

144FPS Rendering on Mobile: Frame Prediction in Arena Breakout

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D Background Motivation



Situation

- More and more mobile devices support high screen refresh rates (90, 120, 144Hz and higher)
- Players demand smoother experience without reducing the quality of graphics

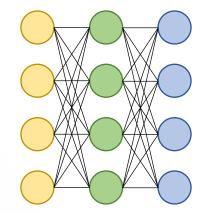
Challenges

- Conflict between graphics quality and frame rate: Higher graphic quality needs more rendering time, but it will
 reduce the frame rate
- Battery consumption and overheating



Existing solutions?

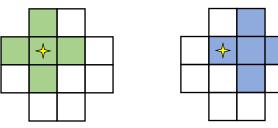
- Deep learning based solution?
 - Specific hardware dependencies ×
 - High cost and low response \times

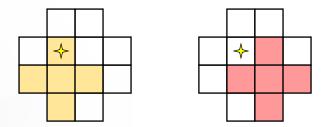




Other solutions?

- Deep learning based solution ×
- Software super-resolution?
 - High bandwidth cost (large number of neighborhood pixels sampling) imes
 - Only a small increase in frame rate ×



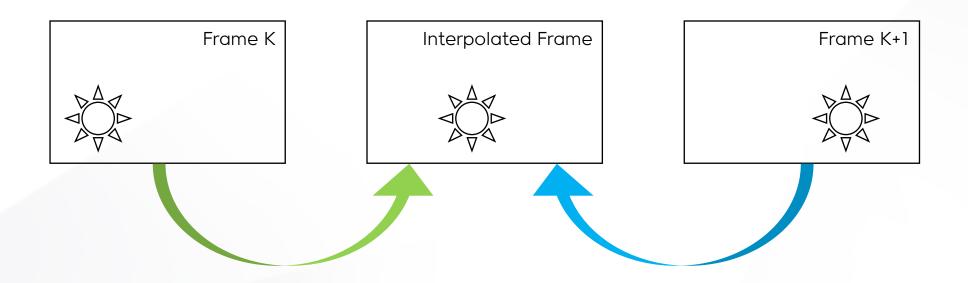


Edge calculation for upsampling



Other solutions?

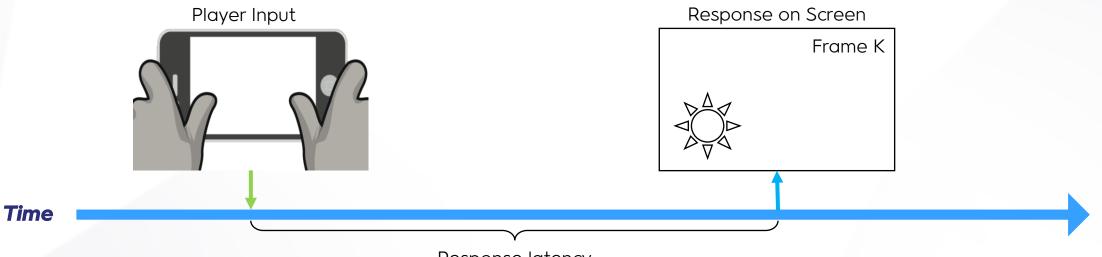
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- Frame interpolation?
 - Additional operation response latency ×
 - Interpolation cost ×





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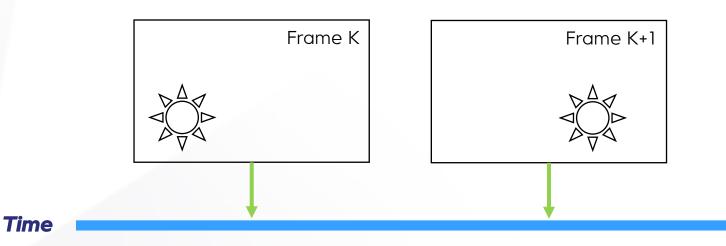


Response latency



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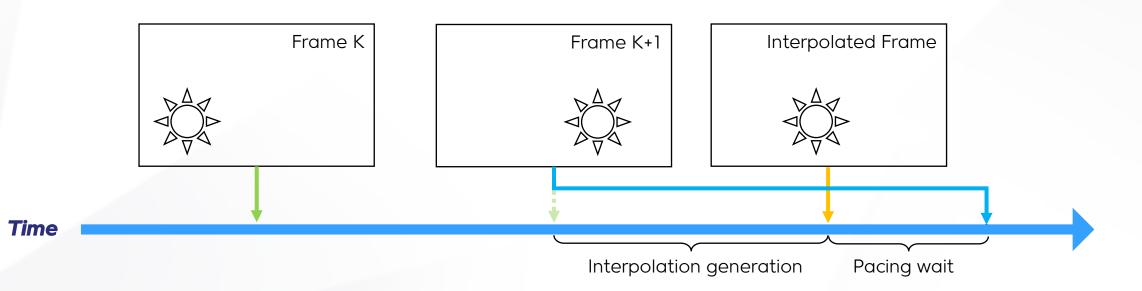


Frame display without frame interpolation



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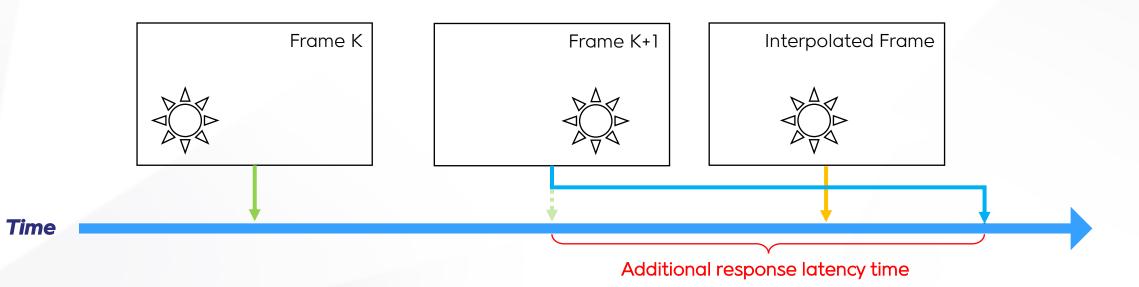


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Frame display with frame interpolation



Requirement

A solution is required to increase the frame rate on mobile devices. It should be:

- Simple, fast, no additional latency
- Robust
- Effective and efficient
- Highly compatible (no specific hardware dependence)



02 Frame Prediction The implementation of frame prediction algorithm



Key idea

- Reusing the rendered pixels from the previous frame!
 - Predicted frame = previous frame + gameplay info



Most of rendered pixels from previous frame are reusable



Key idea

- Reusing the rendered pixels from the previous frame!
- Separate the rendering of dynamic and static objects
 - Motion of dynamic objects' pixels: complex and even unpredictable; needs segmentation
 - Pixels from static objects: can be easily reused through reprojection (majority of all pixels)

