

MATERIAL X

MaterialX: An Open
Standard for Network-
Based CG Object Looks

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Course:
Physically Based Shading in Theory and Practice

MaterialX Physically Based Shading Nodes

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Wednesday Aug 26, 2020
8:30am - 12:00pm



MaterialX Overview

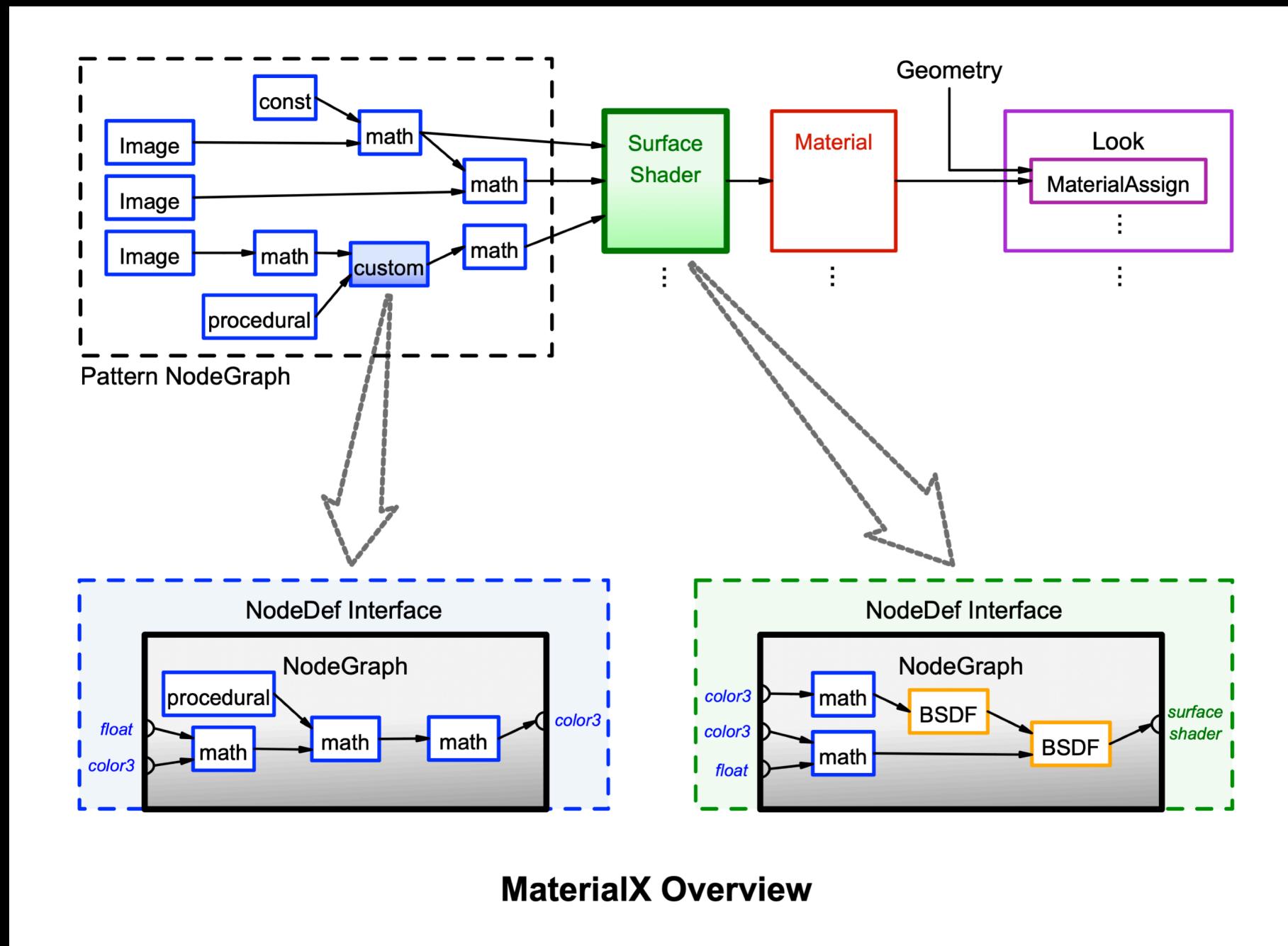
- . Schema and File Format used to describe "complete CG object looks":
 - . Shading network topology
 - . Complex materials with inheritance and multiple rendering targets
 - . Texture, Material and Visibility assignments
 - . Illumination and shadowing assignments for asset lights
 - . Look variants, geometric primitive properties, and much more
- . Specific defined behavior for "Standard Nodes":
 - . Texture reading
 - . Procedural pattern generation
 - . Image processing operations
 - . Shading operations (BSDFs and layering)



Features of MaterialX

- . Strong data typing
- . Fully color managed
- . Compatible with other open standards
 - . e.g. OSL, OpenColorIO, OpenEXR, Alembic, USD
- . **Extensible:**
 - . User-defined nodes and shaders
 - . User-defined data types
 - . Application-specific node parameters and attributes



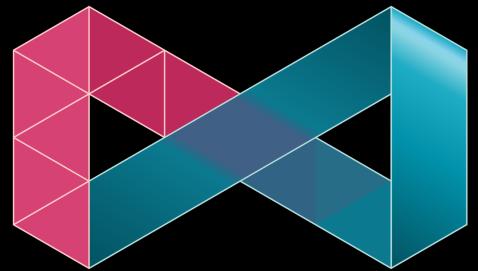




A screenshot of the MaterialX website is shown. The header features the MaterialX logo on the left and navigation links "Home", "Developer Guide", "Specification", "Help", and a blue "GITHUB" button on the right. The main title "Introduction to MaterialX" is centered below the header.

www.materialx.org





MATERIALX

MaterialX: The Year In Review

Developments Over the Past Year

- . Specification: Definition of Nodes and Elements
- . Shader Generation
- . Standalone Viewer: MaterialXView
- . Open-Source Library (C++ with Python Bindings)
- . Build Environment



Specification Updates: Units

```
<unittypedef name="distance"/>
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    <unit name="inch" scale="0.0254"/>
    <unit name="foot" scale="0.3048"/>
    <unit name="yard" scale="0.9144"/>
    <unit name="mile" scale="1609.34"/>
</unitdef>
```



Specification Updates: New/Updated Nodes

- . Multiple signatures for nodes allowed, to support different combinations of types
- . Some cases: impossible to resolve exactly which node signature to use
- . Affected nodes:
 - . invert —> invertmatrix
 - . new transformmatrix node
 - . transformpoint/transformvector/transformnormal now only between named spaces
 - . rotate —> rotate2d, rotate3d
 - . combine —> combine2, combine3, combine4
 - . separate —> separate2, separate3, separate4
- . compare —> ifgreater, ifgreatereq, ifequal



Shader Generation: Energy Compensation

. Before:



. After:



Shader Generation: MDL Backend

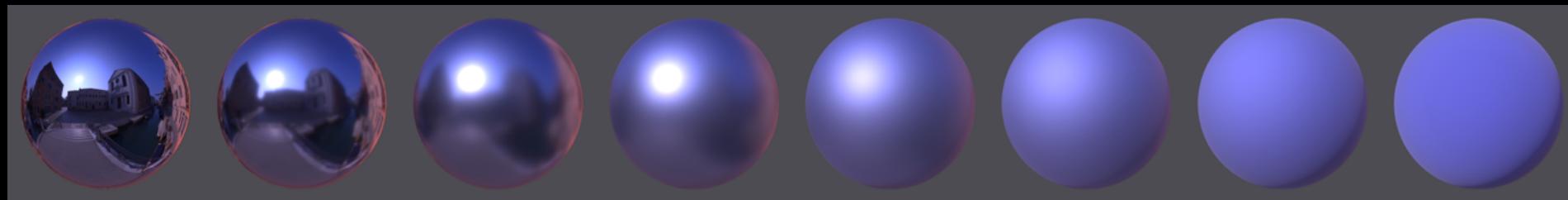


<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/gtc/on-demand/?search=s21469>



Viewer Updates: "Wedge" Rendering

- . Automatically vary-and-render a float shading parameter: "W" hotkey



Viewer Updates: Other Changes

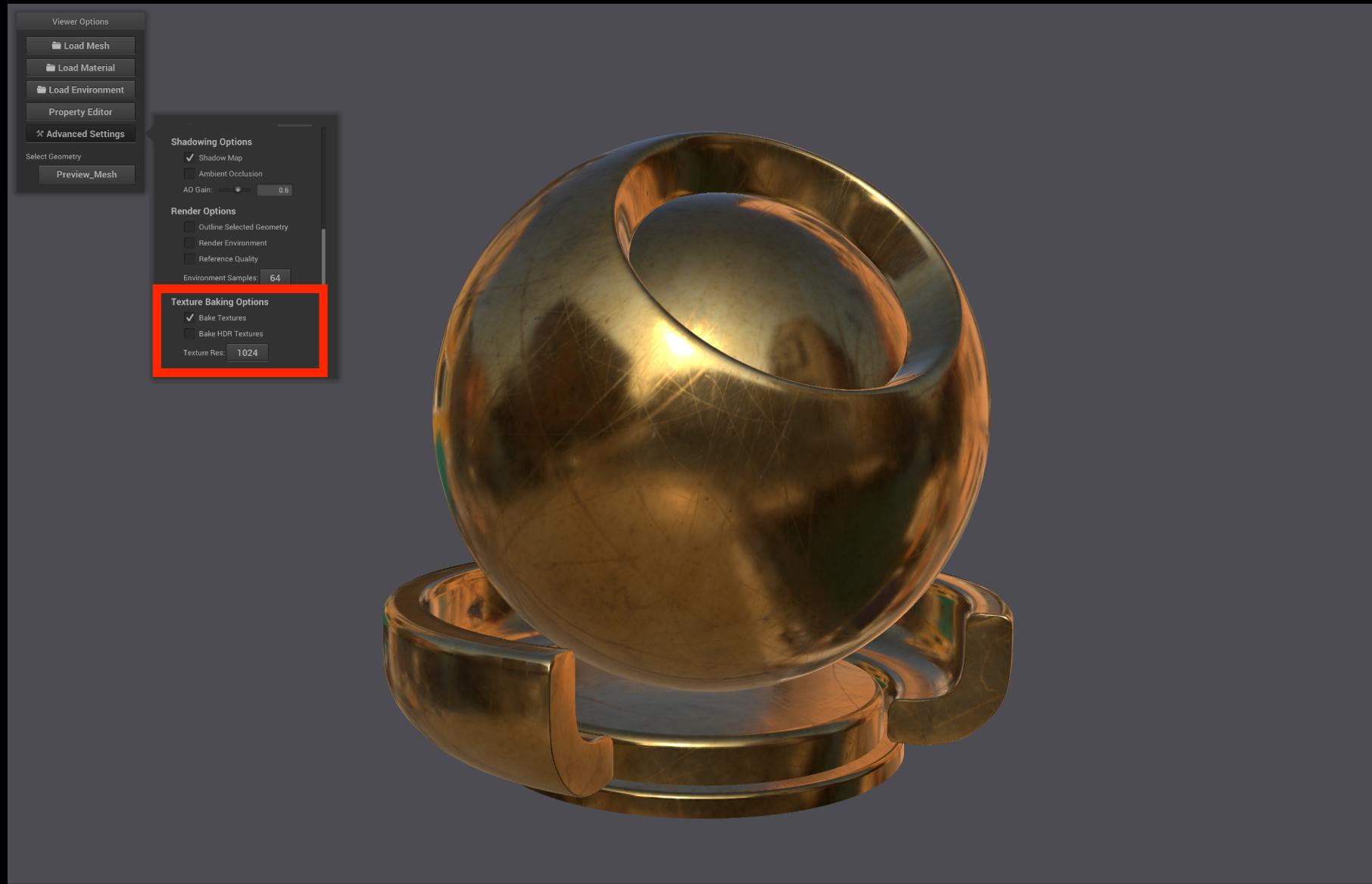
- . New Light Rotation Slider in Advanced Settings panel:
- . New Command line options:
 - . Mesh, light and camera transforms
 - . Screen dimensions and bg color
 - . Hotkeys for camera zoom



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Library Updates: Texture Baking



Library Updates

- . Support for Specification v1.37 and 1.37REV2:
 - . Lookgroups
 - . Child <output>s for Nodedef type declaration
 - . uisoftmin/uisoftmax/uistep attributes
 - . GeomAttr -> GeomProp
 - . Backdrop node -> backdrop element
 - . Utility methods to support backdrop elements
 - . Upgrade path for 1.36 documents to use new nodes in place of deprecated ones
- . New MaterialX::getDefaultSearchPath() method
- . Matrix types changed to use row vector convention
 - . In-memory representation now consistent with Imath, USD and other libraries



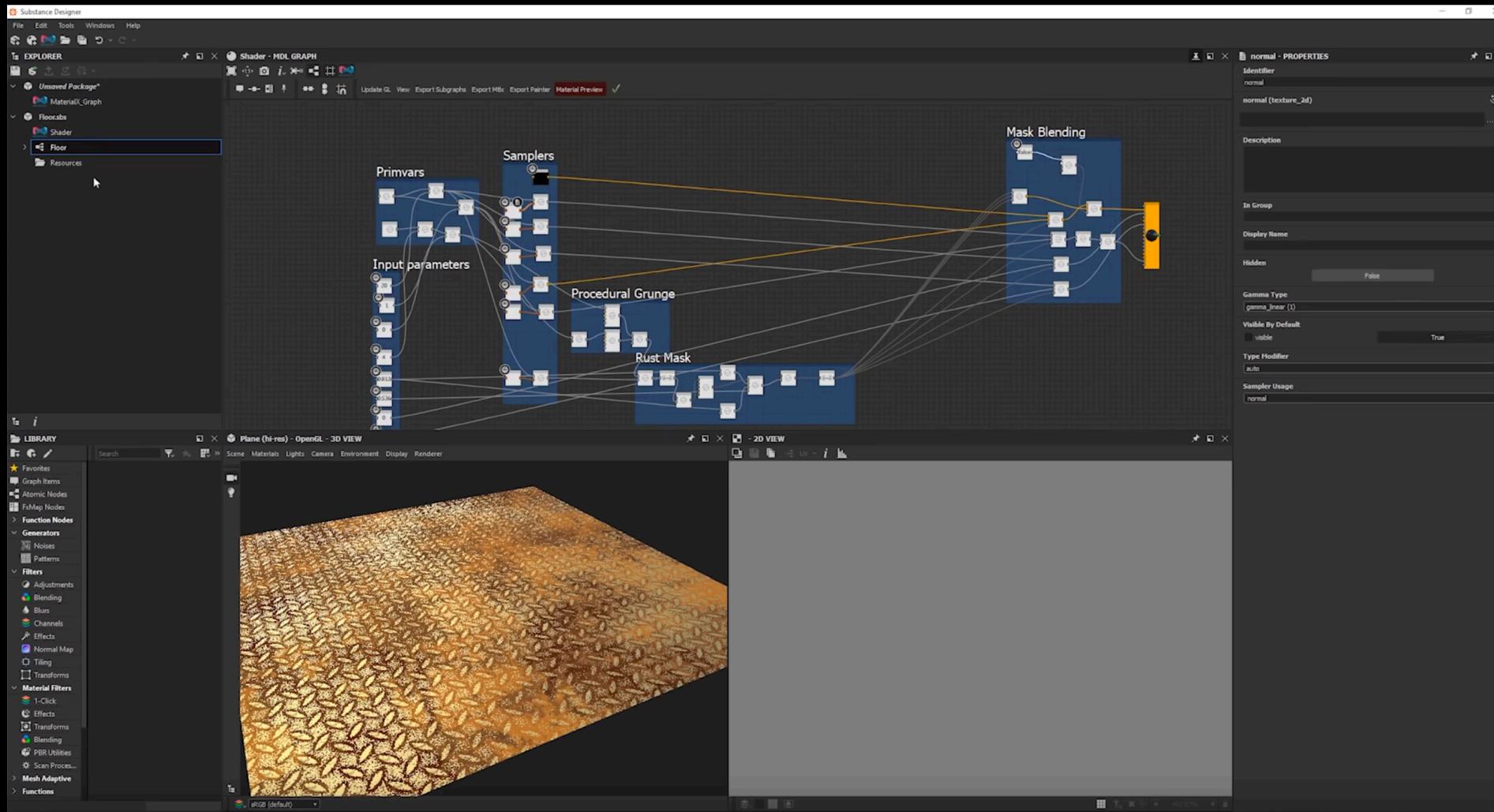
Build Environment

- . Now supported: Visual Studio 2019, Clang 9 and GCC 10
- . Future: Support for GitHub Actions
 - . Continuous integration, Cloud testing

