CMSC427
Finishing basic 3D rendering

Credit: slides 9+ from Prof. Zwicker

Quick ideas

- What we don’t see: culling 3D polygons
  - Backface culling
  - Clipping to frustrum or viewport
  - Z-buffer
- Texture mapping
  - Image plus texture coordinates

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  - Facing the camera
  - Within the camera frustum or viewport
  - In front of other triangles

- ***Terminology:***
- Facing camera: *Backface culling*
- Within viewport: *Clipping*
- In front: *Z-buffering*

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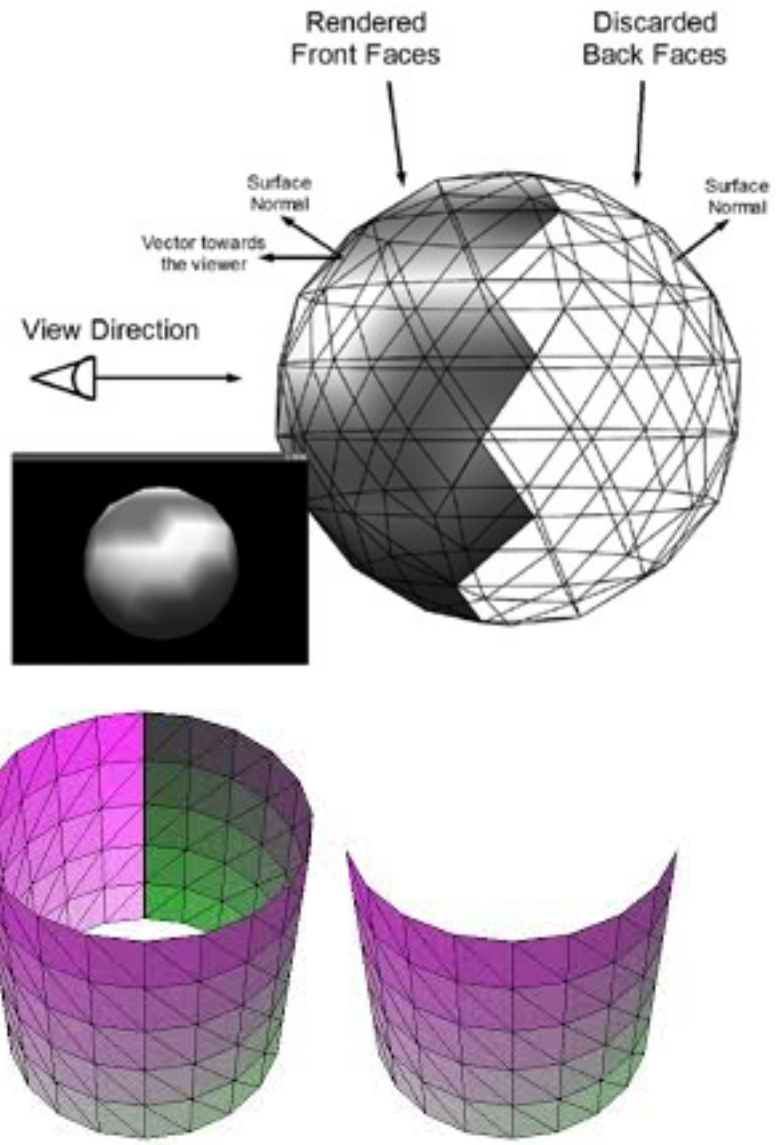

