



**"Connected"  
Visual Computing**

**Context  
Awareness**

**Sensing**

**Bridging  
the Real World  
with the Digital**



# Intel's Connected Visual Computing Research



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# Agenda

- Introduction to CVC
- The Requirements of CVC
- Intel's CVC Research Agenda
- Summary and Q&A

# Internet Trends

You Tube

myspace®  
a place for friends

facebook

Social Networking



User-generated Content



Broadband Connectivity



Mobile Computing

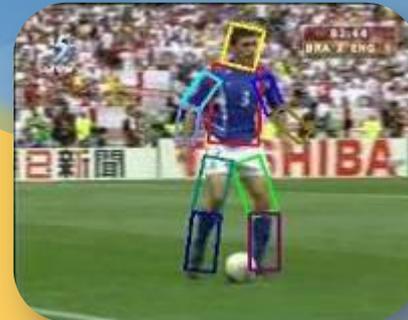


Visual Computing

# Visual Computing – 3D and more



Ray-traced Graphics



Video Search

***Look real  
Act real  
Feel real***



Expressive Faces



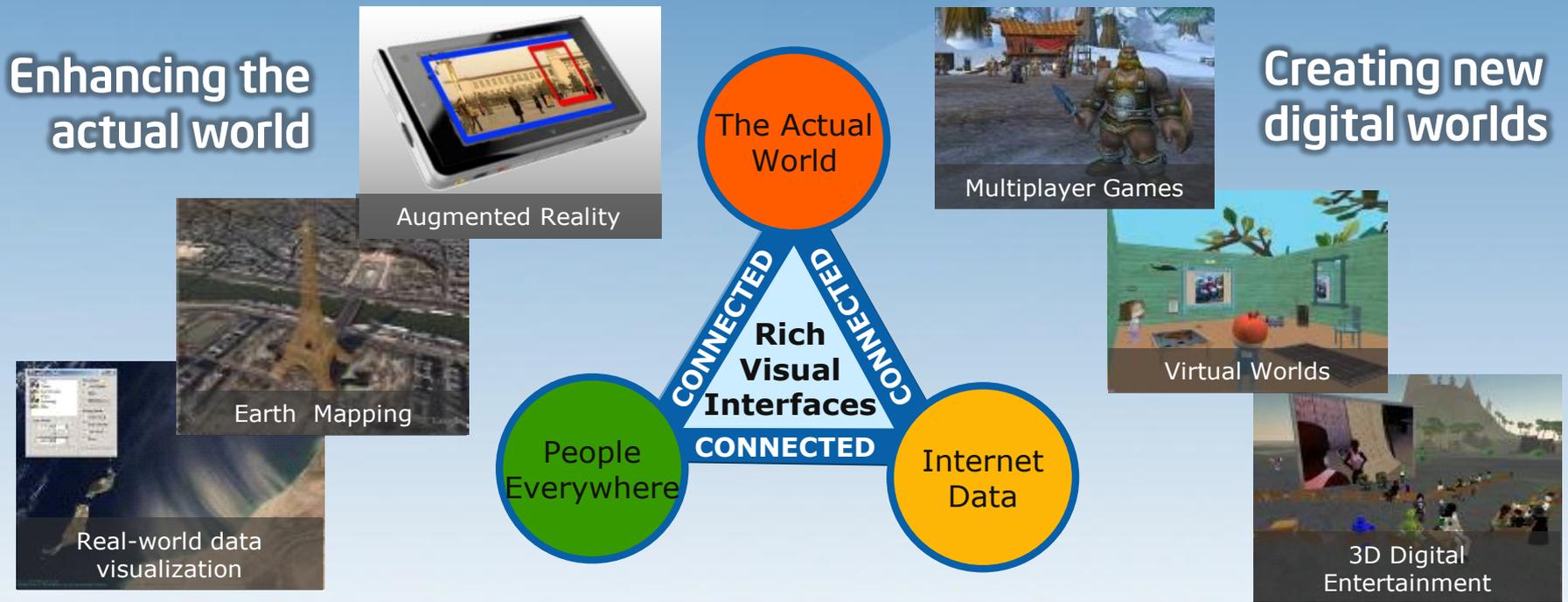
Physics-based Animation



Computer Vision

# Next: *Connected Visual Computing*

Bringing the richness of VC to **connected** usage models such as social networking, collaboration, online gaming, & online retail.



