

# Introduction to Computer Graphics (CS360A)

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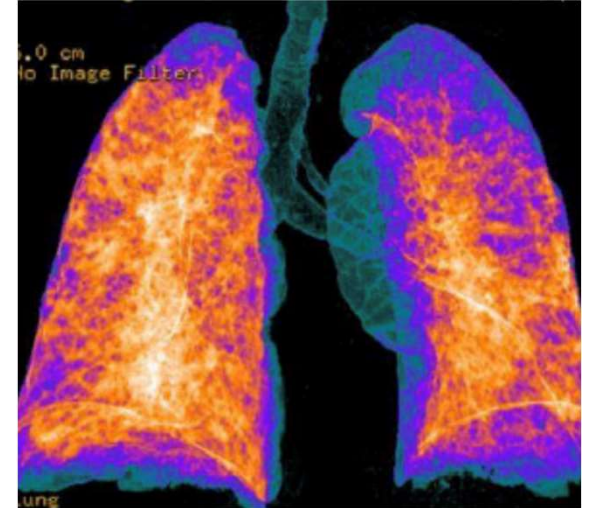
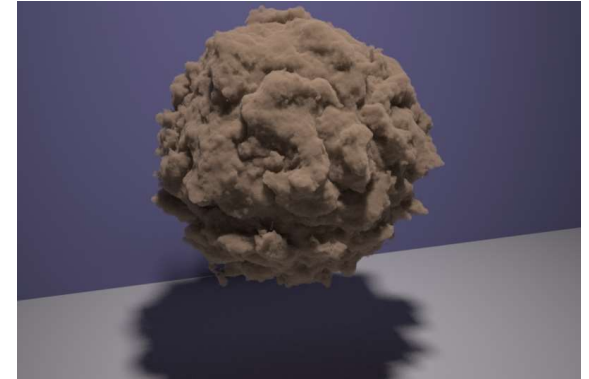
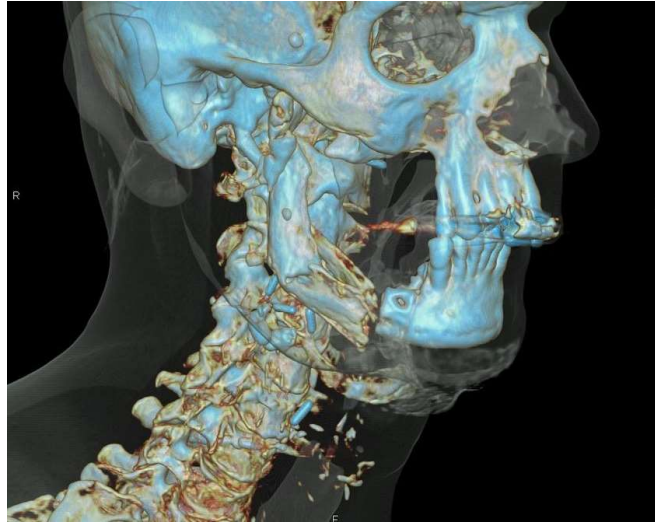
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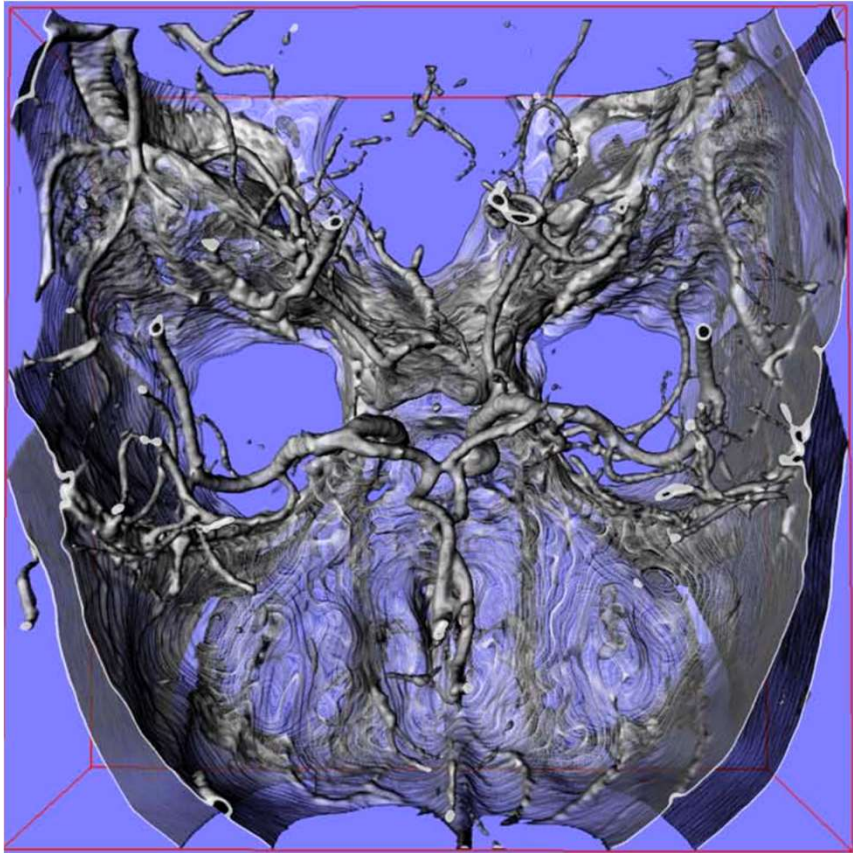
# 3D Scientific Visualization





# Volume Rendering

# Applications: Medical Science



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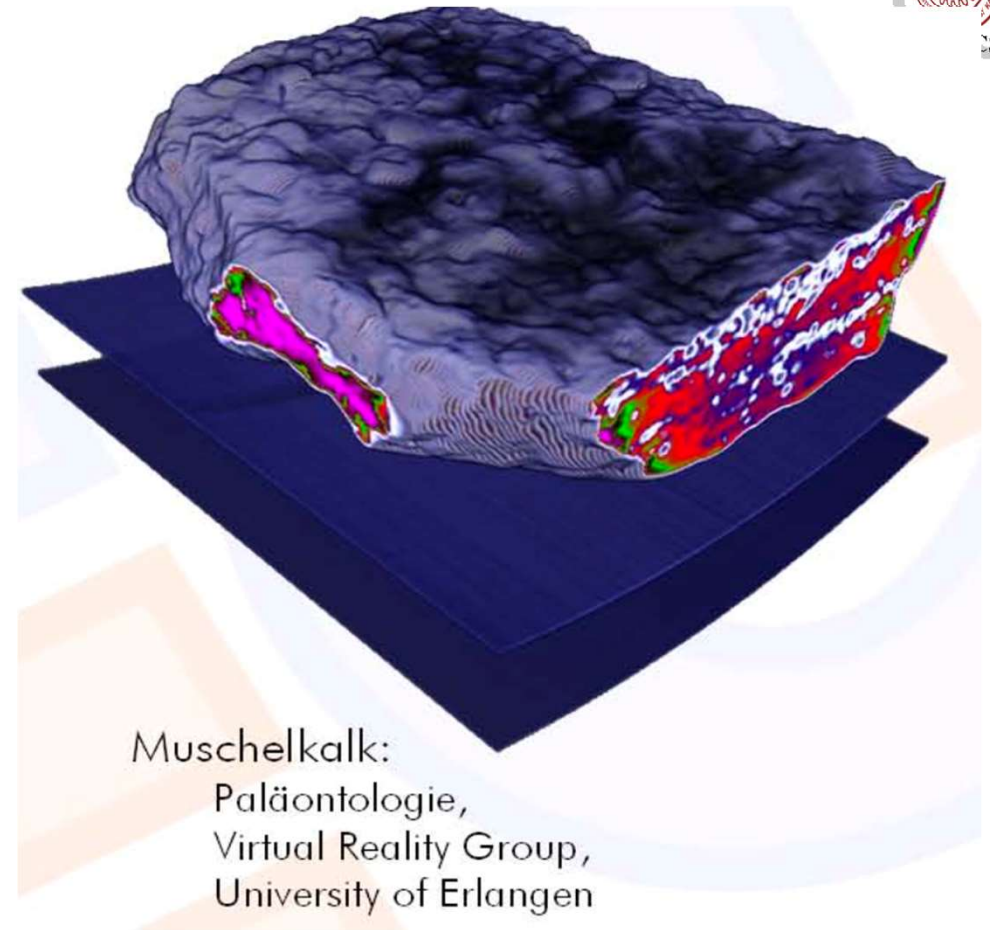


