

CS 247 – Scientific Visualization Lecture 15: Volume Visualization, Pt. 2

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Reading Assignment #8 (until Mar 26)



Read (required):

- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapter 4 (Transfer Functions) until Sec. 4.4 (inclusive)
- Paper:

Jens Krüger and Rüdiger Westermann, Acceleration Techniques for GPU-based Volume Rendering, IEEE Visualization 2003,

http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1081482

Volume Rendering

Theory, Ctd.



Volume rendering integral for *Emission Absorption* model



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Iterative/recursive numerical solutions:

Back-to-front compositing

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Front-to-back compositing

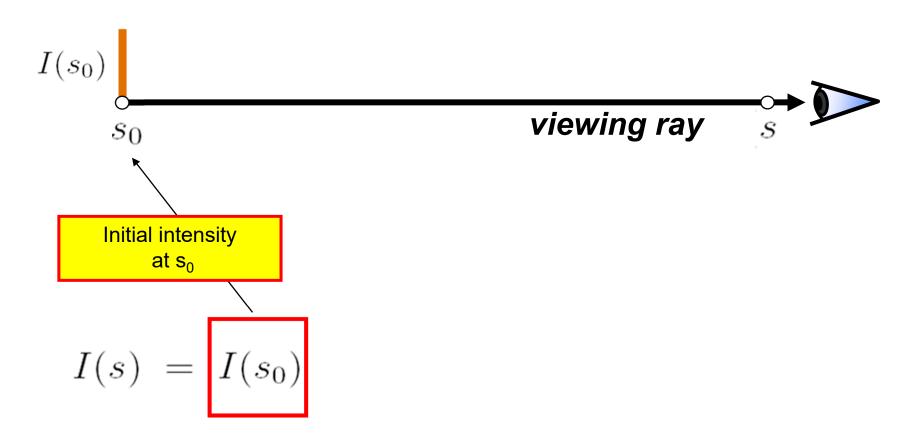
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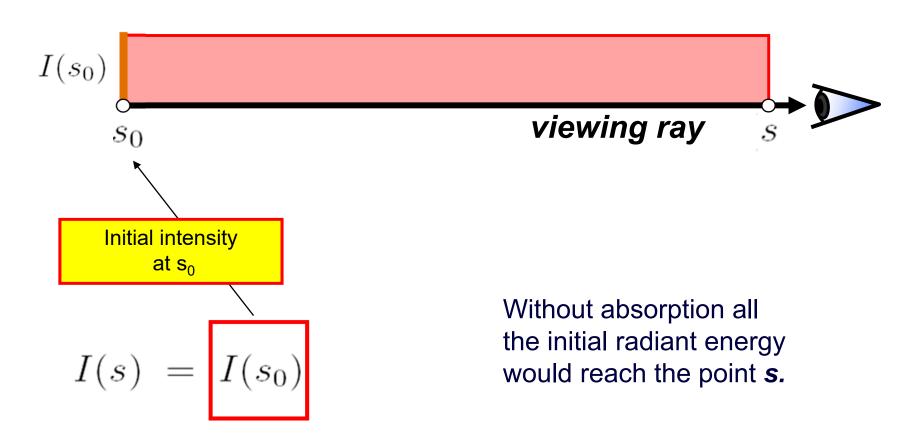
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Physical model: emission and absorption, no scattering



