

Overview



3D Production Pipeline

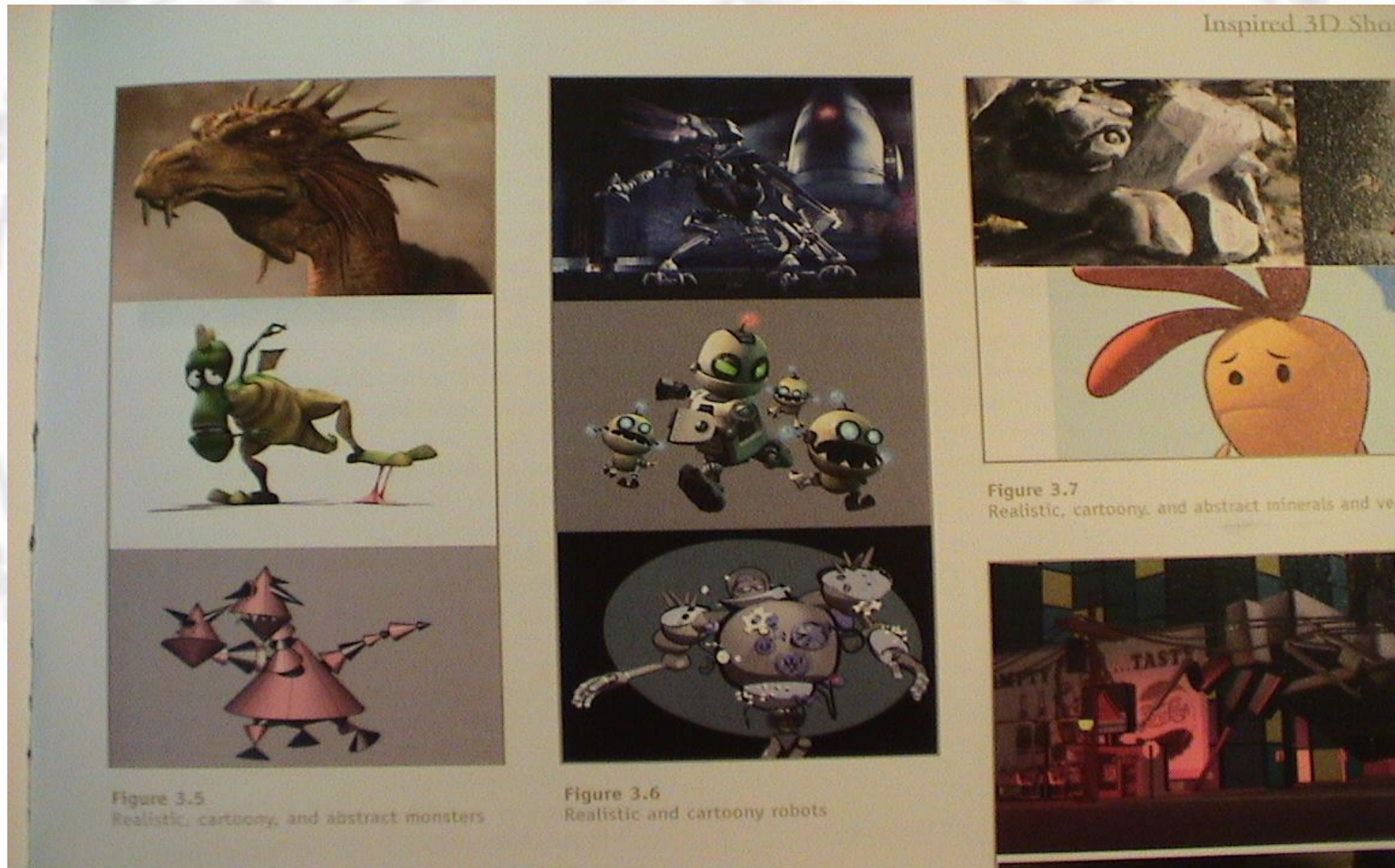
- ❖ Story → Character Design → Art Direction → Storyboarding → Vocal Tracks → 3D Animatics → **Modeling** → **Animation** → **Rendering** → **Effects** → Compositing
- ❖ **Basics** : OpenGL, transformation
- ❖ **Modeling** : curves and surfaces
- ❖ **Animation** : kinematics (FK/IK), shape interpolation
- ❖ **Rendering** : shader, file texture, raytracing
- ❖ **Effects** : particle systems, soft body, rigid body, hair

Story

- ❖ CG vs. non-CG
- ❖ 2D vs. 3D
- ❖ Mixtures (Lord of the Ring, Harry Potter, Who Frames Roger Rabbit, Avatar) vs. complete (Mr. Incredibles)

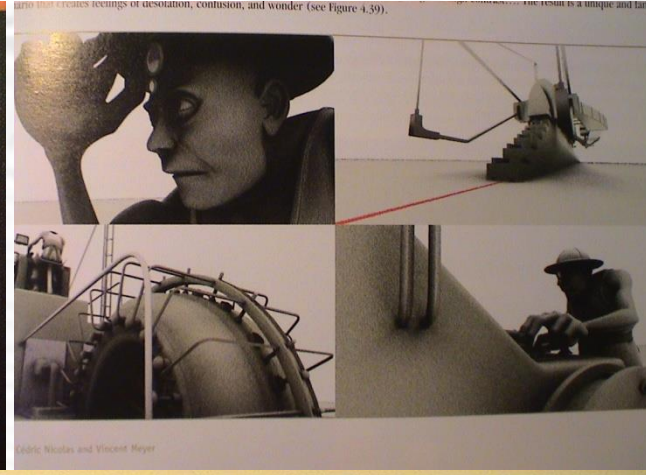
Character Development

- ❖ Style, proportion, different poses and emotions, clay models, anatomical study, behavior, etc. (Add life)



Art Direction

- ❖ Visual style (realism, cartoon, abstract), color palettes, overall complexity



Storyboarding & Vocal Tracks

- ❖ Tell the story visually (beats, flow, tightness), planning shots, camera, layout, etc.