# Applications: Medical Science



# Applications: Geology

## Deformed plastic model



# Applications: Archeology

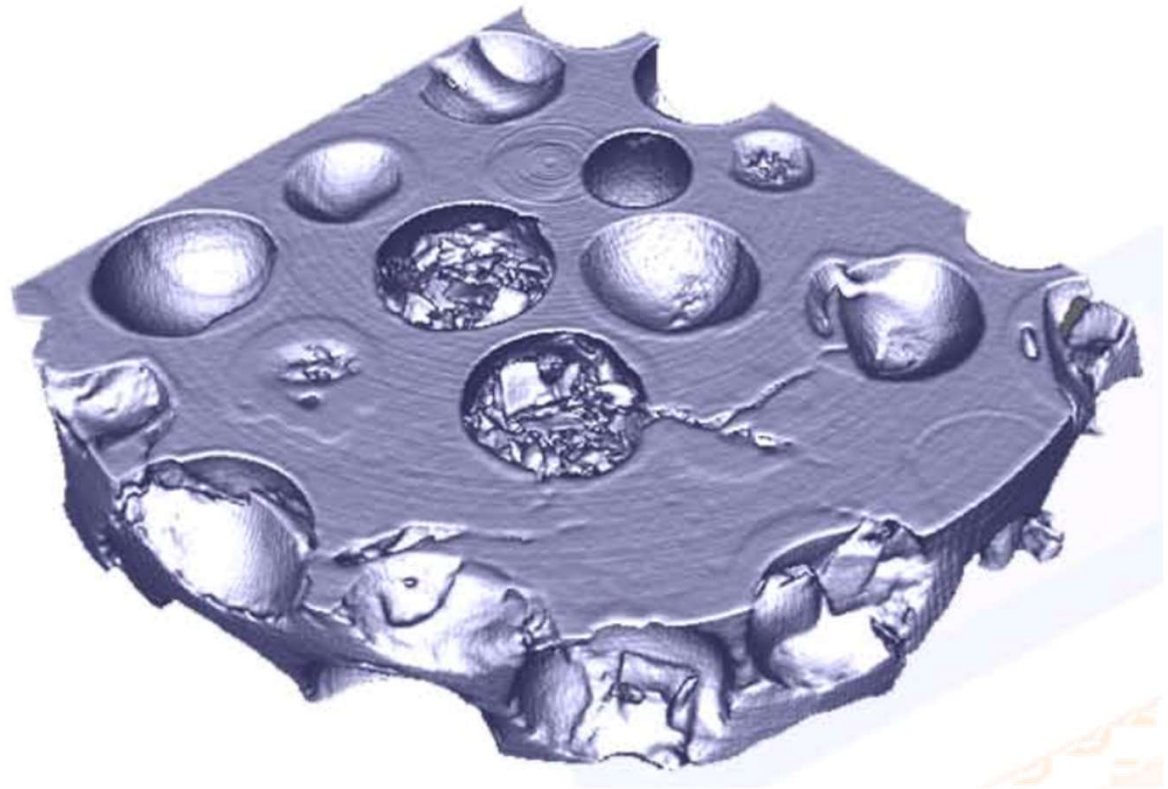


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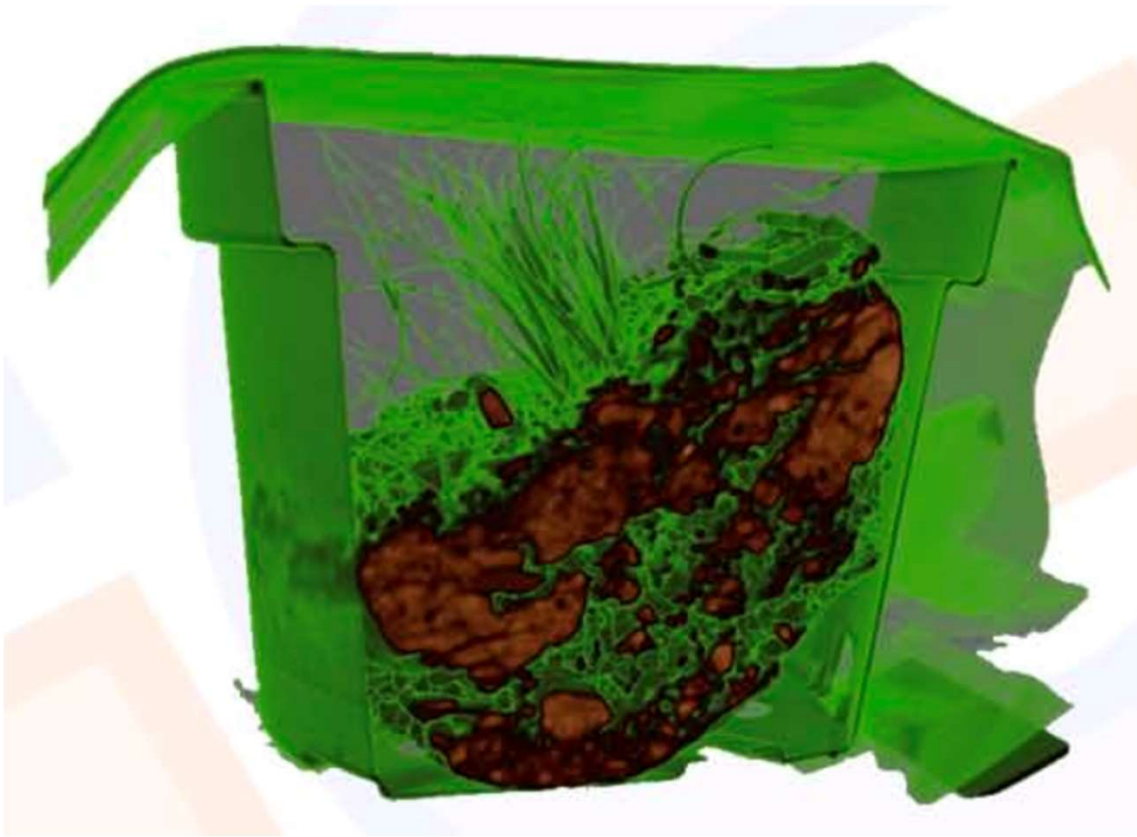


