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3D Interactive Virtual Models for Nuclear Engineering Applications— AR/VR for ALARA

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Theme

Doing More with Less: Embracing New Technology to Achieve ALARA Excellence in Outage Work Management & Efficiency/Cost Savings

(Drones; Driverless cars; IoT; and ... VR/AR)



Virtual Education & Research Lab at NPRE at the University of Illinois

- Goals span research, teaching, service and outreach.
- Tools used are innovative and mostly computer based.
- Applications are in nuclear as well as other energy systems
- *Modeling and Simulation* is the common theme in (almost) all of our projects.
 - Fundamental advances in numerical methods;
 - Advanced modeling and simulation of different aspects of scientific and engineering problems;
 - Turbulence models for porous media
 - Lattice Boltzmann Method for two phase flow
 - Coupled neutronics/thermal-hydraulics modeling of nuclear systems
 - Coupled CFD/system-code analysis of nuclear systems
 - Fuel cycle analysis
 - Modeling of nuclear fuel
- **Virtual, 3D models for training, education and outreach**



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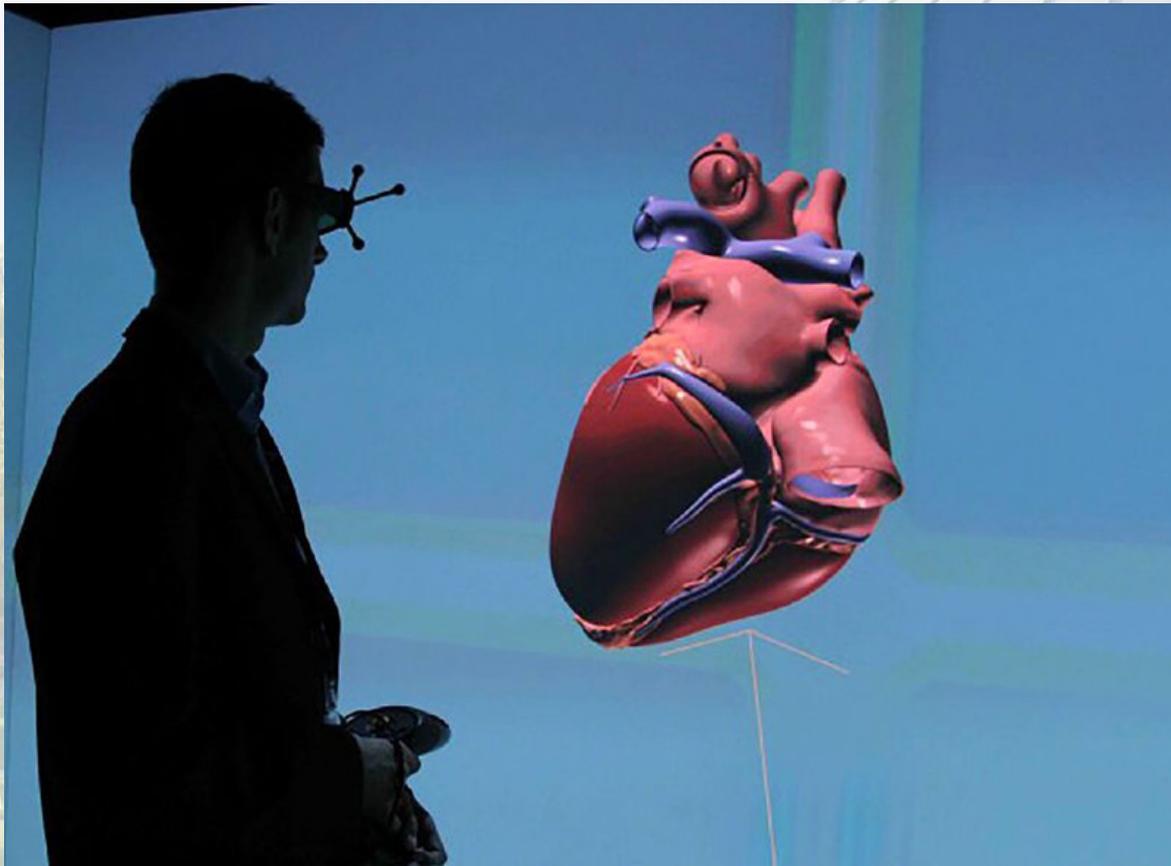
The Future Of Cardiology Will Be Shown In 3-D

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<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/05/22/408810461/the-future-of-cardiology-will-be-shown-in-3-d>

A 3-D simulation of a human heart created by The Living Heart project.



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5. Process of 3D Modeling
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7. Conclusions



Innovative Training Tools for Improved Human Performance (1 of 2)

- Training in and around nuclear facilities is often a challenging task.
- Factors such as radiation levels as well as likelihood of hindering ongoing operations make it difficult to carry out training at actual sites.
- Traditional methods of repeating a task over and over again also cannot be realistically employed in many operating facilities.
- However, a good 3D view of, and some form of interactivity with, the actual system can help in effective and efficient training.

Innovative Training Tools for Improved Human Performance (2 of 2)

- Training of contract workers
- Training of regular work force; for a new environment
- Optimization of a procedure in a hazardous environment for ALARA
- Optimization to minimize time
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Driving Force:

A convergence of need and several recent technological breakthroughs have led to the rapid development in the games-for-training and games-for-education fields





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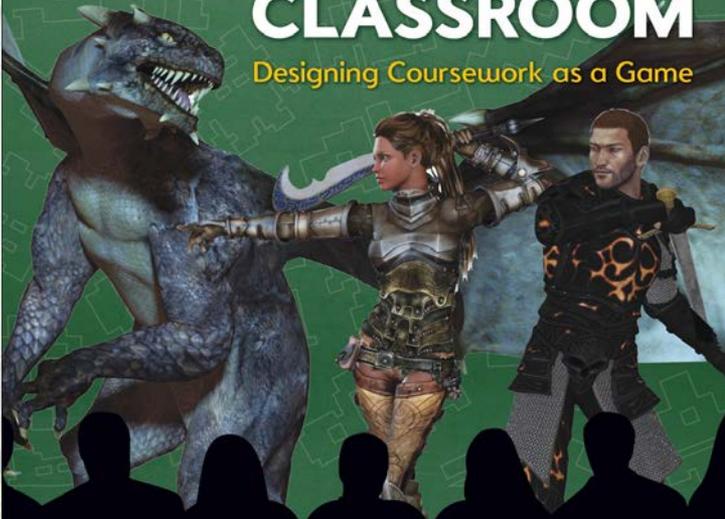


History

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CENGAGE Learning
Professional • Technical • Reference

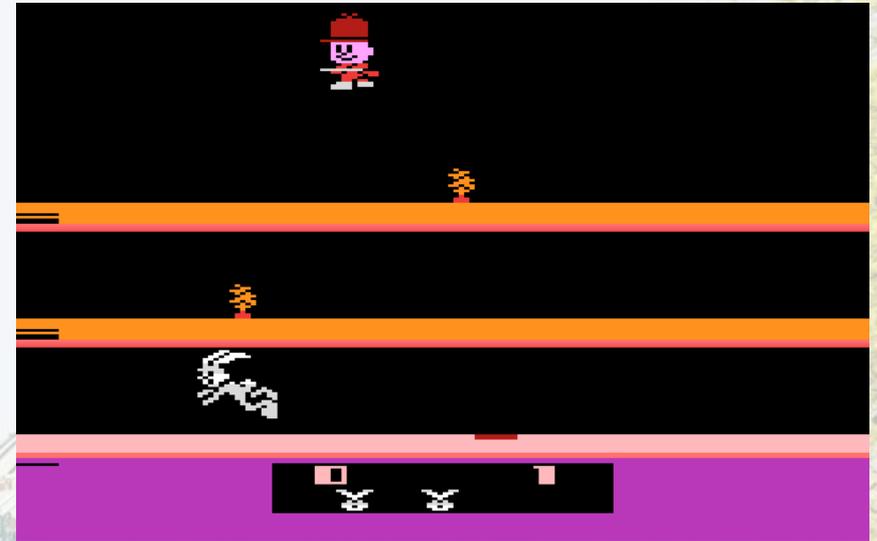
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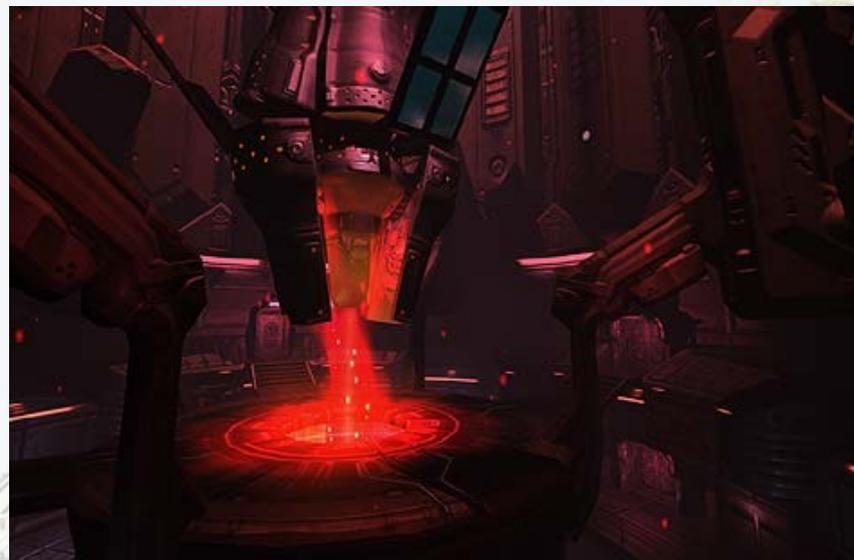
Designing Coursework as a Game



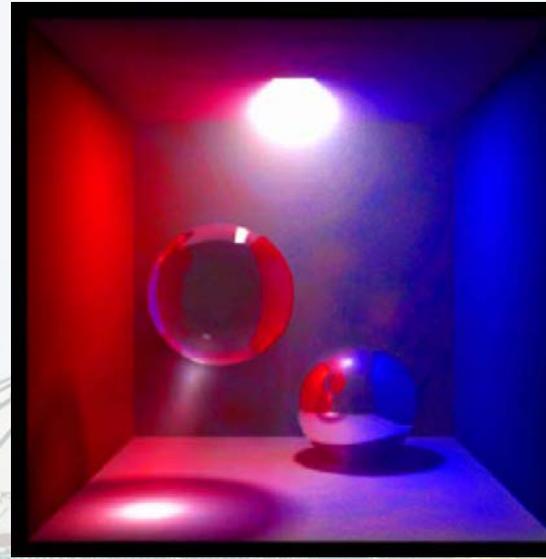
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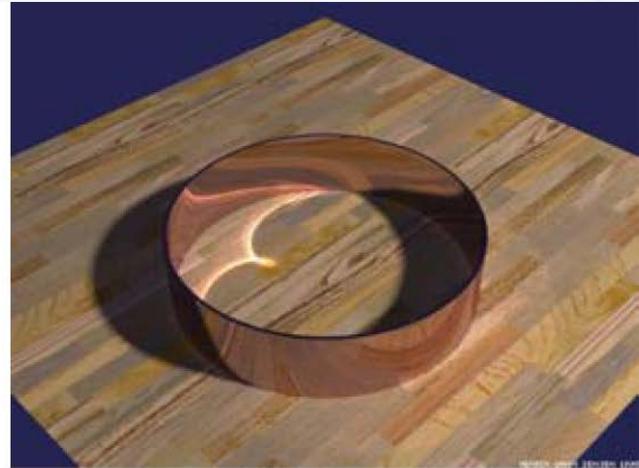
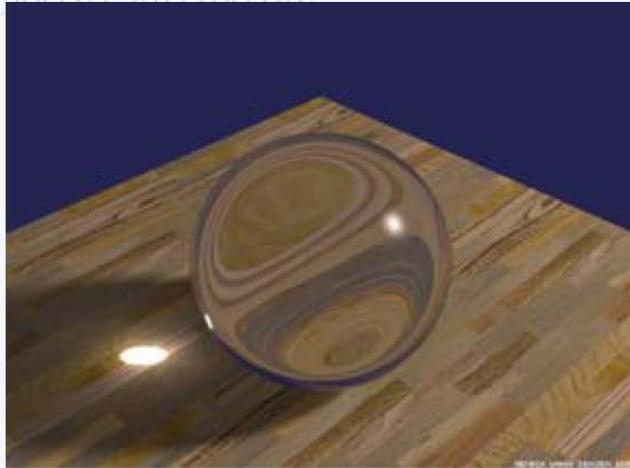
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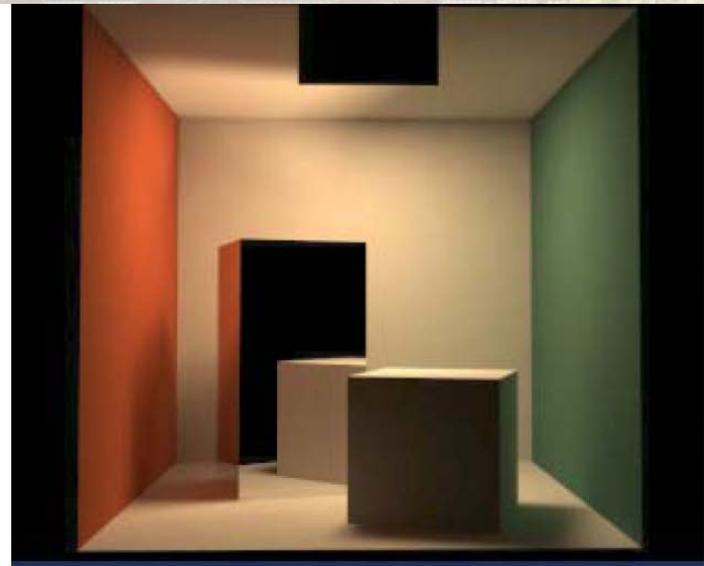


