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Let's Get Moving: Adding Physics to glTF

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Agenda

- Why physics in glTF?
- What physics in glTF?
- How
 - Collision geometry
 - Motions
 - Materials
 - Joints
 - Filters
- When?

glTF principles

- Innovate on pervasive deployment of proven technology
- Precise specification and open-source tooling for multi-vendor consistency
- Enable cloud, desktop and mobile (native and web)
- Pure file format - no mandated run-time behavior
- Optimize for run-time use cases
- Be a cooperative distillation target for authoring formats

Why Use Physics?

- Provides procedural animation
- Makes scenes more interesting, believable, and dynamic



Why Use Physics?

- Enables scene understanding
 - Possible with render geometry, but much more efficient with physics



What Physics?

- **Currently focused on rigid bodies**
 - Broad agreement on concepts used by simulators today
 - Only using shared concepts
- **Would like to tackle deformables**
 - Harder! Much less alignment between implementations.

Collision Shapes

- glTF contains only triangles
- Simulators prefer convex shapes
 - Explicit interior and exterior
 - One convex shape approximates many triangles



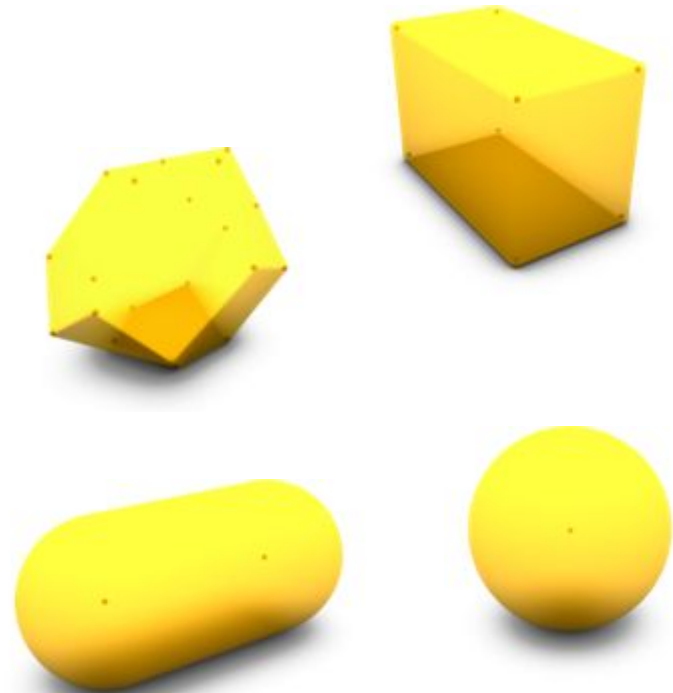
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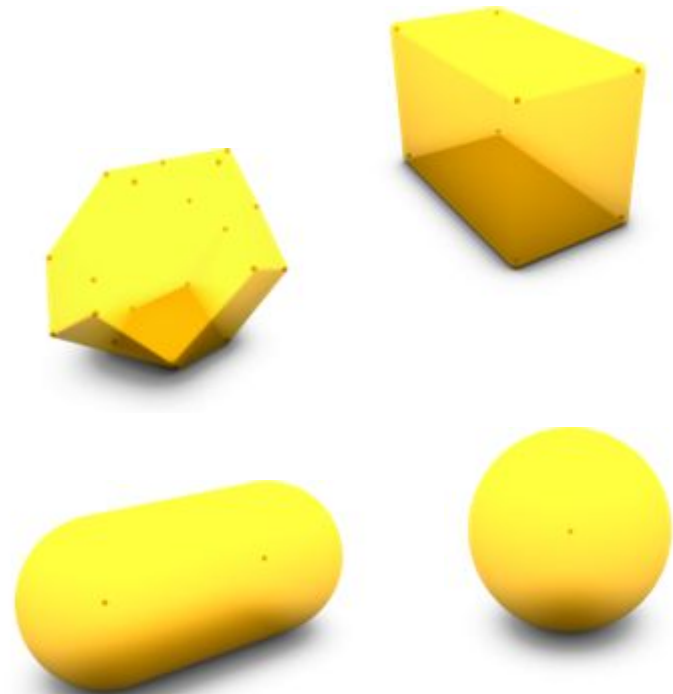
Collision Shapes

