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CSCI 420: Computer Graphics



12.1 Computer Animation



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Overview

Animation Production

Rigging

- Procedural
- Skeletal
- Anatomical

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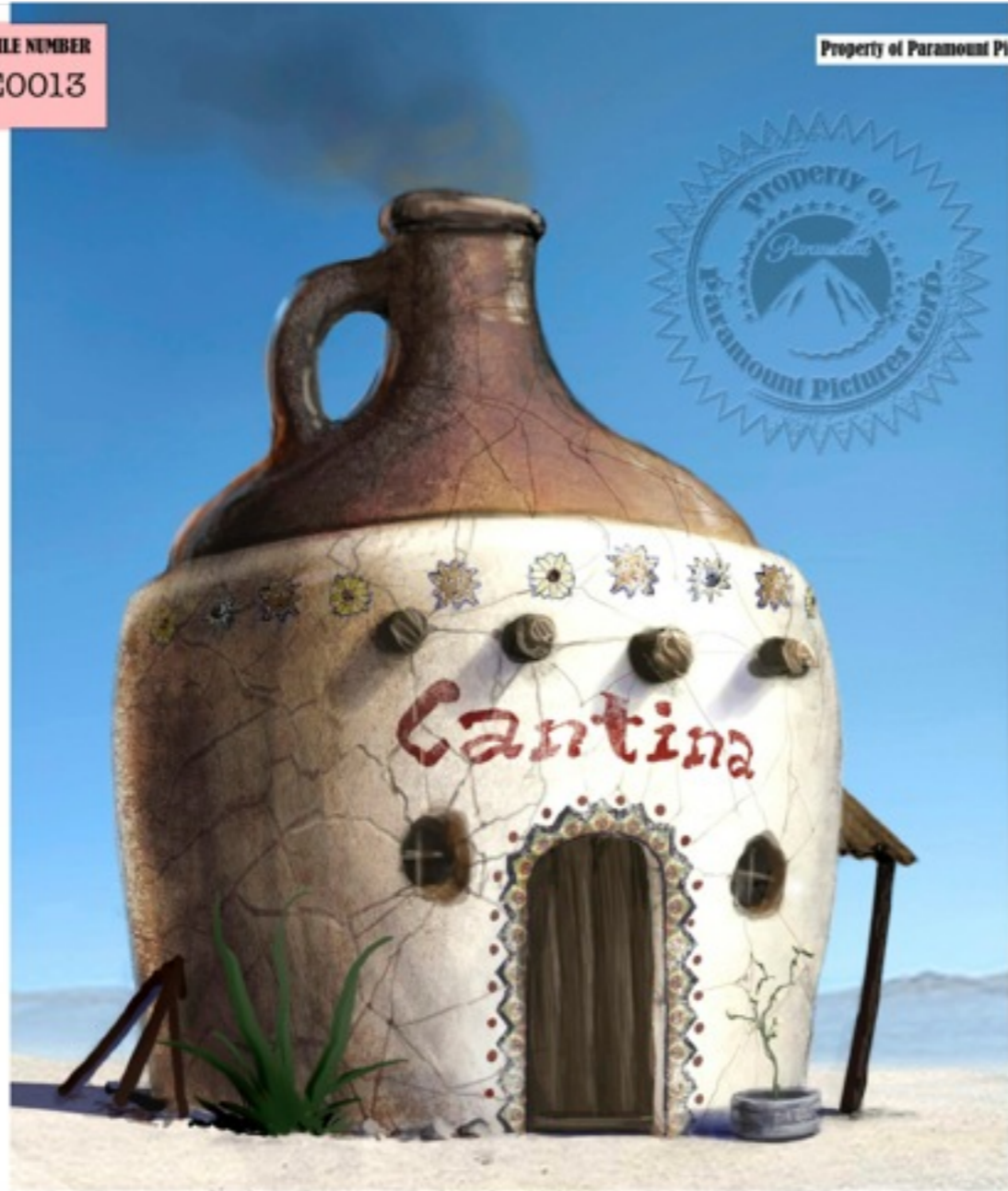
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Concept Art

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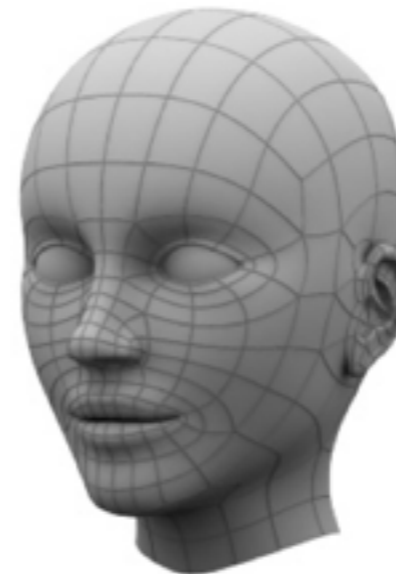
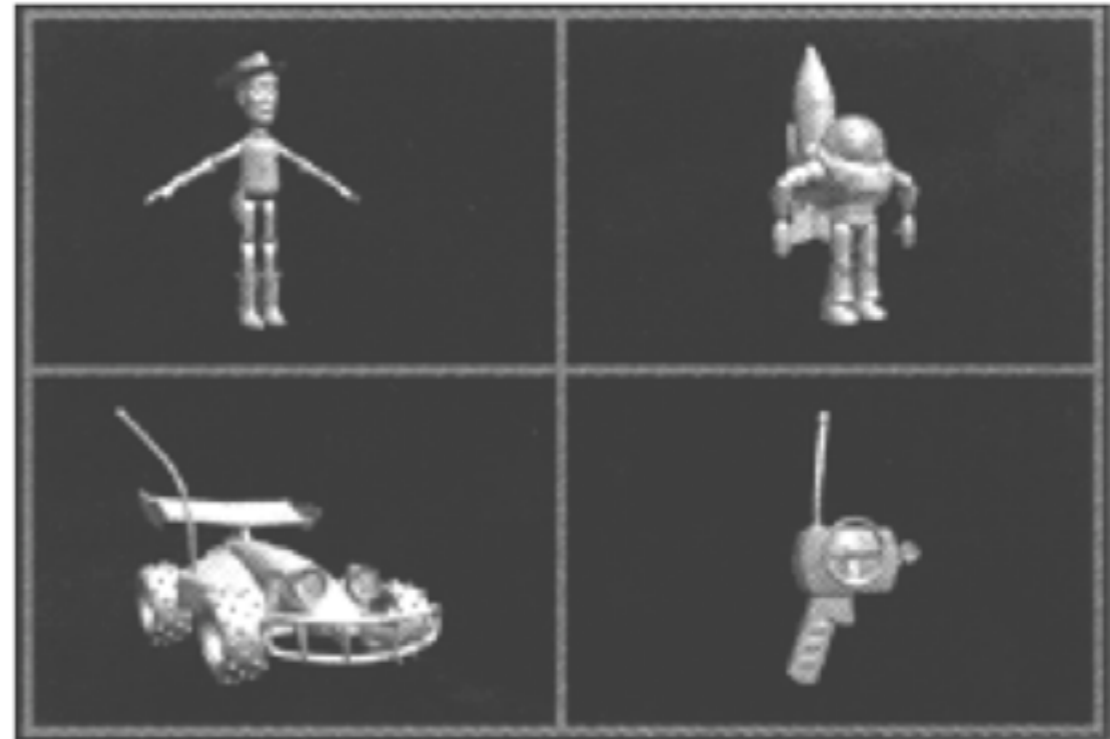
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Modeling

The creation of a 3D computer-generated asset, be it hard surface (planes, trains, automobiles) or organic (davy jones, dementors, or digital humans).

Hard Surface Modeling

Rango: The town of Dirt...



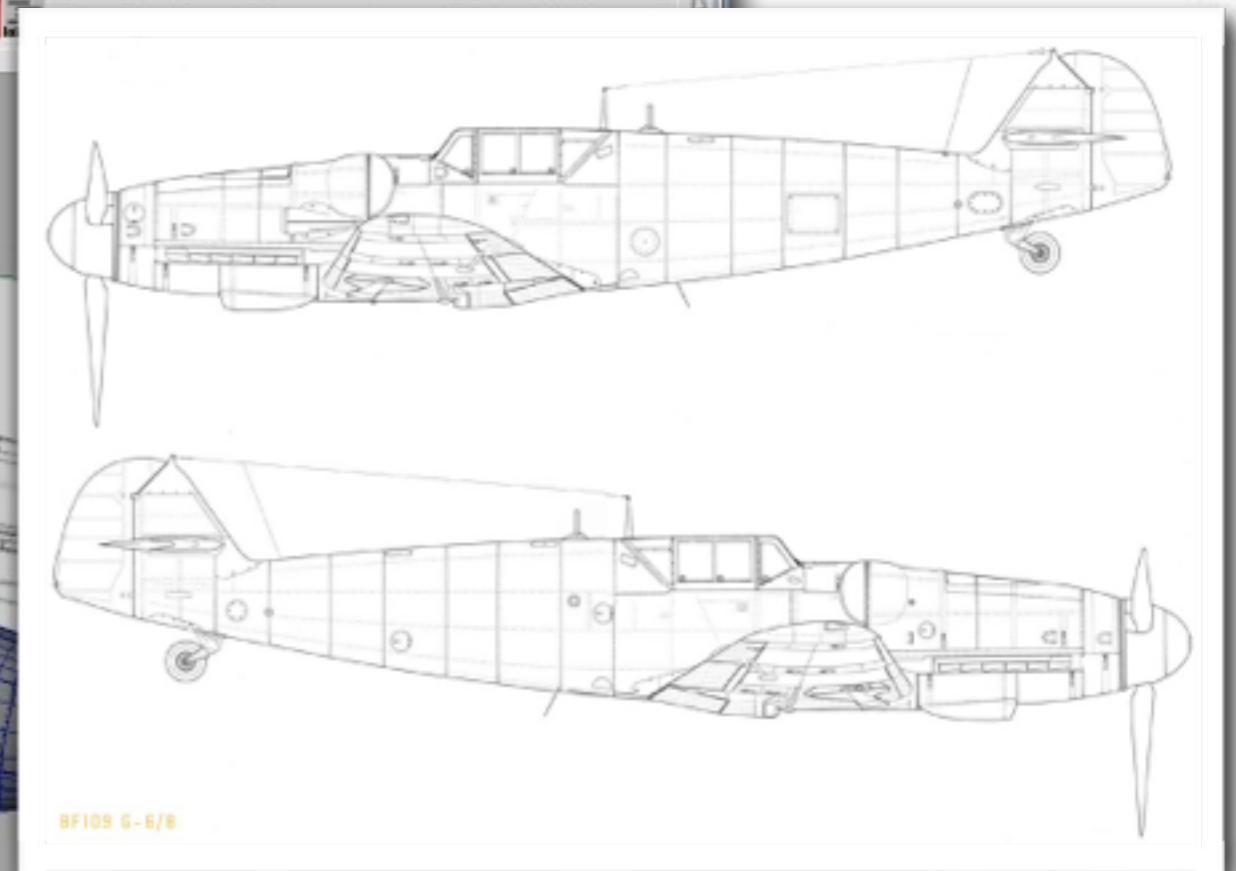
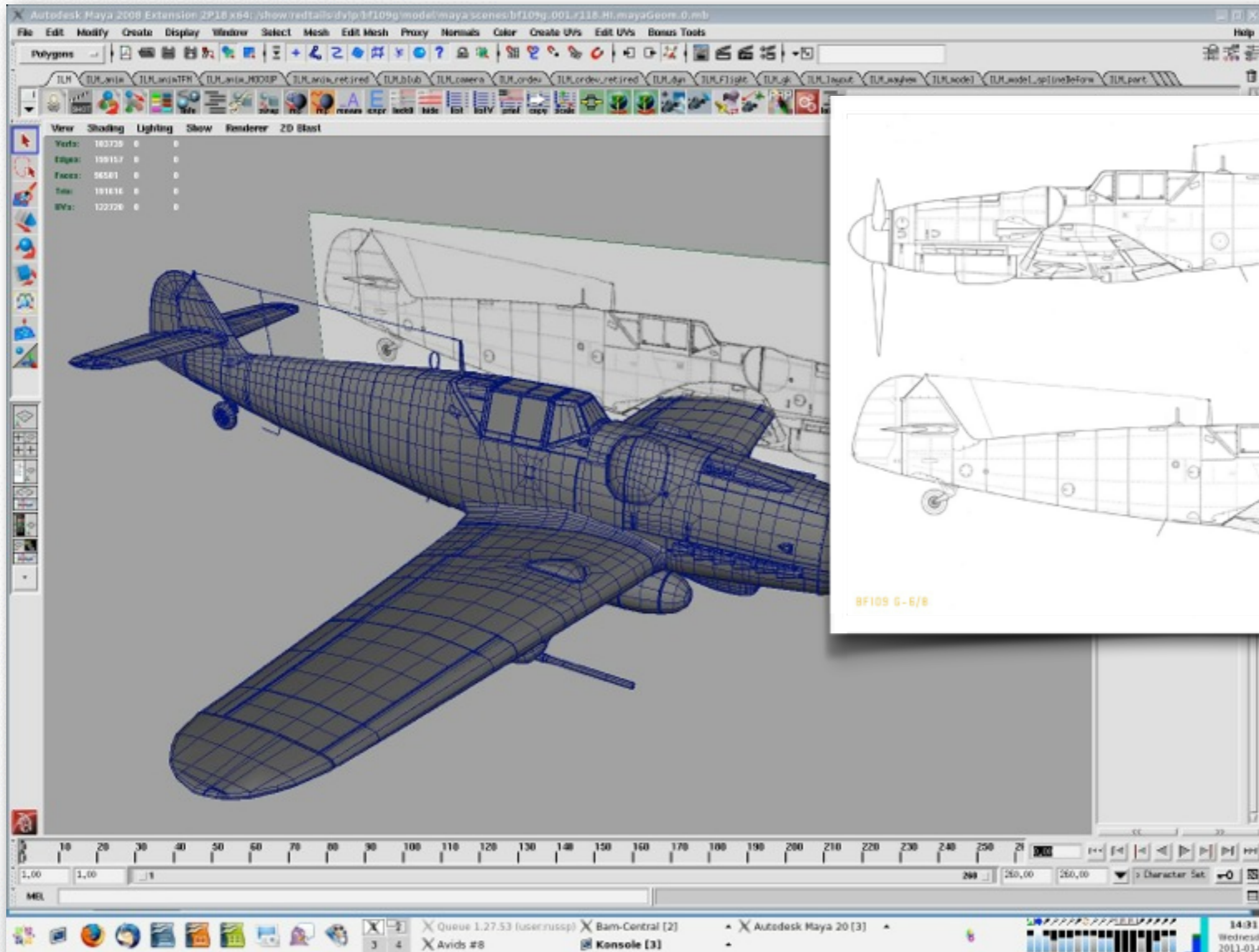
Hard Surface Modeling

... and all the assets



Hard Surface Modeling

Modeling in Maya using reference images...



Hard Surface Modeling

final asset

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Creature Modeling

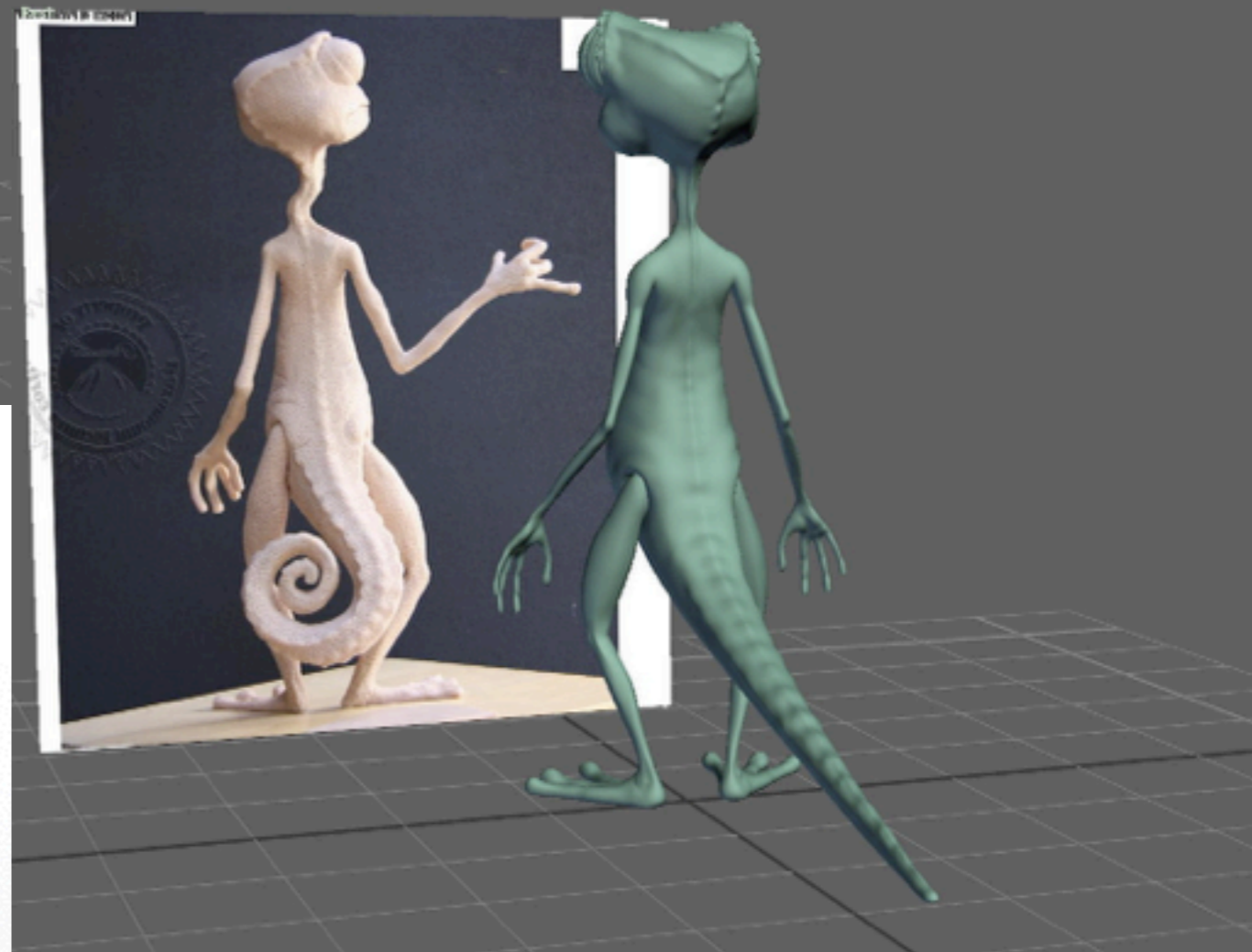
Rango: From Artwork to Maquette to Final Asset



Creature Modeling



From Rango:
Modeling Using The Maquette
(Back Revisions)



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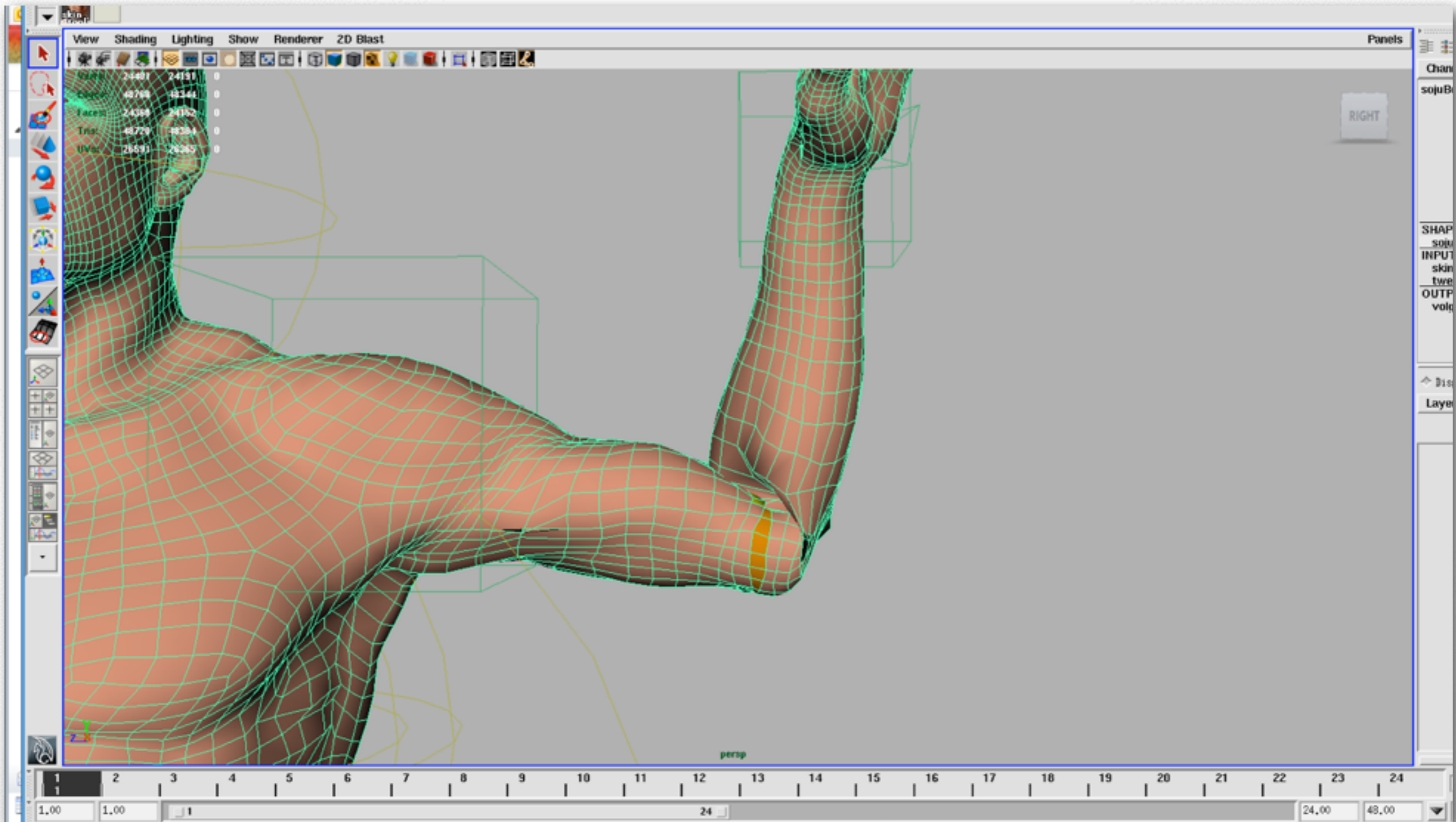
Creature Setup

The process of preparing a creature for animation, including creature rigging, skinning, and simulation setup for things such as hair, feathers, flesh, muscles, and, in some cases, tentacles.

