



The Antikythera Mechanism

Data Visualization
Using Virtual Reality







«Quodsi in Scythiam aut in Britanniam sphaeram aliquis tulerit hanc quam nuper familiaris noster effecit Posidonius, cuius singulae conversiones idem efficiunt in sole et in luna et in quinque stellis errantibus quod efficitur in caelo singulis diebus et noctibus.»

«Nehmen wir an, ein Reisender bringt ein Räderwerk nach Skythien oder Britannien, wie es unser Freund Poseidonius gebaut hat, dessen einzelne Umdrehungen dasselbe mit der Sonne, dem Mond und den fünf Planeten vollführen, wie es jeden Tag und jede Nacht am Himmel geschieht.»



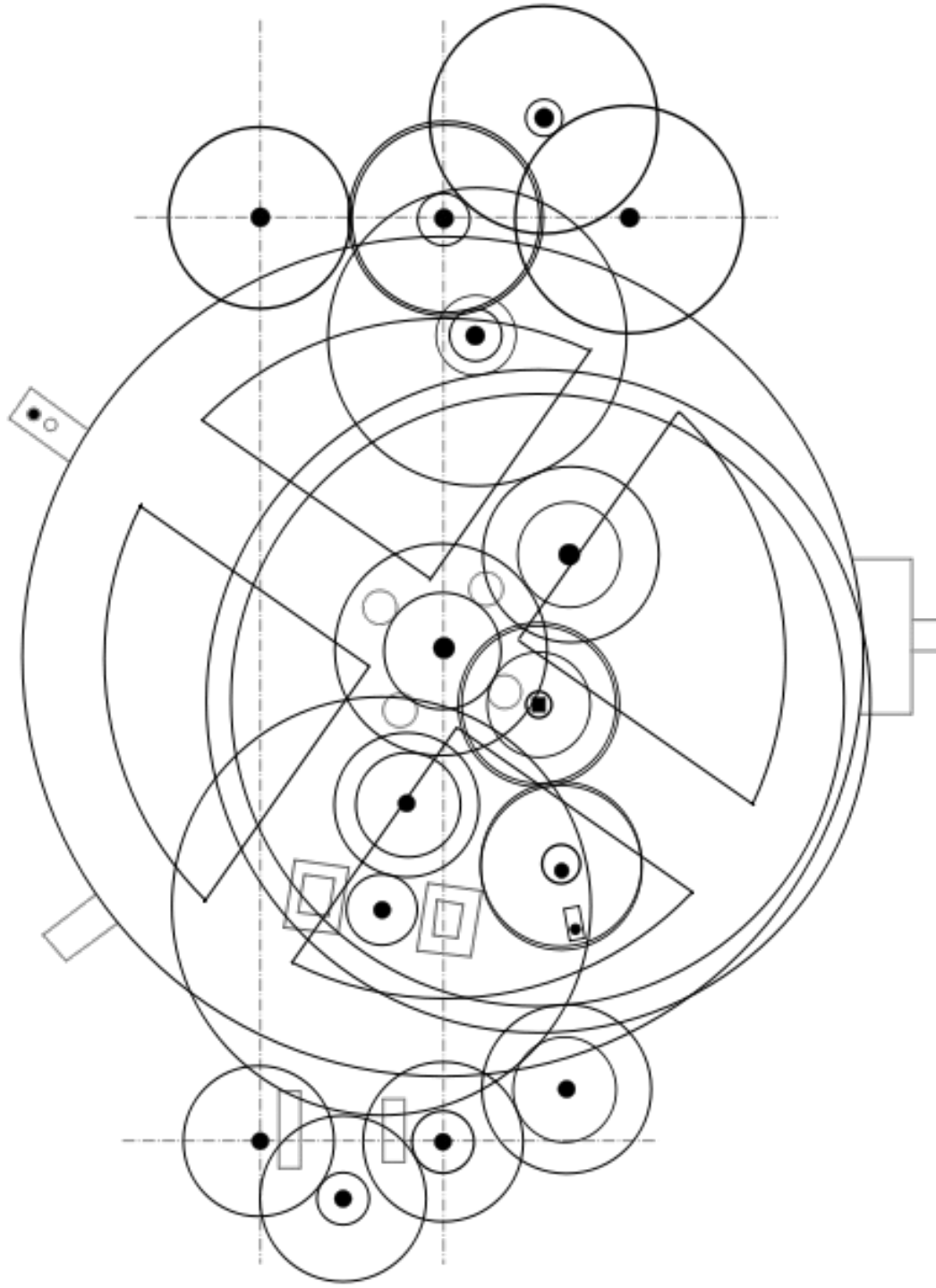




