# Collision Detection on the GPU

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### Overview

- Quick Background
- CPU Methods
- CULLIDE
- RCULLIDE
- QCULLIDE
- CUDA Methods

- Need to find collisions for lots of reasons
  - Physics engines
  - Seeing if a projectile hits an object
  - Ray casting
  - Game engines
  - o Etc...

- Broad phase:
  - Looks at entire scene
  - Looks at proxy geometry (bounding shapes)
  - Determines if two objects *may* intersect
  - Needs to be very fast

- Narrow phase:
  - Looks at pairs of objects flagged by broad phase
  - Looks at the actual geometry of an object
  - Determines if objects are truly intersecting
  - Generally slower

#### Resolution

- Compute forces according to the contact points returned from the narrow phase
- Can be non trivial if there are multiple contact points
- Returns resulting forces to be added to each body

### **CPU** Methods

- Brute Force
  - Check every object against every other
    - N(N-1)/2 tests
      O(N<sup>2</sup>)
- Sweep and Prune
  - Average case: O(N log N)
  - Worst case: O(N<sup>2</sup>)
- Spatial Subdivisions
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  - Worst case: O(N<sup>2</sup>)

### Sweep and Prune

- Bounding volume is projected onto x, y, z axis
- Determine collision interval for each object [b<sub>i</sub>, e<sub>i</sub>]
- Two objects who's collision intervals do not overlap can not collide



### **Spatial Subdivisions**



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### CULLIDE

- Came out of Dinesh's group at UNC in 2003
- Uses graphics hardware to do a broad-narrow phase hybrid
- No shader languages



- Overview
- Pruning Algorithm
- Implementation and Results
- Conclusions and Future Work

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- Potentially Colliding Set (PCS) computation
- Exact collision tests on the PCS



### Algorithm



## GPU based PCS computation

#### Using CPU



#### **Potentially Colliding Set (PCS)**





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### Algorithm





### **Visibility Computations**

#### Lemma 1: An object O does not collide with a set of objects S if O is fully visible with respect to S

• Utilize visibility for PCS computation



#### **Collision Detection using** Visibility Computations





Lemma 2: Given n objects  $O_1, O_2, ..., O_n$ , an object  $O_i$  does not belong to PCS if it does not collide with  $O_1, ..., O_{i-1}, O_{i+1}, ..., O_n$ 

• Prune objects that do not collide

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### $O_1 O_2 \dots O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} \dots O_{n-1} O_n$



### **O**<sub>1</sub> **O**<sub>2</sub> ... **O**<sub>i-1</sub> **O**<sub>i</sub>





### $\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{i+1}} \dots \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{n-1}} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{n}}$



### **PCS Computation**

- Each object tested against all objects but itself
- Naive algorithm is O(n<sup>2</sup>)
- Linear time algorithm
  - Uses two pass rendering approach
  - Conservative solution

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Render  $O_1 O_2 \dots O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} \dots O_{n-1} O_n$ 



Render Fully Visible?











Render  $O_1 O_2 \dots O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} \dots O_{n-1} O_n$ 





### $\mathbf{O}_1 \quad \mathbf{O}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{O}_{i-1} \quad \mathbf{O}_i \quad \mathbf{O}_{i+1} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{O}_{n-1} \quad \mathbf{O}_n$



#### **PCS Computation: Second Pass**









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### **PCS Computation**




## **PCS Computation**





Initial PCS =  $\{ O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4 \}$ 

















- Each object is composed of sub-objects
- We are given n objects O<sub>1</sub>,...,O<sub>n</sub>
- Compute sub-objects of an object O<sub>i</sub> that overlap with sub-objects of other objects



### • Our solution

- Test if each sub-object of O<sub>i</sub> overlaps with sub-objects of O<sub>1</sub>,...O<sub>i-1</sub>
- Test if each sub-object of O<sub>i</sub> overlaps with sub-objects of O<sub>i+1</sub>,...,O<sub>n</sub>
- Linear time algorithm
- Extend the two pass approach

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**Render sub-objects** 

## $O_1 O_2 \dots O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} \dots O_{n-1} O_n$



**Render sub-objects** 

 $\mathbf{O}_1 \quad \mathbf{O}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{O}_{i-1} \quad \mathbf{O}_i$ 

Rendered sub-objects







Render sub-objects  $O_2 \dots O_{i-1} T_{2}^{1}$ Rendered Fully Visible? sub-objects











**Render sub-objects** 

 $0_1 0_2 \dots 0_{i-1} 0_i$ 

Rendered sub-objects



# $O_1 O_2 \dots O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} \dots O_{n-1} O_n$

Rendered sub-objects



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## **Sub-objects**



### PCS = sub-objects of $\{O_1, O_2\}$

#### **First Pass**

### Rendering order: Sub-objects of $O_1 \longrightarrow O_2$





### **First Pass**









### Rendering order: Sub-objects of $O_2 \longrightarrow O_1$













After two

passes




### Algorithm



Exact Overlap tests using CPU



## **Visibility Queries**

#### • We require a query

- Tests if a primitive is fully visible or not
- Current hardware supports occlusion queries
  - Test if a primitive is visible or not
- Our solution
  - Change the sign of depth function

