

Computer Graphics

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• Texture

- Texturing is a fundamental technique in
 Computer Graphics, allowing us to represent surface details without modeling geometric material details.
- We will describe the basic ideas and applications of texture in this course



• Texture

Left Image (Without texture) ,Right Image (With texture) ,Note the differences between two images. The right one is more realistic.







- Why we need texture?
 - Modeling surface details is one of the most important tasks for rendering realistic images.
 - For example, if we want to model a brick wall.
 - One option: use a huge number of polygons with appropriate surface coloring and reflectance characteristics to model the surface details



- Why we need texture?
 - However, in most applications, few people would care much about the details of the brick wall and would normally view the wall from a distance.
 - In this situation, we probably don't need to know all the details of the brick wall. Instead, we can simply model the wall as a big flat polygon, and paste onto the polygon a wall image so that the polygon looks like a real brick wall.



- What is Texture?
 - This image, which is an *approximation* to the real brick wall, is called *texture* in graphics
 - The process of applying the texture to an object surface is called texture mapping (纹理 映射) or *texturing* (贴纹理).



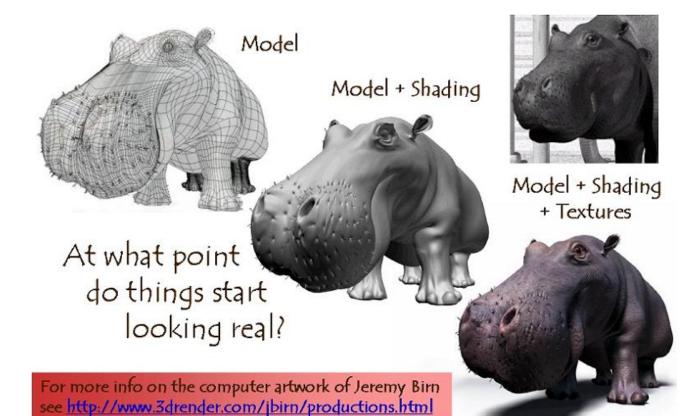
- Why texture is useful?
 - Texturing resolves the two problems.
 - First, by representing the surface as a texture image, you don't have to painfully model all the geometric and material details. This saves time and resources and allow users to do other more important things.



 Second, by rendering a rough polygonal model (e.g. a single square polygon for a brick wall) and a texture instead of a detailed geometrical model with different BRDFs, the rendering can be done much more efficiently, either via ray tracer or hardware. This saves computers time and resources.



• Why we need texture?

