

Displacement Textures



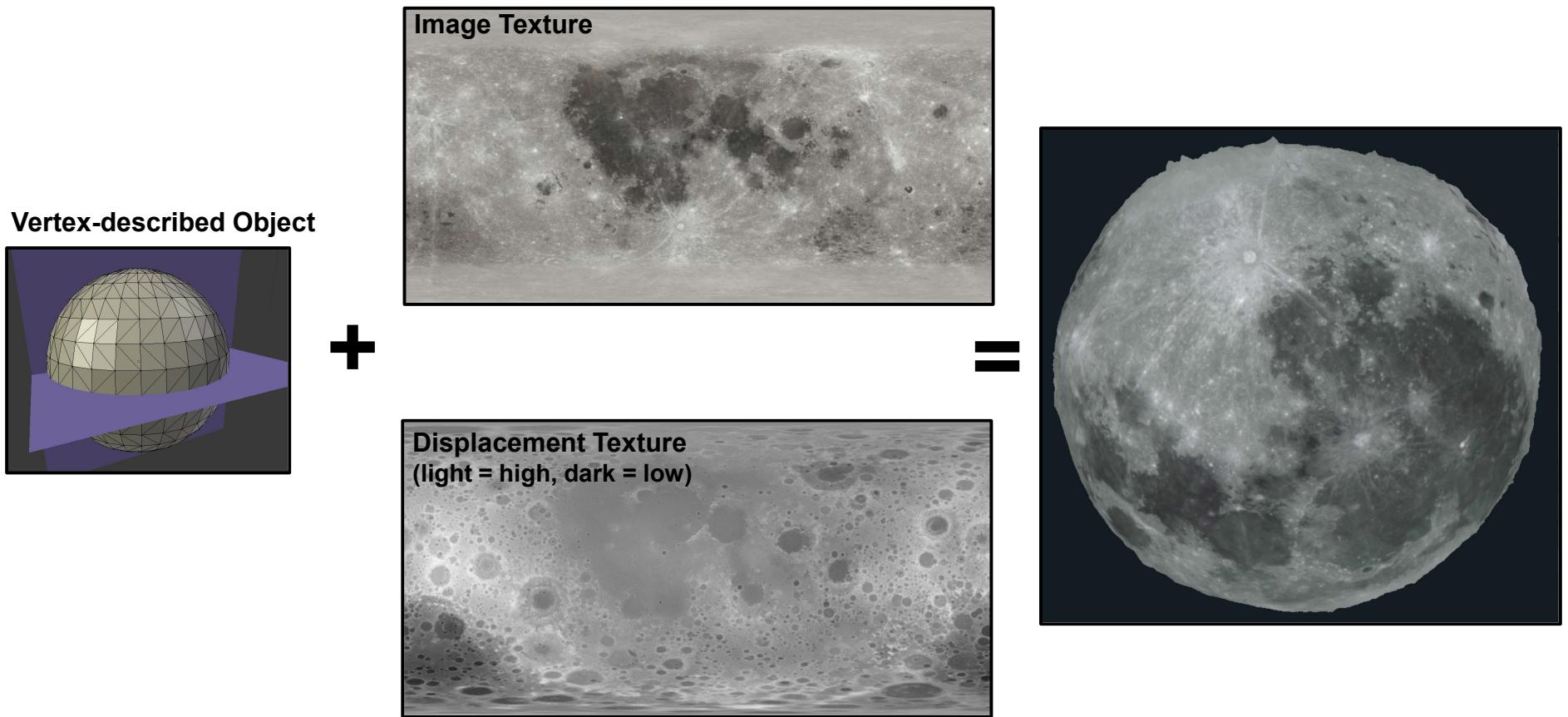
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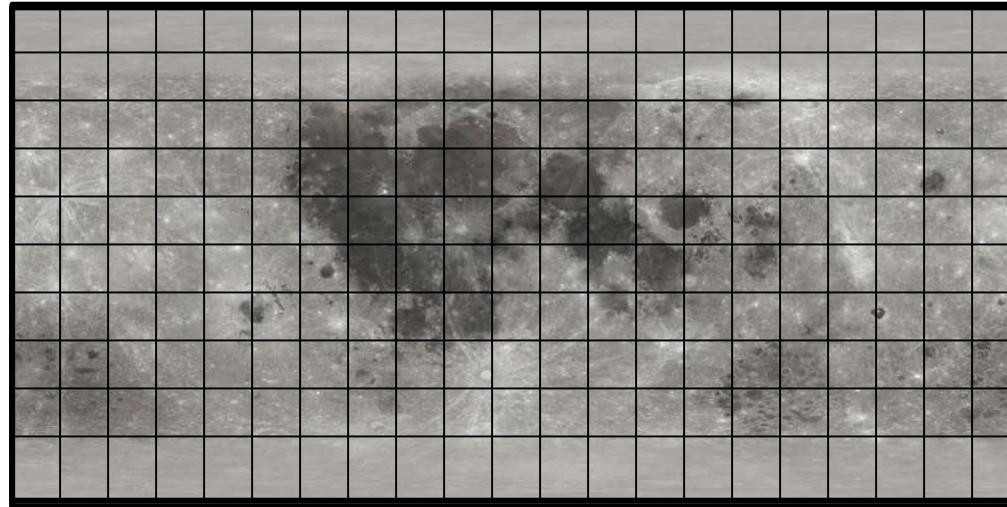
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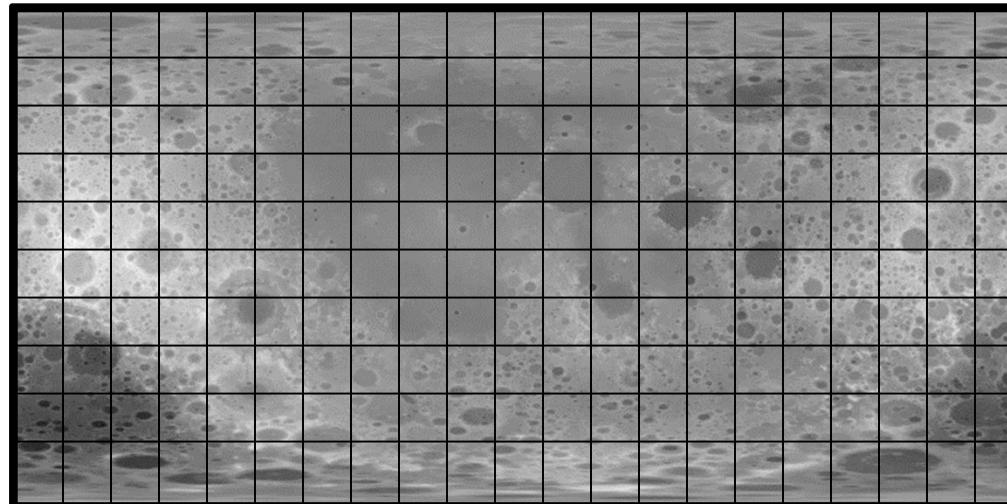


