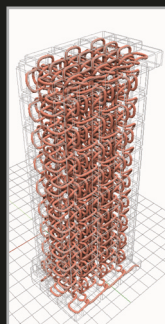
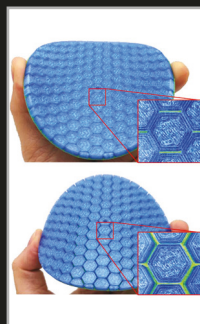
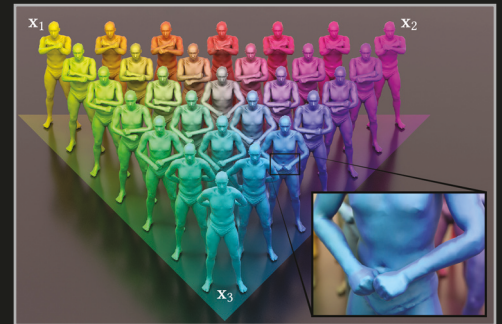
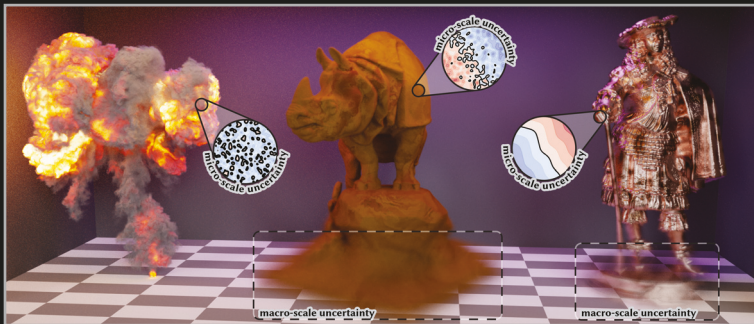
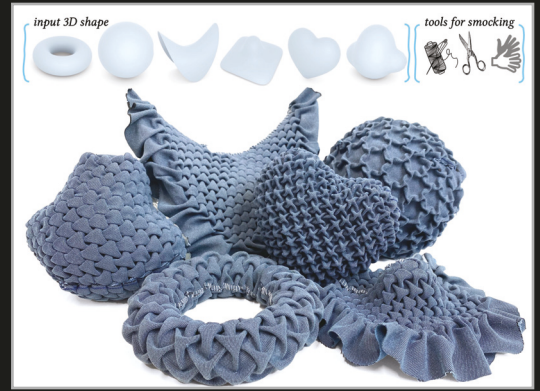
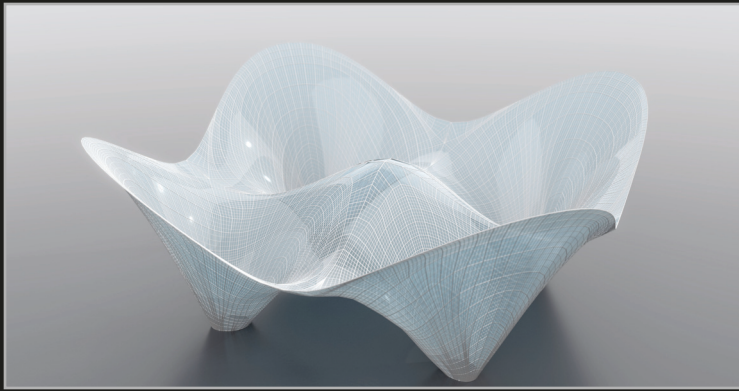


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Preface

We are pleased to introduce the special issue of TOG and SIGGRAPH Conference Proceedings which include all papers accepted to the SIGGRAPH 2024 conference. This year, we received an extraordinary 844 submissions, a 36% increase over last year. The Technical Papers Committee (PC), composed of 121 experts from academia and industry, accepted 252 of the submissions: 118 as Journal papers and 134 as Conference papers, resulting in an overall acceptance rate of 30%. As in previous years, papers were submitted either as Journal-only (no page limit) or dual-track (page limit of 7 pages, with 2 additional pages for figures). There were 192 journal-only and 652 dual-track submissions. In addition to these papers, the Technical Papers program will include 27 papers accepted to other issues of TOG, totaling 279 presentations—double the number in 2019.

The themes of the papers presented at SIGGRAPH continue to evolve, showcasing exciting advances in well-established computer graphics research directions and exploration of novel applications, in particular, based on generative AI. The advances in AI have expanded the range of topics shared between computer vision and computer graphics, accounting for a significant portion of the growth in submissions.

This extraordinary growth, while promising for the future of SIGGRAPH, comes with challenges: assembling a 121-person committee is difficult and leaves fewer people available for the SIGGRAPH Asia committee. Consequently, the next SIGGRAPH and SIGGRAPH Asia chairs and the Papers Advisory Group (PAG) decided to make some modifications to the review process for the future. This year, the review process largely remained the same—well-tuned and thorough—with some small enhancements. However, this is likely the last year in the near future when we can afford not to reduce the number of reviews per paper.

This year, we introduced an additional pre-review meeting of the Technical Papers Committee, held around the time of the sorting committee meeting, to review and discuss the review criteria and policies before the reviews began. Another new feature is a more definitive policy on comparison requests in reviews and the definition of prior work.

As in previous years, the process remained double-blind, with five reviews per paper. We switched to a single score (from strong reject to strong accept) for dual-track papers, with a separate question about conference vs. dual paper acceptance. A refined description of the differences between conference and journal papers was included in the CFP and committee guidance. Nevertheless, many discussions focused on this distinction, sometimes distracting from the merits of the papers themselves.

Most experienced members of the committee agreed to serve as Moderators, who helped facilitate post-rebuttal reviewer discussions and provide feedback on review summaries. This year, the moderator role was particularly important: the committee meeting duration (3 days) is fixed, but decisions need to be made on an increasing number of papers, making it crucial to converge on decisions before the meeting. To improve the quality of feedback provided to authors, we worked to provide detailed instructions on summary content and structure, particularly for rejected papers.

Since 2020, the Technical Papers Committee meetings have been virtual, and this year was no exception. Although we briefly considered returning to in-person meetings, it was not feasible given the committee size. Virtual meetings have their own set of challenges. This year, the videoconferencing system used in 2021-2023 (Ohay) was terminated by its owner, Snap, so we switched to a Zoom-based system developed by Kayvon Fatahalian.

Preface

Serving as the technical papers chairs gave us a new appreciation for the scale of the effort and the incredible work done by all volunteers and staff members. Our sincere gratitude goes to the many participants in the process:

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In conclusion, we are very proud of the quality and breadth of the SIGGRAPH 2024 Technical Papers program. Despite the challenges posed by our growth, the dedication and hard work of the Technical Papers Committee, reviewers, and all involved have ensured that SIGGRAPH continues to be a premier venue for groundbreaking research. We are optimistic about the future of SIGGRAPH, confident that it will continue to thrive and adapt, setting new standards for excellence in the years to come.

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