# Applications: Materials Science

Quality control



# Applications: Biology

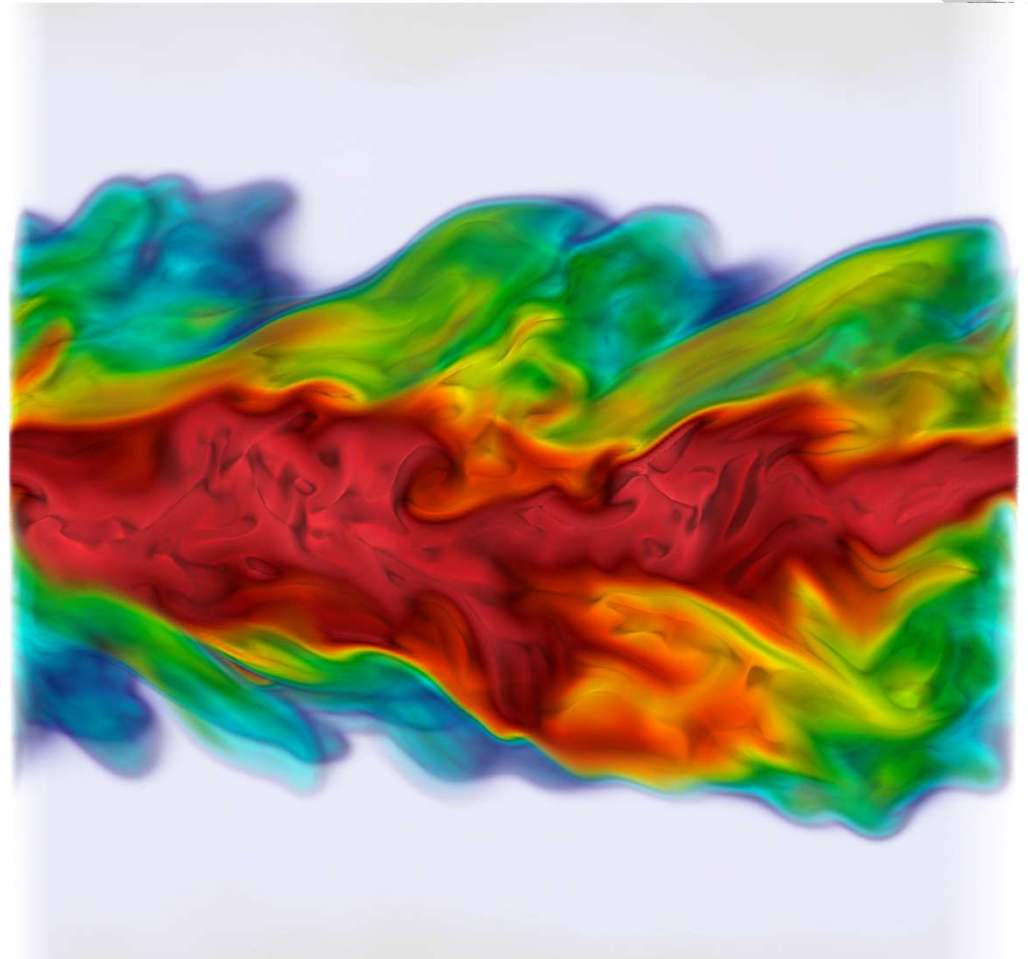


Biological soil  
samples

# Applications: Computational Sciences

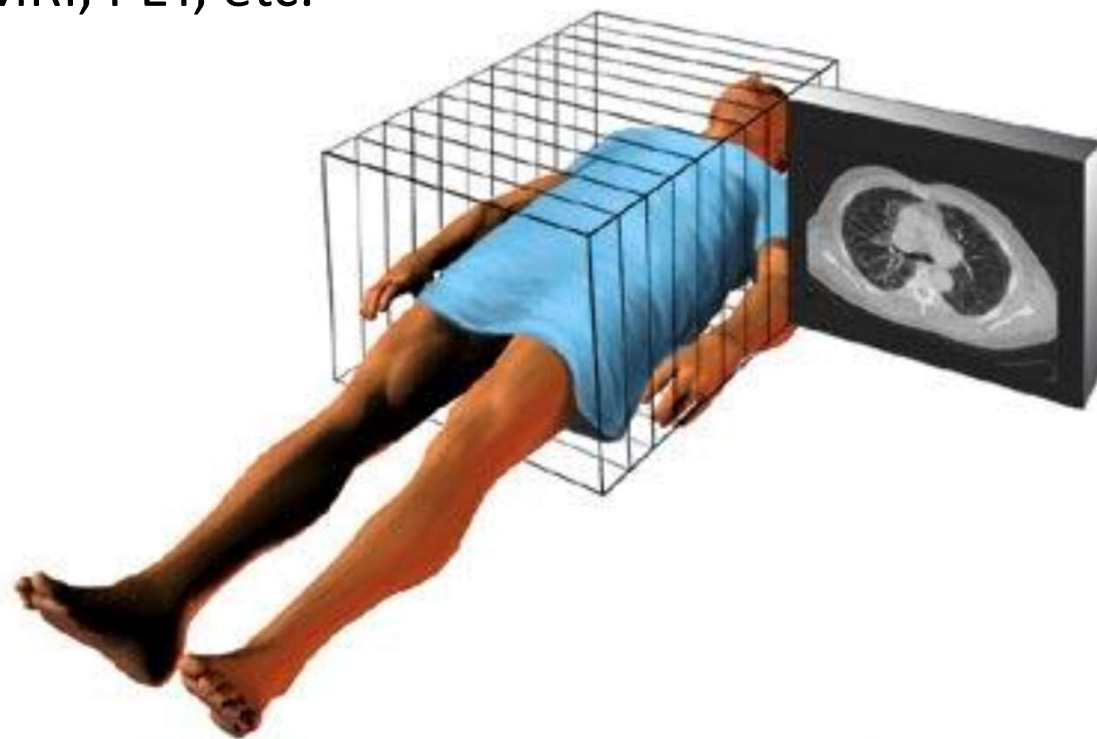


Study Combustion  
process



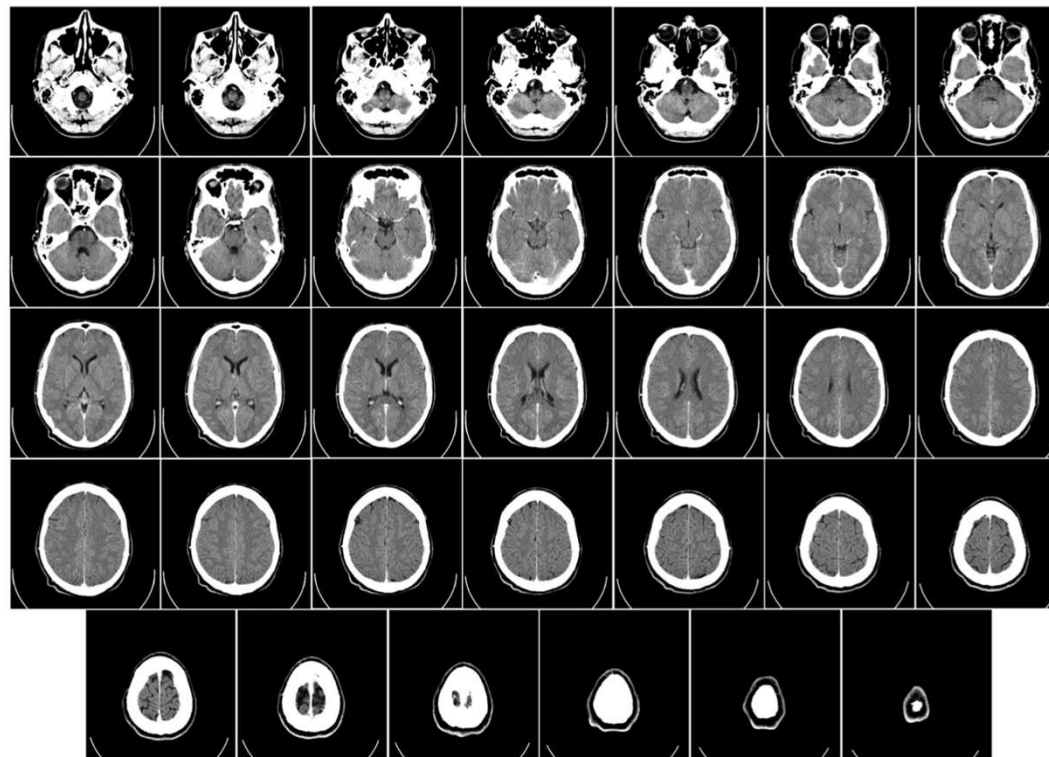
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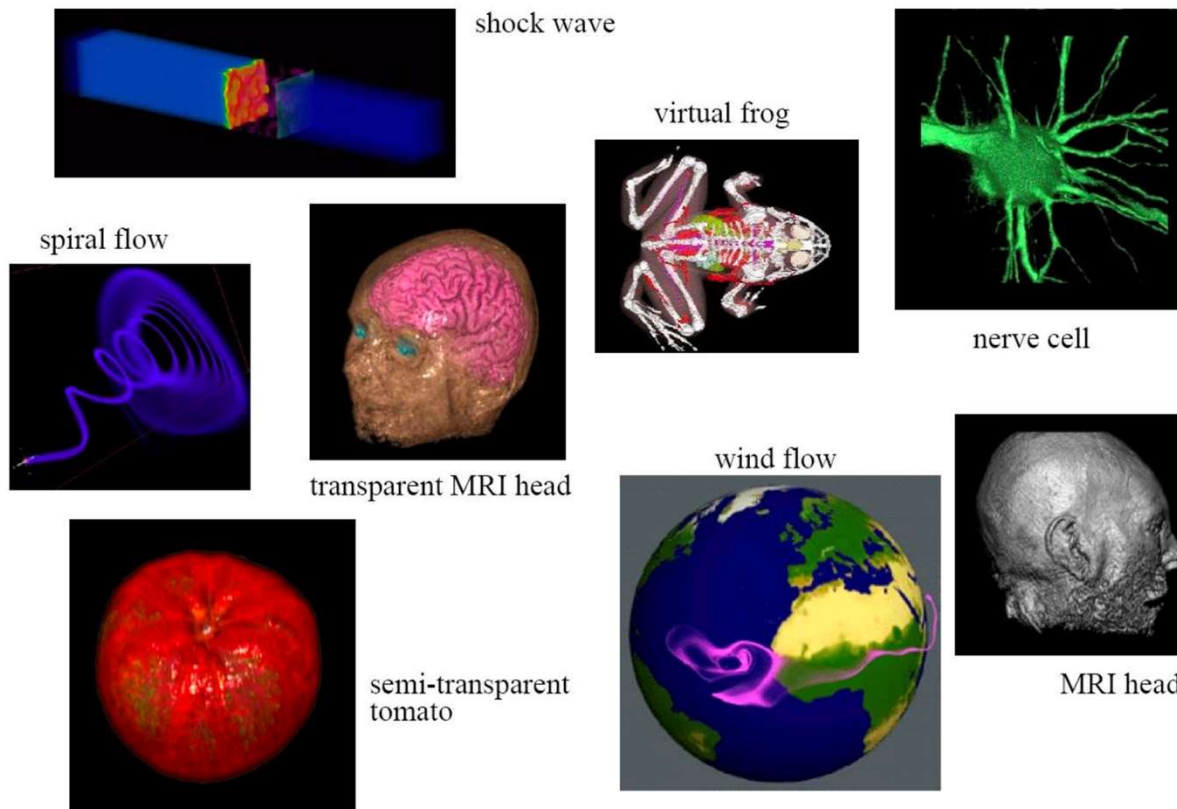
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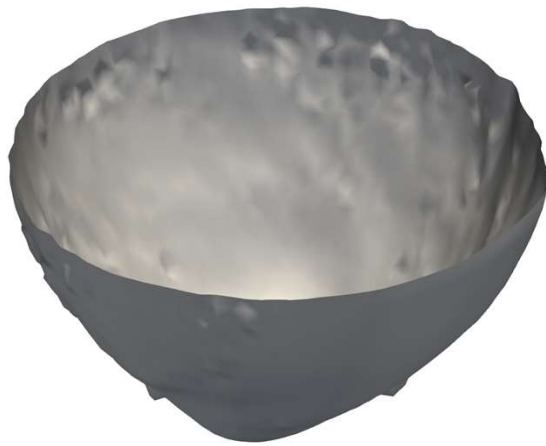
# How is Volume Data Generated?

- Numerical Simulations in another large source of Volume data

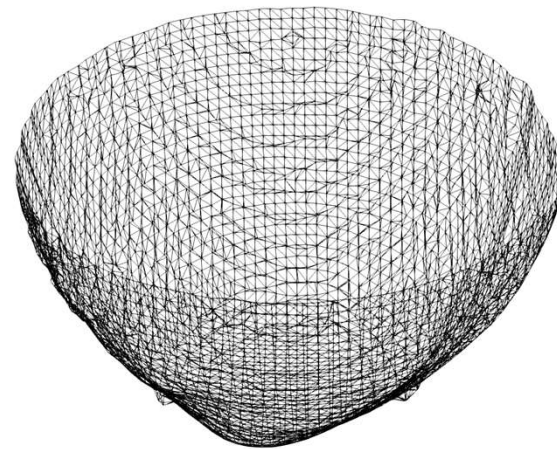


# Indirect Visualization of Volume Data

- Isosurface based rendering for 3D data
  - Example of indirect technique for volume data exploration
  - Using geometric representations
    - Points, meshes, surfaces, etc.



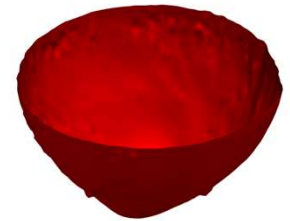
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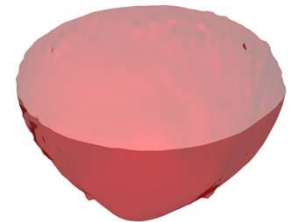
Geometric mesh of the isosurface

# Volume Rendering

- Surface visualization is a way of showing data as opaque objects
  - Though you can apply transparency on surfaces
- Many applications demand techniques that allows “see-through” capability
  - Make parts of the data (semi)transparent so the data behind can be seen
- Volume Rendering technique is the answer!
  - Direct mapping of underlying 3D data into an image space
  - Assumes data as a translucent gel that allows light to go through



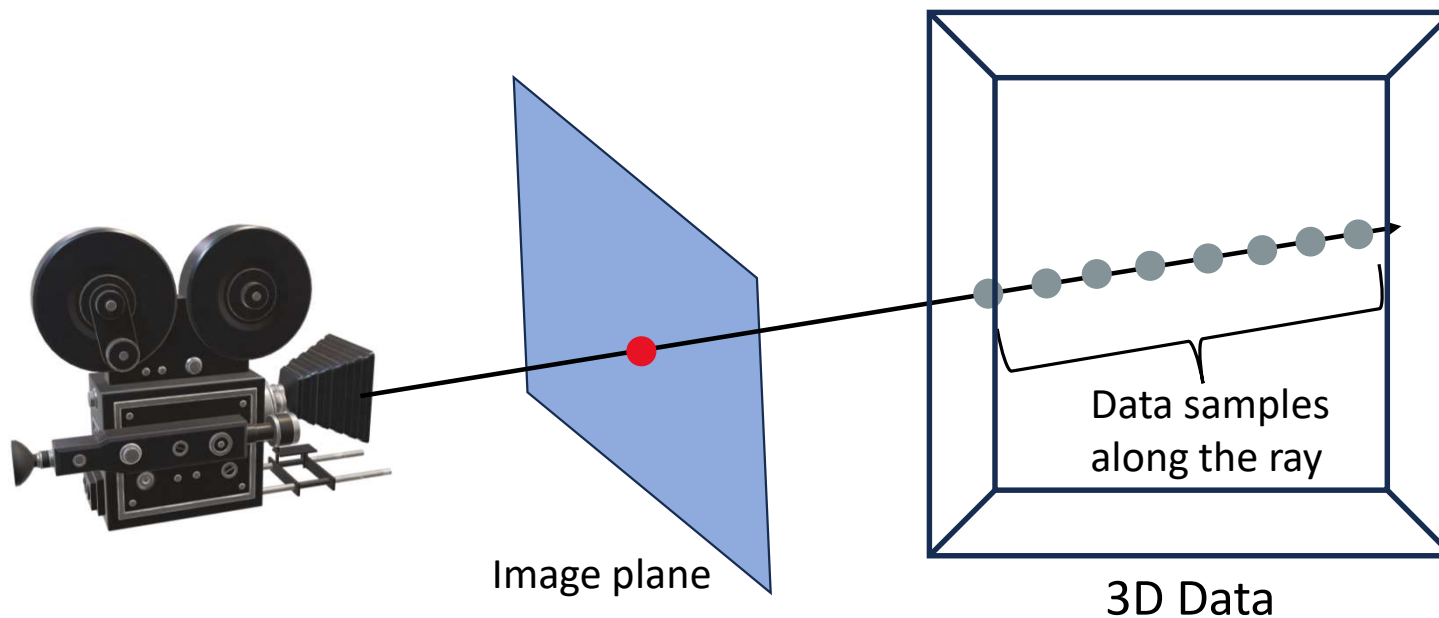
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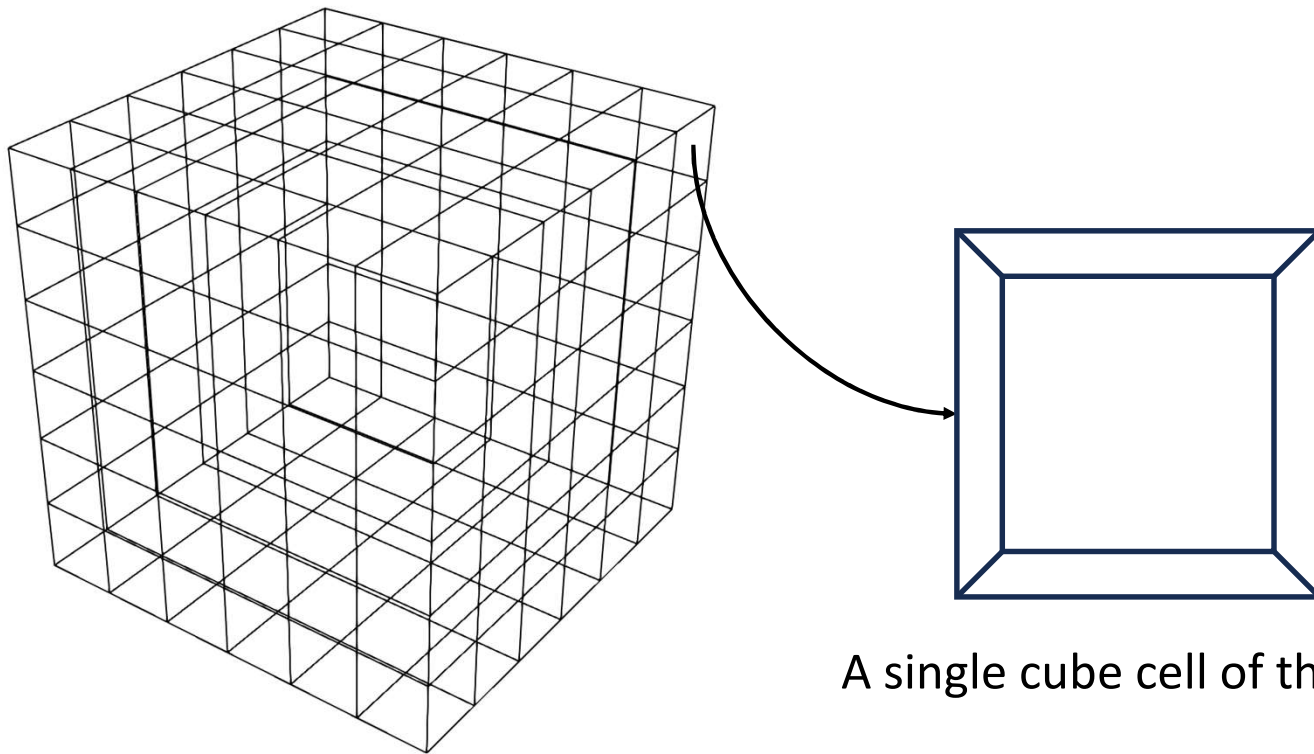
Semi-transparent

# Volume Rendering Key Idea

- Data is considered as a translucent gel
- Rays are cast into the volume data through each pixel to observe data values
- Rays accumulate color and opacity values along the ray for final pixel color



