AMCS / CS 247 – Scientific Visualization
Lecture 13: Volume Visualization, Pt. 2

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Reading Assignment #7 (until Oct 19)

Read (required):

- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapter 3.2.3 (*Compositing*)
- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapters 5.5, 5.6 (*Gradients*)
- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapter 7 (*GPU-Based Ray Casting*)

Read (optional):

- Paper:
  Nelson Max, Optical Models for Direct Volume Rendering,
  IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 1995
  `http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/2945.468400`

Volume Rendering Integral

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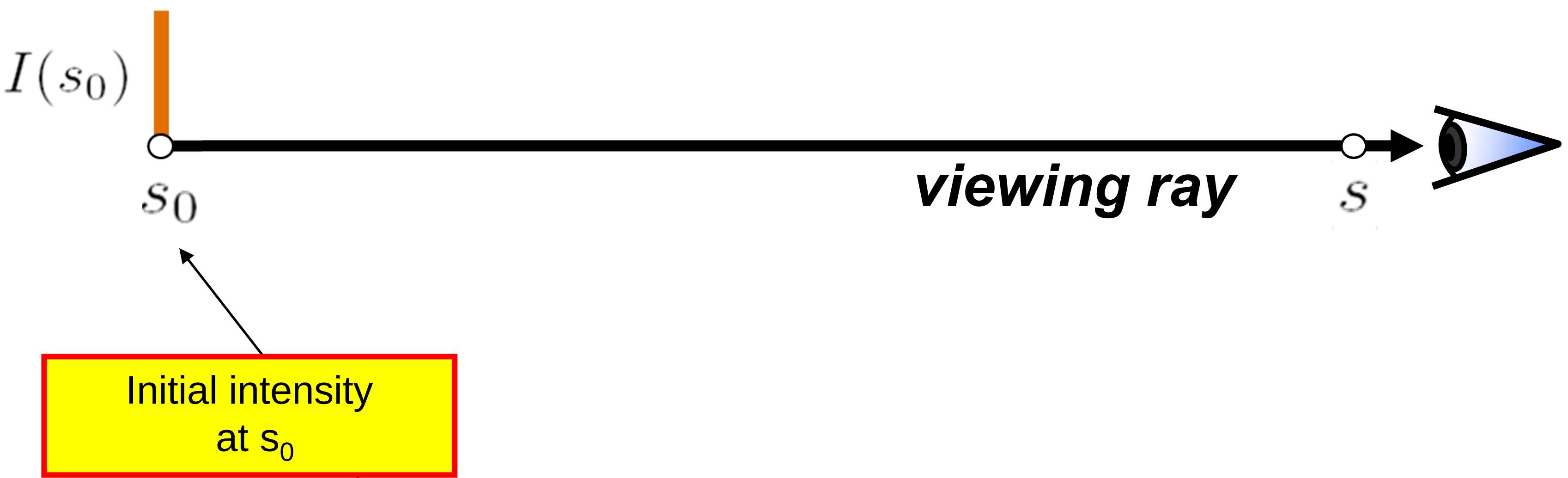
Physical model: emission and absorption, no scattering



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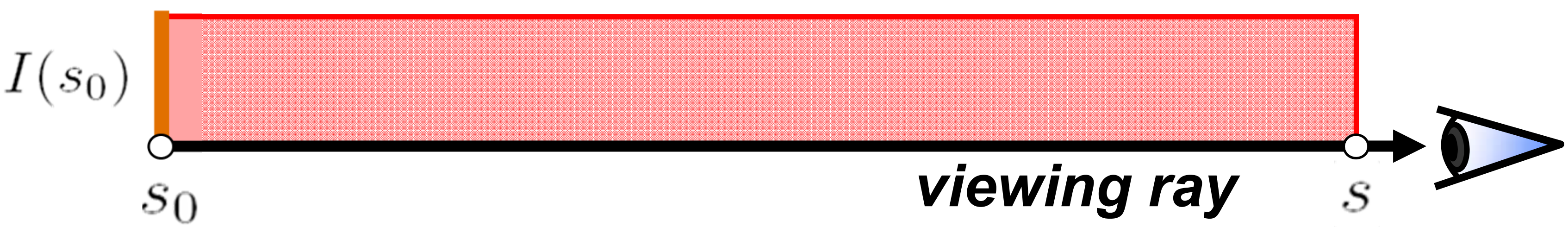

Initial intensity at s_0

$$I(s) = \boxed{I(s_0)}$$

Without absorption all the initial radiant energy would reach the point ***s.***

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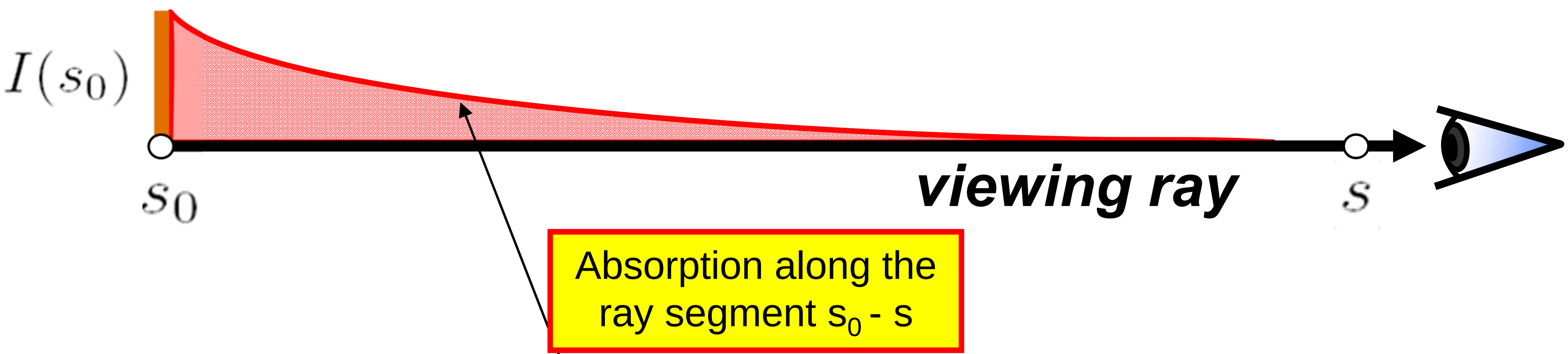

