

# *Rencontre LIRMM-ICAR / AMAP-I2P*



*One of my favourite bed test scene( extract from), M.J. June 2006-20XX*

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Représentation réaliste temps réel de la végétation dans  
des milieux naturels et anthropisés

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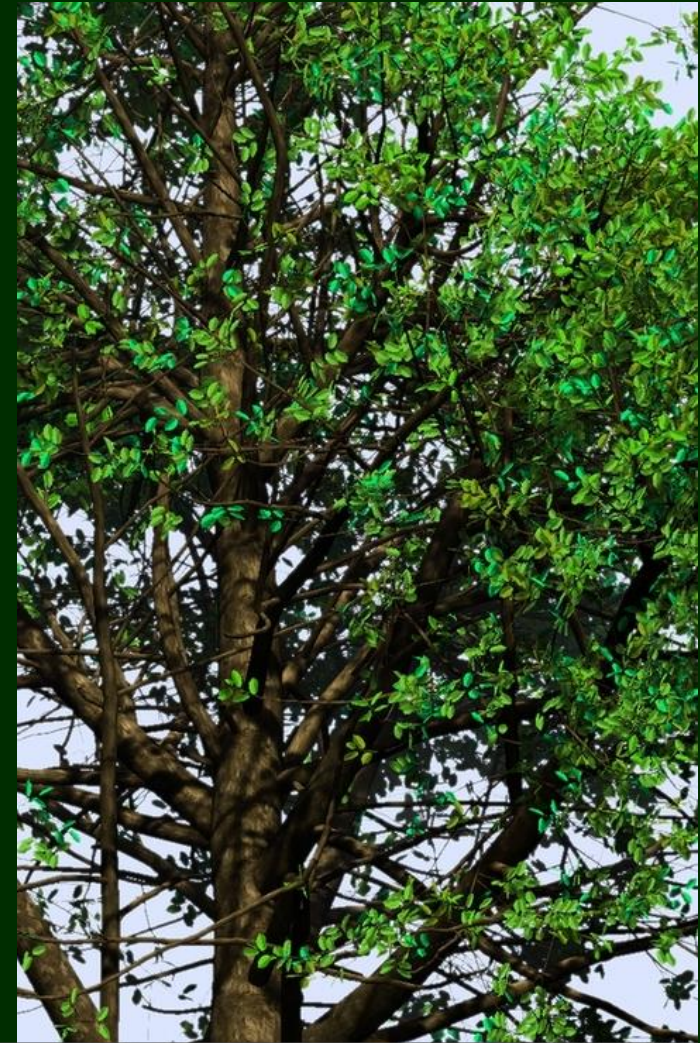
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- ◆ Quelques résultats
- ◆ Thèmes exploratoires de recherche



*From «Arbre, regards croisés» exhibition, Jardin du Luxembourg, Paris, M.J. June 2010*

# Contexte

La représentation tridimensionnelle de notre environnement est importante dans la communication et la planification de projets d'aménagement.

- ◆ AMAP: un labo référent pour la structure des plantes et espaces
- ◆ Des projets en cours (TAFER) et soumis (Valorhiz) pour visualiser des communautés sur des terrains en pente
- ◆ Un partenariat de recherche avec Bionatics SA qui distribue LandSim3D et un simulateur de plante issu d'Amap

# Objectifs

Représenter (simuler et visualiser) des scènes naturelles ou anthropisées à l'échelle de la culture et du « petit paysage ».

Des challenges à relever:

C1. Naviguer dans des vues visuellement réalistes.

C2. Illustrer la variabilité:

- dans la population (nombreuses espèces)
- dans une espèce (croissance, aspect stochastiques, environnement...)

C3. La dynamique temporelle (croissance et phénologie)

C4. Des cas particuliers (petits organismes ou organismes fins)

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*3D cephalometry rendering. CT scan: Dr. J. Treil, Clinique Pasteur, Toulouse. M.J. 1998*

# Plant structure and visualisation (early works)

- ◆ Objectives:

  - Define single plant visualisation approach for AMAP

  - Contribute to the definition of landscape design and rendering tools,  
and its valorization (mainly Engineering)

- ◆ Principles (Siggraph'88)

  - A plant is a list of components (generated in prefix order)

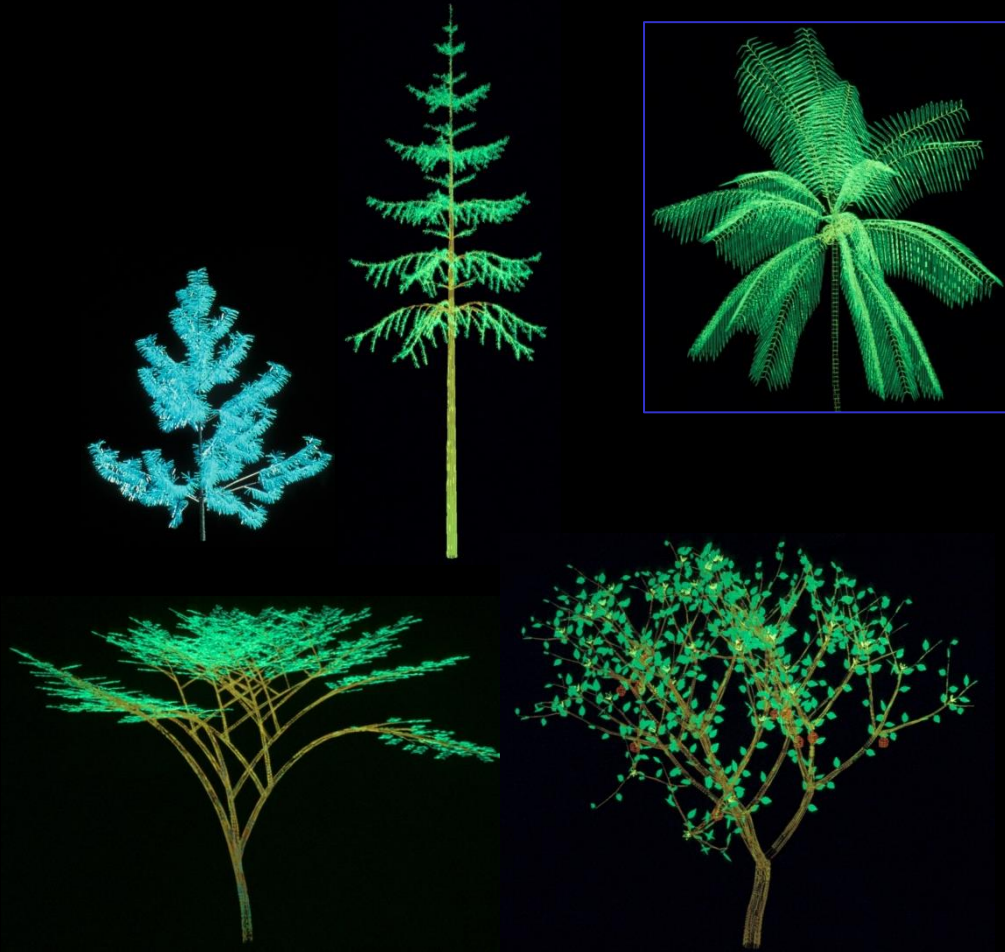
  - Geometry is defined within simulation at each internode position