# Virtual Worlds Growing

Habo



90M

Neopets



45M

IMVU



20M

Second Life



14M

BarbieGirls



13M

Webkinz



5M

#of registered users (M); KZERO 6/08

## Virtual Worlds Facts:

- >\$1B invested in 2007
- Over 2,000 VWs today
- VW's merging w/ popular social networks
- >50% of users today are kids aged 4-12

- *Users in May 2007:*       **60M**
- *Users in June 2008:*   **303M**
- *Expected in 10yrs:*     **1 Billion**

# Augmented Reality Evolving

- Combines real world information with data overlays.

## Location Information



## Identification & Hyperlinking



## Virtual Instruction



## Translation



- *Mobile Augmented Reality (MAR)* particularly compelling



**Today**

**Map  
Hybrids**

**2010**

**Visual  
Search**

**2012**

**Text  
Overlays**

**2014**

**2D/3D Visual  
Overlays**

# Introduction to CVC

**A compelling set of *connected* visual computing usage models are growing rapidly in the market**

*Next: The Requirements of CVC*

# Meeting the Challenges of CVC

## Platform Optimization

- Server, client demands
- Network performance

## Distributed Computing

- Scaling
- Client diversity

## Visual Content

- Interoperability
- User creation

## Mobile Experience

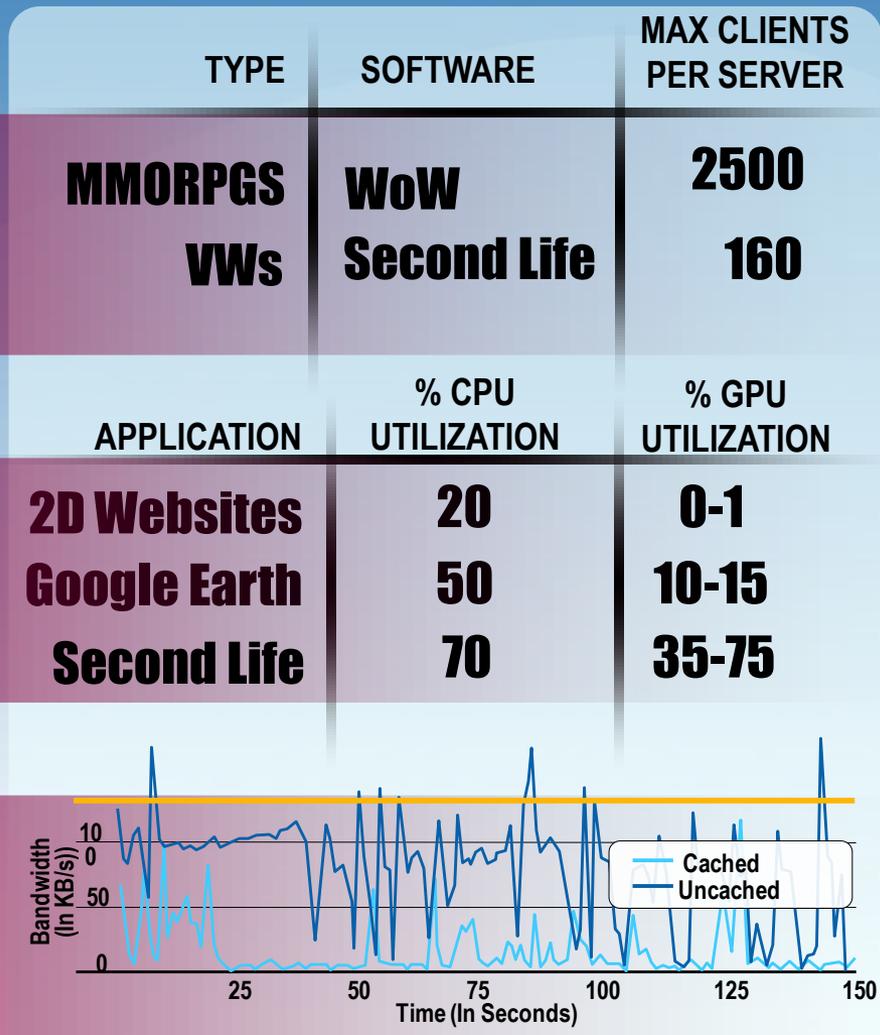
- Better connectivity, BW
- Sensor integration

