



WebGL Shaders

GPU accelerated demoscene Effects

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Introduction

- About Me
- The Demoscene
- WebGL & Shaders
- Circles & Trig,
& some demo effects



*Note: Download **Chrome** or **Firefox** or **Webkit**!*

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- Undergrad UWA (Engineering)



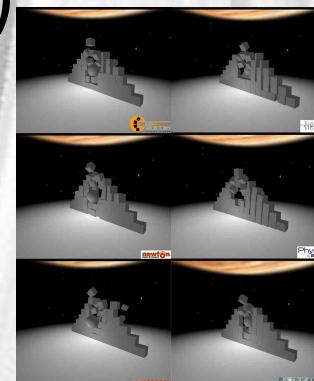
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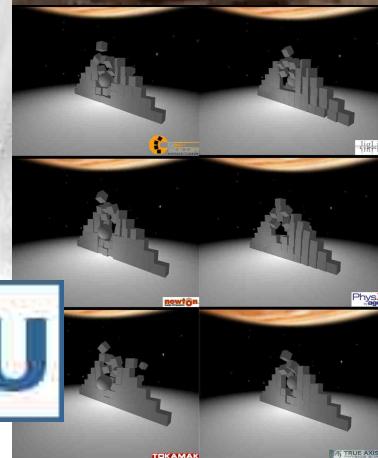
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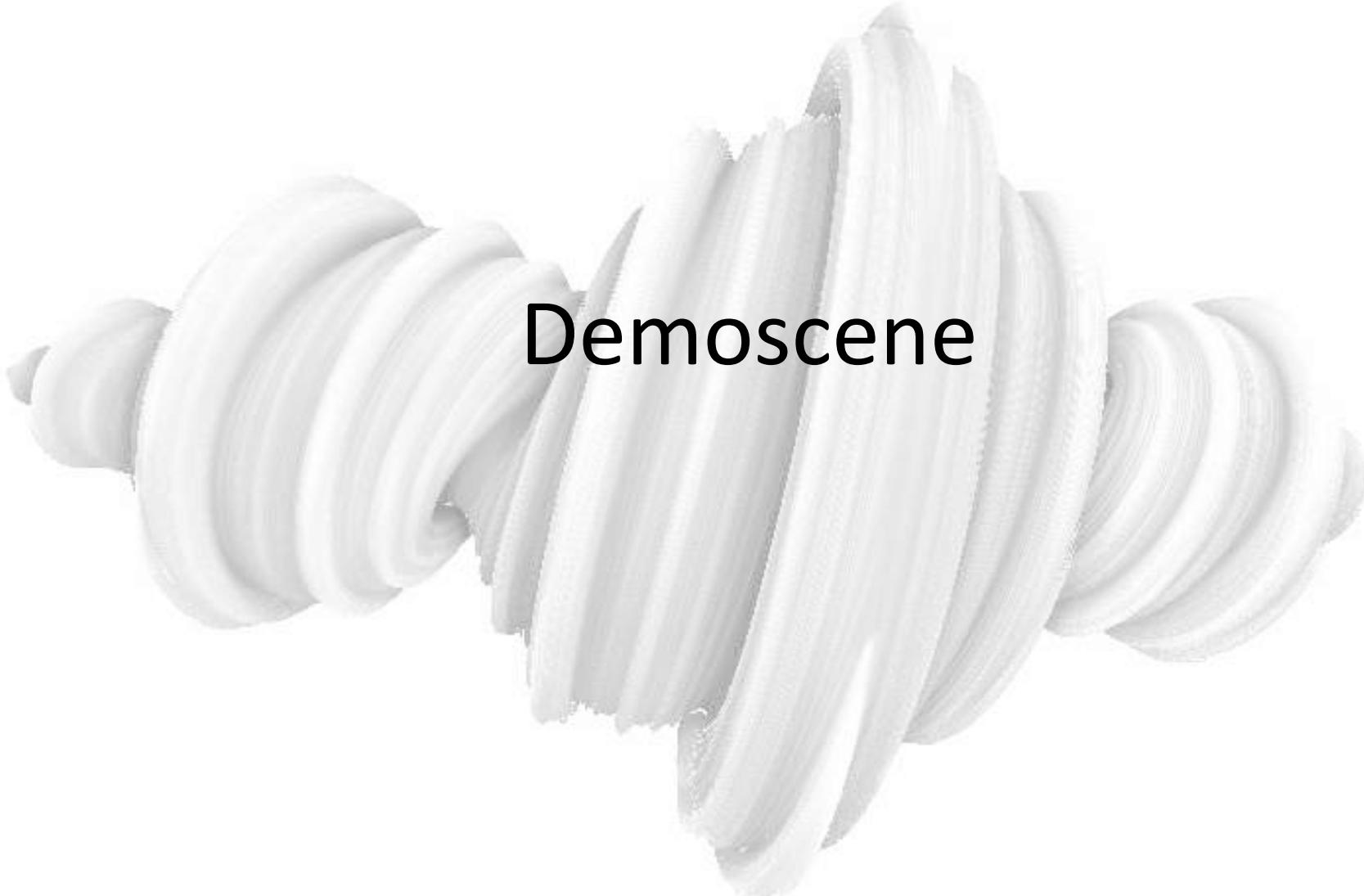
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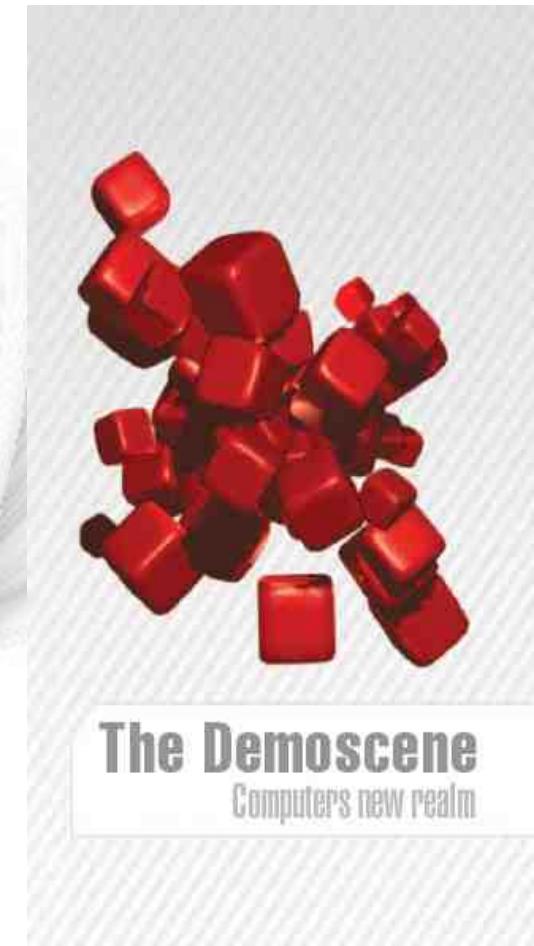
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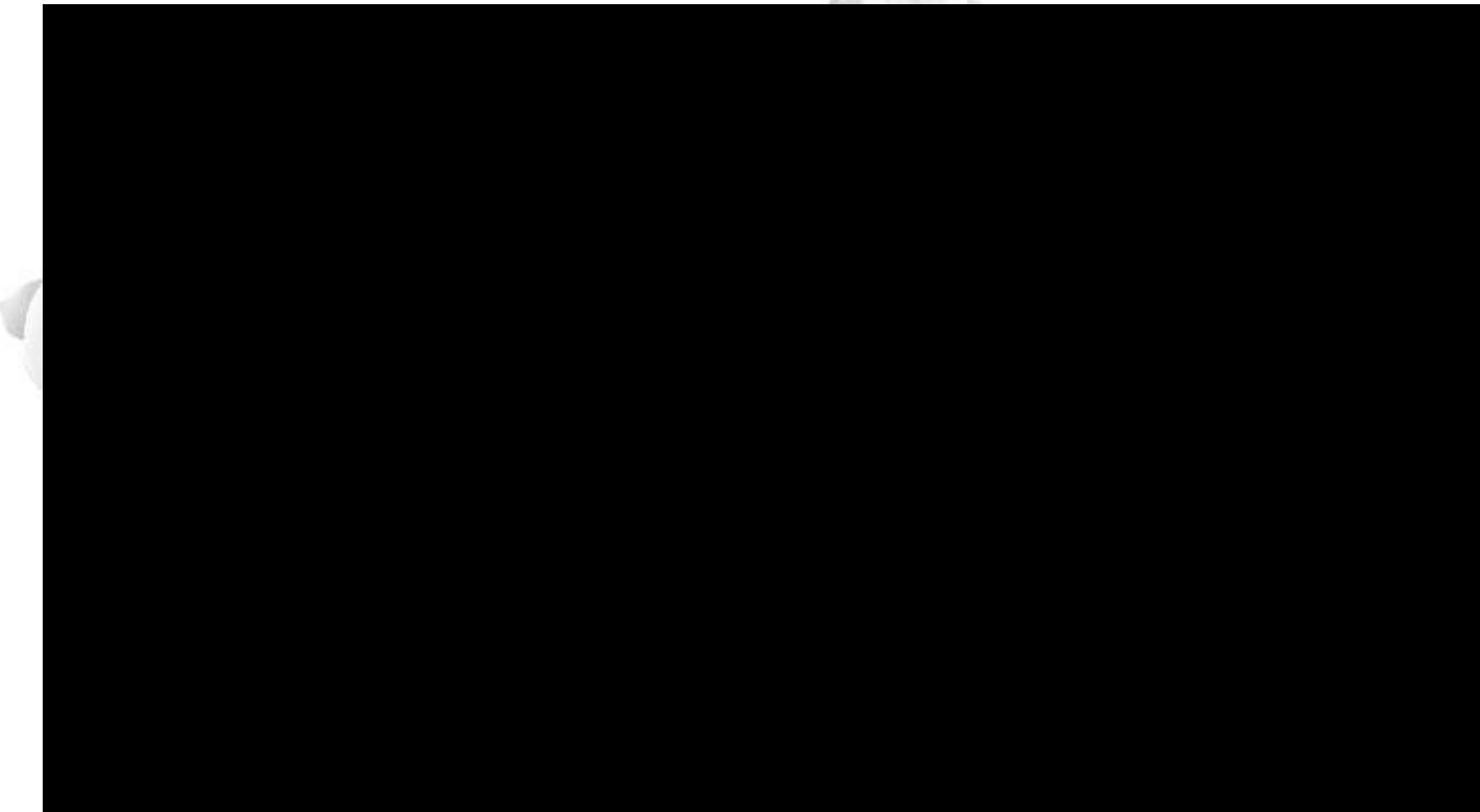
Demoscene

