

# Programmable GPUS

## Last Time?

- Planar Shadows
- Projective Texture Shadows
- Shadow Maps
- Shadow Volumes
  - Stencil Buffer

## Today

- **Modern Graphics Hardware**
- Shader Programming Languages
- Gouraud Shading vs. Phong Normal Interpolation
- Bump, Displacement, & Environment Mapping

## Modern Graphics Hardware

- High performance through
  - Parallelism
  - Specialization
  - No data dependency
  - Efficient pre-fetching

## Programmable Graphics Hardware

- Geometry and pixel (fragment) stage become programmable
  - Elaborate appearance
  - More and more general-purpose computation (GPU hacking)

## Misc. Stats on Graphics Hardware

- 2005
  - About 4-6 geometry units
  - About 16 fragment units
  - Deep pipeline (~800 stages)
  - 600 million vertices/second
  - 6 billion texels/second
- NVIDIA GeForce 9 (Feb 2008)
  - ~1 TFLOPS
  - 32/64 stream processors
  - 512 MB/1 GB memory
- ATI Radeon R700 (2008)
  - 480 stream processing units
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 480 (2010)
  - 480 cores
  - 2560x1600 resolution
  - 1536 MB memory

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## Emerging Languages

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- Inspired by Shade Trees [Cook 1984] & Renderman Shading Language:
  - RTSL [Stanford 2001] – real-time shading language
  - Cg [NVIDIA 2003] – C for graphics
  - HLSL [Microsoft 2003] – Direct X
  - GLSL [OpenGL ARB 2004] – OpenGL 2.0
- General Purpose GPU computing
  - CUDA [NVIDIA 2007]
  - OpenCL (Open Computing Language) [Apple 2008] for heterogeneous platforms of CPUs & GPUs

## Cg Design Goals

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- Ease of programming “Cg: A system for programming graphics hardware in a C-like language”  
Mark et al. SIGGRAPH 2003
- Portability
- Complete support for hardware functionality
- Performance
- Minimal interference with application data
- Ease of adoption
- Extensibility for future hardware
- Support for non-shading uses of the GPU

## Cg Design

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- Hardware is changing rapidly... no single standard
- Specify “profile” for each hardware
  - May omit support of some language capabilities (e.g., texture lookup in vertex processor)
- Use hardware virtualization or emulation?
  - “Performance would be so poor it would be worthless for most applications”
  - Well, it might be ok for general purpose programming (not real-time graphics)

## Cg compiler vs. GPU assembly

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- Can inspect the assembly language produced by Cg compiler and perform additional optimizations by hand
  - Generally once development is complete (& output is correct)
  - Using Cg is easier than writing GPU assembly from scratch

## (Typical) Language Design Issues

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- Parameter binding
- Call by reference vs. call by value
- Data types: 32 bit float, 16 bit float, 12 bit fixed & type-promotion (aim for performance)
- Specialized arrays or general-purpose arrays
  - `float4 x` vs. `float x[4]`
- Indirect addressing/pointers (not allowed...)
- Recursion (not allowed...)

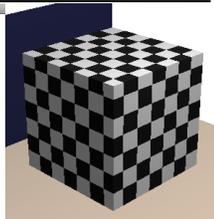
## GLSL example: checkerboard.vs

```

varying vec3 normal;
varying vec3 position_eyespace;
varying vec3 position_worldspace;

// a shader for a black & white checkerboard

void main(void) {
    position_eyespace = vec3(gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex);
    position_worldspace = gl_Vertex.xyz;
    normal = normalize(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal);
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
    
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checkerboard.vs All 1:1 CVS-1.1 (C/1 Abbrev)

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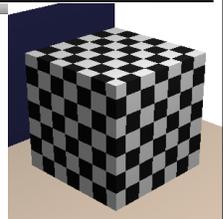
// a shader for a black & white checkerboard

vec3 color;

// determine the parity of this point in the 3D checkerboard
int count = 0;
if (mod(position_worldspace.x,0.3)> 0.15) count++;
if (mod(position_worldspace.y,0.3)> 0.15) count++;
if (mod(position_worldspace.z,0.3)> 0.15) count++;
if (count == 1 || count == 3) {
    color = vec3(0.1,1.0,1.0);
} else {
    color = vec3(1.1,1.1,1.1);
}

// direction to the light
vec3 light = normalize(gl_LightSource[1].position.xyz - position_eyespace);

// basic diffuse
float ambient = 0.3;
float diffuse = 0.7*max(dot(normal,light),0.0);
color = ambient*color + diffuse*color;
gl_FragColor = vec4 (color, 1.0);
}
    
```



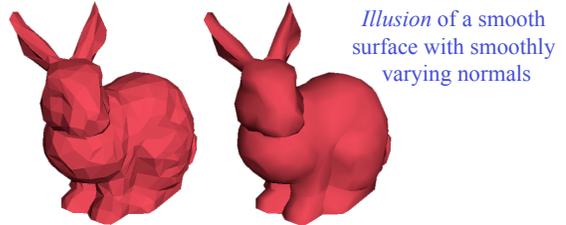
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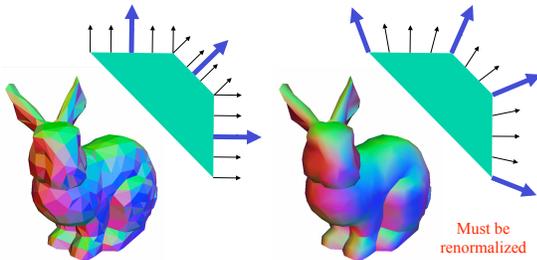
## Remember Gouraud Shading?