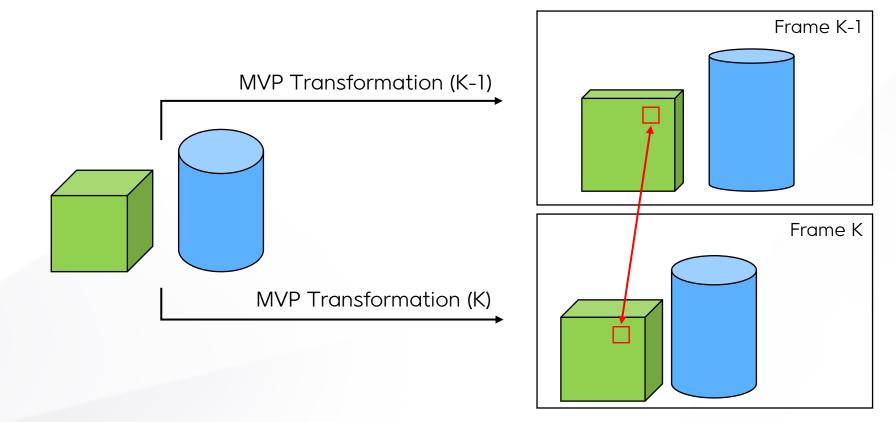


Static and dynamic objects



Finding Corresponding

- Scene objects are transformed to screen projection plane by MVP Transformation
- Corresponding between frames can be established with reprojection

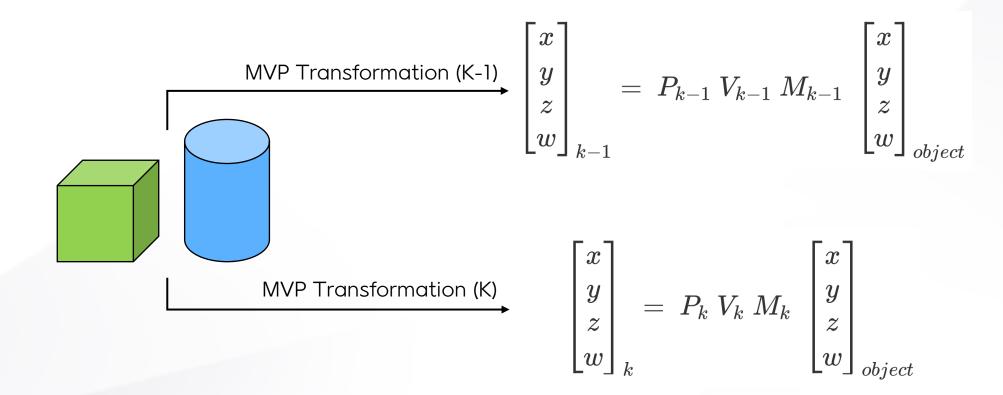


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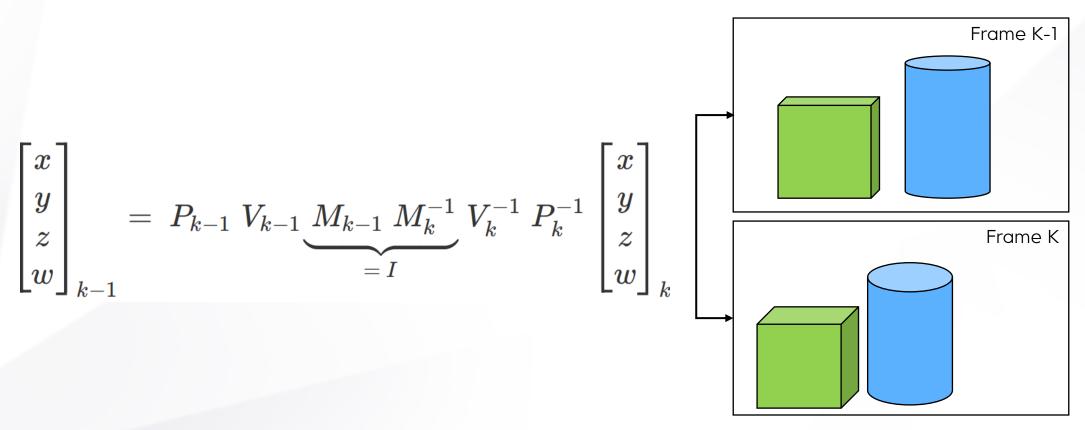


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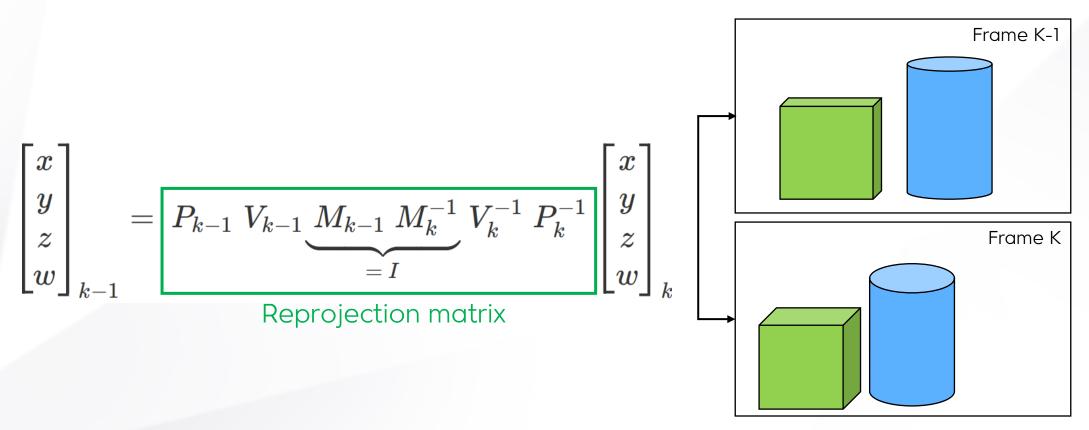


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Reprojection between frames



Thinking

- Separate the rendering of dynamic and static objects
 - Motion of dynamic objects: complex and even unpredictable; needs segmentation
 - Static objects: can be easily reused by reprojection
- Per-pixel reprojection?
 - From frame k to frame k-1: missed z-component (depth) without rendering ×

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Reprojection from frame k to frame k-1