Demoscene

- Demos are a fusion of:
 - Code
 - Art
 - Music
 - Design
- ... to generate a jaw-dropping realtime audiovisual production



Demoscene (nVidia 2008)



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PidTKpKLYZM>

Demoscene Culture

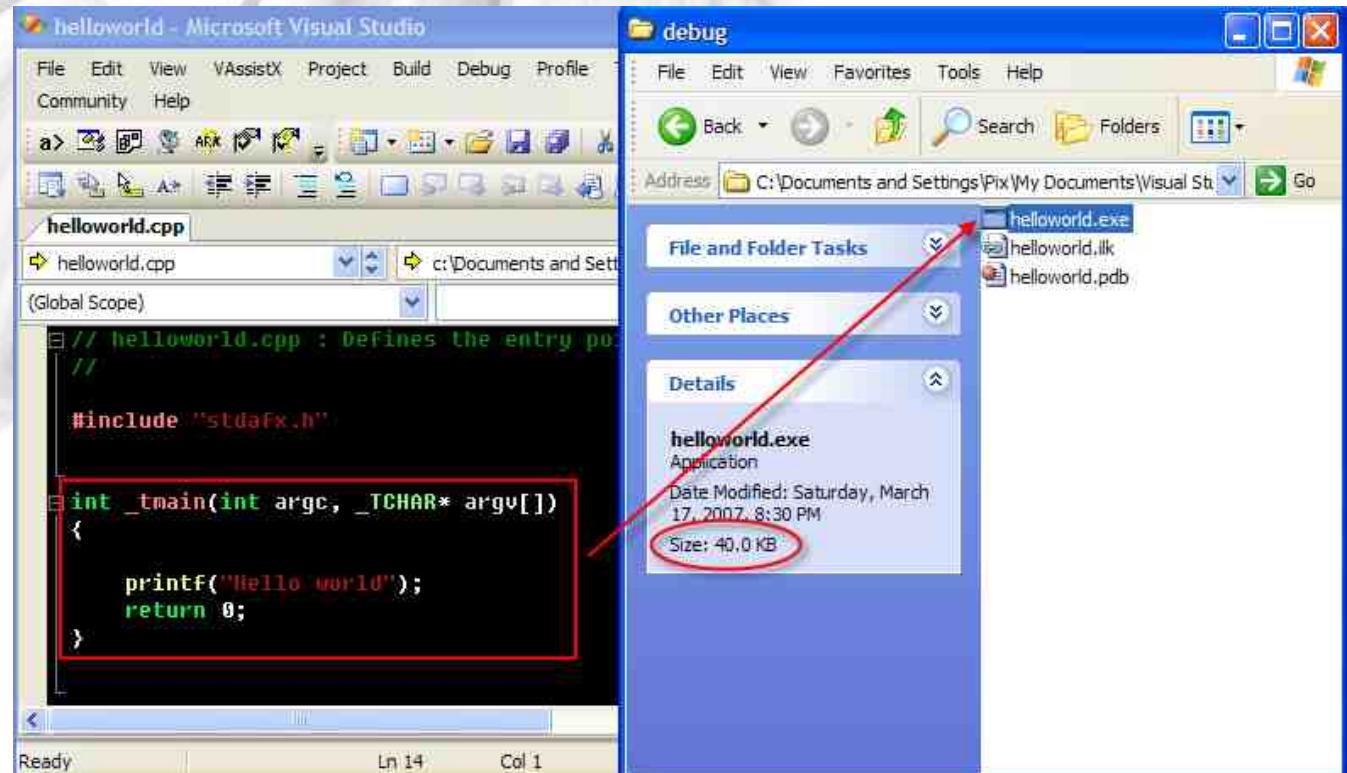
- Demo parties
- European centric
- Graphics & Games
& Film Companies
nVidia, Pixar, Dice



Demoscene

- Three key varieties:
- Demo
- Intro (64k)
- Intro (4k)

Small?
Algorithms!



Demoscene: History

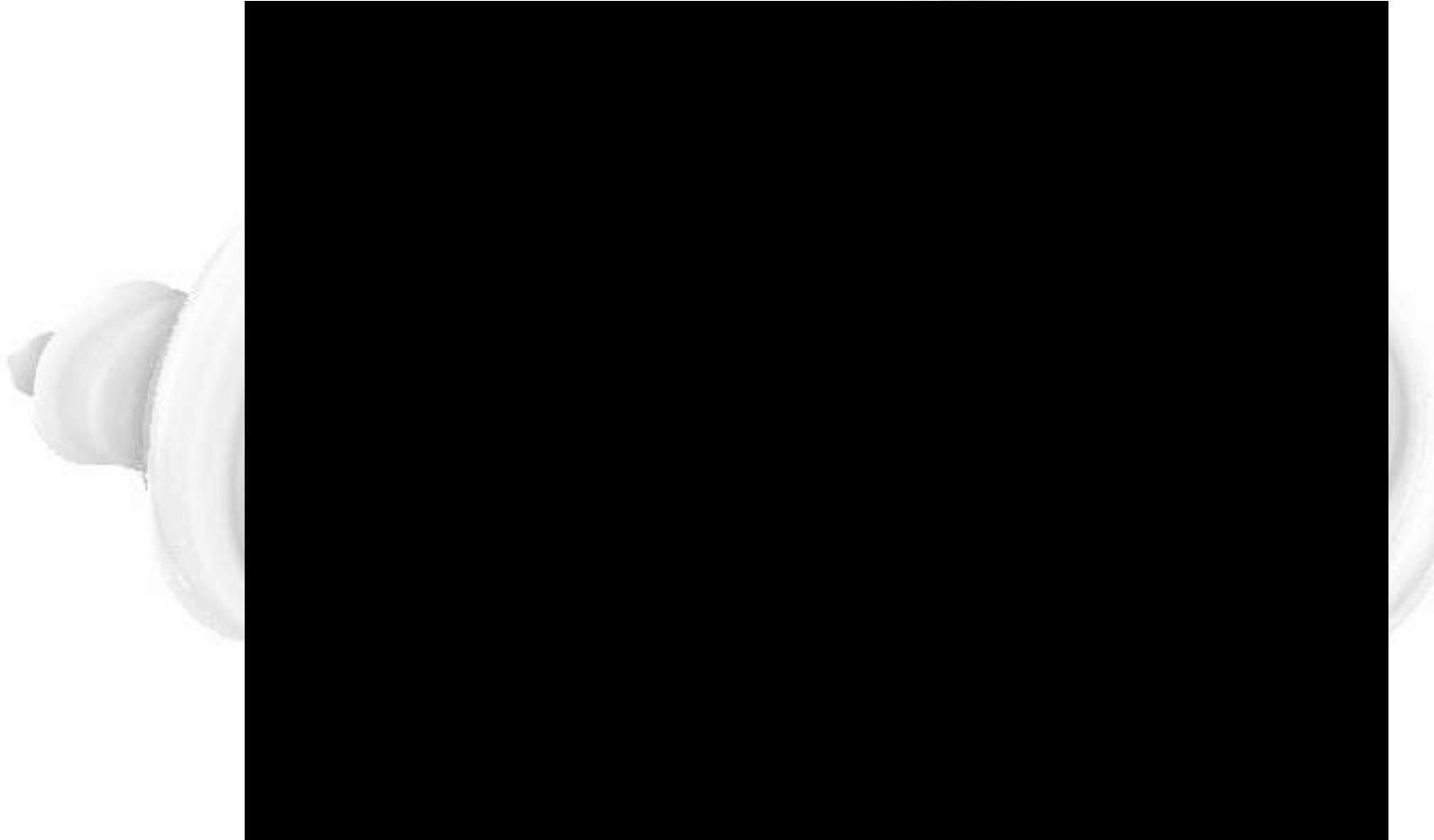
- Originated from ‘crack screens’
- C64, Amiga, traditional platforms
- IBM PC Scene saw serious growth in mid-90’s
 - Future Crew, 1994 – Second Reality – 486, 33mhz
 - Farbraush, 2000 – the product – P3 – 500mhz



Less CPU/GPU
than the
original iPhone!



