Computer Graphics Software & Hardware

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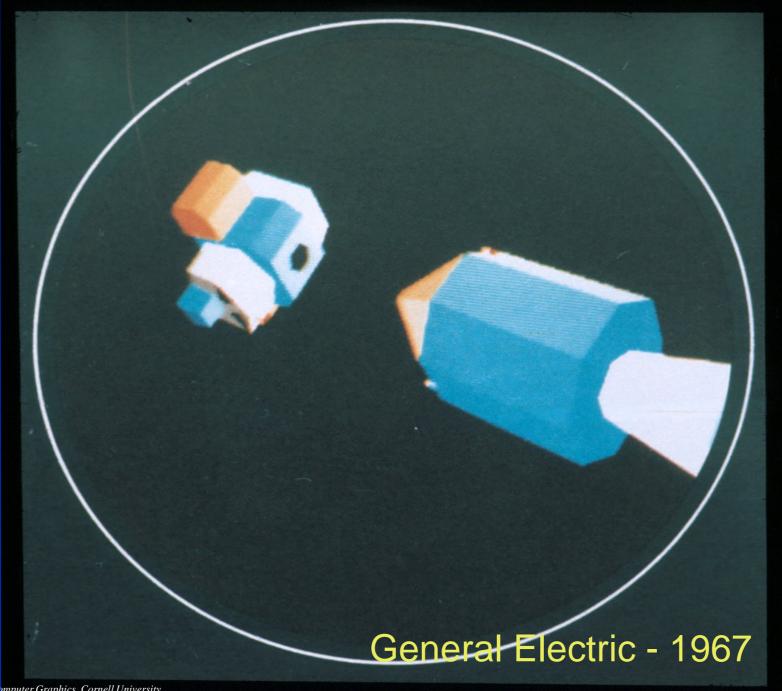
Why Is It Important?

- 99% of our information intake is pictorial through our eyes
- Educational Modules
- Entertainment
- Games
- Advertising
- Medical
- Computer Aided Design
- Data Visualization

Ivan Sutherland









Cornell in Perspective Film 1972



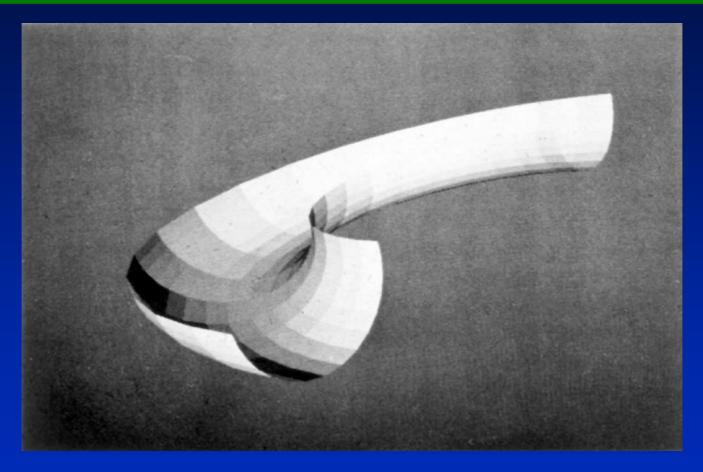
Program of Computer Graphics, Cornell University

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May 1974

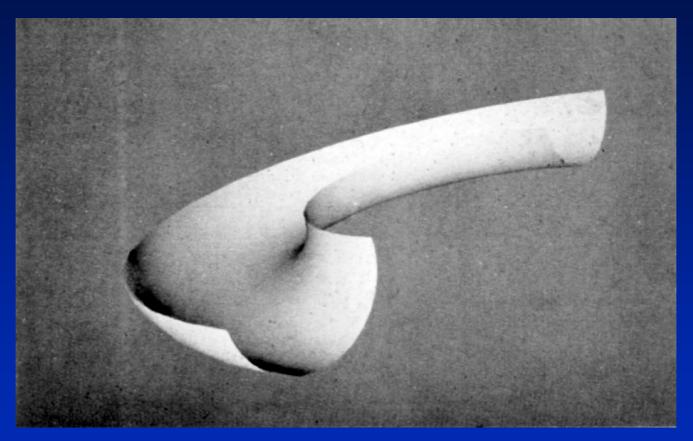
Gouraud Flat Polygon Shading 1972



Each polygon is shaded based on a single normal. Gouraud Thesis

Gouraud Smooth Shading





Each pixel is shaded by interpolating intensities computed in each of the polygon's vertices.

Gouraud Thesis

Phong Shading





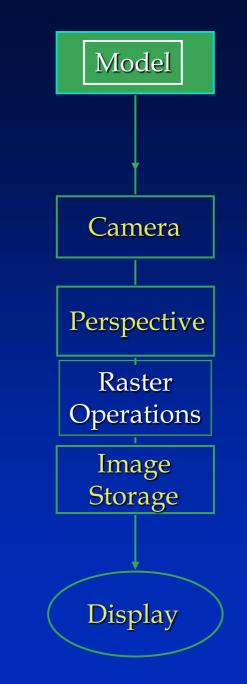
Model

• Environment

Geometry & topology Material properties >Color, reflectance, textures >(Cost, strength, thermal properties)

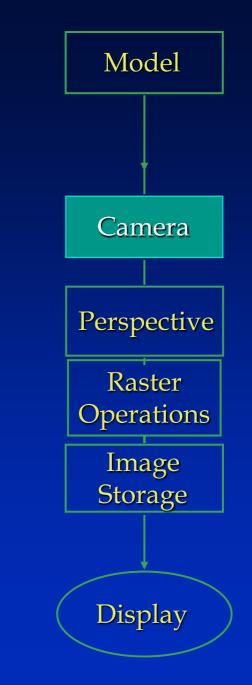
• Lighting

Geometry & position Intensity, spectral distribution Direction, spatial distribution