GitHub



Third-Party Support: Substance Designer



<https://share.substance3d.com/libraries/6111>

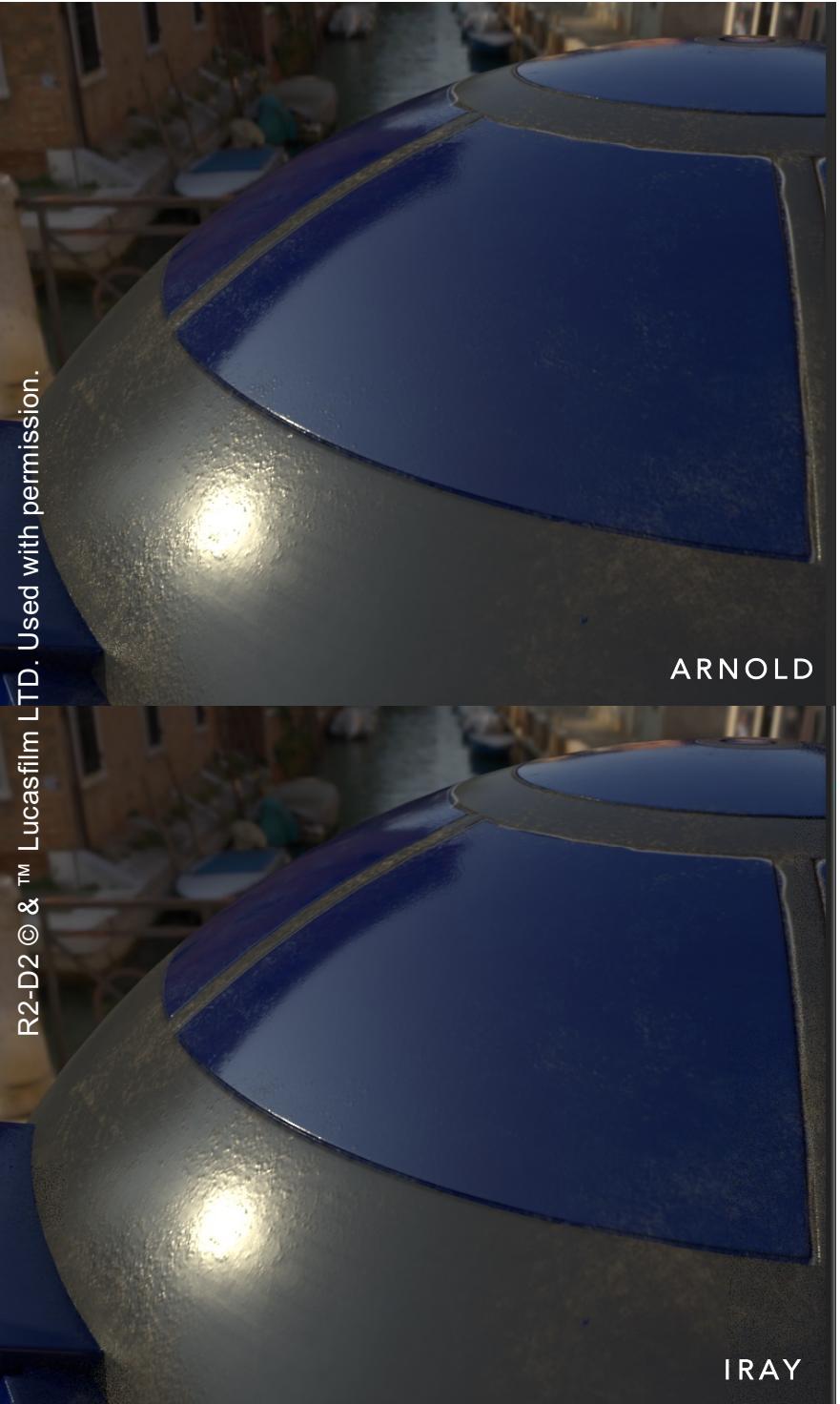


Current Developments

- . Support for Displacement Shaders in generated OSL
- . Improvements to document importing
- . Shader Generation for SPIR-V / SPIRV-Cross
 - . Enables generation of shaders for HLSL, Metal SL and WebGL
- . Javascript bindings for the MaterialX API



Thanks!



MaterialXGenMdl

The New MDL Backend for the MaterialX Shader Generation Framework



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MaterialX and ShaderGen



MaterialX Physically-Based Shading Nodes

Data types, nodes, and node graphs for layered physically-based shading

materialx.org/assets/MaterialX.v1.37REV2.PBRSpec.pdf

See also: Physically Based Shading in Theory and Practice, Wednesday, 26 August 2020, 8:30am - 12:00pm

blog.selfshadow.com/publications/s2020-shading-course

ShaderGen

Transforms the agnostic MaterialX descriptions into executable code for a specific renderer

[github.com/materialx/MaterialX/blob/master/documents/DeveloperGuide/ShaderGeneration.md](https://github.com/materialx/materialx/blob/master/documents/DeveloperGuide/ShaderGeneration.md)

MaterialX Physically-Based Shading Nodes

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Introduction

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Shader Generation

1.1 Scope

A shader generation framework is implemented as part of MaterialX. This can help applications to transform the agnostic MaterialX data description into executable shader code for a specific renderer. A library module named MaterialXGenShader contains the core shader generation features, and support for specific languages resides in separate libraries, e.g. [MaterialXGenGsl](#), [MaterialXGenOsl](#).

Note that this system has no runtime and the output produced is source code, not binary executable code. The source code produced needs to be compiled by a shading language compiler before being executed by the renderer. See Figure 1 for a high level overview of the system.

ShaderGen

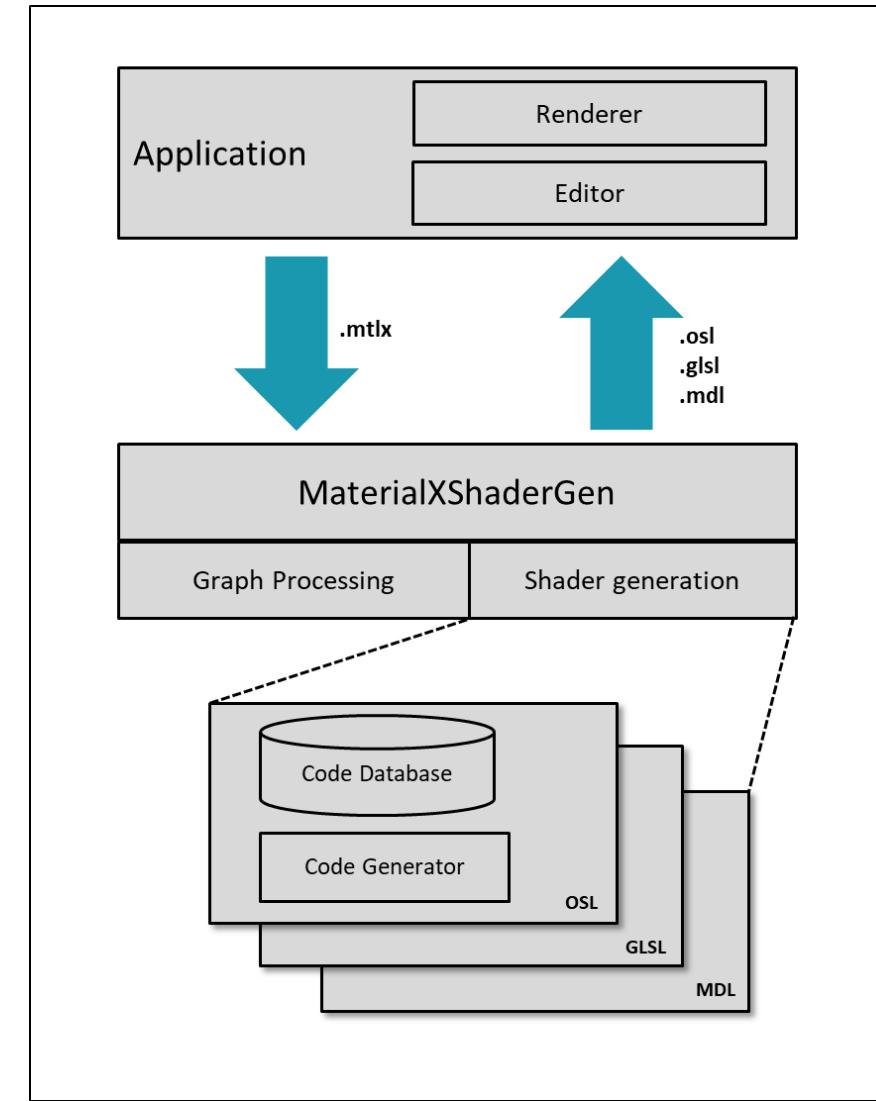
Shader Generation Framework

Generate source code for a target shading language

Extensible to many targets and languages

Supported languages:

- OSL
- GLSL
- WebGL/GLES (WIP)
- SPIR-V/SPIRV-CROSS (WIP)
 - HLSL, Metal SL
- NVIDIA MDL *NEW*





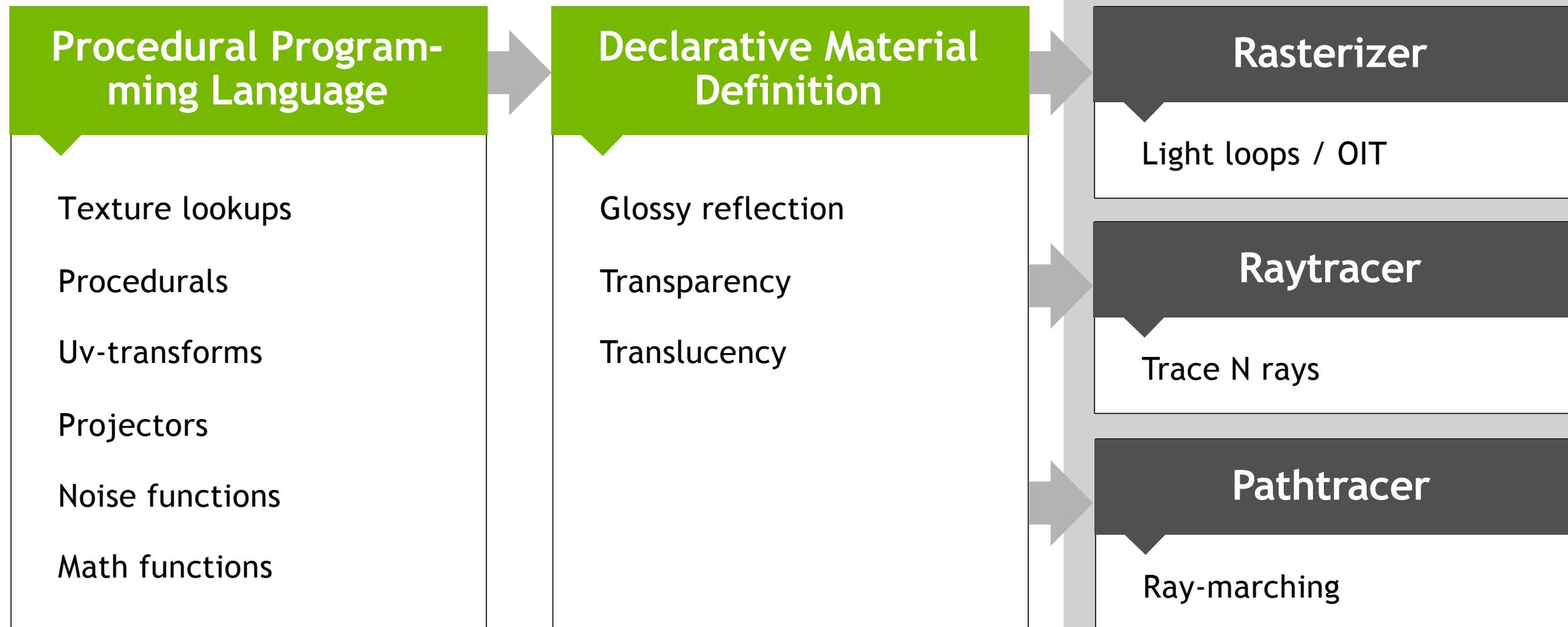
The **NVIDIA Material Definition Language (MDL)** is technology developed by NVIDIA to define **physically-based** materials for physically-based rendering solutions.

- Started in **2011**, now at **MDL 1.6**
- Strong specification for material exchange
- Rendering-algorithm agnostic
- Designed for high-performance on GPUs





nVIDIA. MDL



MDL SDK 2020

Features

MDL 1.6

DB for MDL definitions

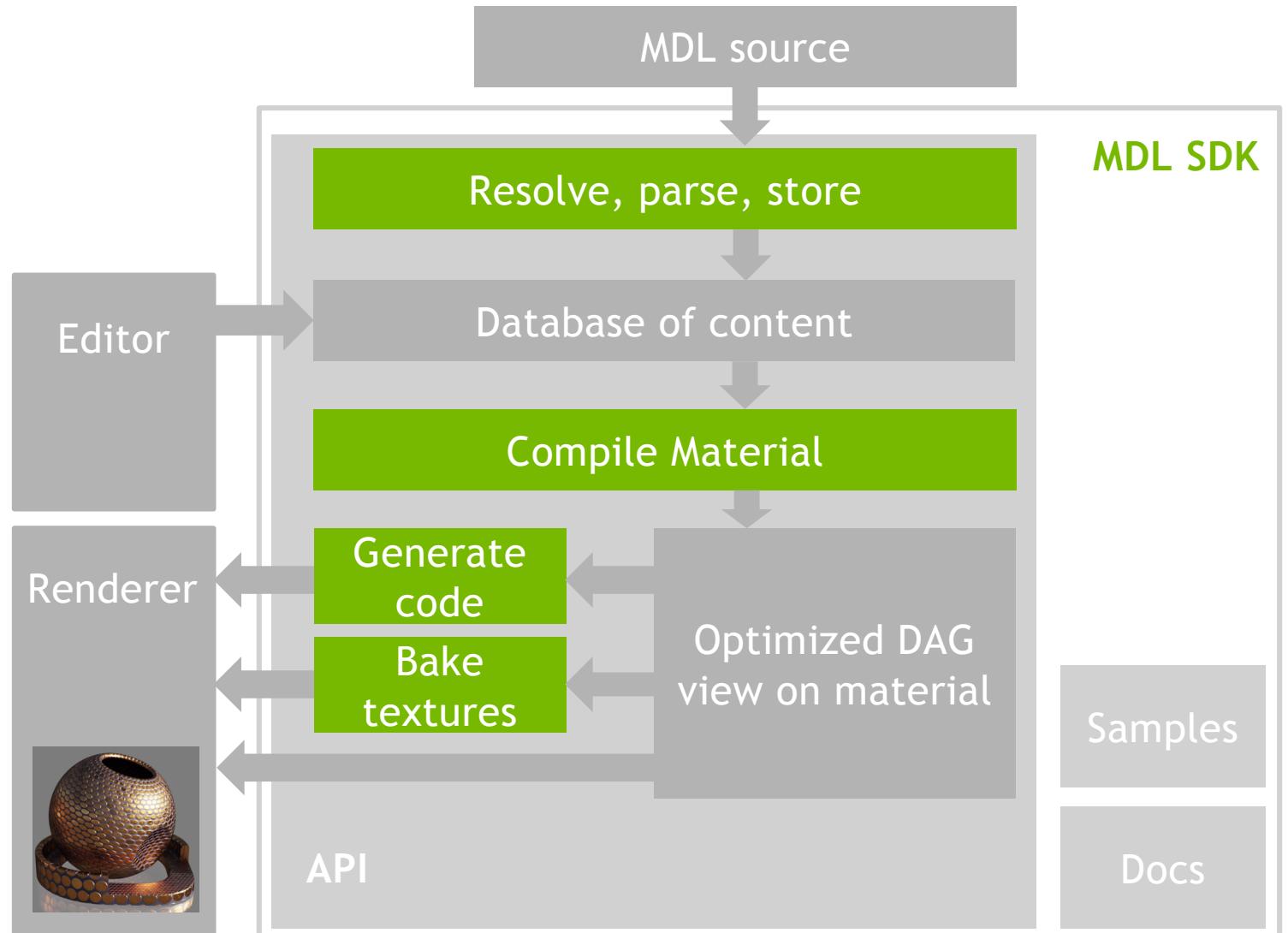
DAG view on materials
several compilation modes

MDL editing

Code generators
PTX, LLVM IR, x86, HLSL

Code examples

Documentation and tutorials



MDL SDK Open Source Release

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/MDL-SDK>

12 releases shipped since SIGGRAPH 2018

BSD 3-clause license

Full MDL SDK

Plus MDL Core API

Minus distilling, baking, GLSL back-end

Plus MDL Core Definitions and more



Feature image courtesy of Adobe, created by art director Vladimir Petkovic.

MaterialXGenMdl

New Library for MDL Code Generation



Open Source Release

<https://github.com/materialx/MaterialX>

This branch is 1266 commits ahead, 295 commits behind materialx:master.

