

Unity for movie production

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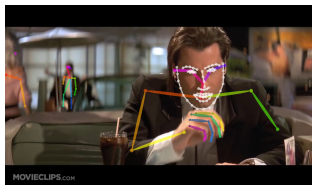


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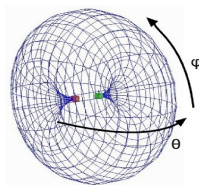
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Research interests:

- Real and Virtual cinematography



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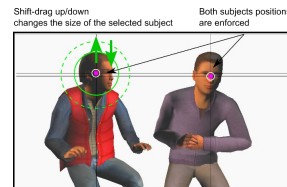


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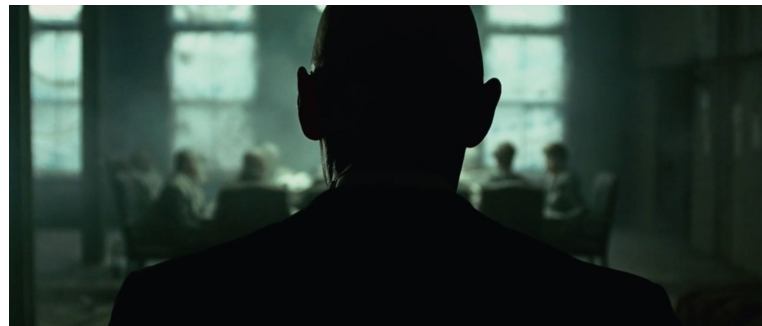
$$\forall t, \exists \mathbf{x} | f(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

Solve



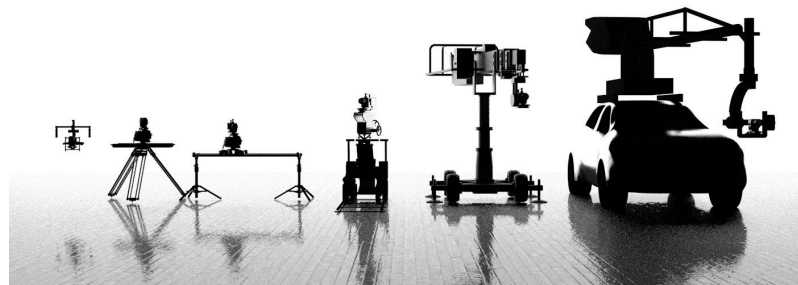
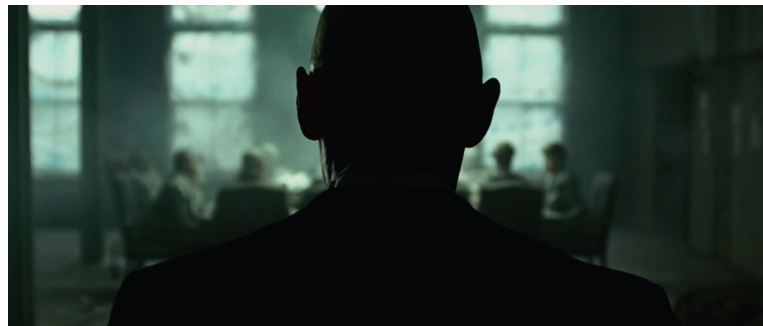
Interact

- *Easing the control* over virtual cinematography
- Applications to games, interactive narratives, movie pre-production



WHAT IS CINEMATOGRAPHY?

- Both a **Techniques** and an **Art** for storytelling, related to
 - How a shot is composed in the screen space
 - How a camera moves along time
 - How shots are edited together to create a sequence
- Cinematography also encompasses
 - How lights are positioned
 - How the decor is spatially arranged
 - How the staging is orchestrated (mise-en-scène)
- **Virtual Cinematography**
 - Transposition / Adaptation of existing techniques to virtual 3D environments



VIRTUAL CINEMATOGRAPHY / GAMES / STORYTELLING



Heavy Rain © Quantic Dream, 2010

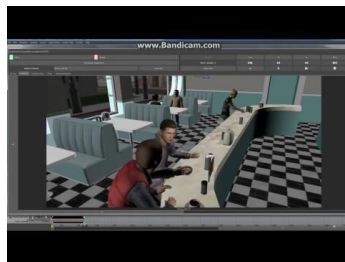
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The Witcher 3 © CD Projekt, 2016

MY RESEARCH TOPICS?

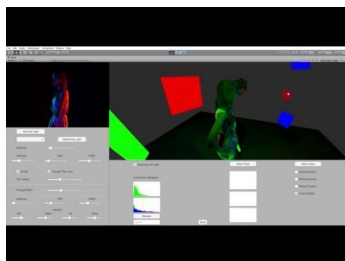
Interactive and automated cinematography



Analyzing film patterns



Interactive Lighting



Haptic cinematography



FILM PRODUCTION PIPELINE

Preproduction

Production

Postproduction

Previs

Techvis

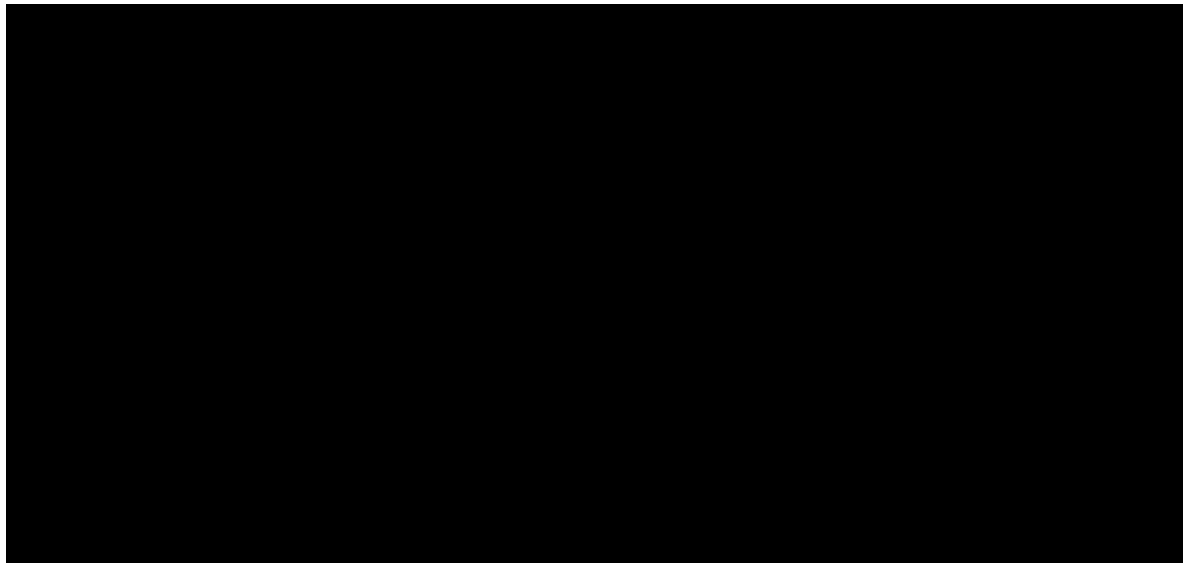
Onset previs

Postvis



PREVISUALISATION

- Rehearsing a movie in CG before shooting it



From Halon previsualization (USA)

USING GAME ENGINES IN FILM PRODUCTION PIPELINE



PREVISUALISATION



HD

USING UNITY3D AS A FILM PRODUCTION TOOL



Photogrammetry

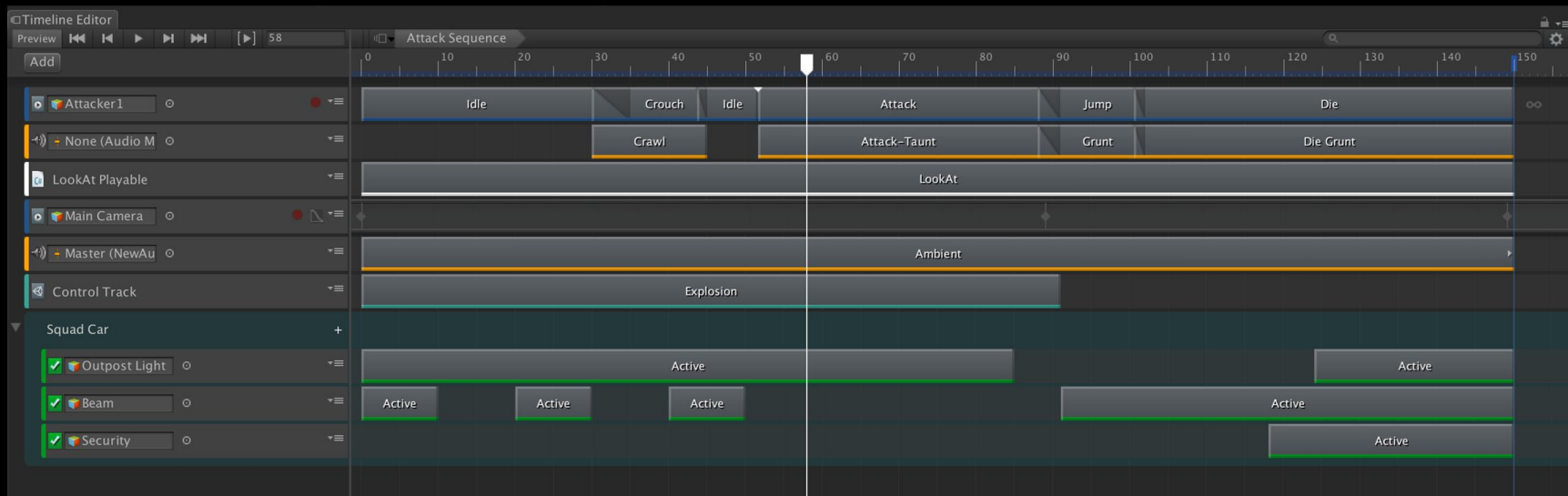


<https://blogs.unity3d.com/2018/03/12/photogrammetry-in-unity-making-real-world-objects-into-digital-assets/>

Photogrammetry



Sequencing



Cinemachine



Cinemachine
Automatically track characters and objects



<https://unity3d.com/learn/tutorials/topics/animation/using-cinemachine-getting-started>

(Available as package)

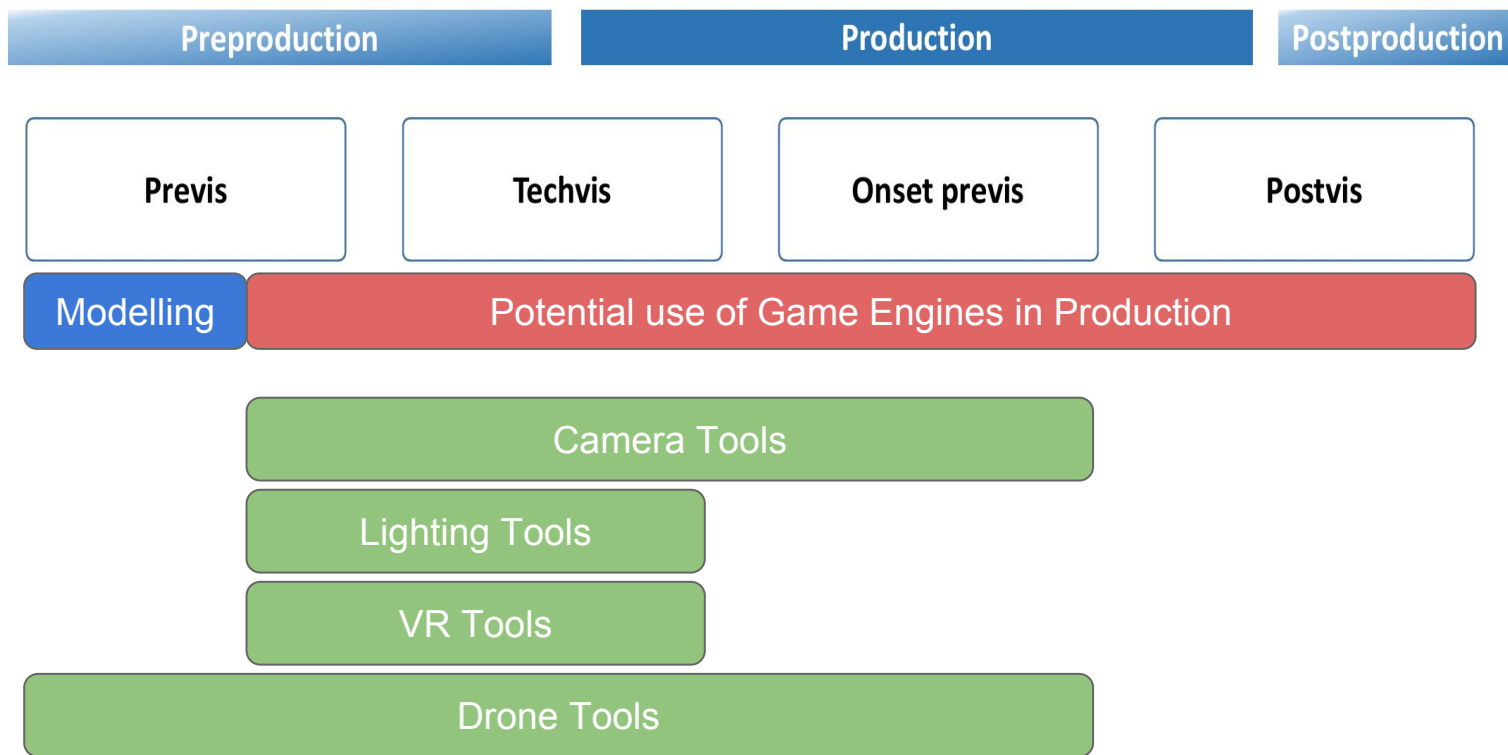
Performance capture



<https://blogs.unity3d.com/2018/01/16/arkit-remote-now-with-face-tracking/>

<https://blogs.unity3d.com/2018/08/13/facial-ar-remote-animating-with-ar/>

OUR TOOLS FOR VIRTUAL PRODUCTION



PART 1 - OUR CAMERA TOOLS

Limited controls on camera tools

- Existing modelling tools offer limited cinematographic control
 - Direct control of camera parameters**
(pos/orient/zoom/focus)
 - No motion primitives**
(dolly/pan/zoom)
 - No camera rigs** (crane/boom/...)
 - No automation** (target following)