The image shows the Antikythera mechanism, an ancient Greek analog computer. It consists of a rectangular brass plate with two circular gear trains. The top gear train is larger and more complex, with multiple concentric rings of gears. The bottom gear train is smaller and simpler. A wooden pointer is attached to the top gear train, and another is attached to the bottom gear train. The mechanism is used to calculate the positions of the sun and moon, and to predict eclipses.

Kallippischer
Zyklus (76 J) | Panhellenische Spiele
Meton-Zyklus (19 J)

Uhrzeit
Sonnen- und
Mondfinsternisse



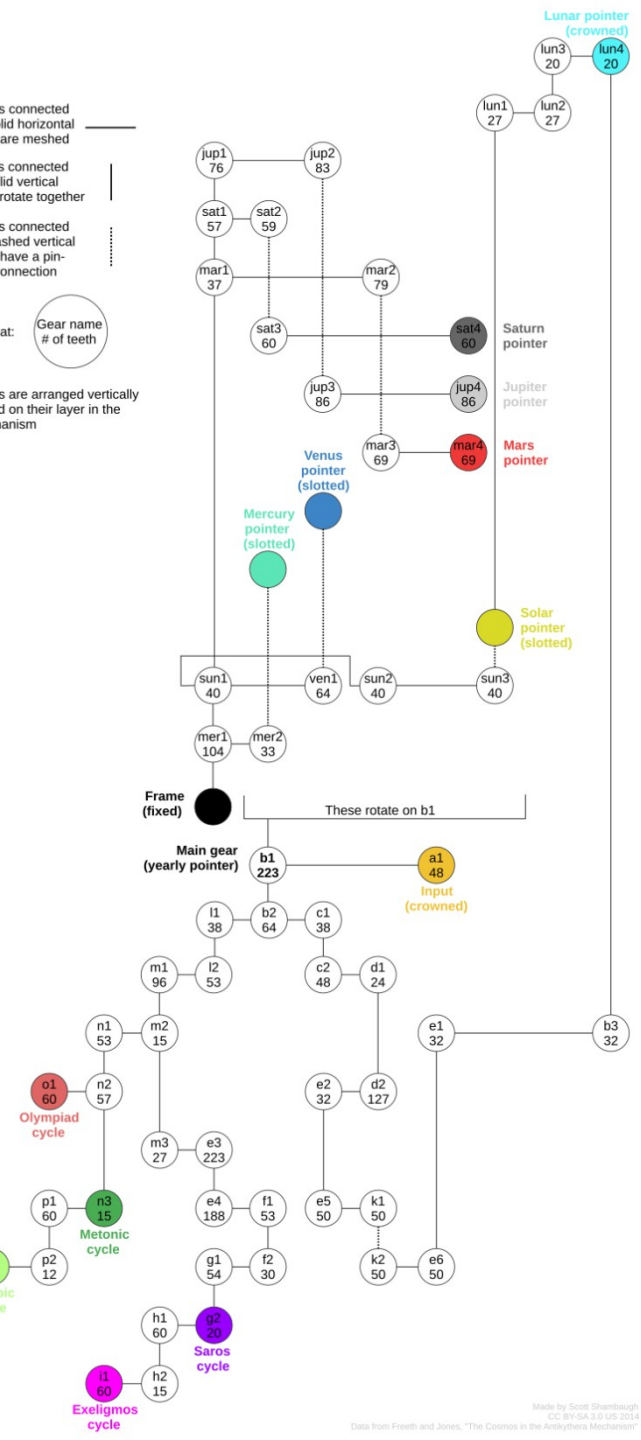
Gears connected
by solid horizontal
lines are meshed