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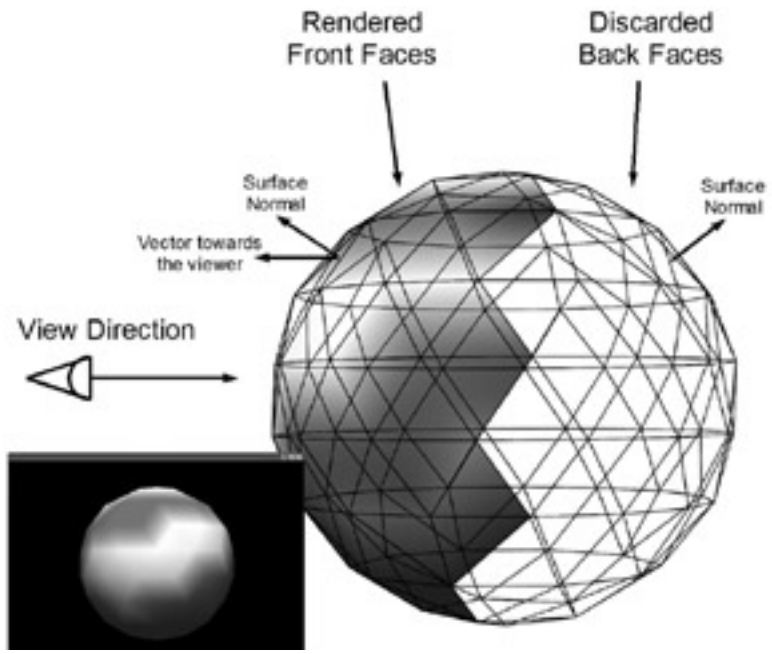

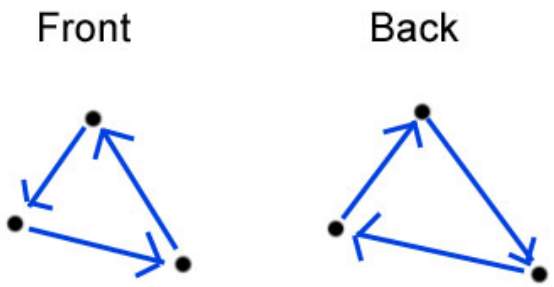

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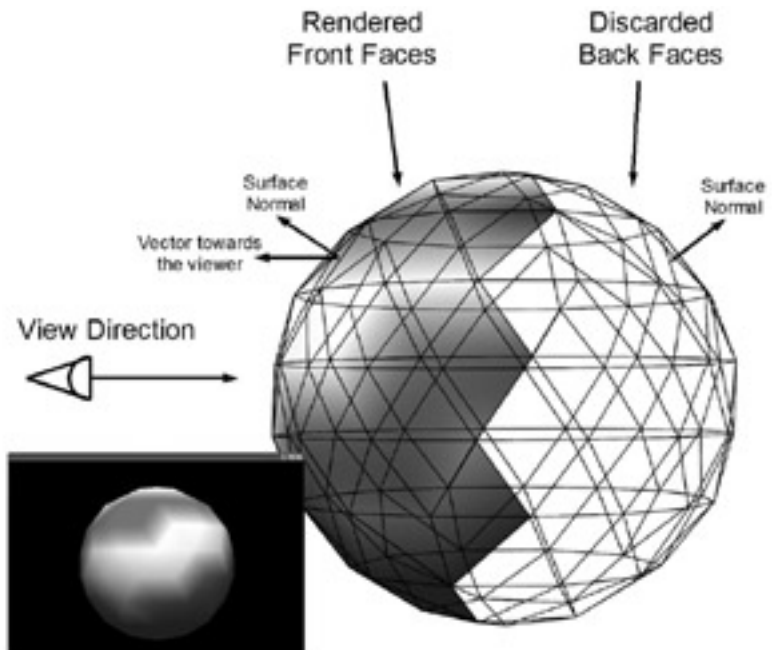
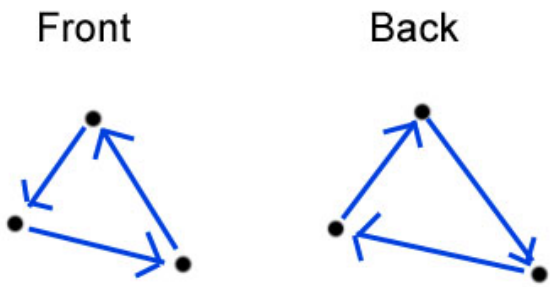
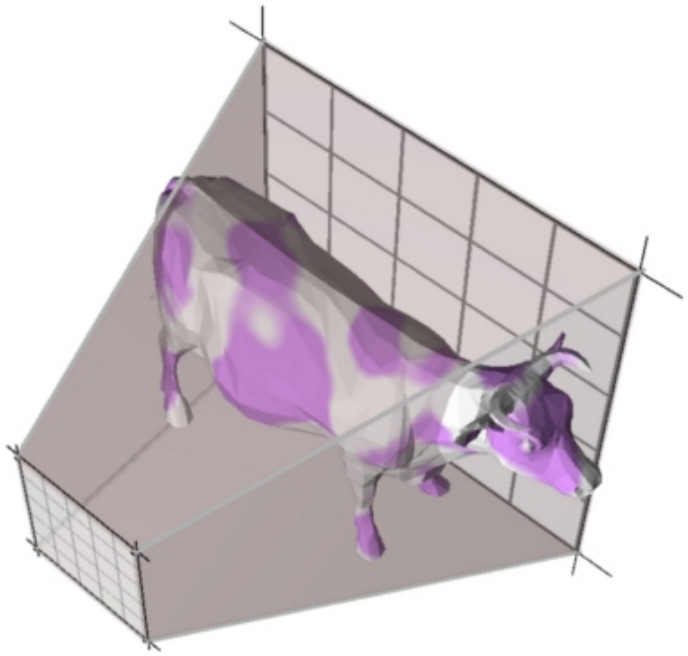