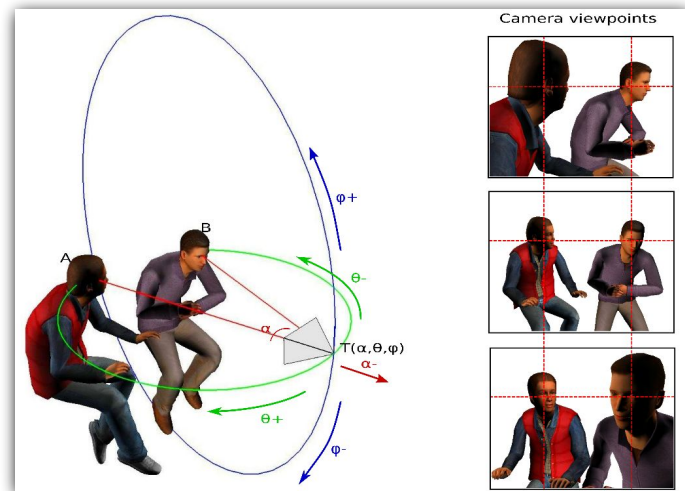


A cinematographic approach: Manifold Surface

- Introducing a novel 3DOF representation of a camera [LC15]
 - dedicated to viewpoint manipulation of two targets
- Three parameters to control the position:
 - α : angle between targets A and B
 - θ : horizontal angle
 - φ : vertical angle
 - the framing of the two targets is implicitly defined in the model

(Unity and C++ code available: ToricCam)

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/toric-cam/>



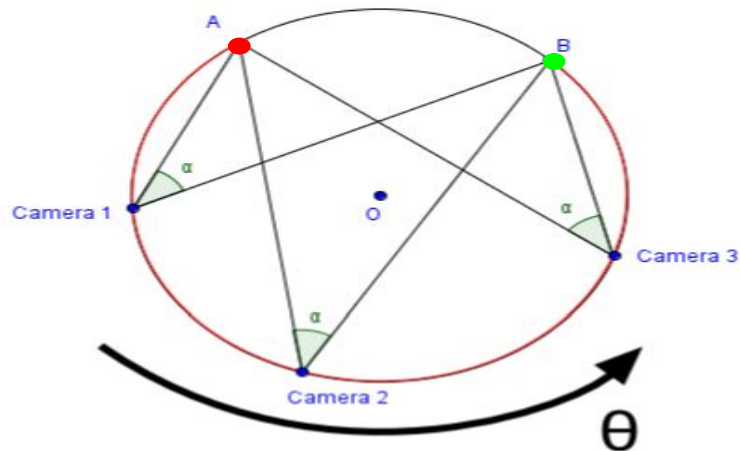
Composition: 2D intuition

Desired on-screen
Composition
(1D)



Camera: C
 $\alpha = (CB, CA)$

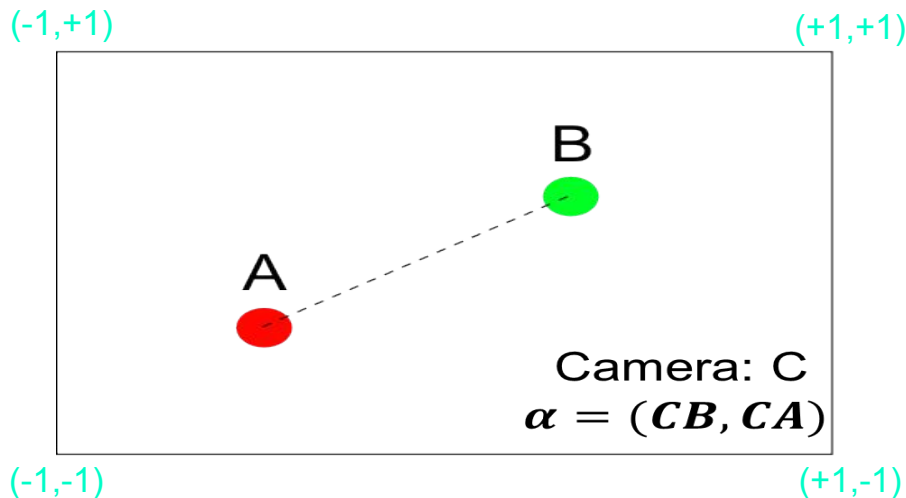
Solution = 1D parametric
manifold (θ)



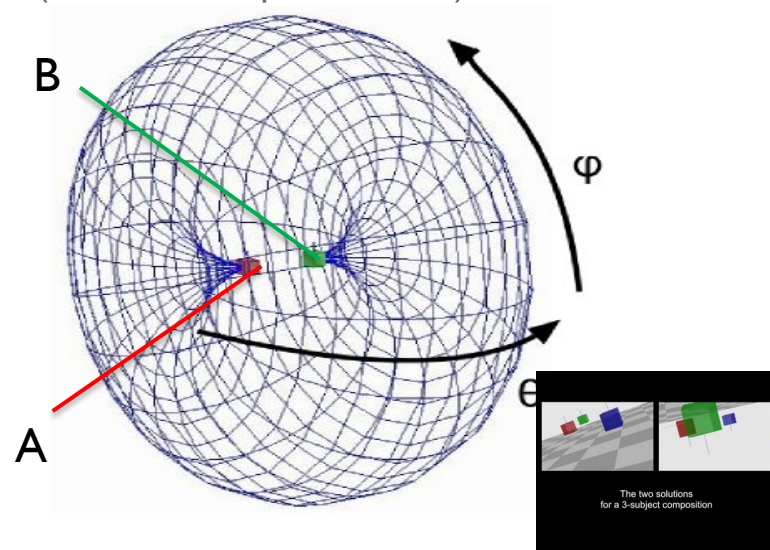
Any configuration $c(\theta)$ satisfies the 1D composition

Composition: 3D environment

Desired on-screen
Composition
(2D)



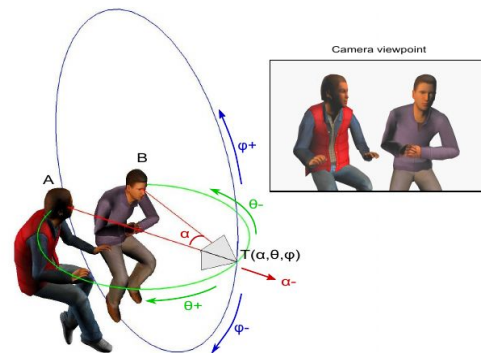
Solution = 2D manifold
surface (θ, ϕ)
(subset of a spindle torus)



Any configuration $c(\theta, \phi)$ satisfies the 2D composition

Extension: 3D Toric space

- More evolved problems:
⇒ relax the positioning constraint
- Generalized model of camera:
 - **3-parametric space** $(\alpha, \theta, \varphi)$
- Defines the **range of all possible manifolds** around two targets



(Algebraically) casts 7D camera problems to 3D

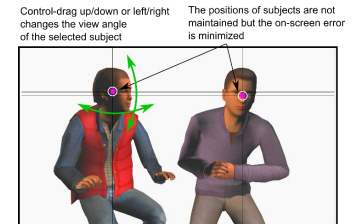
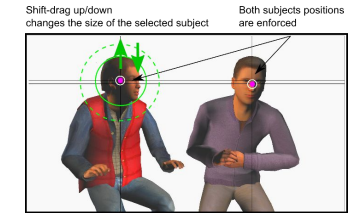
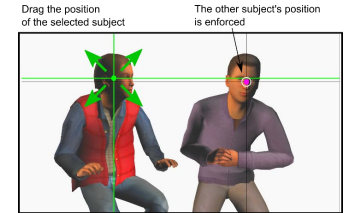
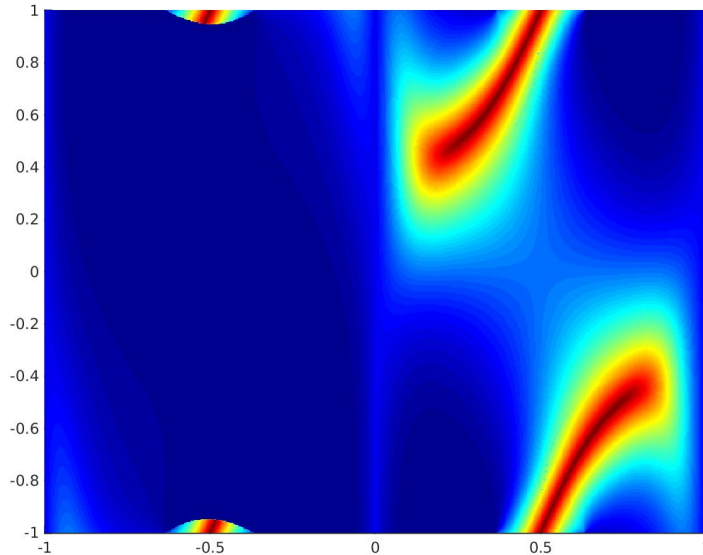
Manipulations in the Toric Space



Manipulations in the Toric Space

Principle:

- *Manipulation*
 - while the
 - and roll is
- *Interaction*
 - change of angles
 - example
 - we search for a position on the manifold surface where roll is null and minimizes the change in on-screen position

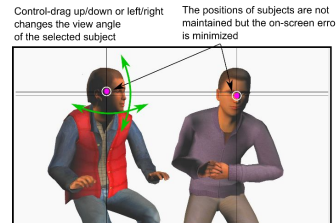
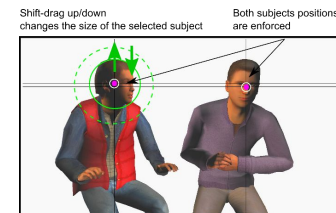
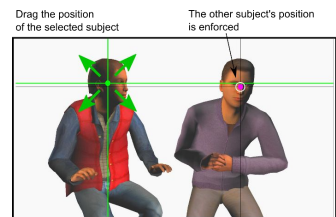
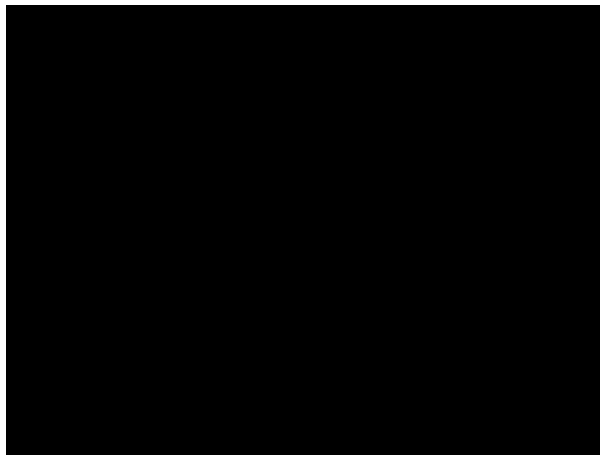


$$\min_{(\theta, \varphi)} (p_A - p'_A)^2 + (p_B - p'_B)^2$$

Manipulations in the Toric Space

Can we generalize to more targets?

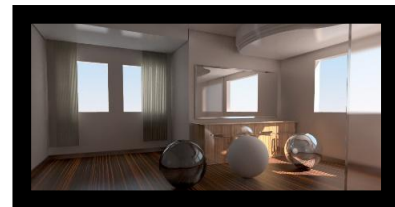
- *3 targets is the well known P3P problem, for which there are only 4 solutions (most with a roll different than 0)*
- *4 and more is an over-constrained problem*



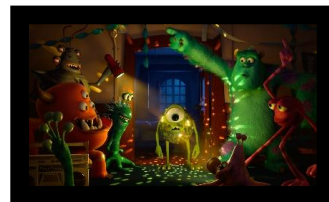
PART 2 - OUR LIGHTING TOOLS

Motivations

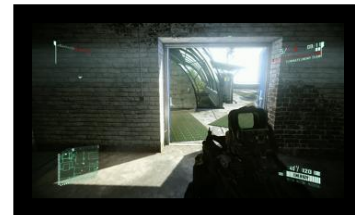
- Lighting in 3D scenes is essential
 - Photography, Cinematography, Games
 - Sets the mood of the scene
 - Helps conveying emotions



- Towards real-time realistic lighting
 - Lots of research dedicated to accurately reproduce lighting
 - Realtime area lights



- Raised the need for smarter and faster lighting tools
 - Rely on common lighting methods

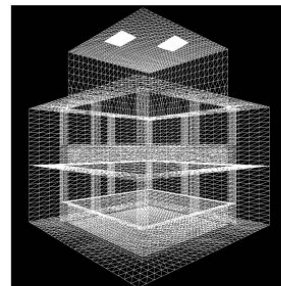


Problems • •

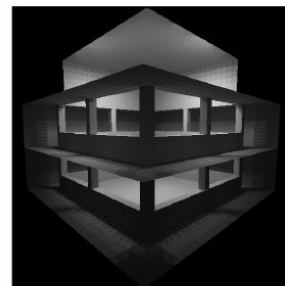
- Standard control of the lighting remains tedious
 - Each light and each parameter are controlled separately
 - Requires advanced skills and expertise
- Advanced techniques are computationally expensive or limited to point-lights
 - Mostly not realtime
 - Not based on existing studio lighting models



- The famous “inverse lighting design” problem
 - Given a desired lighting (image, painting, or overlays)
 - Compute light parameters to match desired lighting
- Using optimization+rendering cycles [Kawai93]
 - render > measure > change parameters
 - optimize light positions and directions
 - using a hierarchical radiosity solver
- The approach has inspired many, but remains expensive



(a) Two emitters in the ceiling.

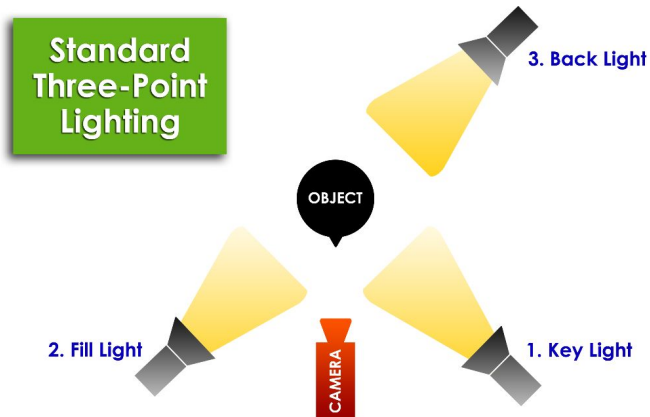


(b) Reflected radiosity in patio.

