# Non-Photorealistic Rendering

Pen-and-Ink Illustrations Painterly Rendering Cartoon Shading Technical Illustrations

# Goals of Computer Graphics

- Traditional: Photorealism
- Sometimes, we want more
  - Cartoons
  - Artistic expression in paint, pen-and-ink
  - Technical illustrations
  - Scientific visualization

#### Non-Photorealistic Rendering

"A means of creating imagery that does not aspire to realism" - Stuart Green





Cassidy Curtis 1998

**David Gainey** 

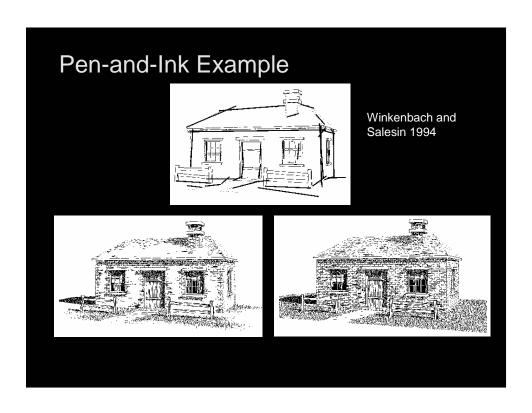
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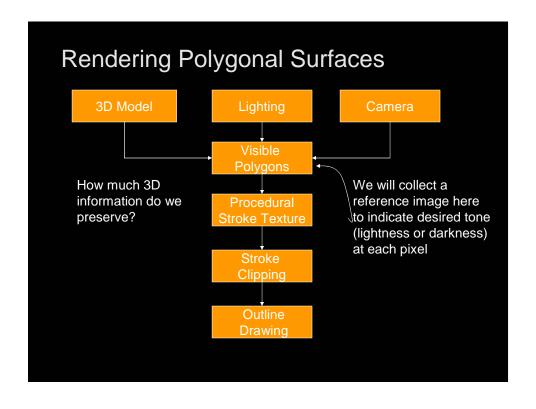
- Pen-and-Ink illustration
  - Techniques: cross-hatching, outlines, line art,etc.
- Painterly rendering
  - Styles: impressionist, expressionist, pointilist, etc.
- Cartoons
  - Effects: cartoon shading, distortion, etc.
- Technical illustrations
  - Characteristics: Matte shading, edge lines, etc.
- Scientific visualization
  - Methods: splatting, line drawing etc.

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#### Pen-and-Ink Illustrations

- Strokes
  - Curved lines of varying thickness and density
- Texture
  - Character conveyed by collection of strokes
- Tone
  - Perceived gray level across image or segment
- Outline
  - Boundary lines that disambiguate structure





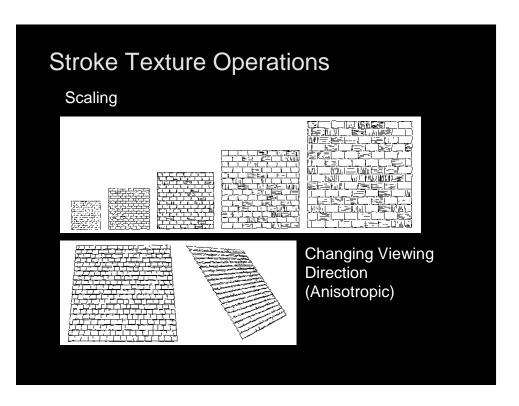
# **Drawing Strokes**

- Stroke generated by moving along straight path
- Stroke perturbed by
  - Waviness function (straightness)
  - Pressure function (thickness)

# Tone vs. Texture? Winkenbach and Salesin 1994

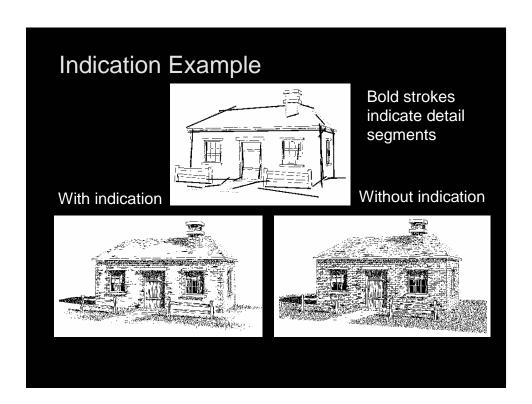
#### Answer: Prioritized Stroke Textures

