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# Solid Simulation with Oriented Particles

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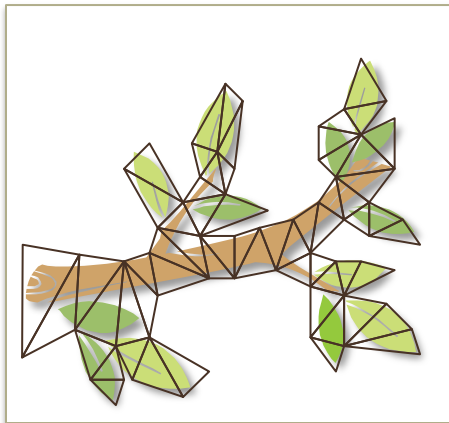
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# Motivation

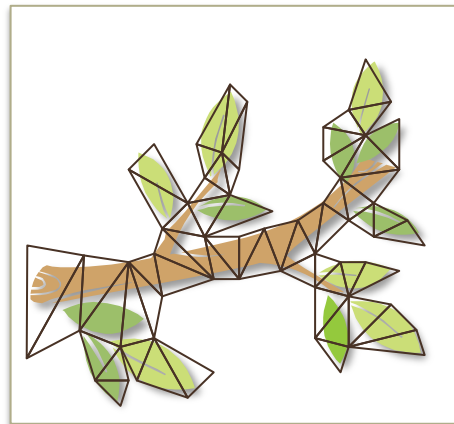
# Traditional Deformable Simulation

- Embed visual mesh in tetrahedral mesh
- Deform visual mesh using barycentric interpolation



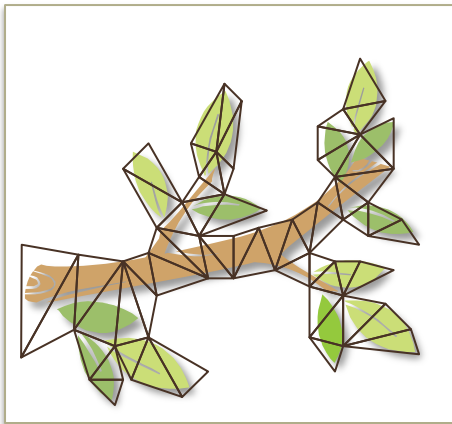
# Tetrahedral Mesh

- Need enough tetrahedra to
  - Resolve separate parts
  - Hide piecewise linear deformation
  - Good approximation for collision handling
- Mesh creation non-trivial

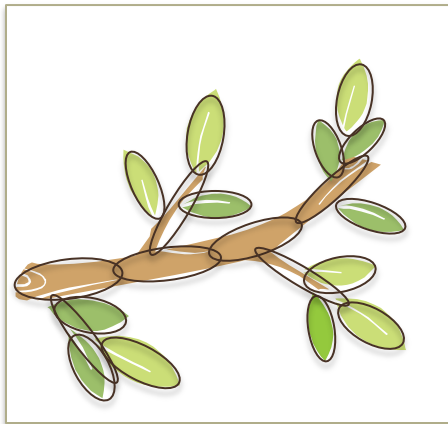


# New Approach

- Approximate the visual mesh with a **sparse set of oriented particles**

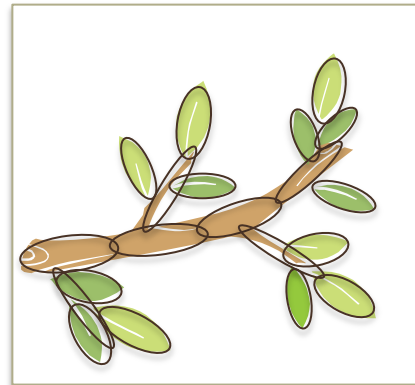


60 triangles (~ 200 tetras)



20 ellipsoids

- Orientation information is used
  - To position anisotropic collision shapes (ellipsoids)
  - To make the simulation stable in sparse regions
  - For robust skinning of the visual mesh



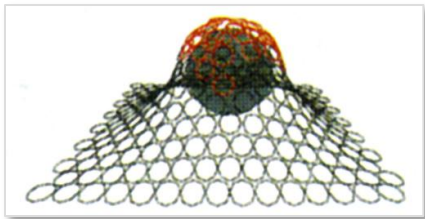
# Example



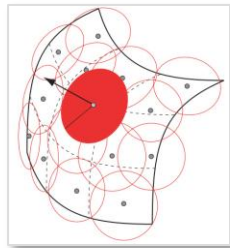
# Related Work

# Oriented Particles

- Term introduced by



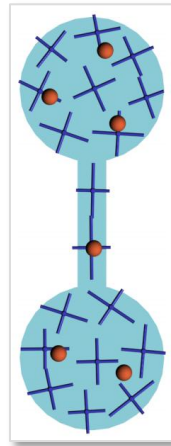
[Szeliski et al., 1992]