➤ 3 Point lighting : a well-known lighting principle

- Key light : main light source
- Fill light : removes remaining shadows
- Back light : detour the subject

=> *There are implicit relations between these lights*



➤ Light sources

- Real-time rectangular area lights oriented towards the subject

Stages:

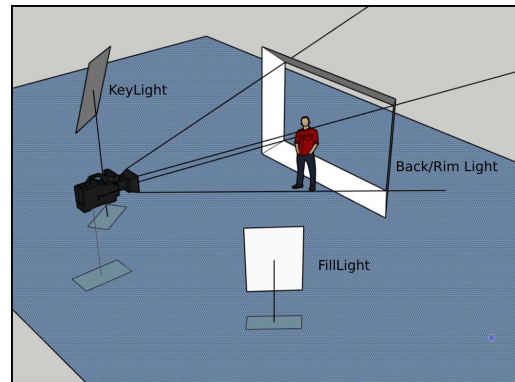
1 - The user controls the **key-light**

2 - We automatically place **fill-lights** wrt. target

- Potentially multiple lights designed to brighten dark areas

2 - We automatically place the **back-lights**

- Stays attached to the camera frustum
- Rig placed behind the actor

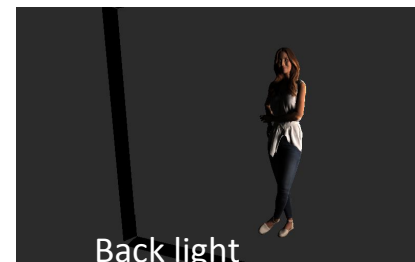
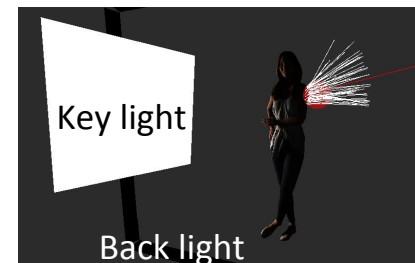
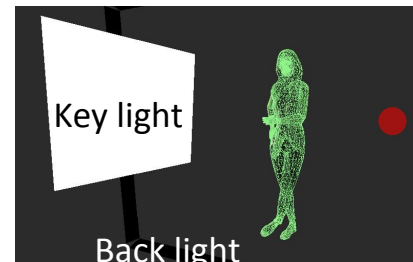


Light type	Manipulation steps
key-light	$d, \theta, \varphi, a, s, \lambda, f, c$
fill-light	λ, c
rim-light	c
all rim-lights	d, σ, λ

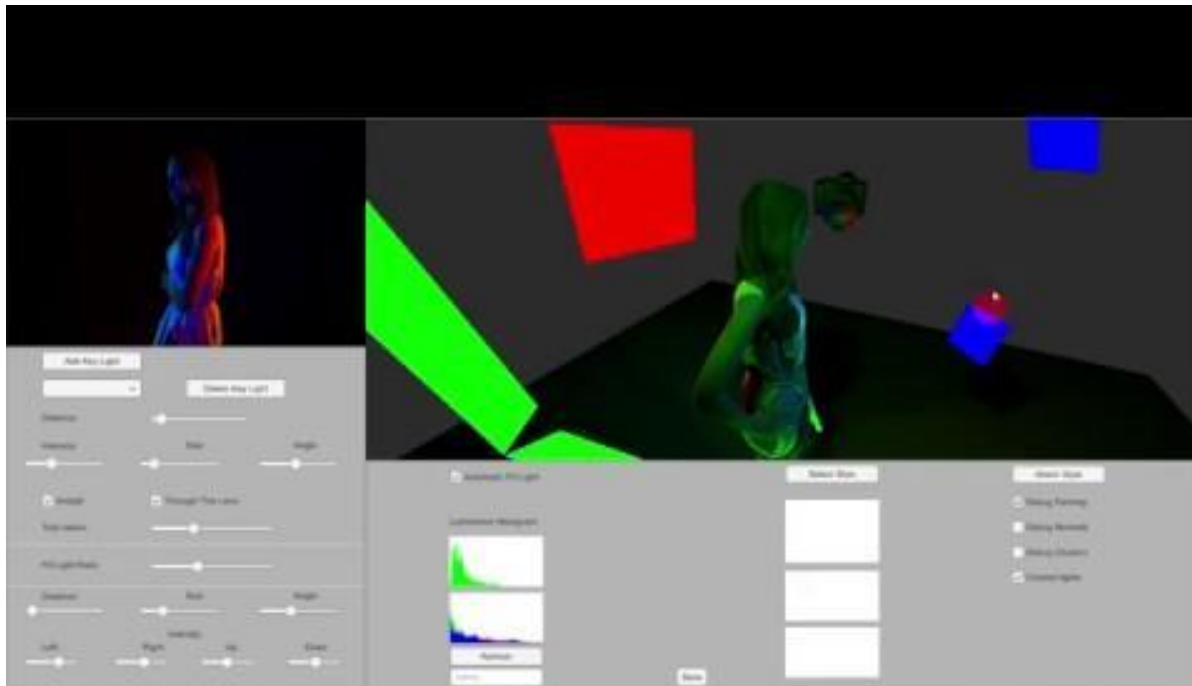
Controlling the key-light

➤ An extended arc-ball controller on the surface

- Process the geometry of the mesh
- Extract the normals of the highlighted vertices
- Average and compute the position of the desired key-light



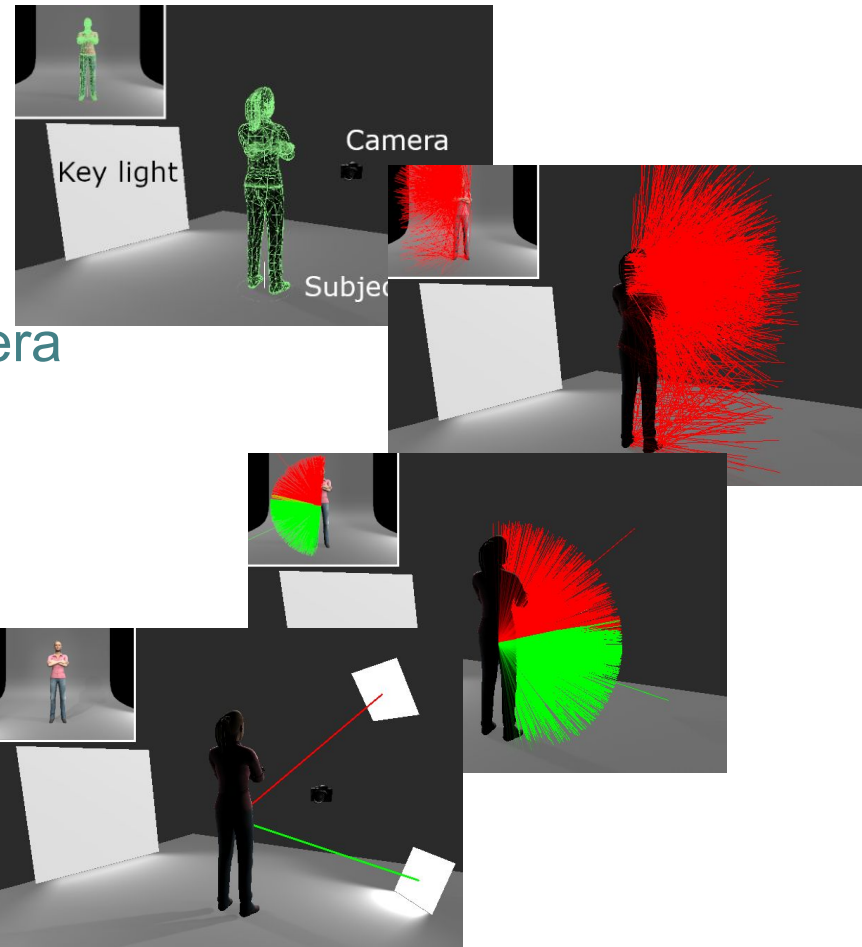
Video • •



The direction of the key light is computed by averaging the normals of all the vertices selected by the user

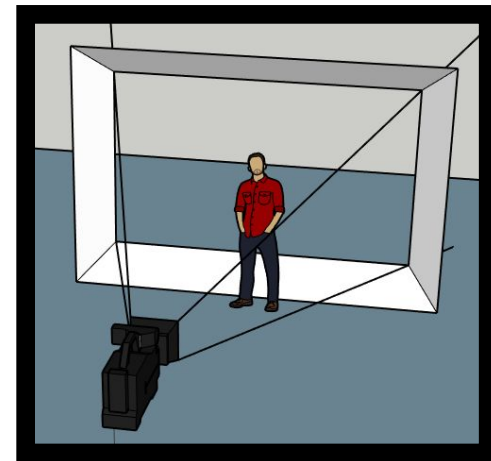
Placing fill lights ● ● ● ●

- Mesh processing
- Normals extraction from
 - Unlit vertices and
 - Vertices visible from the camera
- Clustering of the normals
 - GPU K-mean algorithm
 - K is determined by studying distribution of normals
- Placement of K fill-lights along averaged normals



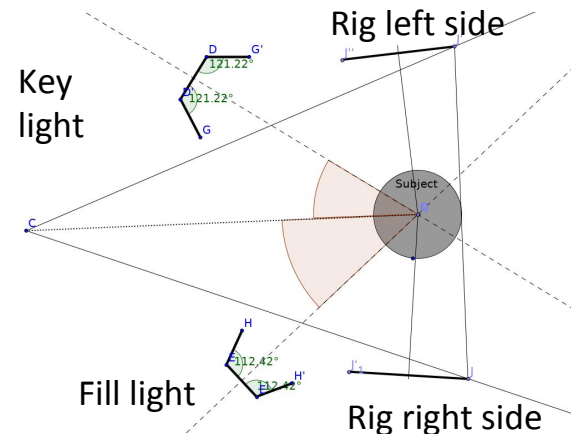
➤ Back lights needs to Follow some constraints

- Cannot be visible from camera
- Remains oriented towards the actor
- Stays behind the subject

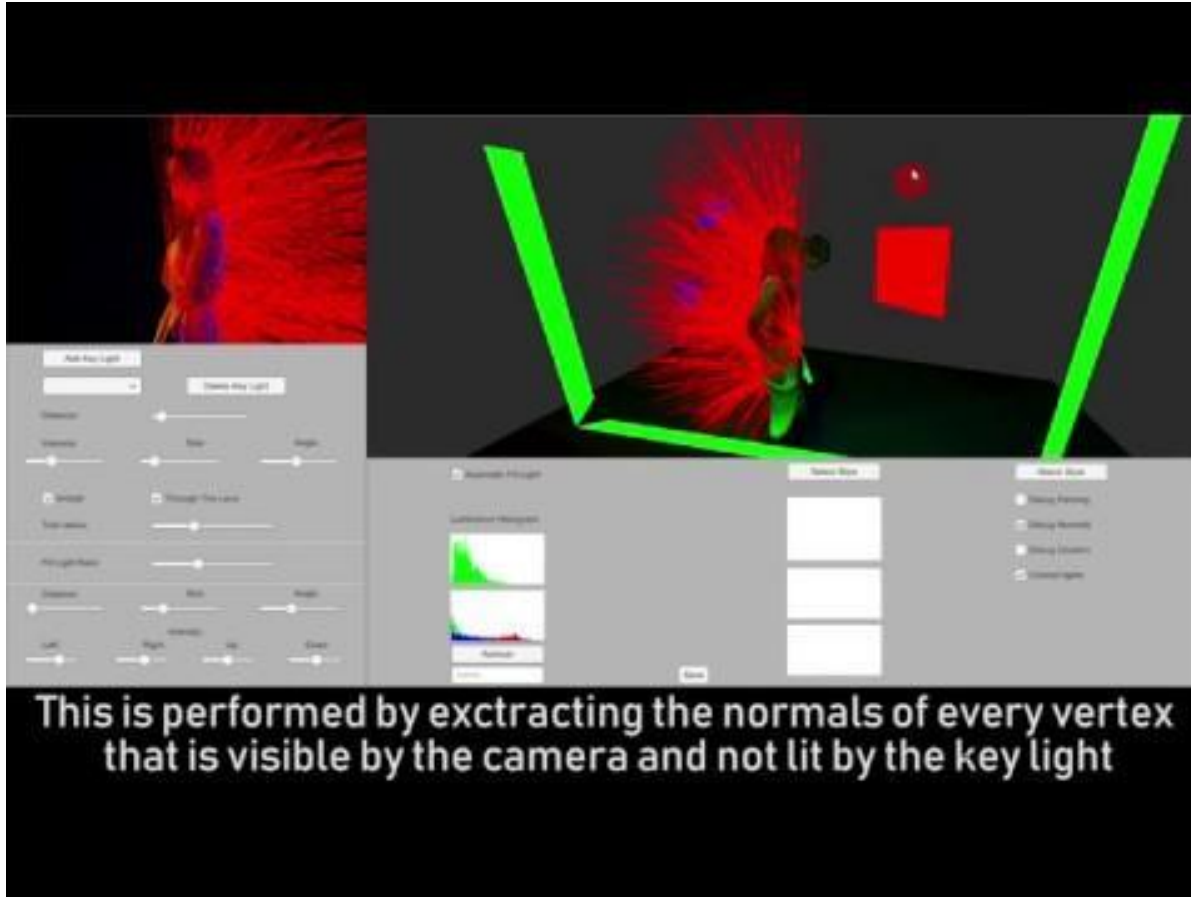


➤ We designed a rim light rig

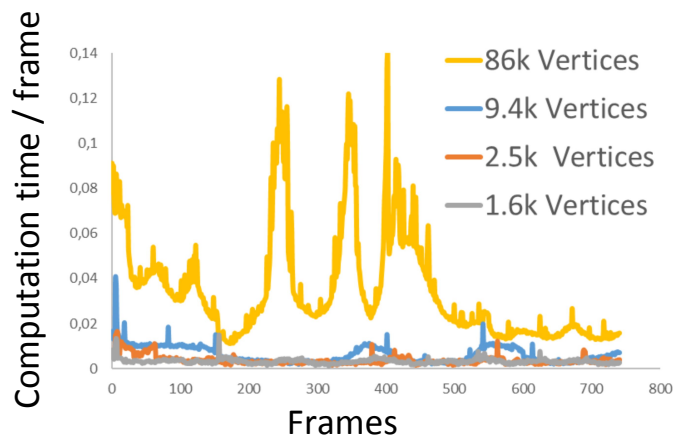
- Composed of 4 area lights
- Each individually controlled in terms of intensity
- Slides along the camera frustum



Video ● ● ● ●



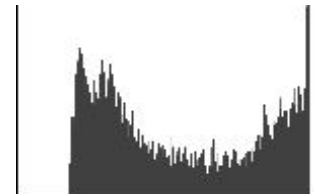
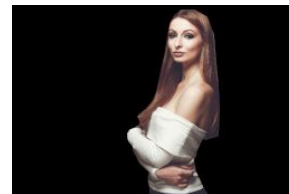
- Fill-light placement method tested on a variety of 3d models with different resolutions
- The technique remains real-time
- Average of 30 fps for the highest mesh resolution



The optimization ● ● ● ● ●

➤ How to characterize an image? By histogram of luminance

- Agnostic of any geometric information
- Histogram computed on detoured images



➤ Parameters for each light source

- flux, size, opening angle, distance, span

Light type	Optimization steps
key-light	f, s, λ
fill-light	f, s, λ
rim-light	f
all rim-lights	d, σ, λ

➤ Optimizing

- Objective function: optimizing the mutual information (distance between the histograms)
- Use of Particle Swarm Optimization (rather robust to local minima)
- Warm starting points

