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# High-Performance Algorithms for Real-Time GPGPU Volumetric Cloud Rendering from an Enhanced Physical-Math Abstraction Approach

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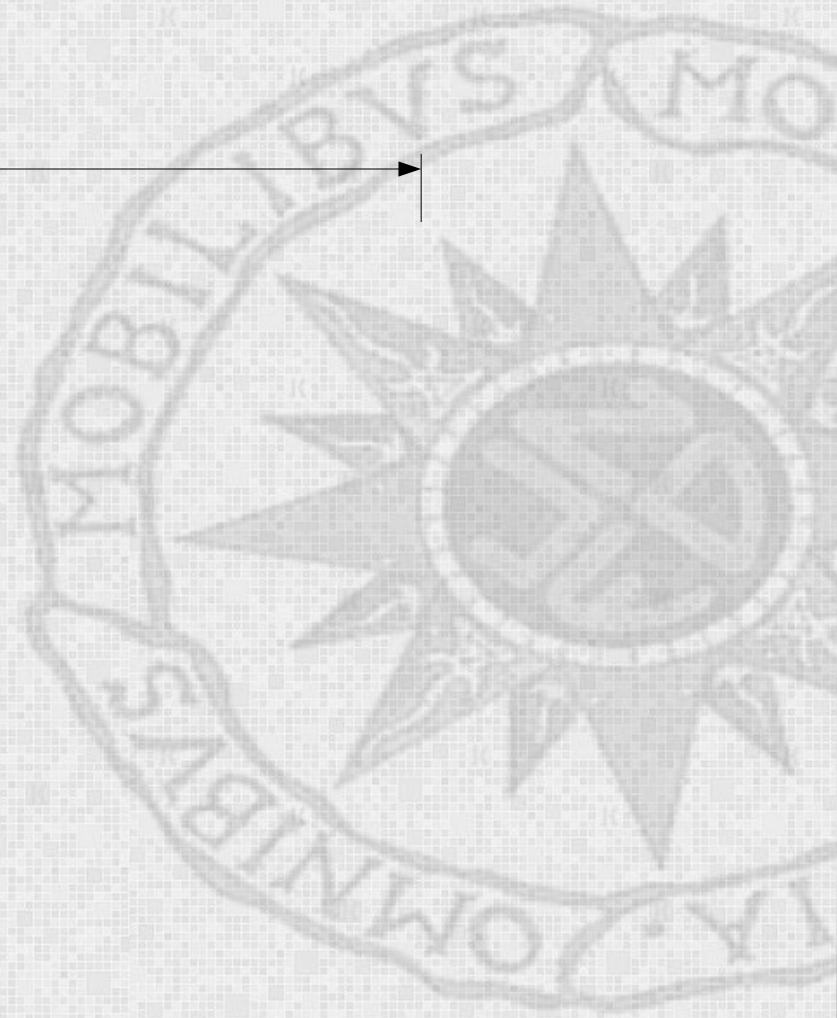
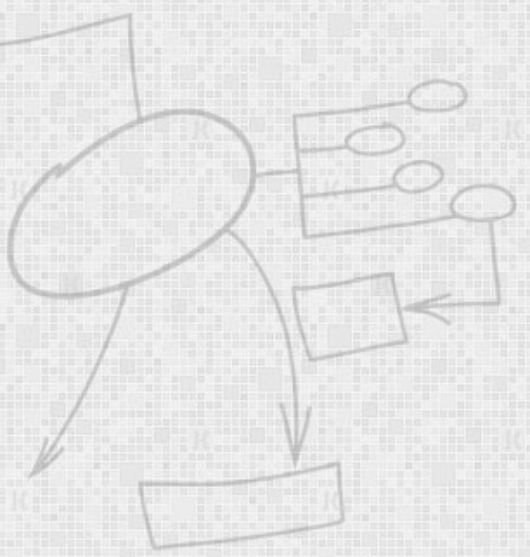
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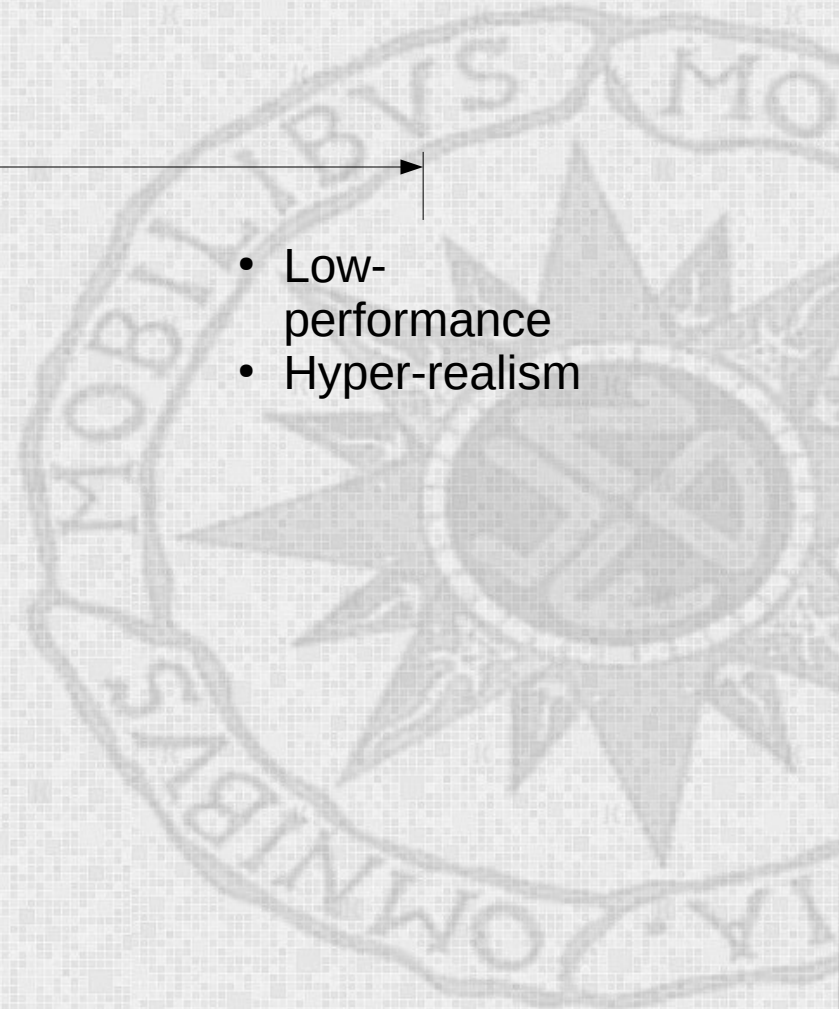
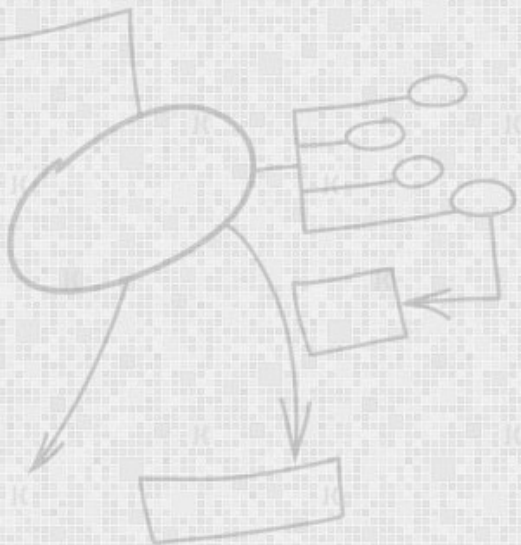