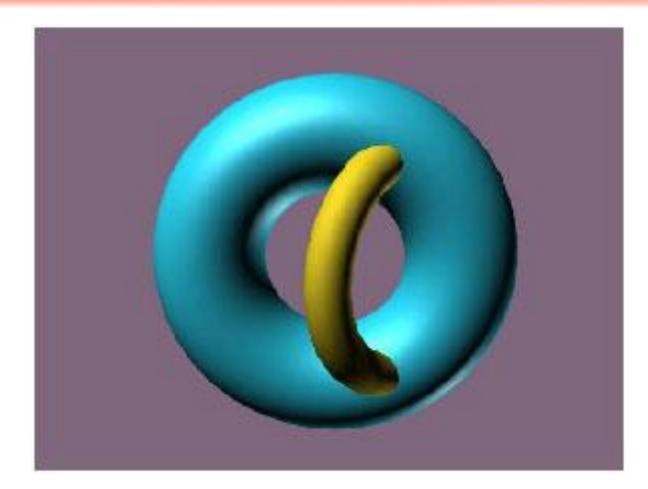




More texture example

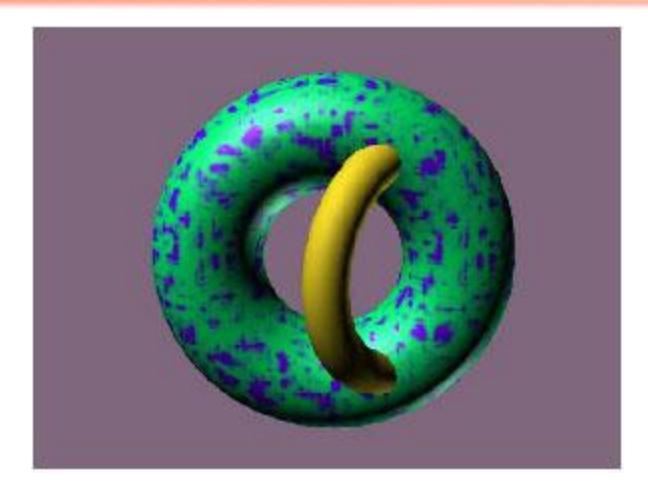
Original Model





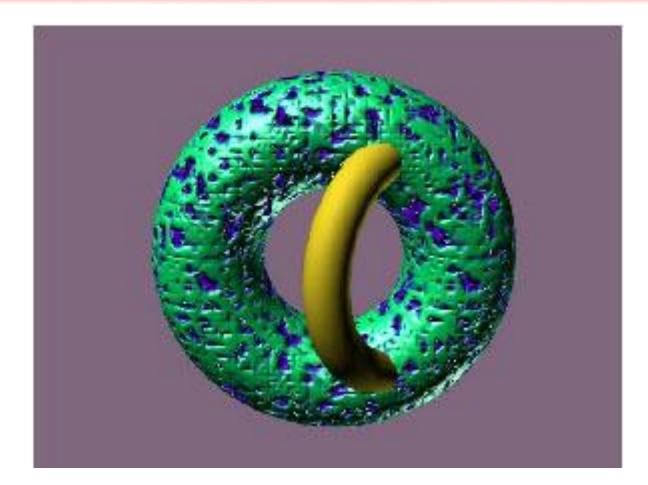
Two dimensional texture





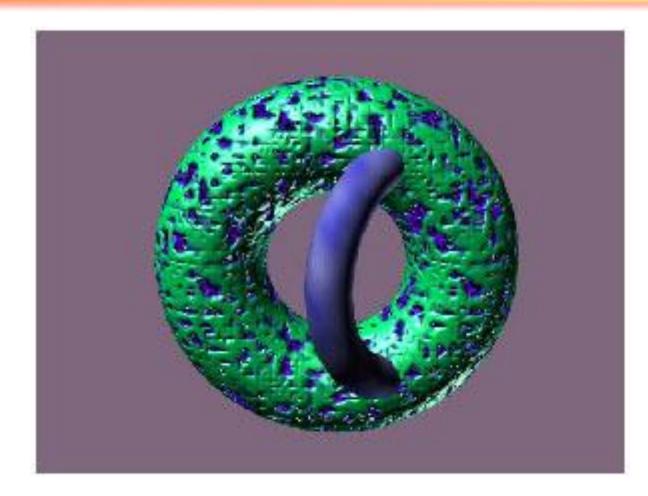
Bump texture (几何纹理)





Combination







• Model and texture image





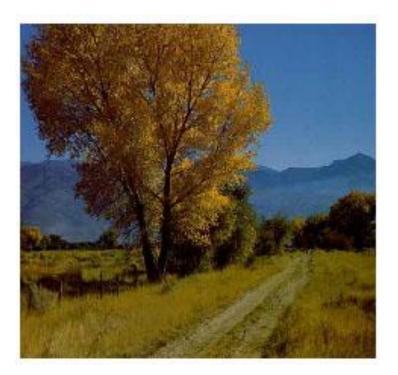


• Model with texture





• Another image





• With new texture





• With another texture





• Use bump texture related with the image





- Texture usage
 - To use a texture, we usually need 3 steps
 - First, texture acquisition (获取). This could be done by manual drawing,
 - by taking photographs,
 - by procedure texture(过程纹理)

by texture synthesis (纹理合成)



• Texture usage

- To use a texture, we usually need 3 steps

Second, Texture mapping (贴图).
 Given the texture image and a 3D model, you need to figure out how to map the texture onto the model. This could be done by specifying each vertex of 3D model a texture coordinate, and assigning the color from texture image using this coordinate.



- Texture usage
 - To use a texture, we usually need 3 steps
 - Third, texture filtering(滤波). after you have decided how to map the texture onto the object, you will have to carefully sample the texture in the rendering process, otherwise, you may see some undesirable artifacts (人为痕迹) rooted in the signal processing theory



Texture Acquisition

Texture Acquisition



- The first task of texturing is texture acquisition. There are a variety of methods to generate the texture image.
 - You could simply draw a texture by hand.
 - You could simply take a photo of the material which you want to model.
 - Because we are neither artists(艺术家) nor camerist(摄影师), we will not focus on the two methods above, we will discuss two more technical methods, such as procedure texture(过程纹理) and texture synthesis(纹理合成)



- Synthesis textures by writing special procedures which simulate either physical formation process or simply the appearance of material.
 - For example, certain patterns such as marble or wood, they can be easily simulated by very simple functions.