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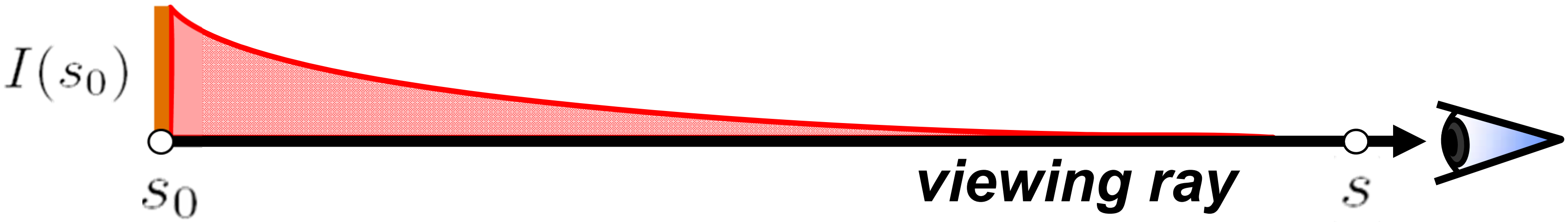

Optical depth τ

Absorption κ

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

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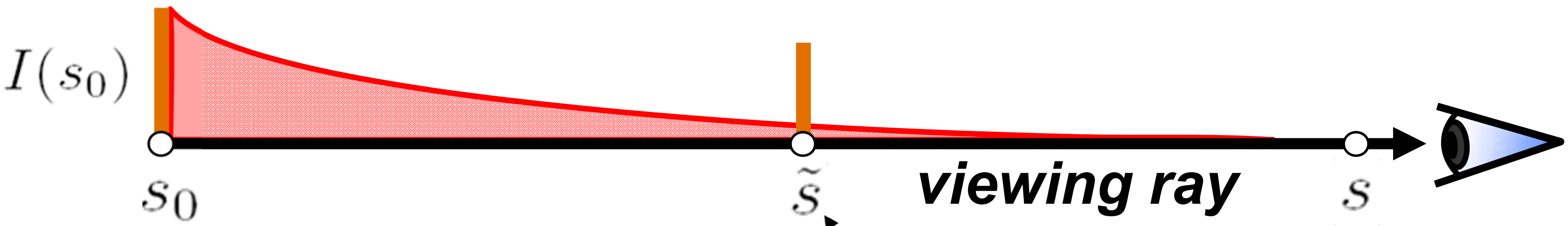

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Active emission at point $\tilde{s}$

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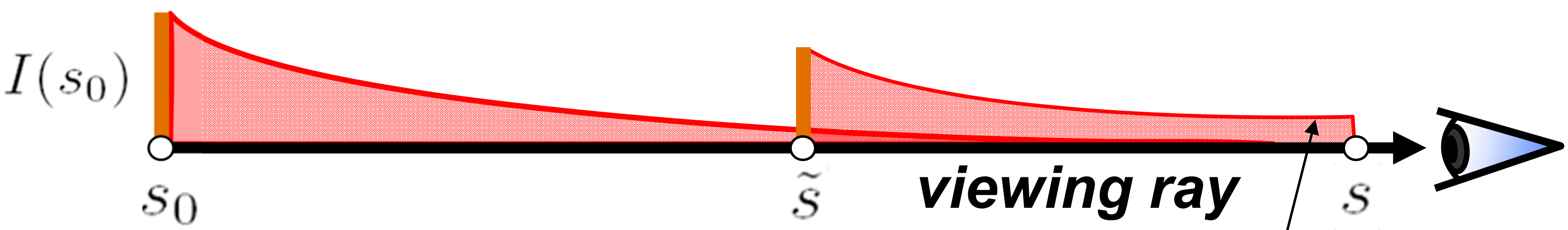

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Absorption along the distance $s - \tilde{s}$

