

Volume Visualization



- Introduction to volume visualization
 - ◆ On volume data
 - ◆ Voxels vs. cells
 - ◆ Interpolation
 - ◆ Gradient
 - ◆ Classification
 - ◆ Transfer Functions (TF)
 - ◆ Slice vs surface vs. volume rendering
 - ◆ Overview: techniques



- Simple methods
 - ◆ Slicing, multi-planar reconstruction (MPR)
- Direct volume visualization
 - ◆ Image-order vs. object-order
 - ◆ Raycasting
 - ◆ α -compositing
 - ◆ Hardware volume visualization
- Indirect volume visualization
 - ◆ Marching cubes



■ Introduction:

◆ VolVis = visualization of volume data

- Mapping 3D→2D

- Projection (e.g., MIP), slicing, vol. rendering, ...

◆ Volume data =

- 3D×1D data

- Scalar data, 3D data space, space filling

◆ User goals:

- Gain insight in 3D data

- Structures of special interest + context



- Where do the data come from?
 - ◆ Medical Application
 - Computed Tomographie (CT)
 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR)
 - ◆ Materials testing
 - Industrial-CT
 - ◆ Simulation
 - Finite element methods (FEM)
 - Computational fluid dynamics (CFD)
 - ◆ etc.



- How are volume data organized?
 - ◆ Cartesian resp. regular grid:
 - CT/MR: often $dx=dy < dz$, e.g. 135 slices (z) á 512^2 values (as x & y pixels in a slice)
 - **Data enhancement:** iso-stack-calculation = Interpolation of additional slices, so that $dx=dy=dz \Rightarrow 512^3$ Voxel
 - Data: **Cells** (cuboid), Corner: **Voxel**
 - ◆ Curvi-linear grid resp. unstructured:
 - Data organized as tetrahedra or hexahedra
 - Often: conversion to tetrahedra



- **Rendering projection,**
so much information and so few pixels!
- **Large data sizes, e.g.**
 $512 \times 512 \times 1024$ voxel á 16 bit = 512 Mbytes
- **Speed,**
Interaction is very important, >10 fps!



■ Two ways to interpret the data:

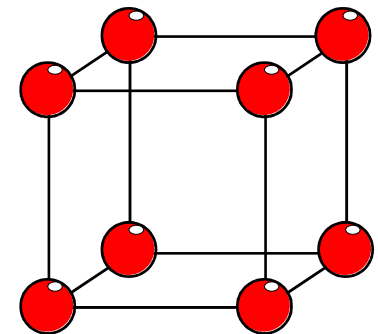
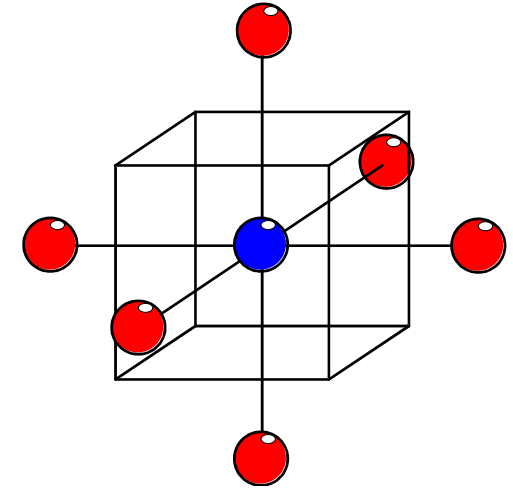
◆ Data: set of voxel

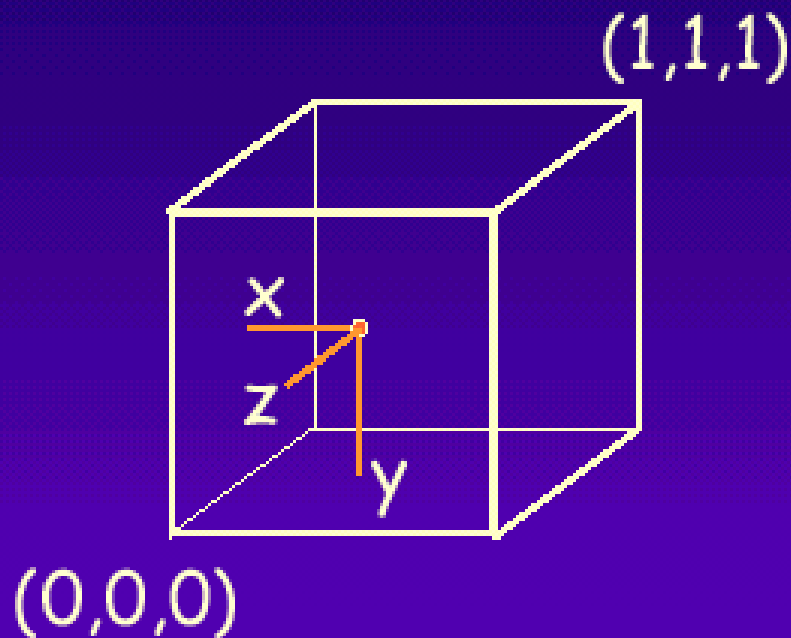
- **Voxel** = abbreviation for volume element (cf. pixel = "picture elem.")

- Voxel = point sample in 3D
- Not necessarily interpolated

◆ Data: set of cells

- Cell = cube primitive (3D)
- Corners: 8 voxel (see above)
- Values in cell: interpolation used





$$v = S(\text{rnd}(x), \text{rnd}(y), \text{rnd}(z))$$

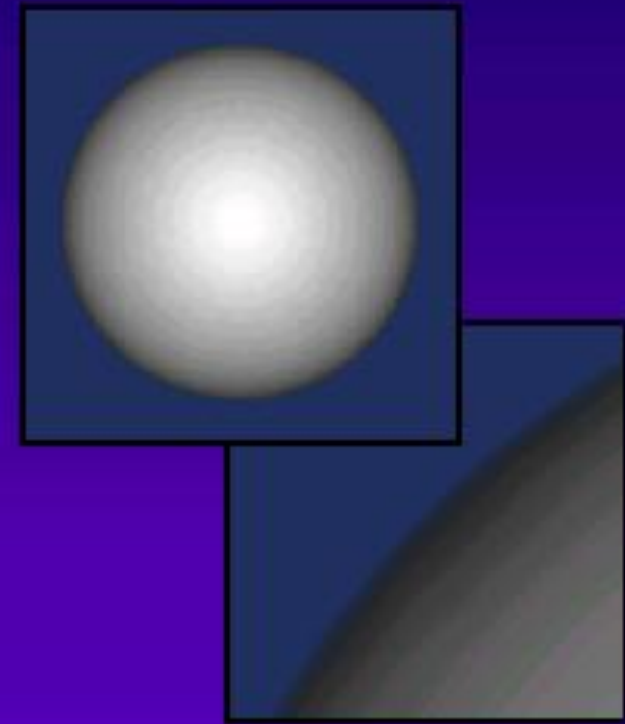
Nearest Neighbor

$$\begin{aligned} v = & (1-x)(1-y)(1-z)S(0,0,0) + \\ & (x)(1-y)(1-z)S(1,0,0) + \\ & (1-x)(y)(1-z)S(0,1,0) + \\ & (x)(y)(1-z)S(1,1,0) + \\ & (1-x)(1-y)(z)S(0,0,1) + \\ & (x)(1-y)(z)S(1,0,1) + \\ & (1-x)(y)(z)S(0,1,1) + \\ & (x)(y)(z)S(1,1,1) \end{aligned}$$

Trilinear



Nearest Neighbor
Interpolation

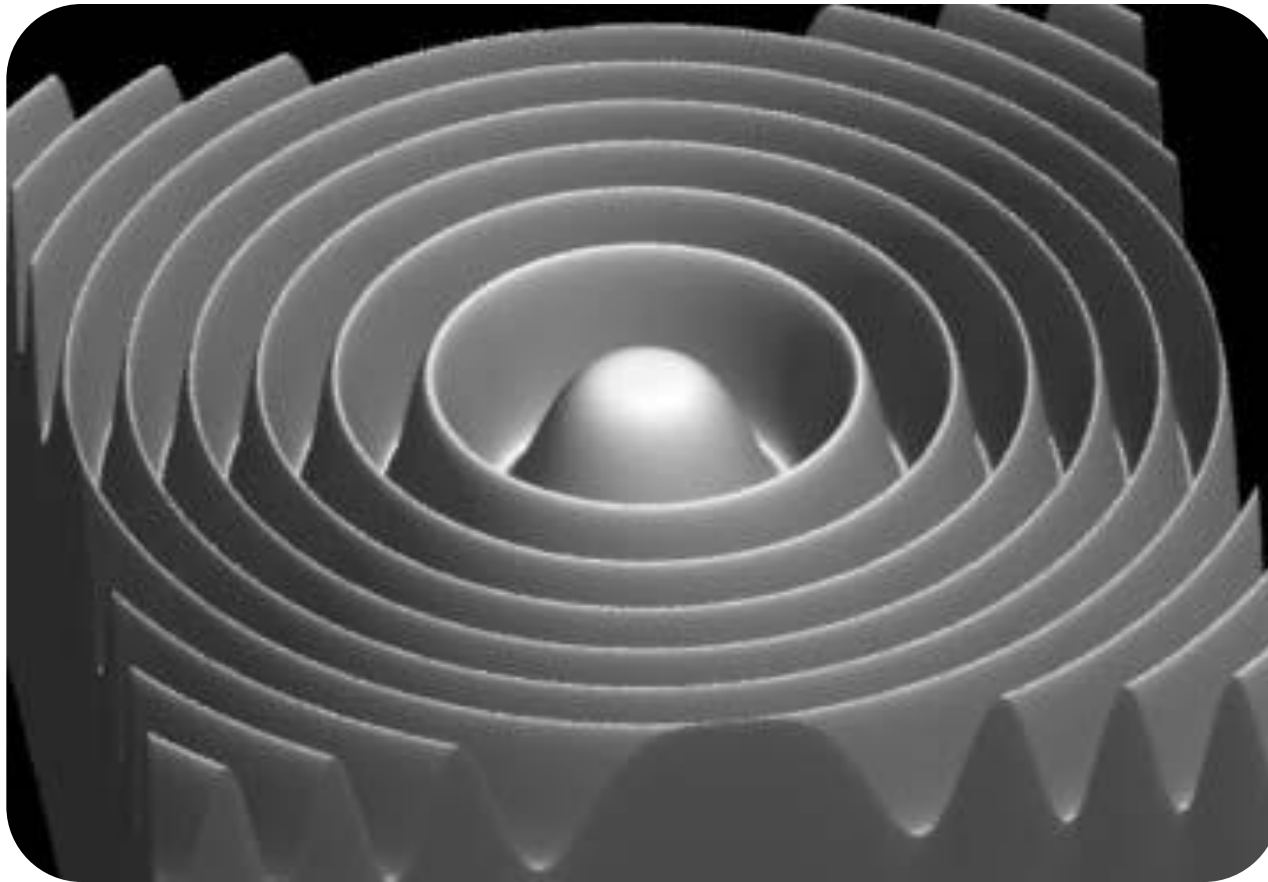


Trilinear
Interpolation

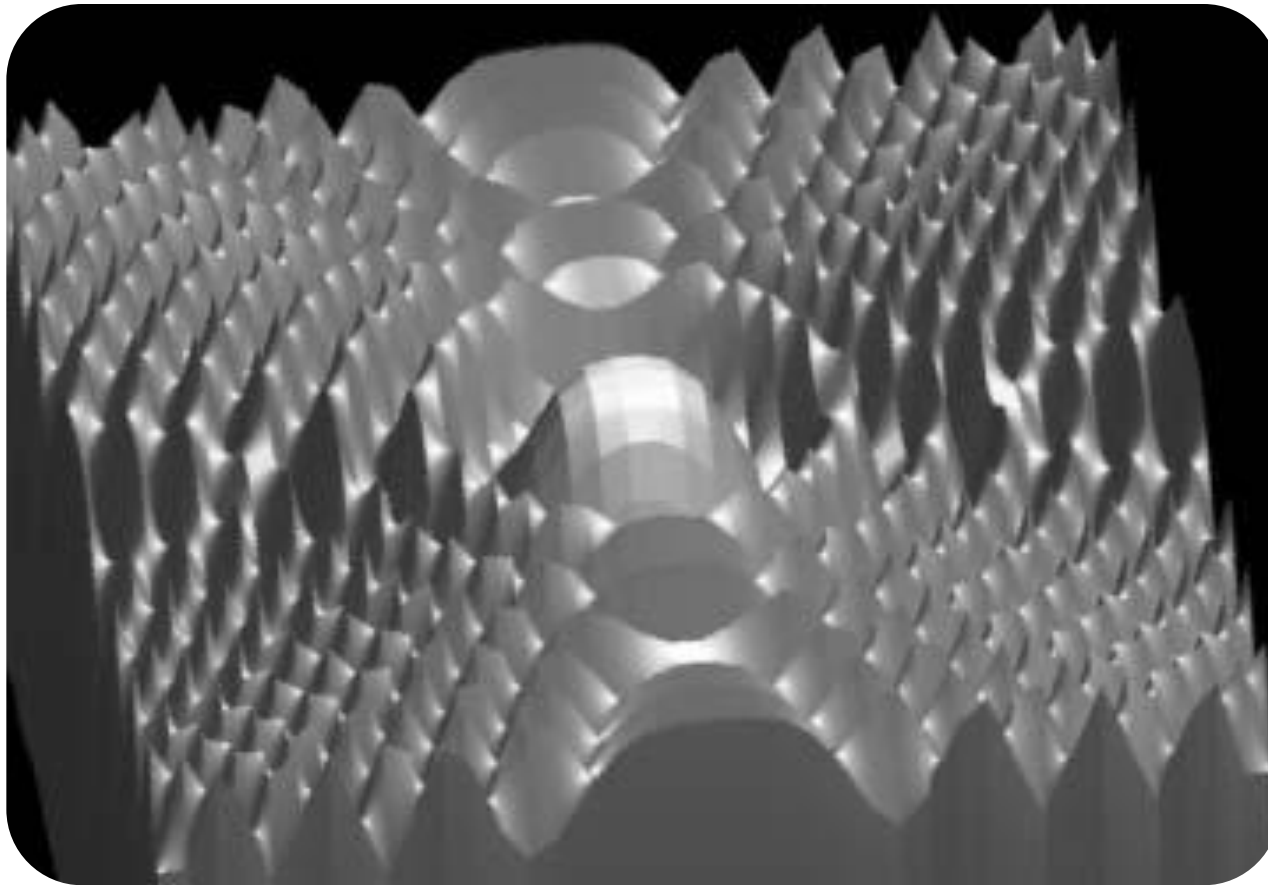
- If very high quality is needed, more complex reconstruction filters may be required
 - ◆ Marschner-Lobb function is a common test signal to evaluate the quality of reconstruction filters [Marschner and Lobb 1994]
 - ◆ The signal has a high amount of its energy near its Nyquist frequency
 - ◆ Makes it a very demanding test for accurate reconstruction



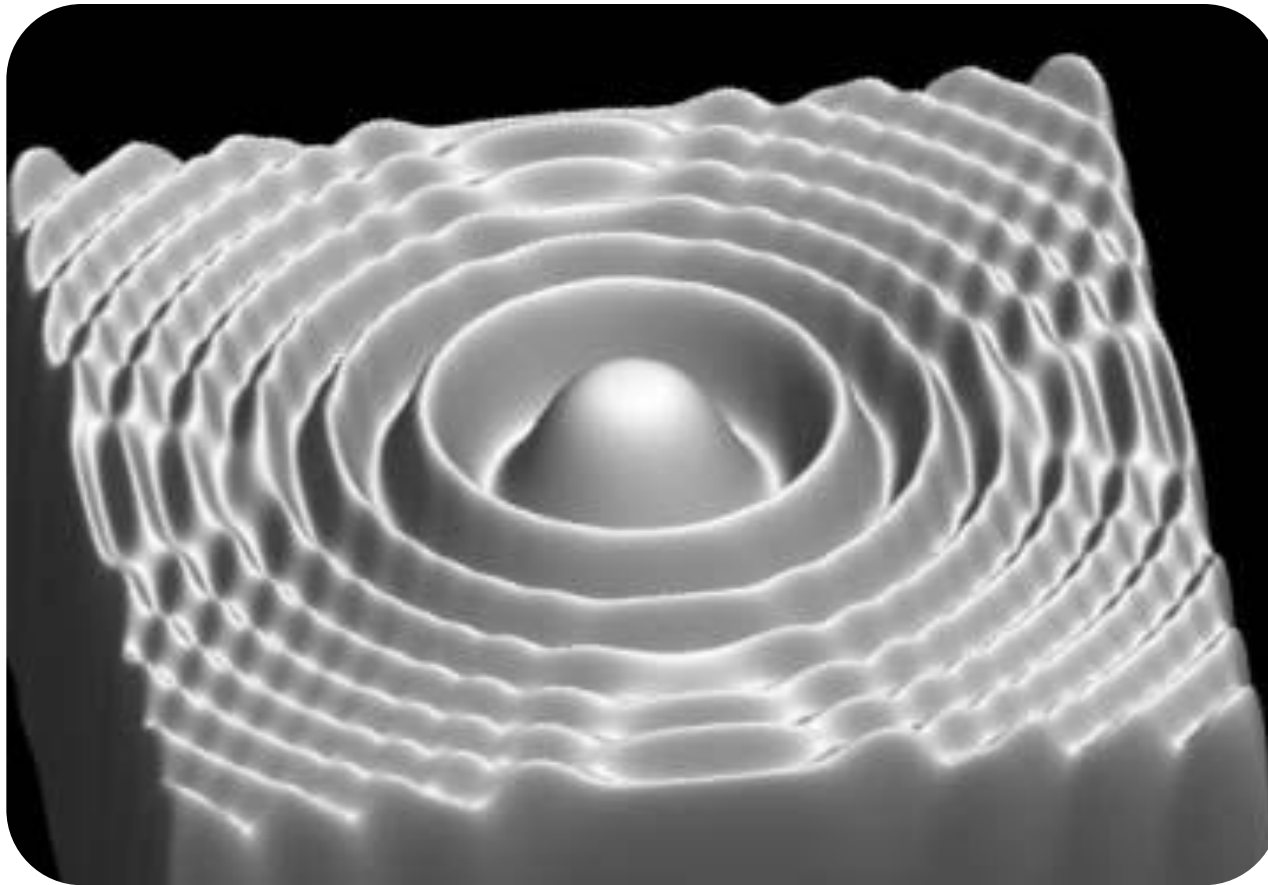
- **Analytical evaluation** of the Marschner-Lobb test signal



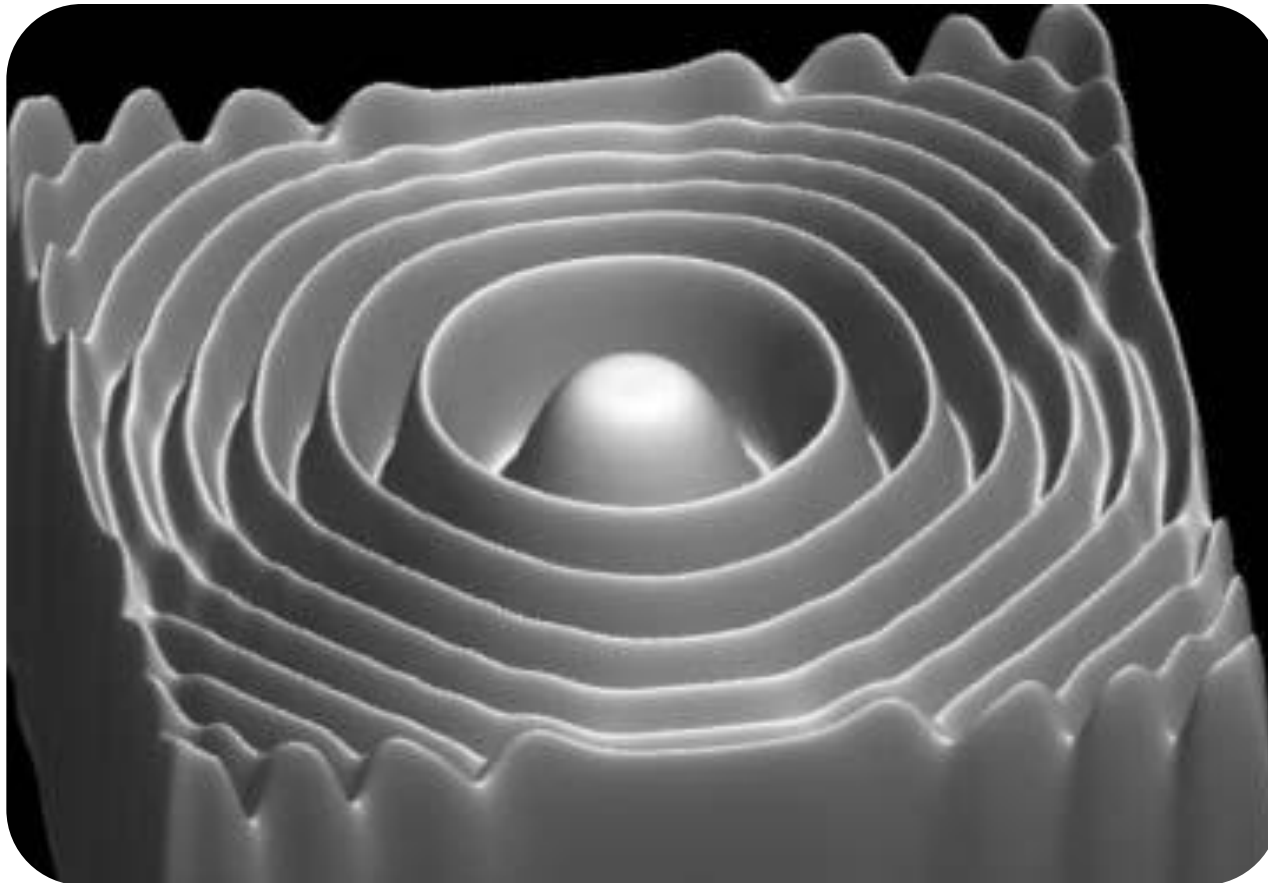
- **Trilinear** reconstruction of Marschner-Lobb test signal



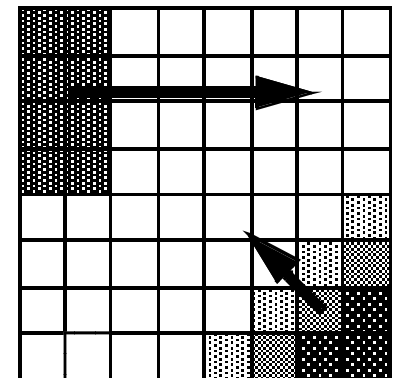
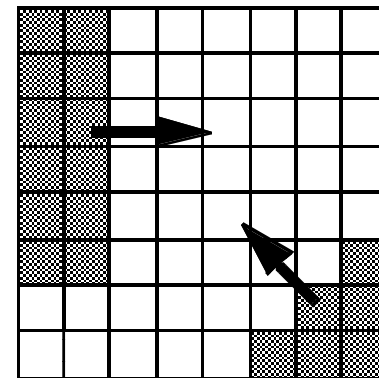
- **B-Spline** reconstruction of Marschner-Lobb test signal



- **Windowed sinc** reconstruction of Marschner-Lobb test signal



- Volume data: $f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- Gradient ∇f : 3D vector points in direction of largest function change
- Gradient magnitude: length of gradient
- Emphasis of changes:
 - ◆ Special interest often in transitional areas
 - ◆ Gradients: measure degree of change (like surface normal)
 - ◆ Larger gradient magnitude \Rightarrow larger opacity



- Gradient $\nabla f = (\partial f/\partial x, \partial f/\partial y, \partial f/\partial z)$
- $\nabla f|_{x_0}$ normal vector to iso-surface $f(x_0)=f_0$
- Central difference in x-, y- & z-direction (in voxel):

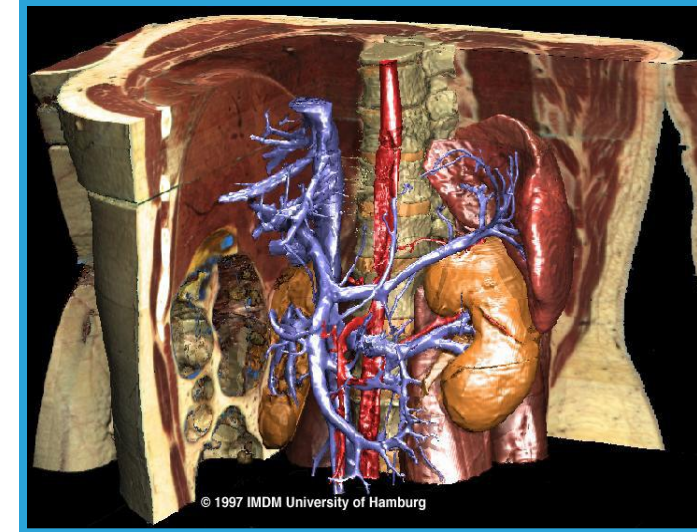
$$\nabla f(x,y,z) = 1/2 \begin{pmatrix} f(x+1)-f(x-1) \\ f(y+1)-f(y-1) \\ f(z+1)-f(z-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then tri-linear interpolation within a cell
- **Alternatives:**