# Sampling via Trilinear Interpolation

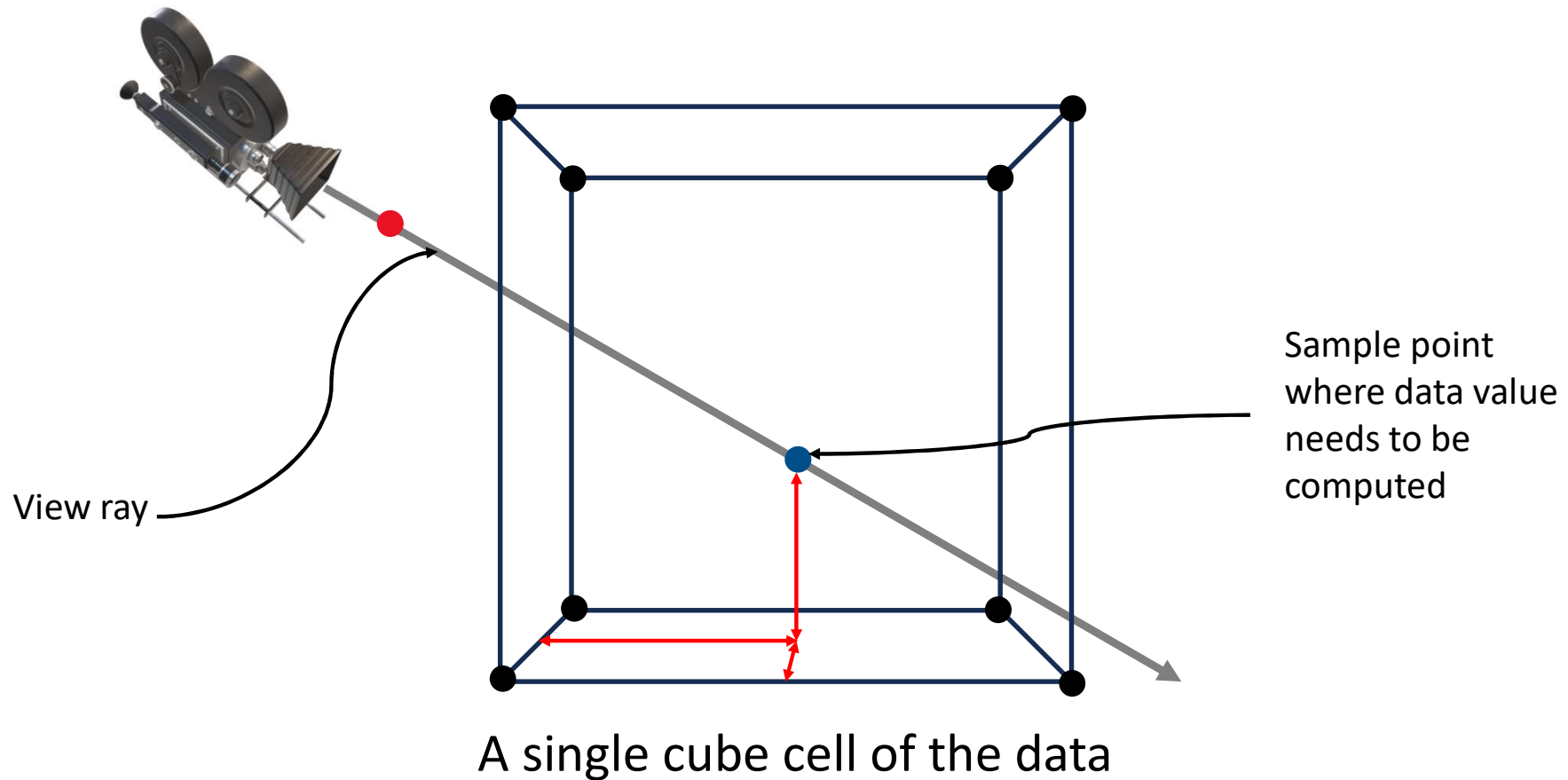


Grid of the data set

A single cube cell of the data



# Sampling via Trilinear Interpolation



# Different Volume Rendering Algorithms

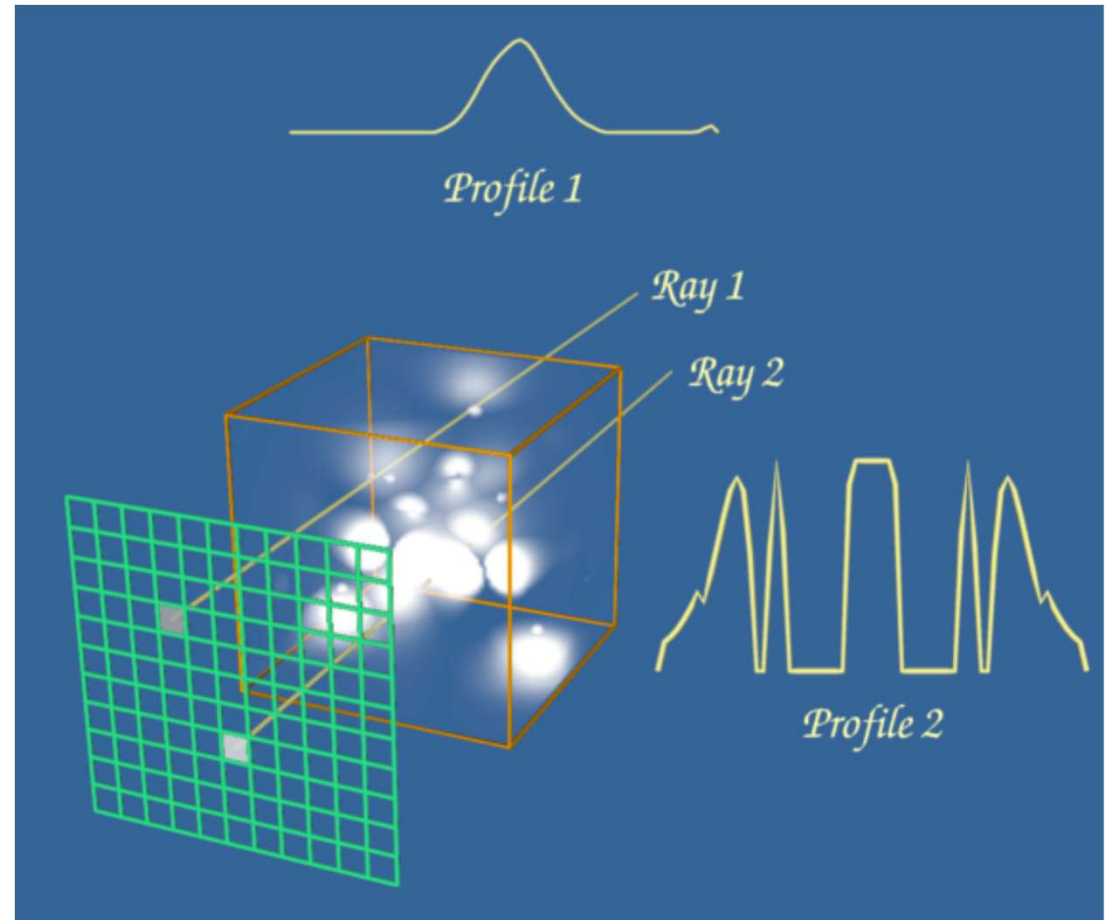
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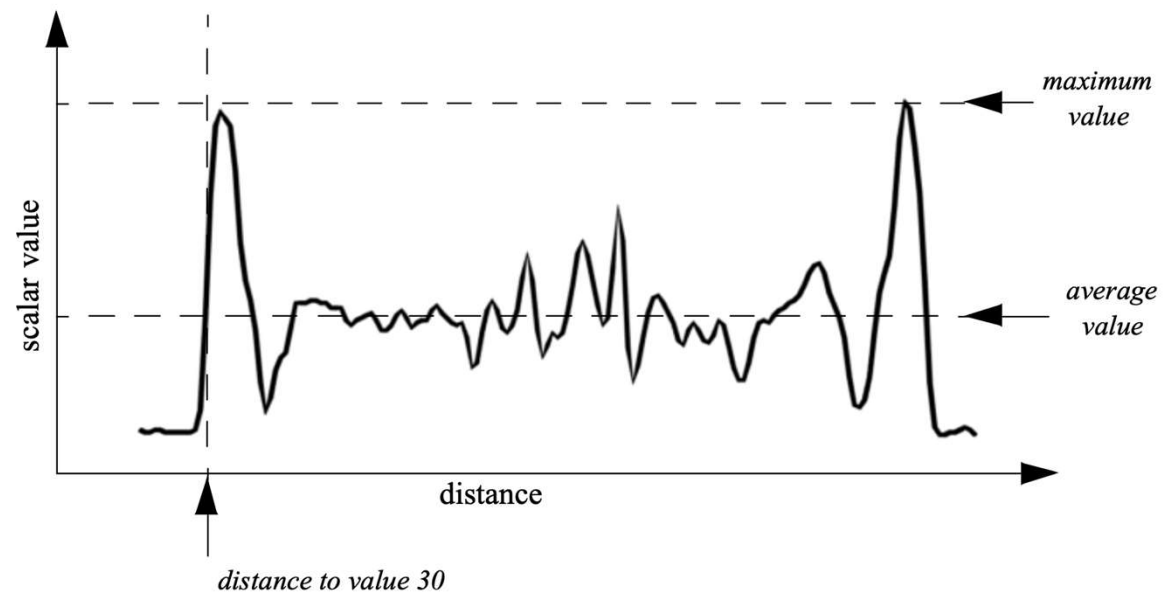
- Typically known as Ray casting methods
- Given an image plane, for each pixel, we compute the color by casting a ray through each pixel to the data
- We evaluate the data along the ray using some pre-specified functions for computing the final pixel color



# Image-Order Volume Rendering Techniques

- How do we accumulate the data values along the ray to produce a final pixel color?