# Platform Performance Demands

**SERVERS: 10x More Work**  
 75%+ Time = Compute Intensive Work

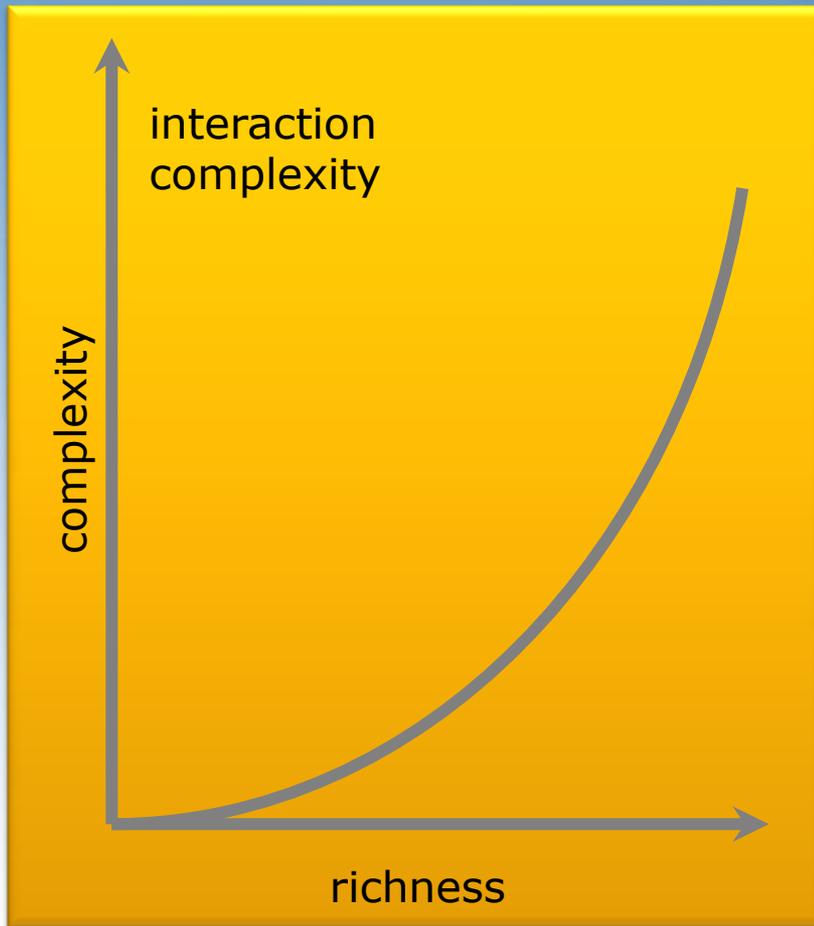
**CLIENTS: 3x CPU, 20x GPU**  
 65%+ Time = Compute Intensive Work

**NETWORK: 100x Bandwidth**  
 Maximum Bandwidth Limited by  
 Server to Client



Sources: WoW data (source [www.warcraftrealms.com](http://www.warcraftrealms.com)), Second Life data (source CTO-CTO meeting and [www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com)), and Intel measurements.

# Rich Interaction vs. Complexity



- Interactions
  - Growing # of users
- Scene complexity
  - Growing # of objects
- Realism
  - Better object behavior

