Texturing

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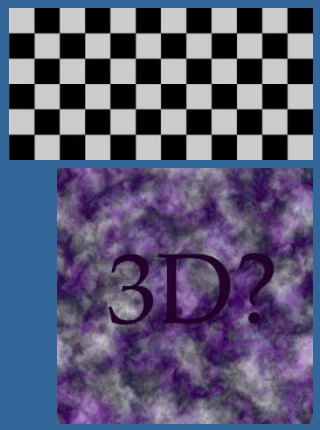
Texturing: Glue n-dimensional images onto geometrical objects

- Purpose: more realism or effects, and this is a cheap way to do it
  - Material textures (colors, roughness, metalness,…)
  - Bump mapping / normal mapping, displacement maps
  - environment mapping (cube maps), 3D textures,
  - Billboards, particle systems…



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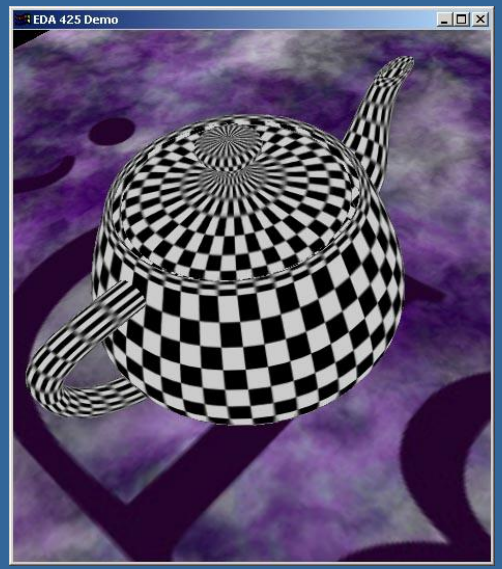
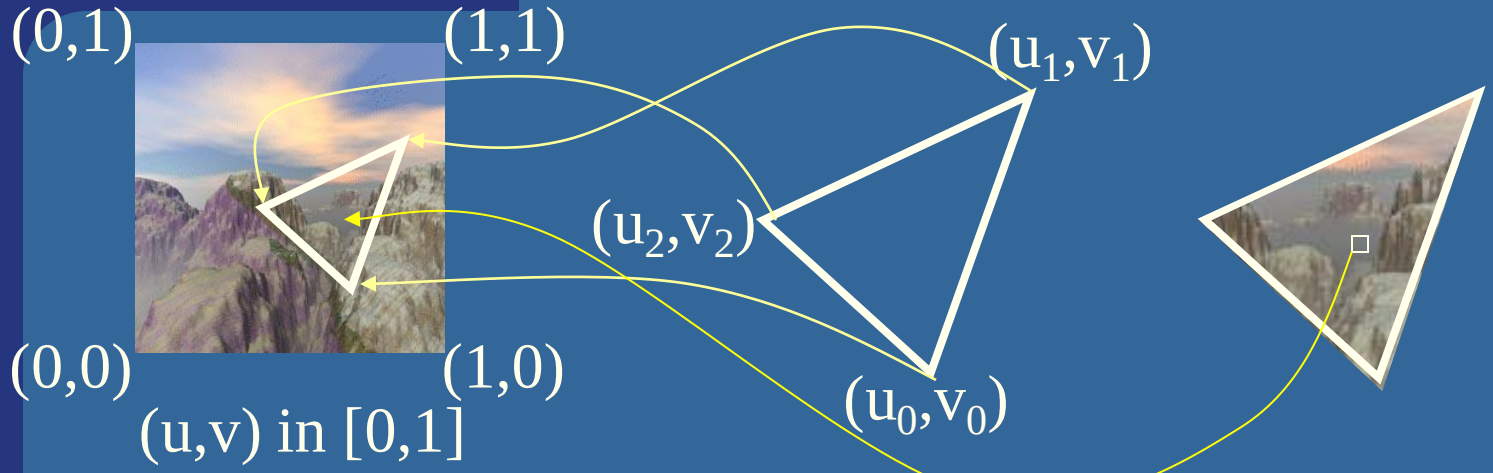
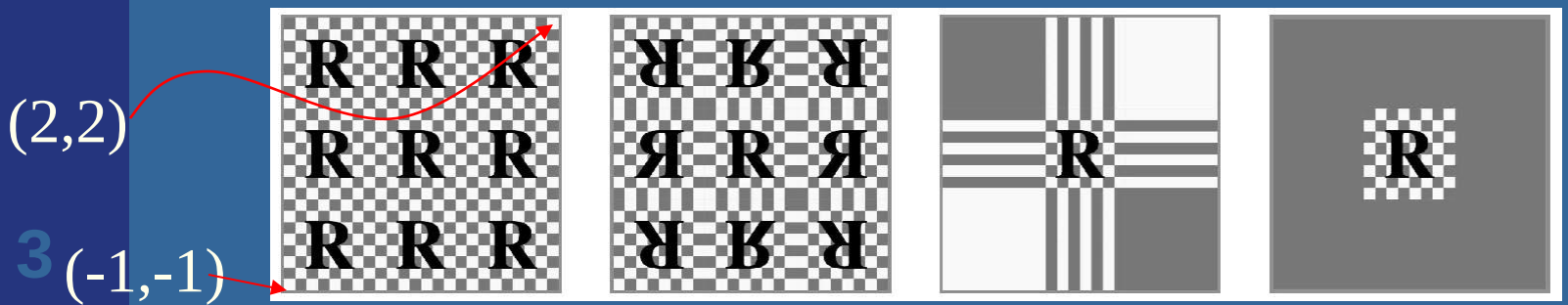


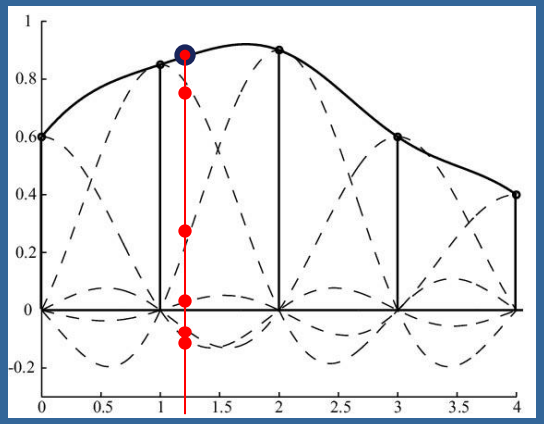
Texture coordinates

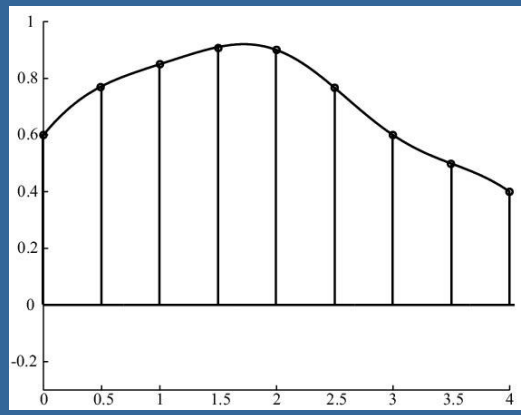


- What if (u,v) >1.0 or <0.0 ?
- To repeat textures, use just the fractional part
  - Example: 5.3 -> 0.3
- Repeat, mirror, clamp_to_edge, clamp_to_border:

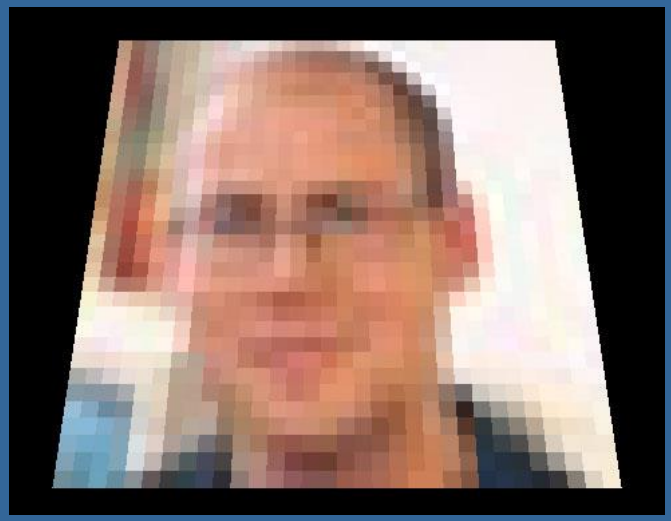


Texture magnification



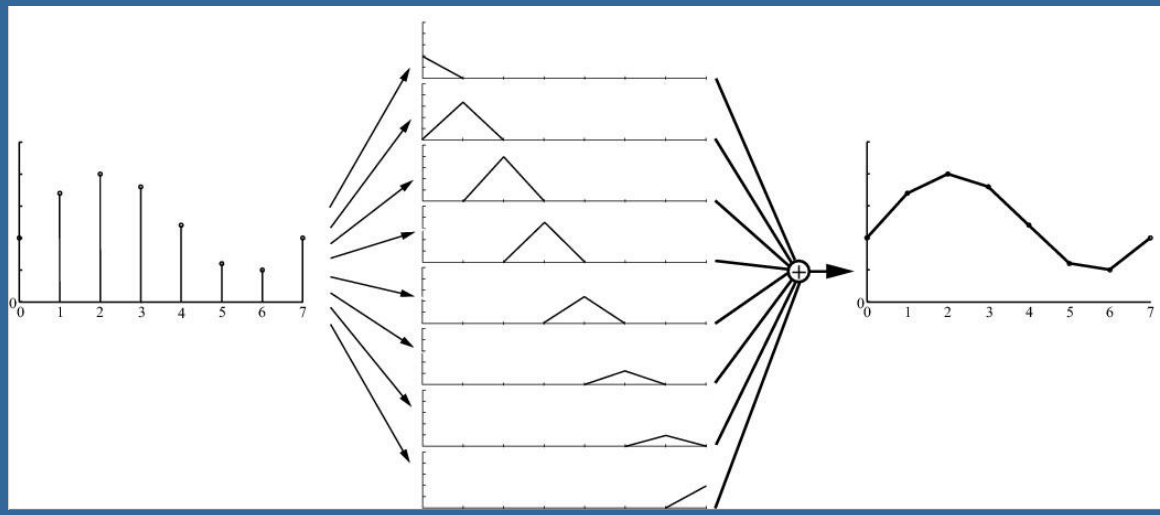


- What does the theory say…
  - Let's try the sinc(x) filter since it gives best quality.
    - (for minification, use sinc(x/a) where a is the minification factor. See p:136)
- But $\mathrm{sinc}(x)$ is not feasible in real time
- Box filter (nearest-neighbor) is very fast
  - But poorer quality:



Texture magnification

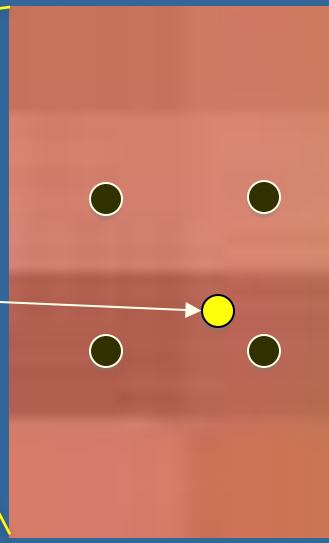
- Tent filter is feasible!
- Linear interpolation



- Looks better
- Simple in 1D:
- (1-t)*color0+t*color1
- How about 2D?

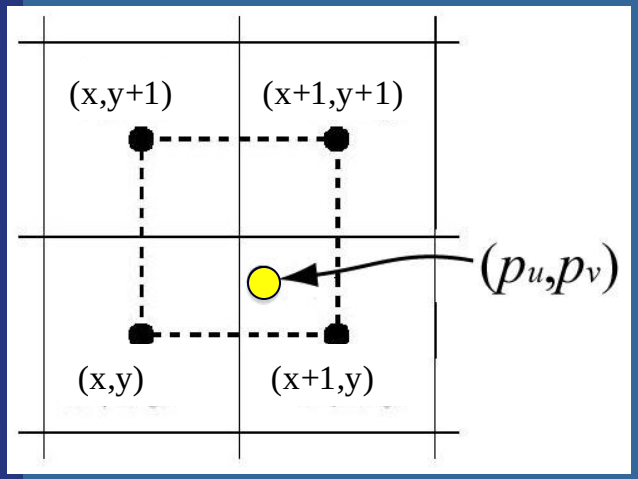
Bilinear interpolation

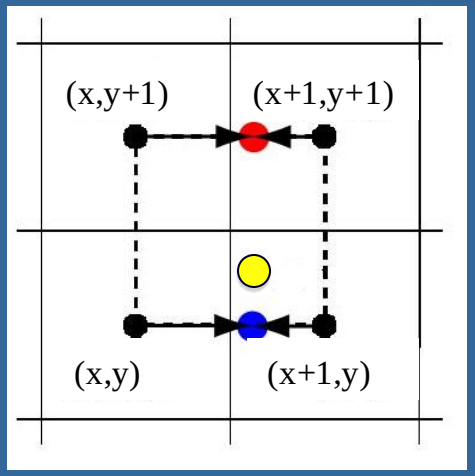
How to bilinearly interpolate the 4 texels for this pixel position?

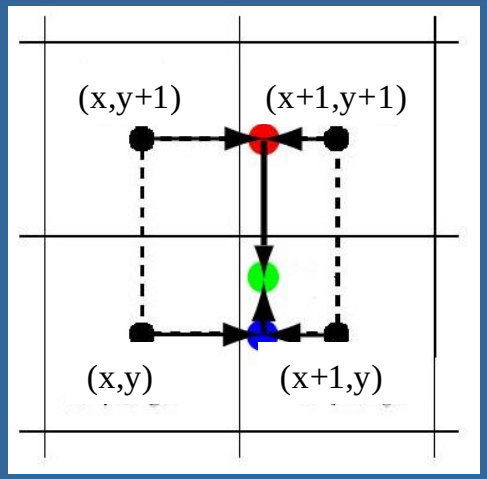


- 1D-interpolate for x & y separately, using the fractional part of the texel coordinate:
  1. Interpolate along texture's *x*-axis to obtain two interpolated colors.
  2. Then, interpolate between them along the y-axis.

- Texture images size: n*m texels
- Texel coordinates (p_u,p_v) in [(0,0), (w,h)]
- *u,v* coordinates in [0,1]
- Nearest neighbor would access: (floor(n*u+0.5), floor(m*v+0.5))







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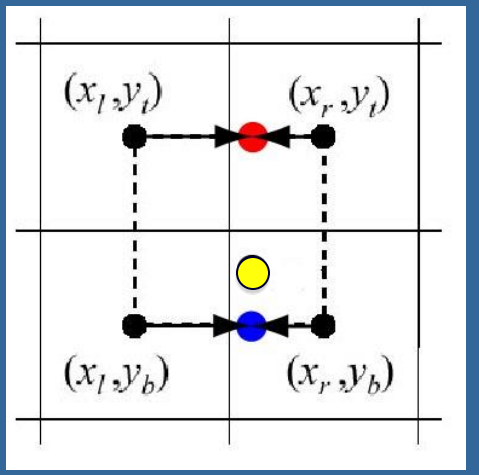


Check out this formula at home

- **t**(*x*,*y*) texture color at texel (x,y)
- $p_{u,v}$ = texel coordinate
- *(u',v')* = fractional part of texel coordinate
- **b**(p_u, p_v) bilinear-filtered texture lookup

fractional part of texel coordinate $p_{u,v}$

$$(u', v') = (p_u - \lfloor p_u \rfloor, p_v - \lfloor p_v \rfloor).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b}(p_u, p_v) =& (1-u')(1-v')\mathbf{t}(x_l, y_b) + u'(1-v')\mathbf{t}(x_r, y_b) \\ &+ (1-u')v'\mathbf{t}(x_l, y_t) + u'v'\mathbf{t}(x_r, y_t).\end{aligned}$$

- See RTR, page 179.