- Technique for limiting human intervention
- · Collection of strokes with associated priority
- When rendering
  - First draw highest priority only
  - If too light, draw next highest priority, etc.
  - Stop if proper tone is achieved
- Procedural stroke textures
- Support scaling

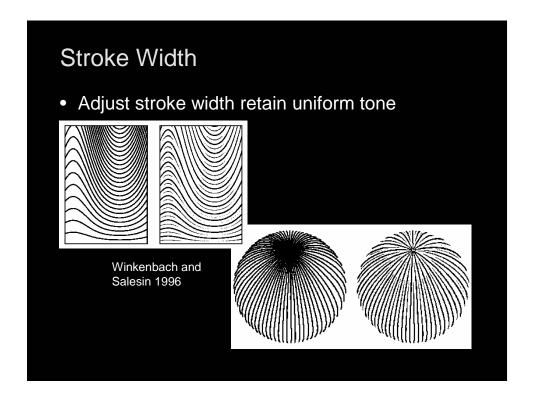


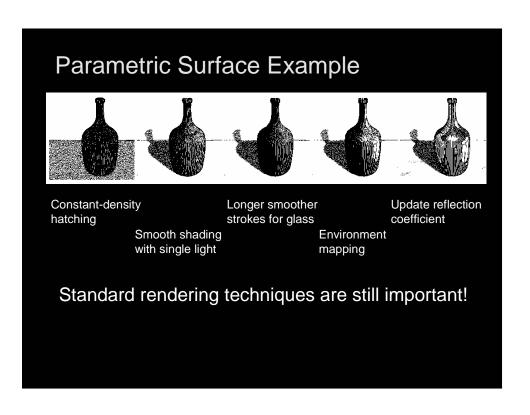
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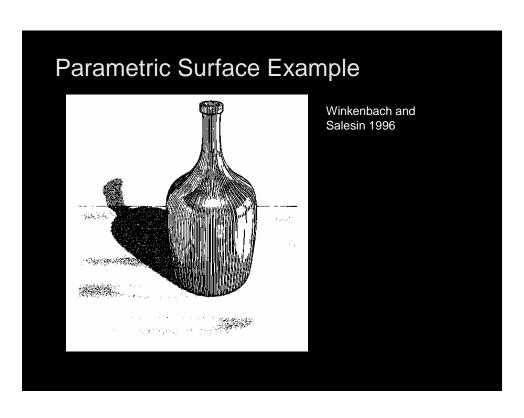
- Selective addition of detail
- Difficult to automate
- User places detail segments interactively

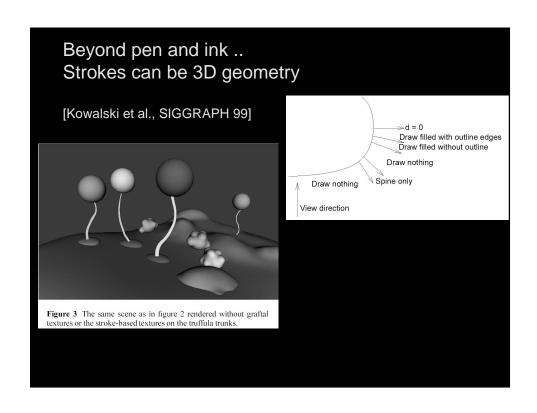


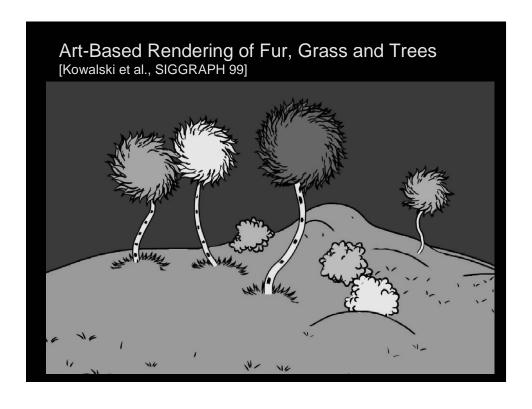
# Rendering Parametric Surfaces • Stroke orientation and density - Place strokes along isoparameter lines - Choose density for desired tone - tone = width / spacing











#### More Real-time results

WYSIWYG NPR .. Kalnins et al. 2002 (dvd)

# **Temporal Coherence**

# Coherent Stylized Silhouettes

Robert Kalnins Philip Davidson Lee Markosian Adam Finkelstein Princeton University

[Siggraph 2003]

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# Painterly Rendering

- From strokes to brush strokes ...
- Automatic painting
  - User provides input image or 3D model
  - User specifies painting parameters
  - Computer generates all strokes
- Physical simulation
  - Computer simulates media
- Subject to controversy

