

# Lecture 26:

# 3D Reconstruction

# and Generation



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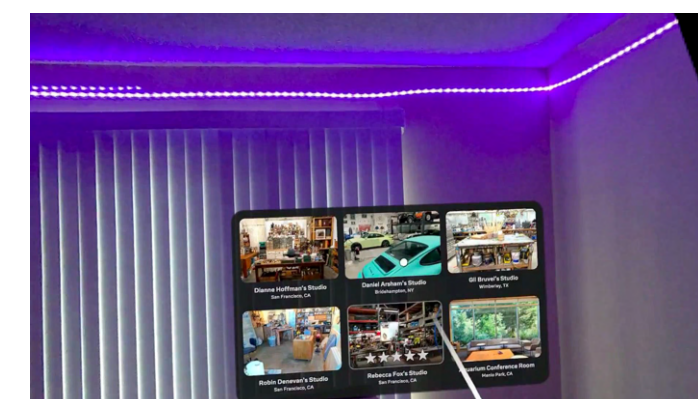
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*Thanks to Ethan Webber and Matthew Tancik the slides!*

# Overview

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## 3D Reconstruction

**Structure-from-Motion**

**Novel-View Synthesis**

**Open-Source Tools**

**Limitations**

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## 3D Generation

**Text-Only Conditioned**

**Image & Pose Conditioned**

**Scene Completion**

**Large-Scale Datasets**

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## NeRF

**Large-Scale Datasets**

**Scene Understanding**

**Robotics Manipulation**

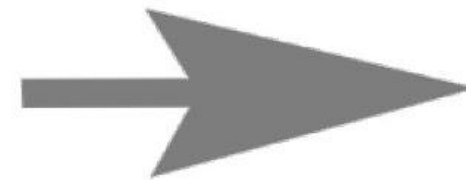


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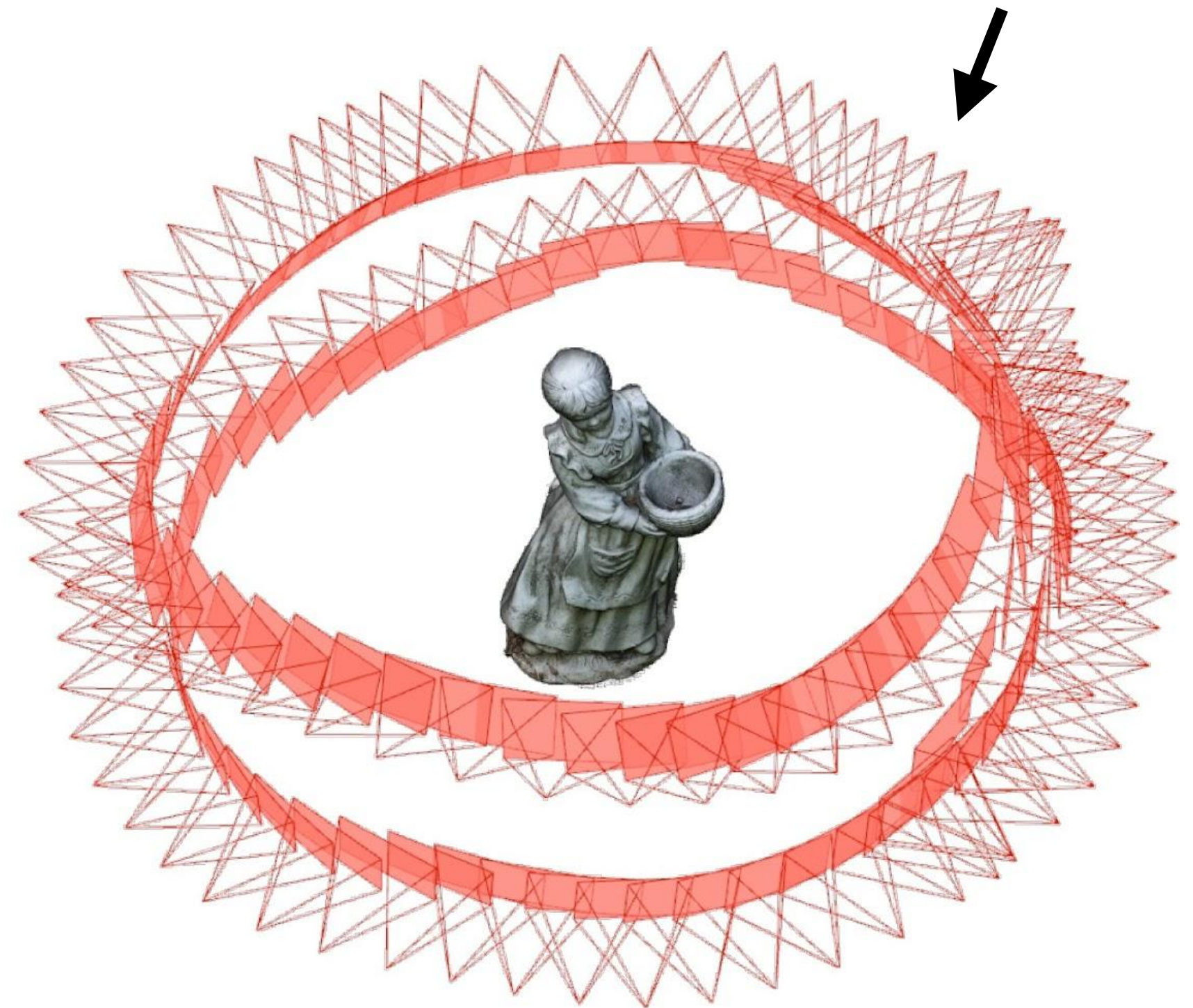
## Structure-from-Motion



Input Images



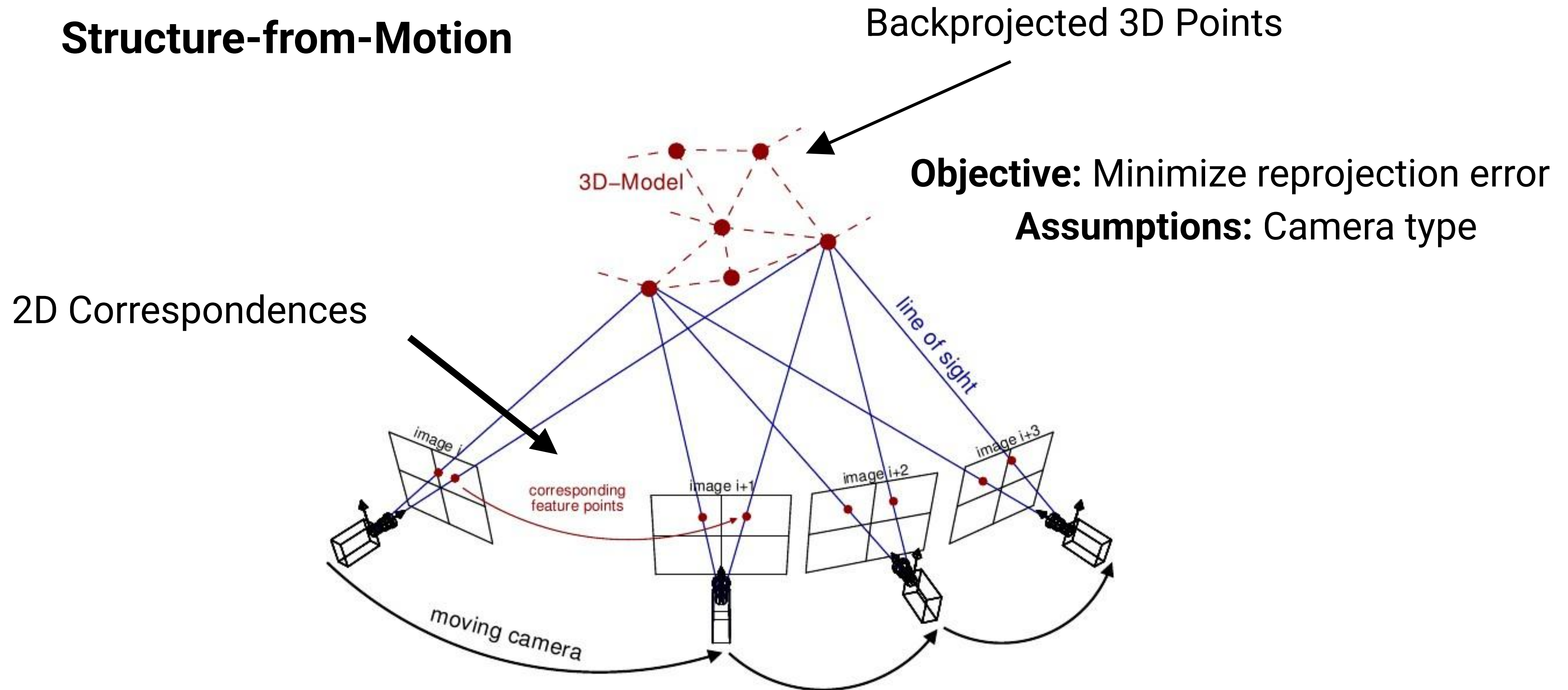
Recovered Camera Parameters





# 3D Reconstruction

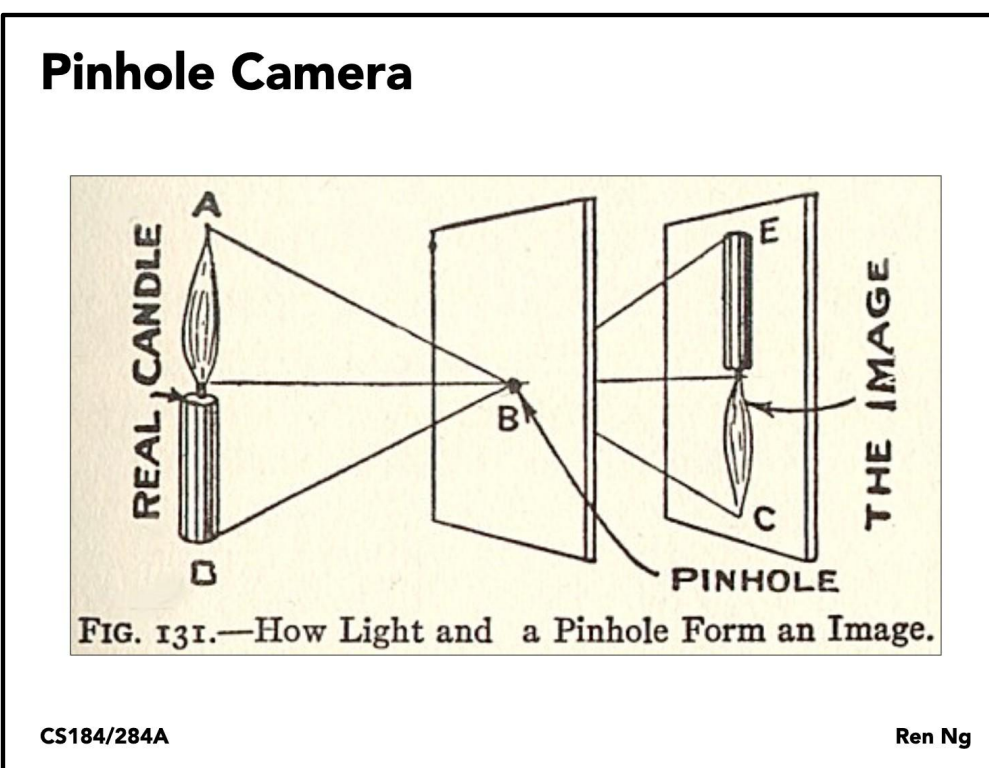
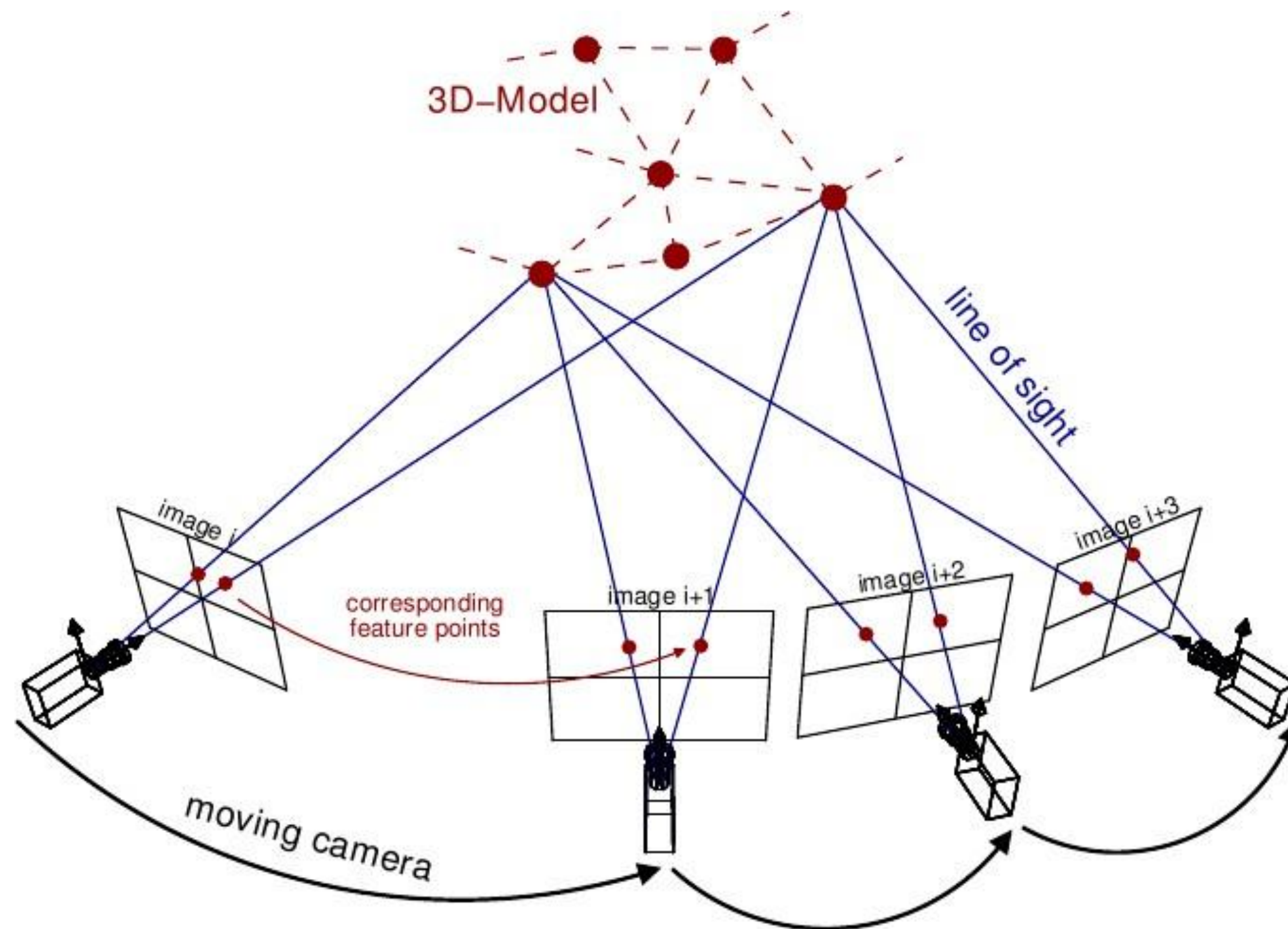
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## Structure-from-Motion

**Objective:** Minimize reprojection error  
**Assumptions:** Camera type



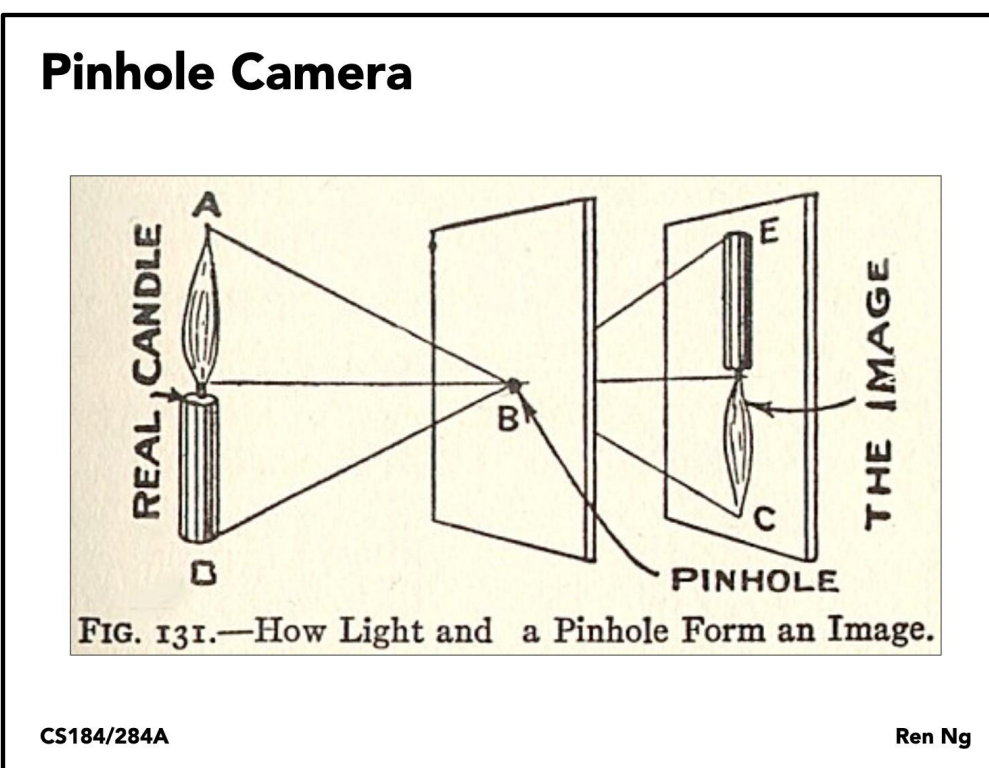
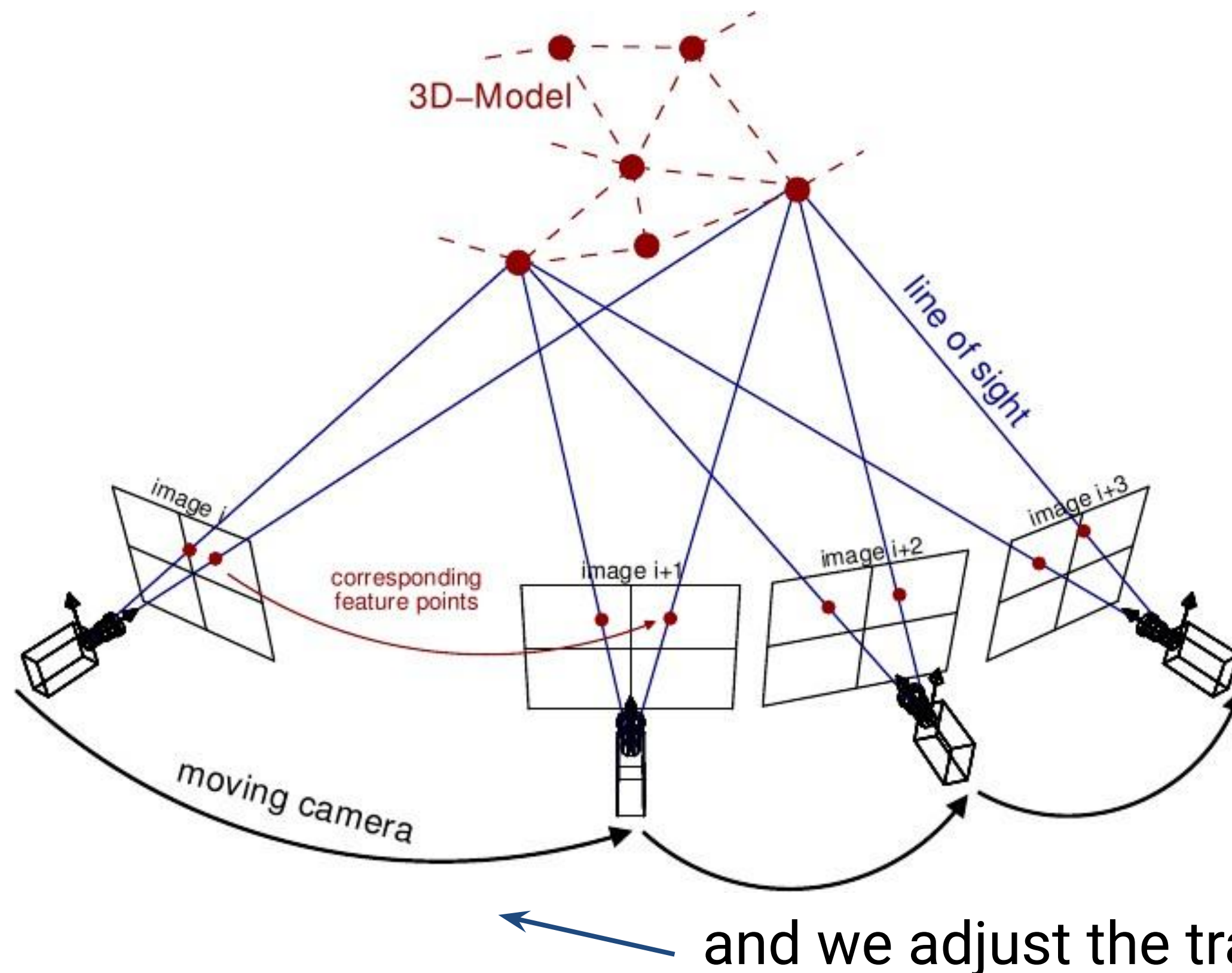
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# 3D Reconstruction

## Structure-from-Motion

**Objective:** Minimize reprojection error  
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for pinhole cameras, we solve for focal length(s) and distortion parameters

and we adjust the transforms to achieve a low error



# 3D Reconstruction

## Structure-from-Motion

Structure-from-Motion Revisited

6885

JL Schönberger, JM Frahm

Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2016



COLMAP



# 3D Reconstruction on Challenging Data

**“The One Where They Reconstructed 3D Humans and Environments in TV Shows”**



**Georgios Pavlakos\*, Ethan Weber\*,  
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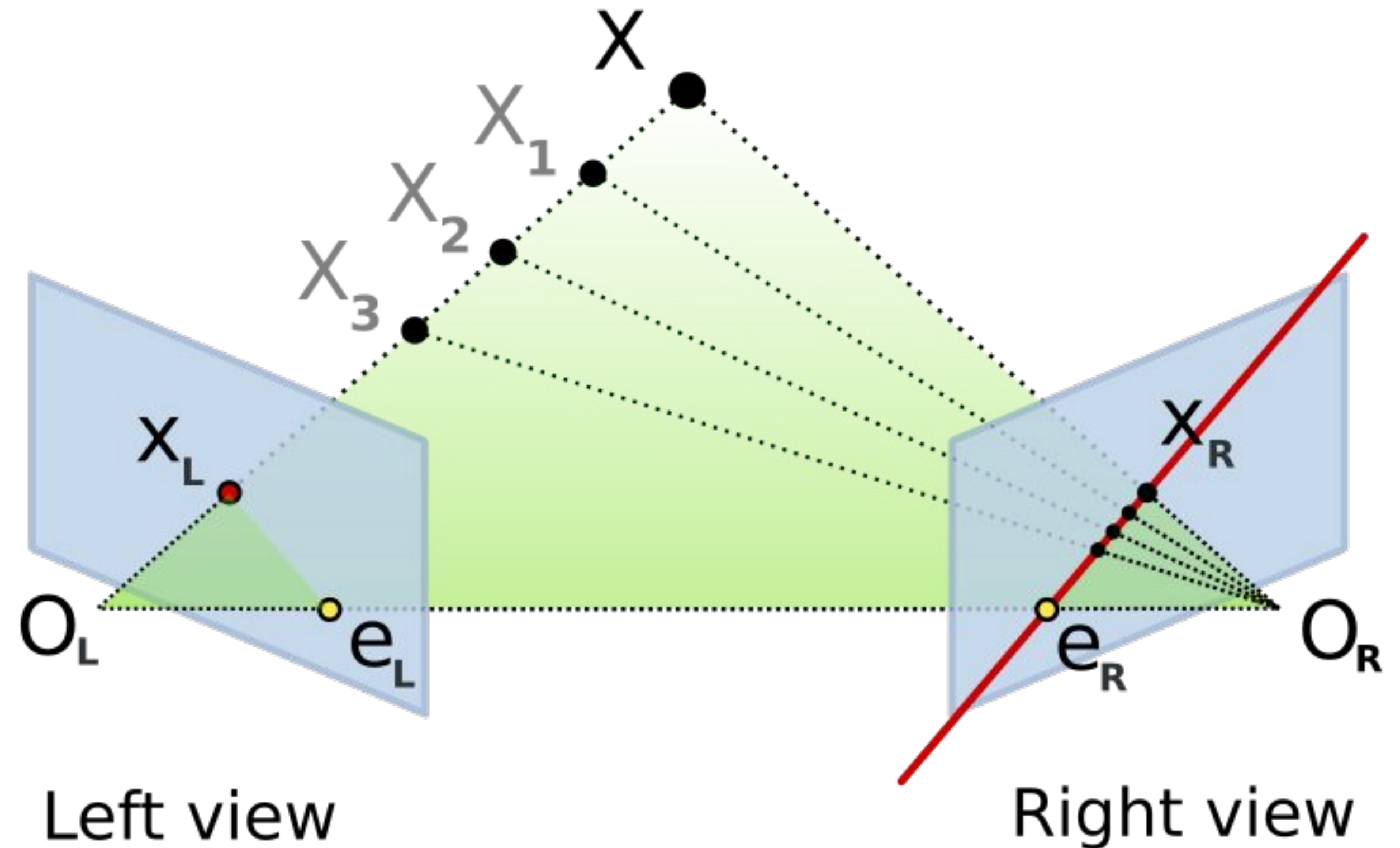
# Structure-from-Motion is robust to this data





# Why is SfM so robust?

Epipolar Geometry  
and Ransac



*Works for perspective cameras!*



# What if you don't have perspective cameras?



These are all hand-drawn!





# Toon3D: Seeing Cartoons from New Perspectives

Ethan Weber\*, Riley Peterlinz\*, Rohan Mathur, Frederik Warburg, Alexei A. Efros, and Angjoo Kanazawa



Input Images

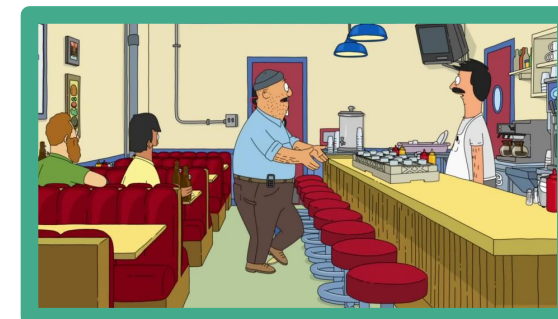


# COLMAP





# COLMAP with Manual Correspondences





# Bundle Adjustment with Manual Correspondences (no outlier rejection)



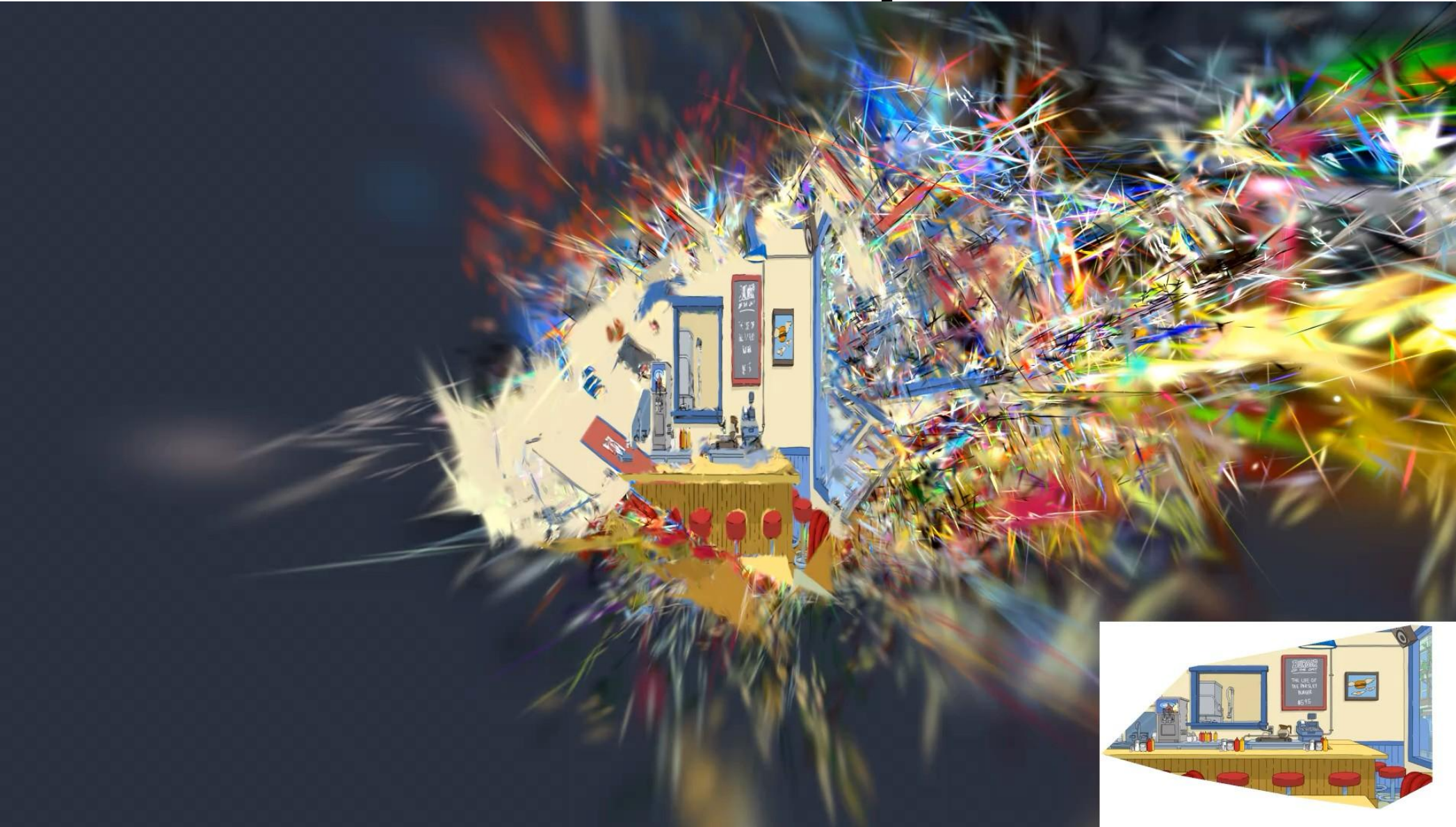


# Toon3D (our method)

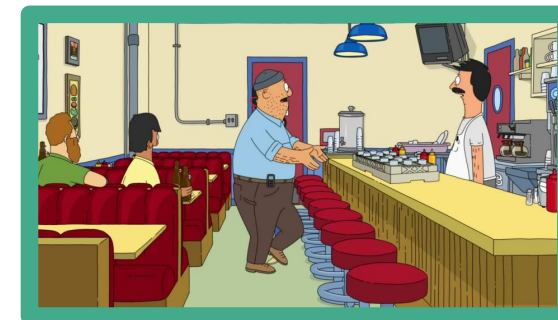




# Bundle Adjustment with Manual Correspondences



# Toon3D (our method)





**How far can we push the limits of SfM on cartoons?**



# Toon3D Labeler

This is a simple tool to manually annotate correspondences on a set of images.

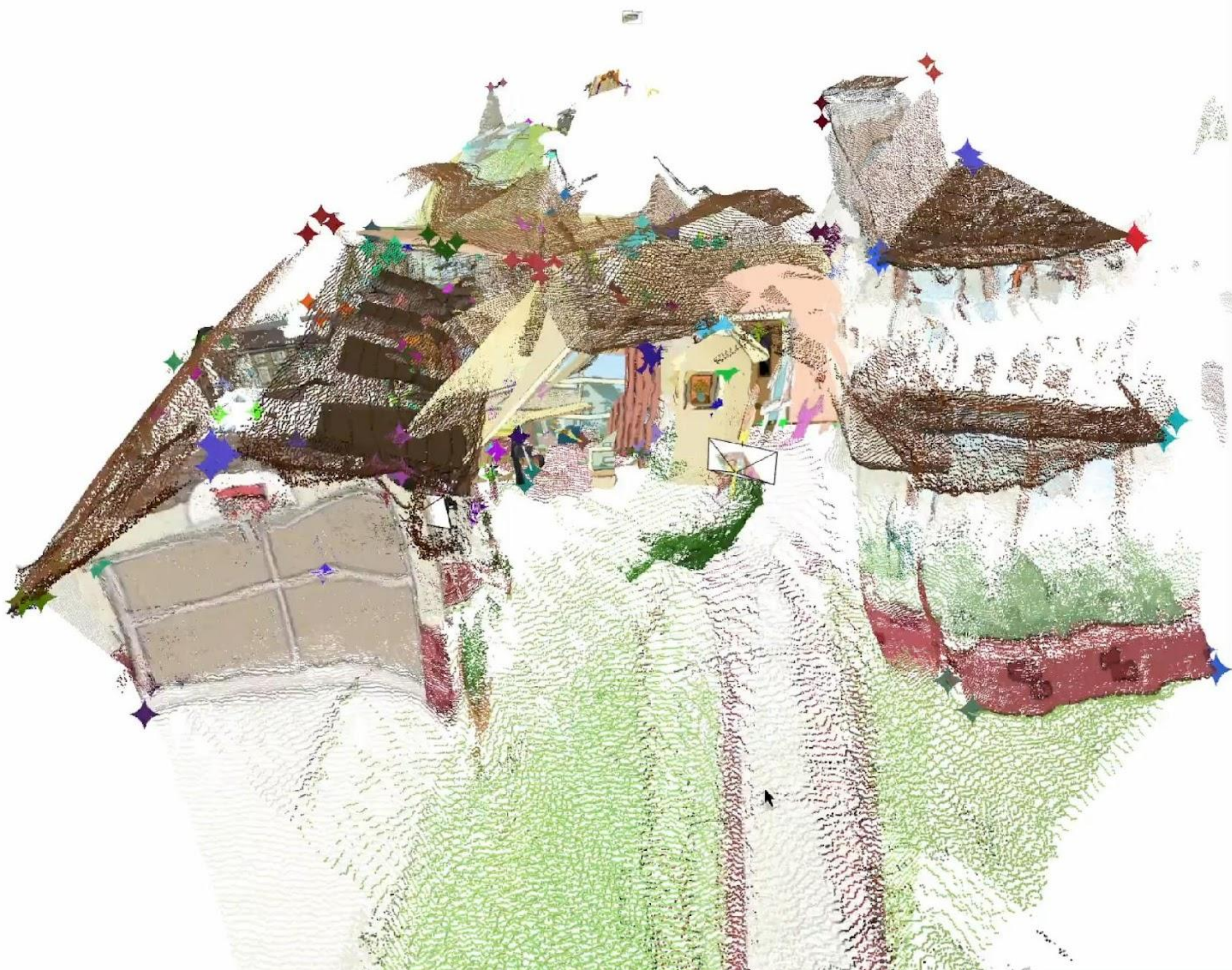
[Instructions](#)




[Project Page](#)



## How far can we push the limits of SfM on cartoons?






 Connected  


Return to GUI

Server

ws://localhost:8080


Label


 Export Canvas

 Reset View

☐ WebGL Statistics


Scene tree






↕


Name ↕



/WorldAxes



▸ /coarse



▸ /refined



# 3D Reconstruction

## Novel-View Synthesis



**Once we know the cameras, how do we recover the scene?**



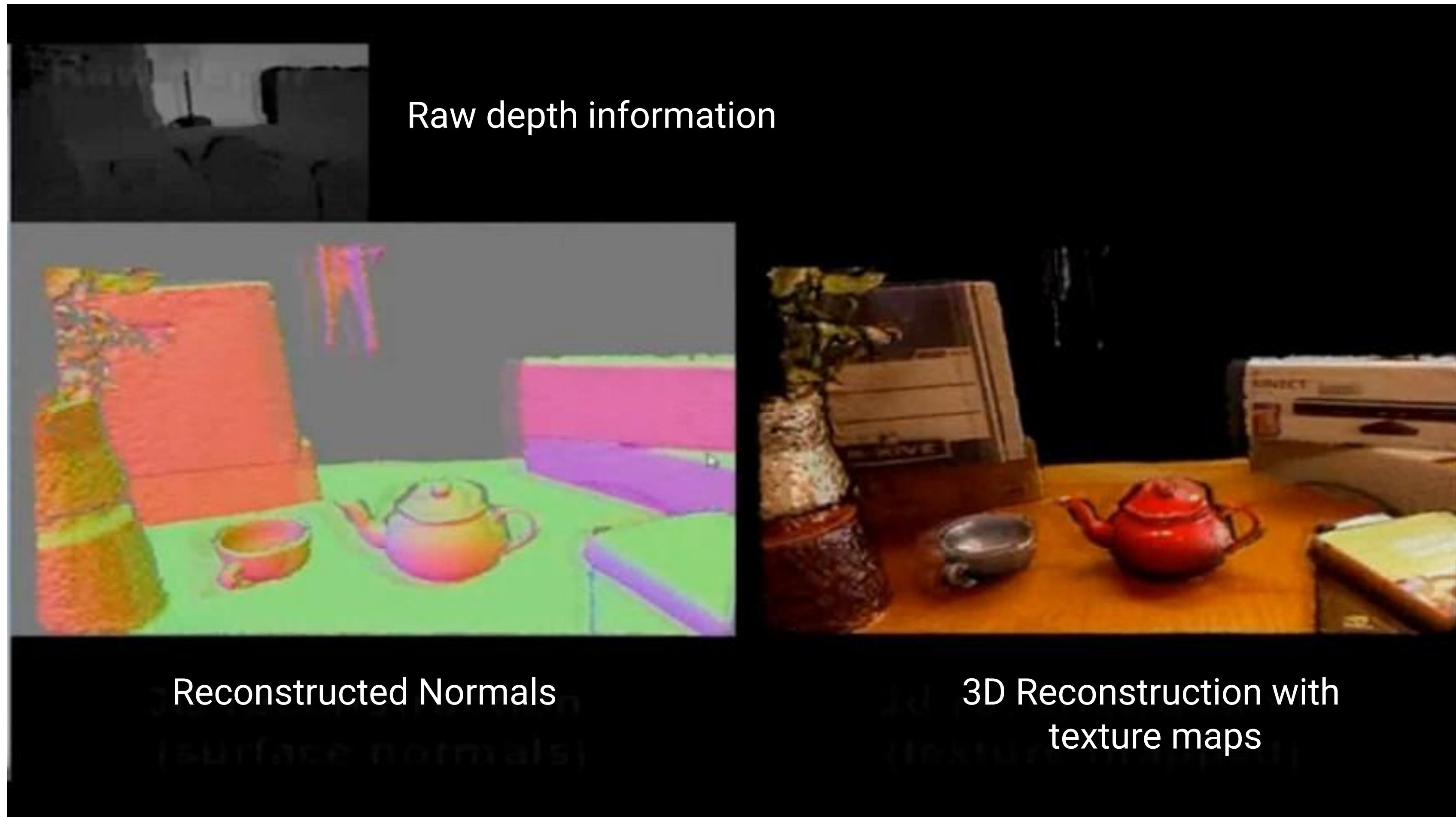
# If we knew the depth, that would be helpful...