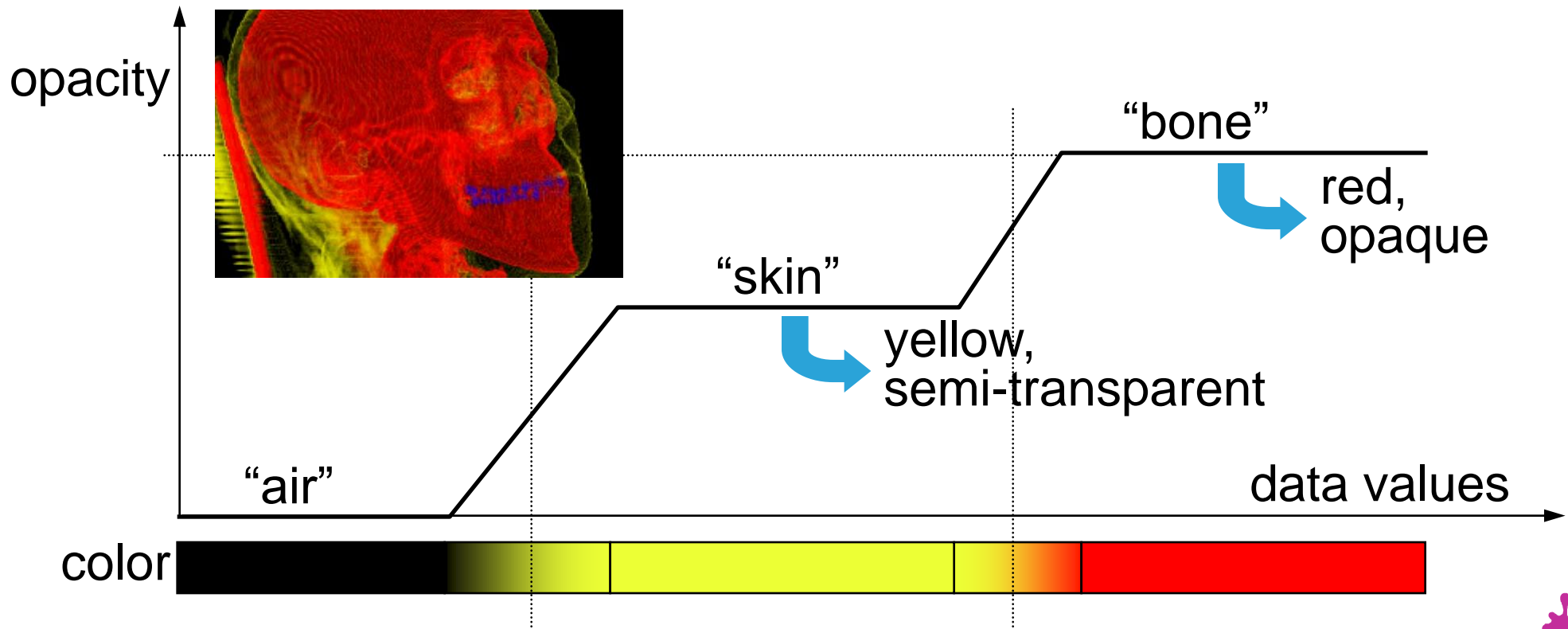
- ◆ Forward differencing: $\nabla f(x) = f(x+1) - f(x)$
- ◆ Backwards differencing: $\nabla f(x) = f(x) - f(x-1)$
- ◆ Intermediate differencing: $\nabla f(x+0.5) = f(x+1) - f(x)$



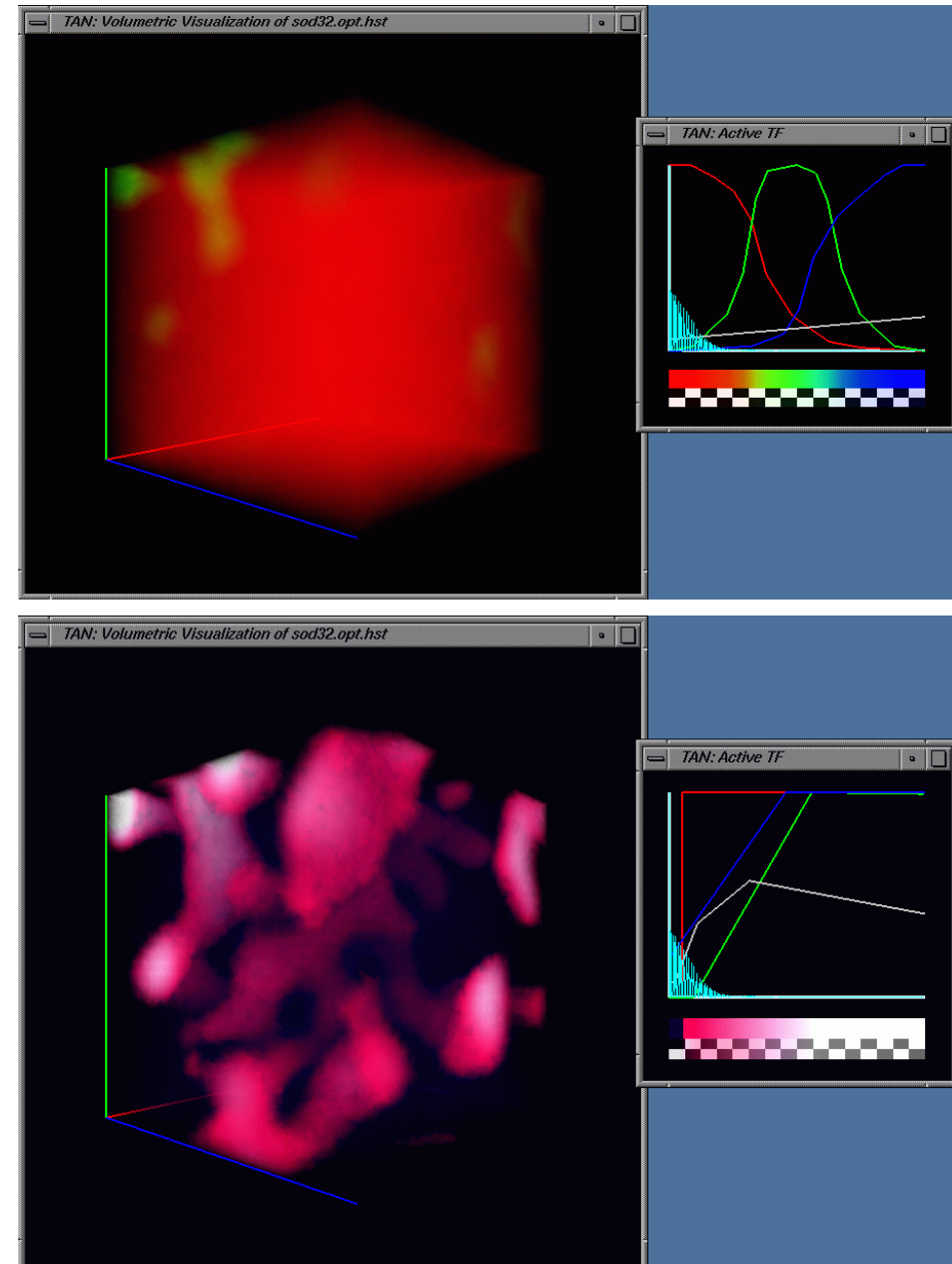
- Assignment data \Rightarrow semantics:
 - ◆ Assignment to objects, e.g., bone, skin, muscle, etc.
 - ◆ Usage of data values, gradient, curvature
 - ◆ Goal: segmentation
 - ◆ Often: semi-automatic resp. manual
 - ◆ Automatic approximation: transfer functions (TF)



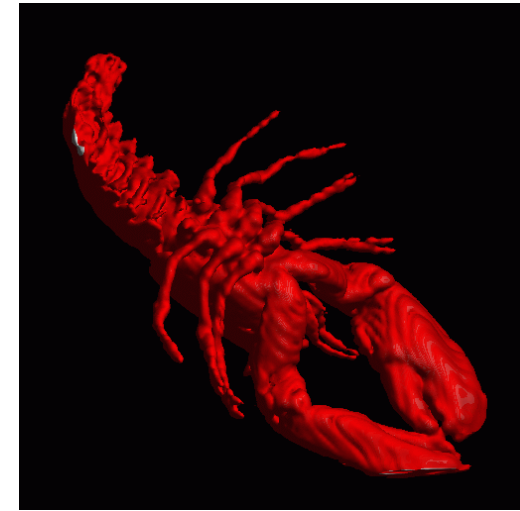
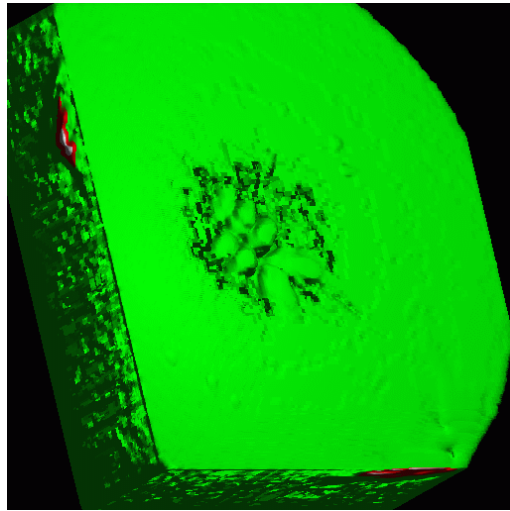
- Mapping data \rightarrow "renderable quantities":
 - ◆ 1.) data \rightarrow color ($f(i) \rightarrow C(i)$)
 - ◆ 2.) data \rightarrow opacity (non-transparency) ($f(i) \rightarrow \alpha(i)$)

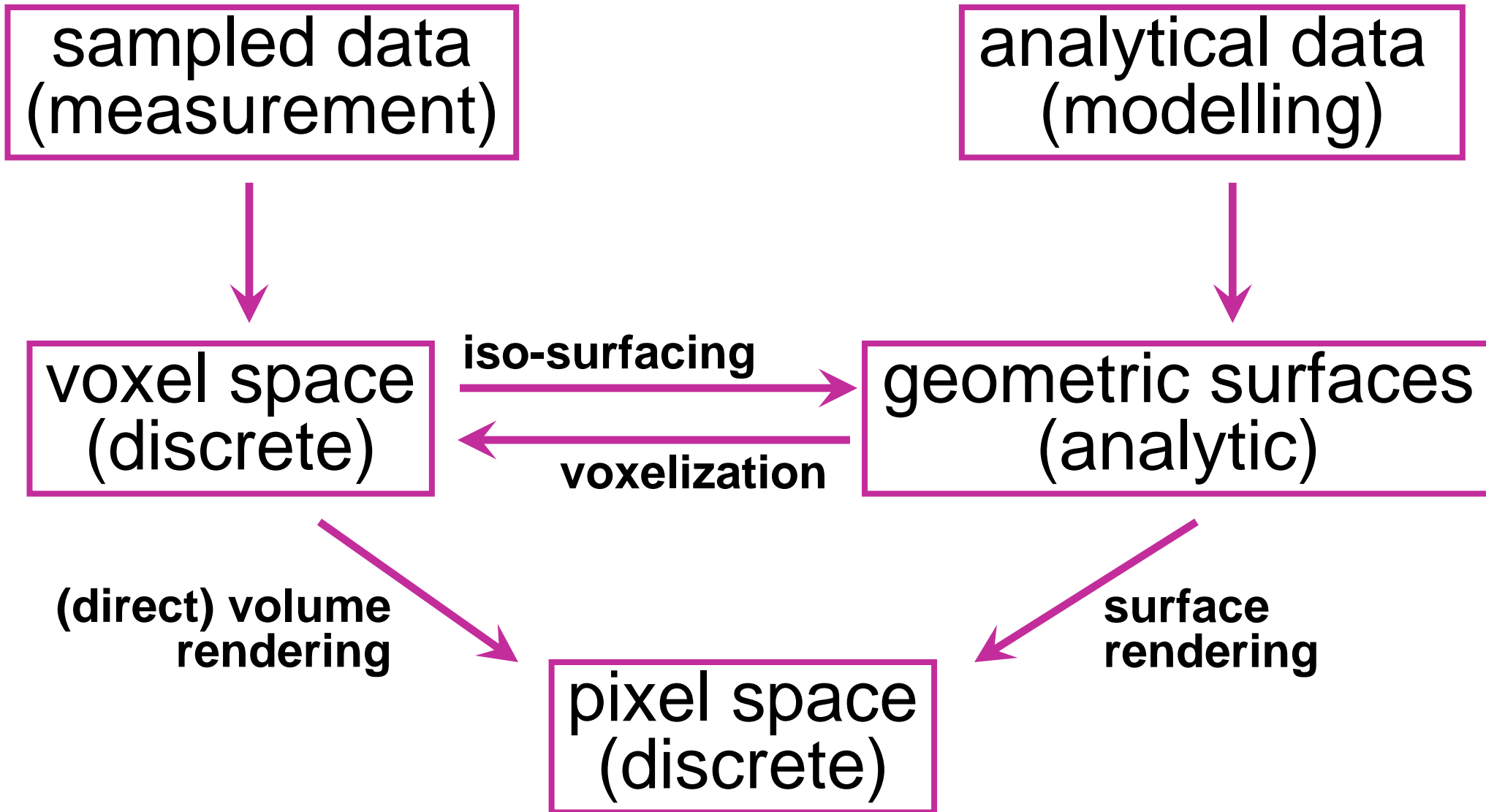


- Image results:
 - ◆ Strong dependence on transfer functions
 - ◆ Non-trivial specification
 - ◆ Limited segmentation possibilities



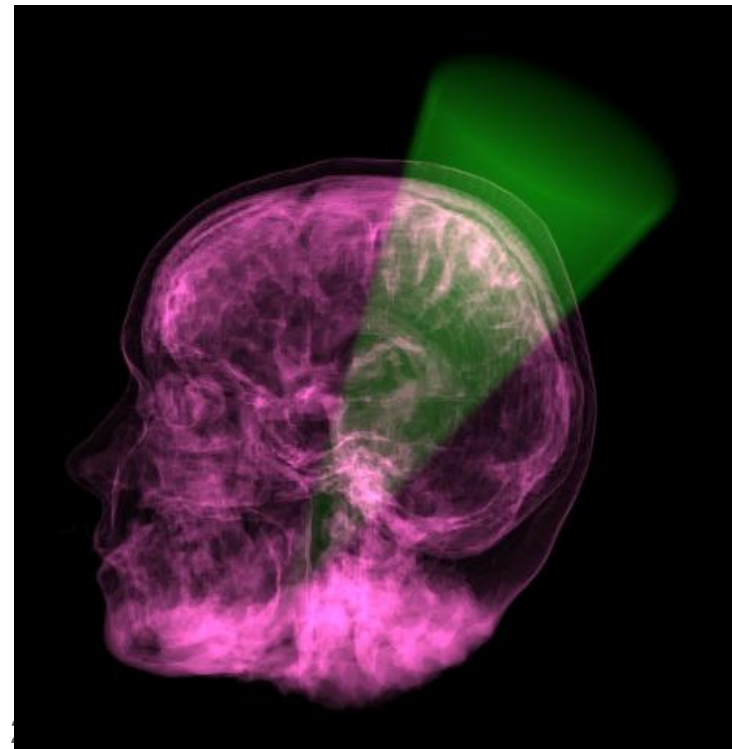
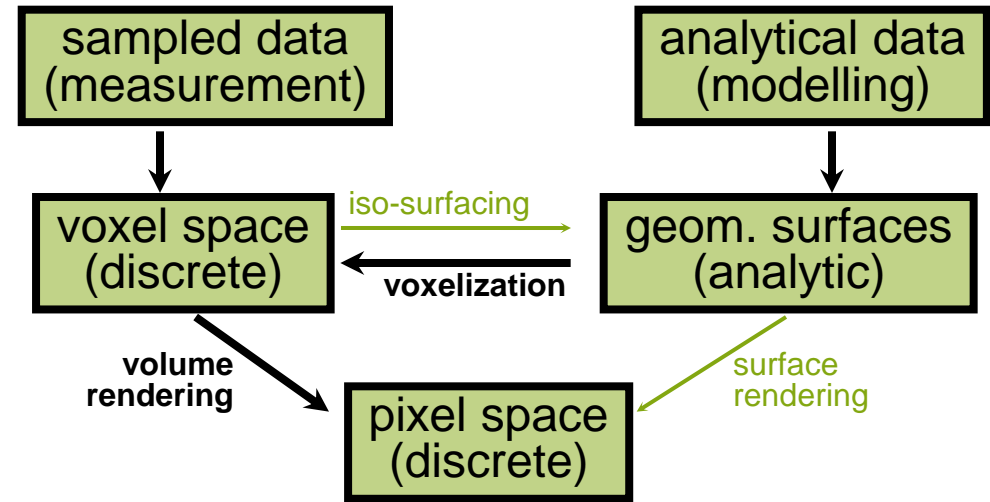
■ Three objects: media, shell, flesh





■ Example

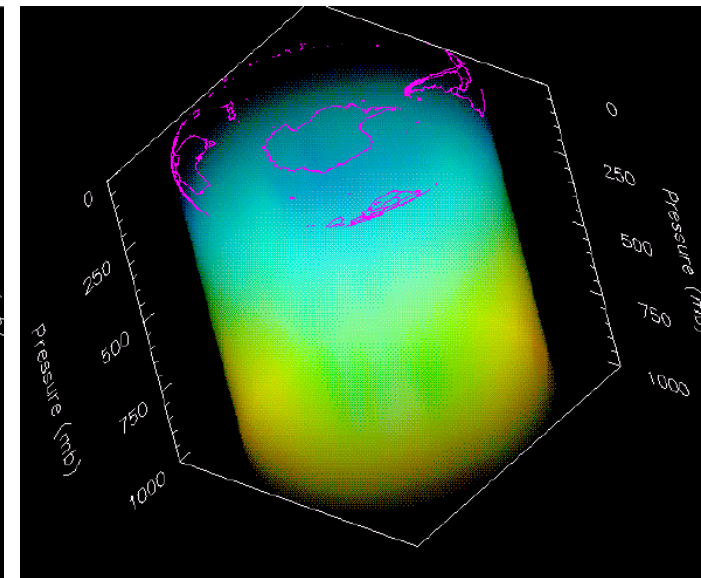
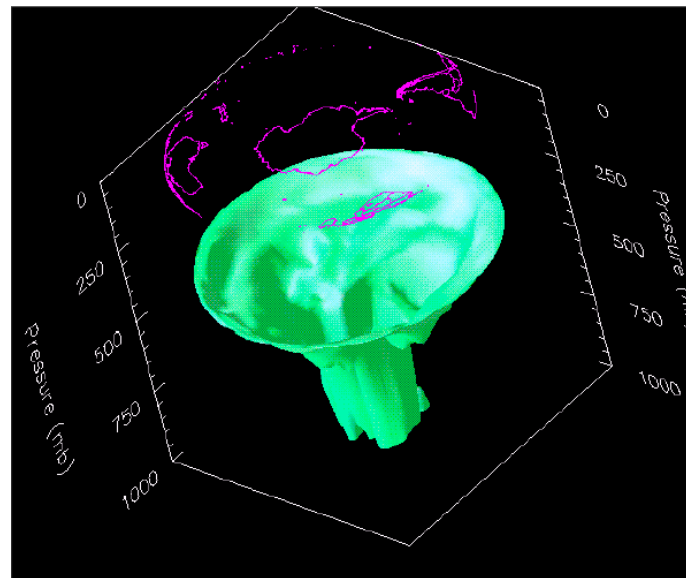
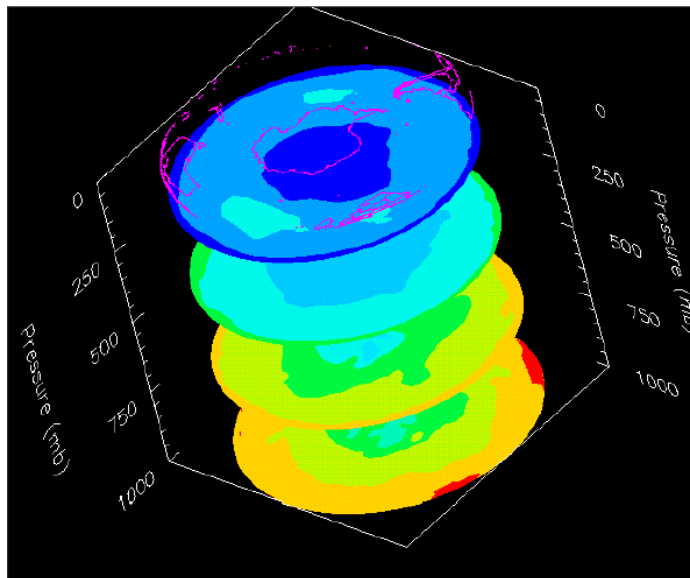
- ◆ X-Ray Modelling
- ◆ Surface-definition
- ◆ Sampling (voxelization), combination
- ◆ Direct volume rendering



- Slice rendering
 - ◆ 2D cross-section from 3D volume data
- Surface rendering:
 - ◆ **Indirect** volume visualization
 - ◆ Intermediate representation: iso-surface, “3D”
 - ◆ Pros: Shading→Shape!, HW-rendering
- Volume rendering:
 - ◆ **Direct** volume visualization
 - ◆ Usage of transfer functions
 - ◆ Pros: illustrate the interior, semi-transparency



- Comparison ozon-data over Antarctica:
 - ◆ Slices: selective (z), 2D, color coding
 - ◆ Iso-surface: selective (f_0), covers 3D
 - ◆ Vol. rendering: transfer function dependent, “(too) sparse – (too) dense”



- Simple methods:
 - ◆ Slicing, MPR (multi-planar reconstruction)
- Direct volume visualization:
 - ◆ Ray casting
 - ◆ Shear-warp factorization
 - ◆ Splatting
 - ◆ 3D texture mapping
 - ◆ Fourier volume rendering
- Surface-fitting methods:
 - ◆ Marching cubes (marching tetrahedra)

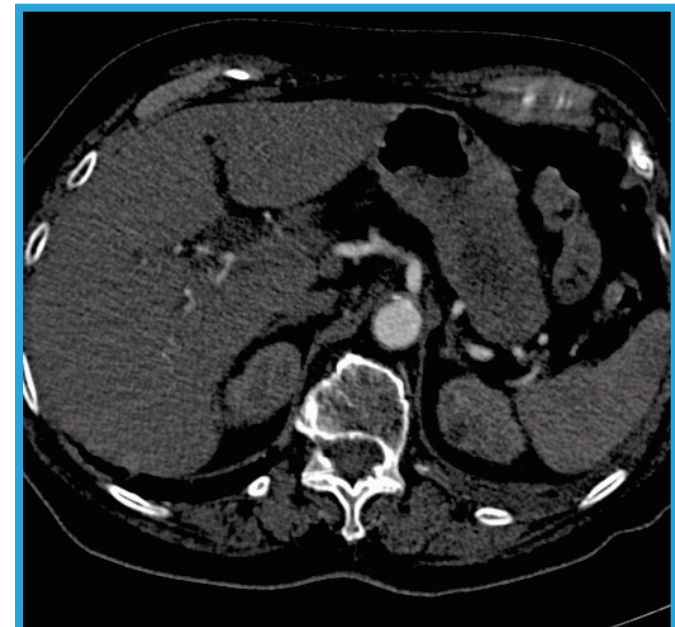
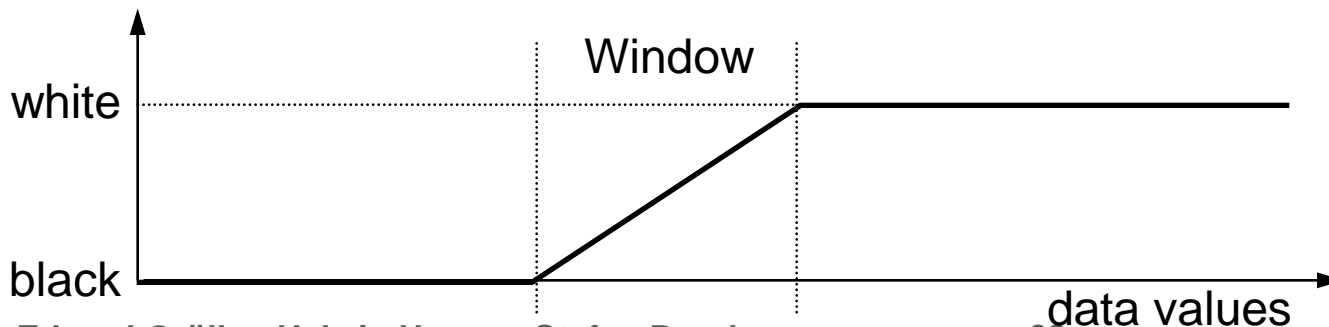
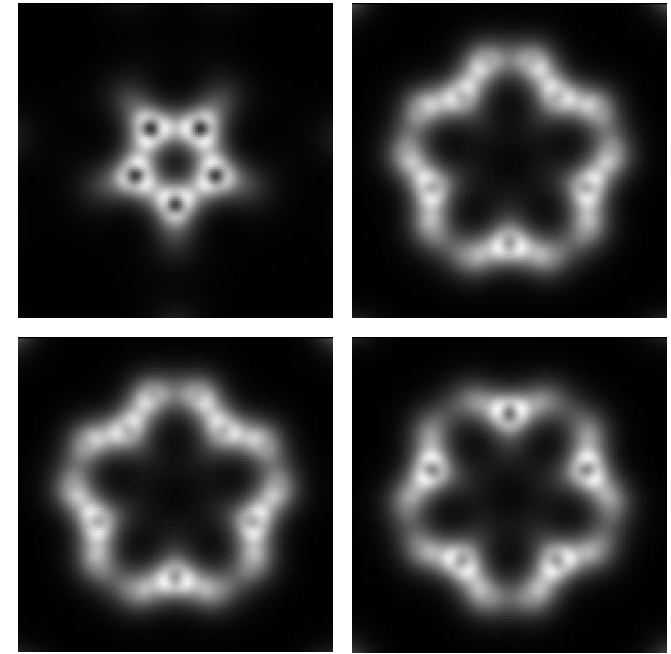


Simple Methods

Slicing, etc.