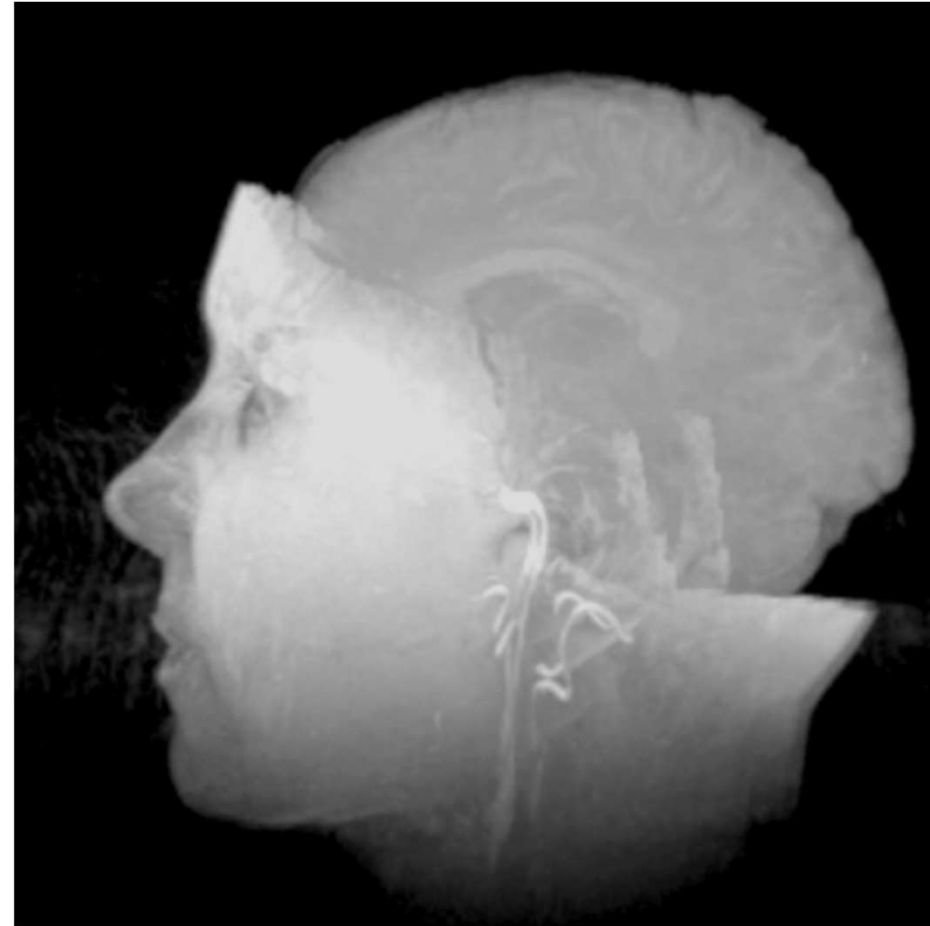
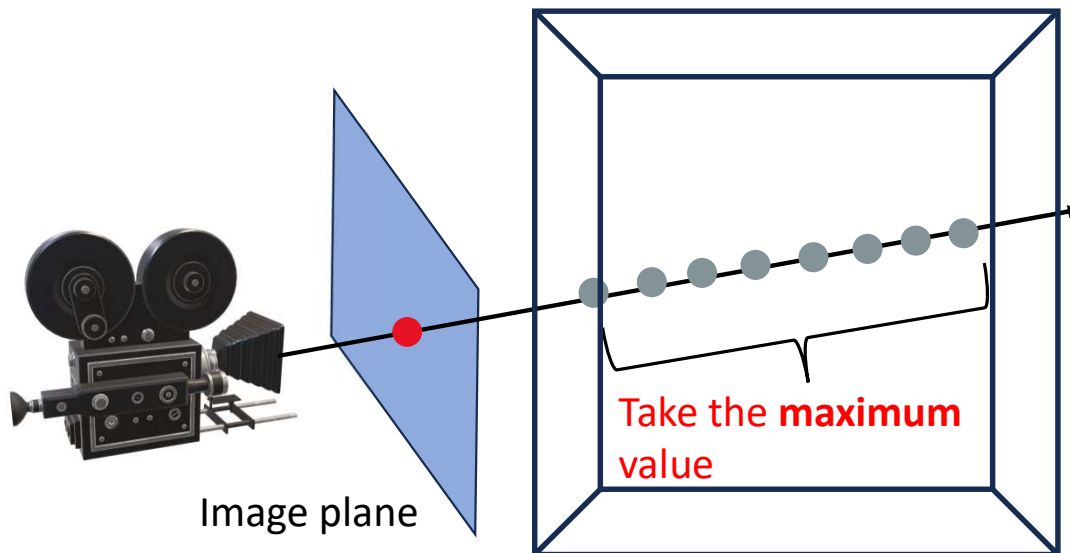
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2. Average Value
3. Distance to a value
4. Composite





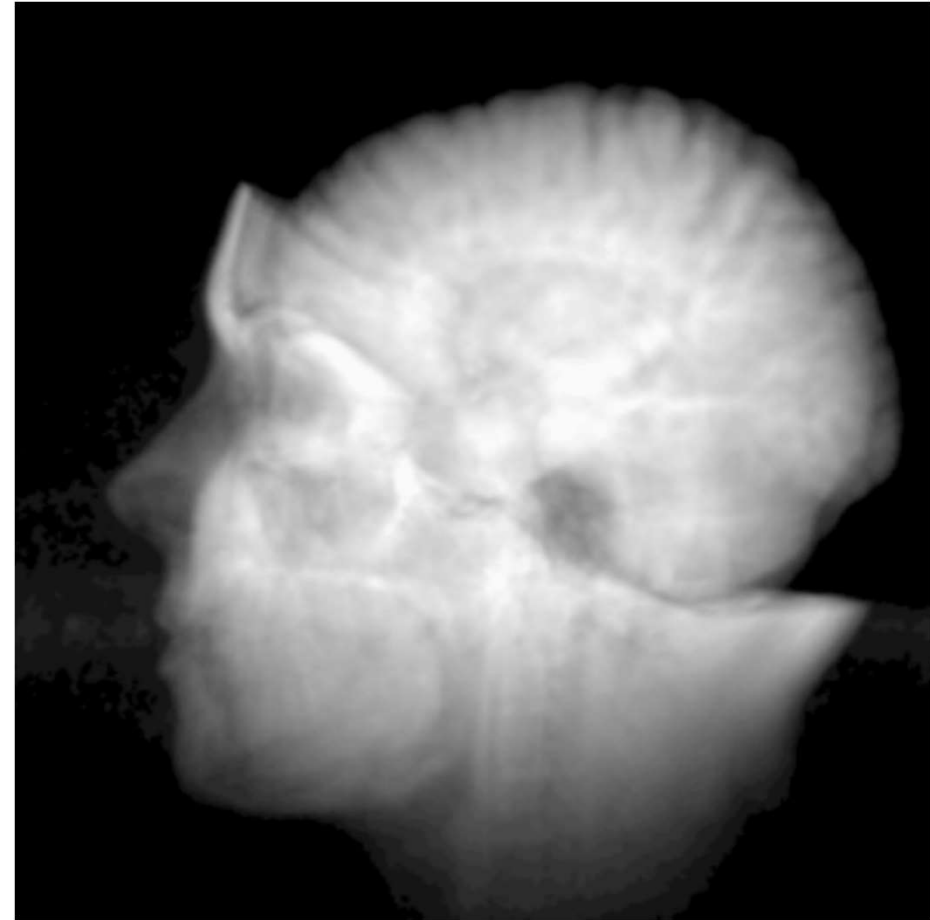
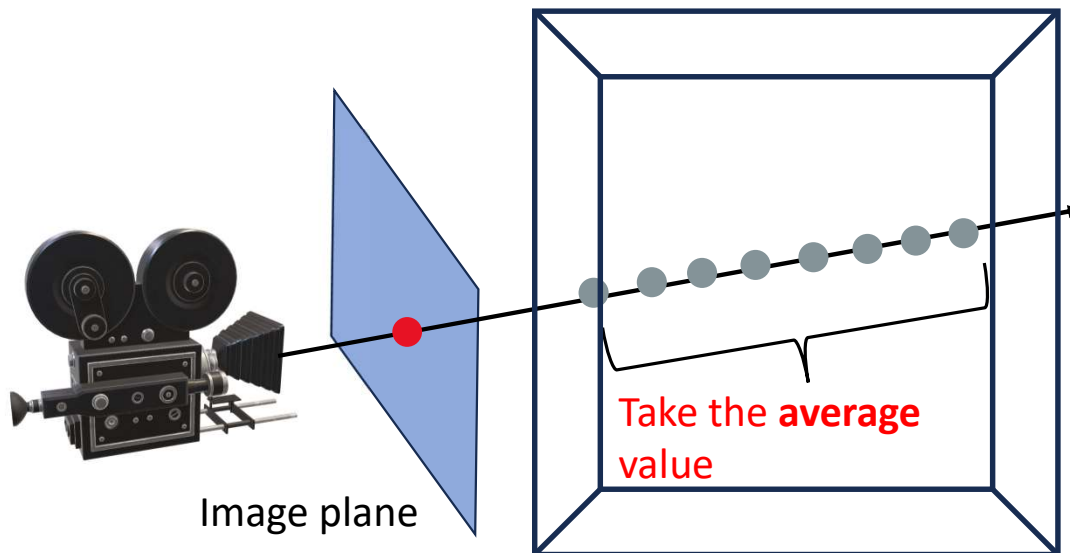
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- Compute the **maximum** intensity (data) value along each casted ray and the map the value to a color using a color scale