  - Output builds a display list (without primitives): the Line Tree

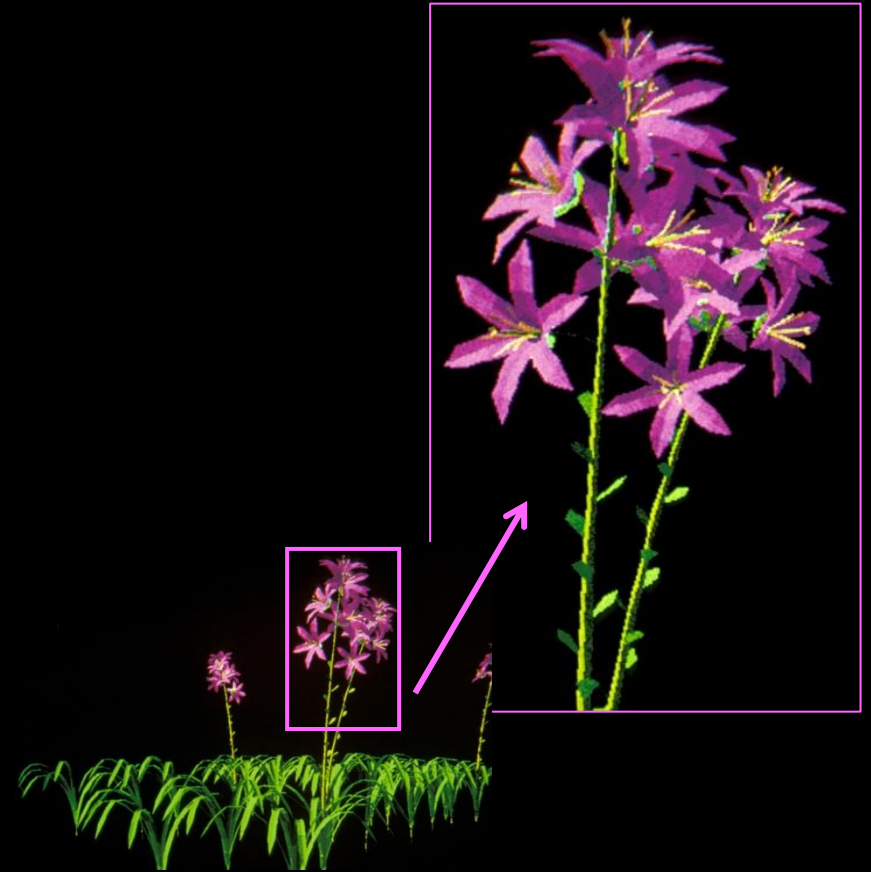
  - Plant visualization is a post process

  - Landscape design and rendering are processed tree by tree without memory loads (read and render)

# Plant structure and visualisation (early works)



Early plant visualisations (1986-88)



Several procedural levels :  
Rhizom, leaves, flowers



## Procedural Palm generator with:

- gamma distributions of foliol insertions
- advanced mechanical simulations
- graphical material interpolations (related to palm age)

# Une stratégie pour construire des actions de R&D

## ◆ From structure to function

From organs (static) → to Landscapes (dynamic)

Explicit geometry (polygons)

Points / lines (« surfels »)

Production Representation

Production driven Visualisation

**Polygon Decimation  
Dynamic Meshing**

**Geometry decimation  
GPU advanced Use**

**Converting Biomass to  
Geometry**

**Building Geometry on  
request**

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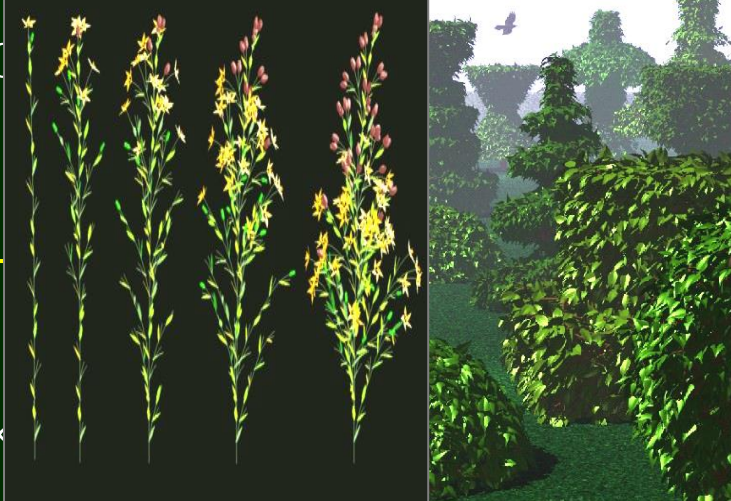
Points / lines (→)

**Classical,  
many contributions**

Polygon Decimation  
Dynamic Meshing

Geometry decimation  
GPU advanced Use

L-Systems *Prusinkiewicz ...*



Rule based plant models  
generate usually polygons

Trees (*Bosanac*)



Xfrog (*Lintermann*)

Geometry on

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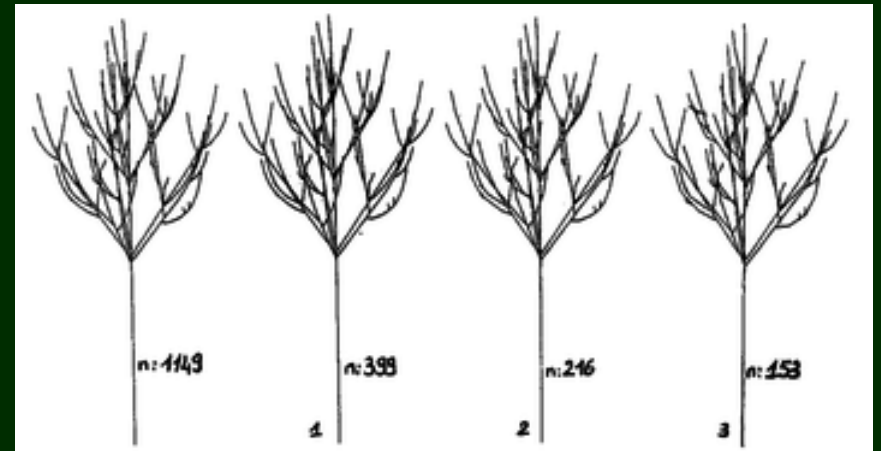
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 GPU advanced Use**

Comparative study of Ismael Garcia Fernandez (GGG, Uni. Girona, Spain)

		performance		quality		instancing		dynamic lighting		animation		view dependent LOD		leaves		branches					
		Algorithm																			
Polygonal	Fractal Plants and Trees [Opp86]	✓				✓	✓	✓											○	●	
	Multiresolution Botanical Scenes [MFATC97]	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓												○	●	
	Single Polygonal Mesh [LVF+01]	✓				✓													○	○	
	Multiresolution Foliage [RCRB03]	✓				✓	✓												○	●	
	Procedural Multiresolution [LCV03]					✓	✓	✓	✓										○	●	
Point Based	Structured Particle Systems [RB85]	✓	✓			✓													○	○	
	Rendering of Realistic Trees [WP95]	✓	✓	✓		✓													○	○	
	Interactive Plant Ecosystem [DCSD02]	✓	✓	✓		✓													○	○	
	Point-based trees [GMN05]																		○	●	
Image Based	Precomputed Z-Buffer Views [MO95]	✓	✓			✓	✓												○	○	
	Hierarchical IBR [MDK99]	✓	✓	✓		✓													○	○	
	Shading and Shadowing [MN98]	✓	✓	✓		✓													○	○	
	Slicing and Blending [Jak00]																			○	○
	Image-Based Foliage Rendering [LCV04]					✓	✓													○	○
	Volumetric forest scenes [DN04]	✓	✓	✓		✓														○	○
	Volumetric reconstruction of trees [RMMD04]	✓	✓	✓		✓														○	○
	Extreme simplification for forests [FUM05]	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓													○	○
	Landscapes billboard clouds [BCOJD05]	✓				✓														○	○
	Leaf Cluster Impostors for Trees [GSSK05]					✓	✓													○	○
	Multi-layered Indirect Tex. Trees [GPSSK07]					✓	✓													○	○

