

A4. GPK / GLSL assignment  
→ make small changes → debug with colors  
→ requires ;

20 – picking and interaction

# Input for Interaction

```
var clickStart: MousePosition | null = null;
```

```
var mousePosition: MousePosition | undefined = undefined;
```

```
canvas.onmousedown = (ev: MouseEvent) => { }
```

```
canvas.onmouseup = (ev: MouseEvent) => { }
```

```
canvas.onmousemove = (ev: MouseEvent) => { }
```

```
canvas.onmouseout = (ev: MouseEvent) => { }
```

*Touch events  
are events*

# Polling vs Asynchronous Events

some ↓  
native APIs  
call function to  
get input

call backs → most interactive apps

get some input (each frame)  
→ if input "deal with it"  
→ while rendering continuously

Javascript is  
single threaded

initialize() ← setup things → constructor  
of our main object

start RAF → "render()" <sup>call</sup>

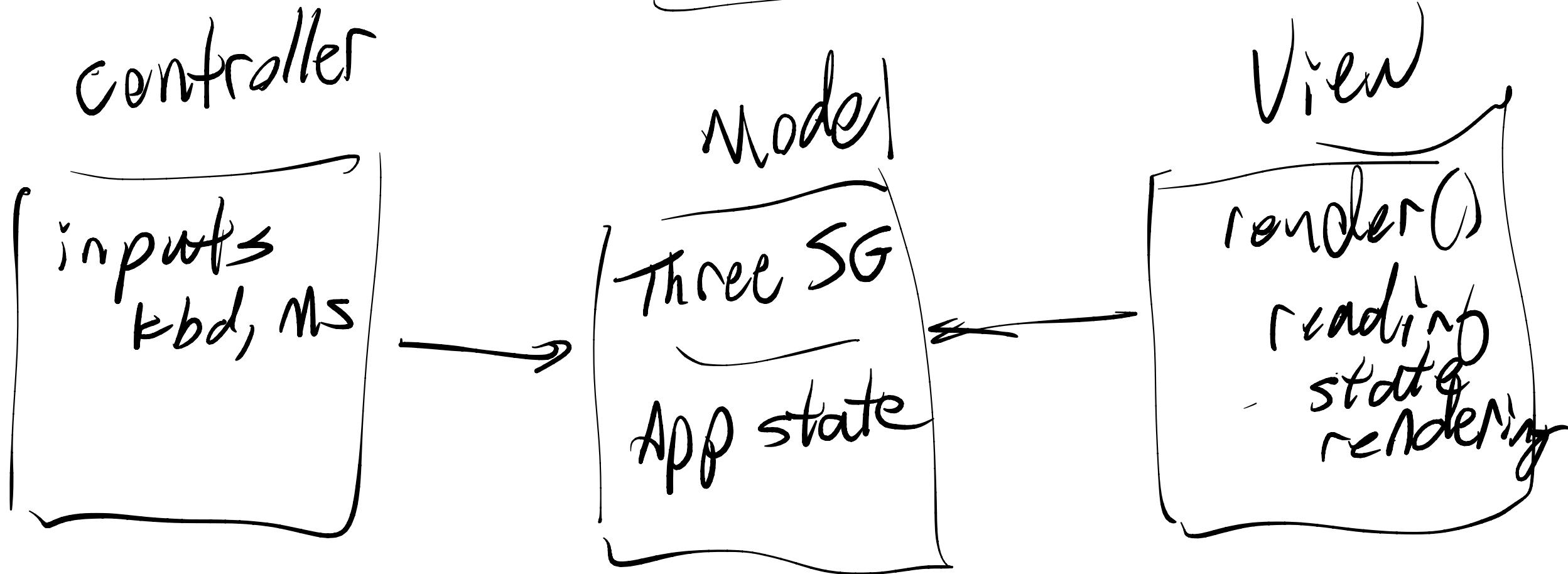
render() {  
  ↳ something with mouse position  
  or with click  
  or keyboard  
  render-stuff

