



Computer Animation

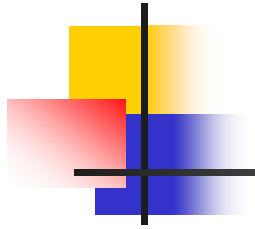
- **Feature-length films:**
- **Games:**
- **Desktop Animations:**



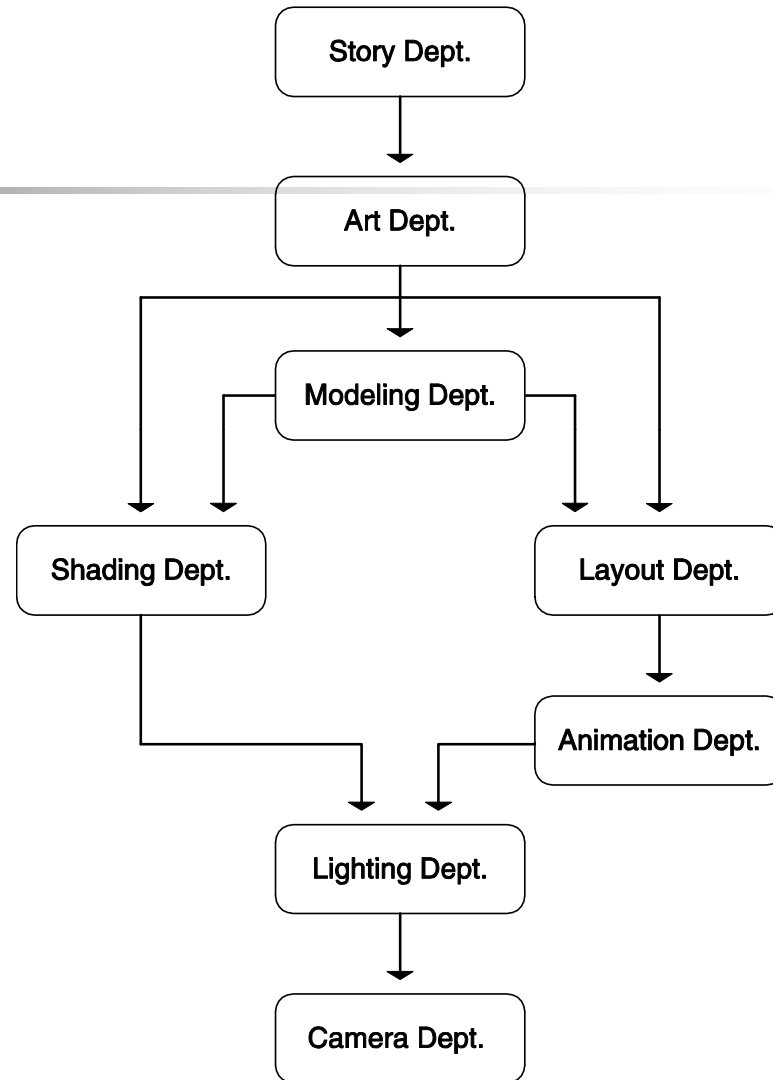
Computer Animation

motion control

- **Keyframing:** “hand-crafted” animation
- **Digitized motion:** Motion Capture (mocap)
- **Procedural animation:** algorithms to control movement



