
Tutorial 7

Real-Time Volume Graphics

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[01] Introduction and Theory



REAL-TIME VOLUME GRAPHICS

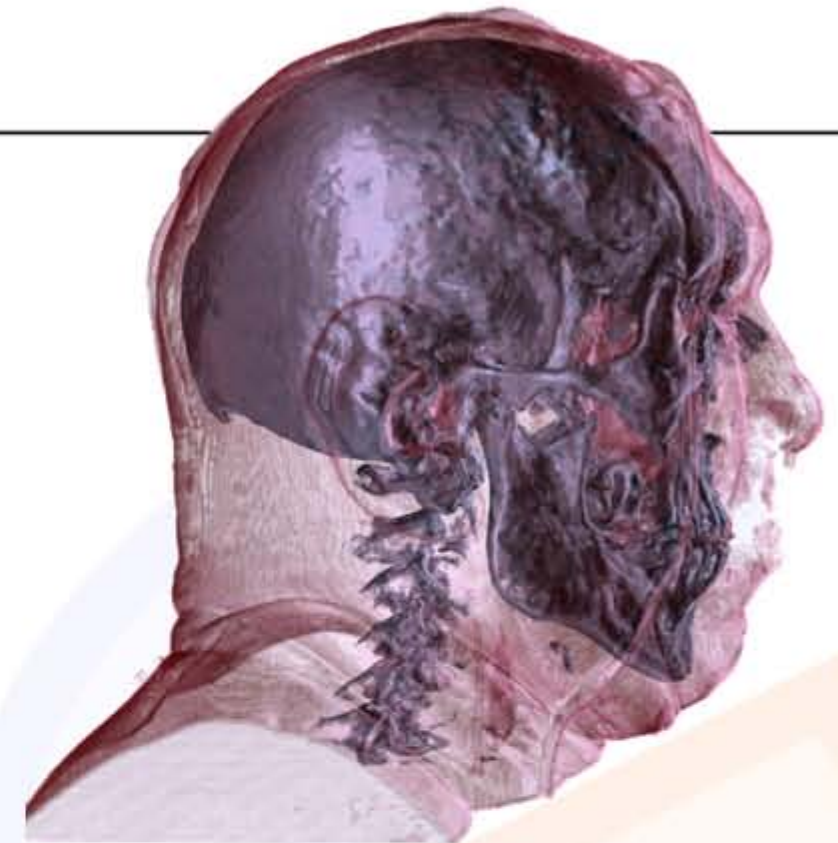
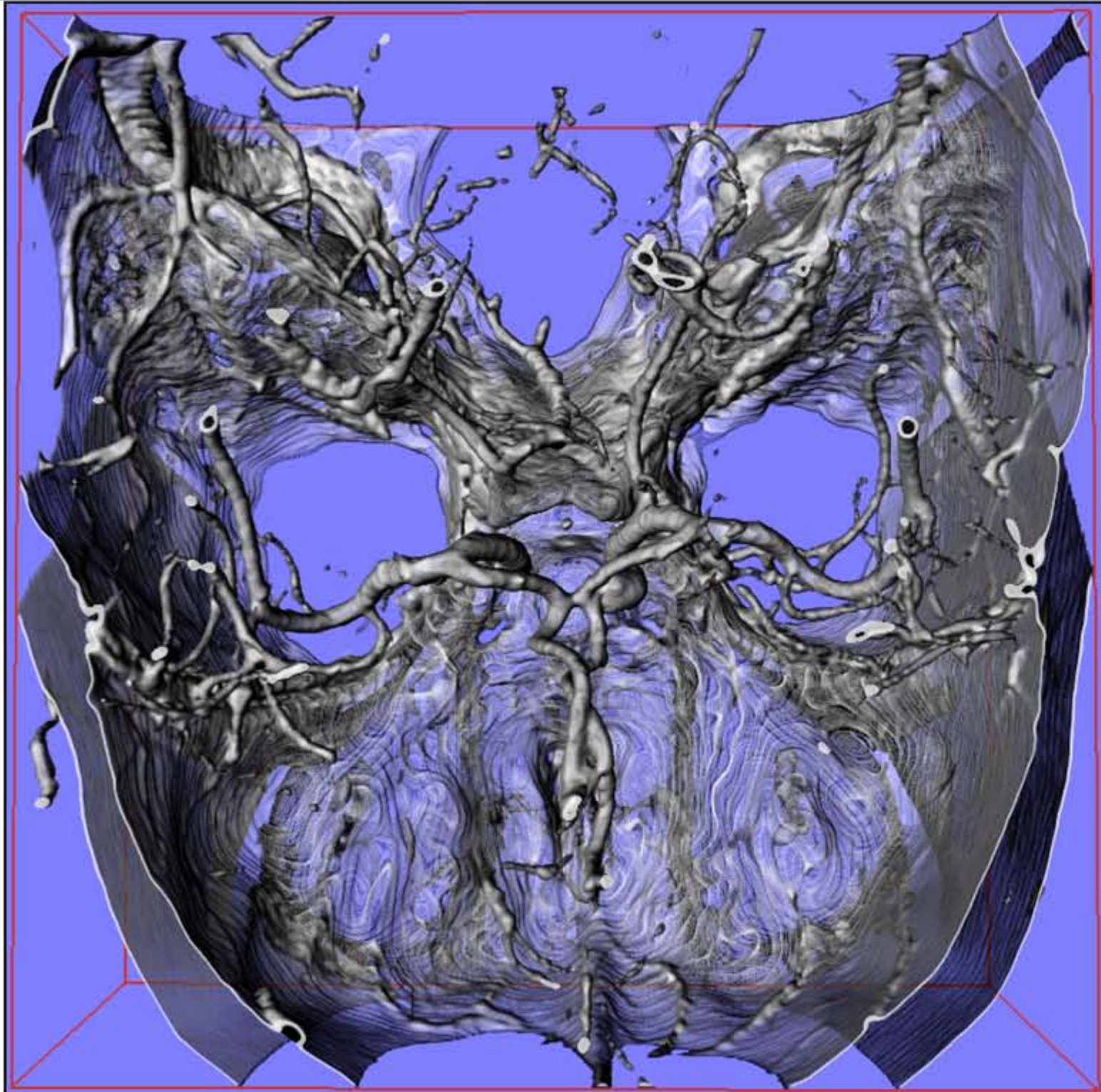
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Applications: Medicine



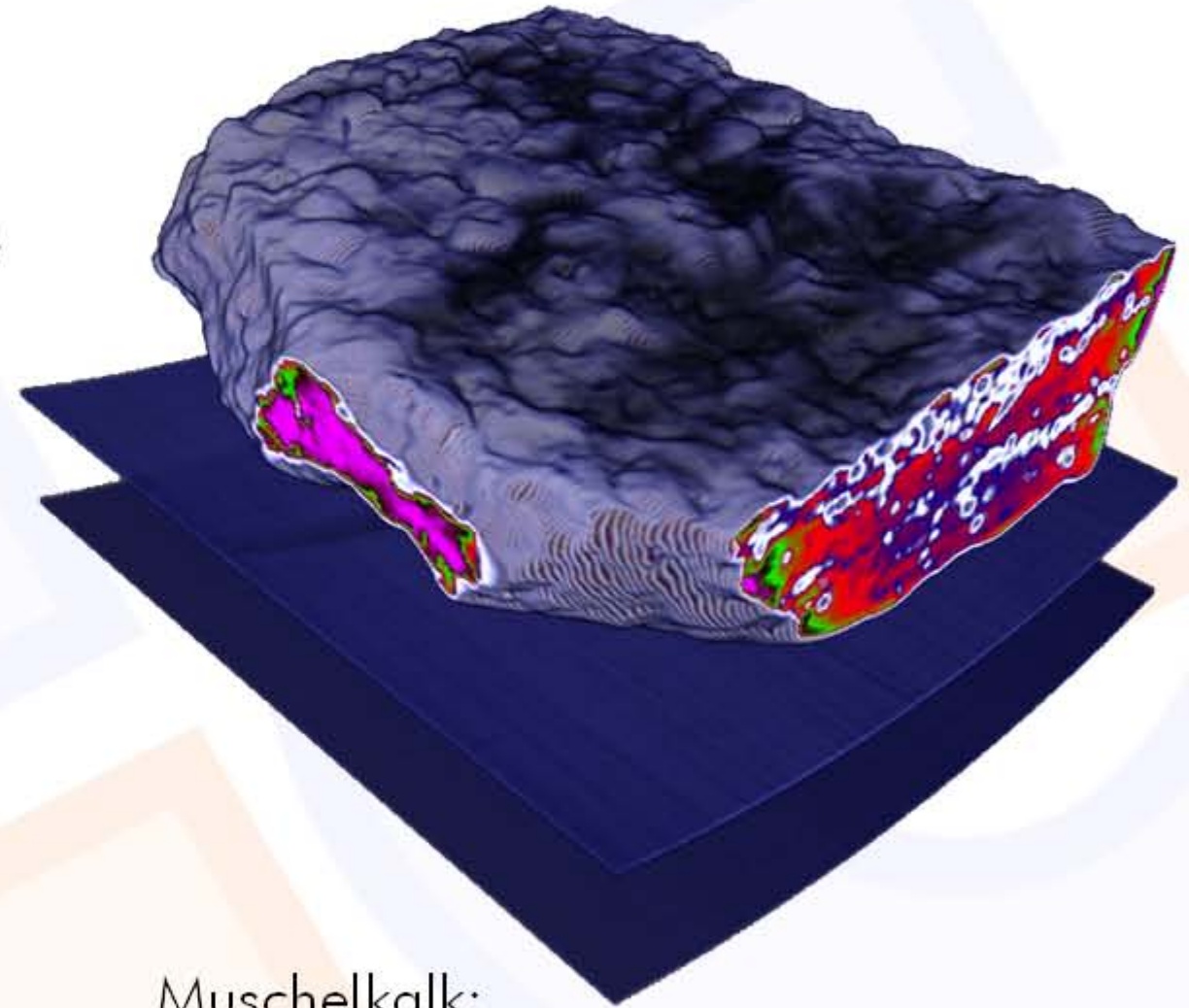
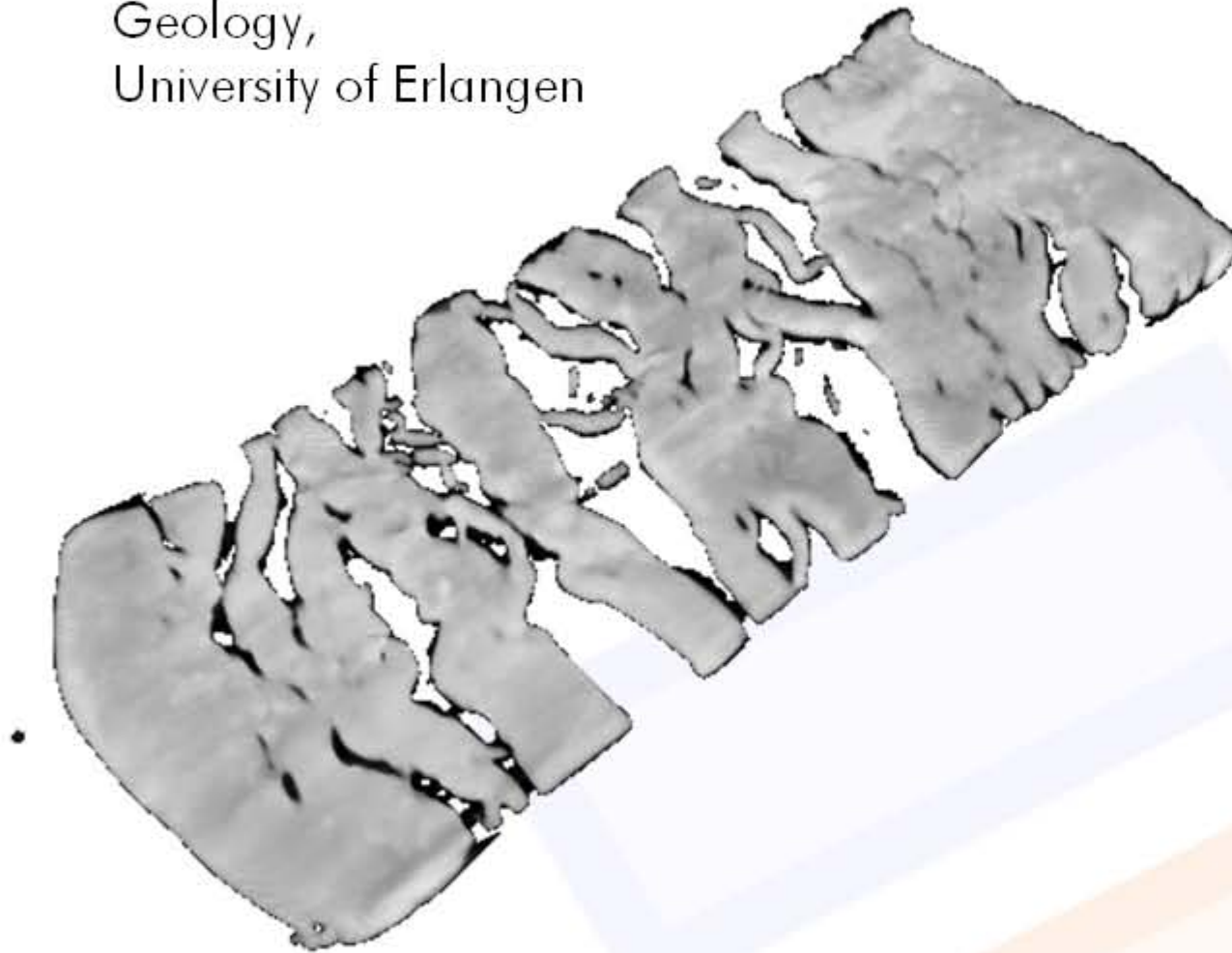
CT Human Head:
Visible Human Project,
US National Library of Medicine,
Maryland,
USA