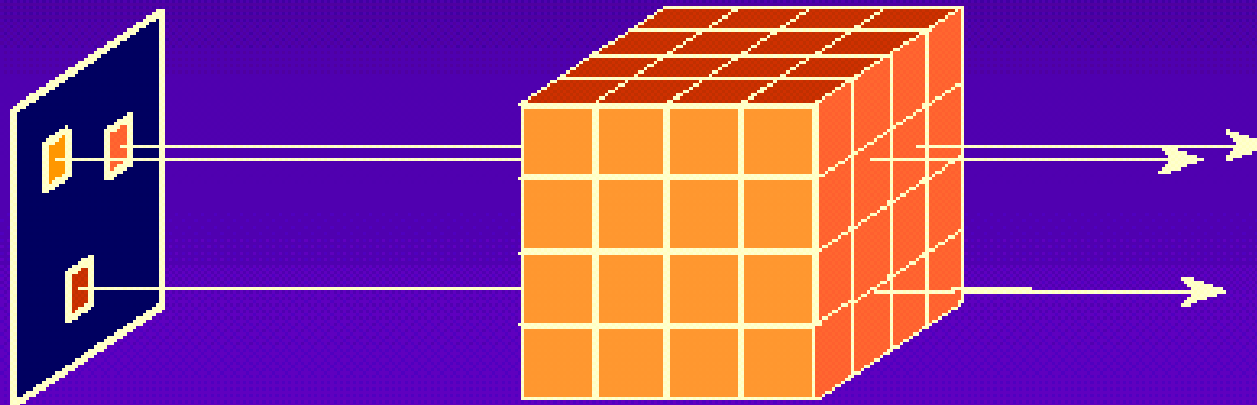
- Slicing:
 - ◆ Axes-parallel slices
 - ◆ Regular grids: simple
 - ◆ Without transfer function no color
 - ◆ Windowing: adjust contrast
- General grid, arbitrary slicing direction



Direct Volume Visualization

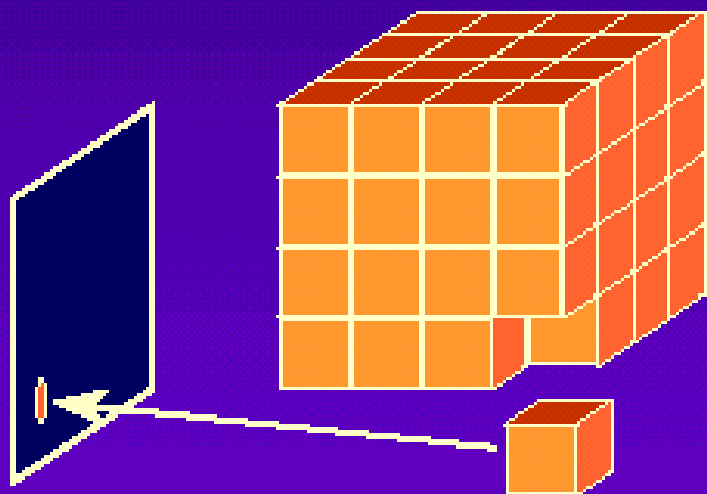


Image-Order Approach: Traverse the image pixel-by-pixel and sample the volume.

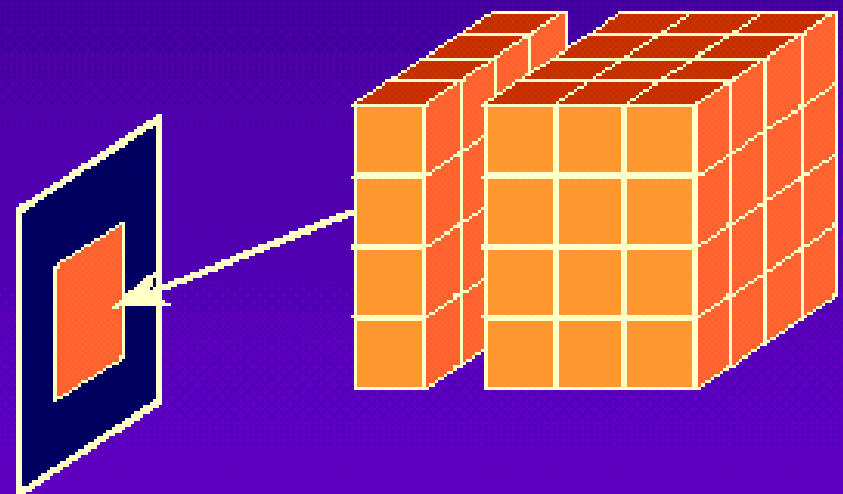


Ray Casting

Object-Order Approach: Traverse the volume, and project to the image plane.



Splatting
cell-by-cell



Texture Mapping
plane-by-plane

Ray Casting

Image-Order Method



- **Ray Tracing**: method from image generation
- In volume rendering: **only viewing rays**
⇒ therefore Ray Casting
- Classical **image-order** method
- **Ray Tracing**: ray – object intersection
Ray Casting: no objects, density values in 3D
- **In theory**: take all data values into account!
In practice: traverse volume step by step
- **Interpolation** necessary for each step!



Context:

- ◆ **Volume data:** 1D value defined in 3D –

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

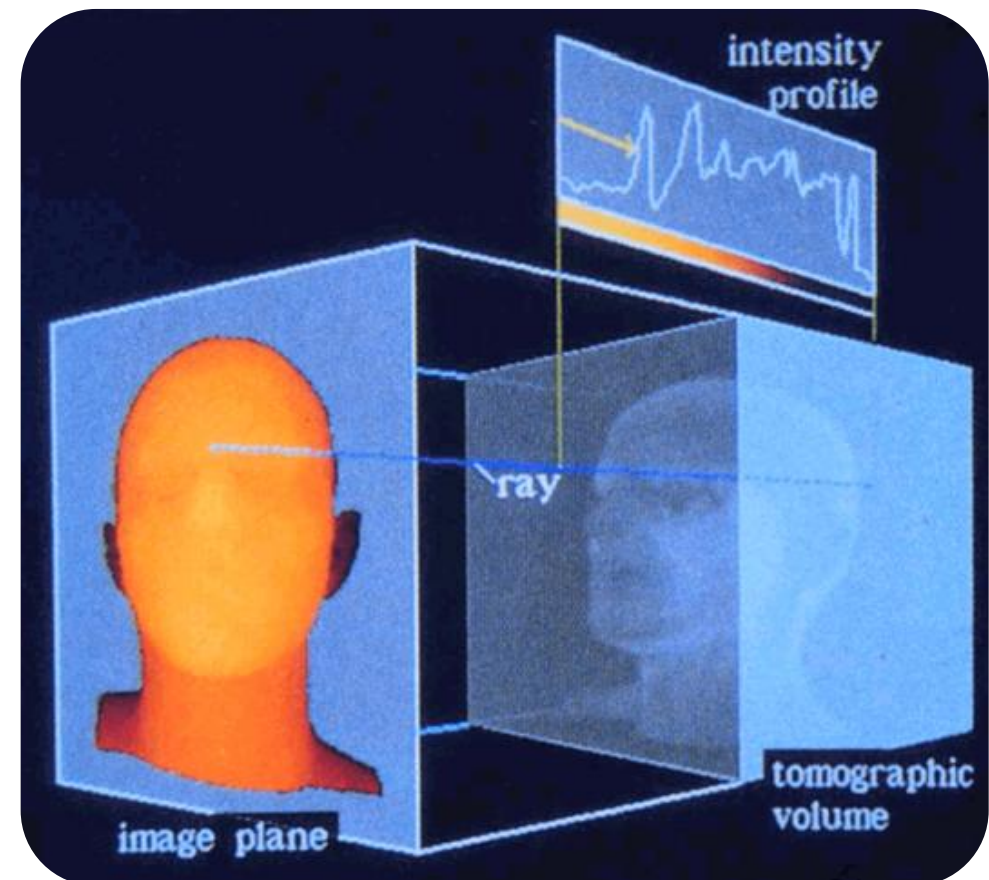
- ◆ **Ray** defined as half-line:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3, t \in \mathbb{R}^1 > 0$$

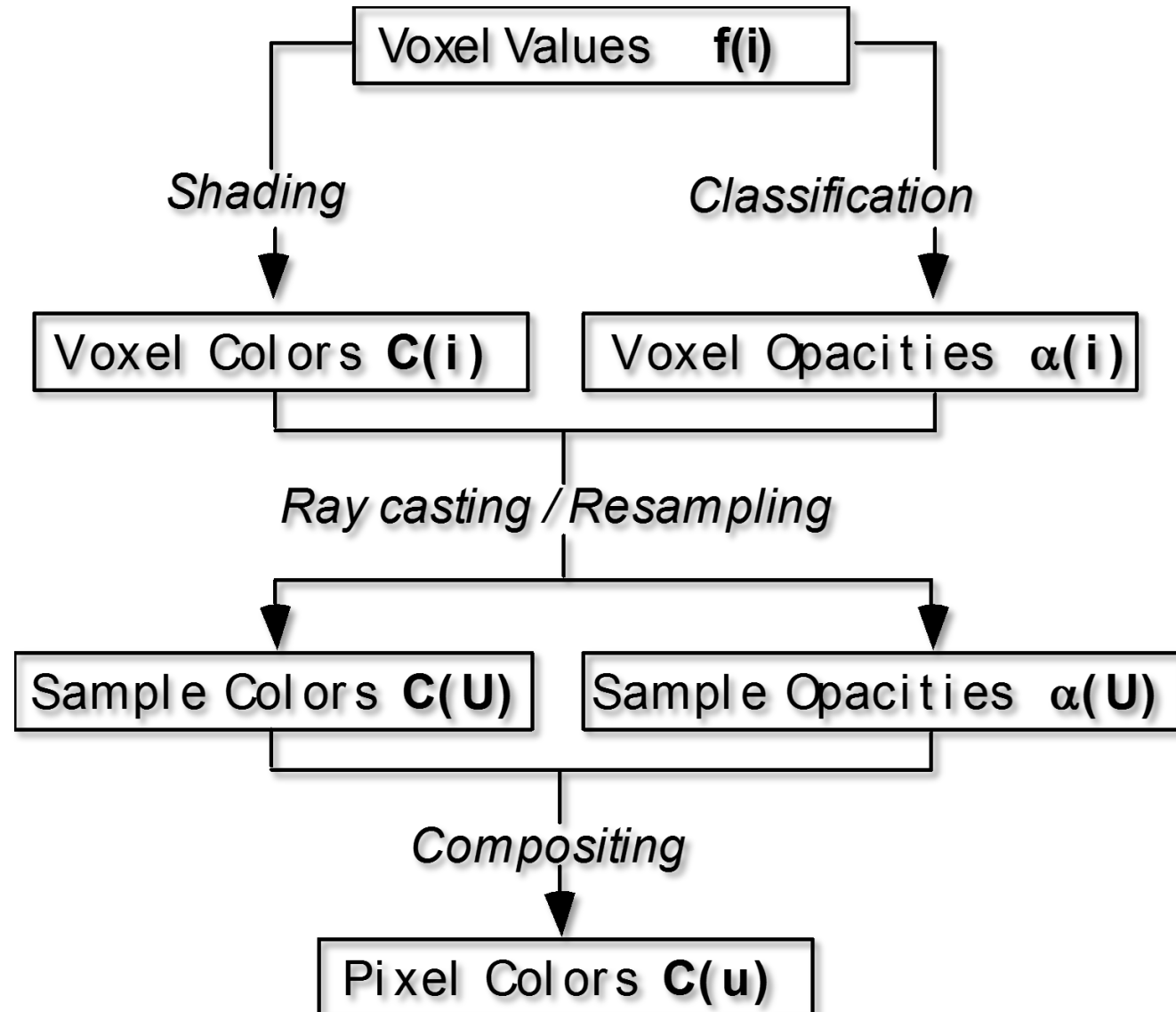
- ◆ **Values along Ray:**

$$f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^1, t \in \mathbb{R}^1 > 0$$

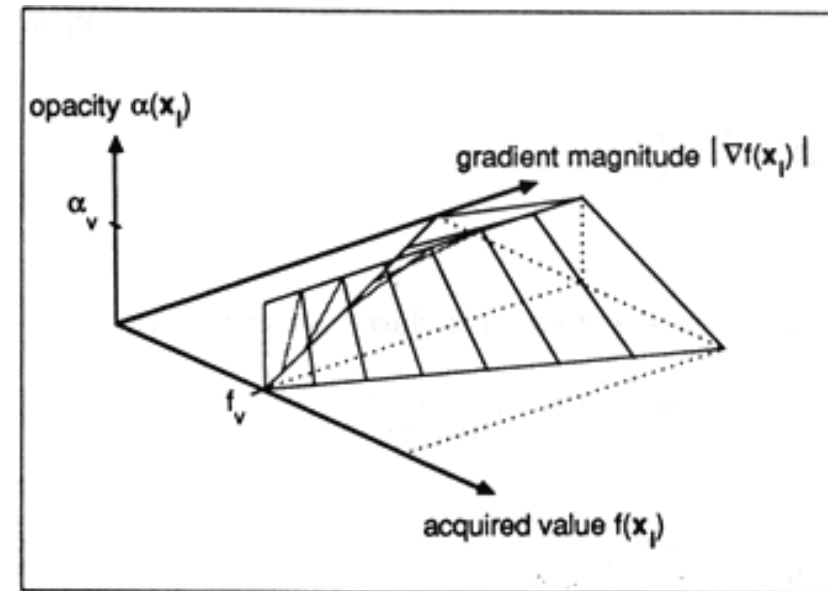
(intensity profile)



- Levoy '88:
- 1. $C(i)$, $\alpha(i)$
(from TF)
- 2. Ray casting,
interpolation
- 3. Compositing
(or
combinations)

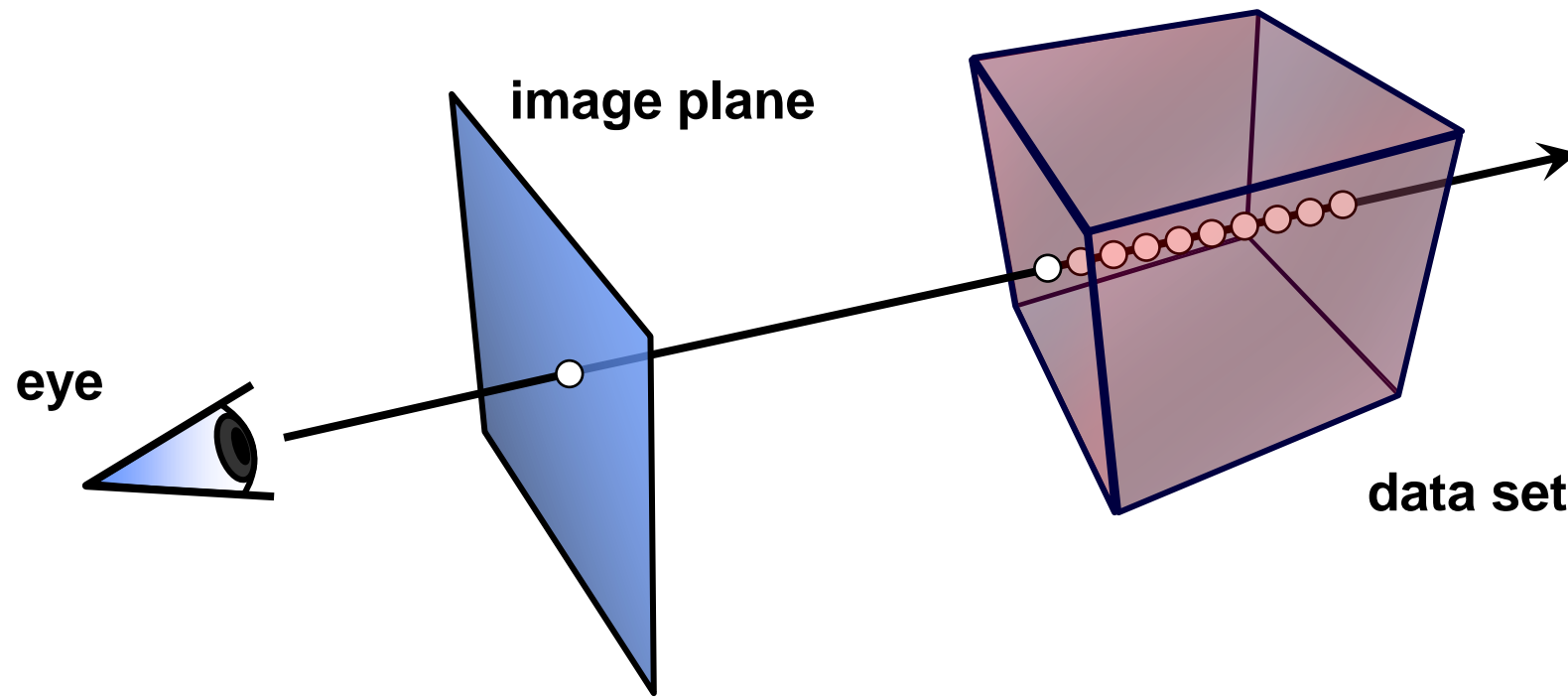


- 1. Step:
 - ◆ Shading, $f(i) \rightarrow C(i)$:
 - Apply transfer function
 - diffuse illumination (Phong), gradient \approx normal
 - ◆ Classification, $f(i) \rightarrow \alpha(i)$:
 - Levoy '88, gradient enhanced
 - Emphasizes transitions
 - ◆ Nowadays: shading/classification after ray-casting/resampling

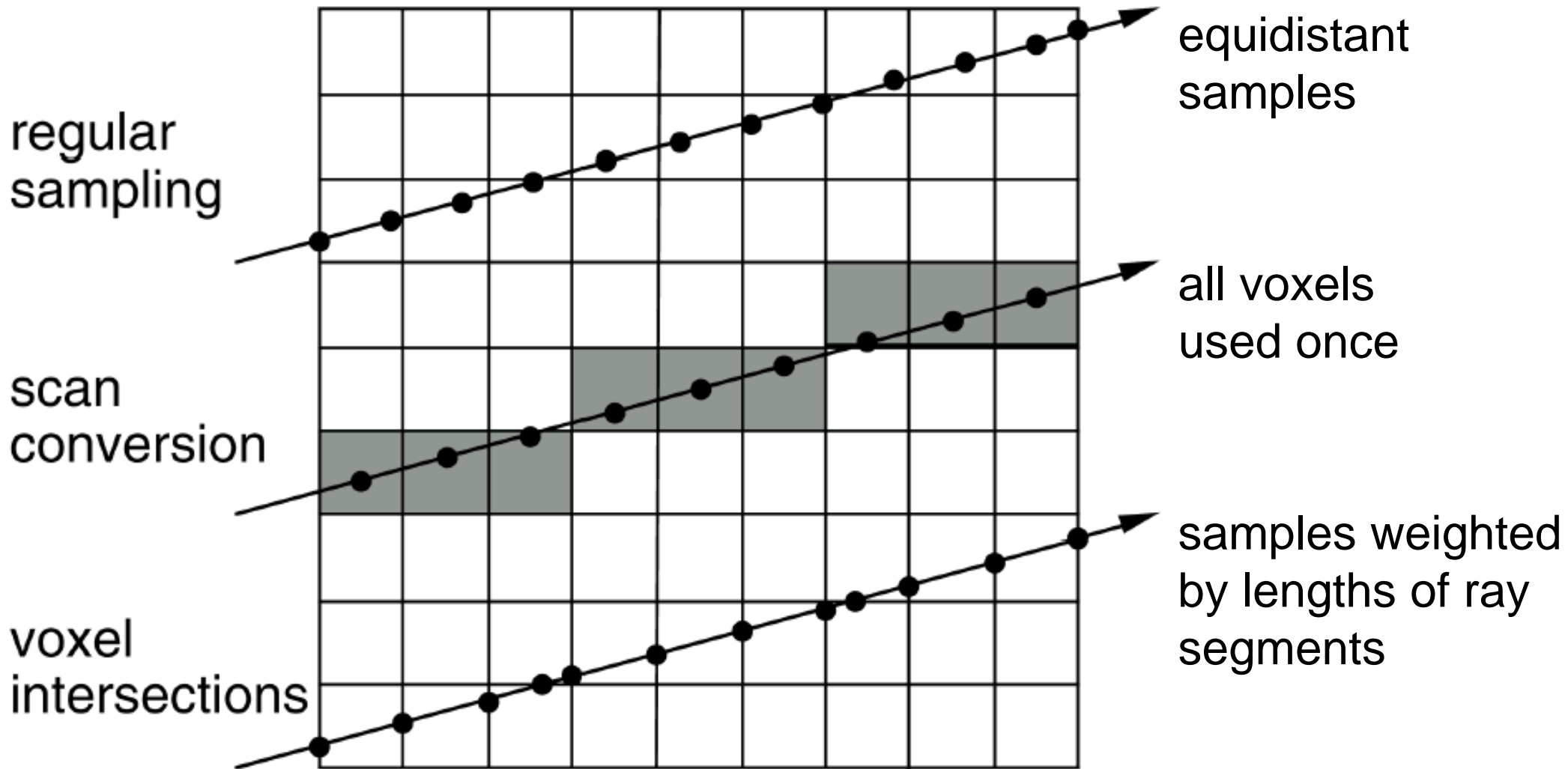


2. Ray Traversal

- Cast ray through the volume and perform sampling at discrete positions

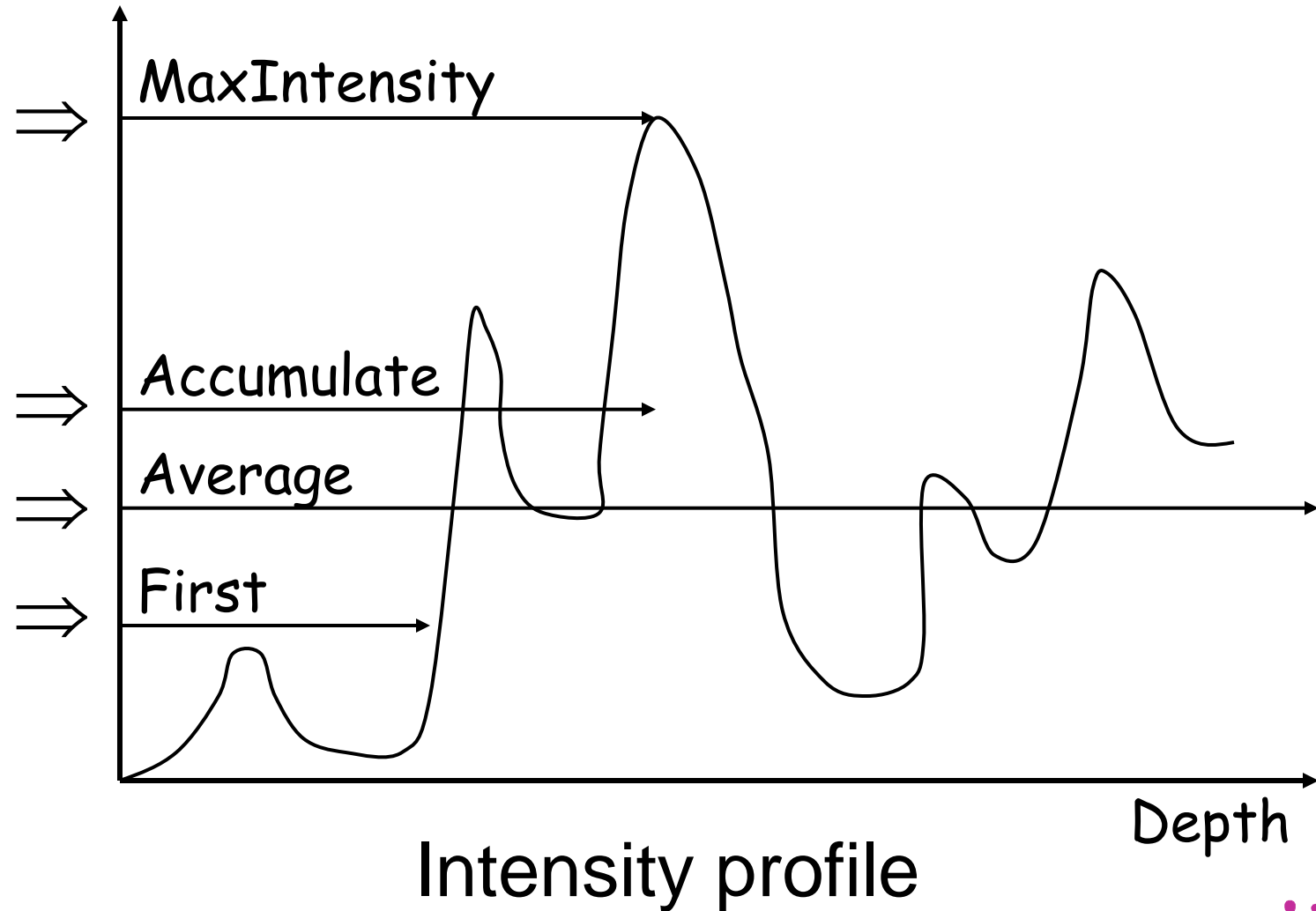


2. Ray Traversal – Three Approaches



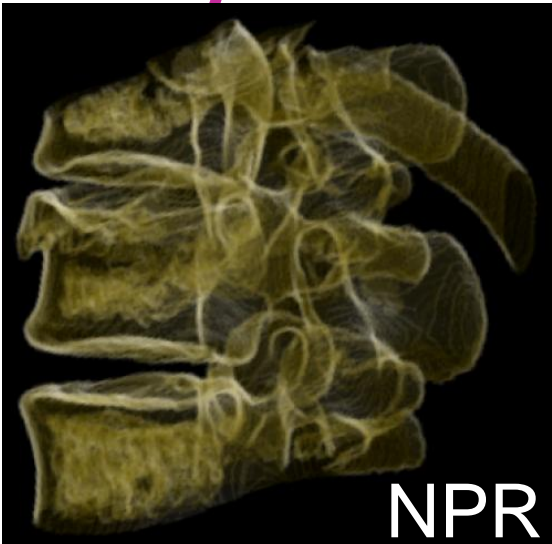
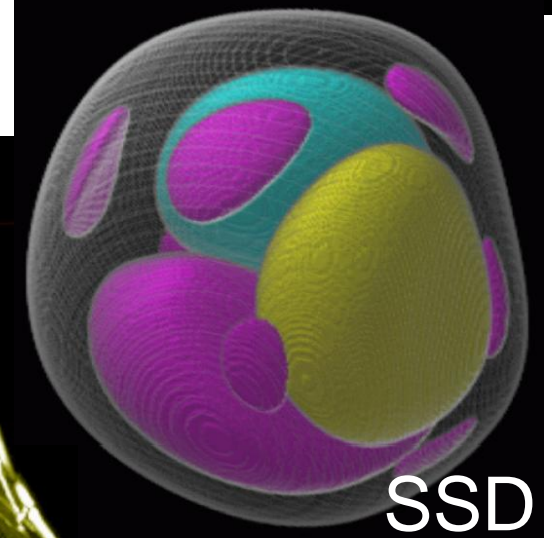
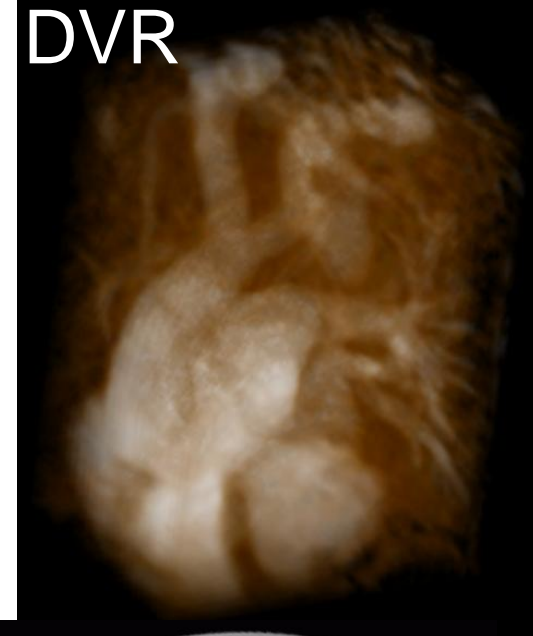
Overview:

- ◆ MIP
- ◆ Compositing
- ◆ X-Ray
- ◆ First hit



■ Possibilities:

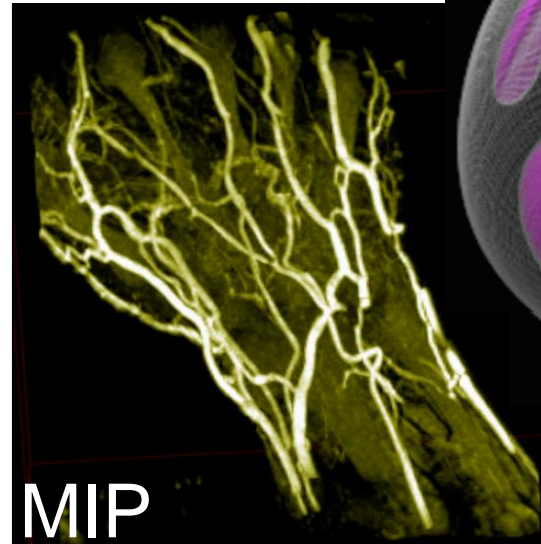
- ◆ α -compositing
- ◆ Shaded surface display (first hit)
- ◆ Maximum-intensity projection (MIP)
- ◆ X-ray simulation
- ◆ Contour rendering



NPR



x-ray



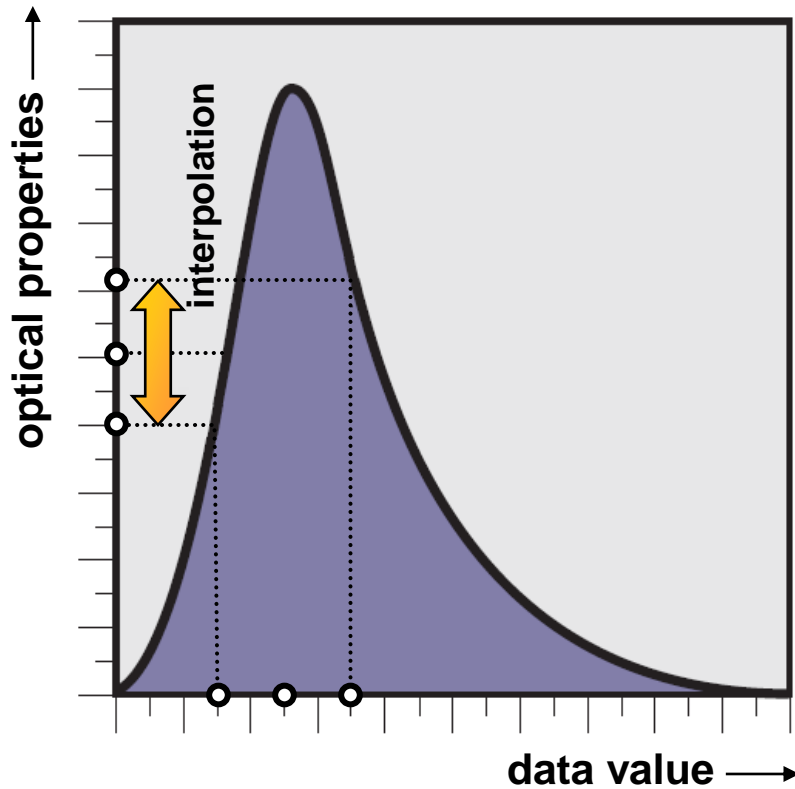
MIP



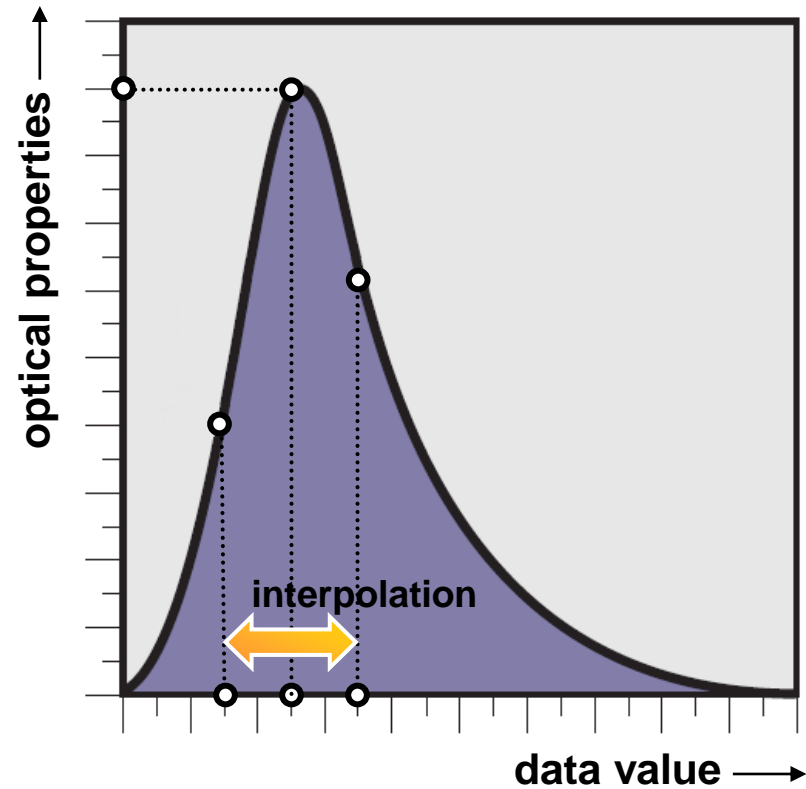
- Shading/classification can occur before or after ray traversal
 - ◆ **Pre-interpolative:** classify all data values and then interpolate between RGBA-tuples
 - ◆ **Post-interpolative:** interpolate between scalar data values and then classify the result



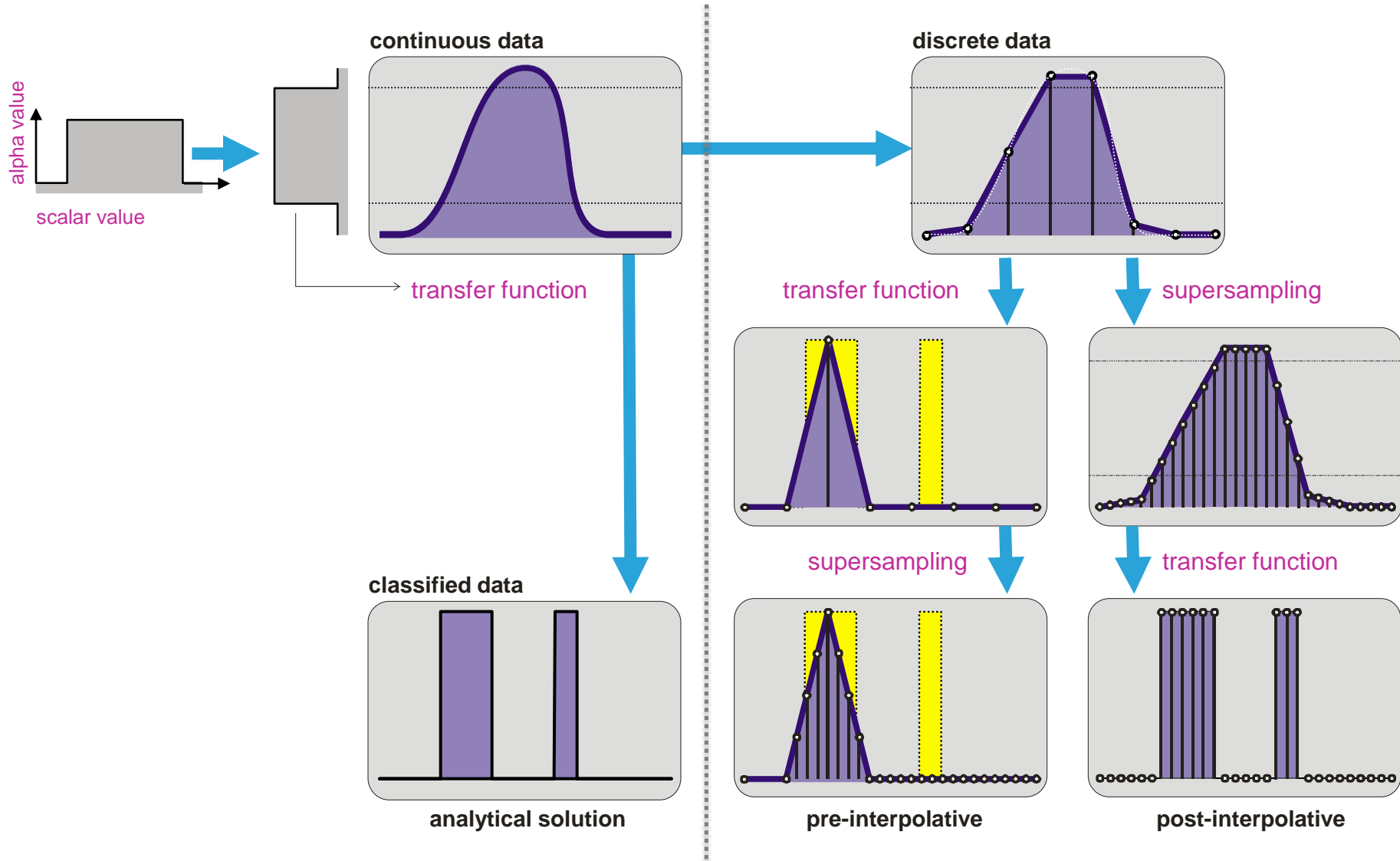
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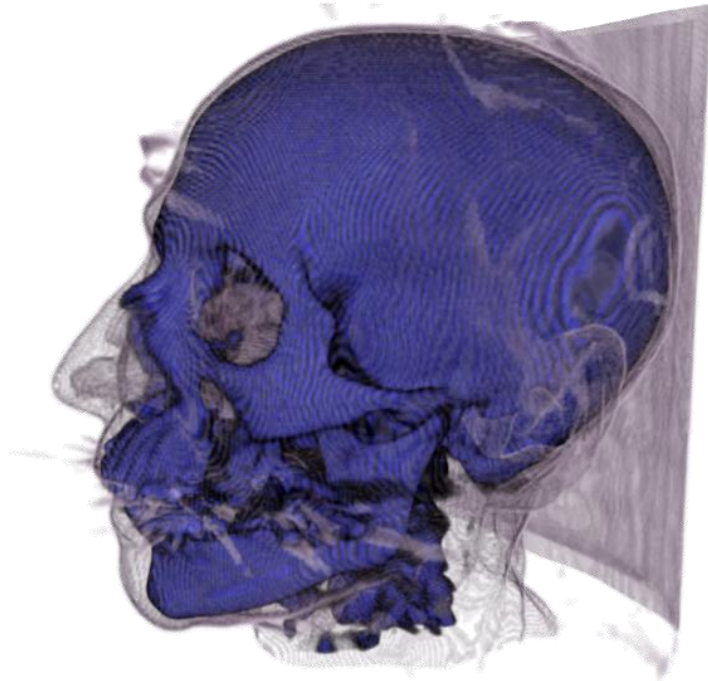


POST-INTERPOLATIVE

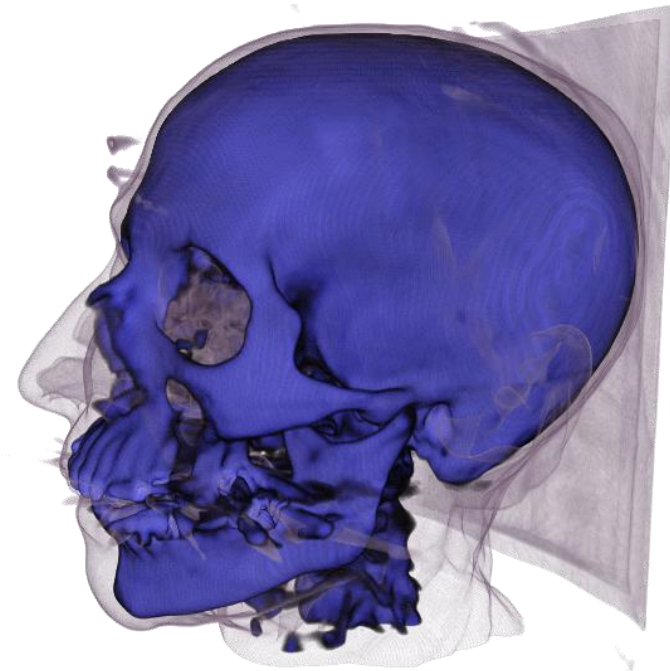


Classification Order (3)





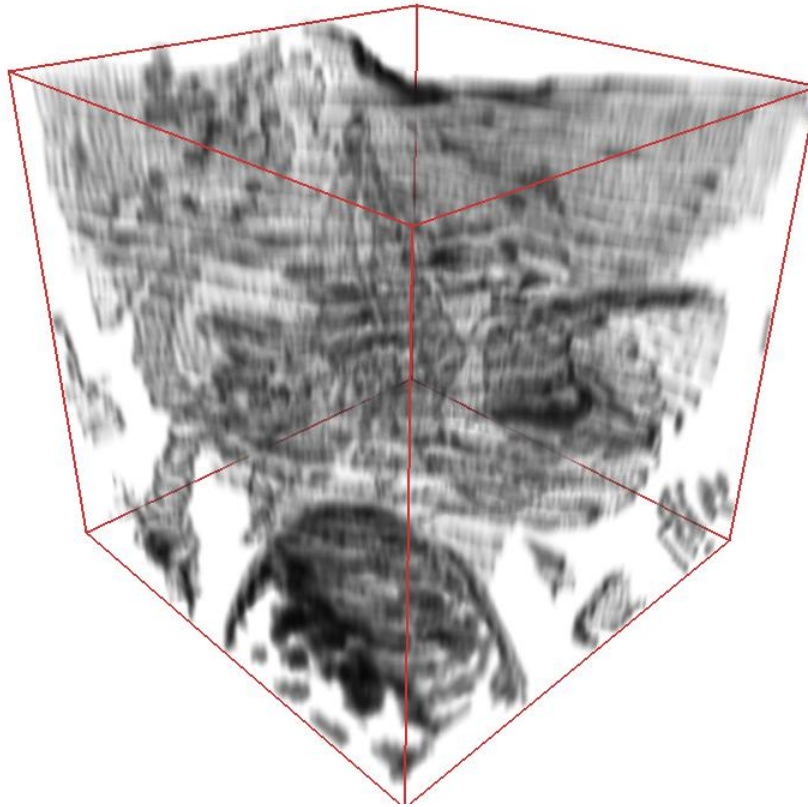
pre-interpolative



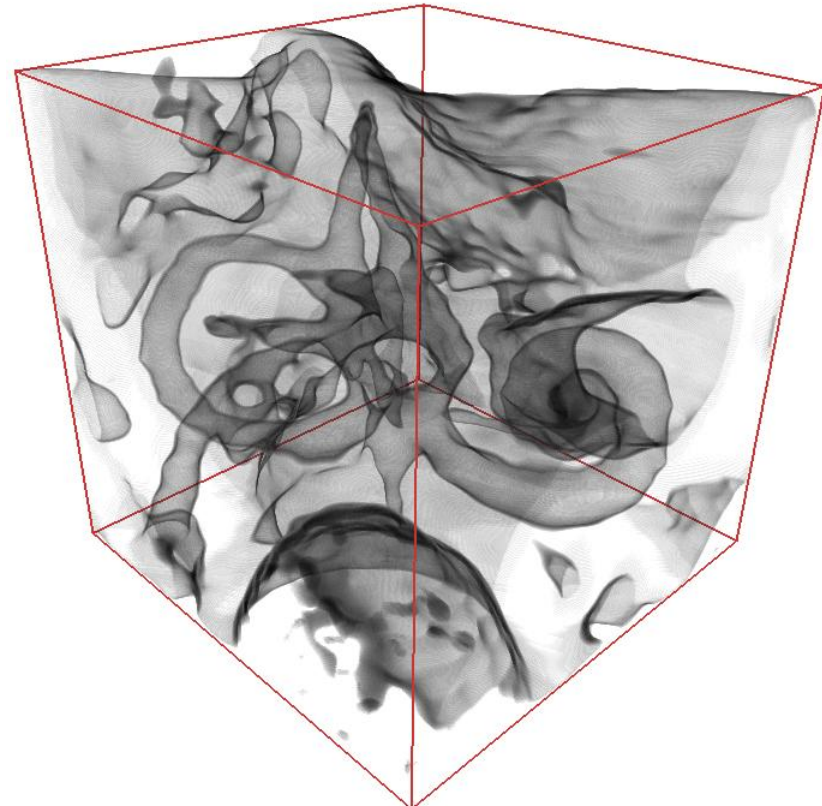
post-interpolative

same transfer function, resolution, and sampling rate





pre-interpolative



post-interpolative

same transfer function, resolution, and sampling rate



α -Compositing –

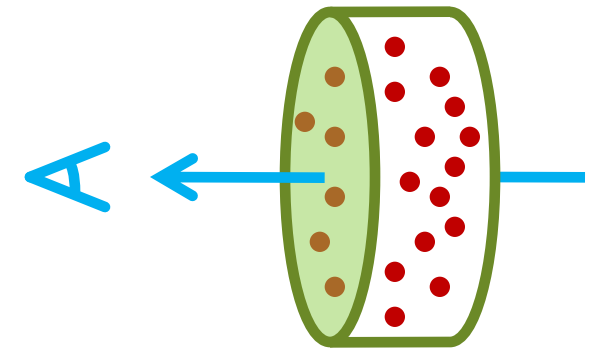
a Specific Optical Model for Volume Rendering

Display of
Semi-Transparent Media



■ Various models (Examples):

- ◆ Emission only (light particles)
- ◆ Absorption only (dark fog)
- ◆ Emission & absorption (clouds)
- ◆ Single scattering, w/o shadows
- ◆ Multiple scattering

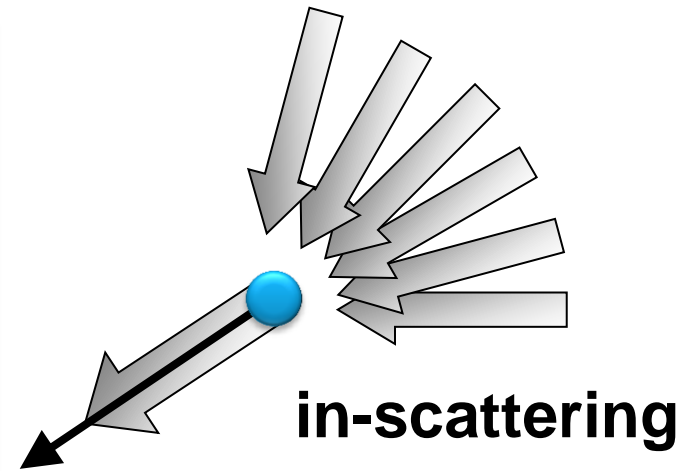
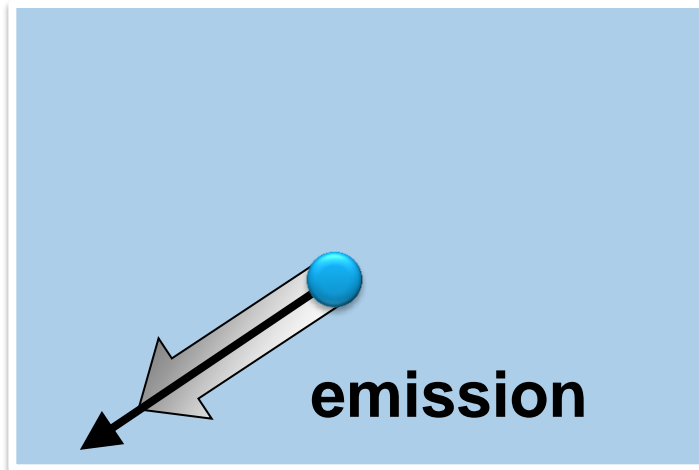


■ Two approaches:

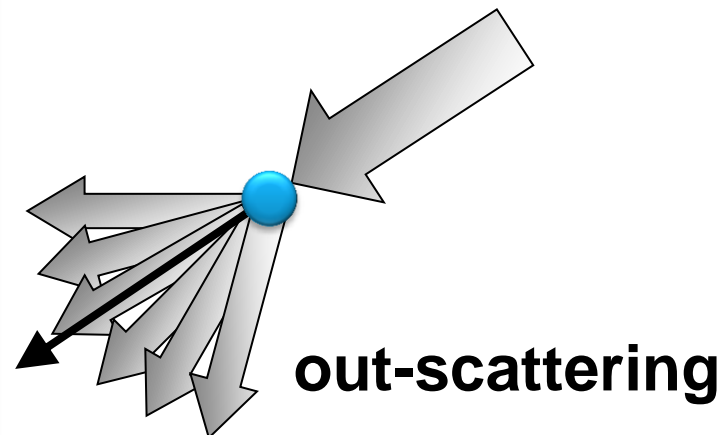
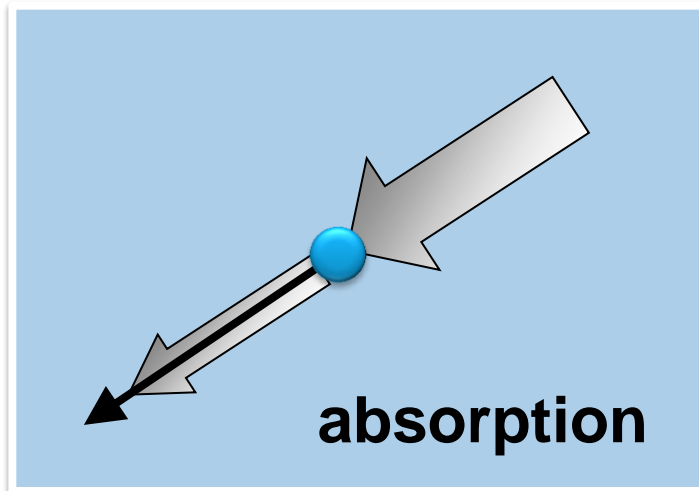
- ◆ Analytical model (via differentials)
- ◆ Numerical approximation (via differences)



energy
increase



energy
decrease





initial intensity
at s_0

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

without absorption all
the initial radiant energy
would reach the point s





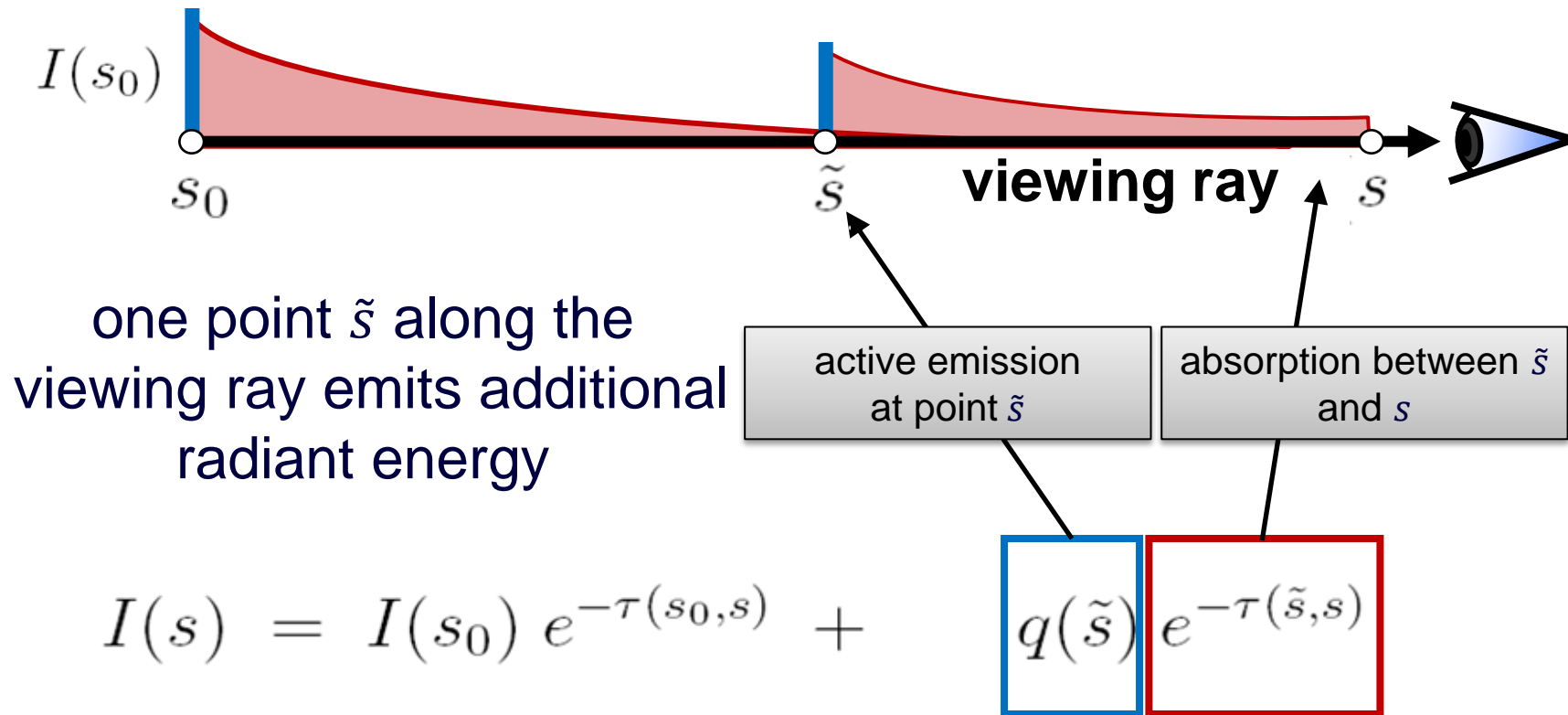
absorption between s_0 and s

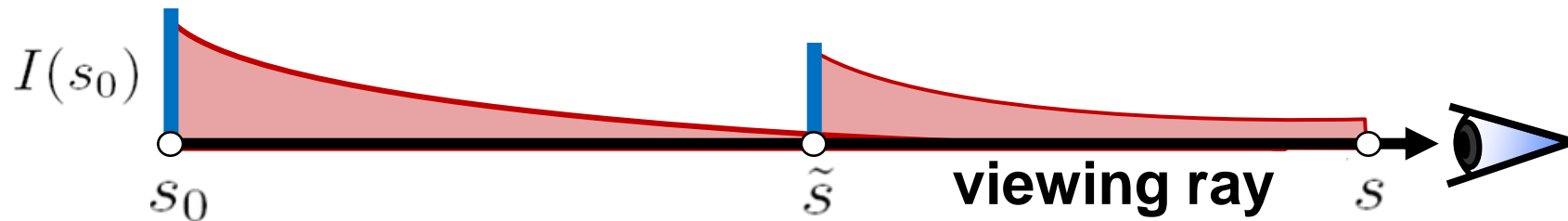
Extinction τ
Absorption κ

$$\tau(s_1, s_2) = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \kappa(s) ds.$$