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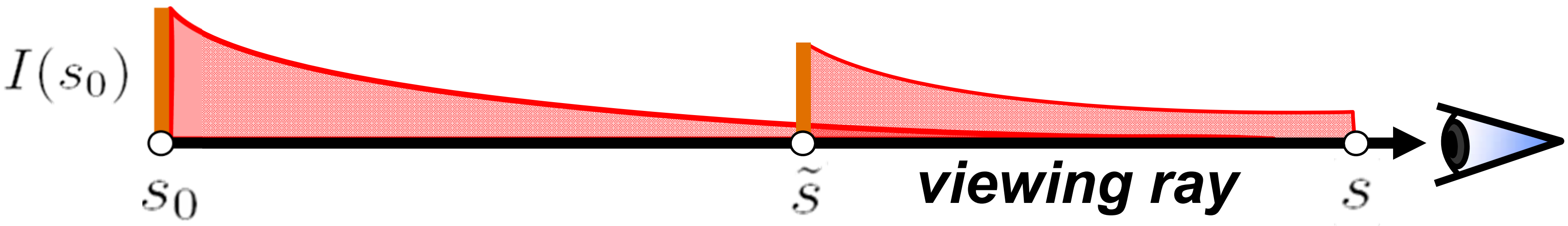
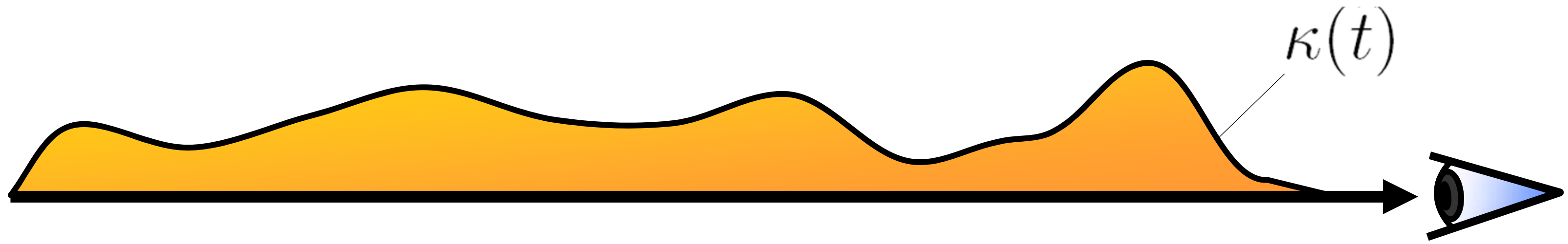


Every point $\tilde{s}$ along the viewing ray emits additional radiant energy

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

Volume Rendering Integral: Numerical Solution



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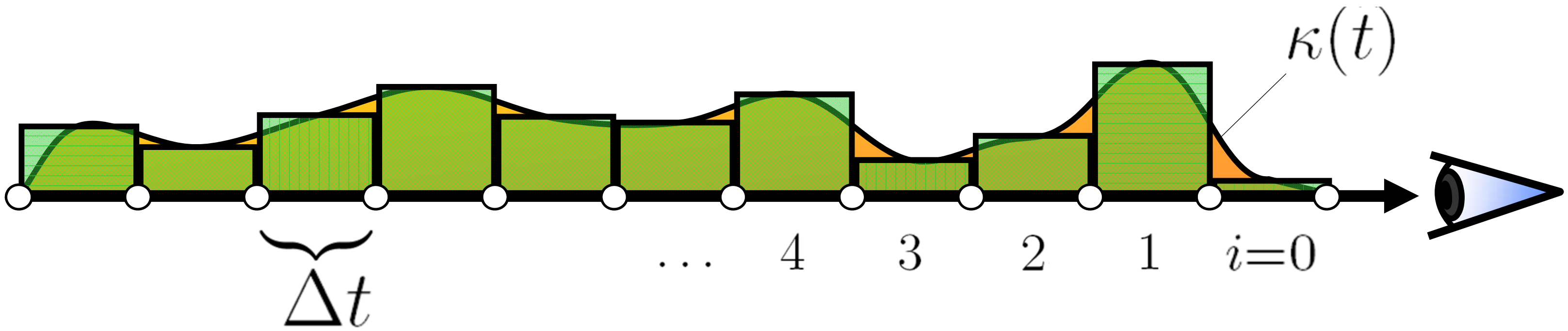

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Approximate Integral by Riemann sum:

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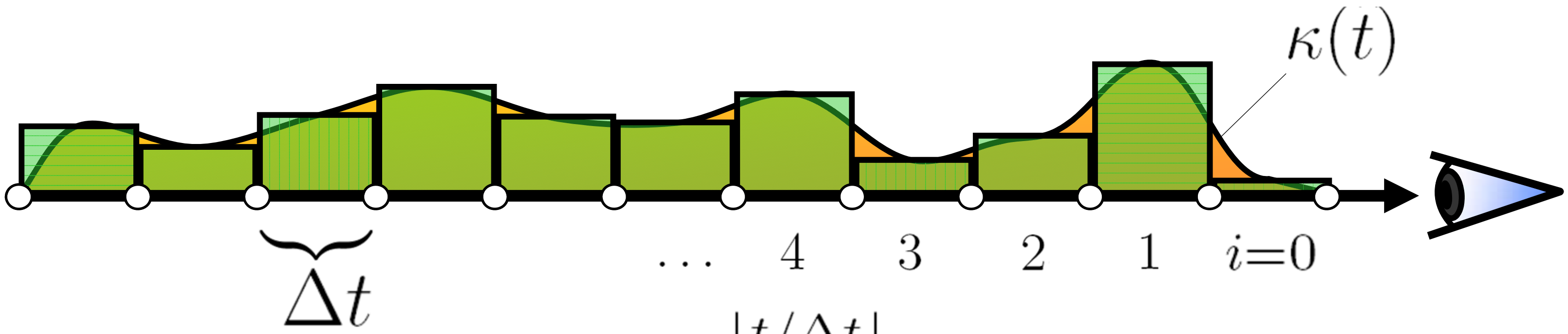