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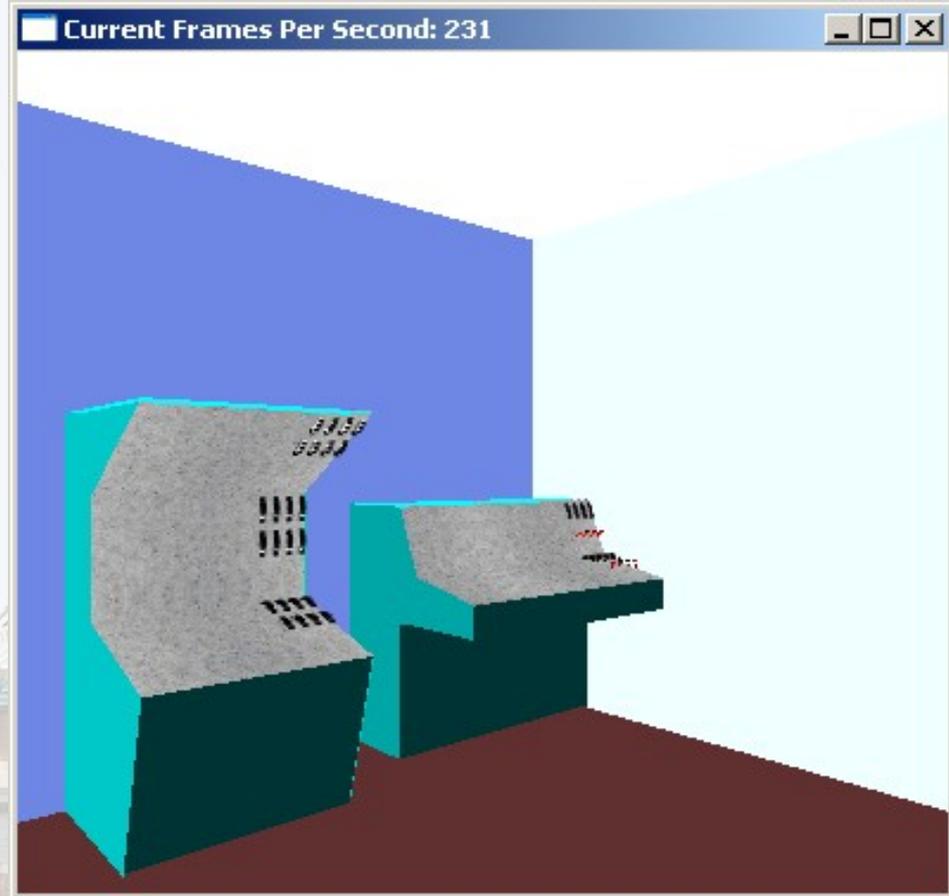
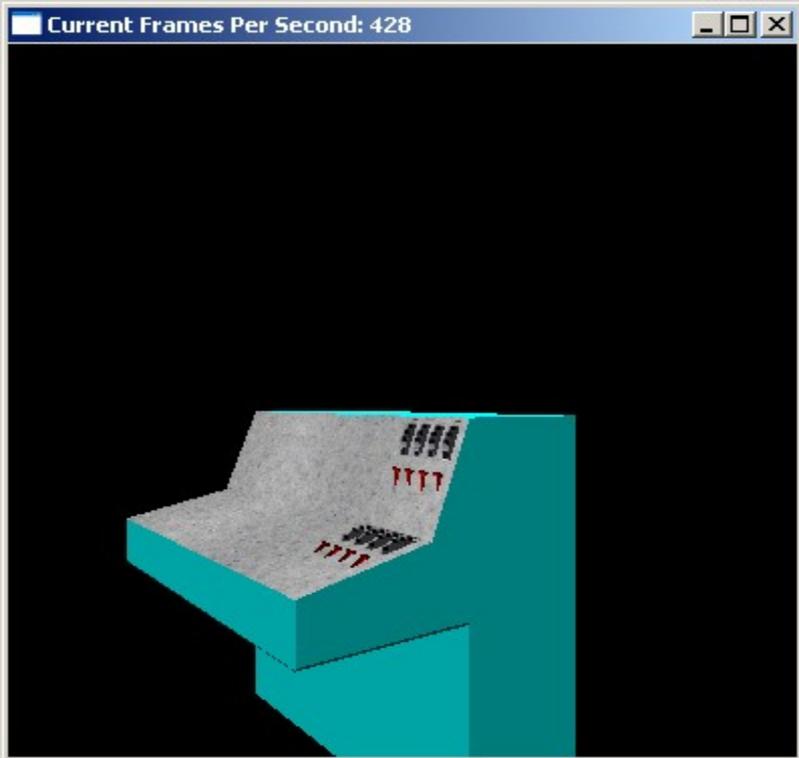
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Software

- OpenGL
- 3D modeling software
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-
- 3D, interactive game development platforms





- Develop and design one component at a time
- Component integration, design of a tree structure

- Each component consists of data (eg. Needle position), procedures to modify it (eg. Exponential decay curve), and functions to draw it (eg. Draw a Geiger counter)



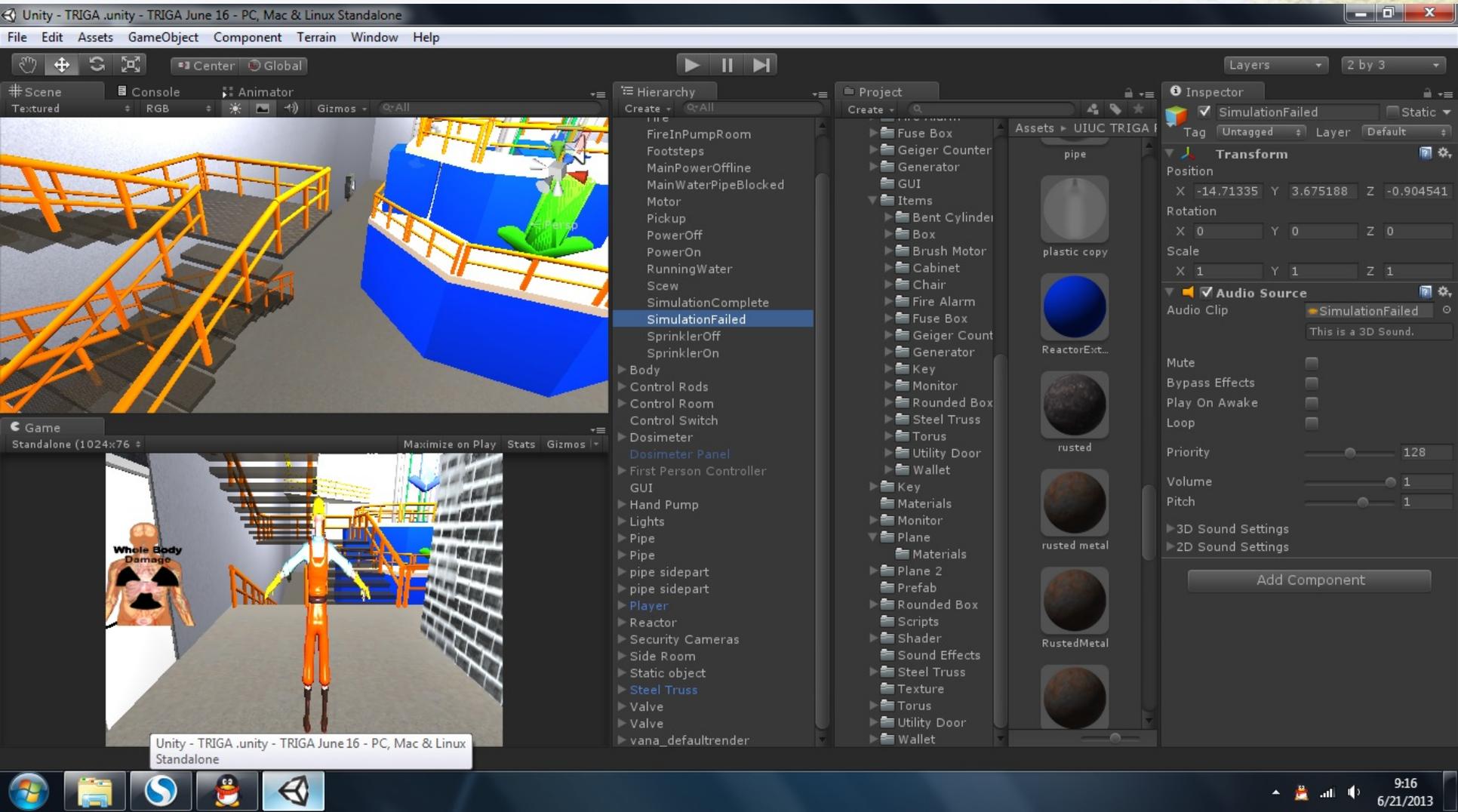
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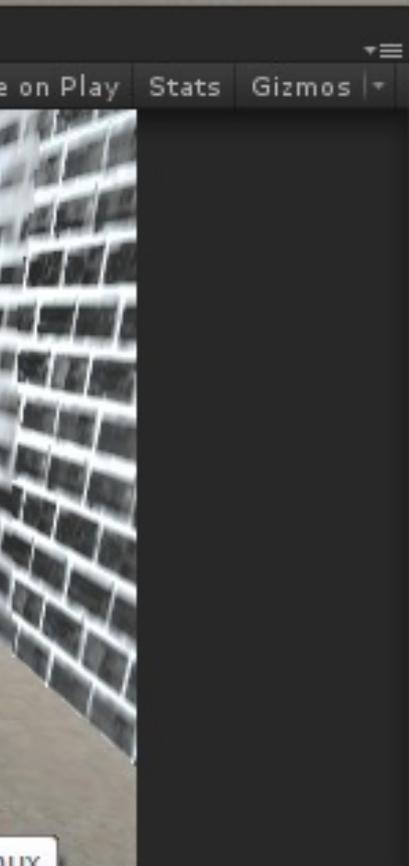
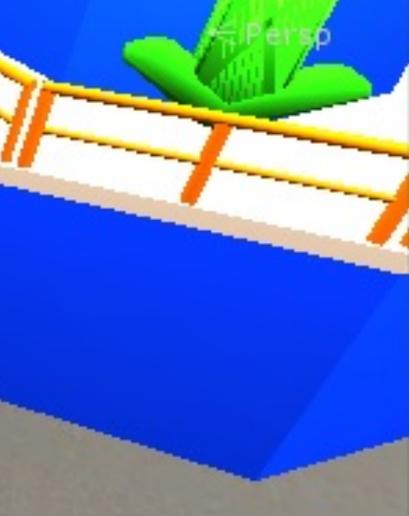
3D, first person shooter games, and game engines

- Unreal
- Doom
- Quake
- *Halflife*
- *Halo*
- *Call of Duty*
- *Unity-3d*



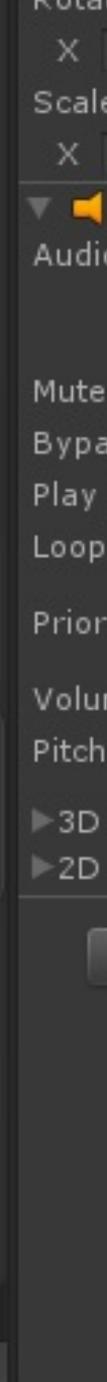
Unity-3D





- Pickup
- PowerOff
- PowerOn
- RunningWater
- Scew
- SimulationComplete
- SimulationFailed**
- SprinklerOff
- SprinklerOn
- ▶ Body
- ▶ Control Rods
- ▶ Control Room
- Control Switch
- ▶ Dosimeter
- Dosimeter Panel
- ▶ First Person Controller
- GUI
- ▶ Hand Pump
- ▶ Lights
- ▶ Pipe
- ▶ Pipe
- ▶ pipe sidepart
- ▶ pipe sidepart
- ▶ Player
- ▶ Reactor
- ▶ Security Cameras
- ▶ Side Room
- ▶ Static object
- ▶ Steel Truss
- ▶ Valve
- ▶ Valve
- ▶ vana_defaultrender

