

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
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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
 - 4-6 geometry units, 16 fragment units
 - Deep pipeline (~800 stages)
- NVIDIA GeForce 9 (Feb 2008)
 - 32/64 cores, 512 MB/1GB memory
- ATI Radeon R700 (2008)
 - 480 stream processing units
- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 480 (2010)
 - 480 cores, 1536 MB memory
 - 2560x1600 resolution
- ATI Radeon HD 7900 (2012)
 - 2048 processors, 3GB memory
- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 680 (2012)
 - 1536 cores, 2040 MB memory

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Emerging & Evolving Languages

- Inspired by Shade Trees [Cook 1984] & Renderman Shading Language [1980's]:
 - 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
 - Optix [NVIDIA 2009] – Real time ray tracing engine for CUDA
- General Purpose GPU computing
 - CUDA [NVIDIA 2007]
 - OpenCL (Open Computing Language) [Apple 2008] for heterogeneous platforms of CPUs & GPUs

Cg Design Goals

- 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

- Hardware is changing rapidly [2003]... 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

- 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

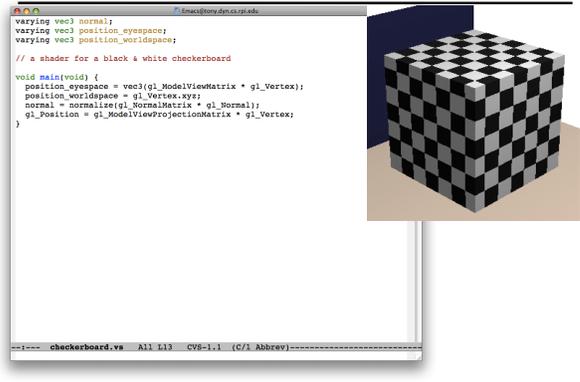
(Typical) Language Design Issues

- 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...)

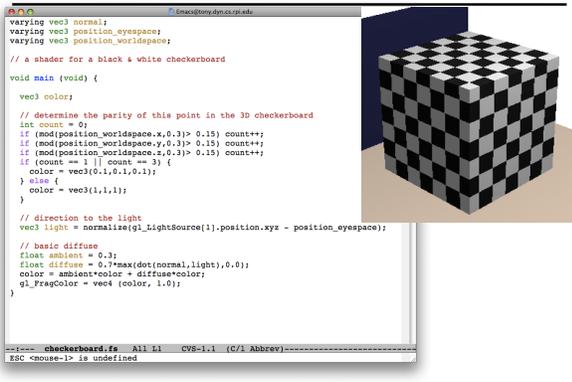
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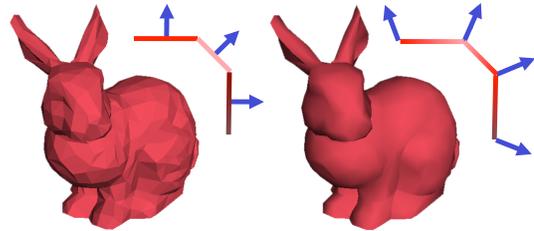


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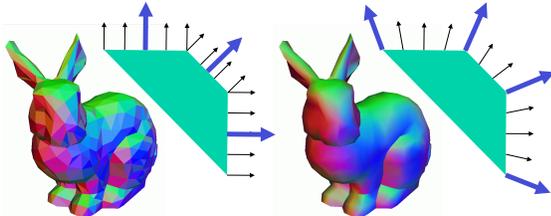
Remember Gouraud Shading?

- Instead of shading with the normal of the triangle, we'll shade the vertices with the *average normal* and *interpolate the shaded color* across each face
 - This gives the *illusion of a smooth surface* with smoothly varying normals



Phong Normal Interpolation (Not Phong Shading)

- *Interpolate the average vertex normals* across the face and compute *per-pixel shading*
 - Normals should be re-normalized (ensure length=1)



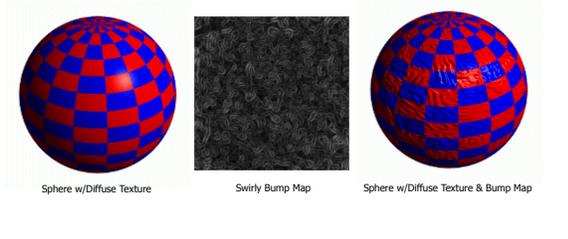
- Before shaders, per-pixel shading was not possible in hardware (Gouraud shading is actually a decent substitute!)

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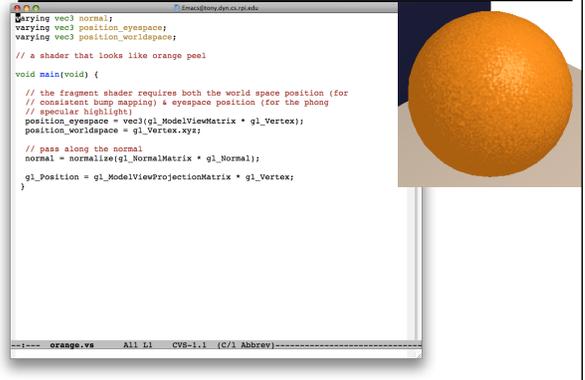
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Bump Mapping

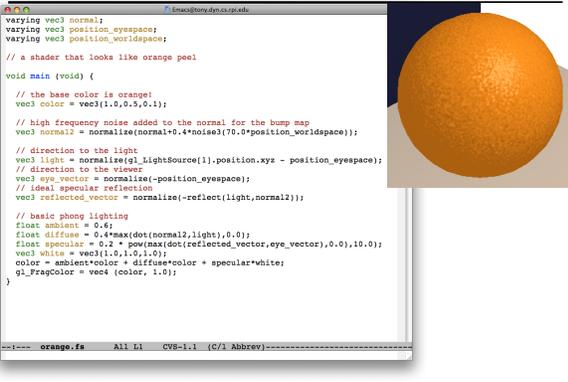
- Use textures to alter the surface normal
 - Does not change the actual shape of the surface
 - Just shaded as if it were a different shape



