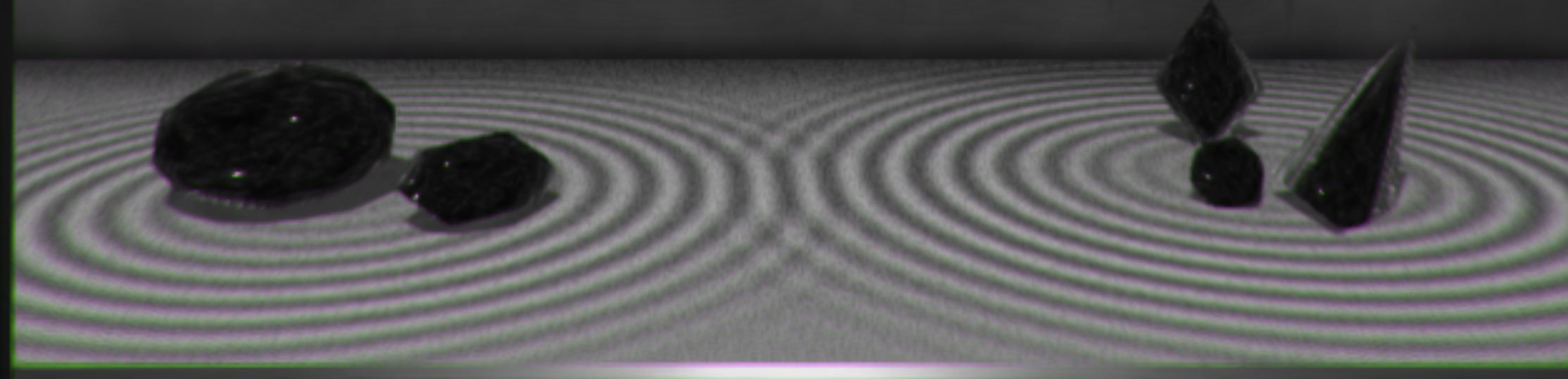


# dorkShop: Paint with Shader

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In this dorkShop, we are going to explore the powerhouse of your computer—the Graphics Processing Unit (GPU).

By using **GLSL fragment shader** as your paint brush, you can take full advantage of the GPU's computational power to generate amazing visuals to enhance your work in various platforms such as openFrameworks, Processing, Unity, and WebGL.

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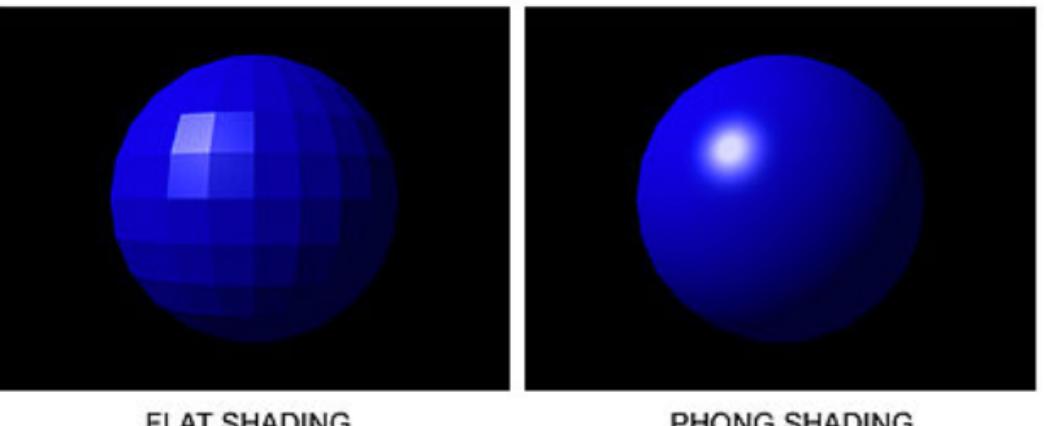


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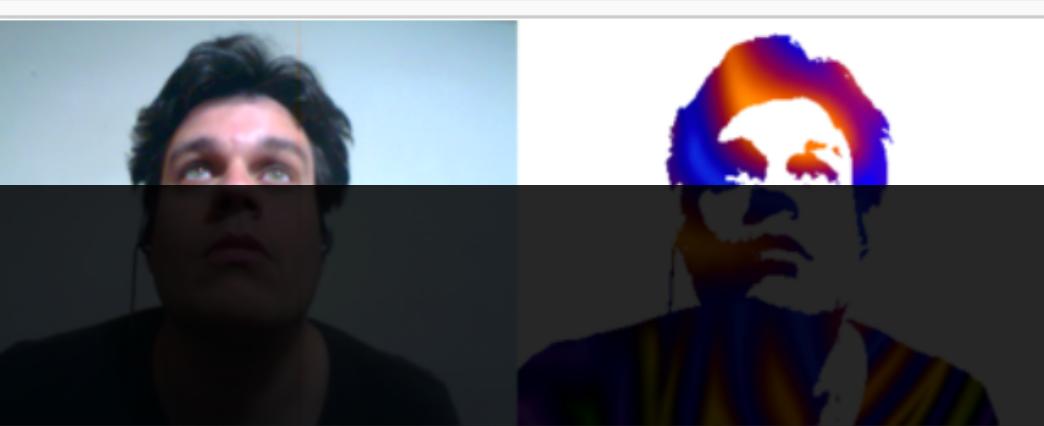
In the field of [computer graphics](#), a **shader** is a [computer program](#) that is used to do [shading](#): the production of appropriate levels of color within an image, or, in the modern era, also to produce [special effects](#) or do [video post-processing](#). A definition in layman's terms might be given as "a program that tells a computer how to draw something in a specific and unique way".

Shaders calculate [rendering](#) effects on graphics hardware with a high degree of flexibility. Most shaders are coded for a [graphics processing unit](#) (GPU), though this is not a strict requirement. Shading languages are usually used to program the programmable GPU [rendering pipeline](#), which has mostly superseded the fixed-function pipeline that allowed only common geometry transformation and pixel-shading functions; with shaders, customized effects can be used. The position, hue, saturation, brightness, and contrast of all [pixels](#), [vertices](#), or [textures](#) used to construct a final image can be altered on the fly, using algorithms defined in the shader that can be modified by external variables or textures introduced by the program calling the shader.

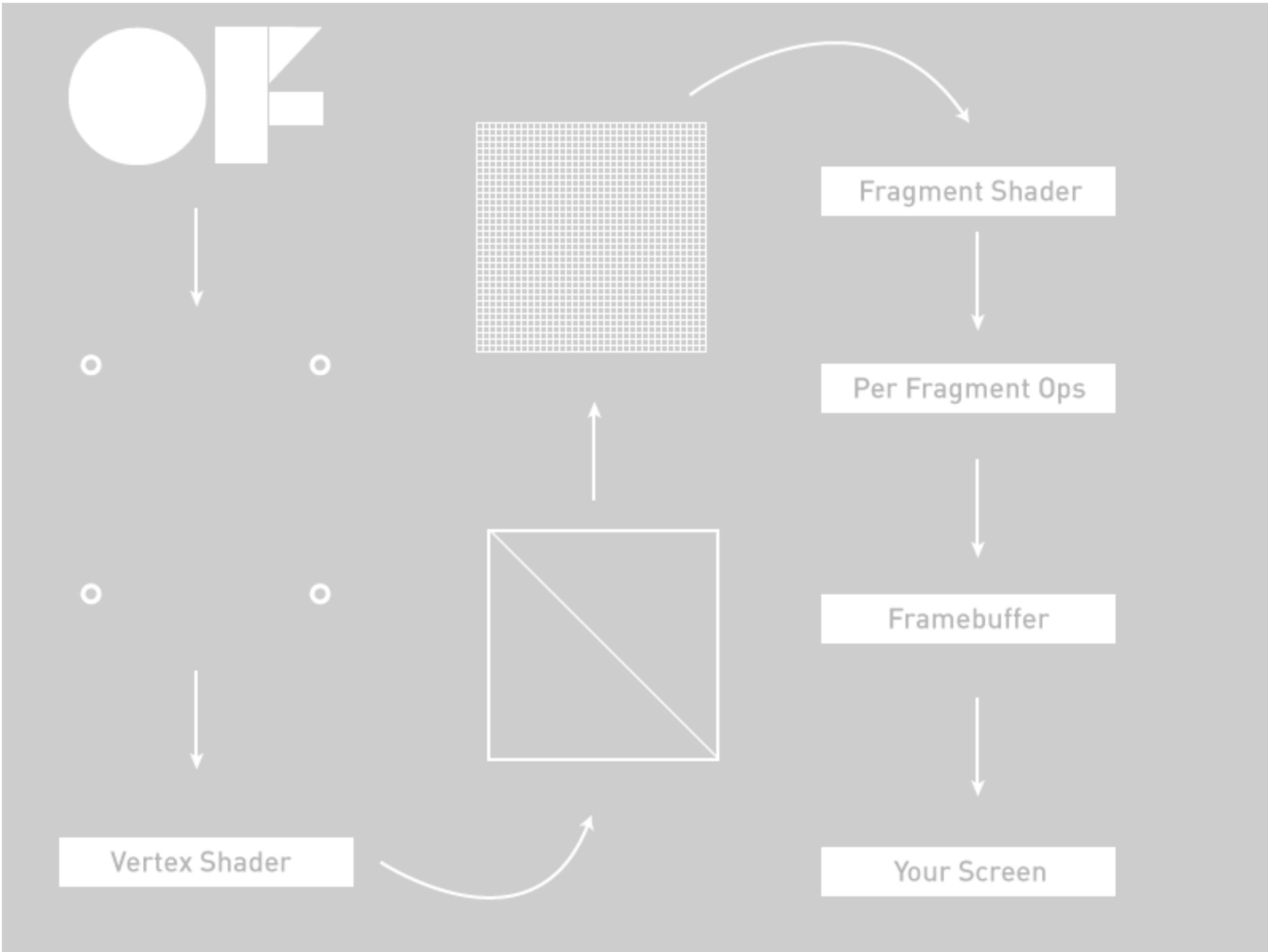


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Shaders are most commonly used to produce lighting and shadow in 3D modeling. This image illustrates Phong shading, one of the first computer shading models ever developed