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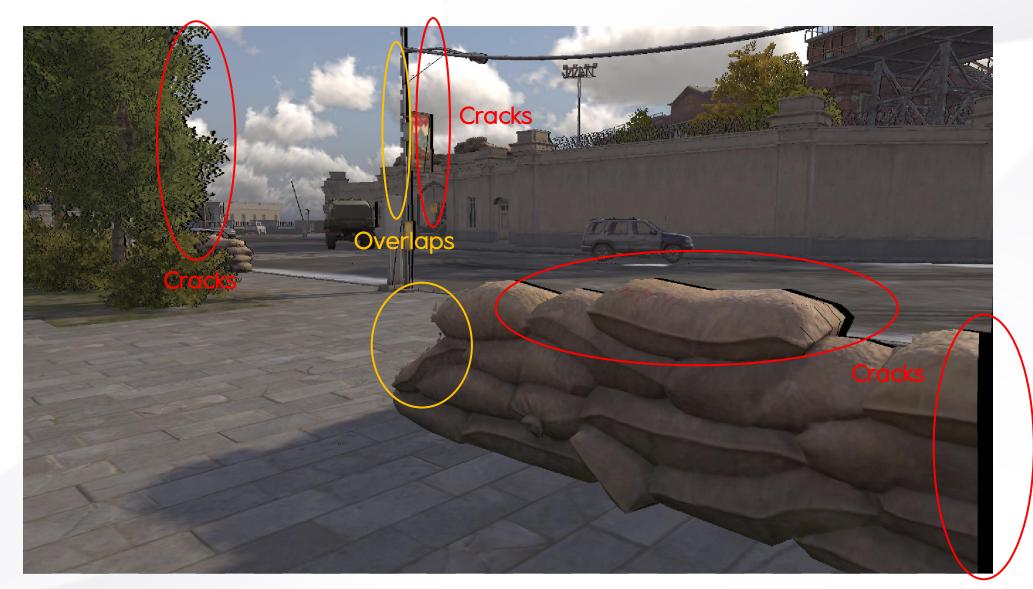
Reprojection from frame k-1 to frame k





Crack and overlap of per-pixel reprojection



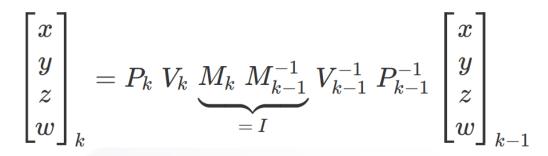


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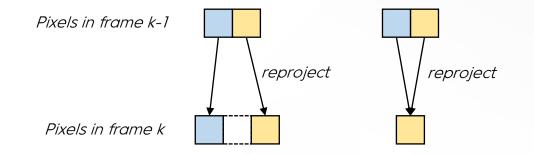


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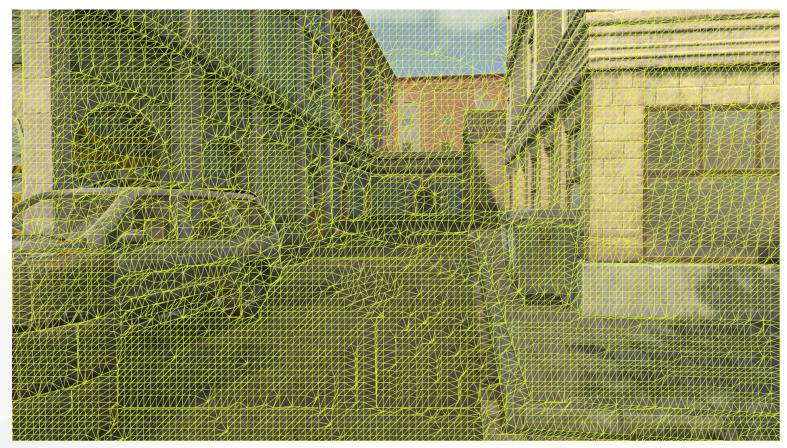


Crack and overlap



Solution: per-vertex reprojection

- Key idea: reconstruct the mesh in screen space and reproject to generate the predicted frame
- This algorithm is called *Mesh Projection Estimation* within the project team of Arena Breakout.

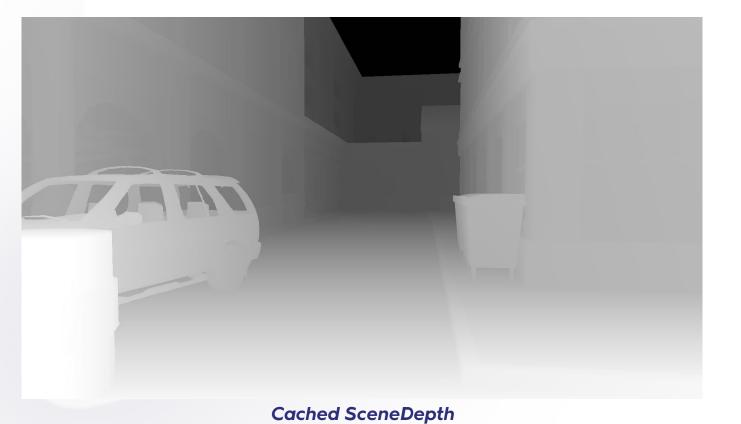


Reconstructed mesh



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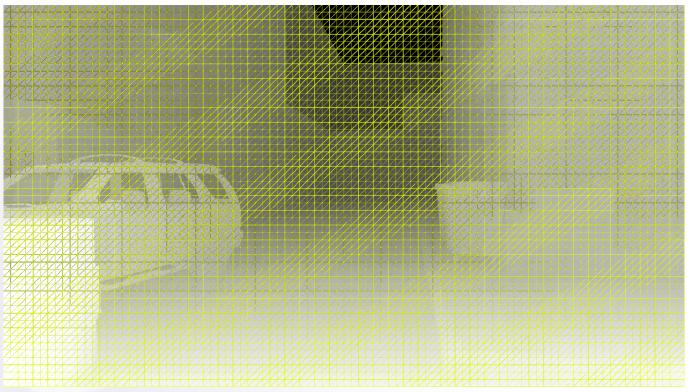
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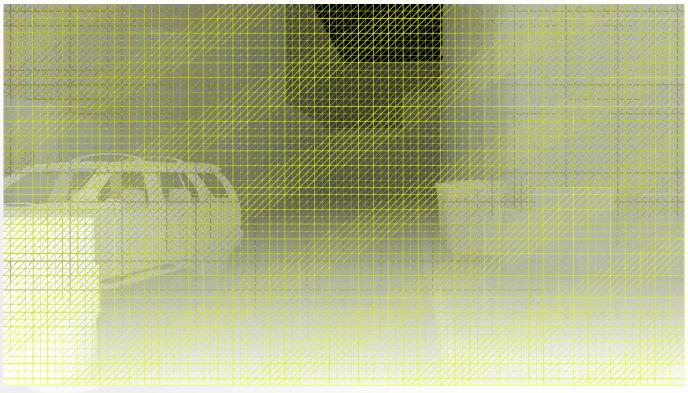


Initial vertices state (upper left of Tile)