[Pfister et al., 2000]

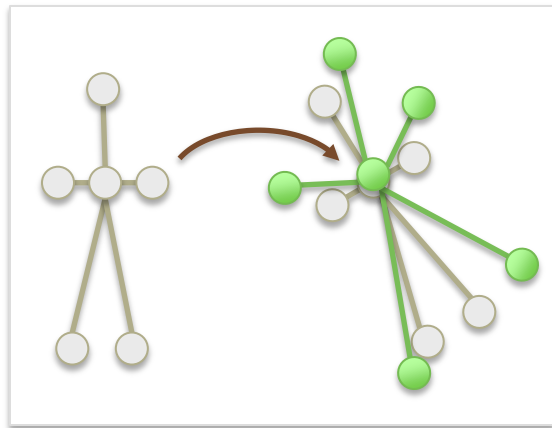
- Used for **surface** modeling and rendering

- [Martin et al., 2010]
  - 1D, 2D and 3D structures
  - Energy integration points with **orientation**
  - **Accurate**: Continuum mechanics based
  - **Non-real-time**: Seconds / frame



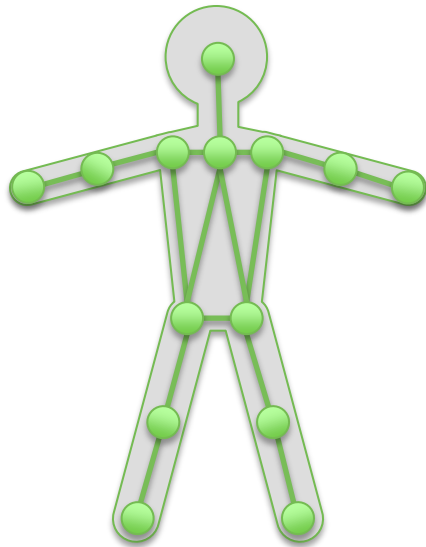
# Shape Matching

- [Müller et al., 2005]
  - Geometry based model
  - Simple and fast
  - Fails in sparsely sampled regions



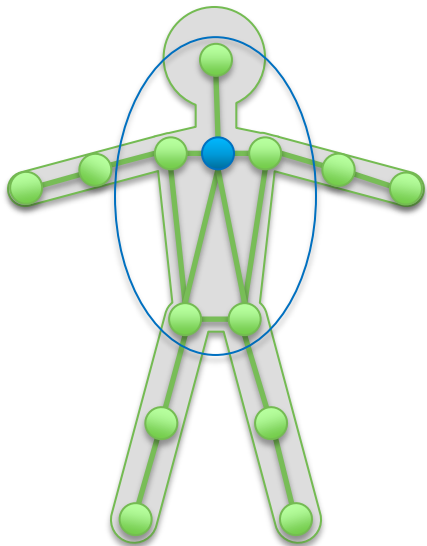
# Simulation Method

# Mesh Creation

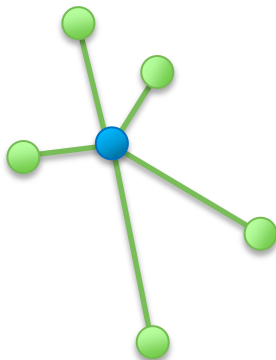


- Cover the visual mesh with particles
- Create arbitrary connectivity
- Manual and automatic tools