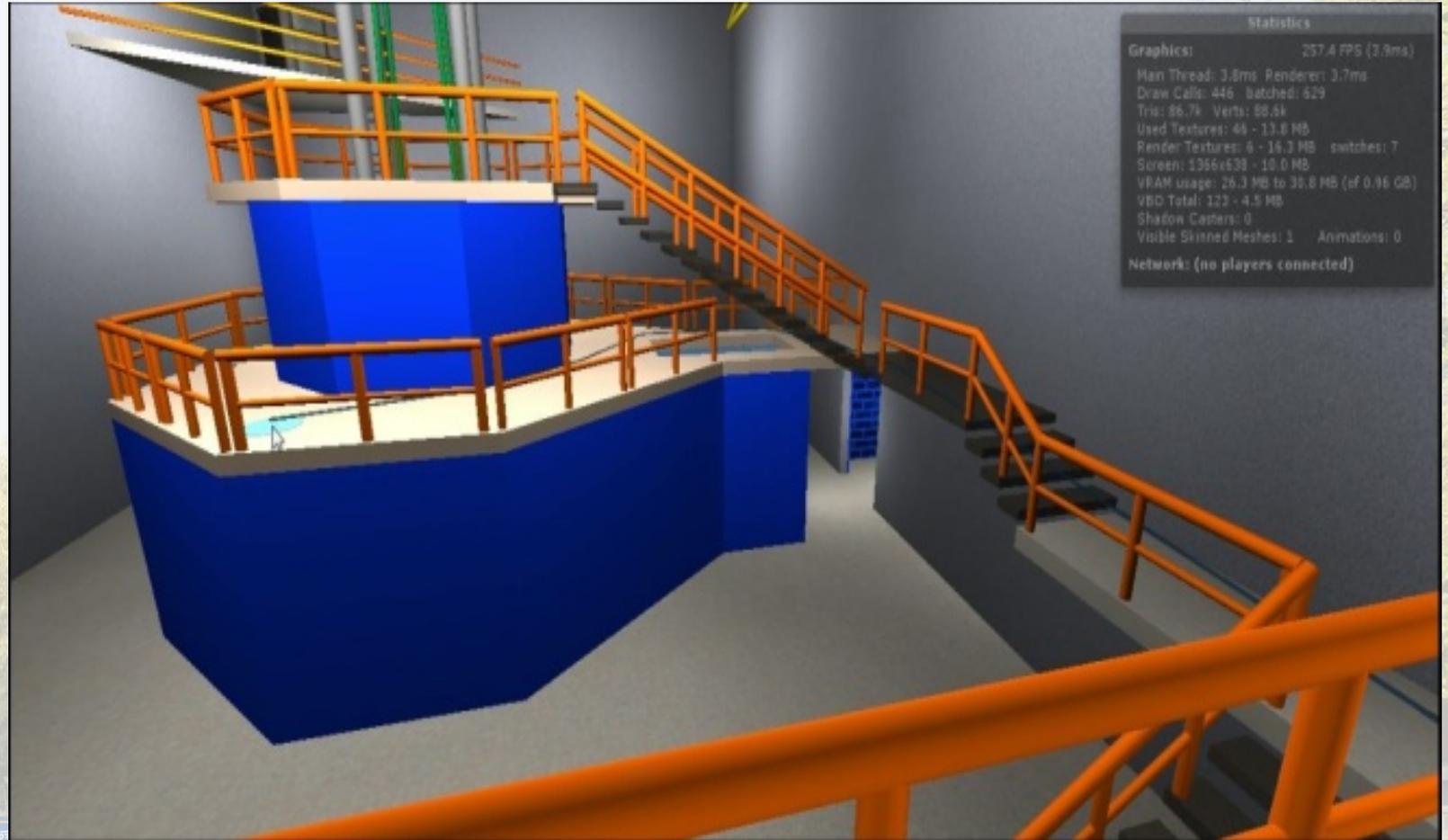
- ▶ Bent Cylinder
- ▶ Box
- ▶ Brush Motor
- ▶ Cabinet
- ▶ Chair
- ▶ Fire Alarm
- ▶ Fuse Box
- ▶ Geiger Count
- ▶ Generator
- ▶ Key
- ▶ Monitor
- ▶ Rounded Box
- ▶ Steel Truss
- ▶ Torus
- ▶ Utility Door
- ▶ Wallet
- ▶ Key
- ▶ Materials
- ▶ Monitor
- ▶ Plane
- ▶ Materials
- ▶ Plane 2
- ▶ Prefab
- ▶ Rounded Box
- ▶ Scripts
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- ▶ Torus
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- ▶ Wallet