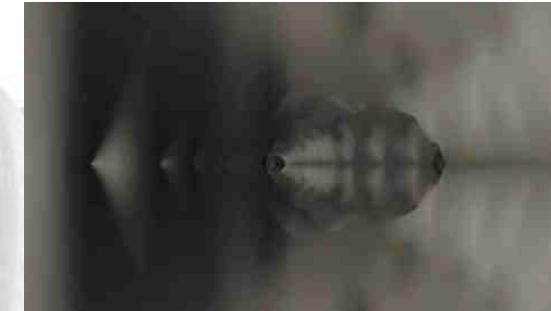
Demoscene: History [Verses/EMF]



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYWCSHqOikY>

The 90's were dominated by 2d effects. Later by 3d graphics and raytracing, now GPU shaders, image processing and radiosity

Demoscene Effects (1994)



*Verses by
EMF*



Demoscene Effects (1994)

- 3D – Gouraud shading, Z buffer
- Fractal – IFS, Julia
- Tunnel – 3D Voxel, Multiresolution
- Plasma – Textured, Interference
- Deform – Morphing, Twist
- Deform – Kaleidoscope

A grayscale photograph of a glowing incandescent lightbulb. The bulb is oriented horizontally, with its base on the left and the pointed tip on the right. The glass is filled with a bright, glowing light that creates a radial blur effect, appearing as a series of concentric, glowing bands. Overlaid on the center of the bulb is the word "WebGL" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

WebGL

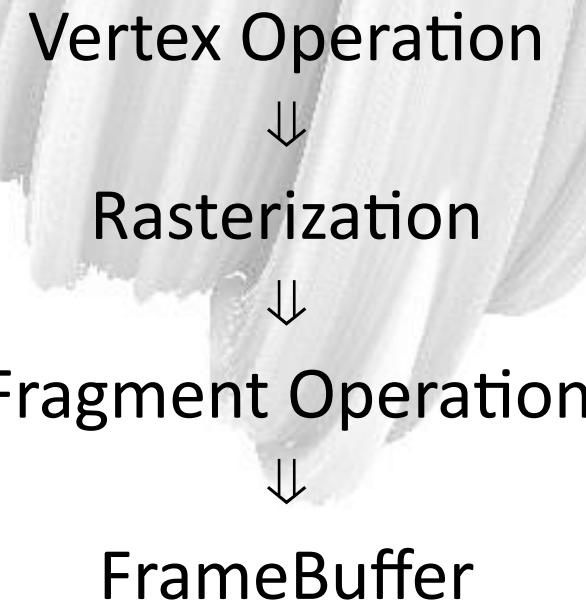
WebGL

- Uses Javascript to generate hardware accelerated graphics within a web browser (ie OpenGL in a browser!)
 - Based on OpenGL ES
- Version 1.0 released March, 2011
 - Chrome & Firefox
- Safari & Opera & Android & iPhone WIP

<http://doesmybrowsersupportwebgl.com/>

WebGL

- WebGL makes heavy use of shaders
 - Avoid pure javascript, as it is much slower than doing calculations in WebGL shaders
- WebGL Pipeline:



WebGL: A triangle

```
<html><head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1">
<script type="text/javascript">
    var fragmentShaderString =
        '#ifdef GL_ES
            precision highp float;
        #endif
        void main(void) {
            gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
        }
    
```

```
    var vertexShaderString =
        'attribute vec3 aVertexPosition;
         void main(void) {
             gl_Position = vec4(aVertexPosition, 1.0);
         }
    
```

```
    var gl; var shaderProgram;
    function initGL(canvas) {
        try {
            gl = canvas.getContext("experimental-webgl");
        } catch(e) {}
    }
    function getShader(gl, str, shaderType) {
        var shader = gl.createShader(shaderType);
        gl.shaderSource(shader, str);
        gl.compileShader(shader);
        return shader;
    }
    function initShaders() {
        var fragmentShader = getShader(gl,
            fragmentShaderString, gl.FRAGMENT_SHADER);
        var vertexShader = getShader(gl,
            vertexShaderString, gl.VERTEX_SHADER);
        shaderProgram = gl.createProgram();
        gl.attachShader(shaderProgram, vertexShader);
        gl.attachShader(shaderProgram, fragmentShader);
        gl.linkProgram(shaderProgram);
        gl.useProgram(shaderProgram);
        shaderProgram.vertexPositionAttribute = gl.getAttribLocation
            (shaderProgram, "aVertexPosition");
        gl.enableVertexAttribArray(shaderProgram.vertexPositionAttribute);
    }

```

```
    var triangleVertexPositionBuffer;
    function initBuffers() {
        triangleVertexPositionBuffer = gl.createBuffer();
        gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, triangleVertexPositionBuffer);
        var vertices = [
            0.0,  1.0,  0.0,
            -1.0, -0.5,  0.0,
            1.0, -0.5,  0.0
        ];
        gl.bufferData(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, new Float32Array
            (vertices), gl.STATIC_DRAW);
    }
    function drawScene() {
        gl.clearColor(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
        gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
        gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, triangleVertexPositionBuffer);
        gl.vertexAttribPointer(shaderProgram.vertexPositionAttribute,
            3, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);
        gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
    }
    function webGLStart() {
        var canvas = document.getElementById("lesson01-canvas");
        initGL(canvas);
        initShaders();
        initBuffers();
        drawScene();
    }
</script>
</head>
<body onload="webGLStart();">
    <canvas id="lesson01-canvas" style="border: none;" width="500" height="500"></canvas>
</body>
</html>
```

<http://www.LearningWebGL.com/>

WebGL Shaders

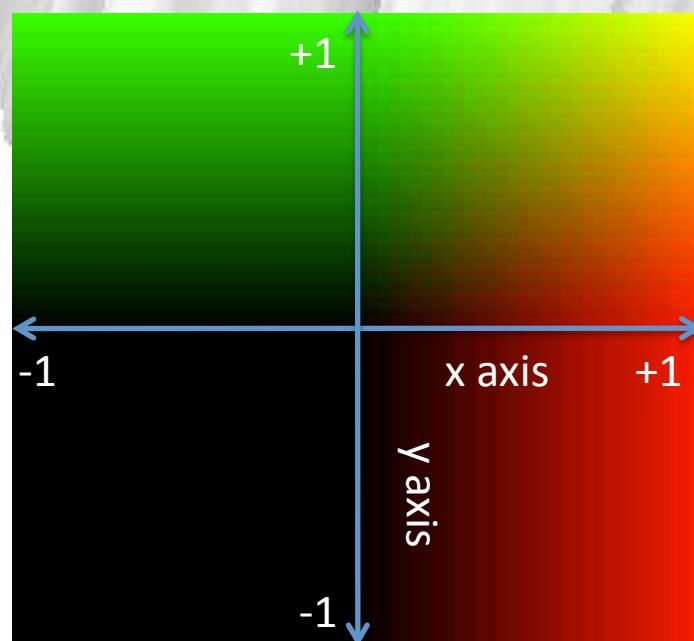
```
var fragmentShaderString =  
'#ifdef GL_ES  
\n\  
precision highp float;  
\n\  
#endif  
\n\  
void main(void) {  
\n\  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0,  
1.0, 1.0, 1.0); \n\  
}
```

```
var vertexShaderString =  
'attribute vec3  
aVertexPosition;  
\n\  
void main(void) {  
\n\  
    gl_Position = vec4  
(aVertexPosition, 1.0);\n\  
}
```

Very similar to C/C++, Java, Cg, DirectX shaders, etc.

Let's Start

- The sample code draws a quad, aligned with unit-screen space.
- Let's assign some colors to the x & y coordinates. Center 0,0



