

The World in the Browser XML3D & Ray Tracing

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Motto

 "Computers with Eyes, Ears and Common Sense"

Some Key Facts

- The largest application-oriented
 CS research institute in Europe
- 4 Locations in Germany
 - Saarbrücken, Bremen,
 Kaiserslautern, Berlin
- ~370 researchers (~700 with students)
- More than 30 M€ revenue per year
- More than 50 spin-offs











Past Research Results in Graphics











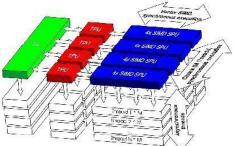














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Now in the main stream

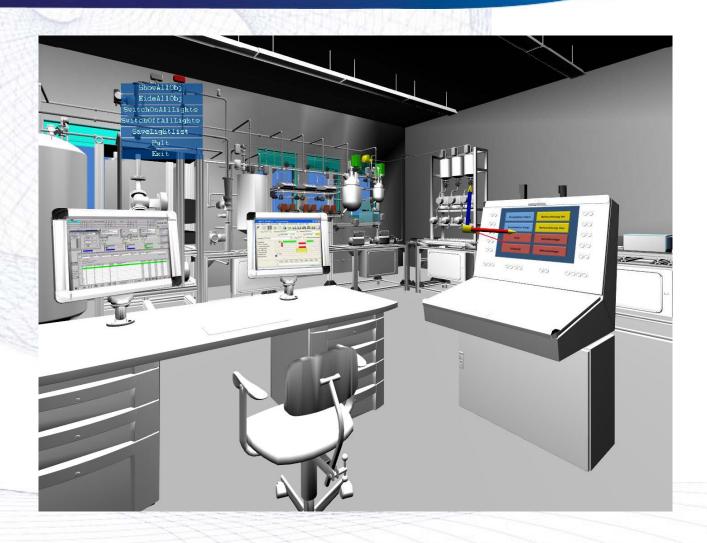
Fierce competition

- Intel, Nvidia, ...
- Building best HW for ray tracing
- New many-core HW announced



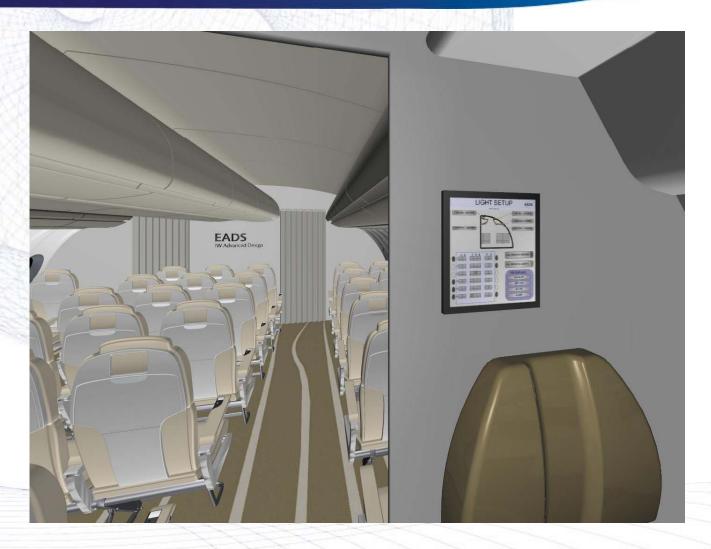


3D-Internet: DualReality & SmartFactory



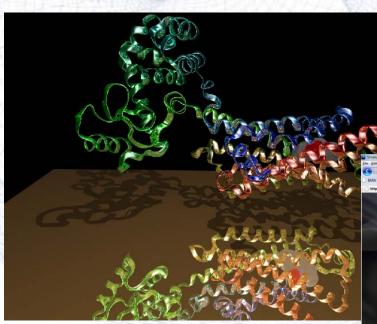


3D-Internet: New Interaction Techniques





3D-Internet: Collaborative Engineering



Betablocker docked to Beta-2 GPCR membrane molecule





Why 3D-Internet?

- Two key corner stones of IT
 - Everything moving to the Internet
 - Rise of Many-core Processors
- Internet
 - Web browser: most used application, open all day
 - Most content must (also) be published here
- Many-Core (Graphics) Processors (GPUs)
 - Defining new processor architectures
 - Soon all devices will embed many-core processors
- Ubiquitous 3D graphics is finally possible
 - _ BUT



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 - What is available is NOT document-centered
 - WebGL, O3D, game-engine plugins, ...

Our goals

- Interactive 3D-graphics as a first class data type
 - Like HTML with text, images, audio, video, ...
- Fully integrate 3D content into the document
- Freely provide necessary Internet technology
 - Browser, server, protocols, ...