Examples - filters for magnification

nearest neighbor

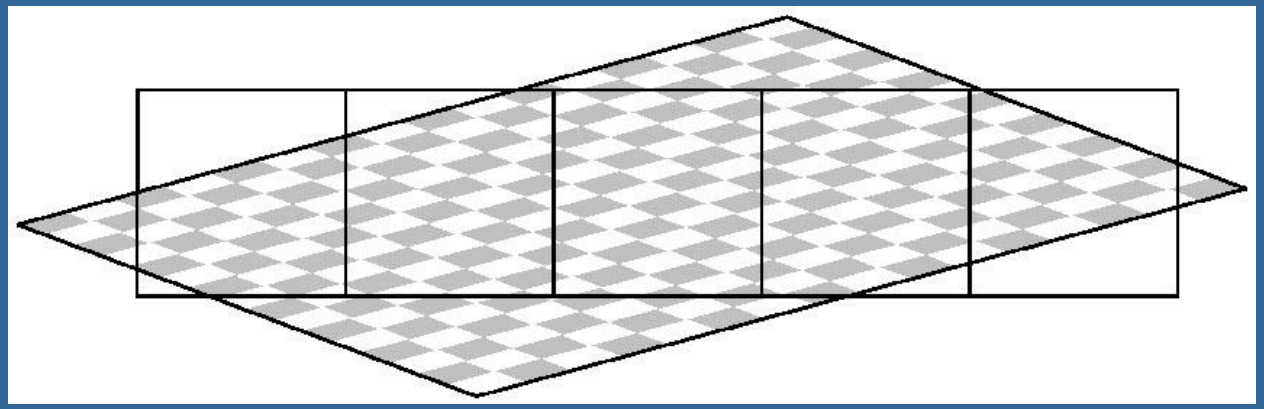
Bilinear filtering

5x5 cubic filtering

Texture magnification of a 48 x 48 image onto 320 x 320 pixels. Left: nearest neighbor filtering, where the nearest texel is chosen per pixel. Middle: bilinear filtering using a weighted average of the four nearest texels. Right: cubic filtering using a weighted average of the 5x5 nearest texels.

Mitchell–Netravali cubic filter considering 5 closest samples

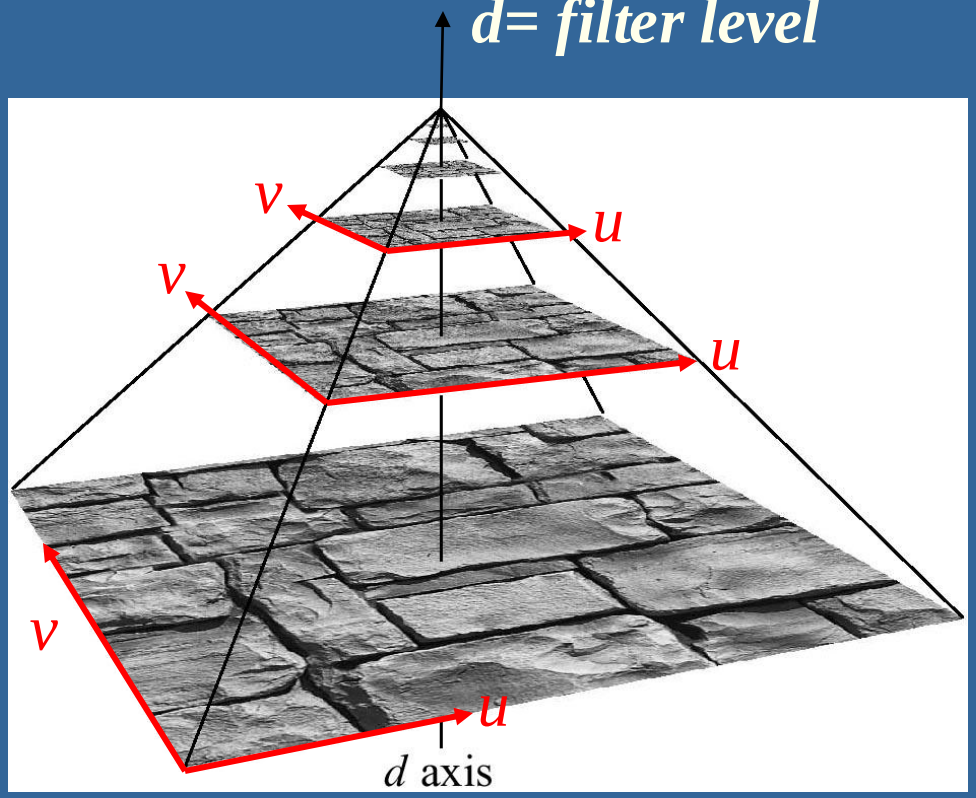
Texture minification
What does a pixel ”see”?



- Theory (sinc) is too expensive
- Cheaper: average of texel inside a pixel
- Still too expensive, actually

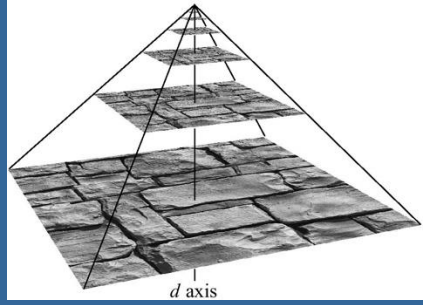
- Mipmaps – another level of approximation
  - Prefilter texture maps as shown on next slide

Mipmapping

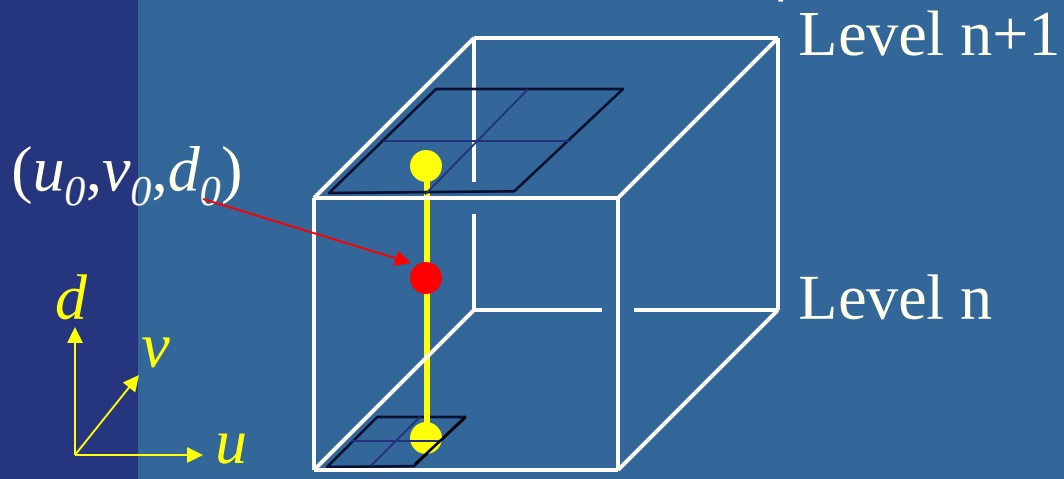


- Image pyramid
- Halve width and height when going upwards
- A ”parent texel” is the average of the 4 ”child texels” from the lower level.
- Depending on amount of minification needed, determine which image to fetch from.
- More accurately:
  - Compute filter level, *d,* first. Will be somewhere between 2 levels.
  - Do bilinear interpolation in both levels, and then a linear interpolation between the 2 levels, based on fraction of *d*…

Mipmapping



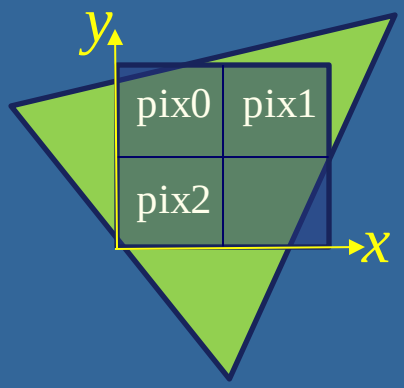
- Do bilinear interpolation in both levels,
- and then a linear interpolation between the 2 levels, based on fraction of *d*…
- Gives trilinear interpolation



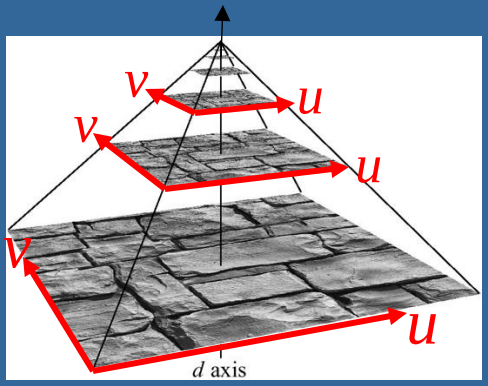
- Constant time filtering: 8 texel accesses
- How to compute needed filter level *d* for a texture lookup in a pixel?

Computing *d* for mipmapping

- *d* is based on how much the texel coordinate changes between adjacent pixels.
- Fragment shaders are always executed in parallel for at least 2x2 pixel blocks.
  - Hence, the GPU knows the uv-coordinate difference between such 2x2 pixels



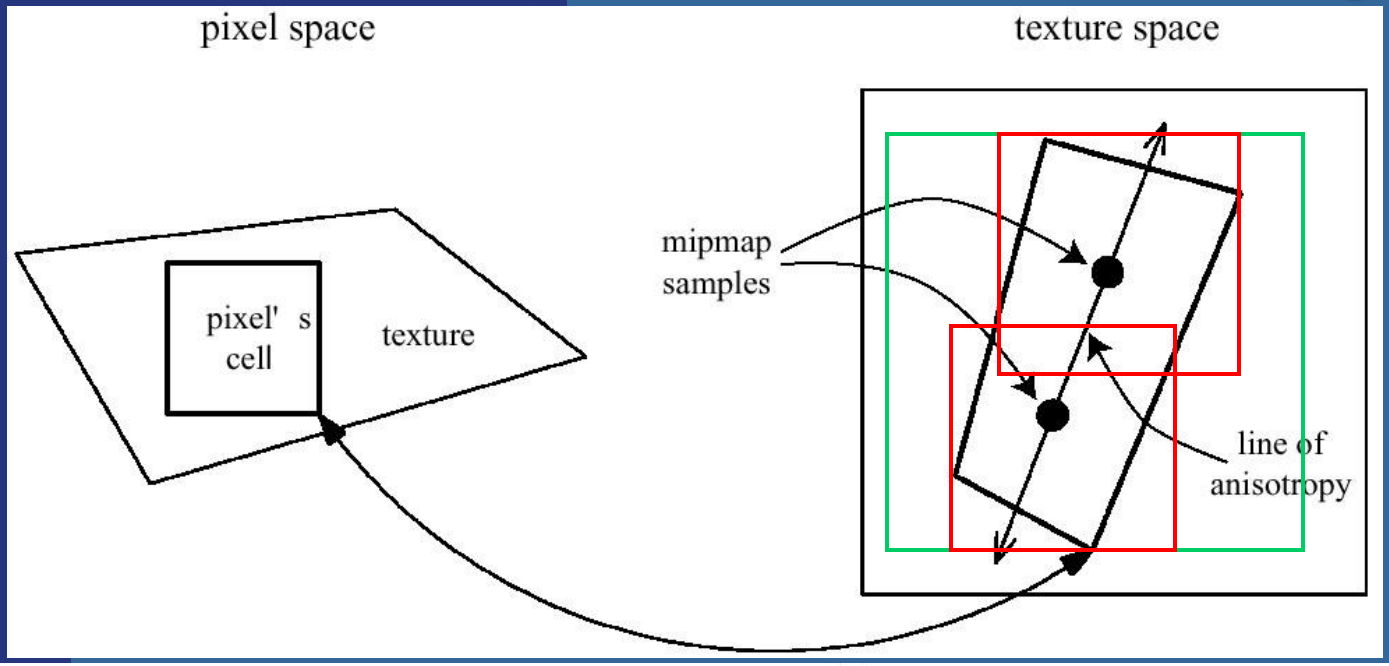
$$du/dx = u_{pix1} - u_{pix0}$$
$$du/dy = u_{pix2} - u_{pix0}$$
$$dv/dx = v_{pix1} - v_{pix0}$$
$$dv/dy = v_{pix2} - v_{pix0}$$



- Large uv-coordinate difference means larger minification => higher filter level needed.
- Let's say texture image size is n*m texels
  - Needed filter level in *u*-direction: $d_u = \log_2 \max((\frac{du}{dx}, \frac{du}{dy})\mathrm{n})$
  - Needed minification in *v*-direction: $d_v = \log_2 \max((\frac{dv}{dx}, \frac{dv}{dy})\mathrm{m})$

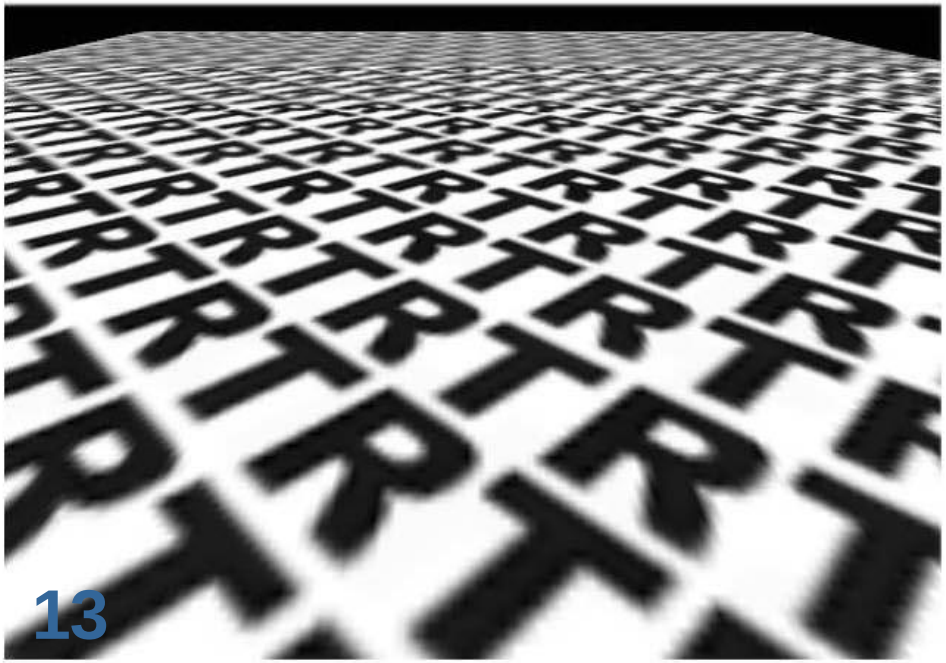
  I.e.: $\boldsymbol{d}_{u,v} = \log_2 \max((\frac{du}{dx}, \frac{du}{dy})\mathrm{n}, (\frac{dv}{dx}, \frac{dv}{dy})\mathrm{m})$
- For trilinear filtering, we can only choose one *d* value, so take max of (d_u,d_v)
  - If $d_u \neq d_v$, that gives overblur in one uv-dimension but is better than aliasing.
  - Even better: *anisotropic* texture filtering
    - Approximate pixel coverage with several smaller mipmap samples… see next slide