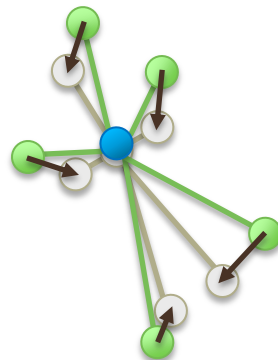
# Shape Matching Simulation



one constraint per particle

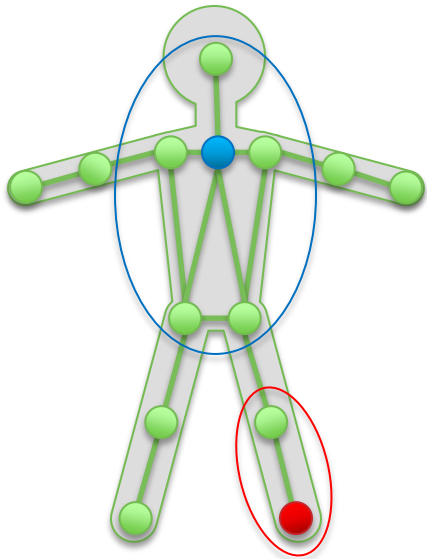


deformed state



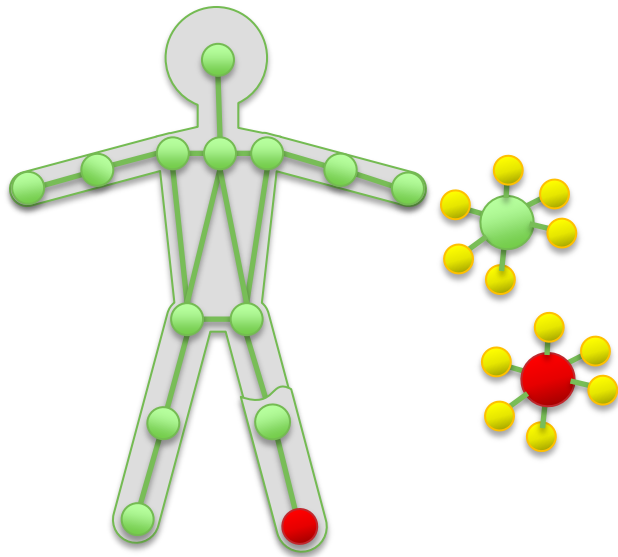
move towards  
matched  
rest configuration

# Singularity Problem



- Region under-sampled in 1D and 2D structures
- Rest state transformation not unique

# Our Solution



- Replace existing particles with **6 virtual particles** (conceptually)
- Distance and relative arrangement fixed
- Need particle **orientation**!
- **Orientation** influences other parts  
→ must be properly simulated

# Simulate Orientation State

Prediction

$$\mathbf{x}_p \leftarrow \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}\Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{q}_p \leftarrow \left[ \frac{\omega}{|\omega|} \sin\left(\frac{|\omega|\Delta t}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{|\omega|\Delta t}{2}\right) \right] \mathbf{q}$$

Integration

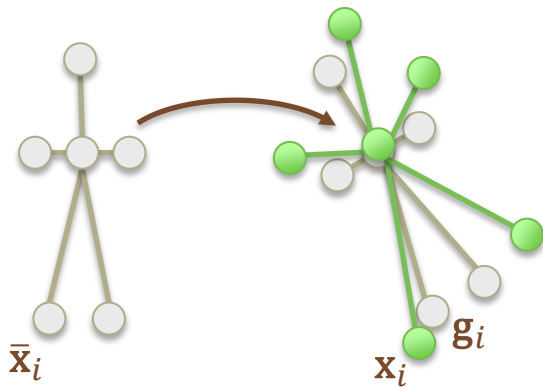
$$\mathbf{v} \leftarrow (\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x})/\Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_p$$

$$\omega \leftarrow \text{axis}(\mathbf{q}_p \mathbf{q}^{-1}) \cdot \text{angle}(\mathbf{q}_p \mathbf{q}^{-1})/\Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{q} \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_p$$

# Shape Matching



$$g_i = R(\bar{x}_i - \bar{c}) + c$$

$$c = \sum_i m_i x_i / \sum_i m_i$$

$$\bar{c} = \sum_i m_i \bar{x}_i / \sum_i m_i$$

$$A = \sum_i m_i (x_i - c)(\bar{x}_i - \bar{c})^T$$

$$A = RS \text{ (polar decomposition)}$$

# Oriented Particle



$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_i m_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{c}})^T$$

Moment matrix of a single spherical particle with radius  $r$  :

$$\mathbf{A}_{sphere} = \int_{V_r} \rho (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}^T dV = \rho \mathbf{R} \int_{V_r} \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T dV = \frac{1}{5} m r^2 \mathbf{R}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{ellipsoid} = \frac{1}{5} m \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}$$

# Generalized Shape Matching

Particle  $A_i$  are evaluated w.r.t. origin.