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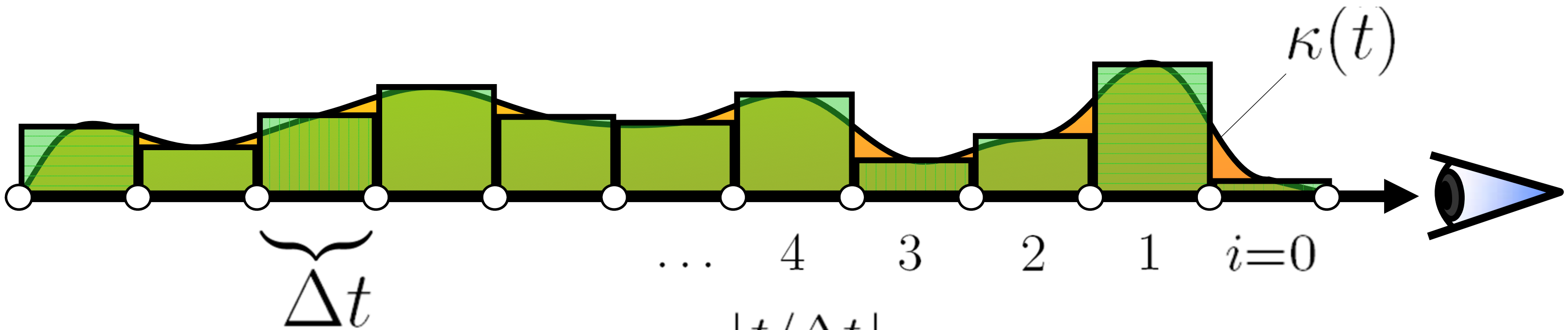

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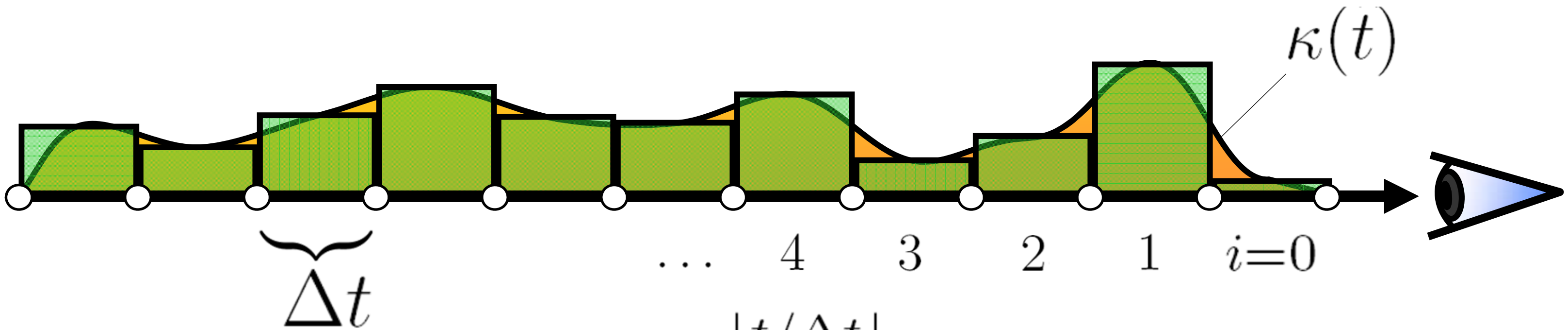

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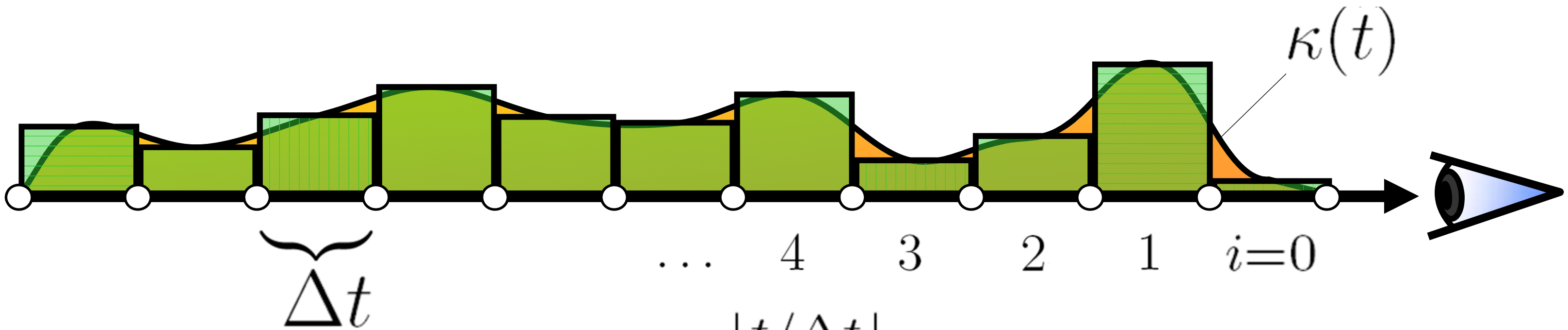

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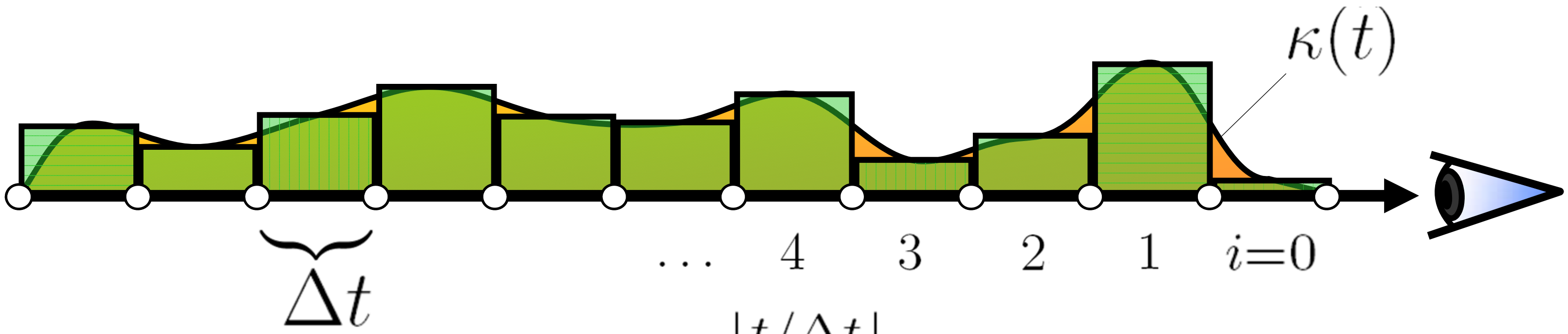

