

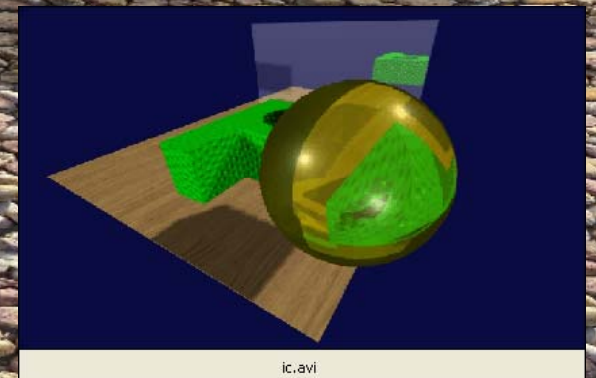
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# Introduction to Computer Graphics



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## Course Goals

- **Provide a background for papers, panels, and other courses**
- **Help appreciate the images you will see**
- **Get more from the vendor exhibits**
- **Provide pointers for further study**



## Specific Topics

- **The Graphics Process**
- **Graphics Hardware**
- **Modeling**
- **Rendering**
- **GPU Shaders**
- **Finding More Information**

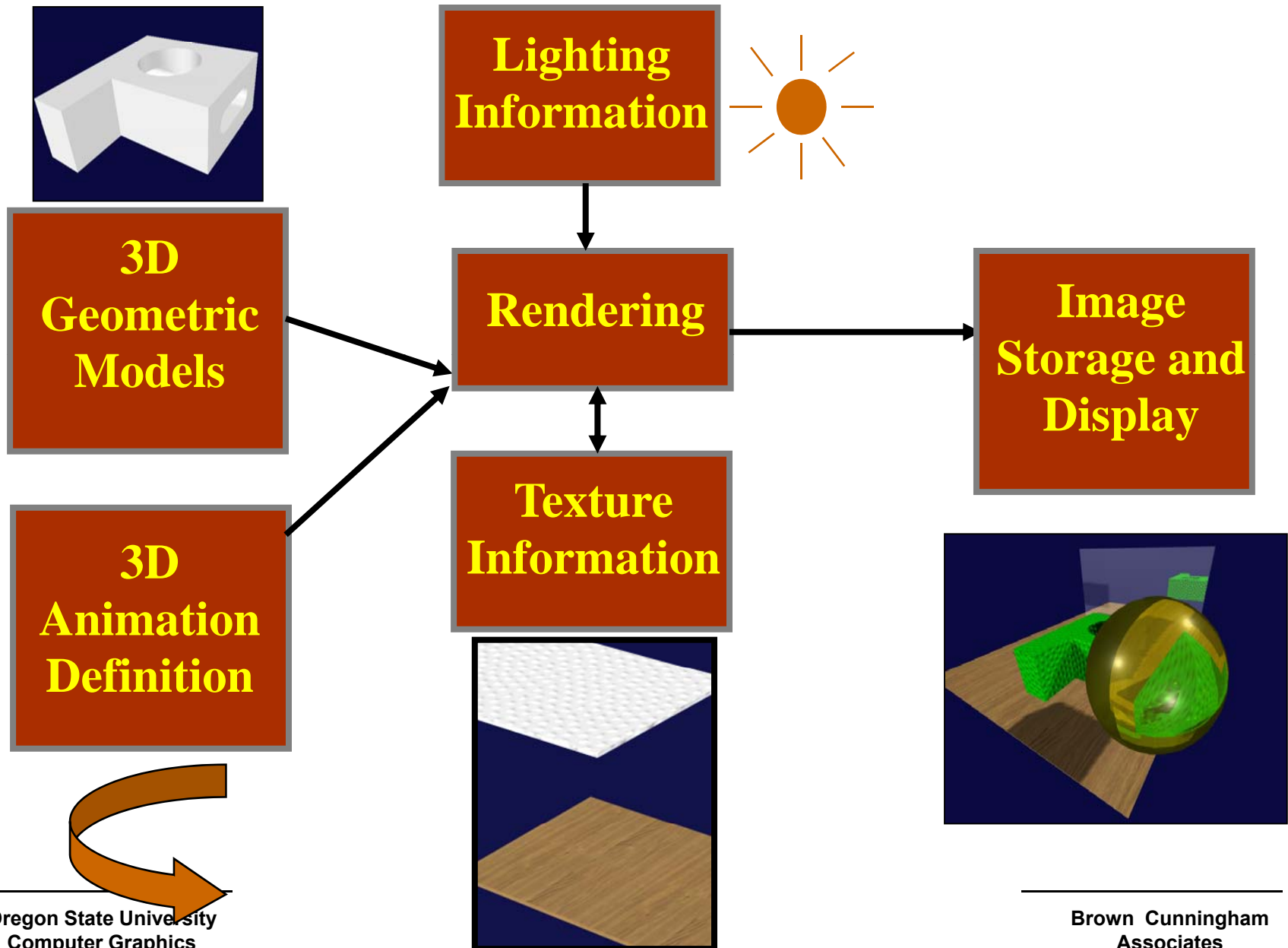


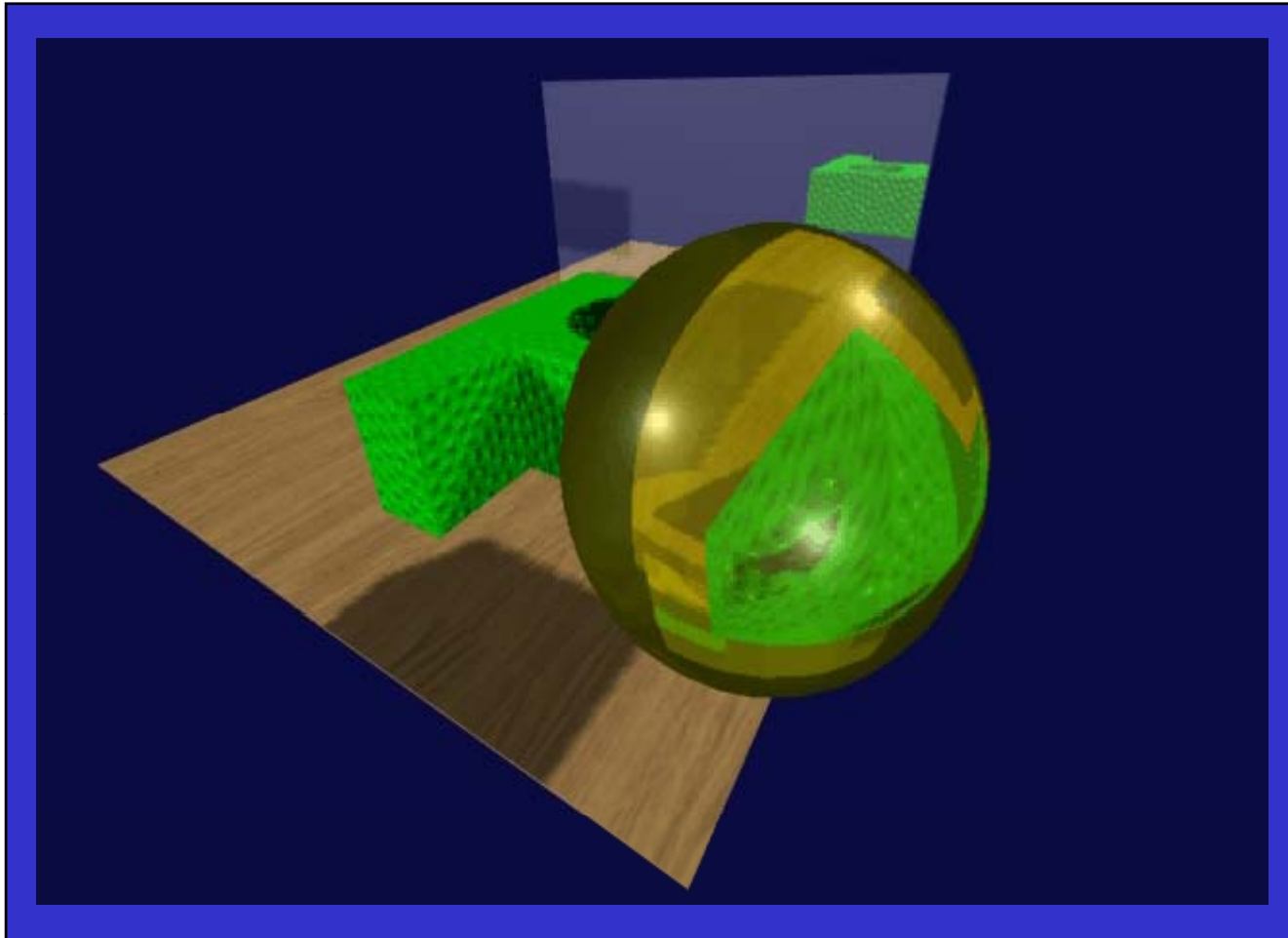


A 3D rendered scene featuring a rectangular wooden sign with a vertical grain texture. The sign is positioned on a ground surface made of small, multi-colored cobblestones. The background consists of a light blue sky and a tan-colored ground plane. The text 'The Graphics Process' is displayed on the front face of the sign in a stylized, 3D cyan font with a black outline. The word 'The' is smaller and positioned above 'Graphics', which is followed by 'Process' on the same line.

# The Graphics Process

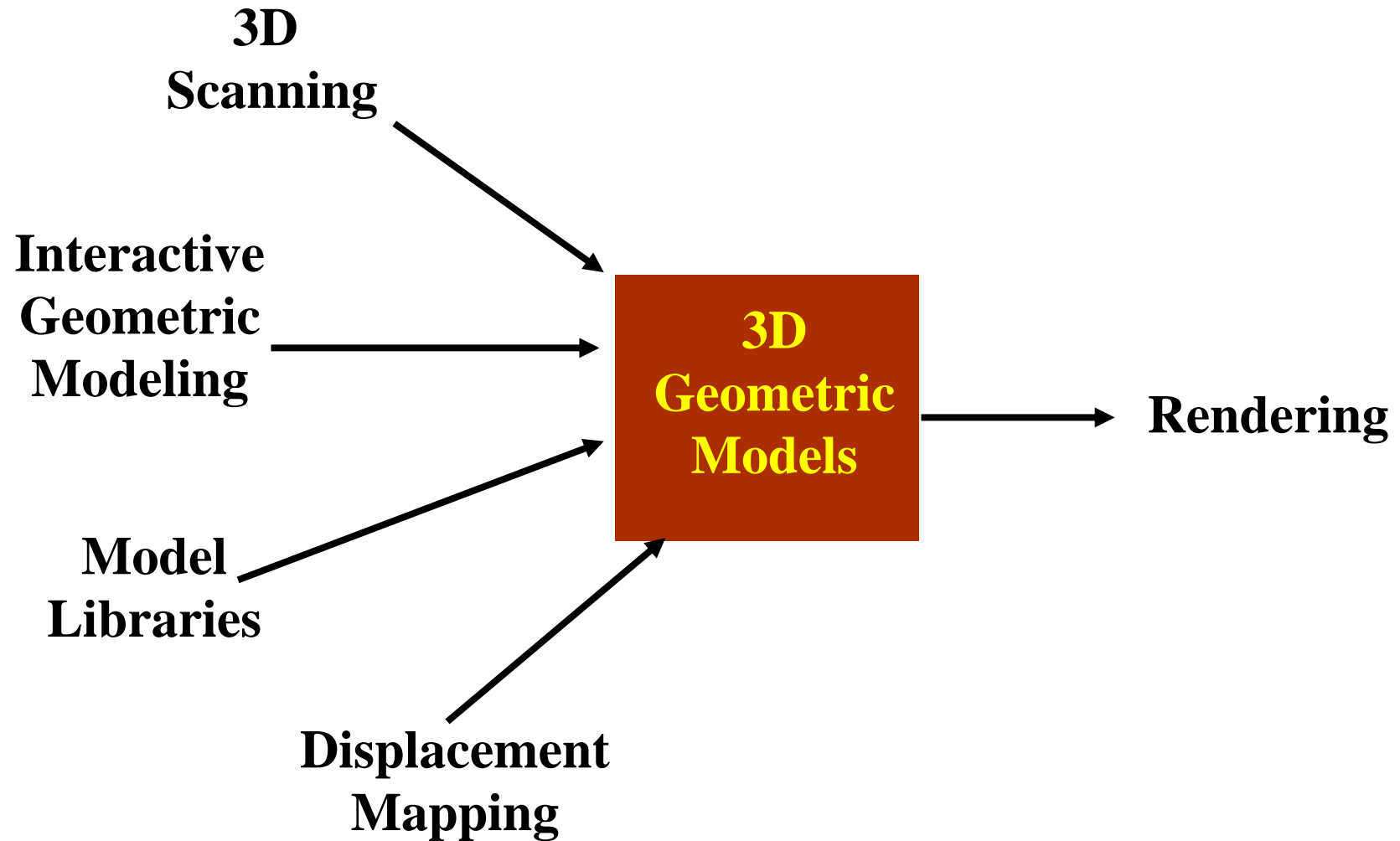
# The Graphics Process



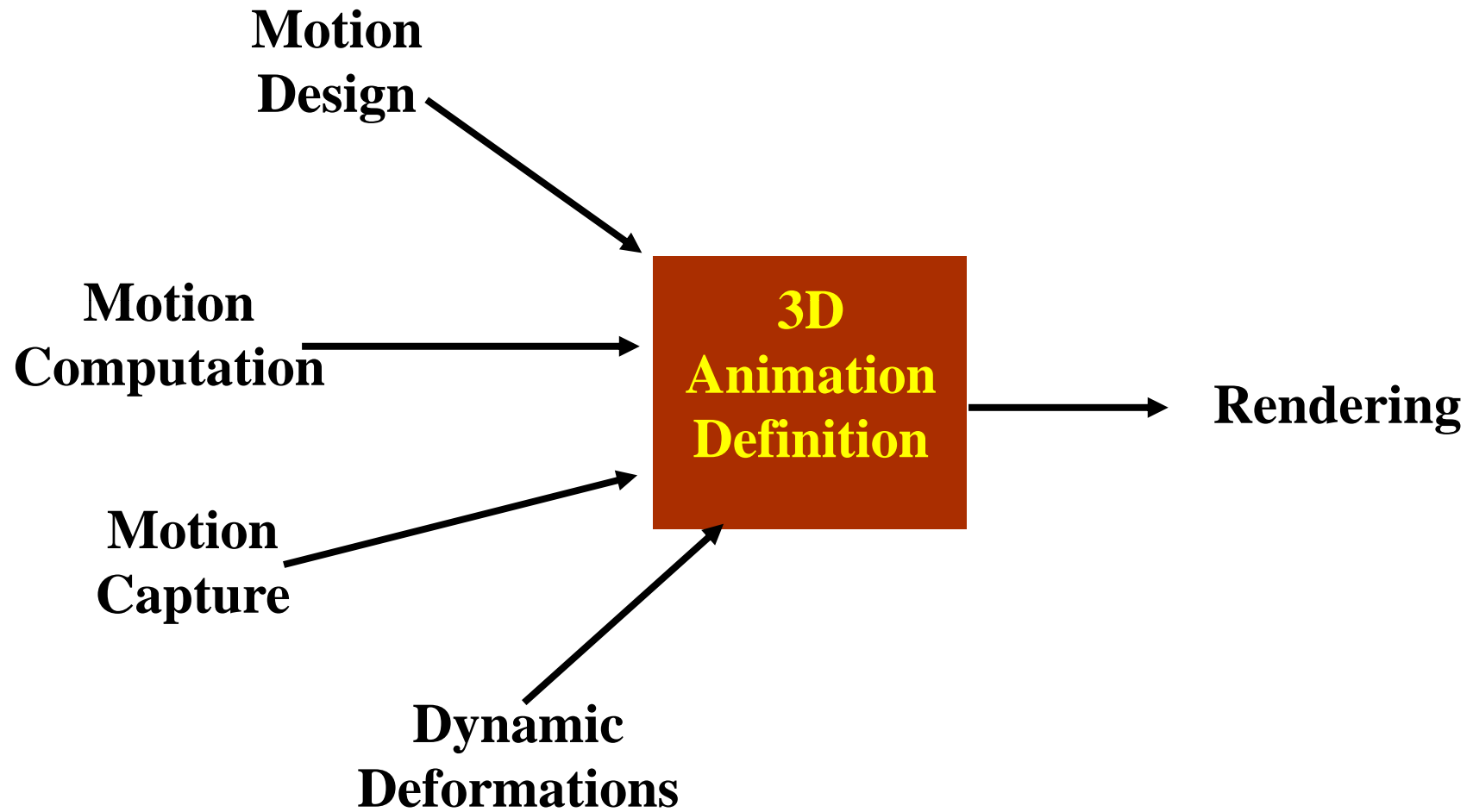




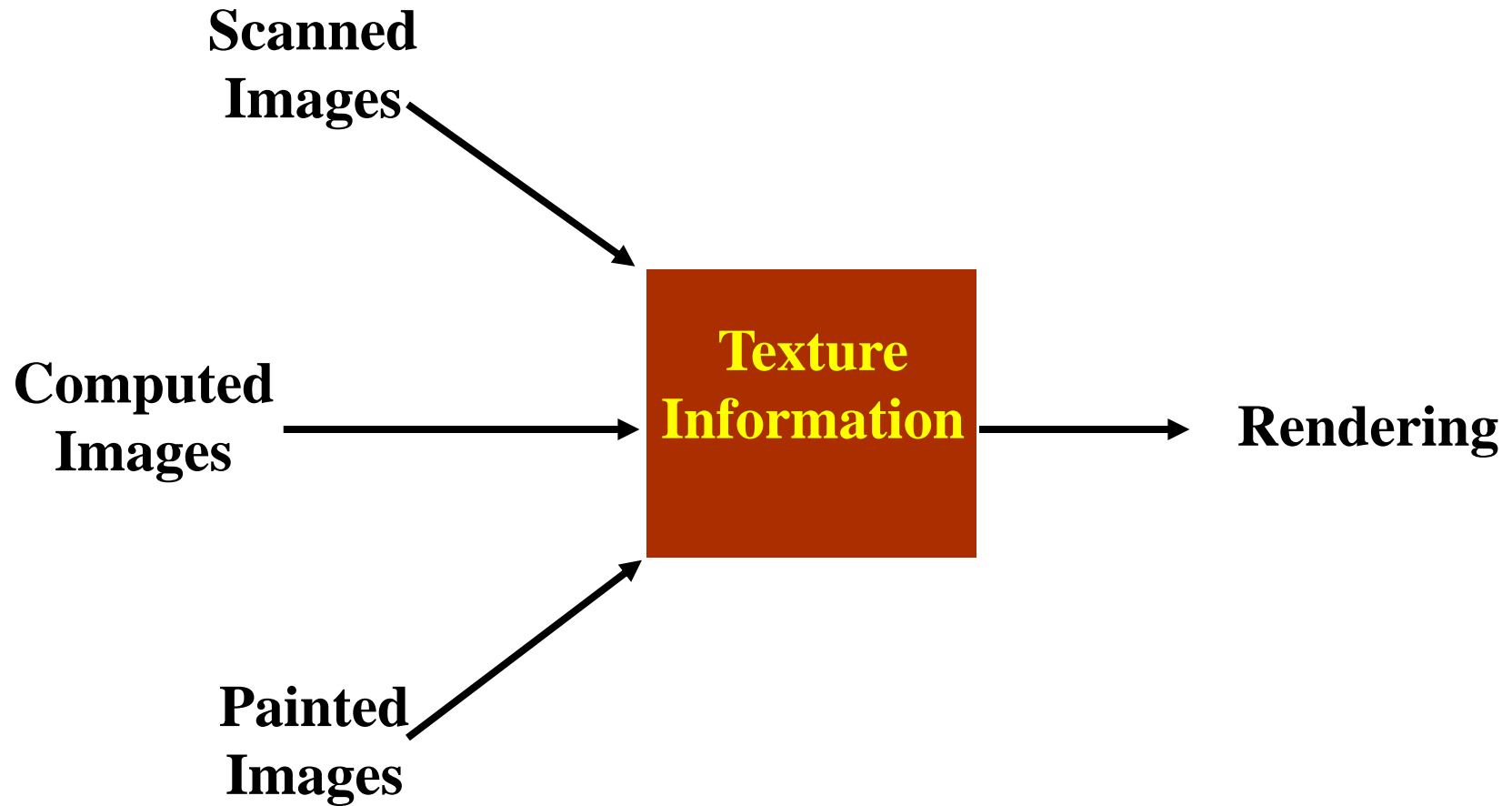
## The Graphics Process: Geometric Modeling



