

**Lecture 1:**

# **Introduction**

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**Computer Graphics and Imaging**  
**UC Berkeley CS184/284A**



# Welcome to CS184 / 284A!



**Prof. JRK**



**Prof. Ren Ng**



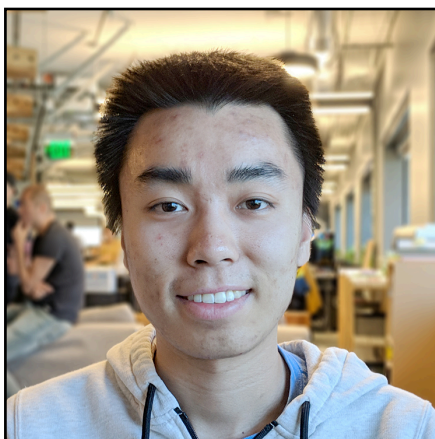
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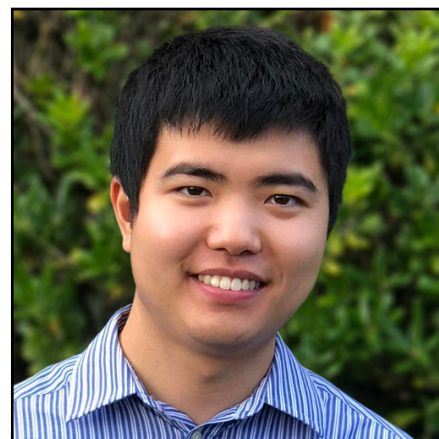
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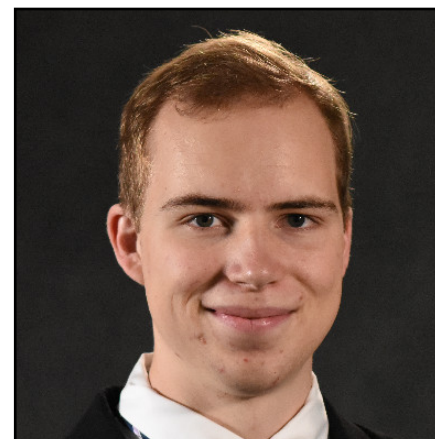
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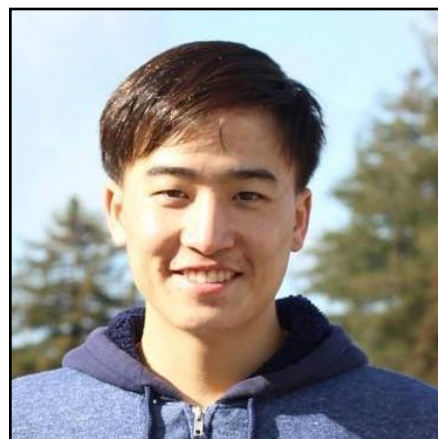
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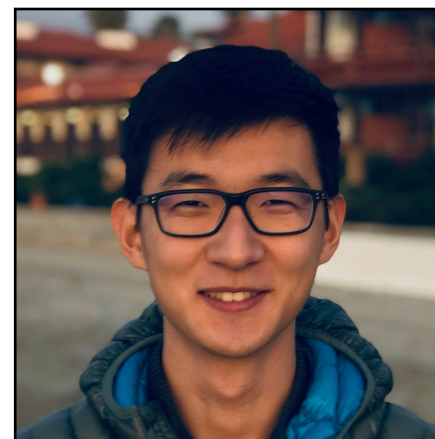
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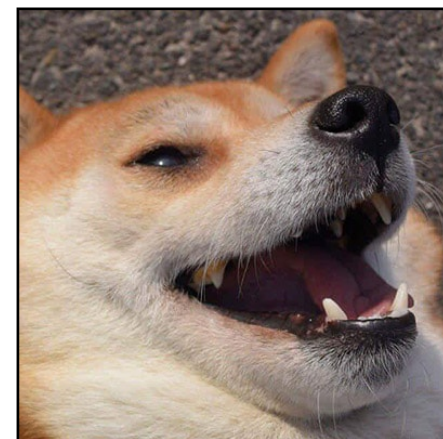
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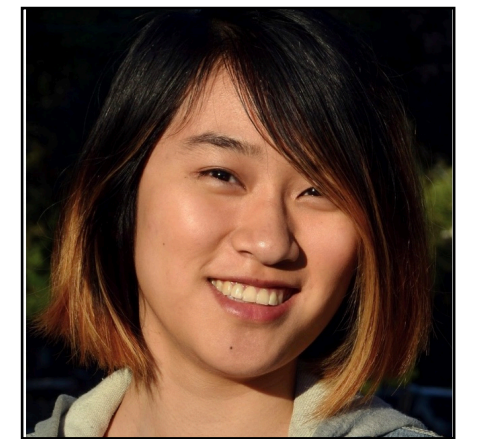
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## Prof. Jonathan Ragan-Kelley

- Ph.D. 2014 on the Halide language  
(used in Google Pixel cameras, Adobe Photoshop, ...)
- First research project: preview renderer for ILM
- Research interests: systems, compilers, languages for visual computing & graphics
- Fun fact: born (and did undergrad) at our rival across the Bay, but I've never been to Big Game



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## Prof. Ren Ng

- Ph.D. 2006 on Digital Light Field Photography (evolving camera design using graphics know-how)
- Founder of Lytro, a light field camera company
- Research interests: computational imaging systems, computer graphics and computer vision
- Fun fact: born Malaysian, became Australian, lived in California for most of my life



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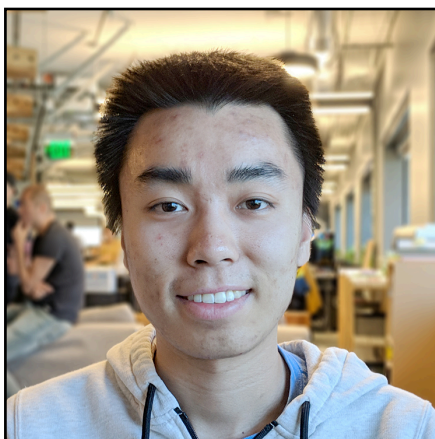
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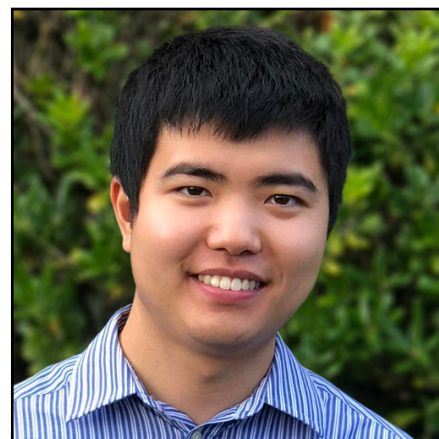
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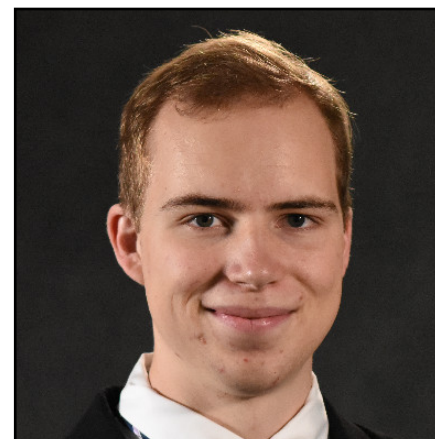
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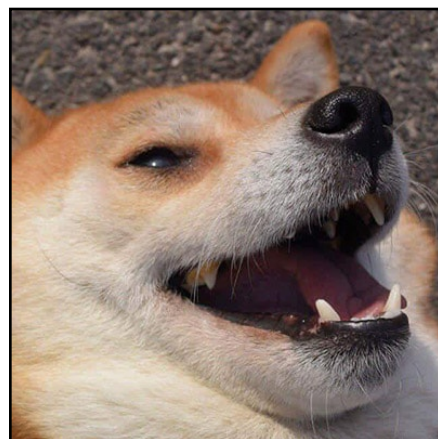
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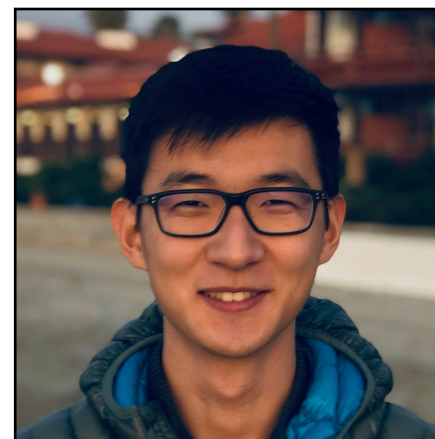
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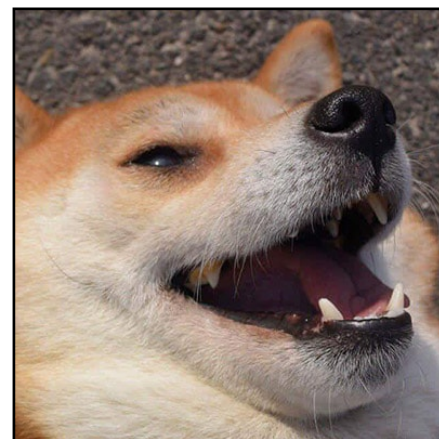
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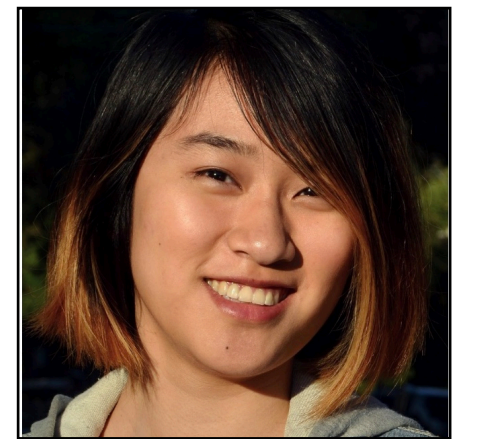
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# **Your Names: An Important Request**

**We want to get to know you**

**It starts with your names**

**We want to remember, but there are many of us**

**Please help us with this rule:**

- **Every time you participate in class, section, office hours, please remind us your name.**

**Example: “Hi, this is Susan. My question is about...”**

**Thank you very much!**



# **CS184/284A: Computer Graphics & Imaging**

**Why Study Computer Graphics?**

**Course Overview**

**Logistics**

# What is Computer Graphics?

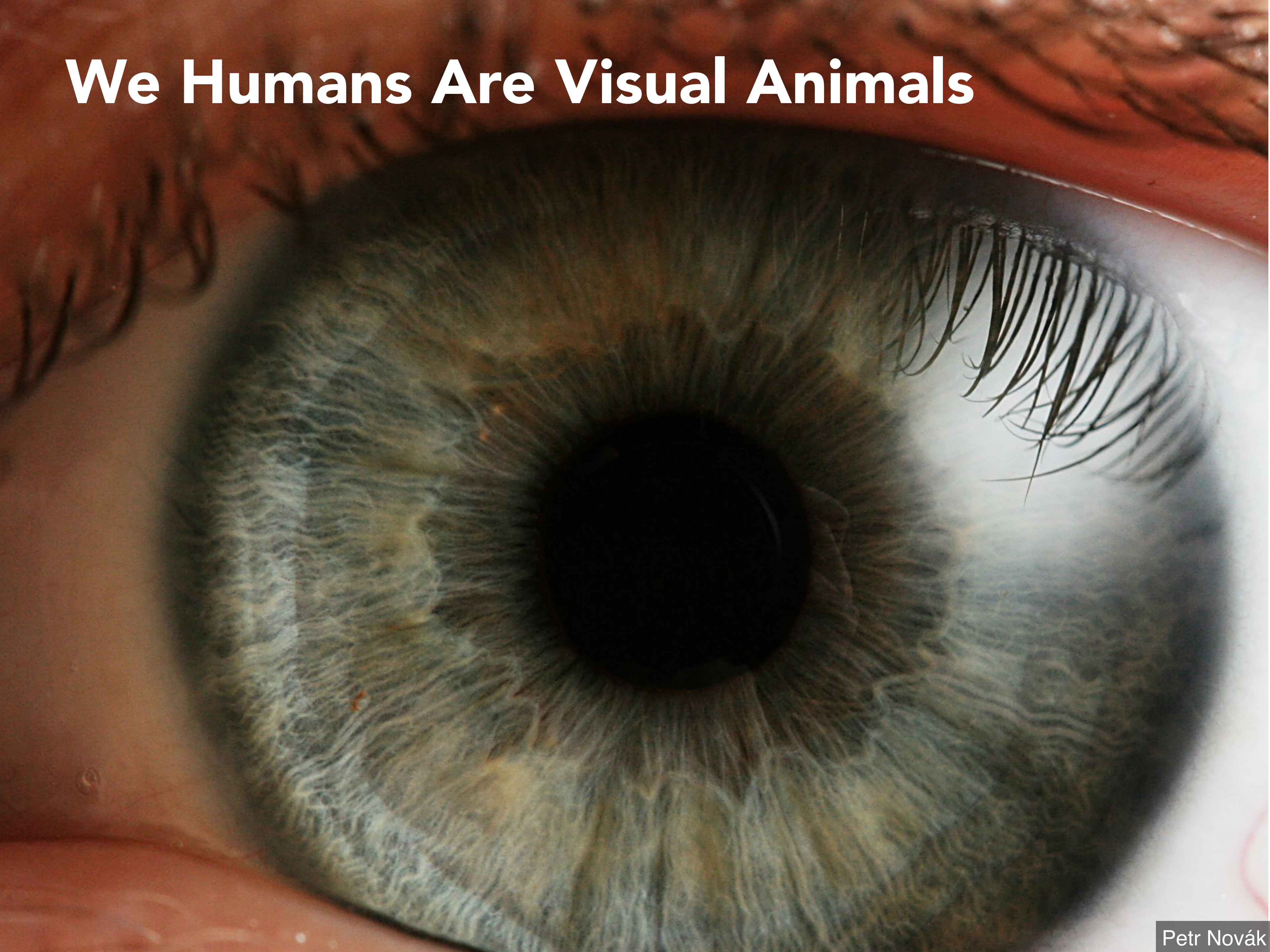
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The use of computers to synthesize and manipulate visual information.



