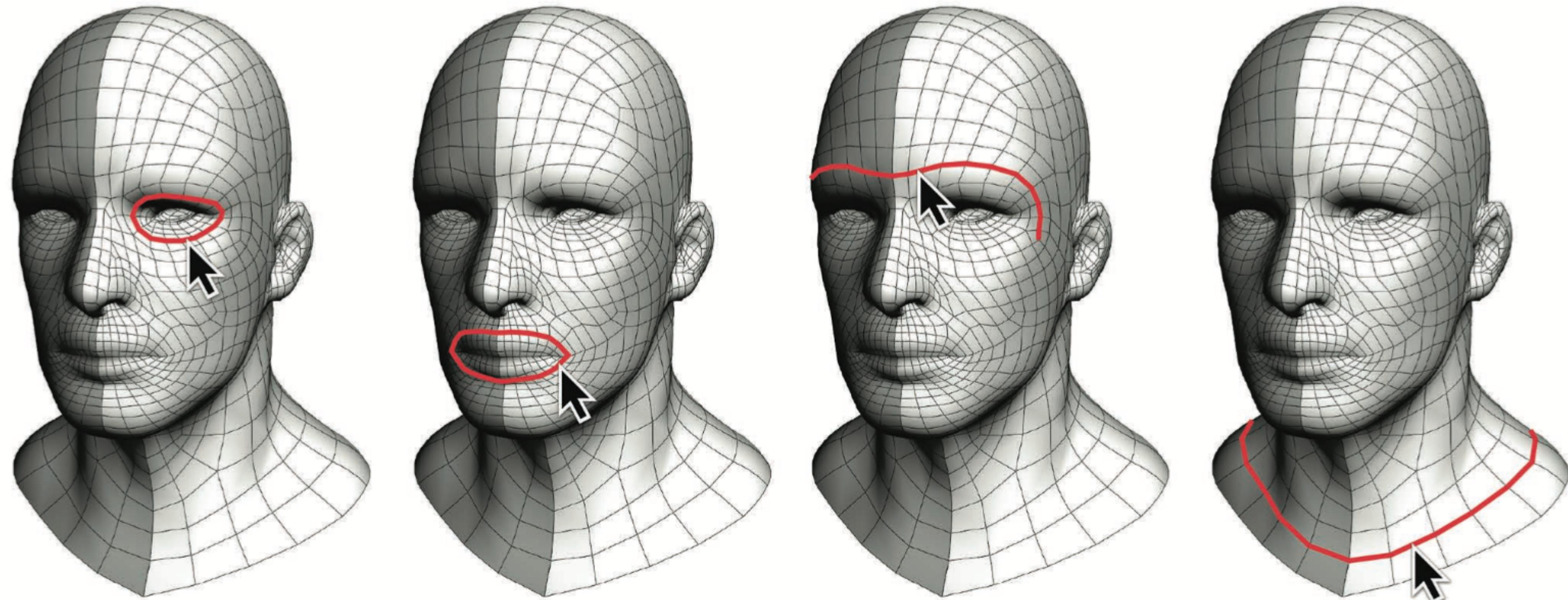


# Introduction to Computer Graphics

# What is Computer Graphics?

- In a broad sense is the use of a computer to create and manipulate images
  - It involves a combination of hardware (input, processing, output) and software
  - It can be 2D or 3D
  - It is used in most electronic devices

# Graphic Areas



## Modeling

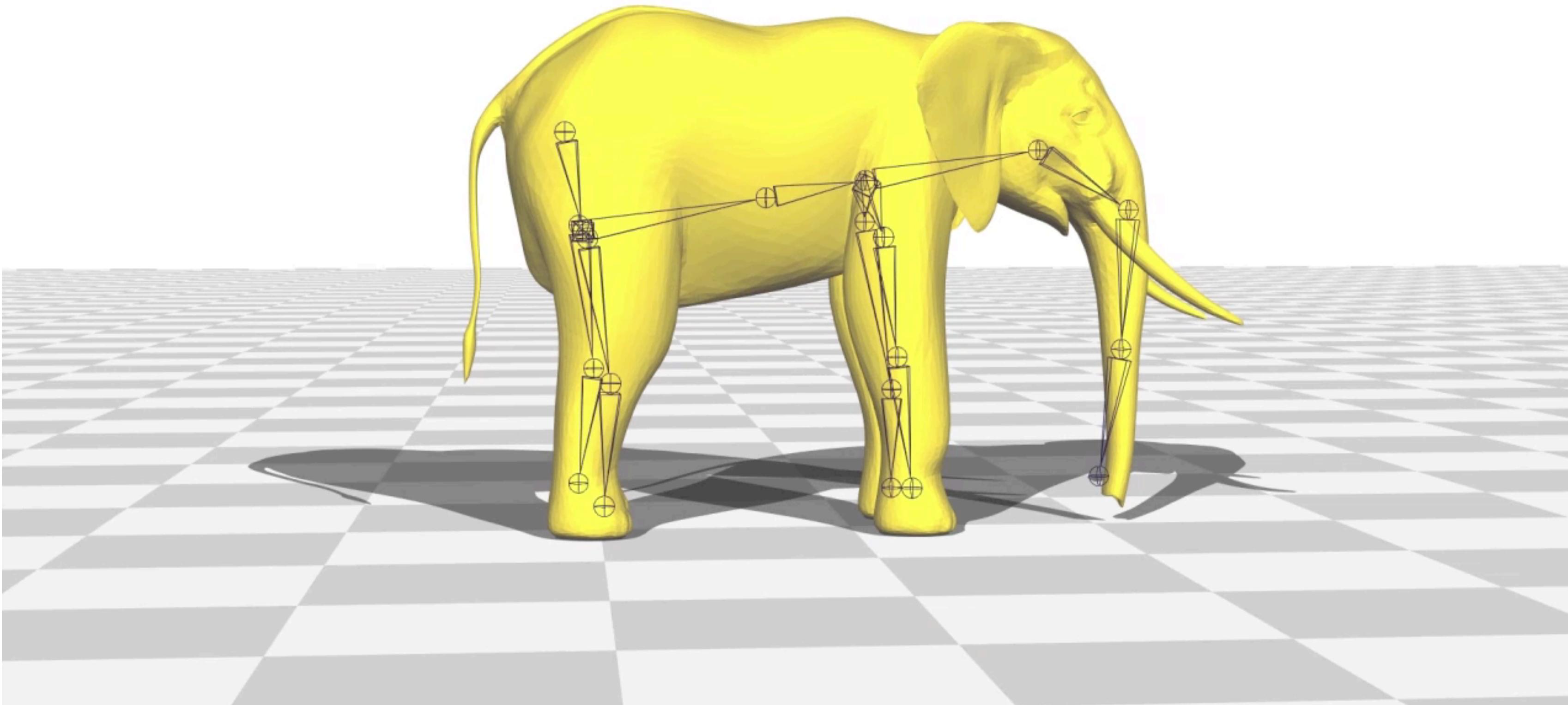
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# Graphic Areas