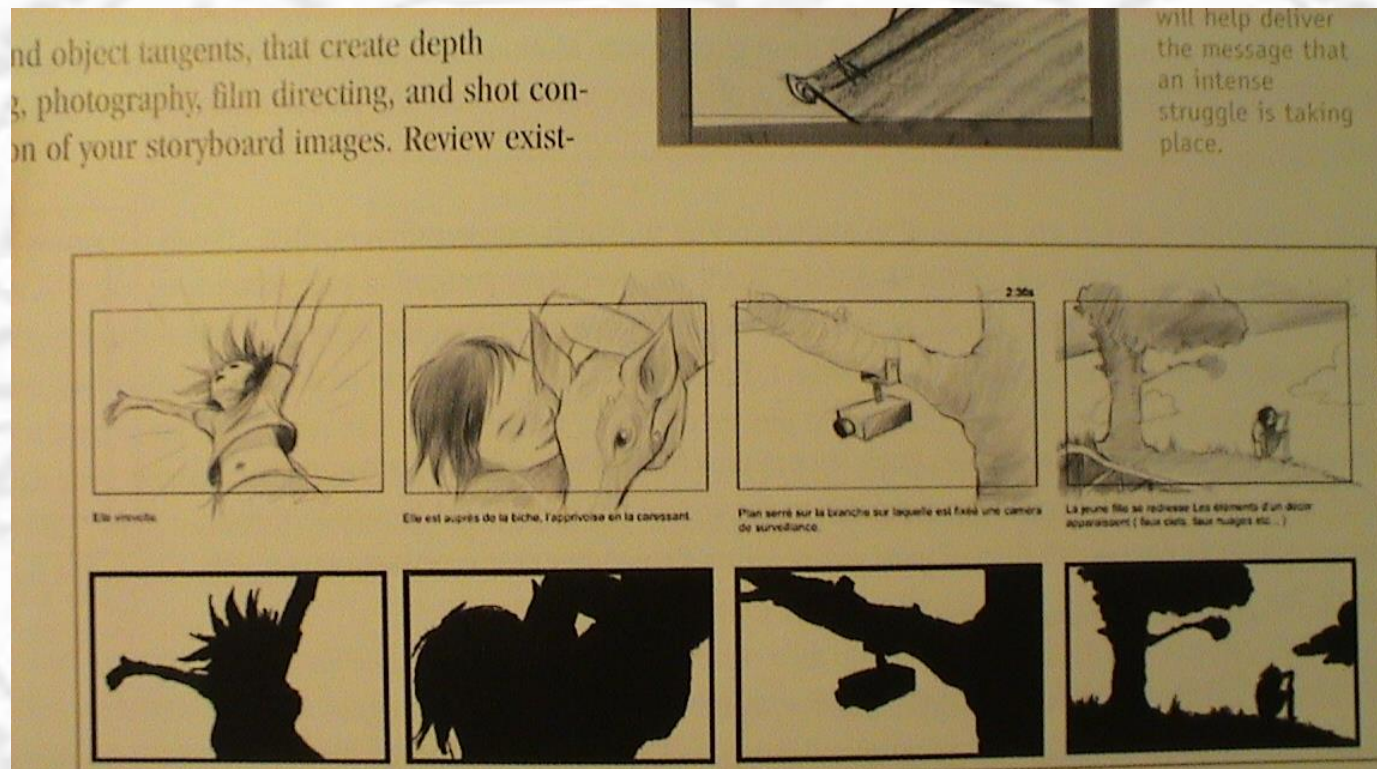


Figure 5.12

Silhouette drawings are helpful for examining overall composition issues, such as balance and negative space.

3D Animatics

- ❖ Planning shots, camera, layout, layering with billboards and simple geometry, only animate the camera

ing and rotating, where the camera revolves or tilts around a fixed point. An example might be swinging from a worm's eye POV to a bird's eye POV (see Figure 11.23) or dolly-zooming, where the camera moves toward or away from the subject while simultaneously zooming out or vice versa. This effect is often used in horror films to create a sense of unease. The subject remains the same while the perspective angle changes (see Figure 11.24).

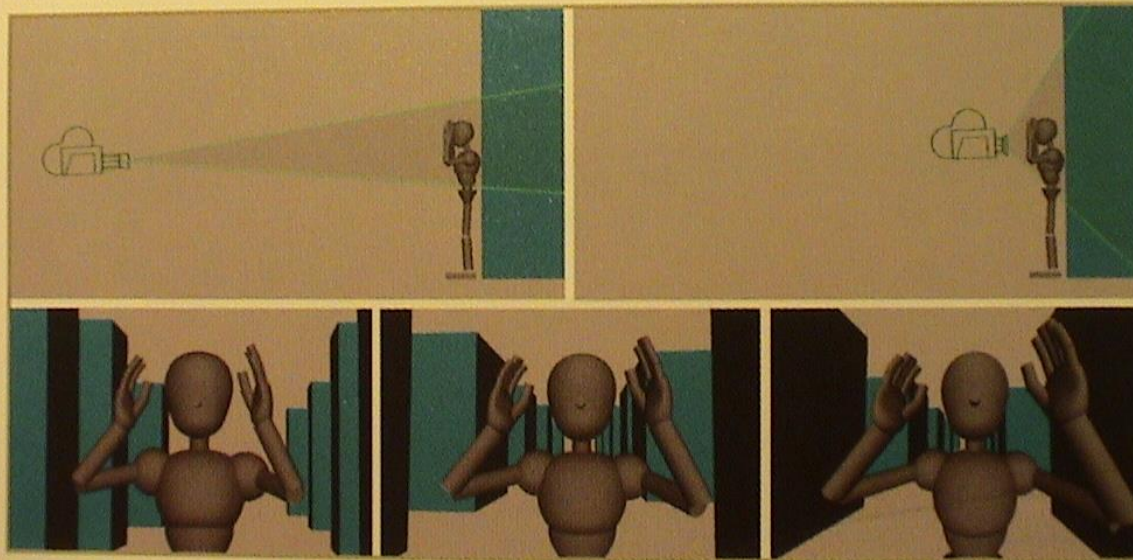
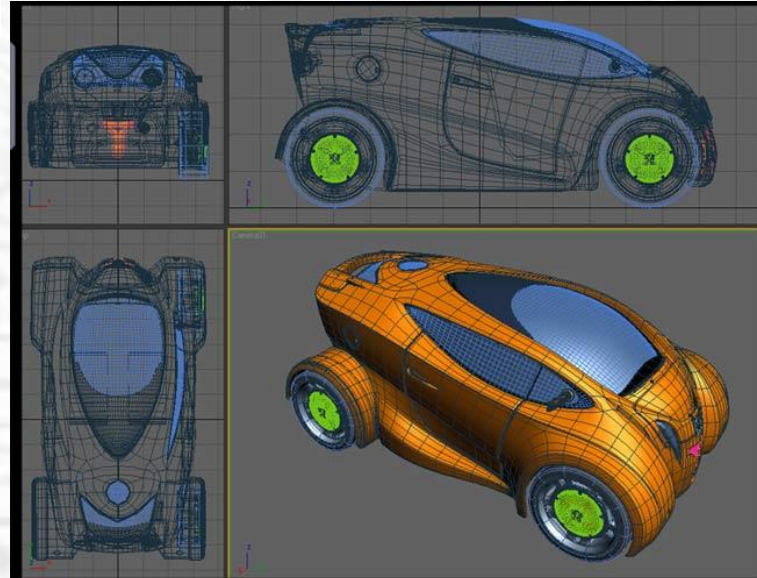
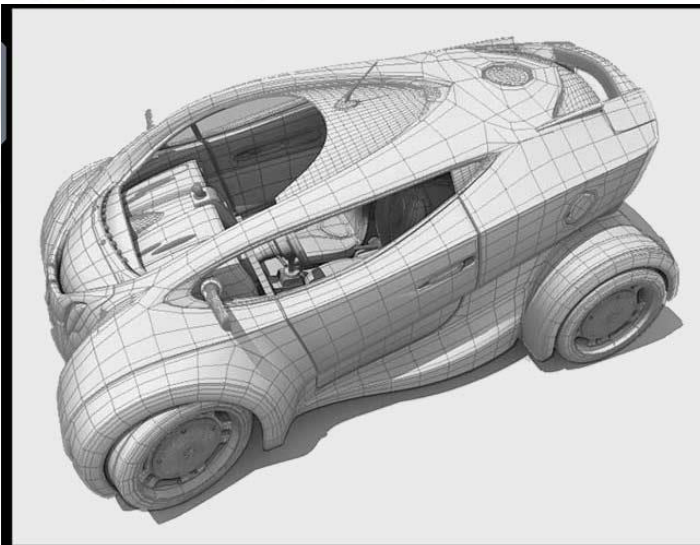