$$I(s) = I(s_0) e^{-\tau(s_0, s)}$$



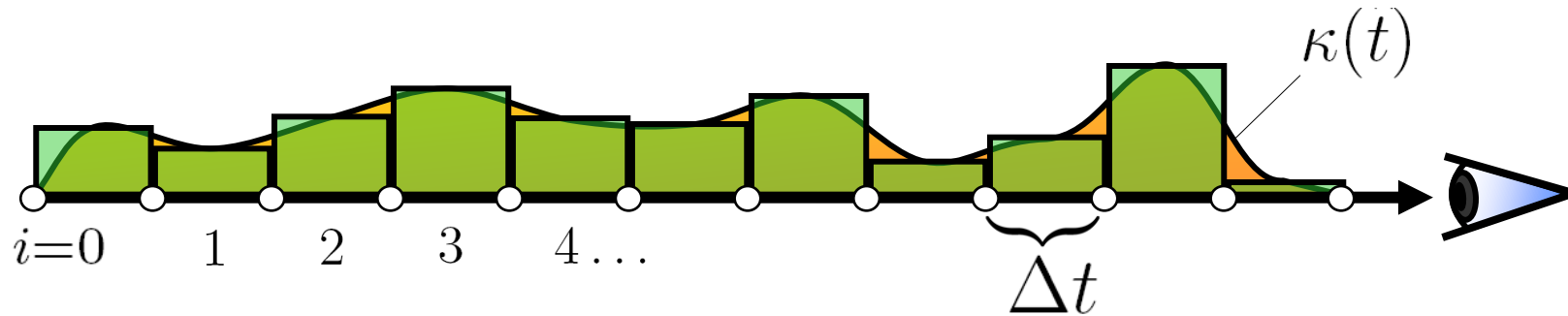




every point \tilde{s} along the viewing ray emits additional radiant energy

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



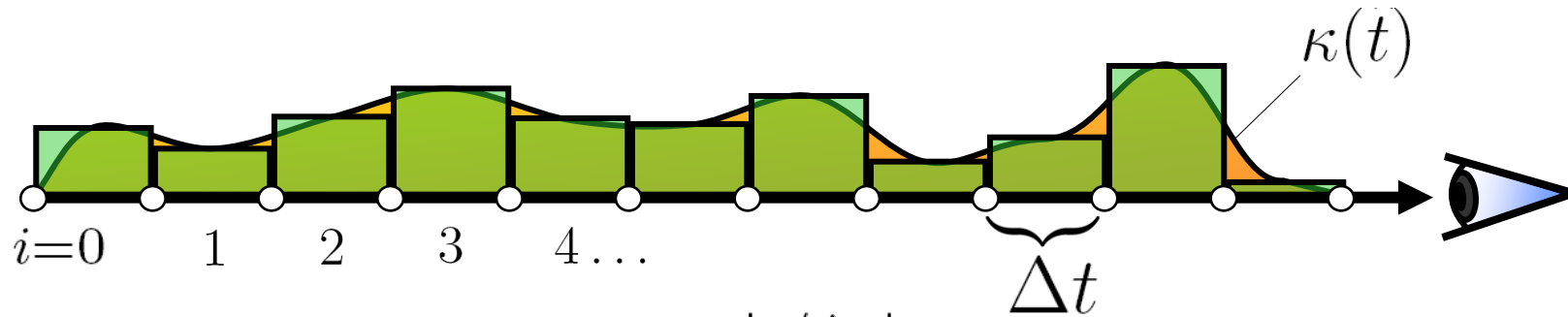


Extinction: $\tau(0, t) = \int_0^t \kappa(\hat{t}) d\hat{t}$

approximate integral by Riemann sum:

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

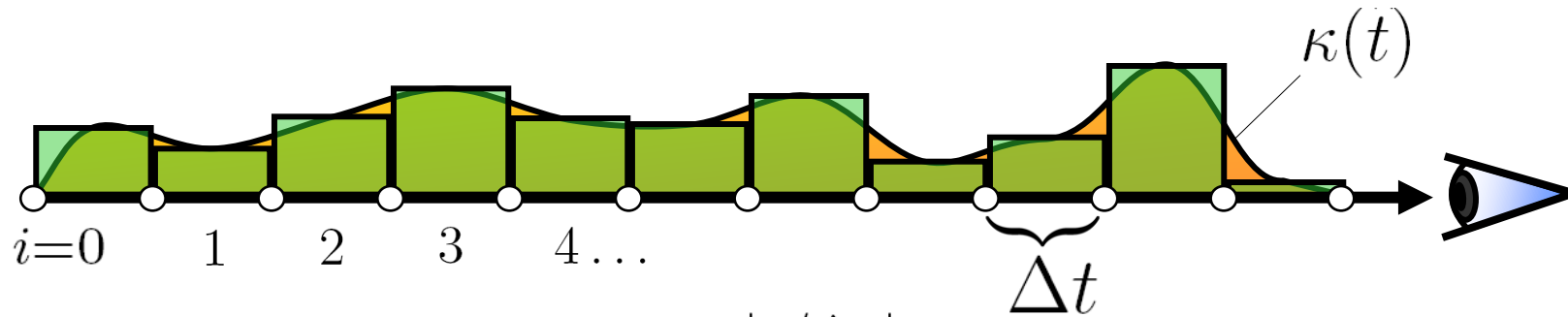




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$$e^{-\tilde{\tau}(0, t)} = e^{-\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor t/\Delta t \rfloor} \kappa(i \cdot \Delta t) \Delta t}$$





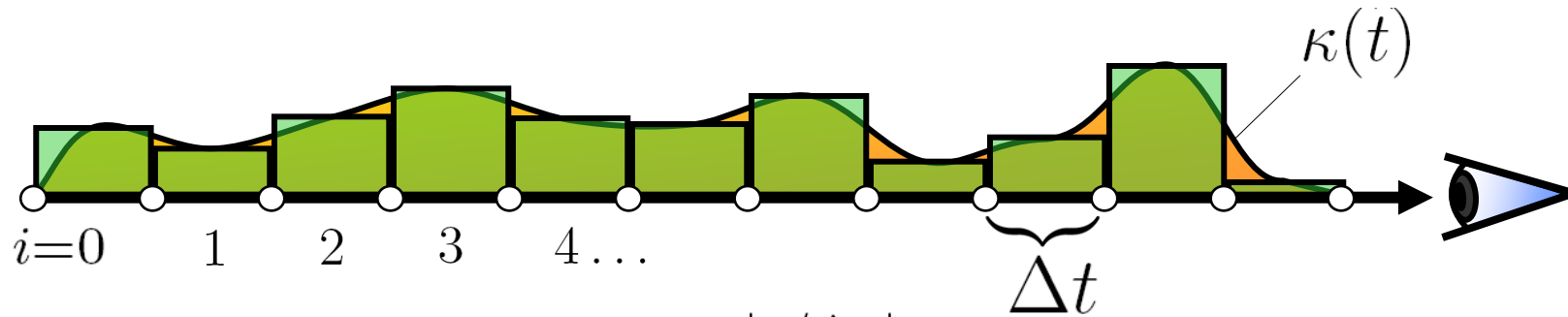
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now we introduce opacity:

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





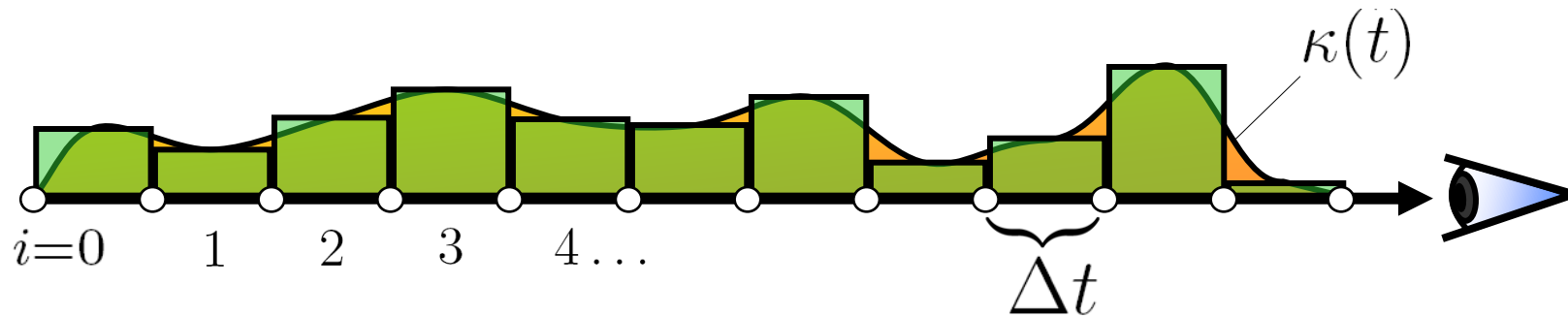
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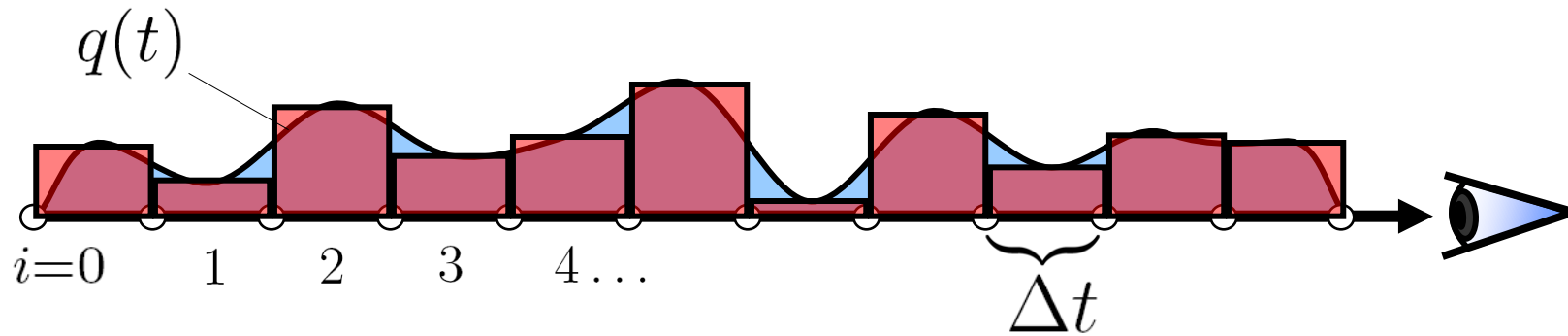
$$(1 - A_i) = e^{-\kappa(i \cdot \Delta t) \Delta t}$$





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



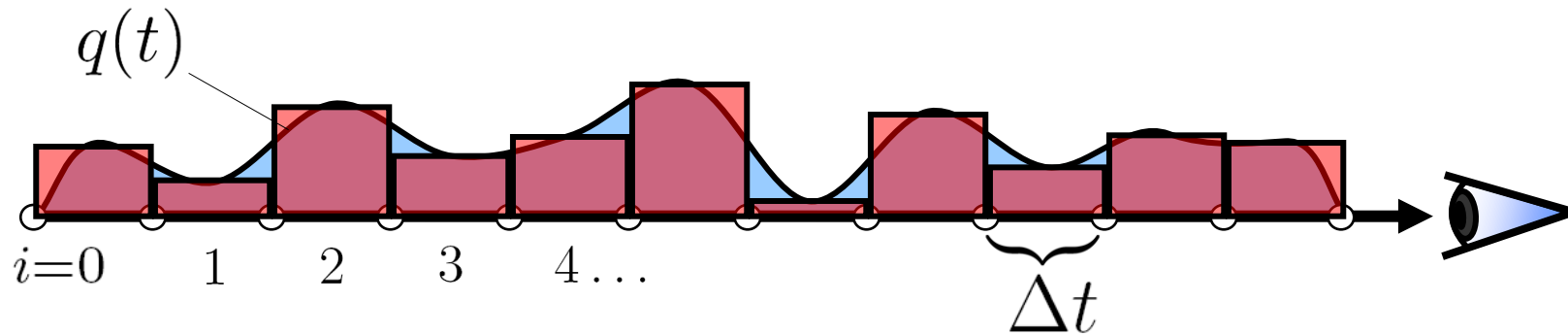


$$e^{-\tilde{\tau}(0,t)} = \prod_{i=0}^{\lfloor t/\Delta t \rfloor} (1 - A_i)$$

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

$$\tilde{C} = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor T/\Delta t \rfloor} C_i e^{-\tilde{\tau}(0,t)}$$



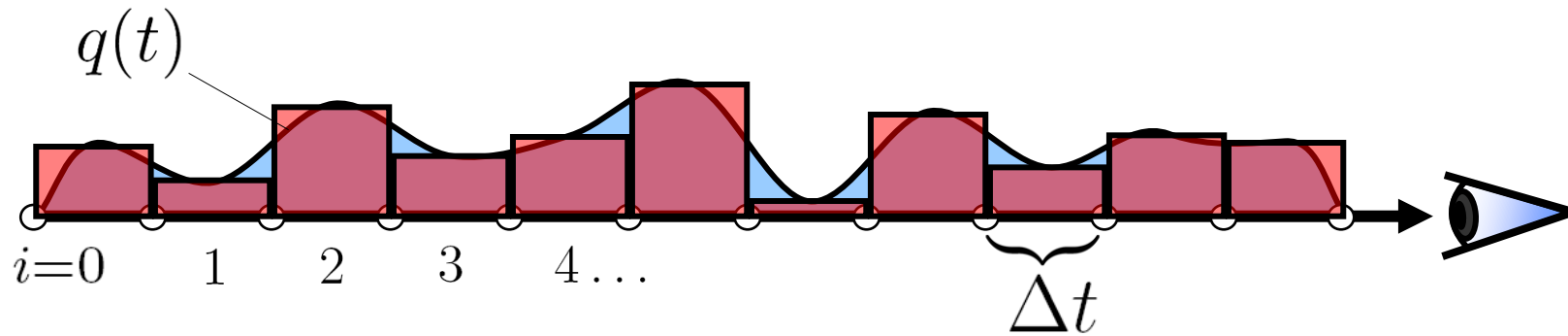


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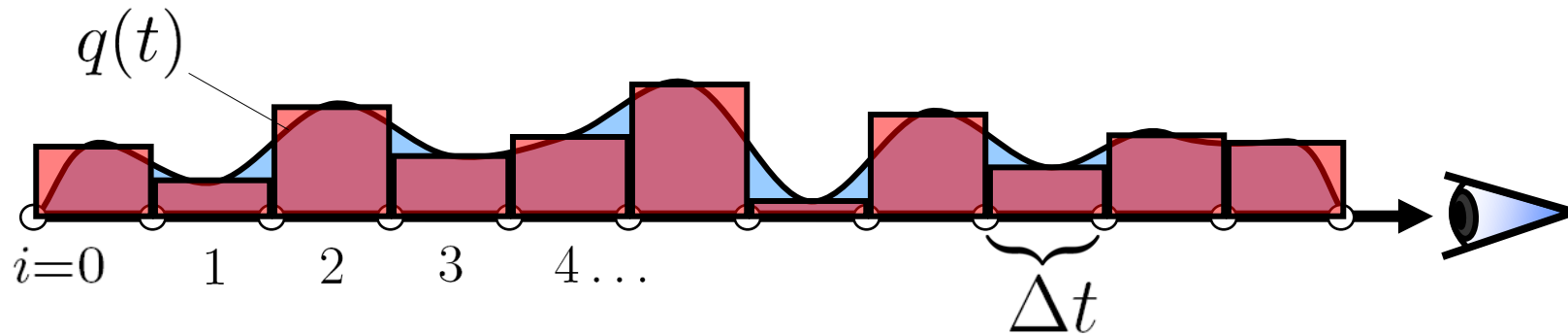


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can be computed recursively:

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





**back-to-front
compositing**

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

**front-to-back
compositing**

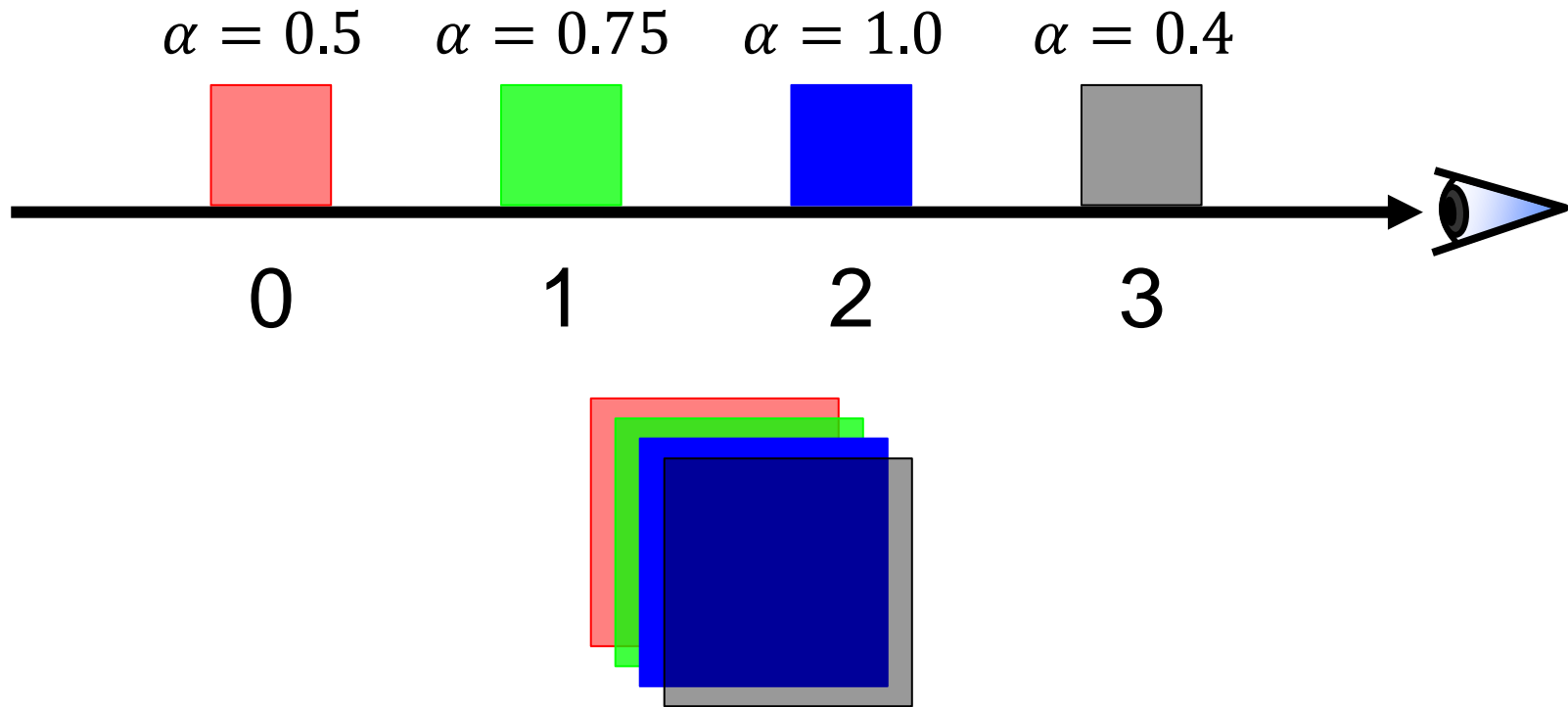
$$C'_i = C'_{i+1} + (1 - A'_{i+1})C_i$$

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

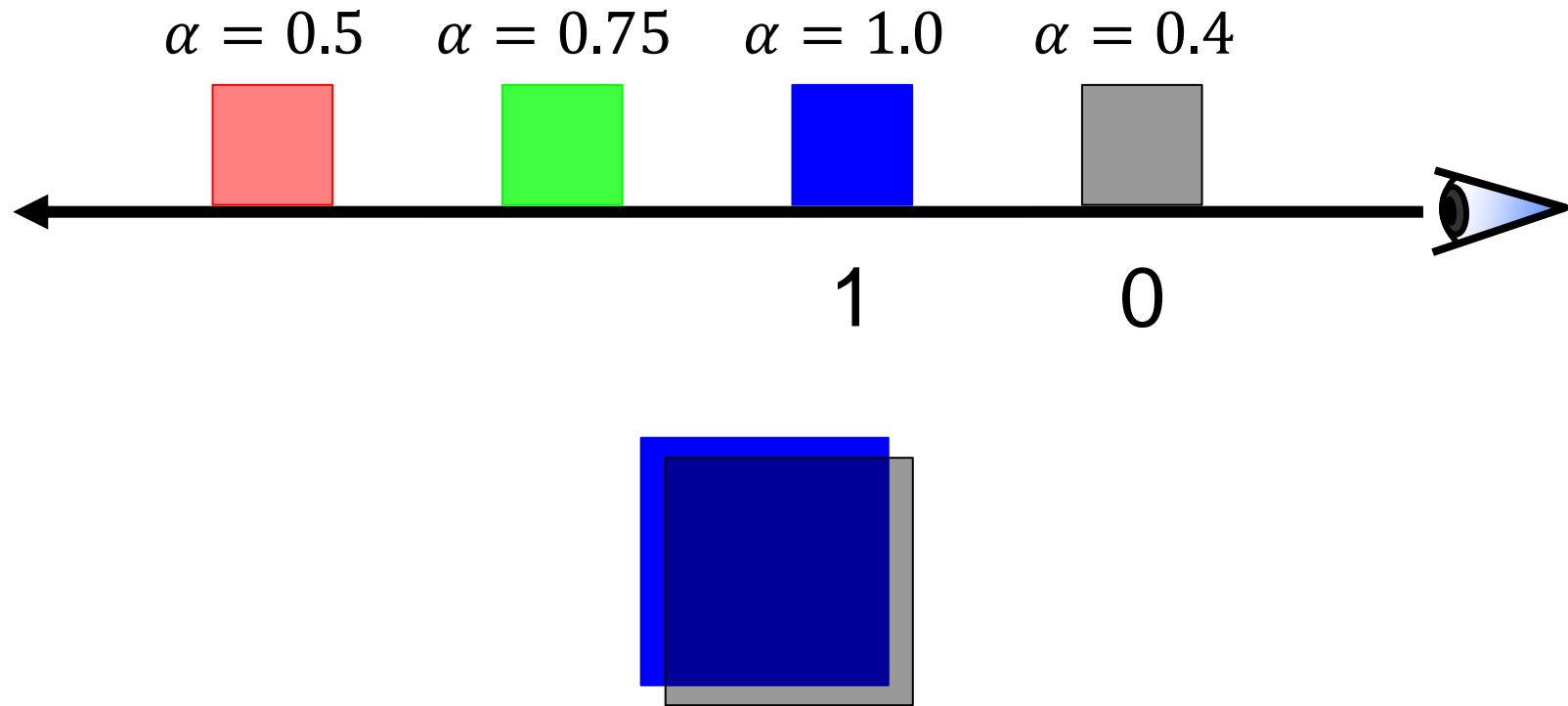
**early ray
termination:**
stop the
calculation
when $A'_i \approx 1$