**Why Visual Information?**

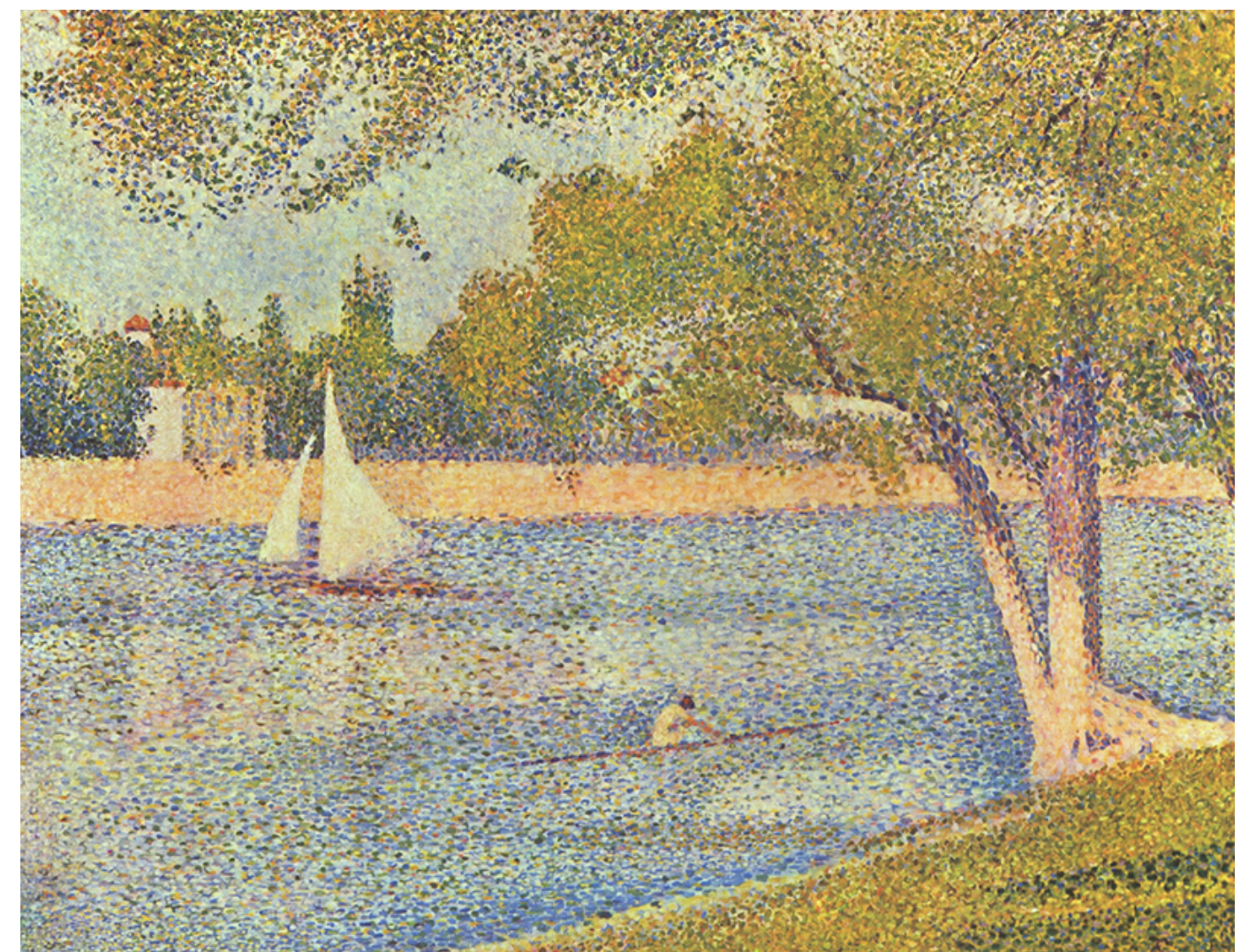
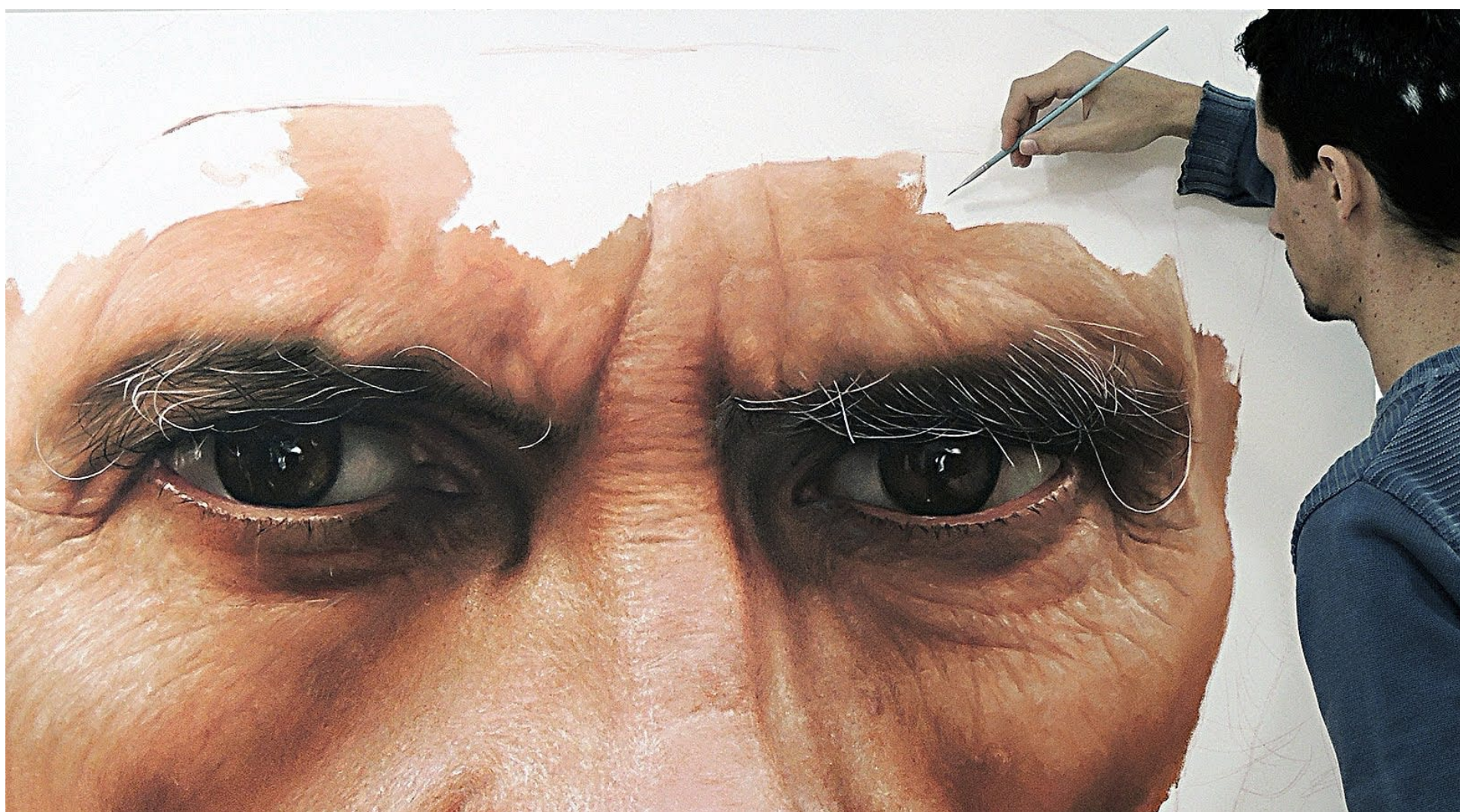
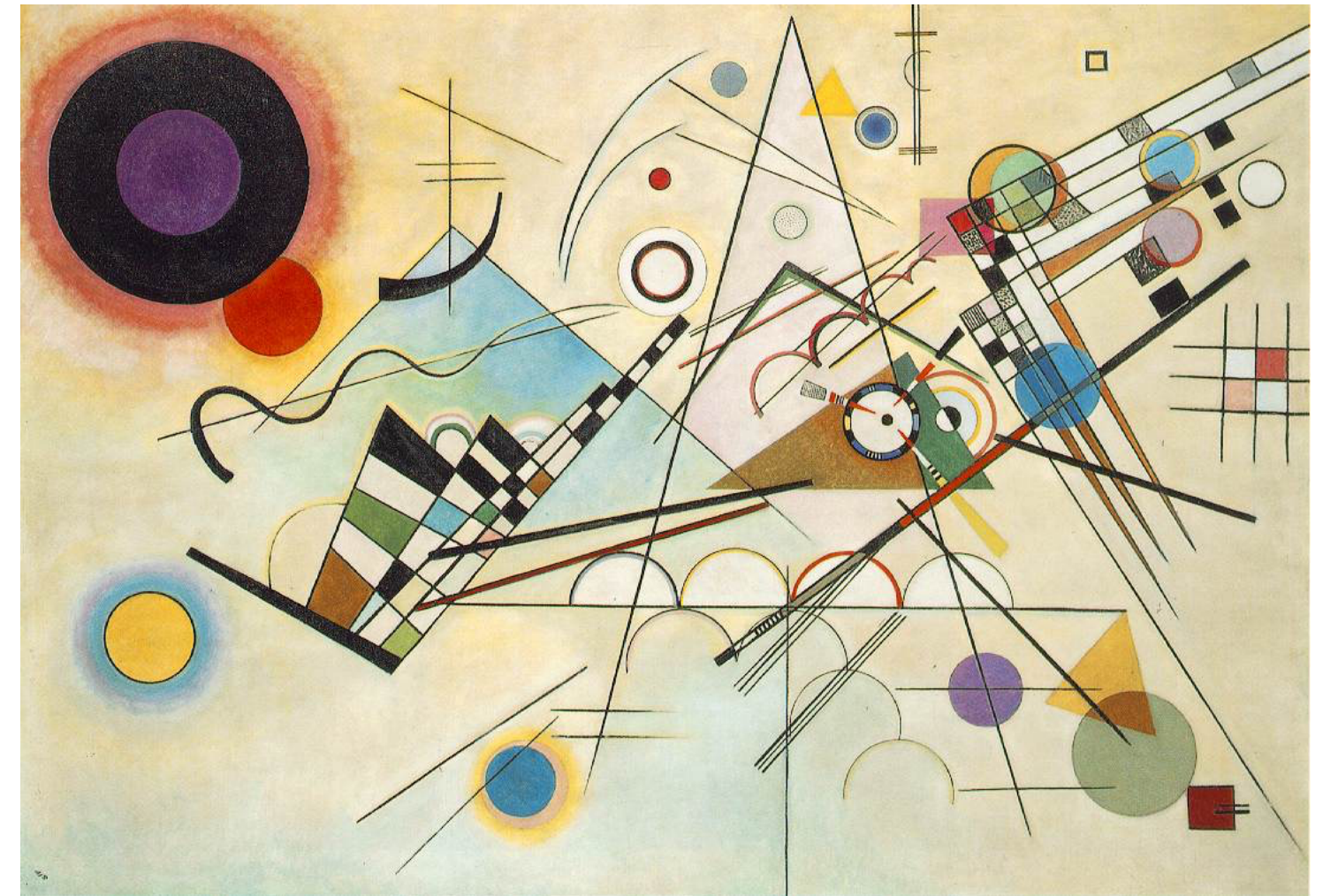


# We Humans Are Visual Animals





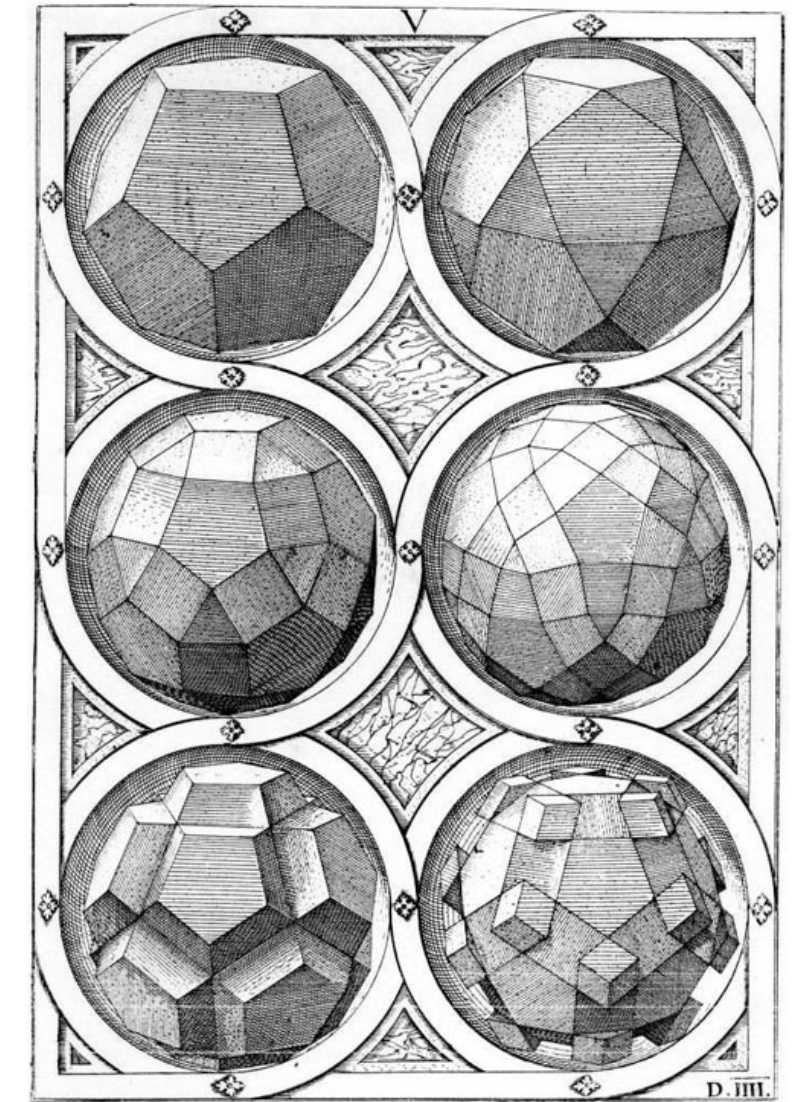
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Pursuit of realism; also impressions, ideas, abstractions...



# Visual Technology: Illustration



Not just art, also data, ideas, ...