Gradient histogram • • • • •

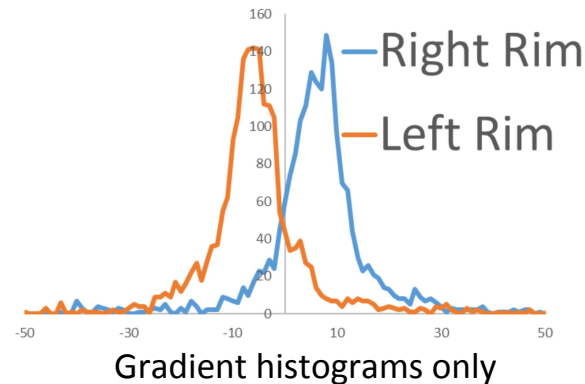
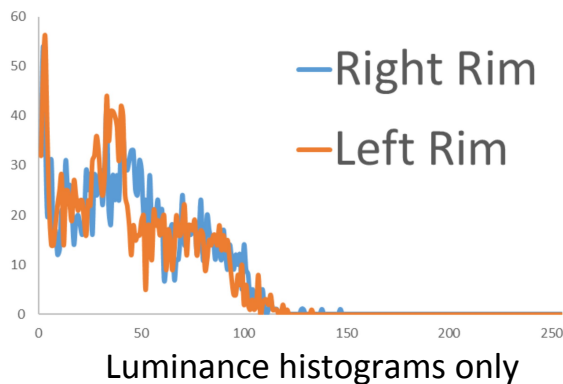
- Luminance histogram not sufficient
 - We need to account for light direction
- Compute the gradients of the image
- Measure distance between histograms of gradients as well as luminance
- Extracts the main direction of the light



Left Rim



Right Rim

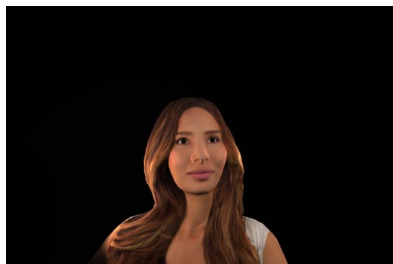


Convergence • • • • •

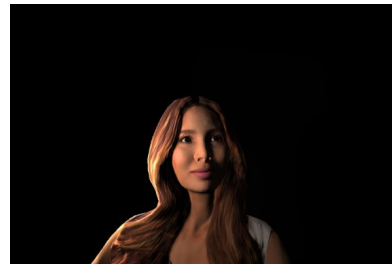
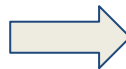
- The method converges quickly
- The final histograms matches the reference histograms
- The light direction is properly reproduced



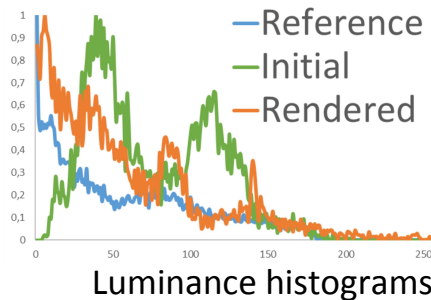
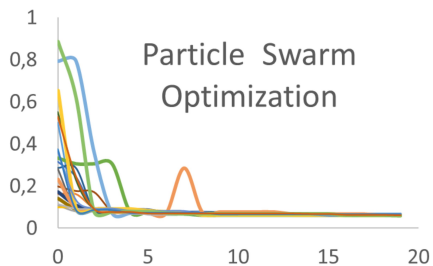
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Initial Image

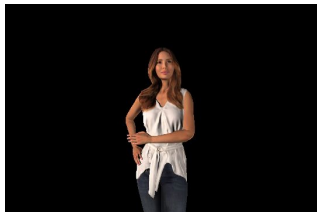
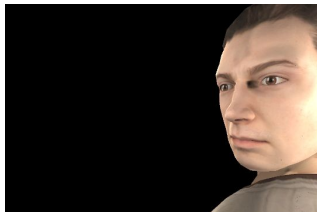
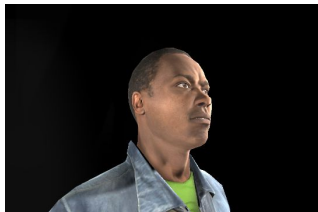


Result



Additional results • • • •

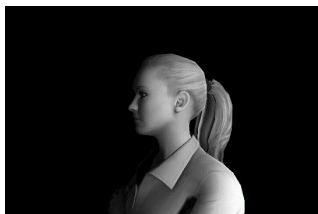
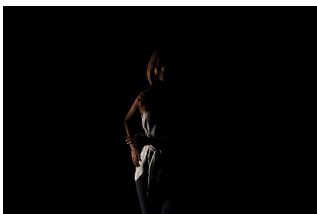
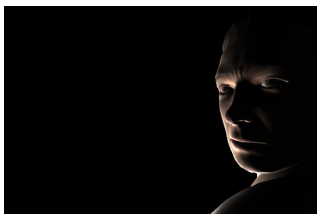
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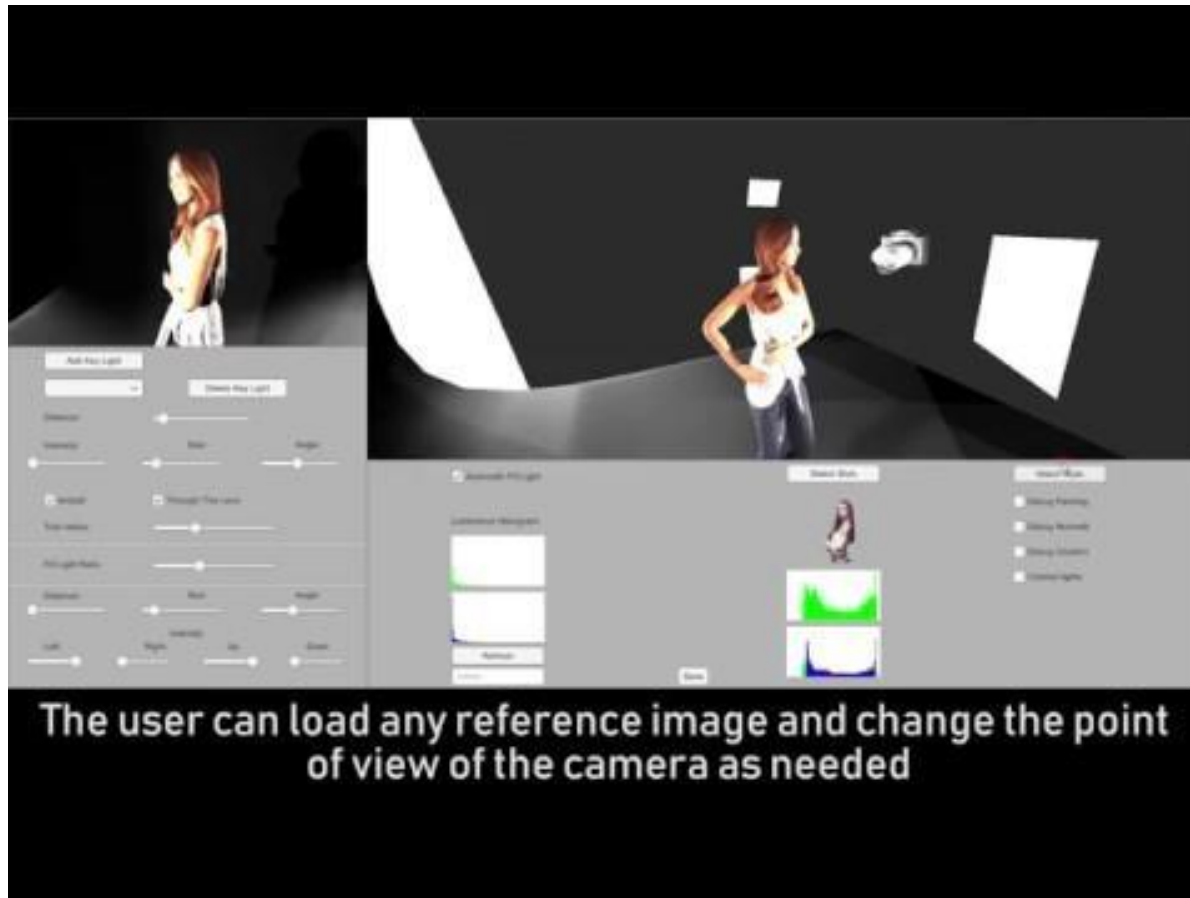
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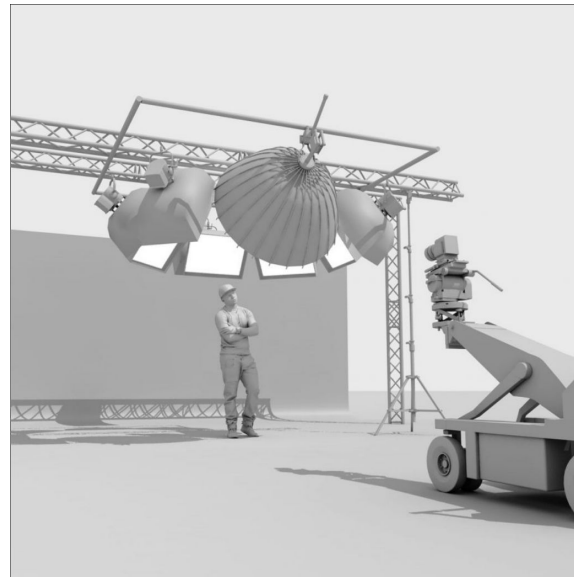


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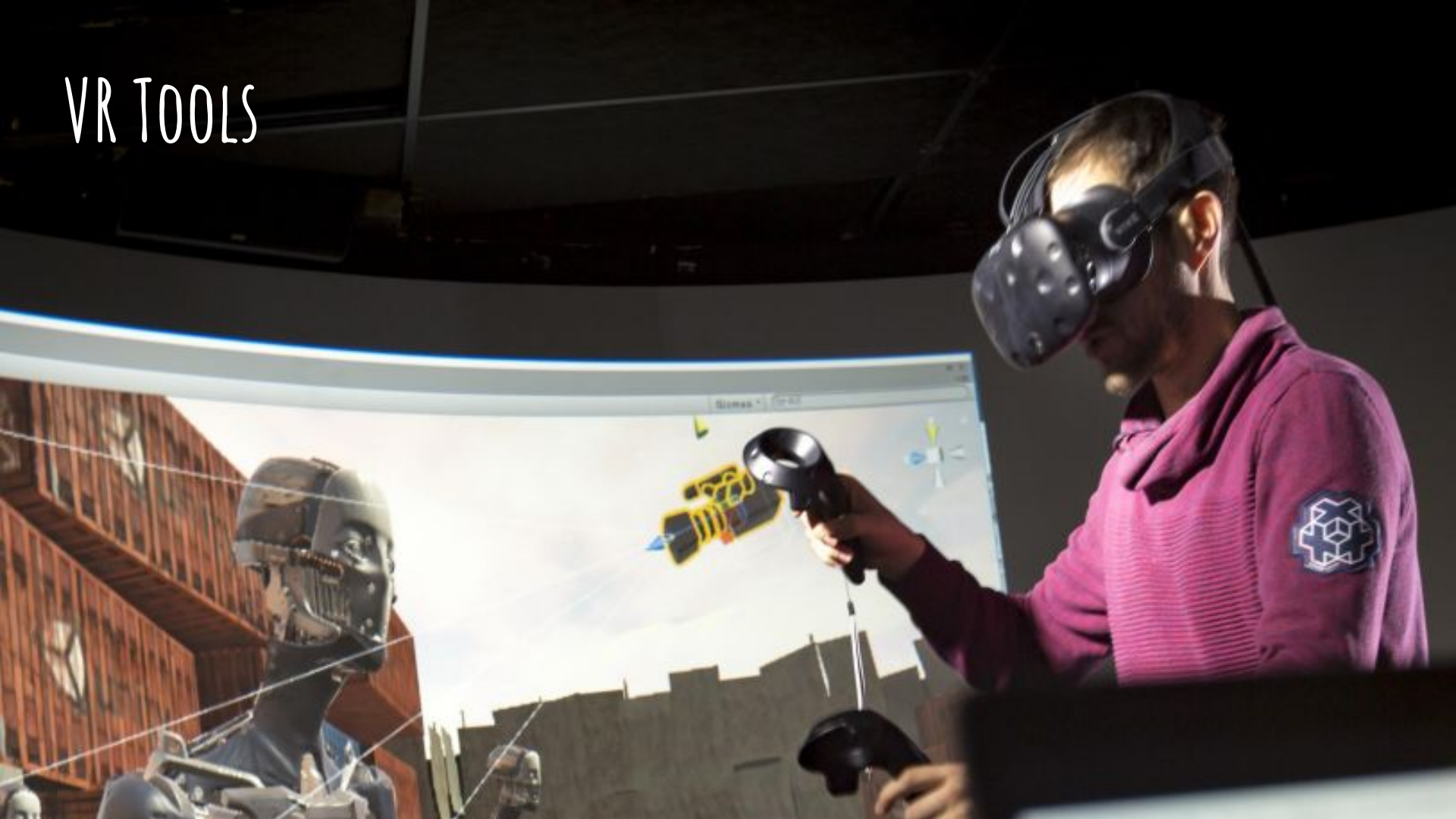
Perspectives

- Work on lighting the background
- Optimize for real lighting equipment
- Look into various applications
 - Fast lighting setup for previs
 - Application to AR (i.e. reproduce the real lighting)



PART 3 - OUR VR TOOLS

VR TOOLS



Puppet Master



Adding complementary cameras

In the cut



Acting out



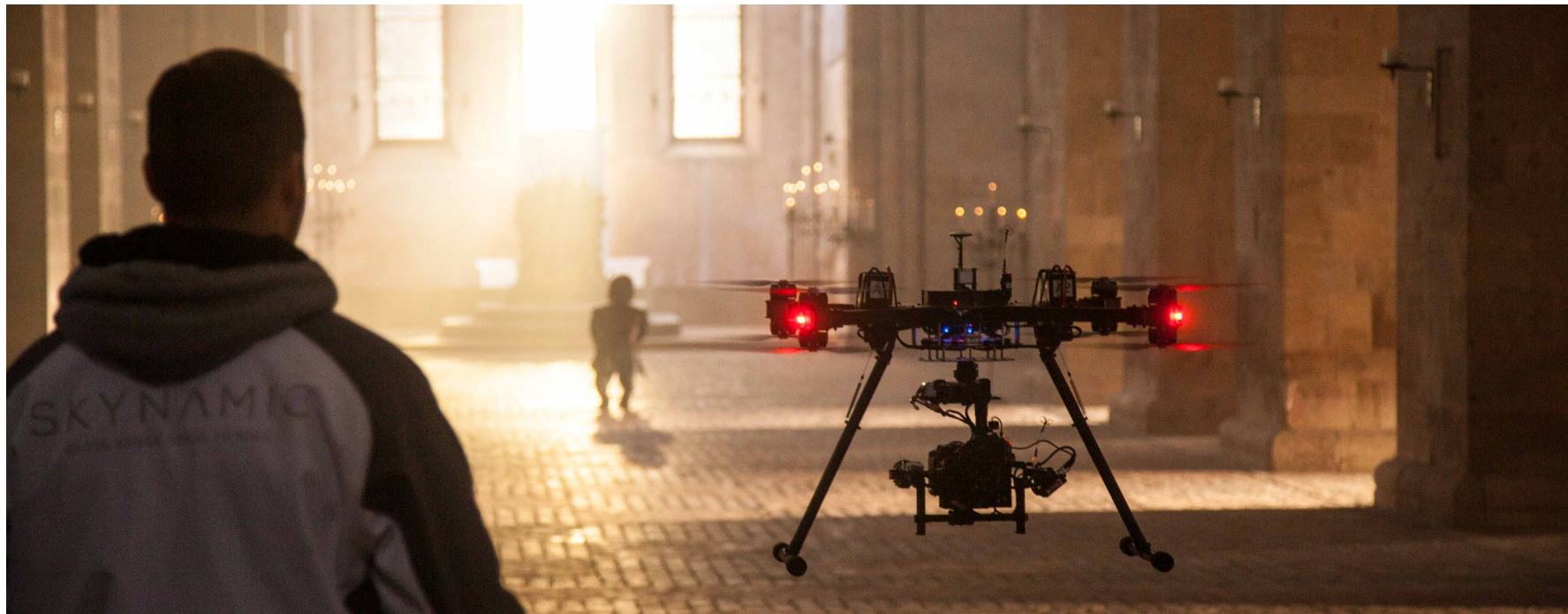
Adding complementary cameras

Just Shoot Me!

