

# Interactive 3D Visualization in the Wide Web of Health

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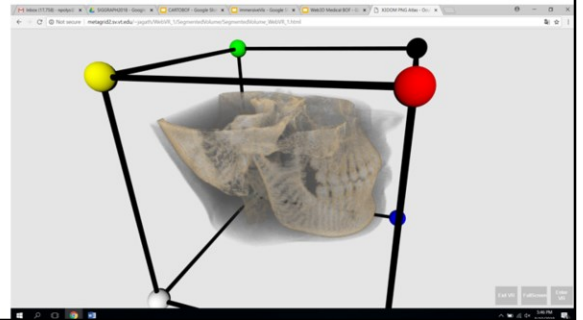


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# Outline

- **Web3D & Me**
- **Born 3D**
- **Things Change - a Lifetime of 3D**
- **Standards**
- **The Many Faces of 3D Health Data**
  - **Metadata**
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  - **Access: WWW, Virtual & Augmented Reality, 3D printing**
  - **Data-driven 3D visualization**
- **Convergence & Interoperability**
- **The Path Forward**

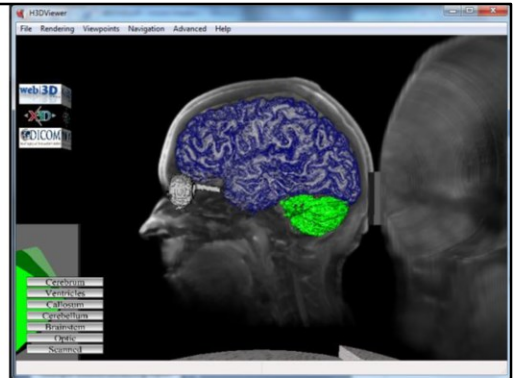


Goal:

**Global Interoperability!**

To achieve this, we need to:

1. Cross-fertilize informatics communities, knowledge, and practice
2. Adopt standards to improve exchange and reproducibility today
3. Extend standards and practice for better outcomes tomorrow



# Introduction

1996: BA in Cognitive Science

1998: built first VRML world of the Giza Plateau

1999: attended first ACM Web3D Conference & joined Web3D Consortium

2006: received PhD in Computer Science from Virginia Tech, U appointments

2007: took over the Visionarium Lab, aligned with Central IT: HPC

2008: Medical WG and Volume Component

2010-present: leadership with DICOM, MMVR, IEEE VR, Web3D, SIGGRAPH,

...

2017: HL7 Collaboration

# VirtuWorlds Giza (1998-2018)

**Early searches into 3D and Virtual Reality:**

- **Epistemology**
- **Metaphysics**
- **The Web**
- **Archival 3D**



Picture of me in the Hypercube last week... with my first VRML world  
... the same world ... runs a lot faster now even though we wrote it for transmission  
over a 14.4 k modem (and it was before Linux and GPUs)!

# ISO-IEC Web3D Standards Evolution

## Durability of 3D information across industry epochs:

- 1994: VRML 1.0
- 1997: VRML 2.0
- 2002: VRML 2.1
- 2005: X3D 3.0
- 2006: X3D 3.1 ; H-Anim 1.0
- 2008: X3D 3.2
- 2013: X3D 3.3
- 2018: H-Anim 2.0

### *Encodings:*

- XML,
- utf8,
- binary,
- JSON

### *Bindings:*

- Javascript,
- Java,
- C#,
- C++, C,
- Python

<http://www.web3d.org/standards/all>

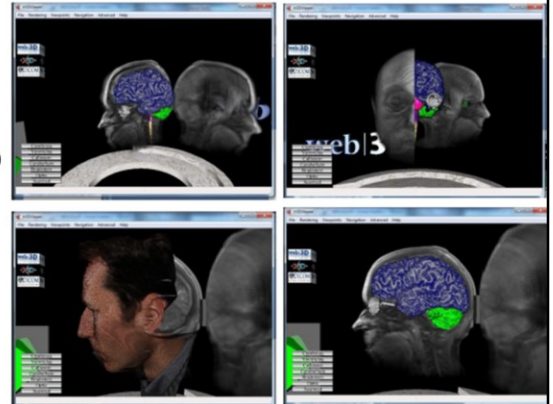
<http://www.web3d.org/x3d/content/Basic/Web3dOutreach/Web3dTimelineIndex.html>

## Web3D.org & WG introductions



### Enterprise 3D (X3D): ISO-IEC formats and API:

- Royalty-free, open X3D holds:
  - Volumes, meshes, appearances, text, metadata
  - Lights, cameras
  - Animation, interaction
  - XML, Binary, JSON encodings
- Web3D Medical Working Group
- DICOM Liaison & reciprocal membership
- HL7 Liaison & reciprocal membership



Games and diversions are fun, but what about real 3D??? Health... safety .... Utilities...  
These are not silicon valley cycles ...

## Born 3D

... but highly dimensional !:-)

The last centuries' hopes for health through medical science has been driven by Reductionism

***... while still essential, the situation is now flipped!...***

The integration of disparate (Big) data and scientific disciplines provide us new insights into the whole person, their environment, and their health!



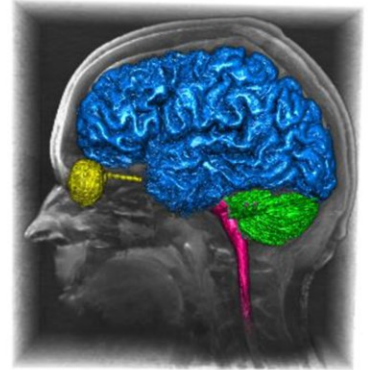
## Things Change

### A lifetime of 3D ... 'Mission-critical data'

- Requires durability longer than Silicon Valley cycles and market hype
- Requires Patient Rights to digital twin and conformant EHR
- Emerging technologies and Access

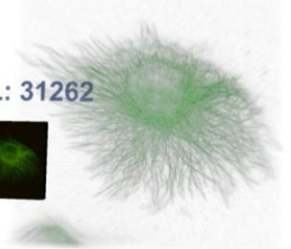
## Web3D & HL7 Opportunities

- Interactive 3D on the:
  - Desktop (any OS)
  - VR systems
  - mobile device
  - ... or any web browser
- DAM X3D payloads!
- Healthy X3D on the WWW (L7)!