CT Angiography:
Dept. of Neuroradiology
University of Erlangen,
Germany



Applications: Geology

Deformed Plasticine Model, Applied
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Applications: Archeology



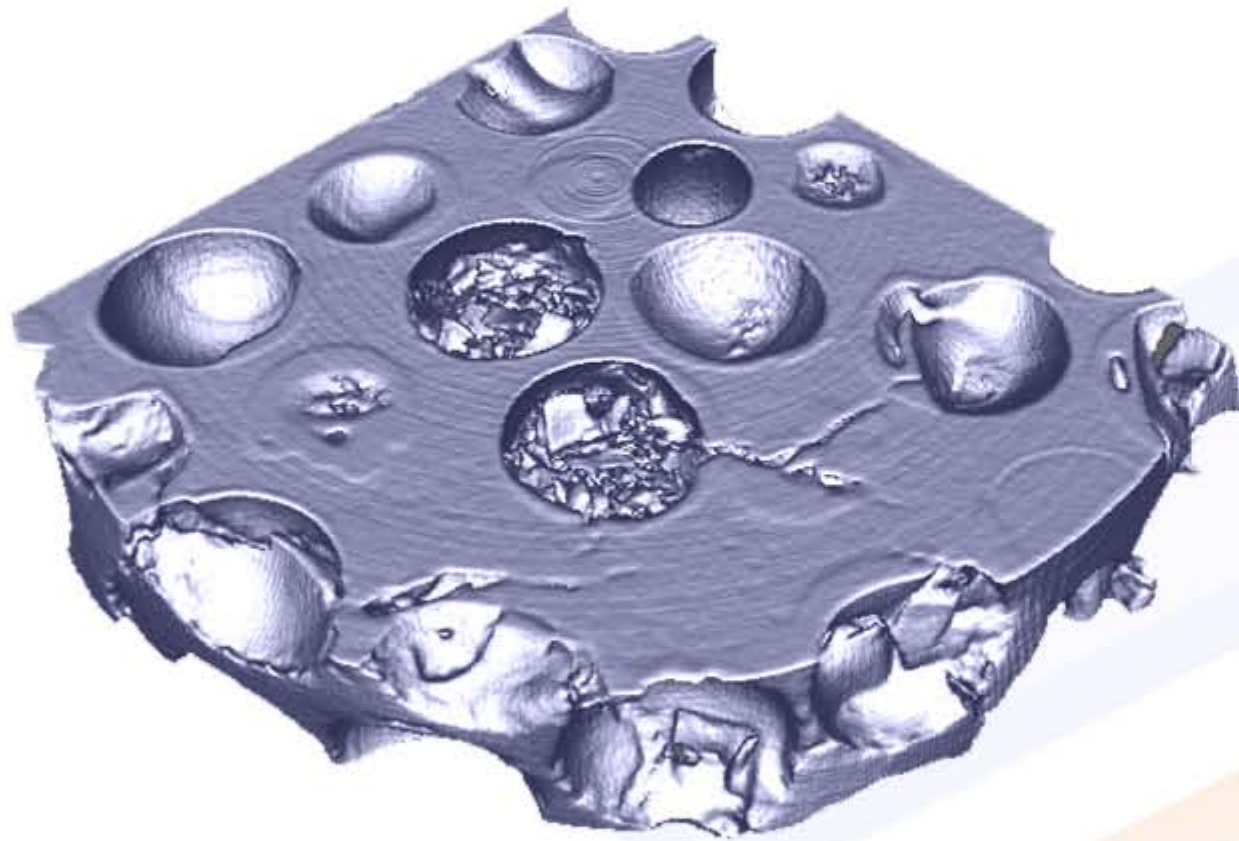
Hellenic Statue of Isis
3rd century B.C.
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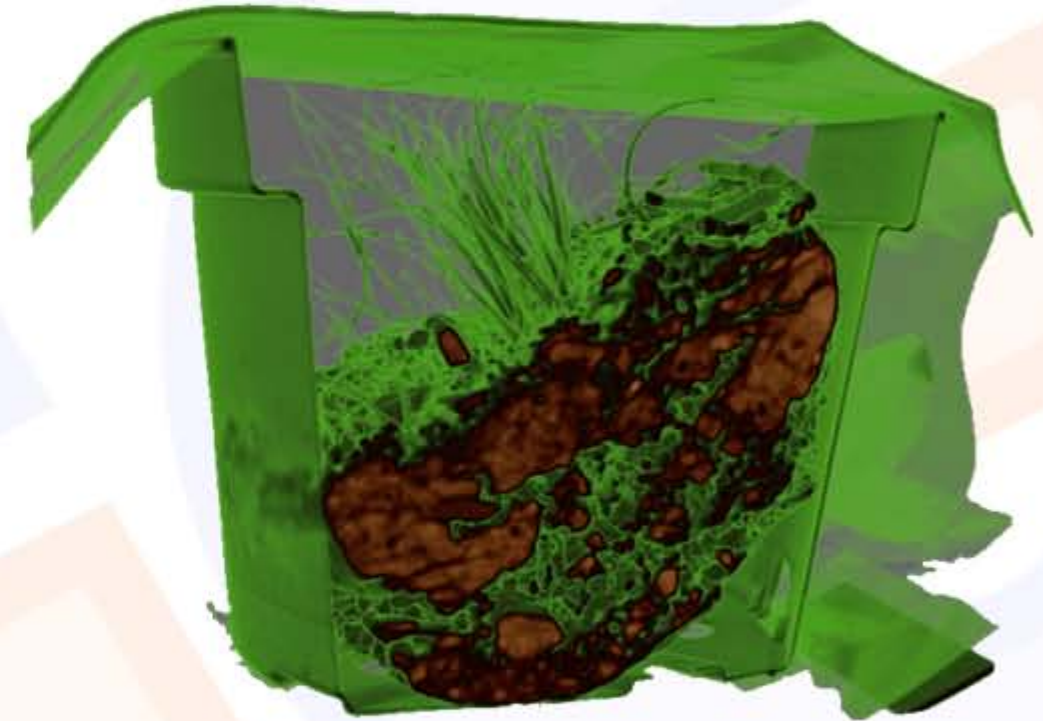
Applications:

Material Science,
Quality Control



Micro CT, Compound Material,
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Biology

