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Sessions include Real-time Volume Rendering, Terrain Visualization, Flow Visualization, Surfaces & Level-of-Detail Techniques, Feature Detection & Visualization, Medical Visualization, Multi-Dimensional Visualization, Flow & Streamlines, Isosurface Extraction, Information Visualization, 3D Modeling & Visualization, Multi-Source Data Analysis Challenges, Interactive Visualization/VR/Animation, Terrain & Large Data Visualization, Isosurface & Volume Rendering, Simplification, Marine Data Visualization, Tensor/Flow, Key Problems & Thorny Issues, Image-based Techniques and Volume Analysis, Engineering & Design, Texturing and Rendering, Art & Visualization

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VISUALIZATION '98 TUTORIALS

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

TUTORIAL 1

Royal A & B

Imperial II

Sunday 9:30-6:30

Wavelet and Numerical Methods for Visualization

Instructors: Raghu Machiraju, Nelson Max, Robert Moorhead, Torsten Möller

Level: Intermediate
Course Description:

The focus of this course is a survey of wavelet and numerical tools for the imaging and visualization process. We will introduce basic numerical concepts of interpolation and approximation theory. The application of this theory to volume rendering and image analysis is demonstrated by different current research results. We especially introduce signal processing analysis tools and wavelet techniques. We show their origin (connection) to numerical analysis and their practical interpretation and use for the specification of image artifacts such as blurring and aliasing as well as for efficient algorithms (multi-resolution analysis).

Who Should Attend:

This tutorial is designed for scientists, engineers, computer graphicists, and graduate students who are interested in learning more about the mathematical foundations of imaging and visualization algorithms. It would also be of interest to professionals who would like to learn state-of-the-art techniques in image analysis and compression using multi-resolution techniques, including wavelets. Some basic mathematical background and exposure to volume rendering is assumed.

TUTORIAL 2 Imperial II

Sunday 9:30-6:30

Visualization Toolkits: Applications and Techniques

Instructors: Kenneth M. Martin, Lisa Sobierajski Avila, William E. Lorensen, James V. Miller, William J. Schroeder

Level: Intermediate **Course Description:**

In this tutorial we will discuss fundamental issues regarding the design, implementation, and application of 3D graphics and visualization systems. We will describe and contrast some current systems such as Open Inventor, Java3D, Data Explorer and the Visualization Toolkit. We will examine in more detail the implementation of the Visualization Toolkit. This will be used to illustrate important design issues such as graphics portability, interpreted versus compiled languages, multiple versus single inheritance, data flow models, and user interaction methods. In the remainder of this tutorial we will focus on applying visualization techniques and toolkits to solve problems from a selection of application domains.

Who Should Attend:

Attendees should have a basic understanding of computer graphics principles, software development techniques, and visualization algorithms such as color mapping and contouring. This course is intended for users, developers, researchers, and practitioners of 3D graphics and data visualization.

Monday 8:30-5:30

TUTORIAL 3

Introduction to Programming with Java 3D

Instructors: David R. Nadeau (Organizer and Speaker), Michael J. Bailey, Henry A. Sowizral

Level: Intermediate
Course Description:

Java 3D is a new cross-platform API for developing 3D graphics applications in Java. Java 3D's feature set has been designed to enable quick development of complex 3D applications, and at the same time enable fast and efficient implementations on a variety of platforms, from PCs to workstations. Using Java 3D, software developers can build cross-platform applications that build 3D scenes programmatically, or via loading 3D content from VRML, OBJ, and/or other external files.

The Java 3D API includes a rich feature set for building shapes, composing behaviors, interacting with the user, and controlling rendering details. Participants in this tutorial learn the concepts behind Java 3D, the Java 3D class hierarchy, typical usage patterns, ways of avoiding common mistakes, animation and scene design techniques, and tricks for increasing performance and realism.

Who Should Attend:

This tutorial assumes an intermediate level knowledge of Java programming and a beginning understanding of 3D graphics concepts. No advanced math background is required.

TUTORIAL 4 Imperial III

Monday 8:30-5:30

Perception for Visualization: From Design To Evaluation

Instructors: Haim Levkowitz (Organizer and Speaker), Victoria Interrante, Hans Peter Meinzer

Level: Intermediate

Course Description:

1.What is the smallest sample I can show that will be perceived?2.What is the smallest sample I can show that will be perceived in color?3.Can I afford using image compression? If yes, how much and what kind?

4.Should I use a grayscale or another color scale? How many gray levels do I absolutely need? What color scale should I use? How many bits for color do I need to have?

5.Should I use 3D, stereo, texture, motion? If so what kinds? and 6.Has my visualization been successful meeting its goals and needs?

If you have ever designed a visualization, you probably have asked yourself (perhaps others) some of these questions; at least you should have.

Since visualization "consumers" are humans, the answers to these questions can only come from a thorough analysis and understanding of human perceptual capabilities and limitations, combined with the visualization's goals and needs.

This tutorial will teach you the basics of human perception and how to utilize them in the complete process of visualization: from design to evaluation.

