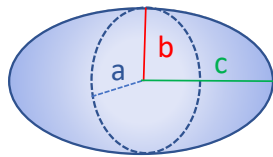


# How volumes of different 3D shapes translate to their cross sectional area

– a (simplified) calculation exercise

spheroid



$$CA_{\text{spheroid}} = \pi bc$$

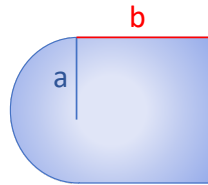
$$V_{\text{spheroid}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi abc$$

let's consider a spheroid where  
 $b = a$  and  $c = 1.5a$

$$CA_{\text{spheroid}} = 1.5\pi a^2$$

$$V_{\text{spheroid}} = 2\pi a^3$$

bullet\*



$$CA_{\text{bullet}} = \frac{1}{2}\pi a^2 + b^2$$

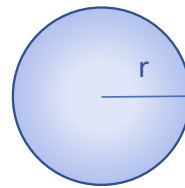
$$V_{\text{bullet}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 + \pi a^2 b$$

let's consider an example where  
 $b = 2a$

$$CA_{\text{bullet}} = \frac{1}{2}\pi a^2 + 4a^2$$

$$V_{\text{bullet}} = \frac{8}{3}\pi a^3$$

sphere



$$CA_{\text{sphere}} = \pi r^2$$

$$V_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

Let's consider an example:

For constant  $V = 1200 \mu\text{m}^3$

$$CA_{\text{spheroid}} = 156.28 \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$CA_{\text{bullet}} = 152.51 \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$CA_{\text{sphere}} = 136.52 \mu\text{m}^2$$

Constant volume :

$$CA_{\text{spheroid}} > CA_{\text{bullet}} > CA_{\text{sphere}}$$

For constant  $CA = 150 \mu\text{m}^2$

$$V_{\text{sphere}} = 1382.0 \mu\text{m}^3$$

$$V_{\text{bullet}} = 1170.5 \mu\text{m}^3$$

$$V_{\text{spheroid}} = 1128.4 \mu\text{m}^3$$

Constant area:

$$V_{\text{sphere}} > V_{\text{bullet}} > V_{\text{spheroid}}$$

\*for simplicity I consider bullet as a sum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  sphere and a cylinder