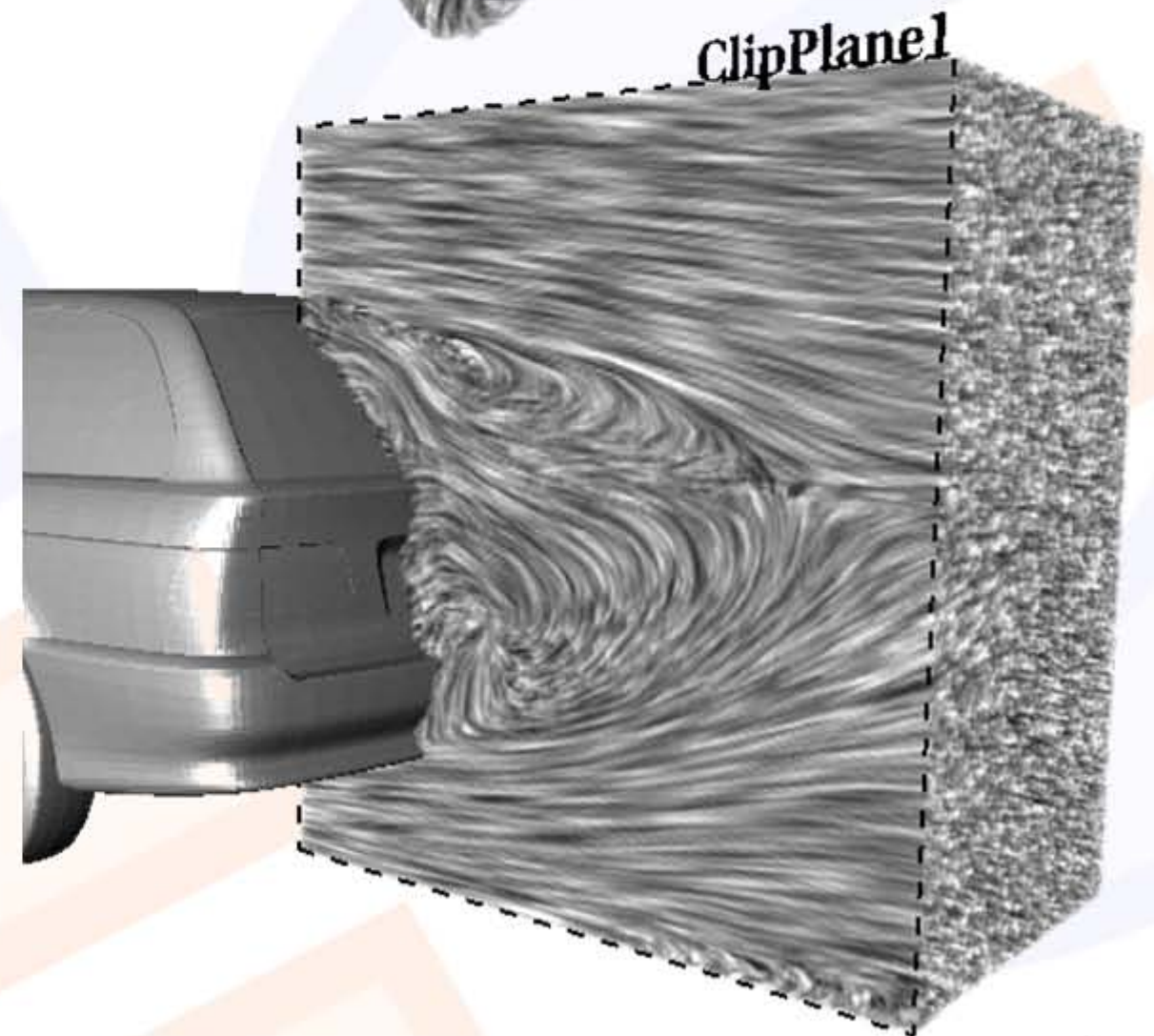
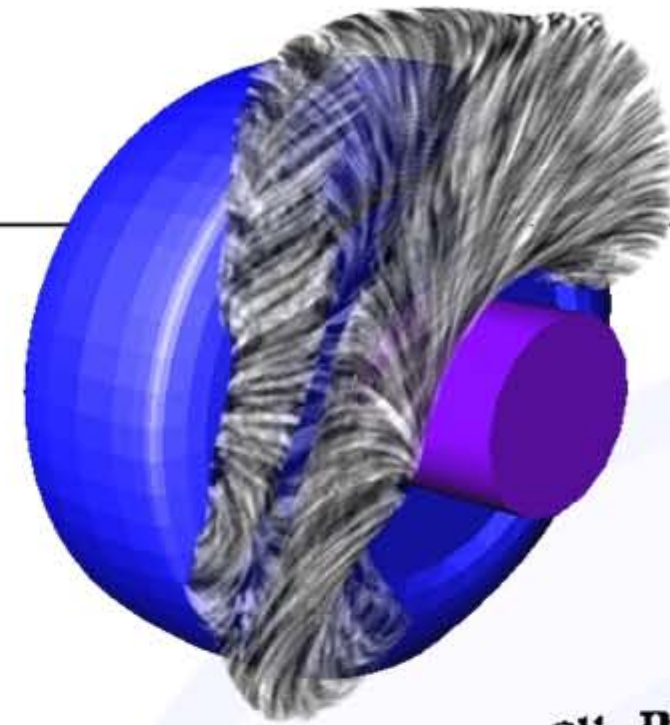
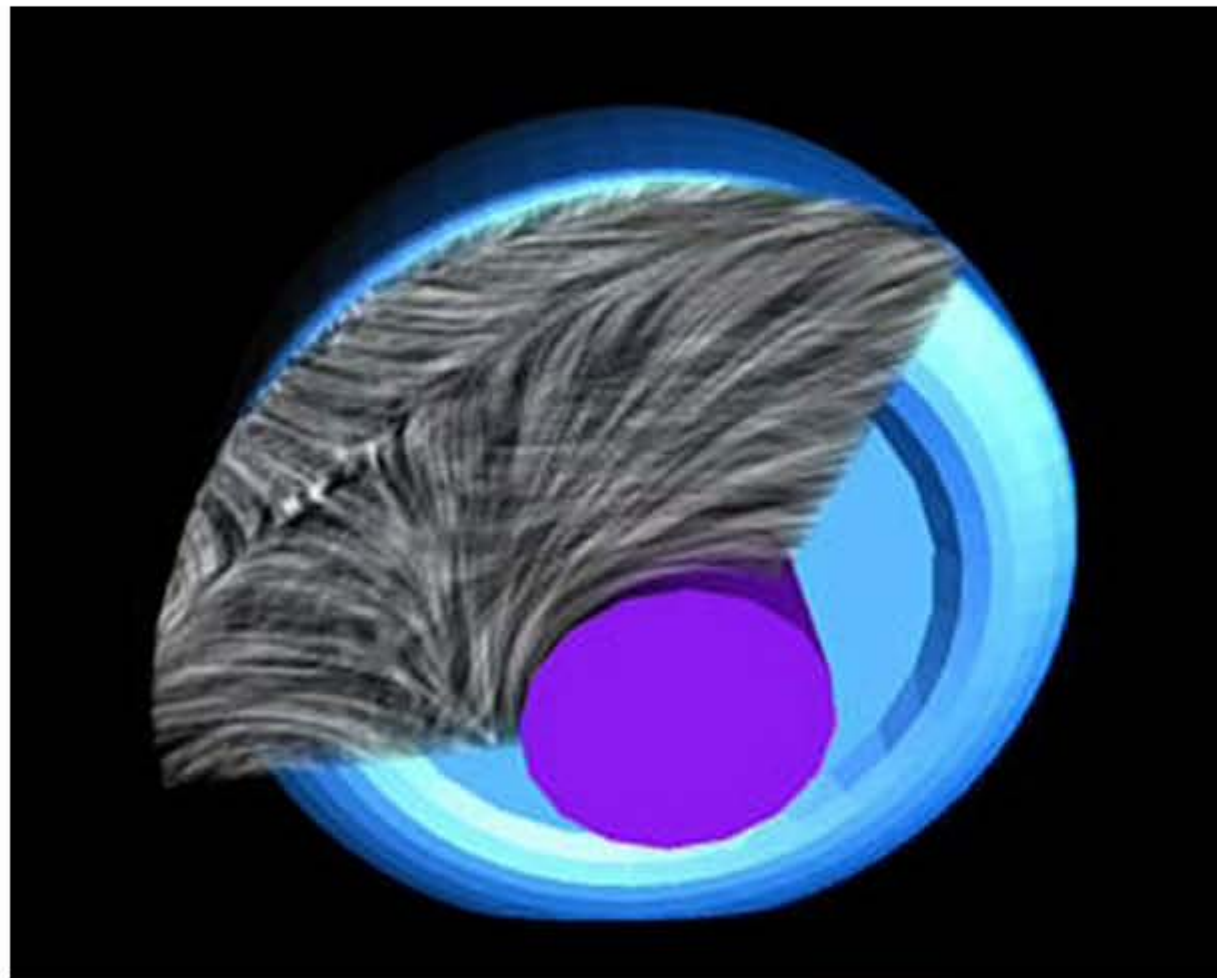