# Distributed Computing

## Visual Computing Clients



## CVC Environment

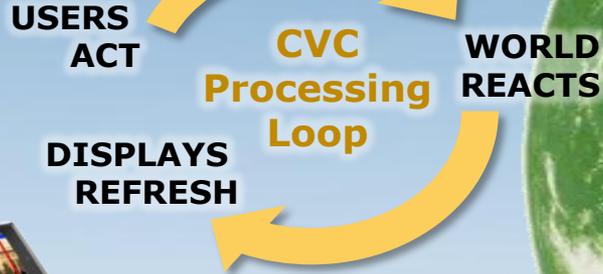


Other CVC Environments



**Global**  
User Services,  
Agents, Data

**Regional**  
Simulation,  
Data assets, and  
Services



Sensors



"Light"  
Clients



Rendering & Reasoning  
Services Cloud

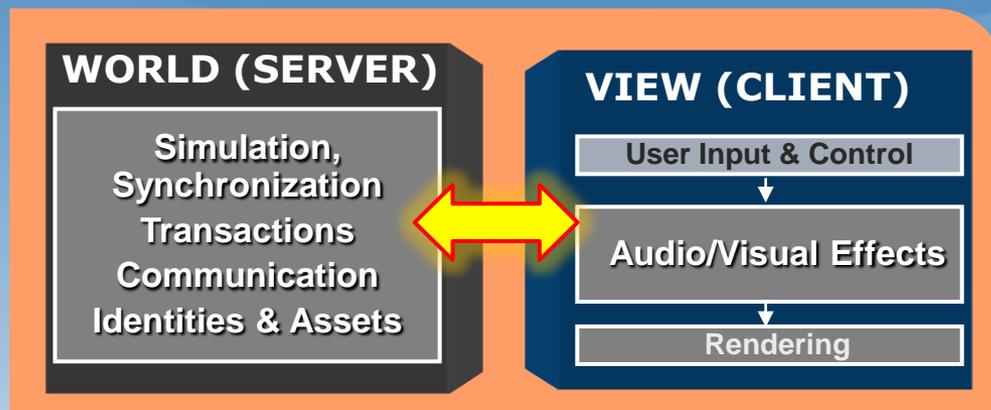


DATA PIPES:   
Potential Bottlenecks

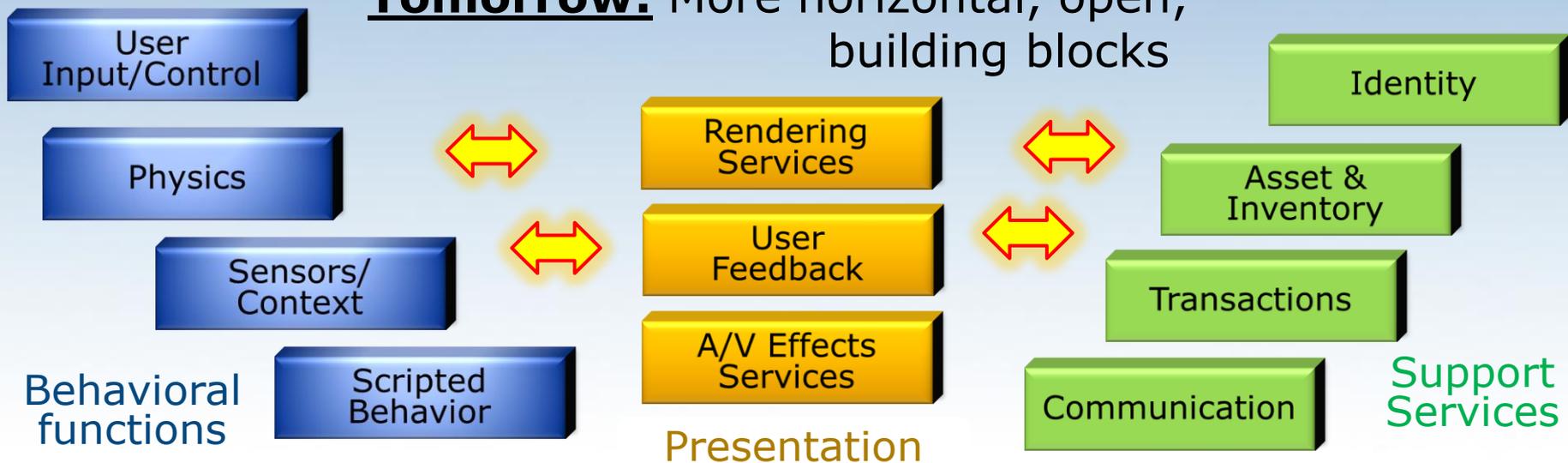
# From Monolithic to Building Blocks

## Today:

Vertical  
proprietary,  
CVC apps

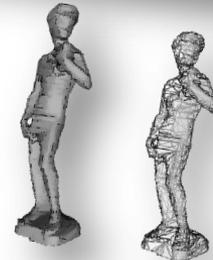
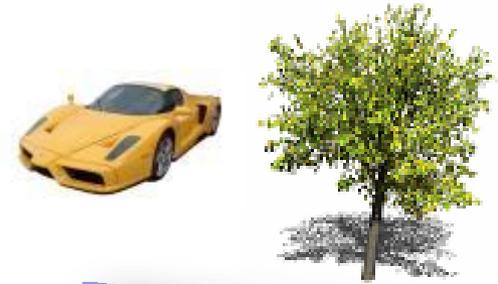


## Tomorrow: More horizontal, open, building blocks



# Visual Content

- **Easy User-Generation**
  - Professional → End-user
- **Interoperability**
  - Own, share “my” content
- **Scalable Delivery**
  - Pre-distribution →  
Just in time distribution, caching



# The Requirements of CVC

**Bringing high quality, scalable CVC experiences to the mainstream will require broad innovation**

*Next: Intel's Research Agenda*

# Intel's CVC Research Agenda

## CHALLENGE

## NEW RESEARCH

### Platform Optimization

- Workload Characterization
- Understanding platform demands
- Optimizations for future platforms

### Distributed Computation

- Scalable system, app architectures
