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# CSE 5542 - Real Time Rendering

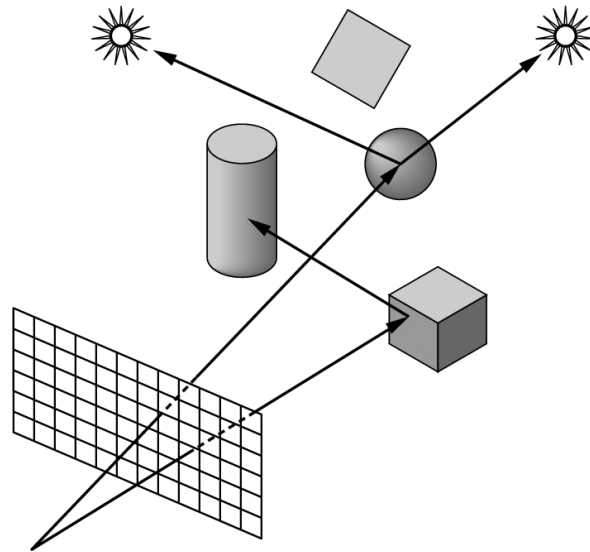
## Week 2

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# Graphics Processing

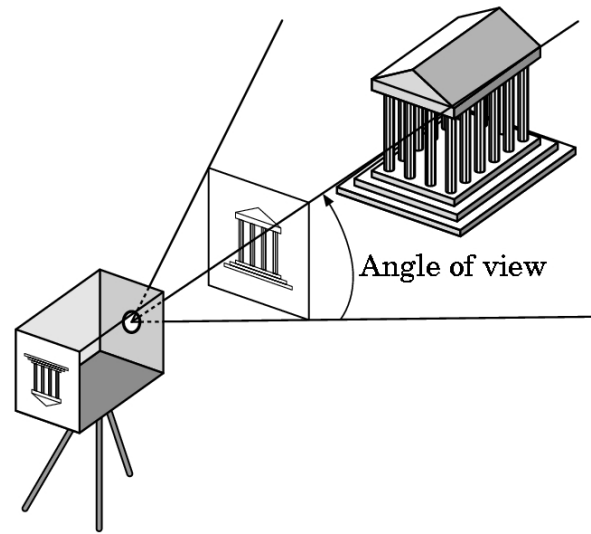
# Physical Approaches

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# Projection-Based

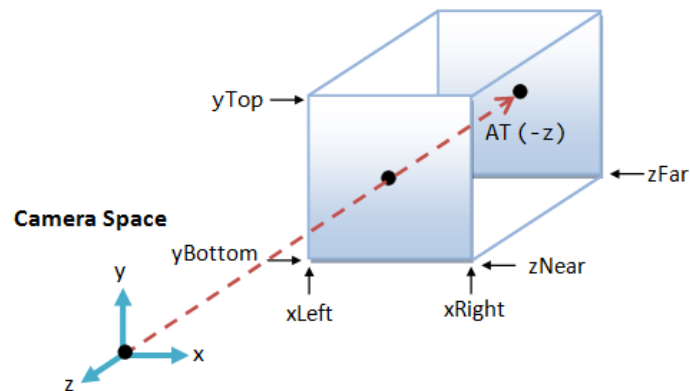
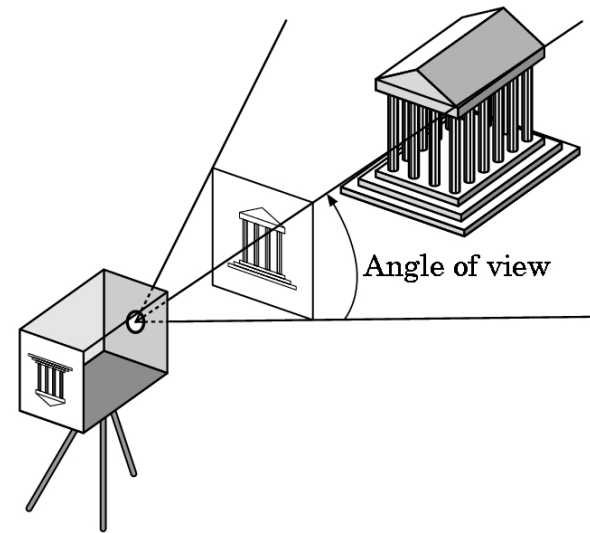
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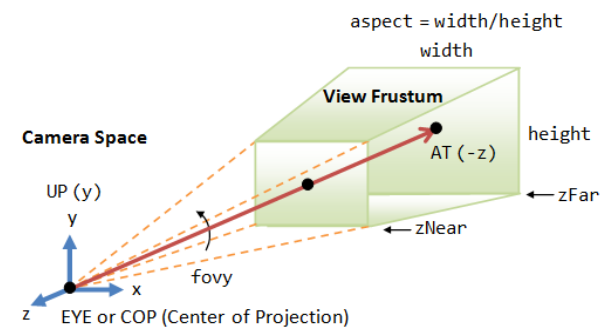
# Projection

3D objects  $\rightarrow$  2D image

- Perspective
- Parallel/Orthographic

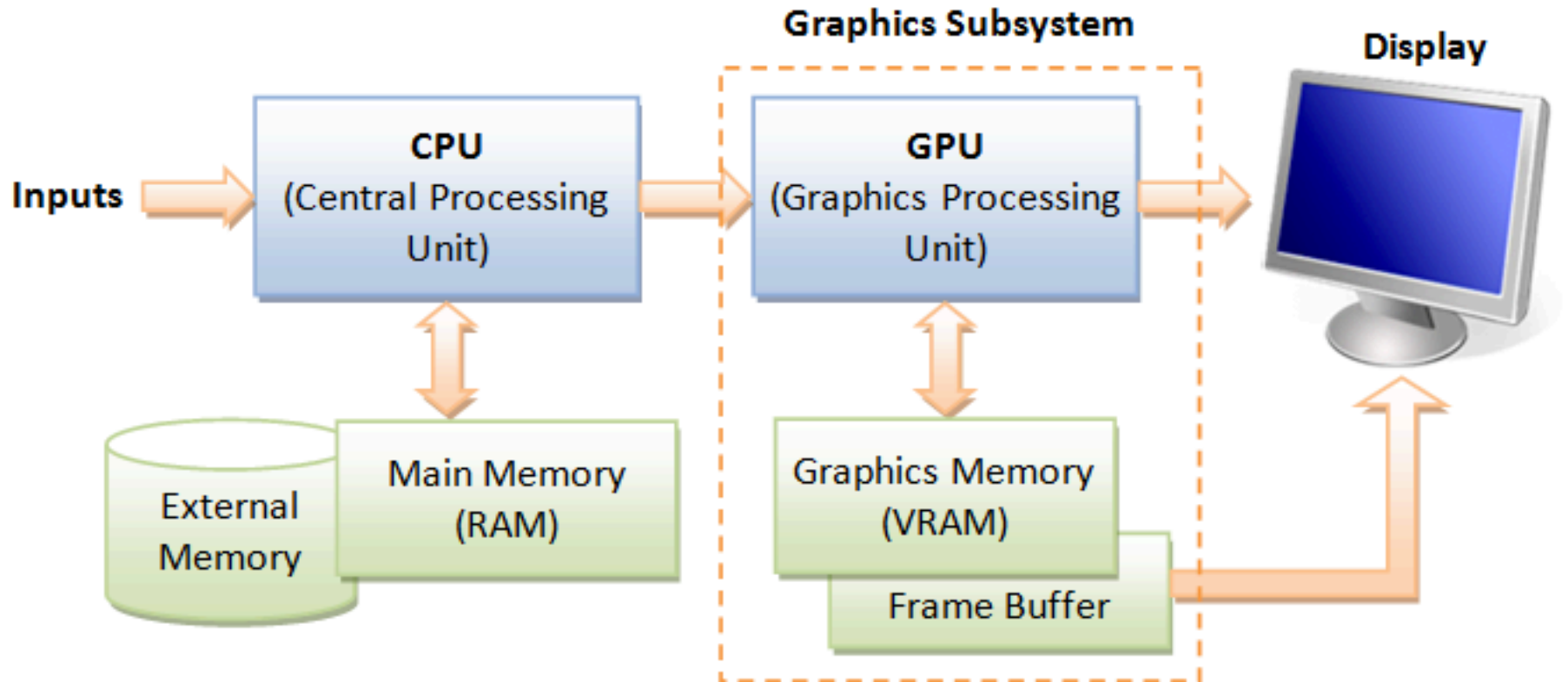


**Orthographic Projection:** Camera positioned infinitely far away at  $z = \infty$



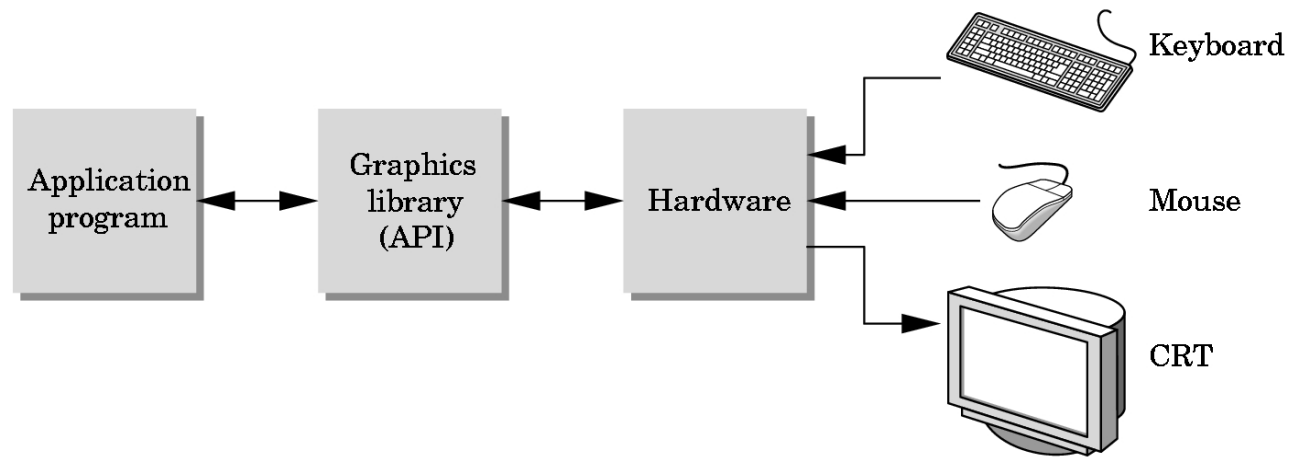
**Perspective Projection:** The camera's view frustum is specified via 4 view parameters: fovy, aspect, zNear and zFar.

# The Hardware

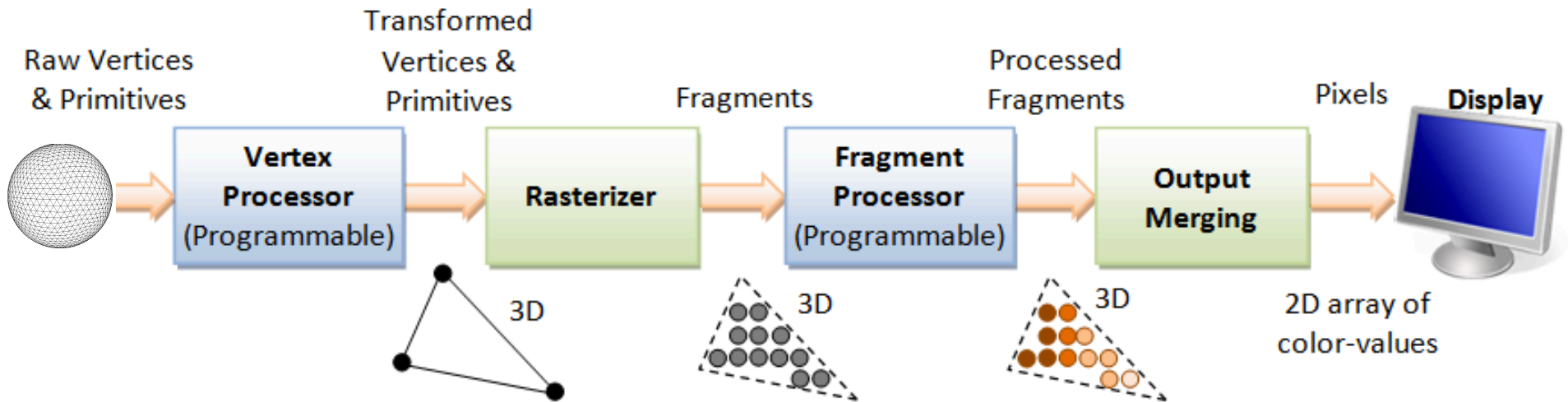
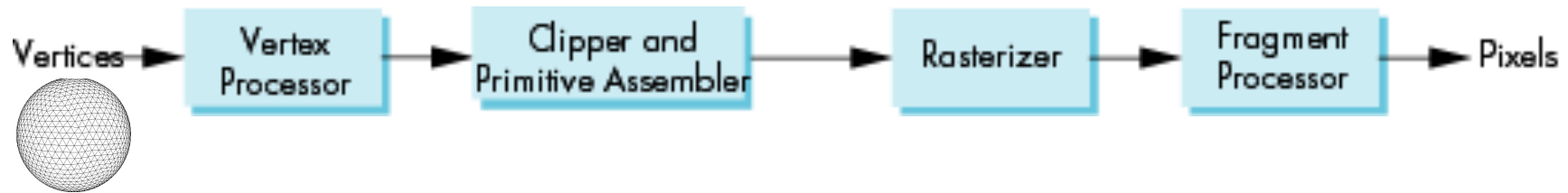


# The API/System

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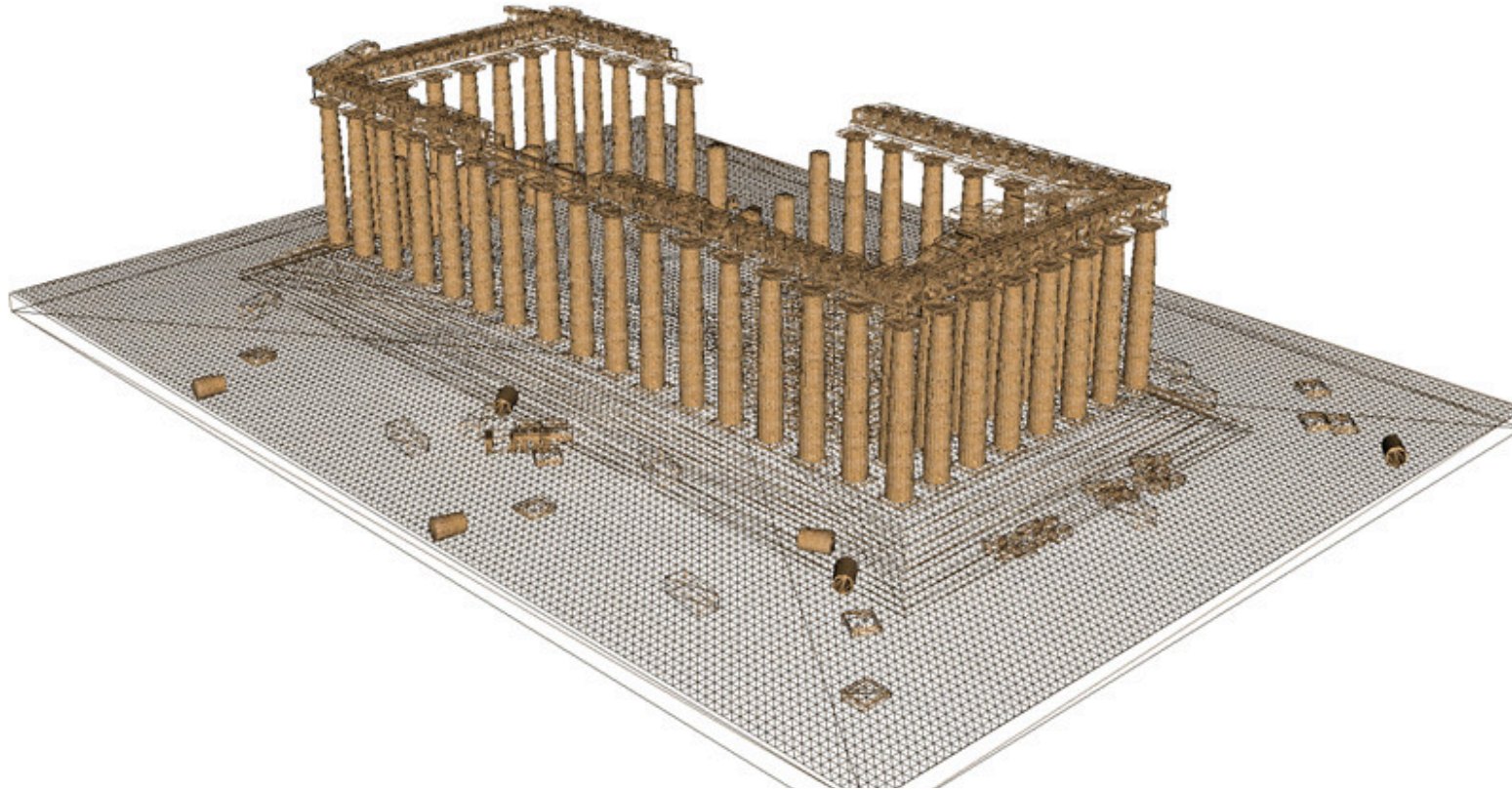
# The Graphics Pipeline





# Object & Primitive & Vertex

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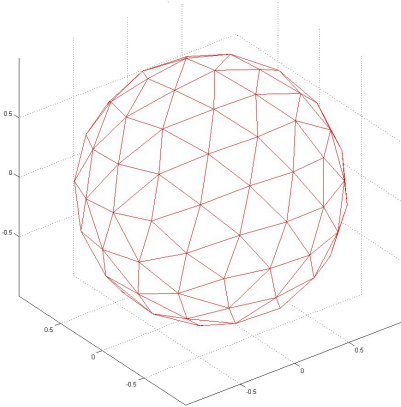


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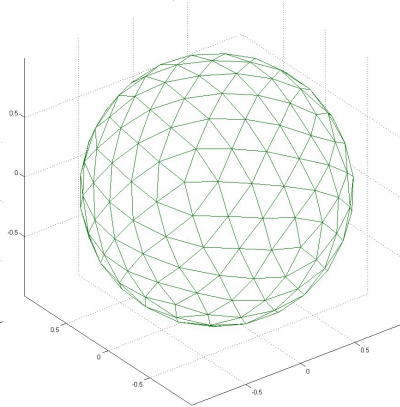


# Object & Triangles & Vertices

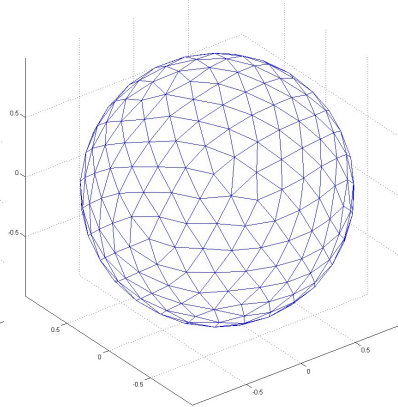
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**U=8156.7**



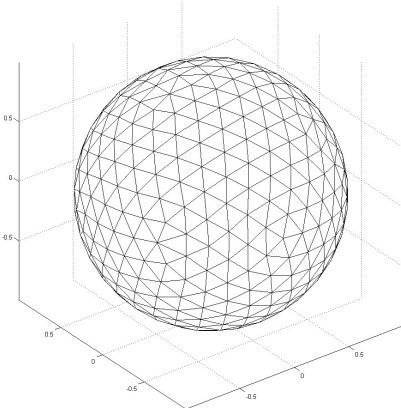
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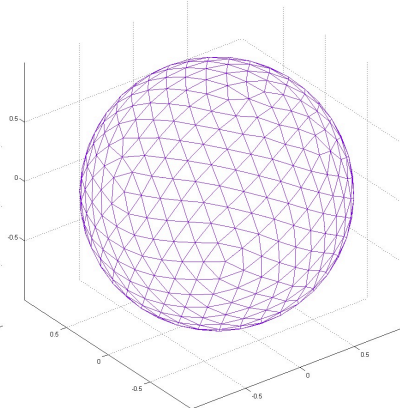
**N=300**  
**U=77600.6**



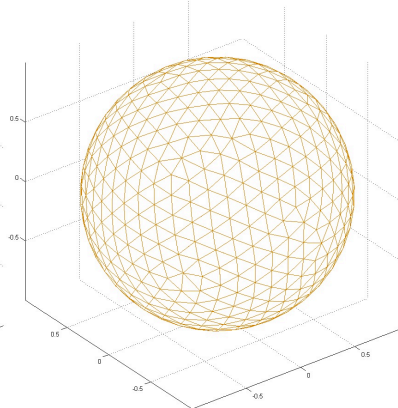
**N=400**  
**U=139322.3**



**N=500**  
**U=230354.4**



**N=600**  
**U=317118.3**

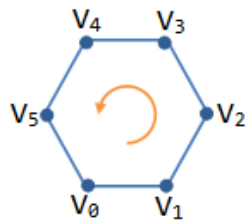
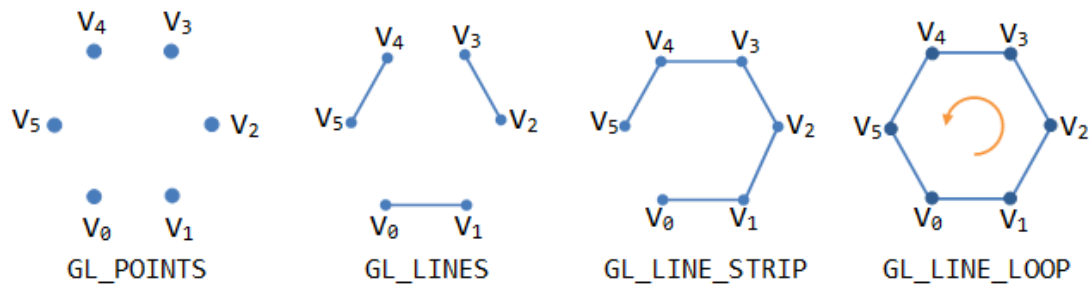


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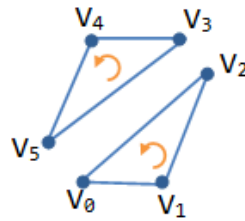


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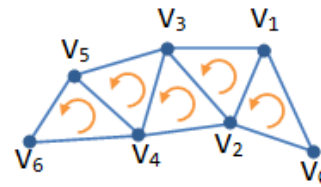
# Primitives



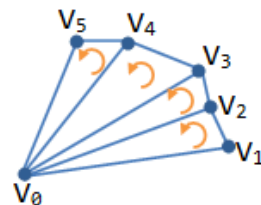
GL\_POLYGON



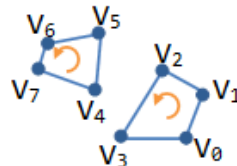
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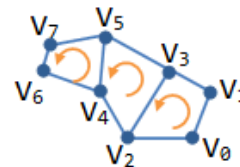
GL\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP



GL\_TRIANGLE\_FAN



GL\_QUADS



GL\_QUAD\_STRIP

OpenGL Primitives

# 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)

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- Put geometric data in an array

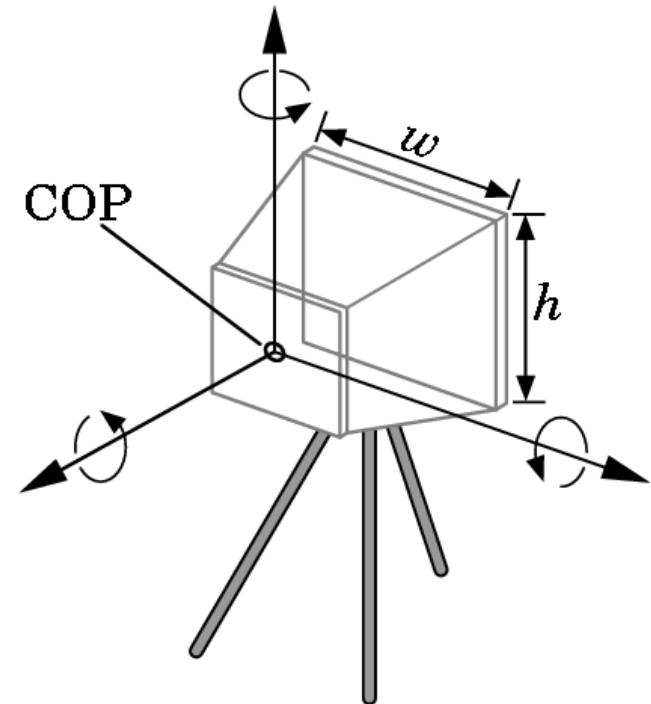
```
vec3 points[3];  
points[0] = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
points[1] = vec3(0.0, 1.0, 0.0);  
points[2] = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
```

- Send array to GPU
- Tell GPU to render as triangle

# Camera Specification

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



# Materials

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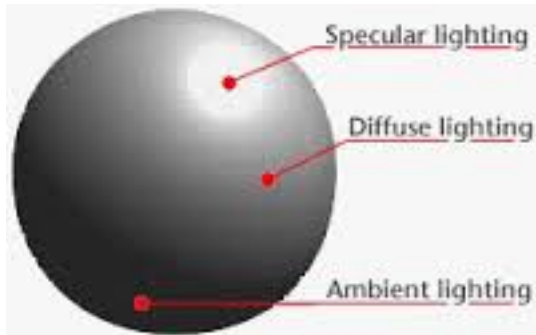
## Optical properties

– Absorption/Reflection: color Scattering

- Diffuse
- Specular
- Transparent

– Texture

– ...



