

**GRAPHICS & VISION
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Computer Graphics

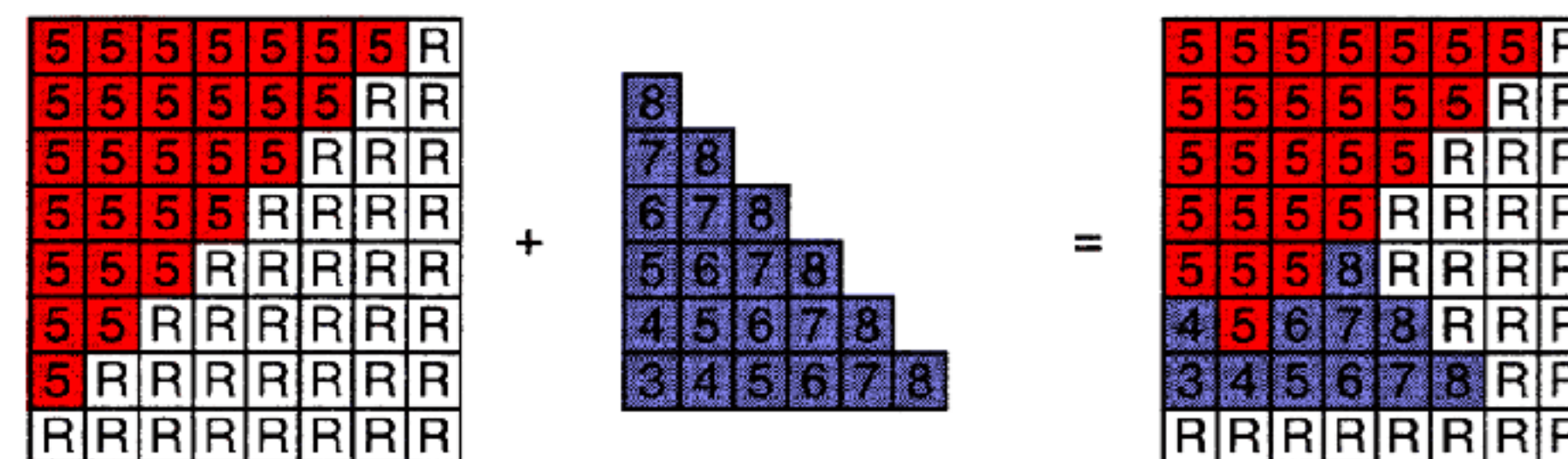


Rasterization vs. Ray tracing

for each *shape*:

for each *sample*:

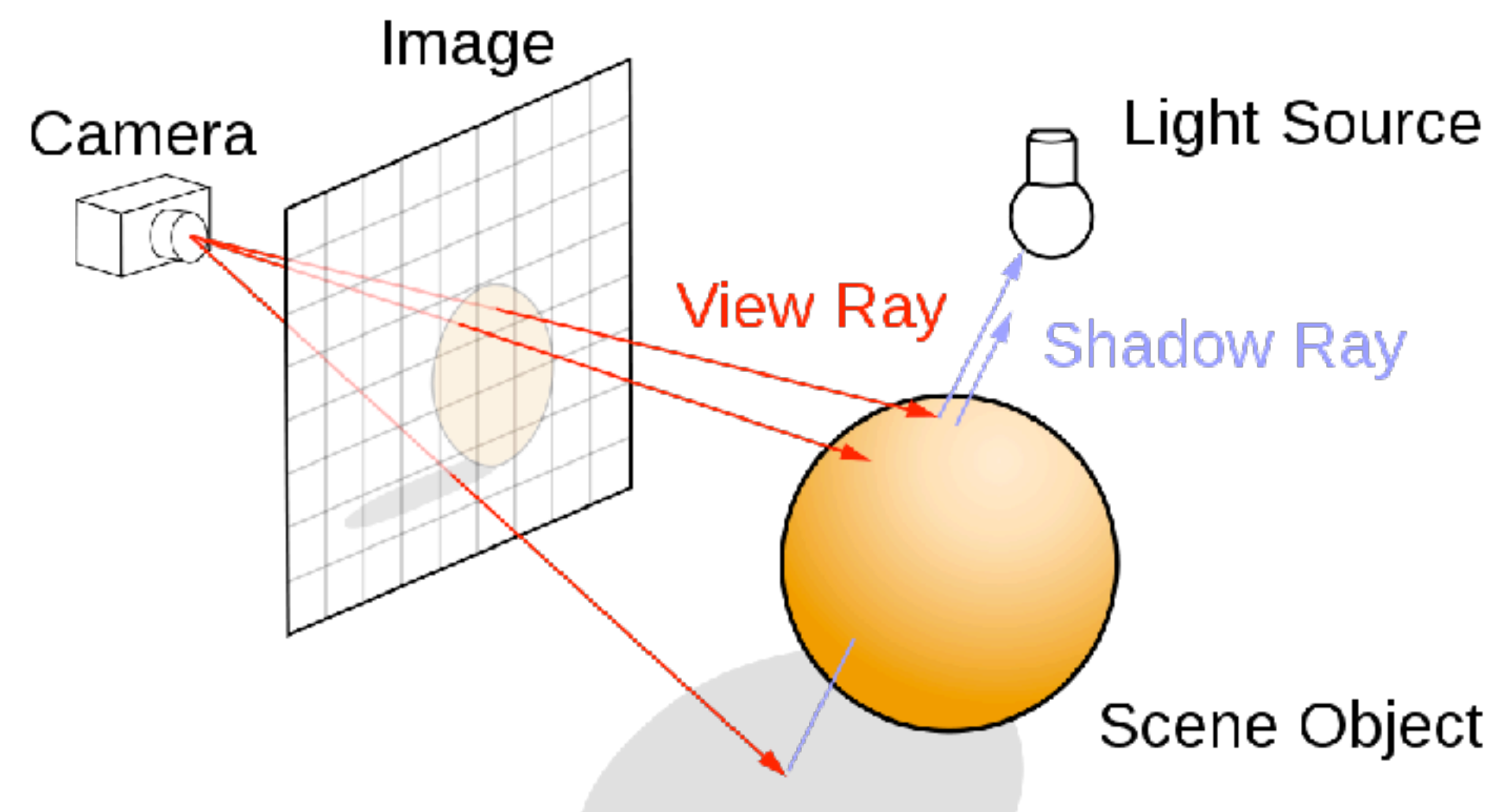
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if *point* is closest point seen by *sample*:
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Ray tracing

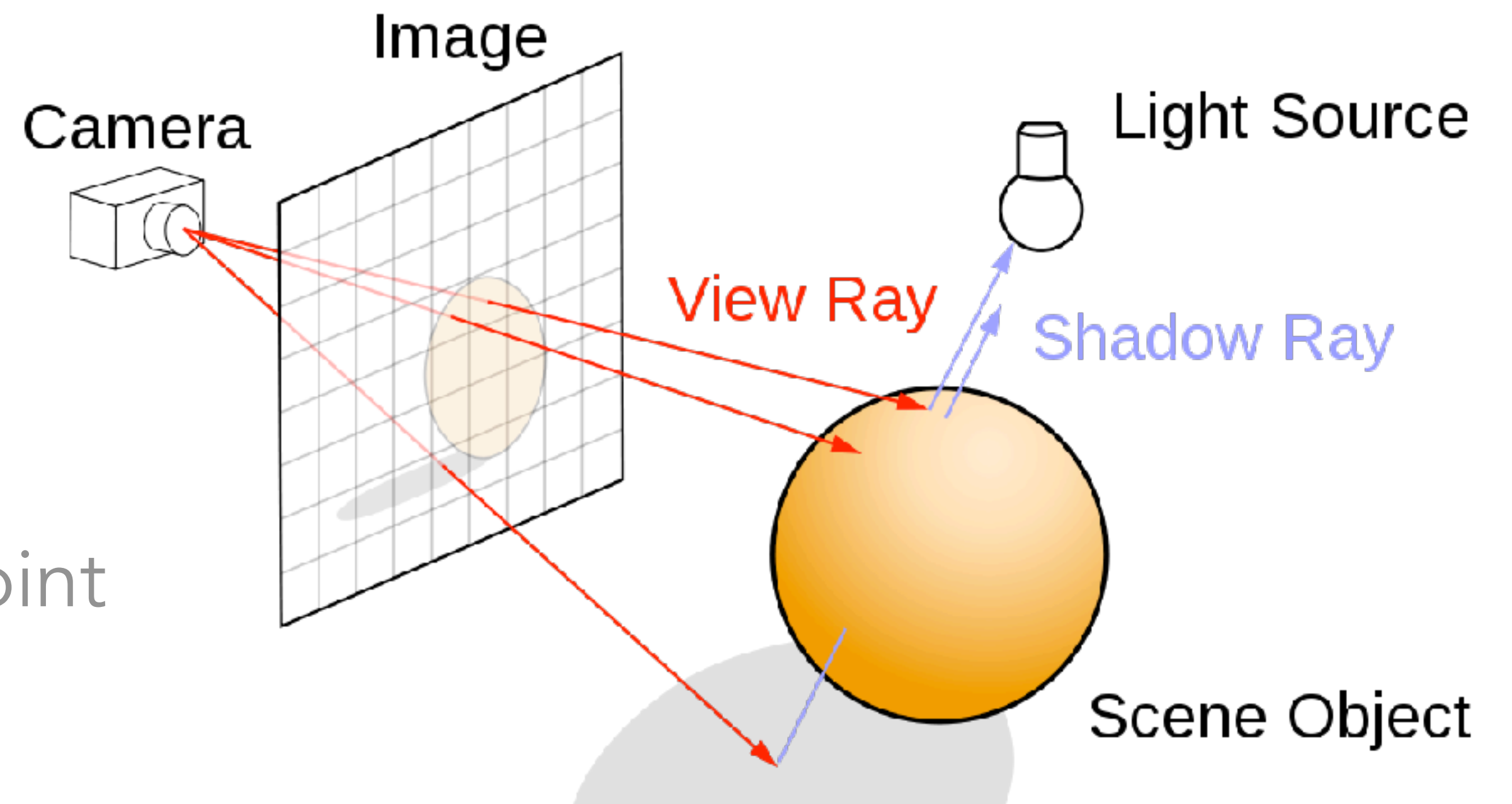
For each sample (x, y) :

Generate eye ray $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}$

Find the closest intersection

Get shaded colour at intersection point

Set sample colour to it



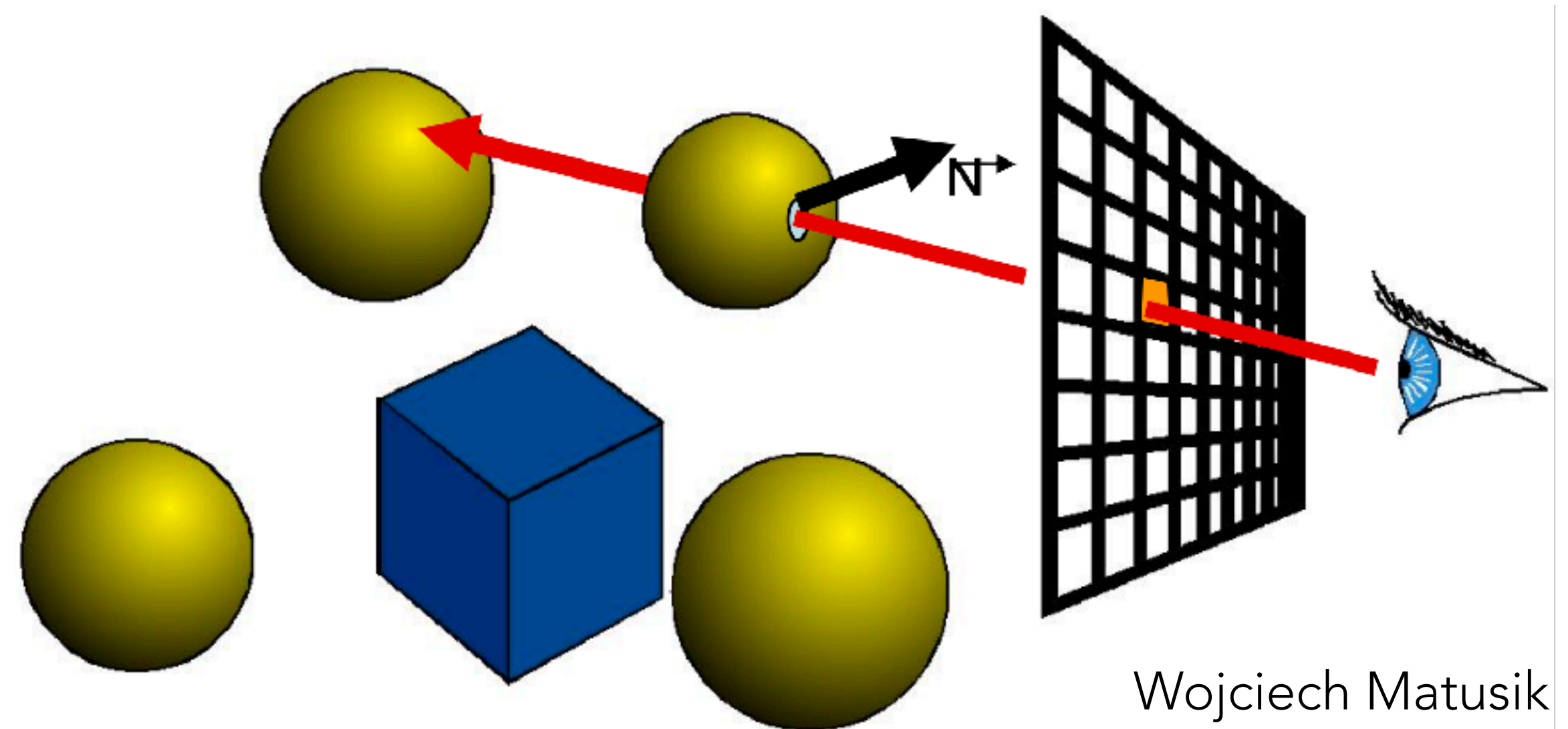
Ray-surface intersection

Given a ray $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}$, find closest intersection i.e. minimum t

Return info needed for shading:

- Position $\mathbf{p}$
- Normal $\mathbf{n}$
- Object ID / material properties

(Roughly the same data you would need in a fragment shader)



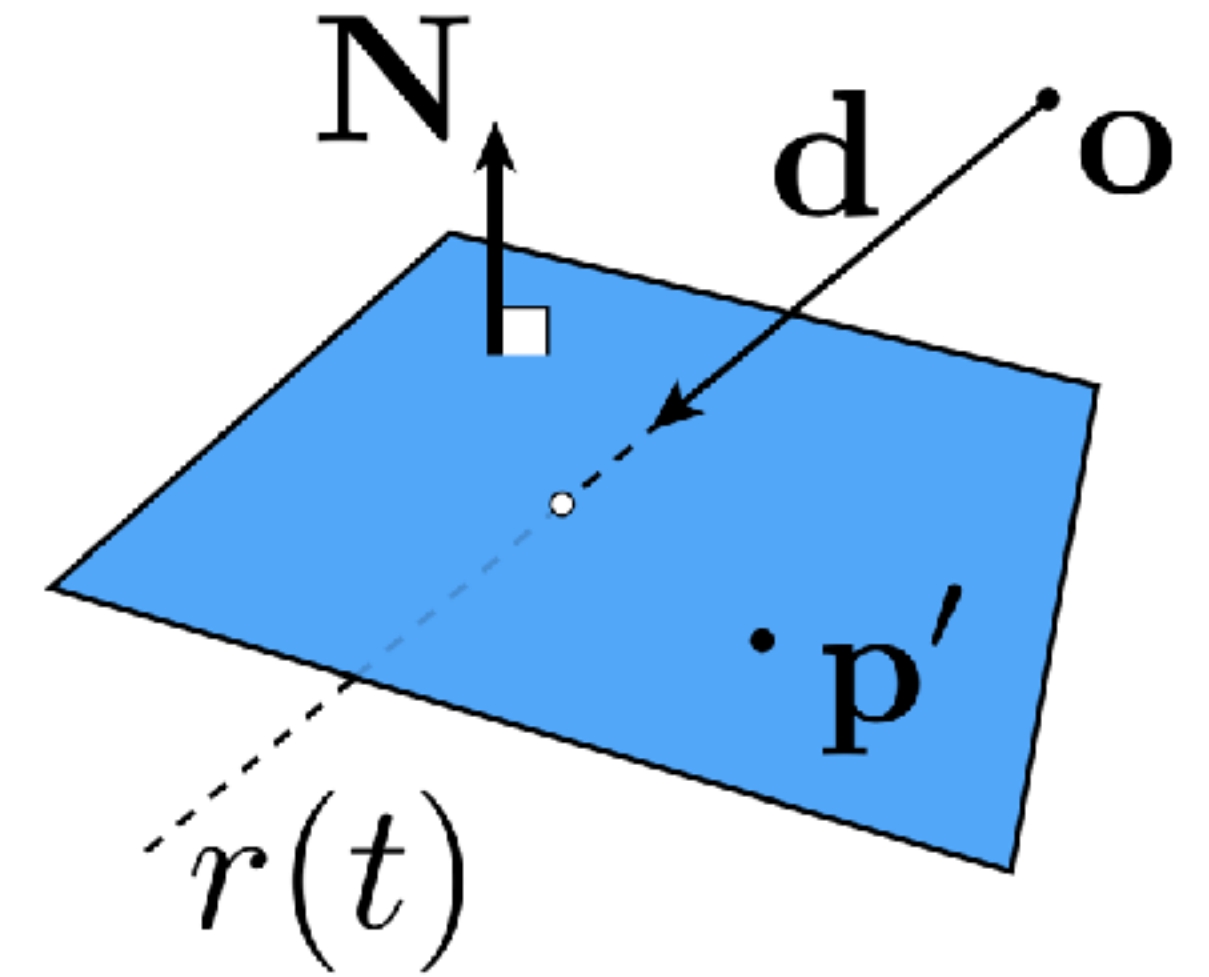
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Ray-plane intersection

Plane equation: $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_0) = 0$ any known point
on the plane

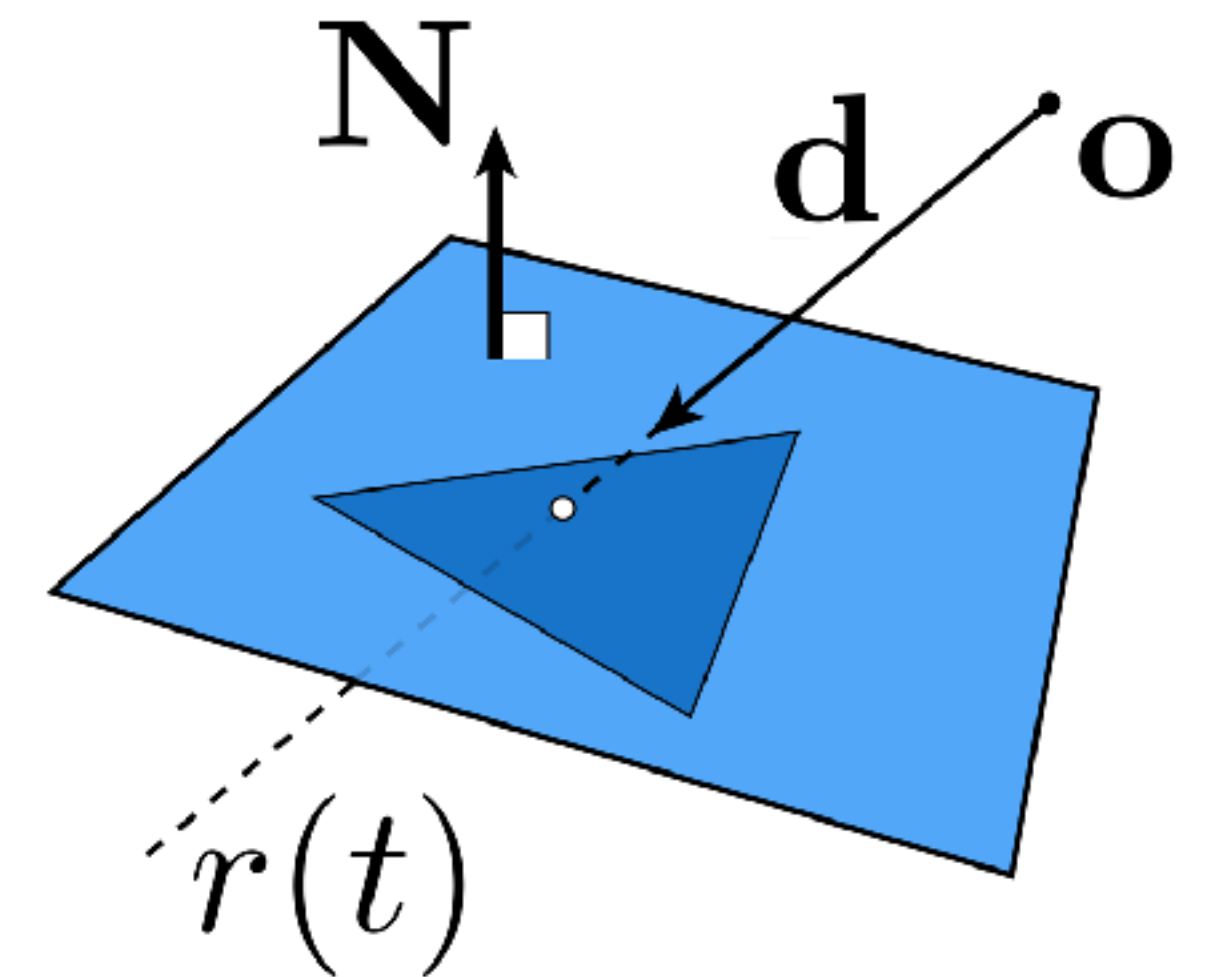
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{p}_0) = 0$$

$$t = (\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{o})) / (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d})$$



Ray-triangle intersection

Intersect ray with plane, then check if it is inside triangle?



Ray-mesh intersection

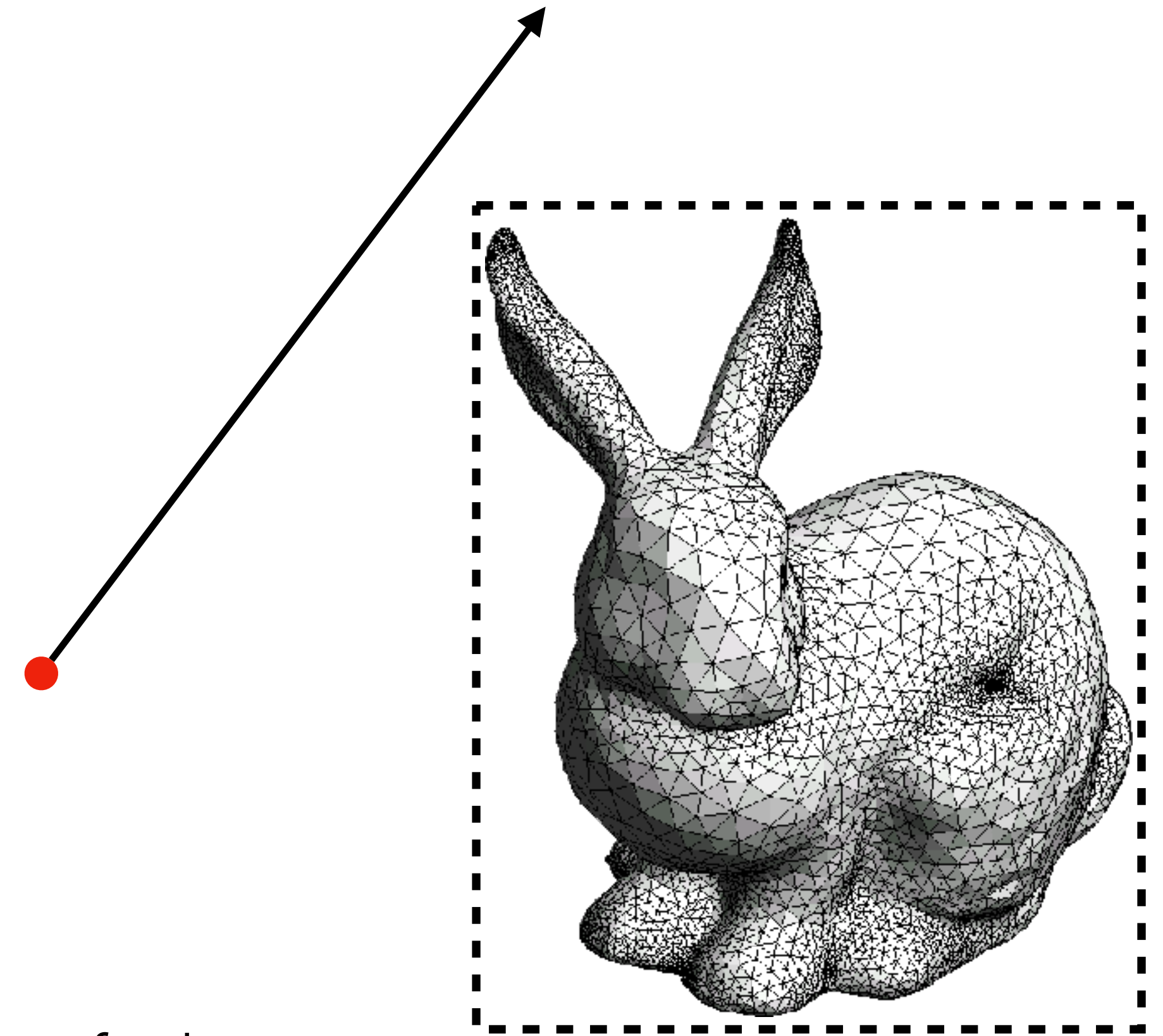
Naïve approach: Test ray with all triangles, return the earliest hit.

Cost = $O(\text{\#triangles})$! Can we speed it up?

Construct a conservative **bounding volume**: all mesh triangles lie inside it

Super easy to reject rays that don't come close to intersecting the mesh.

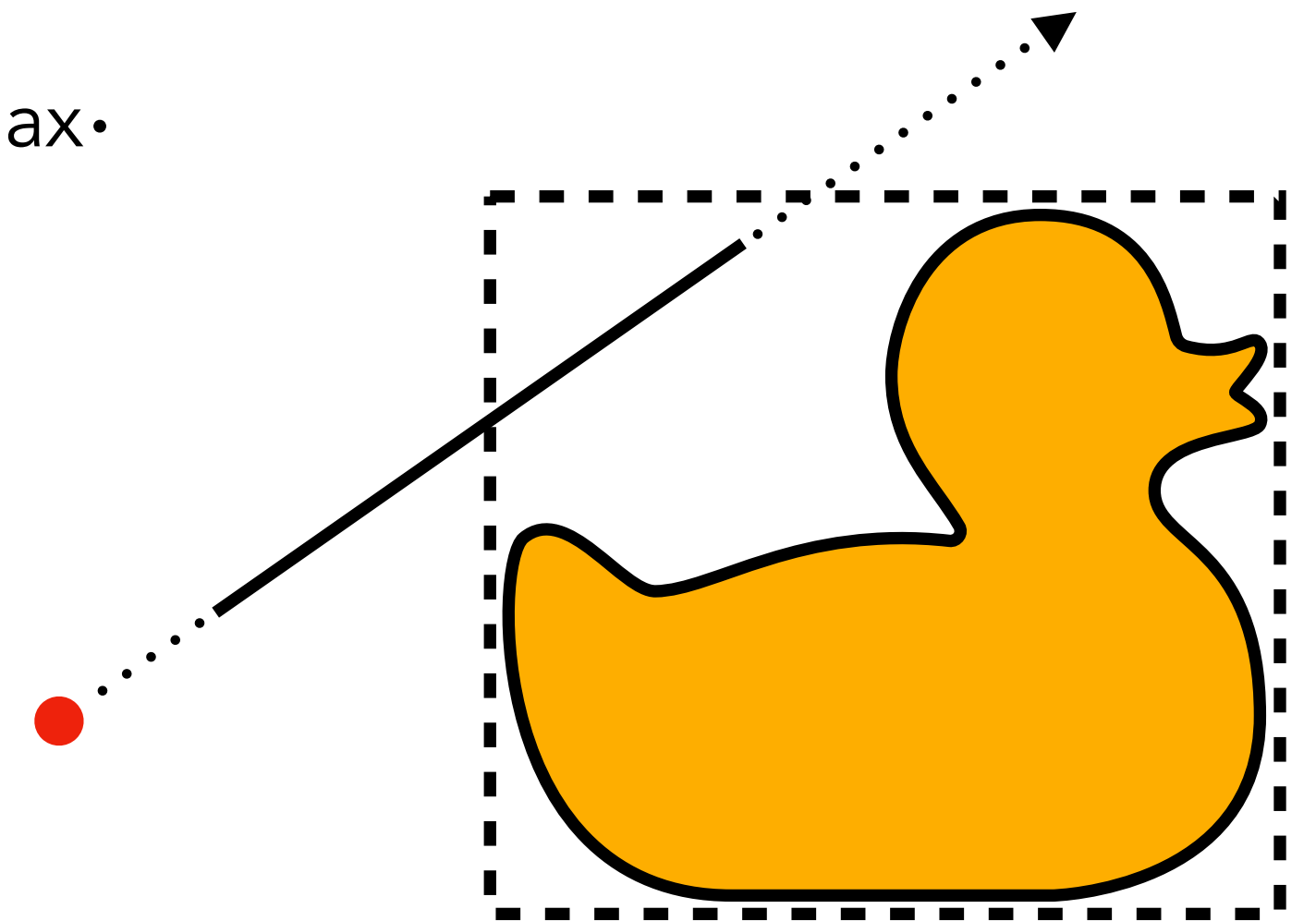
In practice, we use bounding volume **hierarchies** to speed things up further.



Object-oriented raytracer design

We can ray trace any shape as long as it provides the following methods:

- `bool hit(Ray o + td, real tmin, real tmax, HitRecord &rec)`
 - Only consider intersections in the range $t_{\min} \leq t \leq t_{\max}$.
Usually $[0, \infty]$ for eye rays
 - If hit, write the position, normal, material, etc. into the HitRecord
- `Box bounding_box()`
 - For early exit



Ray tracing

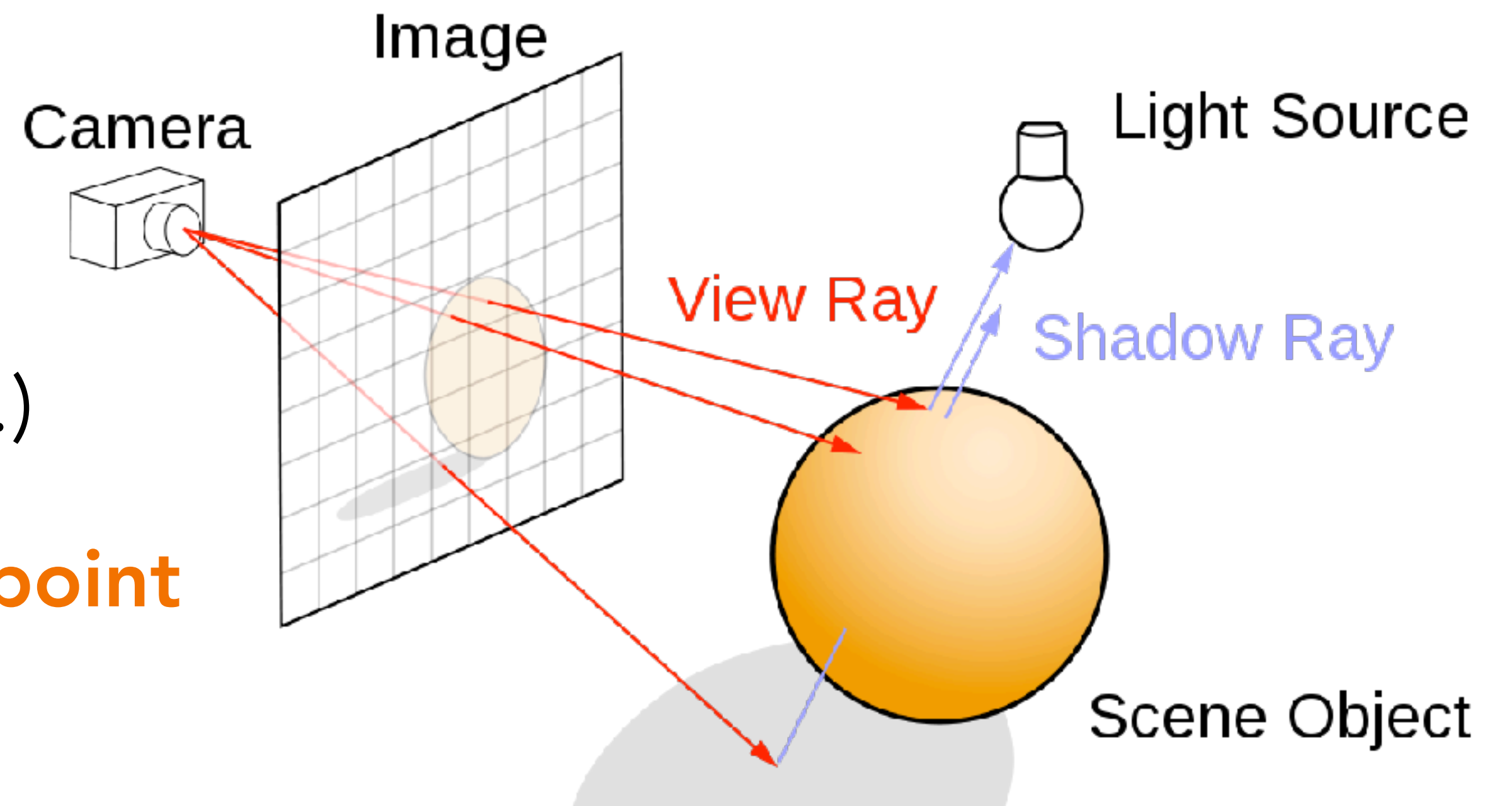
For each sample (x, y) :

Generate eye ray $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}$

Find the closest intersection $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{n}, \dots)$

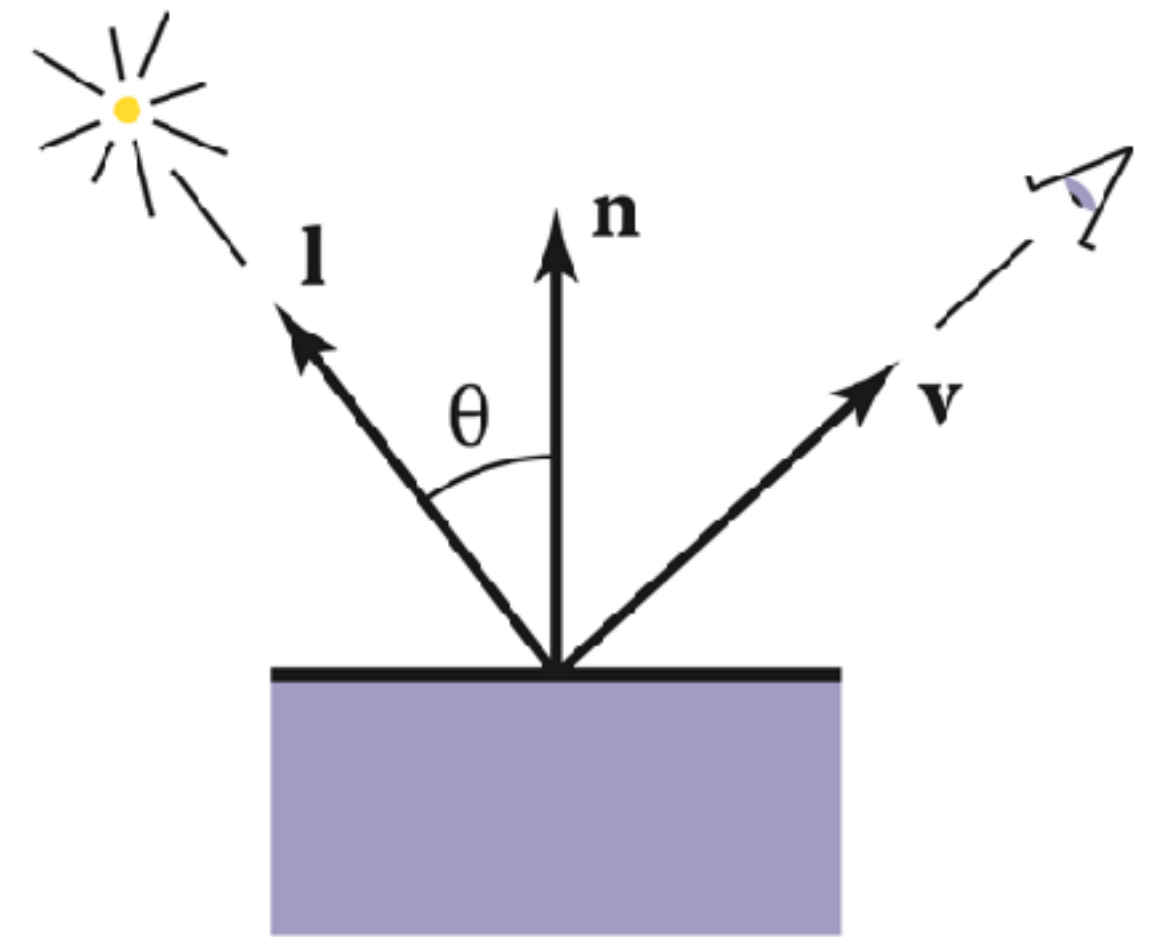
Get shaded colour at intersection point

Set sample colour to it



Shading the intersection point

Now we have position $\mathbf{p}$, normal $\mathbf{n}$, etc.
We can compute other vectors $\mathbf{v}$, $\mathbf{l}$, $\mathbf{h}$, etc. as usual



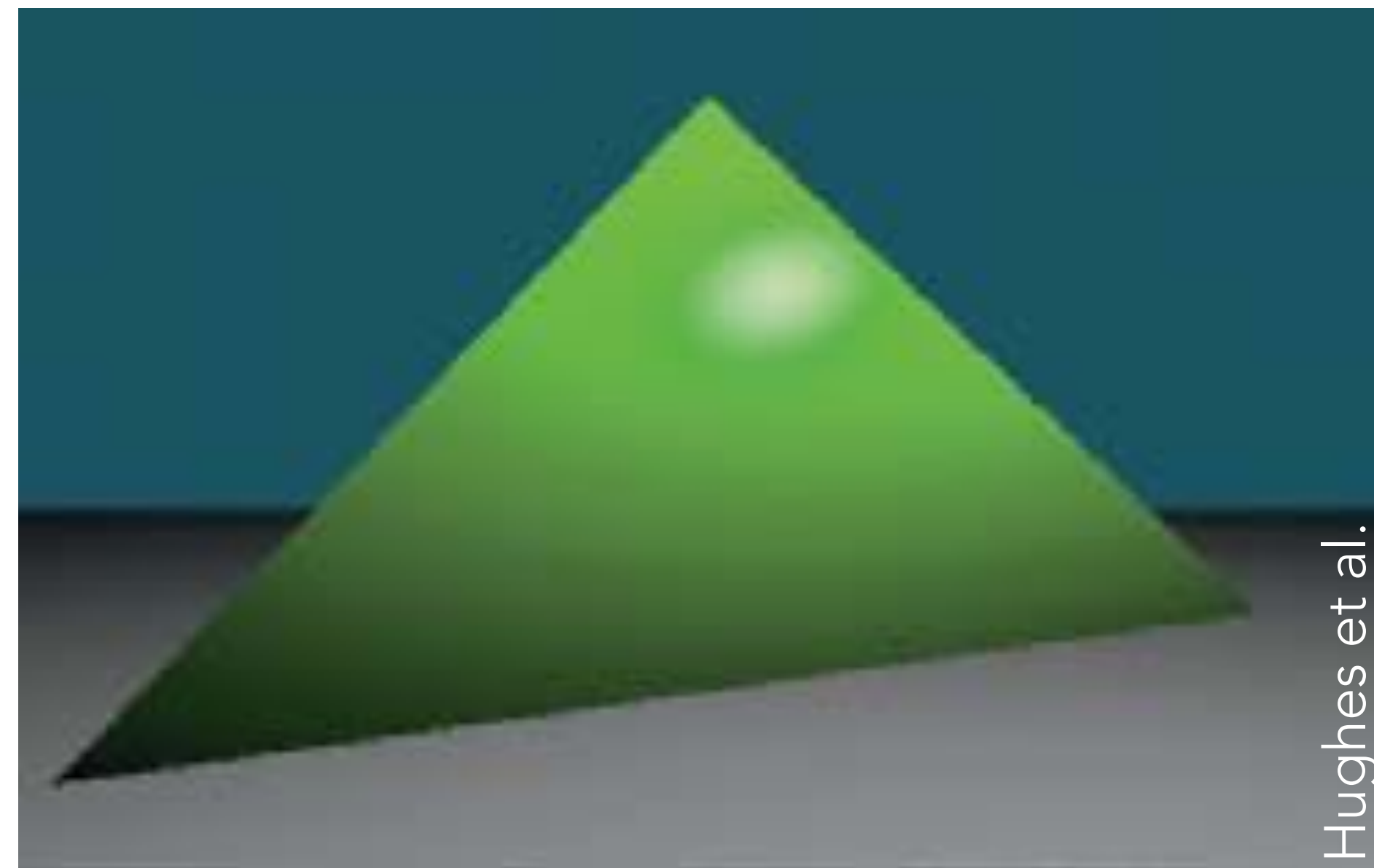
Apply your favourite reflection model, e.g. Blinn-Phong:

$$L = k_a I_a + \sum \underbrace{I_i (k_d \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{l}_i) + k_s \max(0, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{h}_i)^p)}_{f(\mathbf{l}_i, \mathbf{v})}$$

$f(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{v})$ = what fraction of incident light from direction $\mathbf{l}$ is reflected to direction $\mathbf{v}$

So far, what we have done is **ray casting**: shoot just one ray from the eye.

This should give us **exactly the same image** as we'd get from rasterization!



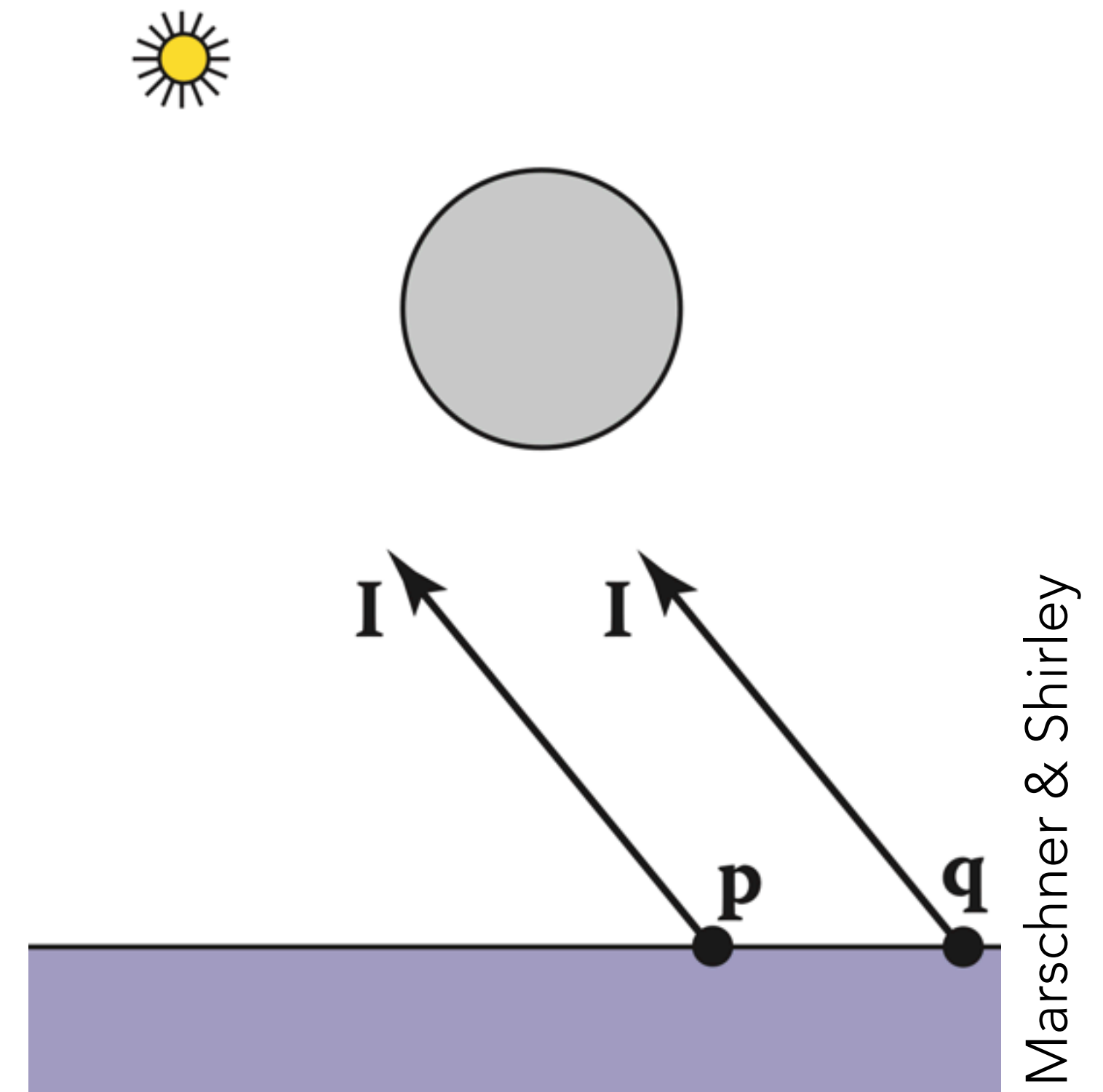
Now we will also trace secondary rays to get additional effects.

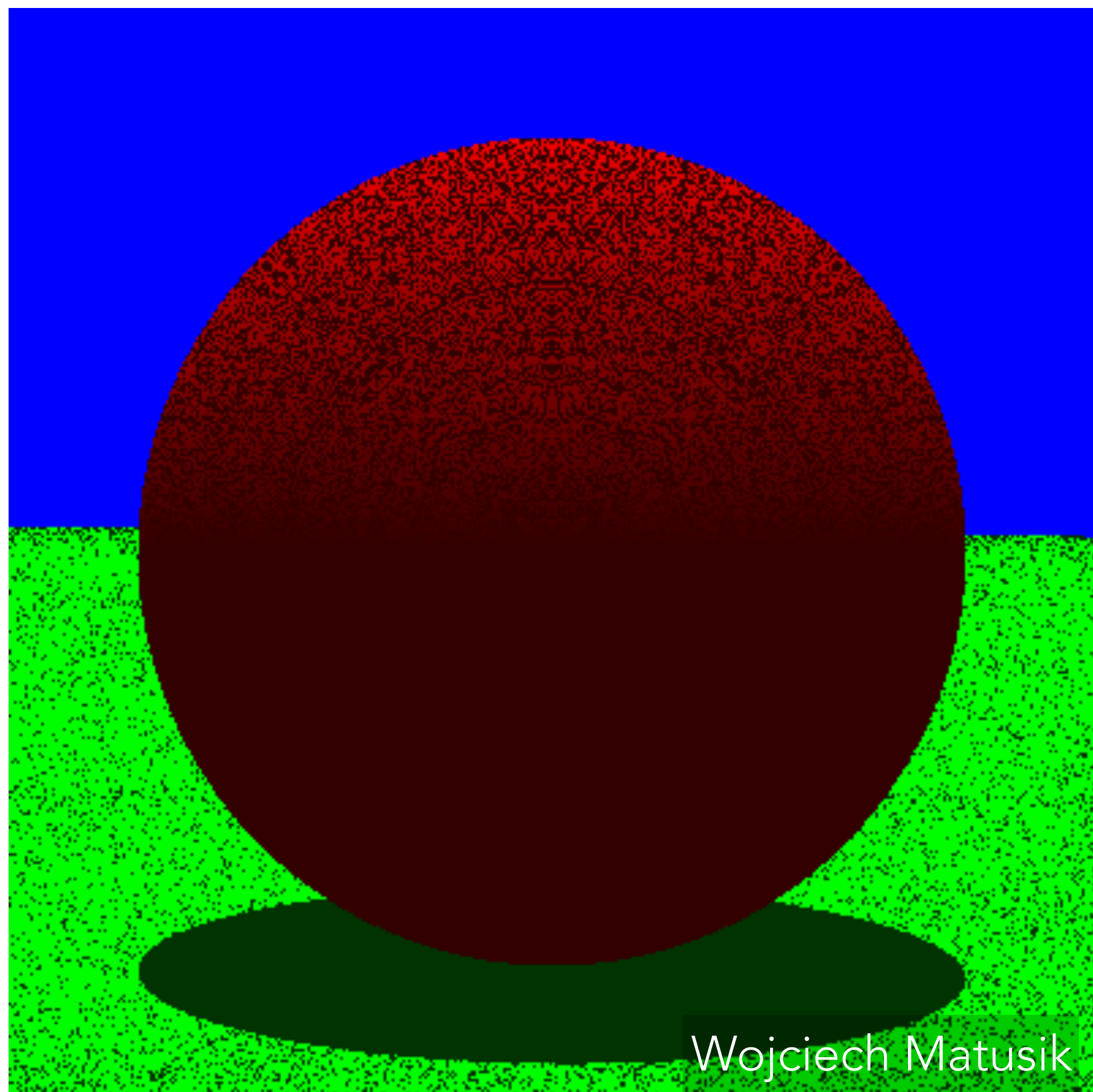
$$L = k_a I_a + \sum I_i f(\ell_i, \mathbf{v})$$

Light should only be included if it is **visible** from **p**

- Shoot a “shadow ray” $\mathbf{p} + t\ell$ towards light source
- If no intersection within interval $[0, t_{\text{light}}]$, add its contribution to L

Why $[0, t_{\text{light}}]$ instead of $[0, \infty]$?





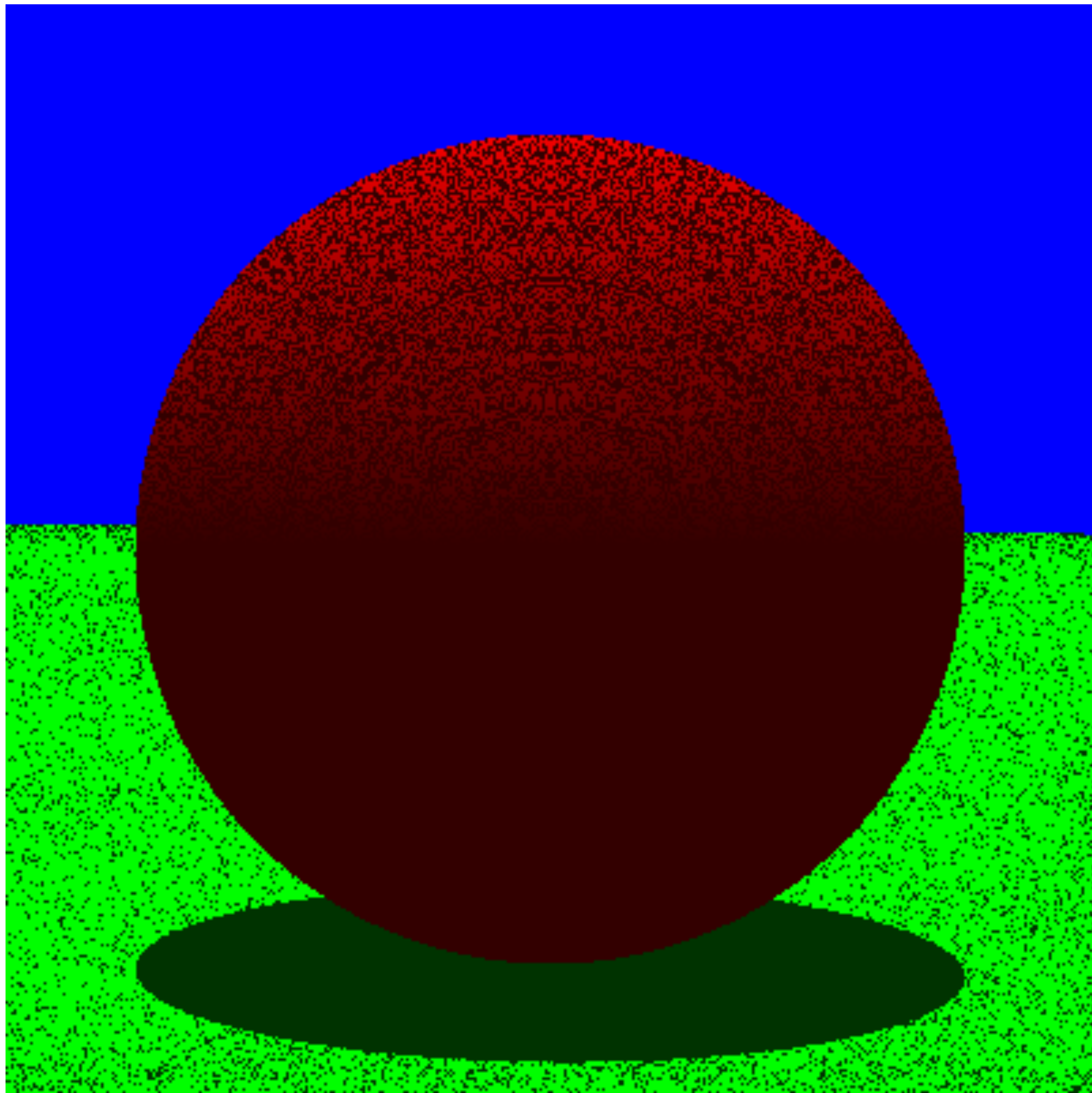
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"Shadow acne"

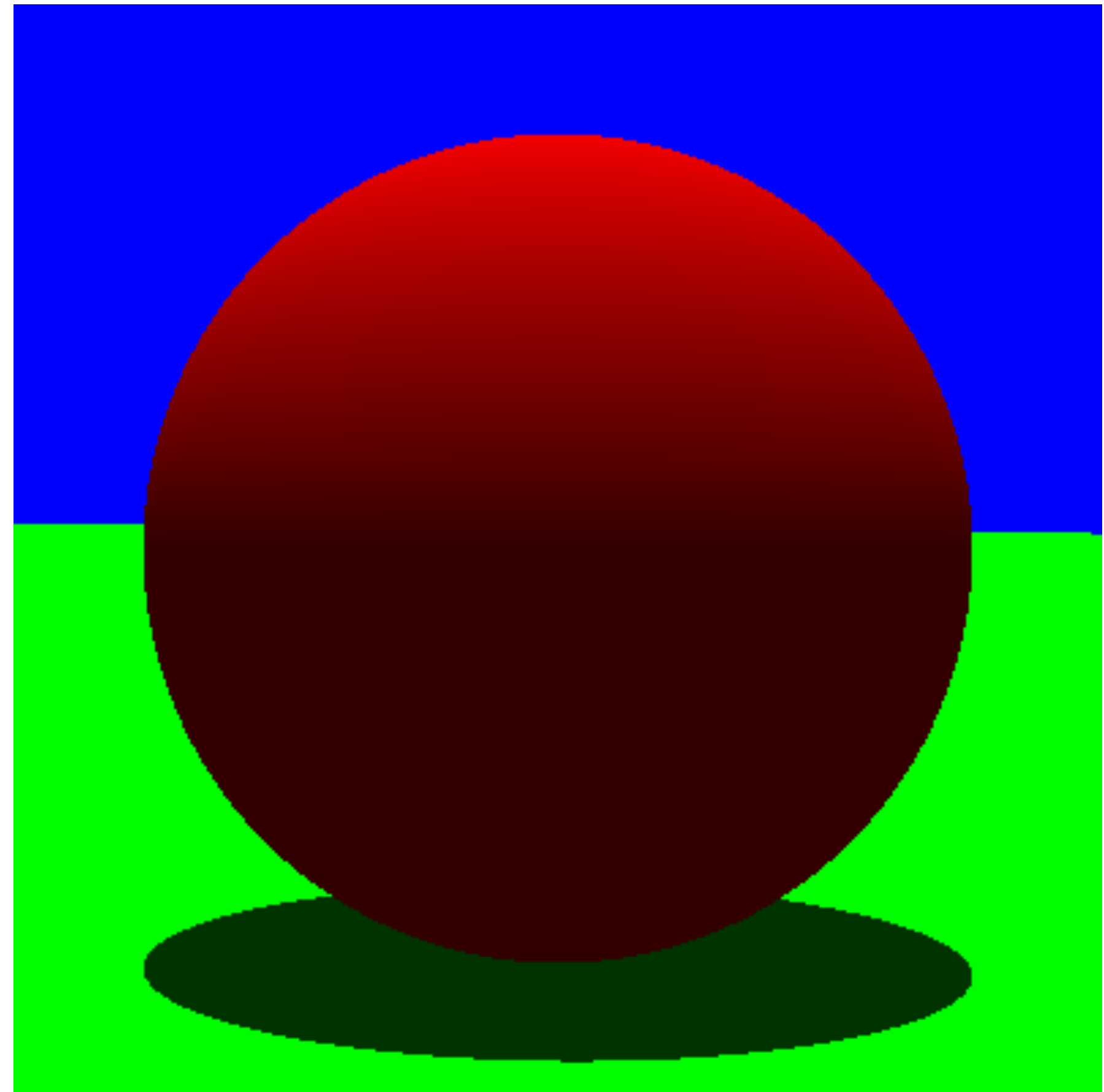
Why does this happen?

