

Computer Graphics

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Wrap up from last class

◆ **Fragment Operations**

■ **Fragment Tests**

- ▶ **Pixel ownership test**
- ▶ **Scissor test**
- ▶ **Alpha test**
- ▶ **Stencil test**
- ▶ **Depth test**

■ **Blending**

- ▶ **Fog blending**
- ▶ **Color blending**



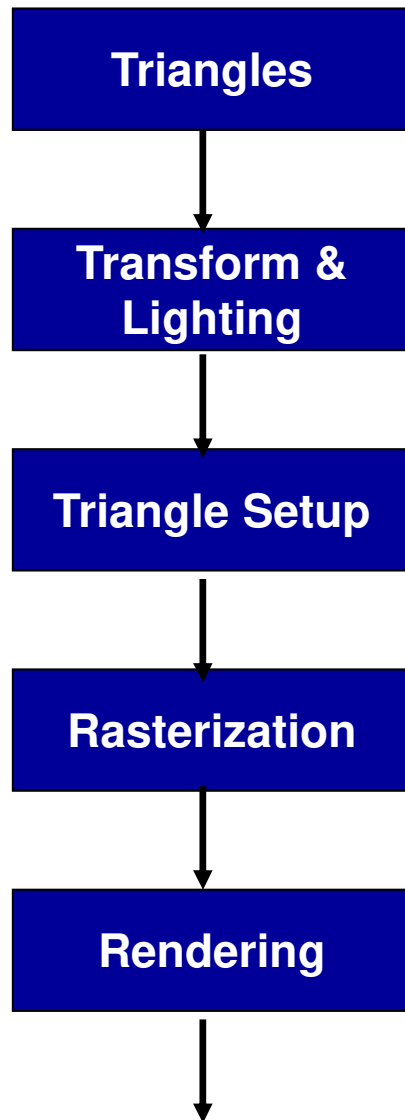
3D Graphics Pipeline Revisit

OpenGL Pipeline

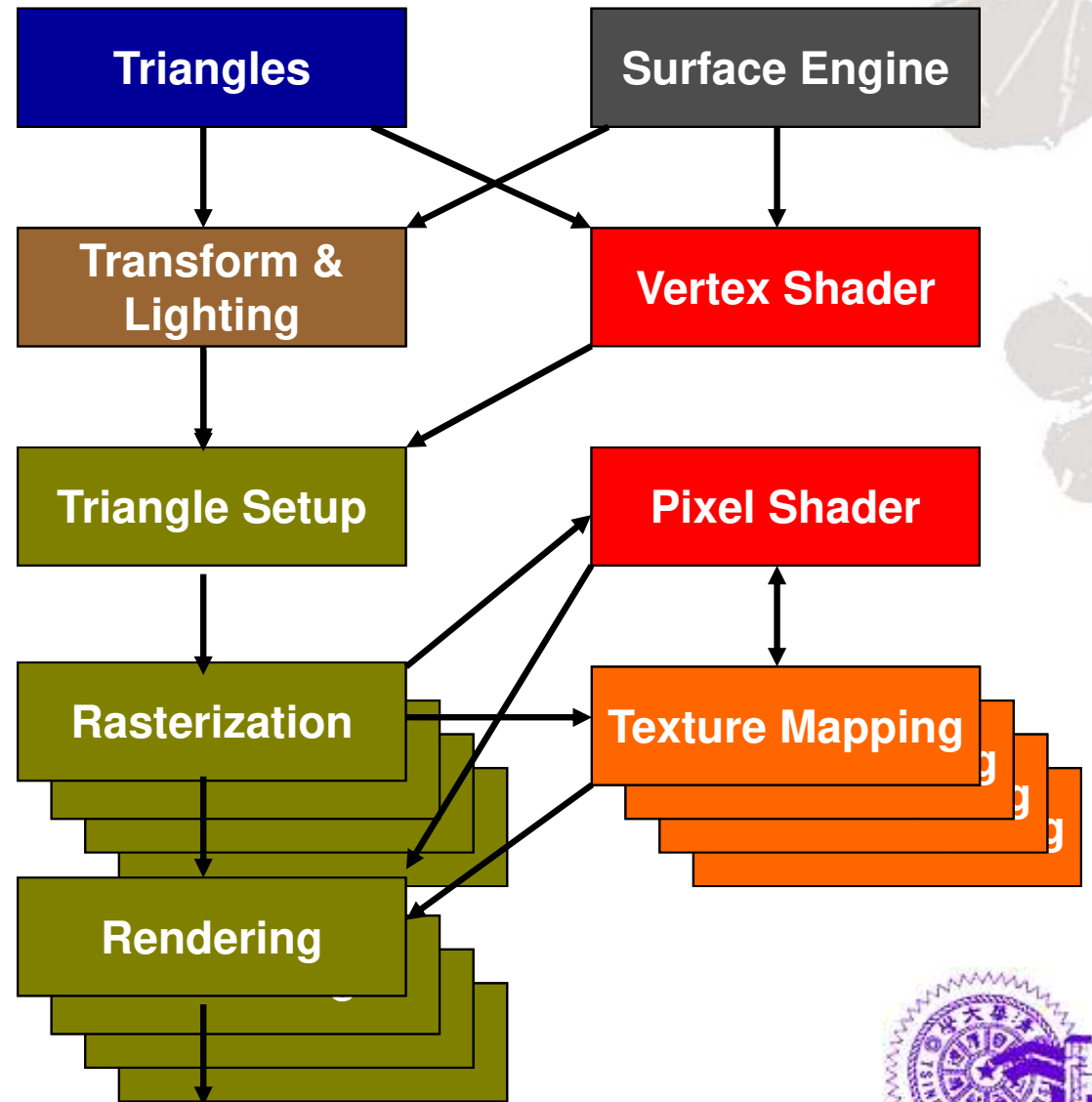


3D Graphics Hardware Evolution

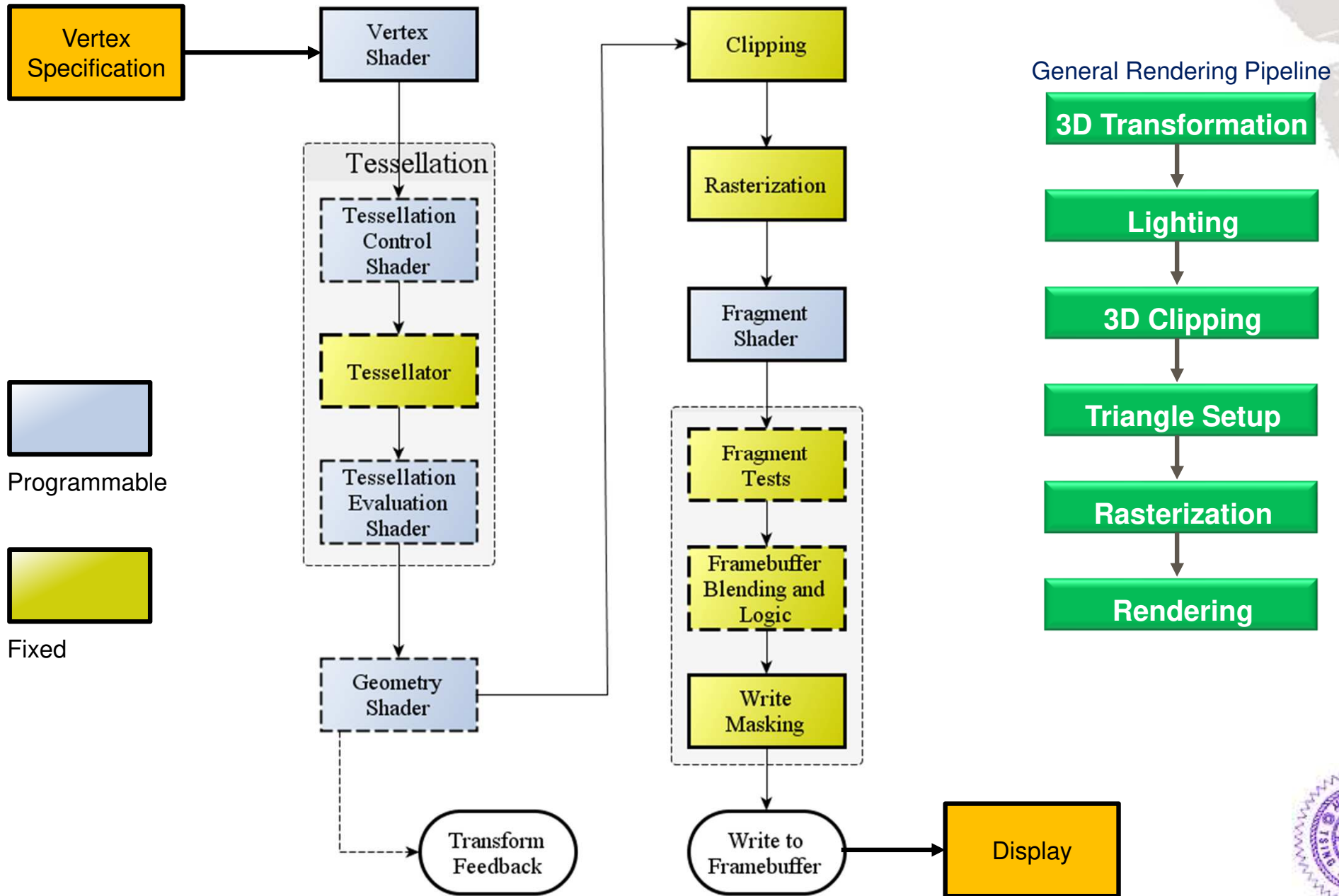
Conventional 3D Graphics Pipeline



Evolution of 3D Graphics Hardware

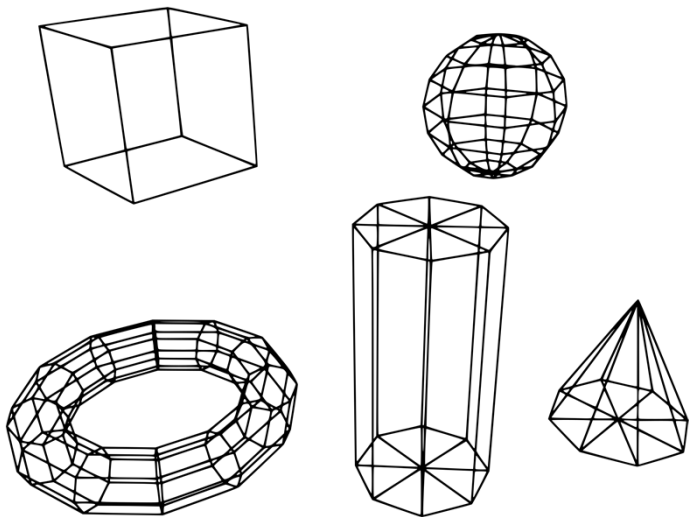


Mixed Pipeline (Fixed+Programmable)



Vertex Specification

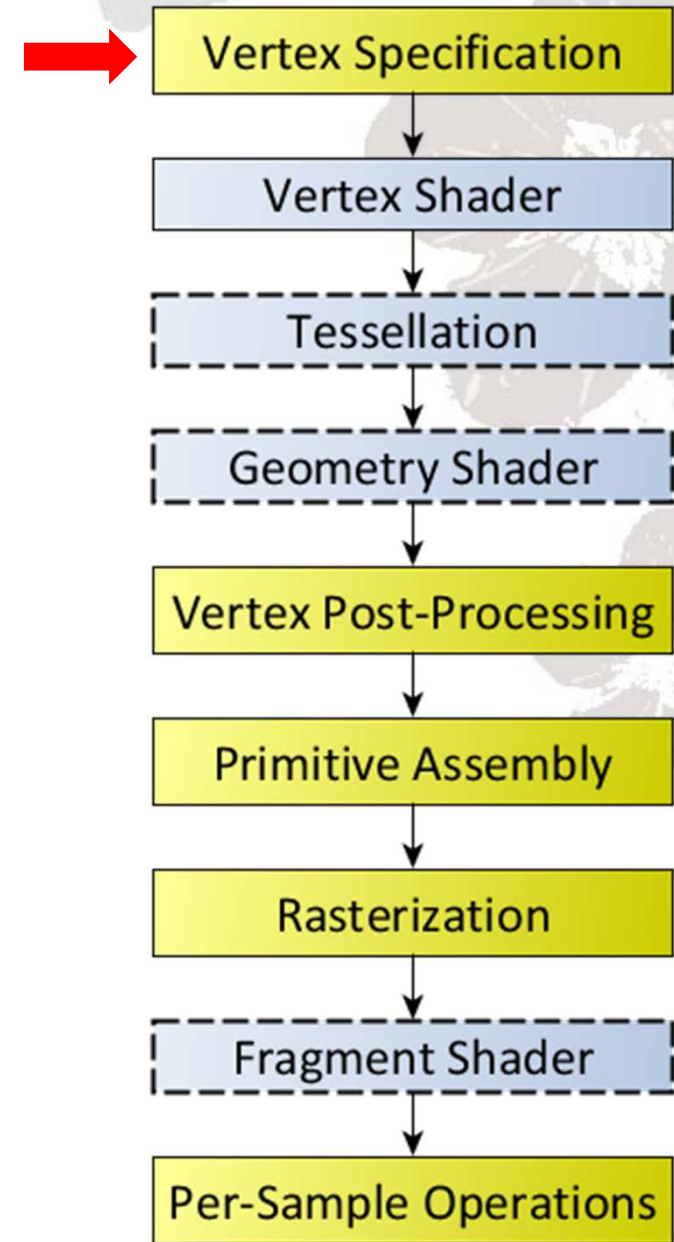
- ◆ Sets up an ordered list of vertices to send to the pipeline
 - Prepared in application level
 - Vertex attributes: position, normal, color, texture coordinate,...