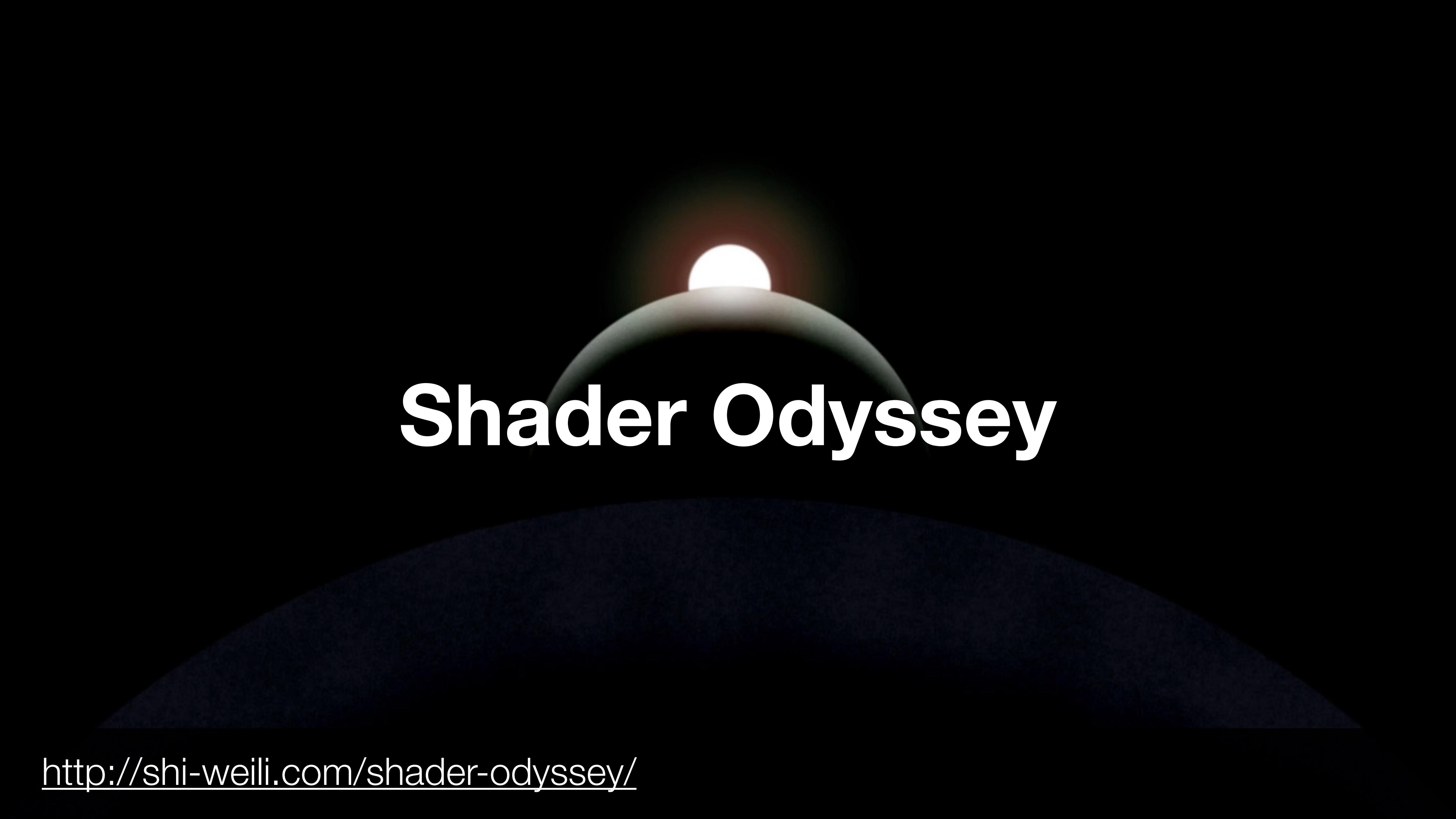
Shaders can also be used for



## The Graphics Pipeline

Walking from the upper left to the lower right we have:

1. Our OF application passing some vertex positions and texture coordinates to the graphics card
2. Our Vertex Shader.
3. Primitive Assembly setup of primitives, e.g. triangles, lines, and points
4. Rasterization: interpolation of data (colors, texture coordinates, other varying values) for all pixels
5. Our Fragment Shader
6. Per-pixel ops like discarding pixels for alpha, depth, and other reasons that would cause a pixel to not be drawn
7. Off to the framebuffer
8. Onto your screen



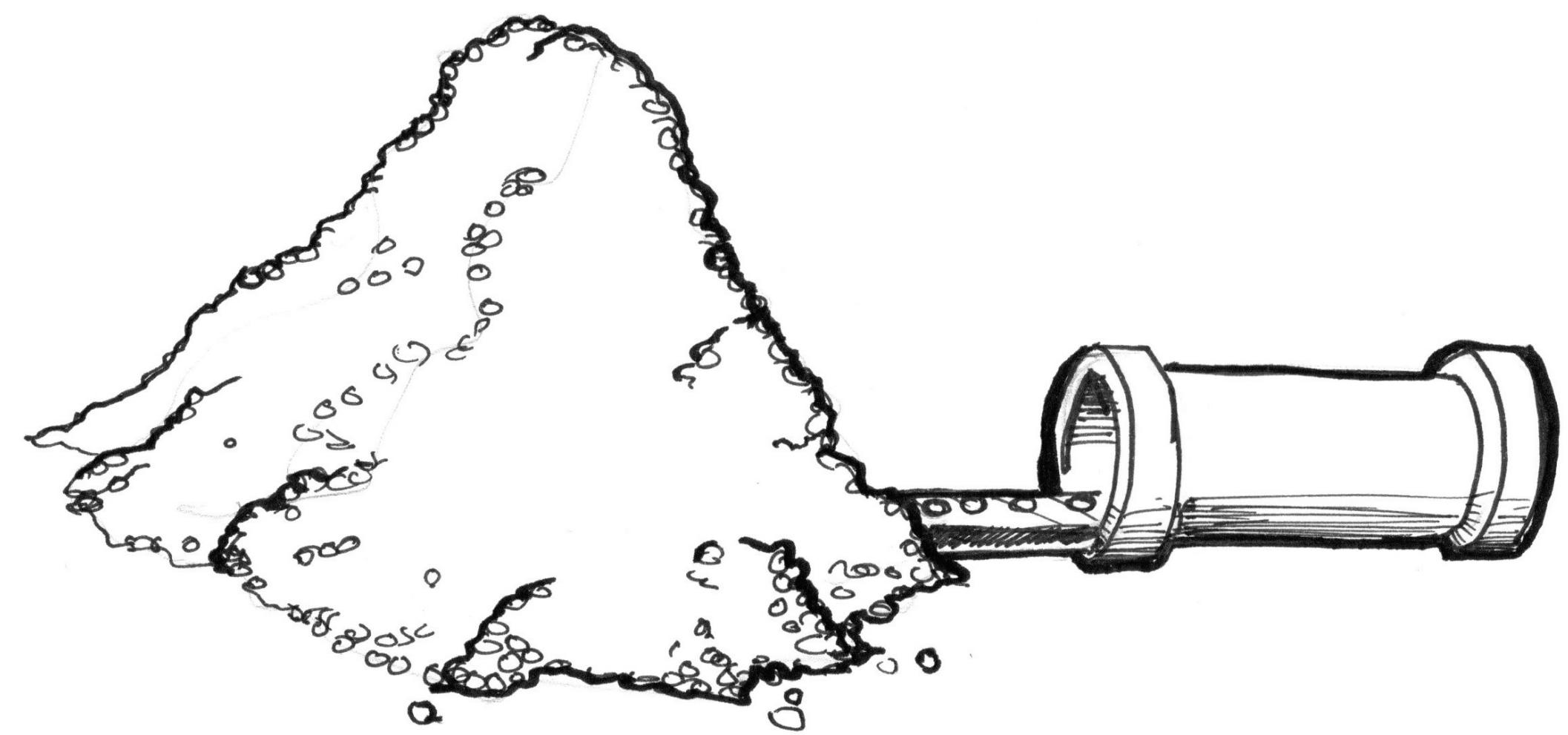
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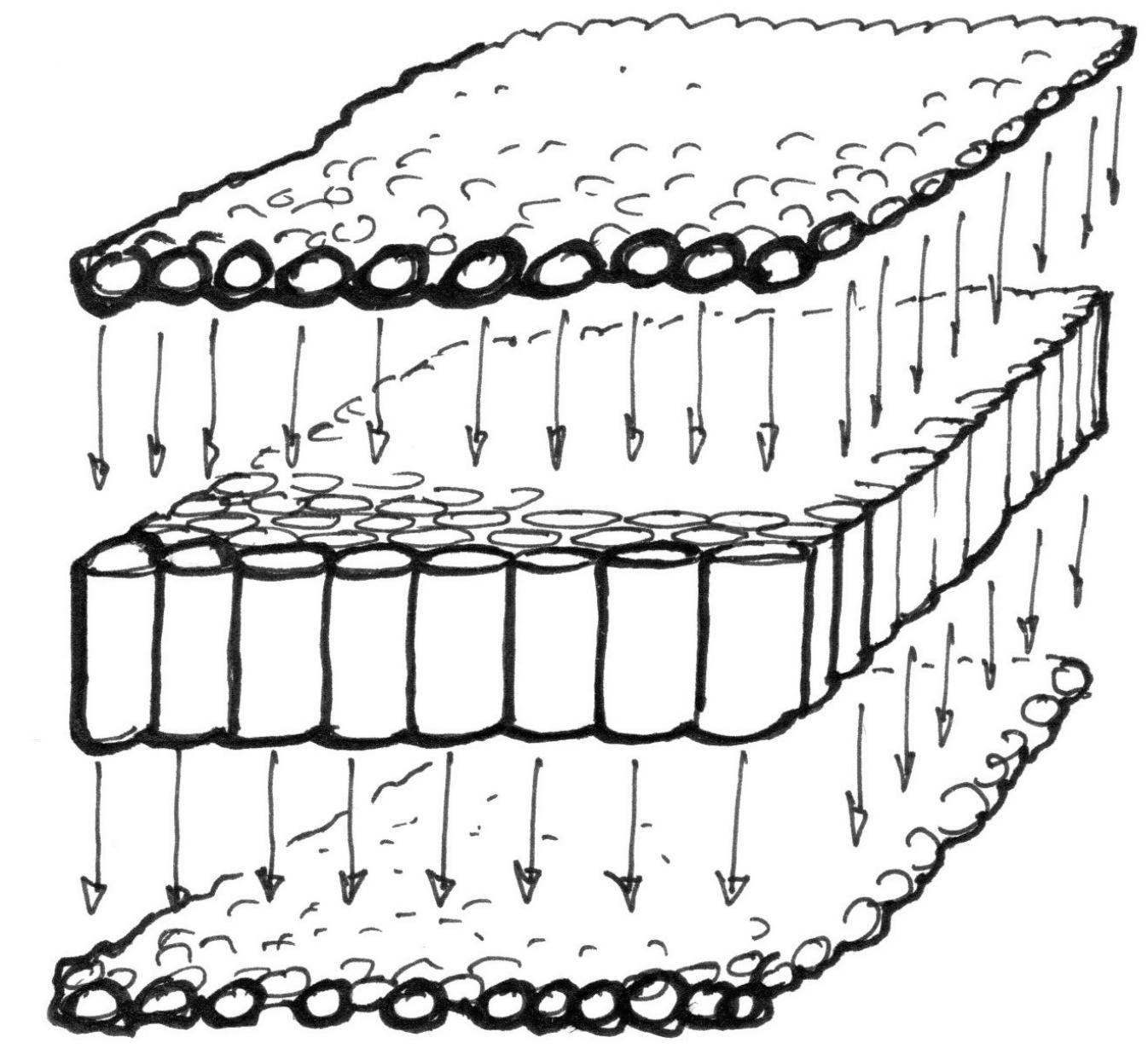
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GPU

We are going to walk through a few examples of GLSL fragment shader in a fast pace.