Another GLSL example: orange.vs

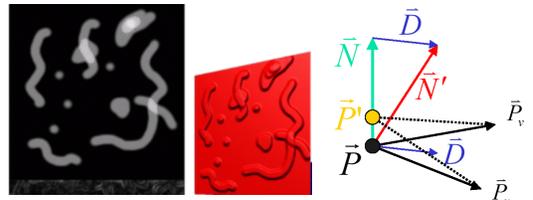


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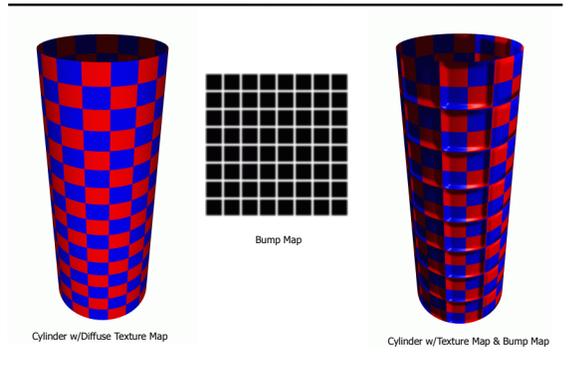


Bump Mapping

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

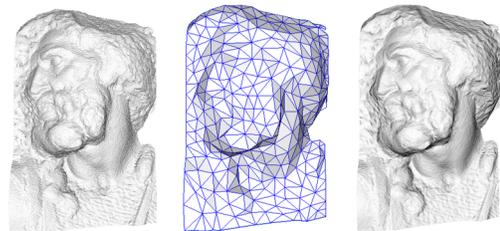


Another Bump Map Example



Normal Mapping

- Variation on Bump Mapping:
 - Use an RGB texture to directly encode the normal



original mesh 4M triangles simplified mesh 500 triangles simplified mesh and normal mapping 500 triangles

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Normal_map_example.png

What's Missing?

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

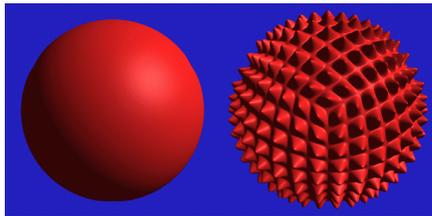


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Displacement Mapping

- 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*

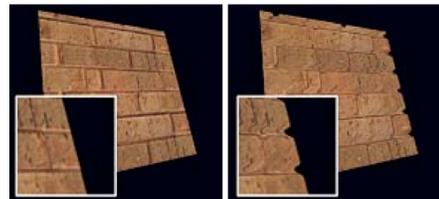
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Ken Musgrave

Parallax Mapping a.k.a. Offset Mapping or Virtual Displacement Mapping

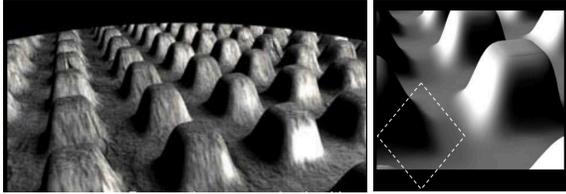
- Displace the texture coordinates for each pixel based on view angle and value of the height map at that point
- At steeper view-angles, texture coordinates are displaced more, giving illusion of depth due to parallax effects



"Detailed shape representation with parallax mapping",
Kaneko et al. ICAT 2001

Parallax Occlusion Mapping

- Brawley & Tatarchuk 2004
- Per pixel ray tracing of the heightfield geometry
- Occlusions & soft shadows



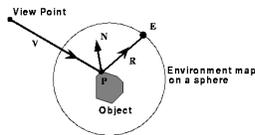
http://developer.amd.com/media/gpu_assets/Tatarchuk-ParallaxOcclusionMapping-Sketch-print.pdf

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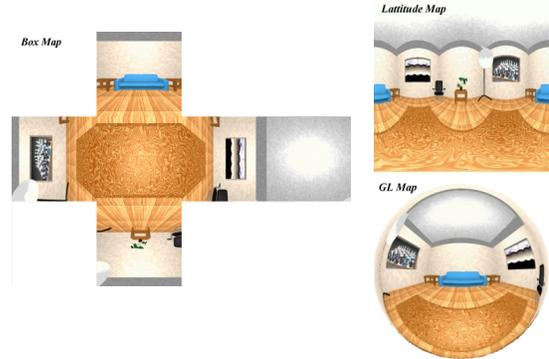
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Environment Maps

- 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?



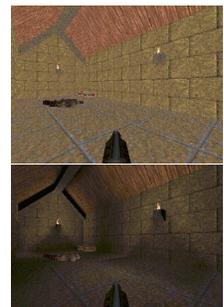
Environment Mapping Example



Terminator II

Texture Maps for Illumination

- Also called "Light Maps"



Quake

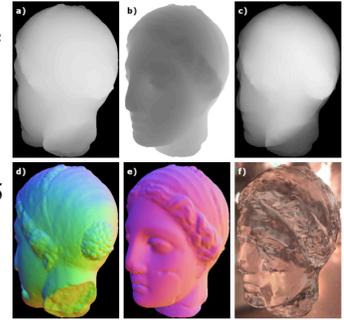
Questions?



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
- "Procedural Modeling of Buildings" Mueller, Wonka, Haegler, Ulmer & Van Gool, SIGGRAPH 2006