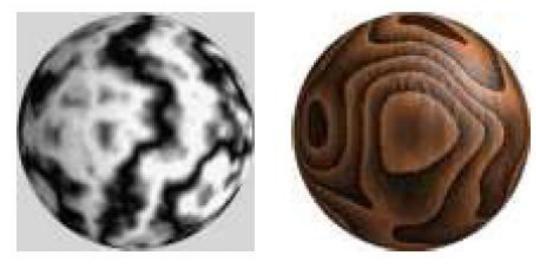
- Advantages
 - They can be very compact, as they only need to store the procedure itself and some parameters.
 - By changing the parameters of the procedures, you can easily change the appearance of the materials, providing excellent controllability.



- Disadvantages
 - However, procedural synthesis can only be applied to some specific class of textures.
 - For a texture that has no known procedural code, it is not able to synthesis it.



• The most popular procedure synthesis method : Perlin Noise [Perlin2002]



marble





- Perlin Noise
 - From 1985, Perlin Noise has been widely adopted as the standard for procedural texture generation.
 - The basic idea of Perlin noise is simple and elegant. Before introducing Perlin noise, we will first describe white noise.



- Purlin Noise
 - White Noise(白噪音)
 - A white noise is a signal that has uniform energy across all frequency bands; so the Fourier transform of a white noise will be rough flat.
 - It can be generated via a uniform random function.
 - For example, to generate a 2D white noise image, you could fill in each pixel with a value from a uniform random function in the range [0,1]



- Perlin Noise
 - Unlike white noise, perlin noise is a band limited function. It can be constructed as a summation of white noises at different frequency bands, as below:

$$perlin = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} interpolate(white_i) \times p^i$$

n is the total number of band, *p* is the persistence, and
 i is the band number ,with *i=0* the lowest frequency
 band.



Perlin Noise

$$perlin = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} interpolate(white_i) \times p^i$$

- In the above equation, white noise at band *i* is simply a white noise with specific image size, has size 2ⁱ.
 Because different bands have different sizes, we need to interpolate(插值) between them before summation.
- Persistence is a user-specified parameter, which simply controls the relative weight of different frequency bands. Usually, it is within [0,1].



• Perlin Noise

Figure 1: 2D Perlin noise example. Left: the Perlin noise image. Right: the individual noise bands, from low to high frequencies. Image courtesy of [Elias 2003].



- Perlin Noise
 - Based on Perlin noise, a variety of textures
 can be synthesized by proper procedures, such
 as marble and wood. Their formulas are as
 follows:

$$marble = cosine(x + perlin(x, y, z))$$
$$g = perlin(x, y, z) * scale$$
$$wood = g - int(g)$$



Texture Synthesis



- What is texture synthesis?
 - An alternative approach is to synthesize a new texture from a given example. This is certainly more user friendly, because to use the algorithm, all you need to do is to provide an image sample.
 - As much research has been devoted to texture analysis in both the computer vision and graphics community, so we have many practical algorithms.

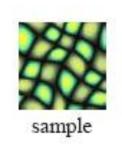


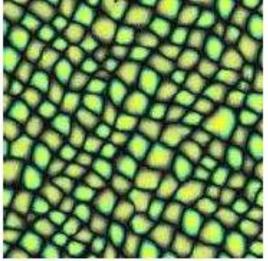
- In computer graphics, texture synthesis techniques could be classified into 2 classes:
 - Pixel-based texture synthesis
 - Patch-based texture synthesis



- Pixel based texture synthesis
 - Main idea
 - Synthesis a new texture pixel by pixel, where the value of each pixel is determined by the local neighbourhood(e.g. 3*3, 5*5), choosing the input pixel with a similar neighboorhood.