Our focus is on the drawing abilities of shader programming.

Keep in mind: **Do not try to understand and remember everything** in the code examples. The range of knowledge/techniques covered by these examples are normally taught in weeks. The aim of this dorkShop is to show you what unique thing shader can do, so that you know whether you want explore it further afterwards.



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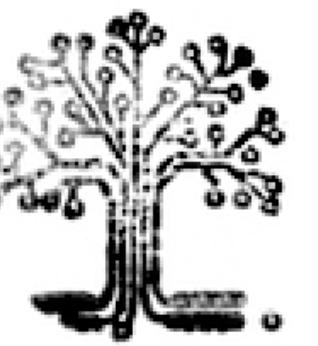
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processing, Unity, and WebGL.



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## GlsLEditor

The Book of Shaders Editor ➔ GLSL Editor ➔ GLSL Editor

```
5 #define PI 3.14159265359
6
7 uniform vec2 u_resolution;
8 uniform float u_time;
9
10 mat2 rotate2d(float _angle){
11     return mat2(cos(_angle),-sin(_angle),
12                 sin(_angle),cos(_angle));
13 }
14
15 float box(in vec2 _st, in vec2 _size){
16     _size = vec2(0.5) - _size*0.5;
17     vec2 uv = smoothstep(_size,
18                           _size+vec2(0.001),
19                           _st);
20     uv *= smoothstep(_size,
21                       _size+vec2(0.001),
22                       vec2(1.0)-_st);
23     return uv.x*uv.y;
24 }
25
26 float cross(in vec2 _st, float _size){
27     return box(_st, vec2(_size,_size/4.)) +
28            box(_st, vec2(_size/4.,_size));
29 }
30
31 void main(){
32     vec2 st = gl_FragCoord.xy/u_resolution.xy;
33     vec3 color = vec3(0.840,0.048,0.016);
34
35     st = vec2(0.5);
36     st = rotate2d(0.824 * PI) * st;
37     st += vec2(0.5);
38     st -= vec2(0.5);
39     st -= vec2(0.5);
40
41     color += vec3(cross(st,0.25));
42
43     gl_FragColor = vec4(color,1.0);
44 }
```

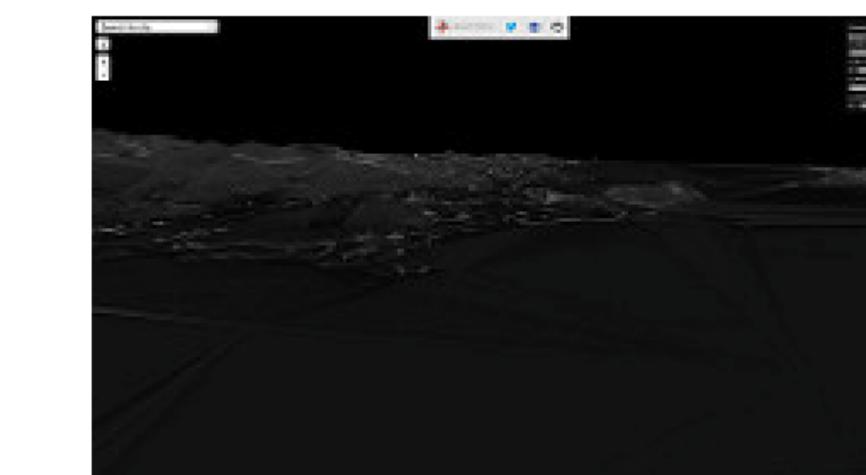
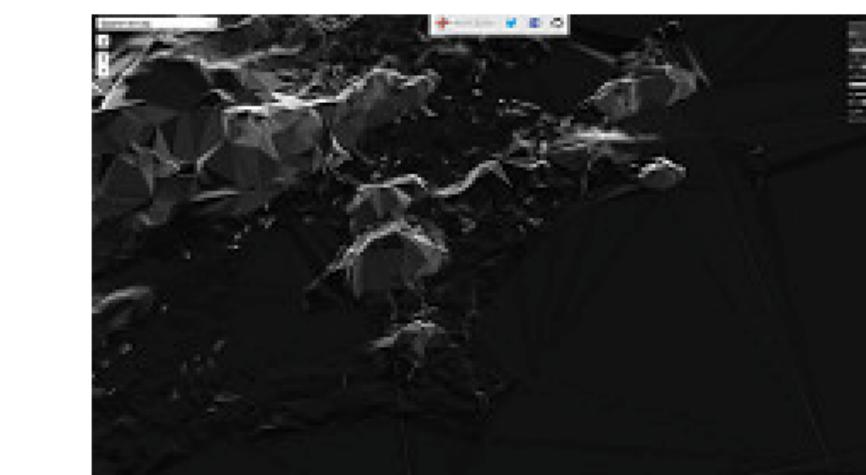
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Friendly GLSL Shader editor based on [Codemirror](#) compatible with [glslViewer](#) (C++/OpenGL ES) and [glslCanvas](#) (JS/WebGL).

Was originally developed to work as an embedded editor for [The Book of Shaders](#). But now have grown as a stand alone Web app. Thanks to their compatibility with other apps of this ecosystem like [glslViewer](#) that runs in the RaspberryPi directly from console, [GlsLEditor](#) interacts with other projects like [OpenFrame.io](#) allowing the user to export the shaders to frames with only one button.

<http://patriciogonzalezvivo.com/2016/glsLEditor/>

Now working on:



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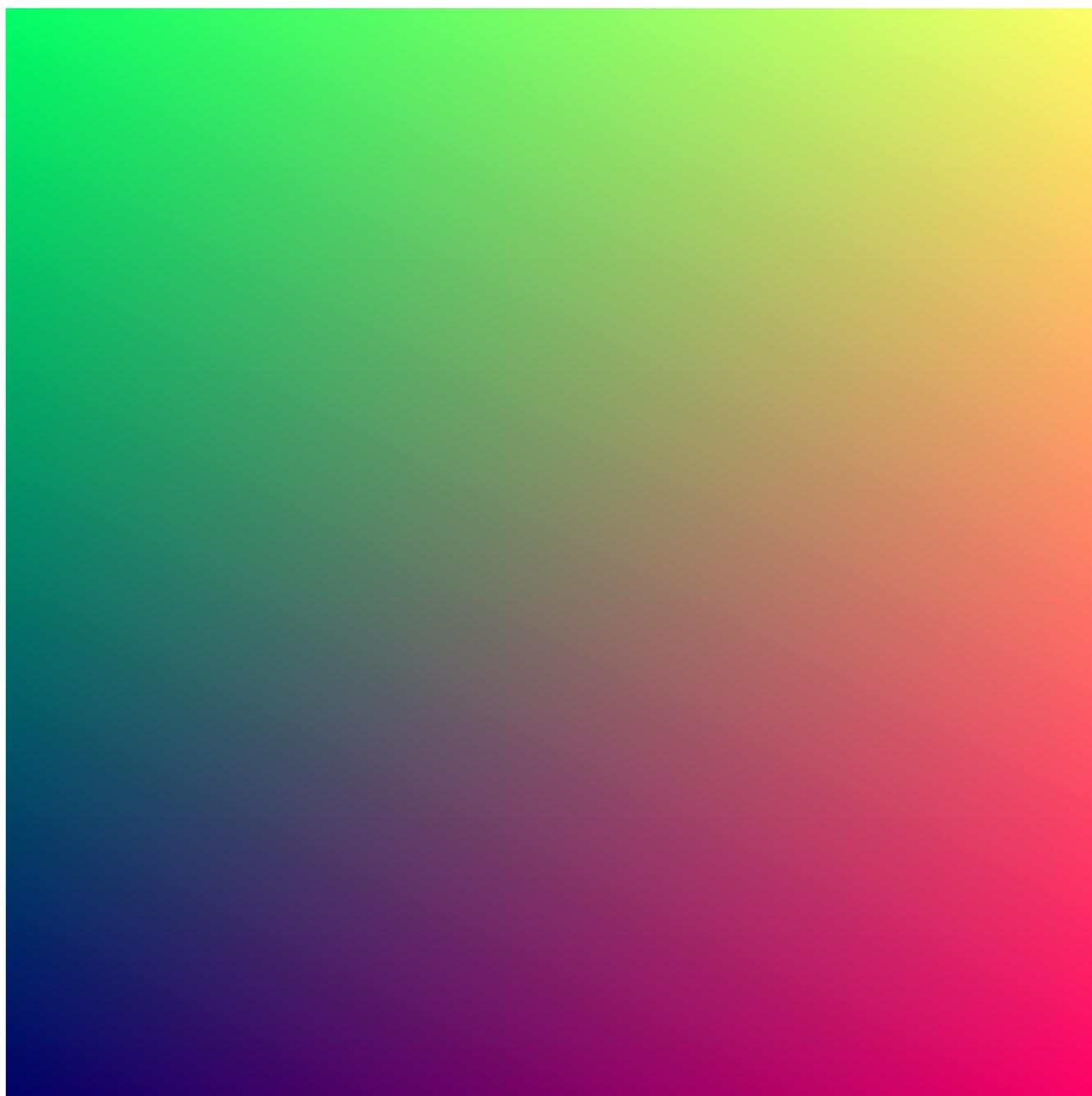
```
1 // Author:  
2 // Title:  
3  
4 #ifdef GL_ES  
5 precision mediump float;  
6 #endif  
7  
8 uniform vec2 u_resolution;  
9 uniform vec2 u_mouse;  
10 uniform float u_time;  
11  
12 void main() {  
13     vec2 st = gl_FragCoord.xy/u_resolution.xy;  
14     st.x *= u_resolution.x/u_resolution.y;  
15  
16     st += vec2(.0);  
17     vec3 color = vec3(1.);  
18     color = vec3(st.x,st.y,abs(sin(u_time)));  
19  
20     gl_FragColor = vec4(color,1.0);  
21 }
```