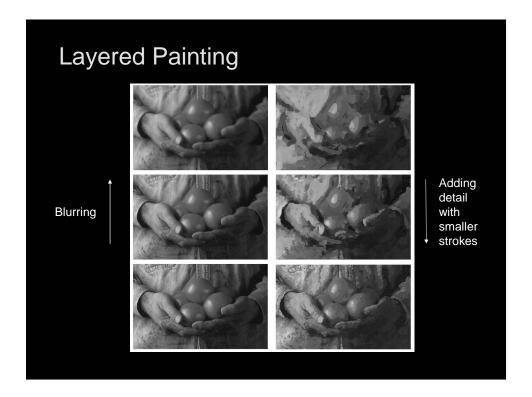
# **Automatic Painting Example**



Hertzmann 1998

# Automatic Painting from Images

- Start from color image: no 3D information
- Paint in resolution-based layers
  - Blur to current resolution
  - Select brush based on current resolution
  - Find area of largest error compared to real image
  - Place stroke
  - Increase resolution and repeat
- Layers are painted coarse-to-fine
- Styles controled by parameters



#### **Brush Strokes**

- Start at point of maximal error
  - Calculate difference between original image and image painted so far
- Direction perpendicular to gradient
  - Stroke tends to follow equally shaded area
  - Create stroke as a b-spline with a given color and thickness
- Stopping criteria
  - Difference between brush color and original image color exceeds threshold
  - Maximal stroke length reached

# Longer, Curved Brush Strokes

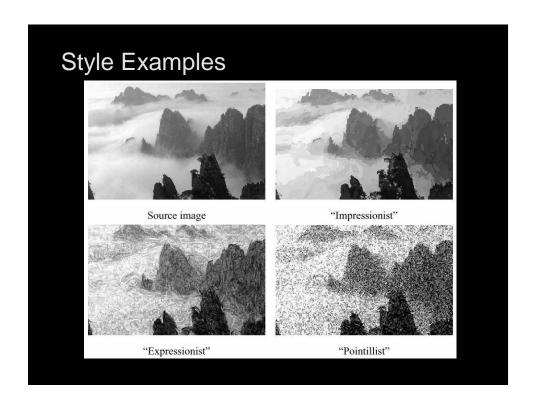


# **Painting Styles**

- Style determined by parameters
  - Approximation threshold (resemblance to source)
  - Brush sizes
  - Curvature filter (limit or exaggerate curvature)
  - Blur factor (more blur for "impressionistic" image)
  - Minimum and maximum stroke lengths (very short strokes for "pointillist")
  - Opacity (low opacity for a wash like effect)
  - Grid size
  - Color jitter
- Encapsulate parameter settings as style

#### Some Styles

- "Impressionist"
  - No random color, 4 · stroke length · 16
  - Brush sizes 8, 4, 2; approximation threshold 100
- "Expressionist"
  - Random factor 0.5, 10 · stroke length · 16
  - Brush sizes 8, 4, 2; approximation threshold 50
- "Pointilist"
  - Random factor ~0.75, 0 · stroke length · 0
  - Brush sizes 4, 2; approximation threshold 100
- Not convincing to artists



# Physical Simulation Example



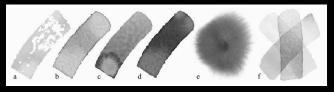
Curtis et al. 1997, Computer Generated Watercolor

# Computer-Generated Watercolor

- Complex physical phenomena for artistic effect
- Build simple approximations
- Paper generation as random height field

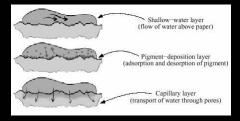


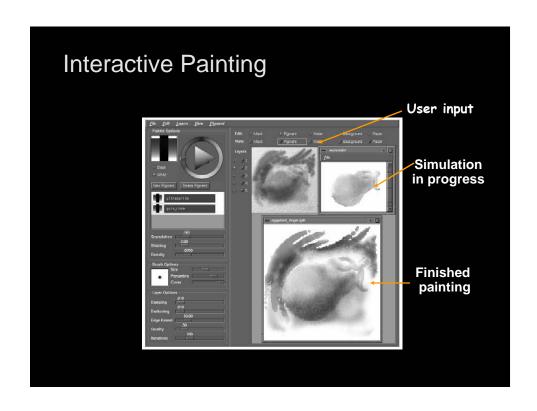
Simulated effects



# Fluid Simulation

- Use water velocity, viscosity, drag, pressure, pigment concentration, paper gradient
- Paper saturation and capacity