Factored out center: [Rivers and James, 2007]

$$\sum_i m_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{c}})^T = \sum_i m_i \mathbf{x}_i \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^T - M \mathbf{c} \bar{\mathbf{c}}^T$$

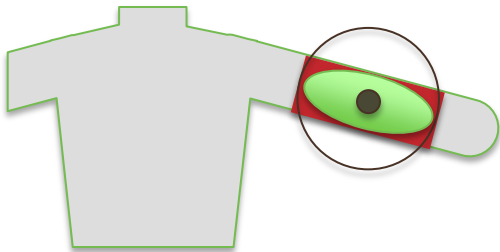
$$\underbrace{\int_{V_r} \rho(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}^T dV}_{\mathbf{A}_i} = \underbrace{\int_{V_r} \rho(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{x} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{c}})^T dV}_{\mathbf{A}_i^{global}} - m_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{c}})^T$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_i (\mathbf{A}_i + m_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{c}})^T)$$

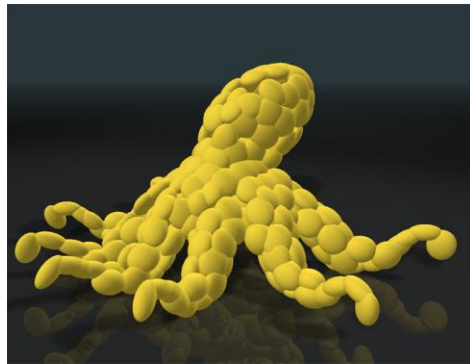
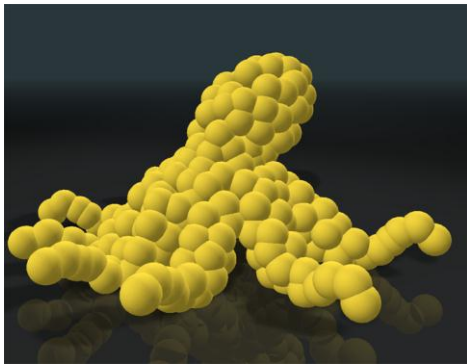
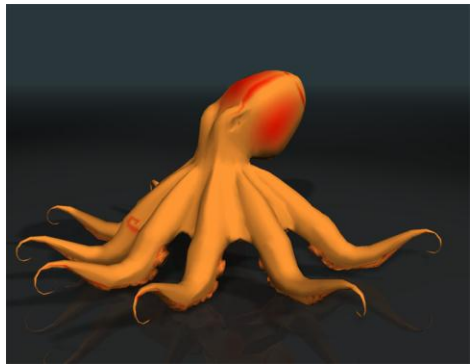
# **Collision Handling and Skinning**

# Collision Primitives

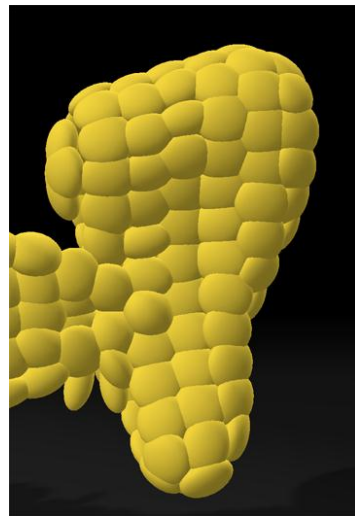
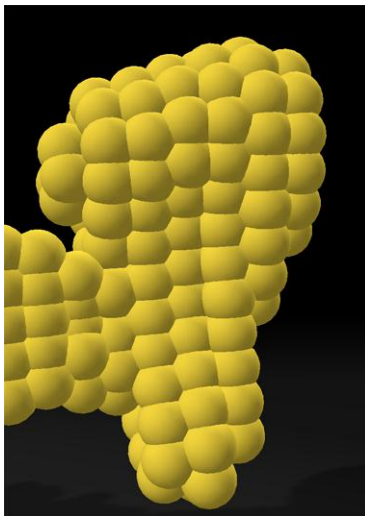
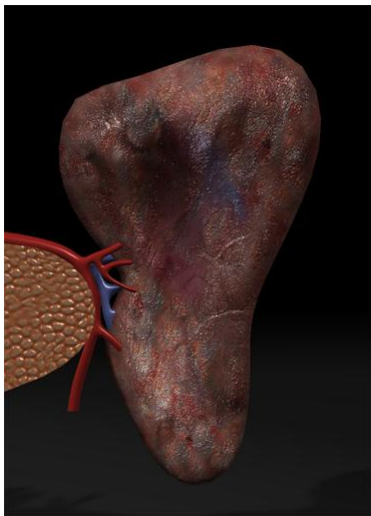
- Orientation information allows anisotropic particle shapes (ellipsoids)
- Initial radii and pose by OBB of mesh neighborhood



