

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER GRAPHICS

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Computer Graphics



Hardware



Software



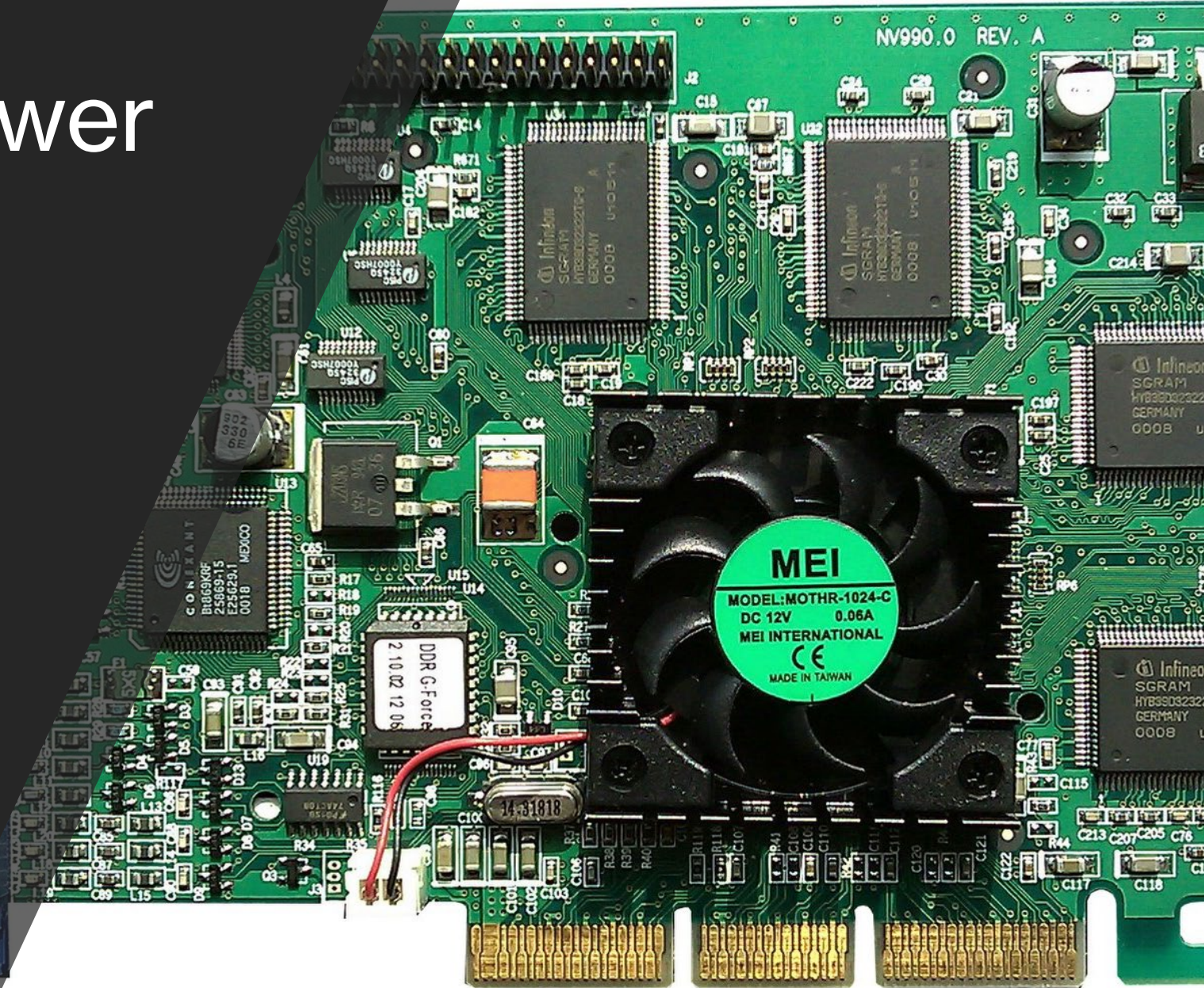
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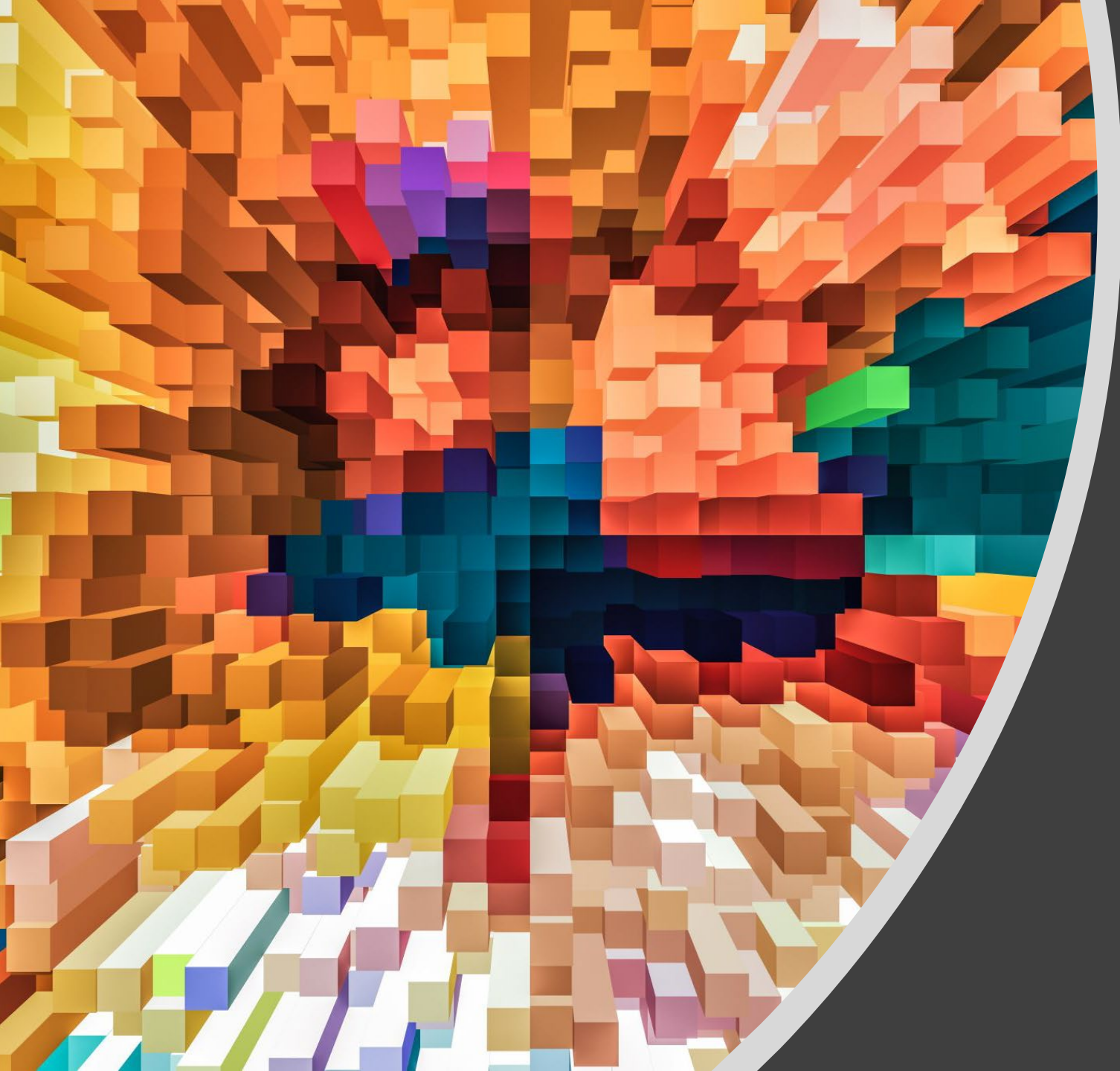
Preliminary Answer

Application: The object is an artist's rendition of the sun for an animation to be shown in a domed environment (planetarium)

Software: Maya for modeling and rendering but Maya is built on top of OpenGL

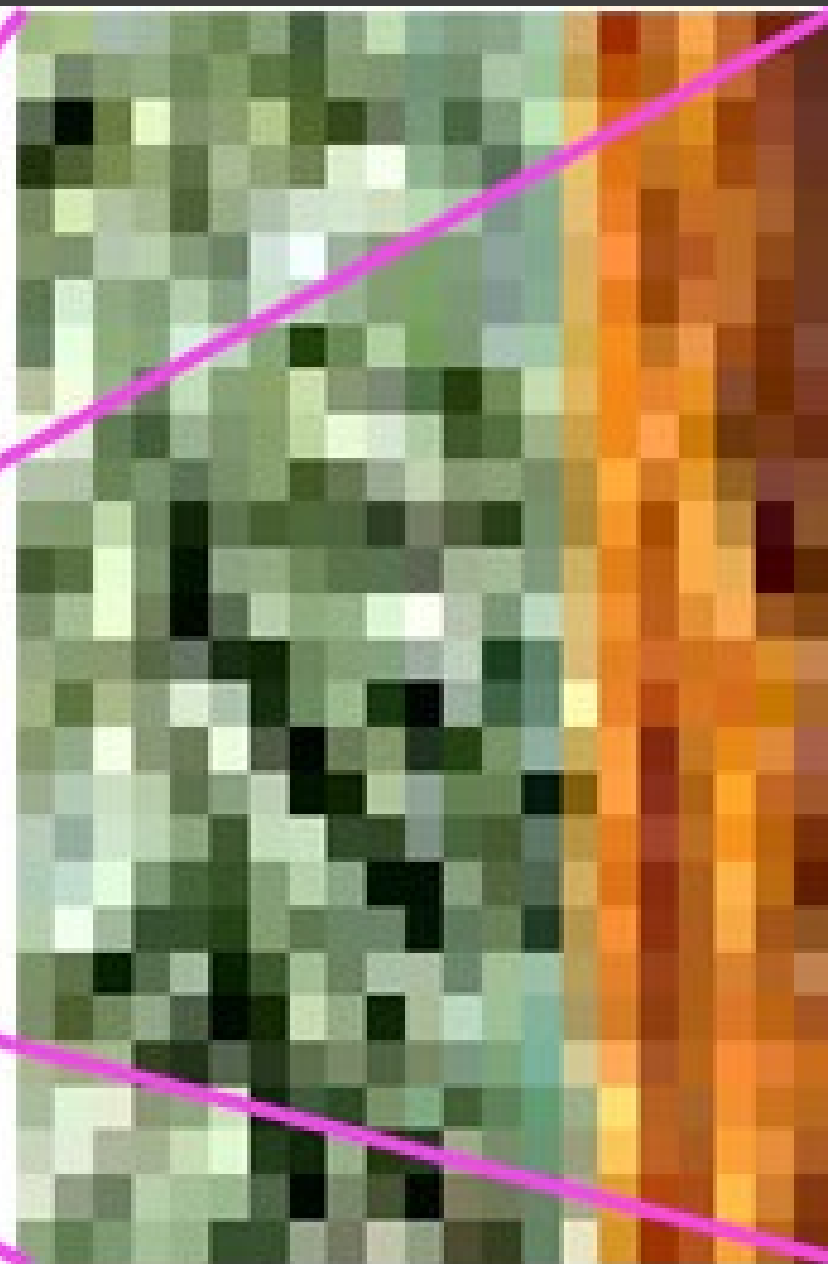
Hardware: PC with graphics card for modeling and rendering