Back-to-Front Compositing: Example



Front-to-Back Compositing: Example



■ 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 **[pre-multiplied alpha assumed]**

back-to-front iteration

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

front-to-back iteration

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

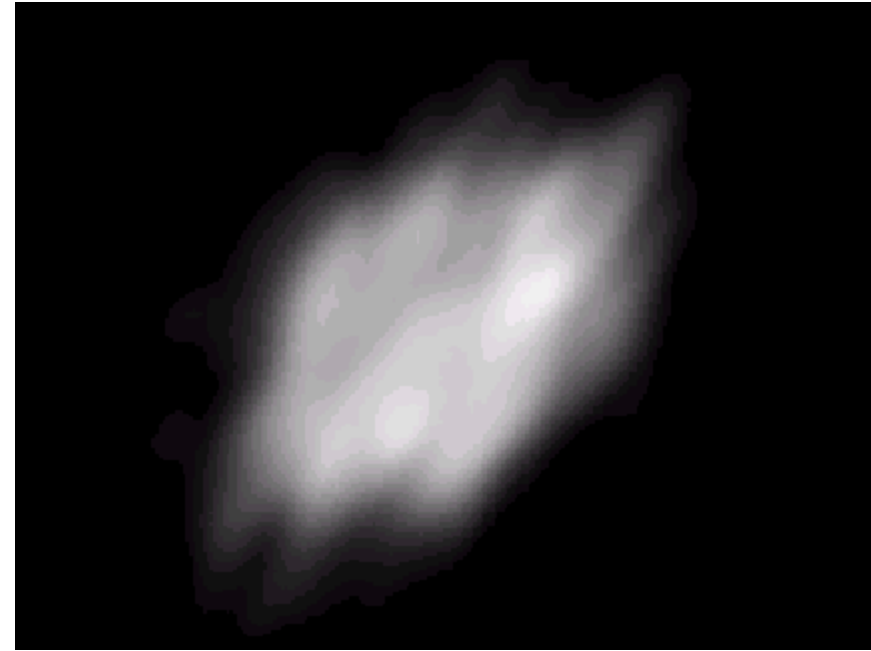


- Color values are stored pre-multiplied by their opacity: $(\alpha r, \alpha g, \alpha b)$
- Consequence: transparent red is the same as transparent black, etc.
- Simplifies blending: color and alpha values are treated equally
- Can result in loss of precision



Emission or/and Absorption

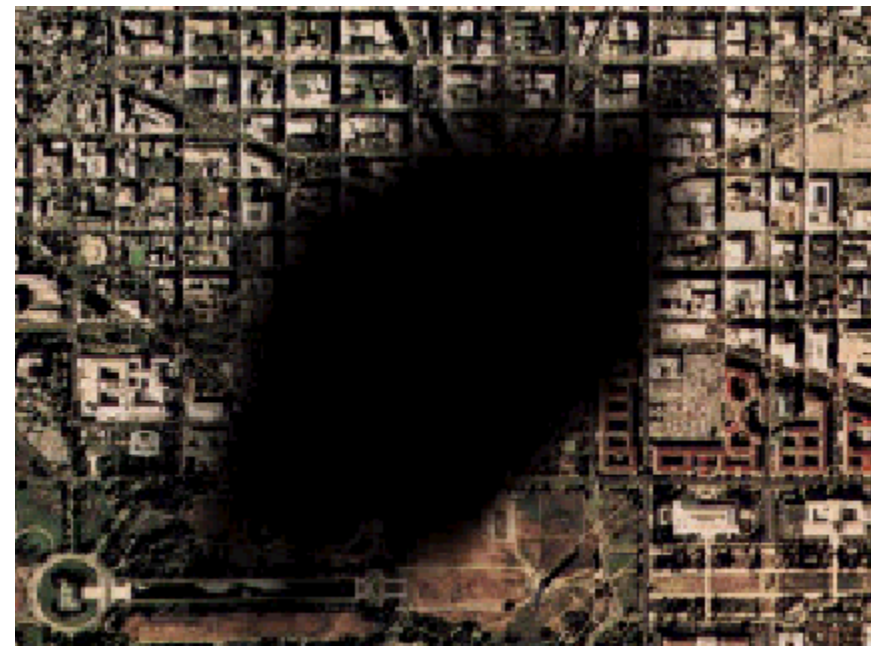
Emission
only



Emission
and Absorption

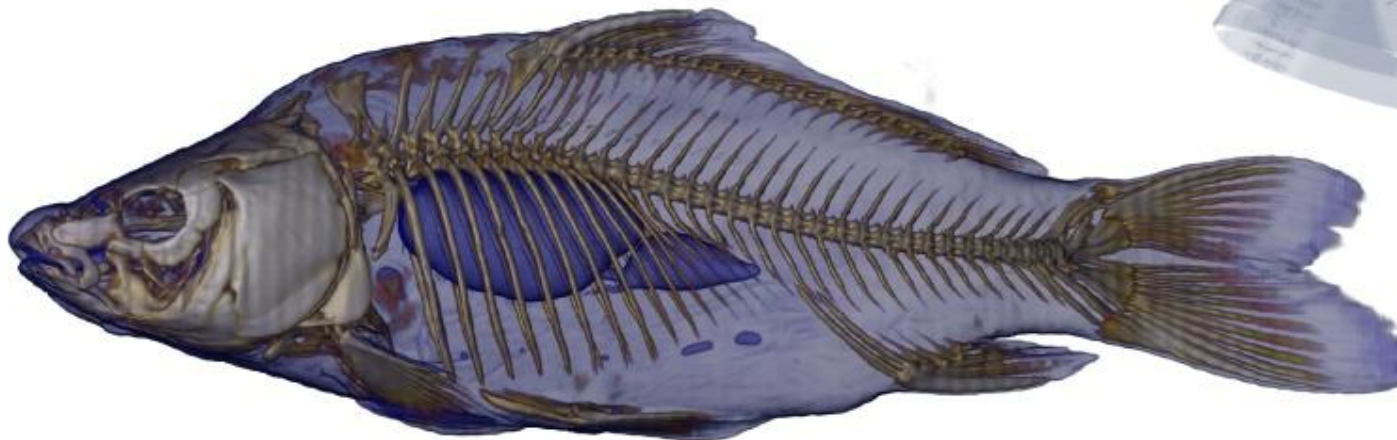
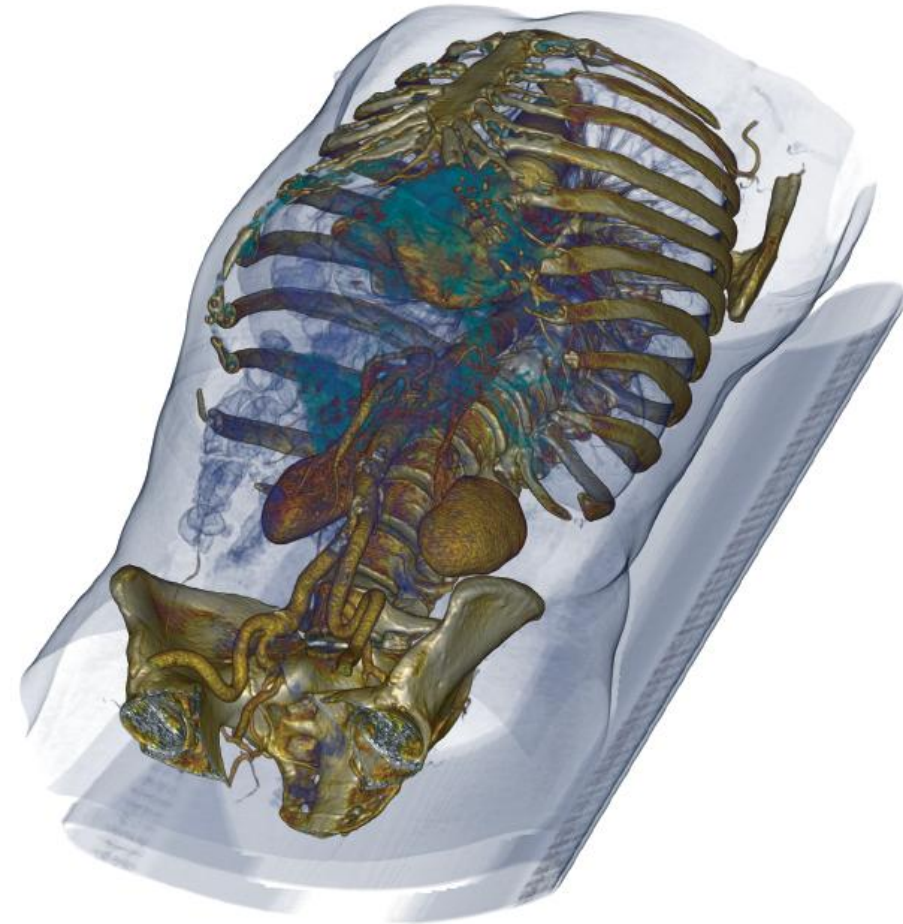


Absorption
only

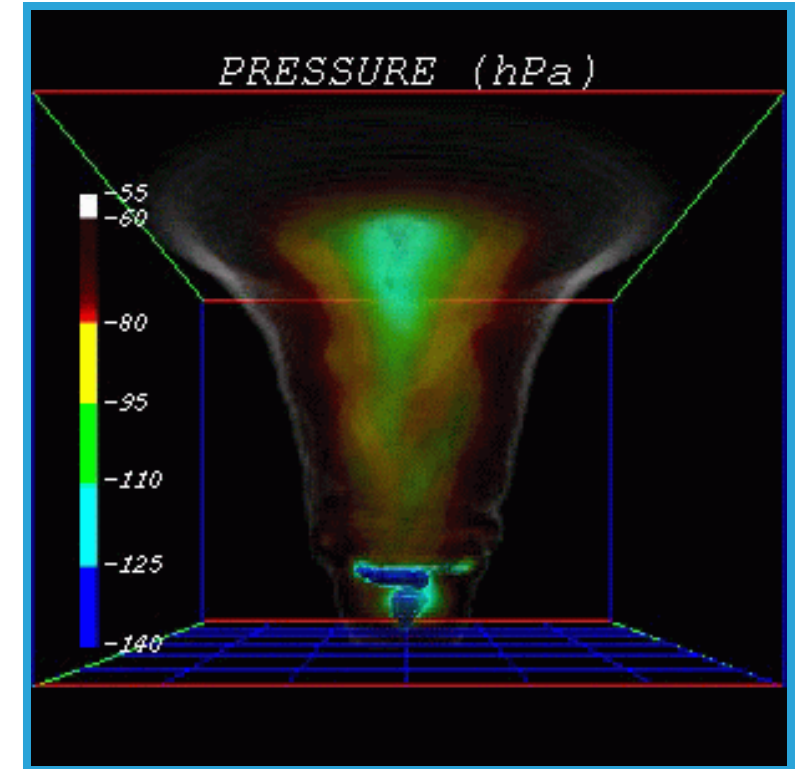
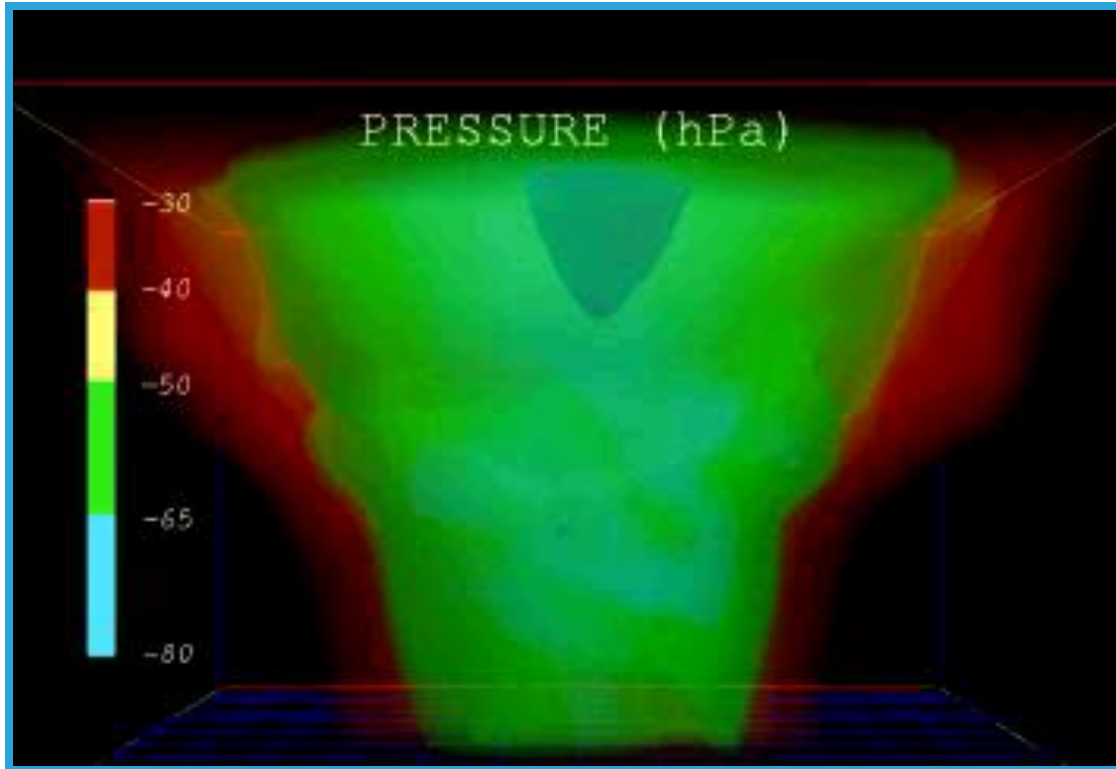


- CT scan of human hand (244x124x257, 16 bit)

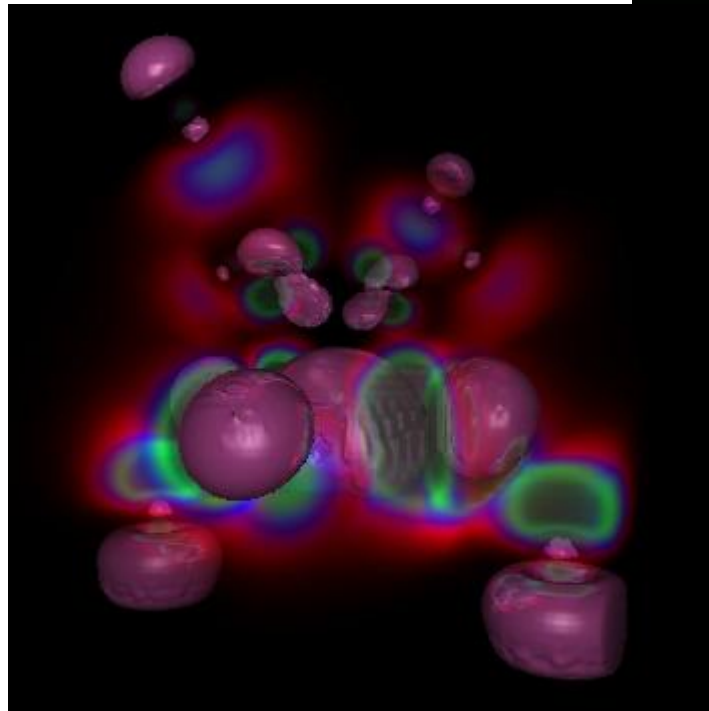
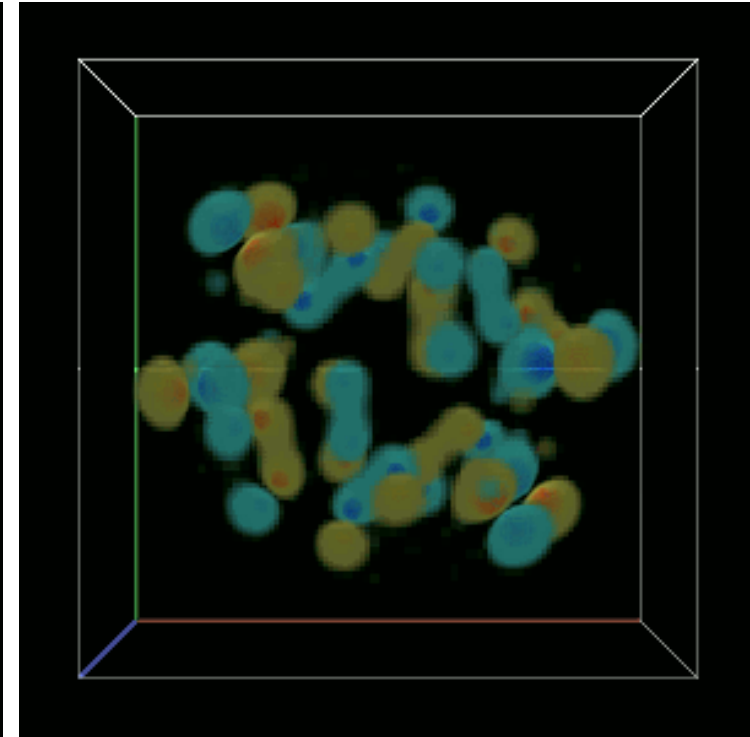
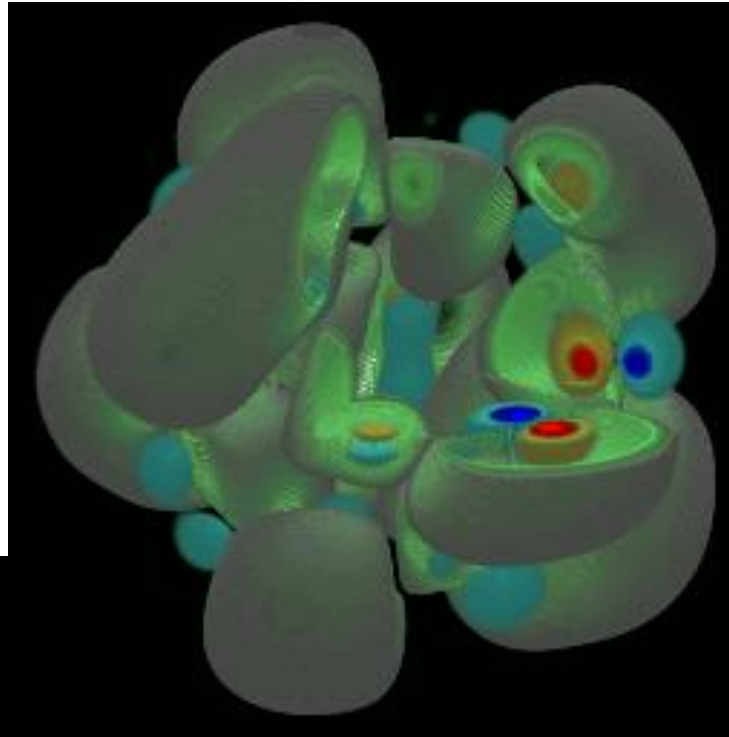




■ Tornado Visualization:



- Molecular data:



Hardware-Volume Visualization

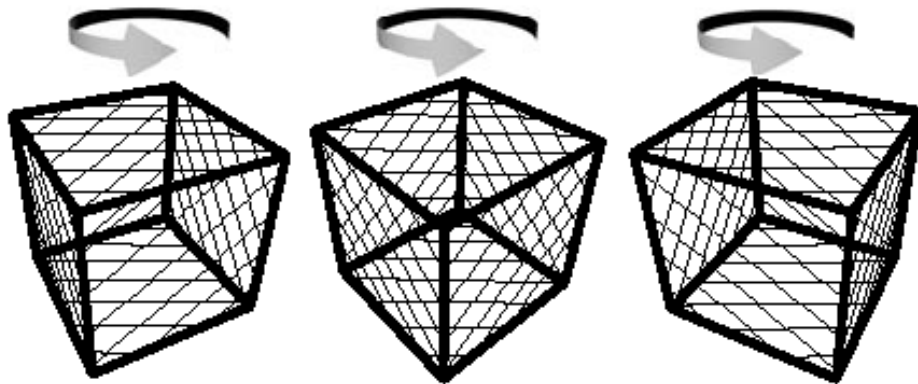
Faster with Hardware?!



- 3D-textures:
 - ◆ Volume data stored in 3D-texture
 - ◆ Proxy geometry (slices) parallel to image plane, are interpolated tri-linearly
 - ◆ Back-to-front compositing
- 2D-textures:
 - ◆ 3 stacks of slices (x-, y- & z-axis), slices are interpolated bi-linearly
 - ◆ Select stack (most “parallel” to image plane)
 - ◆ Back-to-front compositing

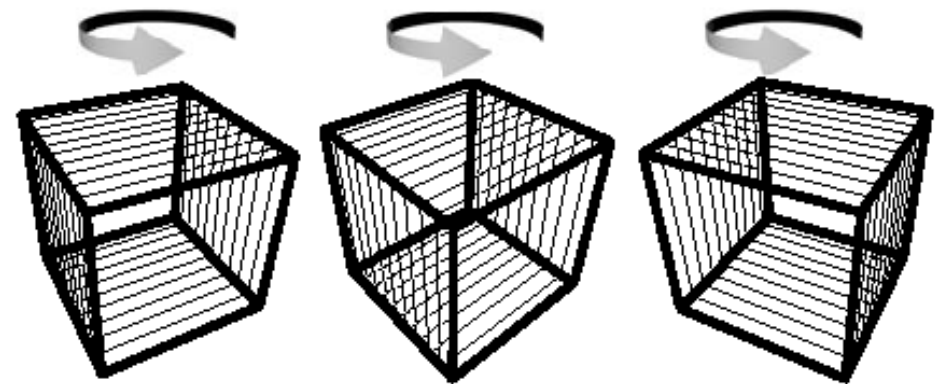


- 3D-textures:
 - ◆ Number of slices varies



Viewport-Aligned Slices

- 2D-textures:
 - ◆ Stack change: discontinuity



Object-Aligned Slices



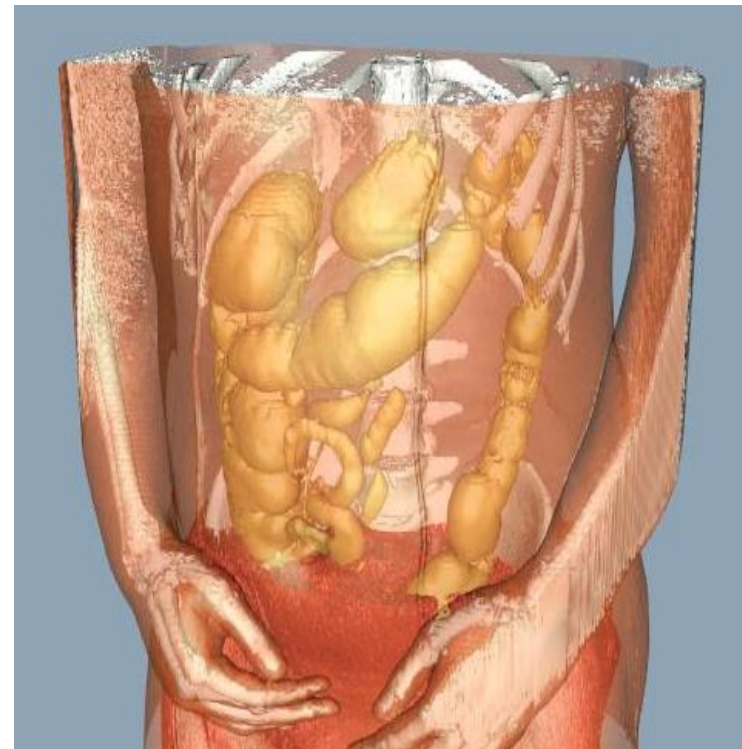
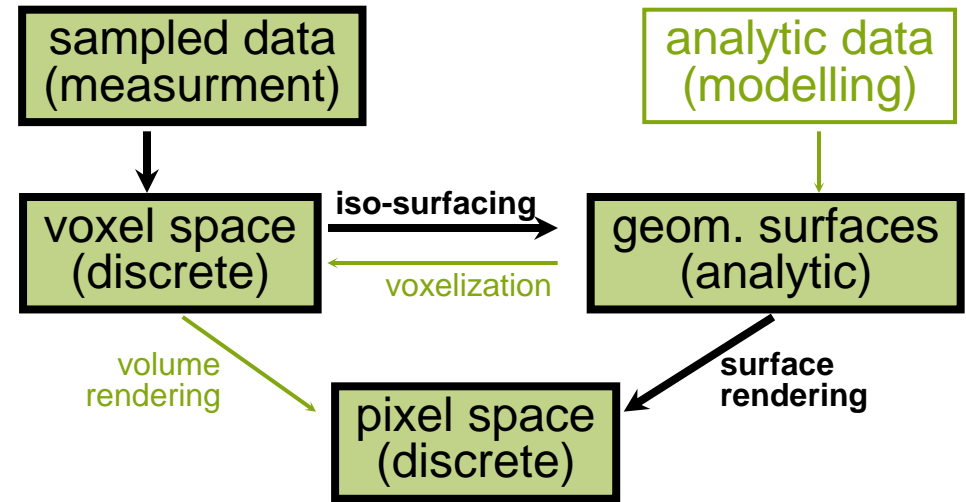
Indirect Volume Visualization

Iso-Surface-Display

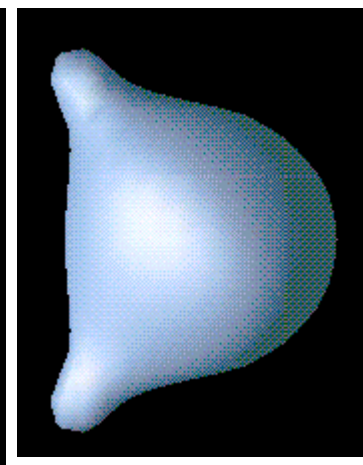
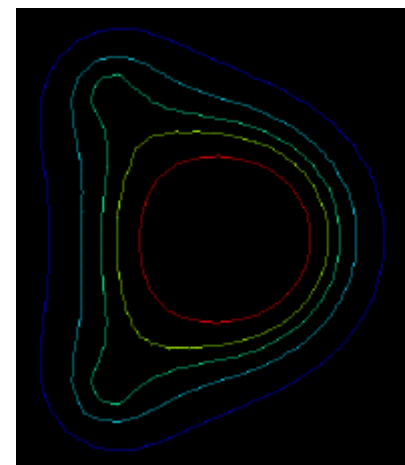
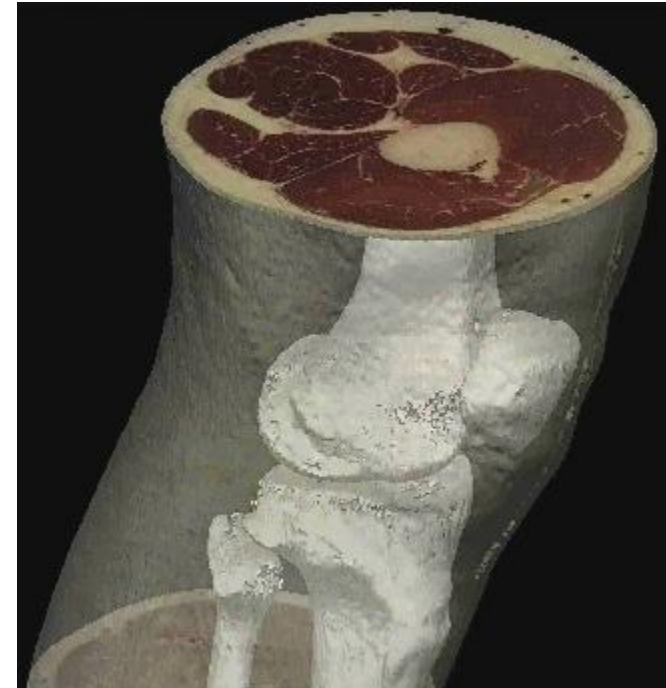


■ Example

- ◆ CT measurement
- ◆ Iso-stack-conversion
- ◆ Iso-surface-calculation (marching cubes)
- ◆ Surface rendering (OpenGL)

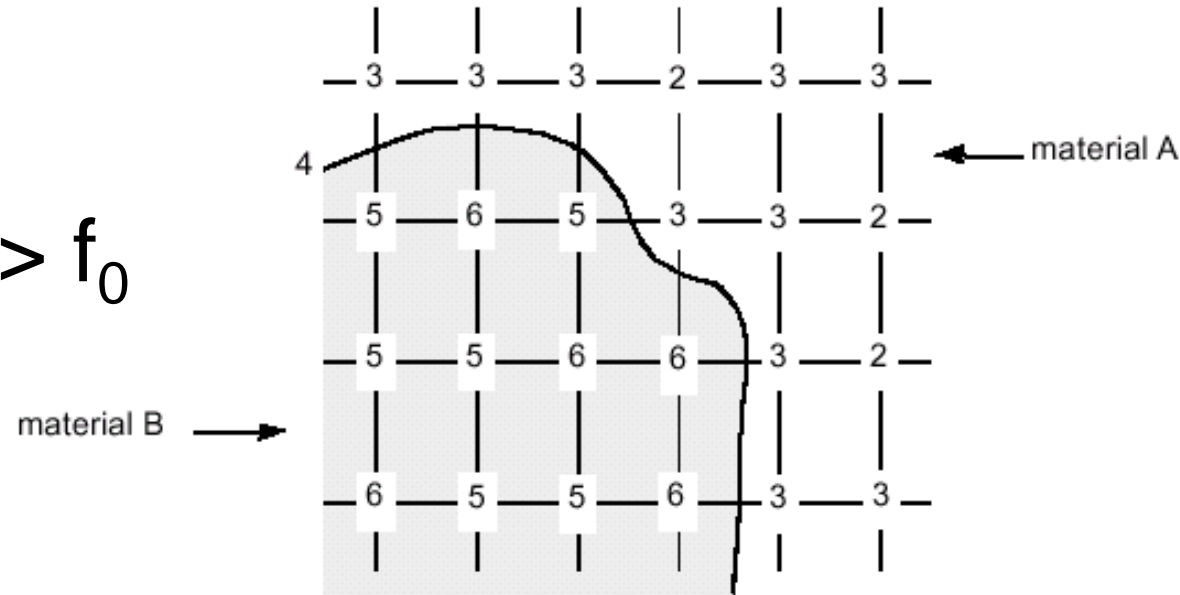


- Intermediate representation
- Aspects:
 - ◆ Preconditions:
 - expressive Iso-value, Iso-value separates materials
 - Interest: in transitions
 - ◆ Very selective (binary selection / omission)
 - ◆ Uses traditional hardware
 - ◆ Shading \Rightarrow 3D-impression!