# Lights

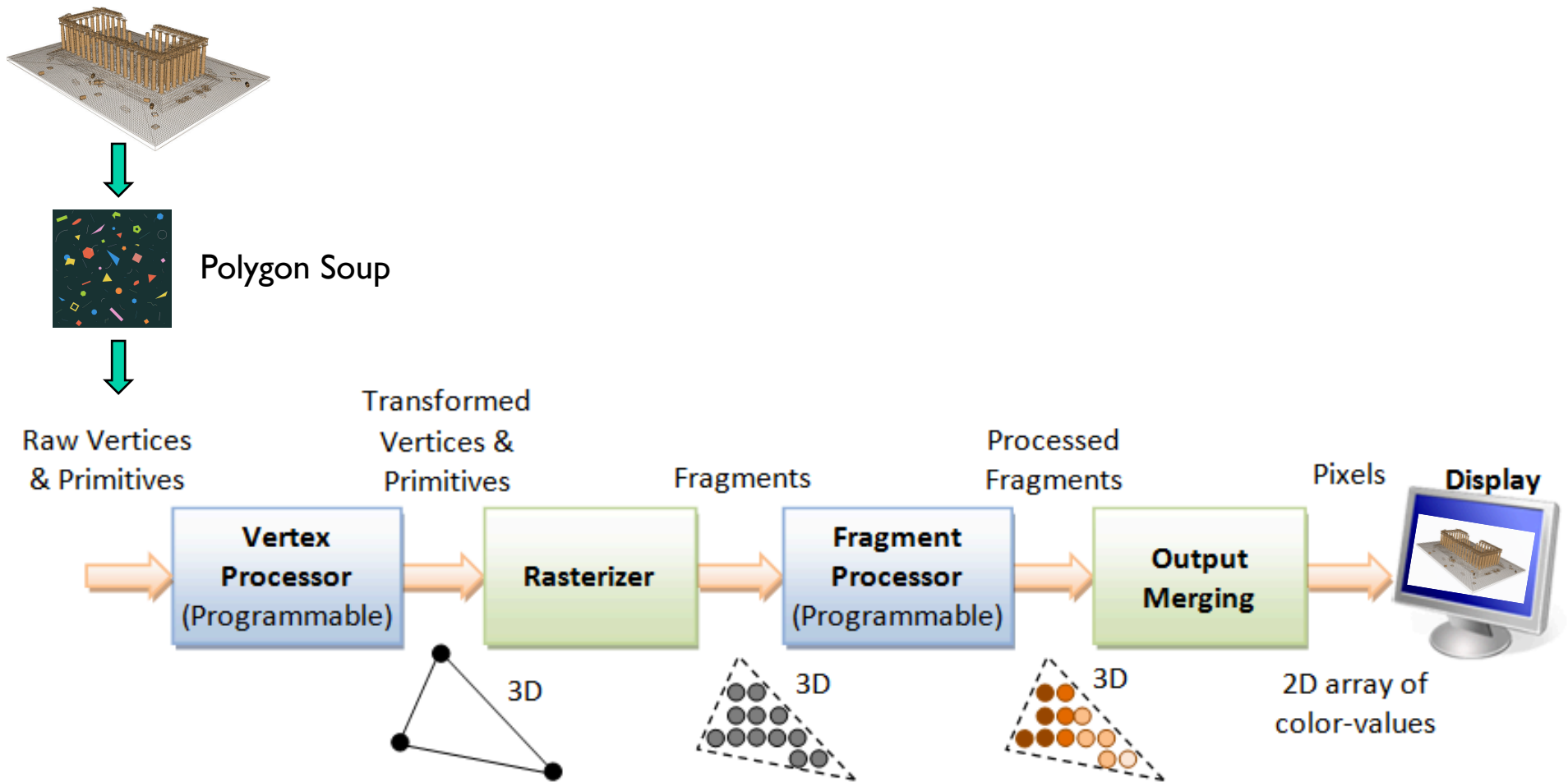
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## Types

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



# Vertex Processing



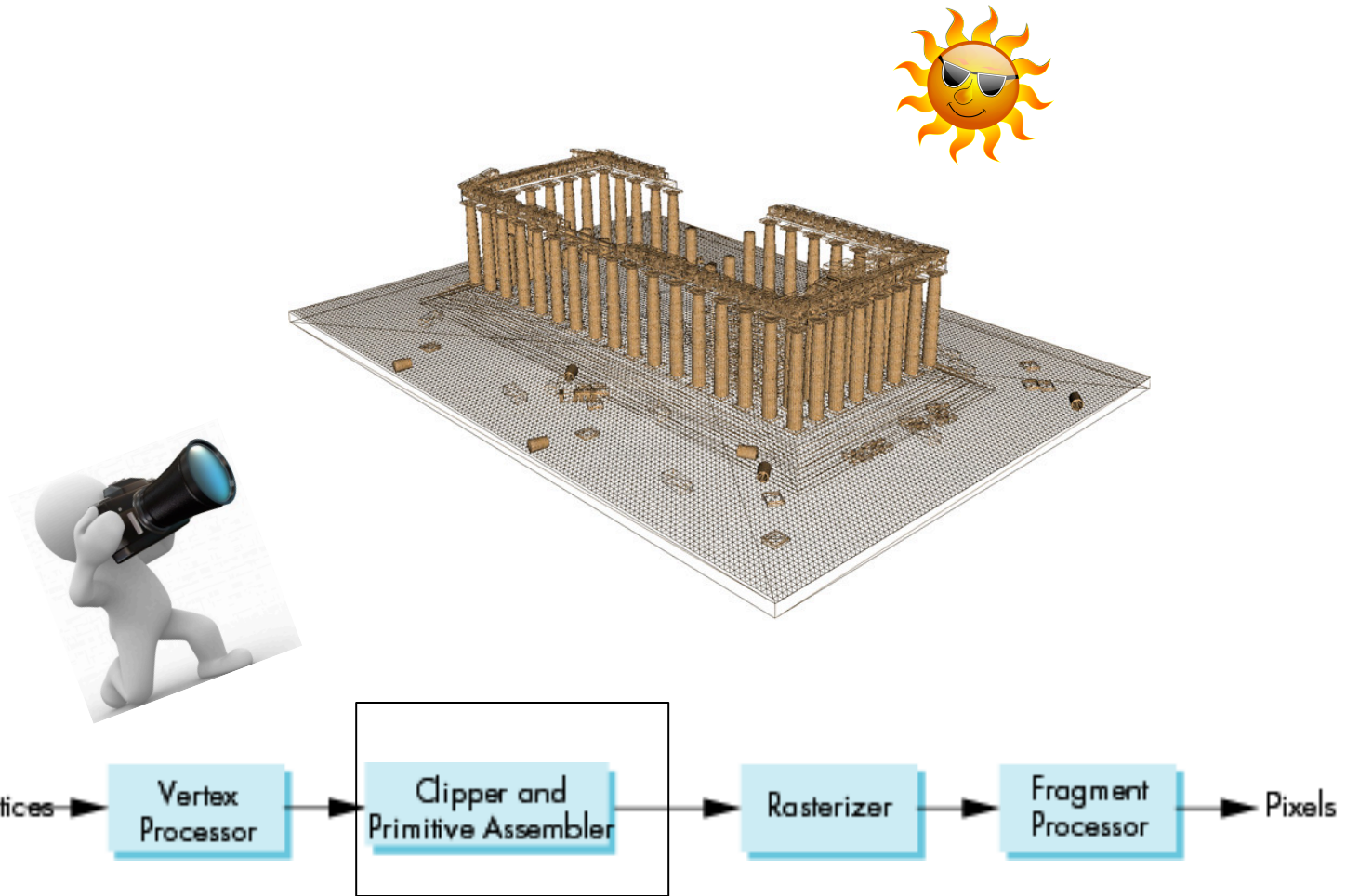
# Vertex Processing

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- Define object representations from one coordinate system to another
  - Object coordinates
  - World Coordinates
  - Camera (eye) coordinates
  - Screen coordinates
- Enter Linear algebra – Transformations
- Material properties



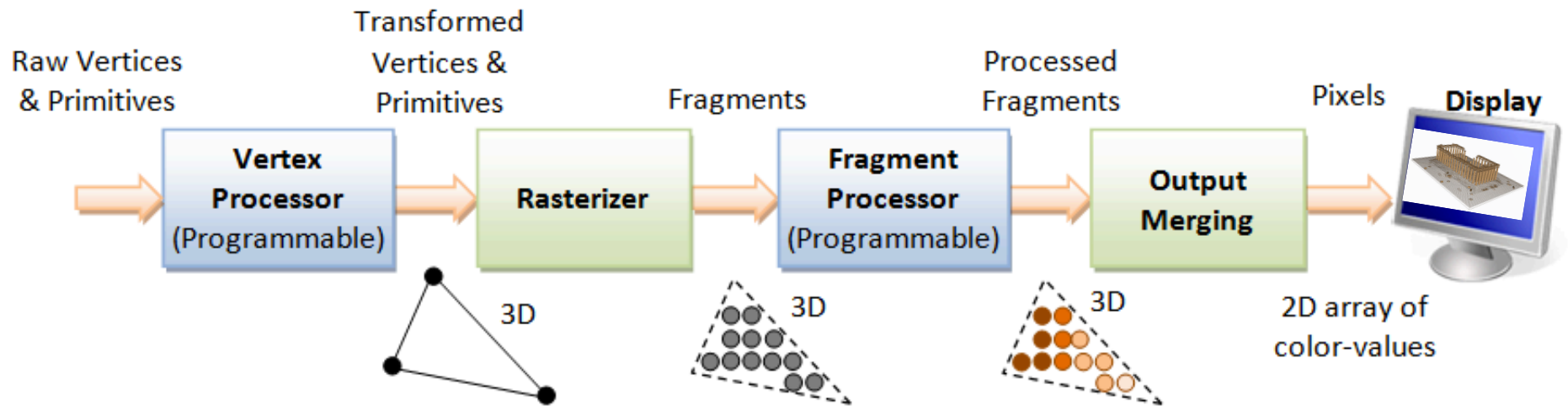
# World



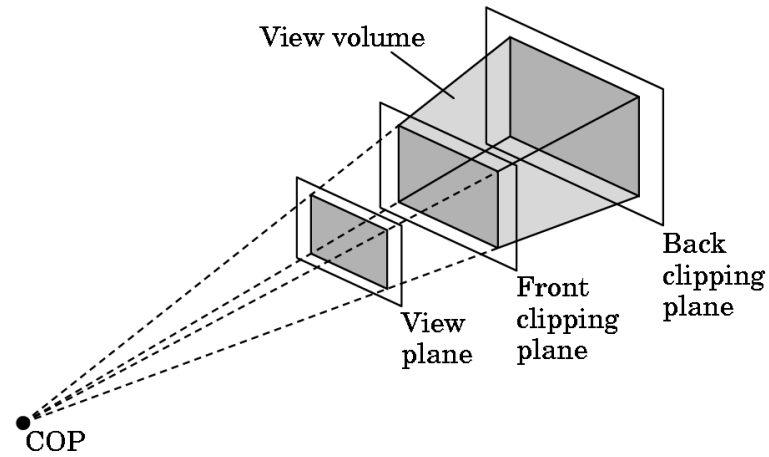
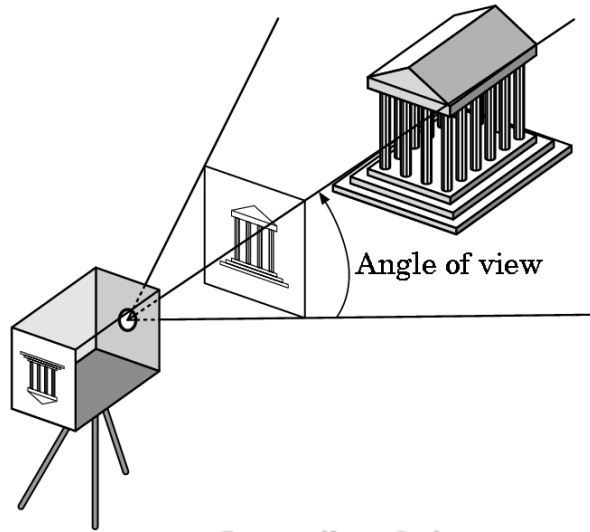
# Primitive Assembly

Vertices collected into geometric objects

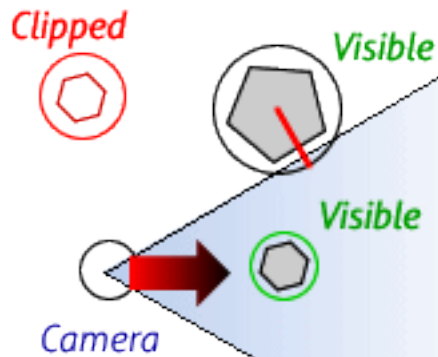
- Line segments
- Polygons
- Curves and surfaces



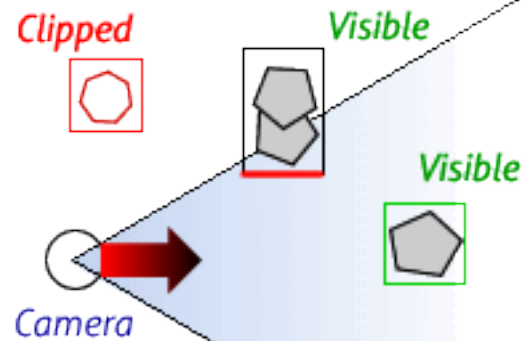
# Clipping



Bounding Sphere

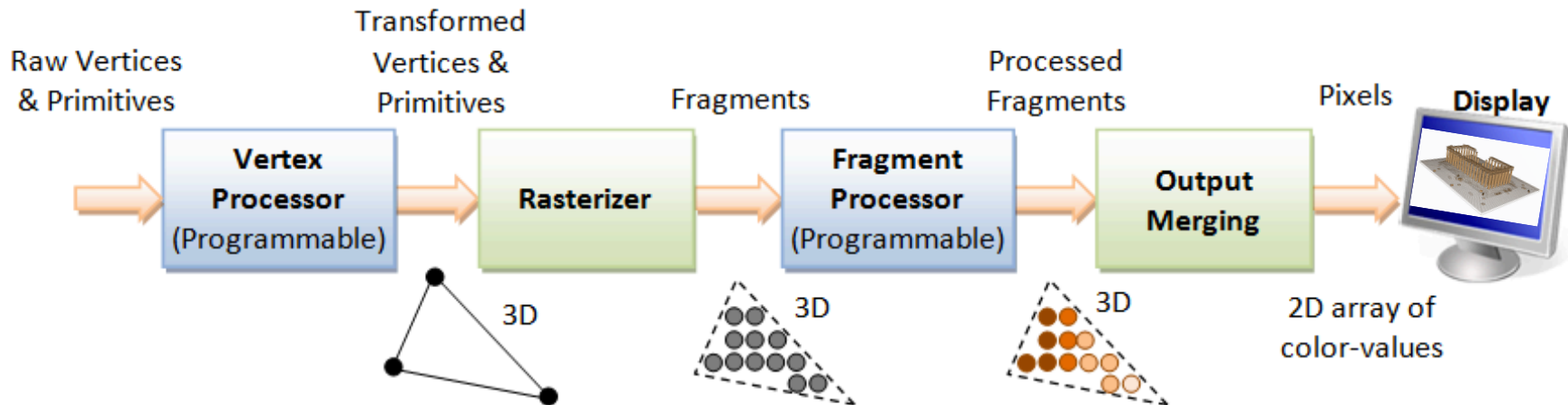


Bounding Box

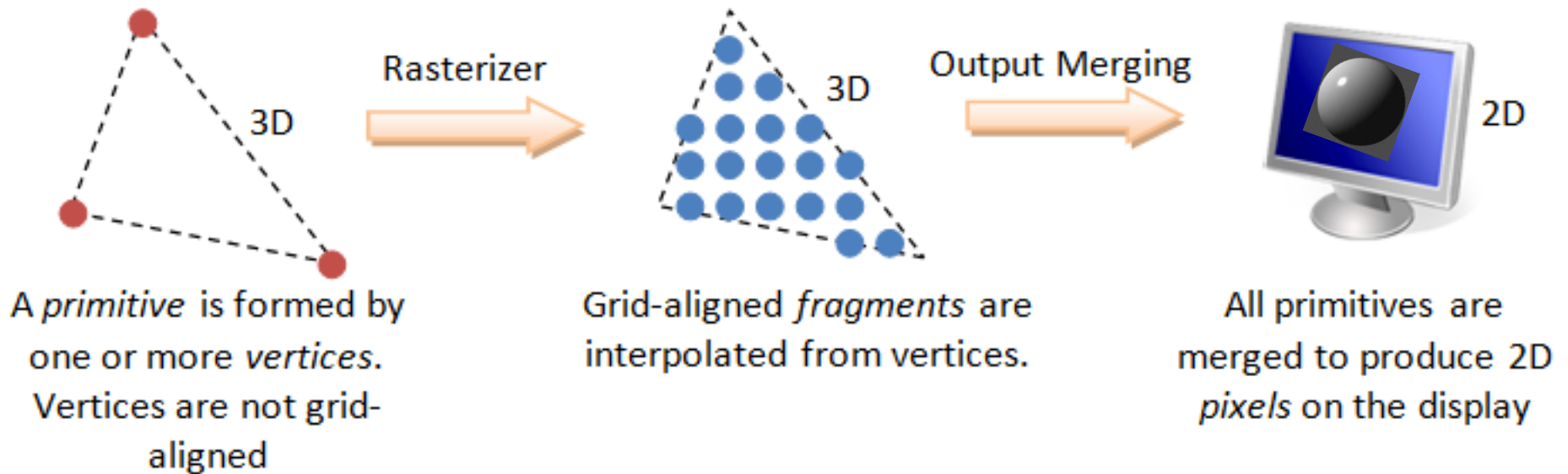


# Rasterization

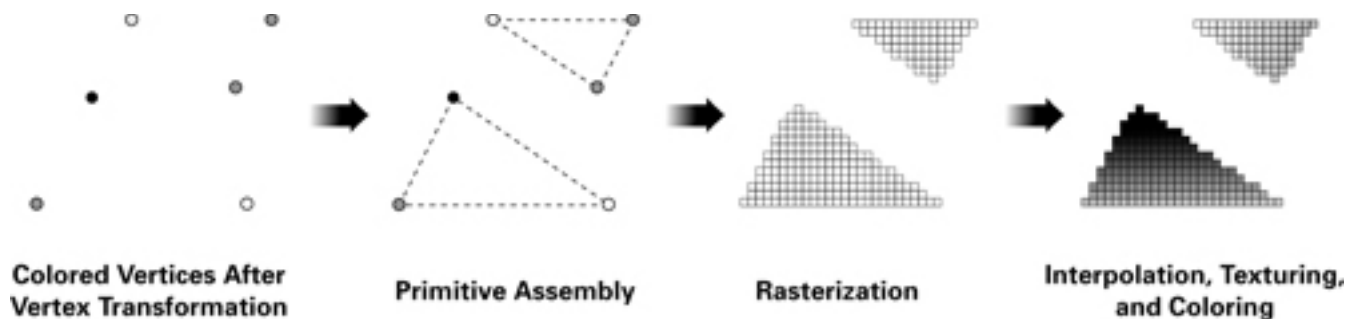
- Output are fragments
- Fragments == potential pixels
  - Location in frame buffer
  - Color and depth attributes at vertices
  - Hidden surface removal ?
- Vertex attributes are interpolated over objects



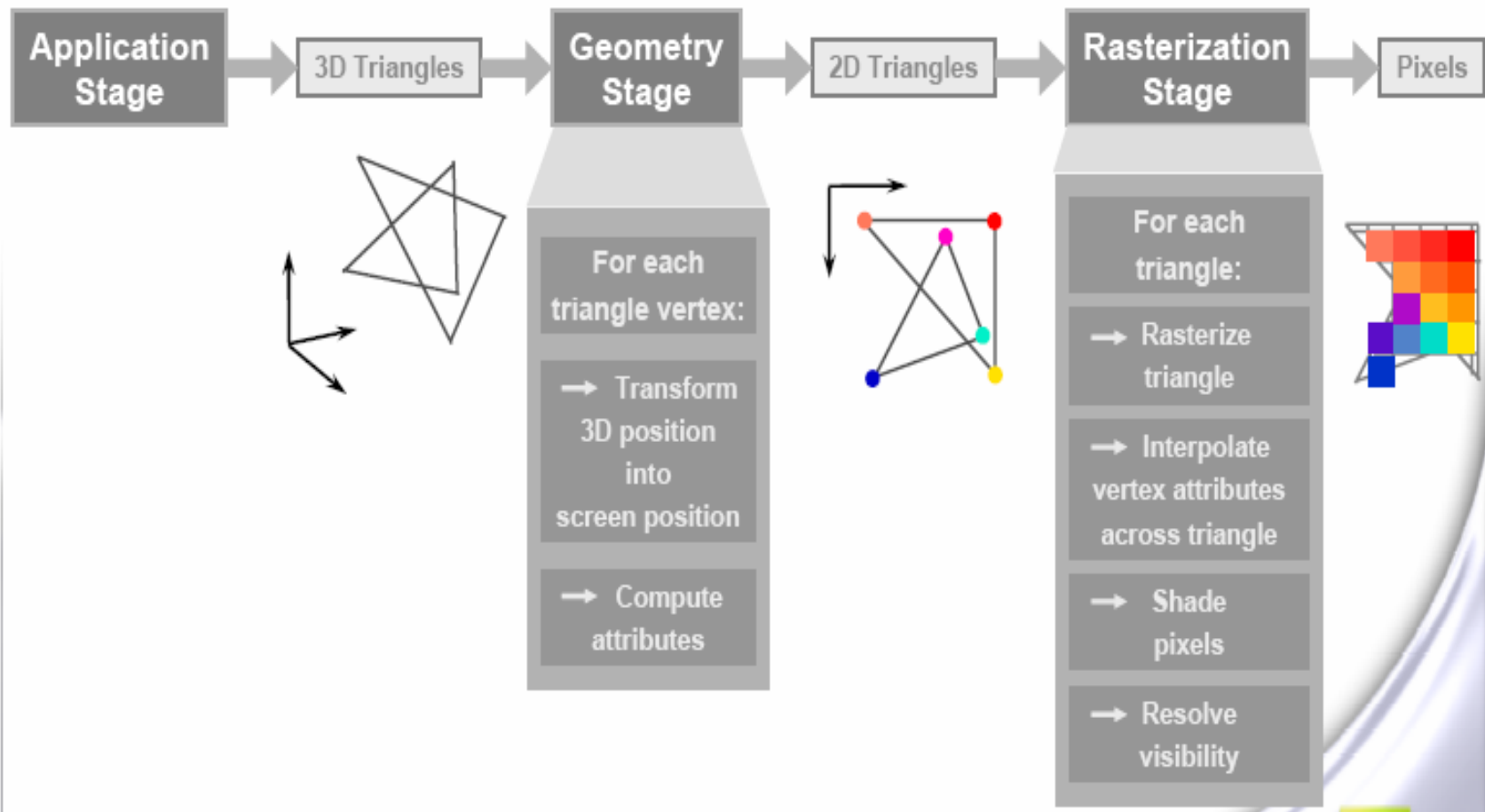
# Fragment Processing



## Vertex, Primitives, Fragment and Pixel



# The Graphics Pipeline





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# What is Missing ?