Think of the Textures as *2D Data Tables*: One to Hold RGB Values and One to Hold Height Values

Image Texture

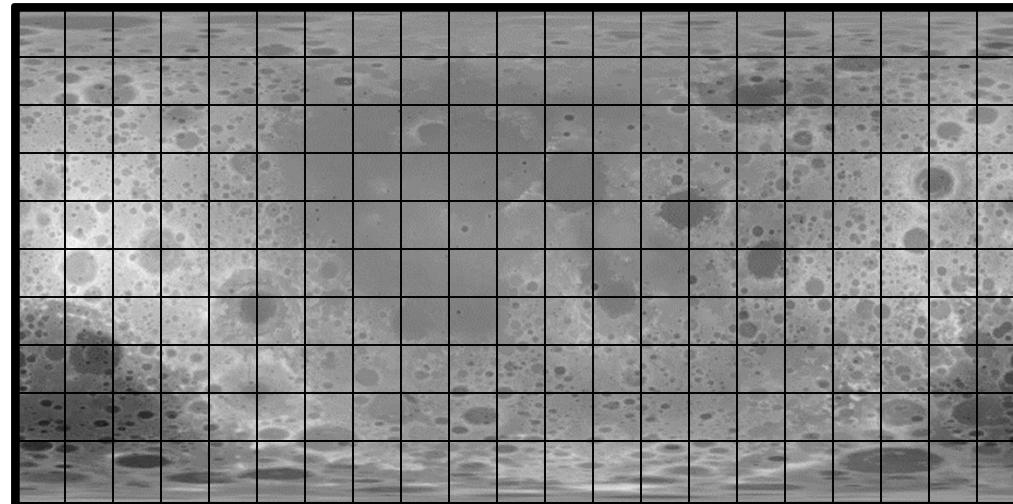


Displacement Texture
(light = high, dark = low)



Why Use a Texture to Hold Height Values?