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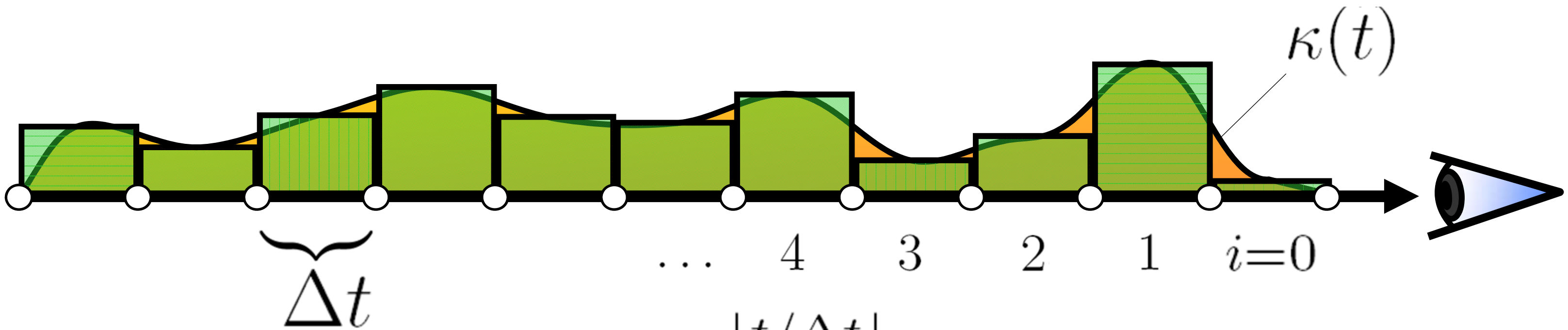

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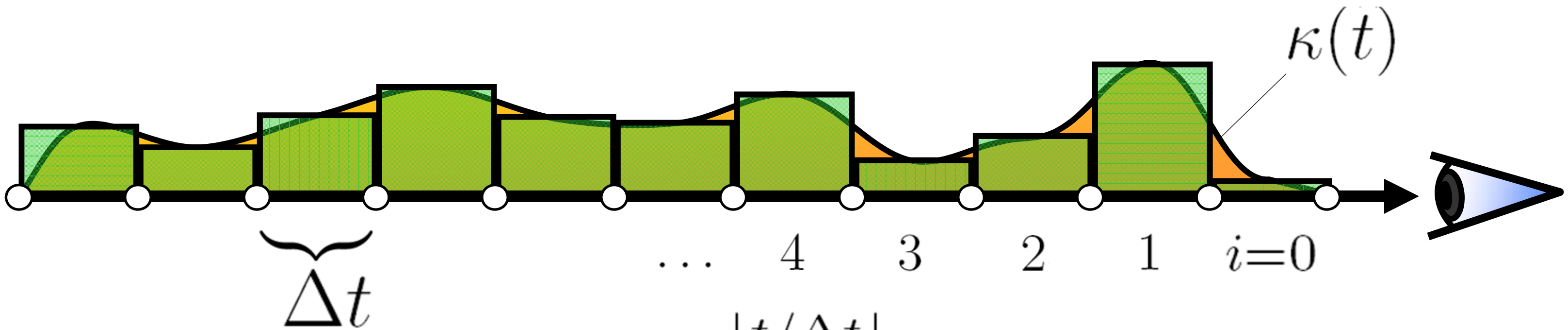

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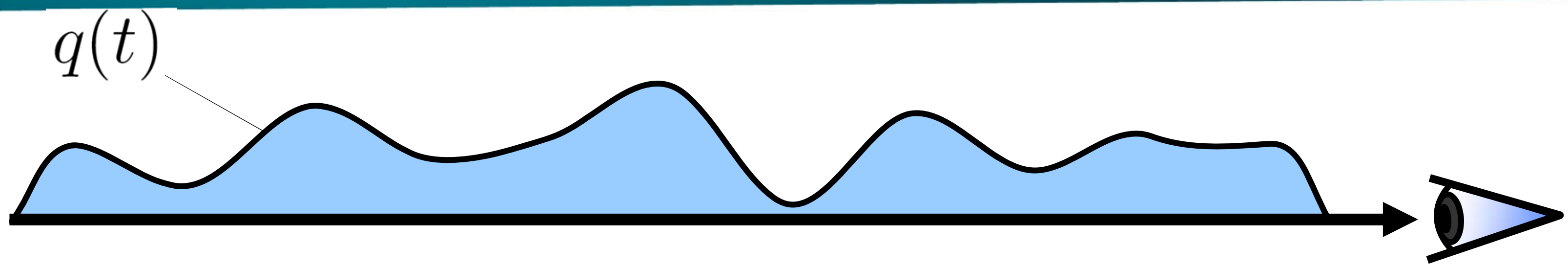