- Pixel based texture synthesis
 - These works include:
 - "Texture Synthesis by Non-parametric Sampling" [Efros99]



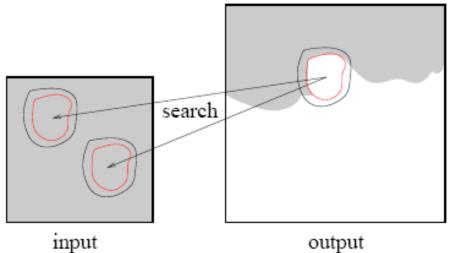


• "Fast texture synthesis result using tree-structured vector quantization" [Wei and Levoy00]





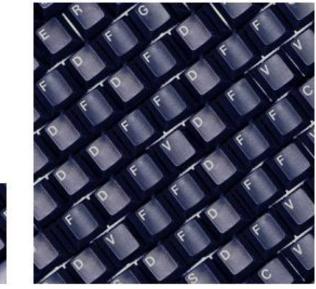
- Patch-based texture synthesis
 - Pixel-based
 approaches could be
 improved by
 synthesis patches
 rather than pixels.



- One of the most important algorithm is Graph-Cut [Kwatra03], which offers the best quality so far.
- The patch is chosen also by matching neighborhoods.



• Some result of Graph-Cut algorithm





Input

Graph cut



Some result of Graph-Cut algorithm



Sample Texture



Synthesized Texture





- What is texture mapping?
 - Given a model, and a 2D texture image.
 - Map the image onto the model:
 - By a function which maps a point on the model onto (*u*,*v*) image coordinates, this function is called *surface mapping function*
 - When shading a point on the model, we look up the appropriate pixel from the 2D texture, and use that to affect the final color.



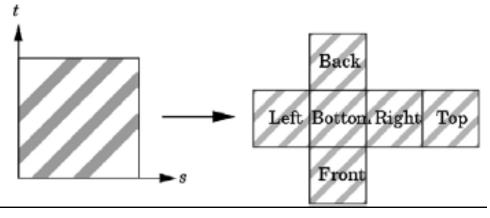
- How to specify surface mapping function?
 By natural parameterization
 - For regular objects, such as sphere, cube, cylinder
 - By manually specify texture coordinates
 - For complex objects, each vertex is specified a texture coordinate

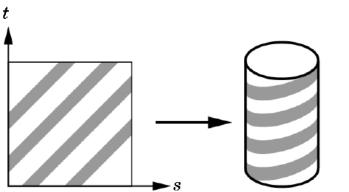


- Natural parameterization
 - Sphere:
 - You could use spherical coordinates $(\theta, \phi) = (\pi u, 2\pi v)$
 - Cylinder:
 - You could use cylinder coordinates $(u, \theta) = (u, 2\pi v)$
 - Cube
 - Each face could directly use its face coordinates.



Natural parameterization







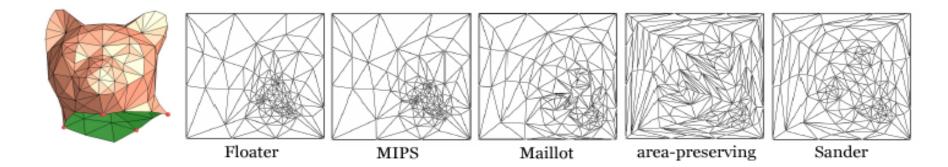
- Manually Specify
 texture coordinates
 - Each vertex is specified a texture coordinates
 - Mapping a triangle in image space to object space

For each triangle in the model establish a corresponding region in the phototexture

During rasterization interpolate the coordinate indices into the texture map



- Mesh parametrization
 - Construct a mapping from 3D mesh models to planar domain





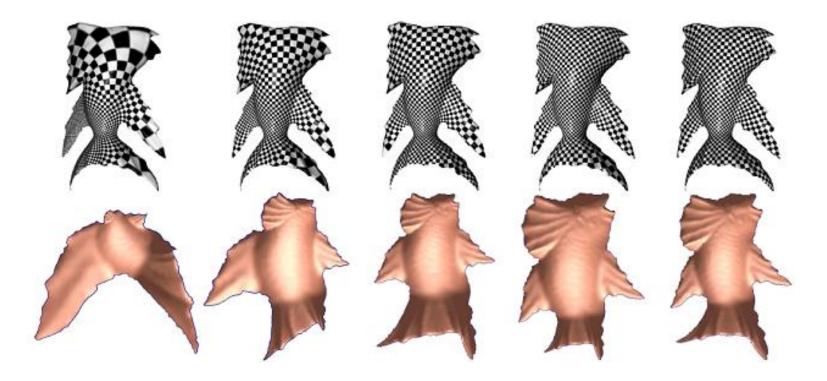
• Conformal parametrization and area preserving: inverse curvature map