## Rendering

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## Animation

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## User Interaction

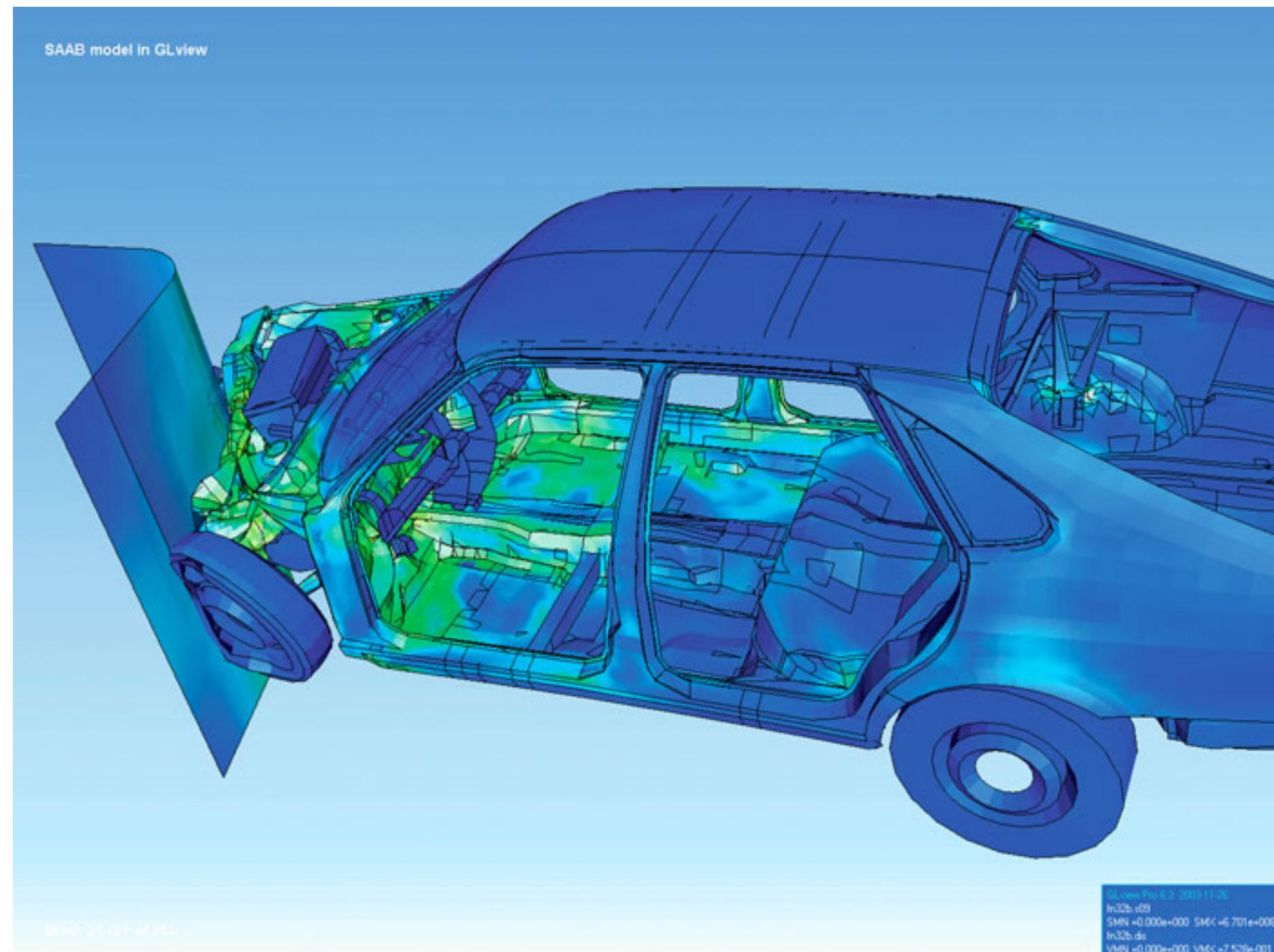
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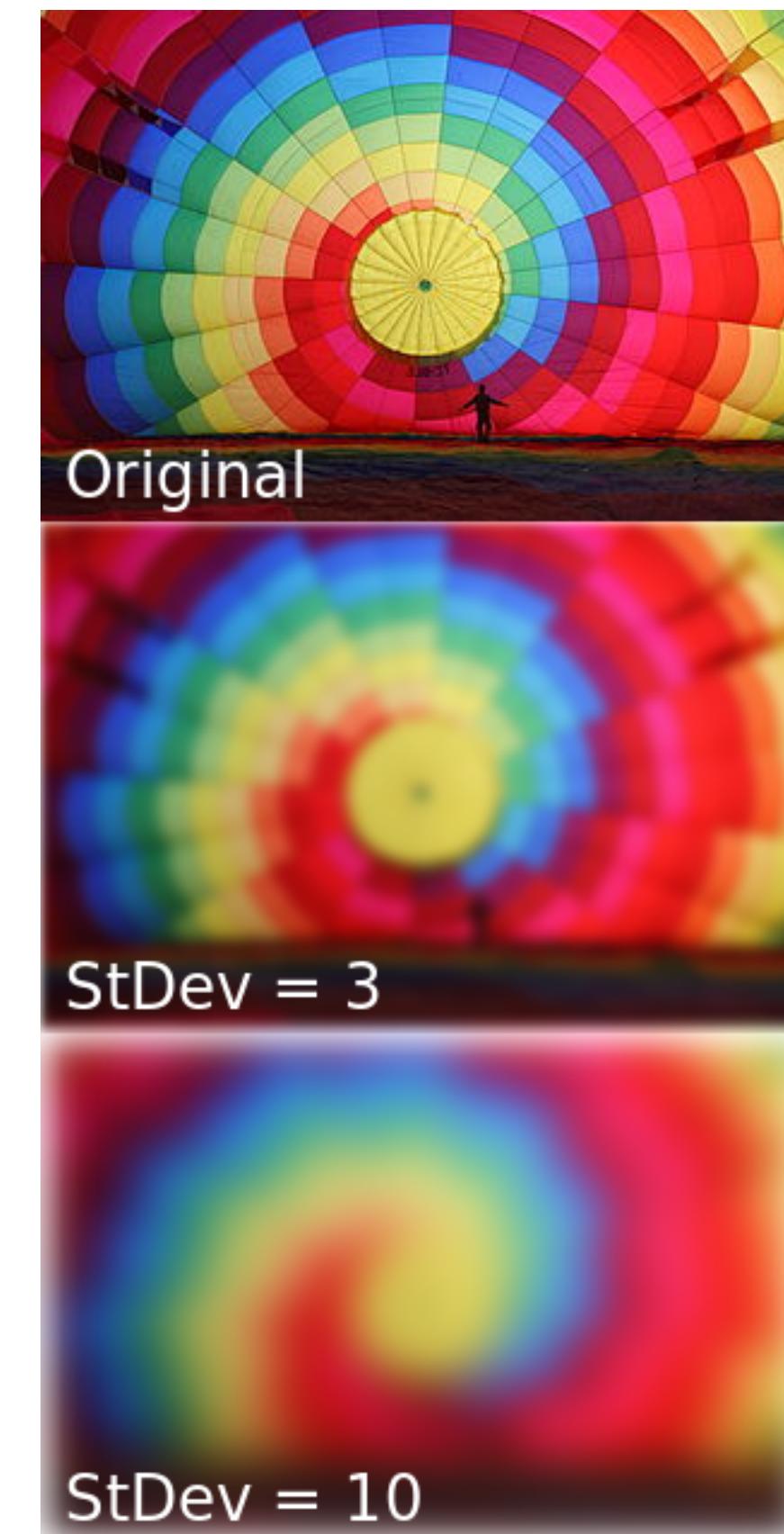
## Virtual Reality