biological sample of the soil, CT,
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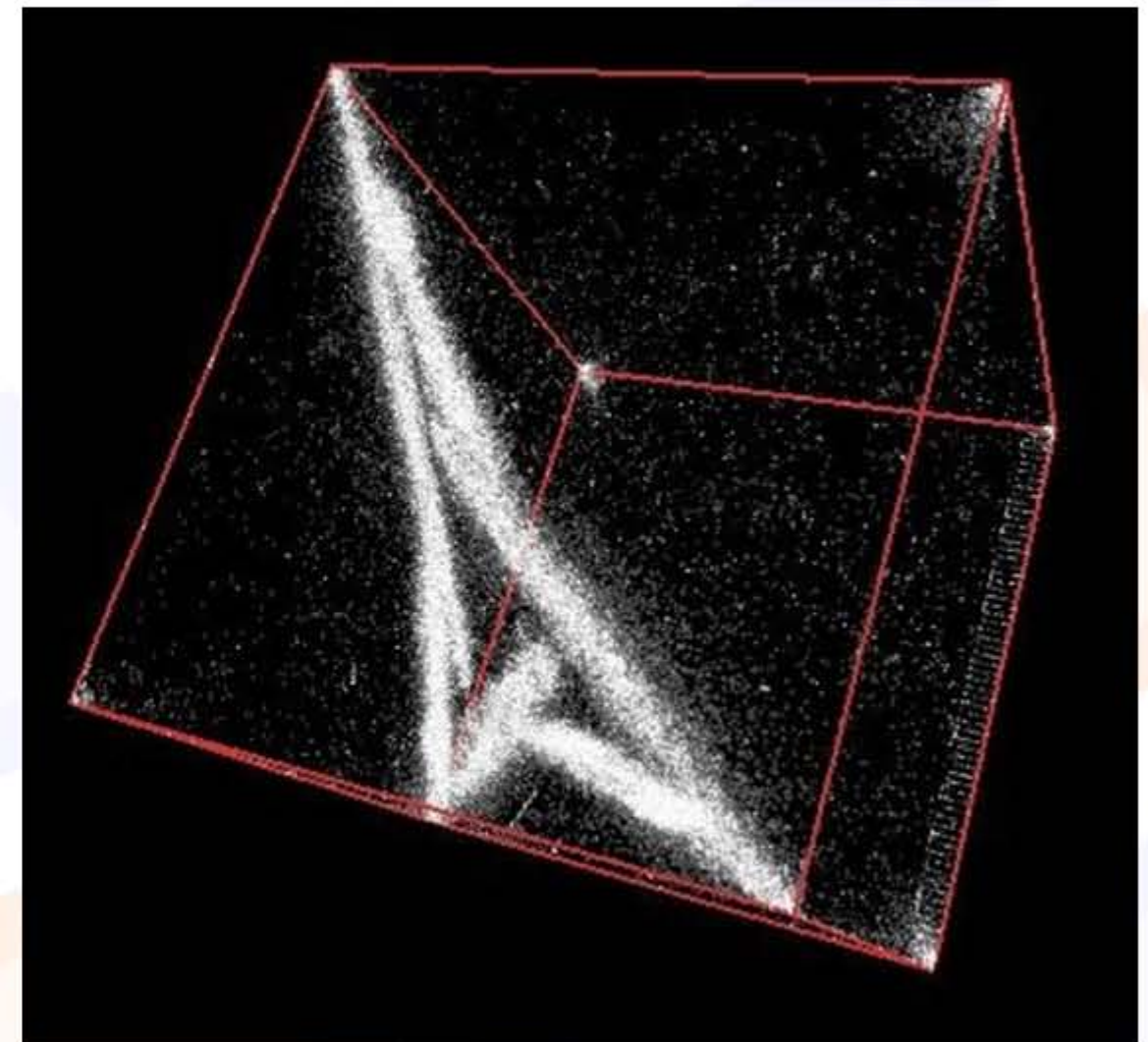
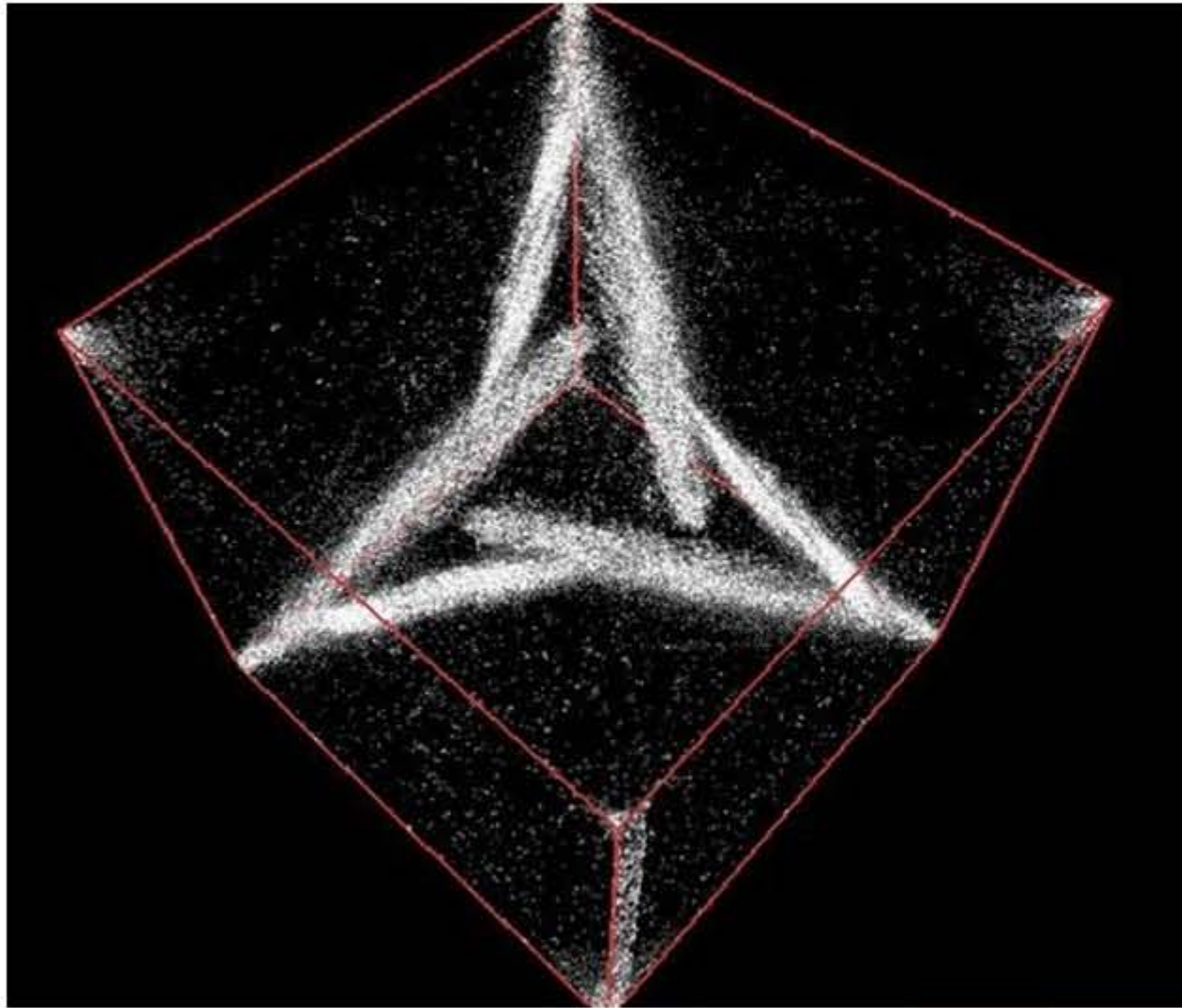
Applications

Computational
Science and Engineering



Applications: Computer Science

- Visualization of Pseudo Random Numbers



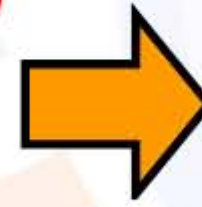
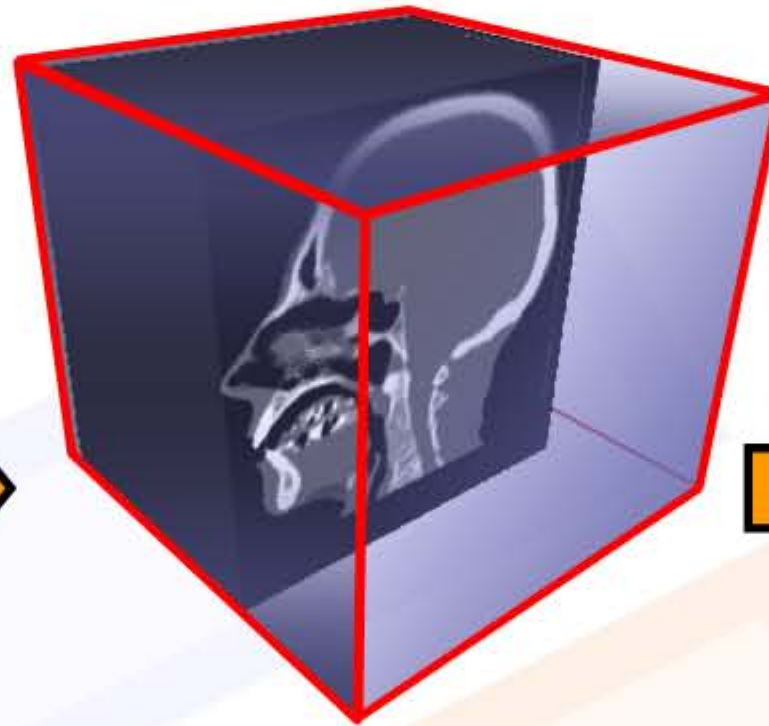
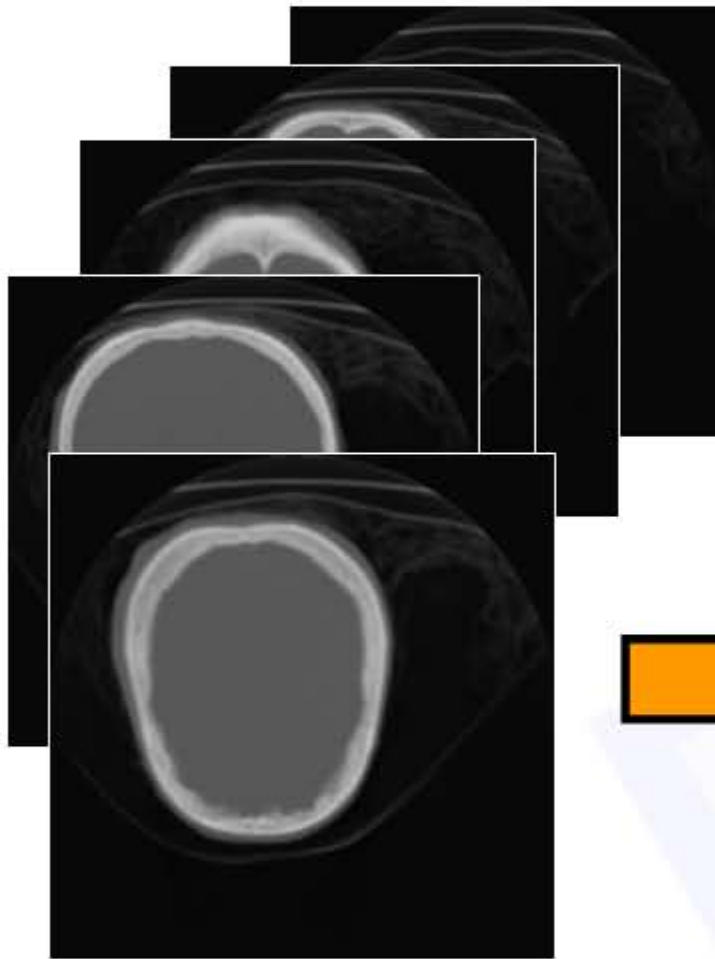
Entropy of Pseudo Random Numbers,
Dan Kaminsky, Doxpara Research, USA,
www.doxpara.com