Computer Animation Production



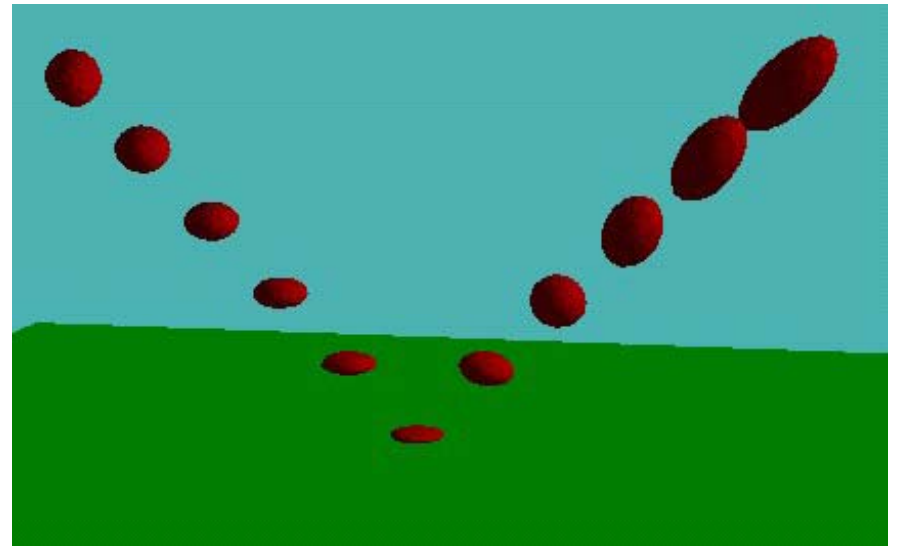
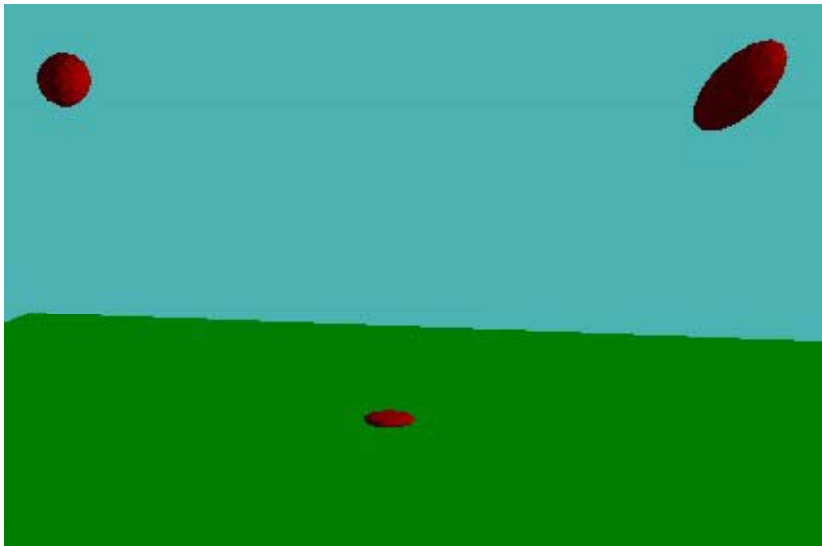


Keyframing

- Digital equivalent to traditional, hand-drawn animation
- Animator designs 'keys'
- Selects interpolation technique and sets timing
- System does what traditionally was done by low-paid trainees - automatically computes in-between frames