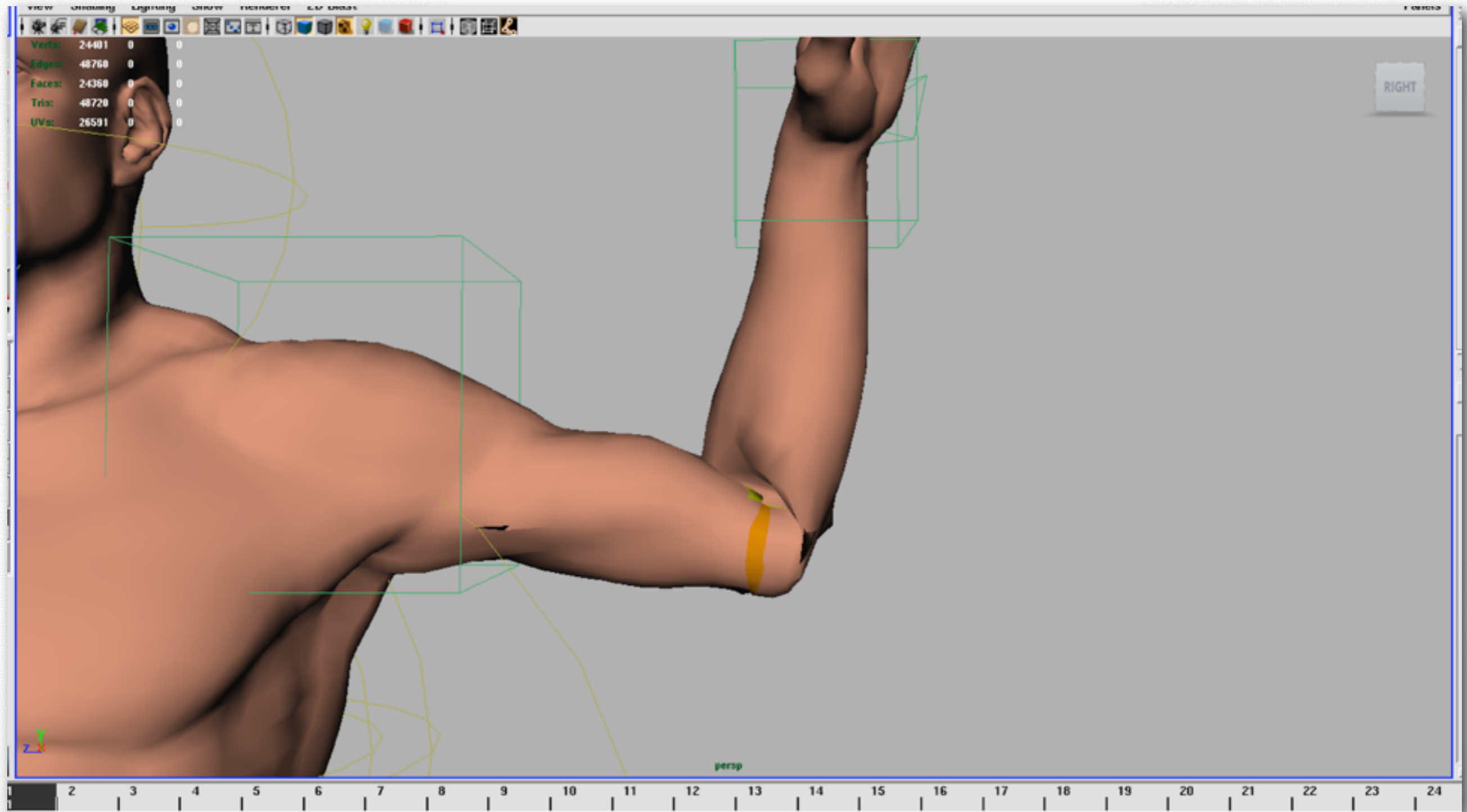
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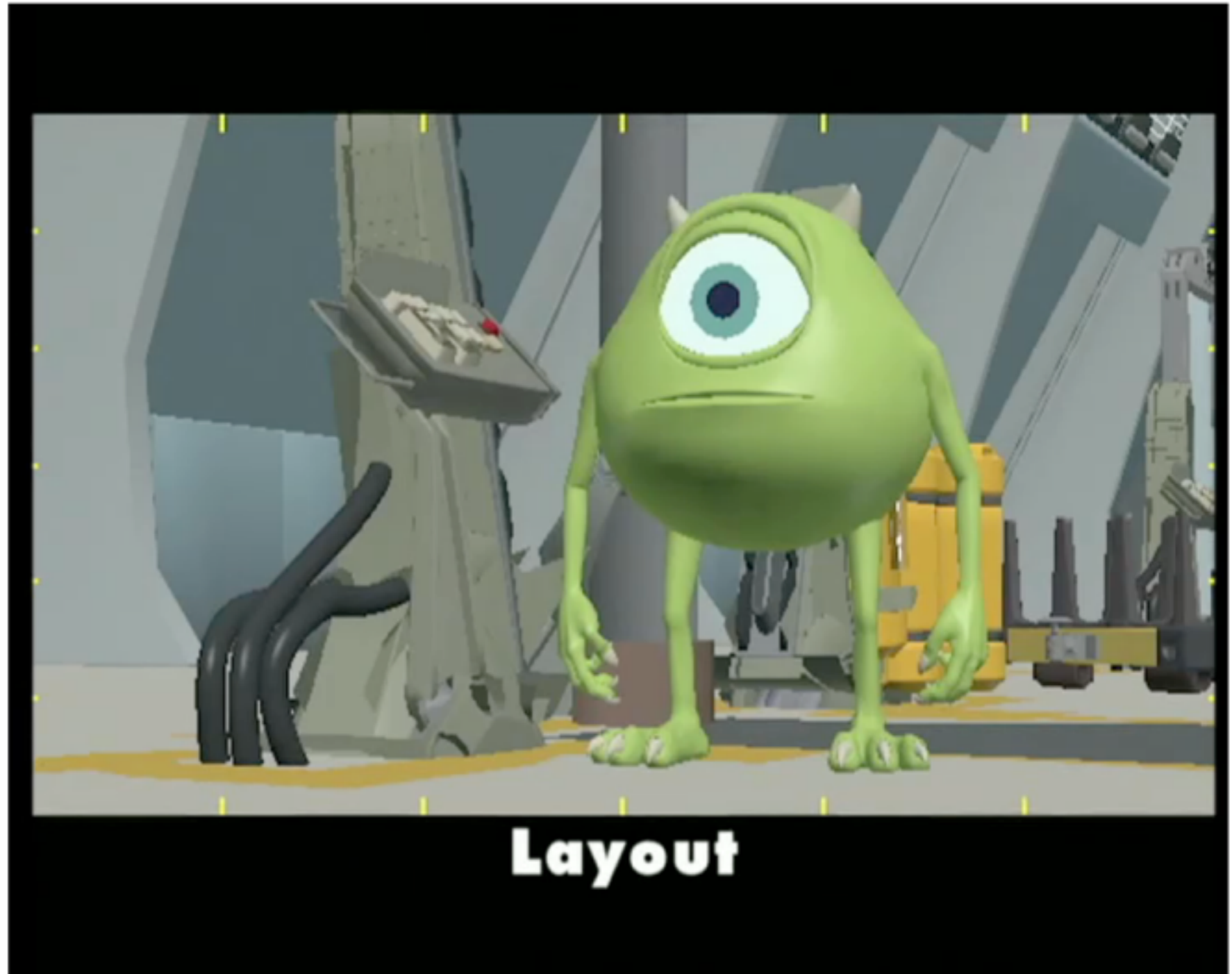
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Mathmove & Layout

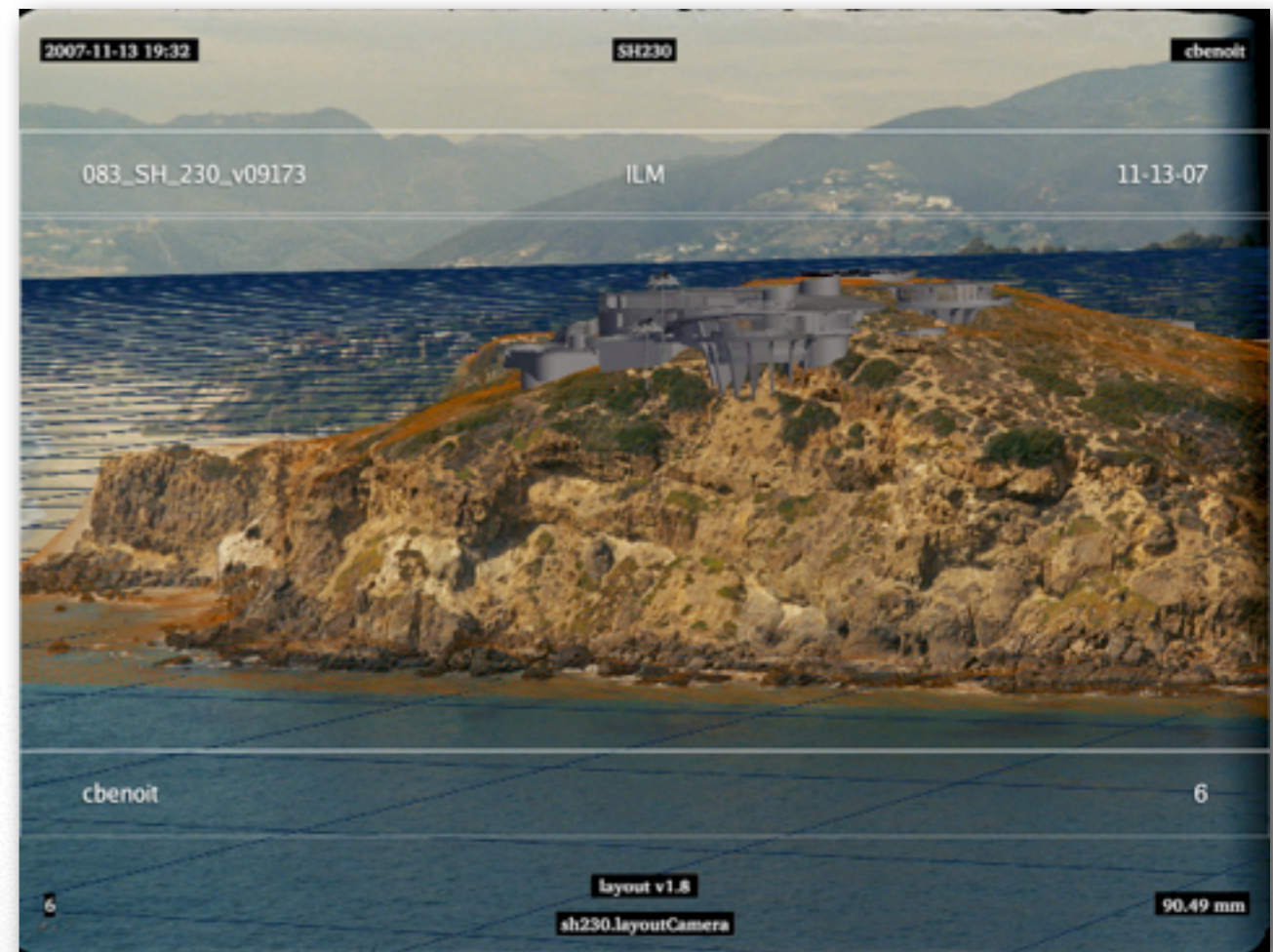
Matchmove: The process of replicating the real set, camera, and camera movement in a CG world so that 3D assets can be integrated with the live action plate.

Layout: The process of integrating camera matchmoves and “new” CG camera moves to create a framework for a sequence, including manipulating 2D and 3D elements and environment.

Mathmove & Layout



Matching camera move from original background plate



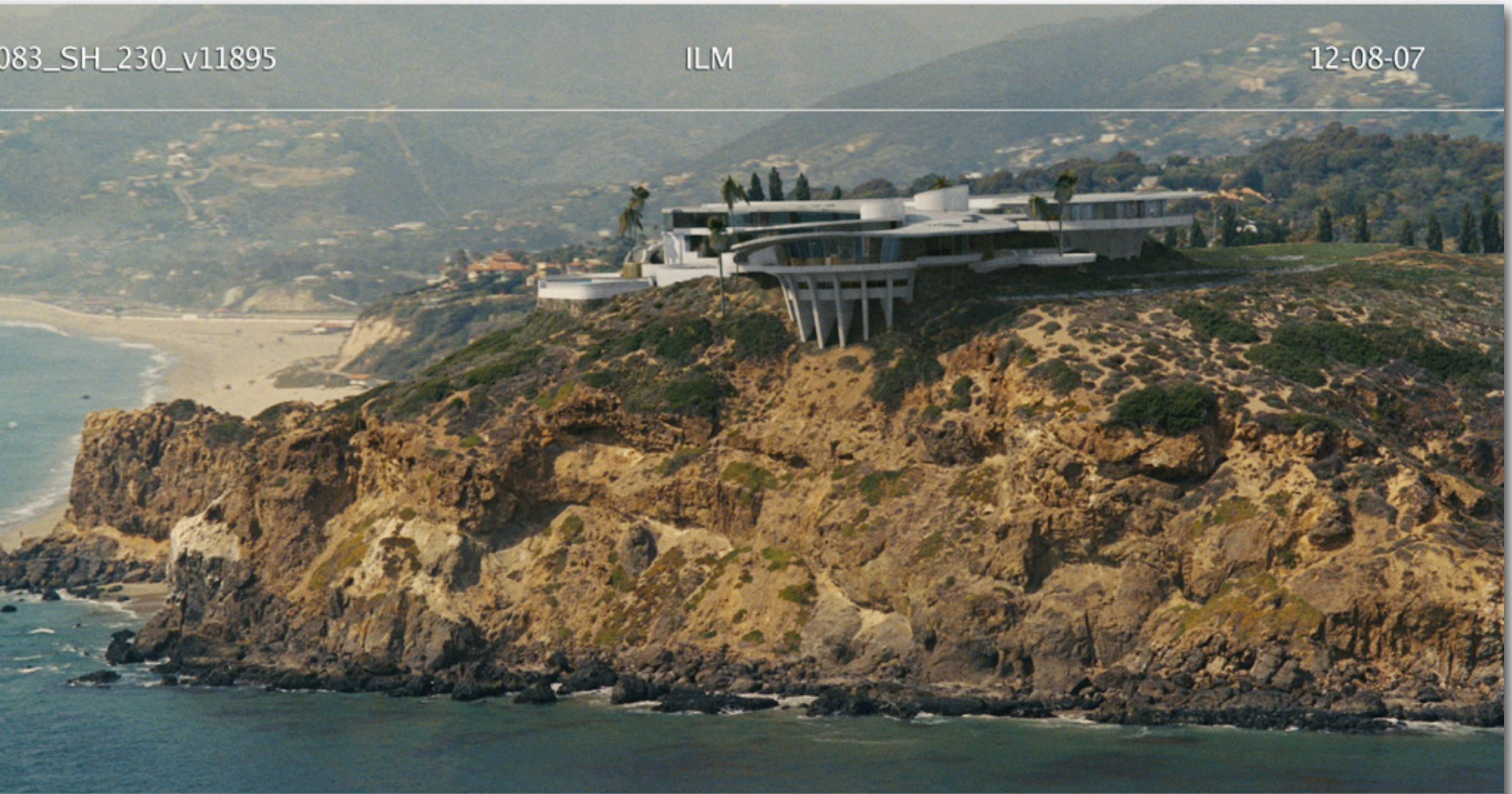
Mathmove & Layout

... allows adding cg elements to the shot

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Mathmove & Layout

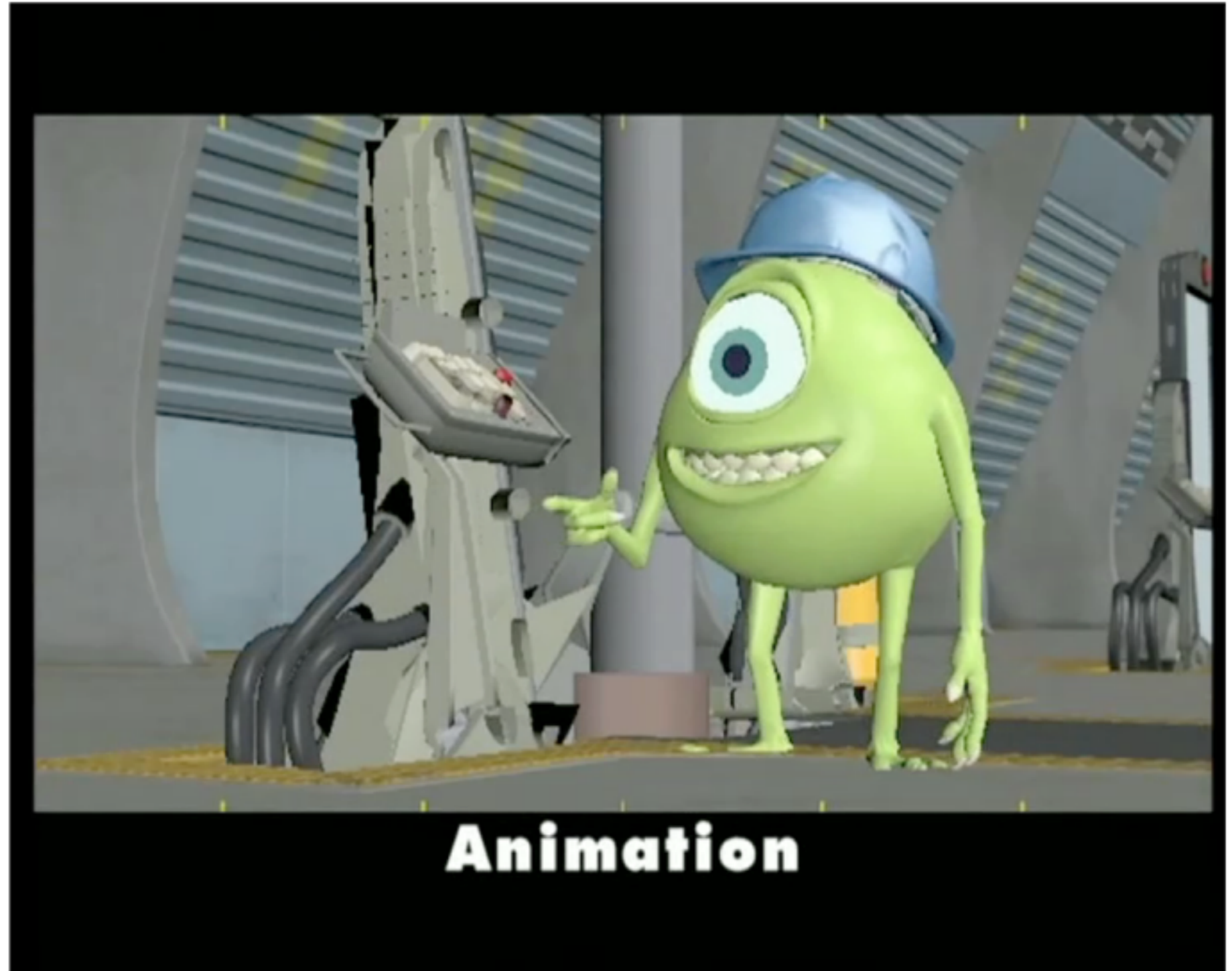


Using placeholder geometry...