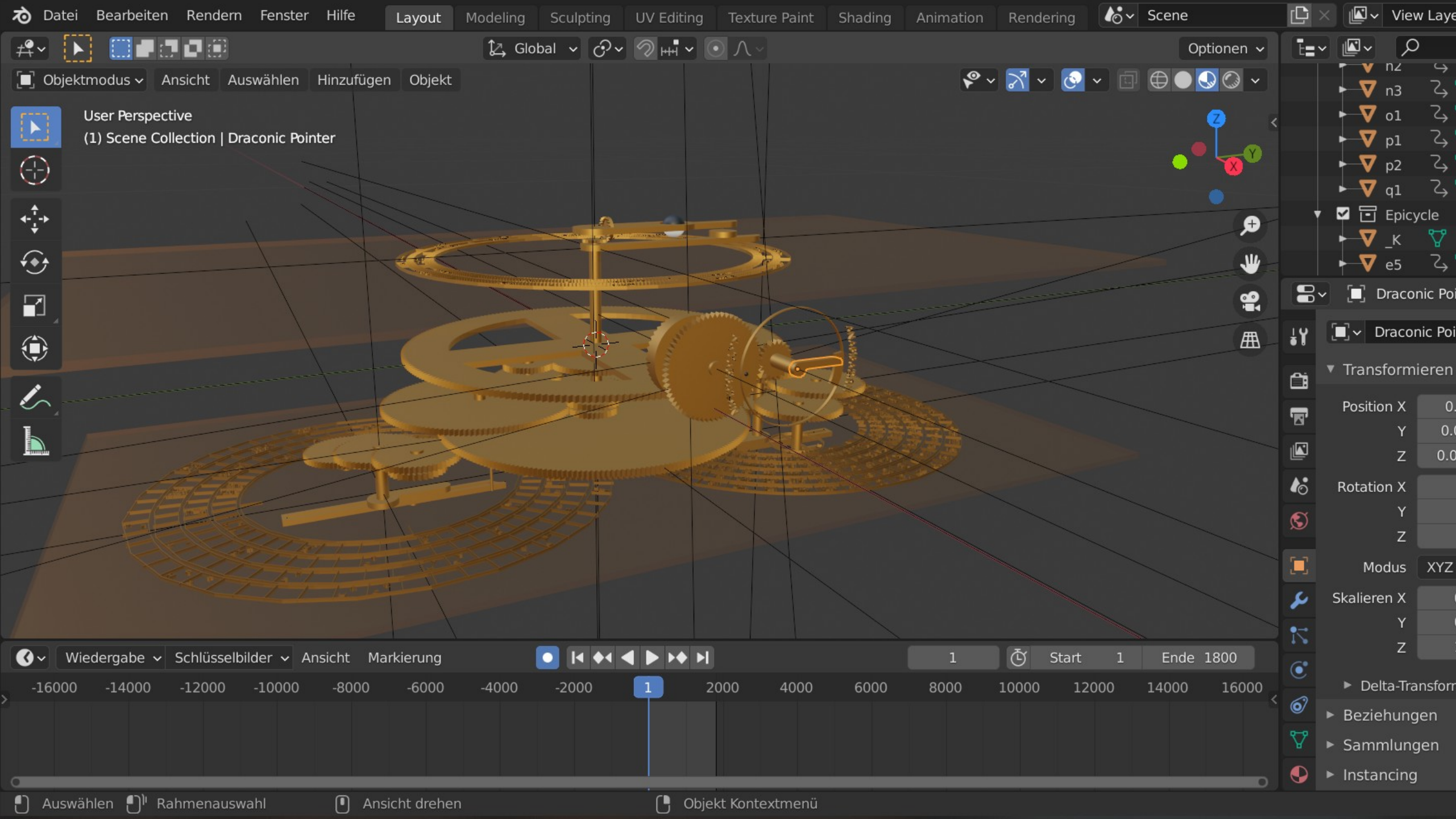
Gears connected
by solid vertical
lines rotate together

Gears connected
by dashed vertical
lines have a pin-
slot connection

Format: Gear name
of teeth

Gears are arranged vertically
based on their layer in the
mechanism





the
antikythera
mechanism



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