Depth/Occlusion

Lecture 9 CPSC 533C, Fall 2005

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Reading

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Cheops: A Compact Explorer For Complex Hierarchies.
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Depth and Occlusion

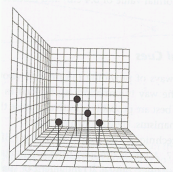
- Space Perception
  - depth
- Layering and Separation
  - visual layering
- 3DPS
  - graphs embedding in 3D vs. 2D
- EdgeLens
  - interactive occlusion control of 2D graph edges
- Smart Jitter
  - intelligently resolving point occlusion
- Cheops
  - deliberate occlusion for compact representation

Space Perception

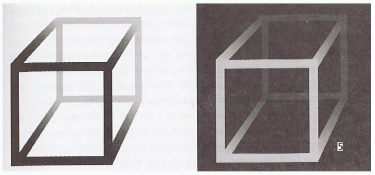
- static
  - occlusion
  - perspective projection
    - linear, texture gradient
  - depth of field
  - atmospheric (fog, depth cueing)
  - lighting and shadows
    - shape from shading
    - cast shadows
- moving
  - structure-from-motion
    - motion parallax (head motion)
- binocular
  - binocular disparity (stereopsis)
  - convergence
    - amount eyes rotate toward center of interest
    - like optical range finder

Space Perception

droplines,
background grids



depth cueing



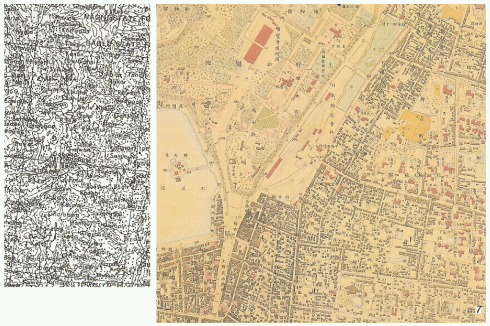
Binocular

less strong than occlusion

autostereopsis demo

[www.mrl.nyu.edu/~perlin/demos/autoshutter-talk.html]

Layering And Separation



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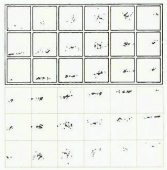
Visual Clutter

subtler background than foreground



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3DPS

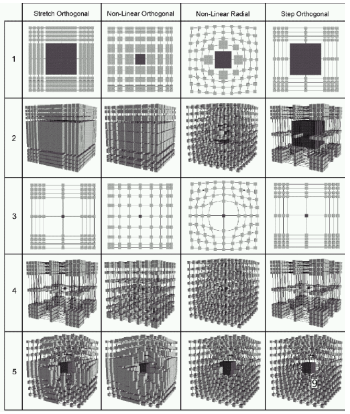
1: 2D displace+magnify

2: 3D displace+magnify

3: 2D displace only

4: 3D displace only

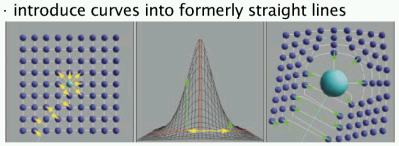
5: visual access distortion



Visual Access Distortion

naive 2D -> 3D extension yields occlusion
- same problem as van Wijk

graph-based solution
- move geometry according to viewpoint
- magnify focus only
- introduce curves into formerly straight lines



focus+context approach

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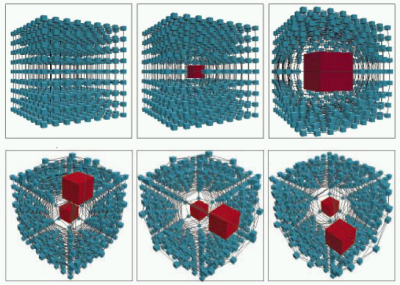
Results

single, multiple foci



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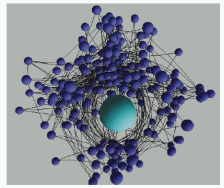
Results

randomly positioned nodes instead of grid
- closer to real dataset



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Critique

sophisticated way to navigate 3D graphs

nice technique paper
- not a design study

interesting discussion I'd like to see
- more analysis of why 3D necessary
  cites Ware 3x improvement
- occlusion workaround vs. occlusion avoidance