The Railway Man

PART 4 - OUR DRONE TOOLS

DRONE CINEMATOGRAPHY



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A wide-spread technique in the past 10 years (drone film festivals)



See “The circle” movie (DJI) entirely shot by a drone. Cheap technology gives aspiring producers ability to match hollywood (see [this drone](#))

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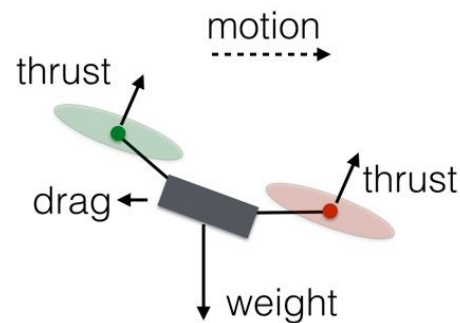
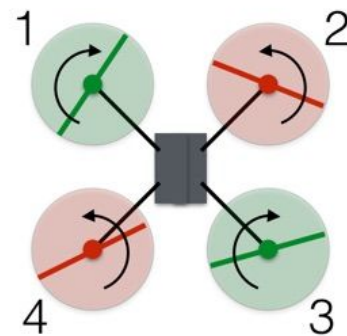
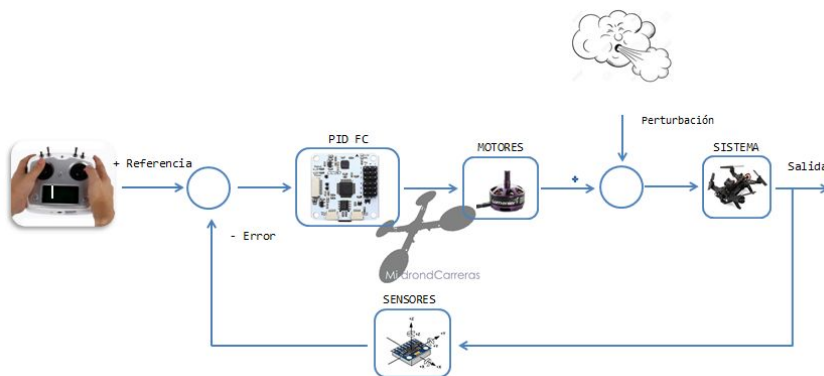


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WHAT IS A DRONE, HOW DO YOU CONTROL IT?

Drone = autonomous control

- Four engine speeds to regulate
- A PID controller uses the difference between a current configuration and a desired configuration to compute four speed signals



A CHALLENGING TASK

No Film grammar for drones (yet) - see multidrone.eu

Generally two persons required :

- one to control drone's motion
- one to control drone's orientation (framing)

Requires skilled operators

=> very hard to synchronize with objects in motion

=> timing is essential



HOW SMART ARE COMMERCIAL DRONES TODAY?

- Follow-me technologies to frame a target
 - Using the GPS position of a target
 - Or uses image-based visual tracking
- Control by gestures
 - Image-based analysis (take off, approach, left, right, up)



Can we make them even smarter?

- Can they decide on optimal view angles?
- Can they compute qualitative motions?
- Can they understand cinematographic language?



SMARTER DRONE CINEMATOGRAPHY

Research challenges:

- *Formalize* film knowledge for drones
- Plan paths of *cinematographic quality* at a low computational cost
- *Ensuring safety* at all times



AUTOMATED CINEMATOGRAPHIC DRONES

Drone Videography for flybys [SIG-18]

Motivations:

- Generate an aesthetic flyby of given buildings



Issues:

- Complex tasks for novice users
- Requires multiple trials
- Generated videos are often not qualitative

Drone Videography for flybys [SIG-18]

Motivations:

- An aesthetic flyby of given buildings and their environments

User tasks:

- Choose the camera angles, choose the camera motions around buildings, choose the transitions between buildings?
- Create smooth (cinematographic) trajectories
- Ensure safety (eg. when drone is hidden by a building)

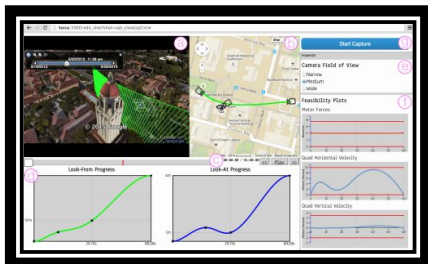
Issues:

- Complex tasks for novice users
- Requires multiple trials
- Generated videos are often not qualitative (for novice users)



Existing work

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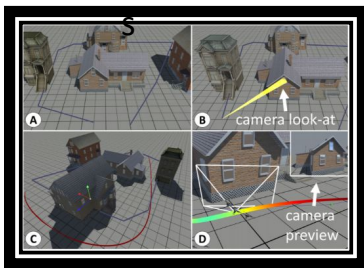


[Joubert et al., 2015]

- Intuitive Interface
- C4 trajectories
- Simulation

- Offline
- Dedicated to outdoor environments

Airway



[Gebhardt et al., 2016]

- Intuitive Interface
- C4 trajectories
- Obstacle Avoidance

- Offline
- Dedicated to static scenes

Drone Videography for flybys

Automating this process is computationally complex:

- How to choose the best viewpoints among an infinity of possibilities? What is a “best viewpoint”?
- How to generate best trajectories? What is a “best trajectory”?
- How to plan a complex sequence of trajectories?

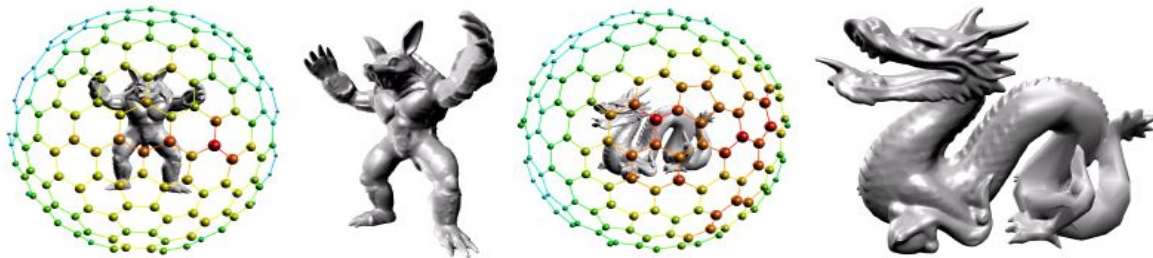
Our approach [SIGGRAPH 2018]

1. Provide a quality metric for views of buildings (called landmarks)
2. Generate qualitative **camera moves** around landmarks
3. Connect the different camera moves

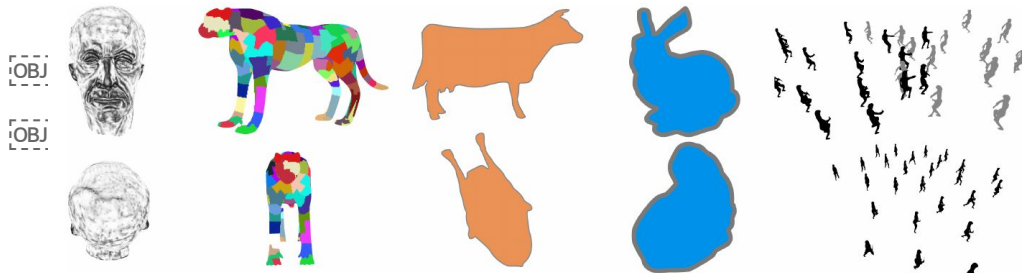
Viewpoint quality

Viewpoint entropy [Vasquez'01]

- Defines how much information a viewpoint conveys

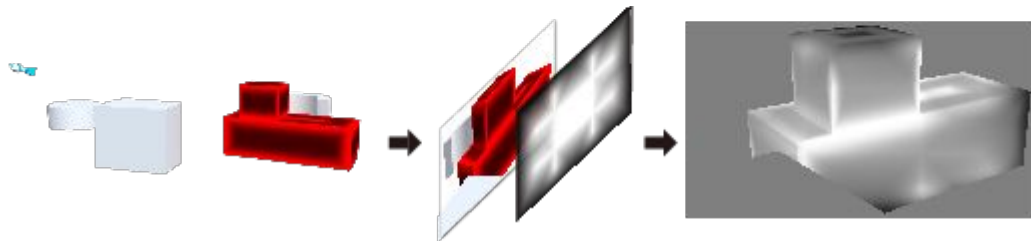
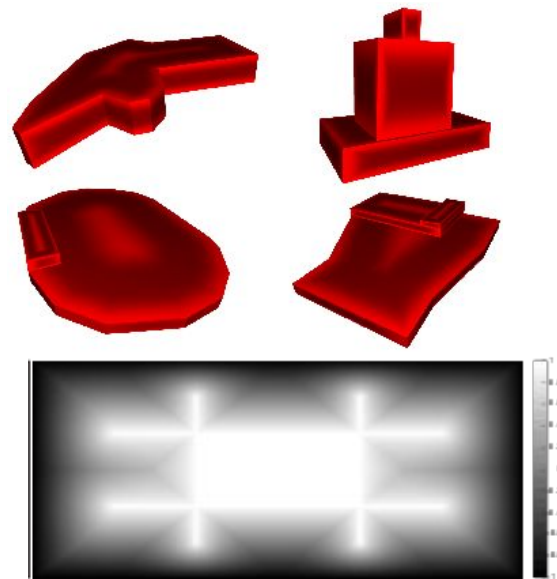


- Different criteria (mean curvature, visibility, alignment, silhouette complexity, visual dispersion)



Viewpoint quality

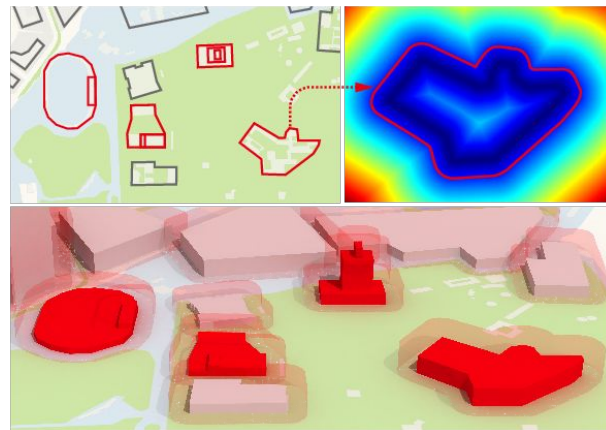
1. Compute saliency of buildings:
 - Edges provide information on the shape
 - Centers of areas
2. Compute a “line of thirds” overlay
 - Regions in the center are preferred
 - Regions along the $\frac{1}{3}$ axes are preferred
3. Compute both information
 - Results in a viewpoint quality (sum of information)



Ensuring safety

Expand 3D buildings with a safety area

- using a surface Minkowski sum (sphere)



Composing Viewpoint quality

- creates a scalar field through the scene



Creating camera moves (1)

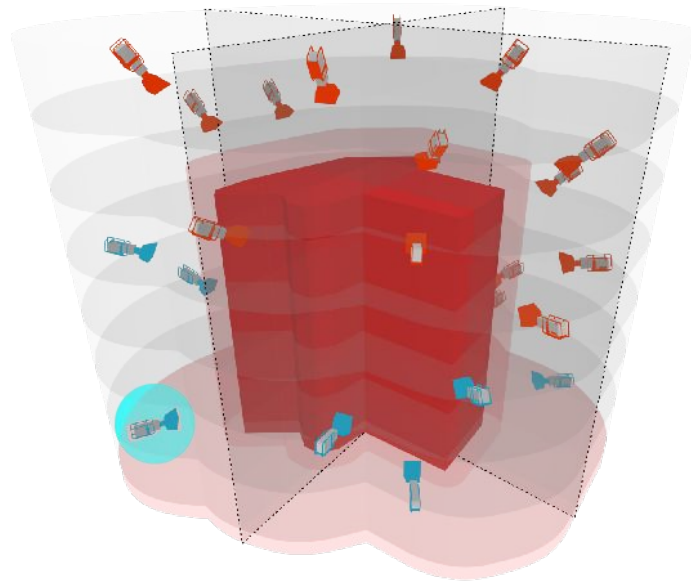
How to create *interesting moves* around a building?

- Should have a minimum change in height or in angle
- Should connect good viewpoints

We propose spatial partitions around each building

- Horizontal partitions (max 7 layers)
- Vertical partitions (4 partitions)

The best viewpoint is computed in each partition



Creating camera moves (2)

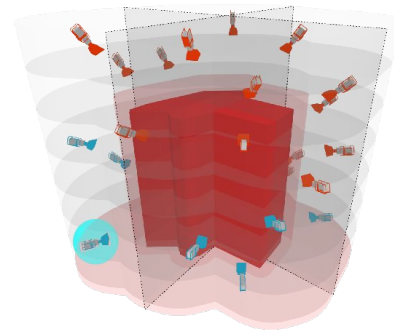
A subset of all possible moves is created

- Only create moves across a minimum of 4 partitions (horizontally + vertically)

Each trajectory is evaluated (192 possibilities)

- Quality of the viewpoints along the move

A selection of the n best moves is performed



Chaining camera moves

Scene is composed of m landmarks

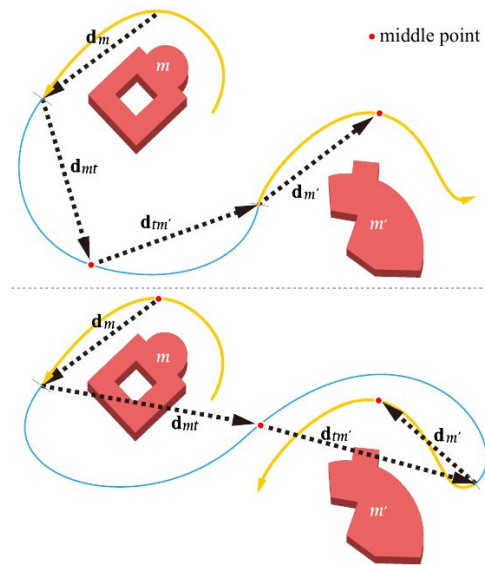
For each landmark: n best moves

How to compute an optimal trajectory?