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Rango: Character Walking Tests



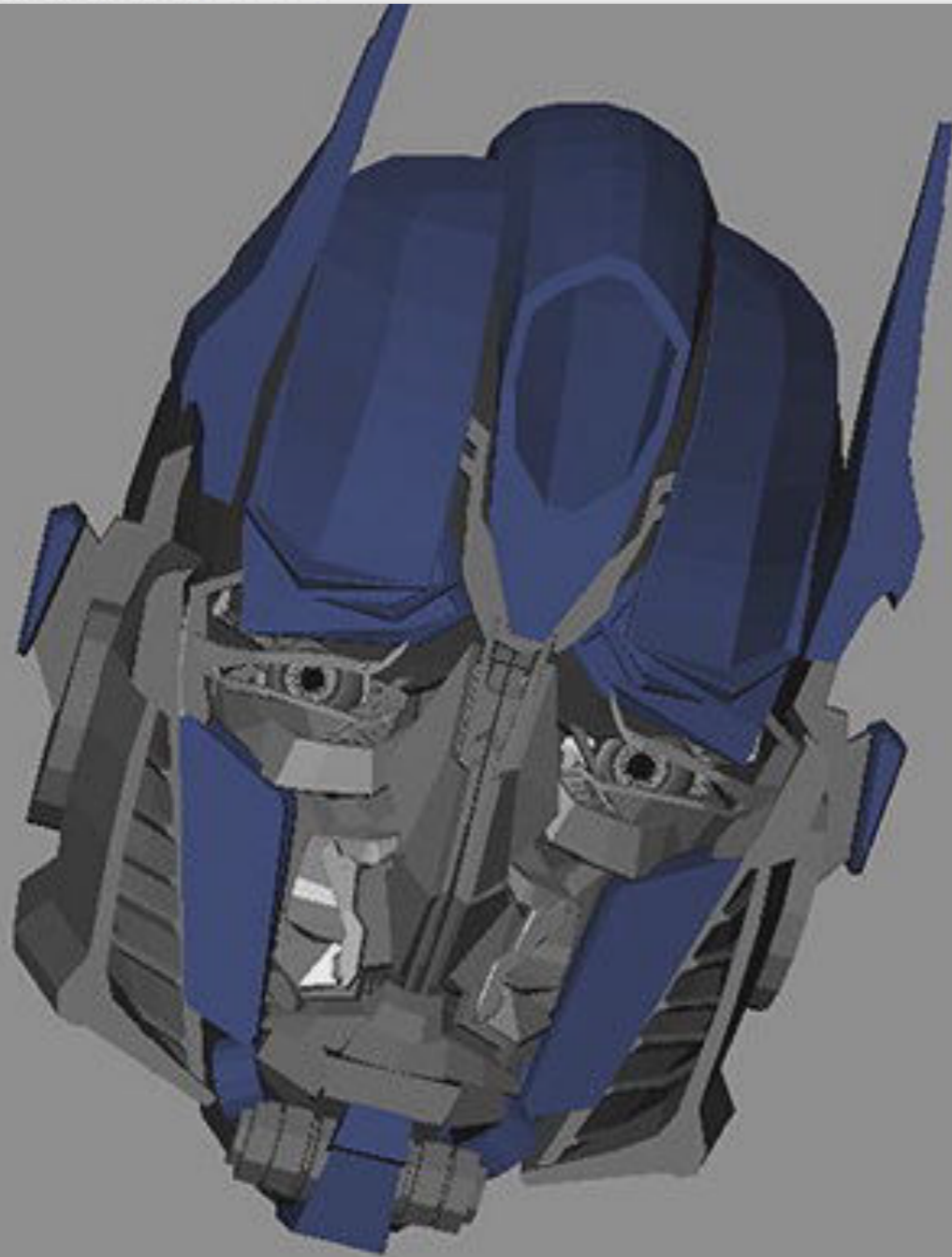
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Transformers: Facial Animation Tests



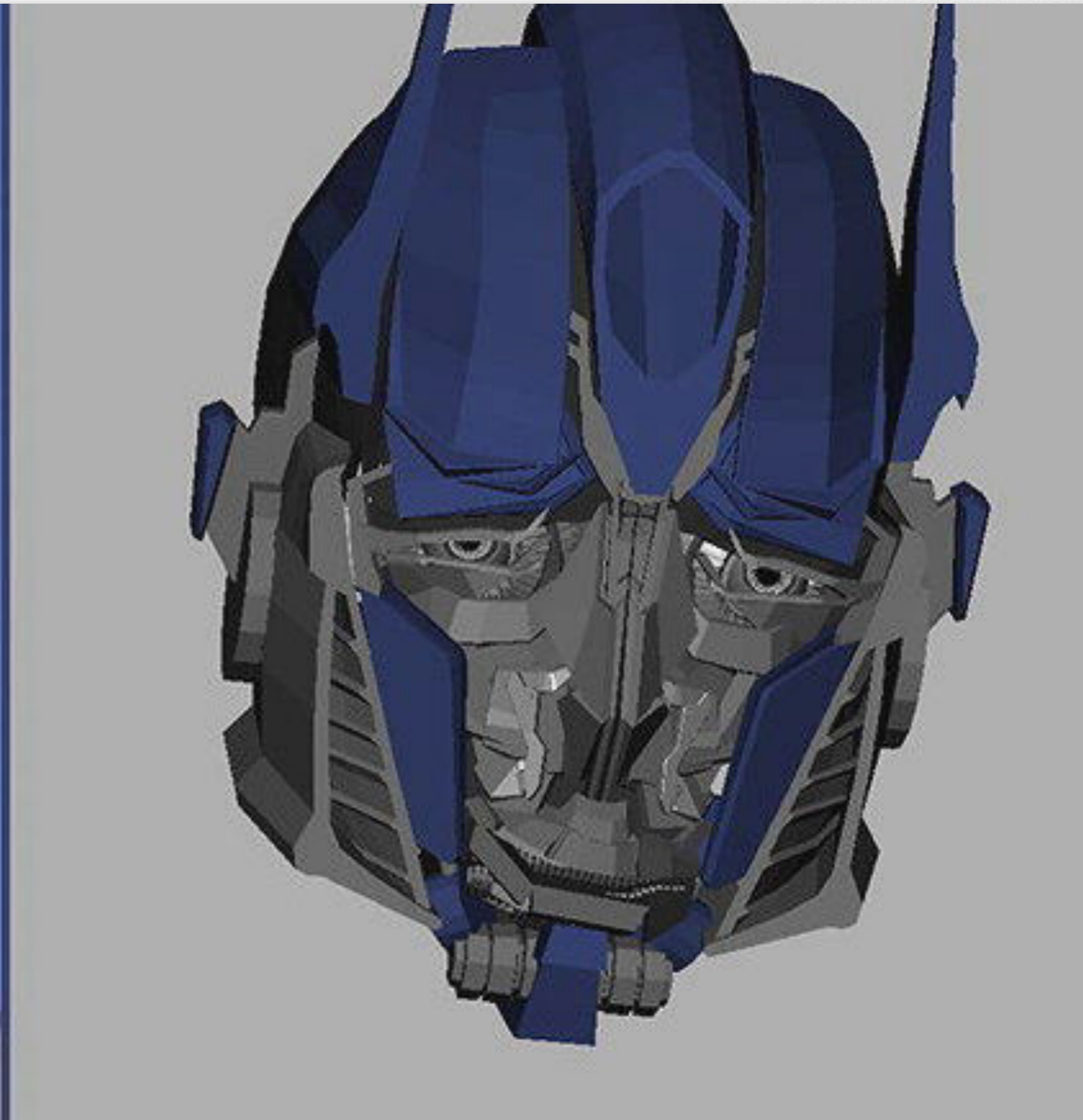
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Creature Sim

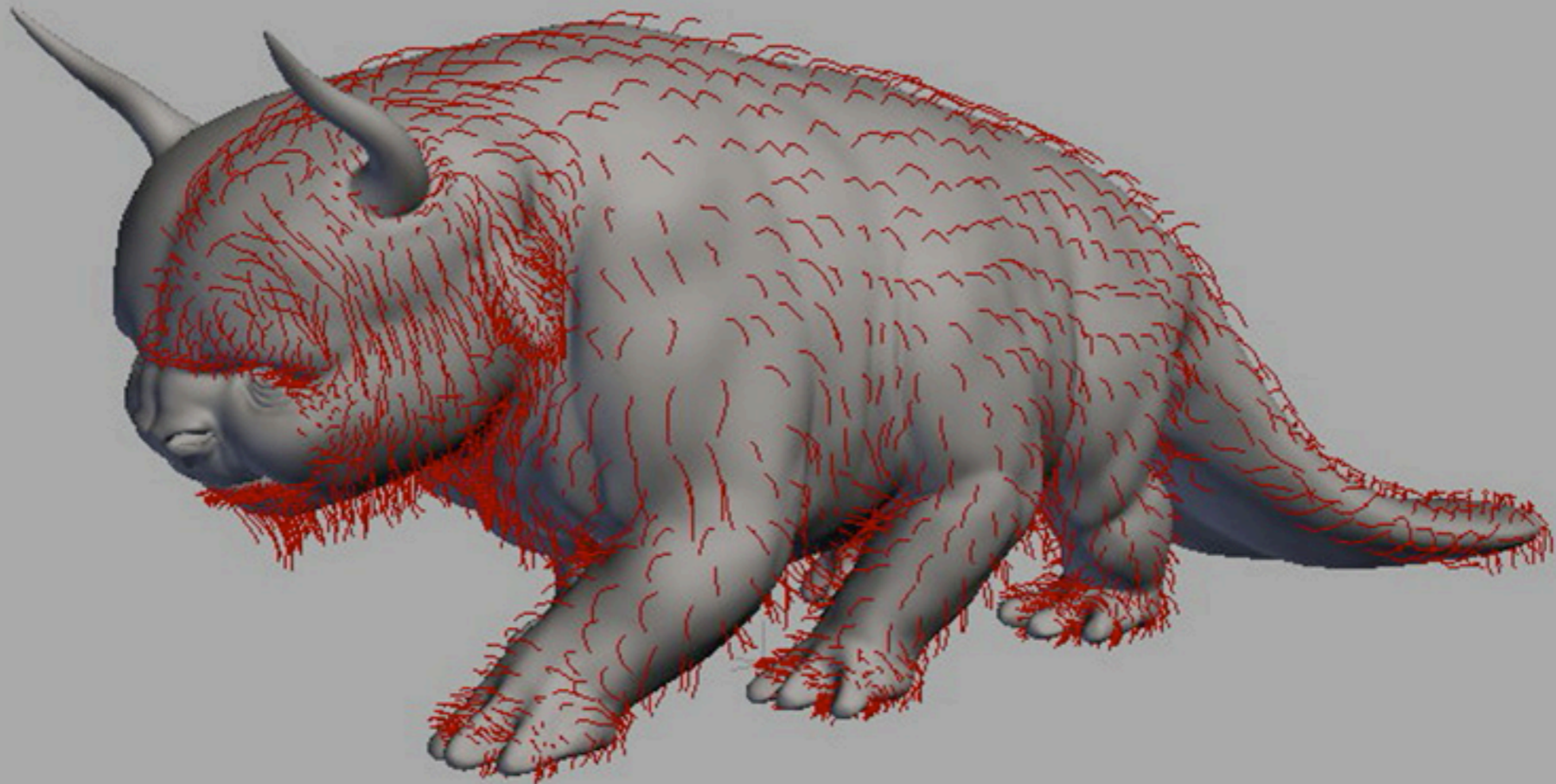
Rango: Cloth Examples

Rest



Creature Sim

The Last Airbender: Hair Examples



Creature Sim

Flesh



Creature Sim

... and also rigids



Creature Sim

when things go wrong ;-)



FX Sim

The process of applying forces (such as mass, velocity, and gravity) to particles and rigid bodies to animate items such as dust, wind, rain, fire, and smoke.

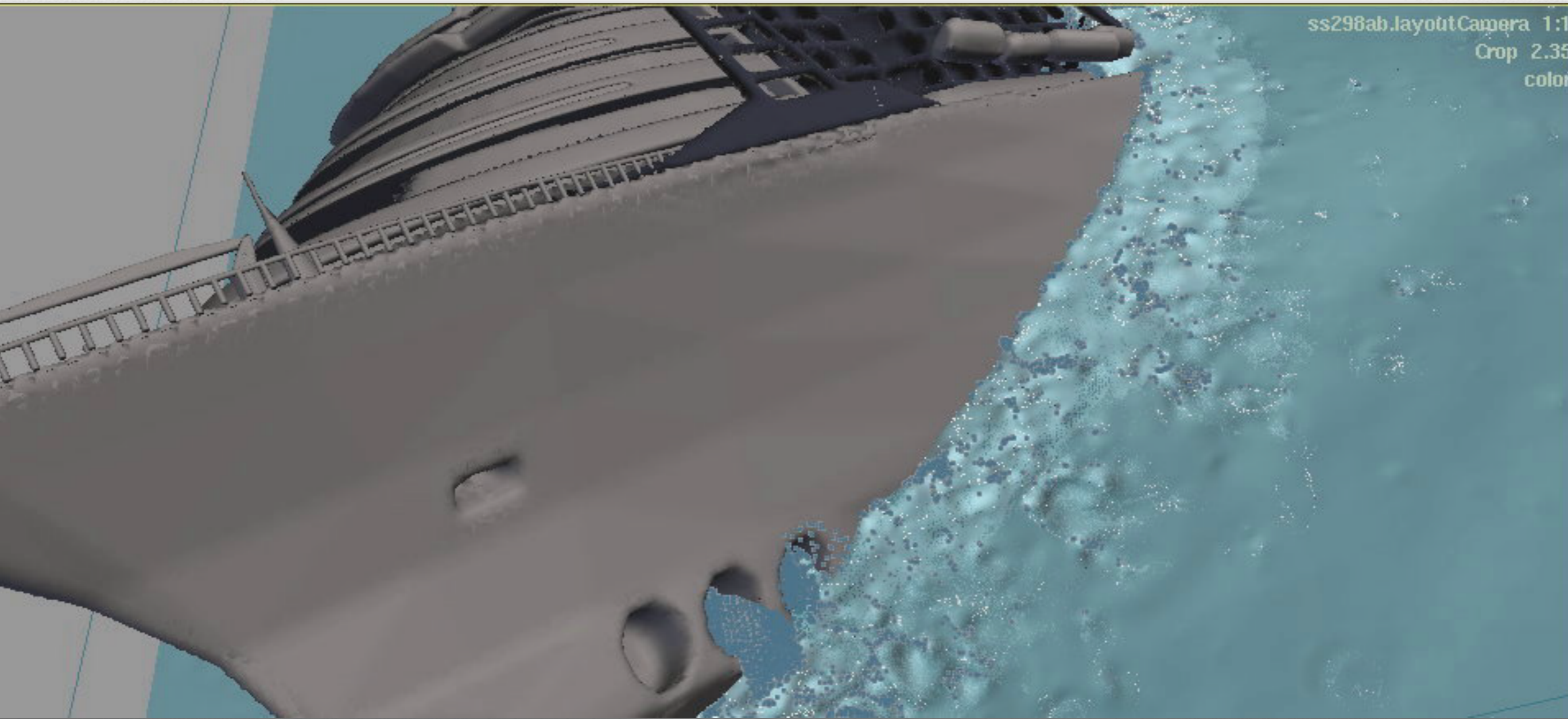
FX Sim

Harry Potter 6: Fire Simulations



FX Sim

Poseidon: Water Simulations



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FX Sim

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Lighting & Rendering

Lighting: The process of creating lights, assigning them attributes (color, intensity, direction, etc) and applying them in a scene to interact with CG assets.

Rendering: Calculating the effect of light on objects in a CG scene from the point of view of the camera, and creating a rendered element.

Lighting & Rendering

Final shot is composed of several render passes



Lighting & Rendering

Render Pass: Ironman & Warmachines



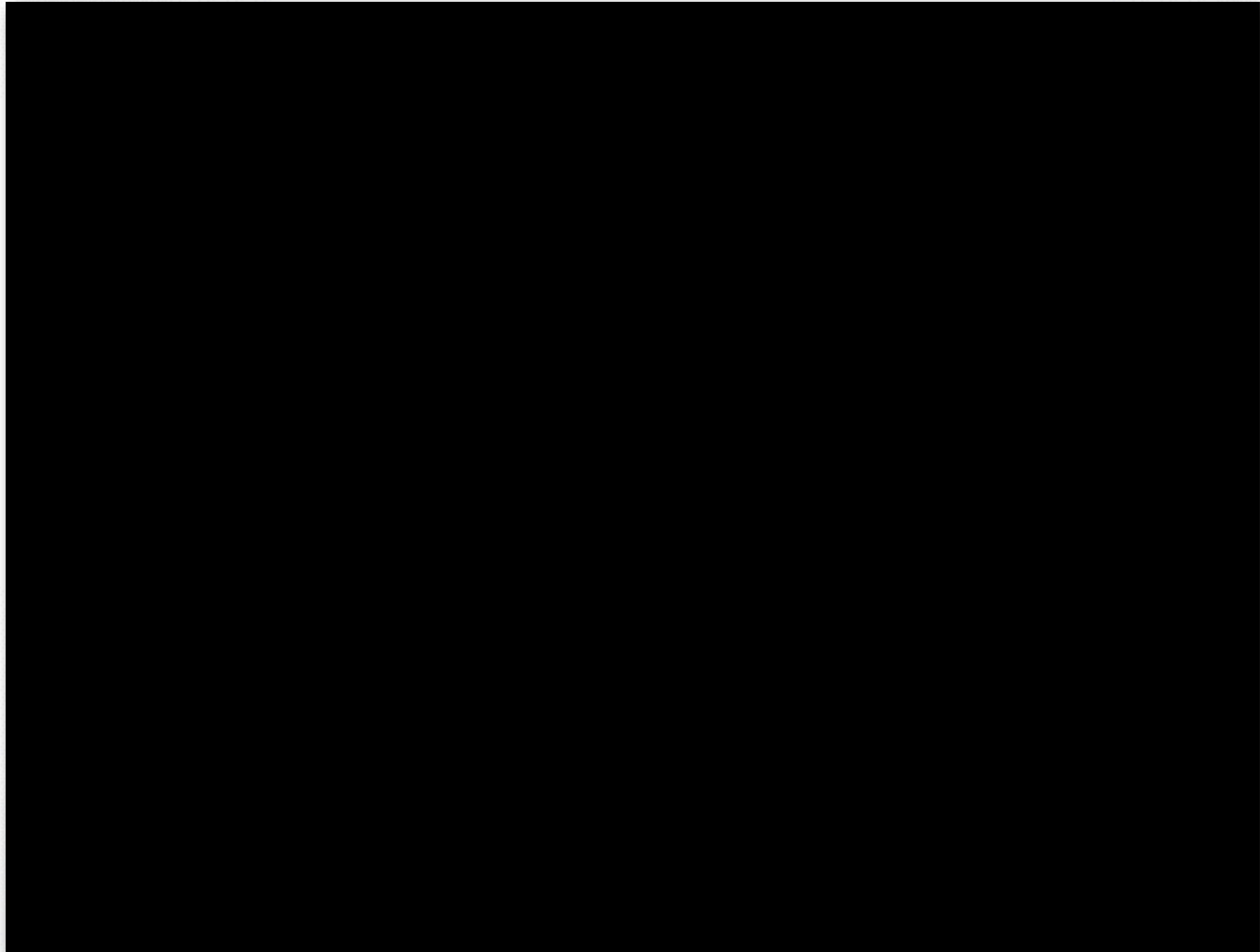
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Render Pass of Army Drones



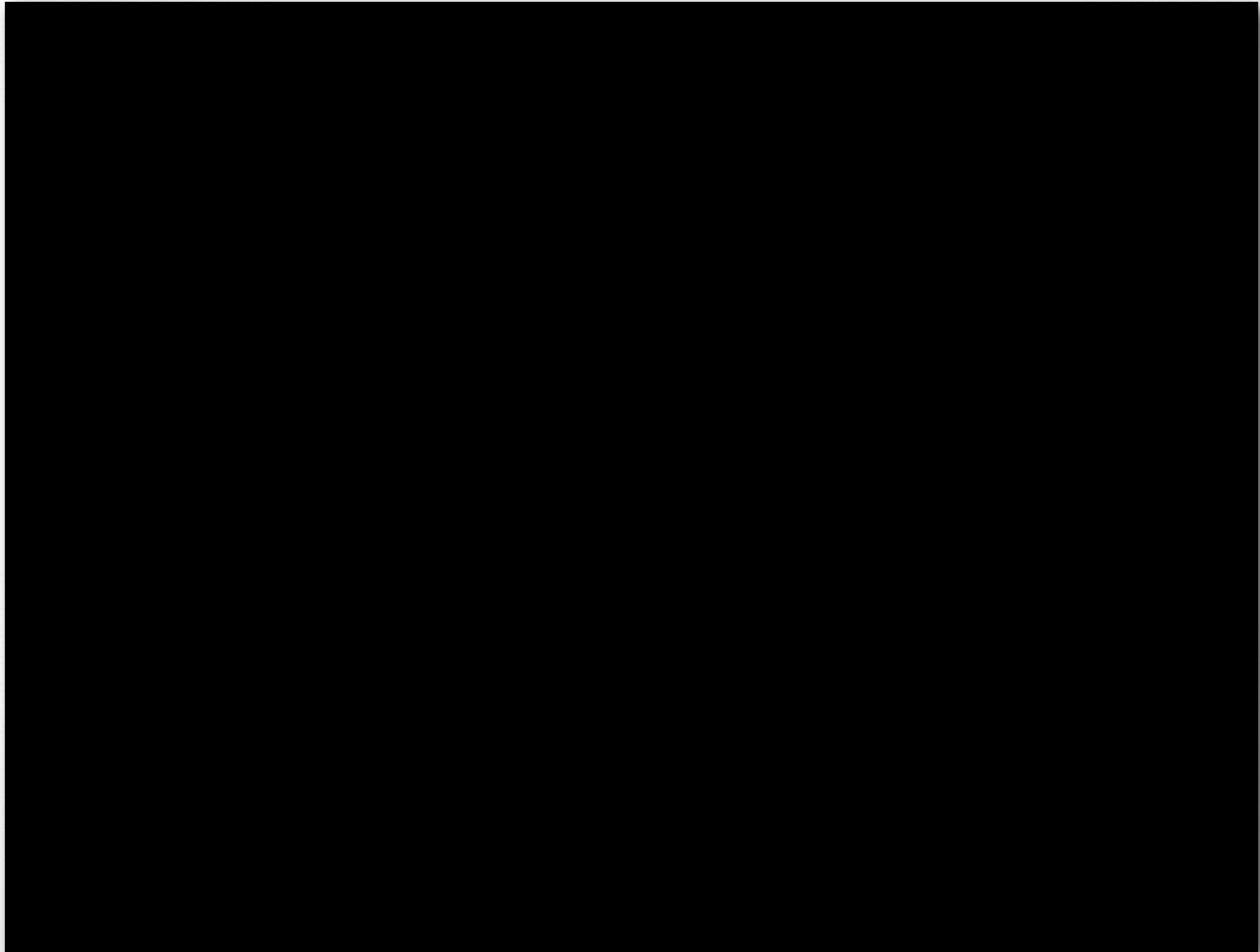
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Render Pass of Marine Drones