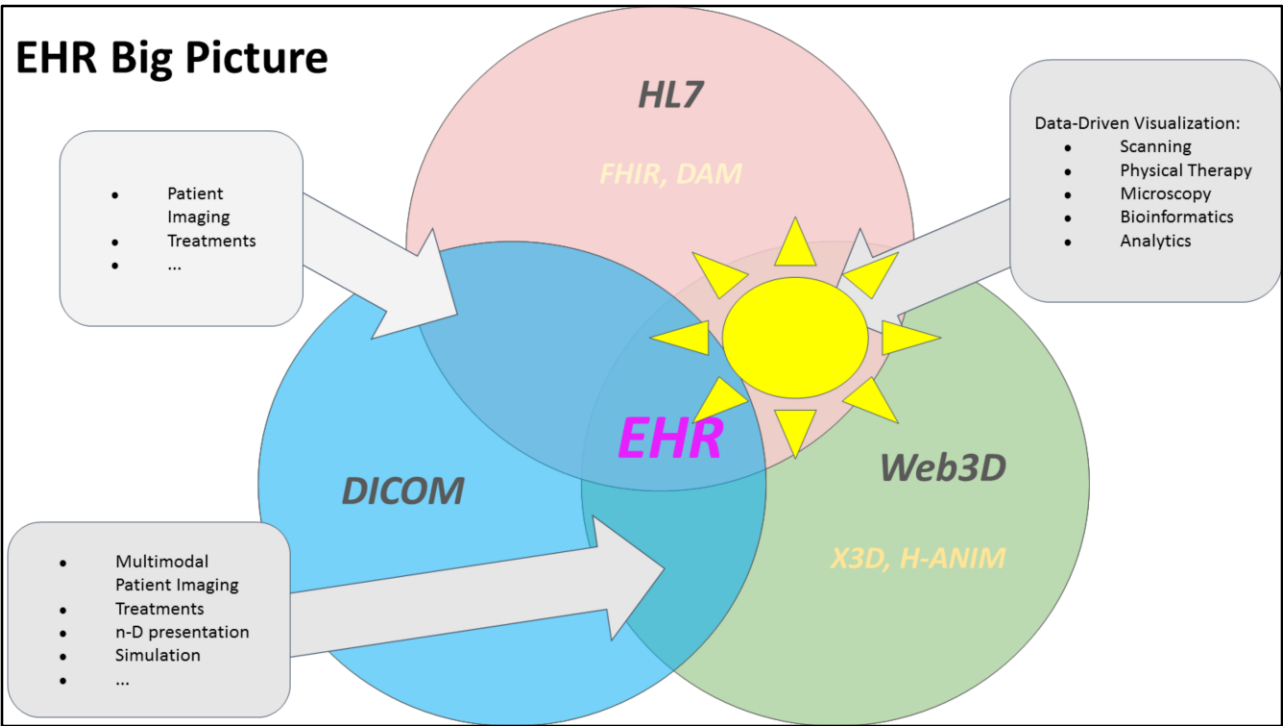


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# EHR Big Picture



# Web3D & DICOM History

Official Liaison began in 2008 and manifested in several WGs toward the interoperability of 3D semantics and data structures:

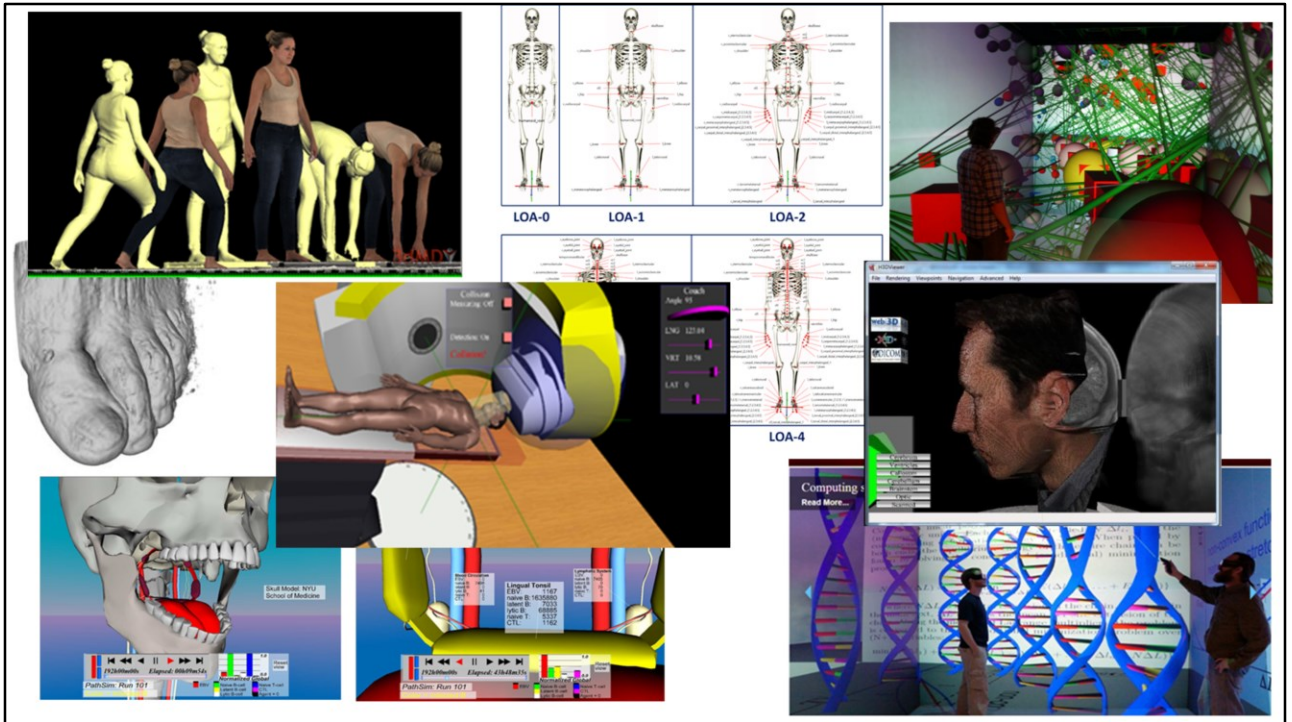
- X3D 3.3 Volume Component
- DICOM SUP 132 3D Surfaces
- DICOM SUP 111 Volumes & Segmentations
- DICOM SUP n-D Presentation states (rendering)
- 3D Printing DICOM SUP 205 (eg STL payload)
- 3D Printing DICOM SUP 208 (e.g VRML, X3D payload: TBD)