Microsoft Kinect



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**What if we don't know the depth?**

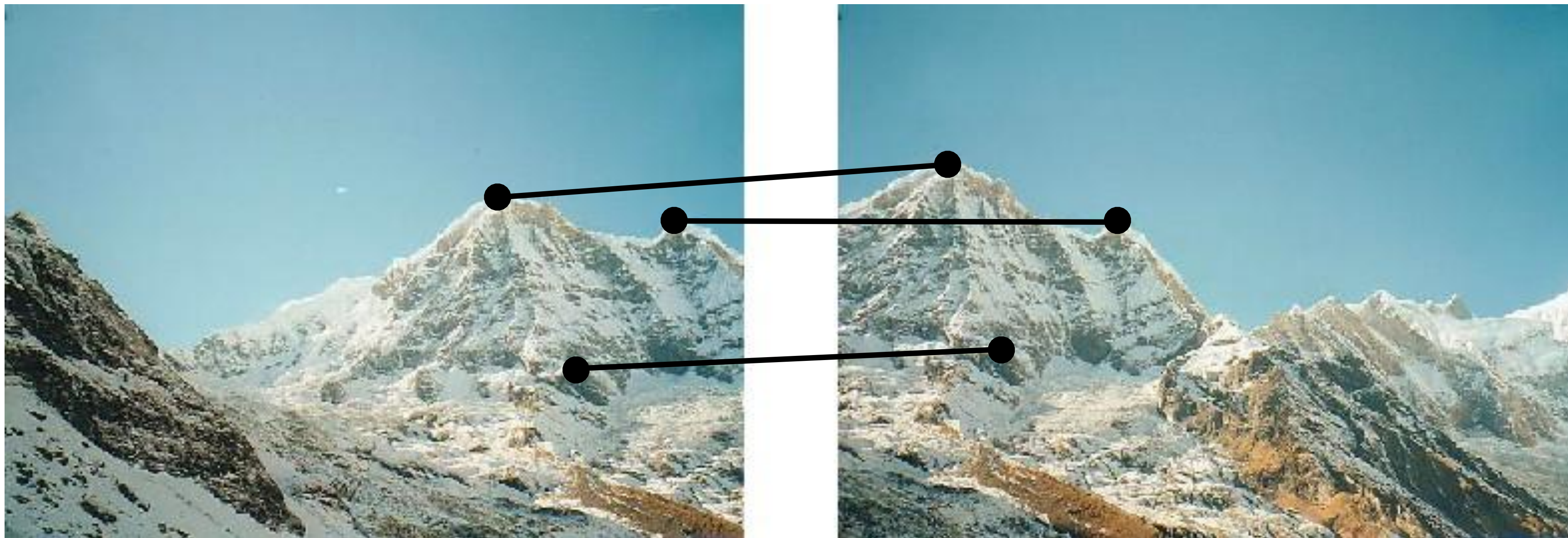


# Point Cloud from Images



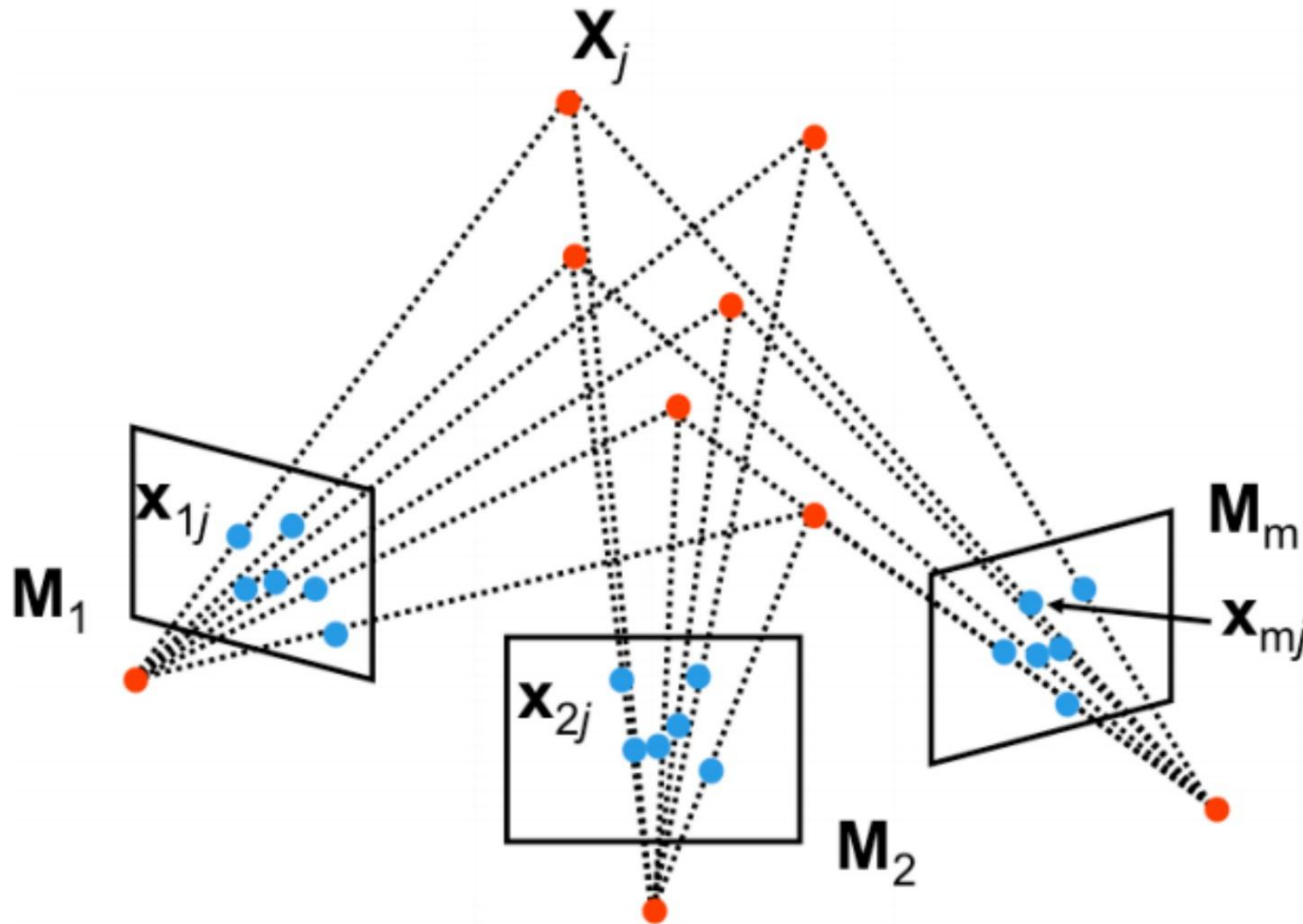


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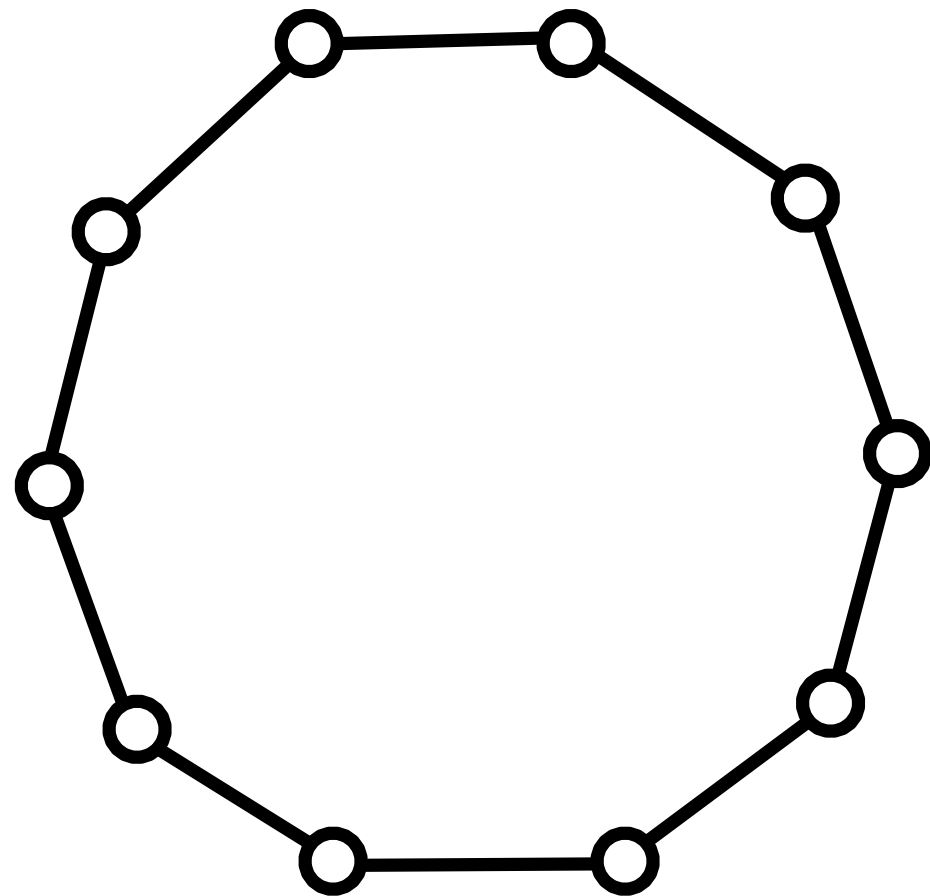




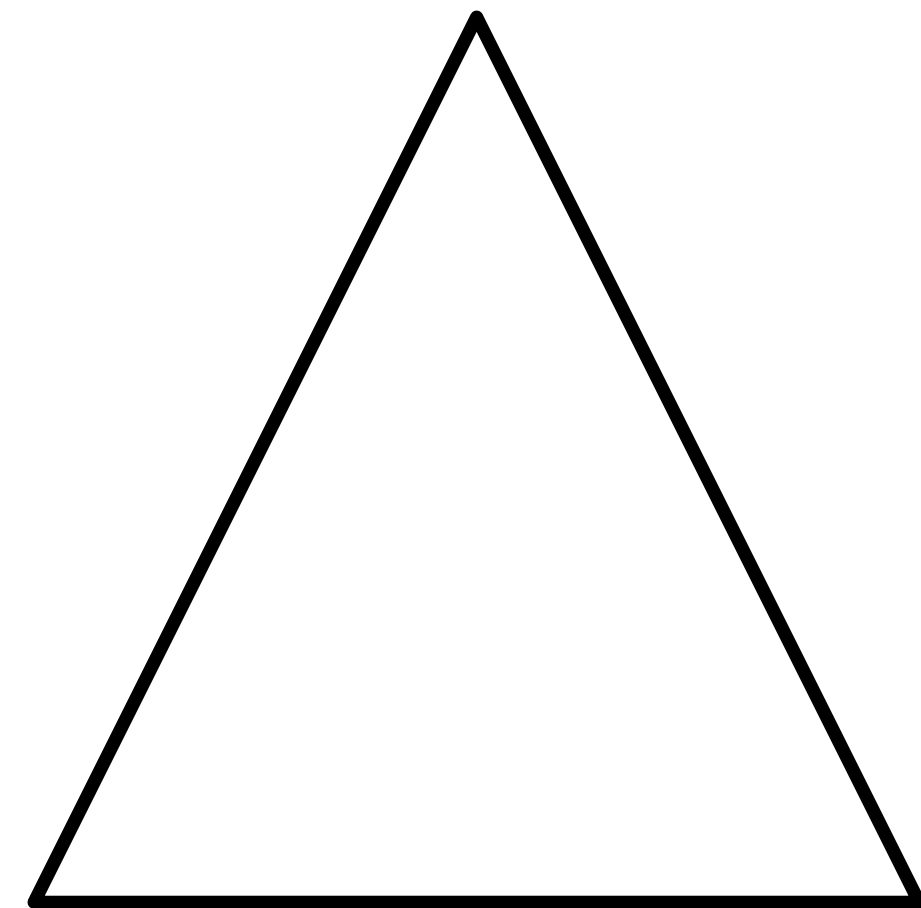
Can we operate on the geometry directly?



# Gradient Based Optimization



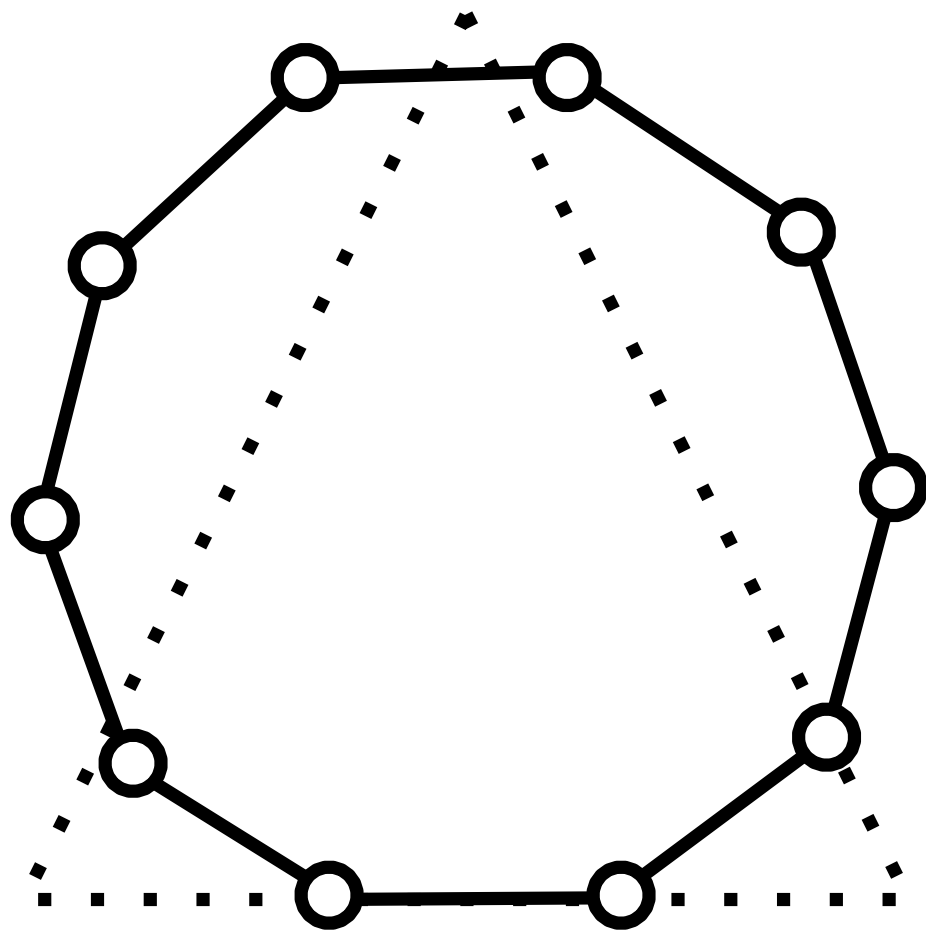
Initial Geometry



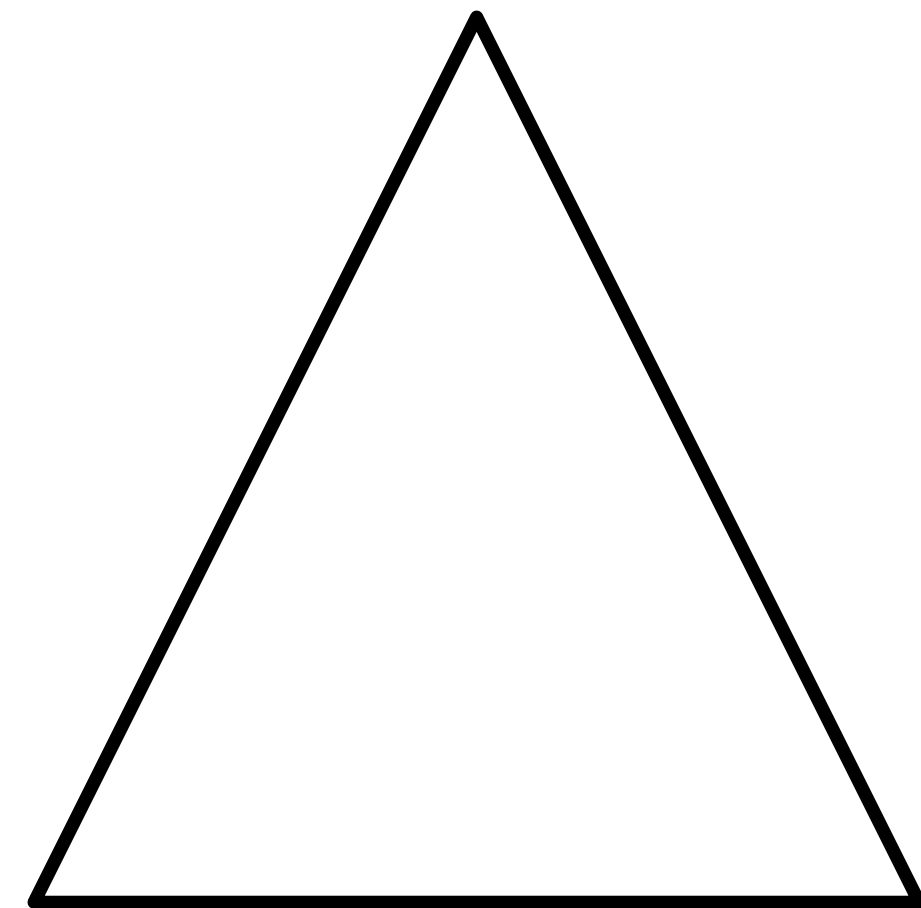
Target Geometry



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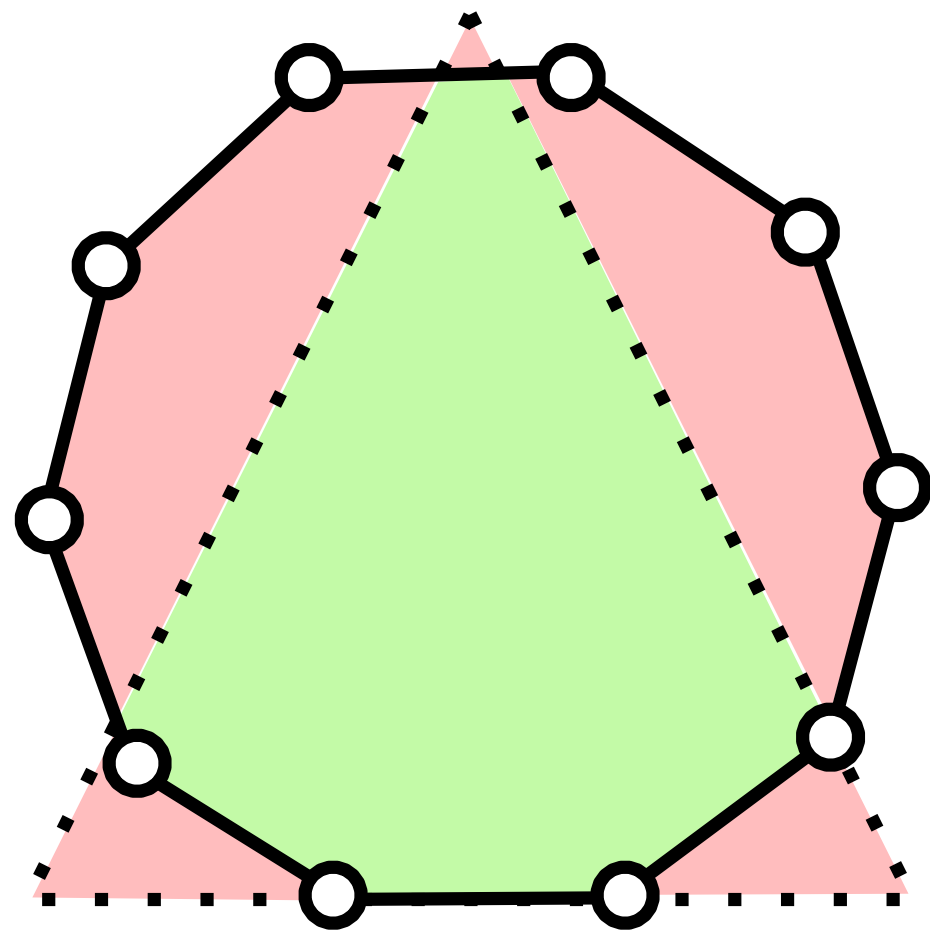
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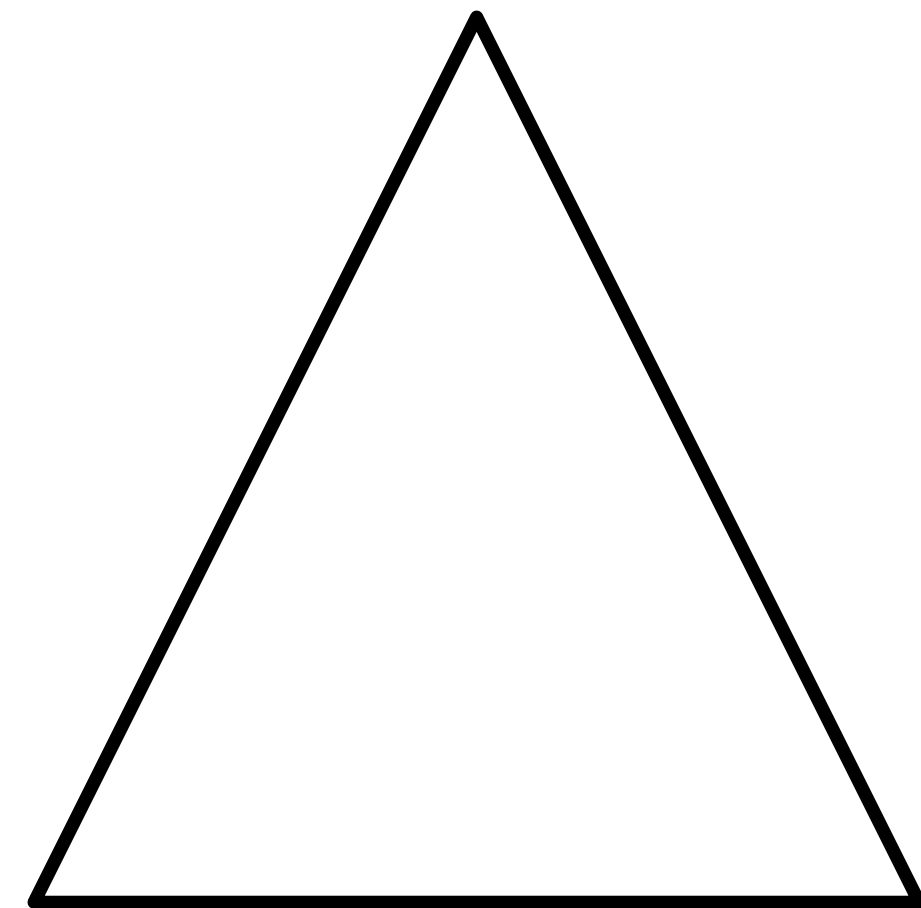
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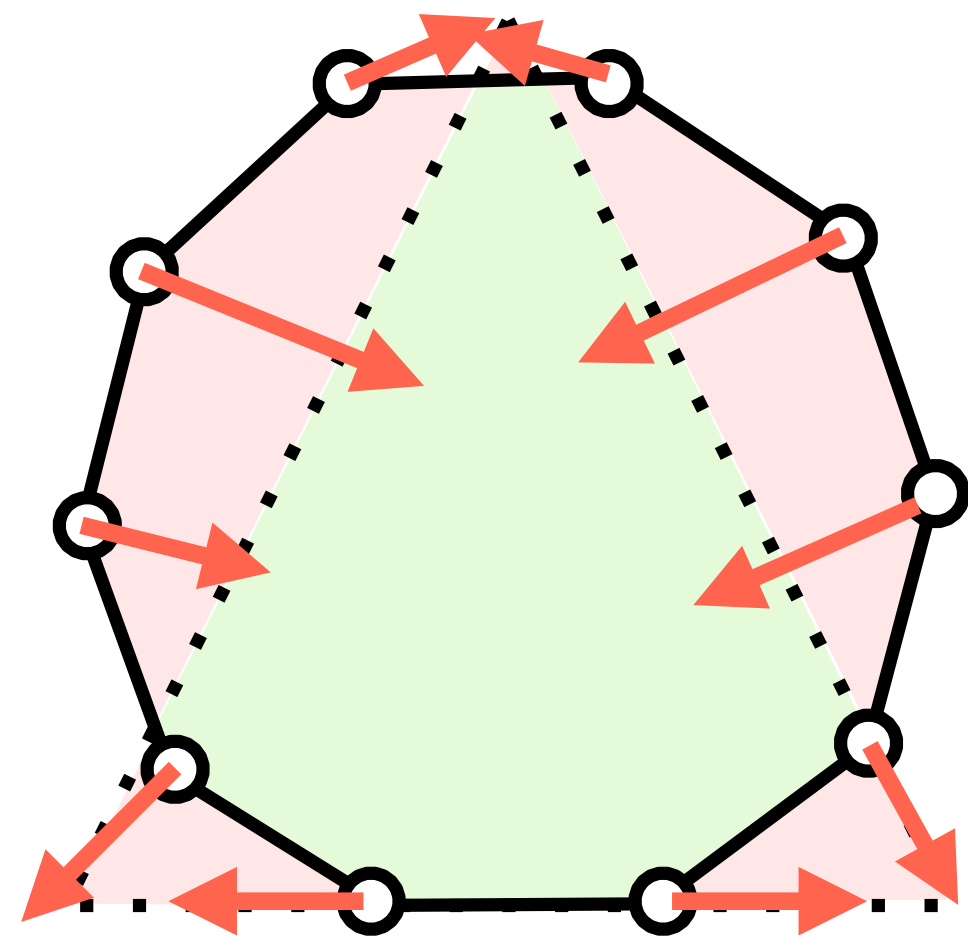
Compute Gradients



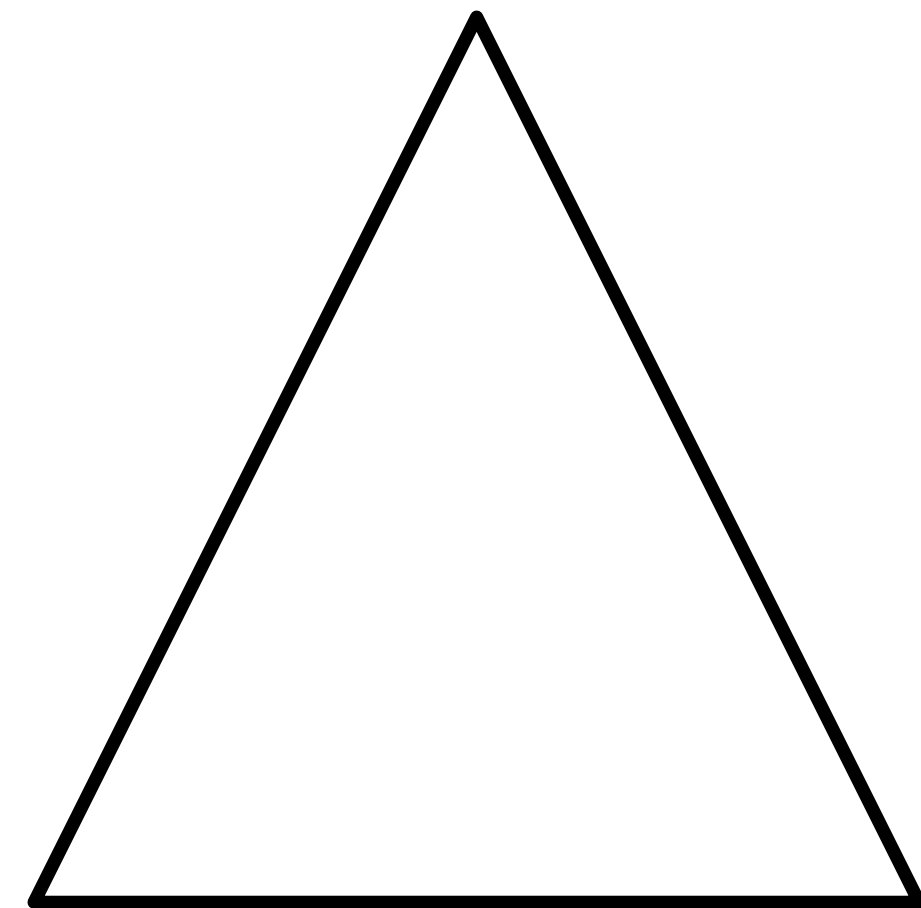
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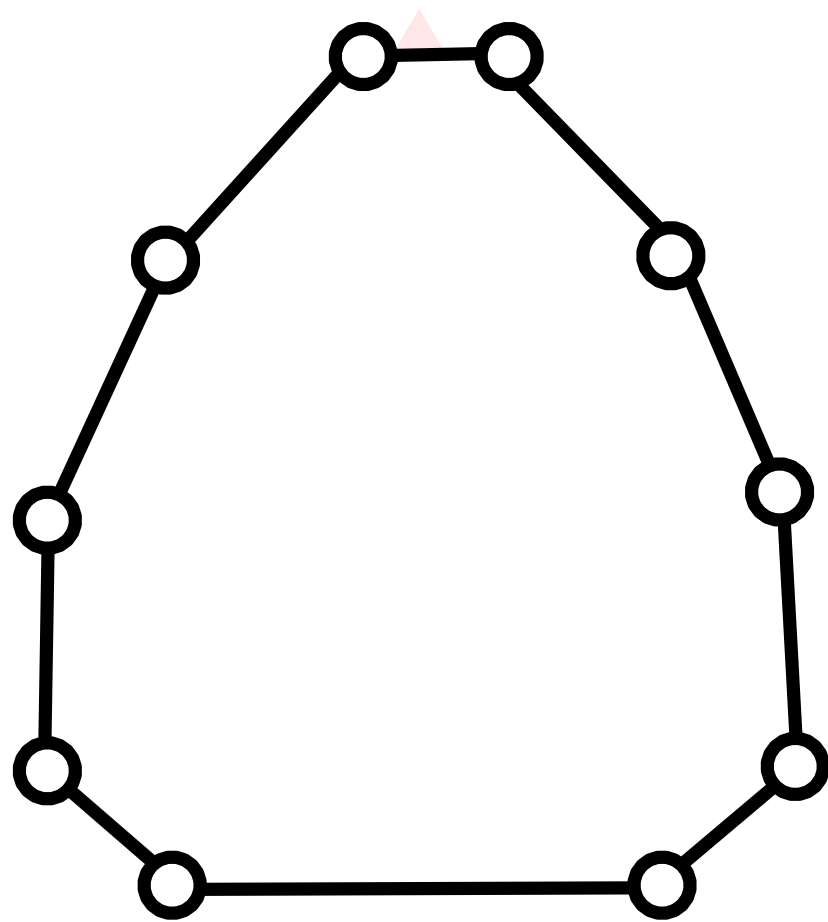
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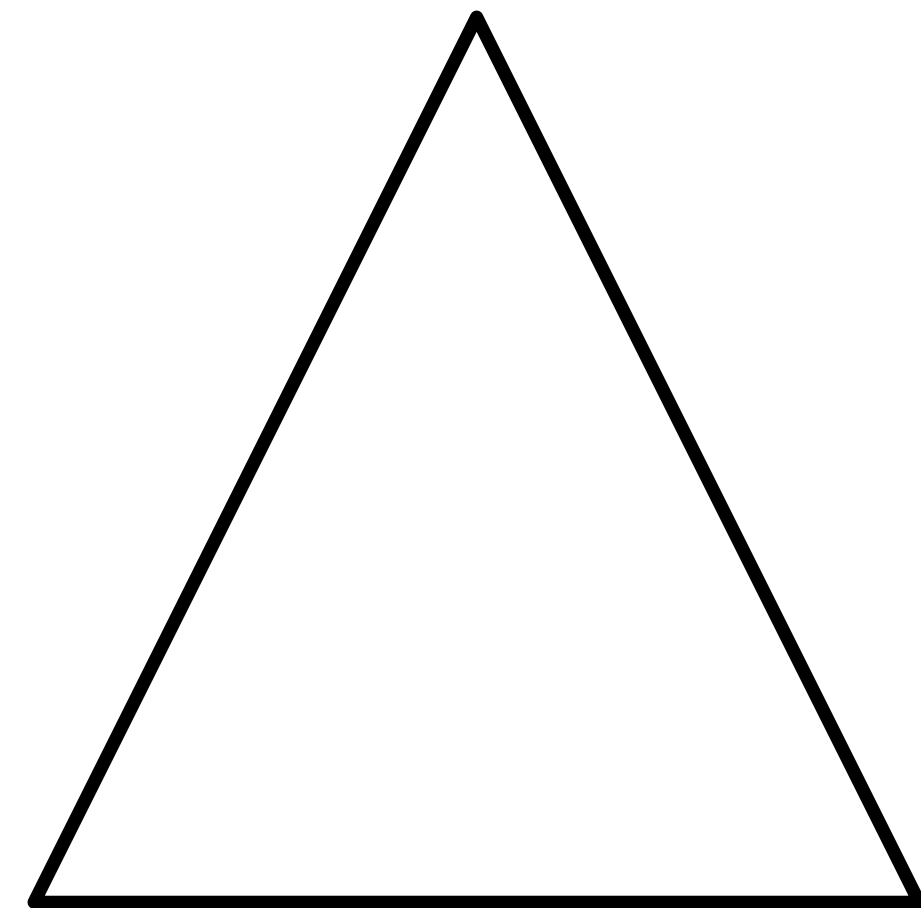
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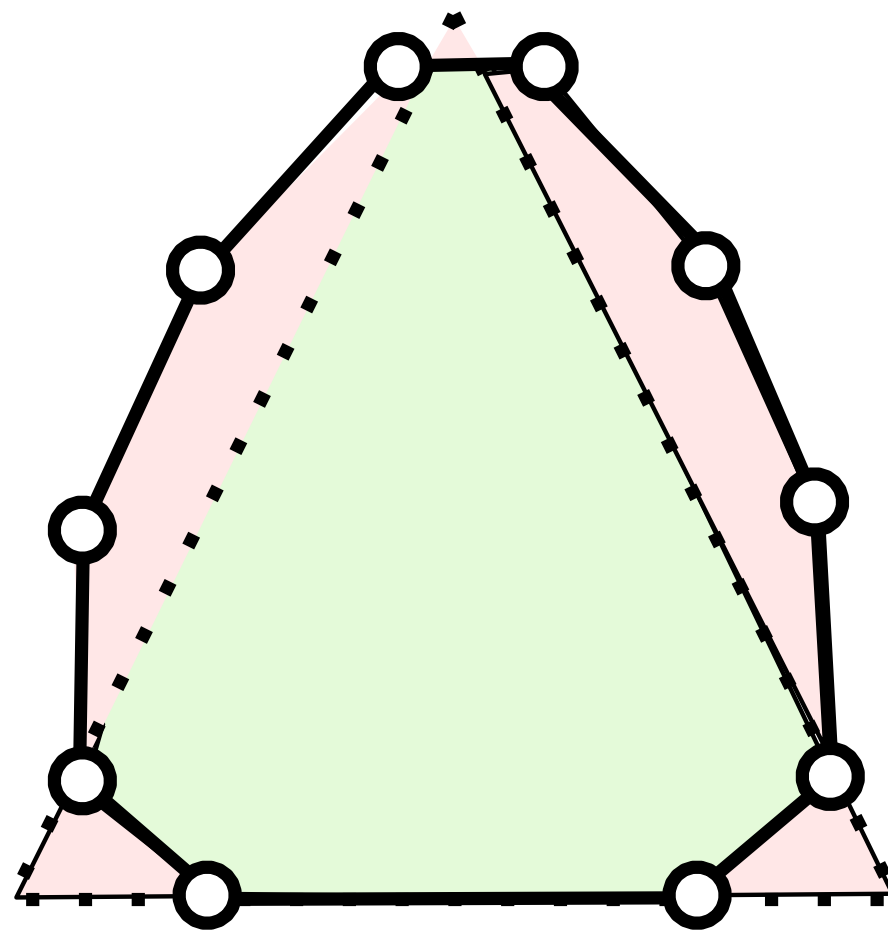
Update positions



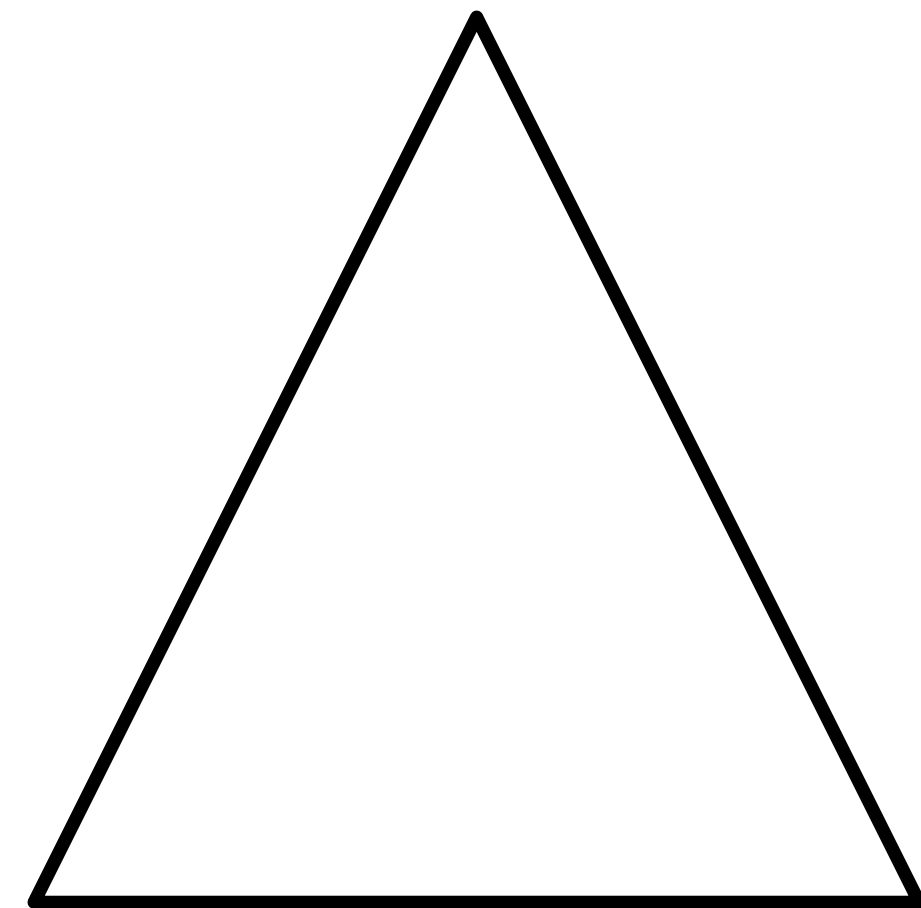
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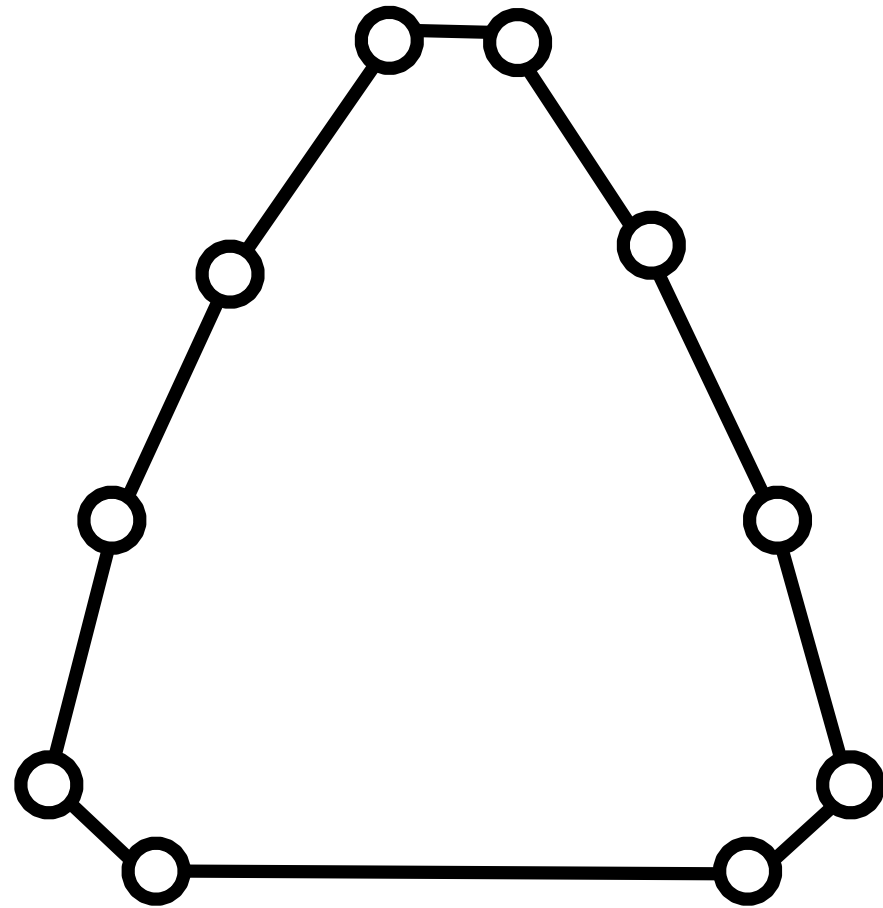
Compute New Error



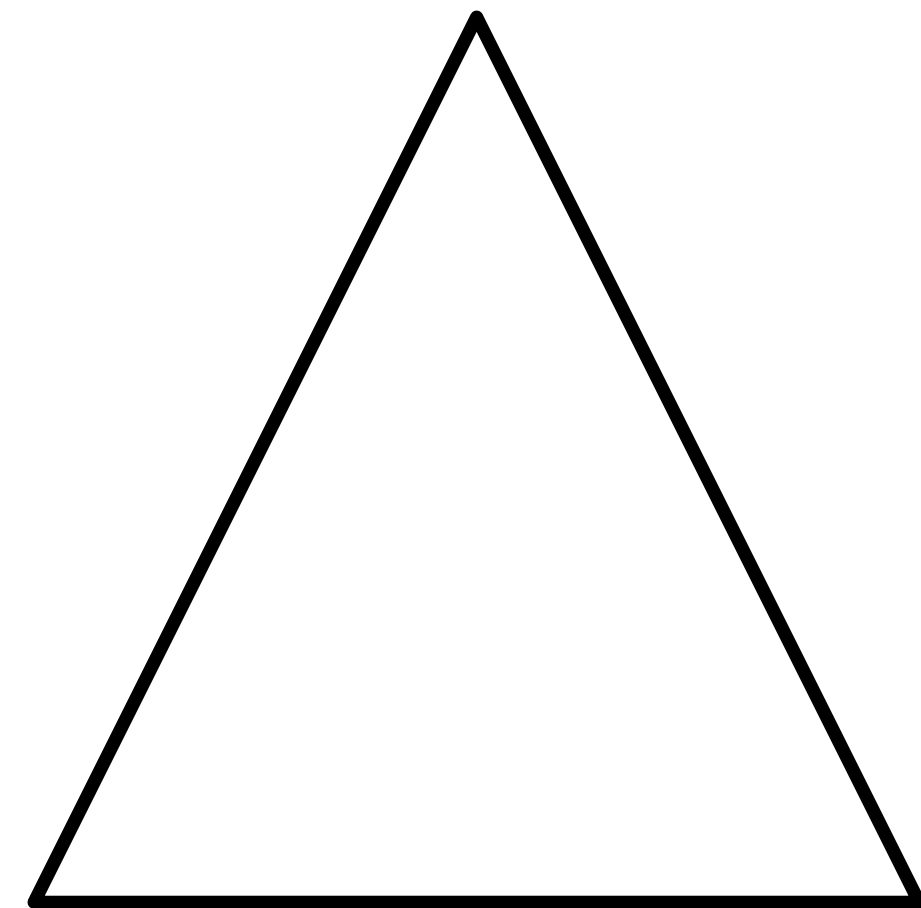
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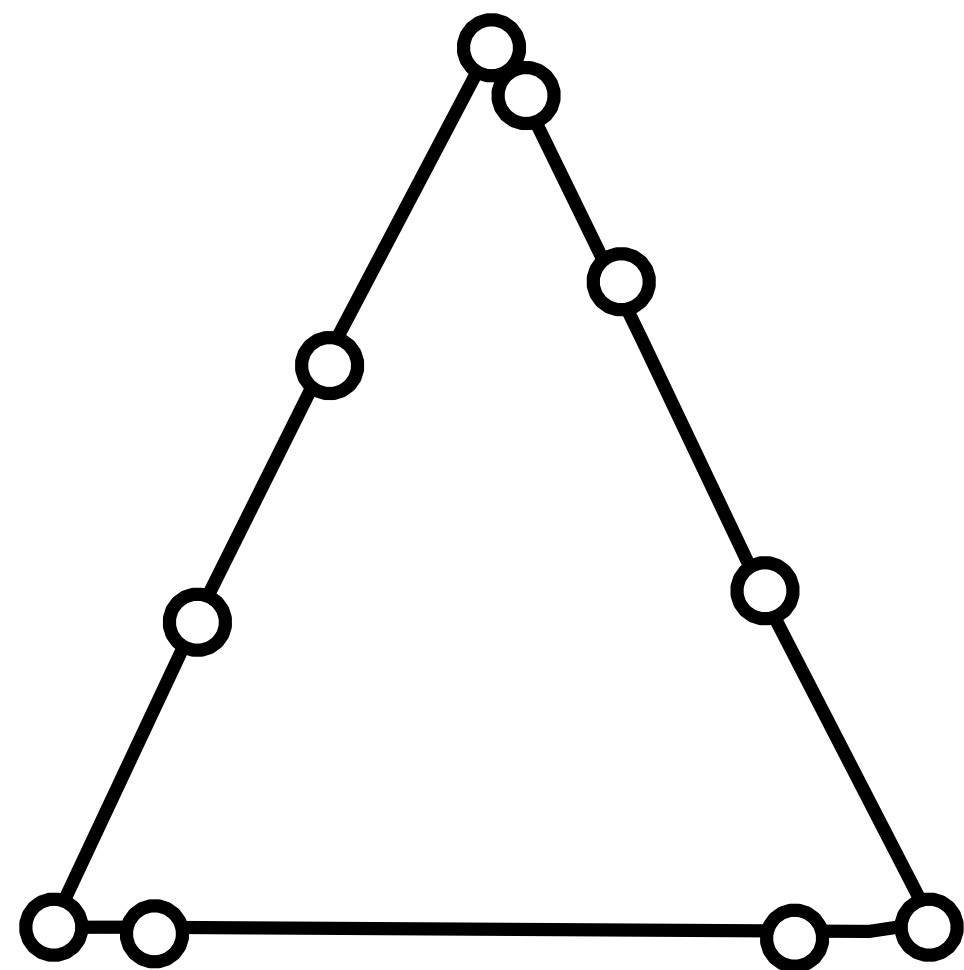
Repeat