Who Should Attend:

Anybody engaged in the design, implementation, and evaluation of visualizations.

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Tuesday 8:30-5:30

Interactive Visualization and Web-based Exploration in the Physical and Natural Sciences

Instructors: Theresa Marie Rhyne (Organizer and Speaker), Mike Bailey, Mike Botts, Lloyd Treinish

Level: Intermediate **Course Description:**

This tutorial will examine the convergence of visualization methods with the World Wide Web as well as the relationship between real-time interactivity and scientific information exploration. The application of visualization tools and interactive techniques to the examination and interpretation of scientific data sets will be discussed. Highly illustrative atmospheric, oceanographic, and geographic examples will be demonstrated in real time. The process of developing effective visualization paradigms for supporting high speed networking, database management, heterogeneous computing platforms, user interface design, collaborative computing, science education, and the implementation of animation techniques will be highlighted. In addition to examining 3D graphics displays, one case study will also explore solid freeform fabrication as a visualization tool.

Who Should Attend:

Scientific researchers, educators, and computer graphics specialists interested in exploring particular issues associated with handling the visual display of scientific information and large scientific data sets. Experience with scientific visualization systems and terminology is helpful as well as an understanding of computer graphics programming.

TUTORIAL 6

Imperial III

Tuesday 8:30-5:30

Level-Of-Detail in Surface and Volume Modeling

Instructors: L. De Floriani, E. Puppo, R. Scopigno

Level: Intermediate **Course Description:**

Participants will learn how to manage the complexity of 3D graphics datasets (surfaces and volumes). The course offers in-depth coverage of compression and simplification techniques, and multiresolution data representation schemes. Applications will also be presented in the fields of terrain visualization, volume data rendering, surface rendering, and web-based systems.

Who Should Attend:

This tutorial is intended for programmers or researchers interested in developing efficient, interactive 3D visual applications.

TUTORIAL 7

Tuesday 8:30-12:30

Clifford Algebra, Quaternions and their Applications in Visualization

Imperial V

Instructors: Hans Hagen, Andrew Hanson, and Gerik Scheuermann **Level:** Beginner

Course Description:

Quaternions build a four-dimensional algebra for three-dimensional geometry. They give the best way to deal with rotations in 3-space. In Scientific Visualization, one has used them to deal with vector fields in space and for animations because of their nice interpolation properties.

Clifford algebra is a mathematical language for geometry extending the usual vector space description. It incorporates such important concepts as complex numbers, quaternions, and matrices which are widely used in modern computer graphics and visualization. The central idea is defining elements of different grades like scalars, vectors, bivectors, trivectors, and quaternions together with a multiplication of different graded elements that unify scalar multiplication, scalar product, quaternion, and matrix multiplication. Its extension to Clifford analysis results in a coordinate invariant differential operator unifying gradient, divergence, and rotation. It opens new ways to understand geometry and physics, making it an excellent choice for new scientific visualization algorithms.

Who Should Attend:

This tutorial is designed for those wanting a good starting base for research in the application of Clifford algebra to scientific visualization.

New This Year!!! CREATIVE APPLICATIONS LAB

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The Creative Applications Lab (CAL) is designed to let conference attendees interact with presentors on an individual basis. The CAL will have a variety of computers on which contributors can install their materials for attendees' experimentation and enjoyment. The CAL will be open in conjunction with demonstrations at Visualization '98. This is a unique opportunity for conference attendees to interface directly with conference contributors. Please come visit the CAL while you are at Vis '98!

OTHER VISUALIZATION EVENTS IN THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK AREA

An Introduction to Scientific Visualization with AVS/Express® Sunday, October 18, 9:00am - 5:00pm URL: http://www.ncsc.org/training/workshop/

US EPA Scientific Visualization Center Tours

**Tuesday, October 20, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

URL: http://www.epa.gov/vislab/svc/outreach/ieee_vis98/

Buses will run from the conference hotel to EPA

UNC Chapel Hill Open House• Thursday, October 22, 7:00pm - 9:00pm URL: http://www.cs.unc.edu/~glasgow/VIS98.html Buses will run from the conference hotel to UNC

Vector Field Visualization Workshop• Thursday, October 22, 6:00pm - 10:00pm URL: http://www.cs.msstate.edu/cs/vis/vfvis/call.html

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IEEE SYMPOSIUM ON VOLUME VISUALIZATION (VOLVIS '98)

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October 19-20, 1998 • *Imperial IV*

VOLVIS98 KEYNOTE SESSION

Volume Visualization – a sleeping giant about to awaken Speaker: Jim Foley, Chairman and CEO, Mitsubishi Electric Research

The coming era of inexpensive volume rendering will enable many volumetric applications that heretofore have been impractical. We describe one such application – surgical simulation – and an inexpensive real-time volume rendering hardware capable of processing 500 megavoxels per second.