RAF(render) → schedules another  
call to render

}

↳ calls on next possible render  
time

# MVC



need to  
leave model in  
consistent

← easy with single  
threading  
in contrast Java, C++, ...

single threading in a pain

raf → triggers events

setTimeout (function closure, delay in ms);

Promises

p = new Promise ( (res, rej) ⇒ {  
do some stuff

res(result); or rej(error)  
} ).then (res) ⇒ { console.log(res) }

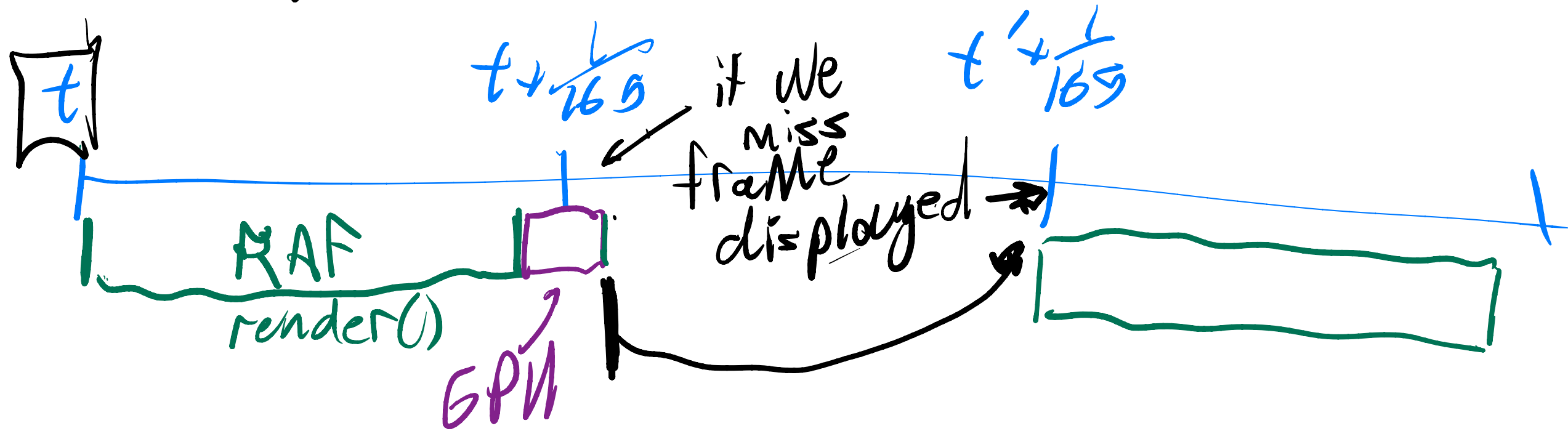
async function foo() {  
 r = await (p)

}

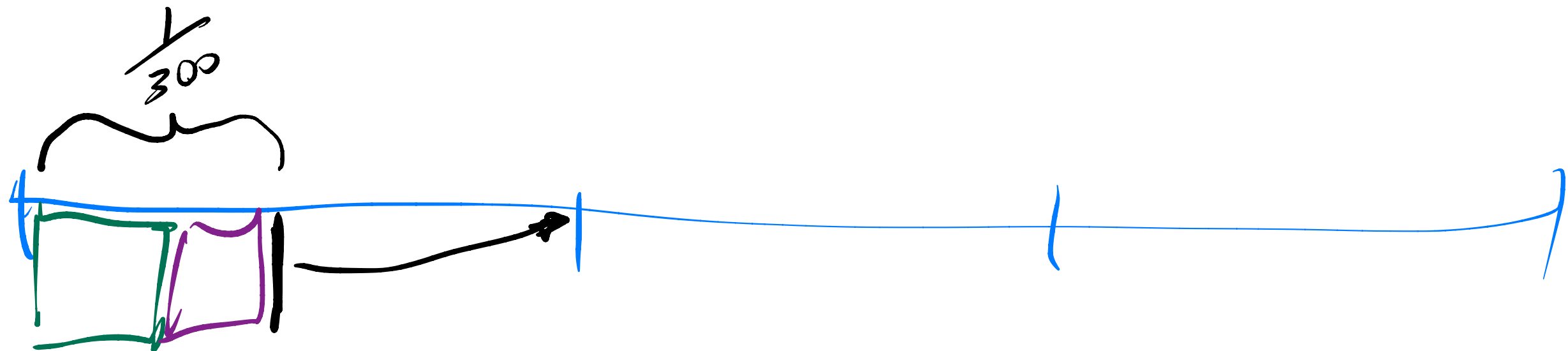
let f = foo().then(...)