Figure 11.24
Dolly-zooms

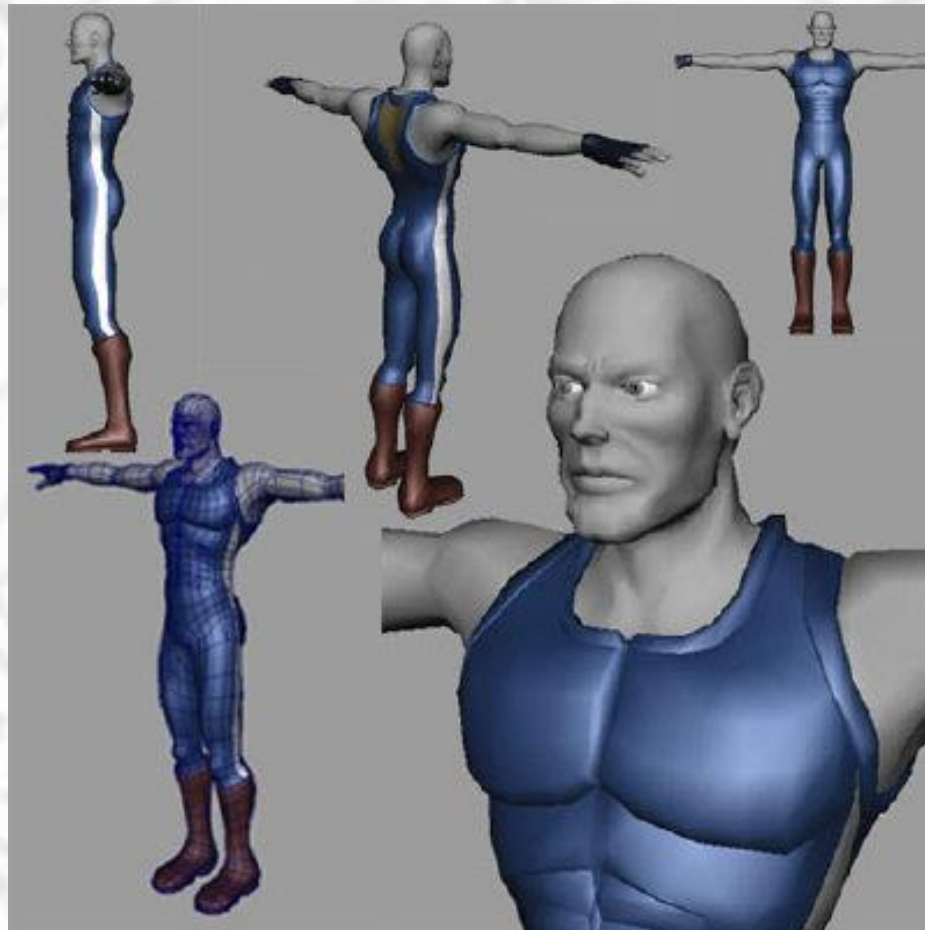
Modeling

- ❖ Characters, props, and background elements, low & high resolution, models, 3D scanners

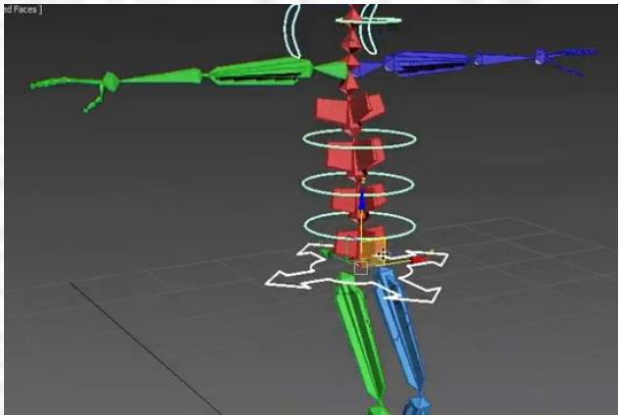
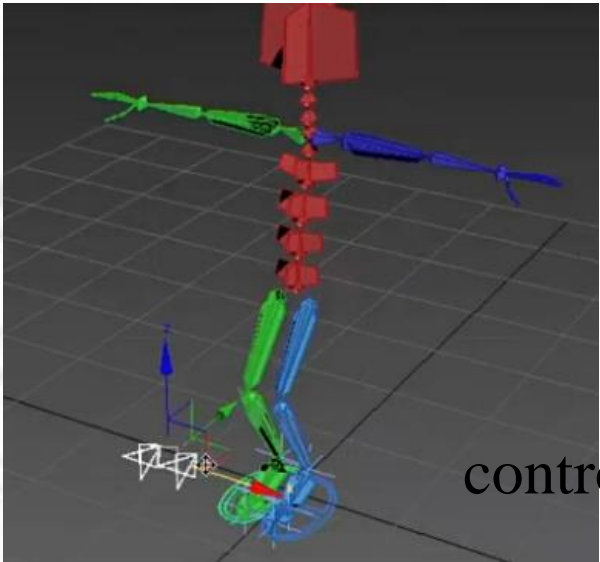
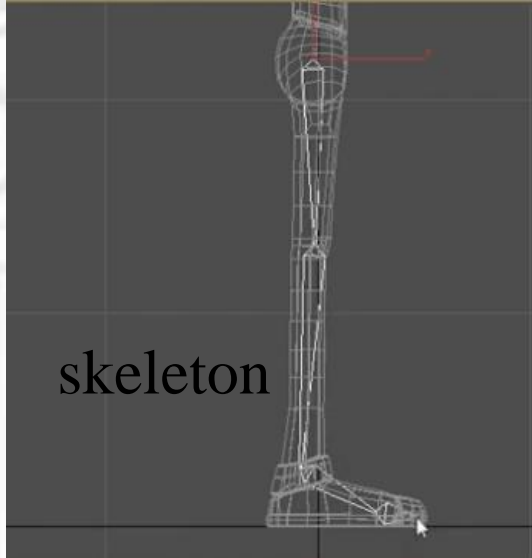
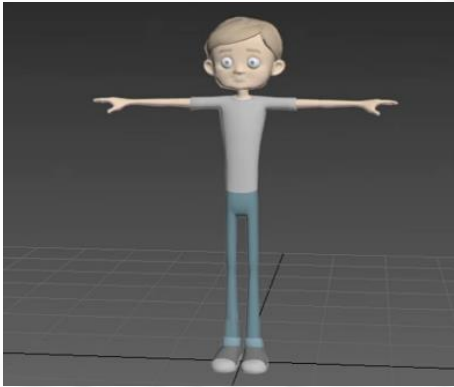