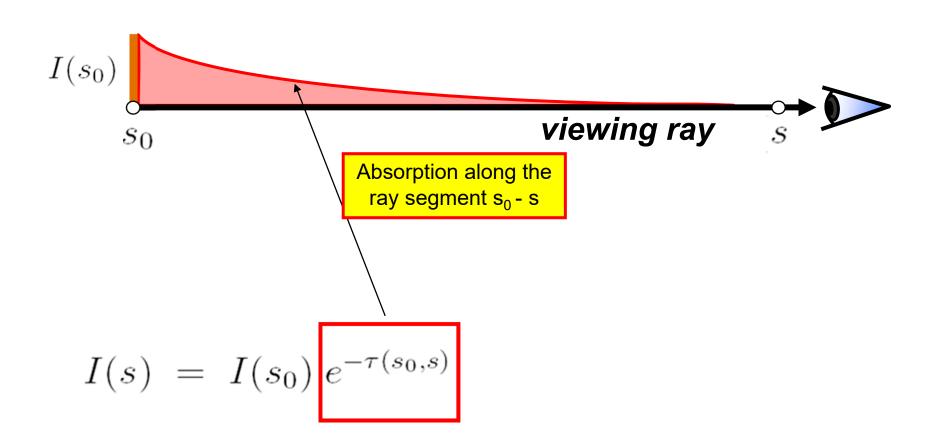


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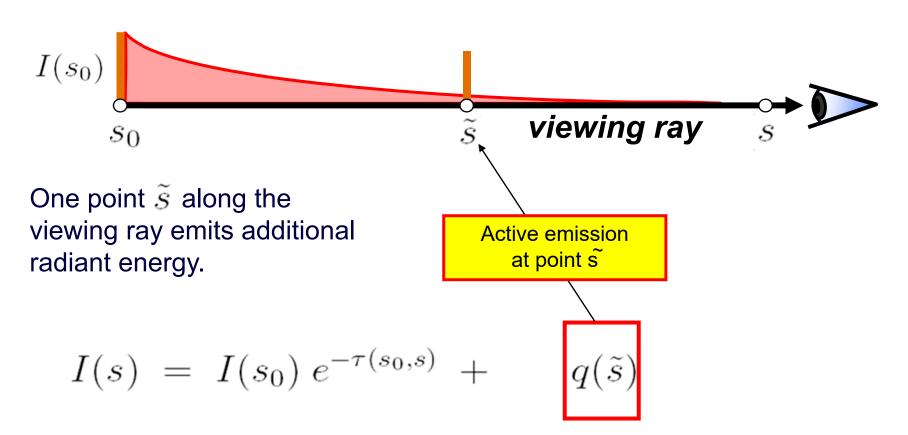
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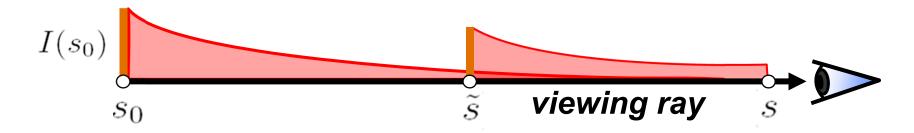
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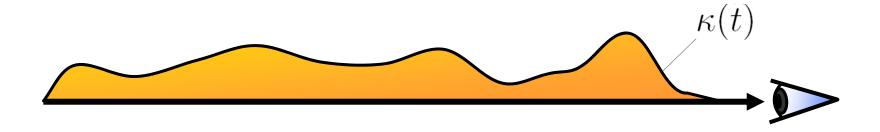
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Every point \tilde{s} along the viewing ray emits additional radiant energy

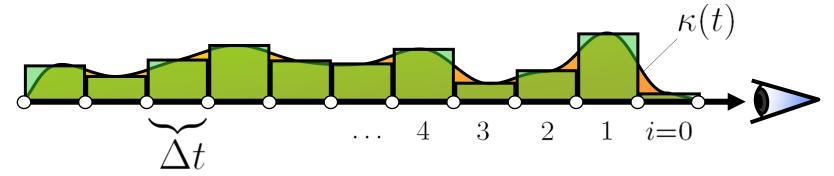
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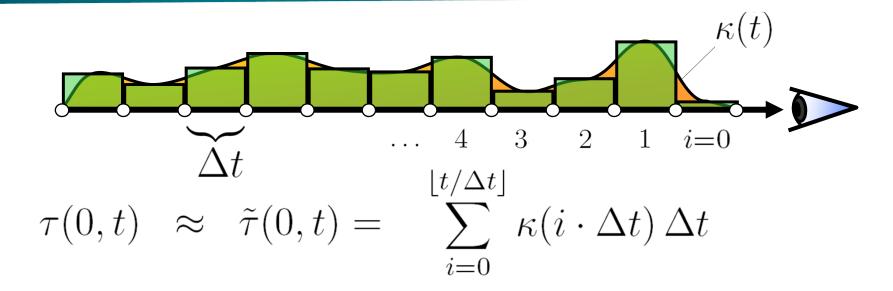