File	Description	Age
documents	1.37REV2 : geompropvalue support (#768)	15 days ago
libraries	Fix of all implementation elements. Fix bugs found by running test su...	23 hours ago
python	MDL stdlib implementation updates (#772)	14 days ago
resources	Fix of all implementation elements. Fix bugs found by running test su...	23 hours ago
source	Fix of all implementation elements. Fix bugs found by running test su...	23 hours ago
.appveyor.yml	Sync for 1.37.2 (#741)	last month
.gitignore	Fixed bugs with mix nodes. Fixed errors in standard_surface usage. (#380)	11 months ago
.gitmodules	Merger MaterialXView to dev (#340)	12 months ago
.travis.yml	Sync for 1.37.2 (#741)	last month
CHANGELOG.md	Minor ILM master updates for 1.37 (#720)	2 months ago
CMakeLists.txt	Support for saving OSL and MDL from Viewer. (#764)	20 days ago
CONTRIBUTING.md	ILM 1.37 merge update (#717)	2 months ago
LICENSE.txt	Merge back from PR to dev (#374)	11 months ago
README.md	Merge ILM 1.37 branch (#711)	2 months ago

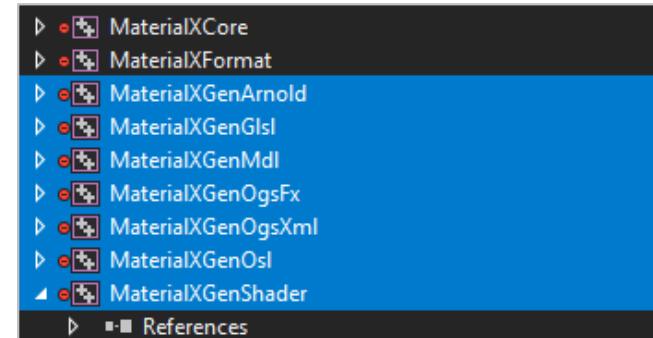


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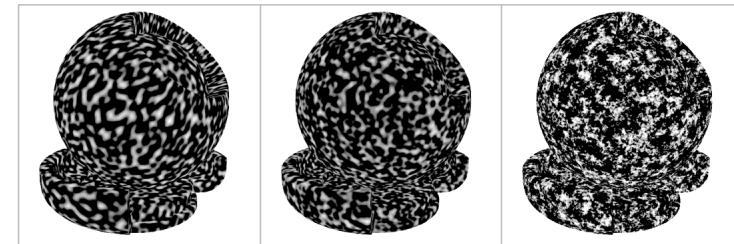
Class specializations to

- Define MDL language syntax
- Define MDL node implementations
- Define MDL shader generator



MDL modules impl. MaterialX's standard libraries

- [stdlib.mdl](#): standard library nodes, incl. Gabor noise
- [pbrlib.mdl](#): PBS nodes, wrapped as MDL materials



Details in [GTC On Demand Talk S21469](#):

Material Interoperability Using MaterialX, Standard Surface, and MDL

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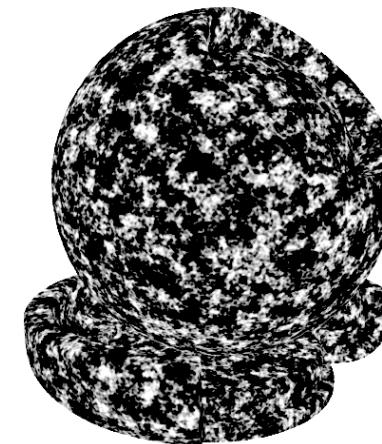
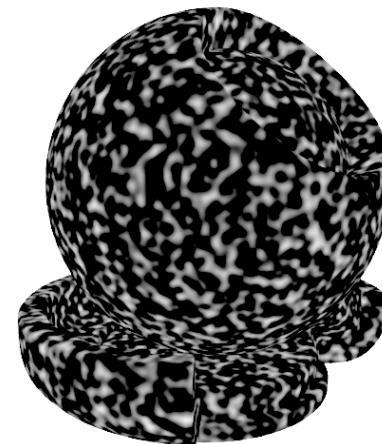
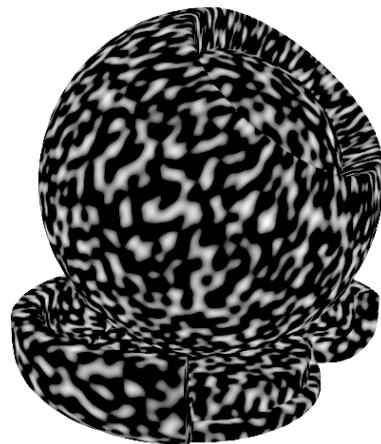
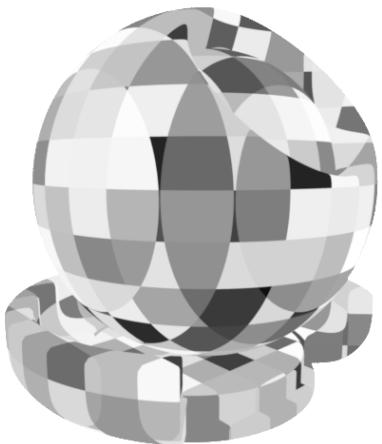




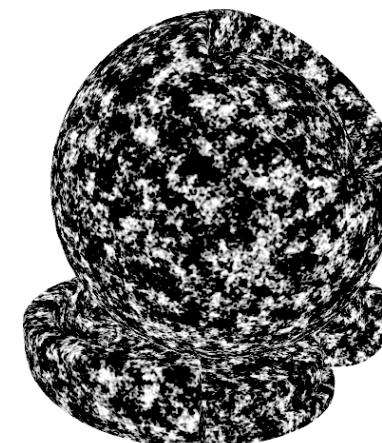
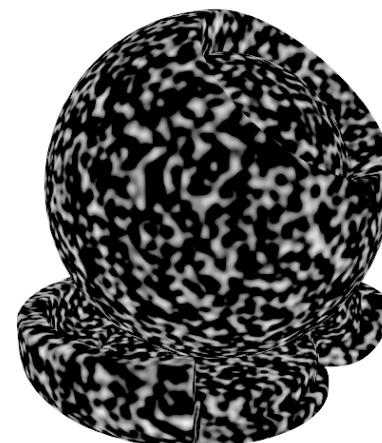
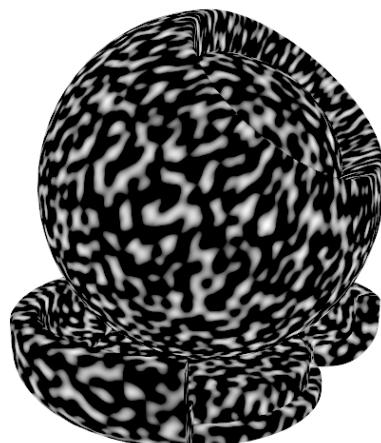
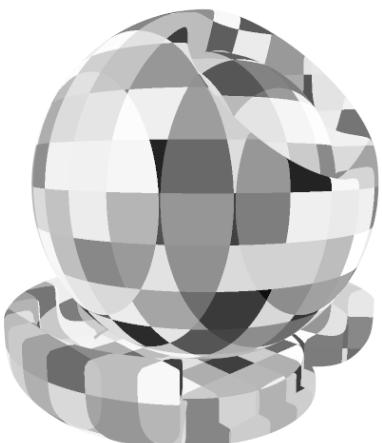
Noise Nodes

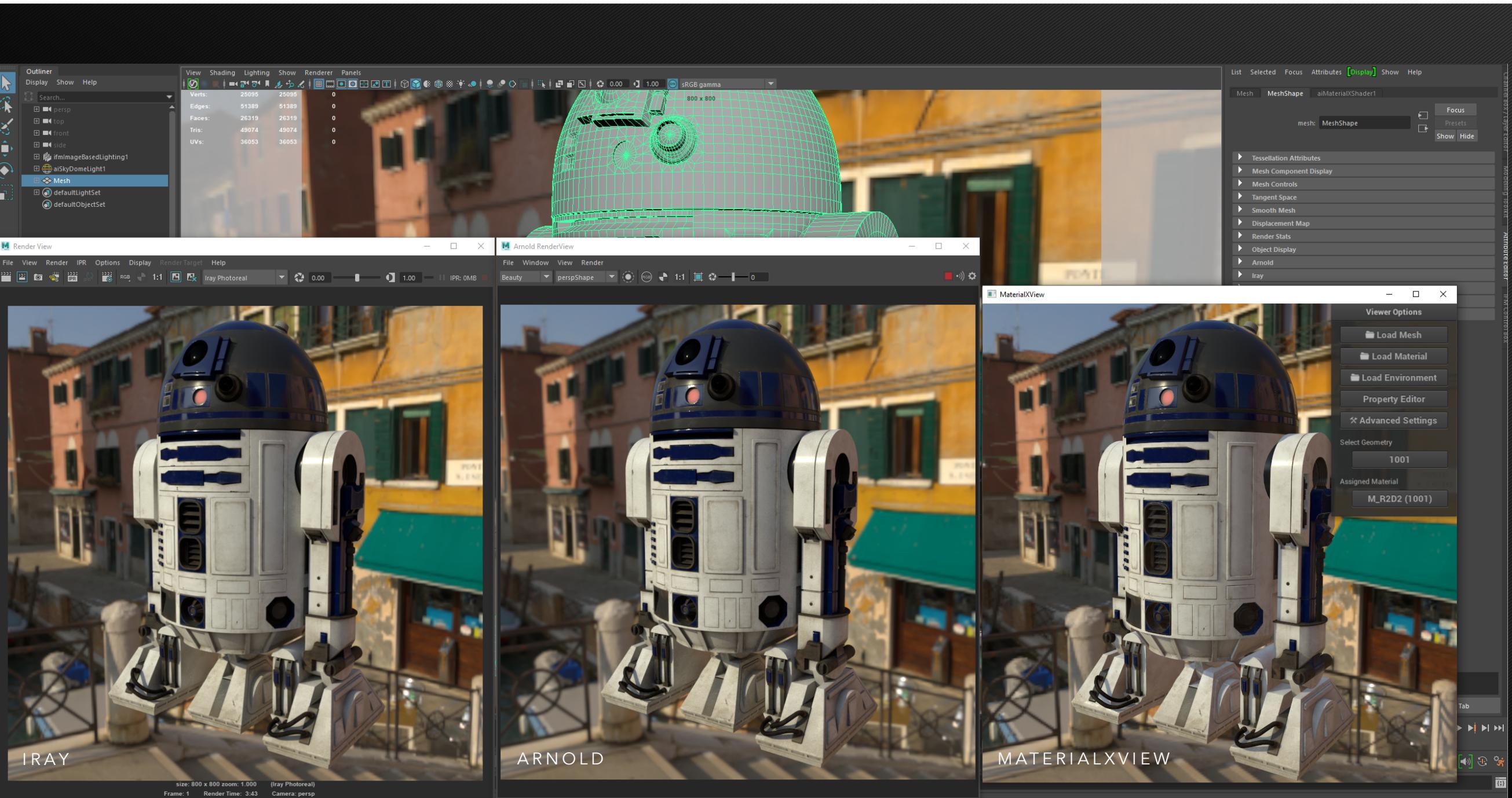


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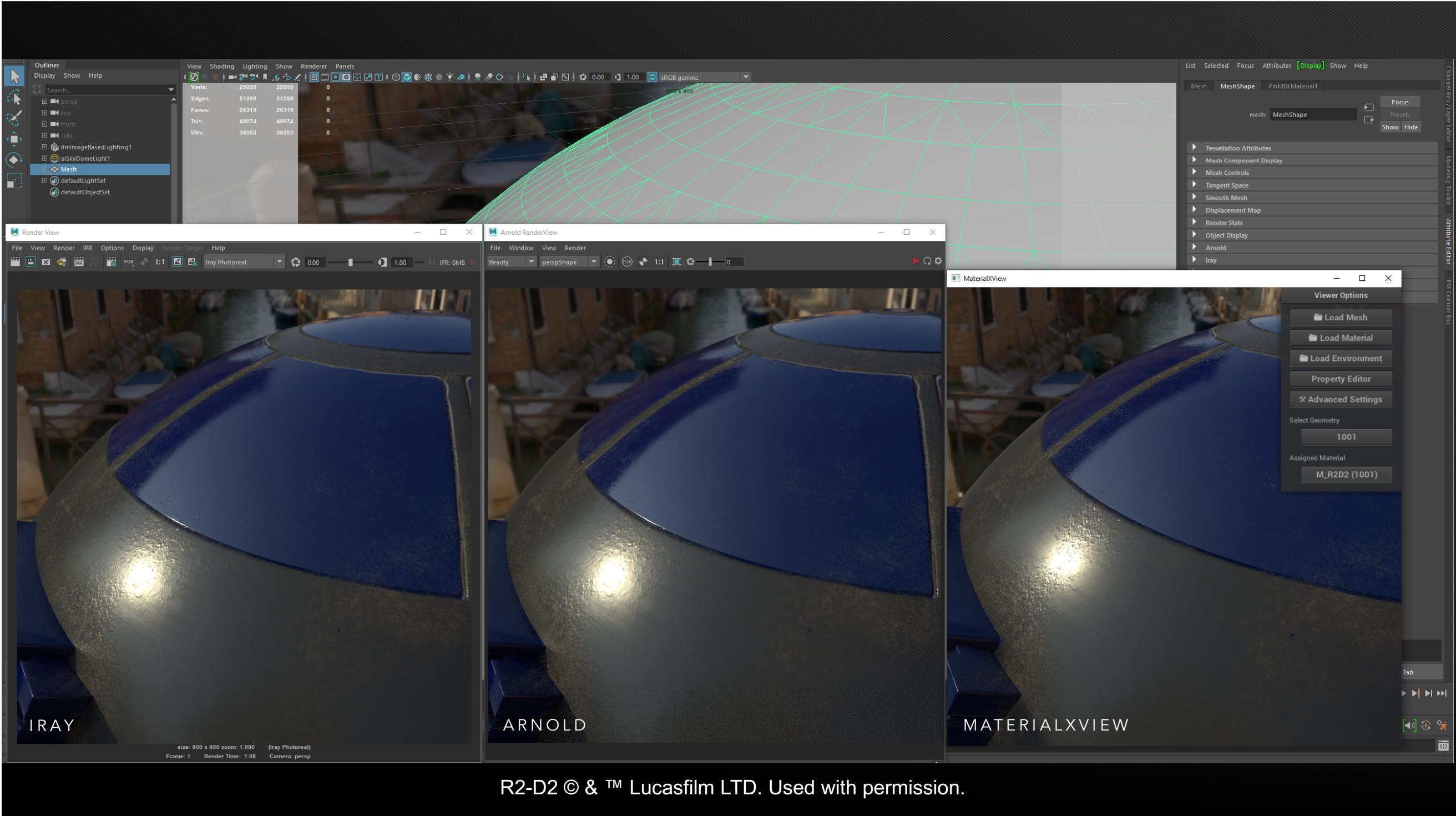


GLSL in MaterialXView





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Limitations and Future Work

Limited support

- blur
- heighttonormal

Not yet implemented

- displacement
- subsurface_bsdf
- backfacing

Unsupported

- viewdirection
- fresnel
- volume_edf
- add(bsdf/edf/vdf)
- sheen_brdf

Improvements with MDL 1.7

- through code transforms of common patterns to MDL BRDF nodes
- used for under-clearcoat emission → **directional_factor** for EDF
- (partial) **volume emission intensity**, but no EDF
- **non-clamped mixer**, **varying weights for EDF mixer**
- **non-diffuse base**