Keyframes



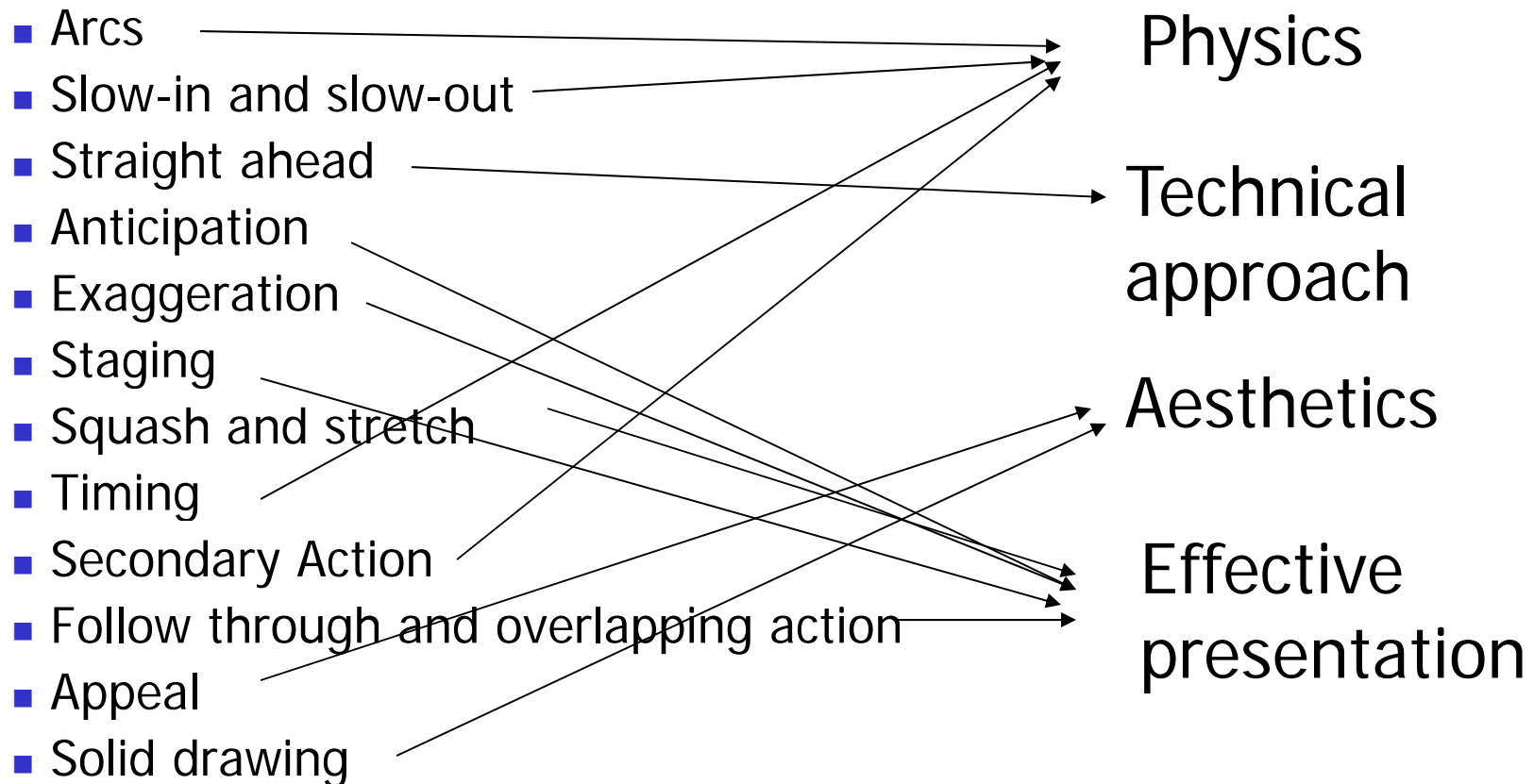


Keyframe...anything

- Transformations: scale, rotate, translate
- Shape: squash and stretch
- Color: e.g. of a flame
- Image (morphing)
- Any attribute or parameter



Principles of Animation





Interpolation

- Linear or cubic (e.g. Hermite, Bezier, etc.)
- Interpolation of orientation (rotation) takes special care: quaternions
- Need to estimate arc-length
- Control acceleration/deceleration: ease-in, ease-out

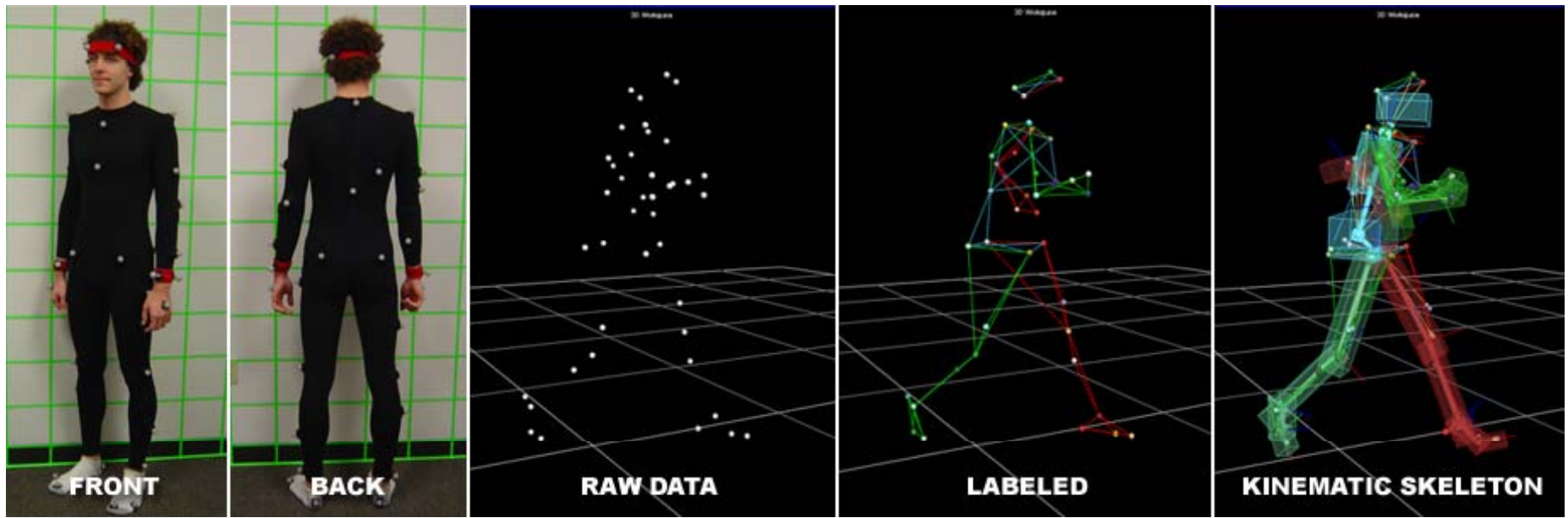
The logo graphic consists of a vertical black line and a horizontal black line intersecting. To the left of the intersection, there are three overlapping squares: a yellow one at the top, a red one in the middle, and a blue one at the bottom. The word "Mocap" is written in a blue, sans-serif font to the right of the vertical line.