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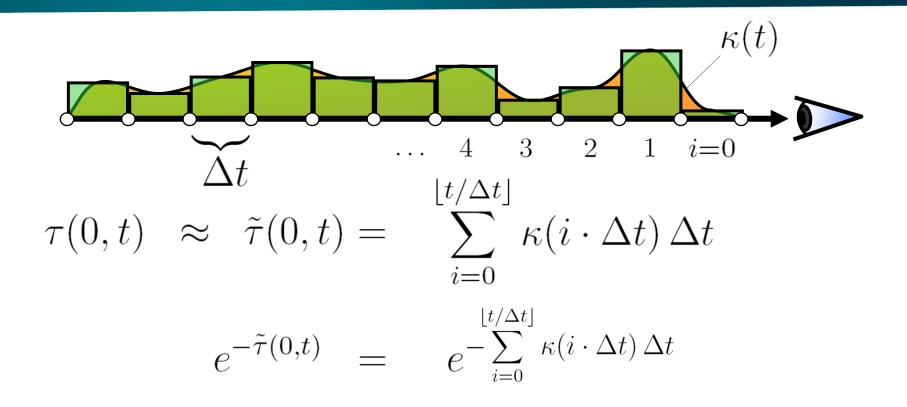
Approximate Riemann integral by Riemann sum:

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

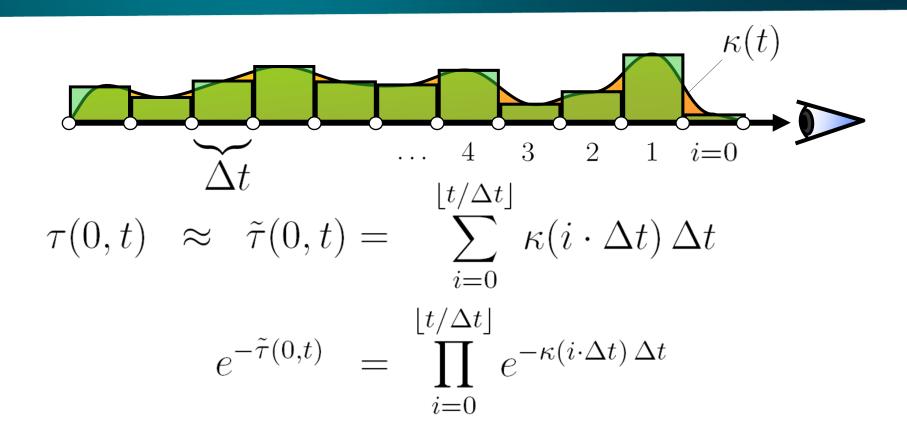




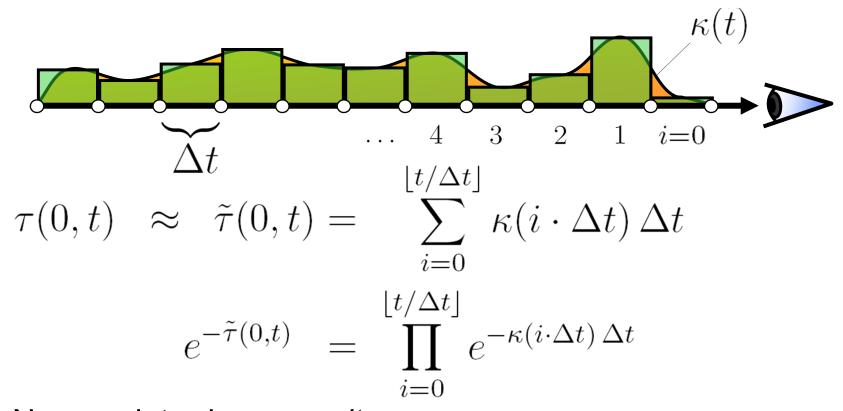






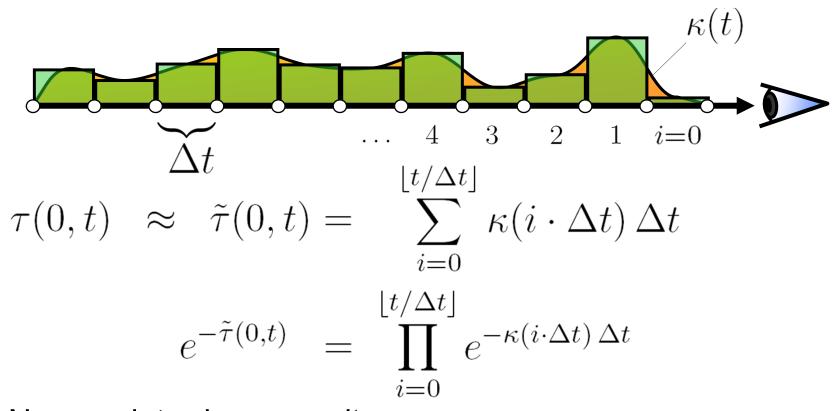






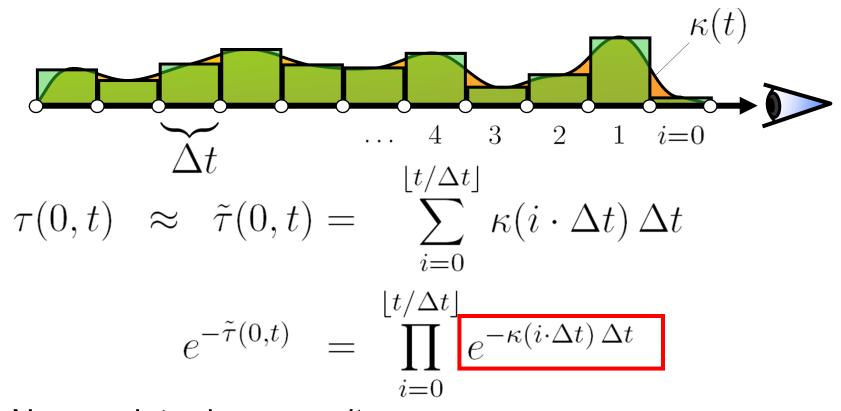
$$A_i = 1 - e^{-\kappa(i\cdot\Delta t)\,\Delta t}$$





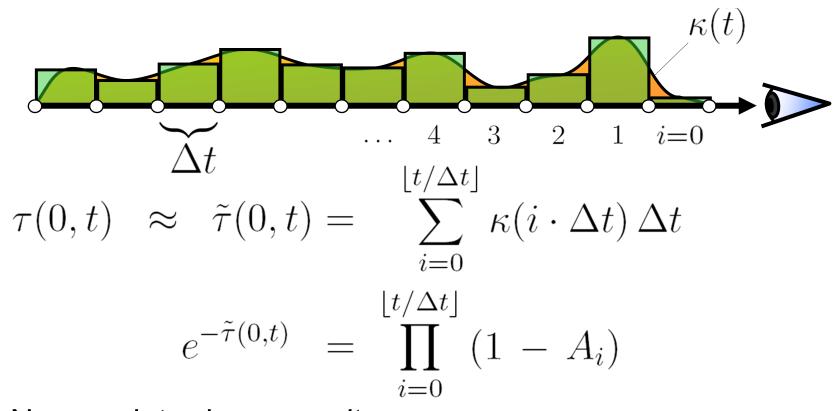
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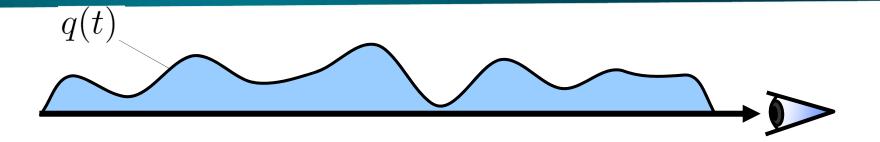
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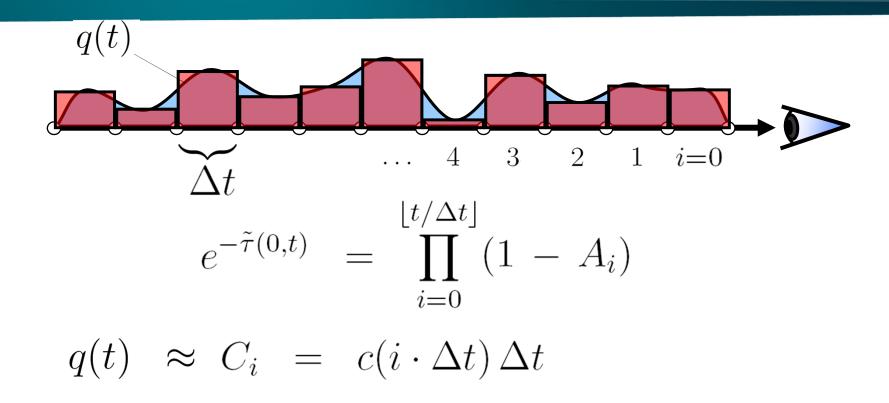