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## **Visibility Queries**



•Examples - HP\_Occlusion\_test, NV\_occlusion\_query



## **Bandwidth Analysis**

# • Read back only integer identifiers

• Independent of screen resolution



- First use AABBs as object bounding volume
- Use orthographic views for pruning
- Prune using original objects



- No coherence
- No assumptions on motion of objects
- Works on generic models
- A fast pruning algorithm
- No frame-buffer readbacks

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- No distance or penetration depth information
- Resolution issues
- No self-collisions
- Culling performance varies with relative configurations

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## Assumptions

- Makes assumptions that their algorithm will get faster as hardware improves.
- Luckily they were right

## RCULLIDE

- An improvement on CULLIDE in 2004
- Resolves issue of screen resolution precision

### Overview

- A main issue with CULLIDE was the fact that it wasn't reliable
- Collisions could easily be missed due to screen resolution



## Overview

- 3 kinds of error associated with visibility based overlap
  - Perspective error
    - Strange shapes from the transformation
  - Sampling error
    - Pixel resolution isn't high enough
  - Depth buffer precision error
    - If distance between primitives is less than the depth buffer resolution, we will get incorrect results from our visibility query

### **Reliable Queries**

The three errors cause the following:

- A fragment to not be rasterized
- A fragment is generated but not sampled where interference occurs
- A fragment is generated and sampled where the interference occurs but the precision of the buffer is not sufficient

## **Reliable Queries**

#### Use "fat" triangles

- Generate 2 fragments for each pixel touched by a triangle (no matter how little it is in the pixel)
- For each pixel touched by the triangle, the depth of the 2 fragments must bound the depth of all points of the triangle in that pixel
- Causes method to become more conservative (read: slower) but much more accurate

## Minkowski Sum

- Scary name...easy math
- $A + B = \{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{a} \in A, \ \mathbf{b} \in B\}.$

 $A = \{ (1, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1) \}$  $B = \{ (0, 0), (1, 1), (1, -1) \}$ 

 $A + B = \{ (1, 0), (2, 1), (2, -1), (0, 1), (1, 2), (1, 0), (0, -1), (1, 0), (1, -2) \}$ 

## **Reliable Queries**

- In practice, we use the Minkowski sum of a bounding cube B and the triangle T
- B = max(2dx, 2dy, 2dz) where dx,y,z are pixel dimensions
- If uniform supersampling is known to occur on the card, we can reduce the size of B
  - We need B to cover at least 1 sampling point for the triangle it bounds



 Cubes only work for z-axis projections so in practice use a bounding sphere of radius sqrt(3)p/2

## **Bounding Offset**

- So far we've just dealt with single triangles but we need whole objects
- This is done using a Union of Object-oriented Bounding Boxes(UOBB)



## Algorithm

- 1. Clear the depth buffer (use orthographic projection)
- 2. For each object  $P_i$ , i = 1, ..., n
  - Disable the depth mask and set the depth function to GL\_GEQUAL.
  - Enable back-face culling to cull front faces.
  - For each sub-object  $T_k^i$  in  $P_i$ Render offset representation of  $T_k^i$  using an occlusion query
  - Enable the depth mask and set the depth function to GL\_LEQUAL.
  - Enable back-face culling to cull back faces.
  - For each sub-object  $T_k^i$  in  $P_i$

Render offset representation of  $T_k^i$ 

- 3. For each object  $P_i$ , i = 1, ..., n
  - For each sub-object  $T_k^i$  in  $P_i$

Test if  $T_k^i$  is not visible with respect to the depth buffer. If it is not visible, set a tag to note it as fully visible.

## Improvement over CULLIDE



(a) Interference computation on two bunnies

(b) Intersection curve computed by CULLIDE

(c) Intersection curve computed by FAR

## Performance

 Still runs faster than CPU implementations

 3x slower than CULLIDE due to bounding box rasterization vs triangle rasterization

## QCULLIDE

#### Extends CULLIDE to handle self collisions in complex meshes

All running in real time

## Self Collision Culling





 Note that only intersecting triangles that don't share a vertex or edge are considered colliding

## Self Collision Culling

#### Algorithm

- Include all potentially colliding primitives and PCS where each primitive is a triangle
- Perform the visibility test to see if a triangle is penetrating any other
- If completely visible, the object is not colliding

## Q-CULLIDE

#### Sets

- BFV Objects fully visible in both passes and are pruned from the PCS
- FFV Fully visible in only the first pass
- SFV Fully visible in only the second pass
- NFV Not fully visible in both passes

## Q-CULLIDE

#### Properties of sets

- FFV and SFV are collision free
  - No object in FFV collides with any other in FFV...same for SFV
- If an object is in FFV and is fully visible in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass of the algorithm, we can prune it and vice versa

## Algorithm

- For each object O<sub>i</sub> in PCS, i=1,..,n
  - If  $O_i \in SFV$  or  $O_i \in NFV$ , test whether the object is fully visible using an occlusion query.
  - If  $O_i \in FFV$  or  $O_i \in NFV$ , render the object into the frame buffer.
- For each object O<sub>i</sub> in PCS, i=1,..,n
  - If  $O_i \in SFV$  or  $O_i \in NFV$ , and the occlusion query determines  $O_i$  as fully visible
    - \* If  $O_i \in SFV$ , then tag  $O_i$  as a member of BFV.
    - \* If  $O_i \in NFV$ , then tag  $O_i$  as a member of FFV.