- Dynamic repartitioning of workloads
- Execution on diverse clients

### Visual Content

- Parameterized Content
- Easy User-generated 3D Content
- Standards enabling content reuse

### Mobile Experience

- Data-enhanced real world interaction
- Mirror-world creation and navigation

# Simplifying Content Creation

## Parameterized Content Research

3D Face Database



Create a Face Model



Simple Control Parameters

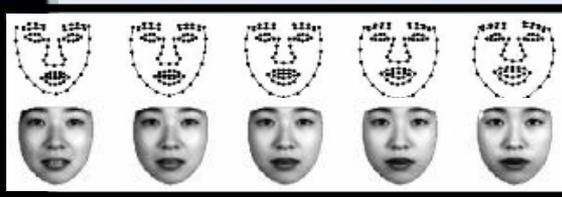
**FULLNESS**  
Full  Narrow

**FLATNESS**  
Flat  Round

**SHAPE**  
Square  Triangle

**CHIN**  
Sharp  Round

Customized Faces



Expression Modeling

# Improving Mobile Experiences

## *Synopsis-Based Reasoning*

### Mobile Augmented Reality



Relevant data,  
Pre-processed



Feedback

### Reasoning Centers

- Learning
- Inference
- Planning

In addition to graphics, image and sensor processing will be distributed to overcome compute limitations

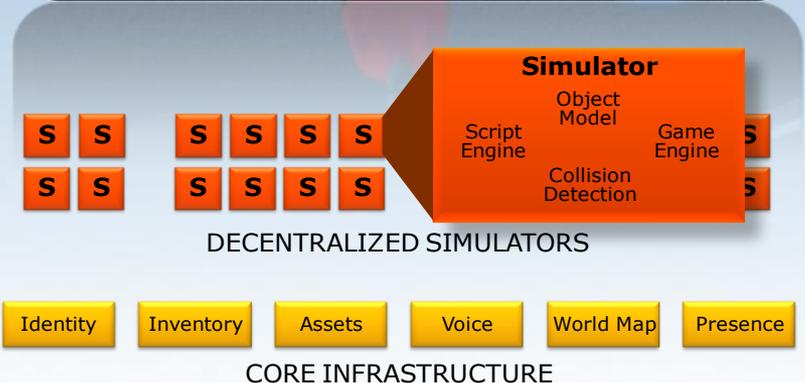
# Engaging the CVC Community

## Example: OpenSim

- Open platform for creating, deploying 3D environments
- Diverse Dev Community
  - Virtual World Service Providers
  - Intel™, IBM™, Microsoft™,



*Working with industry players to explore innovations in distributed system scaling & interoperability*