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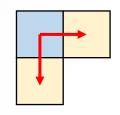
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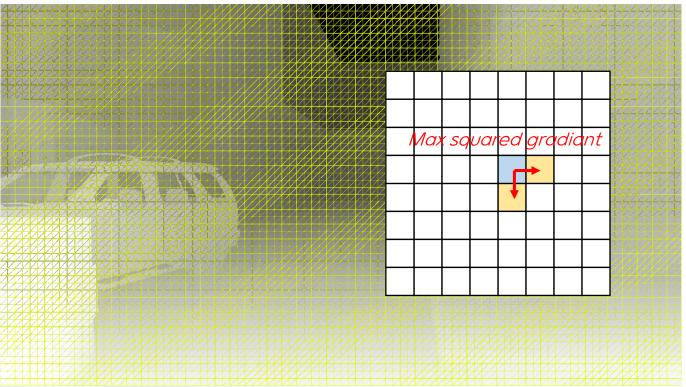
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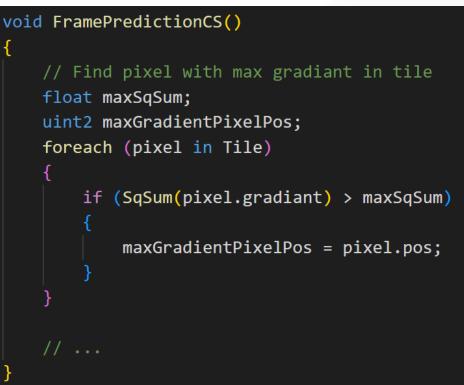




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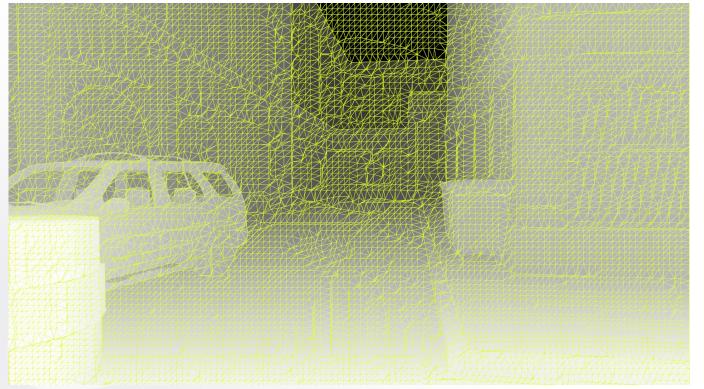
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Pseudo-code for searching vertices



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Move vertices to position with max depth gradient in tile

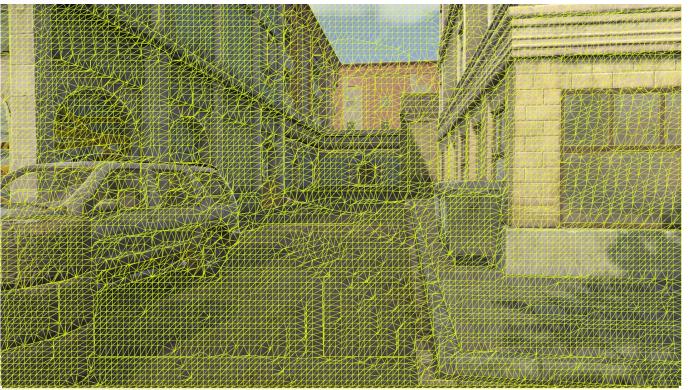
<pre>void FramePredictionCS()</pre>
{
<pre>// Find pixel with max gradiant in tile</pre>
<pre>float maxSqSum;</pre>
<pre>uint2 maxGradientPixelPos;</pre>
foreach (pixel in Tile)
{
<pre>if (SqSum(pixel.gradiant) > maxSqSum)</pre>
{
<pre>maxGradientPixelPos = pixel.pos;</pre>
}
}
}

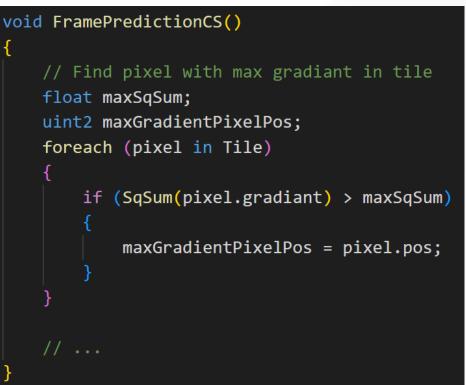
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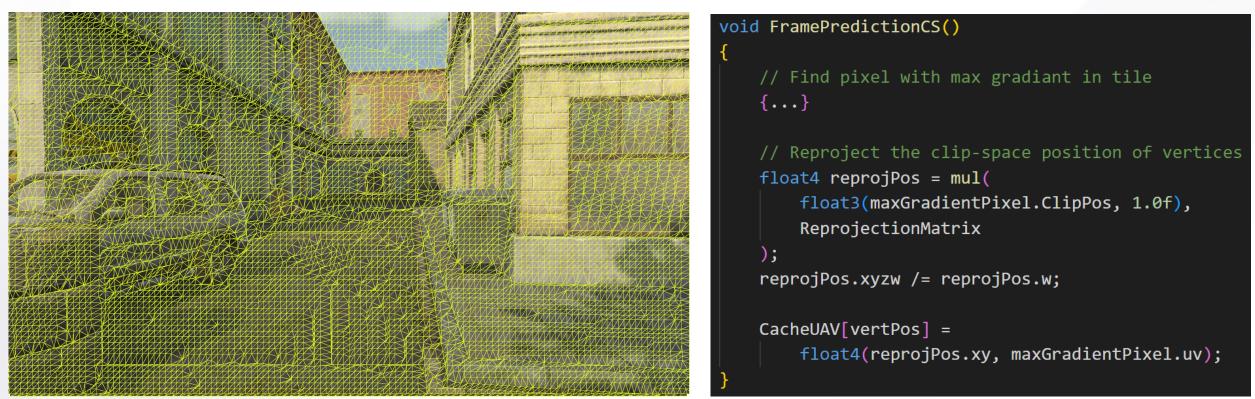
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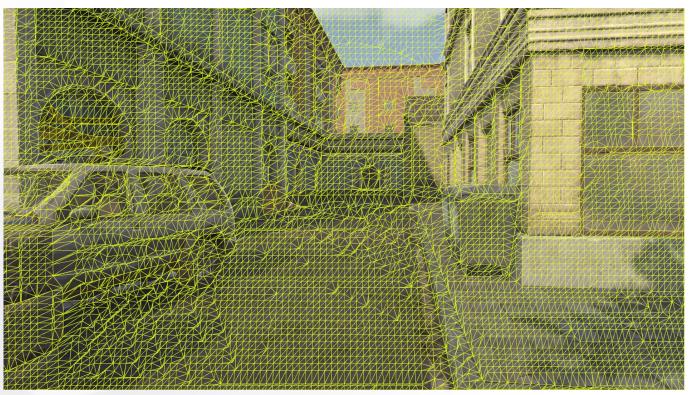
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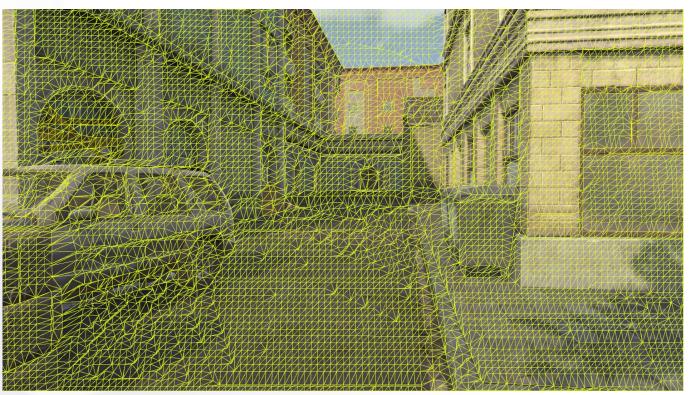


