Pyro

Anatomy of a Pyro dopnet



source object and render object



Combustion Process



Diagram from Peter Quint's H12 Pyro part 1

Equivalents in Houdini



Additional Burn (calculated each step)



The Main Variables

- · Fuel : what you burn
- Temperature : influences whether the fuel will ignite, and how fast your smoke and flames will rise
- Burn : a temporary field representing the process of converting fuel into smoke and flames
- Density : smoke, but you also need to have it to render flames correctly
- Heat : your flames
- Divergence : whether your smoke and flames expand outwards

The Combustion Process

Where temperature>ignition Set burn = fuel * burnrate Generate new smoke by burn*sootrate Set heat = to the maximum of heat, burn Increase divergence by burn * gas_release * burn_influence Increase temperature by burn * heatoutput * temp_burn_influence Reduce fuel by burn * (1 - fuelinnefficiency)

- Smoke (=density) depends on Fuel, Burn Rate, Smoke Amount
- Flames (=heat) depends on Fuel, Burn Rate
- Temperature (and therefore how fast things rise) depends on

Fuel, Burn Rate, Flame Contribution, Burn Contribution

 Expansion (=divergence) depends on Fuel, Burn Rate, Gas Released

Simulation Tab – Buoyancy Lift



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Combustion tab – Burn Rate



Combustion tab – Temperature Output



Combustion tab – Gas Released



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Combustion tab/Flames – Flame Height

Flame height .5 versus 3.5 pyrosolver/Combustion/Flames (finer control)



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Combustion tab / Smoke - Heat Cutoff

Heat Cutoff .8 versus .2 pyrosolver/Combustion/Smoke (finer control) = higher values, more smoke



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Shape tab (effect velocity) – Dissipation (evaporates smoke)

pyrosolver / Shape / Dissipation .9 versus .1



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pyrosolver / Shape / Disturbance .4 versus none final details appear on the edge of flame/smoke (division size on pyro node is .05 instead of .2 to see the details)



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Shape tab (effect velocity) – Shredding (adds detailed noise)

pyrosolver / Shape / Shredding .6 versus none



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more controls – but you get the idea ...

Let's talk about the shader ... there are videos about the shader on the forums

Most importantly – you can use the openGL display to adjust your shader and then write that data into the shader.

If you have the Multi field displayed – you can use the tab controls for both

- Smoke (diffuse component) which uses density and color controls
- Emission (fire) which uses heat (the extent of the glow) with the color controls as well

On the pyro shader in the shop under the Utils tab

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