# Not Quite ?

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# Next ?

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# My Desktop

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# My Desktop

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Chipset Model: AMD Radeon HD 6770M  
Type: GPU  
Bus: PCIe  
PCIe Lane Width: x16  
VRAM (Total): 512 MB  
Vendor: ATI (0x1002)  
Device ID: 0x6740  
Revision ID: 0x0000  
ROM Revision: 113-C0170F-170  
EFI Driver Version: 01.00.544  
Displays:

## iMac:

Display Type: LCD  
Resolution: 2560 x 1440  
Pixel Depth: 32-Bit Color (ARGB8888)  
Main Display: Yes  
Mirror: Off  
Online: Yes  
Built-In: Yes



# Fancy Stuff !

## AMD RADEON™

HD 6770 GPU

ENGINE CLOCK Up to 850MHz

MEMORY 512MB or 1GB DDR3 or GDDR5

MEMORY CLOCK 1200MHz

MEMORY BANDWIDTH 76.8 GB/s (maximum)

**SINGLE PRECISION COMPUTE POWER 1.36 TFLOPs**

**TERASCALE 2 UNIFIED PROCESSING ARCHITECTURE**

**800 Stream Processors**

**40 Texture Units**

**64 Z/Stencil ROP Units**

**16 Color ROP Units**

**BUS INTERFACE PCI Express 2.1 x16**

**OPENGL 4.1 SUPPORT** Yes

**IMAGE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGY**

Up to 24x multi-sample and super-sample anti-aliasing modes

Adaptive anti-aliasing

16x angle independent anisotropic texture filtering

128-bit floating point HDR rendering

**CUTTING-EDGE INTEGRATED DISPLAY SUPPORT**

Integrated DisplayPort Output

Max resolution: 2560x1600 per display

HDMI@ (With 3D, Deep Color and x.v.Color™)

Max resolution: 1920x1200

Integrated Dual-link DVI with HDCP

Max resolution: 2560x1600

Integrated VGA

Max resolution: 2048x1536

## INTEGRATED HD AUDIO CONTROLLER

Output protected high bit rate 7.1 channel surround sound over HDMI or DisplayPort with no additional cables required

Supports AC-3, AAC, Dolby TrueHD and DTS Master Audio formats

## AMD TECHNOLOGIES

AMD Eyefinity multidisplay technology<sup>2</sup>

Native support for up to 5 simultaneous displays

Independent resolutions, refresh rates, color controls and video overlays

Display grouping

Combine multiple displays to behave like a single large display

AMD App Acceleration<sup>3</sup>

**OpenCL 1.1 Support**

DirectCompute 1.1

Accelerated video encoding, transcoding and upscaling

UVD 2 dedicated video playback accelerator

H.264

VC-1

**MPEG-2**

H.264 MVC (Blu-ray 3D)<sup>5</sup>

Adobe Flash

Enhanced Video Quality features

Advanced post-processing and scaling

Dynamic contrast enhancement and color correction

Brighter whites processing (Blue Stretch)

Independent video gamma control

Dynamic video range control

Dual-stream HD (1080p) playback support

DXVA 1.0 & 2.0 support

## AMD HD3D technology<sup>5</sup>

Stereoscopic 3D display/glasses support

Blu-ray 3D support

Stereoscopic 3D gaming

3rd party Stereoscopic 3D middleware software support

AMD CrossFire™ multi-GPU technology<sup>6</sup>

Dual GPU scaling

AMD PowerPlay™ power management technology<sup>4</sup>

Dynamic power management with low power idle state

Ultra-low power state support for multi-GPU configurations

AMD Catalyst™ software and HD video configuration software

Unified graphics display drivers

Certified for Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP

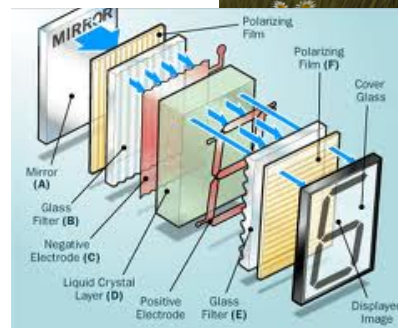
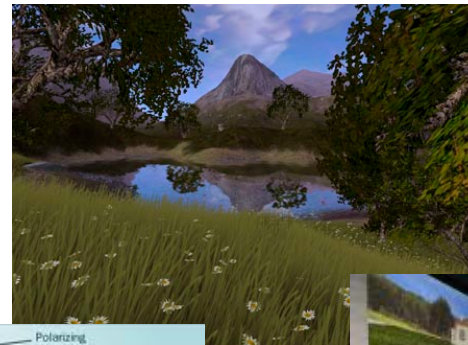
AMD Catalyst™ Control Center

Software application and user interface for setup, configuration and accessing special features of AMD Radeon products.





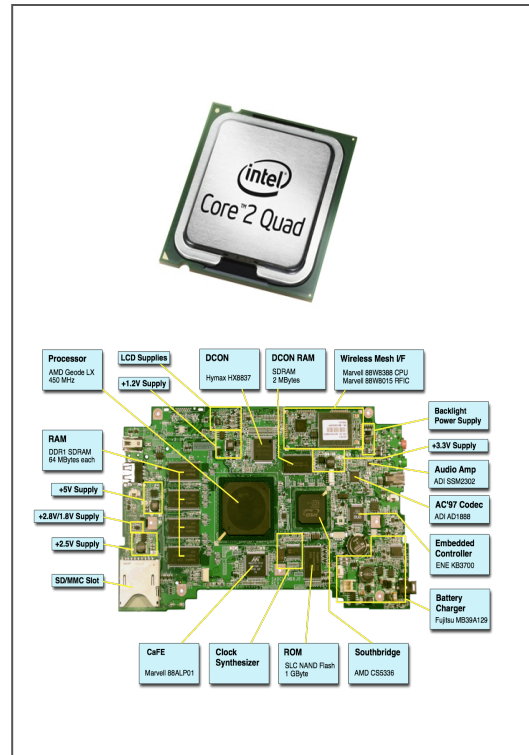
# Computer Graphics Hardware: An Overview



# Graphics System



Input devices



CPU/Memory



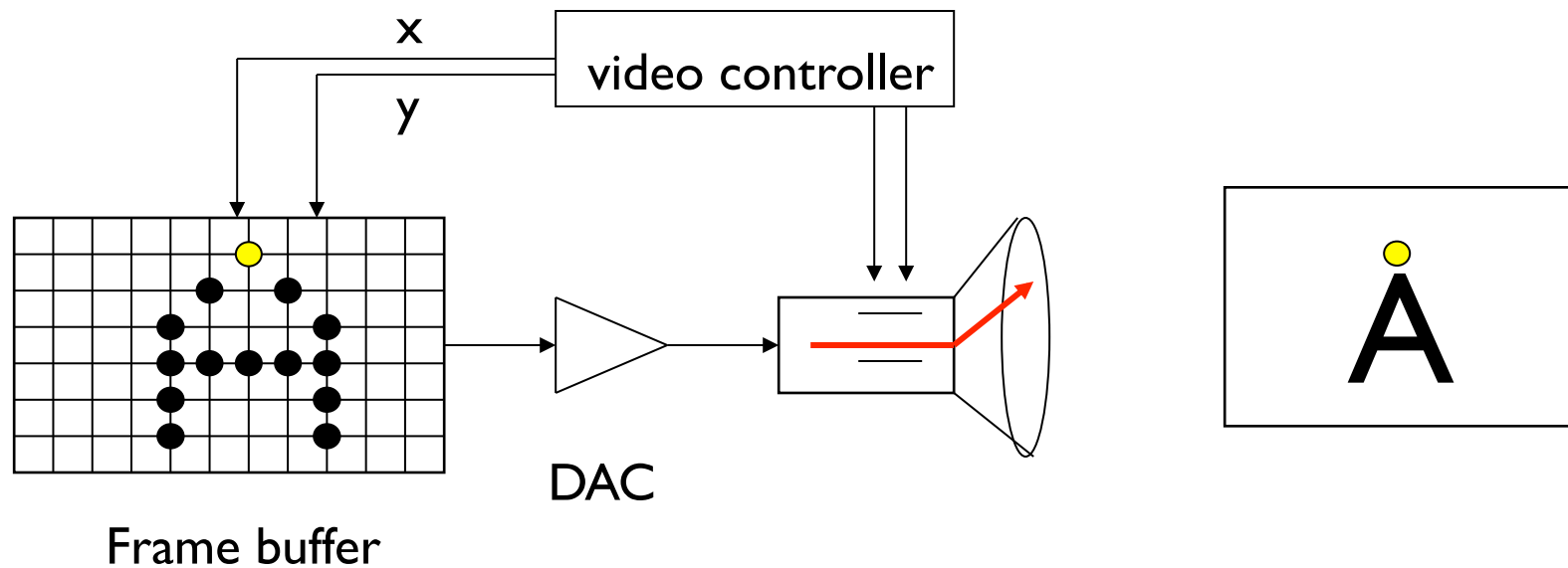
GPU



Monitor

# Raster Graphics System

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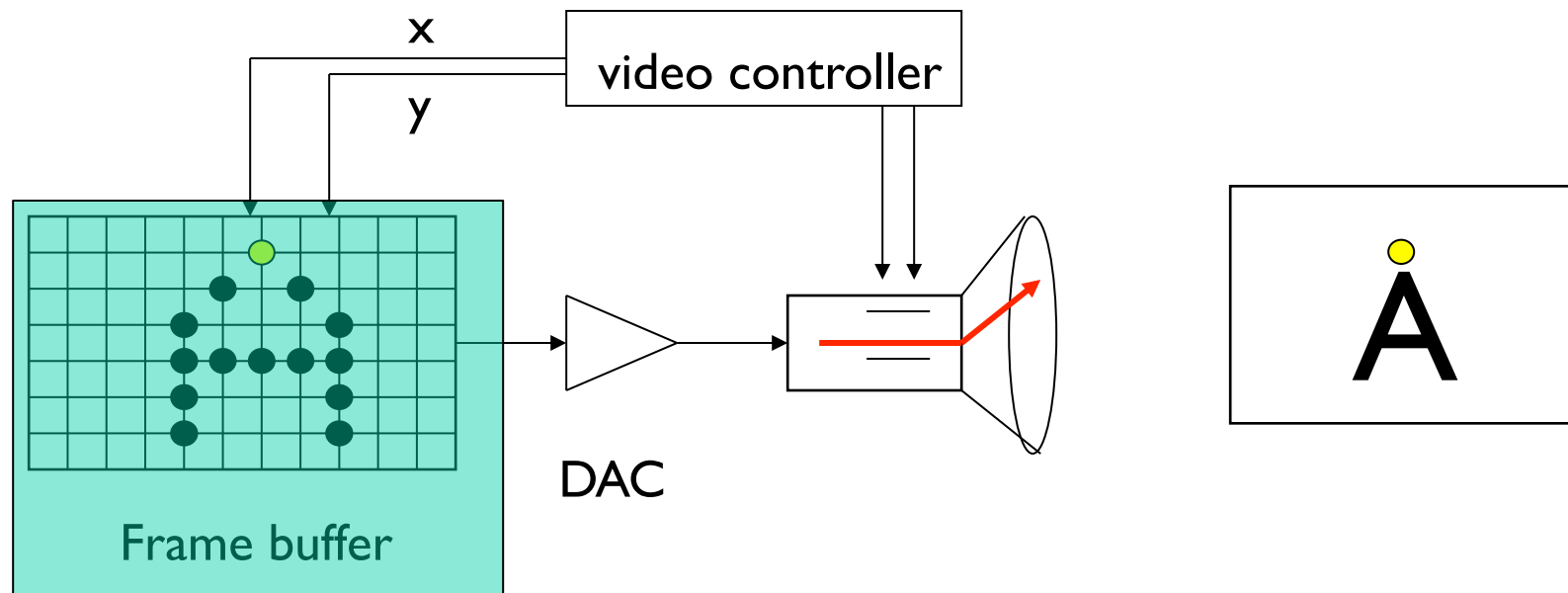
# To Note

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- ✓ Raster: An array of picture elements
- ✓ Based on raster-scan TV technology
- ✓ The screen & rendering consists of discrete pixels
- ✓ Each pixel has a small display area

# The Frame Buffer

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# Frame Buffer

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- Low-latency memory to hold pixel attributes
  - color, alpha, depth, stencil mask, who-knows-what
- Performance depends on
  - Size: screen resolution
  - Depth: color level
  - Speed: refresh speed

# Depth



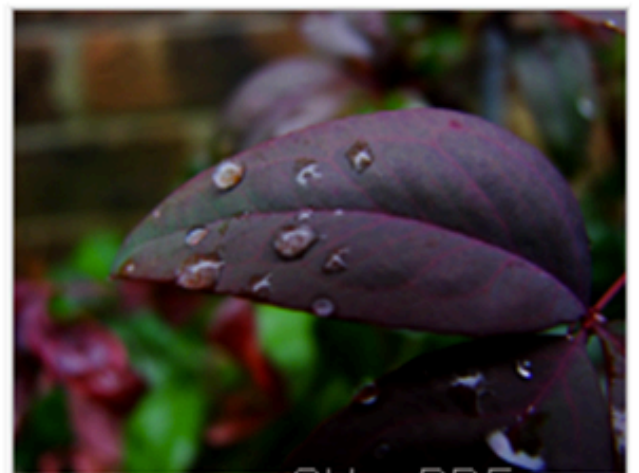
1 bit (2 colors)

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4 bits (16 colors)

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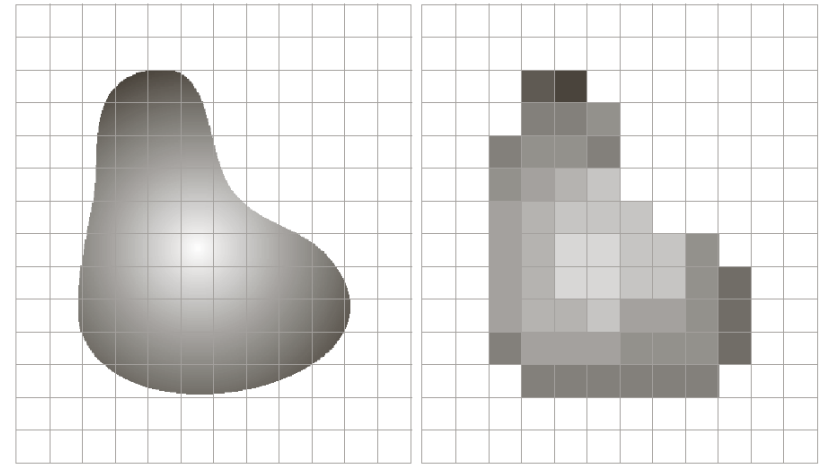
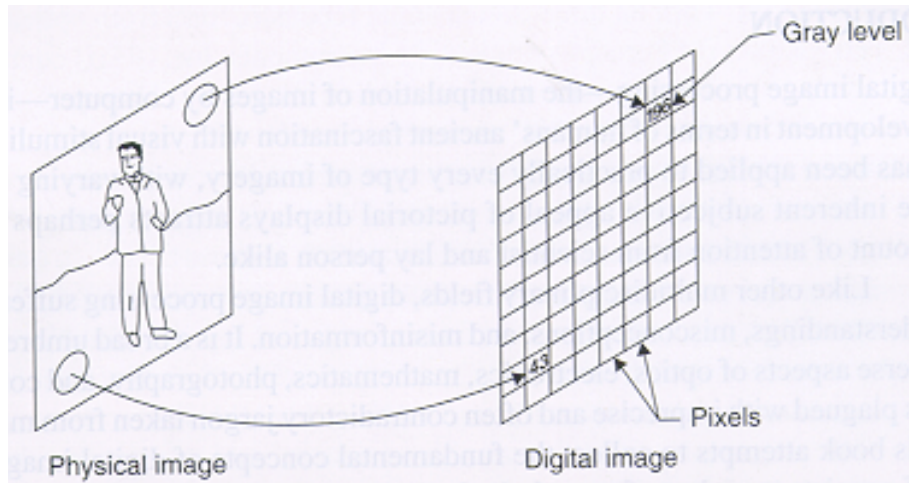
24 bits (16,777,216 colors)

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- + bit/pixel: black and white
- + 8 bits/pixel: 256 levels of gray or color pallet index
- + 24 bits/pixel: 16 million colors

# Image Digitization - Recap

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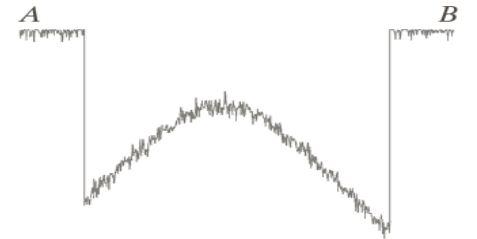
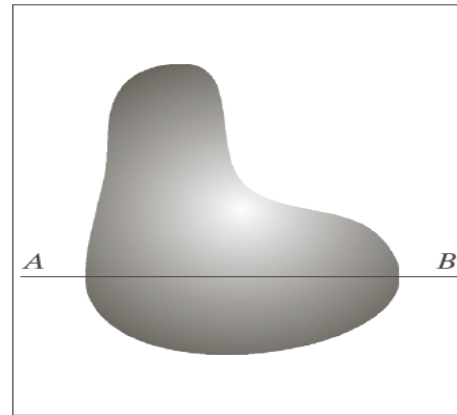


**Sampling:** Resolution

**Quantization:** Measured Value



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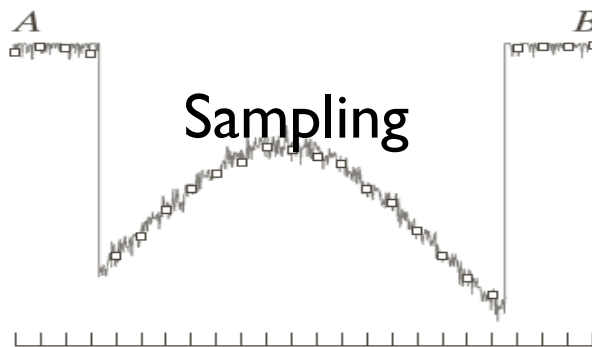


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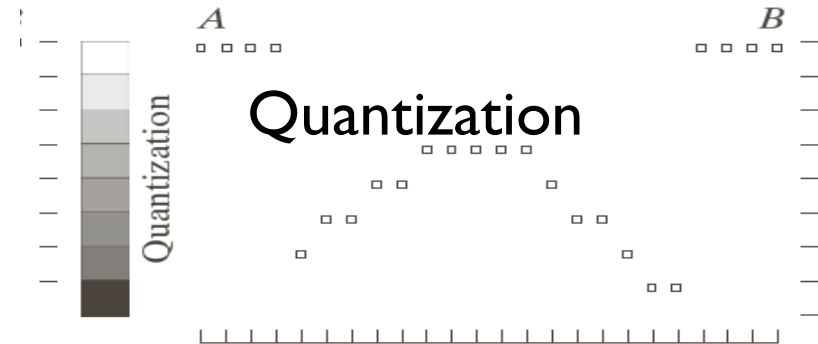
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Sampling



Quantization

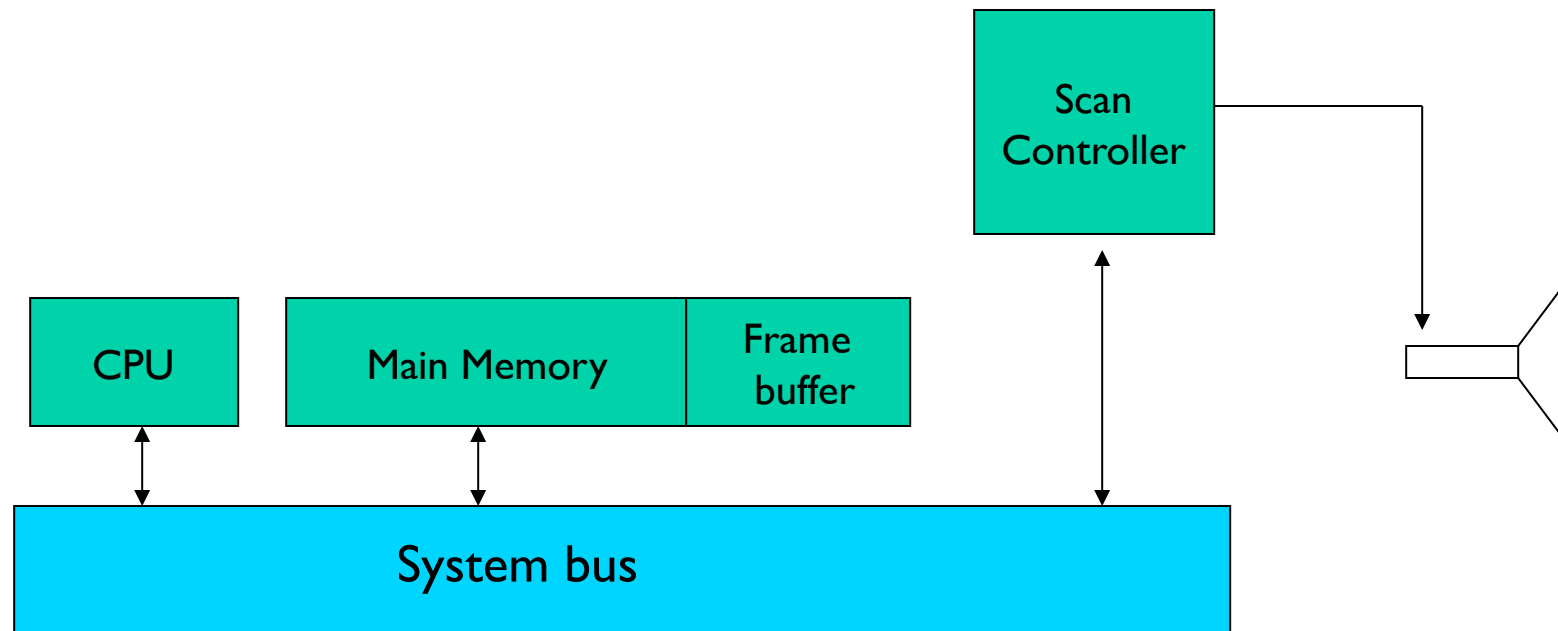
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# The Architecture

# (A way too) Simple Graphik System

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Frame buffer is part of main memory

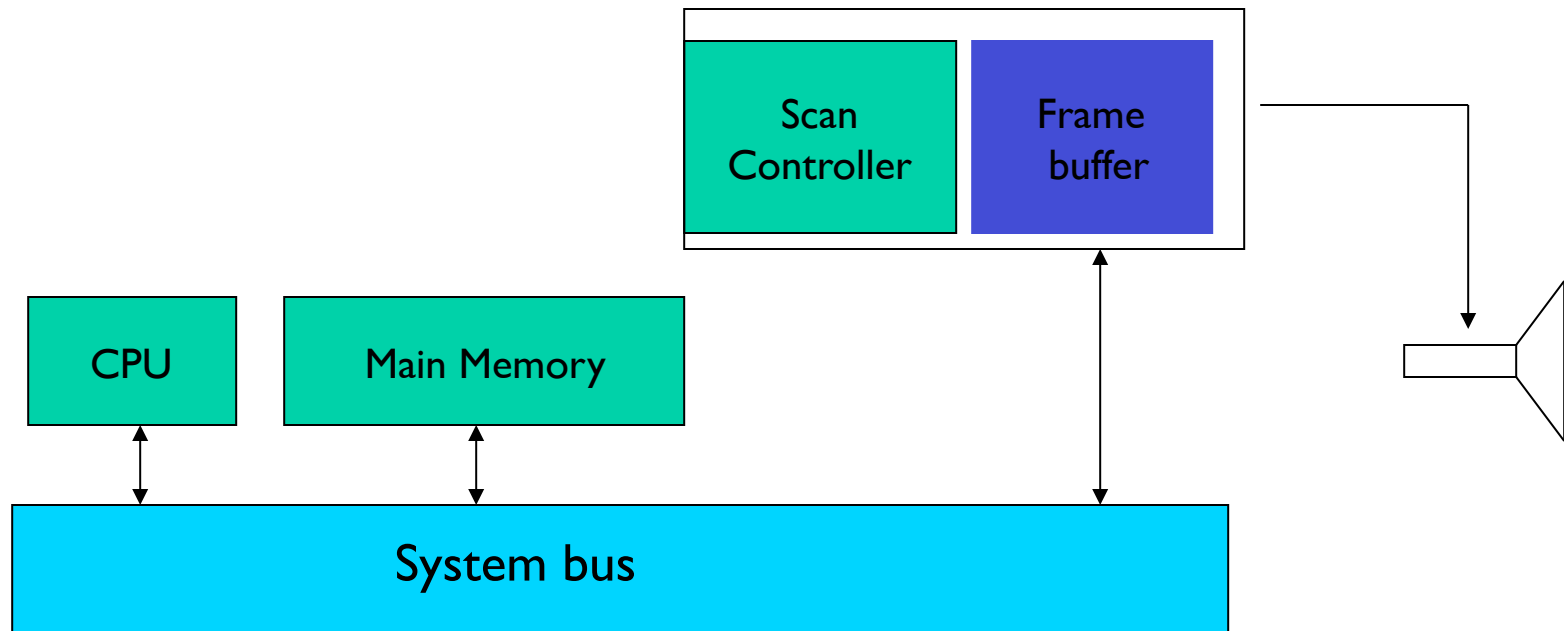


Problem?