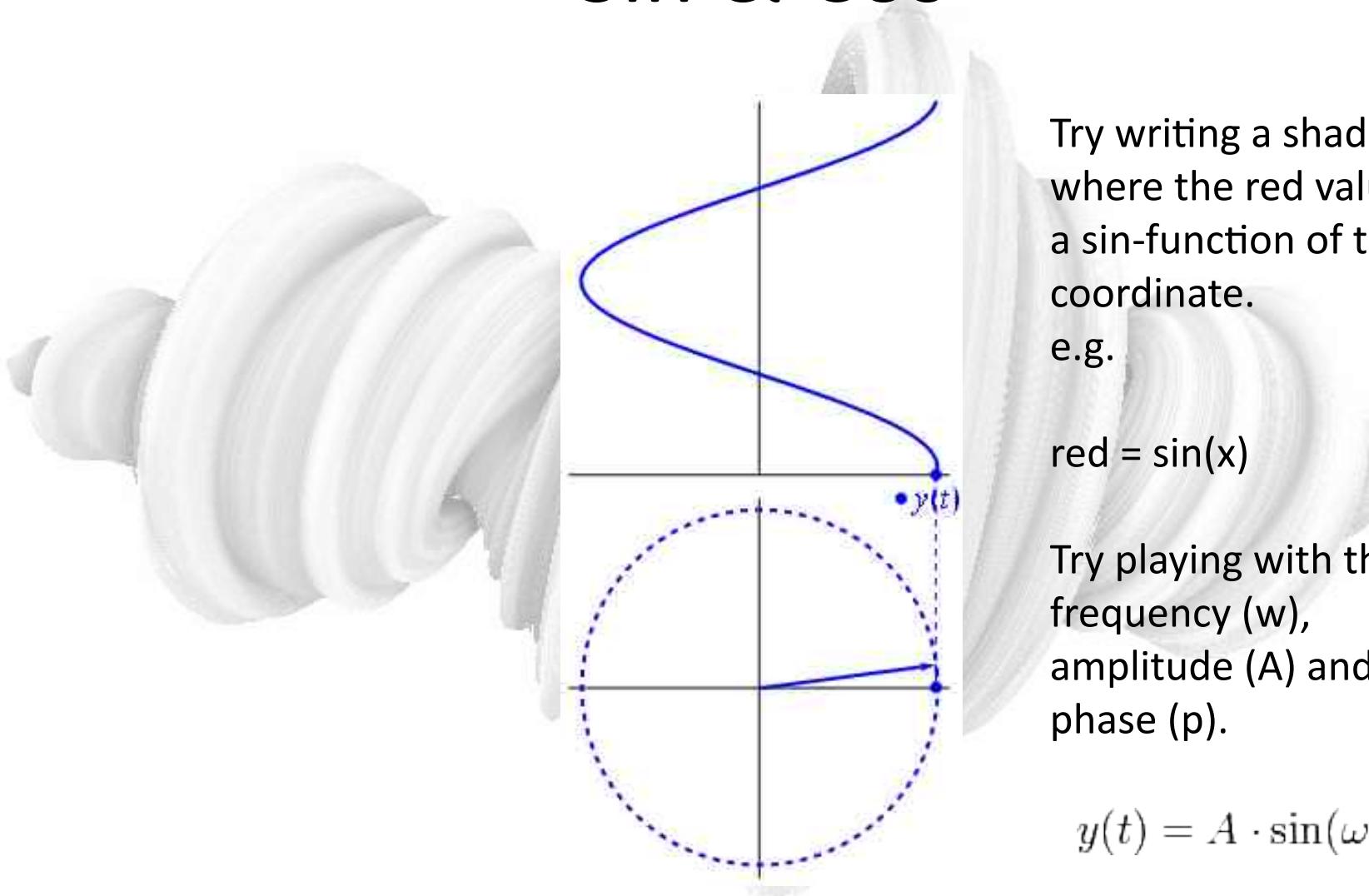
In WebGL Shader code

```
void main(void)
{
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy /
        resolution.xy;
    gl_FragColor = vec4(p.x,p.y,0.0,1.0);
}
```

A grayscale visualization of a 3D plasma simulation. It features a central, elongated, and slightly twisted structure composed of numerous thin, vertical, and slightly curved lines. This central structure is surrounded by several concentric, roughly spherical shells of similar line-based patterns, creating a sense of depth and motion.

WebGL Demo Effect: Plasmas

Sin & Cos



Try writing a shader where the red value is a sin-function of the x coordinate.
e.g.

$$\text{red} = \sin(x)$$

Try playing with the frequency (w), amplitude (A) and phase (p).

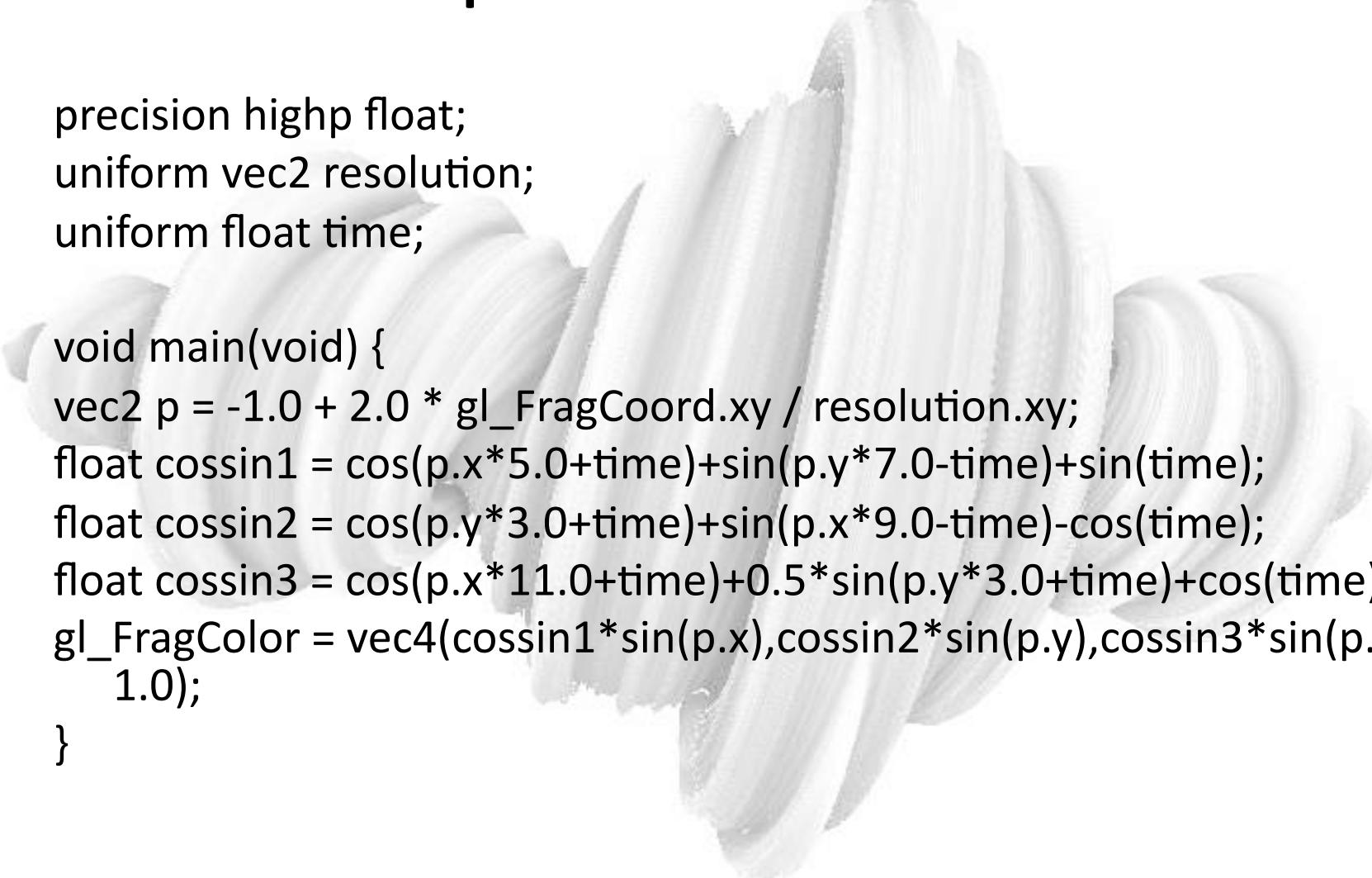
$$y(t) = A \cdot \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Plasma effect



(Viktor Korsun)

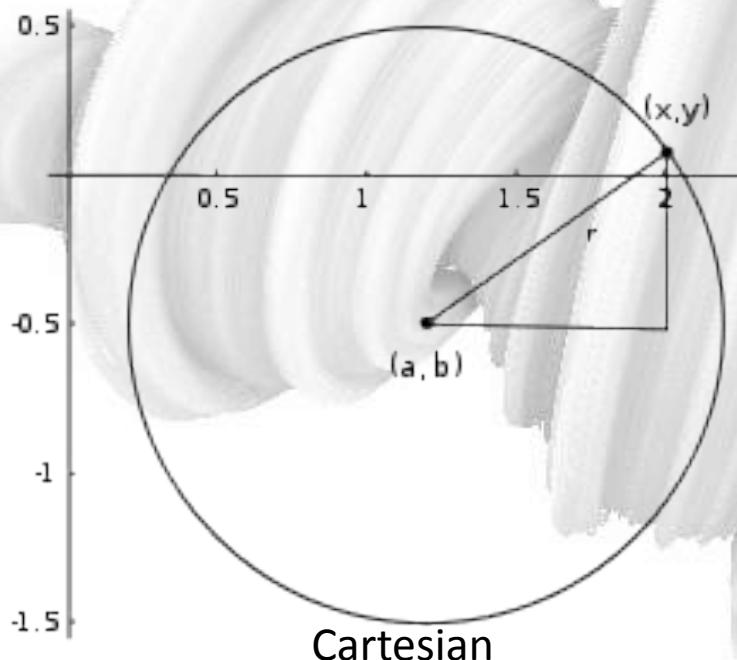
Simple WebGL Plasma

A grayscale visualization of a plasma simulation, showing a complex, organic shape composed of many thin, curved, light-colored filaments against a dark background.