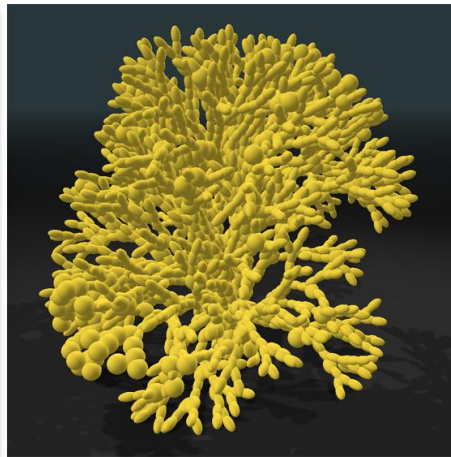
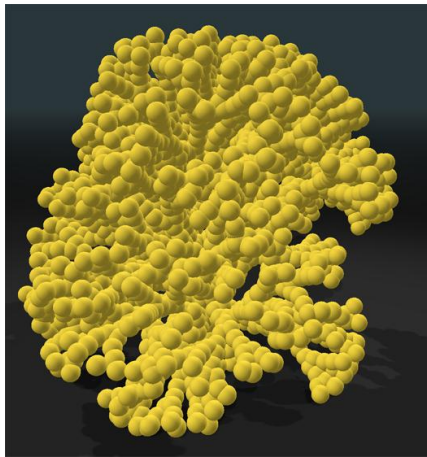
# Ellipsoid Example: Octopus



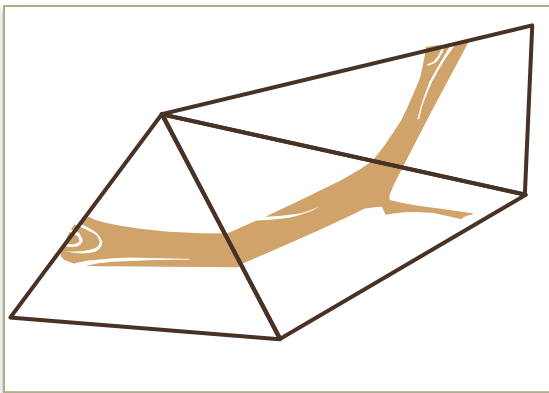
# Ellipsoid Example: Pancreas



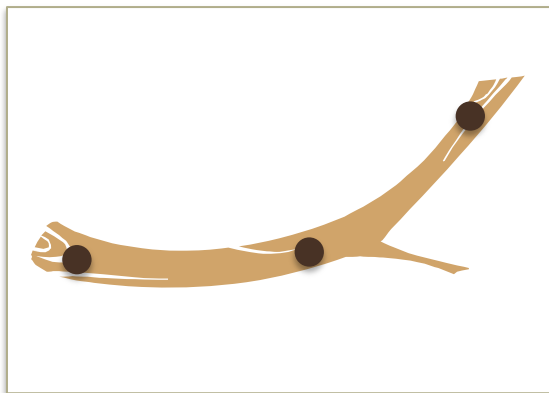
# Ellipsoid Example: Tree



# Skinning Methods

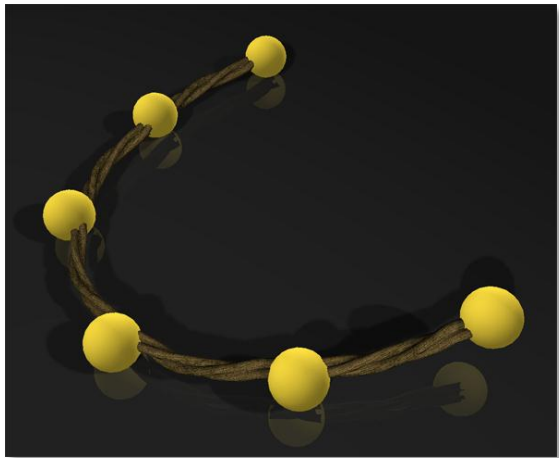


- Barycentric interpolation w.r.t. surrounding tetrahedron
- Piecewise linear



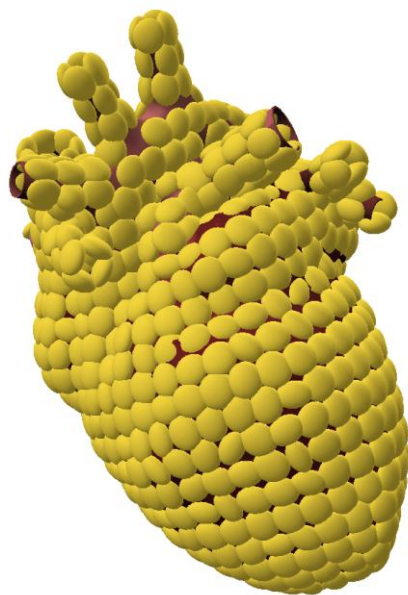
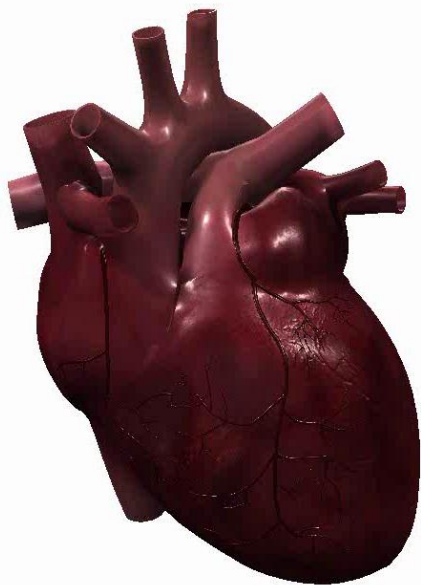
- Linear blend skinning w.r.t.  $k$  closest oriented particles
- Curved