# Dedicated memory

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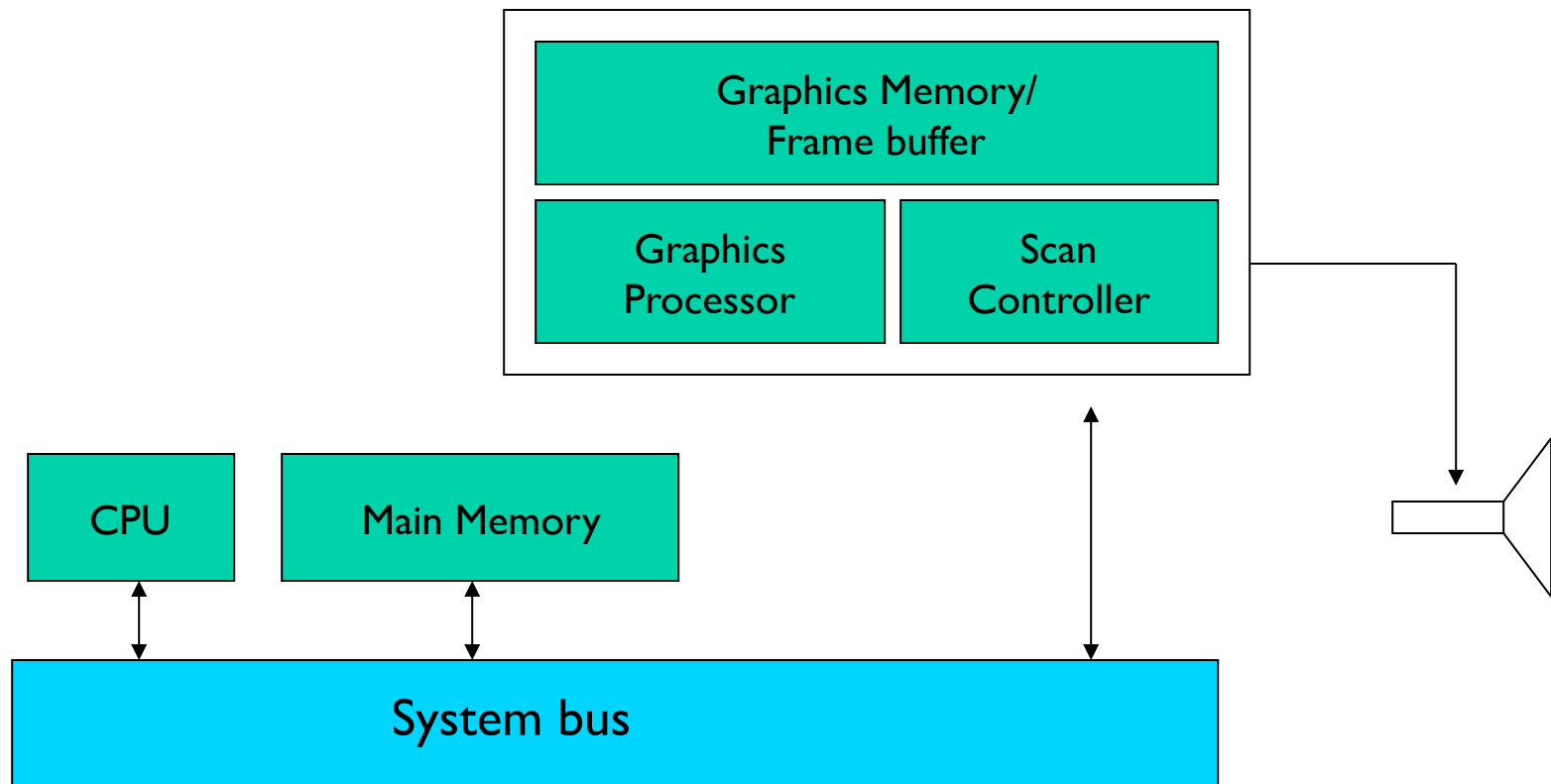
Video memory: On-board frame buffer: much faster to access



# Graphics Accelerator

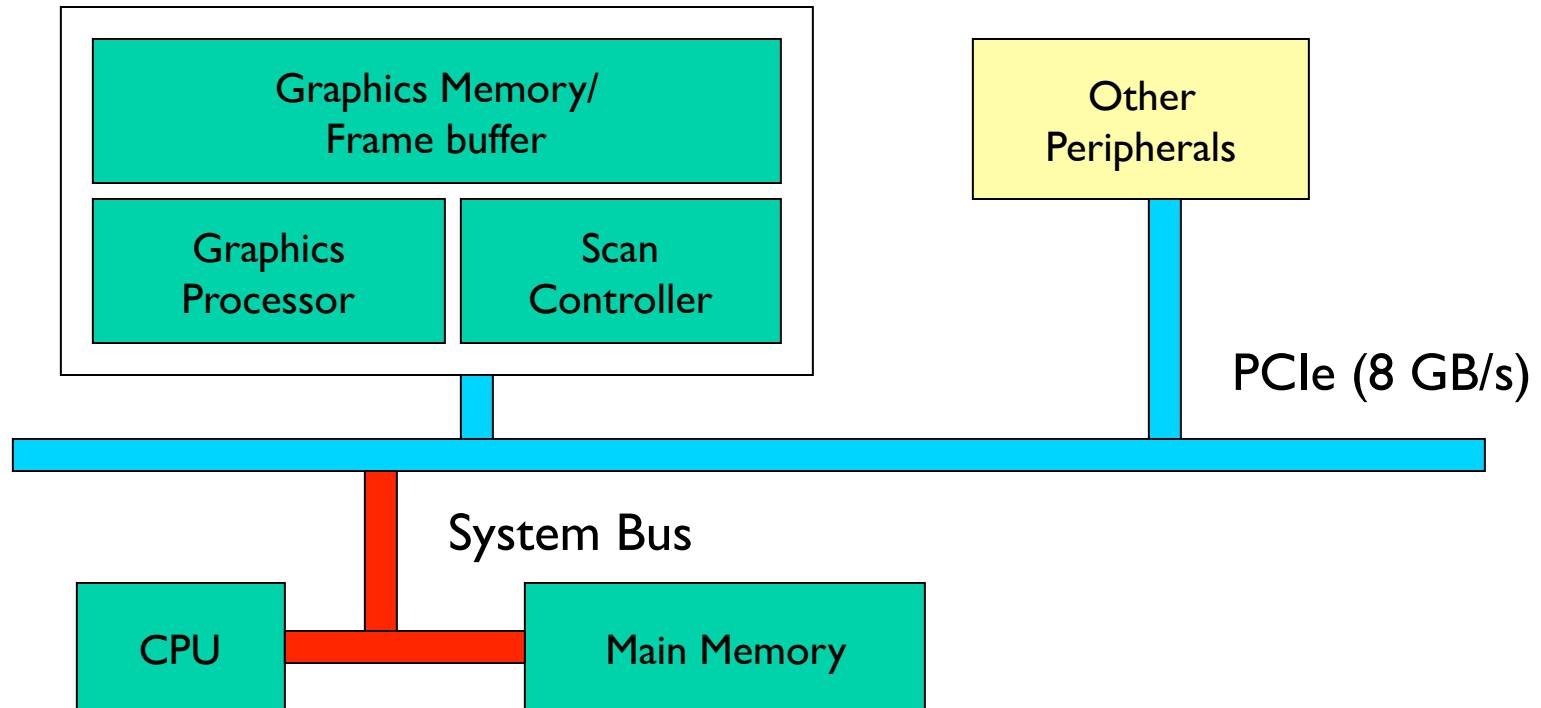
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A dedicated processor for graphics processing



# Graphics Bus Interface

PCI based technology





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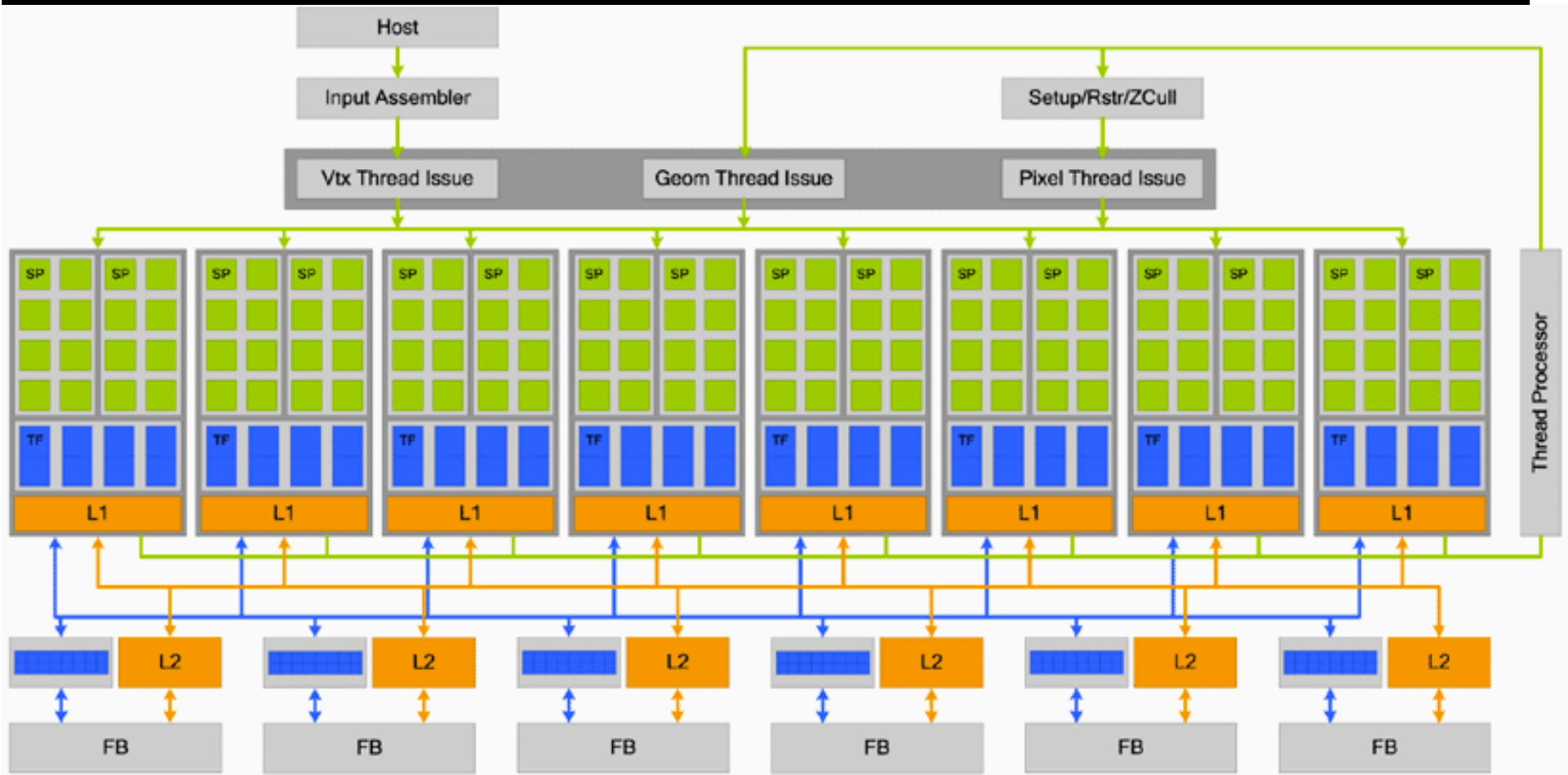
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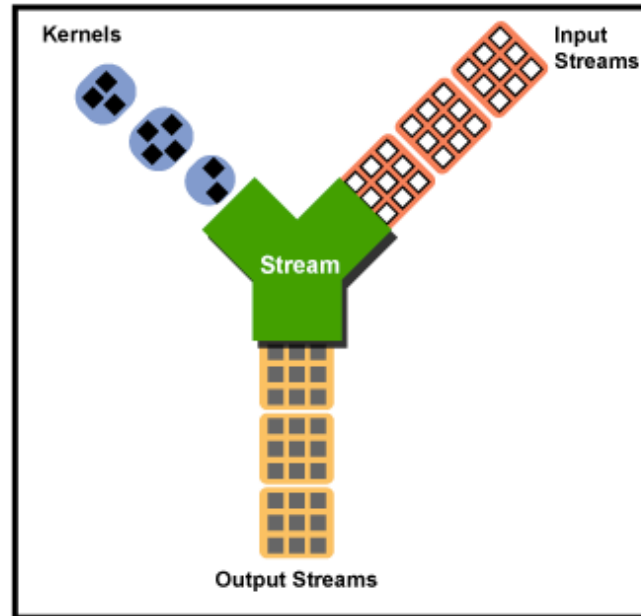
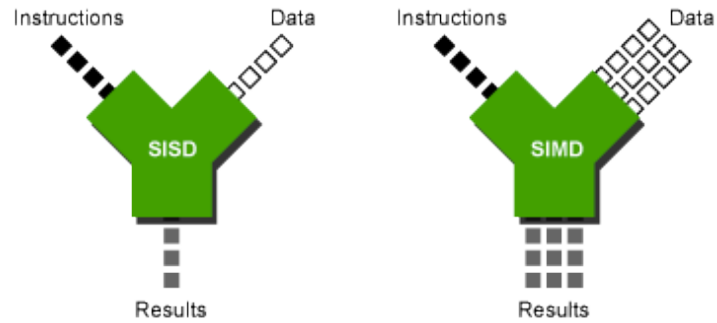
# Graphics Accelerators



# (Massively) Parallel Processors



# Stream Processing



# A Roadmap

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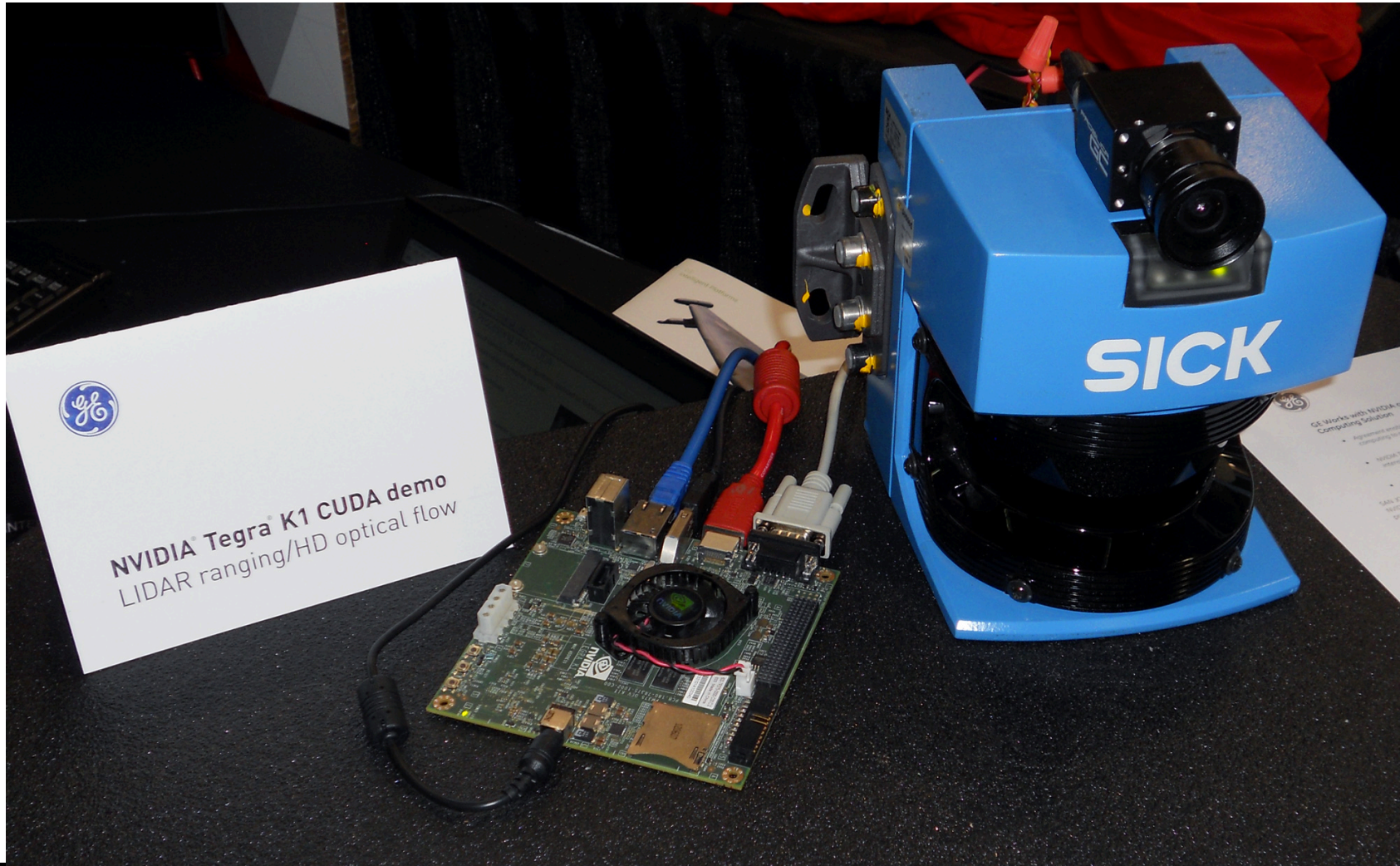


# The Main Drivers

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# GPU = General Purpose Units !