Character Setup

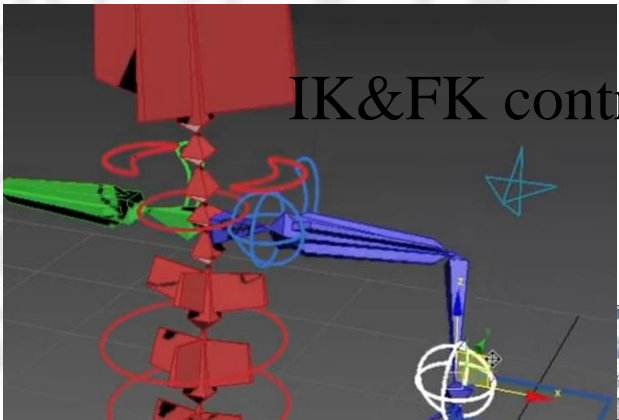
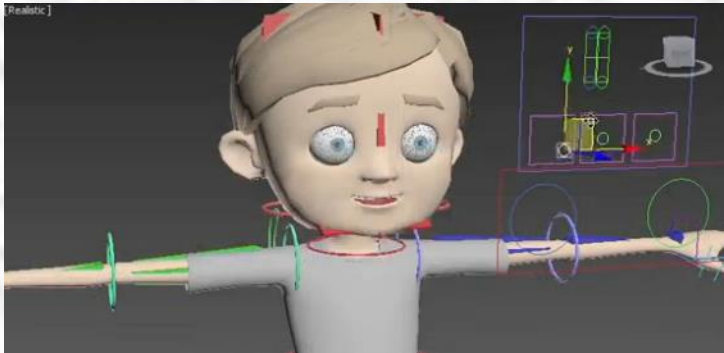
- ❖ (Character rigging) : to setup IK or FK joints, skinning, blend, shape, deformer, skinning



Rigging



Facial control



Animation

- ❖ Low resolution model, blocking, timing, details such as secondary motion

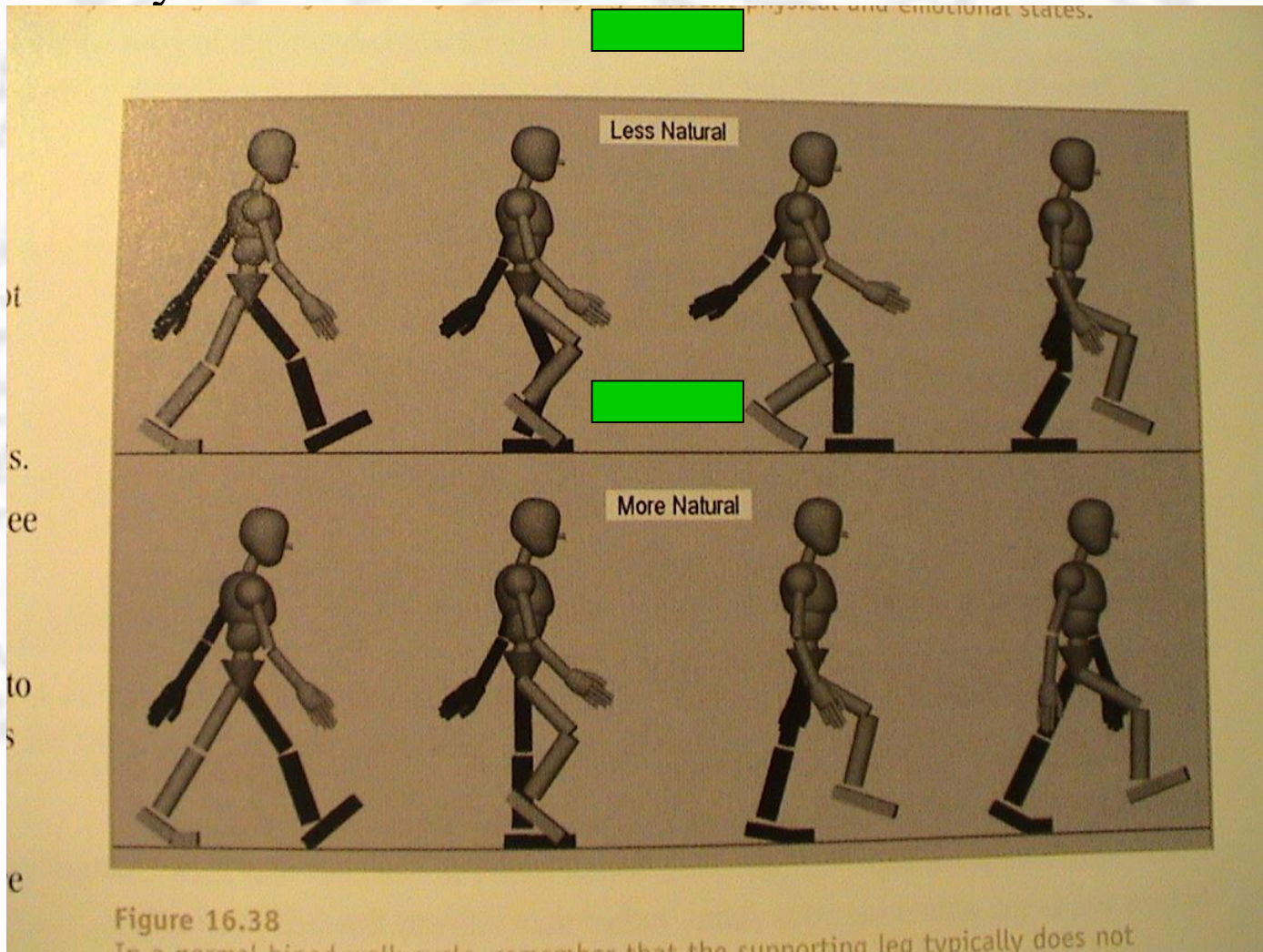


Figure 16.38

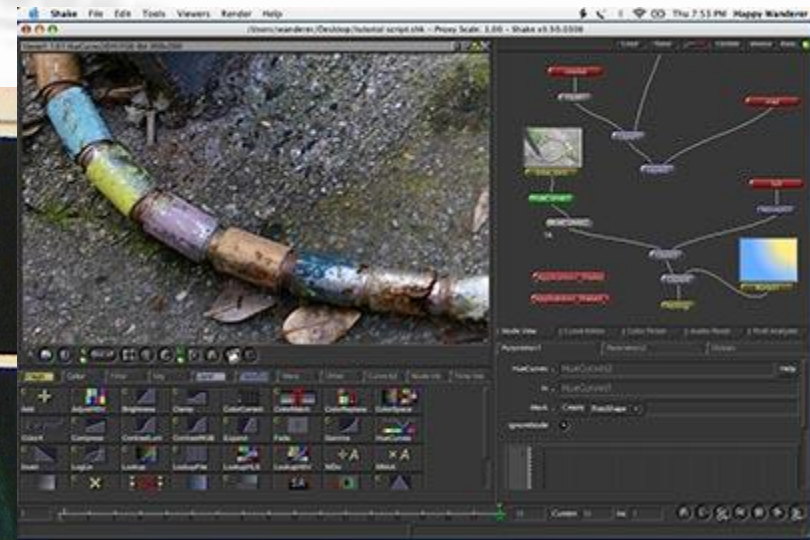
In a normal biped walk cycle, remember that the supporting leg typically does not