Camera

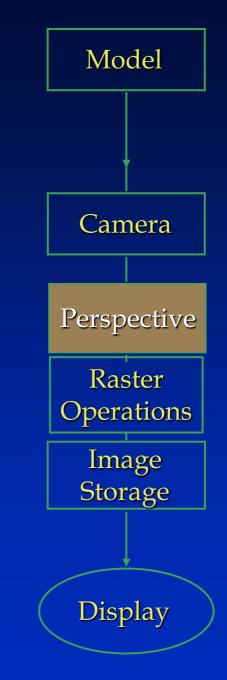
- Viewer Position
- Viewer direction
- Field of view
- Wide angle Telephoto
- Depth of focus
 - Near
 - Far



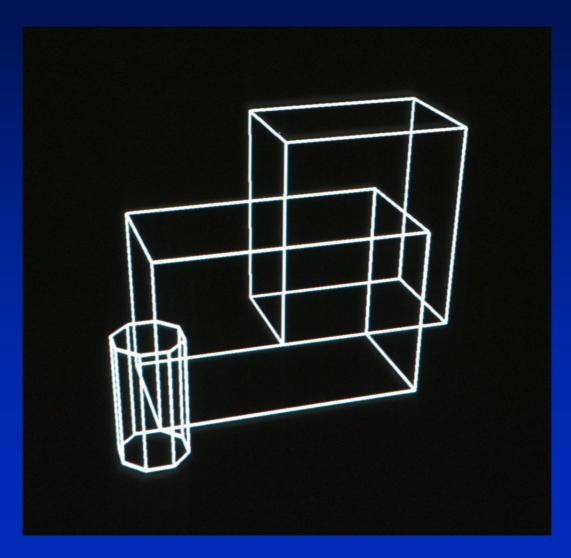
Perspective Transformation

- Perspective transformation
 Matrix multiplication (4 x 4)
- Clipping objects outside of the field of view

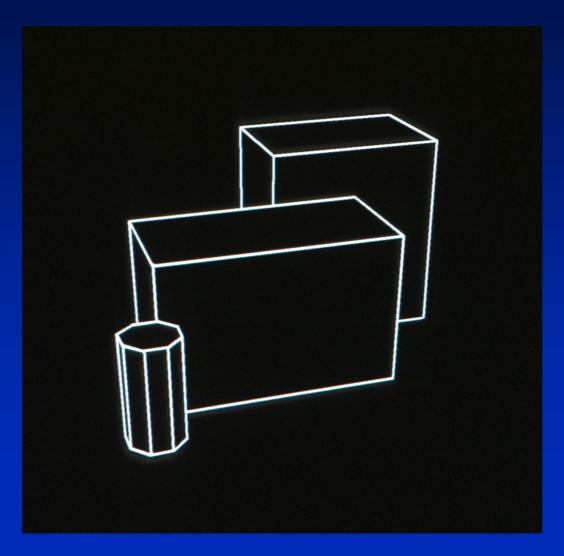
• Culling back-facing surfaces



Hidden Line Algorithm

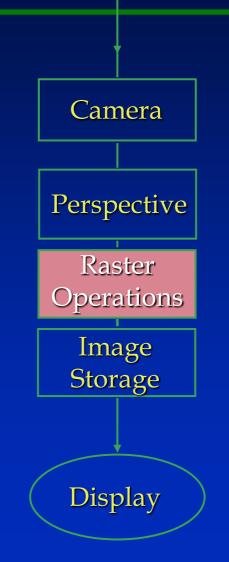


Hidden Line Algorithm



Raster Operations

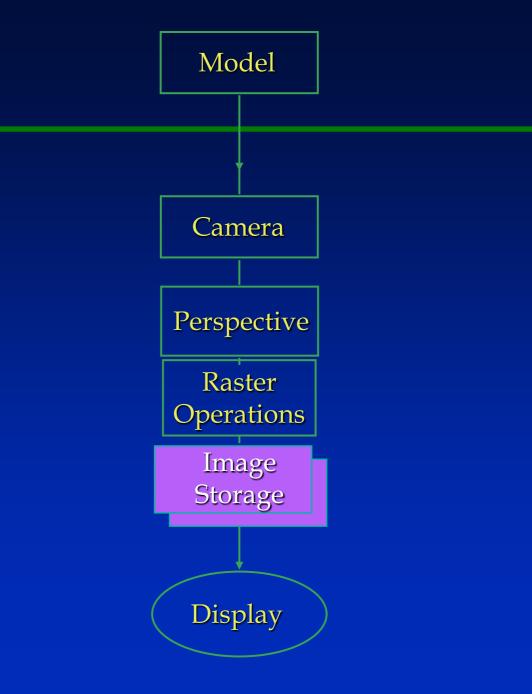
Conversion from polygons to pixels
Color computation
Hidden surface removal (z-buffer)



Model

Image Storage

- Typical frame buffer
 - 1280 x 1024 pixels3 channels (red, green, blue)1 byte/channel
- Total memory
 - 3 3/4 megabytes single buffer7 1/2 megabytes double buffer