■ Iso-Surface:

- ◆ Iso-value f_0
- ◆ Separates values $> f_0$ from values $\leq f_0$
- ◆ Often not known \rightarrow
- ◆ Can only be approximated from samples!
- ◆ Shape / position dependent on type of reconstruction



Marching Cubes (MC)

Iso-Surface-Display

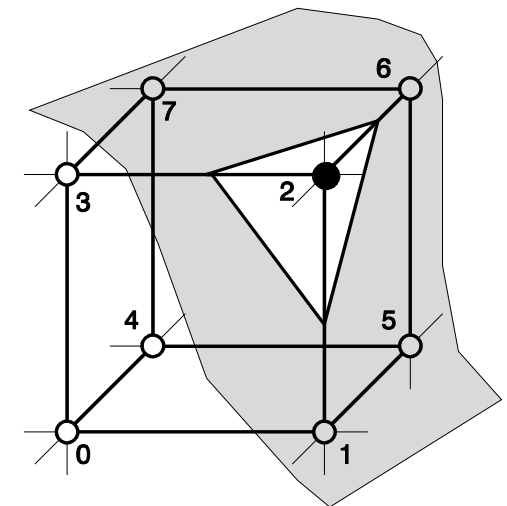
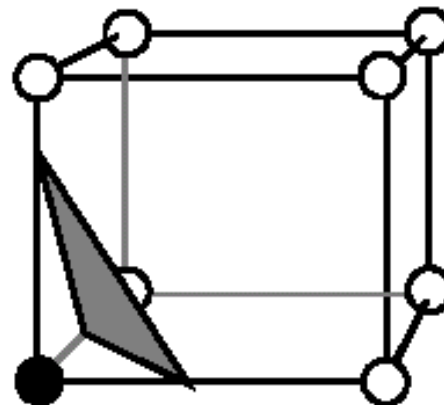


■ Approach:

- ◆ Iso-Surface intersects data volume = set of all cells

■ Idea:

- ◆ Parts of iso-surface represented on a(n intersected) cell basis
- ◆ As simple as possible:
Usage of triangles

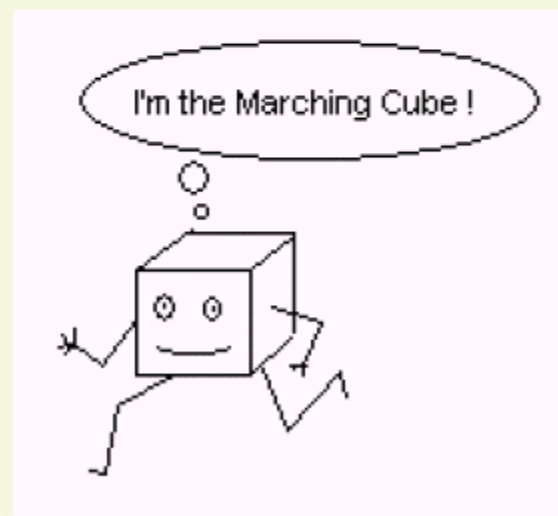


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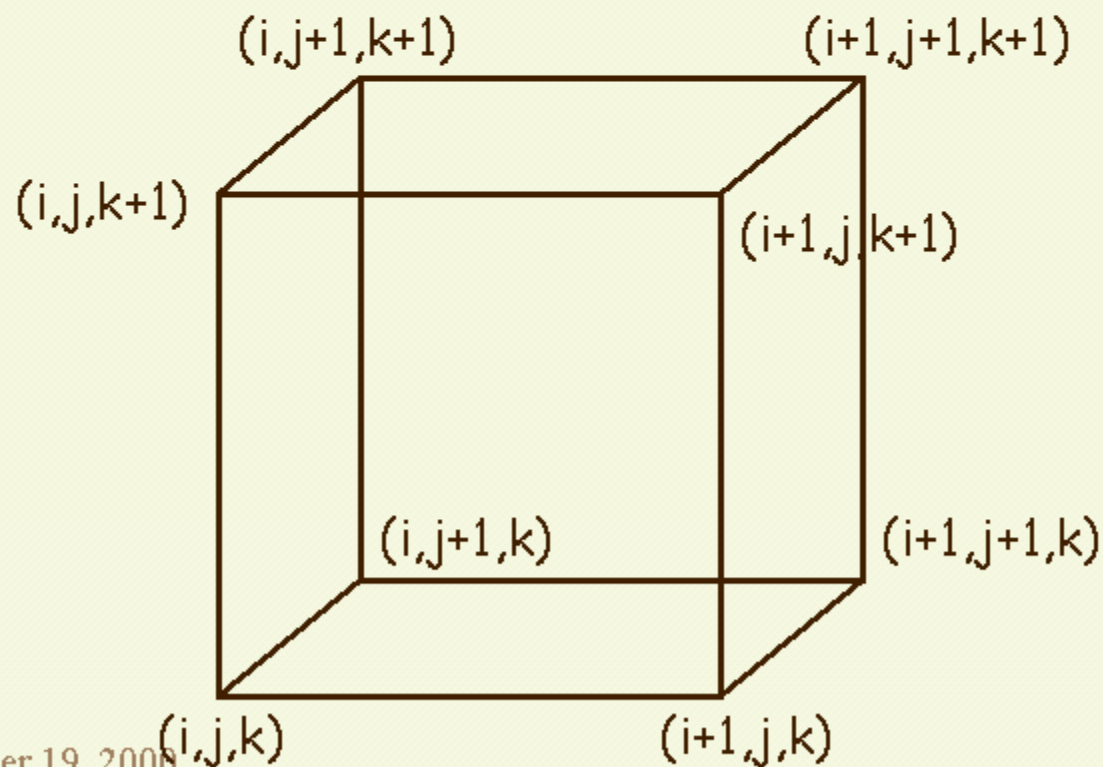
Marching Cubes

- ✓ Cell consists of 4(8) pixel (voxel) values:
($i+[01]$, $j+[01]$, $k+[01]$)
- 1. Consider a Cell
- 2. Classify each vertex as inside or outside
- 3. Build an index
- 4. Get edge list from `table[index]`
- 5. Interpolate the edge location
- 6. Go to next cell



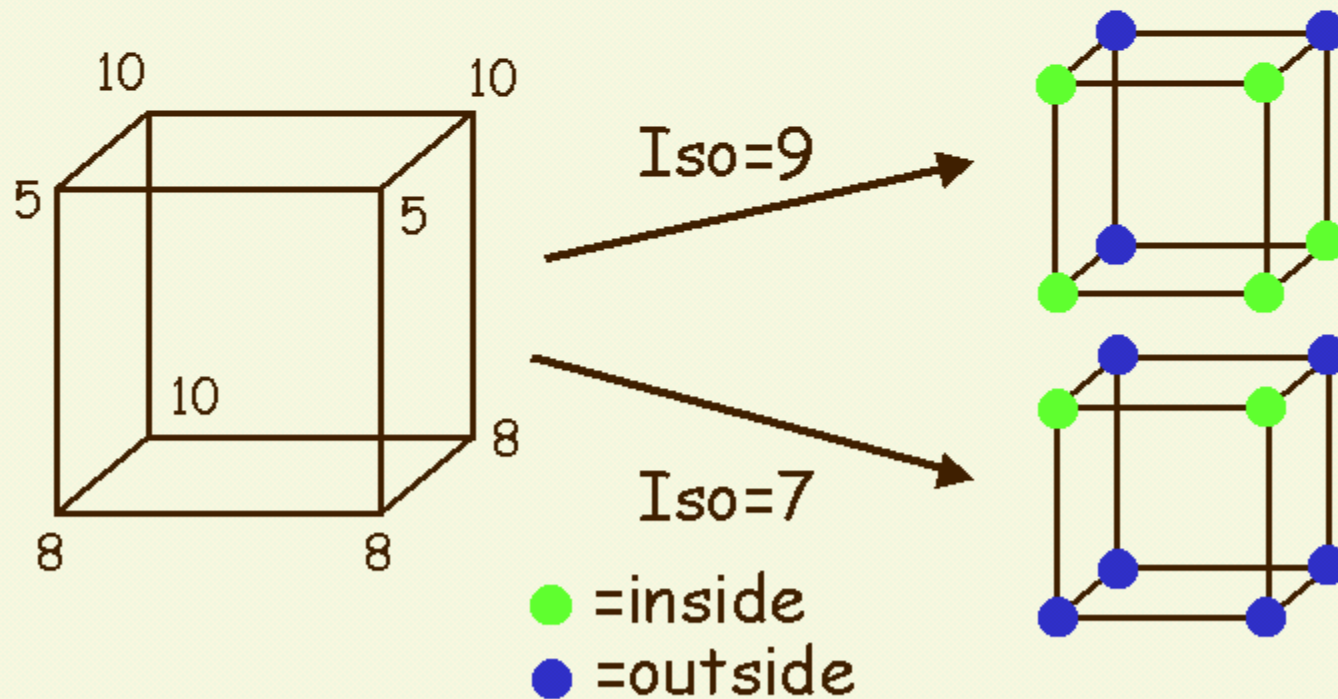
MC 1: Create a Cube

- ✓ Consider a Cube defined by eight data values:



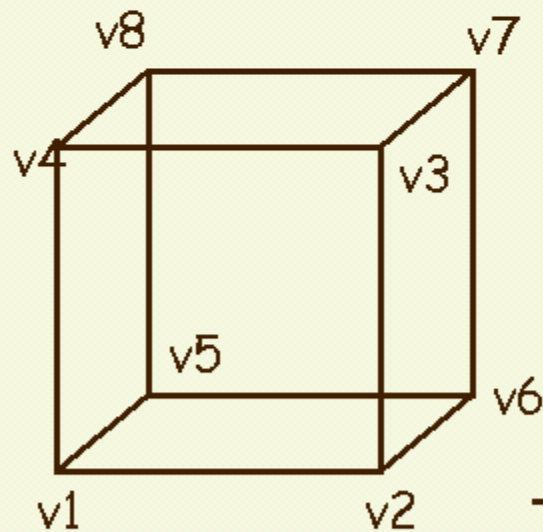
MC 2: Classify Each Voxel

- ✓ Classify each voxel according to whether it lies outside the surface (value $>$ iso-surface value) inside the surface (value \leq iso-surface value)



MC 3: Build An Index

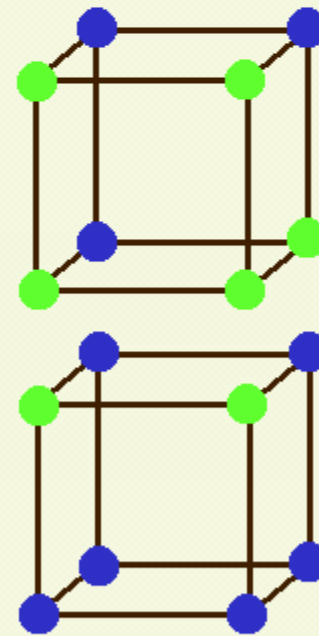
- ✓ Use the binary labeling of each voxel to create an index



● inside = 1
● outside = 0

Index:

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| v1 | v2 | v3 | v4 | v5 | v6 | v7 | v8 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|

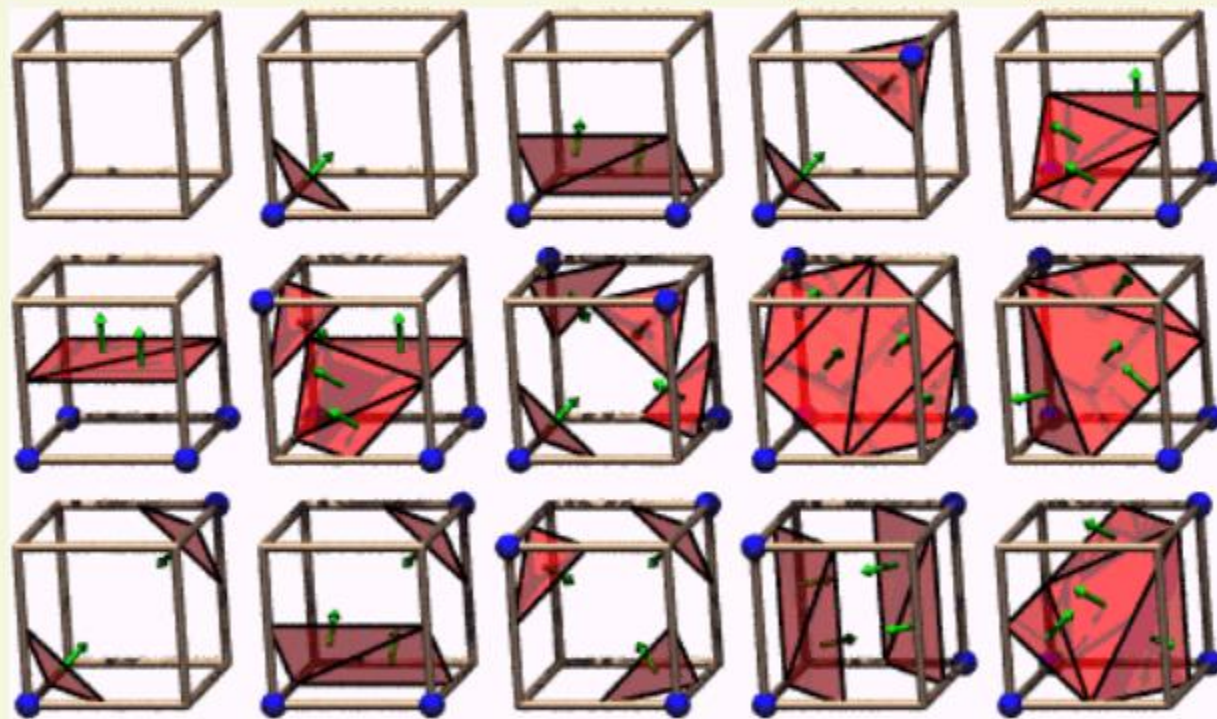


11110100

00110000

MC 4: Lookup Edge List

- ✓ For a given index, access an array storing a list of edges



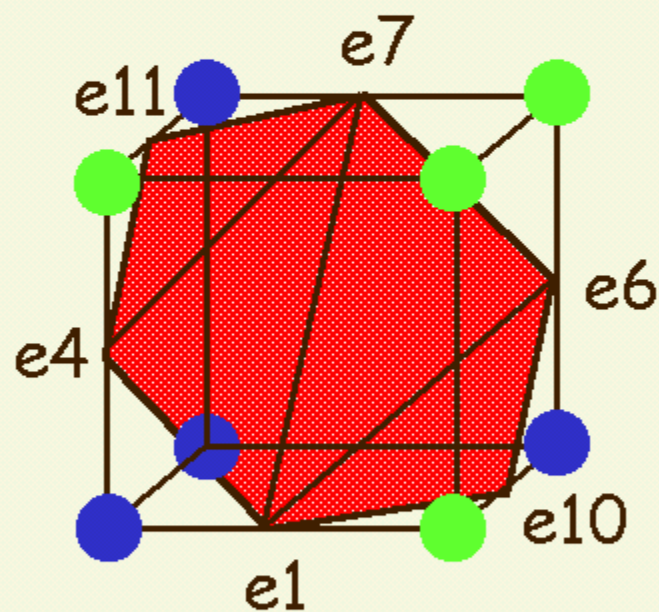
The 15 Cube Combinations

- ✓ all 256 cases can be derived from 15 base cases

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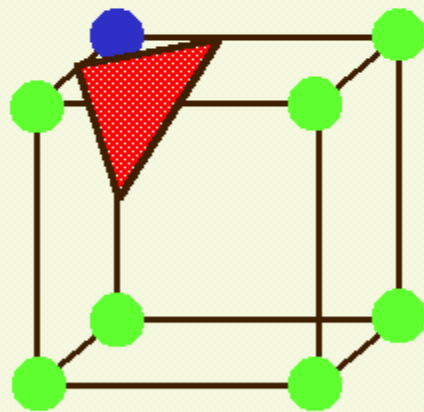
MC 5: Example

- ✓ Index = 10110001
- ✓ triangle 1 = e_4, e_7, e_{11}
- ✓ triangle 2 = e_1, e_7, e_4
- ✓ triangle 3 = e_1, e_6, e_7
- ✓ triangle 4 = e_1, e_{10}, e_6



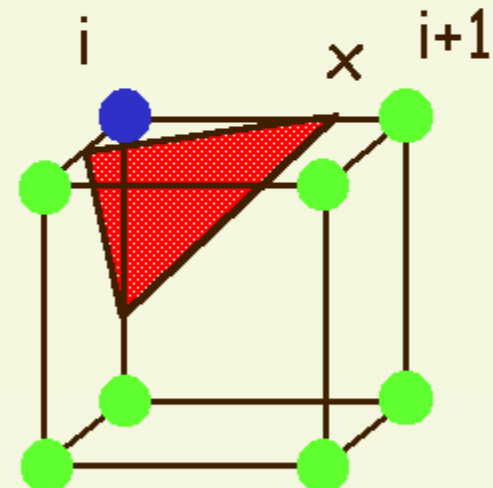
MC 6: Interp. Triangle Vertex

- ✓ For each triangle edge, find the vertex location along the edge using linear interpolation of the voxel values



T=5

● = 10
● = 0



T=8

$$x = i + \left(\frac{T - v[i]}{v[i+1] - v[i]} \right)$$

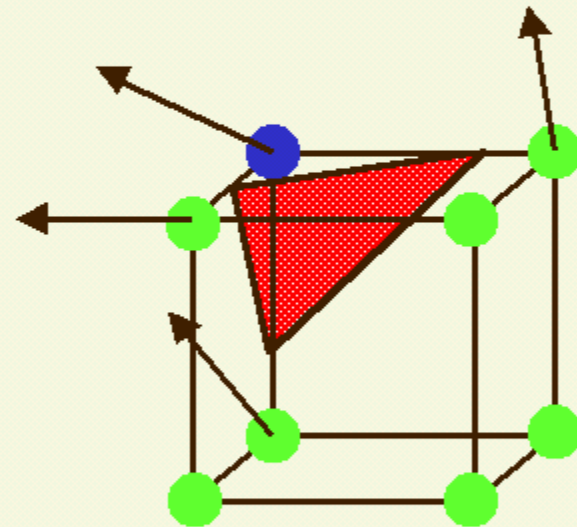
MC 7: Compute Normals

- ✓ Calculate the normal at each cube vertex

$$G_x = V_{x-1,y,z} - V_{x+1,y,z}$$

$$G_y = V_{x,y-1,z} - V_{x,y+1,z}$$

$$G_z = V_{x,y,z-1} - V_{x,y,z+1}$$

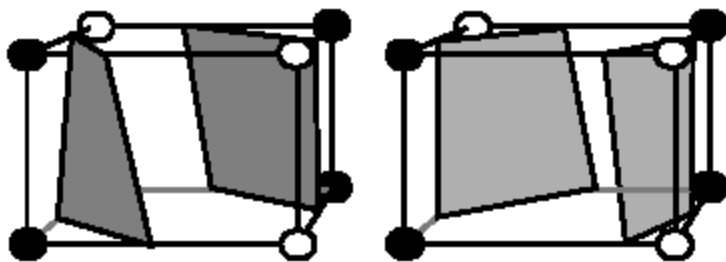
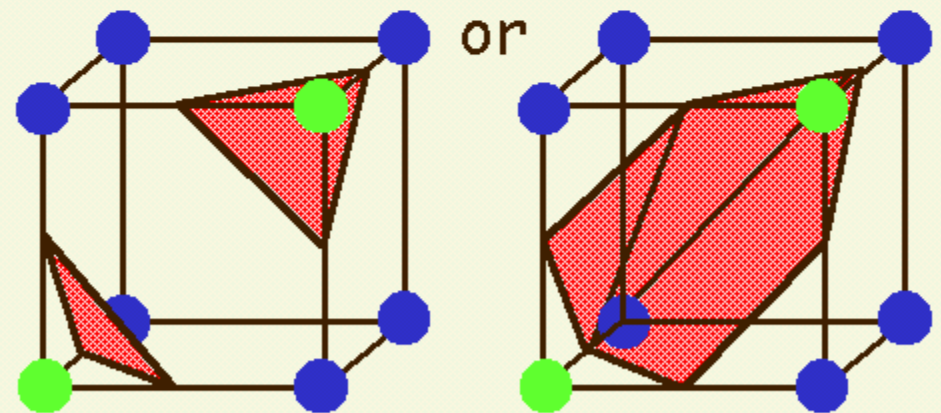
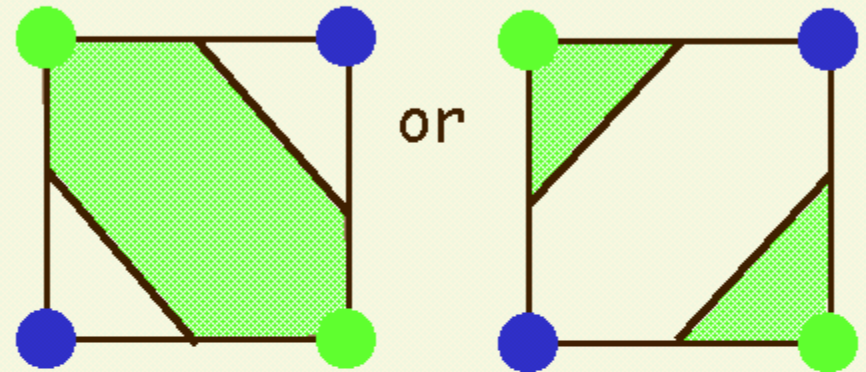