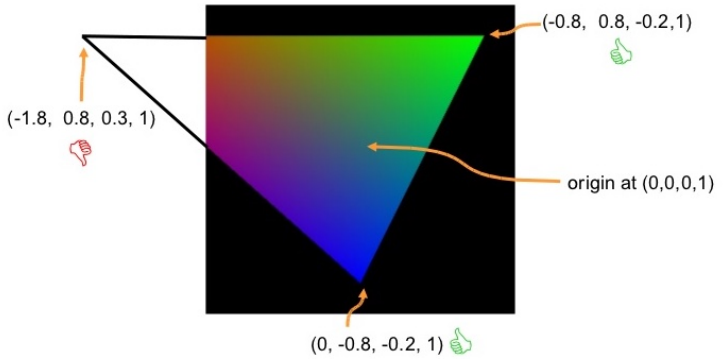


Clipping

- To frustrum (in 3D)



- To viewport (in 2D)



- Note: triangle clipped can become quad

Z-buffering

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Z-buffering

- Store "depth" at each pixel
  - Store $1/w$ because we compute it for rasterization already
- Depth test
  - During rasterization, compare stored value to new value
  - Update pixel only if new $1/w$ value is larger

```
setpixel(int x, int y, color c, float w)
if((1/w)>zbuffer(x,y)) then
  zbuffer(x,y) = (1/w)
  color(x,y) = c
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- In graphics hardware, z-buffer is dedicated memory reserved for GPU (graphics memory)
- Depth test is performed by GPU