- $\mathbf{p}$ lies on surface
- $\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{l}$ intersects surface at $t = 0$
- Floating-point arithmetic may give e.g. $t = 0.000001$
- $\mathbf{p}$ thinks it's shadowed... by itself!

Solution: Pick a small positive ε ("bias") and only look for intersections in $[\varepsilon, t_{\text{light}}]$.



Without bias



With bias

Ray tracing

For each sample (x, y) :

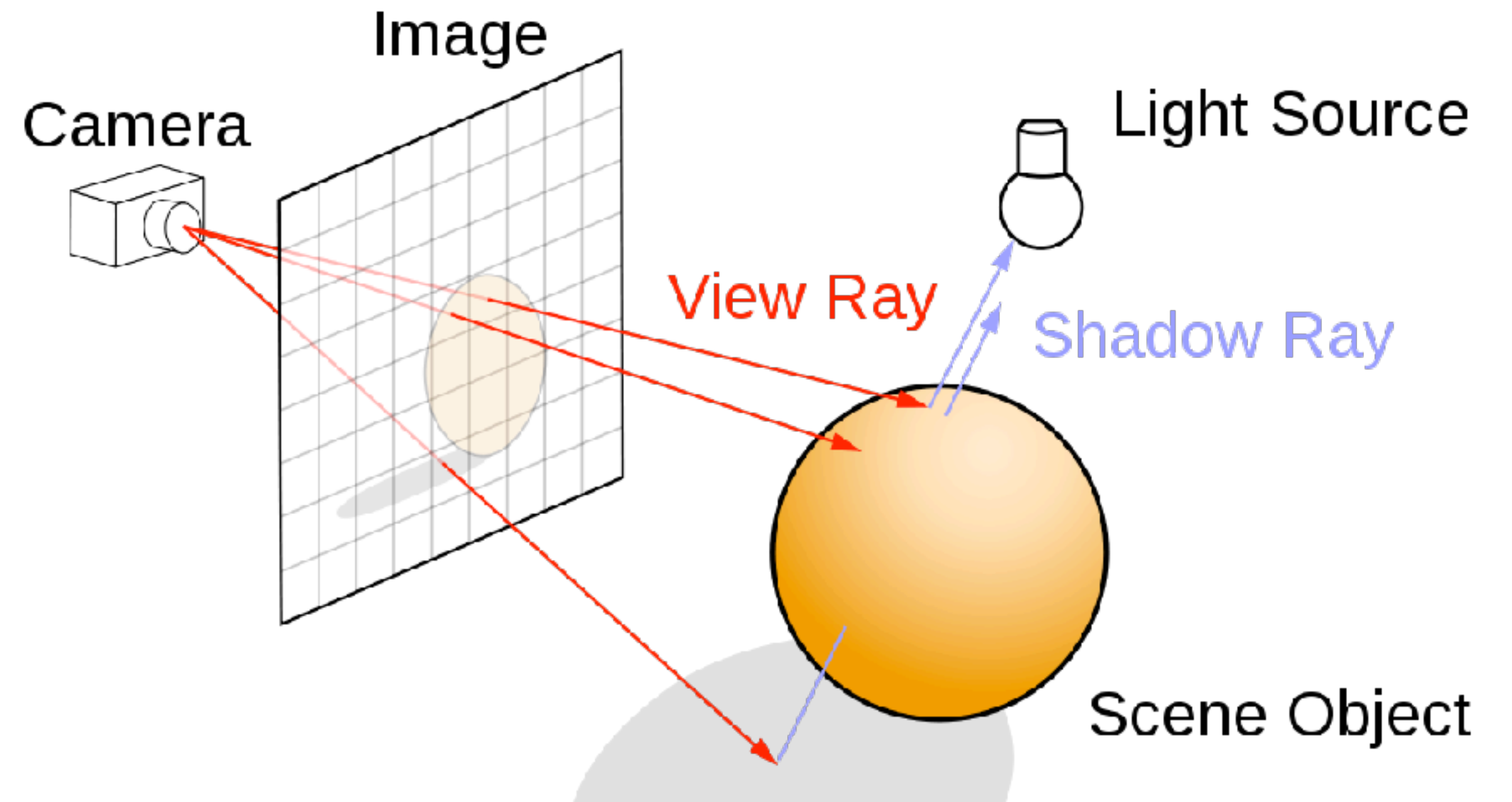
$ray = \text{makeRay}(\text{camera}, x, y)$

$hit = \text{castRay}(ray, \text{scene})$

$color = \text{shade}(hit, \text{scene})$

$color = \text{traceRay}(ray, \text{scene})$

$image[x, y] = color$



Reflection

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{d} - 2\mathbf{d}_n \\ &= \mathbf{d} - 2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d})\mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$

Perfect mirror:

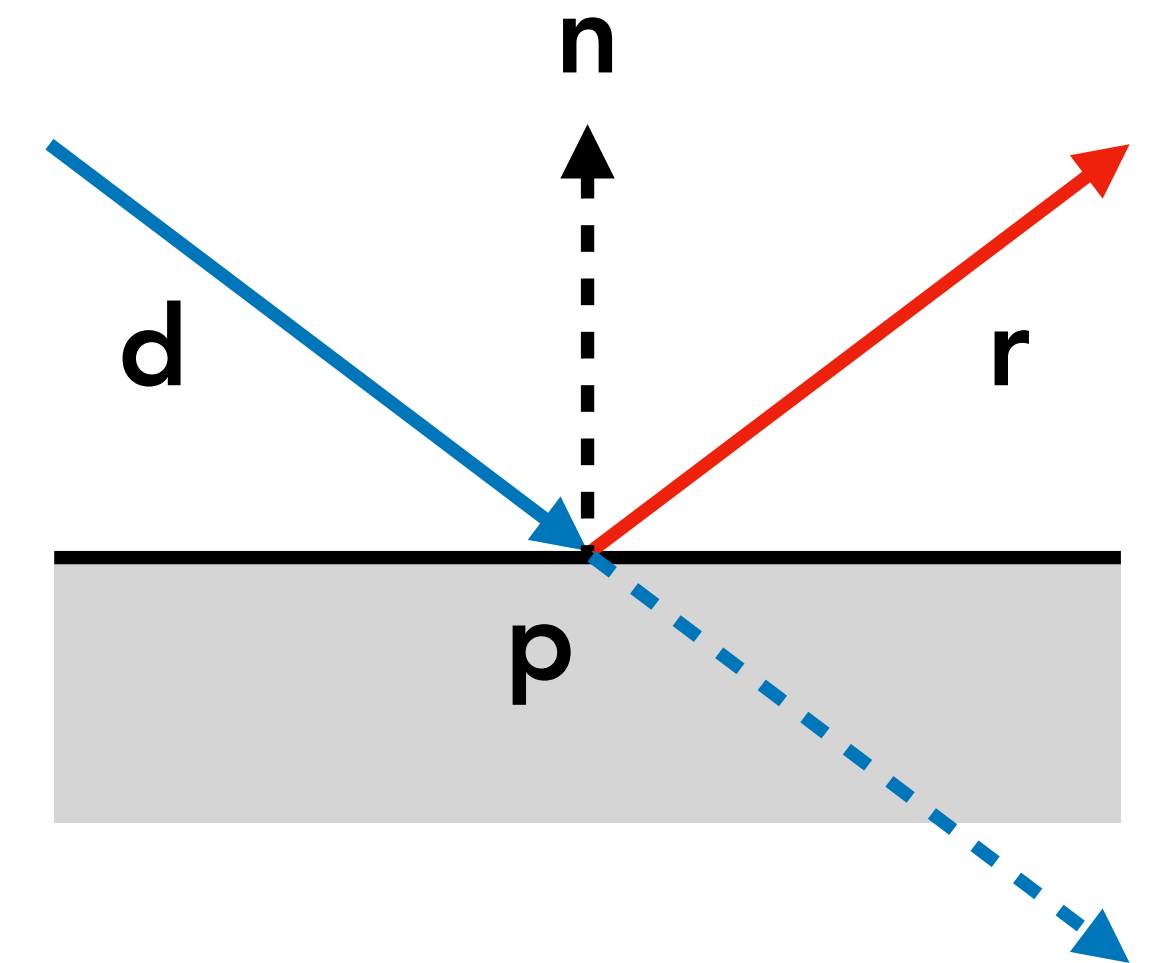
$$L = \text{traceRay}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \text{scene})$$

Reflective surface:

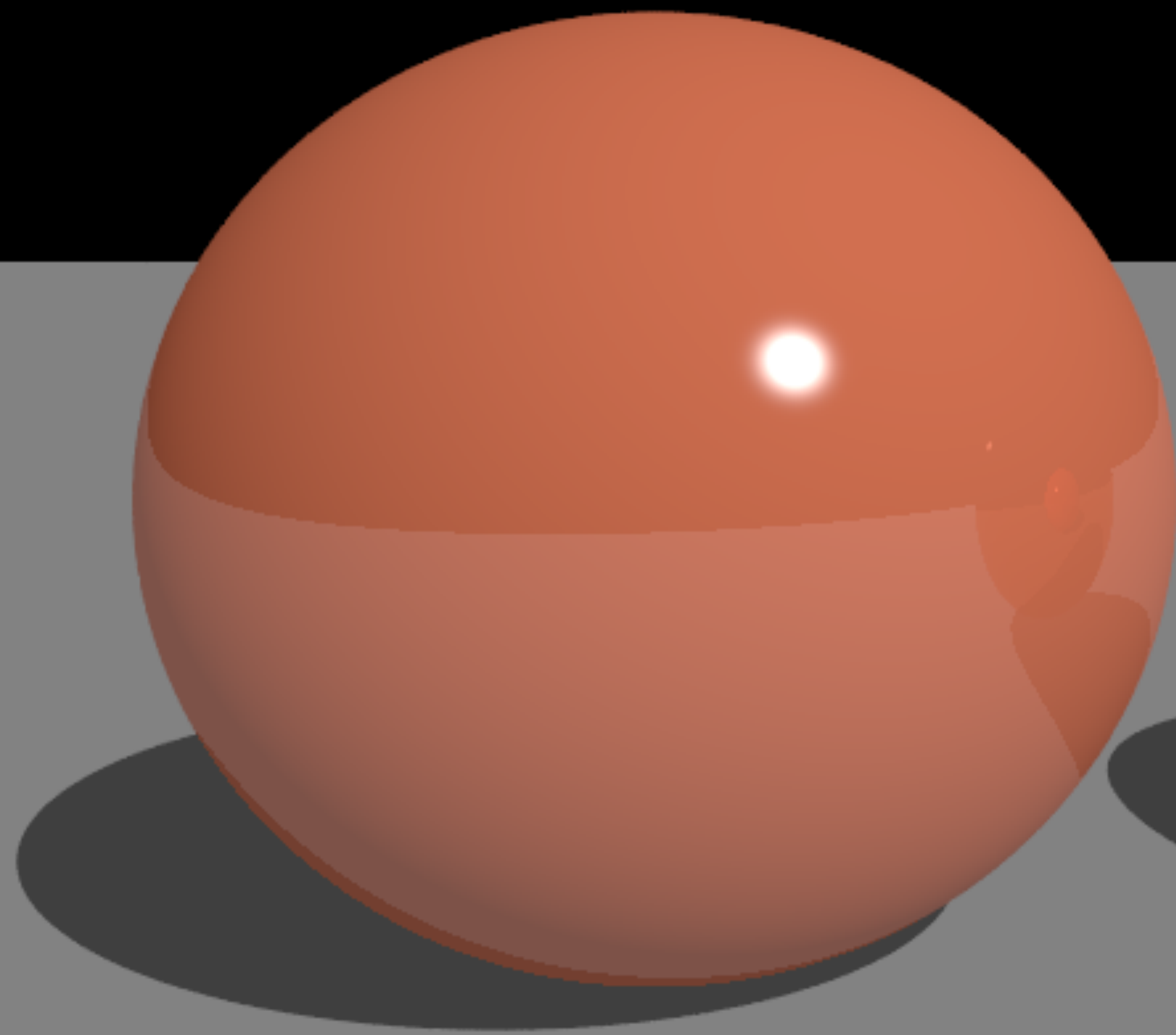
Actually, k_r depends on $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d}$ for many materials...

$$L = [\dots\text{Blinn-Phong}\dots] + k_r \text{traceRay}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \text{scene})$$

Again, don't forget ray bias!

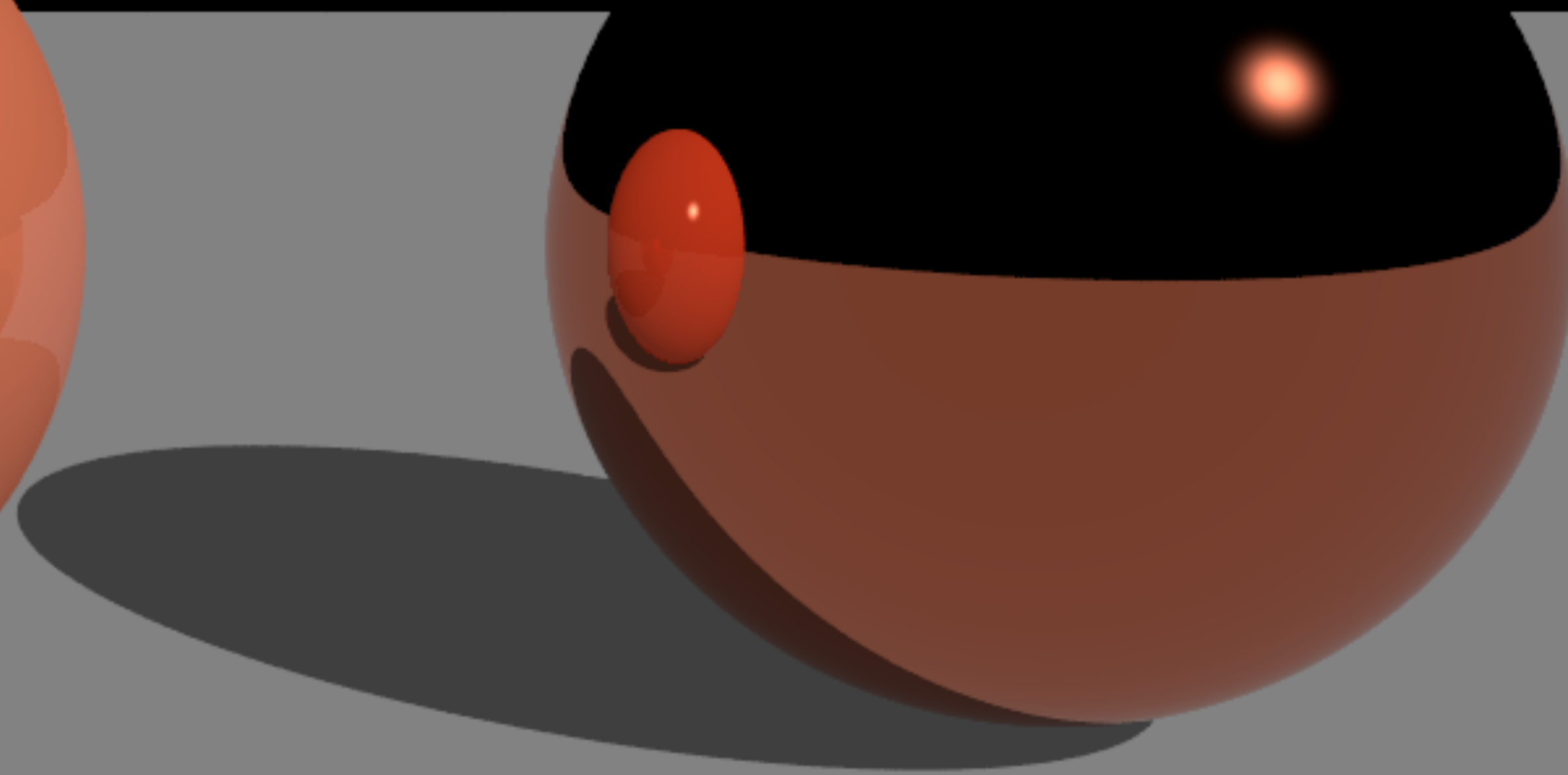


k_a, k_d coloured
 k_s, k_r colourless



Plastic

k_a, k_d zero
 k_s, k_r coloured



Metallic

Transmission

Suppose ray passes from one material to another with different indices of refraction.

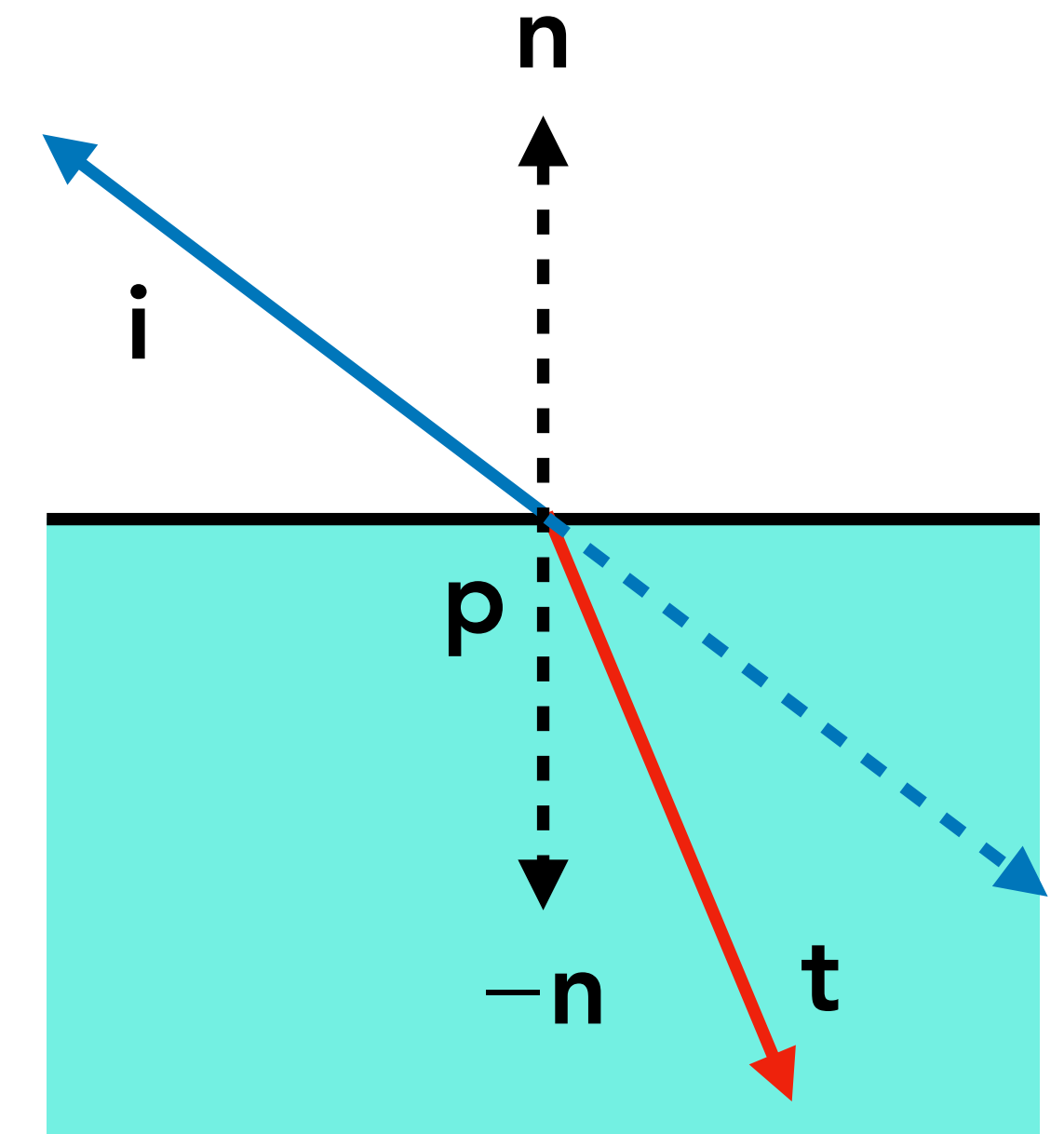
Snell's law: $\eta_i \sin \theta_i = \eta_t \sin \theta_t$

$$\mathbf{t} = \left(\eta_r (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{i}) - \sqrt{1 - \eta_r^2 (1 - (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{i})^2)} \right) \mathbf{n} - \eta_r \mathbf{i}$$

where $\eta_r = \eta_i / \eta_t$.

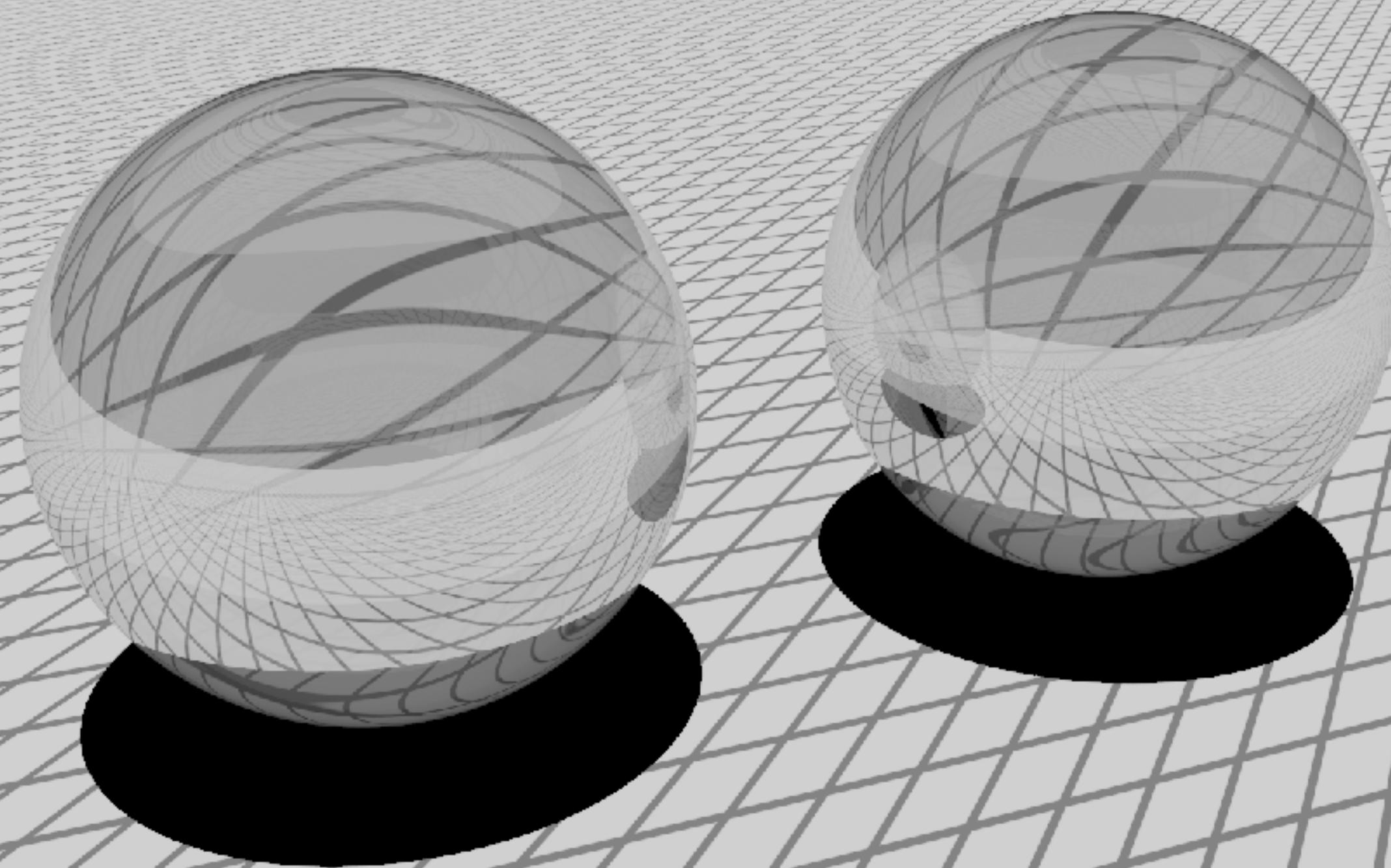
$$L = [\dots] + k_t \text{traceRay}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}, \text{scene})$$