Outline

Data Set

3D Rendering

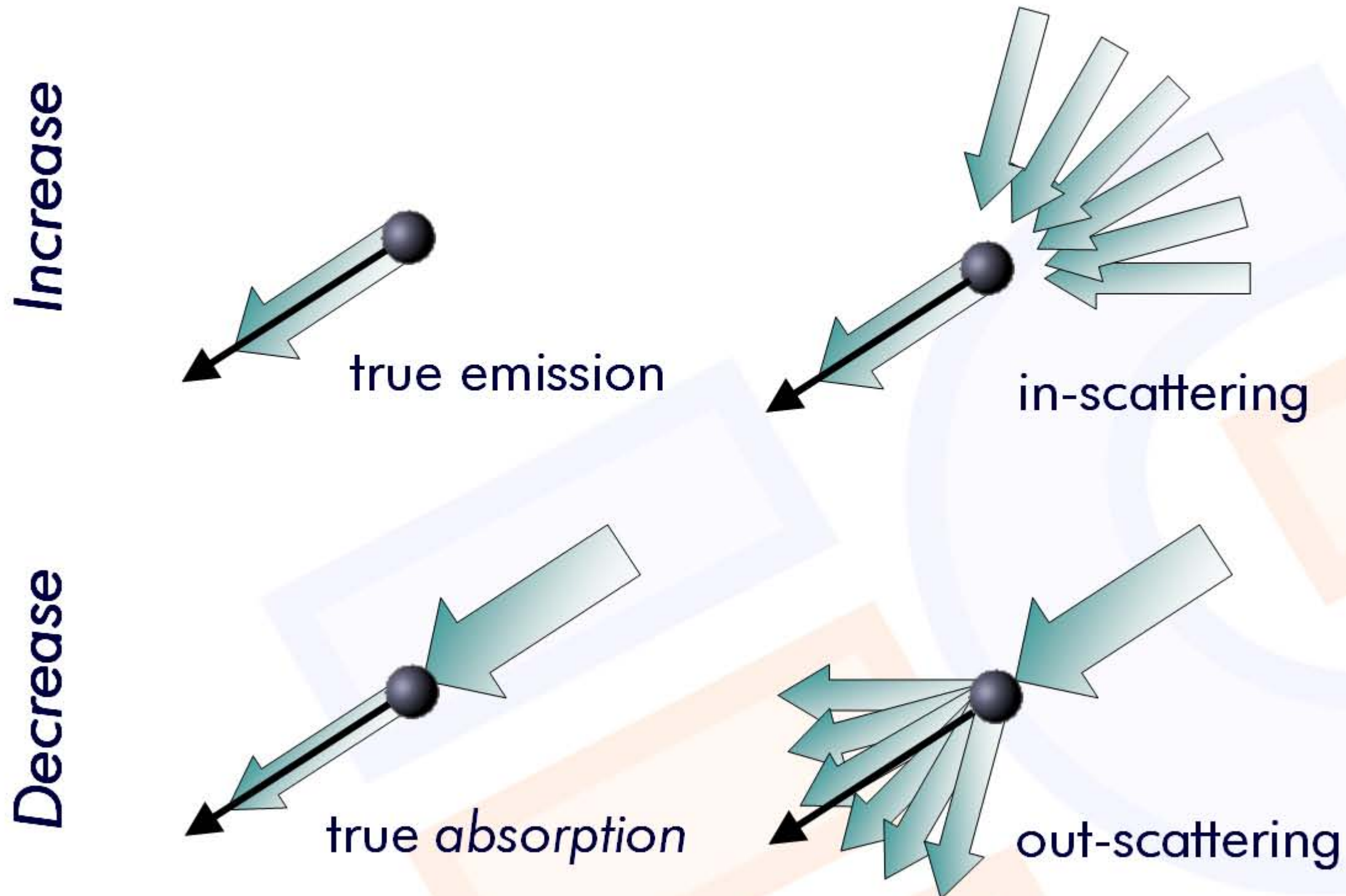
Classification



- in real-time on commodity graphics hardware

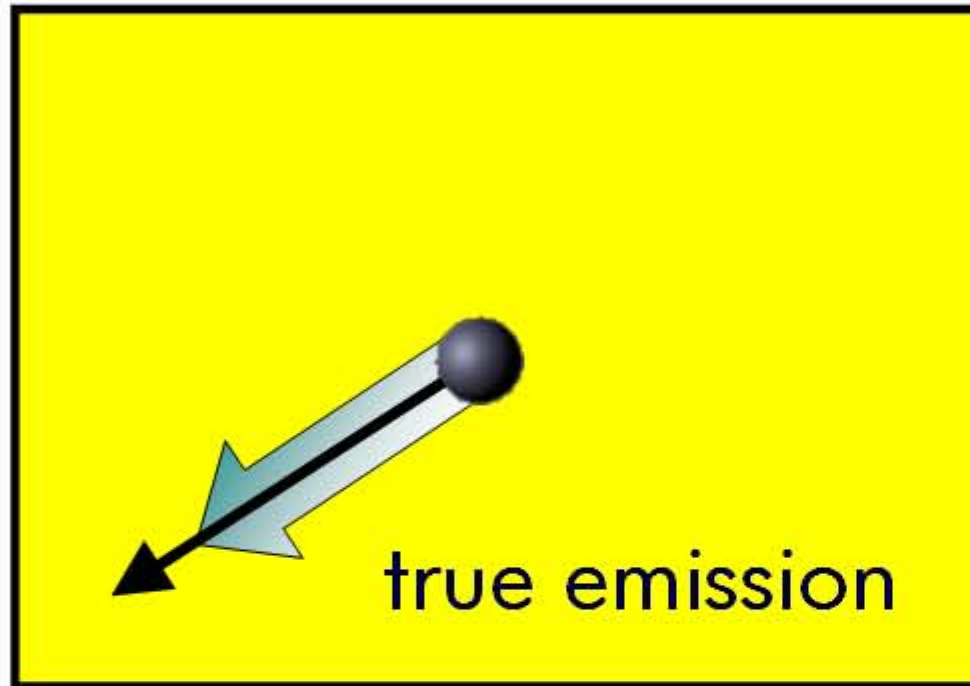


Physical Model of Radiative Transfer

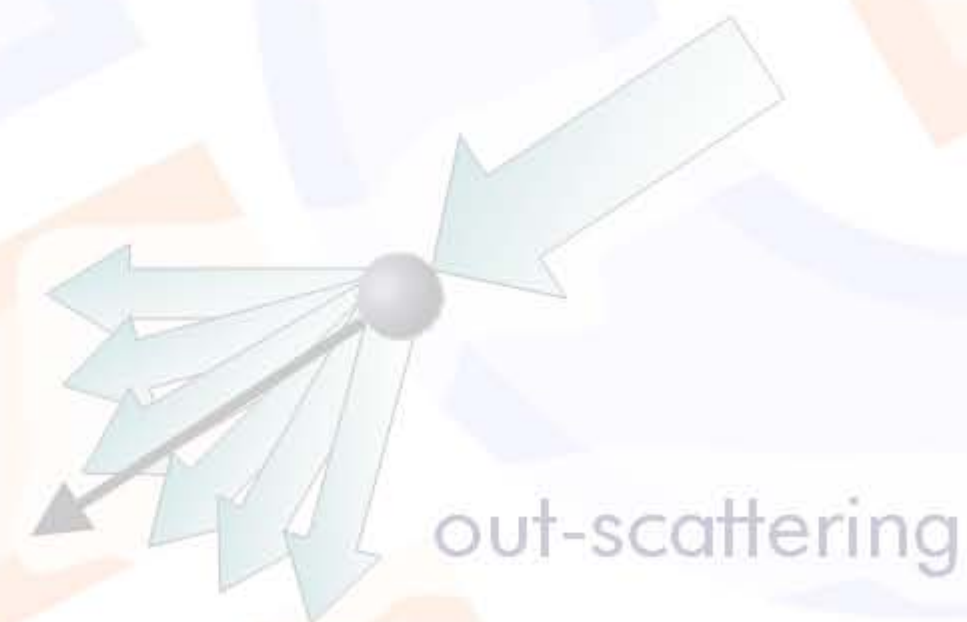
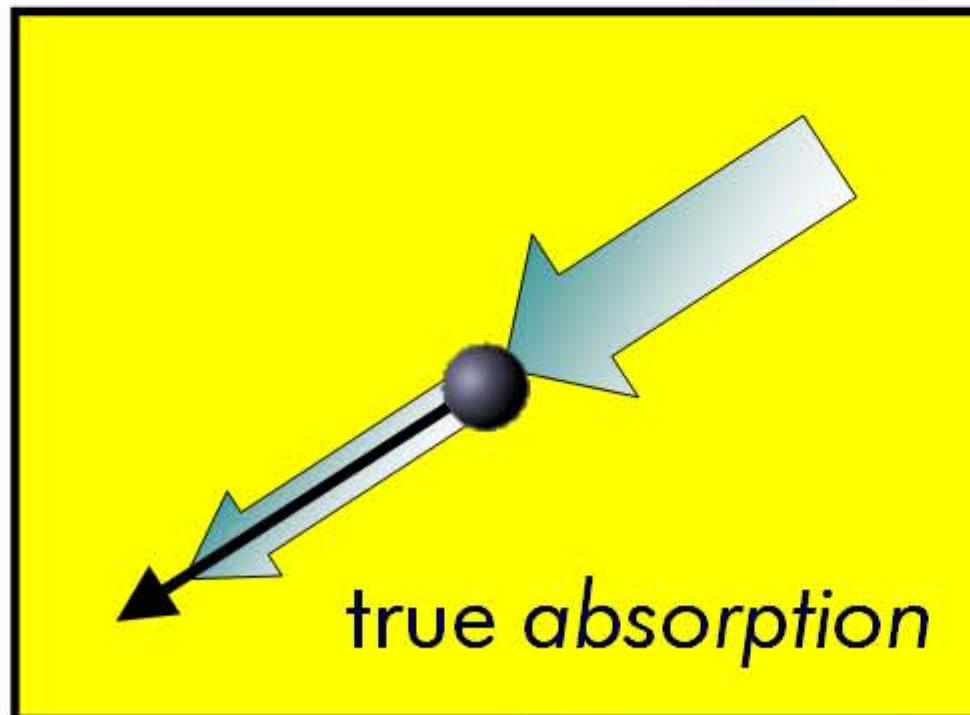


Physical Model of Radiative Transfer

Increase



Decrease



Ray Integration

How do we determine the radiant energy along the ray?

Physical model: emission and absorption, no scattering



Initial intensity
at s_0

$$I(s) = I(s_0)$$

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Without absorption all
the initial radiant energy
would reach the point s .



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Extinction τ
Absorption κ

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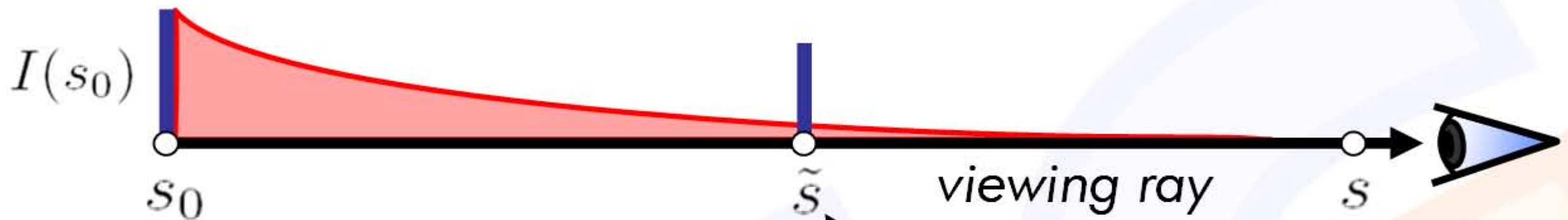
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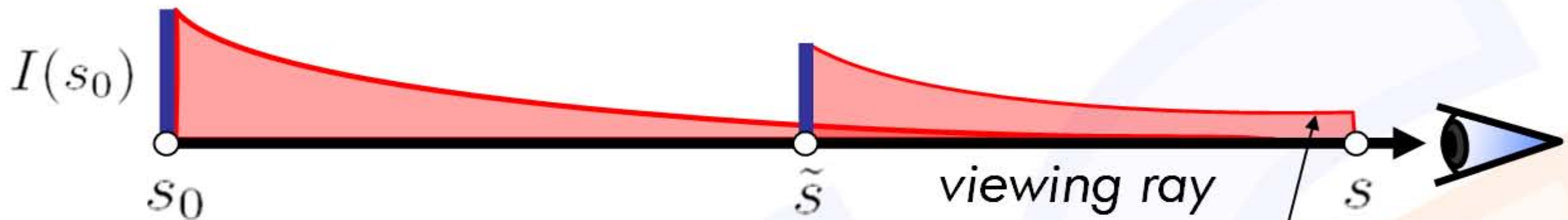
Active emission
at point \tilde{s}