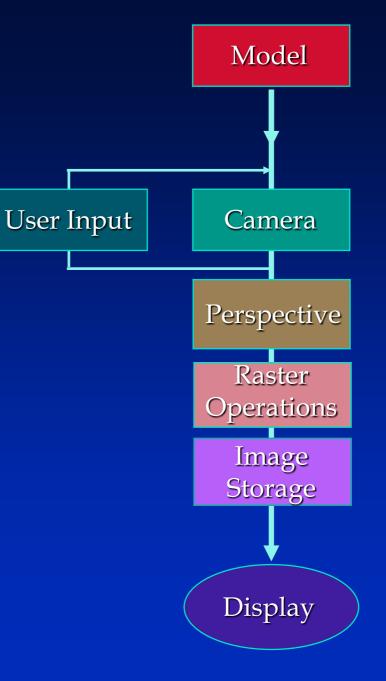


Display

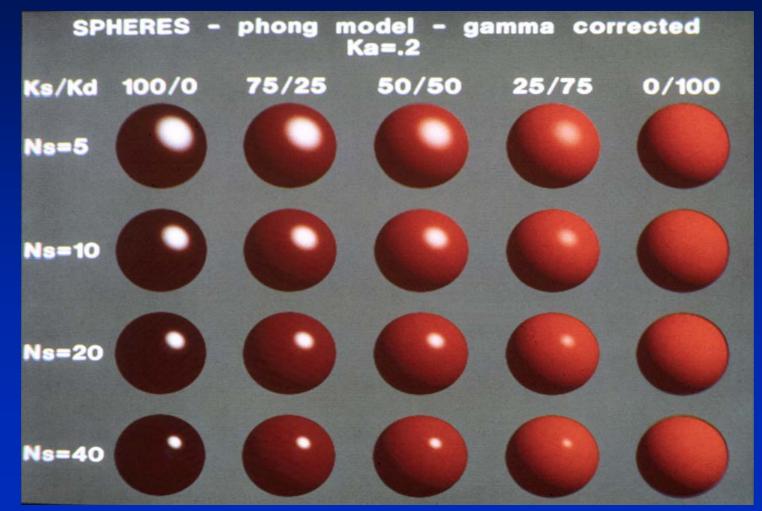
 Digital to analog conversion 1280 x 1024 resolution 60 frames per second • Total data rate 1 1/4 million pixels x 3 bytes/pixel x 60 frames/second = 225 megabytes/second = 1.8 gigabits/second



Direct Illumination



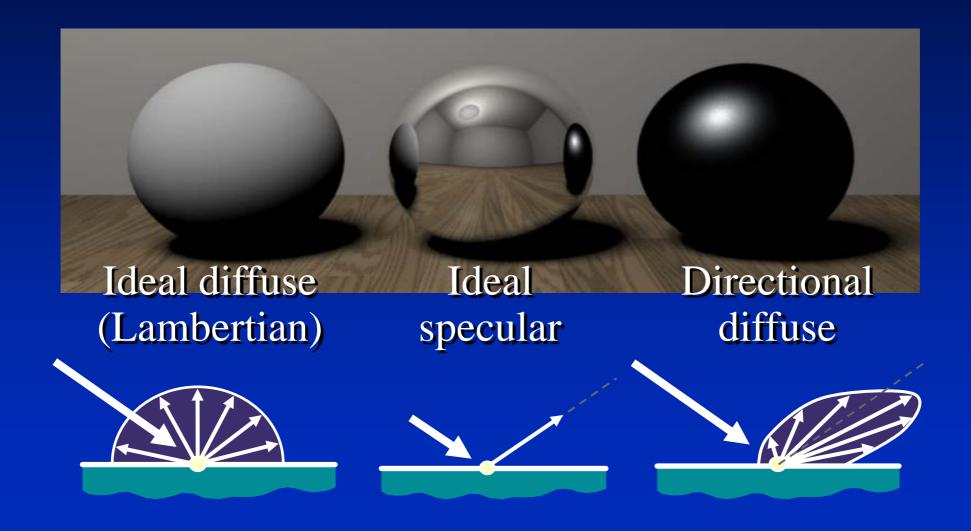
Phong Model: Variations of Specular Exponent