## Algorithm

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## What's Happening

- 1. Objects that are fully visible in both the passes:
  - This subset of objects belonging to *NFV* are pruned from the PCS (based on Lemma 5).
  - 2. Objects that are fully visible in the first pass:
    - NFV: These objects are removed from NFV and placed in FFV.
    - SFV: These objects are removed from the PCS (based on Lemma 4).
    - FFV: Visibility computations are not performed for these objects in this pass.
  - 3. Objects that are fully visible in the second pass:
    - NFV: These objects are removed from NFV and placed in SFV.
    - **FFV:** These objects are removed from the PCS (based on Lemma 3).
    - SFV: Visibility computations are not performed for these objects in this pass.

## Improvement Over CULLIDE







# Improvements Over CULLIDE

 Sends an order of magnitude less collisions to the CPU than CULLIDE

	Average PCS size (triangles)	
Simulation	Quick-CULLIDE	CULLIDE
Cloth	210	1340
Breaking objects	1400	3600
Non-rigid motion	450	1200

### Spatial Subdivision

- Partition space into uniform grid
- Grid cell is at least as large as largest object
- Each cell contains list of each object whose centroid is in the cell
- Collision tests are performed between objects who are in same cell or adjacent cells



#### Implementation:

- 1. Create list of object IDs along with hashing of cell IDs in which they reside
- 2. Sort list by cell ID
- 3. Traverse swaths of identical cell IDs
- 4. Perform collision tests on all objects that share same cell ID



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### Parallel Spatial Subdivision

- □ Complications:
  - 1. Single object can be involved in multiple collision tests
  - 2. Need to prevent multiple threads updating the state of an object at the same time

#### Ways to solve this?

### Guaranteed Individual Collision Tests

- Prove: No two cells updated in parallel may contain the same object that is being updated
  - Constraints
  - 1. Each cell is as large as the bounding volume of the largest object
  - 2. Each cell processed in parallel must be separated by each other cell by at least one intervening cell
  - In 2d this takes <u>4</u> number of passes
  - In 3d this takes 8 number of passes

#### Example of Parallel Spatial Subdivision



## Avoiding Extra Collision Testing

- 1. Associate each object a set of control bits to test where its centroid resides
- Scale the bounding sphere of each object by sqrt(2) to ensure the grid cell is at least 1.5 times larger than the largest object


# Implementing in CUDA

- Store list of object IDs, cell IDs in device memory
- Build the list of cell IDs from object's bounding boxes
- Sorting list from previous step
- □ Build an index table to traverse the sorted list
- Schedule pairs of objects for narrow phase collision detection

## Initialization

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### Cell ID Array

OBJ 1 Cell ID 1 OBJ 1 Cell ID 2 OBJ 1 Cell ID 3 OBJ 1 Cell ID 3 OBJ 2 Cell ID 4 OBJ 2 Cell ID 1 OBJ 2 Cell ID 2 OBJ 2 Cell ID 3 OBJ 2 Cell ID 4

#### Object ID Array

OBJ 1 ID, Control Bits OBJ 2 ID, Control Bits

## Construct the Cell ID Array

## Host Cells (H – Cells)

### Contain the centroid of the object

H-Cell Hash = (pos.x / CELLSIZE) << XSHIFT) | (pos.y / CELLSIZE) << YSHIFT) | (pos.z / CELLSIZE) << ZSHIFT)

## Phantom Cells (P-Cells)

# Overlap with bounding volume but do not contain the centroid

P-Cells – Test the  $3^d$ -1 cells surrounding the H cell There can be as many as  $2^d$ -1 P cells



# Sorting the Cell ID Array

- □ What we want:
  - Sorted by Cell ID
  - H cells of an ID occur before P cells of an ID
- □ Starting with a partial sort
  - H cells are before P cells, but array is not sorted by Cell ID
- □ Solution:
  - Radix Sort
  - Radix Sort ensures identical cell IDs remain in the same order as before sorting.

## Sorting Cell Array



## Spatial Subdivision



- 1. Assign to each cell the list of bounding volumes whose objects intersect with the cell
- 2. Perform Collision test only if both objects are in the cell and one has a centroid in the cell

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## Create the Collision Cell List

- □ Scan sorted cell ID array for changes of cell ID
  - Mark by end of the list of occupants of one cell and beginning of another
- 1. Count number of objects each collision cell contains and convert them into offsets using scan
- 2. Create entries for each collision cell in new array
  - 1. Start
  - 2. Number of H occupants
  - 3. Number of P occupants

## Create Collision Cell List



## Traverse Collision Cell List