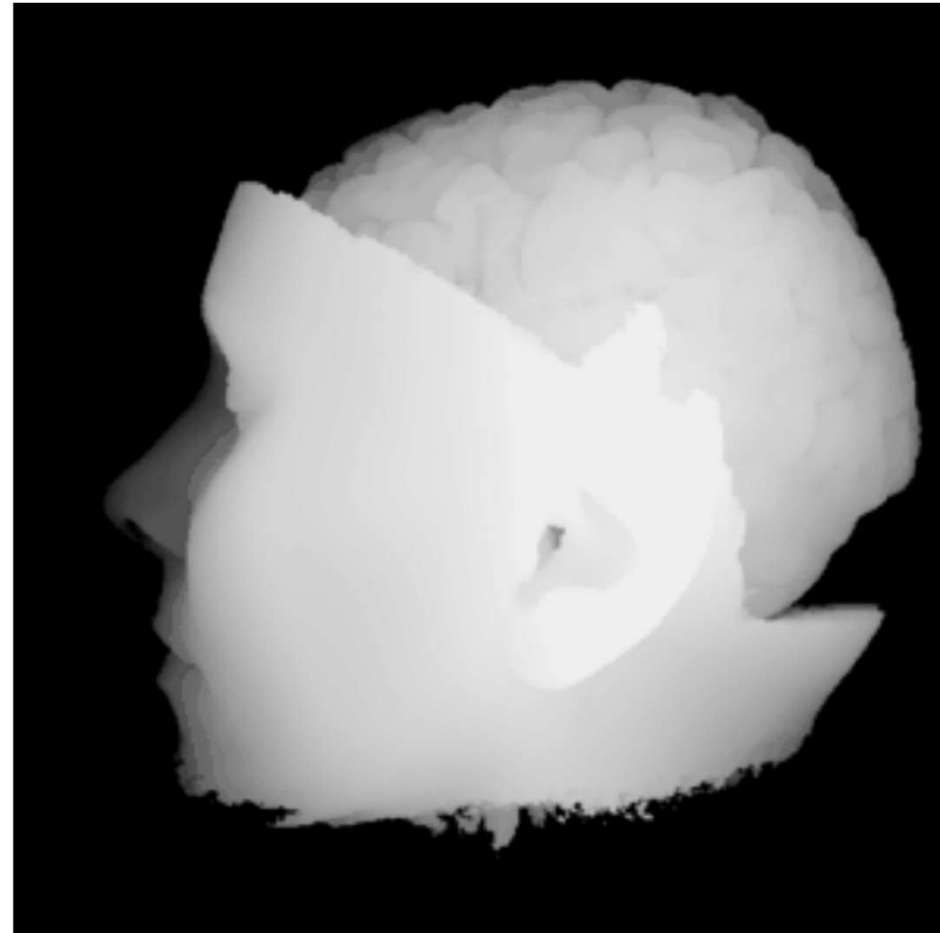
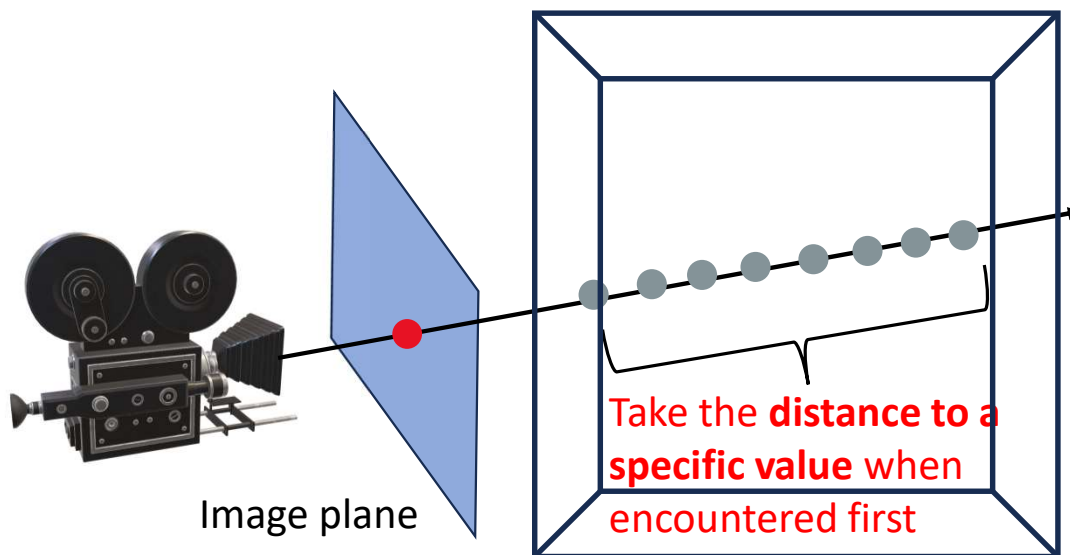
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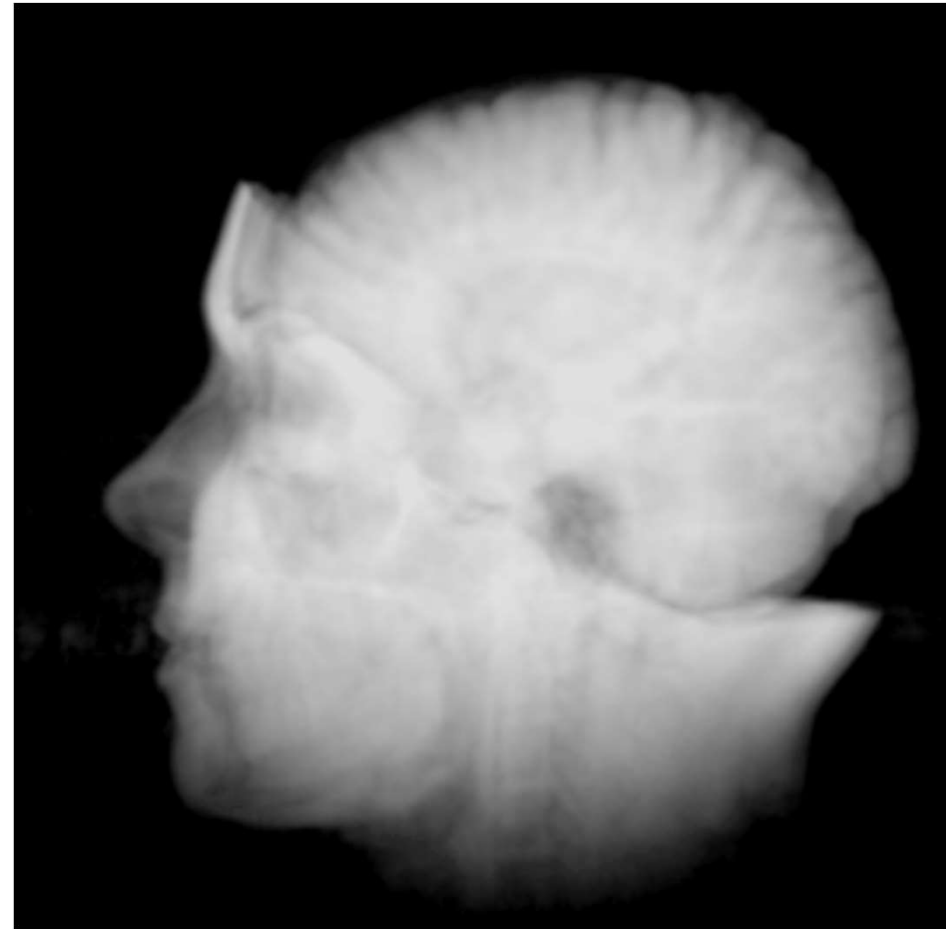
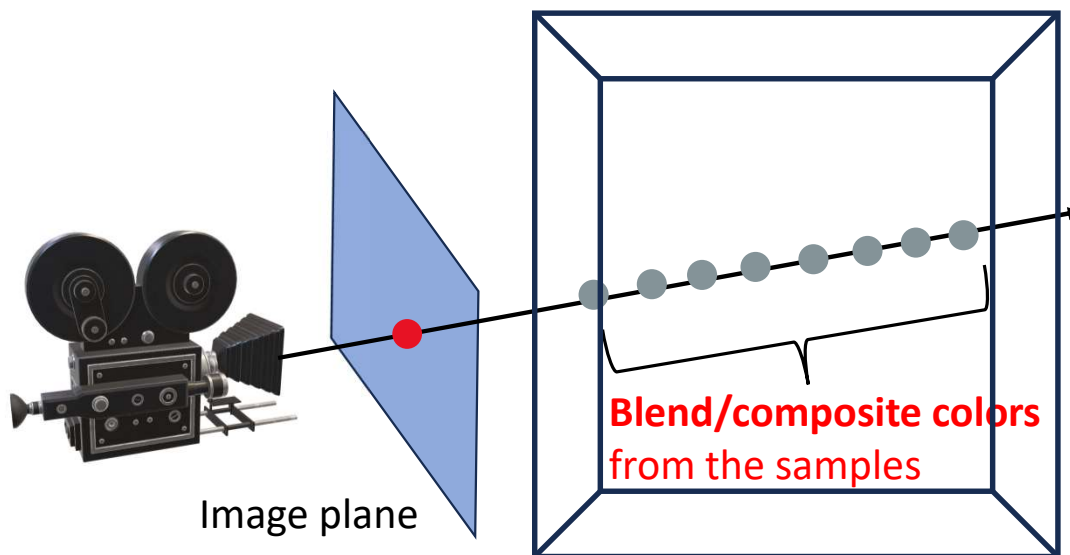
### 3. Distance to a Value Projection

- Distance to value 30 is shown in the rendered image
  - Provides the notion of the depth as to where the data value 30 is encountered

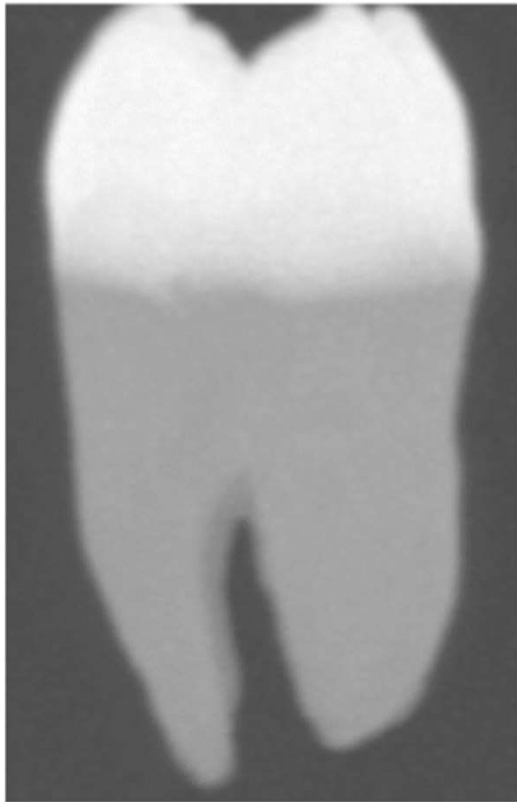


## 4. Composite Values Along the Ray

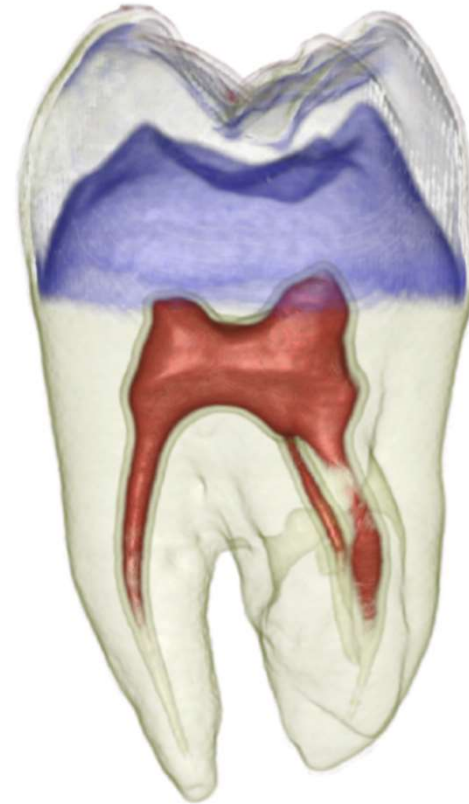
- Use an alpha (opacity) compositing technique to blend the color values obtained from data samples along the ray



# MIP vs Composite-based Volume Rendering



Maximum Intensity Projection

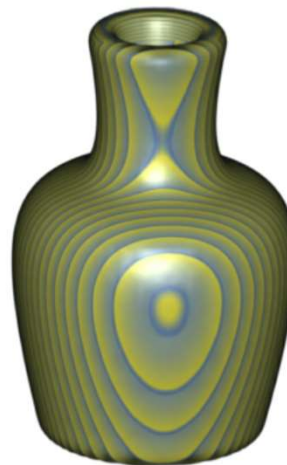
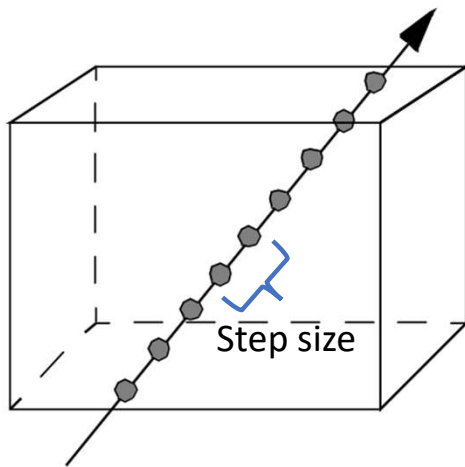


Direct Volume Rendering using Compositing

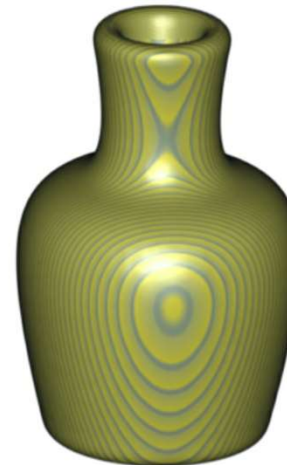


# Effect of Step Size During Ray Traversal

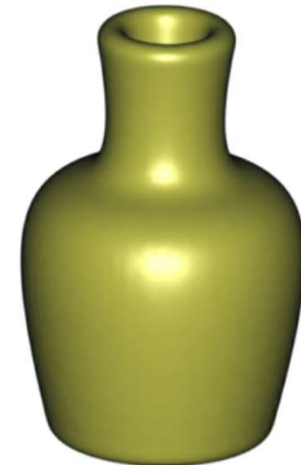
- The quality of the image produced from the data depends on the step size when each ray is traversed through the data
  - Large hop/step size causes artifacts in the final image
  - Smaller step size makes image more accurate but also computationally more expensive



Step size = 2.0



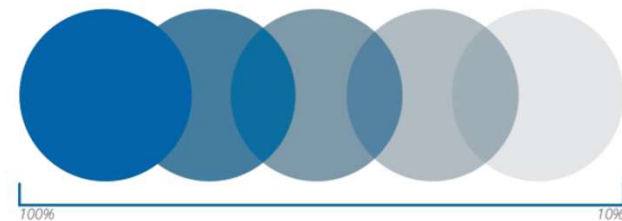
Step size = 1.0



Step size = 0.1

# Transparency and Opacity

- Other than RGB color values, there is one more channel – **opacity (A)**
  - Compute RGBA color components
  - Opacity (A) = 1 – transparency (T)
  - Range [0.0 ... 1.0]