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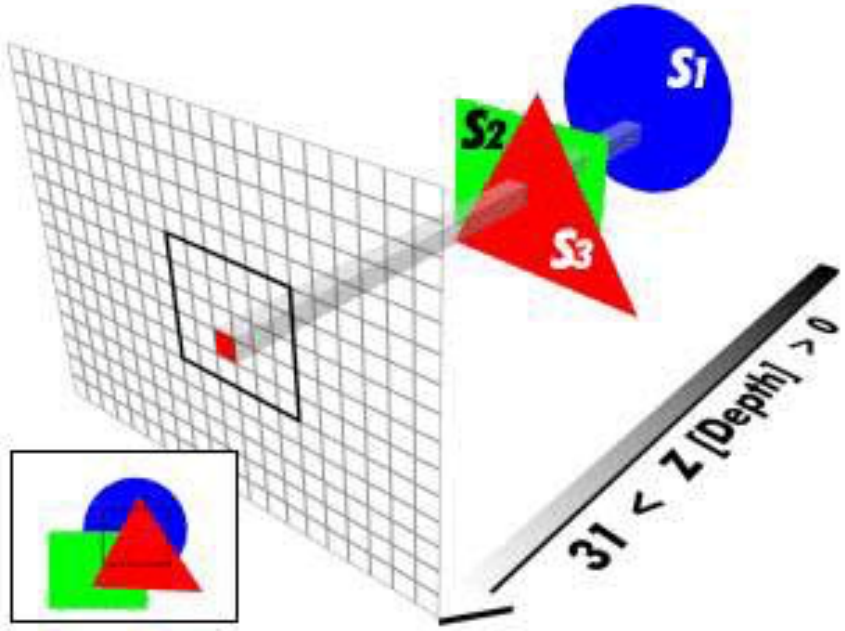

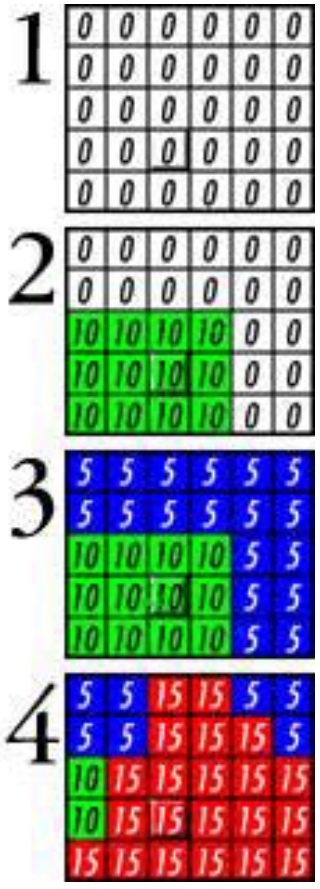

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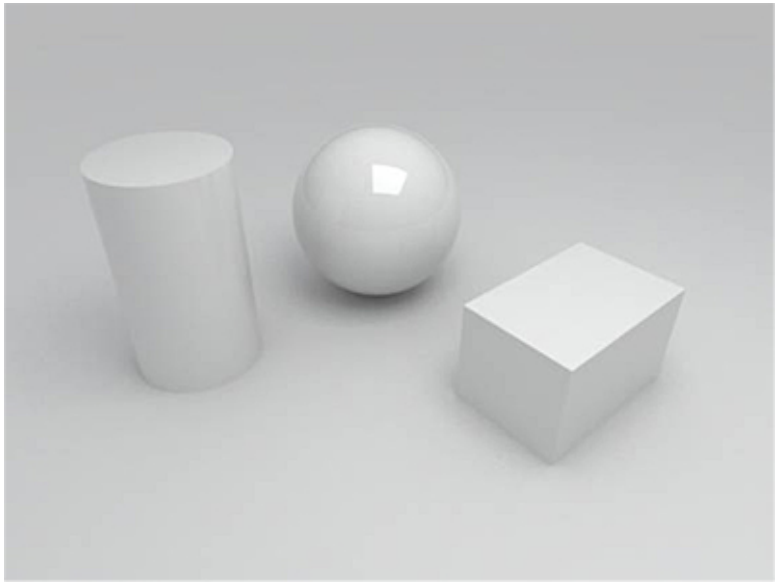

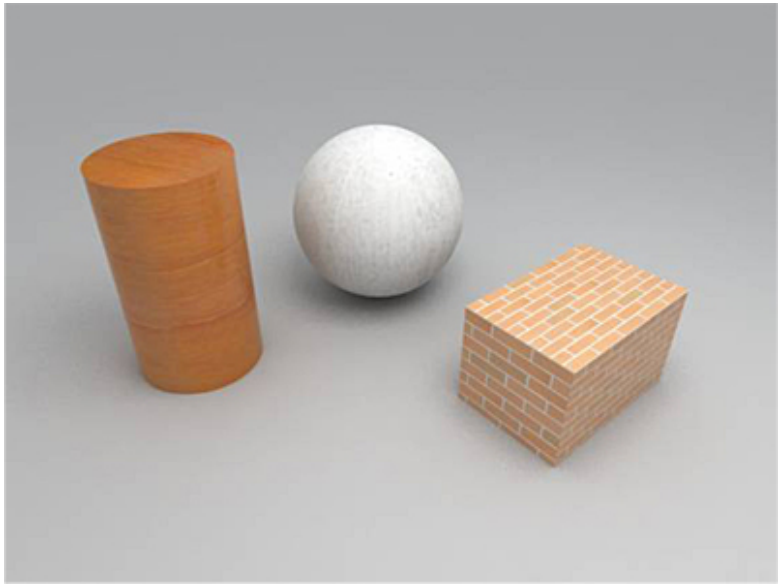

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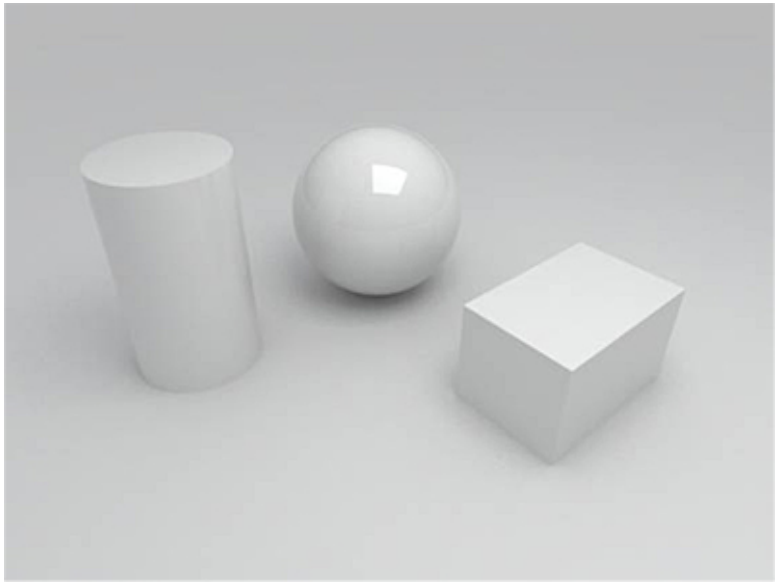