**HIGHLY MODULAR ARCHITECTURE**

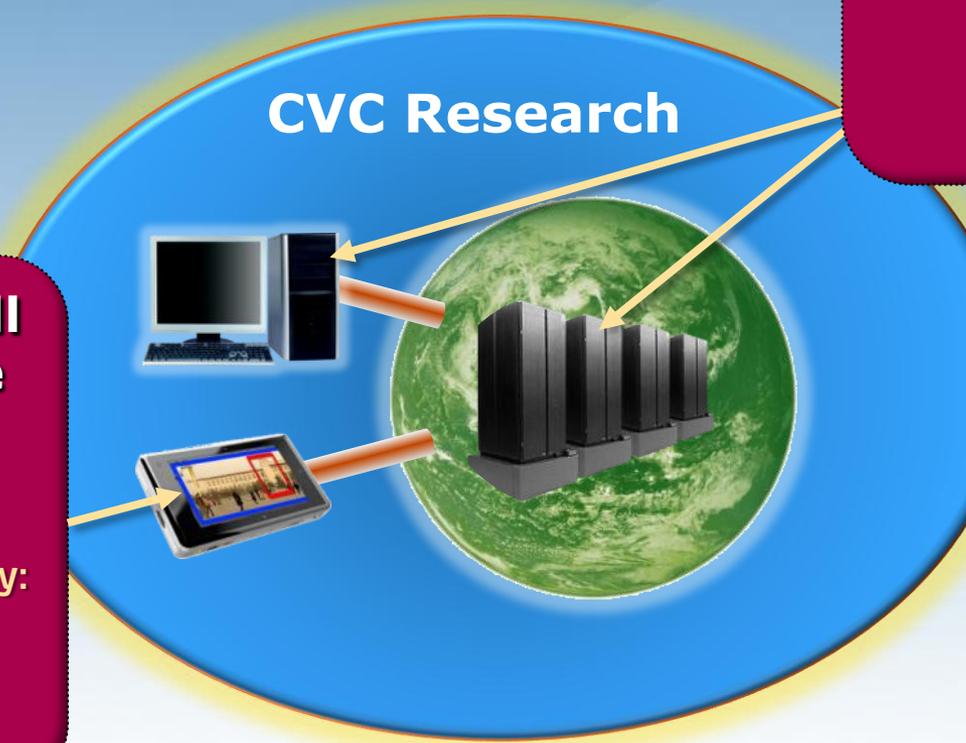
# Research Synergy

Our CVC R&D vision will tie together some familiar Intel research initiatives

**Carry Small  
Live Large**

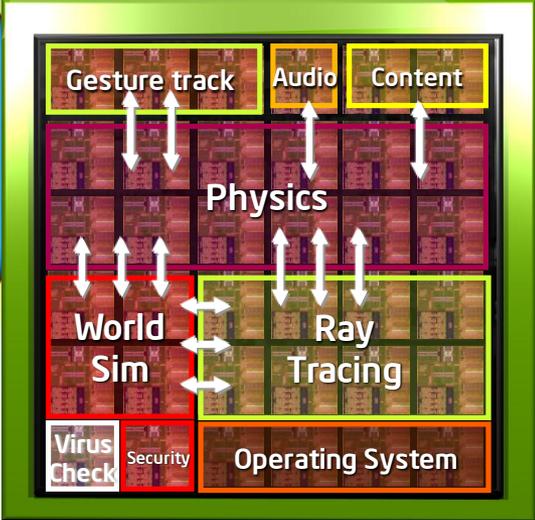


**Redefining Mobility:**  
More Powerful  
More Aware  
More Personal



**Tera-scale**

**Scaling Performance:**  
80-core Prototype  
Ct Programming  
Ray Tracing



**Conceptual Tera-Scale CVC Processor**

# Intel's CVC Research Agenda

**Intel is driving CVC innovation with new and existing research as well as external collaborations**

*Next: Summary and Q&A*

# Summary & Q&A

- CVC presents a host of technical challenges
- Intel researchers are driving CVC innovation by:
  - Optimizing platforms
  - Developing better distributed computing architectures
  - Inventing new technology for user-generated content
  - Enhancing the CVC mobile experience
- This research, together with industry and academic collaborations, will help enable a rich new world of experiences and interactions