Mocap

- Several technologies: optical, mechanical, magnetic
- Research on 'markerless' mocap
- Hard to 'retarget' to new figure or imaginary creature



Mocap





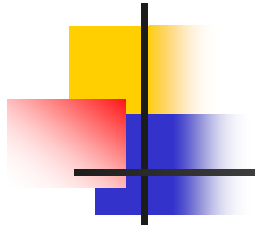
Procedural Animation

- Set initial conditions - run simulation
- Control is an issue
- Computational cost (e.g. real-time) is an issue

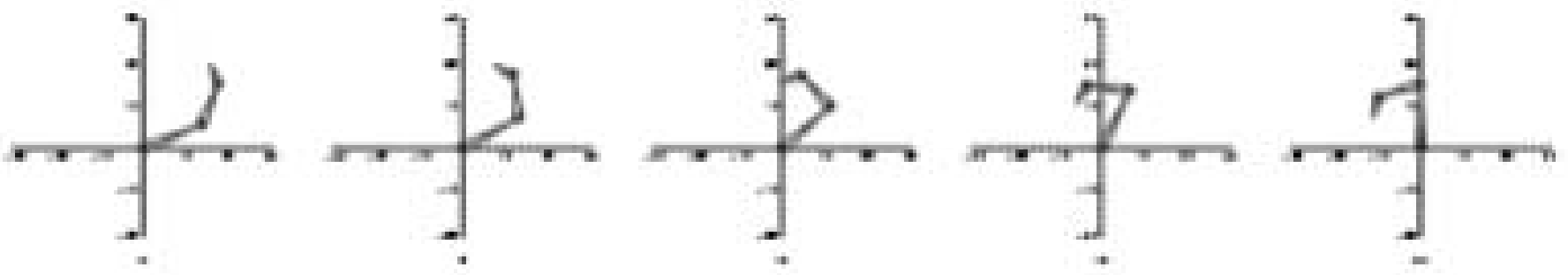


Kinematics of articulated figures

- Forward kinematics
- Inverse kinematics
 - Pseudo-inverse of the Jacobian
 - Cyclic Coordinate Descent
 - others...



Kinematics of articulated figures





Physically based simulation

- Kinematics v. Dynamics
- Forces & mass -> acceleration -> velocity -> position
- Point mass, particle system
- Rigid body dynamics: add rotational dynamics: inertia tensor & torques
- Flexible body animation: elastic collisions



Forces

- Gravity

$$f = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2}$$

- Spring

$$f = k_s (\text{length} - \text{restLength})$$

- Viscosity: damping

$$f = k_d \partial (\text{length} - \text{restLength})$$

- Friction: static & kinetic

$$f = k_{sf} f_n$$

- Wind field

- Impulse force of contact

$$f = k_{kf} f_n$$

- Fictional forces



Forces ->

$$f = ma$$

$$a = \frac{f}{m}$$

- Update

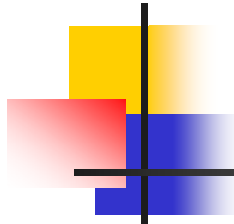
$$v(t + 1) = v(t) + a\Delta t$$

- Integration

$$p(t + 1) = p(t) + v\Delta t$$

- Numerical integration

- Runge-Kutta, Implicit Euler, etc.