Vertex attributes

Position: (x, y, z)
Normal: (nx, ny, nz)
Color: (r, g, b)
Texture: (u, v)
Fog: (f)

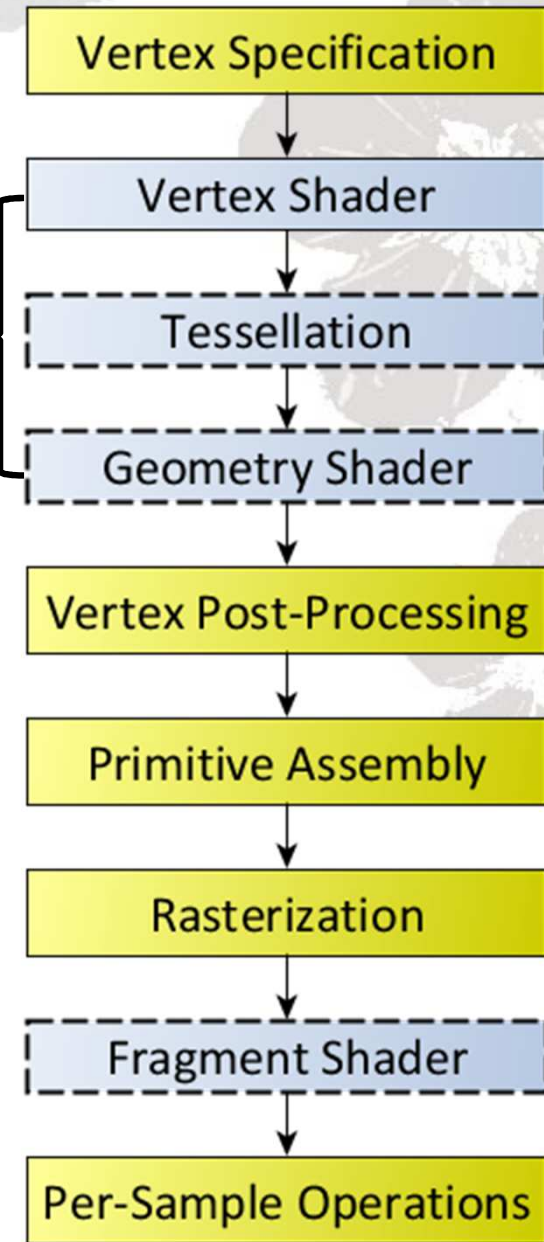
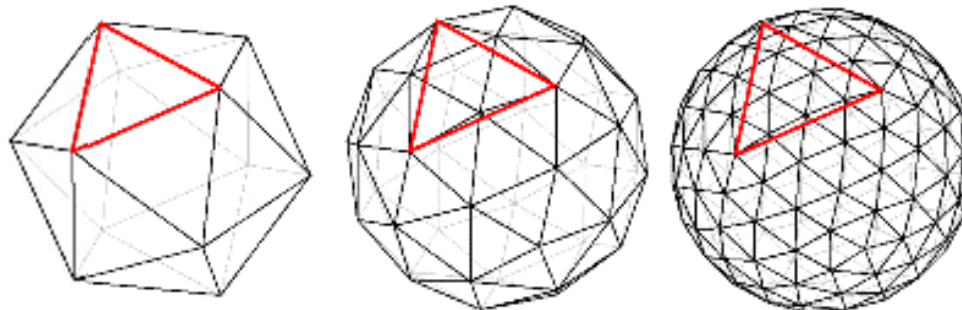
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Vertex Processing

◆ Process vertex data according to specific vertex rendering

- Vertex Transformation
- Vertex Lighting
- Primitive Tessellation
- Vertex Displacement

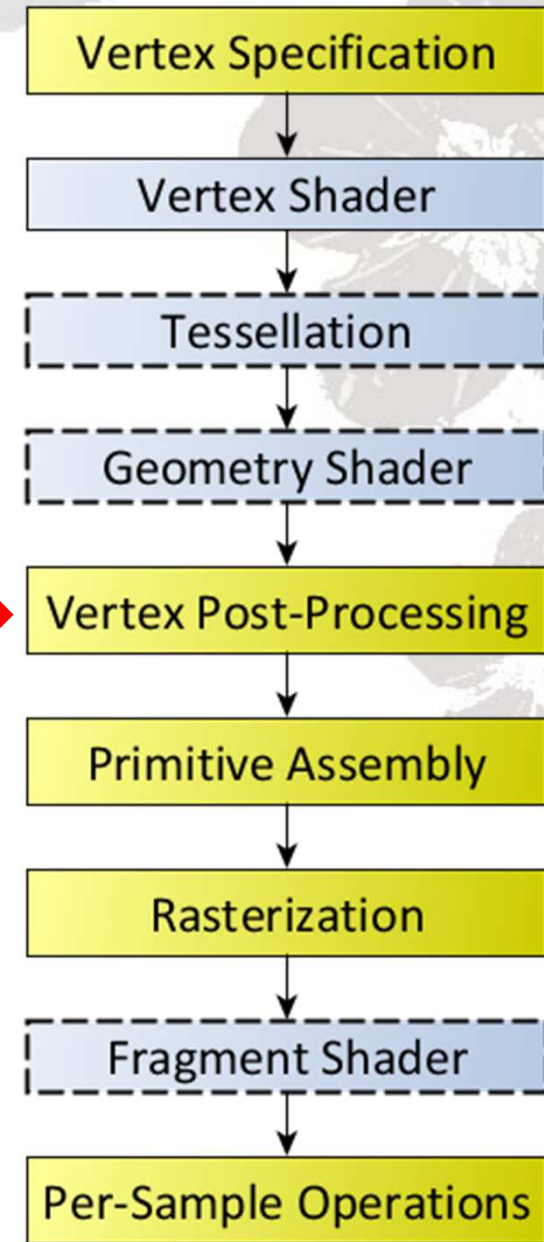
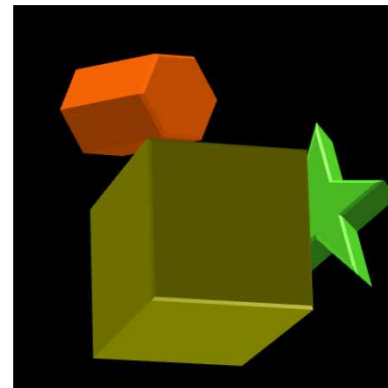
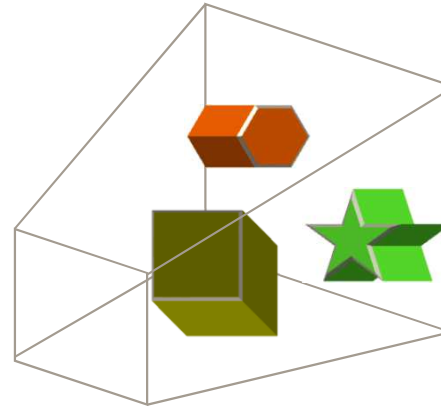
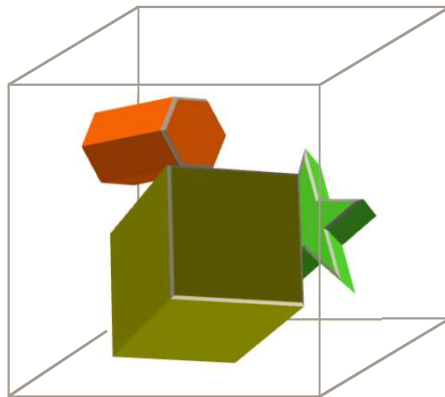


Vertex Post-Processing

◆ Process vertex data after vertex processing

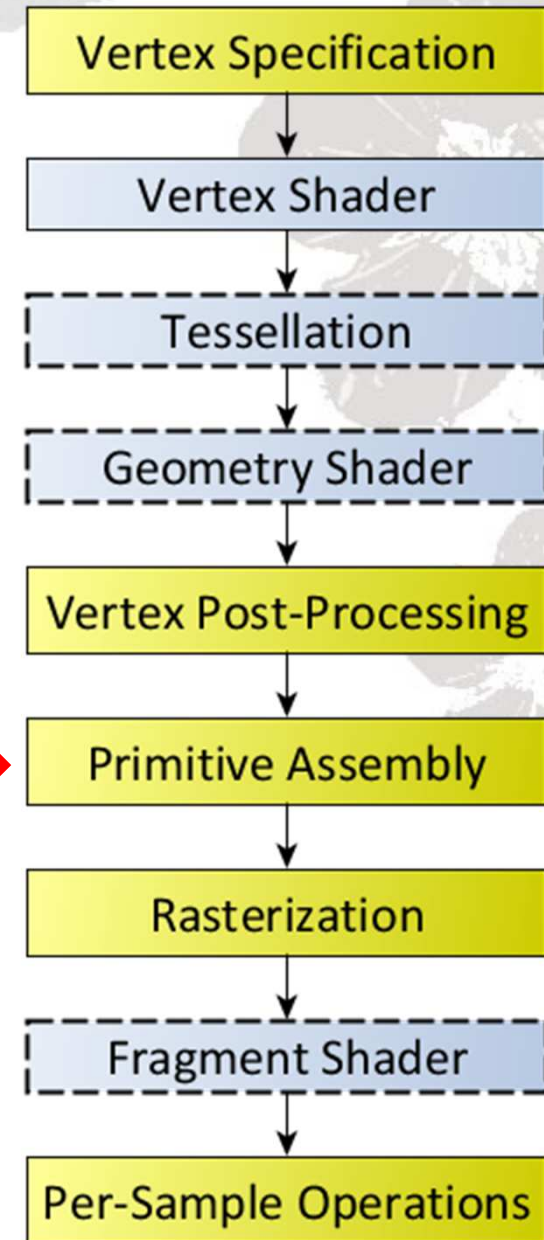
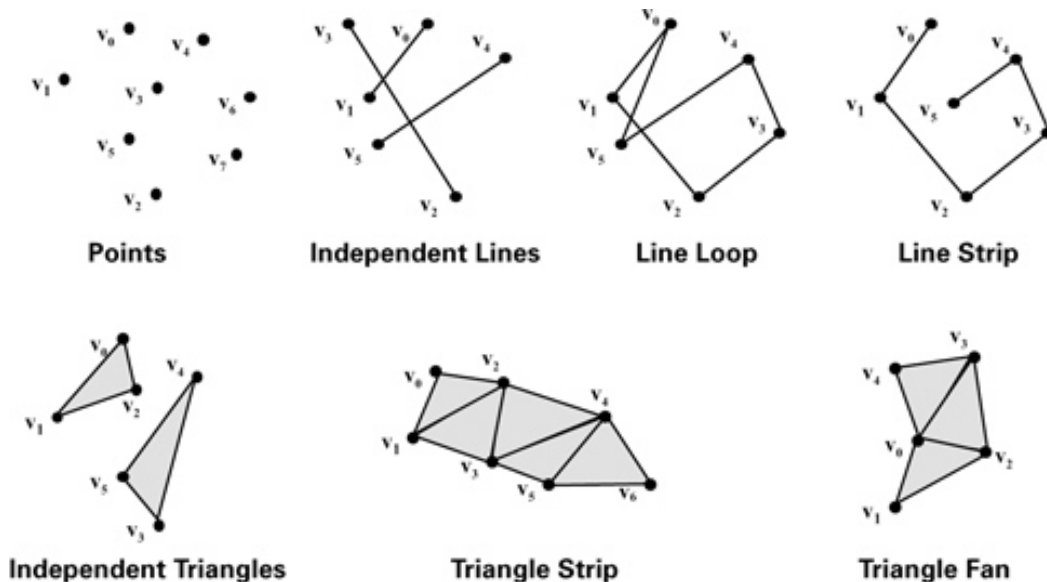
- Transform feedback
- Perspective division
- Clipping
- Viewport mapping

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x/w \\ y/w \\ z/w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Primitive Assembly