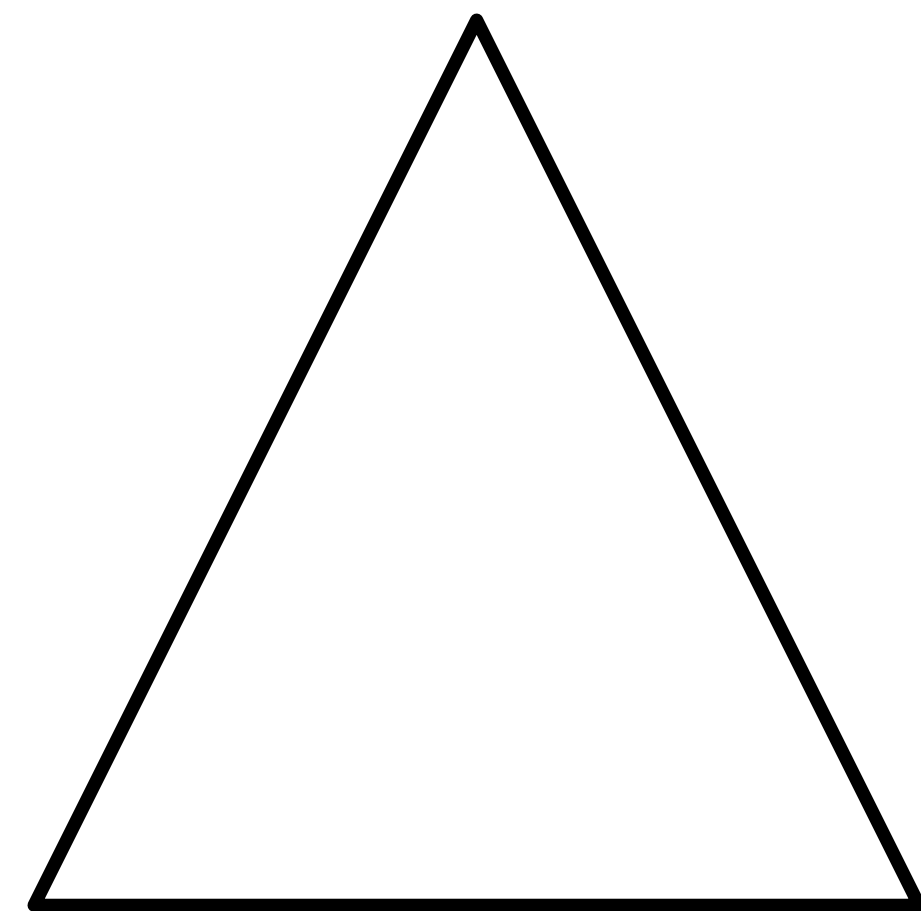
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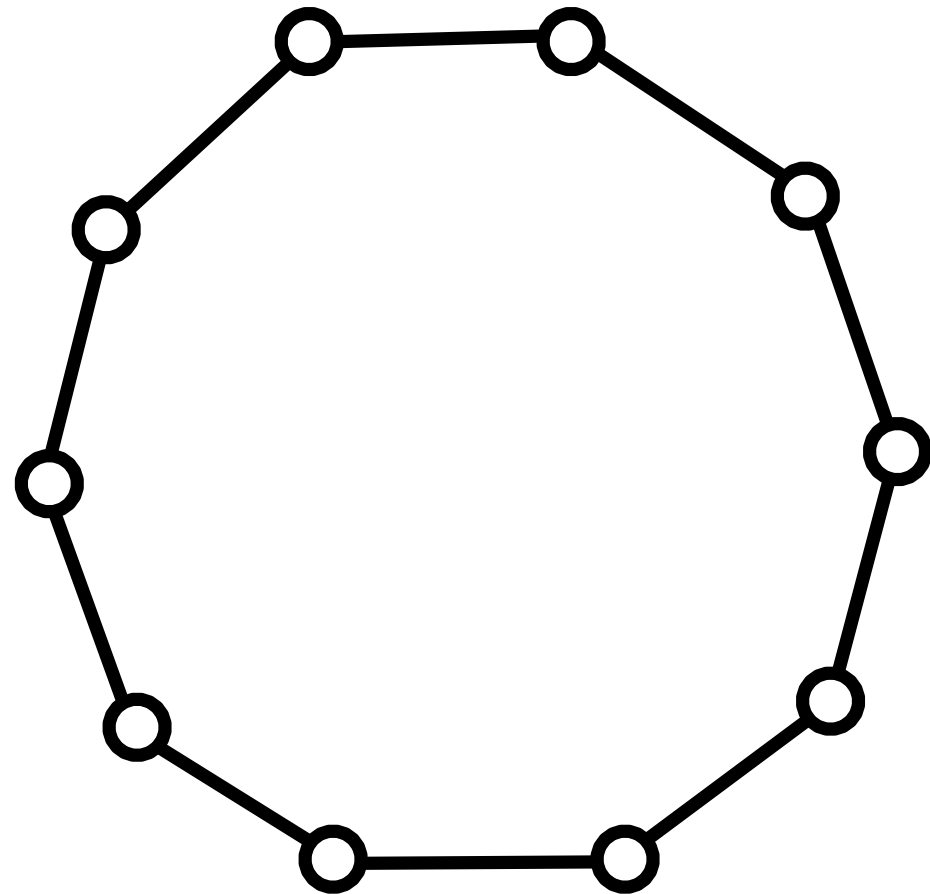
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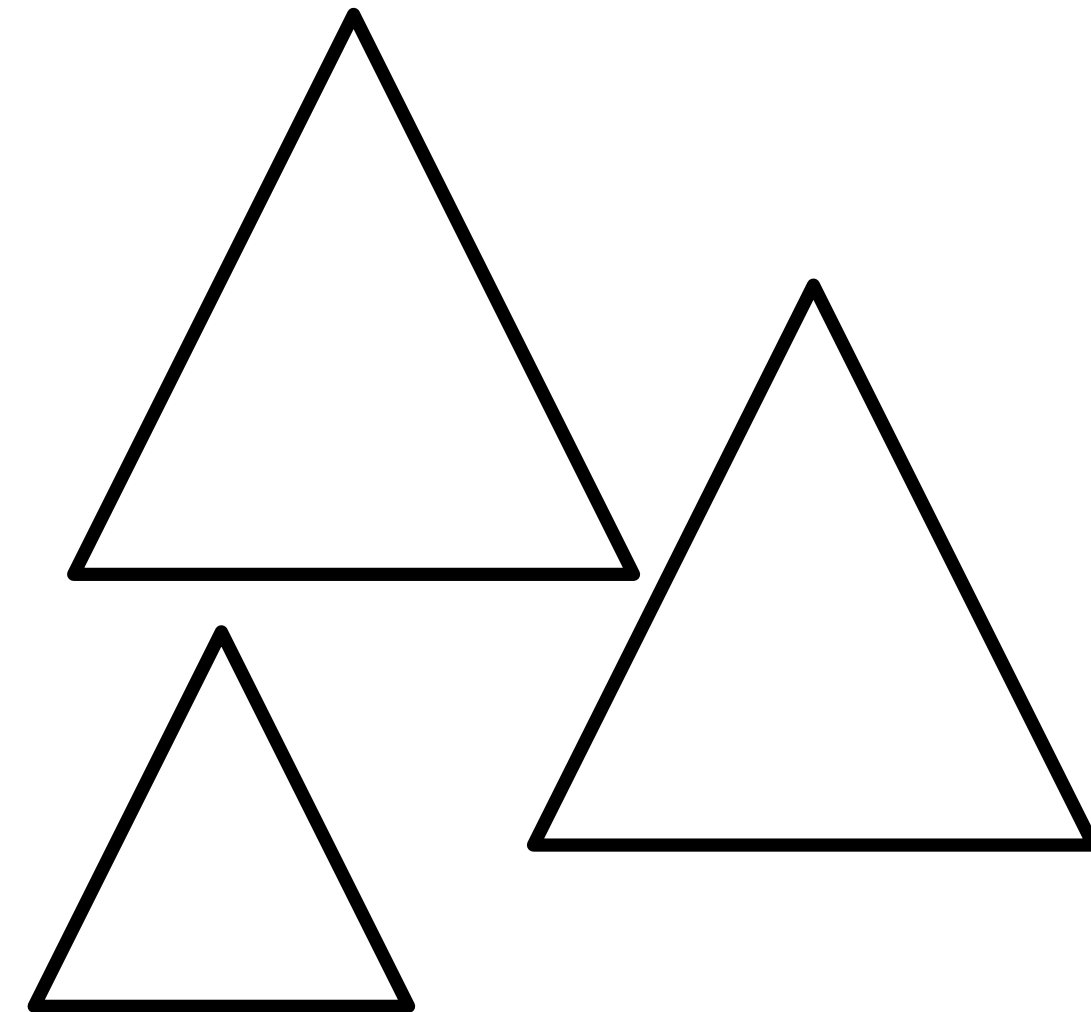
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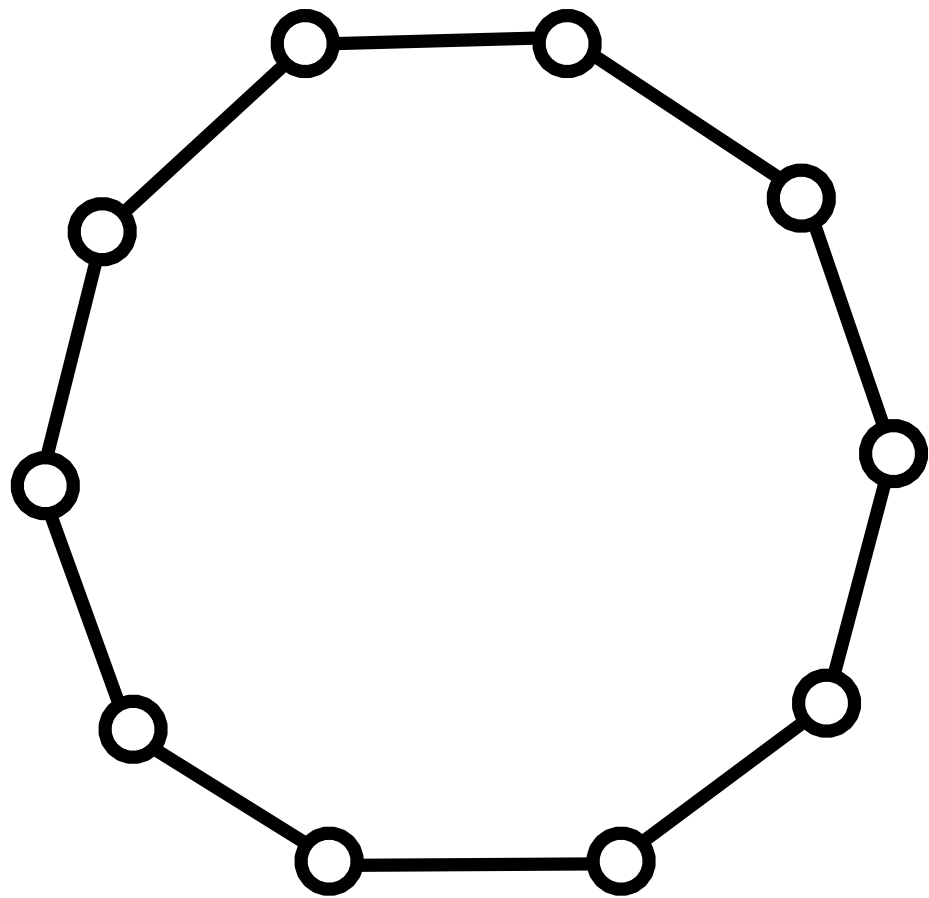
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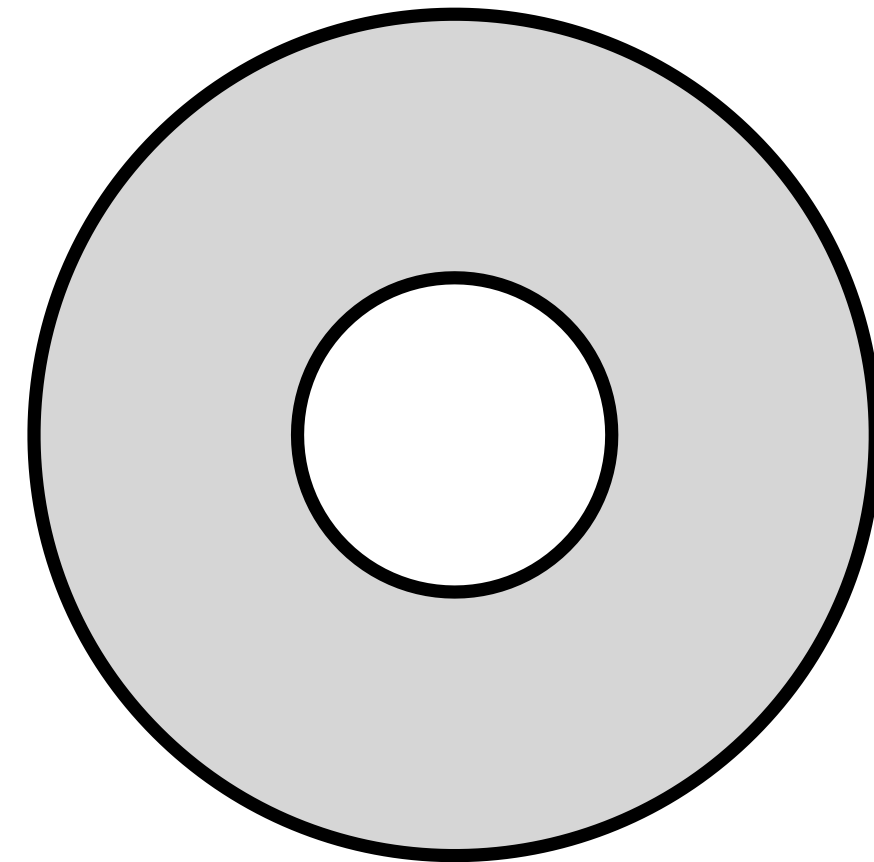
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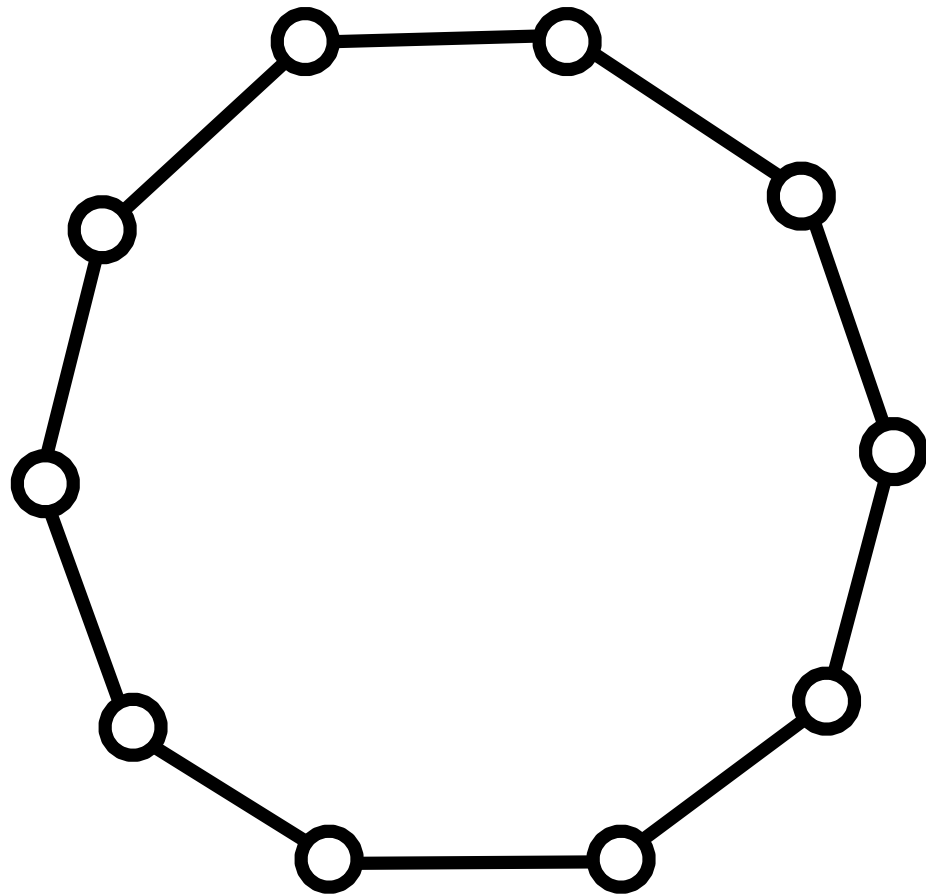
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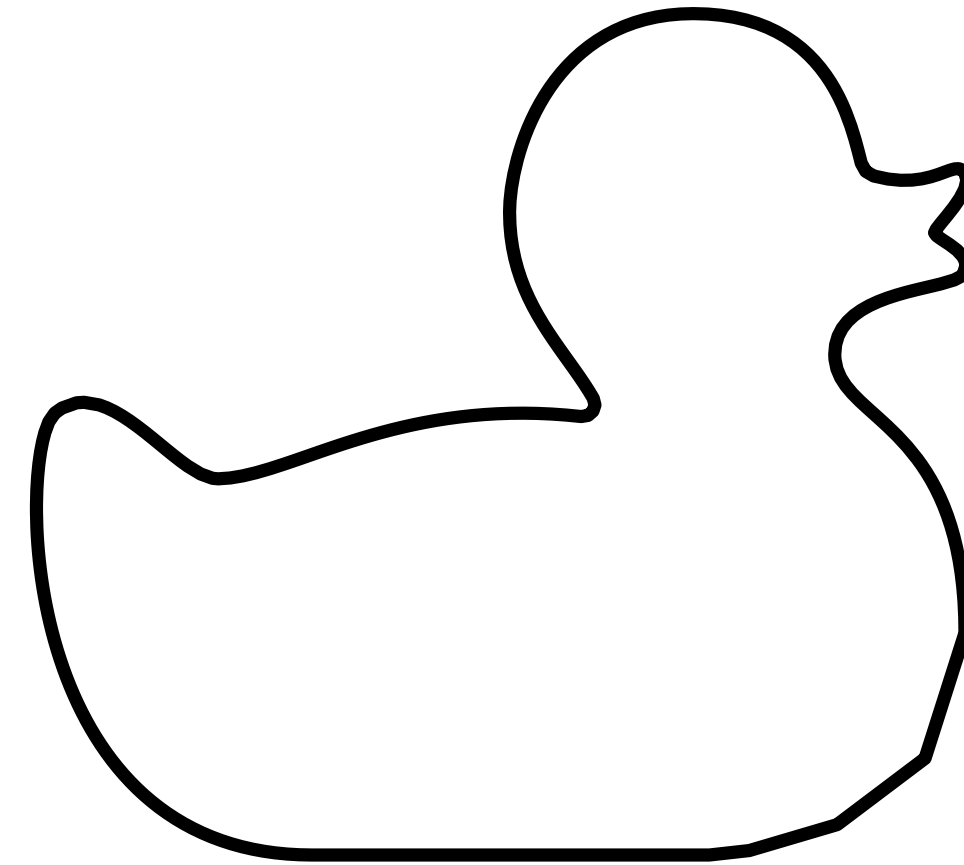
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Initial Geometry



Target Geometry

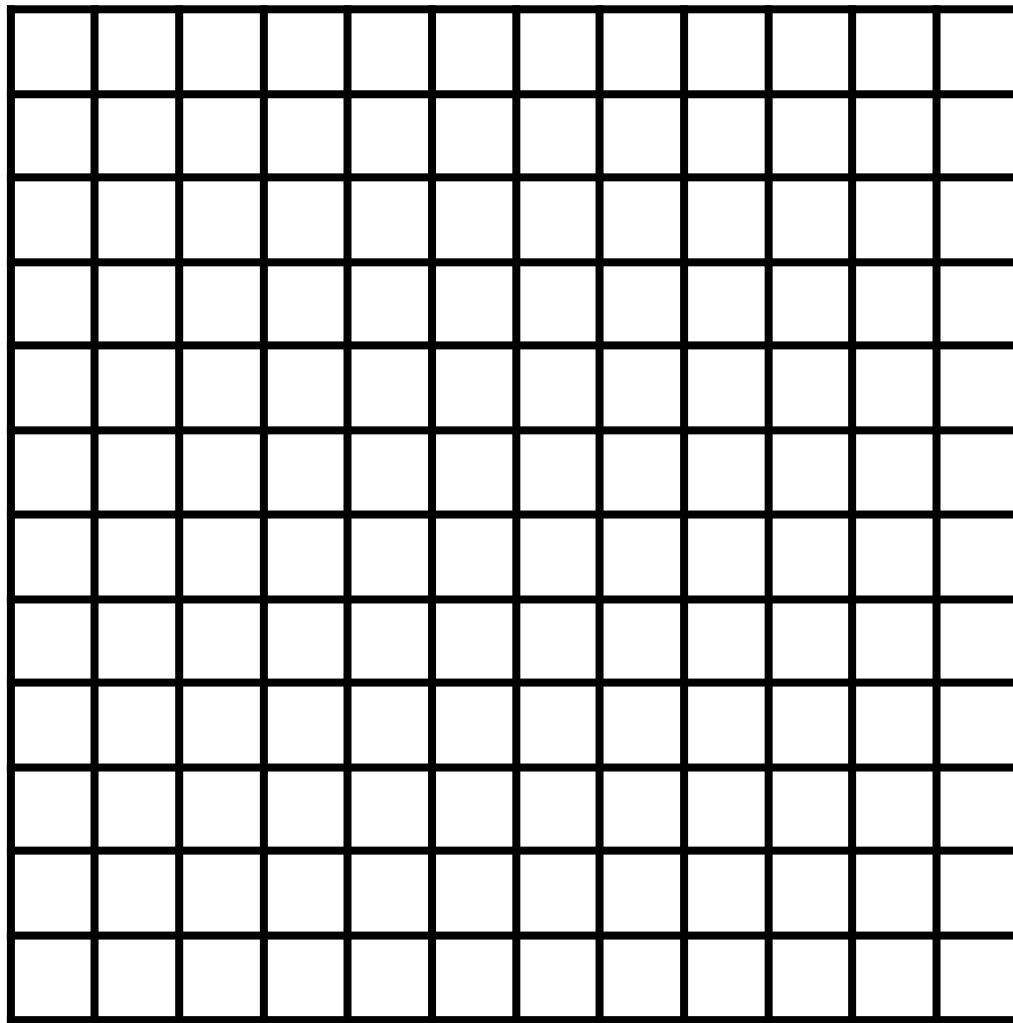


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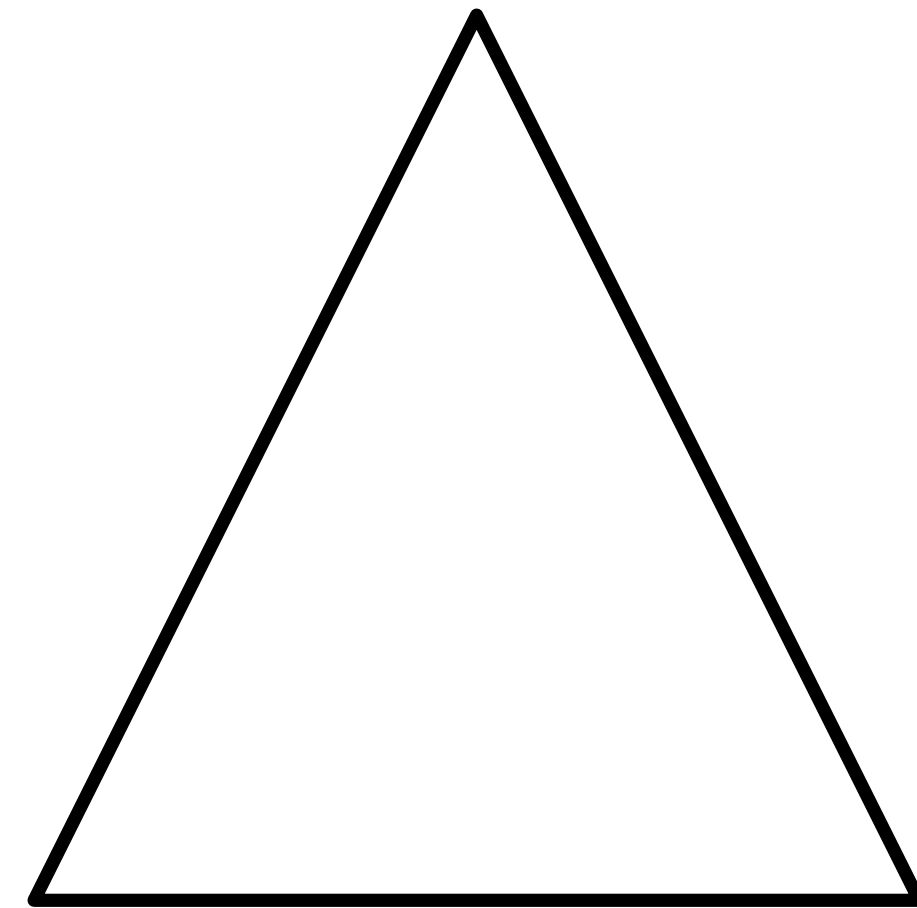




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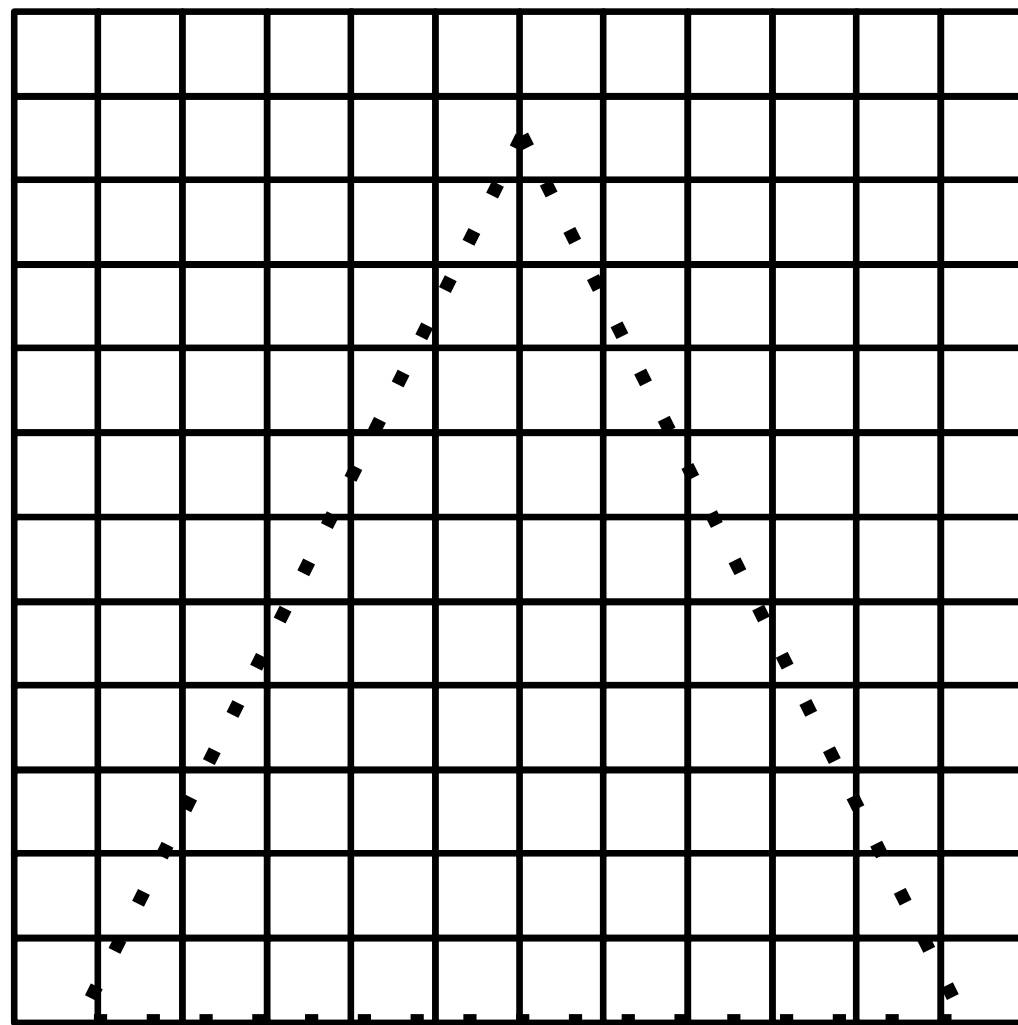
Initialized Grid



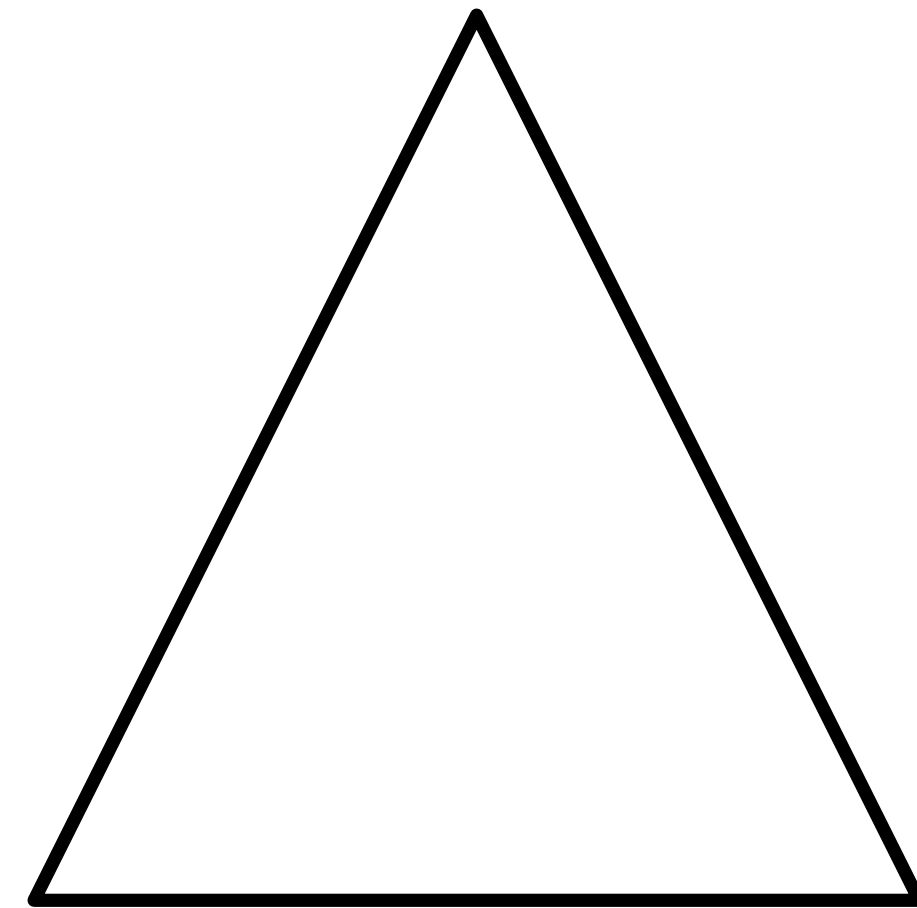
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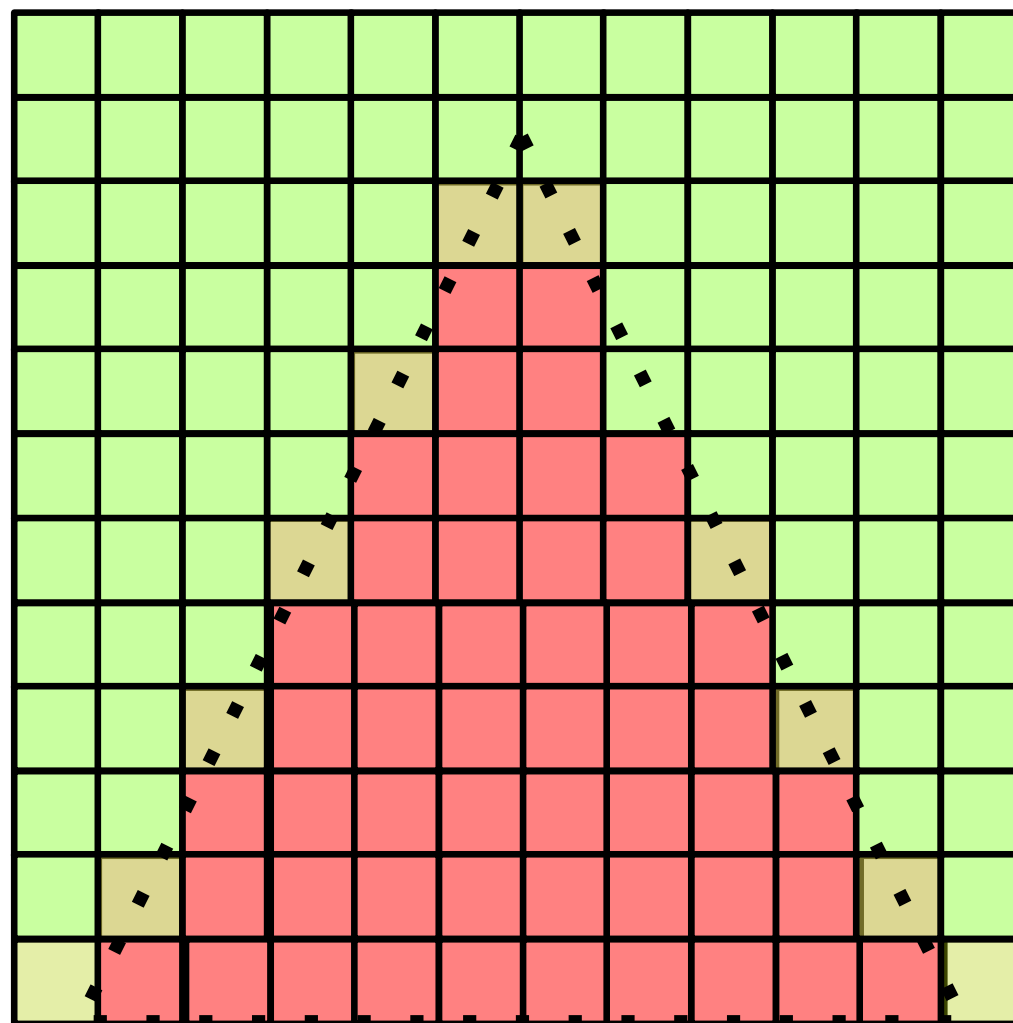
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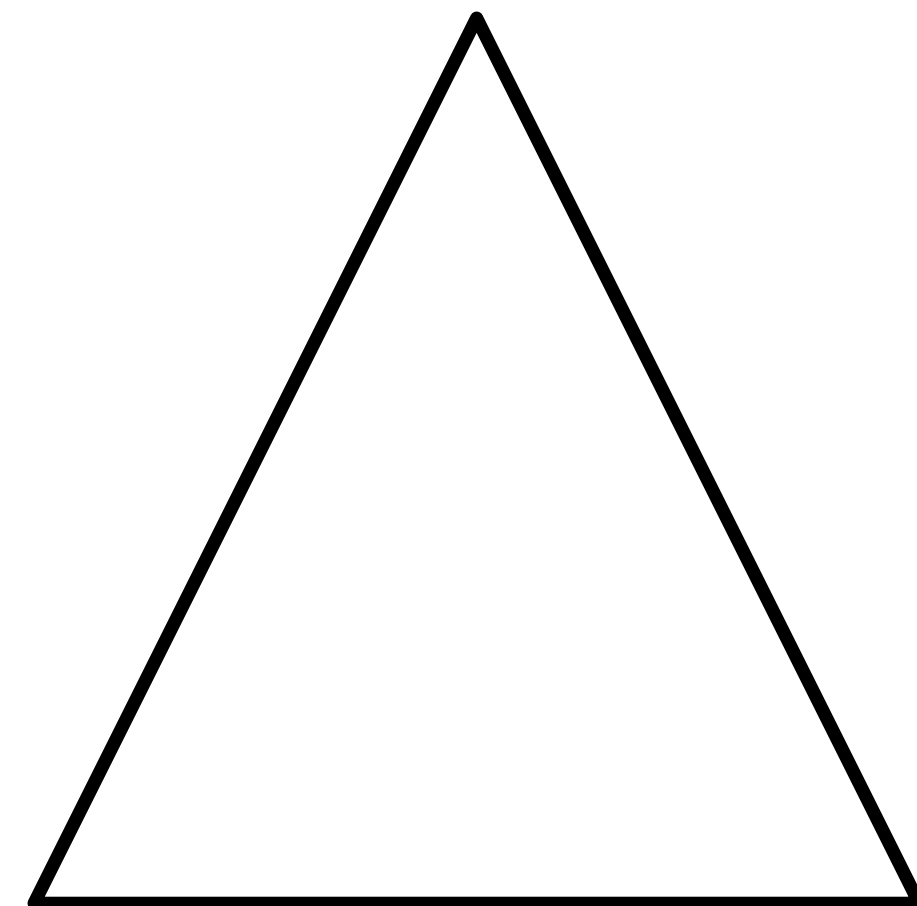
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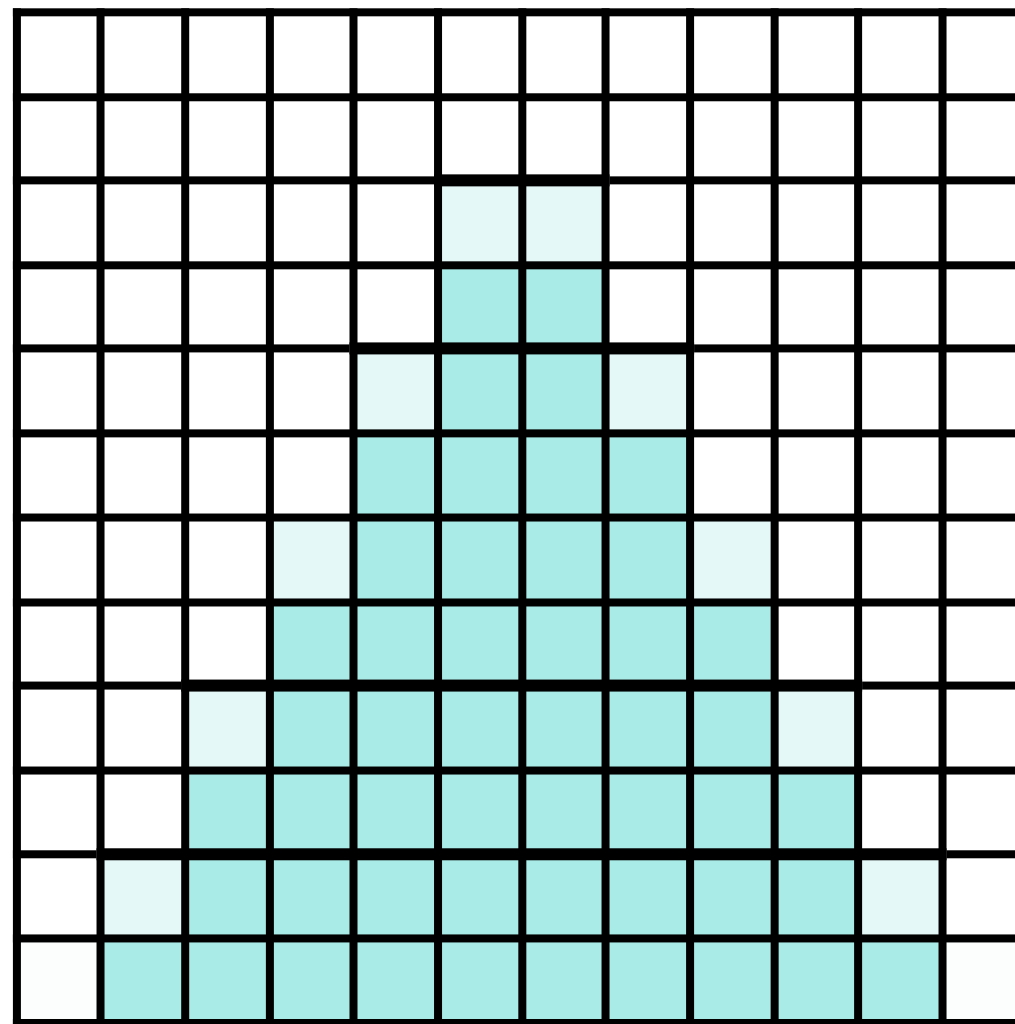
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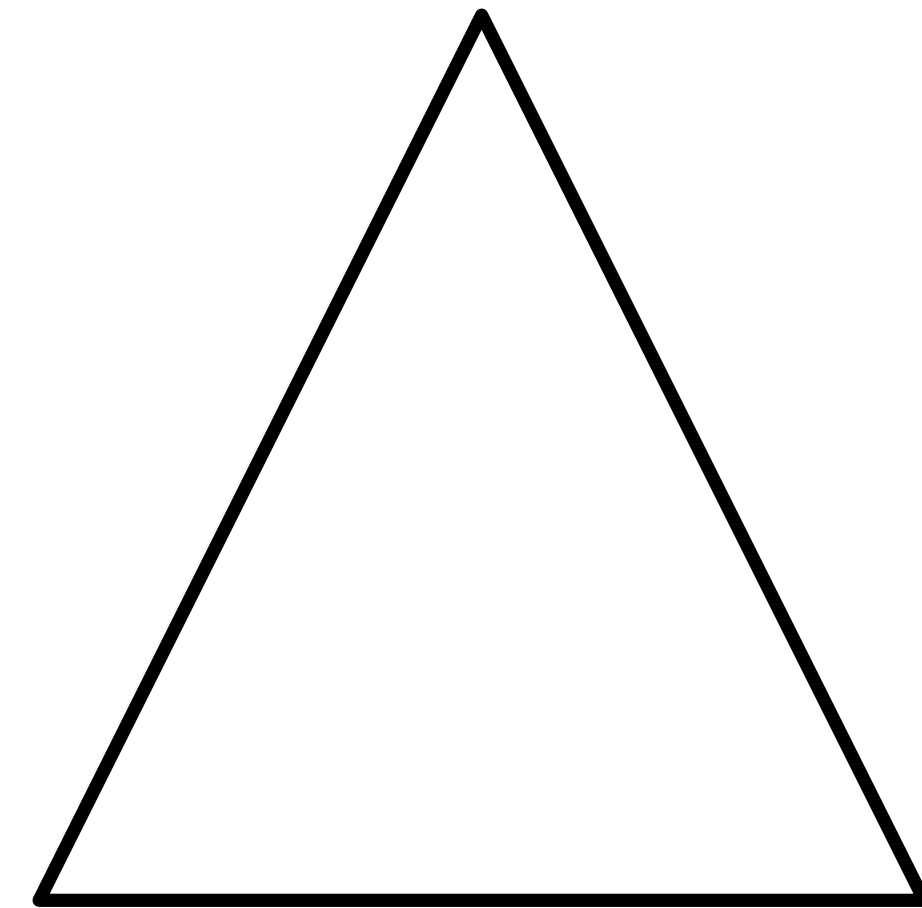
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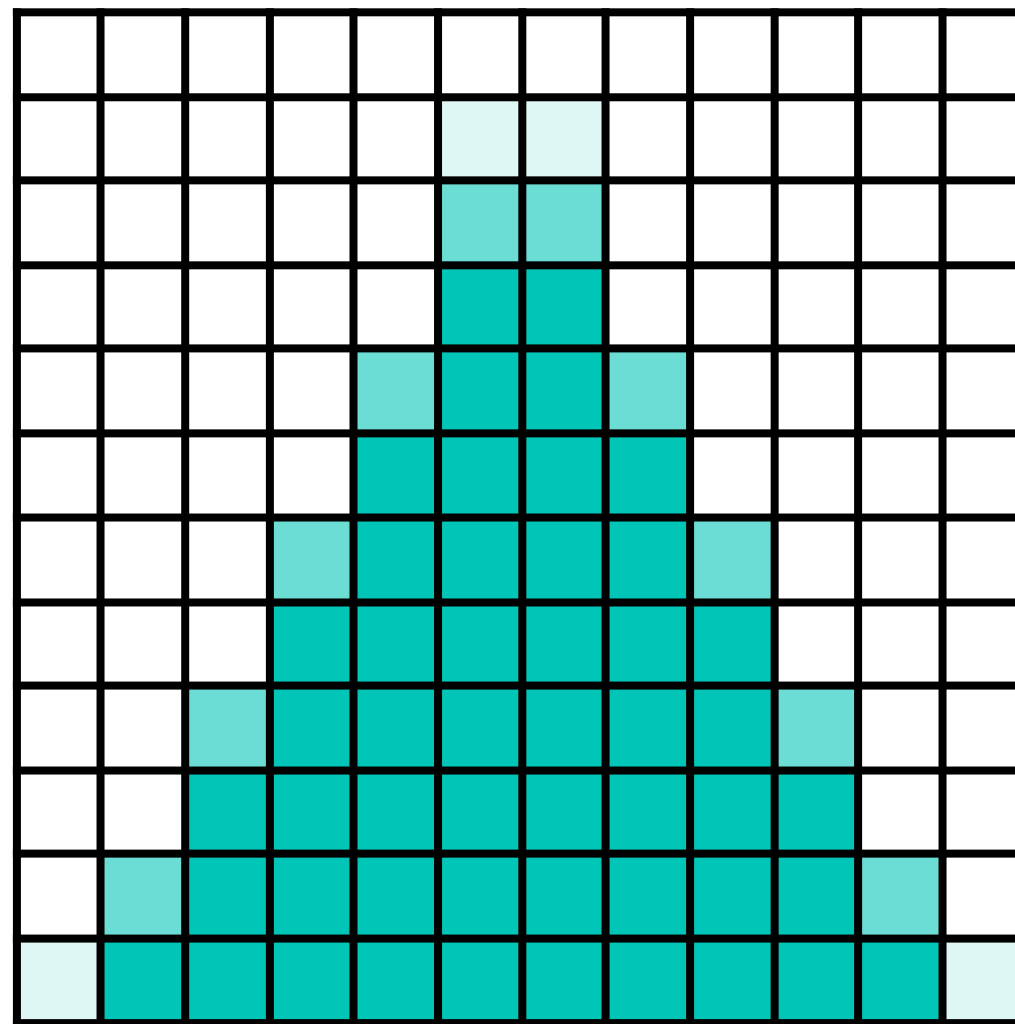
Gradient Step