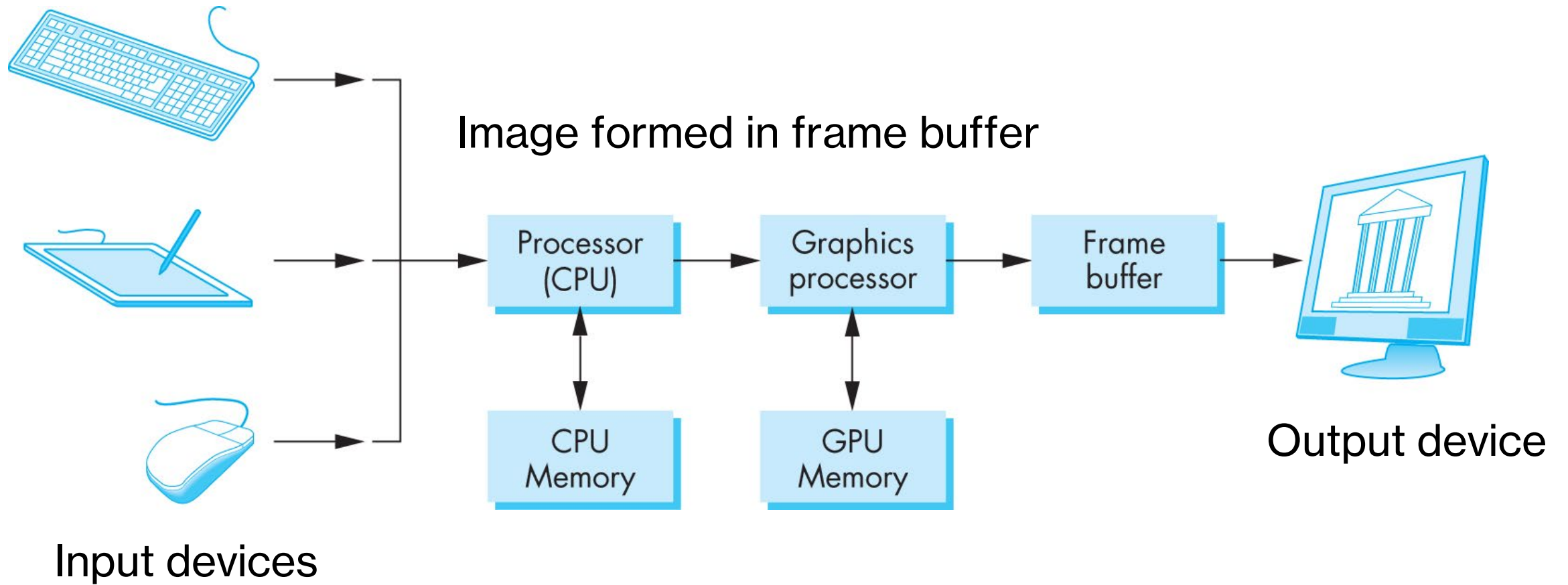



Business of Generating Images

Images are made up of pixels

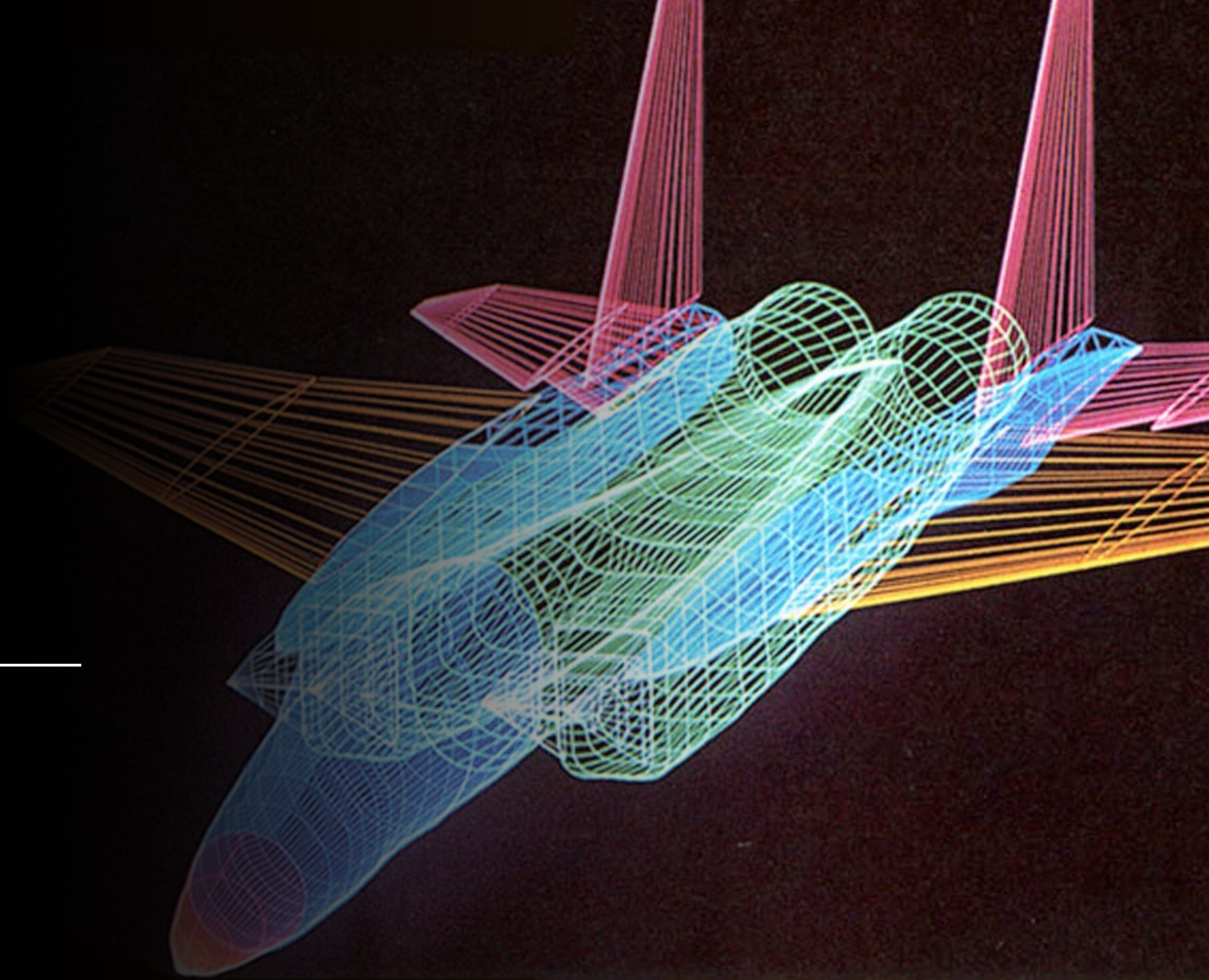


Basic Graphics System





Computer Graphics History





Timeline



Late 1950s into the 1980s

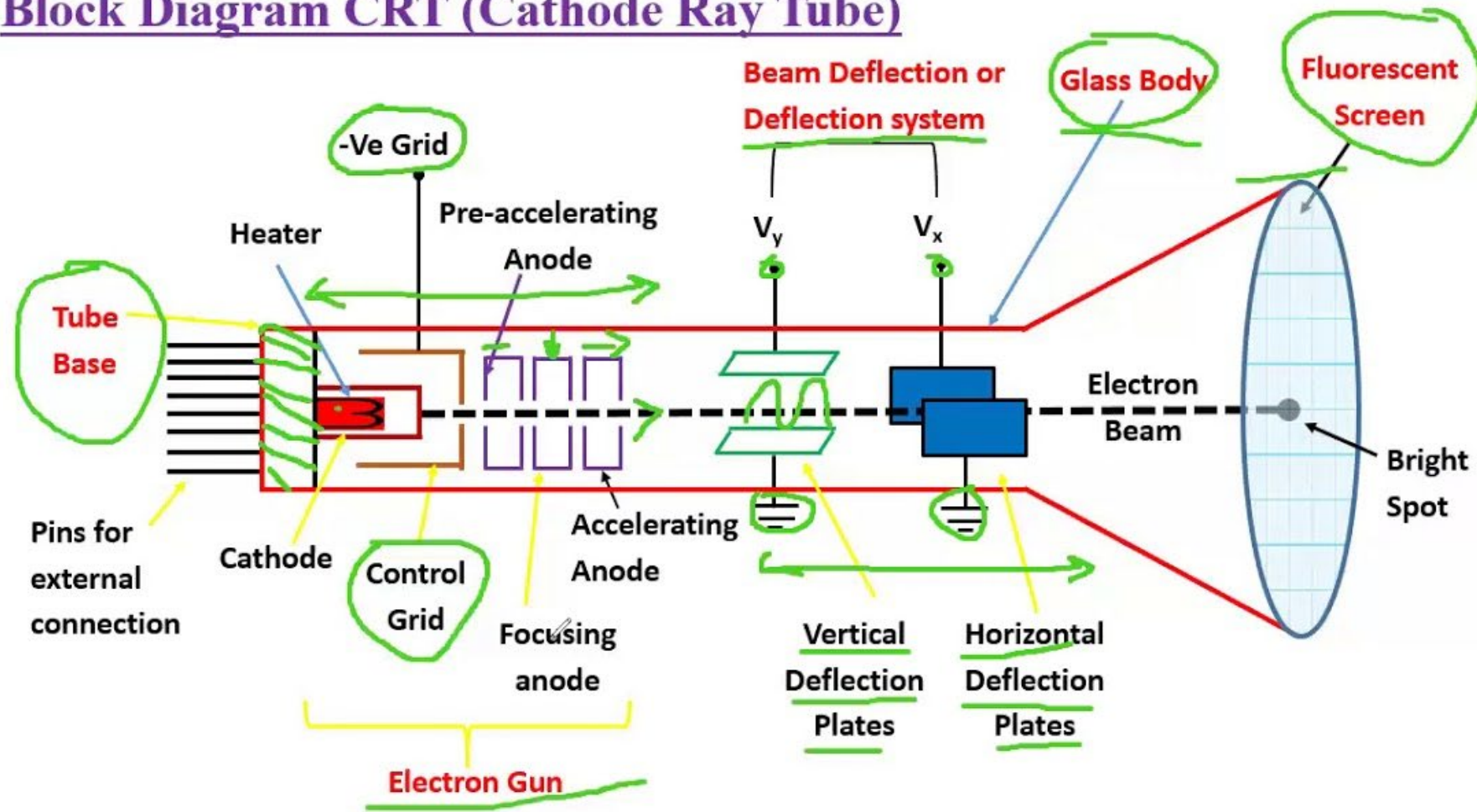
- SAGE air-defense system (mid 50s) used command & control CRT
- It used CRT display consoles on which operators identified targets with light pens



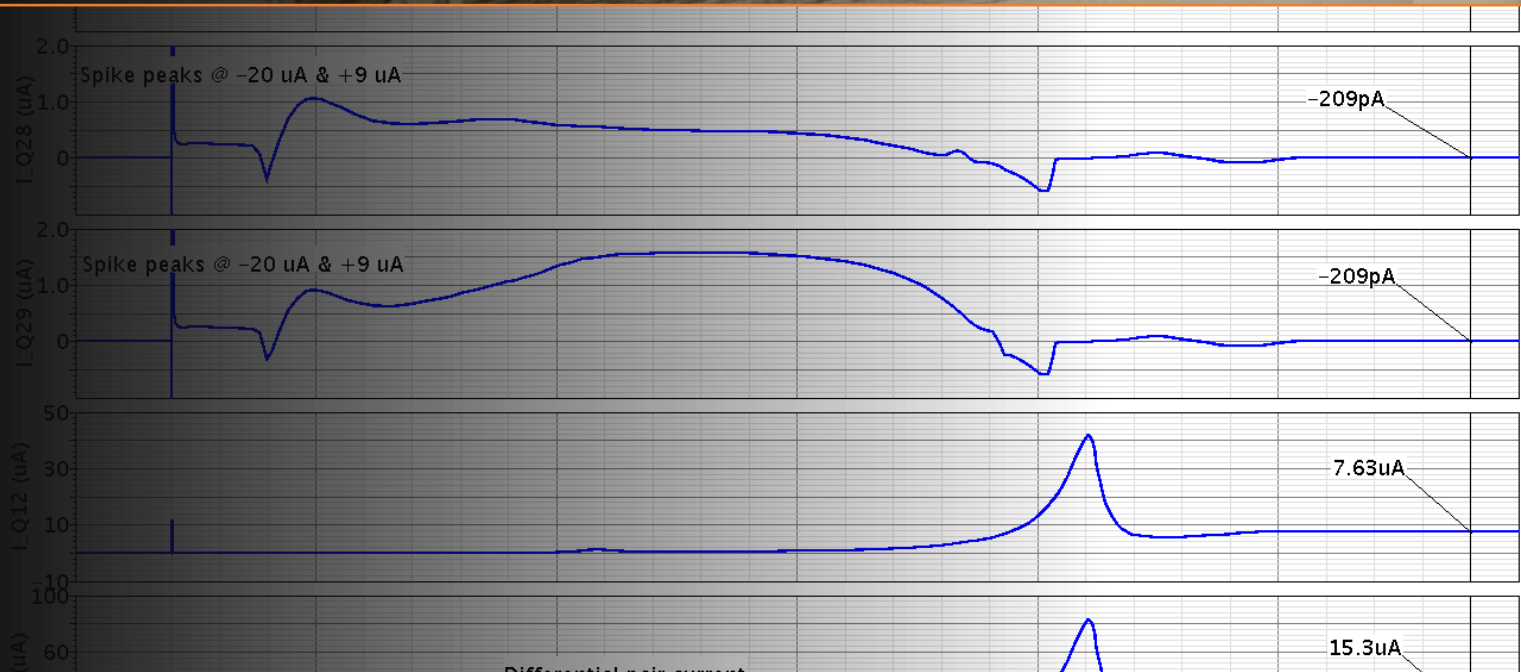
CRT

Can be used either as a line-drawing device (calligraphic) or to display contents of frame buffer (raster mode)

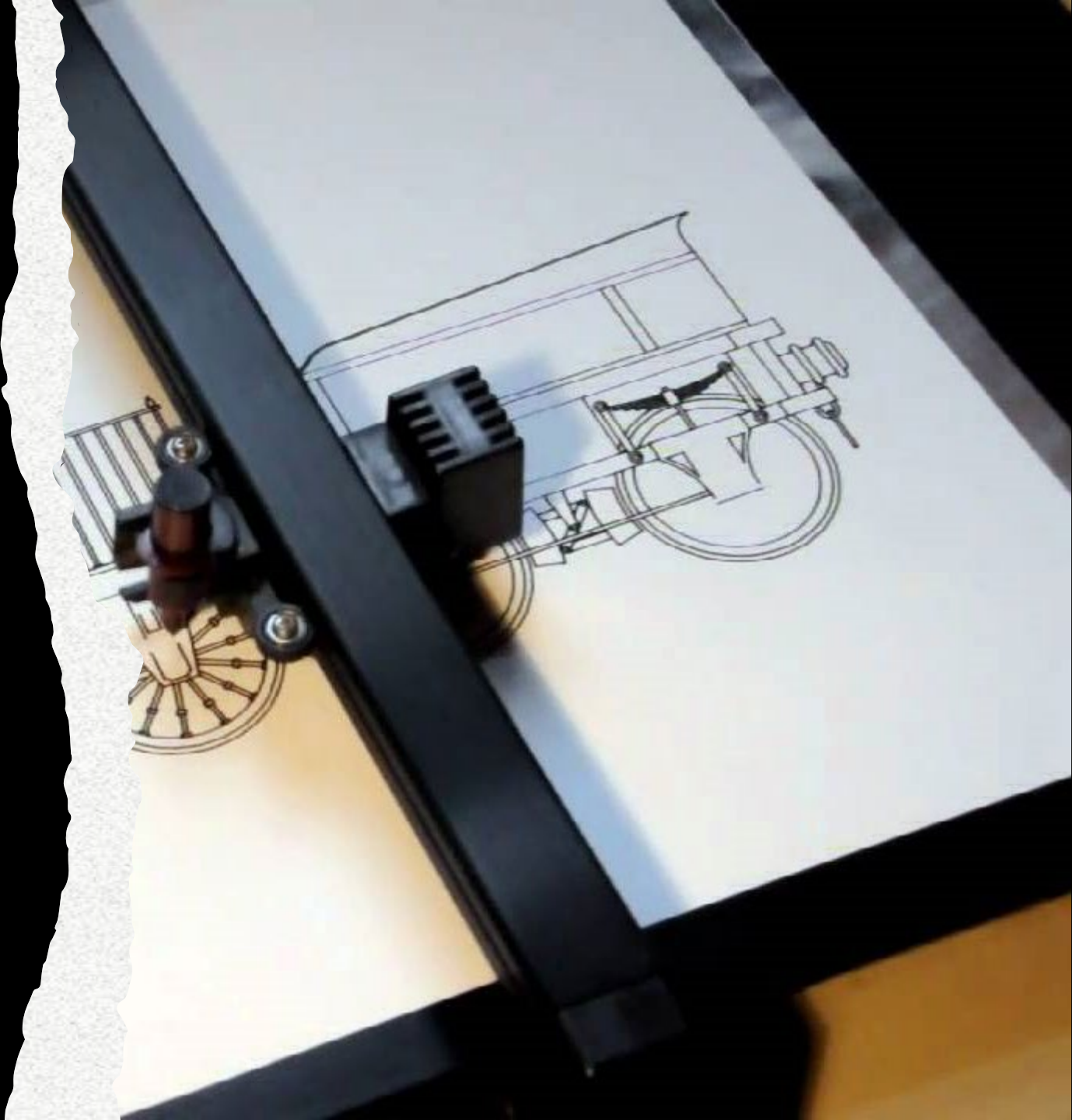
Block Diagram CRT (Cathode Ray Tube)



CG 1950-1960 STRIP CHART



CG 1950- 1960 PLOTTERS



CG 1960 - 1970

- Archive film showing possibly the first example of digital rendering, made by Pixar co-founders Ed Catmull and Fred Parke in 1972, was stumbled upon by the son of Robert B Ingebretsen, who also set up the world-famous U.S. studio.