在网格上从网格边的边长到网格顶点的高斯曲率的映 射称之为曲率映射,利用共形几何理论,由网格曲面 的曲率映射的切映射,可以证明这个映射是可逆的。





• Conformal parametrization and area preserving: inverse curvature map



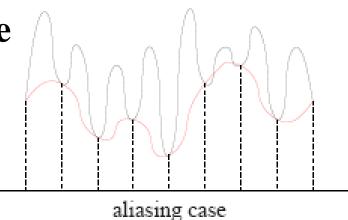




- Now we know how to generate texture and how to map it onto an object. The next step is to render it.
- However, if you just do this directly, you would encounter some artifacts. These artifacts are caused by *signal aliasing*(走样)



- Aliasing(走样) and Anti-aliasing(反走样)
 - Generally, aliasing is caused when a signal is sampled at too low frequency rate. So that many high frequency features of the signal are missed.
 - e.g.: The black dash is the original signal, the red curve is the aliased signal





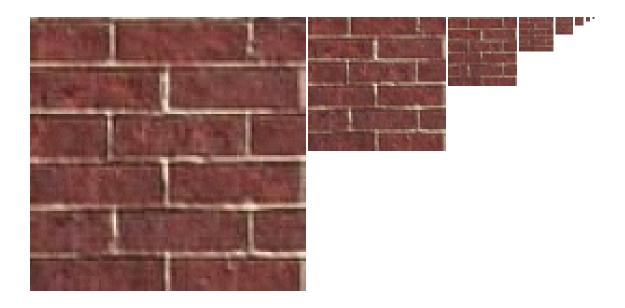
- To resolve this problem, a common method is to sample at a higher rate. However, this is not always feasible. For example, in graphics applications, the screen resolution limits sample rate.
- An alternative method would be to prefilter the signal into a lower frequency one.



- Isotropic(各向同性) filtering
 - Mipmapping :
 - Construct a pyramid of images that are prefiltered and re-sampled at 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, etc., of the original image's sampling
 - During rasterization, we compute the index of the image that is sampled at a rate closest to the density of our desired sampling rate.

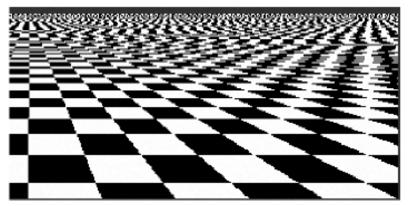


• Mipmapping example

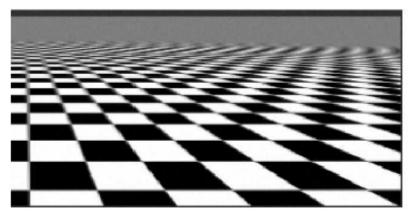




 Anti-Aliasing Using Mip-mapping



aliasing



isotropic filtering

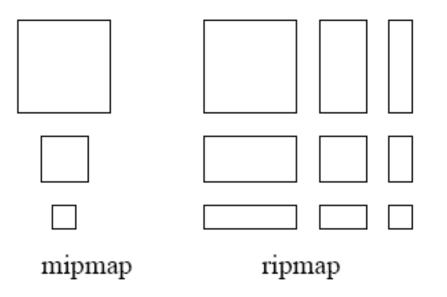


- Anisotropic(各向异性) Filtering
 - However, one problem with mipmapping is that it can sometimes over-blur, as shown in the figure (last slide). When we build a mipmap, we always filter a higher resolution level isotropically. This can cause over-blurring when the desired filter is anisotropic (when viewed perspective). We will have to enclose it with a big isotropic footprint in order to avoid aliasing. However, this would also cause over blurring in the short axis of the anisotropic footprint.



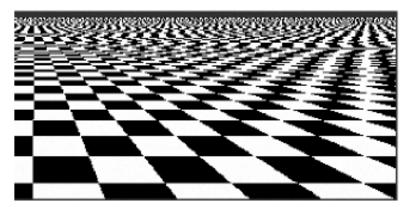
 Anisotropic(各向异性) Filtering

 Build a ripmap instead of mipmap by precomputing the anisotropic filtering.