- Sphere
- Capsule (tapered/non-tapered)
- Cylinder/Cone
- Box
- Convex hull
- Triangle mesh



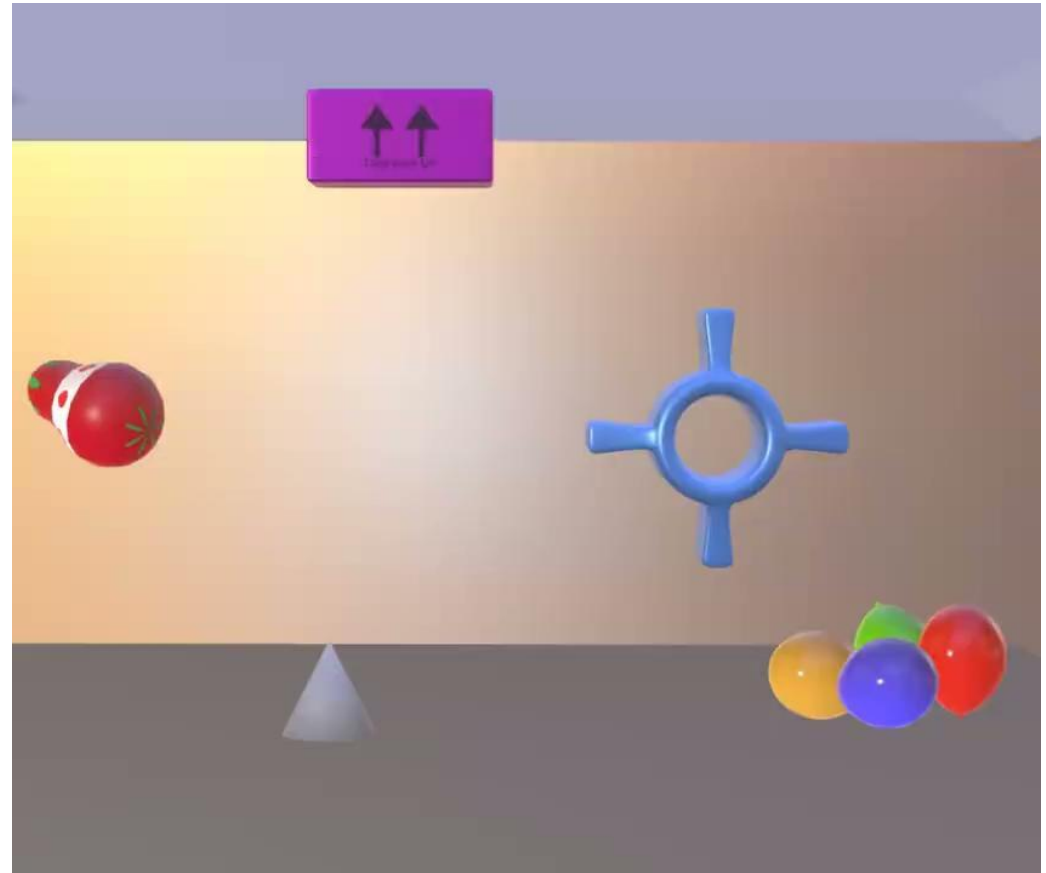
Collision Shapes

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    "type": "convex",  
    "convex": { "mesh": 4 }  
  },  
  {  
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    "box": { "size": [1, 1, 1.5] }  
  },  
  {  
    "type": "sphere",  
    "sphere": { "radius": 0.25 }  
  },  
  {  
    "type": "capsule",  
    "capsule": {  
      "radiusTop": 0.25,  
      "radiusBottom": 0.31,  
      "height": 0.5  
    }  
  }  
]
```



Motions

- Properties necessary for movement of bodies
 - Mass
 - Inertia Tensor
 - Center of mass
 - Initial velocity
- Gravity factor