# Visual Technology: Sculpture





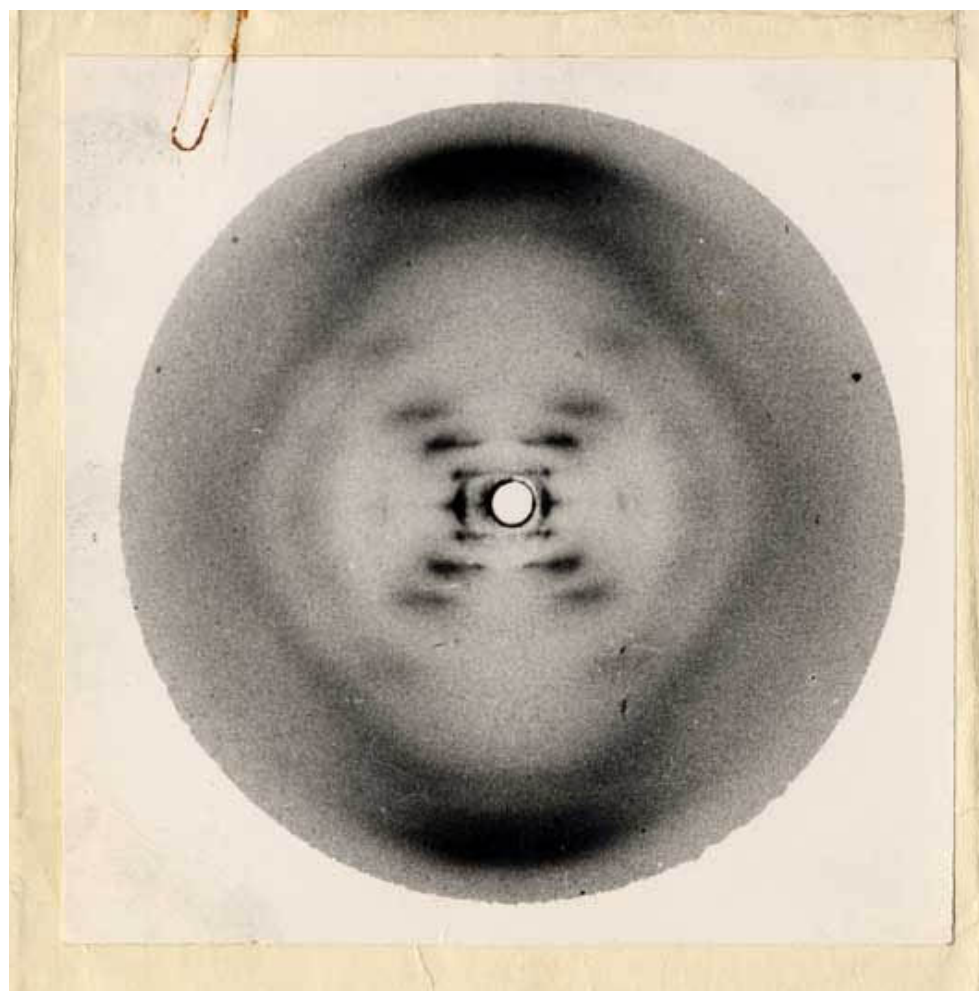
# Visual Technology: Photography



**Joseph Niépce, "View from the Window at Le Gras" (1826)**



# Visual Technology: Photography / Imaging





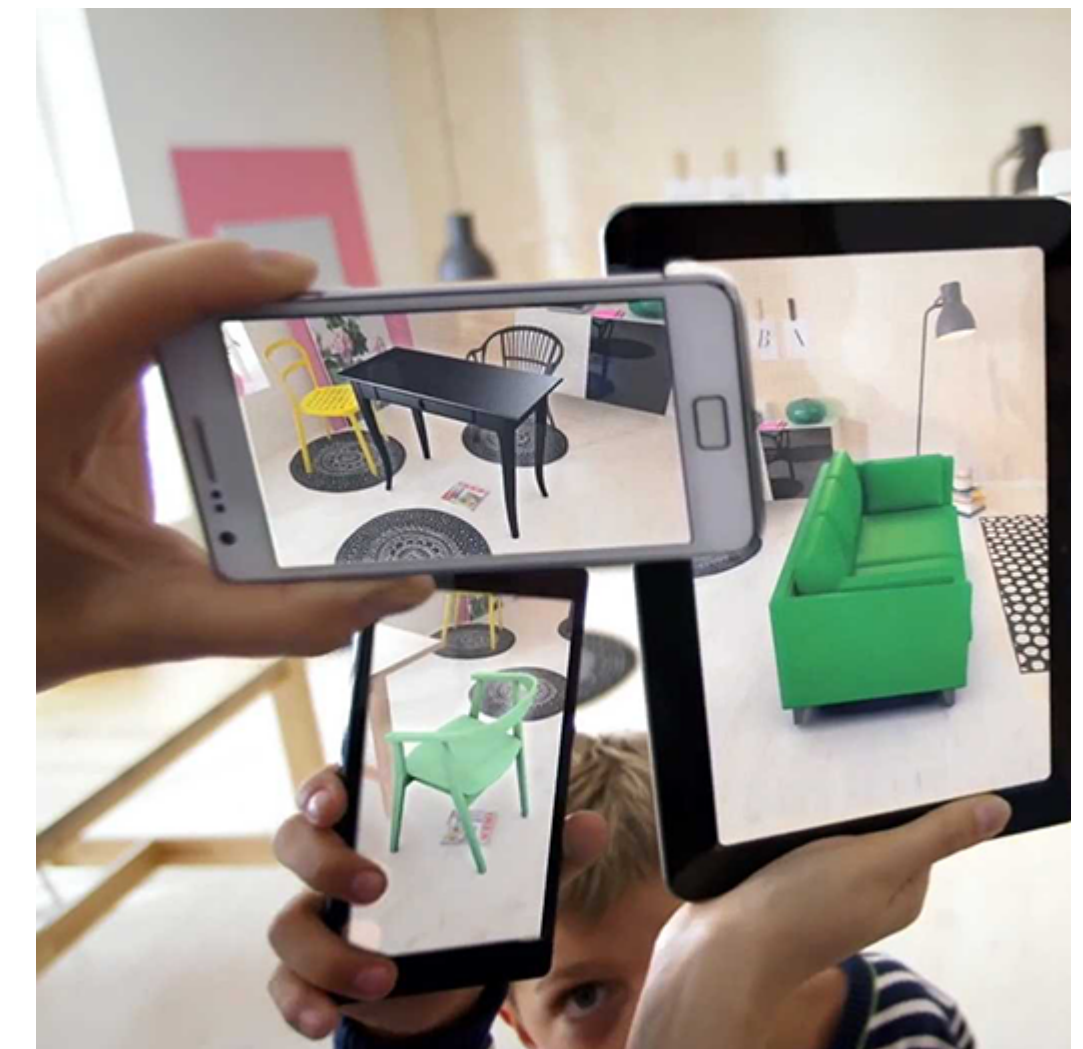
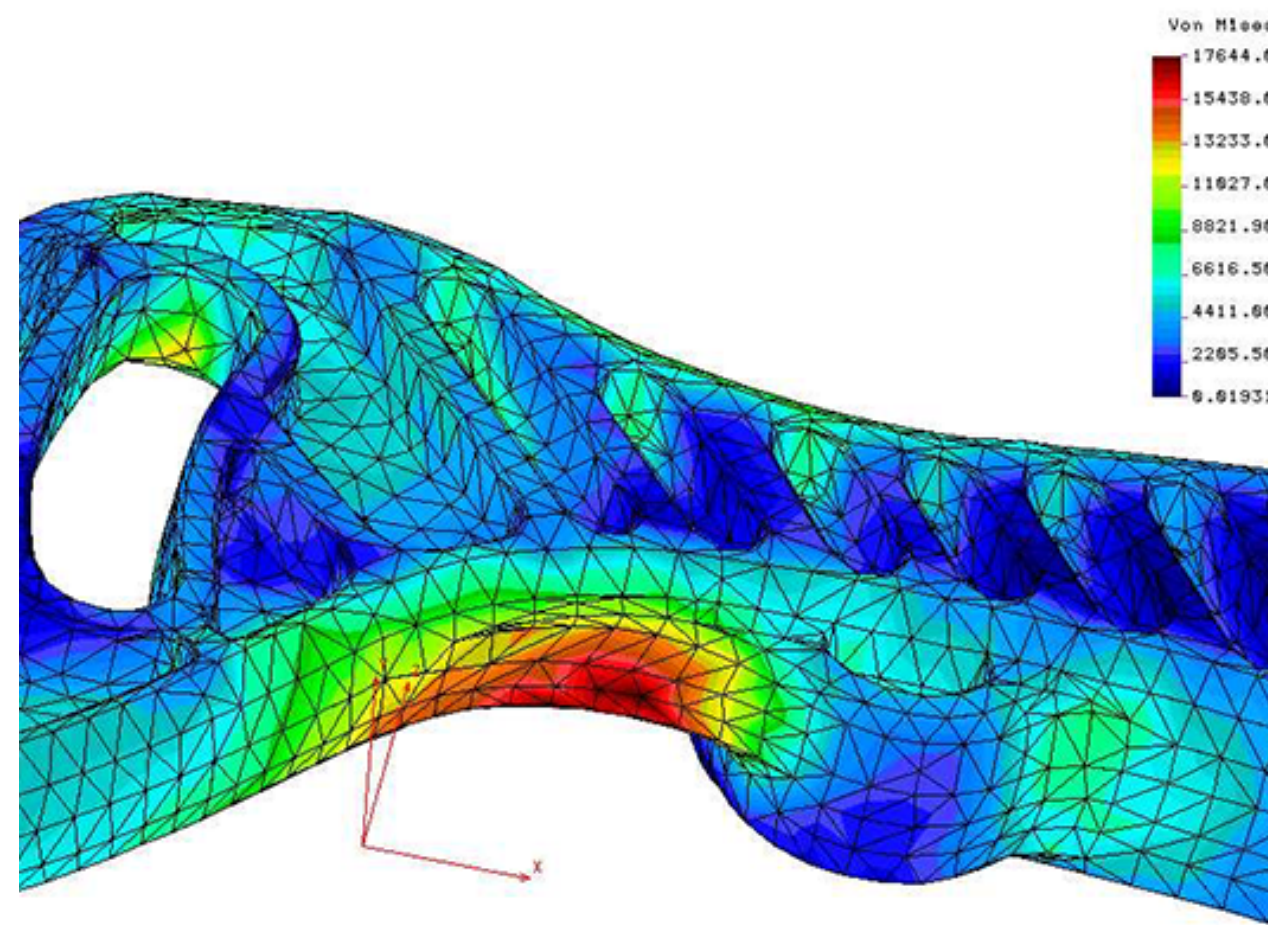
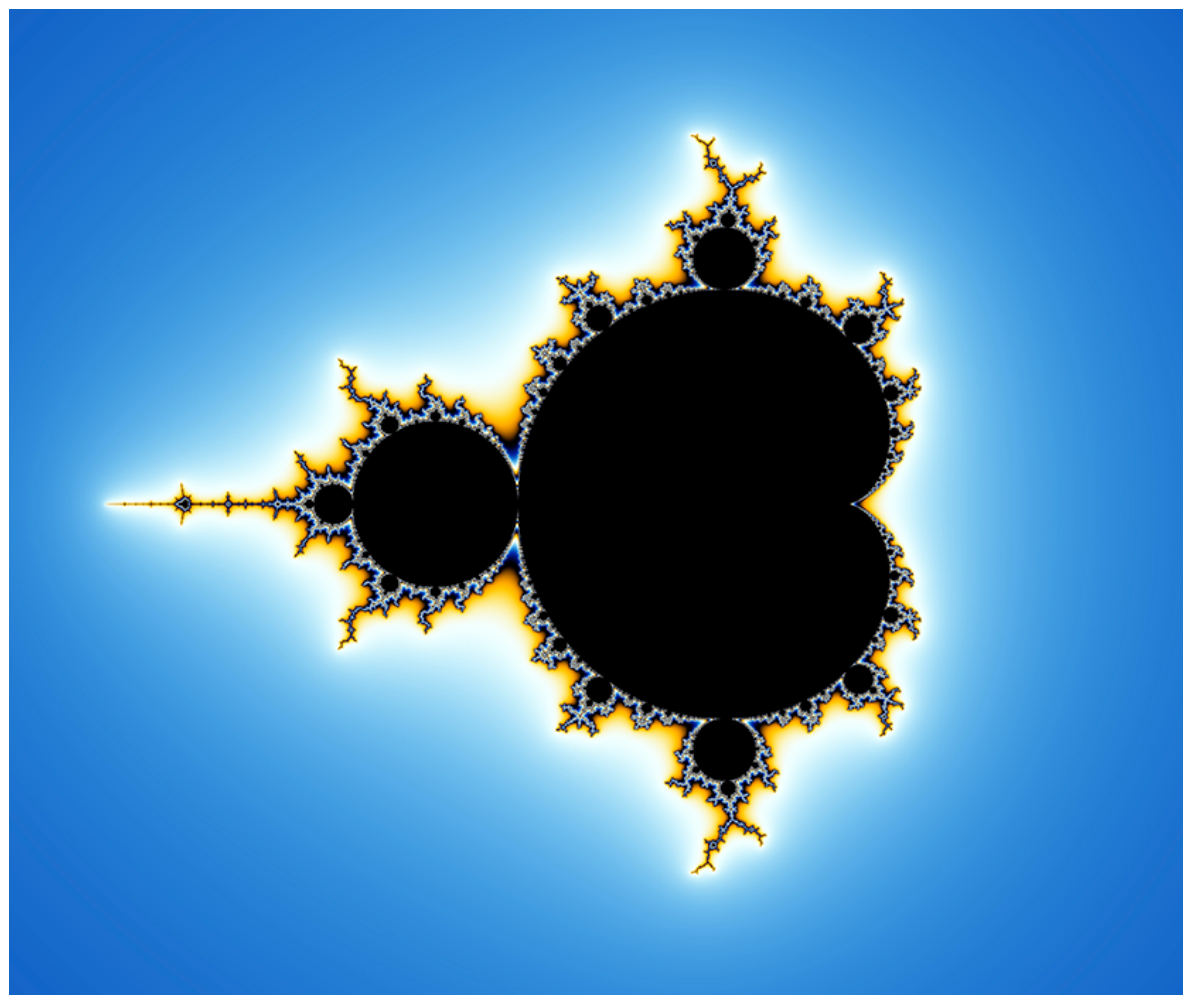
# Visual Technology: Digital Imagery



**Ivan Sutherland, "Sketchpad" (1963)**

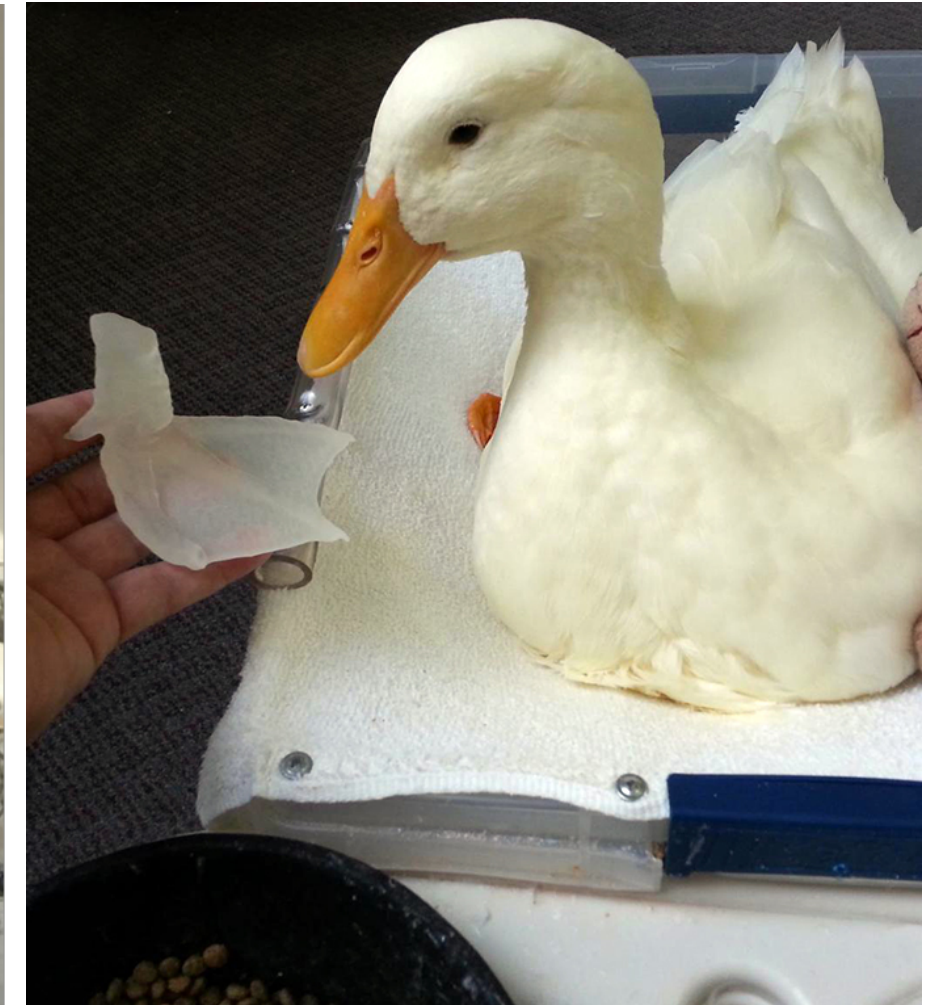
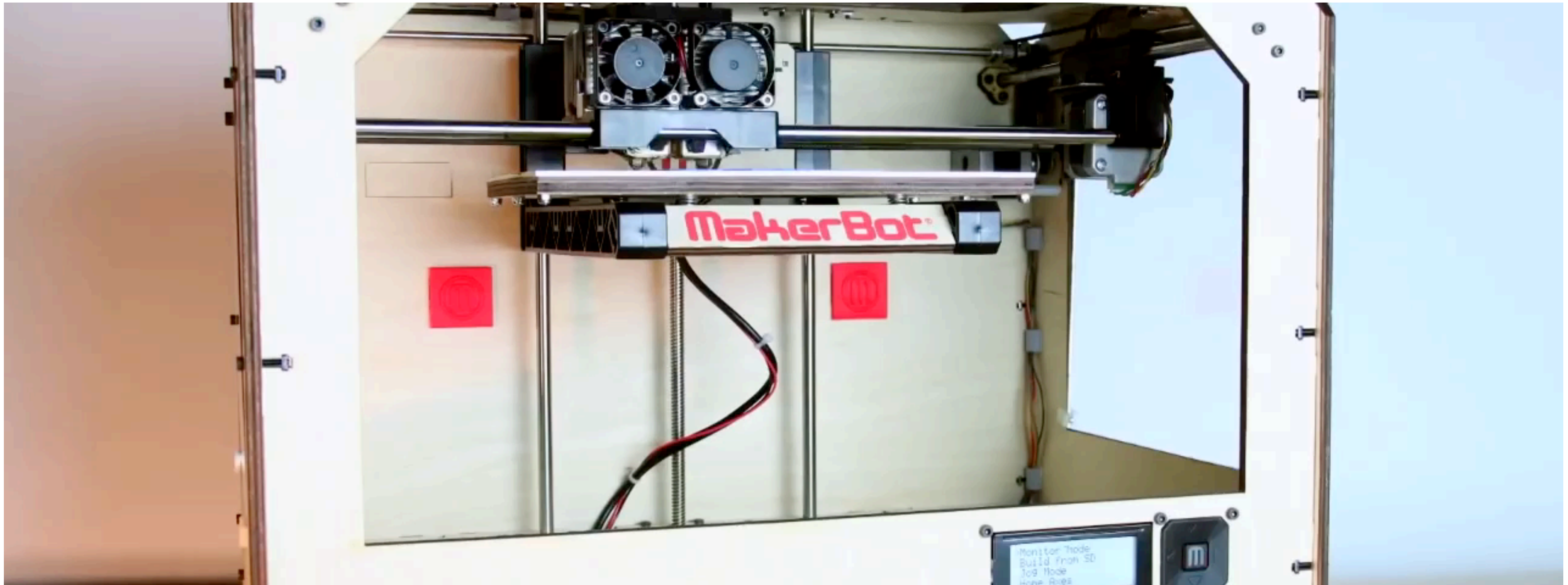


# Visual Technology: Digital Imagery





# Visual Technology: 3D Fabrication





# Discussion

**Why are you interested in this course?**

**What do you want to learn about graphics & imaging?**

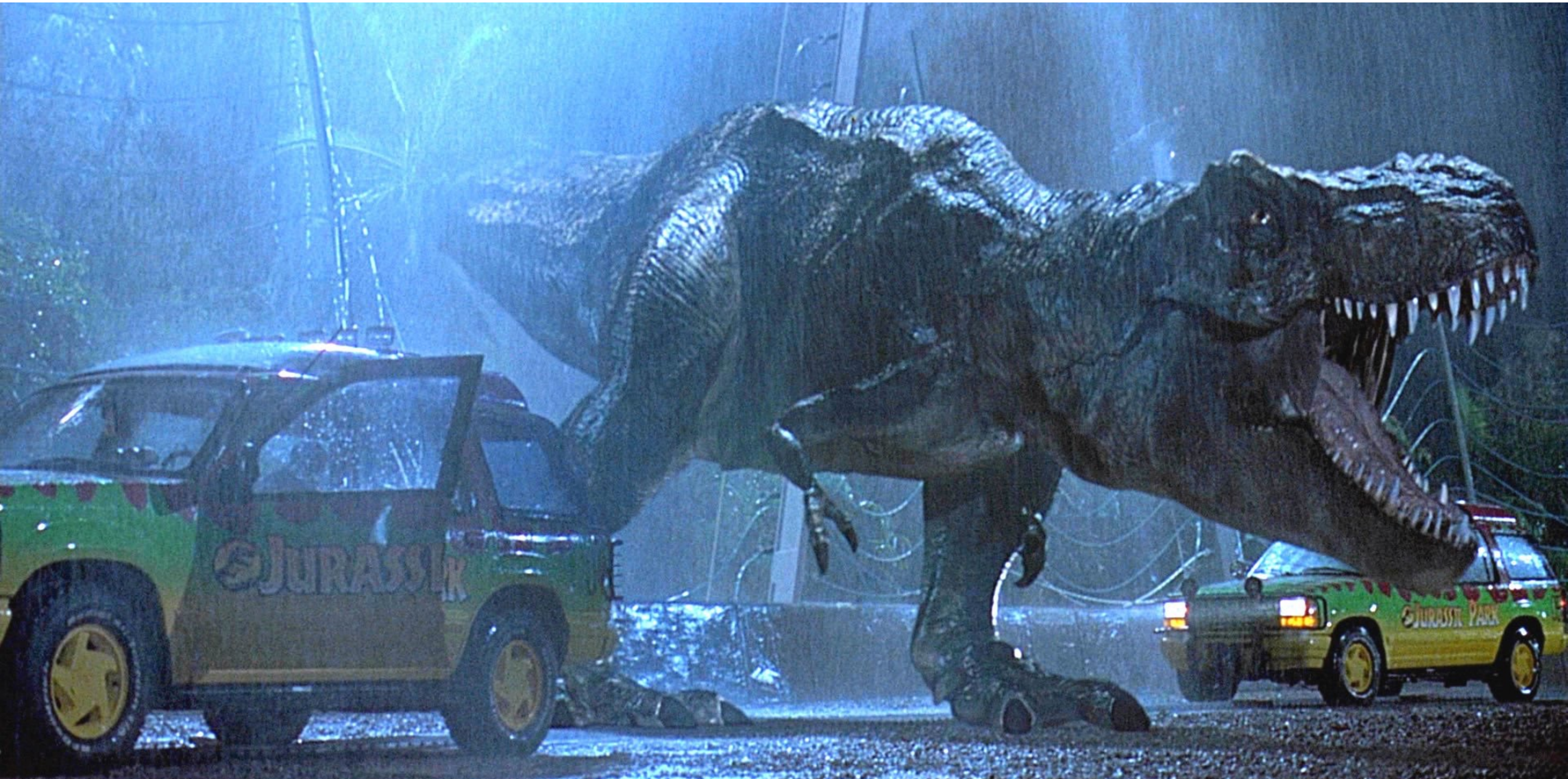
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| • Amplifying artistic skills | Augmented reality |
| • Real-time rendering        | Shaders           |
| • GPU design                 | Machine learning  |
| • Virtual reality            | Image processing  |
| • Game development           |                   |
| • Education                  |                   |



# **Why Study Computer Graphics and Imaging?**



# Movies



Jurassic Park (1993)