CURA, LULZBOT etc

The Many Faces of 3D Health Data

**Q: Which one  
is not  
like the others?**

Let's play a game:



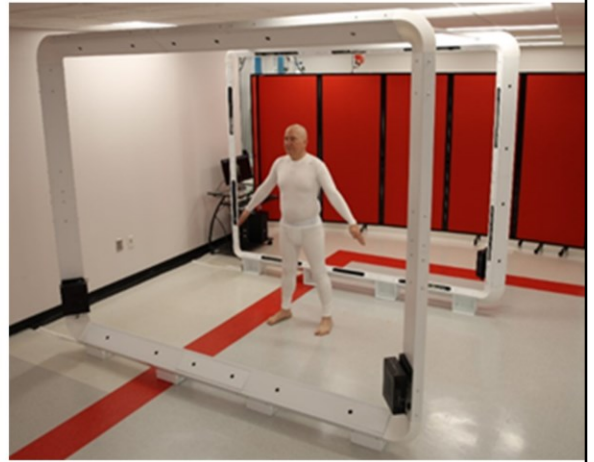
Trick question!

They are relevant information in determining your health outcome!!!

# Kinds of data, kinds of stakeholders

## Health and Medicine

- Exercise
- Therapy
- Simulation
- Surgery
- Genomics
- Analytics
- Networks
- ...



## Scope and Requirements

ISO-IEC provides international ratification and recognition.

The X3D and H-Anim specifications provide platform-independent 3D graphics relevant to health.

***... How about the values for interoperability?***

***... How does X3D play across the Health Enterprise?***

- Metadata
- Kinds of Health data
- Access (WWW, VR/MR/AR)
- Data-driven Visualization

- THE VALUE ADD OF X3D





## X3D Metadata

Travels with the 3D information and can be granular at any node when embedded in the scene graph. Scenes can be composed through the Inline node.

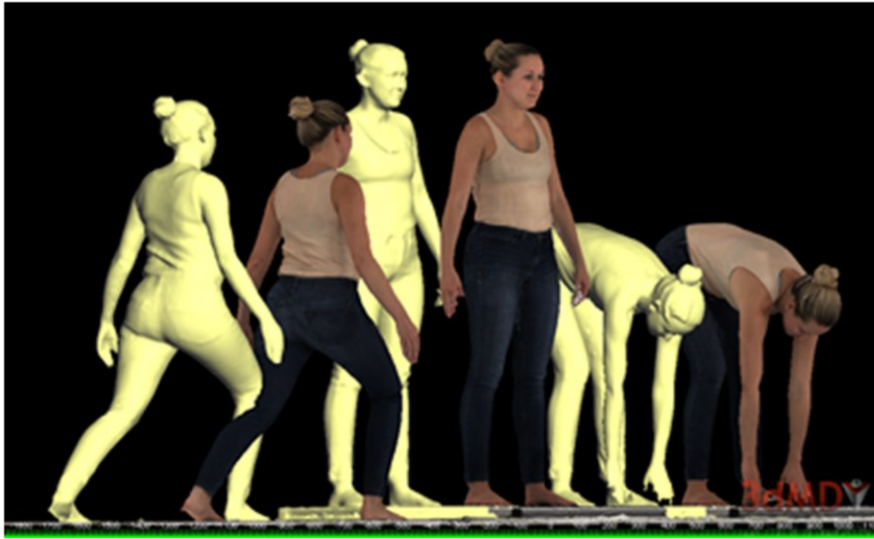
- UNITS & measures defined per scene
- ***Metadata can be on any node in the scene***
  - Provenance and source of data
  - Document processing tool chains for derived data
  - Community vocabularies and annotations (FMA, SNOMED, CT, ...)
  - W3C encryption and authentication by element

## Exercise

H-Anim 2.0 (ISO-IEC 19774 - 2) specifies the 3D graphics mappings for combining anatomy and Motion Data Animation (e.g. .bvh). These standards data structures are especially important in physical therapy and ergonomics.

Virginia Tech VR exercise mirror for stroke victims: we demonstrated real-time visual feedback for patients as avatars achieving progressive goals of muscular extension.

- *EHR: "What happened there?"*



High spatial and  
temporal resolution  
body scans

[www.3dmd.com](http://www.3dmd.com)



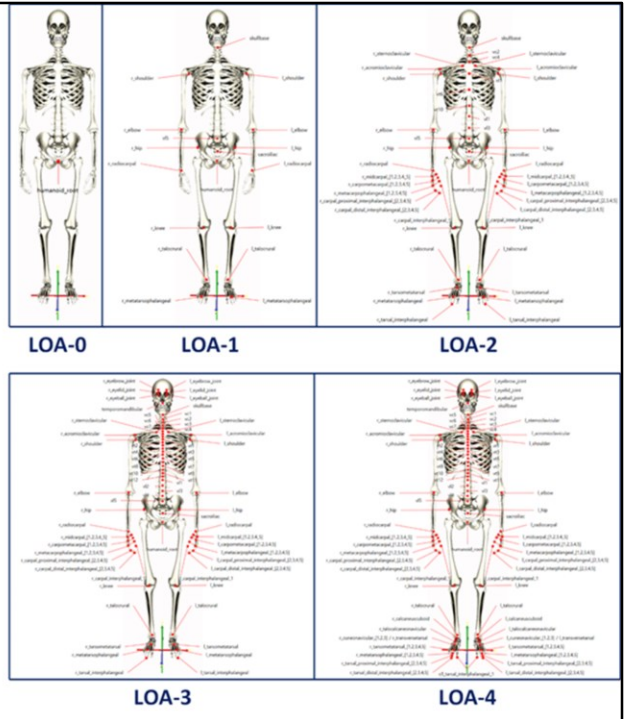
# Humanoid Animation v2

ISO-IEC 19774 - 1 : H-Anim (2018)

Level of articulation (LOA) represents the complexity and detail of joints for a humanoid skeletal hierarchy, and can be used for generating various motions based on the joints.