# Modèles multi-résolution

Bois: fusion de noeuds, branches décrites par équations et génération du maillage au rendu à la volée



Collaborations avec le LIAMA:  
*Zhang Xiaopeng team*  
*CGW 2010, submission to CGF 2015*

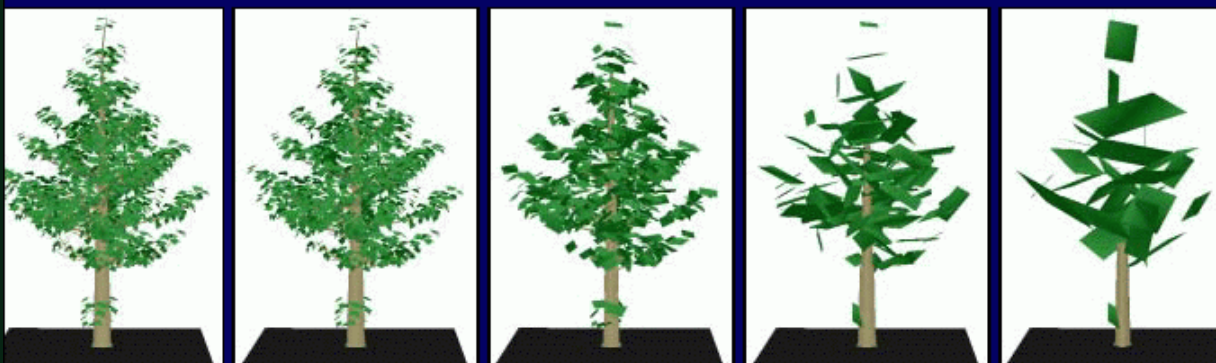
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Multi-resolution branch