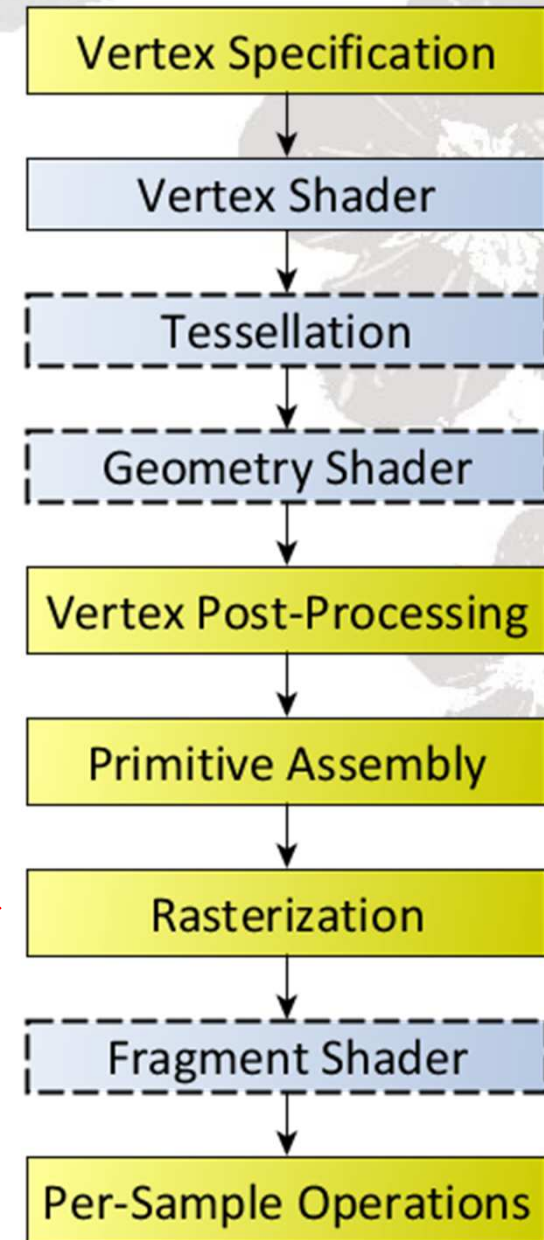
- ◆ Collecting a run of vertex data output from the prior stages and composing it into a sequence of primitives
 - Back face culling



Rasterization

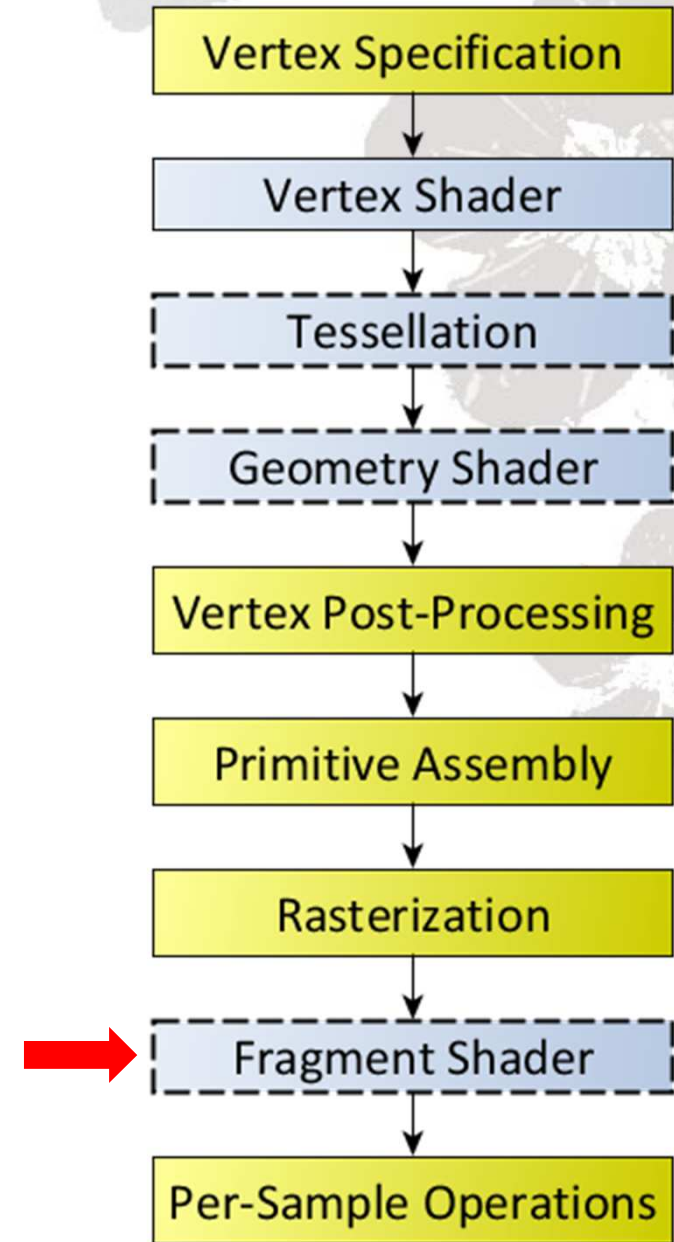
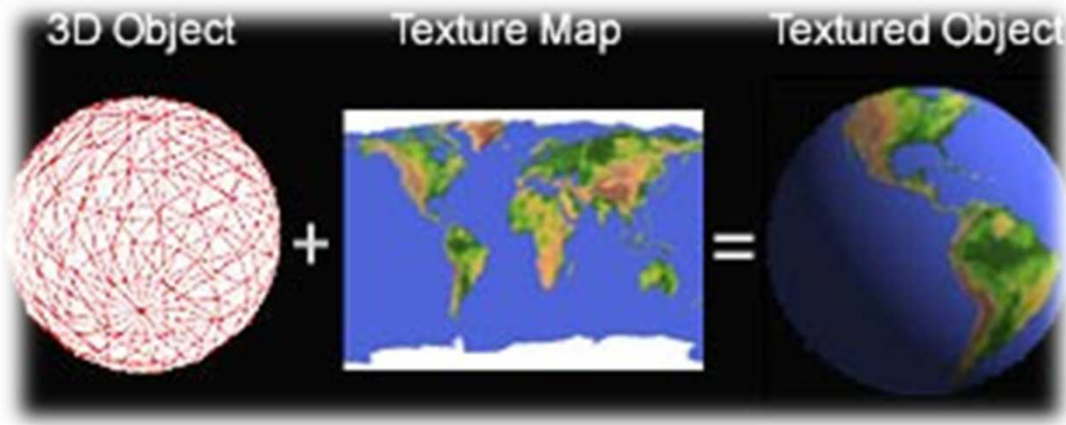
◆ Rasterizing a primitive into a sequence of fragments

- Position
- Color
- Normal
- Texture coordinates



Fragment Processing

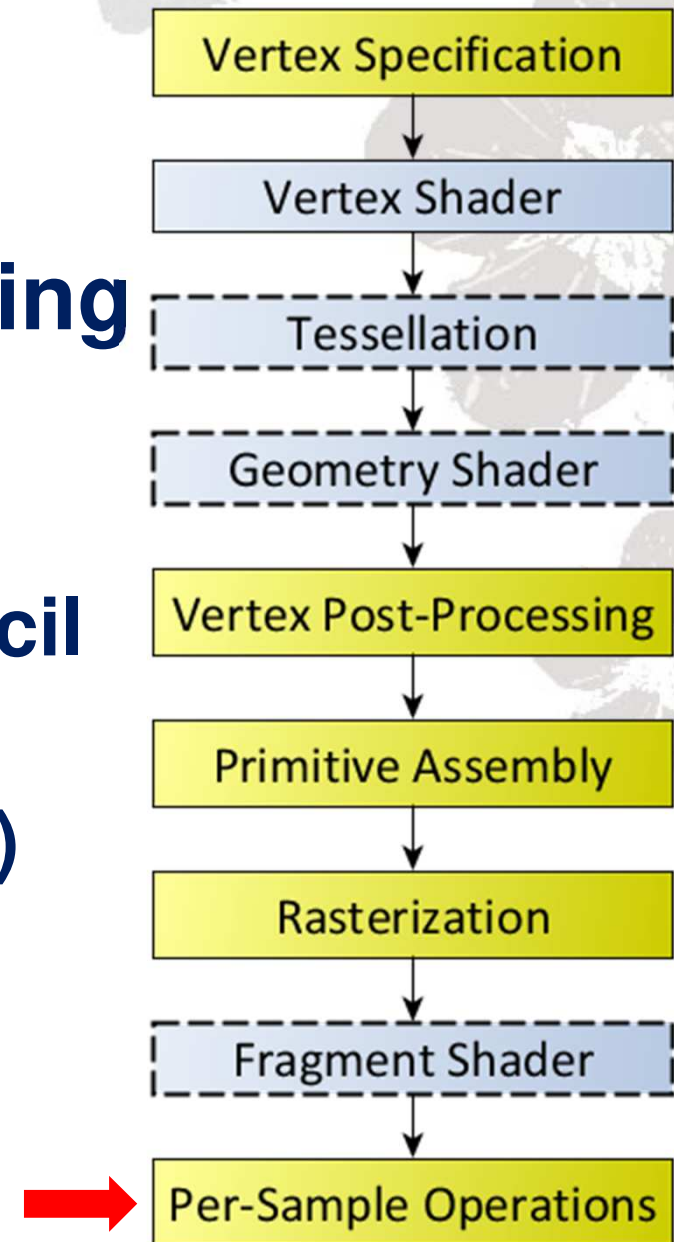
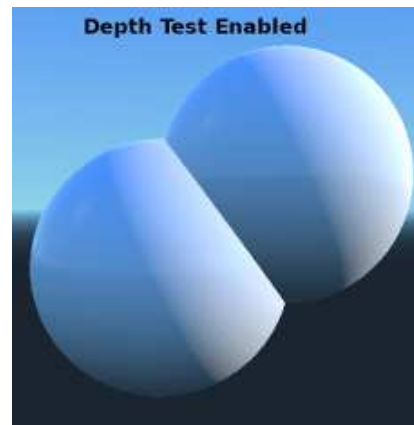
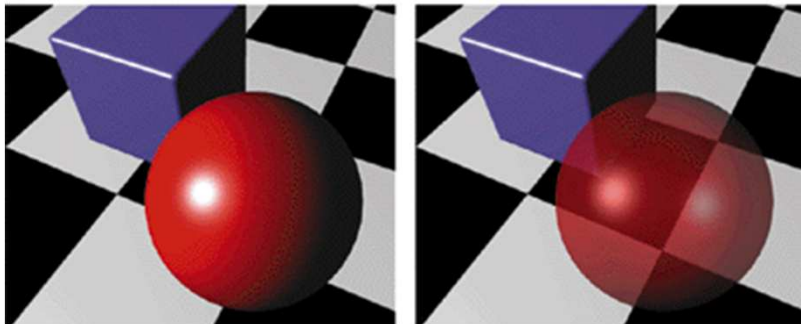
- ◆ Process the color of each fragment
 - Texture mapping
 - Color combine (with texture)
 - Per-pixel lighting
 - Fog blending
 - Alpha test



Per-Sample Operations

◆ Per-fragment OPs before updating the depth/stencil/color buffers

- Fragment tests such as pixel ownership test, scissor test, stencil test, depth test
- Color blending (with frame buffer)
- Dithering
- Color masking