Models- UIUC TRIGA Reactor

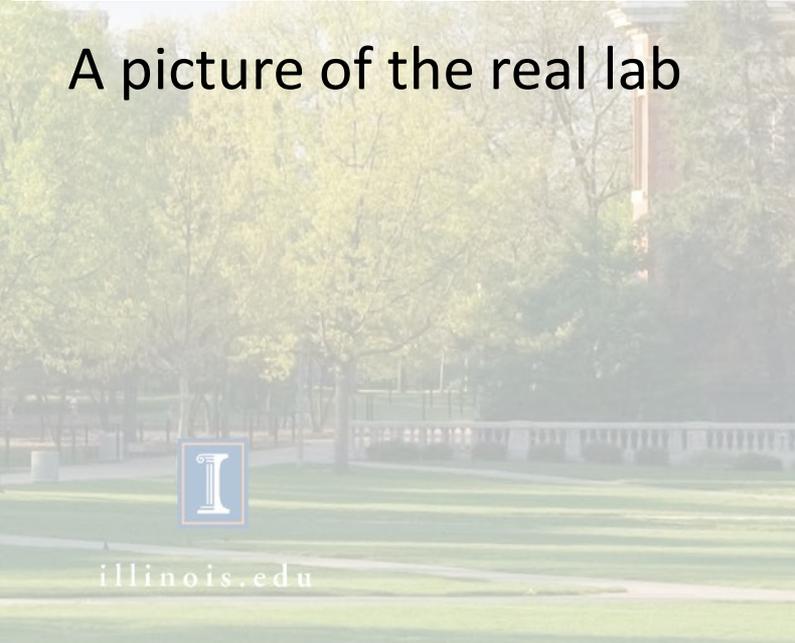


Model of a Lab



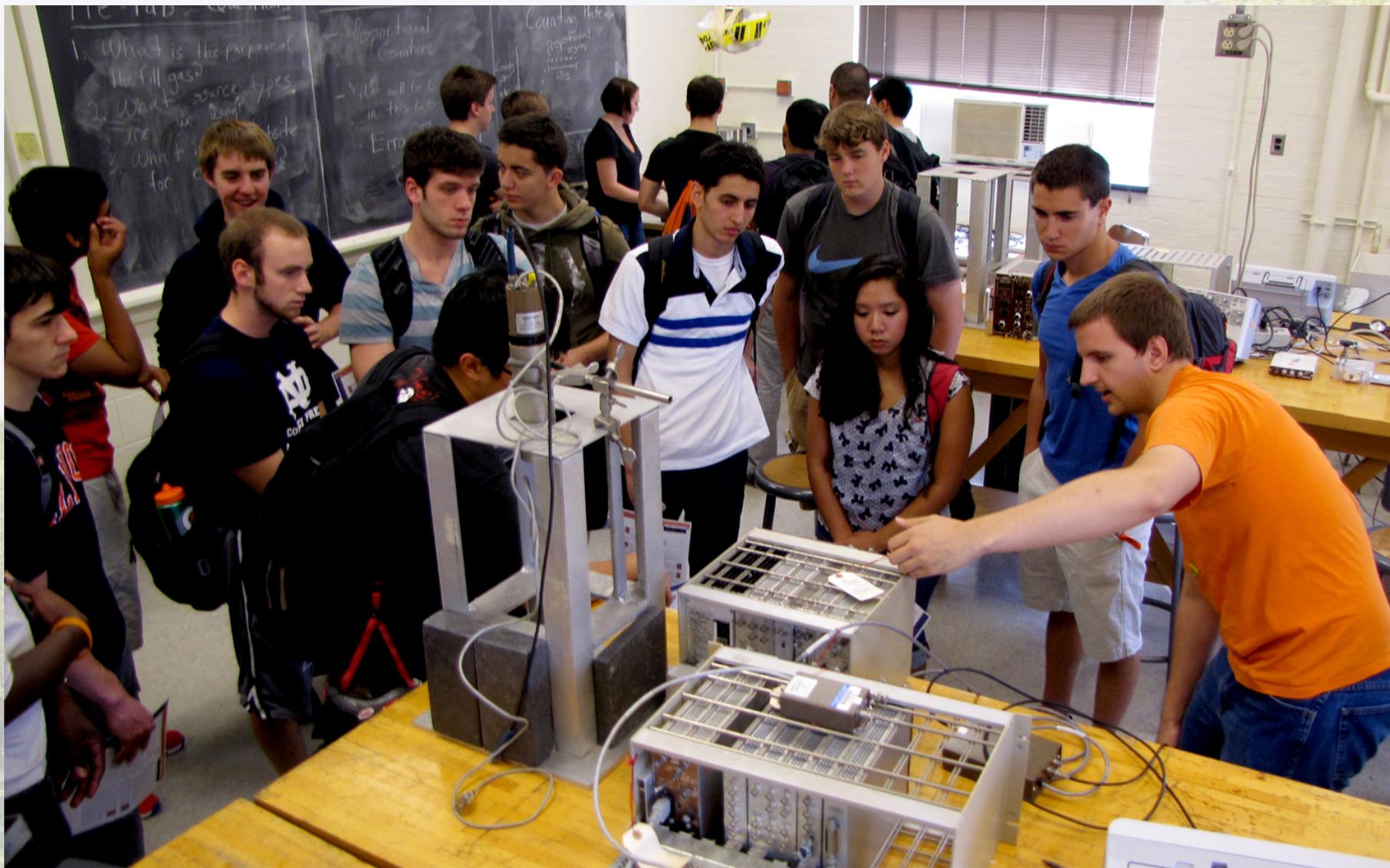
A picture of the Virtual Lab

A picture of the real lab

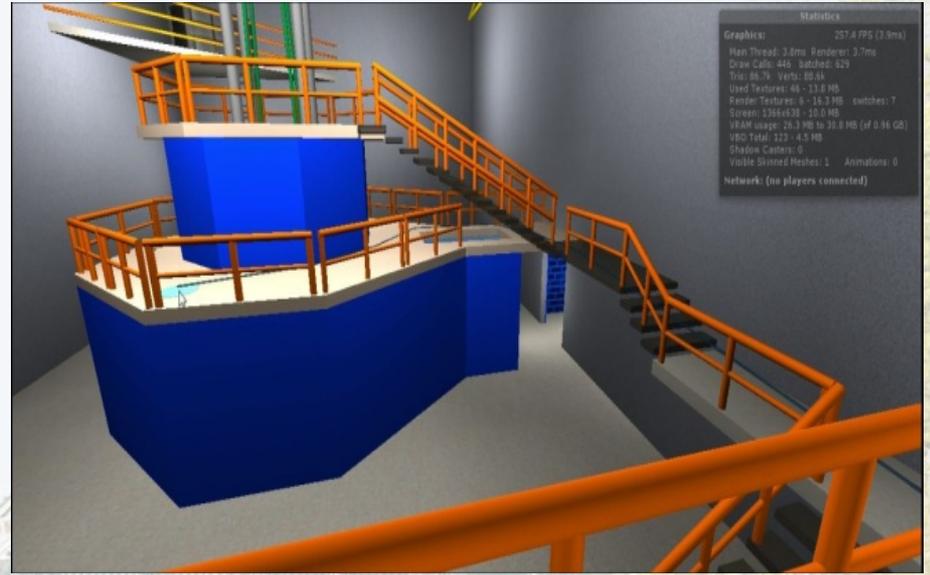


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Radiation Lab



Some models

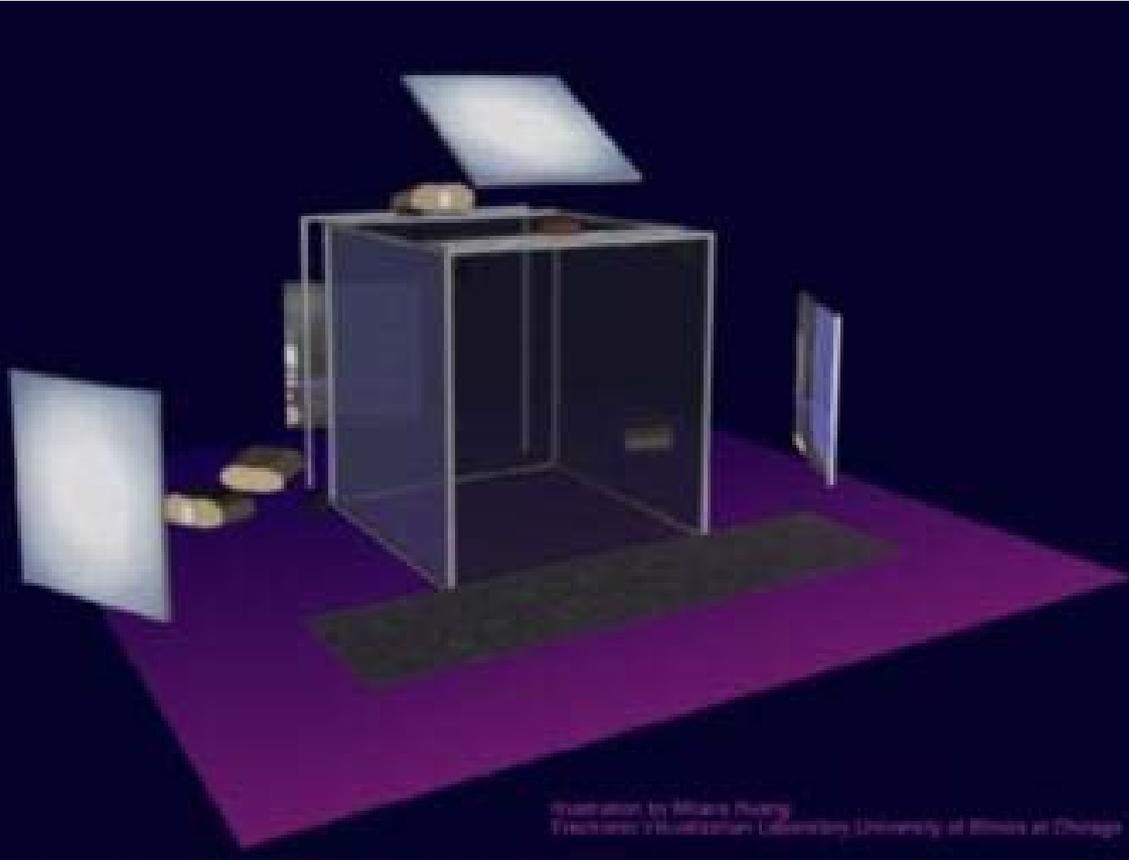


Hardware

- CAVE (4 surfaces; 3D, immersive)
- CUBE (6 surfaces, 3D, immersive)
- Visbox (single surface, 3D, partial immersion)
- Wearable 3D tools (Oculus-Rift; HTC-VIVE)
- PCs/laptops with 3D monitors
- Regular PCs



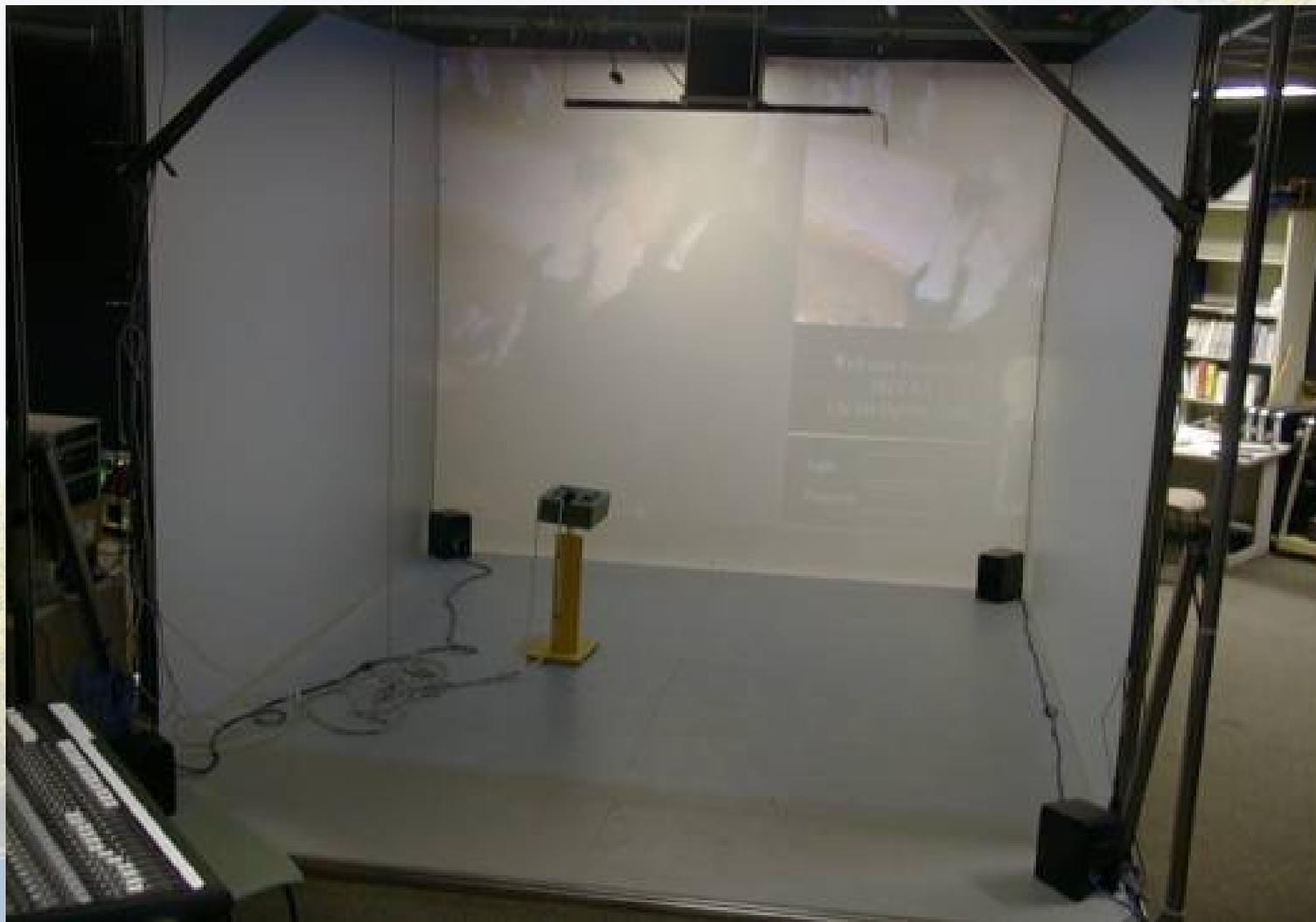
CAVE Lab



- The CAVE (CAVE Automatic Virtual Environment) is a surround-screen, surround-sound, projection based virtual reality system at Beckman Institute at UIUC.

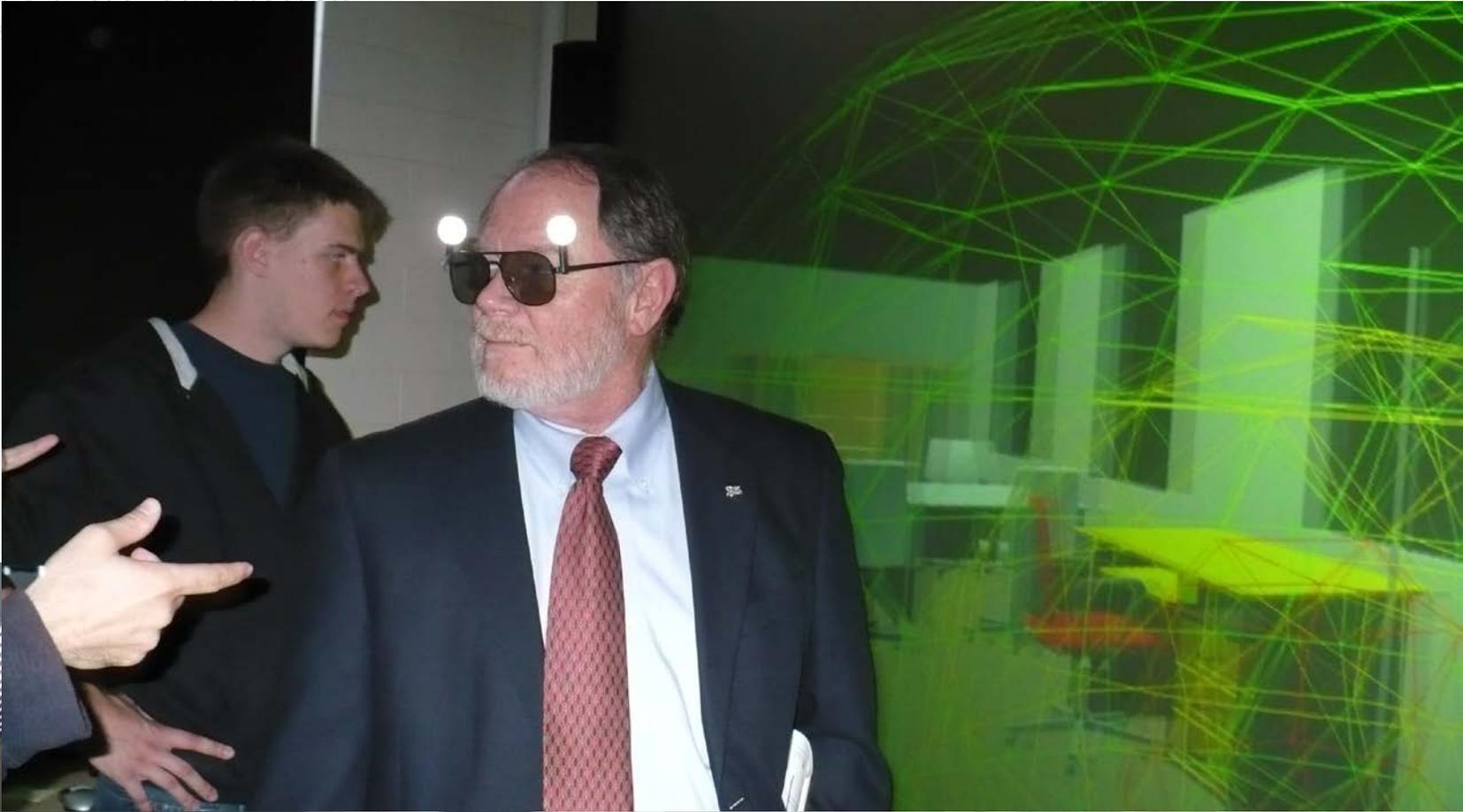


CAVE Lab



Visbox; ANS President Tom Sanders

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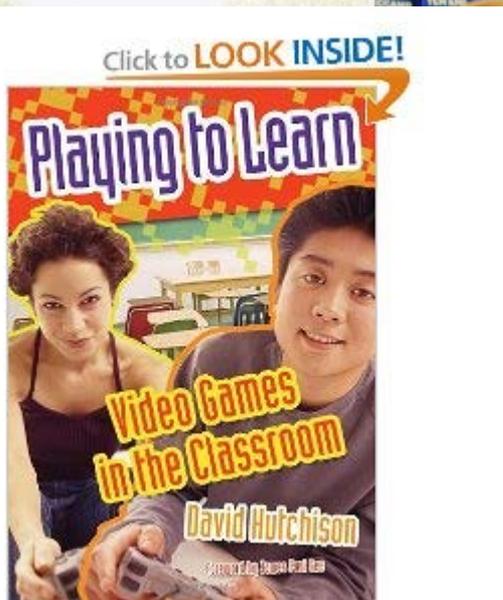
NRC Commissioner, Dale Kline





But, the future
is not in million
\$ facilities;
its in PCs

(PCs will inherit the capabilities
of million \$ facilities)



Headware:

Oculus-Rift
Samsung-VR
HTC-VIVE

Work with PCs, laptops and even smart phones



(Has yet to overcome the dizziness problem)

Features

- **Triggers**
- **Color coded radiation map**
- **Dosimeter (Health meter, modified)**
- **Non player controlled avatars**
- **Virtual security cameras**
- **First person or third person view**
- **Multi-players (trainee and supervisor)**
- **Internet ready**