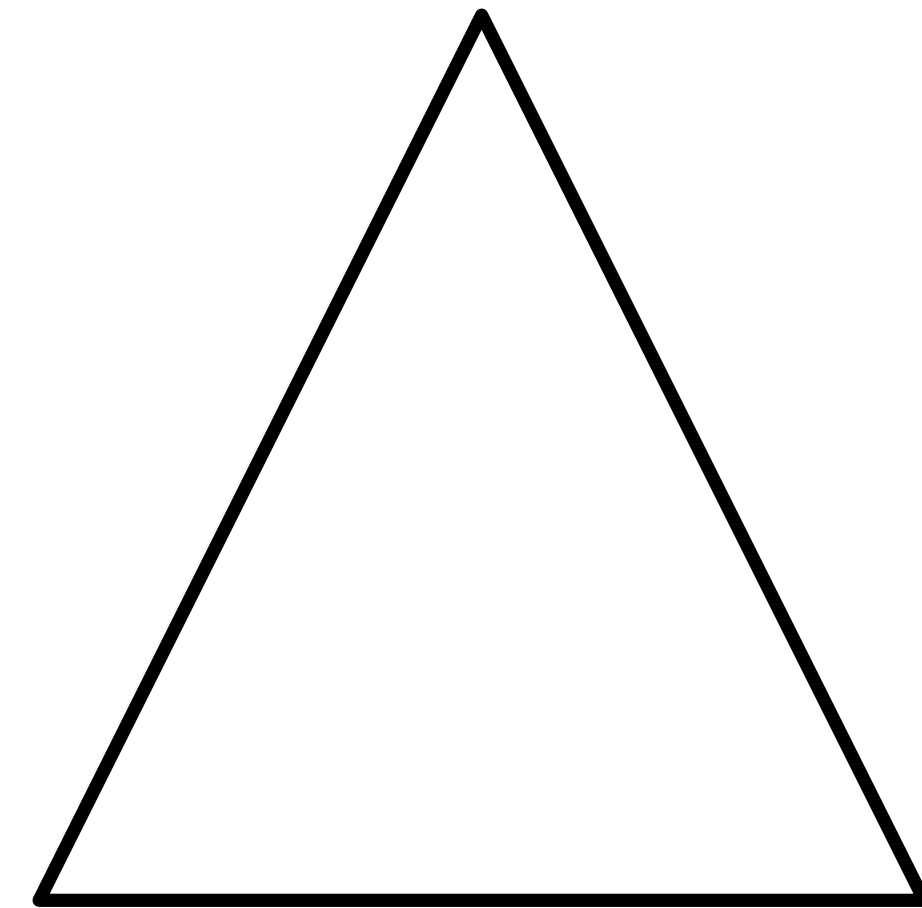
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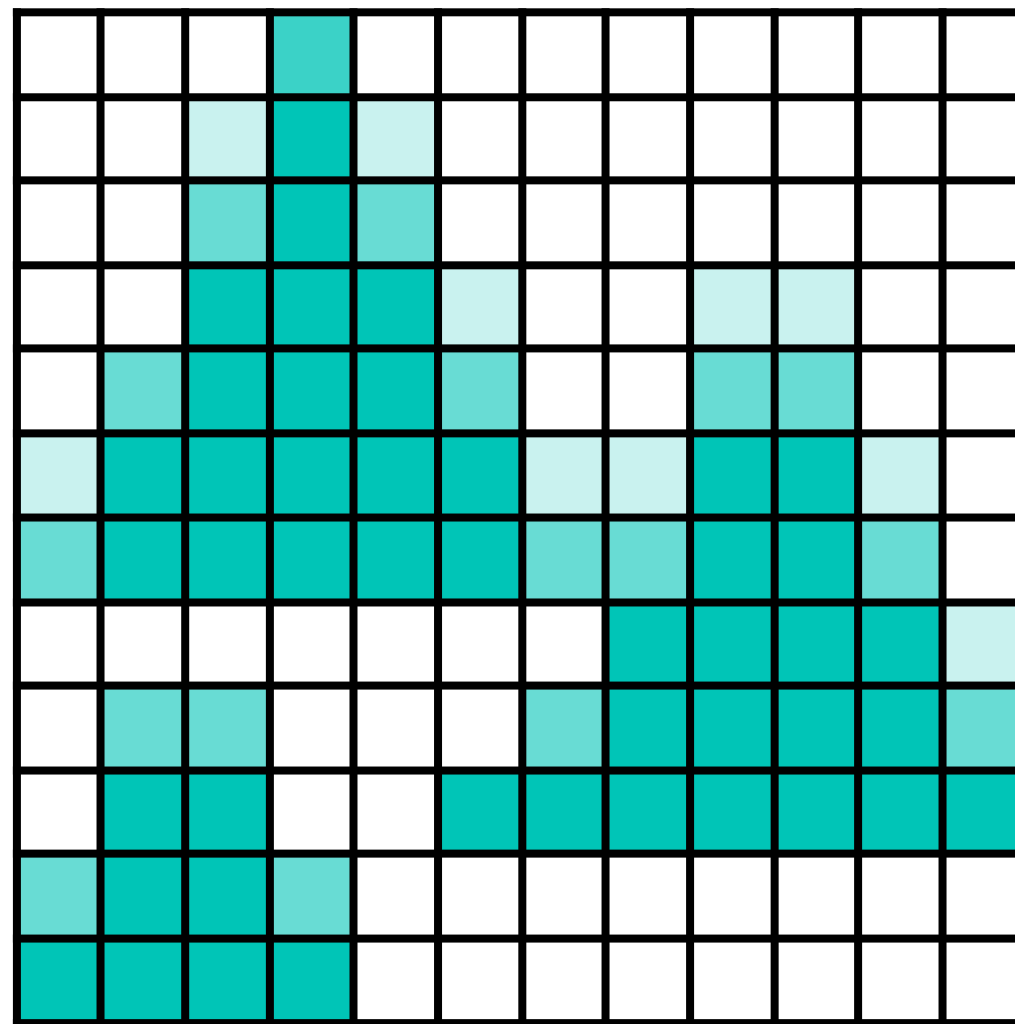
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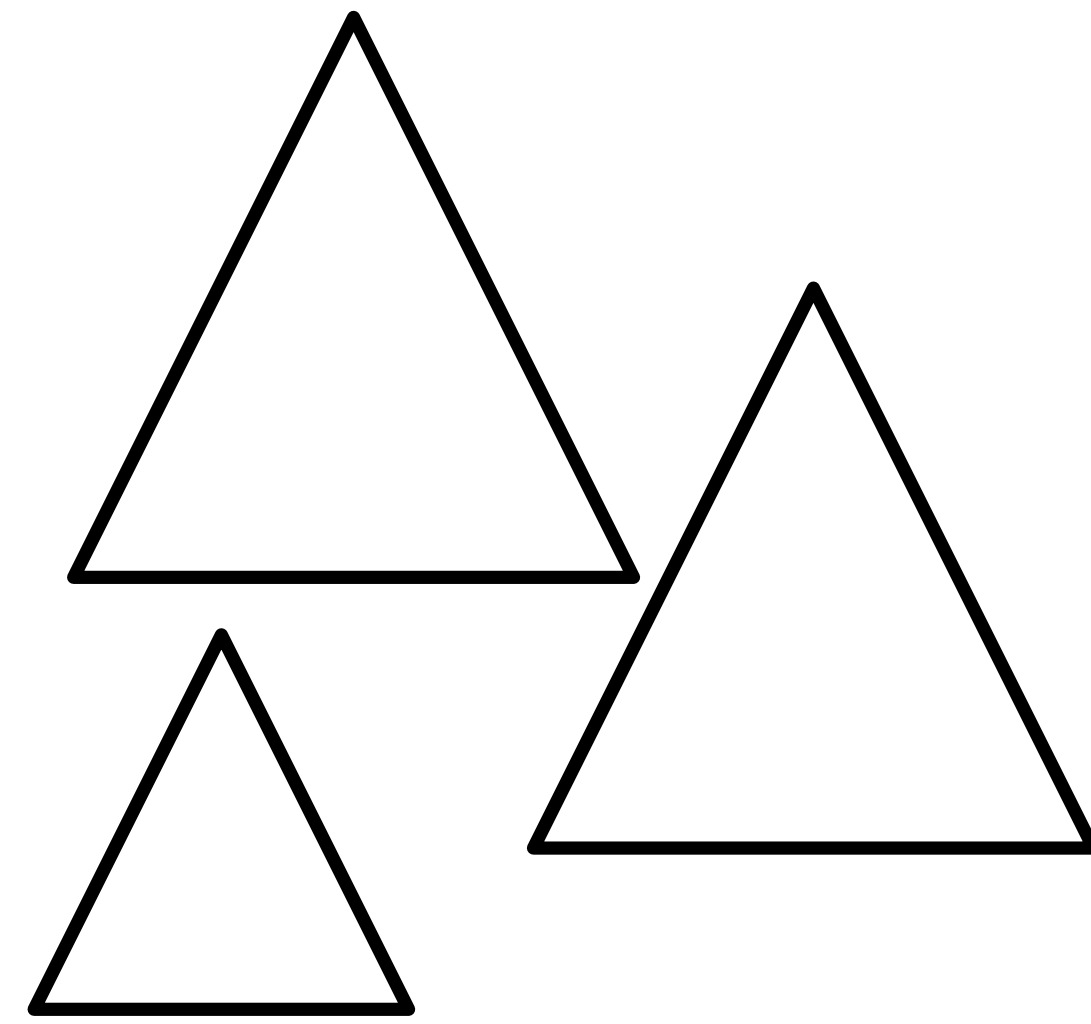
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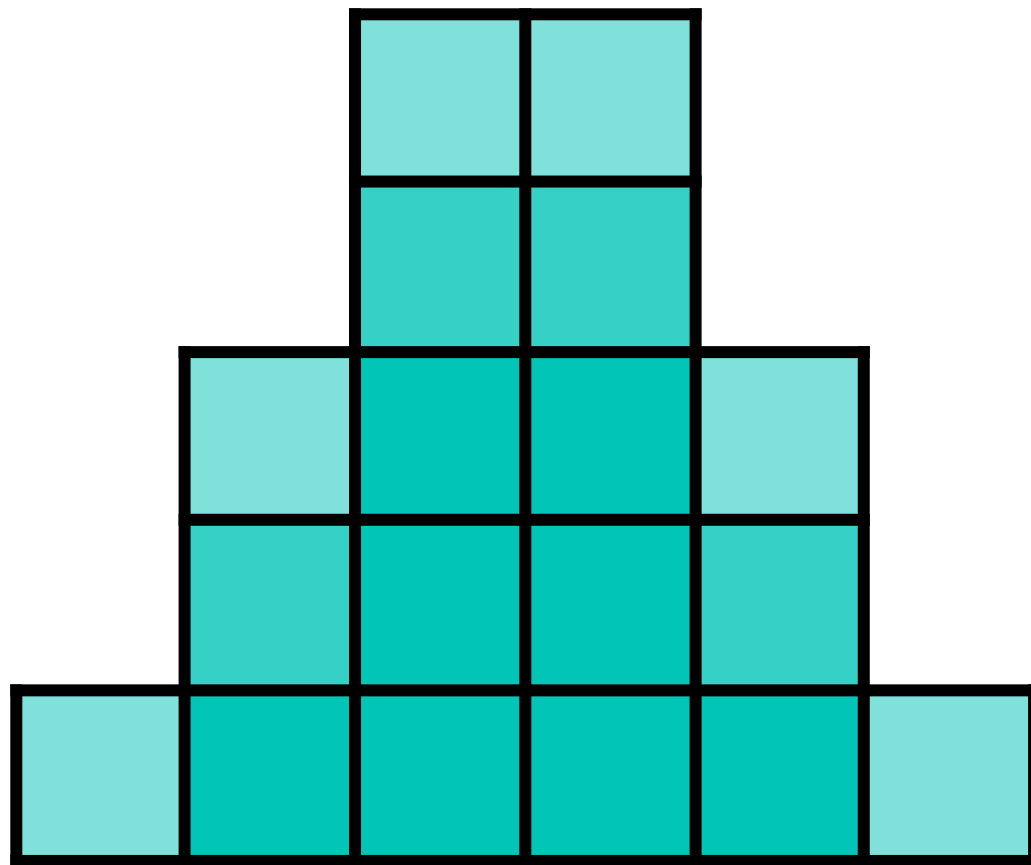
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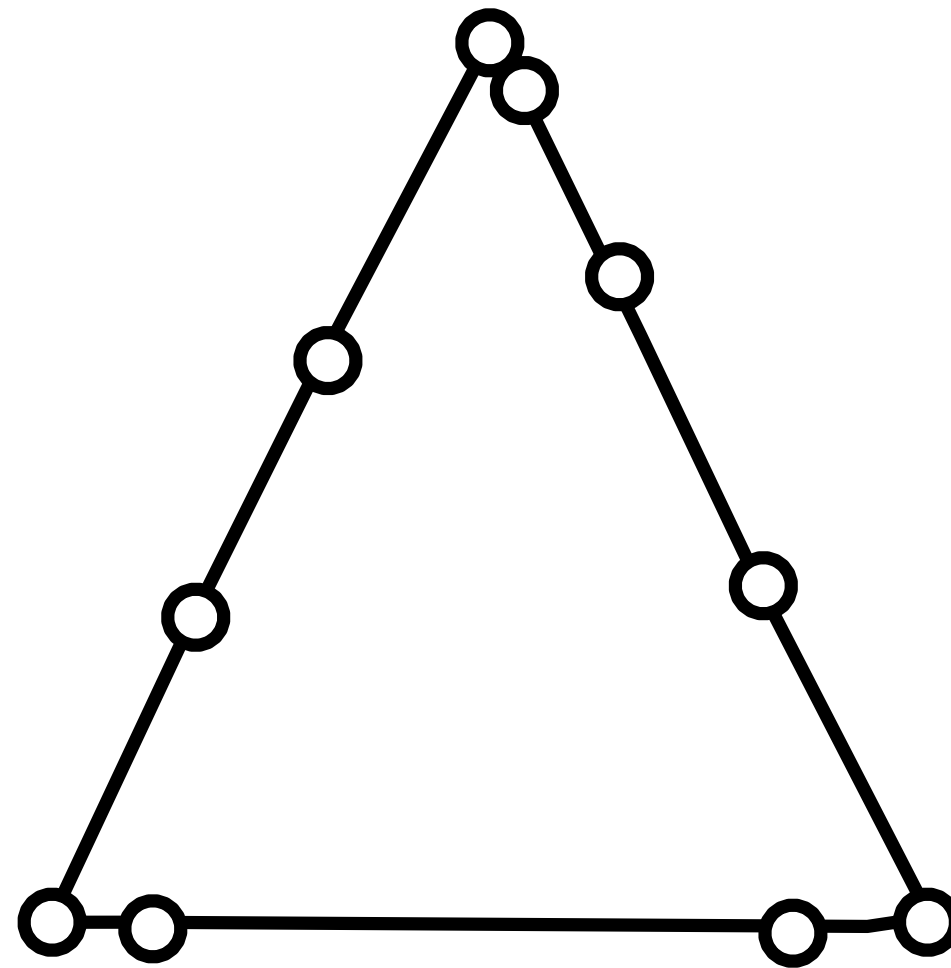
Target Geometry



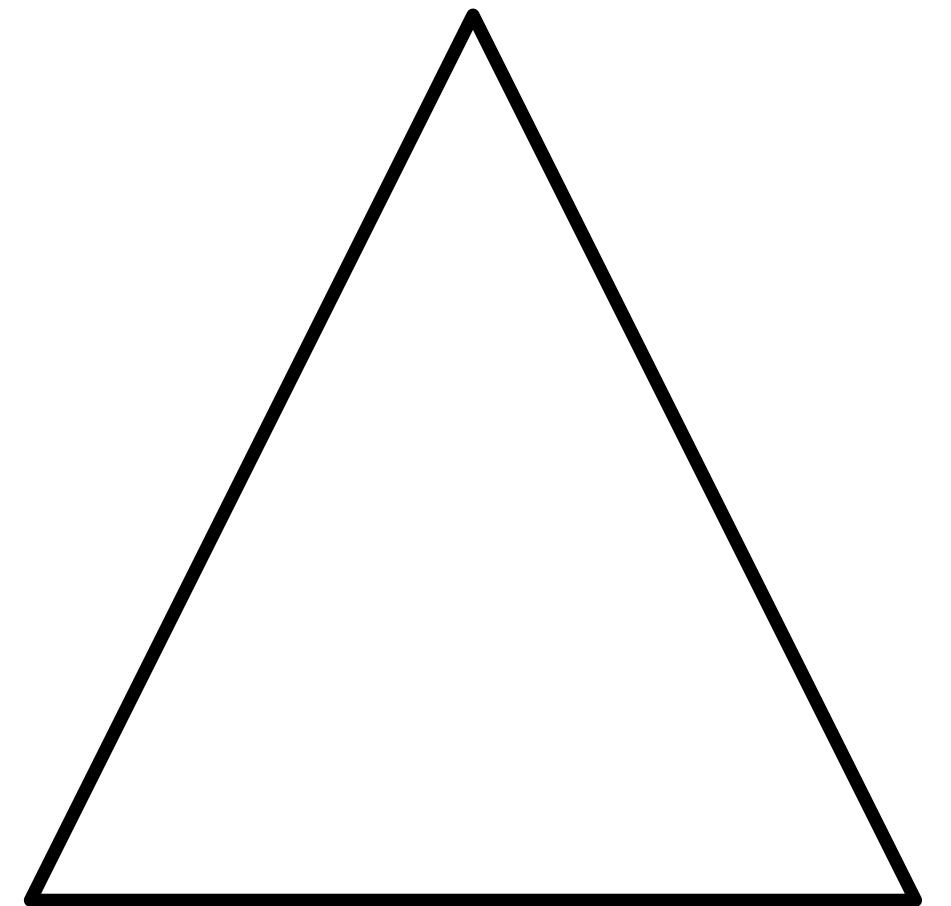
# Gradient Based Optimization



Voxel



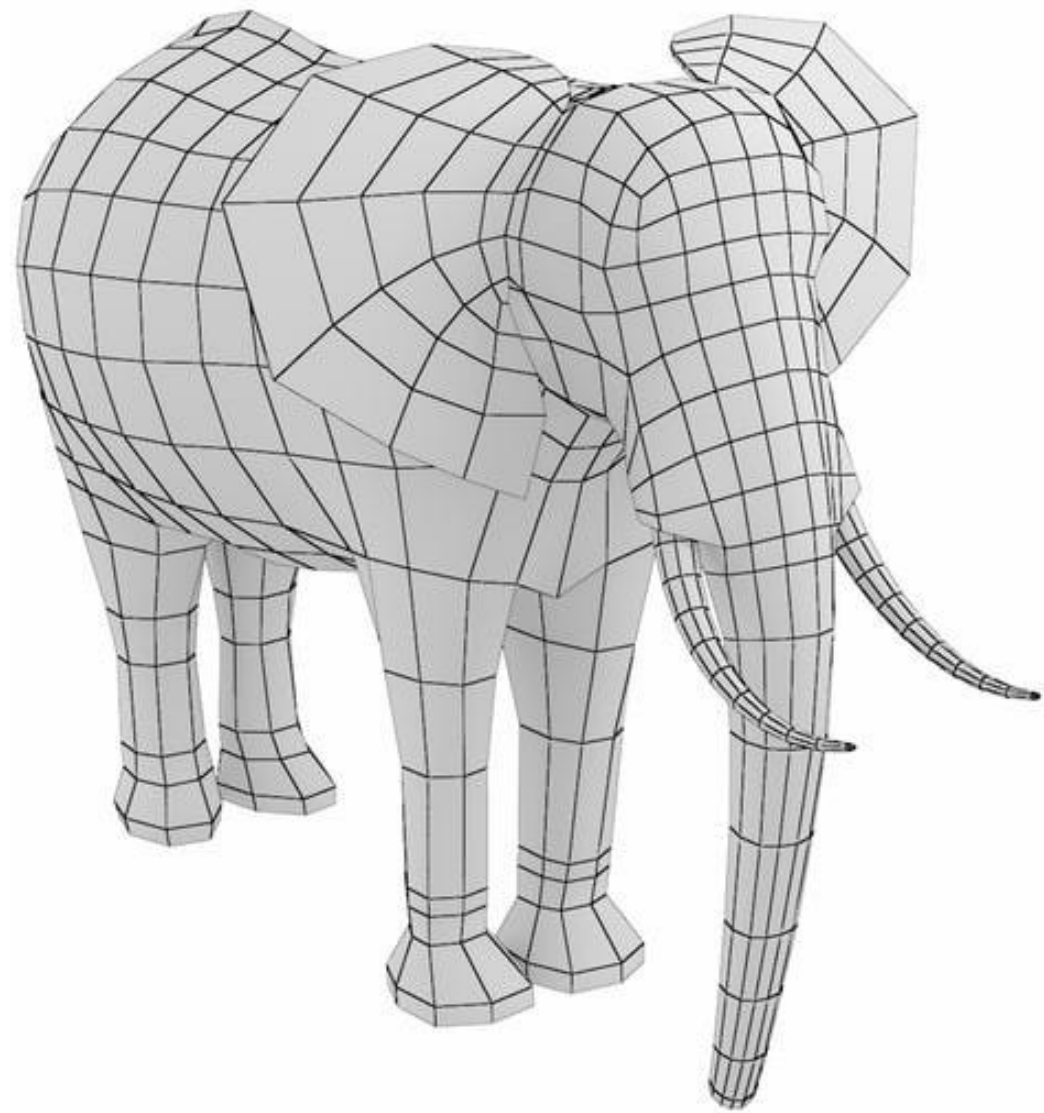
Mesh



Target Geometry



# Geometry Representations



Mesh Representation

Small memory footprint

Hard to optimize



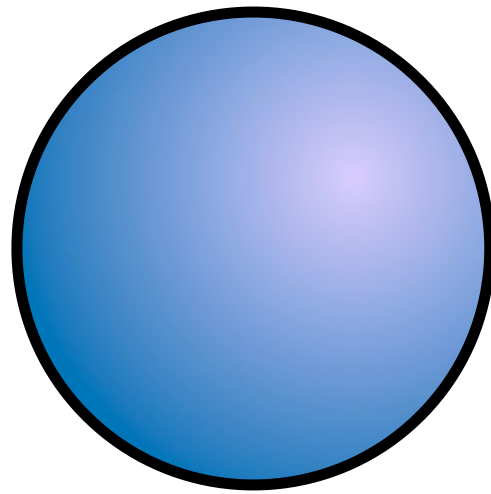
Voxel Representation

Easy to optimize

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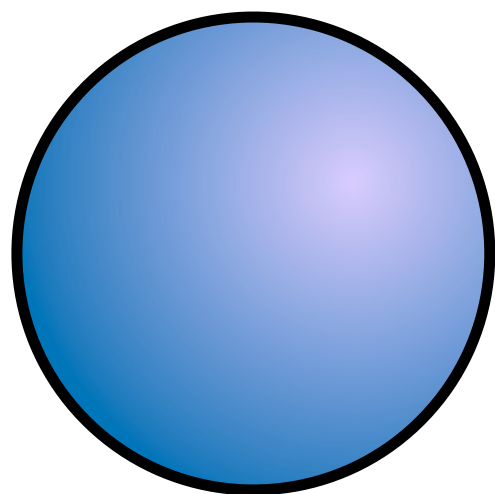
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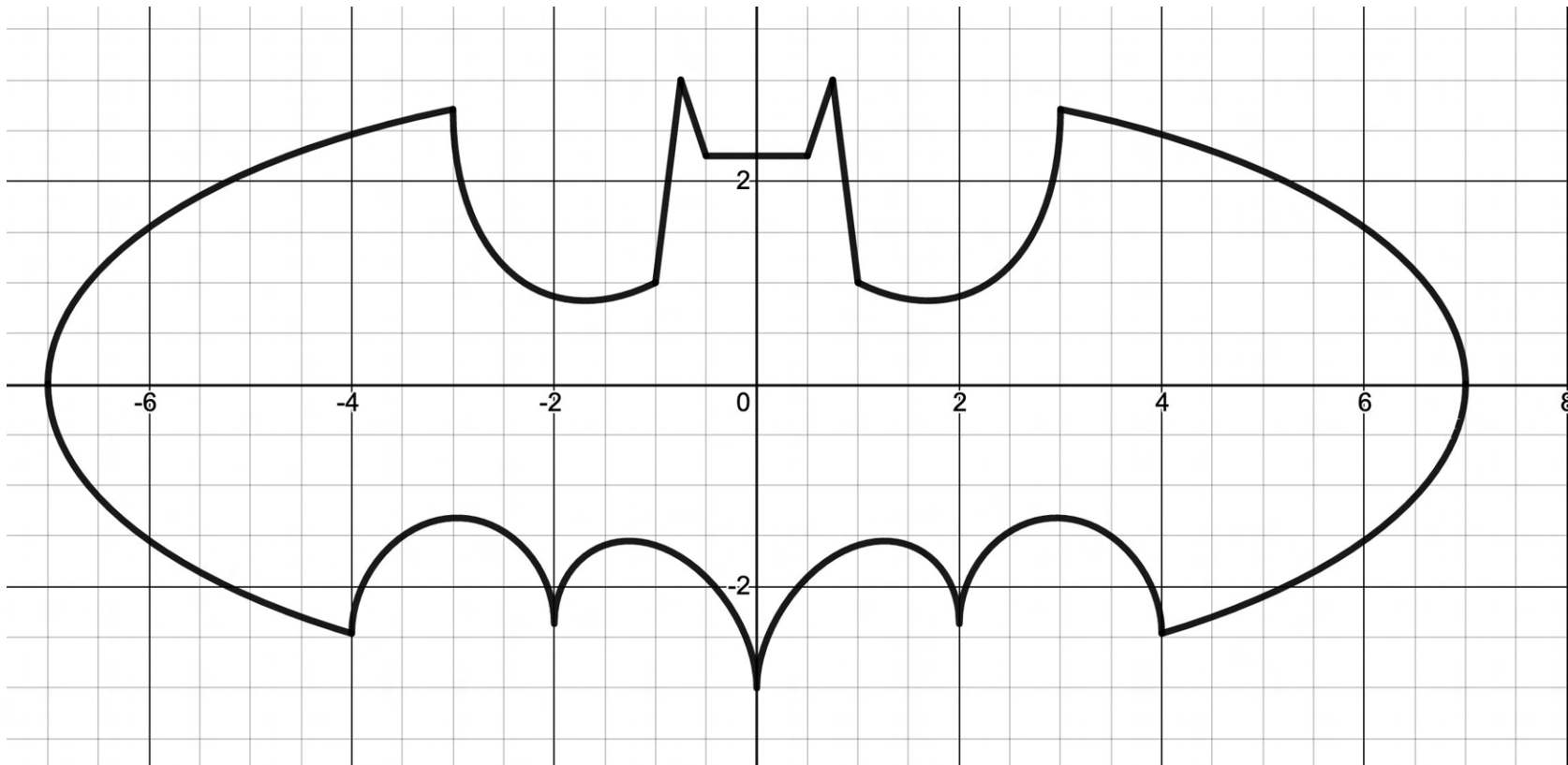
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



# Implicit Functions



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



$$\left\{ |x| > 3 : 3\sqrt{-\left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^2 + 1} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ |x| > 4 : -3\sqrt{-\left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^2 + 1} \right\}$$

$$\left| \frac{x}{2} \right| - \frac{3\sqrt{33} - 7}{112}x^2 + \sqrt{1 - (\text{abs}(|x| - 2) - 1)}$$

$$\{ .75 < |x| < 1 : 9 - 8|x| \}$$

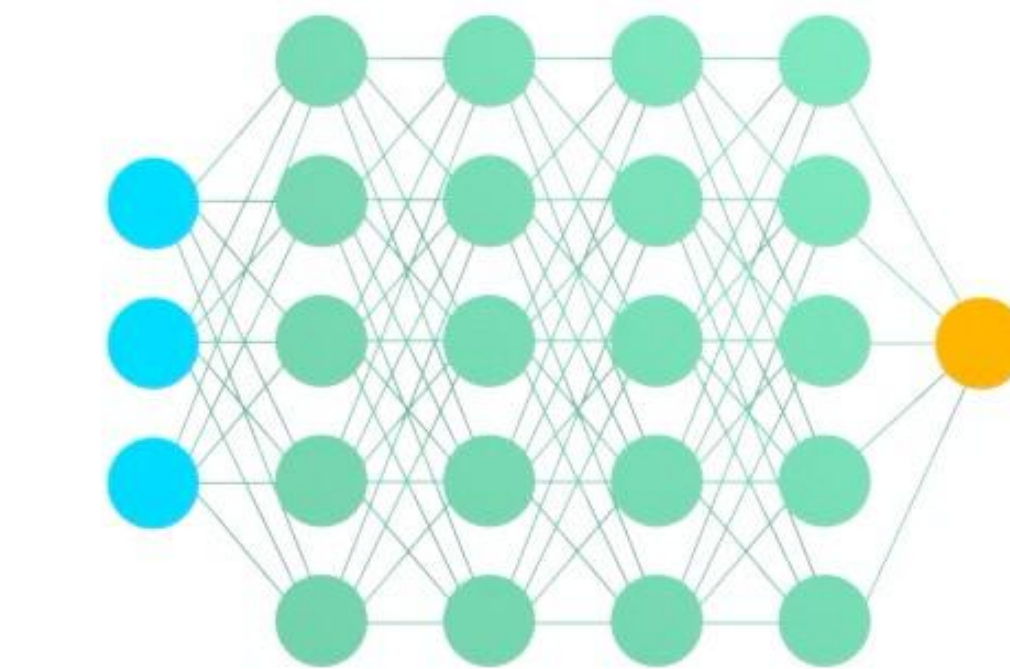
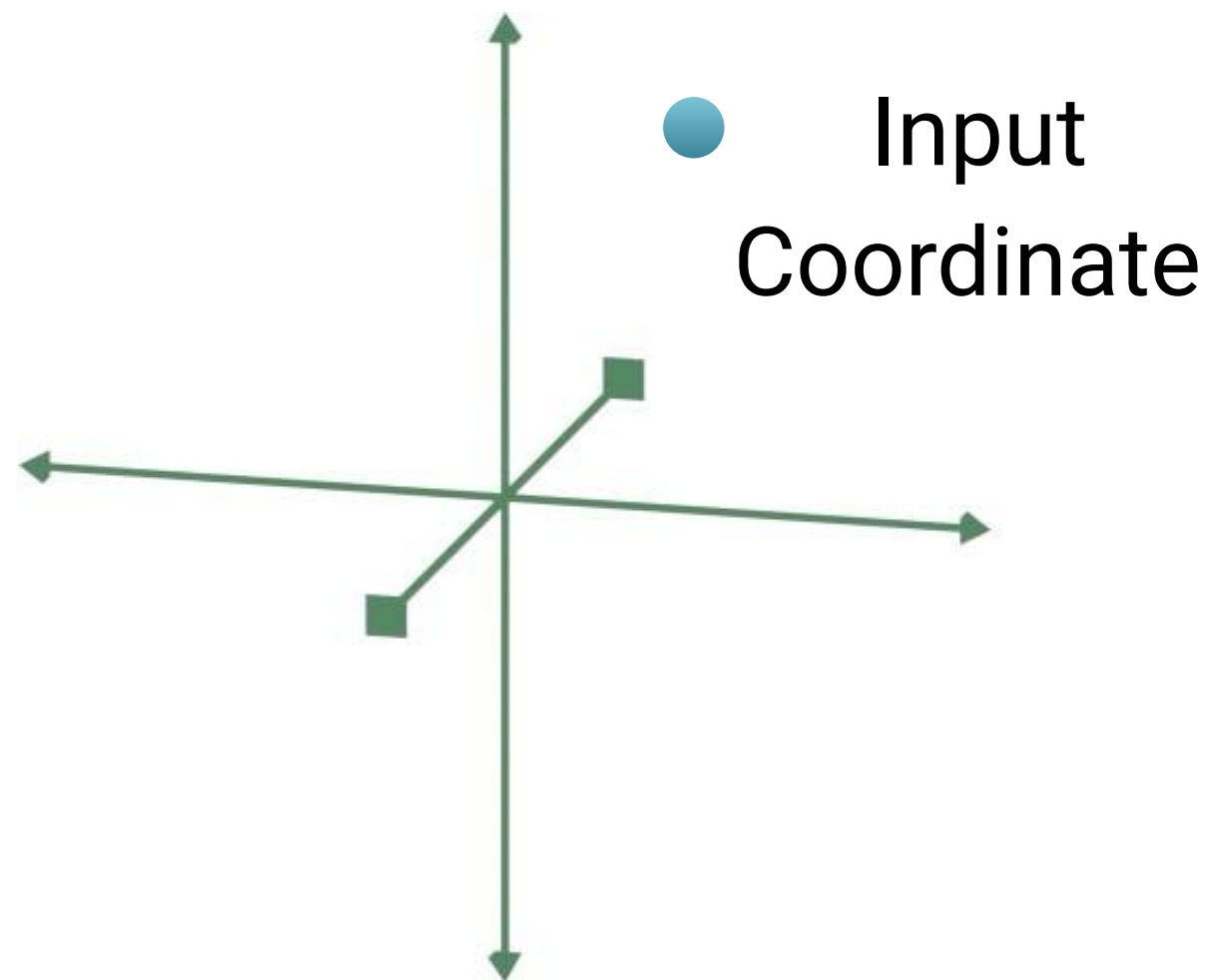
$$\{ .5 < |x| < .75 : 3|x| + .75 \}$$

$$\{ |x| < .5 : 2.25 \}$$

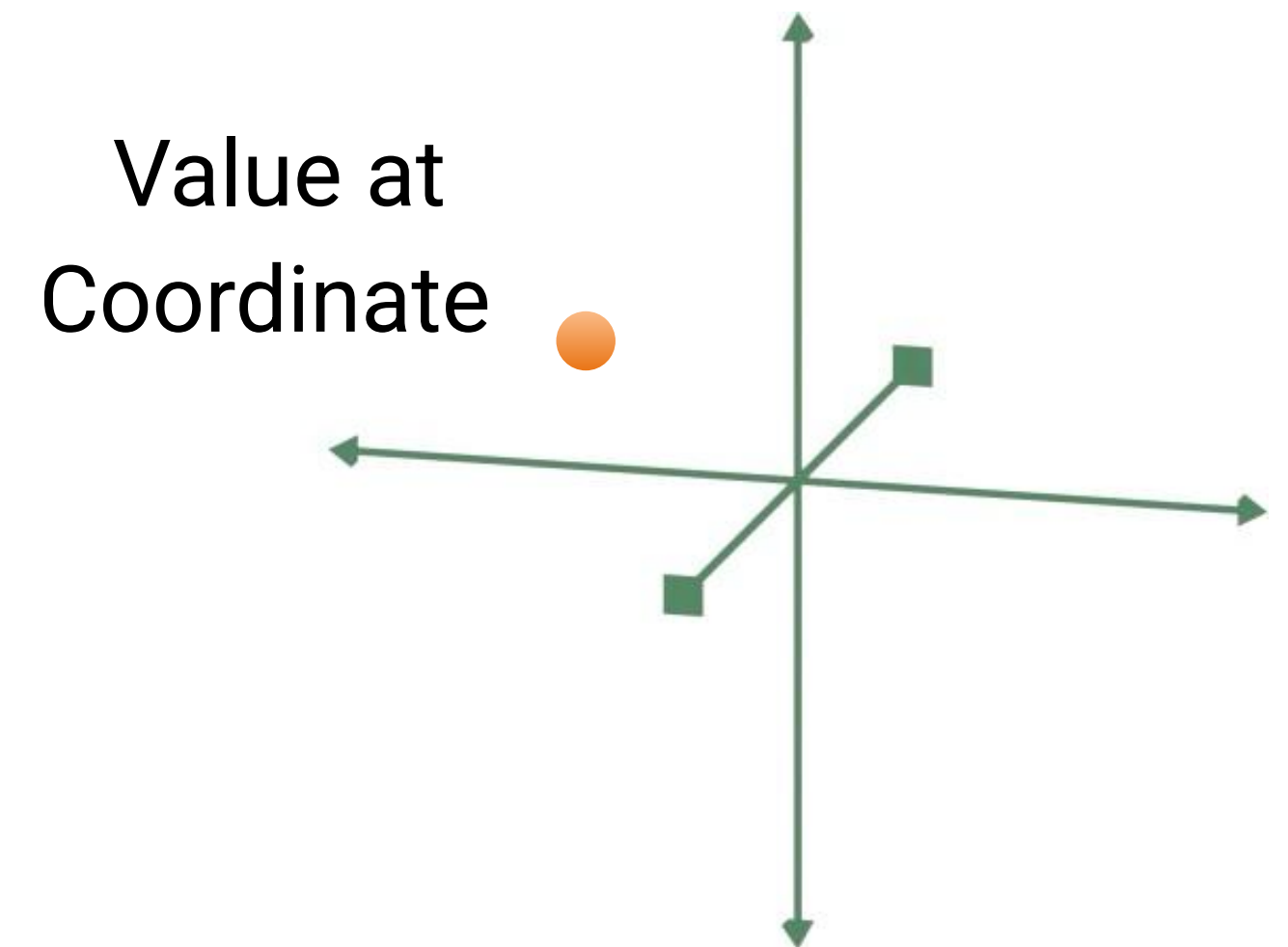
$$\left\{ |x| > 1 : 1.5 - .5|x| - \frac{6\sqrt{10}}{14} \left( \sqrt{3 - x^2} + 2|x| \right) \right\}$$