Programmable Shaders

Shader Architecture

Vertex Shader

Tessellation Shaders

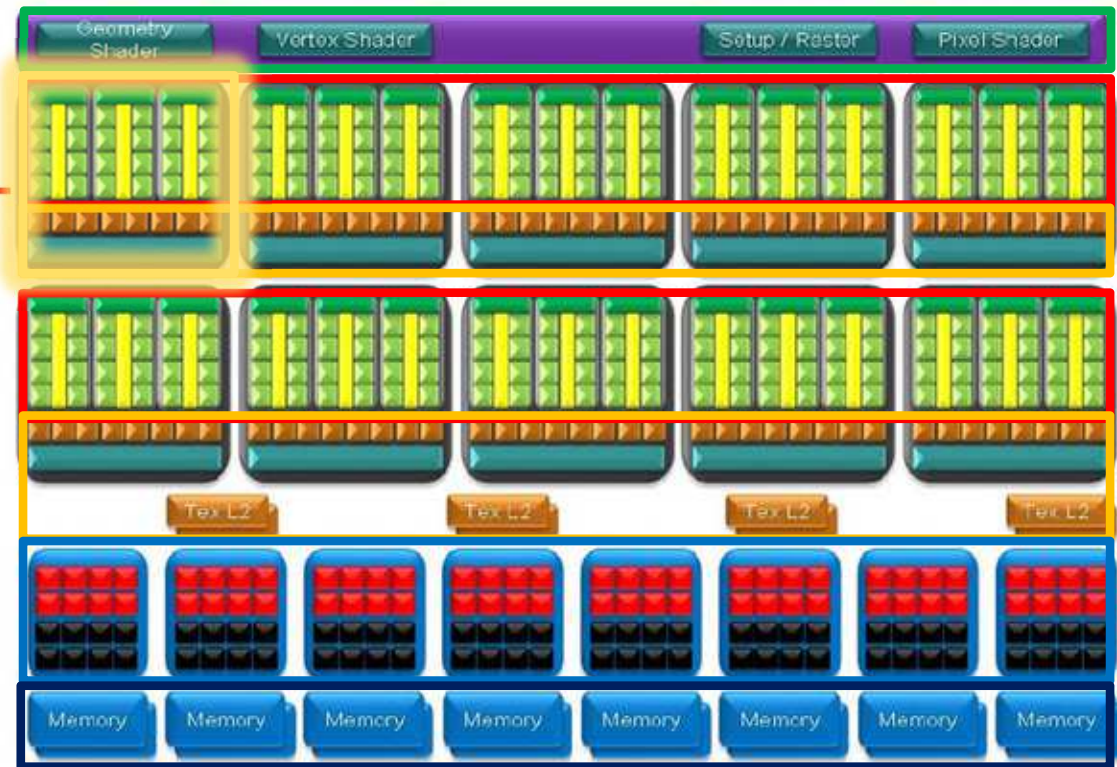
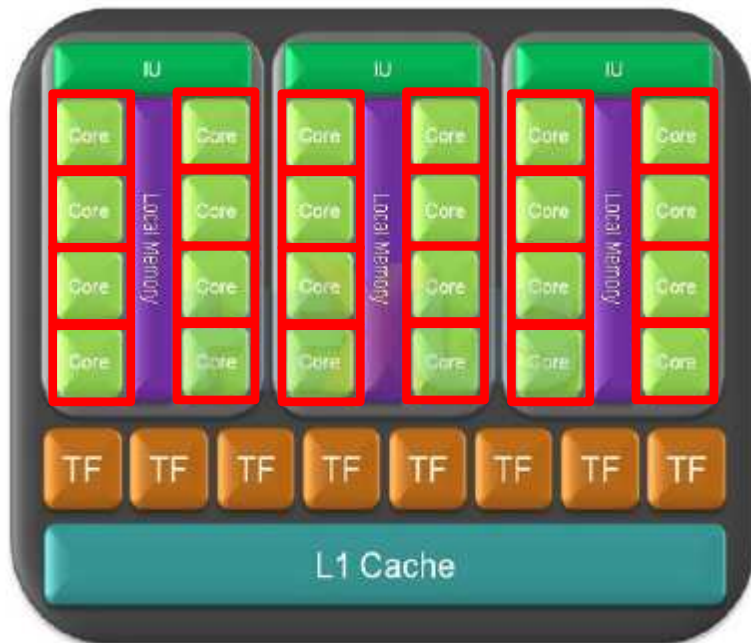
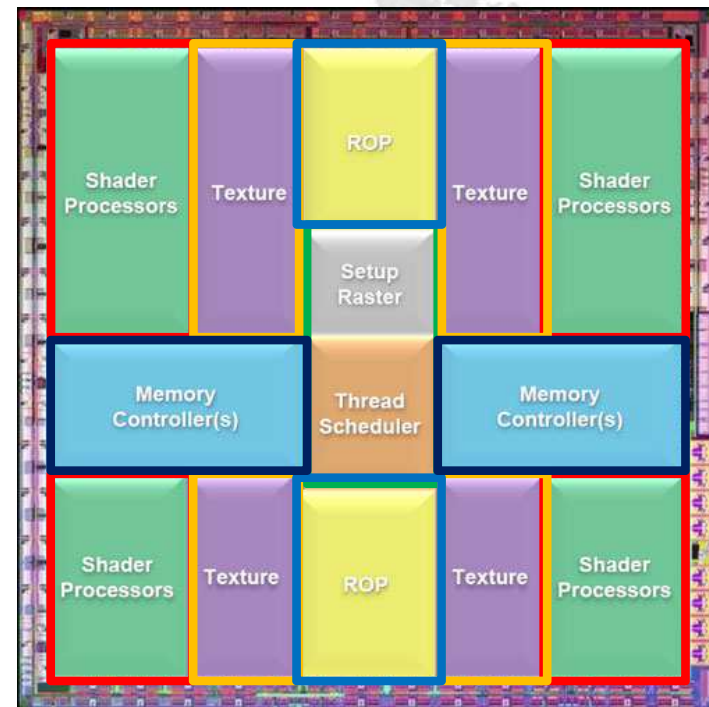
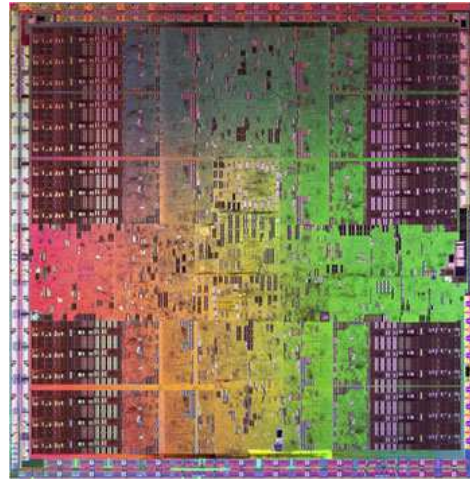
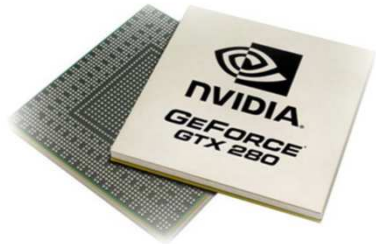
Geometry Shader

Fragment Shader

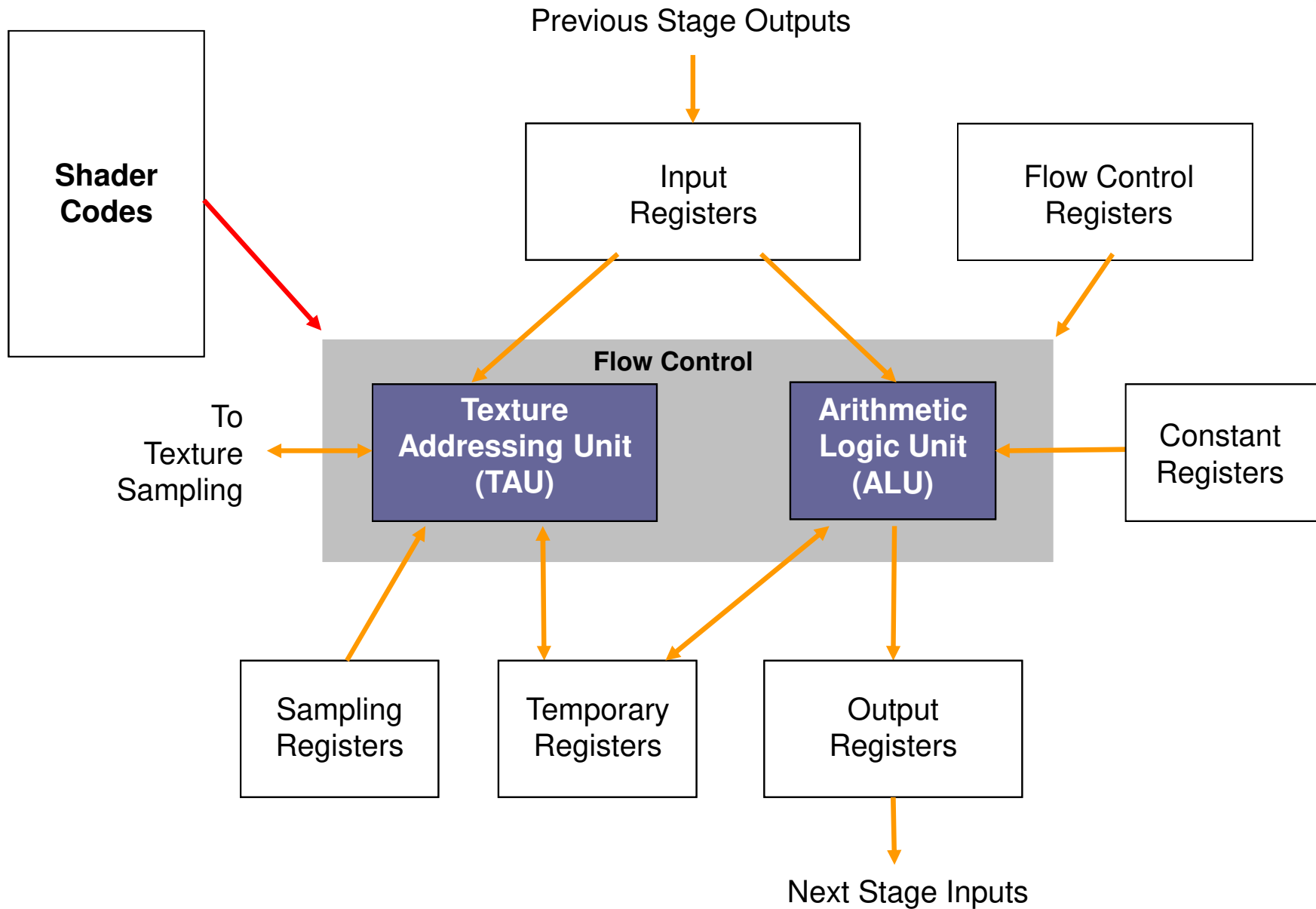
Compute Shader



Shader Architecture

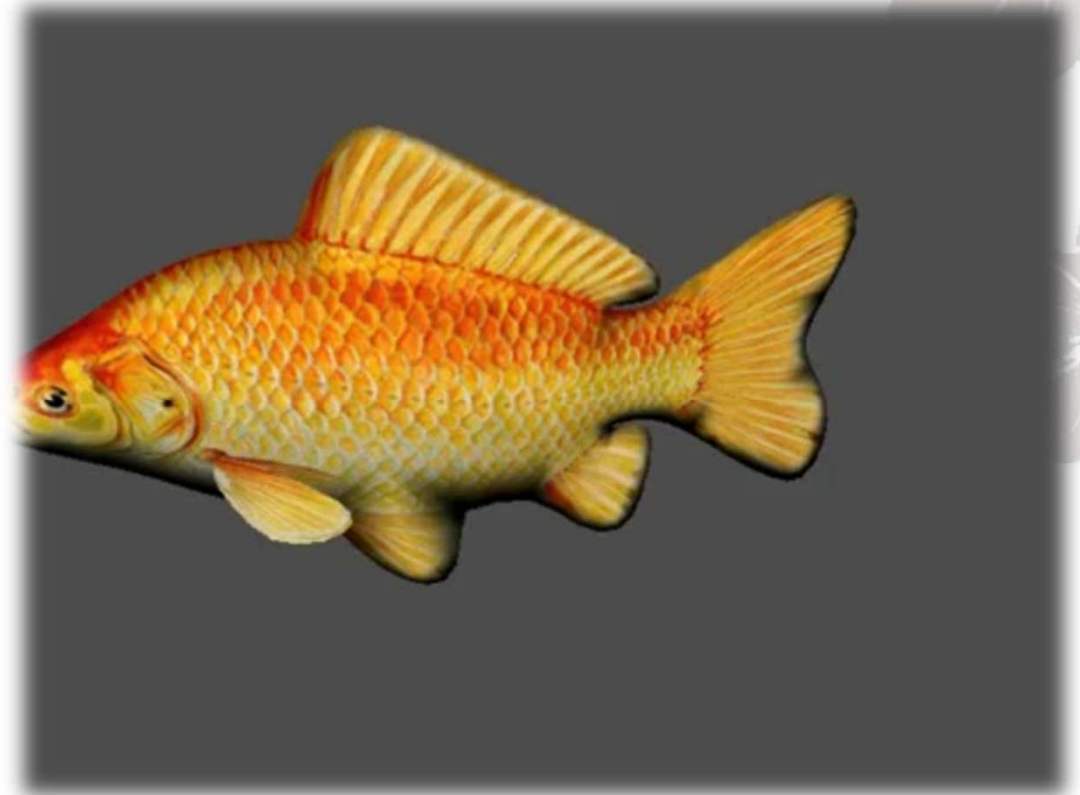


Shader Architecture



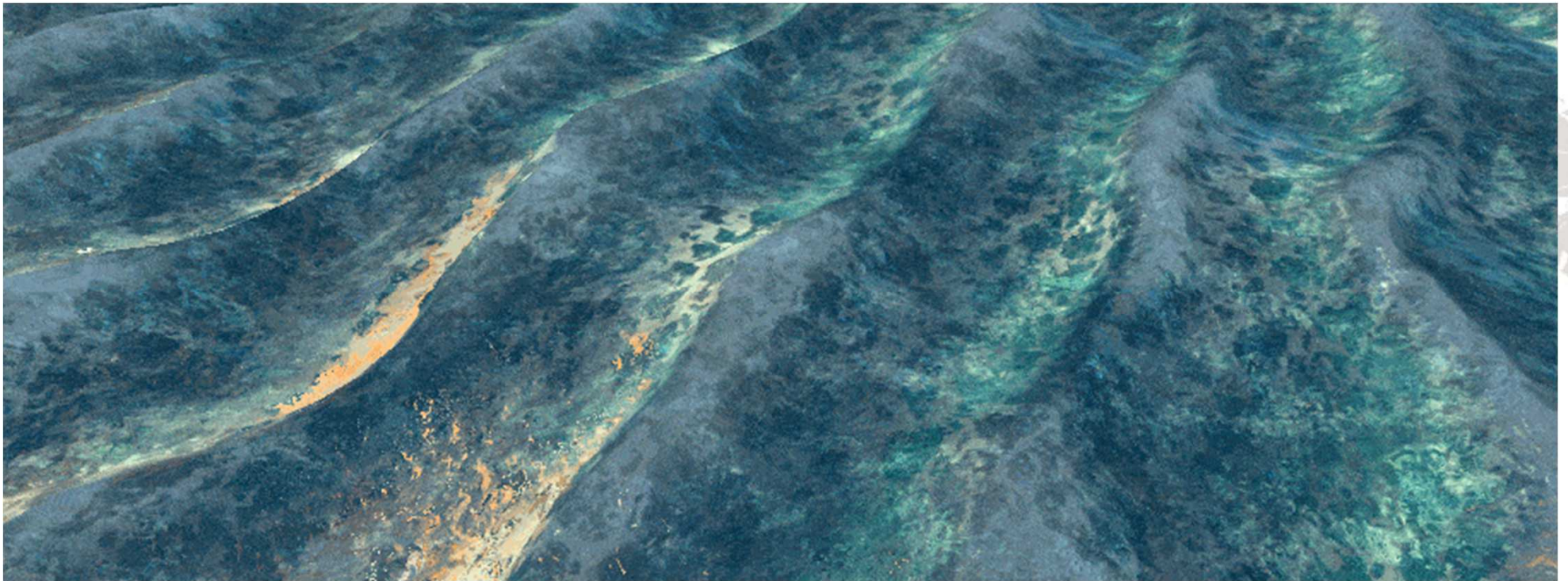
Vertex Shader

- ◆ **Processes vertices**
 - Transformation
 - Lighting
 - Displacement
- ◆ **Operate on a single input vertex and produce a single output vertex**