In-Game Instructions



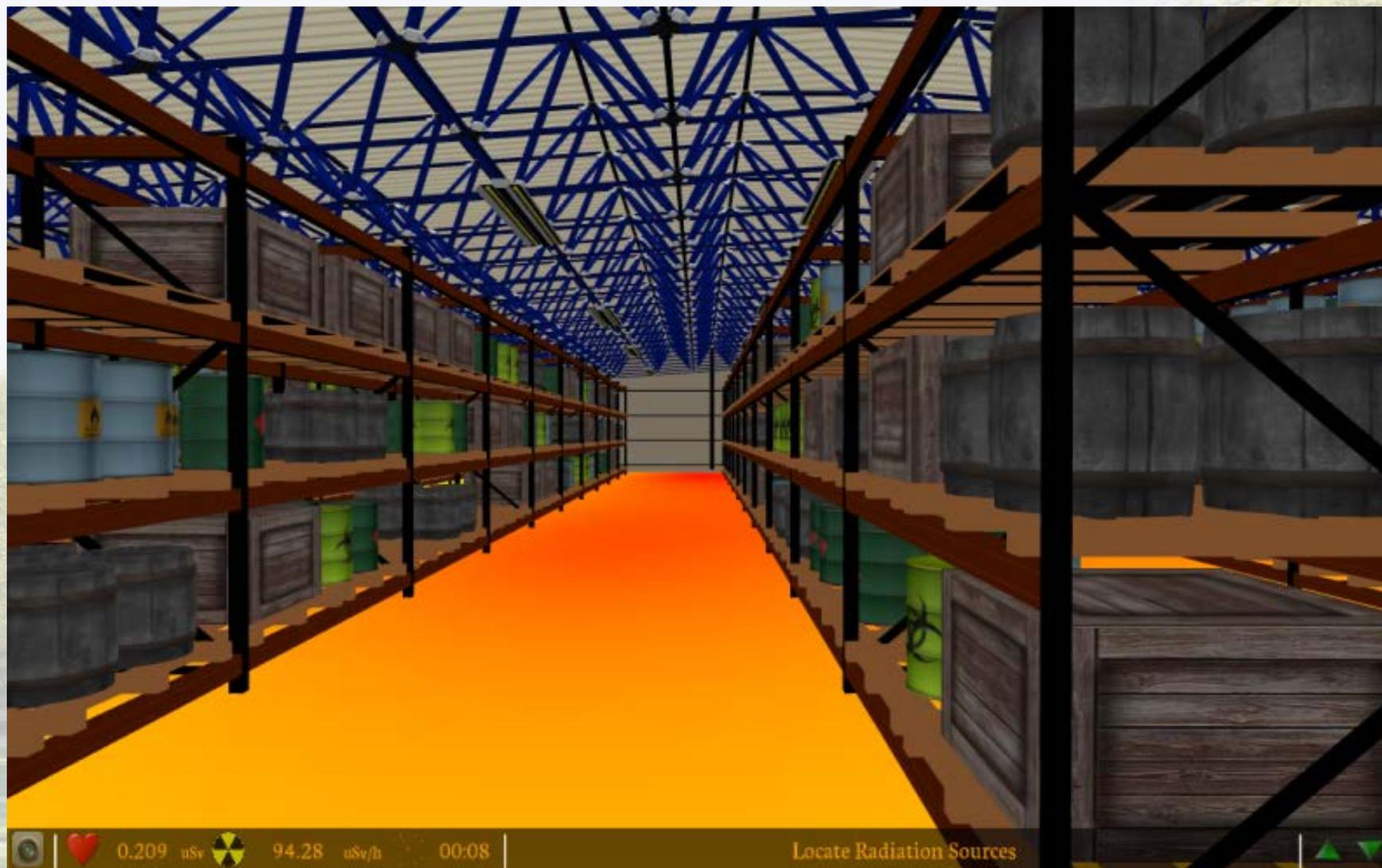
CheckPoint

- 1: Fuel assemblies are leaking. Go to reactor core designated by the green arrow.
- 2: Pipe is leaking. Go to the place designated by the red arrow.
- 3: Valve is leaking. Go to the place designated by the yellow arrow.
- 4: Control rod is leaking. Go to reactor core designated by the blue arrow.
- 5: The tube on the second floor needed to be replaced, go there.

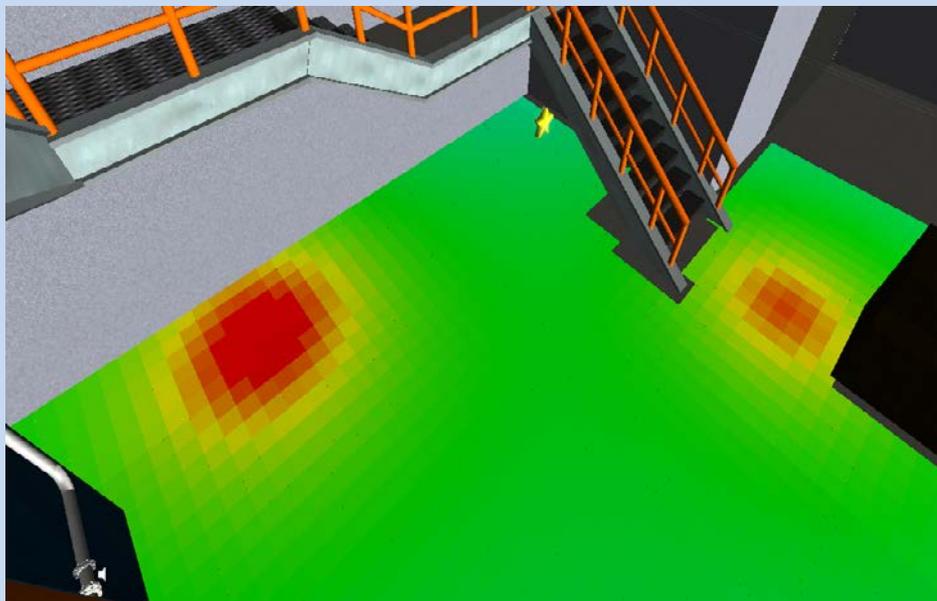
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Features: Color coded radiation map





Radiation Field and Virtual Dosimeter



Radiation field



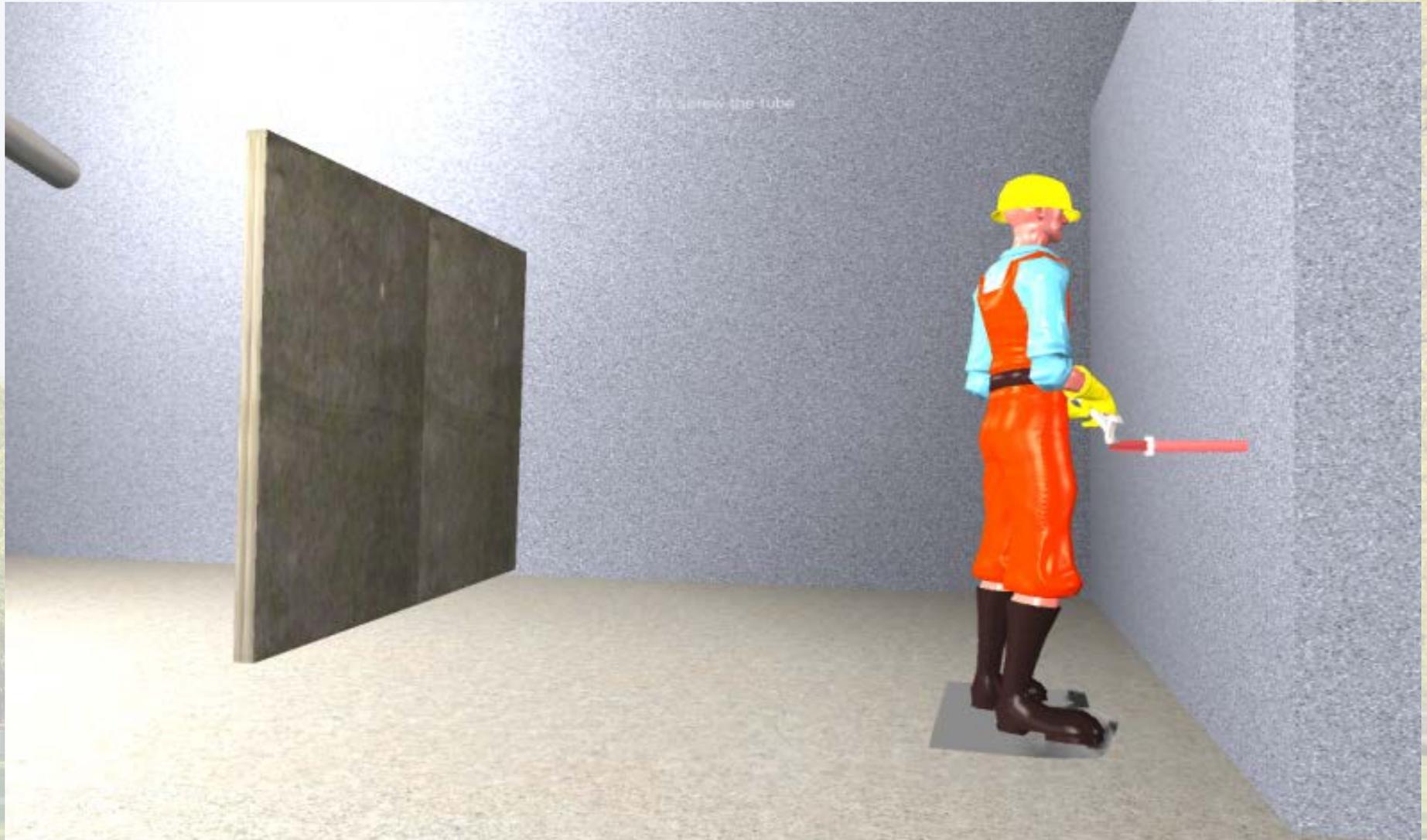
Virtual dosimeter



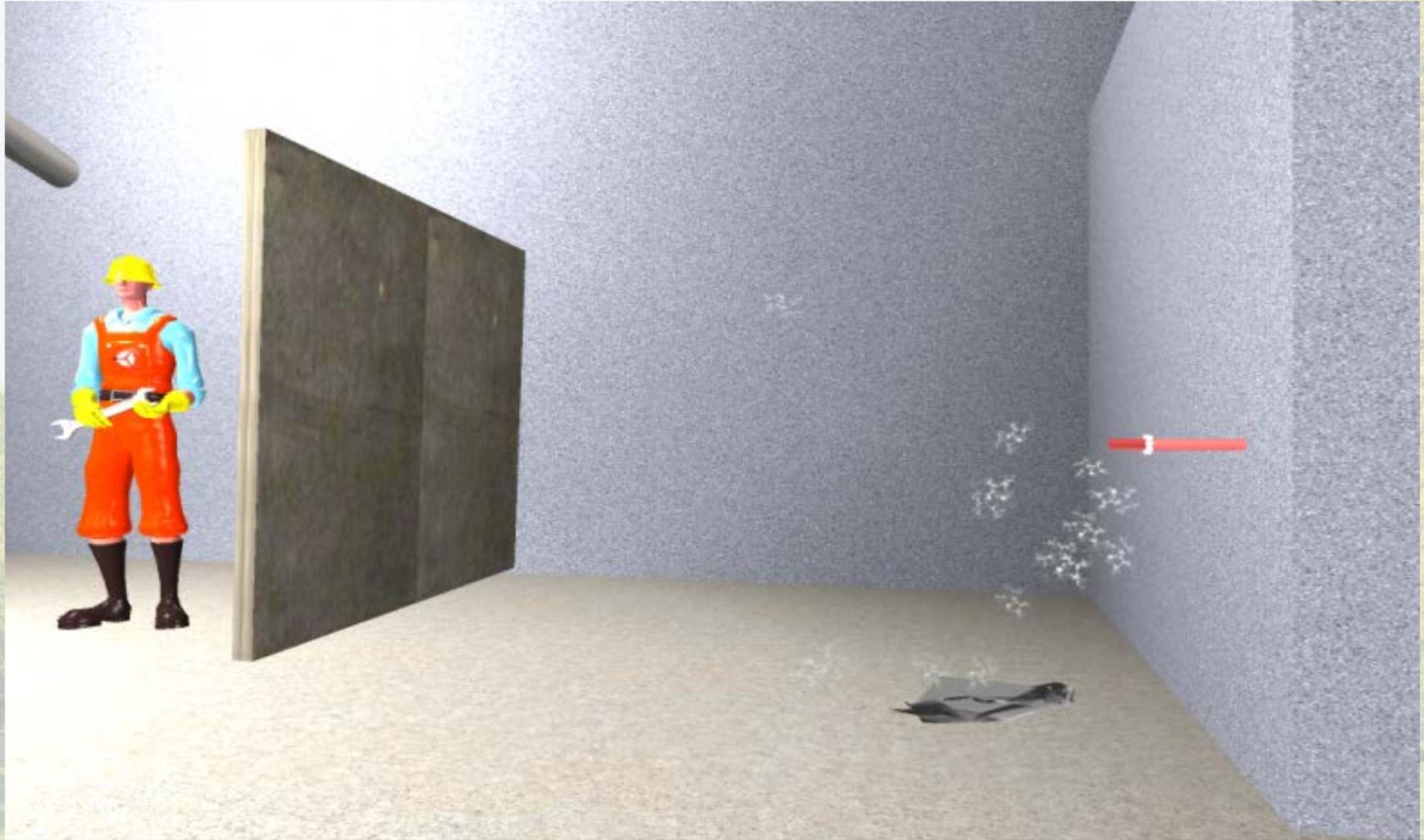
Features: Non Player controlled avatar



Dosimeter: Concept of Shielding--1



Dosimeter: Concept of Shielding--2



In-Game, Interactive Tutorials

Introduction

Alpha particles (symbol α) are a type of ionizing radiation ejected by the nuclei of some unstable atoms. They are large subatomic fragments consisting of two protons and two neutrons. Alpha contamination introduced into plant systems by historical fuel leaks will be present for many years because of its long half-life.