Monday, October 19

8:30 - 8:45 **Opening**

8:45 - 9:45 *Keynote Address* : Volume Visualization – a sleeping giant about to awaken, Jim Foley

9:45 - 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 - 12:00 Papers: Volume Graphics I

(1) **3D Scan Conversion of CSG Models into Distance Volume**, David E. Breen, Sean Mauch, Ross T. Whitaker

(2) Coloring Internal Cavities for Virtual Endoscopy, Omer Shibolet, Daniel Cohen-Or

(3) Using Distance Maps for Accurate Surface Reconstruction in Sampled Volumes, Sarah F. F. Gibson

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:45 *Papers*: Hardware

(1) A Real-Time Volume Rendering Architecture for Parallel and Perspective Projections, Masato Ogata, TakaHide Ohkami, Hugh C. Lauer, Hanspeter Pfister

(2) Adding Shadows to a Texture-Based Volume Renderer, Uwe Behrens, Ralf Ratering

2:45 - 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 - 5:00 Papers: Rendering and Animation

(1) Volume Animation using the Skeleton Tree, Dilip Kenchammana-Hosekote, Deborah Silver, Nikhil Gagvani

(2) Adaptive Perspective Ray Casting, Kevin Kreeger, Ingmar Bitter, Frank Dachille, Baoquan Chen, Arie Kaufman

(3) Edge Preservation in Volume Rendering Using Splatting, Jian Huang, Roger Crawfis, Don Stredney

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 - 9:45 **Papers: Segmentation**

 Probabilistic Segmentation of Volume Data for Visualization Using SOM-PNN Classifier, Feng Ma, Wenping Wang, Wai Wan Tsang, Zesheng Tang, Shaowei Xia

(2) Semi-Automatic Generation of Transfer Functions for Direct Volume Rendering, Gordon Kindlmann, James Durkin

9:45 - 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 - 12:00 Papers: Volume Visualization

(1) An Exact Interactive Time Visibility Ordering Algorithm for Polyhedral Cell Complexes, Claudio T. Silva, Joseph S.B. Mitchell, Peter L. Williams

(2) **Hypervolume Visualization: a Challenge in Simplicity**, C. Bajaj, V. Pascucci, G. Rabbiolo, D. Schikore

(3) Extracting Iso-Valued Features in 4-Dimensional Scalar Fields, Chris Weigle, David C. Banks

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:45 Papers: Volume Graphics II

(1) **Object Voxelization by Filtering**, Milos Sramek, Arie Kaufman

(2) Accurate Method for the Voxelization of Planar Objects, Jian Huang, Roni Yagel, Vassily Filippov

2:45 - 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 - 5:00 Papers: Reconstruction and Sampling

(1) Wavelets Based Adaptive Interpolation for Volume Rendering, Ricardo Sanchez, Marcelo Carvajal

(2) Opacity-Weighted Color Interpolation for Volume Sampling, Craig M. Wittenbrink, Thomas Malzbender, Michael E. Goss

(3) Design of Accurate and Smooth Filters for Function and Derivative Reconstruction, Torsten Möller, Klaus Mueller, Yair Kurzion, Raghu Machiraju, Roni Yagel

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IEEE SYMPOSIUM ON INFORMATION VISUALIZATION (INFOVIS '98)

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Monday, October 19

- 8:30 10:00 Opening Remarks and Keynote Address: Leveraging Human Capabilities in Information Perceptualization, George Robertson, Microsoft
- 10:00 10:30 Break
- 10:30 12:00 Papers: Visualizing Hierarchies and Networks
 - (1) WebPath a Three-dimensional Web History, Emmanuel Frecon, Gareth Smith
 - Traversal-based Visualization of Data Structures, Jeffrey Korn, Andrew Appel
 - (3) Reconfigurable Disc Trees, Chang Sung Jeong, Alex Pang
 - (4) An Interactive View for Hierarchical Clustering, **Graham Wills**
- 12:00 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 3:00 Papers: Visualizing Large Information Spaces
 - (1) Taming Large Datasets with Dynamic Aggregation, Mei Chuah
 - The Generalized Detail-In-Context Problem, T. Alan Keahey
 - (3) Similarity Clustering of Dimensions for an Enhanced Visualization of Multidimensional Data, Mihael Ankerst, Stefan Berchtold, Daniel Keim
 - (4) Uncluttering Force-Directed Layouts, E. Gansner, S. North
 - (5) Combining Topological & Multidimensional Scaling for Visualizing Large Datasets, D. Brodbeck, L. Giardin
- 3:00 3:30 Break
- 3:30 5:00 Papers: Visualization Frameworks and Systems
 - (1) An Operator Interacton Framework for Visualization Spreadsheets, Ed Chi, John Riedl
 - (2) Algorithm Visualization for Distributed Environments, Yoram Moses, Zvi Polunsky, Ayellet Tal, Leonid Ulitsky
 - (3) IVORY an object-oriented Framework for Physics-Based Information Visualization in Java, T.Č. Sprenger, M.H. Gross, D. Bielser, T. Strasser
 - Geographic Visualization: Designing Manipulable Maps for Exploring Temporally Varying Georeferenced Statistics, Alan MacEachren, Frank Boscoe, Daniel Haug, Linda Pickle
 - 7:00 Reception