Code Example 1

## **Hello World**

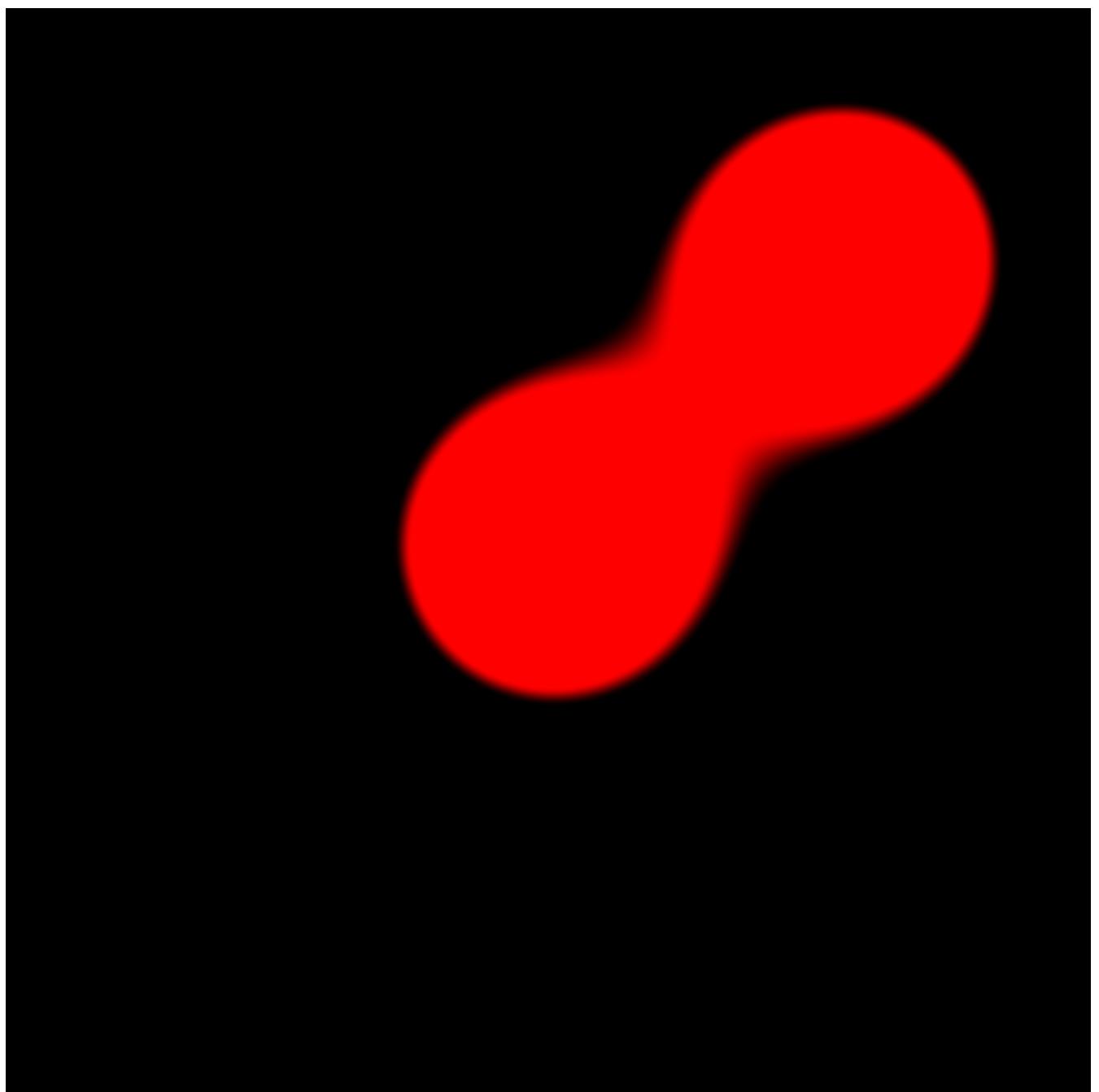
- Every pixel counts!
- Uniforms



Code Example 2

## Metaballs

- Distance Field
- Shaping Functions
  - step()
  - smoothstep()



# Glossary

## *By theme*

- TYPES

void bool int float bvec2 bvec3 bvec4 ivec2 ivec3 ivec4 vec2 vec3 vec4 mat2 mat3 mat4 sampler2D  
samplerCube struct

- QUALIFIERS

attribute const uniform varying precision highp mediump lowp in out inout

- BUILT-IN VARIABLES

gl\_Position gl\_PointSize gl\_PointCoord gl\_FrontFacing gl\_FragCoord gl\_FragColor

- BUILT-IN CONSTANTS

gl\_MaxVertexAttribs gl\_MaxVaryingVectors gl\_MaxVertexTextureImageUnits  
gl\_MaxCombinedTextureImageUnits gl\_MaxTextureImageUnits  
gl\_MaxFragmentUniformVectors gl\_MaxDrawBuffers

- ANGLE & TRIGONOMETRY FUNCTIONS

radians() degrees() sin() cos() tan() asin() acos() atan()

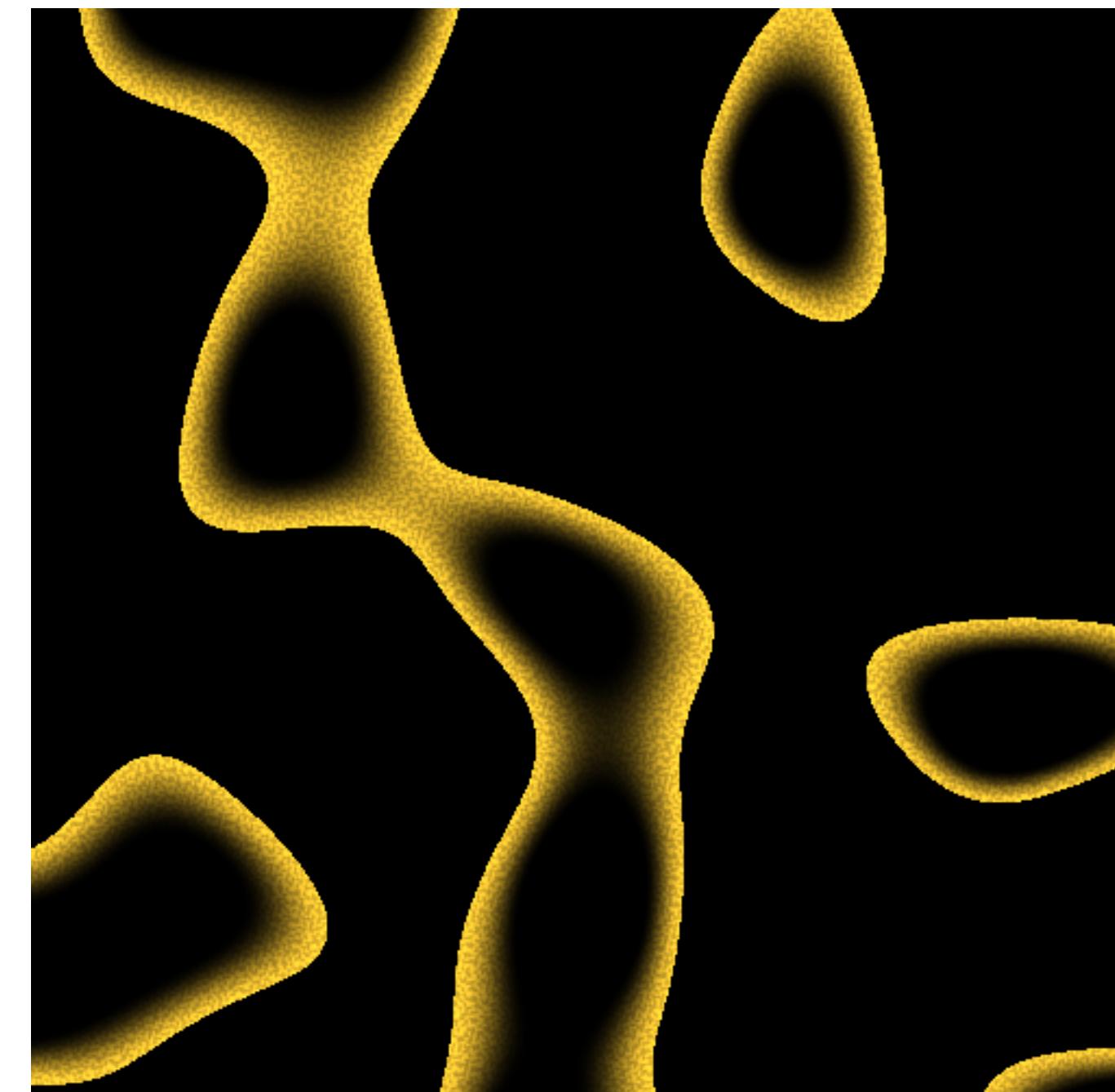
EXponential Functions

pow() exp() log() exp2() log2() sqrt() inversesqrt()