Read
more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetechn/article-2034003/How-Pixar-founders-worlds-3D-graphics.html#ixzz4VnwA6bmM>
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Computer Graphics History continued

- Beginnings of modern interactive graphics attributed to Ivan Sutherland's doctoral work at MIT
 - presented work at Spring Joint Computer Conference in 1963 in the form of a movie.
 - He developed the Sketchpad drawing system

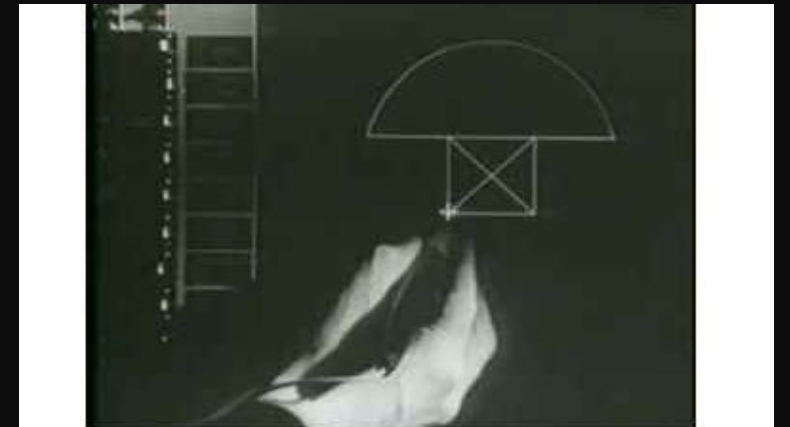
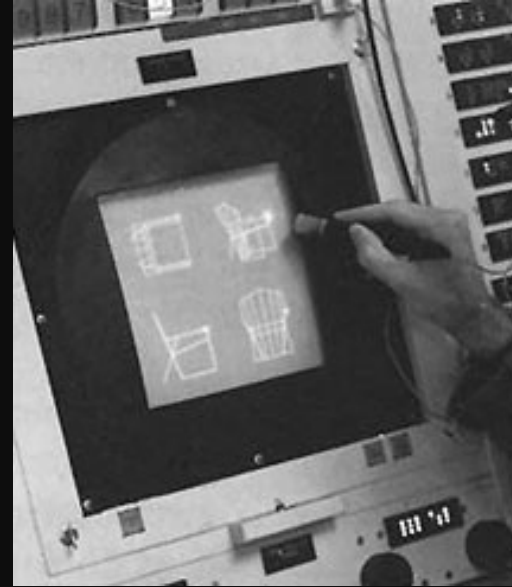


A portrait of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a green sweatshirt with "PORTLAND State University" printed on it. He is sitting in an office with computer monitors and framed pictures in the background. A yellow text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Bapak Computer
Graphics
Age 85 (2023)

Sketchpad

- Ivan Sutherland's PhD thesis at MIT
 - Recognized the potential of man-machine interaction
 - Loop
 - Display something
 - User moves light pen
 - Computer generates new display
 - Sutherland also created many of the now common algorithms for computer graphics



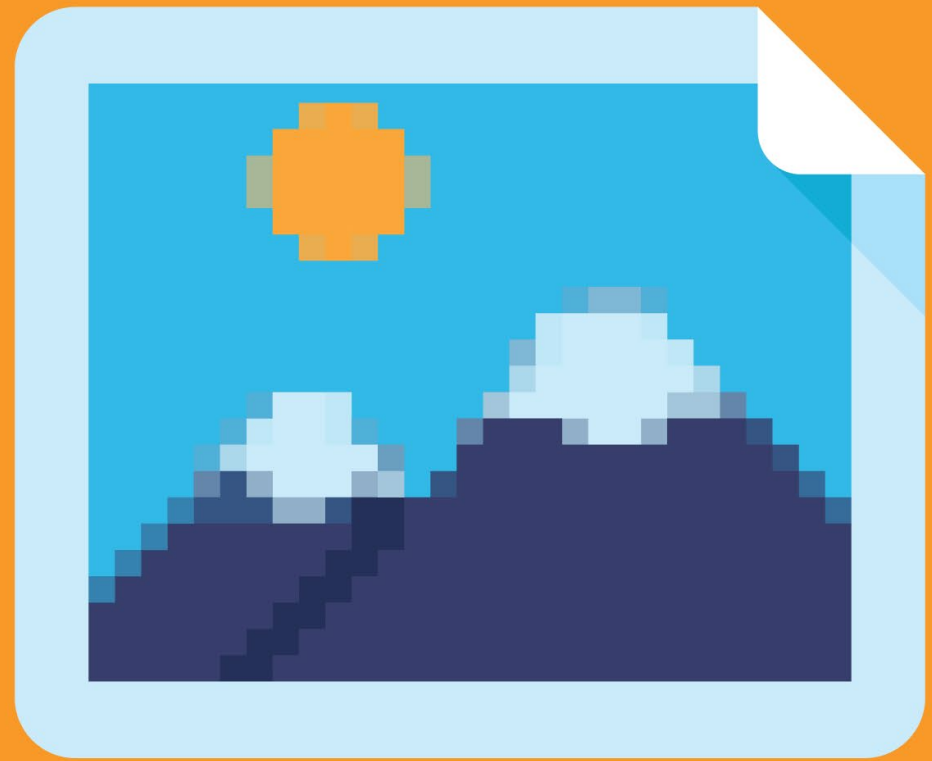
Computer Graphics: 1970-1980

- Raster Graphics
- Beginning of graphics standards
 - IFIPS
 - GKS: European effort
 - Becomes ISO 2D standard
 - Core: North American effort
 - 3D but fails to become ISO standard
- Workstations and PCs





VECTOR



RASTER

Raster graphics are digital images created or captured (for example, by scanning in a photo) as a set of samples of a given space.

WORKSTATION



GAMING PC





PCs and Workstations

- Although we no longer make the distinction between workstations and PCs, historically they evolved from different roots
 - Early workstations characterized by
 - Networked connection: client-server model
 - High-level of interactivity
 - Early PCs included frame buffer as part of user memory
 - Easy to change contents and create images

ORIGINAL SOURCE
<https://pediaa.com/difference-between-workstation-and-desktop/>

WORKSTATION VERSUS DESKTOP	
WORKSTATION	DESKTOP
A special computer designed for technical or scientific applications	A personal computer designed for regular use at a single location on or near a desk or table due to its size and power requirements
Used to solve high-end technical matters such as mechanical designing, animations, engineering simulations, etc.	Used to perform regular tasks such as web browsing, word processing, gaming, etc.
Has higher specifications	Has lower specifications
Expensive	Less expensive
	Visit www.PEDIAA.com

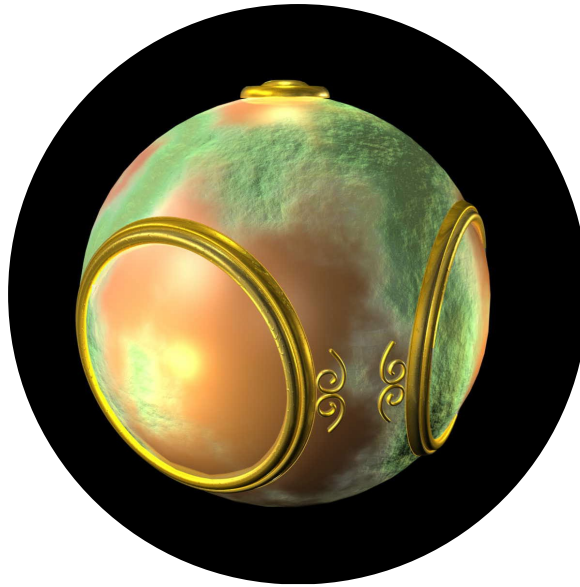
Computer Graphics: 1980- 1990



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environment
mapping



bump mapping



smooth shading

Computer Graphics: 1980-1990

PHIGS

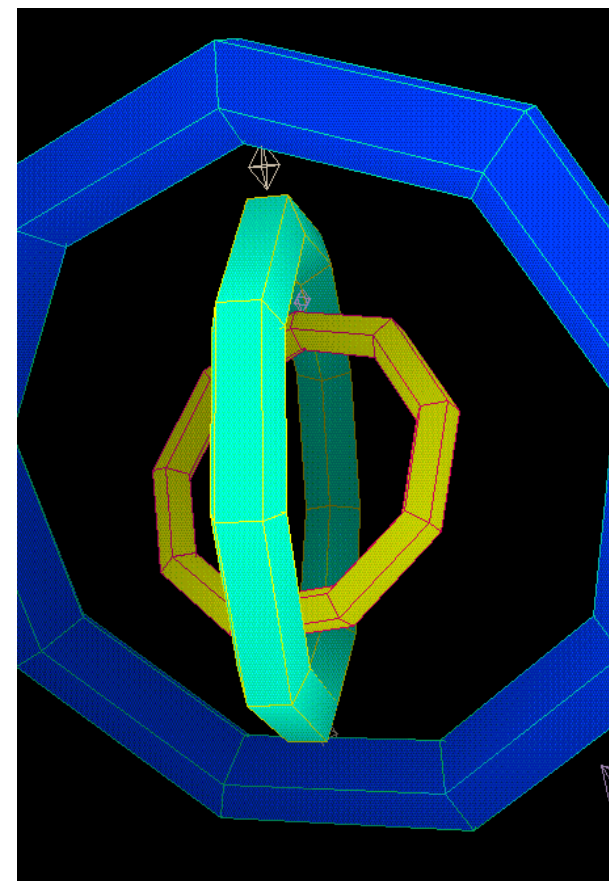
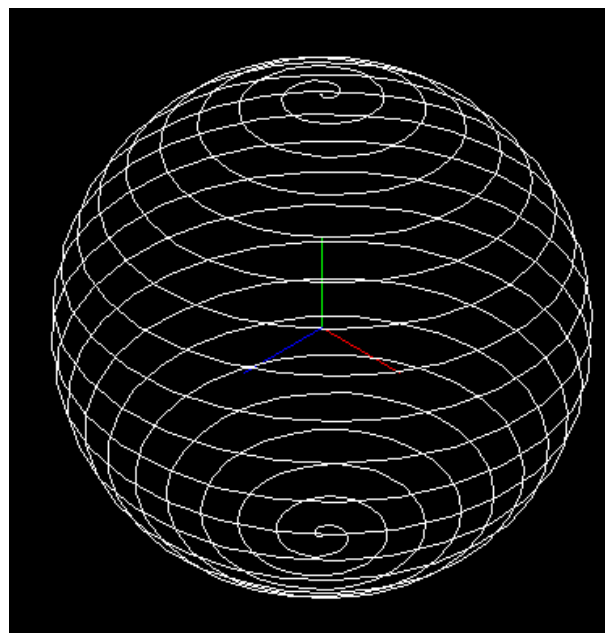
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Programmer's Hierarchical Interactive Graphics System

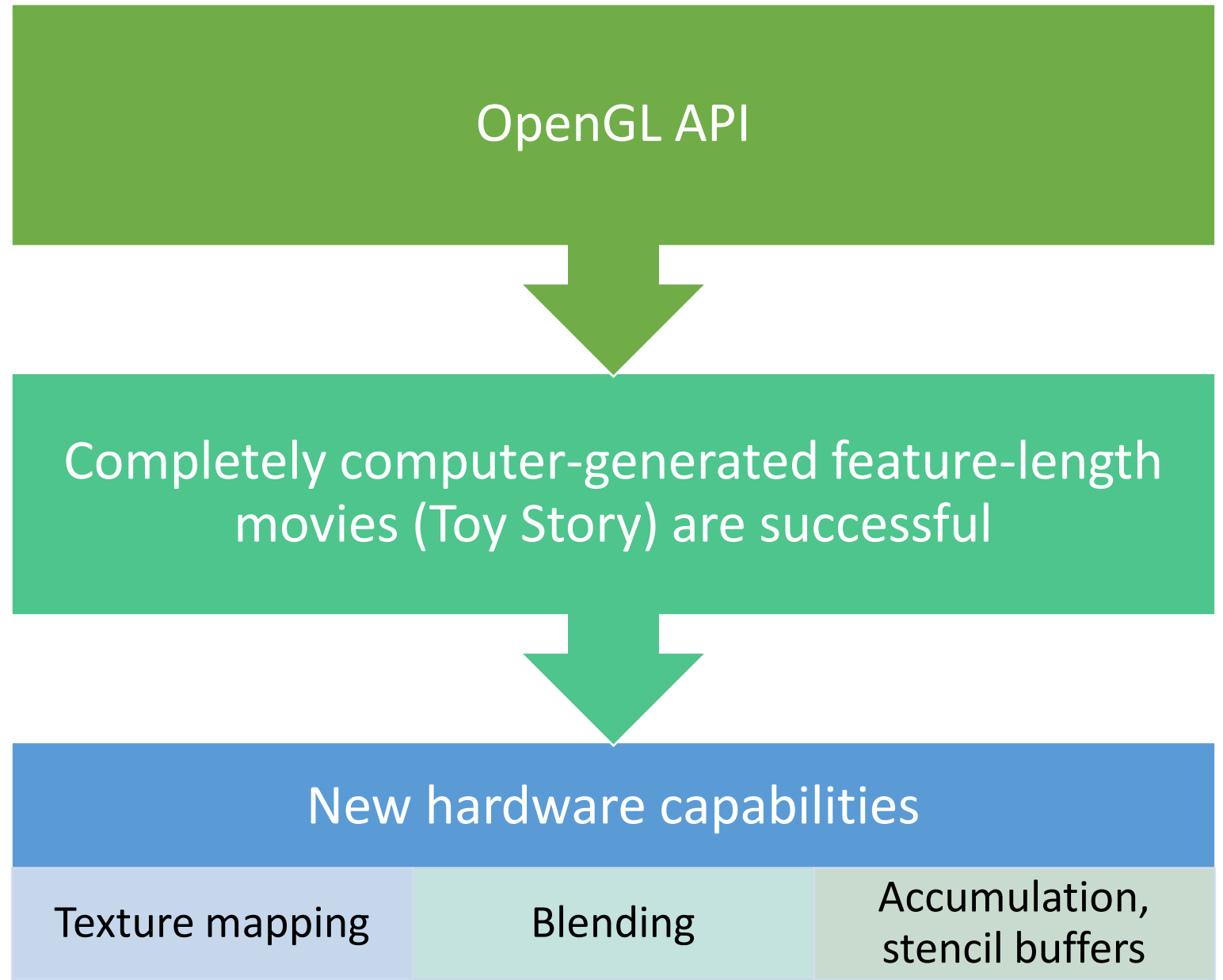


Abbreviations.com

PHIGS



Computer Graphics: 1990-2000



A scene from the movie Toy Story showing Woody and Buzz Lightyear in their toy car on a suburban street. Woody is in the driver's seat, looking forward with a determined expression. Buzz is in the passenger seat, looking out the window with a surprised expression. The car is green and blue, with a red and blue striped pole sticking out of the back. In the background, there are trees, a blue car, and a yellow car.

1995

Toy Story (1995)

The first movie from the Toy Story series was the first feature-length film made entirely with CGI animation.



1992

3D Game History?