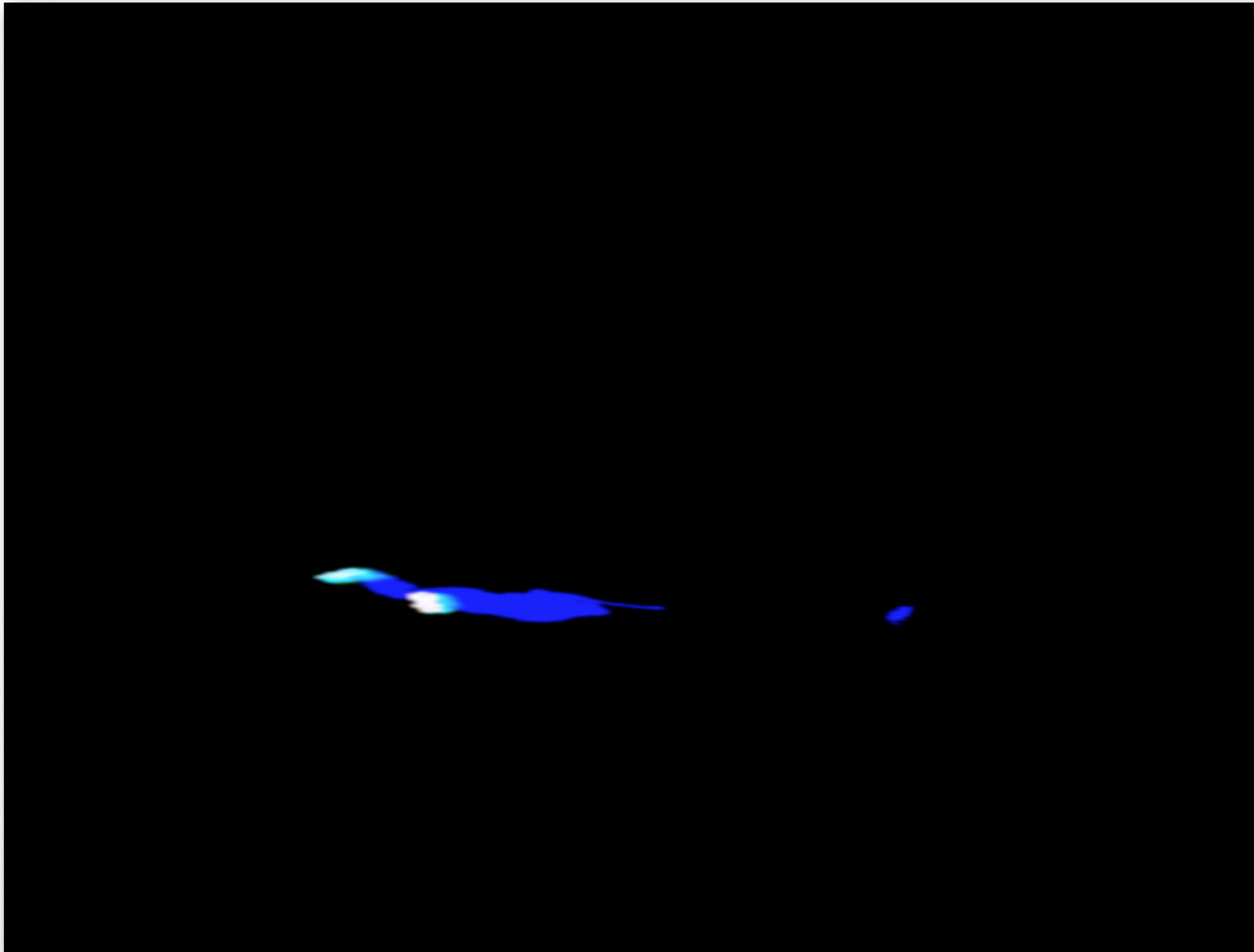
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Render Pass of Navy Drones



Lighting & Rendering

Render Pass of Shadows



Lighting & Rendering

Render Pass of Cherry Blossom Simulation



Lighting & Rendering

Can you spot the passes in the final shot...

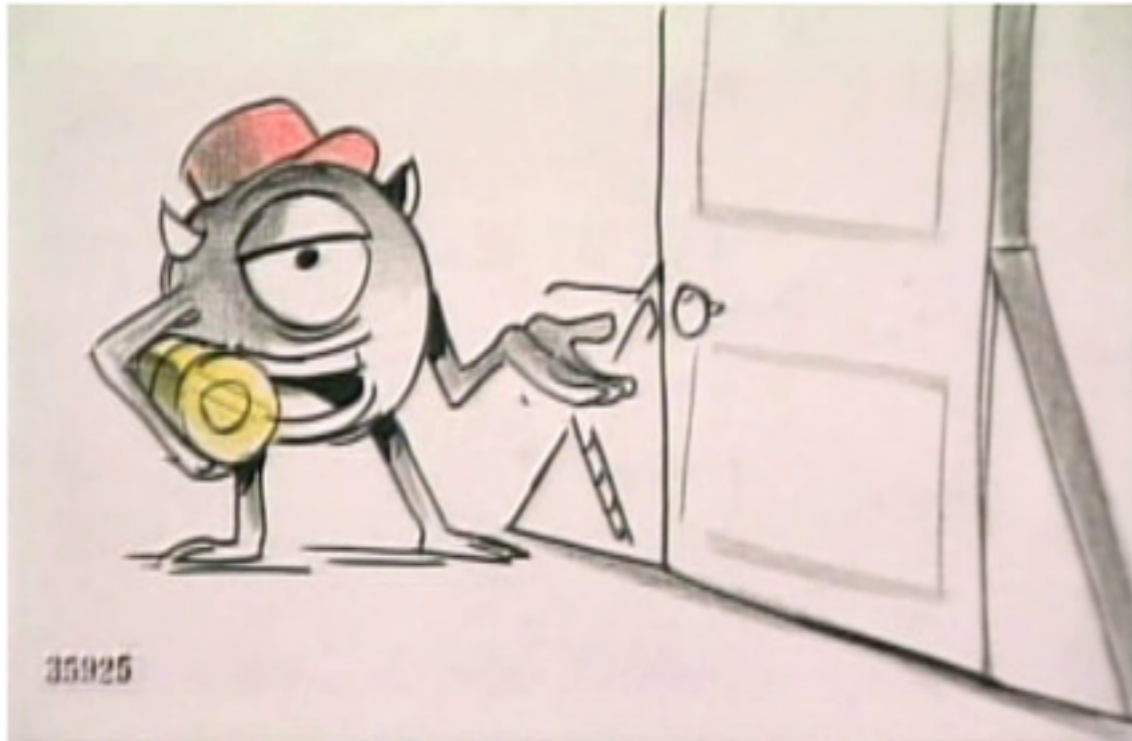


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Final Rendering

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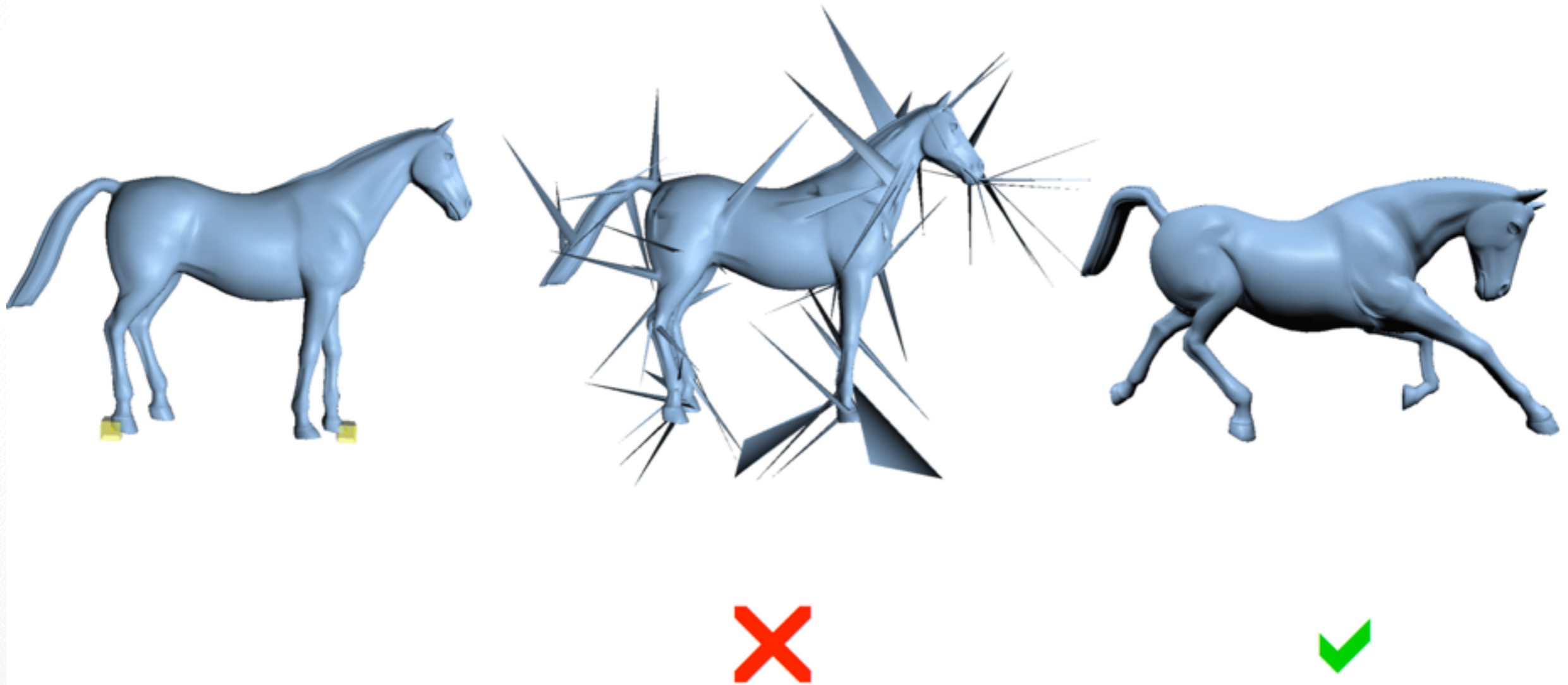
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- Parameterize meaningful deformations



Rigging

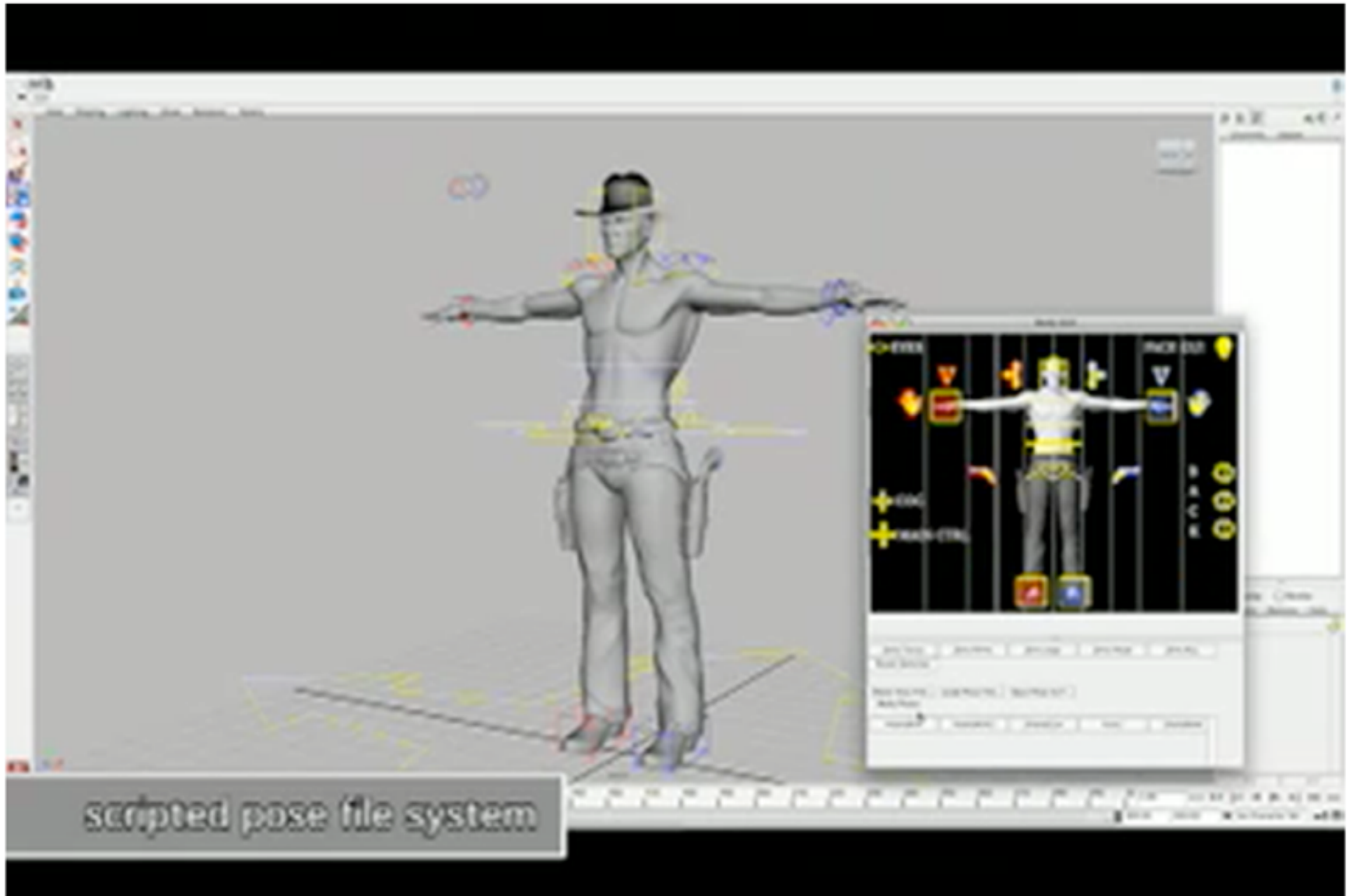
- Augment character with controls to easily change its pose, create facial expressions, bulge muscles, etc.
- Rigging is like the strings on a marionette.
- Capture space of meaningful deformations.
- Varies from character to character.



Rigging

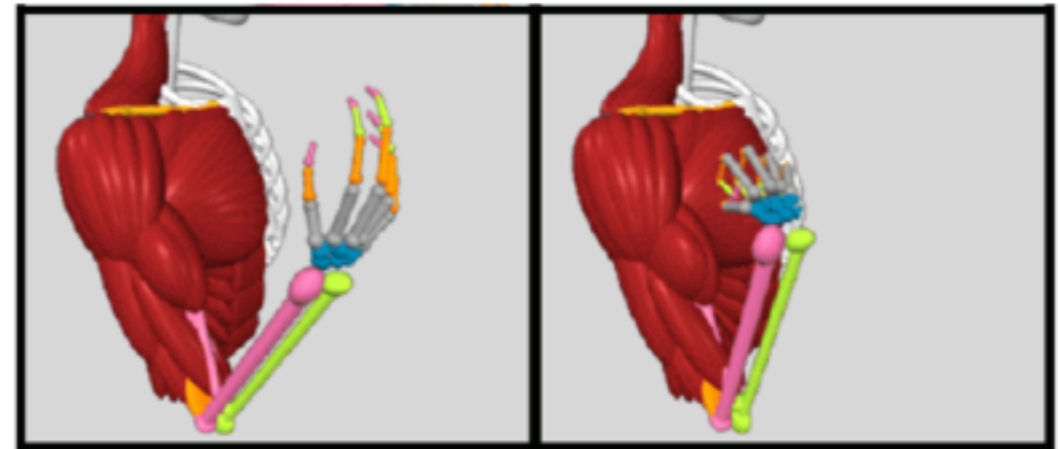
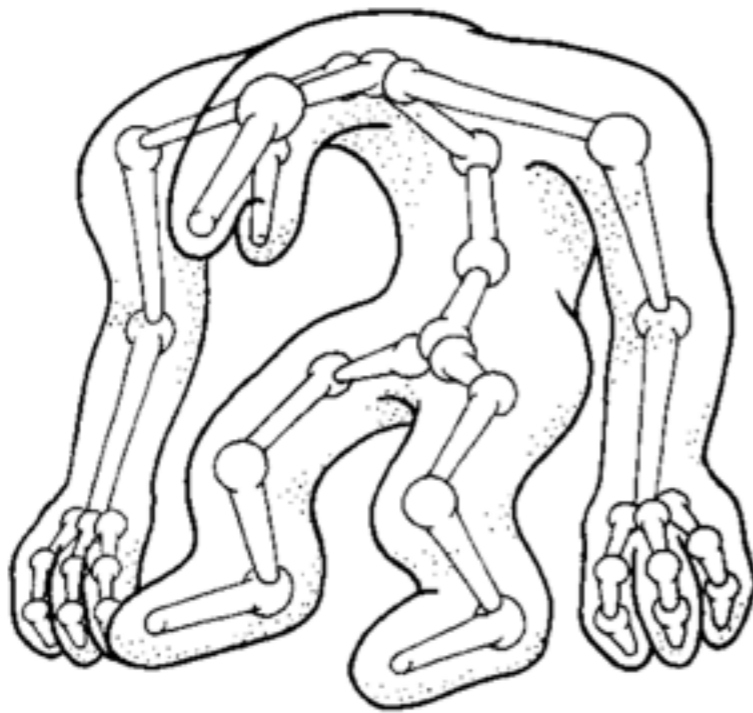
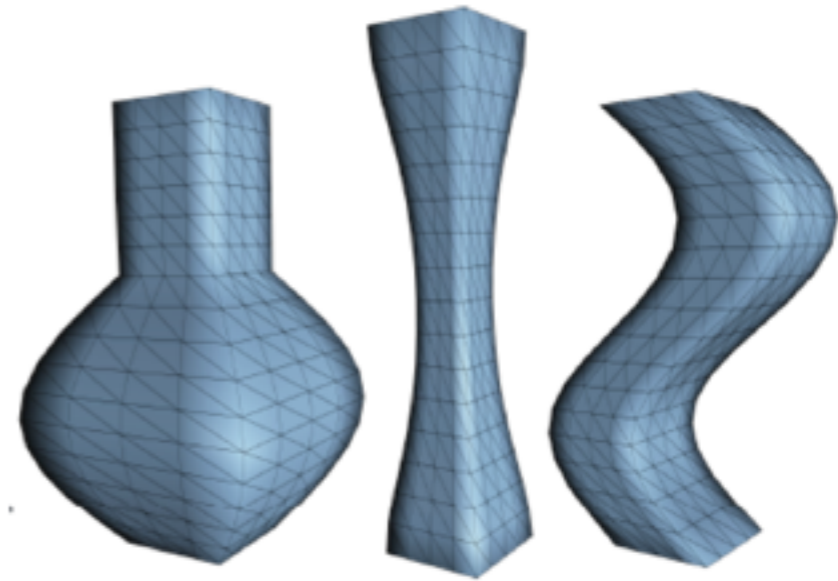
- Extremely important:
 - Determines final shape of the character
 - Quality of rigging deformations has large influence on quality of animation itself
 - Must encode every deformation animator needs to tell the story
- Expensive:
 - Manual effort
 - Both artistic and technical training