# Curved Interpolation



# Results

Intel Core i7 CPU @ 3 GHz (simulation)  
GeForce GTX 480 (skinning)



900 particles, 63k triangles, 60 fps



3000 particles, 90k triangles, 25 fps

# Arbitrary Shape Match Groups



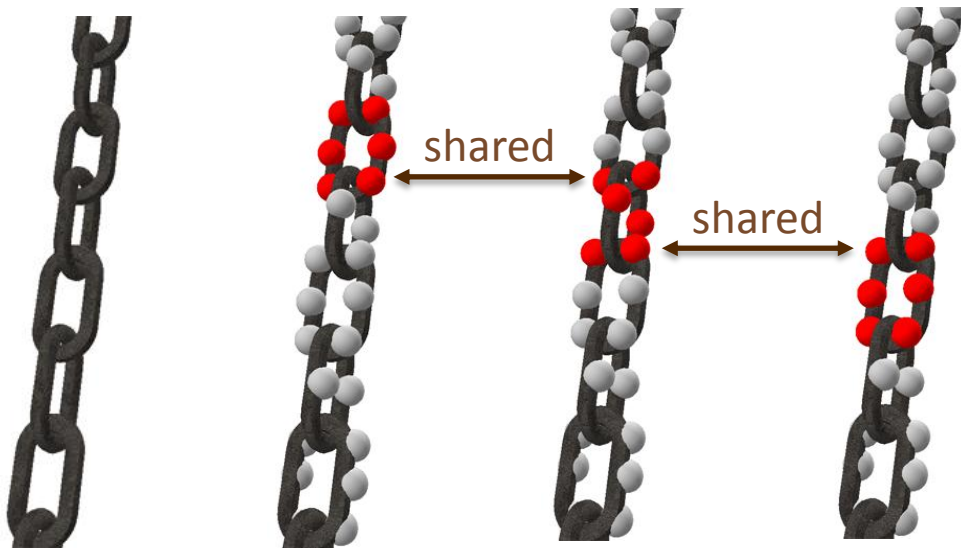
- Rigid parts
- Joints via shared particles
  - Free rotation only if shared particles non-oriented!

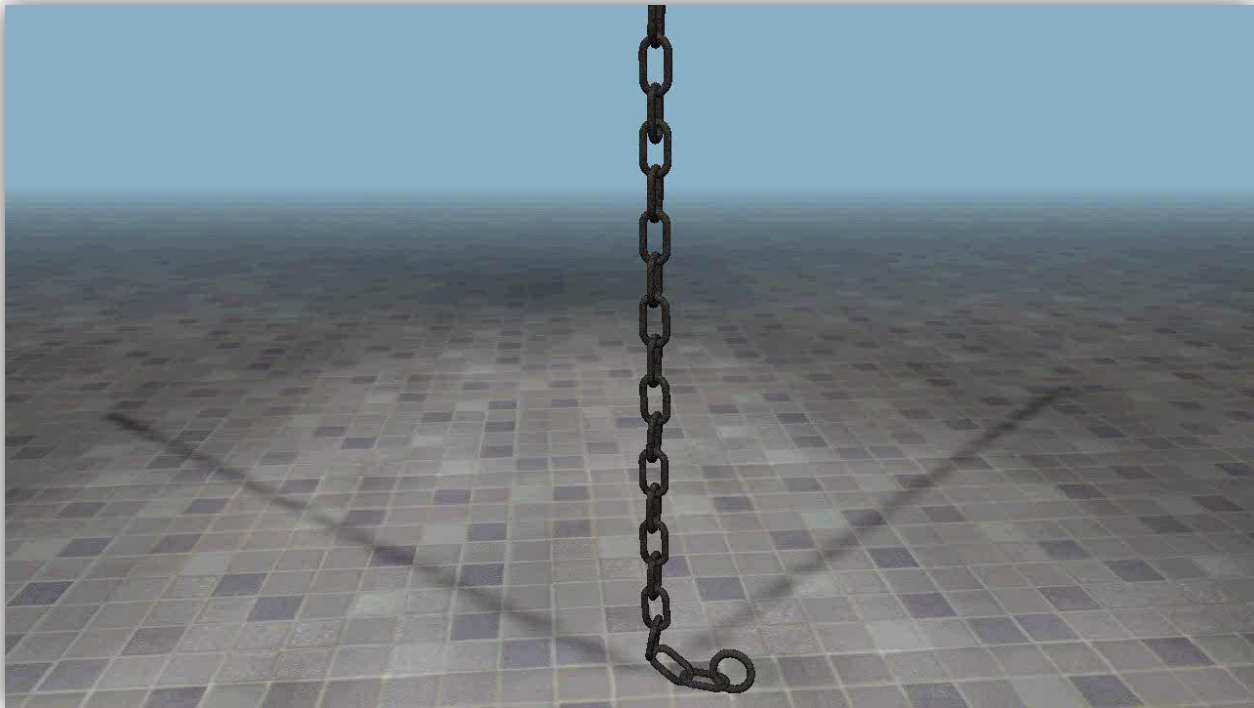
$$A = \sum_i \underbrace{(A_i)}_{\text{omit for shared particles}} + m_i(\mathbf{x}_i - c)(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{c})^T$$