Tuesday, October 20

- 8:30 9:15 Panel: Visualization in Command and Control Centers – A discussion of issues and challenges for both military and industry centers for command and control of large complex systems
- 9:15 10:00 Short Reports and Late Breaking Hot Topics I
 - (1) **Information Slices**, Andrews
 - (2) Enhancing Visualizations with Motion, L. Bartram
 - **Bringing the Advantages of 3D Distortion** Viewing Into Focus, Carpendale et al.
- 10:00 10:30 Break
- 10:30 12:00 Short Reports and Late Breaking Hot Topics II
 - Saying It in Graphics: From Intentions to **Visualizations**, Stephan Kerpedjiev, Giuseppe Carenini, Nancy Green, Johanna Moore, Steven Roth
 - Visualizing Decision Table Classifiers, Bary Becker
 - **Comparative Visualization of Protein Structure-**Sequence Alignments, Marc Hansen, Doanna Meads, Alex Pang
 - (4) **Tactical map-based information,** Steven Holste
 - (5) Visualizing Contract Wins & Losses, S. Kim et al.
 - (6) Contextual Model Fitting, L. Tweedle
 - (7) Navigating Aggregation Spaces, A. Mockus

12:00-1:30 Lunch

- 1:30 3:00 Papers: Visualizing Text and Documents
 - Lensbar Visualization for Browsing and Filtering Large Lists of Data, Toshiyuki Masui
 - The Shape of Shakespeare: Visualizing Text Using Implicit Surfaces, Randall Rohrer, David Ebert, John Sibert
 - (3) BiblioMapper: A Cluster-based Information Visualization Technique, Min Song
 - **Multi-faceted Insight Through Interoperable** Visual Information Analysis Paradigms, Beth Hetzler, Paul Whitney, Lou Martucci, Jim Thomas
- 3:00 3:30 Break
- 3:30 5:00 Capstone Address: Visual Explanations, Edward Tufte, Yale University

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TUESDAY EVENING SPECIAL SESSION - PARTY

Tuesday 7:30pm • Imperial VI & VII How to Lie and Confuse with Visualization Symposium Chair Jim Hollan, University of California, San Diego

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http://www-lil.univ-littoral.fr/~lefer/IEEEWorkshop.html

This diverse group of workshop participants will share and consolidate their various experiences in the field of remotely accessing distributed data through visual interfaces, including CSCW, distributed VR, and database issues. Discussions will be organized around three main topics; Applications of Distributed Visualization, Environments & User Interfaces, and Technologies for Distributed Visualization. A report about the workshop will be prepared and is planned for publication in an international journal. The workshop content will be used to prepare a larger workshop or a full symposium with refereed papers at future Visualization conferences.

MULTI-RESOLUTION REPRESENTATION OF 3D GEOMETRY FOR PROGRESSIVE TRANSMISSION

Imperial II

Saturday, October 17, 1998 - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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http://www.erc.msstate.edu/vis98/ap/workshop2_desc.html

The purpose of this workshop is to present the state of the art in the field for visualization problems involving large geometric databases (such as geographic data sets), where the issue of progressive transmission or display is important. There will be several short "invited" talks by experts in the field, and then participants will discuss the state of the art, compare alternatives, and outline the issues to be solved by attempting to answer questions regarding: already solved and unsolved problems, wavelet-based vs. polygonal surface based approaches for progressive 3D geometry transmission, progressive transmission and view-dependent refinement of 3D geometry, and methods for singular (non-manifold) input geometry.

VISUALIZATION '98 BOFS

Visualization '98 Birds of a Feather (BOF) sessions are held on Thursday evening. These sessions provide participants the opportunity to discuss current topics with others. BOF sessions are open to all Vis '98 attendees. If you wish to lead a BOF, please contact Russell Taylor (taylorr@cs.unc.edu). When you arrive at Vis '98, be sure to check the sign-up board for additional BOFs.

IBM DATA EXPLORER

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Thursday, October 22, 1998 - 6:00pm-7:30pm

Keith Sams, Mgr, Sales & Marketing, IBM Visualization Data Explorer ksams@us.ibm.com

http://www.ibm.com/dx

The IBM Visualization Data Explorer BOF is a great oppurtunity to learn more about IBM Visualization Data Explorer. The meeting will be an informal gathering of experienced users, development staff, and any one who is curious about the industry leading visual analysis software. We will discuss the application of IBM Visualization Data Explorer in fields such as weather visualization, computational fluid dynamics, medical imaging, business informatics, geo-spatial analysis, web based visual analysis and many others. Key members of the development team will be present to discuss their work. An open panel

discussion will allow everyone to get involved in the discussion. Refreshments will be provided. Come learn more about IBM Visualization Data Explorer!