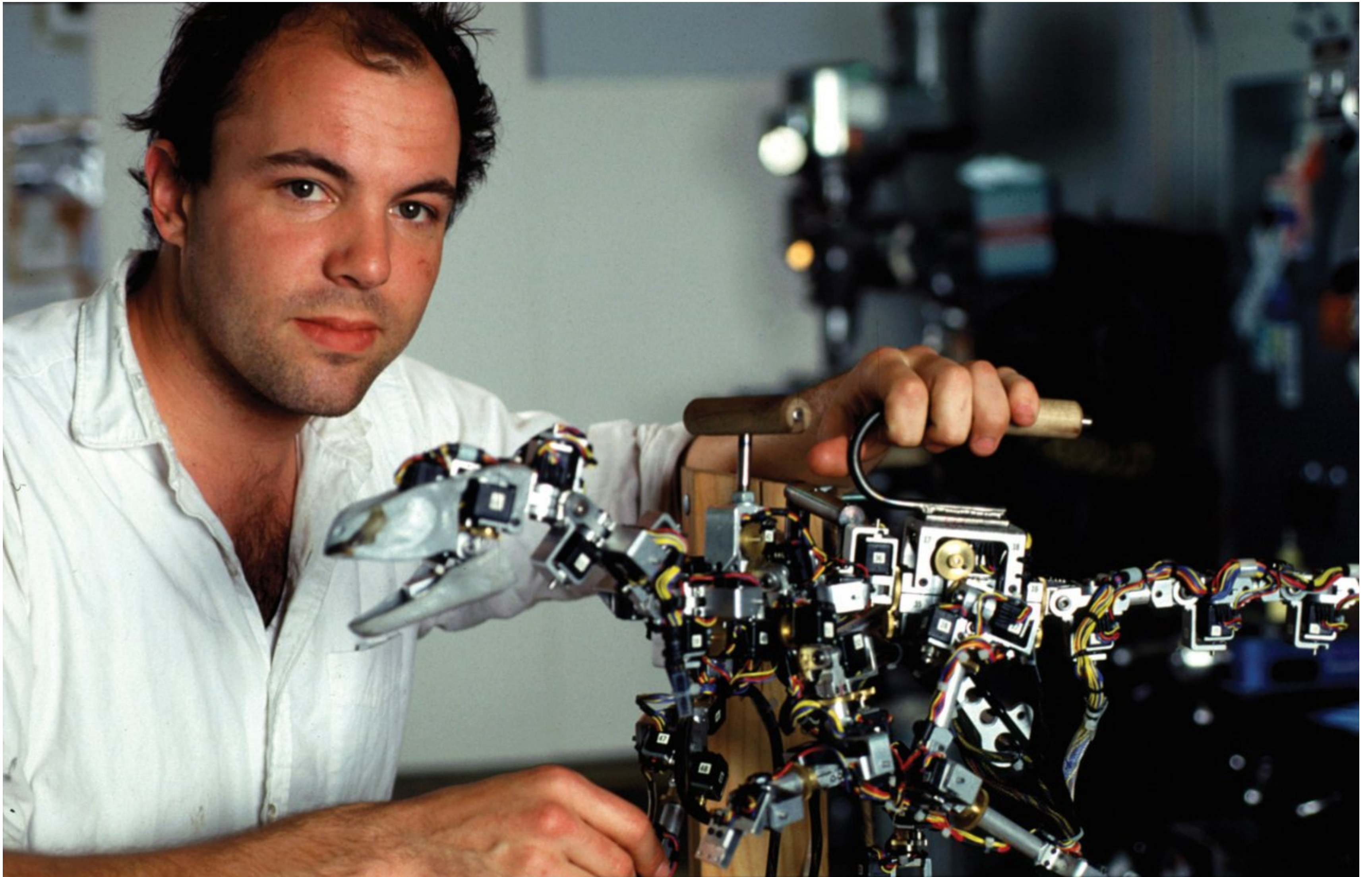


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Moments That Changed The Movies: Jurassic Park  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWsbcbvYqN8>



# Movies



**"Dinosaur Input Device"**



# Movies



**The Matrix (1999)**



# Movies



**The Matrix (1999)**



# Movies



**Avatar (2009)**



# Movies



**Avatar (2009)**



# Movies



**Avatar (2009)**



# Games



**Crysis 3 (2013)**



# Games



**"Adam" Realtime Rendering Demo (Unity 2016)**



# Product Design and Visualization



Ikea - 75% of catalog is rendered imagery



# Product Design and Visualization



**Tesla Model X concept (2012)**



# Product Design and Visualization



Credit: [EV\\_obsession.com](https://www.evobsession.com), James Ayre

## Tesla Model X review

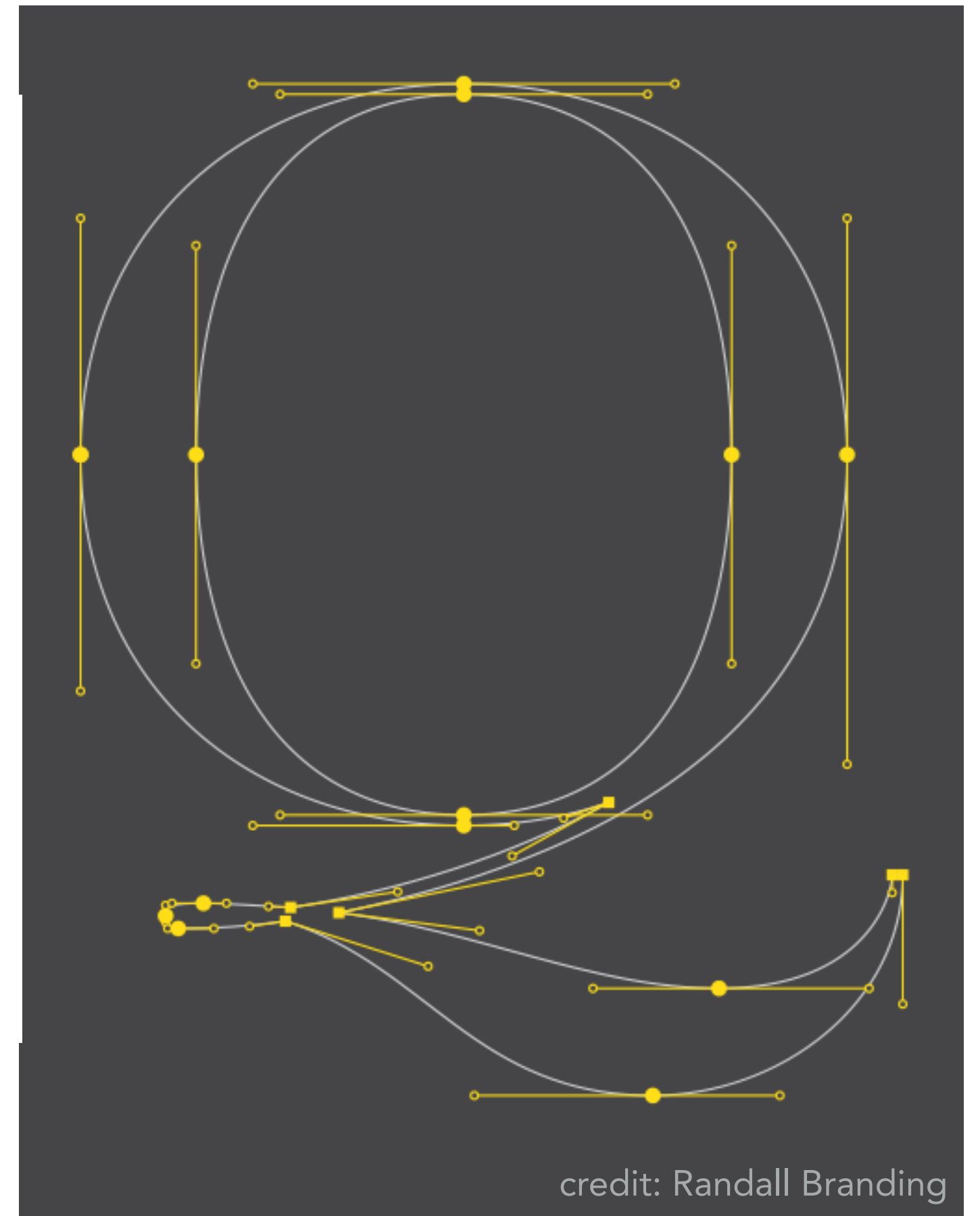


# Typography

The Quick Brown  
Fox Jumps Over  
The Lazy Dog

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

**Baskerville**



credit: Randall Branding



# Illustration



Stephen Alvarez, National Geographic

**Cave painting c. 36,000 B.C.**



# Digital Illustration

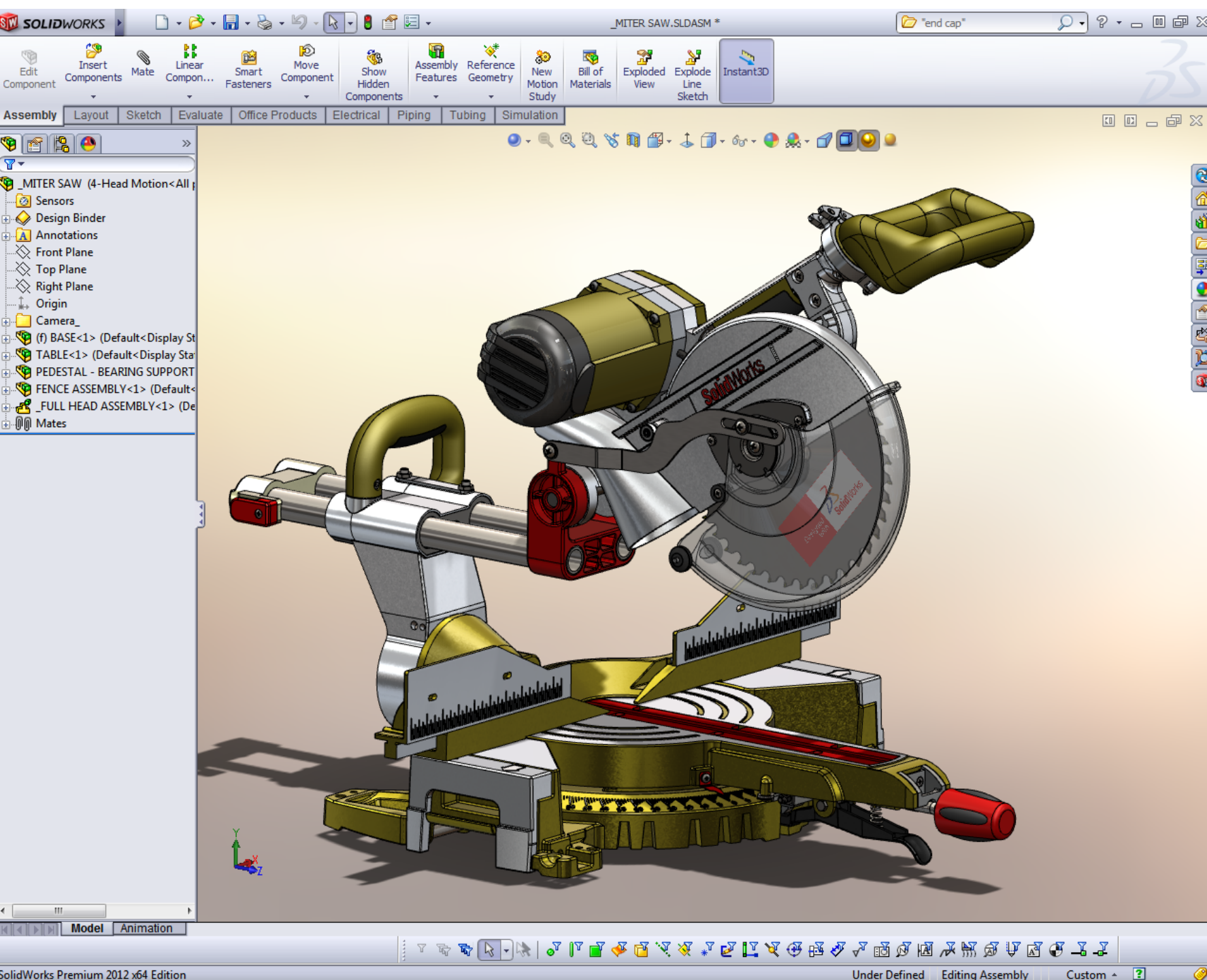


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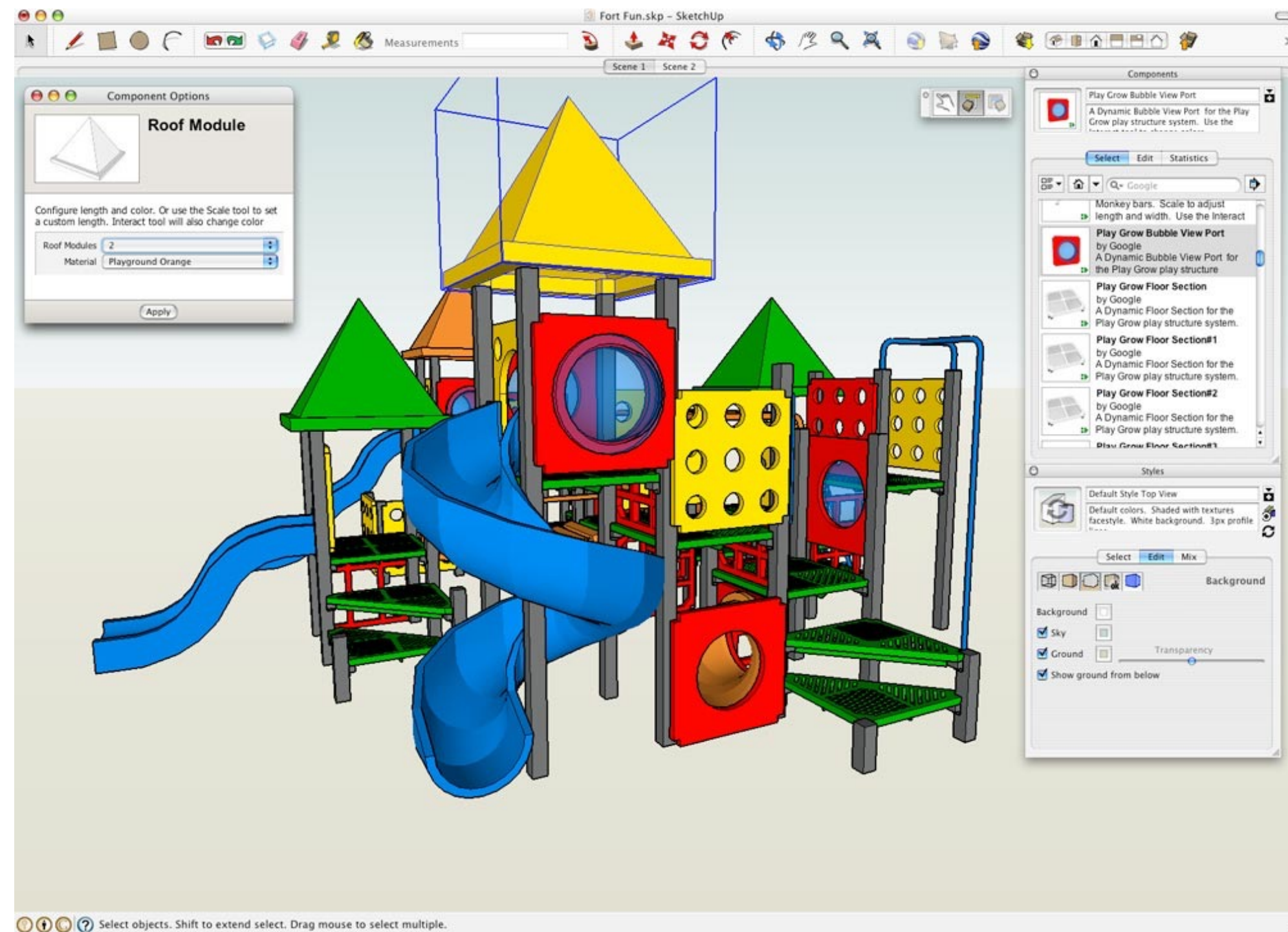
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# Computer-Aided Design



**SolidWorks**

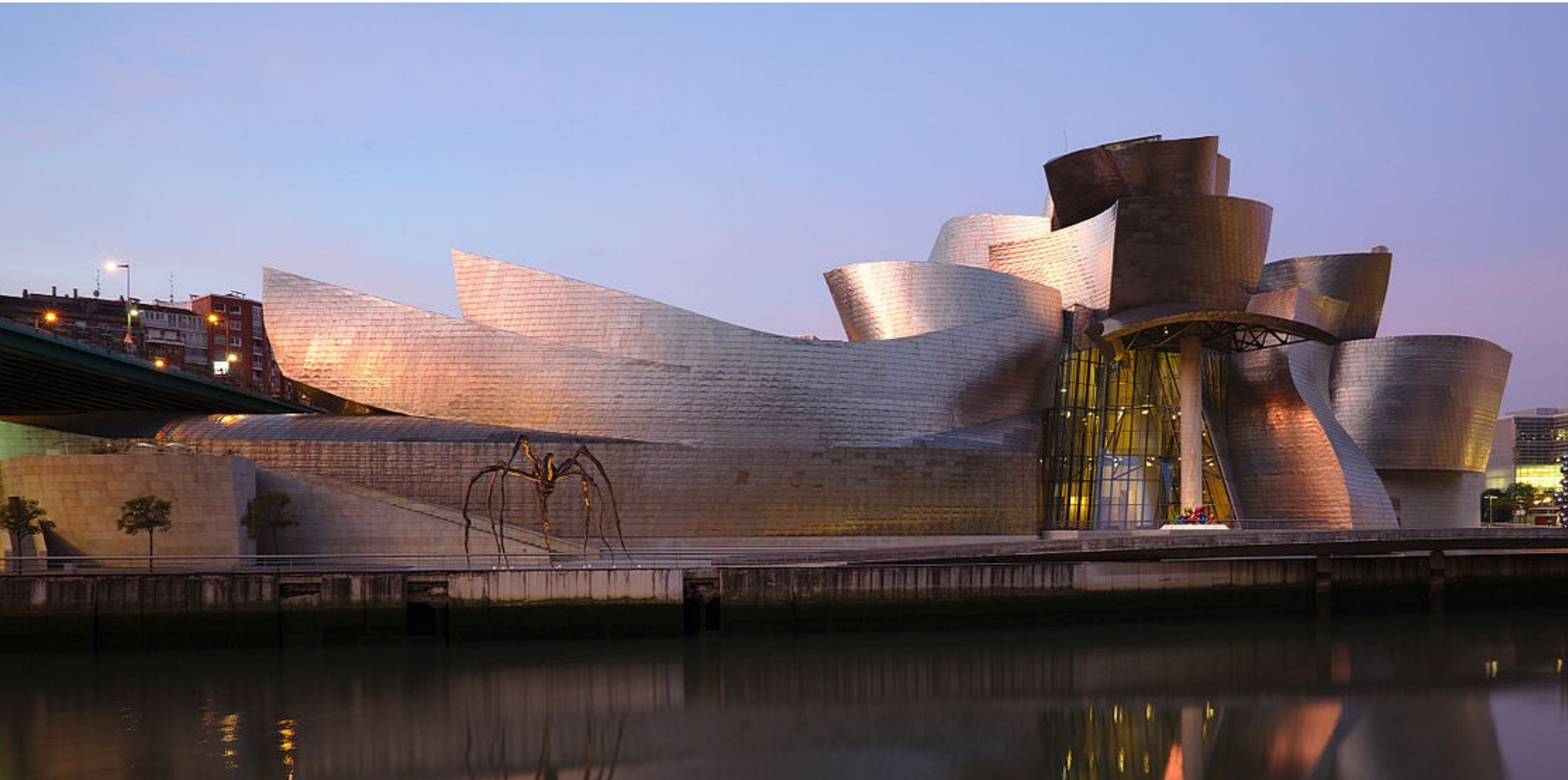


**SketchUp**

For mechanical, architectural, electronic, optical, ...