Also depends on $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d}$

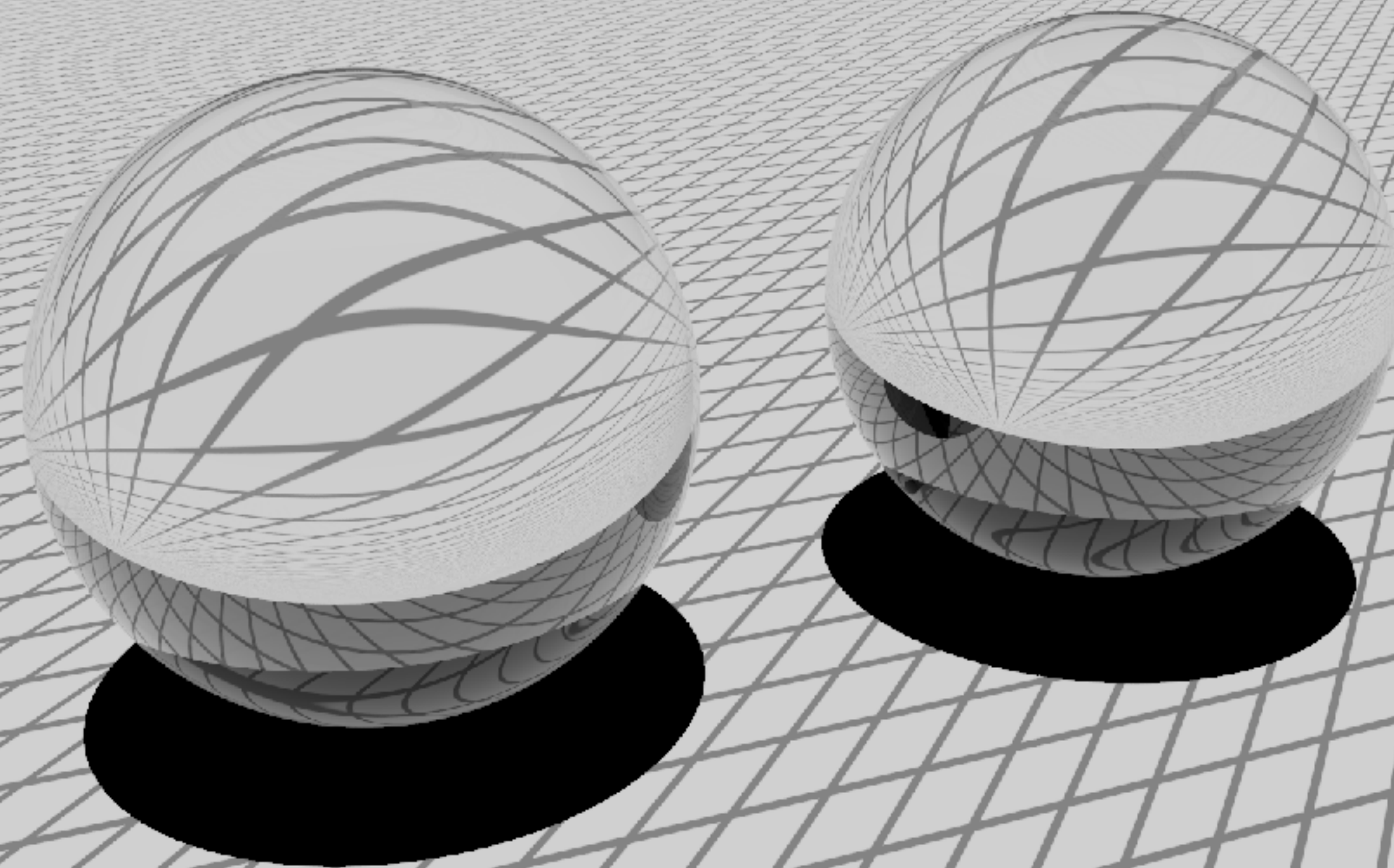


Fresnel effect

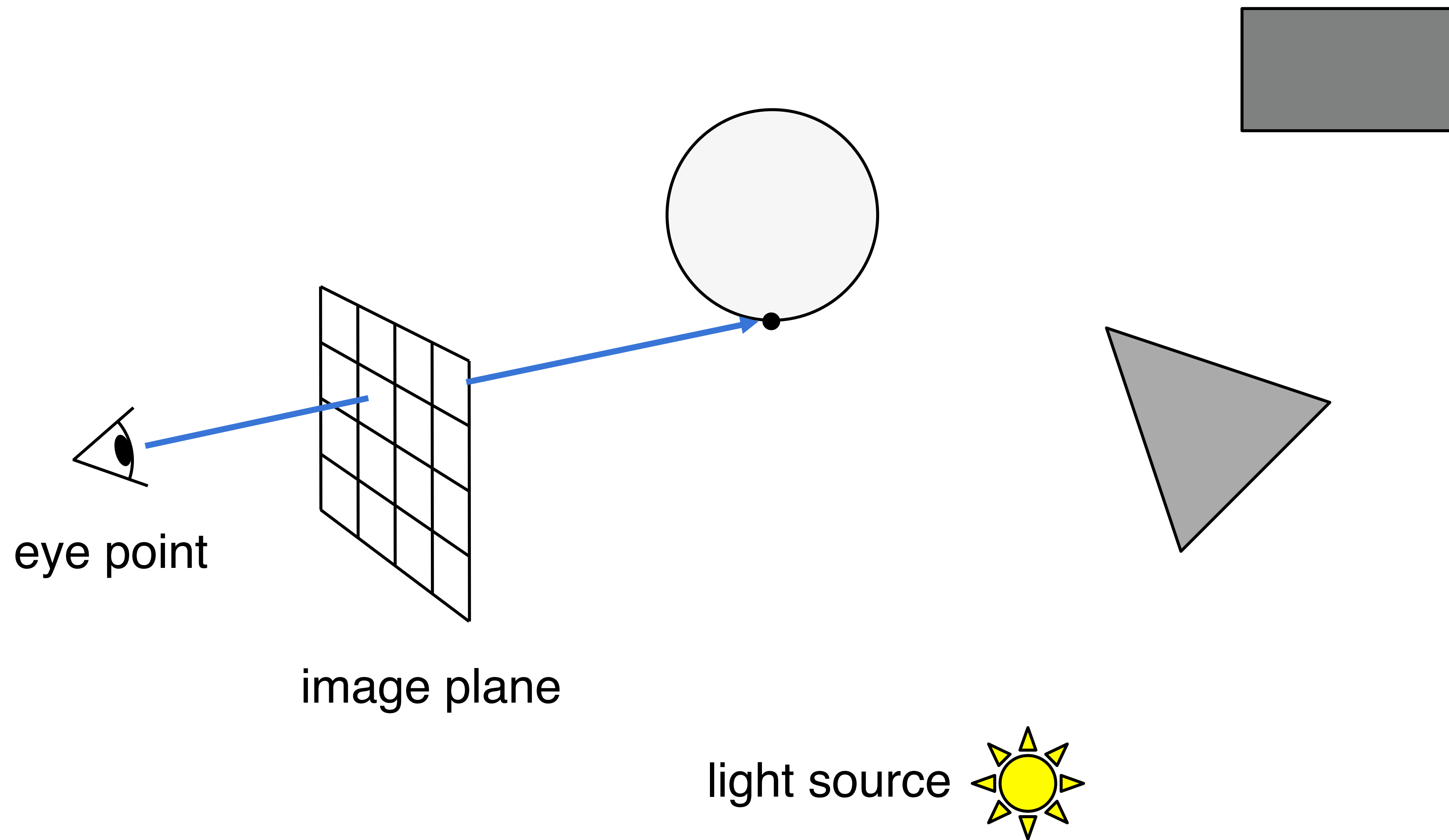


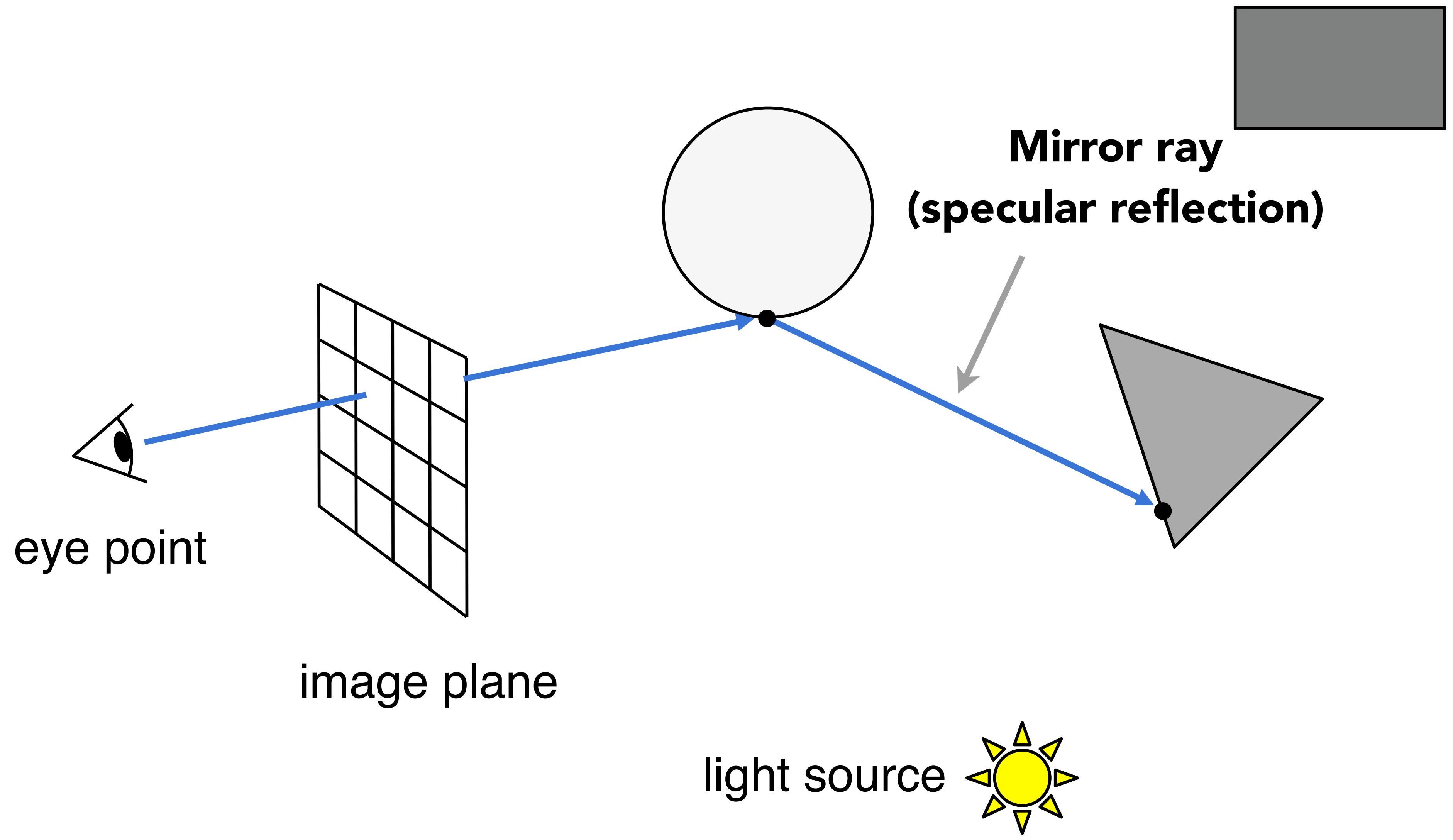


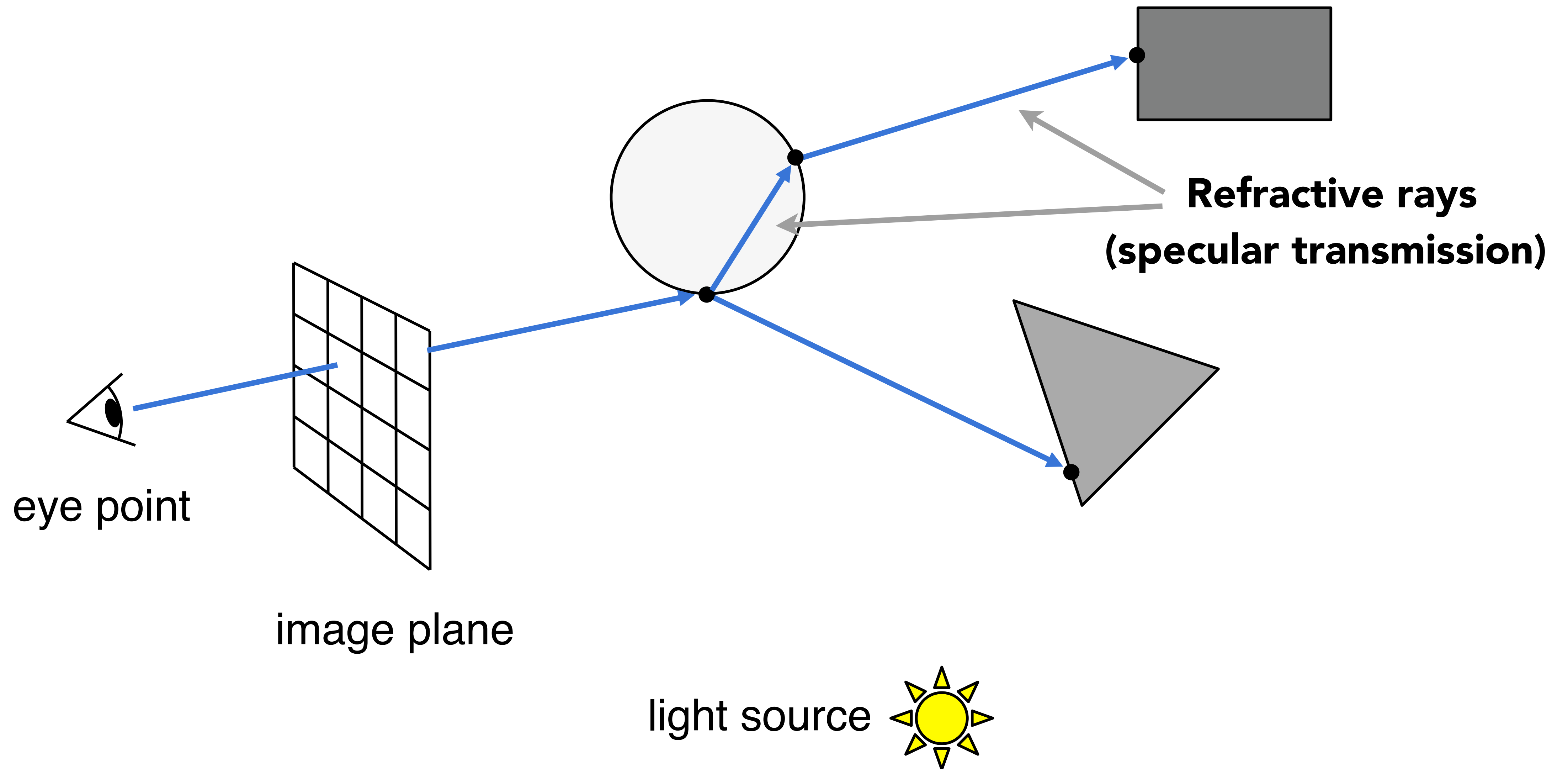
Constant k_r, k_t

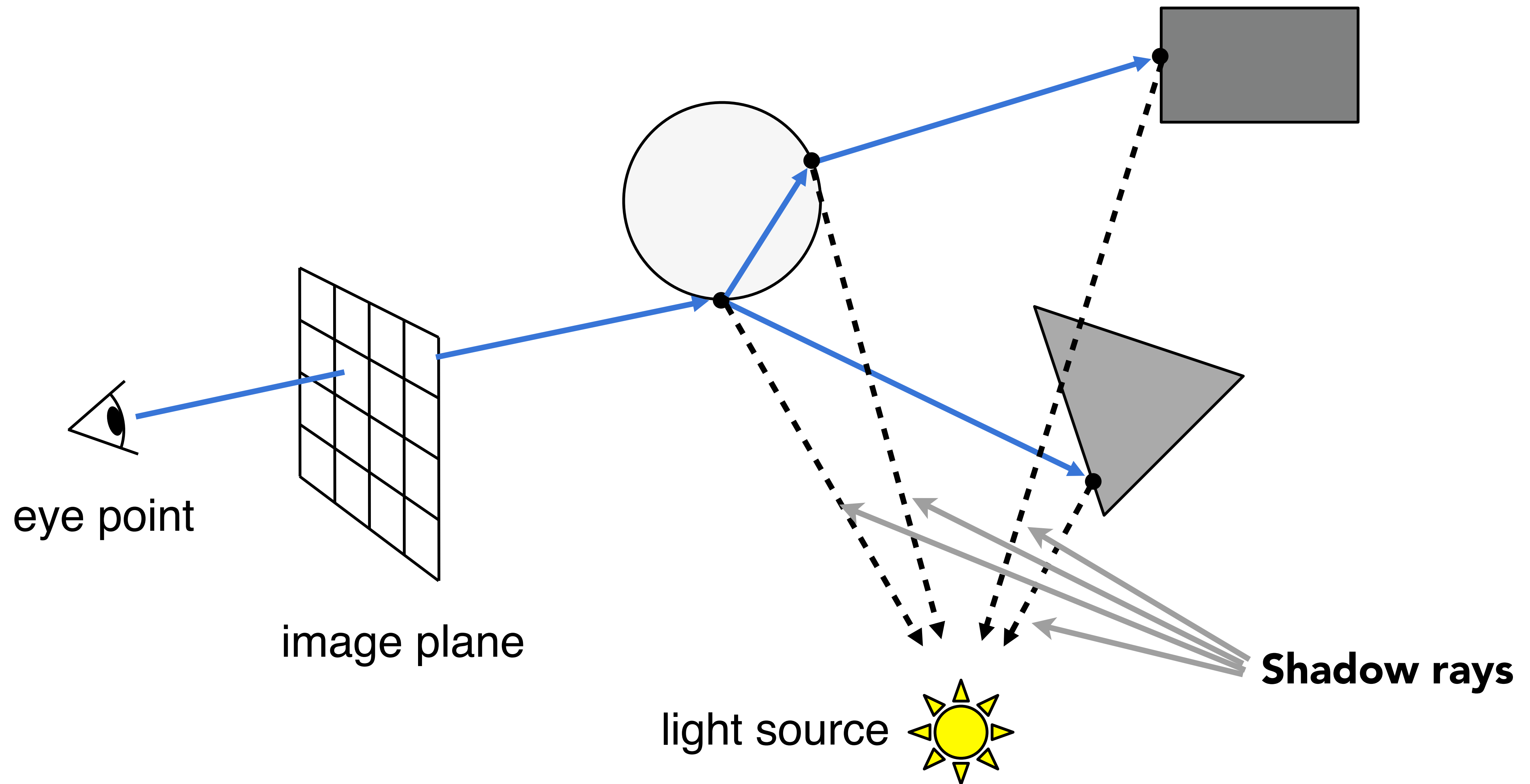


k_r increasing with θ_i
 $k_t = 1 - k_r$

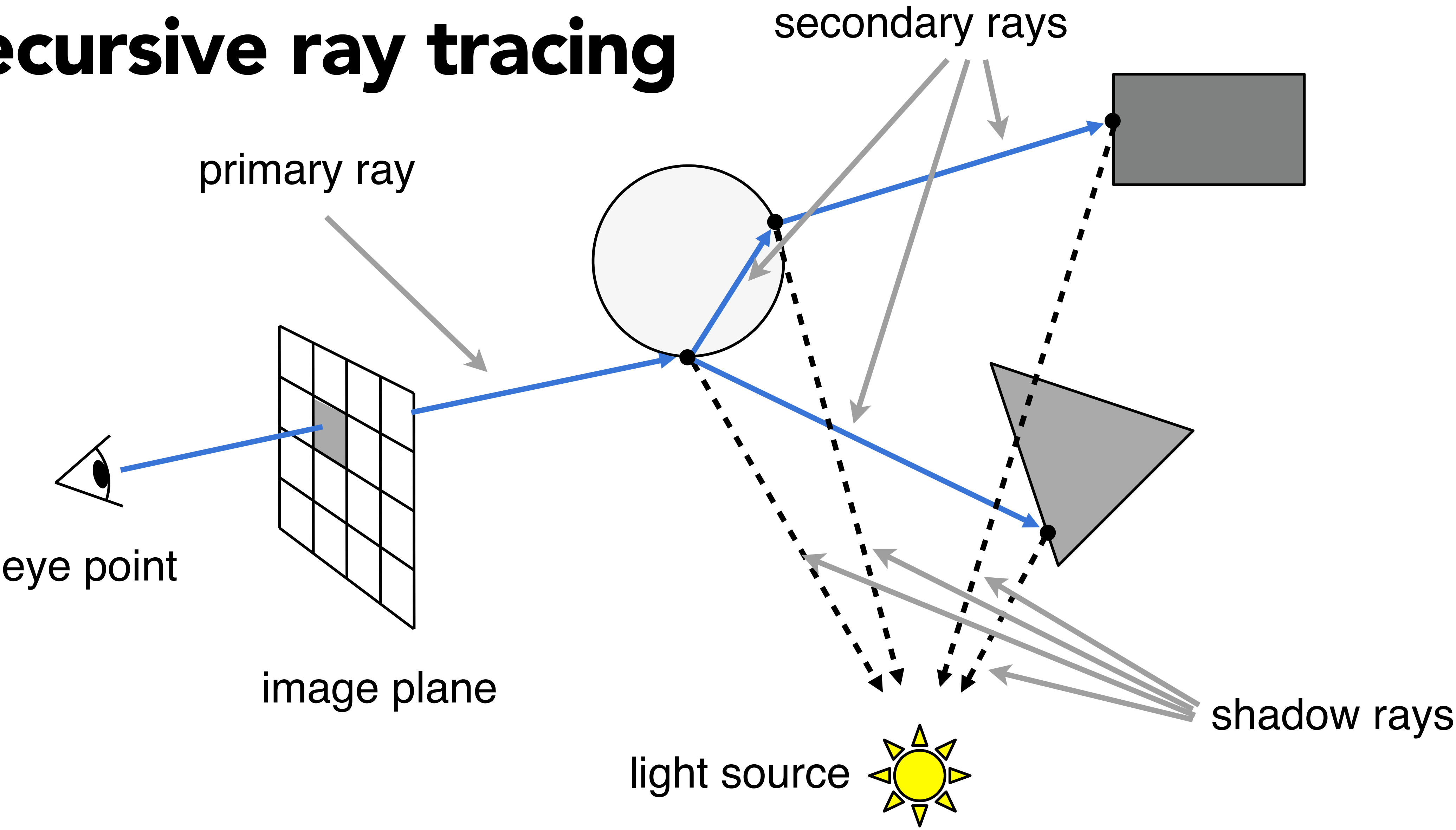


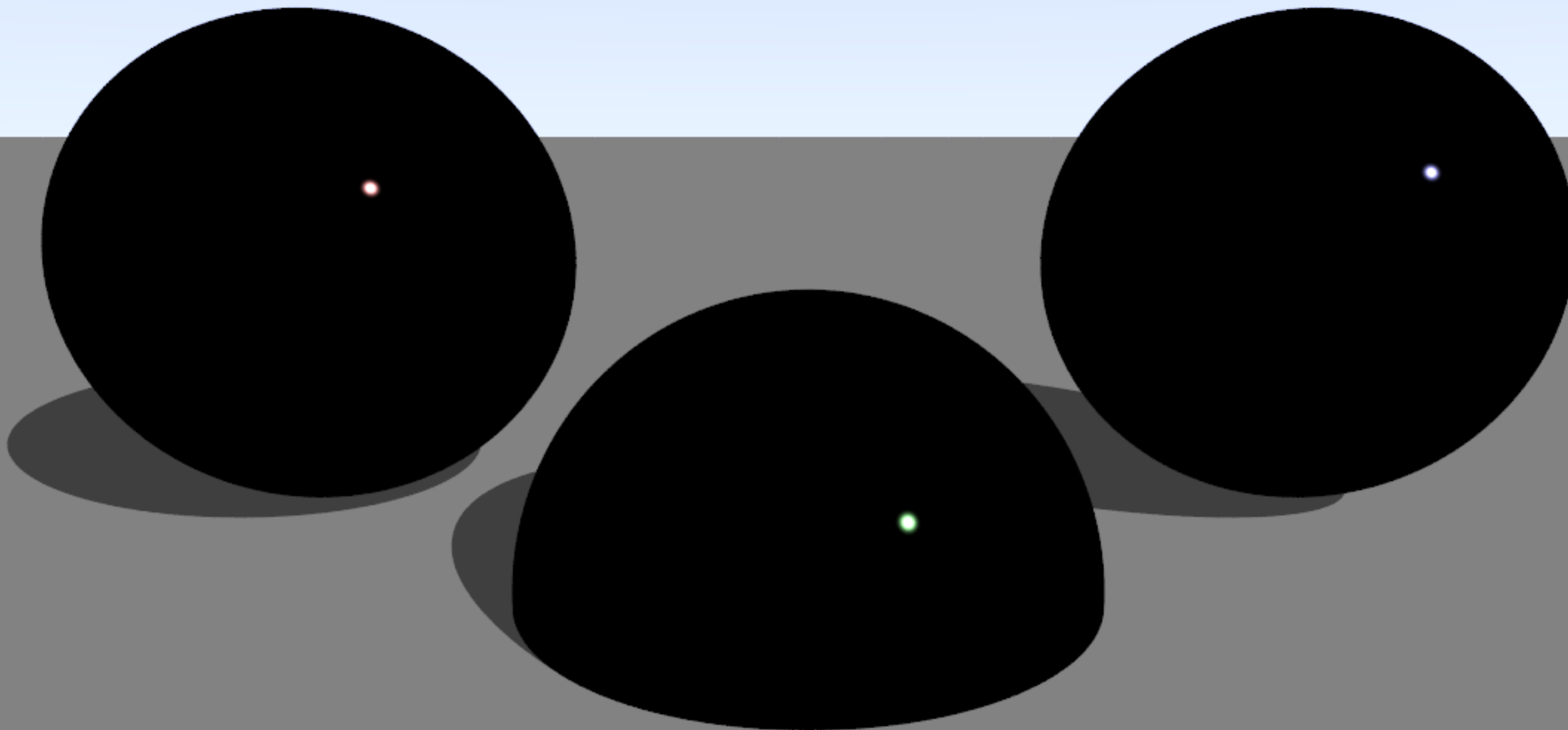




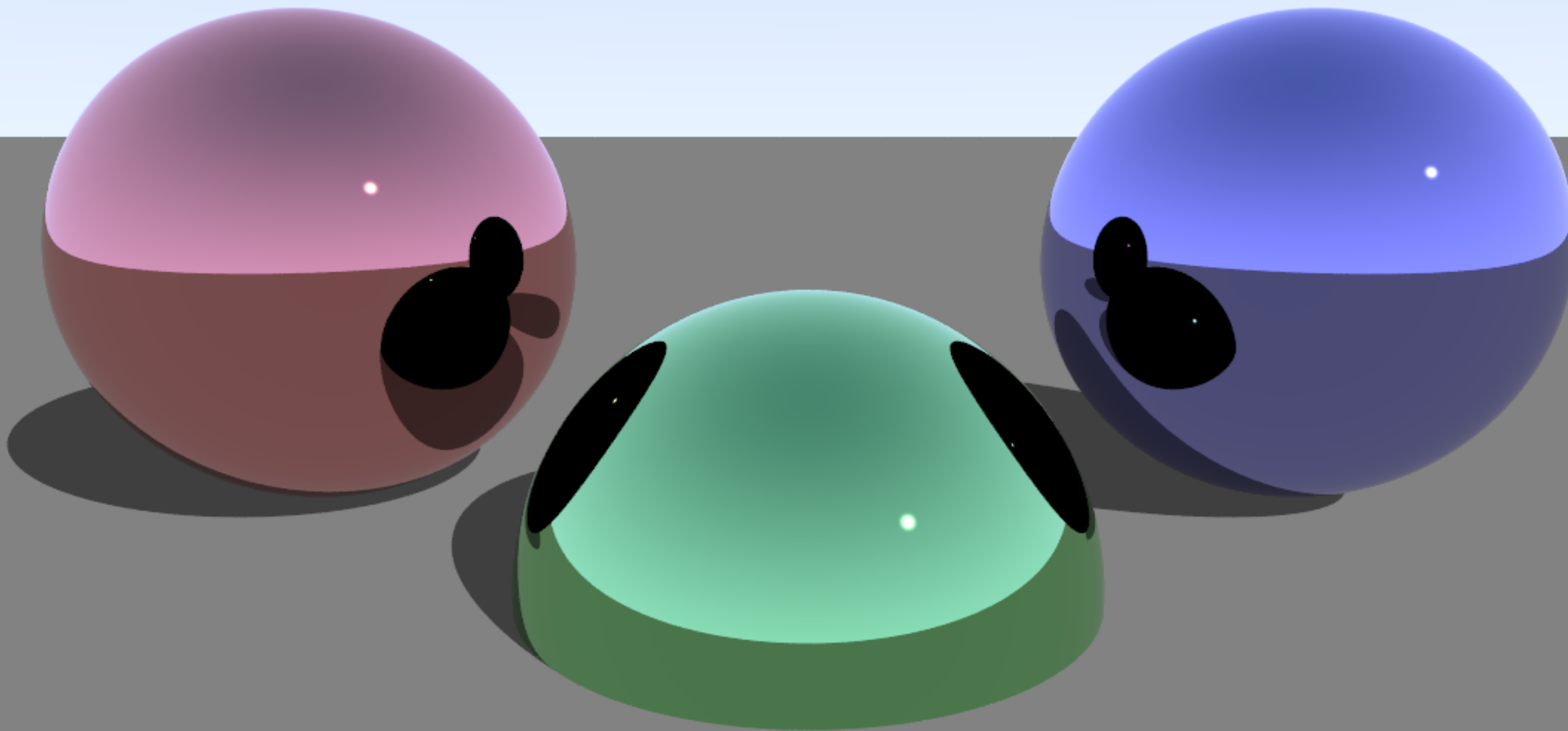


Recursive ray tracing

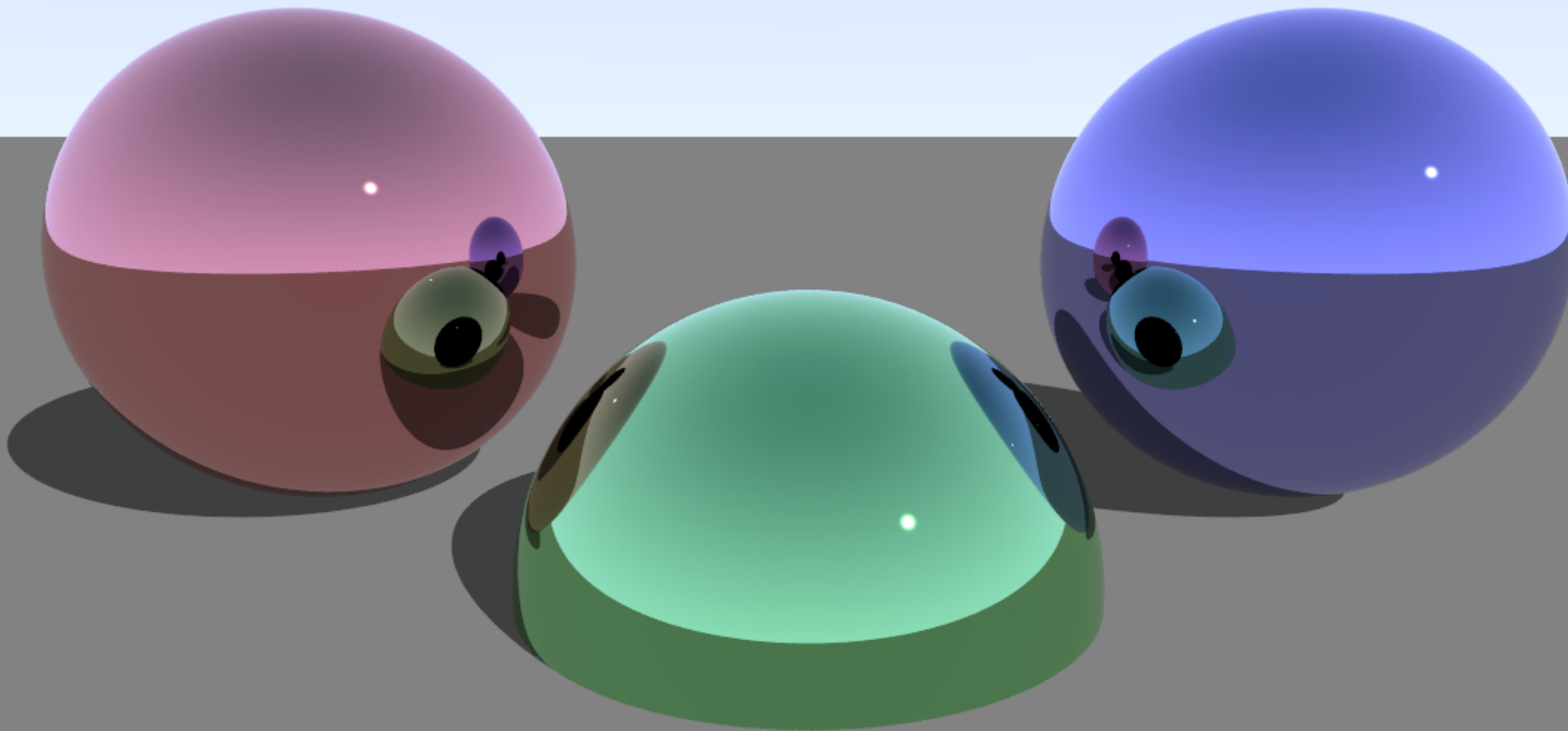




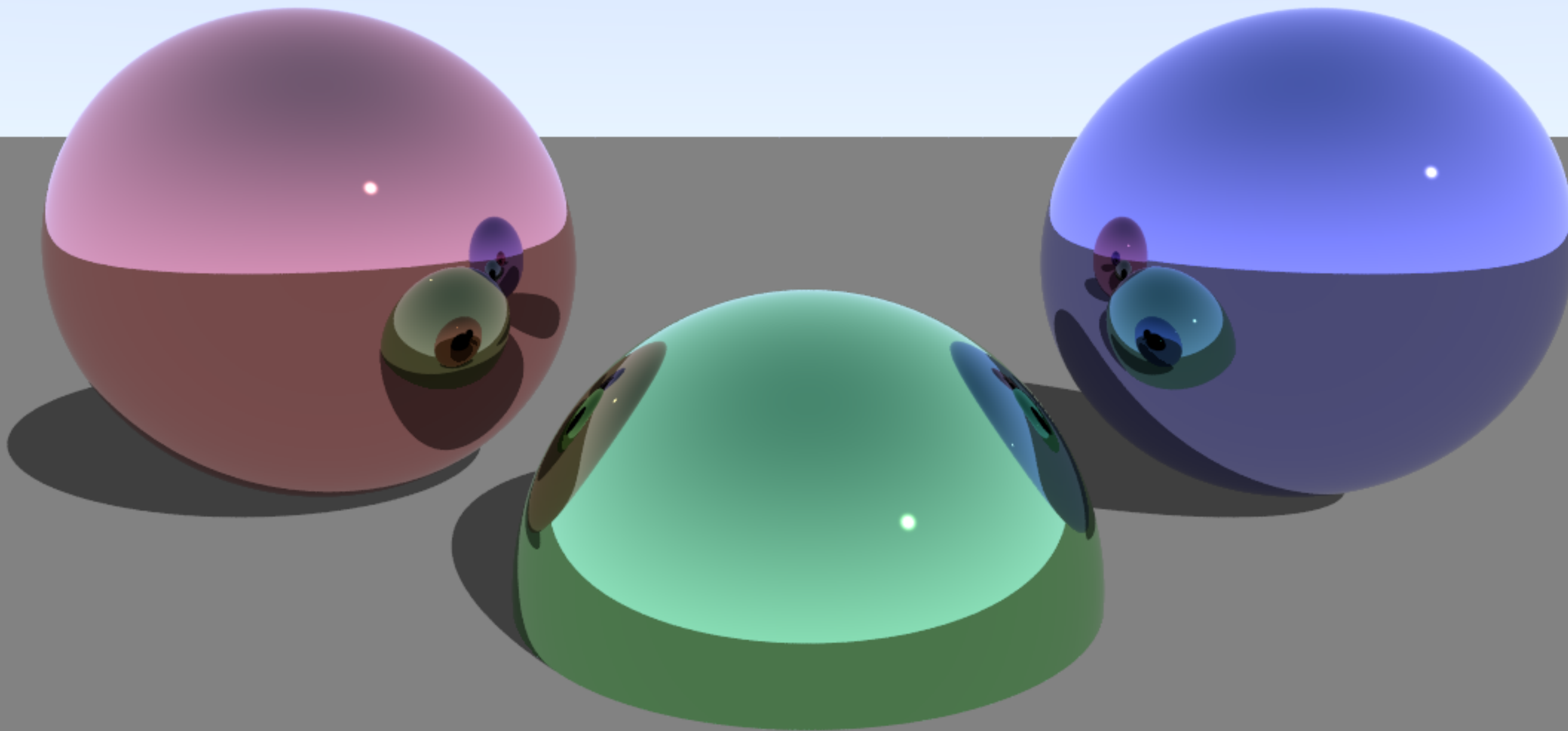
Recursion depth: 1



Recursion depth: 2



Recursion depth: 3

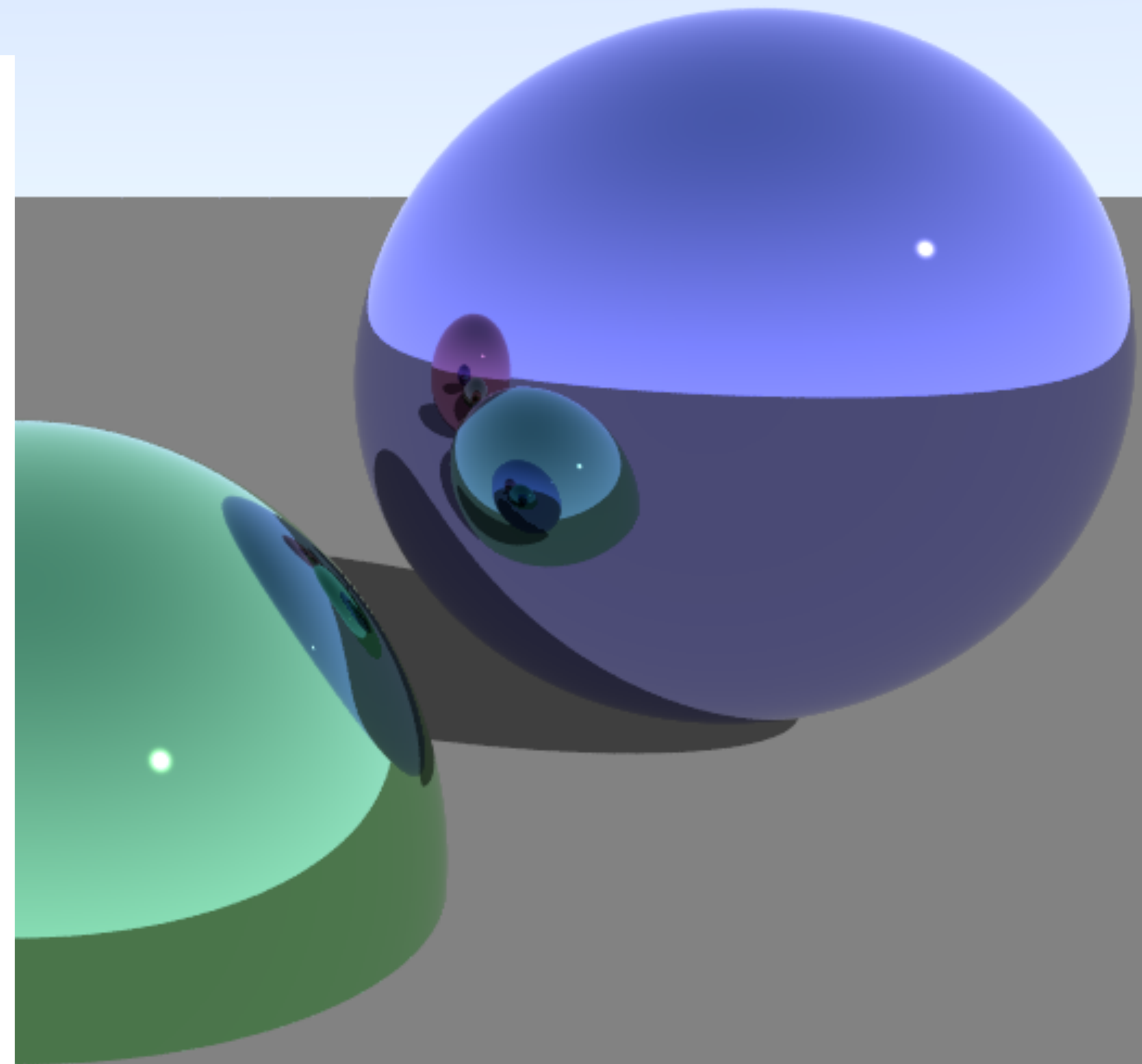


Recursion depth: 4

When to terminate the recursion?

- **Fixed:** stop if recursion depth $>$ max
- **Adaptive:** stop if contribution of ray to final pixel colour $<$ threshold
- ...or whichever comes first

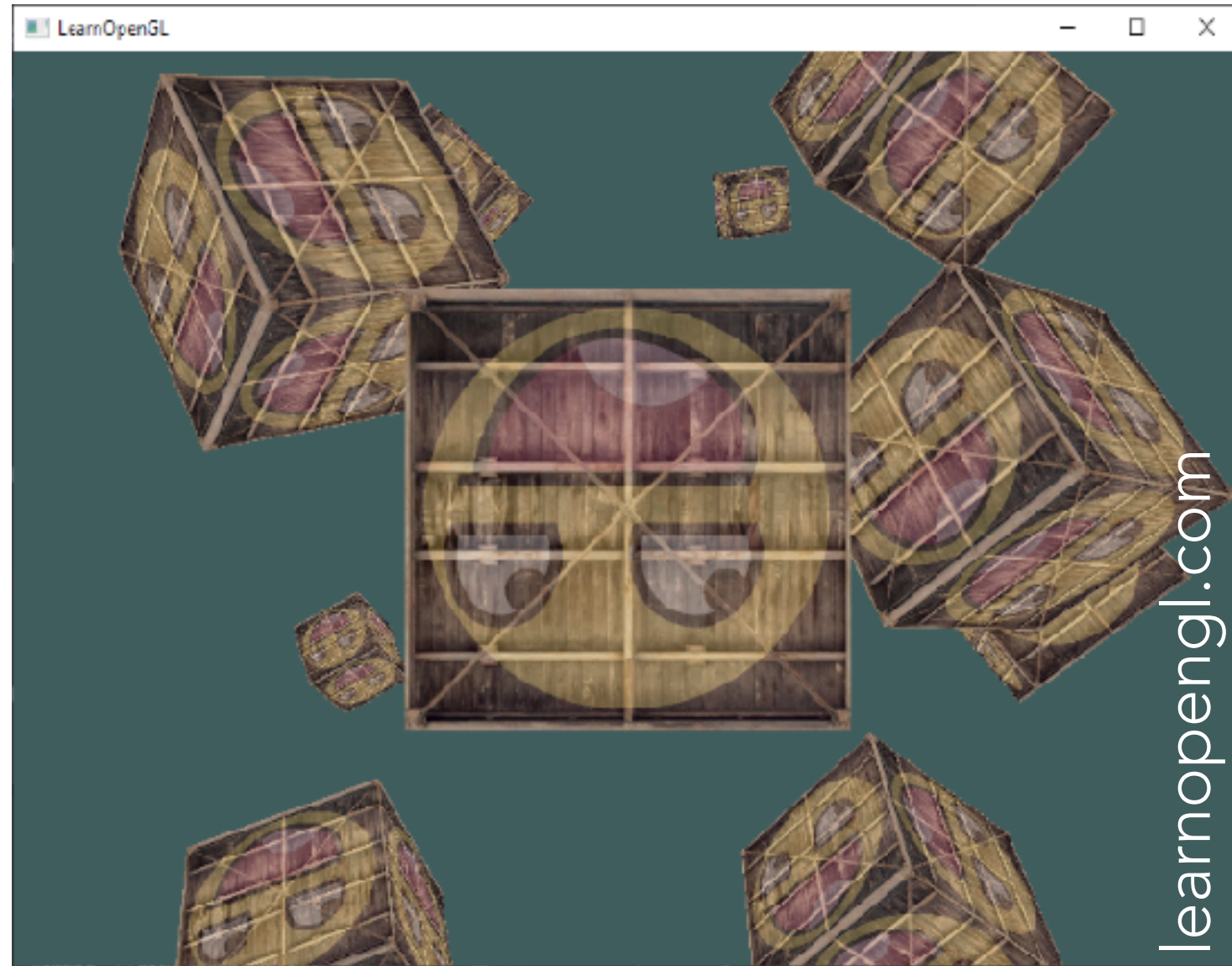
On termination, return... diffuse colour? background colour? black?



What ray tracing can and can't do



So far, we have learned how to make **crude** **pictures** of **polygonal shapes**.



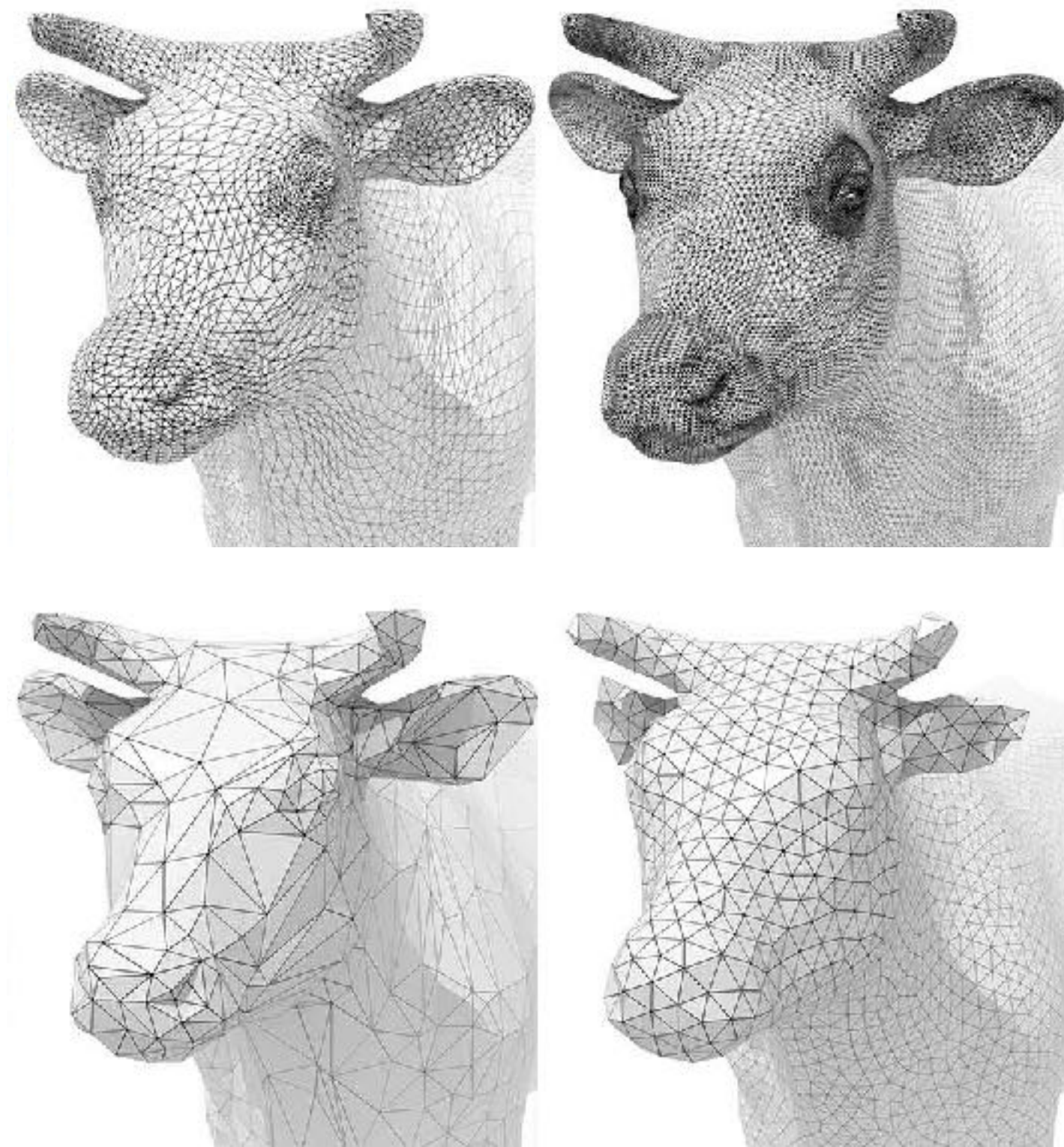
How would we make **photorealistic** **movies** of **complicated shapes**?

RENDERING

ANIMATION

MODELING

Tour of deeper aspects of computer graphics



Modelling

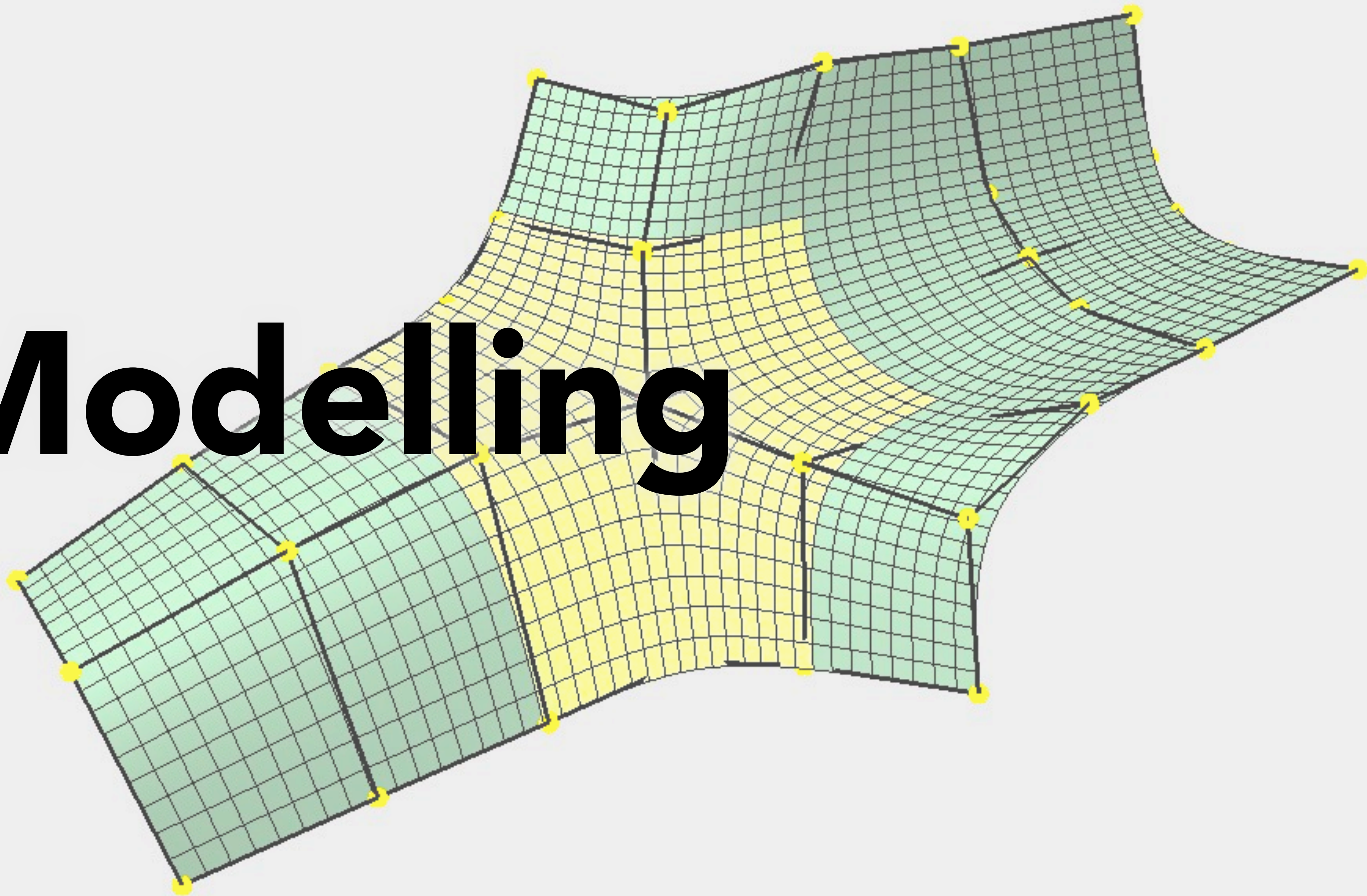


Rendering



Animation

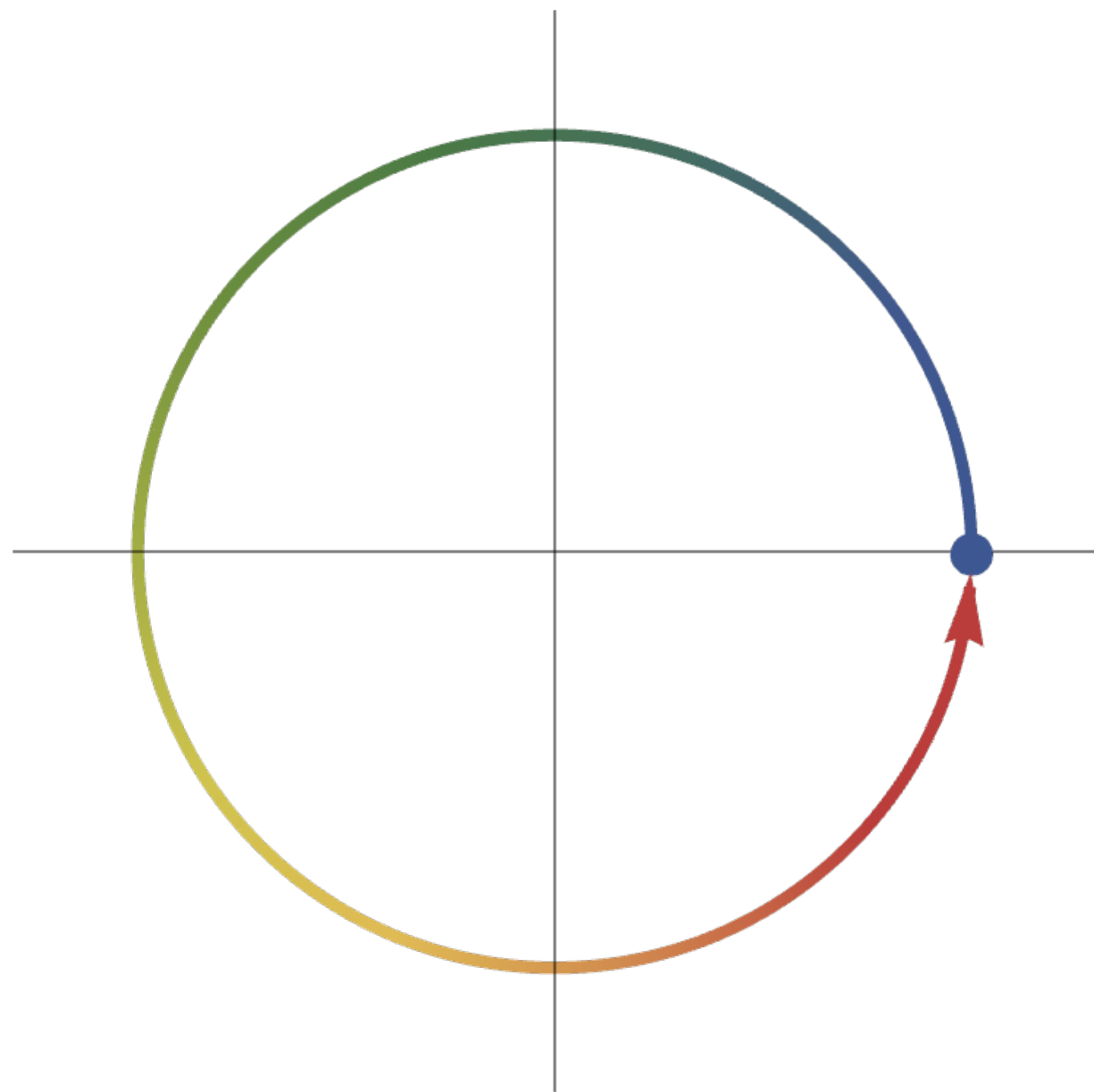
Modelling



How to define a unit circle in 2D?

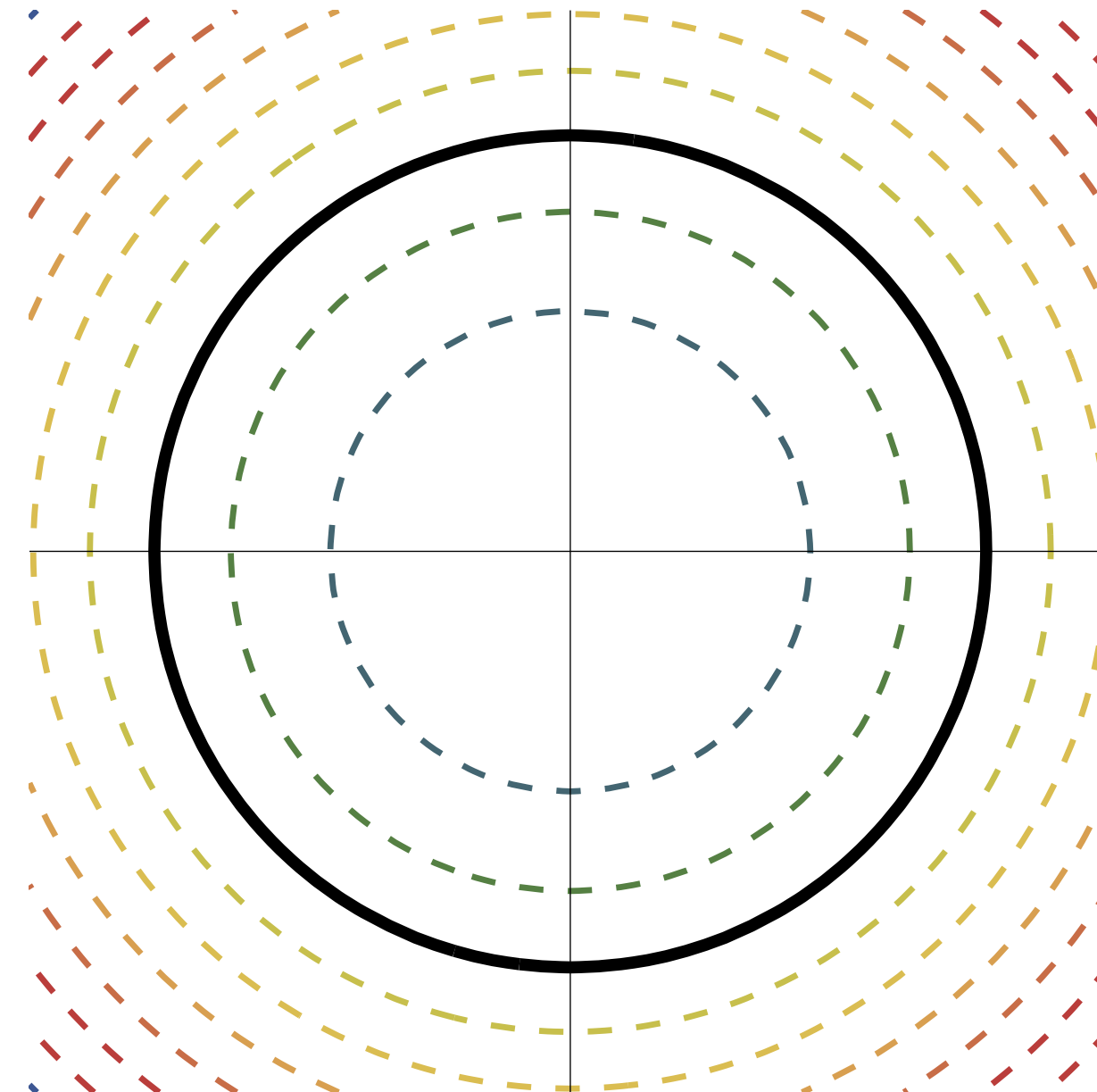
Explicit:

$$\{(\cos \theta, \sin \theta): 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi\}$$



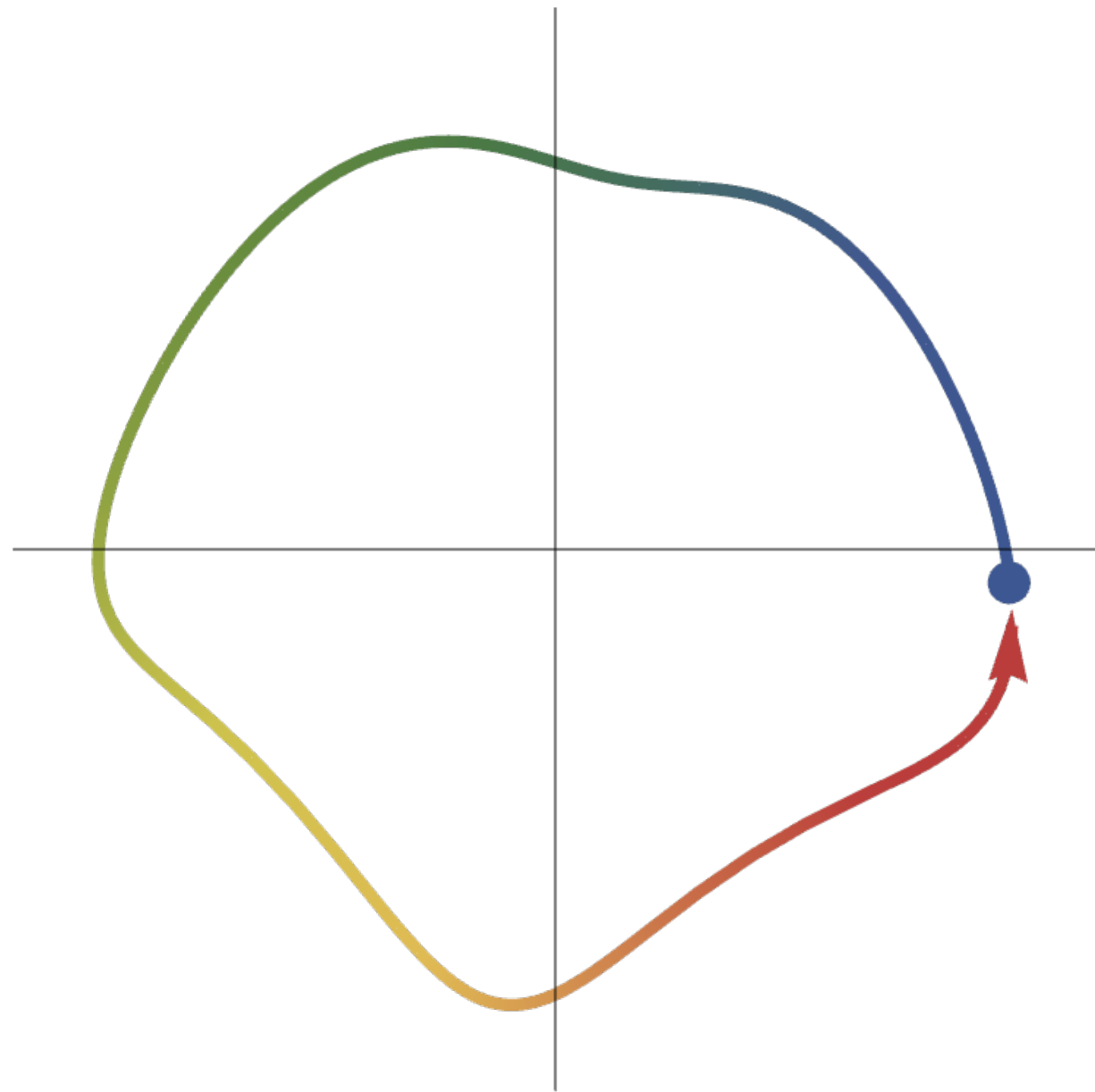
Implicit:

$$\{(x, y): x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0\}$$



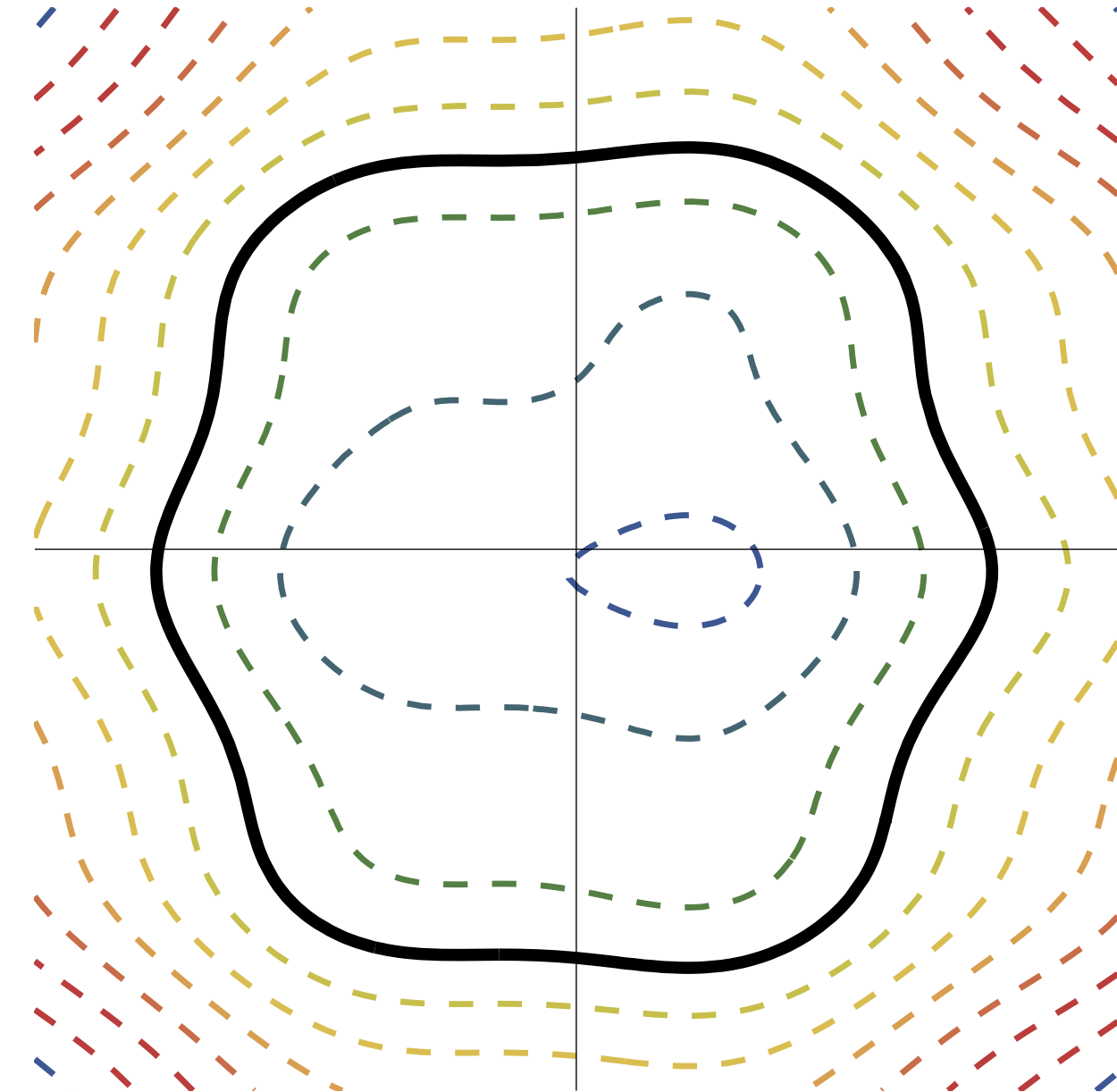
Explicit:

$$\{(x(t), y(t)): t \in [a, b]\}$$



Implicit:

$$\{(x, y): f(x, y) = 0\}$$

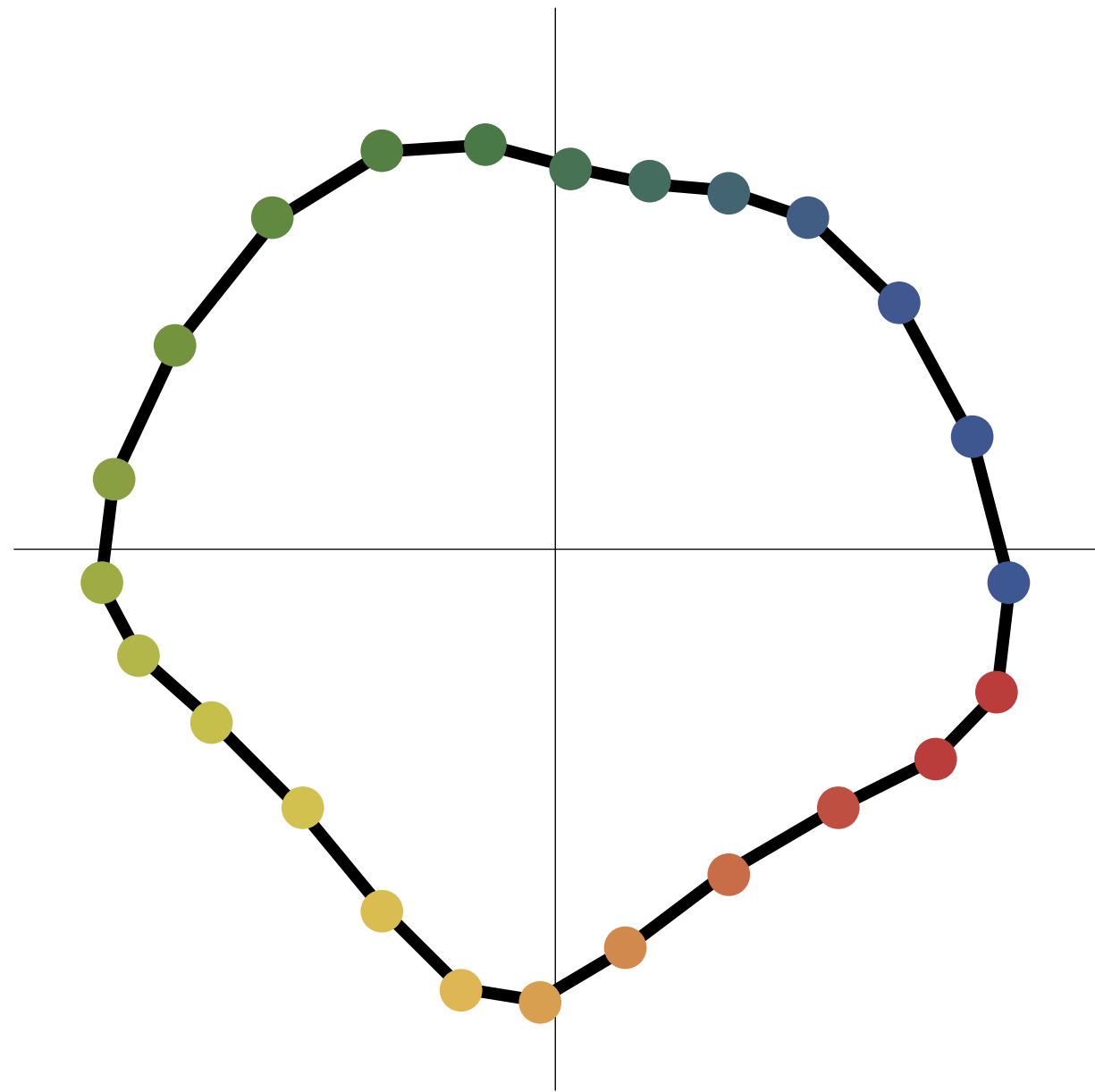


When is it easy to **generate** an arbitrary point on the curve?

When is it easy to **test** if a given point lies on the curve?

How to **draw** a curve given in one of these forms?

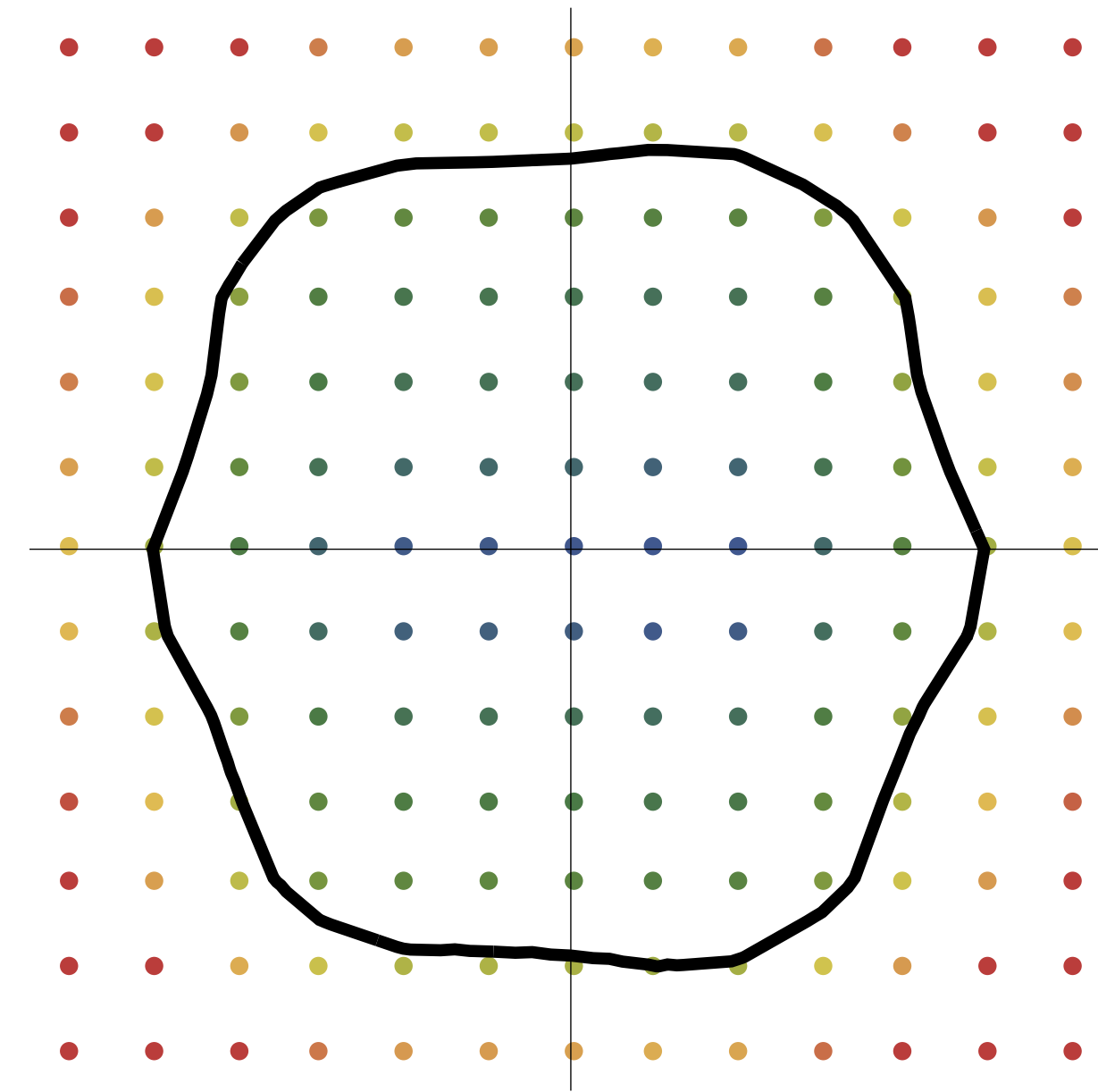
$$\{(x(t), y(t)): t \in [a, b]\}$$



Sample points at various values of t

Connect by polyline

$$\{(x, y): f(x, y) = 0\}$$



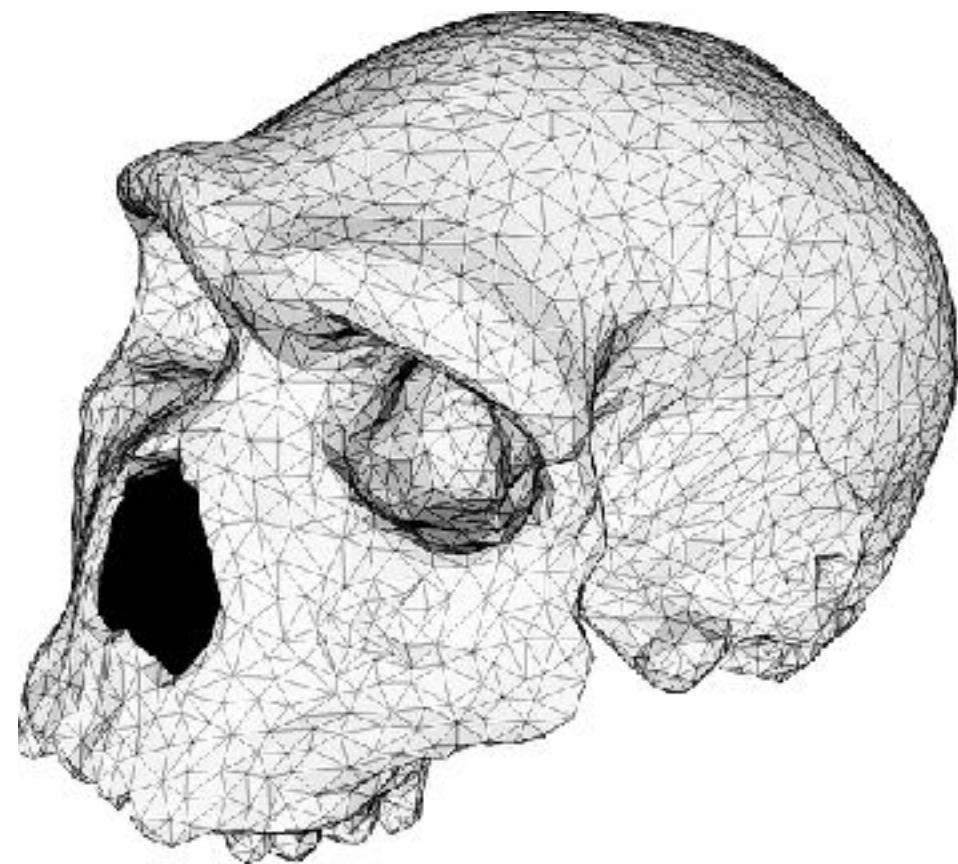
Sample f at various points (x, y)

Draw boundary between + and - points

Representing geometry in 3D

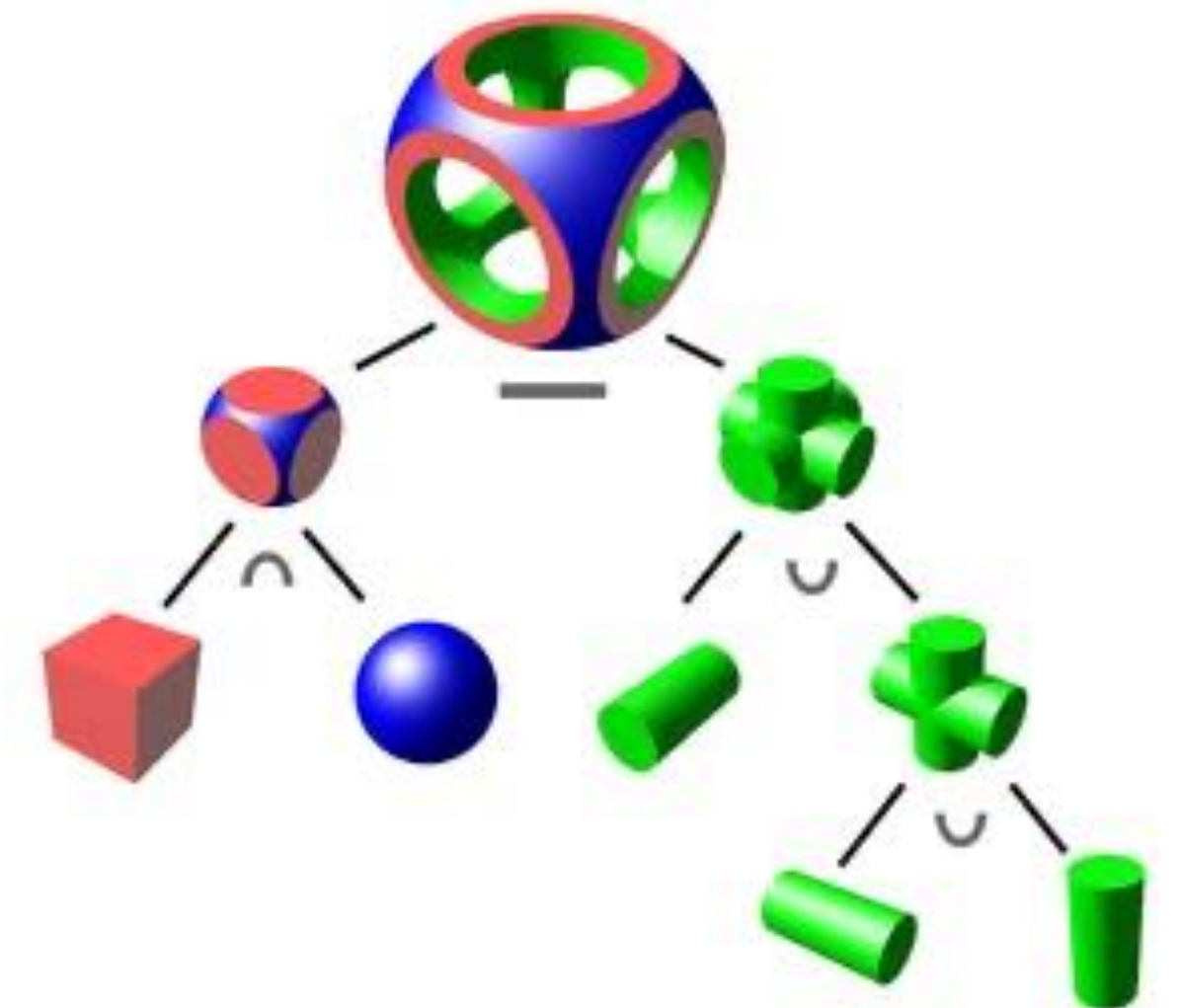
Explicit:

- Polygon meshes
- Parametric curves and surfaces
- Subdivision surfaces
- Point clouds

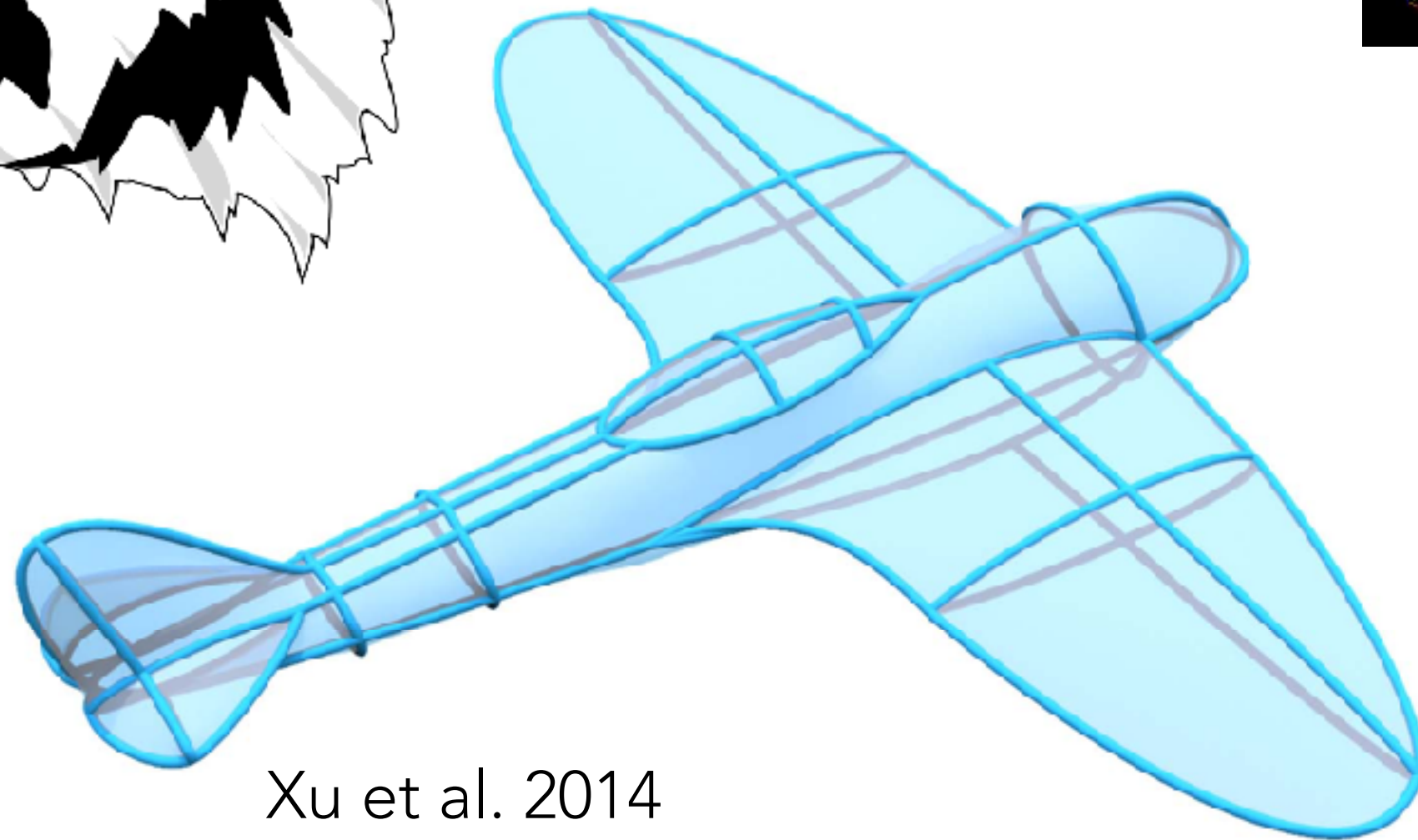


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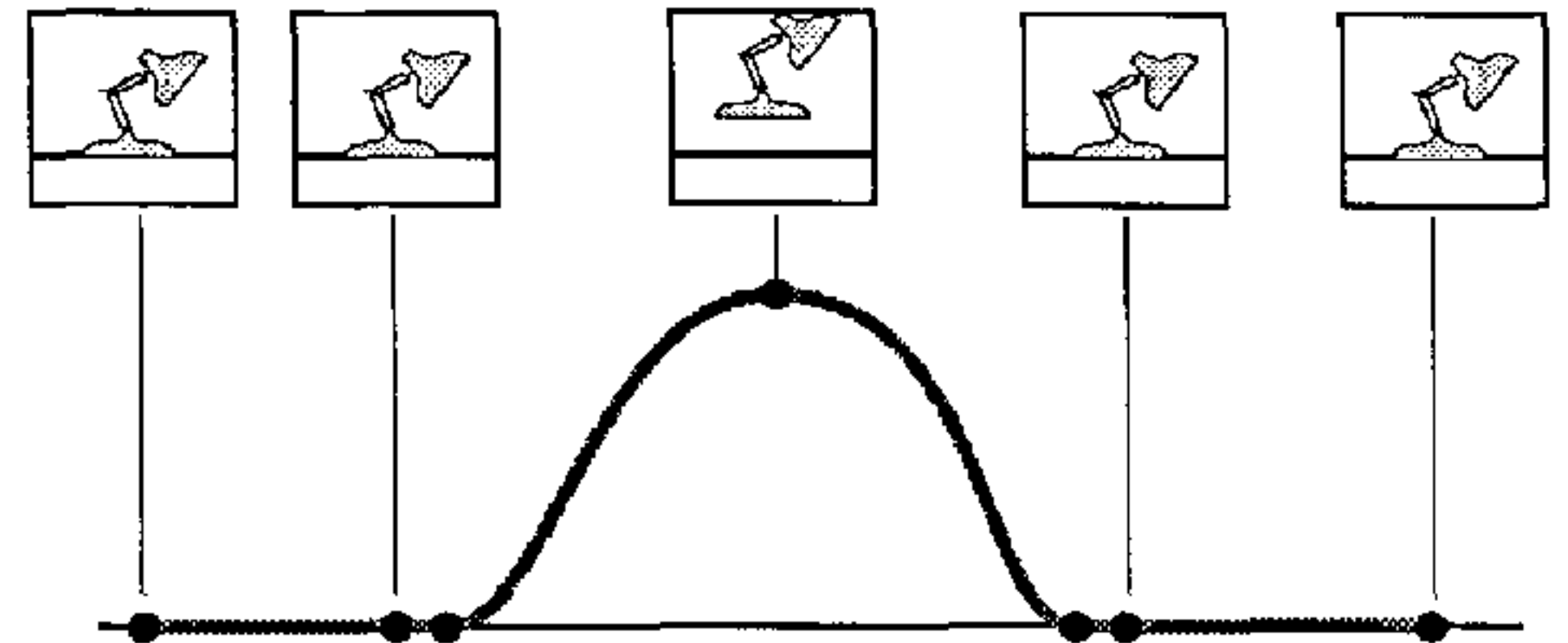
- Algebraic surfaces, distance fields
- Constructive solid geometry
- "Blobby" surfaces
- Level sets