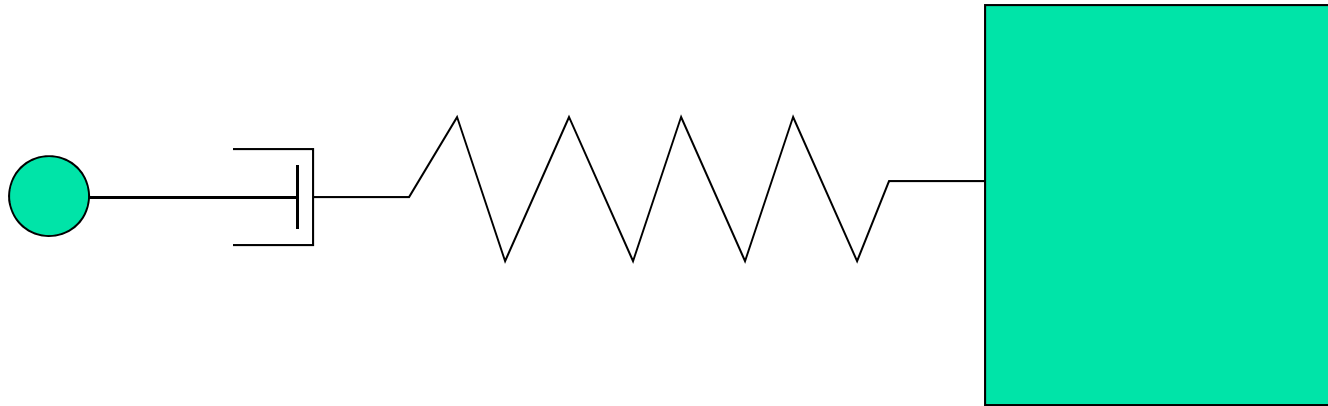
Spring-damper-mass system

- Collection of point masses connected by springs and dampers
- Model cloth, flexible body dynamics
- Tricky to set constants and connections



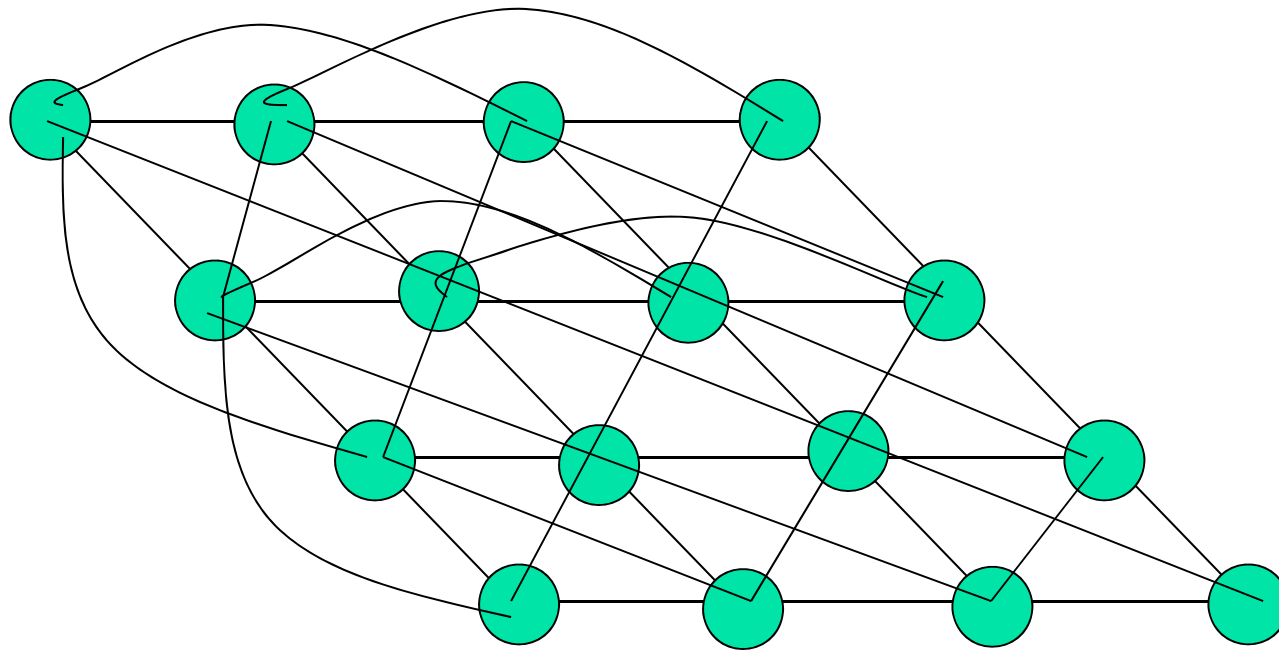
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$$f = k_s (l - l_{rest}) - k_d \dot{l}$$



