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1. The Politics of Pleasure

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Technical Notes:

The human papilloma virus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer in women. This visualization is a unique blend of art and science — showing beauty in the symmetry of one of nature's killing machines.

Produced by:

Stephan Meyers, Donna Cox, Ellen Sandor

Hardware:

AT&T Pixel Machine 946dX with Sun 3/280

Software:

AT&T Pixel Machine RAYlib,

In house

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2. Splash Dance

Contact:

Michael Kass Apple Computer, Inc. 20525 Mariani Ave. M/S 60-W Cupertino, CA 95014 USA 1-408-974-1754

Technical Notes:

The water's motions illustrate the new technique described in the SIGGRAPH '90 paper, "Rapid, Stable, Fluid Dynamics in Computer Graphics" by Michael Kass and Gavin Miller.

Produced by:

Michael Kass and Gavin Miller, Apple Computer Advanced Technology Group

Hardware:

SGI 4D/210

Software:

In house, proprietary

3. 1990 CFD Highlights

Contact:

Chris Gong NASA Ames Research Ctr. Mail Stop 258-2 Moffett Field, CA 94035 USA 1-415-604-4459

Technical Notes:

A collection of state-of-the-art simulations of computational

fluid dynamics (CFD) done at NASA Ames. Included are animations of an F-18, a hot jet and an artificial heart.

Produced by:

NASA Ames Research Center

Hardware:

Supercomputers, SGI IRIS 4D/70 GT

Software:

GAS (Graphics Animation System), SURF, PLOT3X

4. Visualizing Fermat's Last Theorem

Contact:

Andrew J. Hanson Computer Science Dept. Indiana University Bloomington, IN 47405 USA 1-812-855-5855

Technical Notes:

Visualization is applied to the study of Fermat's Last Theorem, a famous unsolved problem in number theory.

Produced by:

Andrew J. Hanson, Computer Science Dept. and Center for Innovative Computer Applications, Indiana University

Hardware:

Stardent TITAN

Software:

Wavefront, Stardent Doré

5. Numerical Simulations of Cosmic Jets

Contact:

T. Todd Elvins SDSC Box 85608 San Diego, CA 92158 USA 1-619-534-5000

Technical Notes:

This visualization illustrates a magneto-hydrodynamics simulation of a cosmic jet.

Produced by:

San Diego Supercomputer Center Advanced Scientific Visualization Laboratory

Hardware:

Cray X-MP/48, SUN 3/160, Pixar Image Computer

Software:

SDSC Imaging Code, NRAO Simulation Code

6. The Formation of the Solar System

Contact:

David R. Nadeau SDSC - Advanced Scientific Visualization Lab. Box 85608 San Diego, CA 92158 USA

Technical Notes:

This educational tape illustrates the formation of the solar

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system for the Rueben H. Fleet Space Center's planetarium show.

Produced by:

San Diego Supercomputer Center Advanced Scientific Visualization Laboratory

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics IRIS 4D/70

Software:

Alias

7. Sierpinski Blows His Gasket

Contact:

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Technical Notes:

Sierpinski's Gasket extends to 3-dimensions, falls down a flight of stairs, and transforms into a 3-D extension of the twin dragon. Its motions are determined by physical-based modeling descriptions incorporated into its database.

Produced by:

John Hart and Sumit Das, Electronic Visualization Lab., University of Illinois at Chicago

Hardware:

AT&T Pixel Machine 964dX, SGI Personal IRIS

Software:

In-house, AT&T Pixel Machine DEVtools, SGI Graphics Library

8. PSC 1990 Sampler

Contact:

Joel Welling (PSC) - Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center 4400 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 USA 1-412-268-4960

Technical Notes:

PSC's current sampler contains visualizations of a supernova, fractals, molecular dynamics, Cray memory diagnostics, lymph node reconstructions and a fly-by of Los Angeles.

Produced by:

Anjana Kar and Joel Welling, Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center

Hardware:

Cray Y-MP, Peritek frame buffer, Silicon Graphics workstation

Software:

GPLOT, P3D, DrawCGM, OASIS ray tracer

9. Lively IFS

Contact:

Gordon Lescinsky Electronic Visualization Laboratory Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Box 4348 (M/C 154) Chicago, IL 60680 USA 1-312-996-3002

Technical Notes:

This computer art piece was created by manipulating the parameters of an iterated function system (IFS) of six transformations over time, and then rendered using reverse iteration.