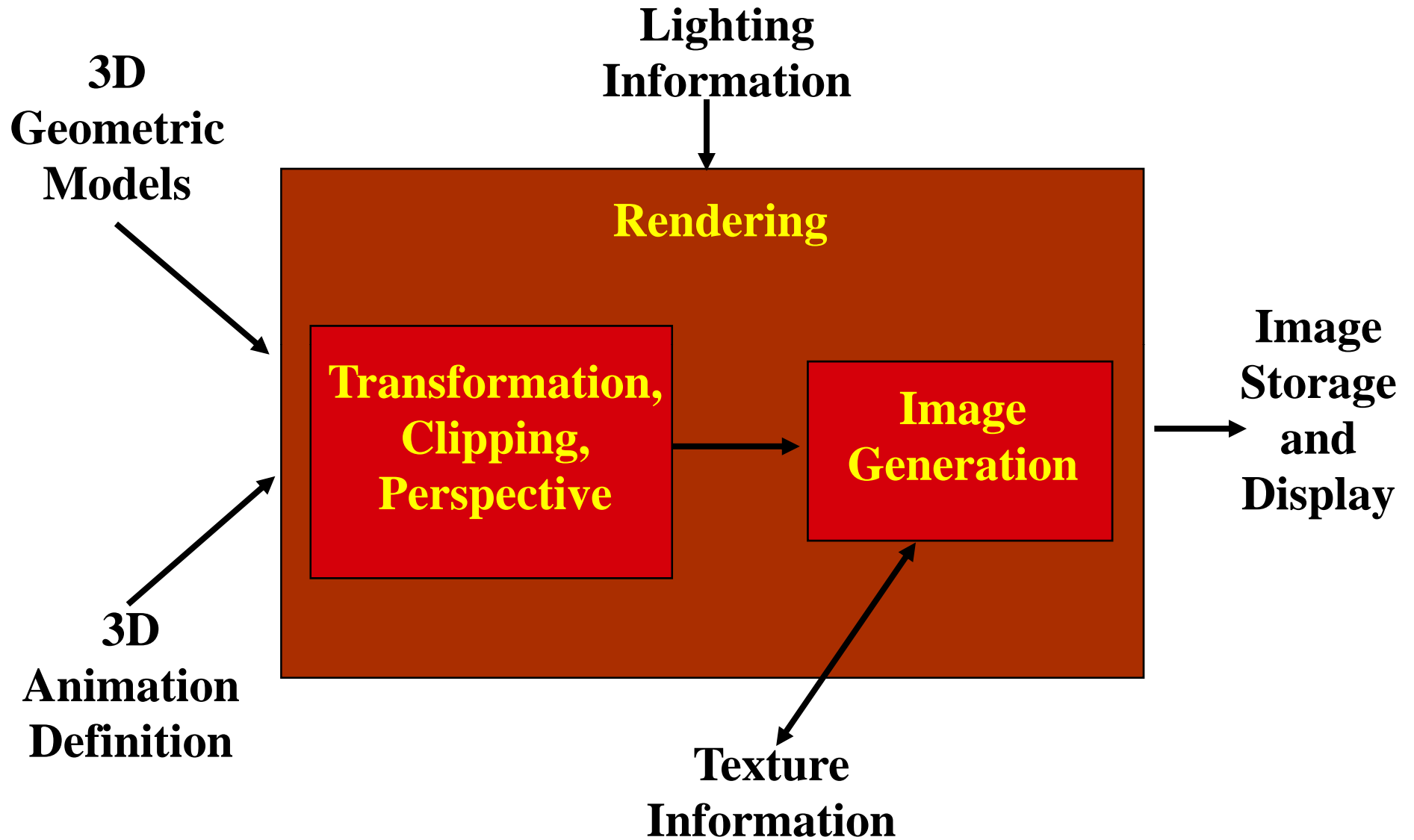
## The Graphics Process: 3D Animation



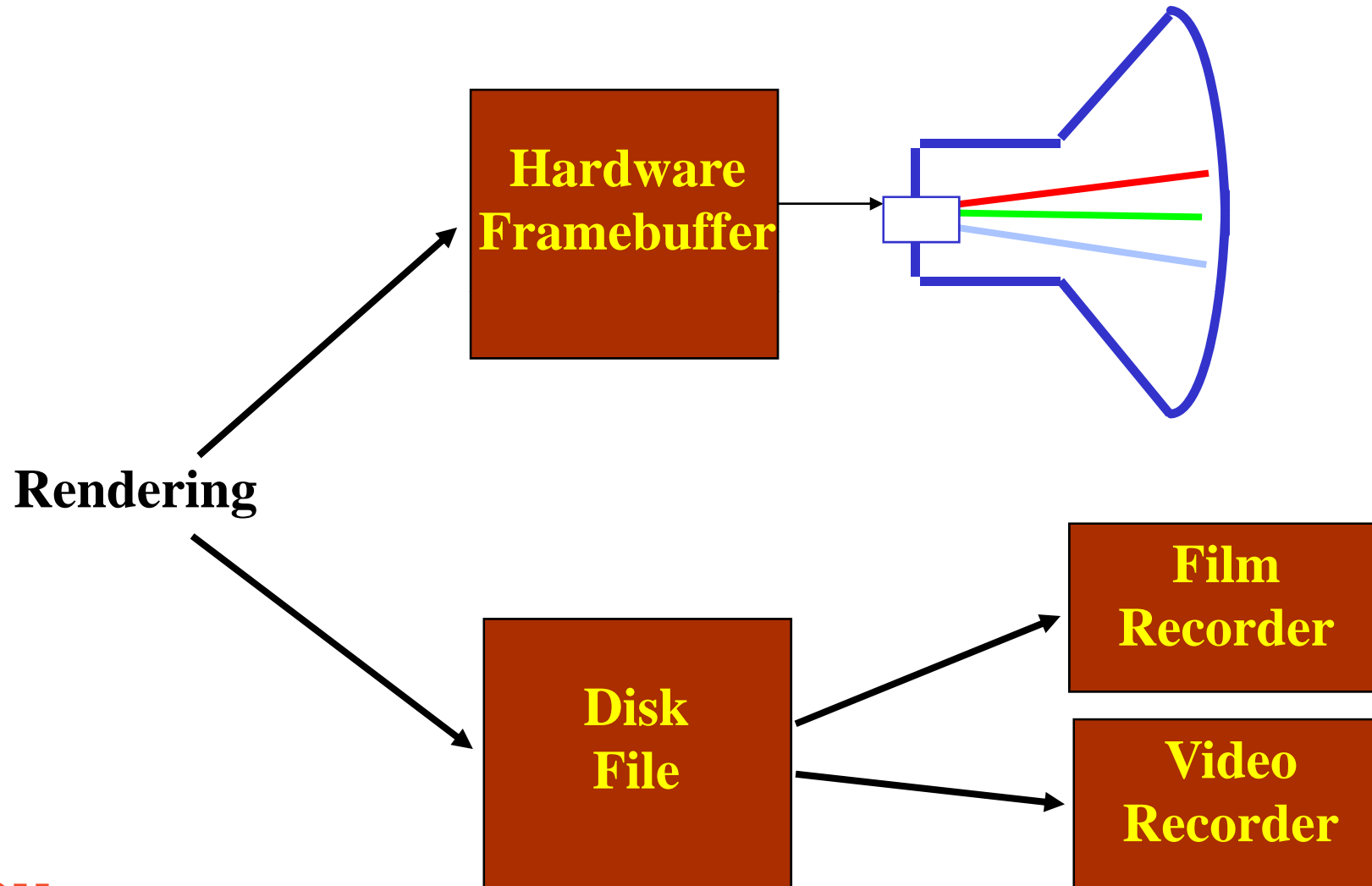
## The Graphics Process: Texturing



# The Graphics Process: Rendering

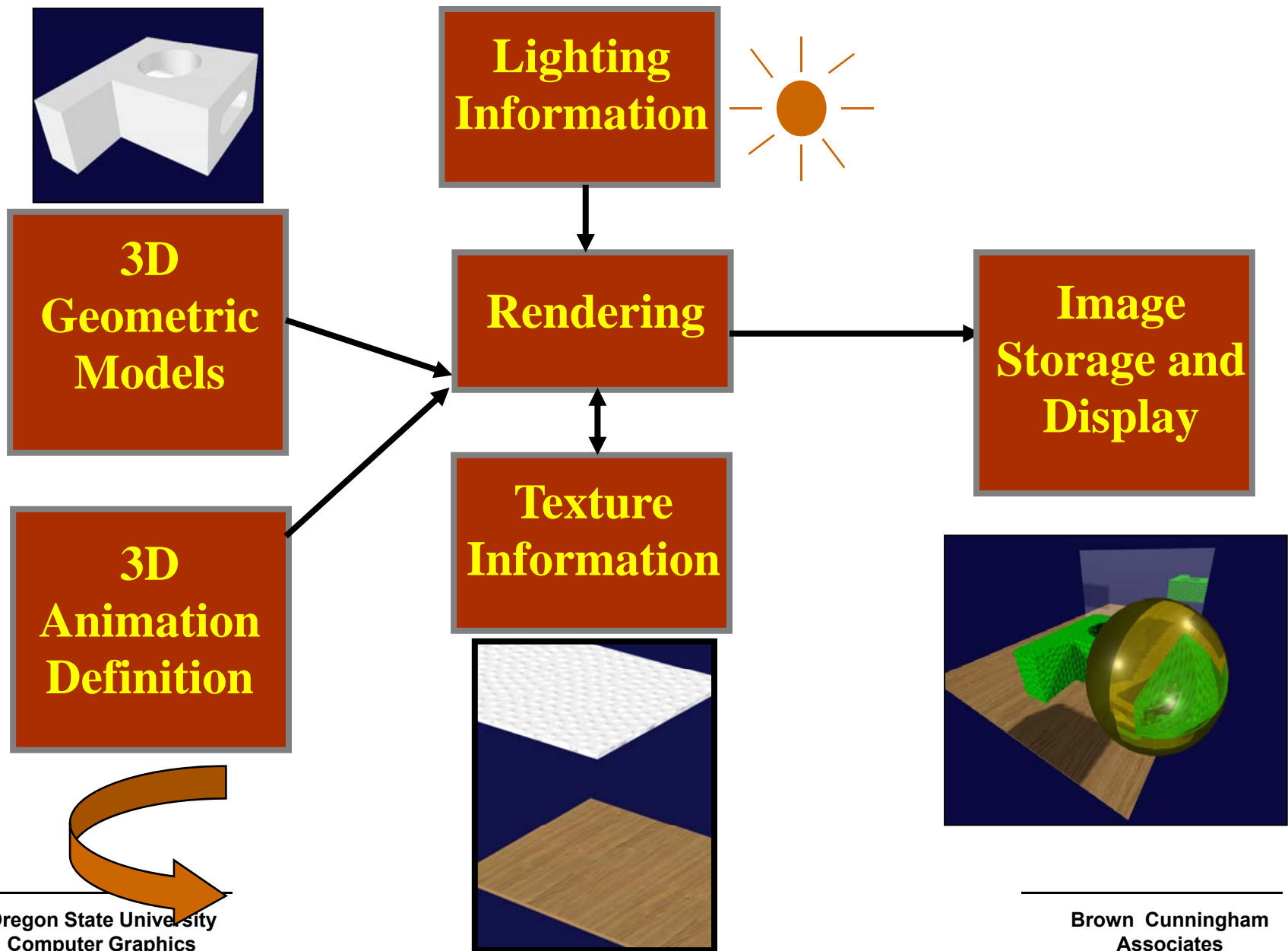


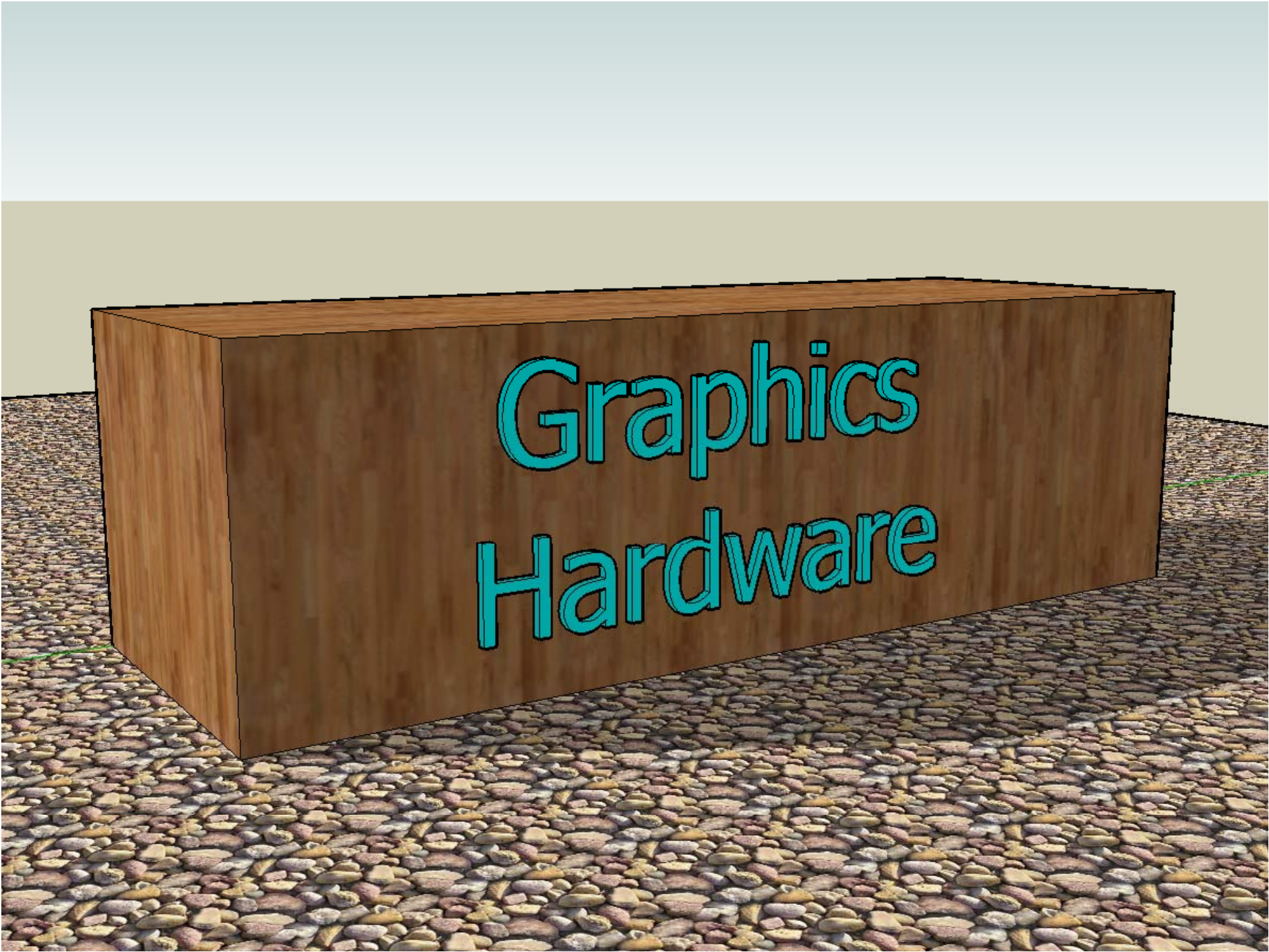
# The Graphics Process: Image Storage and Display





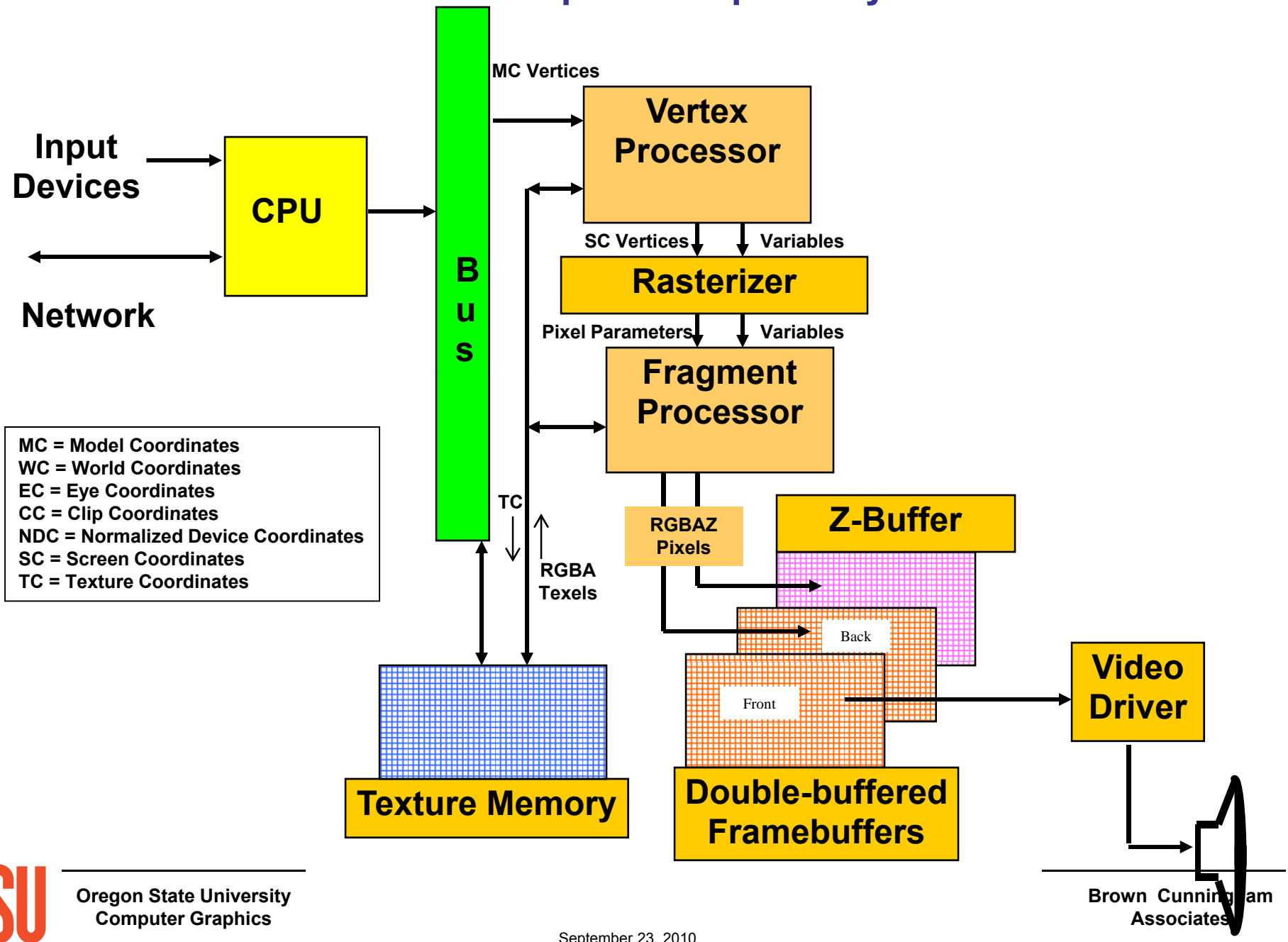
# The Graphics Process; Summary



A 3D rendered image of a rectangular wooden sign with a vertical grain texture. The sign is positioned on a ground surface made of small, multi-colored cobblestones. The background consists of a light blue sky above a tan-colored horizon line. The text 'Graphics Hardware' is displayed on the front face of the sign in a stylized, light blue font with a dark blue outline and a slight 3D effect.

# Graphics Hardware

# Generic Computer Graphics System

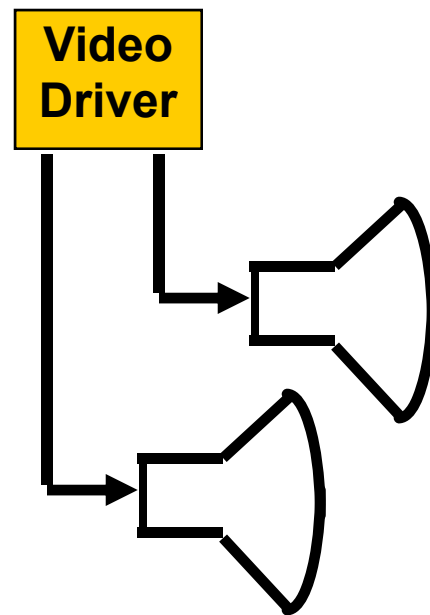


## The Human

- Acuity: 1 arc-minute for those with 20/20 vision
- Required ***refresh rate***: 40-80 refreshes/second
- Required ***update rate***: 15+ frames/second



# The Computer Graphics Monitor(s)

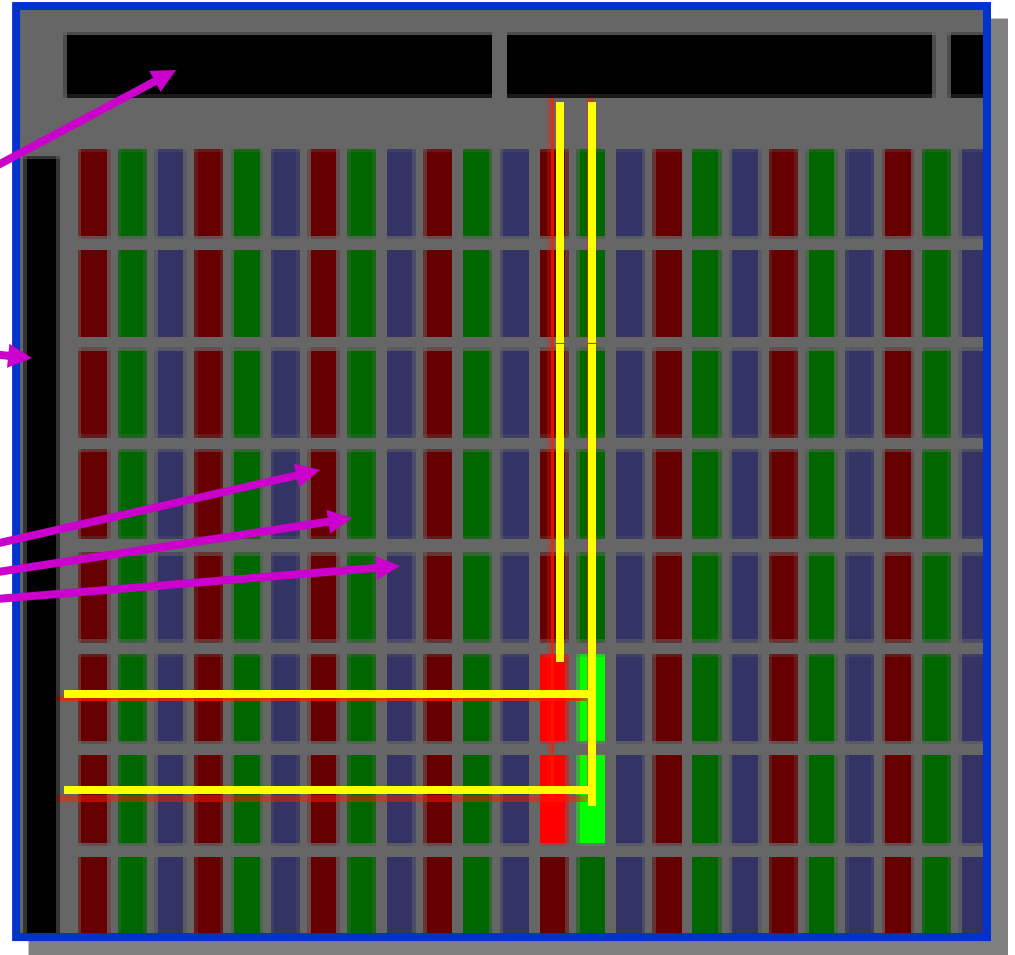




## Displaying Color on a Computer Graphics LCD Monitor

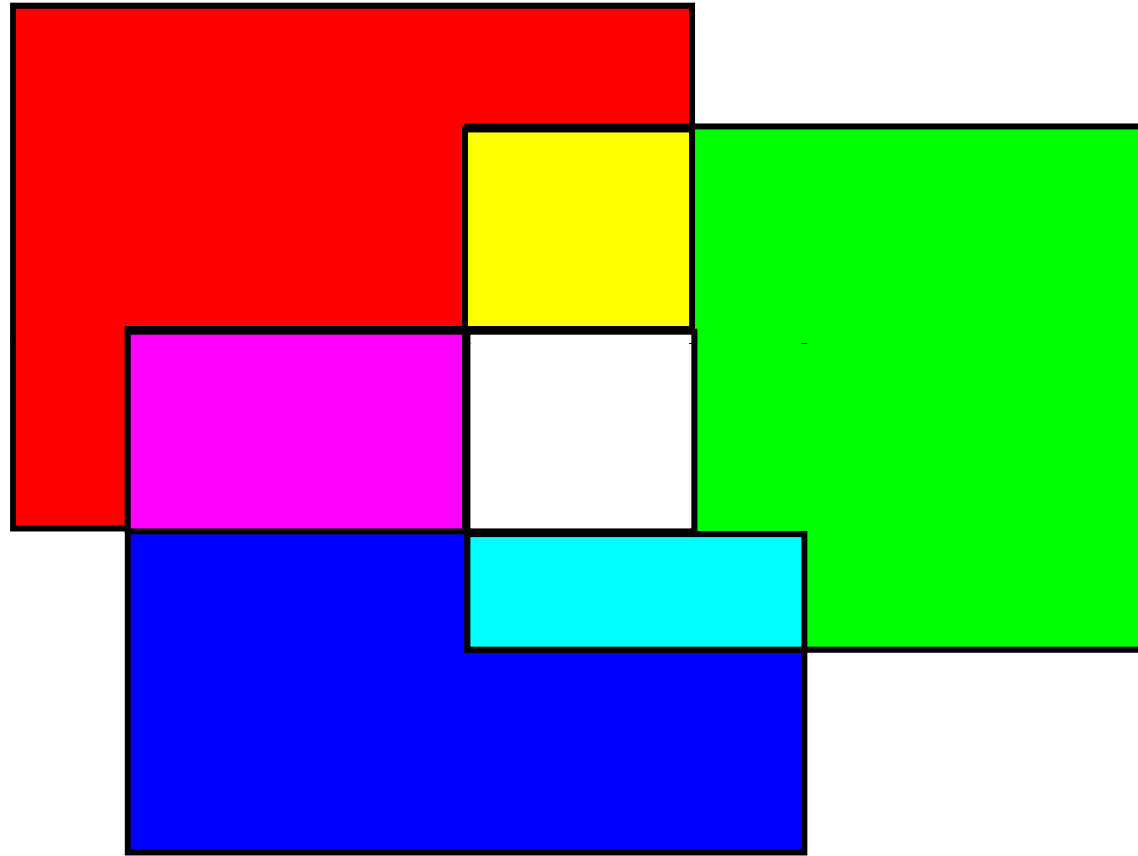
- Grid of electrodes

- Color filters



Source: <http://electronics.howstuffworks.com>

## Additive Color (RGB)

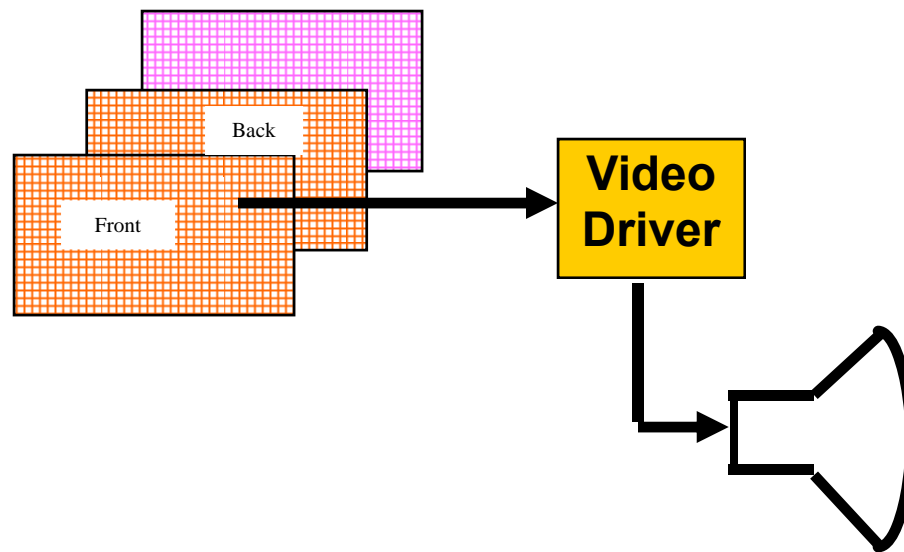


## Display Resolution

- ***Pixel*** resolutions (1024x768 - 1920x1152 are common)
- Screen size (13", 16", 19", 21" are common)
- Human acuity: 1 arc-minute is achieved by viewing a 19" monitor with 1280x1024 resolution from a distance of ~40 inches