# Render seq.

vsync



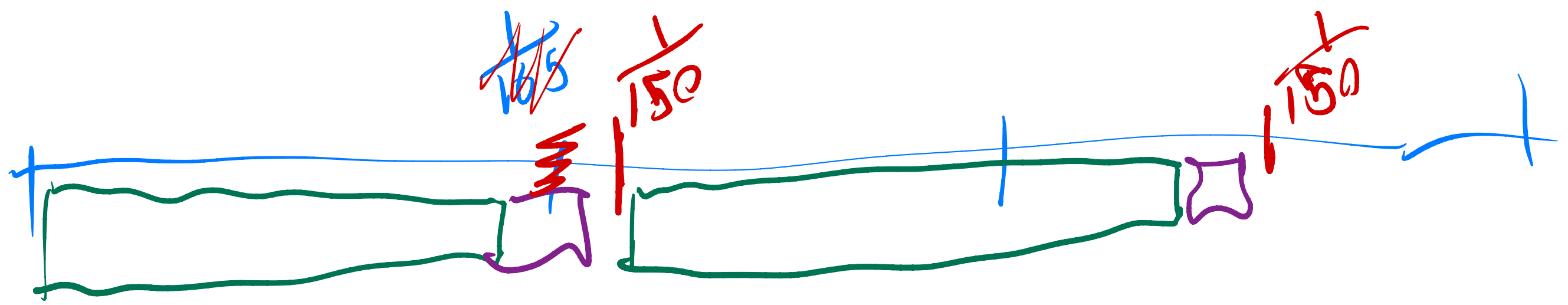
input before  $[t]$   
result doesn't appear till  $\frac{2}{165}$ 's later



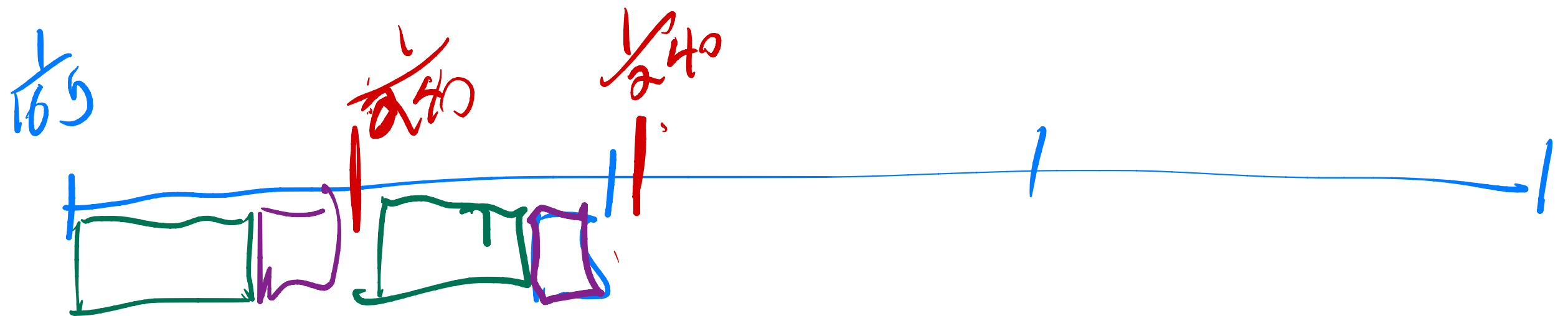


Two implications  
- prediction → ahead to next frame  
(can't deal with input you  
don't have)

- GSYNC / FreeSync  
NVIDIA / AMD  
variable refresh



654 NC / Free Sync





# Basic Code Structure

```
render(t) {  
  update app data based  
  on simulation (move things, NPCs, ...)  
  physics / collision  
  render  
}
```

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multithreading?