# Graphic Areas



## Visualization

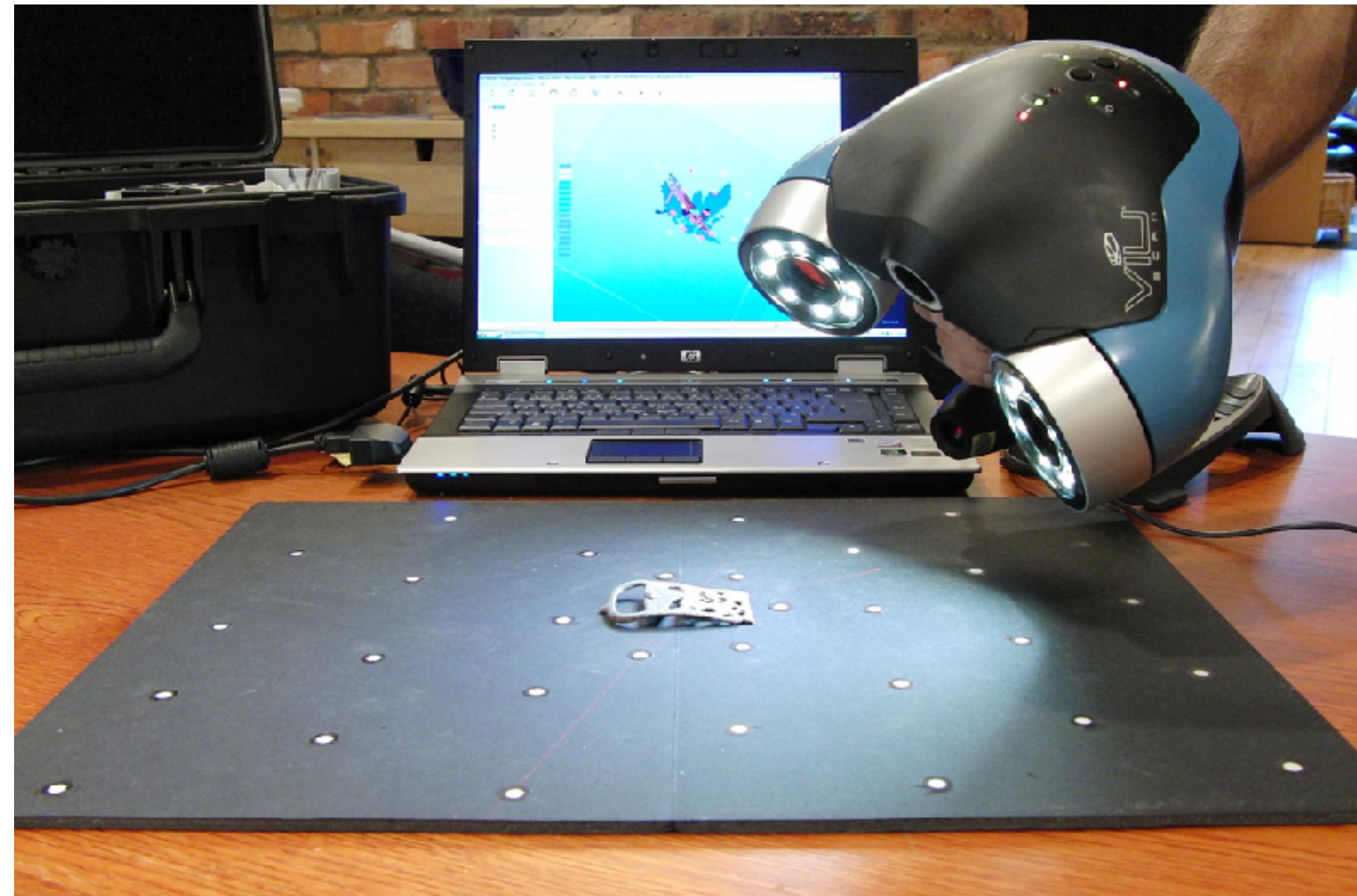
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## Image Processing