- Instead of shading with the normal of the triangle, shade the vertices with the *average normal* and interpolate the color across each face



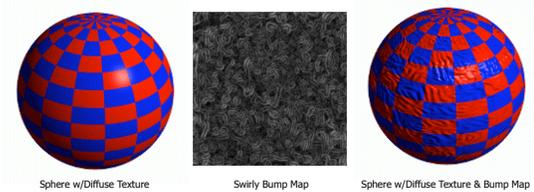
## Phong Normal Interpolation (Not Phong Shading)

- Interpolate the average vertex normals across the face and compute *per-pixel shading*



## Bump Mapping

- Use textures to alter the surface normal
  - Does not change the actual shape of the surface
  - Just shaded as if it were a different shape



## Another GLSL example: orange.vs

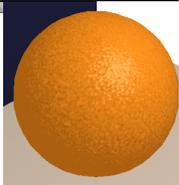
```

varying vec3 normal;
varying vec3 position_eyespace;
varying vec3 position_worldspace;

// a shader that looks like orange peel

void main(void) {
    // the fragment shader requires both the world space position (for
    // consistent bump mapping) & eyespace position (for the phong
    // specular highlight)
    position_eyespace = vec3(gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex);
    position_worldspace = gl_Vertex.xyz;

    // pass along the normal
    normal = normalise(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal);
}
gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
    
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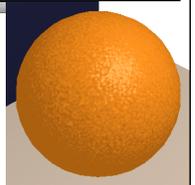
// a shader that looks like orange peel

void main(void) {
    // the base color is orange!
    vec3 color = vec3(1.0,0.5,0.1);

    // high frequency noise added to the normal for the bump map
    vec3 normal2 = normalise(normal+0.4*noise3(70.0*position_worldspace));

    // direction to the light
    vec3 light = normalise(gl_LightSource[1].position.xyz - position_eyespace);
    // direction to the viewer
    vec3 eye_vector = normalise(-position_eyespace);
    // ideal specular reflection
    vec3 reflected_vector = normalise(-reflect(light,normal2));

    // basic phong lighting
    float ambient = 0.6;
    float diffuse = 0.4*max(dot(normal2,light),0.0);
    float specular = 0.2 * pow(max(dot(reflected_vector,eye_vector),0.0),10.0);
    vec3 white = vec3(1.0,1.0,1.0);
    color = ambient*color + diffuse*color + specular*white;
    gl_FragColor = vec4(color, 1.0);
}
    
```



## Bump Mapping

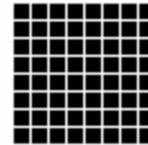
- Treat the texture as a single-valued height function
- Compute the normal from the partial derivatives in the texture



## Another Bump Map Example



Cylinder w/Diffuse Texture Map



Bump Map



Cylinder w/Texture Map & Bump Map

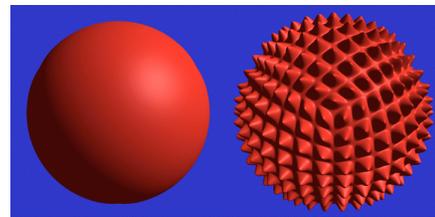
## What's Missing?

- There are no bumps on the silhouette of a bump-mapped object
- Bump maps don't allow self-occlusion or self-shadowing



## Displacement Mapping

- Use the texture map to actually move the surface point
- The geometry must be displaced before visibility is determined



## Displacement Mapping



Image from:

*Geometry Caching for  
Ray-Tracing Displacement Maps*  
EGRW 1996  
Matt Pharr and Pat Hanrahan

*note the detailed shadows  
cast by the stones*

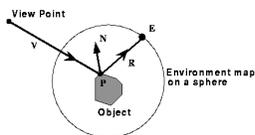
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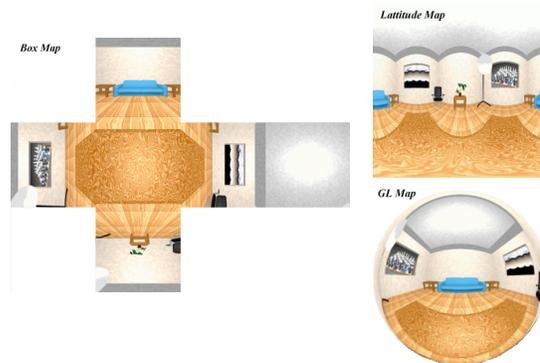
Ken Musgrave

## Environment Maps

- We can simulate reflections by using the direction of the reflected ray to index a spherical texture map at "infinity".
- Assumes that all reflected rays begin from the same point.



## What's the Best Chart?



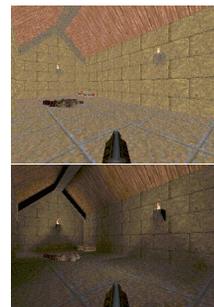
## Environment Mapping Example



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## Texture Maps for Illumination

- Also called "Light Maps"



Quake

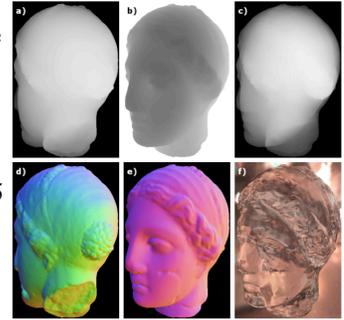
## Questions?



Image by Henrik Wann Jensen  
Environment map by Paul Debevec

## Reading for Today:

- Chris Wyman, "An Approximate Image-Space Approach for Interactive Refraction", SIGGRAPH 2005



## Readings for Friday:

*Choose:*

- "An Image Synthesizer", Perlin, SIGGRAPH 1985 & "Improving Noise", Perlin, SIGGRAPH 2002
- "Parallel White Noise Generation on a GPU via Cryptographic Hash", Tzeng & Wei, I3D 2008.