Code Example 3

## The Nature of Code

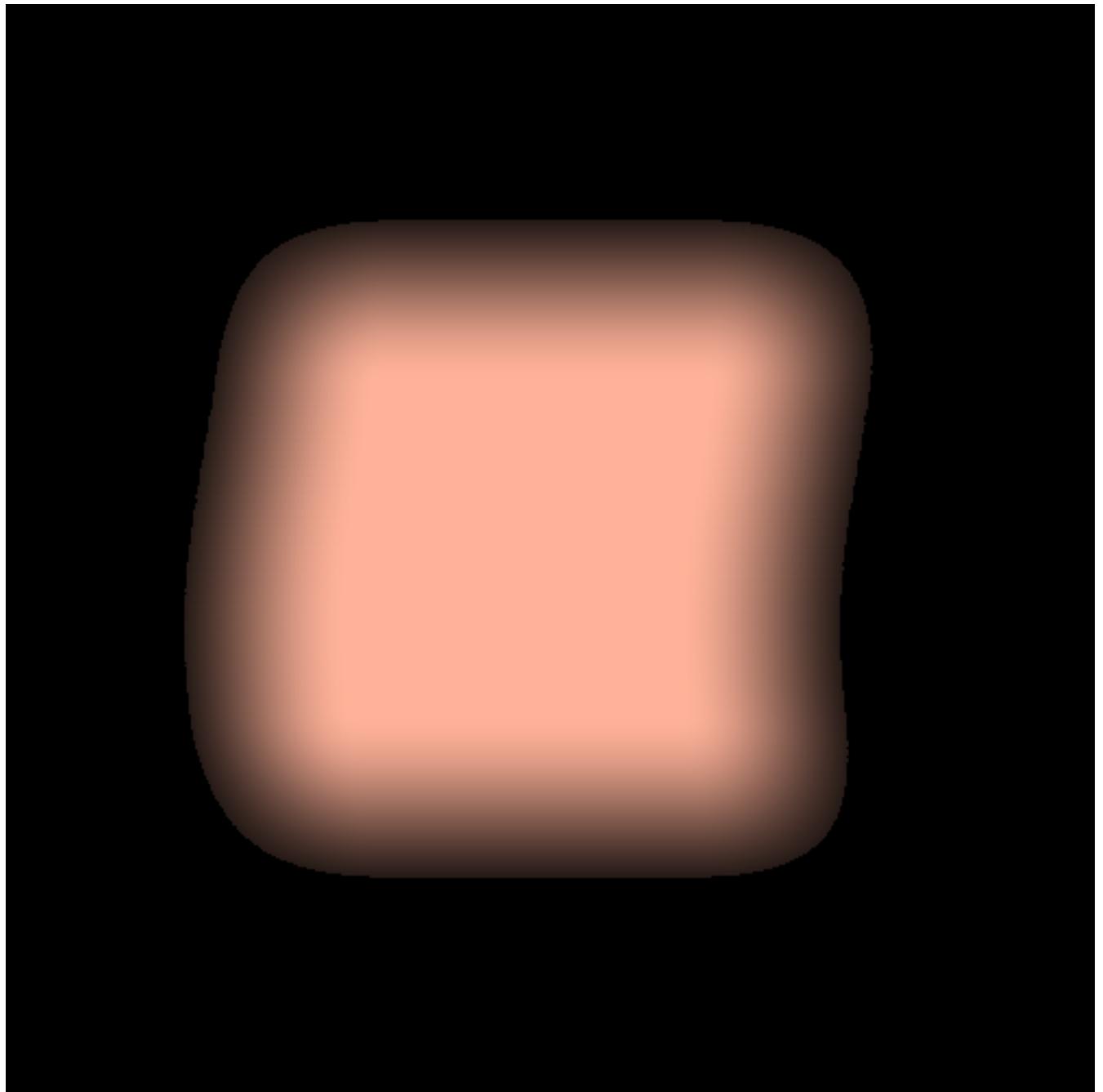
- Random
- Noise



Code Example 4

## Jelly Square

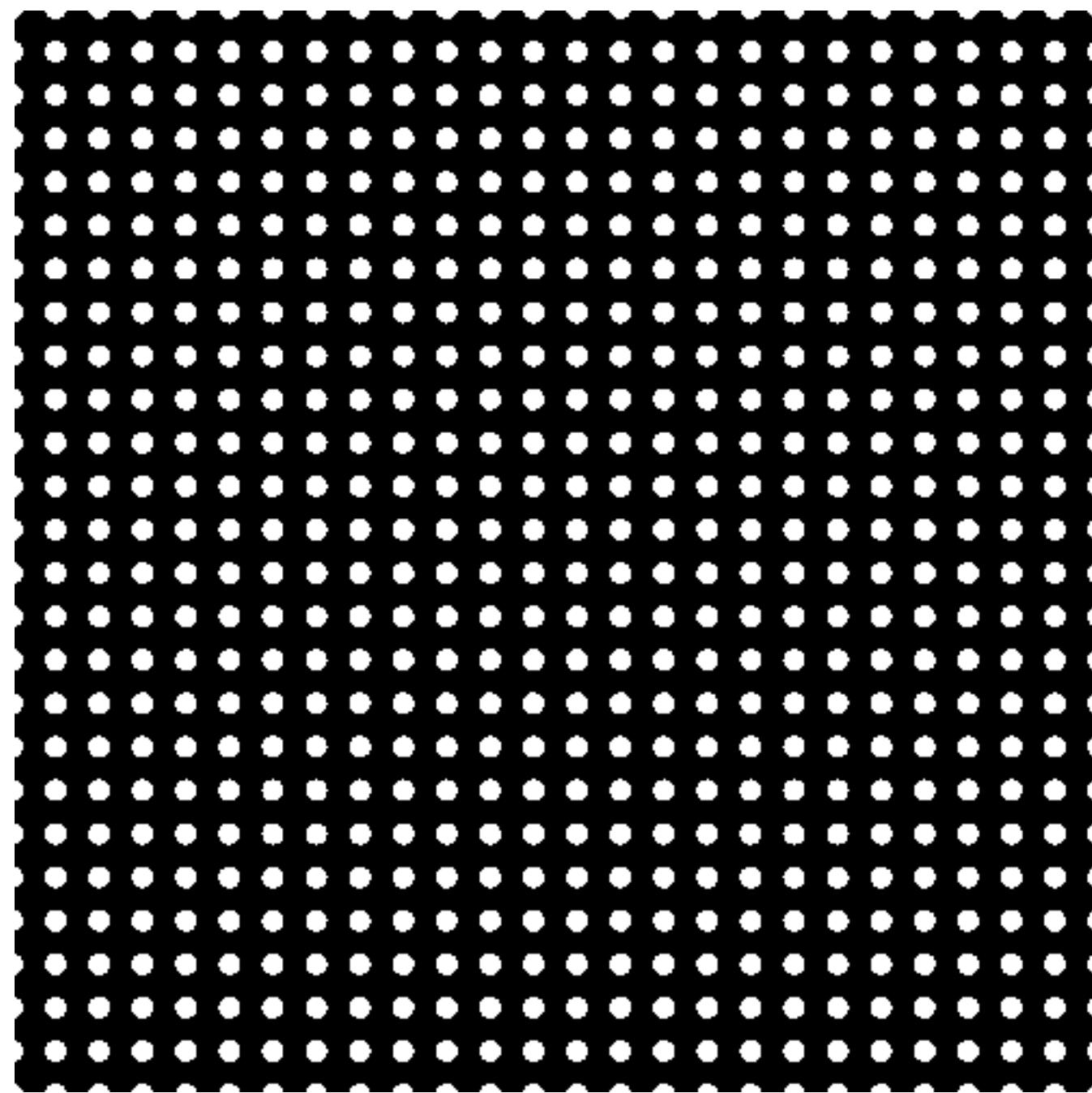
- Noise
- Shaping Functions
  - `pow()`



Code Example 5

## **From One to One Million**

- Scaling



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## **openFrameworks**

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# Introducing Shaders

by Lucasz Karluk, Joshua Noble, Jordi Puig

## introducing

This tutorial comes in two parts: first, this thing, the HTML file and second, nine OF projects that progress along with this tutorial. You can find them in the example folder of your OF download, under [examples/shader](#) or [on github](#). As you read along with this, you should check the code downloads as well because a lot of the code isn't here, but rather is there. You'll notice that all of those project folders have source code and a data folder that contains 3 different kinds of shaders: GL2, GL3, and GLES2. What these are and how they're different from one another will be described below.

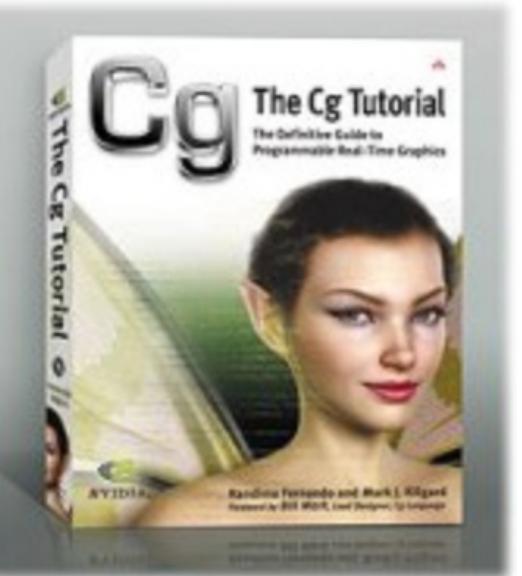
You've probably heard somewhere about "shaders", those mystical things that let you render beautiful things at blazing speed. Shaders are not actually mystical but they are a little tricky to get started with at first because they're working with a different part of the computer than you're usually working with in your openFrameworks application: you're working on the Graphics Processing Unit (as opposed to the Central Processing Unit that you're usually working on in OF).

To really get the hang of working with shaders, we need to get you a little background on what

Application Example 2

## **Unity 3D**

- Cg Shader



## The Cg Tutorial

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## Appendix E. Cg Standard Library Functions

Cg provides a set of built-in functions and predefined structures with binding semantics to simplify GPU programming. These functions are similar in spirit to the C standard library, offering a convenient set of common functions. In many cases, the functions map to a single native GPU instruction, so they are executed very quickly. Of the functions that map to multiple native GPU instructions, you may expect the most useful to become more efficient in the near future.

Although you can write your own versions of specific functions for performance or precision reasons, it is generally wiser to use the Cg Standard Library functions when possible. The Standard Library functions will continue to be optimized for future GPUs; a program written today using these functions will automatically be optimized for the latest architectures at compile time. Additionally, the Standard Library provides a convenient unified interface for both vertex and fragment programs.

This appendix describes the contents of the Cg Standard Library, and is divided into the following five sections:

- "Mathematical Functions"
- "Geometric Functions"
- "Texture Map Functions"
- "Derivative Functions"
- "Debugging Function"

Where appropriate, functions are overloaded to support scalar and vector variants when the input and output types are the same.