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## Geometry Acquisition



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# Applications

## Video Games



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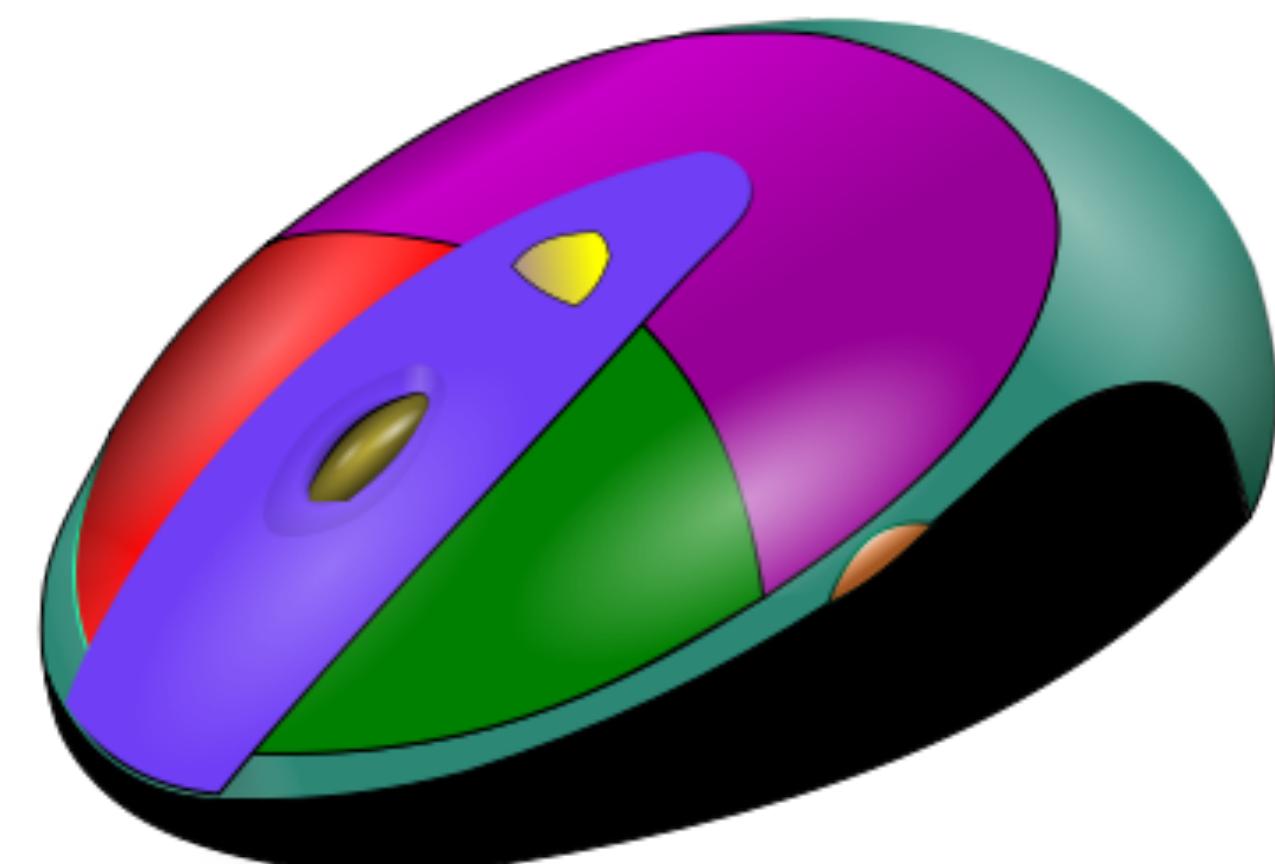
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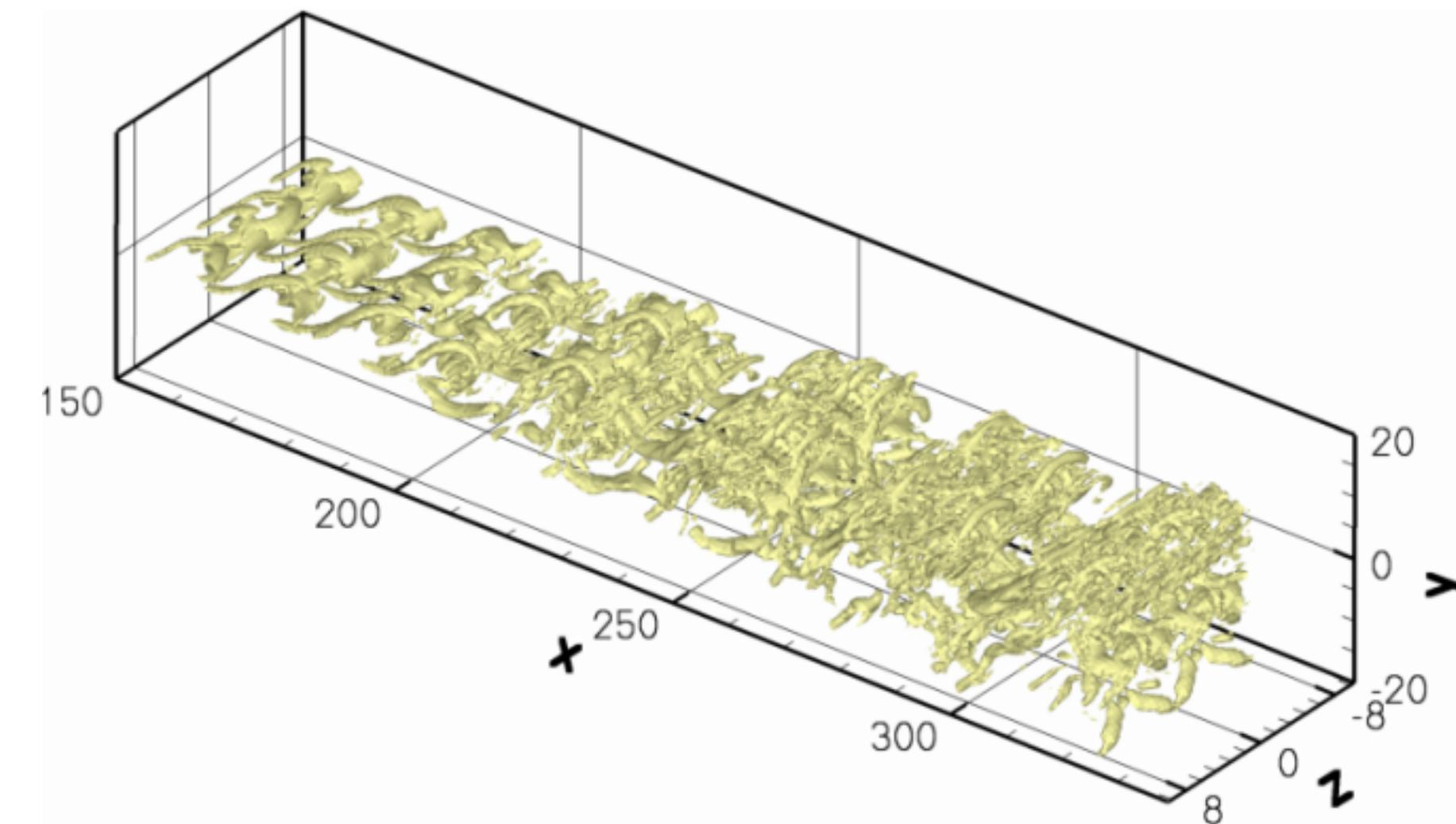
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# Applications