ADVANCED VISUAL SYSTEMS, INC. (AVS)

Imperial IV

Thursday, October 22, 1998 - 6:00pm-7:30pm

John Sheehan, *VP, Customer Services, Advanced Visual Systems* • info@avs.com *http://www.avs.com*

Advanced Visual Systems, Inc., the leading provider of visualization tools and solutions, will hold a meeting that will cover the company position and future, as well as highlighting the latest releases and features of AVS5 and AVS/Express. Topics will include visualization in business applications, AVS5 Linux, AVS/Express Web based applications, client server applications, C++ class generation, and animation tips & tricks. Refreshments will be provided.

VISUALIZATION '98 DEMONSTRATIONS

Opens Wednesday, October 21 • 12:15pm • Imperial II & III

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VISUALIZATION '98 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

	TECHNICAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM													
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10:00am	2A <i>Panel:</i> Why is Real-Time	2B Papers: Terrain Vis. &	2C Cases: Flow	6A <i>Panel:</i> Multi-Source	6B Papers:	6C Cases: Terrain &	10A Papers: Texturing &	10B <i>Panel:</i> Art &	10C Papers: Surfaces II					
11:00am	Volume Rendering No Longer a Year Away?	Level of Detail Techniques		Data Analysis Challenges	Interactive Visualization /VR/ Animation	Large Data Visualization	Rendering	Visualization: Oil & Water?	Odridoco II					
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3:00рт	Detail Techniques	Detail Visualization Visualization		Rendering		Visualization	Imperial IV & V							
4:00pm	4A <i>Papers:</i> Multi- Dimensional	4B Papers: Flow & Streamlines	4C Hot Topics: Session	8A <i>Papers:</i> Tensor/Flow	8B Panel: Key Problems	8C Hot Topics: Session								
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Wednesday, 8:00 - 10:00am

K Keynote Session: Modern Trompe L'oeil, Pat Hanrahan

Wednesday, 10:15 - 12:15pm

2A Panel: "Why is Real-Time Volume Rendering No Longer a Year Away?" Arie Kaufman, Marty Brady, Bill Lorensen, Fred Kitson, Hanspeter Pfister

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- 2B Papers: Terrain Visualization and Level of Detail Techniques
 Chair: Bernd Hamann
- (1) Large scale Terrain Visualization using the Restricted Quadtree Triangulation, Renato B. Pajarola
- (2) Contour Interpolation and Surface Reconstruction of Smooth Terrain Models, Jianyun Chai, Takaharu Miyoshi, Eihachiro Nakamae
- (3) Smooth View-Dependent Level-of-Detail Control and Its Application to Terrain Rendering, Hugues H. Hoppe
- (4) Efficient Implementation of Multi-Triangulations, Leila De Floriani, Paola Magillo, Enrico Puppo

- Cases: Flow Visualization
 Chair: Greg Nielson
- (1) Task Specific Visualization Design: A Case Study in Operational Weather Forecasting, Lloyd A. Treinish
- (2) **Development of a Multi-Source Visualization Prototype**, Leslie Keely, Sam Uselton
- (3) Data Level Comparison of Wind Tunnel and Computational Fluid Data Dynamics Data, Qin Shen, Alex Pang, Sam Uselton
- (4) Selective Visualization of Vortices in Hydrodynamic Flows, I. Ari Sadarjoen, Frits H. Post, Bing Ma, David C. Banks, Hans-Georg Pagendarm

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KEYNOTE SESSION

Modern Trompe L'oeil

Speaker: Pat Hanrahan, Stanford University

The traditional goal of 3D computer graphics has been to create more and more realistic visual simulations, and, recently, more and more immersive technology. In art, there was a similar drive towards realism and immersion that culminated in the "trompe l'oeil" (literally, "to fool the eye") style of architectural painting. For example, A. Pozzo painted an image of St. Ignazio rising into the heavens onto the hemicylindrical ceiling of the St. Ignazio church. The image was painted so precisely and realistically that when viewed from the center of projection, in this case a yellow marble tile in the center of the church, the painted ceiling and the architecture are seamlessly merged to create a dramatic sense of immersion.

In this talk I will describe this odd style from art history and try to extract some lessons of interest to computer graphics and visualization researchers. Surprisingly, the trompe l'oeil style, although technically sophisticated, is usually considered a failure. Can the goals of trompe l'oeil be rescued with modern technology? And, what can be learned about the limitations of immersive environments, particularly their effectiveness, from these early efforts?

Biography: Pat Hanrahan is the CANON USA Professor of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Stanford University where he teaches computer graphics. His current research involves visualization, image synthesis, and graphics systems and architectures. Before joining Stanford he was a faculty member at Princeton. He has also worked at Pixar where he developed volume rendering software and was the chief architect of the RenderMan™ Interface - a protocol that allows modeling programs to describe scenes to high quality rendering programs. Previous to Pixar he directed the 3D computer graphics group in the Computer Graphics Laboratory at New York Institute of Technology. Professor Hanrahan has received three university teaching awards. He has also received an Academy Award for Science and Technology, the Spirit of America Creativity Award, and the SIGGRAPH Computer Graphics Achievement Award.