1989

CG: 2000- 2010

Photorealism

Graphics cards for PCs dominate market

- Nvidia, ATI

Console with High End Graphics

Powerful Smartphone with great graphics capabilities

Computer graphics routine in movie industry: Maya, Lightwave

Programmable pipelines



CG 2011 - Recent

- Vulkan Programming Language
- Virtual Reality Devices – Oculus, HTC Vive
- AR in applications


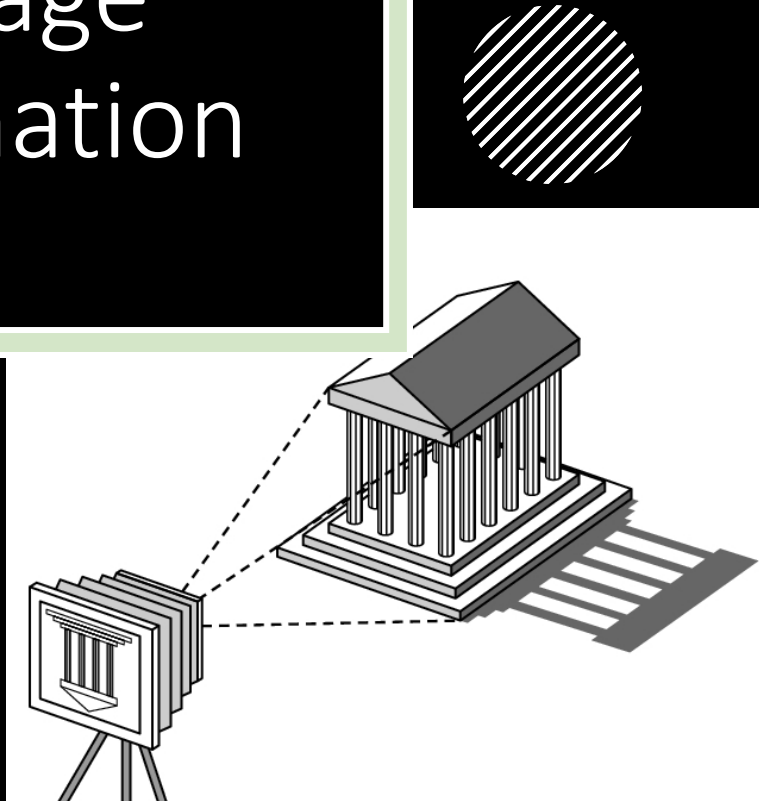
The background of the slide is a close-up, artistic photograph of a camera lens. The lens is dark, with multiple glass elements visible, creating a series of concentric circles and reflections. The background is out of focus, showing soft, colorful bokeh in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The text "Image Formation" is overlaid on the left side of the lens, in a large, white, sans-serif font. A thin white vertical line is positioned to the left of the text.

Image Formation

Image Formation

- In computer graphics, we form images which are generally two dimensional using a process analogous to how images are formed by physical imaging systems
 - Cameras
 - Microscopes
 - Telescopes
 - Human visual system

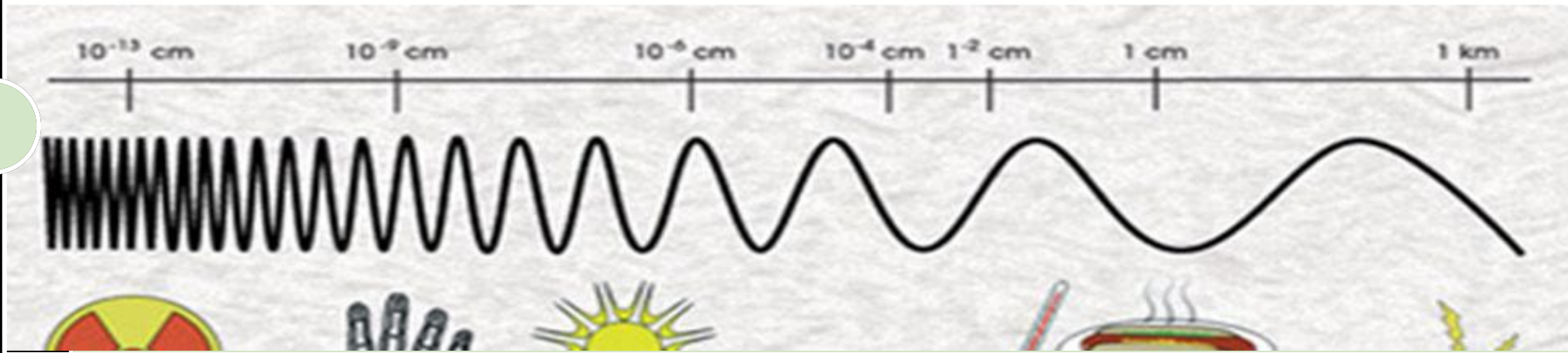
Elements of Image Formation



- Objects
 - Viewer
 - Light source(s)
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- Attributes that govern how light interacts with the materials in the scene
 - Note the independence of the objects, the viewer, and the light source(s)

What is light?

- Light consists of electromagnetic waves.
- Electromagnetic radiation includes:



Light

Light is the part of the electromagnetic spectrum that causes a reaction in our visual systems

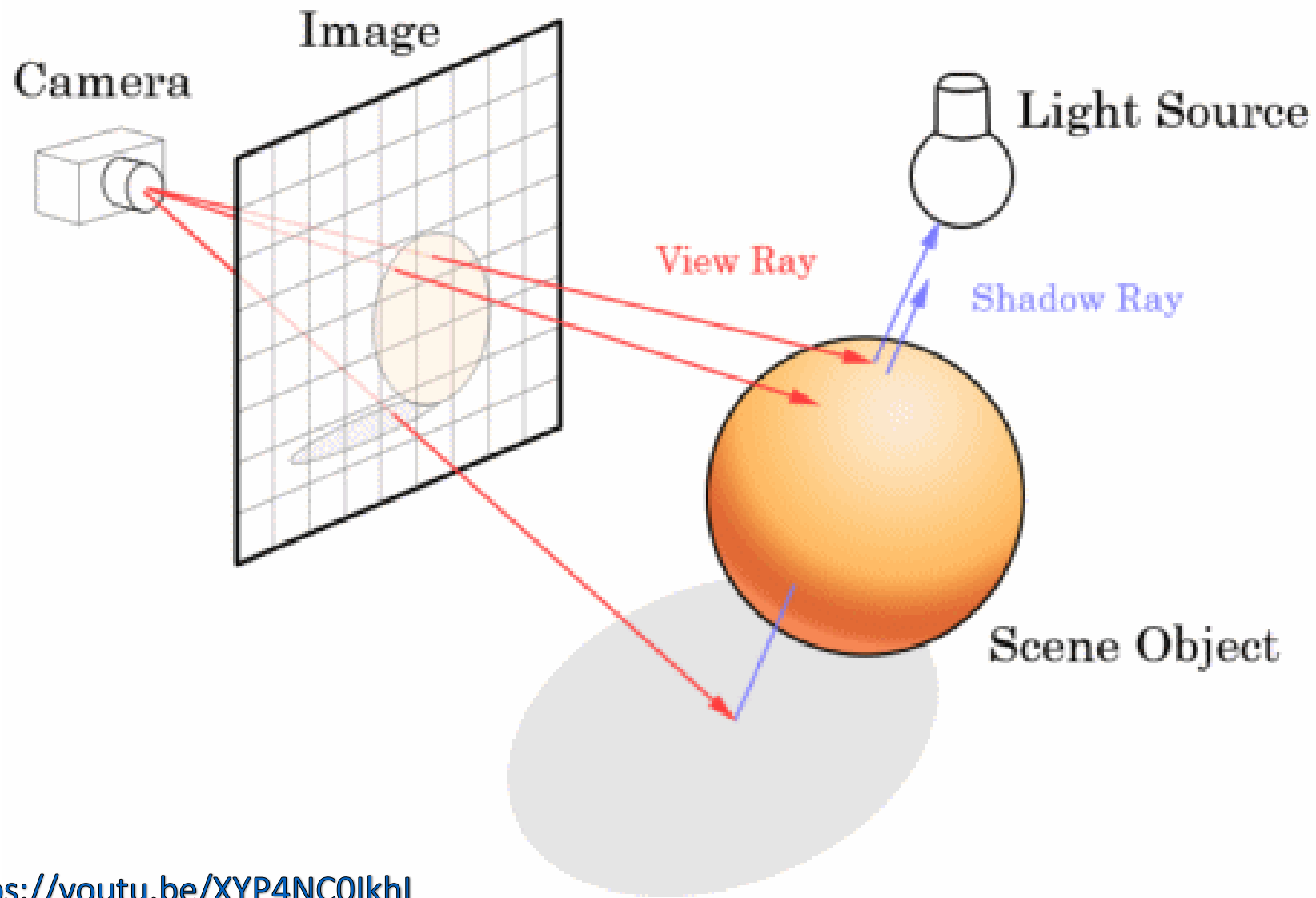
Generally, these are wavelengths in the range of about 350-750 nm (nanometers)

Long wavelengths appear as reds and short wavelengths as blues

What is ray tracing?




Ray tracing is a lighting technique that brings an extra level of realism to games. It emulates the way light reflects and refracts in the real world, providing a more believable environment than what's typically seen using static lighting in more traditional games.



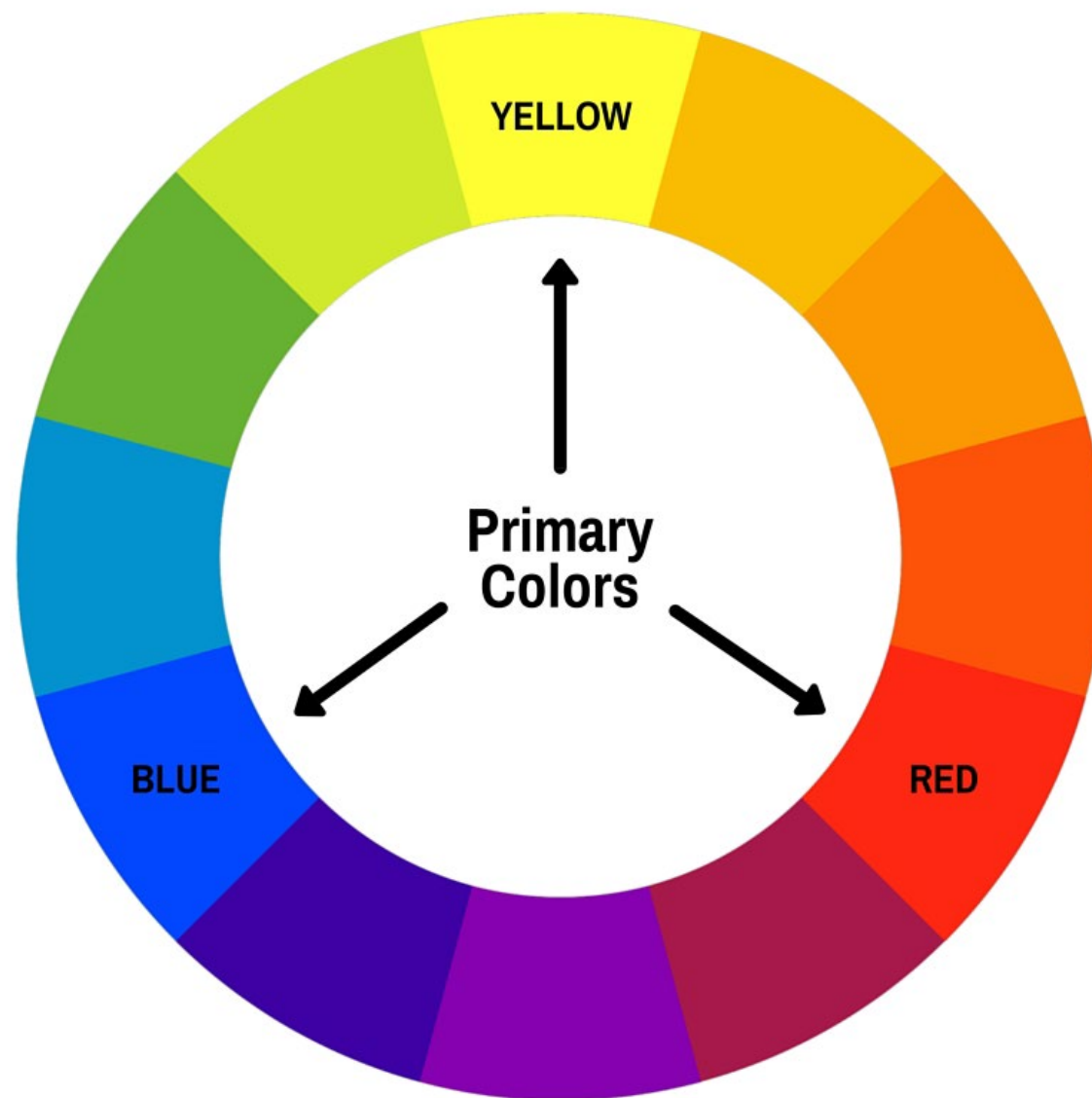
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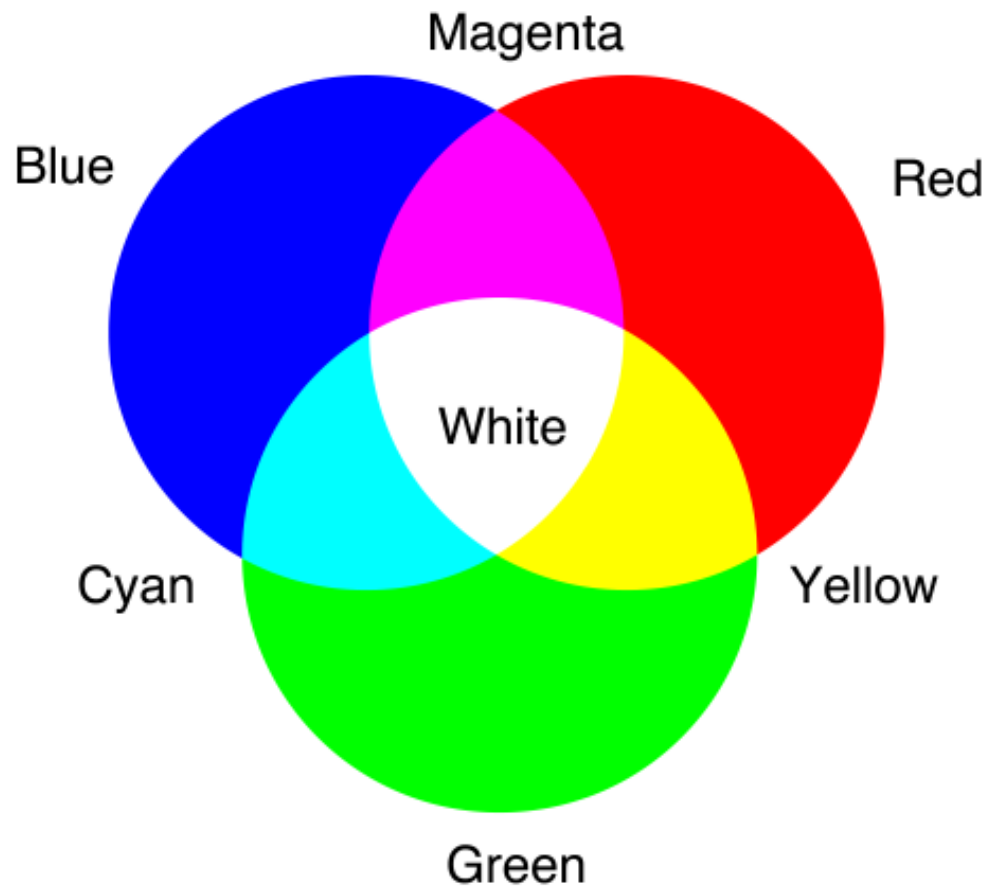
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- In video games, ray tracing is essentially a system of simulating how light travels, interacts with various objects in the environment, and ultimately reaches our eyes.