# Architectural Design



**Bilbao Guggenheim, Frank Gehry**



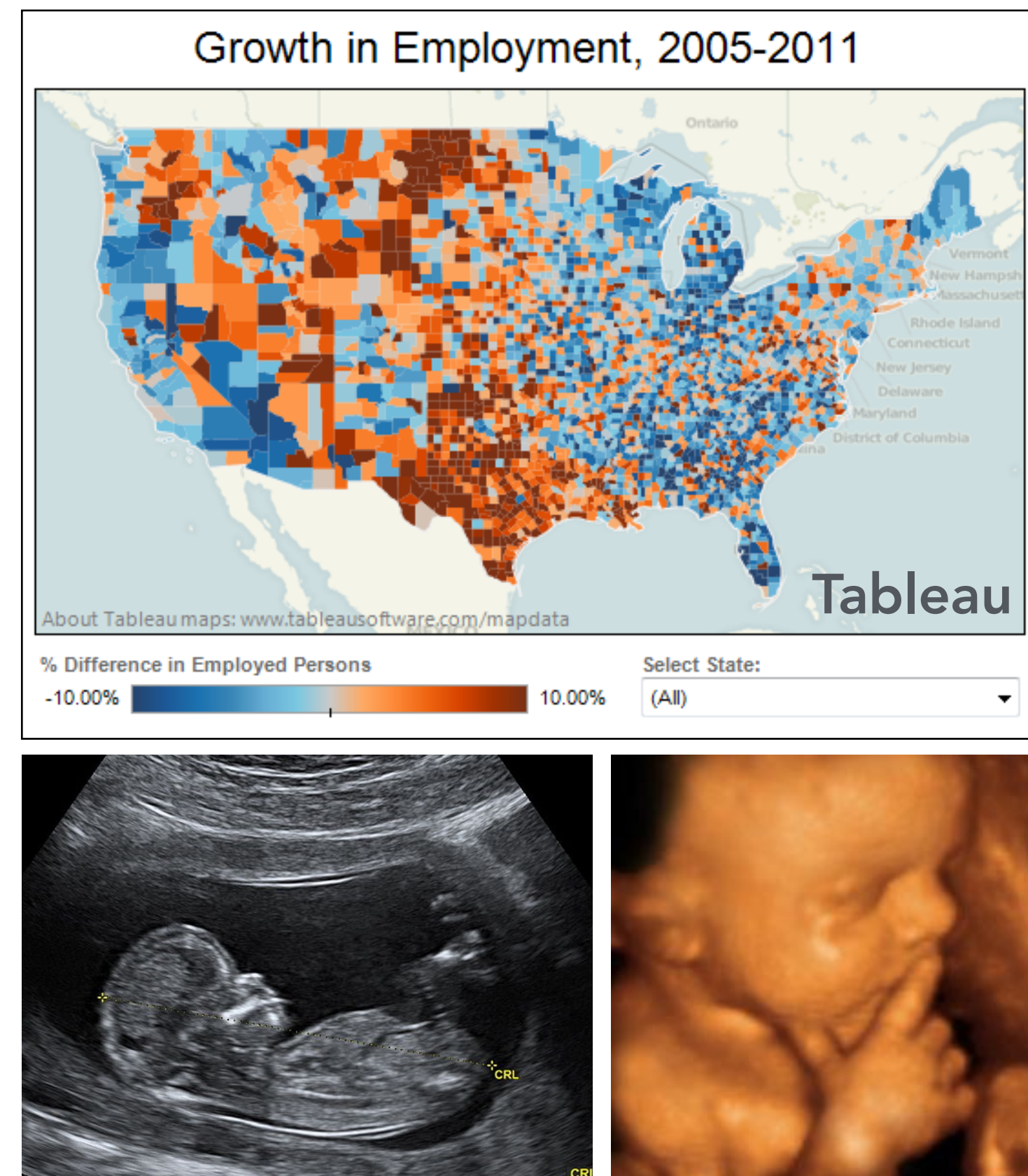
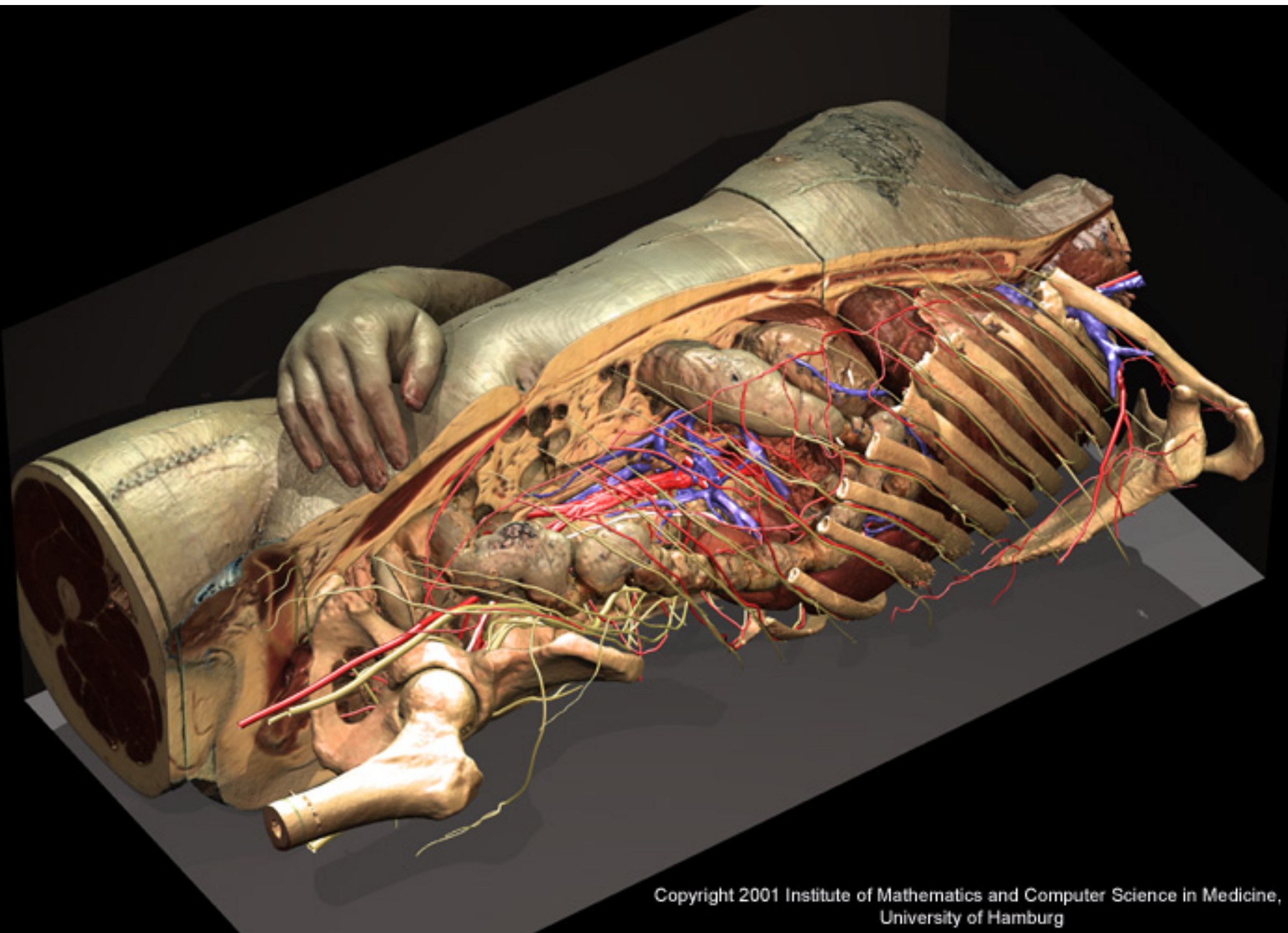
# Architectural Design



**Heydar Aliyev Center, Zaha Hadid Architects**



# Visualization



Science, engineering, medicine, journalism, ...



# Visual Simulation



**Driving simulator**  
**Toyota Higashifuji Technical Center**



**da Vinci surgical robot**  
**Intuitive Surgical**

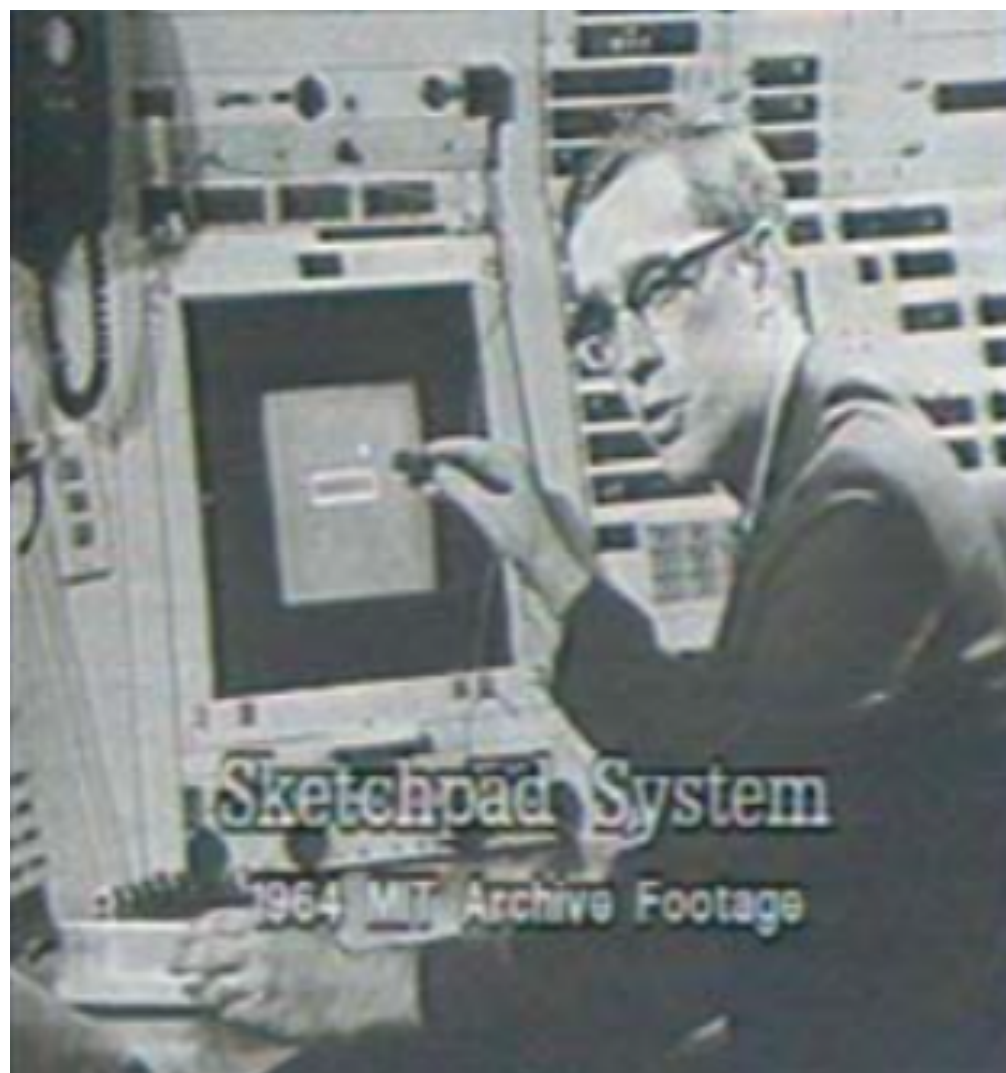
**Flight simulator, driving simulator, surgical simulator, ...**



# Graphical User Interfaces

## Desktop metaphor

- Input: Keyboard, mouse
- Output: Cathode-ray tube



**Ivan Sutherland, Sketchpad**  
**Light pen, vector display**



**Doug Engelbart**  
**Mouse**



# Graphical User Interfaces



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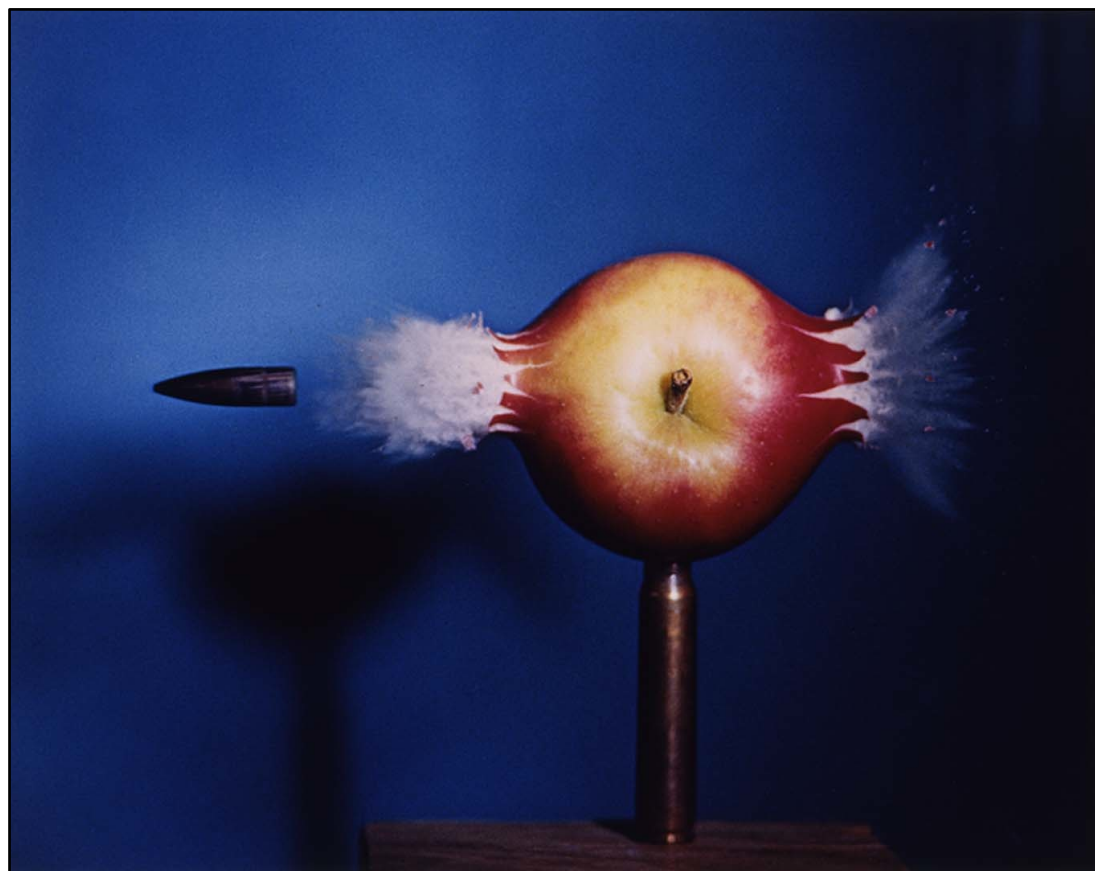
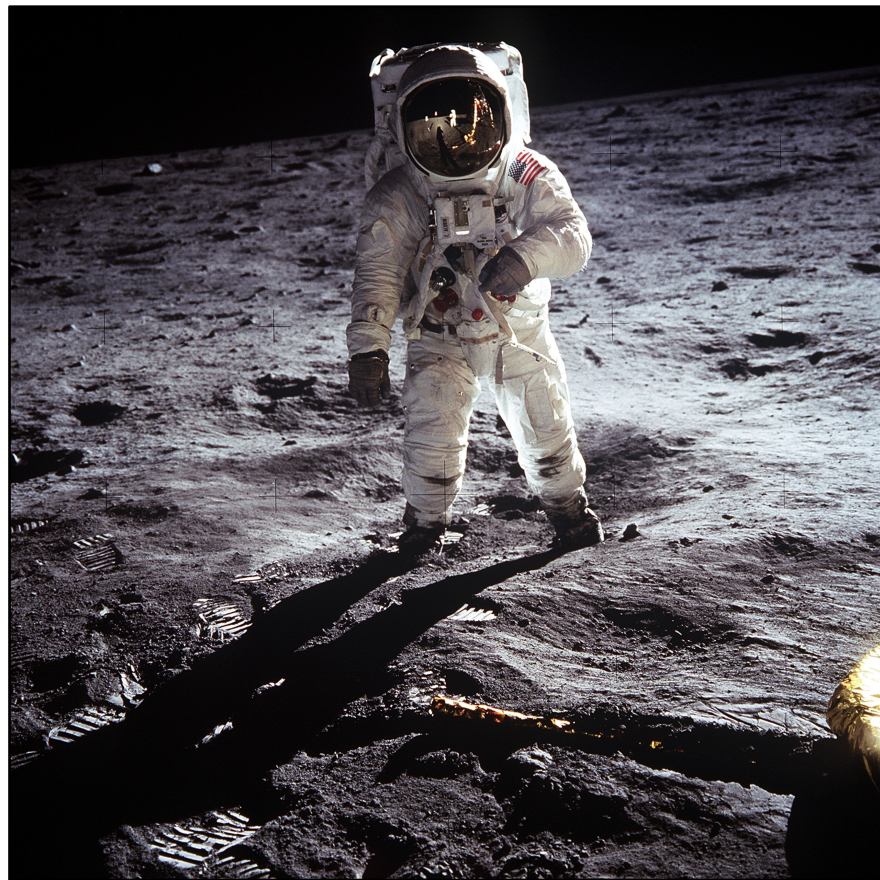
# Graphical User Interfaces



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YndL315tQq8>



# Photography



NASA | Walter looss | Steve McCurry  
Harold Edgerton | NASA | National Geographic