Curves

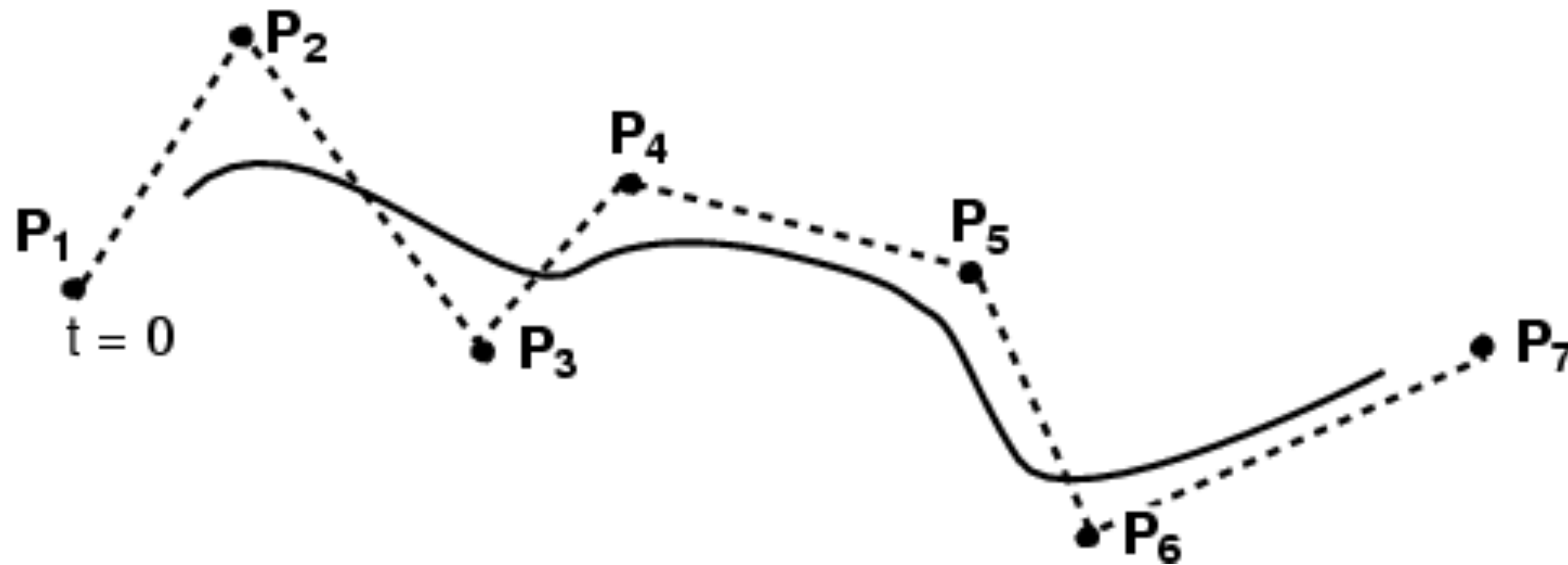


Xu et al. 2014

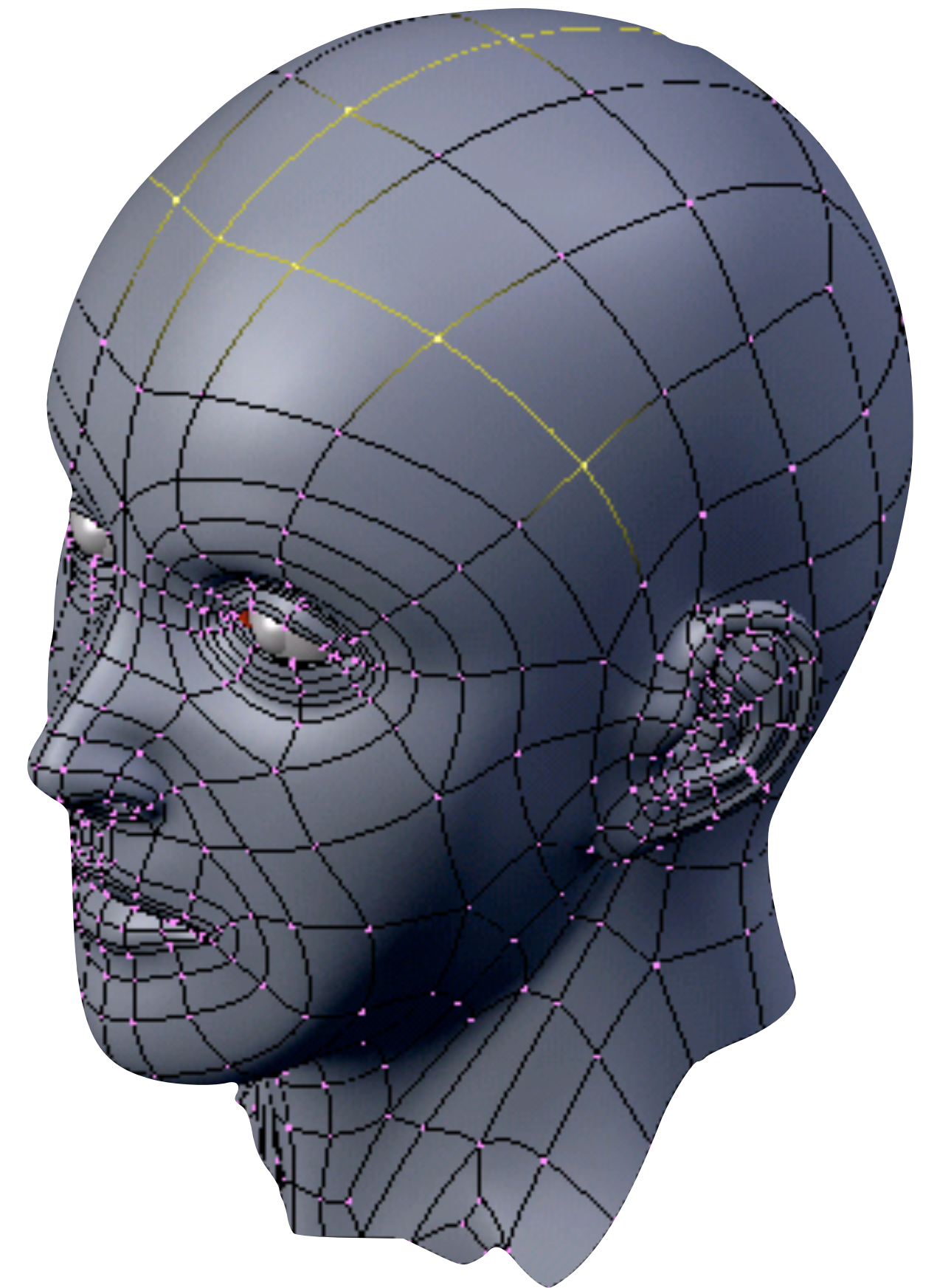


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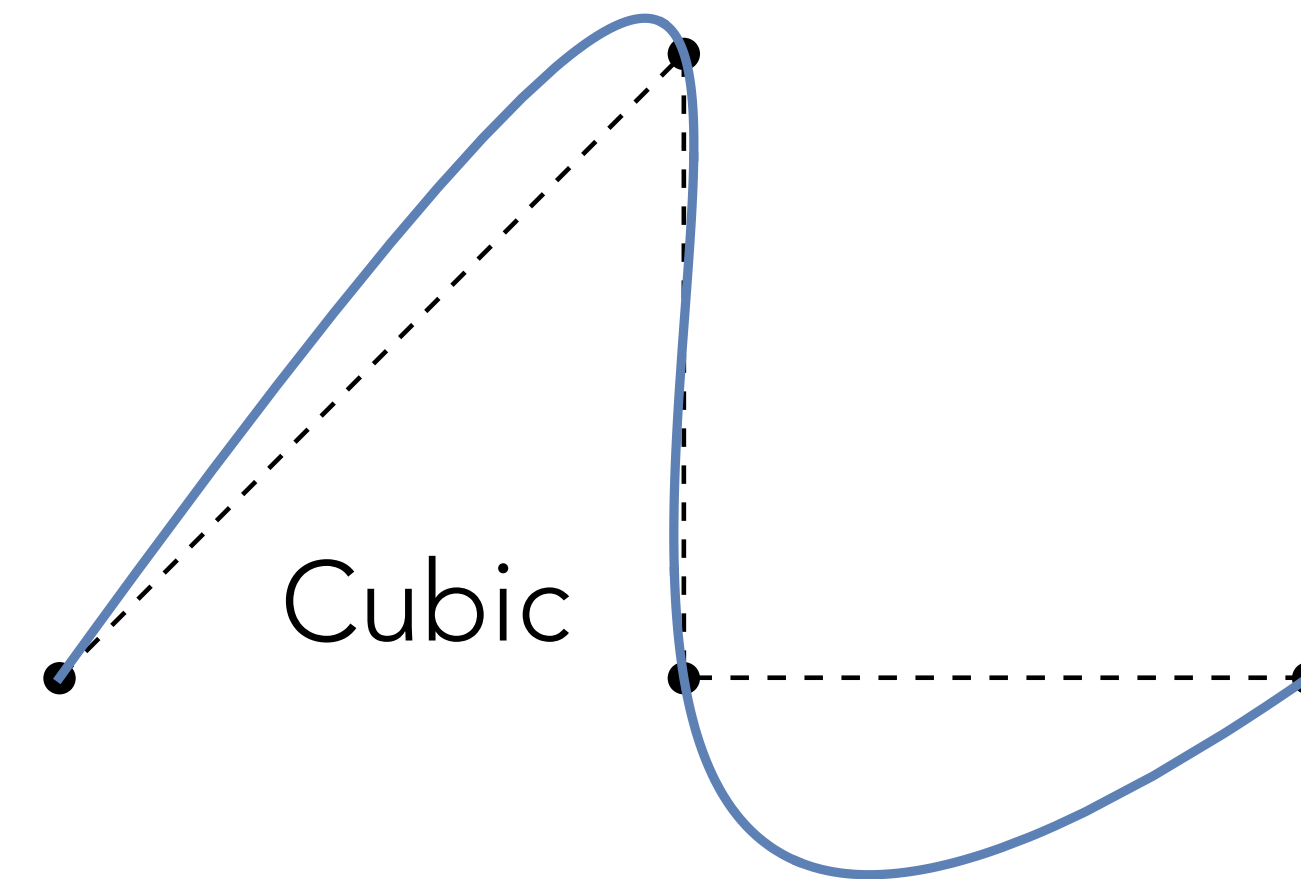
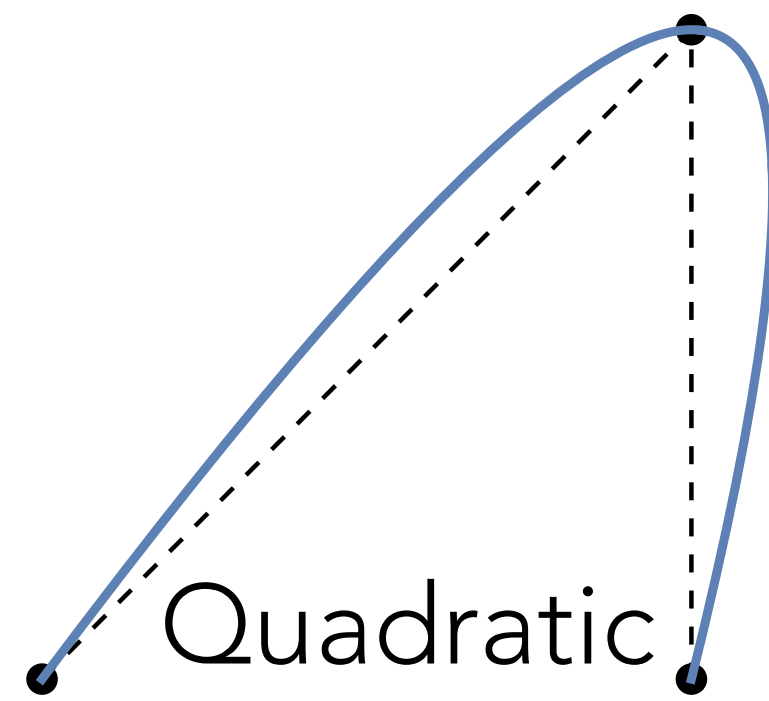
We will retain the same “interface” as polylines: user specifies a sequence of points. Now we want to define a smooth curve based on them.



Usually define parametrically: $x(t)$, $y(t)$ where x , y are piecewise polynomial functions a.k.a. **splines**

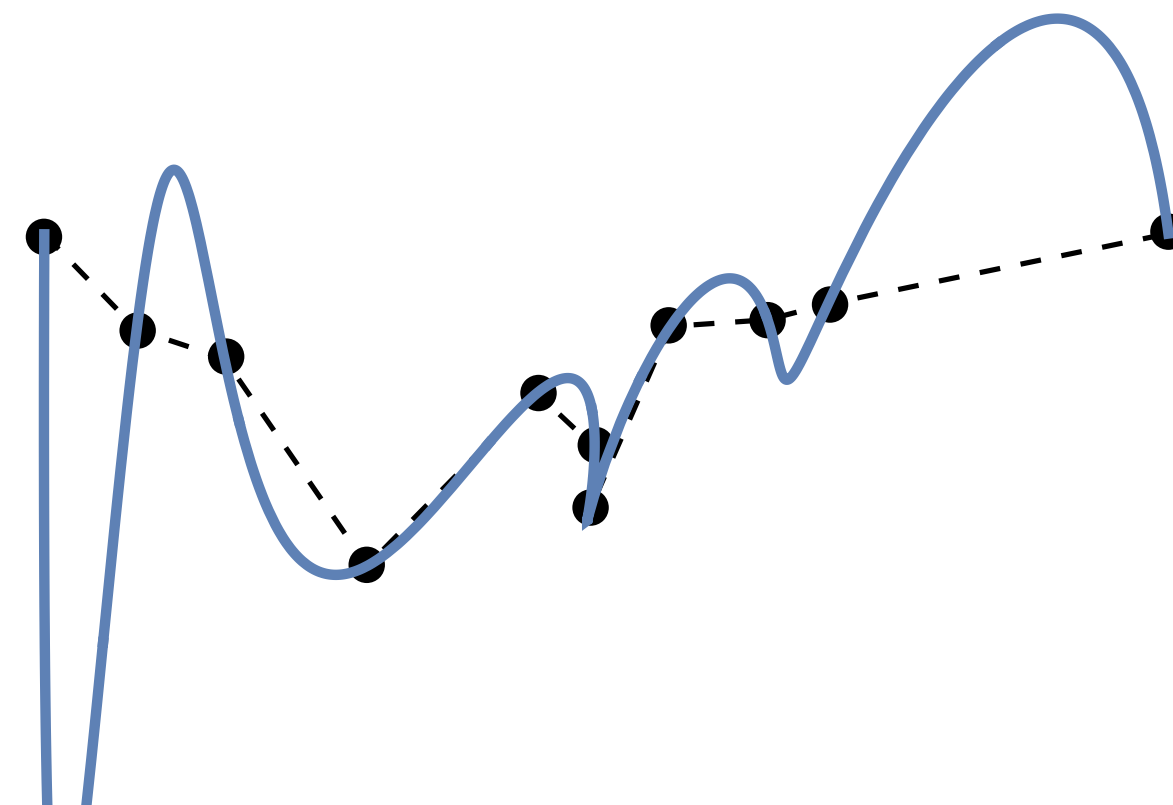


You all probably already know one way to fit a smooth function through multiple points: **polynomial interpolation**.



Hard to control: curve goes beyond the range of the control points

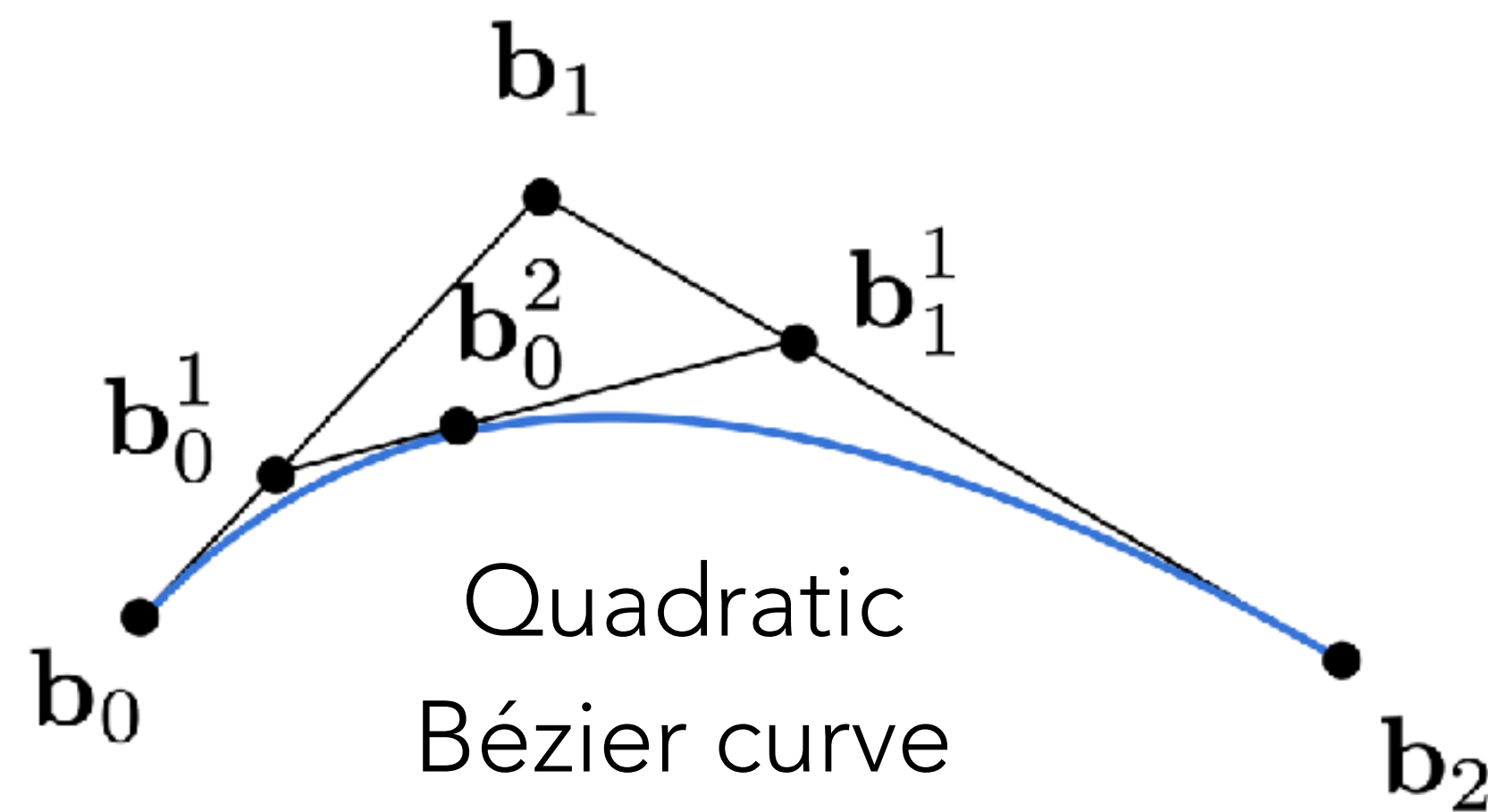
Very unstable for higher degrees!



Bézier curves

How can we guarantee the curve stays within the range of the control points?

Construct the curve by recursive interpolation: **de Casteljau's algorithm** a.k.a. "**corner cutting**"



$$\mathbf{b}_0^1 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_0, \mathbf{b}_1)$$

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$$\mathbf{b}_0^2 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_0^1, \mathbf{b}_1^1)$$

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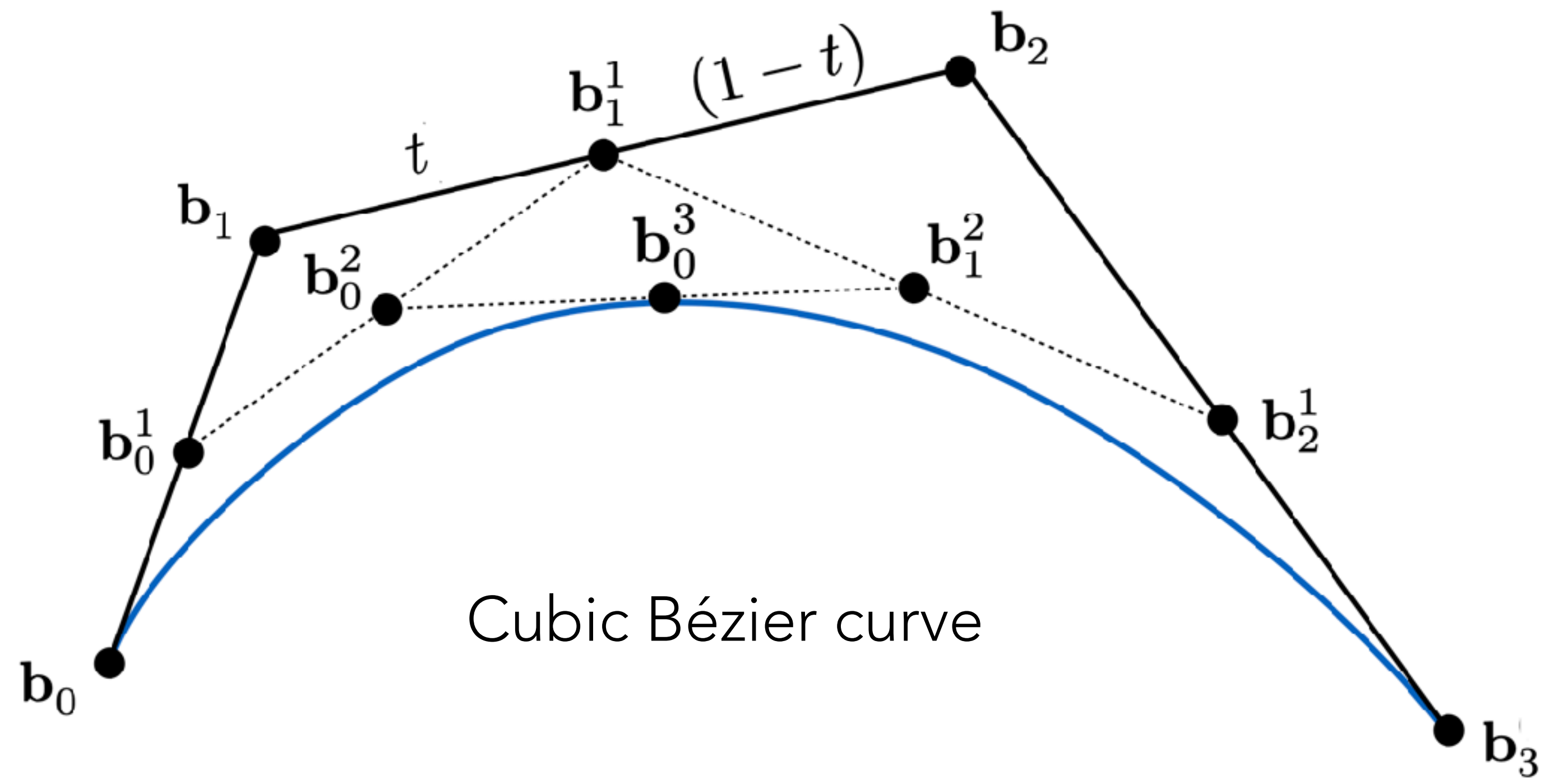
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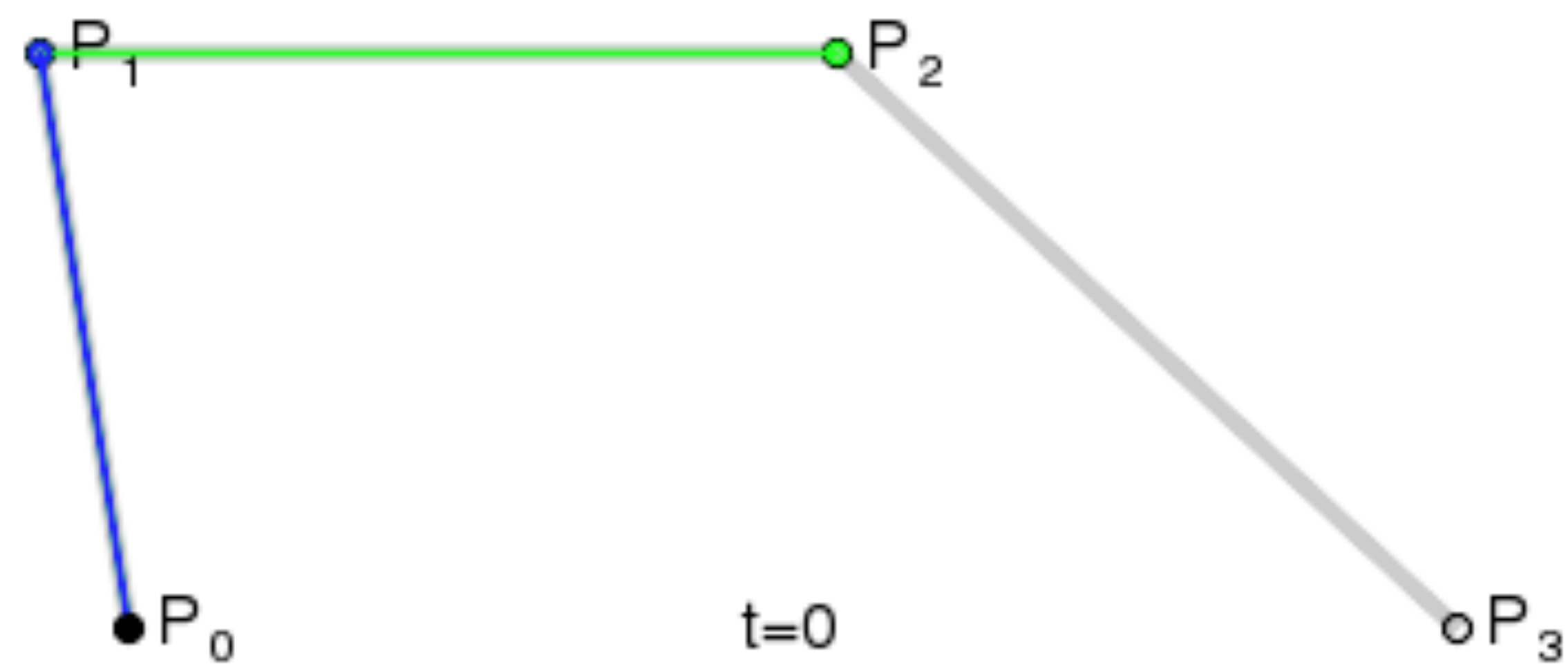
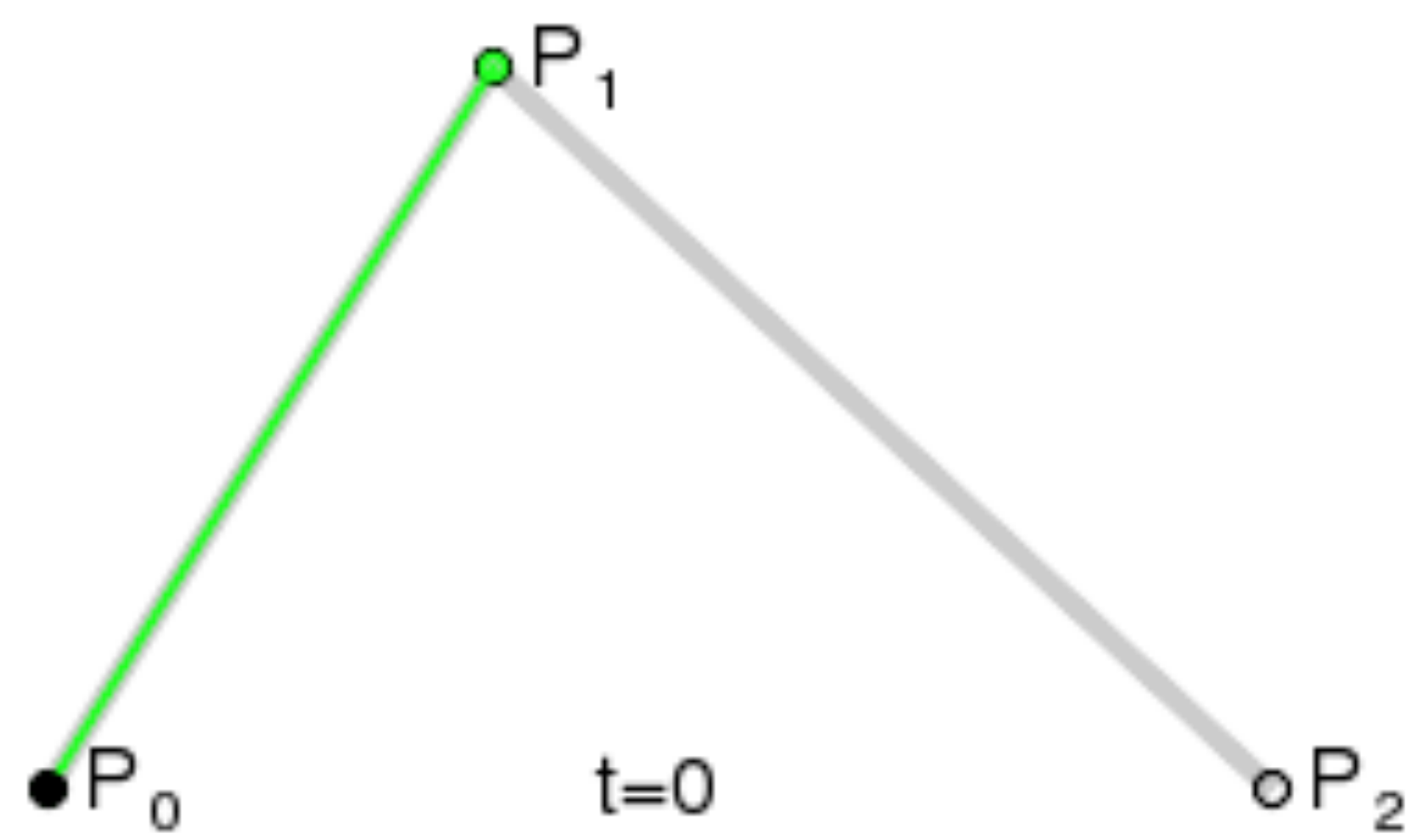
$$\mathbf{b}_2^1 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_0^2 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_0^1, \mathbf{b}_1^1)$$

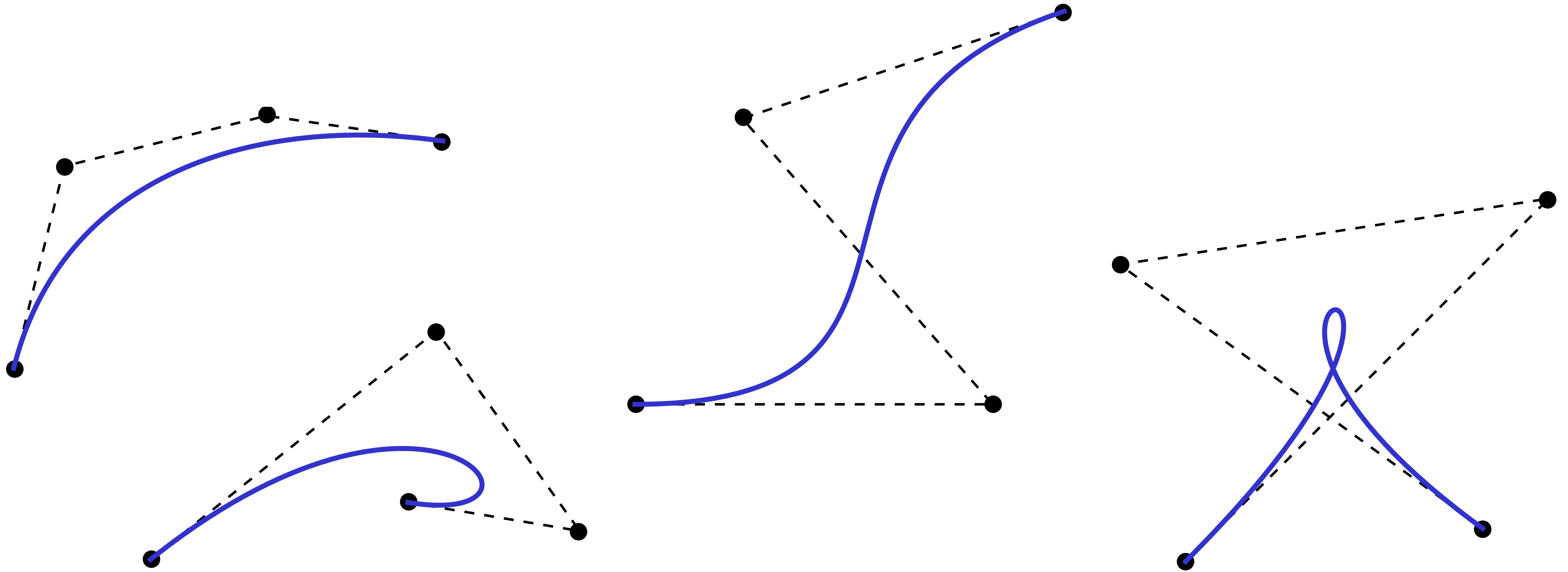
$$\mathbf{b}_1^2 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_1^1, \mathbf{b}_2^1)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_0^3 = \text{lerp}(t, \mathbf{b}_0^2, \mathbf{b}_1^2)$$



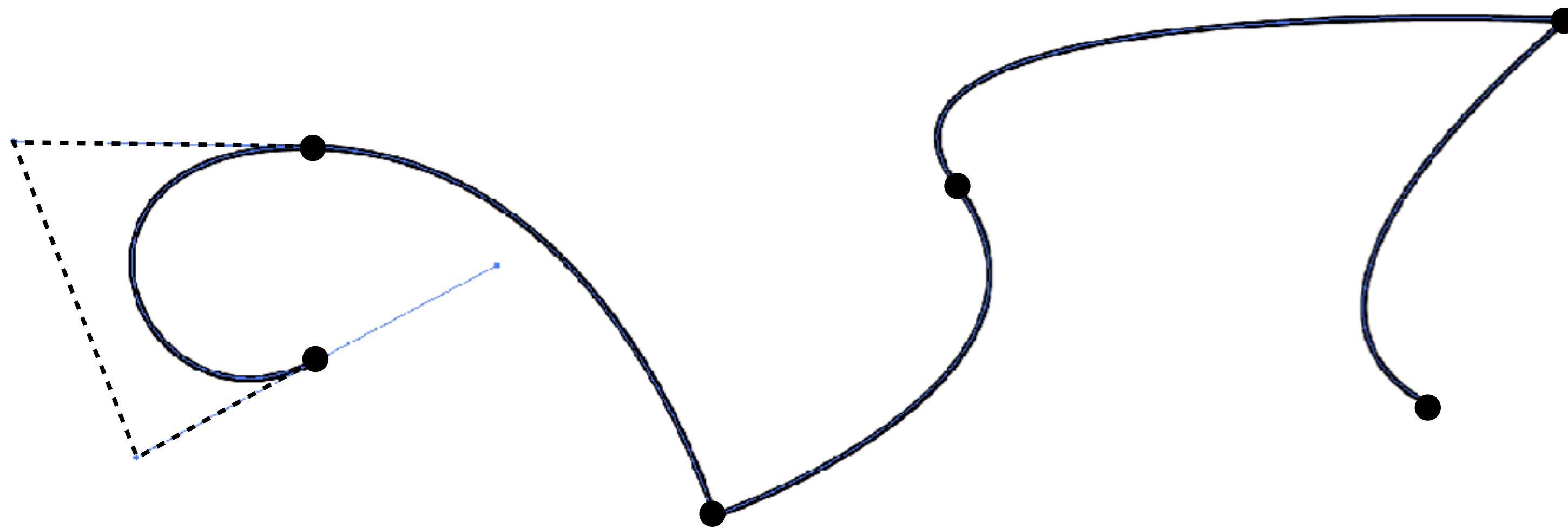


No longer interpolation but **approximation**: Curve is influenced by the control points but does not pass through them



Piecewise Bézier curves (Bézier splines)

Chain together multiple Bézier curves of low degree (usually cubic)



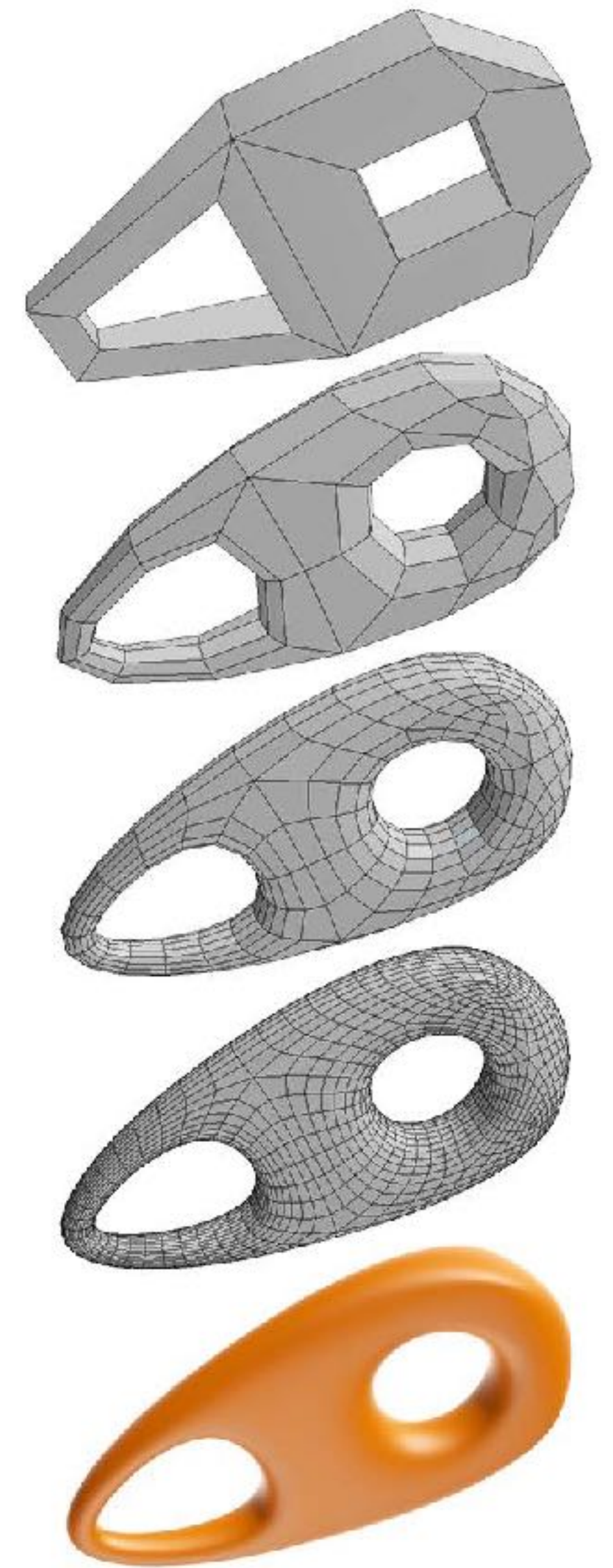
Now we have local control: each control point only affects one or two segments

Used basically everywhere (fonts, paths, Illustrator, PowerPoint, ...)

Another strategy to create smooth shapes from a coarse mesh of control points: **subdivision**

- Split each element by inserting new vertices
- Update positions of all vertices by local averaging
- Repeat...

The desired shape is what we converge to in the limit.

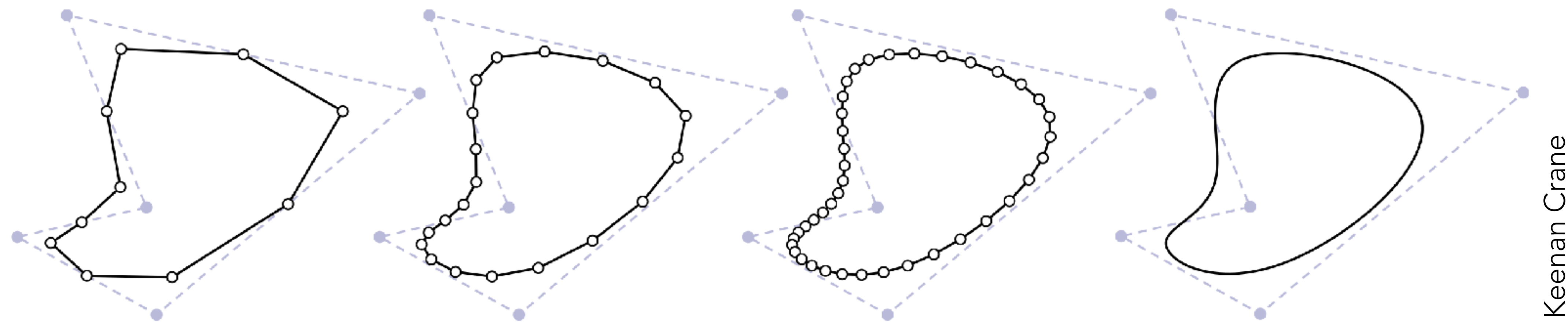
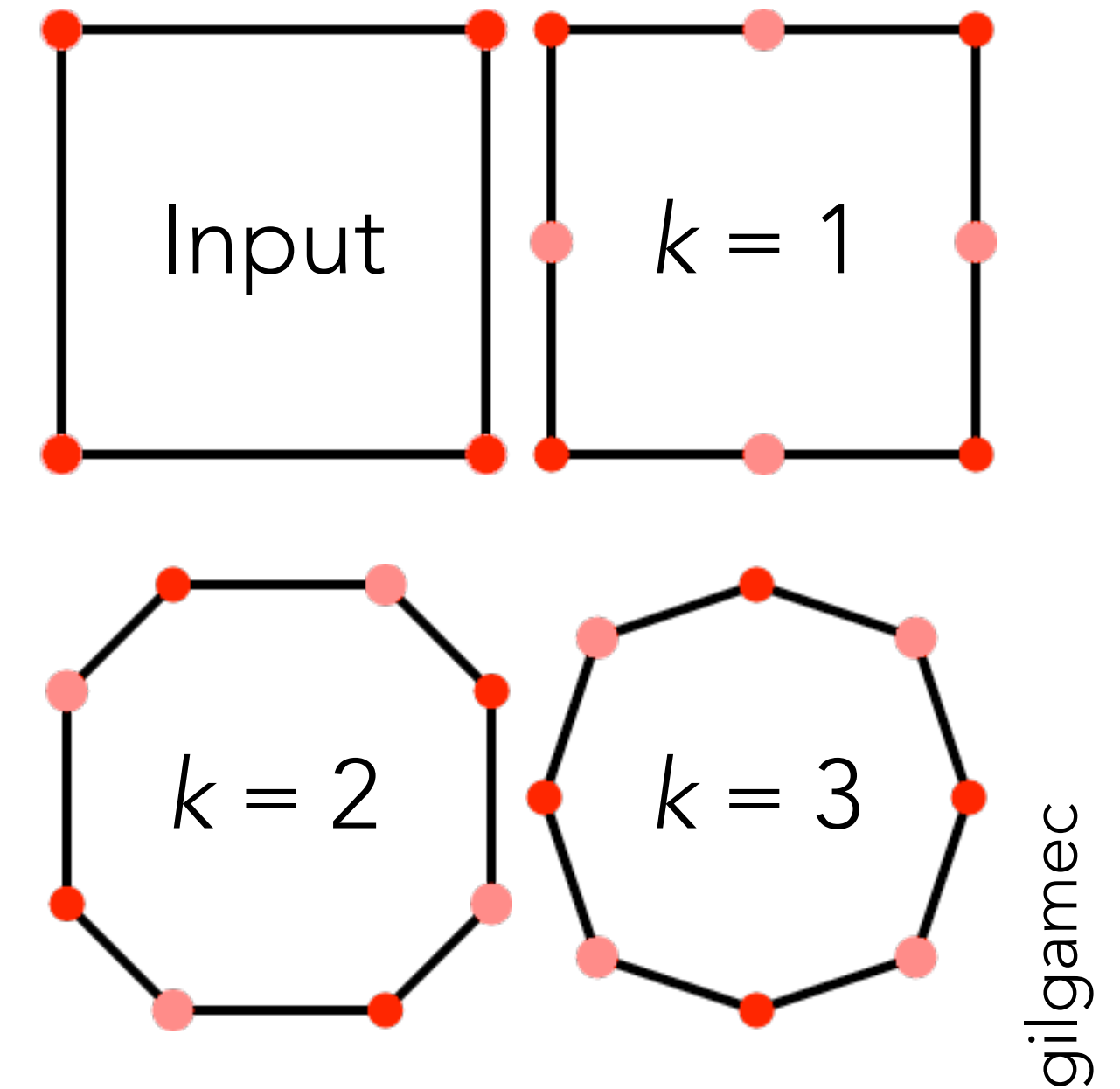


Subdivision curves

One possible method: Lane-Riesenfeld

- Insert midpoint of each edge
- Repeat $k-1$ times: Average adjacent vertices

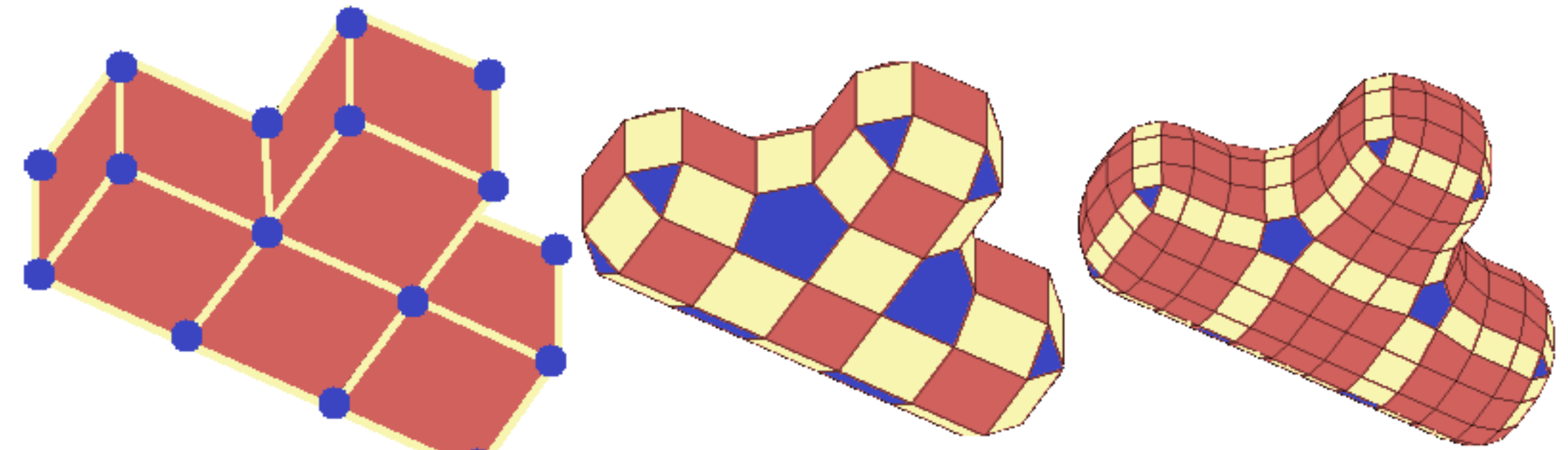
Limit is a degree- k B-spline!



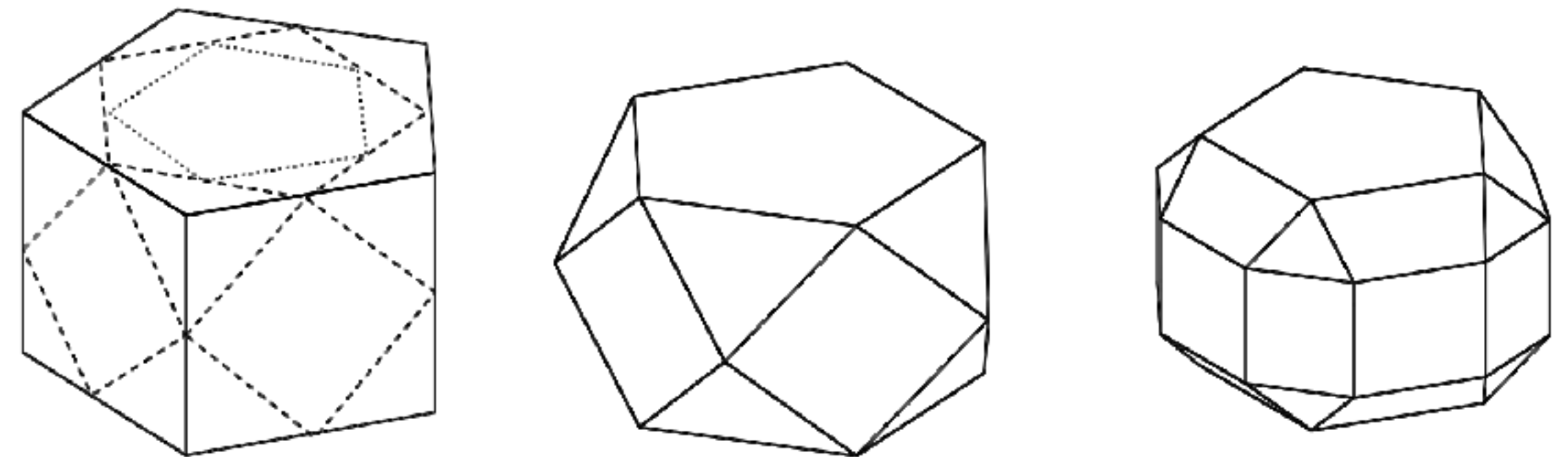
Subdivision surfaces

Connectivity of surfaces is more complicated. Many different subdivision schemes are possible:

- **General polygon meshes:** Catmull-Clark, Doo-Sabin, mid-edge [Peters & Reif], ...
- **Triangle meshes:** Loop, modified butterfly [Zorin et al.], Sqrt(3) [Kobbelt], ...