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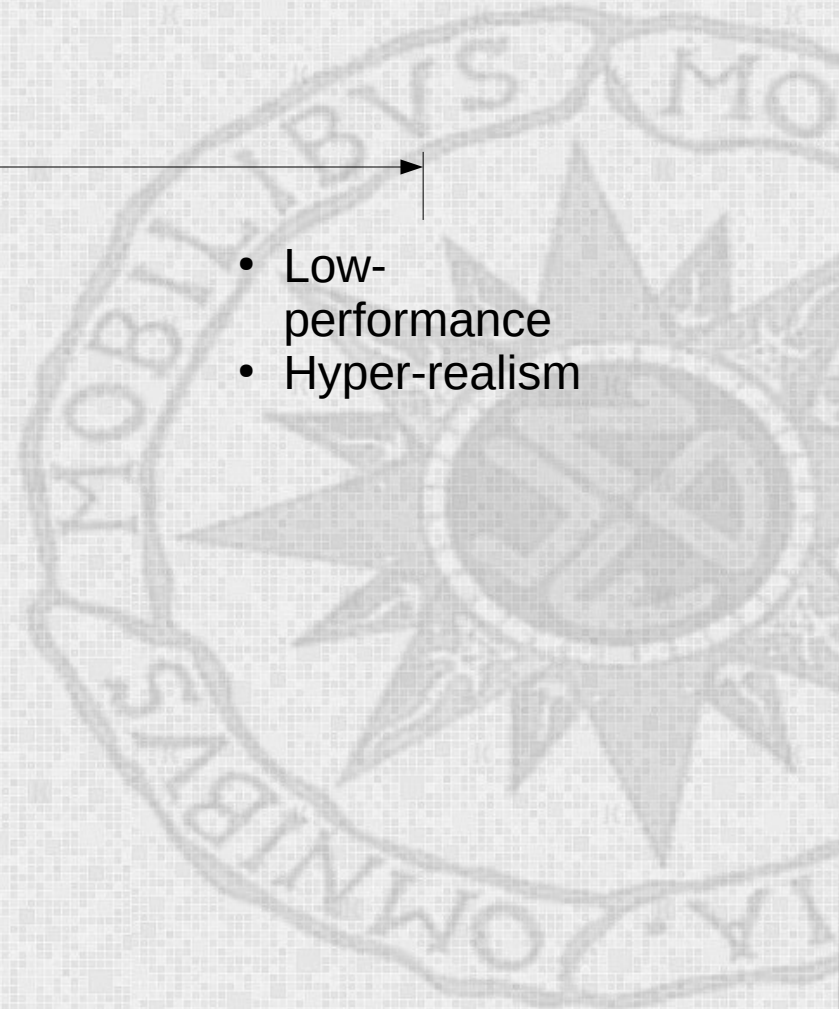
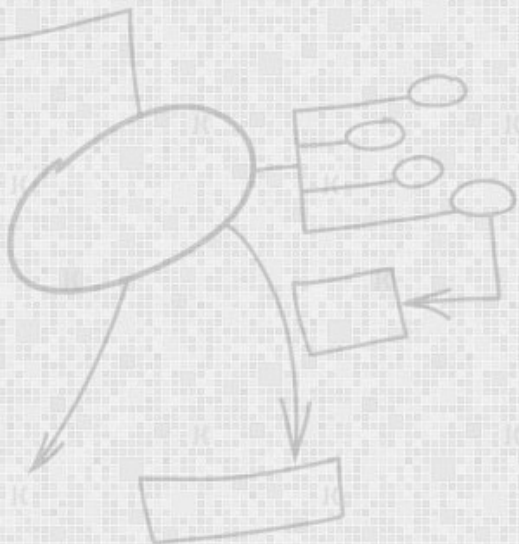
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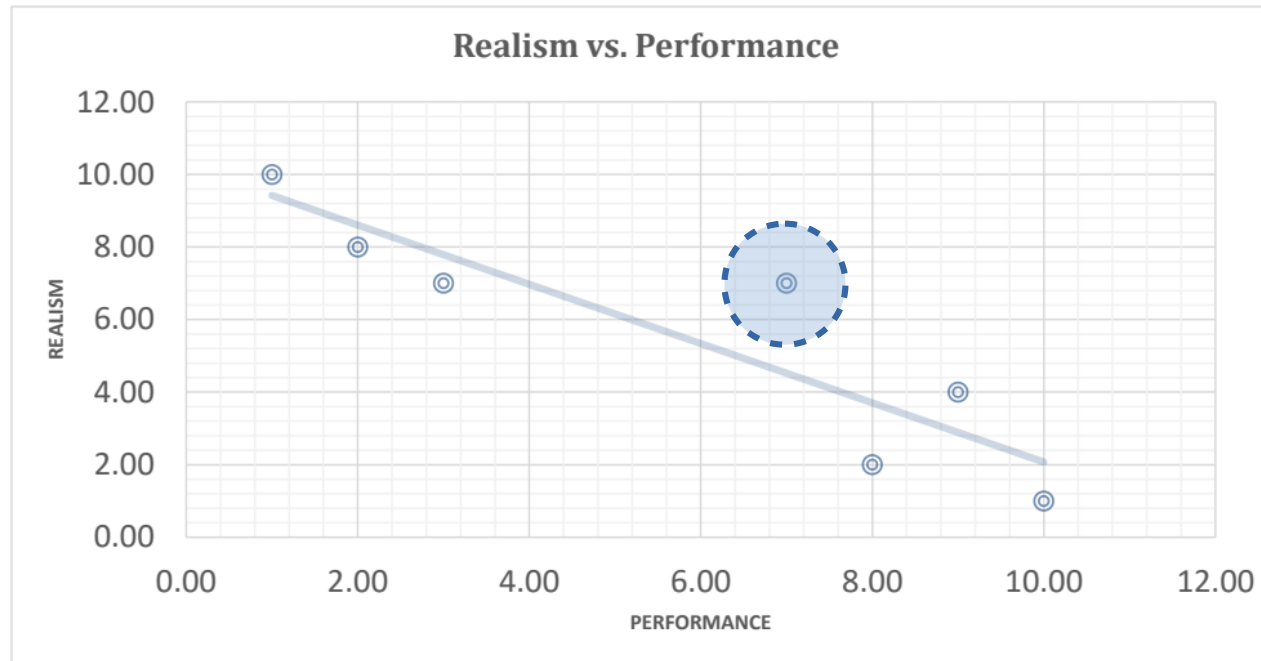


