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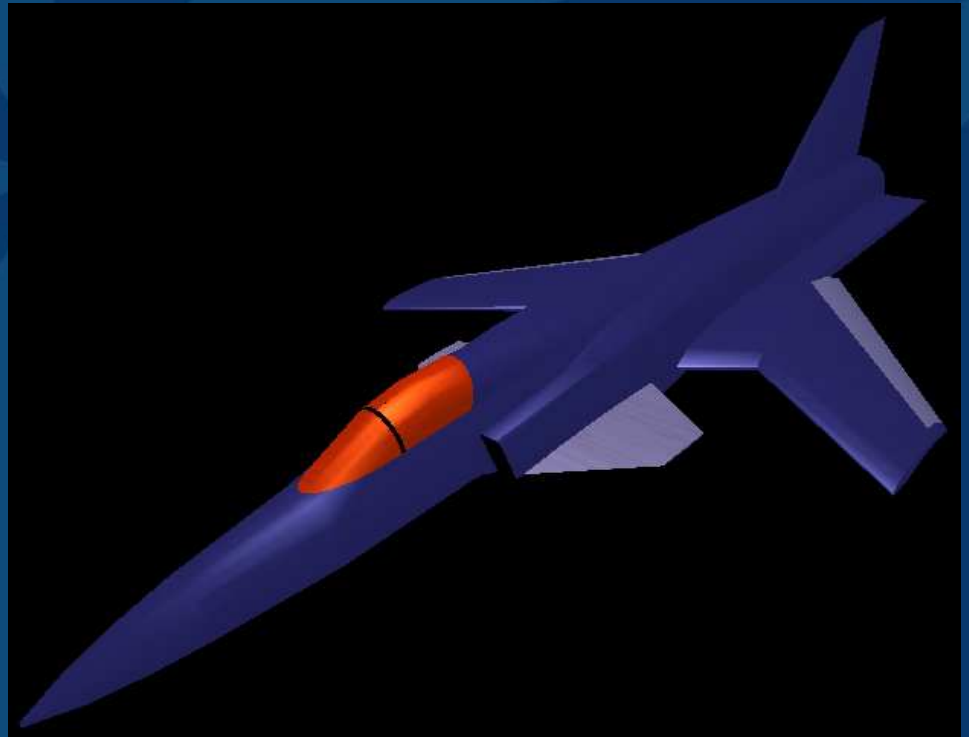
Multi-Pass Shading

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# Interactive Rendering

## Illusion of presence

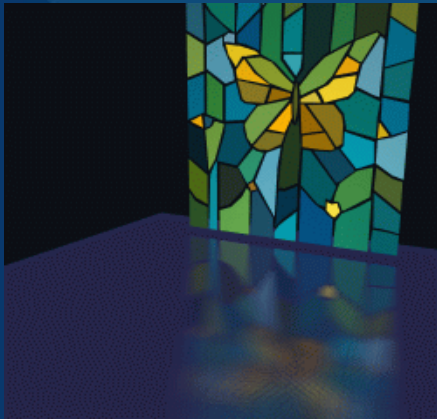
- 10 – 30 – 60 frames per second
- Immediate response
- Simple appearance



# Multi-pass Rendering

## Improved appearance

- Build effects
- Per-frame or per-object
- Still interactive



[Diefenbach97]



[Percy97]



[Cabral99]