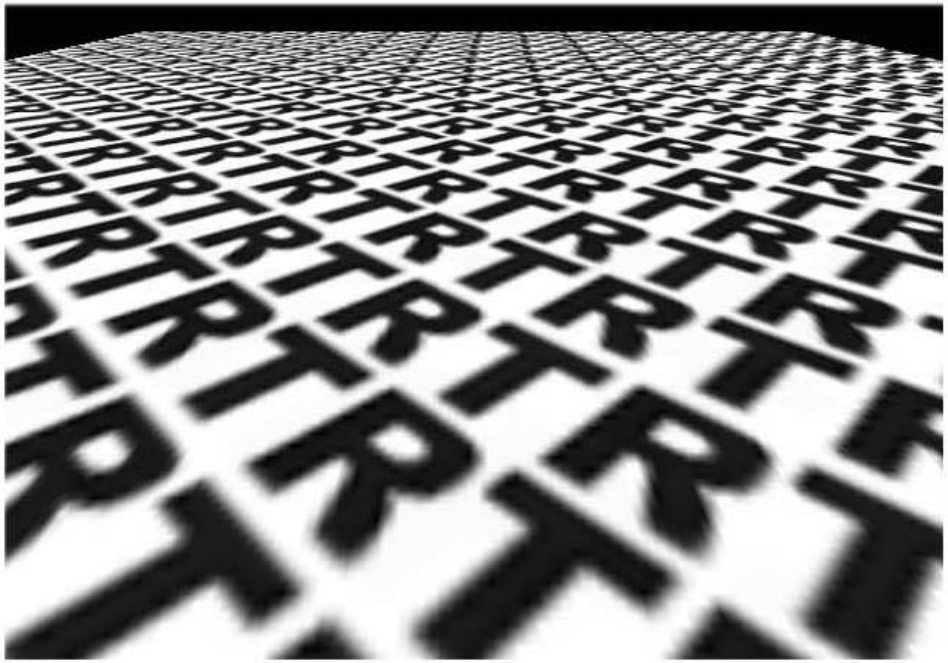
Anisotropic texture filtering



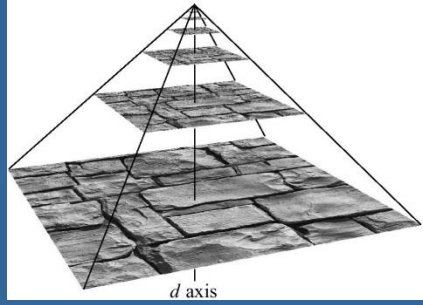
Approximate pixel coverage with several smaller mipmap lookups along the line of anisotropy.

16 samples

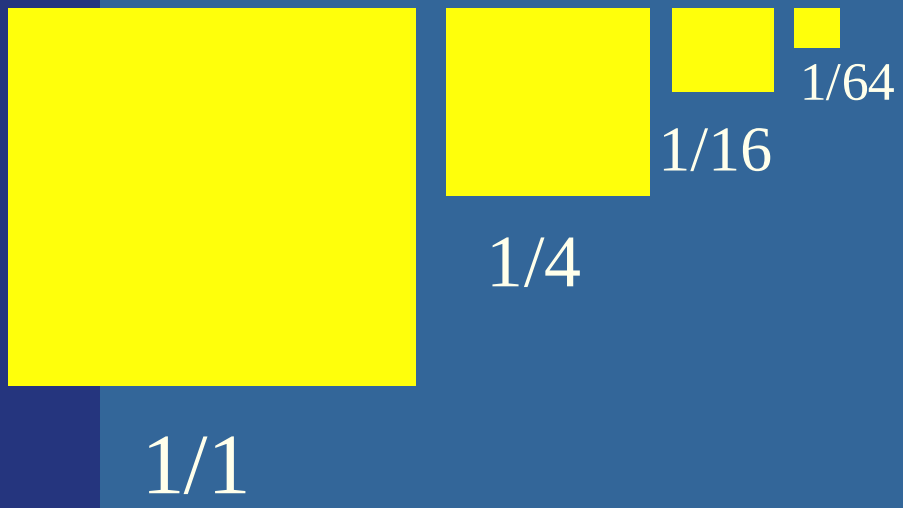


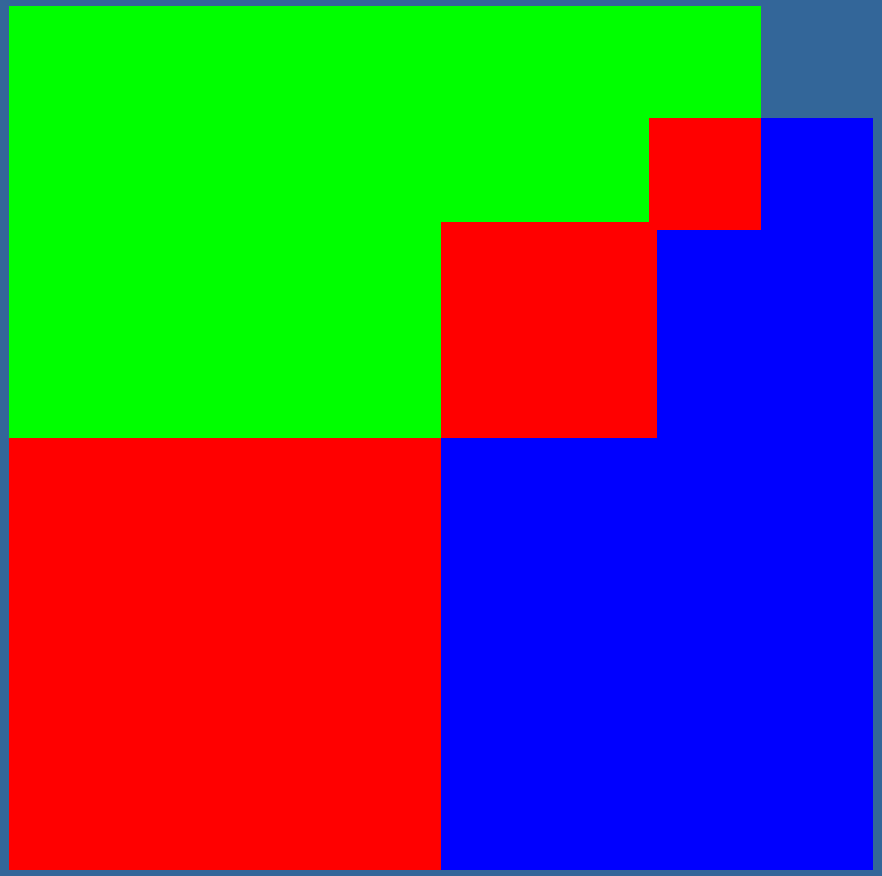


Mipmapping: Memory requirements



- Not twice the number of bytes…!

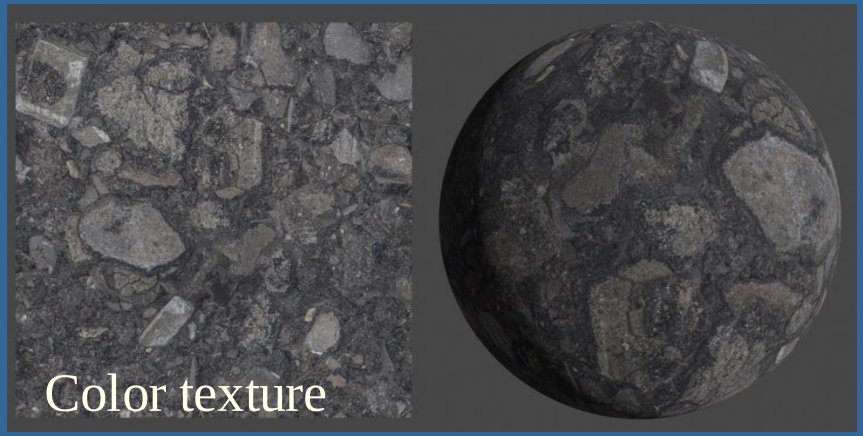




- Rather 33% more – not that much

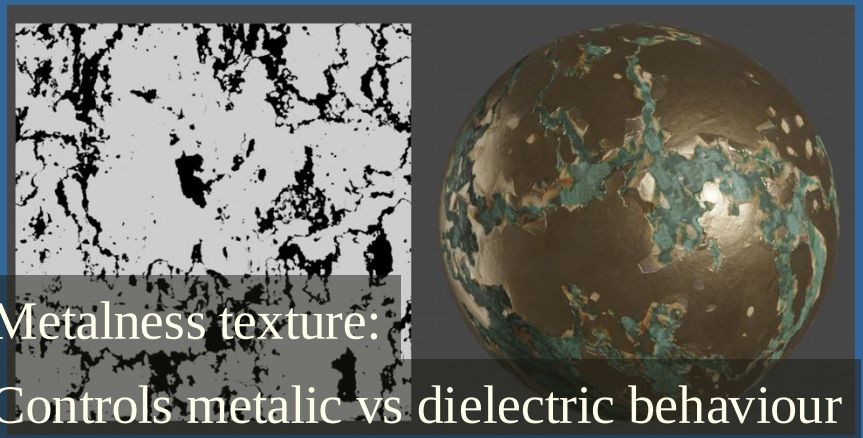
Materials

- Textures:
  - It is common to store material parameters in textures
    - to vary some or all of the material parameters over the surfaces, which are used by the lighting computations
- Common texture maps:
  - Color, Roughness, Metalness, Normal texture
  - See lab 4 for these material parameters.



Color texture

Roughness texture:
Controls shinness value per pixel.



Metalness texture:
Controls metalic vs dielectric behaviour of specularity per pixel.

Using textures in OpenGL

Do once when loading texture:

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glGenTextures(1, &texture);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texture);
int w, h, comp; // width, height, #components (rgb=3, rgba=4), #comp
unsigned char* image = stbi_load("floor.jpg", &w, &h, &comp, STBI_rgb_alpha);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_RGBA, w, h, 0, GL_RGBA, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, image);
stbi_image_free(image);
glGenerateMipmap(GL_TEXTURE_2D);

//Indicates that the active texture should be repeated over the surface
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_REPEAT);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT);
// Sets the type of mipmap interpolation to be used on magnifying and minifying the texture. These are the
// nicest available options.
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_LINEAR);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR);
glTexParameterf(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAX_ANISOTROPY_EXT, 16);
```

Do every time you want to use this texture when drawing:

```
//selects which texture unit subsequent texture state calls will affect:
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texture);
// Now, draw your triangles with texture coordinates specified
```

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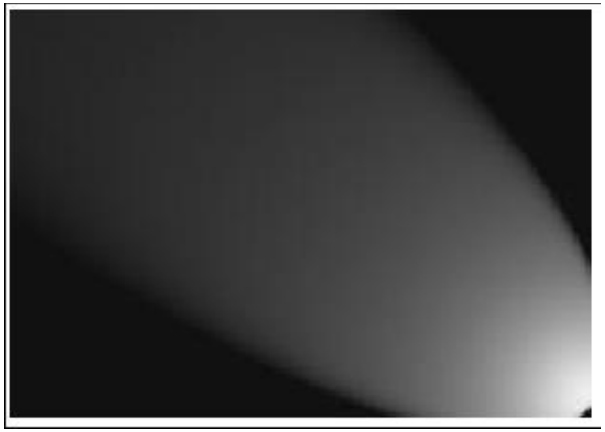
```
in vec2 texCoord;
layout(binding = 0) uniform sampler2D coltex;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = texture2D(coltex,  texCoord.xy);
}
```

Light Maps

- Often used in games
- Mutliply both textures with each other in the fragment shader:
  - The light map can often be of quite low resolution and even stored in a 1-bit channel.
  - The material texture can often be a repetitive texture (here the bricks)



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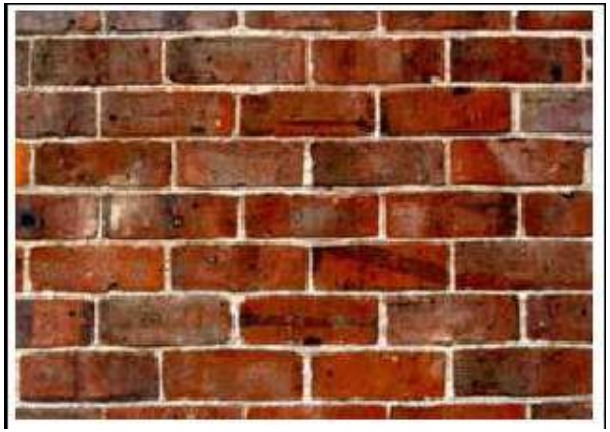

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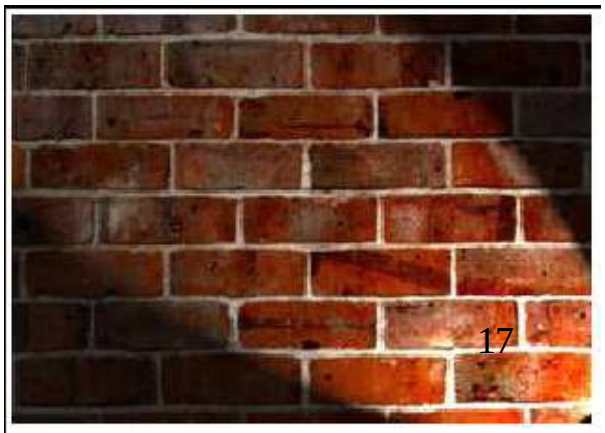
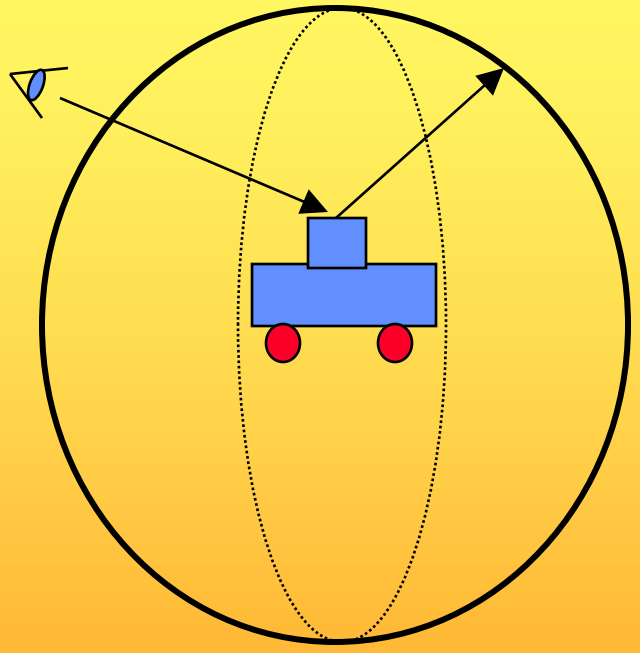
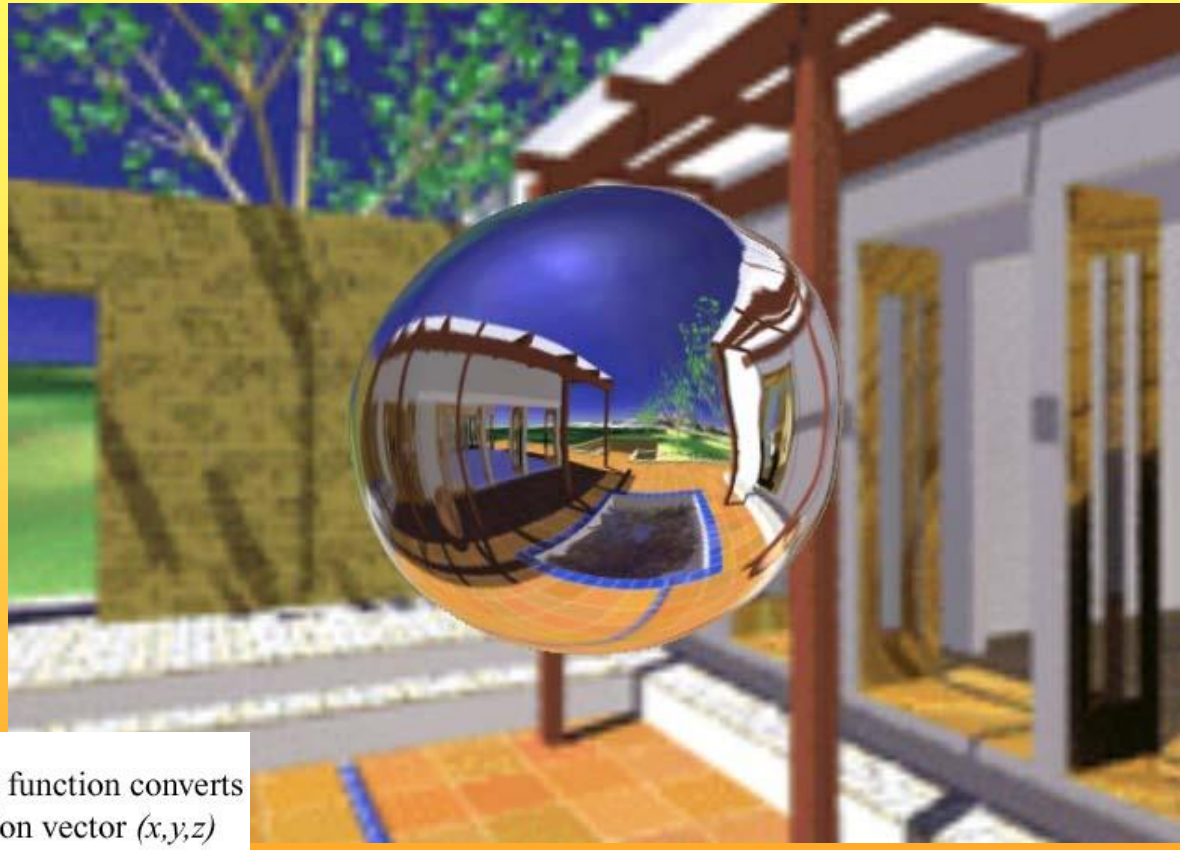
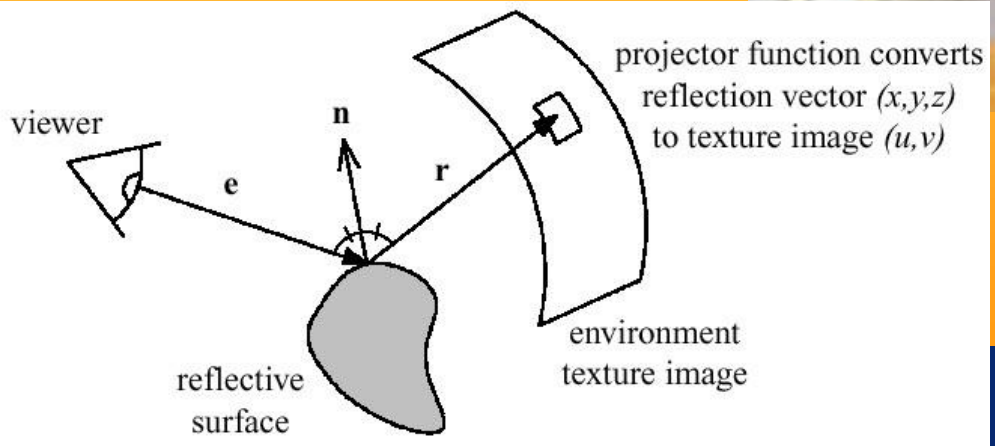



Light-mapped

Environment mapping







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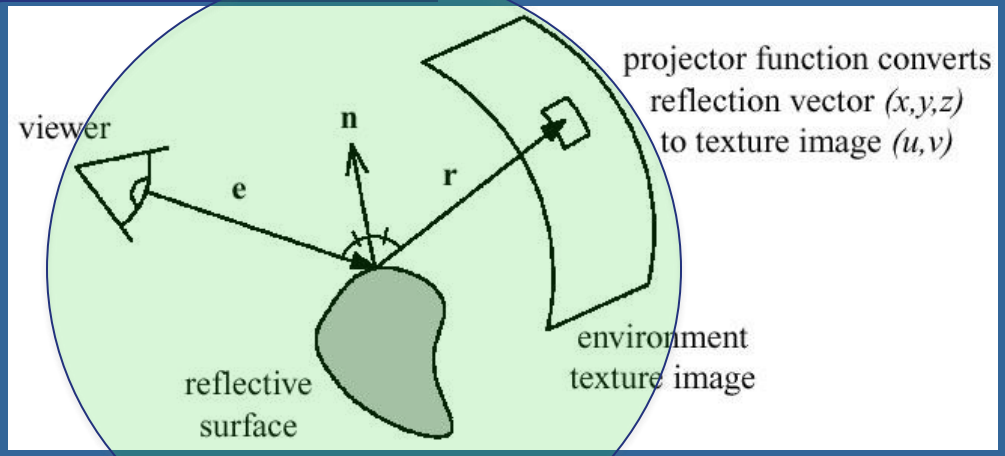


- Assumes the environment is infinitely far away
- Sphere mapping
- Cube mapping is the norm nowadays
  - Advantages: no singularities as in sphere map
  - Much less distortion
  - Gives better result
  - Not dependent on a view position

Sphere map

- example

Sphere map
(texture)

Sphere map
applied on torus

Sphere Map

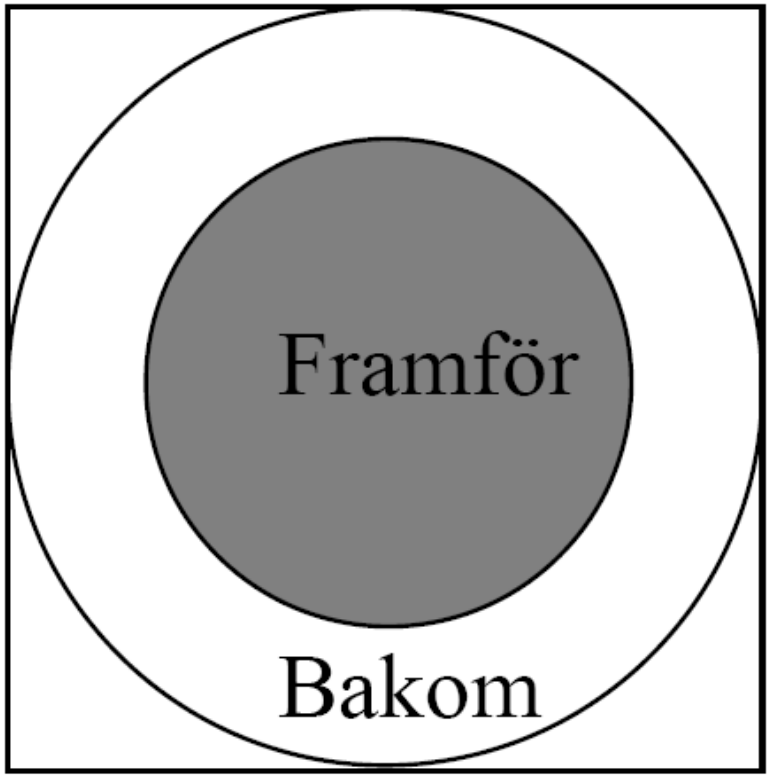
- Assume surface normals are available
- Then OpenGL can compute reflection vector at each pixel
- The texture coordinates s,t are given by:
  - (see OH 169 for details)

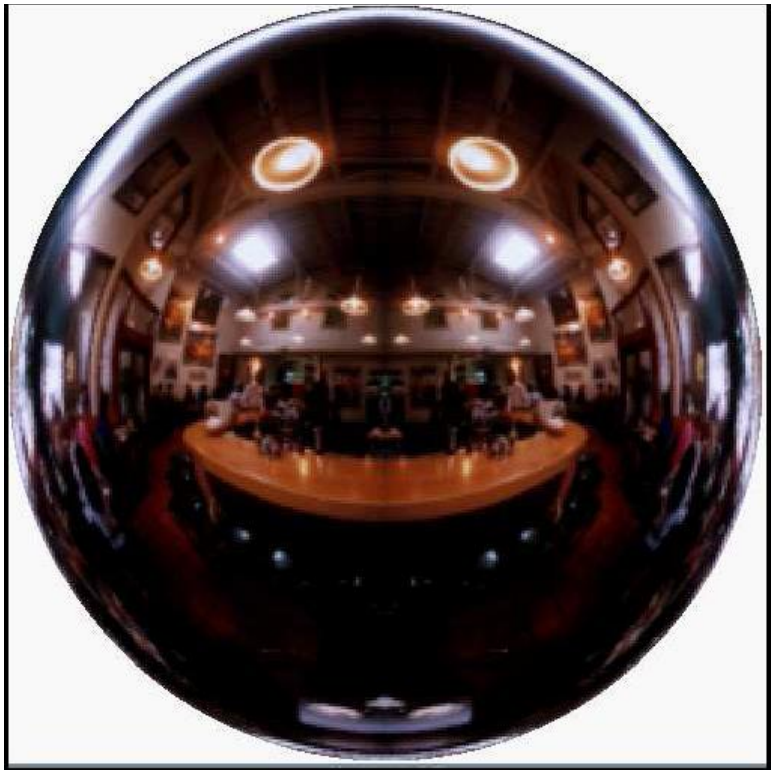
$$L = \sqrt{R_x^{\,2} + R_y^{\,2} + (R_z + 1)^2}$$

$$s = 0.5\left(\frac{R_x}{L} + 1\right)$$

$$t = 0.5\left(\frac{R_y}{L} + 1\right)$$

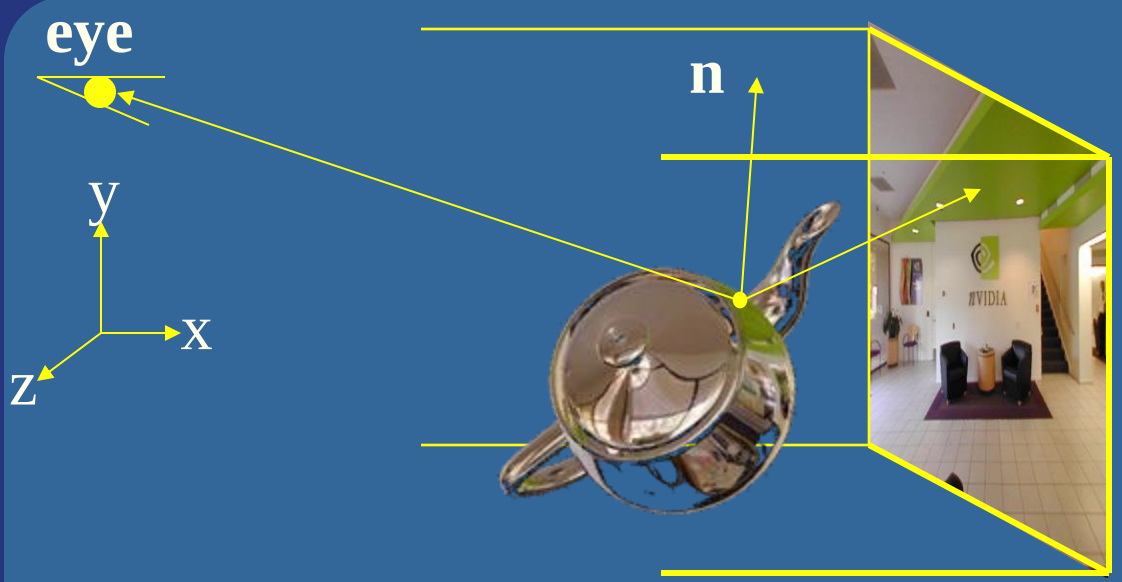
Sphere Map





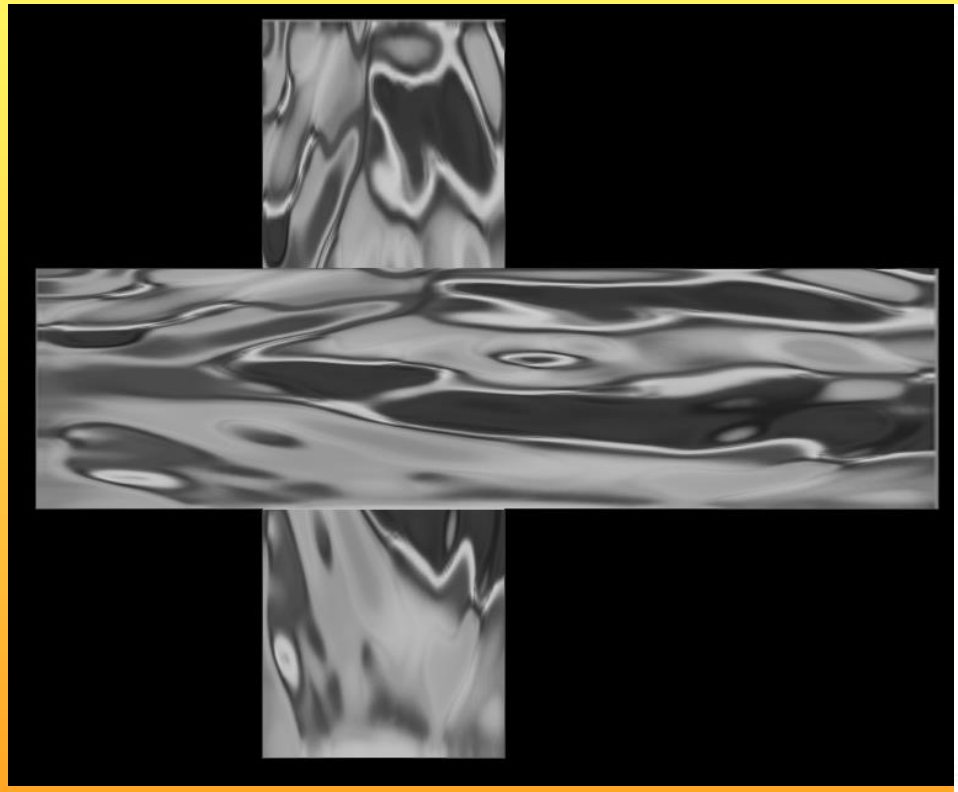
In front of the sphere.
Behind the sphere.

Cube mapping

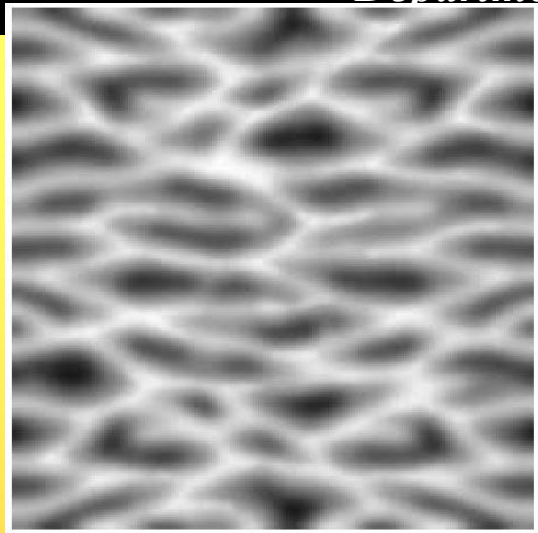


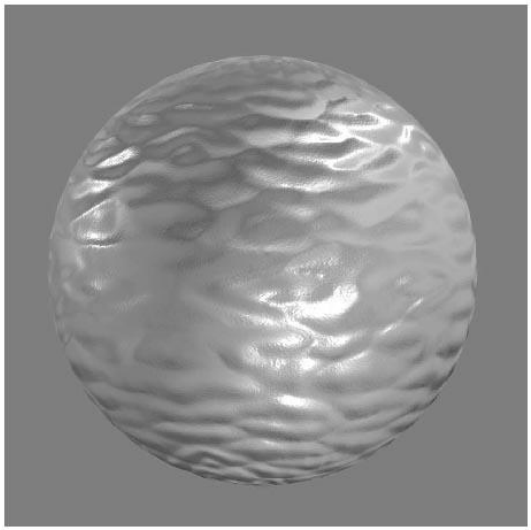
- Simple math: compute reflection vector, **r**
- Largest abs-value of component, determines which cube face.
  - Example: **r**=(5,-1,2) gives POS_X face
- Divide **r** by abs(5) gives (*u*,*v*)=(-1/5,2/5)
- Remap from [-1,1] to [0,1], i.e., ((u,v)+(1,1))/2
- Your hardware does all the work. You just have to compute the reflection vector. (See lab 4)

Example

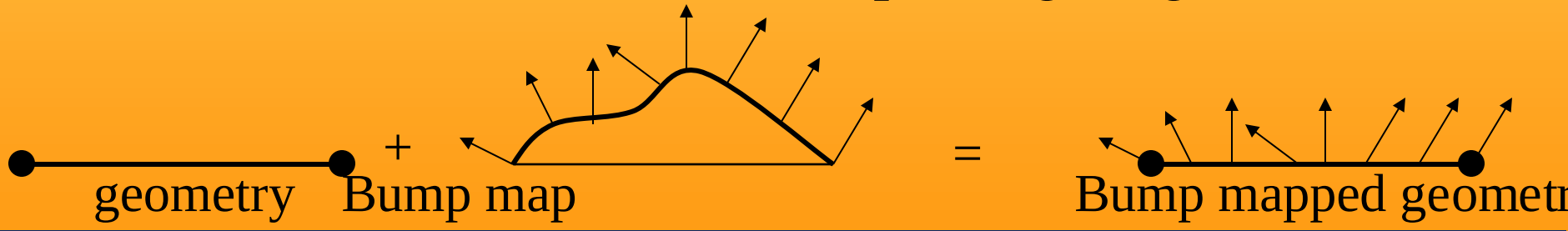


Bump mapping





- by Blinn in 1978
- Inexpensive way of simulating wrinkles and bumps on geometry
  - Too expensive to model these geometrically