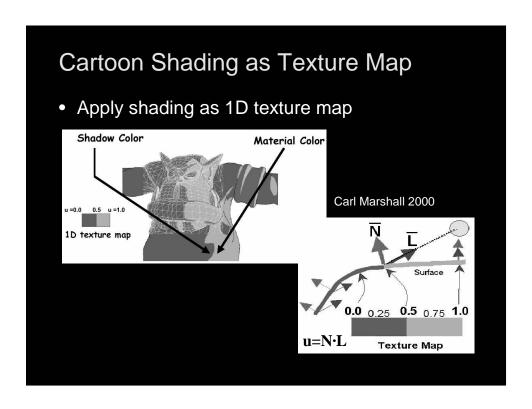


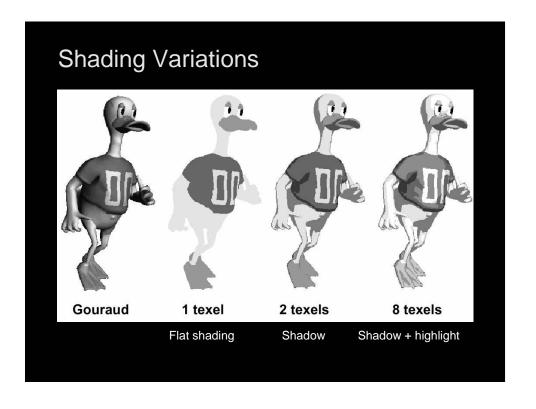


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# **Cartoon Shading**

- Shading model in 2D cartoon
  - Use material color and shadow color
  - Present lighting cues, shape, and context
- Stylistic
- Used in many animated movies
- Developing real-time techniques for games





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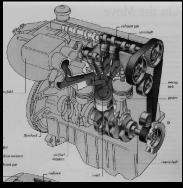
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- Level of abstraction
  - Accent important 3D properties
  - Dimish or eliminate extraneous details

    Ruppel 1995

• Do not represent reality

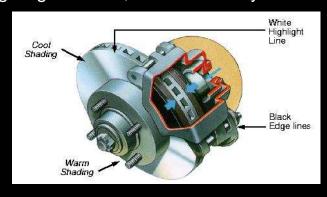


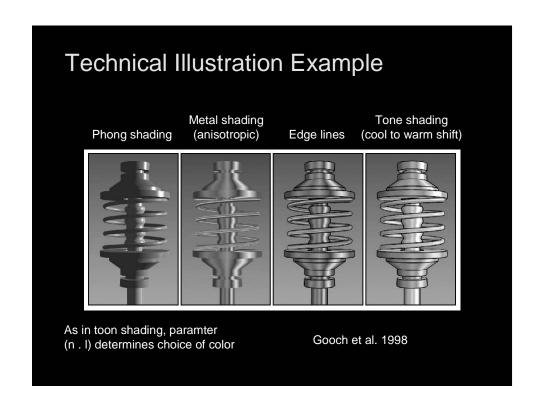


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#### Conventions in Technical Illustrations

- Black edge lines
- Cool to warm shading colors
- Single light source; shadows rarely used





#### Scientific Visualization

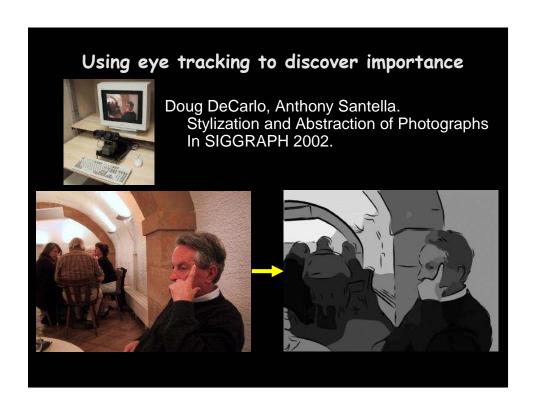
Effective visualization of large, multidimensional datasets



Turk & Banks, "Image-Guided Streamline Placement," SIGGRAPH 96

# The future

- How to evaluate/define?
- Smart graphics
  - design from user's perspective
  - with data?
  - HCI, AI, Perceptual studies
- Artistic graphics
  - beyond imitating
  - a way to create art work
  - how to assess?







# Summary What is NPR?

"A means of creating a work of art that appeals to human perception"

— Carl Marshall