## Progressive Foliage Simplification



%100.0

%92.9

%33.1

%5.4

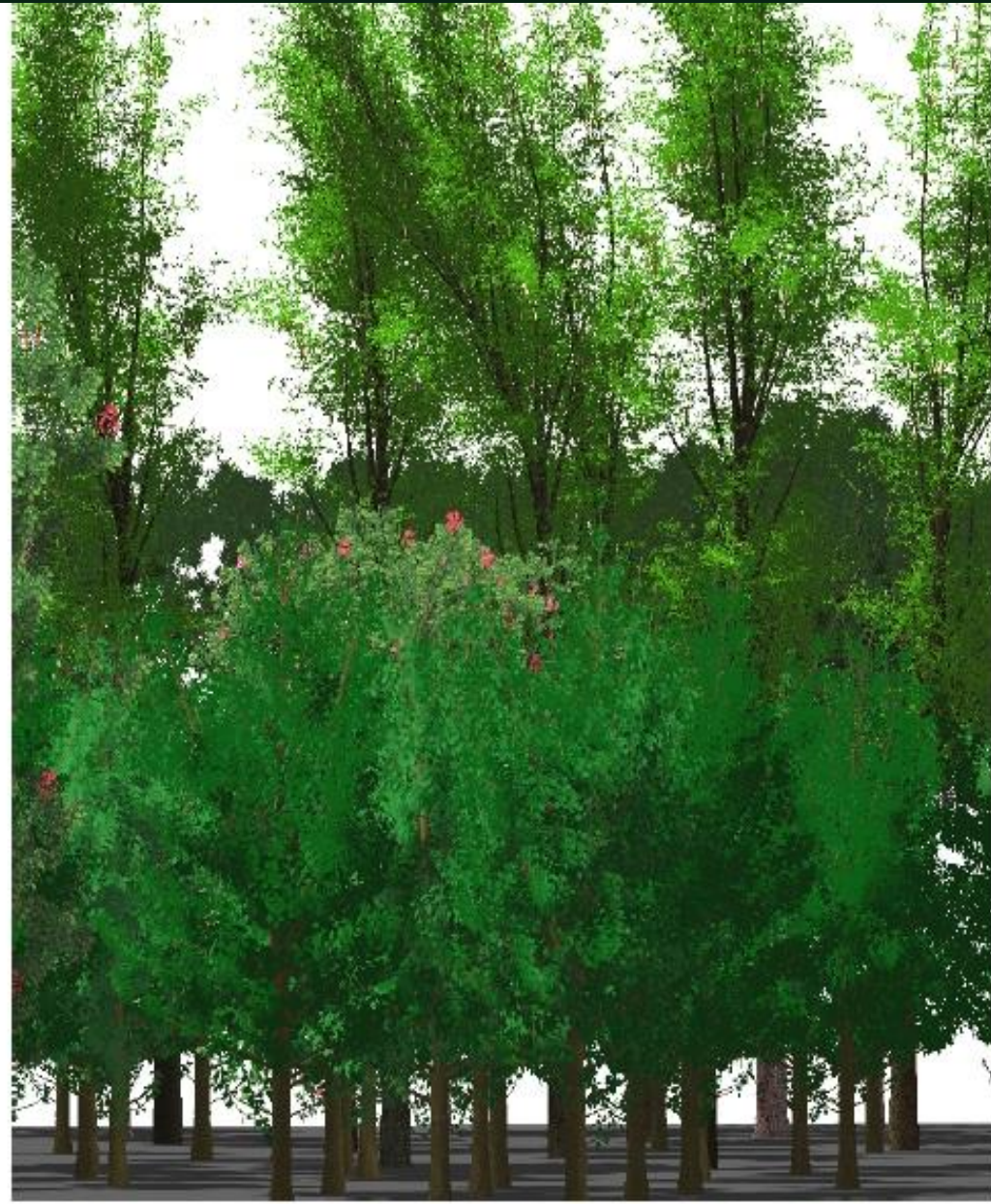
%1.5

Mid-resolution  
Mixed Model

Low-resolution  
Mixed Model

Feuilles: fusion hiérarchique

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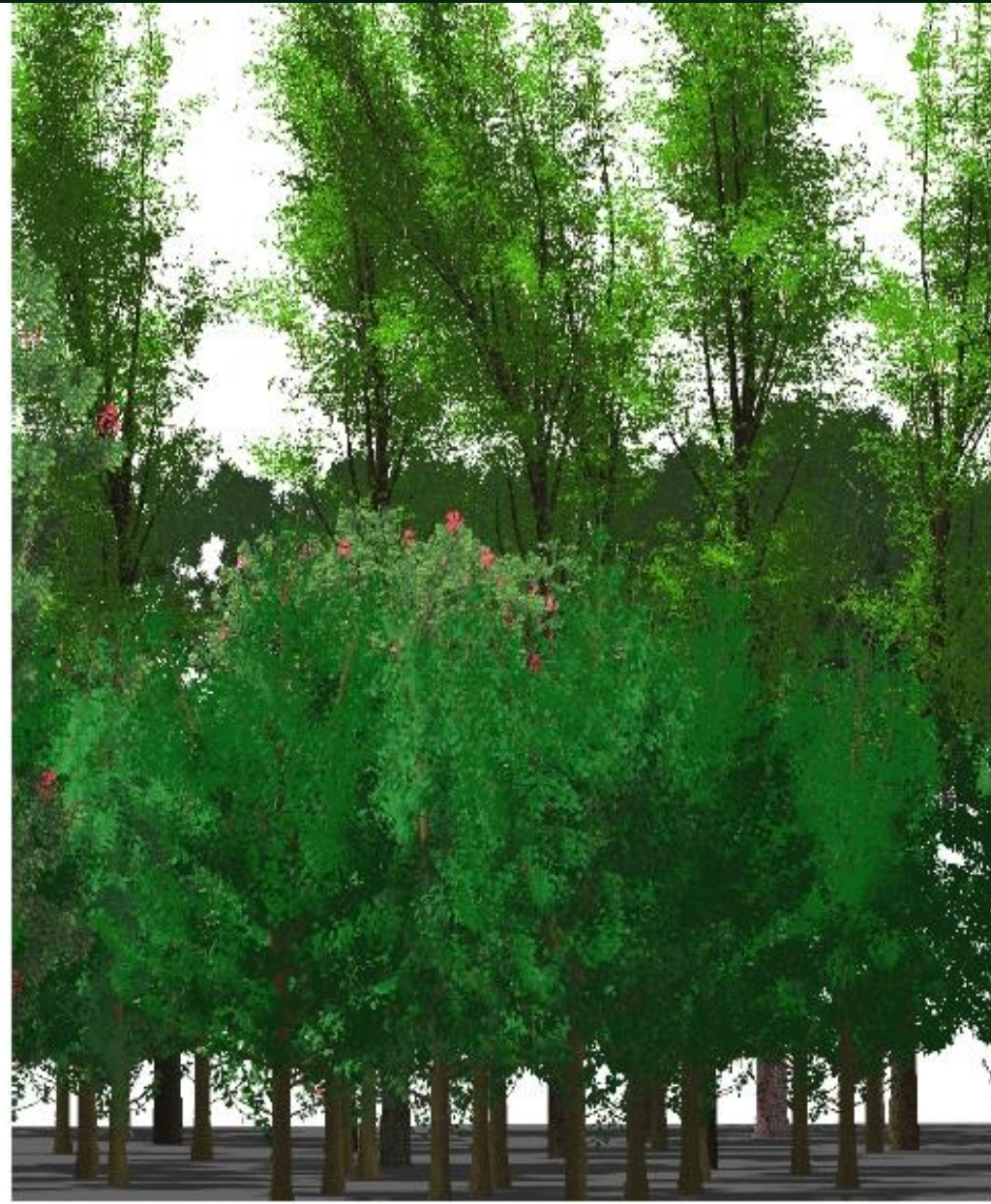




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# Vers le paysage fonctionnel (prototypes)

## Objective:

Simulate plant/environment feedback from water competition in soil voxels.

Principle: simulate a simple water cycle on a daily basis with 6 processes:

Rain

Run-Off and absorption

Diffusion

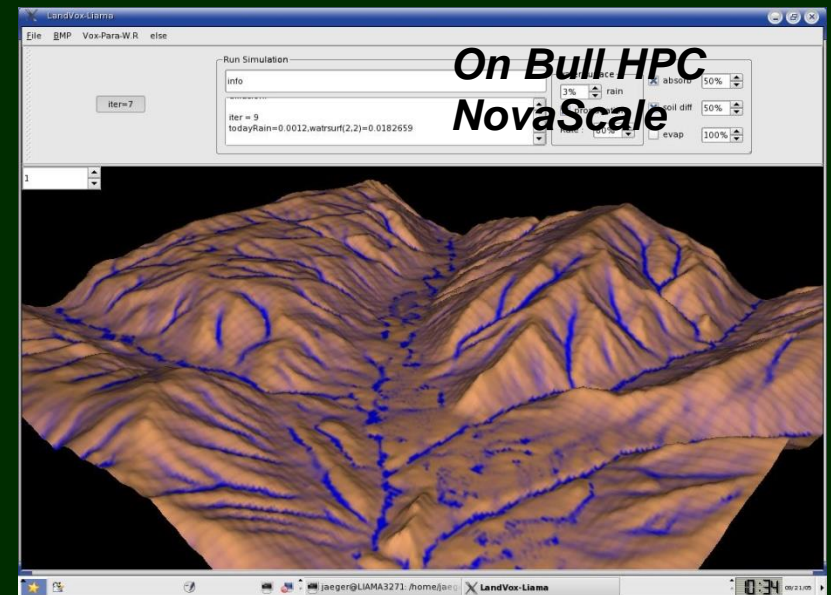
Plant growth

Evaporation

*In a voxel space (Ned Green inspired)*

*Simple plant model (simple leaf)*

*Fluxes: diffusion on voxel neighbours*



Phd Mei Xing, LIAMA

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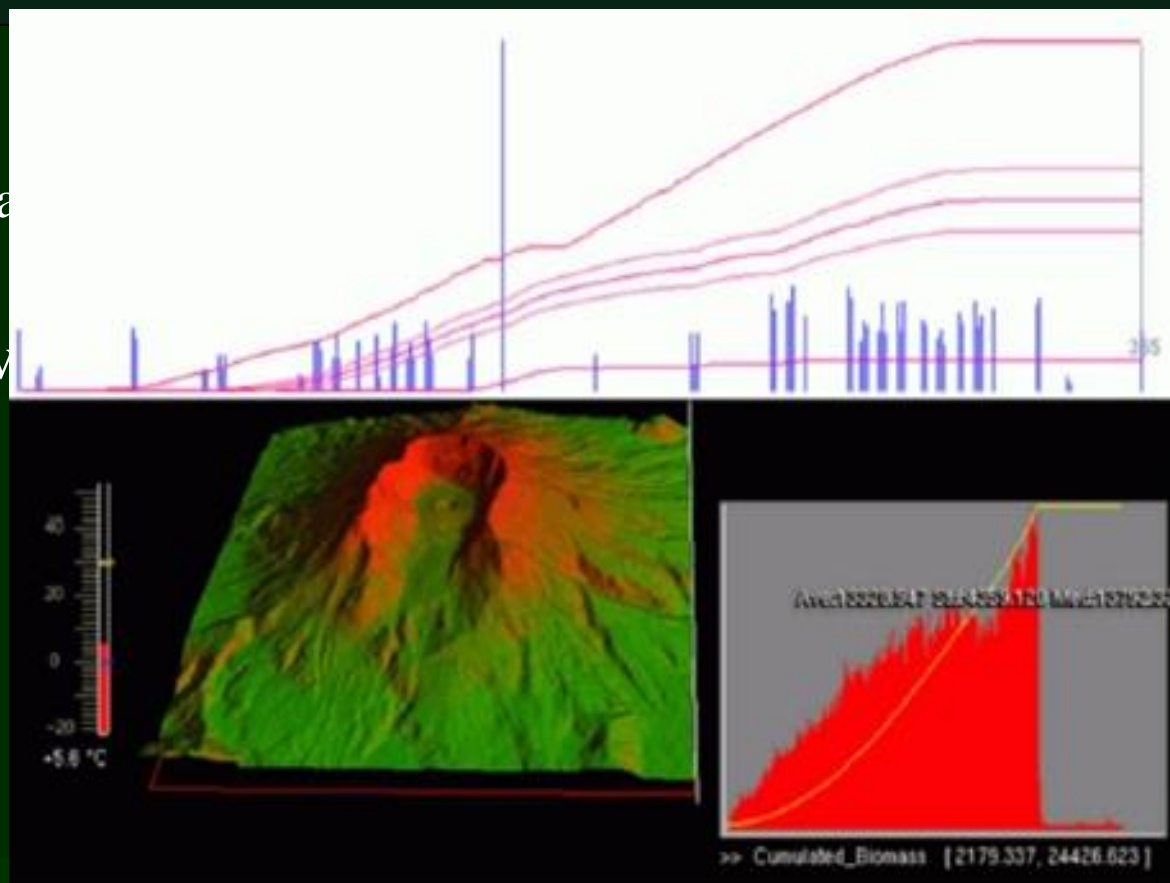
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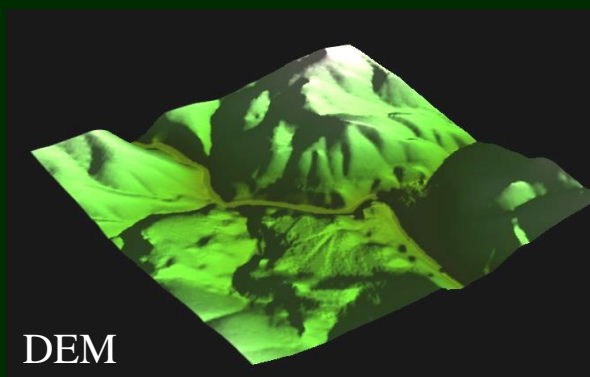
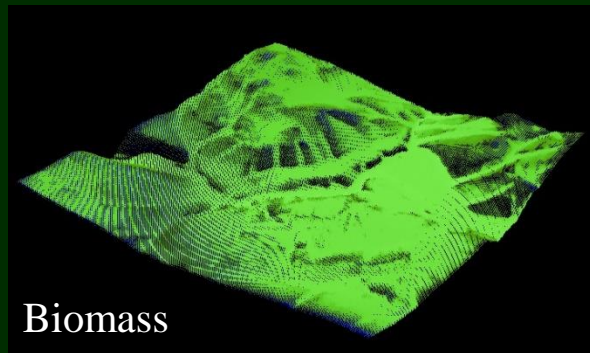
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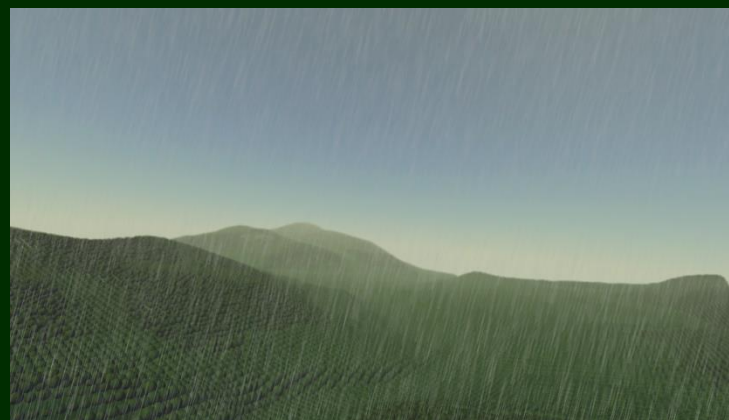
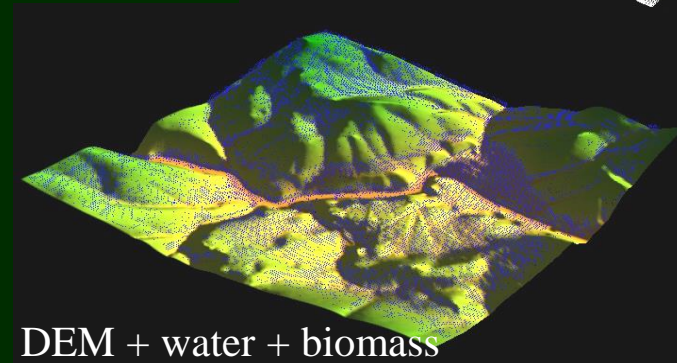
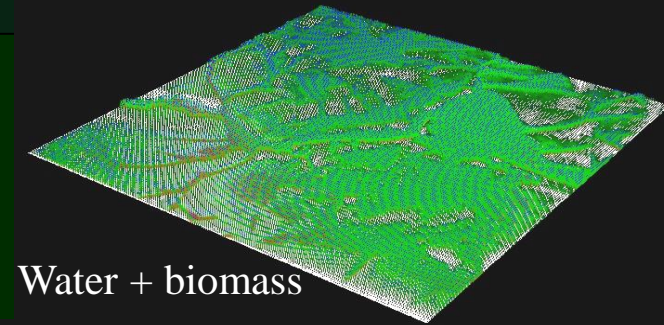
- Proto 2. Complete plant model (no structure)  
Implement “classical models”  
“Force” models to run on a day time scale  
Use a classical layer approach

*Phd Vincent le Chevalier, ECP  
JCST, 2009*

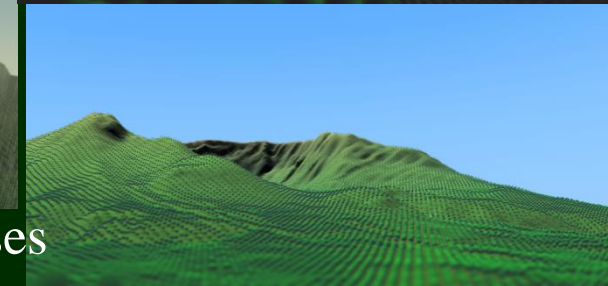
# Functional Landscape visualisation (daily layers)



Mix and/or  
Combine



Realistic views with post-processes



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*demo live Amap Maya Plug-in, Maya Booth, Siggraph'00, L.A. USA, M.J. August 2000*

# 3 axes pour un objectif unique

- ◆ One single objective:

Simulated vegetation visualisation at crop, stand, landscape scale in agronomy, forestry and ecology applications.

=> Reflecting the ecosystem and its heterogeneities (plasticity)

- ◆ Key points:

Assume continuity and ascendant compatibility

Keep the strategic track : structure → function

Center the research to a unique object: the single plant structure and function representation but applying it on a wide range of scales from individual to landscape and exploring its plasticity towards environment

- ◆ In one word: build the forest (with realism) from a single tree

- ◆ Ideas and tests: to be developed (Master, PhDs, ...)