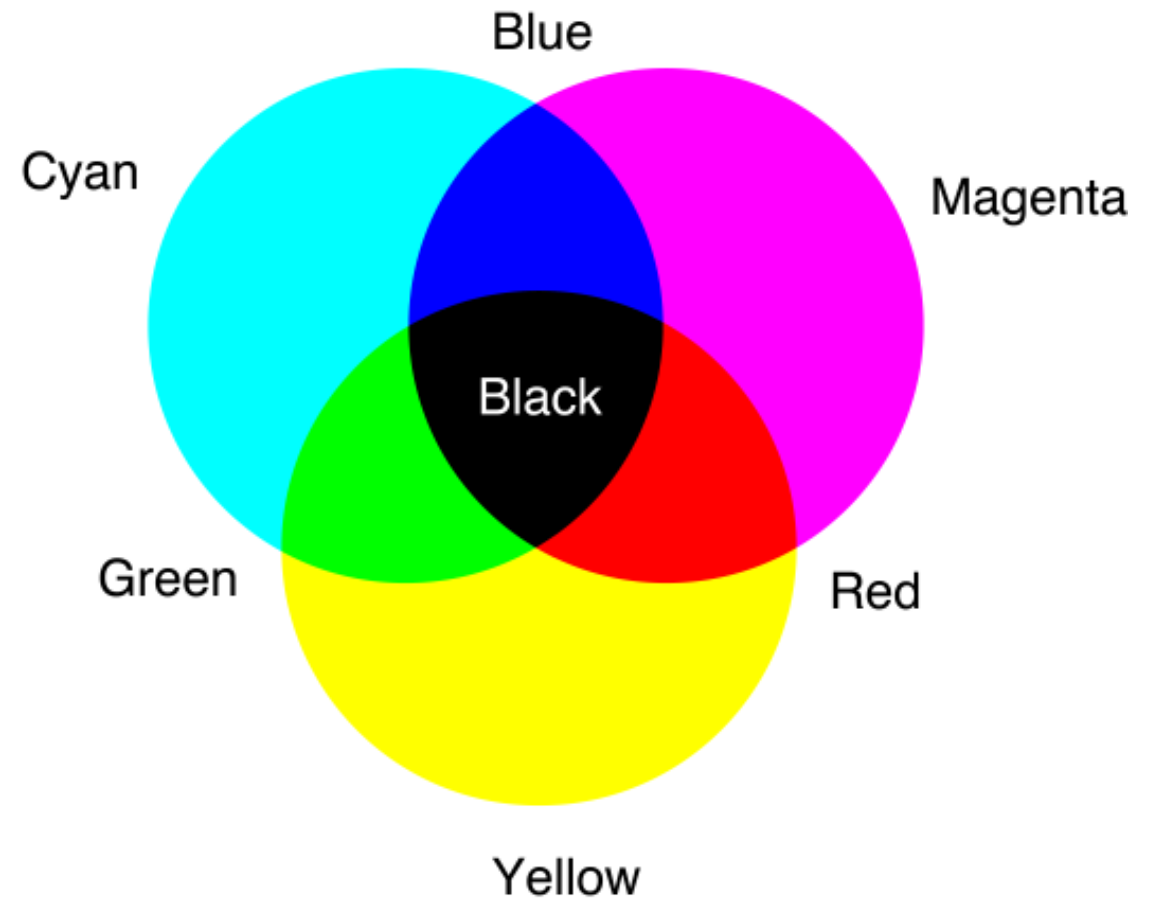
Three-Color Theory



Additive color



Subtractive color



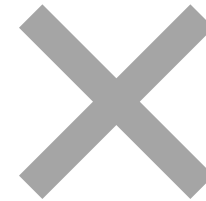
Additive and Subtractive Color



Additive color

Form a color by adding amounts of three primaries

- CRTs, projection systems, positive film
- Primaries are Red (R), Green (G), Blue (B)

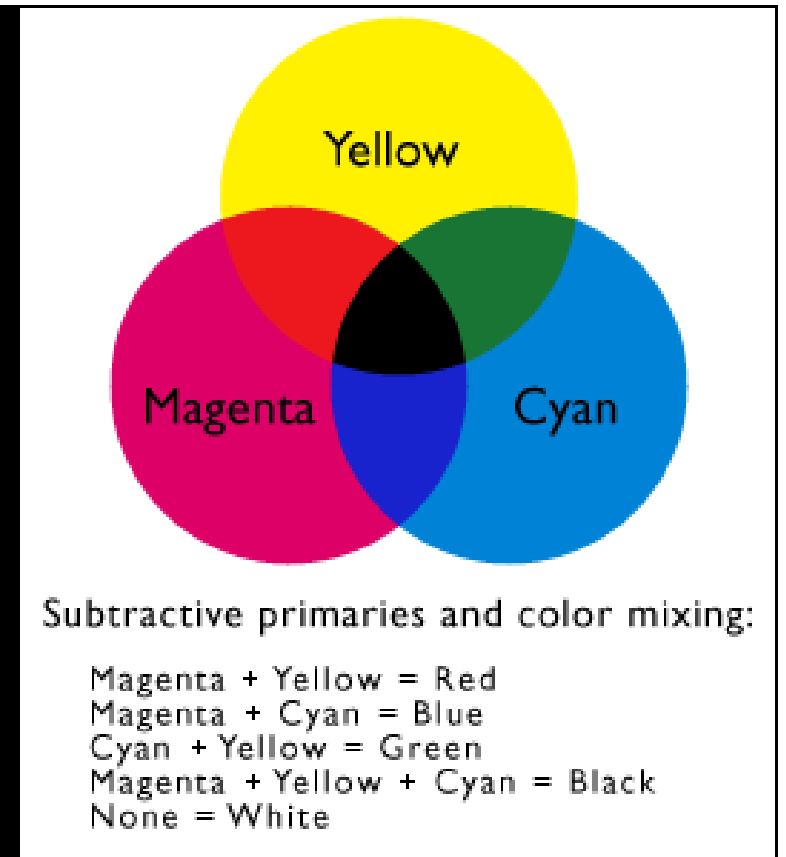
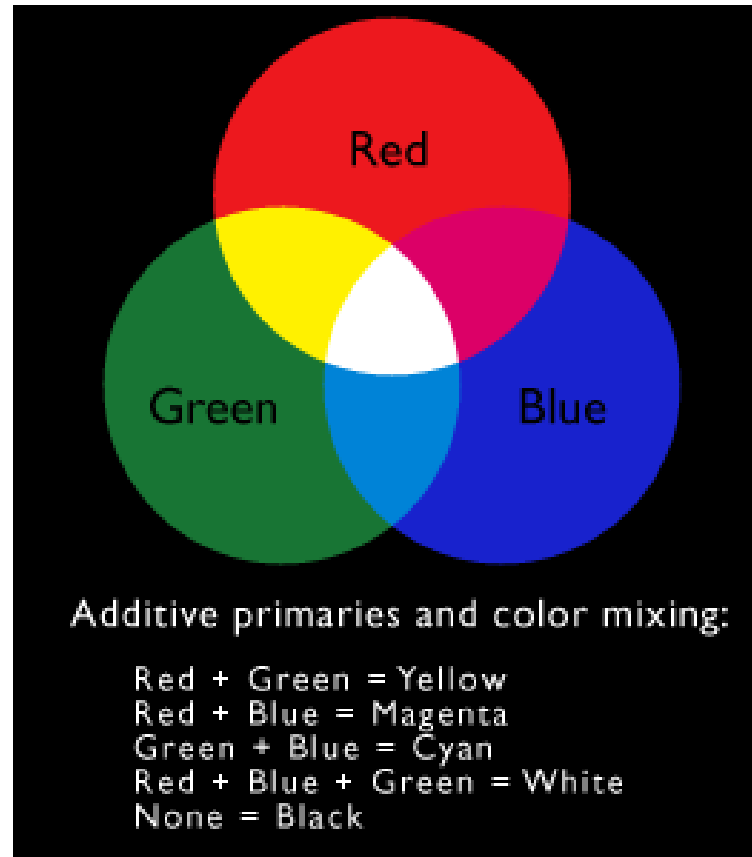


Subtractive color

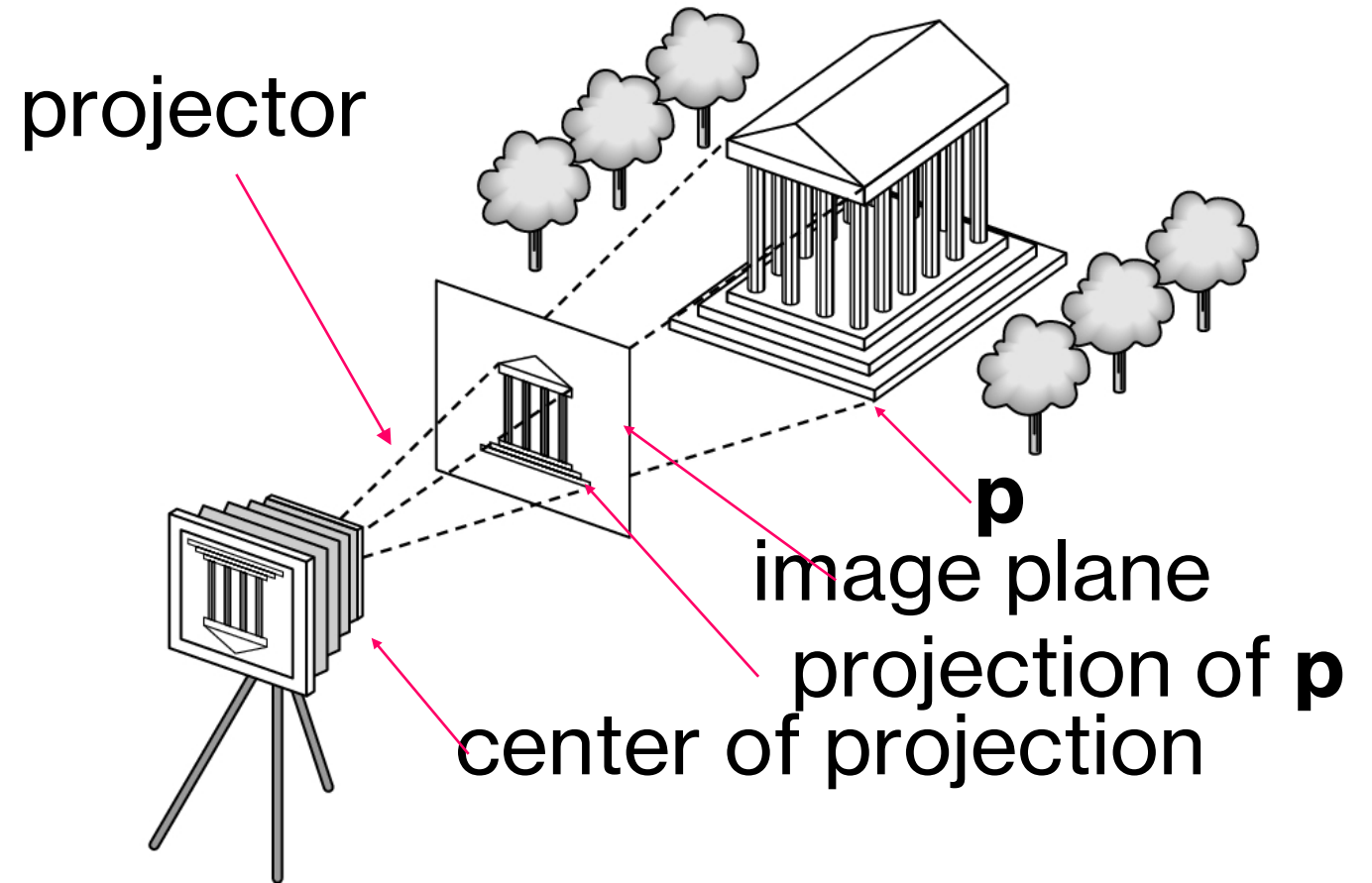
Form a color by filtering white light with cyan (C), Magenta (M), and Yellow (Y) filters

- Light-material interactions
- Printing
- Negative film

Additive and Subtractive Color

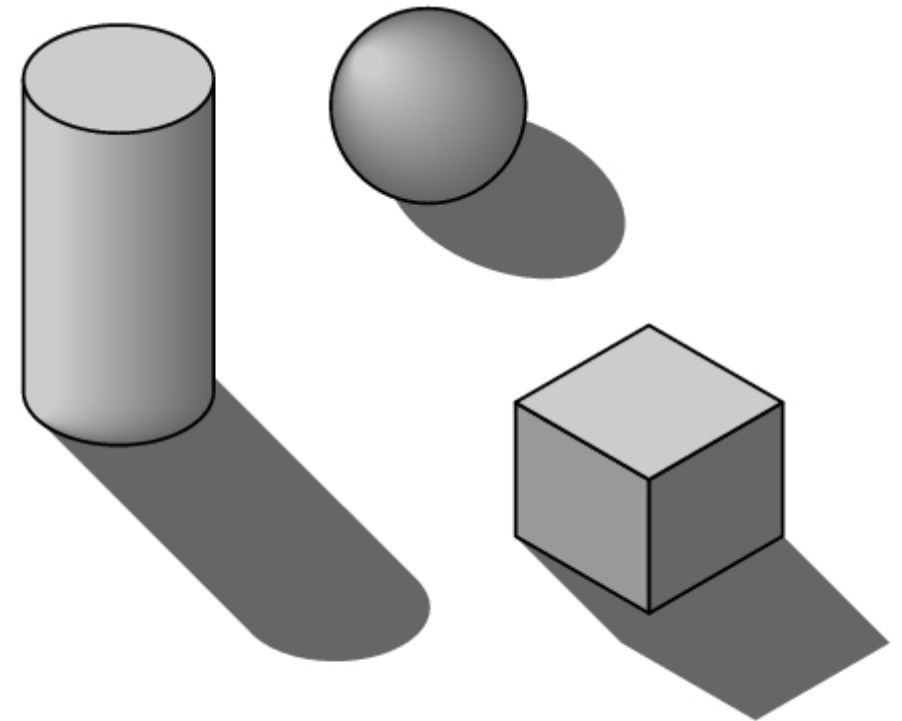
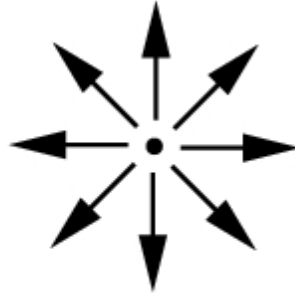