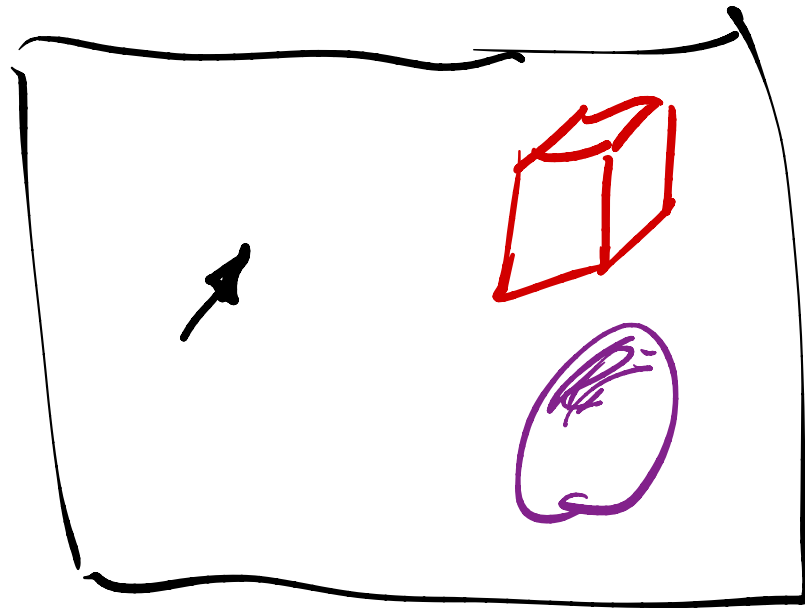
web → "workers"

→ doesn't buy you much

- callbacks
- kbd, mouse
- network  
↳ stuff per frame

# How to Select

- Rays and Pixels: CPU vs GPU
- <https://threejsfundamentals.org/threejs/lessons/threejs-picking.html>



how to tell where  
I am clicking?

## Ray-based (CPU)

- create a Ray
- utility on Projection camera to create ray through
- intersect Ray w/ all objects

## Pixel-based (GPU)

- zoom camera into 1 pixel and see what actually appears

# Pixel Based

[http://voxelent.com/html/beginners-guide/chapter\\_8/ch8\\_Picking.html](http://voxelent.com/html/beginners-guide/chapter_8/ch8_Picking.html)

[http://learnwebgl.brown37.net/11\\_advanced\\_rendering/selecting\\_objects.html](http://learnwebgl.brown37.net/11_advanced_rendering/selecting_objects.html)