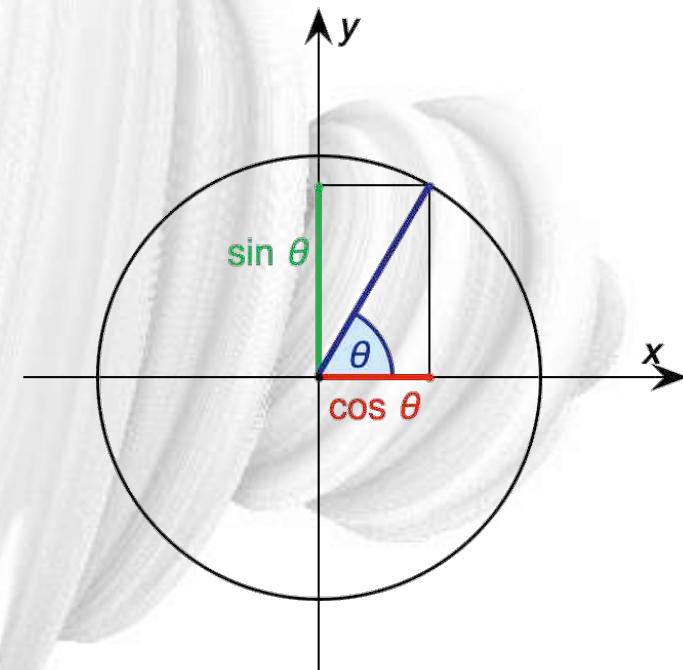
```
precision highp float;  
uniform vec2 resolution;  
uniform float time;  
  
void main(void) {  
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy / resolution.xy;  
    float cossin1 = cos(p.x*5.0+time)+sin(p.y*7.0-time)+sin(time);  
    float cossin2 = cos(p.y*3.0+time)+sin(p.x*9.0-time)-cos(time);  
    float cossin3 = cos(p.x*11.0+time)+0.5*sin(p.y*3.0+time)+cos(time);  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(cossin1*sin(p.x),cossin2*sin(p.y),cossin3*sin(p.x),  
        1.0);  
}
```

Sin & Cos & Circles

- Circle can also be expressed with Cartesian Coordinates



$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2.$$



Parametric

$$x = a + r \cos t, \\ y = b + r \sin t$$

Can you generate Circles?

**Single, continuously increasing
radius**



**Multiple rings (hint: bands of
circles)**

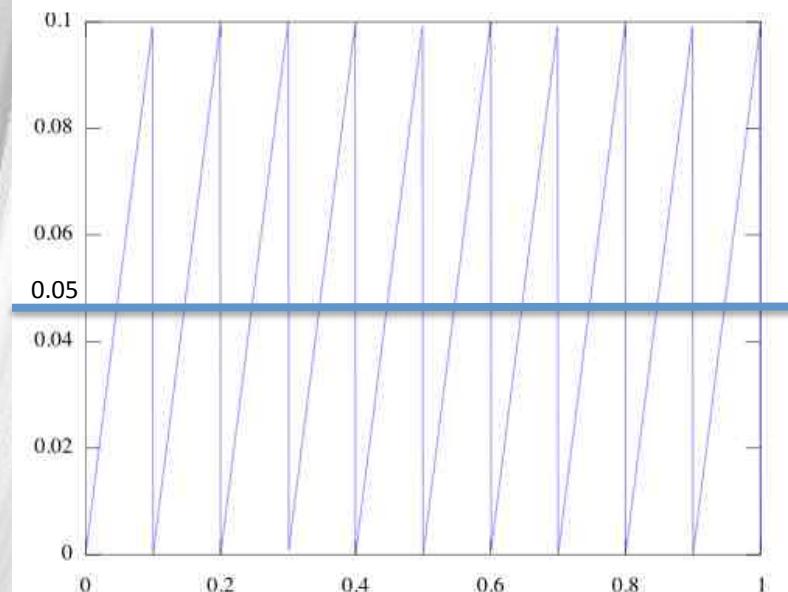


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Simple WebGL Circles

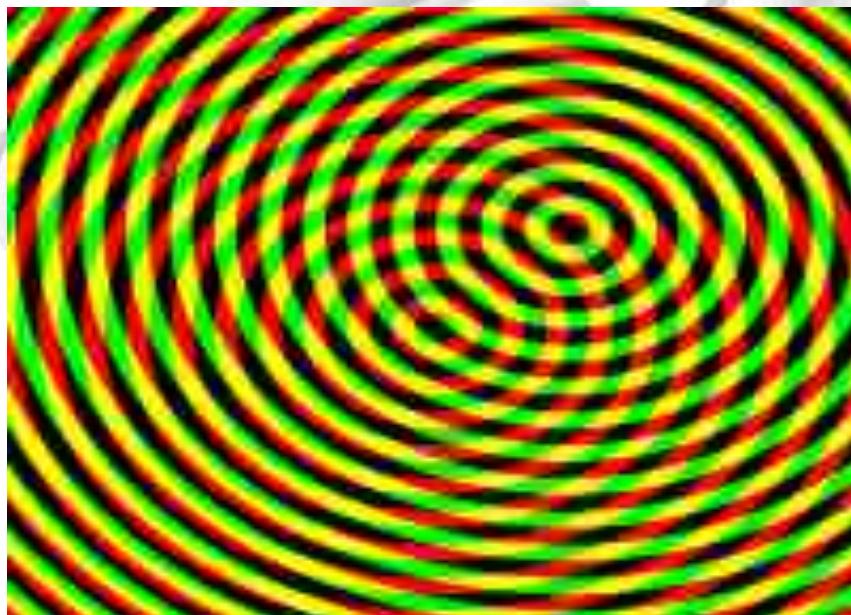
```
void main(void)
{
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 *
        gl_FragCoord.xy /
        resolution.xy;
    float radius = sqrt(p.x*p.x
        + p.y*p.y);
    gl_FragColor = vec4
        (radius,0.0,0.0,1.0);
}
```

- bool toggle = mod
(radius,0.1)>0.05;



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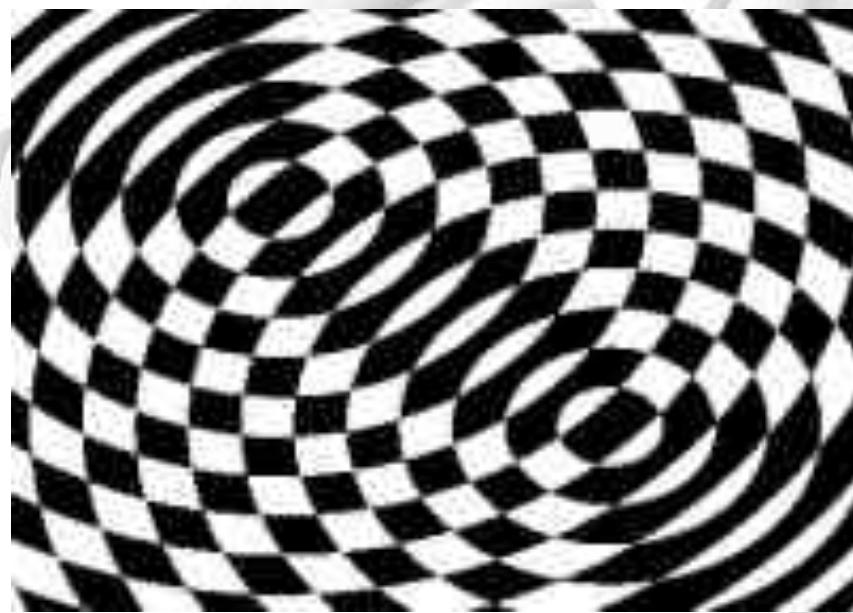
Two WebGL Circles



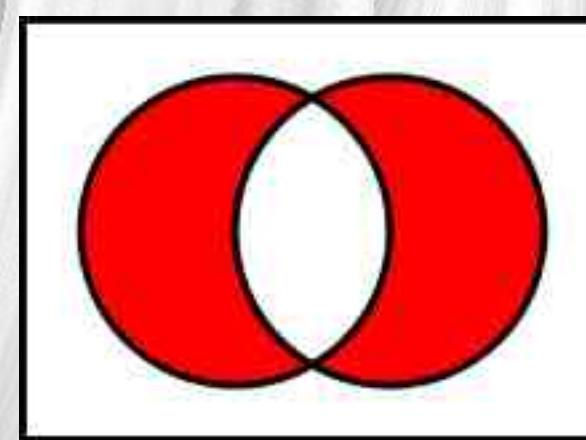
```
void main(void) {  
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy /  
        resolution.xy;  
  
    vec2 offset2 = vec2(0.3,0.3);  
  
    float radius1 = sqrt(dot(p,p));  
    float radius2 = sqrt(dot(p-offset2,p-  
        offset2));  
  
    bool toggle1 = mod(radius1,0.1)>0.05;  
    bool toggle2 = mod(radius2,0.1)>0.05;  
  
    gl_FragColor = vec4  
        (toggle1,toggle2,0.0,1.0);  
}
```