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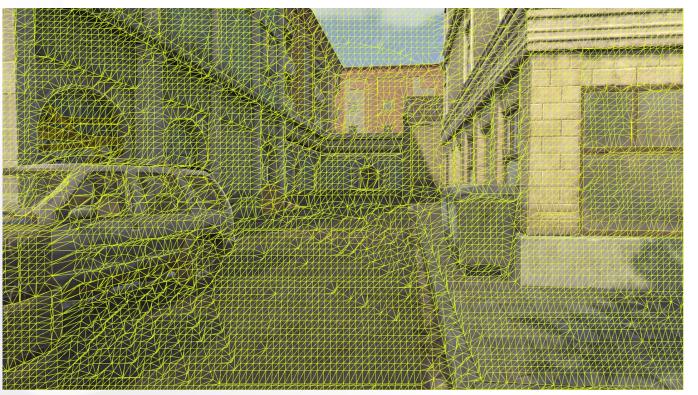
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void FramePredictionVS(uint VertexID)
   uint2 VertPos = CalcPos(VertexID);
   OutVertClip = float3(CacheUAV[VertPos].xy, 1);
   OutVertUV = CacheUAV[VertPos].zw;
   // Anchored screen edge vertices
   if (VertPos.x == 0 or CacheUAV.Size.x)
       OutVertClip.x = -1 or 1;
       OutVertUV.x = 0 or 1;
   if (VertPos.y == 0 or CacheUAV.Size.y)
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Pseudo-code of redrawn vertex shader



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void FramePredictionPS(float3 InSvPos, float2 InUV)
{
 // Reproject Depth for higher precision
 float prevDepth = CachedDepthTex.Sample(InUV).x;
 float4 projClip = mul(
 ToClipPos(InUV.xy, prevDepth, 1.0f),
 ReprojectionMatrix
);
 projClip.xyzw /= projClip.w;
 OutDepth = ToDepth(projClip.z); //current depth
 OutColor = CachedColorTex.Sample(InUV).xyz;
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Pseudo-code of redrawn pixel shader

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Generated prediction frame



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Compare with cached SceneColor

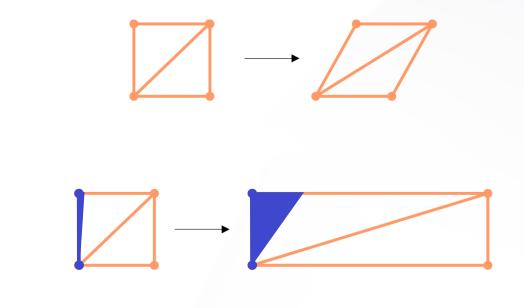


Correction of distortion

Naïve redrawn SSAM could cause:

- Shear distortion: The windows in the background are bent
- Tensile distortion: Bleeding color from the foreground into the background





Schematic of distortion

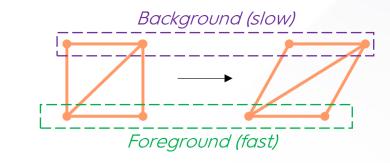


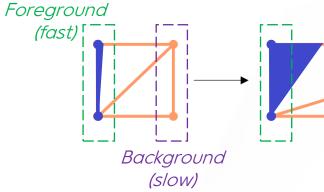
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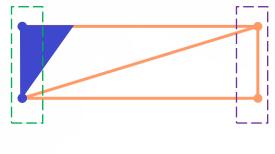
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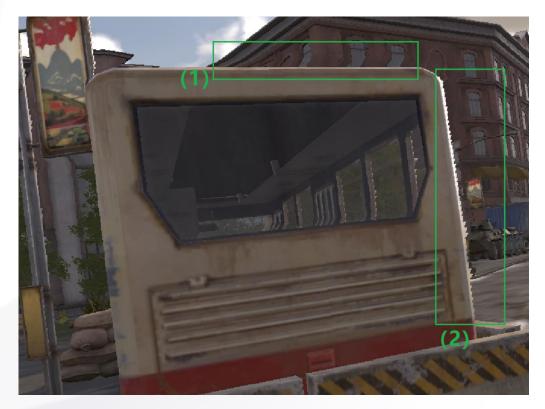
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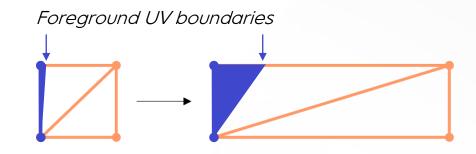


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Correction of tensile distortion: Compare the relative displacements of neighboring pixels

- If the relative displacement is very small: in the same depth semantic layer
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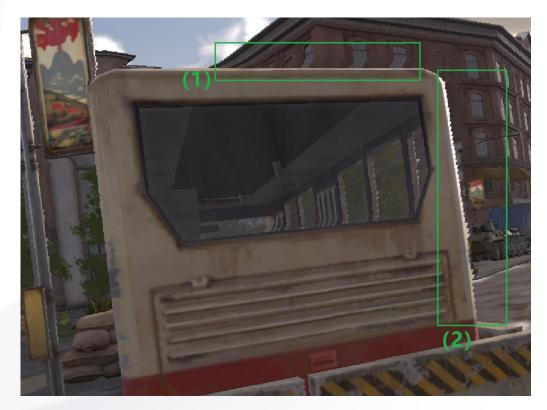
Shear (1) and tensile (2) distortion

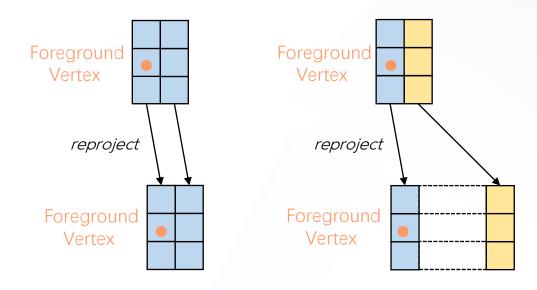


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Small and large relative displacements