- Instead let a texture modify the normal at each pixel, and then use this normal to compute lighting

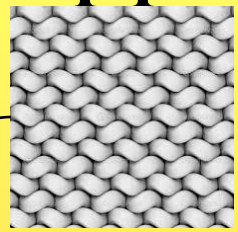


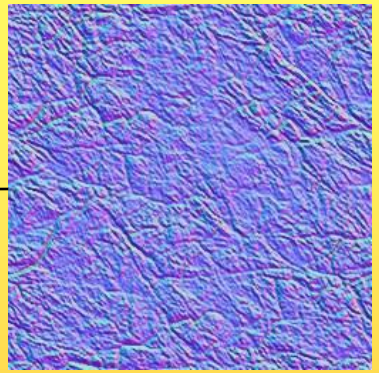
Stores heights: can derive normals

Bump mapping

Storing bump maps:

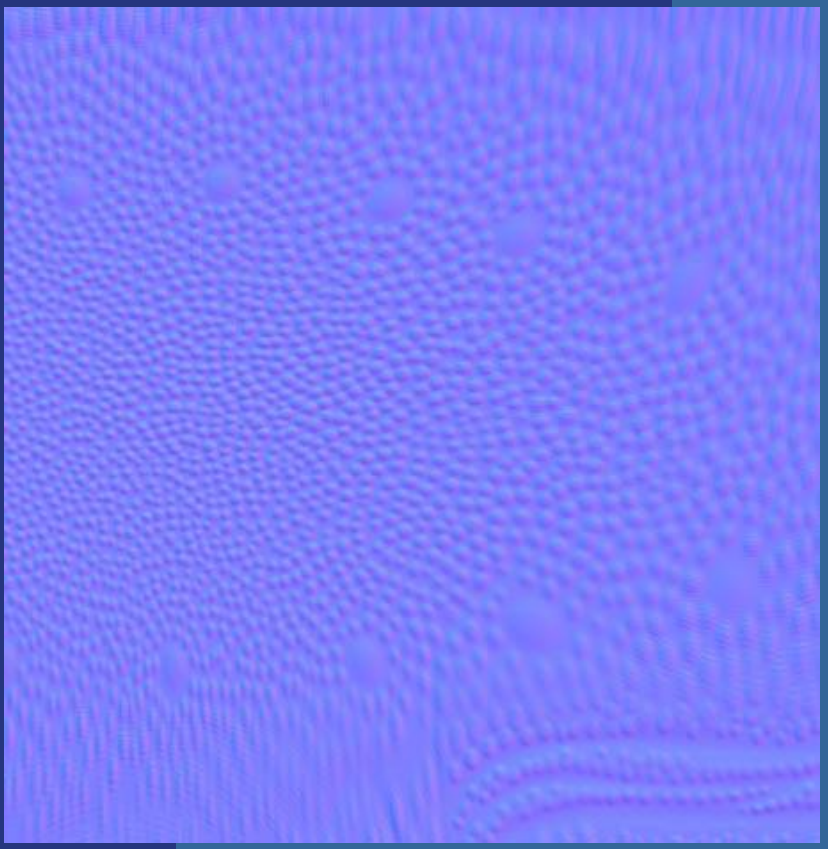
1. as a **gray scale** image
   or
2. as **normals** (n_x, n_y, n_z)
   (Then typically called *Normal mapping*)



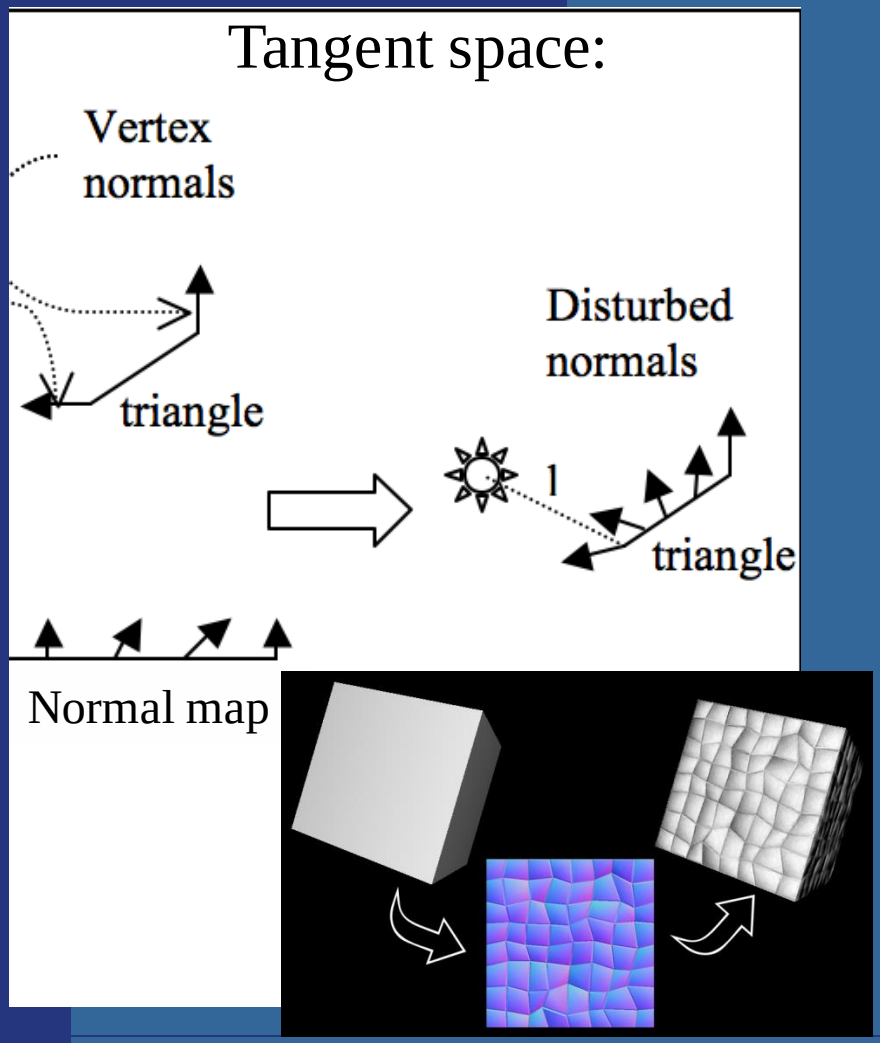


- How to store normals in a texture:
  - **n**=(n_x, n_y, n_z) are in [-1,1]
  - Add 1, mult 0.5: in [0,1]
  - Mult by 255 (8 bit per color component)
  - Values can now be stored in 8-bit rgb texture

Bump mapping: example

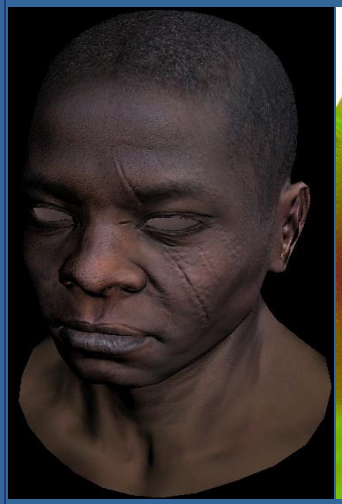


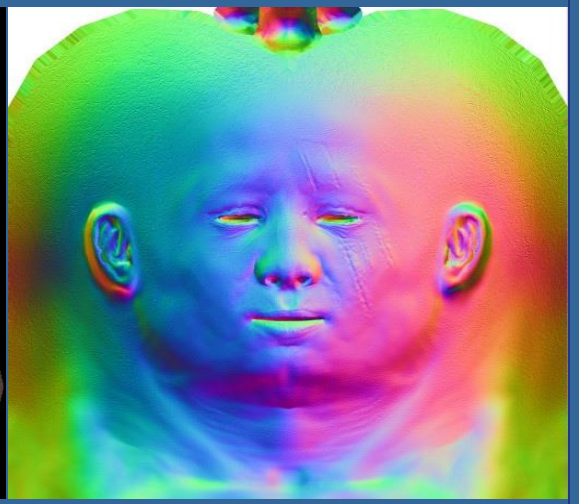
Normal mapping in tangent vs object space



Object space:

- Normals are stored directly in model space. I.e., as including both face orientation plus distortion.

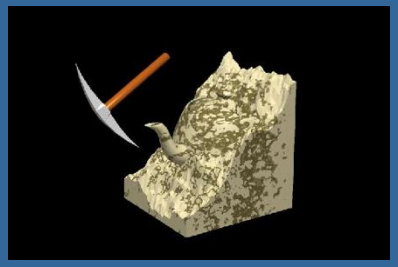


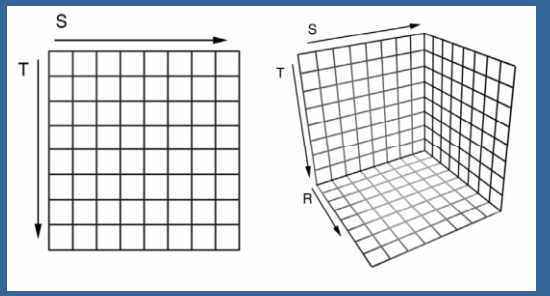


Tangent space:

- Normals are stored as distortion of face orientation. The same bump map can be tiled/repeated and reused for many faces with different orientation

More...



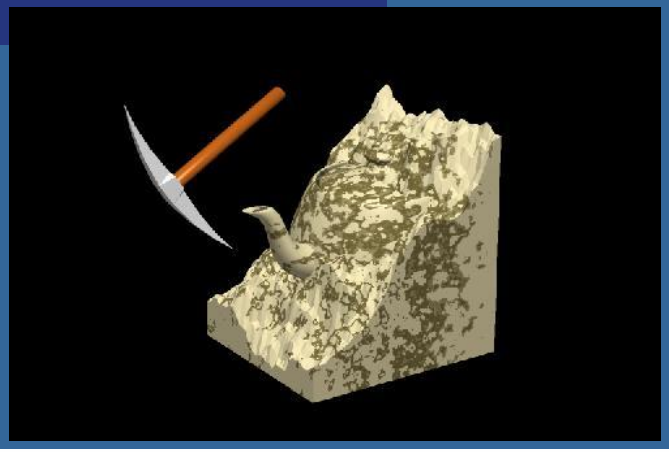


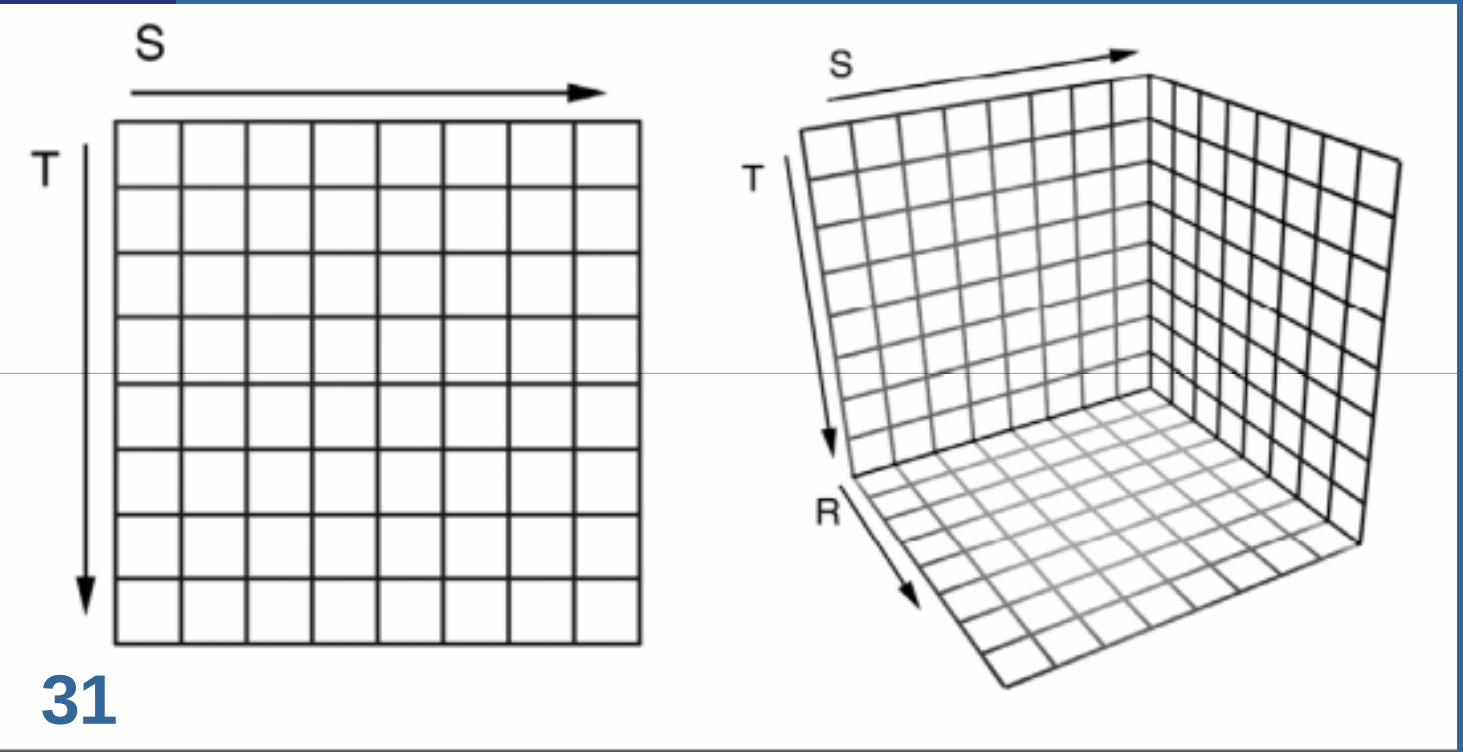
2D 3D

- 3D textures:
  - Texture filtering is no longer trilinear
  - Rather quadlinear
    - (trilinear interpolation in both 3D-mipmap levels + between mipmap levels)
  - Enables new possibilities
    - Can store light in a room, for example

- Displacement Mapping
  - Like bump/normal maps but truly offsets the surface geometry (not just the lighting).
  - Gfx hardware cannot offset the fragment's position
    - Offsetting per vertex is easy in vertex shader but requires a highly tessellated surface.
    - Tesselation shaders are created to increase the tessellation of a triangle into many triangles over its surface. Highly efficient.
    - (Can also be done using Geometry Shader (e.g. Direct3D 10) by ray casting in the displacement map, but tessellation shaders are generally more efficient for this.)

2D texture vs 3D texture





Precomputed Light fields

Max Payne 2 by Remedy Entertainment

Samuli Laine and Janne Kontkanen

High-res 3D texture – Sparse Voxel DAG:s

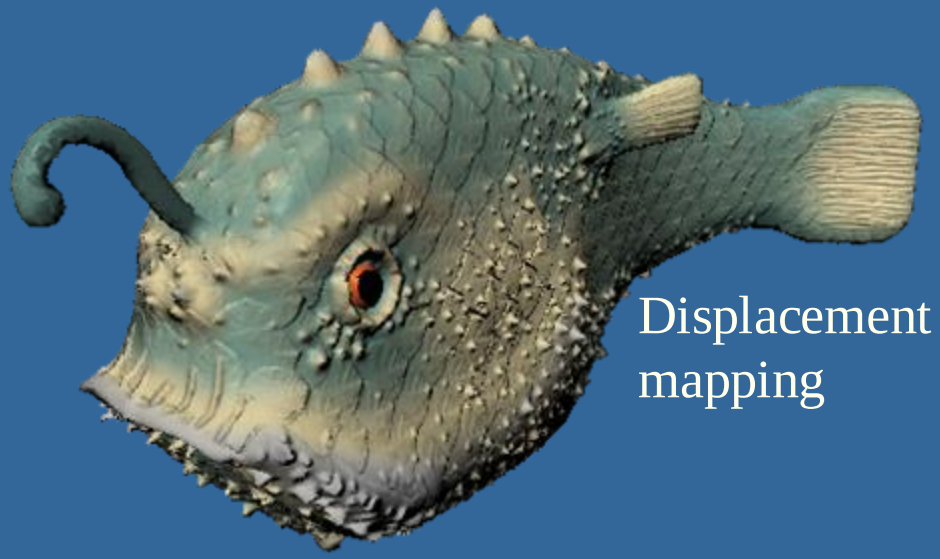
4096^3, <30 MB

Dan Dolonius, Erik Sintorn, Ulf Assarsson.
UV-free Texturing using Sparse Voxel DAGs, CGF 2020

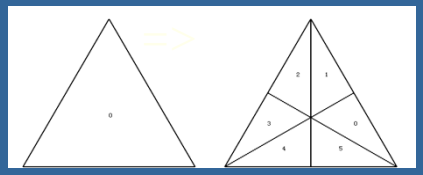
Displacement Mapping

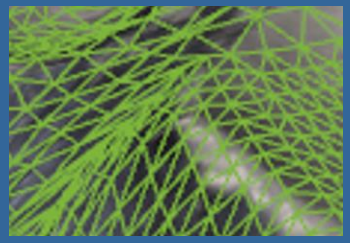
- Uses a map to displace the surface at each vertex
- Finer tesselation can be automatically done with a tesselation shader

Normal mapping



Displacement mapping





Rendering to Texture

(See also Lab 5)