### E.1 Mathematical Functions

Table E-1 lists the mathematical functions that the Cg Standard Library provides. The table includes functions useful for trigonometry, exponentiation, rounding, and vector and matrix manipulations, among others. All functions work on scalars and vectors of all sizes, except where noted.

**Table E-1. Mathematical Functions**

Function	Description
<code>abs( x )</code>	Absolute value of $x$ .
<code>acos( x )</code>	Arccosine of $x$ in range $[0, \pi]$ , $x$ in $[-1, 1]$ .
<code>all( x )</code>	Returns <code>true</code> if every component of $x$ is not equal to 0. Returns <code>false</code> otherwise.



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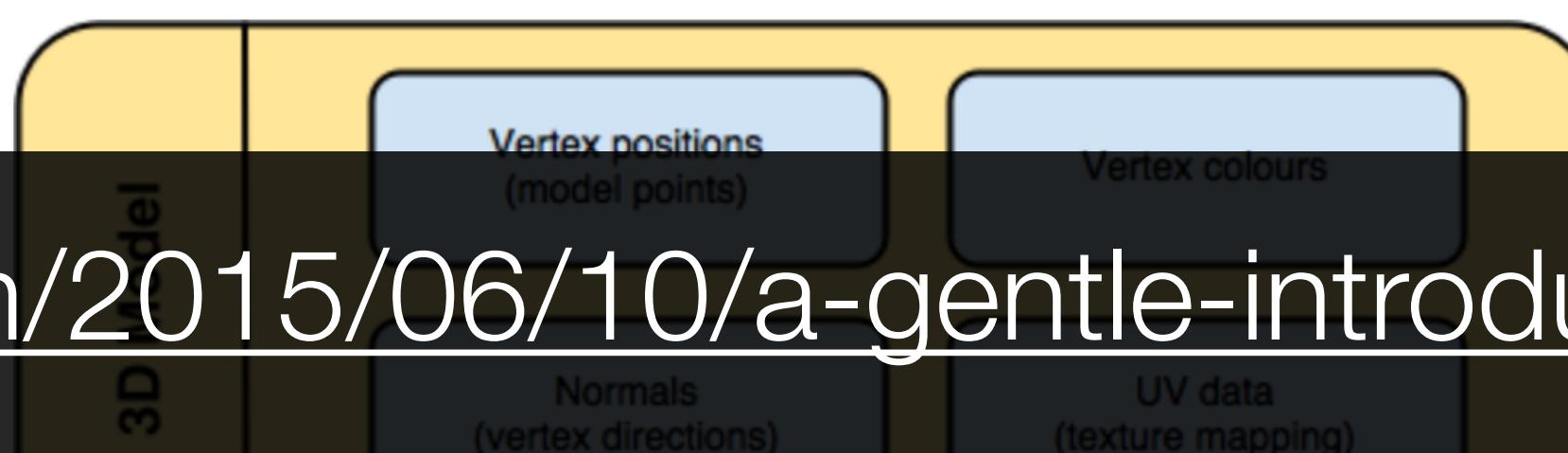
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We can safely say that Unity3D has made game development easier for a lot of people. Something where it still has a long way to go is, with no doubt, *shader coding*. Often surrounded by mystery, a shader is a program specifically made to run on a GPU. It is, ultimately, what draws the triangles of your 3D models. Learning how to code shaders is essential if you want to give a special look to your game. Unity3D also uses them for postprocessing, making them essential for 2D games as well. This series of posts will gently introduce you to shader coding, and is oriented to developers with little to no knowledge about shaders.

## Introduction

The diagram below *loosely* represents the three different entities which plays a role in the rendering workflow of Unity3D:



<http://www.alanzucconi.com/2015/06/10/a-gentle-introduction-to-shaders-in-unity3d/>