Our Contributions

MDL Backend for MaterialX

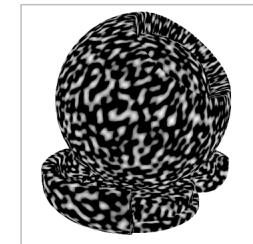
MaterialXGenMdl

Open Source in
MaterialX repo on



Reference Implementations

Standard
Library



PBS
Nodes



Material Interoperability

MaterialX & Autodesk
Standard Surface



MDL eco-system



NVIDIA Omniverse™
RTX Renderer



NVIDIA
Iray®

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Fini

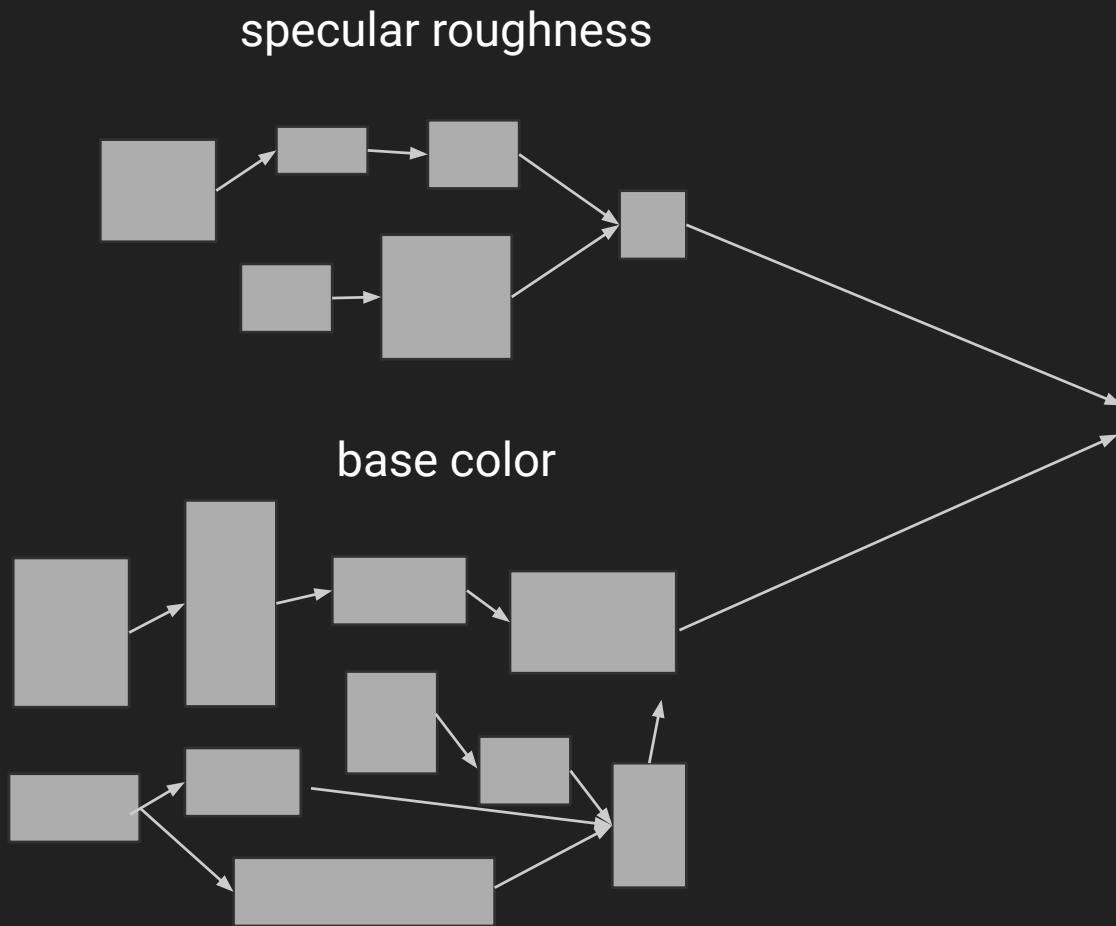


Making the Complex Simple with MaterialX Texture Baking

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Rendering Engineer Intern

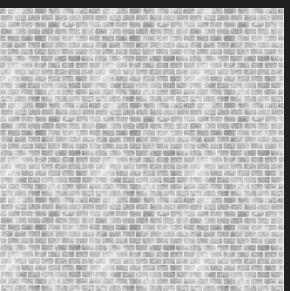


A Complex Material.....

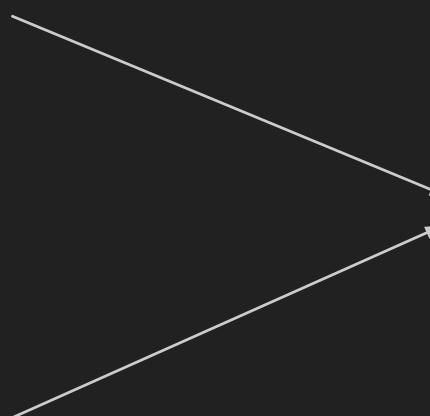
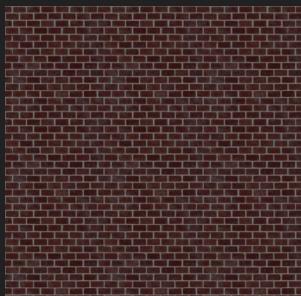


.....Made Simple

specular roughness



base color



TextureBaker class

- Accessed through MaterialXView window
- Multiple UDIM support when baking textures
- Python bindings for command-line use
 - Refer to MaterialX/python/Scripts/baketextures.py in the Github



Texture Baker Implementation Details

- Traces and rewires nodegraphs back to the output ports
- Points ShaderGenerator to the output ports to generate GLSL code
- Uses MaterialX GslRenderer class to render to texture space



Reference BB8



4k image textures for comparison

Texture Baked BB8

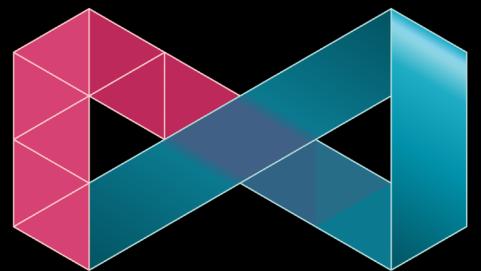


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Future for MaterialX Texture Baking

- Extend to OSL
- Data for potential inverse rendering projects
- Translation between shading models
 - Come to the upcoming Physically Based Shading course tomorrow for more details!
- Integrate into game engines
 - Translation from film quality assets in game
 - More seamless content pipeline
- Providing access to MaterialX content in tools without full support for graphs





MATERIALX

A Preview of MaterialX v1.38

Material Nodes

Previously:

- . Materials use special <material> elements, with <shaderref>s and <bindinput>s

```
<material name="gold">
  <shaderref name="SR_gold" node="standard_surface">
    <bindinput name="base" type="float" value="1"/>
    <bindinput name="base_color" type="color3" value="0.944, 0.776, 0.373"/>
    <bindinput name="specular" type="float" value="1"/>
    <bindinput name="specular_color" type="color3" value="0.998, 0.981, 0.751"/>
  </shaderref>
</material>
```



Material Nodes

v1.38:

- . Materials are just regular nodes with regular inputs connecting to shader nodes

```
<nodedef name="ND_surfacemtl" node="surfacematerial"
  <input name="surfaceshader" type="surfaceshader" value=""/>
  <input name="displacementshader" type="displacementshader" value=""/>
  <output name="out" type="material"/>
</nodedef>

<surfacematerial name="gold">
  <input name="surfaceshader" type="surfaceshader" nodename="goldsrf"/>
  <input name="displacementshader" type="displacementshader" nodename="dsp"/>
</surfacematerial>
```



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</surfacematerial>
```



Material Nodes

Advantages:

- . Use standard API to connect nodes and inputs and "walk the nodegraph"
- . No special `getShaderRefs()`, `getPrimaryShaderXX()` or `getBindParams()` / `getBindInputs()` functions required!



Material Nodes

Advantages:

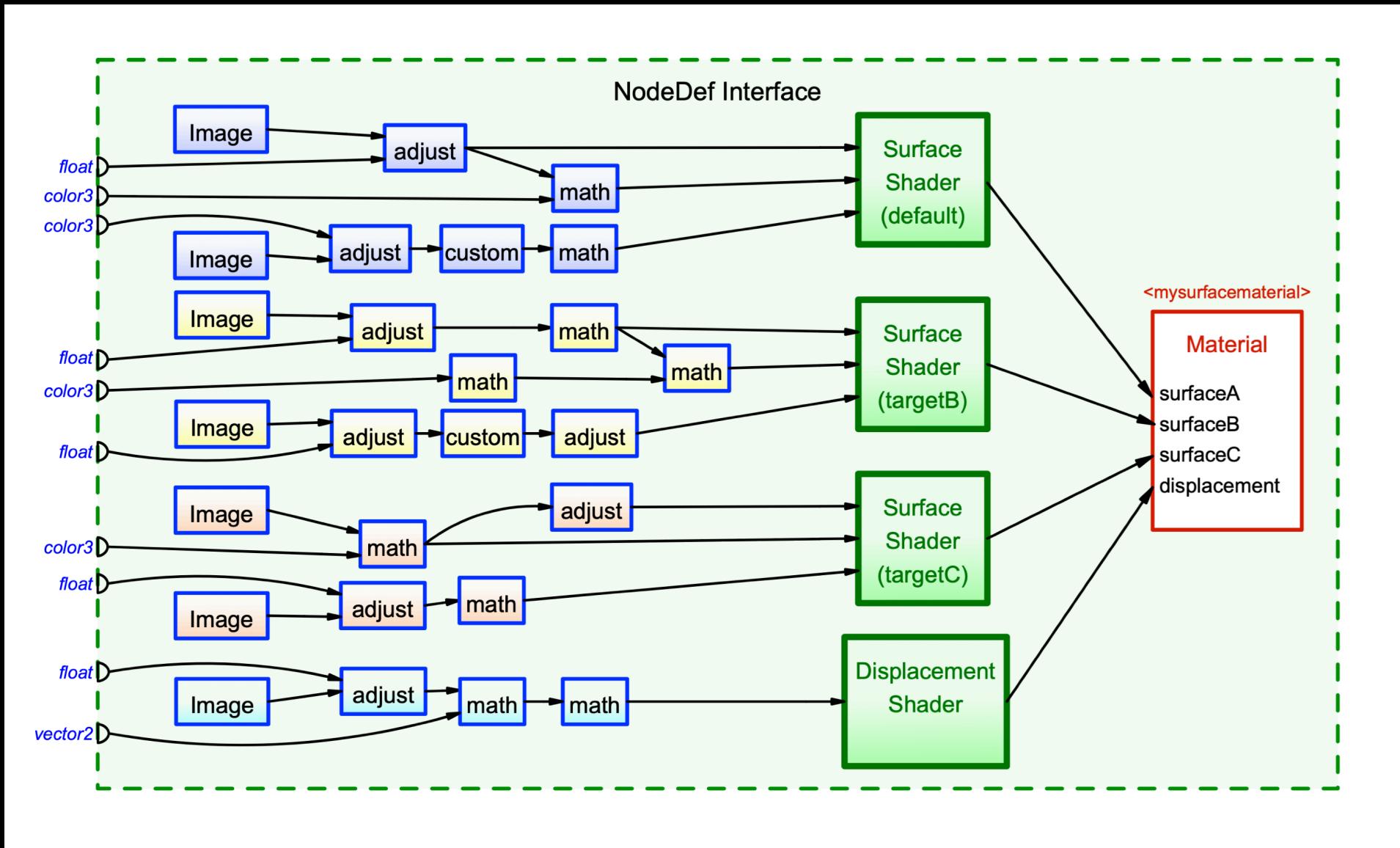
- . Use standard API to connect nodes and inputs and "walk the nodegraph"
- . Can define arbitrary "material"-output nodes

```
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  <input name="surfaceshader" type="surfaceshader" value=""/>
  <input name="rmansurfaceshader" type="surfaceshader" value="" target="rman"/>
  <input name="prevIEWSURFACESHADER" type="surfaceshader" value="" target="glsl"/>
  <input name="displacementshader" type="displacementshader" value=""/>
  <output name="out" type="material"/>
</nodedef>

<mysurfacematerial name="gold">
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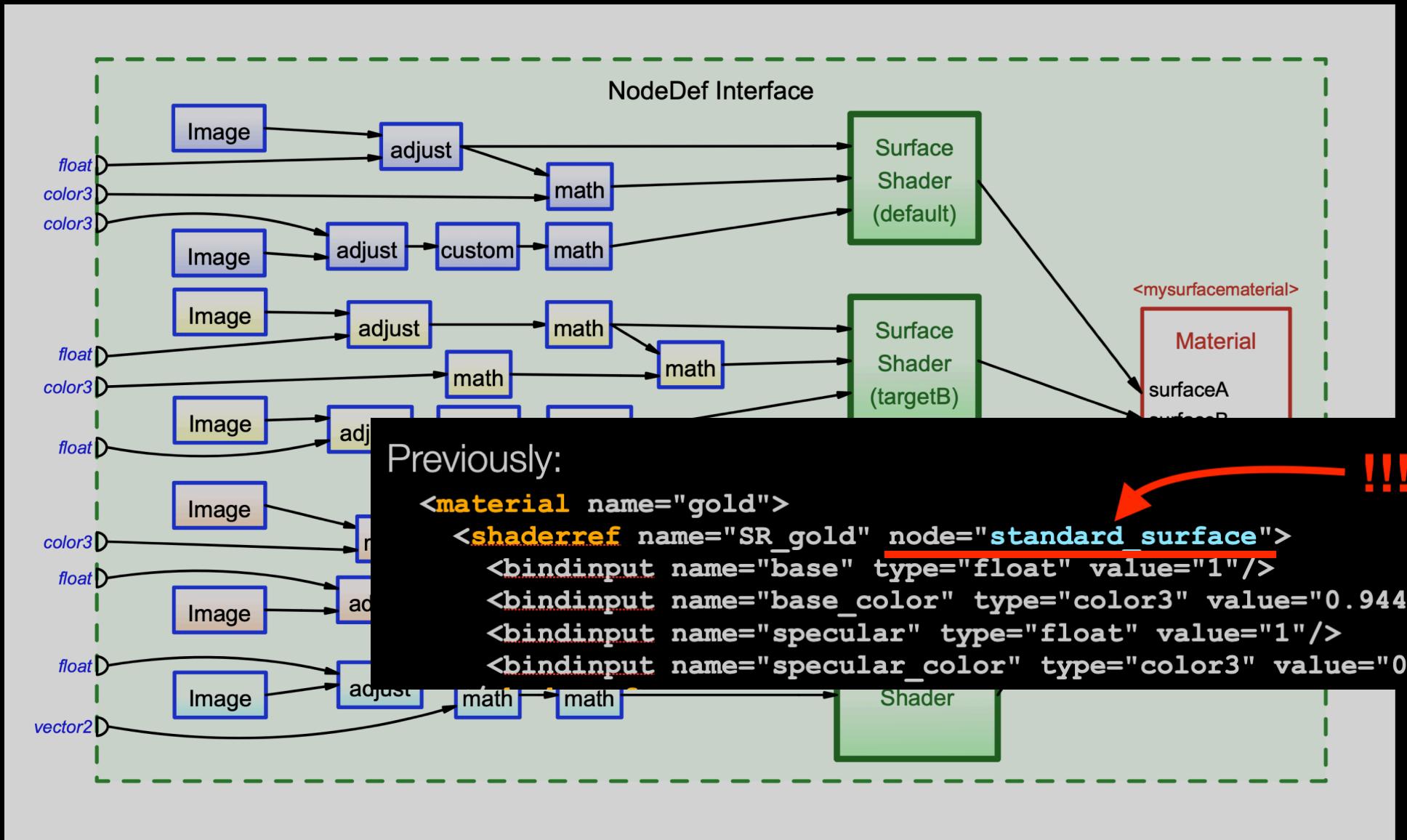
Material Nodes



All-in-one "Super Material": one thing, can be instanced and given values directly and used in a Look