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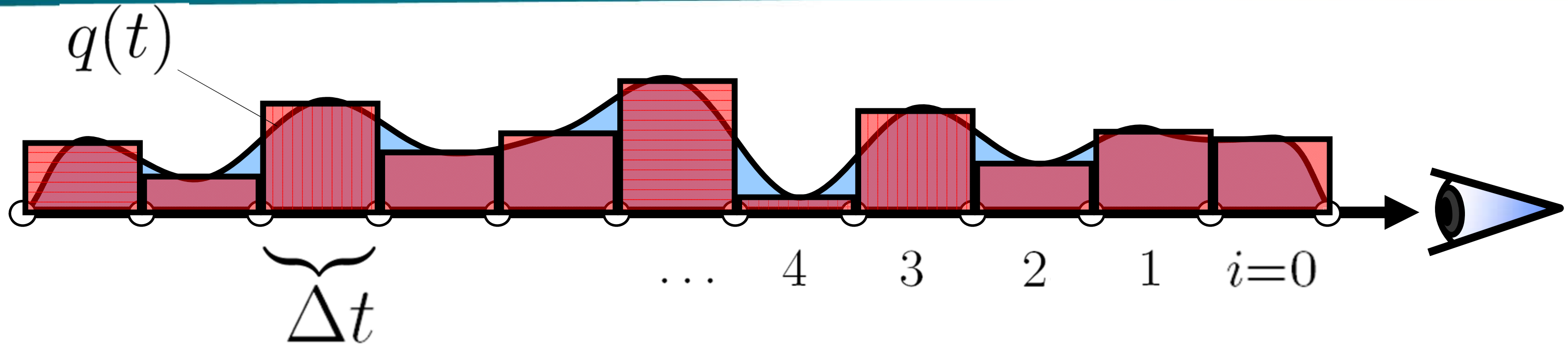

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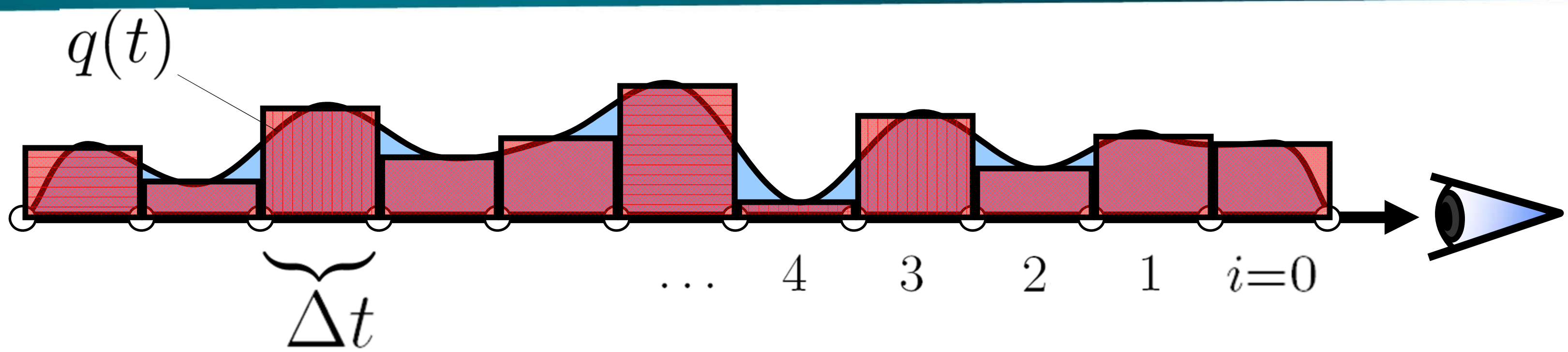

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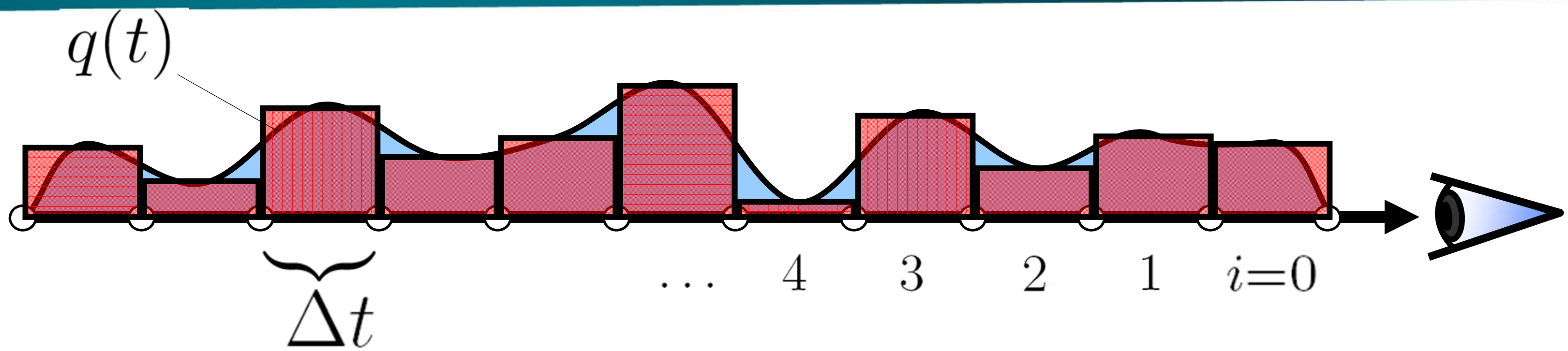

