

GPU Programming and Visualization

Graduate Course

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Lecture 2

- Buffers
- Uniforms
- Inter-stage variables
- Blending
- Animation loop

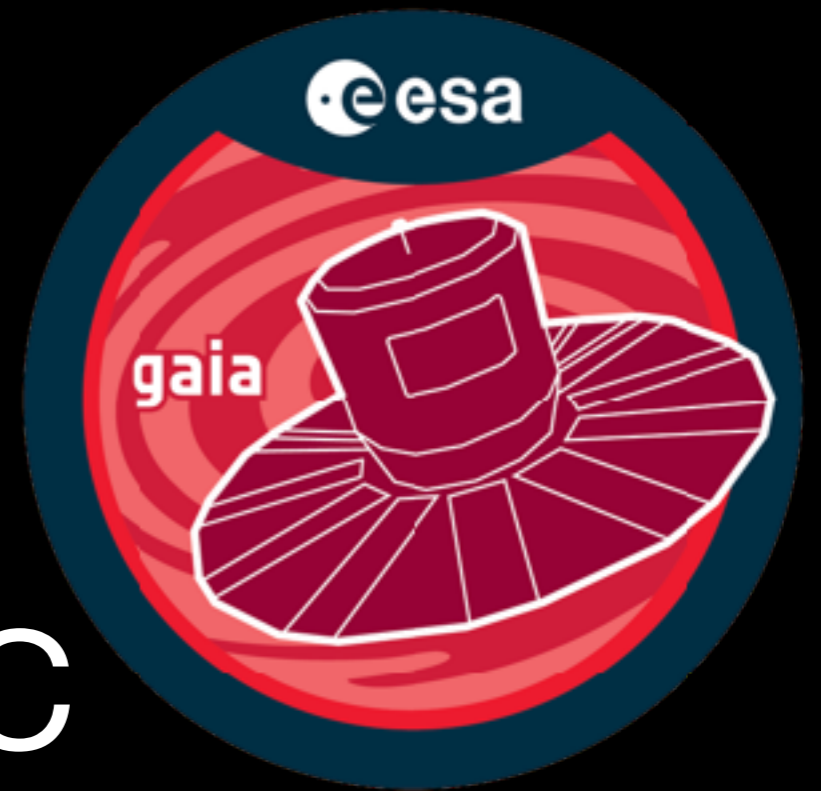
- Math next week.



Gaia example

Starting point

- <https://bit.ly/3C4CnSC>



Task 1: Get and run this code

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Download data

- <https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/>
- ```
SELECT TOP 100
dr3.ra, dr3.dec, dr3.phot_g_mean_mag, dr3.distance_gspphot
FROM gaiadr3.gaia_source as dr3
ORDER BY dr3.phot_g_mean_mag ASC
```



**Task 2: Get GAIA data in JSON format.**

# Gaia example

## Plotting stars...

```
const staticStorageValues = new Float32Array([
 [217.39232147200883,-62.67607511676666,8.98474
 ...
].flat());
device.queue.writeBuffer(staticStorageBuffer, 0, staticStorageValues);

let star = stars[vertexIndex/6];
let size = 0.01;
let x = size*pos[vertexIndex%6].x + sin(star.ra/180.0*3.1415) *
cos(star.dec/180.0*3.1415);
let y = size*pos[vertexIndex%6].y + cos(star.ra/180.0*3.1415) *
cos(star.dec/180.0*3.1415);
let z = sin(star.dec/180.0*3.1415);
return vec4f(x, y, z, 1.0);
```



# WebGPU

## Inter-stage variables

- Passing data from vertex to fragment shader
- Can be anything, often: colour or normals



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## Making stars more star like

```
struct InOut {
 @builtin(position) position: vec4f,
 @location(0) tex: vec2f,
};

@vertex fn vs(@builtin(vertex_index) vertexIndex : u32) -> InOut {
 ...
 var inOut: InOut;
 inOut.position = vec4f(x, y, z, 1.0);
 inOut.tex = pos[vertexIndex%6];
 return inOut;
}

@fragment fn fs(inOut: InOut) -> @location(0) vec4f {
 let r = 1.0-length(inOut.tex);
 return vec4f(r,r,r,1);
}
```



# WebGPU

## Blending



<https://www.andersriggelsen.dk/glblendfunc.php>



# WebGPU

## Blending

```
fragment: {
 module,
 targets: [
 { format: presentationFormat,
 blend: {
 color: {
 srcFactor: 'src-alpha',
 dstFactor: 'one-minus-src-alpha'
 },
 alpha: {
 srcFactor: 'src-alpha',
 dstFactor: 'one-minus-src-alpha'
 },
 },
],
 },
],
},
```



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Making stars more JWST like



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**Task 3: Make the stars look like this.**

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Making stars more JWST like



```
@fragment fn fs(inOut: InOut) -> @location(0) vec4f {
 let phi = atan2(inOut.tex.y,inOut.tex.x);
 var r = 1.0-length(inOut.tex);
 let a = pow(clamp(sin(phi*6.0),0.0,1.0),5.0/r);
 var f = pow(1.1*r,8.0) + r*a;
 return vec4f(1,1,1,f);
}
```

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## Animation



```
struct UniformData { time: f32, };
@group(0) @binding(1) var<uniform> uniformData: UniformData;

const uniformBufferSize = 4;
const uniformBuffer = device.createBuffer({
 size: uniformBufferSize,
 usage: GPUBufferUsage.UNIFORM | GPUBufferUsage.COPY_DST,
});
const uniformValues = new Float32Array(uniformBufferSize / 4);

{ binding: 1, resource: { buffer: uniformBuffer }},
```

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## Animation



```
var time = 0.0;
function render() {
 uniformValues.set([time], 0);
 time += 0.1;
 device.queue.writeBuffer(uniformBuffer, 0, uniformValues);
 ...
 requestAnimationFrame(render);
}
requestAnimationFrame(render);

var star = stars[vertexIndex/6];
star.ra += uniformData.time;
```

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## Magnitude



Task 4: Change stars size based on their magnitude

$$m_1 - m_{\text{ref}} = -2.5 \log_{10} \left( \frac{F_1}{F_{\text{ref}}} \right)$$

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## Magnitude



```
let flux = pow(-star.m/2.5,10);
let size = max(0.02,0.0002*sqrt(flux));
```



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Final code



[https://gist.github.com/hannorein/  
4e4304c2af10bdfba39c164b3dc0f142](https://gist.github.com/hannorein/4e4304c2af10bdfba39c164b3dc0f142)

<https://bit.ly/3YpoRjZ>