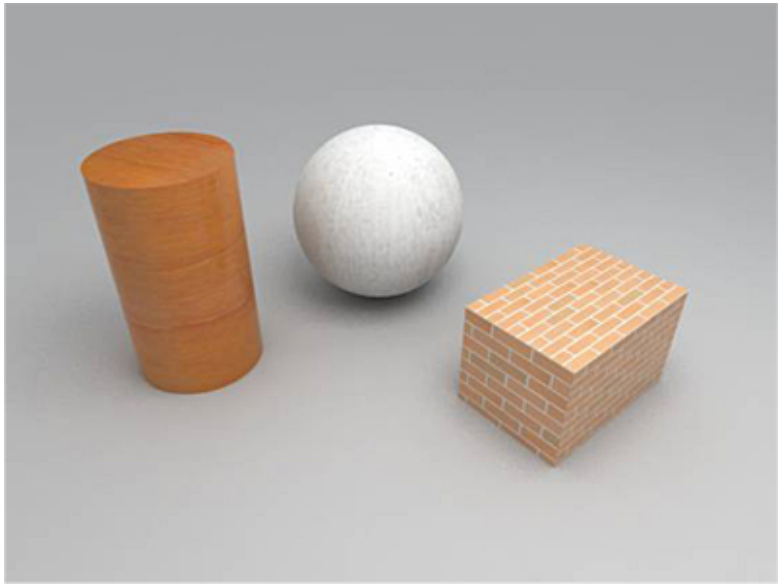
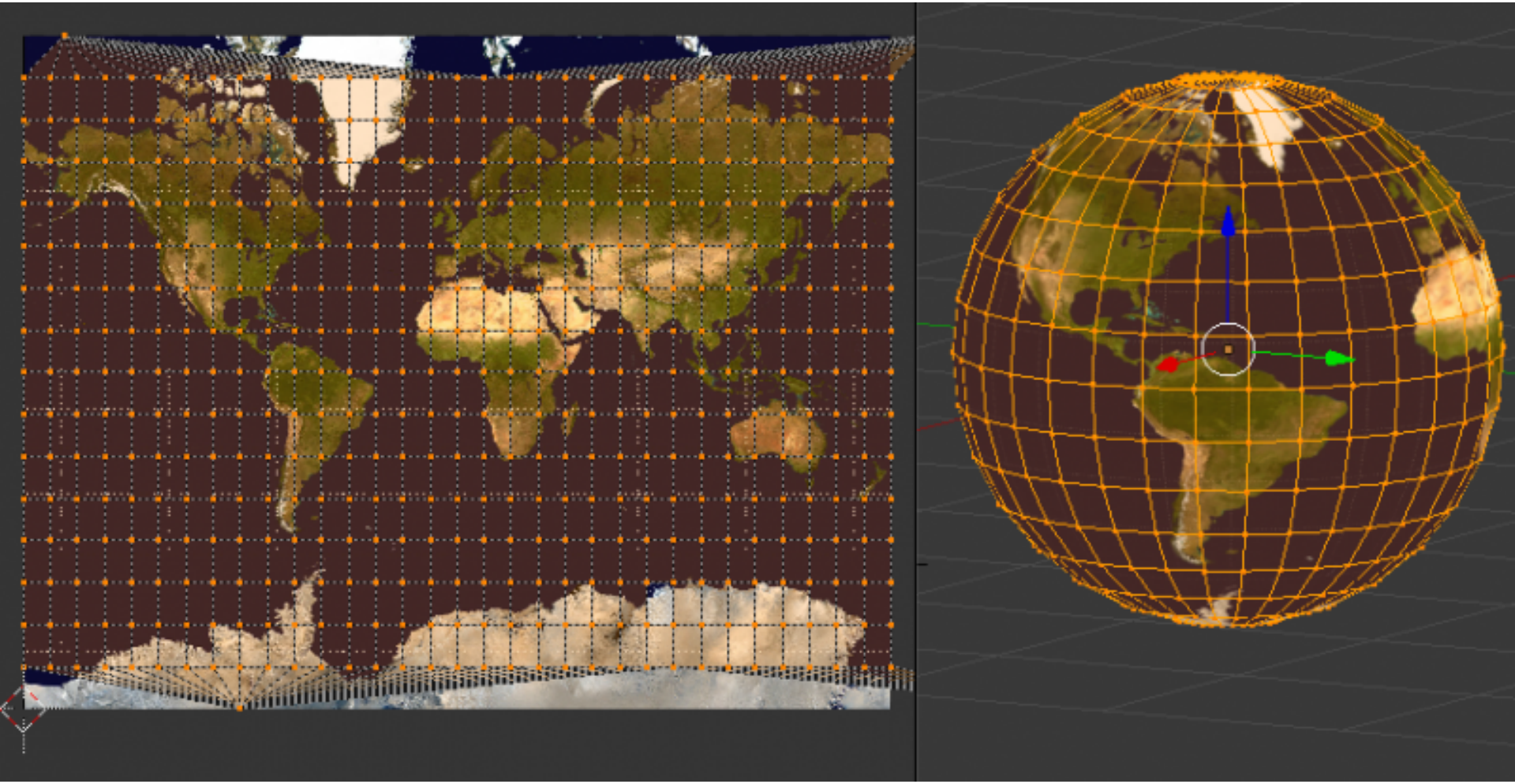




Texture mapping – texture coordinates

- Each vertex mapped to location in image
- Location interpolated inside polygon/triangle



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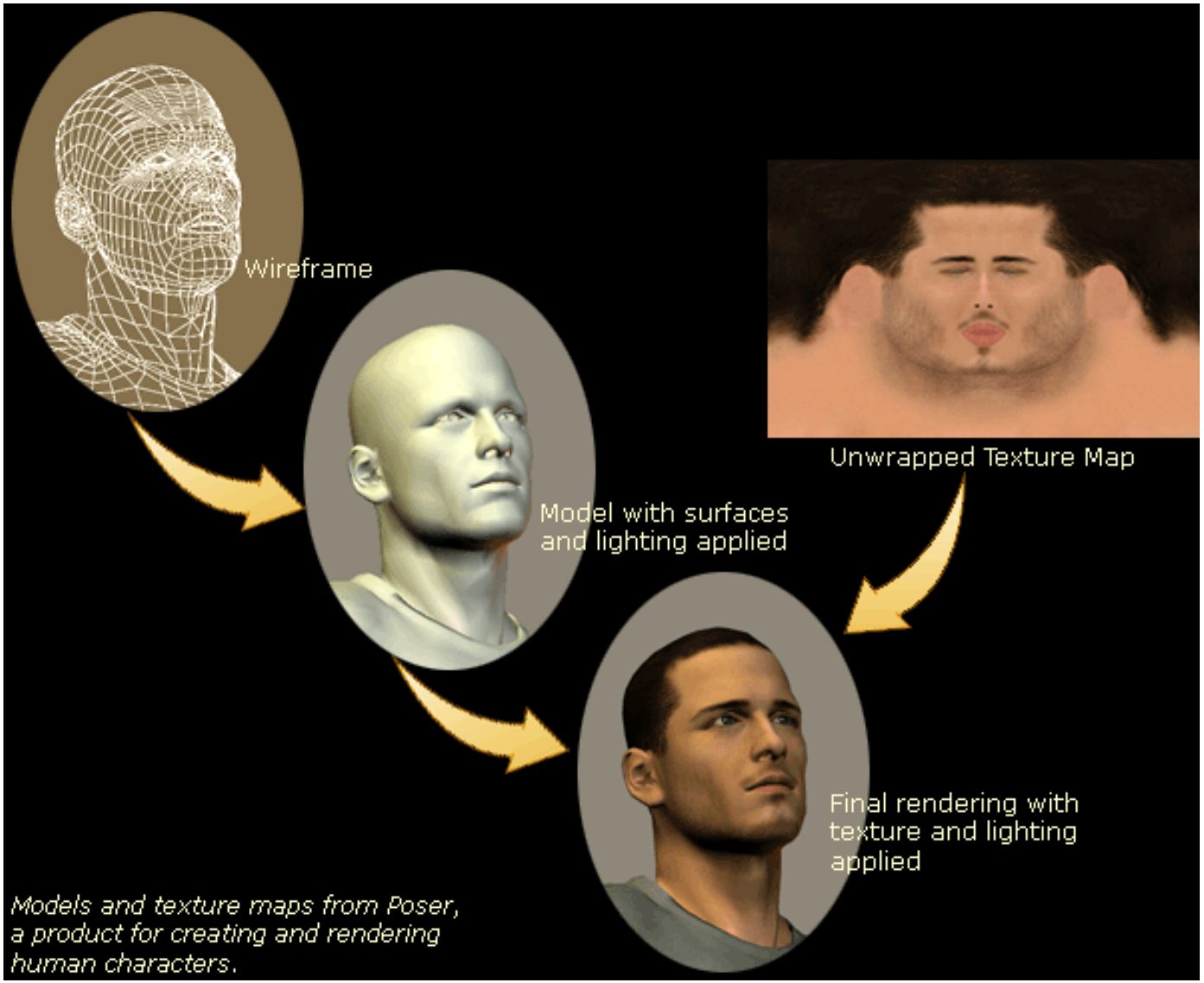
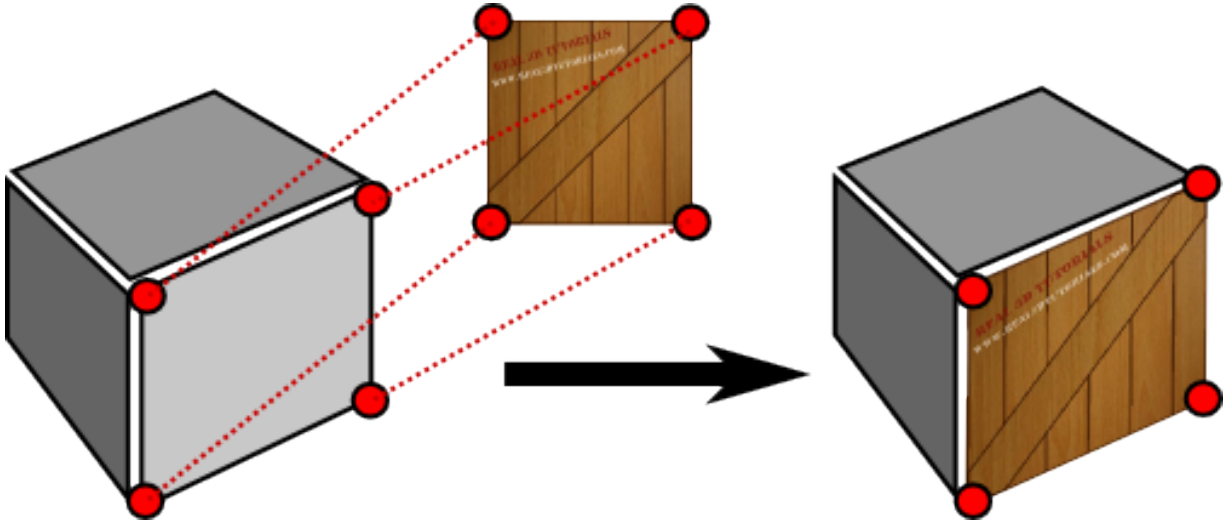
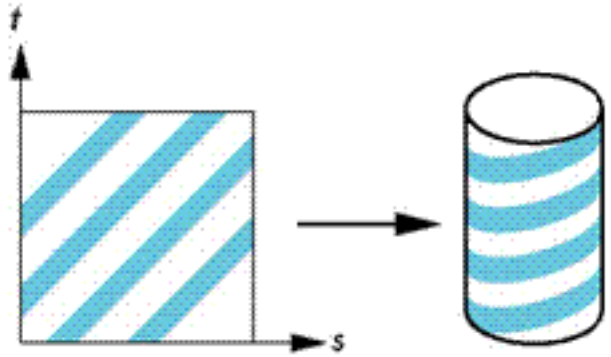


Texture mapping – can also be simple

- Cube



- Cylinder



Textures – in Processing

- Load image

```
Pimage tex = loadImage("berlin-1.jpg");
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- Set texture image

```
texture(tex);
```

- Give texture coordinates per vertex (last two)

```
vertex(-1, -1,  1, 0, 0);
```

- Texture coordinates can be in image coordinates (0 to w, 0 to h) or in normalized coordinates (0 to 1, 0 to 1)
- Examples: TextureCube and TextureCylinder

Texture coordinates and parametric meshes

- For polygon mesh vertices need:
- Location x,y,z
- Normal nx,ny,nz
- Texture coordinates u,v

- For cylinder?

Implications for OpenGL

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