# My Own nVidia

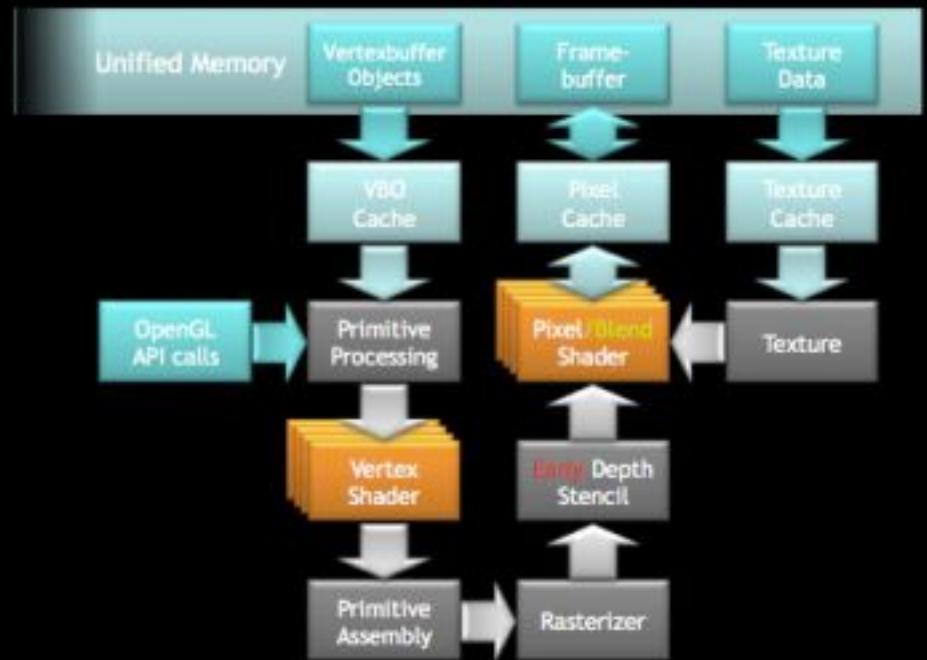
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# The Existentialist GPU

## Tegra 2 GPU pipeline: Horsepower

- 8 shader cores
  - 4 pixel shader cores
  - 4 vertex shader cores
- 5x CSAA
- 16x anisotropic texture filtering



<http://www.anandtech.com/show/4225/the-ipad-2-review/5>

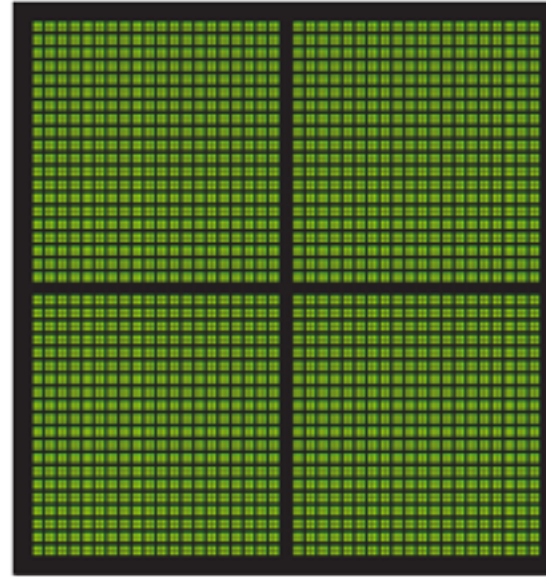


# Multi-Core Galore

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CPU  
MULTIPLE CORES

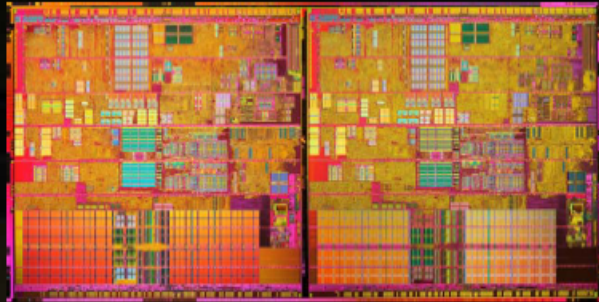


GPU  
THOUSANDS OF CORES



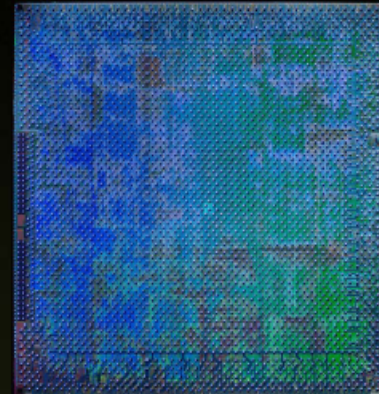


# Largest Chip on Mother Board



## Pentium Extreme Edition 840

- 3.2 GHz Dual Core
- 230M Transistors
- 90nm process
- 206 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 2 x 1MB Cache
- 25.6 GFlops



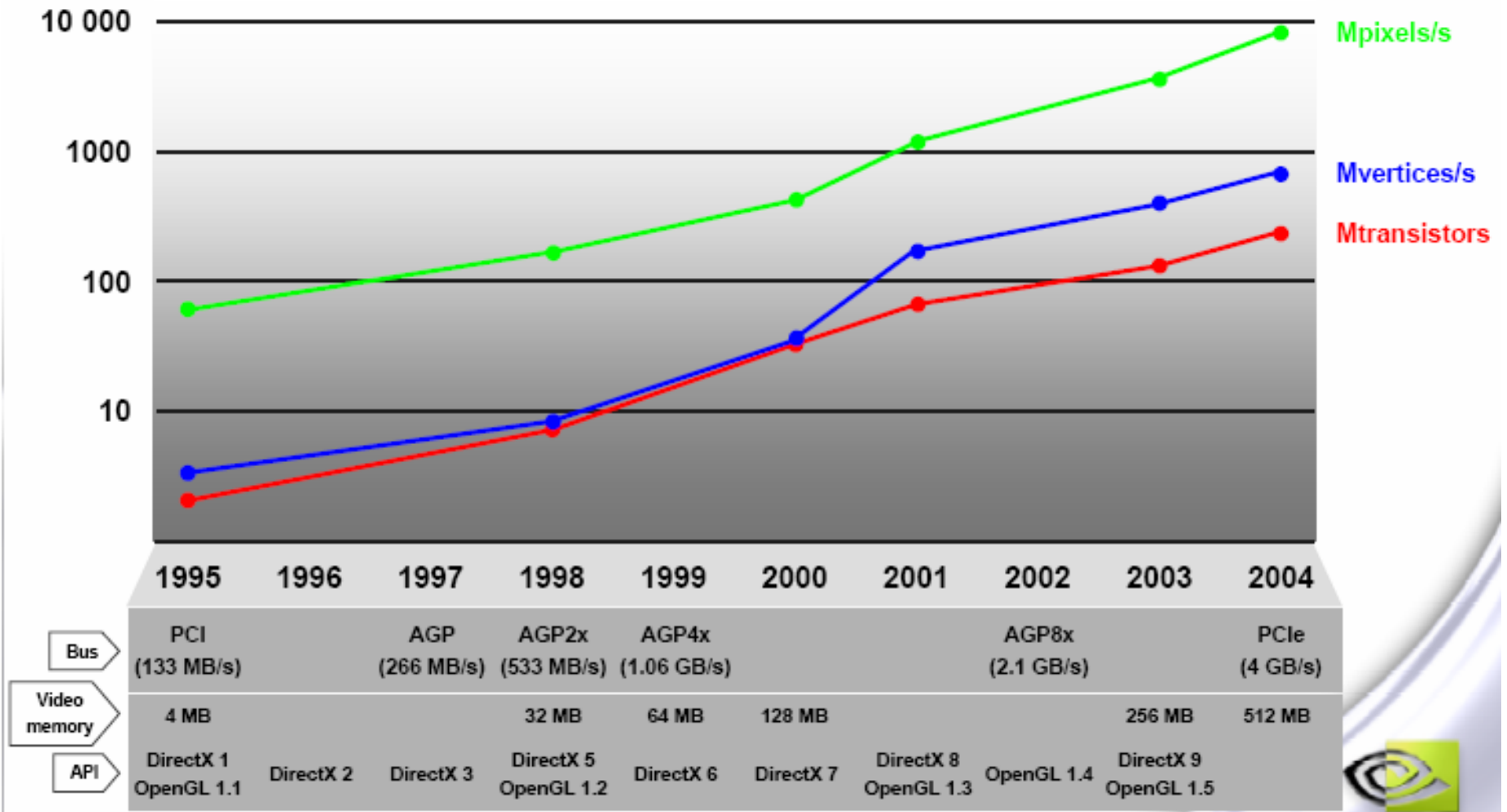
## GeForce 7800 GTX

- 430 MHz
- 302M Transistors
- 110nm process
- 326 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 313 GFlops (shader)
- 1.3 TFlops (total)

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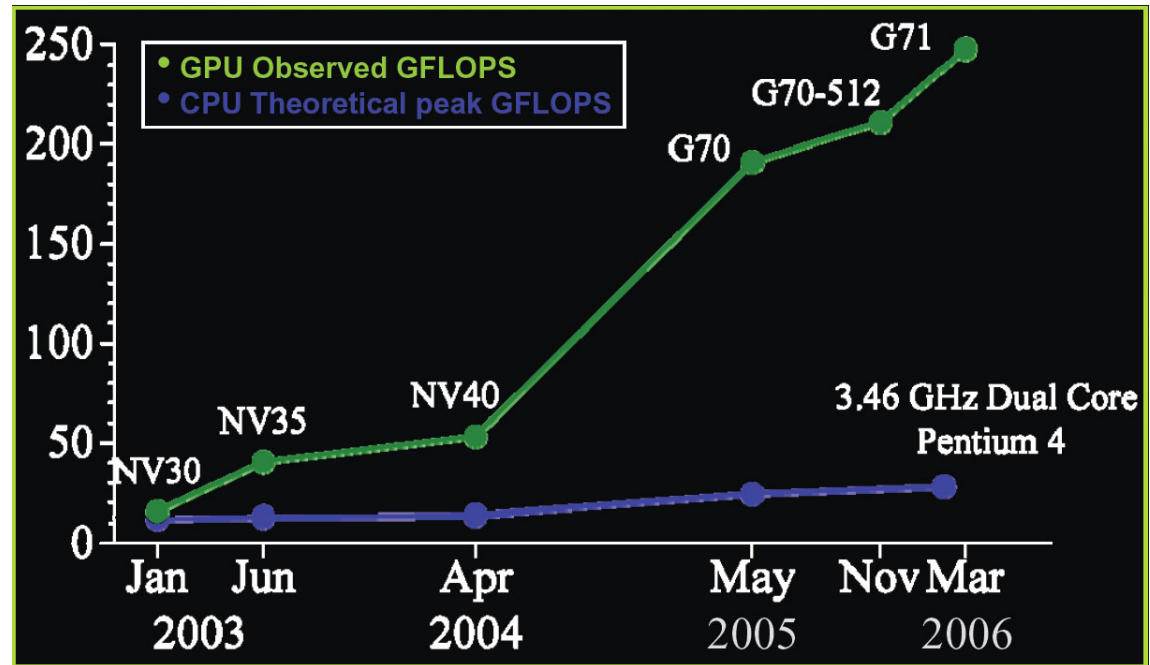


# Evolution of Performance

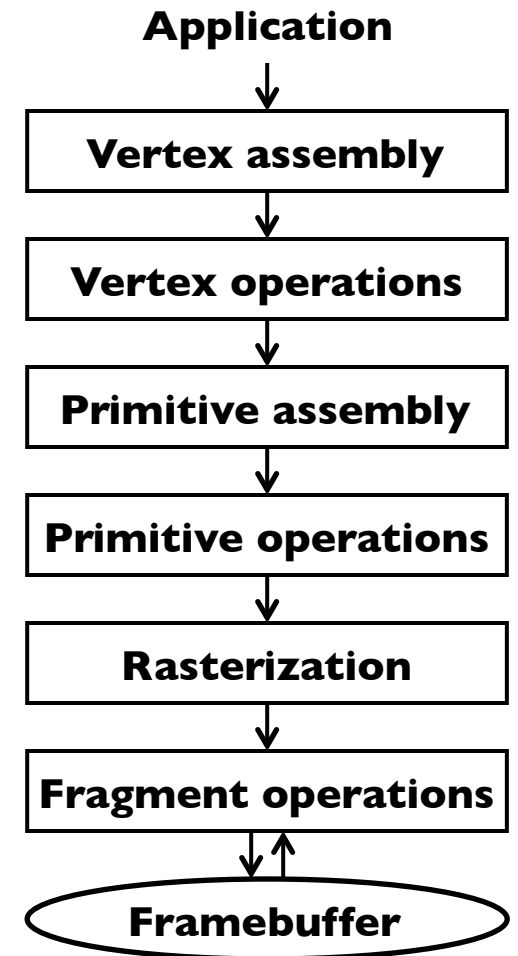
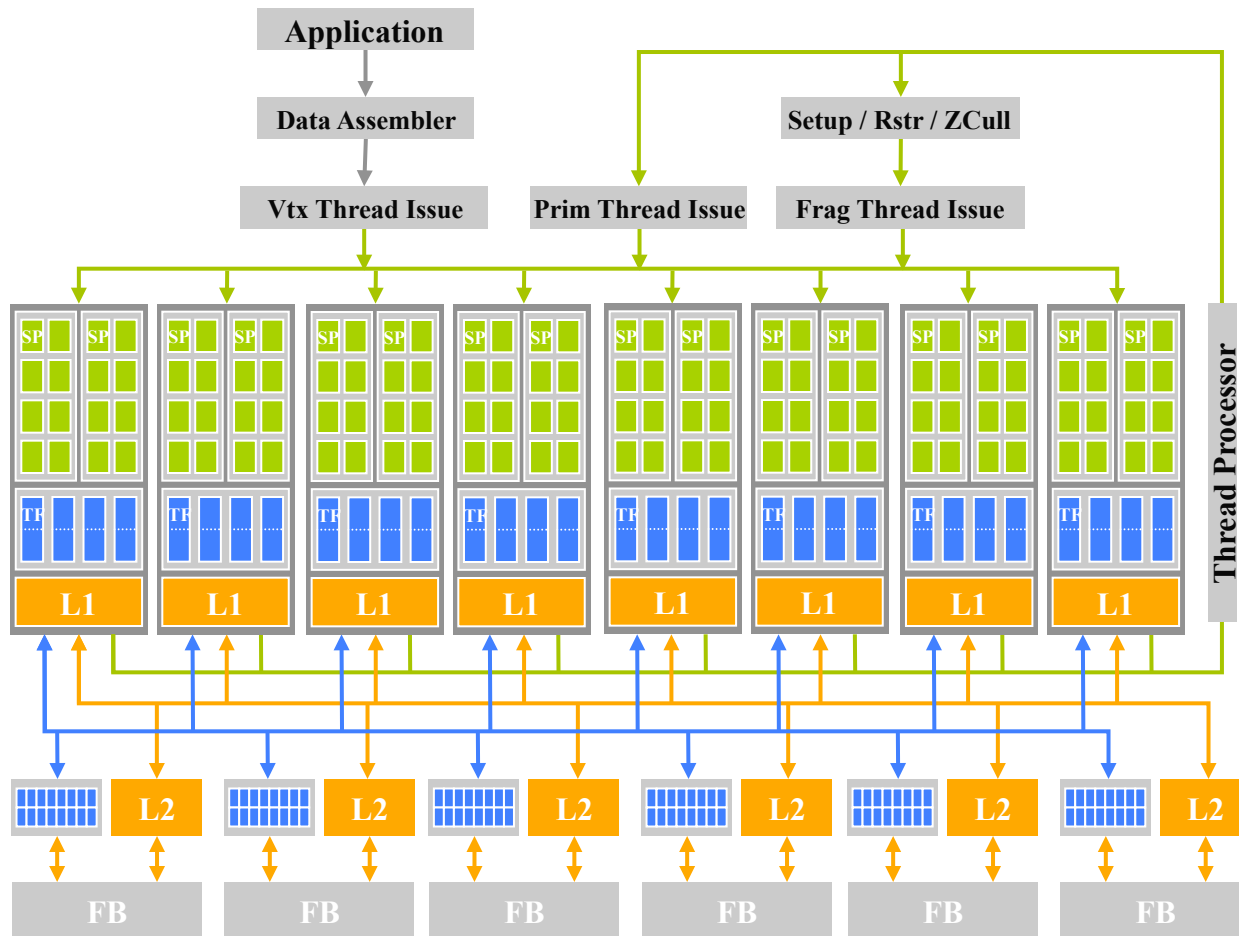


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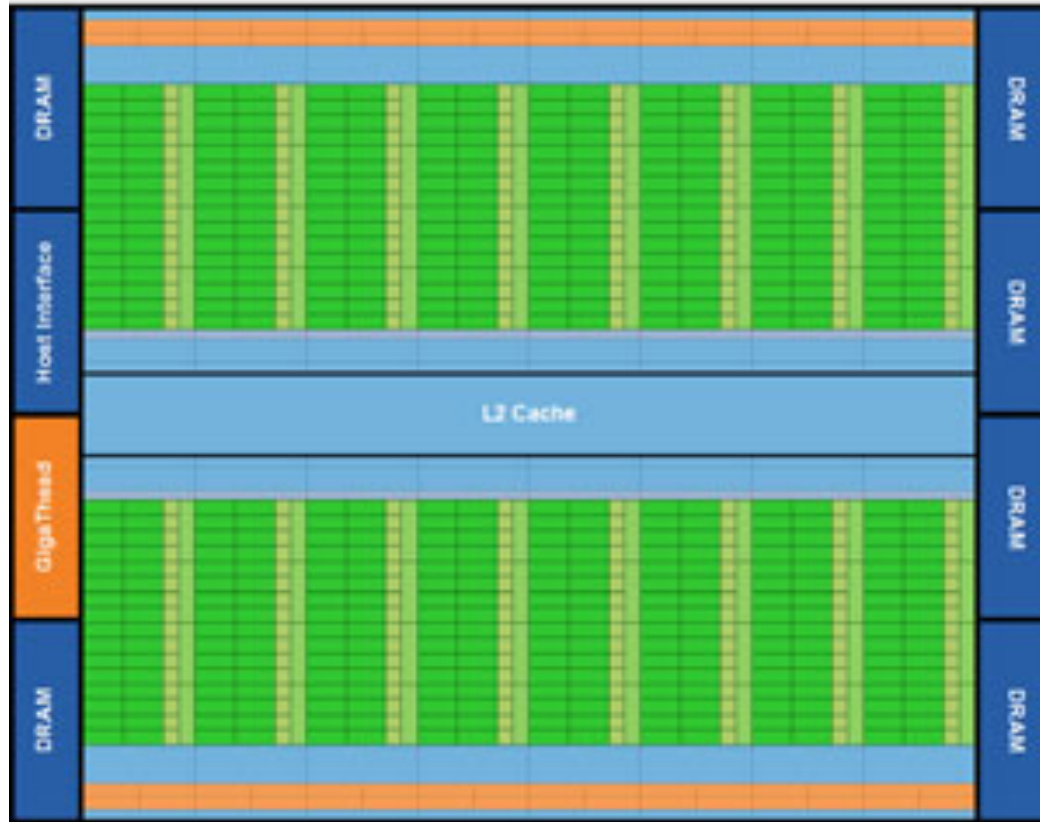
- ▶ 128 streaming floating point processors @1.5Ghz
- ▶ 1.5 Gb Shared RAM with 86Gb/s bandwidth
- ▶ 500 Gflop on one chip (single precision)



# nVidia G80 GPU



# nVidia Fermi GPU (2009)



# nVidia Fermi GPU (2009)

GPU	G80	GT200	Fermi
<b>Transistors</b>	681 million	1.4 billion	3.0 billion
<b>CUDA Cores</b>	128	240	512
<b>Double Precision Floating Point Capability</b>	None	30 FMA ops / clock	256 FMA ops /clock
<b>Single Precision Floating Point Capability</b>	128 MAD ops/clock	240 MAD ops / clock	512 FMA ops /clock
<b>Special Function Units (SFUs) / SM</b>	2	2	4
<b>Warp schedulers (per SM)</b>	1	1	2
<b>Shared Memory (per SM)</b>	16 KB	16 KB	Configurable 48 KB or 16 KB
<b>L1 Cache (per SM)</b>	None	None	Configurable 16 KB or 48 KB
<b>L2 Cache</b>	None	None	768 KB
<b>ECC Memory Support</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Concurrent Kernels</b>	No	No	Up to 16
<b>Load/Store Address Width</b>	32-bit	32-bit	64-bit

# nVidia Kepler GK110 (2012)

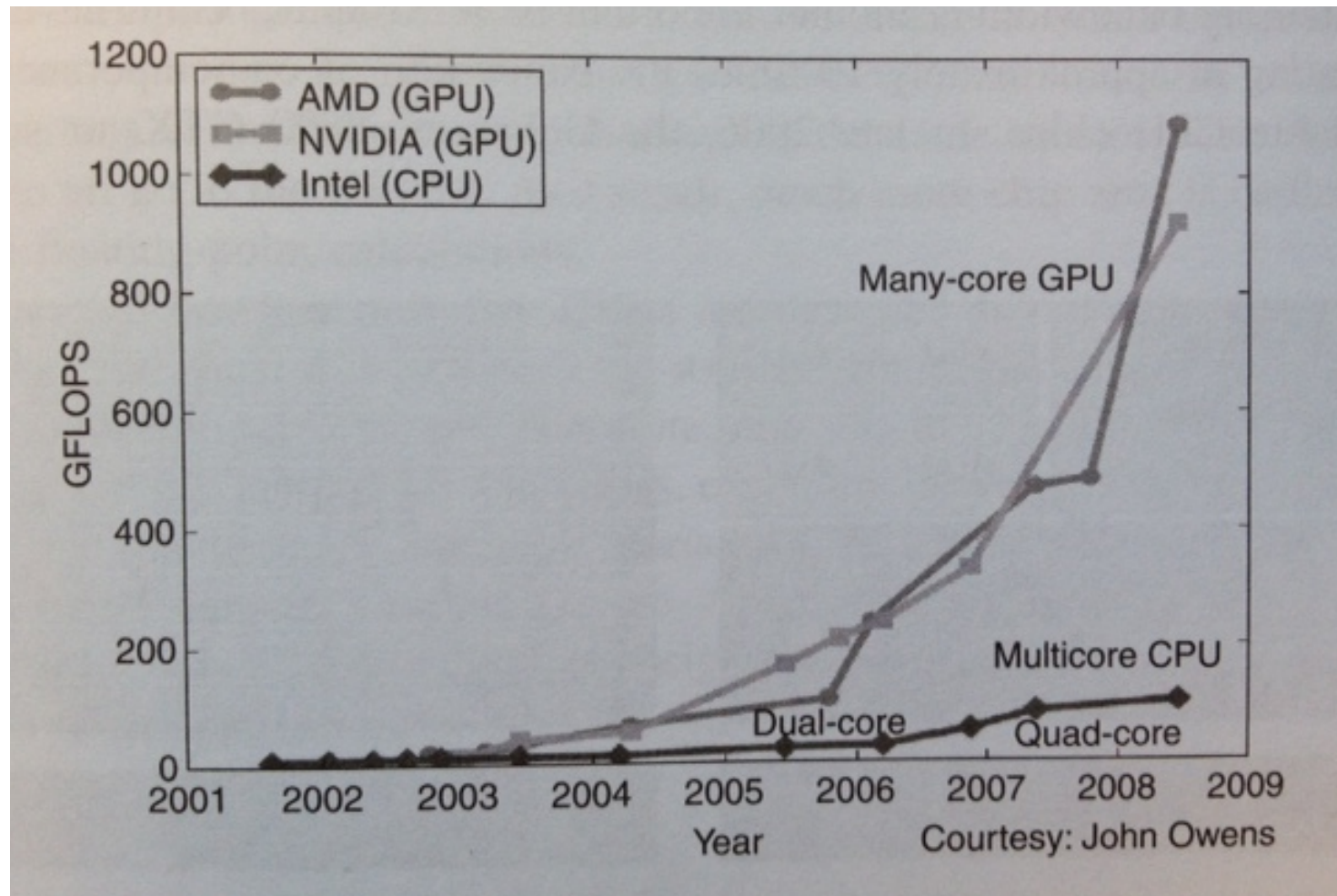
## Architecture

- 7.1B Transistors
- 15 SMX units
- > 1 TFLOP FP64
- 1.5 MB L2 Cache
- 384-bit GDDR5
- PCI Express Gen3



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# CPU/GPU Performance Gap





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# Why are GPUs Fast ?