There are five levels of articulation:

- **LOA-0** represents only the humanoid\_root Joint object without hierarchy.
- **LOA-1** represents the simplest organization and hierarchy of joints for a humanoid. 18 joints and 18 segments. Each segment has a joint in the hierarchy.
- **LOA-2** consists of 71 joints and 71 segments.
- **LOA-3** consists of 94 joints and 94 segments.
- **LOA-4** builds on LOA-3 by adding anatomical details of hands and feet, consisting of 148 joints and 148 segments.

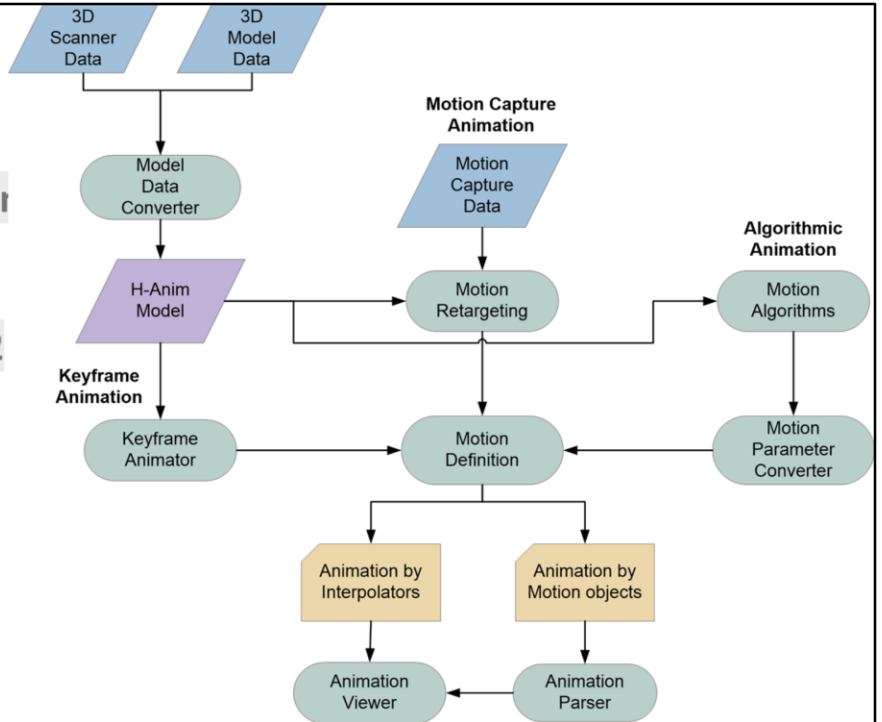


# H-Anim v2

Anatomies & Motion

ISO/IEC DIS 19774-2

(e.g. .BVH)

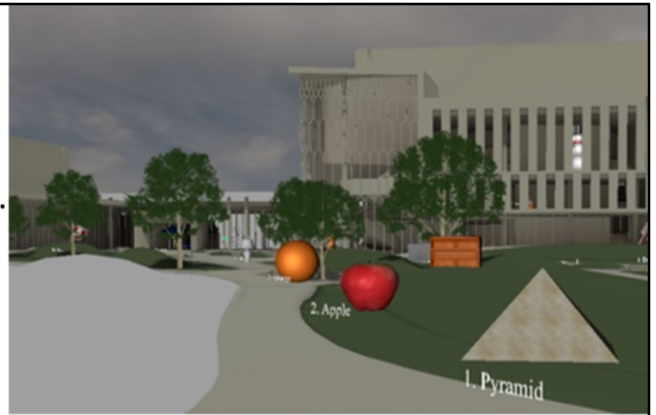


# Memory Exercise

Method of Loci - Palaces of the mind...

spaces and things we remember

3D worlds Significantly improve performance!



User study compared 4 study conditions

For word recall

IEEE VR Poster (cite Jesse Mann et al, 2017 )



J. Mann, N. Polys, R. Diana, M. Ananth, B. Herald and S. Platel, "Virginia tech's study hall: A virtual method of loci mnemotechnic study using a neurologically-based, mechanism-driven, approach to immersive learning research," *2017 IEEE Virtual Reality (VR)*, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 2017, pp. 383-384.  
doi:10.1109/VR.2017.7892337

## Immersive VR

### Clinically effective:

- VR experiences reduce subjective pain experience
- Faster out of bed - saves money and reduces risk of secondary issues (e.g. infection)
- Proven treatments for PTSD with VR exposure therapies

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41746-018-0026-4.pdf> -

Economic analysis of implementing virtual reality therapy for pain among hospitalized patients

<http://www.mobihealthnews.com/content/depth-therapeutic-vr-2018-no-longer-just-distraction-therapy?>

<http://www.mobihealthnews.com/content/15-health-and-wellness-use-cases-virtual-reality>

[https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as\\_sdt=0%2C47&q=ptsd+and+Vr&btnG=](https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C47&q=ptsd+and+Vr&btnG=)

*“What happened there?”*

Access: VT  
Visionarium

Immersive  
Visualization

***27 mil  
stereo  
pixels !***





## Access: WebVR

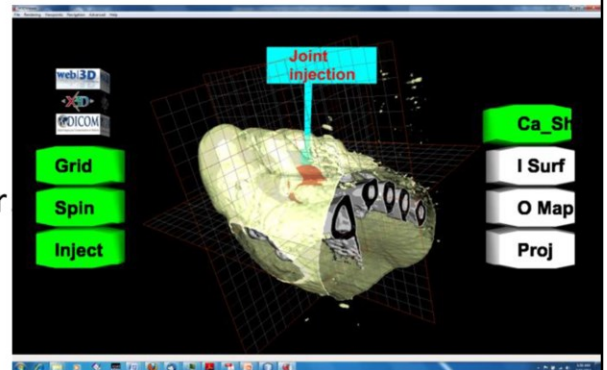
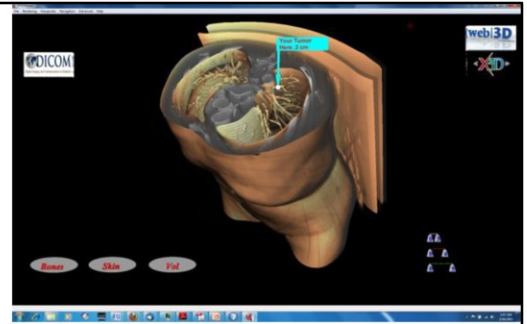
- X3D and HTML5 files
- Uses the browser as the platform
- Many headsets



## Access: WWW and VR

- X3D: desktop, mobile, immersive VR/MR/AR
- Imaging
  - X3D Volume Rendering
  - TIFF stacks, DICOM, NRRD, PNG
  - Scripted automated conversions
- Molecular Visualization
- Immune Simulation
- Genomic alignment
- Polygons and volumes living together
- VR and 3D printing !!!