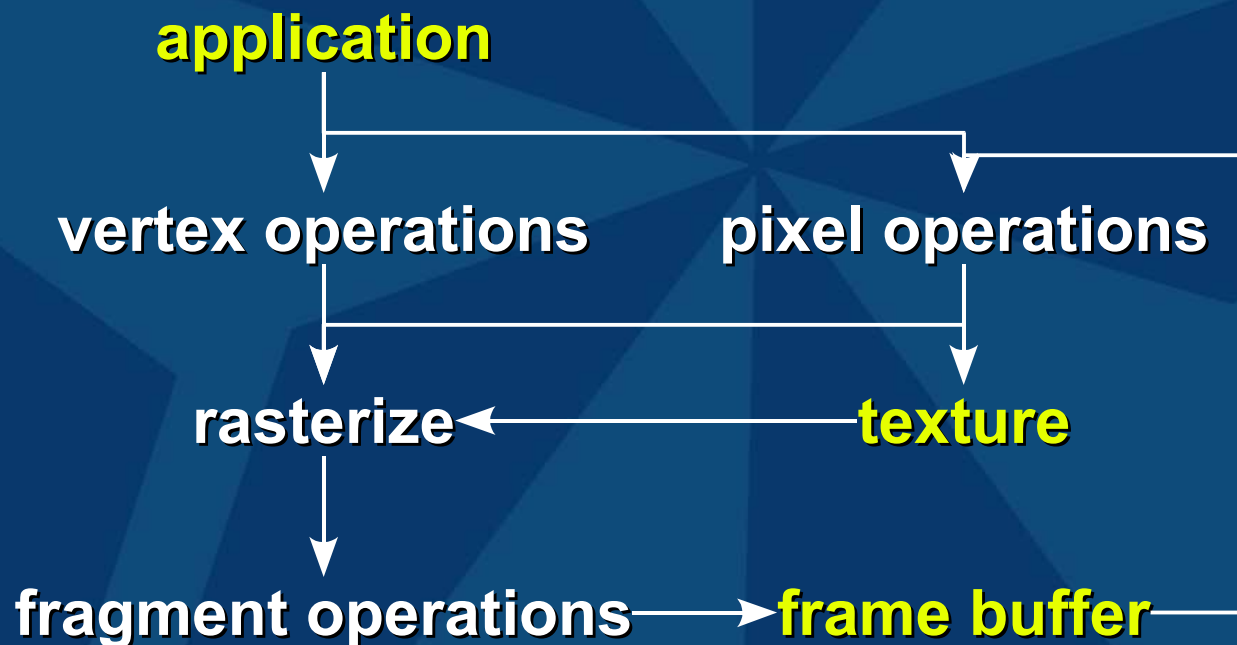


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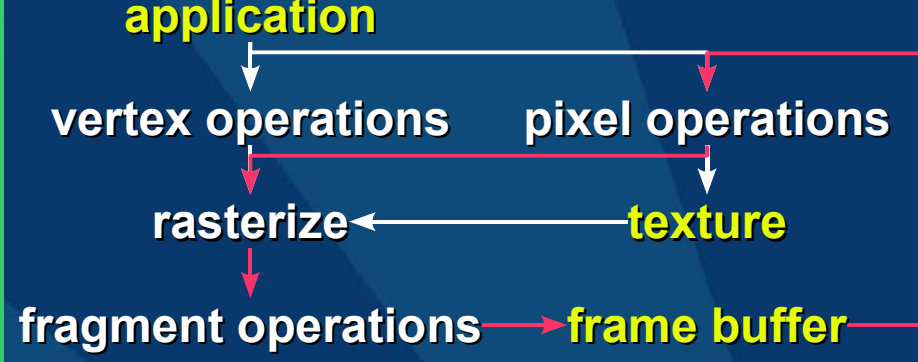
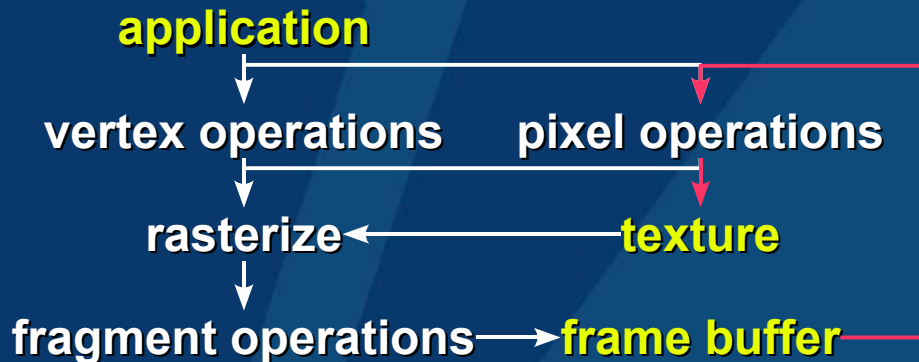
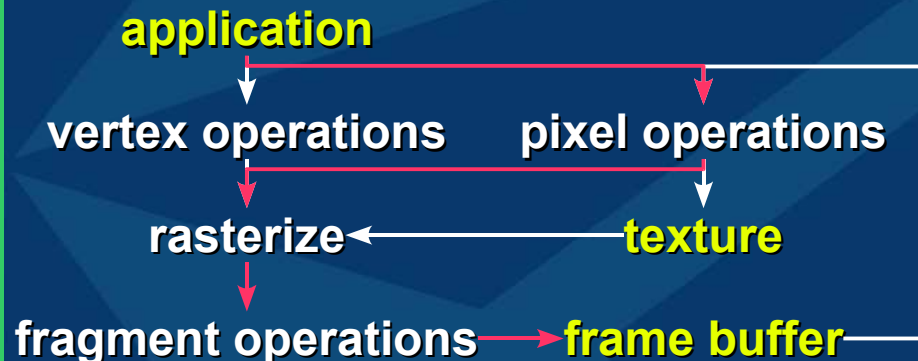
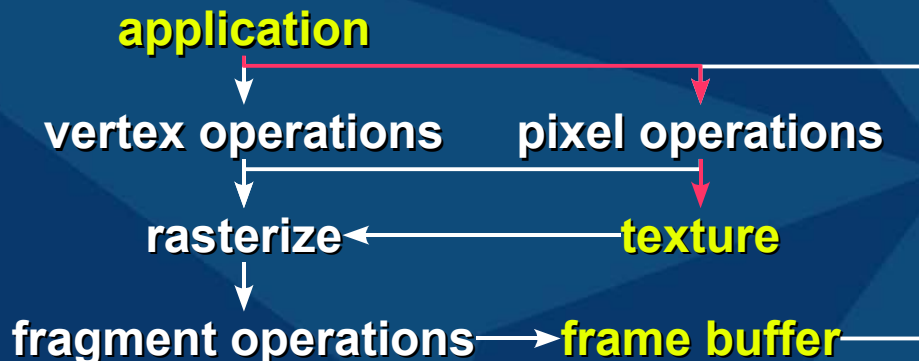
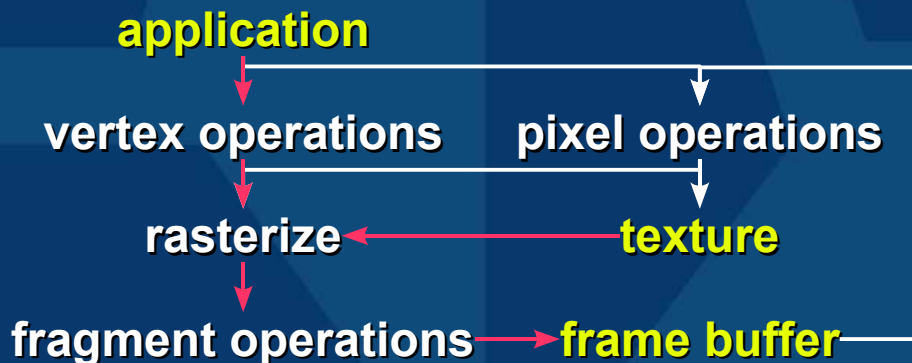
# What's in a Pass?

## Graphics hardware

- (as seen through OpenGL)



# Rendering Passes



# Multi-Pass = SIMD

Single Instruction, Multiple Data

## Classic SIMD

- Thousands/millions of processors
- Thinking Machines, PixelFlow, ...
- Not small-scale SIMD (MMX, etc.)