# Modern GPU has more ALU's

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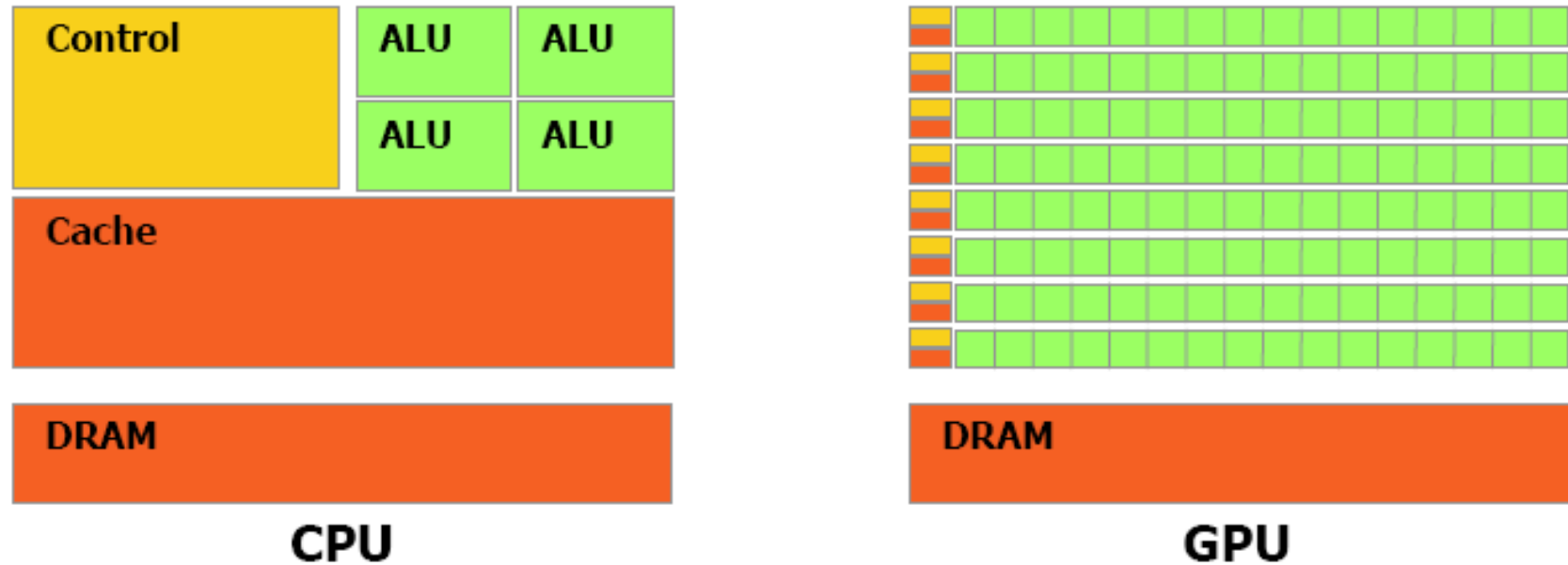
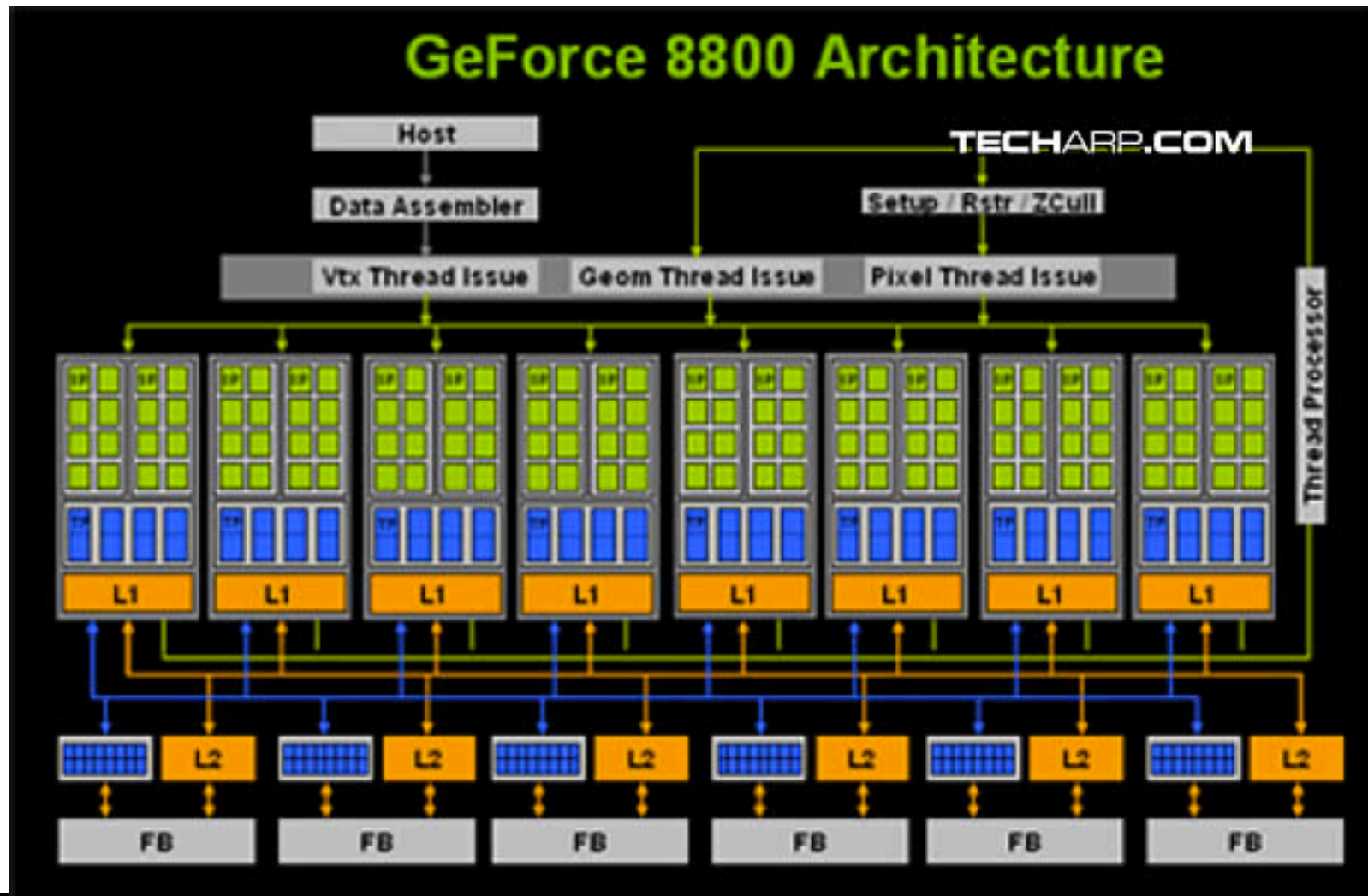


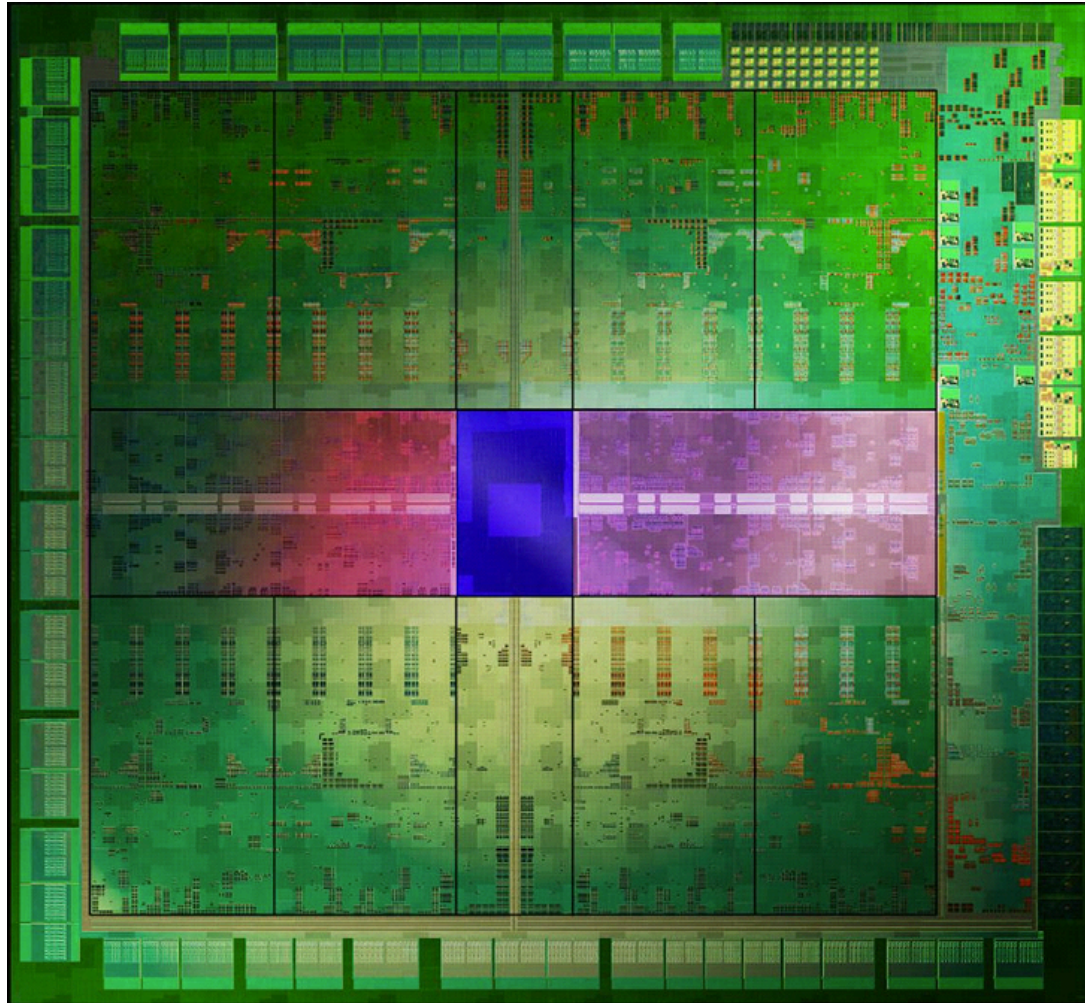
Figure 1-2. The GPU Devotes More Transistors to Data Processing

# Stream Processing



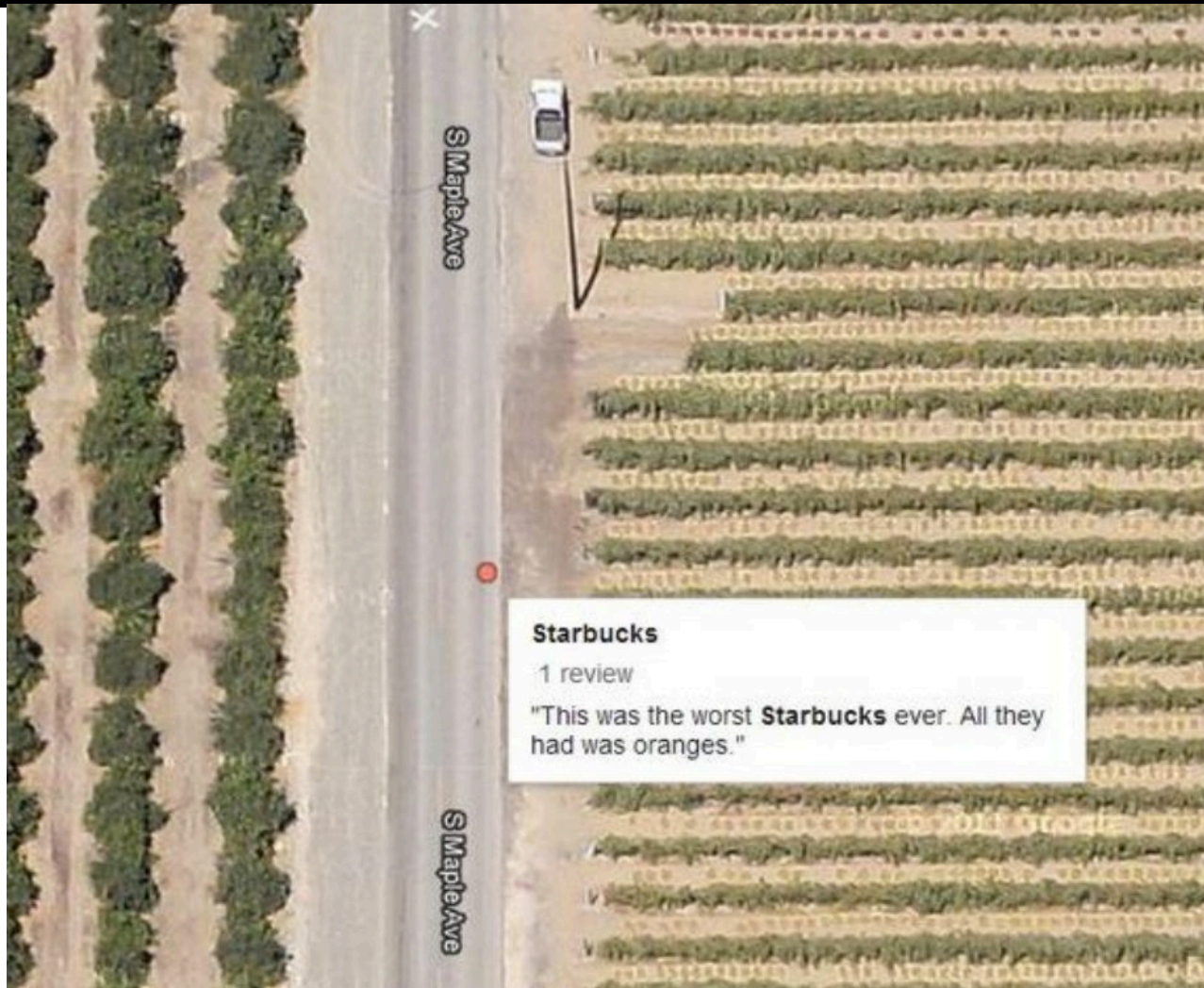
# Single Chip Design

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# The Scourge





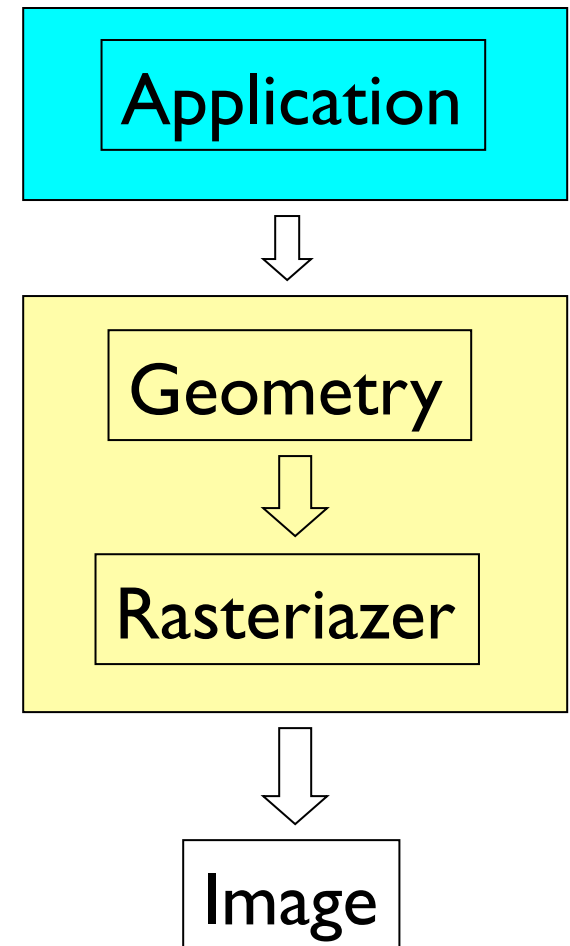
# Pros Und Cons !

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- Very Efficient For
  - Fast Parallel Floating Point Processing
  - Single Instruction Multiple Data Operations
  - High Computation per Memory Access
- Not As Efficient For
  - Double Precision
  - Logical Operations on Integer Data
  - Branching-Intensive Operations
  - Random Access, Memory-Intensive Operations

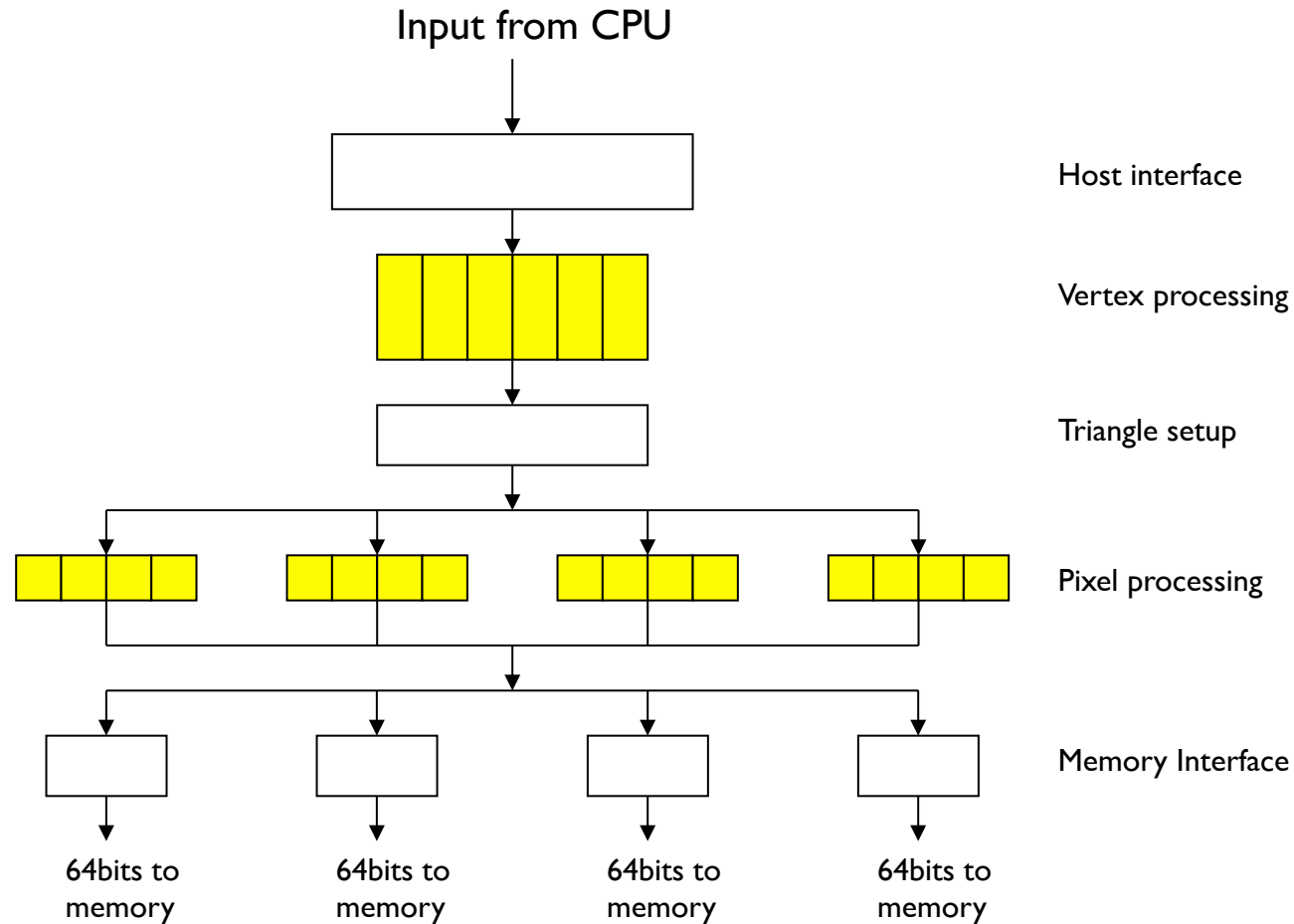
# The Rendering Pipeline

- Three conceptual stages
- A stage is pipeline & runs in parallel
- Performance set by slowest stage
- Modern graphics systems:
  - Software 
  - hardware 

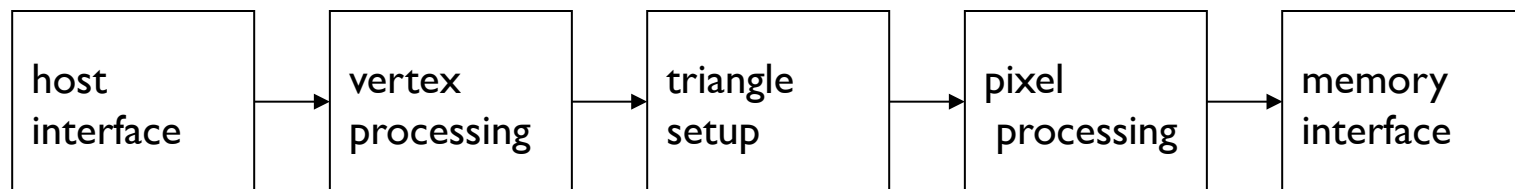
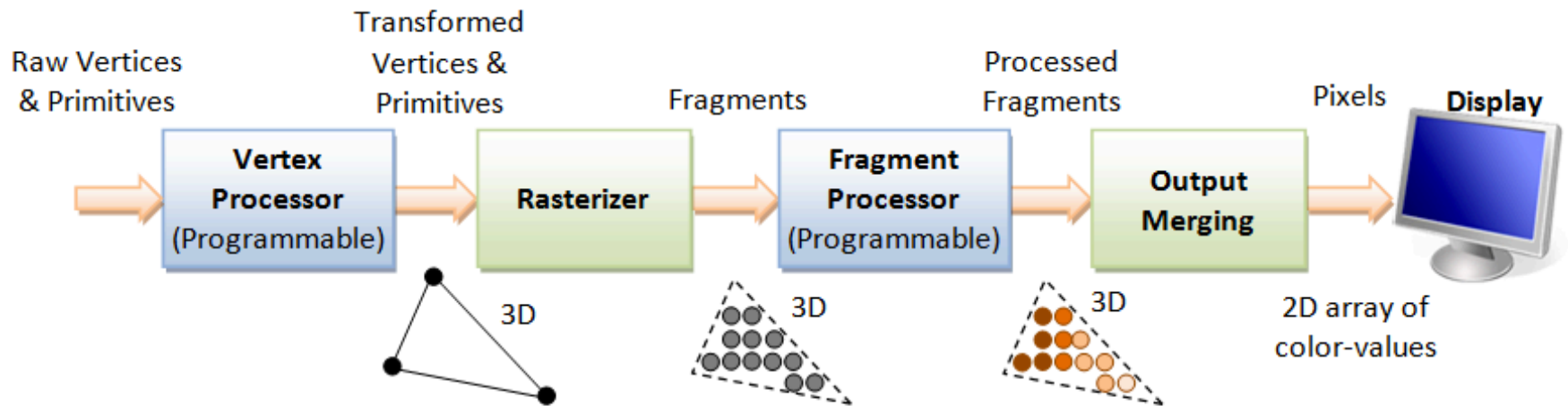




# Eine modern GPU

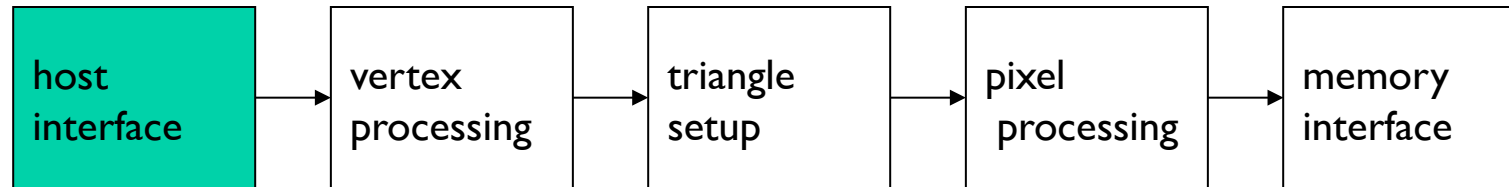


# Hardware Rendering Pipeline



# Host Interface

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- ✓ Communication bridge between CPU & GPU
- ✓ Input: Commands from CPU; geometry information from memory
- ✓ Output: *Stream* of vertices in object space with associated information - normals, texture coordinates, per vertex color etc.