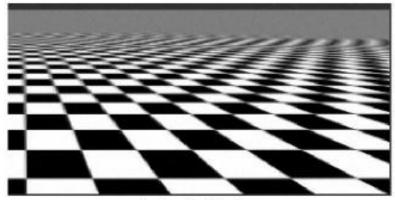




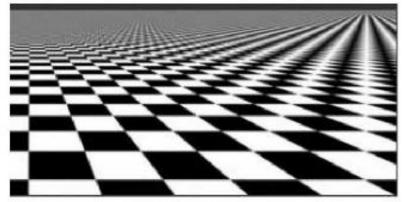
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aliasing



isotropic filtering



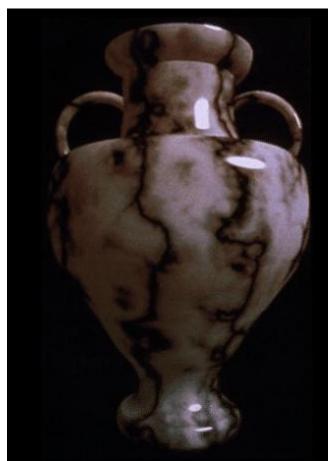
anisotropic filtering



- Solid Textures
- Bump mapping
- Displacement mapping



- Solid Textures
 - Instead of a 2D texture image, we define texture by 3D texture volumes
 - creates a 3D
 parameterization (u,v,w)
 for the texture mapping
 onto the object

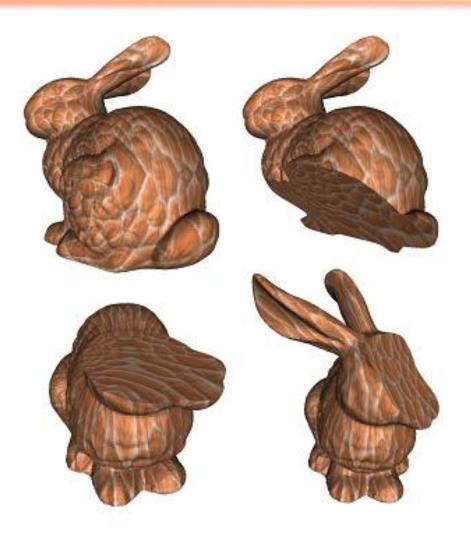




- Solid Textures
 - Have a 3-D array of texture values (e.g., a block of marble).
 - Use a function [xyz] -> [RGB] to map colors to points
 - Such a 3D texture is called solid texture
 - In practice the map is often defined procedurally, no need to store an entire 3D array of colors,
 - Just define a function to generate a color for each 3D point



 Solid Texture Examples







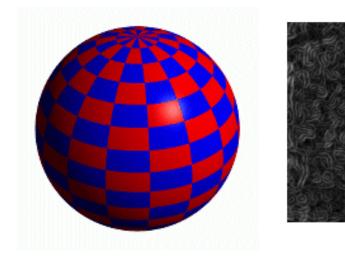
- Map more than colors
 - Basic texture mapping applies colors to surfaces
 - but the method is much more general than this
 - can be used to map wide range of data onto surfaces
 - We will discuss a couple of examples today
 - Bump mapping
 - Displacement mapping



- Map more than colors
 - Using textures to affect theses parameters
 - Surface color common textures
 - Surface normal bump mapping (Blinn 1978)
 - Geometry displacement mapping
 - Light source radiance environment mapping (Blinn 1978)



- Bump Mapping
 - Use textures to alter the surface normal
 - It does not change the actual shape of the surface
 - Just shaded as if it were a different shape







• Bump Mapping

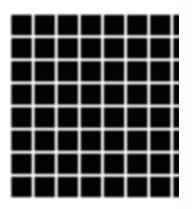
- Treat the texture as a single-valued height function
- Compute the normal from the partial derivatives in the texture





• Another Bump Mapping Example





Bump Map



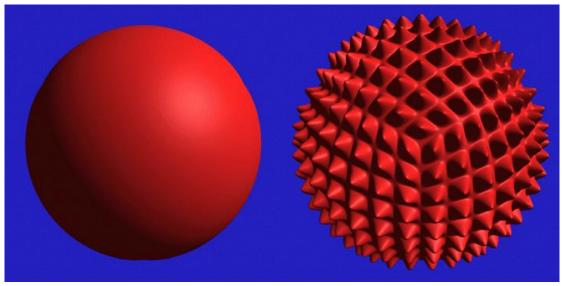


- Bump Mapping
 - However, bump mapping does not allow silhouette(侧面轮廓) effects
 - It does not allow self-occlusion or self-shadowing