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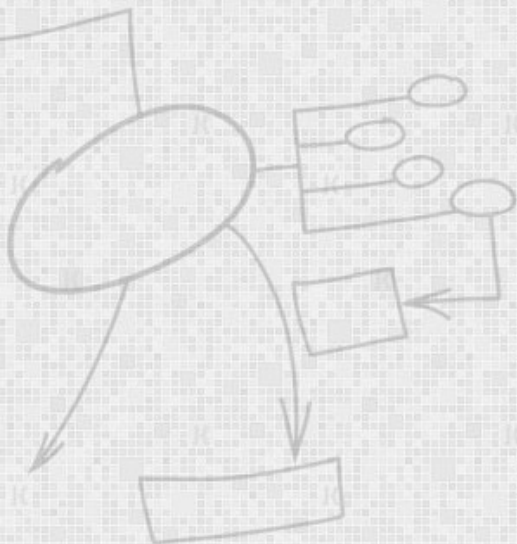
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**Hypothesis:** «Is it possible to generate new algorithmic models for cloud rendering with an optimum balance between realism and performance to be applied in the entry-level graphics industry?».

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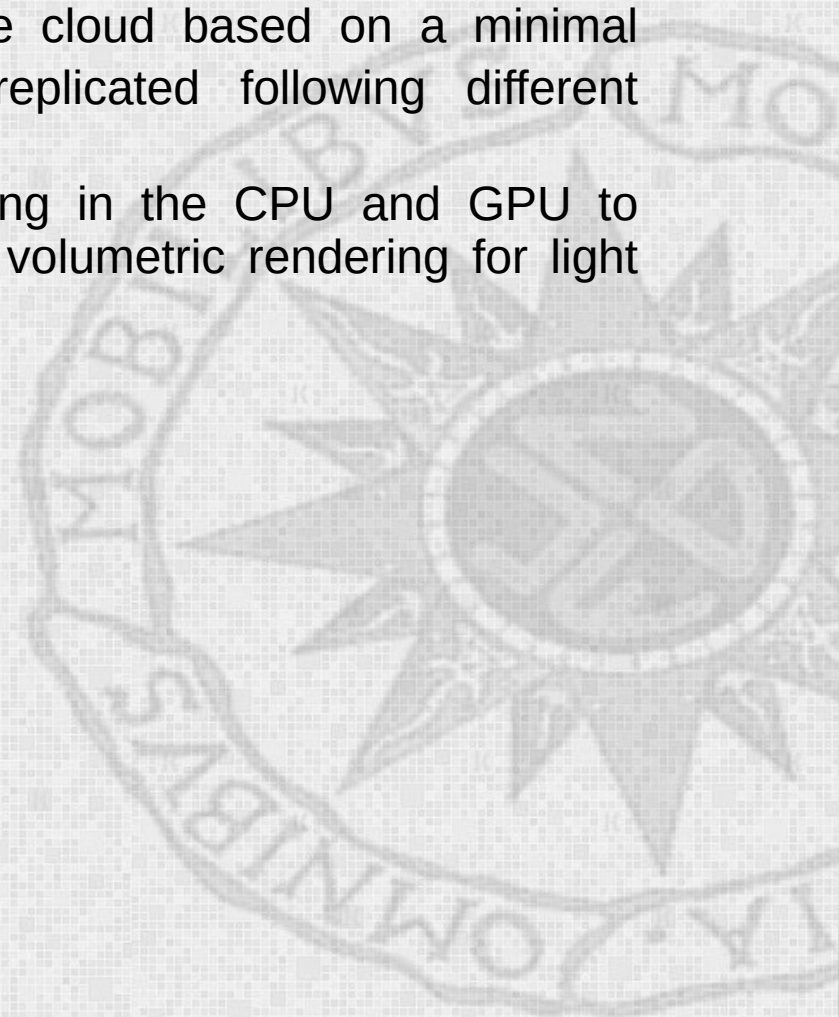
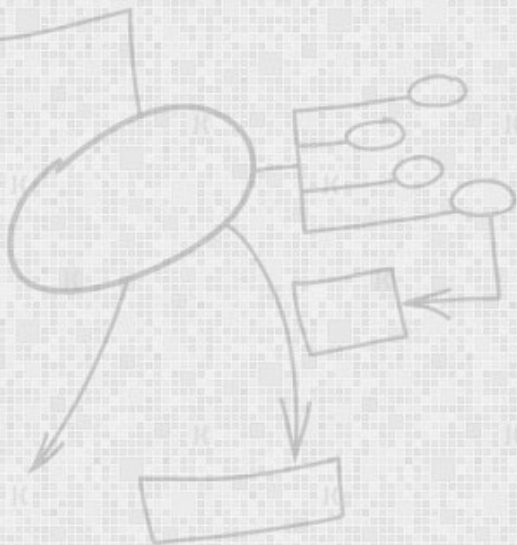
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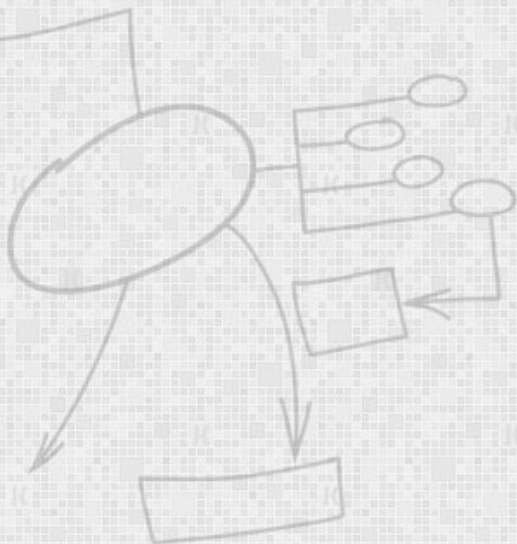
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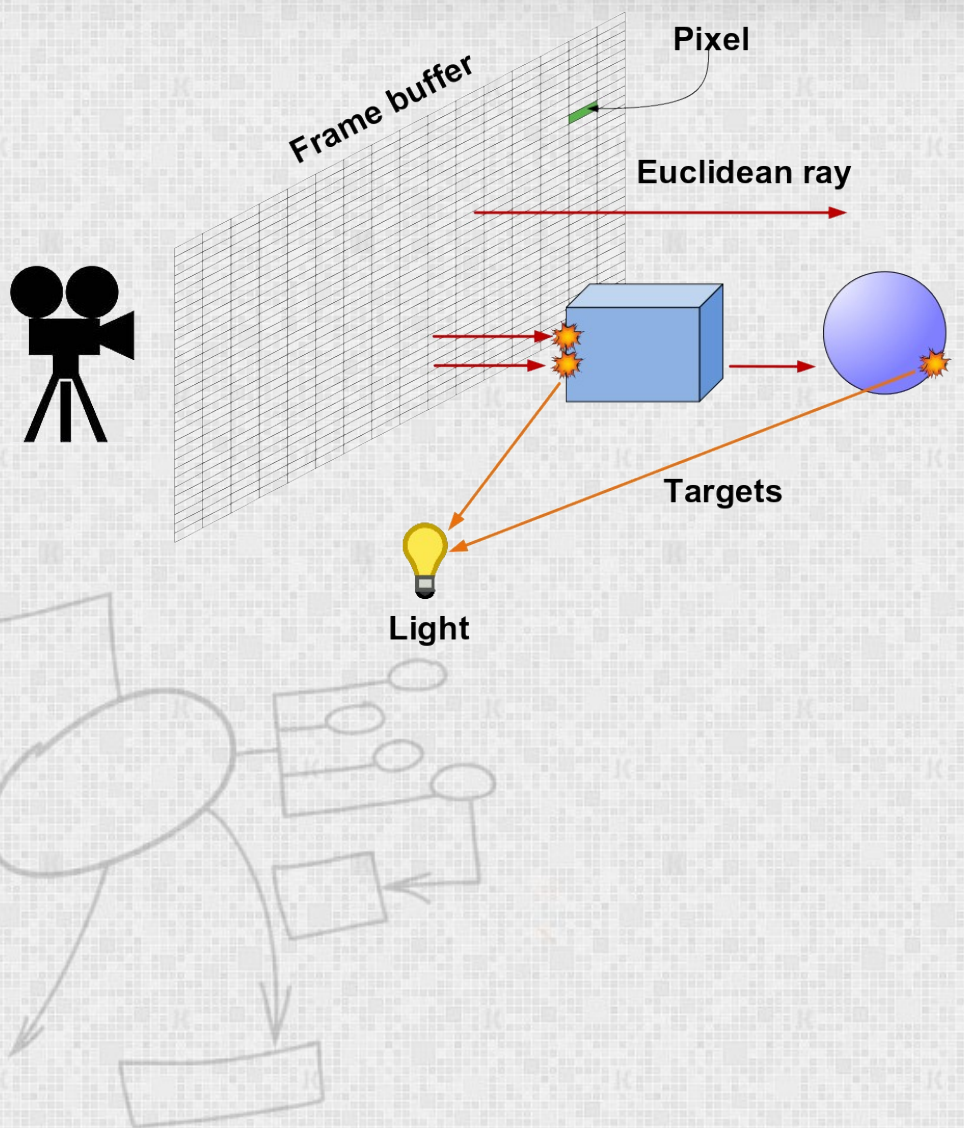