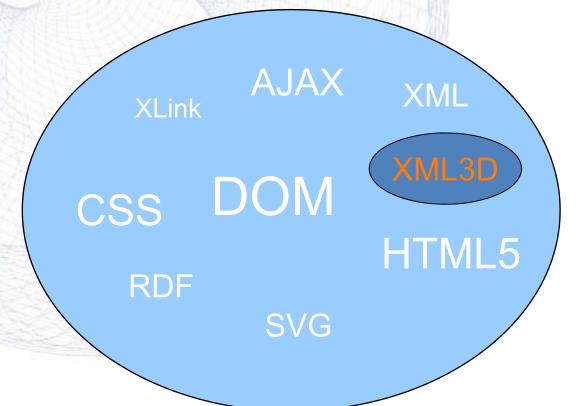
The Web

CSS DOM
RDF SVG

W3C
Millions of Web programmers



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Novel Approach to Interactive 3D Graphics

- Minimal extension to HTML/DOM for interactive 3D
 - Declarative approach for geometry, materials, interaction, ...
 - 2D and 3D integrated within the same document
 - Can reuses images and nested HTML for textures
- Industrial-strength: physically-based and scalable
 - Highly realistic rendering (OpenGL & Realtime Ray Tracing)
 - Very large models and stream processing on GPU
- Uses DOM as API
 - Well known by all Web programmers (millions!)
 - Fully integrated with Javascript and DOM



Novel Approach to Interactive 3D Graphics

- Full interactivity
 - Events (e.g. "onmouseover") can also be applied to 3D
 - Application programming in Javascript
- CSS to separate content from style
 - Simple and powerful specification
 - Used for materials, transformations, ...
- Full support for programmable GPUs
 - Programmable shading (materials, animation, ...)
 - HW-oriented data formats
- Portable material descriptions via AnySL
 - Unified shaders for ray tracing & rasterization (JIT)





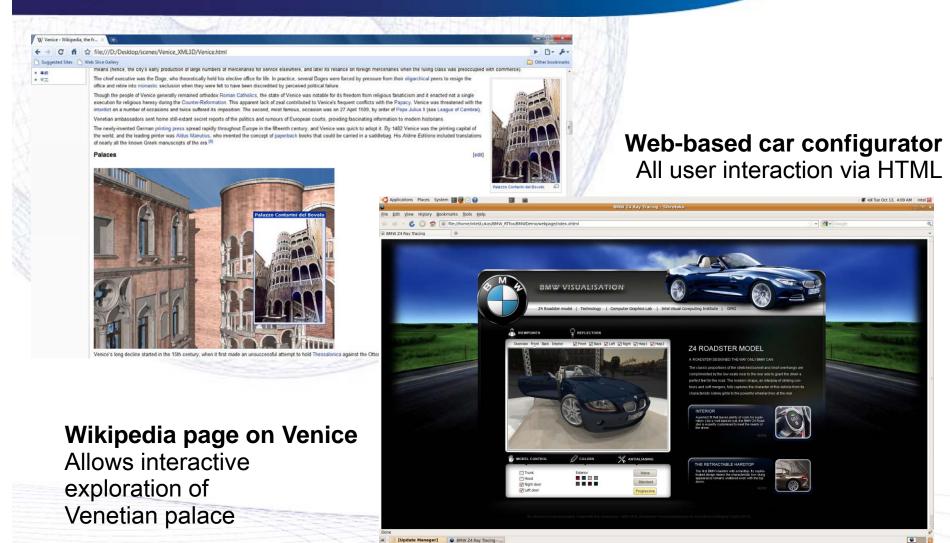


XML3D - Status Quo

- Several implementations
 - Native in modified Firefox
 - Native in modified WebKit
 - Google Chrome, Apple Safari, most OpenSource browsers
 - WebGL based (reduced functionality)
 - Any browser with WebGL
 - QtWebKit for standalone applications (in progress)
- XML3D will be freely available
 - Enable new innovations on common SW platform
 - DFKI helps you get started



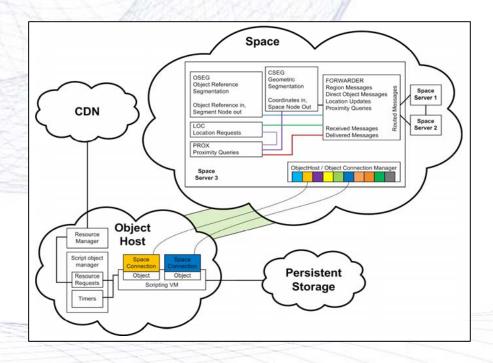
XML3D in Firefox and WebKit





XML3D and Collaboration

- Sirikata Architecture (with Stanford)
- Realtime Collaborative Interaction
 - Efficient update and coordination protocols





Conclusions

- Infrastructure for 3D is now becoming available
 - 3D processing and output devices, fast Internet
- Need to define document formats for 3D
 - Fully integrated with Web (HTML, CSS, JS, ...)
 - Allows full interactivity