Shading languages use SIMD model

- Describe shading for one point
- Apply for every point on surface

# Multi-Pass = SIMD

General SIMD	OpenGL
Shared Control	Application
Processor Array	Pixel Array
Per-PE ALU	Fragment ops
Per-PE Memory	FB / Texture
Per-PE Conditionals	Alpha / Stencil

# What's it Mean?

We can create a compiler

- High-level language in
- OpenGL out

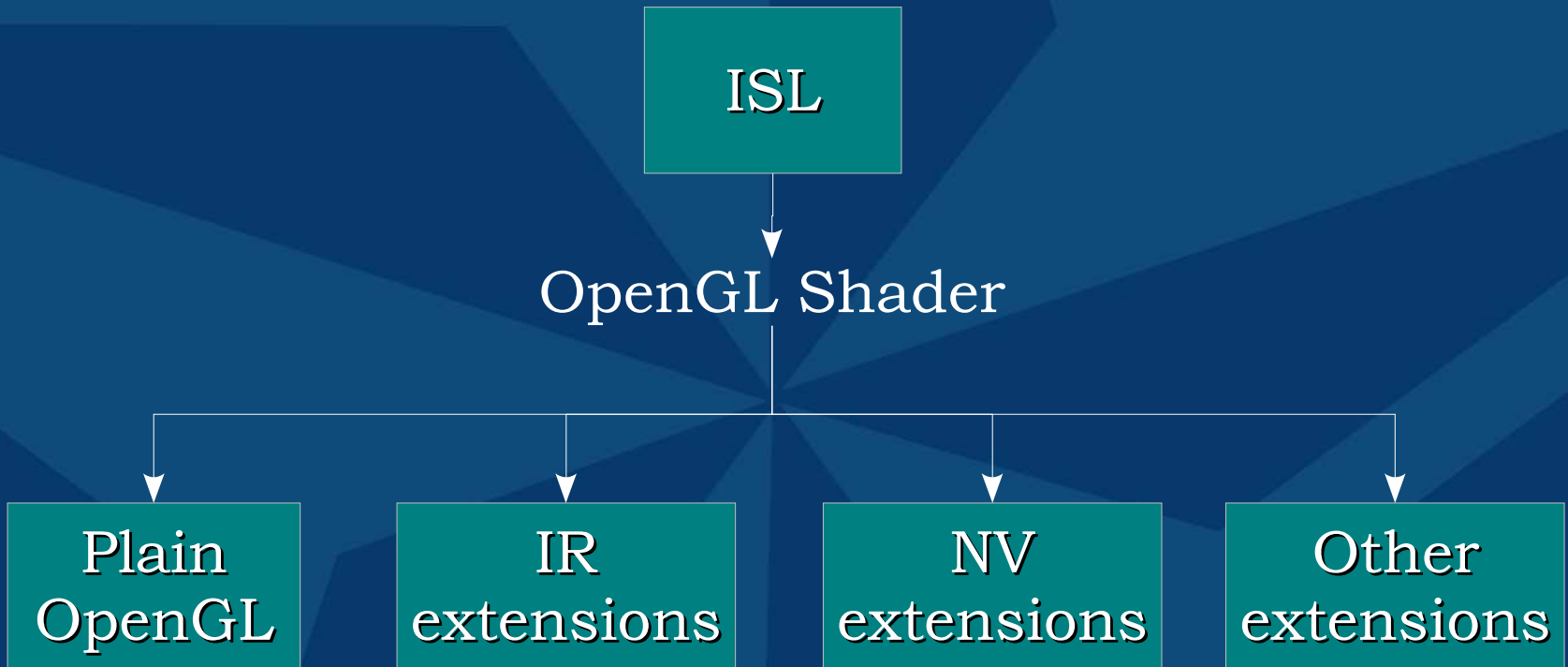


# Isn't that Slow?

**No!**

- Like drawing a few extra objects
- Optimize to compress passes
- Target hardware extensions

# OpenGL Shader



# About ISL

## Things exposed in ISL

- Pass count: passes  $\leq$  statements
  - Optimize to fewer
- Range: clamped 0 – 1
- Texturing limits
  - No per-pixel computed texture coordinates
  - Can use per-vertex texture coordinates



# Shading Example

```
#include <swizzle.h>
uniform color greentable[2] =
{color(0,.2,0,1), color(0,.4,0,1)};

surface
toon( parameter float do_toon = 1.;
      parameter float edge = .25)
{
    FB = environment("redpark.env");
    if (do_toon > .5) {
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        FB = transform(rgba_rrra);
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# 1: Uniform Expressions

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# 1: Simple Operations