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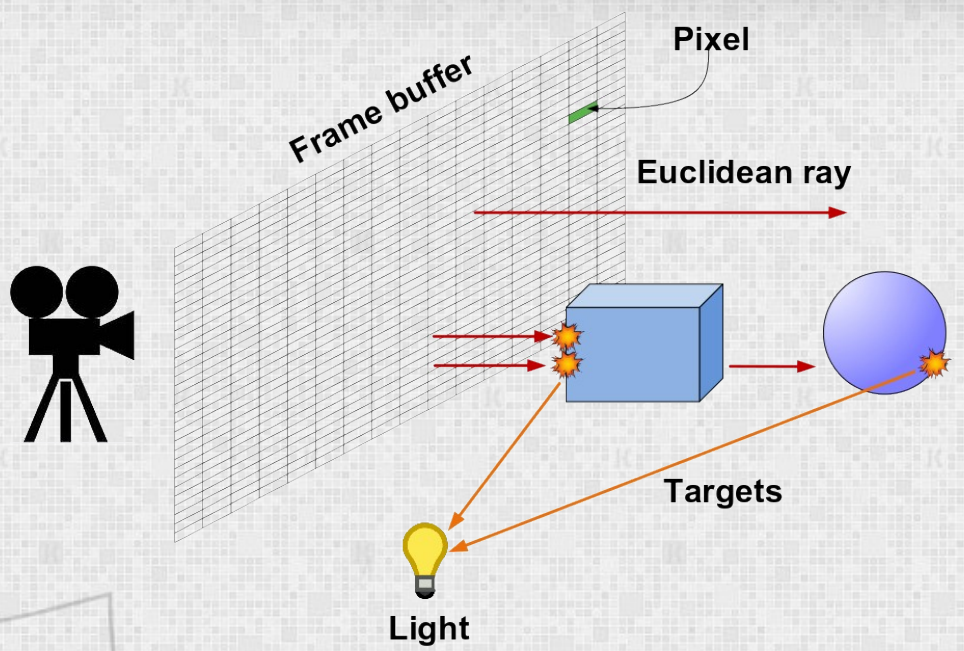
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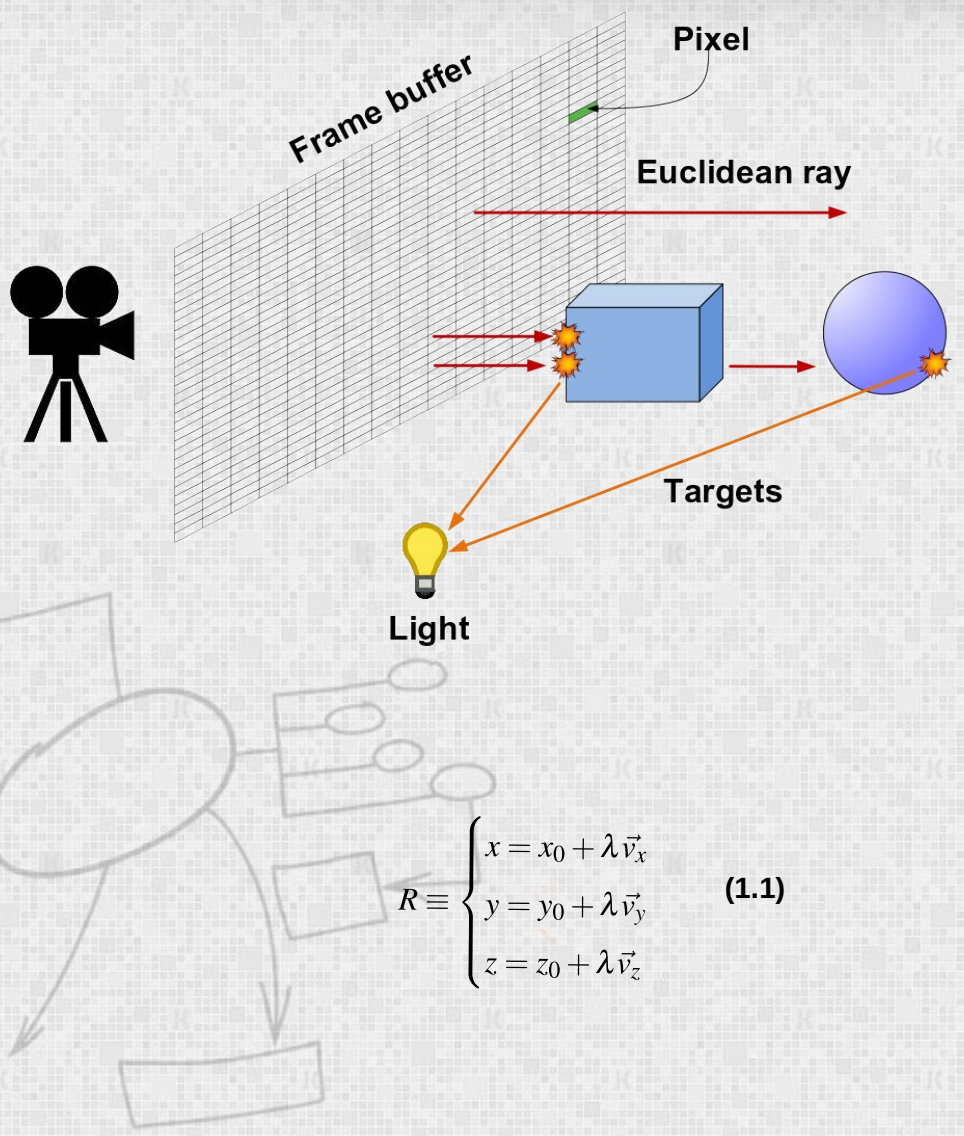
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Let