- Displacement Mapping
 - Use the texture map to actually move the surface point
 - The geometry must be displaced before visibility is determined
 - Must be done as preprocess, not in hardware



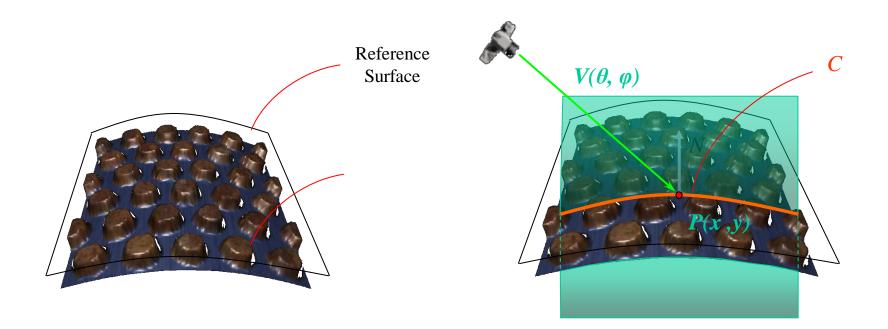


- View-Dependent Displacement Mapping (VDM), Siggraph 2003, Wang Xi
 - Good quality and rich visual effects
 - Render all major effects associated with surface mesostructure
 - Self-shadow, self-occlusion and silhouette of finescale geometry
 - Real-time rendering for height field, high frame rate
 - Pixel-based processing

Ideas of VDM



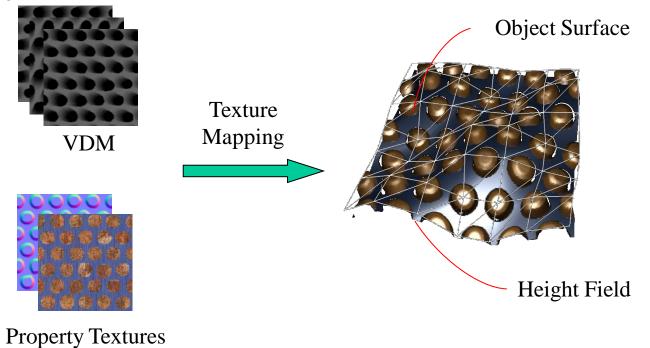
• 5D Function $d_{\text{VDM}}(x, y, \theta, \varphi, C)$



Ideas of VDM

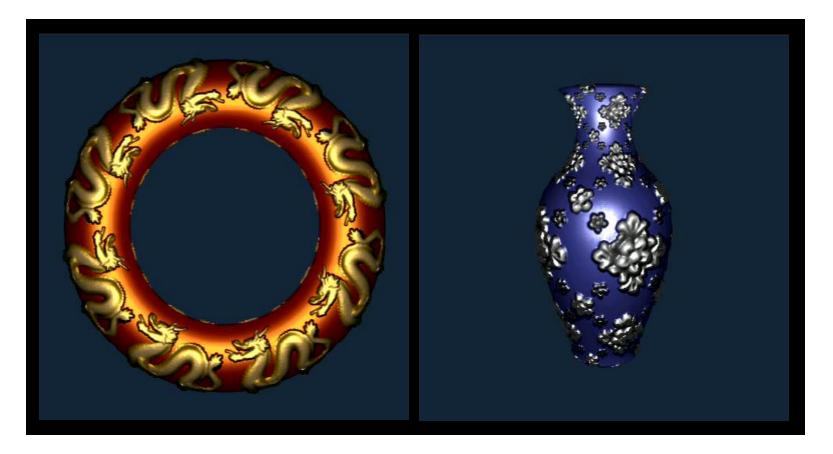


• Through texture mapping transfer VDM to object surface



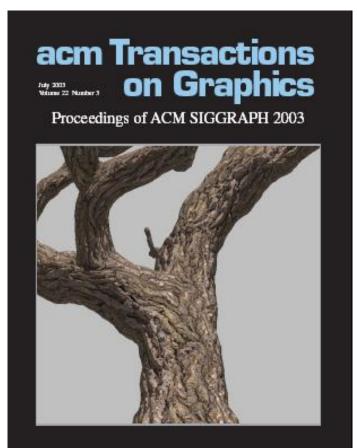


• View-Dependent Displacement Mapping





View-Dependent Displacement Mapping



Generalized Displacement Mapping (GDM)