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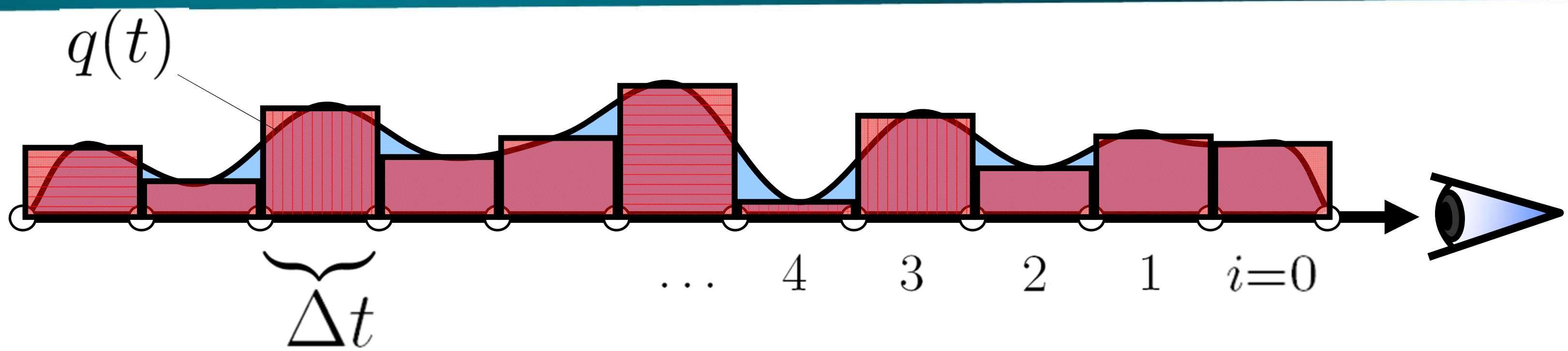

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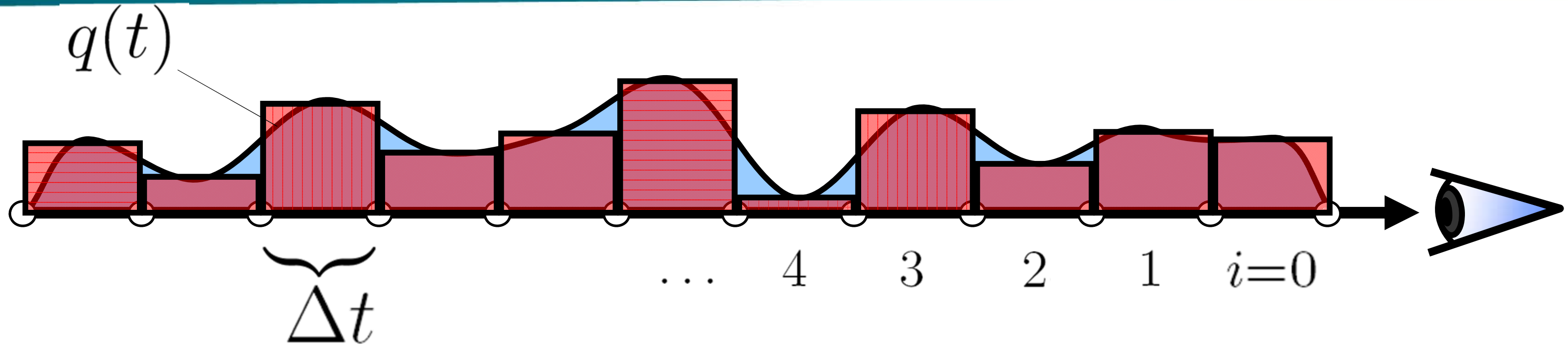

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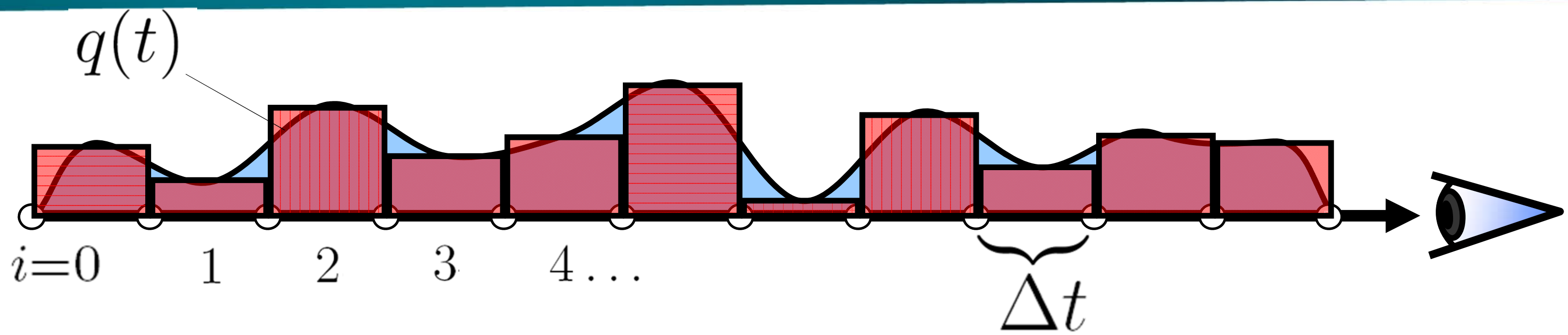

Note: we just changed the convention from i=0 is at the front of the volume (previous slides) to i=0 is at the back of the volume !