$$(x - c_x)^2 + (y - c_y)^2 + (z - c_z)^2 = R^2 \quad (1.2)$$

be the implicit equation of a sphere. We can rewrite this same equation in vector form as:

$$(p - c) \cdot (p - c) = R^2 \quad (1.3)$$

If we assume the vector form of Equation 1.1 as  $p(t) = o + \lambda \vec{v}$  and substitute it into Equation 1.3, we obtain:

$$(o + \lambda \vec{v} - c) \cdot (o + \lambda \vec{v} - c) = R^2 \quad (1.4)$$

Moving the terms around yields

$$(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})\lambda^2 + 2\vec{v} \cdot (o - c)\lambda + (o - c) \cdot (o - c) - R^2 = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

Equation 1.5 constitutes a classic quadratic equation in  $\lambda$ :

$$A\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C = 0; \quad (1.6)$$

It is known that this equation has two solutions:

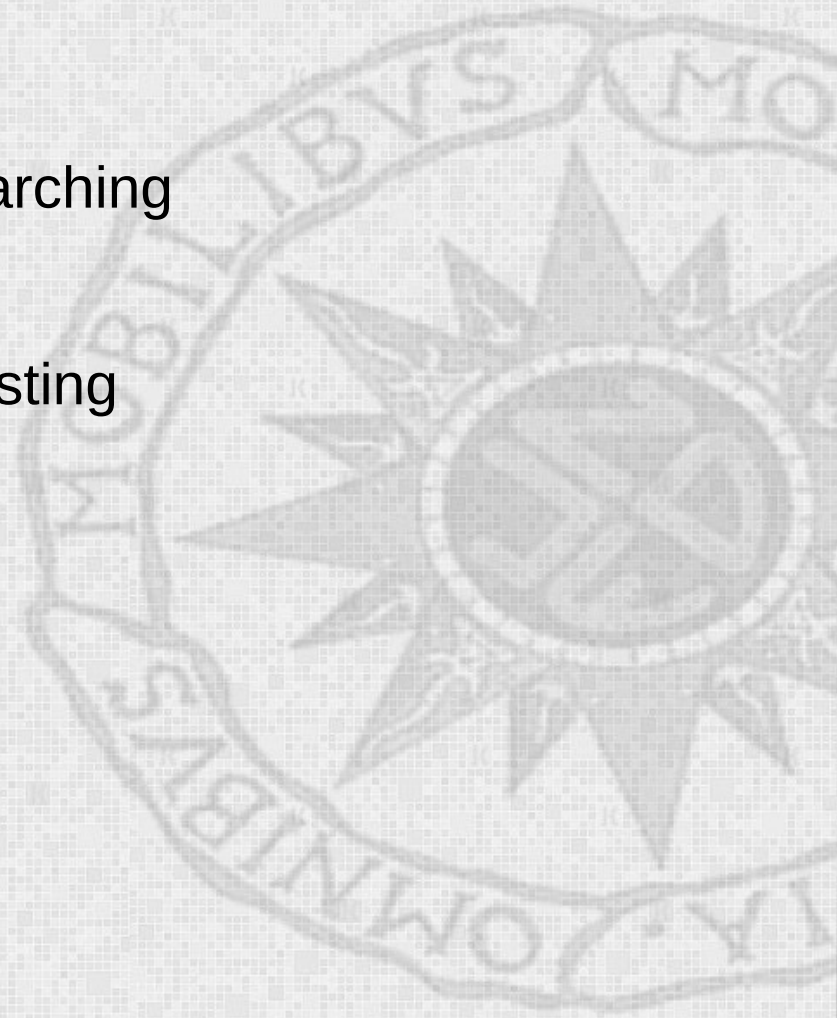
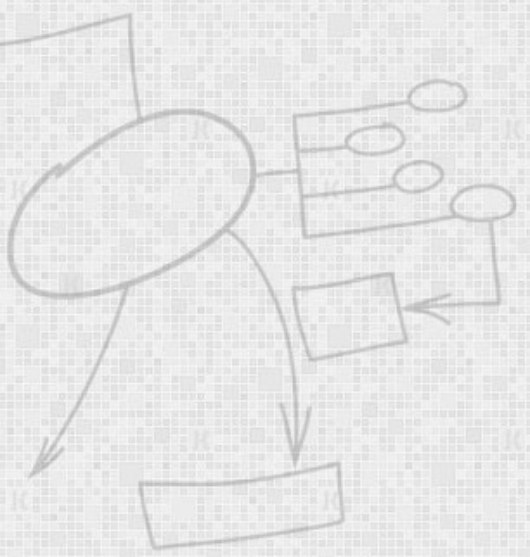
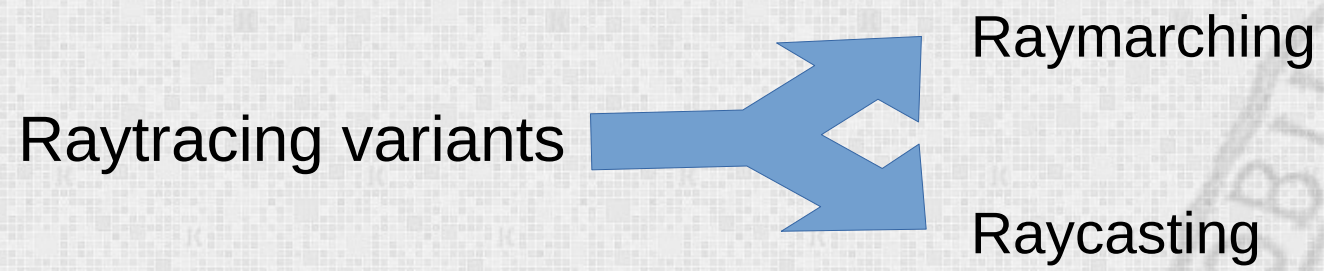
$$\lambda = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \quad (1.7)$$