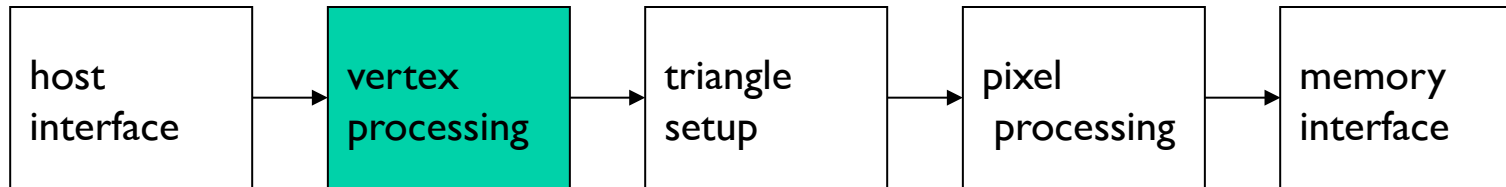
# Transform Spaces

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 Object Space

# Vertex Processing

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- ✓ Input: Vertices from host interface in object space
- ✓ Output: Vertices in screen space - No new vertices; no vertices are discarded
- ✓ Operations: Simple linear transformation, or a complex operation morphing effects
- ✓ What: Normals, texcoords etc are also transformed

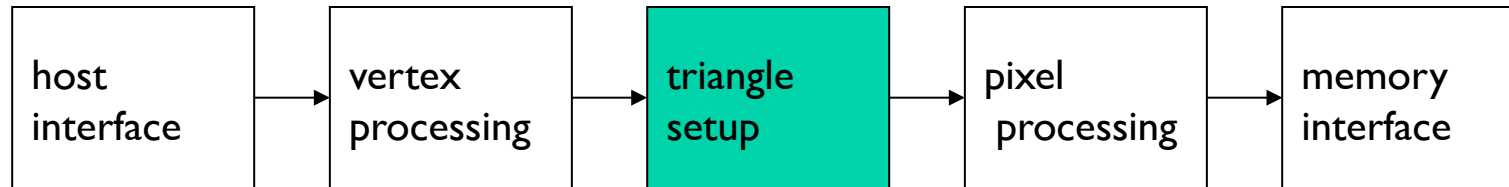
# Transform Spaces

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Object Space  Screen Space

# Triangle Setup

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- ✓ Input: Screen space geometry
- ✓ Output: Raster/Pixels or Fragments
- ✓ Operation: Each fragment has attributes computed with perspective-correct interpolation of triangle vertices

# Transform Spaces

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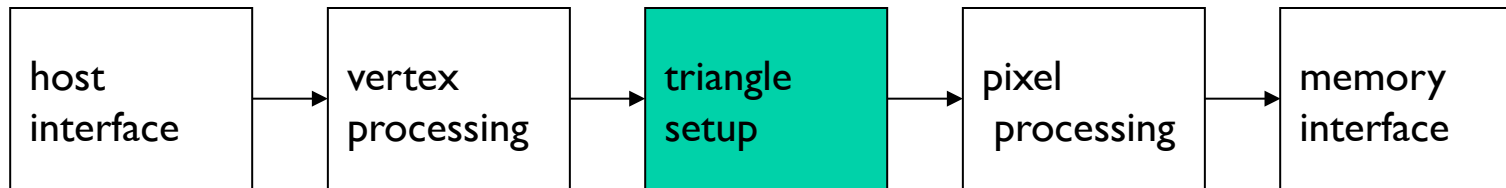
Screen Space



Raster/Fragment



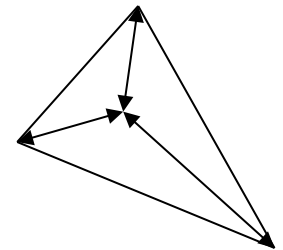
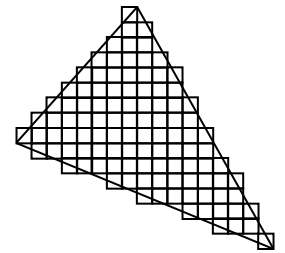
# Triangle Setup - Optimizations



✓ ○ 1: Cull back-facing or outside viewing frustum

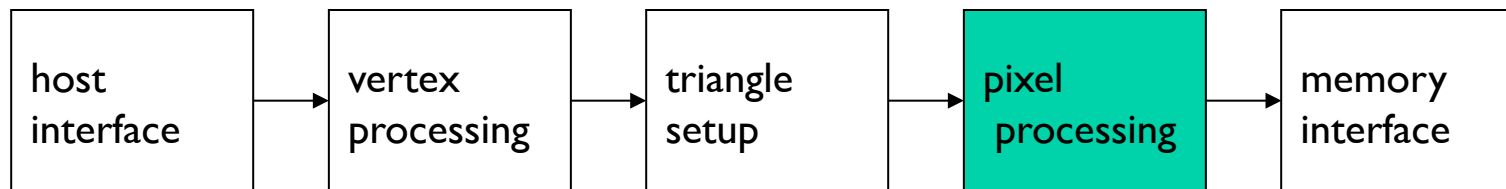
✓ ○ 2: Hidden Surface Removal

✓ ○ 3: Fragment is generated if and only if its center is inside the triangle



# Fragment Processing

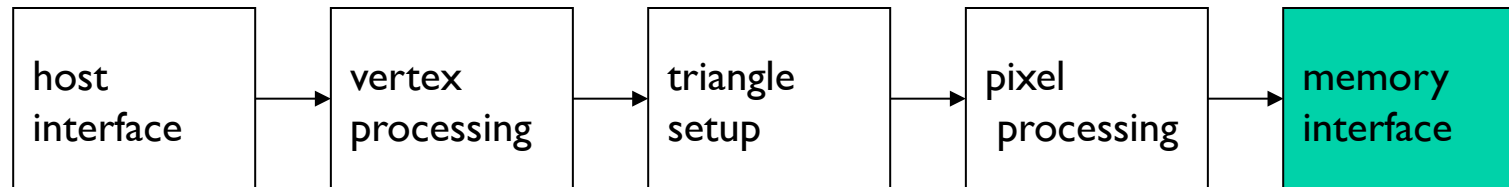
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- ✓ Input: Fragments & attributes - position, normal, texcoord etc.
- ✓ Output: Final color for pixel
- ✓ Operations: Texture mapping & math operations
- ✓ Caveat: Bottleneck(s)

# Memory Interface

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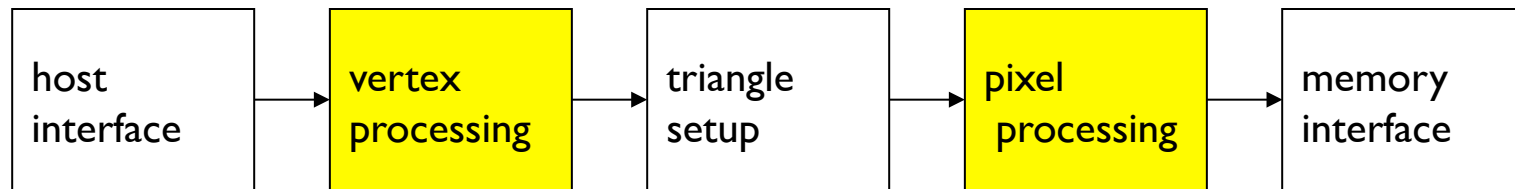


- ✓ Input: Fragment
- ✓ Output: framebuffer operations

# Programmability

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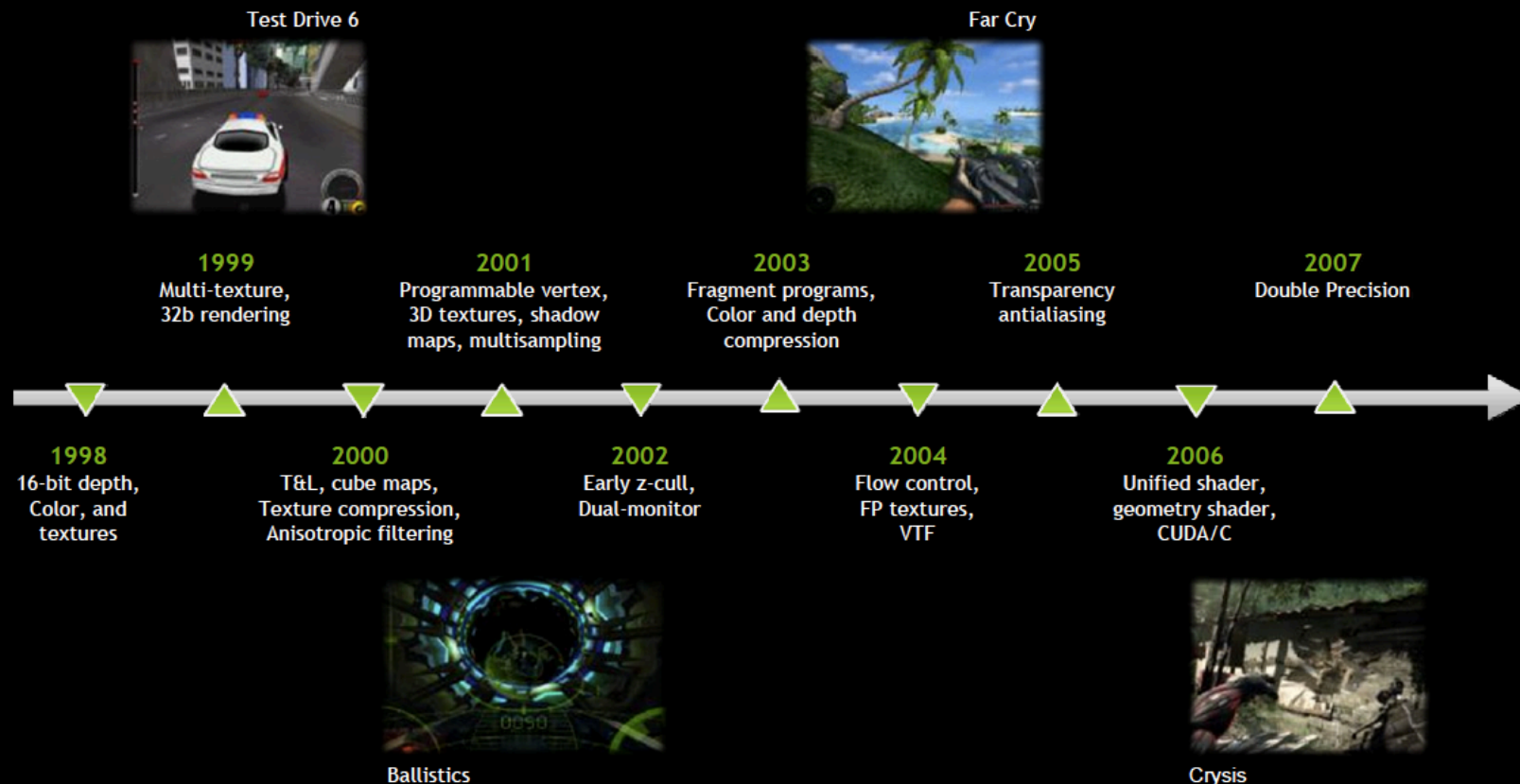
- ✓ Vertex, fragment processing, triangle set-up programmable
- ✓ Programs executed for every vertex and every fragment
- ✓ Fully customizable geometry and shading effects




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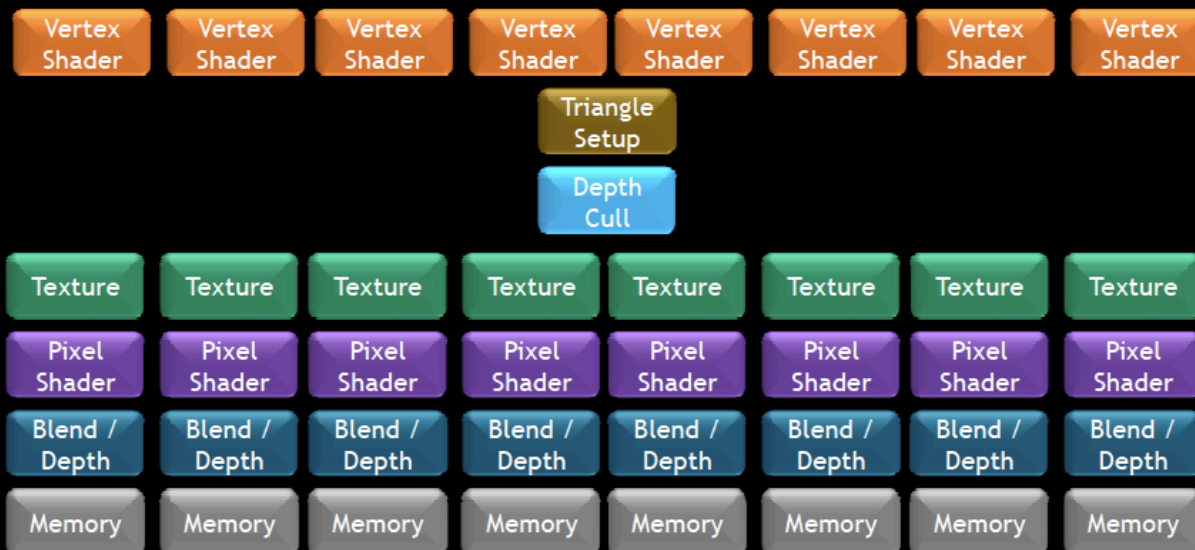
# Advanced Musings


# GPU Architecture Progression



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# GPU Architecture 2003

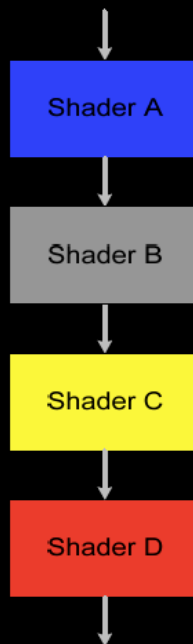


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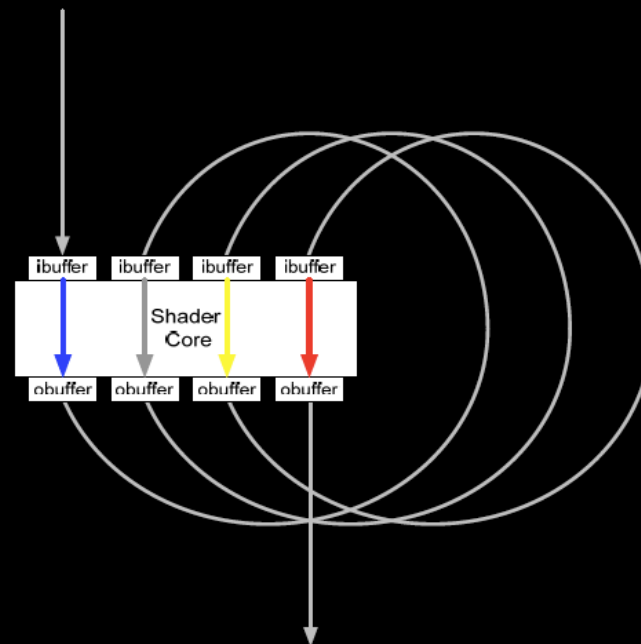


# Modern GPU's: Unified Architecture

## Discrete Design



## Unified Design



Vertex shaders, pixel shaders, etc. become *threads* running different programs on flexible cores

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# Why unify?

Vertex Shader



Pixel Shader



Heavy Geometry  
Workload Perf = 4

Vertex Shader



Pixel Shader



Heavy Pixel  
Workload Perf = 8

# Why unify?

Unified Shader



Heavy Geometry  
Workload Perf = 11

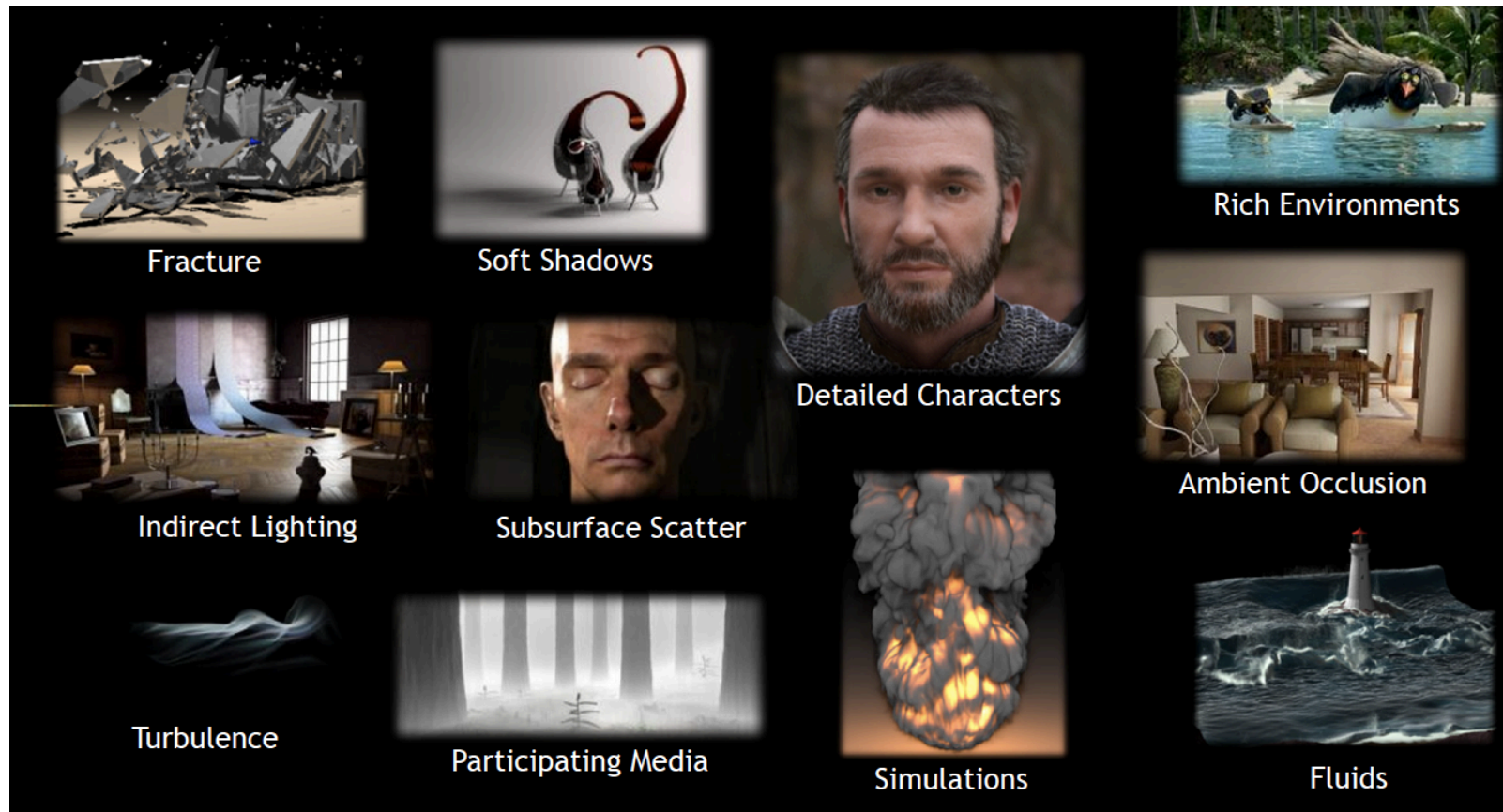
Unified Shader



Heavy Pixel  
Workload Perf = 11

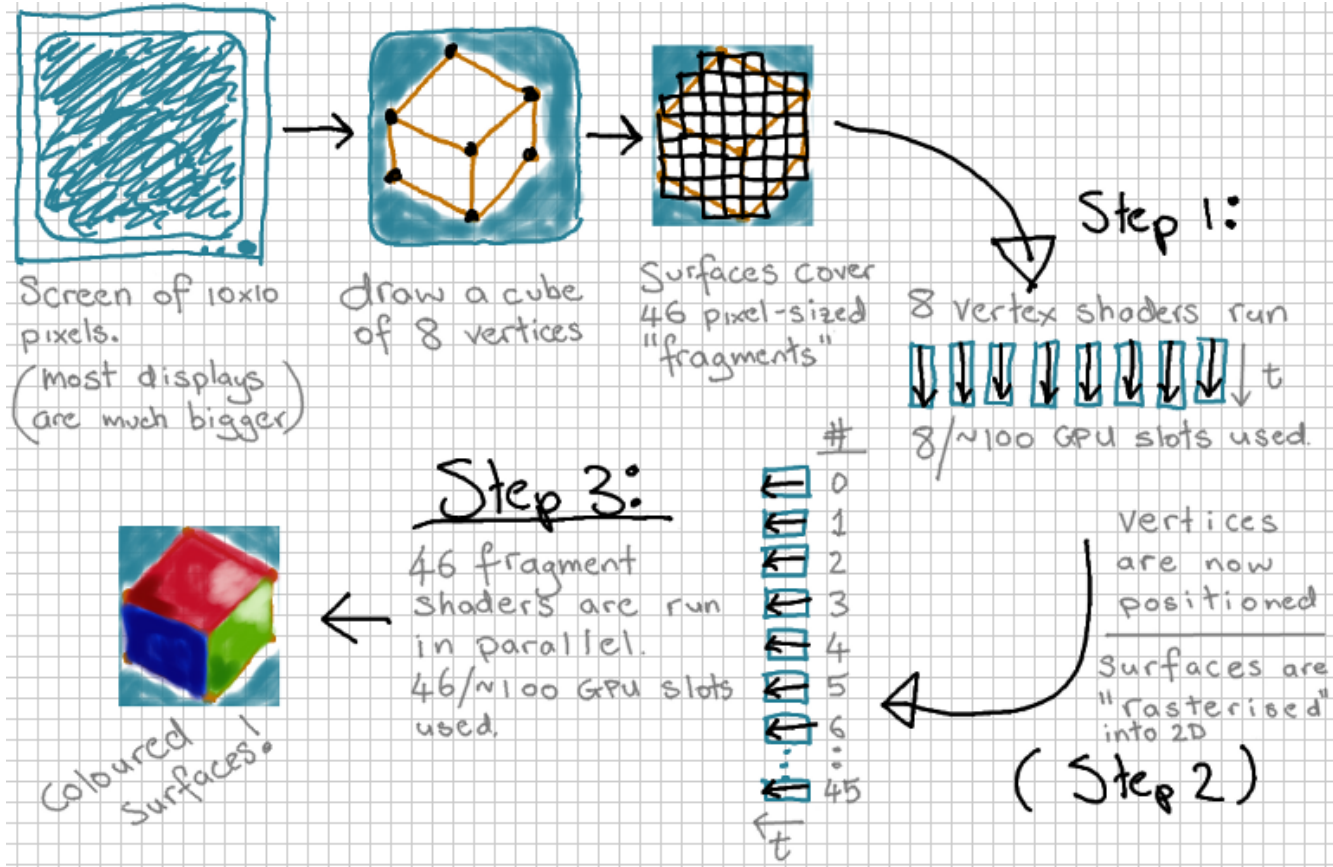
# The Holy Grail - Realism

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# Software



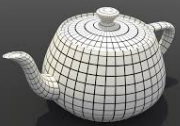
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**\*GL\***

**OpenGL**

**GLSL**

**WebGL**



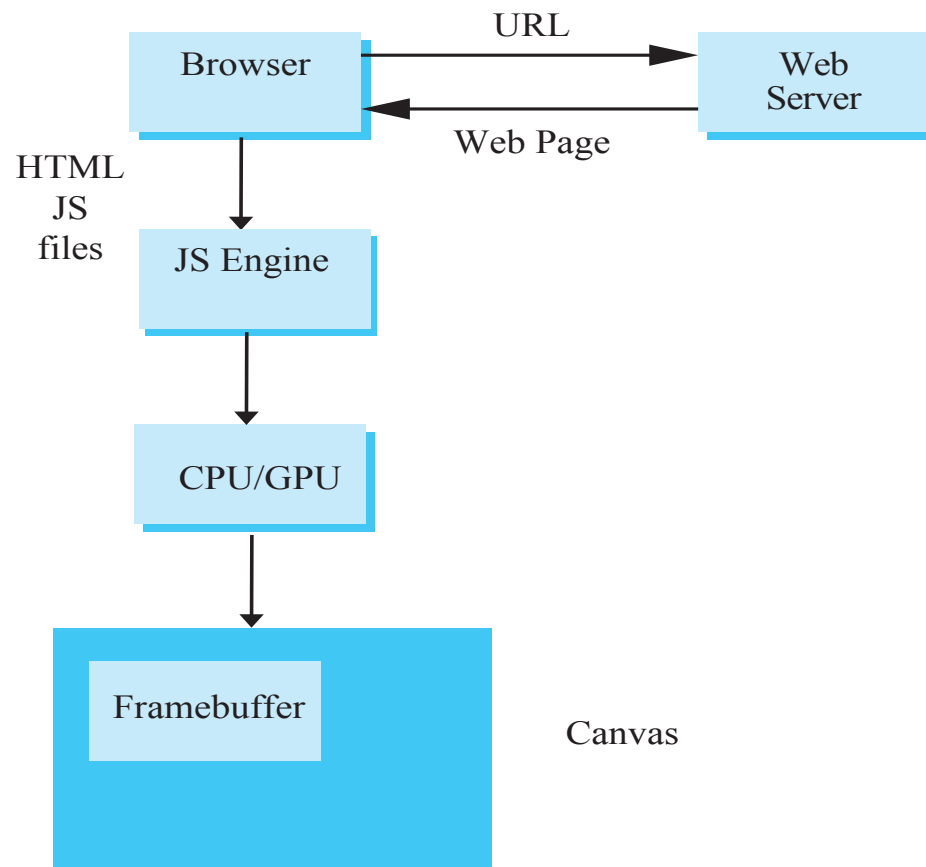
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# WebGL