# The Video Driver

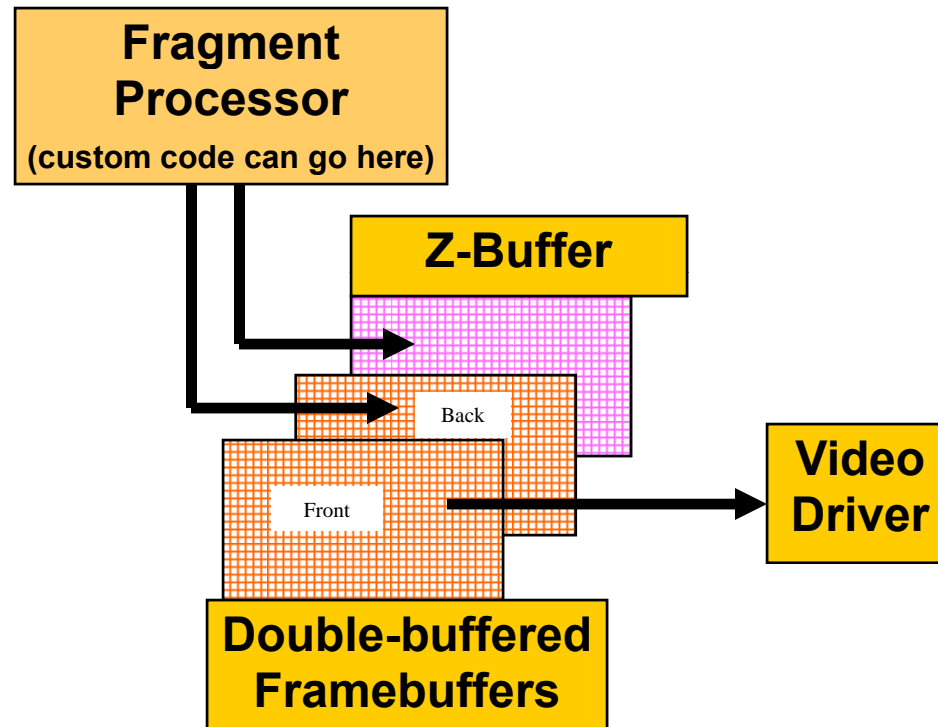


## The Video Driver

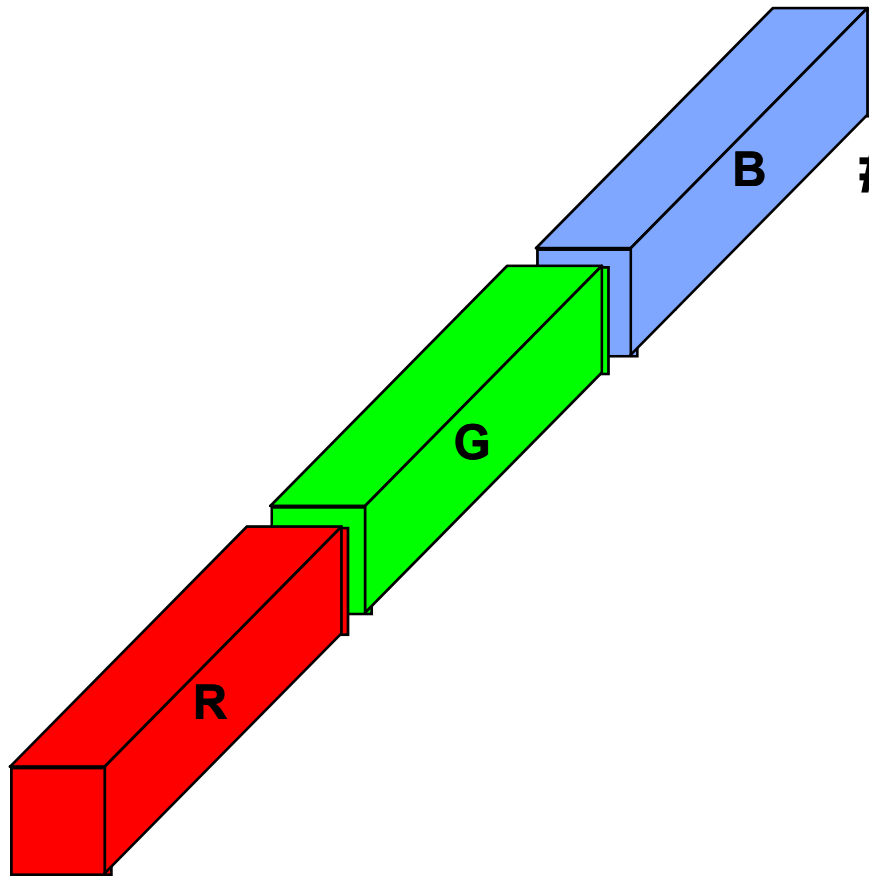
- N ***refreshes/second*** (N is usually between 40 and 80)
- Framebuffer contains the R,G,B that define the color at each pixel
- Cursor
  - Appearance is stored near the video driver  
in a “mini-framebuffer”
  - x,y is given by the CPU
- Video input



# The Framebuffer



## The Framebuffer: Integer Color Storage

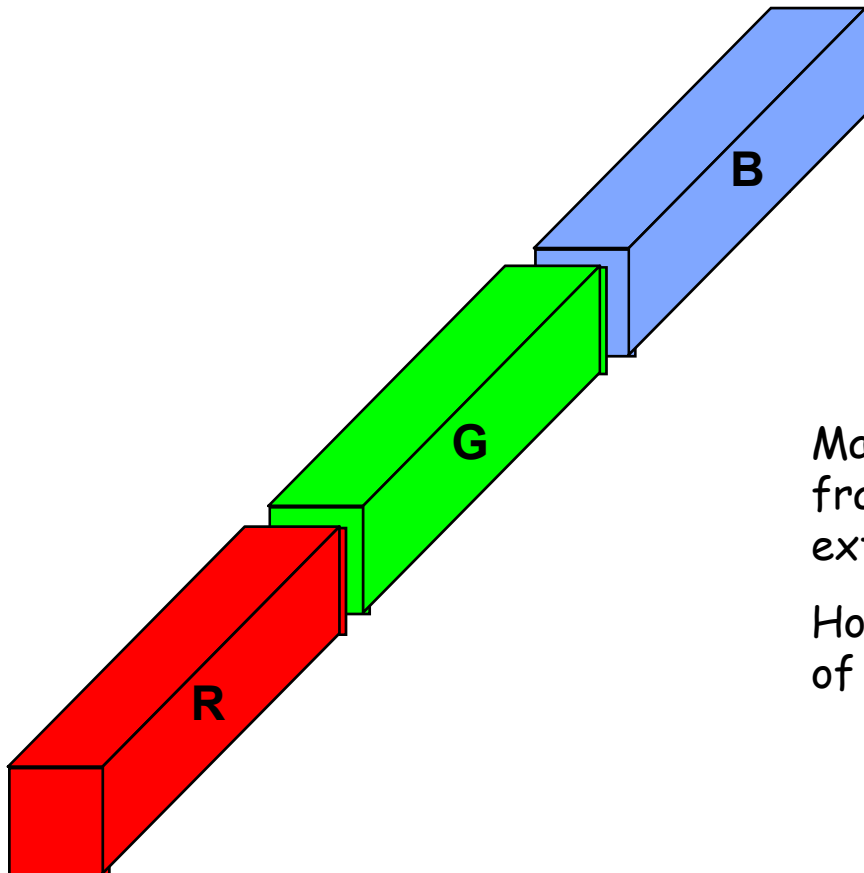


# Bits/color	# Shades per color
8	$2^8 = 256$
10	$2^{10} = 1024$

# Bits/pixel	Total colors:
24	$2^{24} = 16.7 \text{ M}$
30	$2^{30} = 1 \text{ B}$

## The Framebuffer: Floating Point Color Storage

- *16- or 32-bit floating point for each color component*



### Why so much?

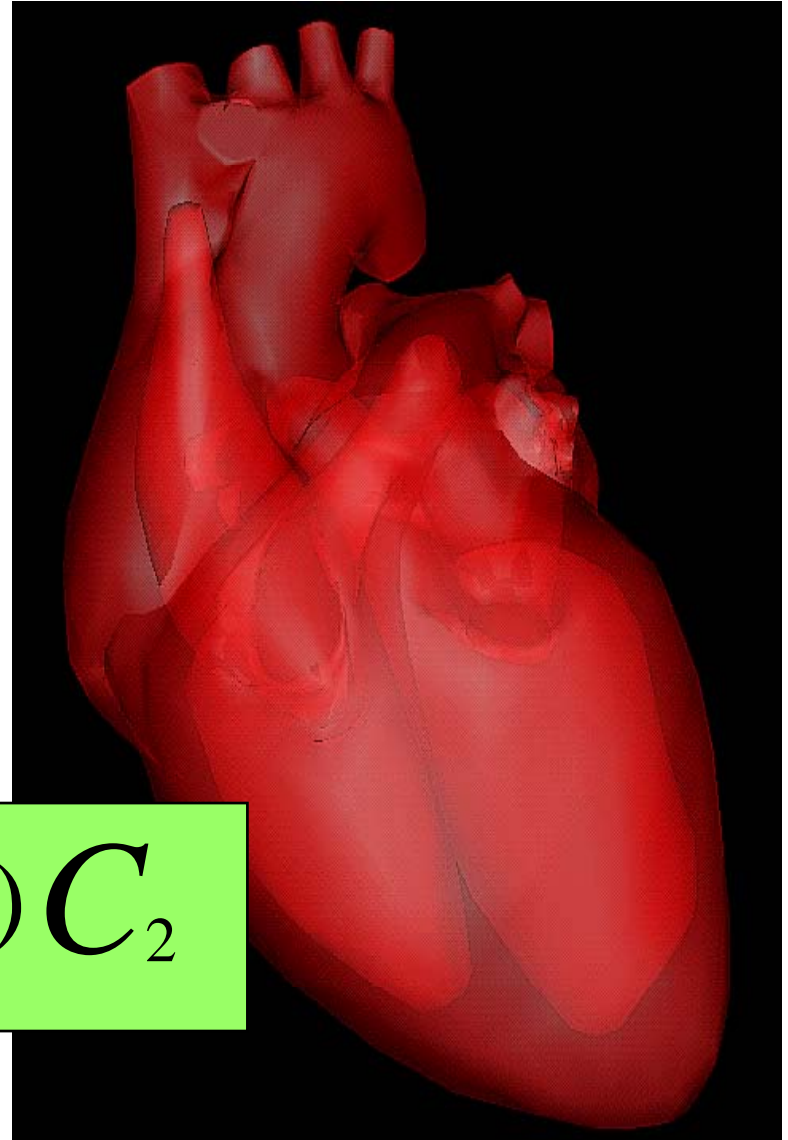
Many modern algorithms do arithmetic on the framebuffer color components. They need the extra precision during the arithmetic.

However, the display system cannot display all of those possible colors.

## The Framebuffer

- *Alpha* values
  - Transparency per pixel  
 $\alpha = 0$ . is invisible  
 $\alpha = 1$ . is opaque
  - Represented in 8-32 bits  
(integer or floating point)
  - Alpha blending equation:

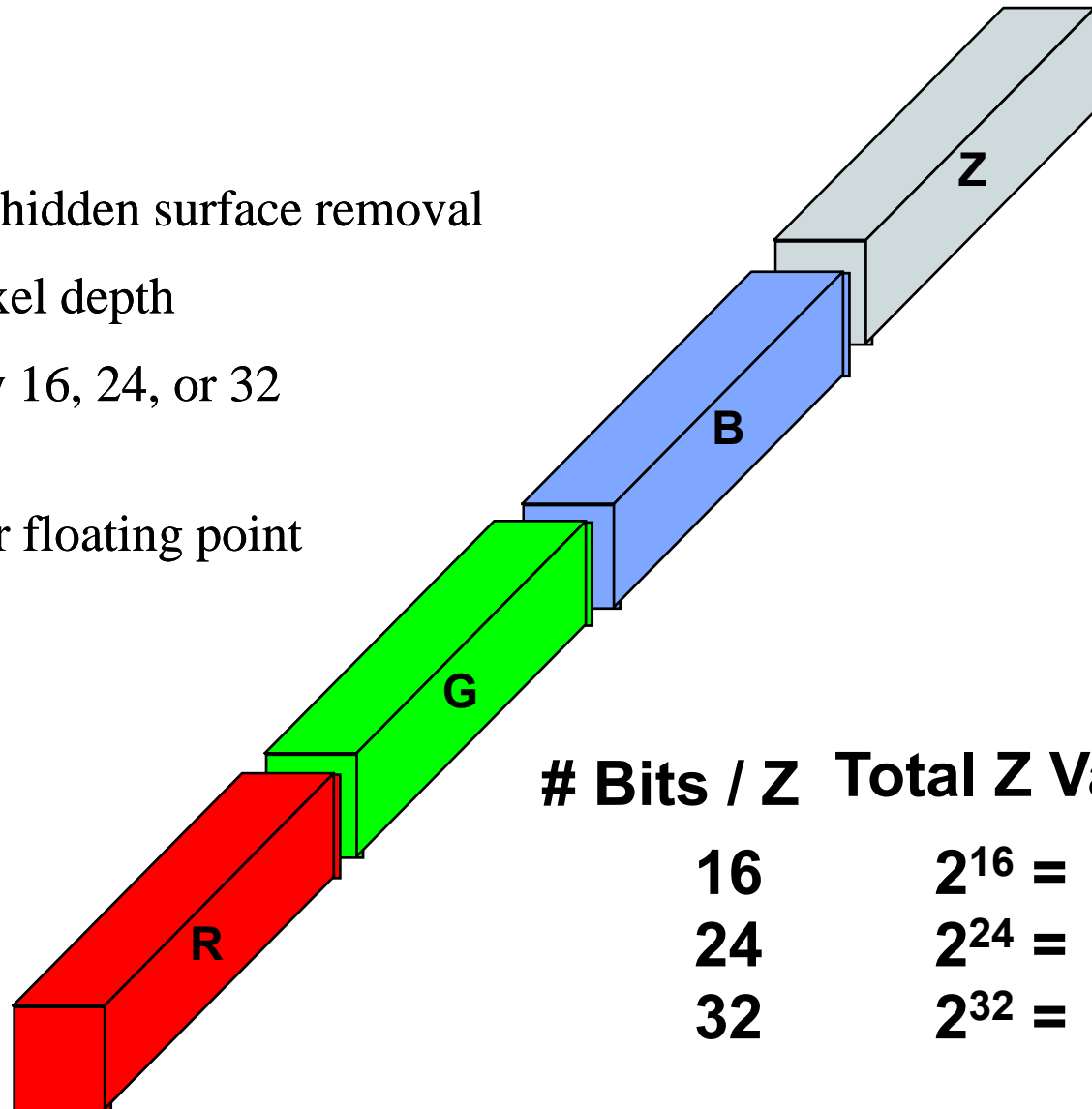
$$Color = \alpha C_1 + (1 - \alpha) C_2$$



## The Framebuffer

- **Z-buffer**

- Used for hidden surface removal
- Holds pixel depth
- Typically 16, 24, or 32 bits deep
- Integer or floating point



**# Bits / Z    Total Z Values:**

16             $2^{16} = 65 \text{ K}$

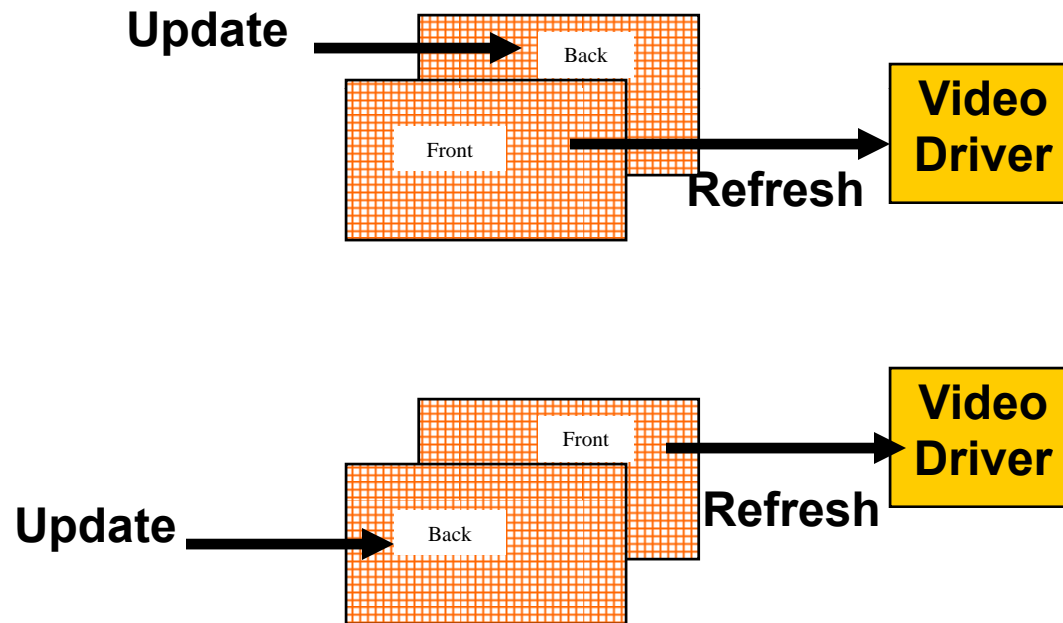
24             $2^{24} = 17 \text{ M}$

32             $2^{32} = 4 \text{ B}$

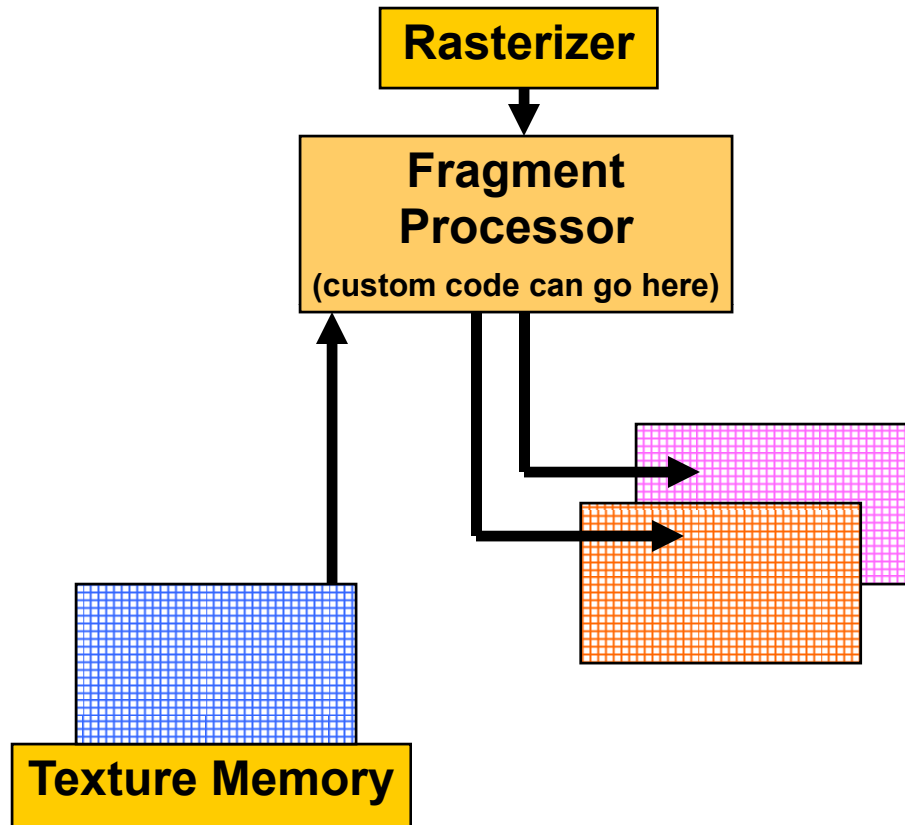


## The Framebuffer

**Double-buffering:** Don't let the viewer see *any* of the scene until the entire scene is drawn



# The Fragment Processor

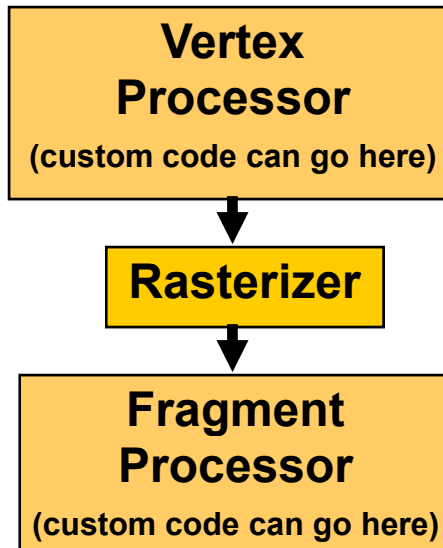


# The Fragment Processor

- Takes in all information that describes this pixel
- Produces the RGBA for that pixel's location in the framebuffer

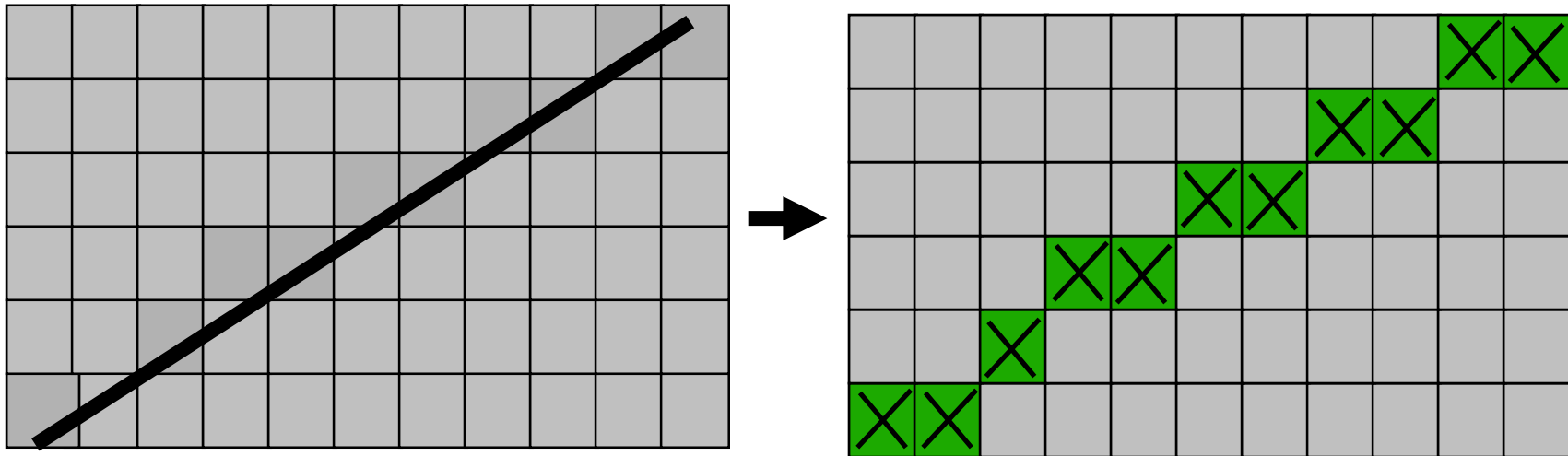


# The Rasterizer



# Rasterization

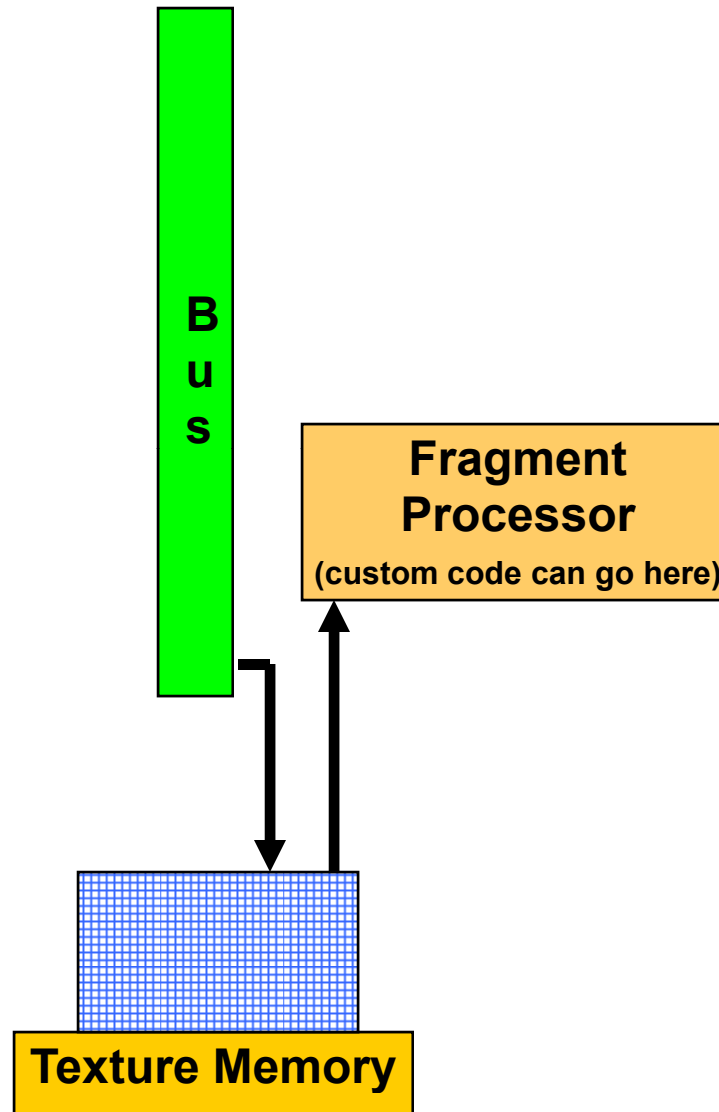
- Turn screen space vertex coordinates into pixels that make up lines and polygons
- A great place for custom electronics