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XOR bit plasma



| A | B | A xor B |
|---|---|---------|
| T | F | T |
| F | T | T |
| T | T | F |
| F | F | F |



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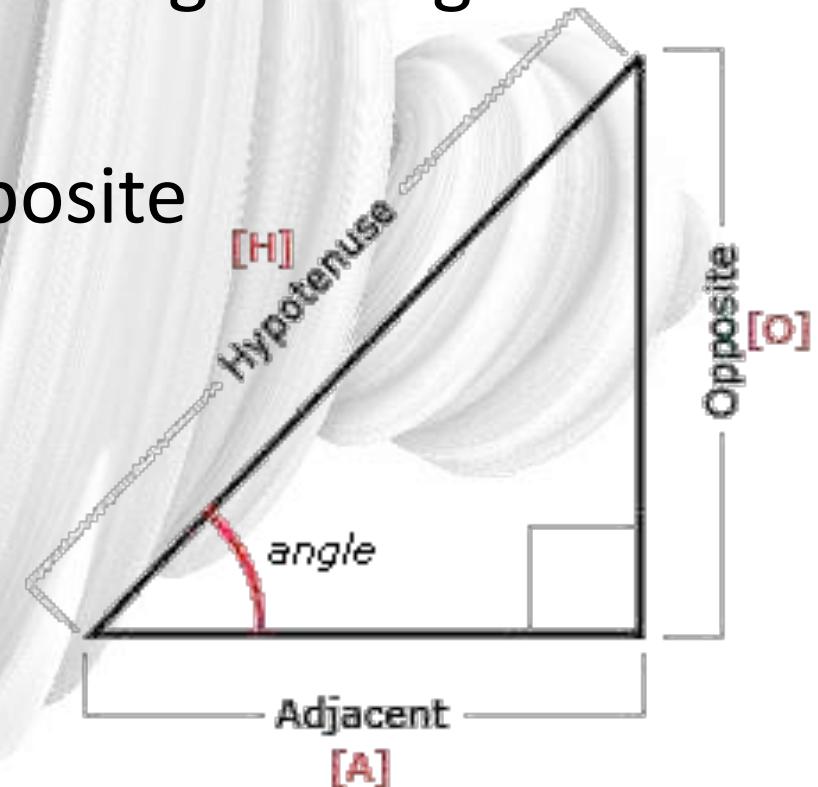
A grayscale image showing a perspective view of a tunnel. The tunnel is composed of numerous parallel lines that converge towards a single vanishing point in the distance, creating a sense of depth and motion.

WebGL Demo Effect: Tunnel

Tan

- Given a right triangle with two sides (adjacent, opposite) we can find the angle using inverse tan
- Let $x = \text{adjacent}$, $y = \text{opposite}$

$$\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{a}{b}.$$



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WebGL Angle Visualization

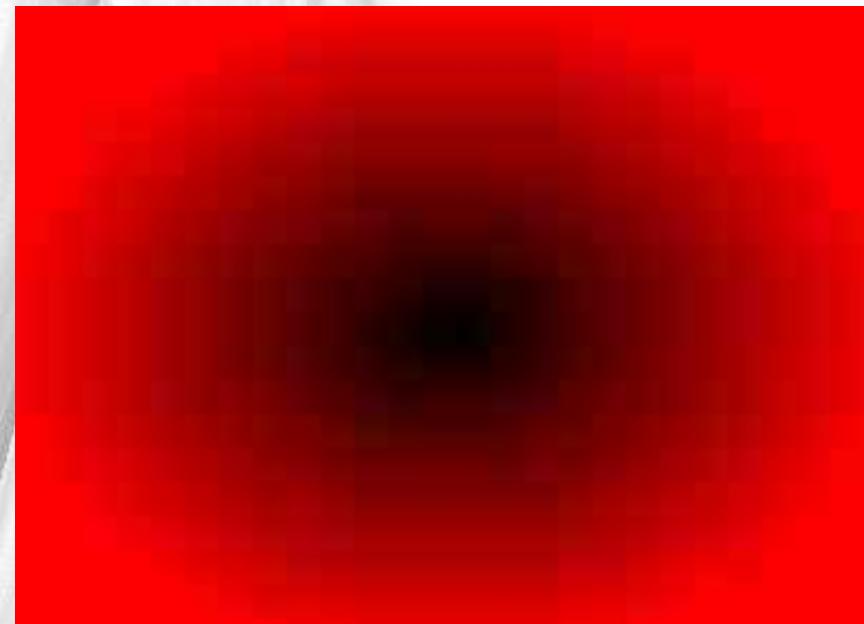
```
precision highp float;  
uniform vec2 resolution;  
  
void main(void) {  
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy /  
    resolution.xy;  
    float a = atan(p.y,p.x);  
    float result = a/(3.1416);  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(result,0.0,0.0,1.0);  
}
```

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Remember the circle?

```
float r = sqrt(dot(p,p));
```

This would be a tunnel if it
was 3d.



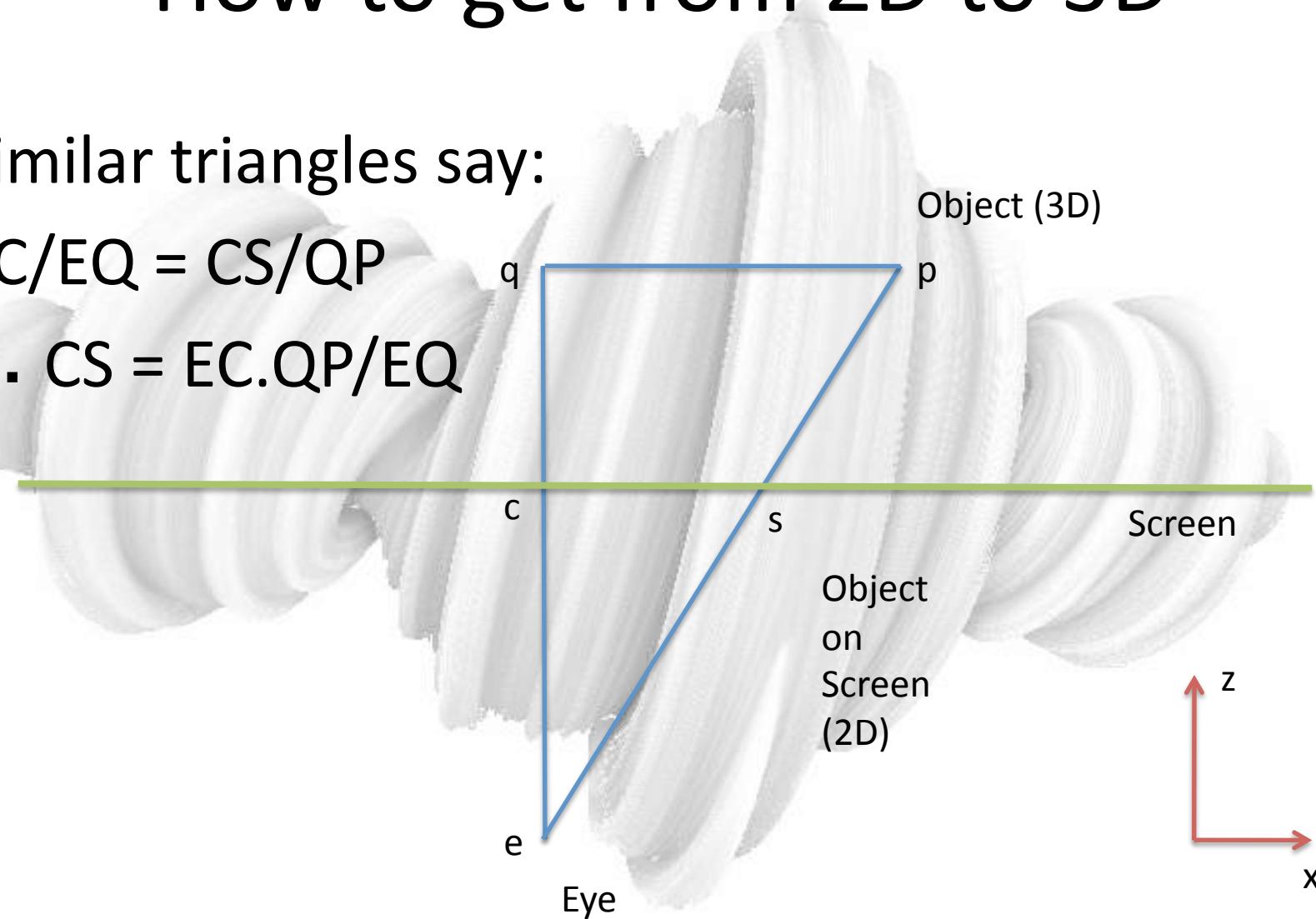
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How to get from 2D to 3D