# Coordinate Based Neural Network



Multi Layer Perceptron  
MLP

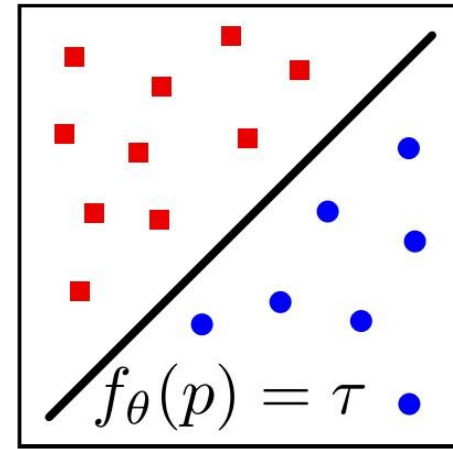


# Neural networks as a continuous shape representation

## Occupancy Networks (Mescheder et al. 2019)

$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \text{occupancy}$

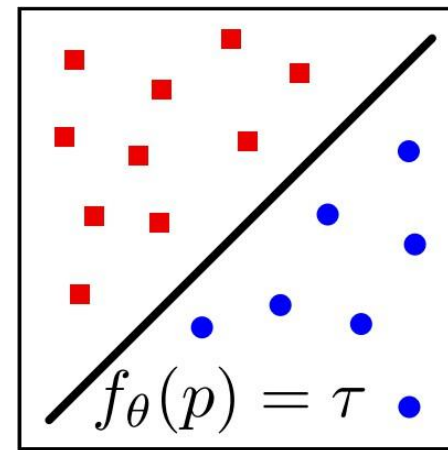
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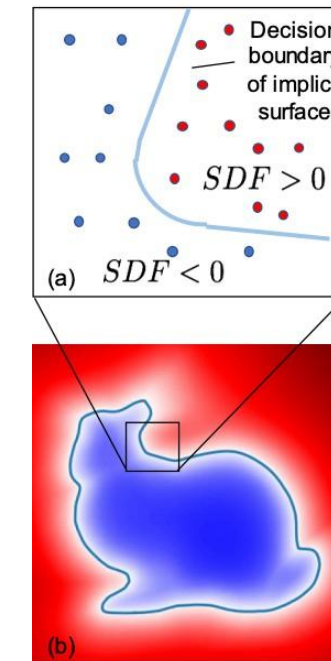


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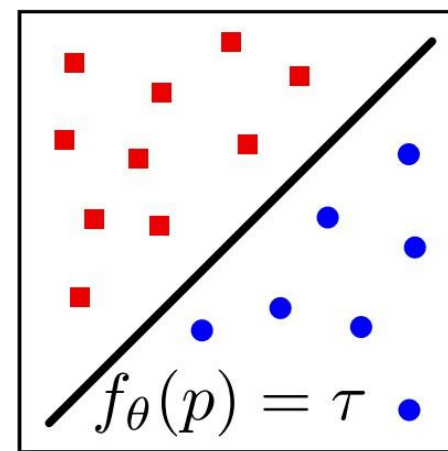


**DeepSDF**  
(Park et al. 2019)  
 $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \text{distance}$

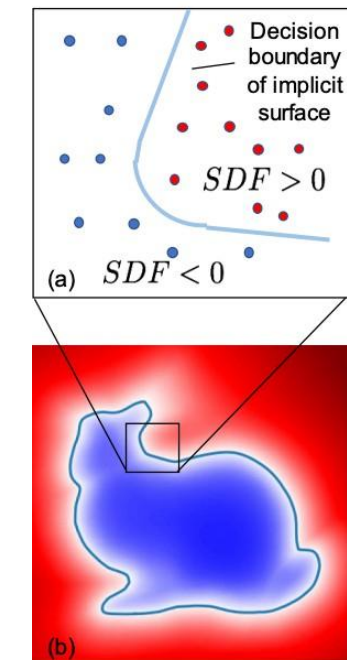


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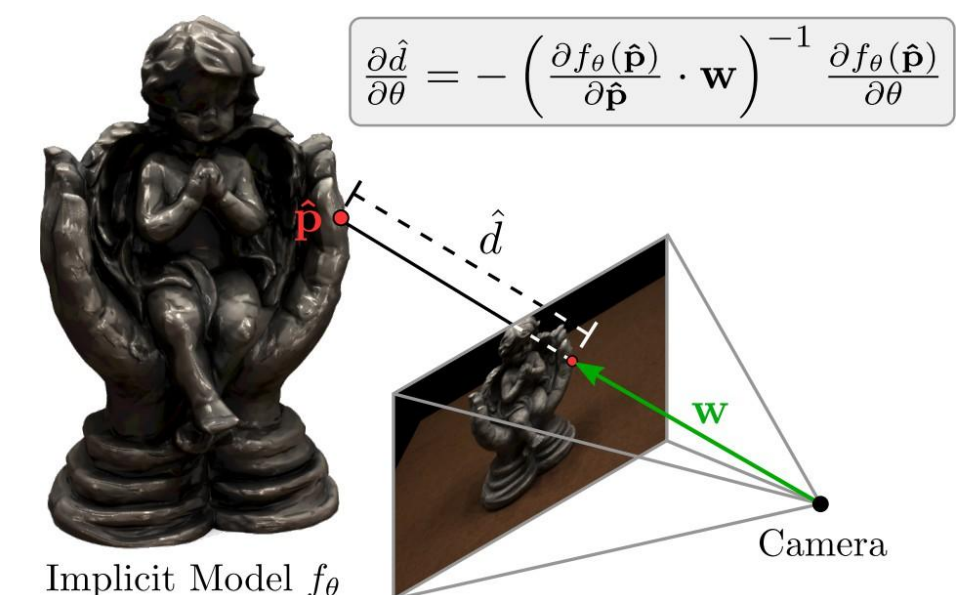
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**Scene Representation Networks**  
(Sitzmann et al. 2019)  
 $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \text{latent vec. (color, dist.)}$



**Differentiable Volumetric Rendering**  
(Niemeyer et al. 2020)  
 $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \text{color, occ.}$





# NeRF: Representing Scenes as Neural Radiance Fields for View Synthesis



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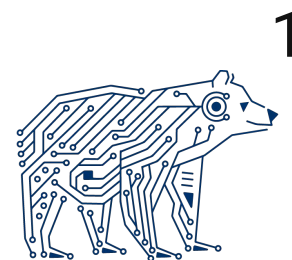
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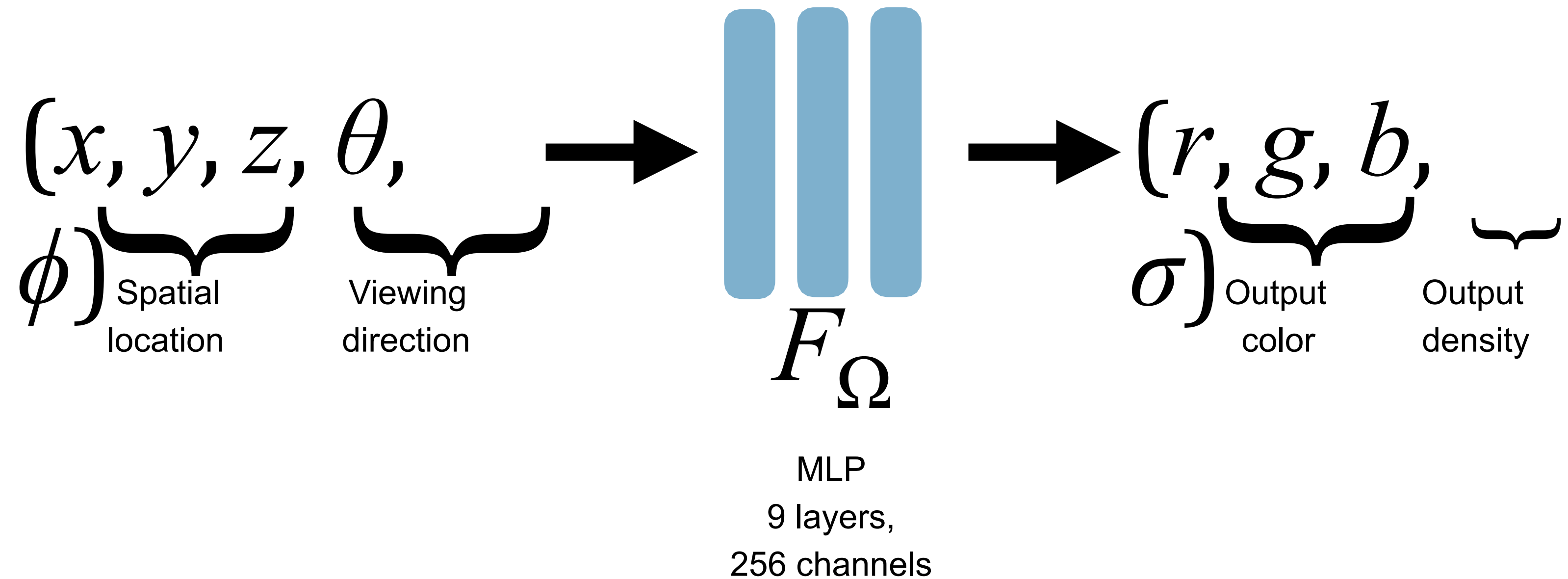
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*NeRF (neural radiance fields):*  
Neural networks as a *volume* representation, using  
volume rendering to do view synthesis.

$$(x, y, z, \theta, \phi) \rightarrow \text{color, opacity}$$



# Representing a scene as a continuous 5D function



# Recall “radiance” from previous lectures

## Radiance

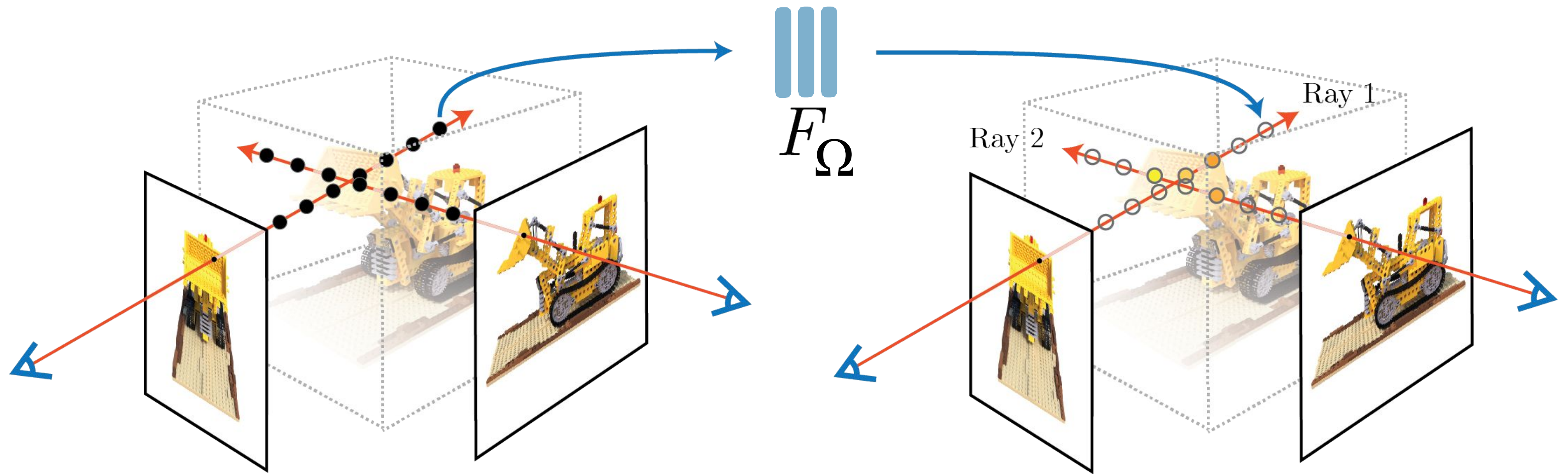


Light Traveling Along A Ray

1. Radiance is the fundamental field quantity that describes the distribution of light in an environment
  - Radiance is the quantity associated with a ray
  - Rendering is all about computing radiance
2. Radiance is invariant along a ray in a vacuum



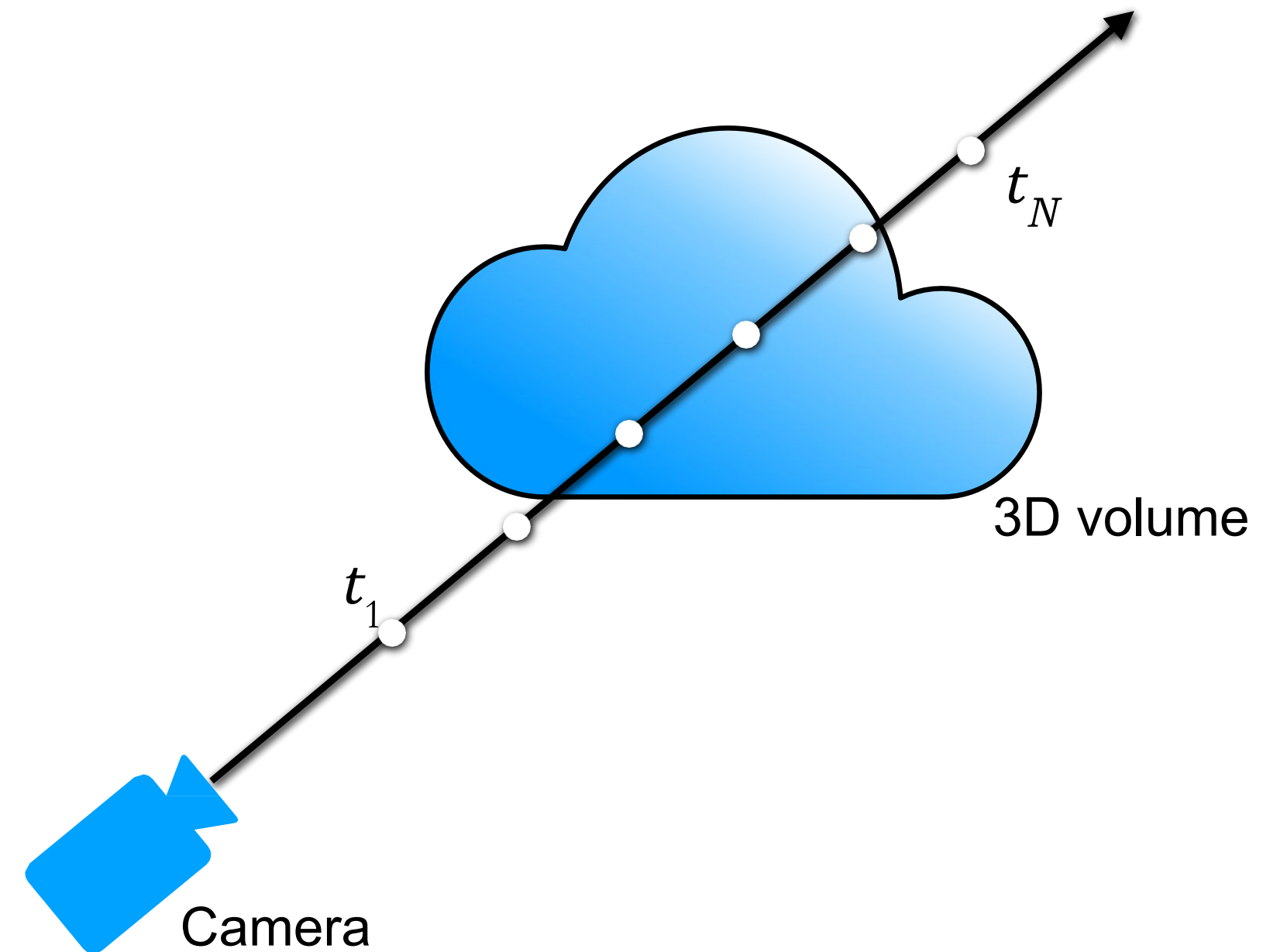
# Generate views with traditional volume rendering



$$\min_{\Omega} \sum_i \|\text{render}^{(i)}(F_{\Omega}) - I_{\text{gt}}^{(i)}\|^2$$

# Generate views with traditional volume rendering

Rendering model for ray  $r(t) = o + td$ :



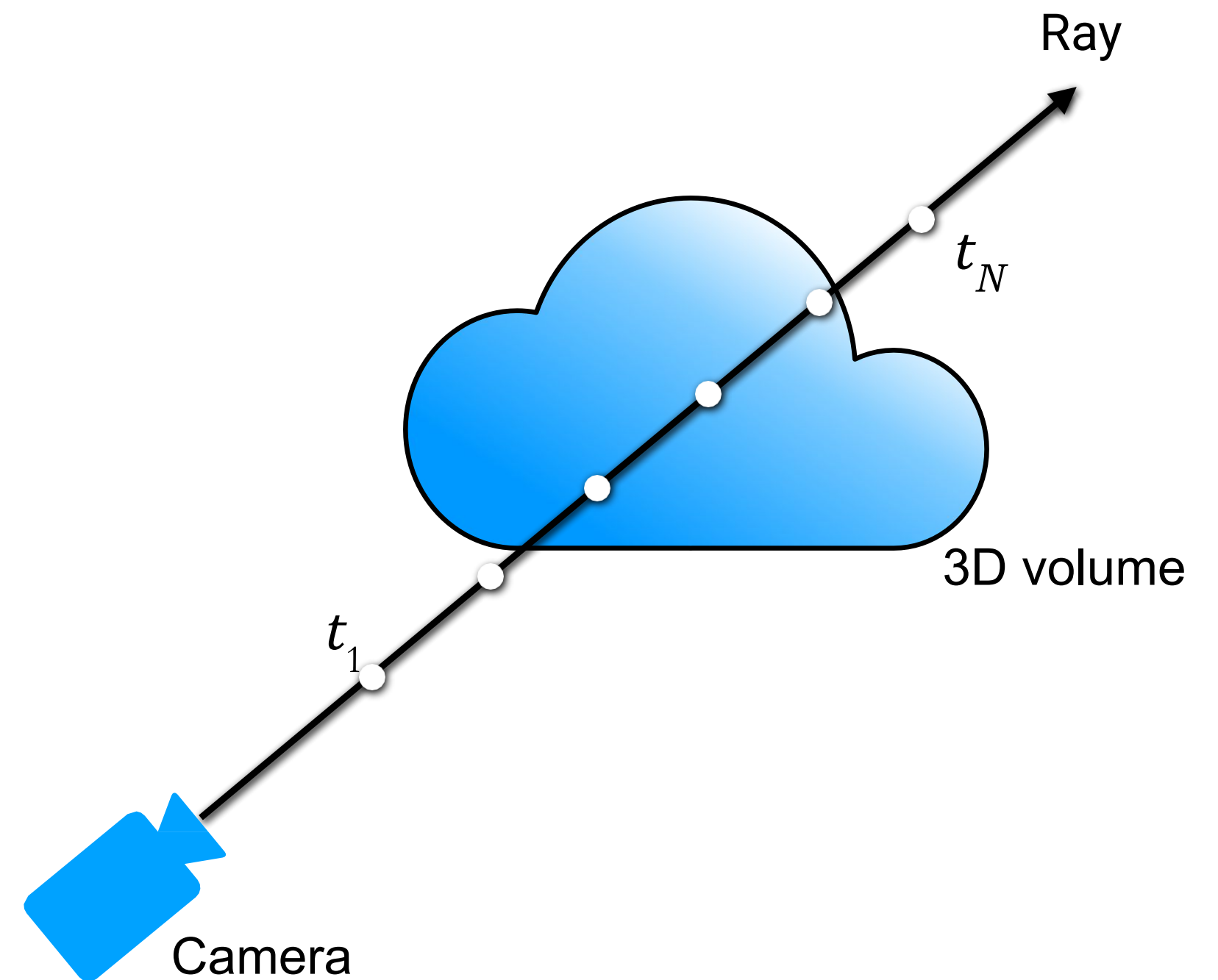


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Diagram illustrating the rendering model equation  $C \approx \sum_{i=1}^N T_i \alpha_i c_i$ . The term  $T_i$  is labeled "weights" and the term  $c_i$  is labeled "colors".



# Generate views with traditional volume rendering

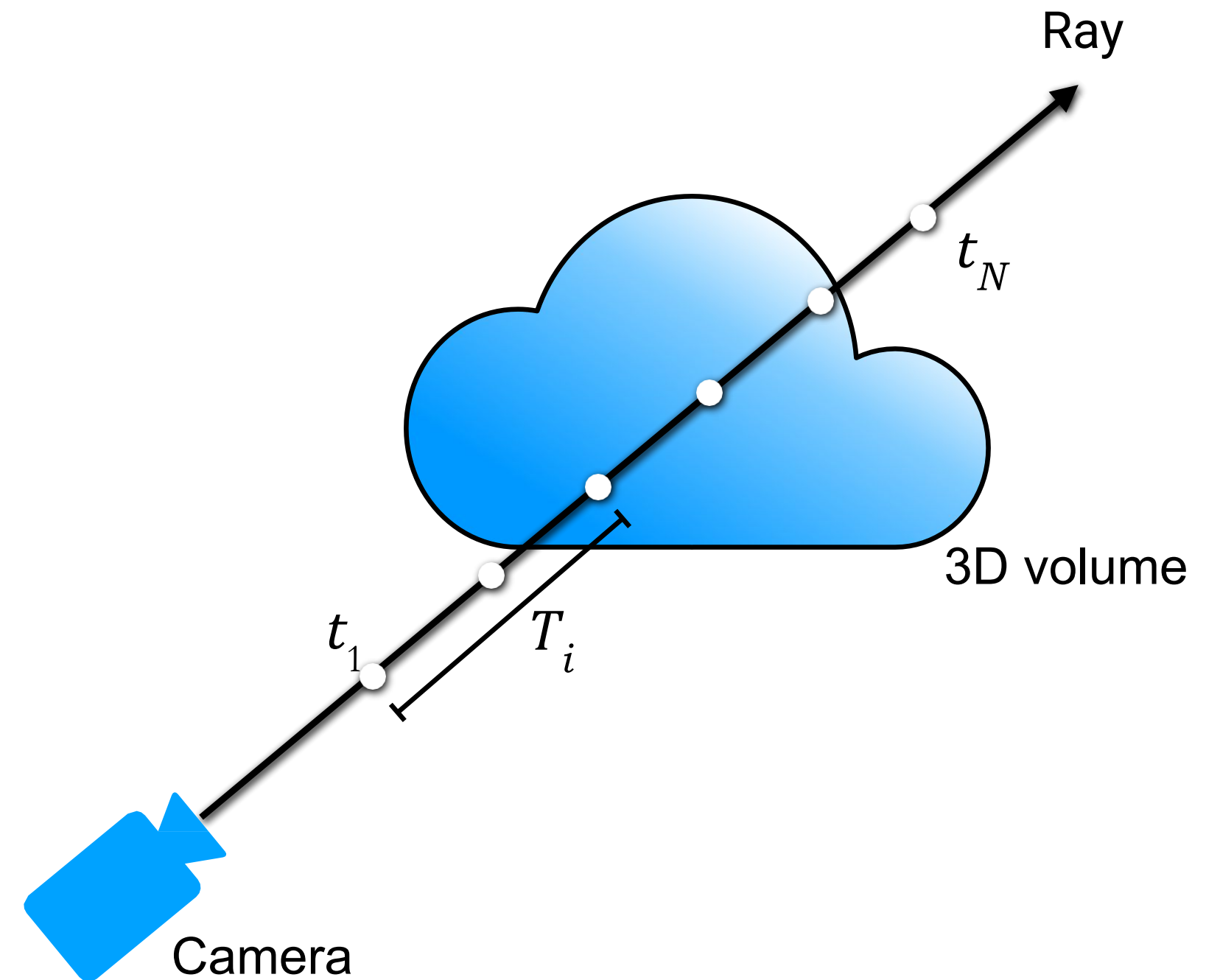
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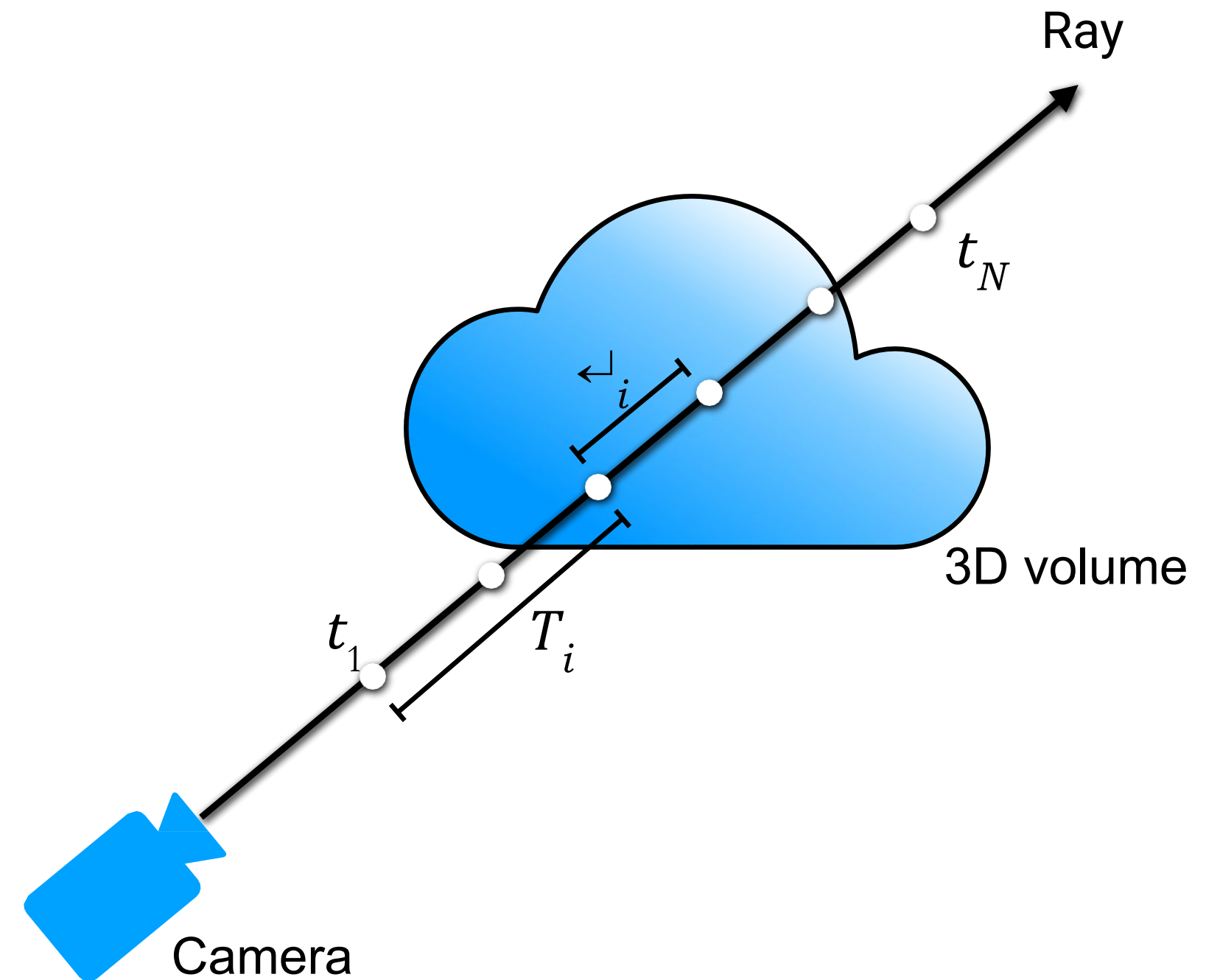
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# Effective resolution is tied to distance between samples

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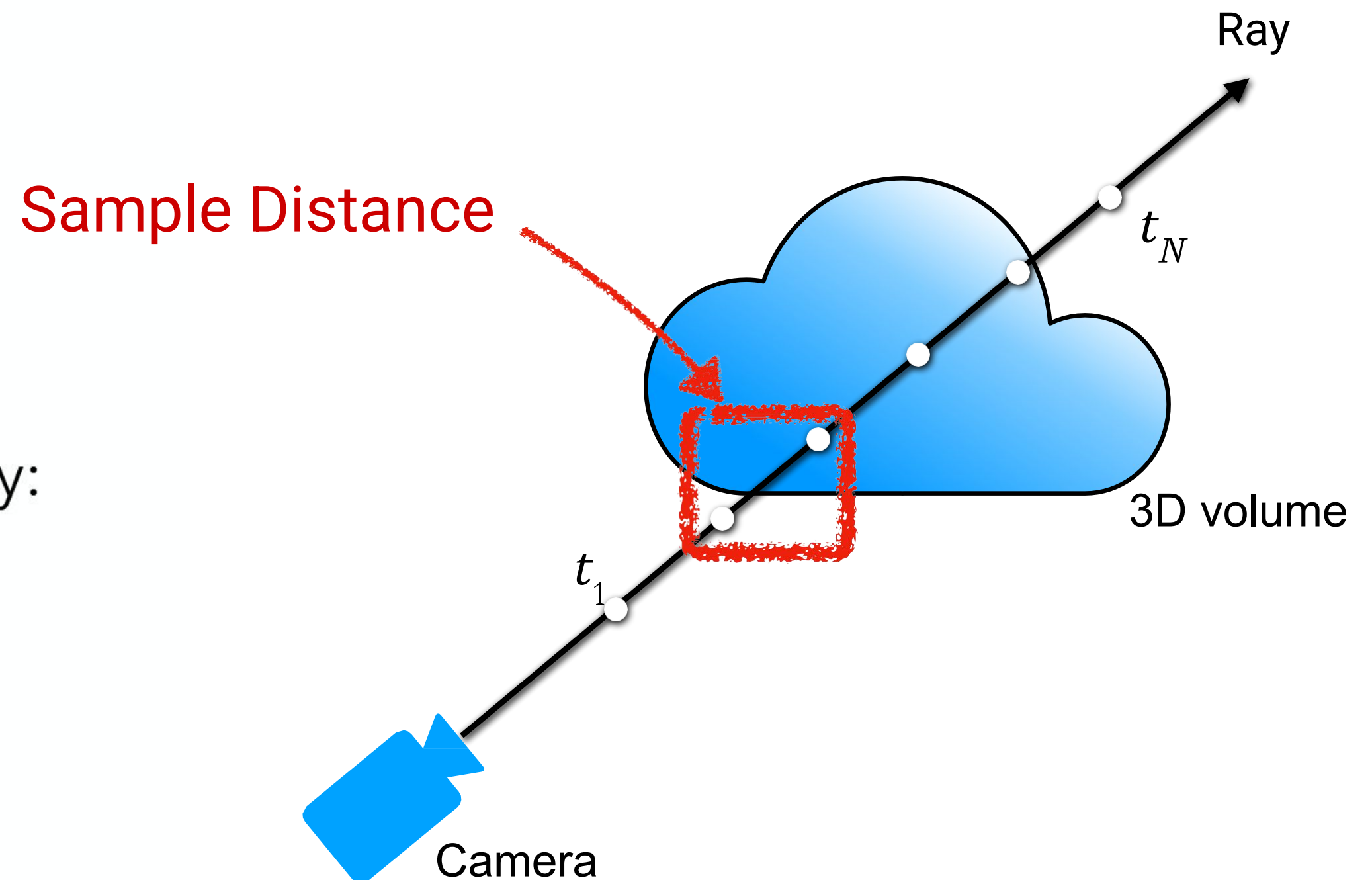
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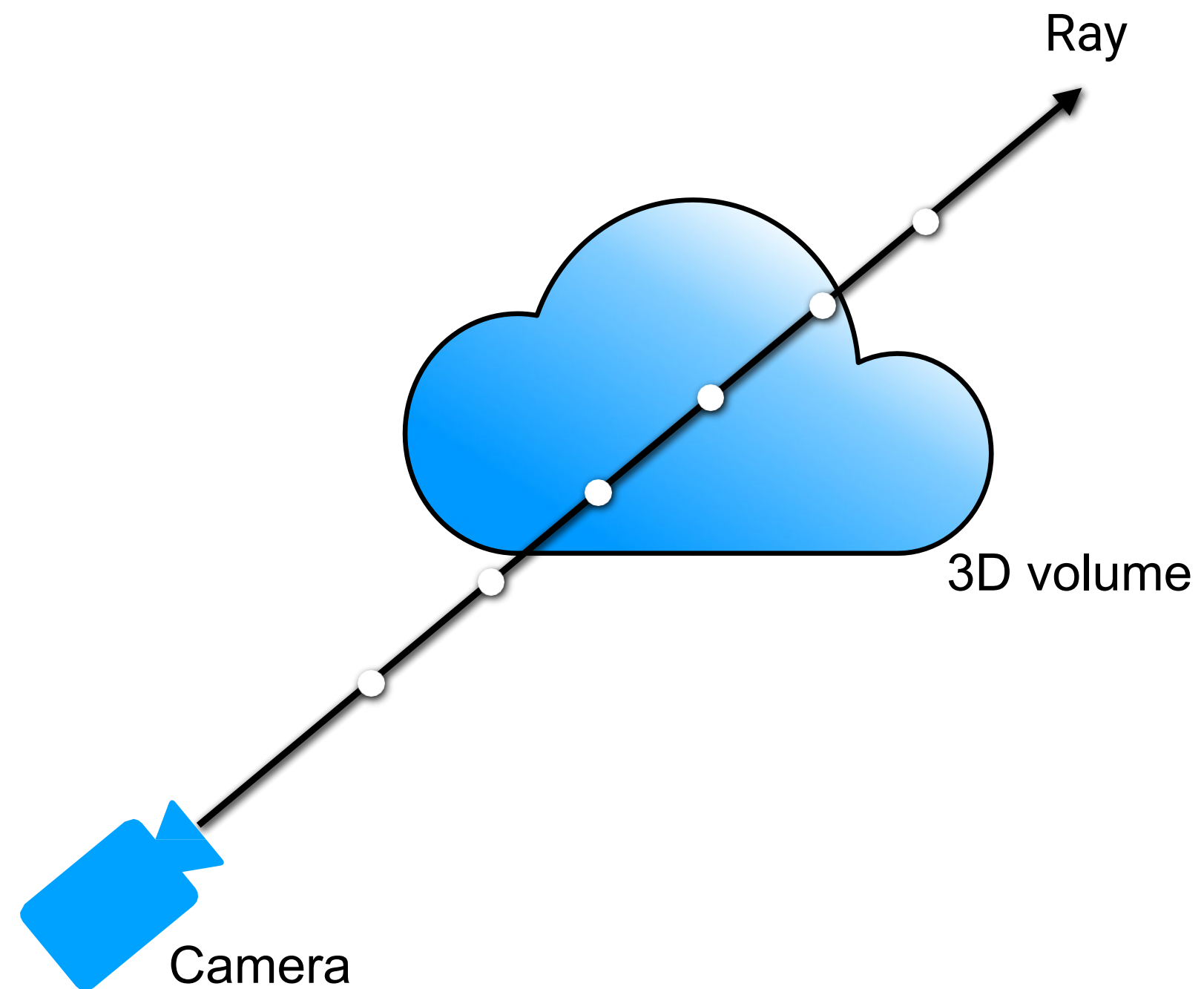
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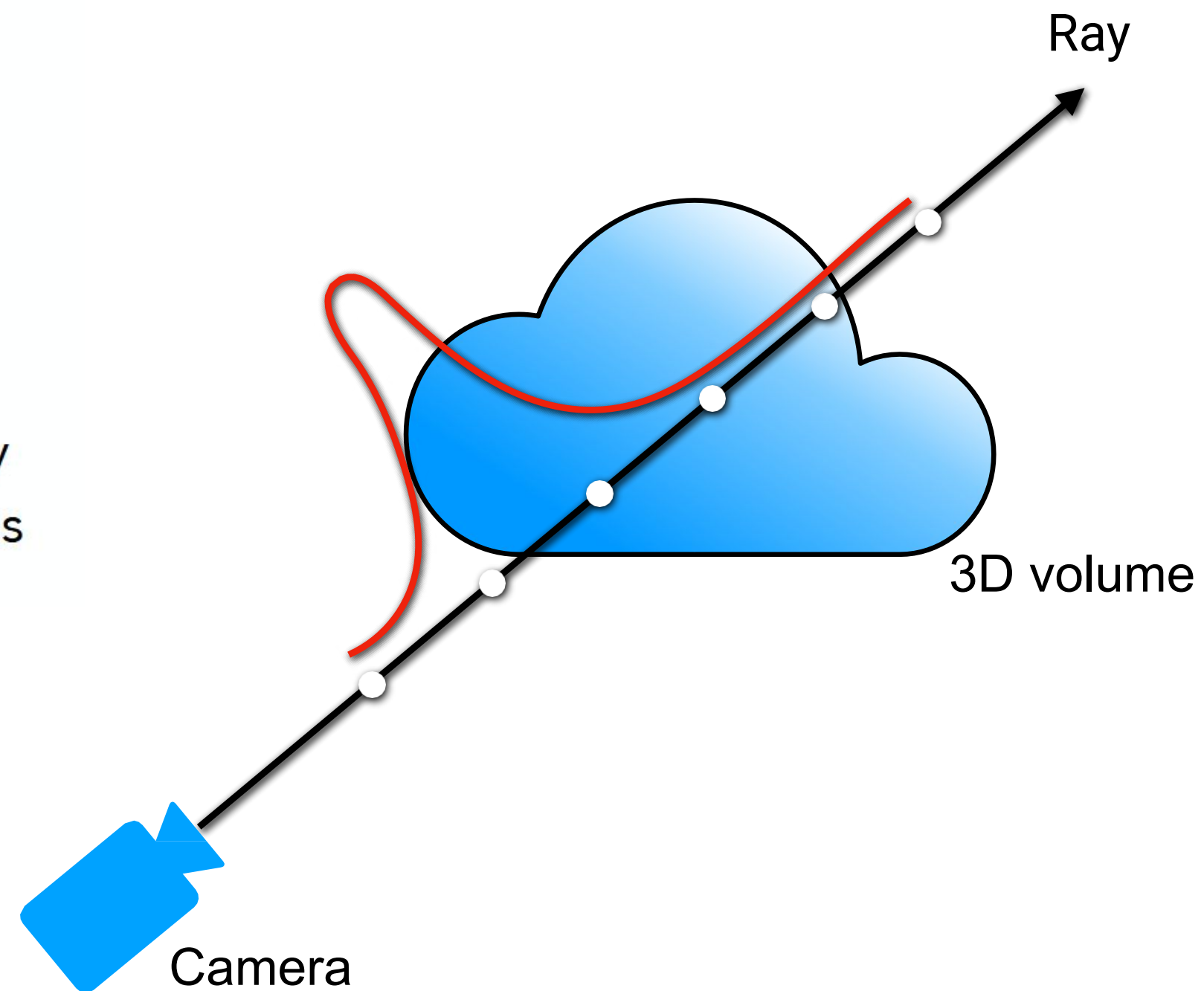
# Can we allocate samples more efficiently? Two pass rendering