```
//*****************************************
// Create a Frame Buffer Object (FBO) that we  first render to and then use as a texture
//*****************************************
glGenFramebuffers(1, &frameBuffer);                    // generate framebuffer id
glBindFramebuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, frameBuffer);    // following commands will affect ”frameBuffer”

// Create a texture for the frame buffer, with specified filtering, rgba-format and size
glGenTextures( 1, &texFrameBuffer );
glBindTexture( GL_TEXTURE_2D, texFrameBuffer );        // following commands will affect ”texFrameBuffer”
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR );
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_LINEAR );
glTexImage2D( GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, 4, 512, 512, 0, GL_RGBA, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, NULL );

// Create a depth buffer for our FBO
glGenRenderbuffers(1, &depthBuffer);                   // get the ID to a new Renderbuffer
glBindRenderbuffer(GL_RENDERBUFFER, depthBuffer);
glRenderbufferStorage(GL_RENDERBUFFER, GL_DEPTH_COMPONENT, 512, 512);

// Set rendering of the default color0-buffer to go into the texture
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT0, GL_TEXTURE_2D,
                       texFrameBuffer, 0);
// Associate our created depth buffer with the FBO
glFramebufferRenderbuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT, GL_RENDERBUFFER,
depthBuffer);
```

Or simply render to the back-buffer and copy into texture using command: glCopyTexSubImage (). But is slightly slower.

Drawing to several buffers at once in fragment shader

Fragment shader can draw to several buffers at once:

OpenGL CPU-side:

// specify an array of the color buffers you want to use

```
const GLenum buffers[] = {GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT0, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT1,
                          GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT2, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT3};
```

// give the array to OpenGL

```
glDrawBuffers(4, buffers);
```

In the fragment shader:

```
layout(location = 0) out vec4 baseColor_and_roughness;    //3+1 channel
layout(location = 1) out vec4 metalness_and_Fresnel;      //3+1 channel
layout(location = 2) out vec3 normal;
layout(location = 3) out vec3 position;
```

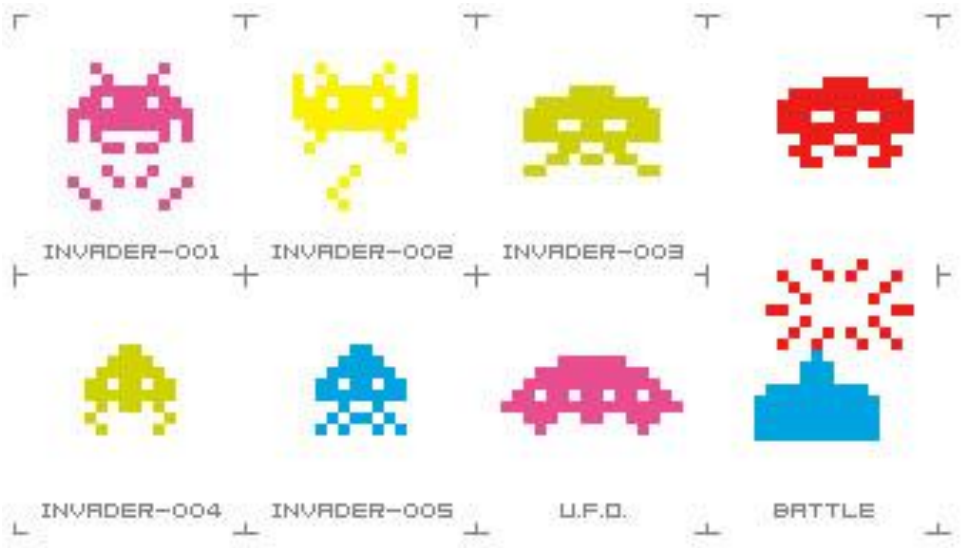
Sprites

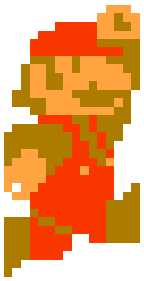
Sprites (=älvor) was a technique on older home computers, e.g. VIC64. As opposed to billboards, sprites do not use the frame buffer. They are rasterized directly to the screen using a special chip. (A special bit-register also marked colliding sprites.)

```
GLbyte M[64]=
{   127,0,0,127, 127,0,0,127,
    127,0,0,127, 127,0,0,127,
    0,127,0,0,   0,127,0,127,
    0,127,0,127, 0,127,0,0,
    0,0,127,0,   0,0,127,127,
    0,0,127,127, 0,0,127,0,
    127,127,0,0, 127,127,0,127,
    127,127,0,127, 127,127,0,0};

void display(void) {
    glClearColor(0.0,1.0,1.0,1.0);
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glEnable (GL_BLEND);
    glBlendFunc (GL_SRC_ALPHA,
          GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA);
    glRasterPos2d(xpos1,ypos1);
    glPixelZoom(8.0,8.0);
    glDrawPixels(width,height,
          GL_RGBA, GL_BYTE, M);