```
FB = environment(redpark)
```

```
a = texgen(environment)
```

```
b = lookup(redpark, a)
```

```
FB += .25
```

```
c = const(.25)
```

```
d = add(b, c)
```

```
FB = transform(rgba_rrra)
```

```
e = transform(rgba_rrra, d)
```

```
FB = lookup(greentable)
```

```
f = lookup(greentable, e)
```

```
FB += environment(sun)
```

```
g = texgen(environment)
```

```
h = lookup(sun, g)
```

```
i = add(f, h)
```

# 1: Map to Hardware

Pack passes back-to-front

Remove dead code

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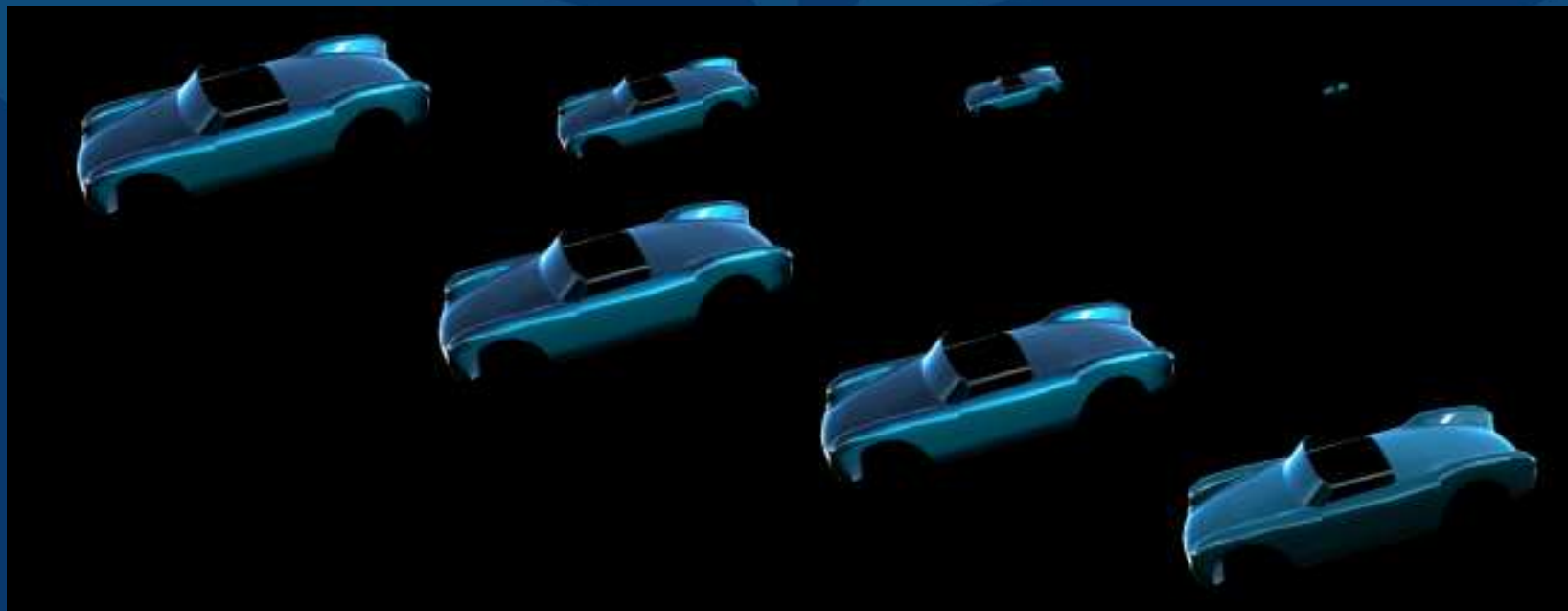
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# Level-of-detail Shaders

Add conditionals to adjust complexity

- Distance
- Importance
- Time
- Available texture



# Level-of-detail

## Automatic

- Add conditionals
- Change “hardware mapping” rules in each branch

## Semi-automatic

- Use LOD **building blocks**

## Manual

- Add conditionals
- Hand-code levels

# Wrap-up

## Simple, easy-to-change description

- Flexible surface appearance
- Much easier than hand-coded GL

## Portable

## Enables powerful extra processing

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