Roy Hall

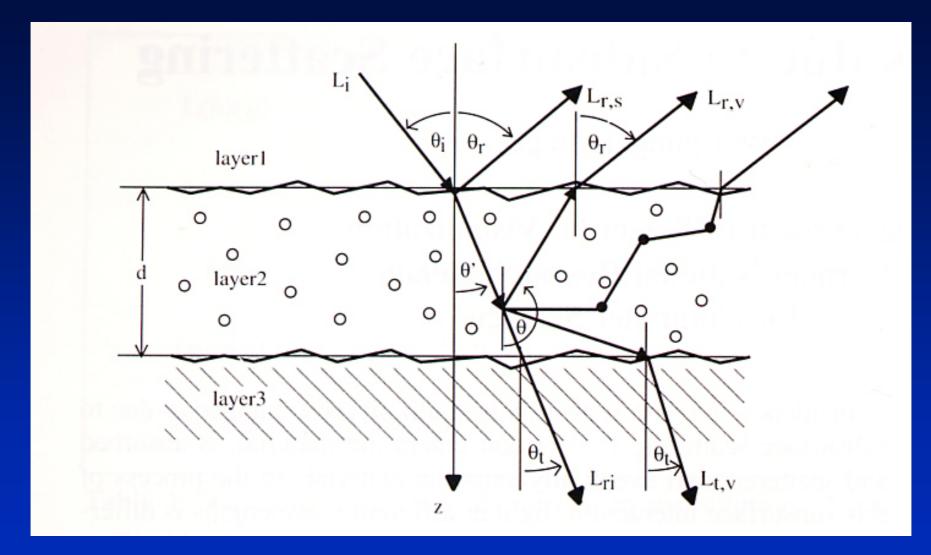
Reflectance

Three Approximate Components



Cook-Torrance Renderings 1979





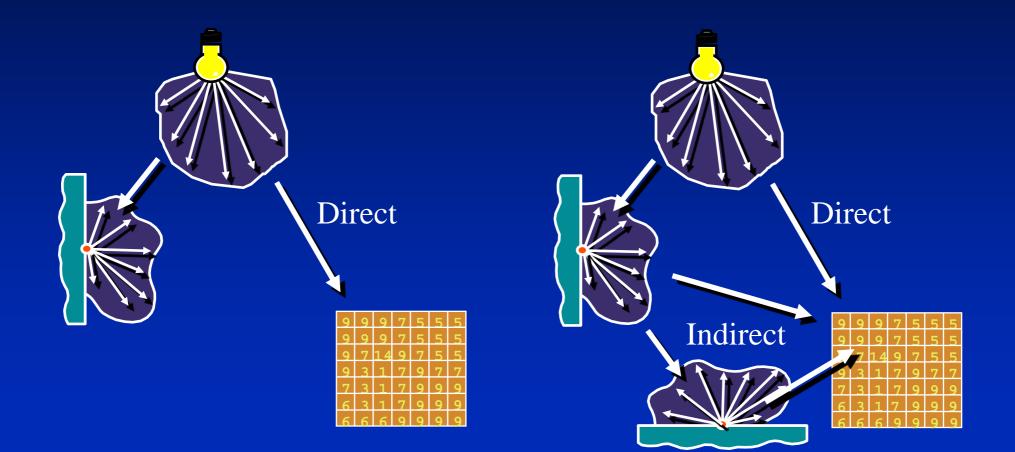
The geometry of scattering from a layered surface

acm Computer Graphics, Siggraph 1993 p. 166



Henrik Wann Jensen, Stephen R. Marschner, Marc Levoy, Pat Hanrahan. "A Practical Model for Subsurface Light Transport," ACM Siggraph 2001, August 2001, Los Angeles, CA, pp. 511-518.