- Generate all transitions between possible moves
- Evaluate the quality of each transition
 - Length, curvature, change of directions

Now each move has a quality (cost), each transition has a quality (cost), we search for the shorted path through landmarks

=> looks like a Travel Salesman Problem



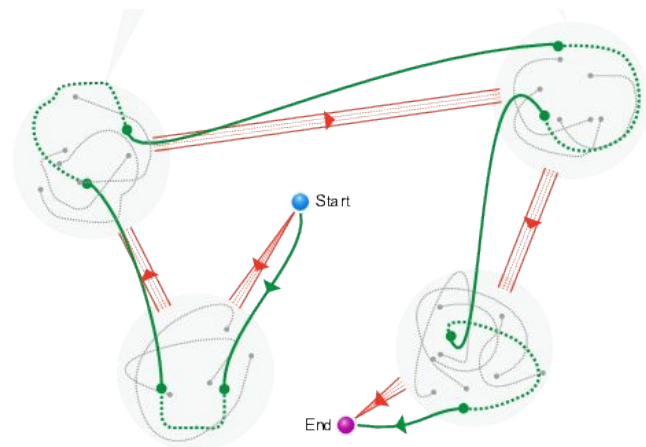
Solving: Set-TSP

A specific case of the TSP:

- we only need to visit ONE move per landmark
- corresponds precisely the Set TSP (or one-of-a-set TSP) [Noon93]

Table 1. Test scene statistics: number of landmarks ($\#m$), the total time for computing view quality fields, local trajectory construction time, global optimization time, and distance of the global optimal trajectory in meters.

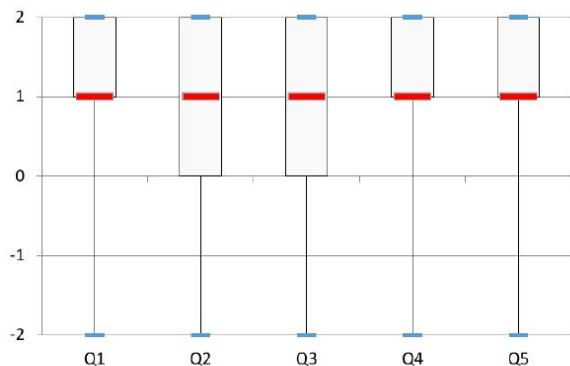
Figure	$\#m$	Time_f	Time_l	Time_g	Distance
Fig. 1	3	5m	15s	10s	2475
Fig. 2	4	7m	37s	15s	2179
Fig. 12	3	5m	18s	15s	3190
Fig. 13	4	10m	41s	38s	3806
Fig. 14	5	8m	50s	31s	2998



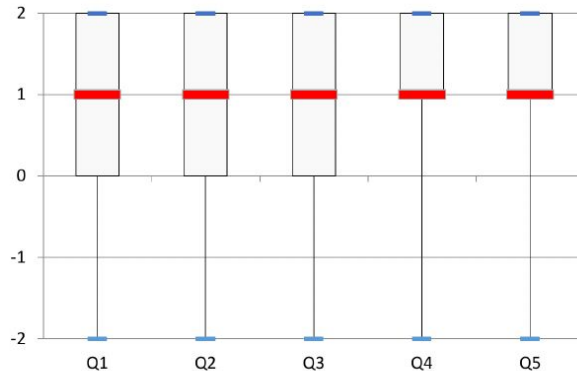
User evaluations

Compared three videos. Given the same landmarks:

- Auto: using our automated approach
- Manual: manually flying the drone to shoot the landmarks
- DGS: use DJI GS Pro software on iPad to design a drone path, and run it



(a) Auto vs. Manual



(b) Auto vs. DGS

Q1; more pleasing video
Q2; clearer overviews of landmarks
Q3; follows a more reasonable route
Q4; provide better transitions
Q5; create smoother trajectories

Results



The computed trajectories are sampled and sent as a sequence of GPS waypoints to the drone (DJI Phantom 3 Pro)

REACTIVE CINEMATOGRAPHIC DRONES

Joint work with

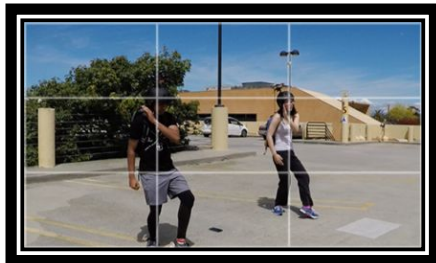


Motivations

- Have drones that can frame and “understand cinematographic language”
 - On angles: Over The Shoulder shot, Apex shot,
 - On sizes: Medium shot size
 - On framing: placement of targets on the screen
- Have drones that maintain cinematographic properties
 - Adapt to changes in the scene (actors locations and orientations)
 - Ensure cinematographic quality in camera motions

Existing work

Shot design

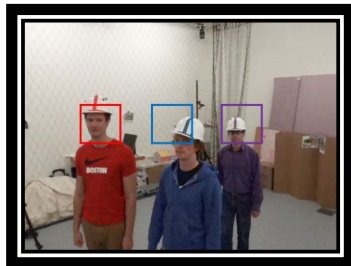


[Joubert et al., 2016]

- Based on the Toric Space
- Maintain a given framing

- No obstacle avoidance
- No visibility checking
- Limited motion of actors

Framing based control



[Nageli et al., 2016]

- Realtime
- Obstacle Avoidance
- Frame more than 2 actors

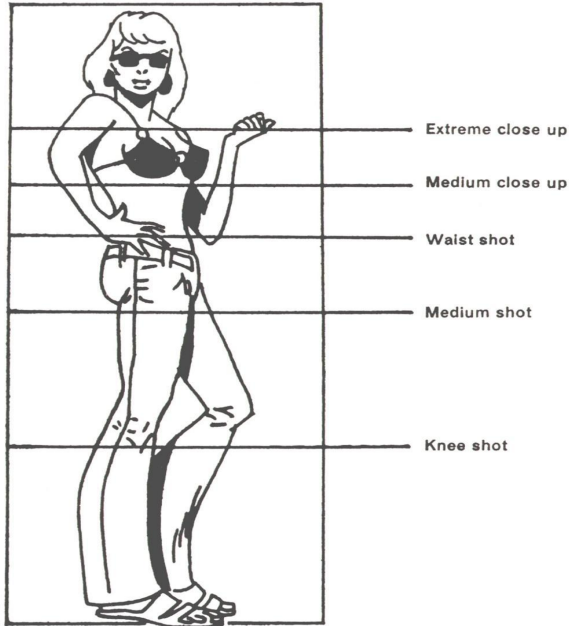
- Limited interactions
- Non-cinematographic paths

HOW TO FRAME WITH A DRONE?

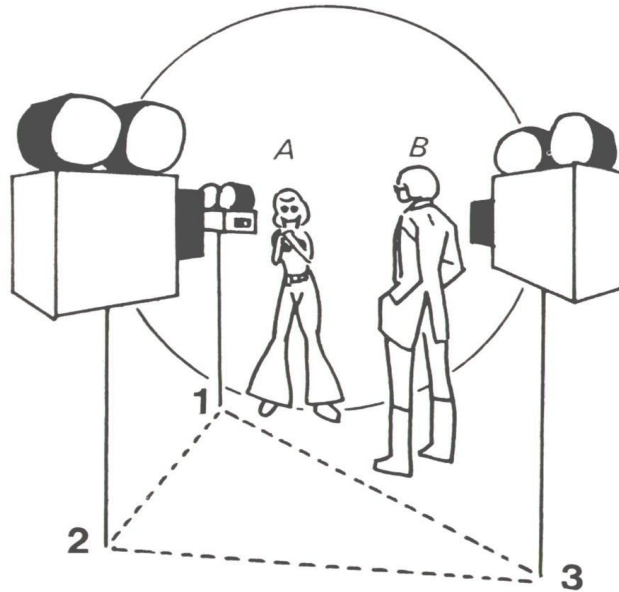
From Cinematographic Properties to Viewpoints

Cinematography

An empirical language defined by cinematographers:



Shot size



Shot angles: 1+3 OTS, 2 Apex



Composition

From Properties to Viewpoints

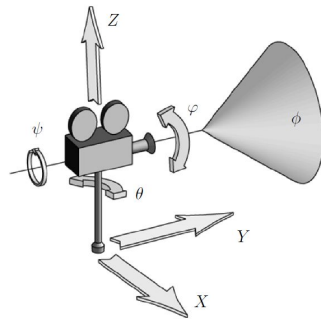
From film language to camera viewpoints:

- A computationally complex problem addressed with optimization
- Each visual property is defined as a cost function on camera parameters (7 dofs)
- All visual properties are aggregated in a cost function

$$F(c) = \sum_i f_i(c)$$

- A non-linear solver searches for best viewpoints
- Computationally expensive (stochastic solvers [Ranon15])

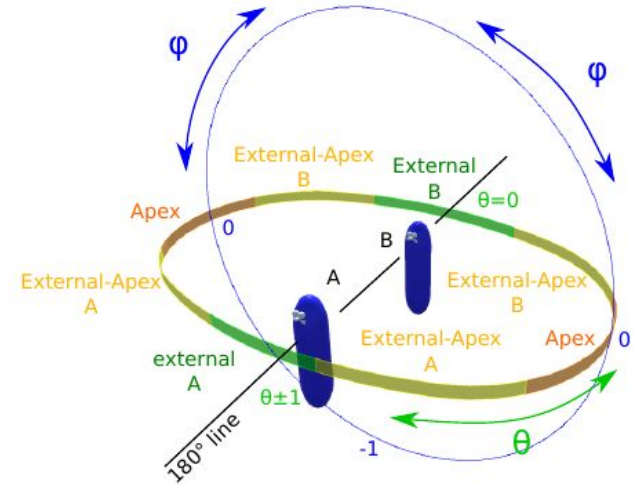
=> we propose a novel parametric space for camera composition problems



The Toric space

Enables an algebraic expression of cinematographic properties:

- Screen composition
- Horizontal and vertical angles (theta, phi)
- Distance to targets

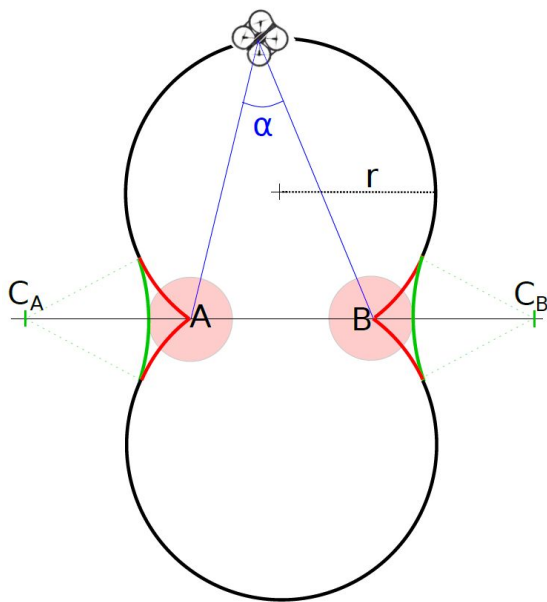


Cameras can therefore be controlled in an algebraic way

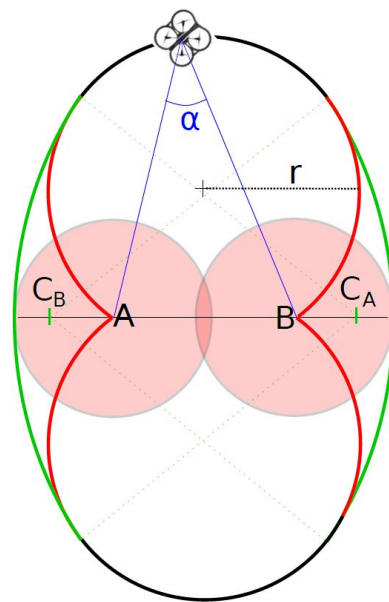
=> casts a 7D camera problem into a 3D camera problem

The Drone Toric space

- Adapt the Toric space to drones
- To ensure actors' safety (targets A and B)



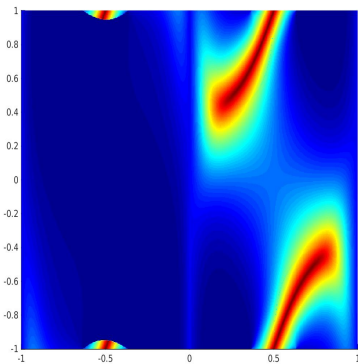
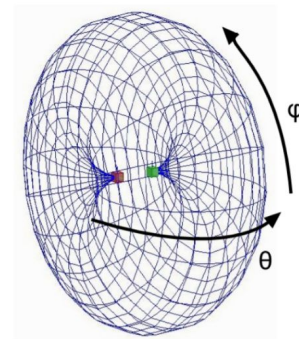
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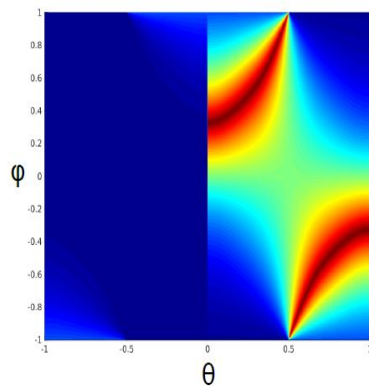
Type #2

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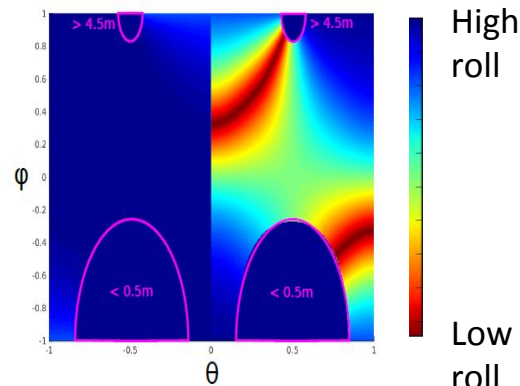
- Additional interactions
- Better optimization scheme
 - Use the roll as cost function
 - Account for obstacles



Cost function
[Lino et al. 2015]



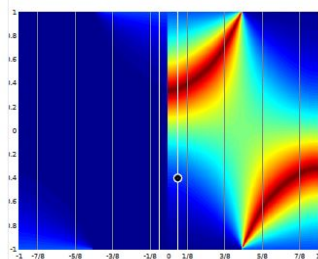
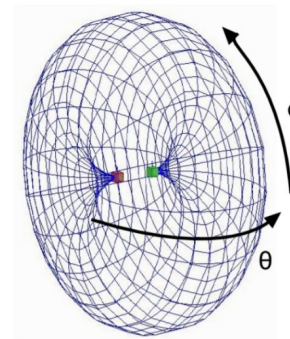
Our cost function