## **Rasterizers Interpolate:**

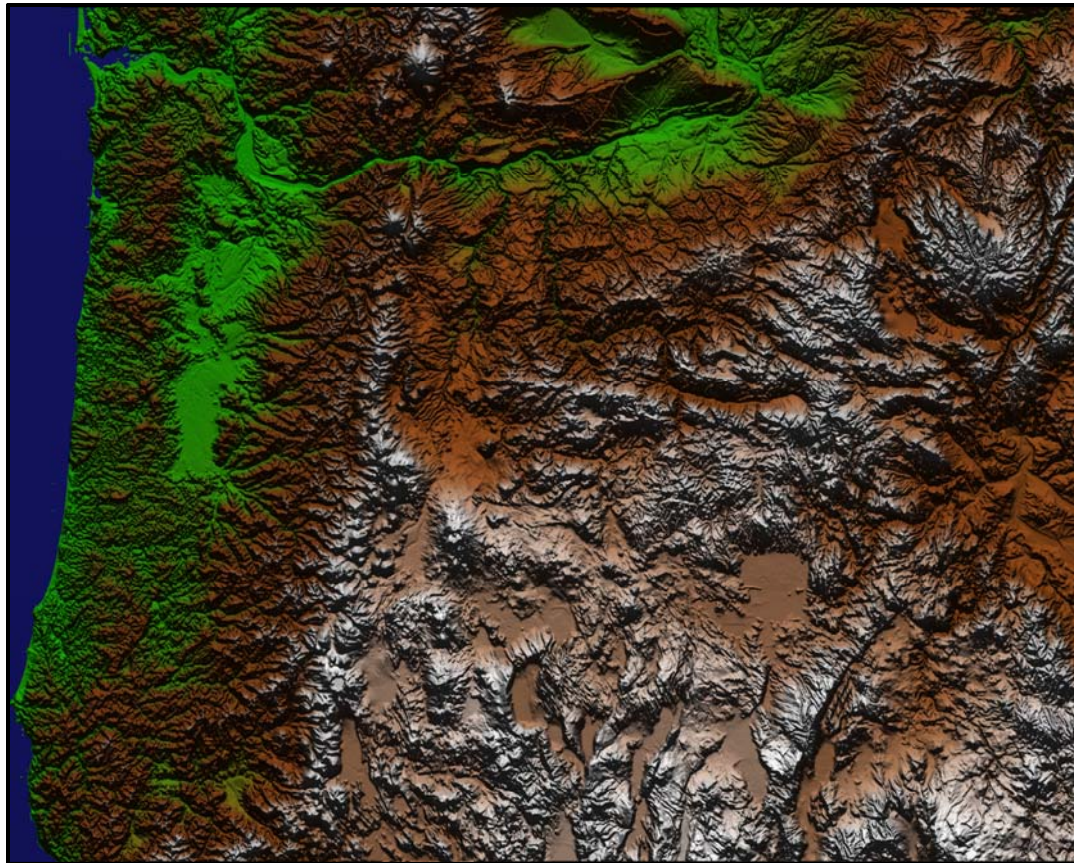
- **X and Y**
- **Red-green-blue values**
- **Alpha values**
- **Z values**
- **Intensities**
- **Surface normals**
- **Texture coordinates**
- **Custom values given by the shaders**

# Texture Mapping



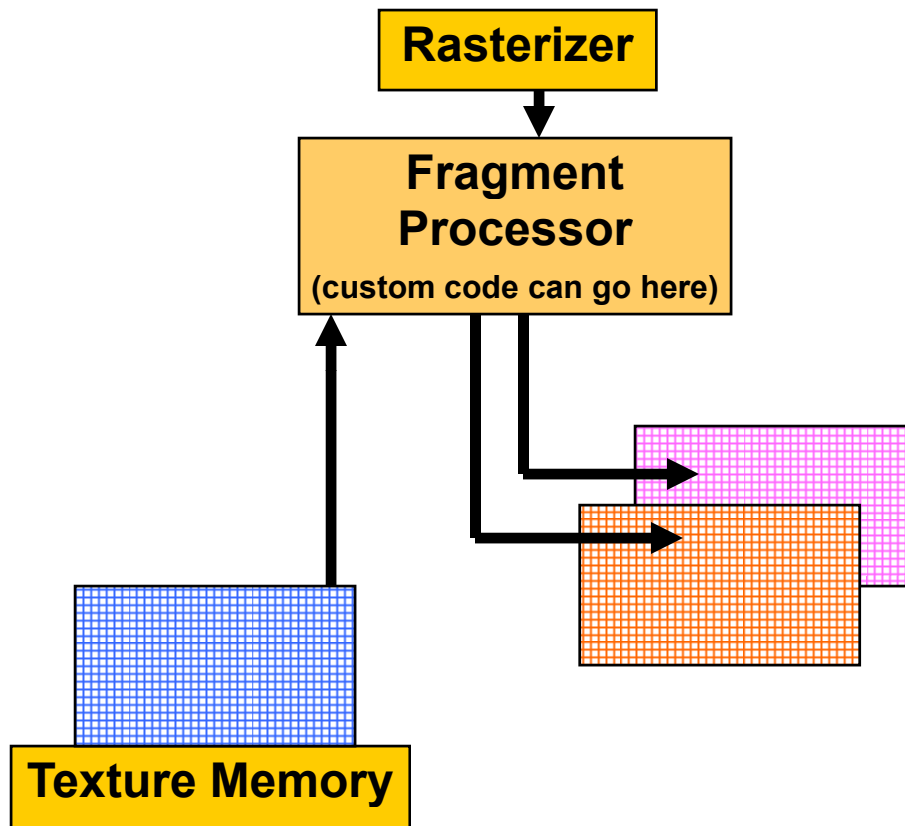
## Texture Mapping

- “Stretch” an image onto a piece of geometry
- Image can be generated by a program or scanned in
- Useful for realistic scene generation



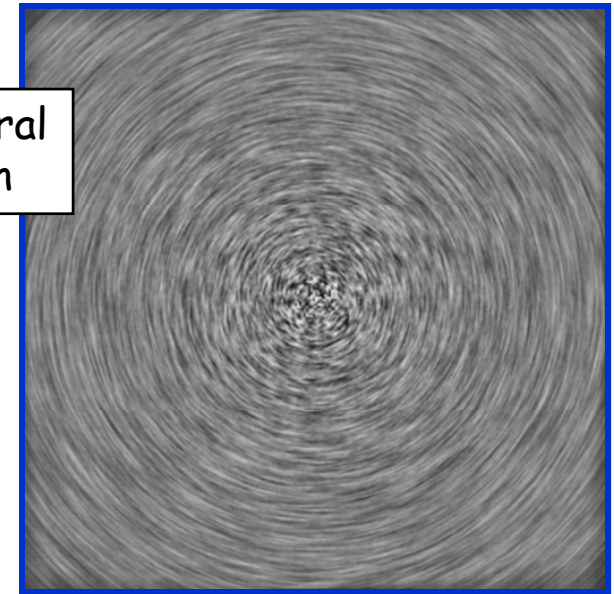


# Something New: Write-Your-Own Fragment-Processor Code



Bump Mapping

Line Integral Convolution



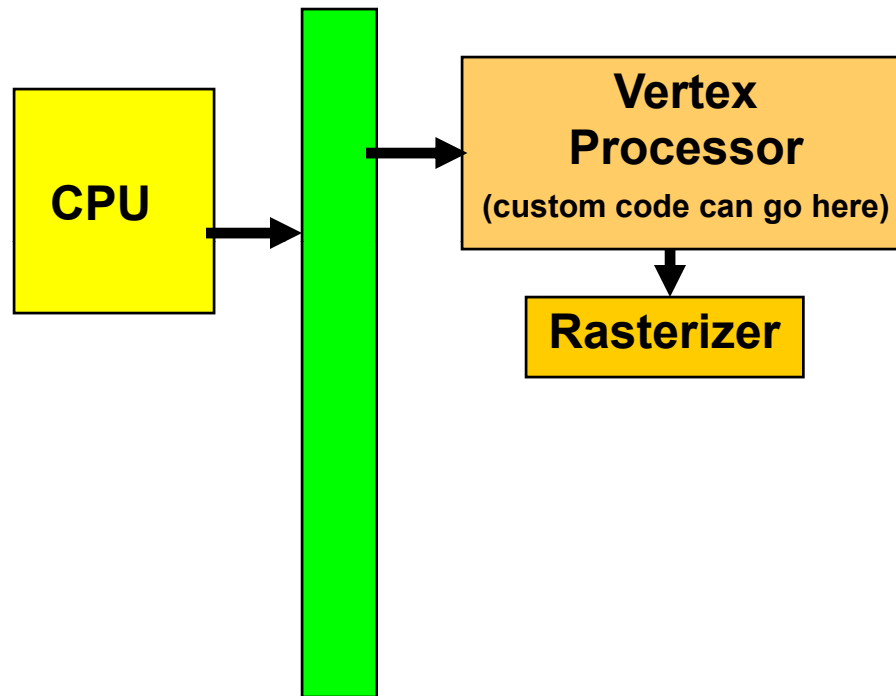
Referred to as:  
**Pixel Shaders** or **Fragment Shaders**

## Vertex Processor

- Coordinates enter in world (application) coordinate space
- Coordinates leave in screen (pixel) coordinate space
- Another great place for custom electronics

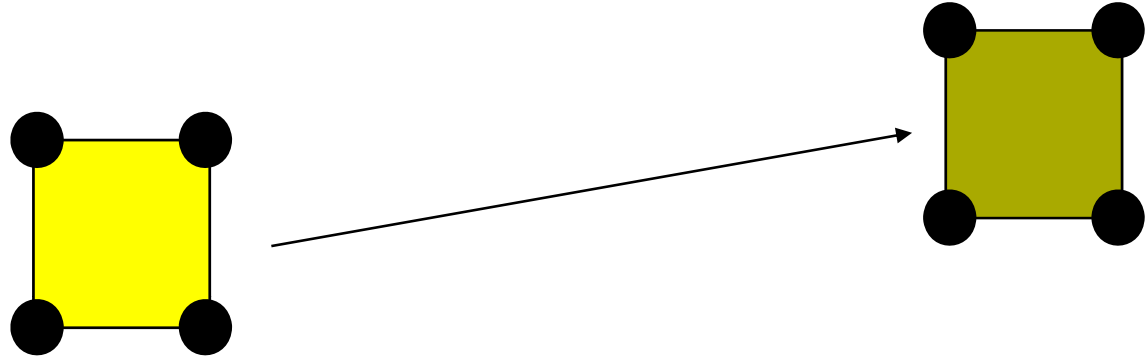


# The Vertex Processor

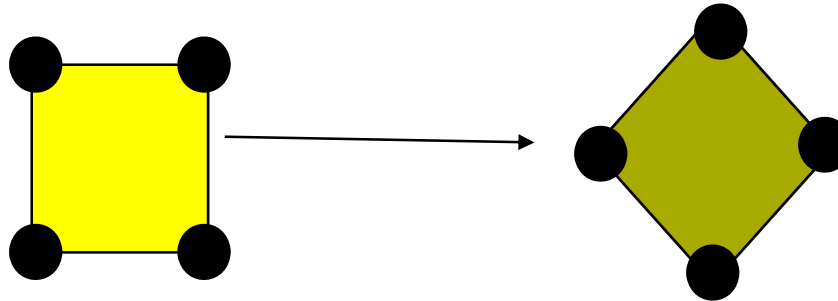


## Vertex Processor: Transformations

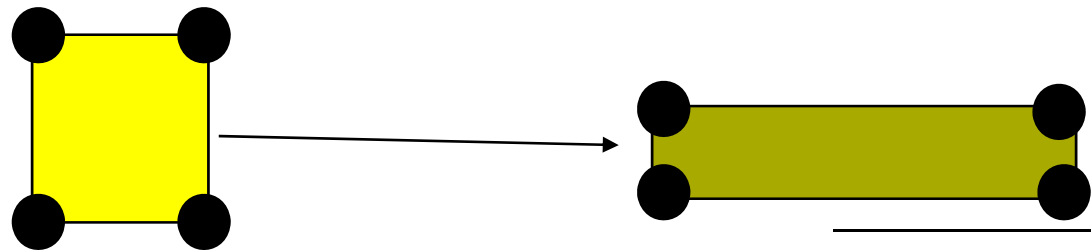
- Used to correctly place objects in the scene
- Translation



- Rotation



- Scaling



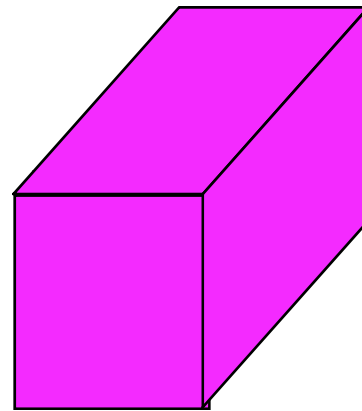
## Vertex Processor: Windowing and Clipping

- Declare which portion of the 3D universe you are interested in viewing
- This is called the *view volume*
- Clip away everything that is outside the viewing volume