Displacement Texture
(light = high, dark = low)



Textures:

1. Can be very large.
2. Have been architected for fast lookup.
3. Are capable of bilinear interpolation if you lookup an (s,t) that doesn't fall exactly on a height value. Therefore, you have lots of flexibility with how dense your vertex mesh is.

moondisp.glib

```
##OpenGL GLIB
Perspective 70
LookAt 0 0 3  0 0 0  0 1 0

Texture2D 6 lroc_color_poles_4k.bmp
Texture2D 7 Idem_16_uint.bmp

Vertex    moondisp.vert
Fragment   moondisp.frag
Program   MoonDisp
           uDoElevations <false>
           uDoLighting <false>
           uLightX <-10. 0. 10.>
           uLightY <-10. 0. 10.>
           uLightZ < 1. 10. 10.>
           uKa <0. 0.2 1.0>
           uKd <0. 0.9 1.0>
           uSeaLevel <0. 0.25 1.0>
           uHeightScale <0. 0.25 0.50>
           uNormalScale <0. 0.04 0.10>
           uColorUnit 6
           uDispUnit 7

Color 1. .3 0.
Sphere 1. 600 600
```



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moondisp.vert

```
#version 330 compatibility

uniform float          uLightX, uLightY, uLightZ;
uniform float          uHeightScale;
uniform float          uSeaLevel;
uniform sampler2D       uDispUnit;
uniform bool           uDoElevations;

out vec2    vST;
out vec3    vN;    // normal vector
out vec3    vL;    // vector from point to light
vec3 LIGHTPOS = normalize( vec3( uLightX, uLightY, uLightZ ) );

void
main( )
{
    vec2 st = gl_MultiTexCoord0.st;
    vST = st;

    vec3 norm = normalize( gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal );      // normal vector
    vN = norm;
    vec4 ECposition = gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex;    // eye coordinate position
    vL = LIGHTPOS - ECposition.xyz;                      // vector from the point to the light position

    vec3 vert = gl_Vertex.xyz;
    if( uDoElevations )
    {
        float disp = texture( uDispUnit, st ).r;            // in half-meters, relative to a radius of 1727400 meters
        disp -= uSeaLevel;
        disp *= uHeightScale;
        vert += normalize(gl_Normal) * disp;
    }

    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * vec4( vert, 1. );
}
```

moondisp.frag, I

```
#version 330 compatibility

uniform bool          uDoLighting;
uniform float         uKa, uKd;
uniform float         uHeightScale;
uniform float         uNormalScale;
uniform sampler2D     uColorUnit;
uniform sampler2D     uDispUnit;
in vec2               vST;
in vec3               vN;
in vec3               vL;
const float DELTA = 0.01;

void main( )
{
    vec3 newColor = texture( uColorUnit, vST ).rgb;
    gl_FragColor = vec4( newColor, 1. );
    if( uDoLighting )
    {
        ...
    }
}
```



moondisp.frag, II

```
if( uDoLighting )
{
    vec2 stp0 = vec2( DELTA, 0. );
    vec2 st0p = vec2( 0. , DELTA );
    float west = texture2D( uDispUnit, vST-stp0 ).r;
    float east = texture2D( uDispUnit, vST+stp0 ).r;
    float south = texture2D( uDispUnit, vST-st0p ).r;
    float north = texture2D( uDispUnit, vST+st0p ).r;
    vec3 tangent = vec3( 2.*DELTA, 0., uNormalScale * ( east - west ) );
    vec3 ttangent = vec3( 0., 2.*DELTA, uNormalScale * ( north - south ) );
    vec3 Normal = normalize( cross( tangent, ttangent ) );
    vec3 Light = normalize(vL);

    vec3 ambient = uKa * newColor;
    float d = 0.;

    if( dot(Normal,Light) > 0. ) // only do diffuse if the light can see the point
    {
        d = dot(Normal,Light);
    }
    vec3 diffuse = uKd * d * newColor;
    gl_FragColor = vec4( ambient+diffuse, 1. );
}
```



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Just the image texture



Lighting only, no displacements



Displacements only, no lighting



Displacements + Lighting



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Note: as you can imagine, static images do not do this justice. Being able to dynamically rotate the Moon and change the height exaggeration and light position makes a big difference!



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