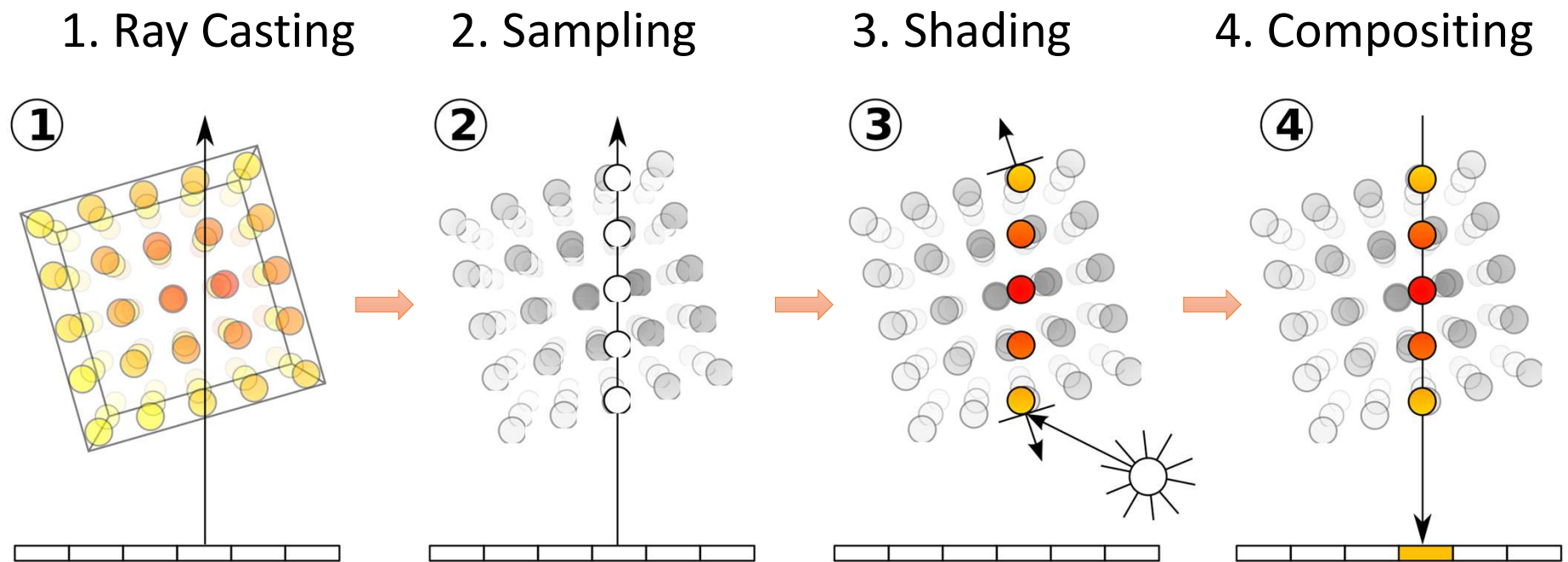


- Opacity (A) multiplied by RGB color creates a weighting effect



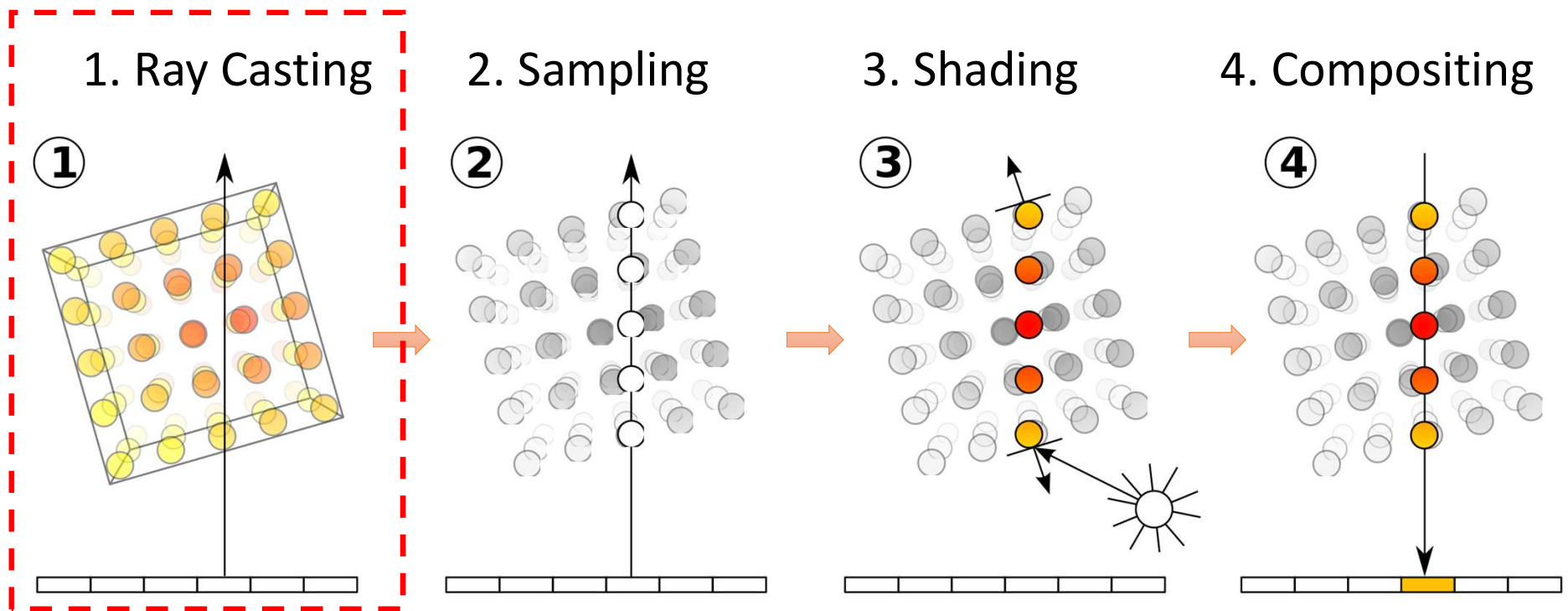
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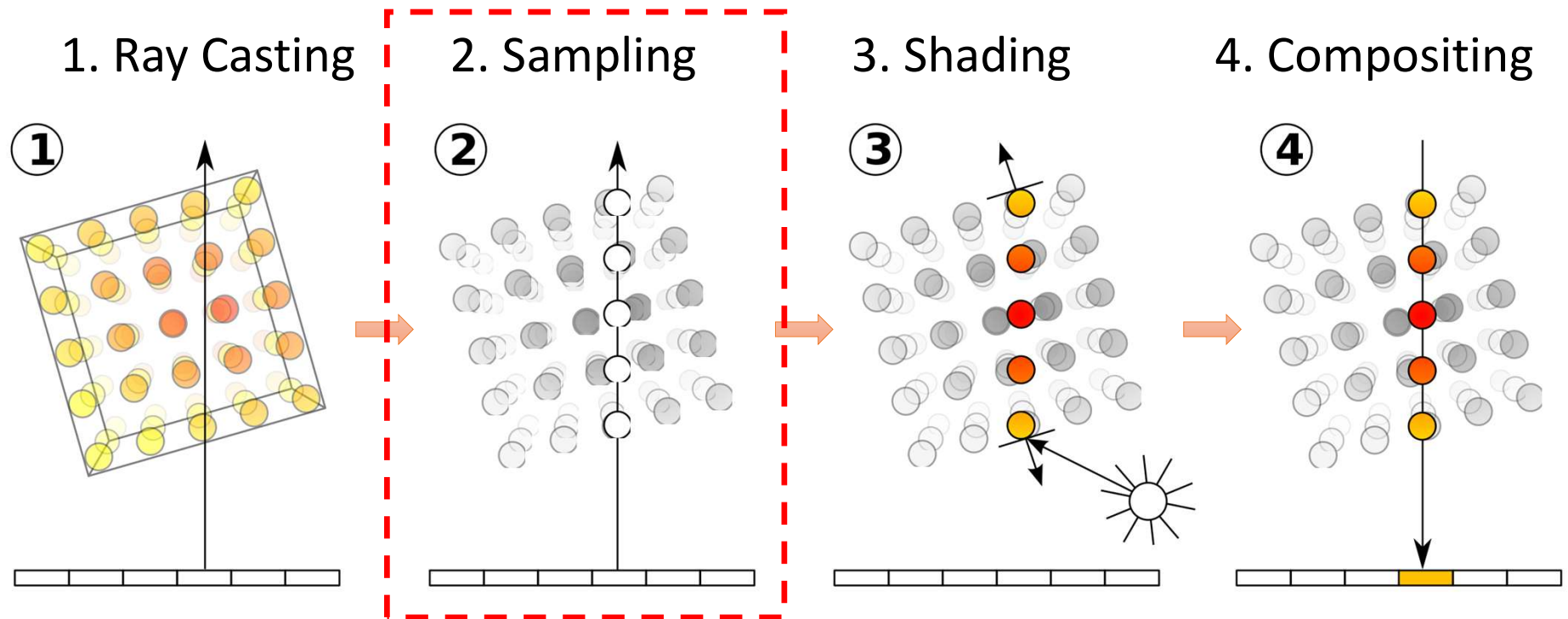
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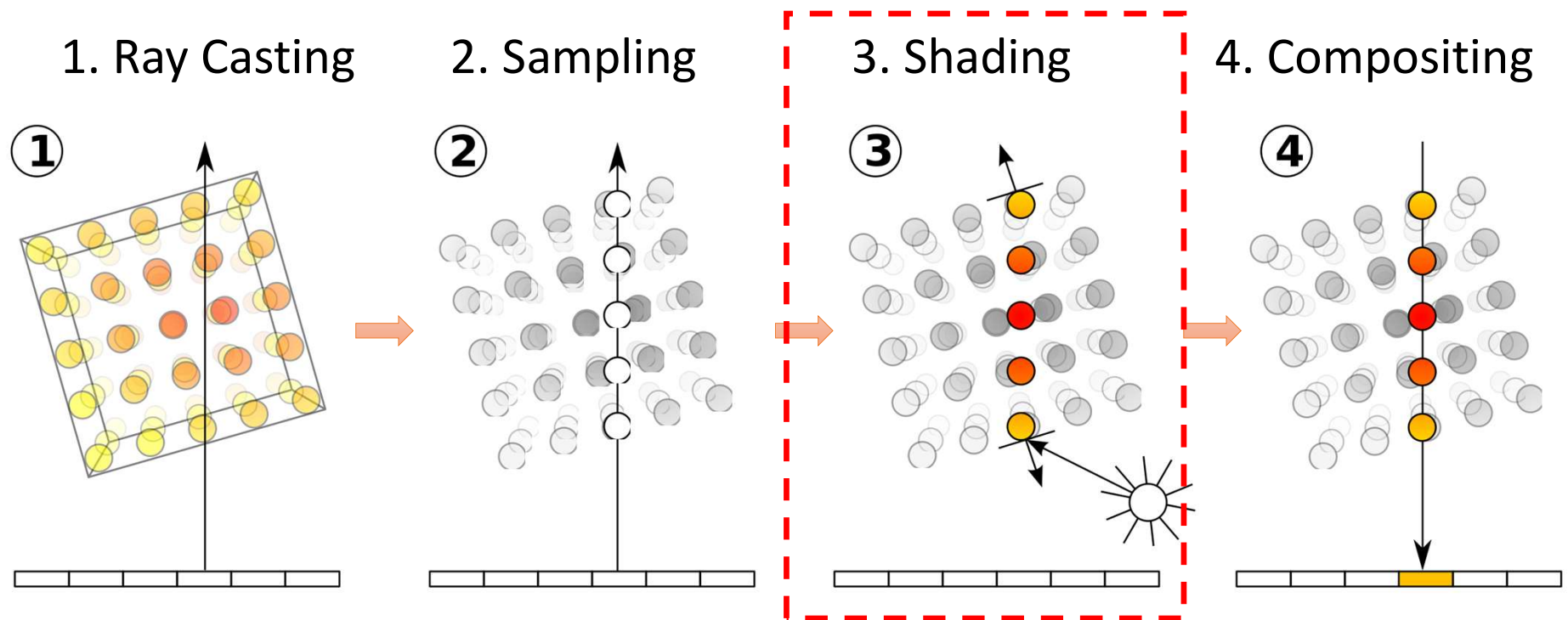
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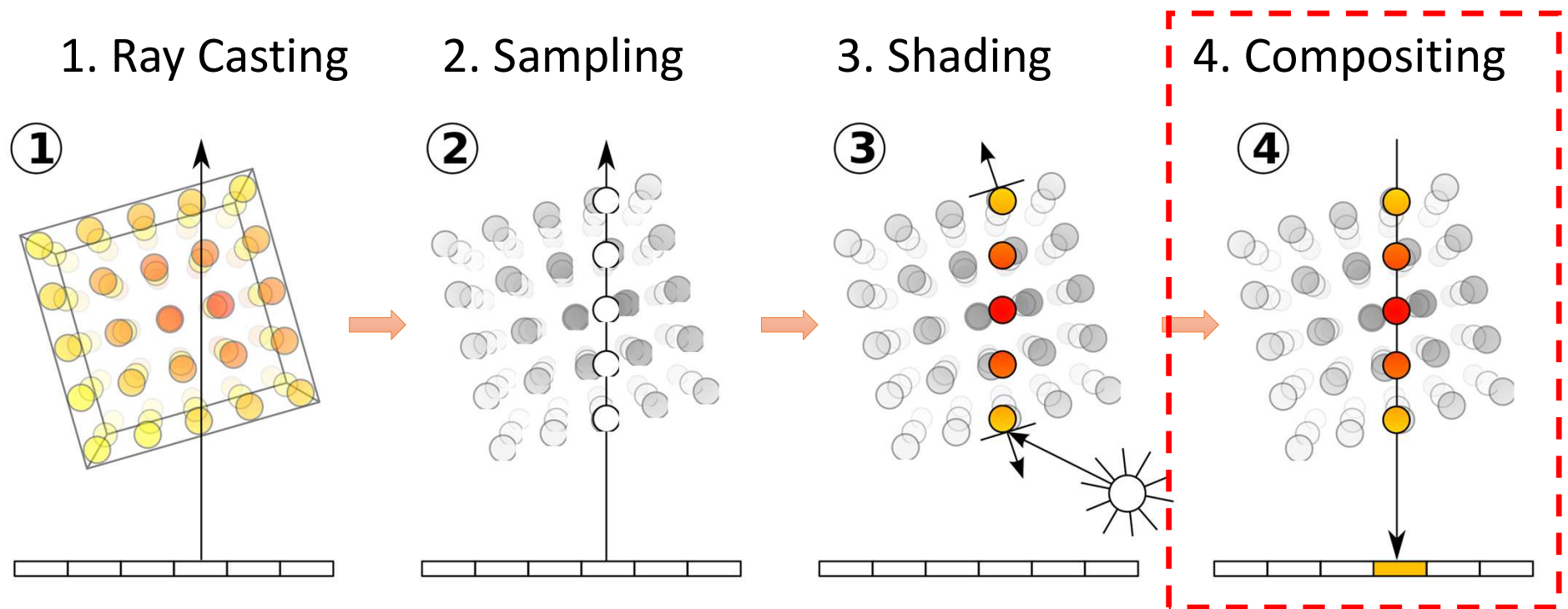
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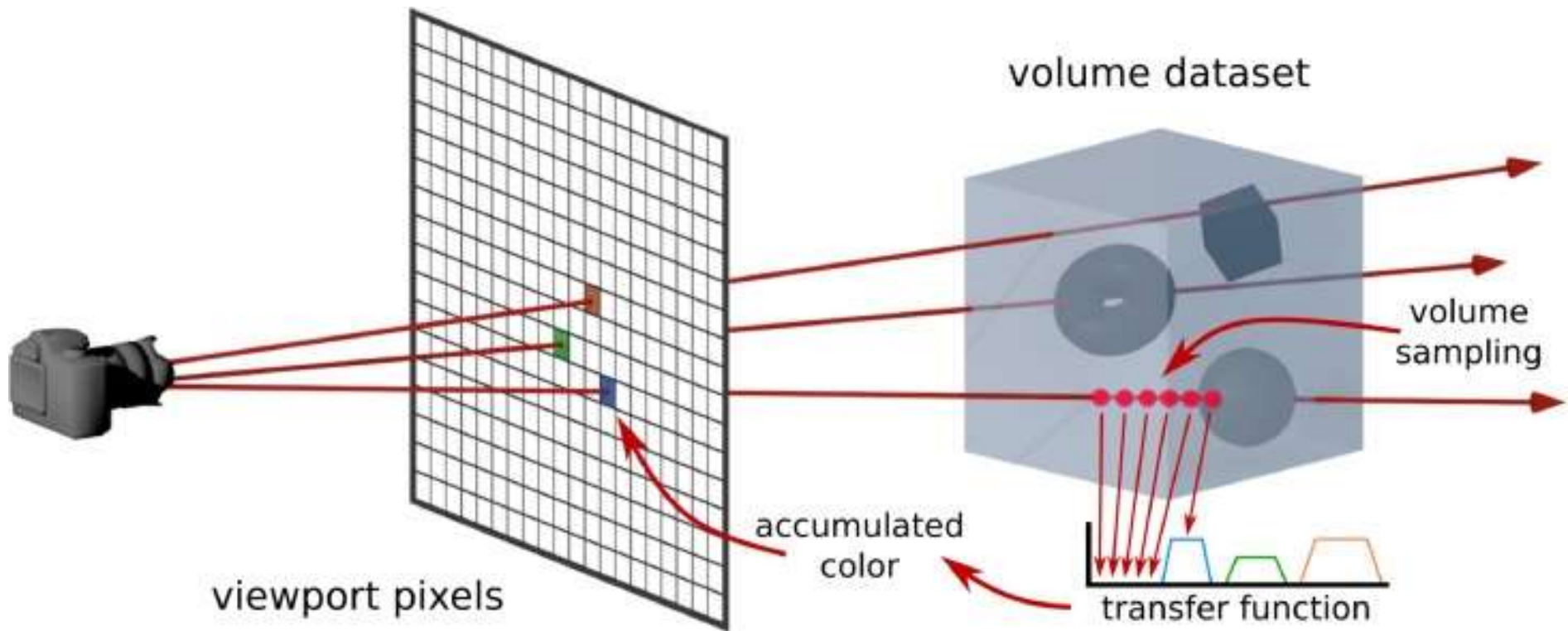
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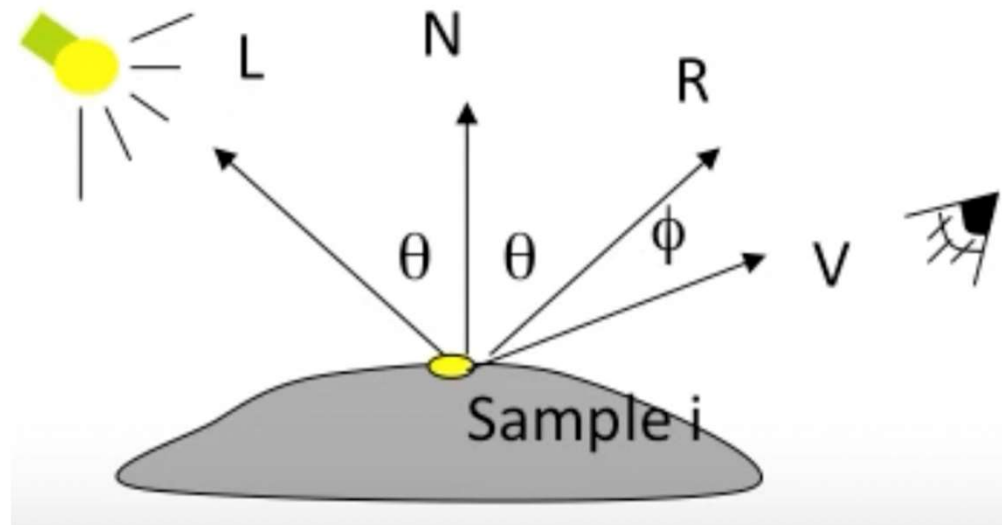
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# Shading: Phong Illumination Model