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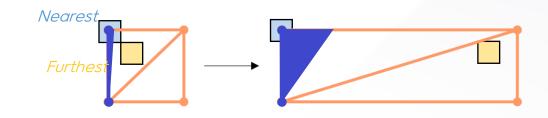
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```
void FramePredictionCS()
   // Find pixel with max gradiant in tile
   {...}
   // Find foreground pixel and background pixel
   PixelInfo foregroundPixel, backgroundPixel;
   foreach (neighbors of maxGradientPixel)
       if (CloserThan(neighbor.depth, foregroundPixel.depth))
            foregroundPixel.clipPos = neighbor.clipPos;
            foregroundPixel.uv = neighbor.uv;
       if (FurtherThan(neighbor.depth, backgroundPixel.depth))
            backgroundPixel.clipPos = neighbor.clipPos;
            backgroundPixel.uv = neighbor.uv;
```

Pseudo-code of tensile distortion correction



Schematic of tensile distortion correction

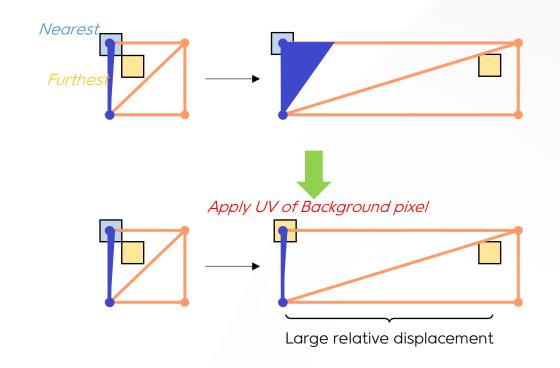


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void FramePredictionCS()
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  // Find foreground pixel and background pixel
  // Reprojection of foreground pixel and background pixel
  float4 foregroundReprojPos = mul(
      float3(foregroundPixel.clipPos, 1.0f),
      ReprojectionMatrix);
  foregroundReprojPos.xyzw /= foregroundReprojPos.w;
  float4 backgroundReprojPos = mul(
      float3(backgroundPixel.clipPos, 1.0f),
      ReprojectionMatrix);
  backgroundReprojPos.xyzw /= backgroundReprojPos.w;
  if (SameRelativeDir(foregroundPixel.clipPos - backgroundPixel.clipPos,
    foregroundReprojPos.xy - backgroundReprojPos.xy) &&
    abs(foregroundReprojPos.xy - backgroundReprojPos.xy) > Threshold)
      foregroundPixel.uv = backgroundPixel.uv; //tiny UV-bias
  CacheUAV[vertPos] = float4(foregroundReprojPos.xy, foregroundPixel.uv);
   Pseudo-code of tensile distortion correction
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Schematic of tensile distortion correction



Correction of distortion

Correction of shear distortion: inverse reprojection and compare UV during redrawing



Schematic of shear distortion correction

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Pseudo-code of shear distortion correction

Reprojection from frame k to frame k-1 in pixel shader



Correction of distortion

Correction of shear distortion: inverse reprojection and compare UV during redrawing

```
void FramePredictionPS(float3 InSvPos, float2 InUV)
    // Reproject Depth for higher precision
    {...}
   OutDepth = ToDepth(projClip.z); //current depth
    // Inverse reprojection correction
    float2 ScreenUV = ClipToUv(InSvPos.xy);
    float4 InvReprojClipPos = mul(
        ToClipPos(ScreenUV, OutDepth, 1.0f),
       InverseReprojectionMatrix);
    foregroundReprojPos.xyzw /= foregroundReprojPos.w;
    float2 prevUV = ClipToUv(InvReprojClipPos.xy);
    float DepthBeforeReproj = CachedDepthTex.Sample(prevUV).x;
    if (ApproxEqual(prevDepth, DepthBeforeReproj) &&
     abs(InUV - prevUV) > ThresholdValue)
       OutColor = CachedColorTex.Sample(prevUV).xyz;
    else
       OutColor = CachedColorTex.Sample(InUV).xyz;
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Pseudo-code of shear distortion correction

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Correction of distortion

Comparison:



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With corrections



Prediction accuracy analysis: Camera moves forward, DeltaTime = 16.67ms







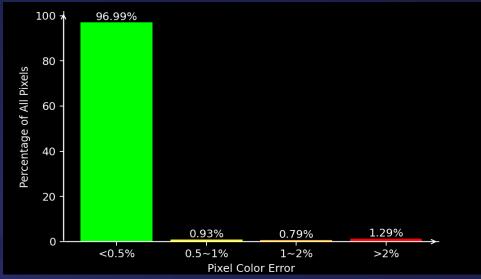
Rendered Reference





Prediction accuracy analysis: Camera moves forward, DeltaTime = 16.67ms











Prediction accuracy analysis: Camera rotates to right, DeltaTime = 16.67ms



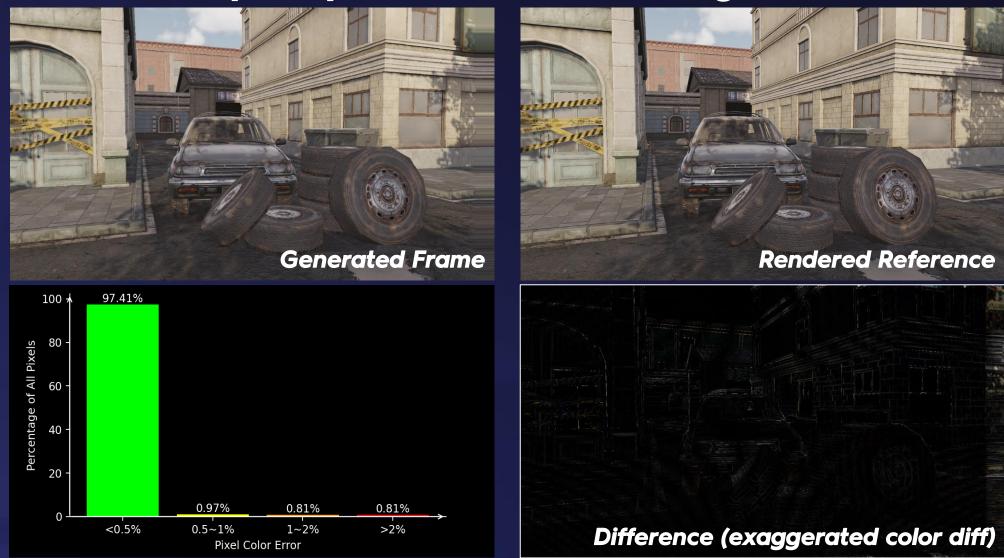








Prediction accuracy analysis: Camera rotates to right, DeltaTime = 16.67ms





Correction of missing pixels at the edge of the screen

If it's necessary to correct the interpolated pixels through rasterization at the screen edge, we can predict the motion of camera, render additional pixels in the previous frame, and clip when used.