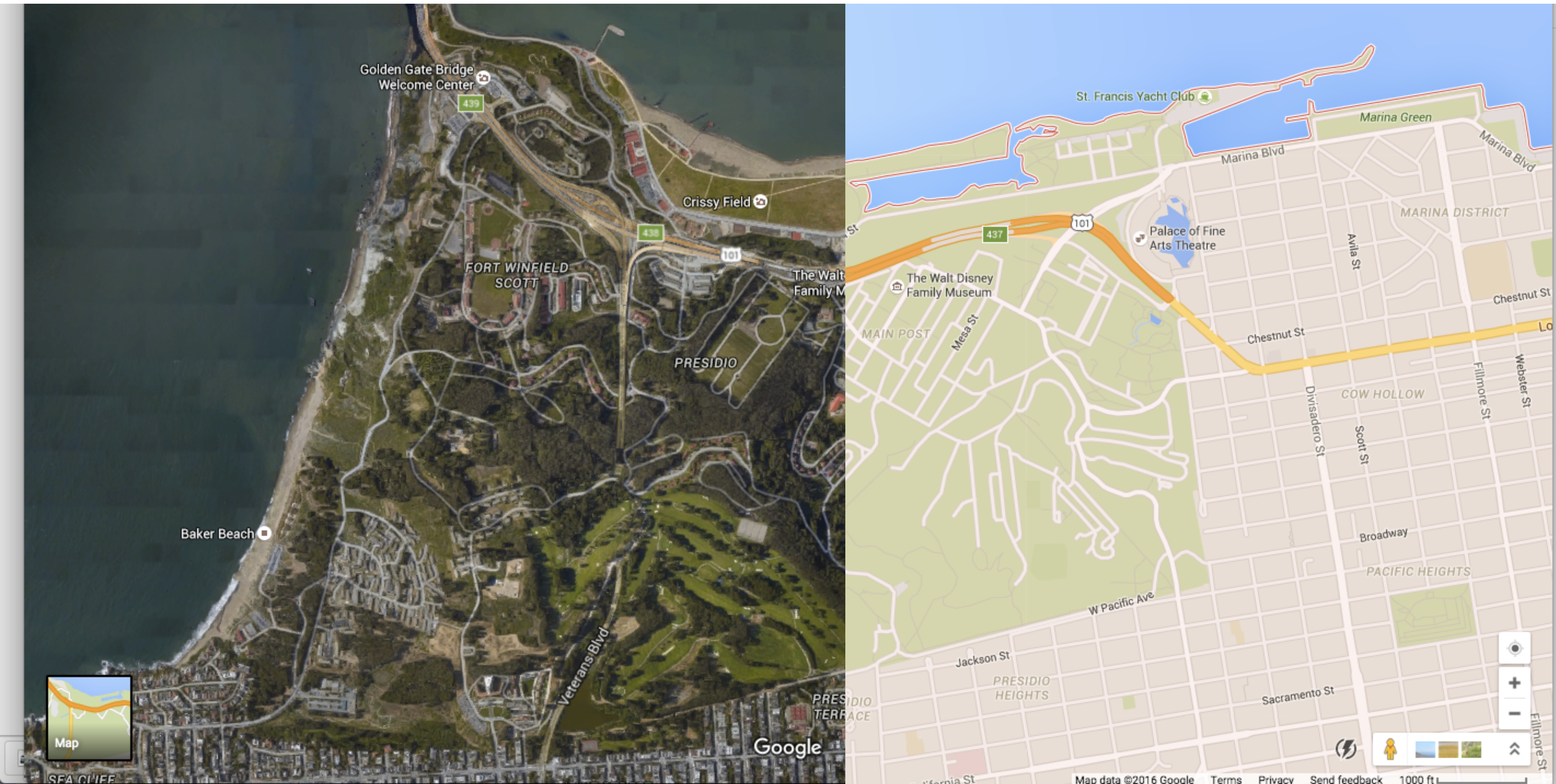
# Ubiquitous Imaging



Cameras everywhere



# Imaging in Mapping



Maps, satellite imagery, street-level imaging,...



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# Imaging for Computer Vision



**ImageNet: 15M images, 22K categories**  
**<http://image-net.org>**



# Imaging for Robotics



Google's "Arm Farm"



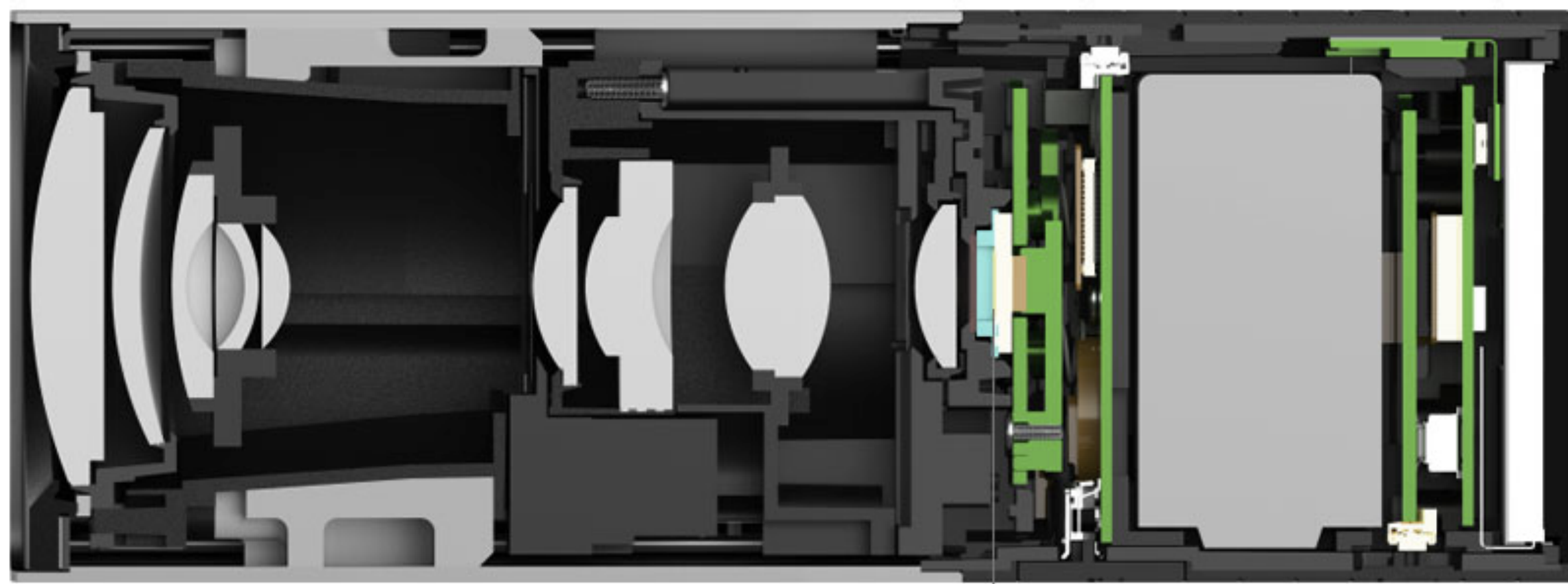
# How Do Camera's Work?



Glenn Derene, Popular Mechanics



# Digital and Computational Cameras



Panaromic stitching, HDR photos, light field cameras, ...



# Virtual Reality



HTC Vive headset and controllers



# Augmented Reality



Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality headset concept



# Foundations of Graphics and Imaging

These applications require sophisticated theory and systems

## Science and Mathematics

- Physics of light, color, optics, ...
- Math of curves, surfaces, geometry, perspective, ...

## Technology and Systems

- Input devices, GPUs, displays, ...
- Cameras, lenses, sensors, ...

## Art and Psychology

- Perception: color, stereo, motion, image quality, ...
- Art and design: composition, form, lighting, ...



# Course Goals

Overview of core ideas in graphics and imaging

- Modeling the world, image synthesis
- 3D graphics: geometry, rendering, animation
- Image capture, manipulation, and display

Acquire core concepts and skills

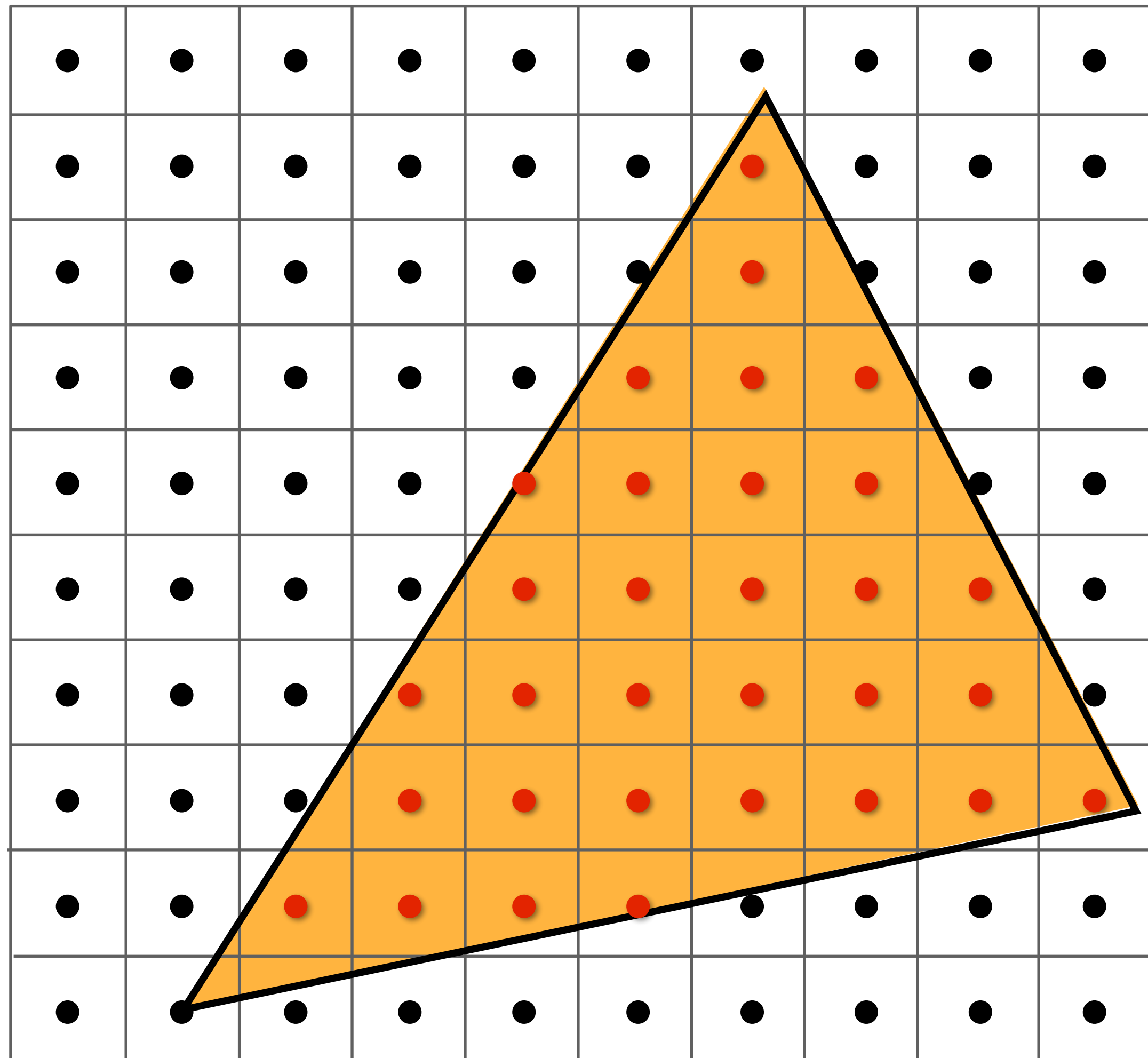
- Representations (geometry, images, transforms, ...)
- Algorithms (sampling, subdivision, ray-tracing, ...)
- Technology (GPUs, displays, cameras, ...)



# Course Topics



# Drawing Digital Images (Rasterization)





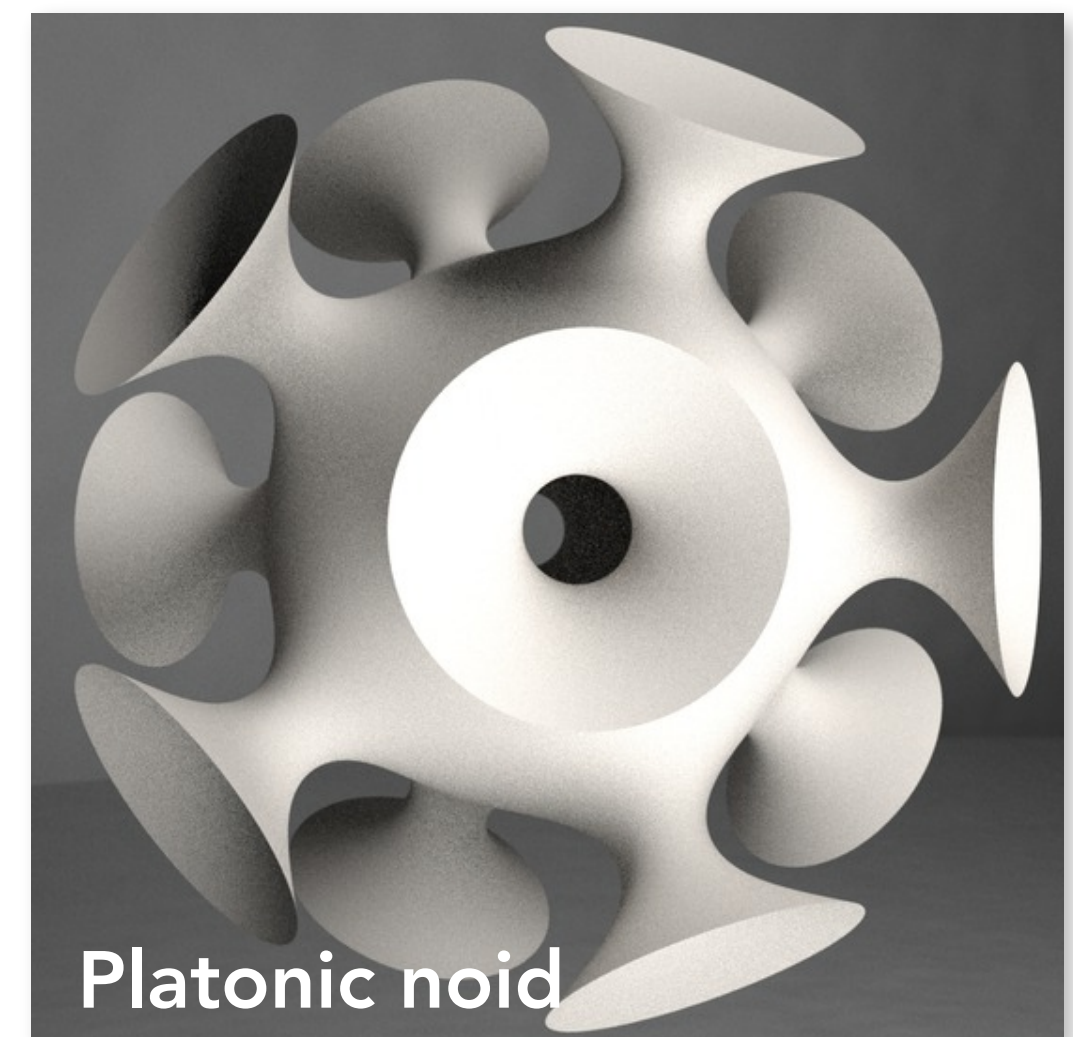
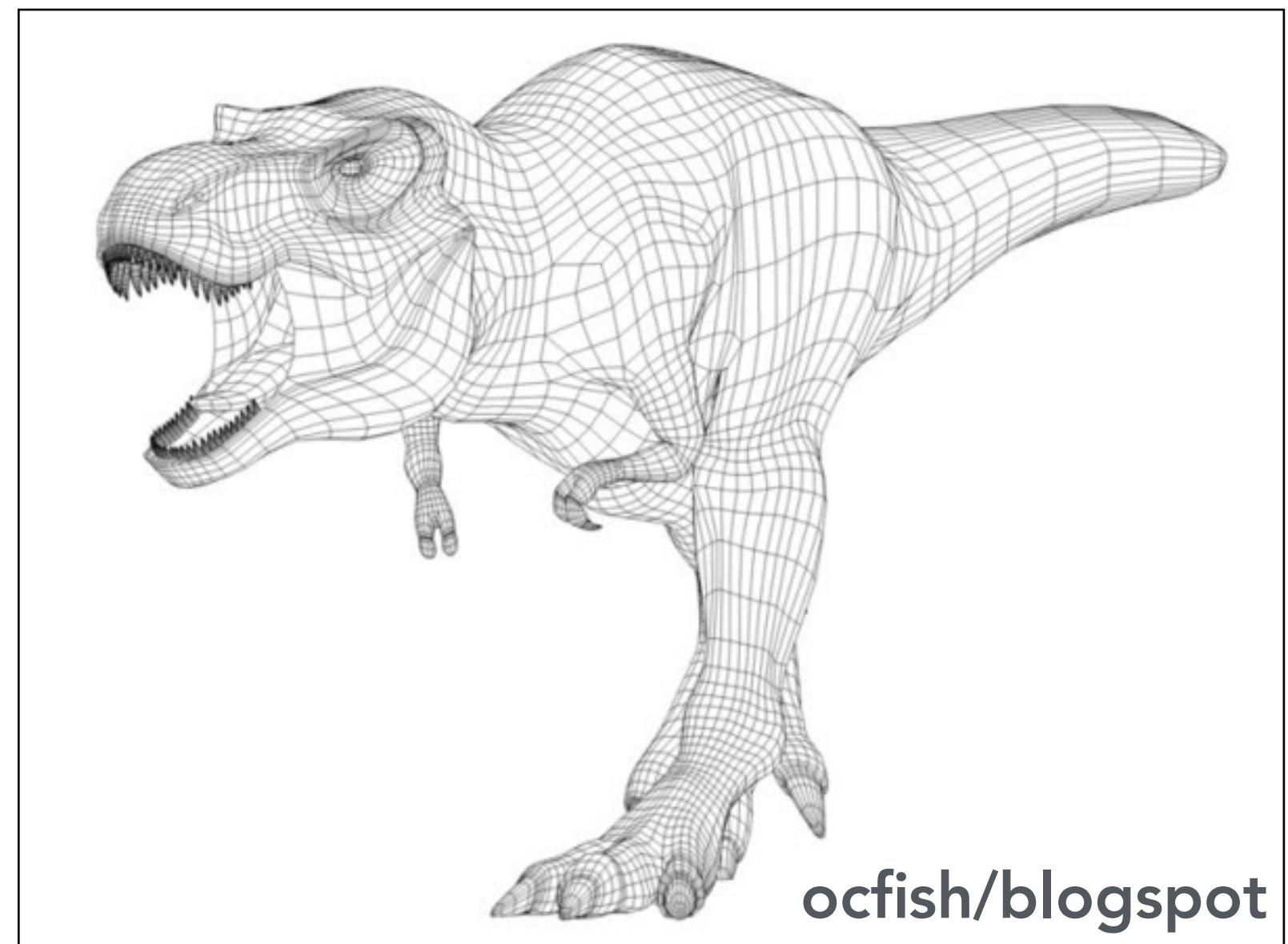
# Filtering and Sampling