# Explorer l'architecture passée

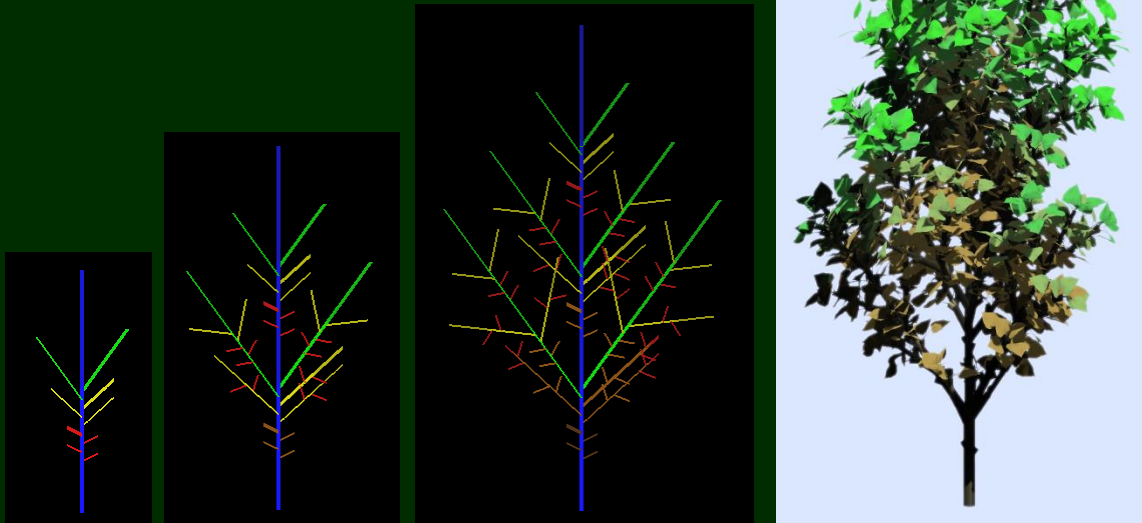
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Axis/Leaf self pruning : ignoring nodes born after the specified date

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*Example on L\_systems:  
Lengths defined for age classes*





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## Leaves life span and pruning

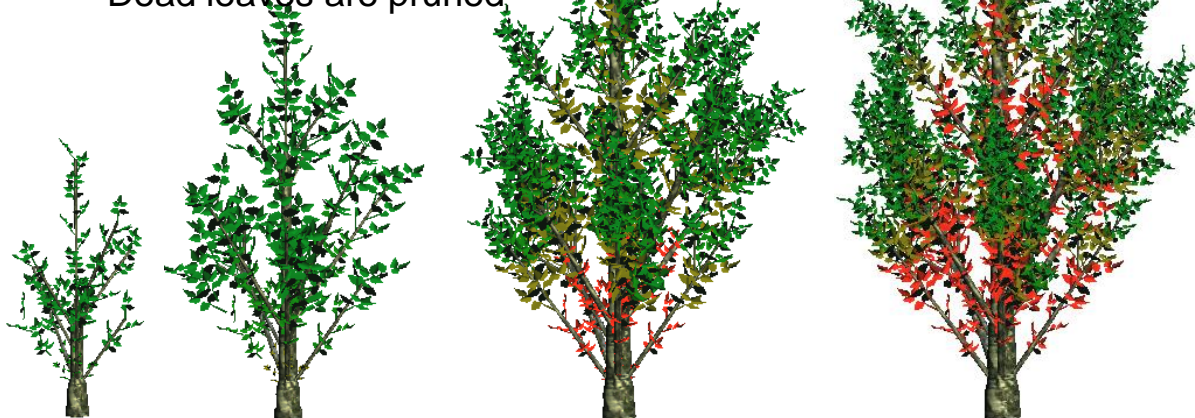
Young leaves are smaller

Functional leaves are green

Older leaves are yellow

Leaves close to fall are orange

Dead leaves are pruned



Reconstructions at ages 3, 5, 7, and 8 (Tree graph age is 19)



age 11, different allometry

# Scène de 200 plantes, 14 distinctes obtenue de 2 simulations.

Exemple. A small natural scene build from a tree position list and two tree graphs.  
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	Tree Graph		Single Tree Reconstruction			Full growth Sequence
	Graph size	Nodes	Age and Final age	Components	Line tree size	Sequence size
Single L_system	2.2 Kb	252	7 on 10	5570	251 Kb	2.5 Mb
Single Functional	16.7 Kb	2006	7 on 19	3287	156 Kb	23.8 Mb
Single Functional	16.7 Kb	2006	11 on 19	10049	474 Kb	23.8 Mb
Forest Scene	18.9 Kb + 40 Kb	2258	mixture	> 3 000 000	> 0.3 Gb	

Memory costs (ie transfer costs) table

# Générer la géométrie depuis le fonctionnement

- ◆ Objective:

Generate plant geometry from the plant production  
and organs numbering

- ◆ Principals:

Focus on leaf organs to model the crown

Define the Sphere equivalence from leaf biomass volume

Apply the representations recursively using sub-structures

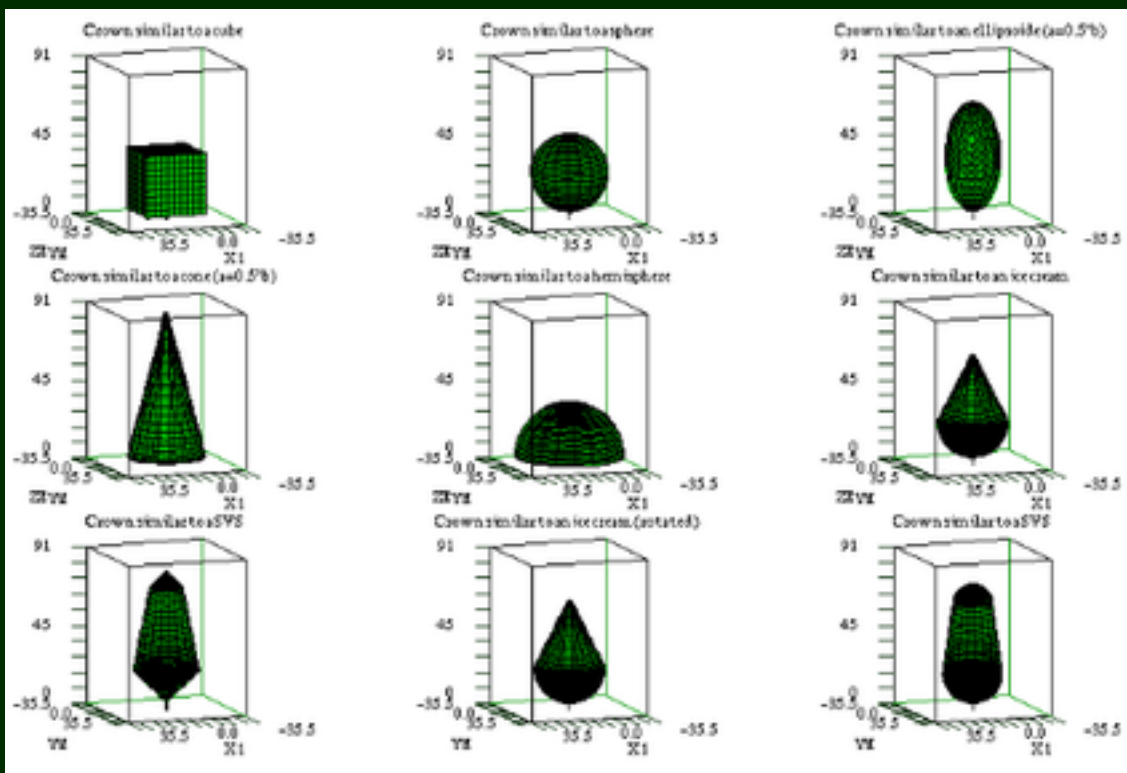
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Have a bottom up approach (from simple cases to complex)