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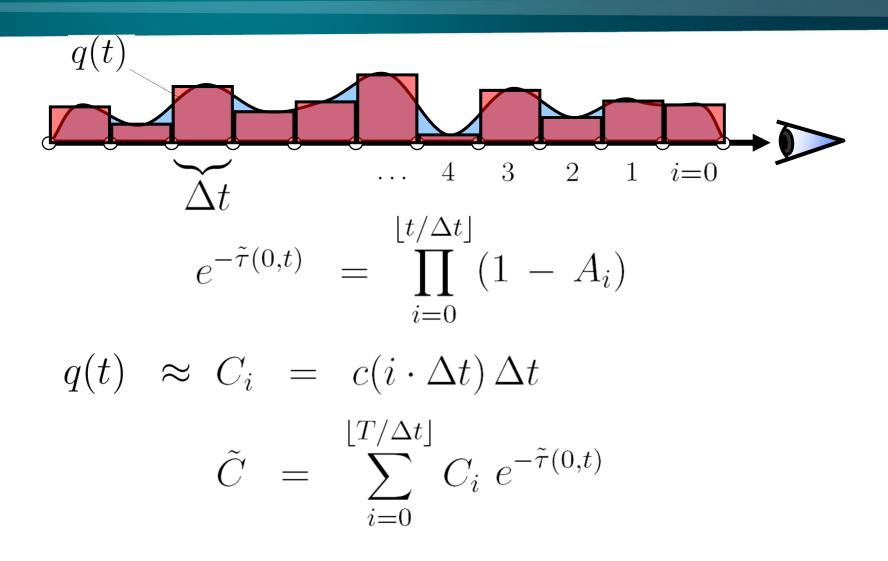