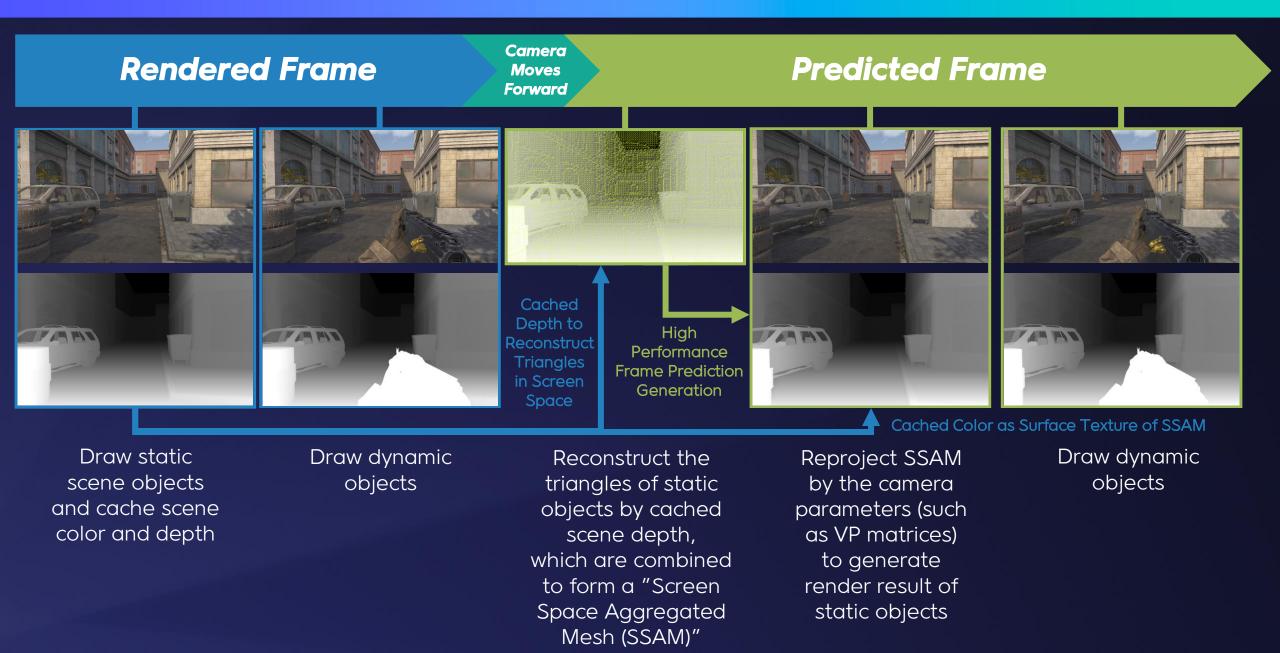
Rendering additional pixels and clip when used



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Structure of Frame Prediction Based Rendering



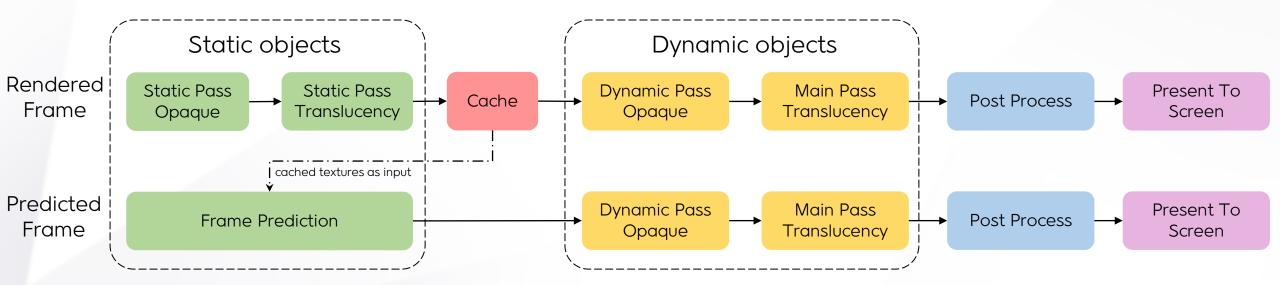




Pipeline 1: Rendered and predicted frame in different logic frame

This pipeline pairs every two frames into a "rendered frame-predicted frame" set:

- One logic frame corresponds to one graphic frames
- Perfect game control feel in high frame rate
- Reduce the workload of drawing static objects by half



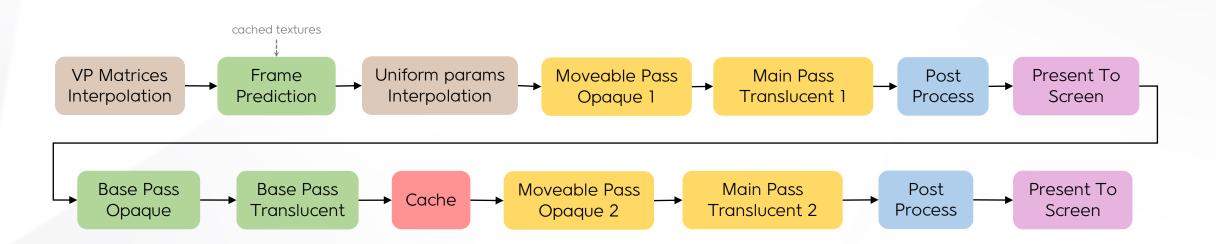
Structure of rendering pipeline 1



Pipeline 2: Rendered and predicted frame in one logic frame

Make intermediate frame by frame prediction (static) and interpolated uniform parameters (dynamic):

- One logic frame corresponds to two graphic frames
- No negative impact on game control feel (rendered frame can still be presented immediately)



Very high efficiency

Structure of pipeline with smoothed intermediate frame

Rendering Pipelines



Workload balance

The imbalanced frame workload could be inefficient with some device driver strategies (e.g. Qualcomm DCVS)

• CPU and GPU wait each other

CPU:	Enqueue a large number of commands	A small number of commands	Wait GPU	Enqueue a large number of commands		 time
GPU:		Heavy GPU workload		Light GPU workload	Wait CPU	

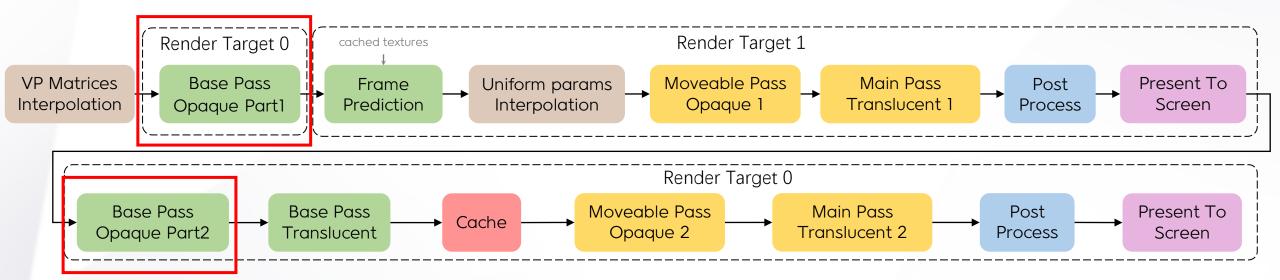
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Workload balance

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- CPU and GPU wait each other
- Solution: Split the rendering of base pass and use two render targets —— but additional bandwidth
- Looking forward specific GPU/API optimizations for inhomogeneous workloads



Workload balance for pipeline with smoothed intermediate frame



OGA Conclusion Analysis of performance and further applications



Frame Prediction is successfully applied in the released game!