Synthetic Camera Model

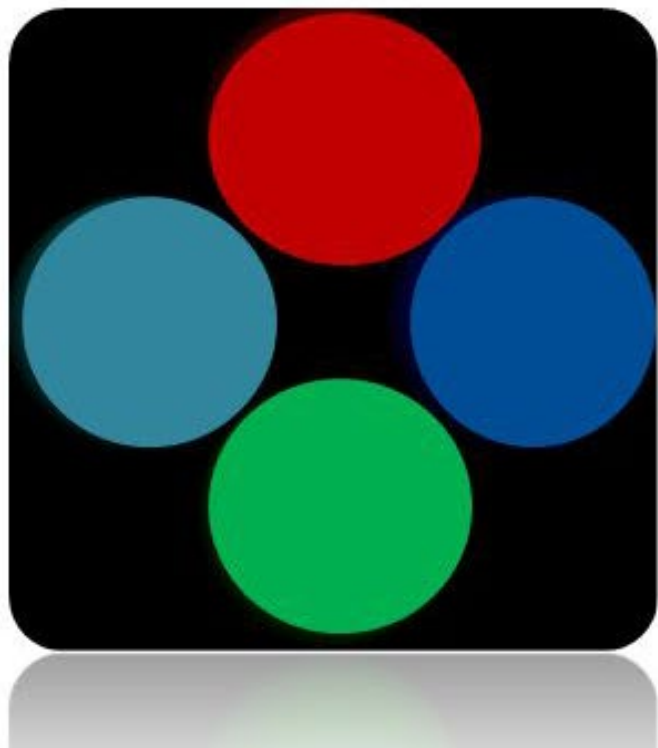


Global vs Local Lighting

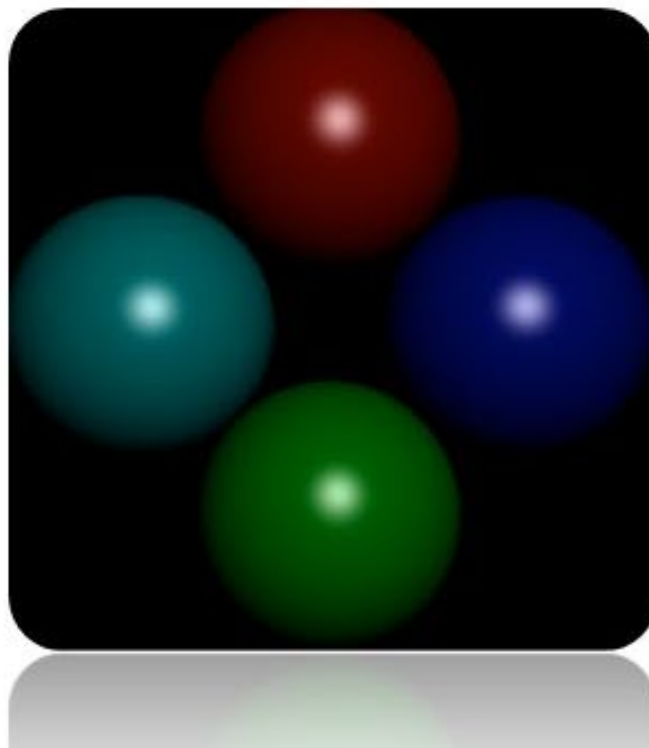
- Cannot compute color or shade of each object independently
 - Some objects are blocked from light
 - Light can reflect from object to object
 - Some objects might be translucent



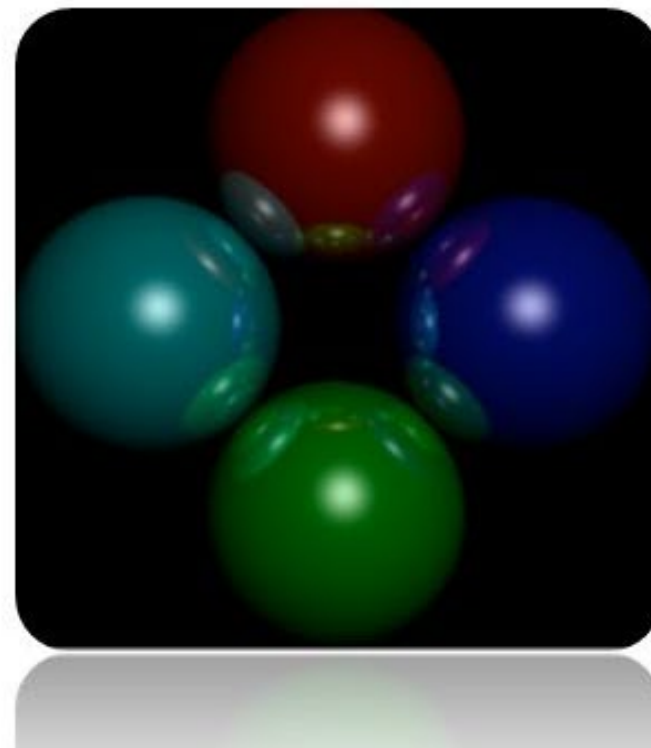
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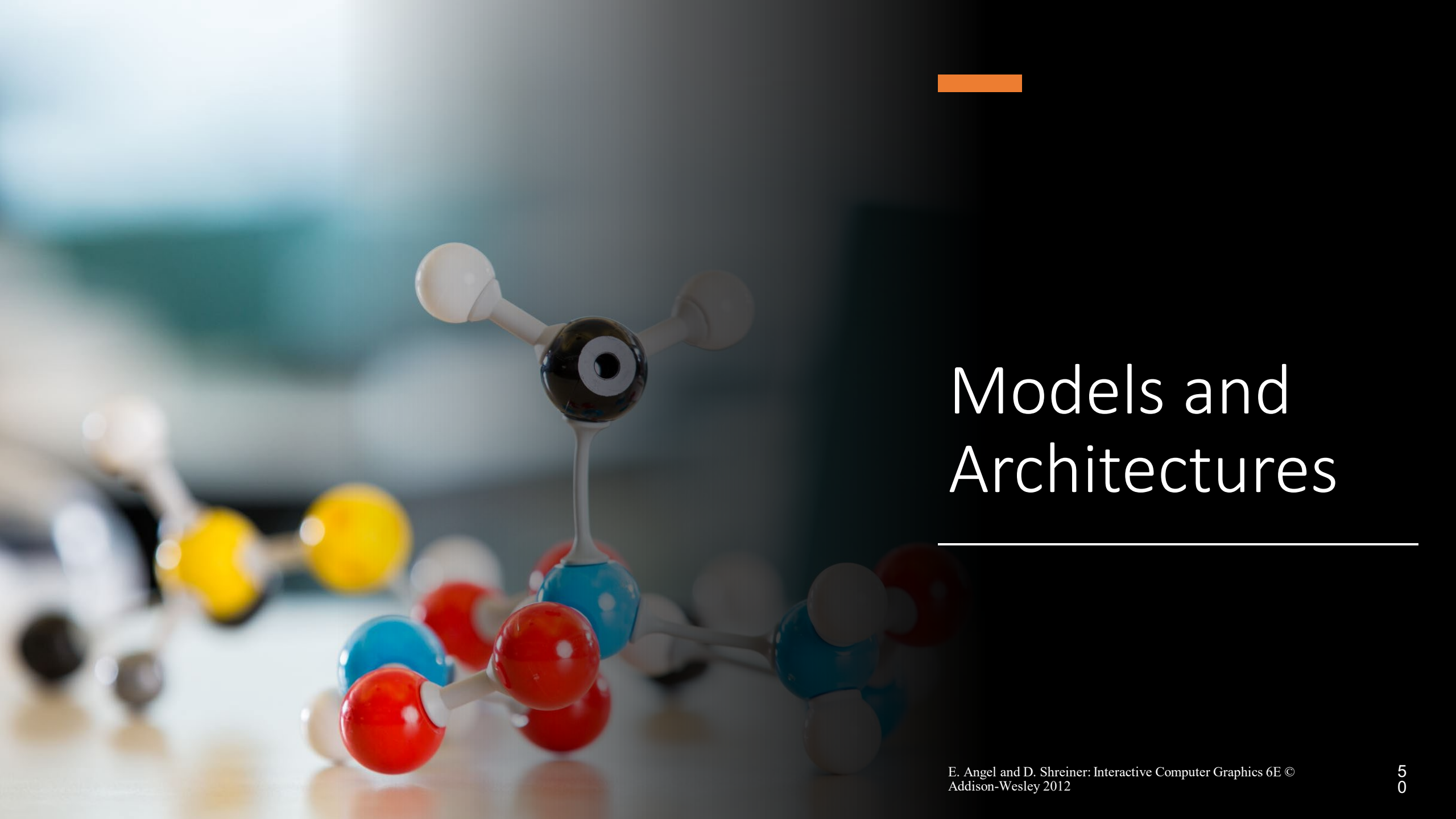


Local



Global





Models and Architectures

Objectives

Learn

Know the basic design of a graphics system

Introduce

Introduce pipeline architecture

Examine

Examine software components for an interactive graphics system

Image Formation Revisited

Can we mimic the synthetic camera model to design graphics hardware software?

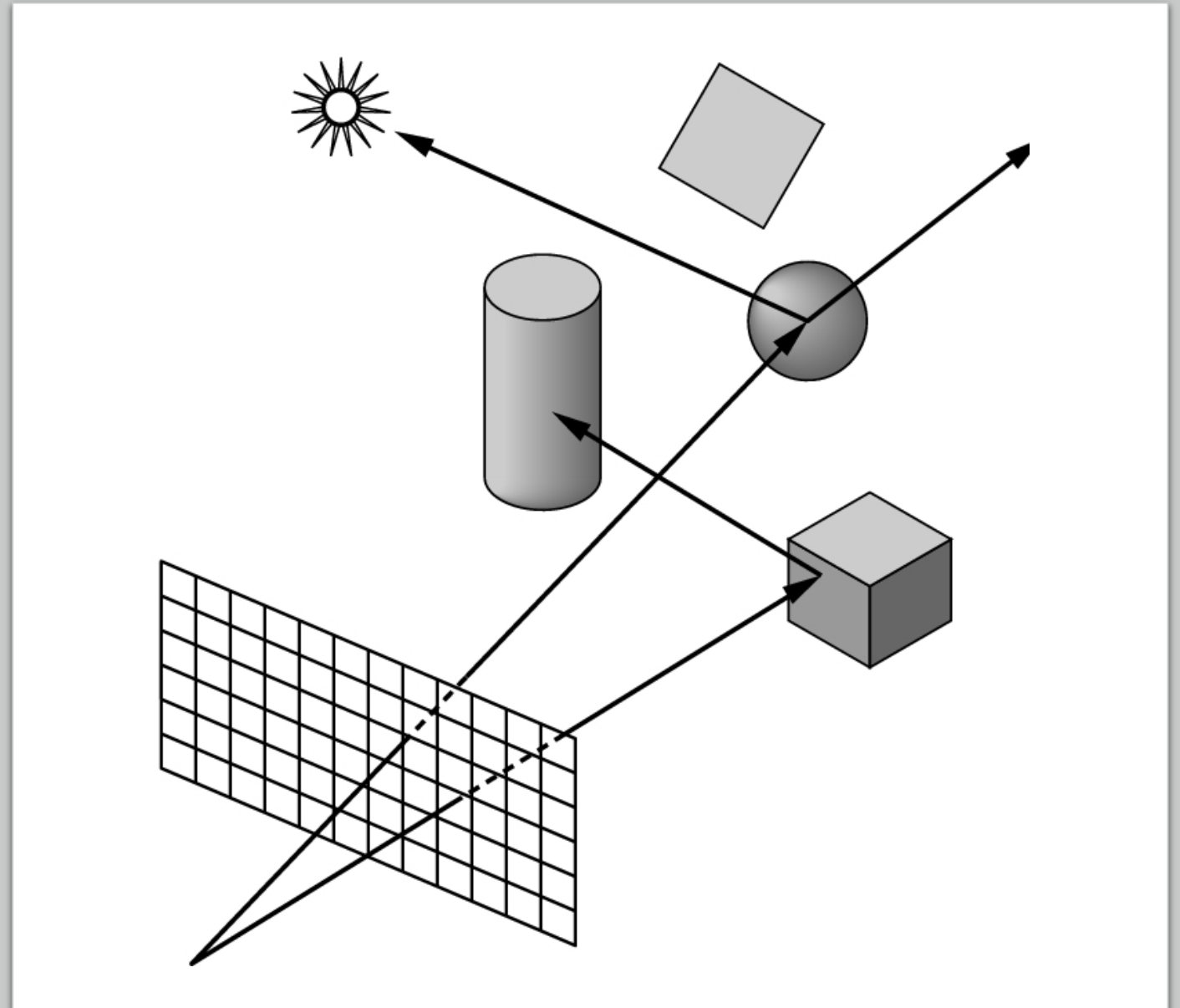
Application Programmer Interface (API)

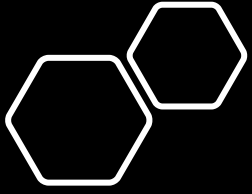
- Need only specify
 - Objects
 - Materials
 - Viewer
 - Lights

But how is the API implemented?