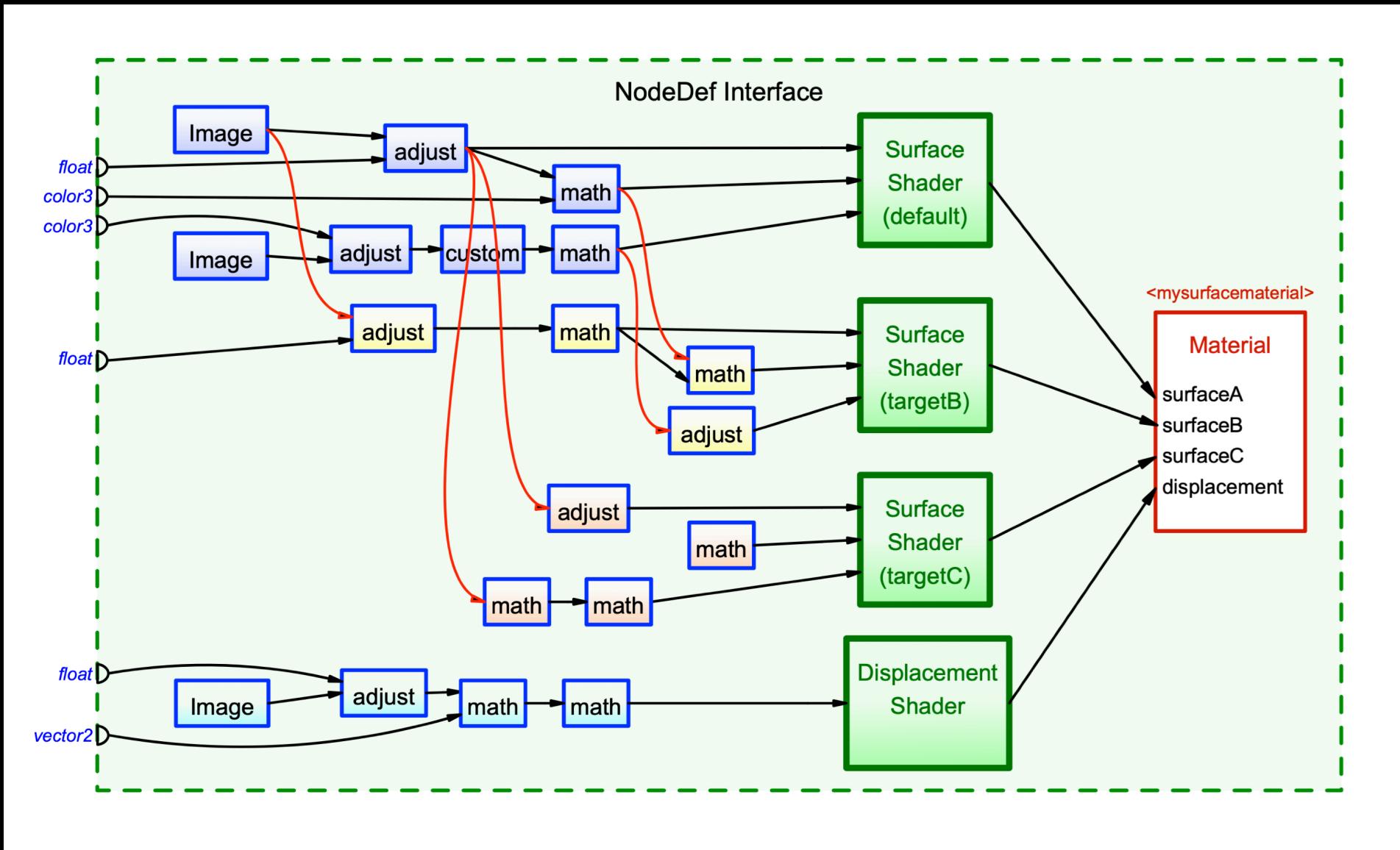
Material Nodes



Unlike the previous shaderref method, instances don't need to know internal shader node names



Material Nodes



Use nodes to convert shared inputs for different shader parameterizations

Formalized Target Definition

```
<input name="prevIEWSURFACE_SHADER" type="surfaceShader"  
      value="" target="glsl"/>
```

1.38:

```
<targetdef name="glsl"/>  
<targetdef name="oslpattern"/>  
<targetdef name="osl" inherit="oslpattern"/>
```

- . Inheritance allows separation of OSL closures and patterns



Physically Based Shader Layering

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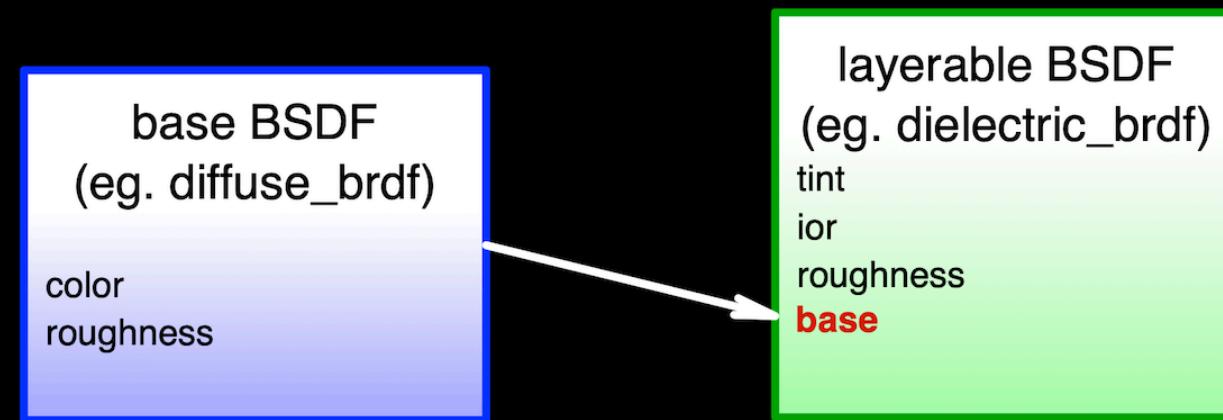
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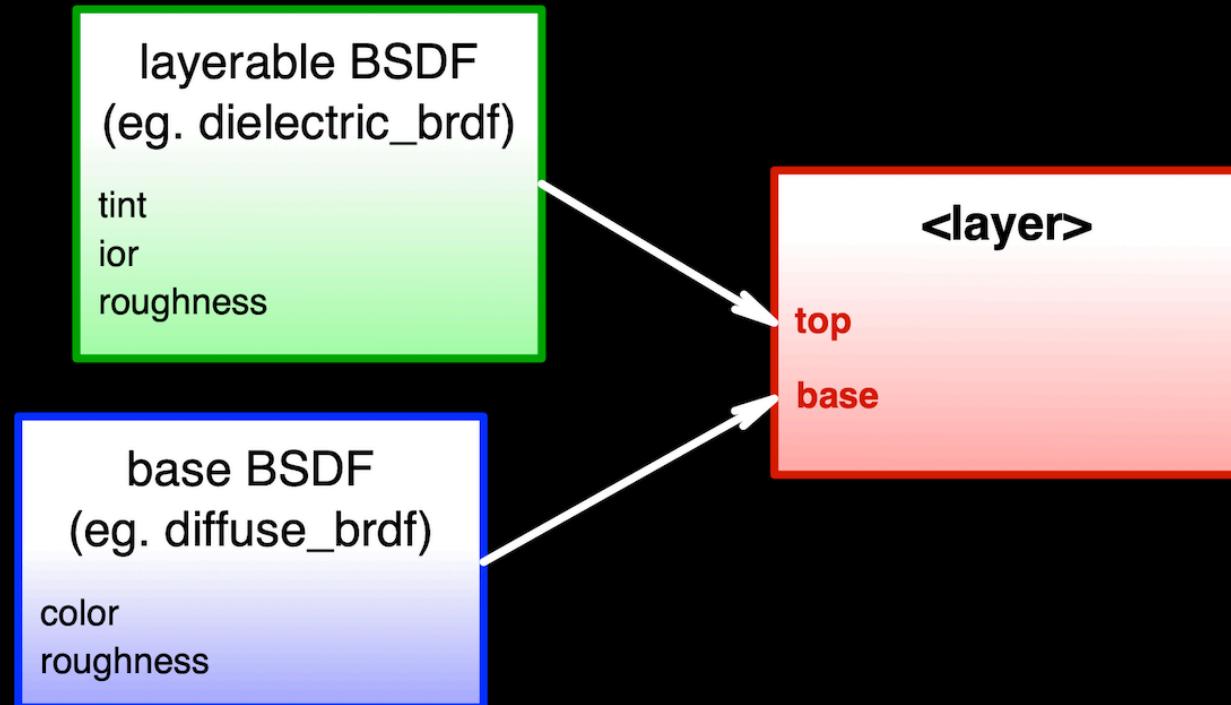
Physically Based Shader Layering

- . Original setup: "base" input for vertically-layered "top" layer nodes



Physically Based Shader Layering

- . v1.38 setup: new <layer> node with "base" and "top" inputs



Node Parameters Are Now Inputs

- . Before: many float/color/vector node arguments were unconnectable <parameter>s
- . v1.38: Almost all float/color/vector node arguments are now <input>s

Moreover...

- . Having separate parameters and inputs is annoying, leads to code duplication



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- . Having separate parameters and inputs is annoying, leads to code duplication
- . v1.38: The <parameter> element itself is now removed
 - . Replaced by <input> with a new **uniform** attribute in the nodedef:

```
<nodedef name="ND_image_float" node="image">
  <input name="file" type="filename" uniform="true"/>
  ...

```



Color2 Type

- . Gray scale + mask
- . No one uses this type, burden to support





New Nodes

<updirection> world-space "up vector"

<round> round to nearest integer

<safepower> "power" functions that work with negative values

<curvelookup> bridge to supporting "ramp" type inputs



New Nodes

<updirection>

<round>

<safepower>

<curvelookup>

<atan2>

inputs now called "iny" and "inx"

<switch>

can now take 10 inputs

<normalmap>

"scale" input can be float or vector2



Organizational Elements and Attributes

```
<nodedef name="ND_multinoise" node="multinoise">
  <uifolder name="ui_noise" uifolder="Noise" doc="Noise Controls">
    <uifolder name="ui_noiselg" uifolder="Noise/Large" doc="Large Scale Noise">
      ...
    ...
  ...
</nodedef>
```

- . All nodes may now specify width and height attributes
- . <backdrop> : new minimized attribute
- . Standalone <nodegraph> can now have <input>s



Other Changes

- . New **sourcecode** attribute for <implementation>
- . **language** <implementation> attribute removed, new **format** attribute added
- . Custom attributes can now be exported as metadata in generated shaders
- . Additional misc changes

The screenshot shows a dark-themed website for the MaterialX Specification. At the top, it says "MaterialX Specification". Below that, it says "Current Spec: v1.38 DRAFT1". There is a blue button labeled "DOWNLOAD THE SPECIFICATION". Underneath the download button, it says "(Aug 25, 2020)". Below that, there is a list of links:

- [MaterialX Physically Based Shading Nodes](#)
- [MaterialX Supplemental Notes](#)
- [Changes since v1.37REV2](#)

A red arrow points to the third link in the list.



The 1.38 Library

- Still in progress, no firm release date
- Development in separate 1.38 branch
- Possible minor changes to Specification

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v1.38 ▾ 2 branches 12 tags

This branch is 4 commits behind master.

jstone-lucasfilm Static analysis fixes ... c5487e6 9 days

cmake/modules ADSK dev to ILM master merge (#251)

documents Standard library path improvements

libraries Merge of library API + OSL displacement (#439)

python Texture baking optimizations (#460)

resources Improvements to environment background rendering

source Static analysis fixes

appveyor.yml Enable parallel builds in Appveyor



Feedback and Contribution

- Join the Discussion Forum through materialx.org and tell us what you'd like to see added
- Outside developers – we'd love your help!

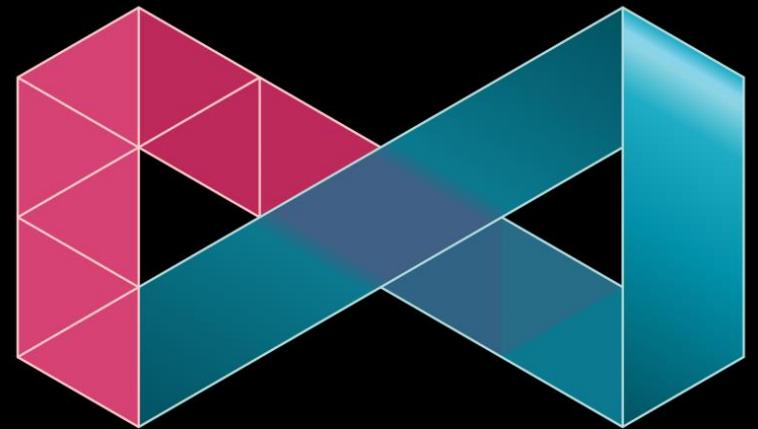


MATERIALX

- Specification
 - MaterialX Spec PDF (v1.38)
 - Physically-Based Shading Nodes
 - Supplemental Notes PDF
 - Specification Revision History
- Rendering and Tools
 - ShaderGen
 - MaterialX Viewer
- Support
 - Example MaterialX Files
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Thanks!



MATERIALX



MaterialX in USD/Hydra

Eliot Smyrl
Pixar Animation Studios

Existing MaterialX support in USD

- MaterialX graphs can be expressed in UsdShade schema
- UsdMtlx file format plugin can reference mtlx files directly from USD; internally translated to UsdShade
- USD is thus completely usable as interchange medium for MaterialX

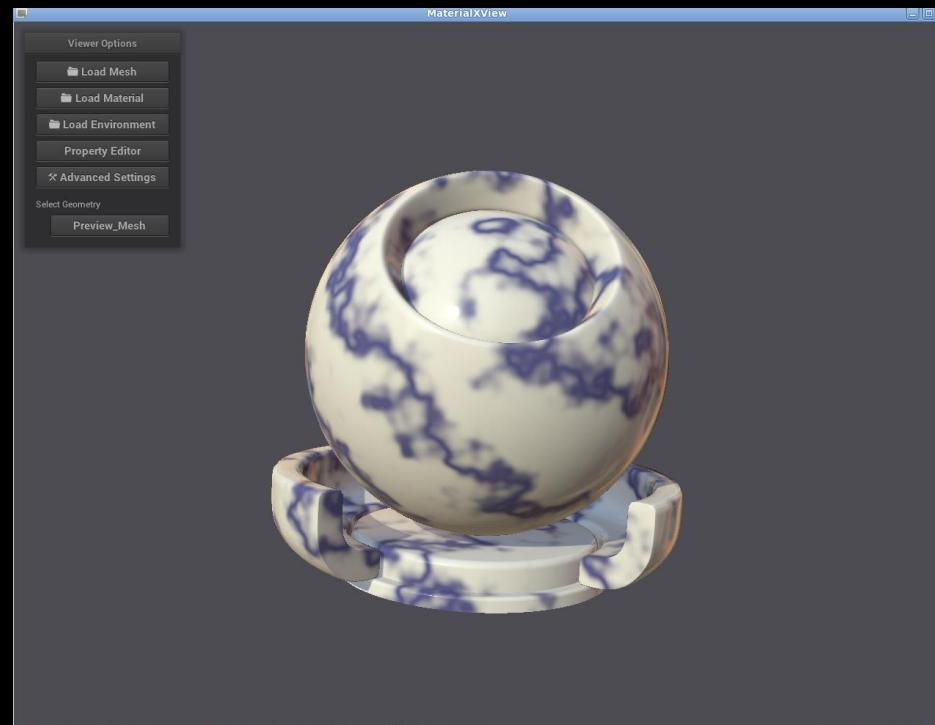
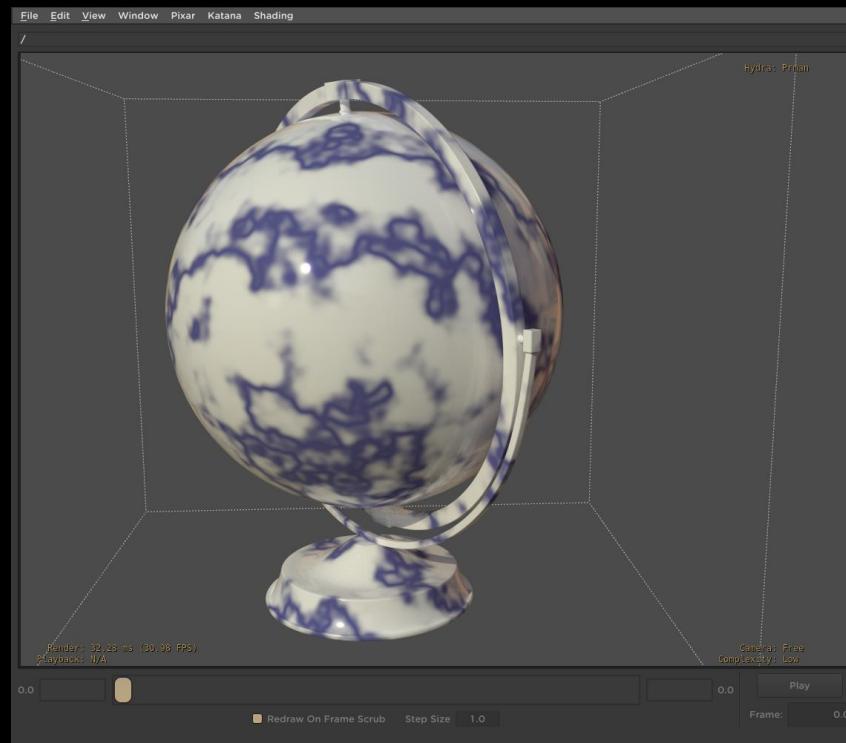
New project: MaterialX in USD/Hydra

- Funding support provided by Epic MegaGrants
- Hydra: imaging framework shipping with USD distribution
- Multiple frontends (consuming scene data), multiple backends (driving renderers)
- Backends – hdStorm (GL renderer), hdEmbree, hdPrman, ...