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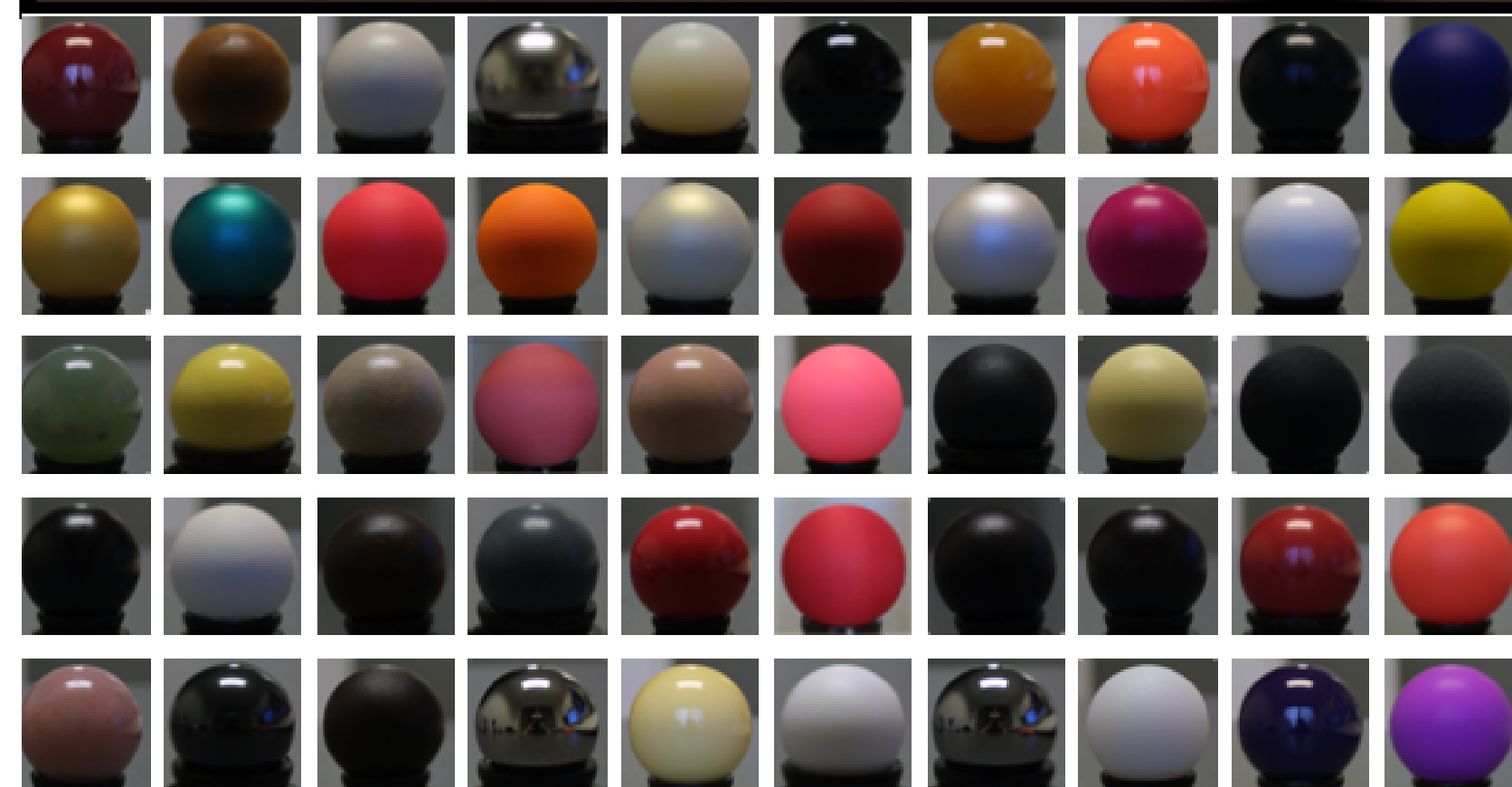


# Modeling Geometry





# Modeling Material Properties





# Modeling Lighting

WALL-E, (Pixar 2008)





# Light Transport and Image Synthesis



Photograph (CCD) vs. computer rendering



# Digital and Computational Cameras



Glenn Derene, Popular Mechanics



# Animation and Physical Simulation

Luxo Jr. (Pixar 1986)





# Virtual Reality

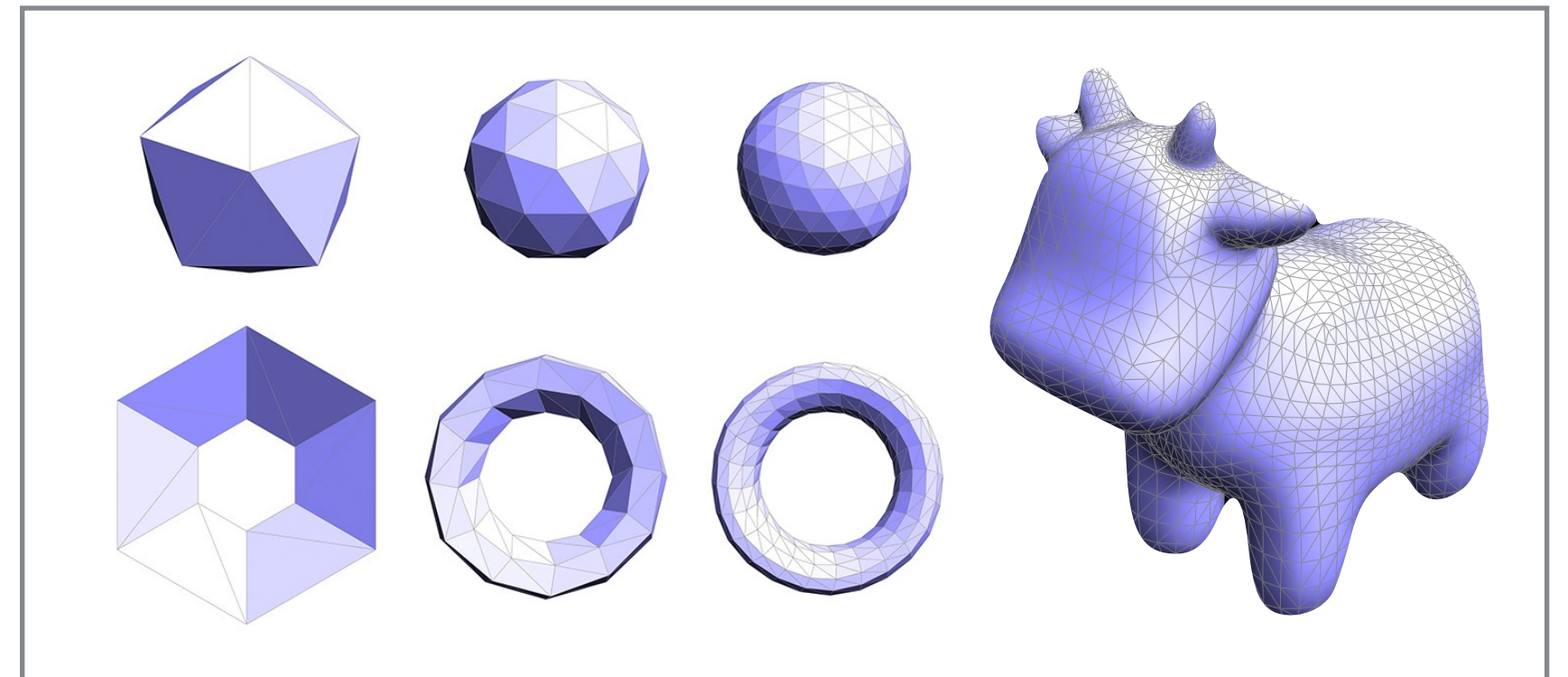
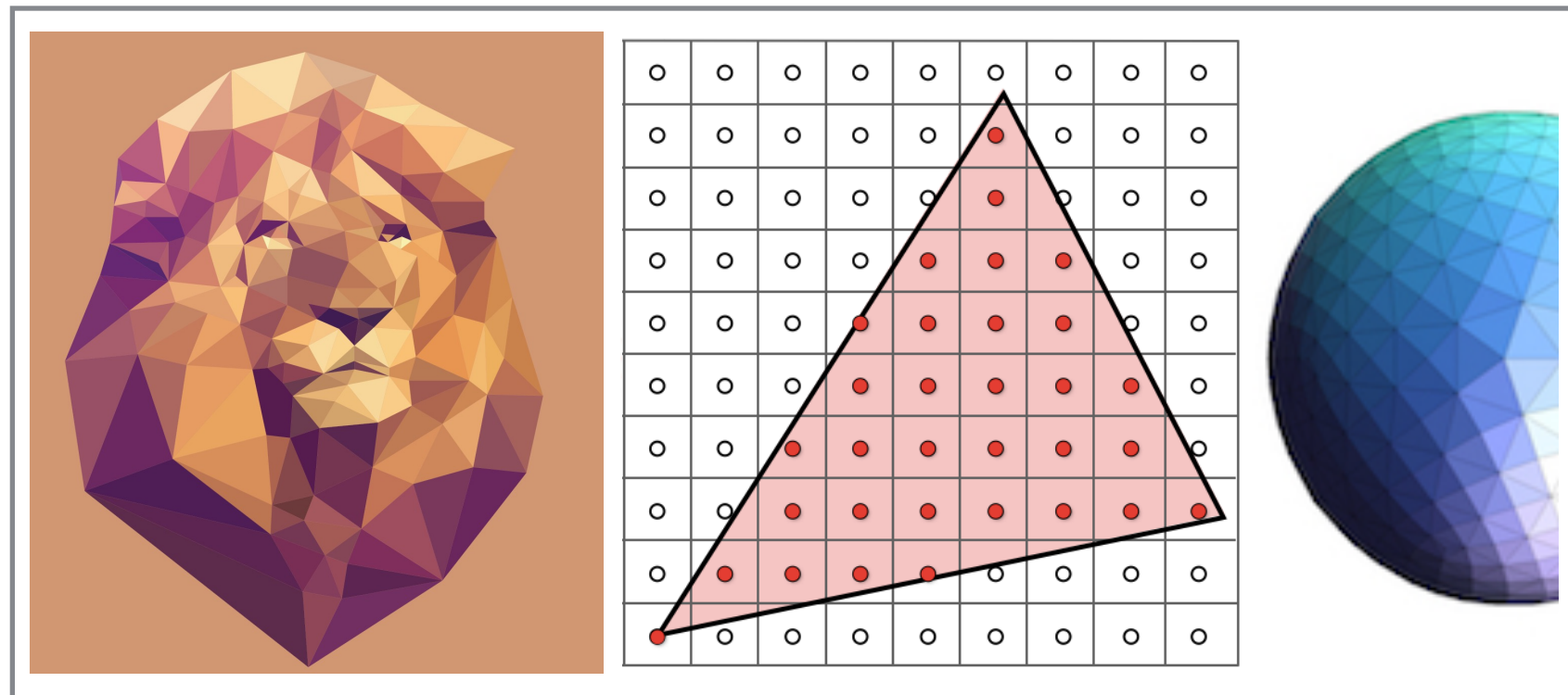




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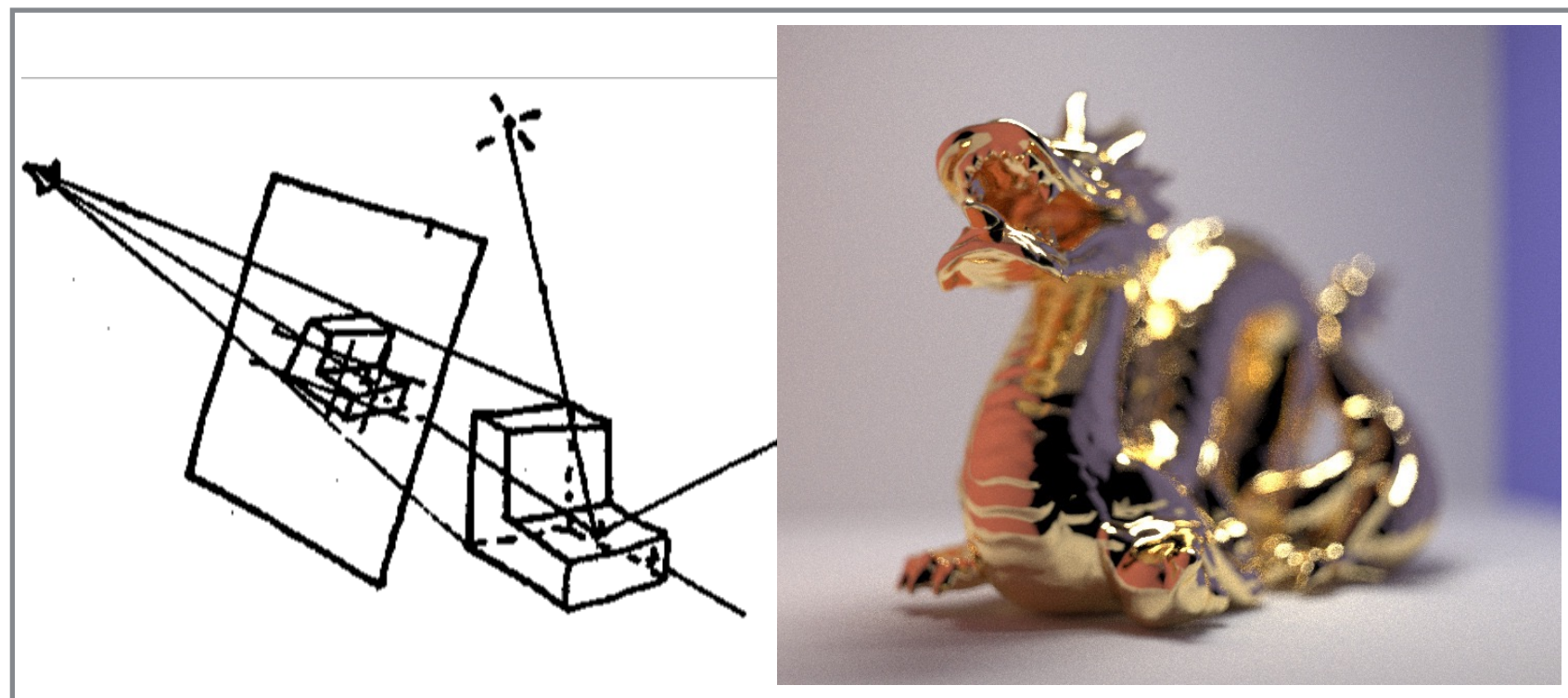


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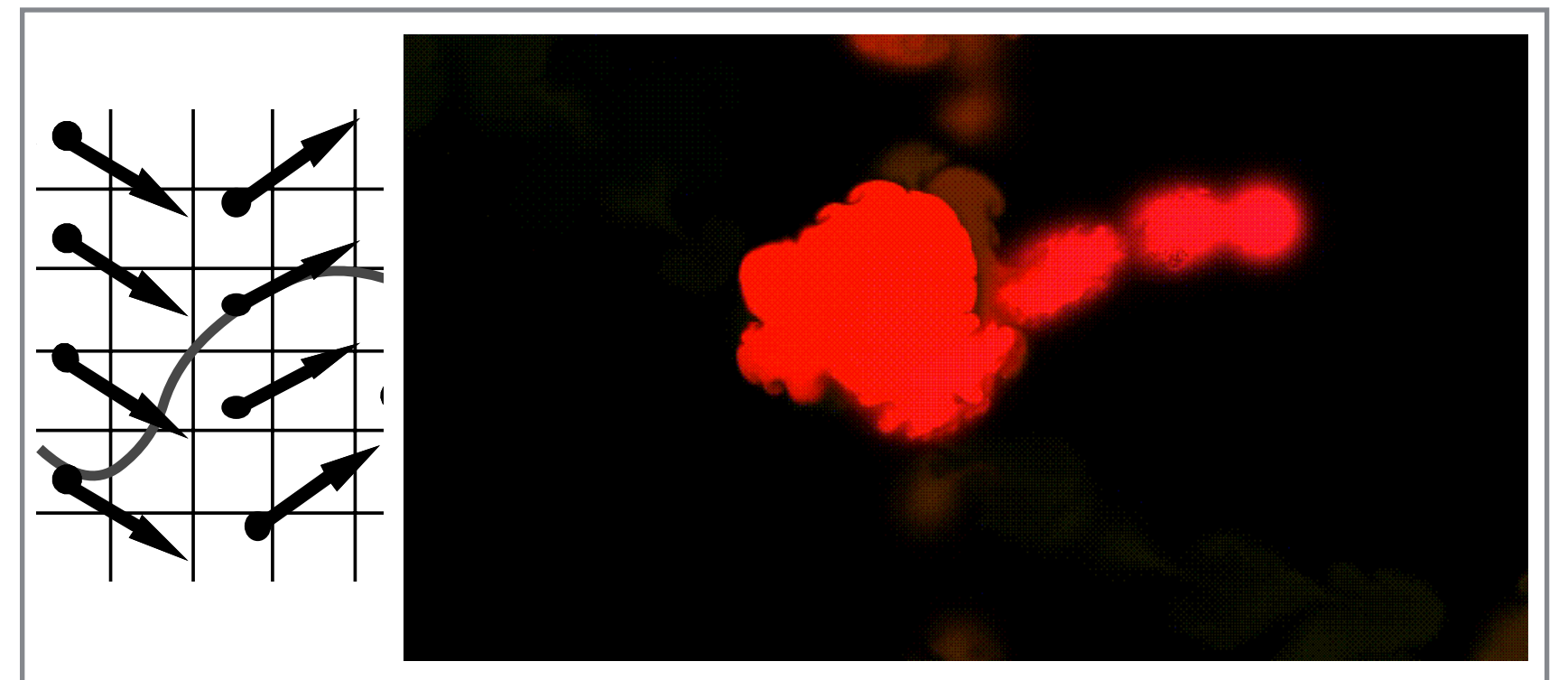