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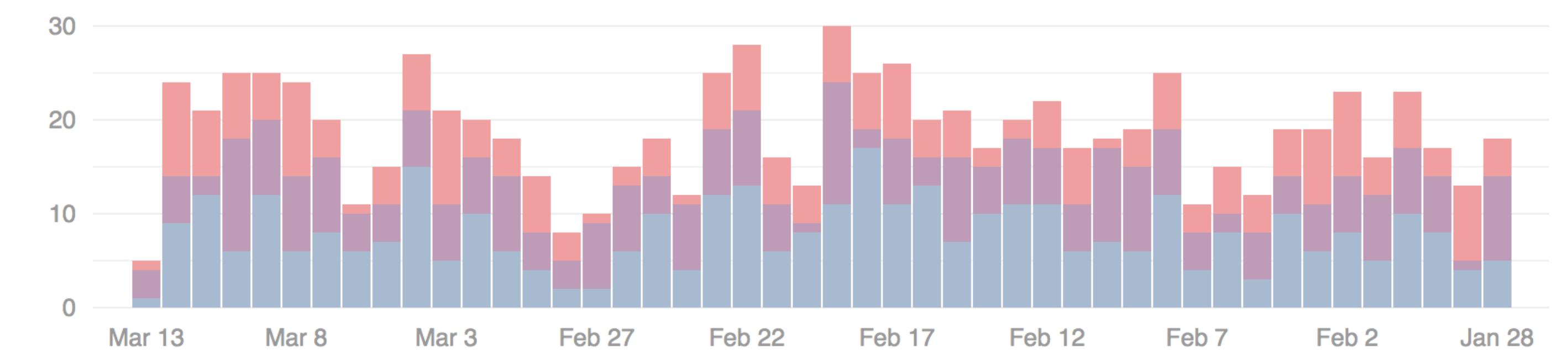
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```
polar.frag
1 // Author @patriciogv - 2015
2 // http://patriciogonzalezvivo.com
3
4 #ifdef GL_ES
5 precision mediump float;
6#endif
7
8 uniform vec2 u_resolution;
9 uniform vec2 u_mouse;
10 uniform float u_time;
11
12 void main(){
13    vec2 st = gl_FragCoord.xy/u_resolution.xy;
14    vec3 color = vec3(0.0);
15
16    vec2 pos = vec2(0.5)-st;
17
18    float r = length(pos)*2.0;
19    float a = atan(pos.y,pos.x);
20
21    float f = cos(a*3.);
22    f = abs(cos(a*3.));
23    // f = abs(cos(a*2.5))*5.+3;
24    // f = abs(cos(a*12.)*sin(a*3.))*8.+1;
25    // f = smoothstep(-5.1, , cos(a*10.))*0.2+0.5;
26
27    color = vec3( 1.-smoothstep(f,f+0.02,r) );
28
29    gl_FragColor = vec4(color, 1.0);
30 }
```

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Live-coding console tool that renders GLSL Shaders. Every file you use (frag/vert shader, images and geometries) are watched for modification, so they can be updated on the fly.

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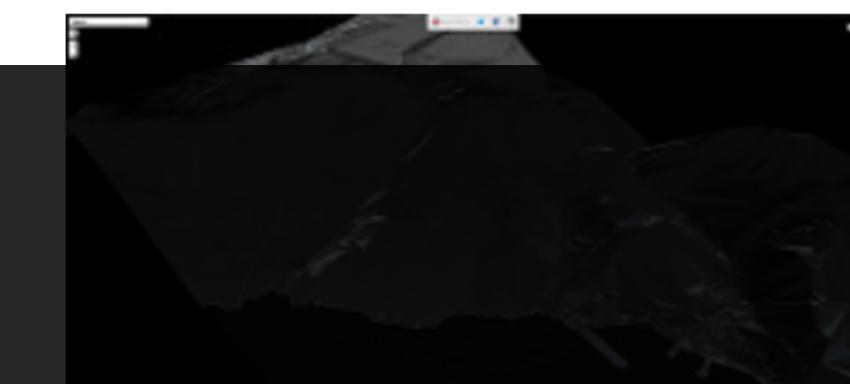
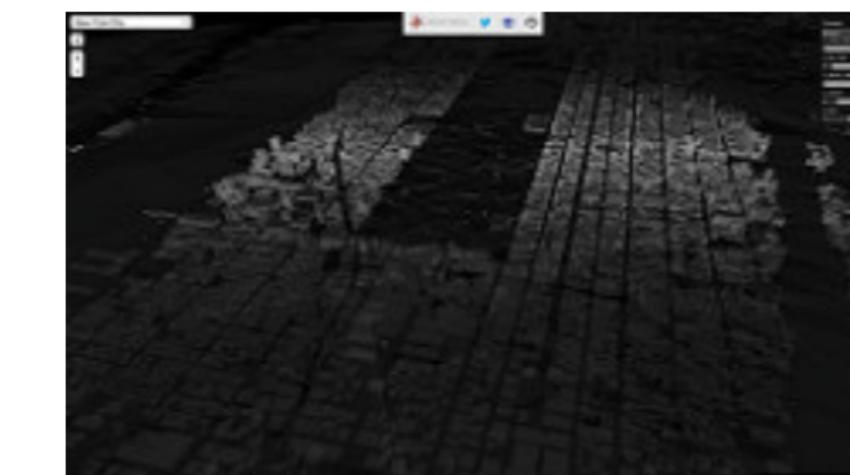
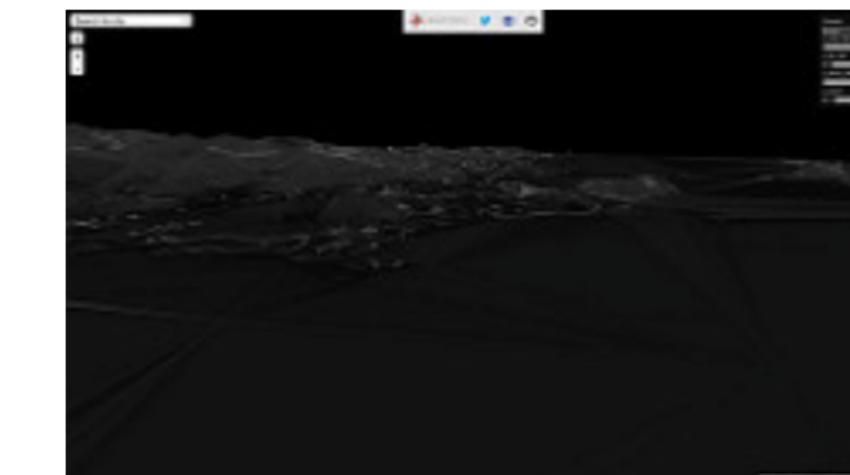
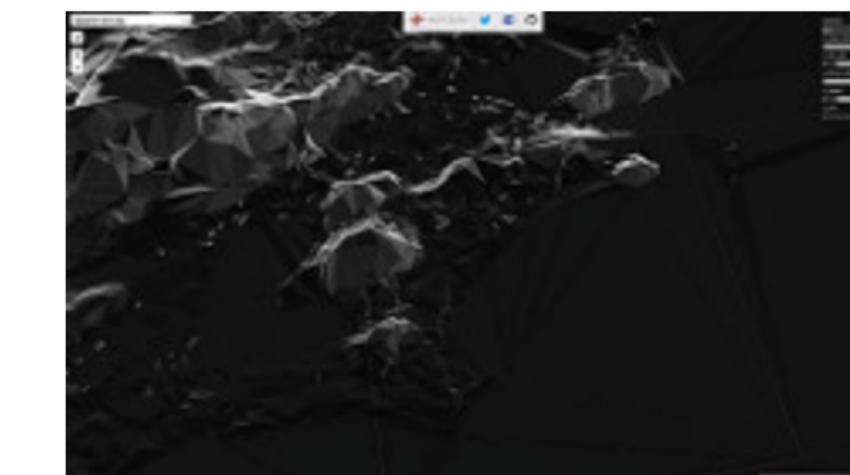
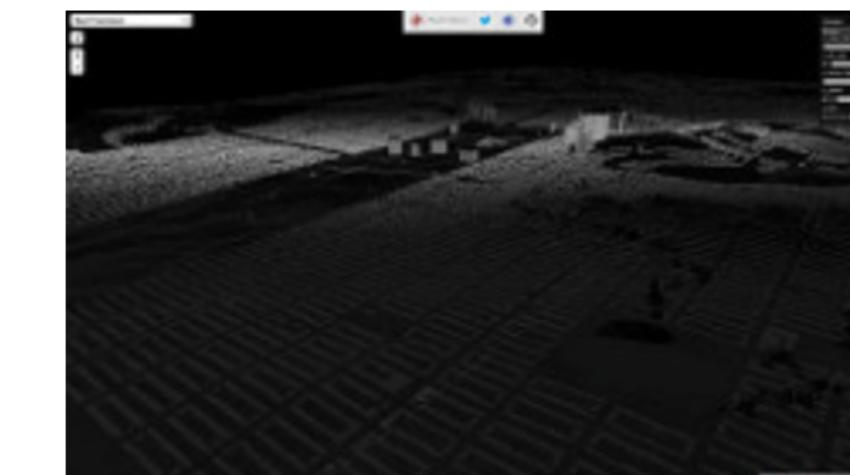
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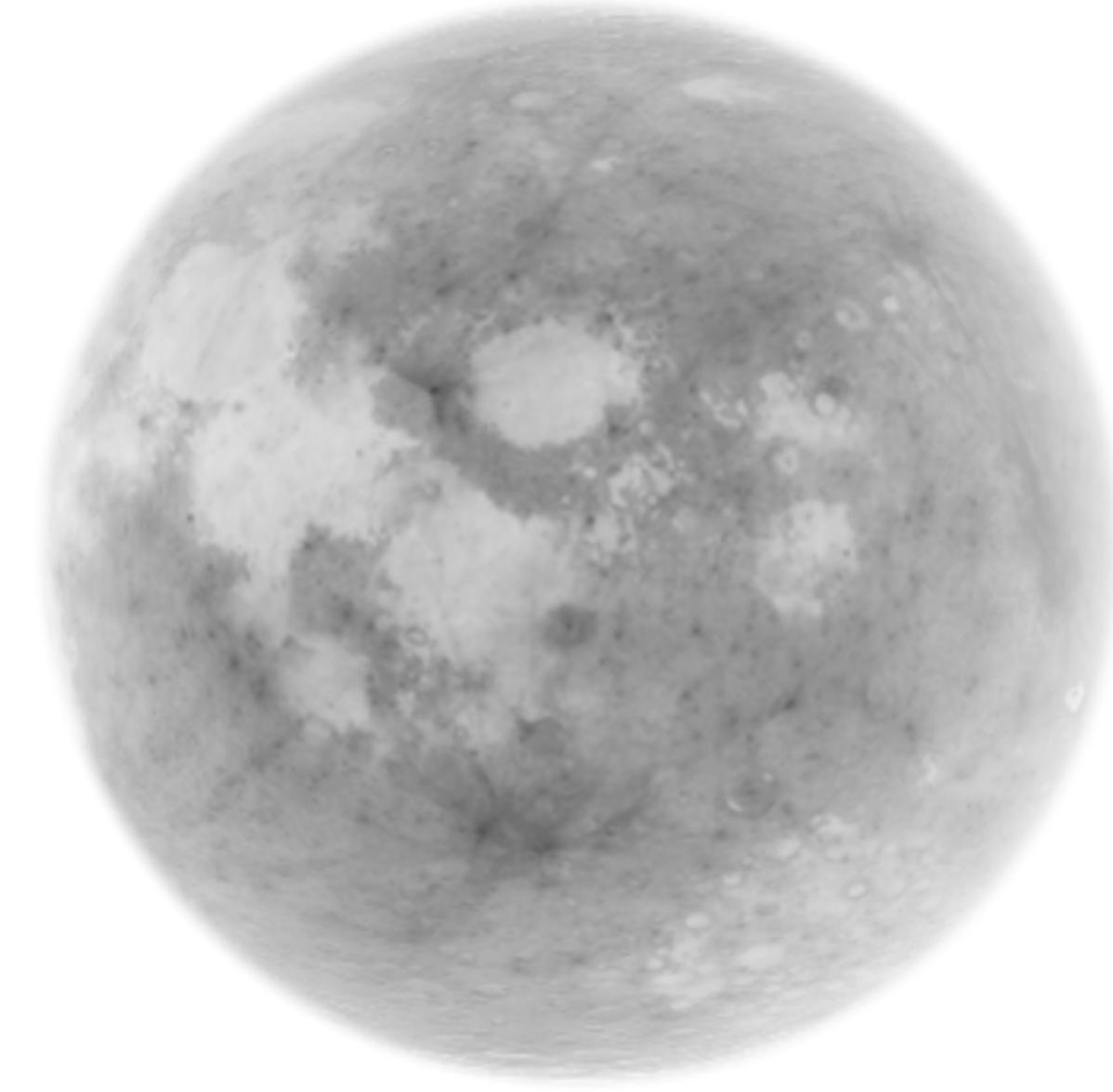
You need to [install GLFW](#) then download the code, compile and install.

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade
sudo apt-get install git-core cmake xorg-dev libglu1-mesa-dev
cd glfw
cmake .
```

<http://patriciogonzalezvivo.com/2015/glslViewer/>

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by Patricio Gonzalez Vivo

This is a gentle step-by-step guide through the abstract and complex universe of Fragment Shaders.