Rigging



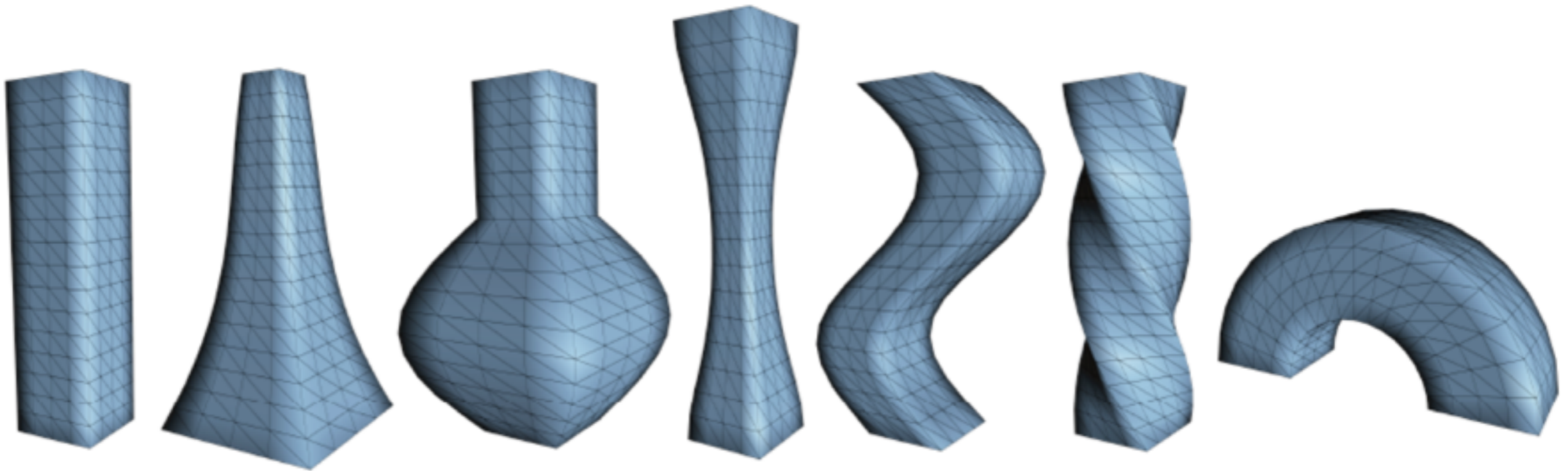
Types of Rigging

- Procedural Rigging
- Skeletal Rigging
- Anatomical Rigging



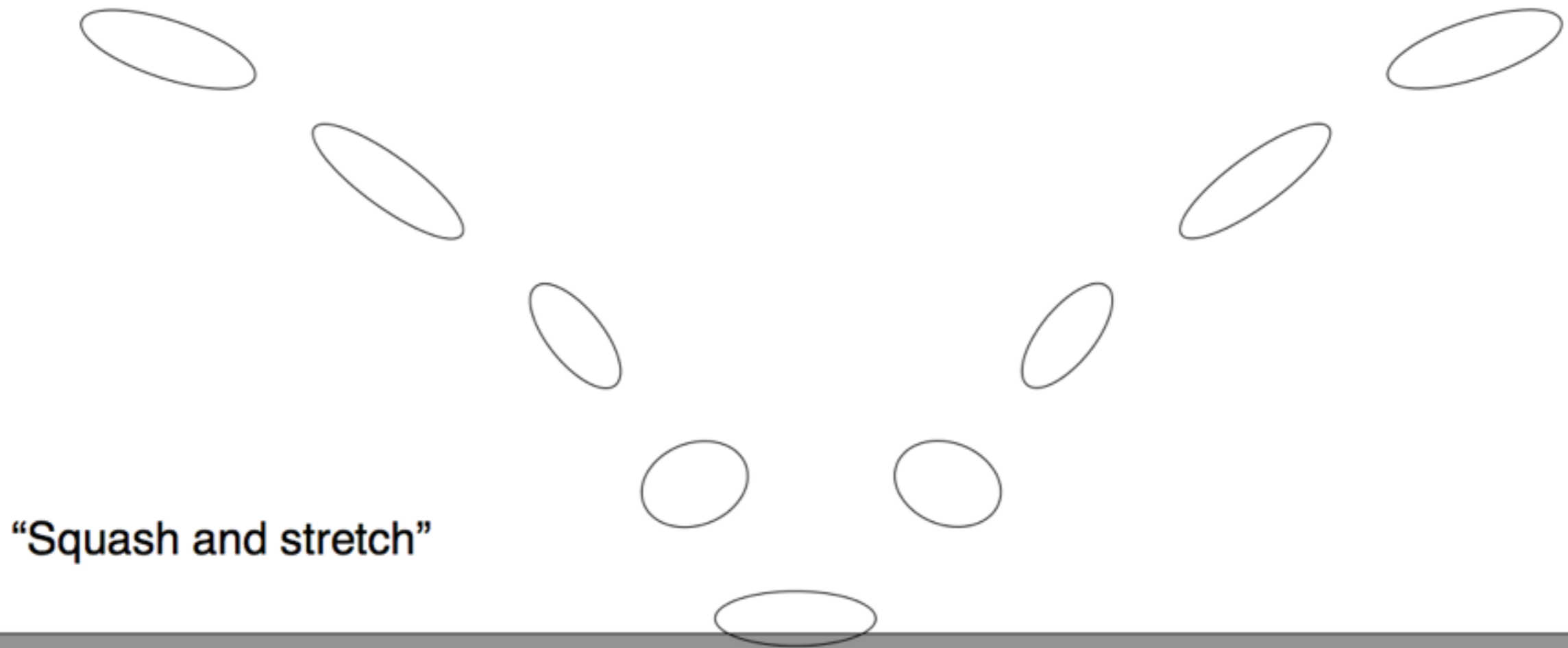
Non-Linear Deformation

- Barr's "global and local deformations."
- Non-linear deformations for bends, twists, tapering, bulges, etc.



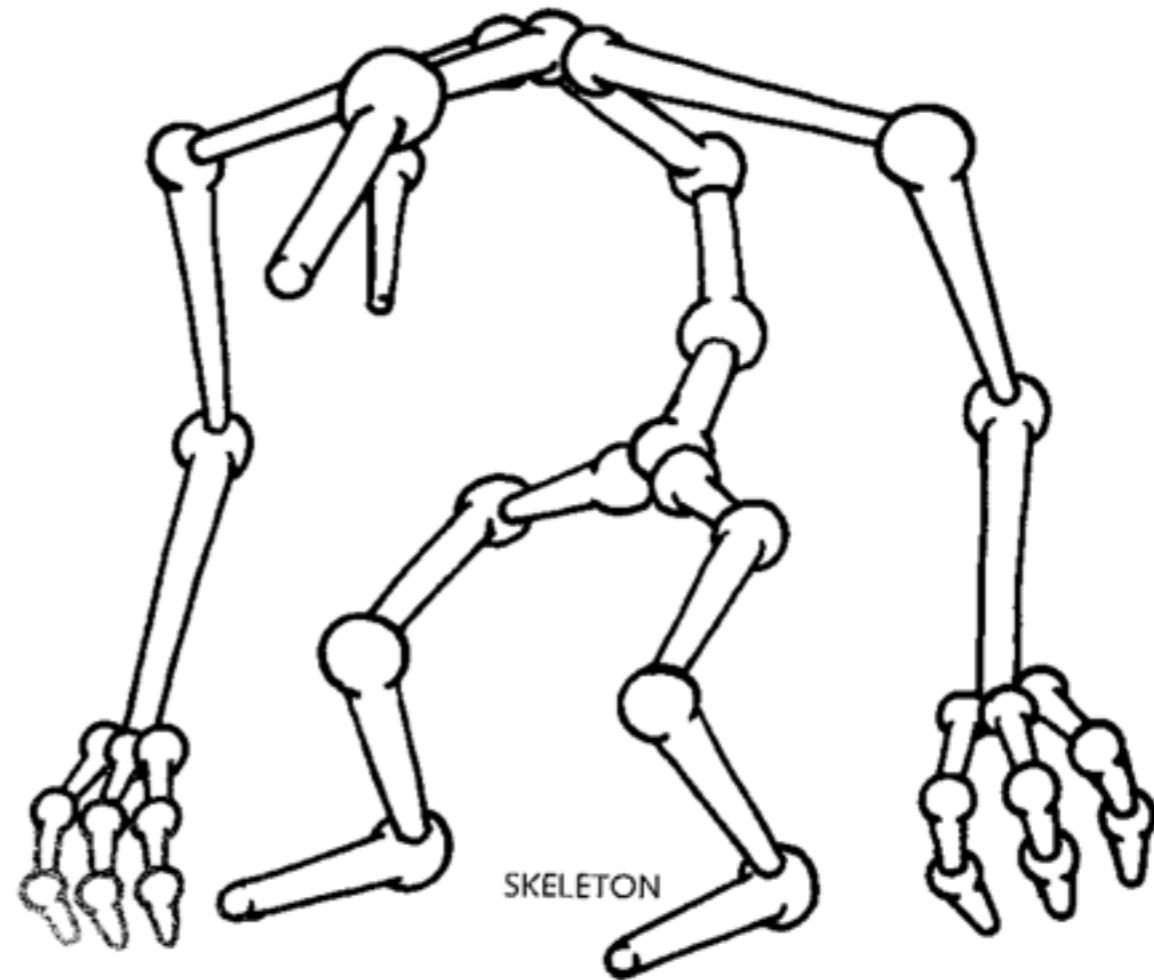
Al Barr. Global and Local Deformations of Solid Primitives. SIGGRAPH 1984.

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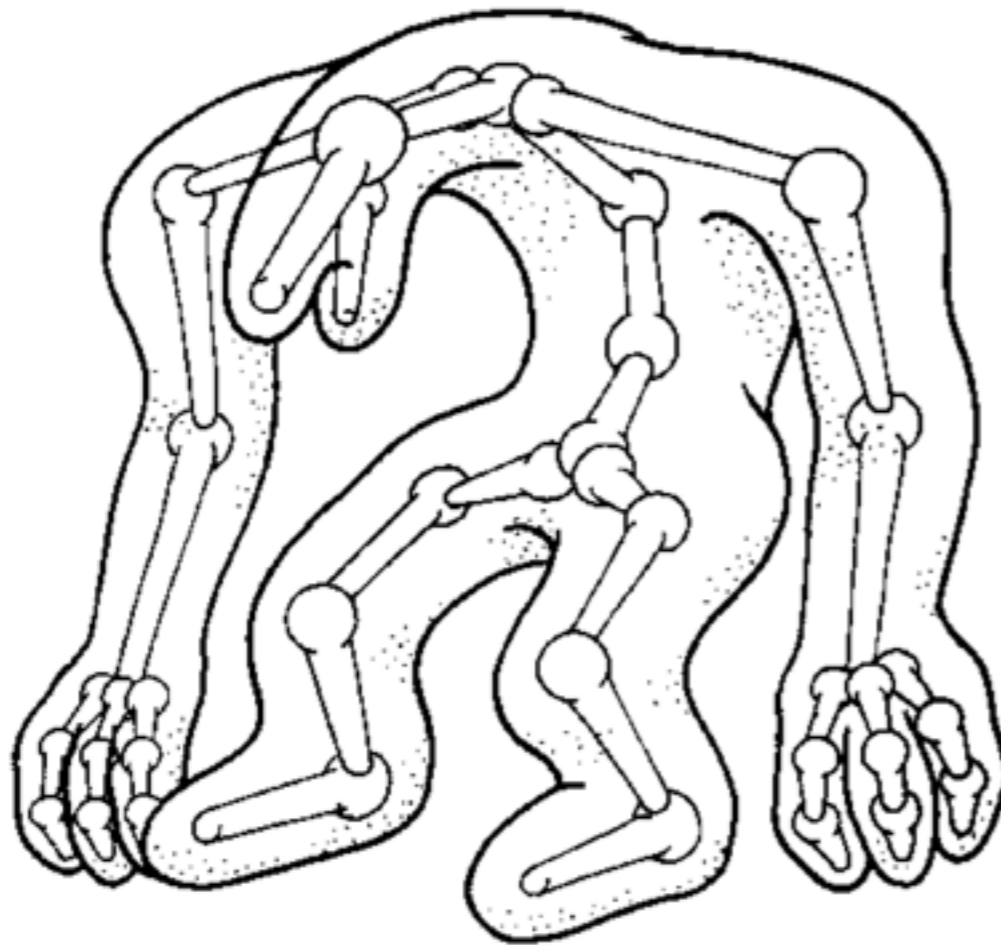
Skeletal Rigging

- Parameterize character deformation with a skeleton.
- Approximate actual skeleton of the character.



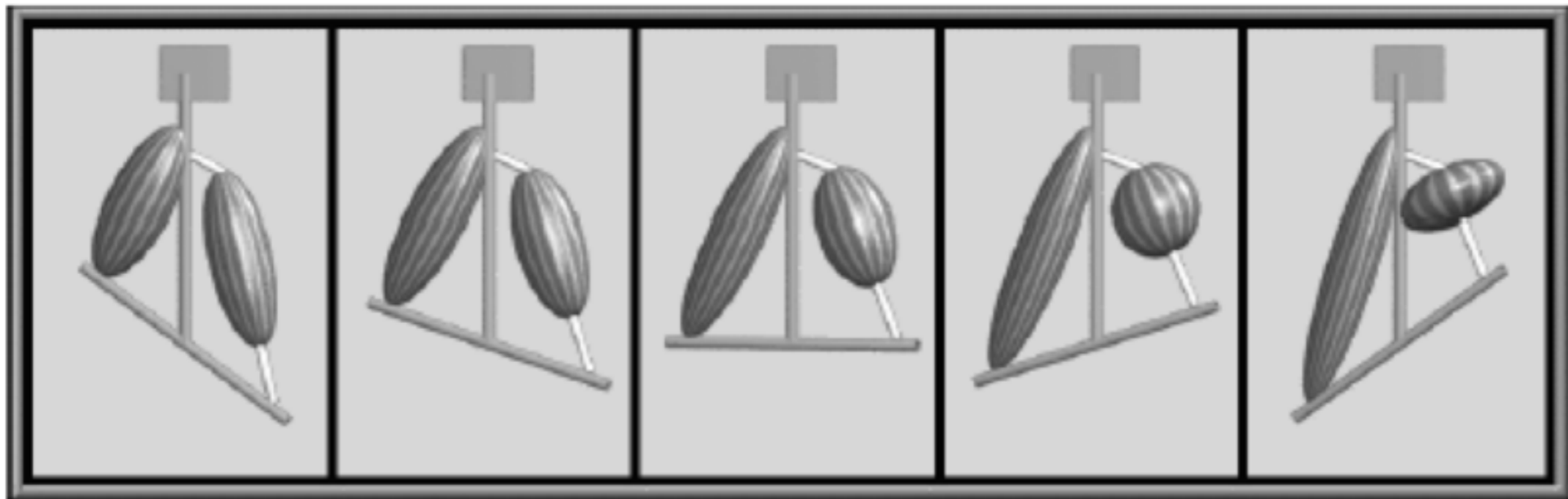
Skeletal Rigging

- Then add skin on top.



Anatomical Models

- Muscles are attached to bones, sometimes with tendons as well
- The muscles contract in a volume preserving way, thus getting wider as they get shorter

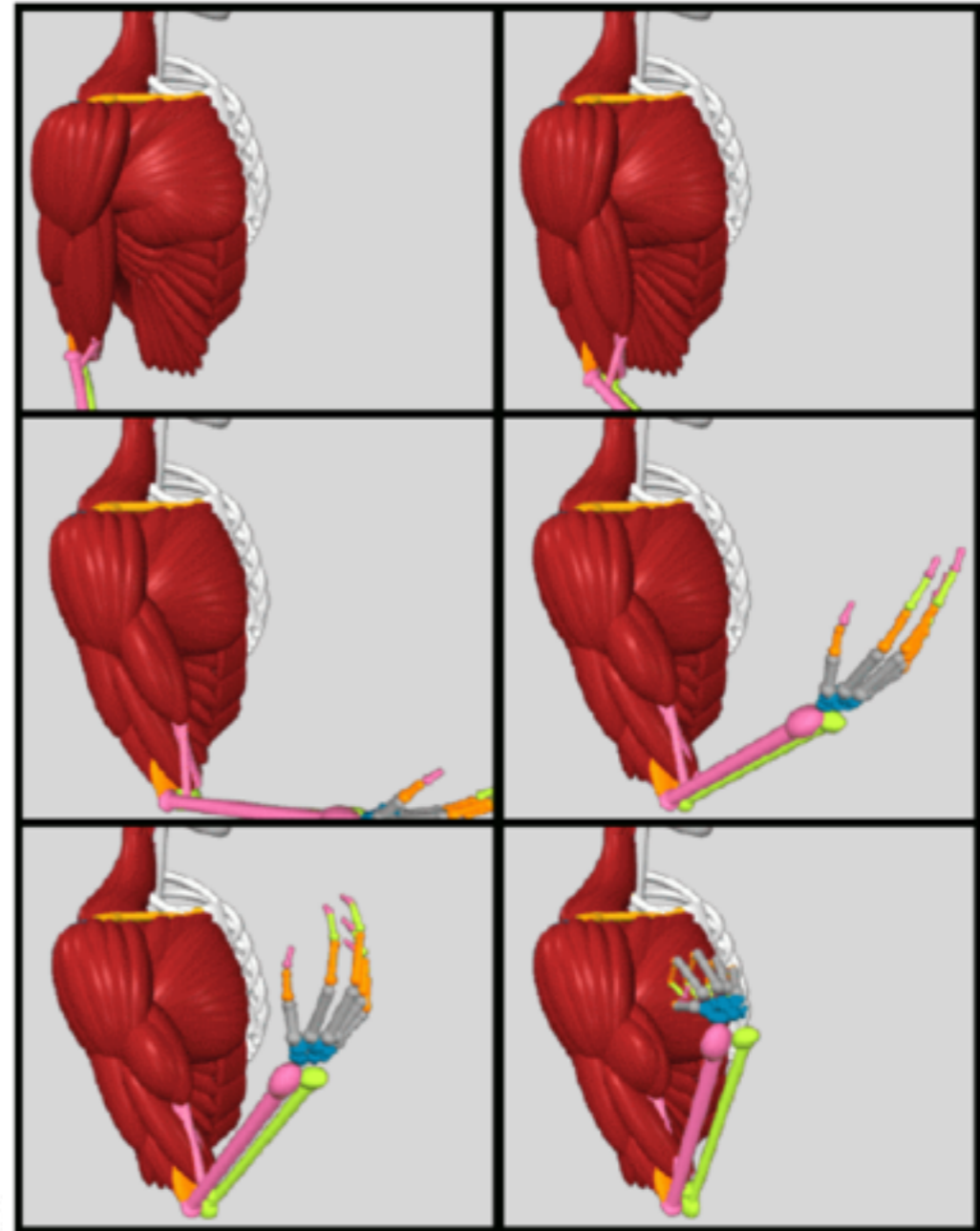


Anatomical Models

Complex musculature built up from lots of simple primitives.

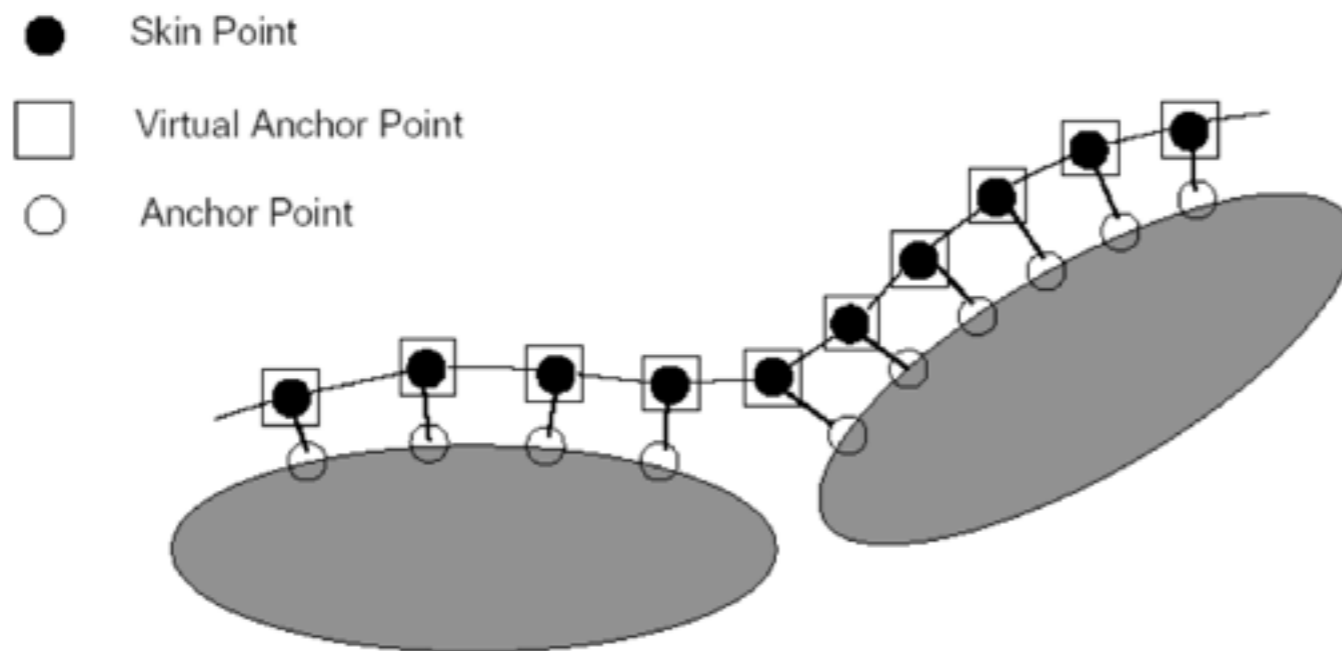


Anatomy-Based Modeling of the Human Musculature. Scheepers et al. SIGGRAPH 1997.