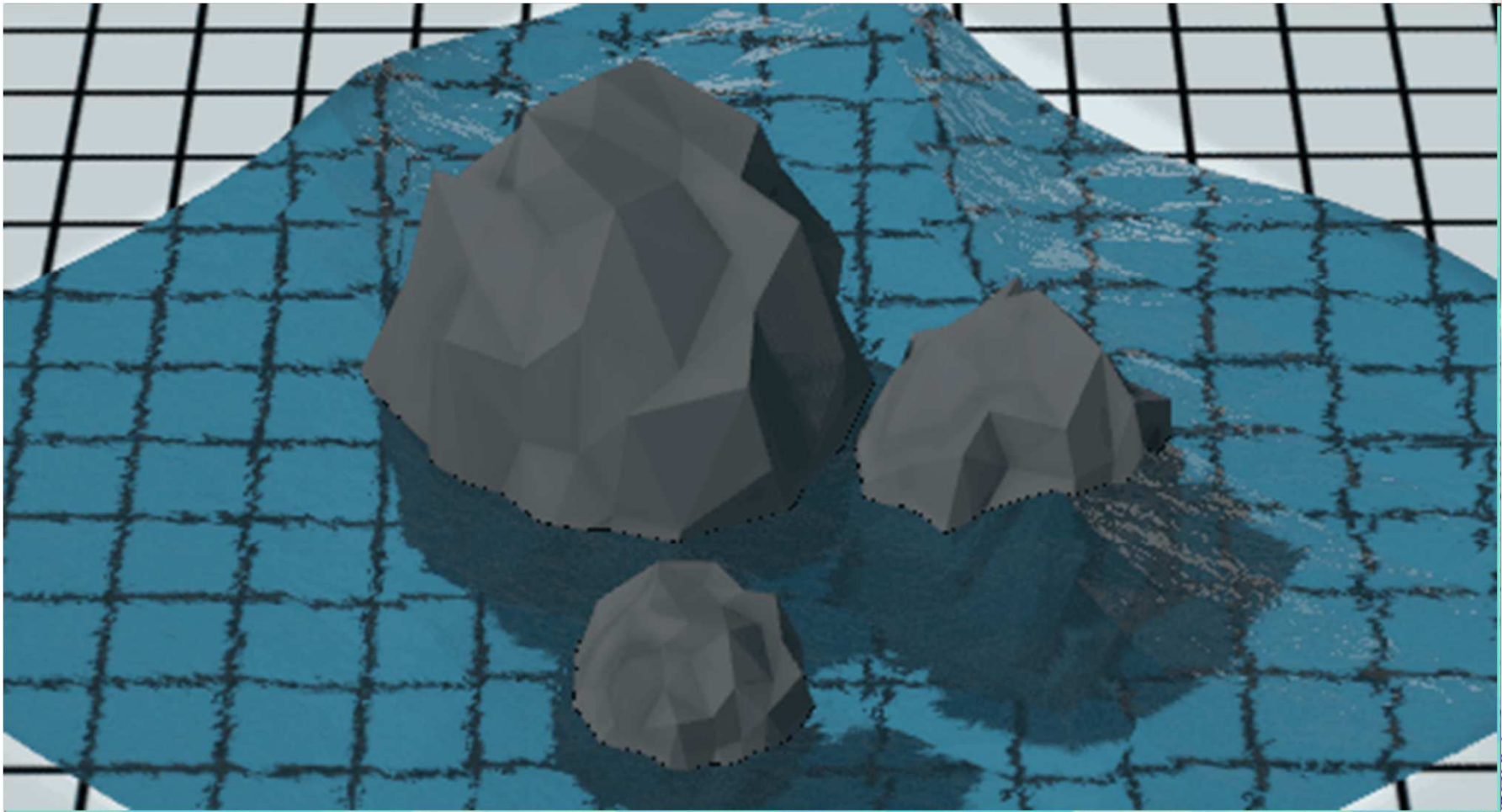
Vertex Shader Applications

◆ Wave Simulation



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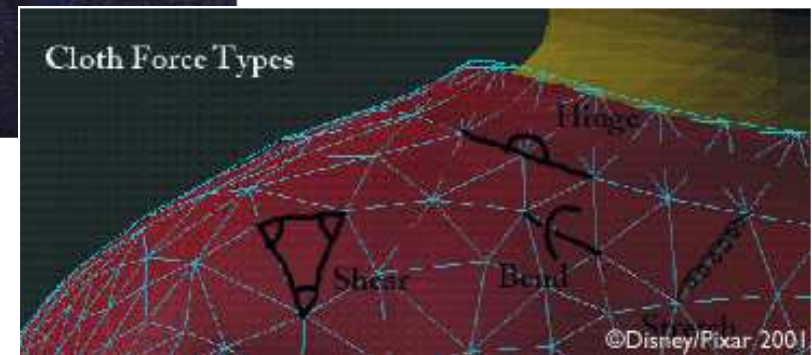
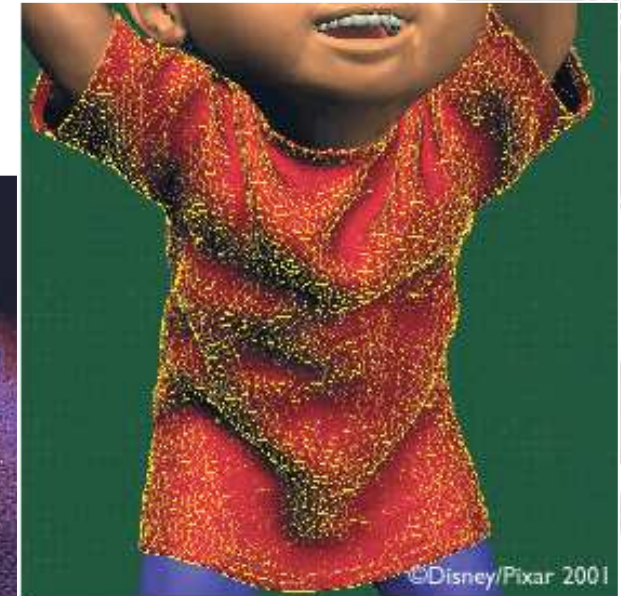
Vertex Shader Applications