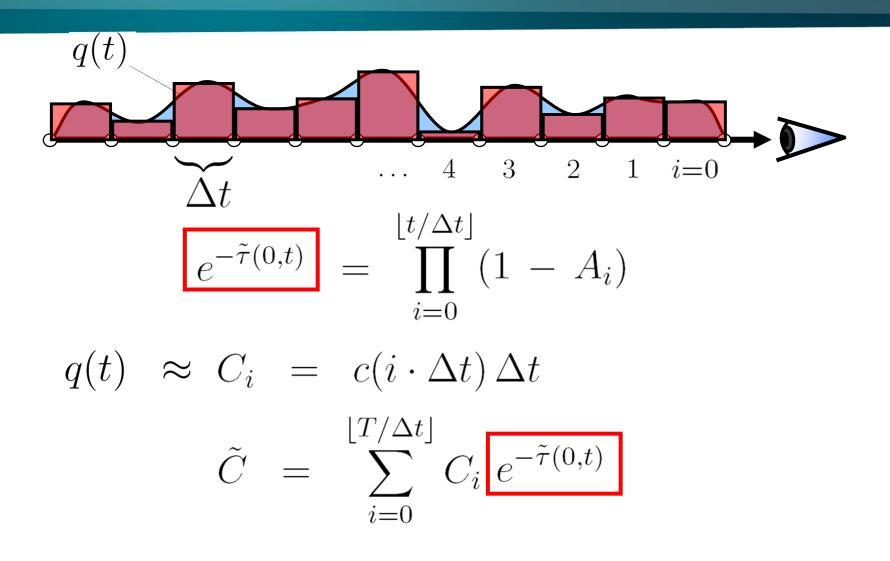




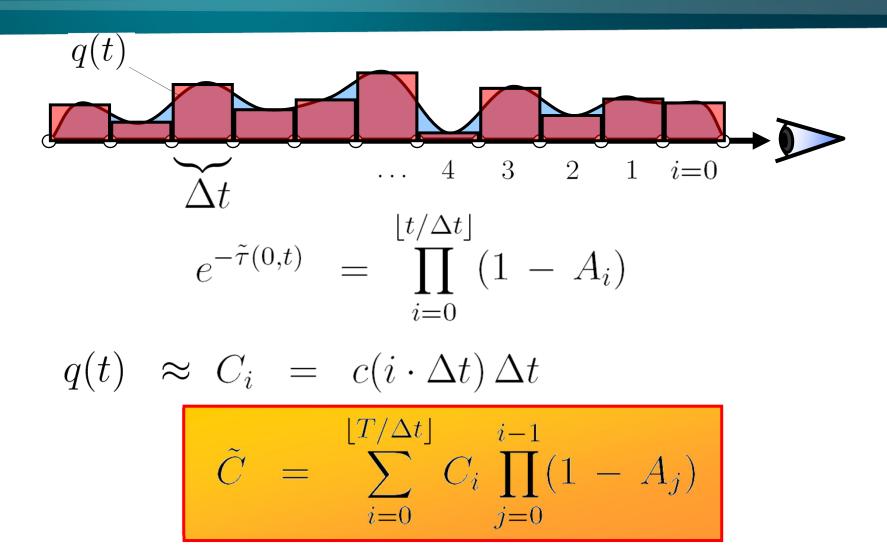




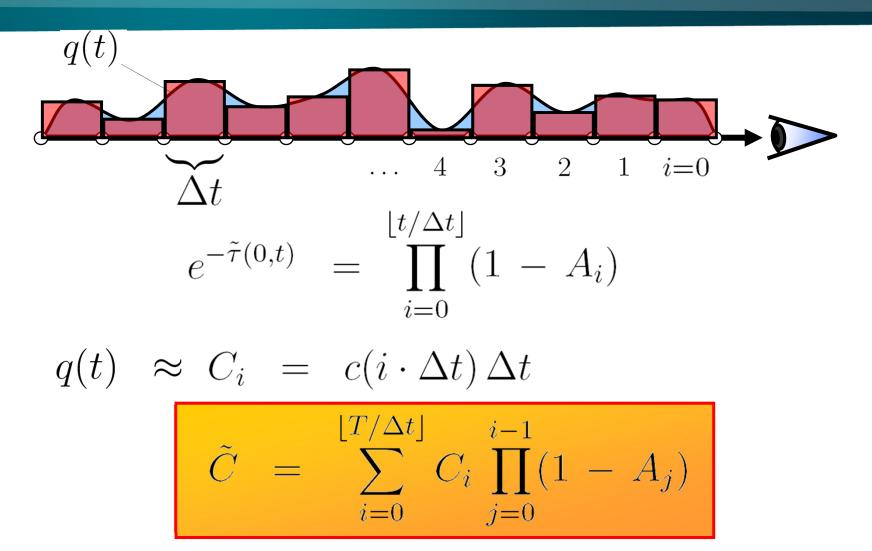






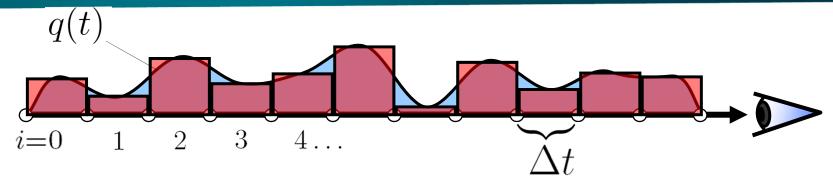






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Note: we just changed the convention from i=0 is at the front of the volume (previous slides) to i=0 is at the back of the volume! can be computed iteratively/recursively:

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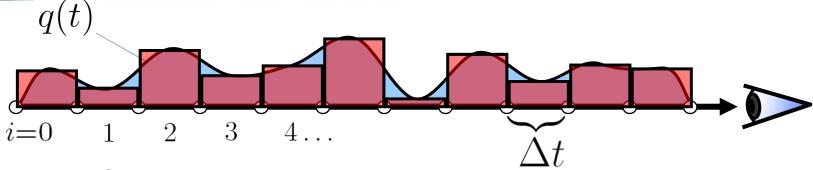
Radiant energy observed at position *i*

Radiant energy emitted at position *i*

Absorption at position *i*

Radiant energy observed at position *i–1*





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iterate from *i*=0 (back) to *i*=max (front): *i* increases

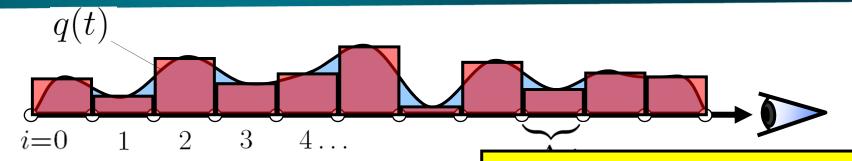
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$$C_i' = C_i + (1$$

iterate from *i*=0 (back)

Stop the calculation when

$$A_i' \approx 1$$

Early Ray Termination:

Front-to-back compositing

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Thank you.

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