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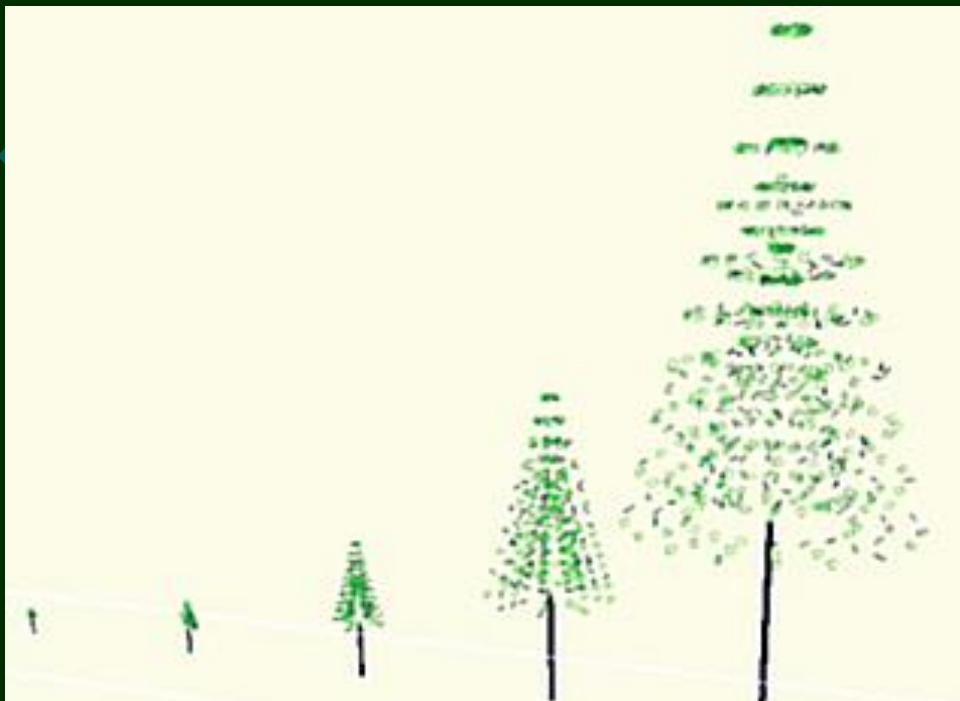
Sets of volume equivalent crown shapes (Mst CA Douet)

crown  
leaf biomass volume  
using sub-structures  
with dynamics  
(simple cases to complex)

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Crown definition under leaf dynamic position  
constraint

of the crown  
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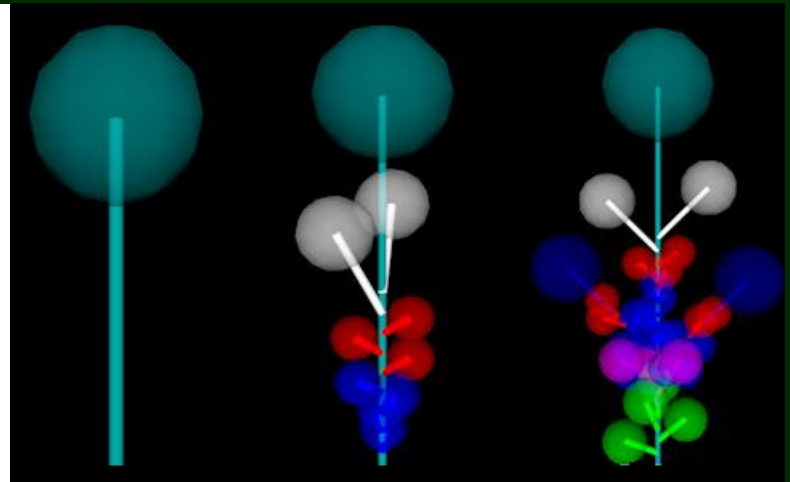
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Structural view, functional views with various orders and physiological ages (Mst M. Luong)

# La géométrie fonctionnelle. Points difficiles

A geometrical constrained design problem: not easy, discouraging students

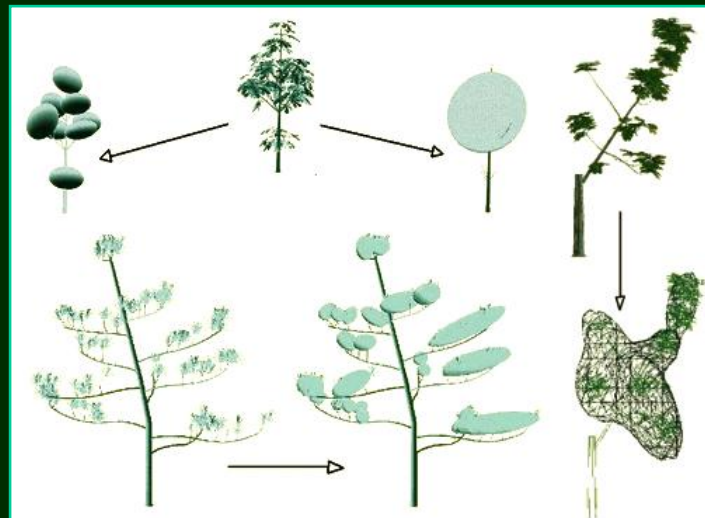
Constraints expressions are difficult (dynamic).

How can we insure LoD capabilities related to sub-structure levels ?

Will it be possible to assume smooth transition between functional representations and structural ones ?

Dispersion analysis helps.

To test with  
sub-structures



E-skeletons on leaf positions (PhD F. Banegas)



Leaf dispersion versus physiological age

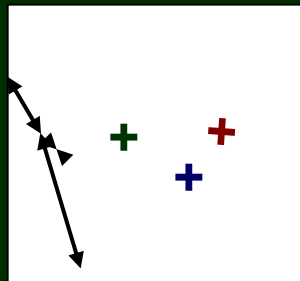


# La GPU !!!

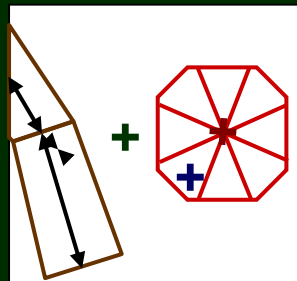
- ◆ Significant performances gains from GPU use

Geometry generation from nodes and radii

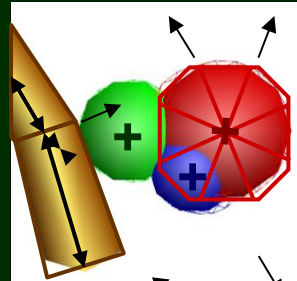
tests already hold by BJFU on axis and crowns



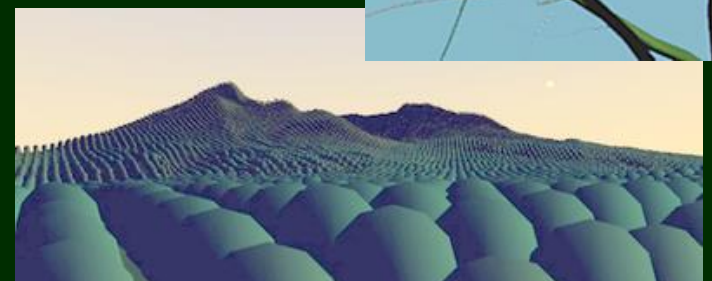
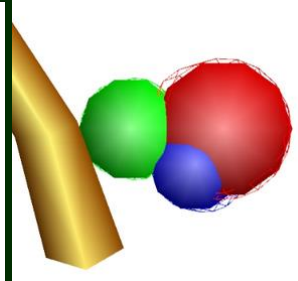
CPU, 3D



GPU, 2D



GPU 2D 1/2



Substructure

Easy in theory, but is instantiation useful if geometry is generated on the fly ?

