

Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics

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- numerical method to simulate fluids (liquids, gases, plasmas)
- idea: represent fluid by moving particles
- first used in astrophysics
- increasingly used in CGI for block-buster movies
- upcoming technology for next-generation computer games

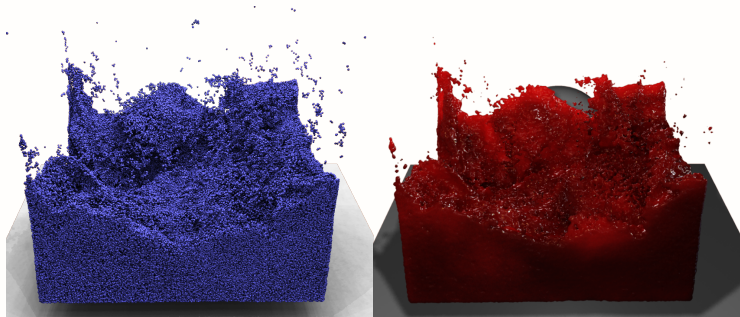


Figure: 1 million particles, rendered in Maya, by Frank Zimmer

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 - $\int W_h(r')dr' = 1$
 - $W_h \xrightarrow{*} \delta$ for $h \rightarrow 0$
 - W_h radially symmetric
 - $W_h \in C_0^\infty$
 - $\text{supp } W_h \subset B_h(0)$

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- Defining the neighbourhood of particle i as

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Practical considerations

- Smoothing length h proportional to average particle diameter:

$$h \sim \frac{1}{\langle \rho \rangle^{\frac{1}{d}}}, \text{ where } \langle \rho \rangle := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_i$$

- Different kernels suitable for different charge densities.
- Kernels not C^∞ due to performance considerations (Splines!).
- Golden rules of SPH (Monaghan):
 - To find physical interpretation it's always best to assume kernel is Gaussian.
 - Rewrite formulas with mass density inside operators, by making use of

$$\nabla A = \frac{\nabla(A\psi)}{\psi} - \frac{A(\nabla\psi)}{\psi}$$

for positive smooth ψ .

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$$\frac{d}{dt} v_i = \partial_t v_i + v_i \cdot \nabla v_i,$$

i.e. Navier-Stokes can be seen as Newton's second law in disguise.

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- 3 For each particle: integrate position and velocity with symplectic Euler scheme.

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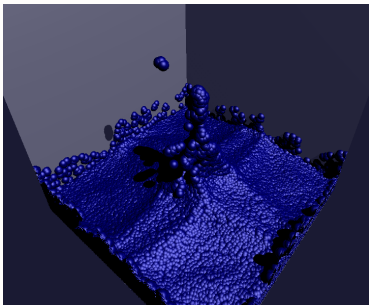
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 - Boundary particles
 - Ghost particles
 - Virtual forces
 - Analytical methods

Active areas of research in SPH include:

- Boundary modelling
- Adaptivity
- Surface tension
- Solid adhesion

Demo

- 64k particles, interactive frame-rates
- Graphics running against DirectX 11 (Windows only)
- Simulation running against OpenCL (Windows, Linux, Android, Supercomputers...)
- Surface tension and solid adhesion modelled according to Akinci, Akinci and Teschner (2013), Freiburg



Thanks for your attention!

Please do not hesitate to ask questions!