CAPSTONE SESSION

Draw on the Wall

Speaker: Turner Whitted, *Microsoft Research*

Graphics workstations provide us a desktop window into large scale observations or complex simulations. The increasing speed of these visualization engines gives us the flexibility to view our data in a manner that is both appealing and instructive. While we are still not absolutely sure how best to present views of data to users, the price and performance of our desktop technology is now less of a limitation than our own imaginations.

What will new presentation and interaction technology do for visualization applications? Today, the most exciting development in interactive technology is the un-tethering of users from their desktops. We can imagine scientific, engineering, and business users with thoughtful looks on their faces, surrounded by their data as they wander through their offices and hallways, talking to the applications, listening to the results, and drawing on the walls. This is the popular picture of smart environments and wearable computers. The component devices for this technology have no magic; they obey the same laws of physics as the rest of the world; and there are unsolved problems in making this picture reality. While the untethered computing world is inevitable, its details are not completely clear and the path to its realization is rocky. This talk is both a look forward and a sanity check.

Biography: Turner Whitted recently joined Microsoft as a senior researcher. He has been a Research Professor of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the past 14 years, as well as a cofounder and director of Numerical Design Limited. Prior to that he was a technical staff member in Bell Labs' Computer Systems Research Laboratory. He earned BSE and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering from Duke University and a PhD from North Carolina State University. He is an editorial board member of IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, was papers chair for SIGGRAPH 97, and is an ACM Fellow.

Wednesday, 1:45 - 3:45pm

- 3A Papers: Surfaces and Level of Detail Techniques Chair: David Banks
- Visualization of Scalar Topology for Structural Enhancement, Chandrajit L. Bajaj, Valerio Pascucci, Daniel Schikore
- (2) A General Method for Recovering Attribute Values on Simplified Meshes, Paolo Cignoni, Claudio Montani, Claudio Rocchini, Roberto Scopigno
- (3) Surface Reconstruction with Anisotropic Density-Scaled Alpha Shapes, Marek Teichmann, Michael Capps
- (4) Level of Detail Visualization of Scalar Data Sets on Irregular Surface Meshes, Georges-Pierre Bonneau, Alexandre Gerussi

- 3B Papers: Feature Detection and Visualization Chair: David Ebert
- Tracking Features in Unstructured Datasets, D. Silver, X. Wang
- (2) **Feature Detection in Linked Derived Spaces**, Chris Henze
- (3) Extremal Feature Extraction from 3-D Vector and Noisy Scalar Fields, Chi-Keung Tang, Gerard G. Medioni
- (4) Feature Comparisons of Vector Fields using Earth Mover's Distance, Yingmei Lavin, Rajesh Kumar Batra, Lambertus Hesselink

- 3C Cases: Medical Data Visualization Chair: Ed Swan
- (1) Visual Presentation of Magnetic Resonance Images, J. E. van der Heyden, M. S. T. Carpendale, K. Inkpen, M. S. Atkins
- (2) **Visualization in Corneal Topography**, F. M. Vos, H. J. W. Spoelder
- (3) Case Study Using the Virtual Environment for Reconstructive Surgery, Kevin Montgomery, Michael Stephanides, Stephen Schendel, Muriel Ross
- (4) Interactive Virtual Angioscopy, Enrico Gobbetti, Piero Pili, Antonio Zorcolo, and Massimiliano Tuveri

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Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:30pm

- 4A Papers: Multi-Dimensional Visualization Chair: Holly Rushmeier
- Building Perceptual Textures to Visualize Multidimensional Datasets, Christopher G. Healey, James T. Enns
- (2) Efficient Co-Triangulation of Large Data Sets, Henrik Weimer, Joe Warren, Jane Troutner, Wendell Wiggins, John Shrout
- (3) Visualizing Diffusion Tensor Images of the Mouse Spinal Cord, David H. Laidlaw, Eric T. Ahrens, David Kremers, Matthew J. Avalos, Carol Readhead, Russell E. Jacobs
- 4B Papers: Flow and Streamlines Chair: Hans Hagen
- (1) Image-Guided Streamline Placement on Curvilinear Grid Surfaces, Xiaoyang Mao, Yuji Hatanaka, Hidenori Higashida, Atsumi Imamiya
- (2) A Higher-Order Method For Finding Vortex Core Lines, Martin Roth, Ronald Peikert
- (3) Automatic Detection of Open and Closed Separation and Attachment Lines, David N. Kenwright
- 4C Hot Topics Session I: Volume Manipulations, Textures, and Flow Chair: Craig M. Wittenbrink
- (1) Stereoscopic Volume Rendering Using Templates, Yun-Mo Koo, Cheol-Hi Lee, Yeong Gil Shin
- (2) Octree-based Volume Sculpting, J. Andreas Bærentzen
- (3) High Resolution Textures, Tobias Hüttner
- (4) Multi-modal Flow Animation with the Motion Map, Claire Chédot, Wilfrid Lefer
- (5) Time-Critical Computational Algorithms for Particle Advection in Flow Visualization, Steve T. Bryson