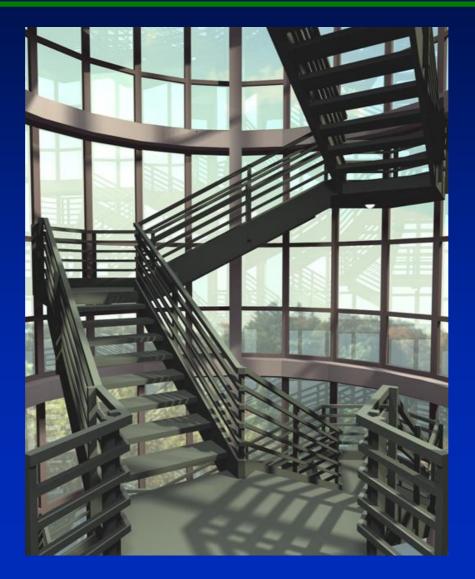
Direct Lighting and Indirect Lighting



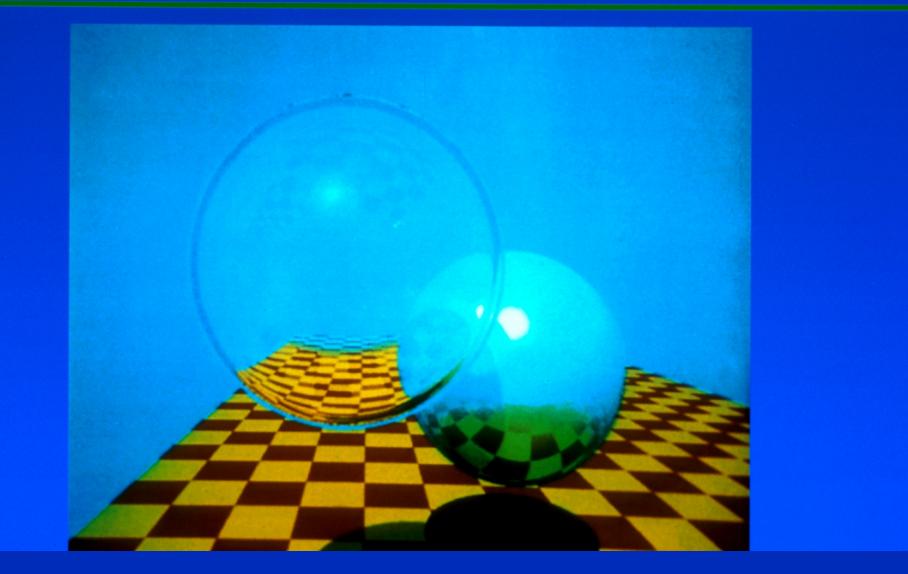
Direct Lighting Only



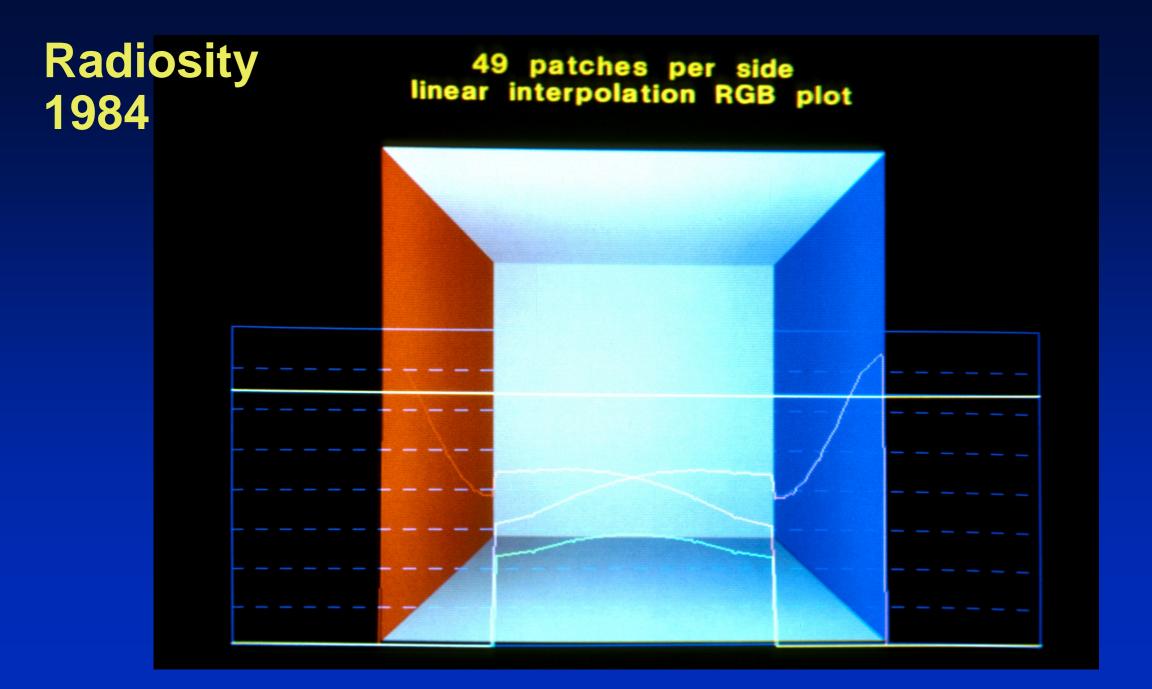
Global Illumination



Ray Tracing *Turner Whitted*, 1979







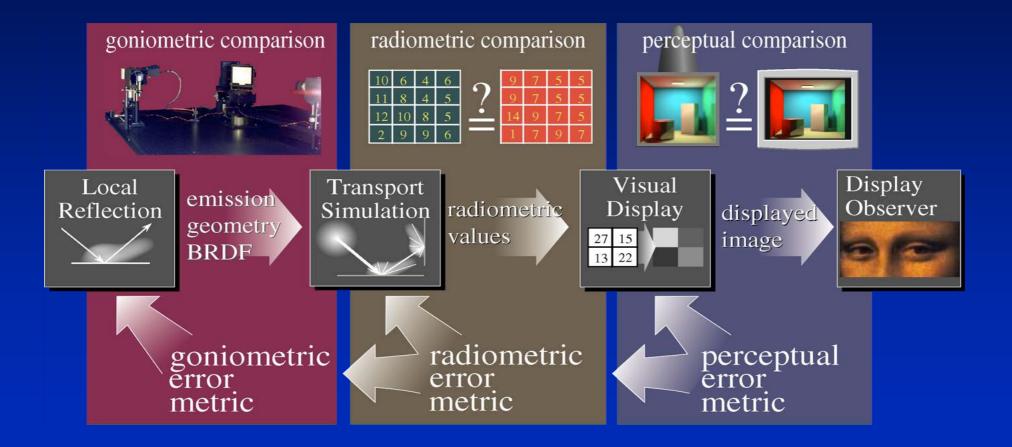
Radiosity Eric Chen 1986

13 Cm



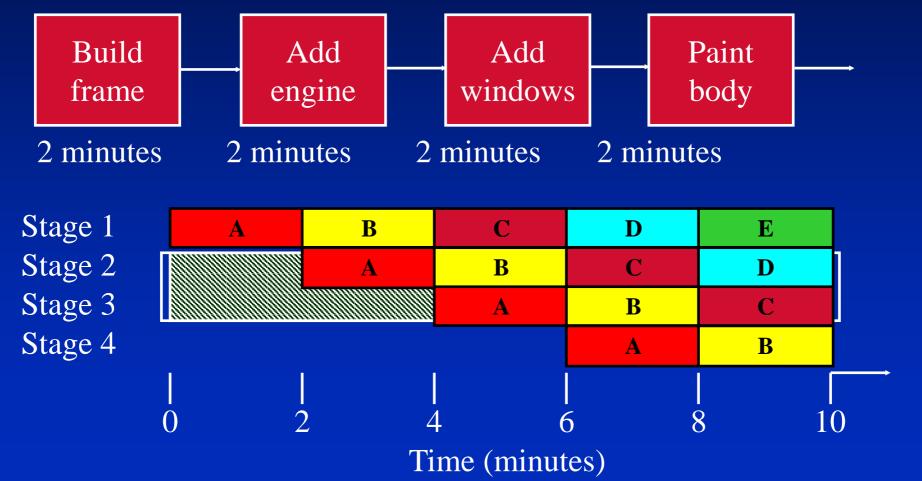
Rendering Framework





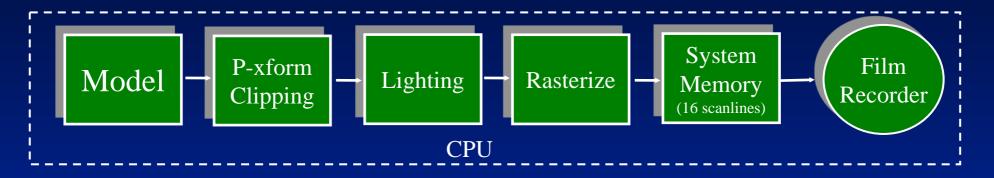
Example: Automobile Pipeline

Automobile takes 8 minutes to make, but the assembly line makes a car every two minutes.