Visual Effects (FX)

- ❖ Shading, Texturing, Lighting, Rendering : writing shaders, assigning materials, testing global illumination approaches, baby sit rendering farm

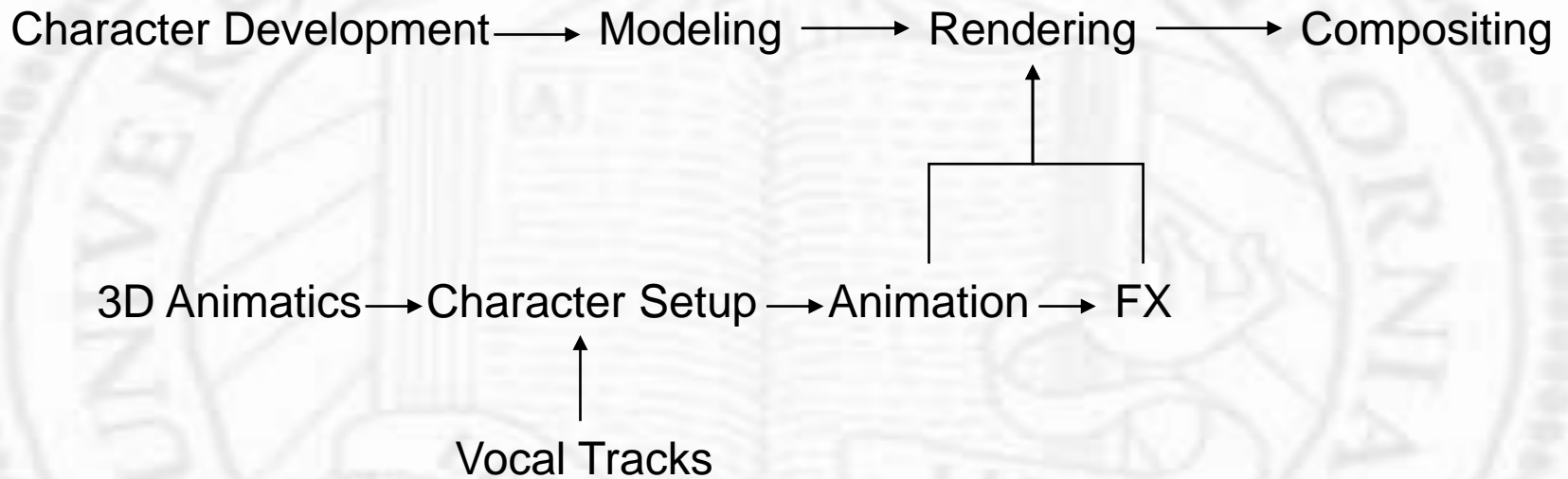


Compositing : multi-pass



Movie Pipeline (Non-realtime)

Assets Management System (Maya)



Game Pipeline

- ❖ Art vs Game Engine
- ❖ Art pipeline is very similar to film production pipeline
- ❖ Game Engine
 - ❑ Put together the animation and stages into the virtual world
 - ❑ Mimic tools in 3D package (memory and performance constraints)
 - ❑ Taking advantage of the state-of-art graphics hardware
 - ❑ Using 3rd party game engine components
 - ❑ Physics are important (Angry Bird, Bowling, Flight simulator, etc.)

Image Quality



Marooned - 1990



Hovertank 3D - 1991



Doom - 1993



Quake - 1996



Doom3
2004

Pipeline Requirements

- ❖ Minimize the amount of data being passed around (separating model & animation)
- ❖ Use multiple 3rd party tools and internal tools (File format)
- ❖ Performance (File referencing : save only the changes, work at different resolutions)
- ❖ Controlled access
- ❖ Handling blind data
- ❖ Data protection (Versioning system)

3D Software

- ❖ Complete tool sets
 - ❑ Modeling, Animation, Rendering, Cloth, Dynamics, Fluids, Hair, etc.
- ❖ Graph architecture with node as black box
- ❖ Pull model and dirty propagation
- ❖ Refresh and getting an attribute to trigger graph evaluation
- ❖ Undoable commands
- ❖ Scripting language
- ❖ Run in interactive, prompt, and batch modes
- ❖ API (application programming interface)
- ❖ Powerful UI paradigm
- ❖ Interpreted via scripting, marking menu, hot key
- ❖ Alias/Wavefront (Maya), Autodesk (3D Studio Max)

Who is Who

❖ CG Film Industry

- ❑ Pixar – Toy Story I & II, Monster Inc., Bug's Life, Incredible, Cars
- ❑ Pacific Data Image – Ants, Shrek, Madagascar
- ❑ DreamWorks – Shark Tale, Over the Hedge
- ❑ Disney – Chicken Little, Toy Story III
- ❑ Blue Sky – Ice Age, Robots

❖ FX House

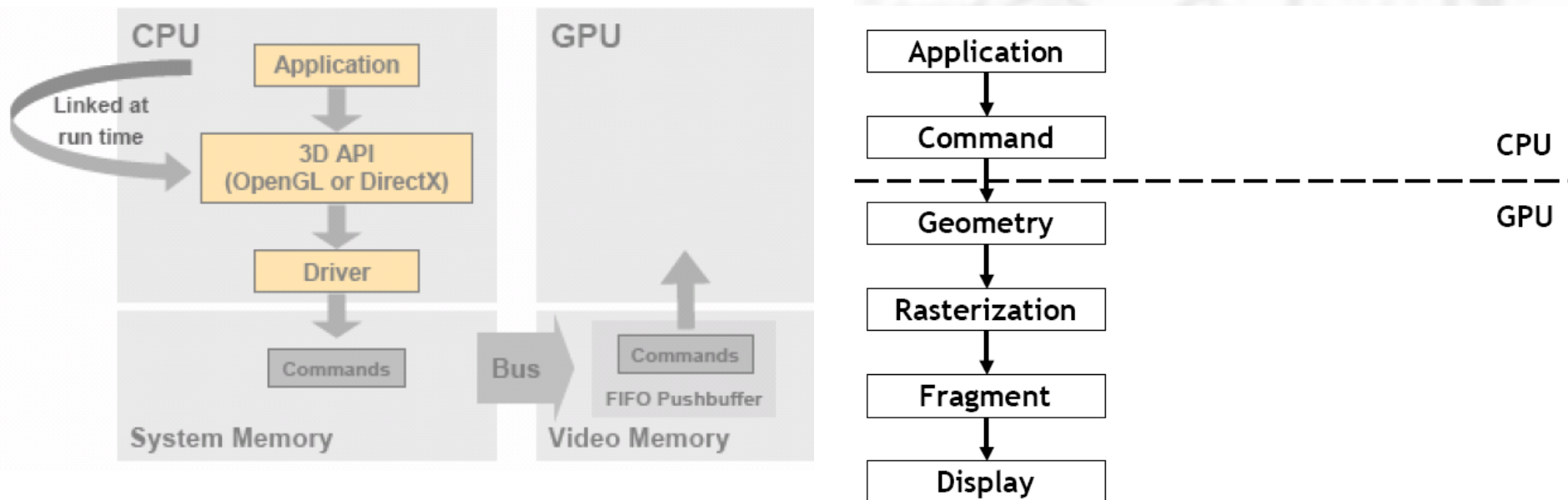
- ❑ ILM (leader in FX) – Star Wars
- ❑ Weta – Lord of the Rings, King Kong
- ❑ SONY Image Works (animal, fur, motion capture) – Stuart Little, Polar Express