    glPixelZoom(1.0,1.0);
    SDL_GL_SwapWindow //"Swap buffers"
}
```

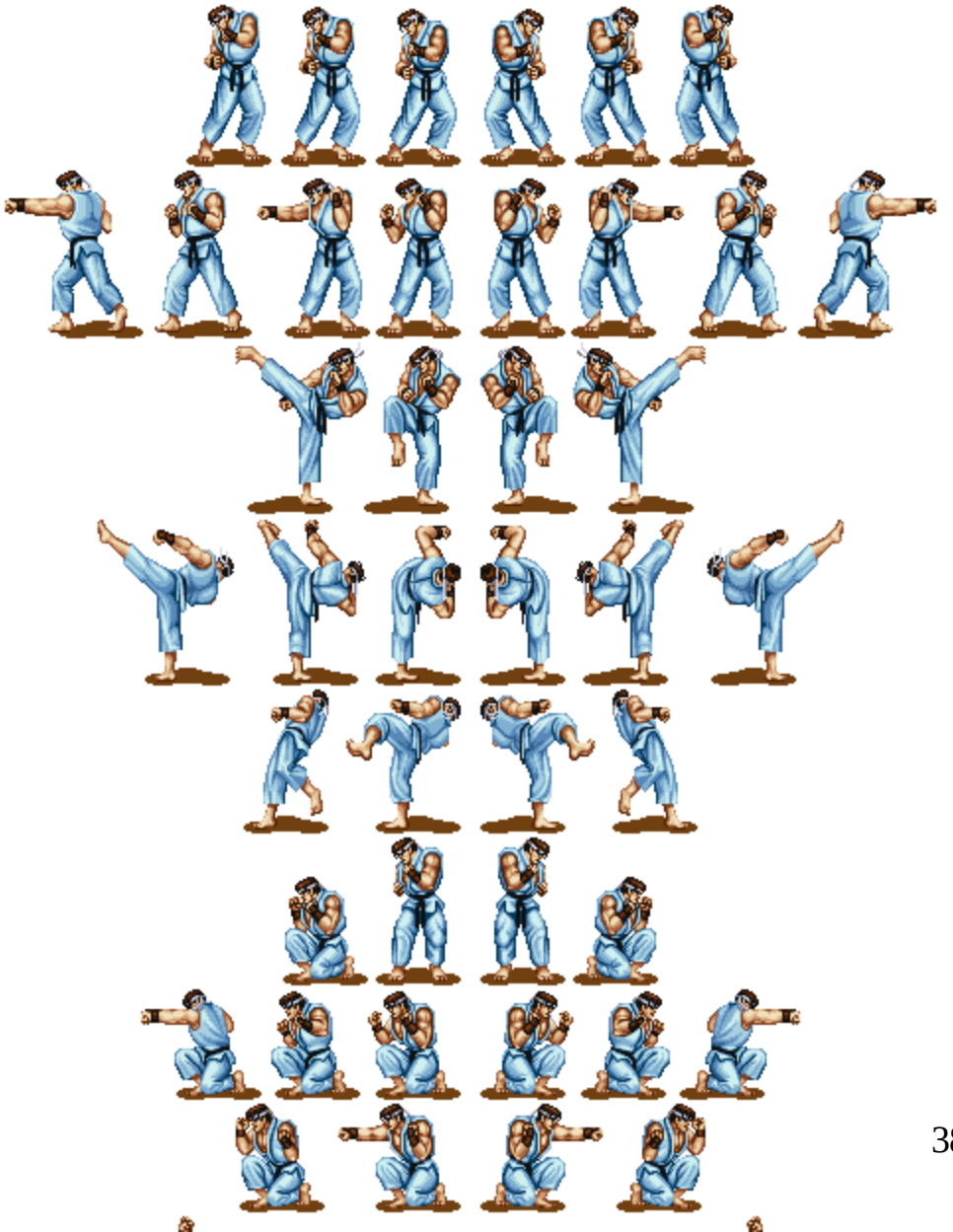




Sprites

Animation Maps

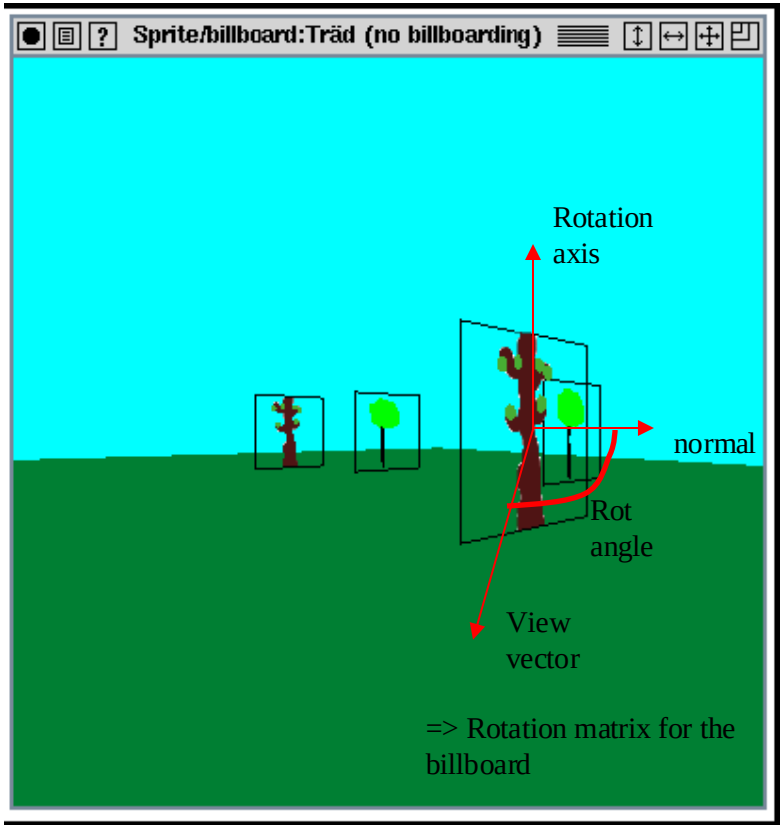
The sprites for Ryu in Street Fighter:

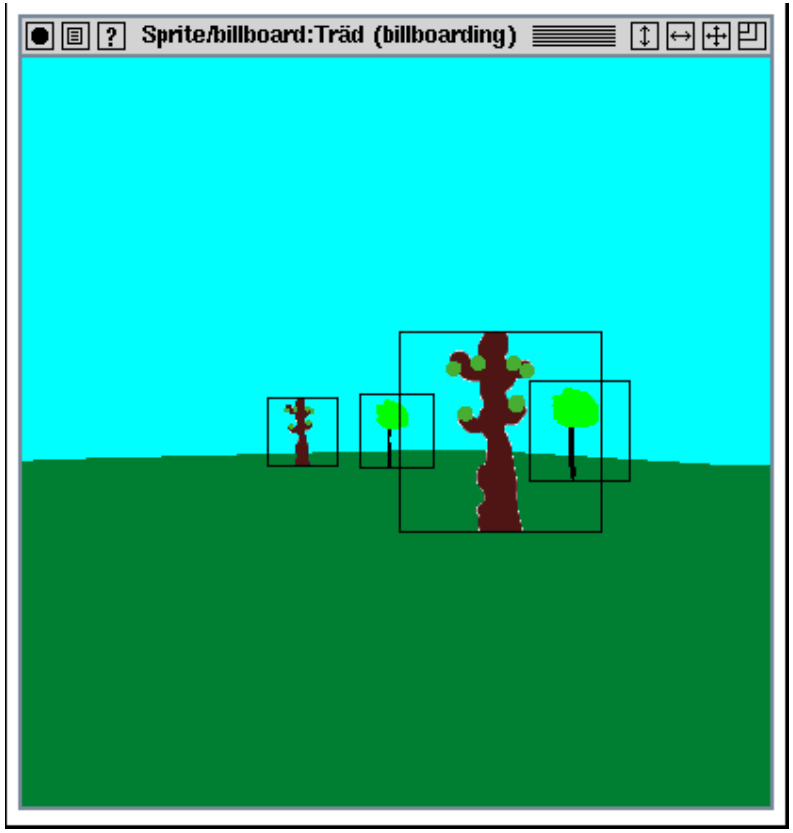


Billboards

- 2D images used in 3D environments
  - Common for explosions, clouds, smoke, lens-flares, grass, (trees),

Billboards





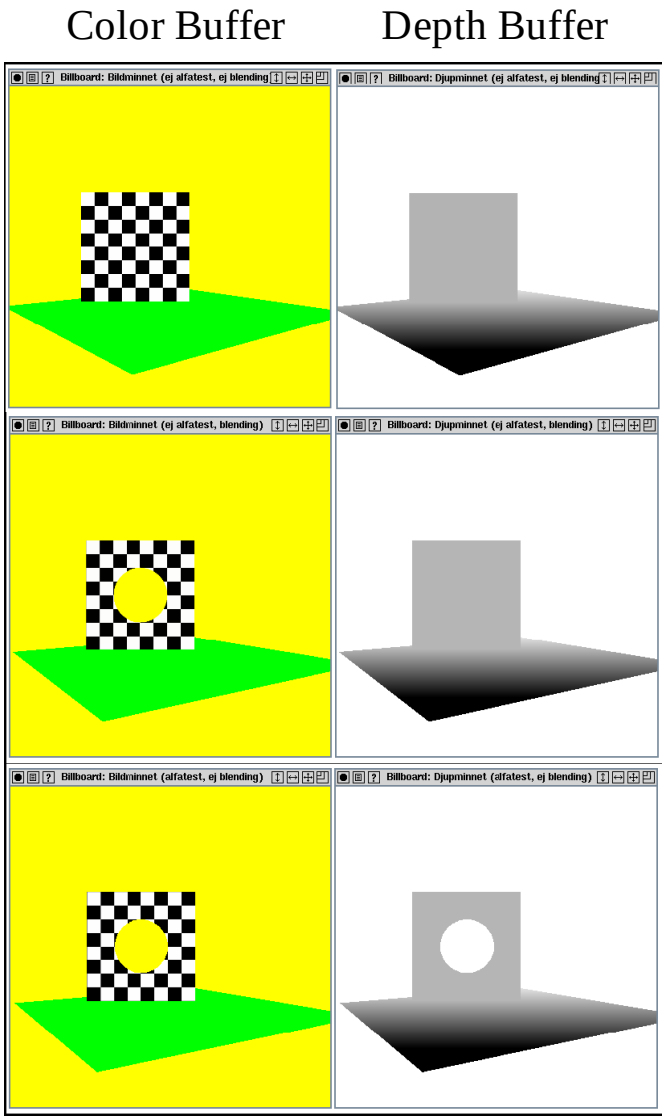
- Rotate them towards viewer
  - Either by rotation matrix (easiest)
    - rot_axis = normalize(view_vec × normal)
    - cos(rot_angle) = -normalize(normal) · normalize(view_vec)
    - Mat4 rotationMatrix = rotate(rot_axis, rot_angle)
  - or by orthographic projection (harder to get accurate size and subpixel position)

Billboards

- Fix correct transparency by blending AND using alpha-test
  - In fragment shader:

    if (color.a == 0) discard;

- Or: sort back-to-front and blend
  - Depth writing could then be disabled to gain some minor speed.
    - glDepthMask(0);
  - But the sorting makes this slower.



With only blending

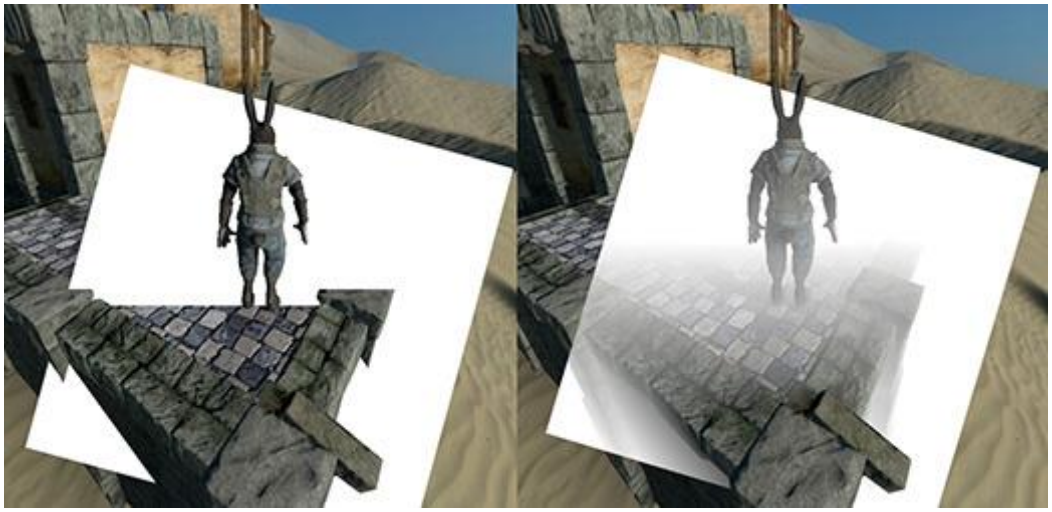
With alpha test

Soft Particles

BONUS

Normal billboard

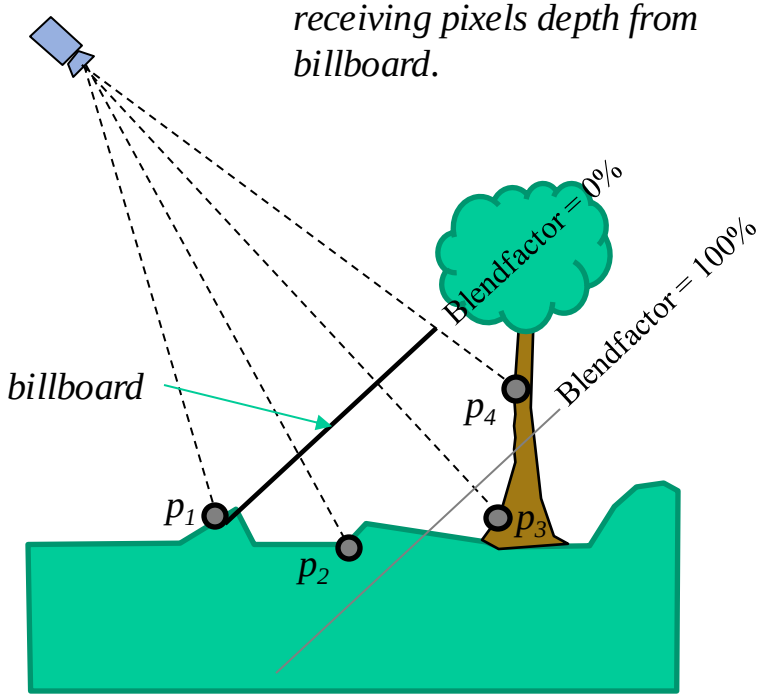
Soft Particle



Billboard's mid depth blending range.

Blending billboard and background color, based on depth difference. Here. the whiter, the more of billboard color.

Blend with a factor based on receiving pixels depth from billboard.



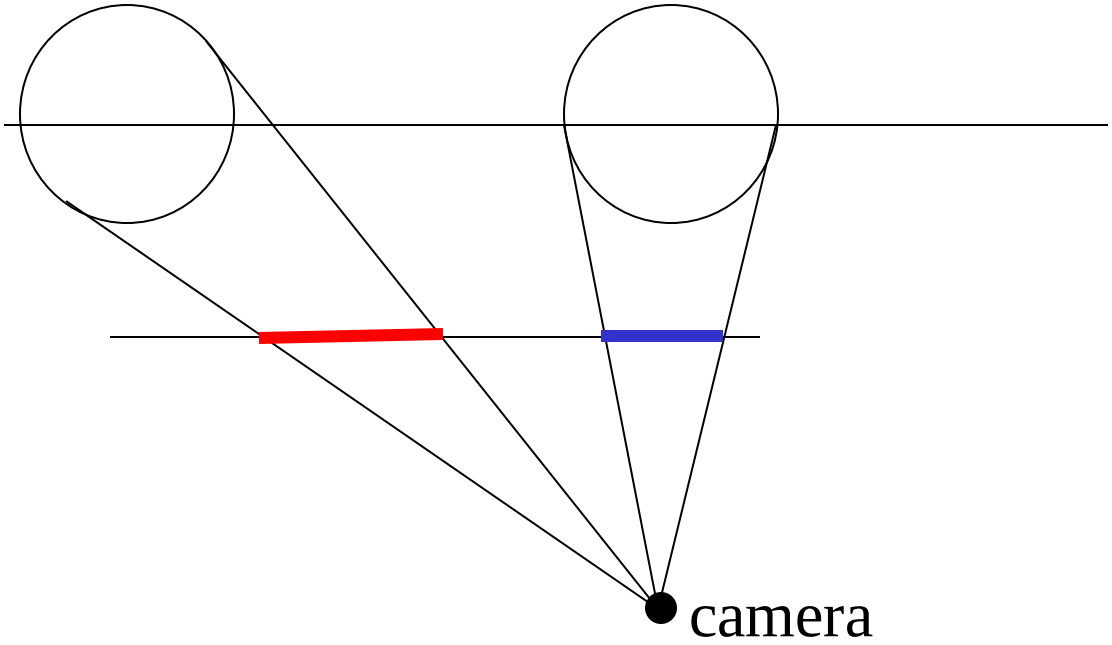
Point p_1 is in front of billboard's z range so the standard depth test kills the billboard's fragment; at p_2 and p_4, the particle blends with the background; in p_3 the fragment is fully opaque.

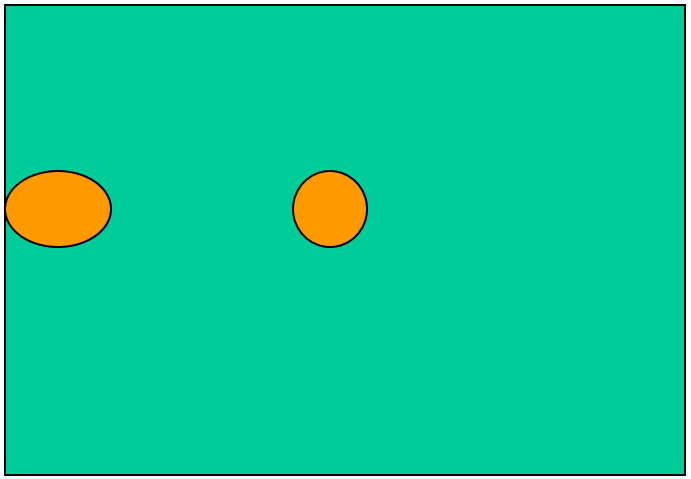
$d = (z_{bg} - z_{bb\_min}) / (z_{bb\_max} - z_{bb\_min})$;
f =smooth(d,0,1); // clamp smoothly [0,1]
c = f $\mathbf{c}_{bb}$ + (1-f) $\mathbf{c}_{bg}$; // blending bg and bb

http://blog.wolfire.com/2010/04/Soft-Particles

Perspective distortion

- Spheres often appear as ellipsoids when located in the periphery. Why?

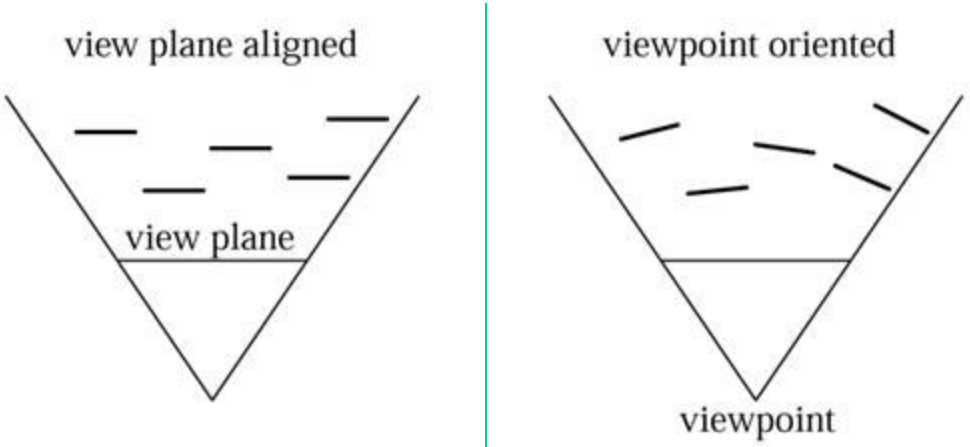