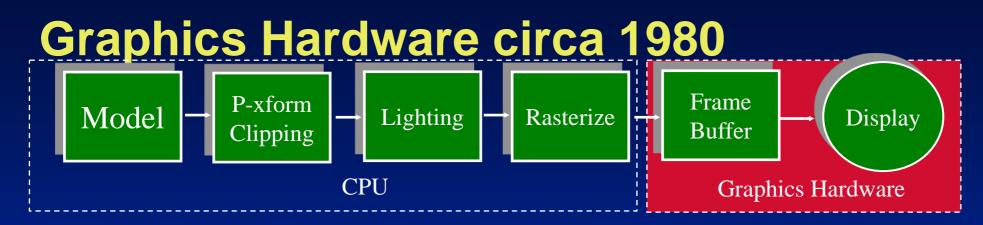


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Graphics Hardware circa 1970

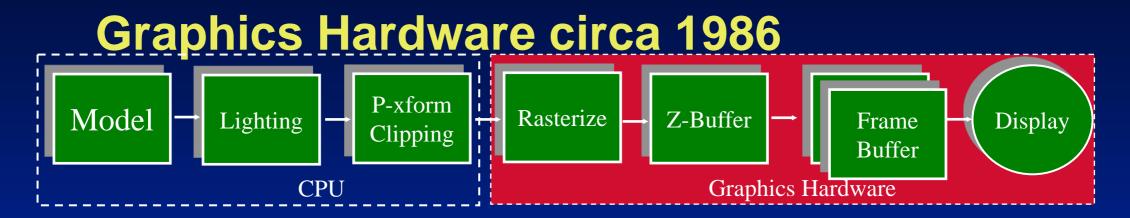


• System used to generate Phong goblet



Cost of Memory was Prohibitive

- 512x480x8 bit frame buffer cost \$80,000!
- No z-buffer (at 24 or 32 bits/pixel, it requires even more memory than FB)
- Only single frame buffer
- All work done in CPU until frame buffer(slow!)



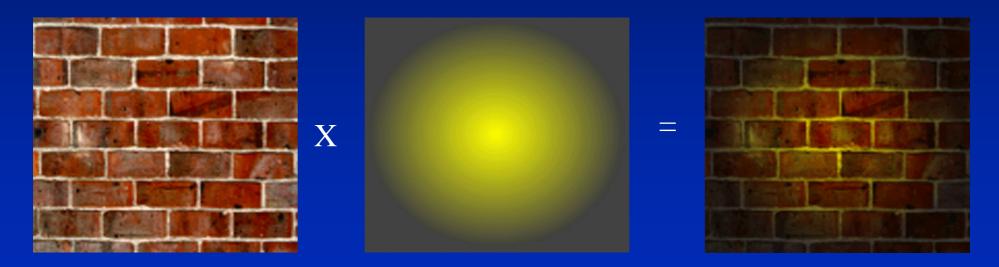
- Added Z-Buffer
- Added Double Frame Buffer
- Rasterization and visible surface computations performed in hardware



- Addition of texture mapping units
- With texturing, high resolution detail is possible with relatively simple geometry

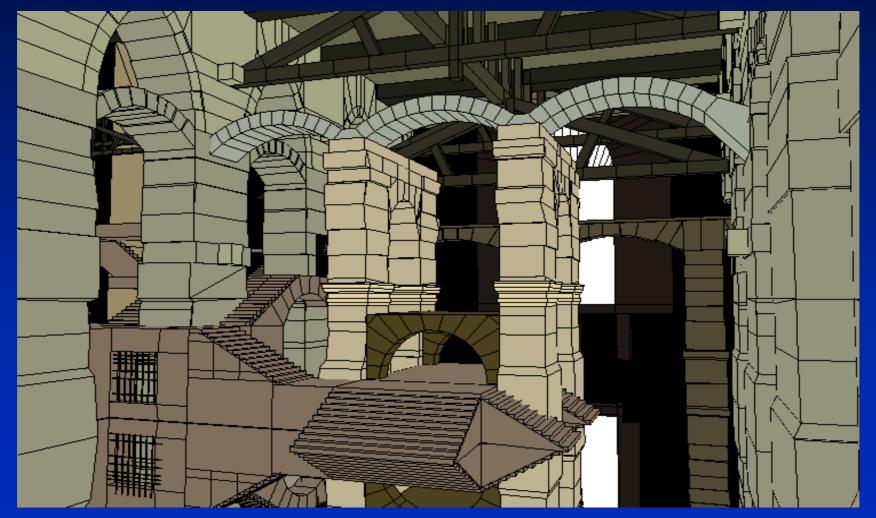
Multipass Example: Light Maps

• Two separate textures, one for the material's composition, one for the lighting



J.L.Mitchell, M. Tatro, and I. Bullard

Castle's Geometry

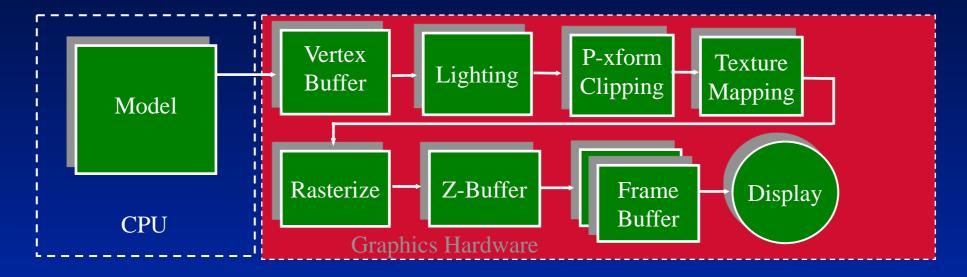


Agata & Andrzej Wojaczek, Advanced Graphics Applications Inc.