◆ Hair/Fur



Vertex Shader Applications

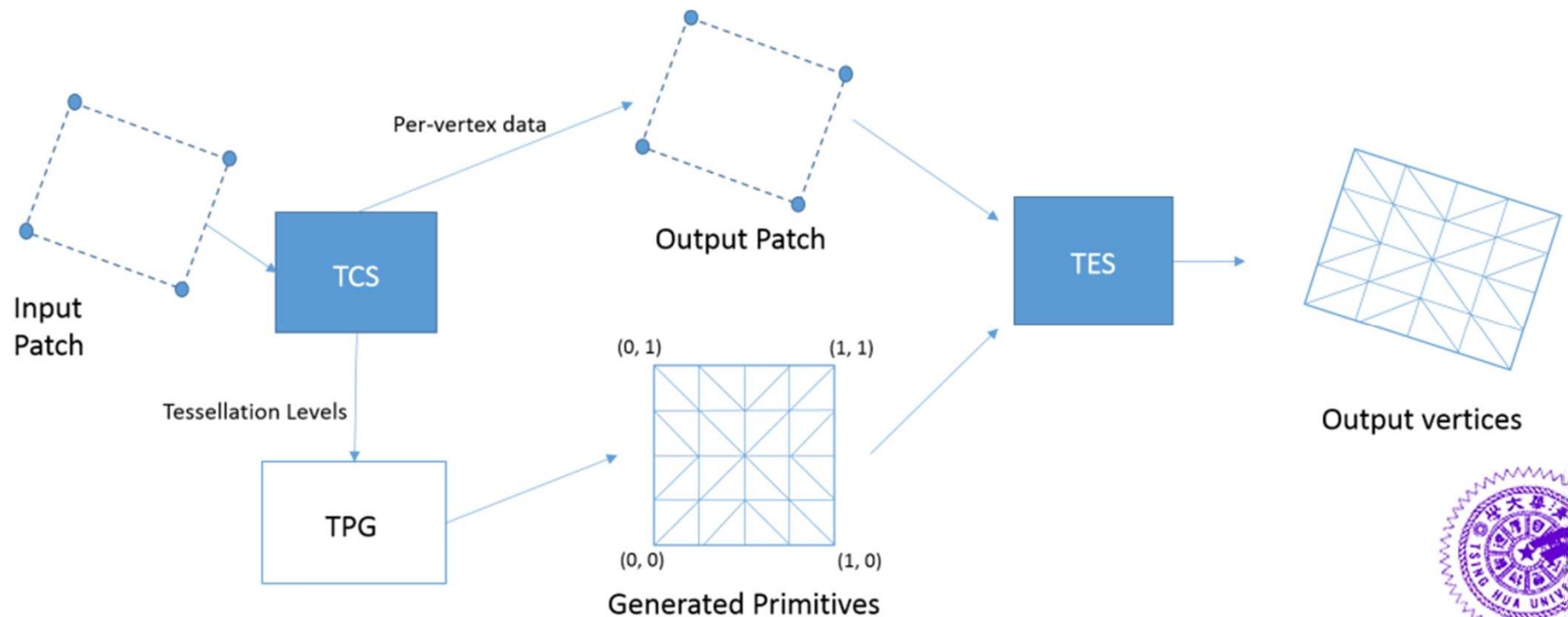
◆ Surface Displacement



Tessellation Shaders

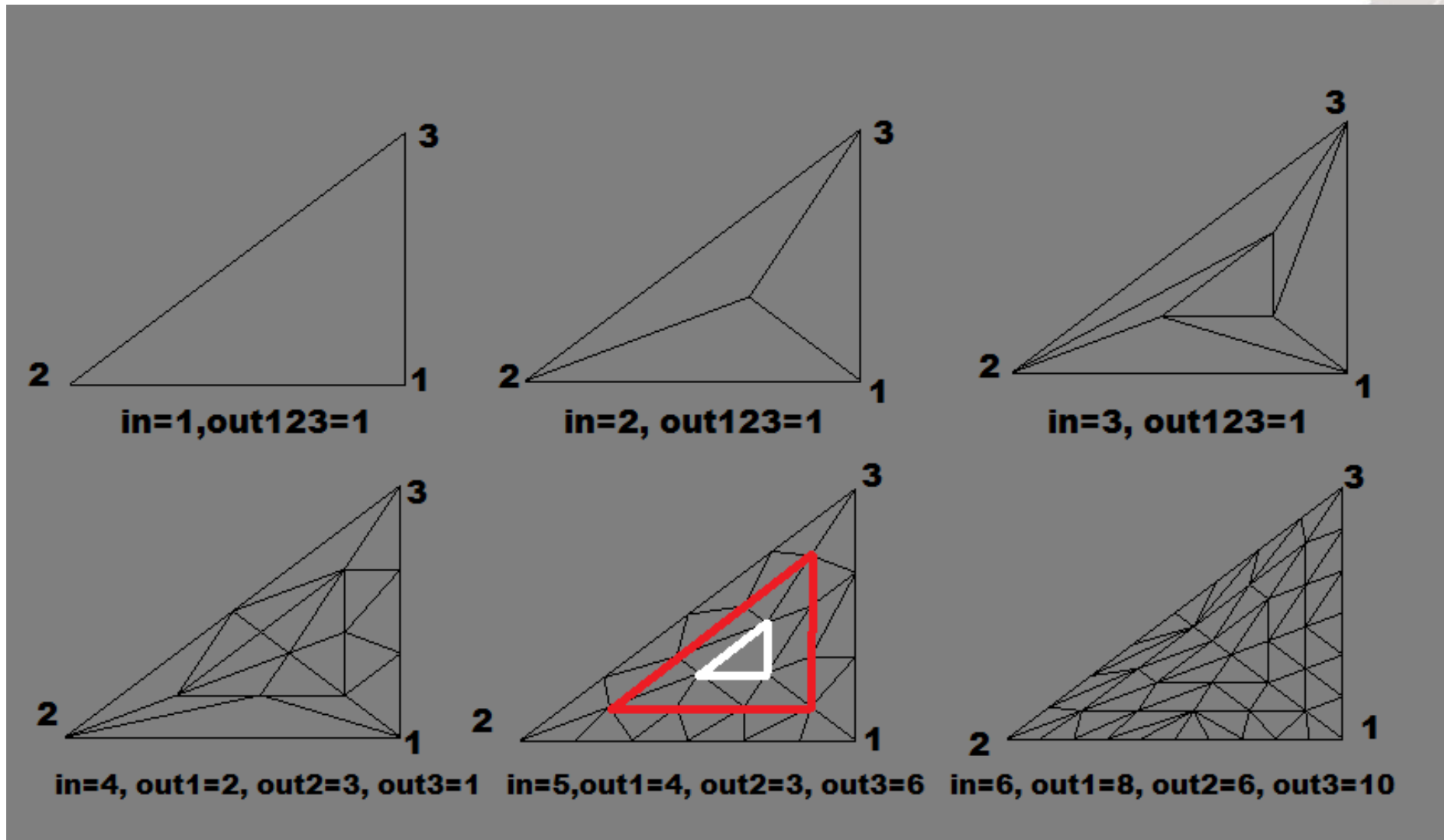
◆ Subdivide Surface Patches

- Tessellation Control Shader → tessellation levels
- Tessellation Primitive Generator → primitives
- Tessellation Evaluation Shader → new vertices



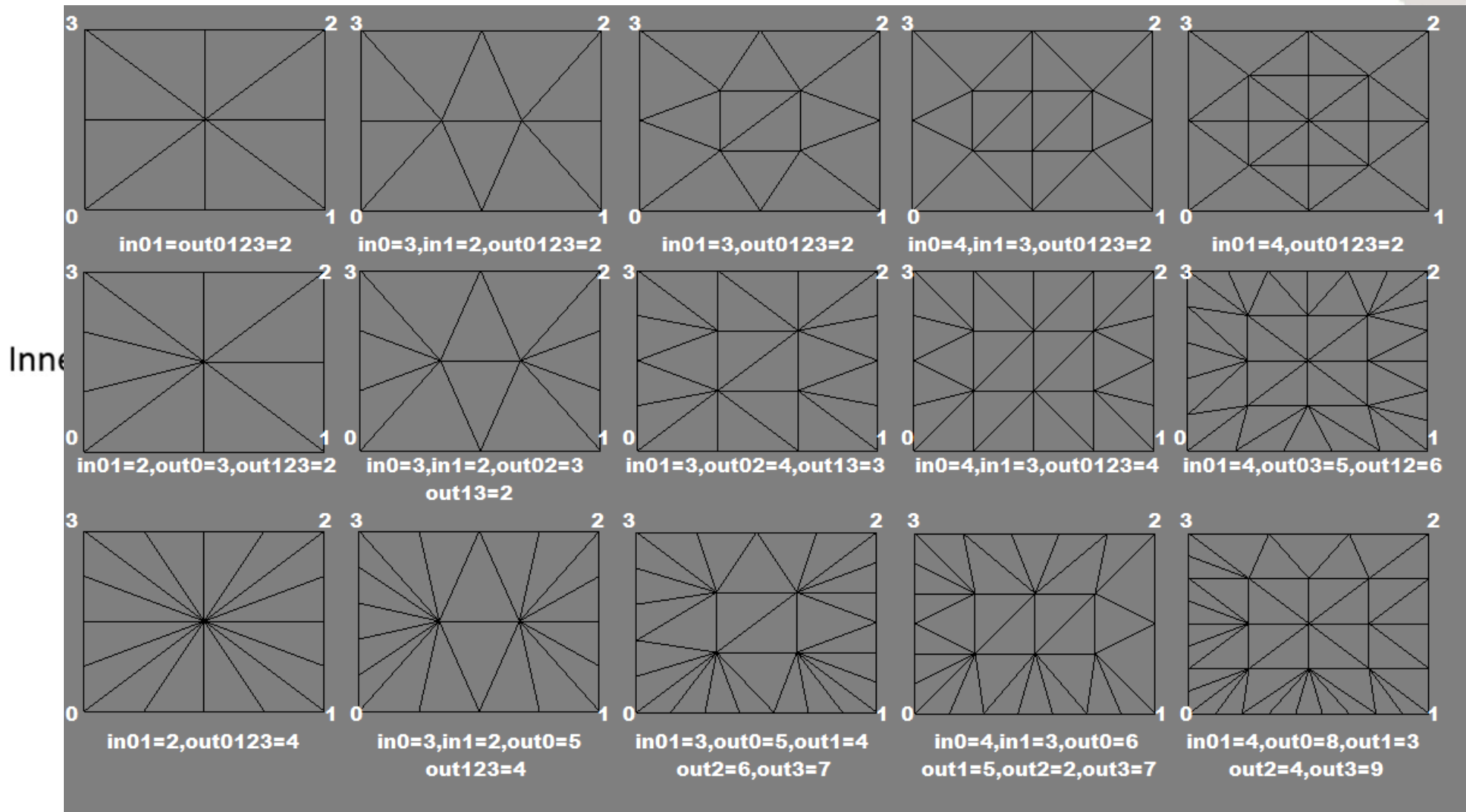
Tessellation Examples

◆ Primitive type: Triangle



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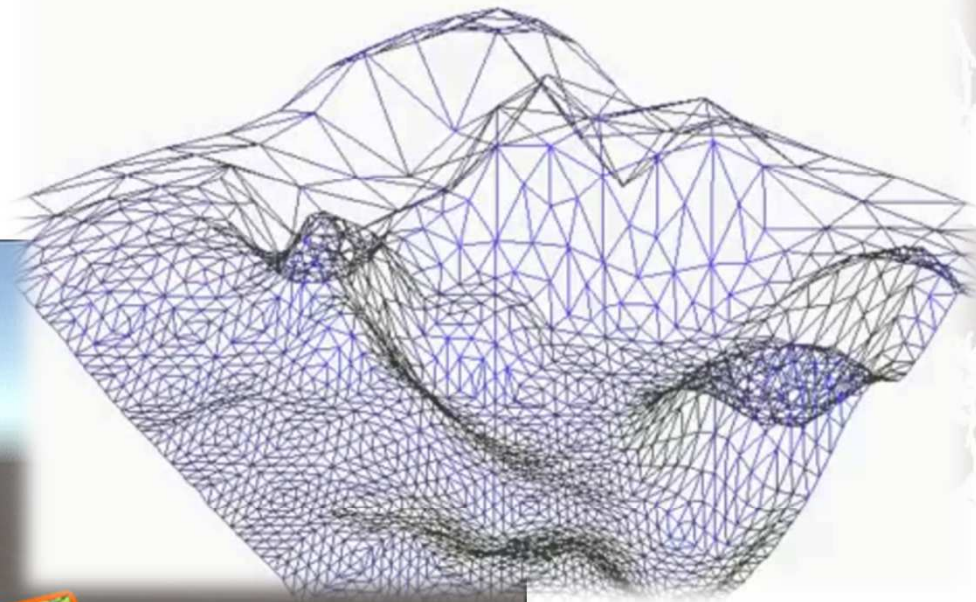
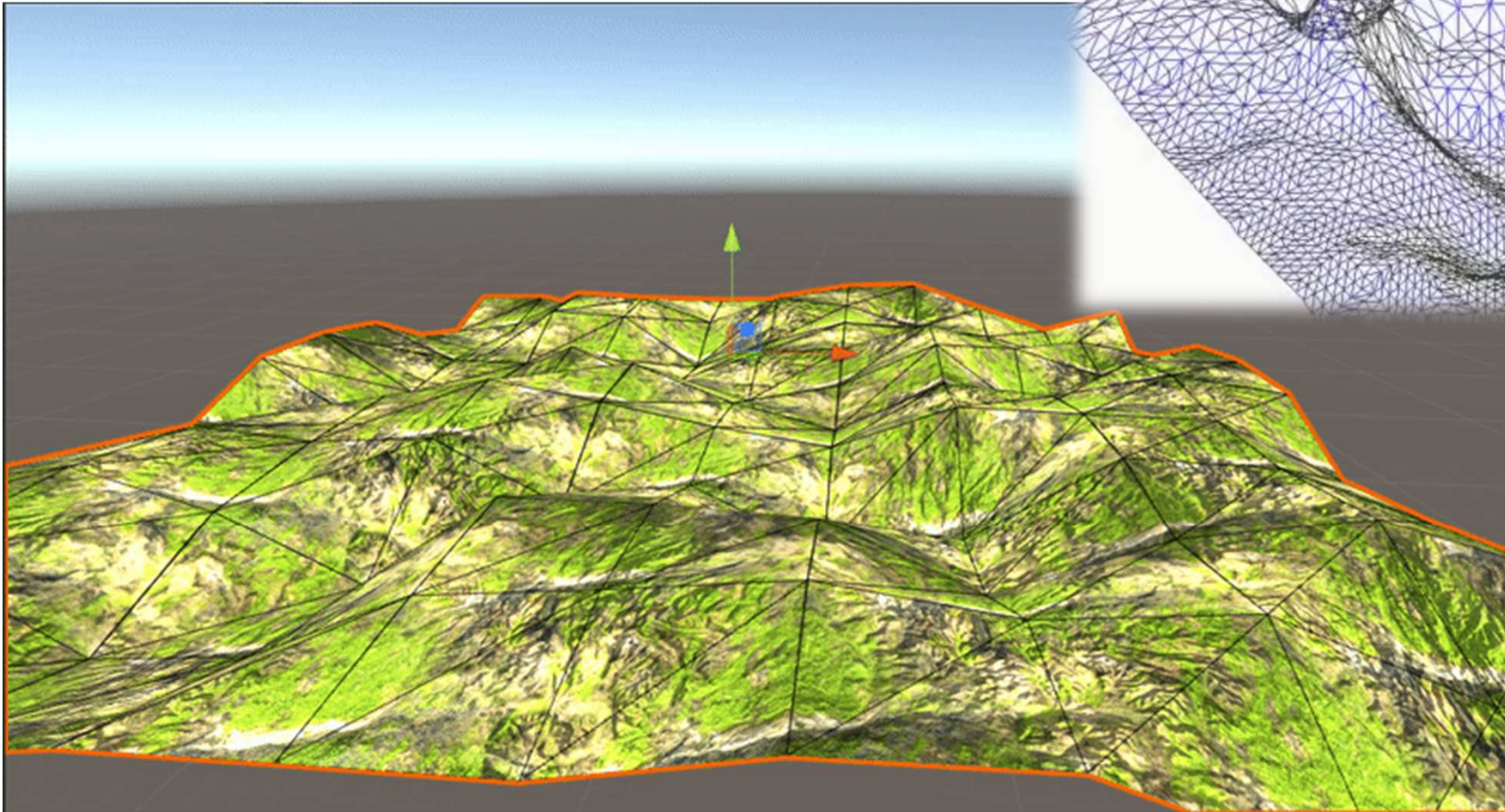
◆ Primitive type: Quad