- Shading is the process of computing final color for each pixel considering its color, opacity, location of the viewer, distance and direction of the light, etc.
- Phong Illumination = ambient + diffuse + specular

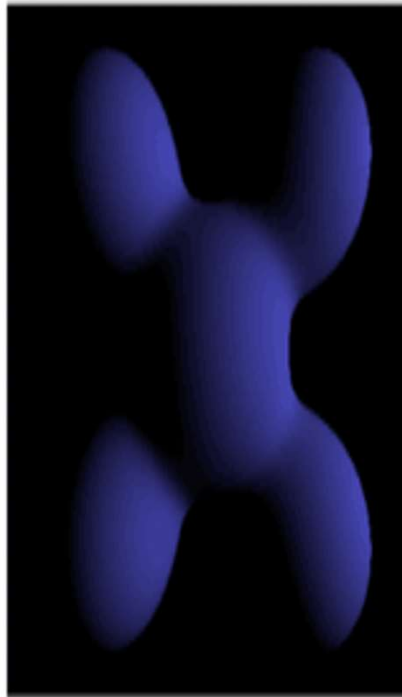


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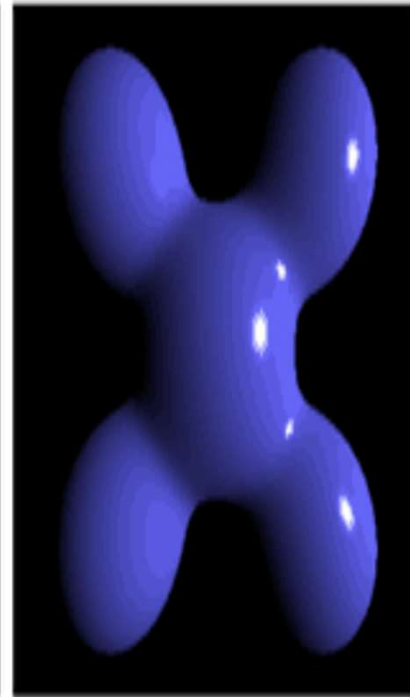
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Diffuse



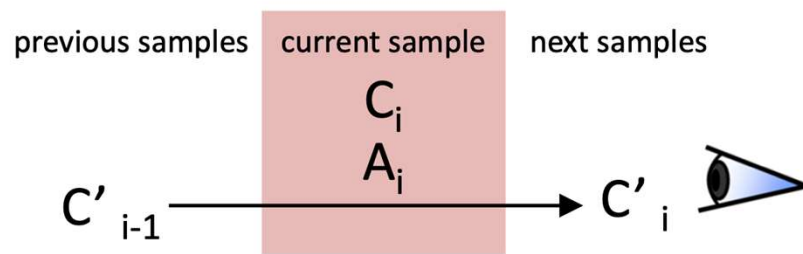
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Ambient +  
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# Opacity and Color Blending: Compositing

## Back-to-front rendering



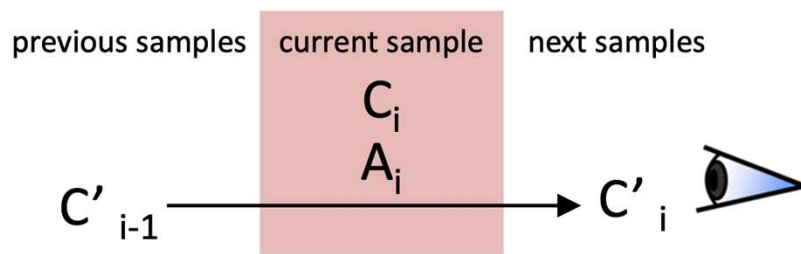
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C: Color

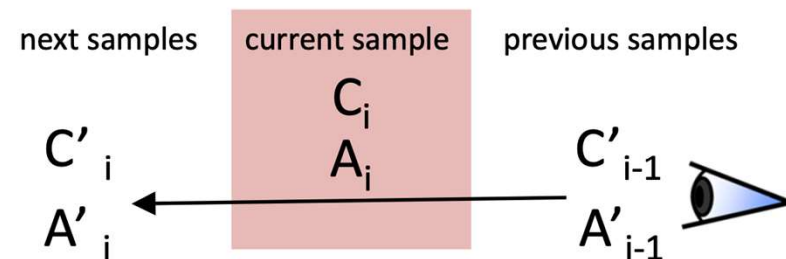
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## Front-to-back rendering



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

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

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