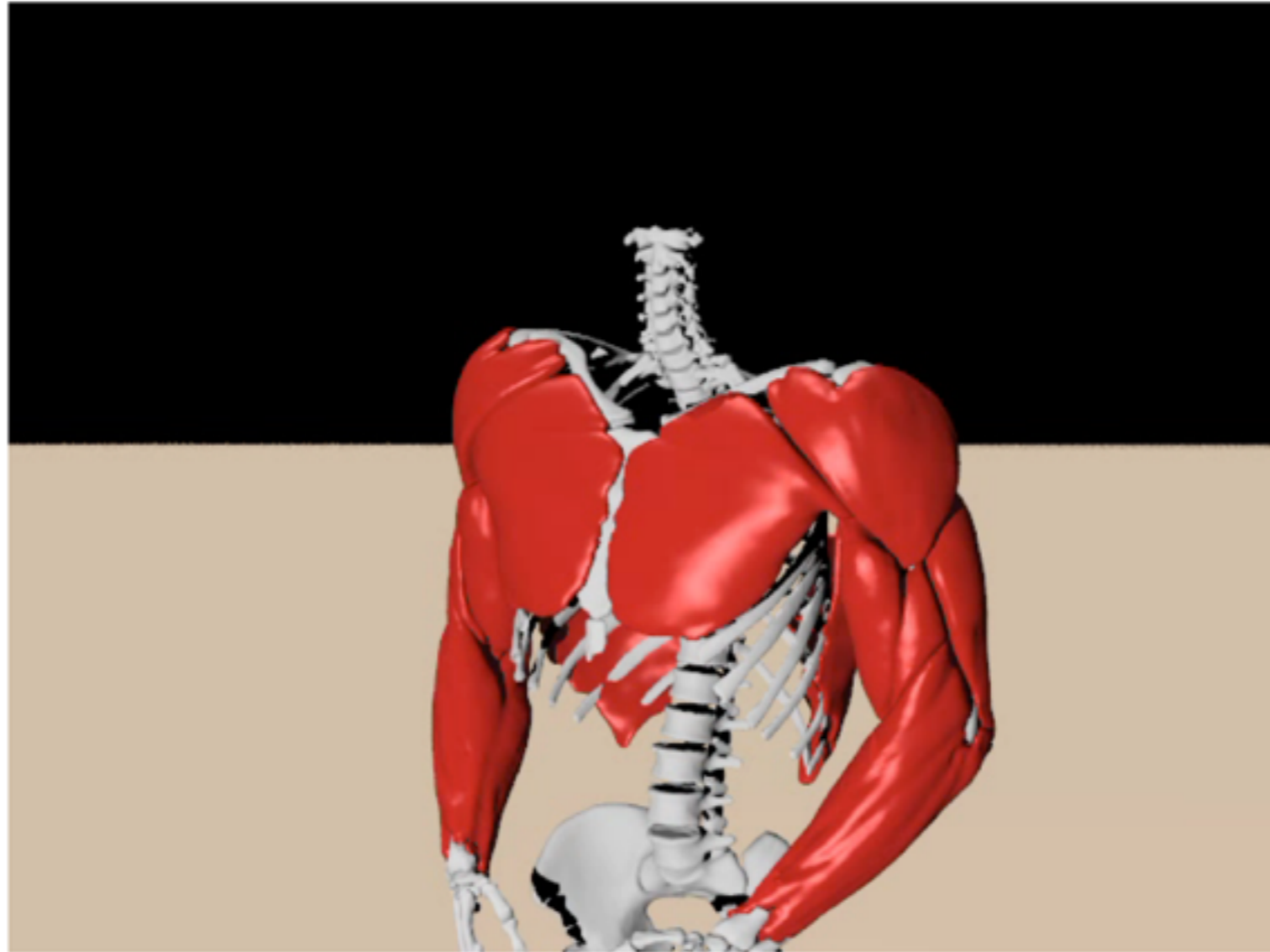
Anatomical Models

- Skin can be attached to the muscles with springs/dampers and physically simulated with collisions against bone & muscle



Anatomically based modeling, Wilhelms
& Van Gelder, 1997

Anatomical Models



J. Teran, E. Sifakis, S. Blemker, V. Ng Thow Hing, C. Lau and R. Fedkiw, Creating and simulating skeletal muscle from the Visible Human Data Set, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 11, 2005

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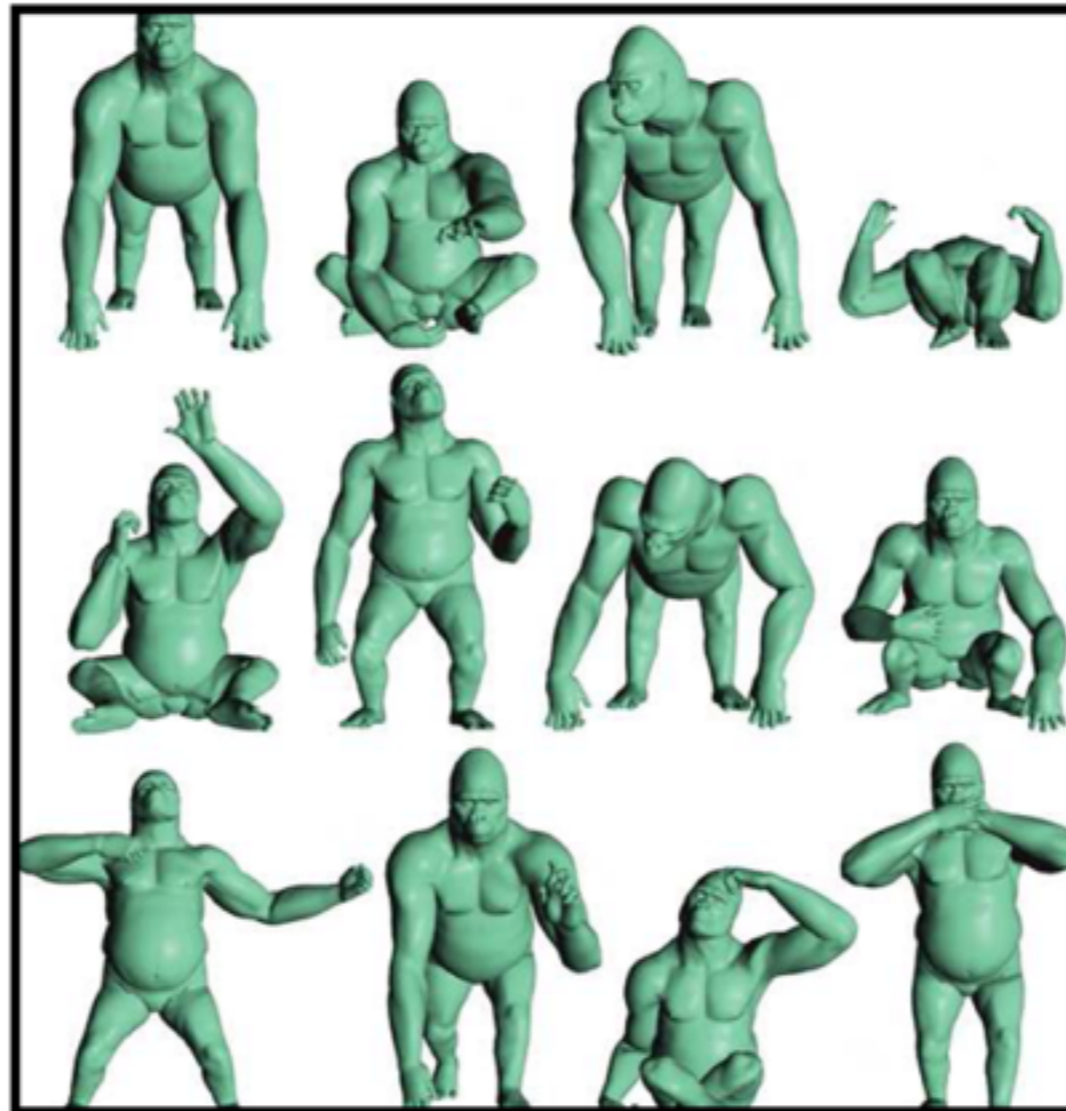
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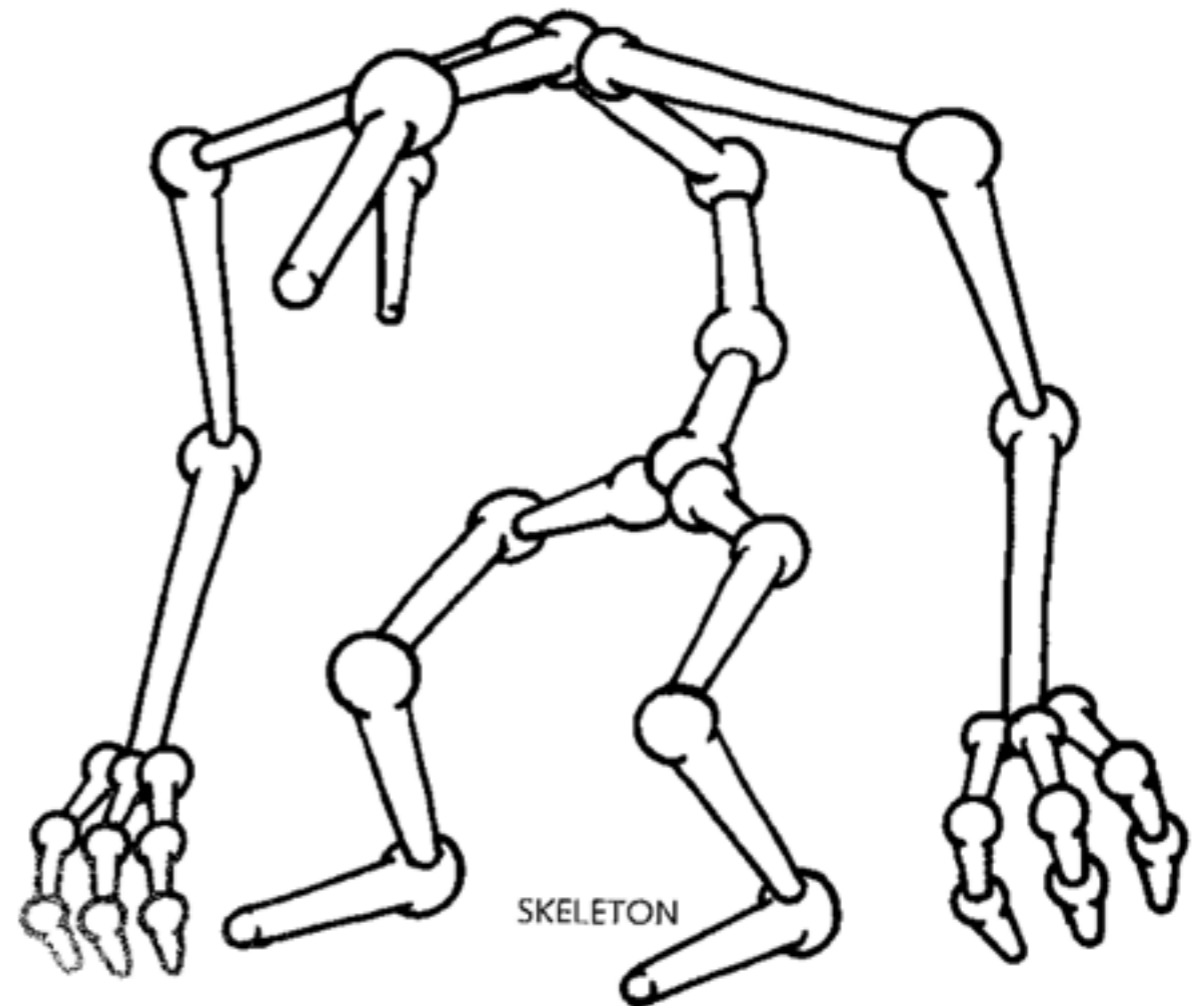
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- Use the rigging controls to put the character into a given pose.



Forward Kinematics

- Given the joint angles, find the position of the “end effector” (ie, hand)
- Problem: unintuitive

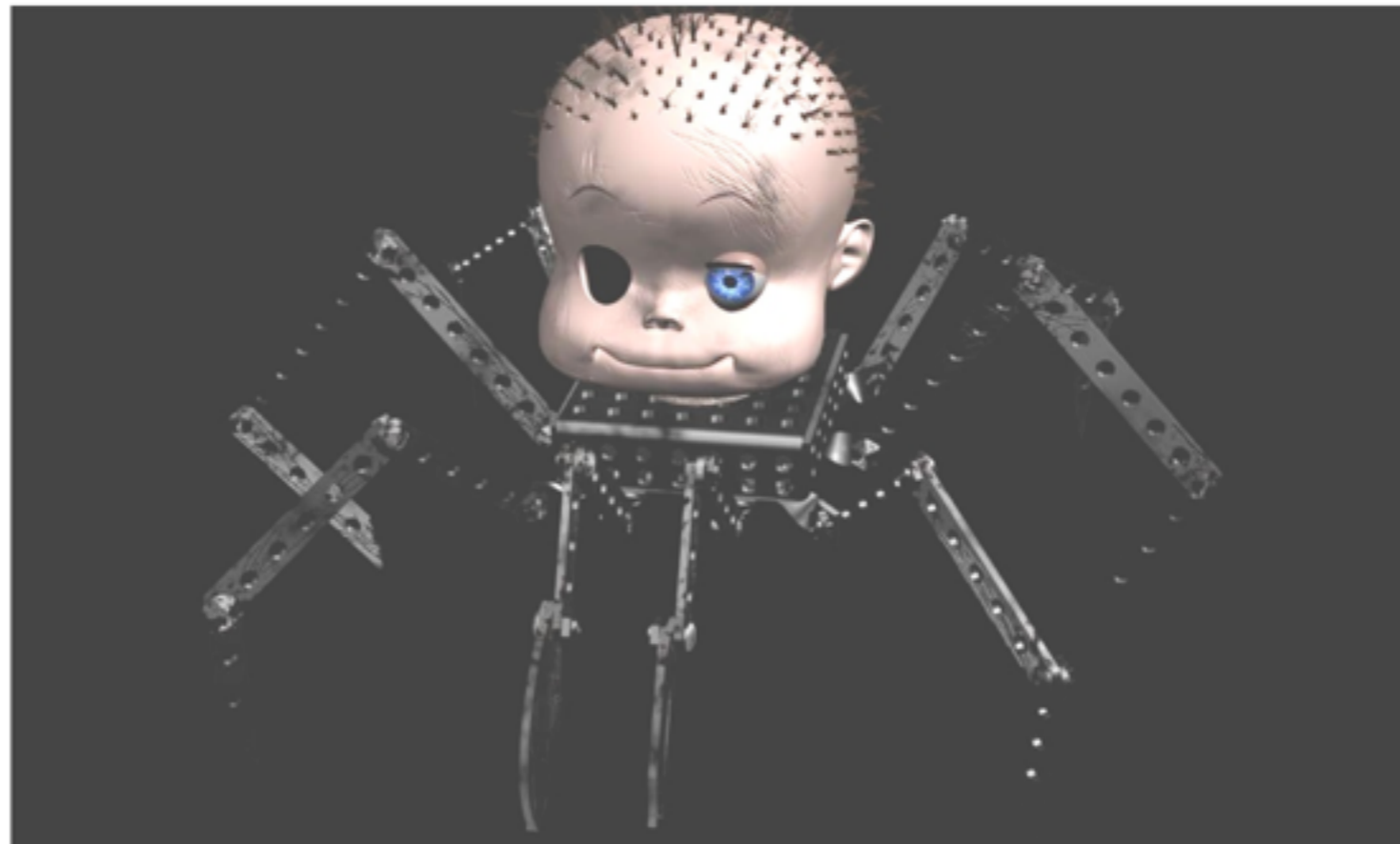


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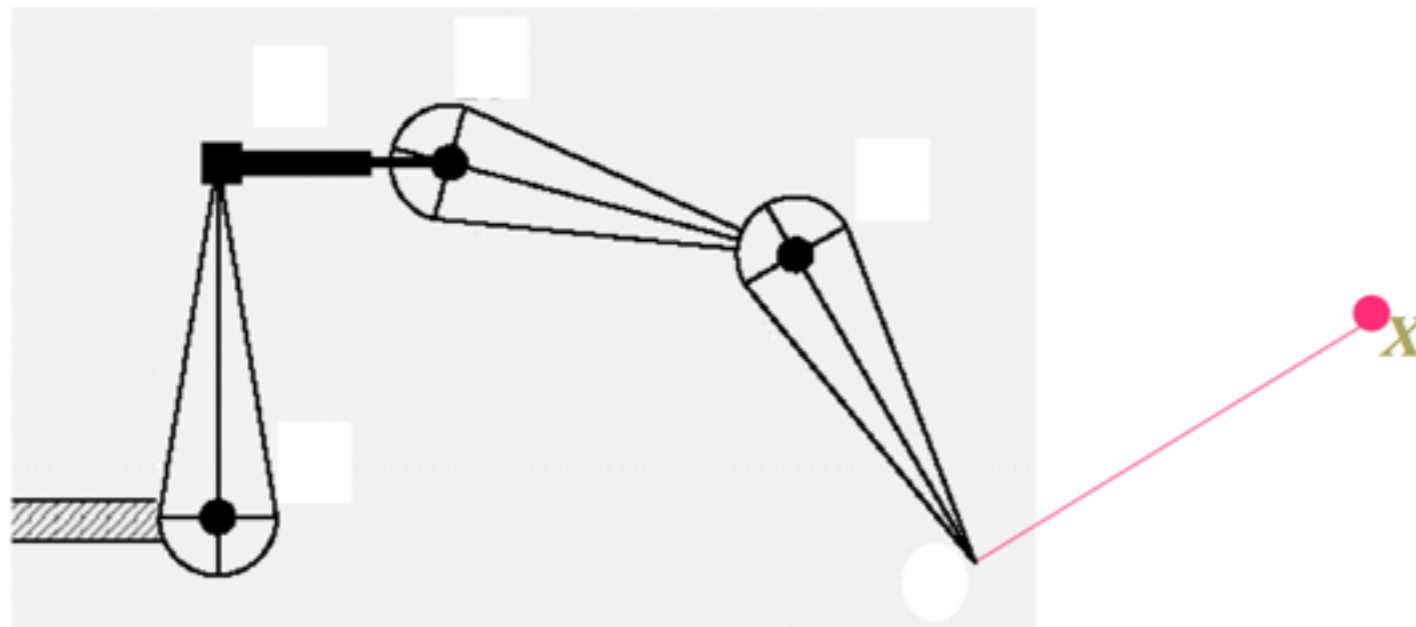
- Given the end effector position, find the joint angles.
- Goals
 - Keep end of limb fixed while body moves
 - Position end of limb by direct manipulation
 - (More general: arbitrary constraints)

Three-link IK

- Can be solved with trigonometry
 - Extra parameter for choice of solution
 - Joint limits

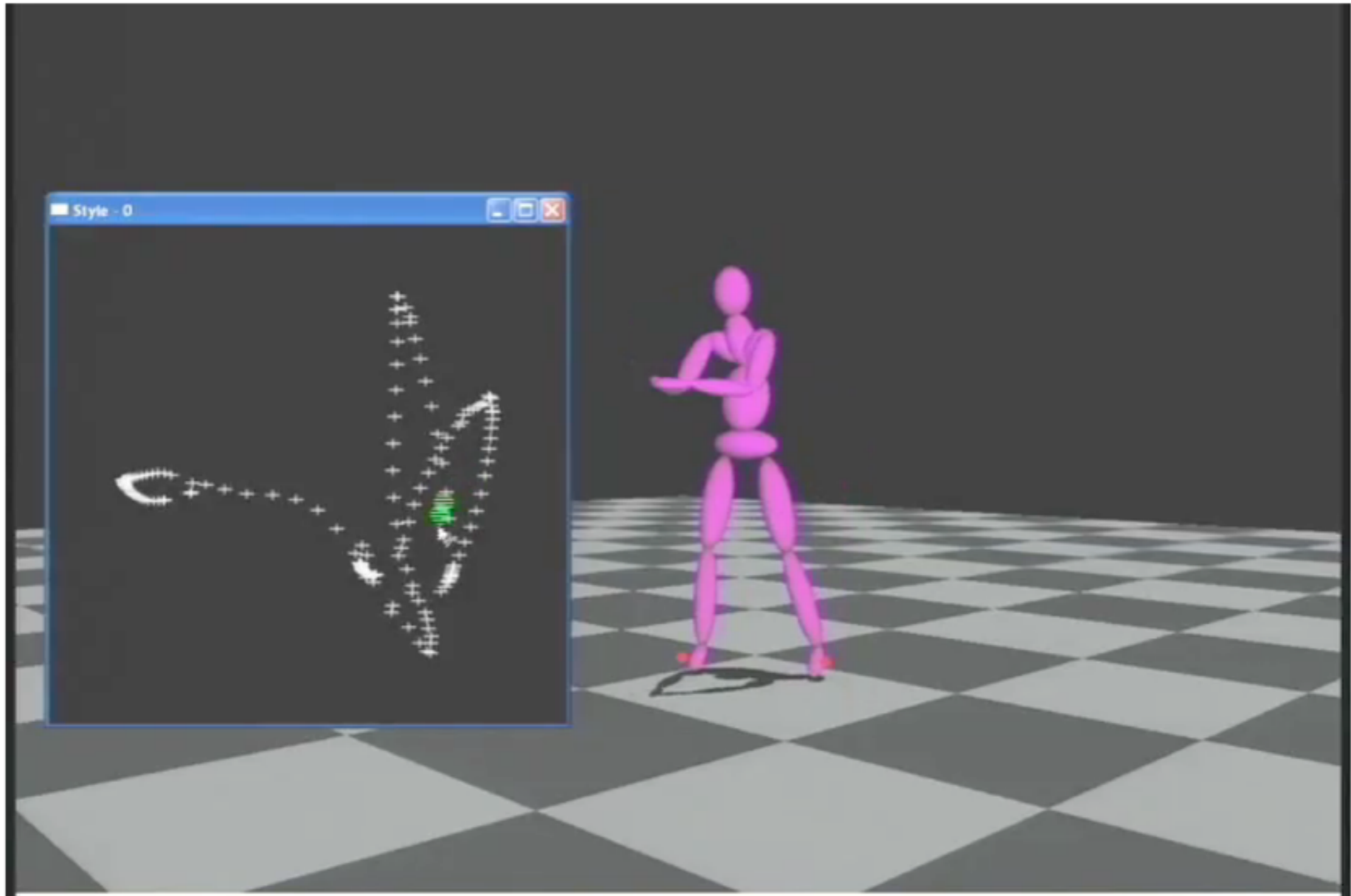


General N-link IK



- want $f(\theta) = X$
 - θ is a vector of N link parameters (angles, extensions)
 - $f(\theta)$ is the position of the endpoint (2D coordinates)
 - X is the position of the target (2D coords)
- Given X , find θ