where the discriminant is:

$$\Delta = (2\vec{v} \cdot (o - c))^2 - 4(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})((o - c) \cdot (o - c) - R^2) \quad (1.8)$$

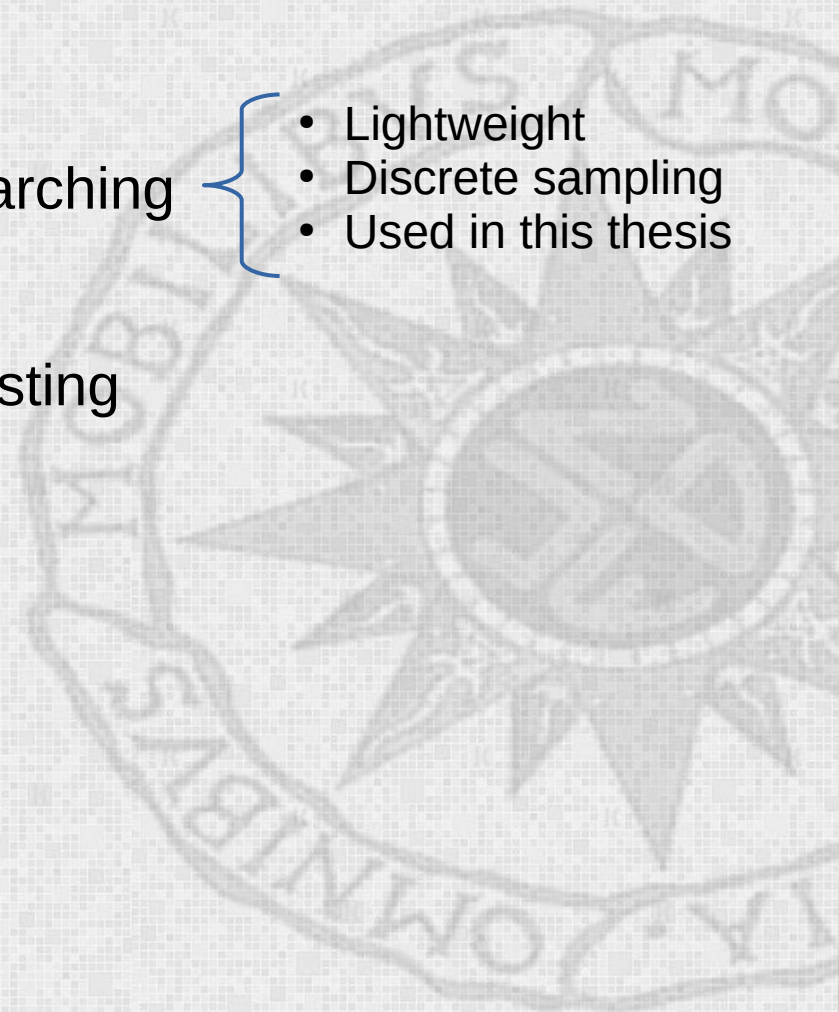
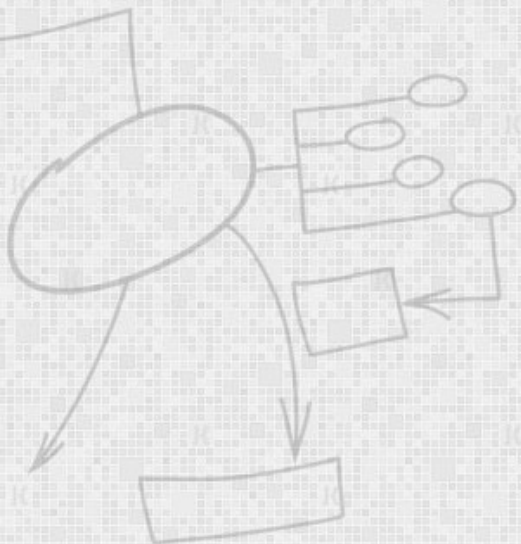
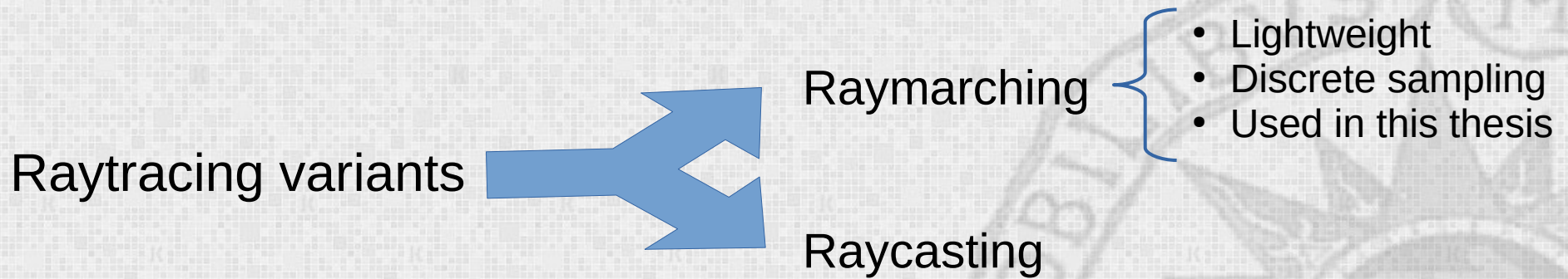