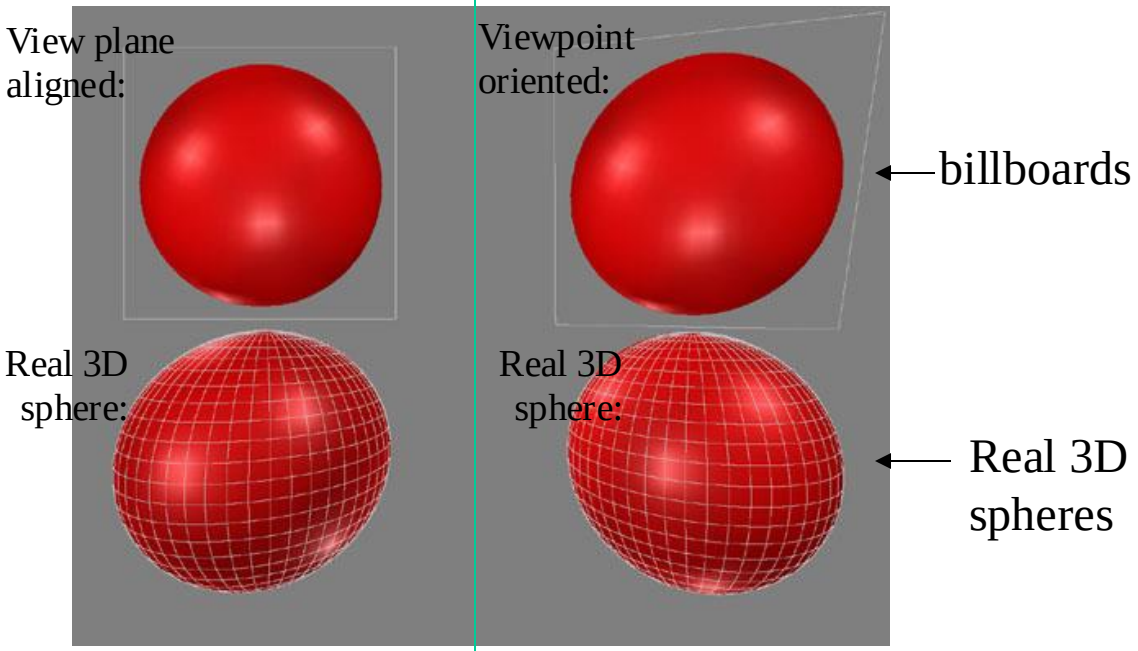
Exaggerated example

If our eye was placed at the camera position, we would not see the distortion. We are often positioned way behind the camera

Which is preferred?

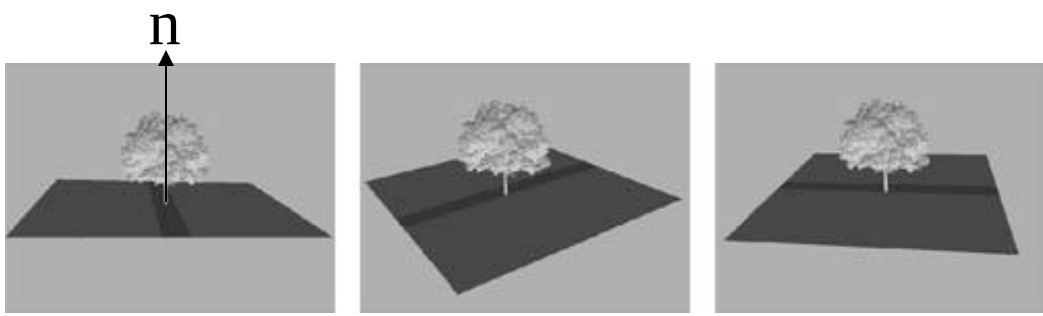


This is the result



Actually, viewpoint oriented can be argued as preferable, since it most closely resembles the result using standard 3D geometry

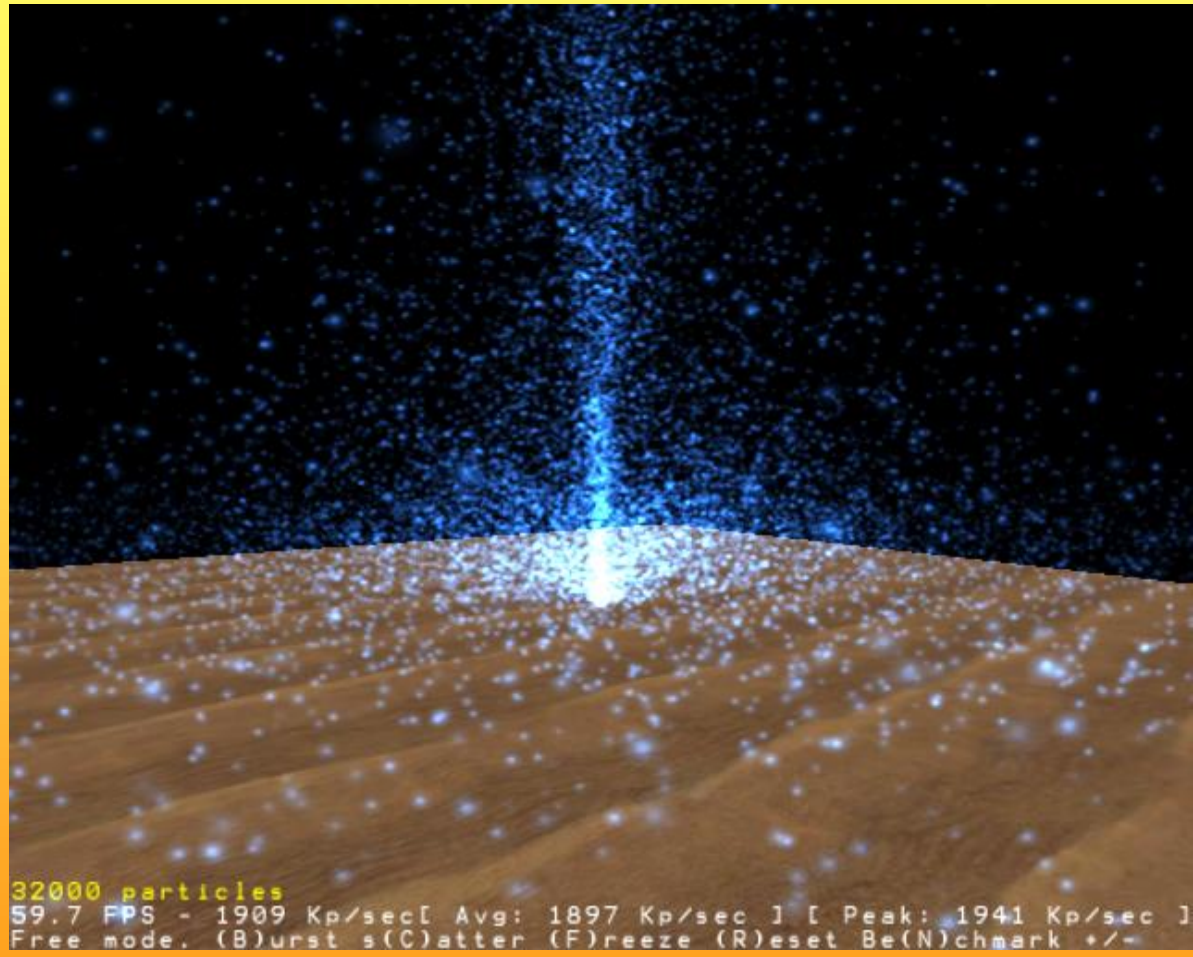
Also called *Impostors*



axial billboarding

The rotation axis is fixed and disregarding the view position

Particle system

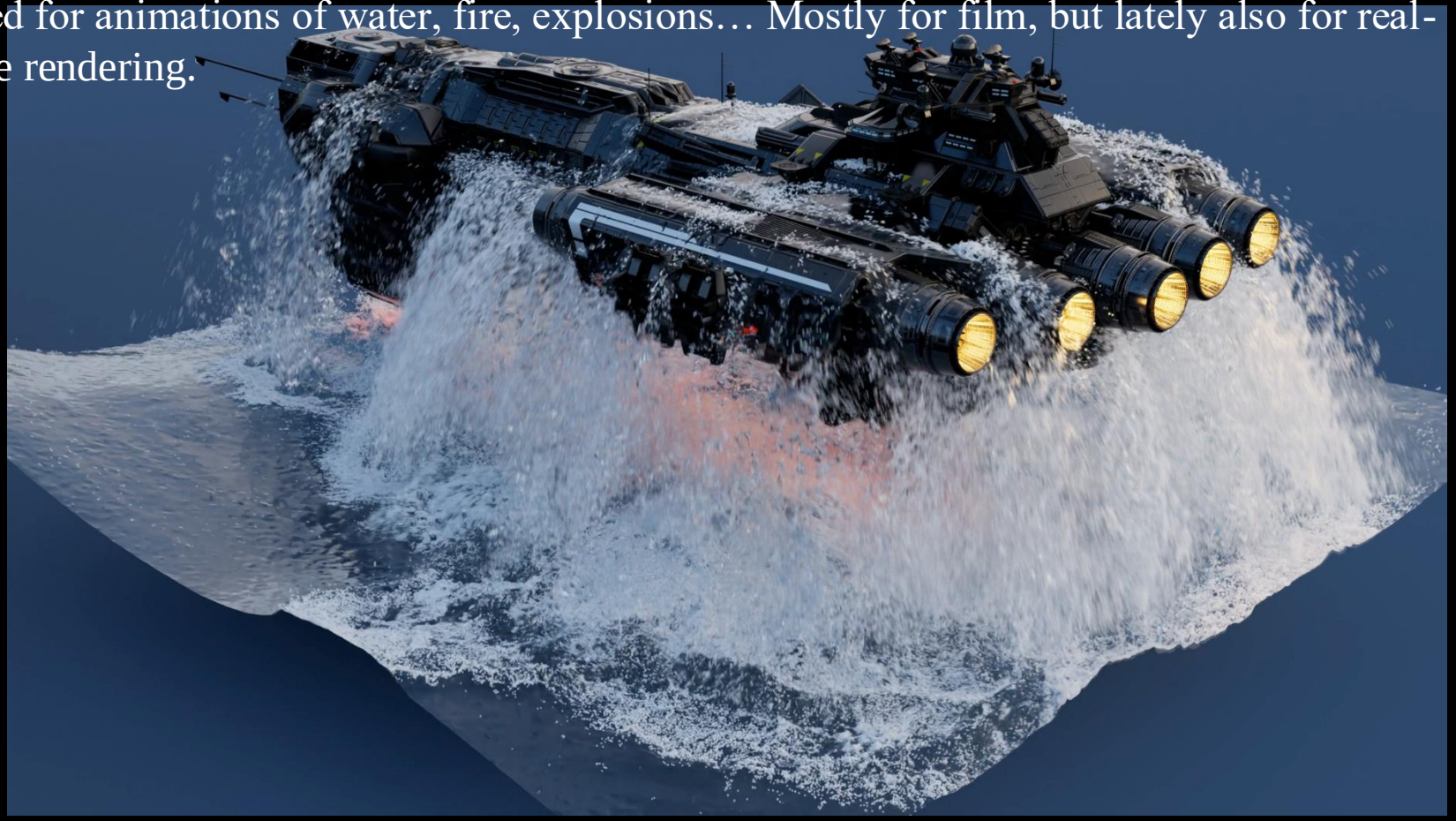


Particles

Partikelsystem

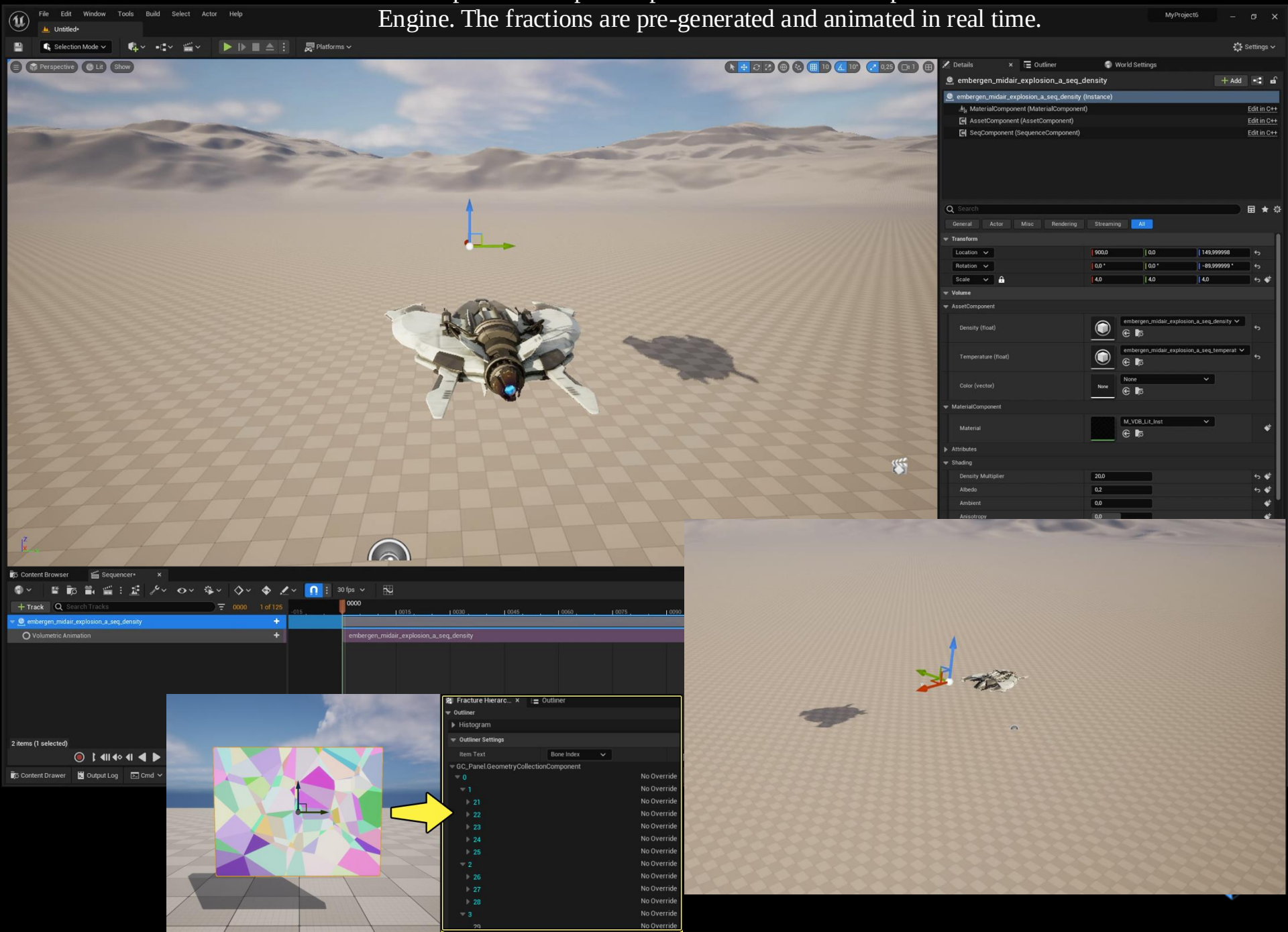
OpenVDB – by Ken Museth

Level sets: high-resolution 3D grid with a scalar per grid cell defining dynamic surfaces. Used for animations of water, fire, explosions… Mostly for film, but lately also for real-time rendering.



vdb_tool -read mesh_mask.obj -mesh2ls voxel=0.1 width=3 -for n=200,300,1 -read points_{$n:4:pad0}.vdb -vdb2points -points2ls voxel=0.035 radius=2.142 width=3 -dilate radius=2.5 space=5 time=1 -gauss iter=2 space=5 time=1 size=1 -erode radius=2.5 space=5 time=1 -ls2mesh vdb=0 mask=1 adapt=0.005 –write mesh_{$n:4:pad0}.abc -end

This explosion ia a precomputed vdb-animation imported into Unreal Engine. The fractions are pre-generated and animated in real time.



What's most important?

Texturing:

- Filtering:
  - Magnification – nearest neightbor, linear
  - Minification – nearest neighbor, linear, bilinear & trilinear-filtered mipmap lookup.
  - Mipmaps + their memory cost
  - How compute bilinear/trilinear filtering
  - Number of texel accesses for trilinear filtering
  - Anisotropic filtering – take several trilinear-filtered mipmap lookups along the line of anisotropy (e.g., up to 16 lookups)
- Environment mapping – cube maps. How compute lookup.
- Bump mapping
- 3D-textures – what is it?
- Sprites
- Billboards/Impostors, viewplane vs viewpoint oriented, axial billboards, how to handle depth buffer for fully transparent texels.
- Particle systems