# Two pass rendering: coarse

$$C \approx \sum_{i=1}^N T_i \alpha_i c_i$$

treat weights as probability  
distribution for new samples

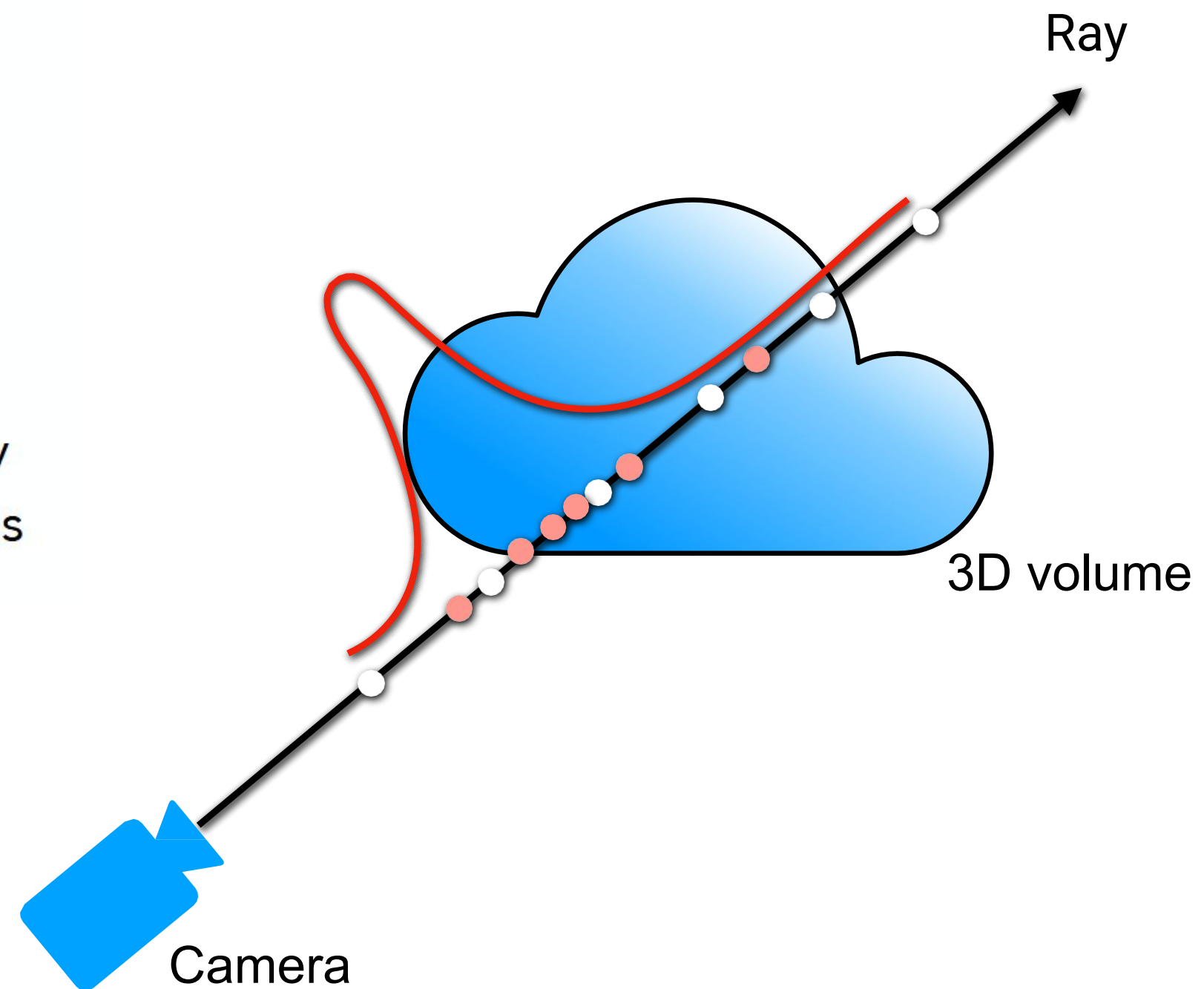




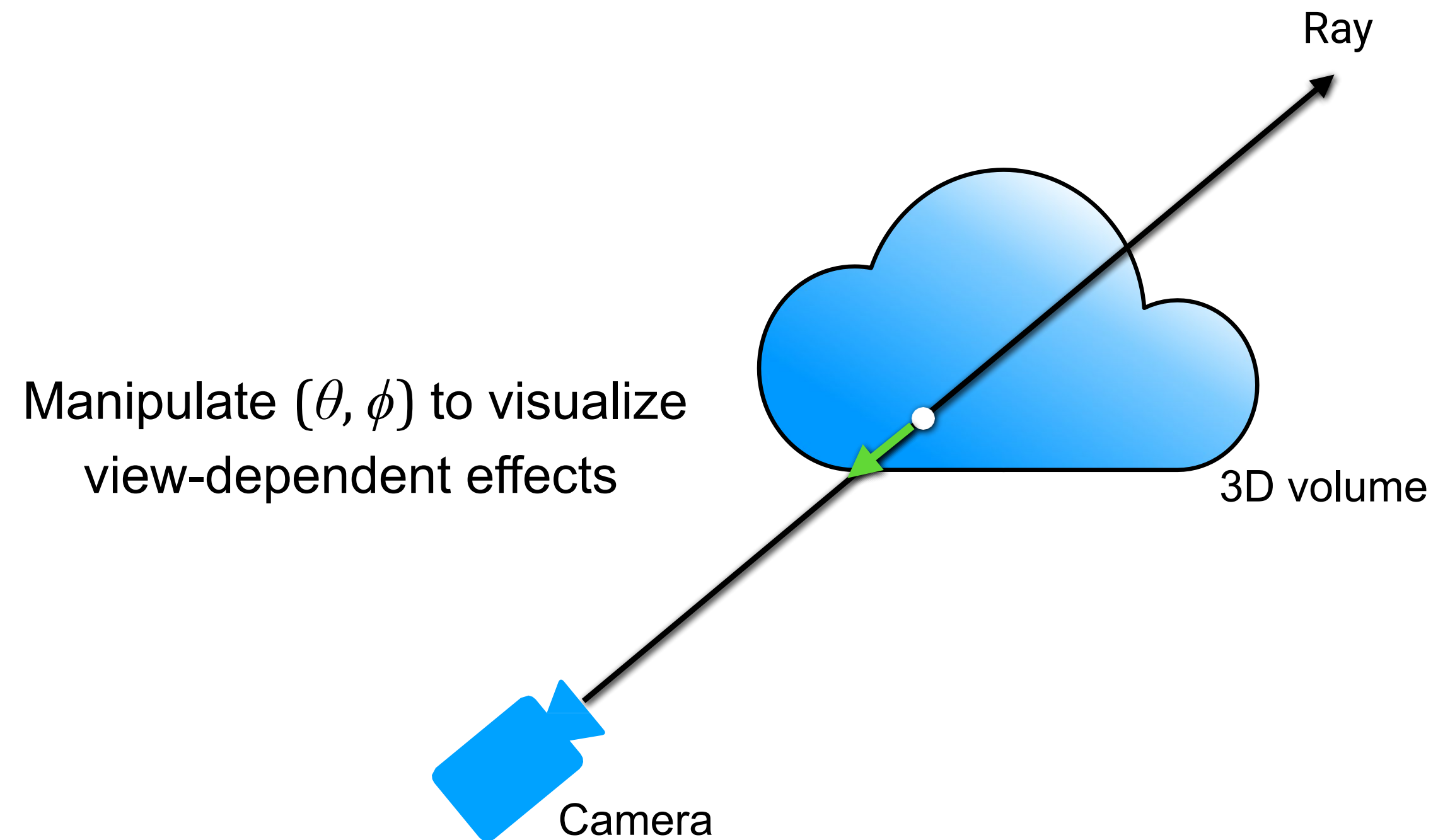
# Two pass rendering: fine

$$C \approx \sum_{i=1}^N T_i \alpha_i c_i$$

treat weights as probability  
distribution for new samples



# Viewing directions as input





# Volume rendering is differentiable

Rendering model for ray  $r(t) = o + td$ :

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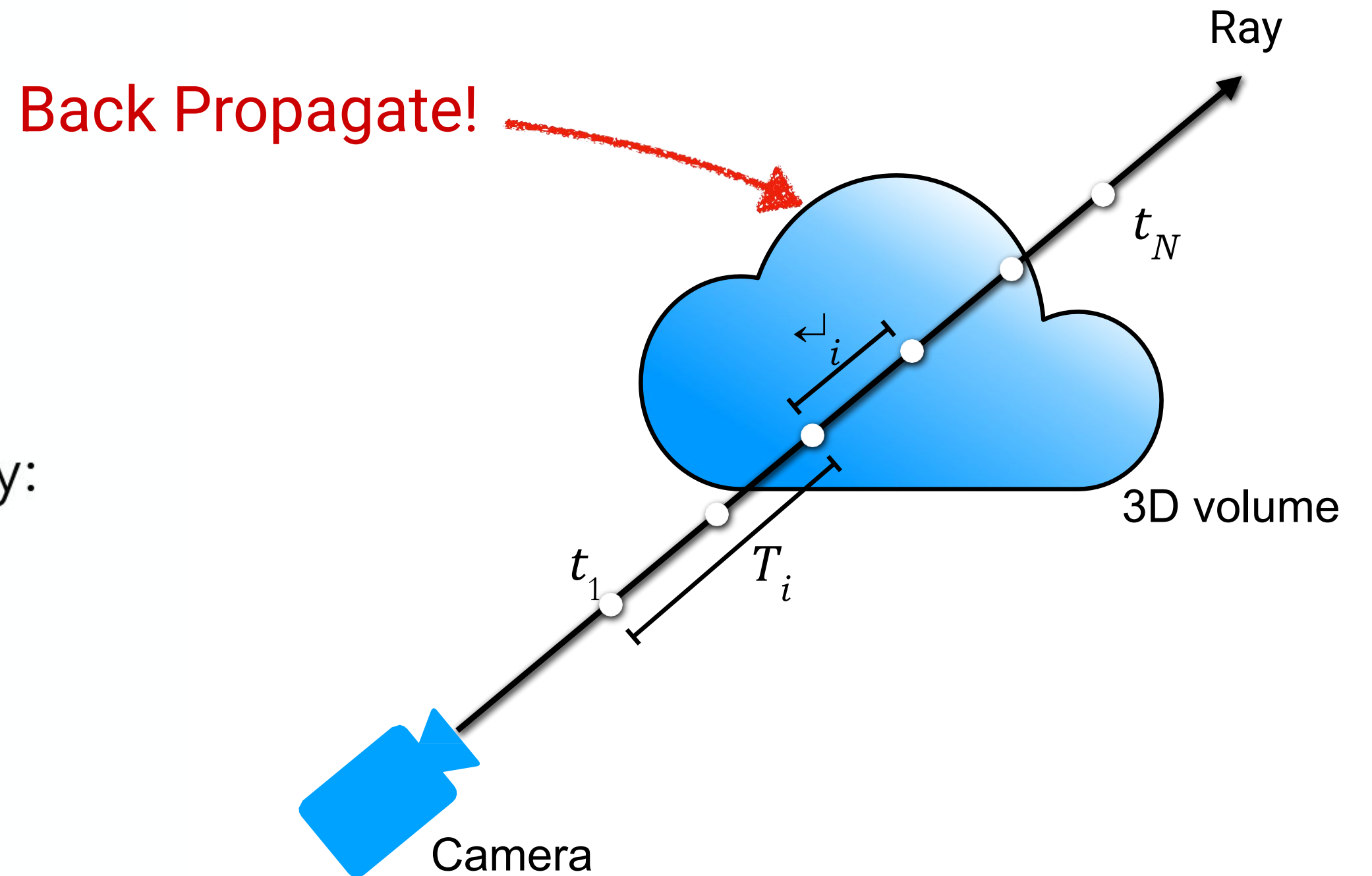
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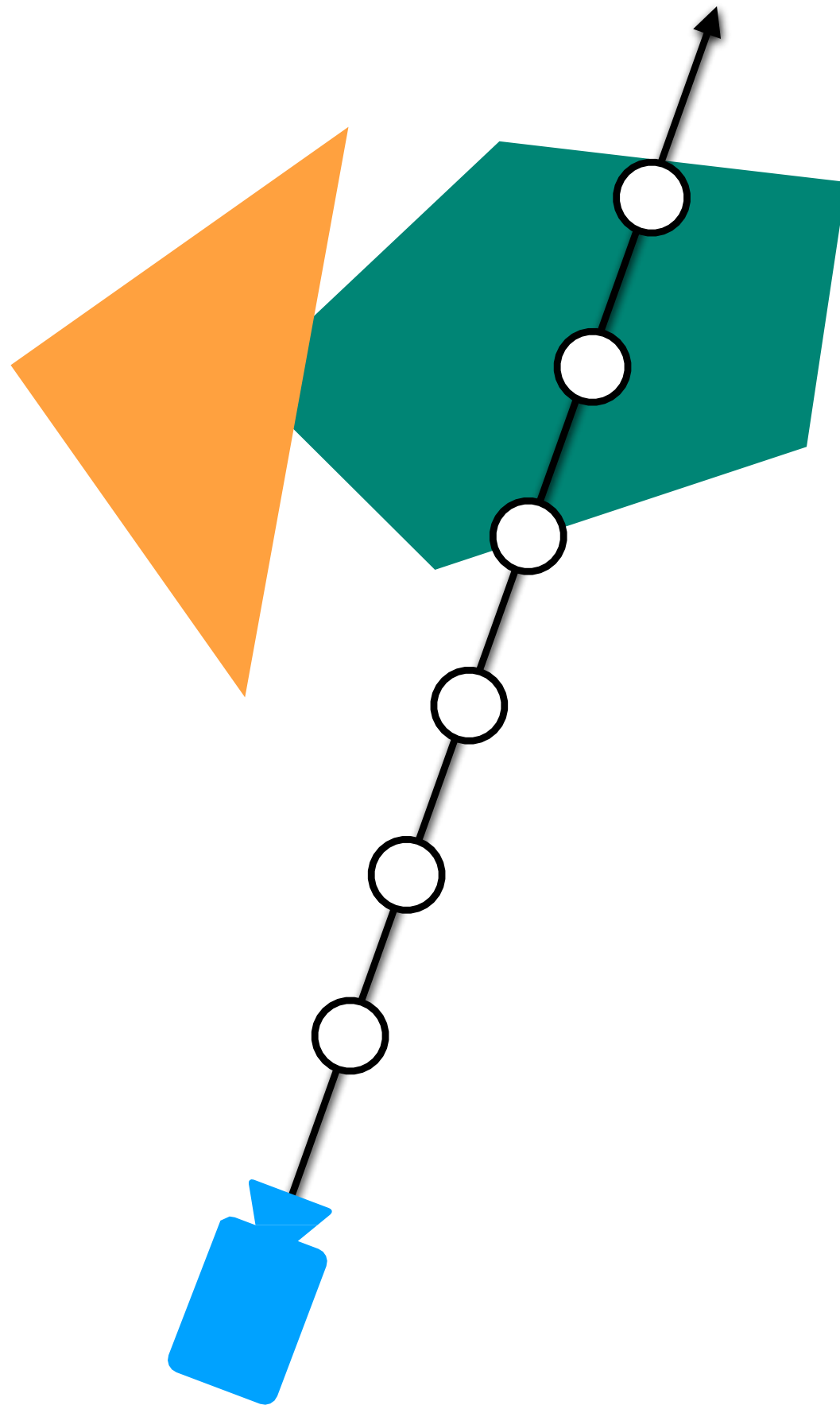


Training network to reproduce all input views of the scene

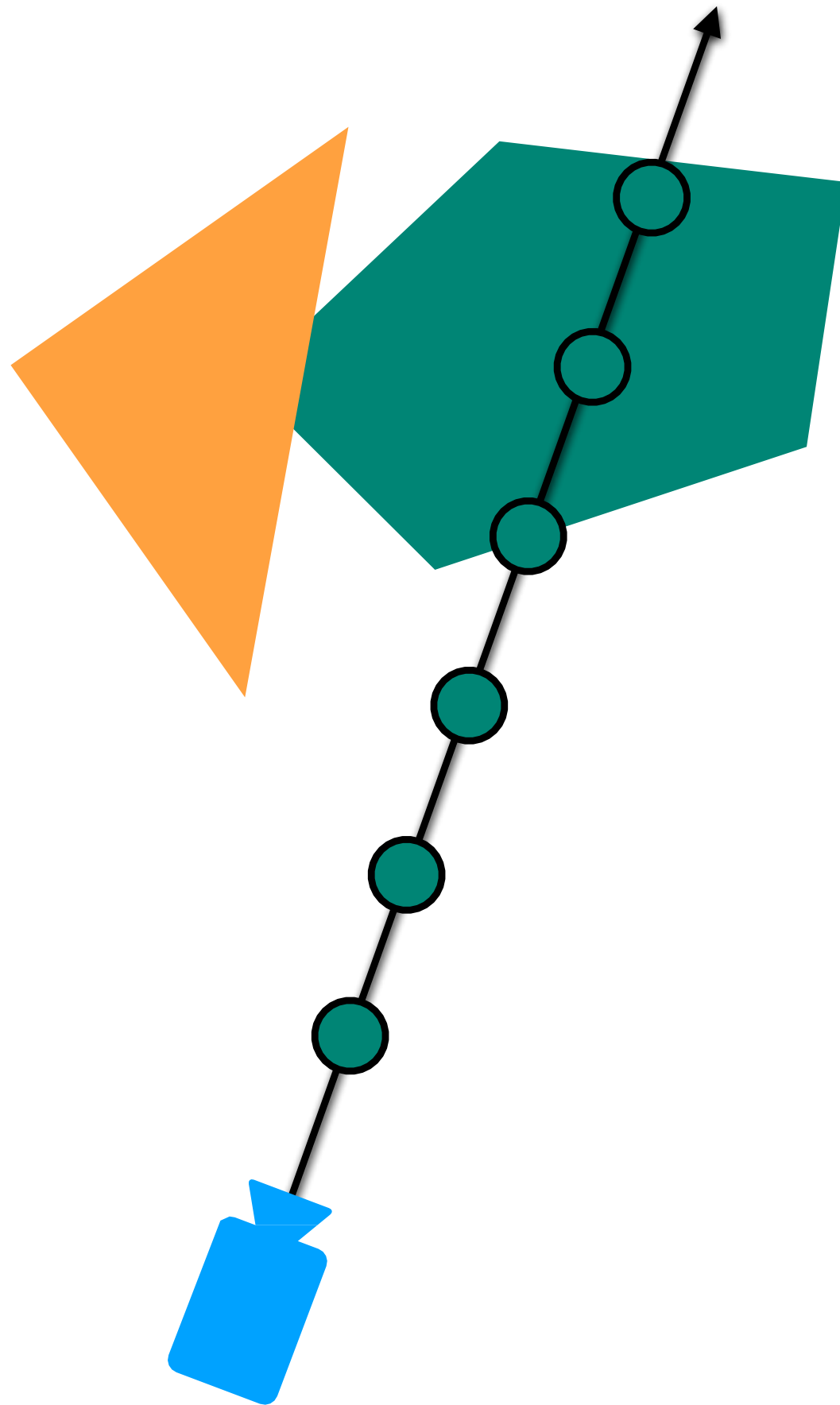




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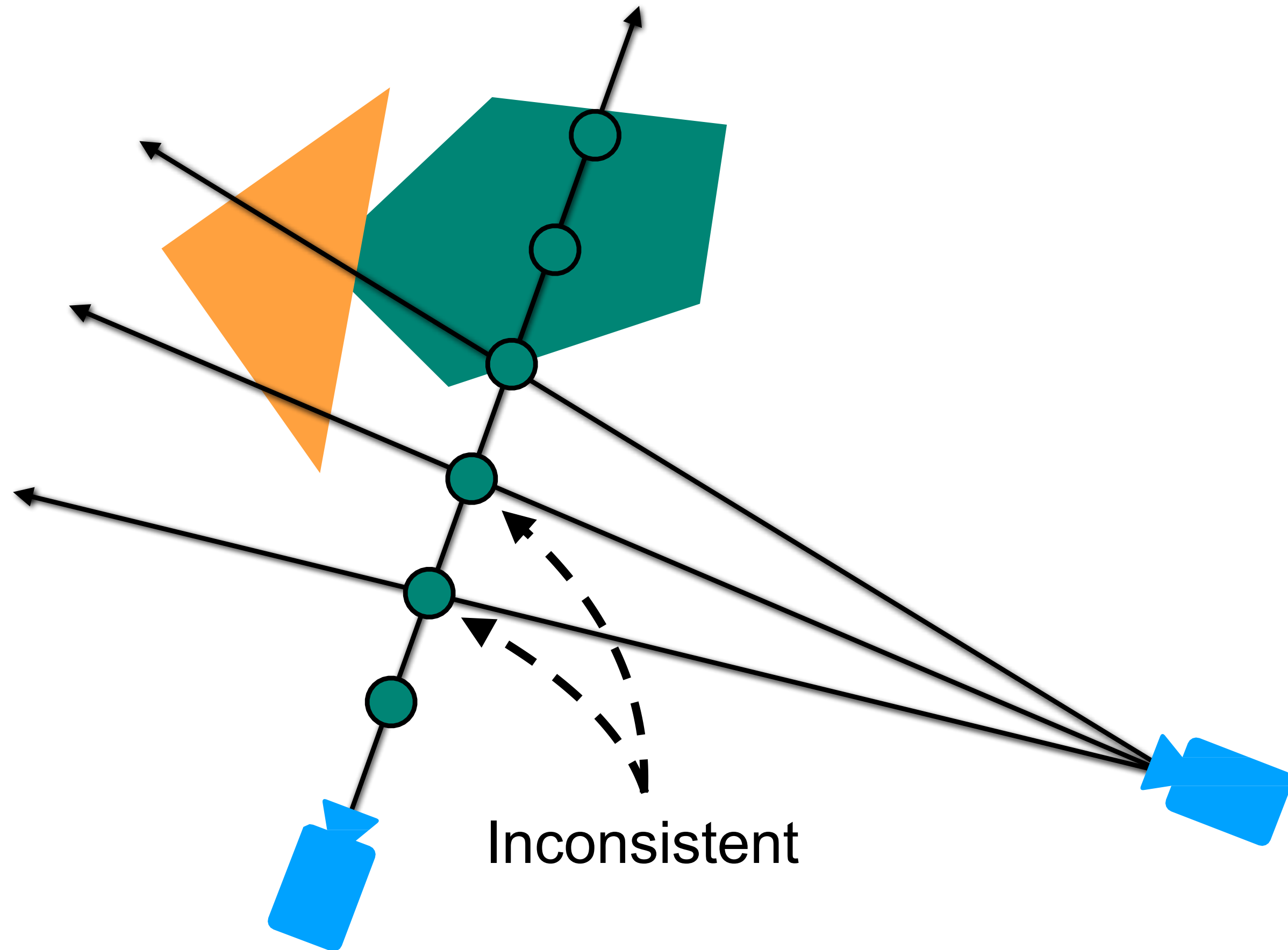


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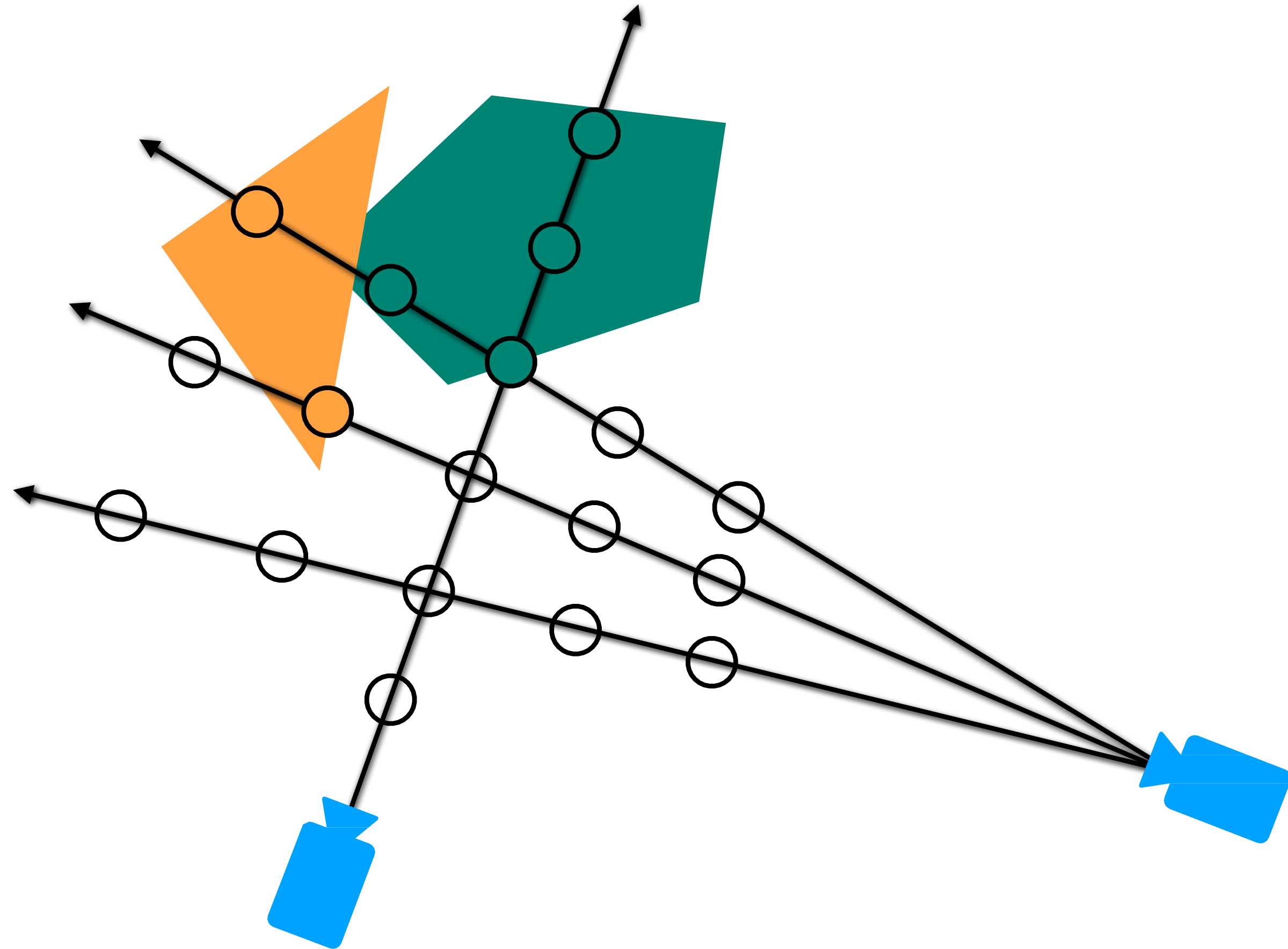




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# Results









# NeRF encodes convincing view-dependent effects using directional dependence





NeRF encodes convincing view-dependent effects using  
directional dependence





NeRF encodes detailed scene geometry with occlusion effects





# NeRF encodes detailed scene geometry with occlusion effects





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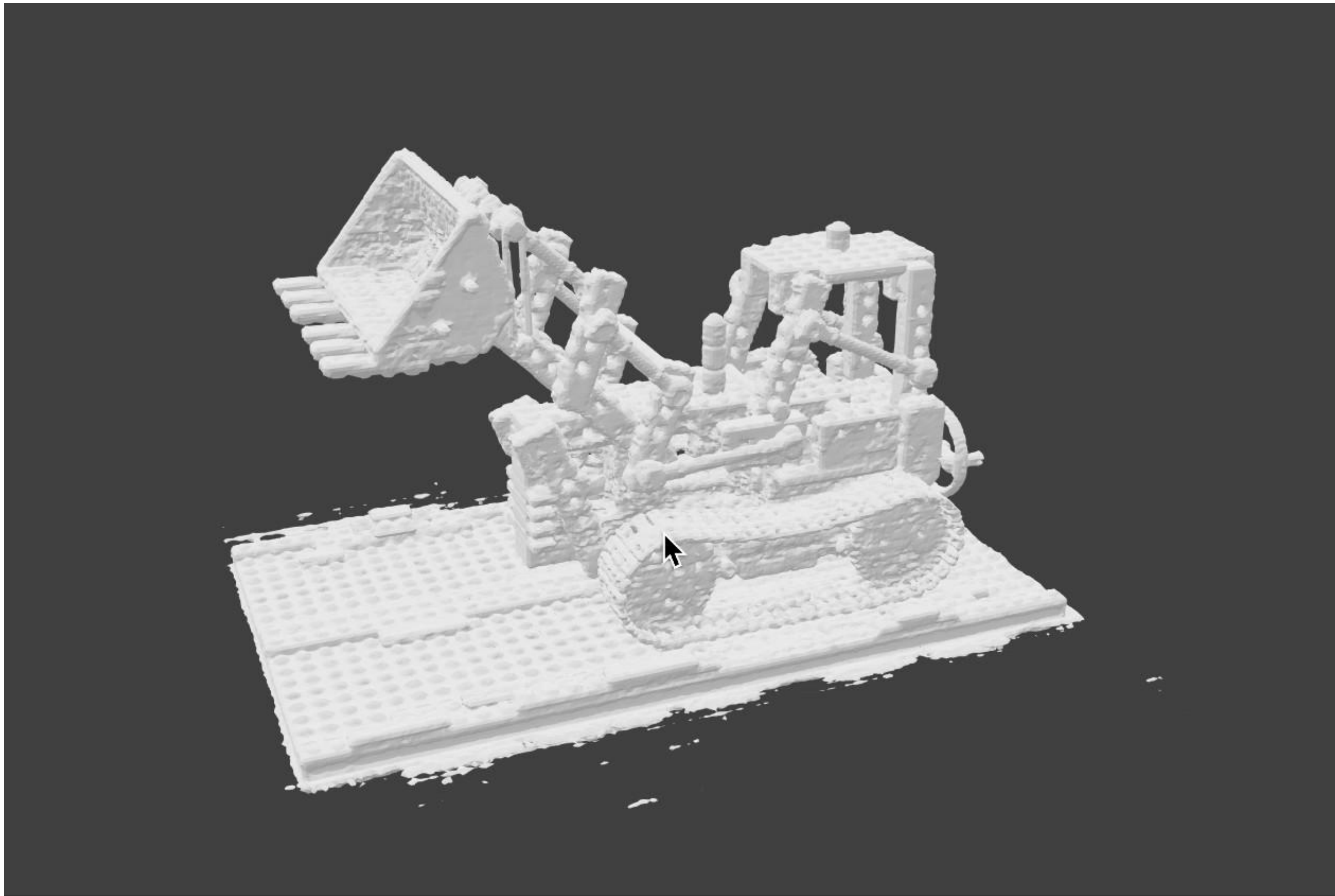
# NeRF encodes detailed scene geometry with occlusion effects

A great example! (not from the NeRF paper)



↑  
Notice the occlusion!

# NeRF encodes detailed scene geometry





**Jenin**

# Naive implementation produces blurry results



NeRF (Naive)



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NeRF (Naive)

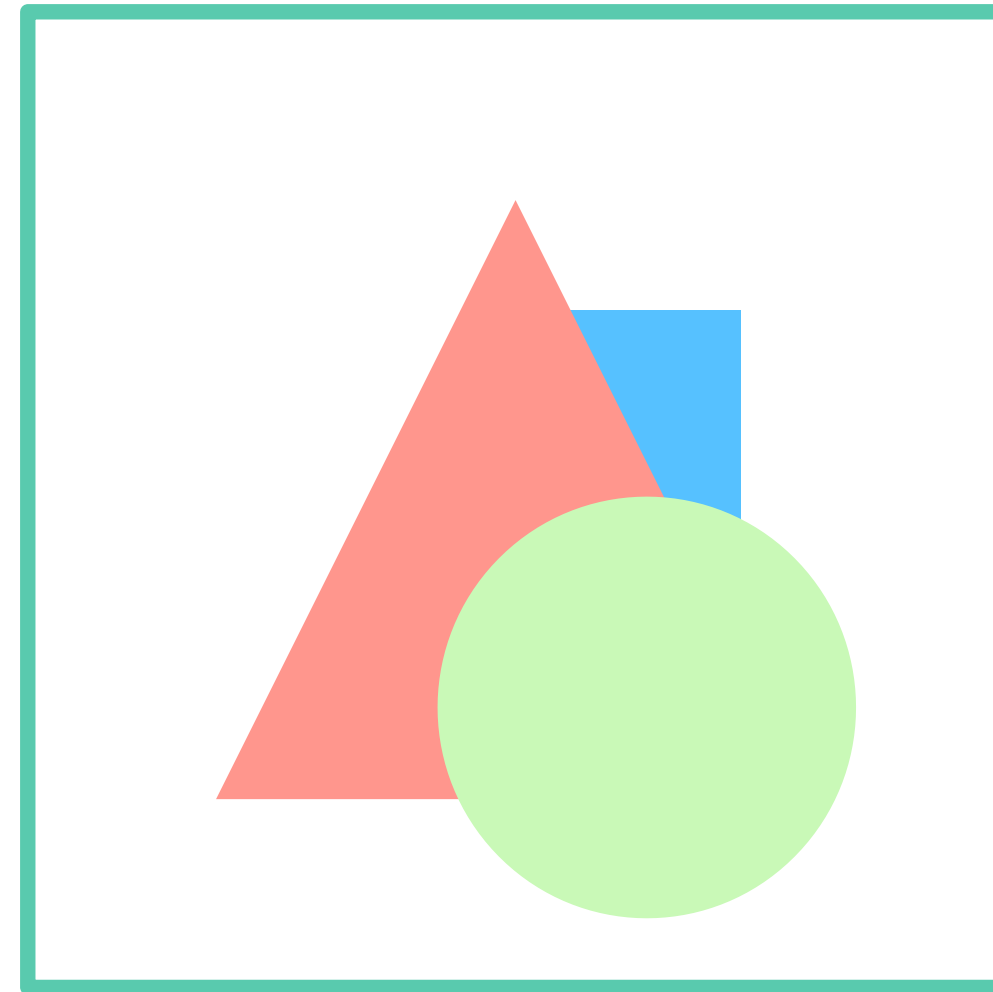


NeRF (with positional encoding)

# Positional Encodings

How to get neural networks to represent higher frequency functions?

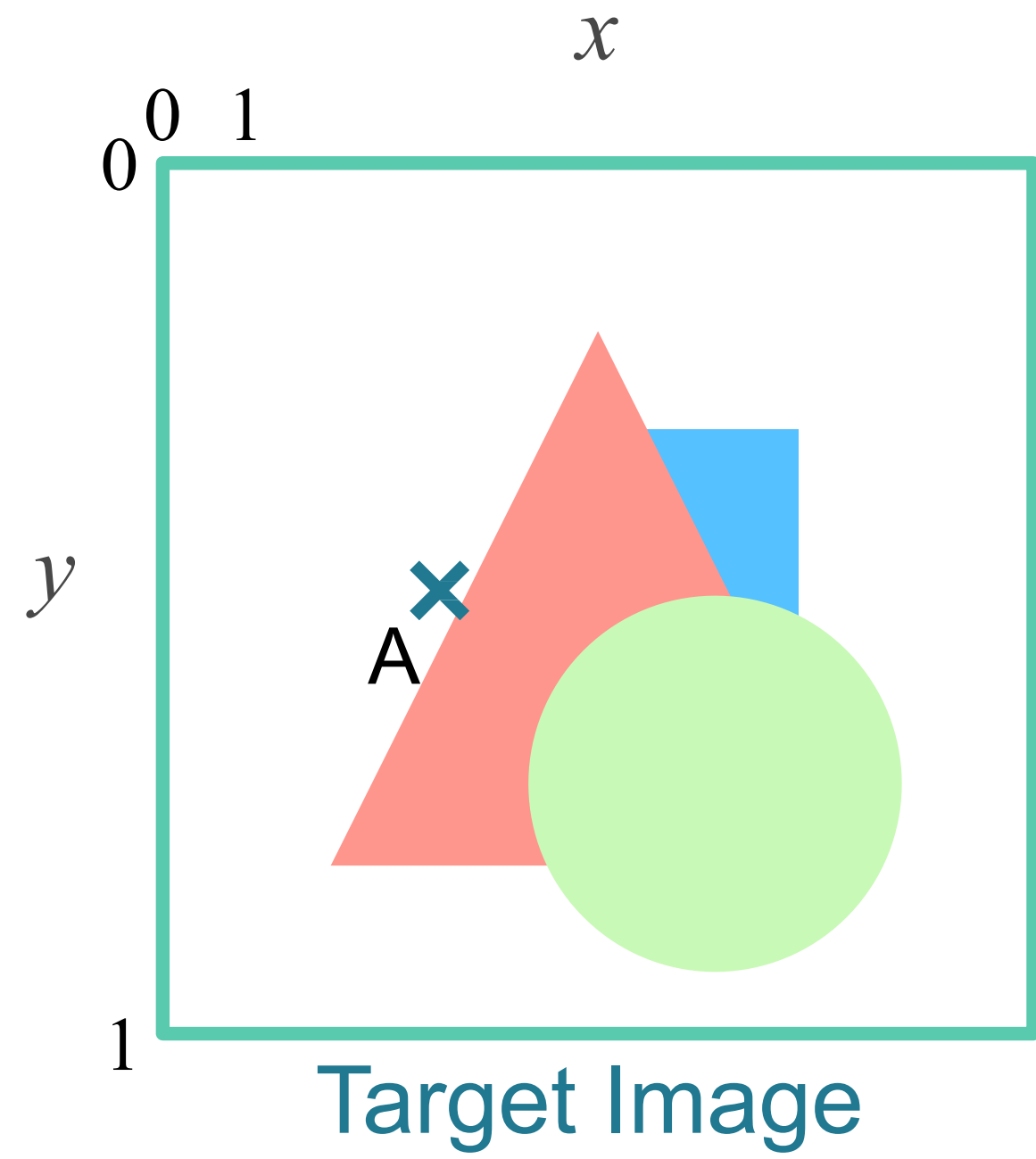






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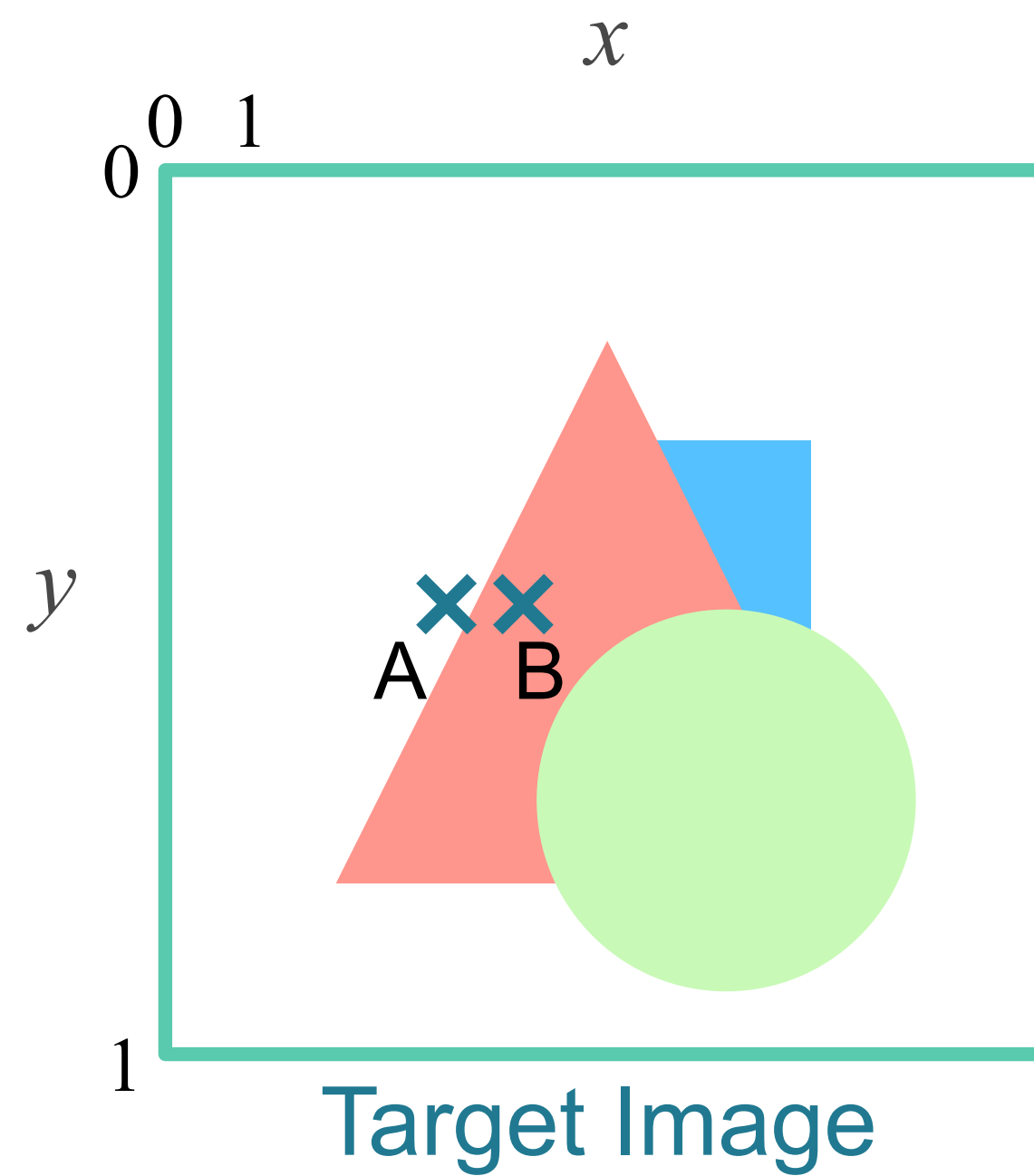
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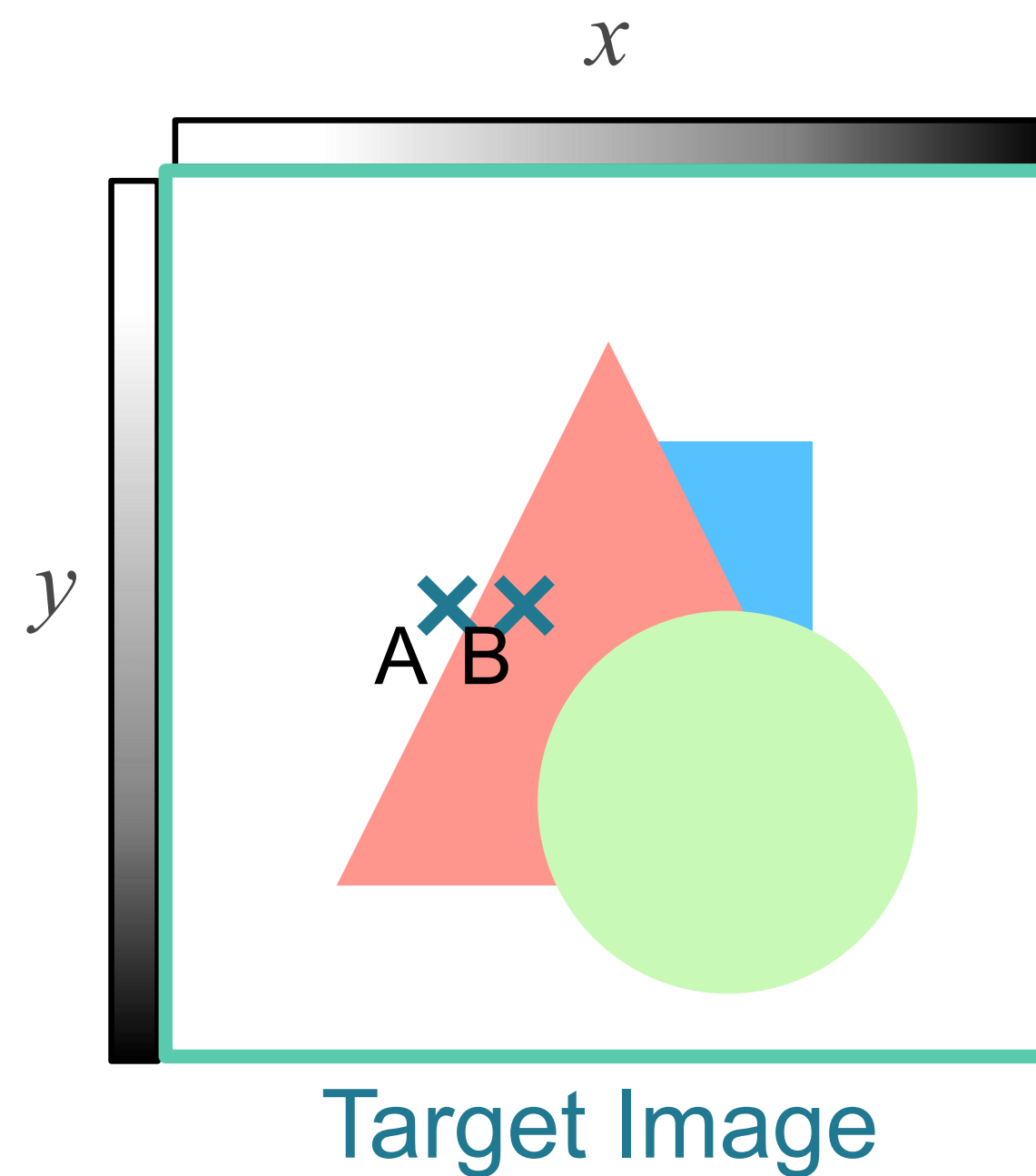
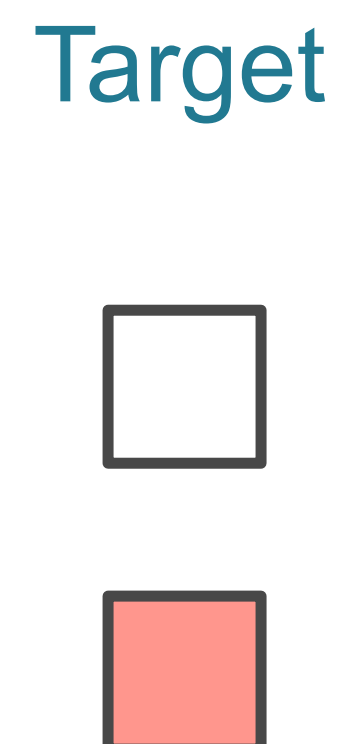
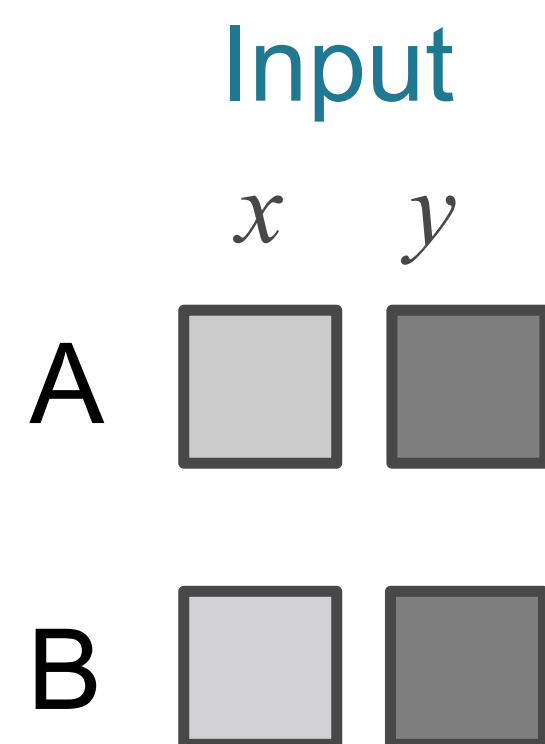
	$x$	$y$
$A$	.36	.5