Similar triangles say:

$$EC/EQ = CS/QP$$

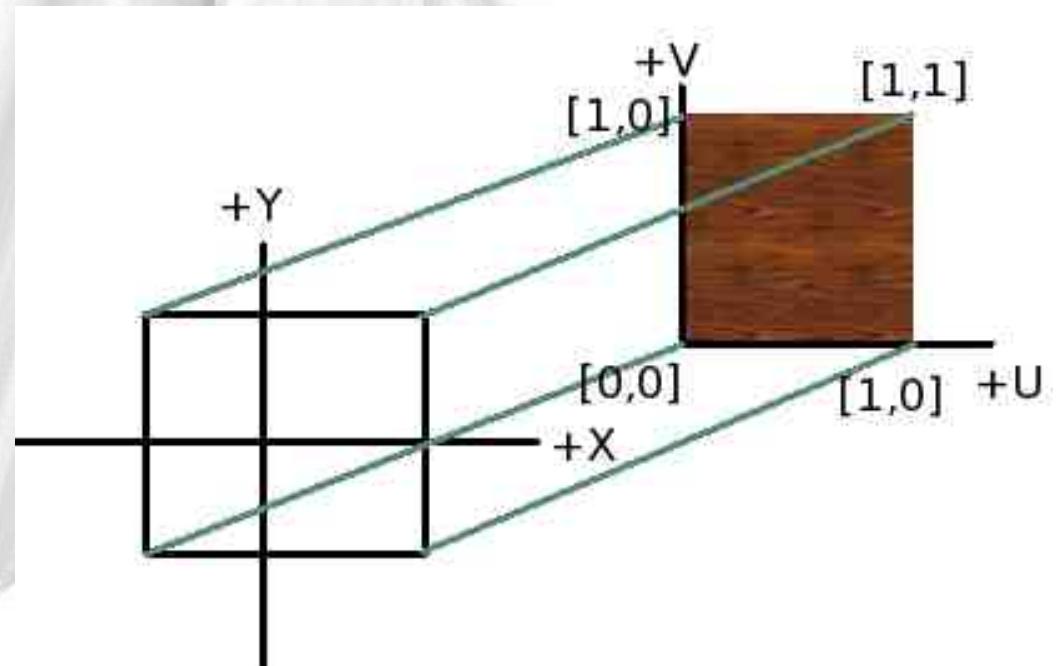
$$\therefore CS = EC \cdot QP / EQ$$



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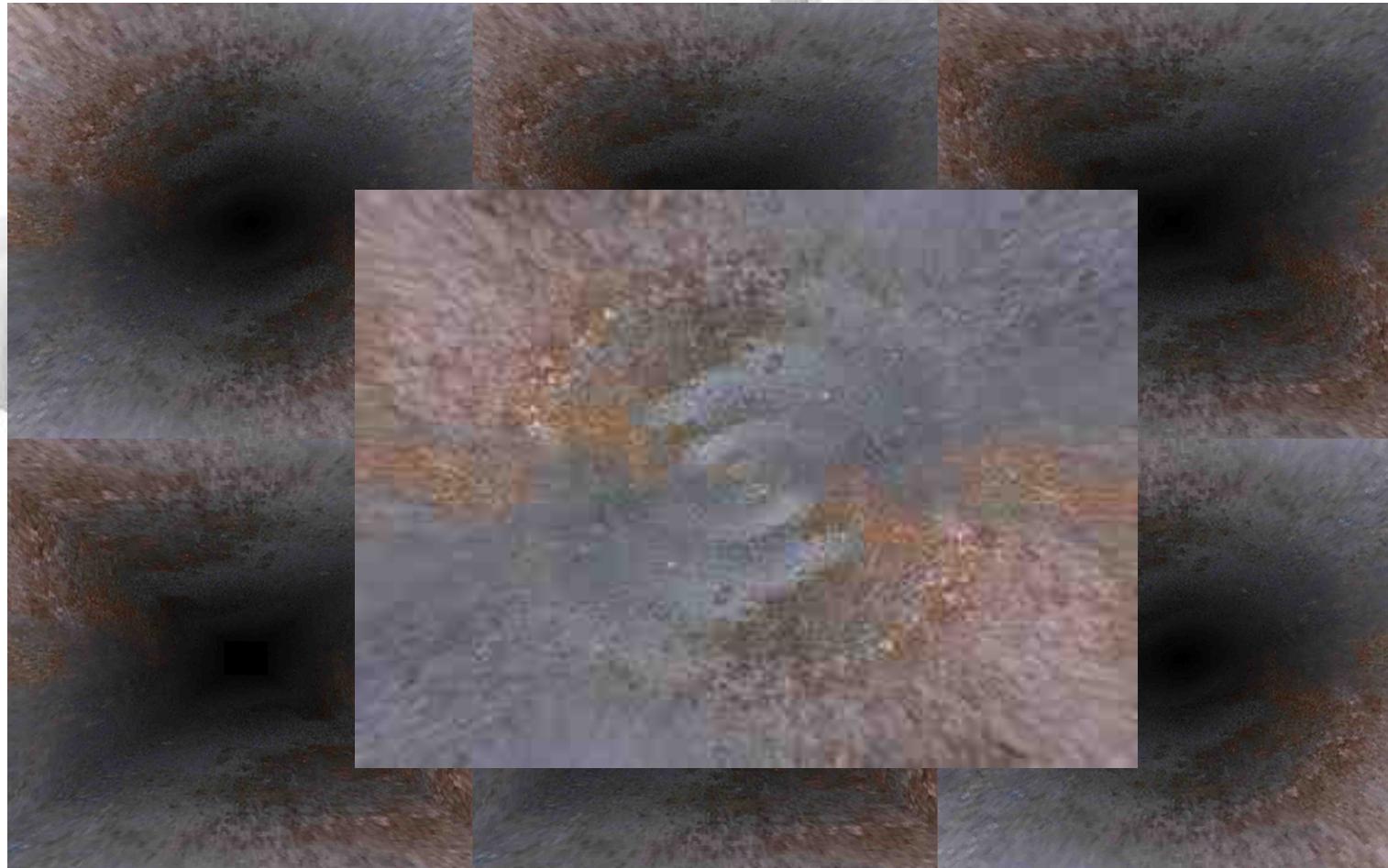
WebGL Texture Mapping

- uniform sampler2D tex;
- vec2 uv;
- vec3 col = texture2D
(tex,uv).rgb;



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WebGL Tunnel



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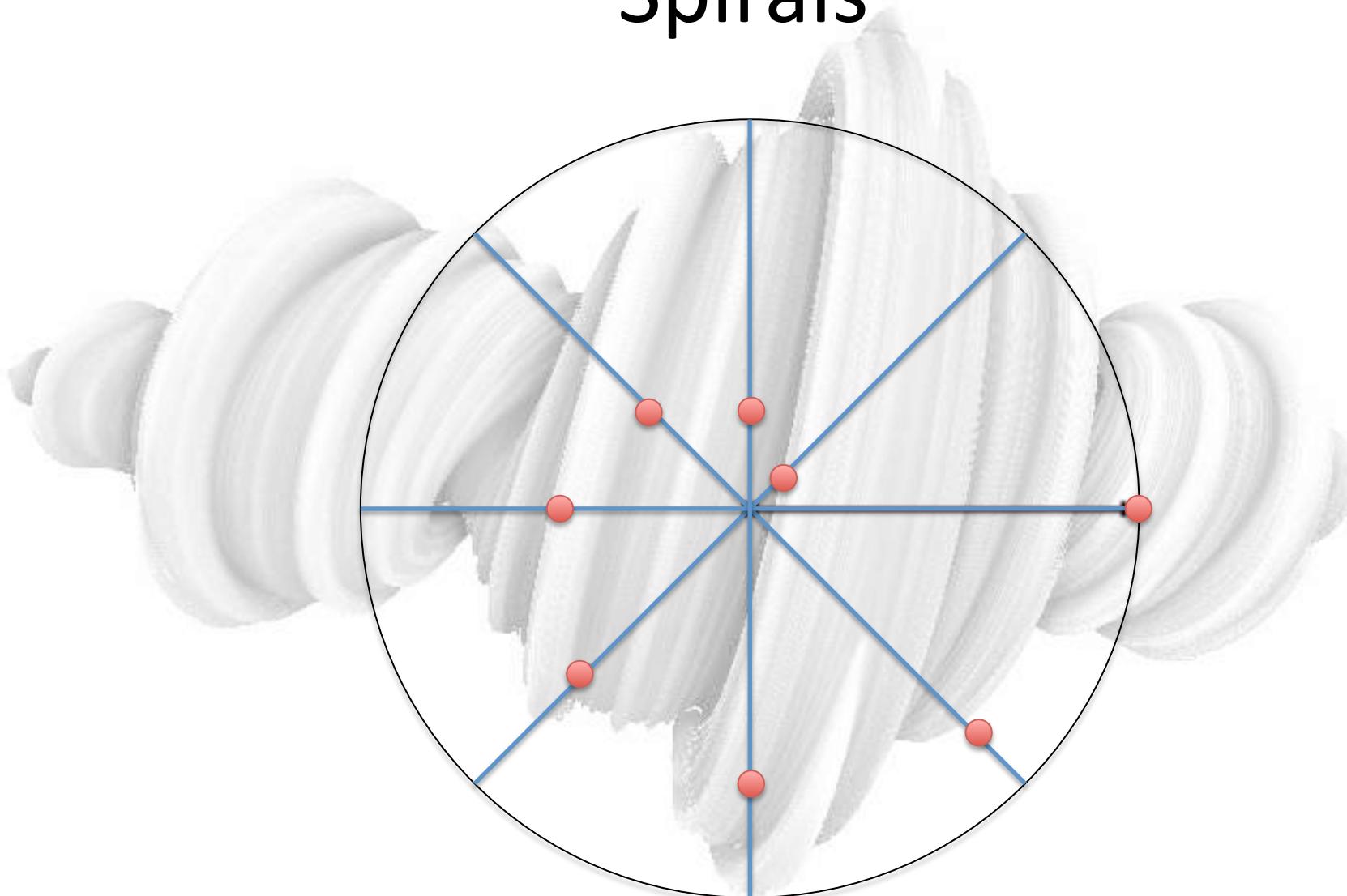
```
precision highp float;  
uniform vec2 resolution;  
uniform float time;  
uniform sampler2D tex;  
  
void main(void) {  
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy / resolution.xy;  
    vec2 uv;  
    float a = atan(p.y,p.x);  
    float r = sqrt(dot(p,p));  
    uv.x = 0.1/r + time;  
    uv.y = a/(3.1416);  
    vec3 col = texture2D(tex,uv).xyz;  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(col,1.0);  
}
```



A large, abstract, 3D-rendered shape resembling a twisted ribbon or a series of stacked, curved planes. It has a light gray color with darker shadows along its curves, creating a sense of depth and motion. The shape is positioned behind the text.