Biological Hazards

Alpha particles could be inhaled or absorbed in the stomach, but they will not penetrate through the skin. The highlighted area, lungs and stomachs, will first interact with alpha radiation.

Please click on the shielding material shown below to determine the minimal shielding required for protecting you and your co-workers from exposure to alpha radiation.

Concrete Lead Plastic Paper

0.623 mSv 07:24 Fuel assemblies are leaking. Go to reactor core designated by the green arrow. Development Build

In-Game Quizzes

Can paper shield Alpha particles?

Yes

No

Right

Next



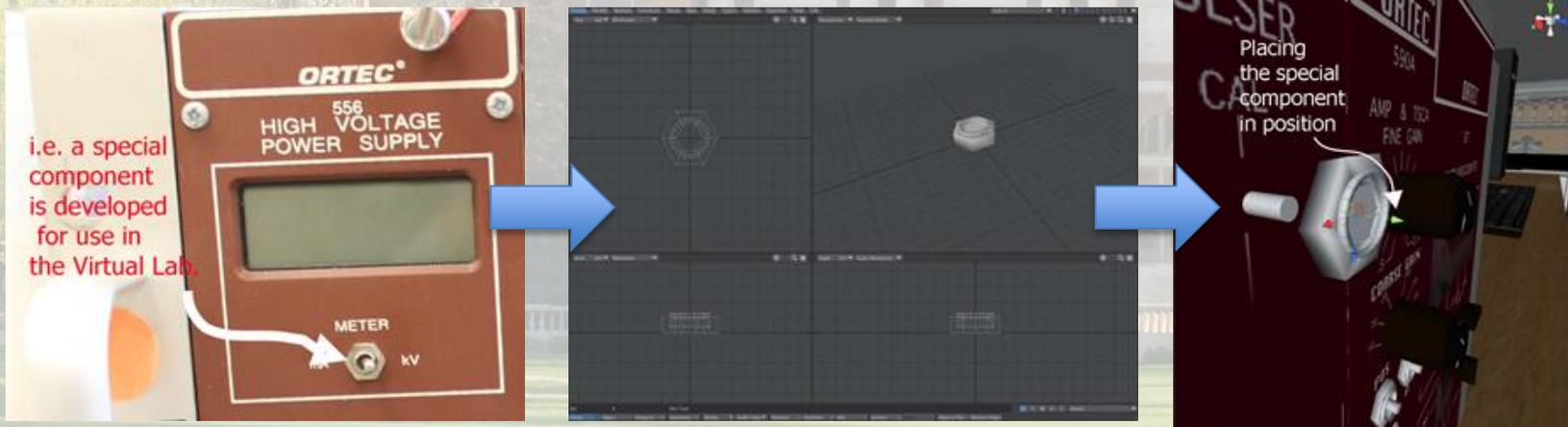
Additional Features

- Built using a game engine development platform
- Interactive
- On-line
- Multi-player
- Real physics



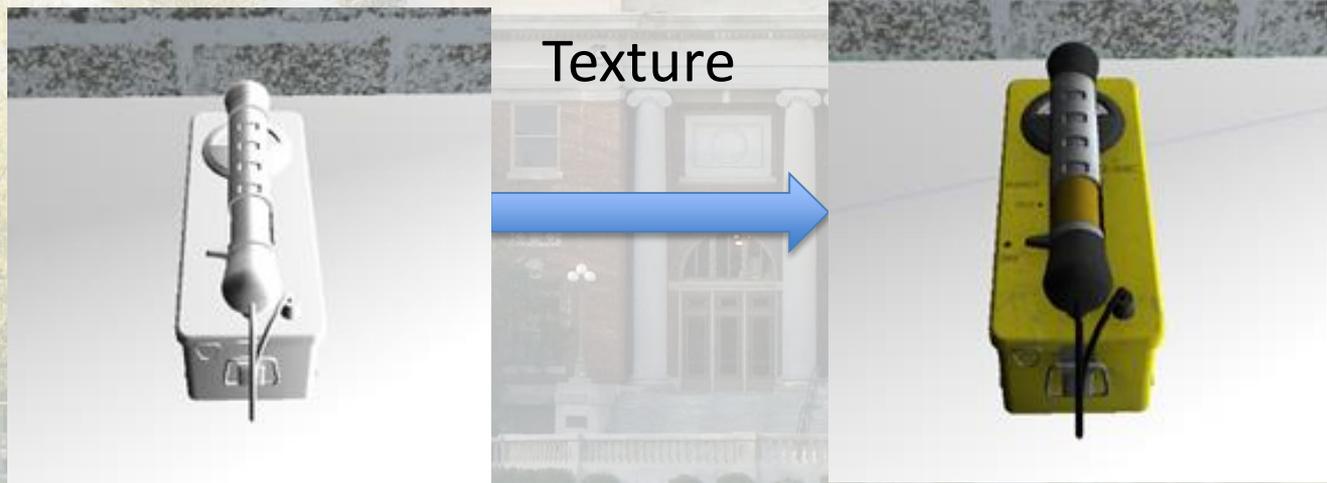
Process of 3D Modeling

1. Measure dimensions of the lab (e.g. height, area) to ensure everything virtual is made to scale.
2. Setup the basic skeleton of the lab in 3D modeling software such as Maya 3D or 3ds Max
3. Special purpose objects (such as a Geiger counter) can be developed using 3D modeling software and exported to Unity3D



Process of 3D Modeling

1. Make textures by taking pictures of the object surfaces and by using image-editing software; or using laser scanner
2. Write Codes (develop all kinds of functionalities, capabilities and GUIs)

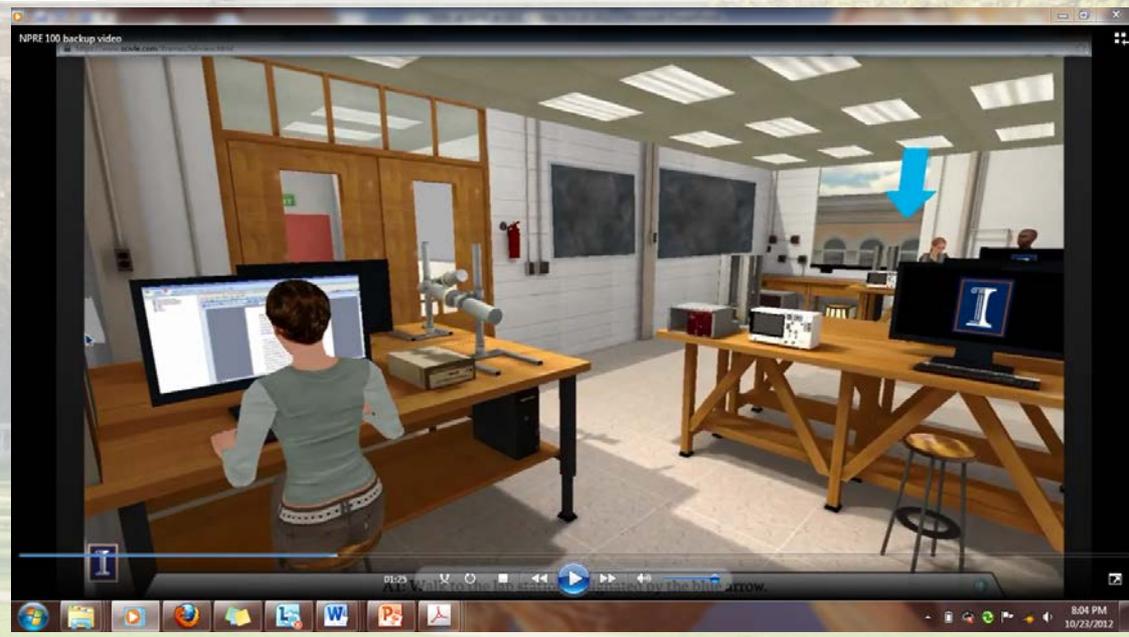
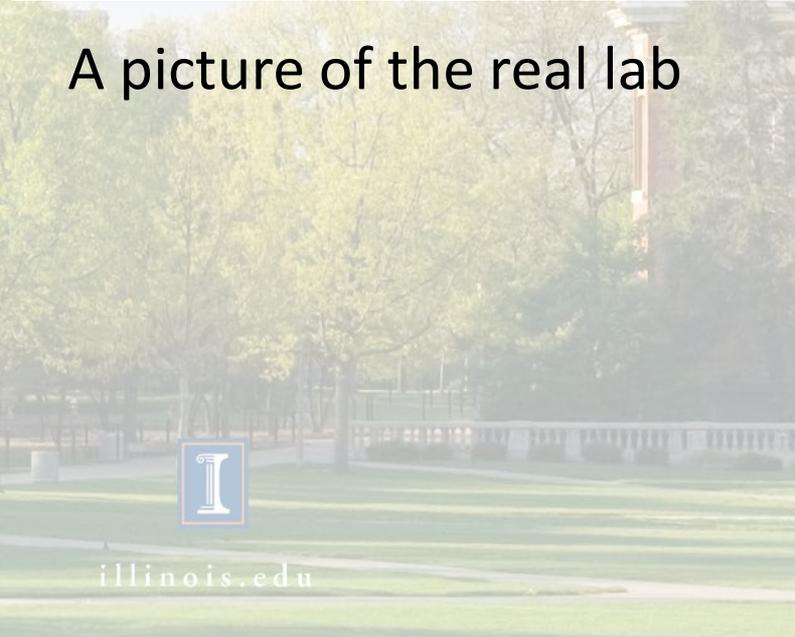


Process of 3D Modeling



A picture of the Virtual Lab

A picture of the real lab



New Capabilities (HMI)

User interface (LEAP)



3D motion sensor
“Leap Motion”



Mouseless Control



Demos

1. Model of a chemistry lab
 1. Embedded videos
 2. Interactivity
 3. Training
2. Shielding (and half-life) labs
 1. Physics models
 2. Data display and acquisition
 3. Interactivity
3. Specific heat measurement using a calorimeter
 1. Same as 2
4. TRIGA model
 1. Dose minimization training (dosimeter)
 2. Reactor operations
 3. Reactor physics