❖ Game Industry \$\$

- ❑ Learning from film production, shorter time frame
- ❑ Electronic Arts (EA) sports games
- ❑ Activision, Microsoft, Nintendo, Sony, Lucas Arts

Future

- ❖ Performance and memory issues with fluids (GPU?)
- ❖ Still way too much effort to make 3D animation
- ❖ Unified solver
- ❖ Build in intelligence so that the secondary animation is handled automatically



Graphics Hardware Pipeline

(input) triangles → **vertex transformation** → (output) transformed vertices

(input) transformed vertices → **rasterization** → (output) pixel location stream

(input) pixel location stream → **fragment process** → (output) frame buffer

Vertex shading with constant vertex color

Programmable vertex shader (Nvidia's Cg)

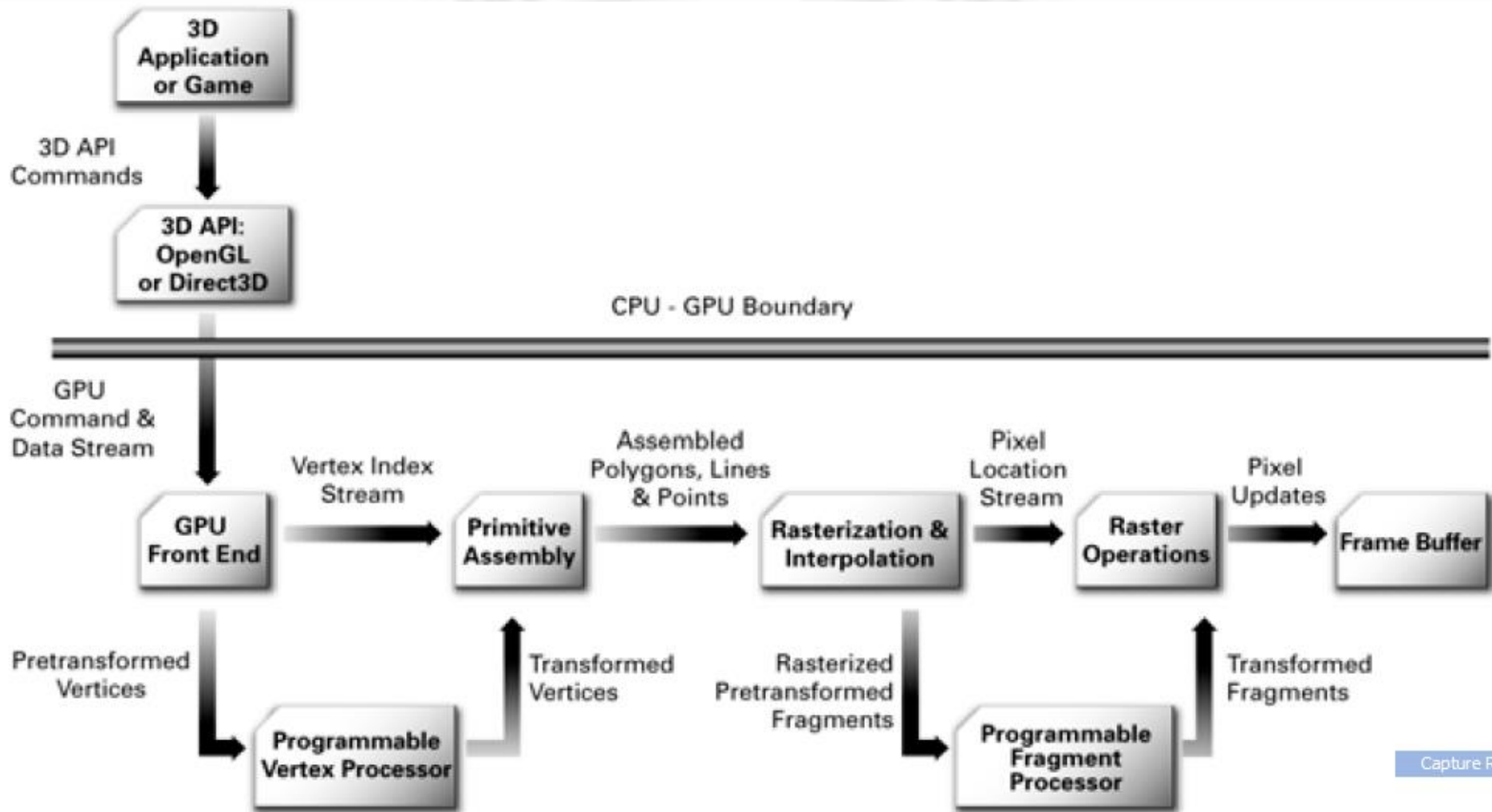
Pixel shader (NVIDIA's Cg)