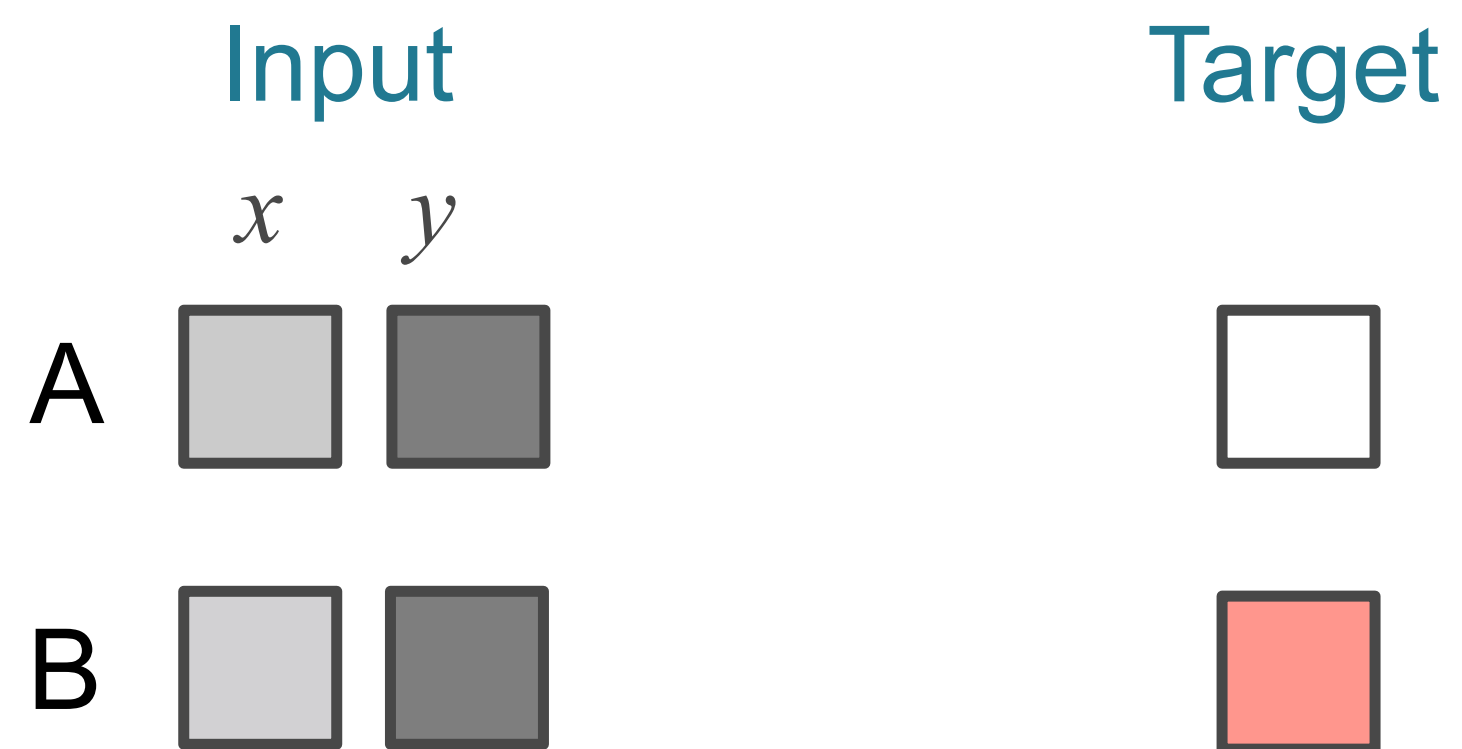


	Input	Target
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B	.38 .5	

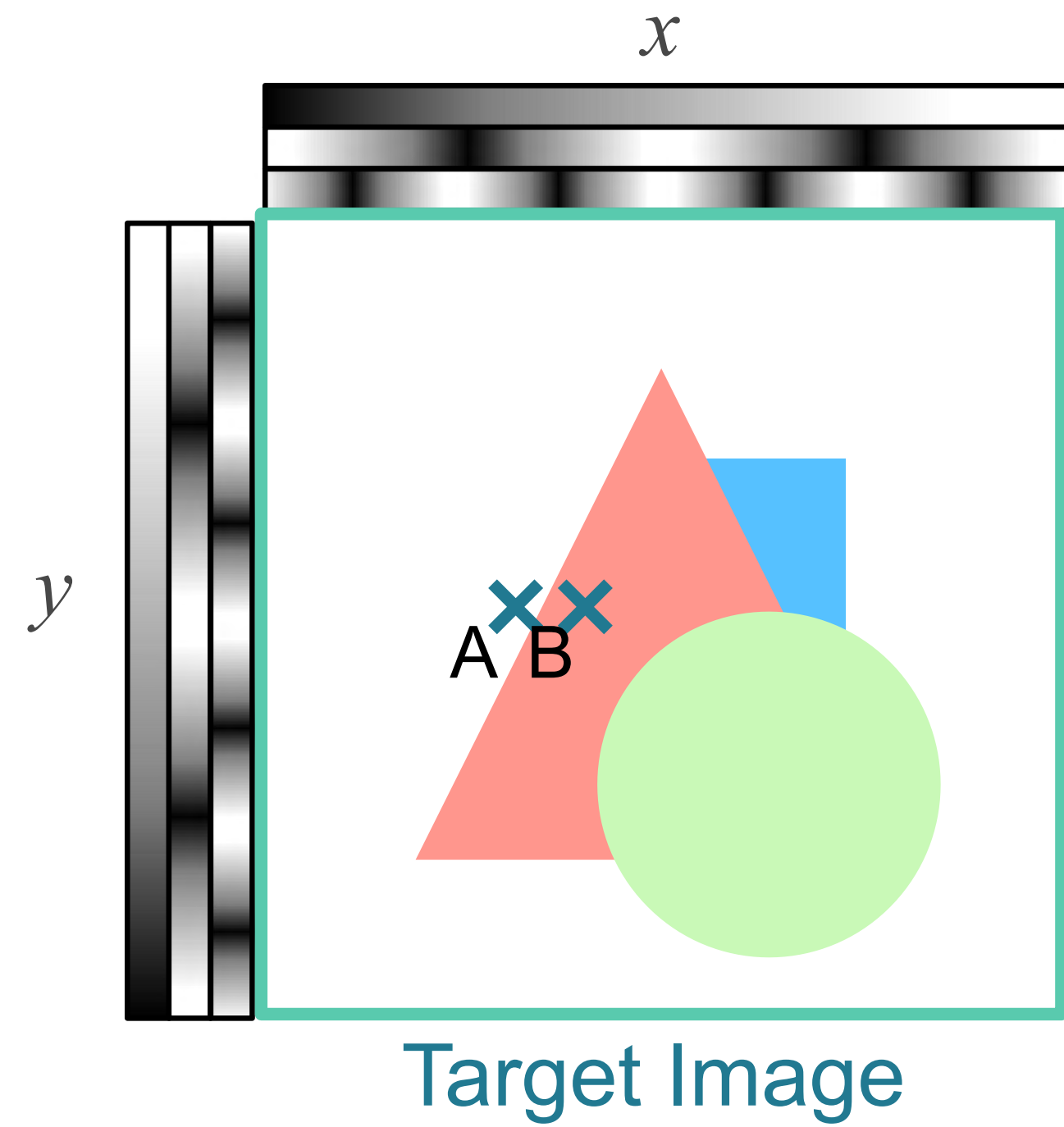
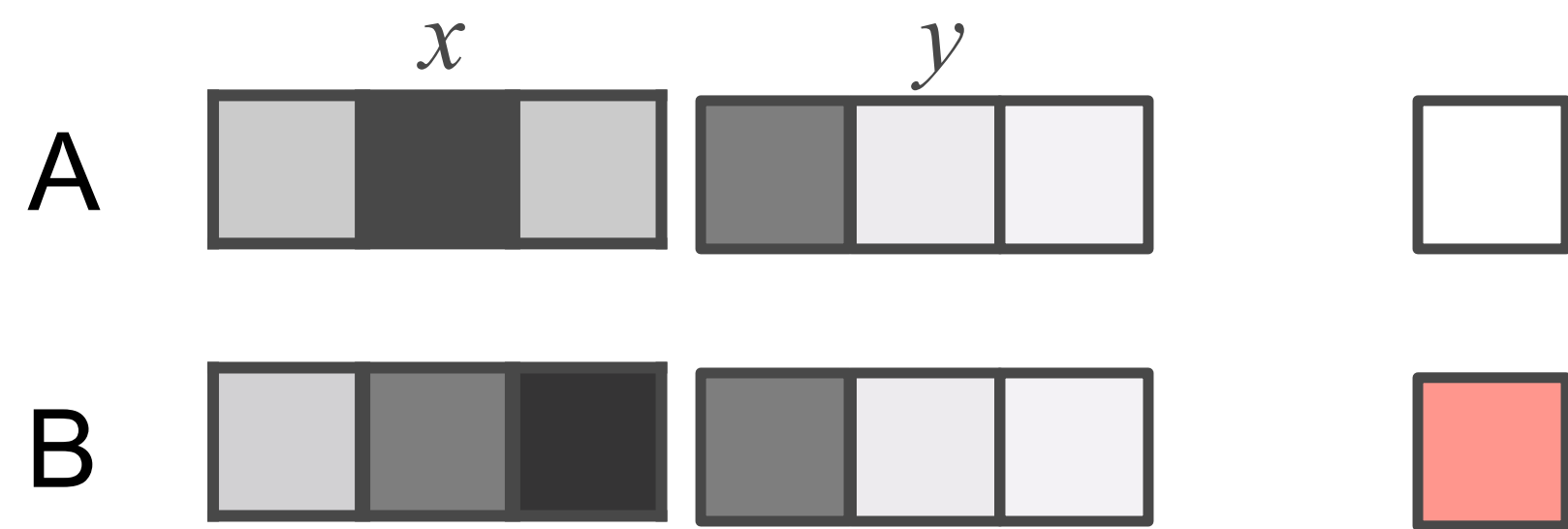






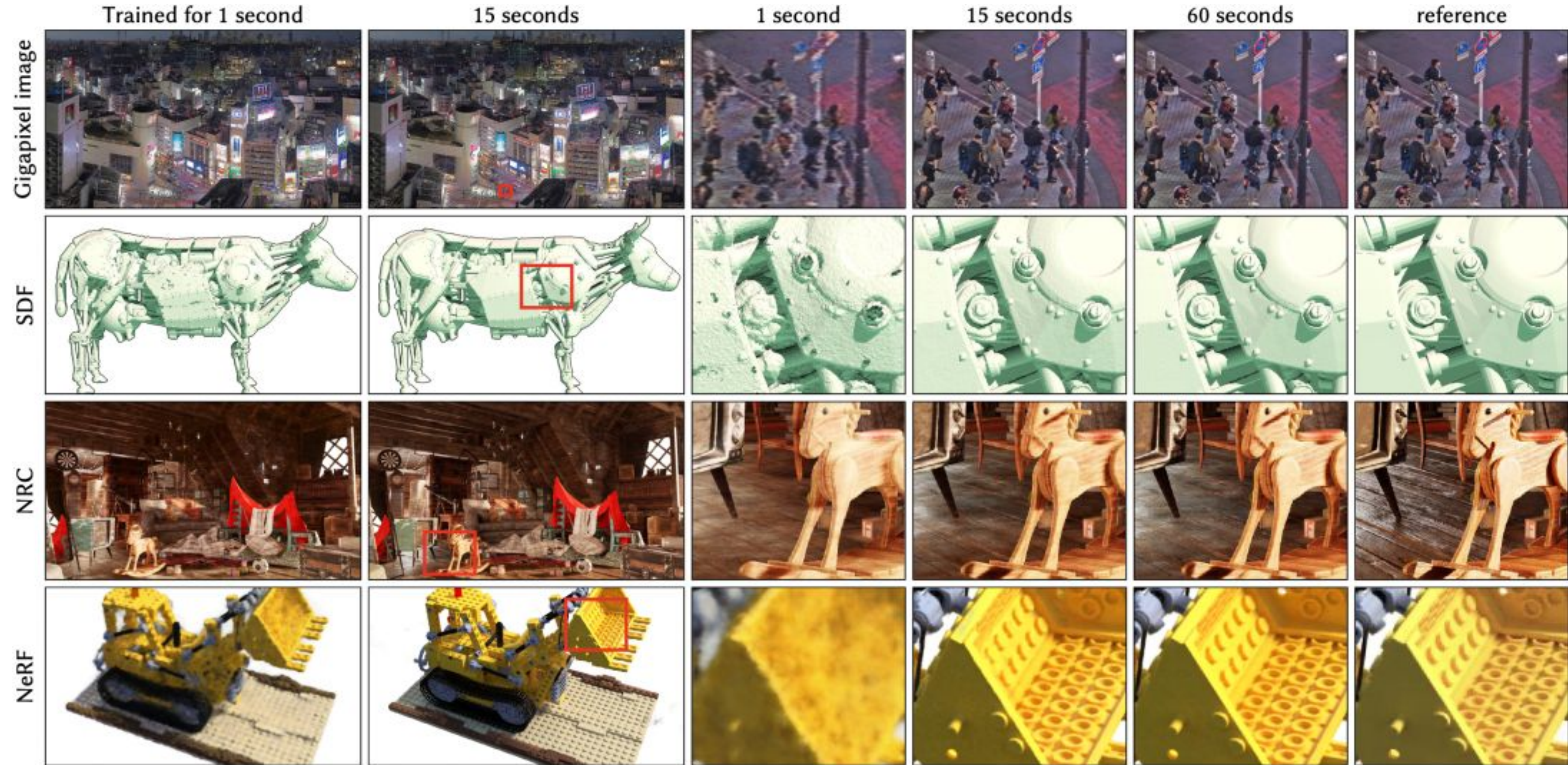


With Positional Encoding





# Better positional encodings decreased training time





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## Instant Neural Graphics Primitives with a Multiresolution Hash Encoding

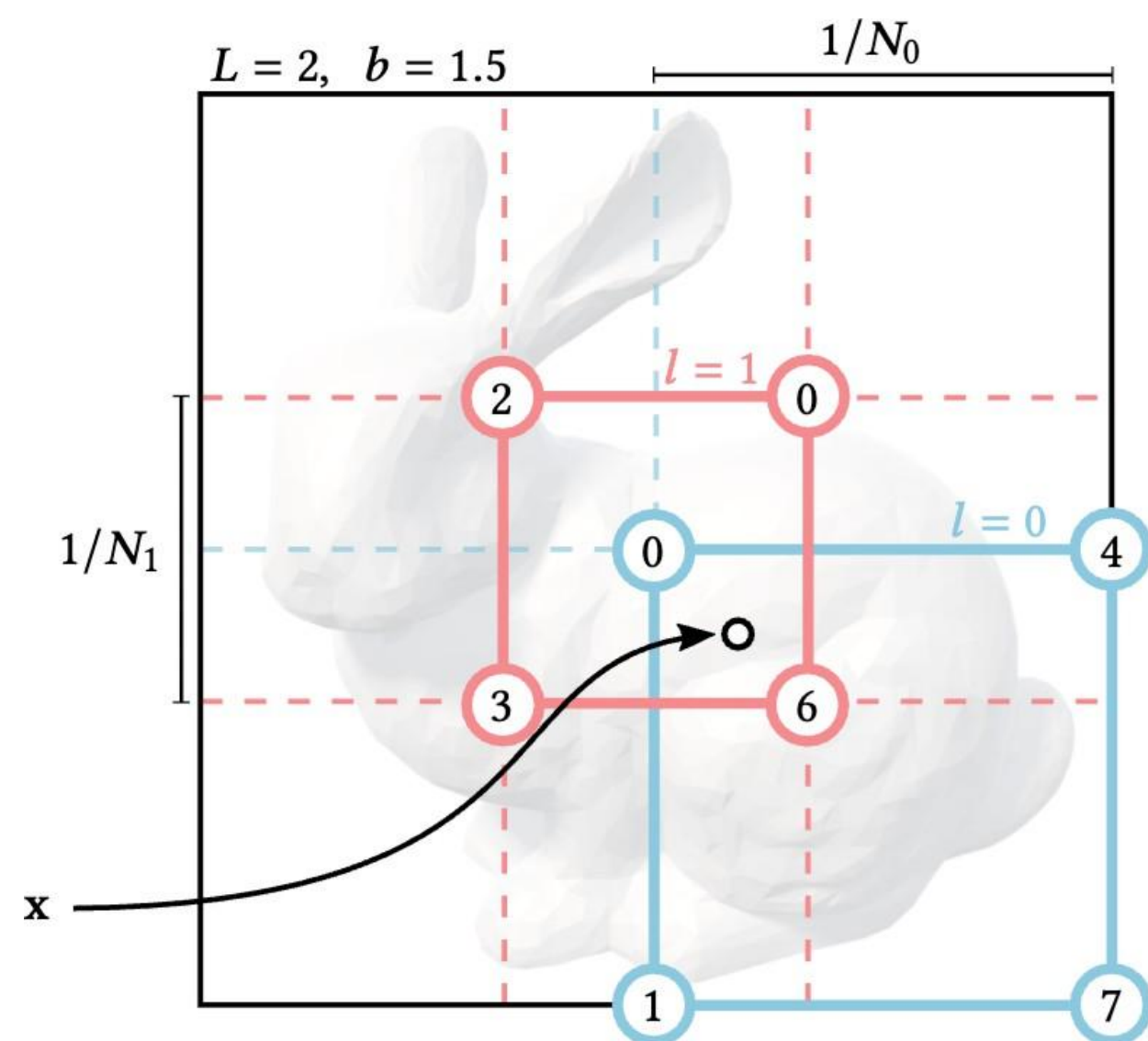
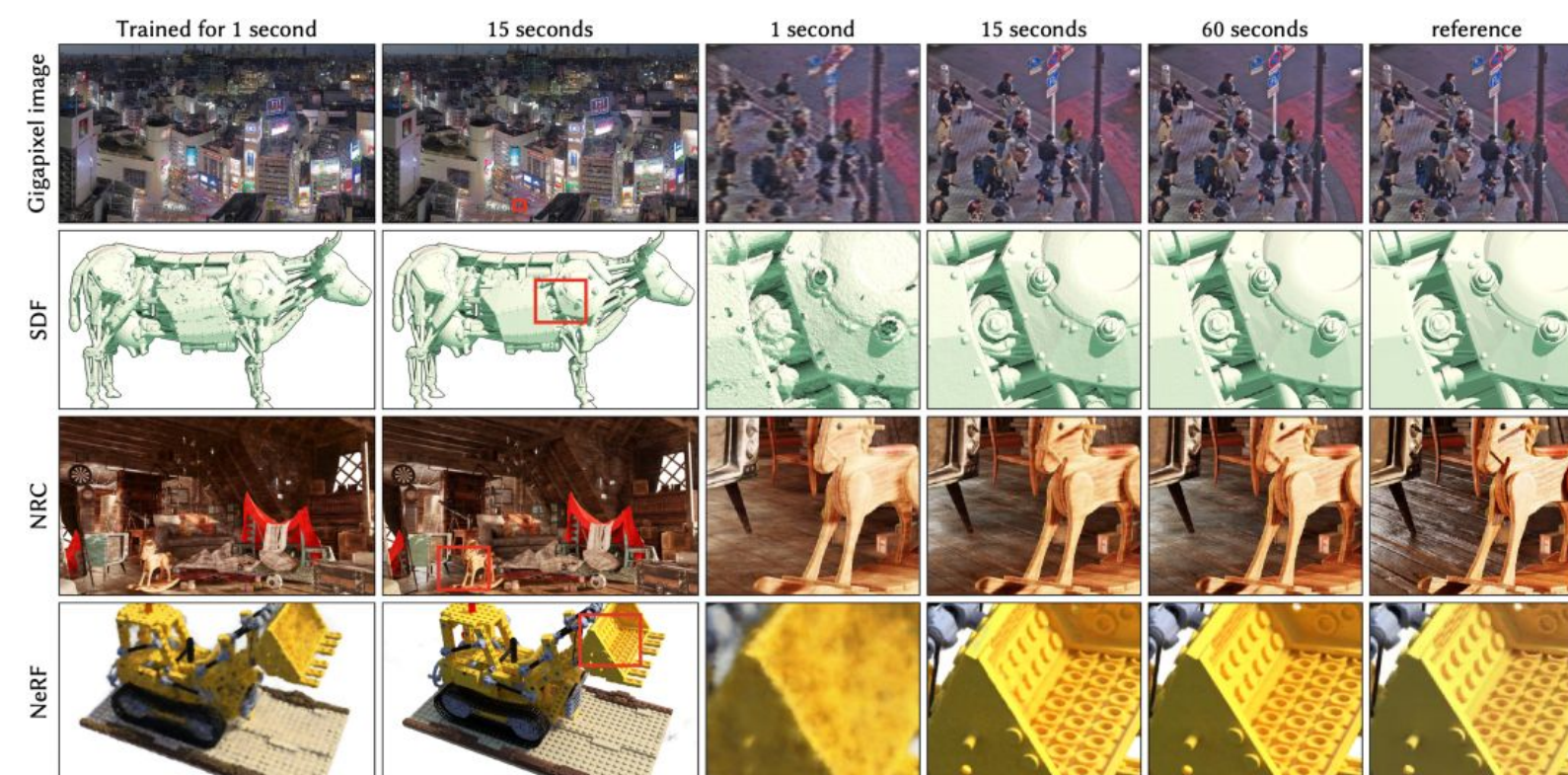
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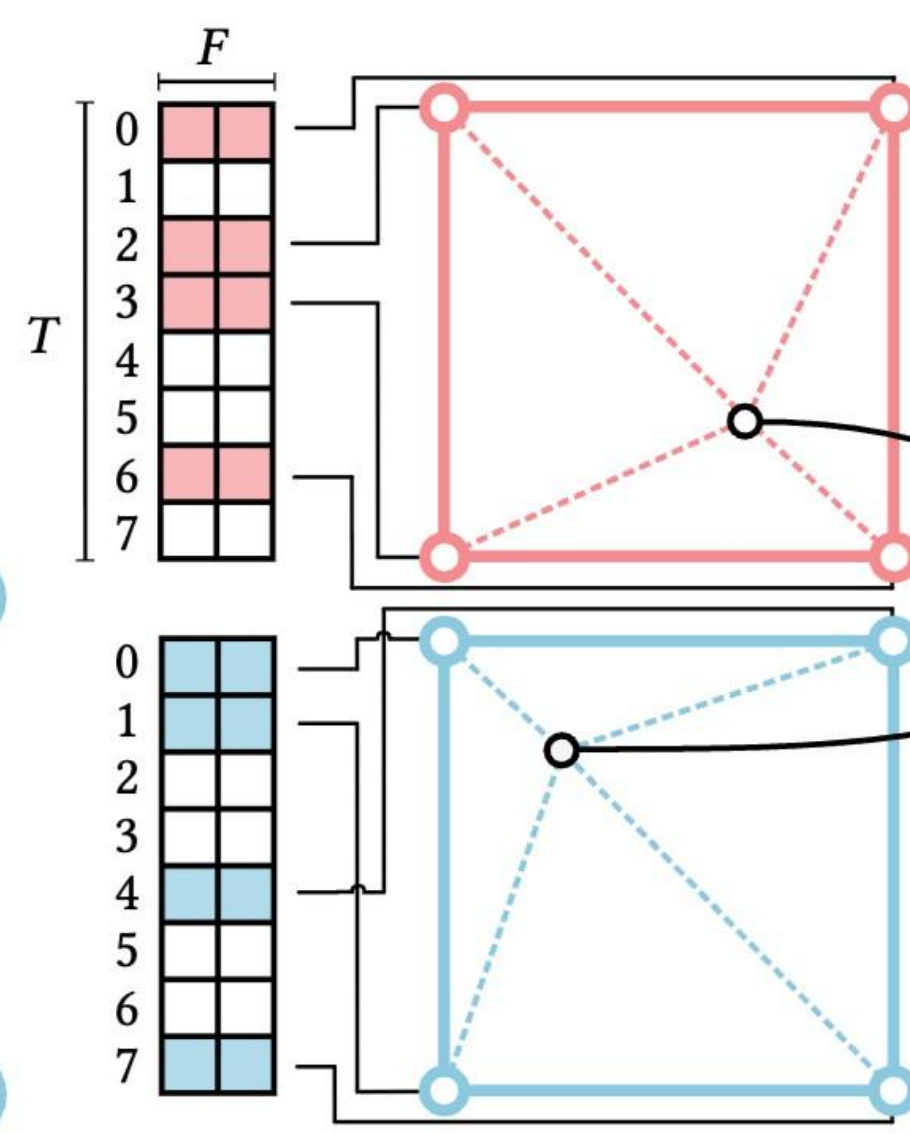
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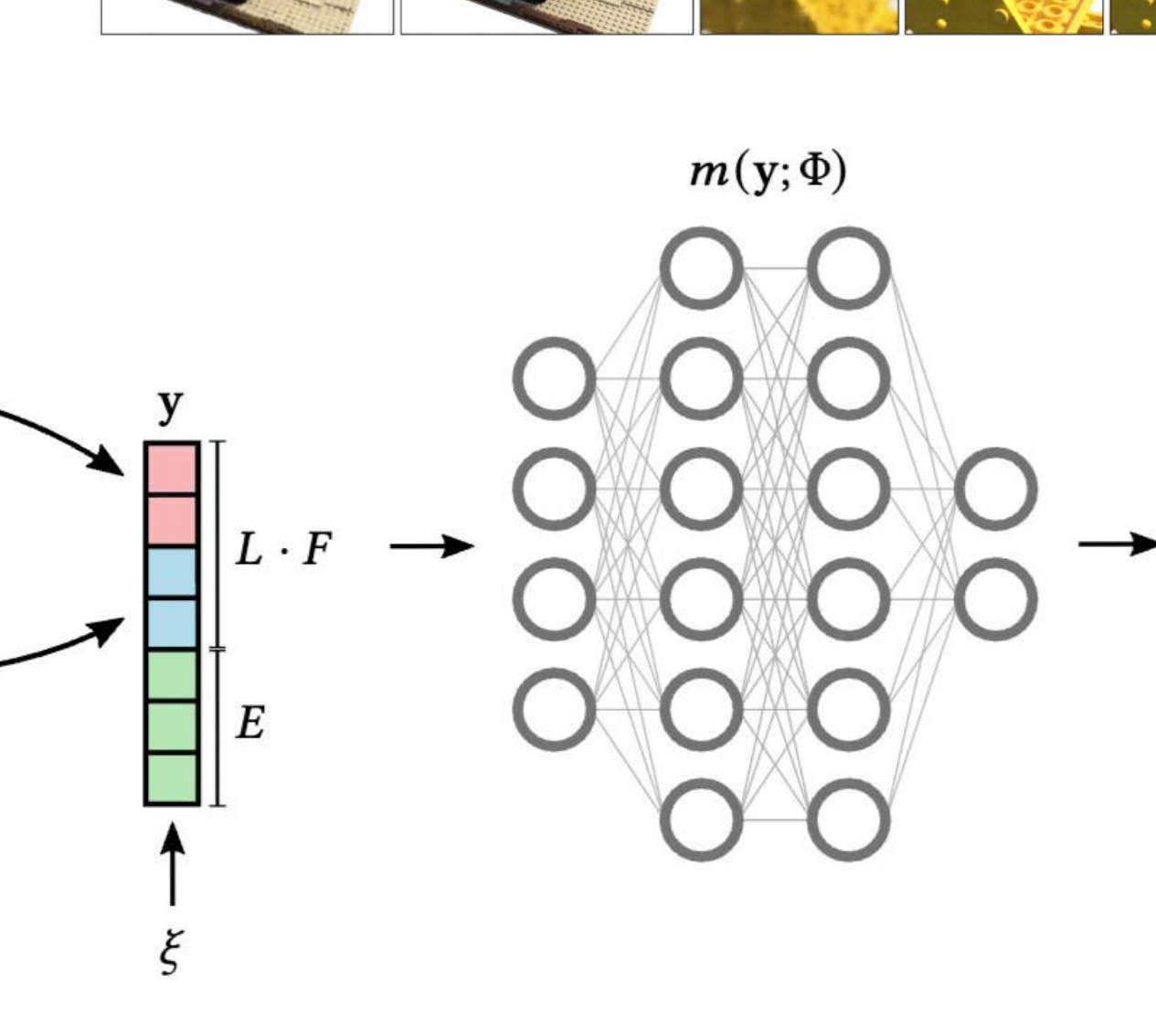


(1) Hashing of voxel vertices



(2) Lookup

(3) Linear interpolation



(4) Concatenation

(5) Neural network

# Scene Contraction

How can we represent unbounded spaces?



# Mip-NeRF 360

**Mip-NeRF 360: Unbounded Anti-Aliased Neural Radiance Fields**

Jonathan T. Barron<sup>1</sup> Ben Mildenhall<sup>1</sup> Dor Verbin<sup>1,2</sup>  
Pratul P. Srinivasan<sup>1</sup> Peter Hedman<sup>1</sup>  
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Major idea: use a contracted and bounded region as input to an MLP or hash grid

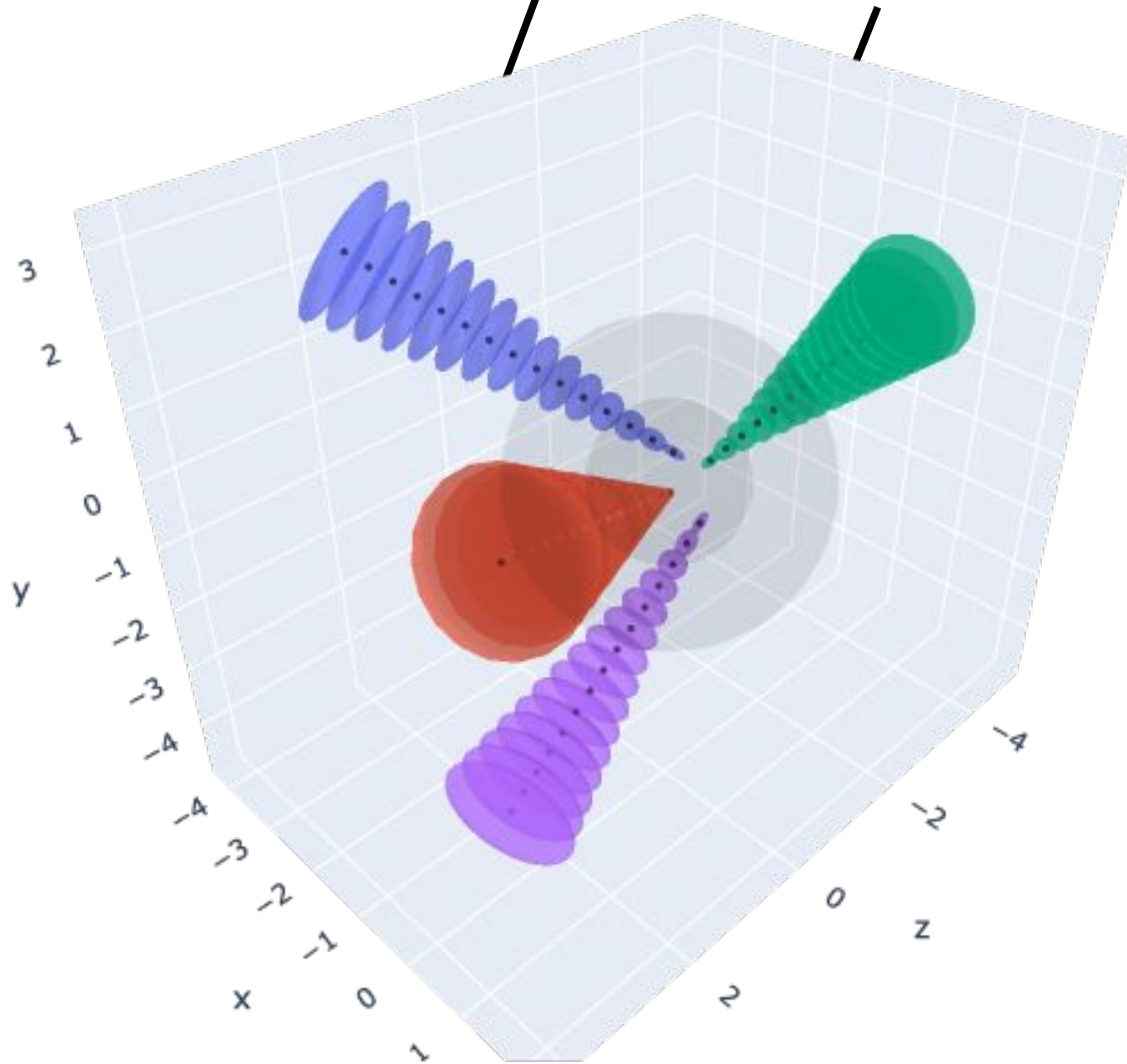


Unbounded region

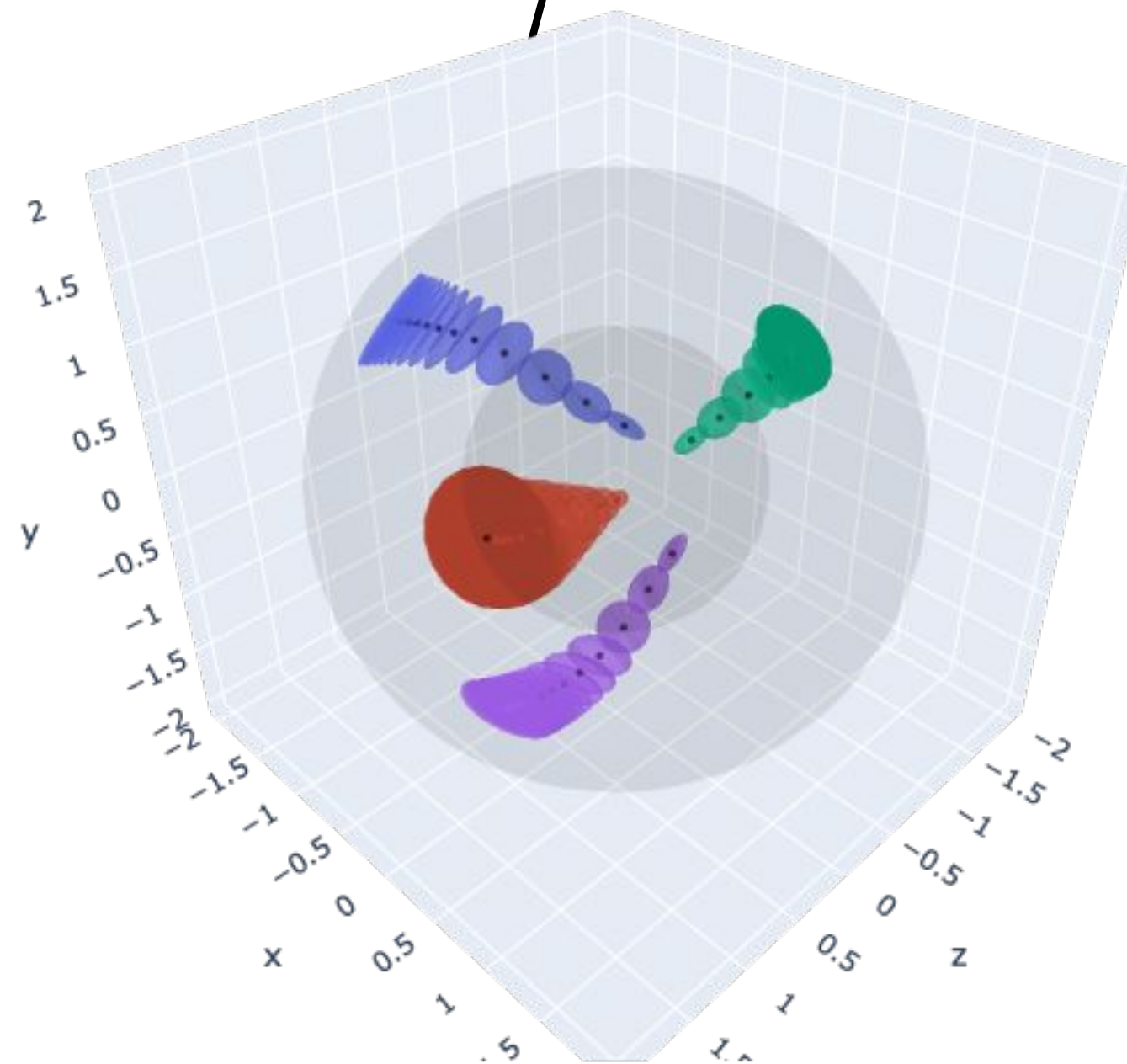
Camera origins

Bounded by sphere

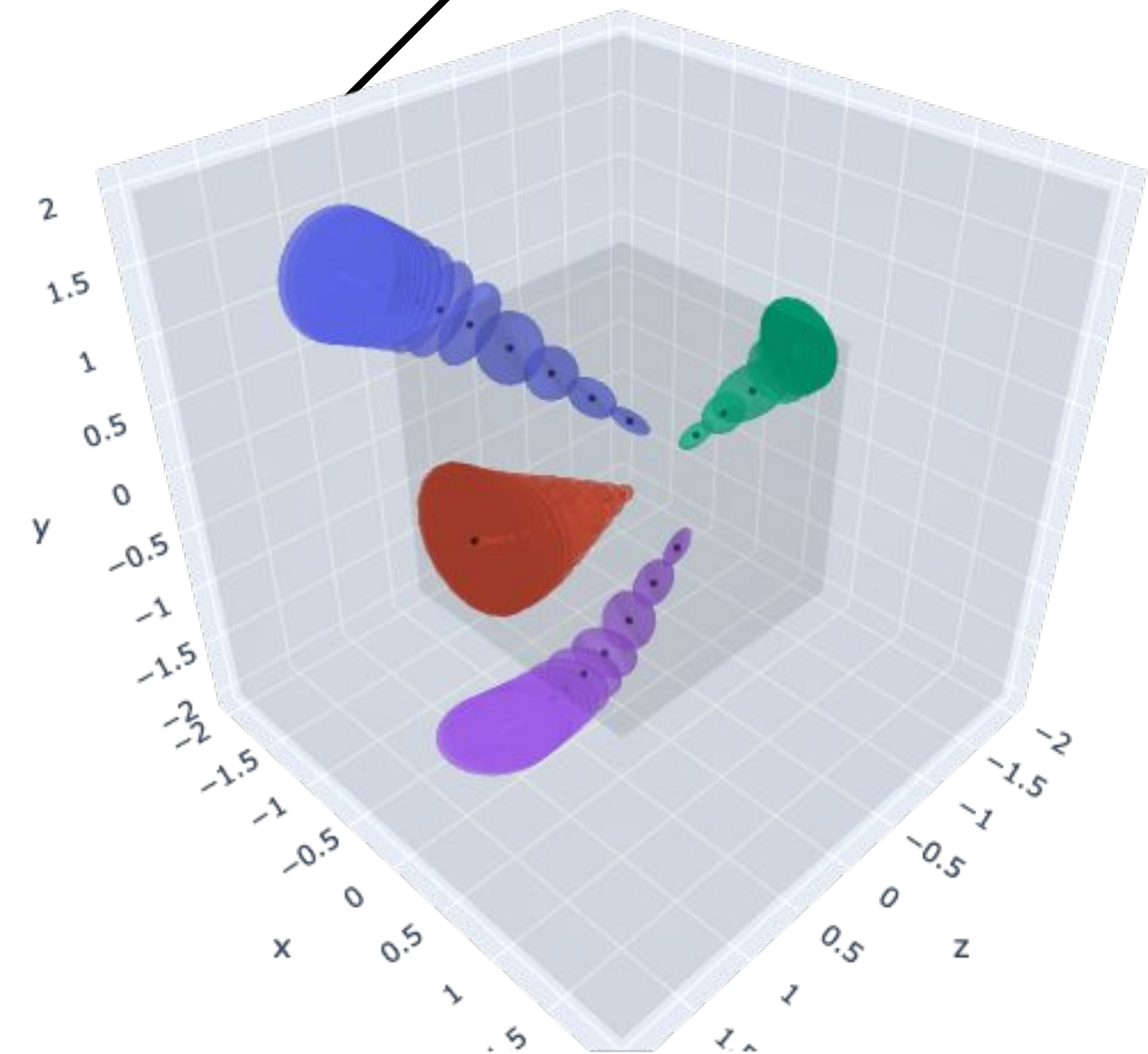
Bounded by cube



No Scene Contraction



$L_2$  (MipNeRF-360) Scene Contraction



$L_\infty$  Scene Contraction

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# Appearance Embeddings

How can we handle varying camera exposure or lighting changes?