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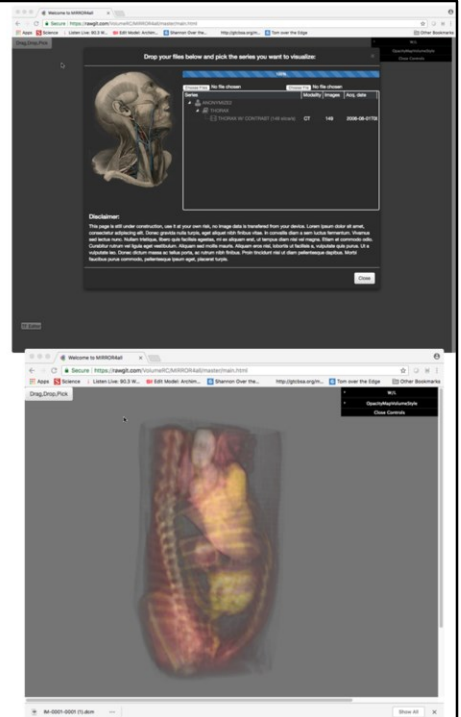
## Access: X3D Volume Rendering

- DICOM, NRRD, TIFF:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mI7zfrH6A9U&t=37s>
- Segmentations and Interaction Mashup:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZO3jWjW9soE>
- Cell images with corresponding surfaces:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srpiEBvbG-Q&list=UUoQkIQuVbdKEBqgefLbhzw>
- Many publications (cite)

# Access: Web Volume Rendering

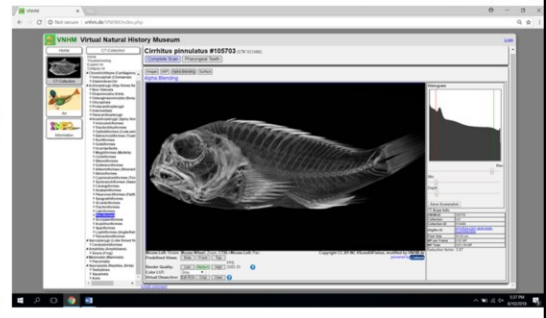
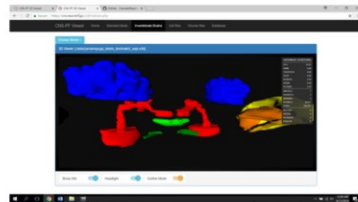
## HTML5 + WebGL + X3D

- VICOMTech: Volumerc.org
- Online drag-and-drop service for DICOM:
  - To HTML5/WebGL/X3DOM
  - [Mirror4All](#) by VICOMTECH and KShell



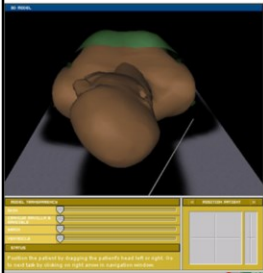
Access: WWW and VR

- **HTML5 + X3D Portals**
  - **Zebrafish genetic and neuro atlas:** [zbbrowser.com](http://zbbrowser.com)
  - **Virtual Natural History Museum:** <http://vnhm.de>
  - CNS-PF [neuron viewer](http://neuronviewer.org)
  - Cell image library
  - NIH 3D Print Exchange

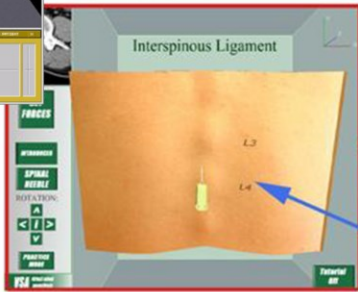


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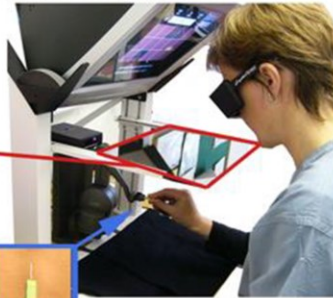
# Rehearsal & Consent



Virtual Environment



Immersive Workbench



Virtual Needle



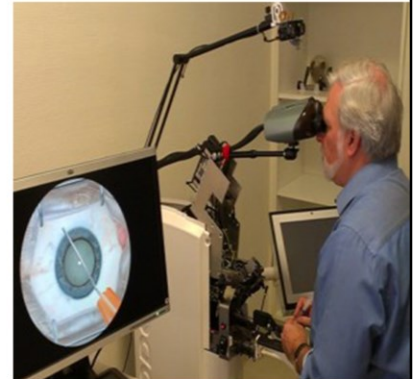
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# Surgical Simulation

## X3D as a platform for Haptic simulation and Medical training

- H3D.org
- Nigel John's trainers:
  - Eye surgery simulator
  - Ventricular catheterization training
- MMVR 2014 workshop (cite?)
- "Quantizing the Void" paper (cite)



S. Ullrich and T. Kuhlen, "Haptic Palpation for Medical Simulation in Virtual Environments," in *IEEE Transactions on Visualization & Computer Graphics*, vol. 18, no. , pp. 617-625, 2012. doi:10.1109/TVCG.2012.46