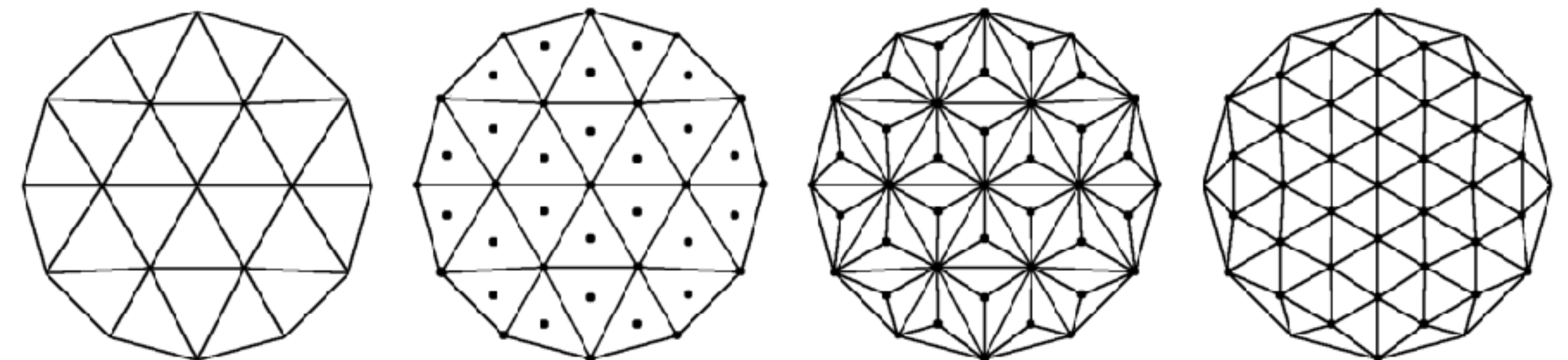


Doo-Sabin



mid-edge

Sqrt(3)

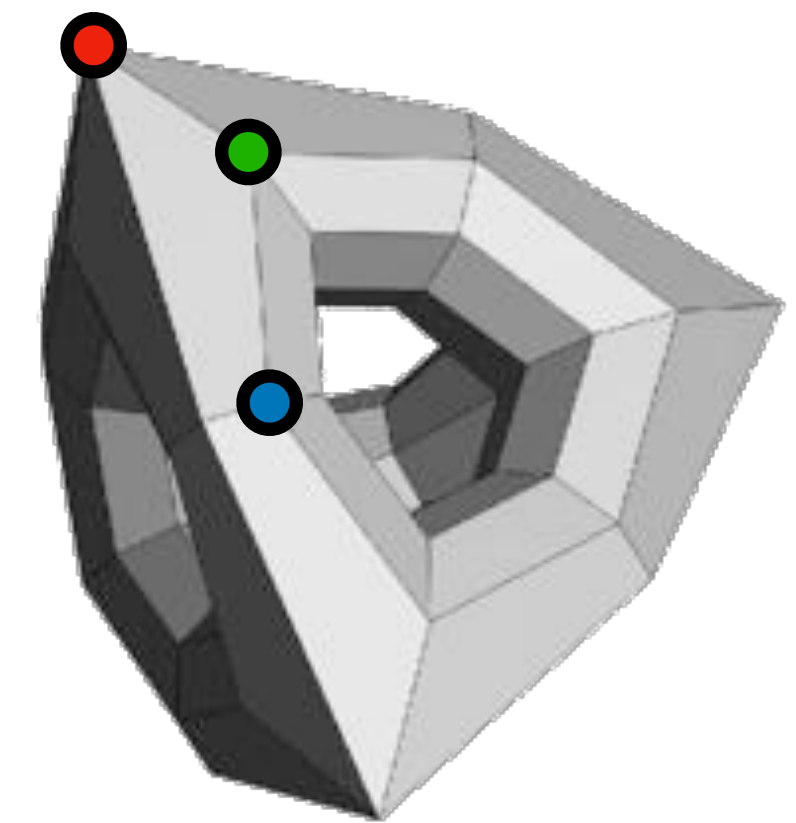
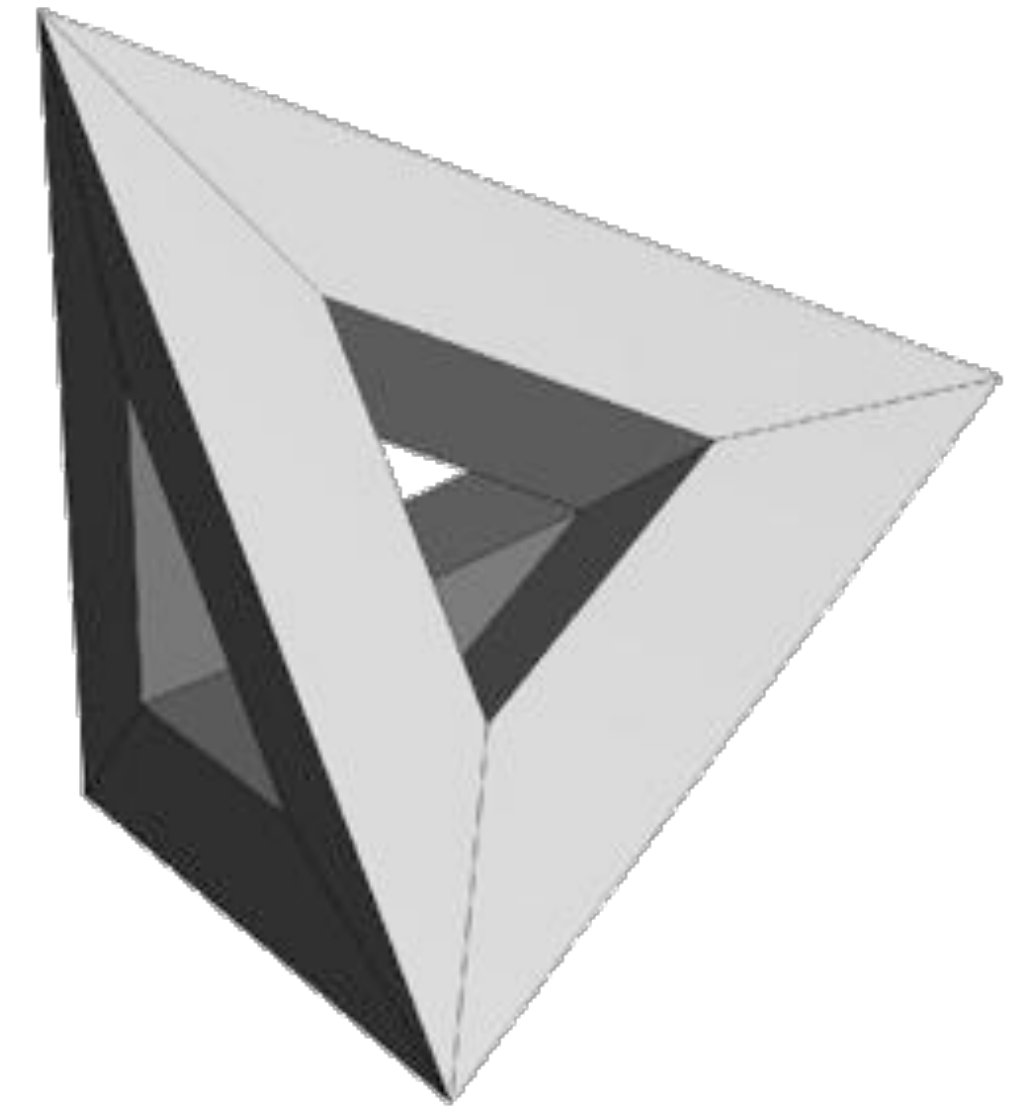


Catmull-Clark subdivision

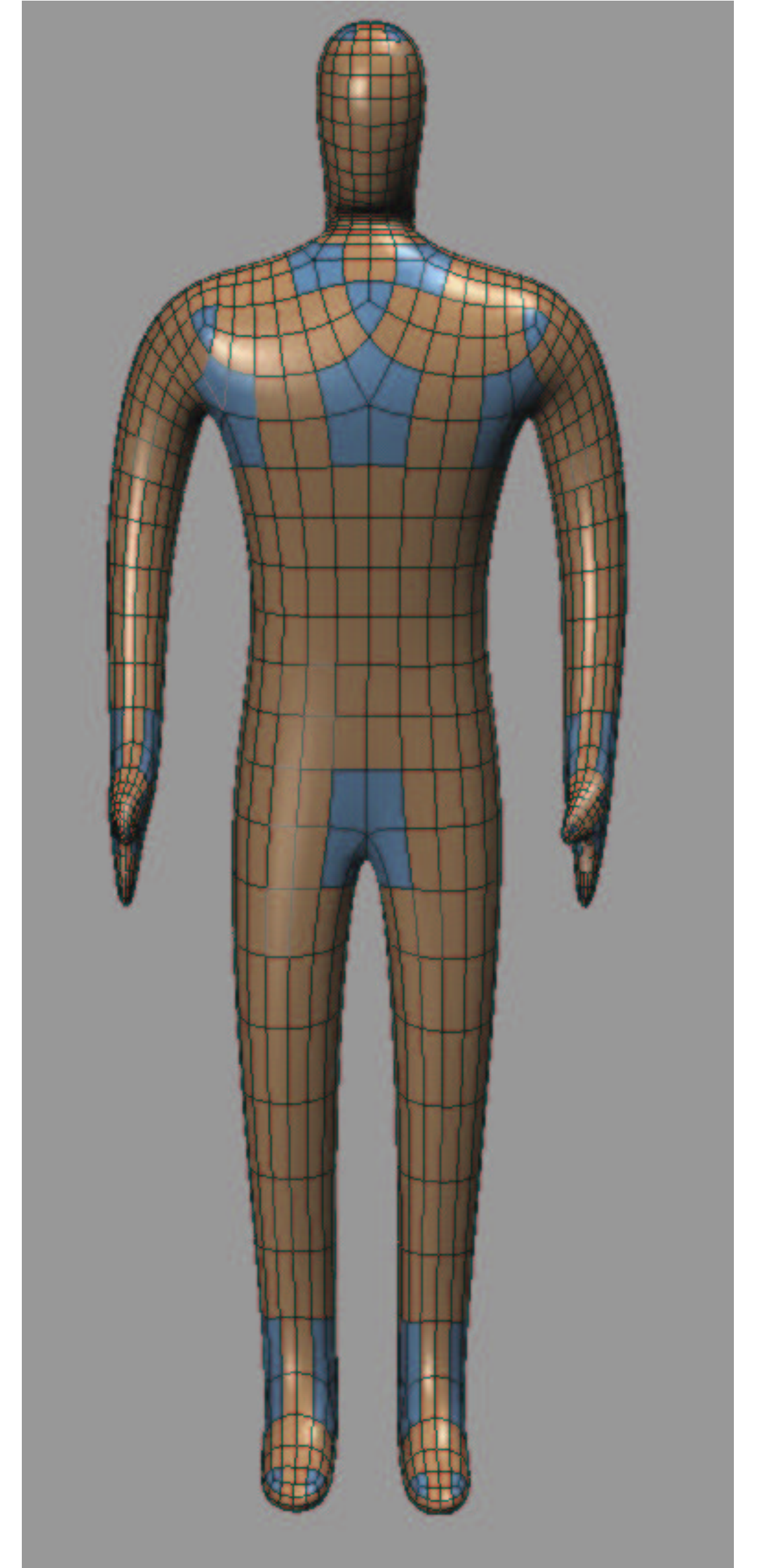
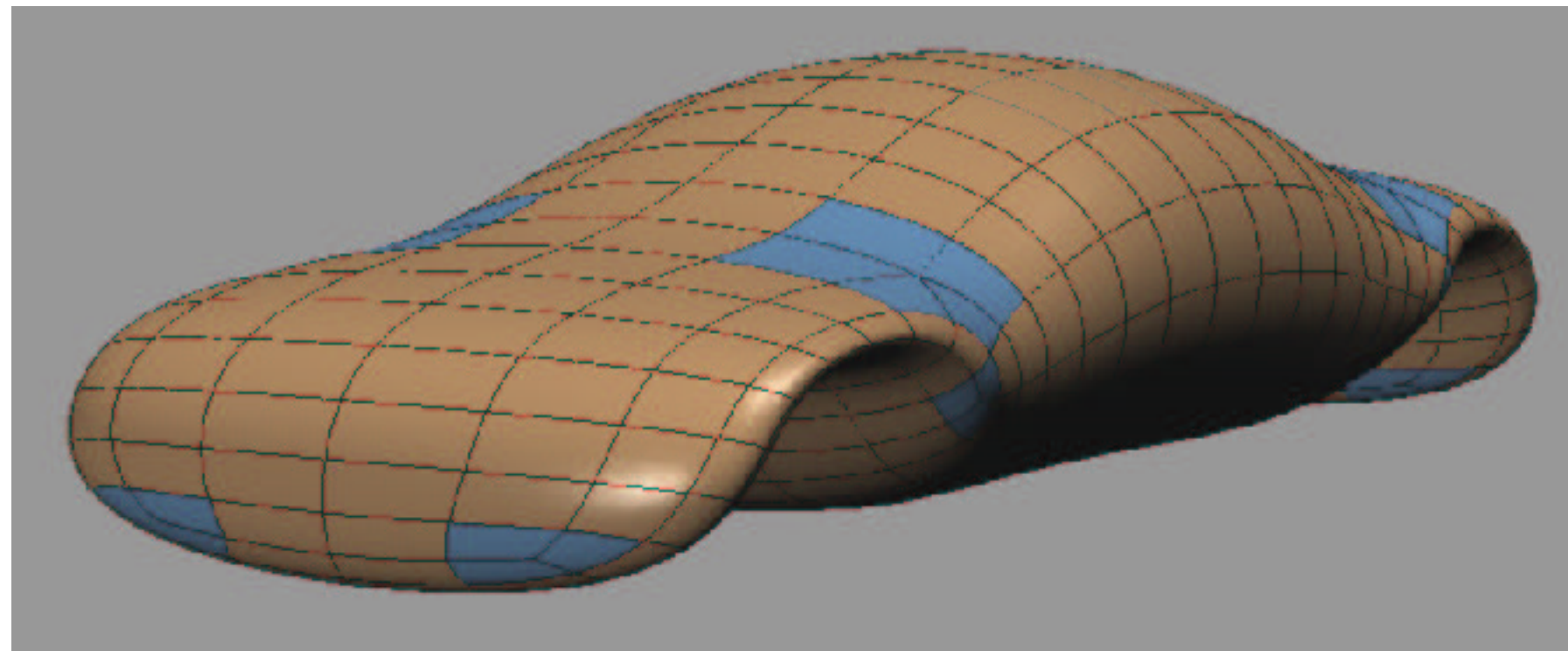
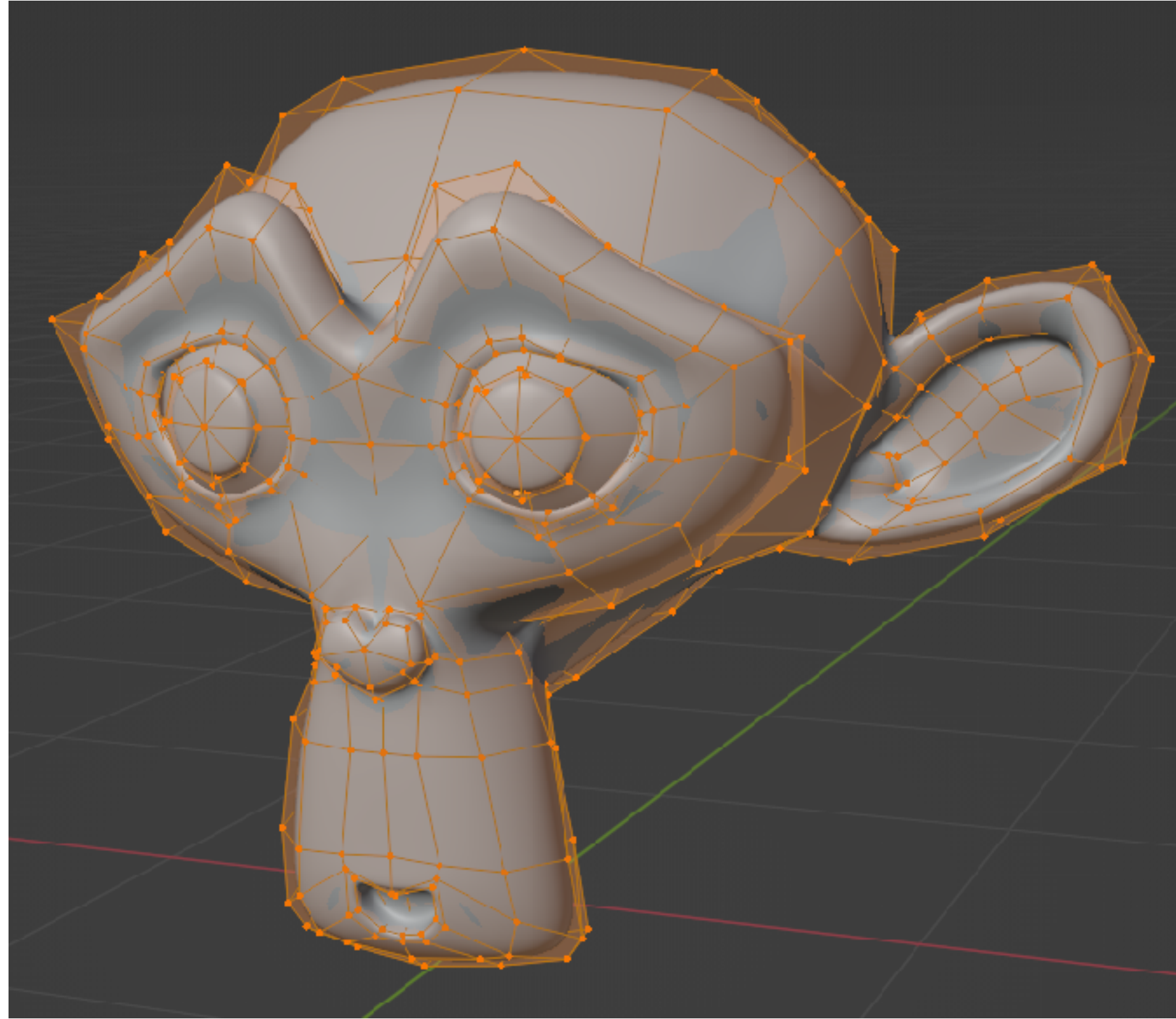
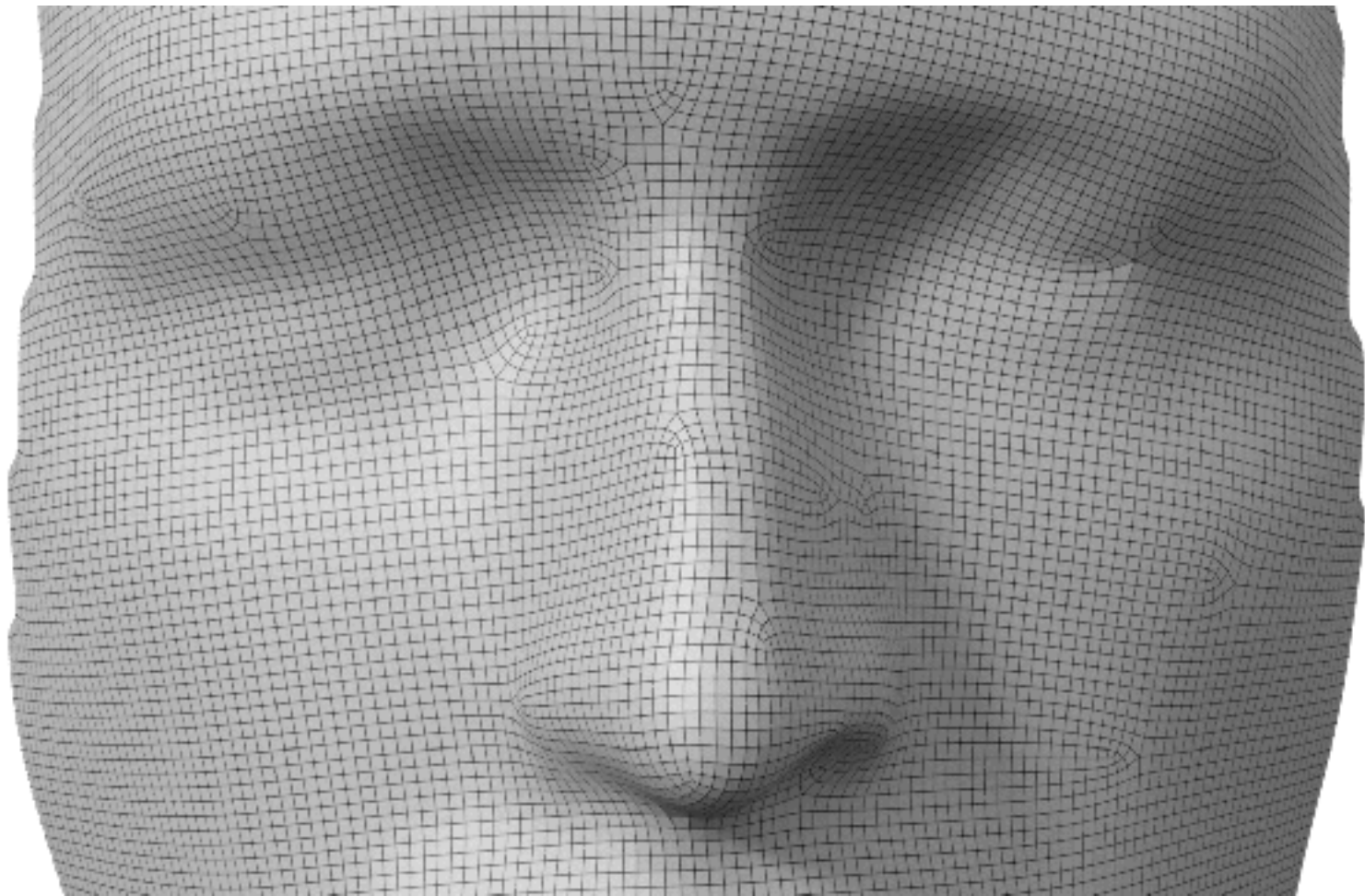
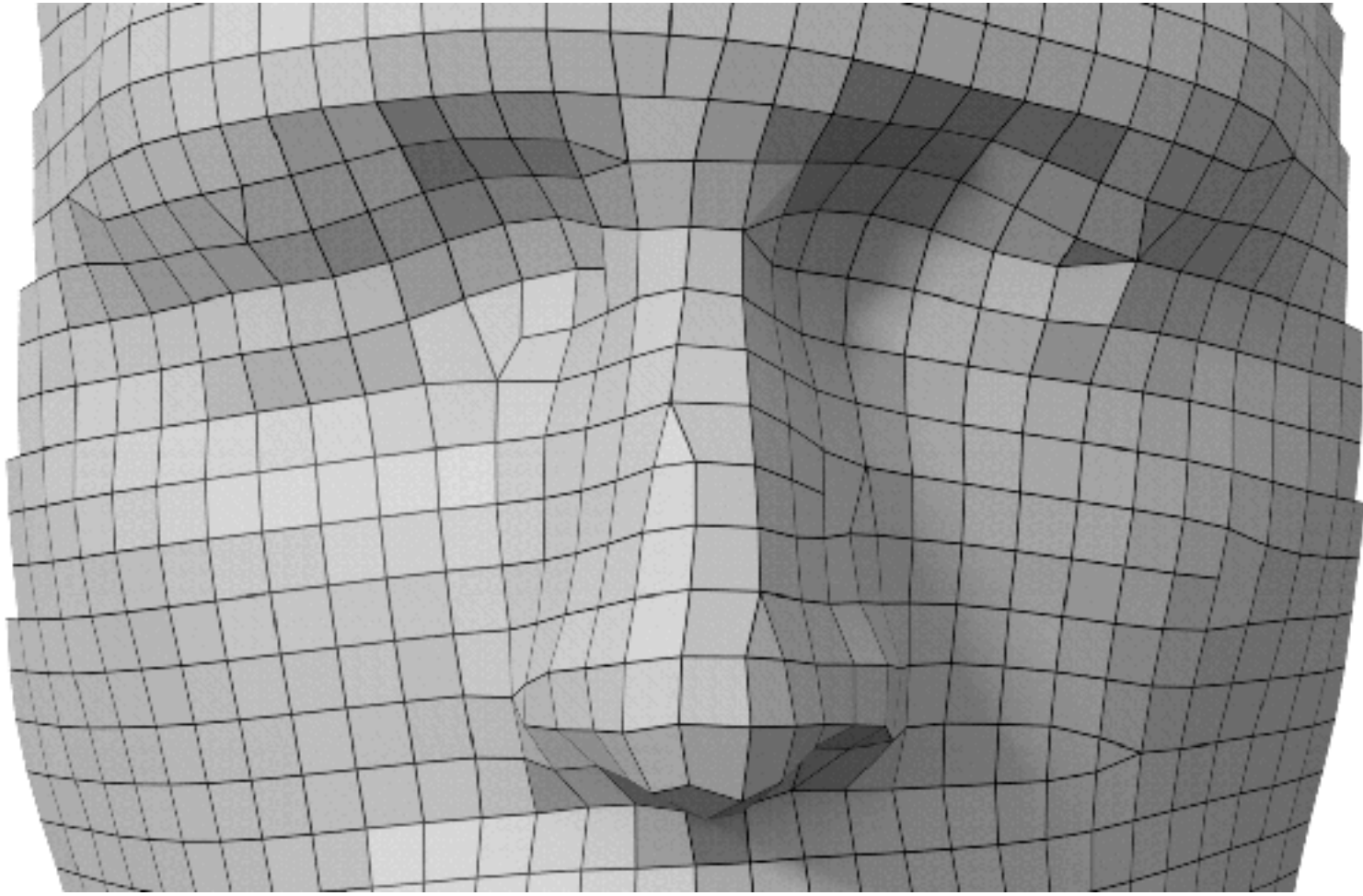
Split each n -sided face into n quads

Update vertex positions by averaging:

- **New face point** = average of old face vertices
- **New edge point** = average of 2 old vertices and 2 new face points
- **Updated vertex** = $\frac{1}{n}(Q + 2R + (n-3)S)$
where Q = average of n new face points,
 R = average of n new edge points, S = old vertex



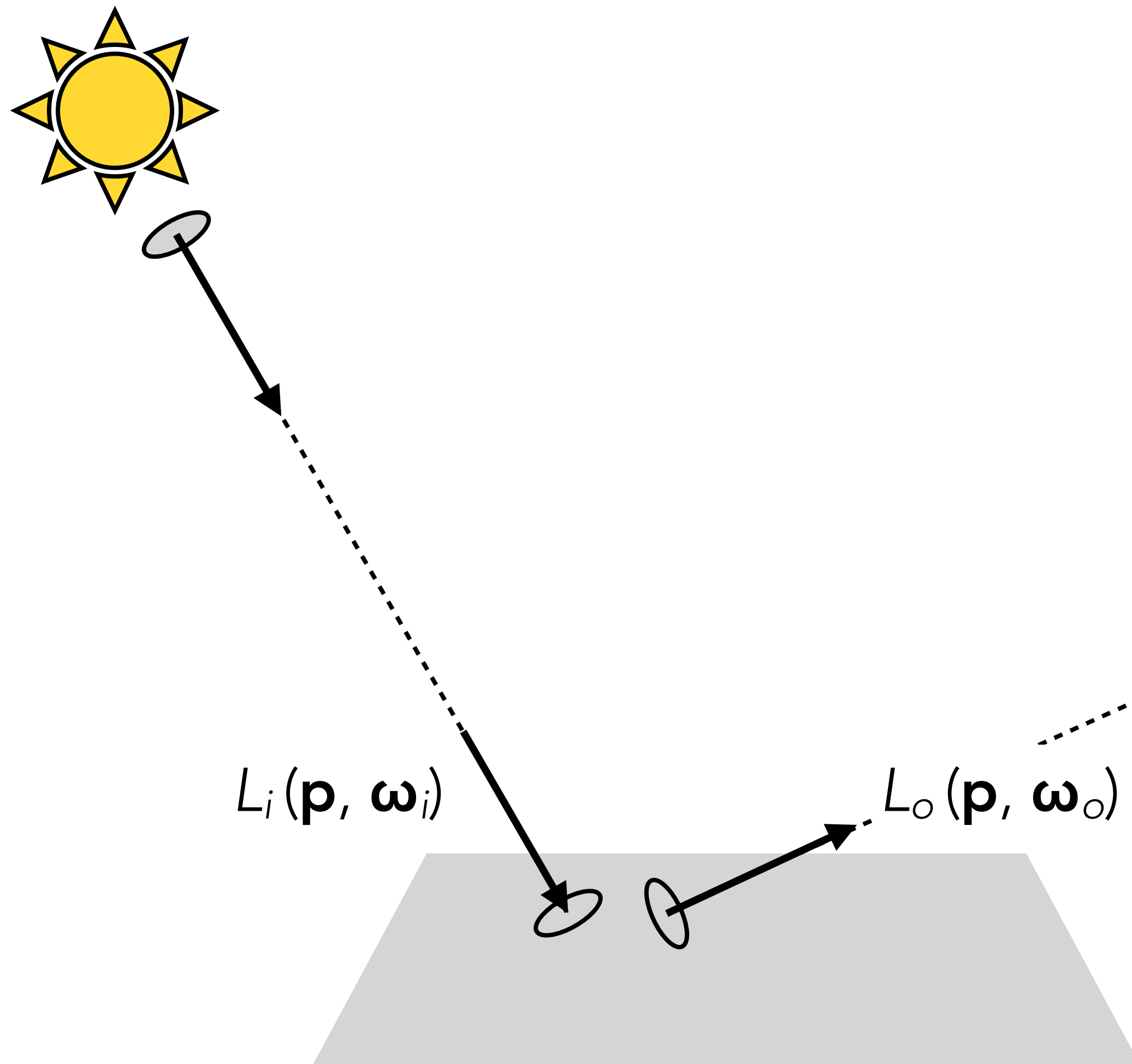
Examples



Break

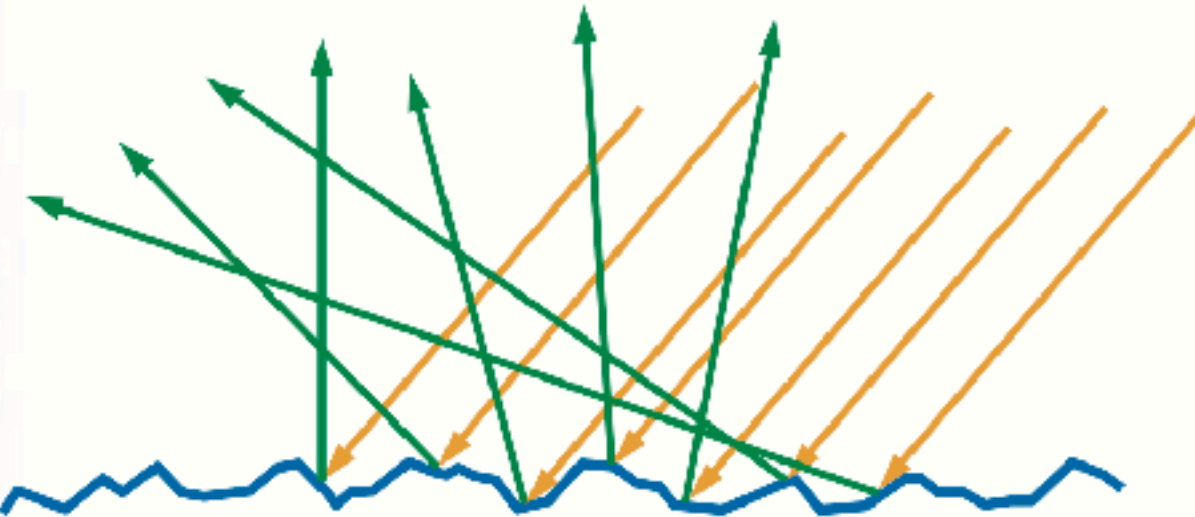
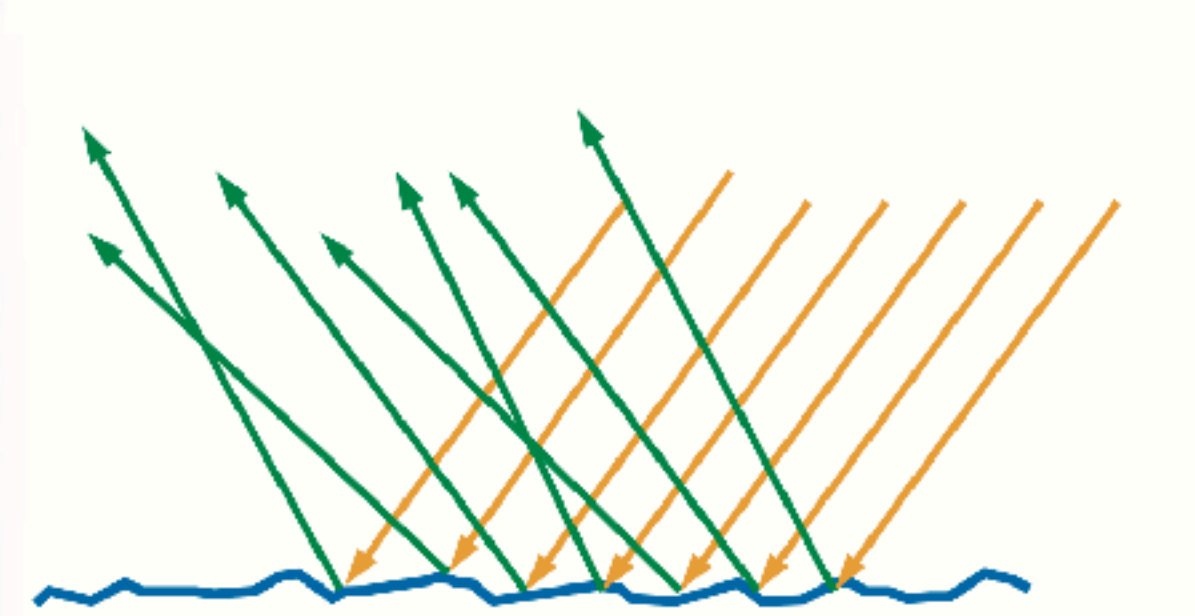
Rendering

Rendering

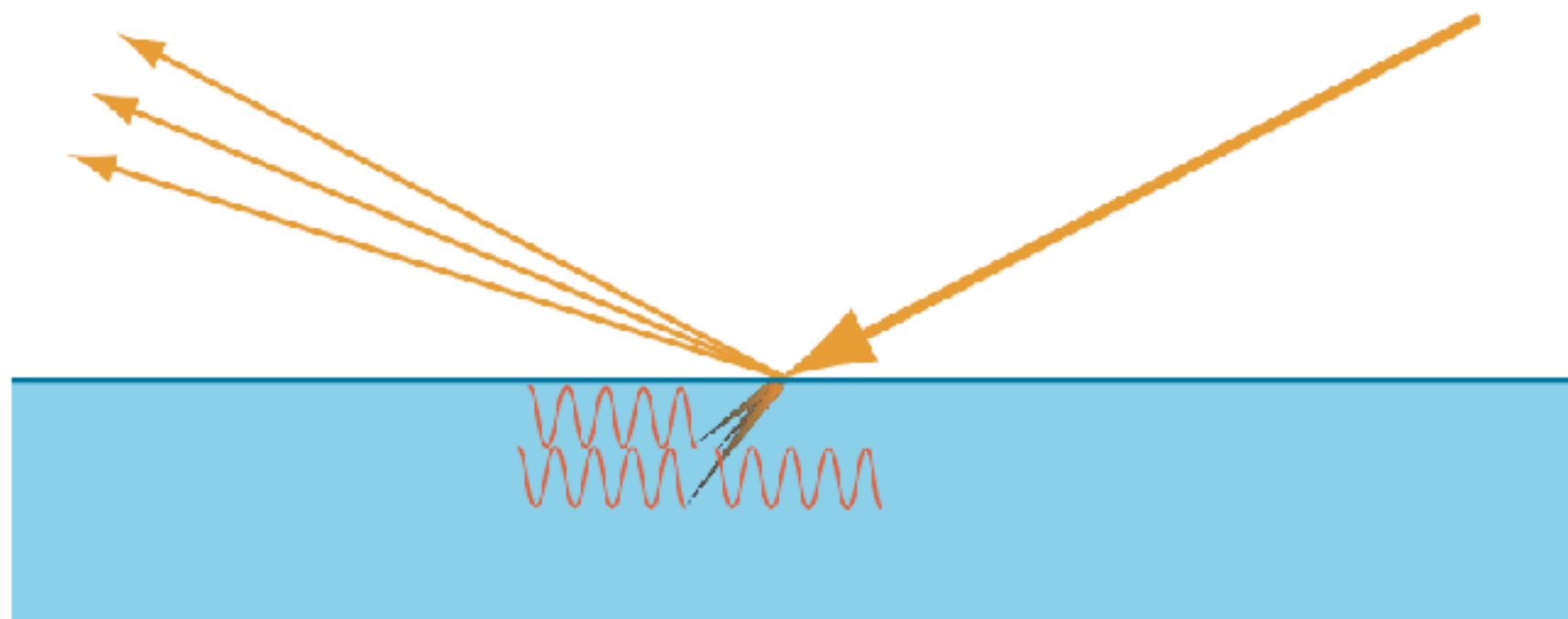


Our goal: given light sources and scene geometry, find amount of light (i.e. **radiance**) incident on camera.

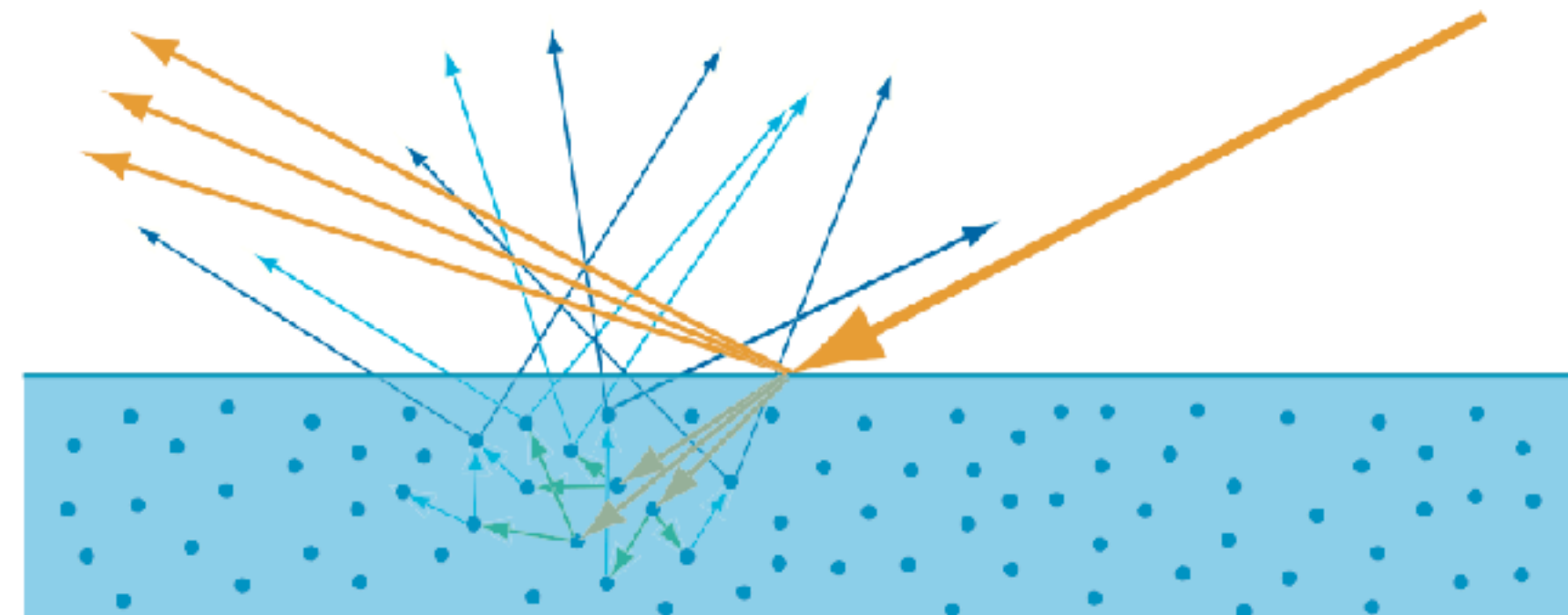
To do this, we need to know how surfaces transform **incident** radiance into **exitant** radiance



Real-Time Rendering



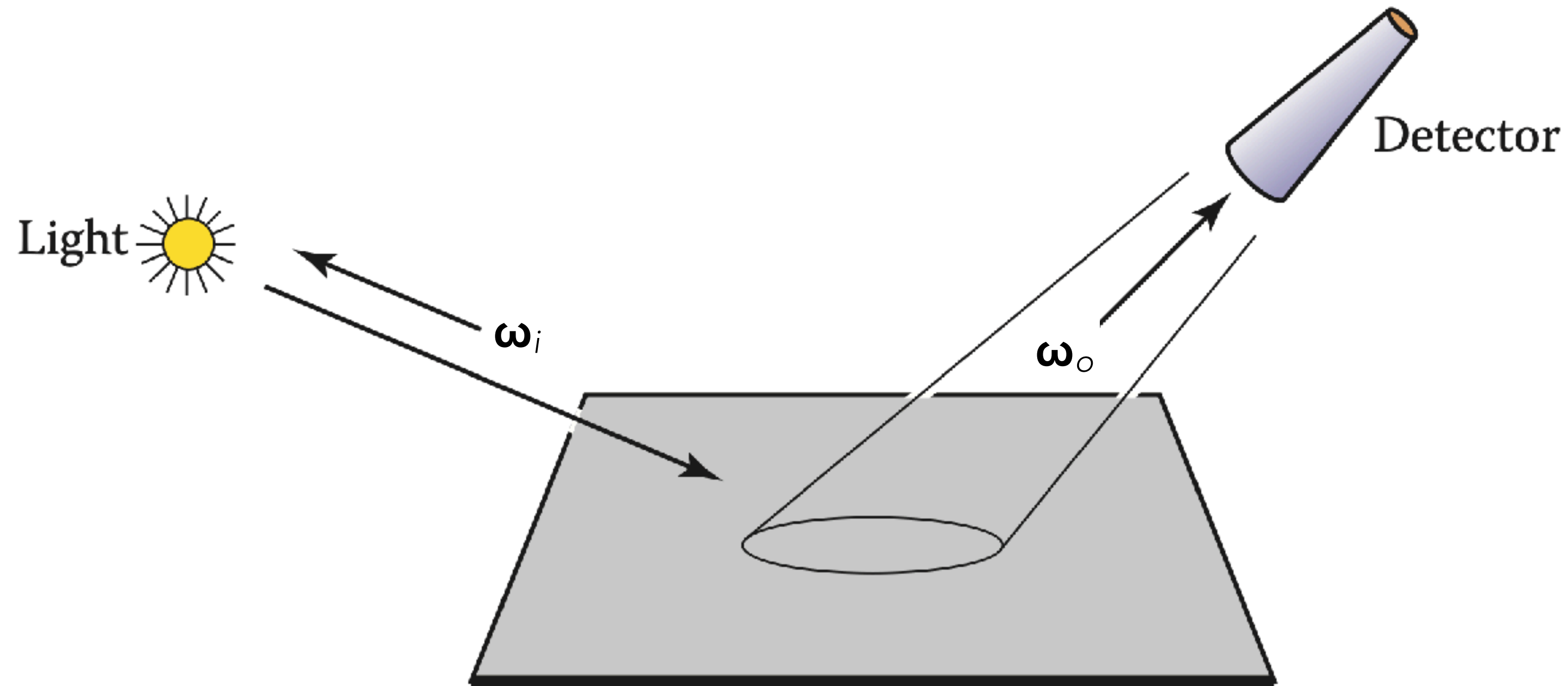
Metals



Non-metals

Real-Time Rendering

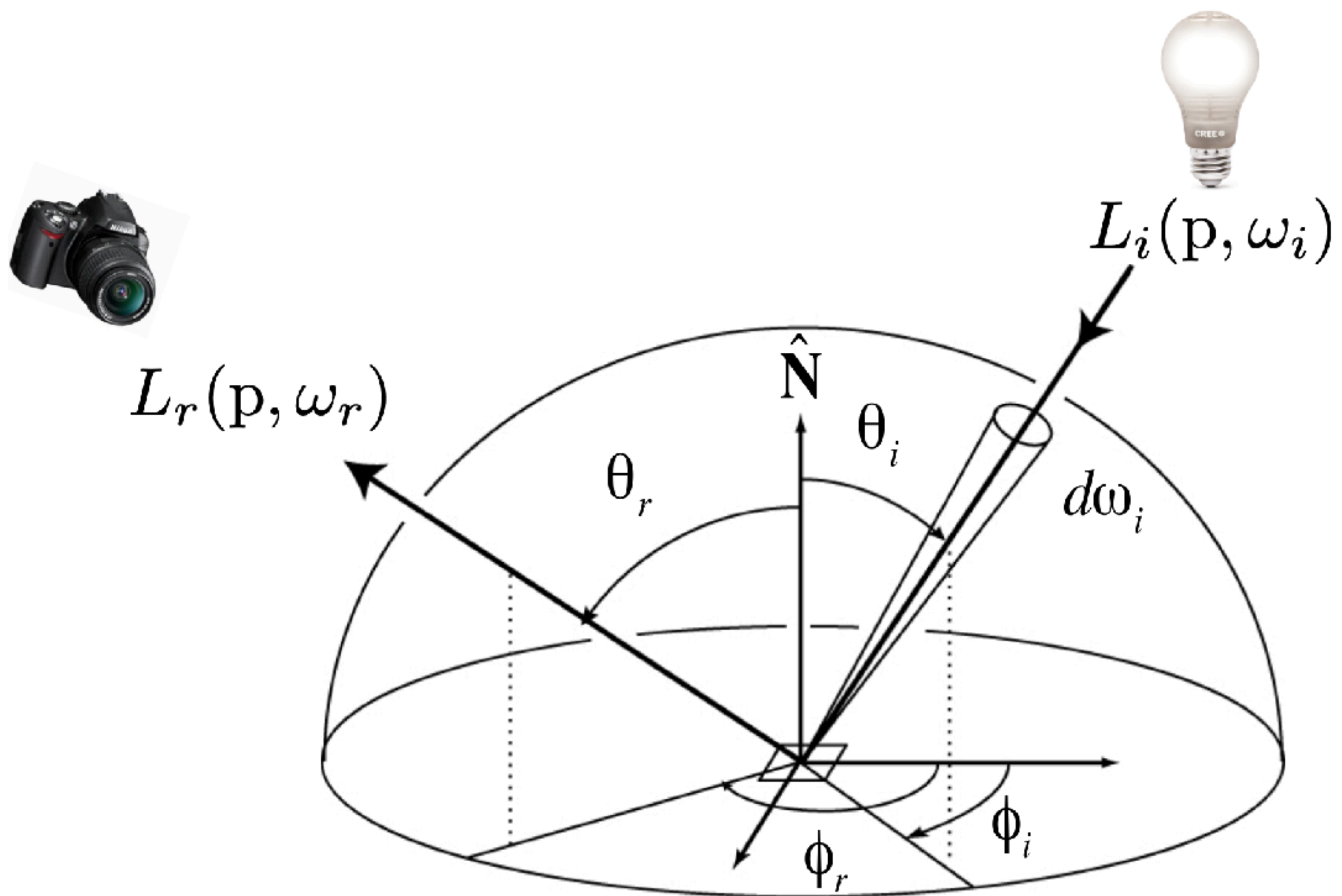
The BRDF



Bidirectional
Reflectance
Distribution
Function

*Fundamentals of
Computer Graphics*

$$f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_o) = L_o(\mathbf{x}, \omega_o) / E(\mathbf{x})$$



$$L_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega_r) = \int_{H^2} f_r(\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_r) L_i(\mathbf{x}, \omega_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\omega_i$$

Lambertian (diffuse) material

Simplest possible model: BRDF is a constant!

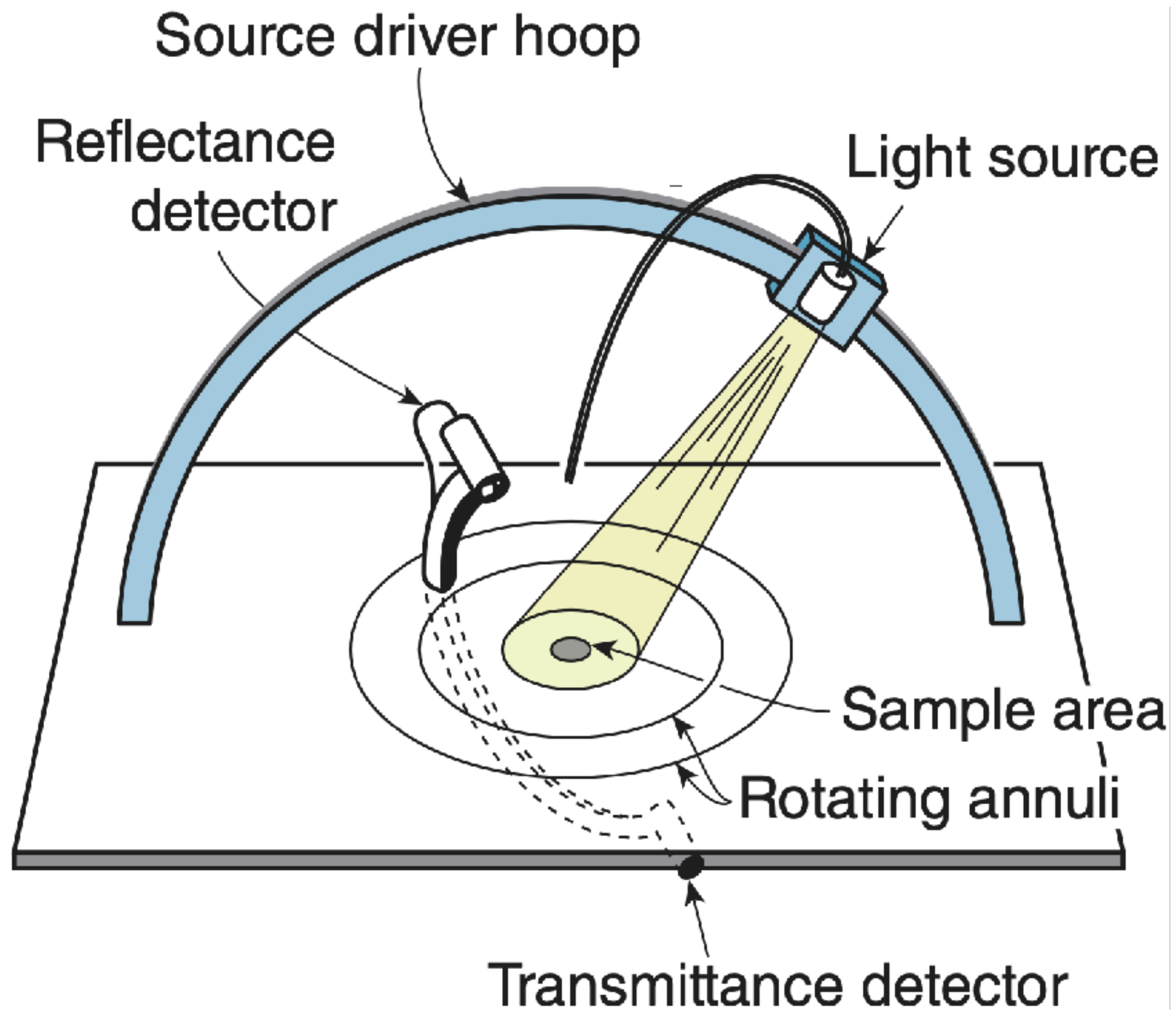
$$\begin{aligned} L_o(\omega_o) &= \int_{H^2} f_r L_i(\omega_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\omega_i \\ &= f_r E_i \end{aligned}$$

To conserve energy, $f_r = \rho/\pi$ where **albedo** ρ is ≤ 1

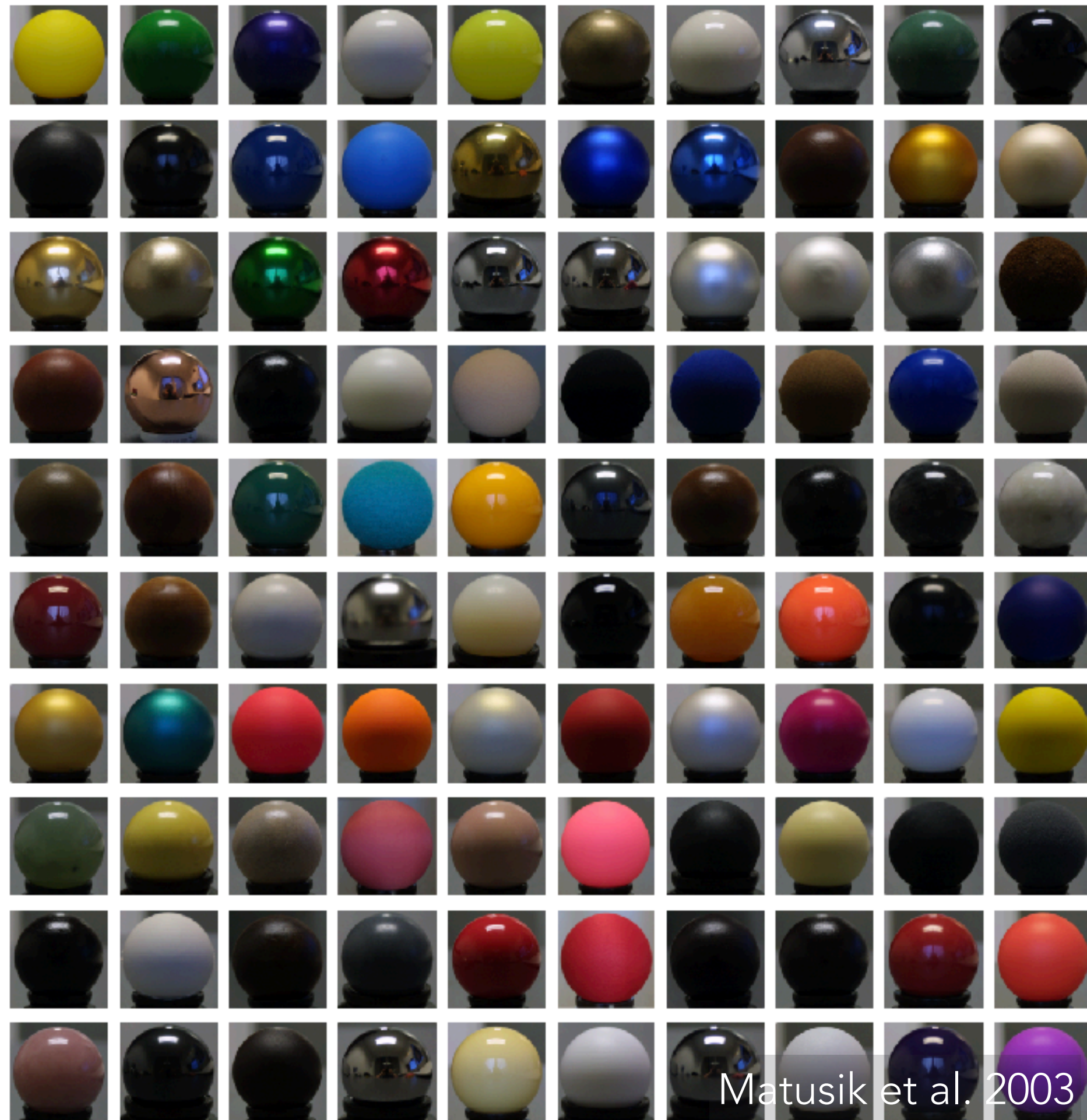
Why? For constant radiance L , total flux density = $L \pi$