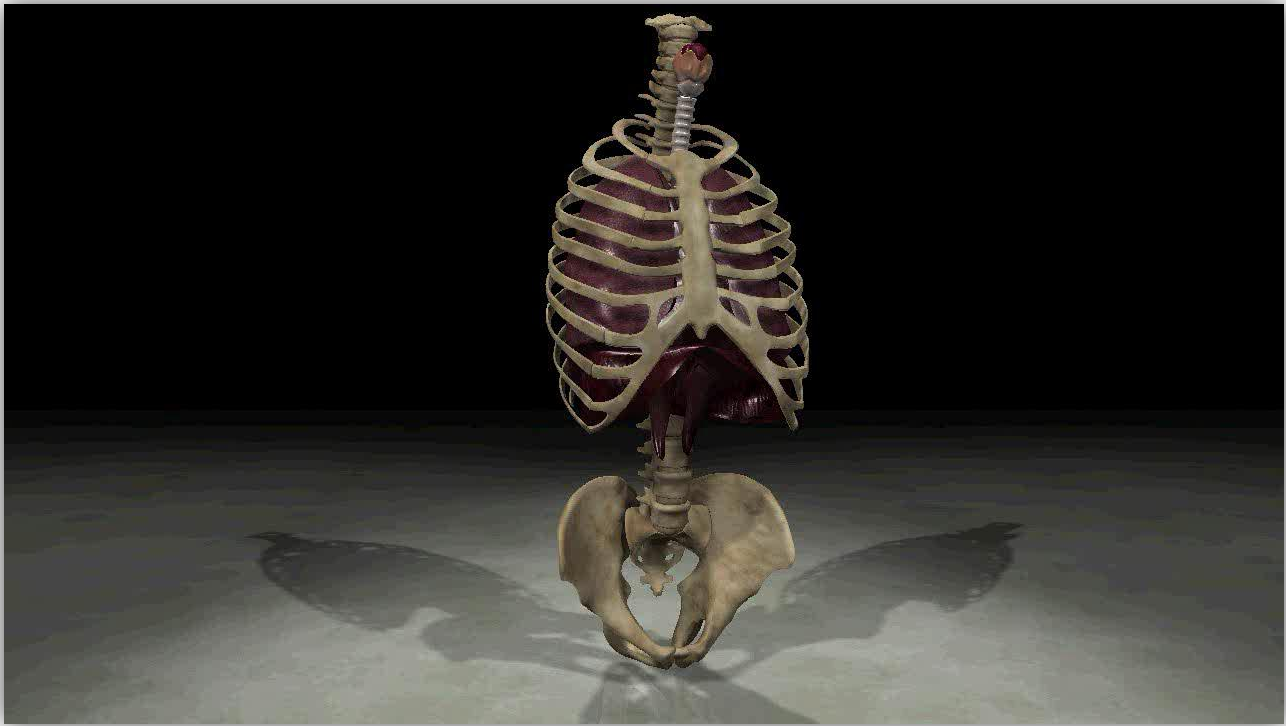
2000 particles, 240k triangles, 40 fps

# Simplified Chain





600 chain links @ 45 fps (simulation + skinning)