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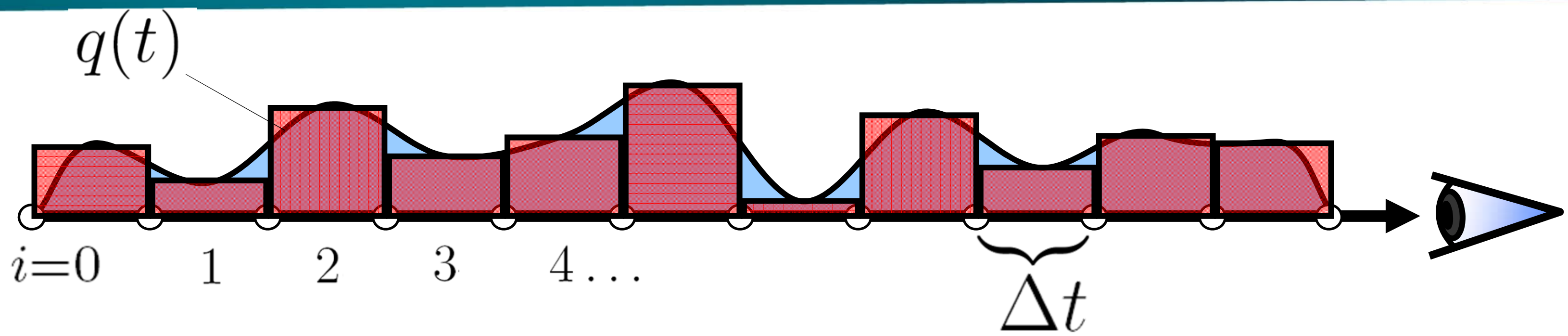
$$C'_i = C_i + (1 - A_i)C'_{i-1}$$

Volume Rendering Integral: Numerical Solution



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Radiant energy observed at position ***i***

Radiant energy emitted at position ***i***

Absorption at position ***i***

Radiant energy observed at position ***i*–1**

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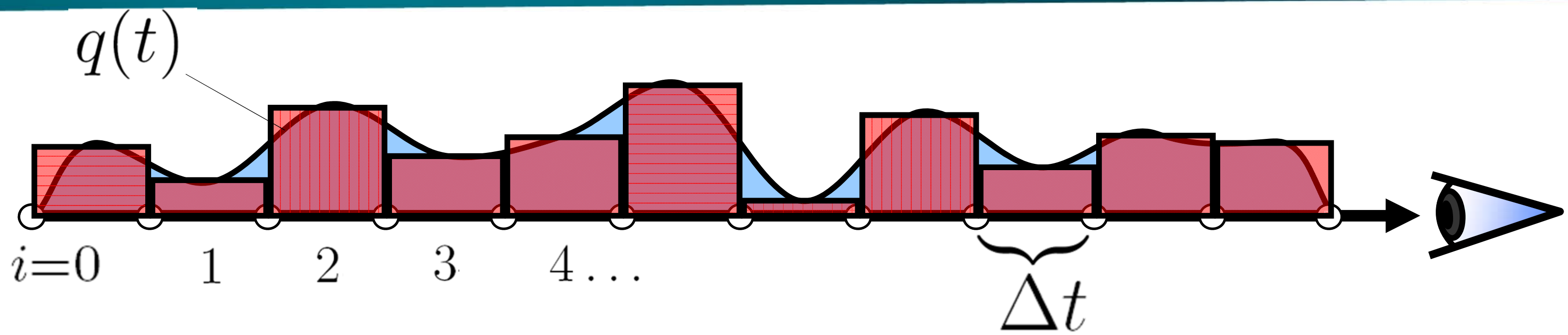

Back-to-front compositing

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Front-to-back compositing

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

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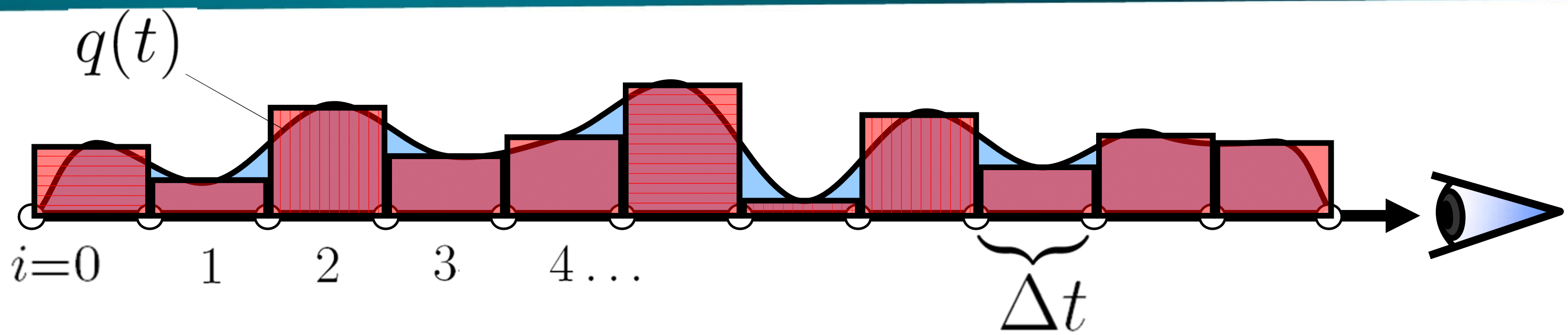
Volume Rendering Integral: Numerical Solution



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

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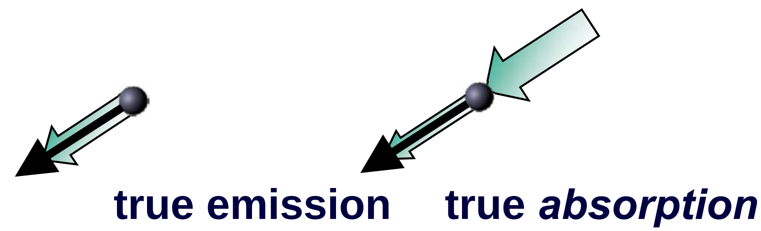
Volume Rendering Integral Summary

Volume rendering integral
for *Emission Absorption* model



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Numerical solutions:

Back-to-front compositing

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

Front-to-back compositing

$$\begin{aligned} C'_i &= C'_{i+1} + (1 - A'_{i+1}) C_i \\ A'_i &= A'_{i+1} + (1 - A'_{i+1}) A_i \end{aligned}$$

Thank you.

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