**1. Digital Drawing (2 weeks)**

**2. Geometry (2 weeks)**



**3. Ray-Tracing (4 weeks)**



**4. Animation (2 weeks)**



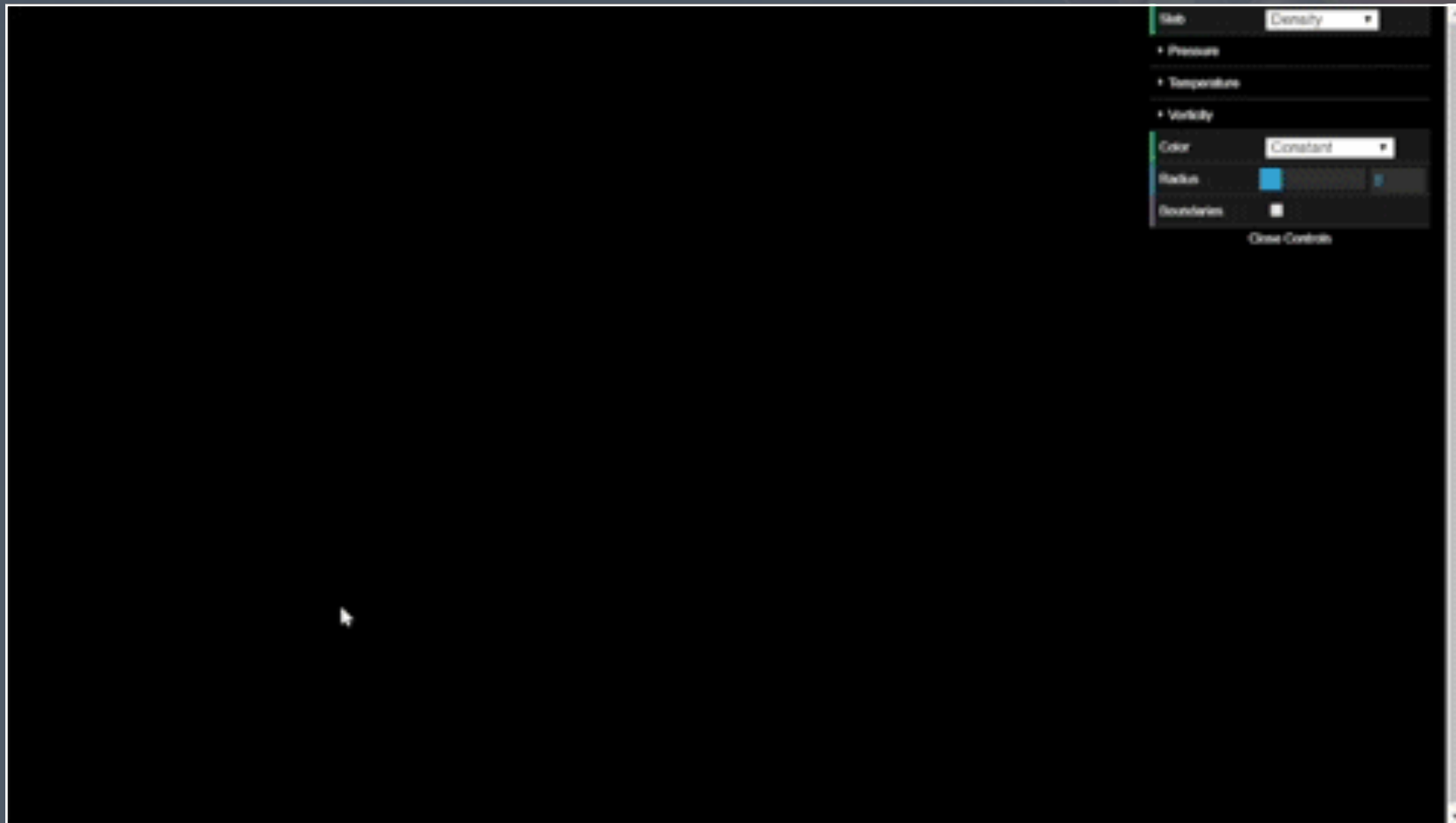
# Final Project

## Project Competition

- Win a cool prize (TBA - past: visit Pixar)
- 4 weeks, let your creativity take flight!  
(we will have suggested projects)
- Proposal; checkpoint; presentation, video, report



# Final Project - Examples



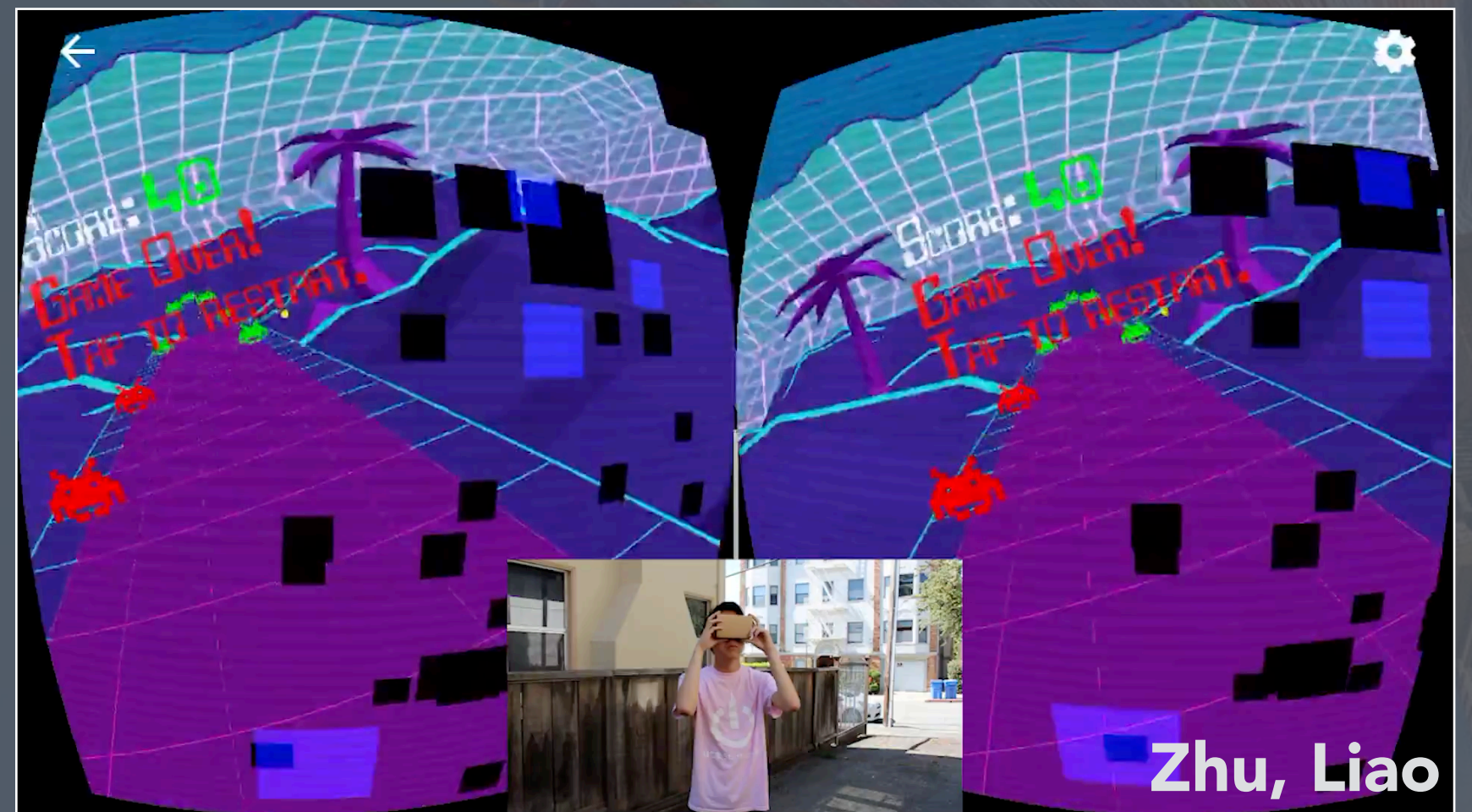
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Jiang, Dieppedalle, Singhal



Briggs, Shen, Xia



Zhu, Liao



# **Course Logistics**



# Prerequisites

## Math

- Vectors, matrices, basic linear algebra
- Helpful: exposure to statistics, signal processing, Fourier transform

## Programming

- Data structures (CS61B)
- Fluent with C and C++
- Fluent with development environment, debugging, etc.



# Enrollment

- Last year, high turnover from wait list
- Class was basically full after dust settled
- This year, ~50% larger enrollment
- Questions about enrollment:
  - CS184: ask scheduler  
Cindy Conners, [cconners@cs](mailto:cconners@cs)
  - CS284A: contact instructors on Piazza
  - Concurrent enrollment: send note to instructors on Piazza about your prerequisites for the class



# Course Website

[cs184.org](http://cs184.org) or  
[cs184.eecs.berkeley.edu](http://cs184.eecs.berkeley.edu)

Lecture slides and  
instructor/TA/  
student discussions  
on the web are the  
primary course  
reference materials

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You can add notes to yourself  
about this slide here.

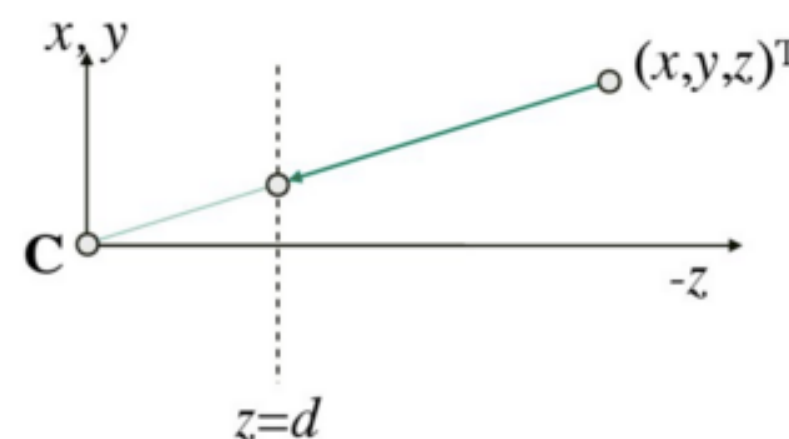
Slide comments and discussion

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## Projective Transforms

Standard perspective projection

- Center of projection:  $(0, 0, 0)^T$
- Image plane at  $z = d$



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Ren Ng, Spring 2016

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Question: Why do objects look smaller when viewed from a greater distance?

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Jonathan Ragan-Kelley & Ren Ng



# Piazza

[piazza.com/berkeley/spring2019/cs184](https://piazza.com/berkeley/spring2019/cs184)

Please sign up!

For logistics and general communication / discussion

- Use Piazza instead of email
- But intellectual discussions about content should primarily go on website as slide comments

There will be a "getting started" post about the website on Piazza



# Webcasting

Lecture will be recorded this semester

- Screen capture and audio only.
- Videos available in CalCentral and bCourses



# Section

**Sections start next week (Jan. 29)**

**TAs will give a primer on C++, building class projects**

**Details to appear on Piazza**



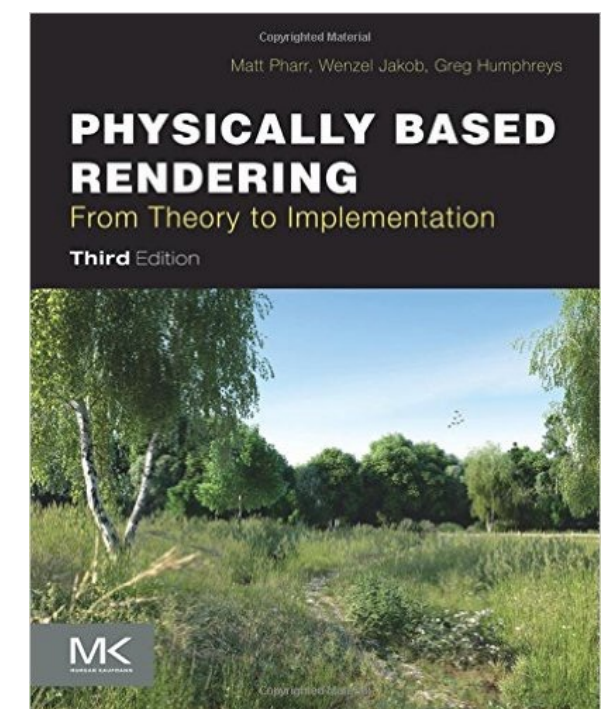
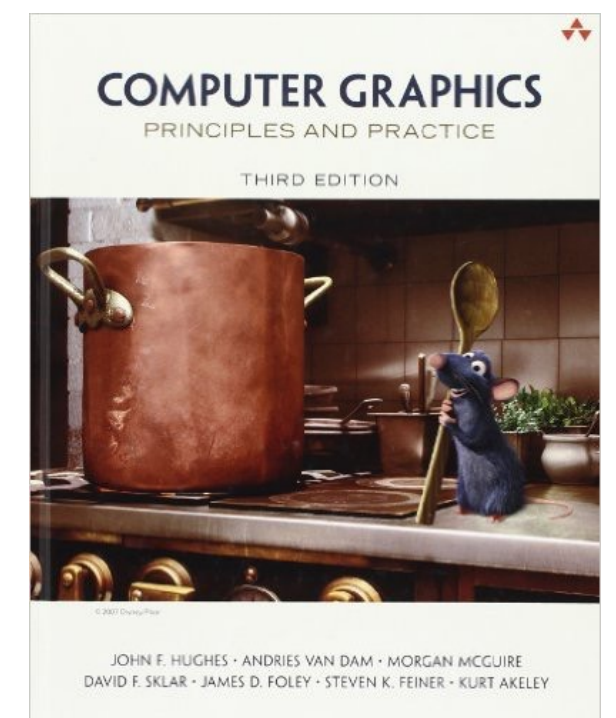
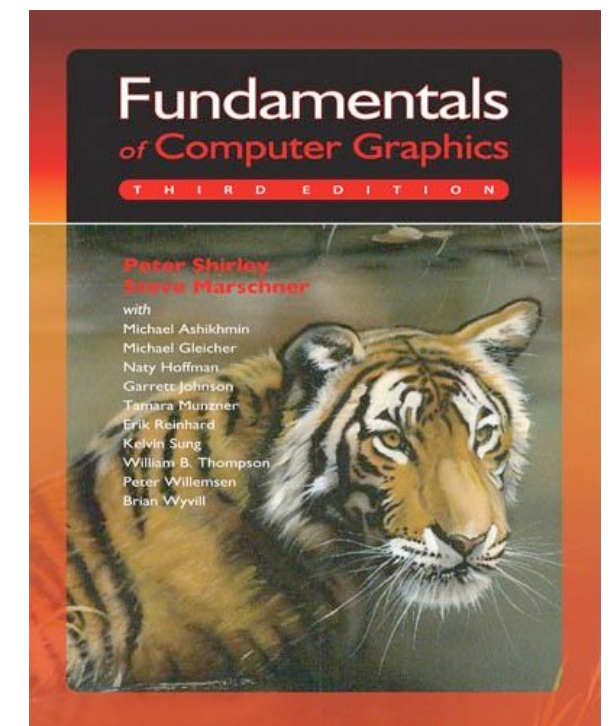
# Resources

Lectures will be primary source

## Textbooks

- **Fundamentals of Computer Graphics** by P. Shirley, S. Marschner, et al.
- **Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice (3rd Edition)** by Hughes, van Dam, et al.
- **Physically Based Rendering, Third Edition: From Theory to Implementation** by Pharr, Jakob and Humphreys

Other resources on class website





# Assignments and Evaluation

**(40%) Assignments (5)**

**(20%) Final Project (in groups of three, presentations, report)**

**(35%) Exams**

- Exam 1 on (tentative) Tuesday March 13, 7–9pm
- Exam 2 on (tentative) Tuesday April 24, 7–9pm
- No Final Exam

**(5%) Participation**

- Lecture attendance, website comments
- Piazza (give / get help), come to office hours and homework parties

**284A students: Project is 40% of grade, remainder normalized**



# Late Days Policy

**Assignments are late after 11:59pm on due date.**

**You have 5 late days for assignments (not final project)**

- Extend a programming assignment deadline by 24 hours using one late day.**
- If you do not have remaining late days, 10% penalty per day.**
- Use this flexibility to manage your own exceptional circumstances. No exceptions beyond this!**



# Course Participation Grading Policy

## Lecture attendance

- Attend *most*\* lectures for 10 weeks
- Will use “DeNero method” for tracking attendance

\*policy to be finalized  
& begin a bit later

## Or website participation

- Contribute at least 3 well-thought-out comments on lecture slides each week
- You are encouraged to write your comments in Markdown, which enables working hyperlinks, typeset equations, and more. There is an article on Markdown linked on the website.



# What We Are Looking For In Slide Comments

**Try to explain the slide (as if teaching your classmate to study for an exam)**

- “Ren said this, but if you think about it this way it is much clearer”

**Explain what is confusing you**

- “What I was totally confused about here was...”

**Challenge classmates with a question**

- For example, make up a question you think might be on an exam

**Provide a link to an alternative explanation**

- “This site has a really good animation of pre-filtering to avoid aliasing”

**Mention real-world examples**

- For example, describe what default interpolation functions are used in iOS.

**Constructively respond to another student’s question**

- “@nojaggies, are you sure that is correct? I thought that Ren said...”

**It is OK, and even encouraged, to address the same topic (or repeat someone else’s summary, explanation or idea) in your own words**

- “@cornellbox’s point is that subdivision is also used to...”



# **Class Philosophy**

**We want a very active class.**

**Come to class, participate in lecture.**

**Contribute on the website.**



**Questions?**



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