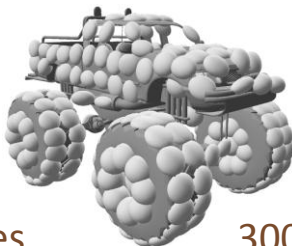


1000 particles, 100k triangles, 35 fps

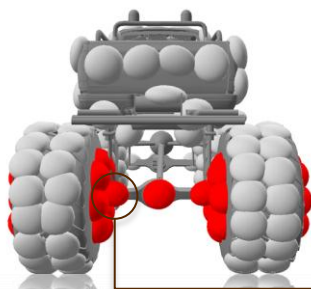
# Monster Truck



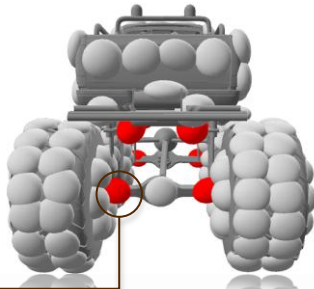
100k triangles



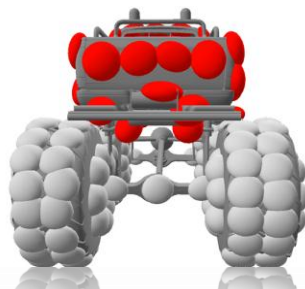
300 particles



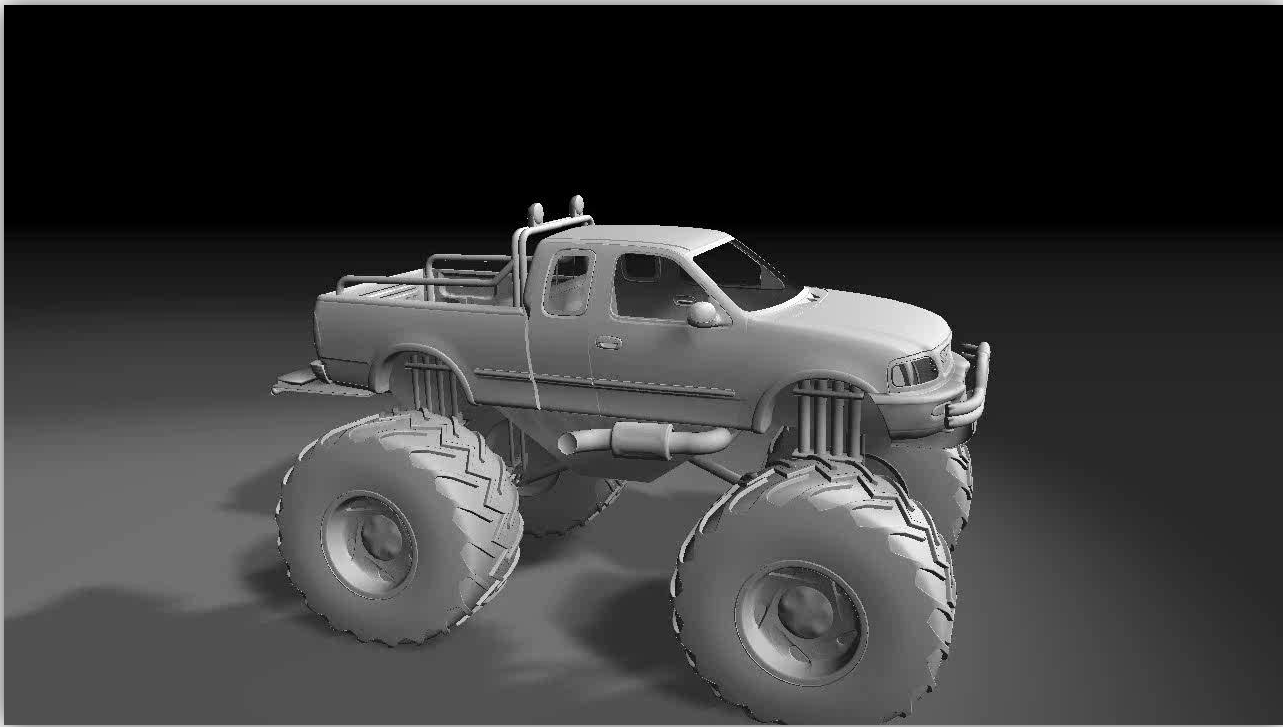
2 x axle (rigid)



chassis (rigid)



body (plastic)



10 instances @ 20 fps (simulation + skinning)

# Conclusion



- Oriented particles for simulation
- Stabilization, tighter collision volumes, skinning
- Future
  - Volume conservation
  - GPU implementation + game engine integration

**Thank you for your attention!**