CAD/CAM



Simulation



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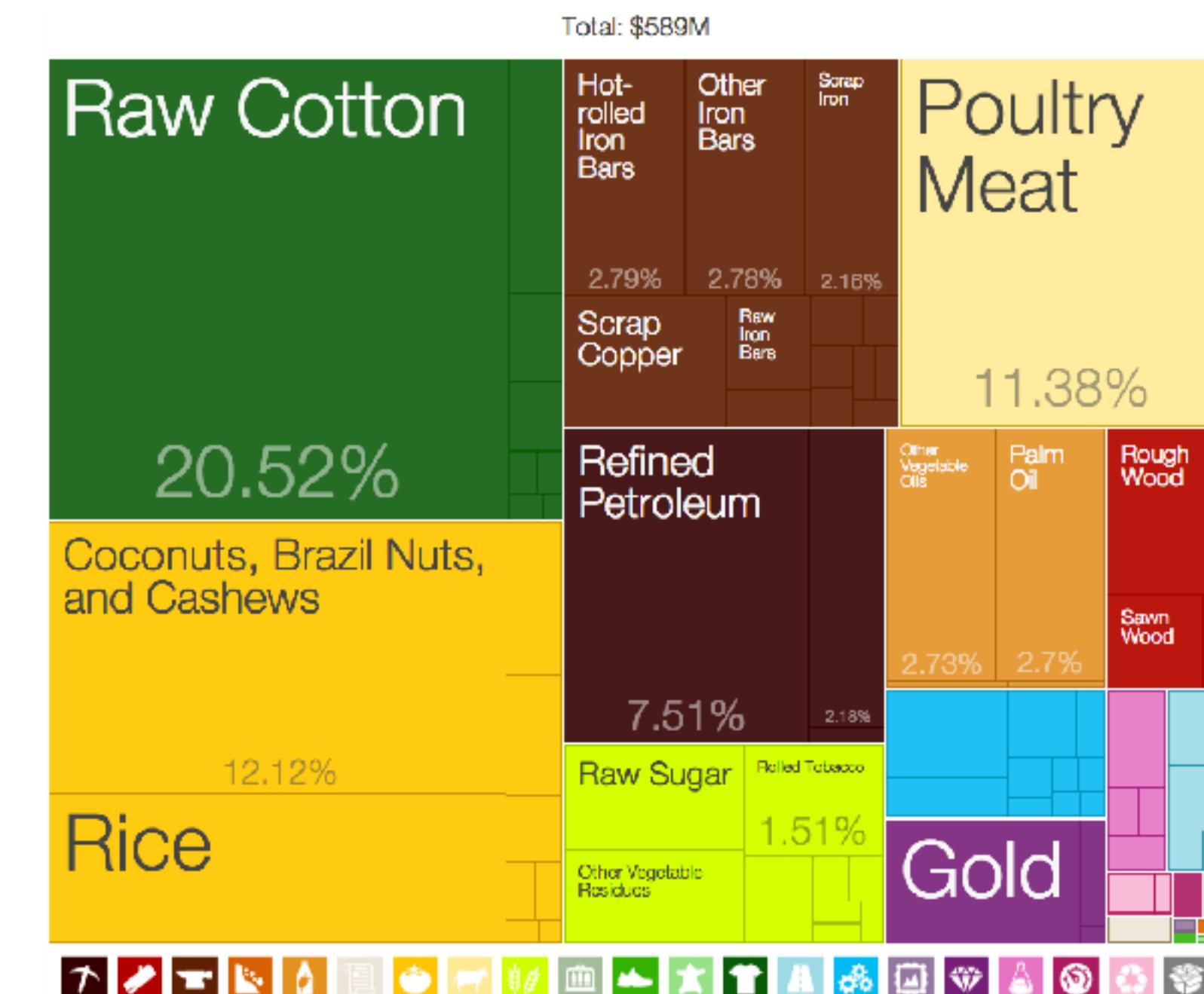
# Applications

## Medical Imaging



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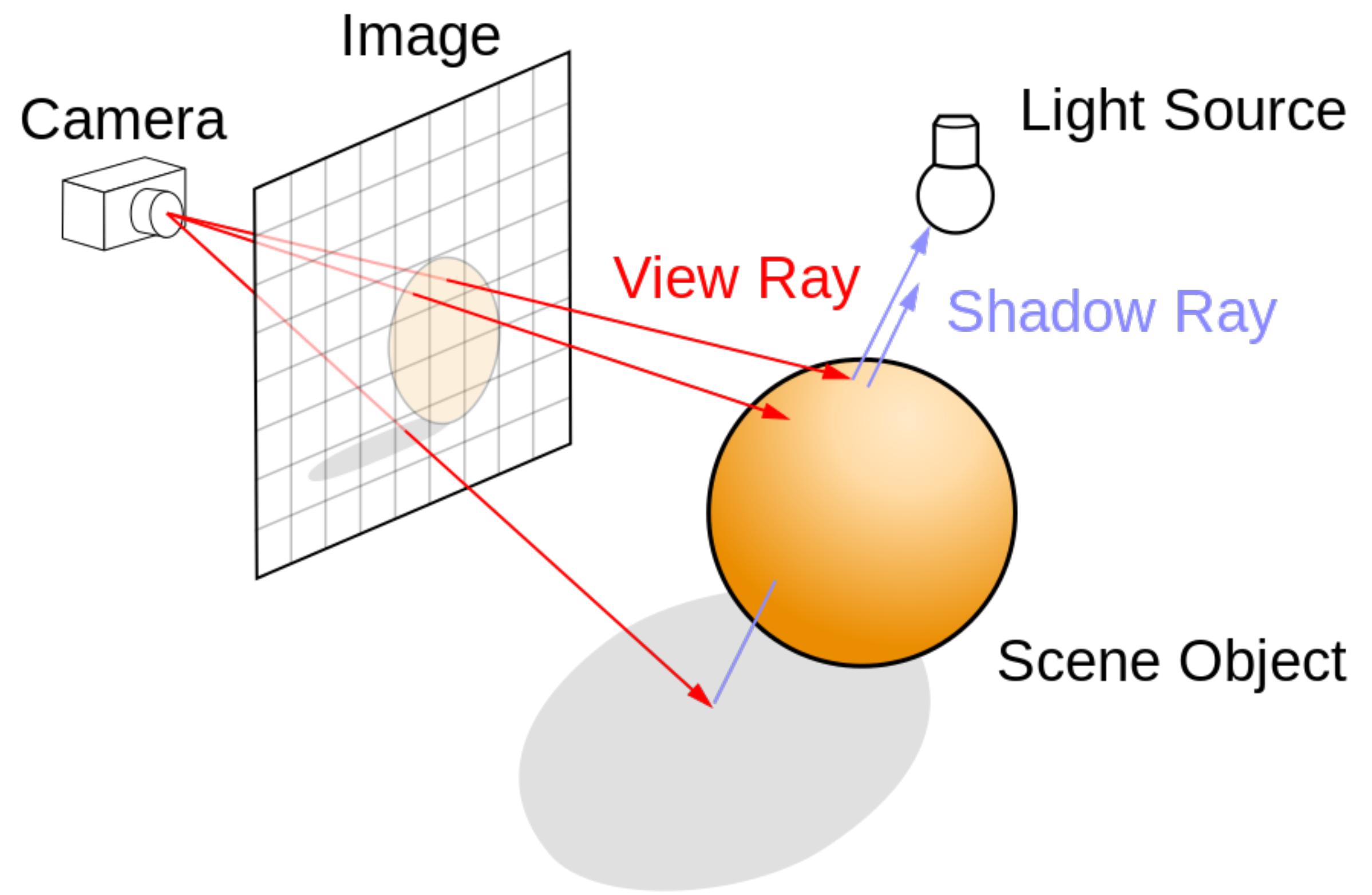
## Information Visualization