never shown on real data
- hard to draw conclusions from toy datasets

Information Density: Codimension

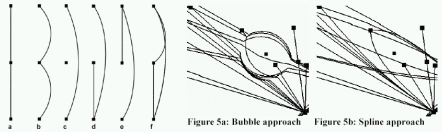
- want balance between clutter and void
- topological approach to describing density
- difference between structure and surrounding space

	dim space	-	dim structure	=	codim
webviz	3		1 circle		2
H3	3		2 hemisphere		1
(Carpendale)	3		3 cubic grid		0

sparse ↑ dense

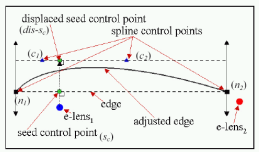
EdgeLens

interactive control over edge occlusion



user study: spline better than bubble

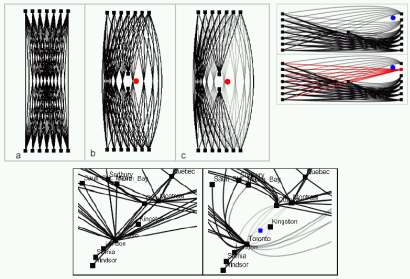
EdgeLens Final Algorithm



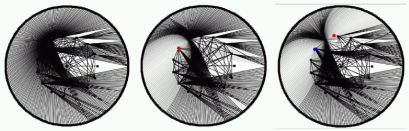
decide which edges affected
calculate displacements
calculate spline control points
draw curves

EdgeLens Techniques

transparency, color

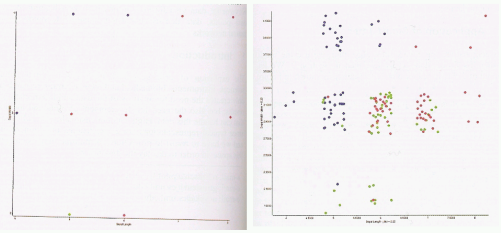


EdgeLens Results

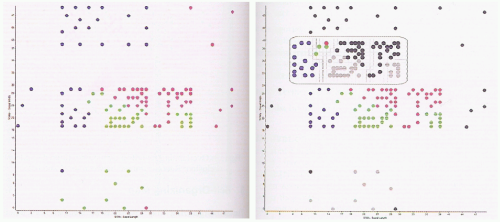


critique
- very nice technique
  compelling need
- shown on real data

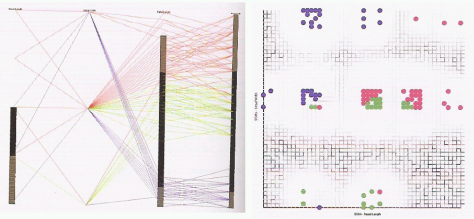
Jittering As Occlusion Solution



SmartJitter



Jitter vs. Parallel Coords



Critique

theoretically, can work with many techniques

but how much better than simple random?

- case is not made
- toy dataset
- no compelling example

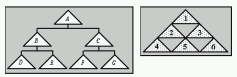
Cheops

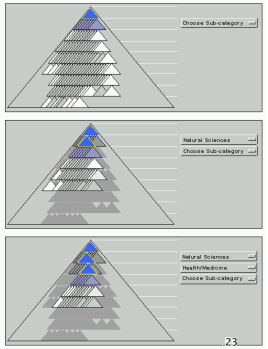
compact

show paths through tree

extreme occlusion deliberately

browsing/exploration, not topological analysis

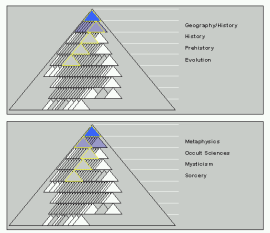




Cheops Interaction

"pre-selection"

- flip through overloaded visual representation choices



Cheops Critique

pro
- tiny footprint
  suitable when main user focus is other task
- interaction techniques investigated
  informal usability

con
- relatively hard to understand
- singular nodes very salient, but not so important
- "pre-selection" name is confusing
  perhaps "node cycling" instead?

Presentation Topic Choices

send me by Oct 20
- top three topic choices
- two days when you don't want to present

later you hear
- who does what topic when

later I post for each topic
- set of papers from which you pick one
- other paper is free choice

Project Resources