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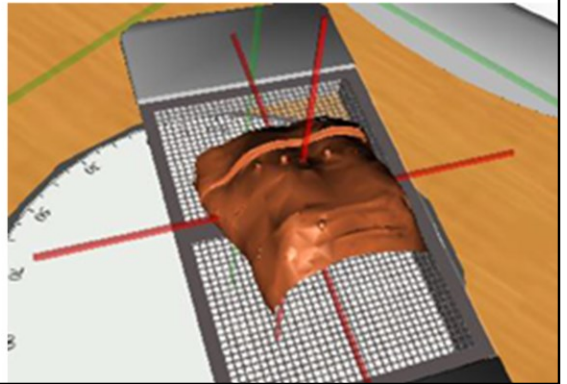
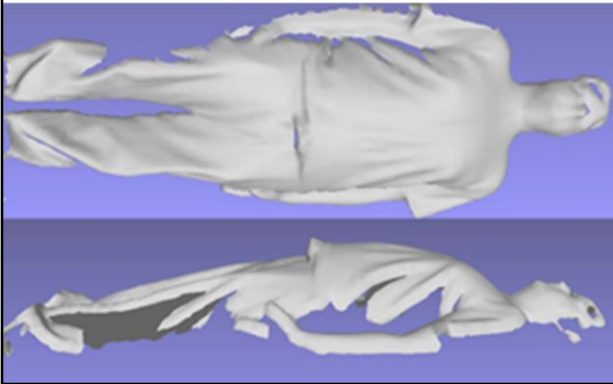
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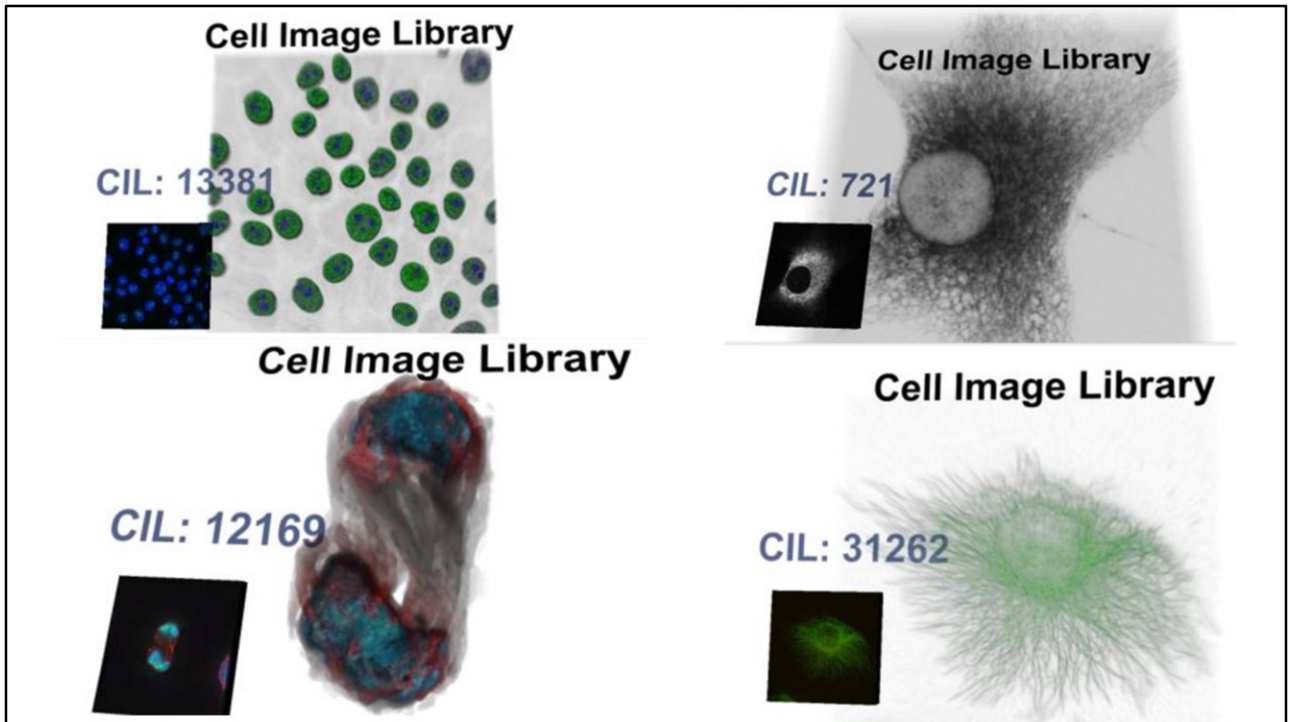


# Safety and Radiation Therapy

**Patient CT data and real-time boundary representation for the 3DRTT simulator (*3DRTT.org*)**



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## Computing stretched DNA

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Consider a linear polymer chain of length  $L$  with  $N$  identical sites (monomers) uniformly distributed along the chain. Each site is connected to its neighbors by springs with spring constant  $k$ . When pulled by forces  $F$  at both ends, the chain is stretched to a length  $L + \Delta L$ . The energy of the chain is given by the sum of the potential energy of the springs and the work done by the forces. The total energy is a function of the stretch  $\Delta L$  and the forces  $F$ . The equilibrium stretch is found by minimizing the total energy with respect to  $\Delta L$ .

$$E(\Delta L, F) = \frac{1}{2}kN(\Delta L)^2 - F(N\Delta L)$$

The equilibrium stretch  $\Delta L$  is found by setting the derivative of the energy with respect to  $\Delta L$  to zero:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \Delta L} = kN\Delta L - F = 0$$

which gives

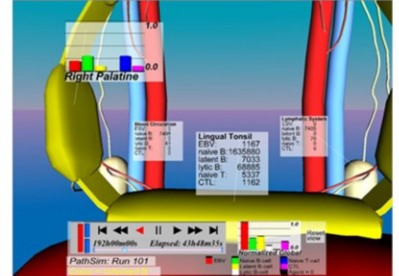
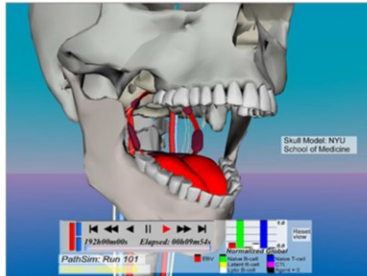
$$\Delta L = \frac{F}{k}$$

Thus, the stretch is directly proportional to the force applied. This is a simple example of a linear relationship between force and displacement, which is characteristic of a harmonic potential.

non-convex function  
stretched

# Bioinformatics & Analytics

- Physics of DNA (cite)
- Agent-based immune system (cite)
- MPI\_Blast results
- Network visualization



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# Compute the Cure (MPI-Blast)

Genomic

Alignments

(i.e. for treatment  
compatibility  
studies)