WebGL Demo Effect: Twist

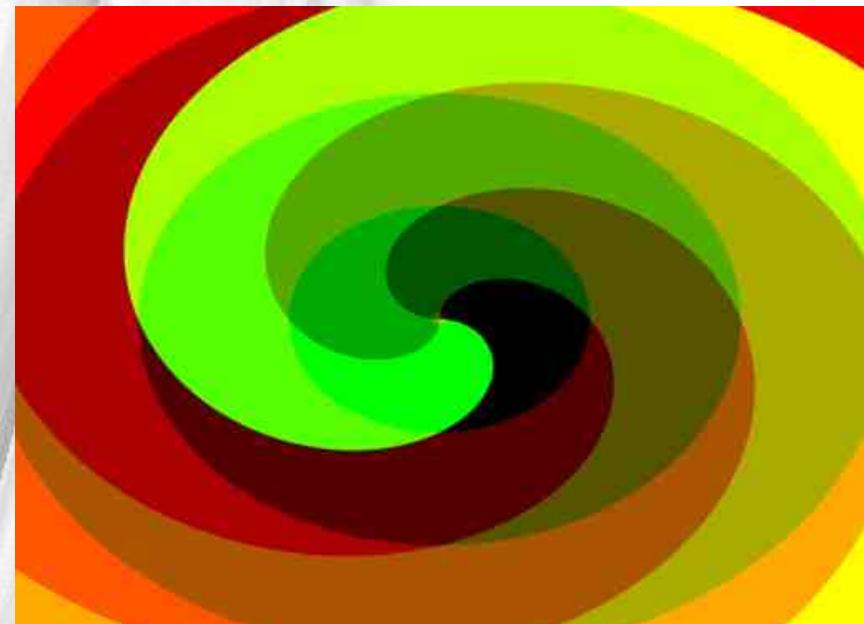
Spirals



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WebGL Twist

```
uniform vec2 resolution;  
uniform sampler2D tex;  
  
void main(void) {  
    vec2 p = -1.0 + 2.0 *  
        gl_FragCoord.xy / resolution.xy;  
    vec2 uv;  
    float a = atan(p.y,p.x) / (2.0*3.1416);  
    float r = sqrt(dot(p,p)) / sqrt(2.0);  
    uv.x = r;  
    uv.y = a+r;  
    vec3 col = texture2D(tex,uv).xyz;  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(col,1.0);  
}
```



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WebGL Demo Effect: Julia Fractal

Julia Fractal

- The term *fractal* was coined by Benoît Mandelbrot in 1975
- Gaston Julia (1893-1978) was a French mathematician whose work (published in 1918) inspired Mandelbrot

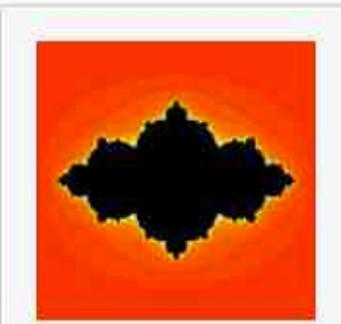
$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$$

Complex Numbers

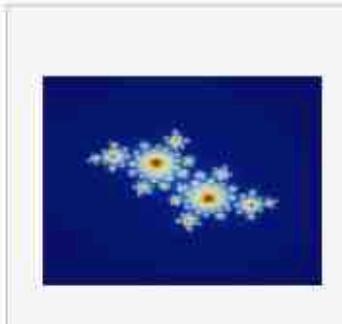
$$(x + yi)(u + vi) = (xu - yv) + (xv + yu)i$$

To render the fractal, we repeat $z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$ until a specified depth and render the number of iterations as a color

Julia Fractal



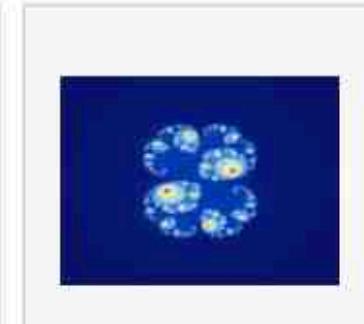
Filled Julia set for f_c , $c=1-\phi$
where ϕ is the golden ratio



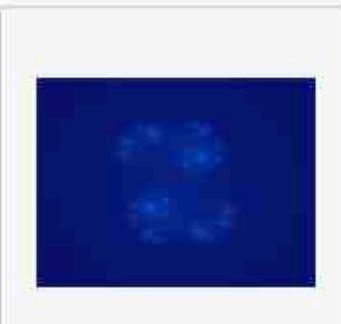
Julia set for f_c , $c=(\phi-2)+(\phi-1)i = -0.4+0.6i$



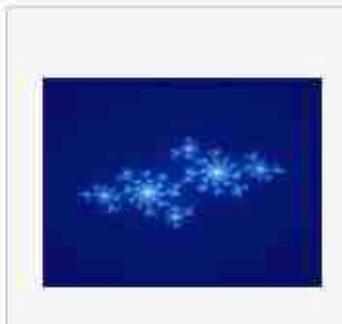
Julia set for f_c ,
 $c=0.285+0i$



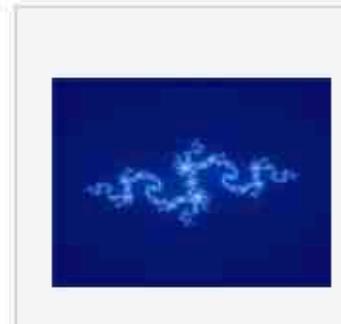
Julia set for f_c ,
 $c=0.285+0.01i$



Julia set for f_c ,
 $c=0.45+0.1428i$



Julia set for f_c , $c=-0.70176-0.3842i$



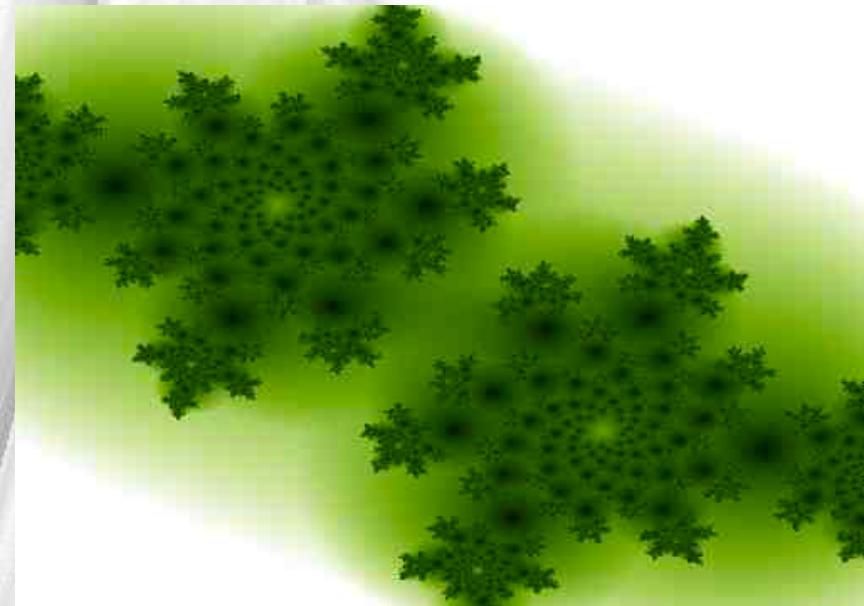
Julia set for f_c , $c=-0.835-0.2321i$



Julia set for f_c , $c=-0.8+0.156i$

WebGL Julia

```
uniform vec2 resolution;  
uniform float time;  
  
void main(void) {  
    vec2 z = -1.0 + 2.0 * gl_FragCoord.xy /  
        resolution.xy;  
    vec2 cc = vec2(-0.4,0.6);  
    float dmin = 1000.0;  
    for( int i=0; i<64; i++ ) {  
        z = cc + vec2( z.x*z.x - z.y*z.y, 2.0*z.x*z.y );  
        float m2 = dot(z,z);  
        if( m2>100.0 ) break;  
        dmin=min(dmin,m2);  
    }  
    float c = sqrt(dmin);  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(c,c,c,1.0);  
}
```



That's it!

- Learn More!
- Slides & Tutorials on WebGL & Demoeffects:
- <http://adrianboeing.blogspot.com/>
- The Demoscene:
- <http://pouet.net/> and <http://scene.org/>
- WebGL:
- <http://learningwebgl.com/blog/> and
<http://www.iquilezles.org/apps/shadertoy/>



Thank you!

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