Read Cg Tutorial Chapter 1, p.13 – p.20, available at

http://download.nvidia.com/developer/cg/Cg_Tutorial/Chapter_1.pdf

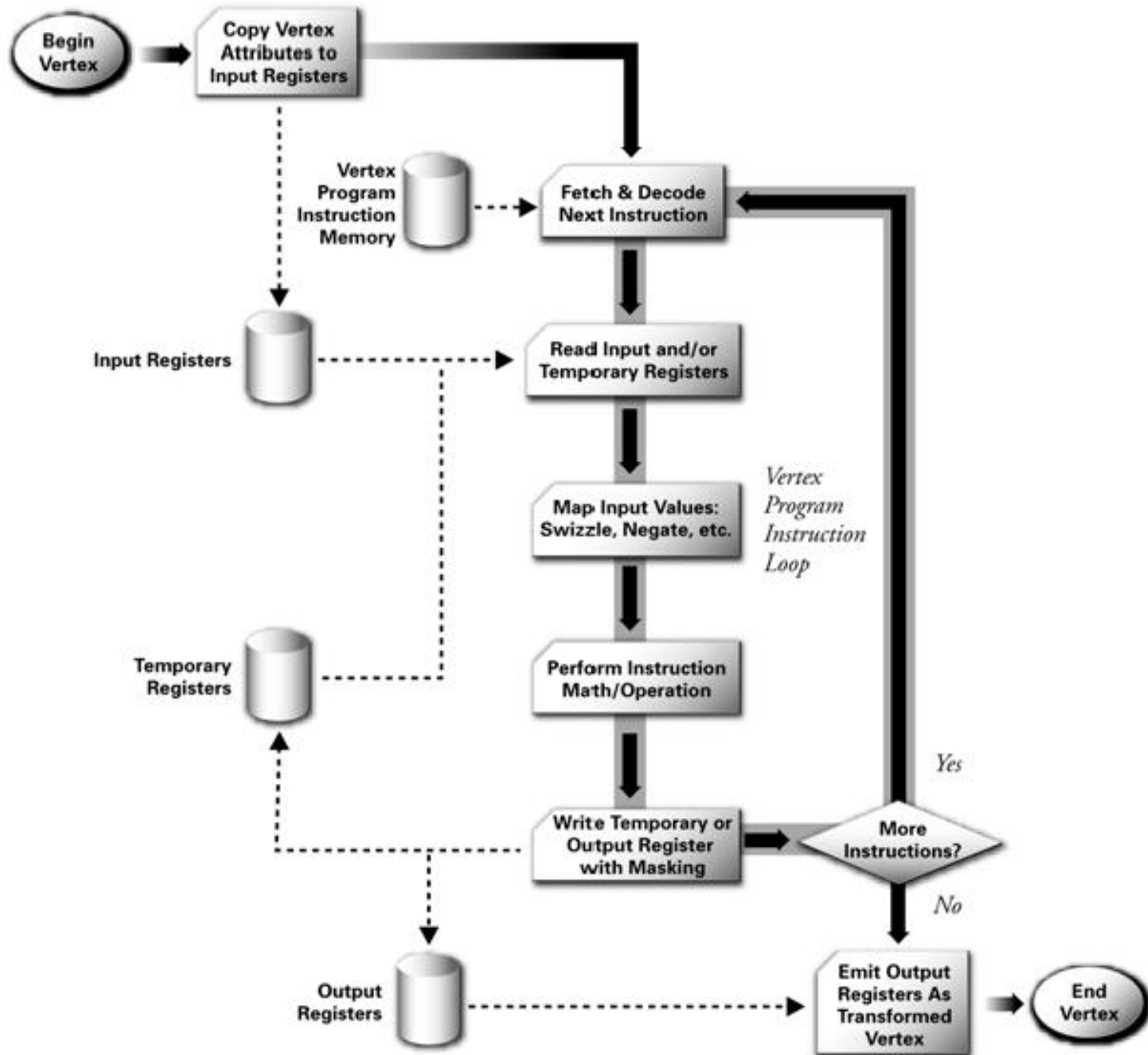
- ❖ Hardware graphics is super fast. However, its single precision is not sufficient to handle large scene or give enough depth precision for compositing.
- ❖ The trend is hardware accelerated software rendering and GPU programming.

Programmable GPU

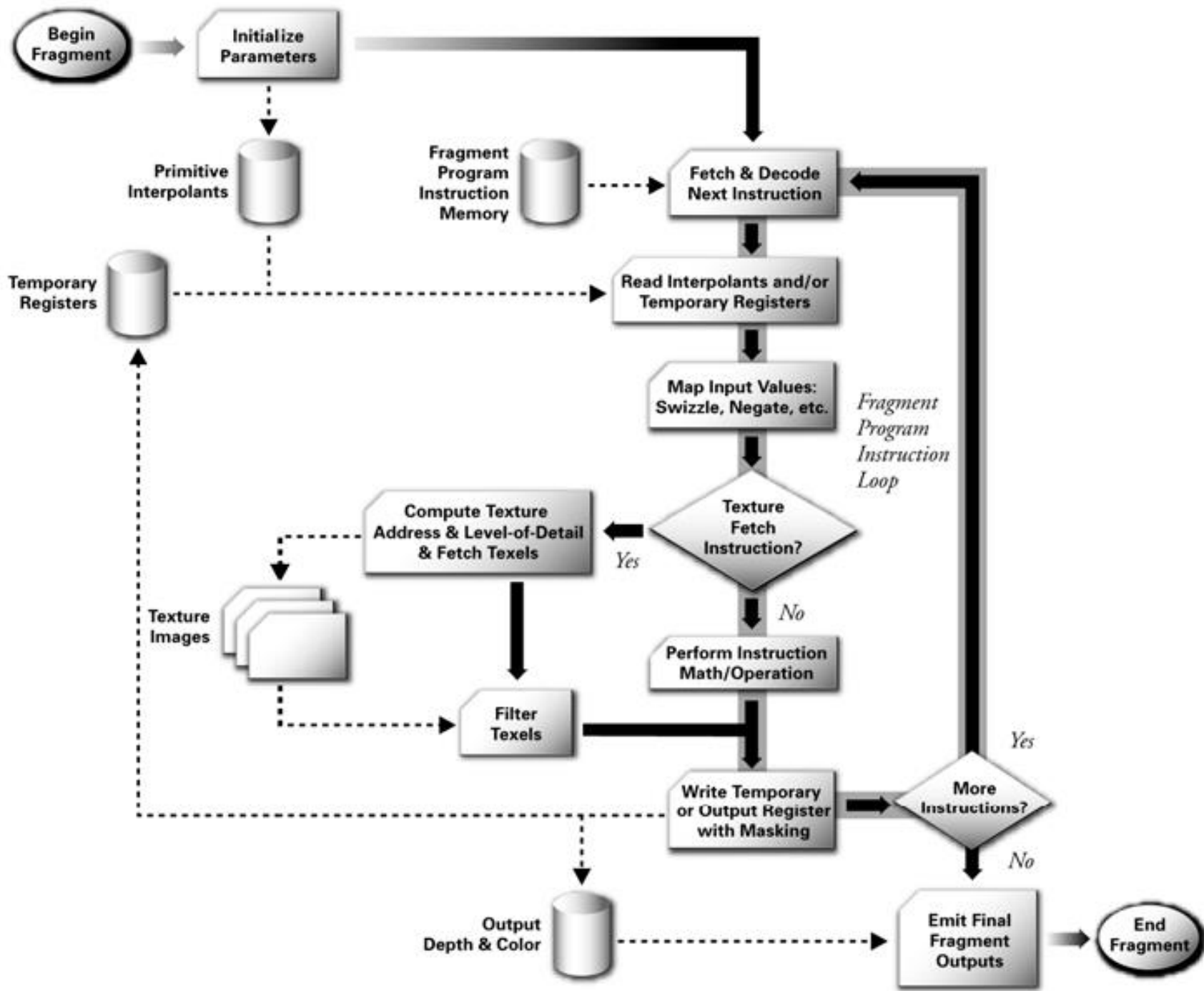


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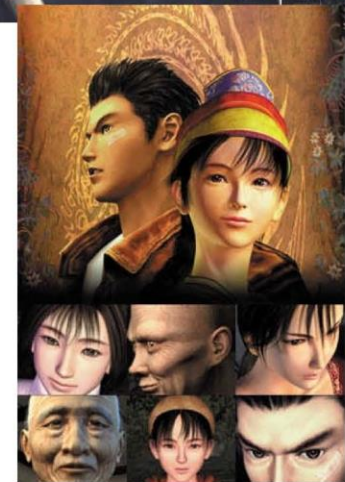
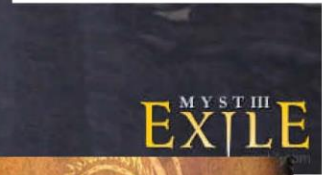
Vertex Processing