Physical Approaches

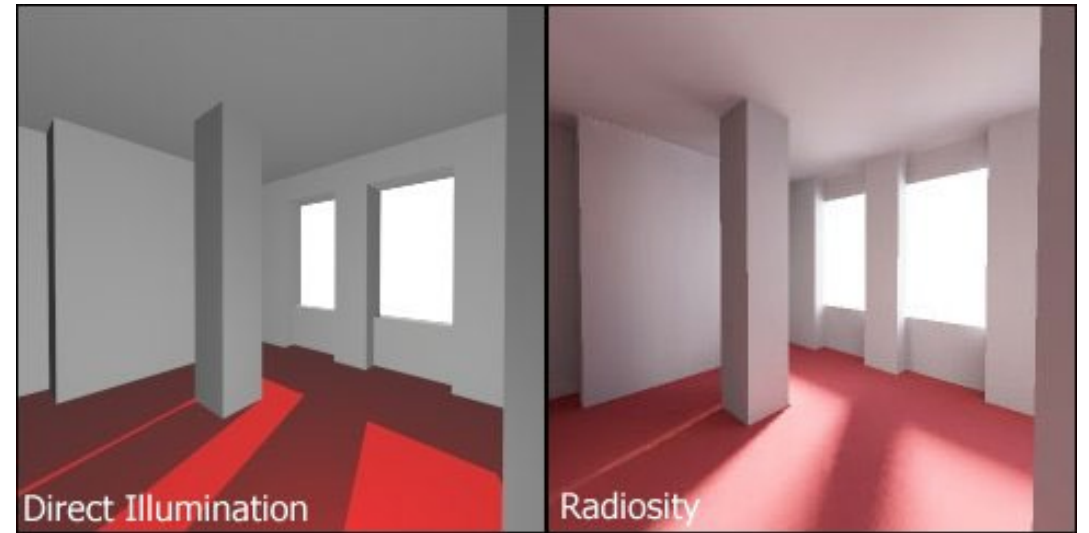
- **Ray tracing:** follow rays of light from center of projection until they either are absorbed by objects or go off to infinity
 - Can handle global effects
 - Multiple reflections
 - Translucent objects
 - Slow
 - Must have whole data base available at all times





Physical Approaches

- **Radiosity:** Energy based approach
 - Very slow



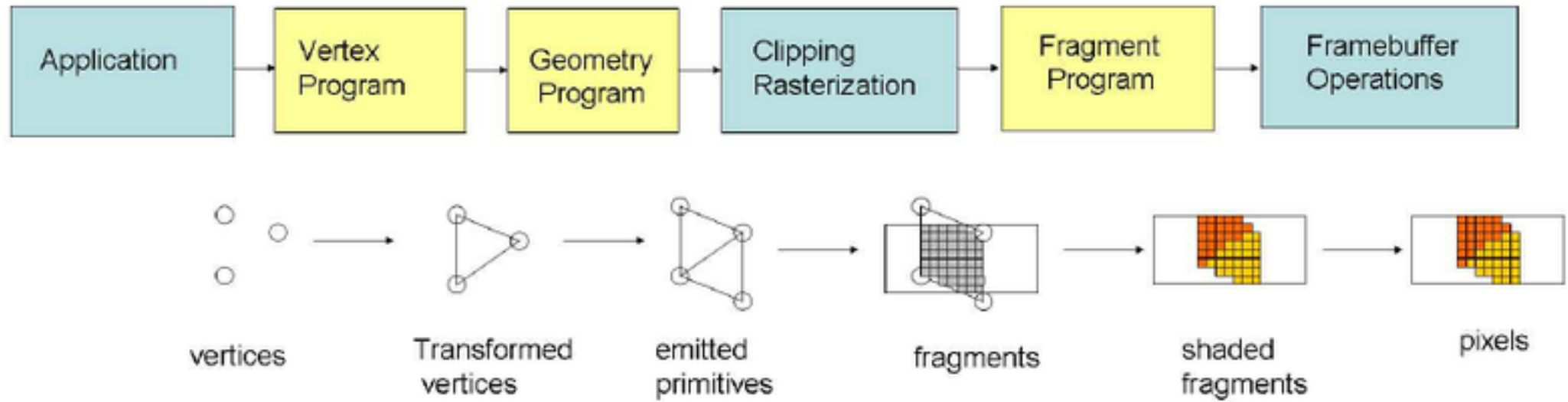
Practical Approach

Process objects one at a time in the order
they are generated by the application

Can consider only local lighting



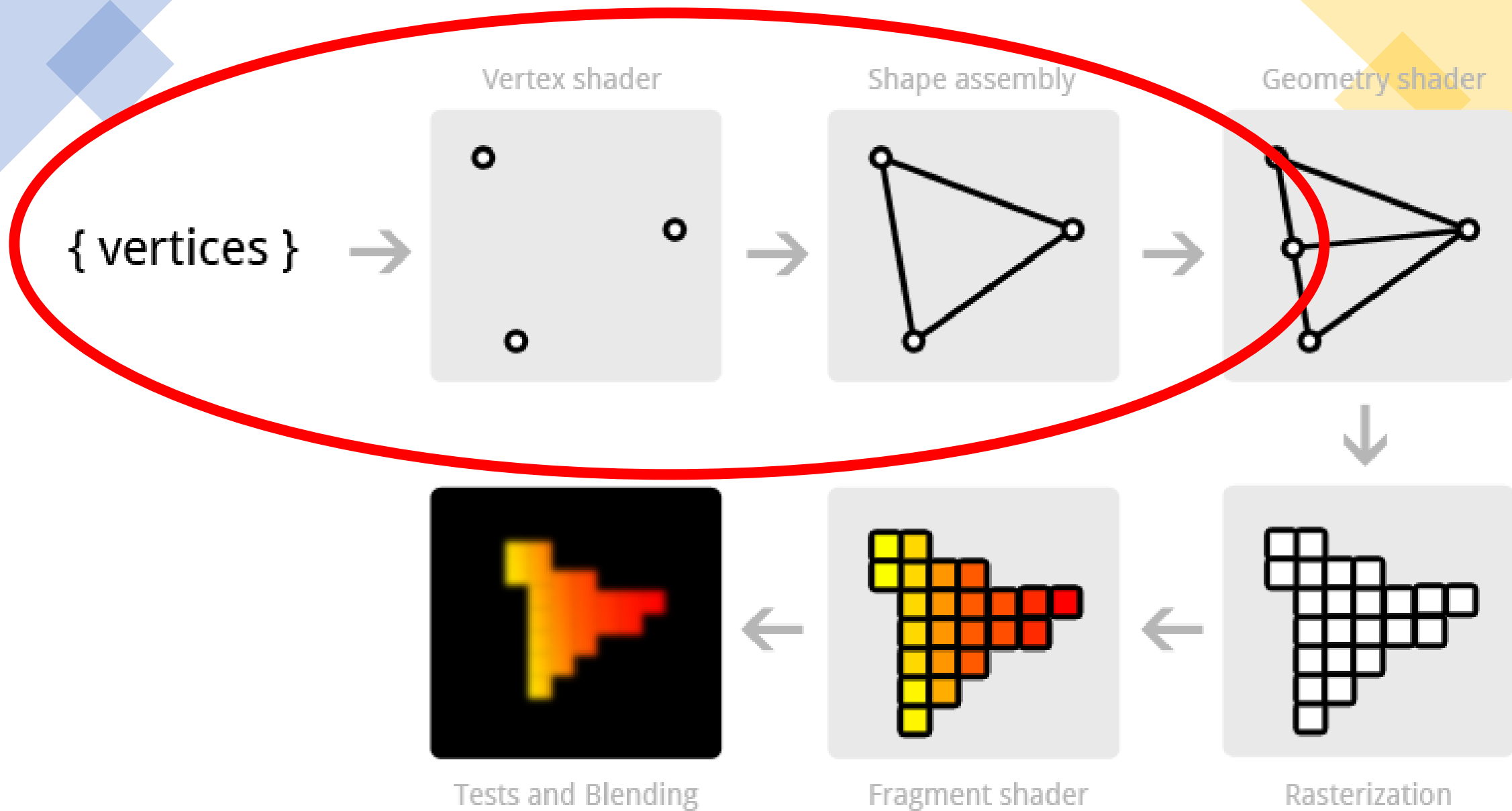
All steps can be implemented in hardware on
the graphics card



Pipeline |

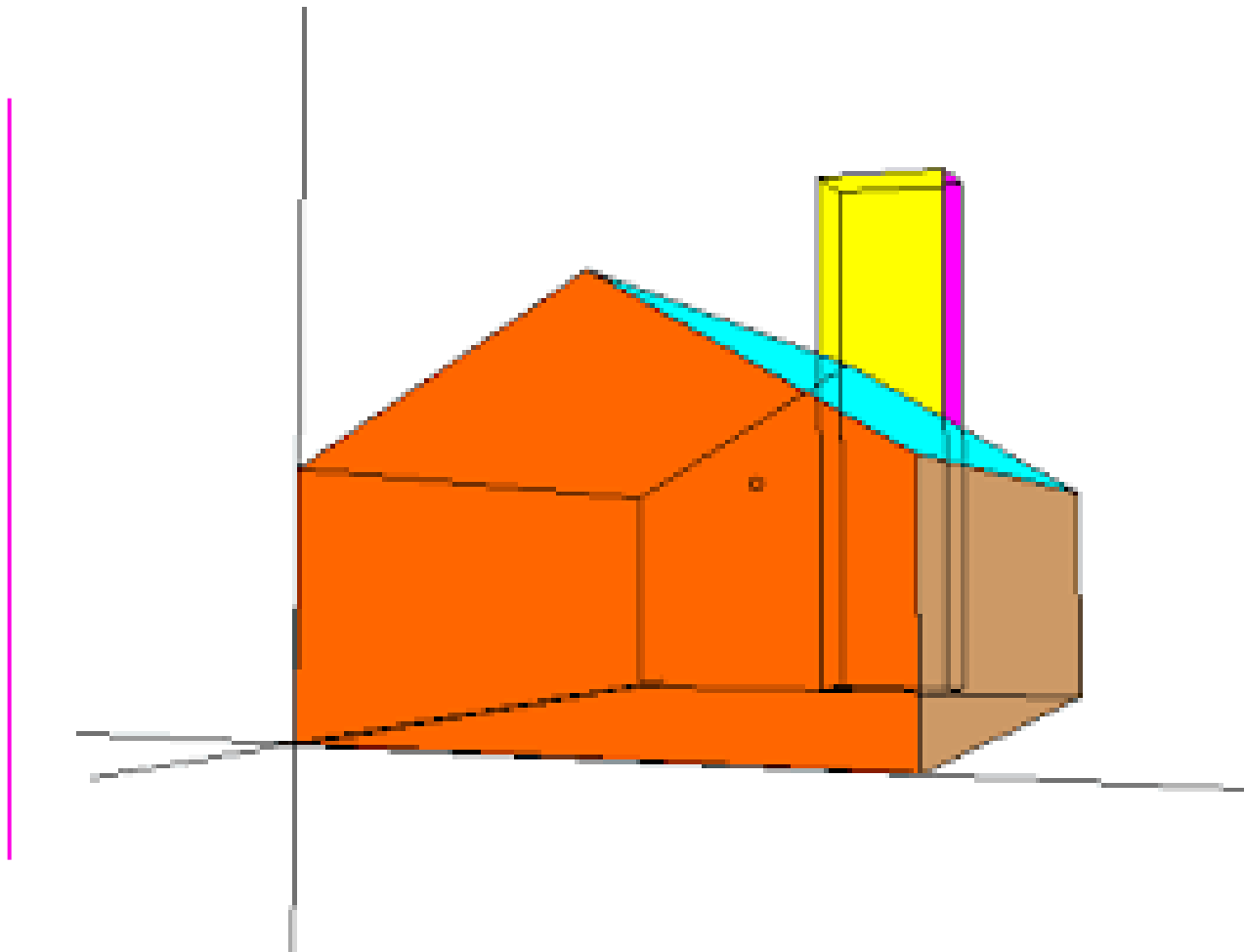
Vertex Program or Processing

- Much of the work in the pipeline is in converting object representations from one coordinate system to another
 - Object coordinates
 - Camera (eye) coordinates
 - Screen coordinates
- Every change of coordinates is equivalent to a matrix transformation
- Vertex processor also computes vertex colors



Projection

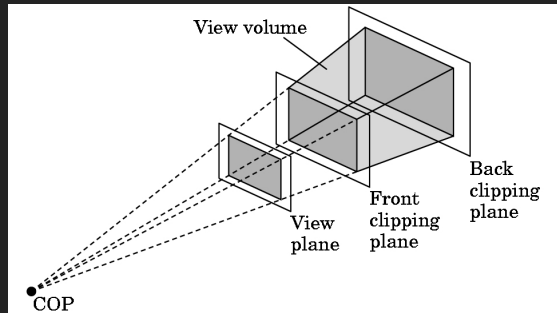
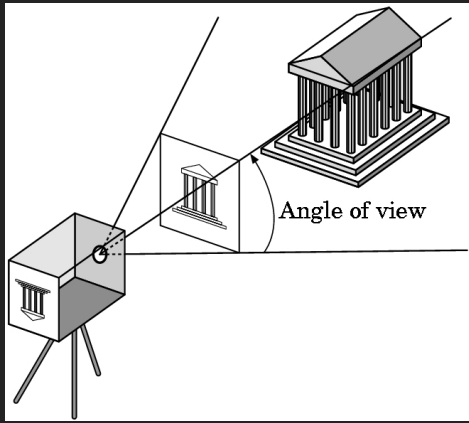
- *Projection* is the process that combines the 3D viewer with the 3D objects to produce the 2D image
 - Perspective projections: all projectors meet at the center of projection
 - Parallel projection: projectors are parallel, center of projection is replaced by a direction of projection



Geometry Program or Primitive Assembly

Vertices must be collected into
geometric objects before clipping and
rasterization can take place

- Line segments
- Polygons
- Curves and surfaces



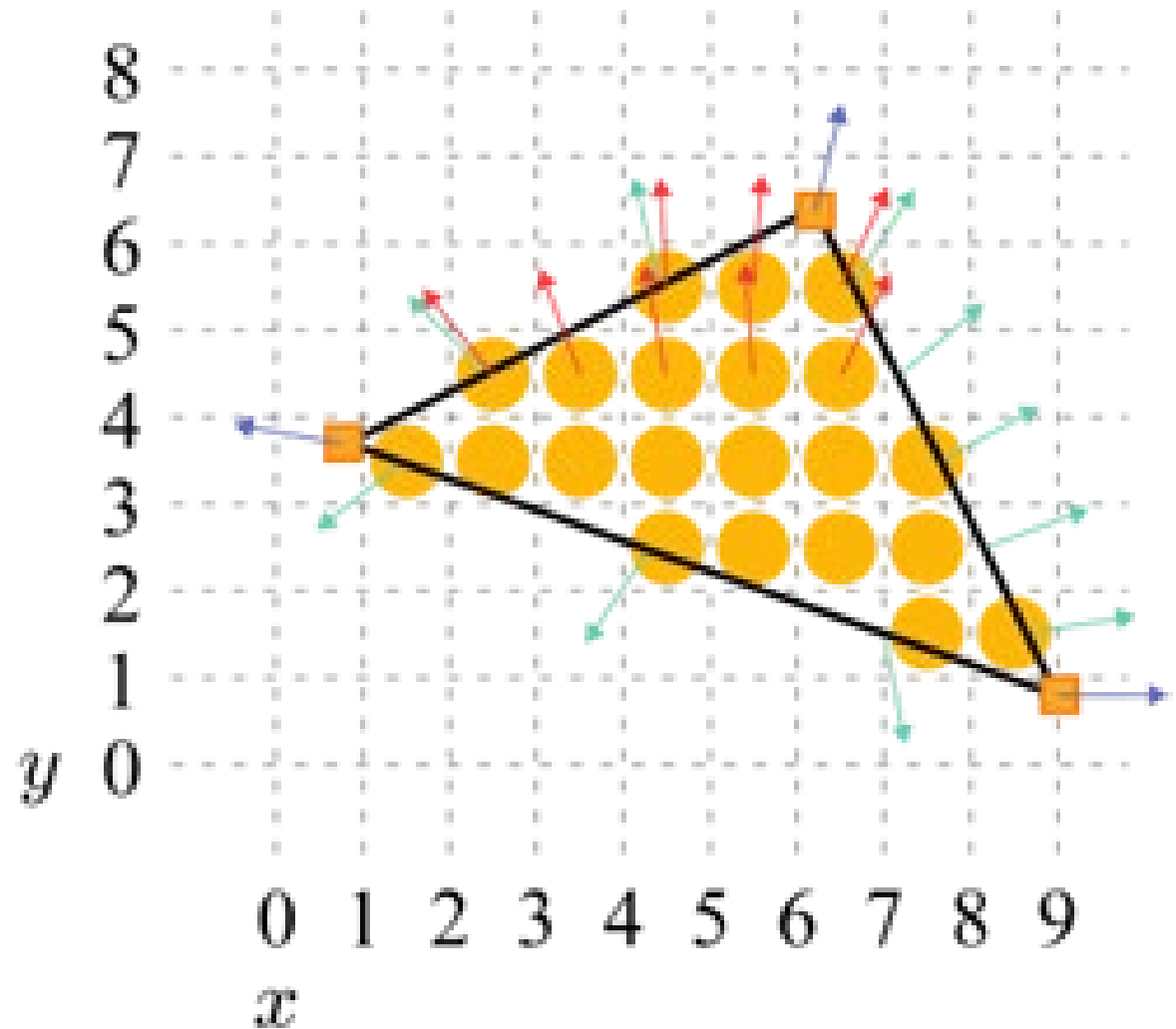
Clipping

Just as a real camera cannot “see” the whole world, the virtual camera can only see part of the world or object space