Style-Based IK



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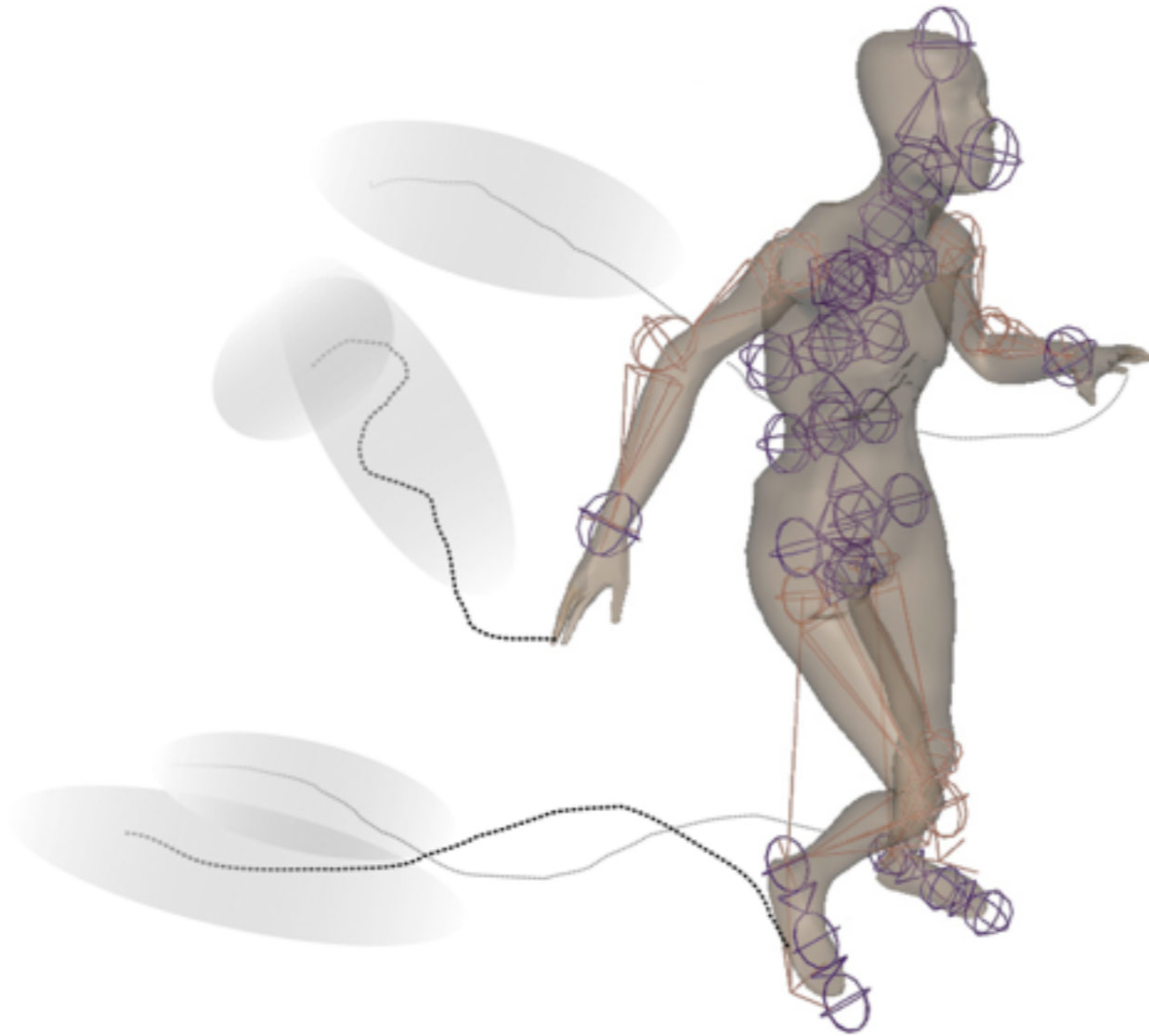
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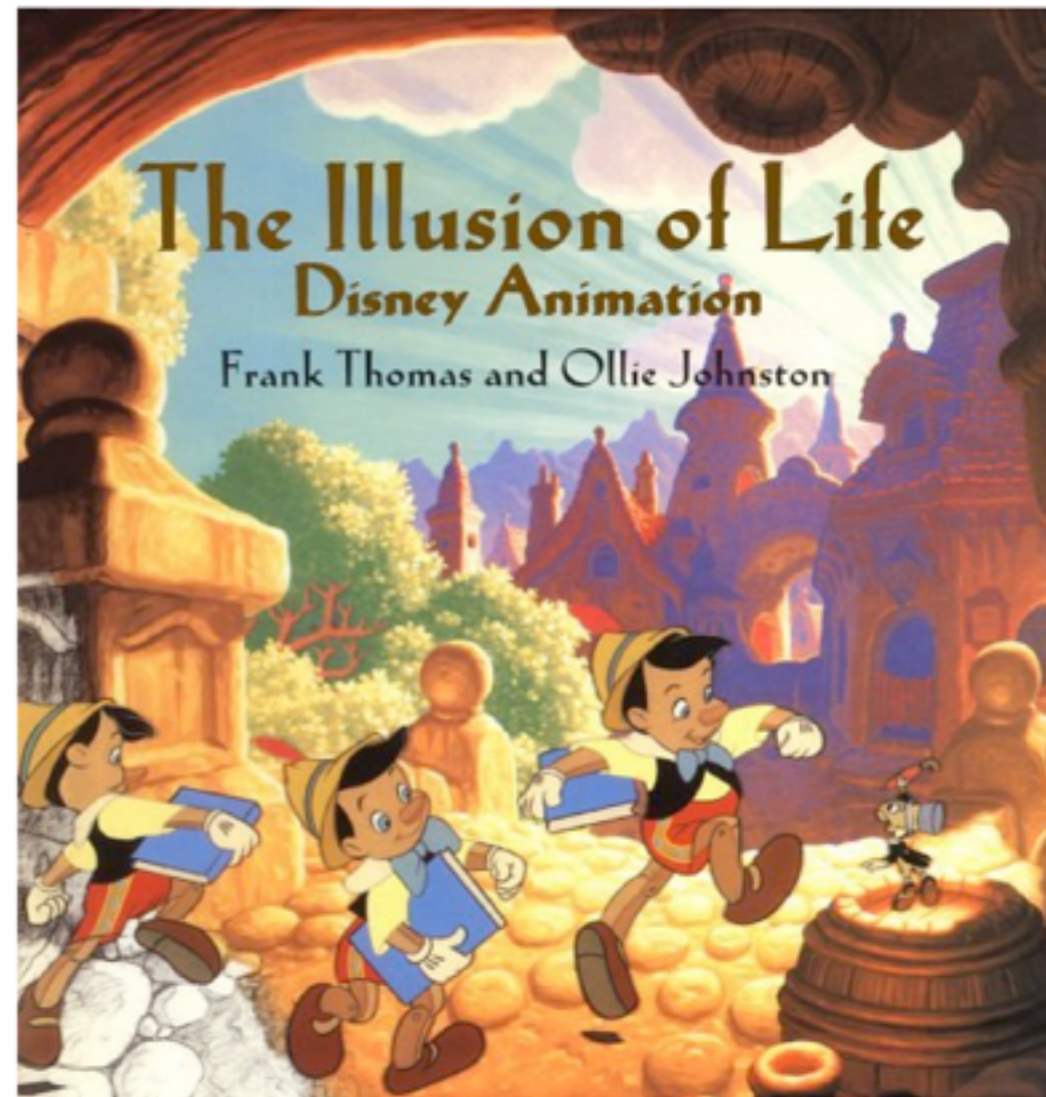
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- Change the rigging parameters over time to generate continuous movement.

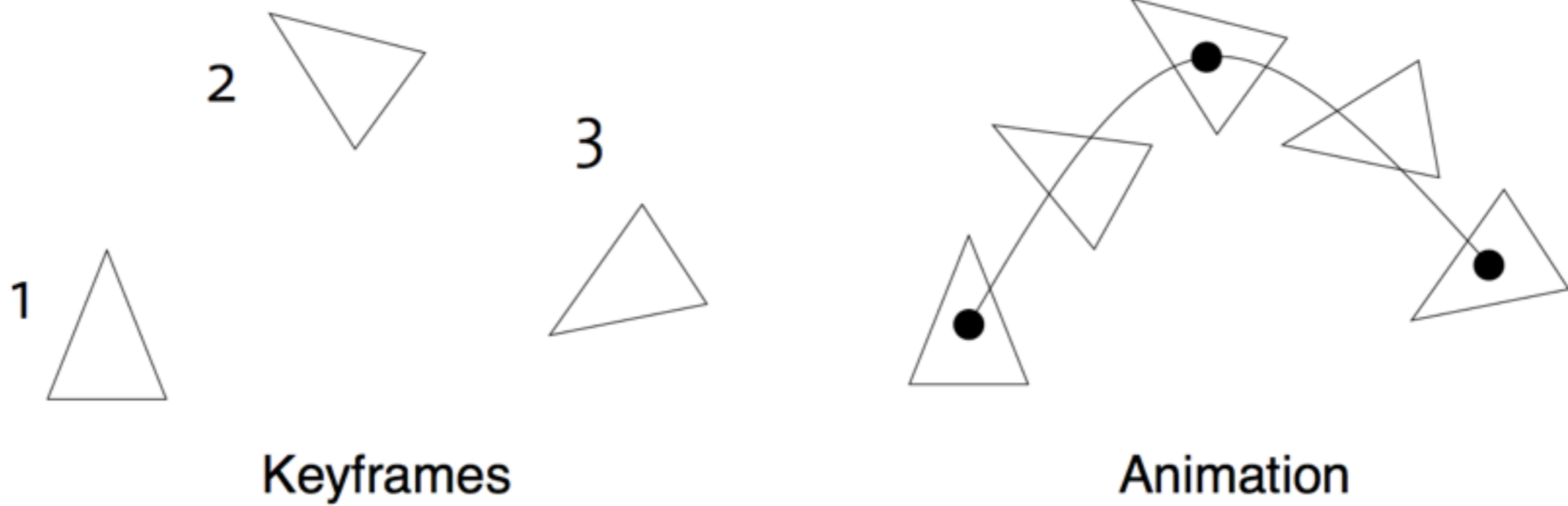


Keyframe Animation

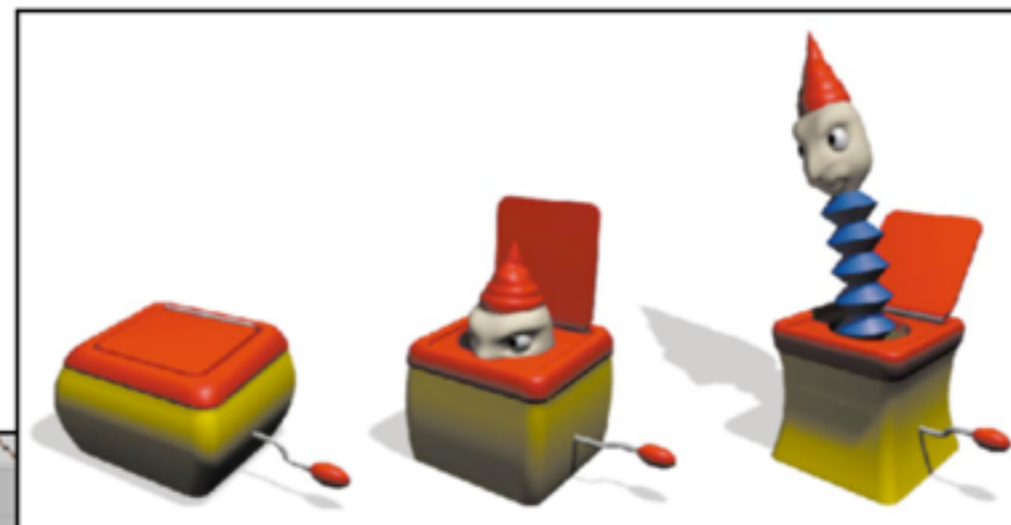
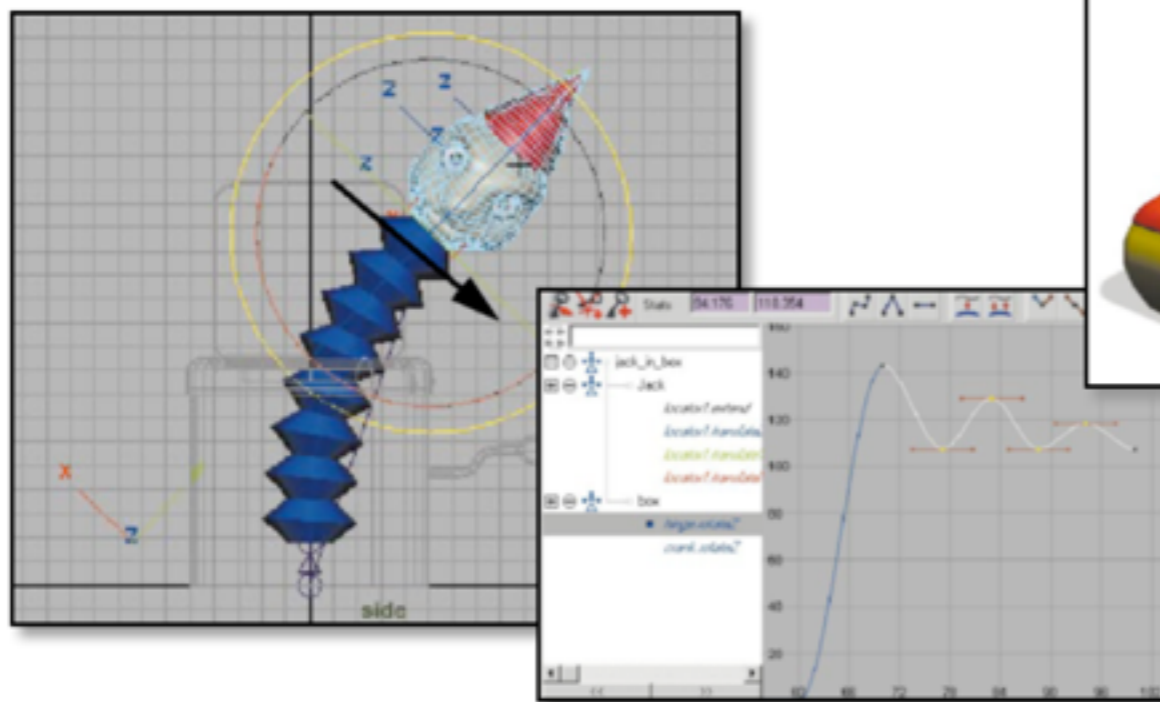
- Traditionally, animator draws character at “extreme” poses
- Fill in in-betweens
- Textbook “Illusion of Life”



Keyframe Animation



Keyframe Animation



From *Learning Maya 2.0*

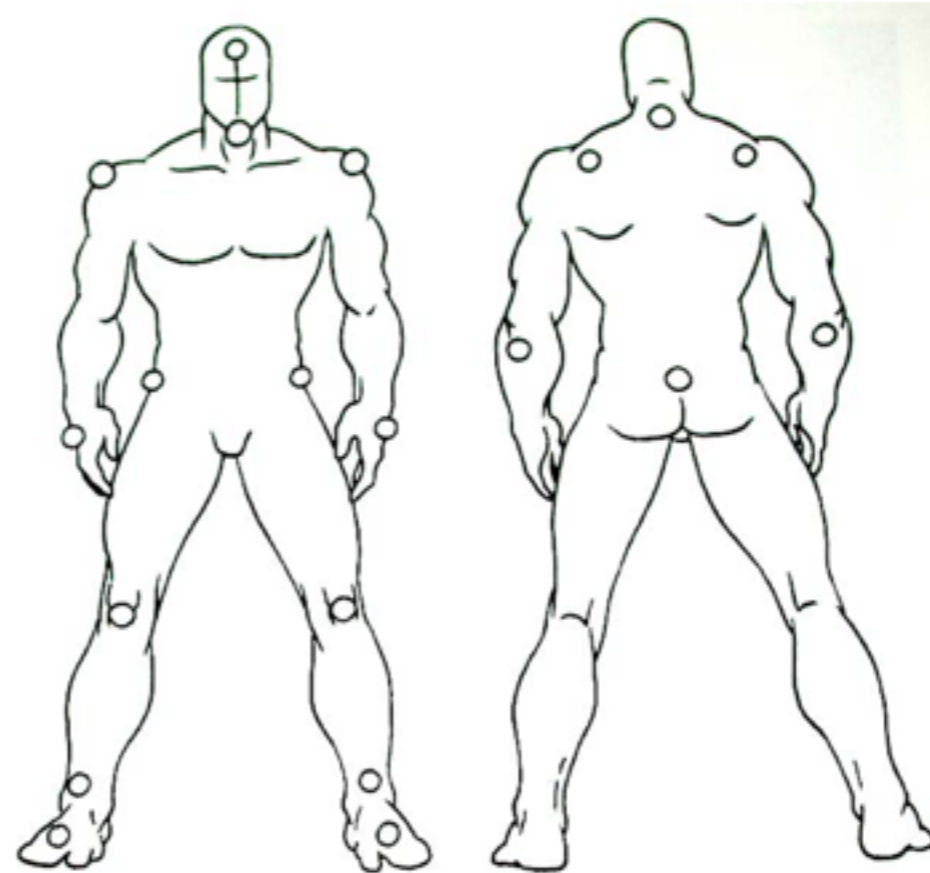
Keyframe Animation

- Expressive! Gives artist total control
- But labor intensive even for talented artist



Motion Capture

- More realistic motion sequences can be generated by Motion Capture
- Extract data from real-world people acting out a scene
- Record live action