$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{G}}{|\vec{G}|}$$

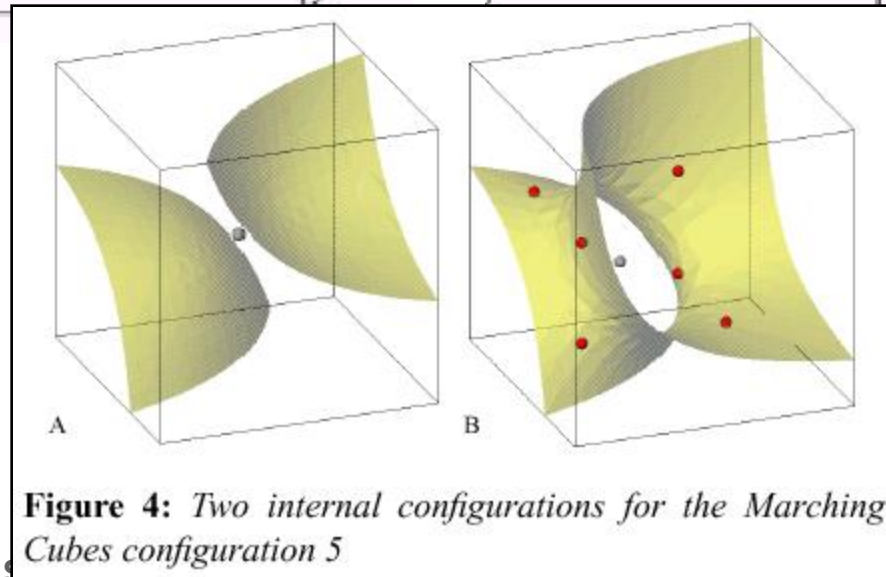
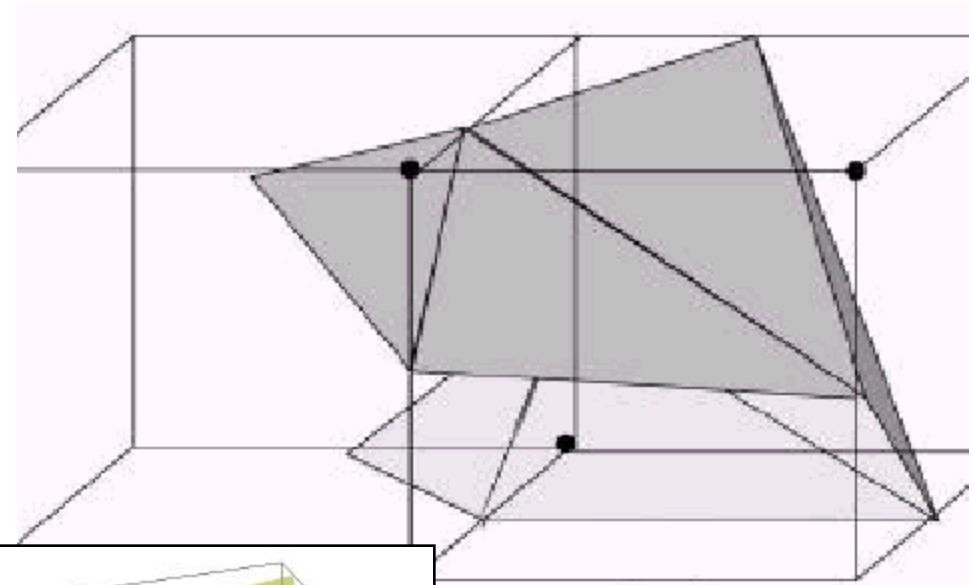
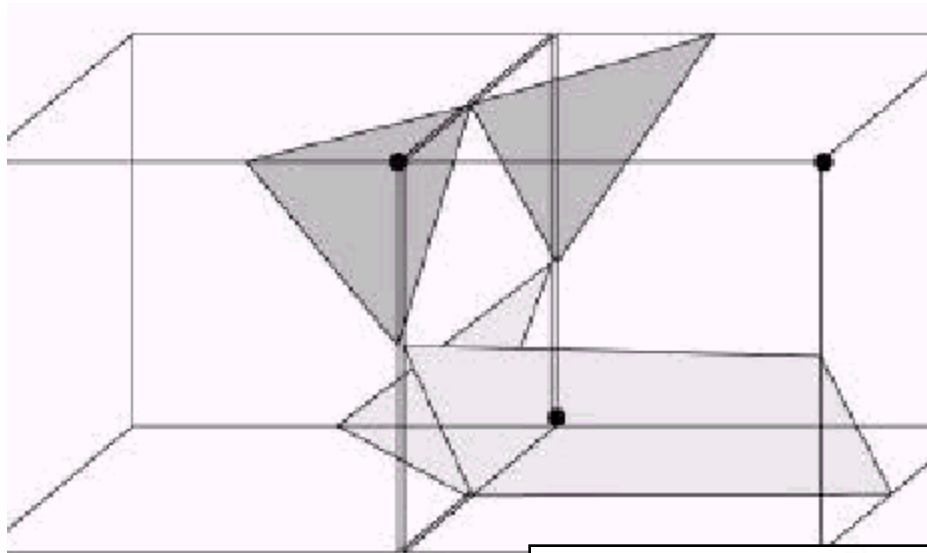
- ✓ Use linear interpolation to compute the polygon vertex normal

MC 8: Ambiguous Cases

- ✓ Ambiguous cases:
3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13
- ✓ Adjacent vertices:
different states
- ✓ Diagonal vertices:
same state
- ✓ Resolution:
decide for one case

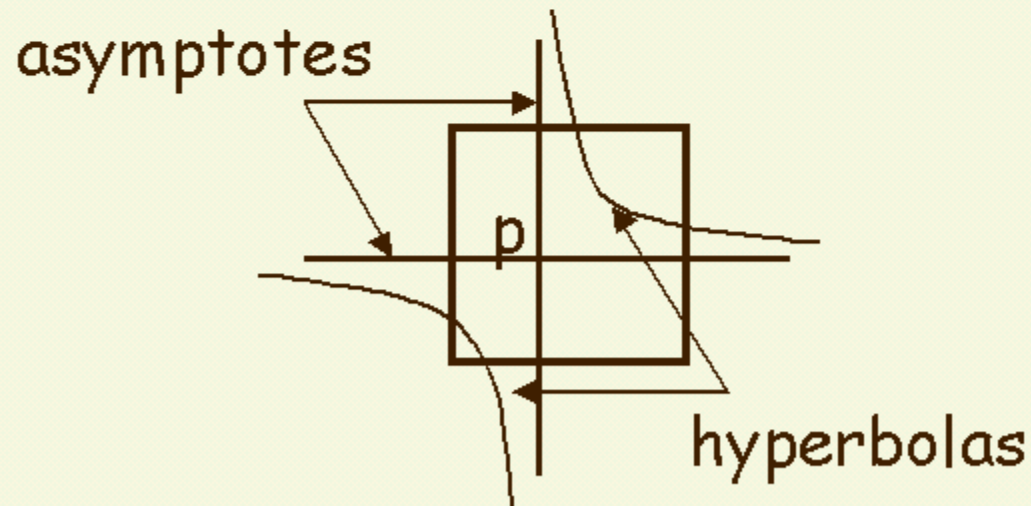


■ Wrong vs. correct classification!



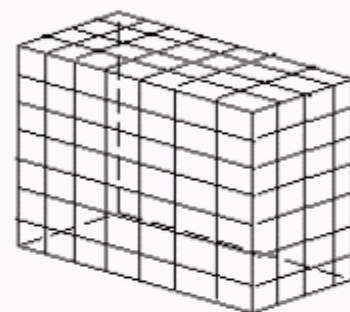
MC 9: Asymptotic Decider

- ✓ Assume bilinear interpolation within a face
- ✓ hence iso-surface is a hyperbola
- ✓ compute the point p where the asymptotes meet
- ✓ sign of $S(p)$ decides the connectedness

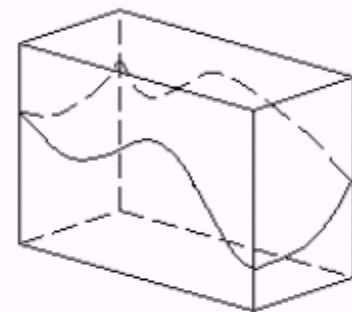


Marching Cubes - Summary 1

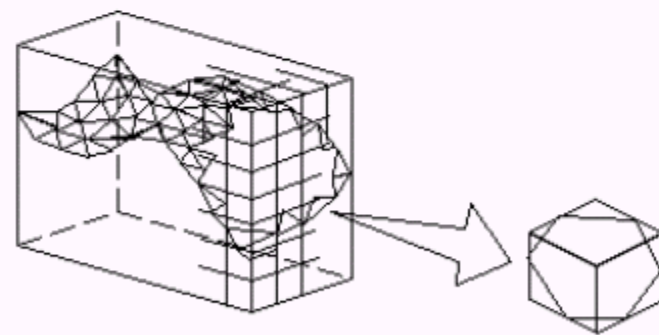
- ✓ 256 Cases
- ✓ reduce to 15 cases by symmetry
- ✓ Complementary cases - (swap in- and outside)
- ✓ Ambiguity resides in cases 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13
- ✓ Causes holes if arbitrary choices are made.



(a) Volume data



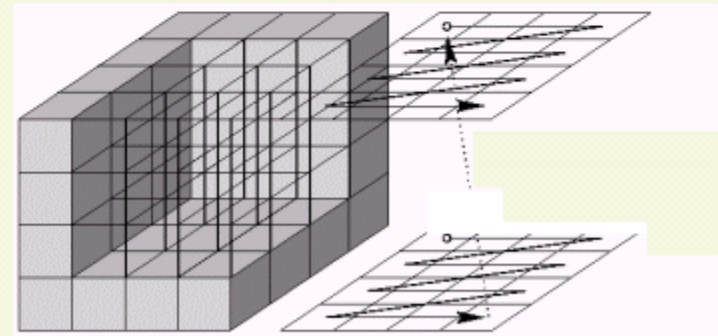
(b) Isosurface
 $S = f(x, y, z)$



(c) Polygonal Approximation

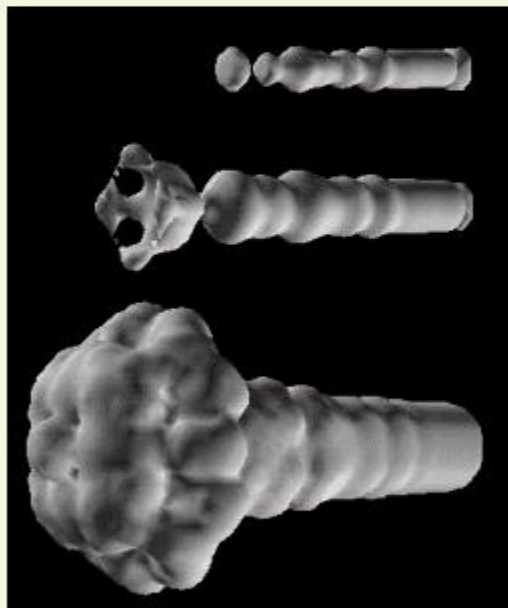
Marching Cubes - Summary 2

- ✓ Up to 4 triangles per cube
- ✓ Dataset of 512^3 voxels can result in several million triangles (many Mbytes!!!)
- ✓ Iso-surface does not represent an object!!!
- ✓ No depth information
- ✓ Semi-transparent representation --> sorting
- ✓ Optimization:
 - Reuse intermediate results
 - Prevent vertex replication
 - Mesh simplification

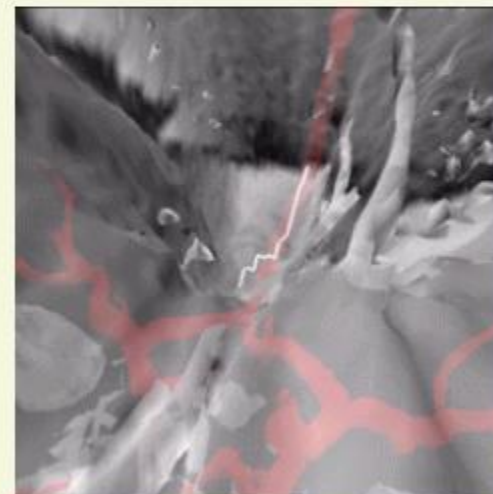
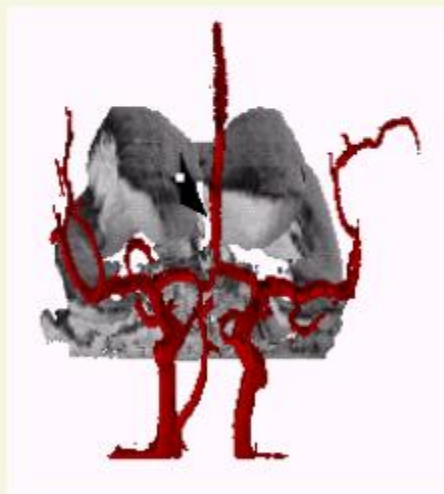
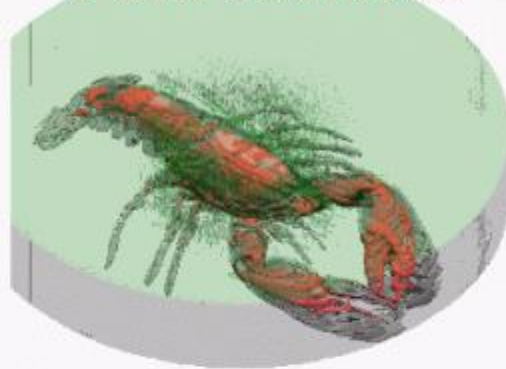


MC Examples

1 Iso-surface



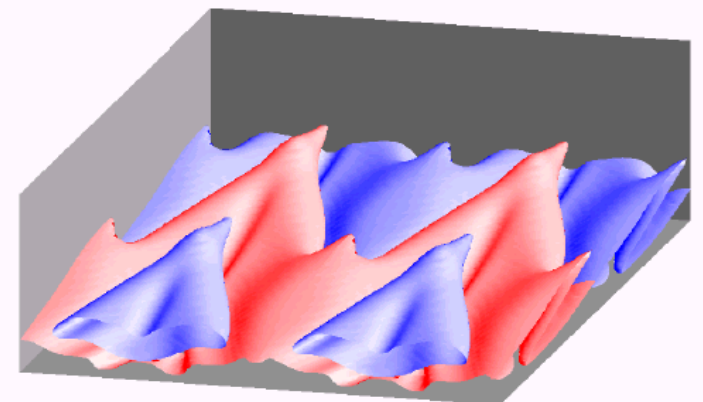
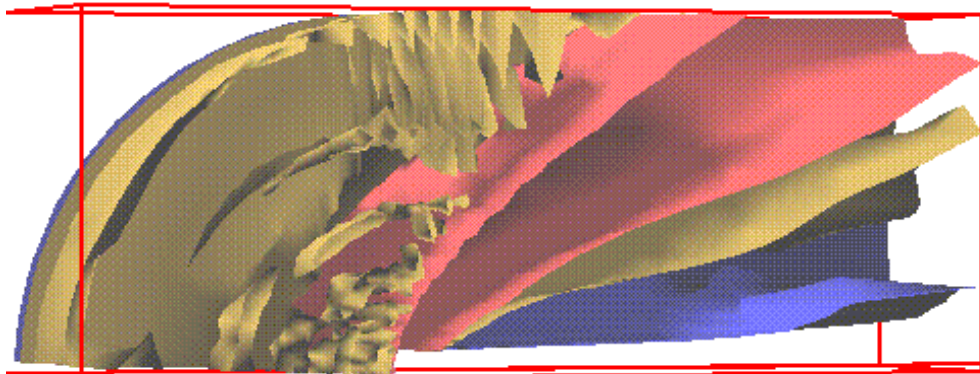
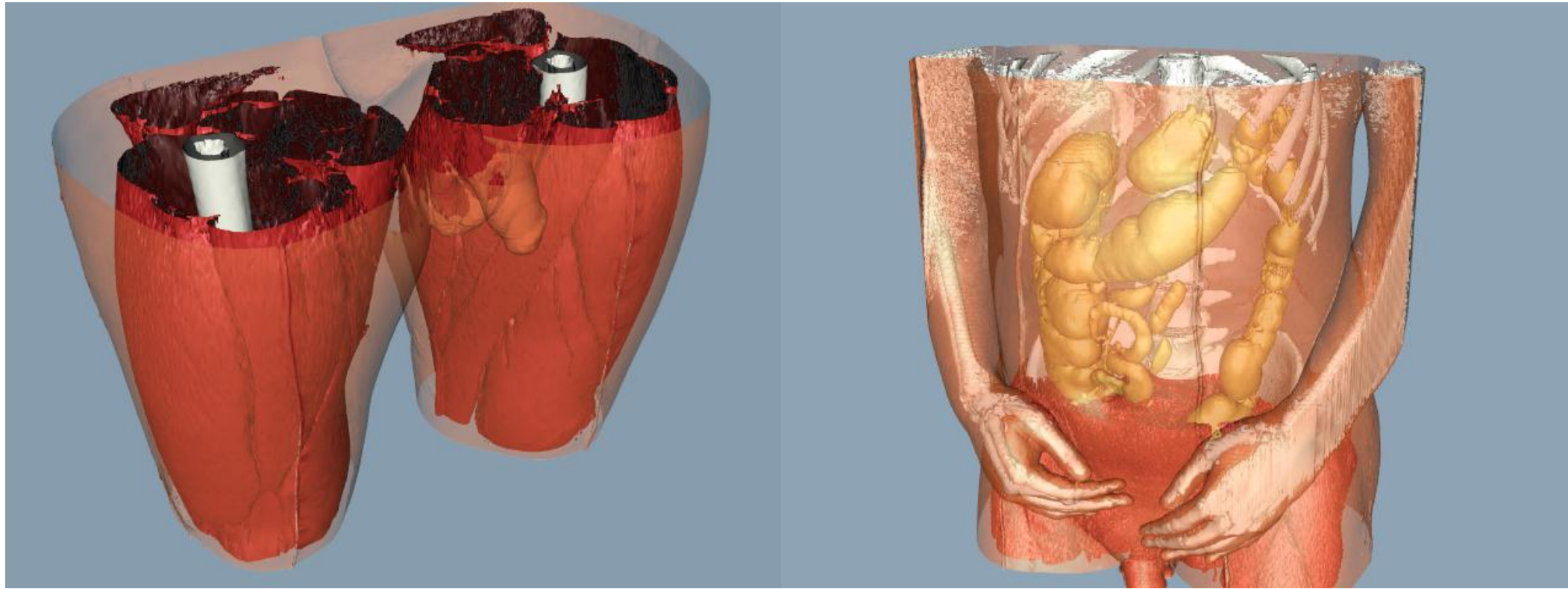
3 Iso-surfaces



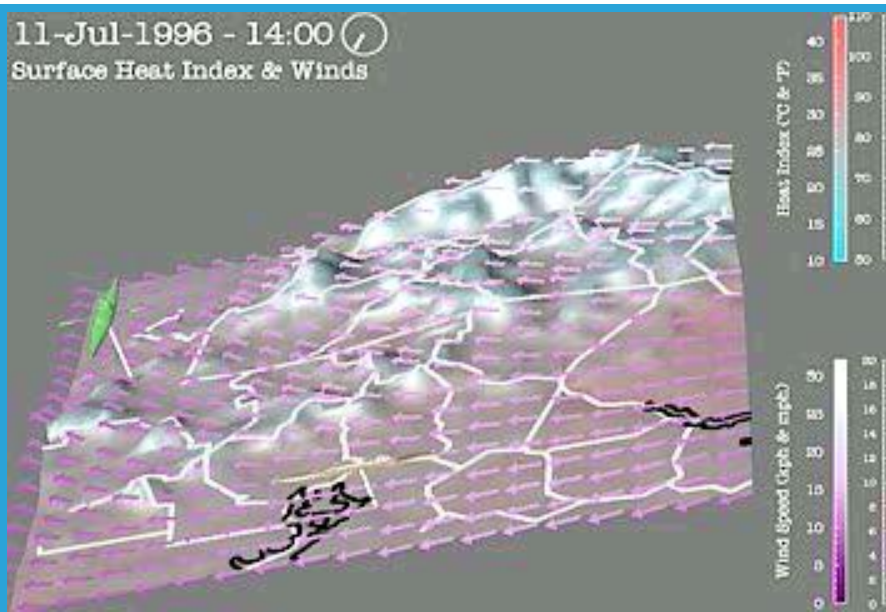
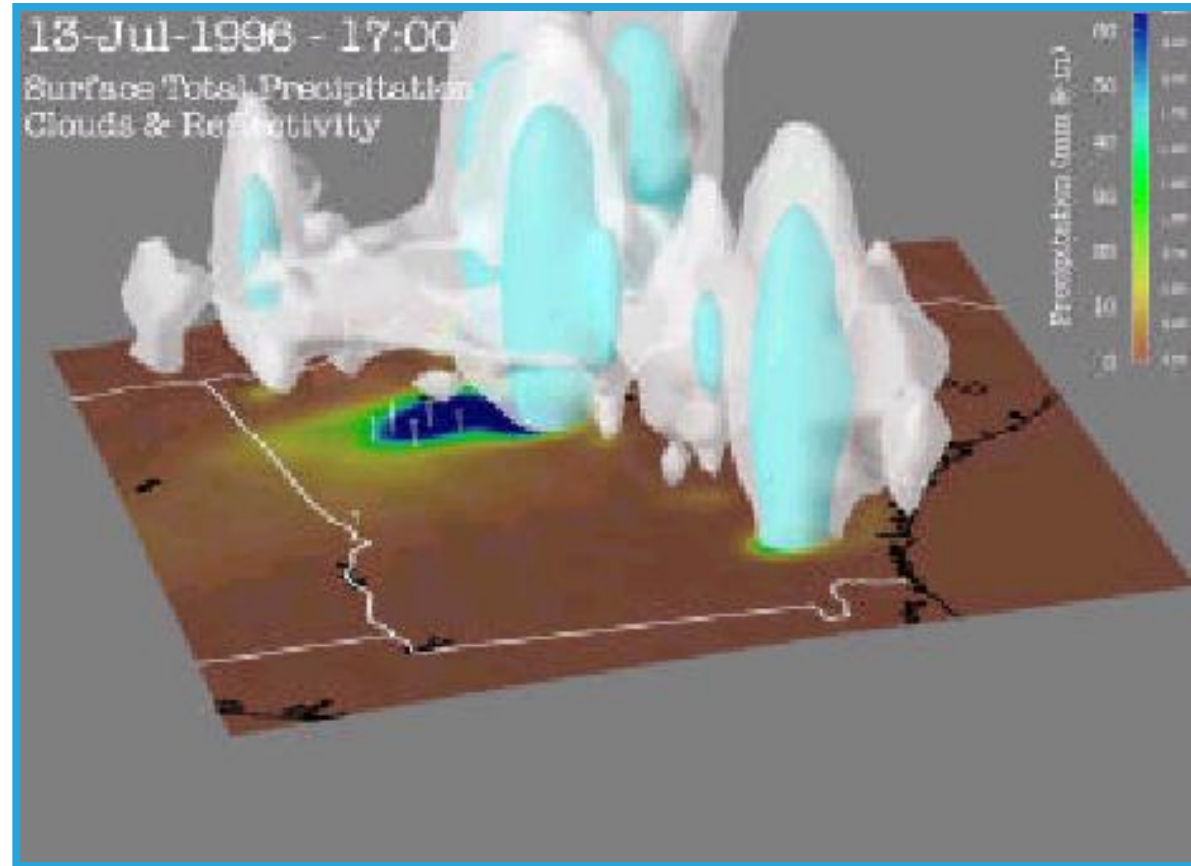
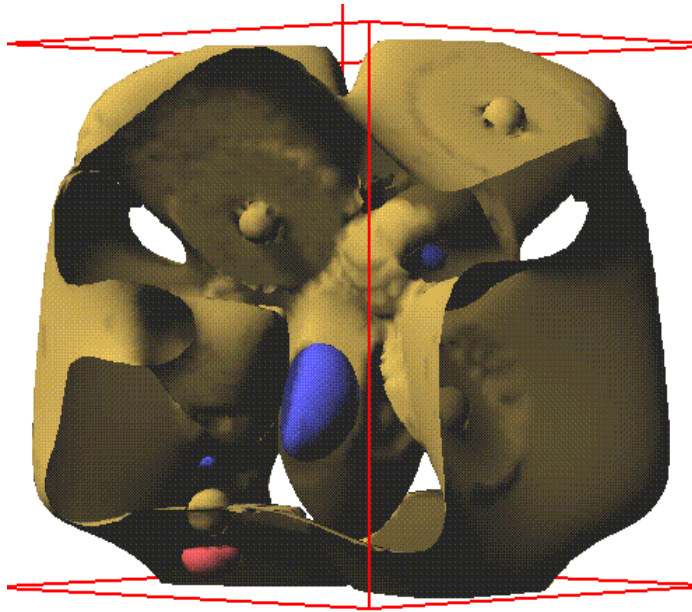
2 Iso-surfaces

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Further Examples



Even Further Examples



Conclusion

Volume Visualization

General Remarks

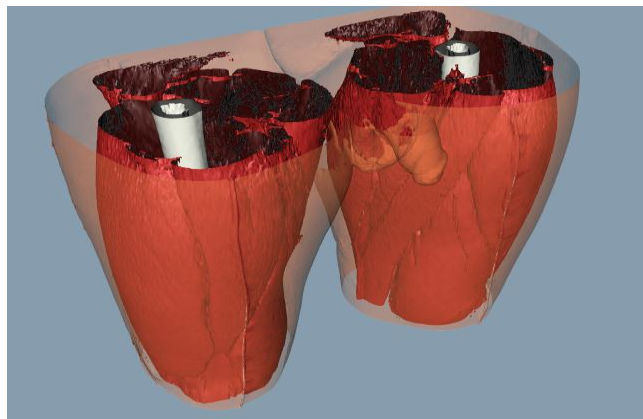


■ Surface Rendering:

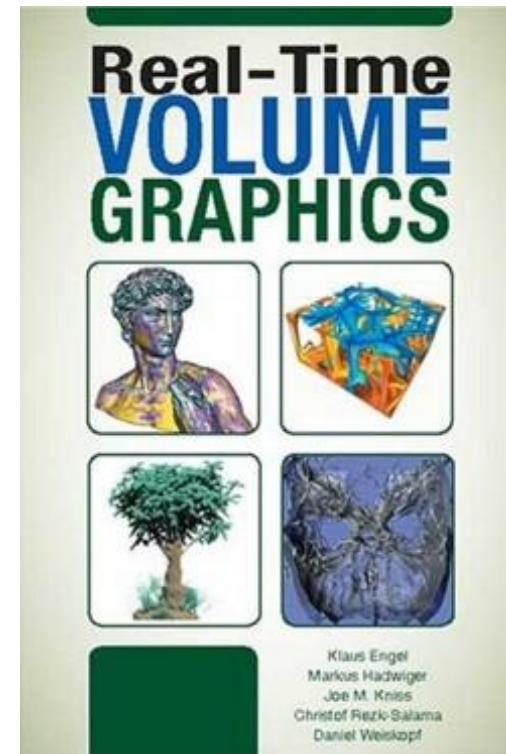
- ◆ Indirect representation / display
- ◆ Conveys surface impression
- ◆ Hardware supported rendering (fast?!)
- ◆ Iso-value-definition

■ Volume Rendering:

- ◆ Direct representation / display
- ◆ Conveys volume impression
- ◆ Often realized in software (slow?!)
- ◆ Transfer functions



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