Select 90, 120 and 144 FPS in setting of *Arena Breakout* to activate rendering pipelines with frame prediction!

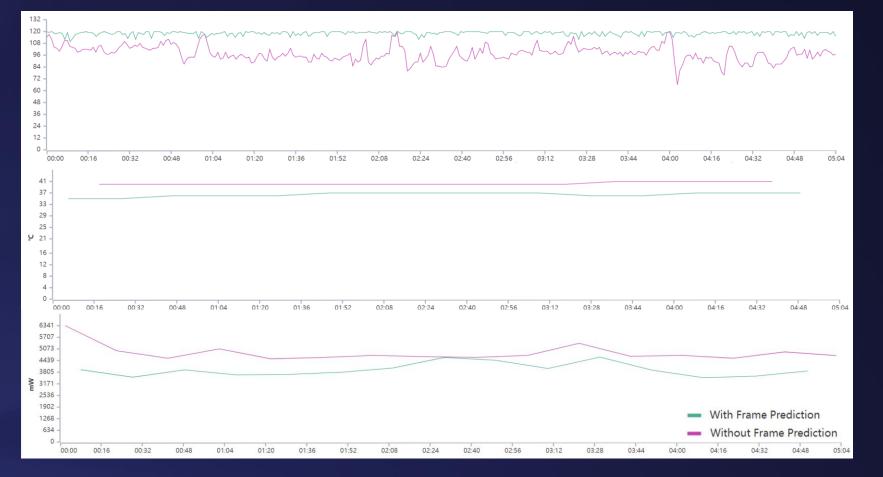
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Analysis of Performance



Performance data comparison

With the frame prediction on iPhone 14 Pro, the average frame rate has increased from 97.7 to 118.3 FPS, the surface temperature has been reduced from 40.3°C (104.5°F) to 36.4°C (97.5°F), and the battery power consumption has been reduced by 19%.



Data source: Perfdog

Analysis of Performance



Performance data comparison

With the frame prediction on Android smartphone equipped with Qualcomm Snapdragon 7+ Gen 2, the average frame rate of 720P can reach up to the impressive 140.2FPS.



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Reuse ray's info in mobile ray tracing

Frame prediction can also be used in mobile ray tracing to reuse the ray-infos in screen space.



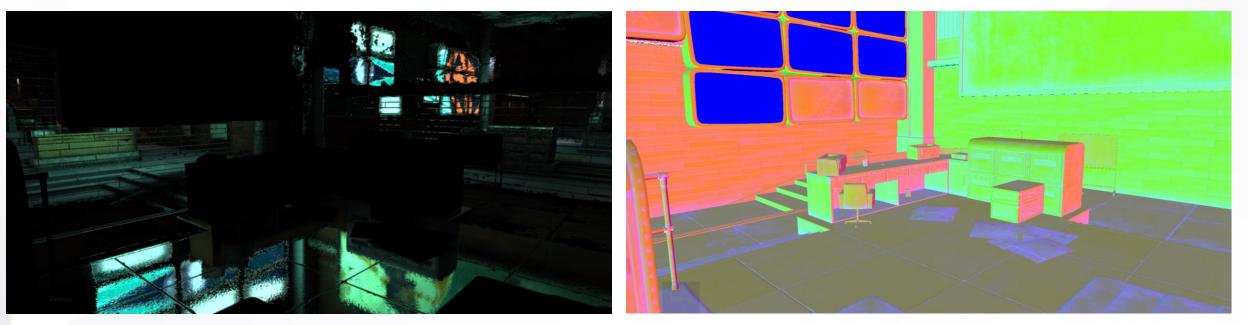
Mobile ray tracing OFF

Mobile ray tracing ON



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Reusable features in screen space

Analysis of Performance



Performance data comparison

With the frame prediction on Android smartphone equipped with Mediatek Dimensity 9300, the average frame rate for <u>mobile ray-tracing reflection</u> has increased from 62.5 to 89.2 FPS, and frame prediction avoids also the overheating protection of chip and the frame rate limitation from OS.

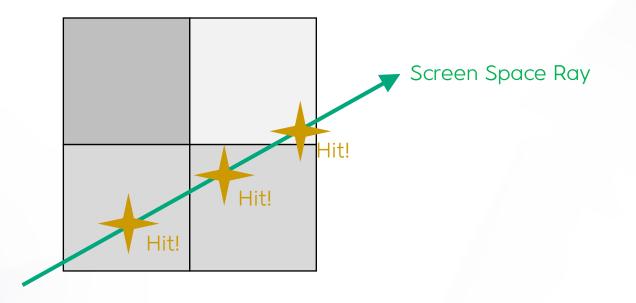


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Accelerate the screen space global illumination

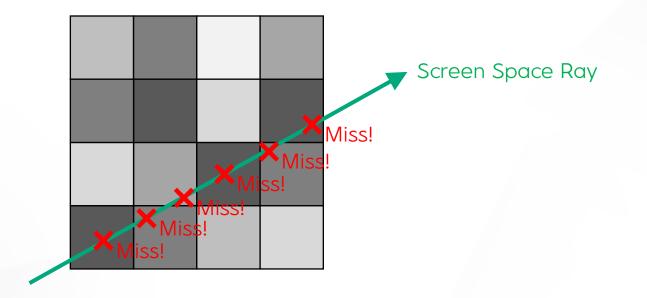
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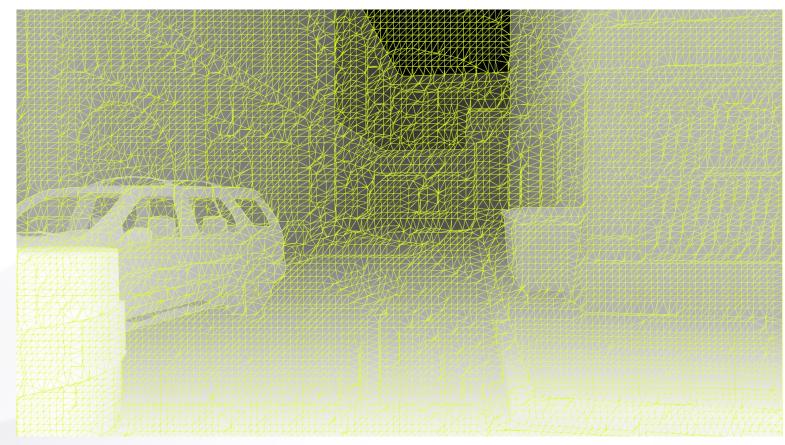
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- Screen space aggregated mesh (SSAM) acceleration: ray-pixel intersection → ray-triangle intersection



Reconstructed triangles of SSAM

Thankyou

