

WebGL crumbs

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[WebGL on mozilla](#)

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[WebGL Cheat Sheet](#)

Goals

OpenGL → WebGL

OpenGL

OpenGL 1.0 -> 1992

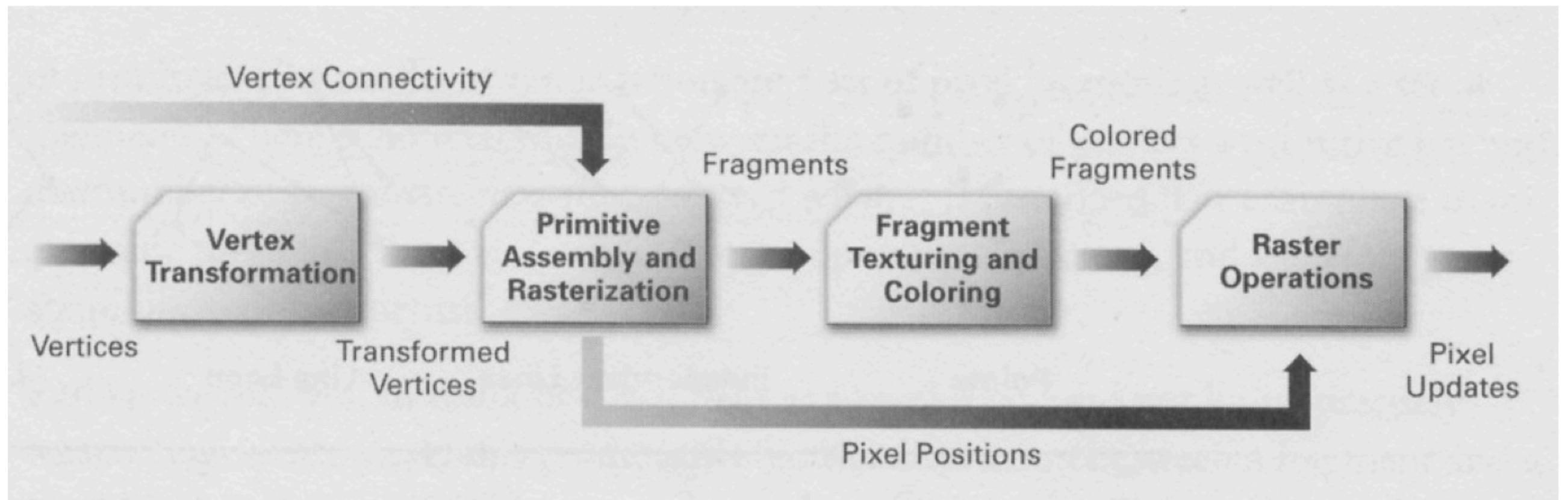
OpenGL 2.0 -> 2004

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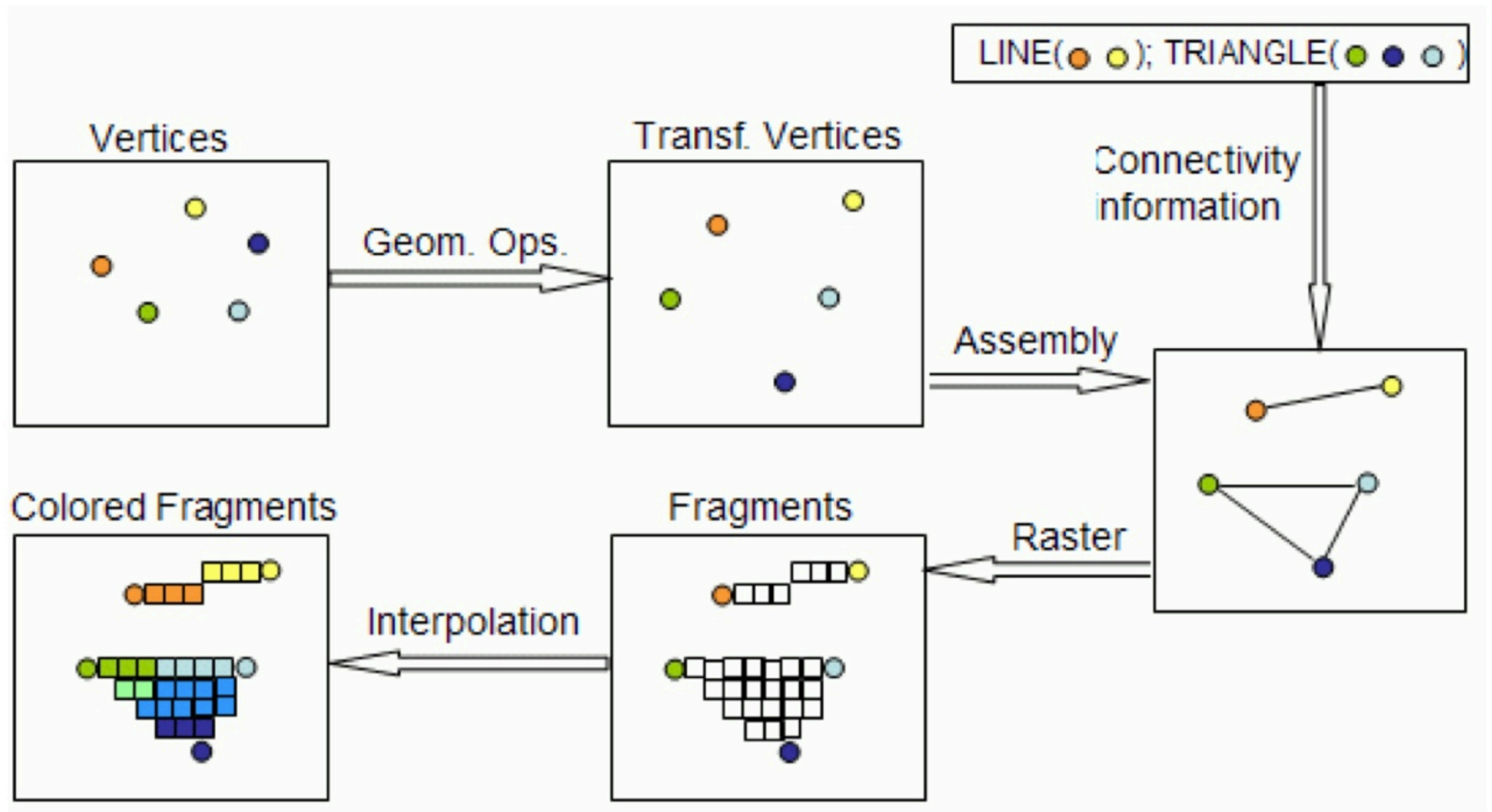
OpenGL 4.2 -> 2011