# Execution in Browser

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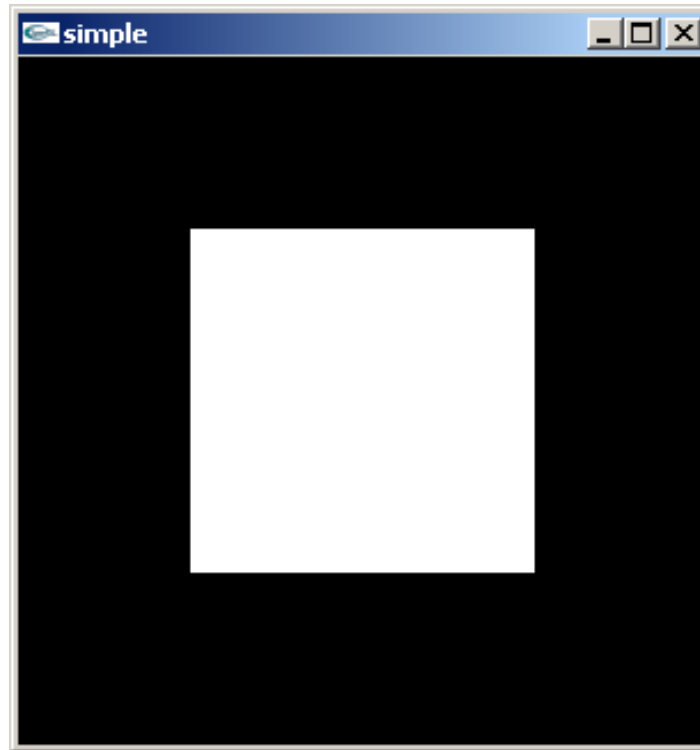




# A OpenGL Simple Program

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Generate a square on a solid background



# Back In My Day ☺

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```
#include <GL/glut.h>
void mydisplay(){
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glBegin(GL_QUAD;
        glVertex2f(-0.5, -0.5);
        glVertex2f(-0.5, 0.5);
        glVertex2f(0.5, 0.5);
        glVertex2f(0.5, -0.5);
    glEnd()
}
int main(int argc, char** argv){
    glutCreateWindow("simple");
    glutDisplayFunc(mydisplay);
    glutMainLoop();
}
```

# What happened?

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- Most OpenGL functions deprecated
  - immediate vs retained mode
  - make use of GPU
- Makes heavy use of state variable default values that no longer exist
  - Viewing
  - Colors
  - Window parameters
- However, processing loop is the same

# Event Loop

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- Remember that the sample program specifies a render function which is a *event listener* or *callback* function
  - Every program should have a render callback
  - For a static application we need only execute the render function once
  - In a dynamic application, the render function can call itself recursively but each redrawing of the display must be triggered by an event

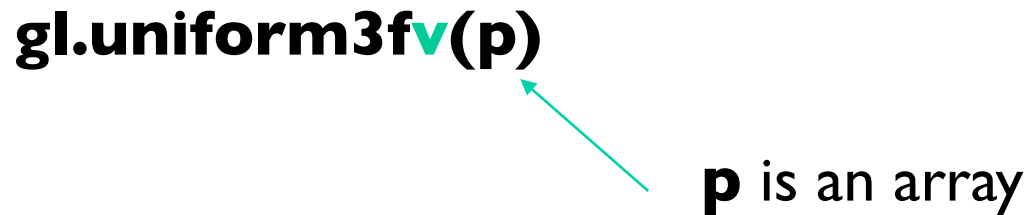
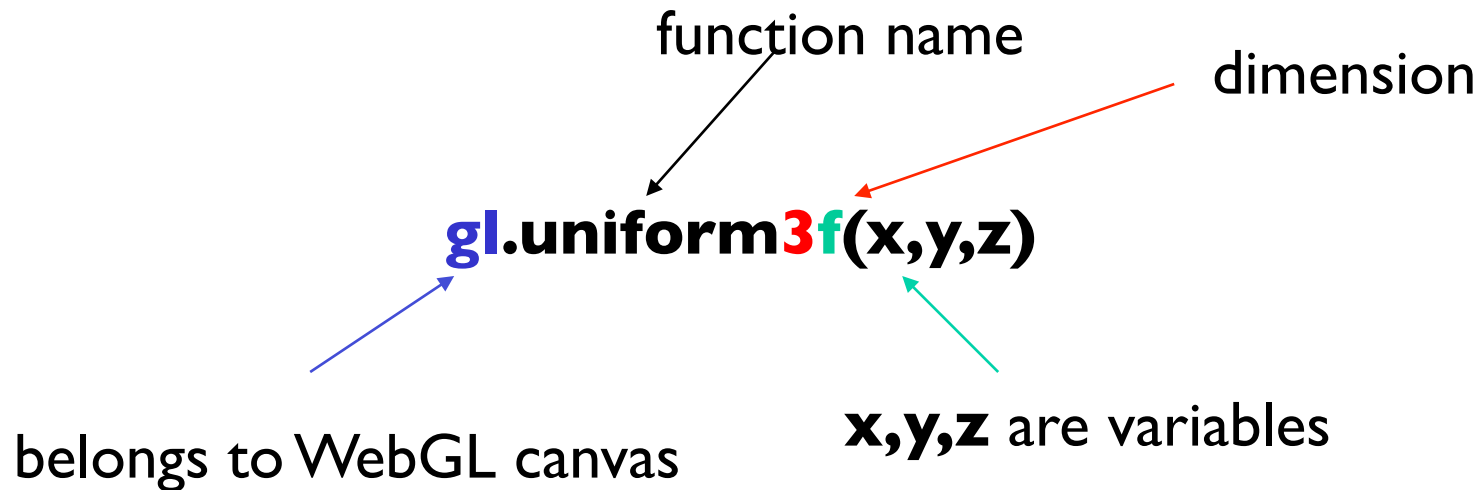
# Lack of Object Orientation

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- All versions of OpenGL are not object oriented so that there are multiple functions for a given logical function
- Example: sending values to shaders
  - **gl.uniform3f**
  - **gl.uniform2i**
  - **gl.uniform3dv**
- Underlying storage mode is the same

# WebGL function format

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# WebGL constants

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- Most constants are defined in the canvas object
  - In desktop OpenGL, they were in #include files such as **gl.h**
- Examples
  - **desktop OpenGL**
    - **glEnable(GL\_DEPTH\_TEST);**
  - **WebGL**
    - **gl.enable(gl.DEPTH\_TEST)**
    - **gl.clear(gl.COLOR\_BUFFER\_BIT)**

# WebGL and GLSL

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- WebGL requires shaders and is based less on a state machine model than a data flow model
- Most state variables, attributes and related pre 3.1 OpenGL functions have been deprecated
- Action happens in shaders
- Job of application is to get data to GPU



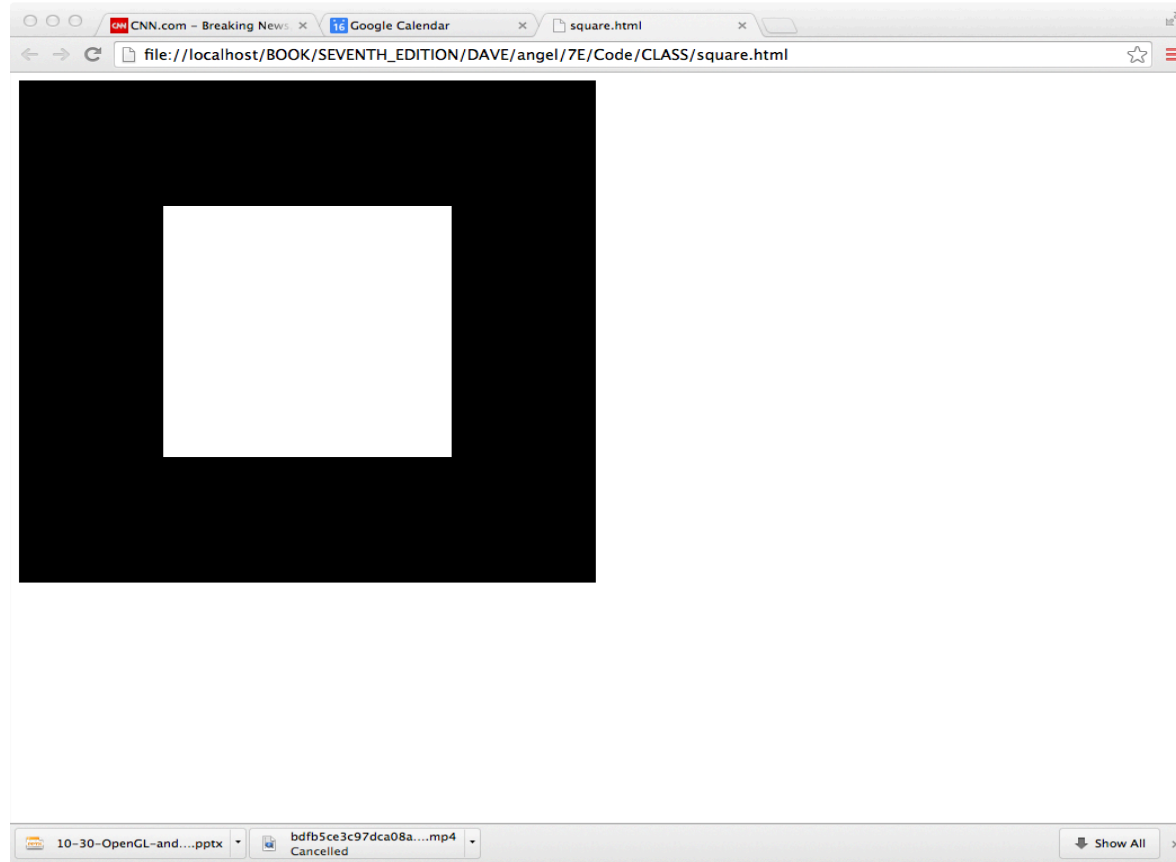
# GLSL

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- OpenGL Shading Language
- C-like with
  - Matrix and vector types (2, 3, 4 dimensional)
  - Overloaded operators
  - C++ like constructors
- Similar to Nvidia's Cg and Microsoft HLSL
- Code sent to shaders as source code
- WebGL functions compile, link and get information to shaders

# Square Program

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# WebGL

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- Five steps
  - Describe page (HTML file)
    - request WebGL Canvas
    - read in necessary files
  - Define shaders (HTML file)
    - could be done with a separate file (browser dependent)
  - Compute or specify data (JS file)
  - Send data to GPU (JS file)
  - Render data (JS file)



# square.html

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<script id="vertex-shader" type="x-shader/x-vertex">

attribute vec4 vPosition;
void main()
{
    gl_Position = vPosition;
}
</script>

<script id="fragment-shader" type="x-shader/x-fragment">

precision mediump float;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4( 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 );
}
</script>
```



# Shaders

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- We assign names to the shaders that we can use in the JS file
- These are trivial pass-through (do nothing) shaders that which set the two required built-in variables
  - `gl_Position`
  - `gl_FragColor`
- Note both shaders are full programs
- Note vector type `vec2`
- Must set precision in fragment shader



# square.html (cont)

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```
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/webgl-utils.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/initShaders.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/MV.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="square.js"></script>
</head>
```

```
<body>
<canvas id="gl-canvas" width="512" height="512">
Oops ... your browser doesn't support the HTML5 canvas element
</canvas>
</body>
</html>
```

# Files

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- ../Common/webgl-utils.js: Standard utilities for setting up WebGL context in Common directory on website
- ../Common/initShaders.js: contains JS and WebGL code for reading, compiling and linking the shaders
- ../Common/MV.js: our matrix-vector package
- square.js: the application file

# square.js

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```
var gl;
var points;

window.onload = function init(){
    var canvas = document.getElementById( "gl-canvas" );

    gl = WebGLUtils.setupWebGL( canvas );
    if ( !gl ) { alert( "WebGL isn't available" );
}
// Four Vertices

var vertices = [
    vec2( -0.5, -0.5 ),
    vec2( -0.5, 0.5 ),
    vec2( 0.5, 0.5 ),
    vec2( 0.5, -0.5)
];
```





# Notes

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- **onload**: determines where to start execution when all code is loaded
- canvas gets WebGL context from HTML file
- vertices use `vec2` type in `MV.js`
- JS array is not the same as a C or Java array
  - object with methods
  - `vertices.length // 4`
- Values in clip coordinates

# square.js (cont)

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```
// Configure WebGL
```

```
gl.viewport( 0, 0, canvas.width, canvas.height );  
gl.clearColor( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 );
```

```
// Load shaders and initialize attribute buffers
```

```
var program = initShaders( gl, "vertex-shader", "fragment-shader" );  
gl.useProgram( program );
```

```
// Load the data into the GPU
```

```
var bufferId = gl.createBuffer();  
gl.bindBuffer( gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, bufferId );  
gl.bufferData( gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, flatten(vertices), gl.STATIC_DRAW );
```

```
// Associate out shader variables with our data buffer
```

```
var vPosition = gl.getAttribLocation( program, "vPosition" );  
gl.vertexAttribPointer( vPosition, 2, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0 );  
gl.enableVertexAttribArray( vPosition );
```



# Notes

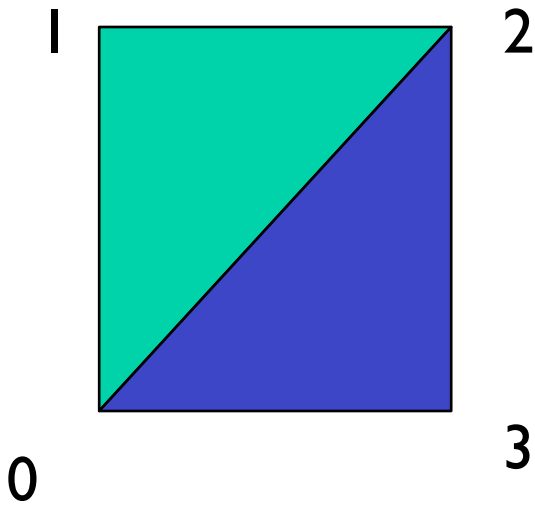
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- **initShaders** used to load, compile and link shaders to form a program object
- Load data onto GPU by creating a **vertex buffer object** on the GPU
  - Note use of `flatten()` to convert JS array to an array of `float32's`
- Finally we must connect variable in program with variable in shader
  - need name, type, location in buffer

# square.js (cont)

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```
render();  
};  
  
function render() {  
  gl.clear( gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT );  
  gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_FAN, 0, 4 );  
}
```

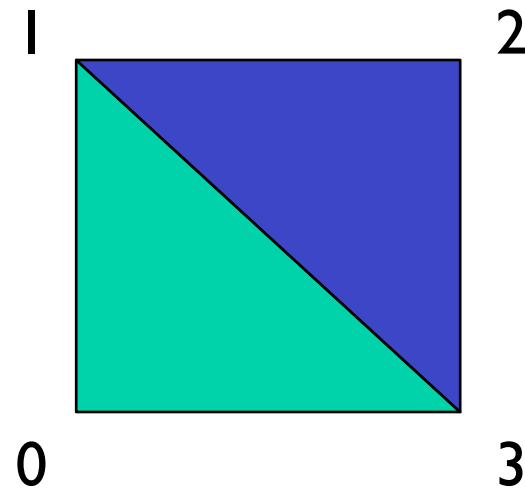
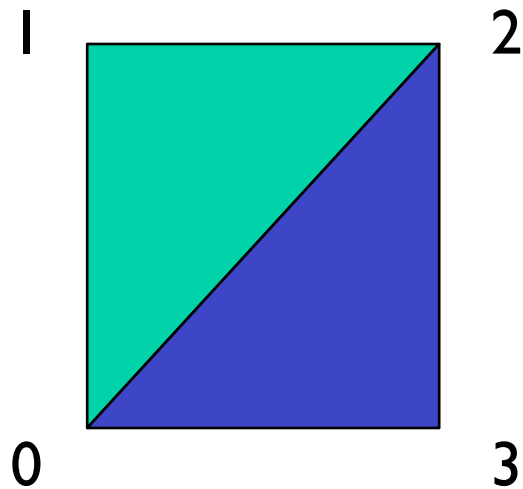


# Triangles, Fans or Strips

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```
gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 6 ); // 0, 1, 2, 0, 2, 3
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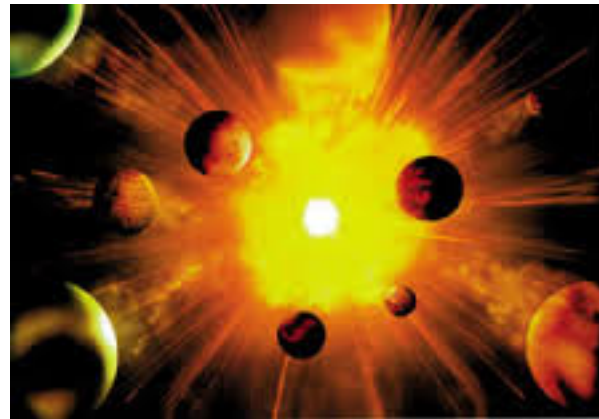
```
gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_FAN, 0, 4 ); // 0, 1, 2, 3
```



```
gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_STRIP, 0, 4 ); // 0, 1, 3, 2
```

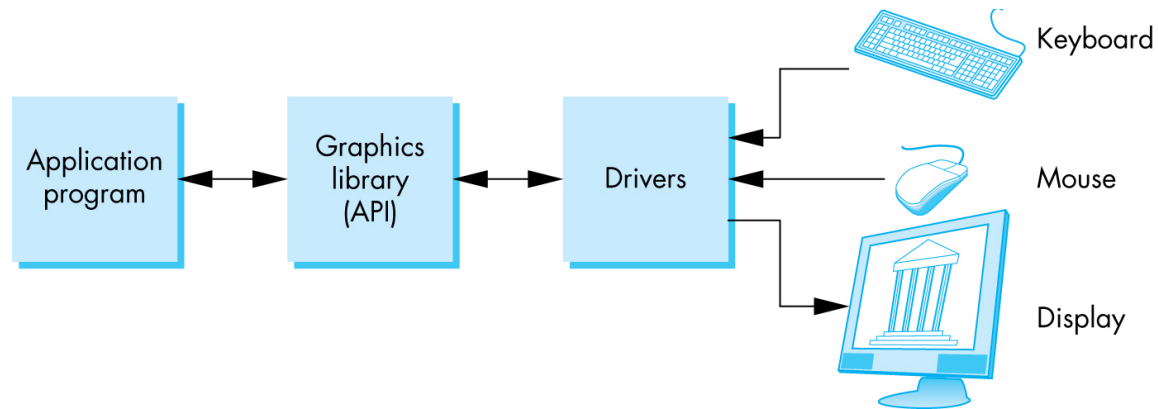
# BigBang of \*GL\*

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# OpenGL Architecture

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# Graphical APIs

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- 1973 - two committees to propose a standard graphics API
  - Graphical Kernel System (GKS)
    - 2D but contained good workstation model
  - Core
    - Both 2D and 3D
  - GKS adopted as ISO and later ANSI standard (1980s)
- GKS not easily extended to 3D (GKS-3D)
  - Far behind hardware development



# PHIGS and X

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- Programmers Hierarchical Graphics System (PHIGS)
  - Arose from CAD community
  - Database model with retained graphics (structures)
- X Window System
  - DEC/MIT effort
  - Client-server architecture with graphics
- PEX combined the two
  - Not easy to use (all the defects of each)

# SGI and GL

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- Silicon Graphics (SGI) revolutionized the graphics workstation by implementing the pipeline in hardware (1982)
- To access the system, application programmers used a library called GL
- With GL, it was relatively simple to program three dimensional interactive applications

# OpenGL

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The success of GL lead to OpenGL (1992), a platform-independent API that was

- Easy to use
- Close enough to the hardware to get excellent performance
- Focus on rendering
- Omitted windowing and input to avoid window system dependencies

# OpenGL Evolution

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Originally controlled by an Architectural Review Board (ARB)

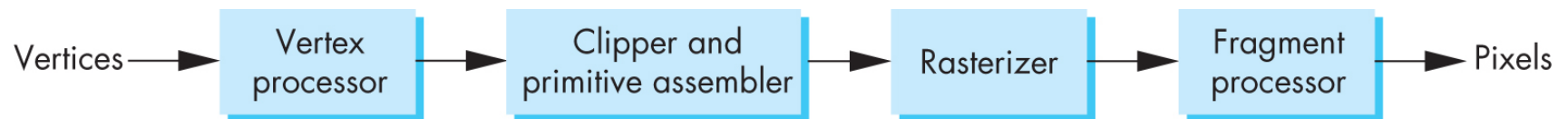
- Members included SGI, Microsoft, Nvidia, HP, 3DLabs, IBM,.....
- Now Khronos Group
- Was relatively stable (through version 2.5)
  - Backward compatible
  - Evolution reflected new hardware capabilities
    - 3D texture mapping and texture objects
    - Vertex and fragment programs
- Allows platform specific features through extensions



# Modern OpenGL

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- Performance is achieved by using GPU rather than CPU
- Control GPU through programs called shaders
- Application's job is to send data to GPU
- GPU does all rendering



# Immediate Mode Graphics

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- Geometry specified by vertices
  - Locations in space( 2 or 3 dimensional)
  - Points, lines, circles, polygons, curves, surfaces
- Immediate mode
  - Each time a vertex is specified in application, its location is sent to the GPU
  - Old style uses **glVertex**
  - Creates bottleneck between CPU and GPU
  - Removed from OpenGL 3.1 and OpenGL ES 2.0

# Retained Mode Graphics

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- Put all vertex attribute data in array
- Send array to GPU to be rendered immediately
- Almost OK but problem is we would have to send array over each time we need another render of it
- Better to send array over and store on GPU for multiple renderings

# OpenGL 3.1

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- Totally shader-based
  - No default shaders
  - Each application must provide both a vertex and a fragment shader
- No immediate mode
- Few state variables
- Most 2.5 functions deprecated
- Backward compatibility not required
  - Exists a compatibility extension



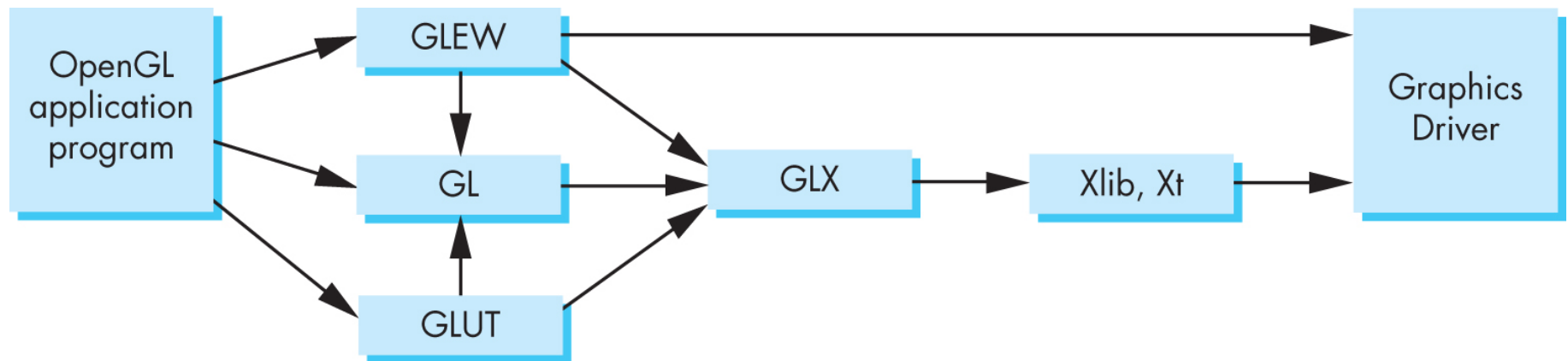
# Other Versions

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- OpenGL ES
  - Embedded systems
  - Version 1.0 simplified OpenGL 2.1
  - Version 2.0 simplified OpenGL 3.1
    - Shader based
- WebGL
  - Javascript implementation of ES 2.0
  - Supported on newer browsers
- OpenGL 4.1, 4.2, .....
- Add geometry, tessellation, compute shaders

# Software Organization

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# The End

# Next – Sierpinski in GLSL

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