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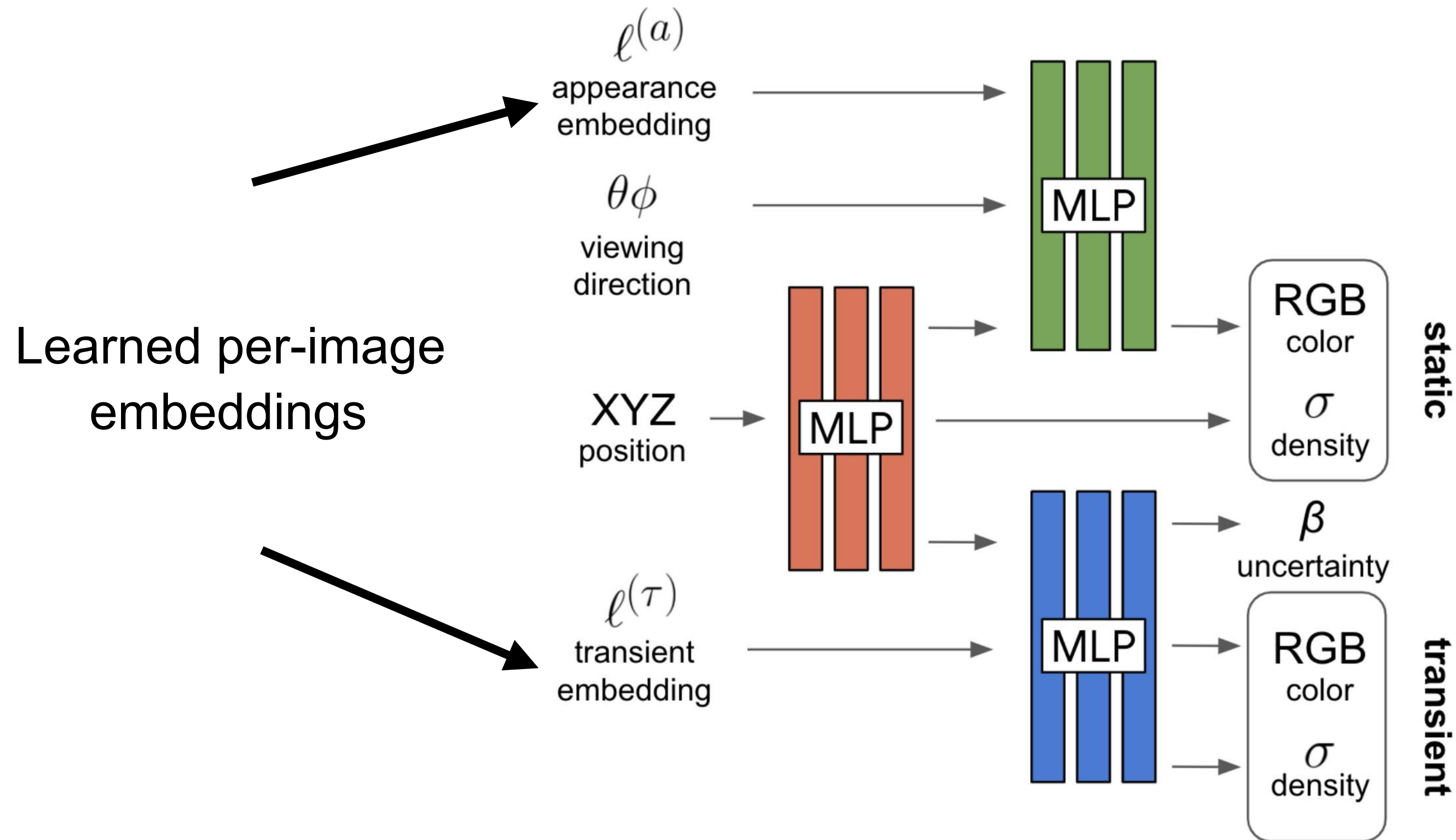




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# Appearance Embeddings

NeRF-W (Martin-Brualla\* & Radwan\* et al)



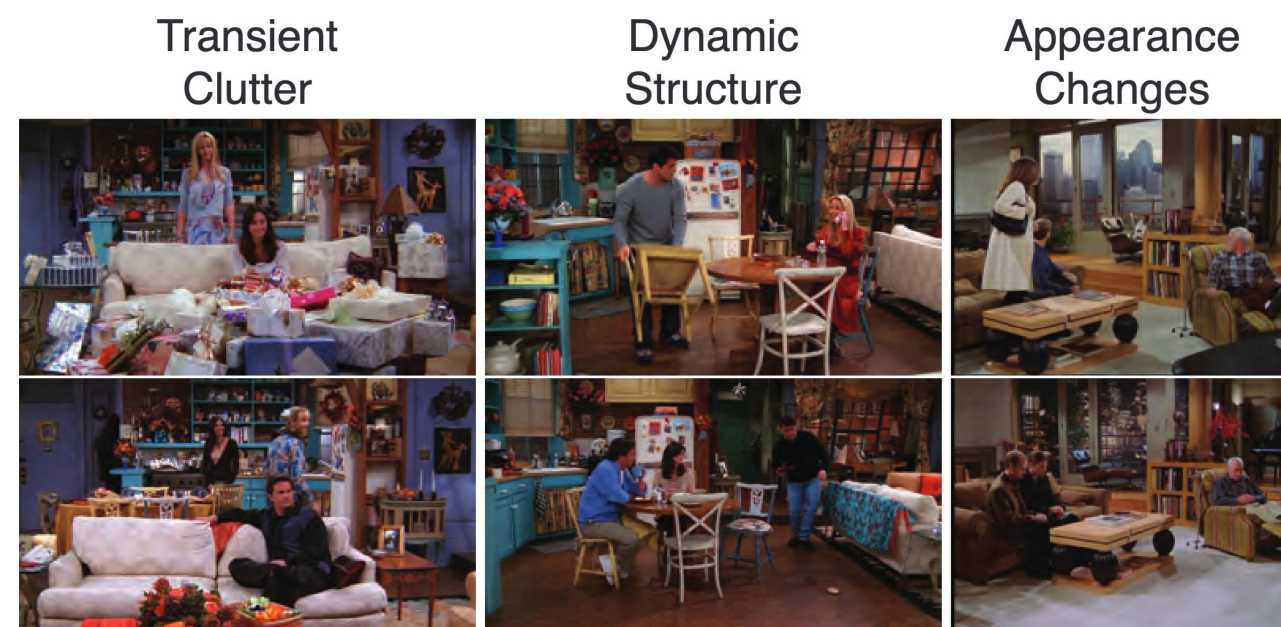
Block-NeRF (Tancik et al)



Splatfacto-W (Xu et al)



3D Sitcoms



Nerfacto (Nerfstudio)





**Thank You!**



# 3D Reconstruction

## Novel-View Synthesis

NeRF

3D Gaussian Splatting



# 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)



Key Idea: Parameterize Radiance Field *sparsely*,  
*only where density is nonzero*

**3D Gaussian Blobs  
floating in Space**

★  
 $\sigma = 0$

Resource: lecture notes from Stanford (adapted from MIT) [here](#)

## 3D Gaussian Splatting for Real-Time Radiance Field Rendering

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GEORGIOS KOPANAS\*, Inria, Université Côte d'Azur, France

THOMAS LEIMKÜHLER, Max-Planck-Institut für Informatik, Germany

GEORGE DRETTAKIS, Inria, Université Côte d'Azur, France

*Rasterize shape primitives  
instead of sampling a field*



# 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)

gsplat (<https://docs.gsplat.studio>)



2D toy example on an image

Parameters to optimize:

- **Color**
- **Opacity**
- **Position**
- **Scale(s)**
- **Rotation**

Optimization tricks:

**Initialization Culling &  
pruning Splitting &  
densify Coarse to fine**

# 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)

🔍  r/GaussianSplatting  Search in r/GaussianSplatting

## Going into iconic movie scenes using gaussian splats

Here are the interactive gaussian splats for each scene:

LOTR: <https://lumalabs.ai/capture/176ED9AA-514F-4A45-9343-D4C708C86570>

Matrix: <https://lumalabs.ai/capture/F358C359-42BE-44B6-BA81-D58C7F75E19D>

Citizen Kane: <https://lumalabs.ai/capture/4ED192E4-44C9-4550-BC80-2CB130753F5D>

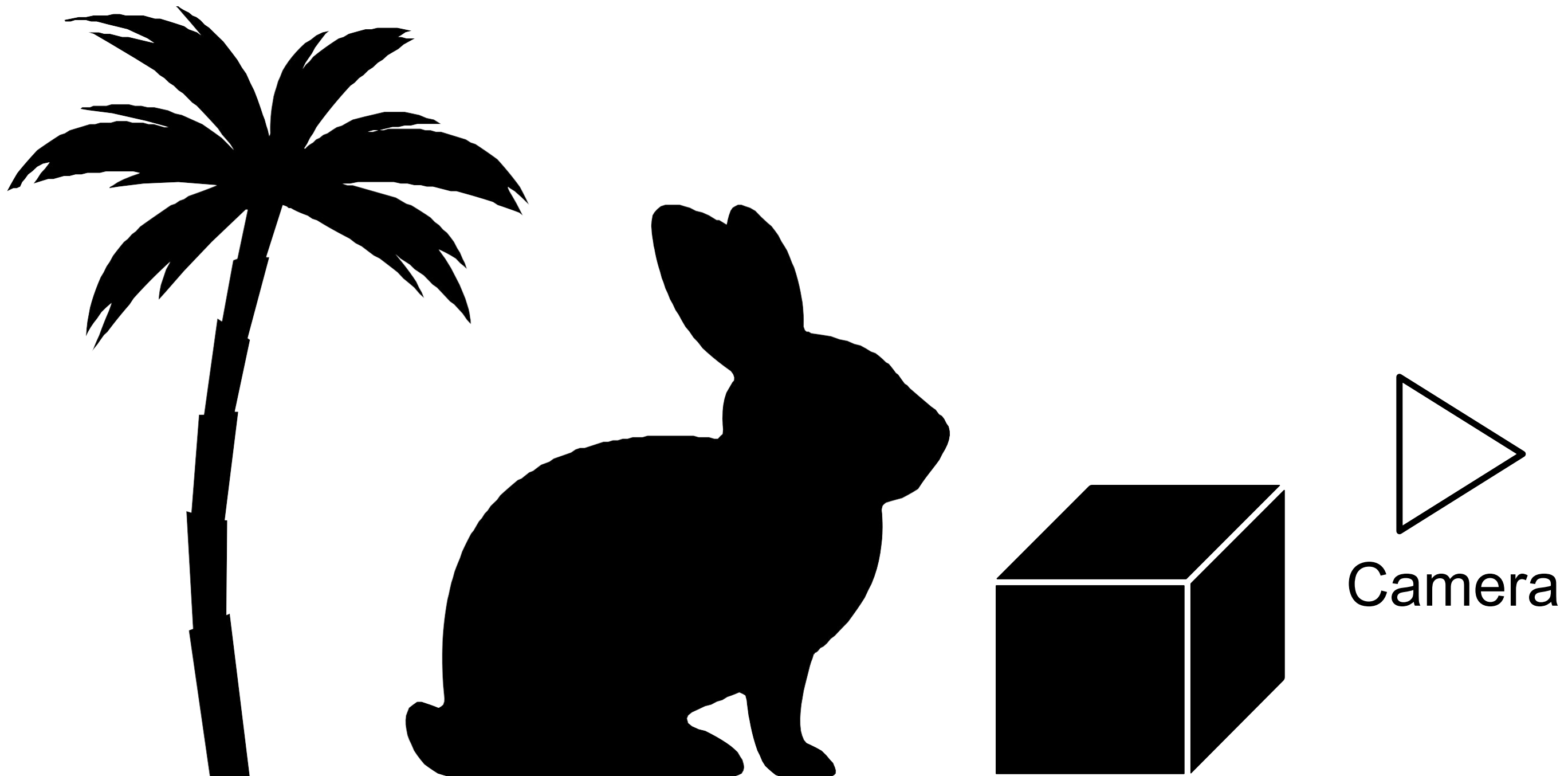
Wizard of Oz: <https://lumalabs.ai/capture/3D8B463B-62FF-43AF-AD42-B1E47C1213D5>

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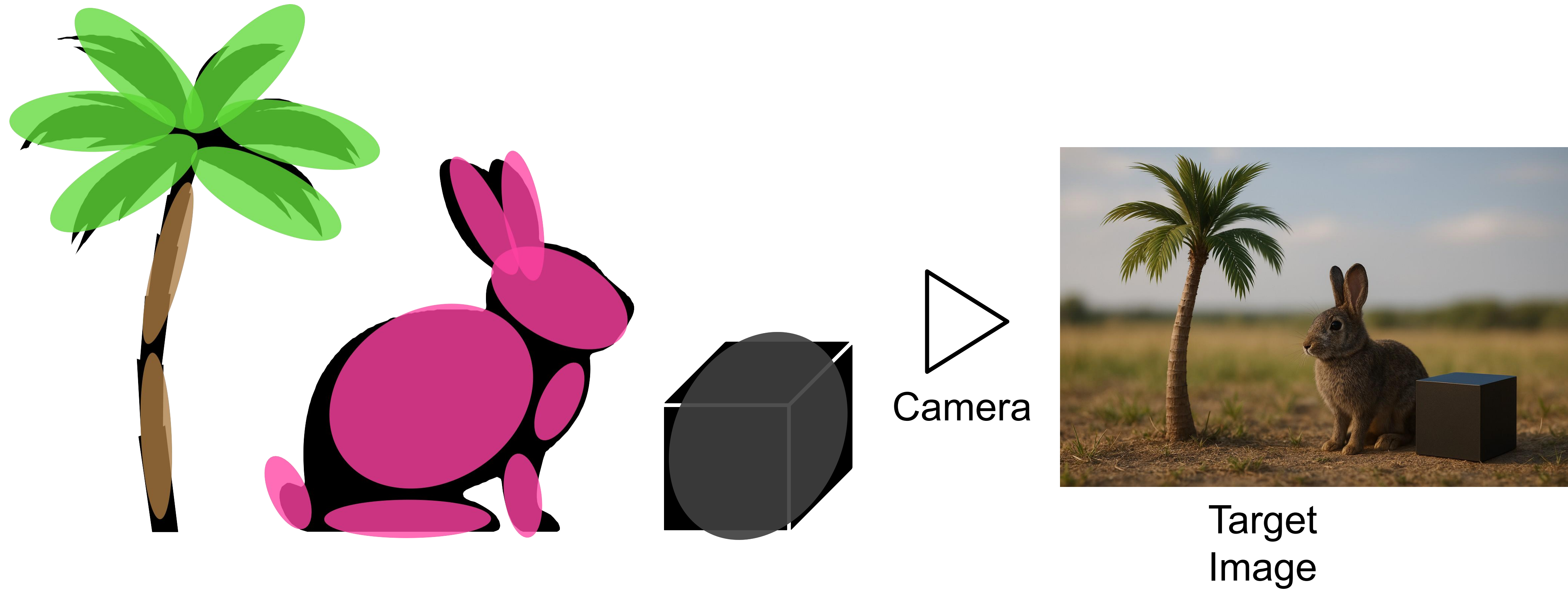


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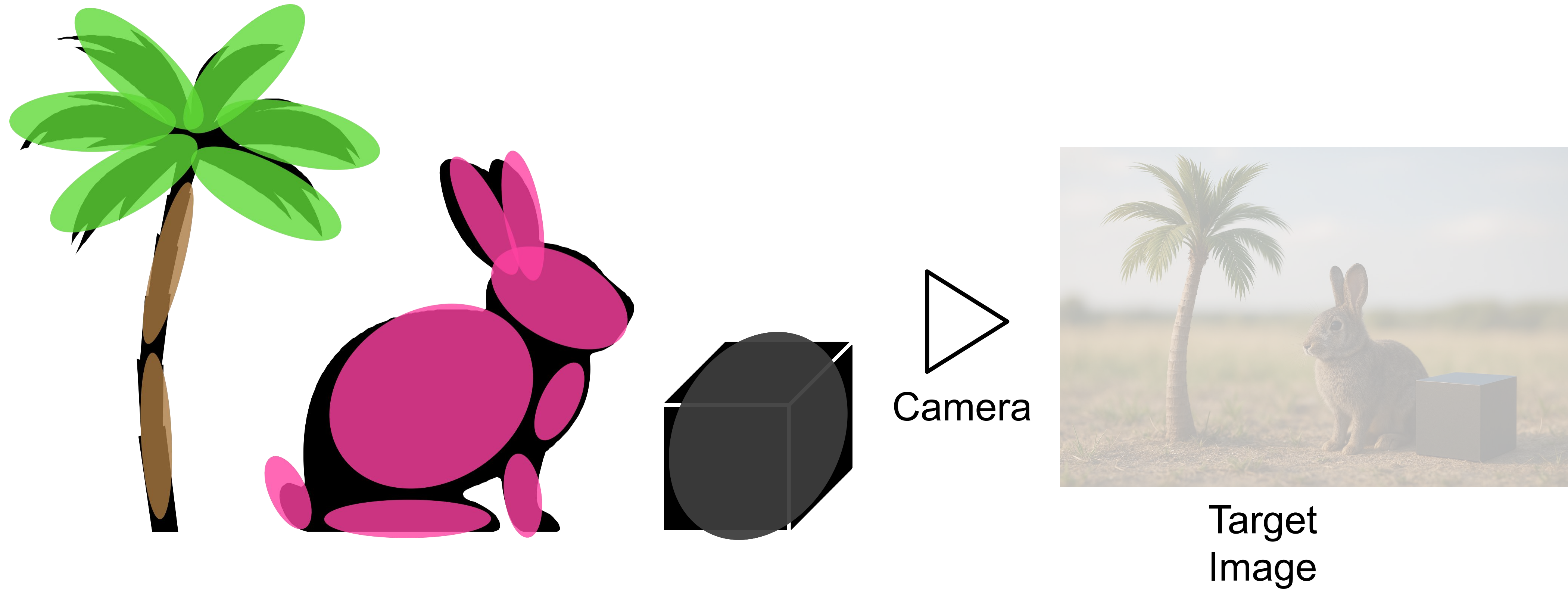
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Image

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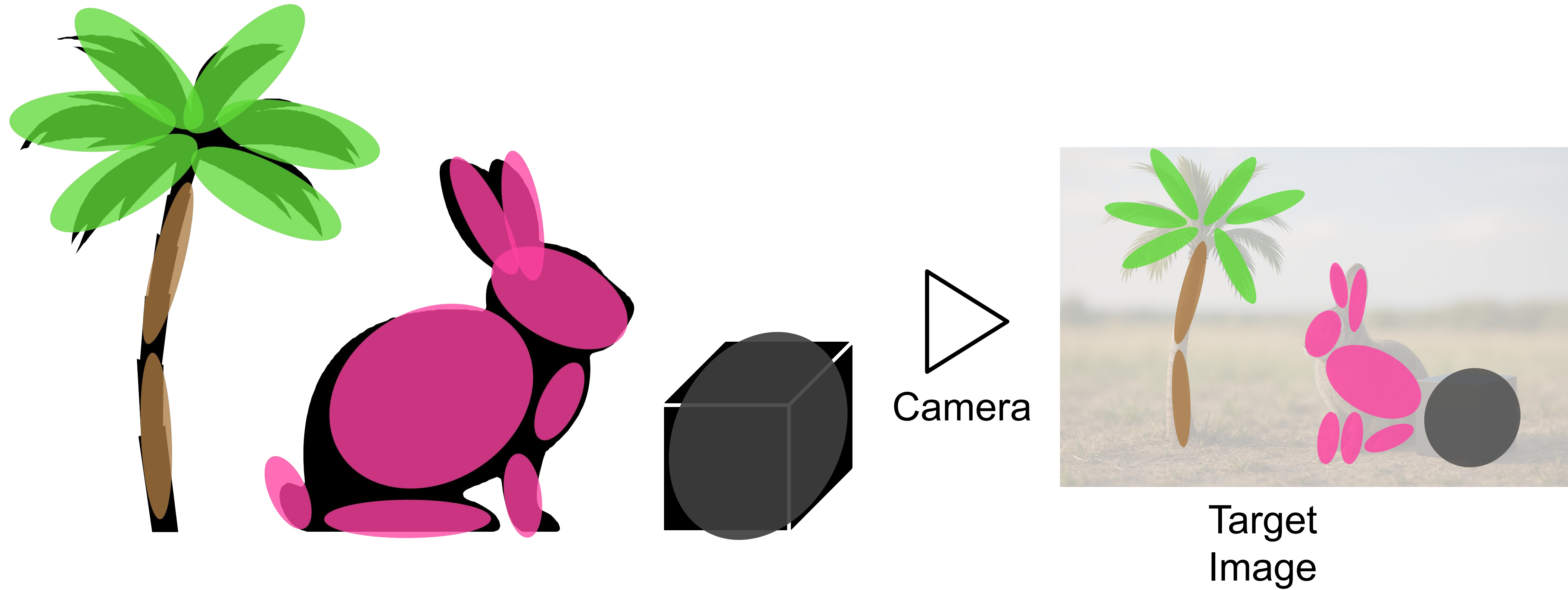




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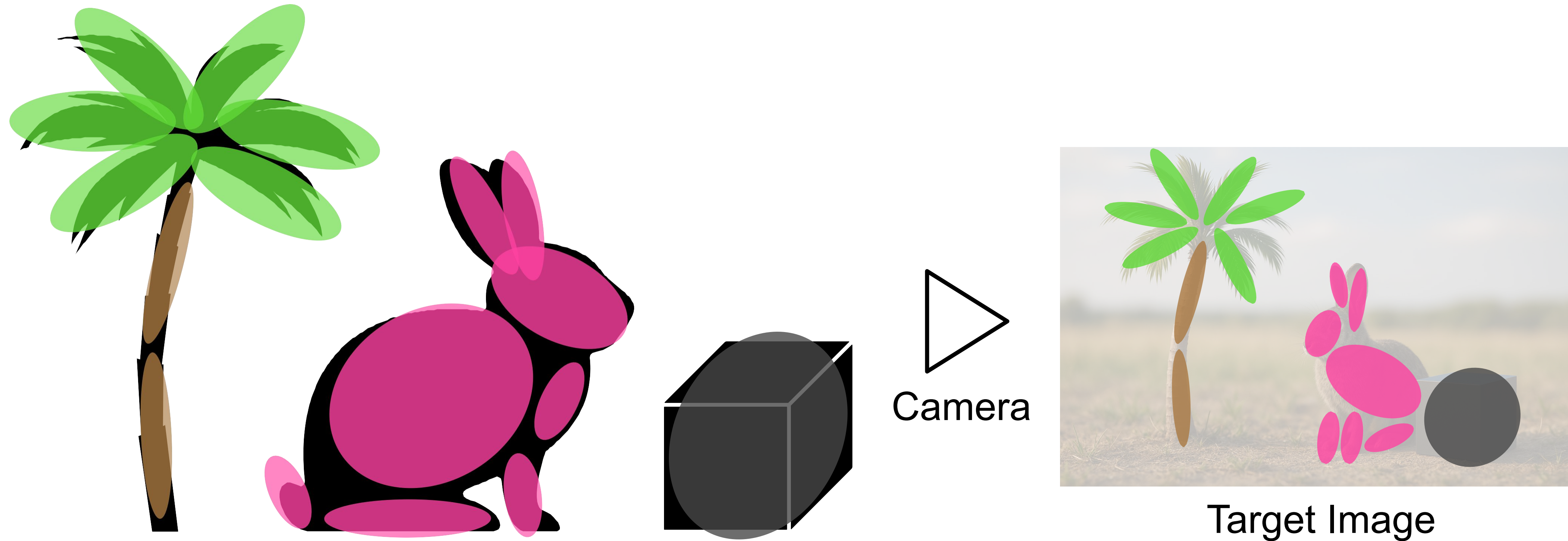


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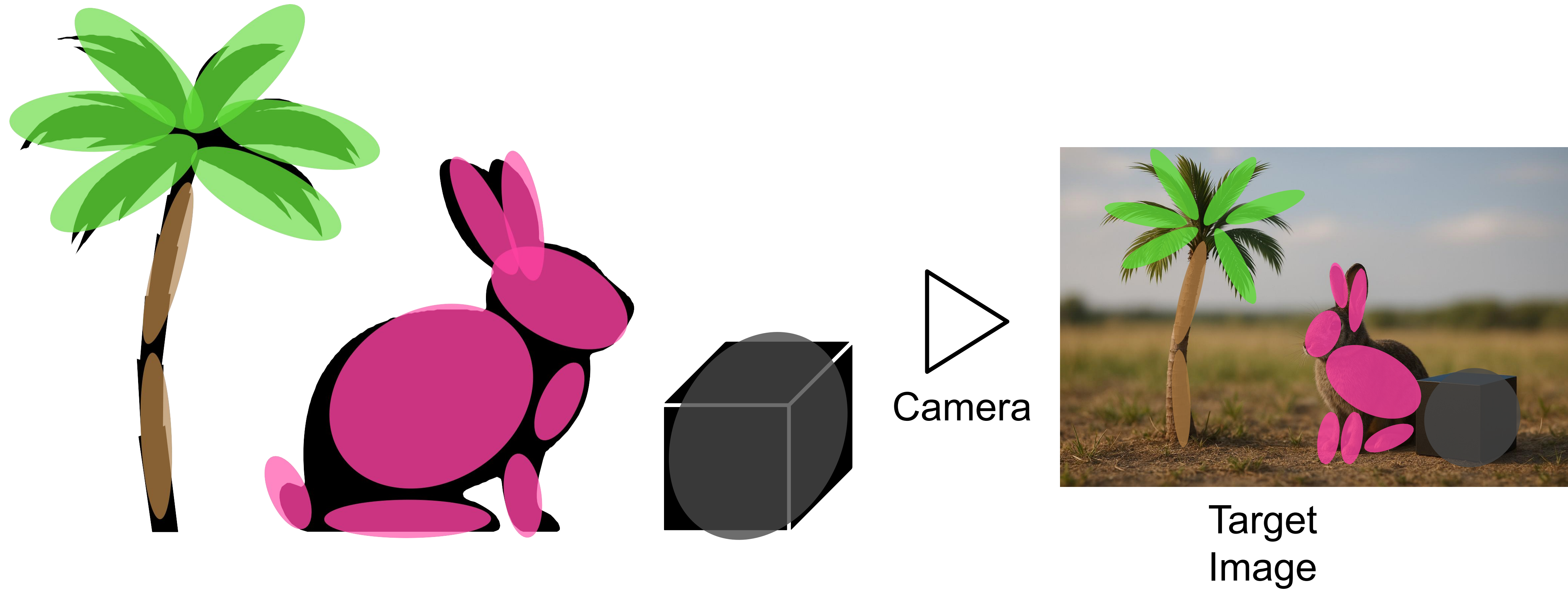


# 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)



Optimize Gaussians to match the target image

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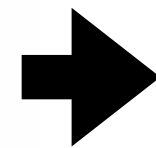


# 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)

## Toon3D Gaussian Splatting For Better Visualizations



Optimize camera and align points



Dense point cloud



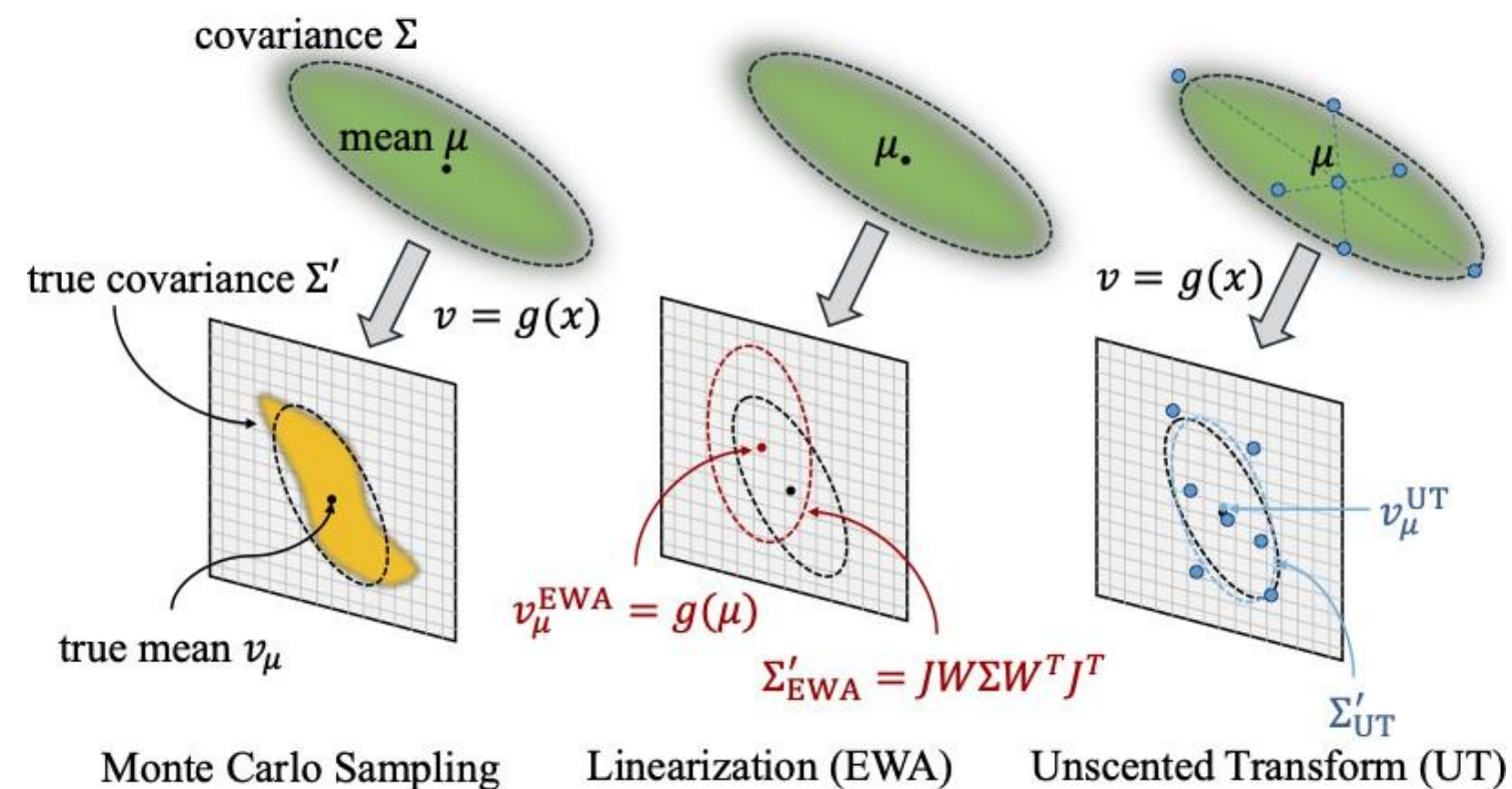
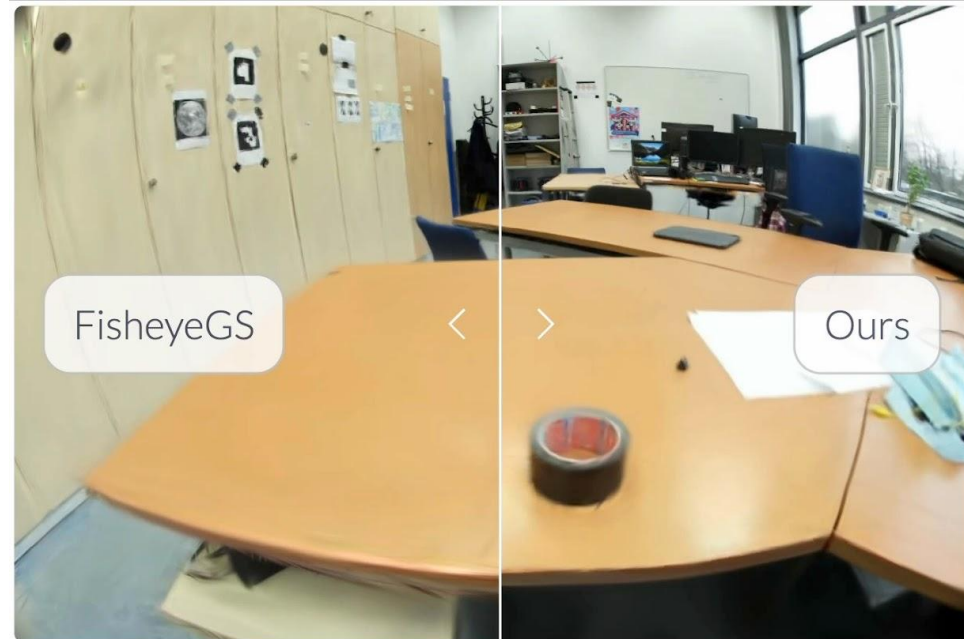


# Follow-ups to Gaussian Splatting

## 3DGUT: Enabling Distorted Cameras and Secondary Rays in Gaussian Splatting

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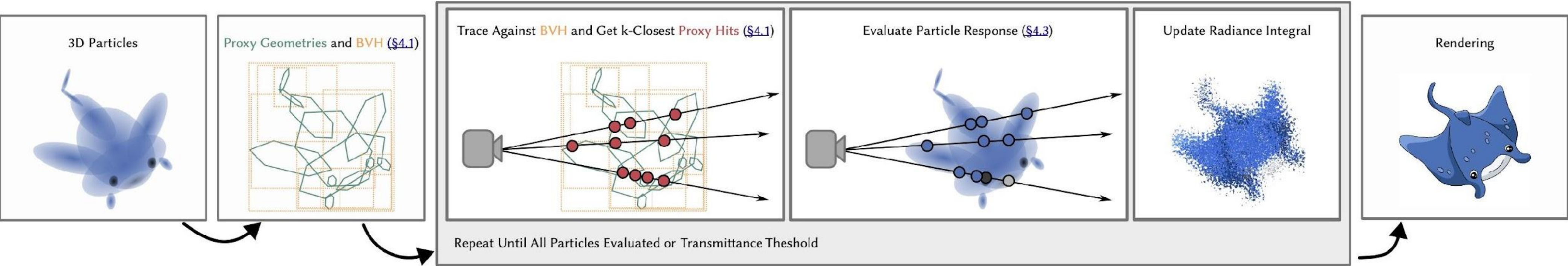
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# A Modular Framework for NeRF Development

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+130 additional Github collaborators

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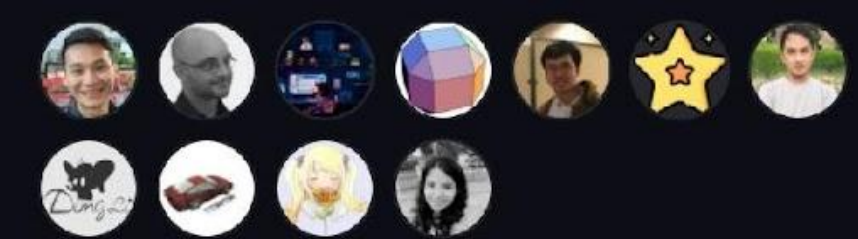
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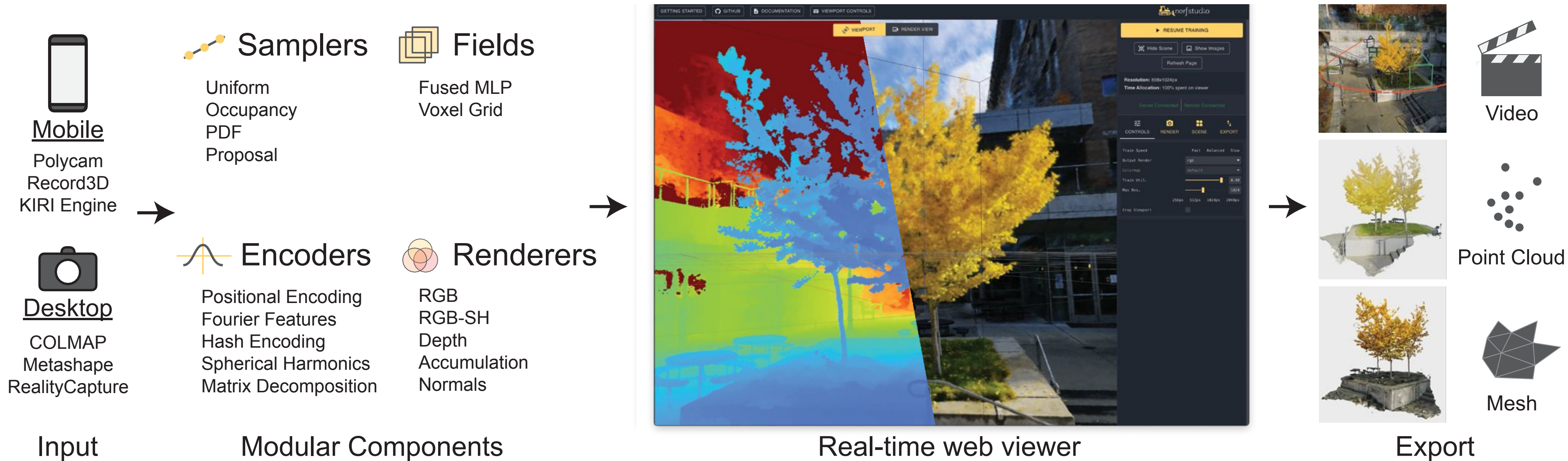
Easy to:

Use

Develop

Learn

# An End-to-End Framework





# Data Pipelines



 polycam +  nerfstudio

## Onboarding Pipelines

- COLMAP
- Polycam
- Record3D
- MetaShape
- RealityCapture
- Kiri Engine

# Easy to Develop

Sampling

Fields &  
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Volumetric  
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# Easy to Develop

## Sampling

- Uniform
- Occupancy
- PDF
- Proposal
- Spacing Fn

## Fields & Encoders

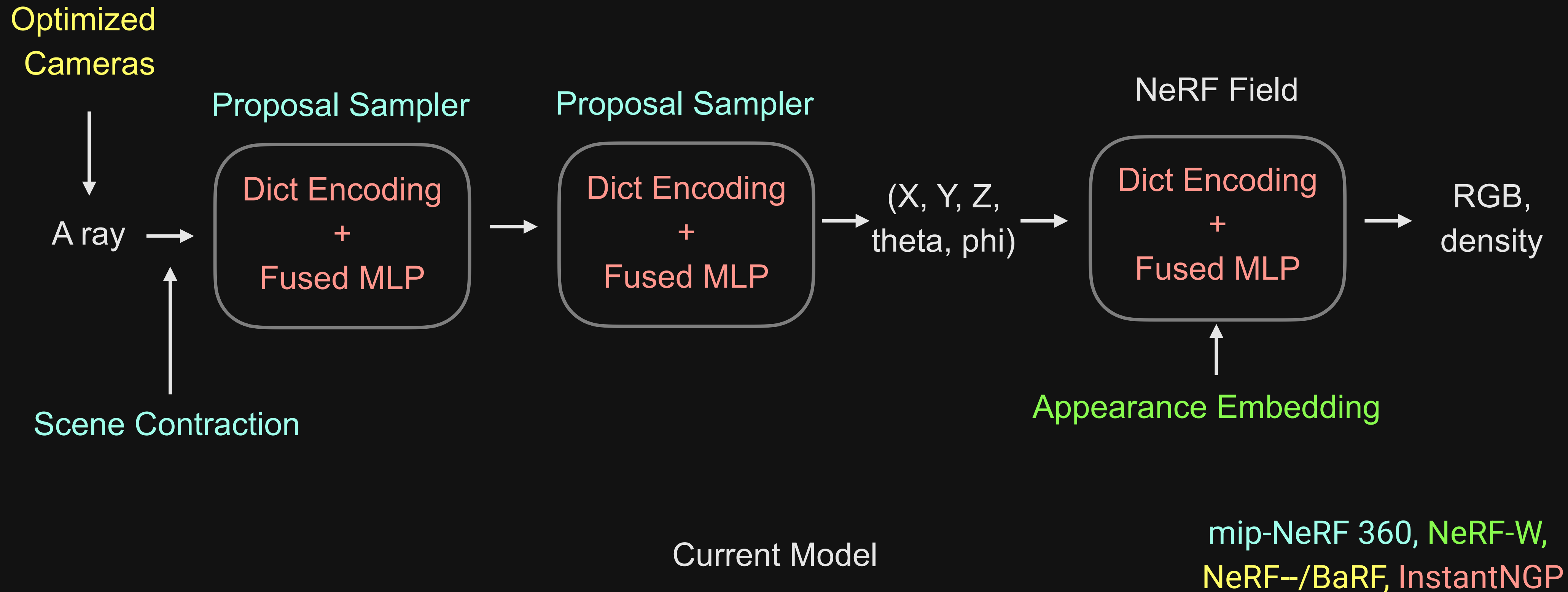
- Positional Encoding
- Fourier Features
- Hash Encoding
- Spherical Harmonics
- Matrix Decomposition
- Fused MLP
- Voxel Grid

## Volumetric Rendering

- RGB
- RGB-SH
- Depth
- Accumulation
- Normals

Pythonic and Modular

# Striking the balance between performance & easy development









# Nerf to Variants

(Bigger models work better)

Model	Description	Memory	Speed
nerfacto	Default Model	~6GB	Fast
nerfacto-big	Larger higher quality	~12GB	Slow
Nerfacto-huge	Even larger and higher quality	~24Gb	Slower









Nerfacto





Nerfacto-huge





Nerfacto





Nerfacto-huge