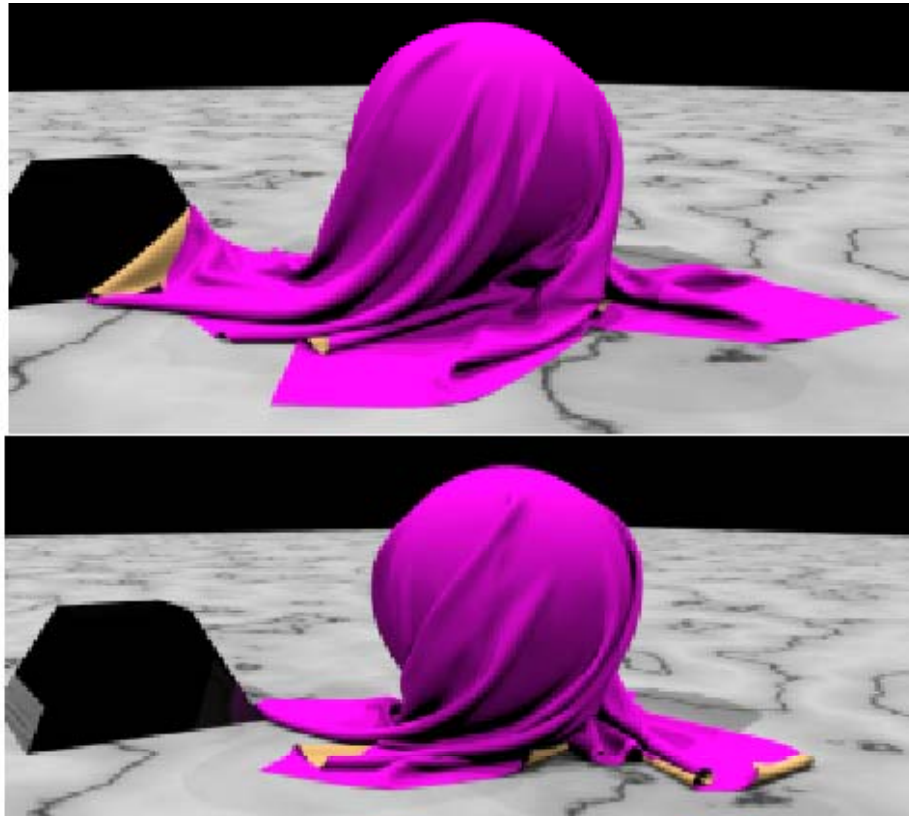


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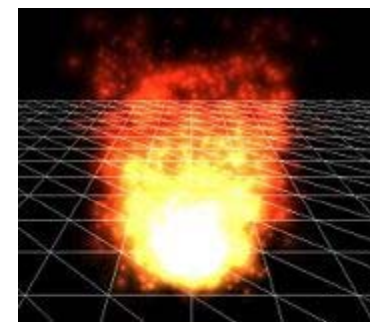
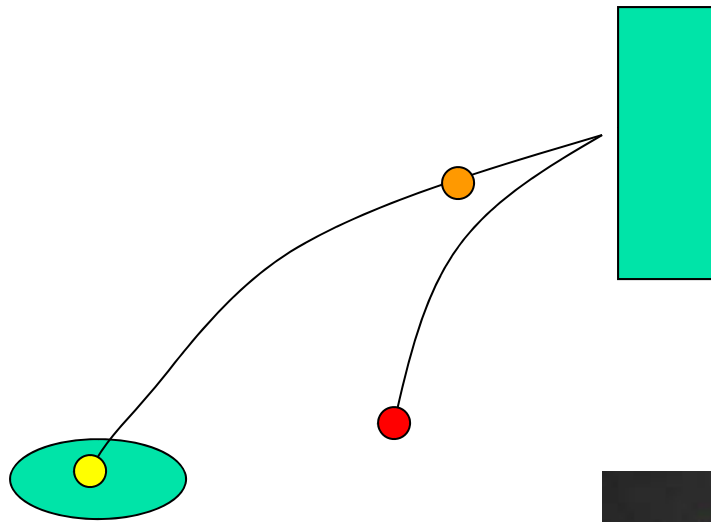