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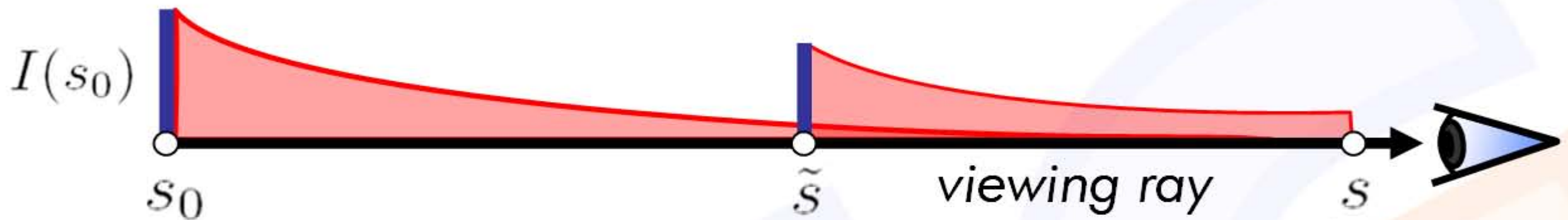
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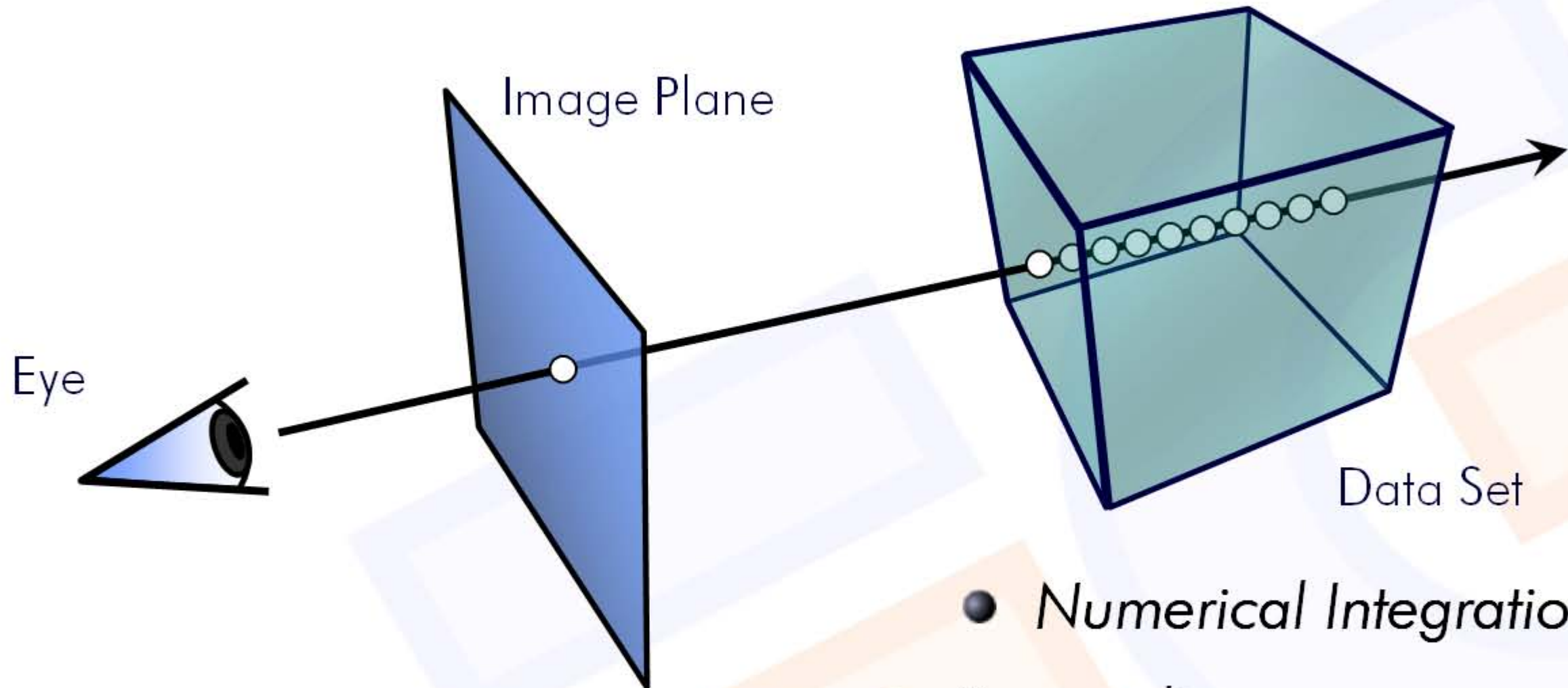


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Ray Casting

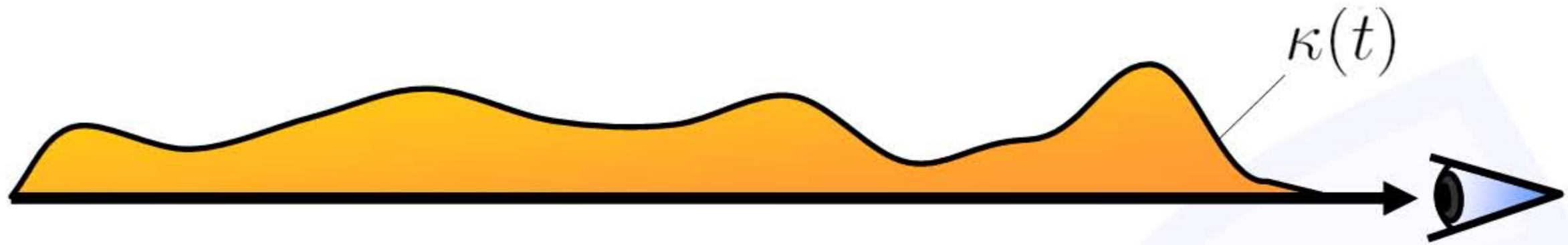
- Software Solution



- Numerical Integration
- Resampling

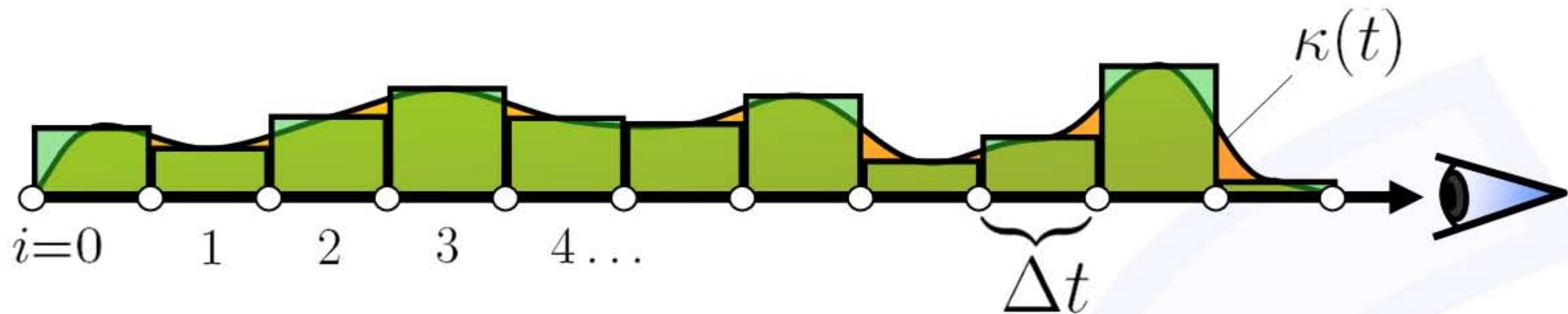
➔ High Computational Load

Numerical Solution



Extinction: $\tau(0, t) = \int_0^t \kappa(\hat{t}) d\hat{t}$

Numerical Solution

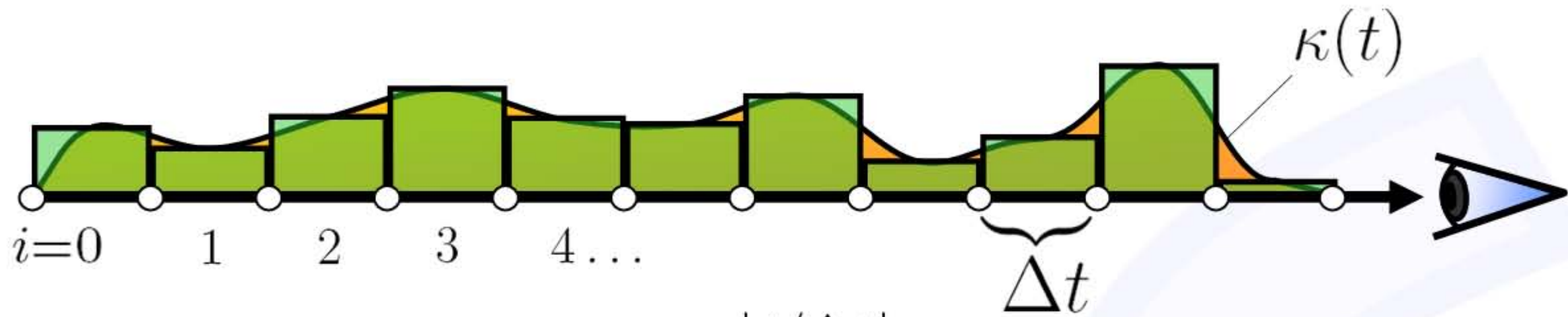


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Approximate Integral by Riemann sum:

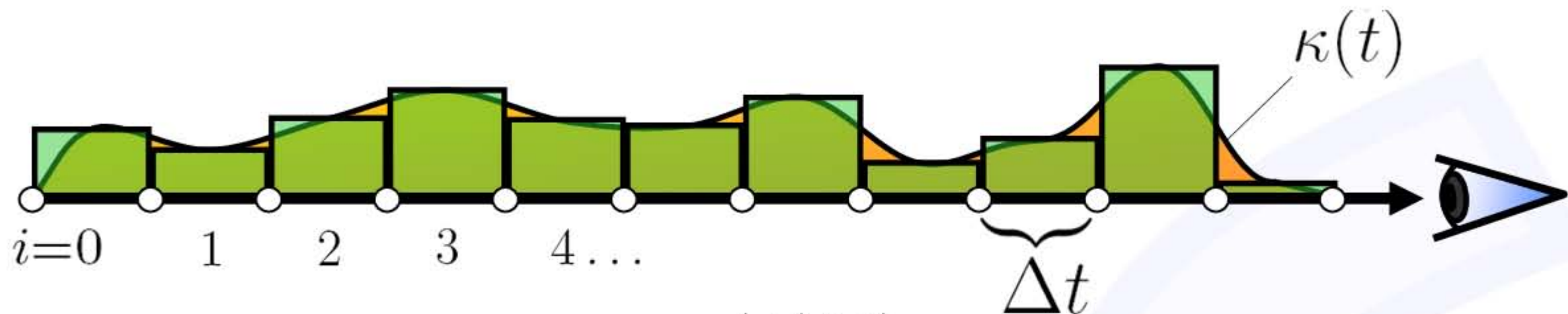
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Numerical Solution



$$\tau(0, t) \approx \tilde{\tau}(0, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor t/\Delta t \rfloor} \kappa(i \cdot \Delta t) \Delta t$$