New project: MaterialX in USD/Hydra

- First phase: render in hdPrman backend using MaterialX shading



hdPrman MaterialX implementation

- Traverse incoming USD shading graph
- Recognize MaterialX shading networks
- Use MaterialXGenShader to generate one OSL node for each pattern network
- But prman/RIS only supports C++ for terminal nodes, so:
- Recognize specific MaterialX terminals (`UsdPreviewSurface`, `StandardSurface`) and replace them with `PxrSurface-plus-adapter`

Features

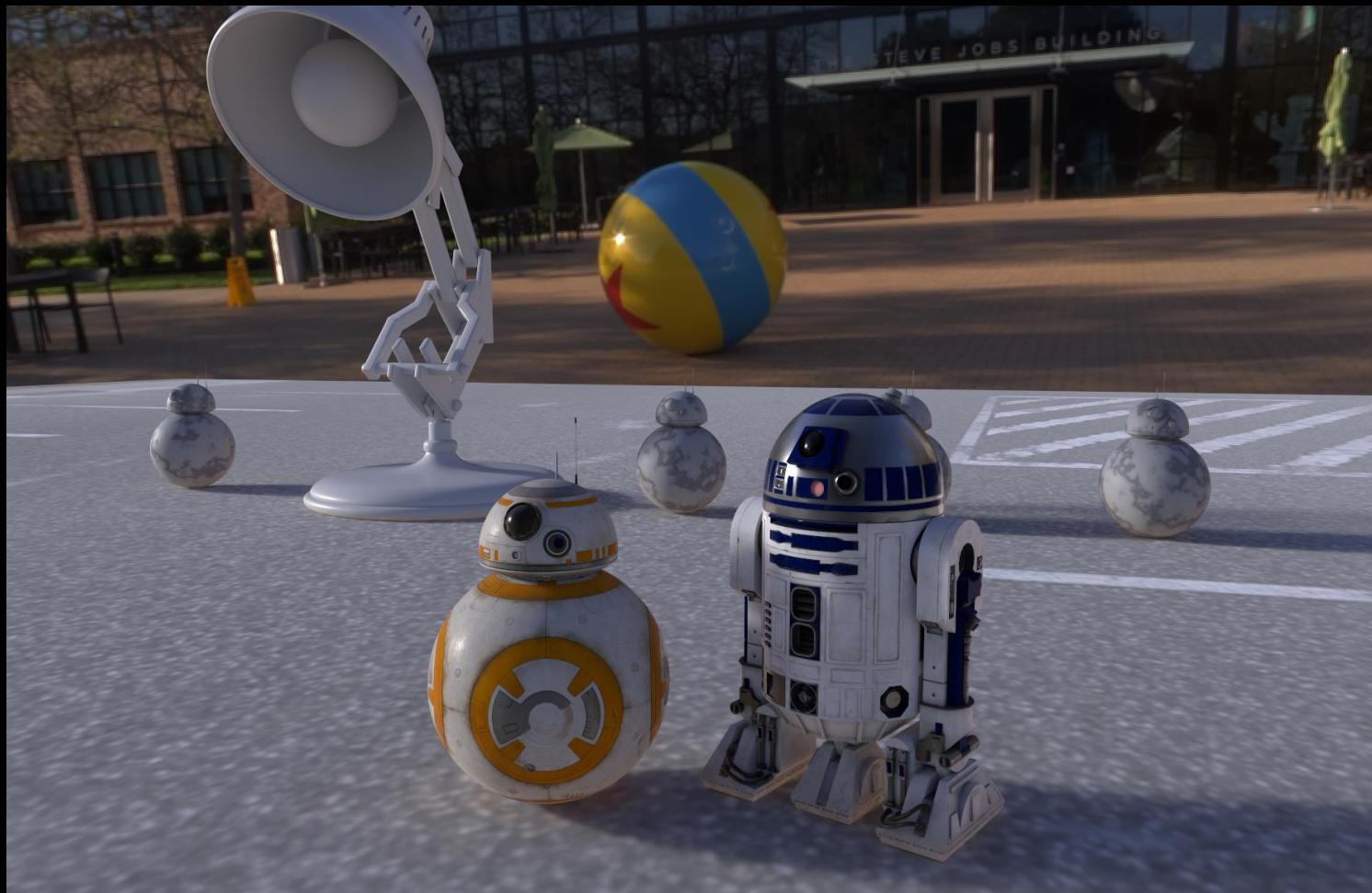
- Supports arbitrary pattern graphs
- Graphs can be authored as either USD or mtlx files

Limitations

- Each terminal must be handled as a special case
- Does not support graphs of PBS lobe nodes to build up custom BXDFs

Future Work

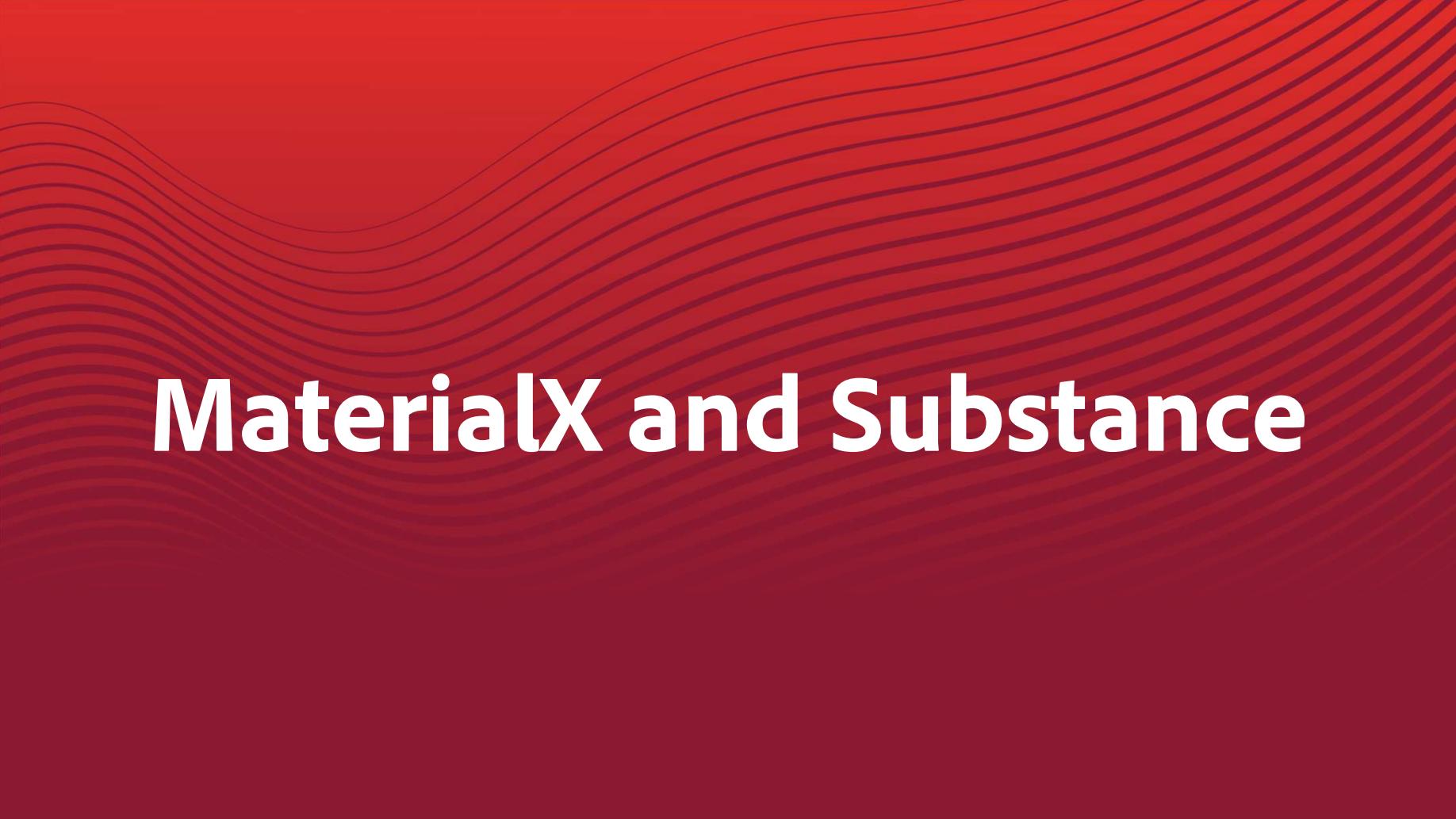
- Handle custom nodedefs, displacement, volumes
- MaterialX support in hdStorm (GL renderer)
- Pattern baking into UV or ptex textures from OSL generated code



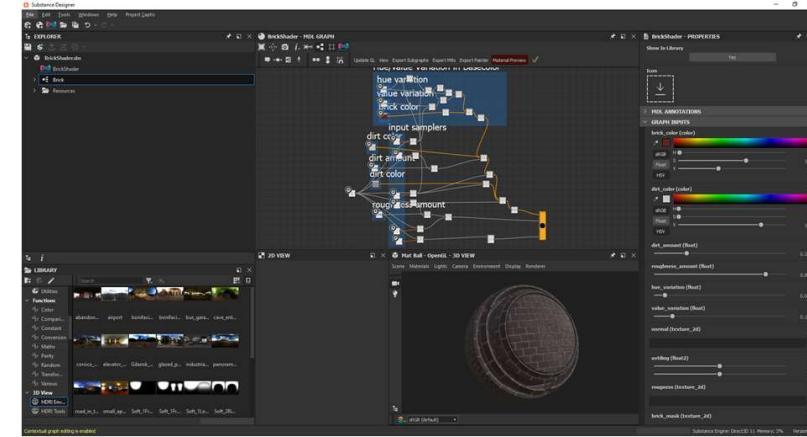
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SUBSTANCE

The background of the slide features a solid dark red color with a subtle, dynamic texture. This texture consists of numerous thin, light-colored, curved lines that create a sense of depth and movement, resembling waves or ripples across the surface.

MaterialX and Substance



MaterialX Plugin for Substance Designer



Overview

- Presented at last SIGGRAPH
- Released on Substance Share in April
- Still in Beta



Shaders

- Build shaders using most of nodes in MaterialX Standard Library
- iRay and OpenGL Viewport Support
- Limitation: No support for BSDF nodes (Standard Surface only)



Integration with texture workflows

- Bind procedural textures from Designer
- Texture and shader procedurals work together



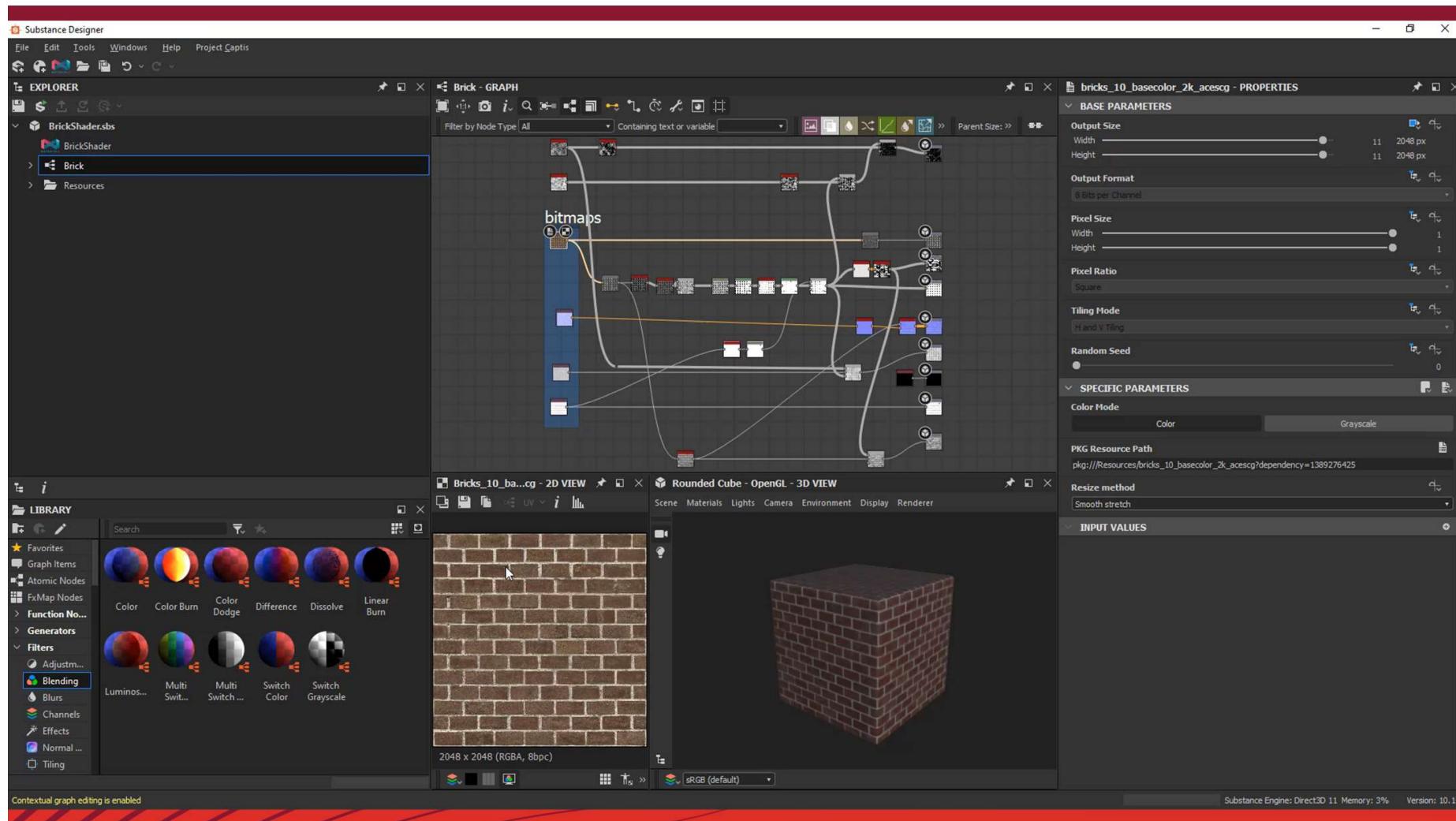
Substance Painter Export

- Generates shaders compatible with painter
- Access textures from the layer stack
- Access textures and parameters specific to the shader



MaterialX Export

- Export MaterialX documents from shaders
- Export bound textures from Designer texture graphs





Future Work



Shader Generation using BSDF nodes

- Use any MaterialX shader in Designer and Painter
- Currently uses custom GLSL generation for Painter/Designer
- Use the new MDL generator for iRay/MDL editor integration



Embed MaterialX in Substance Materials

- Provide a full shader specification inside SBSAR
- Encode as metadata



Bind Substance Materials in MaterialX Graphs

- Allow using SBSAR's in MaterialX Graph
- Extract nodedef from SBSAR interface
- Set procedural parameters
- Bake to texture for compatibility with applications not familiar with SBSAR nodes



MaterialX and LookdevX Update

Nikola Milosevic, Bernard Kwok

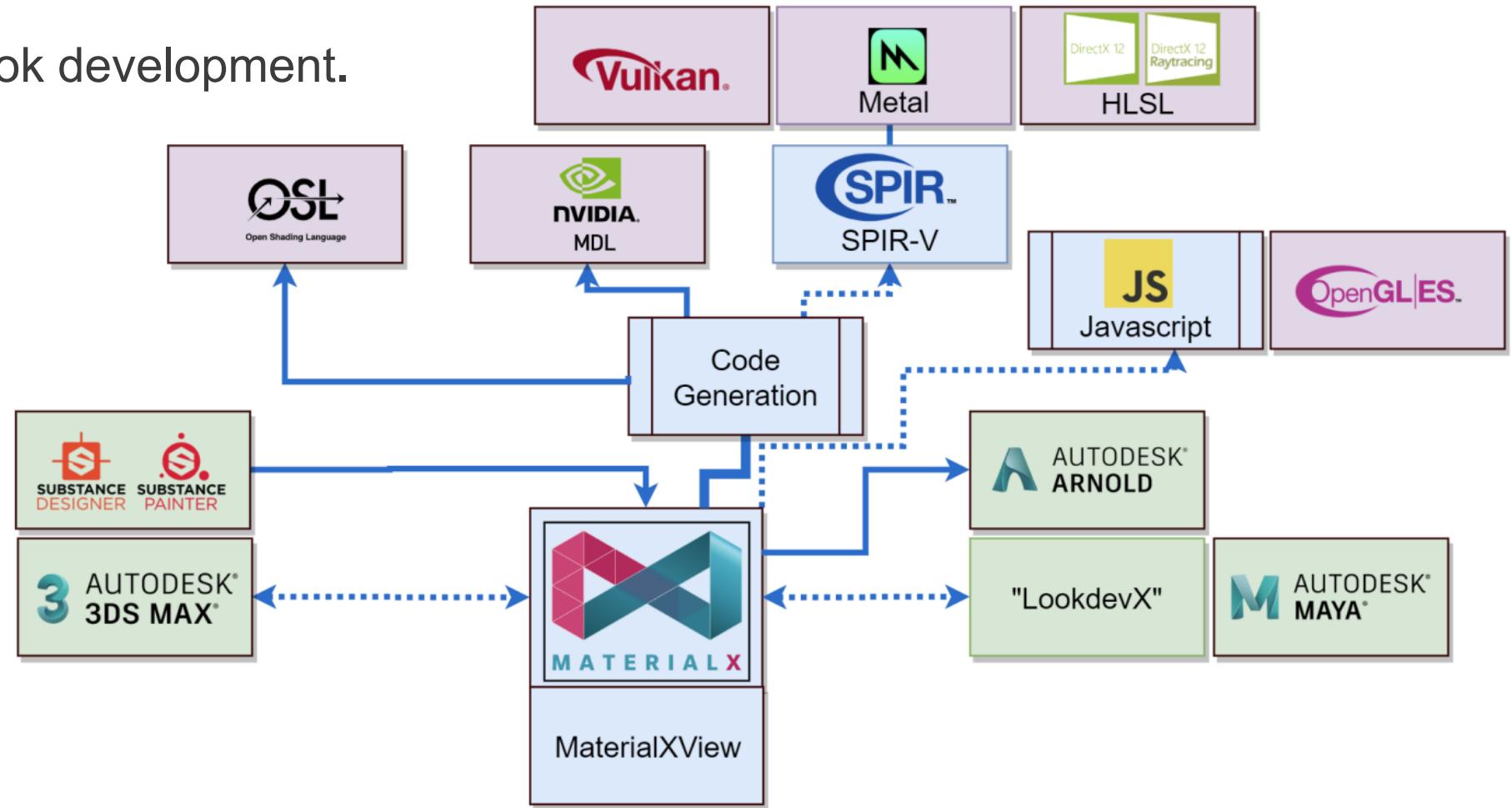
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Overview