Tessellation Shader Applications

◆ **Terrain Synthesis**

■ **Level of detail**



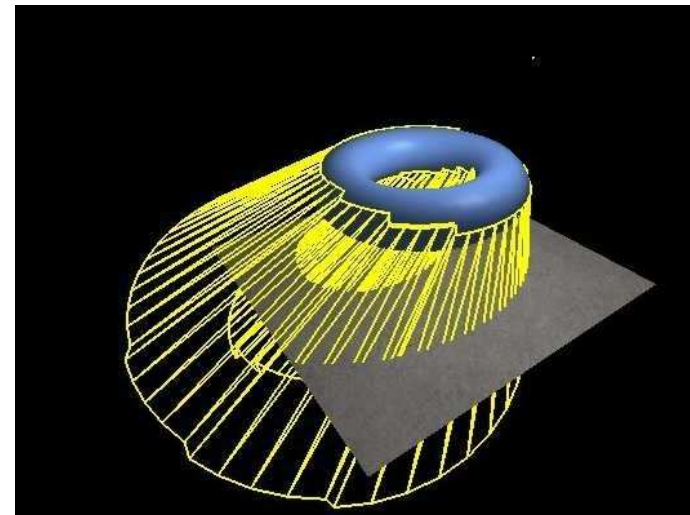
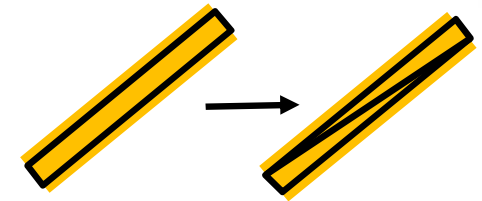
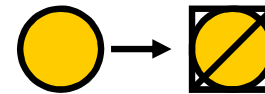
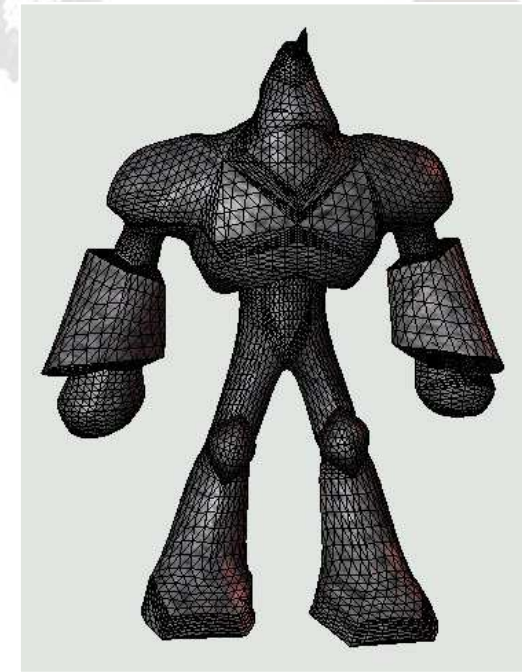
Tessellation Shader Applications



DX11 Tessellation off

Geometry Shader

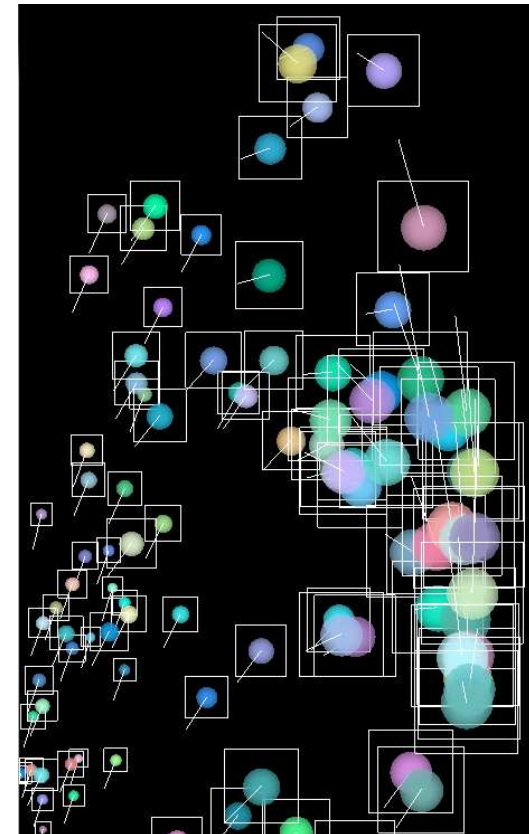
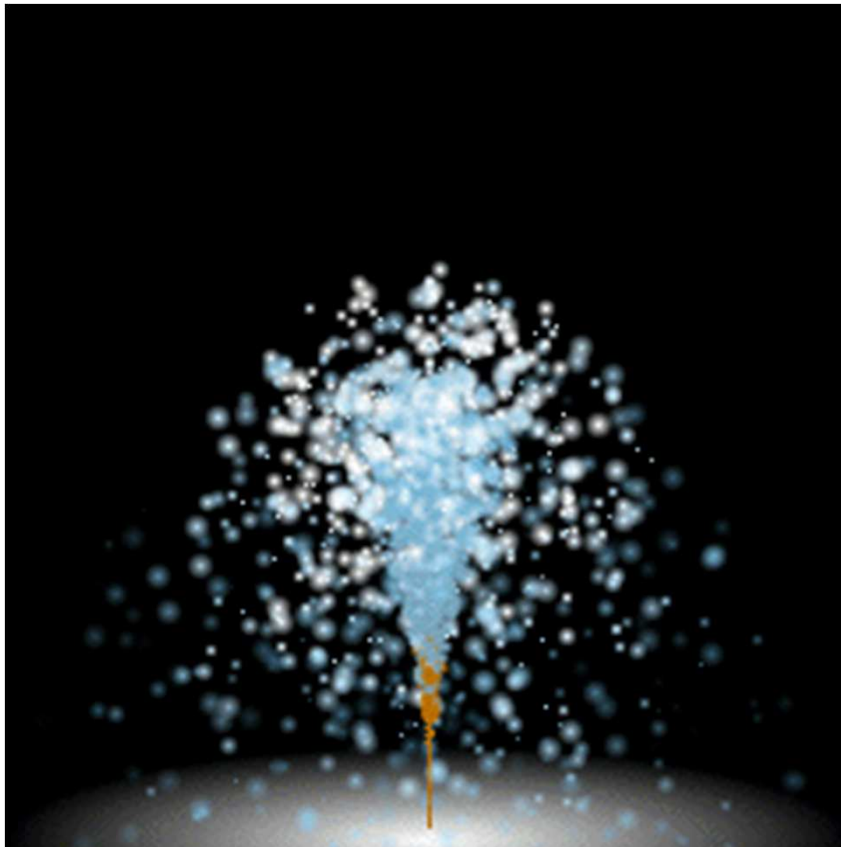
- ◆ **Process primitives**
 - Point sprite tessellation
 - Wide line tessellation
 - Shadow volume generation
 - Surface subdivision
- ◆ **Inputs one primitive. Outputs can be more than one primitives**



Geometry Shader Applications

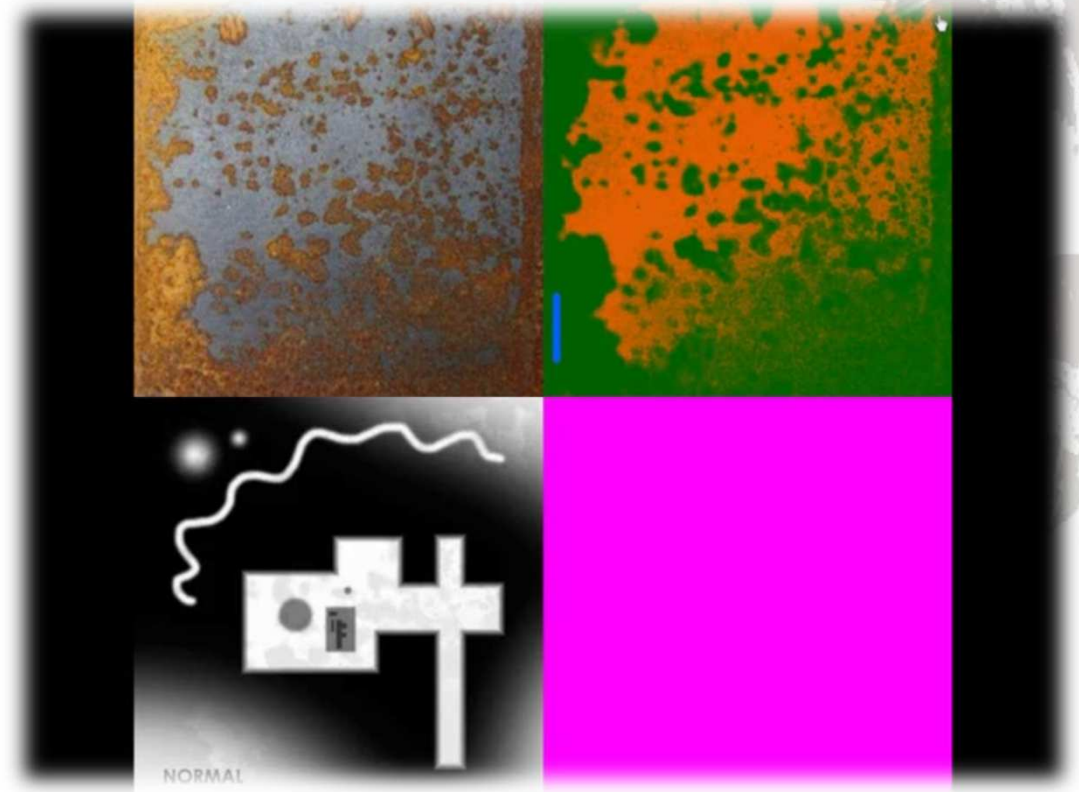
◆ Fireworks Particles

- Point primitives to quad primitives



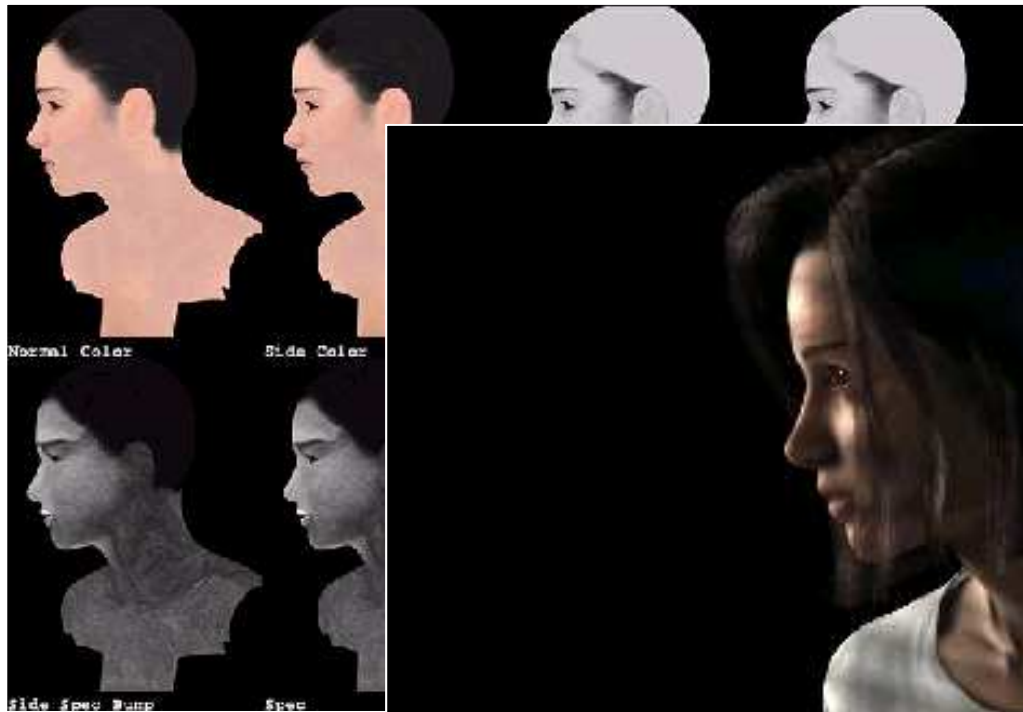
Pixel Shader

- ◆ **Process pixels**
 - Texture mapping
 - Color combine
 - Per-pixel lighting
 - ...
- ◆ **Inputs one pixel.**
Outputs one pixels at same position, or no pixel.