BRDF acquisition: Gonioreflectometer



MERL BRDF database



Matusik et al. 2003



Nickel



Hematite

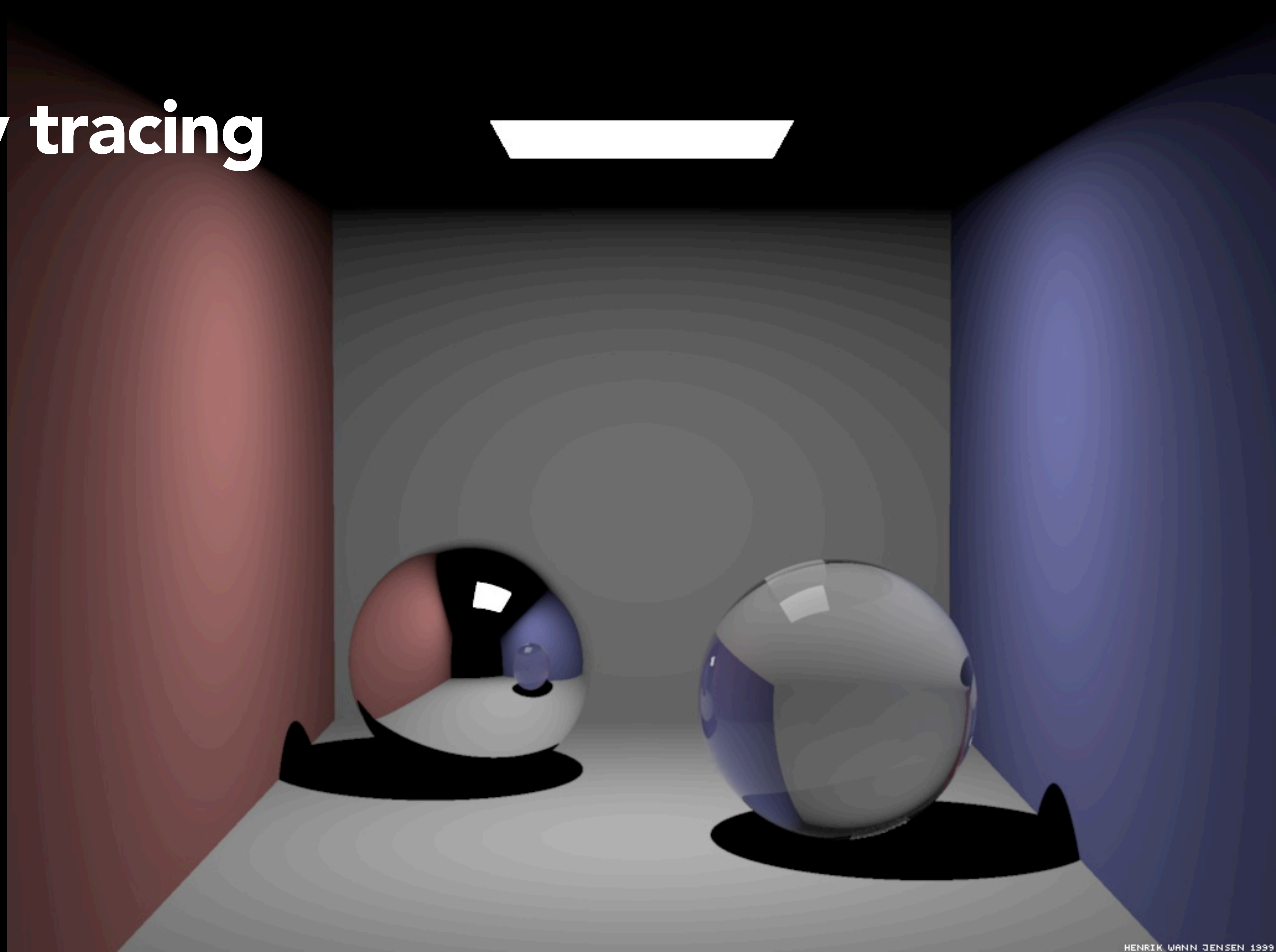


Gold paint

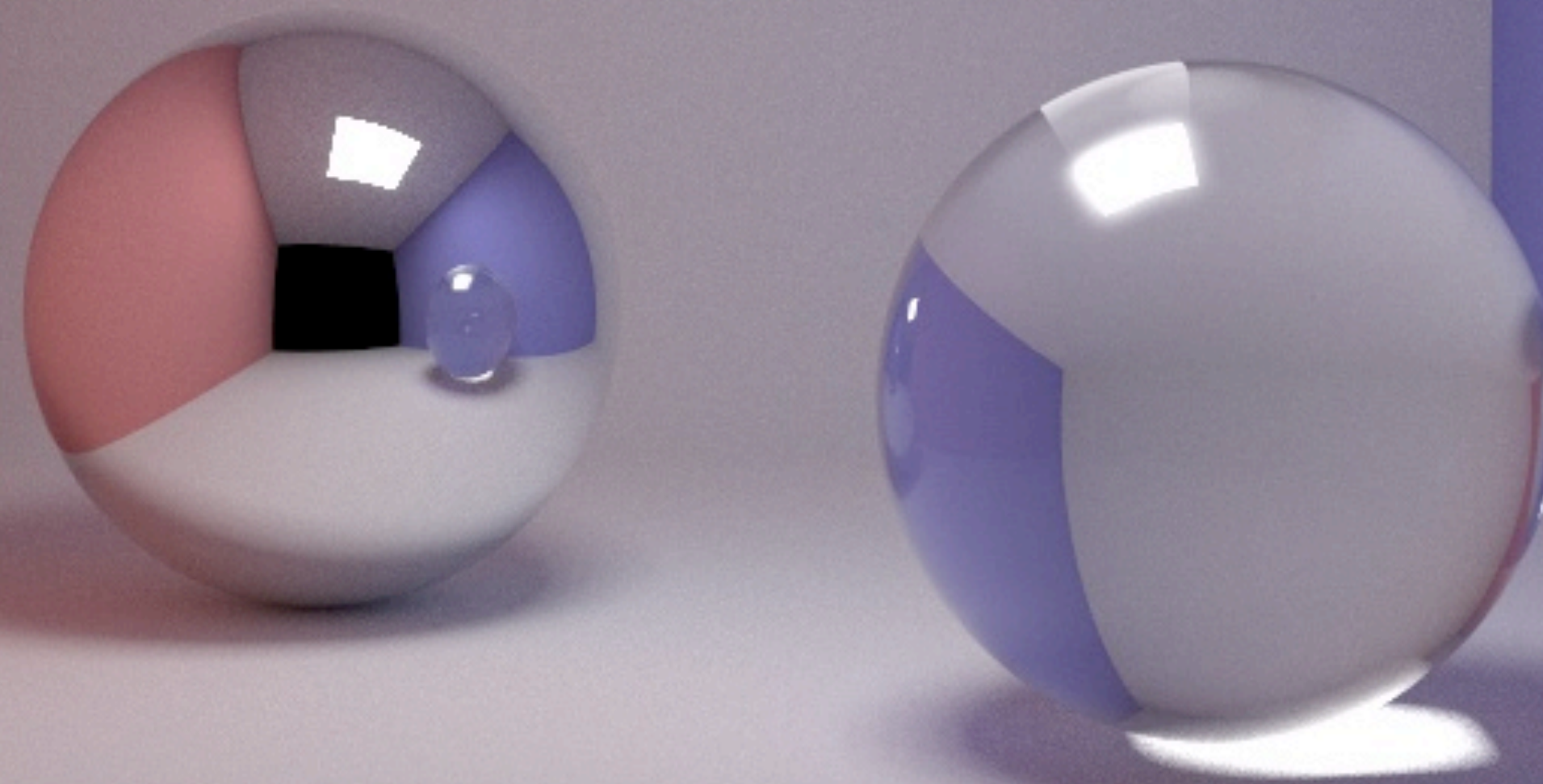


Pink fabric

Ray tracing



Global illumination



Henrik Wann Jensen

HENRIK WANN JENSEN 2000

Ray tracing revisited

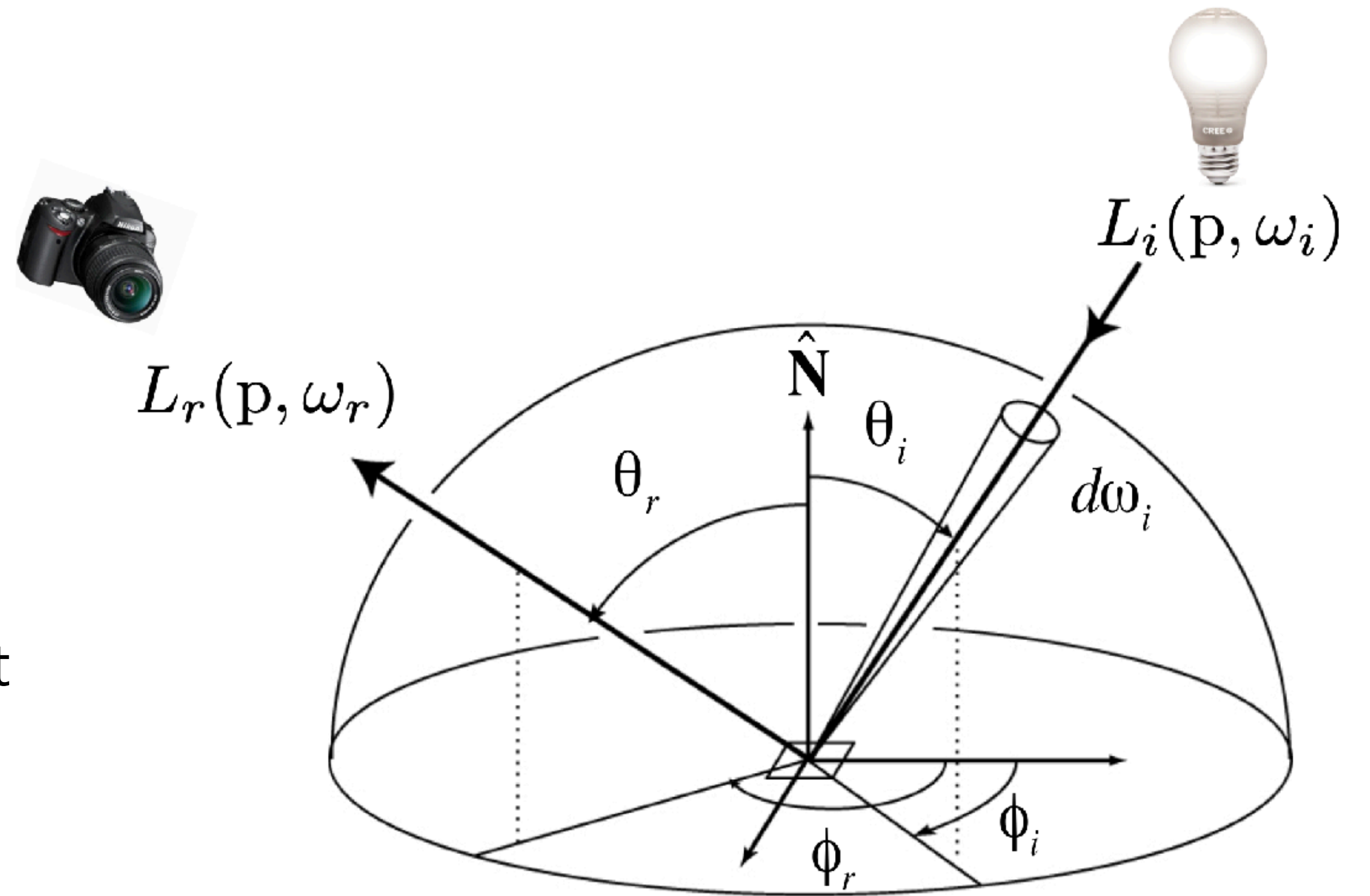
For each sample:

Cast a ray into the scene

Find the closest intersection

Get **exitant radiance** at intersection point

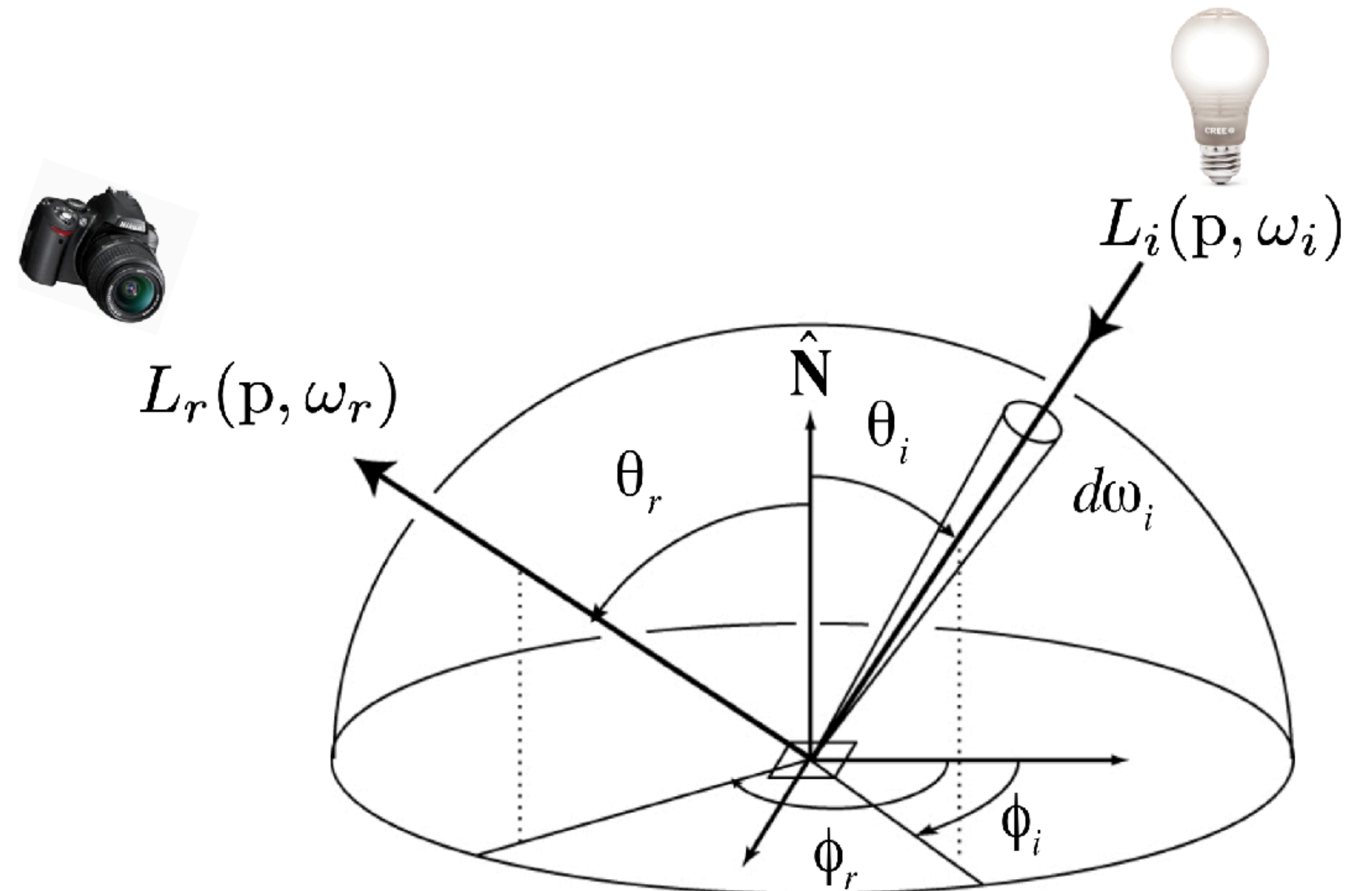
Set sample colour to it



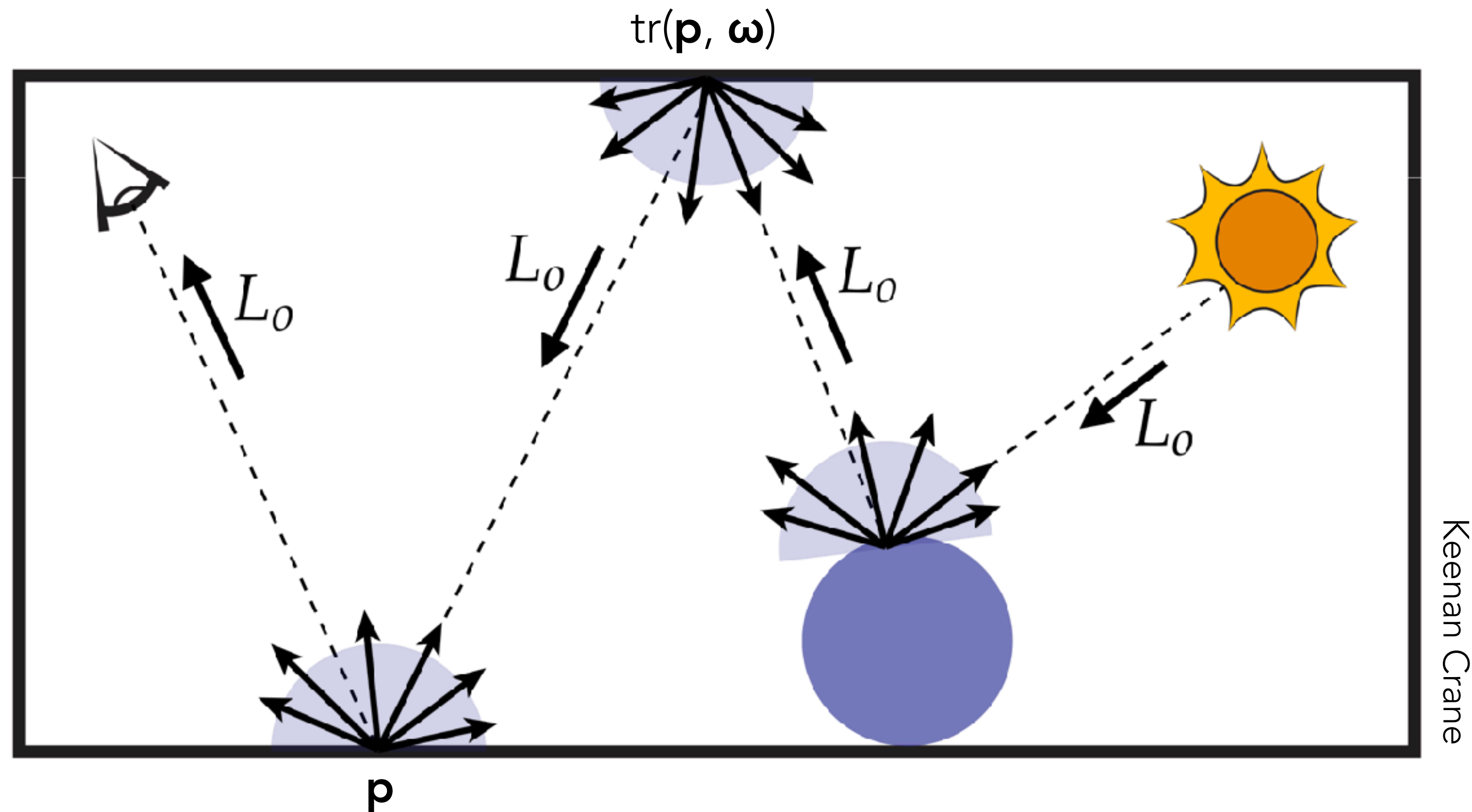
$$L_o(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) = L_e(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) + \int_{H^2} f_r(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) L_i(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$$

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- How to evaluate incident radiance from **any** direction (not just light sources)?
- How to compute the integral over a hemisphere?



What is $L_i(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i)$? Simply exitant radiance from somewhere else!



Define $\text{tr}(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega})$ as the first surface point hit by the ray $\mathbf{p} + t\boldsymbol{\omega}$.

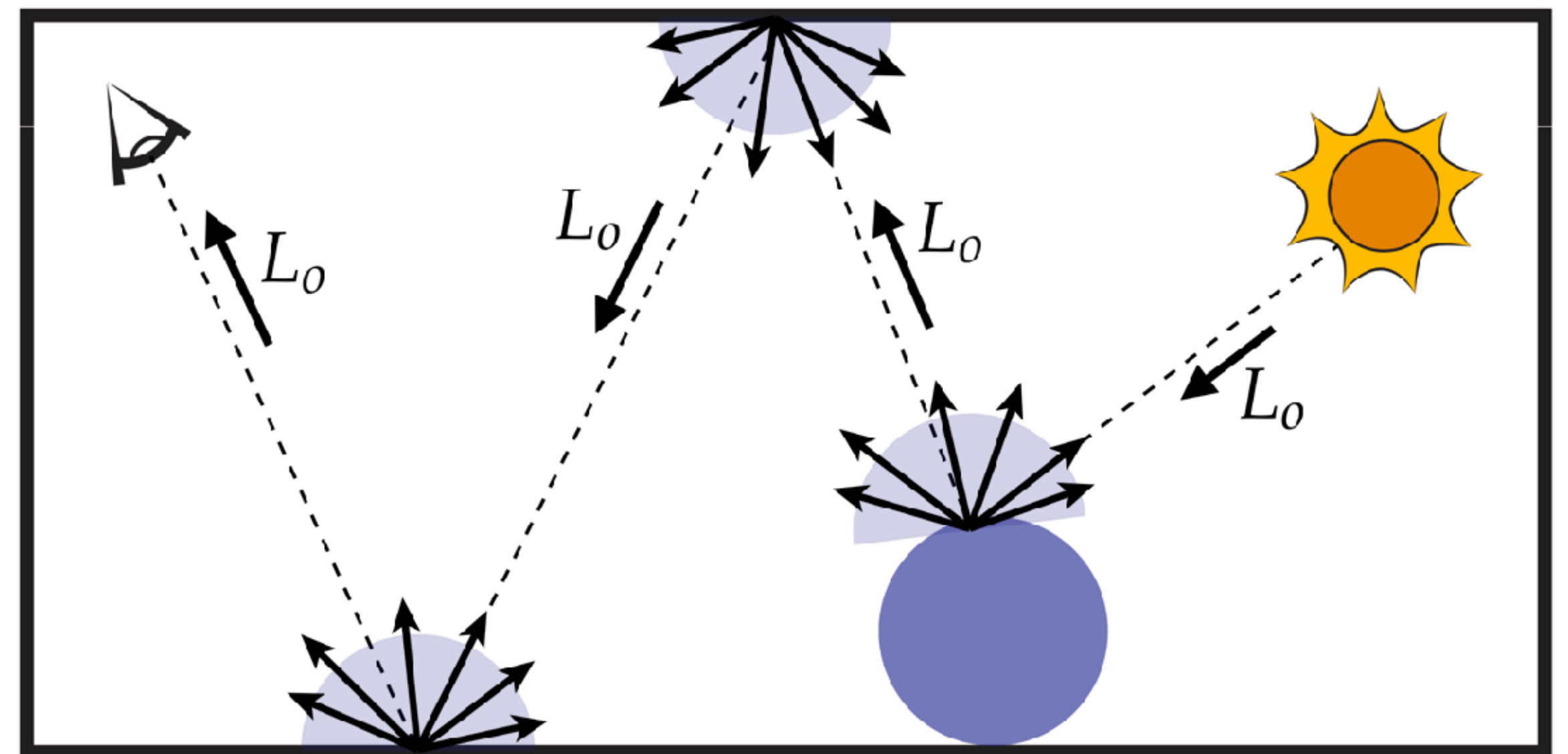
$$L_i(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i) = L_o(\text{tr}(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i), -\boldsymbol{\omega}_i)$$

$$L_o(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) = L_e(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) + \int_{H^2} f_r(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) L_o(\text{tr}(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i), -\boldsymbol{\omega}_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$$

This is an **integral equation**!

Unknown quantity L_o on both sides

Like ray tracing, we'll evaluate it recursively



Quick probability recap

If X is a random variable with probability distribution $p(x)$, its **expected value** or **expectation** is

$$E[X] = \sum x_i p_i \quad (\text{discrete})$$

$$E[X] = \int x p(x) dx \quad (\text{continuous})$$

Expectation is **linear**:

- $E[X_1 + X_2] = E[X_1] + E[X_2]$
- $E[aX] = a E[X]$

The basic Monte Carlo method

If X is uniformly distributed in $[a, b]$, then

$$E[f(X)] = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

So, if I take N independent samples of X ,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \approx E[f(X)] = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \approx \frac{b-a}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$

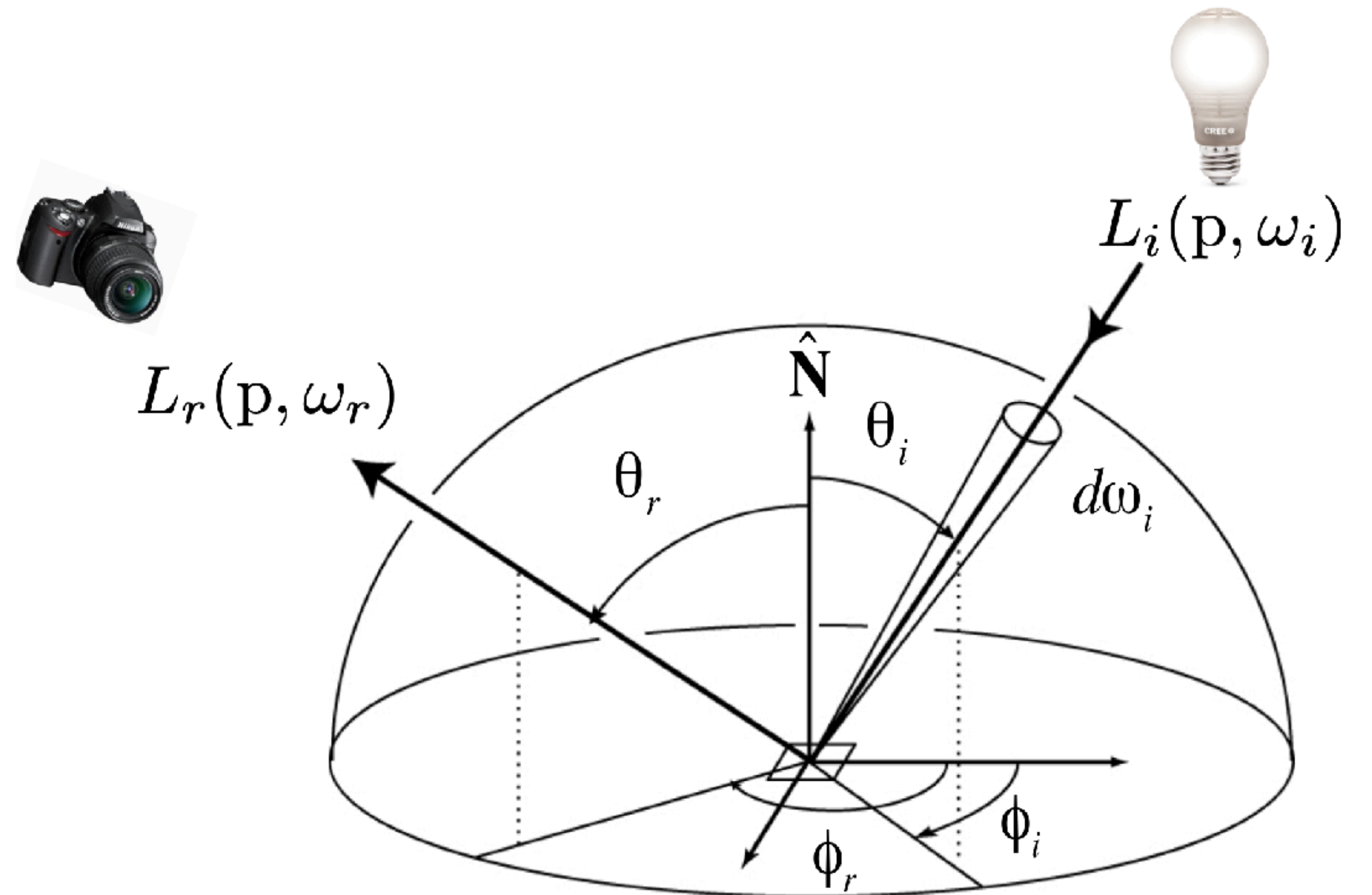
Interpretation:
Integral = average value $\times$ domain size

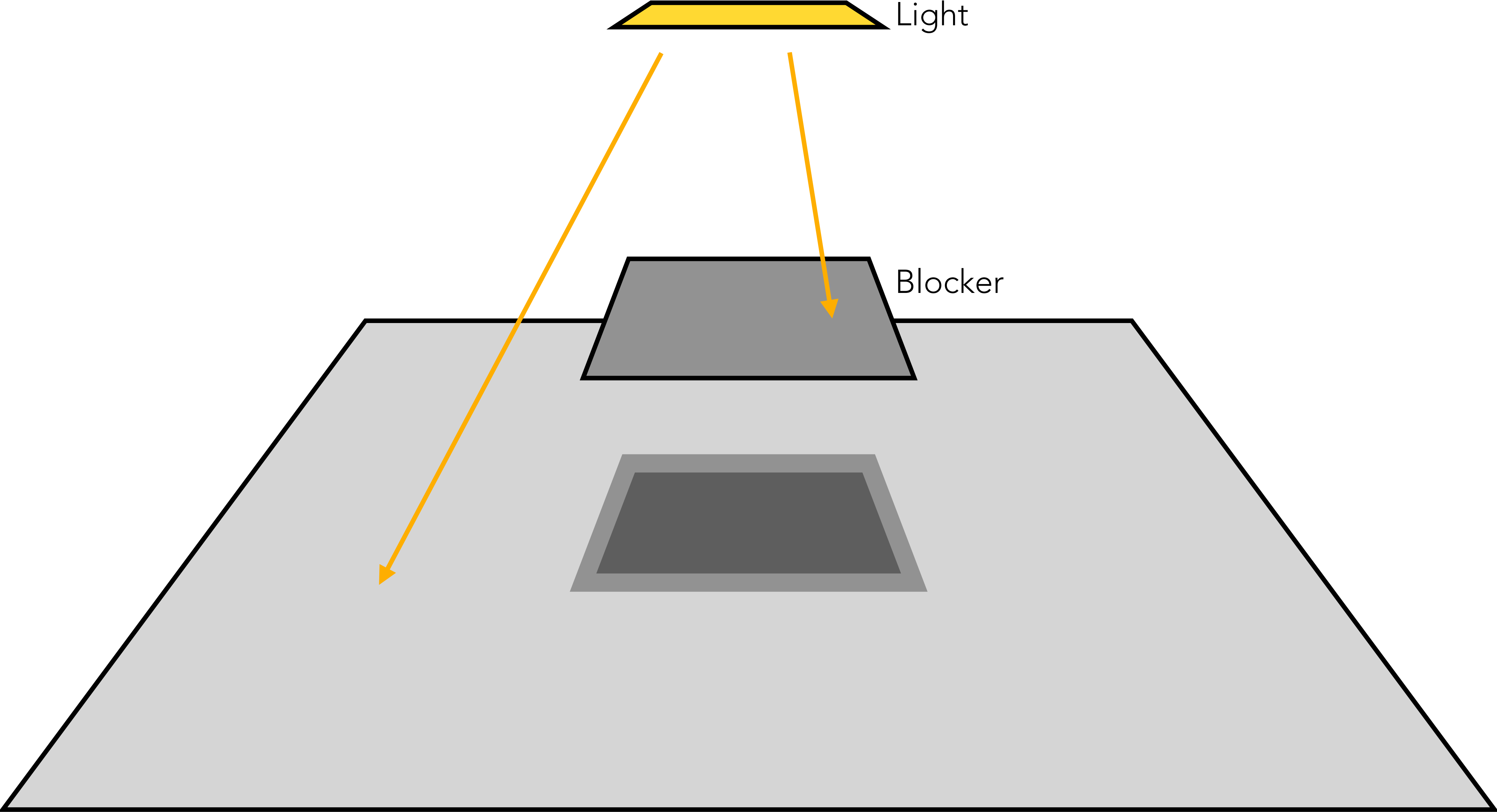
Monte Carlo rendering

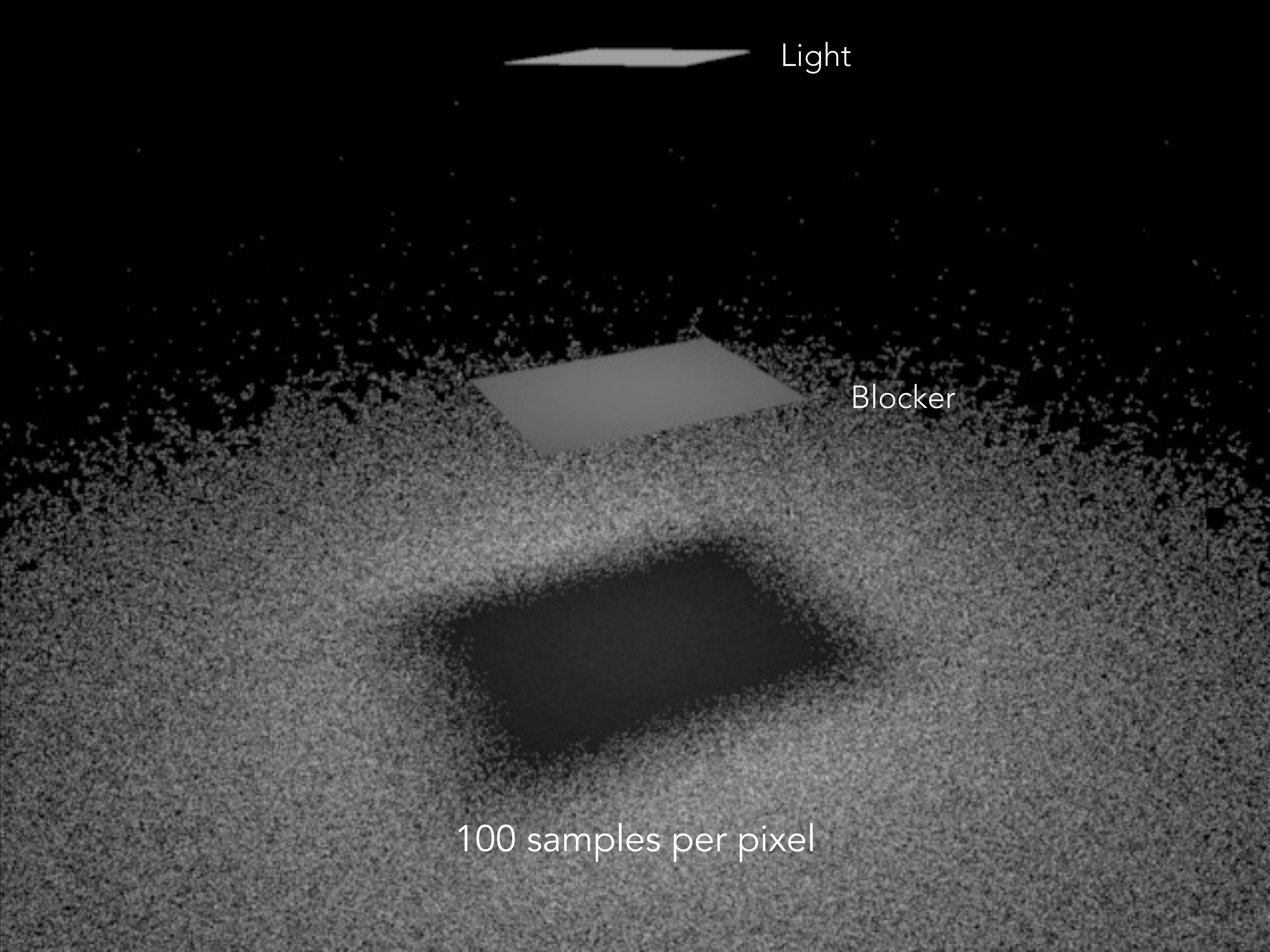
We need to estimate the reflectance integral $\int_{H^2} f_r(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) L_i(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$

With Monte Carlo, it's easy:

- Uniformly sample hemisphere of incident directions: $\mathbf{X}_i \sim U(H^2)$, probability density $p(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = 1/(2\pi)$
- Evaluate integrand
 $Y_i = f_r(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{X}_i \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\omega}_o) L_i(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{X}_i) \cos(\theta_i)$
- MC estimator is simply $F_N = 2\pi/N \sum Y_i$



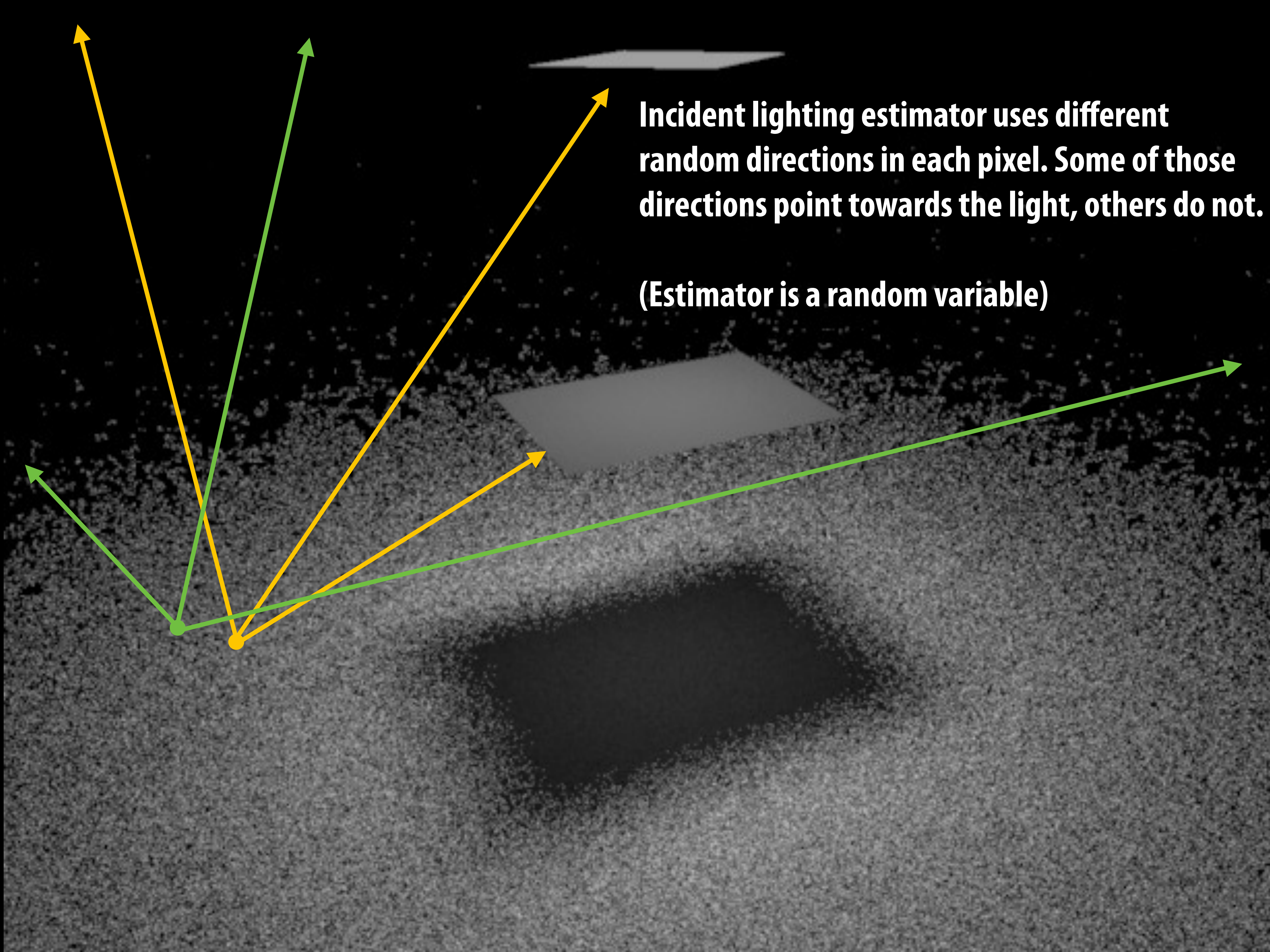




Light

Blocker

100 samples per pixel



Incident lighting estimator uses different random directions in each pixel. Some of those directions point towards the light, others do not.

(Estimator is a random variable)

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incidentRadiance(**x**, **ω**):

p = intersectScene(**x**, **ω**)

$L = \mathbf{p}.\text{emittedLight}(-\boldsymbol{\omega})$

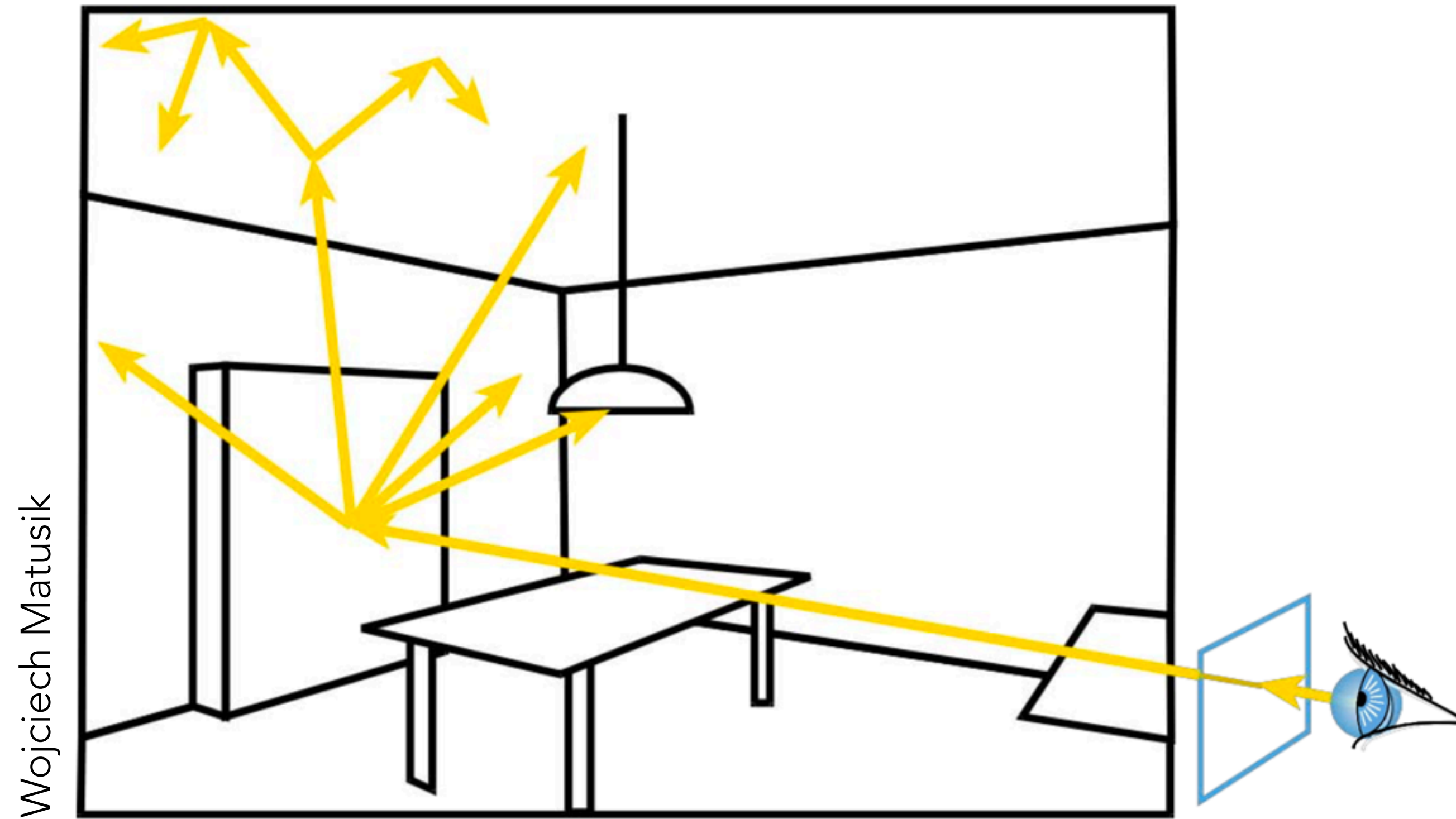
for $i = 1, \dots, N$:

$\boldsymbol{\omega}_i = \text{sampleDirection}(\mathbf{p}.\text{normal})$

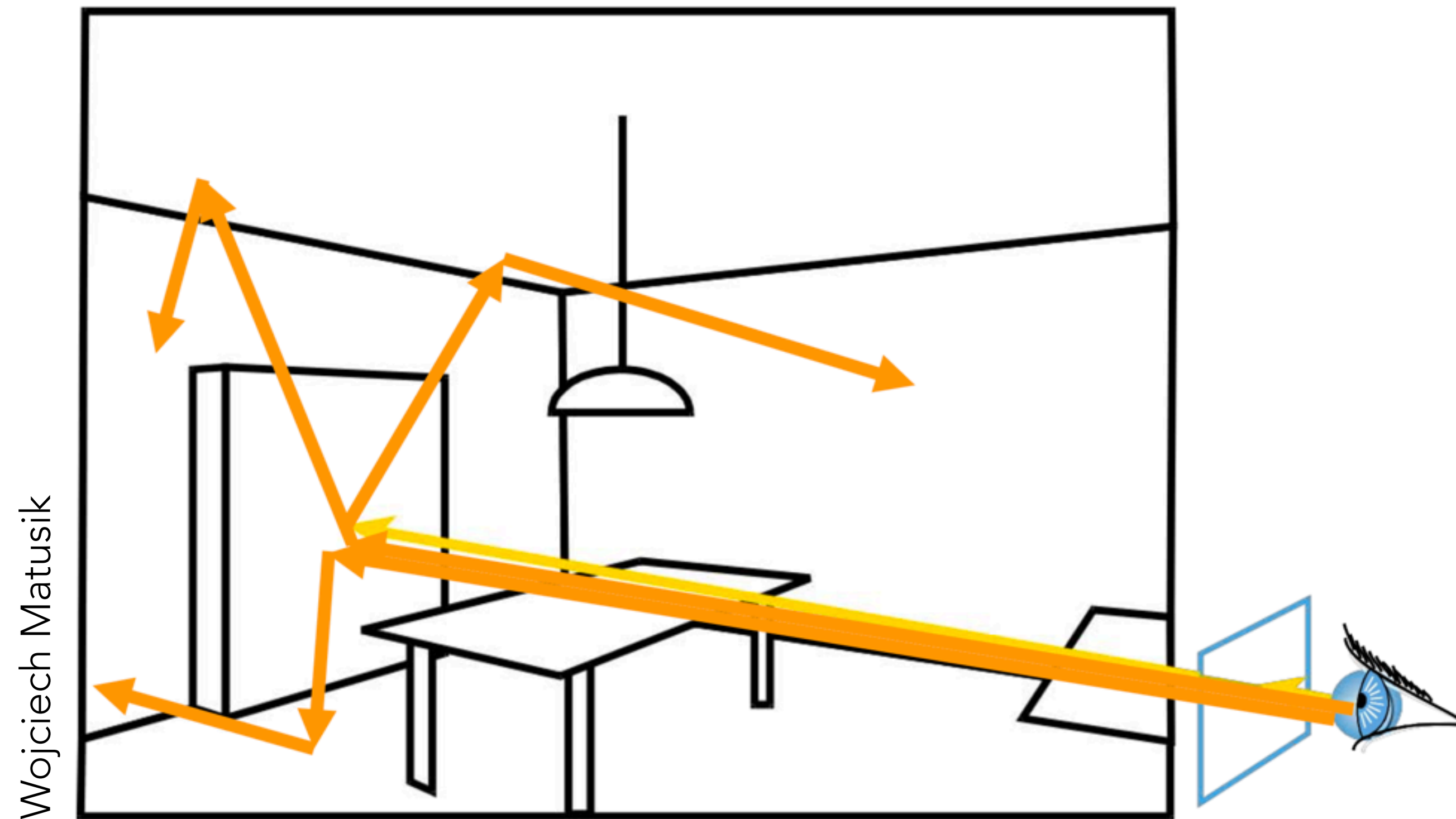
$L += \text{incidentRadiance}(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_i) * \mathbf{p}.\text{BRDF}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i, -\boldsymbol{\omega}) * \cos_{\theta i} * 2\pi / N$

return L

Problem: Exponential increase in number of samples per bounce



Solution: Just take one recursive sample per bounce!



But take many samples per pixel, and average them.

incidentRadiance($\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}$):

$\mathbf{p} = \text{intersectScene}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})$