# Vertex Processor: Projection

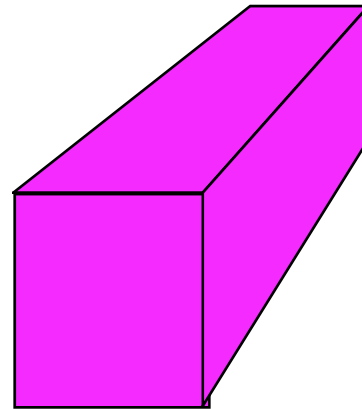
- Turn 3D coordinates into 2D

- *Parallel projection*



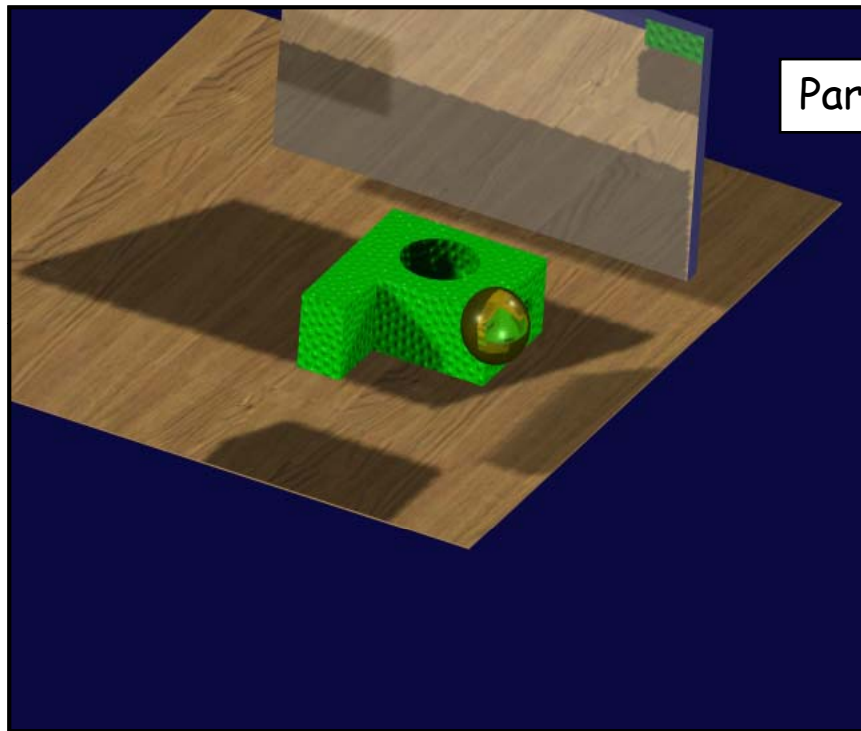
Parallel lines  
remain parallel

- *Perspective projection*

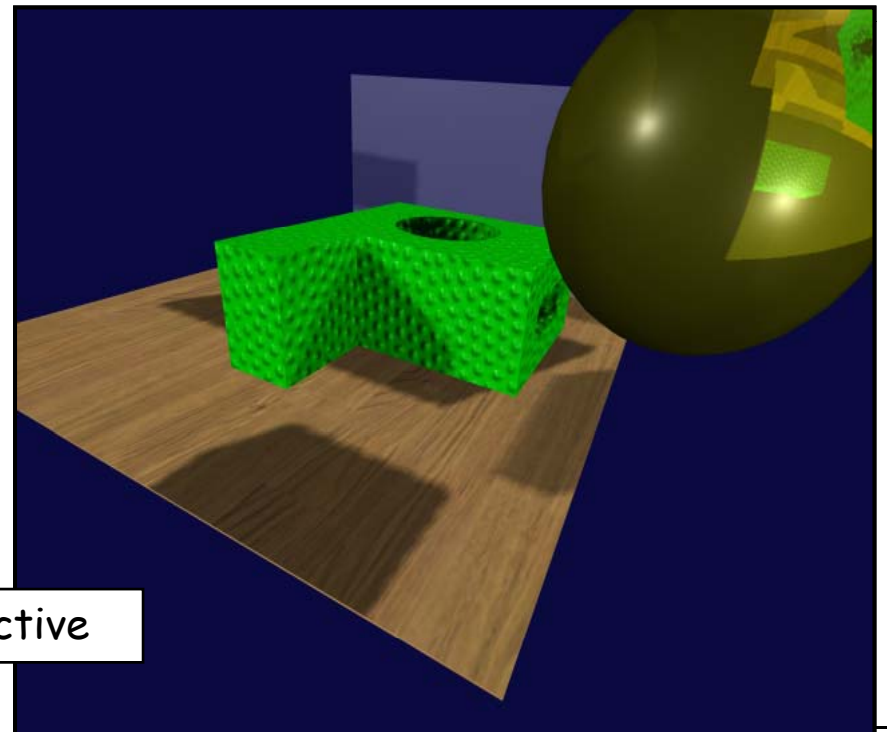


Some parallel lines  
appear to converge

# Vertex Processor: Projection

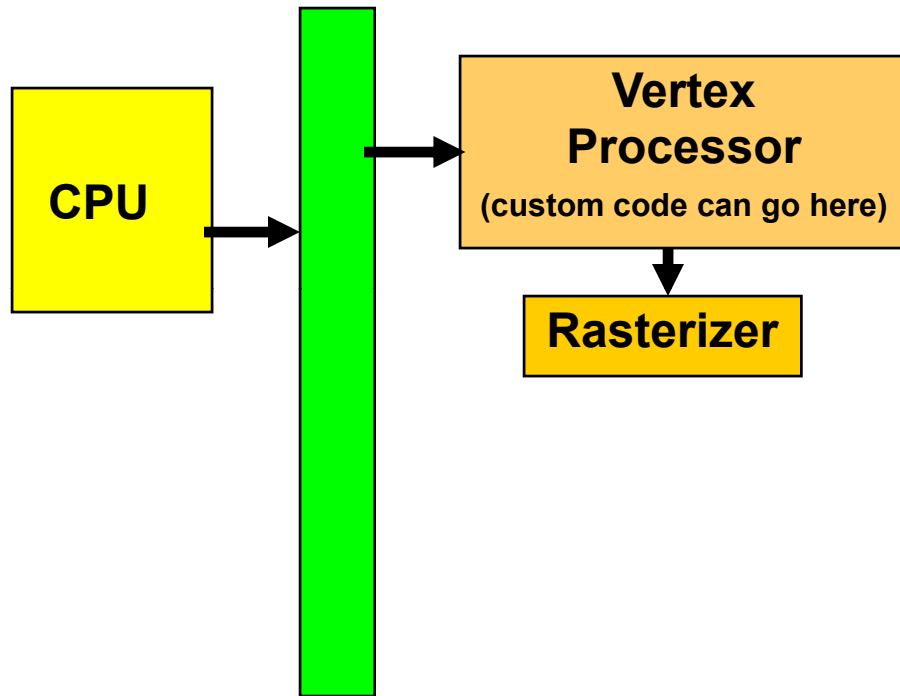


Parallel

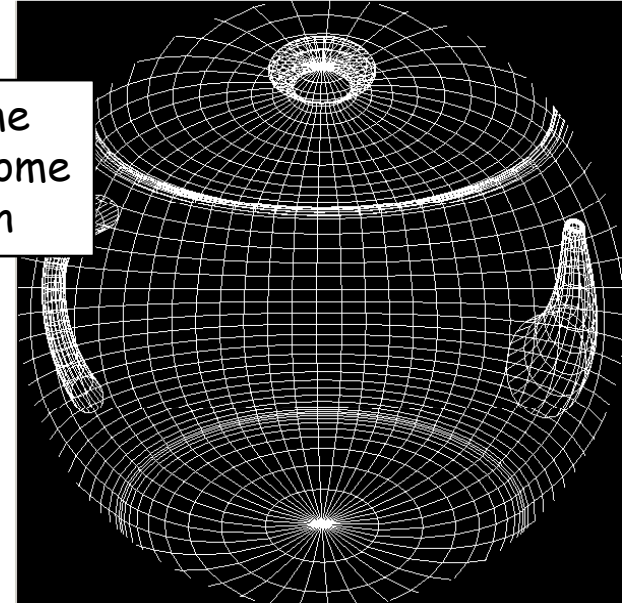


Perspective

## Something New: Write-Your-Own Vertex Code

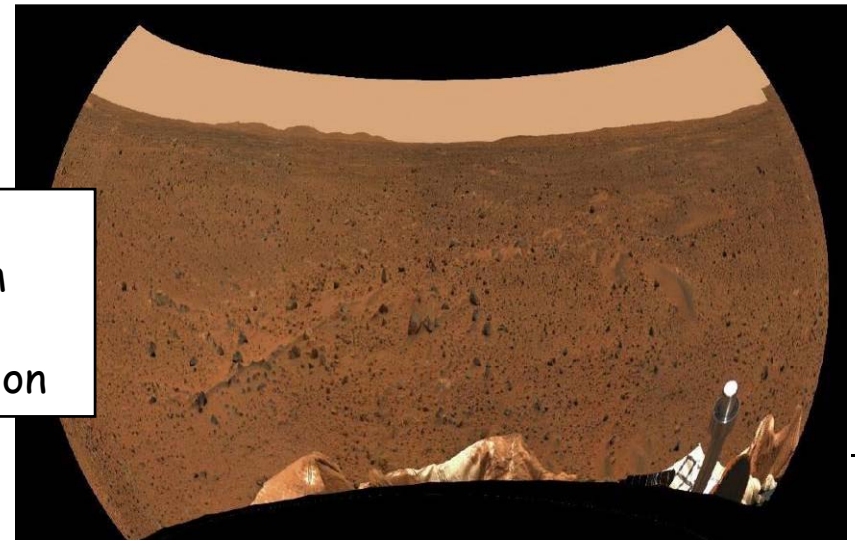


Wireframe  
Teapot Dome  
Projection



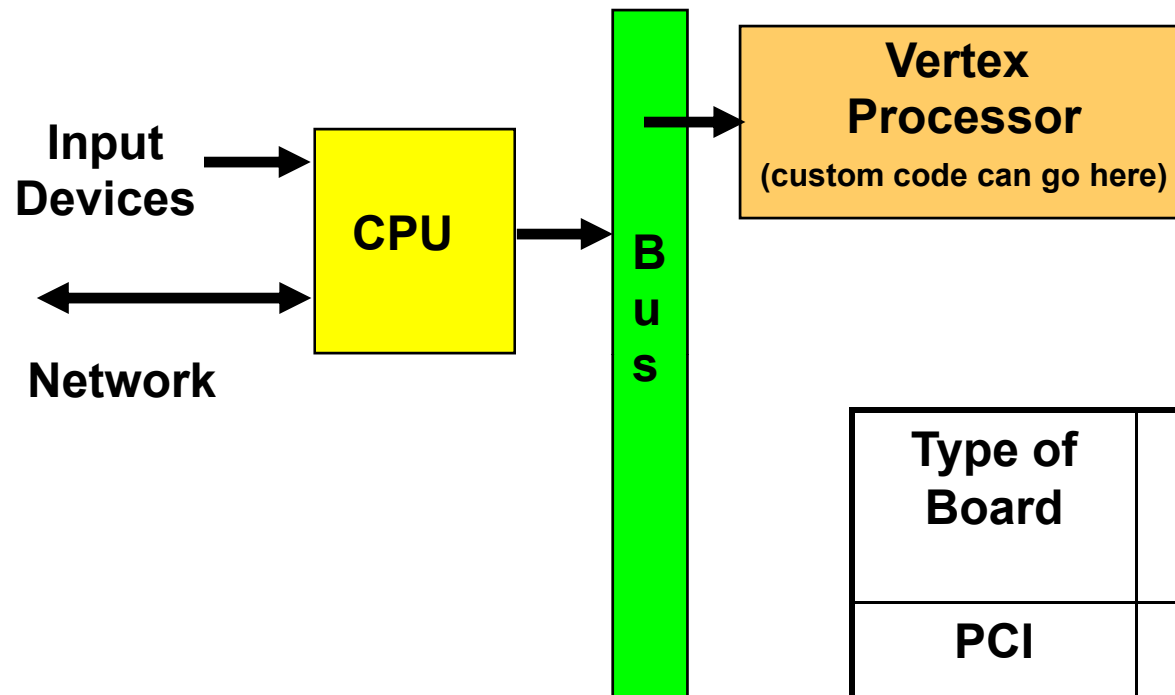
Referred to as:  
**Vertex Shaders**

Mars  
Panoram  
Dome  
Projection



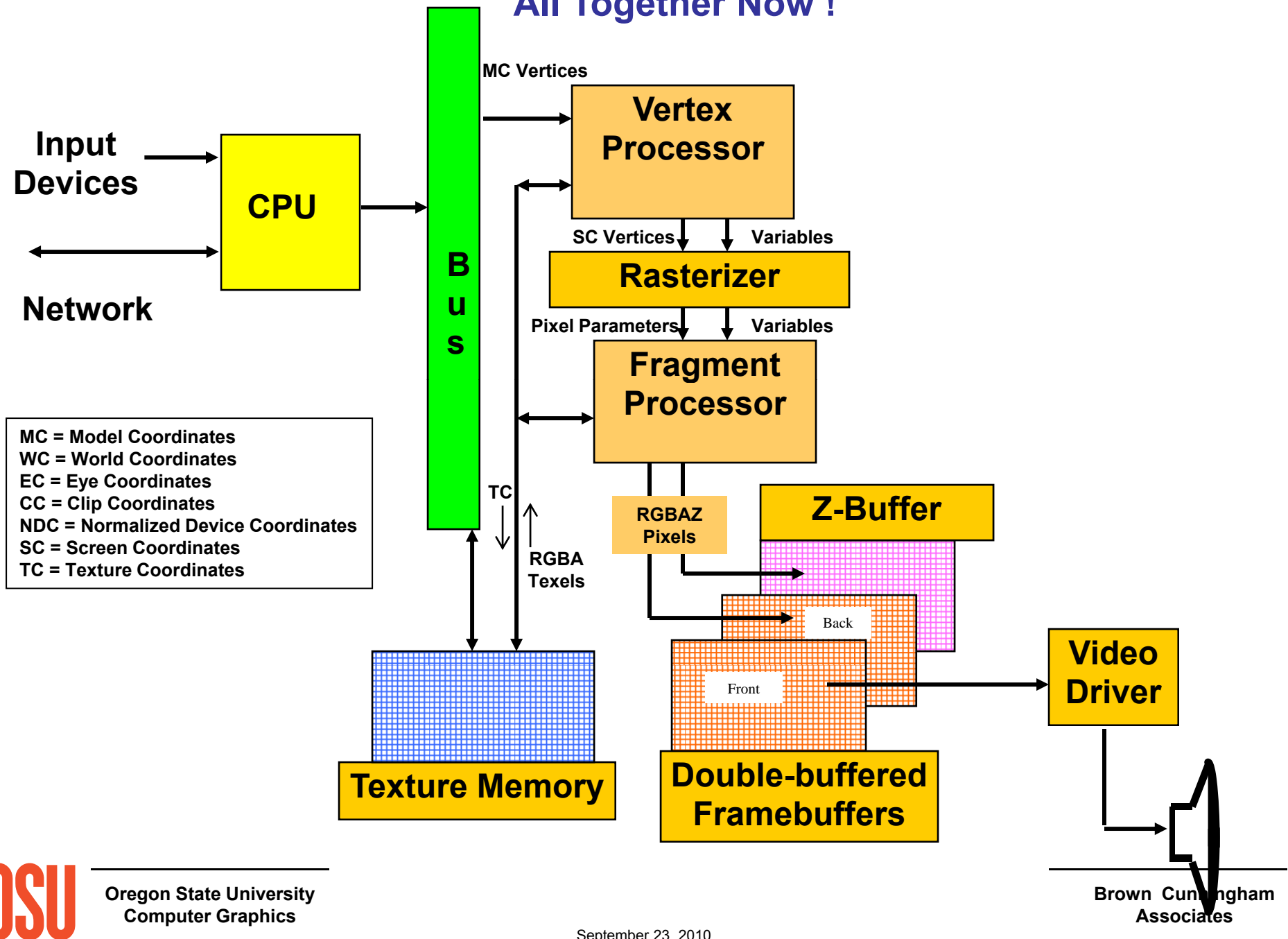


## The CPU and Bus



Type of Board	Speed to Board	Speed from Board
PCI	132 Mb/sec	132 Mb/sec
AGP 8X	2 Gb/sec	264 Mb/sec
PCI Express	4 Gb/sec	4 Gb/sec

## All Together Now !





Modeling

# What is a Model?

A is a model of B if A can be used to ask questions about B.

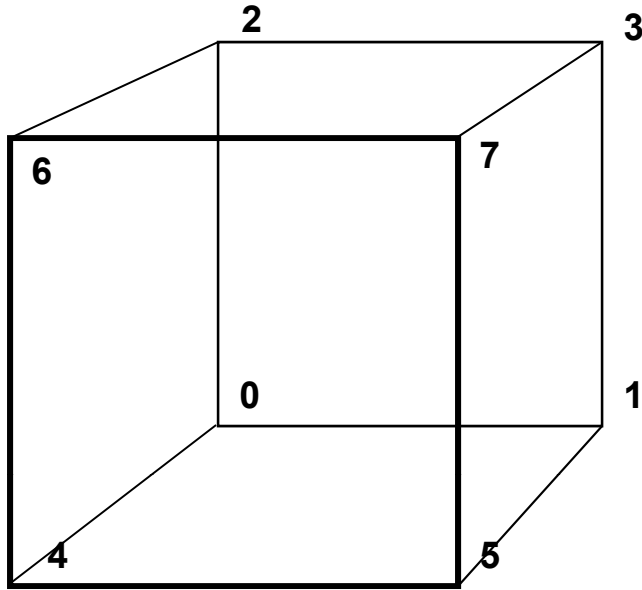
In computer graphics applications, what do we want to ask about B?

- What does B look like?
- How do I want to interact with (shape) B?
- Does B need to be a legal solid?
- How does B interact with its environment?
- What is B's surface area and volume?

These questions, and answers, control what type of geometric modeling you need to do



## Explicitly Listing Geometry and Topology

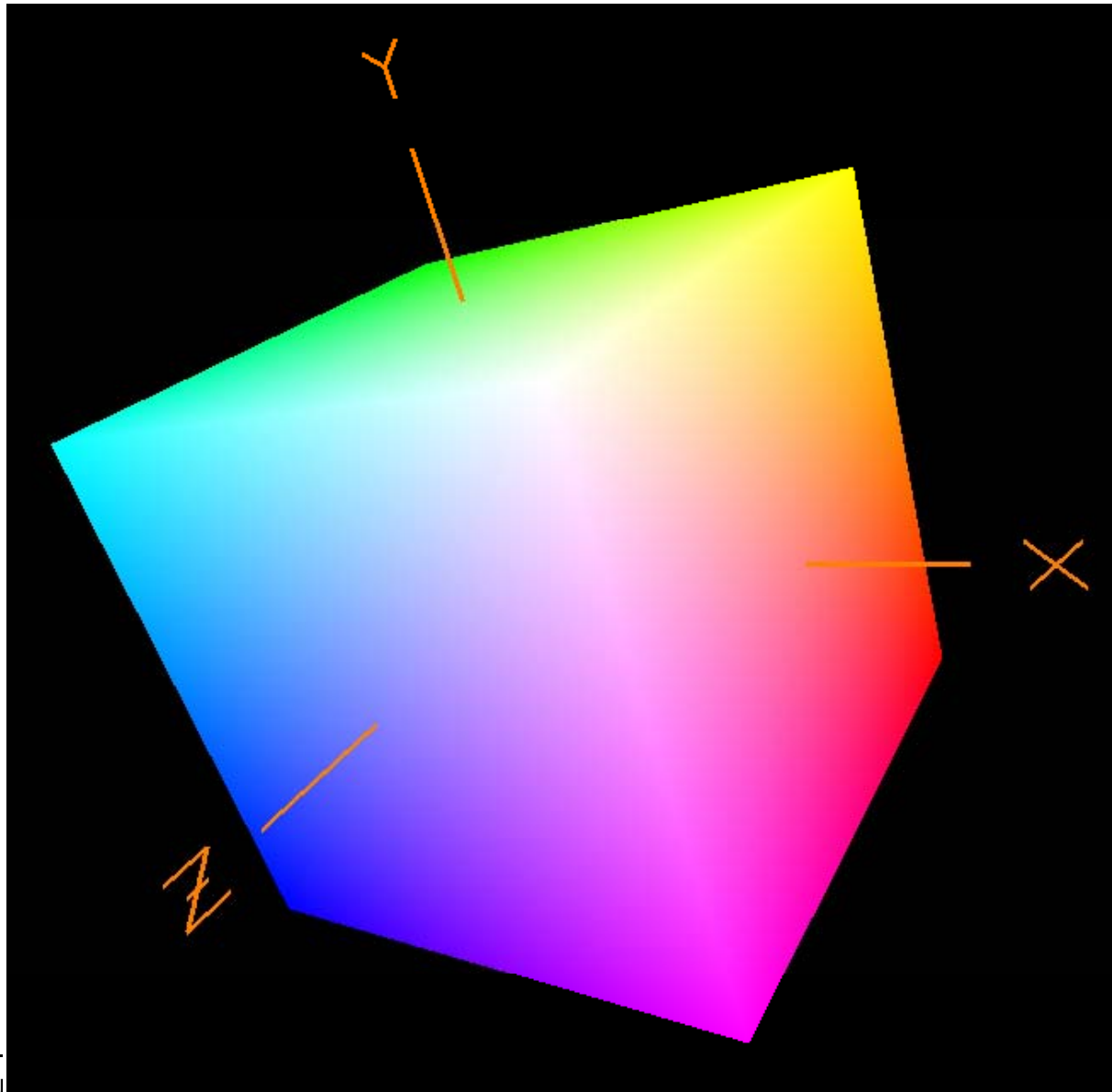


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    {  1.,  1., -1. },  
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};
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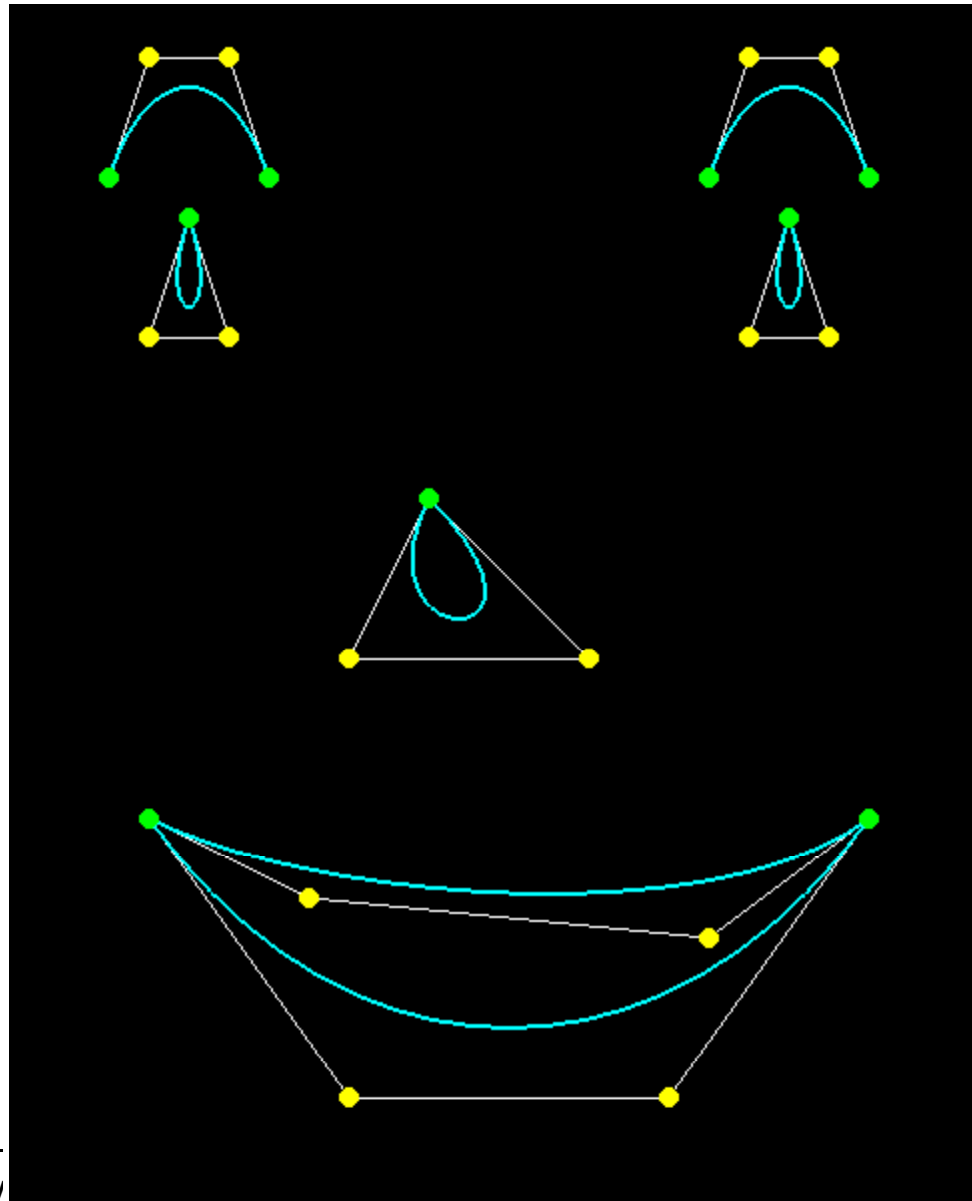
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    { 1., 0., 1. },  
    { 0., 1., 1. },  
    { 1., 1., 1. },  
};
```

```
static GLuint CubeIndices[ ][4] =  
{  
    { 0, 2, 3, 1 },  
    { 4, 5, 7, 6 },  
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};
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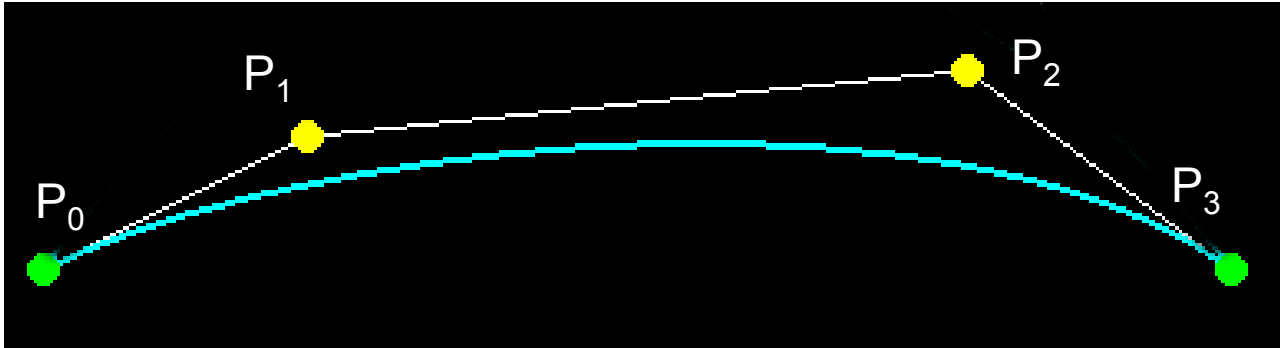
## Cube Example



## Curve Sculpting – Bezier Curve Sculpting Example



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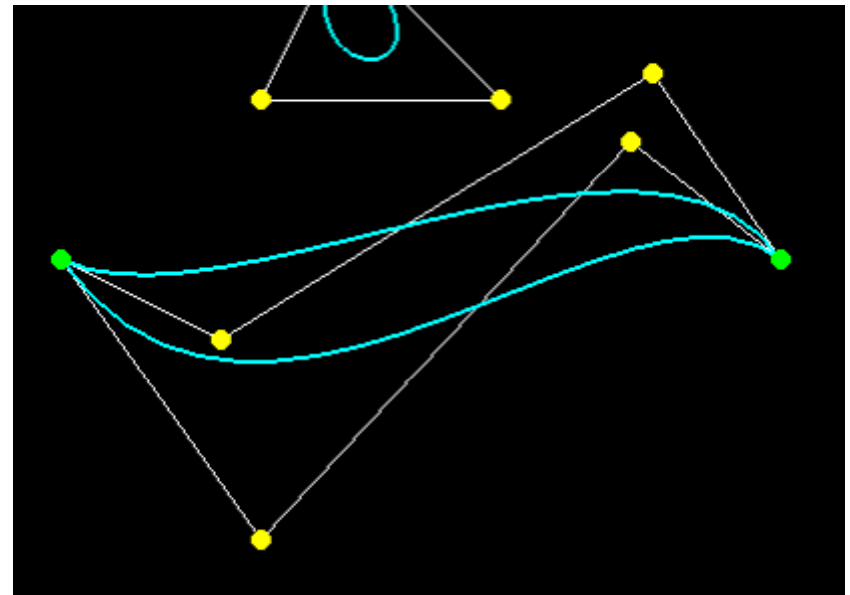
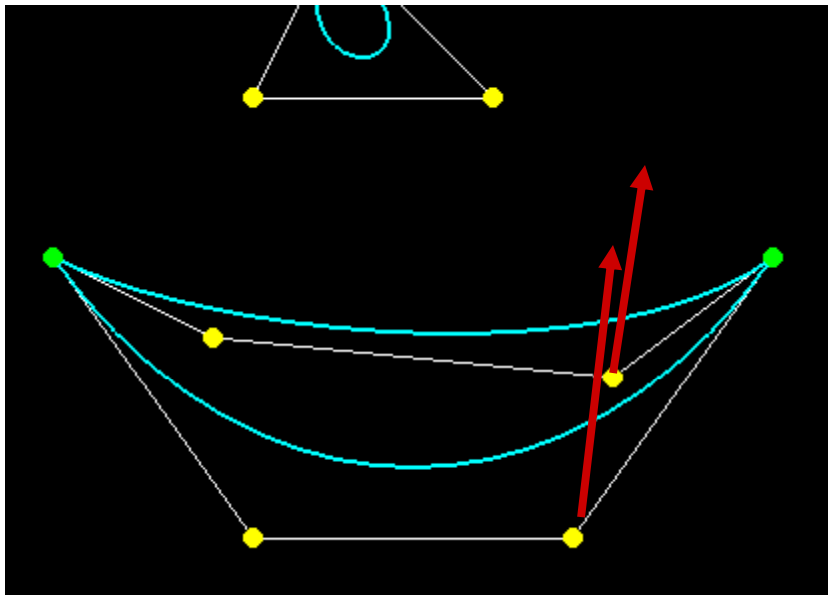


$$P(t) = (1-t)^3 P_0 + 3t(1-t)^2 P_1 + 3t^2(1-t)P_2 + t^3 P_3$$

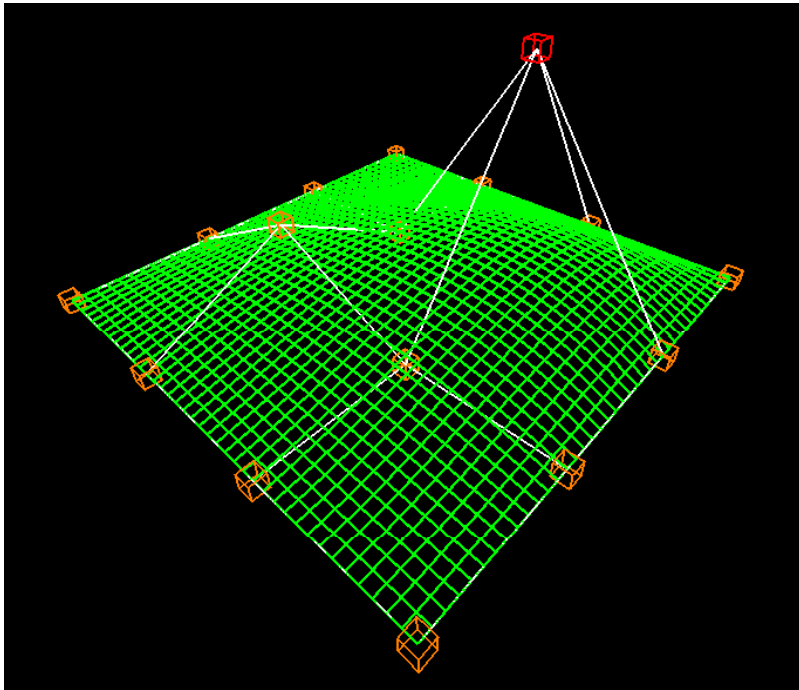
$$0 \leq t \leq 1.$$



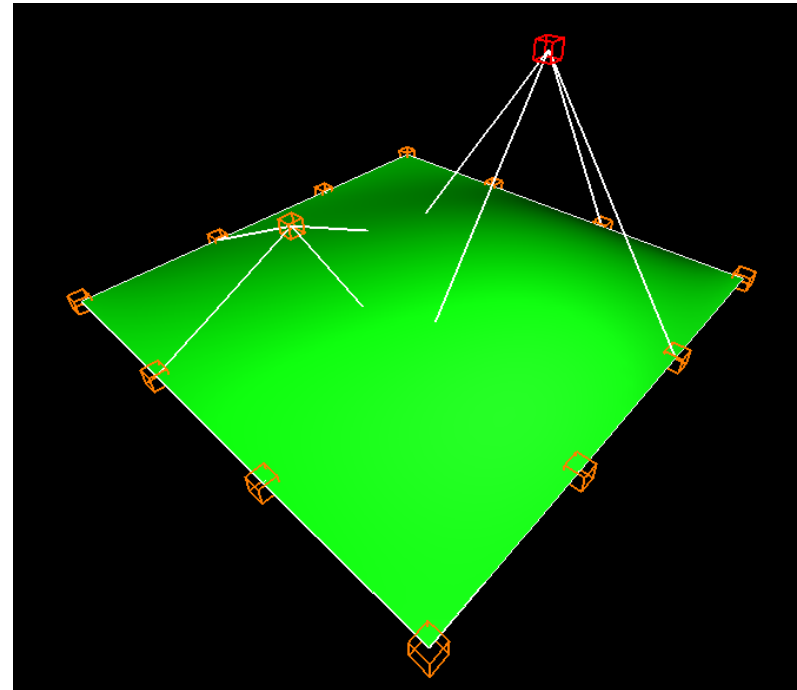
## Curve Sculpting – Bezier Curve Sculpting Example