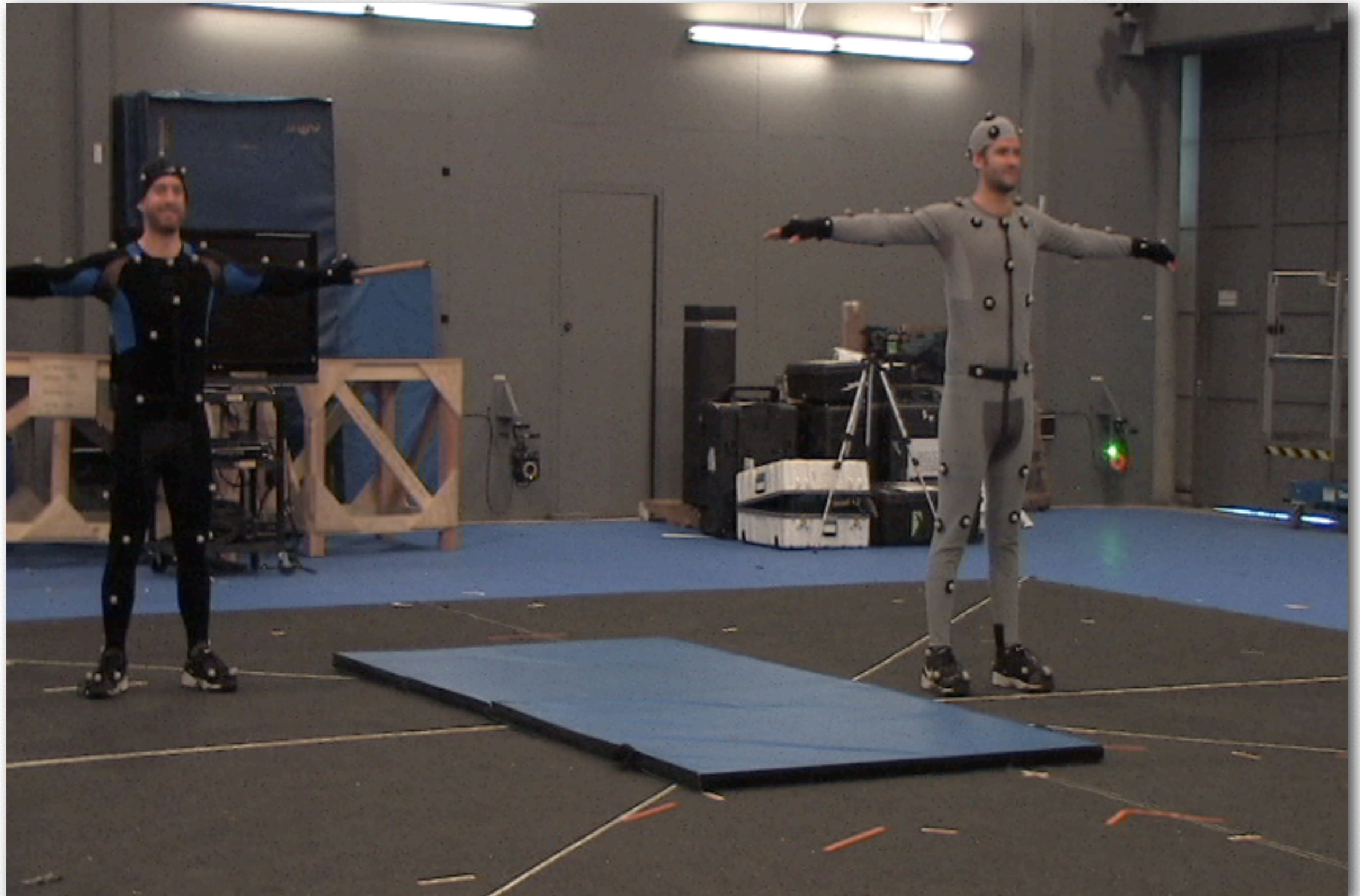


Optical

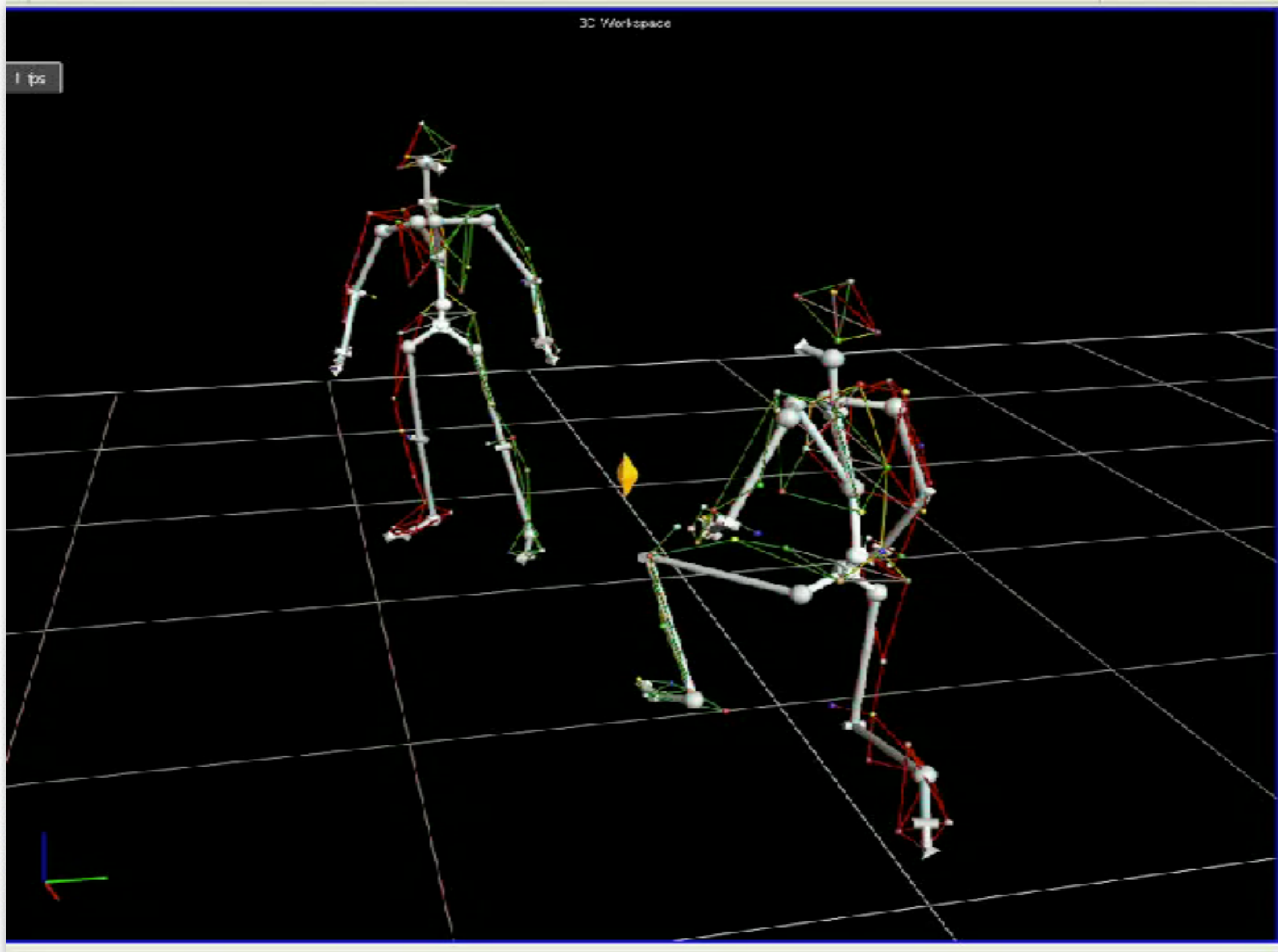


[Images from NYU and UW]

Motion Capture



Motion Capture



... becomes Mocap Data

IMocap

A new technique developed for Pirates of the Caribbean 2 that enabled ILM to capture performance on location while maintaining a relatively small footprint.

IMocap

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ILM

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IMocap



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Performance Capture



We can capture these...



Motion Capture???

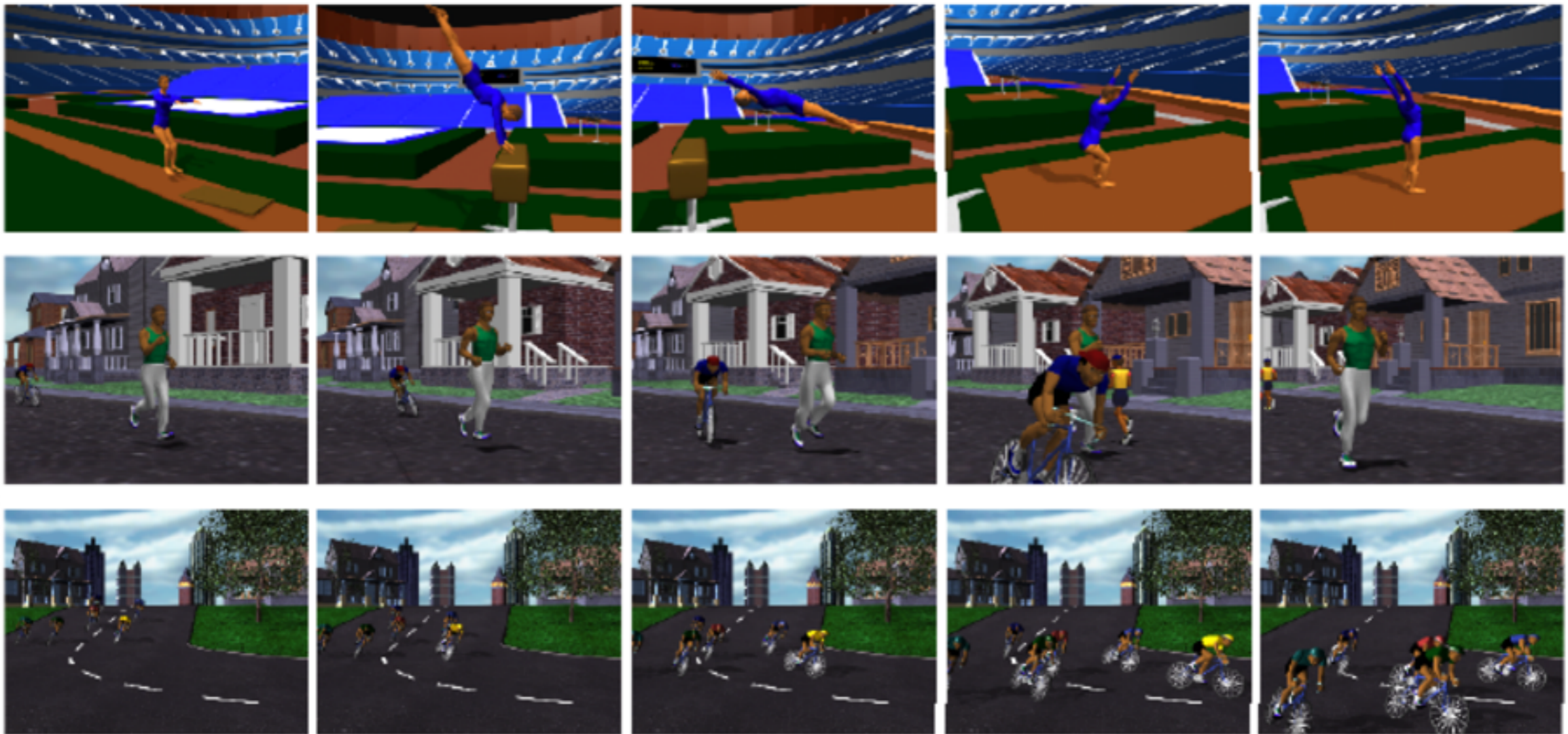


Physics-Based Character Animation



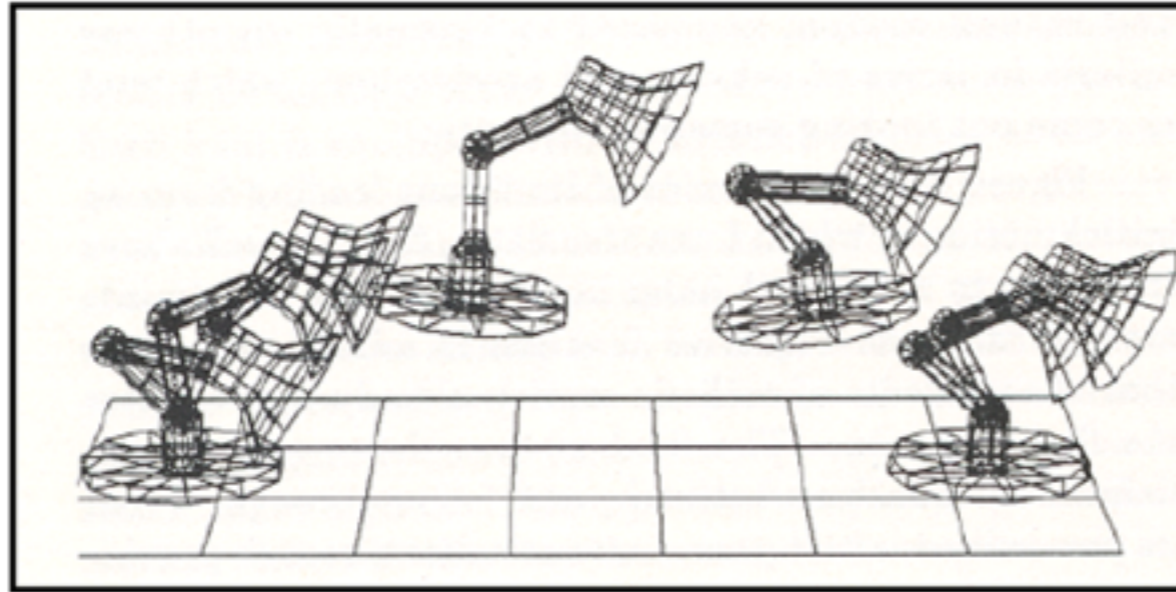
Olympic Running

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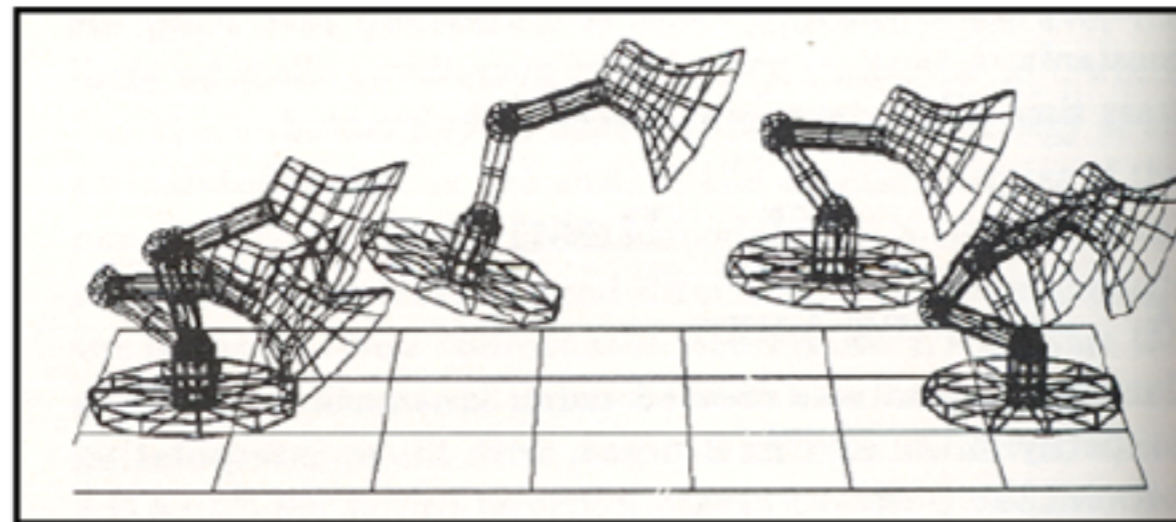


Vaulting, Cycling and Running

Space Time Constraints

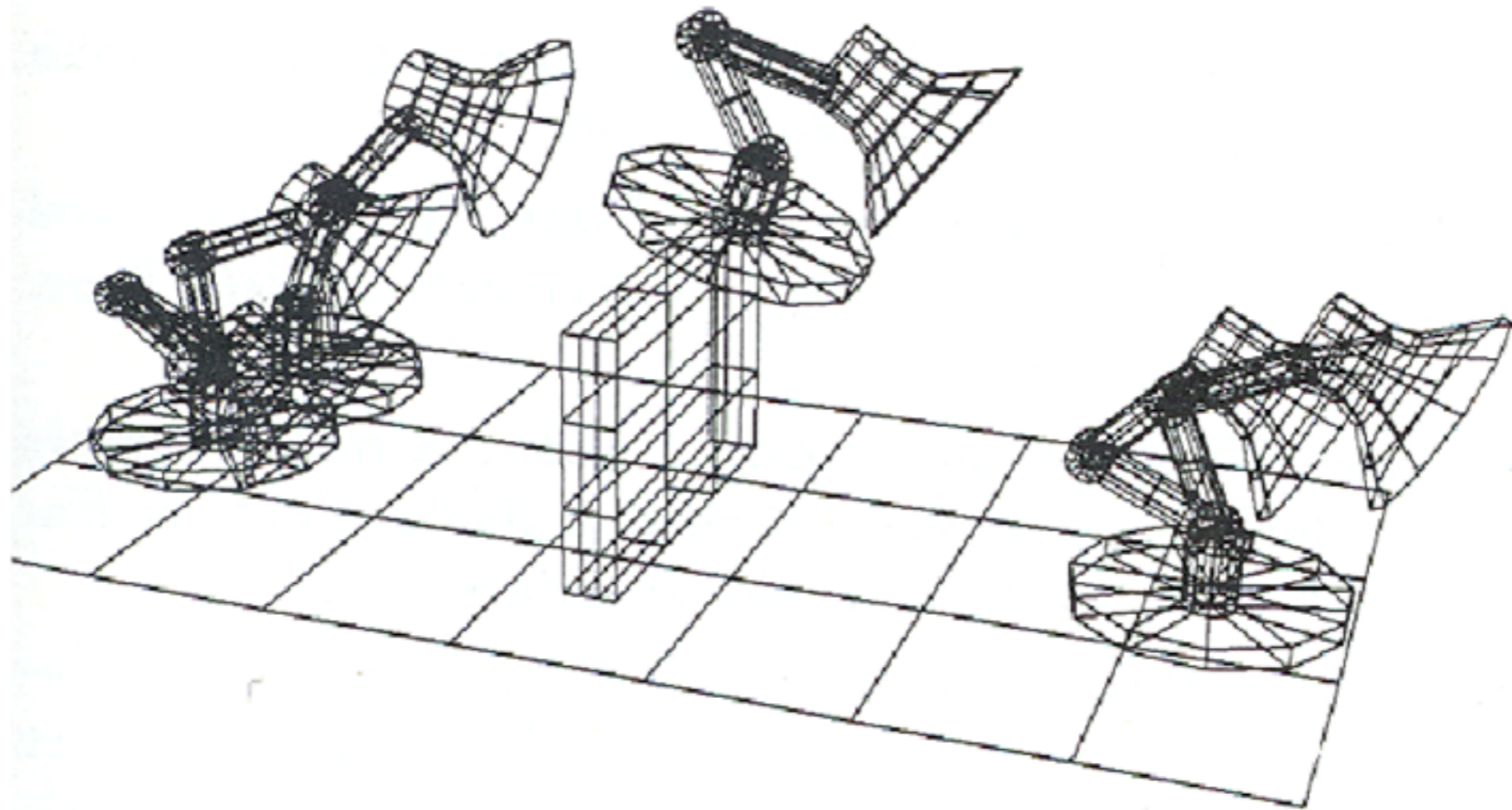


Original Jump



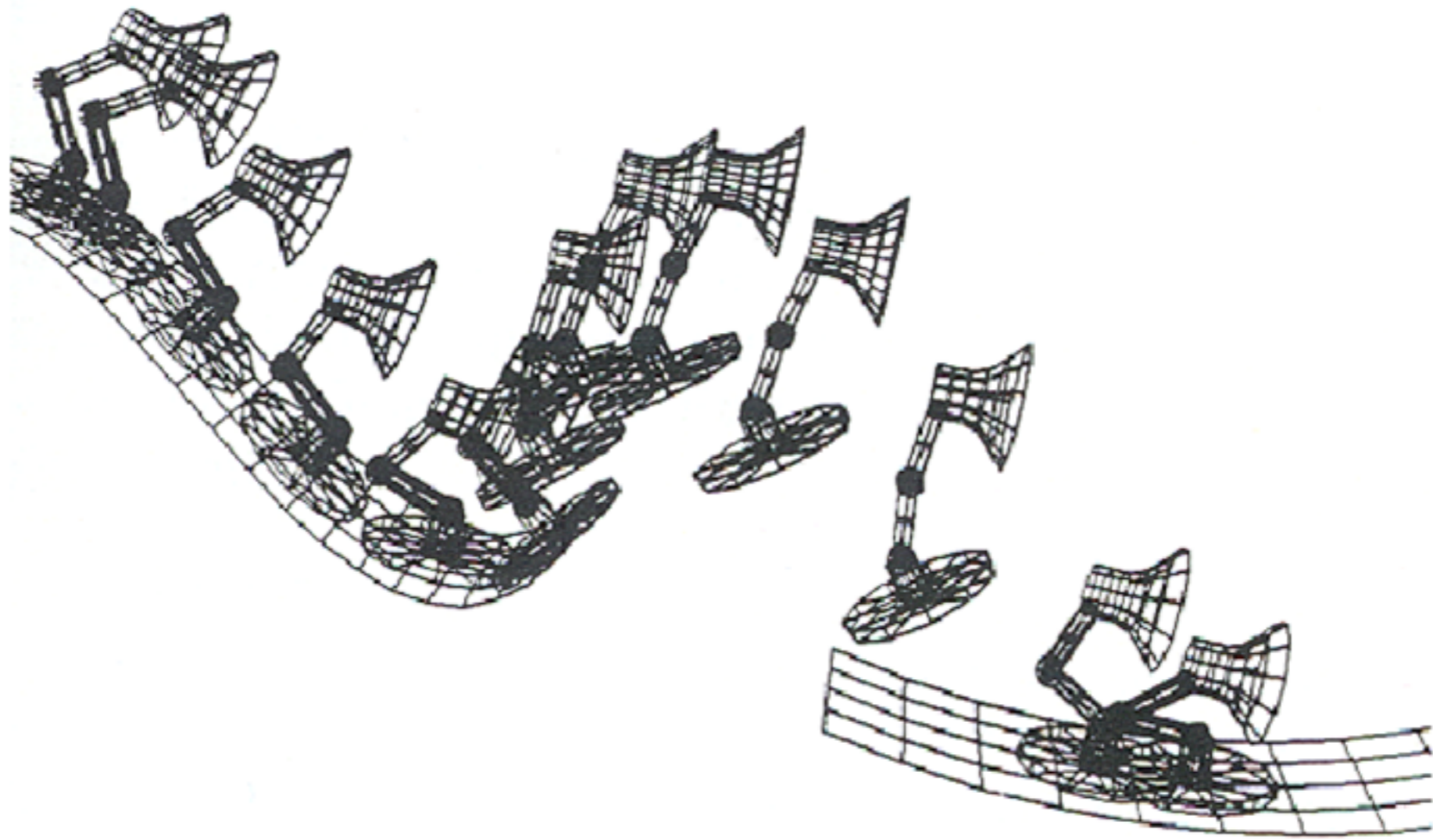
Heavier Base

Space Time Constraints



Hurdle

Space Time Constraints



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