$L = \mathbf{p}.\text{emittedLight}(-\boldsymbol{\omega})$

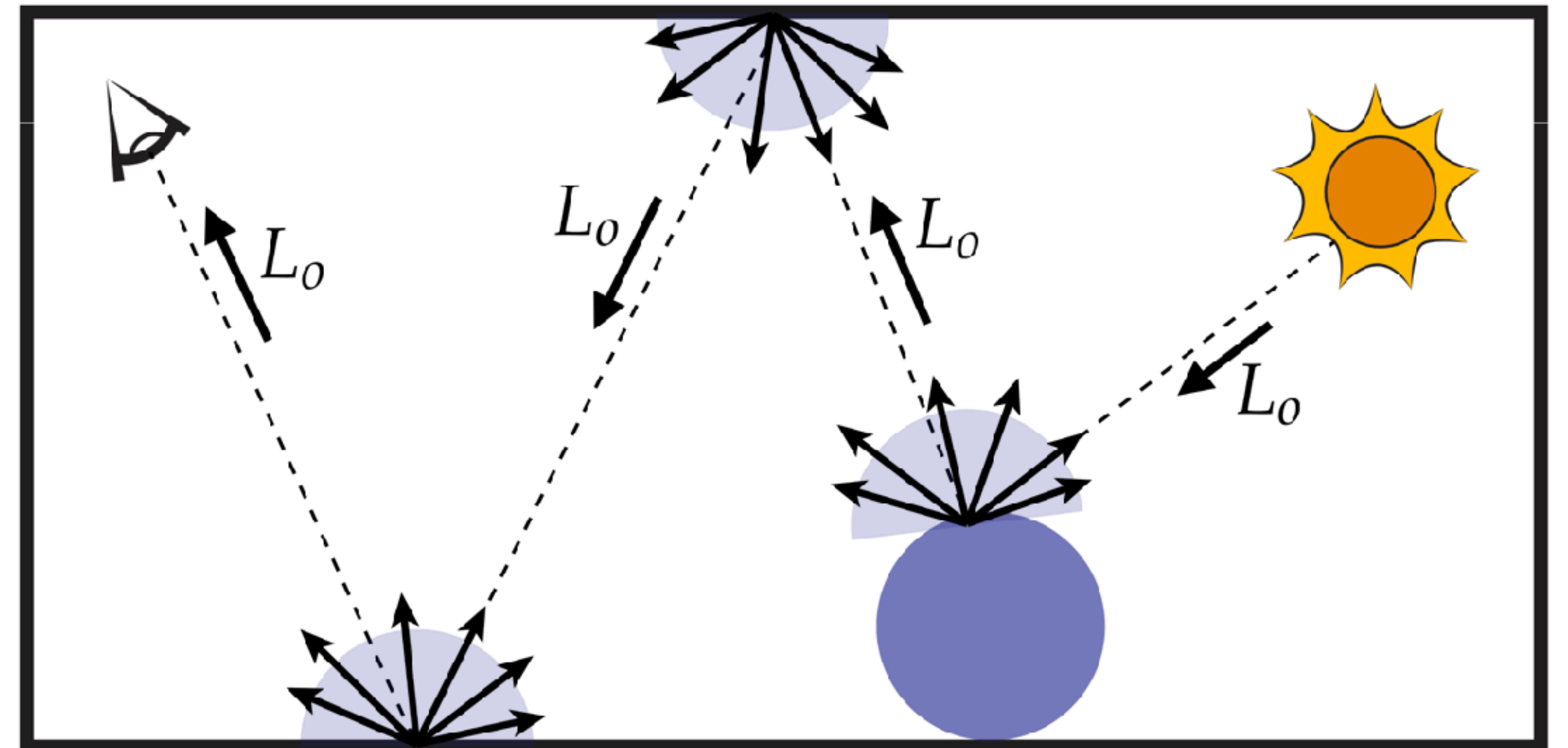
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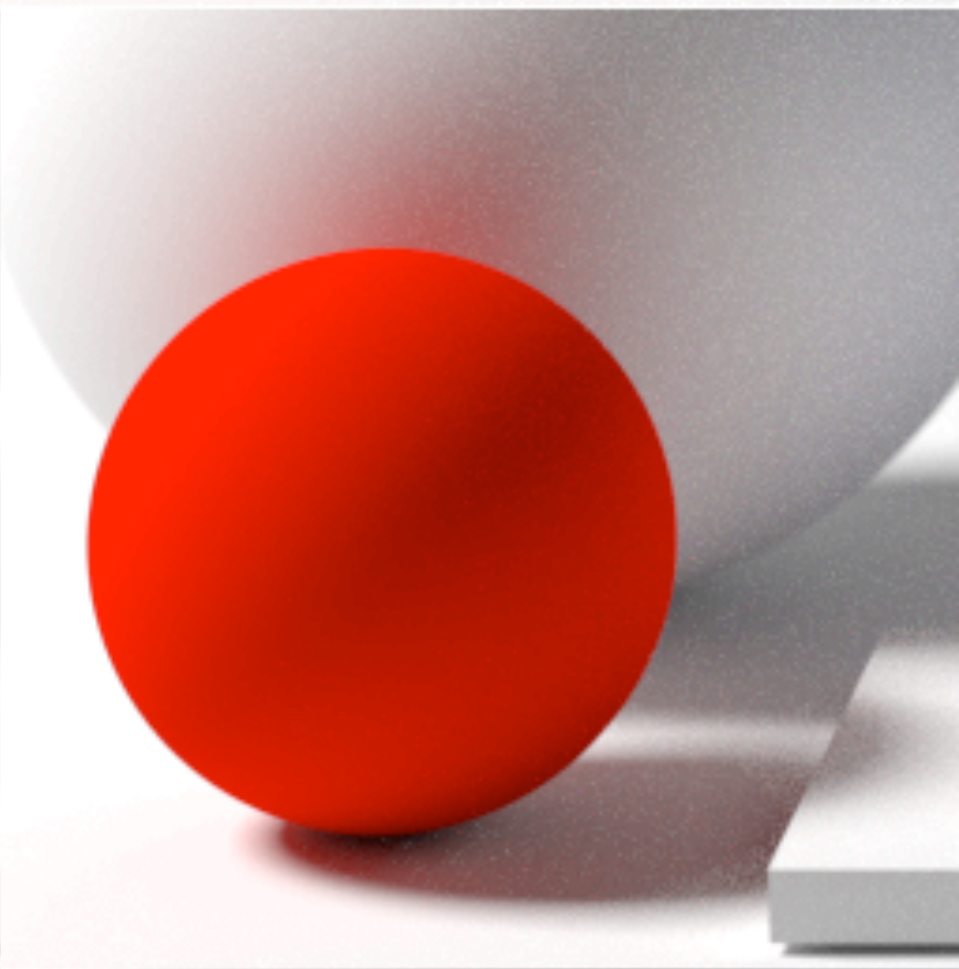
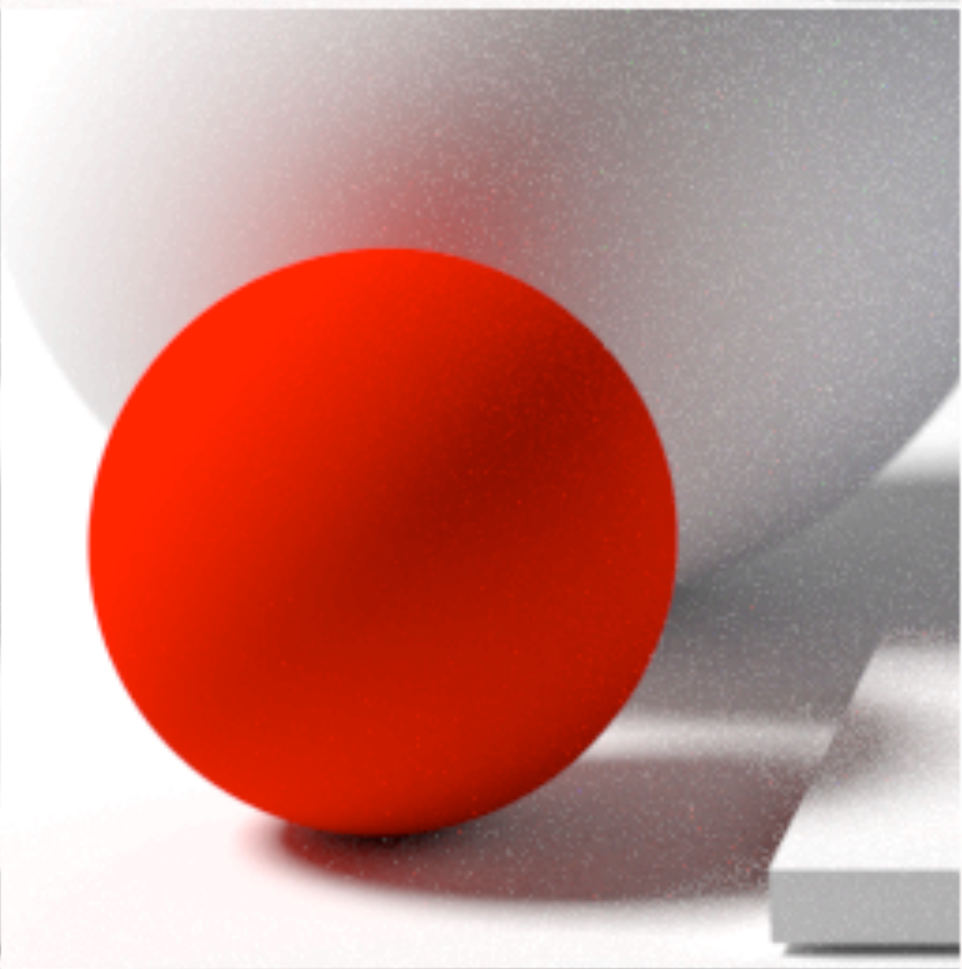
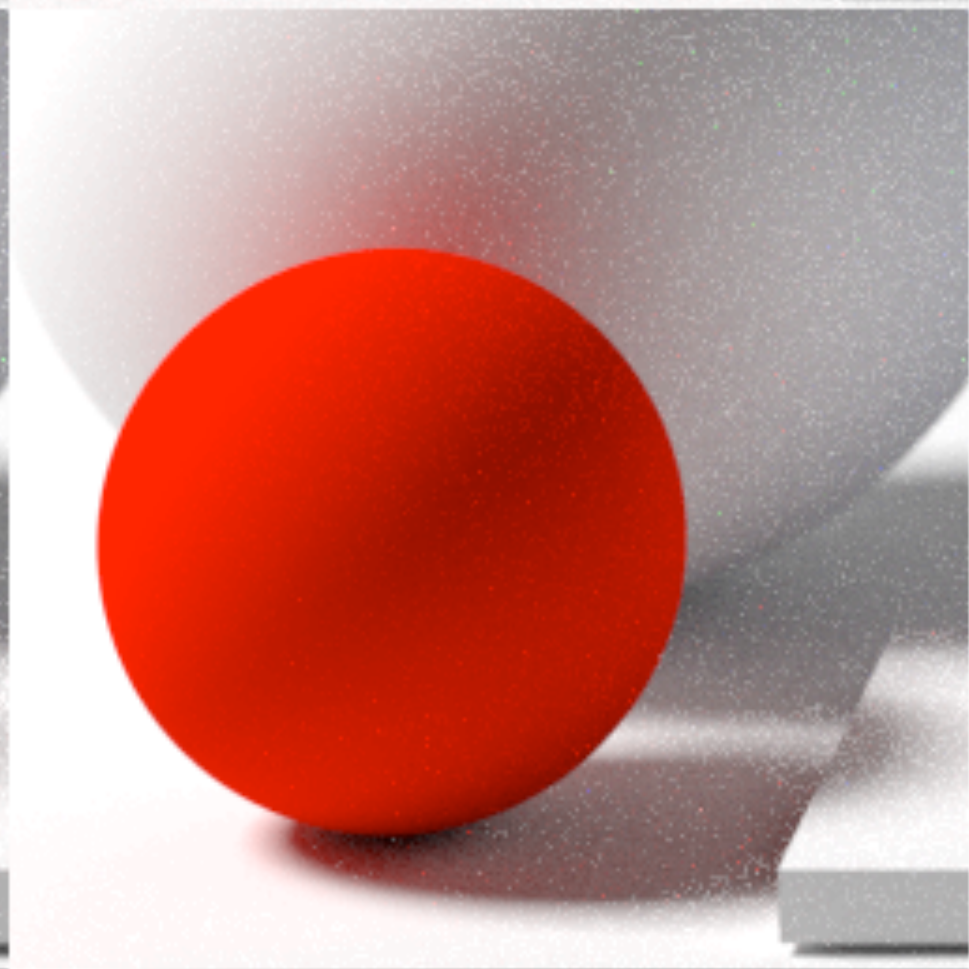
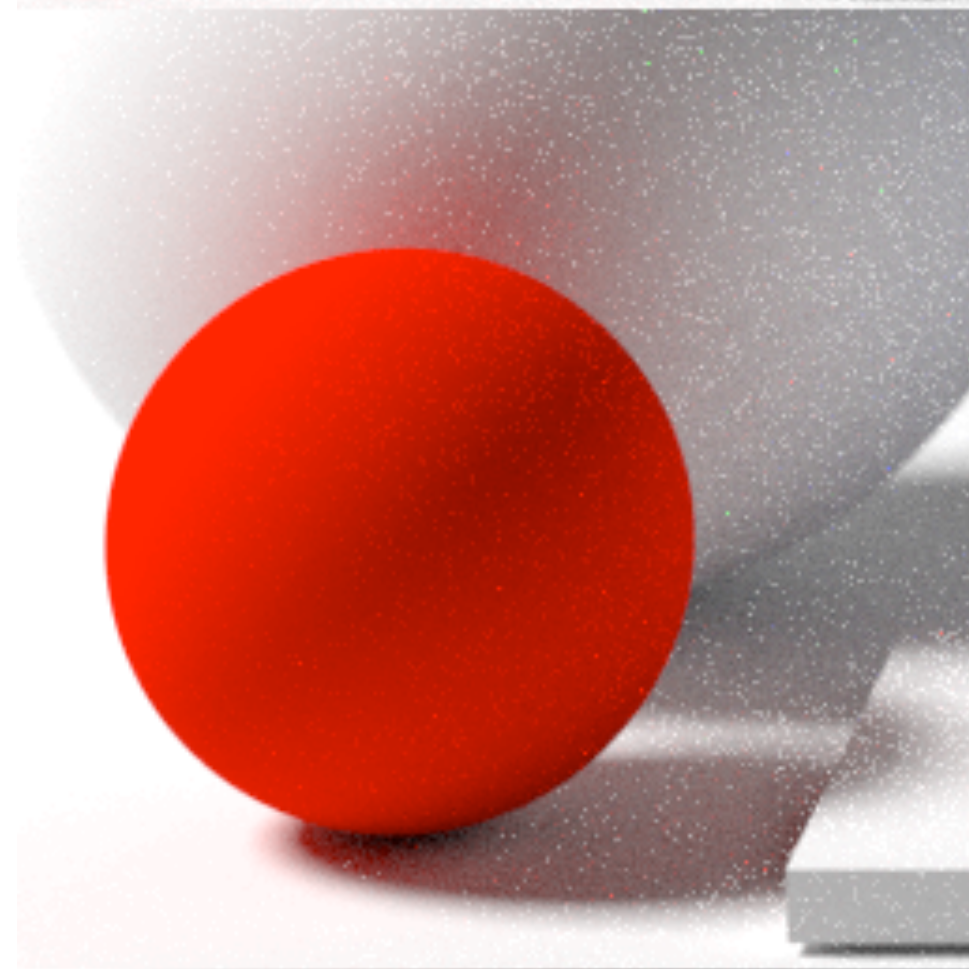
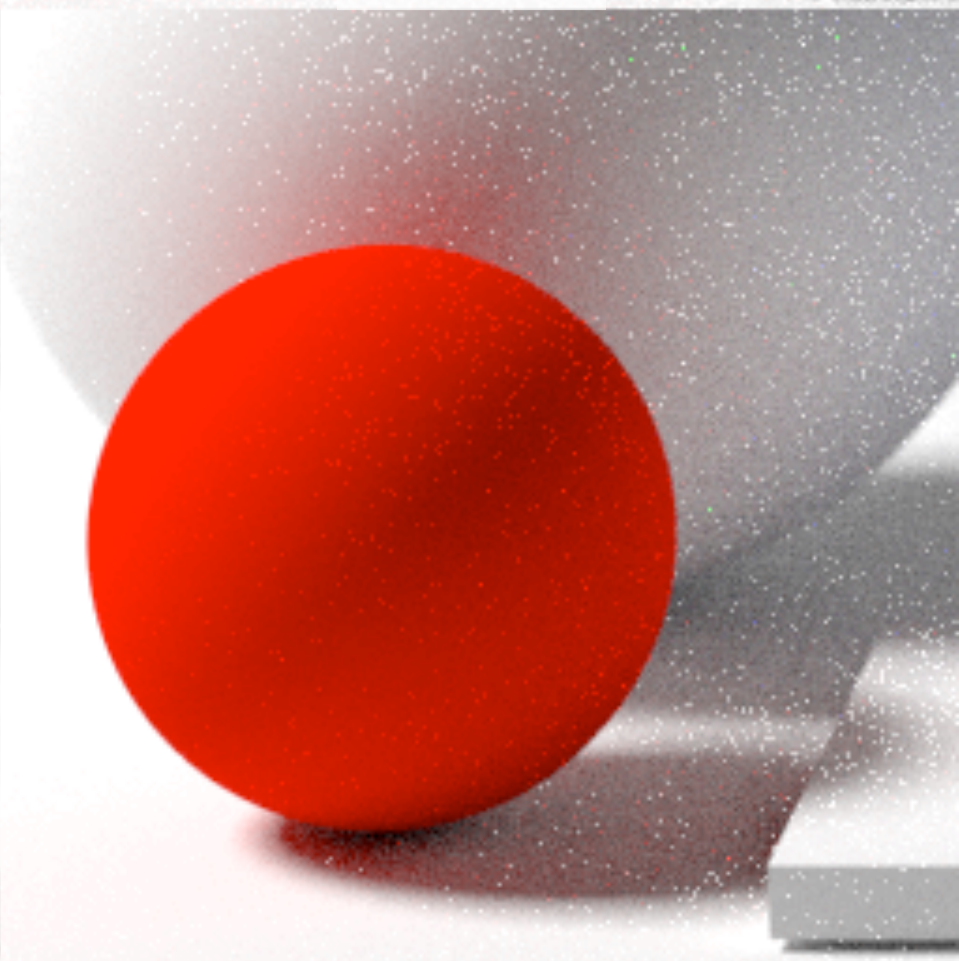
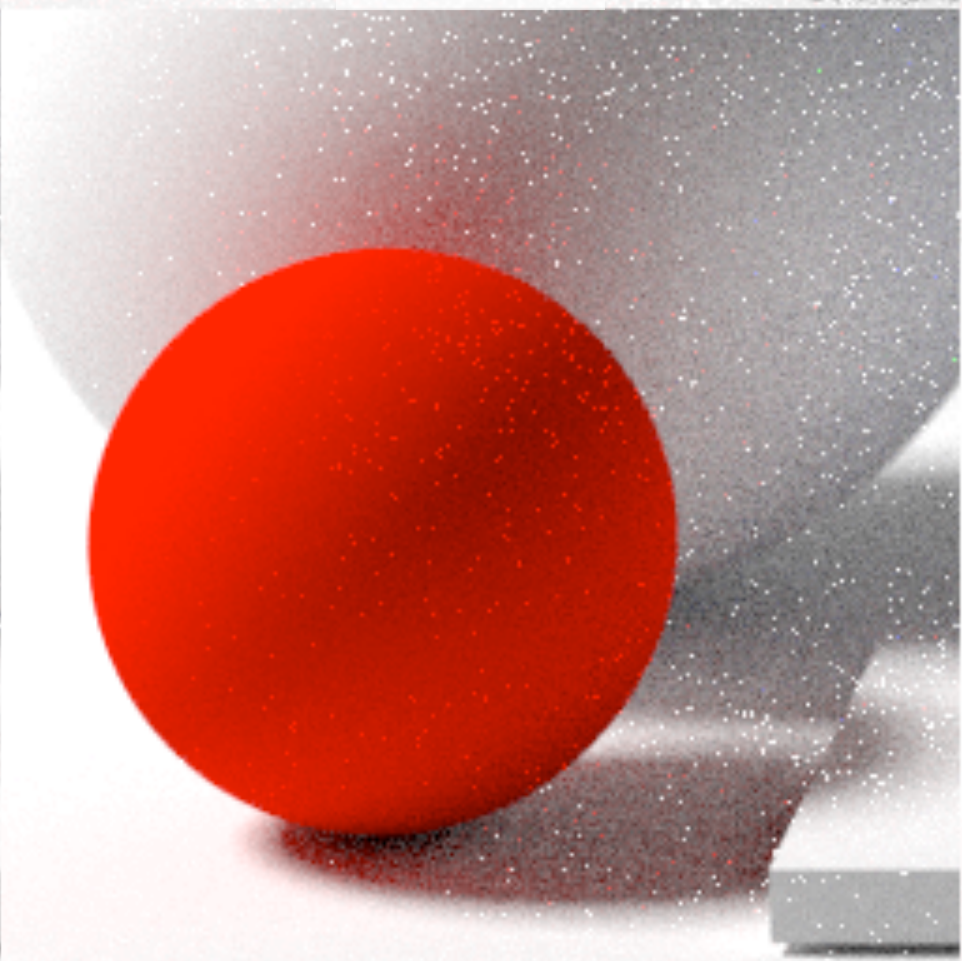
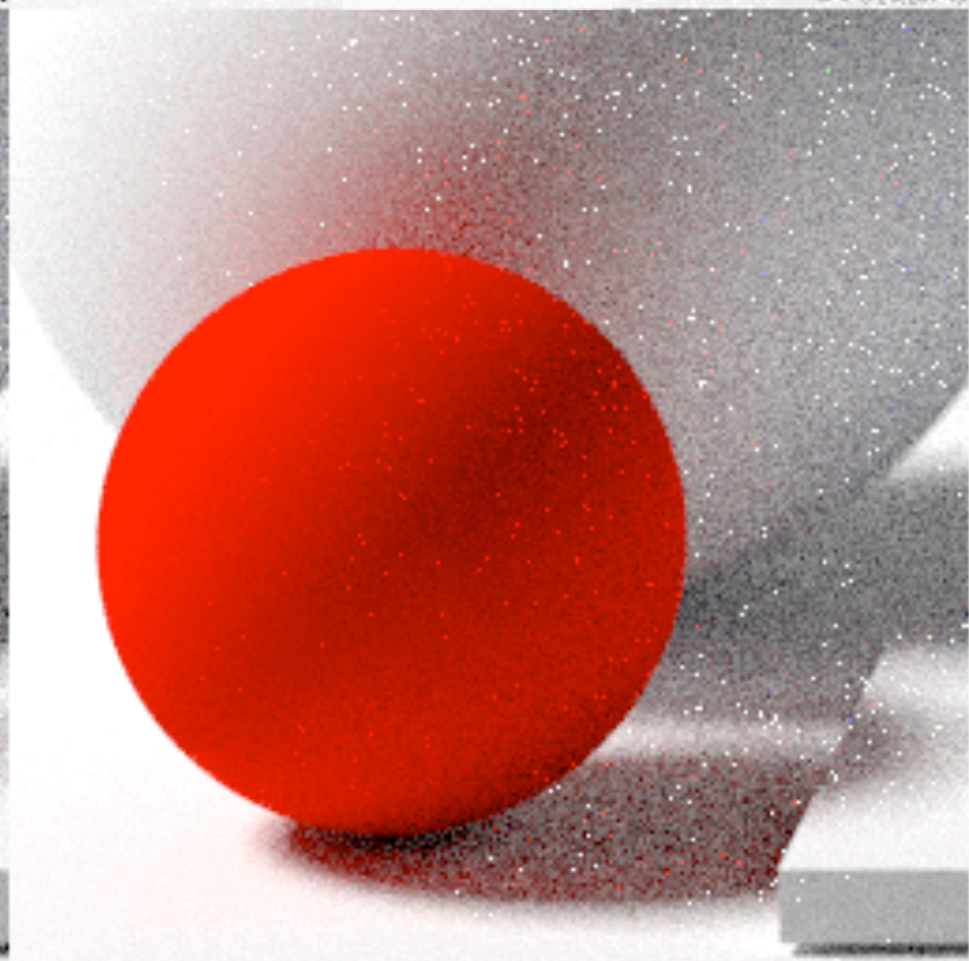
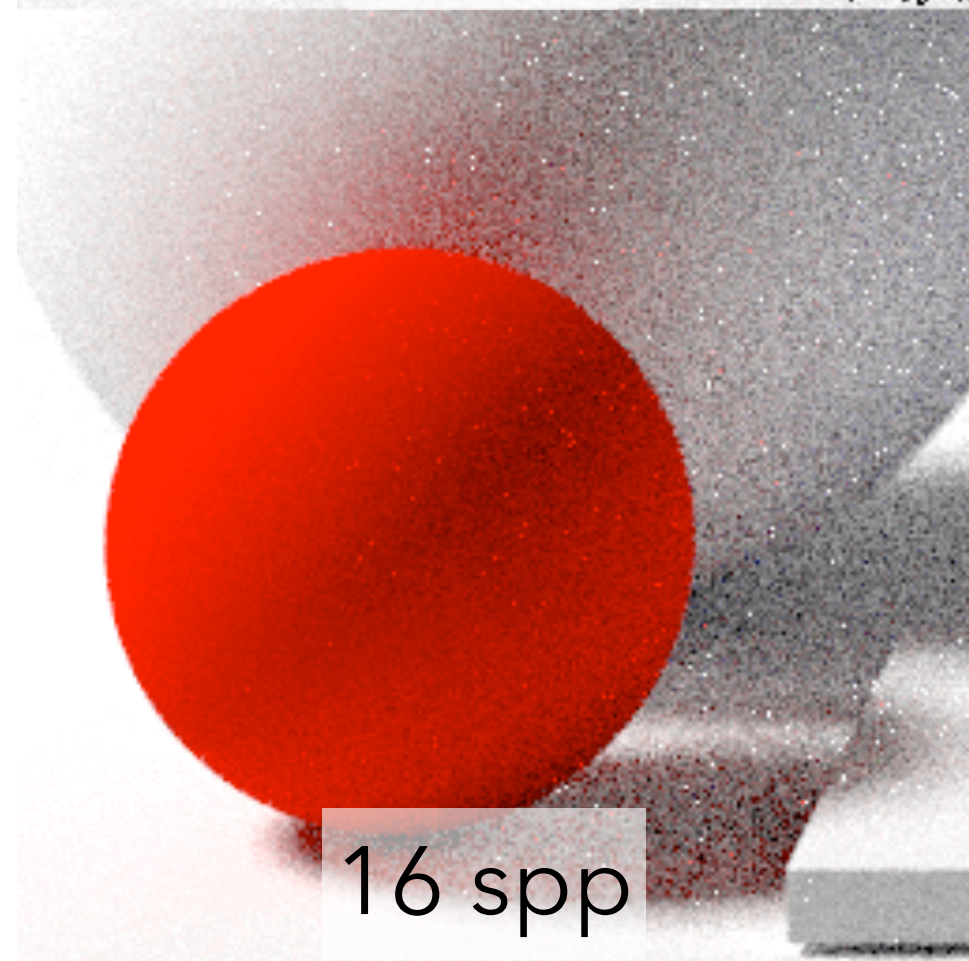
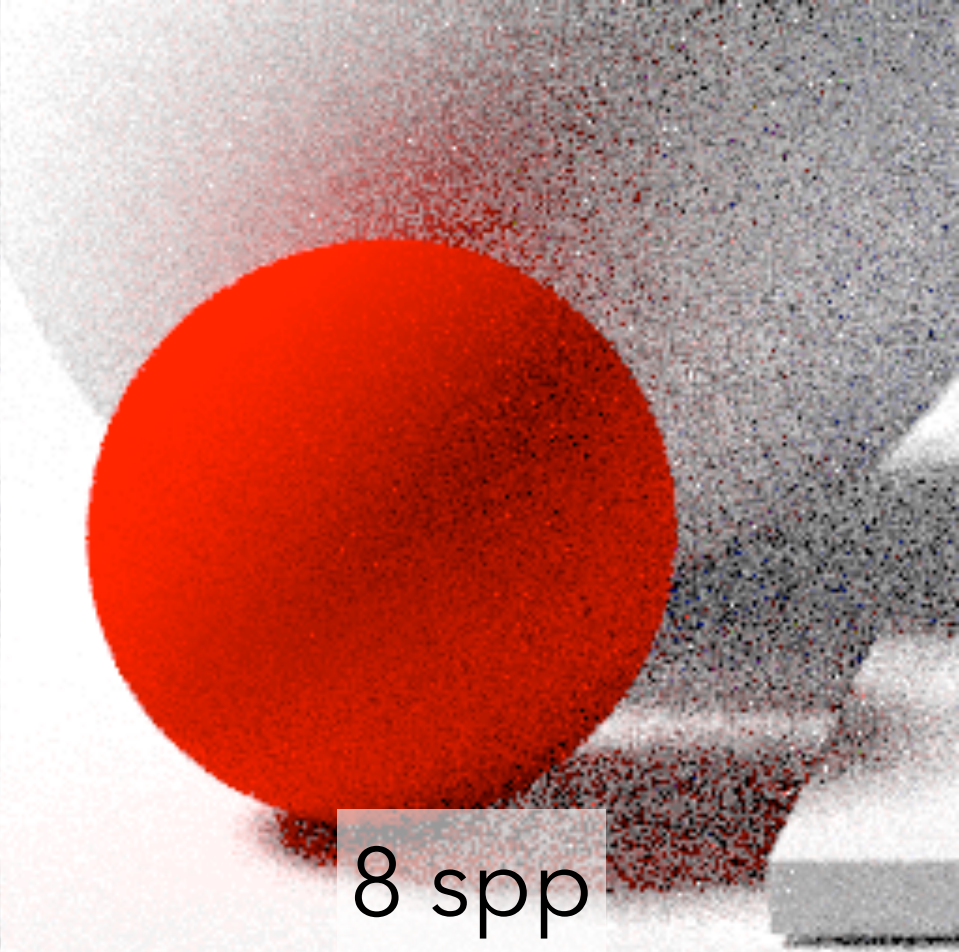
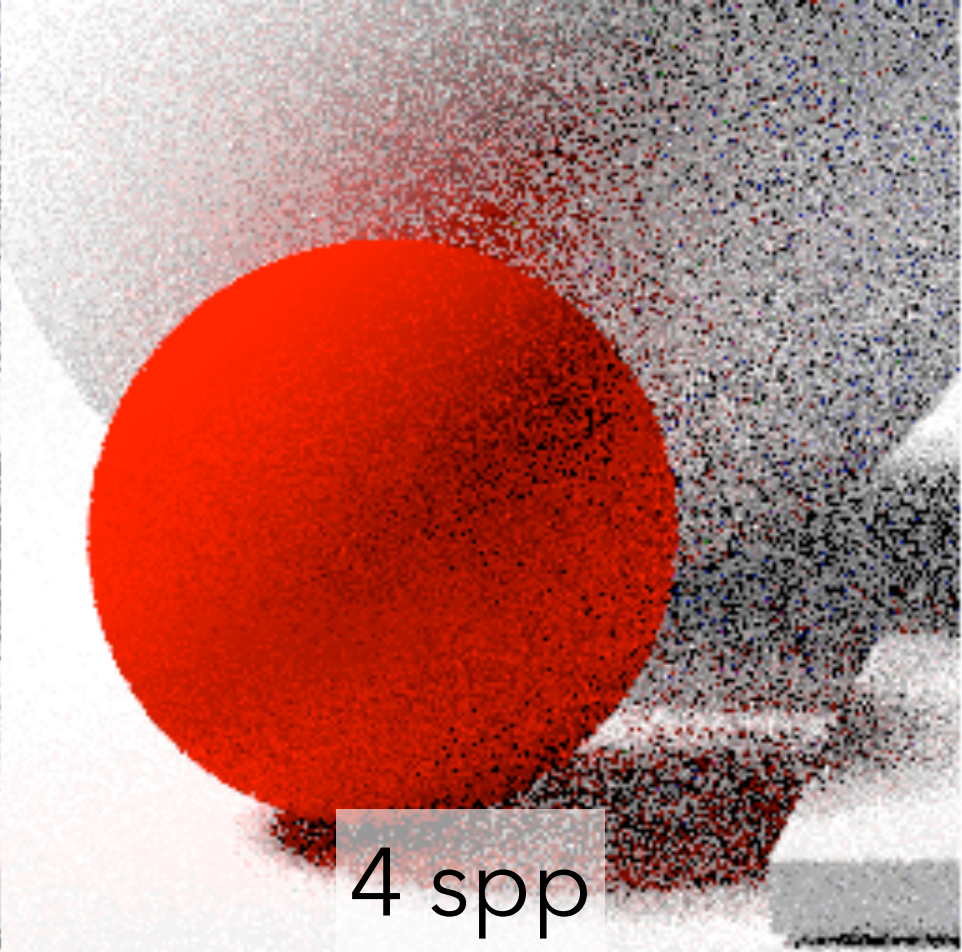
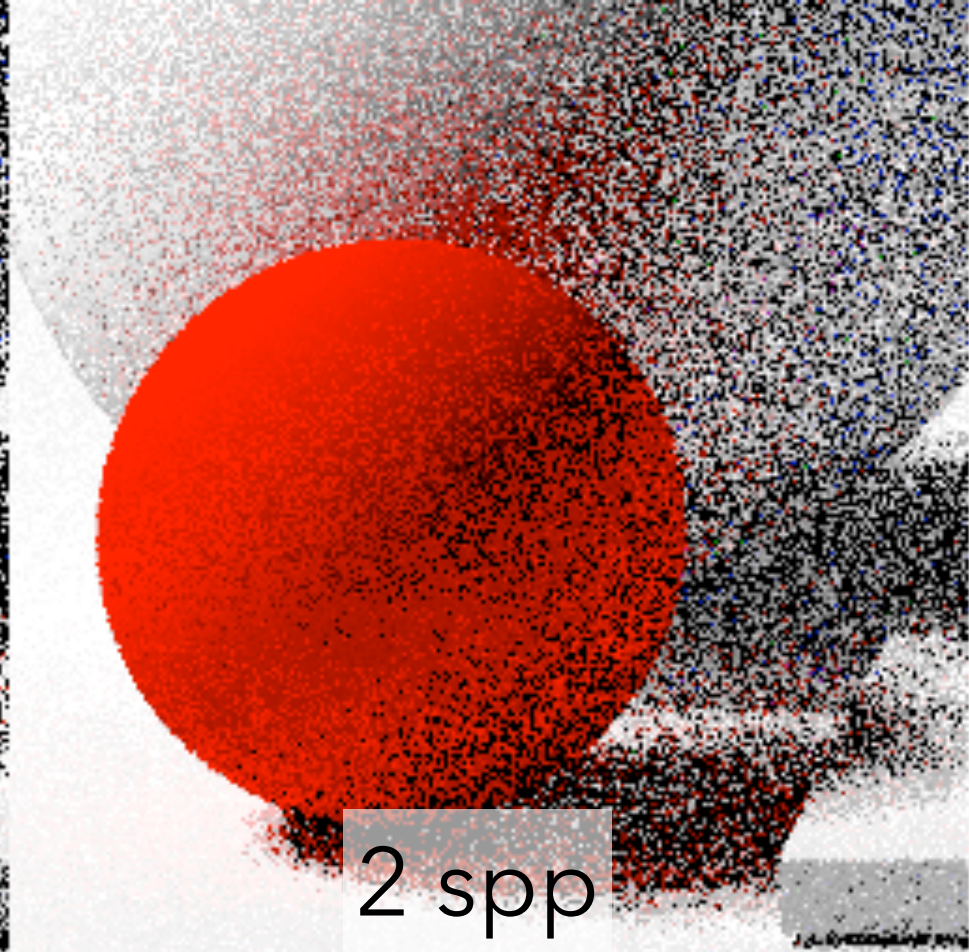
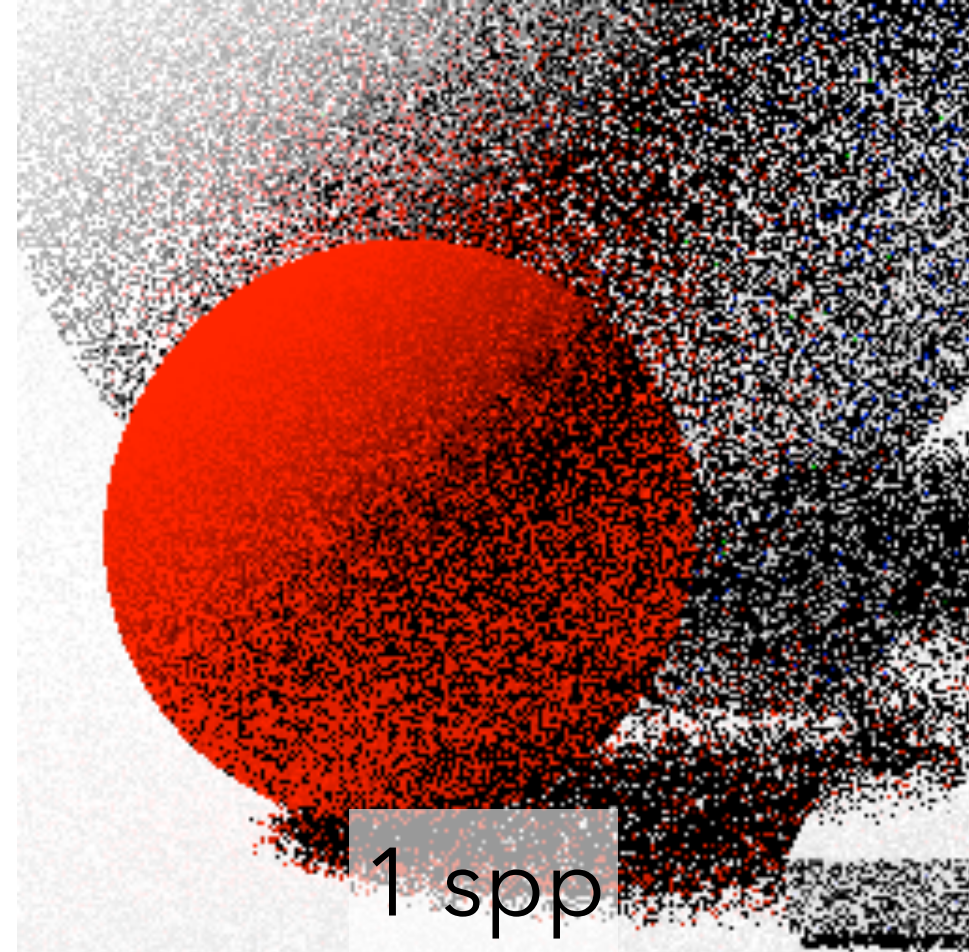
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return L

This is called **path tracing**.

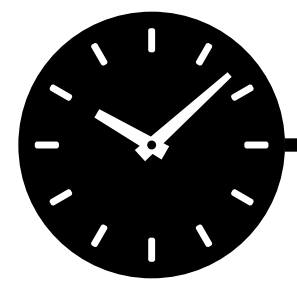
Each sample is tracing **one** possible path between the eye and a light source



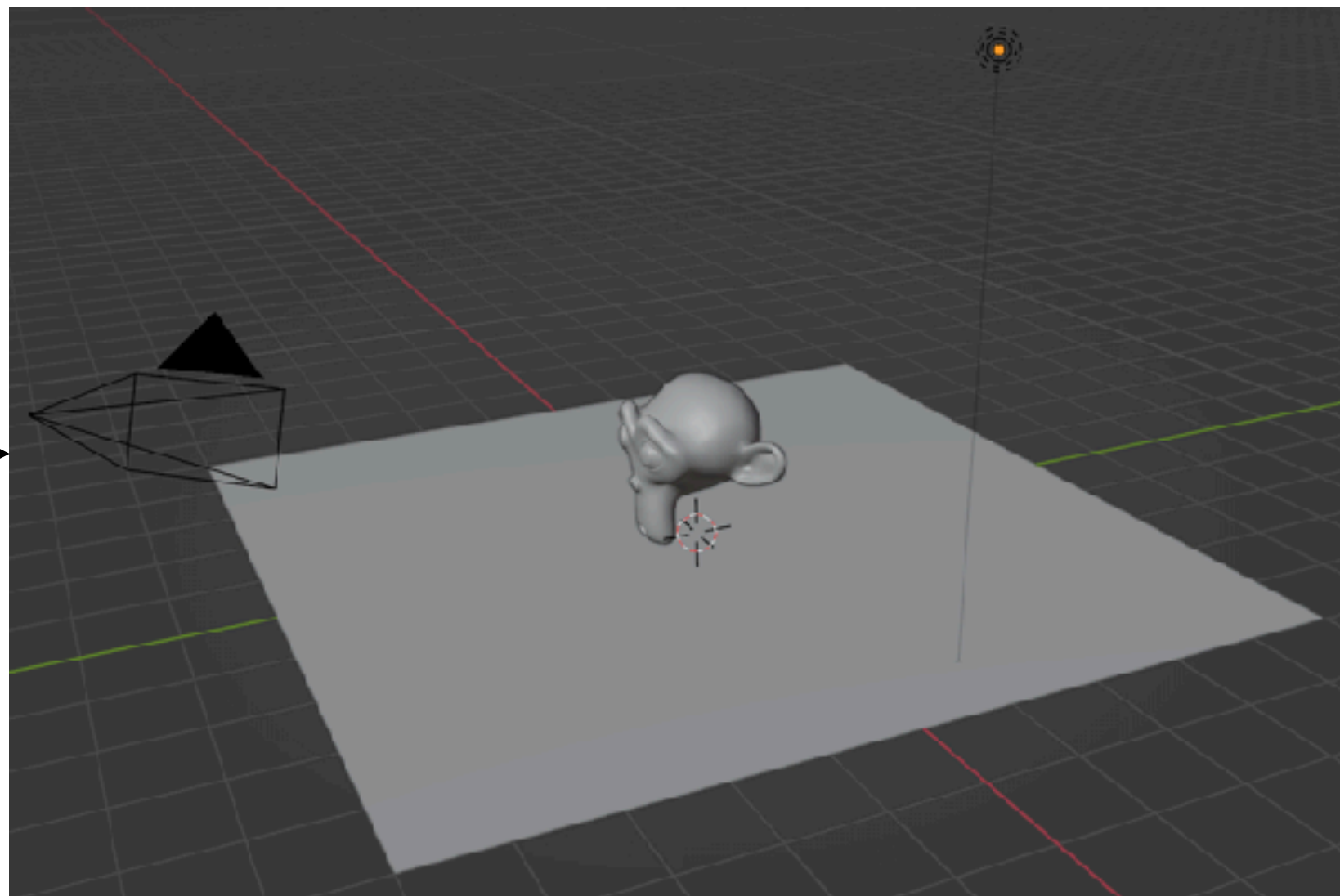


Animation





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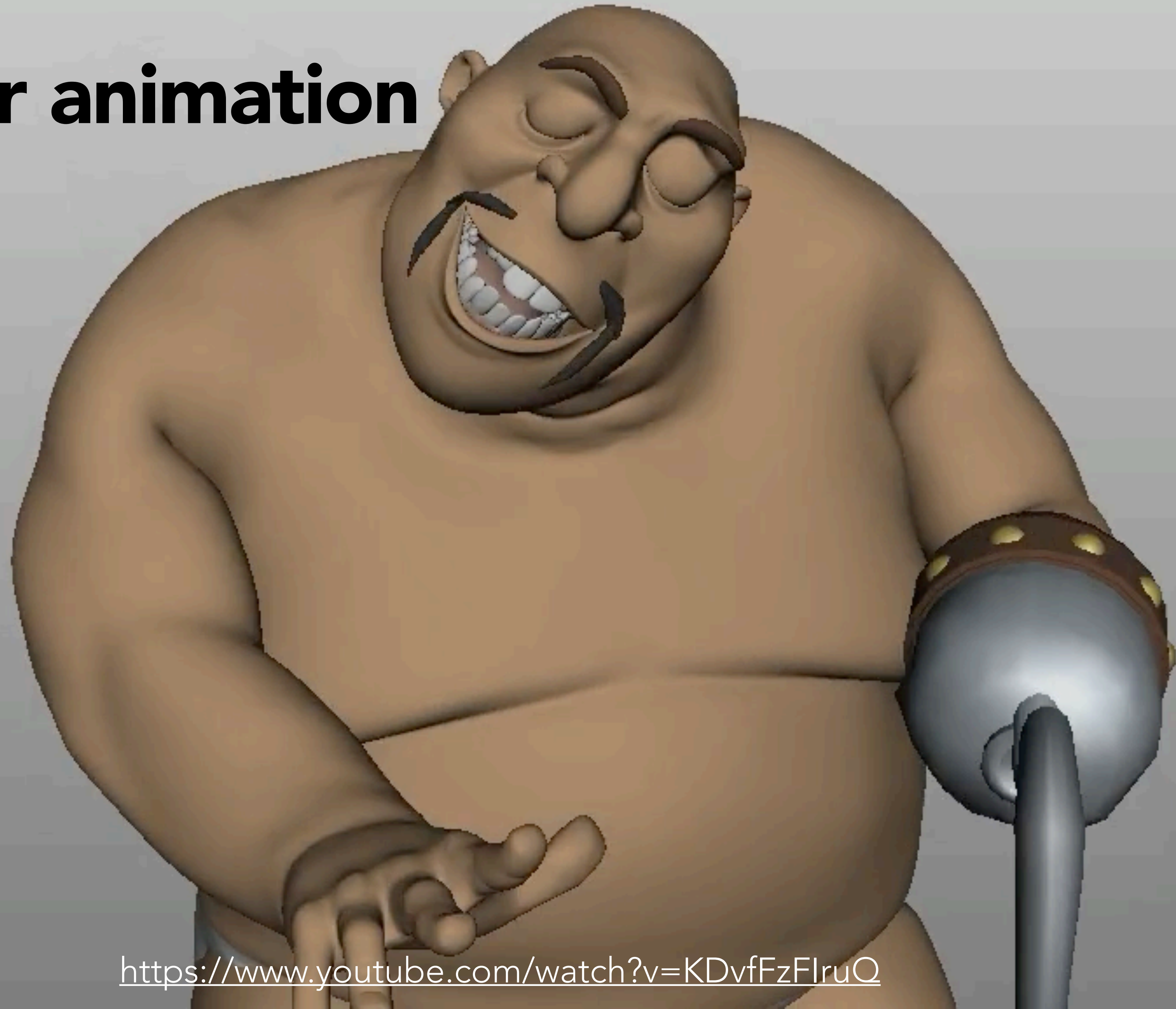


Rendering



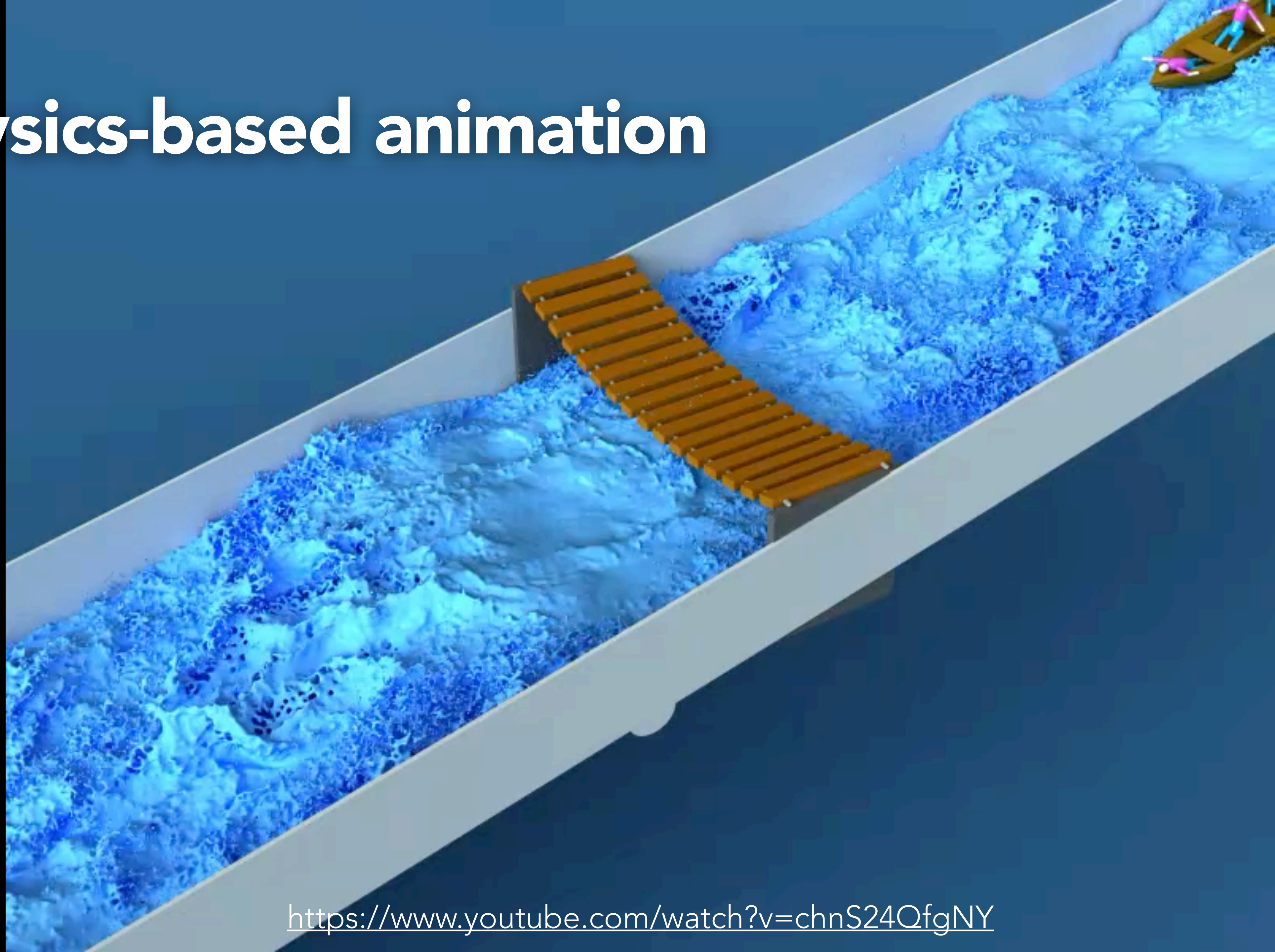
Modeling

Character animation



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Physics-based animation

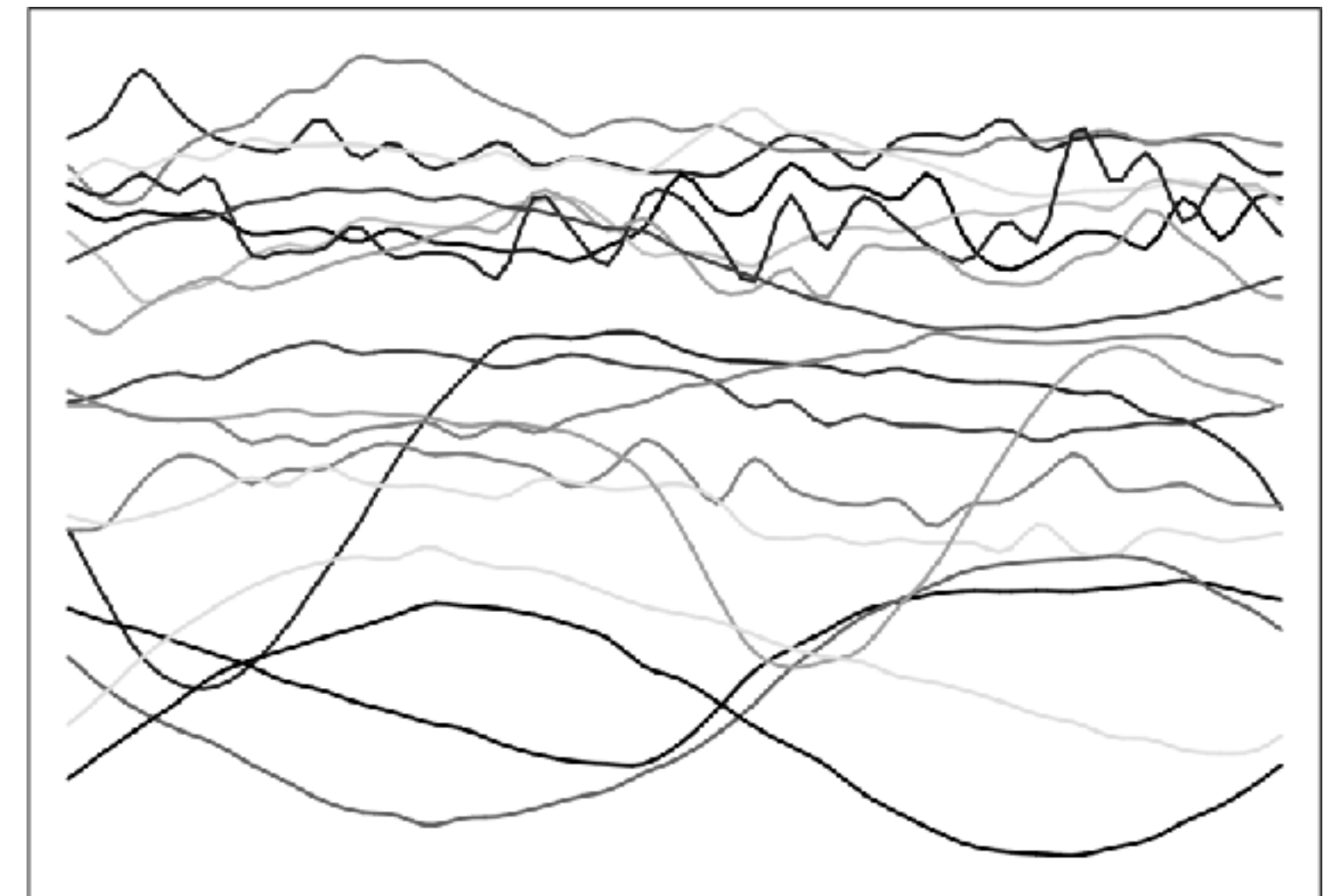
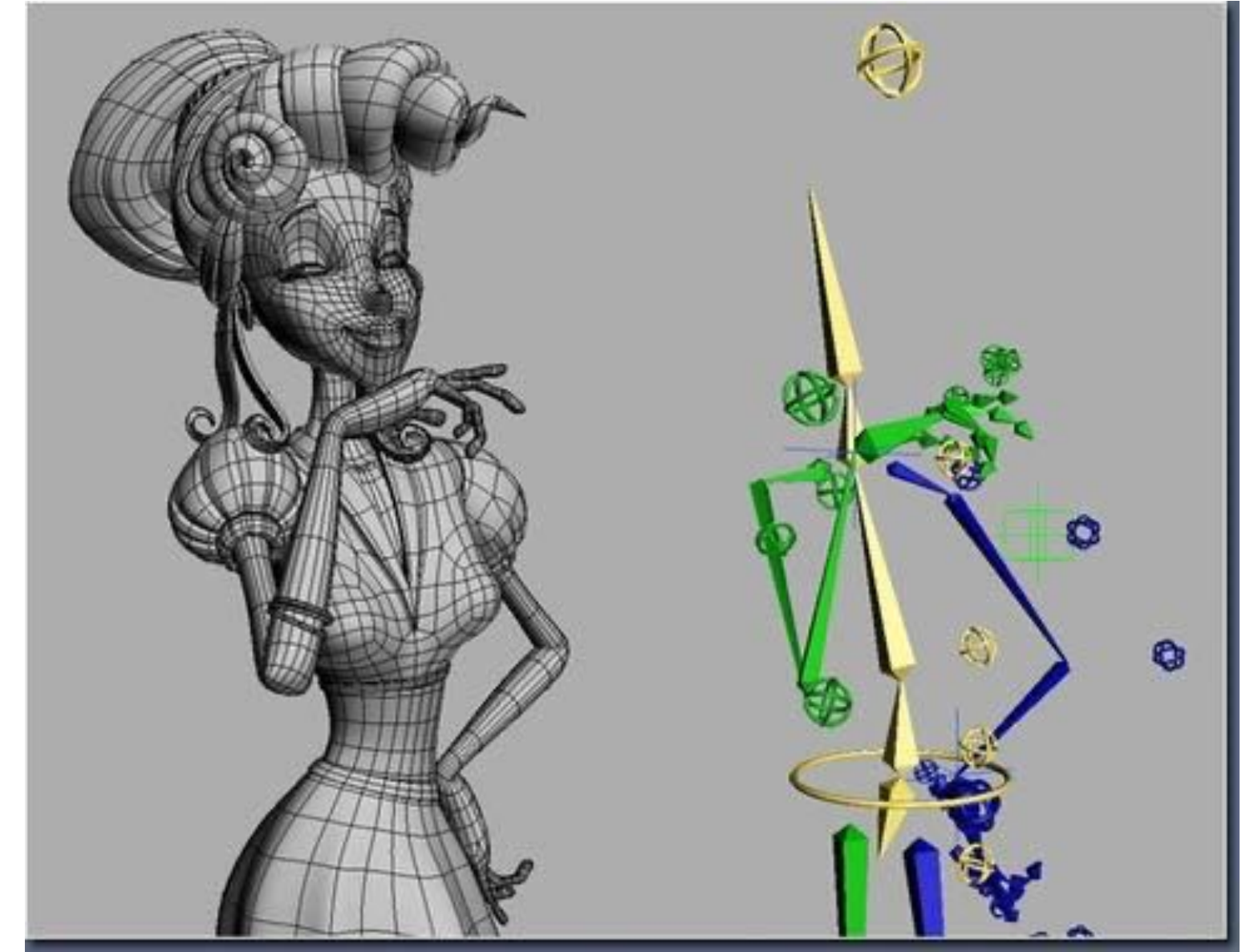


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Animation is defined through a set of **animation controls** (**degrees of freedom**) whose values vary with time

For example:

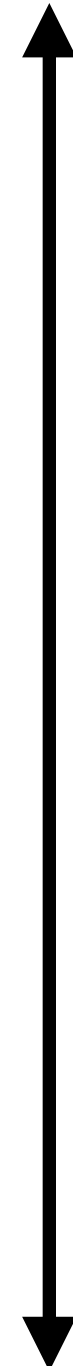
- Character: joint angles, etc.
- Rigid body: translation and rotation
- Liquid: position/velocity of all particles(!)



Types of animation techniques

- Artist-specified
(e.g. keyframing)
- Data-driven
(e.g. motion capture)
- Procedural
(e.g. simulation)

More artistic control



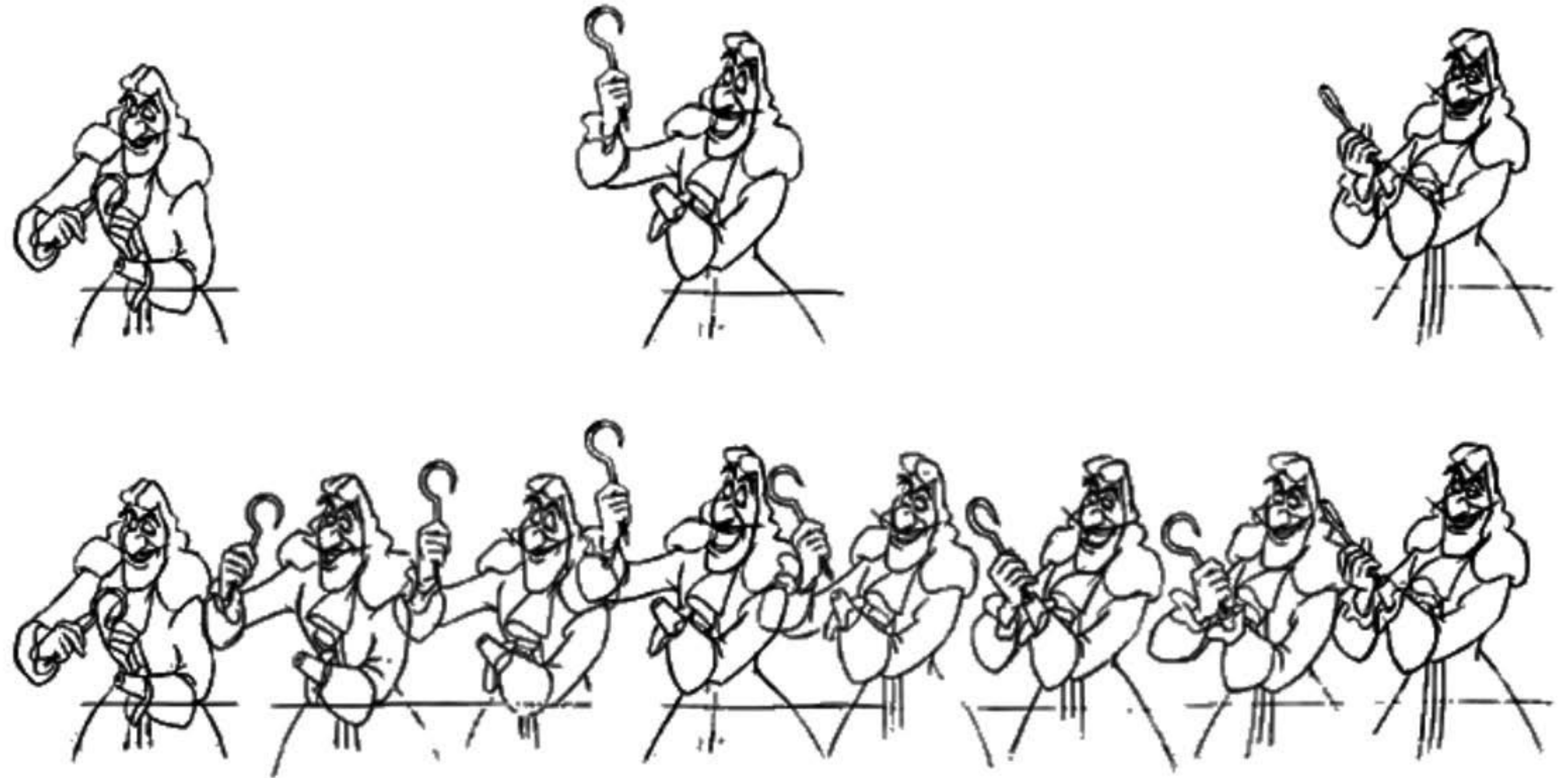
Less manual effort



Keyframe animation

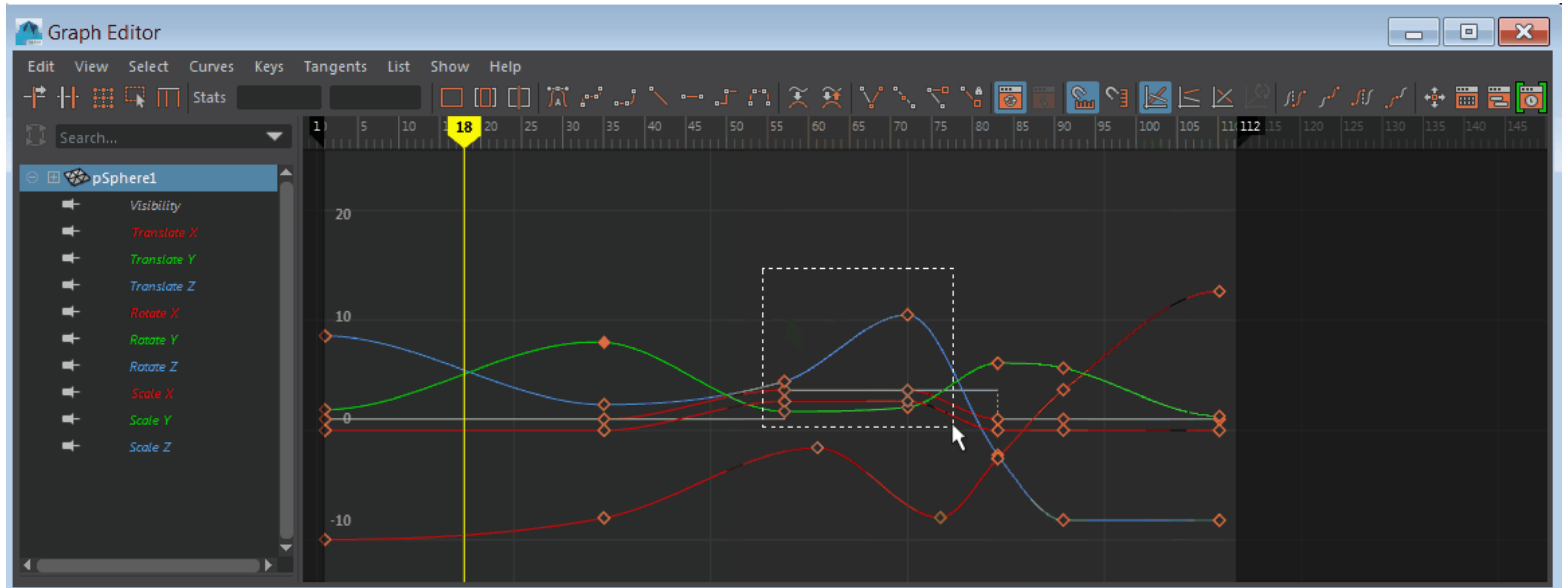
In traditional (hand-drawn) animation:

- Lead animator creates **keyframes**
- Assistant creates in-between frames ("**tweening**")

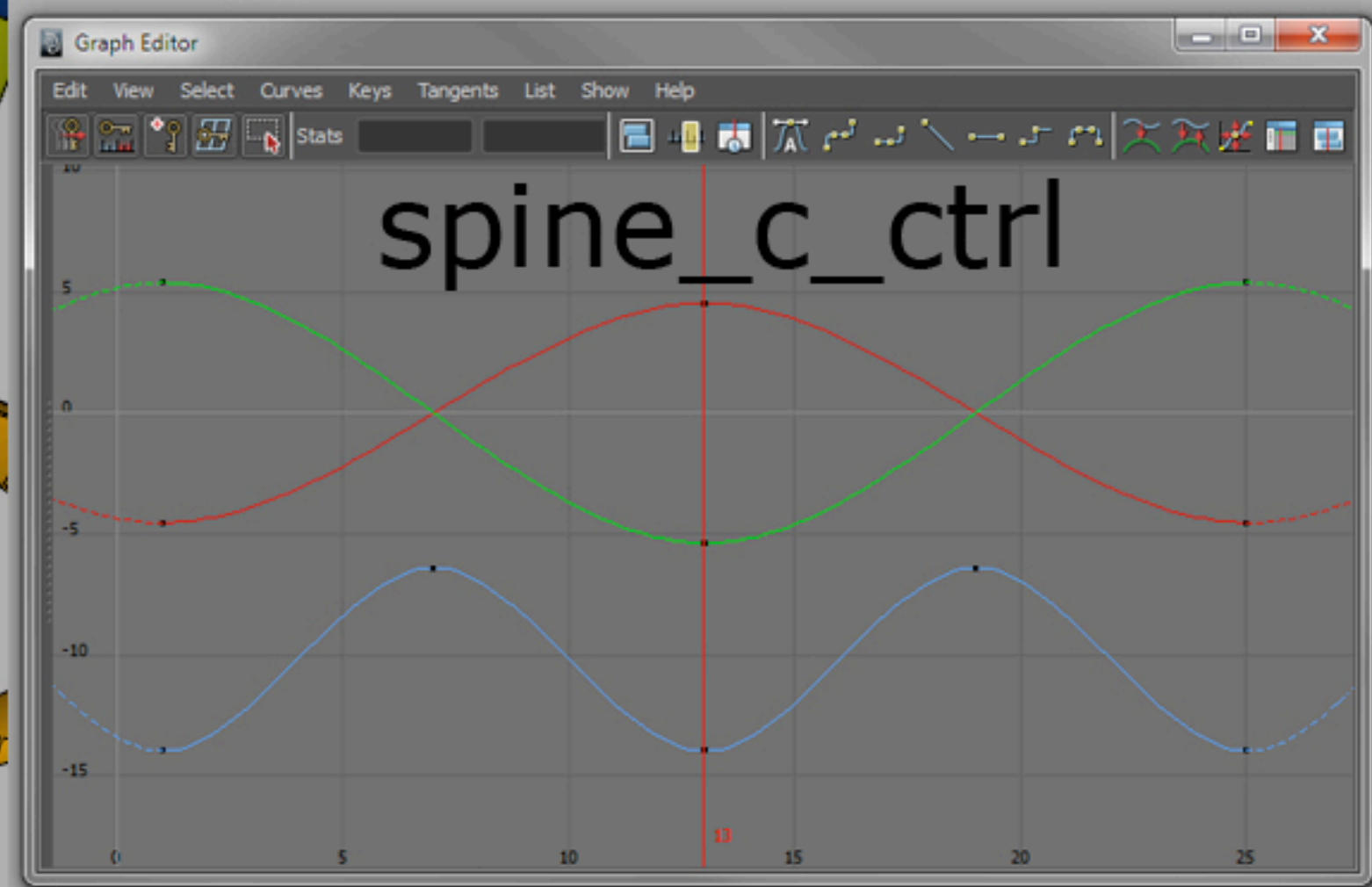
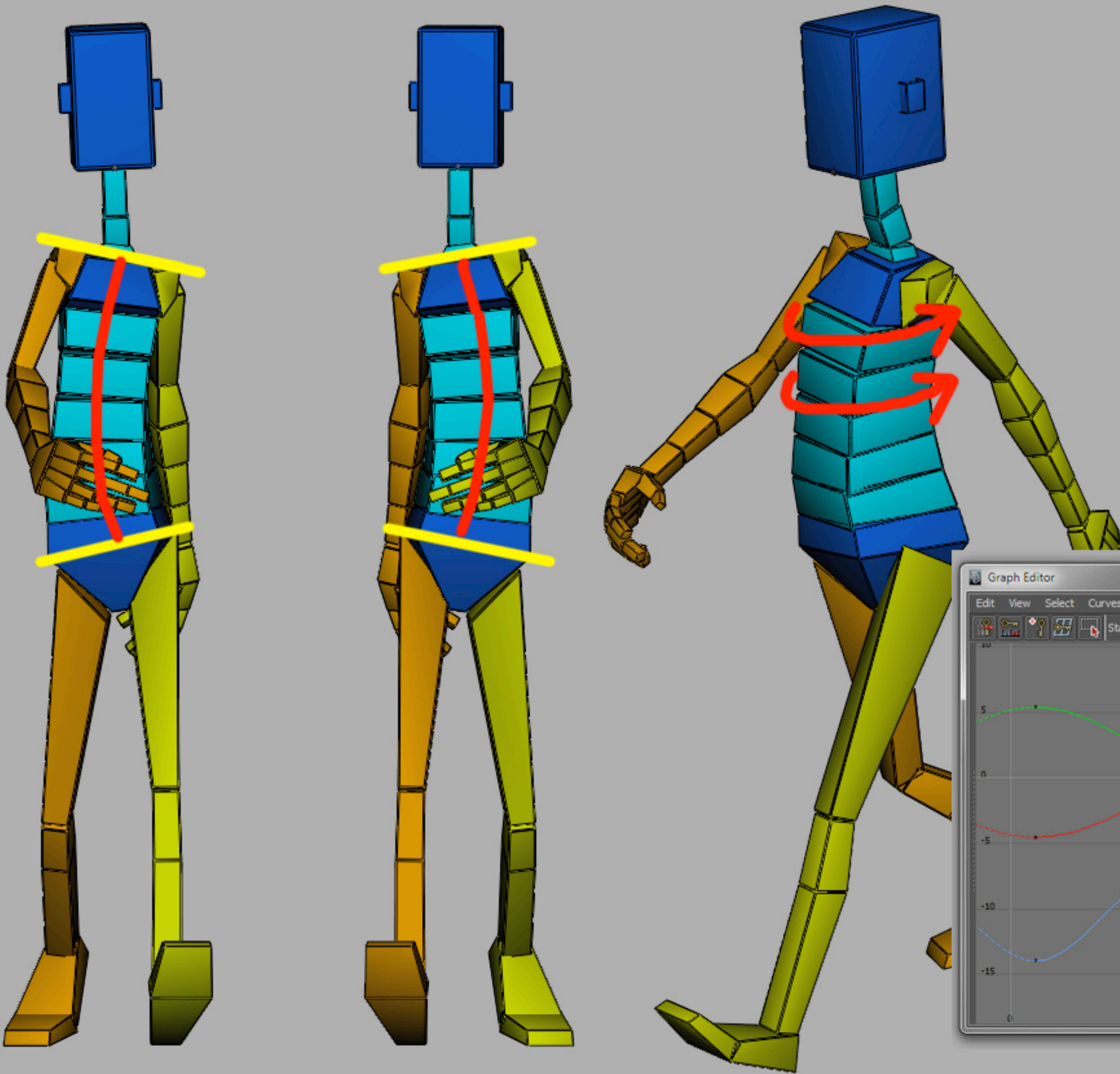


Thomas & Johnston, *The Illusion of Life*

In computer animation, keyframes = control points, tweening = splines!