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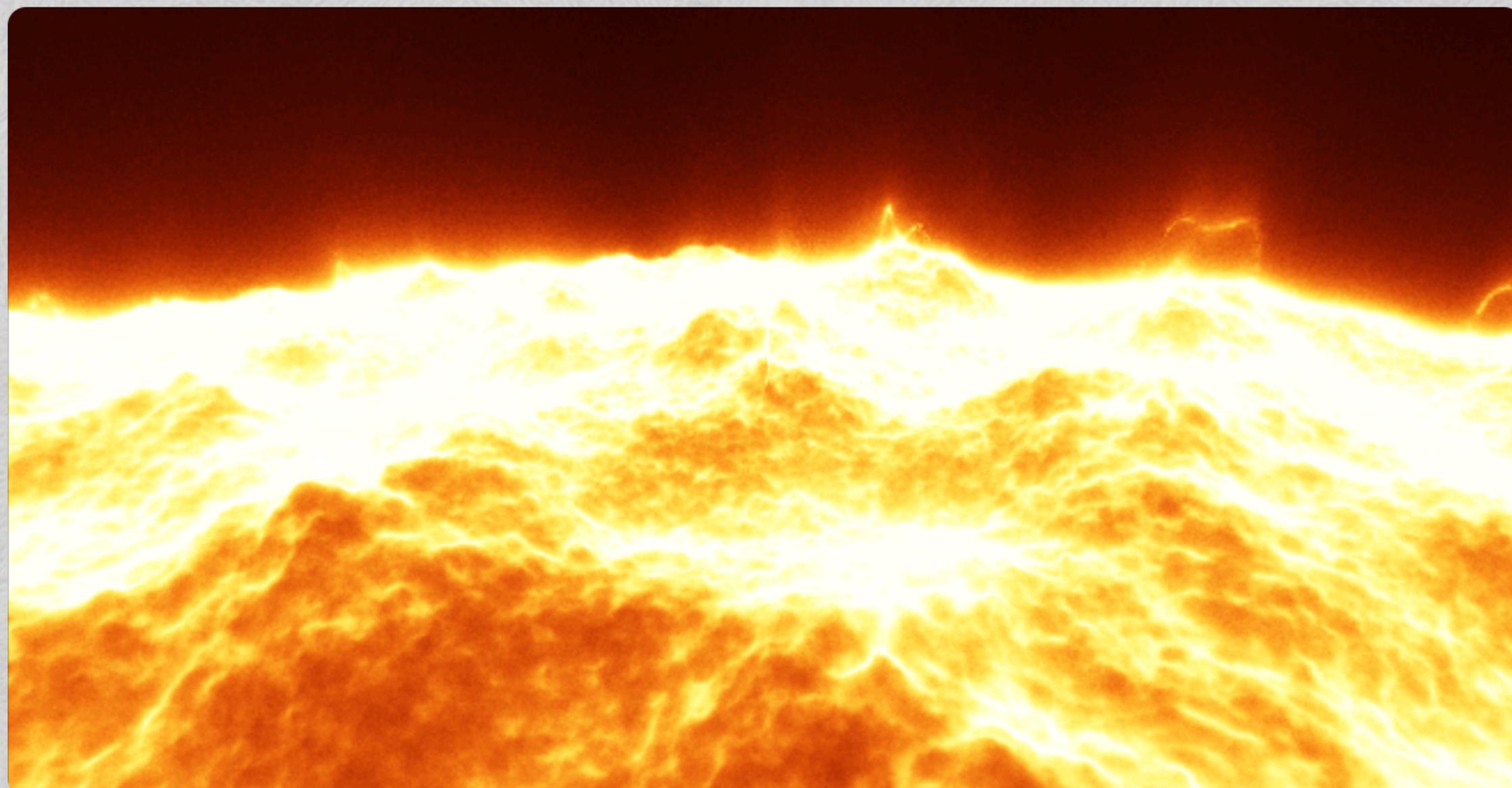
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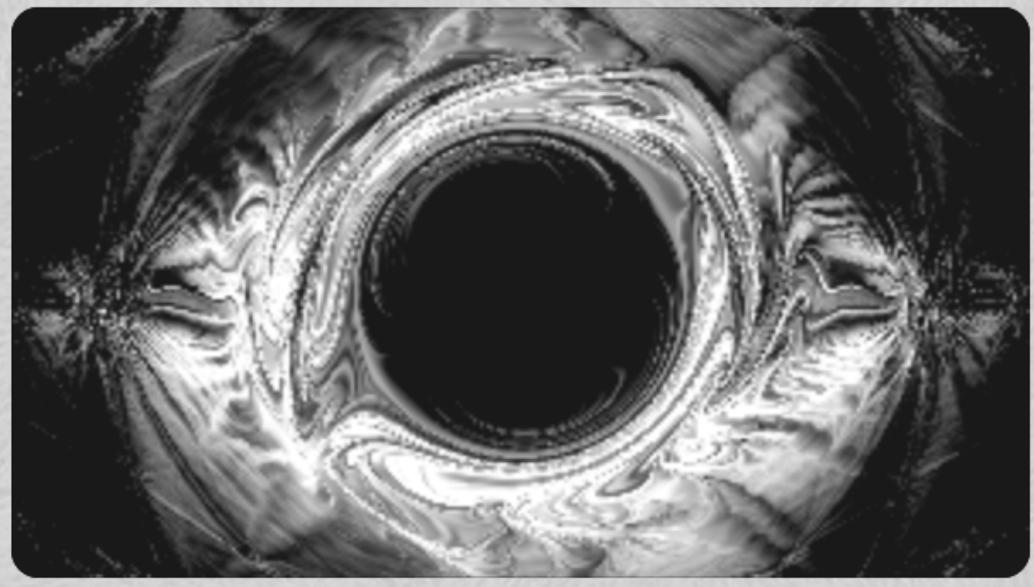
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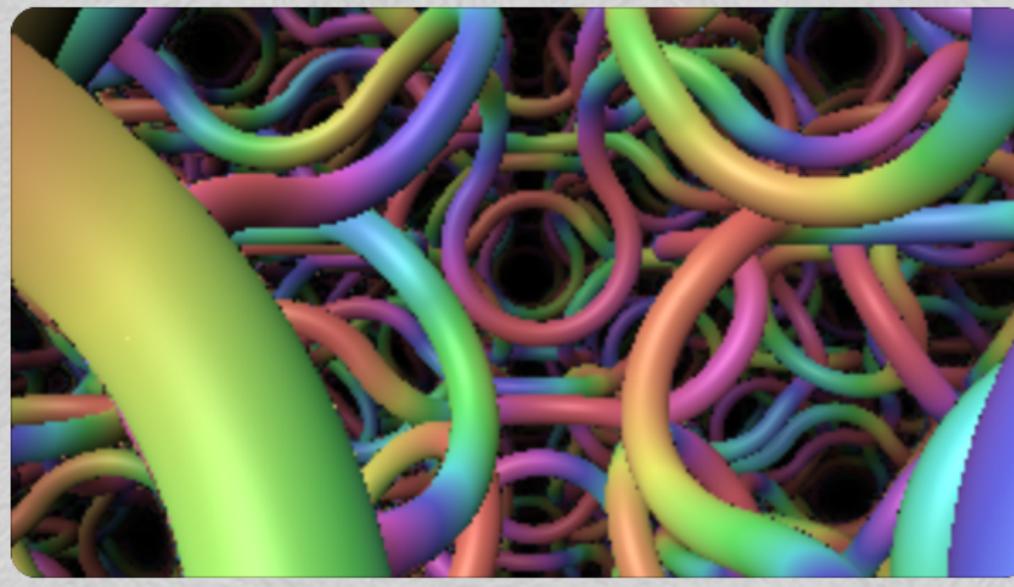
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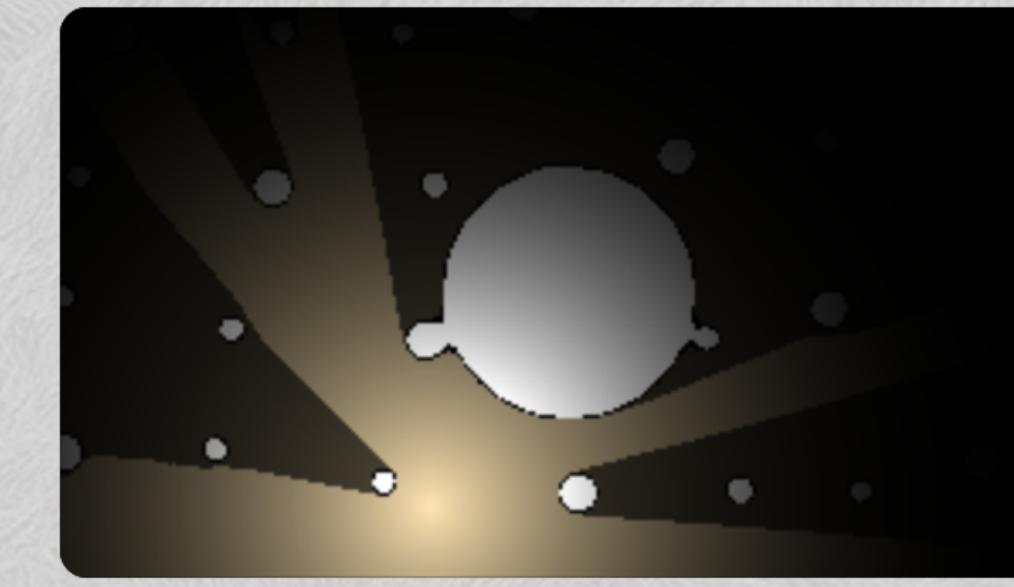
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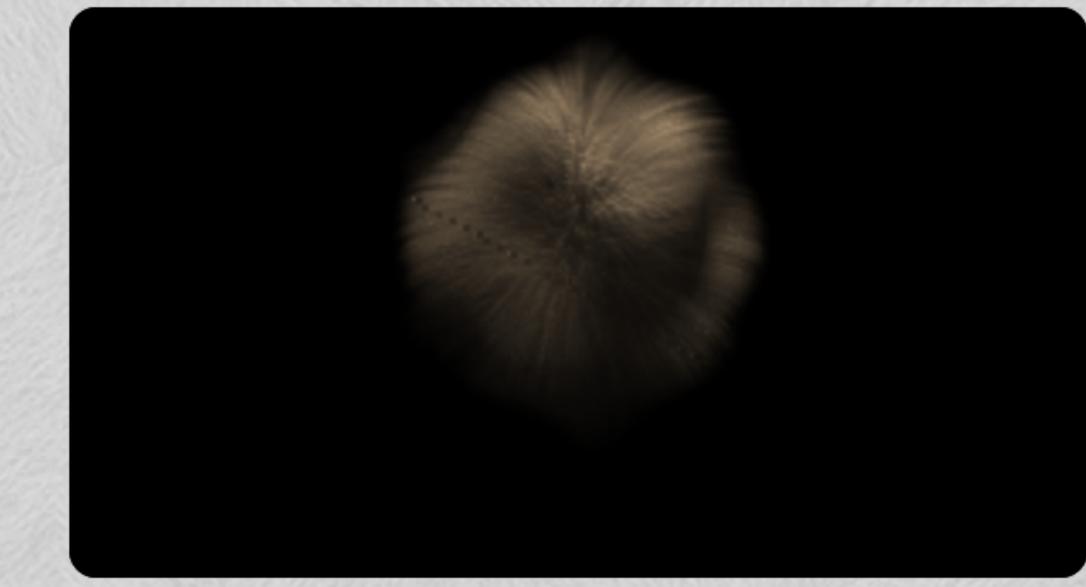
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A close-up, low-angle shot of actress Megan Fox. She is leaning her head against the open hood of a dark-colored car, her eyes closed as if she's resting or in deep thought. She is wearing a bright orange, ribbed, short-sleeved top. The background shows a blurred landscape of rolling hills under a clear sky.

Under the hood...

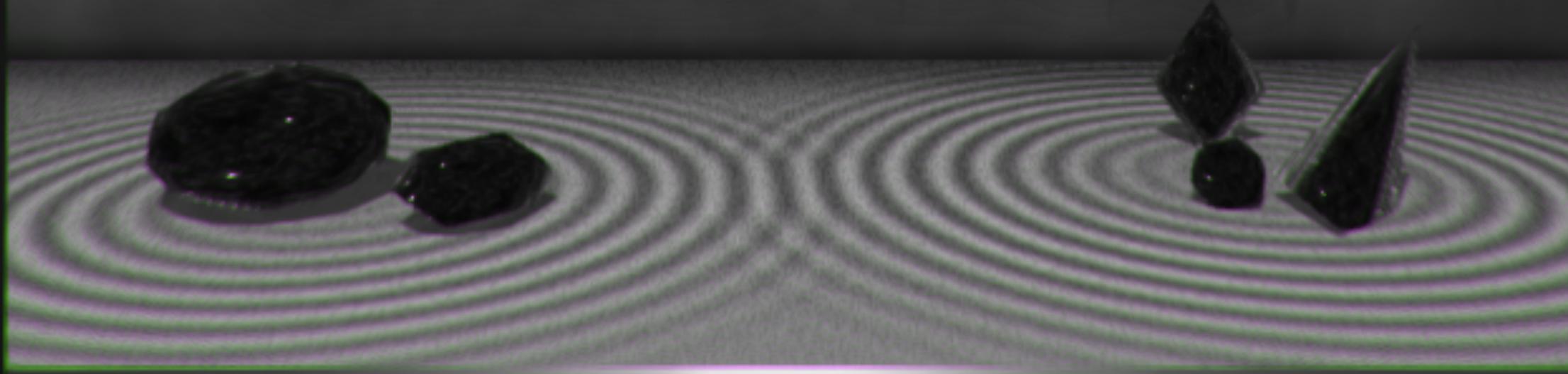
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