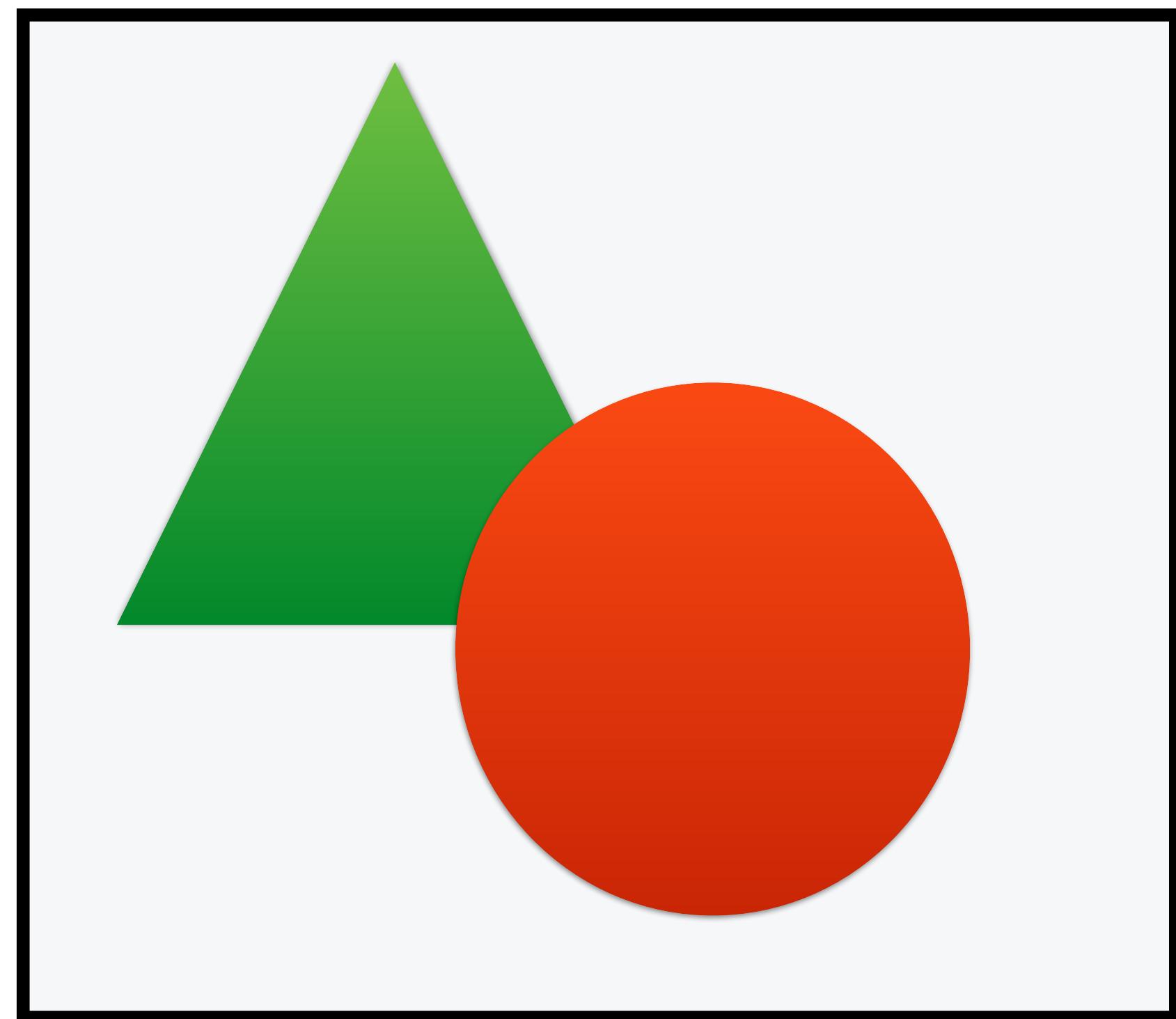
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# Two major approaches