WebGL \equiv OpenGL ES 2.0

Fixed rendering pipeline

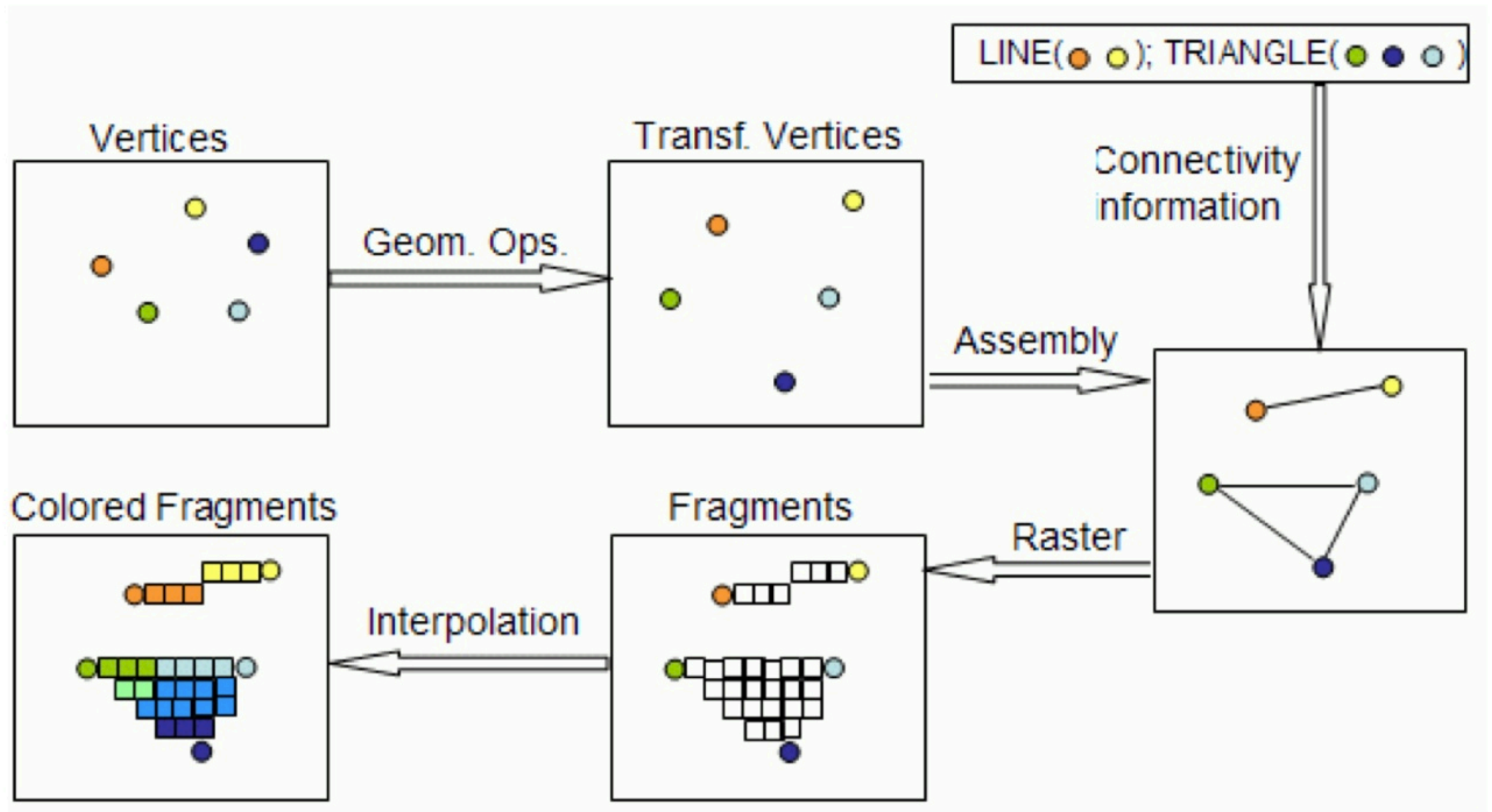


Fixed rendering pipeline



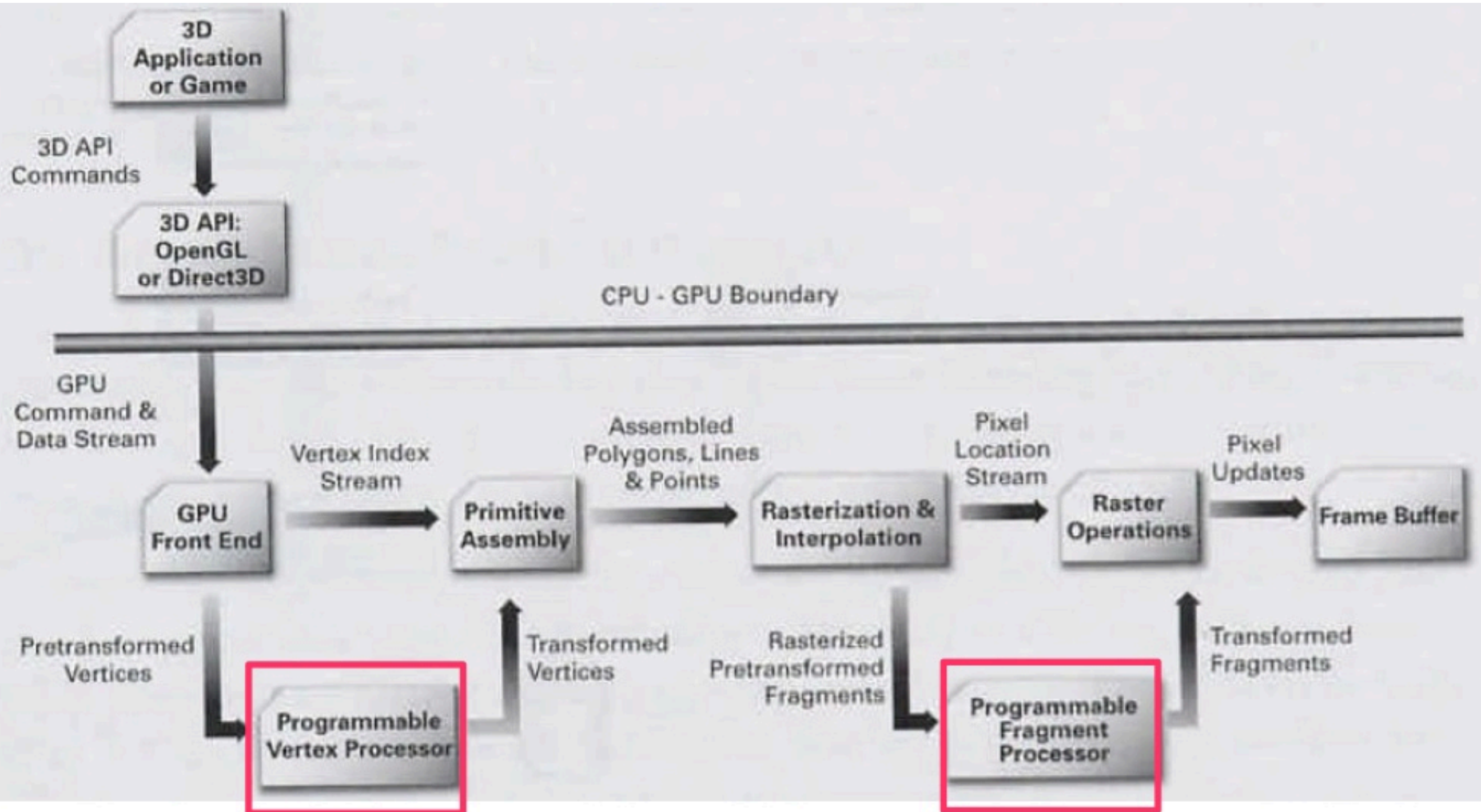
Fragment vs Pixel

Fixed rendering pipeline



Fixed pipeline limits

Programmable pipeline



A WebGL program

is made by 3 parts:

- _ initialization

- _ models definition

- _ render loop

Vertex Shader

Vertex Shader

`gl_Position`

Fragment Shader

Fragment Shader

`gl_FragColor`

Shader Variables

Uniforms, Attributes and Varyings

Shader Variables

Uniforms are sent to both vertex shaders and fragment shaders and contain values that stay the same across the entire frame being rendered.

Attributes are values that are applied to individual vertices. They are only available to the vertex shader.

Varyings are variables declared in the vertex shader that we want to share with the fragment shader.

GLSL: OpenGL Shading Language

C-Like with additions

Compiled on the CPU through OpenGL driver

Executed in parallel on the GPU

GLSL: Data types

Scalars

float
int
uint
bool

Matrices

mat2
mat3
mat4
matmxn

Vectors

vec2
vec3
vec4
ivec2
ivec3
ivec4
uvec2
uvec3
uvec4
bvec2
bvec3
bvec4

Samplers

Structures

Arrays

Void

JavaScript Typed Arrays

ArrayBuffer

ArrayBufferView

DataView

Float32Array

Float64Array

Int16Array

Int32Array

Int8Array

Uint16Array

Uint32Array

Uint8Array

https://developer.mozilla.org/en/JavaScript_typed_arrays