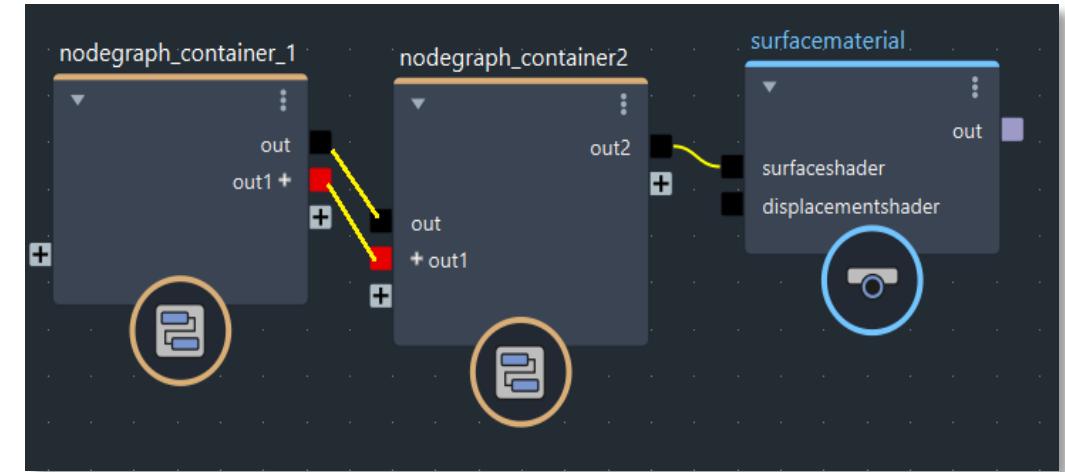
Focus

1. MaterialX Core features.
2. Node editing and look development.
3. Tools and renderer interoperability.
4. MaterialX shader generation, and real-time rendering.

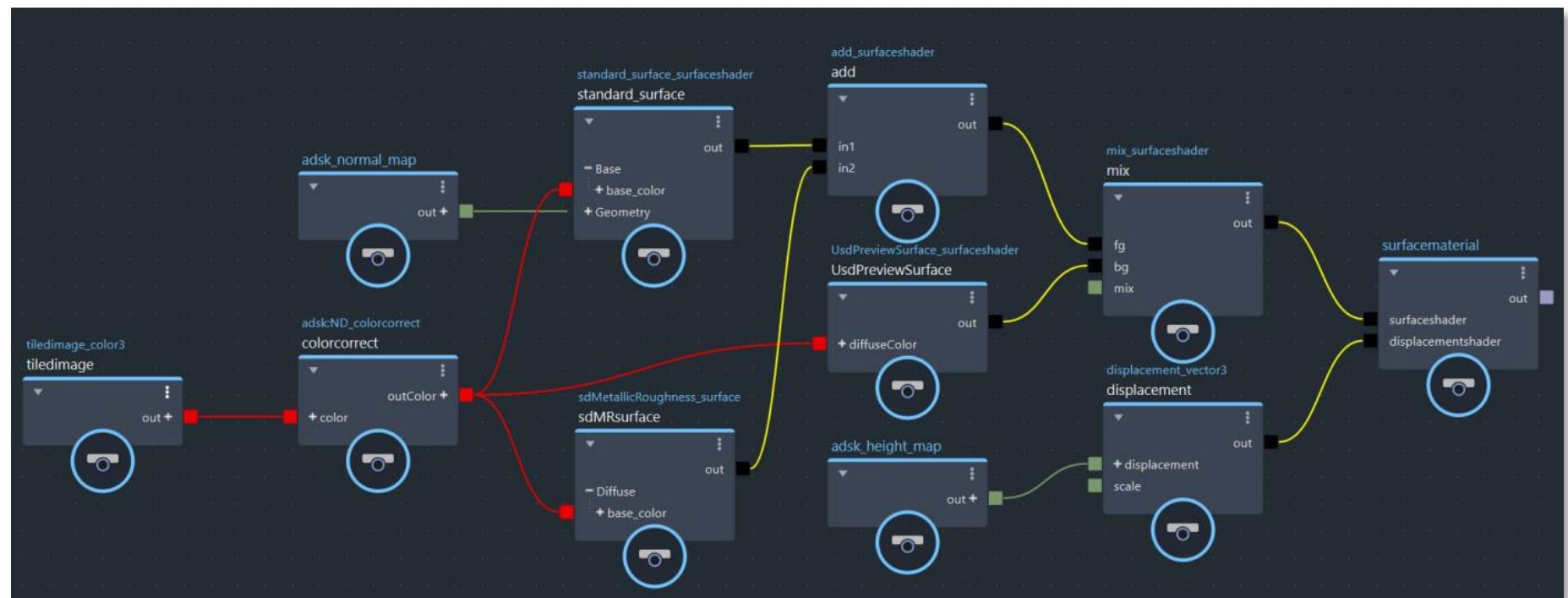


Runtime Data Model

- [1.37.1](#) / [1.38](#) updates for runtime shader graphs.
- Material nodes, nodegraphs as containers, `<nodedef>` publishing, code generation.
- Core libraries simplification:
 - stdlib, pbrlib, bxdf
- Uniform multiple library support:
 - Autodesk (adsk)
 - Others

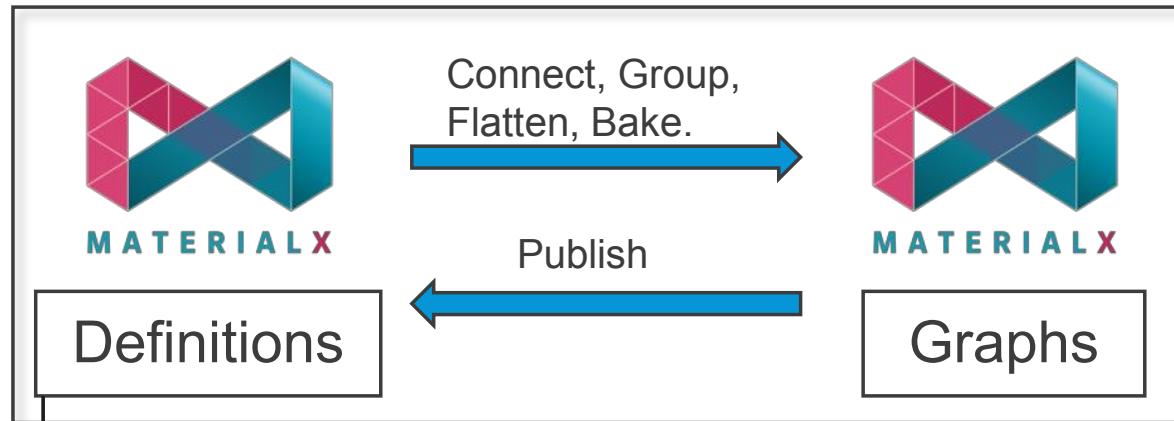


1.38 <nodegraph> pipeline configuration into a final surfacematerial..



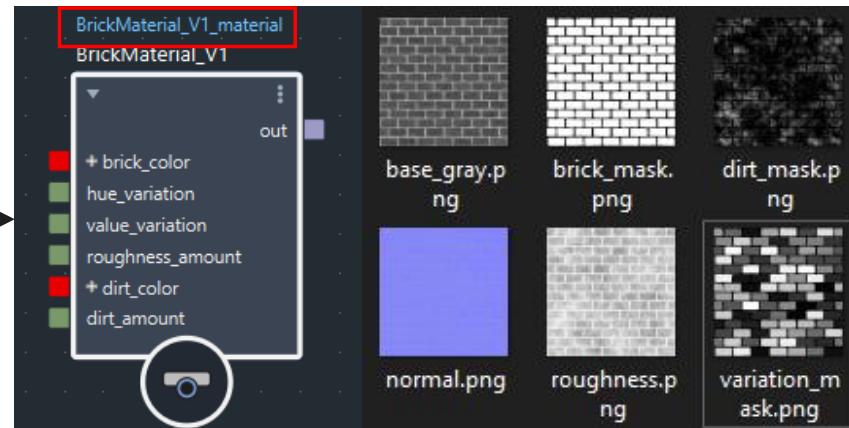
Sample shader graph composed of core, Autodesk, and Substance Designer [MaterialX Plug-In](#) definitions.

Managing Complexity

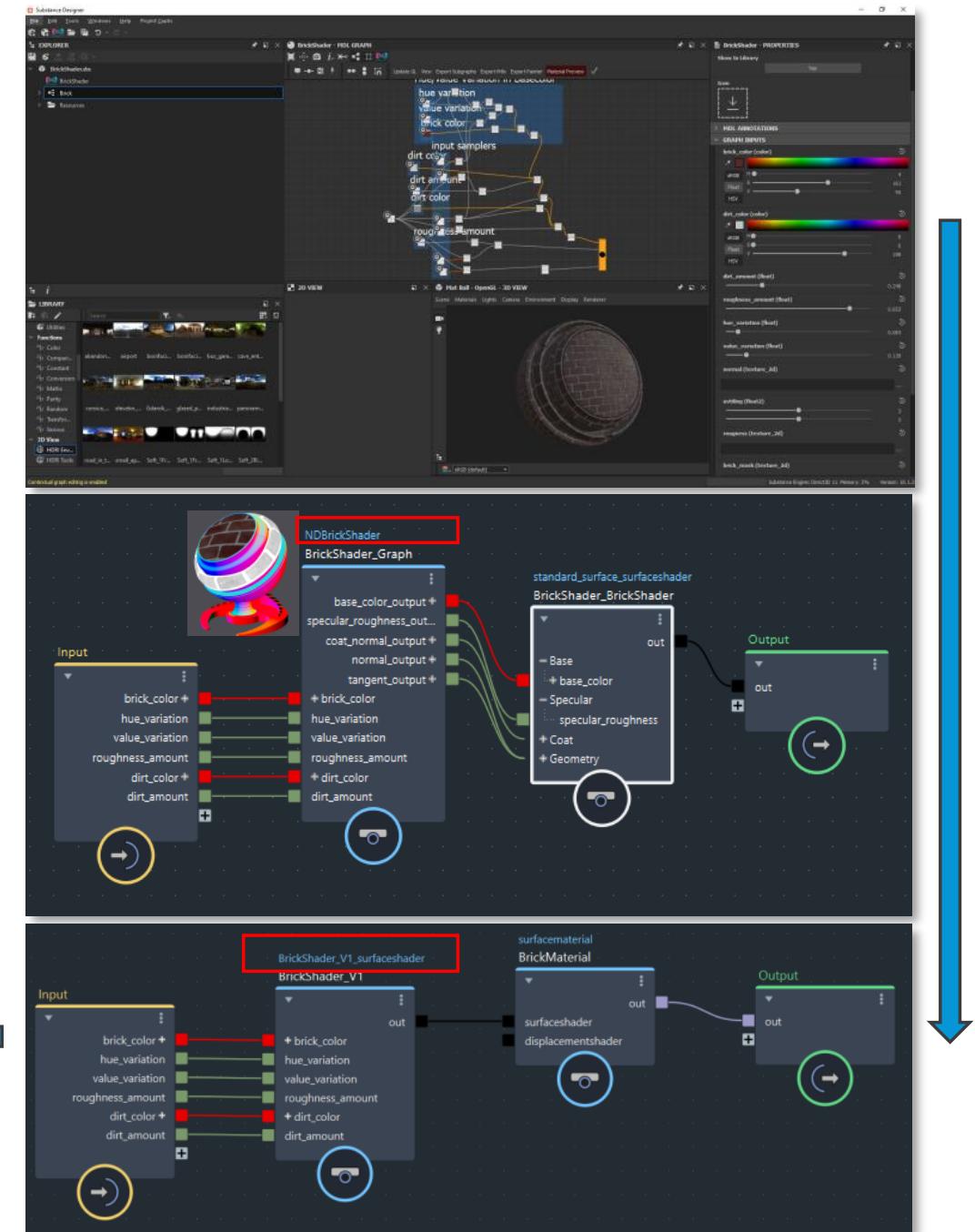


<nodedef>, <nodegraph> characteristics:

- Interface exposure: <input>, <output>.
- “version” / “namespace” / “target” tags
- Units / color management / user meta-data.



“Published” brick instance with associated Substance Designer textures.

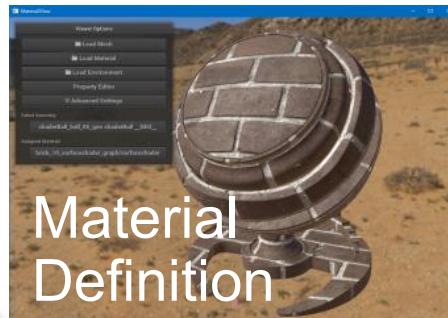


Top: MTLX document, and textures created in [Substance Designer](#). Brick shader (middle), and Brick material (bottom) definitions created in LookdevX.

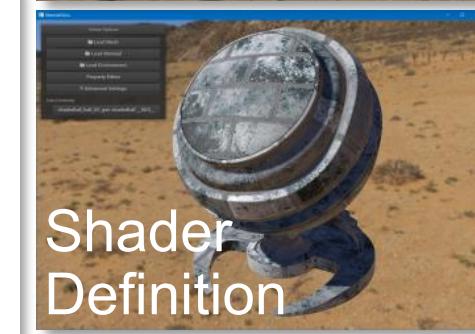
Asset Organization

Autodesk Material Definitions	Adobe Material Definitions	Other Material Definitions		
Autodesk Shader Definitions	Adobe Shader Definitions	Other Shader Definitions		
BXDF Library (bxdf) (Standard Surface)		Autodesk Base Definitions	Adobe BXDF Definitions	Other BXDF Definitions
PBR Library (pbrlib)			Adobe Base Definitions	Other Base Definitions
Standard Library (stdlib)				

- Plan to Open Source some examples.