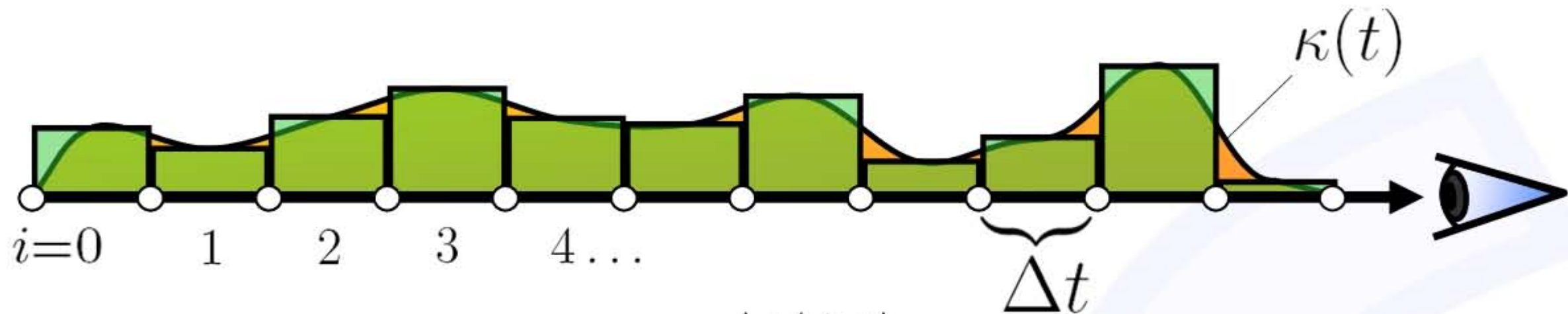
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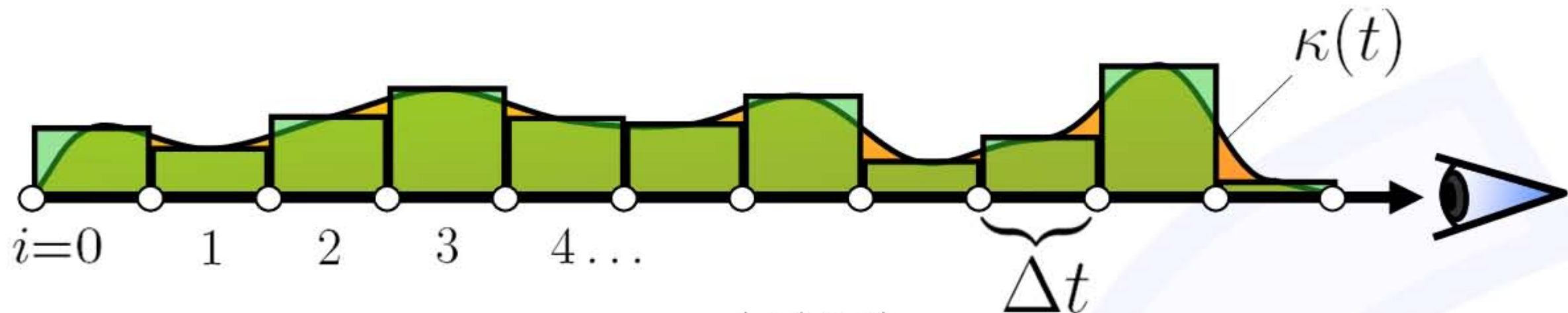
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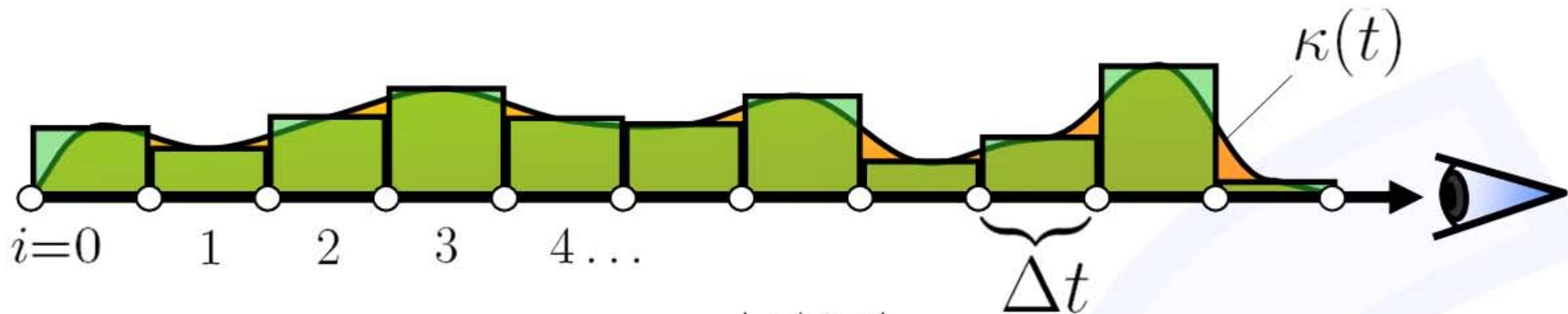
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Now we introduce opacity:

$$A_i = 1 - e^{-\kappa(i \cdot \Delta t) \Delta t}$$

Numerical Solution



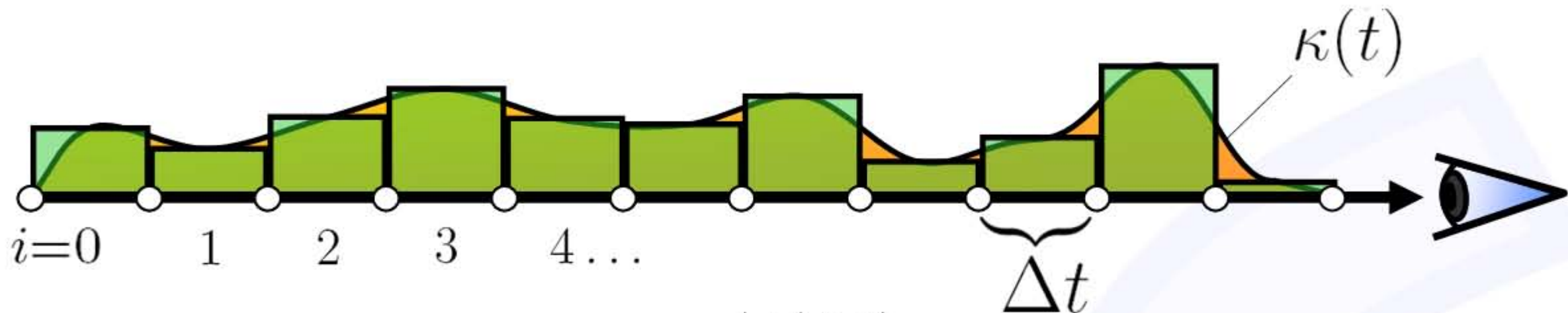
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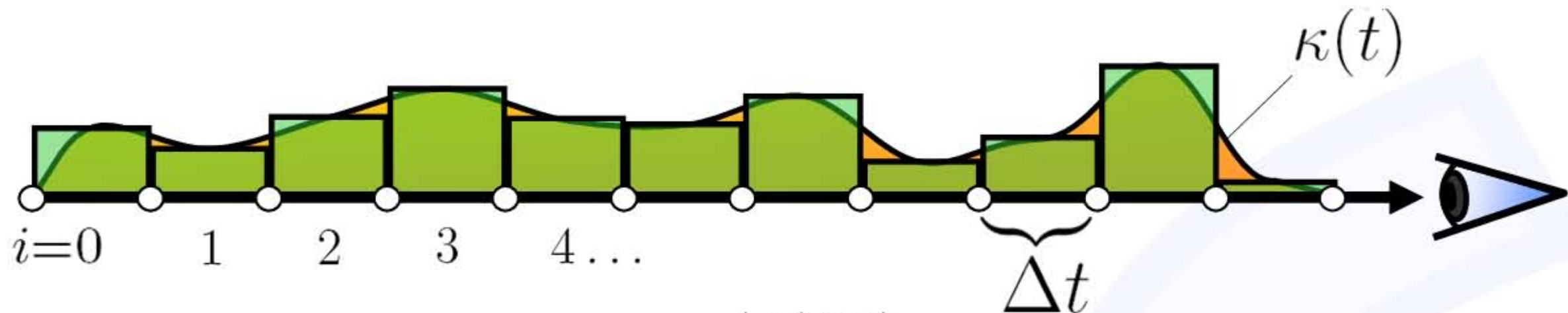
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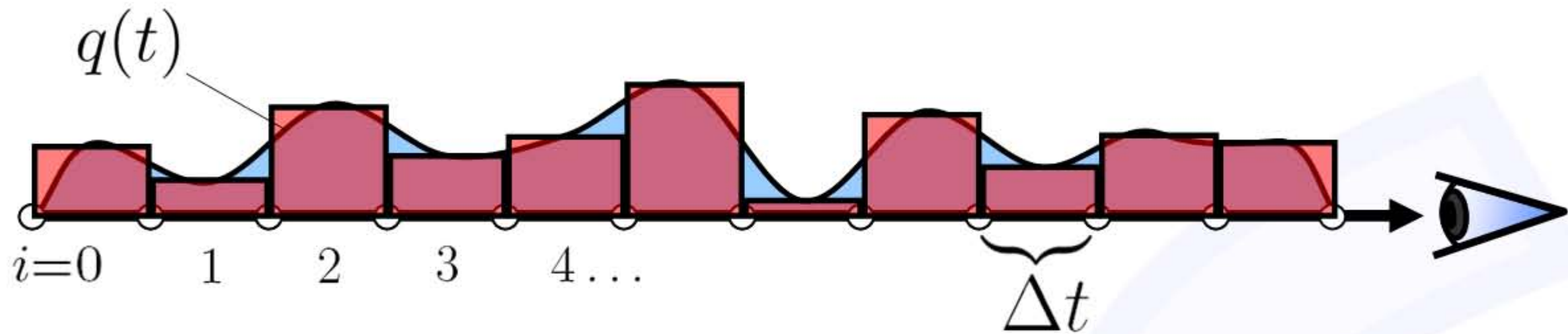
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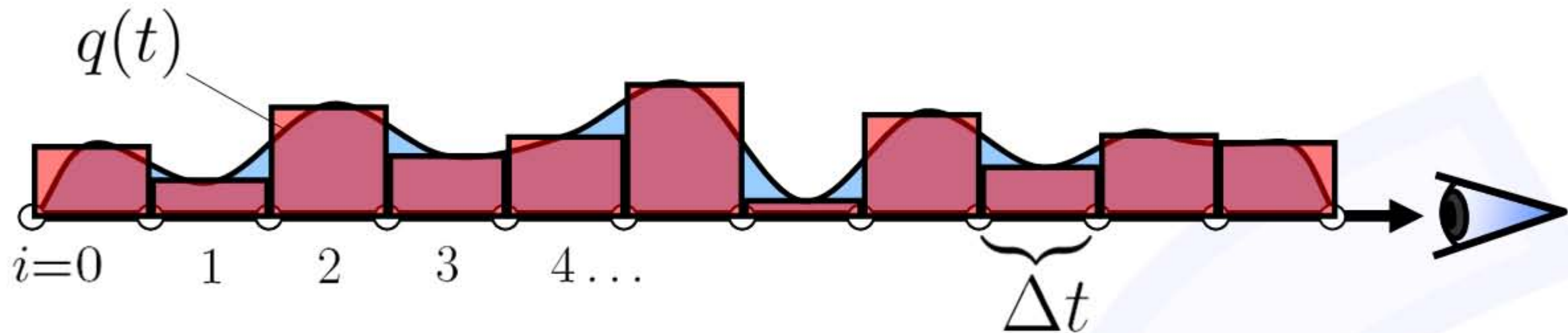
Numerical Solution