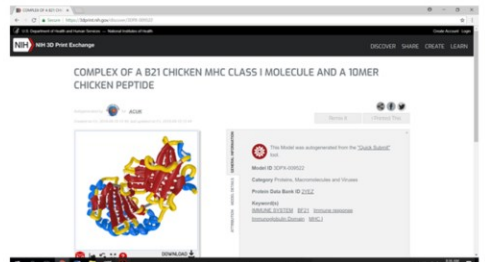
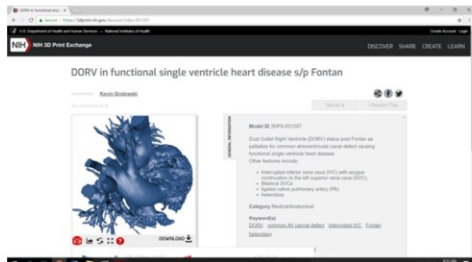
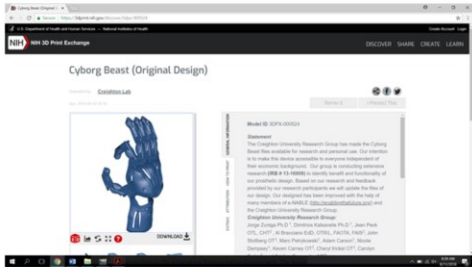
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Access: NIH X3D Printing

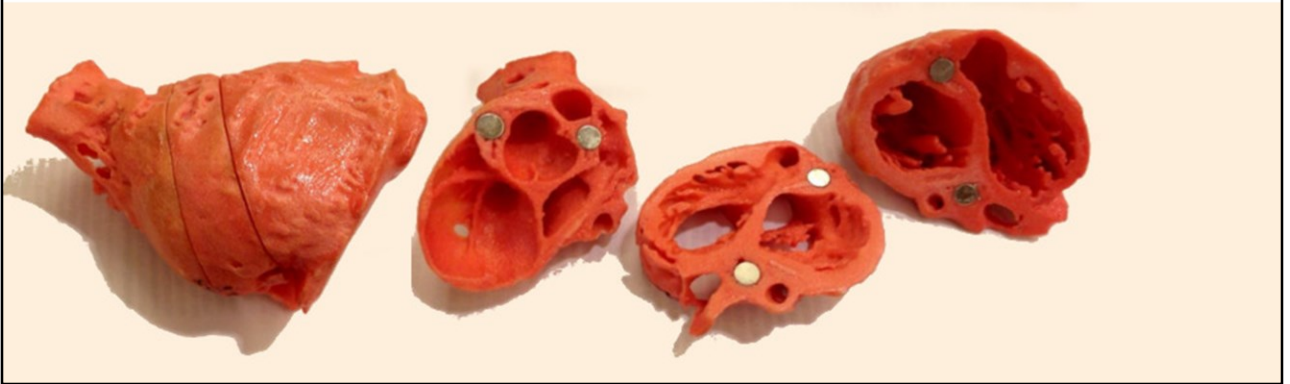
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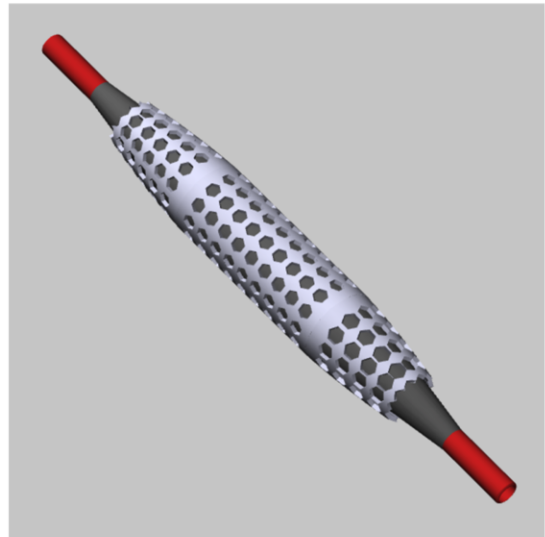
## 3D printed heart : Case Study

From the patient's MRI, a model was 3D printed and fitted with magnets



## Prosthetics and Implants

Detailed 3D visualizations of mechanical structures generated with Computer-Aided Design processes and interoperable ISO CAD standards.



[http://www.kshell.com/pages/stent\\_with\\_balloon/index.html](http://www.kshell.com/pages/stent_with_balloon/index.html)

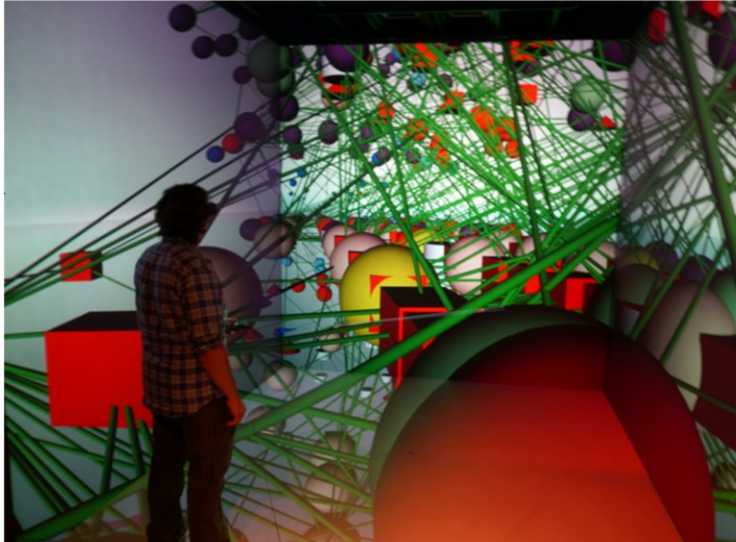


# Network Visualization

Semantics:

FMA, CT

Ontologies



Narratives in the Network

- Novel graph mining techniques
- Applied to Cell Signalling

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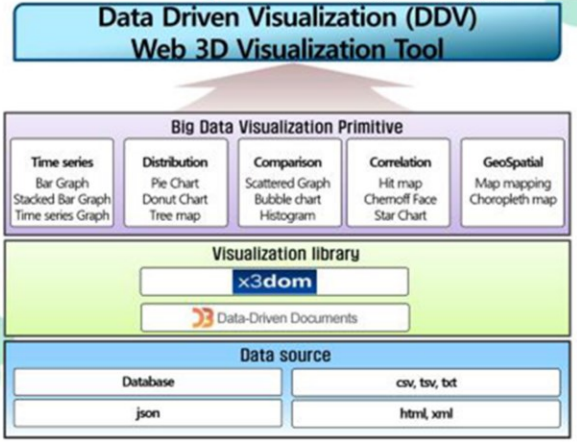
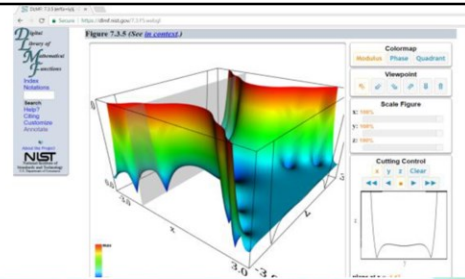
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# Data-driven 3D Visualization