Thursday, 8:30 - 10:00am

- 5A Papers: Isosurface Extraction Chair: Polly Baker
- (1) Isosurface Extraction from Time-Varying Fields Using a Temporal Hierarchical Index Tree, Han-Wei Shen
- (2) Interactive Out-Of-Core Isosurface Extraction, Yi-Jen Chiang, Claudio Silva, William Schroeder
- (3) View Dependent Isosurface Extraction, Yarden Livnat, Charles Hansen
- Papers: Information Visualization Chair: Michael Gerald-Yamasaki
- (1) The Gridfit Approach: An Efficient and Effective Approach to Visualizing Large Amounts of Spatial Data, Daniel A, Keim, Annemarie Herrmann
- (2) TOPIC ISLANDS A Wavelet-Based Text Visualization System, Nancy E. Miller, Pak C. Wong, Mary Brewster, Harian Foote
- (3) Continuous Cartogram Construction, Donald H. House, Christopher J. Kocmoud
- **50** Cases: 3D Modeling and Visualization Chair: Stas Klimenko
- Volumetric Visualization of Acoustic Fields in CNMAT's Sound Spatialization Theatre, Sami Khoury, Adrian Freed, David Wessel
- (2) Supporting Detail-in-Context for the DNA Representation, H-Curves, M. L. Lantin, M. S. T. Carpendale
- (3) Visualizing Hilbert Curves, Nelson Max

Thursday, 10:15 - 12:15pm

6A Panel: "Multi-Source Data Analysis Challenges"

Sam Uselton, Jim Ahrens, Wes Bethel, Lloyd Treinish, Andrei State

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Sunday 3:00pm - 10:00pm Monday-Thursday 7:00am - 10:00pm Friday 7:00am - Noon

- 6B Papers: Interactive Visualization / VR/Animation Chair: Russell Taylor
- (1) A Concept for Virtual Reality Tools for Design Reviews, Klaus Kremer
- (2) Efficient Warping for Architectural Walkthroughs using Layered Depth Images, Voicu S. Popescu, Anselmo Lastra, Daniel G. Aliaga, Manuel M. de Oliveira Neto
- (3) Visualizing Differences in Movies of Cortical Activity, Kay A. Robbins, David M. Senseman
- (4) A Distributed Blackboard Architecture for Interactive Data Visualization, Robert van Liere, Jan A. Harkes, Wim C. de Leeuw

- 6 Cases: Terrain & Large Data Visualization
 Chair: Michael Cox
- (1) Rear-Projecting Virtual Data onto Physical Terrain: An Exercise in Two Senses Being Better Than One, Dru Clark, Rosemarie McKeon, Richard Marciano, Michael Bailey
- (2) Intent, Perception, and Out-of-Core Visualization Applied to Terrain, Douglass Davis, T. Y. Jiang, William Ribarsky, Nickolas Faust
- (3) **Production Visualization for the ASCI One TeraFLOPS Machine**, Philip D. Heermann
- (4) Battlefield Visualization on the Responsive Workbench, Jim Durbin, J. Edward Swan II, Brad Colbert, Chris Scannell, John Crowe, Rob King, Tony King, Terry Welsh, Zachary Wartel

Thursday, 1:45 - 3:45pm

- 7A Papers: Isosurface & Volume Rendering Chair: Kwan-Liu Ma
- (1) Interactive Ray Tracing for Isosurface Rendering, Steven Parker, Peter Shirley, Yarden Livnat, Charles Hansen, Peter-Pike Sloan
- (2) Fast, Pop-Free Sheet Buffer-Based Splatting with Grid Warping for Volumes with Unequal Grid Scaling, Klaus Mueller, Roger Crawfis
- (3) Accelerated Ray-Casting for Curvilinear Volumes, Lichan Hong, Arie E. Kaufman
- (4) **High Quality Rendering of Attributed Volume Data**, Ulf Tiede, Thomas Schiemann,
 Karl Heinz Hoehne

- **7B** Papers: Simplification Chair: Daniel Cohen-Or
- (1) Simplifying Surfaces with Color and Texture using Quadric Error Metrics, Michael Garland, Paul S. Heckbert
- (2) A Unified Approach for Simplifying Polygonal and Spline Models, M. Gopi, Dinesh Manocha
- (3) Fast and Memory Efficient Polygonal Simplification, Peter Lindstrom, Greg Turk
- (4) Efficient and Robust Simplification of Tetrahedral Meshes, Issac J.Trotts, Bernd Hamann, Kenneth I. Joy, David F. Wiley

- Cases: Marine Data Visualization
 Chair: Robert Moorhead
- Scientific Visualization and Data Modeling of Scattered Sediment Contaminant Data in New York/New Jersey Estuaries, Hong Ma, Keith W. Jones, Eric A. Stern
- (2) POPTEX: Interactive Ocean Model Visualization Using Texture Mapping Hardware, Allen McPherson, Mathew Maltrud
- (3) Acoustic Imaging and Visualization of Plumes Discharging from Black Smoker Vents on the Deep Seafloor, P. Rona, K. Bemis, D. Kenchammana-Hosekote, D. Silver
- (4) **Seabed Visualization**, Paul Chapman, Peter Stevens, Derek Wills, Graham Brookes