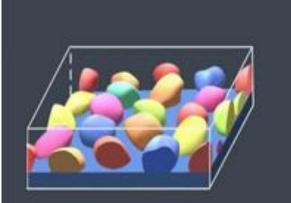
- Generalized Displacement Mapping (GDM)
 - Improve VDM method
 - Pure volume texture representation
 - Preserve all merits of VDM
 - Power of GDM
 - NO constrain of mesostructure
 - Open surface silhouette
 - Robust under texture or surface distortion

Xi Wang, Generalized Displacement Maps, *Eurographics* Symposium on Rendering, 2004

Ideas of GDM



• GDM Define

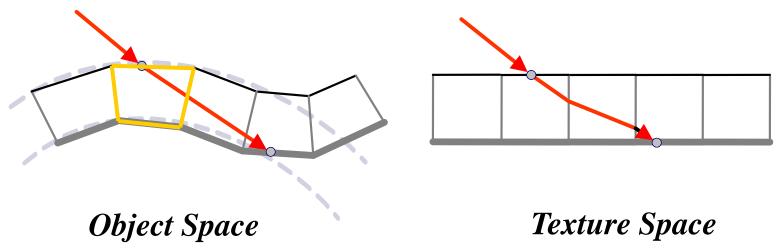


GDM (x, y, z, θ , ϕ)

Ideas of GDM

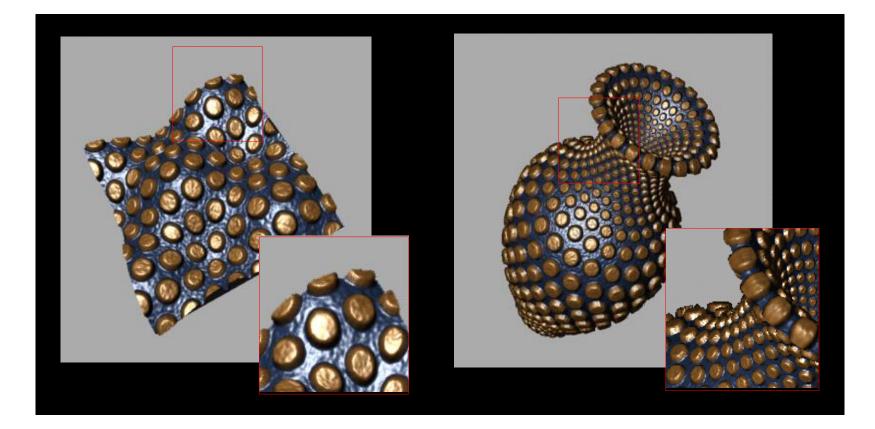


- Basic idea
 - Transfer object space to texture space to get texture information



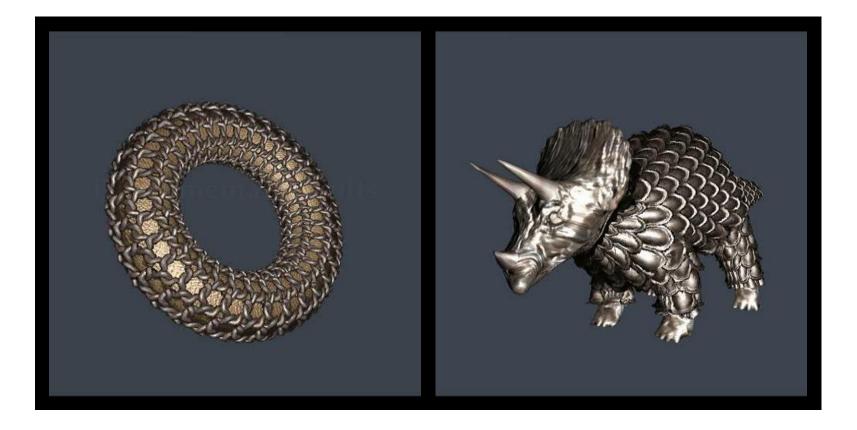
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