 - Not realistic, but useful



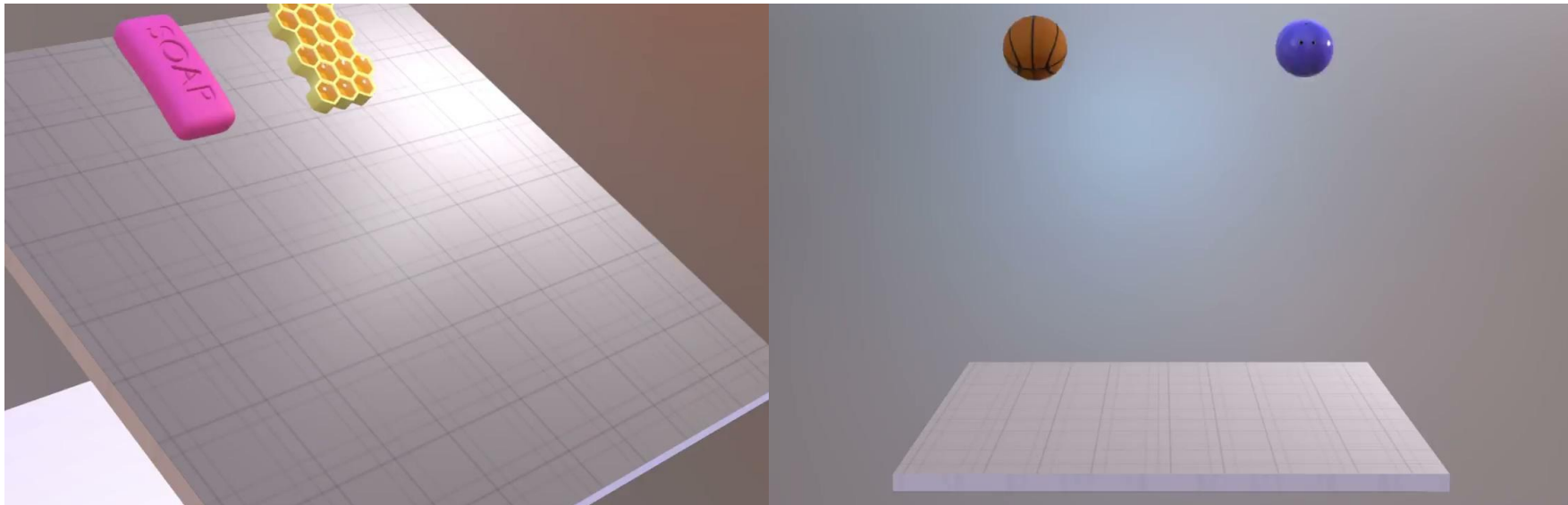
Motions

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{  
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  "mesh": 2,  
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      "motion": {  
        "mass" : 0.125,  
        "centerOfMass": [0, 0.15, 0],  
        "linearVelocity": [5, 0, 0]  
      },  
      "collider": {  
        "collider": 5,  
        "material": 7  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Physics Materials

- Different materials need different collision response
- Simple friction and restitution model



Joints

- Connect bodies together
- Generic 1D/2D/3D limits
 - Compose to build hinges, prismatic, etc.



Joints