## Per-pixel - "Raytracing"

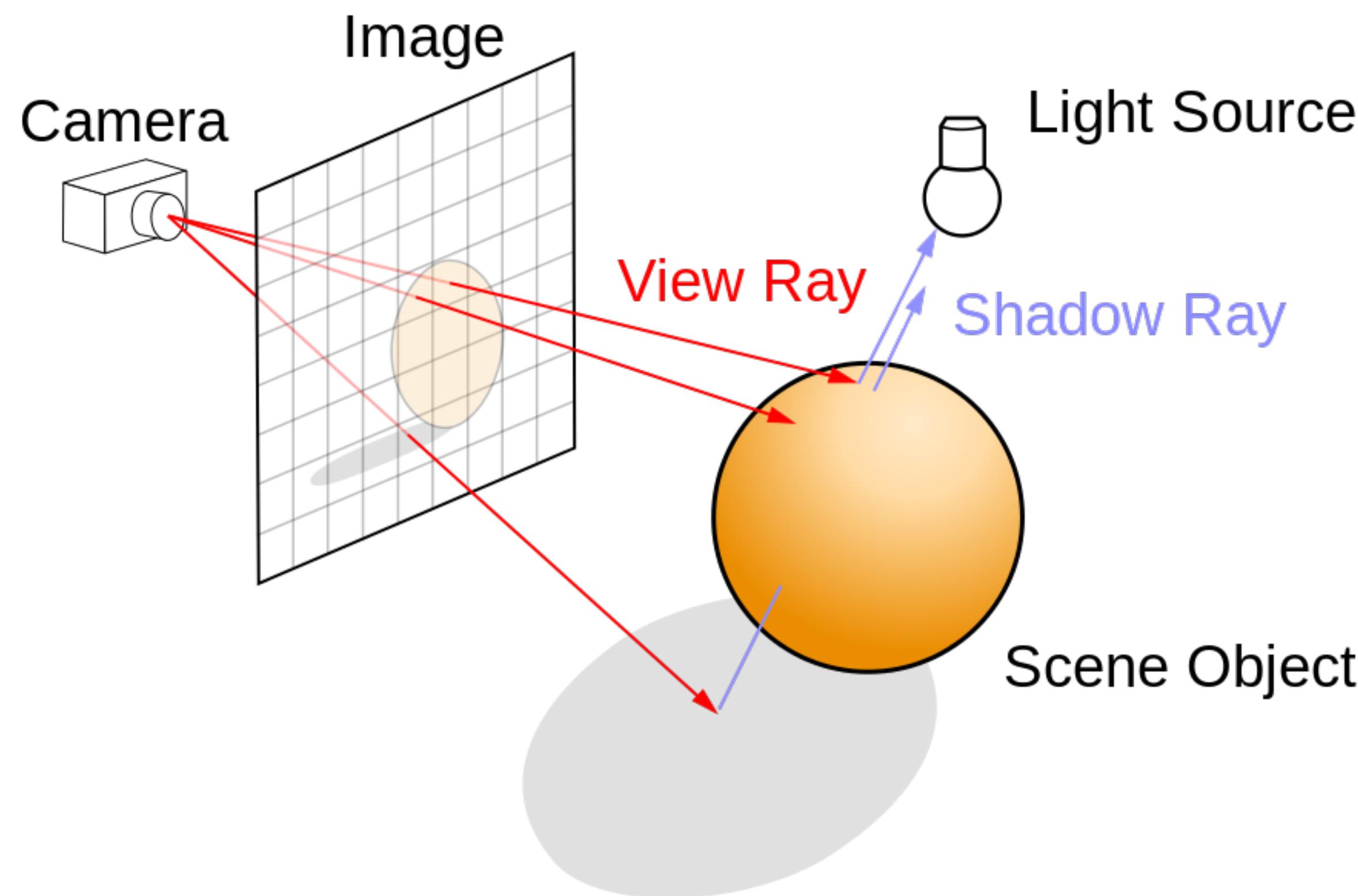


## Per-object - "Rasterization"



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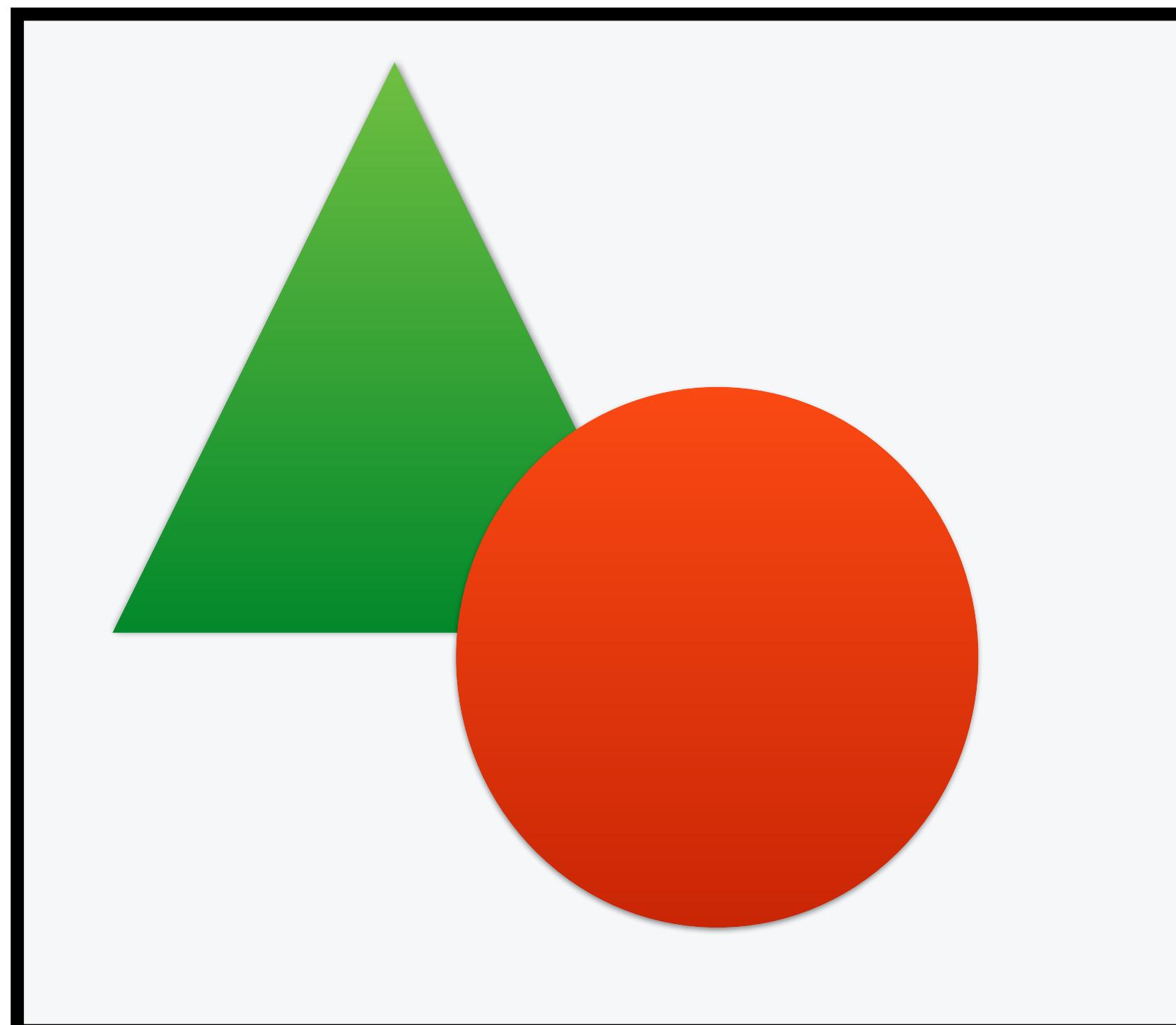
# Per-pixel



- Easy to parallelize but hard to map to hardware
- Expensive!
- It can be extended to model many physical phenomena such as internal scattering, diffraction, reflections, etc.
- Used to obtain high quality images

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# Per-object



- Easy to map to hardware
- While it cannot model directly complex effects, we can approximate them
- Used in interactive applications (mostly)

# Course Goals

- Study the fundamental mathematical concepts used in image synthesis algorithms
- Implement a rendering system based on ray tracing
- Implement a rendering system based on object-order rendering (rasterization)

# Prerequisites

- Linear Algebra
- We will quickly review the concepts that you need, if you are not familiar with basis, points, vectors, matrices and linear systems, please review it on the textbook (Chapter 2, 5)
- C++
  - We will review the basic concepts of C++, comparing them with Java. Keep this reference at hand <http://www.cppreference.com>
  - Why C++?