Autodesk Maya's Graph Editor



Motion capture



CAESAR



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NU9ikjqjC0>

Physics-based animation (a.k.a. simulation)

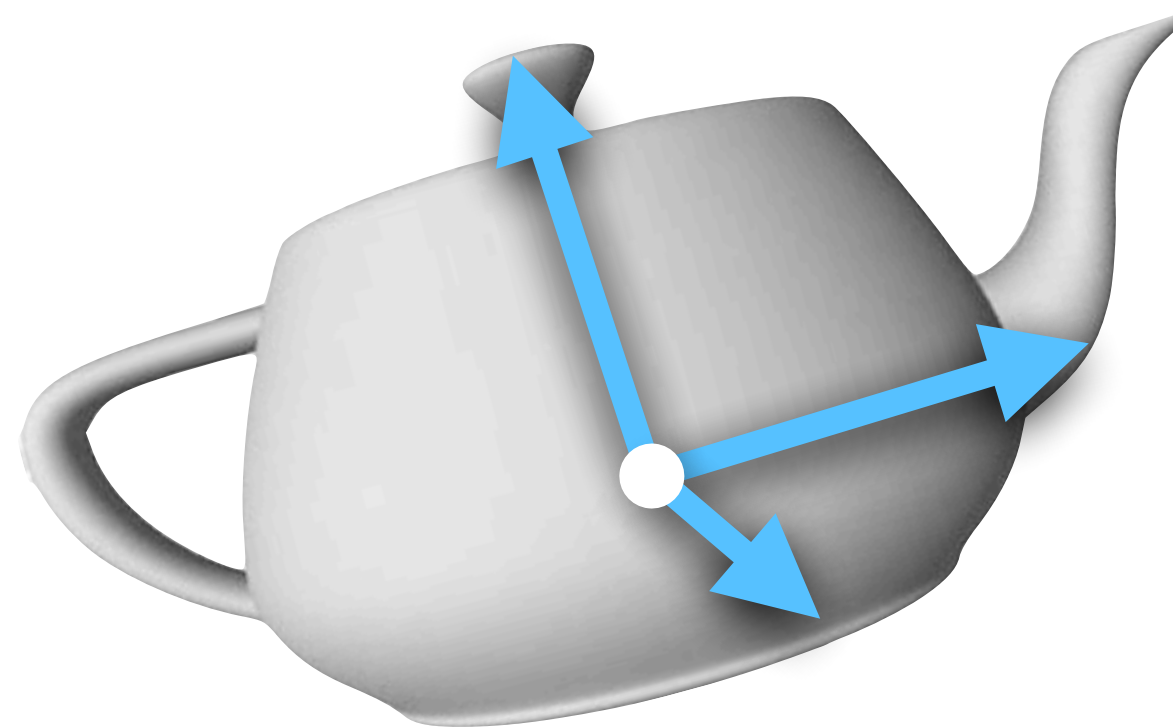
Solve the **equations of motion** to automatically get physically realistic motion.

e.g. **Rigid bodies**

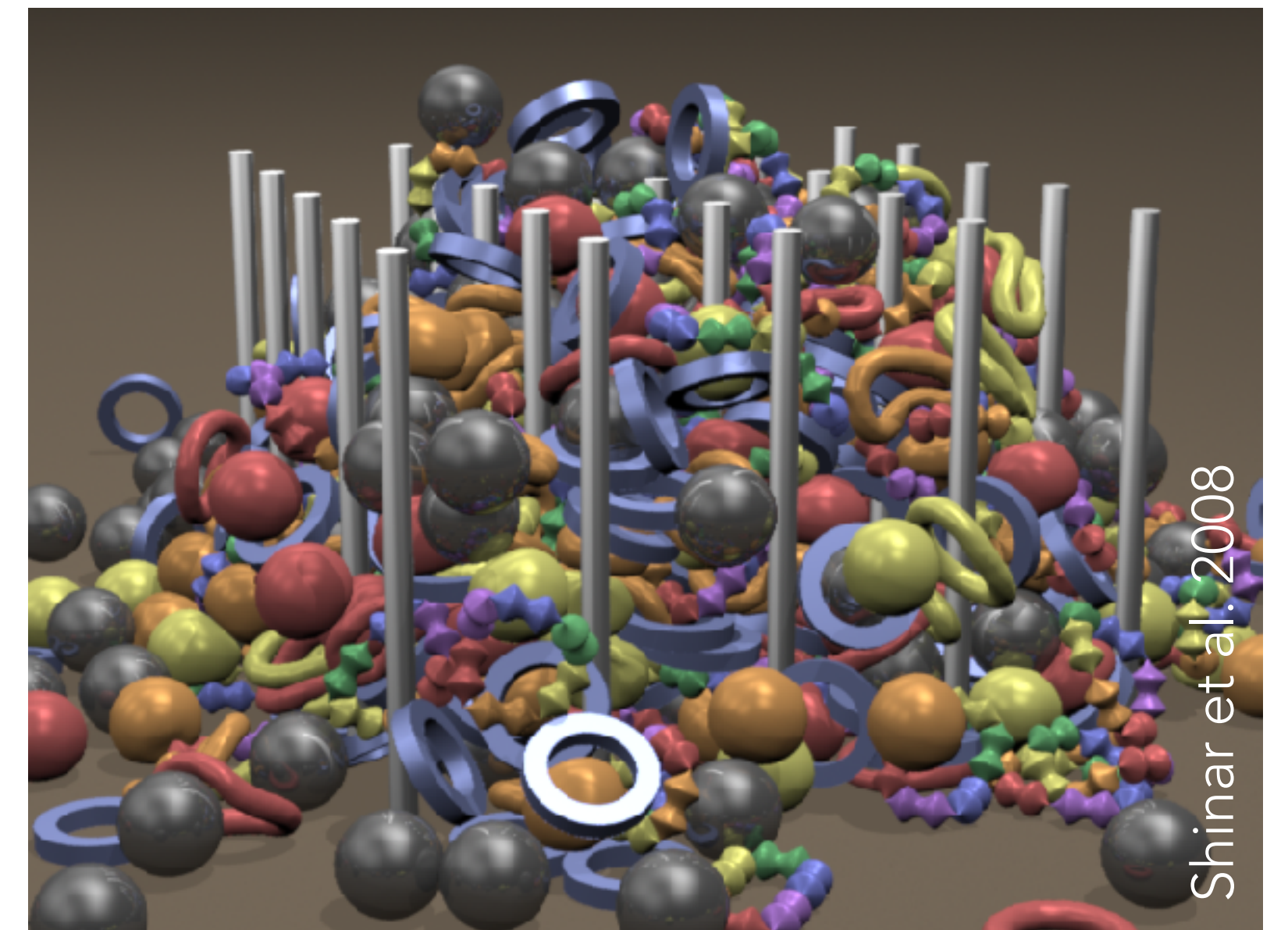
- Degrees of freedom: position, rotation

$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{x}}{dt^2} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}/m$$

$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{R}}{dt^2} = \dots$$



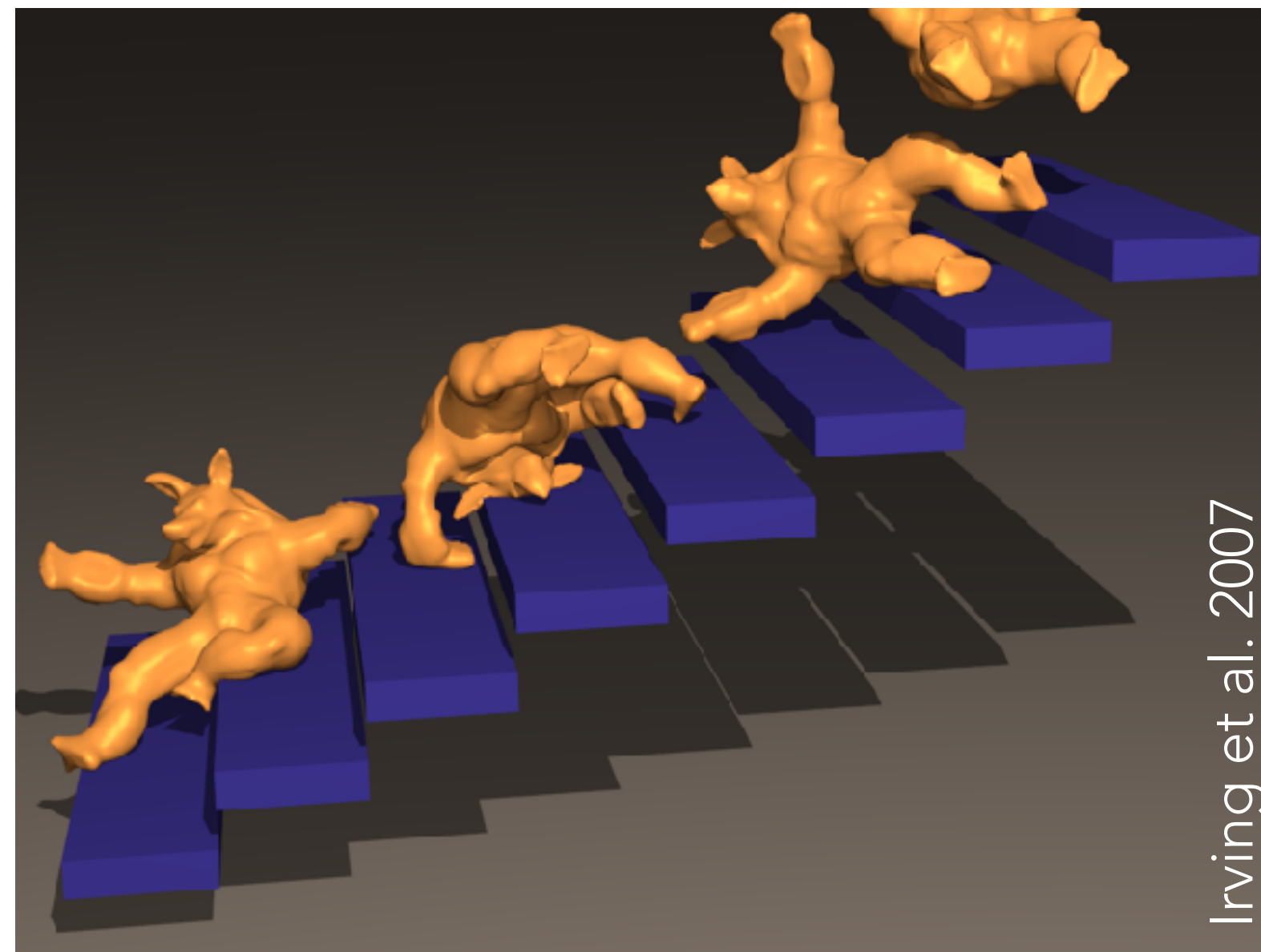
- Challenges: collisions, frictional contact, stacking



Deformable bodies, cloth, etc.

Every vertex can move independently! But deformation causes internal elastic forces

- Physically accurate: **finite element method**
- Simplified approximation: **mass-spring systems**
(just a bunch of particles connected by springs)

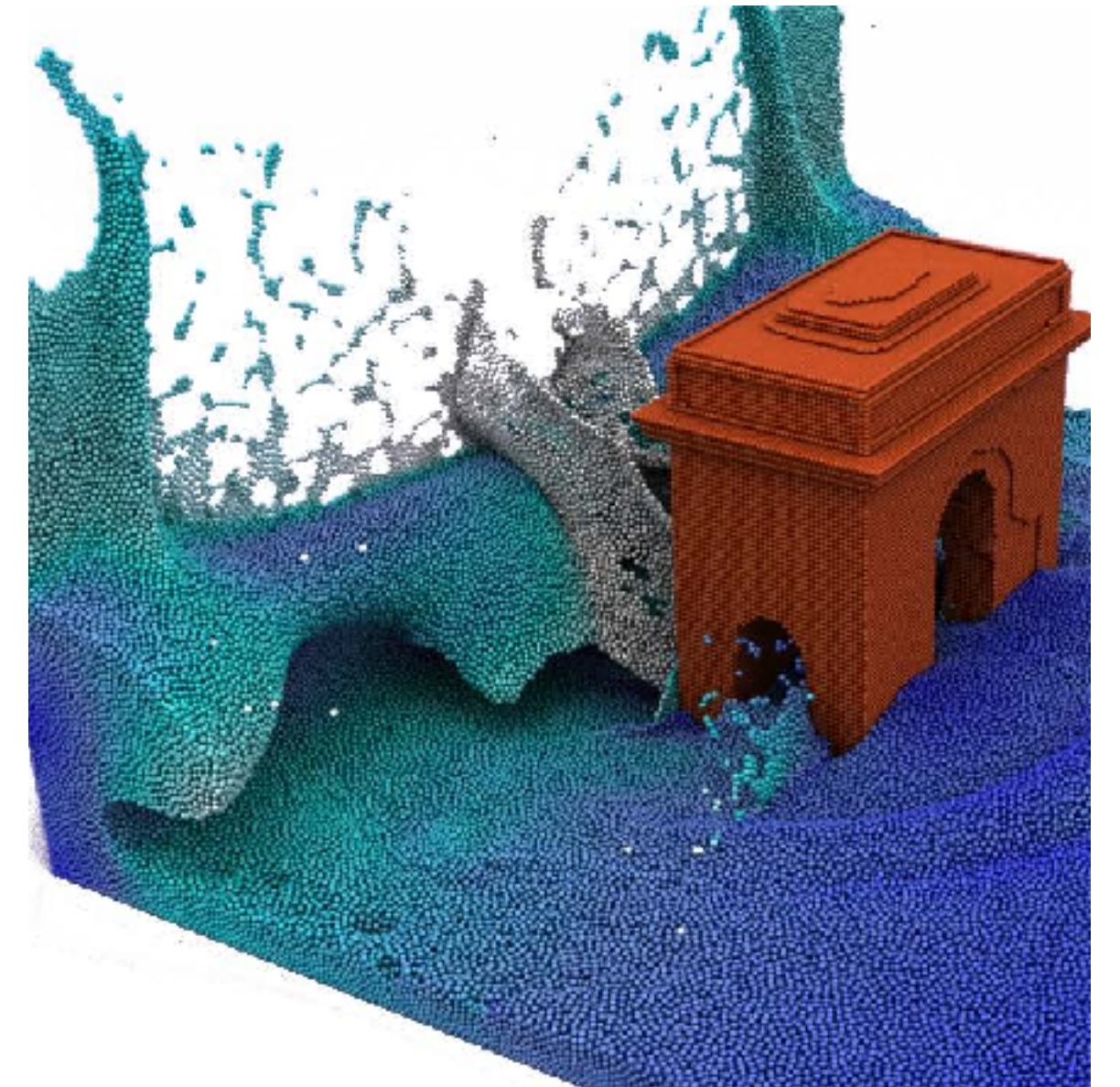
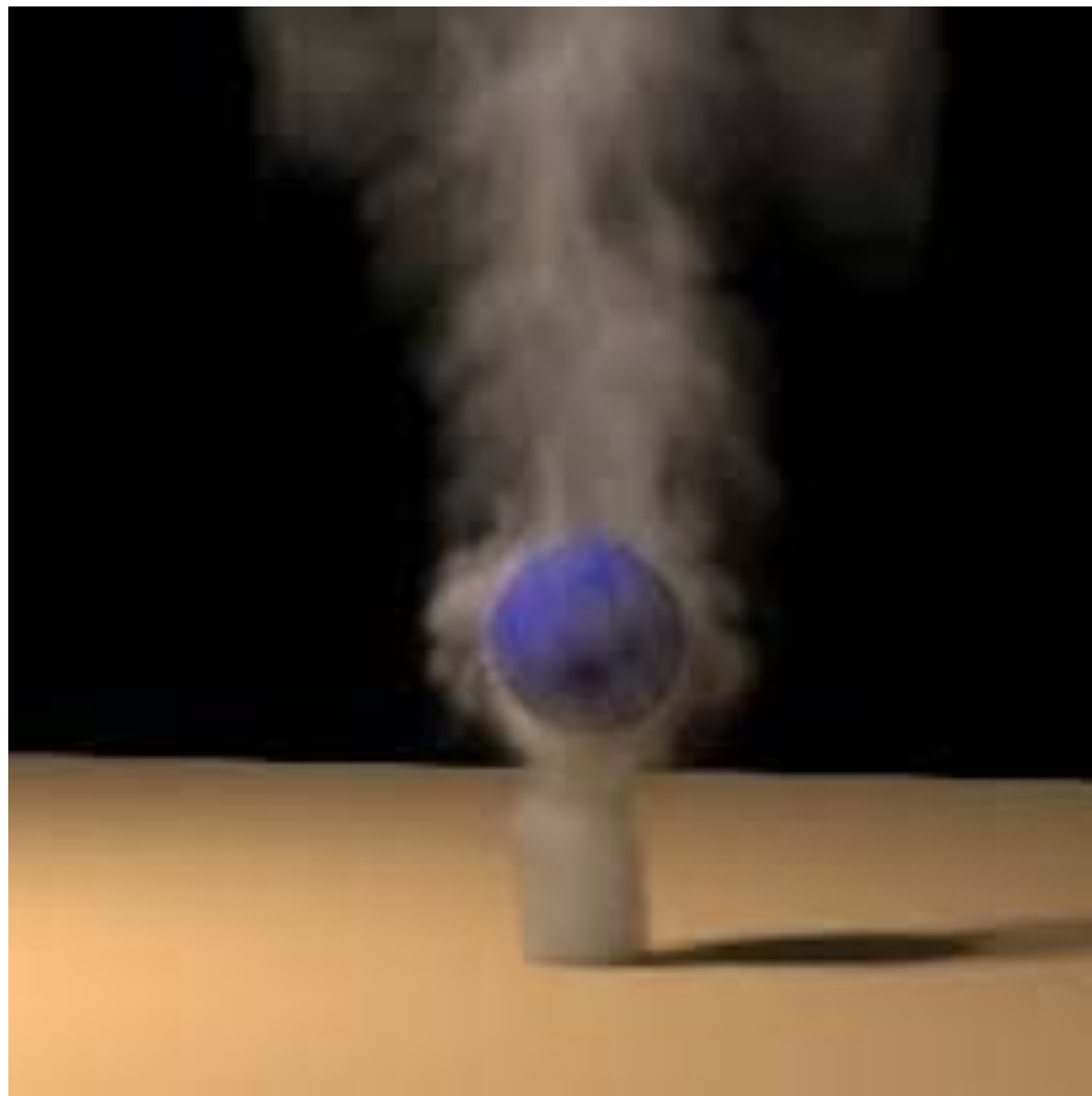


Fluids (smoke, water, fire, etc.)

Described by systems of partial differential equations

Velocity field $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$: every point has its own velocity!

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \left[\dots \text{something involving } \mathbf{v}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \text{ etc. } \dots \right]$$



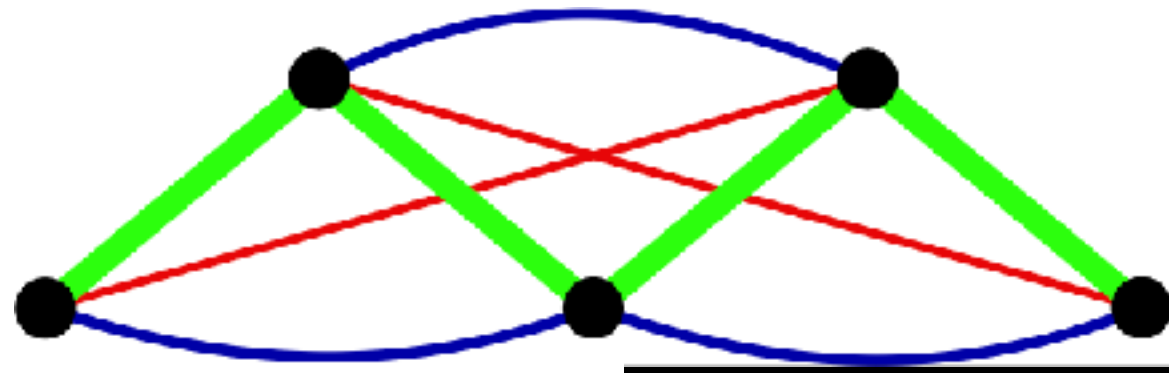
Physics in character animation

- Flesh
- Hair
- Clothing
- ...

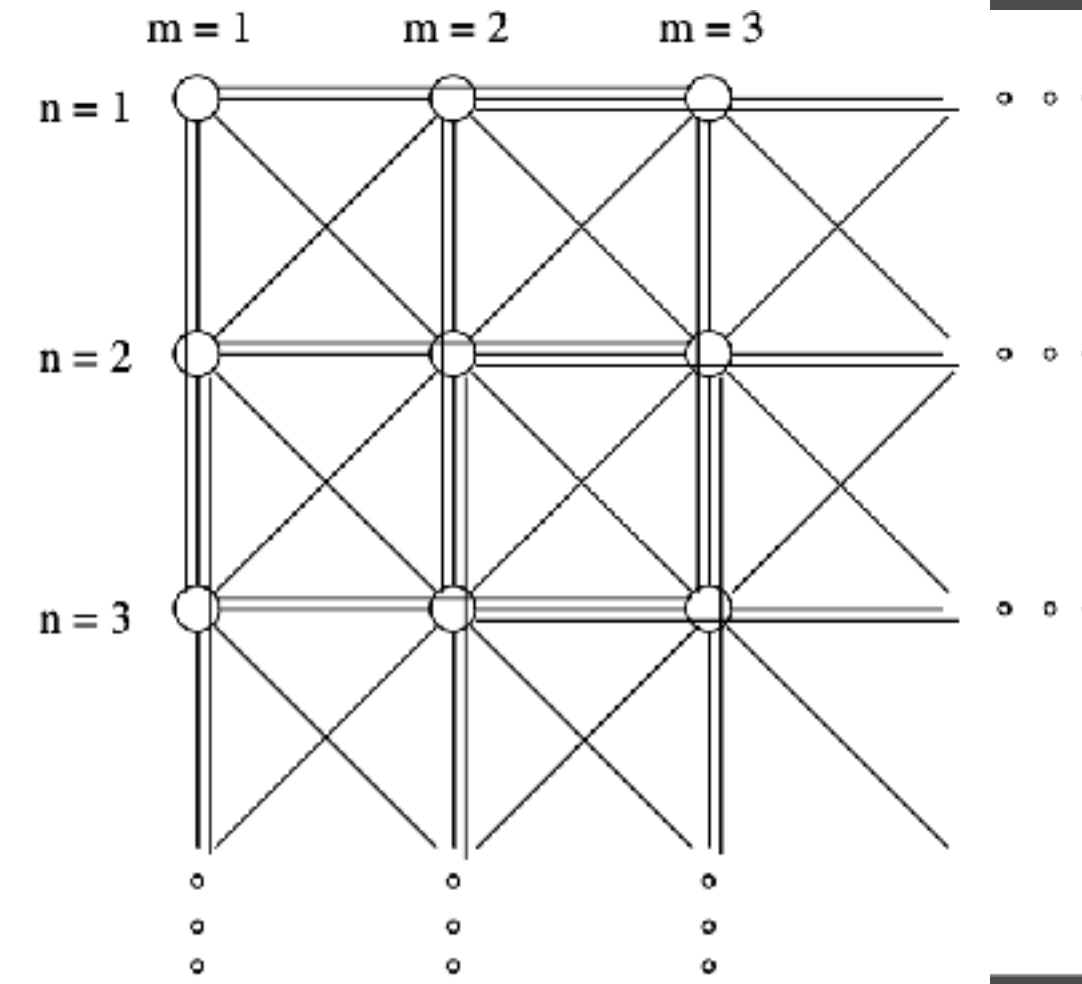


<https://vimeo.com/245424174>

Mass-spring systems



Selle et al. 2008



Choi & Ko 2002

Recall springs in 1 dimension from physics classes.

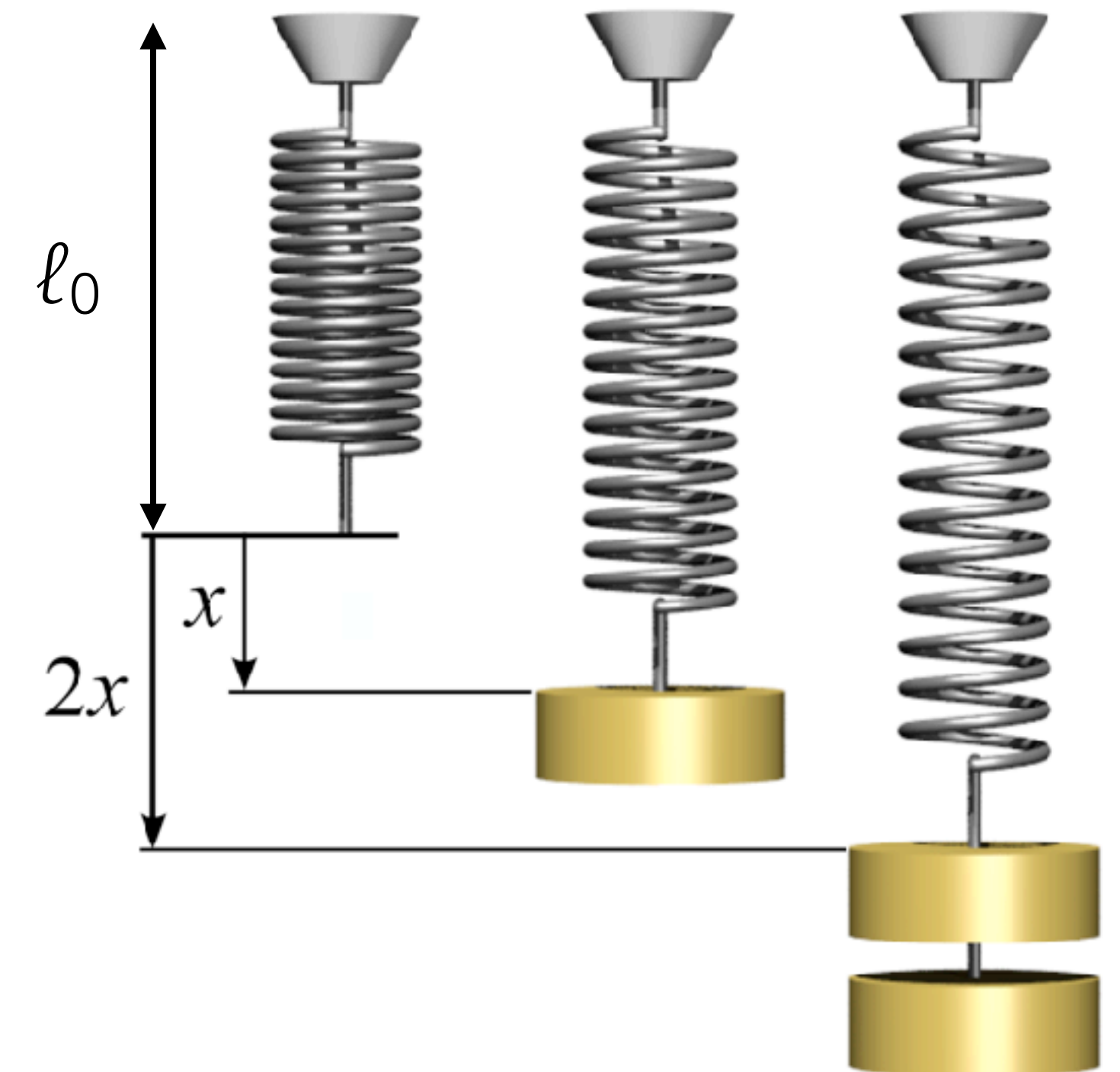
Hooke's law: force is proportional to displacement

$$F = -k x = -k (\ell - \ell_0)$$

Potential energy:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k (\ell - \ell_0)^2$$

In fact $F = -dU/d\ell$



In 3D, suppose a spring connects particles i and j . What should be the force $\mathbf{f}_{ij}$ on i due to j ?

Let's first define the potential:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k (\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\| - \ell_0)^2$$



Then $\mathbf{f}_{ij} = -\partial U / \partial \mathbf{x}_i \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_{ij} &= -k (\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\| - \ell_0) \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|} \\ &= -k (\|\mathbf{x}_{ij}\| - \ell_0) \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\mathbf{f}_{ji} = -\partial U / \partial \mathbf{x}_j$ (but it's also just $-\mathbf{f}_{ij}$)

Exercise: Derive this expression from $-\partial U / \partial \mathbf{x}_i$. Optional: Look up multivariable calculus identities, chain rule, etc. so you don't have to differentiate componentwise.

Time stepping

Equations of motion:

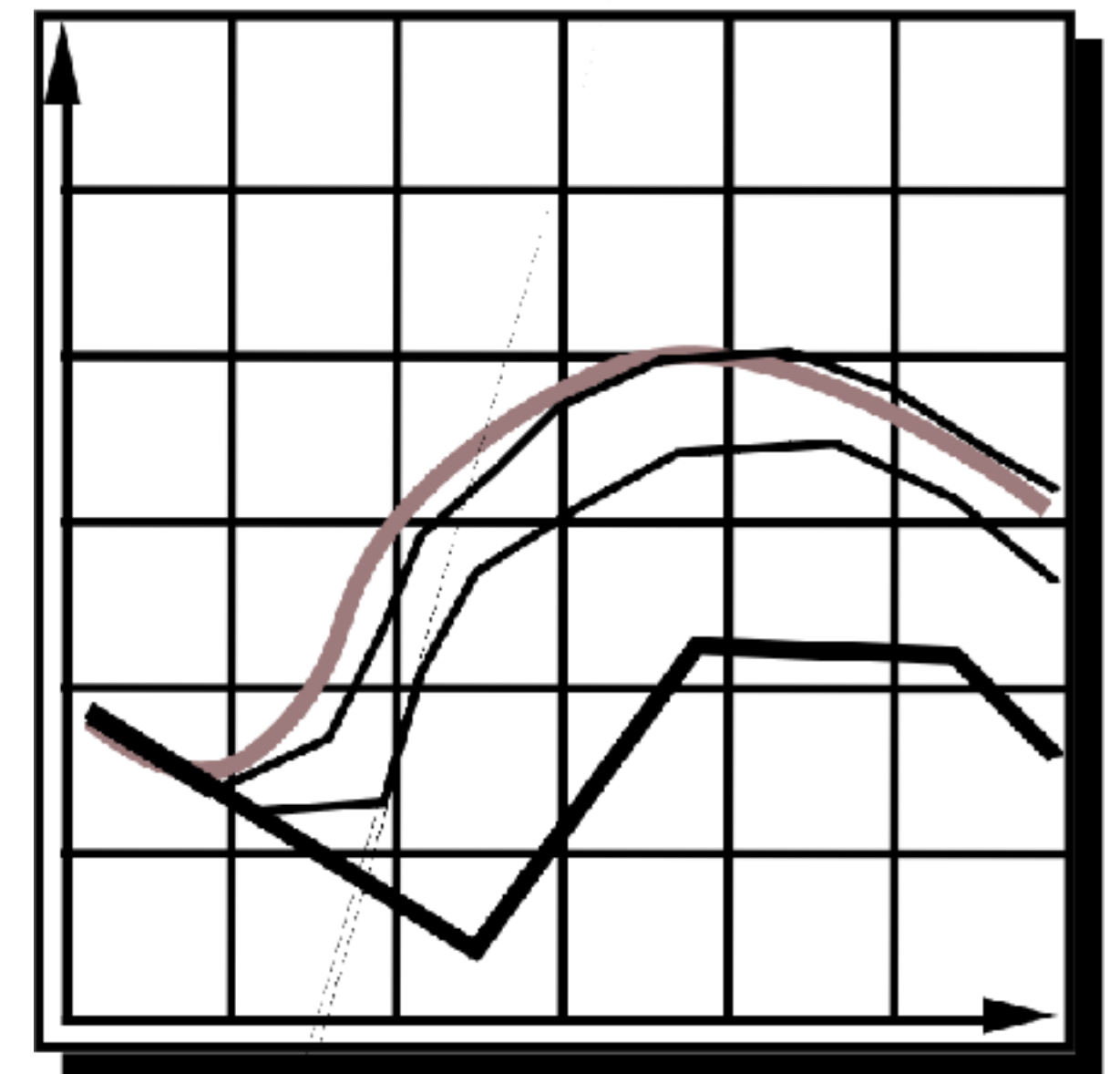
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_i}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_i \quad \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = m_i^{-1} \sum \mathbf{f}_{ij}$$

Take small **time steps** from time t_0 to t_1 , then t_1 to t_2 , and so on...

$$\mathbf{v}_i(t_{n+1}) \approx \mathbf{v}_i(t_n) + \Delta t m_i^{-1} \sum \mathbf{f}_{ij}(t_n)$$

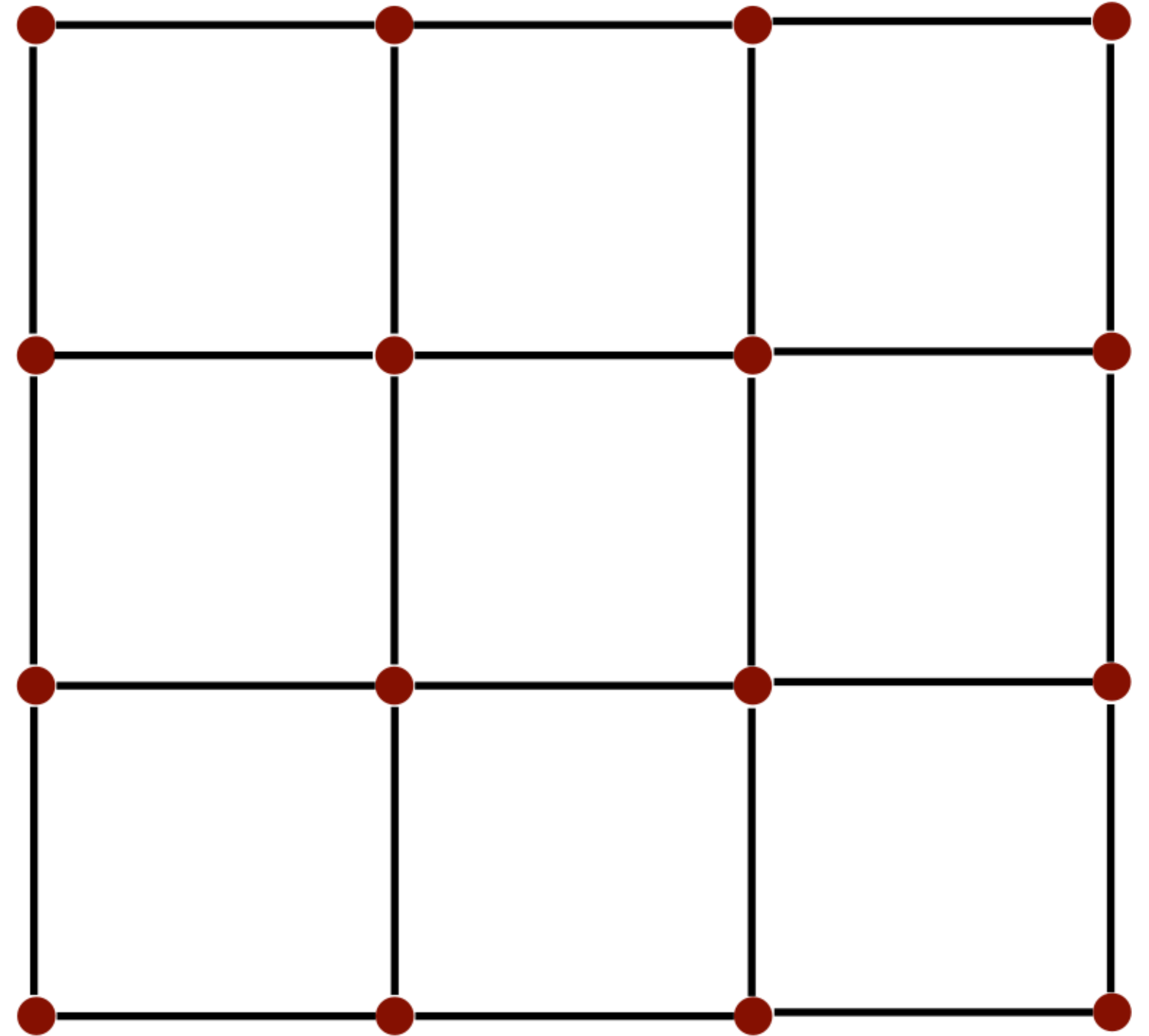
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Tradeoff: Smaller $\Delta t \rightarrow$ more accurate, but more computation to reach any desired t .



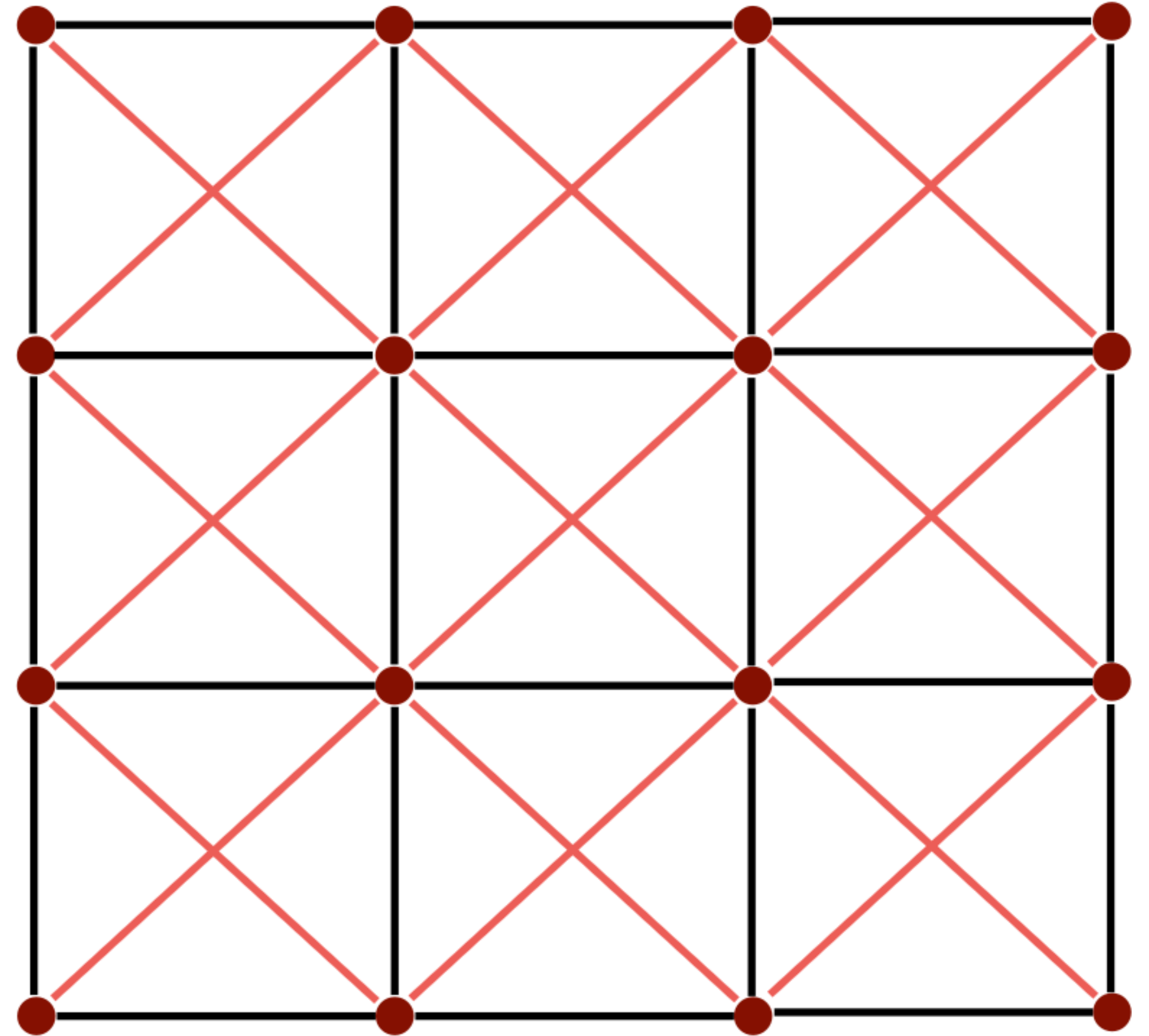
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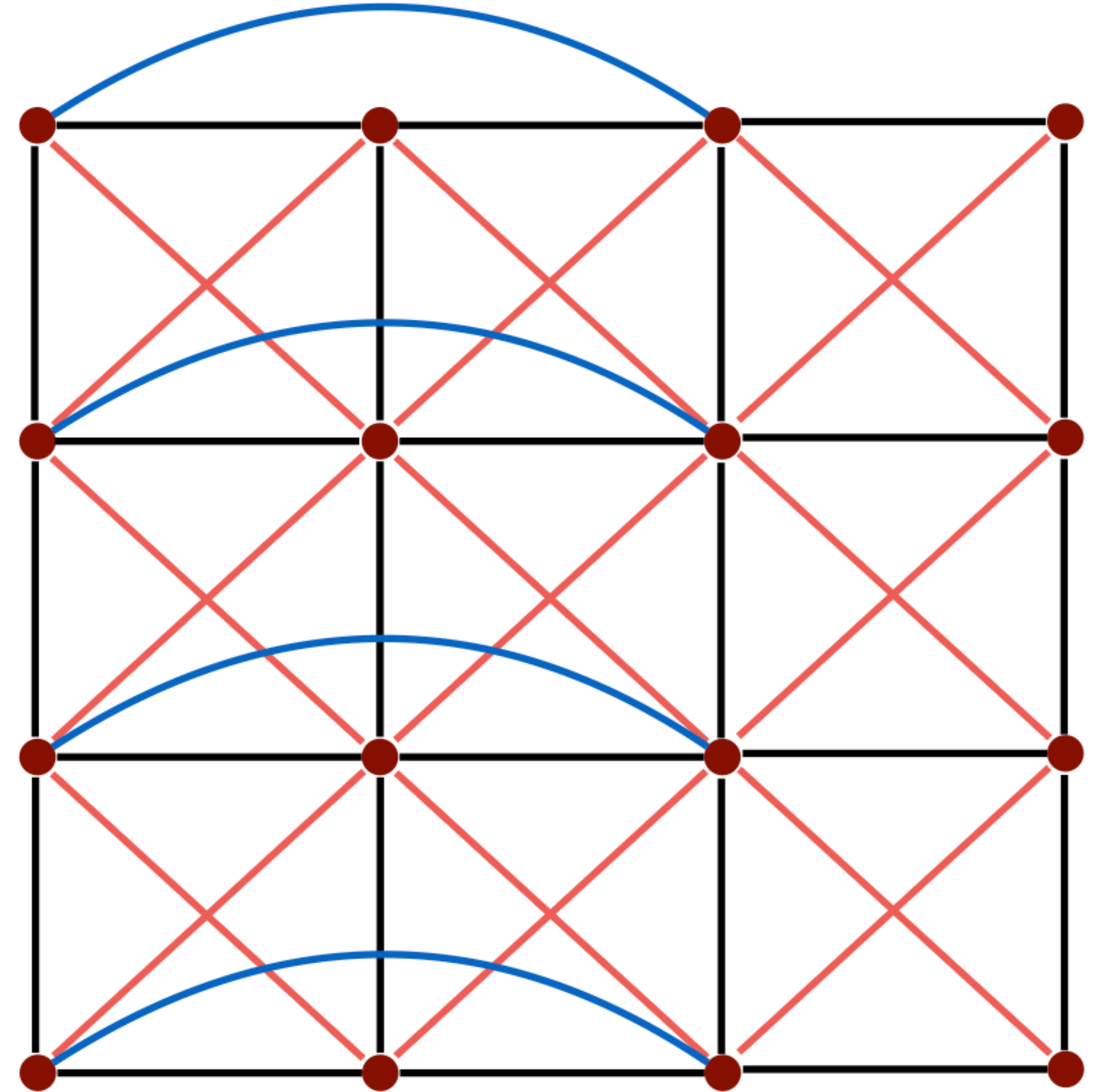
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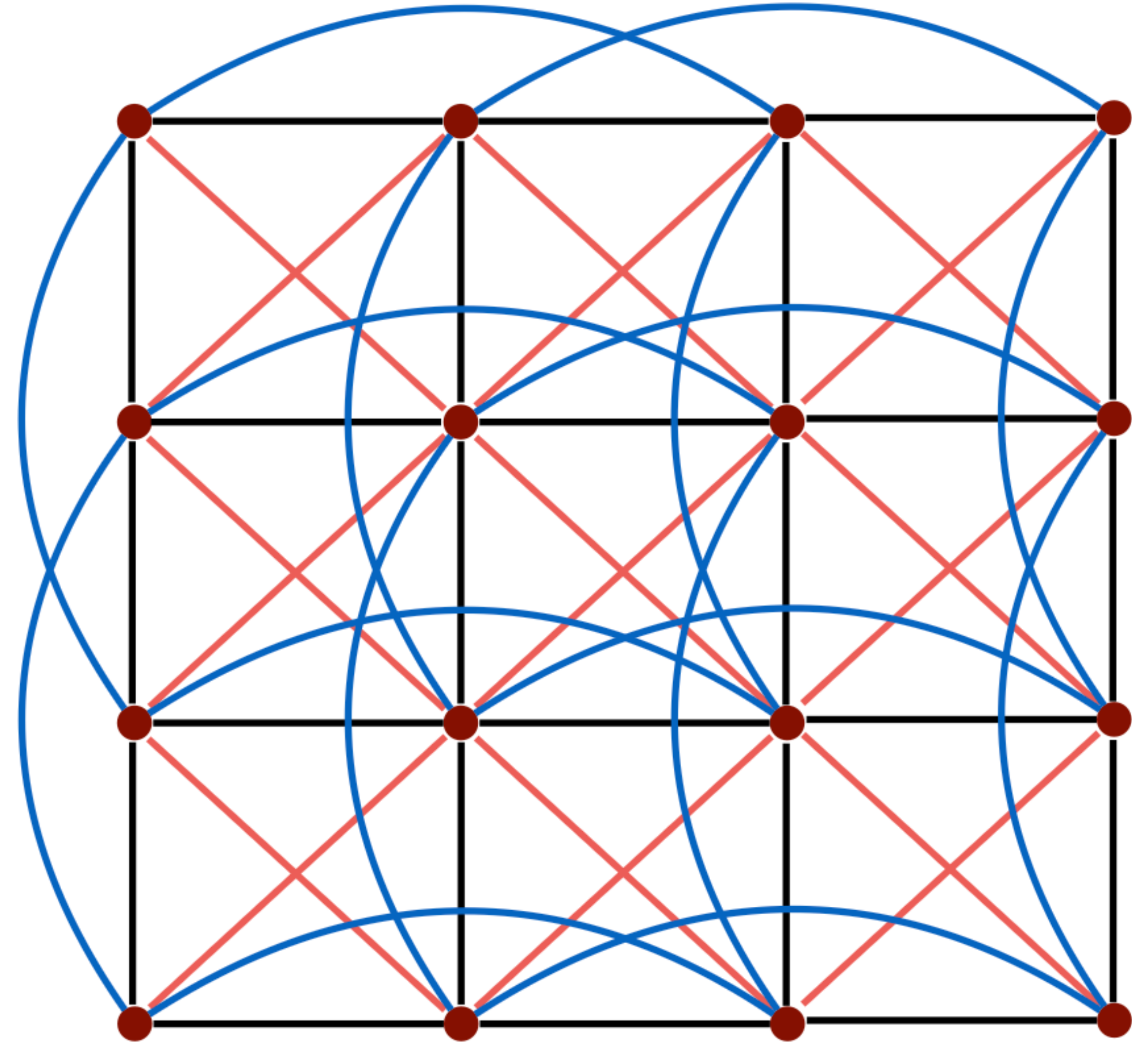
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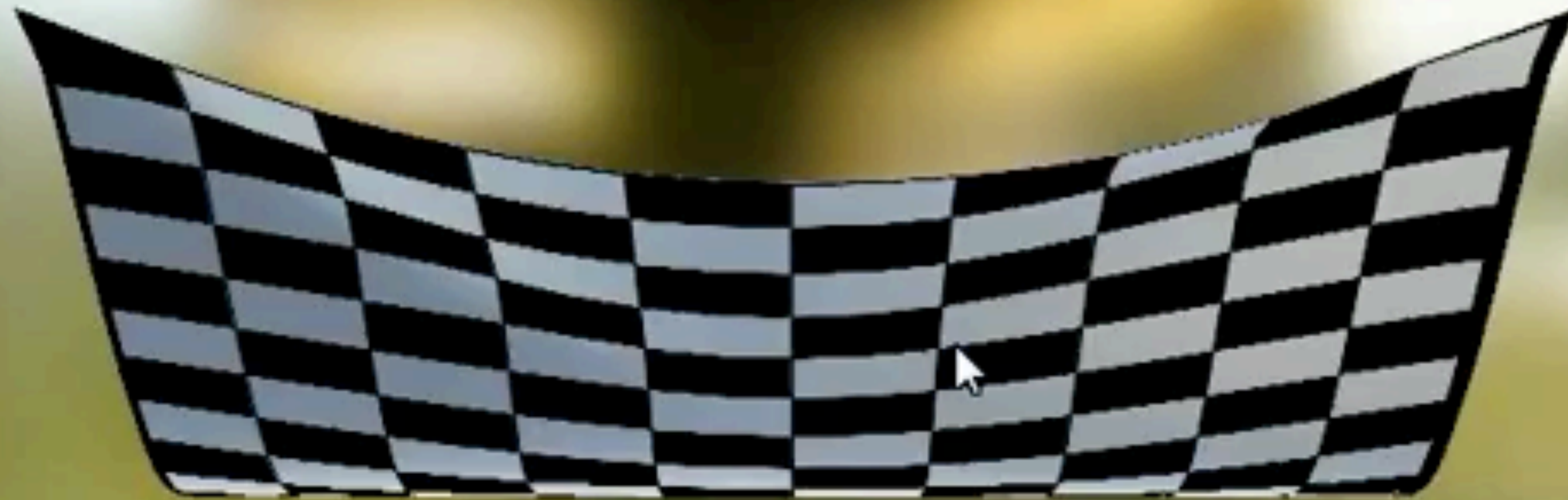
CLOTH



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4oFuXovsrM>

NEGATIVE EXAMPLE: NO SHEAR AND BEND SPRINGS

CLOTH



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NEGATIVE EXAMPLE: NO BEND SPRINGS

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The End