Reflection Example - Castle



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• Vertex buffer (model data) added to reduce bandwidth requirements between CPU and graphics board

Graphics Pipeline - 1980's

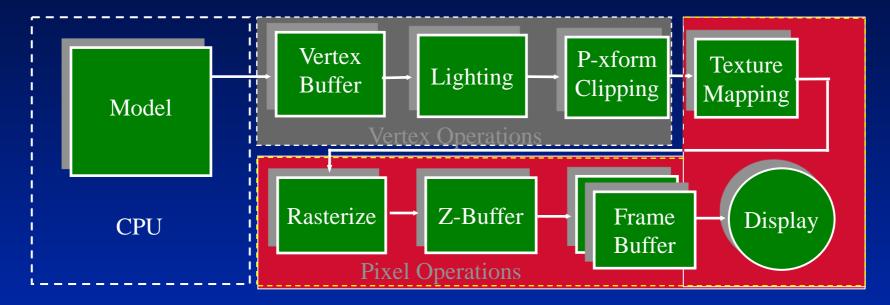
M L P S D V

- M Model
- L Lighting
- P Perspective/Clipping
- S Scan Conversion/Z-buffer
- D Display Storage
- V Video

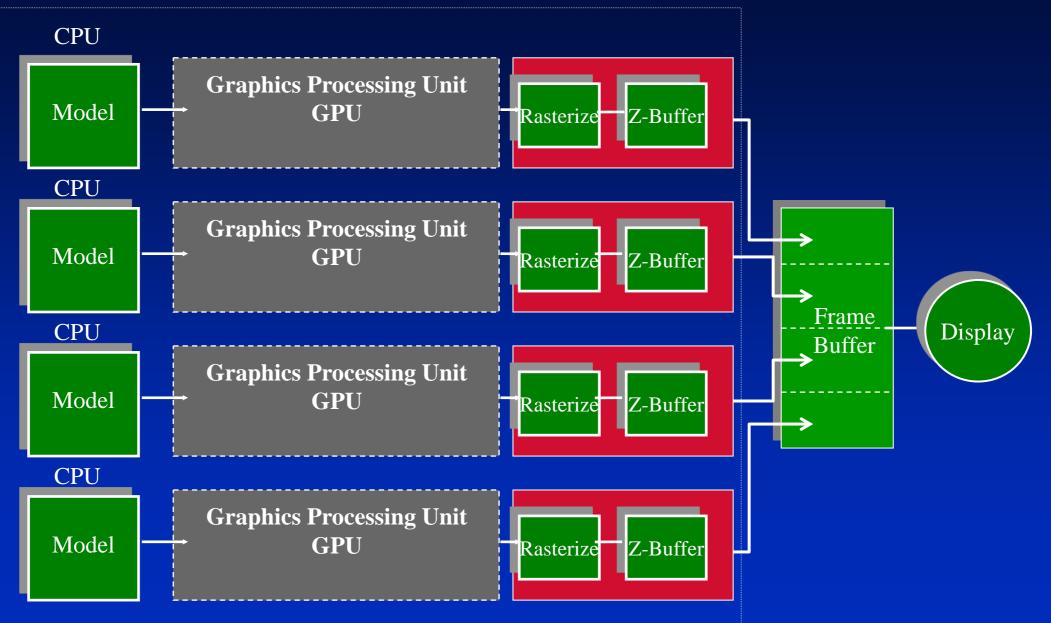
Graphics Pipeline - 2000 +



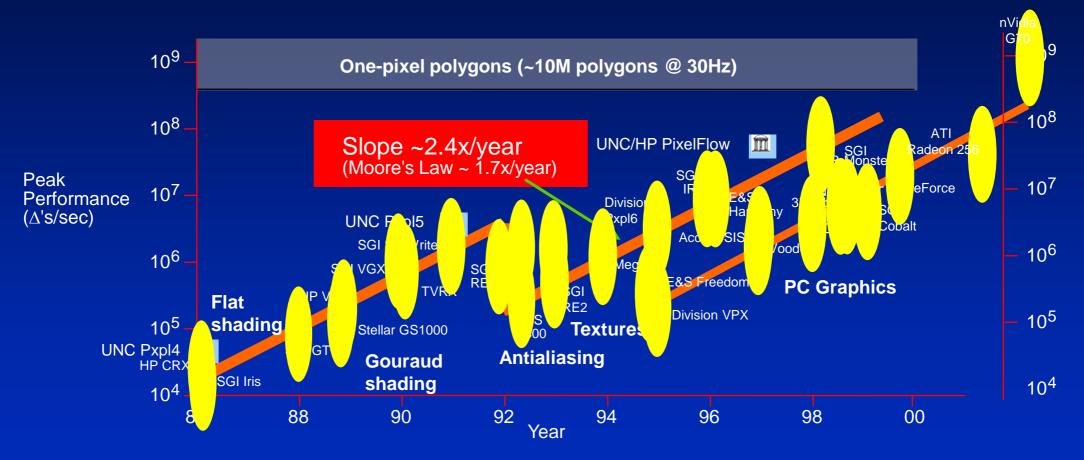
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• Early GPU's performed lighting and clipping operations on locally stored model



Faster than Moore's Law



Graph courtesy of Professor John Poulton (from Eric Haines)