<https://www.sixhat.net/webgl-3d-picking-p5js-color-buffer.html>

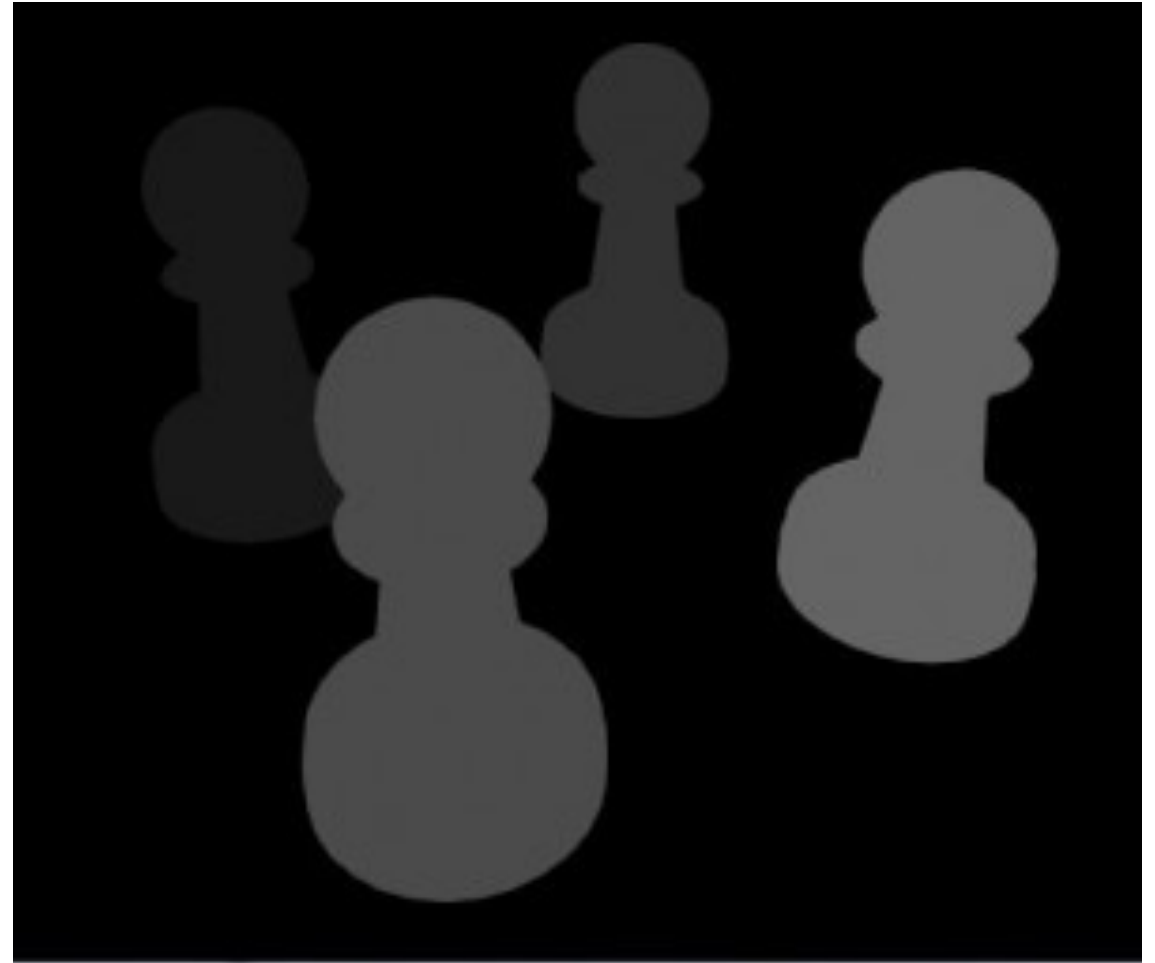
<https://bl.ocks.org/duhaime/1eafa293e7ce16b074a6d55cac67badc>

→ deals with transparency  
→ deals with shaders  
→ vertex shaders move geom!

4 objects ↓



assign diff color to each  
(constant)





# Pixel-based picking: three.js

```
pickingTexture = new THREE.WebGLRenderTarget(w, h),
canvas.addEventListener('mousemove', function(e) {
  renderer.render(pickingScene, camera, pickingTexture);
  var pixelBuffer = new Uint8Array(4);
  renderer.readRenderTargetPixels( pickingTexture, e.clientX,
    pickingTexture.height - e.clientY, 1, 1, pixelBuffer );
  var id = (pixelBuffer[0]<<16) | (pixelBuffer[1]<<8) | (pixelBuffer[2]);
})
// better: make target 1,1 and use setViewOffset
```

aside:  
syrach's  
GPU & CPU

# Raycasting: three.js

```
raycaster = new THREE.Raycaster();  
raycaster.setFromCamera(normalizedScreenPosition, camera);  
intersectedObjects = raycaster.intersectObjects(scene.children);
```

-1...1 x, y



perspective



↳ array of hit objects

↳ object

face

u/v within

face

3D position

# Basic Code Structure

# State Machines

[e.g., https://github.com/eonarheim/TypeState](https://github.com/eonarheim/TypeState)