Analyzing high-dimensional data with X3D graphics (i.e. HL7 records)

- 3D Web plotting (Matlab, D3, X3DOM, X\_ITE)
- NIST's Digital Library of Mathematical Functions (DLMF) graphics
- Virginia Tech's Discovery Analytics: Semantic Interaction

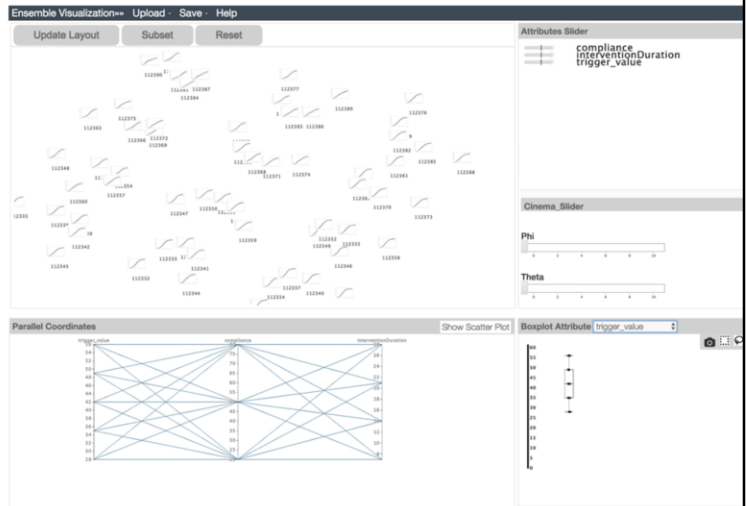


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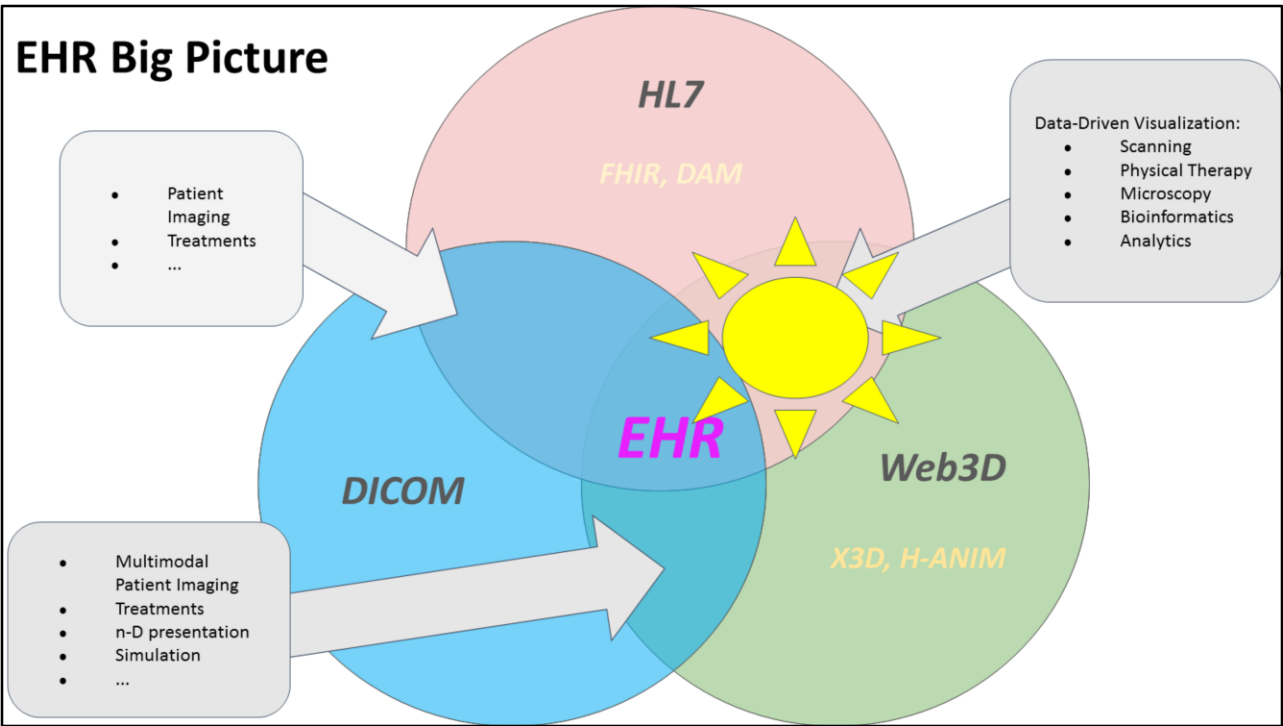
## Exploration and Discovery

Where *the human is the loop*:

- Users group records based on visual features, knowledge, and intuition
- Machine learns relevant parameter weights and re-projects records
- Linked panels and plots allow selection and statistical inquiry



# EHR Big Picture



## Path Forward

### ***X3D in HL7:***

- XML & JSON payloads of X3D content in FHIR
- DAM-specific integrations

### ***HL7 in X3D:***

- Metadata vocabularies & reference practice
- Using 3D Semantic Interaction to explore high-dimensional HL7 information



## Web3D & HL7 Opportunities

- **Reciprocal Liaison membership, Working Group communications, and joint strategies**
- **Project -based implementations that can solve health problems with the informatics of 3D**
- **Cross fertilize communities:**
  - **Medical/HL7 track at the Web3D VR Hackathon**
  - **Web3D track at the HL7 Connectathon**
  - **Web3D Annual Conference, AMIA, RSNA, ...**

## Human Opportunities

- Synergy is real and makes a difference...
- Common languages, practice, and translations are required
- Each new turn of the ratchet takes us further
- Join the efforts!

It's easier than building Giza or

living under the Tower of Babylon!



Thank You!

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