Produced by:

Gordon Lescinsky, Electronic Visualization Lab., University of Illinois at Chicago

Hardware:

AT&T Pixel Machine 946dX with Sun 3/280

Software:

In-house, PV-WAVE, AT&T Pixel Machine DEVtools

10. Cold Front Moving Across the North Atlantic

Contact:

Bill Hibbard
Space Science & Eng. Cntr.
Univ. of Wisc. at Madison
1225 W. Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53706 USA
1-608-263-4427

Technical Notes:

This is an unedited, real-time, interactive, visual exploration of forecast data of cold fronts moving across the North Atlantic.

Produced by:

Bill Hibbard and Dave Santek

Hardware:

Stardent ST-2000

Software:

VIS-5D

11. ANL's Scientific Visualization Promo Tape

Contact:

Fred Dech Argonne Natl. Lab (ANL) 9700 S. Cass Ave., CTD C240 Argonne, IL 90439 USA 1-708-972-5150

Technical Notes:

This is a sampler of several, short, scientific animations done by ANL scientists in collaboration with the visualization group.

Produced by:

Argonne National Laboratory

Hardware:

Stardent TITAN 2000

Software:

In-house C code, Doré

12. Ductile Flow

Contact:

Craig Reynolds Symbolics, Inc. 1401 Westwood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024 USA 1-213-478-0681

Technical Notes:

This sequence visualizes flow systems by deforming perfectly ductile objects. Polyhedral objects are placed in flow fields, their vertices following the streamlines of the flow. Faces and edges are sub-divided or 'unsubdivided' to provide flexibility.

Produced by:

Craig Reynolds, Symbolics, Inc.

Hardware:

Symbolics 3650

Software:

Symbolics S-Geometry, S-Dynamics, S-Render, S-Record; experimental software

13. Electron Densities of the AZT Molecule

Contact:

F. Dech & T.J. O'Donnell Electronic Visualization Lab Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Box 4348 (M/C 154) Chicago, IL 60680 USA 1-312-996-3002

Technical Notes:

Point cloud renderings depict the electron densities of the molecular orbitals of the AZT (azidothymidine) molecule, a drug used in the treatment of AIDS. Data courtesy of the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Bank.

Produced by:

Fred Dech, T. J. O'Donnel, Electron Visualization Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago

Hardware:

Cray 2, IBM 3081, AT&T Pixel Machine, Stardent TITAN

Software:

In-house C code, GAUSSIAN '86, AT&T Pixel Machine PIClib, GRAMPS

14. Forest Fire Simulation

Contact:

Geoffrey Y. Gardner Grumman Data Systems, MS DI2-237 1000 Woodbury Rd. Woodbury, NY 11797 USA 1-516-682-8417

Technical Notes:

This dynamic simulation of a forest fire propagation uses textured ellipsoids driven by a heuristic model that manipulates ellipsoid shapes and positions, and varies textural translucence.

Produced by:

Geoffrey Gardner, Grumman Data Systems

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics IRIS 4D/70

Software:

In-house FORTRAN code

15. Landscape Dynamics of Yellowstone Park

Contact:

Deanna Walker NCSA 605 E. Springfield Ave. Champaign, IL 61820 USA 1-217-244-1996

Technical Notes:

This simulation demonstrates how fire affects landscape diversity. Data used for this simulation was collected at Yellowstone National Park by taking non-destructive treecore samples.

Produced by:

Visualization Services and Development, NCSA

Hardware:

CRAY X-MP, Macintosh II

Software:

In-house FORTRAN code

16. Computational Quantum Chemistry in Catalysis Research

Contact:

Deanna Walker NCSA 605 E. Springfield Ave. Champaign, IL 61820 USA 1-217-244-1996

Technical Notes:

Visualizations of various catalysis involving chromium chloride, magnesium oxide and faujasite clusters. Done in collaboration with the Amoco Oil Company.

Produced by:

Visualization Services and Development, NCSA

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics 4D/20, 4D/80 and 4D/240 GTX

Software:

In-house, Wavefront

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