Demonstration

Safety Training Before Chemistry Labs



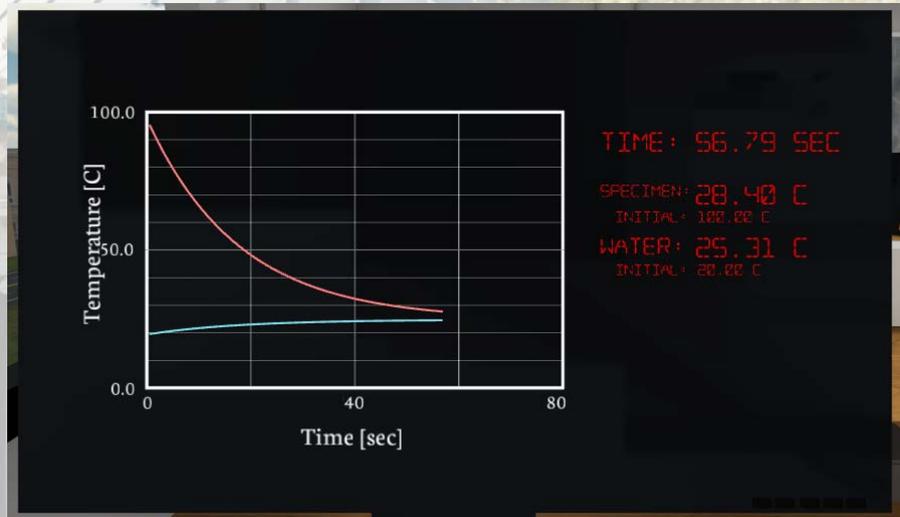
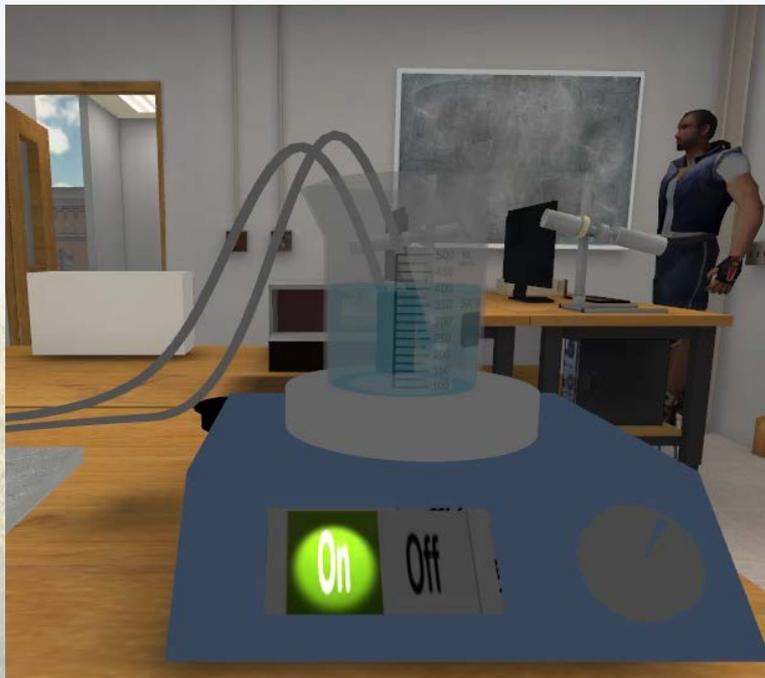
Demonstration

Overview of Virtual Calorimetry Lab (video 1)



Demonstration

Scenario to conduct the calorimetry lab (video 2)



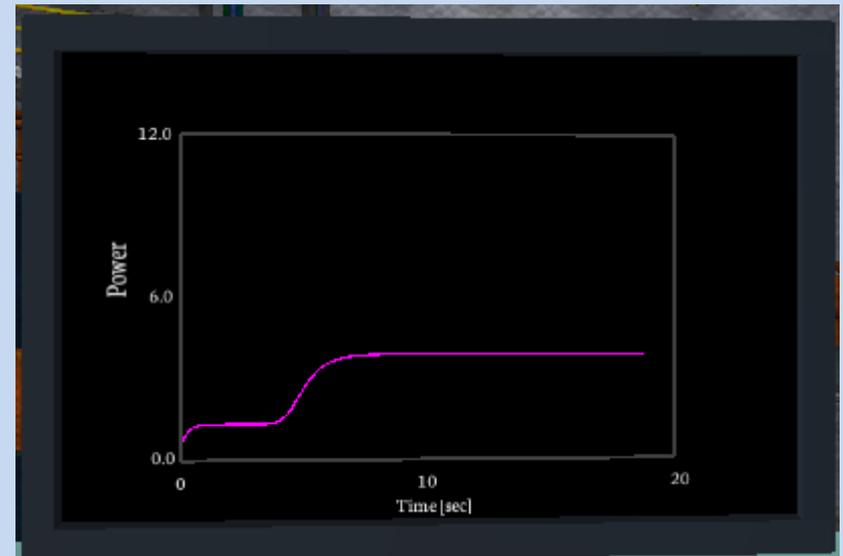
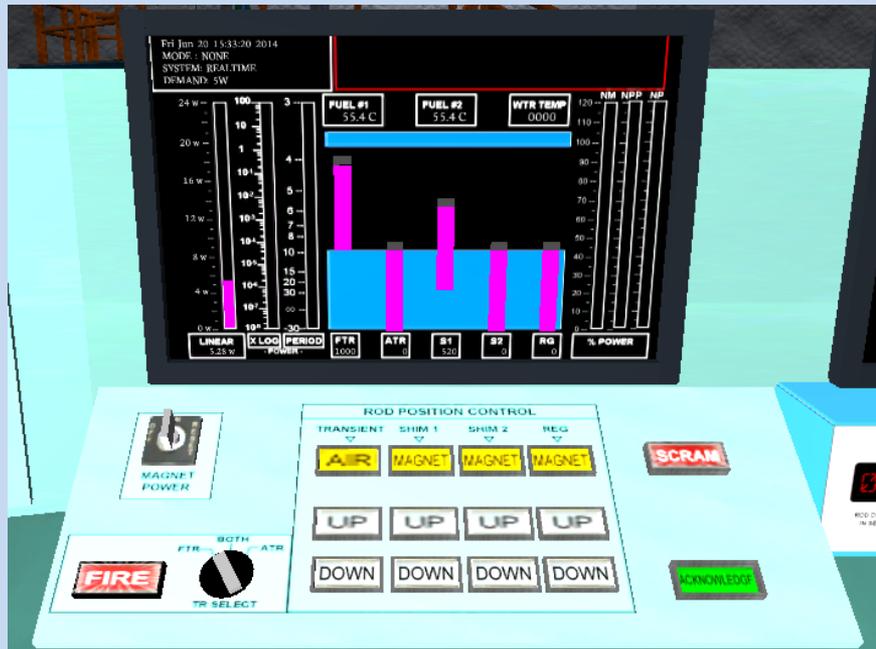
Demonstration

Overview of UIUC TRIGA reactor lab (video 3)



Demonstration

Scenario to learn the reactor operation (rod calibration) (video 2)

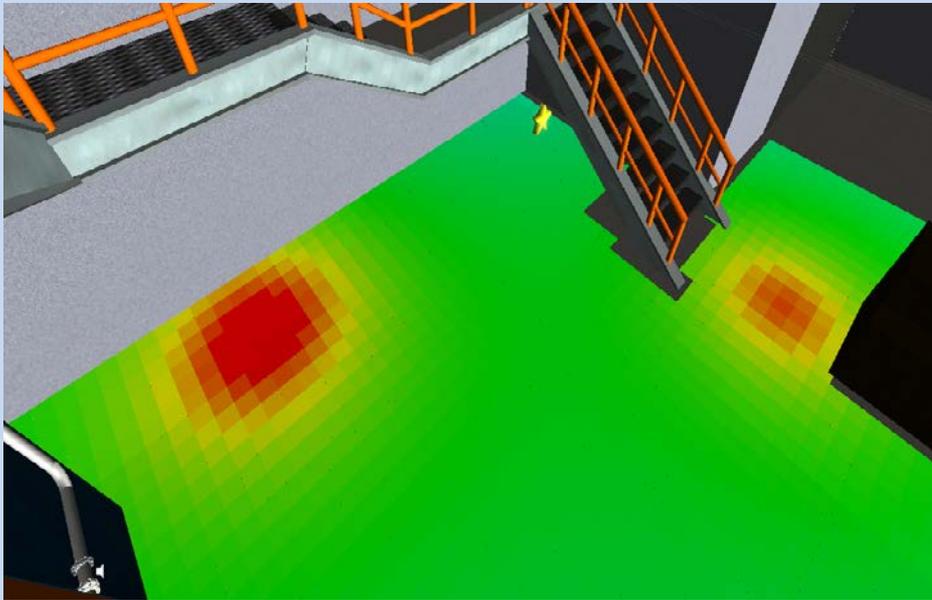


To determine the real time reactor response to operator actions, Point reactor kinetics with simplified thermal feedback model is implemented



Demonstration (Tools)

Additional tools in TRIAGA model (video 3)



Radiation field



Virtual dosimeter



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Dose Minimization Game

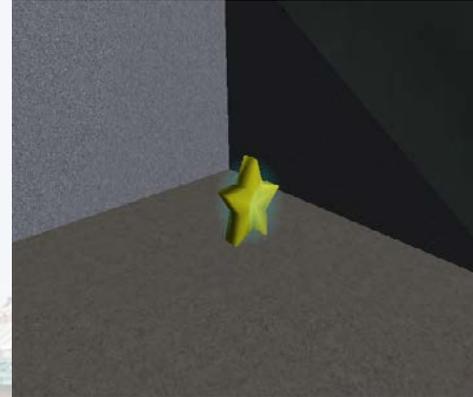


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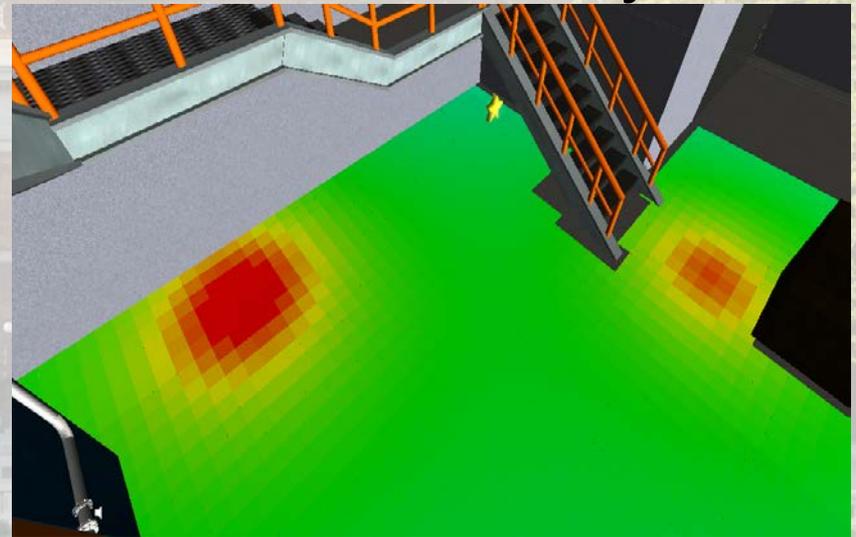


Objective

- What is radiation?
- Collect objects while trying to receive the lowest dosage.
- To receive a minimal dose, players must plan their route around radiation sources of varying strengths.



Example
of
radiation
field and
object



Tools



Example of
the minimap

Start screen of the game which shows the controls, gives a map of the reactor, and gives a basic introduction to the game.

End of Game

- Last Screen that shows
 - Dose received
 - The time the radiation field was viewed
 - A score based on these two values
 - Some typical doses for comparison

Final Dose: 5.27 mSv Field Time: 5 Sec
Score: 938

Comparative Doses

0.05 μ Sv from sleeping next to someone

0.1 μ Sv from eating one banana

0.4 mSv yearly dose from potassium

1 mSv average exposure from two weeks in the Fukushima Exclusion Zone and EPA yearly limit of exposure

2 mSv Dose from CT Head Scan

4 mSv Average yearly background dose

7 mSv Dose from CT Chest Scan

50 mSv EPA maximum yearly dose for radiation workers

Press 'Enter' to Restart
Press 'Esc' to Quit

6. Conclusions

- **Virtual labs and workspaces offer a cost effective & flexible means for education and training.**
- **Any environment & scenario can be modeled & simulated.**
- **Models developed in Unity3D run inside web browsers.**
- **Even cell phone apps can be easily developed.**