# Surface Sculpting

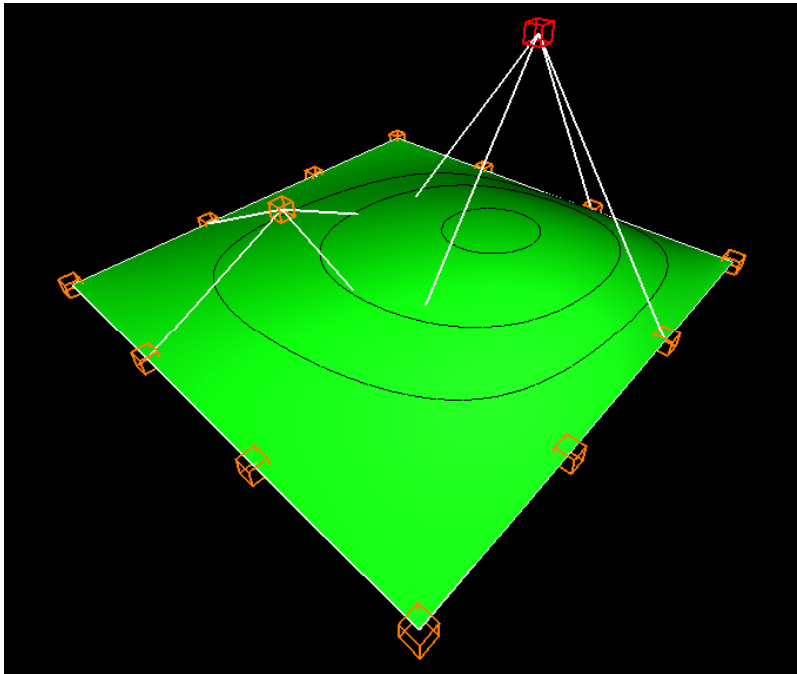


Wireframe

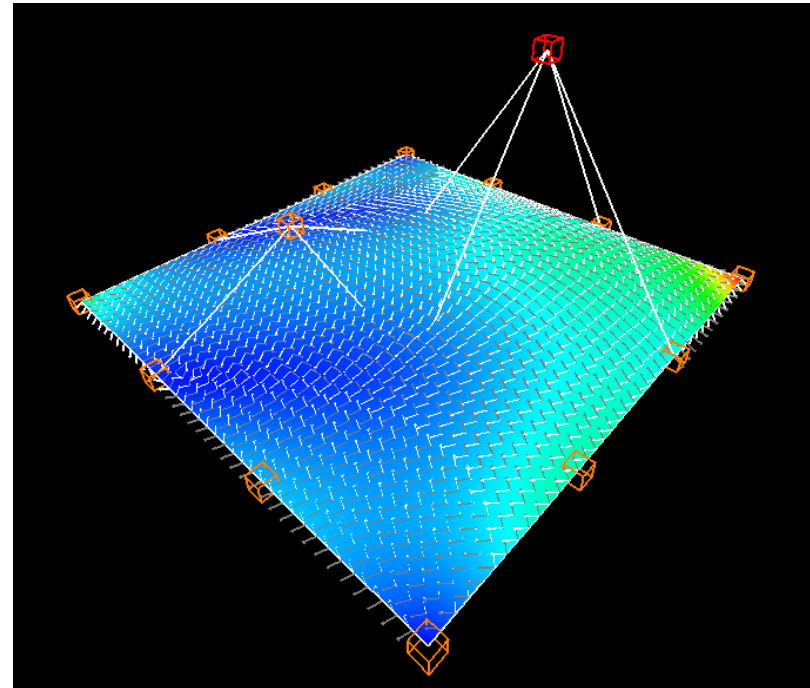


Polygonal

## Surface equations can also be used for Analysis

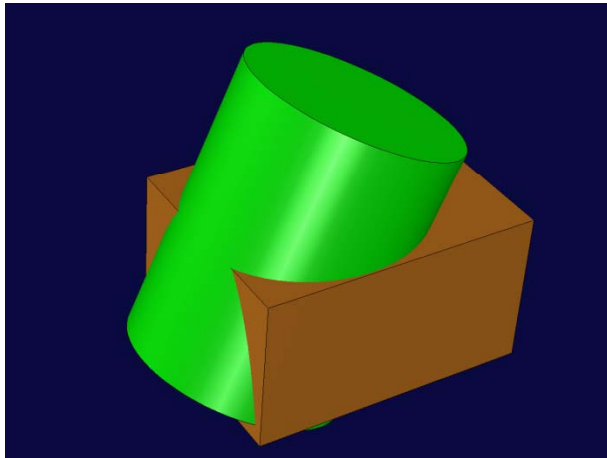


With Contour Lines

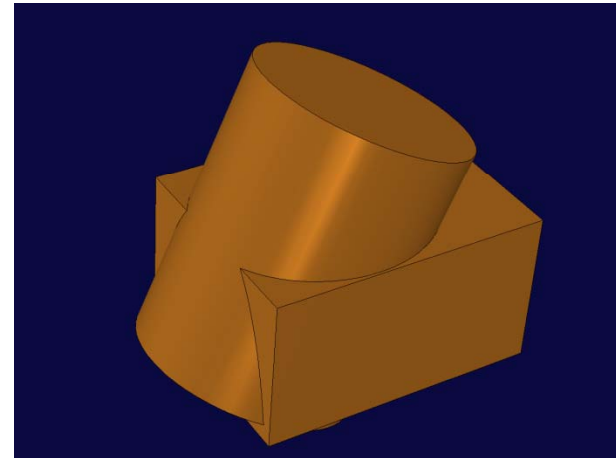


Showing Curvature

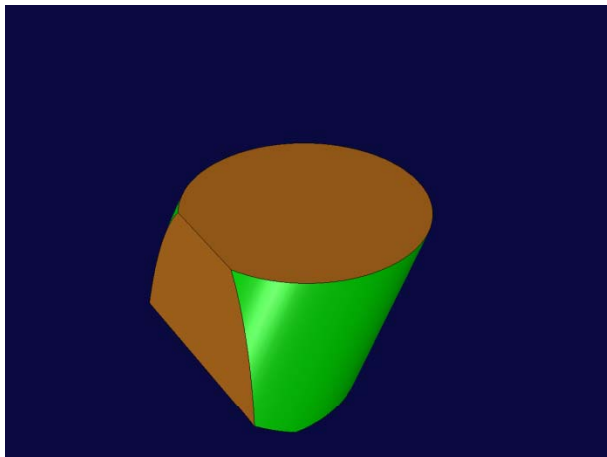
# Solid Modeling Using Boolean Operators



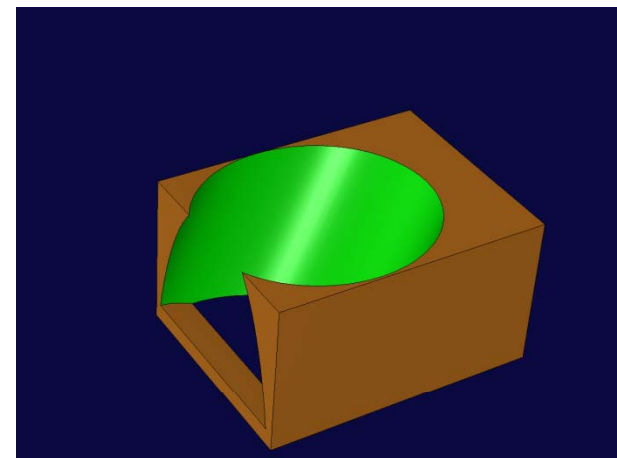
Two Overlapping Solids



Union



Intersection



Difference



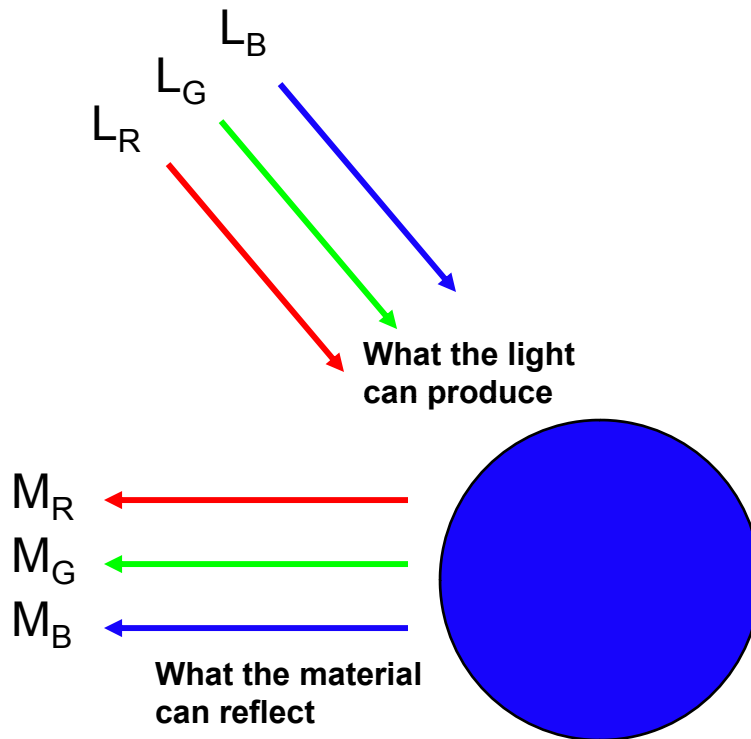
Rendering

# Rendering

Rendering is the process of creating an image of a geometric model. Again, there are questions you need to ask:

- How realistic do I want this image to be?
- How much compute time do I have to create this image?
- Do I need to take into account lighting?
- Does the illumination need to be global or will local do?
- Do I need to take into account shadows?
- Do I need to take into account reflection and refraction?

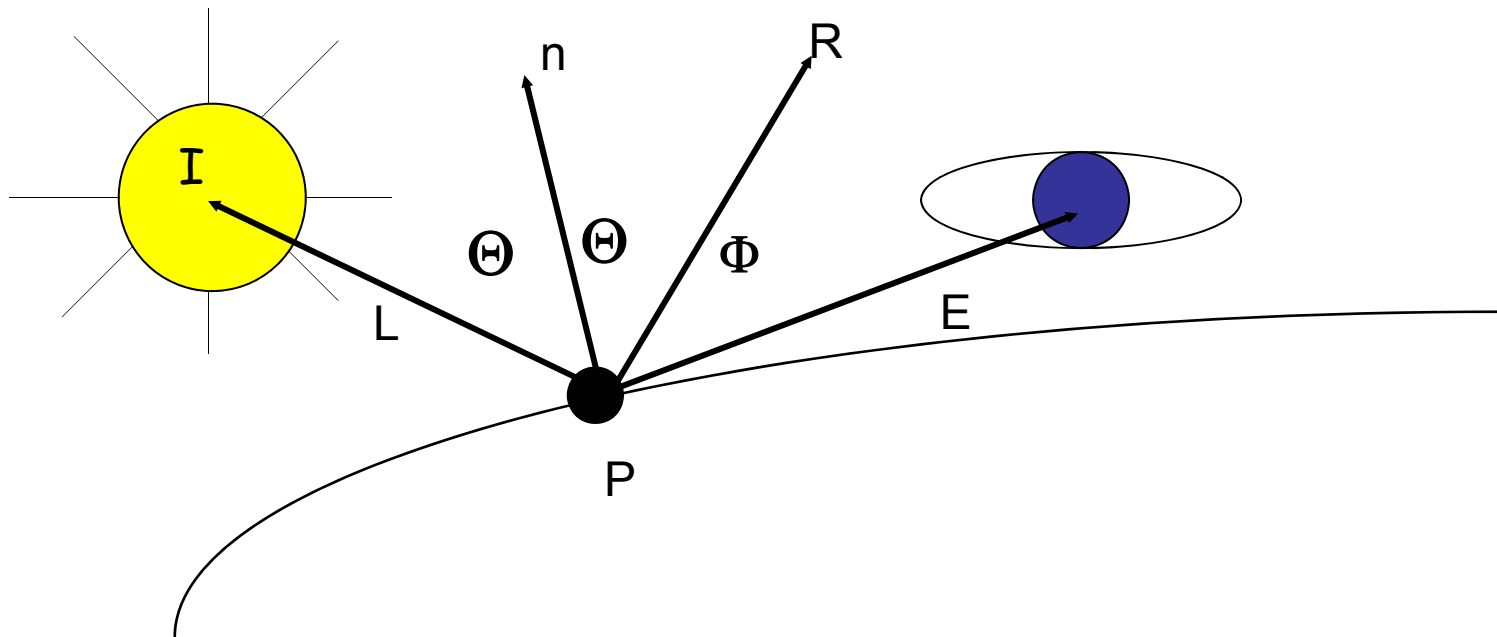
# Fundamentals of Computer Graphics Lighting



Red	=	$L_R * M_R$
Green	=	$L_G * M_G$
Blue	=	$L_B * M_B$



# The Computer Graphics Lighting Situation





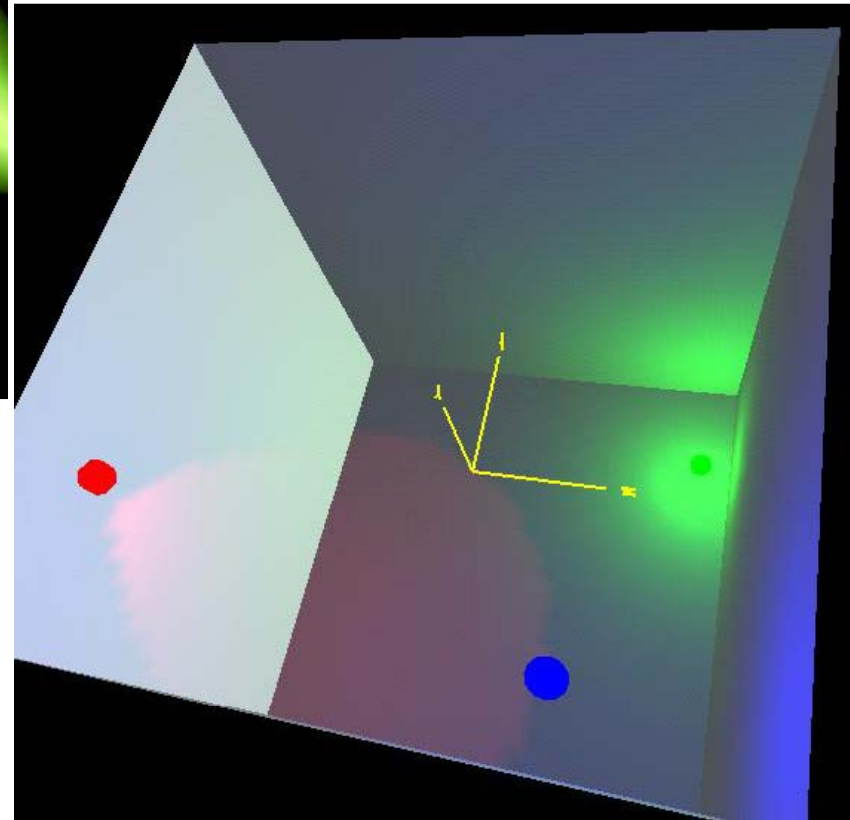
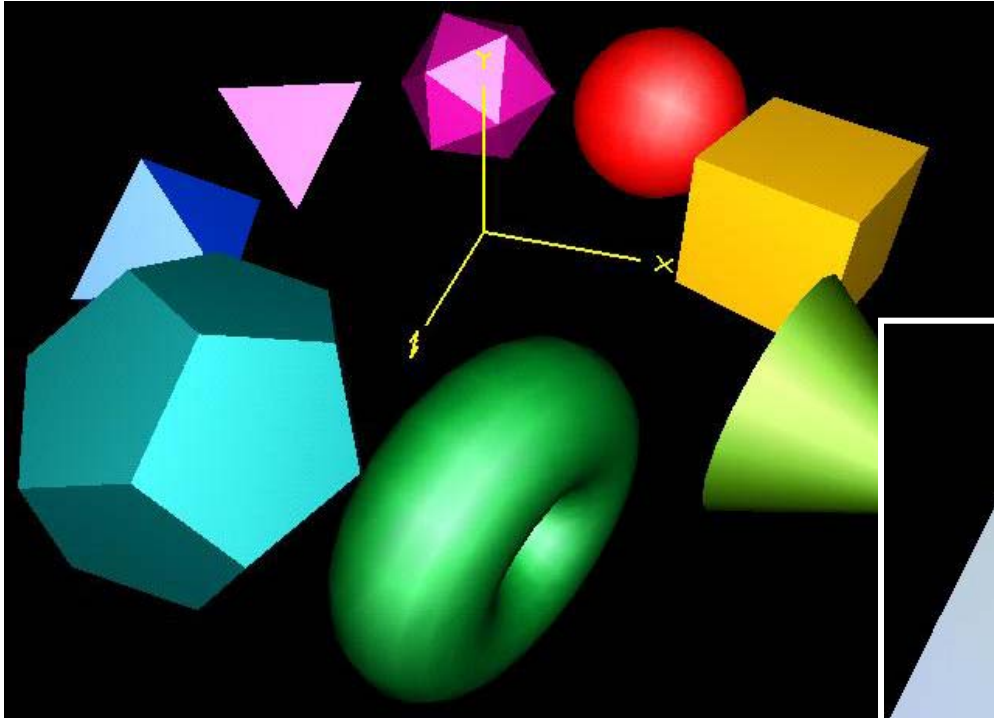
## Three Types of Computer Graphics Lighting

1. Ambient = a constant      Accounts for light bouncing "everywhere"
2. Diffuse =  $I \cdot \cos\Theta$       Accounts for the angle between incoming light and the surface normal
3. Specular =  $I \cdot \cos^S\phi$       Accounts for the angle between the "perfect reflector" and the eye; also the exponent,  $S$ , accounts for surface shininess

Note that  $\cos\Theta$  is just the dot product between  $L$  and  $n$

Note that  $\cos\phi$  is just the dot product between  $R$  and  $E$

## Lighting Examples



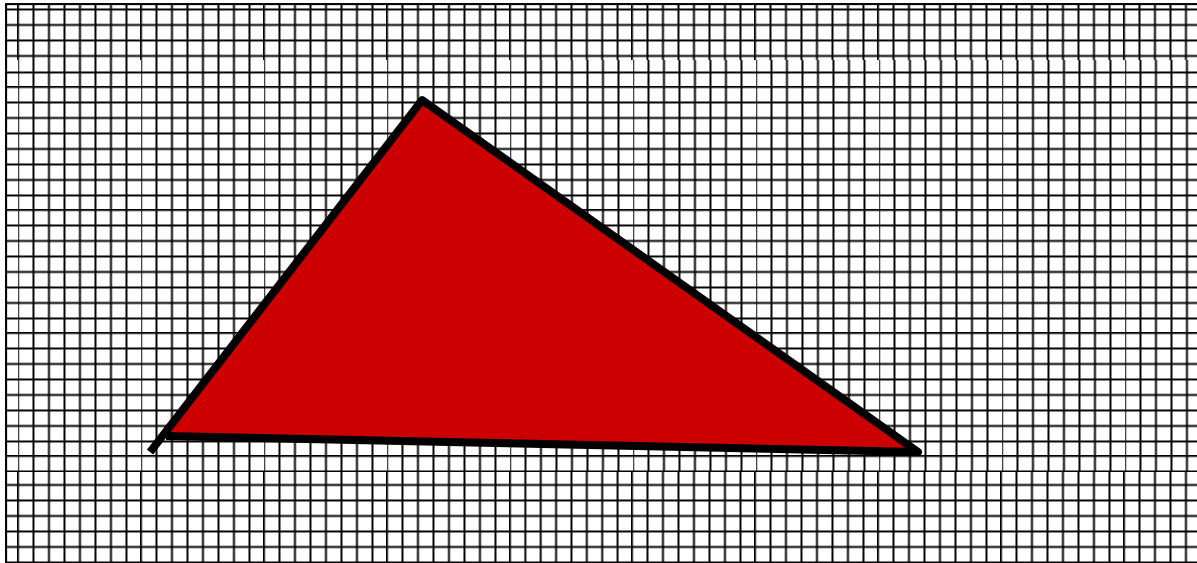
## Two Types of Rendering

1. Starts at the object
2. Starts at the eye



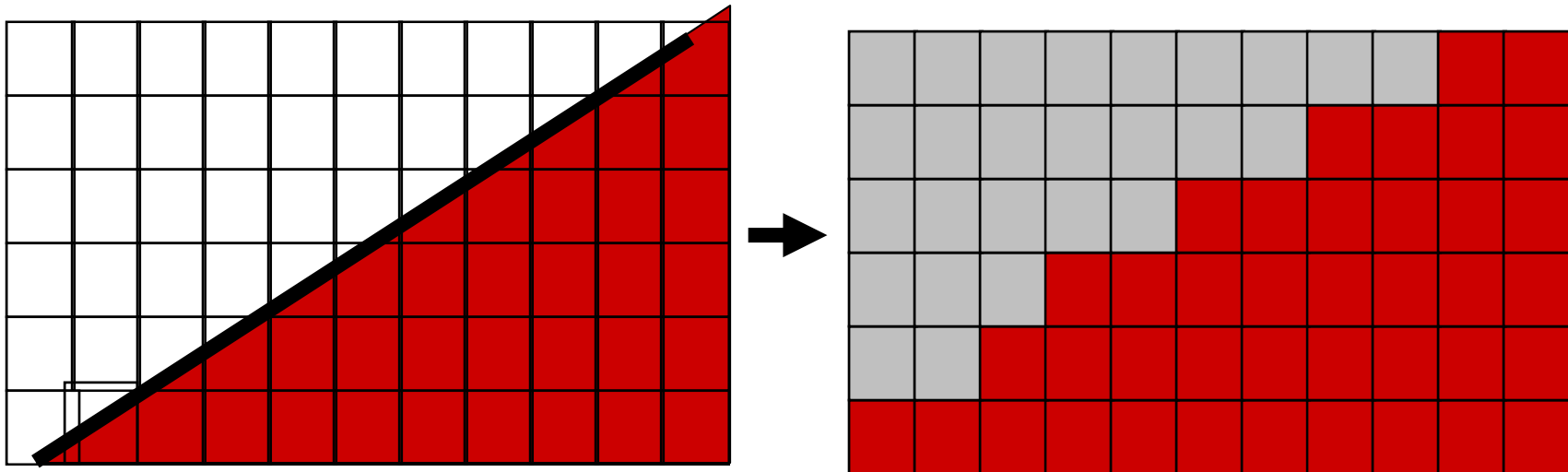
## Starts at the Object

This is the typical kind of rendering you get on a graphics card. Start with the geometry and project it onto the pixels.