$$e^{-\tilde{\tau}(0,t)} = \prod_{i=0}^{\lfloor t/\Delta t \rfloor} (1 - A_i)$$

$$q(t) \approx C_i = c(i \cdot \Delta t) \Delta t$$

Numerical Solution



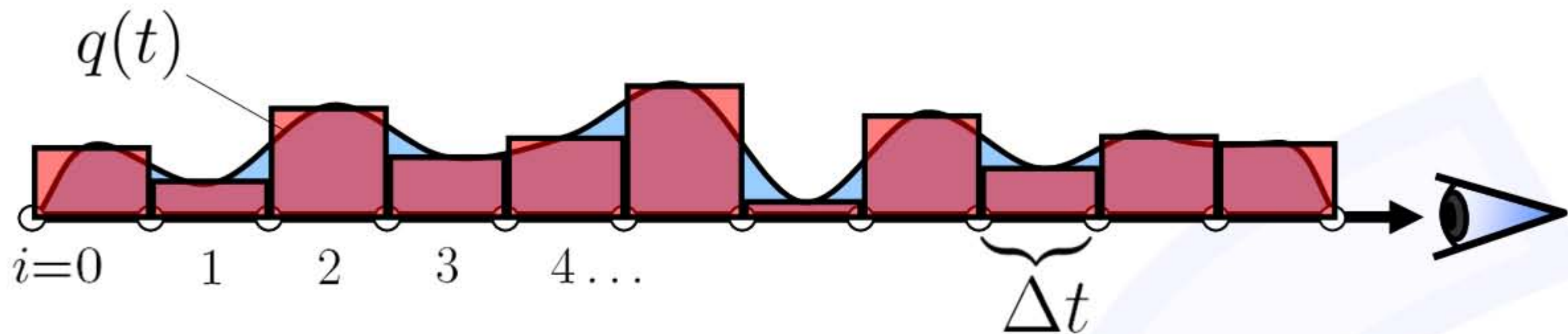
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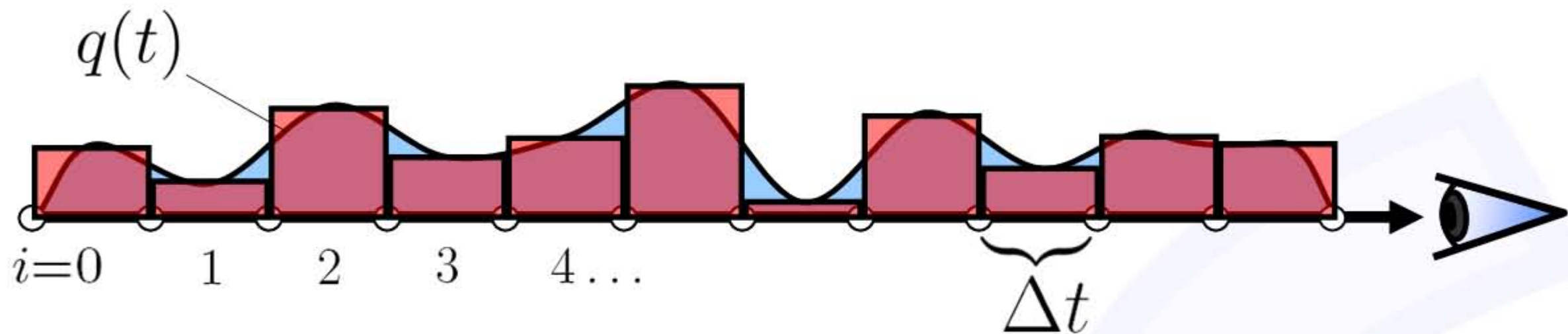


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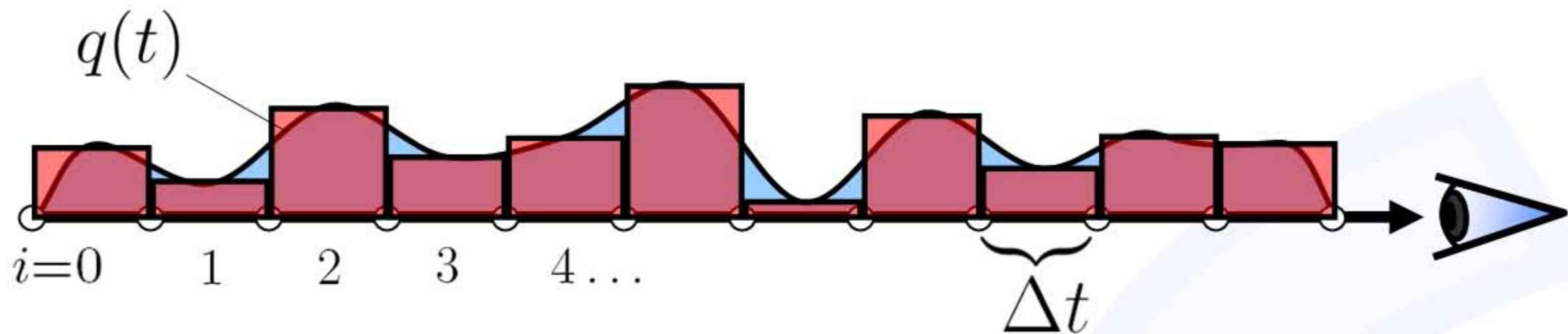


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$$\tilde{C} = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor T/\Delta t \rfloor} C_i \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (1 - A_j)$$

can be computed recursively

$$C'_i = C_i + (1 - A_i)C'_{i-1}$$

Radiant energy
observed at position i

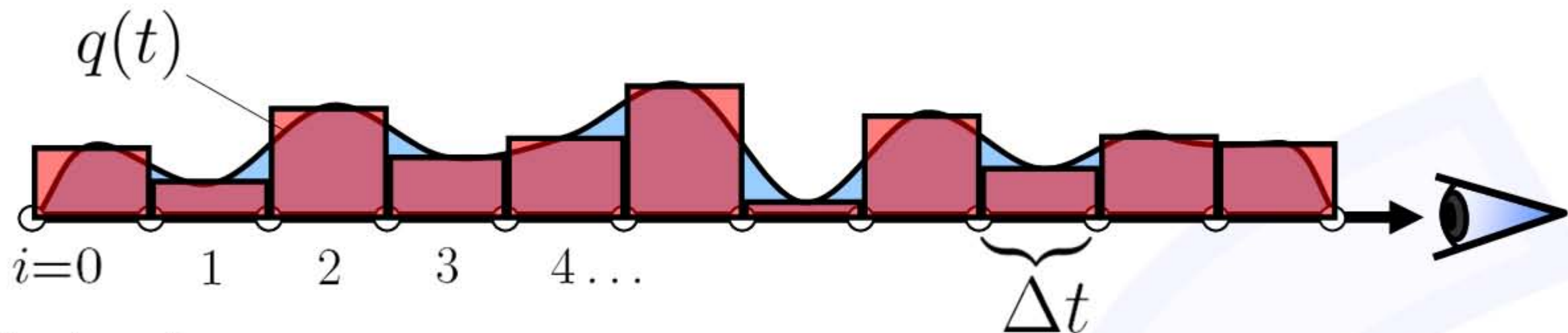
Radiant energy
emitted at position i

Absorption at
position i

Radiant energy
observed at position $i-1$



Numerical Solution



Back-to-front compositing

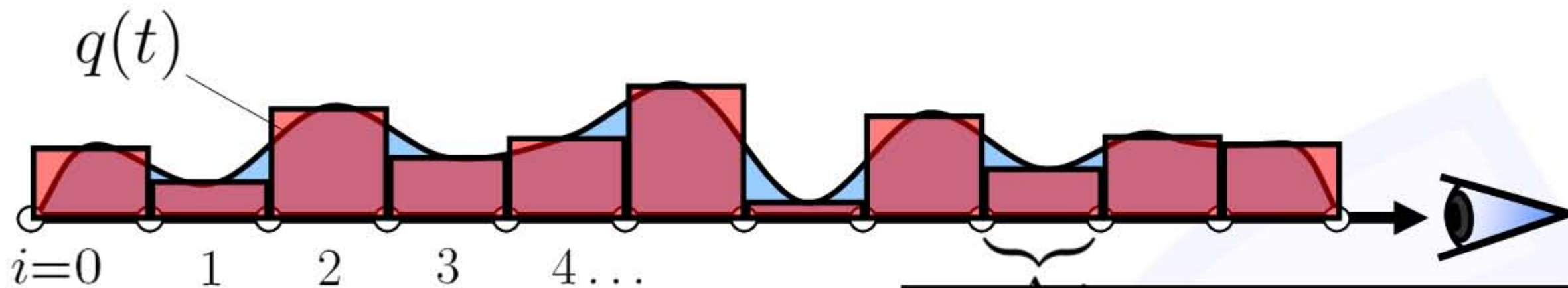
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Front-to-back compositing

$$C'_i = C'_{i+1} + (1 - A'_{i+1})C_i$$

$$A'_i = A'_{i+1} + (1 - A'_{i+1})A_i$$

Numerical Solution



Back-to-front compositing

$$C'_i = C_i + (1 - A_i) C'_i$$

Early Ray Termination:

Stop the calculation when

$$A'_i \approx 1$$

Front-to-back compositing

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Summary

- Emission Absorption Model



$$I(s) = I(s_0) e^{-\tau(s_0, s)} + \int_{s_0}^s q(\tilde{s}) e^{-\tau(\tilde{s}, s)} d\tilde{s}$$

- Numerical Solutions

Back-to-front iteration

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