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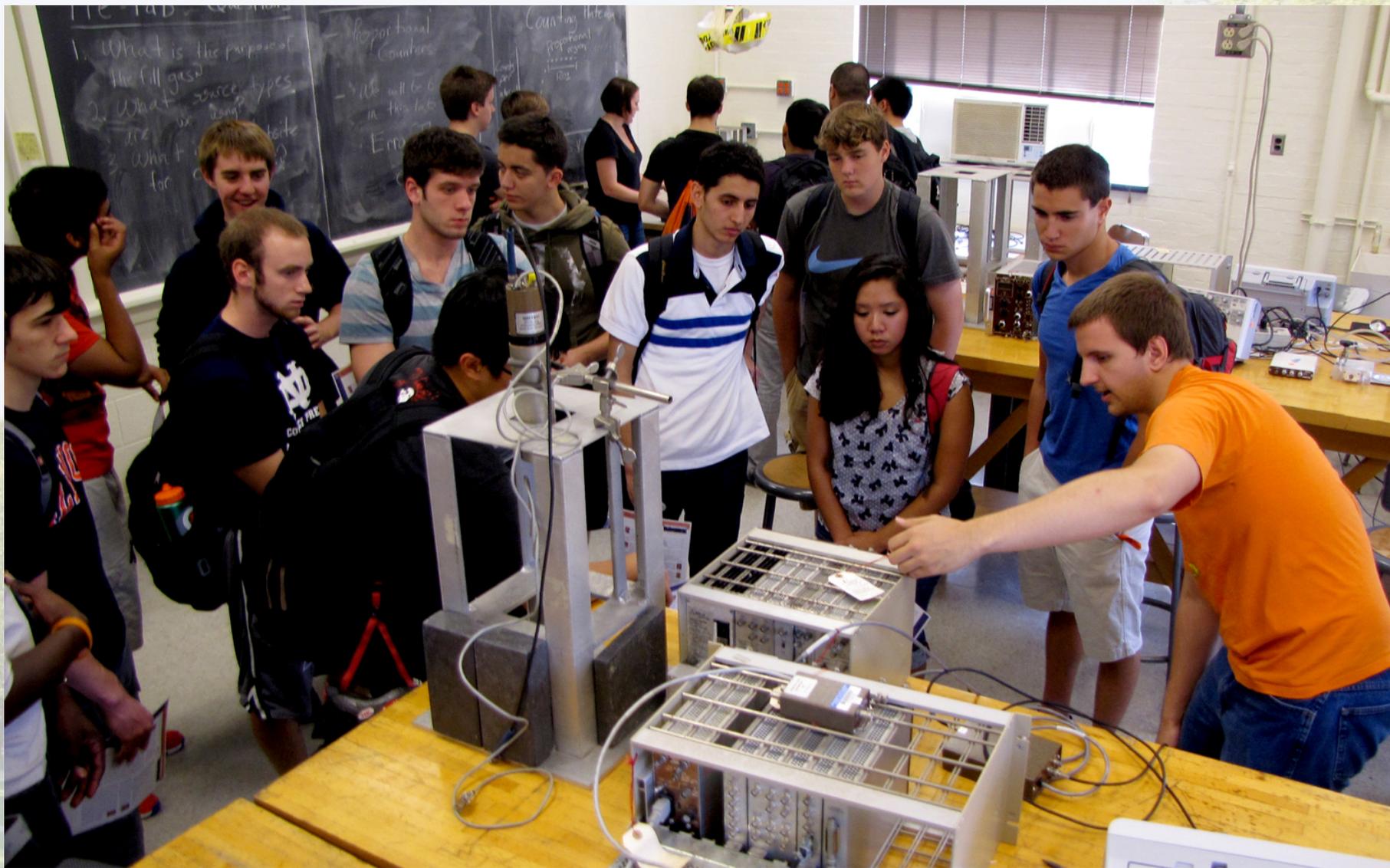
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How to use Google Cardboard for the iPhone6

- Go to the App Store.
- Search “Roller Coaster VR.”; and download it (It’s free).
- Run the app.
- Insert your iPhone into the google cardboard visors with the app running.
- Put on the goggles and enjoy your virtual roller coaster ride
- Note: Make sure to look around (turn your neck) in all directions (including behind you) to see that you are completely immersed in VR.
- Note: If you start to feel nauseated, remove the visors immediately.
- The Google cardboard goggles are not compatible with the iPhone 5 because the iPhone 5 is too small in size.



How to use Google Cardboard for Android phones

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- Go to the Google Play store
- Search “Crazy Swing VR” by Fibrum. Note that this app will normally take 90 MB of data to download, so make sure you are connected to Wi-Fi to prevent using data.
- If you would like to download a smaller (but far less exciting) virtual model, search “Singapore NDP Fireworks VR” by Tiny Quests.
- Download and then run the app of your choice.
- When you run the app, there may be ads. Close the ads, and then place your smartphone (with the app running) inside of the Google cardboard visor.
- Put on the visor and enjoy. [If you are using the “Crazy Swing VR,” the ride may take around 30 seconds to start.]
- Note: Make sure to look around (turn your neck) in all directions (including behind you) to see that you are completely immersed in VR.
- Note: If you start to feel nauseated, remove the visors immediately.



Distance and virtual labs for education

Distance Lab is a real physical lab, which is web-casted for live “participation” by those who are not present in the lab.

Virtual Lab is a “model” of a lab that resides inside a computer, which may be 3D, interactive, immersive, with real physics, etc. This lab can be available at any time and anywhere for single- or multi-student (multi-player) use.

Interactive virtual models of facilities can be used for training and education.

7. Future Work

- Making other scenarios in this TRIGA model for students to learn other reactor operations
- Assessment and improvement of the usability
- Developing other virtual labs for engineering education

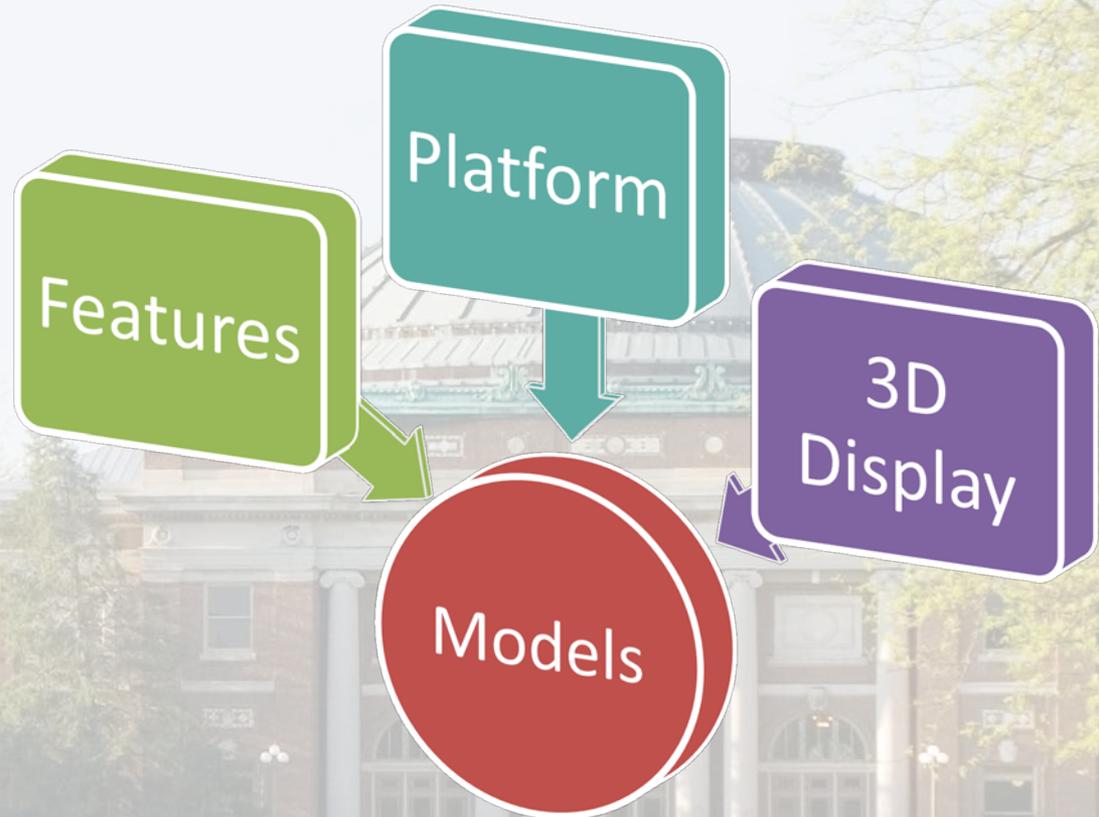
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Outline

- Models
- Platform
- Features
- 3D display
- Scenarios



Model of subcritical graphite assembly

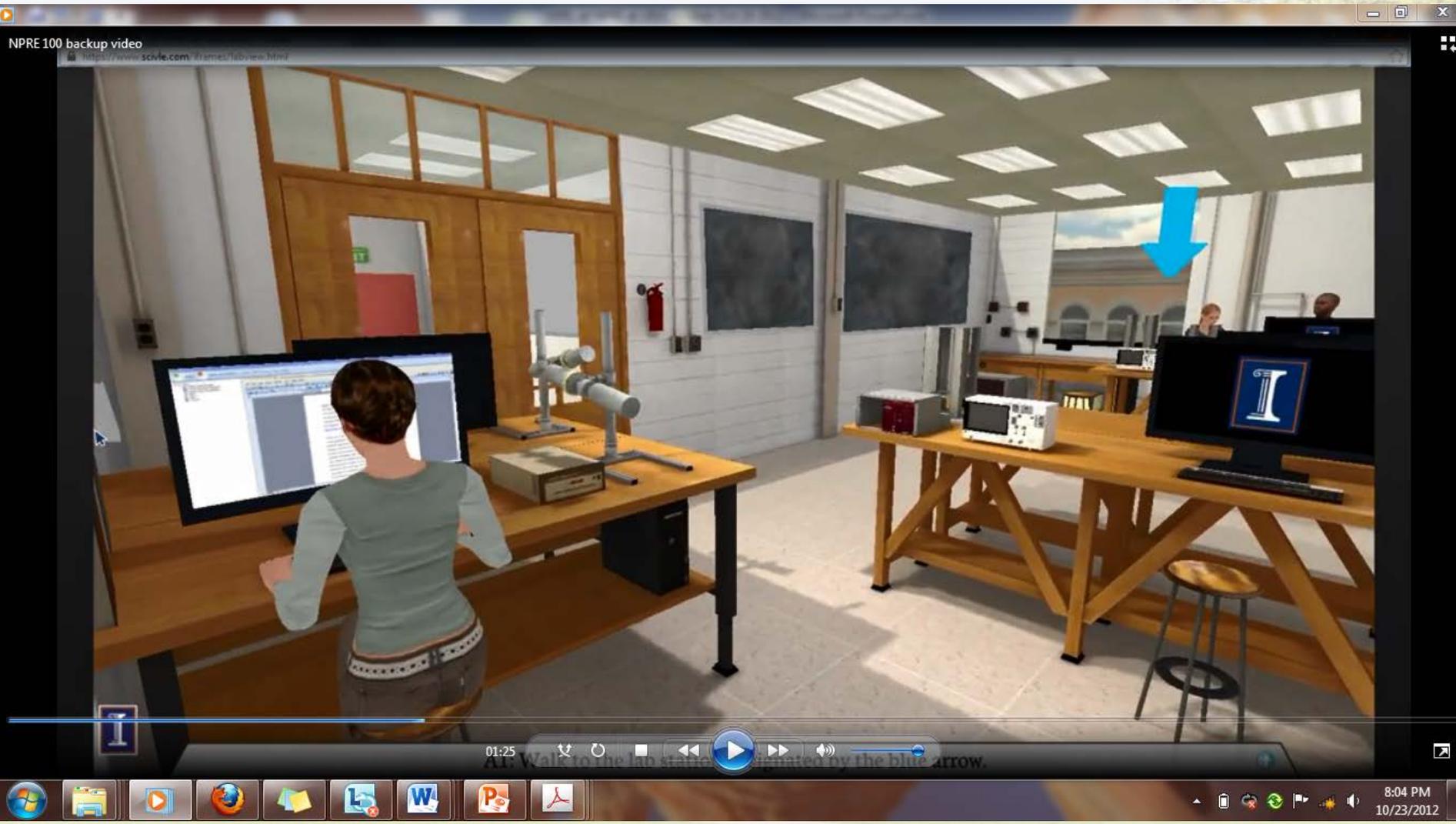


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Virtual Radiation Lab



NPRE 100 backup video
<https://www.scivis.com/frames/labview.html>



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At: Walk to the lab station indicated by the blue arrow.

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1. Objectives

- Develop virtual models of laboratories to carry out virtual experiments with real physics
- Develop virtual models of workspace for efficient and effective training
- Motivation:
 - Increasing number of students
 - Complements and supplements real labs
 - Space- and time constraints are removed
 - **Training for dose reduction**
 - **Outage and refueling**
 - **Others**



2. Capabilities of Virtual Lab

- Realistic rendering with fine level of detail
- Internet ready
 - Multiplayer play & instructor/supervisor/TA oversight
- Analytics
 - Determine where students/workers struggle and excel
- Freedom to explore
 - No dose; and opportunity to practice over and over
- Real physics
 - Virtual equipment can be modeled to act in the same manner as its real life counterpart



Features

1. Web based
2. Single- or multi-player (worker)
3. Remote cameras
4. Radiation field display
5. Health meter as dosimeter
6. Real physics
7. Motion sensor integration
8. Interactive
 1. User operation
 2. Data display
 3. Data analytics



Some models