# Organization

- Communication through the course repository/website
- Brightspace
- Weekly lecture
- Microsoft Teams

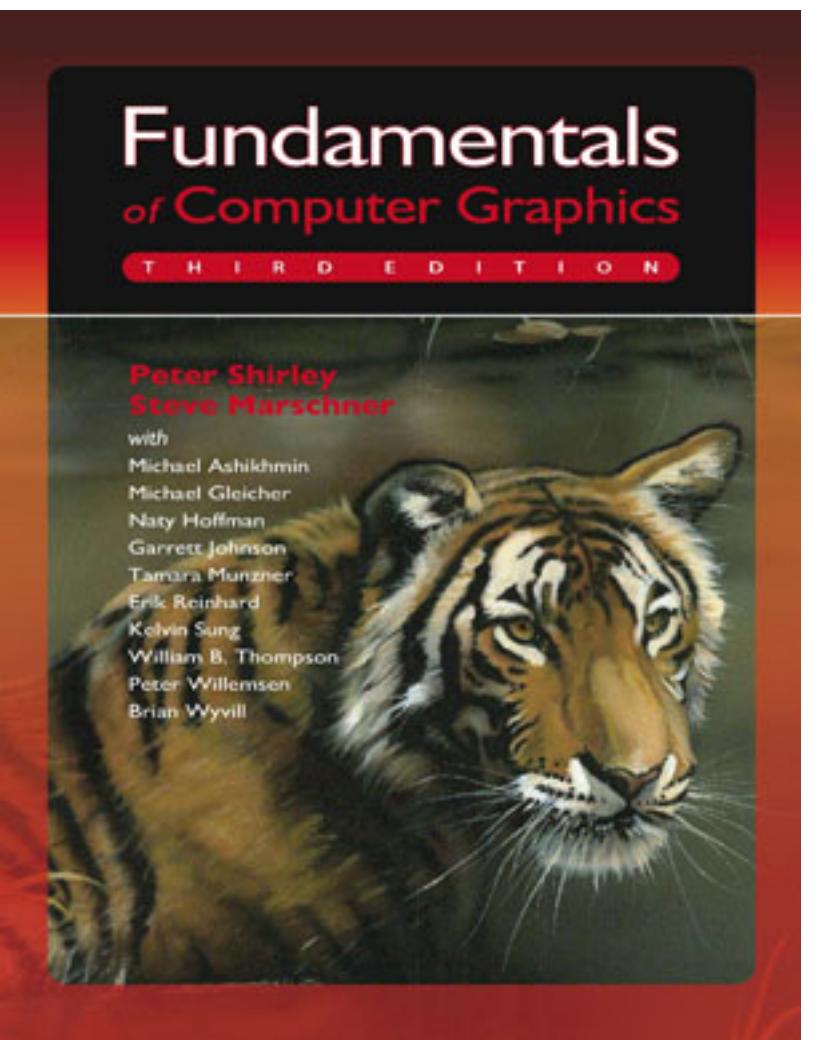
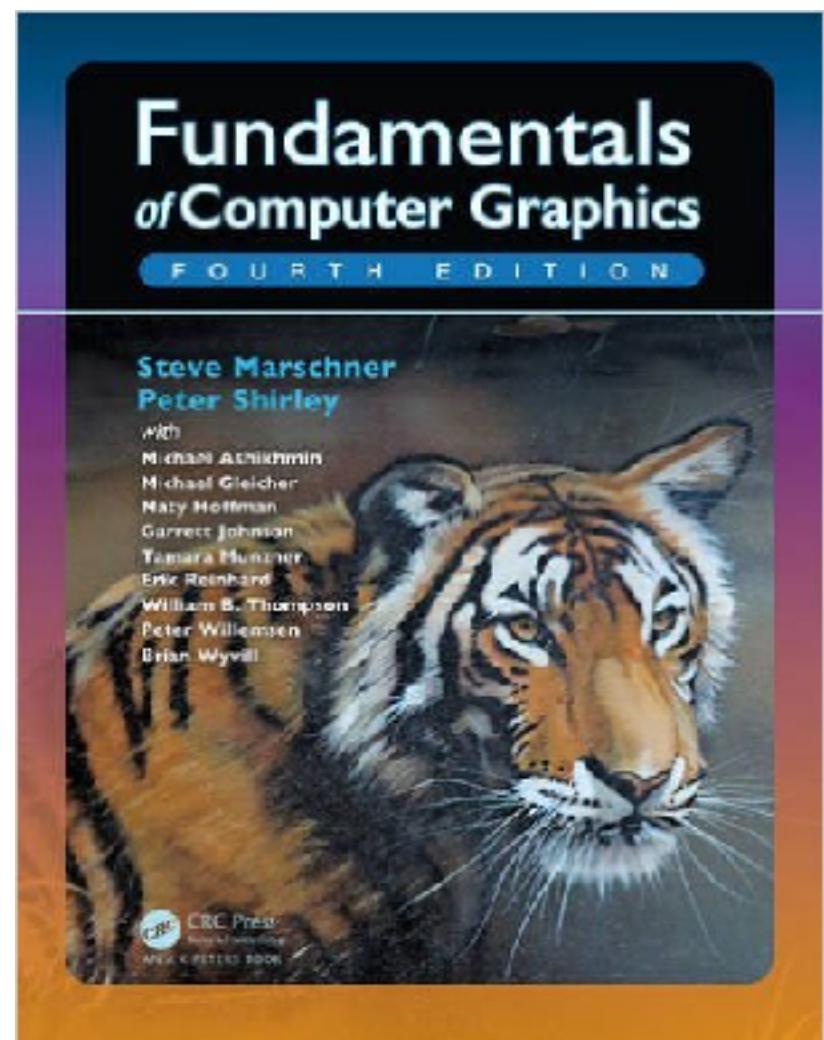
# Lectures

- I will upload the slides on the website before the class, so that you can directly annotate them
- For every class, I will always add references in the end to the textbook and/or external resources
- At the end of every lecture, I will quickly introduce the topic of the next lecture and give you pointers — you are encouraged to take a look at the material **before** I present it in class

# Lectures

- Please interrupt me at any time to ask questions

# Material



<https://www.wikipedia.org>

**Fundamentals of Computer Graphics, Fourth Edition**  
4th Edition by Steve Marschner, Peter Shirley

# Policy

- You are encouraged to consult with your classmates/friends but collaboration in the assignments is **not allowed**
- You are **not allowed** to copy code online
- You are **not allowed** to use external libraries (except those provided in the assignments)
- We will use plagiarism tools to validate all homework

# Basic Math

- Sets
- Functions/Maps
- Intervals
- Logarithm
- Solving Quadratic Equations
- Trigonometry
- Basic Linear Algebra

If you are not familiar with some of these topics,  
refresh them before the next class.