LoD capabilities

Easy in geometry generation more benefits if higher levels are considered

# Encore de la GPU...

- ◆ CPU simulates tree graph classes... and GPU builds the forest

GPU's work:

- Procedural seeding (eye depending)

- Competition class definition (results from seeding)

- For each visible plant: Reconstruction from the tree graph

  - From appropriate competition class

  - With appropriate LoD level: reconstruction axis per axis, from trunk

  - Switches or not to functional representation

Difficult points:

- Lot's of engineering

  - Procedural models or data sets (texture, colors, bending, ...) ?

  - Do we offer a real contribution ? (lots of teams on GPU)

# Les petites plantes...

Une variabilité temporelle  
phénologie (floraison)

Des structures fines et nombreuses

De nombreux individus (différents) nécessaires pour une petite surface

Une difficulté à mettre en œuvre le multi-échelle

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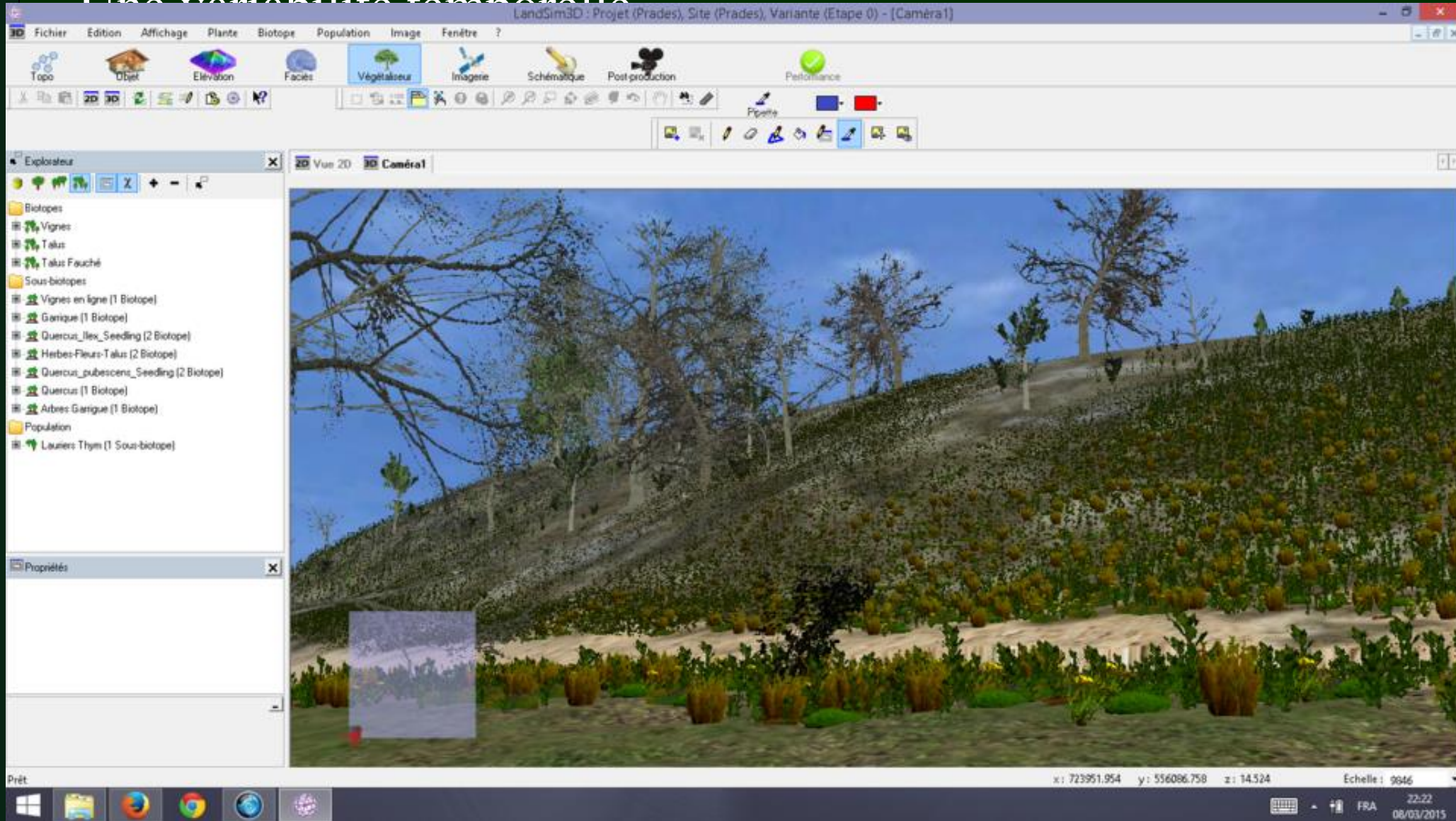
De nombreux individus  
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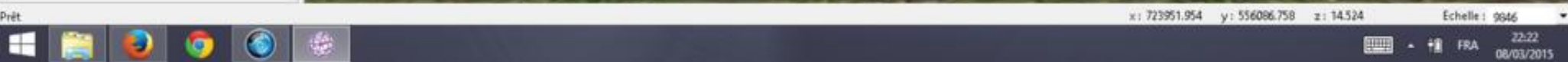
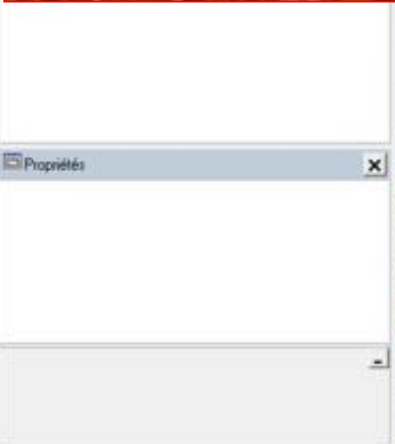
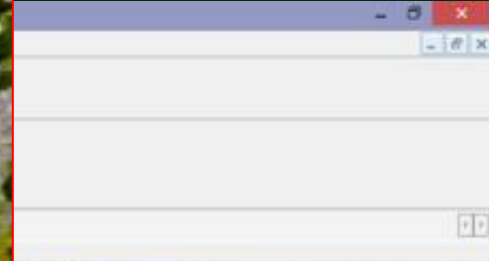
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Merci de votre attention

Questions et commentaires ?

*Chesnut Tree at sunset, M.J. 1989*