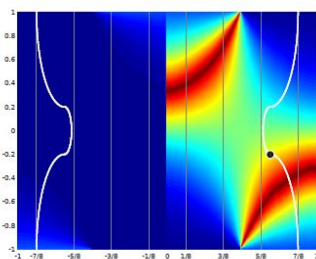
With Obstacles

Image-space Interaction

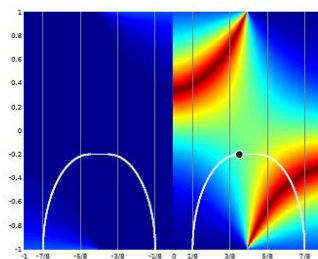
- Additional interactions
- Better optimization scheme
 - Use the roll as cost function
 - Account for the obstacles
 - Adapt the search to the current position



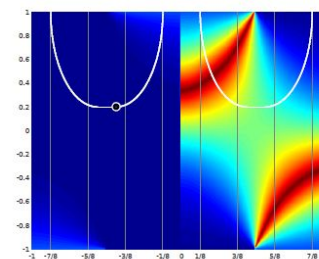
(a) External A



(b) External-Apex B



(c) Apex (from below)

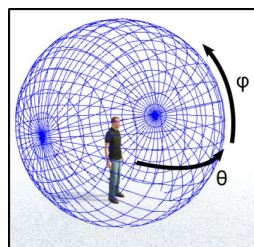
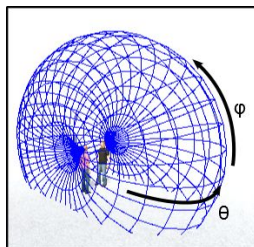
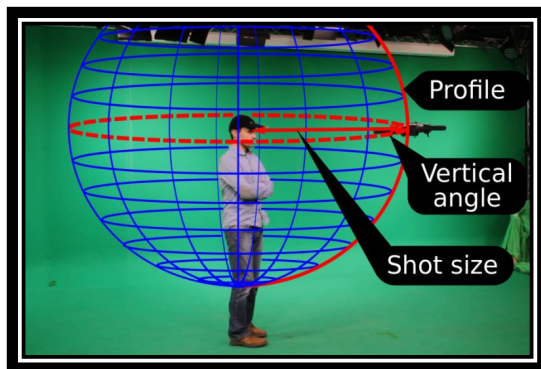


(d) Apex (from above)
crossing 180° line

HOW TO MOVE A DRONE IN A CINEMATOGRAPHIC WAY?

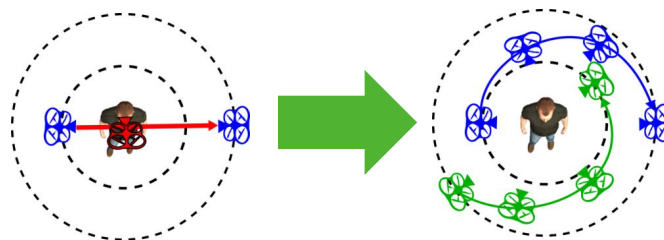
Creating Cinematographic Trajectories

User input

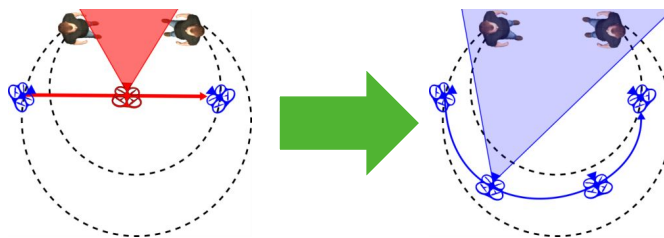


Interpolation in the Toric Space

1 actor:

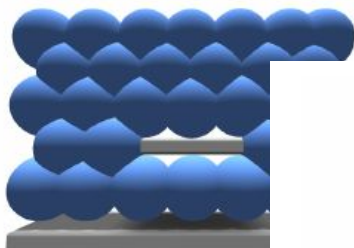


2 actors:

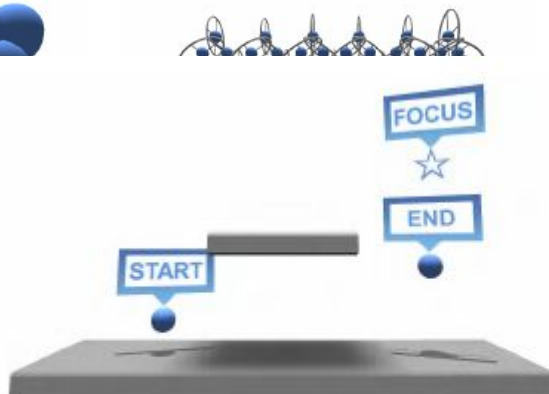


Planning cinematographic paths

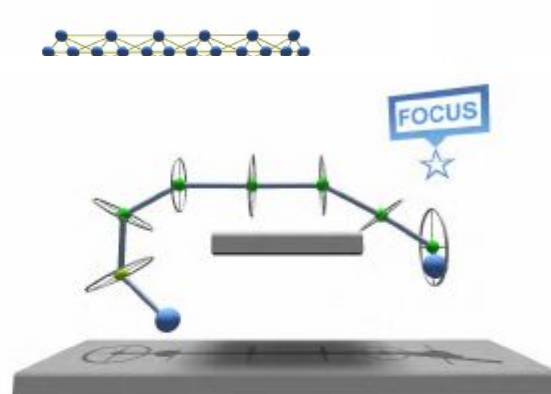
- Collision avoidance mandatory
- Visibility aware roadmap and A* path planning
 - [Oskam et al. 2009]



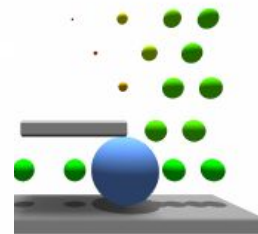
1) Free space sam
with spheres.



Compute visibility aware path
based on the roadmap.



Construct initial path along
overlap regions.



visibility for each pair of
Monte-Carlo raytracing.

Planning cinematographic paths

- Collision avoidance mandatory
- Visibility aware roadmap and A* path planning
 - [Oskam et al. 2009]



Planning cinematographic paths

➤ Planning the path in the space of visual properties

- New distance metric based on the toric space

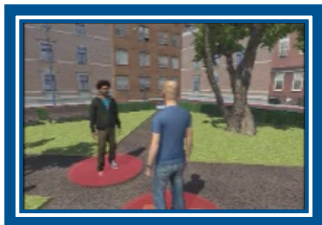
$$D_s^2(n_i, n_j) = d(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)^2 + d(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)^2 + d(\theta_i, \theta_j)^2$$

- Weighted with visibility information

Initial
Shot

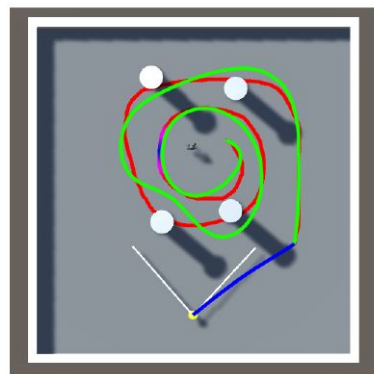
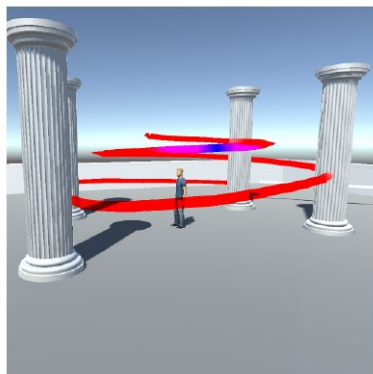
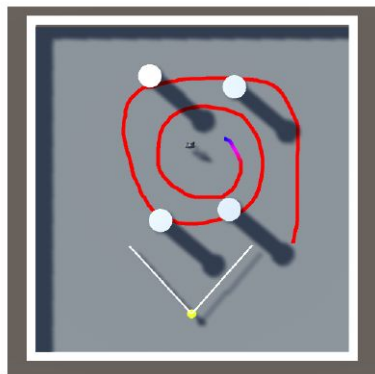


Desired
Shot



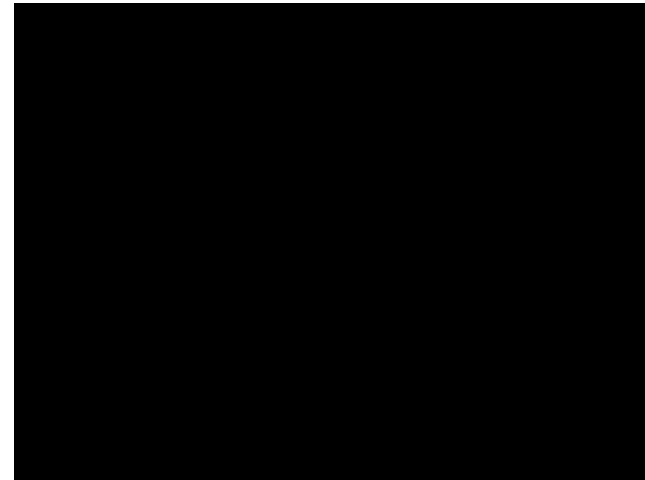
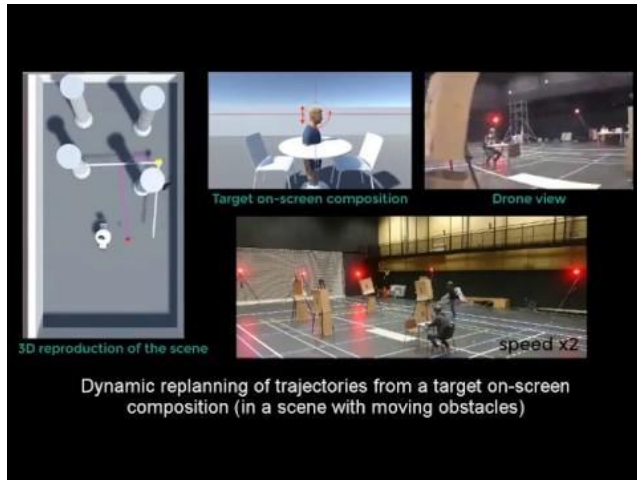
Sketching trajectories

- Collision avoidance mandatory
 - Use the roadmap
- Modified A* algorithm to allow loops
- C4 optimization



➤ RESULTS

- Indoor tracking using optoelectronic system (VICON)
- With Parrot ARDrones
- With Parrot Bebop2



HOW TO HANDLE MULTIPLE DRONES?

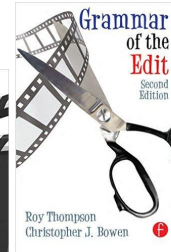
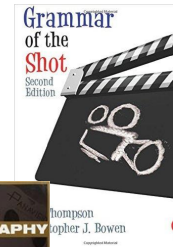
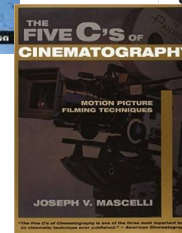
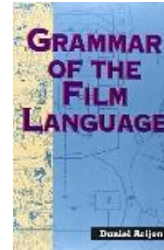
Orchestration of drones

Handling multiple drones?

- How to use our technology to synchronize multiple drones?
 - Every drone covers a different angle of the scene
 - Drones offer complementary views (for further editing)
 - Drones react to changes and avoid conflicts
- Our approach (a TV editor metaphor)
 - A master drone (interactively controlled by the user)
 - Slave drones offering non-conflicting views that satisfy “continuity editing”

Editing

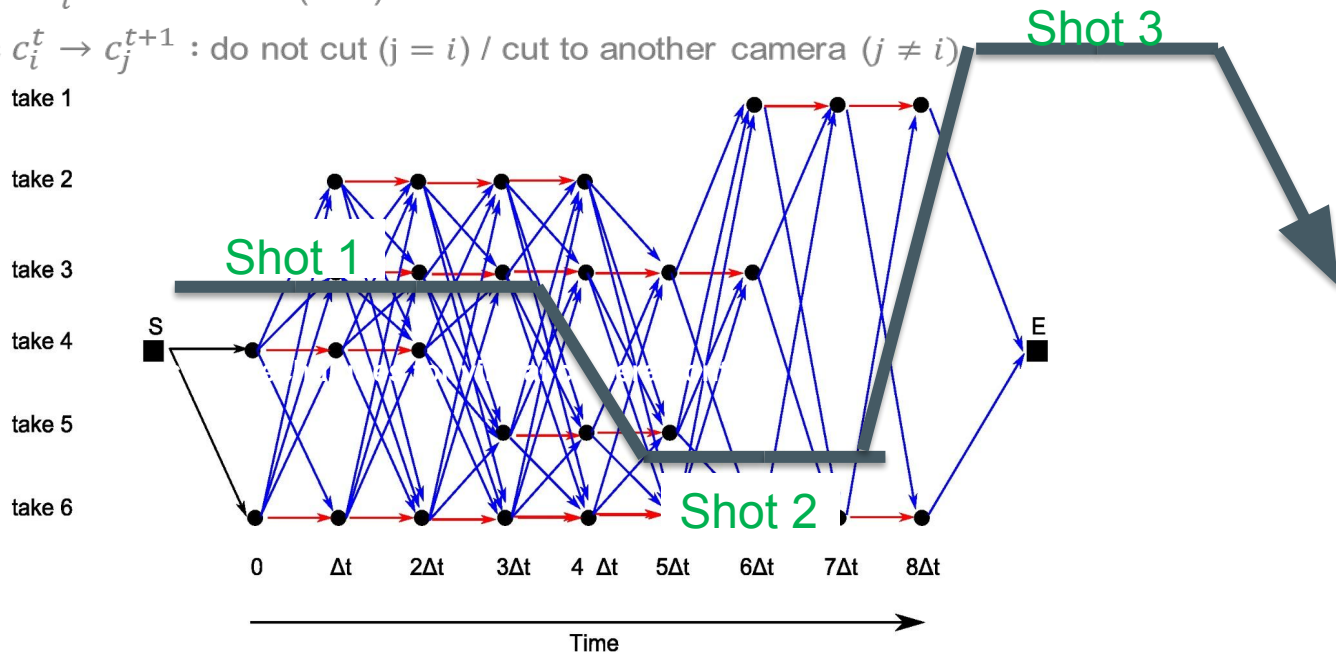
- Editing is the art of cutting between view angles
 - Choosing when to cut
 - Choosing where to cut to
 - With which type of transition
- **Editing forms a visual « grammar »**
 - Frames are letters, shots are the words
 - Scenes are sentences, films are stories
- **Continuity-editing**
 - *Grammar of the Film Language* [Arijon 76]
 - *Grammar of the Shots* [Thomson 98]
 - *Grammar of the Edit* [Thomson 93]



A general approach: The “editing graph” [Galvane et al 2015]

- Automated editing can be viewed as planning a path through an oriented graph

- Node c_i^t : use camera (take) i at time t
- Arc $c_i^t \rightarrow c_j^{t+1}$: do not cut ($j = i$) / cut to another camera ($j \neq i$)



