization of a CT scan of a girl's head, 256 x 256 pixels x 130 slices; skin disappears and the skull is cut in half to reveal that the child suffers from a contiguous growth of bone (thick wall of skull).

The second sequence is of a 256 x 256 pixel x 126 slice NMR scan of a brain with a tumor; an oedema that surrounds the tumor is removed.

Hardware:

IBM 3090 + vector facility, Matrox MVP-A

Software:

In-house software written in APL on C: APLTREE, CINEMA

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11. UNC Computer Graphics Sampler '89

Contact: Henry Fuchs Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Dept. of Computer Science CB 3175, Sitterson Hall Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3175 (919) 962-1911

Technical Notes:

A sampler of recent computer graphics research at UNC.

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