Fragment Processing

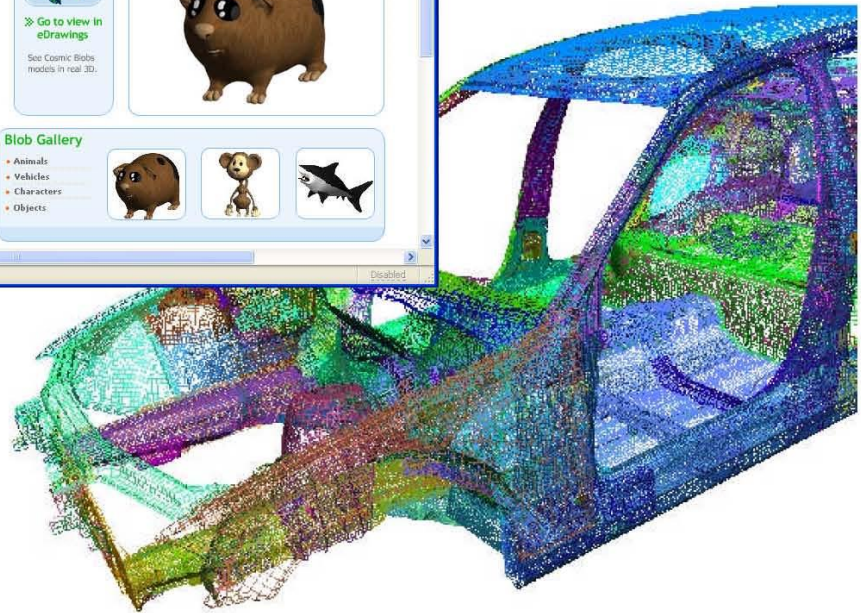


Games



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Computer Aided Design (CAD)

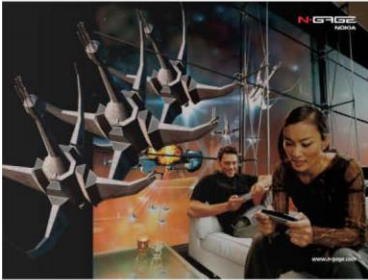


Virtual and Augmented Reality



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Mobile Media



Sharp auto stereoscopic mobile phone

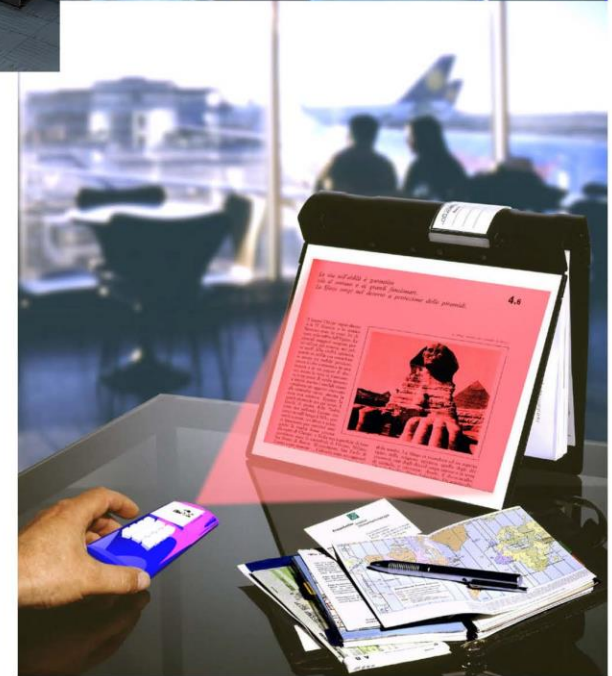


GPS phone



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New Information Spaces

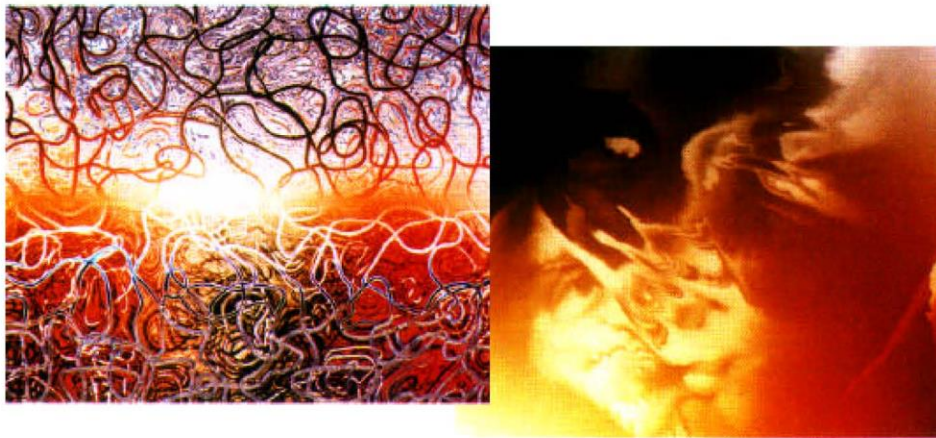


Art



"Contact Water"

Taisuke Murakami, 2001



Artificial Evolution for Computer Graphics

Karl Sims, SIGGRAPH '91



Steven Parente

<http://www.alohablooms.com/atomica1.html>

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For This Course

- ❖ Programming heavy
- ❖ *Not a course that teaches you artistic skills!*
- ❖ Expect nitty-gritty details instead
- ❖ CS130A is essential
- ❖ CS130B is helpful
- ❖ Math: review your matrix theory

Vectors and Matrices

- ❖ Matrix and vector
- ❖ (L2-)norm of a vector
- ❖ Orthogonal vectors
- ❖ Norm of a matrix
- ❖ Matrix-vector multiplication
- ❖ Matrix-matrix multiplication
- ❖ Transpose of a matrix
- ❖ Inverse of a matrix

Orthogonal Matrices

- ❖ Square matrix
- ❖ $AA^T=I, A^T A=I$
- ❖ $A^{-1}=A^T$
- ❖ Has orthogonal rows and columns
- ❖ Does not change the norm of a vector
- ❖ Represent a rotation (determinant=1), a reflection (determinant = -1), or a combination