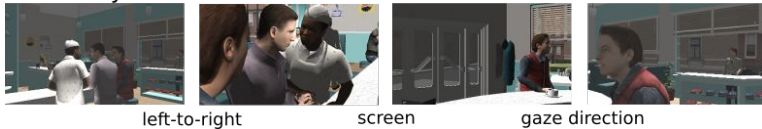
« continuity editing »

- Controls how storyline actions are perceived all together
 - **Make link** between pieces of information
 - **Guide** viewers' attention (visual cues)
- Controls how a given action is perceived as continuous in time
 - **Do not break continuity** (coherency)

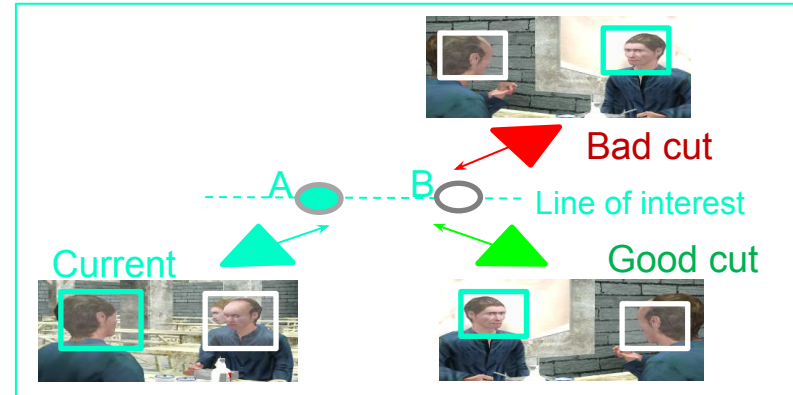
Jump Cuts



Continuity errors



Keeps continuity



Cut quality: absolute screen positions

- Penalize cuts breaking continuity
 - On **absolute screen positions**



Continuity



Discontinuity



- Cost function:

$$P_{Screen}^T(c_{j-1}^t, c_j^t) = \sum_i \phi_S[Pos(T^i, c_{j-1}^t) - Pos(T^i, c_j^t)]$$

Cut quality: relative screen positions

- Penalize cuts breaking continuity
 - On **relative screen positions**



Continuity



Discontinuity



- Cost function:

$$P_{Order}^T(c_{j-1}^t, c_j^t) = \sum_{i,j} \phi_o[Order(T^i, T^j, c_{j-1}^t), Order(T^i, T^j, c_j^t)]$$

Cut quality: gaze continuity

- Penalize cuts breaking continuity
 - On **gaze directions**



Continuity



Discontinuity

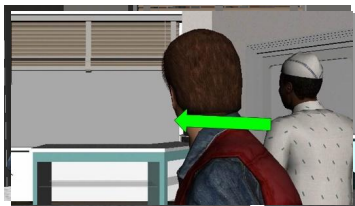


- Cost function:

$$P_{Gaze}^T(c_{j-1}^t, c_j^t) = \sum_i \phi_G[Gaze(T^i, c_{j-1}^t), Gaze(T^i, c_j^t)]$$

Cut quality: motion continuity

- Penalize cuts breaking continuity
 - On **apparent motions**



Continuity



Discontinuity



- Cost function:

$$P_{Motion}^T(c_{j-1}^t, c_j^t) = \sum_i \phi_M[Motion(T^i, c_{j-1}^t), Motion(T^i, c_j^t)]$$

Avoid “jump cuts”

- Penalize cuts that do not look like cuts (visually, not enough **change in size or view angle**)



Sufficient change in size



Sufficient change in view angle

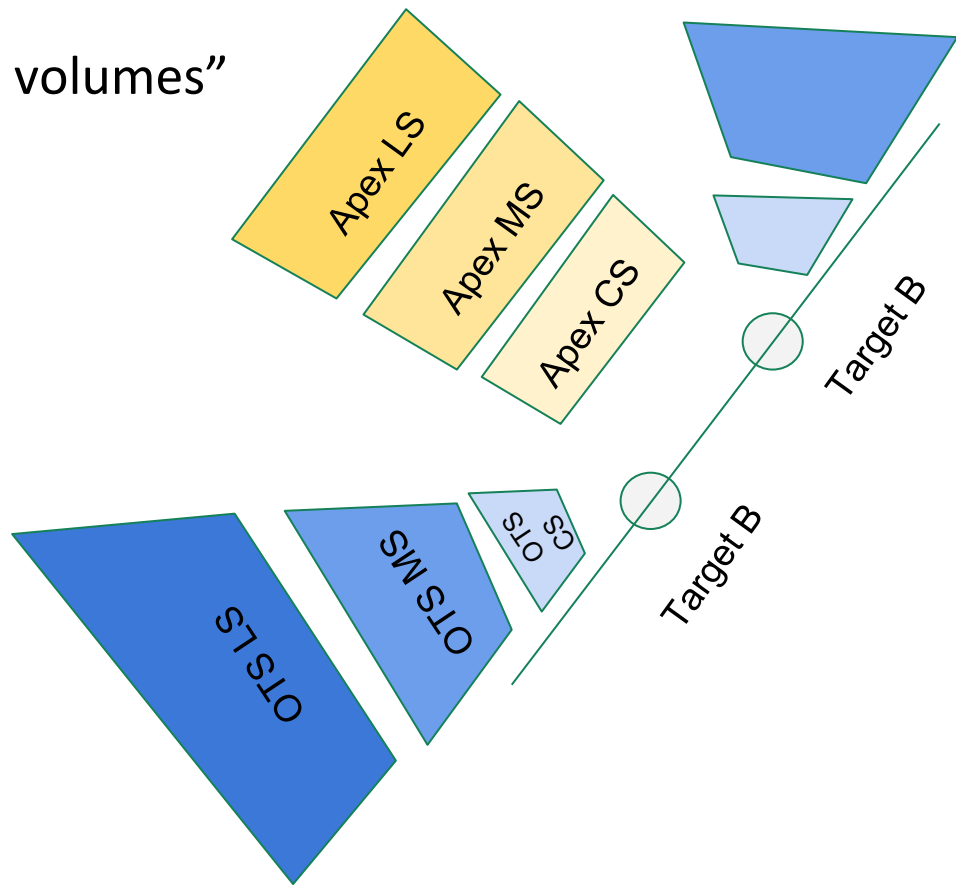


« Jump cut »

Handling multiple drones

➤ Define tagged regions “ 18 semantic volumes”

- In Toric space coordinates
- Relative to the targets



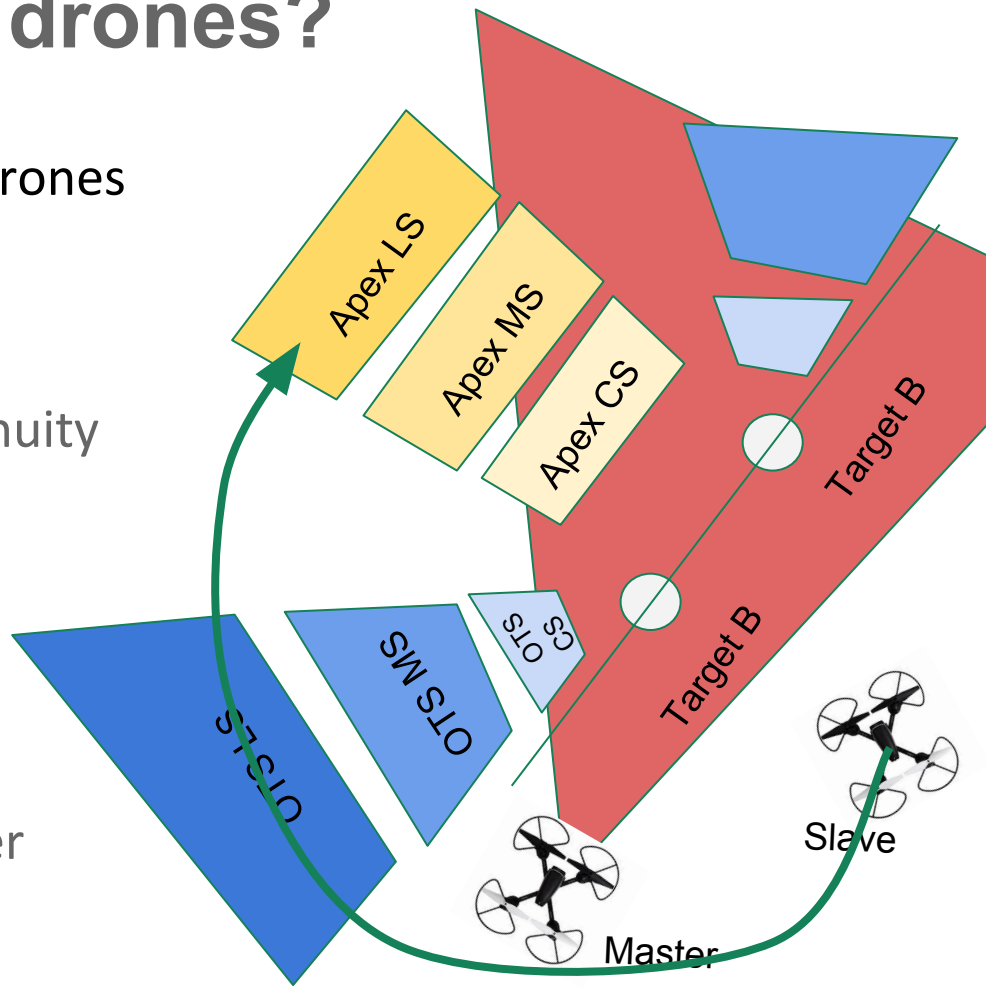
Handling multiple drones?

➤ Remove conflicting areas for slave drones

- Remove areas with visibility conflicts
- Remove areas that fail “continuity editing”

➤ Select a possible volume

- Shortest path to a volume
- That avoids visibility by Master



Searching for non-conflicting assignments

➤ Use a min-conflict solving process

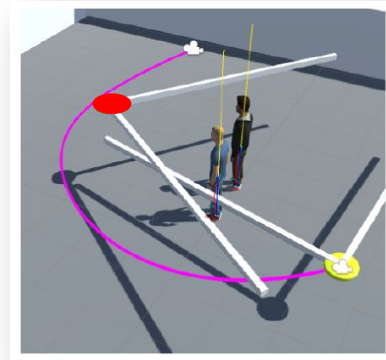
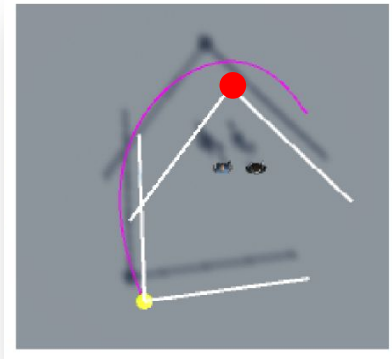
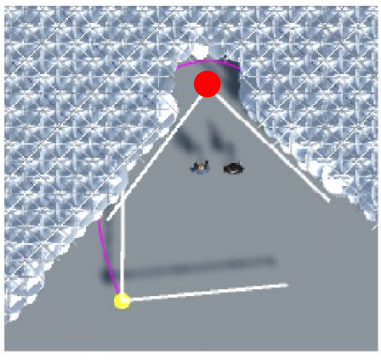
- Find the slave drone with the minimum number of conflicts
- Search a semantic assignment for that drone
- If failure, search for an assignment for the two slaves drones with minimum number of conflicts

➤ Practical complexity is low (even with 3 slaves)

- 4k combinations
- Above 4 drones, the environment gets cluttered

➤ Handling planning through the roadmap

➤ Frustum culling in the roadmap



➤ RESULTS



3D reproduction of the scene



Target on-screen composition



Drone view



Dynamic replanning of trajectories from a target on-screen composition (in a scene with moving obstacles)

DISCUSSION

Issues?

- Precise localisation (indoor / outdoor)
 - Using Ultra Wide Band technology?
 - Using robotics SLAM technology?

=> Yet, some outdoor scenario remain possible!
- Precise 3D representations for path planning and viewpoint quality
 - Use 3D reconstructed maps (photogrammetry)

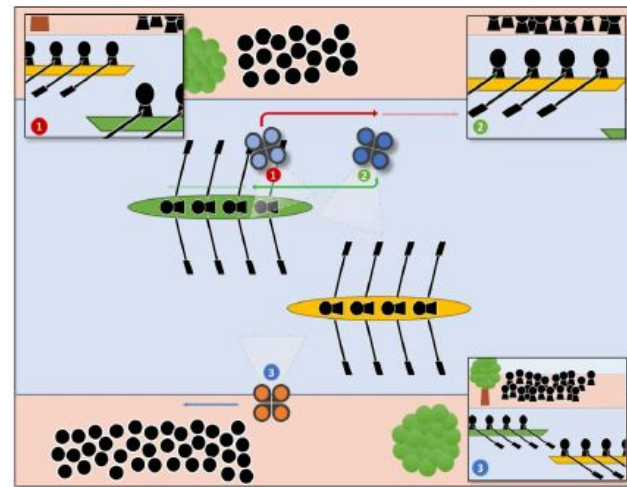
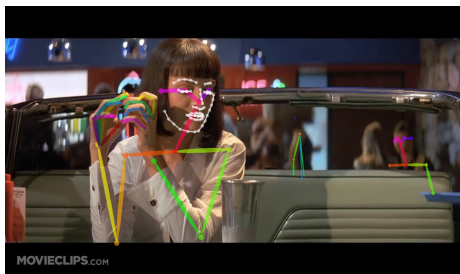
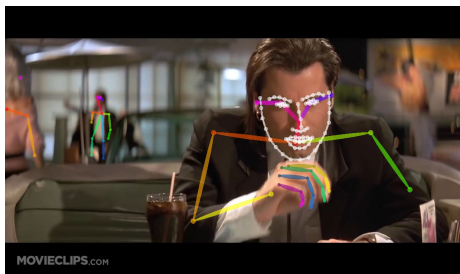
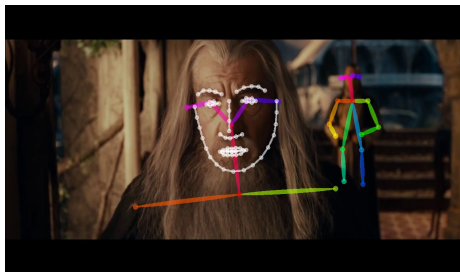


Figure 10: Overview of Scenario 2 - drones reacting to each other on approach



But what's next?

- Towards data-driven cinematography for drones (taking inspiration from real footage)
 - Extracting framing/motion features from sequences



Using DLIB tracker + OpenPose

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A few words on what the future should be made of:

- Built-in tracking of cameras
 - Capture camera pose in real-time
 - Automated data extraction (shot time, actor, lighting)
 - Send data and meta-data to post-process
- No green screens!
 - automated contour extraction
- Volumetric performance capture of actors!
- Automated relighting of characters
 - Removing existing lighting
 - Adding new lighting

in real-time!



谢谢

你有问题吗？
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