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Thursday, 4:00 - 5:30pm

- 8A Papers: Tensor/Flow Chair: Val Watson
- (1) Interactive Deformations from Tensor Fields, Ed Boring, Alex Pang
- (2) Real-Time Techniques for 3D Flow Visualization, Anton L. Fuhrmann, Eduard Groeller
- (3) Wavelets over Curvilinear Grids, Gregory M. Nielson, Il-Hong Jung, Junwon Sung

8B Panel: "Key Problems and Thorny Issues in Multidimensional Visualization" Georges Grinstein, Alfred Inselberg, Sharon Laskowski

- 8C Hot Topics Session II: Surface Manipulations and Glyphs Chair: Amitabh Varshney
- (1) Out-of-Core Interval Trees for Fast Isosurface Extraction, Peter D. Sulatycke, Kanad Ghose
- (2) **Surface Segmentation Using Morphological Watersheds**, Alan P. Mangan, Ross T. Whitaker
- (3) **Visualization by Metamorphosis**, Marc Alexa, Wolfgang Müller
- (4) **Progressive Iso-surfaces on the Web**, Klaus Engel, Roberto Grosso, Thomas Ertl
- (5) Clustering-Based Generation of Hierarchical Surface Models, Bjoern Heckel, Antonio C. Uva, Bernd Hamann

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Friday, 8:30 - 10:00am

- 9A Papers: Image-based Techniques and Volume Analysis
 Chair: Chuck Hansen
- (1) Image-Based Transfer Function Design for Data Exploration in Volume Visualization, Shiaofen Fang, Tom Biddlecome
- (2) Image-Based Rendering with Occlusions via Cubist Images, Andrew J. Hanson, Eric A. Wernert
- (3) Hierarchical Volume Analysis and Visualization Based on Morphological Operators, Christoph Luerig, Thomas Ertl
- 9B Cases: Engineering & Design Chair: Chris Johnson
- (1) **Configuration Space Visualization for Mechanical Design**, Elisha Sacks, Leo Joskowicz
- (2) Metallurgical Application of Three Dimensional Visualization Techniques, Marco Lanzagorta, Milo V. Kral, J. Edward Swan II, George Spanos, Rob Rosenberg, Eddy Kuo
- (3) Visualization for Multiparameter Aircraft Designs, Cliff A. Shaffer, Duane L. Knill, Layne T. Watson

9 Hot Topics Session III: Perception, User Interaction, and Toolkits Chair: Larry Rosenblum

- (1) Towards the Subjunctive Interface: General Support for Parameter Exploration by Overlaying Alternative Application States, Aran Lunzer
- (2) Psychophysical Validation of the Visible Differences Predictor for Global Illumination Applications, William L. Martens, Karol Myszkowski
- (3) Visualization Of Complex Physical Phenomena and Mathematical Objects in Virtual Environment, Stanislav V. Klimenko, Igor N. Nikitin
- (4) **Declarative Specification of Visualization and Interaction**, Calum Grant, Peter Robinson
- (5) LIMBO/VTK: A Tool for Rapid Tele-Immersive Visualization, Jason Leigh, Paul J. Rajlich, Robert J. Stein, Andrew E. Johnson, Thomas A. DeFanti
- (6) Applications of Chebyshev Bases to Cylindrical Volume Grids: Direct Section Computation and Robust Volume Reconstruction, Ranjit P. Desai, Jai Menon

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Friday, 10:15 - 12:15pm

- 10A Papers: Texturing and Rendering Chair: Rachael Brady
- (1) Interactive Display of Very Large Textures, David Cline, Parris K. Egbert
- (2) Pixel Masks for Screen-Door Transparency Jurriaan D. Mulder, Frans C.A. Groen, Jarke J. van Wijk
- (3) Comparing LIC and Spot Noise, Wim C. de Leeuw, Robert van Liere
- Size Preserving Pattern Mapping, Yair Kurzion, Torsten Möller, Roni Yagel

10B Panel: "Art and Visualization: Oil and Water?"

David Laidlaw, David Kremers, Victoria Interrante, Felice Frankel, Thomas Banchoff

- 100 Papers: Surfaces II Chair: Kelly Gaither
- Constrained Optimal Framings of Curves and Surfaces using Quaternion Gauss Maps, Andrew J. Hanson
- (2) Converting Sets of Polygons to Manifold Surfaces by Cutting and Stitching, André P. Gueziec, Gabriel Taubin, Francis Lazarus, William Horn
- (3) **Interpolation of Triangle Hierarchies**, Axel Friedrich, Konrad Polthier, Markus Schmies
- (4) Progressive Tetrahedralizations, Oliver G. Staadt, Markus H. Gross

Friday, 1:45 - 3:45pm

CS Capstone Session: Awards for Best Paper, Best Panel, Best Hot Topics, and Best Case Study

Capstone Address: Draw on the Wall, Turner Whitted

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