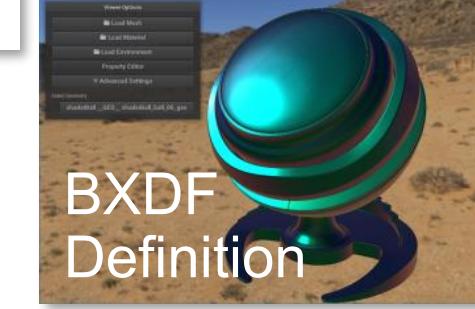
Material Definition



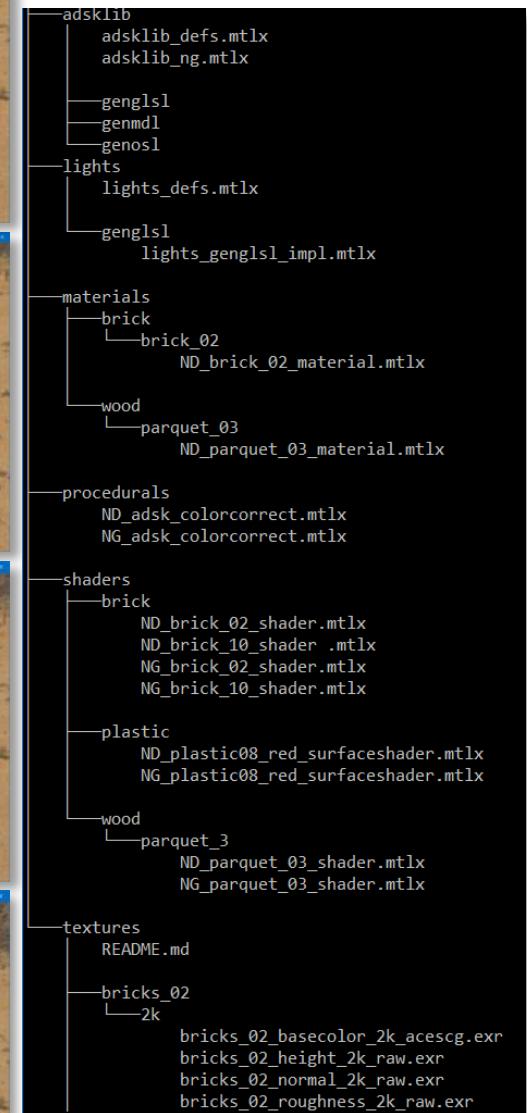
Shader Definition



Pattern Definition



BXDF Definition

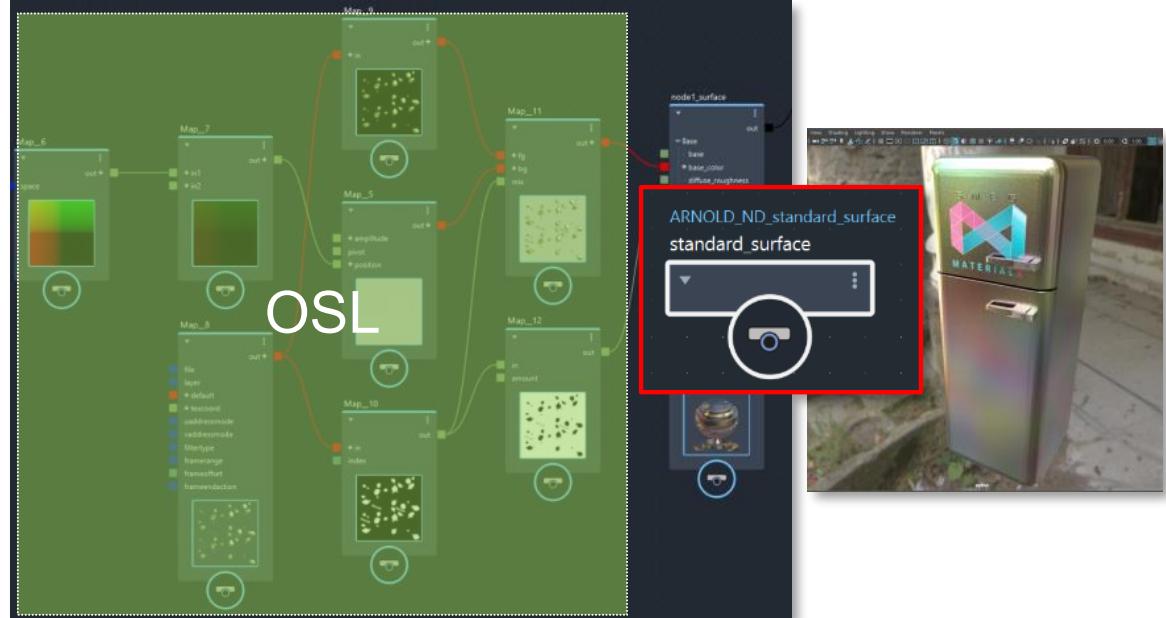
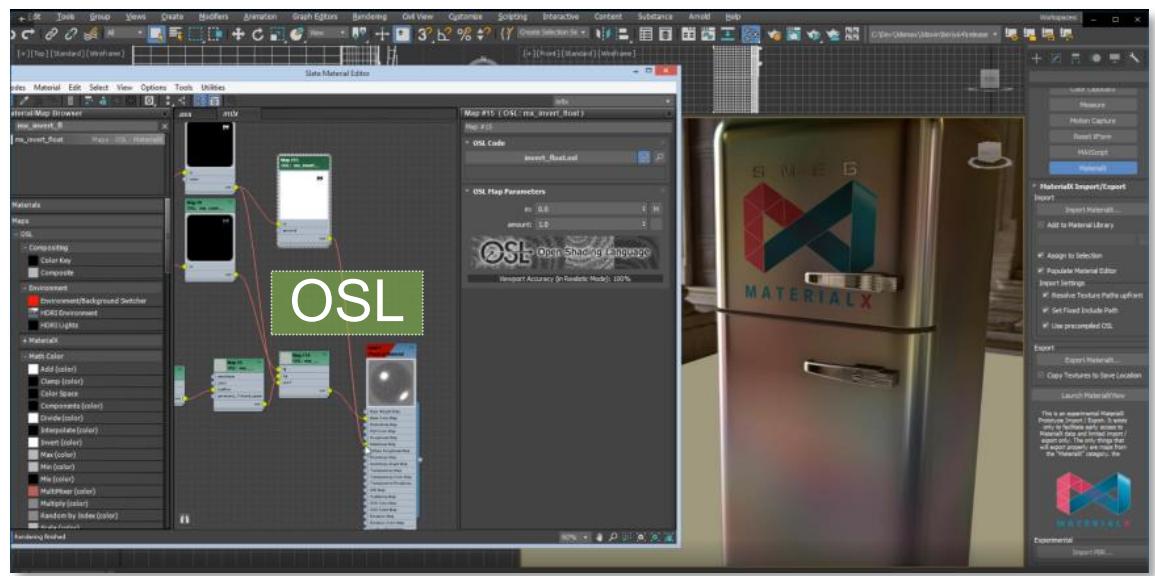


Images shown in MaterialXView (top to bottom): Autodesk brick shader, derived Substance Designer brick shader and supporting graph definition, Thin-film Standard Surface example. Shader ball asset created in Maya.

Application Integration

Strategies for consuming assets

- Consistent rendering via common tools:
 - Document merge, flattening / baking
 - Input bindings exposure.
- “Fridge” Shader Example:
 - 3ds Max:
 - <nodegraph> flattening + code gen per node.
 - Arnold:
 - <nodegraph> pattern code generation plus built-in terminal nodes.
 - Substance / hdPRman approach similar.
 - Displacement / nodedef support in-progress.
 - Swatch: Upstream sub-graph bake.



OSL rendering in 3ds Max (top). OSL rendering using Arnold in Maya. Swatch rendering using MaterialX GLSL renderer. (Fridge shader created in 3ds Max.)

Real Time Viewports

Extending Code Generation

- Make [SPIR-V](#) an official target
- Cross-compile to new targets
 - HLSL for DX12
 - Vulkan
 - MetalSL
 - DXR and Vulkan RT
- Plan to make available as Open Source.



```
void mx_multiply_bsdf_color_indirect(vec3 V, vec3 in1, vec3 in2)
{
    result = in1 * clamp(in2, 0.0, 1.0);
}

void IMPL_standard_surface_surfaceshader(float base, vec3 emission_color)
{
    vec3 emission_weight_out = emission_color * emission;
    vec3 metal_reflectivity_out = base_color * base;
    const float coat_tangent_rotate_degree_in2_tmp = 360;
    float coat_tangent_rotate_degree_out = coat_rotation;
    vec2 coat_roughness2_out = vec2(0.0);
    mx_roughness_anisotropy(coat_roughness, coat_anisotropy);
    vec3 coat_attenuation_bg_cm_out = vec3(0.0);
    mx_acescg_to_linear_color3(vec3(1.000000, 1.000000,
    vec3 coat_emission_attenuation_bg_cm_out = vec3(0.0);
    mx_acescg_to_linear_color3(vec3(1.000000, 1.000000,
    vec3 opacity_luminance_out = vec3(0.0);
```

GLSL - CodeGen

```
void mx_multiply_bsdf_color_indirect(float3 V, float3 in1, float3 in2)
{
    result = in1 * clamp(in2, 0.0f.xxx, 1.0f.xxx);
}

void IMPL_standard_surface_surfaceshader(float base, float emission_color)
{
    float3 emission_weight_out = emission_color * emission;
    float3 metal_reflectivity_out = base_color * base;
    float coat_tangent_rotate_degree_out = coat_rotation;
    float2 coat_roughness2_out = 0.0f.xx;
    float param = coat_roughness;
    float param_1 = coat_anisotropy;
    float2 param_2;
    mx_roughness_anisotropy(param, param_1, param_2);
    coat_roughness2_out = param_2;
    float3 coat_attenuation_bg_cm_out = 0.0f.xxx;
    float3 param_3 = 1.0f.xxx;
    float3 param_4:
```

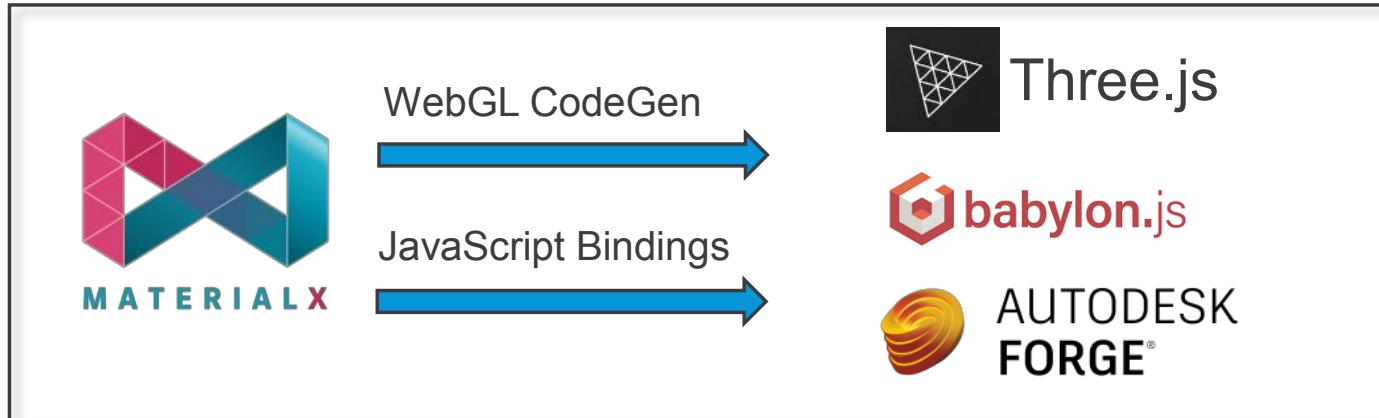
HLSL – via SPIR-V

GLSL to HLSL cross compilation via SPIR-V helps maintain MaterialX node implementation portability.

Web Browser

MaterialX for the Web

- Javascript bindings for MaterialX
 - Goal is to match Python bindings
 - Using Web Assembly ([WASM](#))
 - Open Source support in progress:  [GitHub](#)
 - *JsMaterialXCore, JsMaterialXFormat*
- Autodesk web solution: [Autodesk Forge Viewer](#)

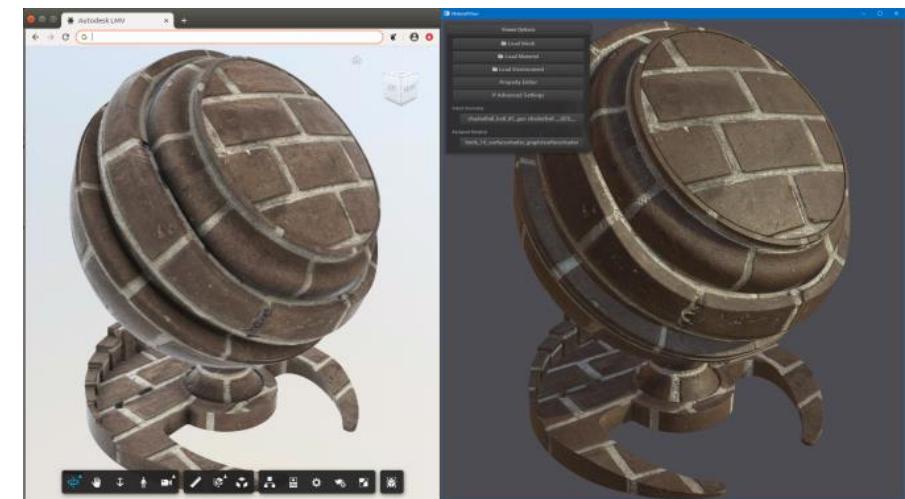


```
import Module from 'JsMaterialX.js';

let mx, doc;
mx = await initMaterialX();
doc = mx.createDocument();

let nodeGraph;
nodeGraph = doc.addNodeGraph();

let output1, output2, constant, image;
constant = nodeGraph.addNode('constant');
image = nodeGraph.addNode('image');
output = nodeGraph.addOutput();
output.setConnectedNode(image);
```



Left: Autodesk Forge Viewer: Standard Surface through [3dsMax “Shared Views”](#).
Right: The same shader rendered in MaterialXView.

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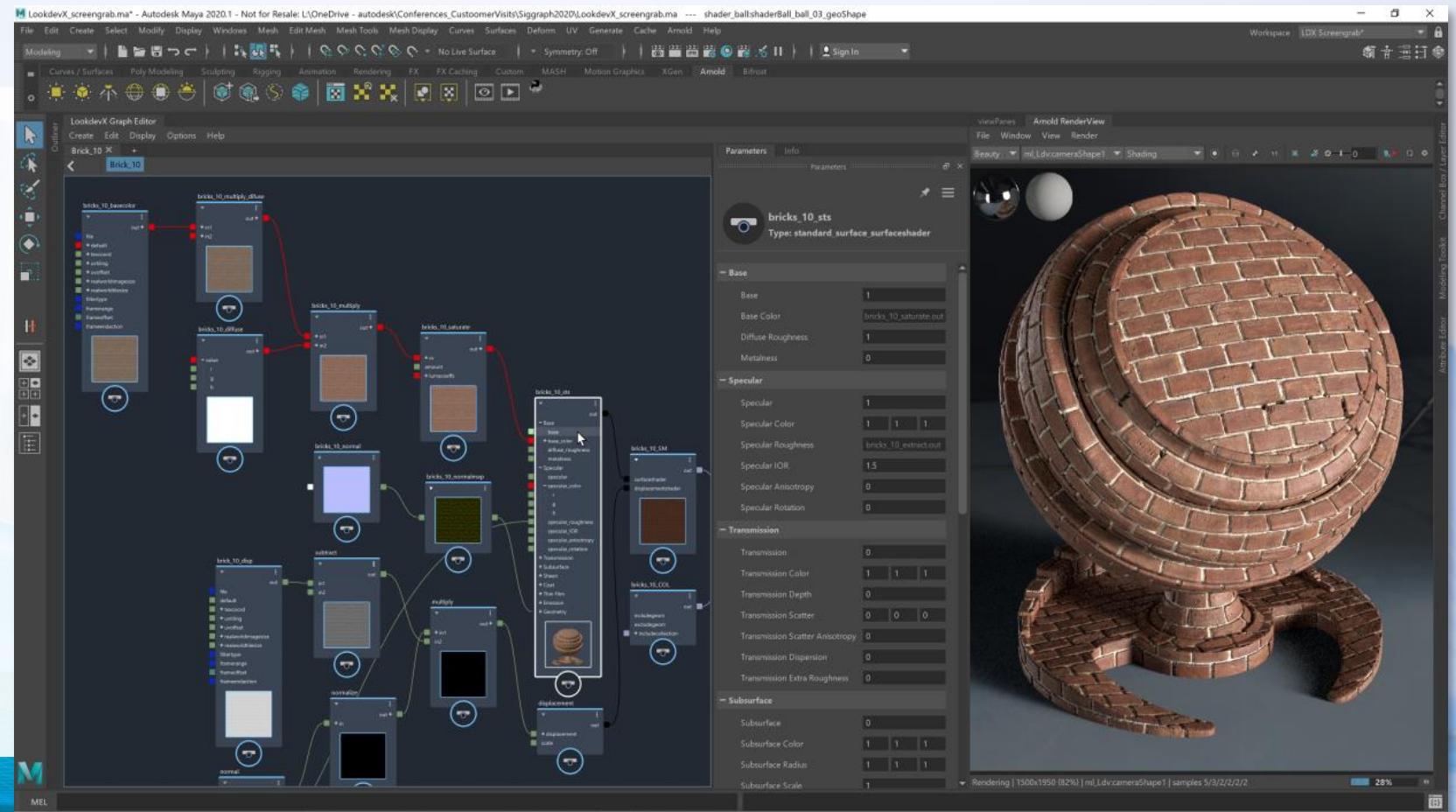
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- Arnold : Orn Gunnarsson, Krishnan Chunangad Ramachandran
- Substance Designer / Painter: David Larsson
- Lucasfilm: Doug Smythe, Jonathan Stone
- Assets: Arvid Shneider and Dušan Ković (Autodesk), Justin Patton (Adobe), [Matz models, \(Turbosquid\)](#)

Autodesk Vision Series

- 3ds Max: Open Standards & Next Generation Viewport Framework
- The Source Awakens: USD, MaterialX & OpenColorIO



LookdevX Demo





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