Particle system

- Collection of point masses
- No interaction between point masses
- Interact with environment

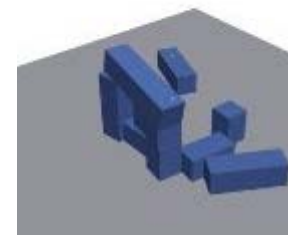
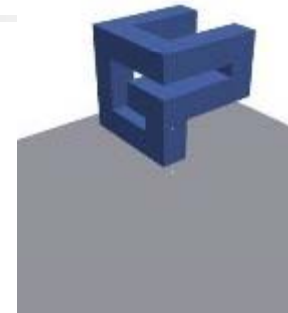
Particle system





Rigid body dynamics

- Inertia tensor
- Conservation of momentum
- Coefficient of restitution
- Impulse force of collision





Forward dynamics of articulated linkage

- Featherstone equations
- Traverse linkage forming inertia tensor

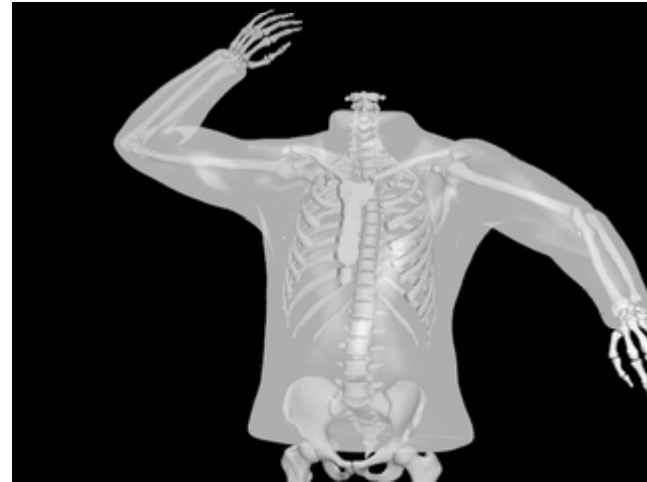
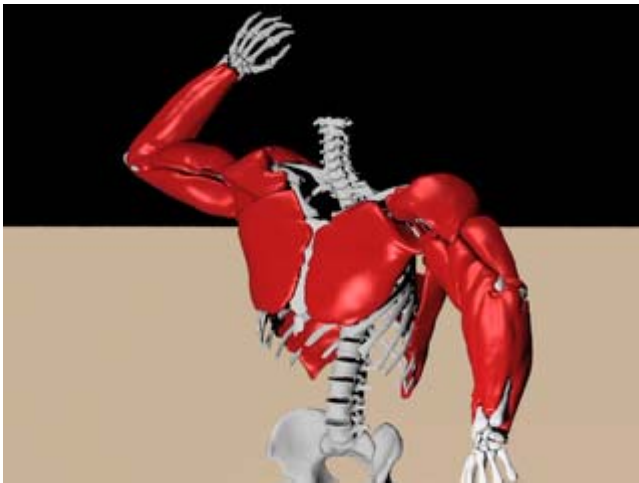


Human figure animation

- Kinematics of walking, reaching, sitting, standing
- Motion capture
- Modeling muscles - appearance, dynamics
- Dynamics of grasping, handling, lifting



Human figure animation





Facial animation

- Expressions
- Lip-sync animation
- Emotion



Behavioral animation

- Flocking
- Prey-predator model
- Crowds
- Emotion
- Personality