# Rasterization

- Turn screen space vertex coordinates into pixels that make up lines and polygons
- A great place for custom electronics



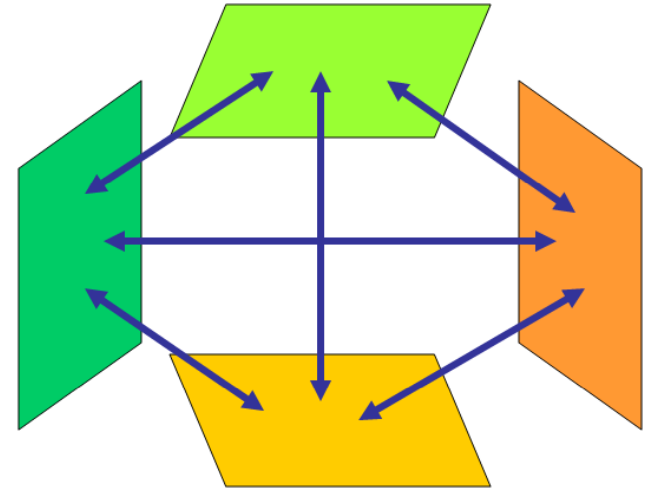
## Another From-the-Object Method -- Radiosity

Based on the idea that all surfaces gather light intensity from all other surfaces

The fundamental radiosity equation is an energy balance that says:

“The light energy leaving surface  $i$  equals the amount of light energy generated by surface  $i$  plus surface  $i$ 's reflectivity times the amount of light energy arriving from all other surfaces”

$$B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$$



## The Radiosity Equation

$$B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$$

$B_i$  is the light energy intensity shining from surface element  $i$

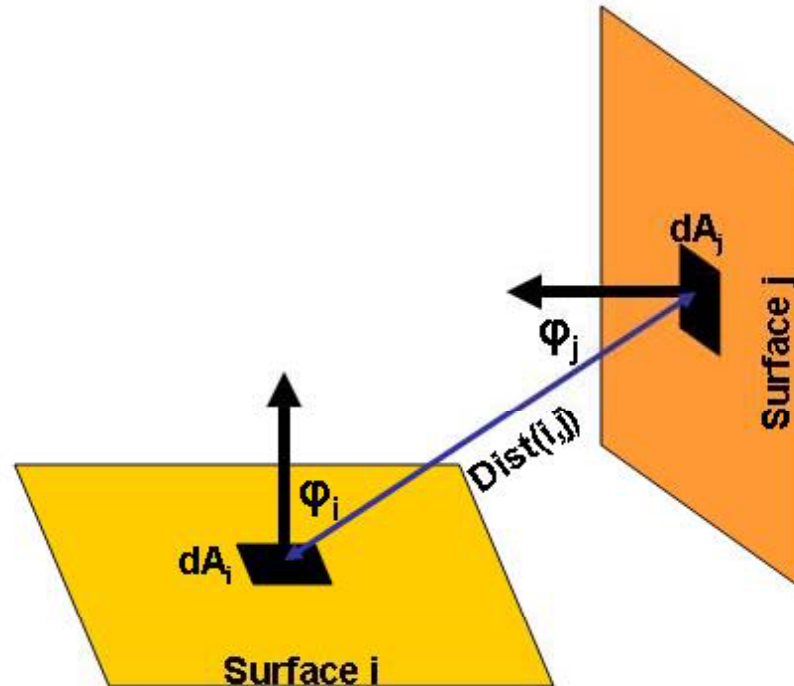
$A_i$  is the area of surface element  $i$

$E_i$  is the internally-generated light energy intensity for surface element  $i$

$\rho_i$  is surface element  $i$ 's reflectivity

$F_{j \rightarrow i}$  is referred to as the Form Factor, or Shape Factor, and describes what percent of the energy leaving surface element  $j$  that arrives at surface element  $i$

## The Radiosity Shape Factor



$$F_{j \rightarrow i} = \int_{A_i} \int_{A_j} visibility(di, dj) \frac{\cos \Theta_i \cos \Theta_j}{\pi \cdot Dist(di, dj)^2} dA_j dA_i$$



## The Radiosity Matrix Equation

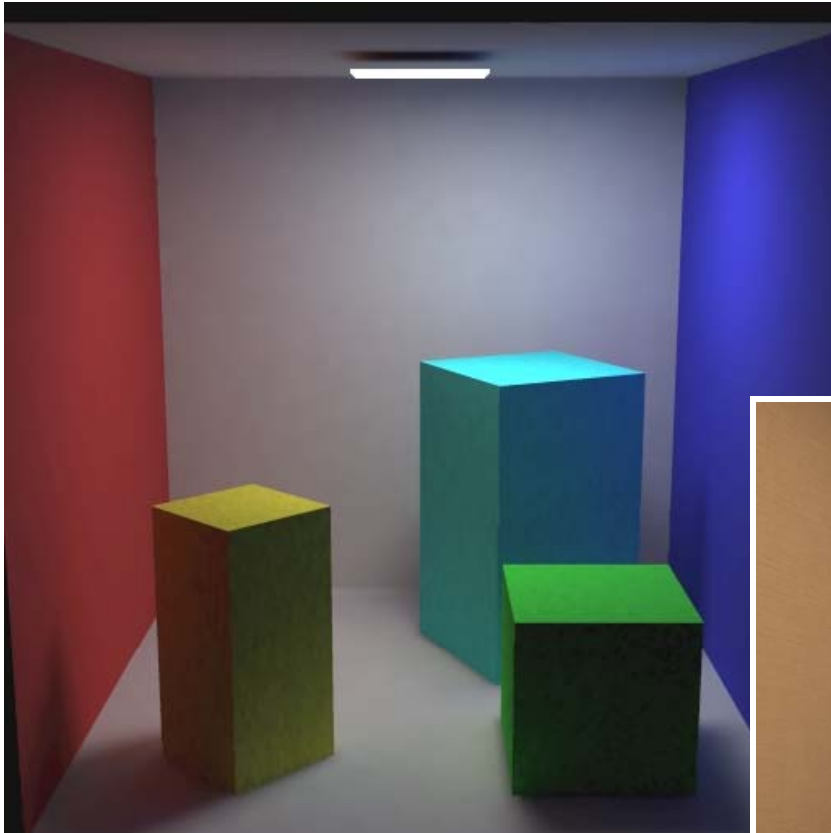
Expand  $B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$

For each surface element, and re-arrange to solve for the surface intensities, the  $B$ 's:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 1} & -\rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} & \bullet \bullet \bullet & -\rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow N} \\ -\rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 1} & 1 - \rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 2} & \bullet \bullet \bullet & -\rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow N} \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet & \bullet \bullet \bullet & \bullet \bullet \bullet & \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ -\rho_N F_{N \rightarrow 1} & -\rho_N F_{N \rightarrow 2} & \bullet \bullet \bullet & 1 - \rho_N F_{N \rightarrow N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ B_N \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet \\ E_N \end{Bmatrix}$$

This is a lot of equations!

## Radiosity Examples



AR Toolkit



## Radiosity Examples



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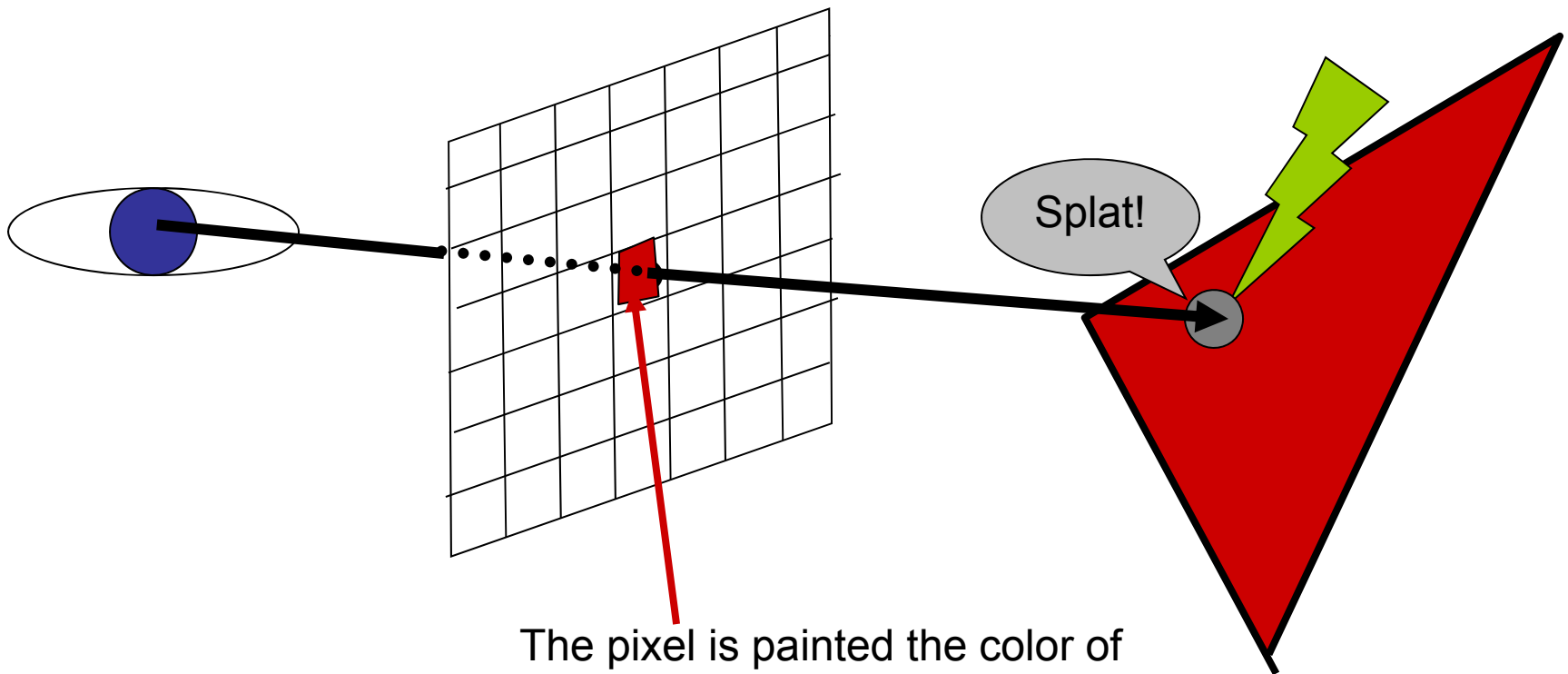


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## Starts at the Eye

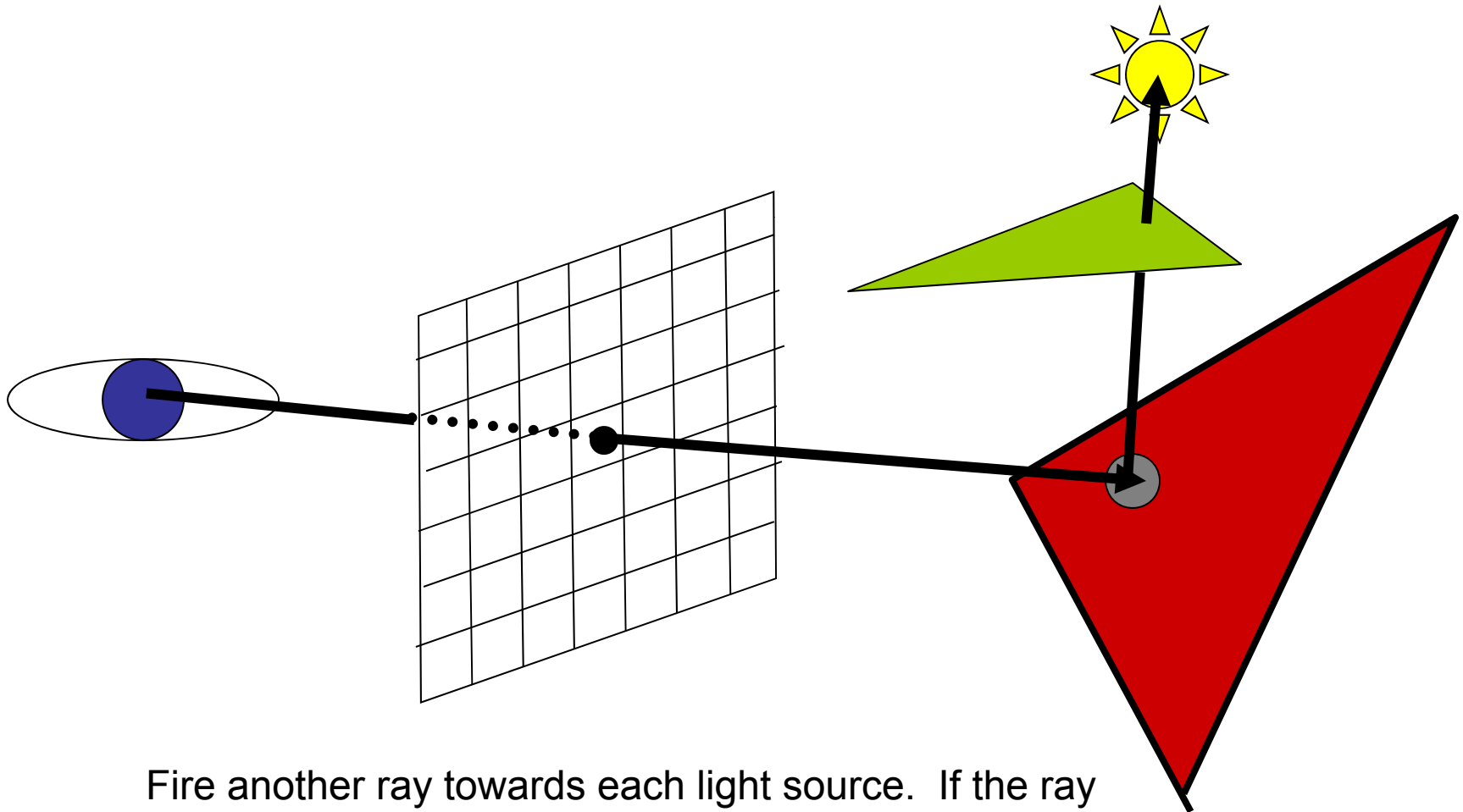
The most common approach in this category is ray-tracing:



The pixel is painted the color of the nearest object that is hit.

## Starts at the Eye

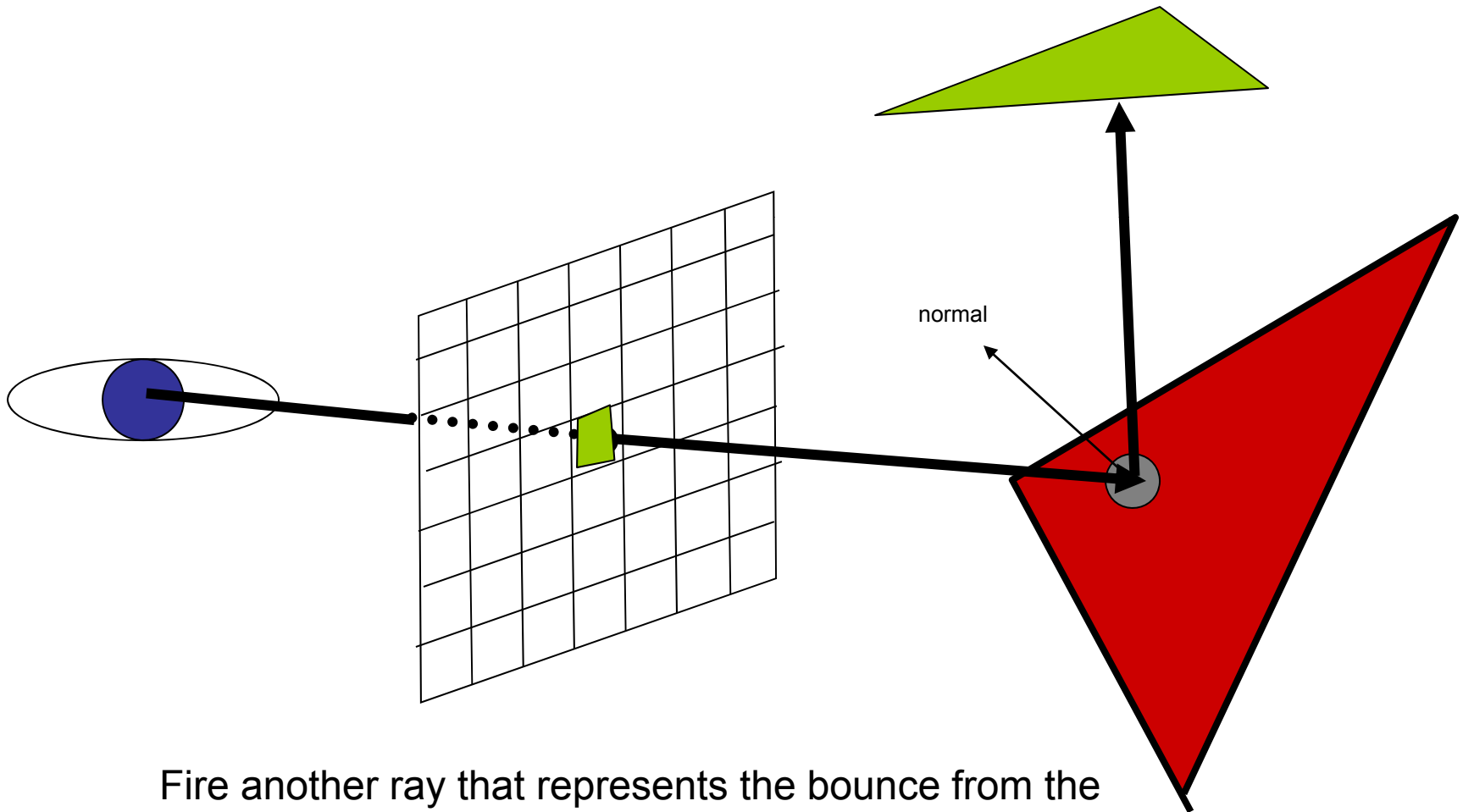
It's also easy to see if this point lies in a shadow:



Fire another ray towards each light source. If the ray hits anything, then the point does not receive that light.

## Starts at the Eye

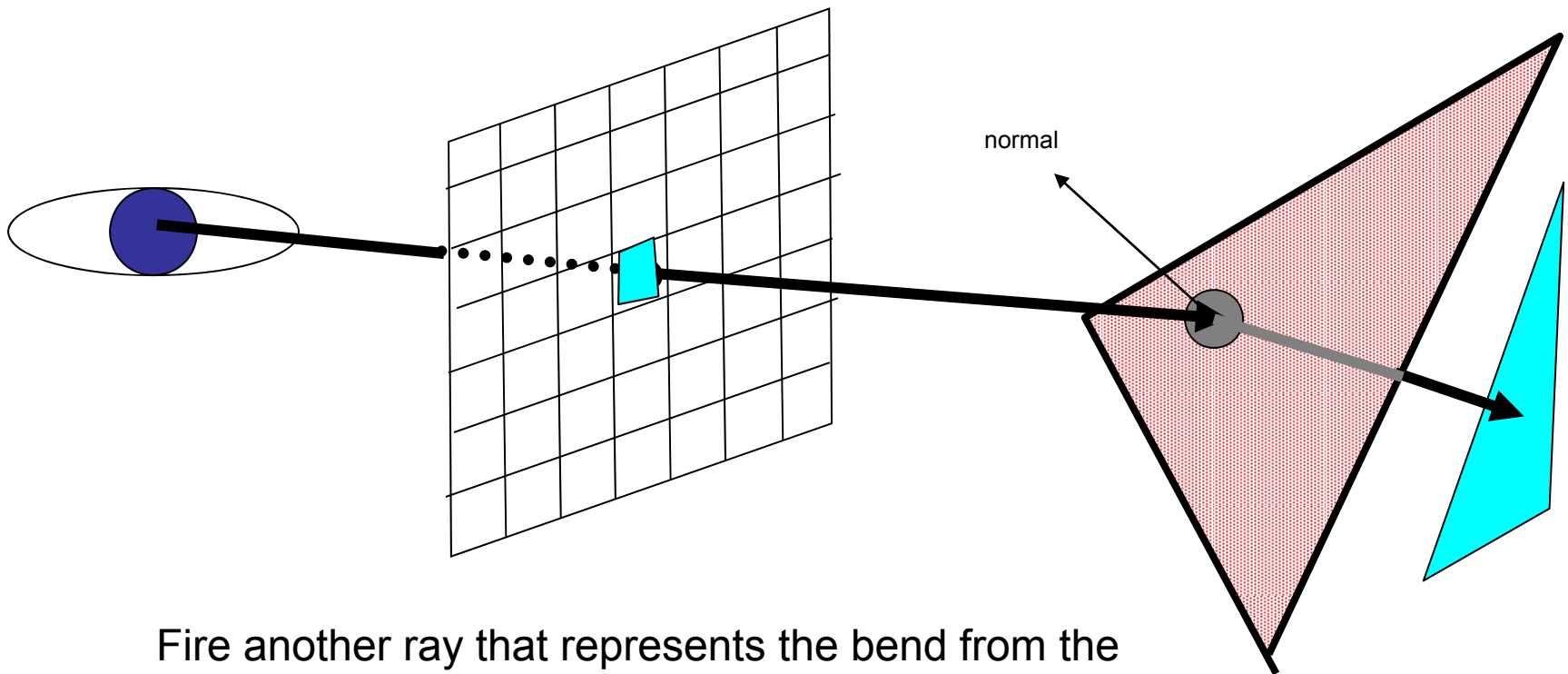
It's also easy to handle reflection



Fire another ray that represents the bounce from the reflection. Paint the pixel the color that this ray sees.

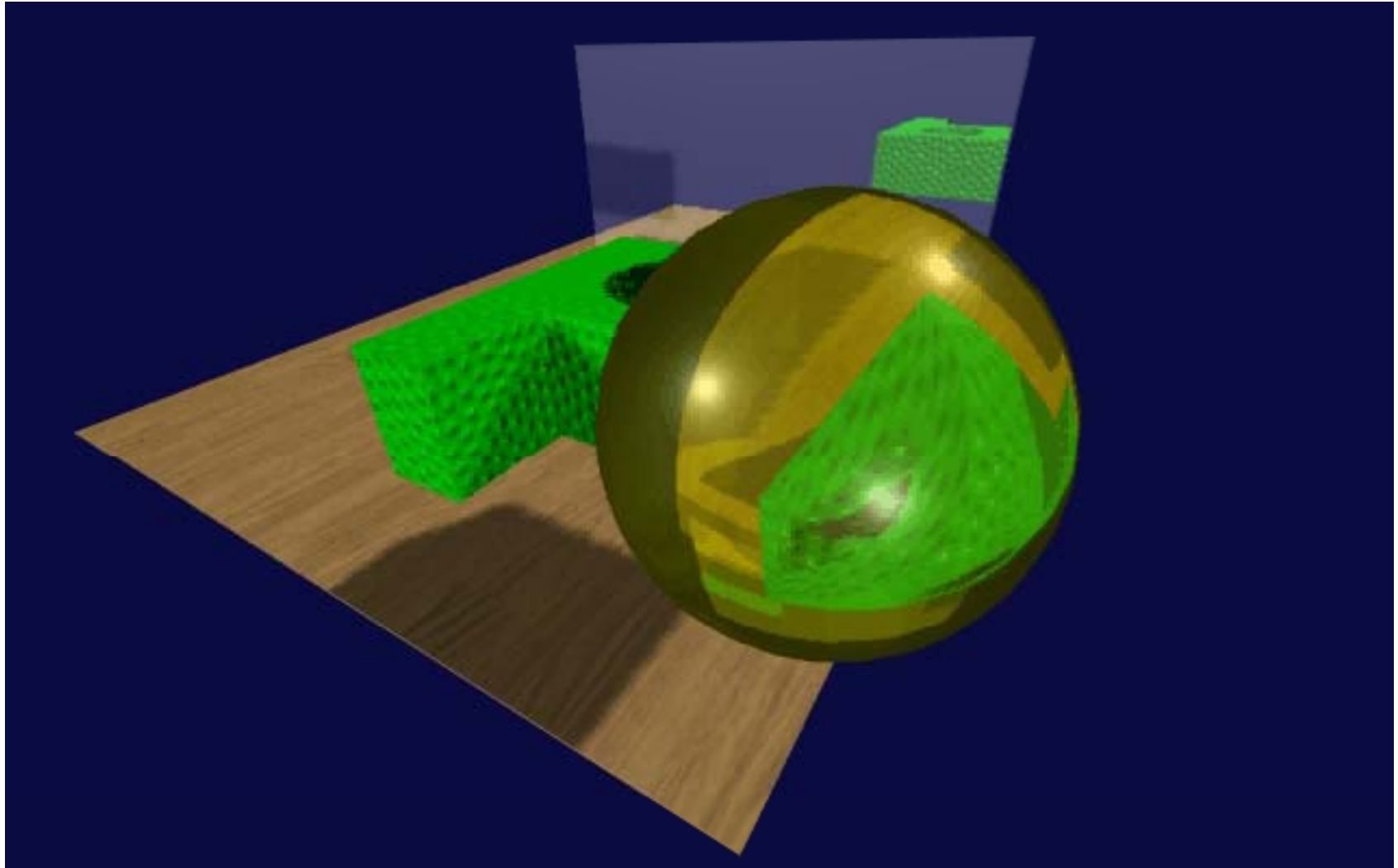
## Starts at the Eye

It's also easy to handle refraction



Fire another ray that represents the bend from the refraction. Paint the pixel the color that this ray sees.