```
{  
  "limits": [  
    {  
      "linearAxes": [ 0, 1, 2 ],  
      "min": 0,  
      "max": 0.1  
    },  
    {  
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      "min": -1.1,  
      "max": 1.1  
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},
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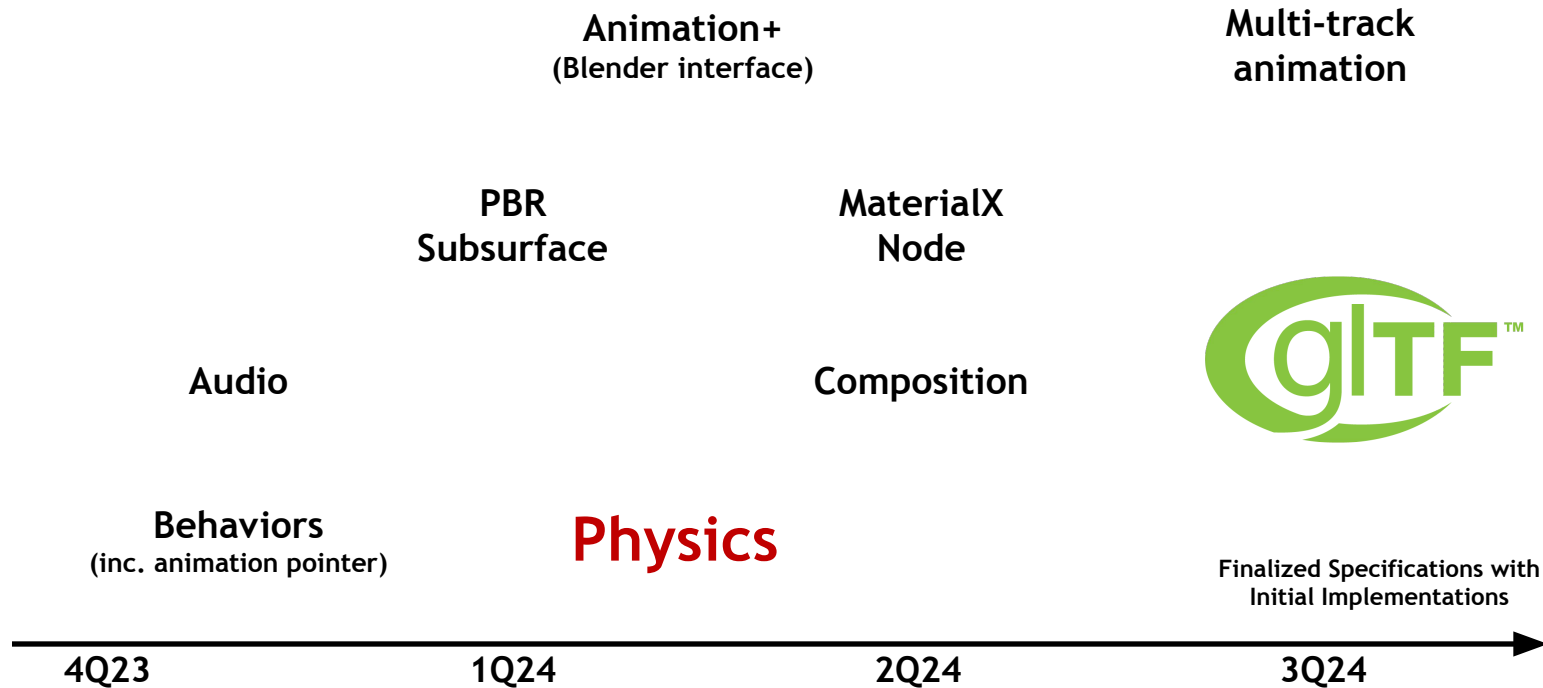


Filtering

- Not physically realistic, but useful!
- Required for constrained systems
- Application-specific use-cases
- Optimization



Short Term glTF Roadmap



Get Involved!

- Current extension, discussion, and samples
 - https://github.com/eoineoineoin/gITF_Physics
 - Public discussion for previous 10 months
- Any organization is welcome to join Khronos to influence the gITF Roadmap
 - <https://www.khronos.org/members/> or email memberservices@khronosgroup.org
- More information on any Khronos APIs
 - <https://www.khronos.org/>

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