- Objects that are not within this volume are said to be *clipped* out of the scene

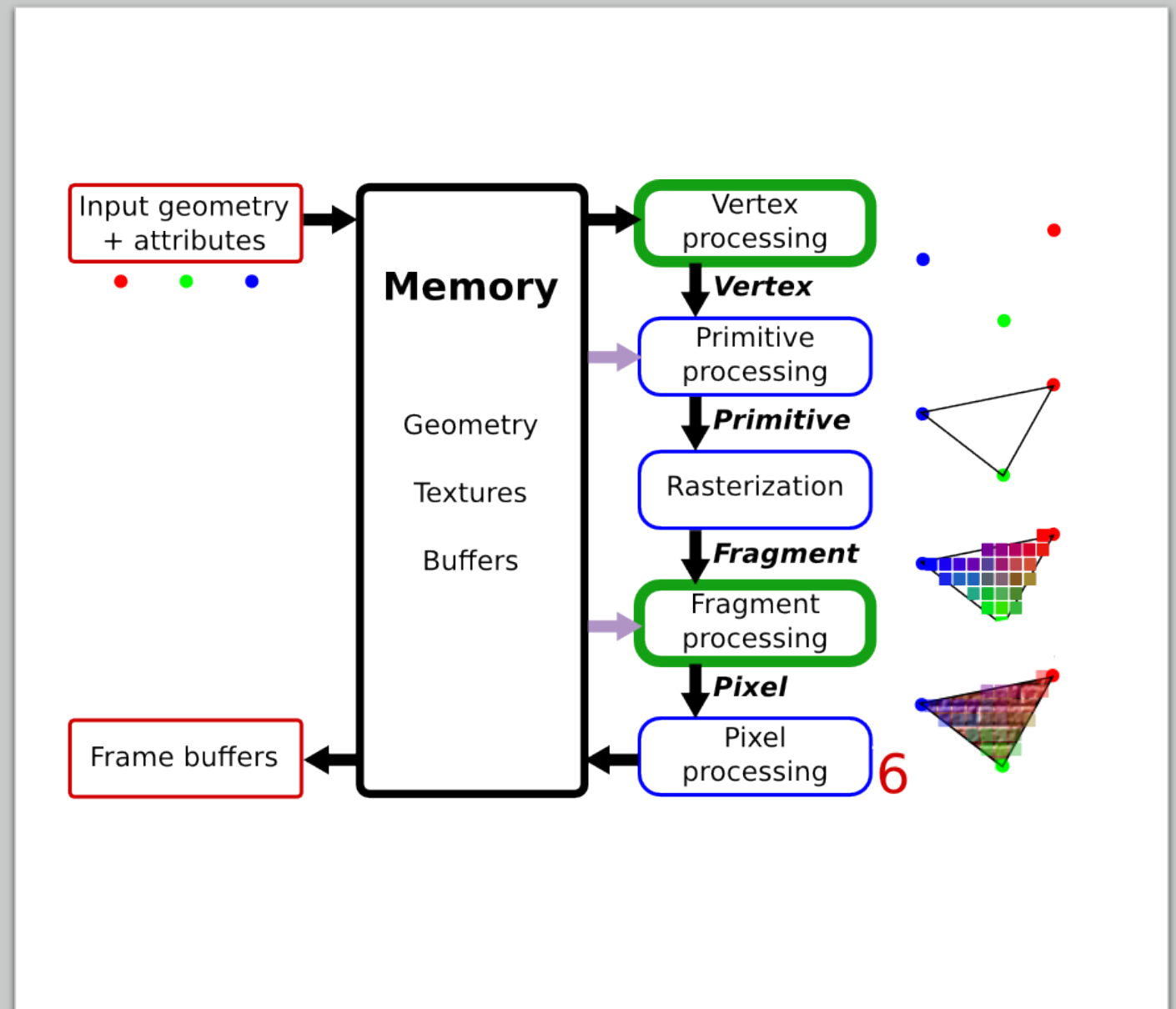
Rasterization

- If an object is not clipped out, the appropriate pixels in the frame buffer must be assigned colors
- Rasterizer produces a set of fragments for each object
- Fragments are “potential pixels”
 - Have a location in frame buffer
 - Color and depth attributes
- Vertex attributes are interpolated over objects by the rasterizer



Fragment Processing

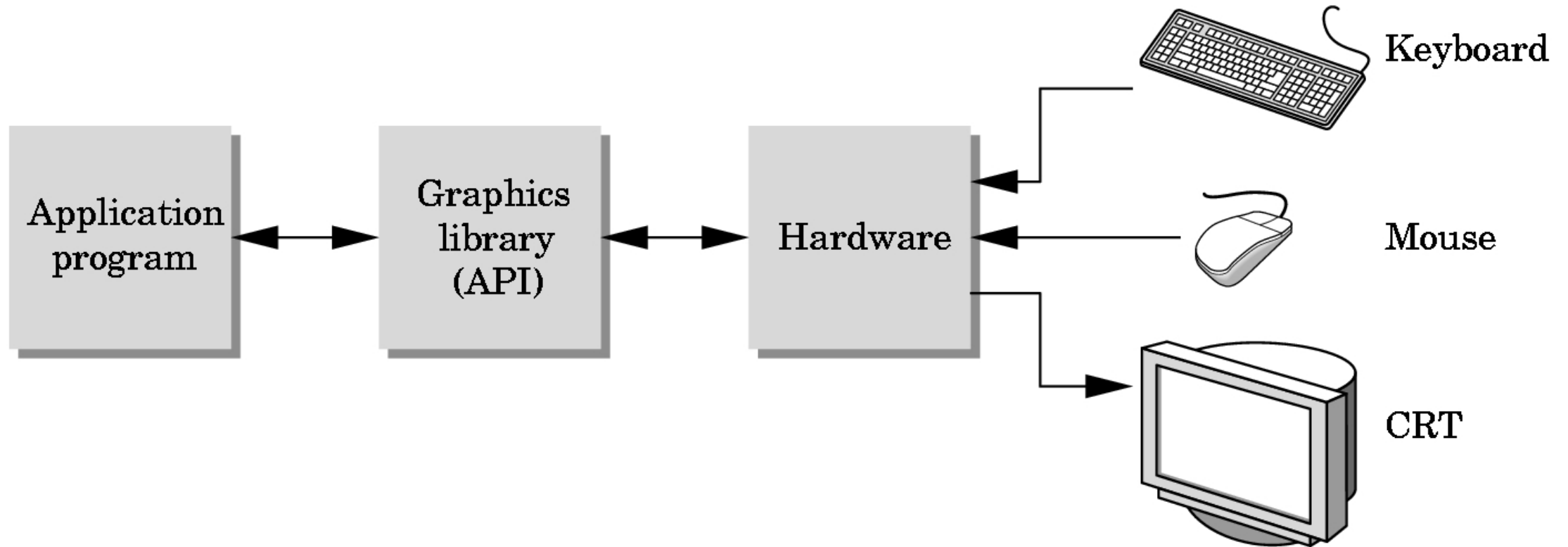
- Fragments are processed to determine the color of the corresponding pixel in the frame buffer
- Colors can be determined by texture mapping or interpolation of vertex colors
- Fragments may be blocked by other fragments closer to the camera
 - Hidden-surface removal

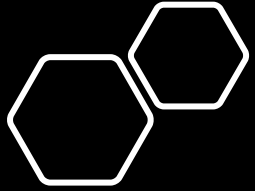


The Programmer's Interface

The Programmer's Interface

- Programmer sees the graphics system through a software interface: the Application Programmer Interface (API)





API Contents

- Functions that specify what we need to form an image
 - Objects
 - Viewer
 - Light Source(s)
 - Materials
- Other information
 - Input from devices such as mouse and keyboard
 - Capabilities of system



Most APIs support a limited set of primitives including

- Points (0D object)
- Line segments (1D objects)
- Polygons (2D objects)
- Some curves and surfaces
 - Quadrics
 - Parametric polynomials

All are defined through locations in space or *vertices*

Object Specification

Example (old style)

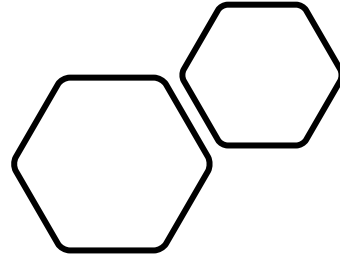
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glBegin(GL_POLYGON)  
  glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
  glVertex3f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0);  
  glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
glEnd( );
```

type of object

location of vertex

end of object definition

Example (GPU based)

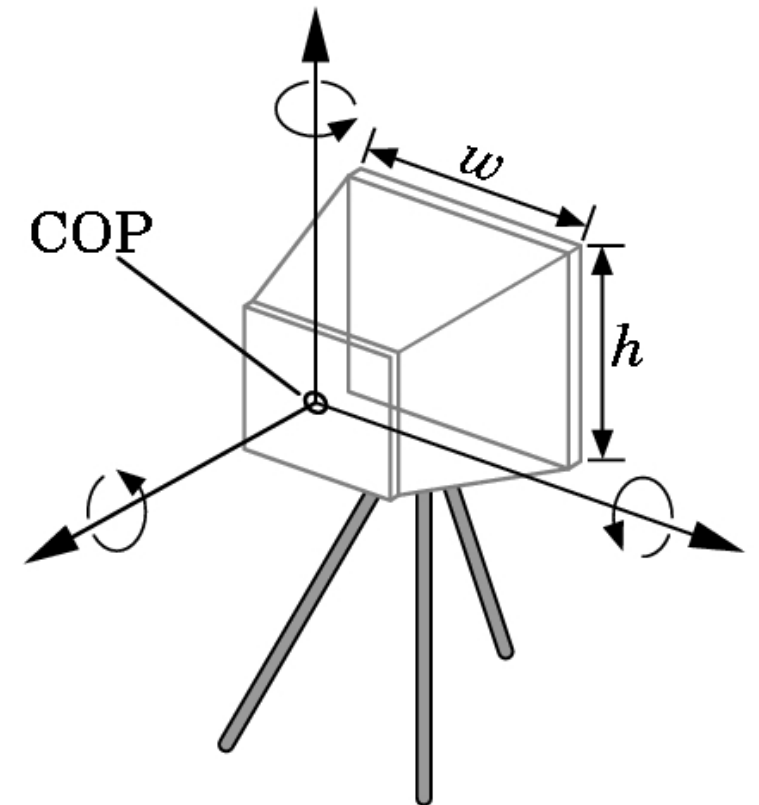


- Put geometric data in an array
- Send array to GPU
- Tell GPU to render as triangle

```
vec3 points[3];  
points[0] = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
points[1] = vec3(0.0, 1.0, 0.0);  
points[2] = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
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Camera Specification

- Six degrees of freedom
 - Position of center of lens
 - Orientation
- Lens
- Film size
- Orientation of film plane



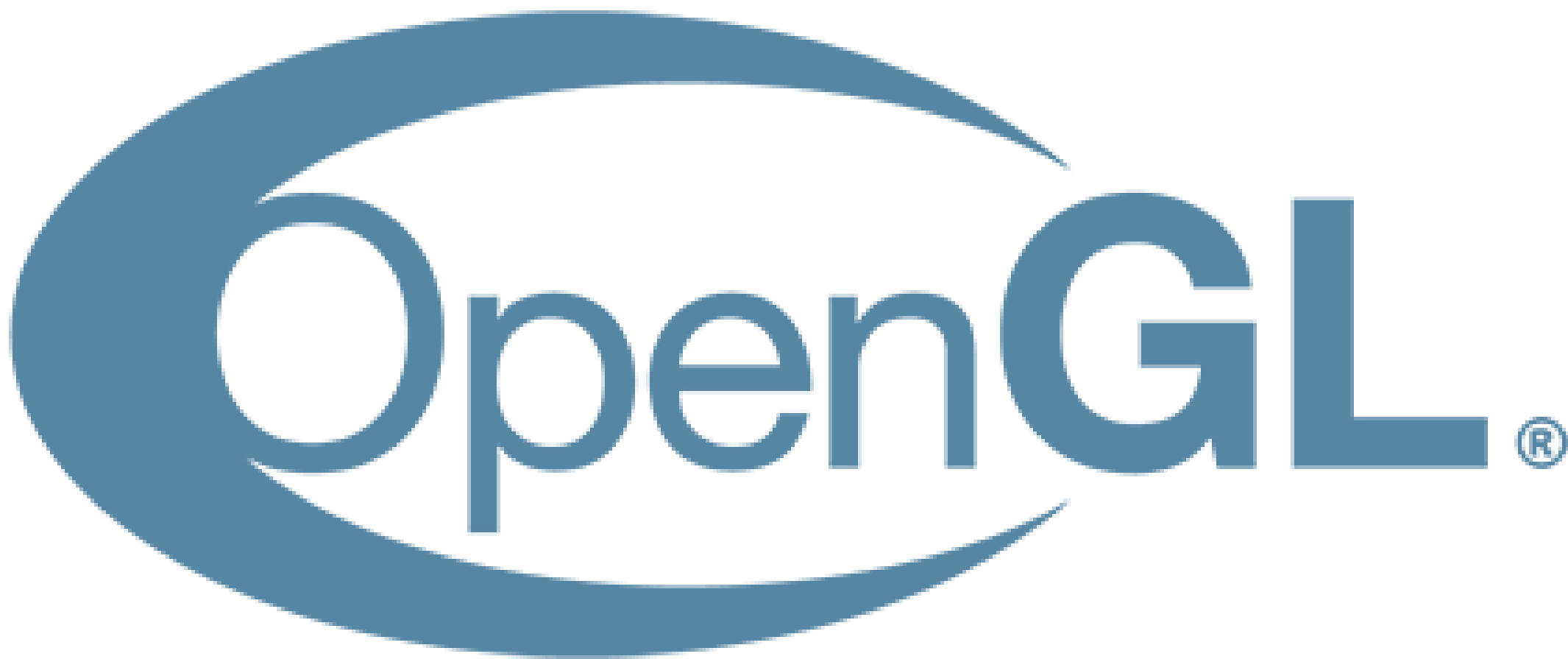
Lights and Materials

Types of lights

- Point sources vs distributed sources
- Spot lights
- Near and far sources
- Color properties

Material properties

- Absorption: color properties
- Scattering
 - Diffuse
 - Specular



The End
Continue on Chapter 2 soon