# Ray Tracing Examples





## Ray Tracing Examples



**Quake 4 Ray-Tracing Project**

## Ray Tracing Examples



IBM's Cell Interactive Ray-tracer



A 3D rendered scene featuring a rectangular wooden sign with a vertical grain texture. The sign is positioned on a ground covered with small, multi-colored cobblestones. The text 'GPU Shaders' is displayed on the front face of the sign in a light blue, 3D blocky font with a dark blue outline. The background consists of a light blue sky and a tan-colored wall or ground plane.

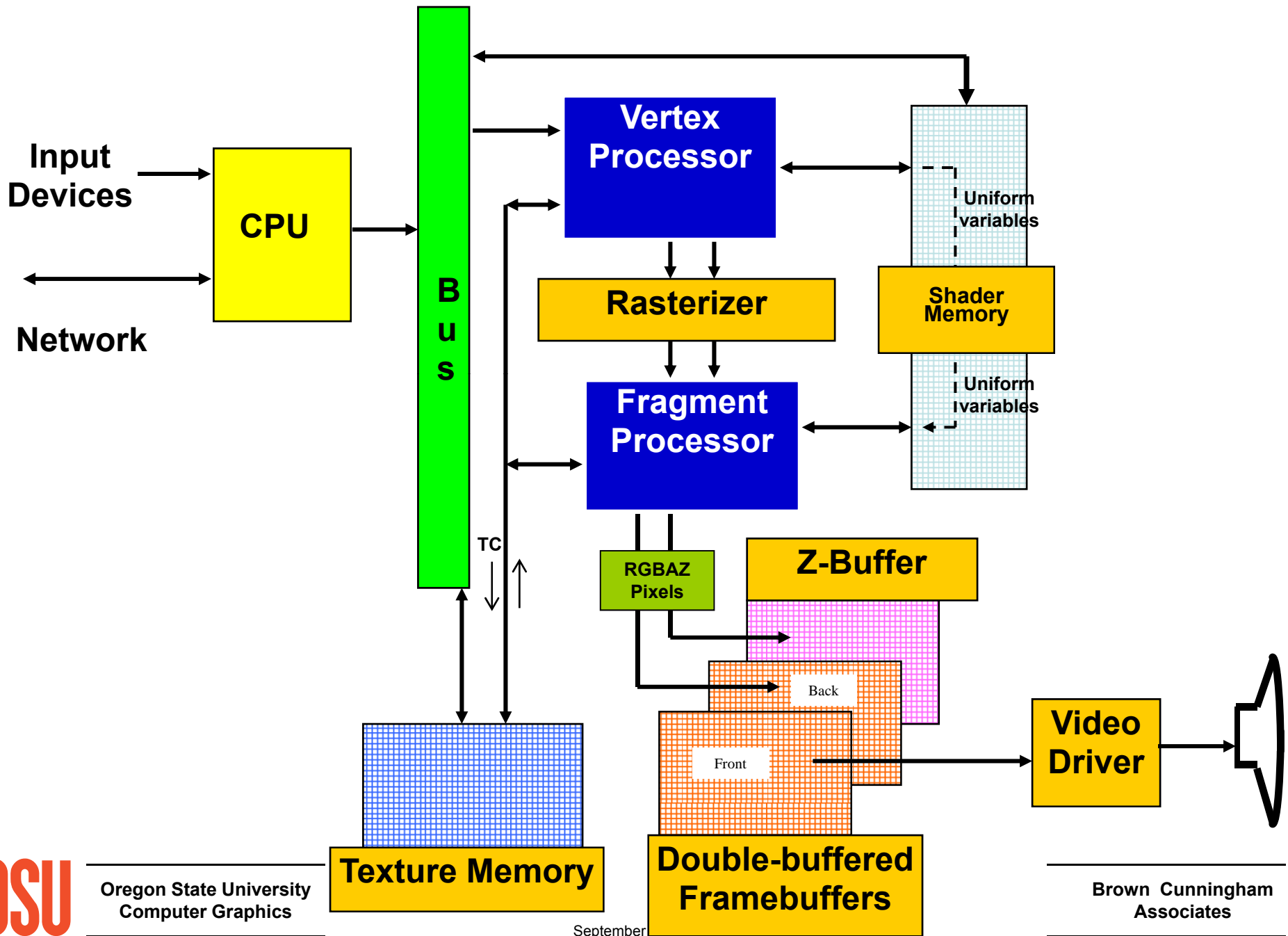
GPU Shaders

# GPU Shader Programming

- Allows programmers to load their own code into parts of the hardware graphics pipeline
- Gives a unique combination of control and speed
- This is a hot, new area in computer graphics
- These notes will focus on *what* can be done this way, not on *how* to do it (that would take lots more time)
- If you want to know more, there's another course on just this topic!



# The Generic Computer Graphics System



## A GLSL Vertex Shader Replaces These Operations:

- Vertex transformations
- Normal transformations
- Normal normalization
- Handling of per-vertex lighting
- Handling of texture coordinates

## A GLSL Fragment Shader Replaces These Operations:

- Color computation
- Texturing
- Color arithmetic
- Handling of per-pixel lighting
- Fog
- Blending
- Discarding fragments

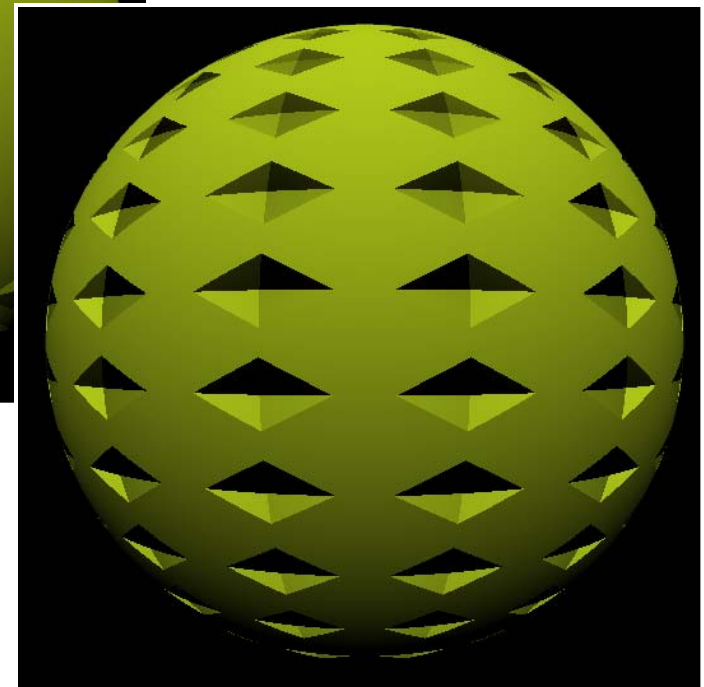
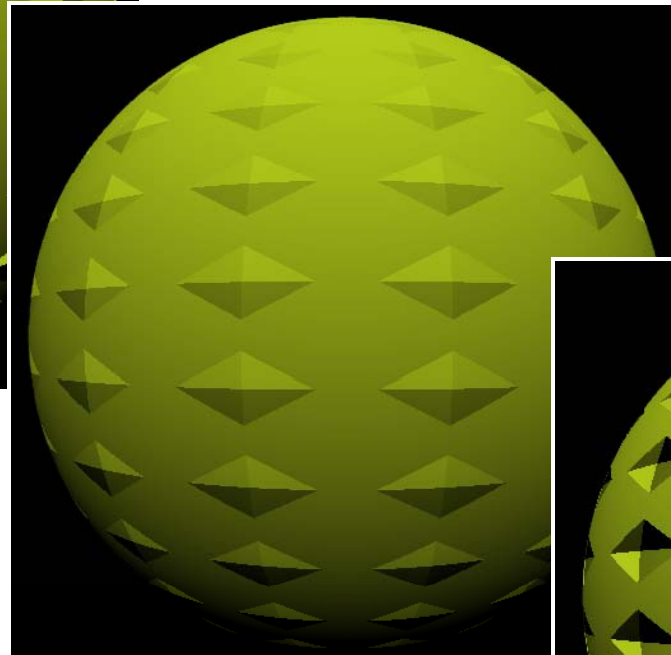
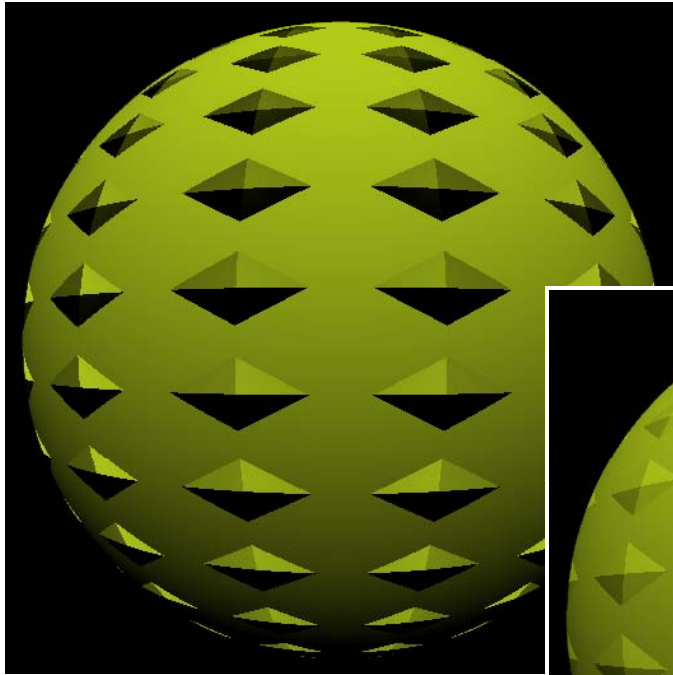
## A GLSL Tessellation Shader:

- Breaks geometry into smaller pieces based on adjacent points, size, curvature, etc.

## A GLSL Geometry Shader:

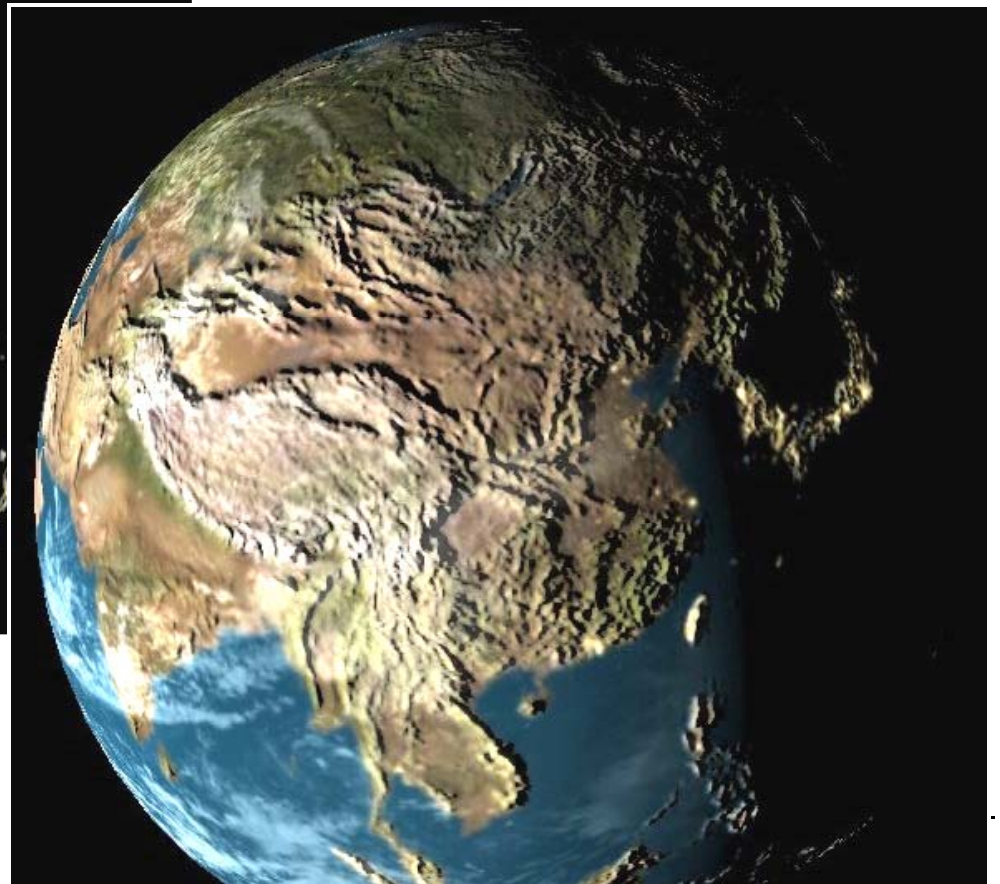
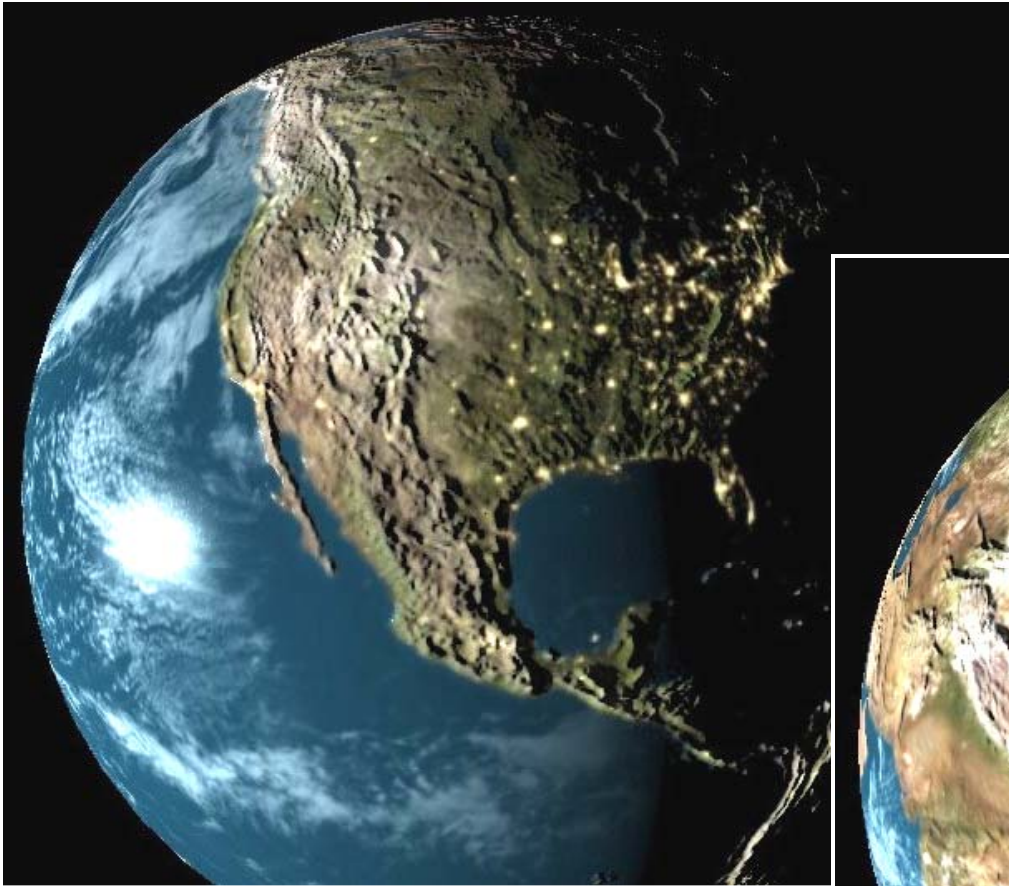
- Breaks geometry into smaller pieces based on more limited information
- Changes the geometry's topology type

## Bump Mapping with Shaders





# Bump Mapping with Shaders



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## Cube Mapping with Shaders



Cube Map of NVIDIA's Lobby

## Cube Mapping with Shaders

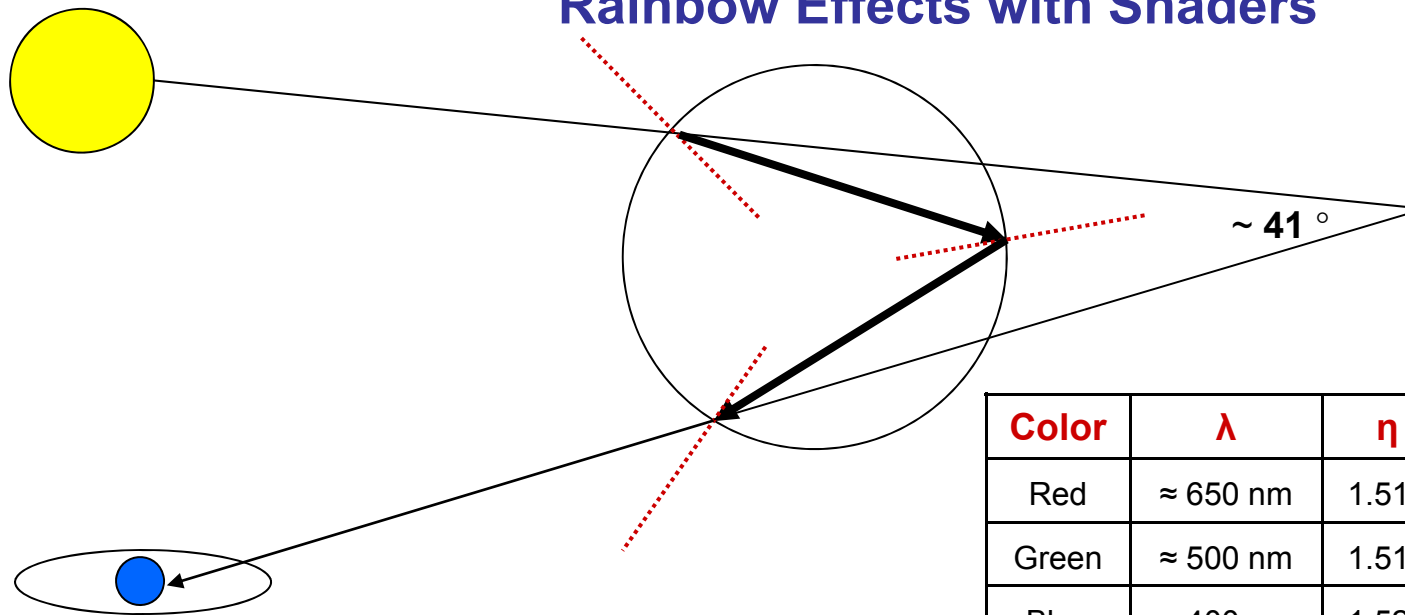




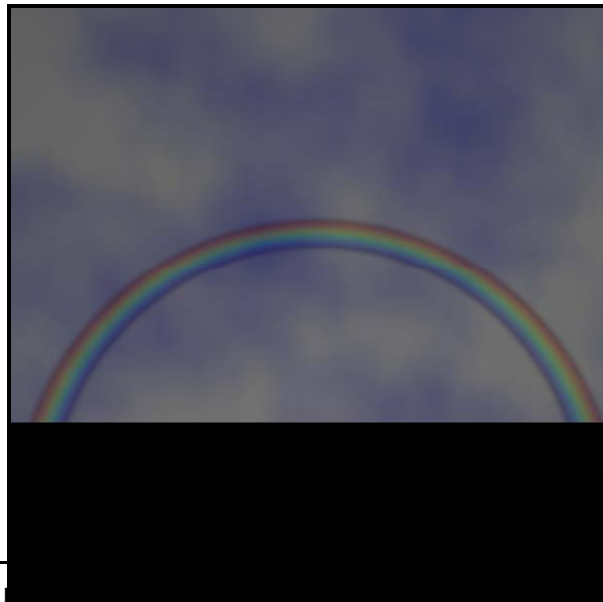
## Cube Mapping with Shaders



# Rainbow Effects with Shaders

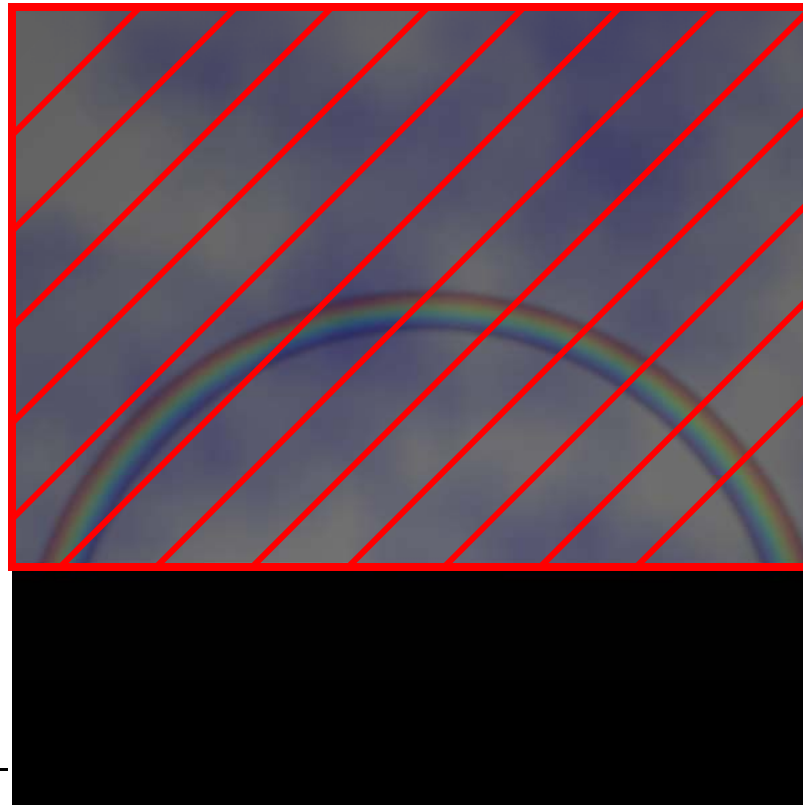


Color	$\lambda$	$\eta$	$\theta$	$\cos\theta$	$\theta\theta$
Red	$\approx 650 \text{ nm}$	1.510	$42^\circ$	0.743	$50.0^\circ$
Green	$\approx 500 \text{ nm}$	1.519	$41^\circ$	0.755	$51.5^\circ$
Blue	$\approx 400 \text{ nm}$	1.528	$40^\circ$	0.766	$53.0^\circ$




## Rainbow Strategy

1. Draw one big quadrilateral across the scene
2. Anywhere that  $.7400 \leq \cos(\Theta) \leq .7700$ , paint the correct color
3. If not, discard that fragment





A 3D illustration of a rectangular wooden block with a brown, wood-grained texture. The block is positioned on a ground surface covered with small, smooth, multi-colored pebbles in shades of grey, brown, and tan. The background consists of a light blue sky and a tan ground plane. The text "Finding Additional Information" is written on the front face of the block in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a black outline. The text is arranged in two lines: "Finding Additional" on the top line and "Information" on the bottom line.

# Finding Additional Information

# Where to Find More Information about Computer Graphics and Related Topics

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SIGGRAPH..... ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics  
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IEEE ..... Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
<http://www.computer.org>  
202-371-0101

IGDA..... International Game Developers Association  
<http://www.igda.org>  
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SIGCHI..... ACM Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interfaces  
<http://www.acm.org/sigchi>  
212-869-7440

NAB ..... National Association of Broadcasters  
<http://www.nab.org>  
800-521-8624

ASME..... American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
<http://www.asme.org>  
800-THE-ASME

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ACM SIGGRAPH:  
2011: Vancouver, BC – August 8-12  
<http://www.siggraph.org/s2010>

SIGGRAPH Asia:  
2010: Seoul, Korea – December 15-18  
<http://drupal.siggraph.org/asia2010>

IEEE Visualization:  
2010: Salt Lake City, UT – October 24-29

<http://vis.computer.org>

**Eurographics**

2011: Llandudno, UK – April 11-15

<http://eg2011.bangor.ac.uk/>

**Game Developers Conference:**

2011: San Francisco, CA – February 28 – March 4

<http://www.gdconf.com>

**E3Expo**

2011: Los Angeles, CA – June 6-10

<http://www.e3expo.com>

**PAX (Penny Arcade Expo)**

2010: Seattle, WA – September 3-5

<http://www.paxsite.com>

**ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences (includes the Computers and Information in Engineering conference):**

2010: Montreal, Quebec – August 15-18

<http://www.asmeconferences.org>

**National Association of Broadcasters (NAB):**

2011: Las Vegas, NV – April 9-14

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2011: Vancouver, BC – May 7-12

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2010: New Orleans -- November 13-19

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## **5. Graphics Performance Characterization**

The GPC web site tabulates graphics display speeds for a variety of vendors' workstation products. To get the information, visit:

<http://www.spec.org/benchmarks.html#gwpg>