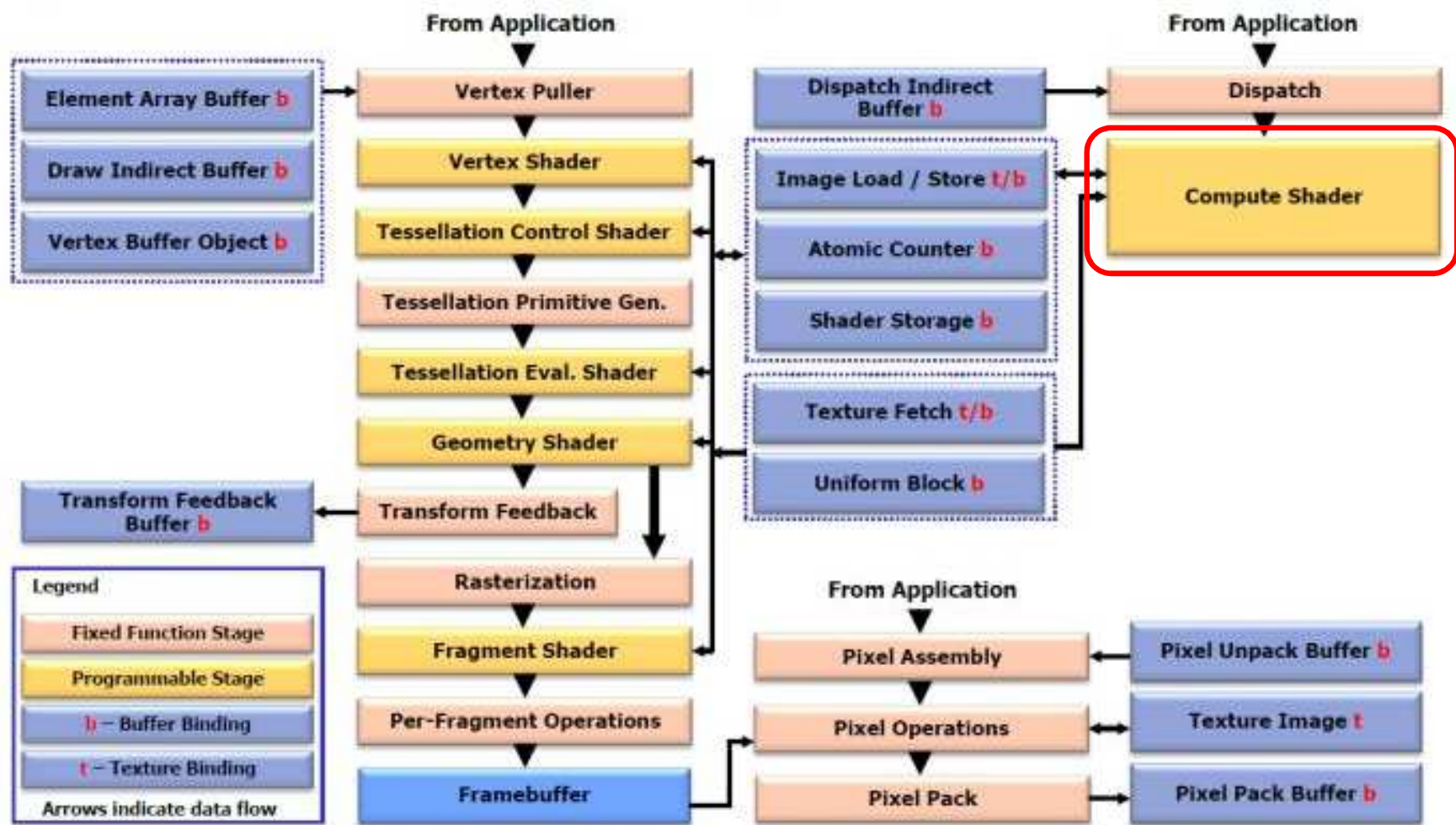
Pixel Shader Applications

◆ Multi-Texturing



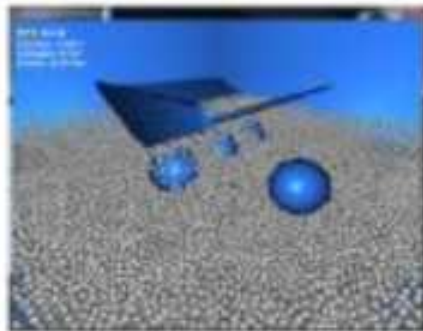
Computer Shader

- ◆ Use the power of GPU for general purpose computing



Computer Shader Applications

- ◆ Applications with complex and intensive computations



Physics



AI Simulation



Ray Tracing



Wave Simulation



Global Illumination

Unified Shader Model

- ◆ **Instruction set is consistent across all types of shaders**
 - **Vertex shader can also read texture too**
 - Eg. Displayment map
 - **But the capability is not all the same**
 - Eg. Only geometry shader can generate new primitives

Unified Shader Model

- ◆ **Due to unified shader, the GPU can be used as general purpose computing device**
 - **GPGPU – General Purpose GPU**
 - **Other shading languages used for utilizing GPGPU**
 - ▶ **NVIDIA's CUDA (Compute Unified Device Architecture)**
 - ▶ **Khronos' OpenCL (Open Computing Language)**
 - ▶ **Microsoft CS (Compute Shader)**



Shading Language

- ◆ Image synthesis can be divided into two basic concerns
 - Shape: Geometric Objects, Coordinates, Transformations, Hidden-Surface Methods...
 - Shading: Light, Surface, Material, Texture, ...
- ◆ Control shading not only by adjusting parameters and options, but by *telling the shader what you want it to do directly* in a form of procedure



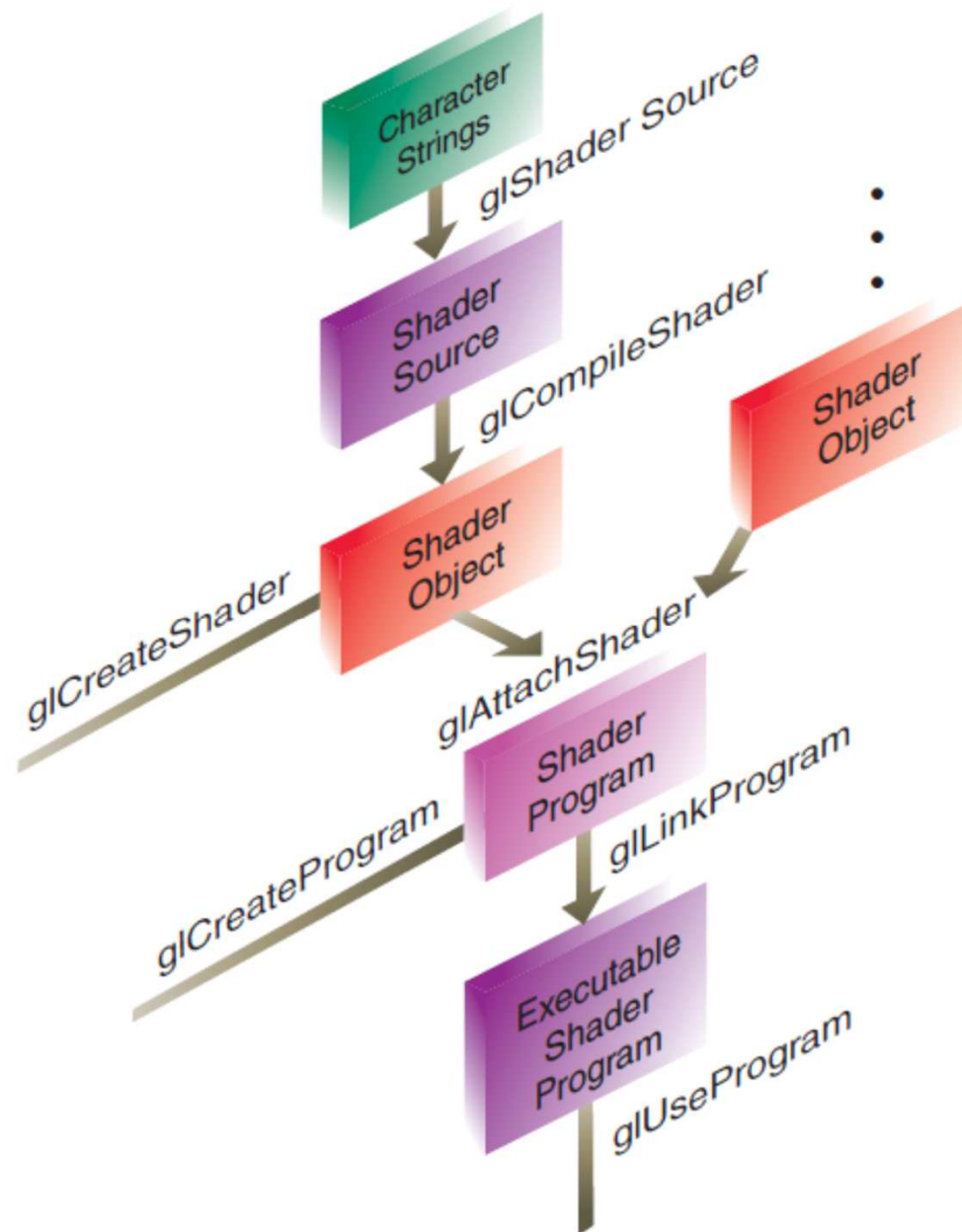
Shader Compiler

- ◆ **Shader compiler is used to compile the shader codes into hardware supported instructions**
- ◆ **Performance is highly depending on the compiler optimization**

OpenGL Programmable Shaders



Shader Application Flow



Applying Shader in OpenGL

◆ Compile Phase

- Create a shader object
- Compile the shader source
- Verify the status of compilation

Applying Shader in OpenGL

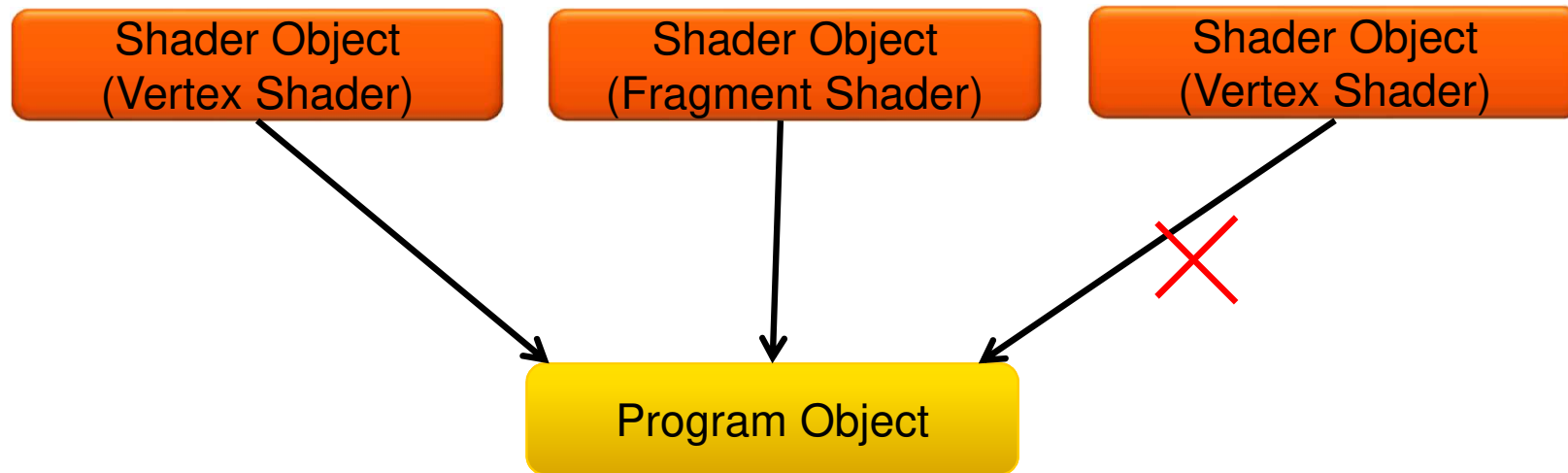
◆ Link Phase

- Create a shader program
- Attach the shader object to shader program
- Link the shader program
- Verify the status of linking
- Use the shader program



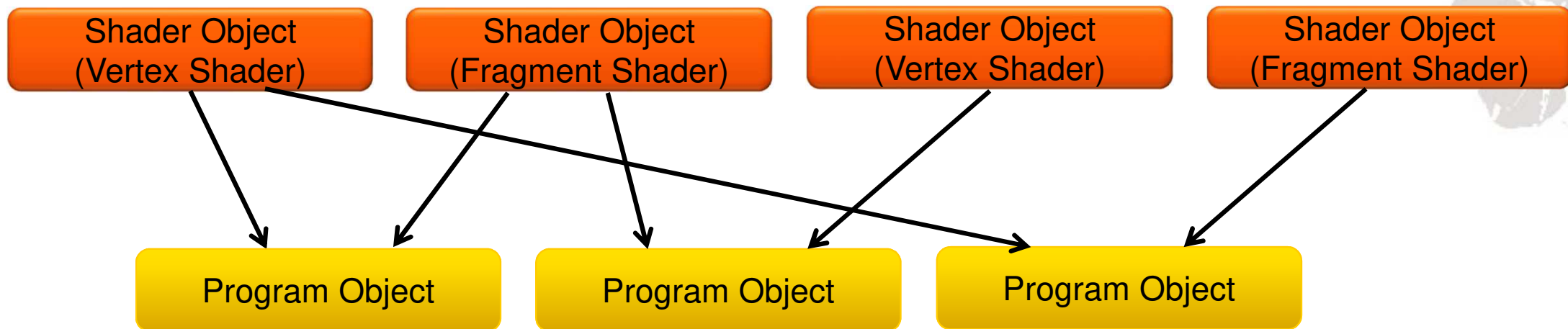
Attach Shader

- ◆ Multiple shader objects of the same type may not be attached to a single program object



Attach Shader

- ◆ A single shader object may be attached to more than one program object.



Using Shader

- ◆ GLuint **glUseProgram**(GLuint *program*)
 - The *program* is either for vertex or fragment processing depending on the type of shader created with `glCreateShader()`
 - In OpenGL version prior to v3.1, if *program* is zero, it will revert to fixed-function operation. For OpenGL version higher than or equal to v3.1, the result is undefined if *program* is zero.

Loading Shader Binaries

- ◆ **Binary shaders are vender specific**
- ◆ **Application Scenario**
 - Include all required GLSL shaders in your application
 - Compile the shaders during installation, or the first time your application runs
 - Save the program binary after successfully compiled and linked the shaders. (`glGetProgramBinary()`)
 - Use the binary version on subsequent execution. (`glProgramBinary()`)
- ◆ **Note that this usage scenario only supported after OpenGL v4.1**



Q&A