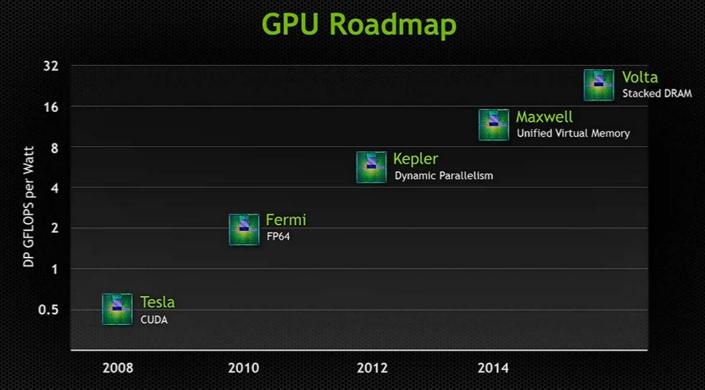
nVidia's Kepler Chip

2012



NVIDIA's new Maxwell Chip

- 6144 processor cores (rumor)
- 20 nm
- Q4 2014

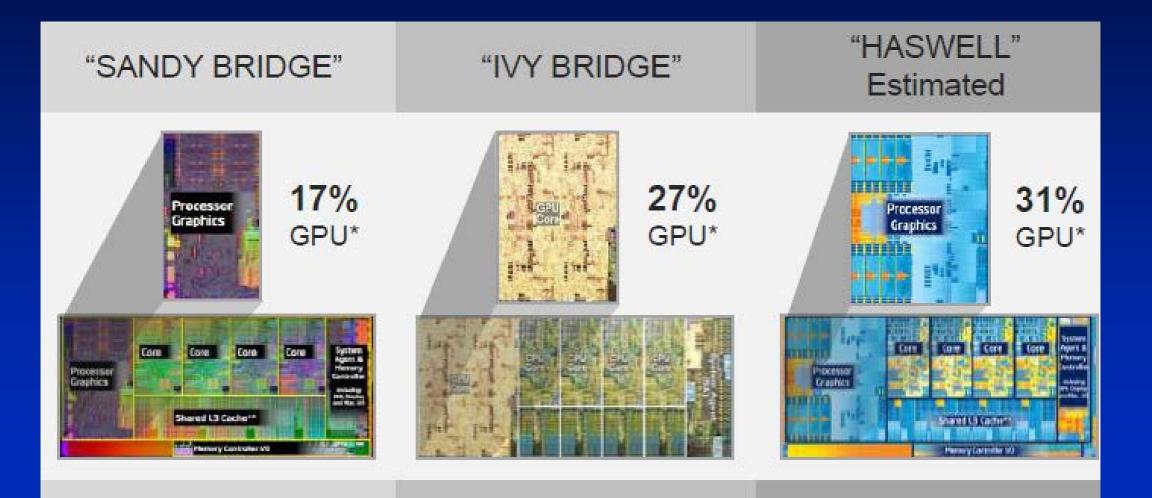


nVidia iray®

- nVidia has designed a series of rackable Tesla servers for very fast computation using parallel sets of their GPU hardware
- They developed a novel programming language (CUDA) to take advantage of their unique hardware architectures. This can be used for many other disciplines
- They now offer a product called Iray which computes photorealistic imagery on a cloud

Intel – Integrated Graphics

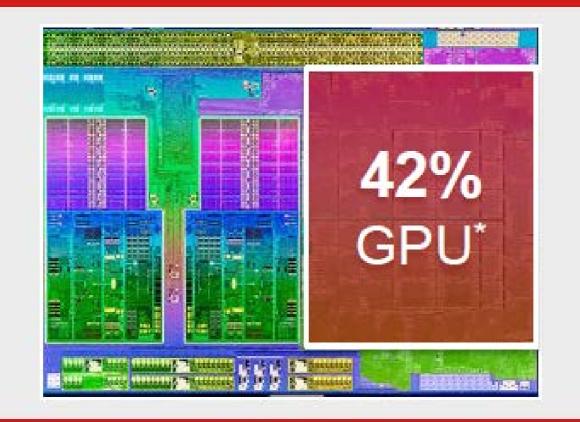
2013



AMD – Integrated Graphics

2013

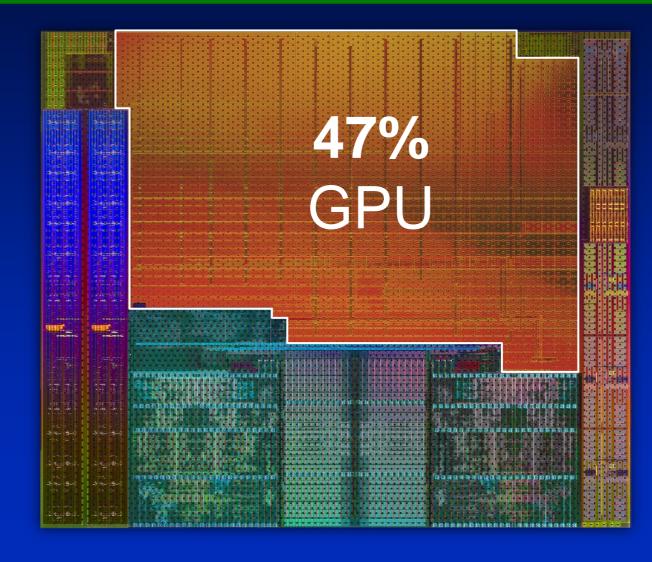
ELITE AMD A-SERIES / CODENAMED "RICHLAND"



AMD – Integrated Graphics



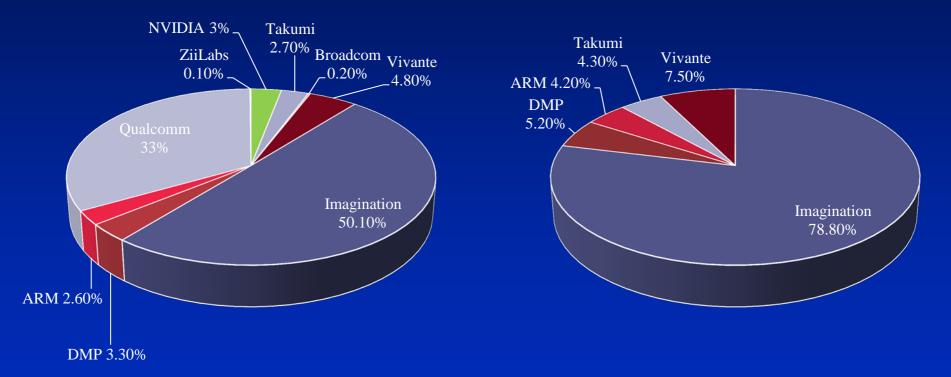
- "Kaveri"
- 28 nm
- 47% GPU



Mobile GPU market share 2013

All GPU Suppliers

All GPU IP Suppliers



Source: Imagination Technologies, via http://technewspedia.com/imagination-technologies-nvidia-we-do-not-compete-against-our-customers/

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