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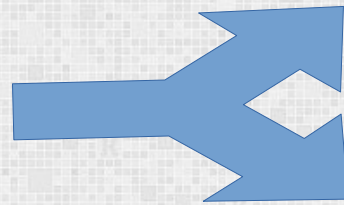


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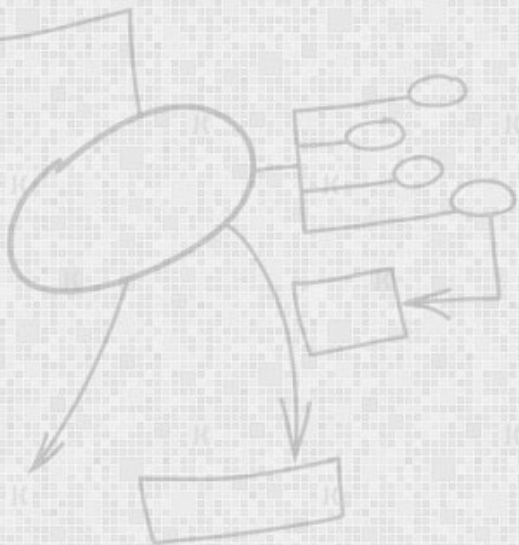


Raymarching

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- Discrete sampling
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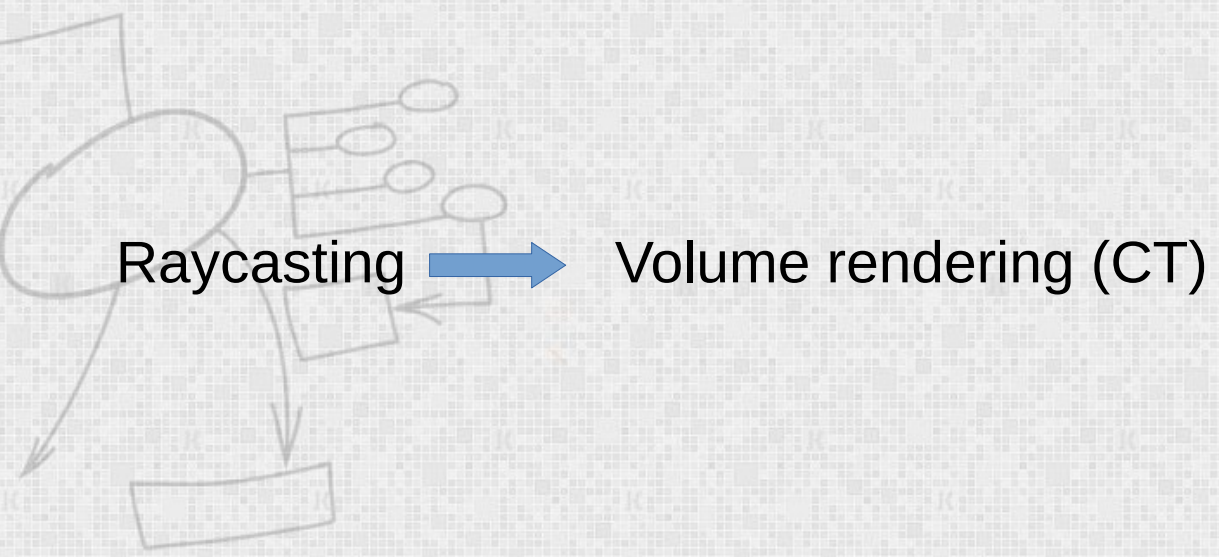
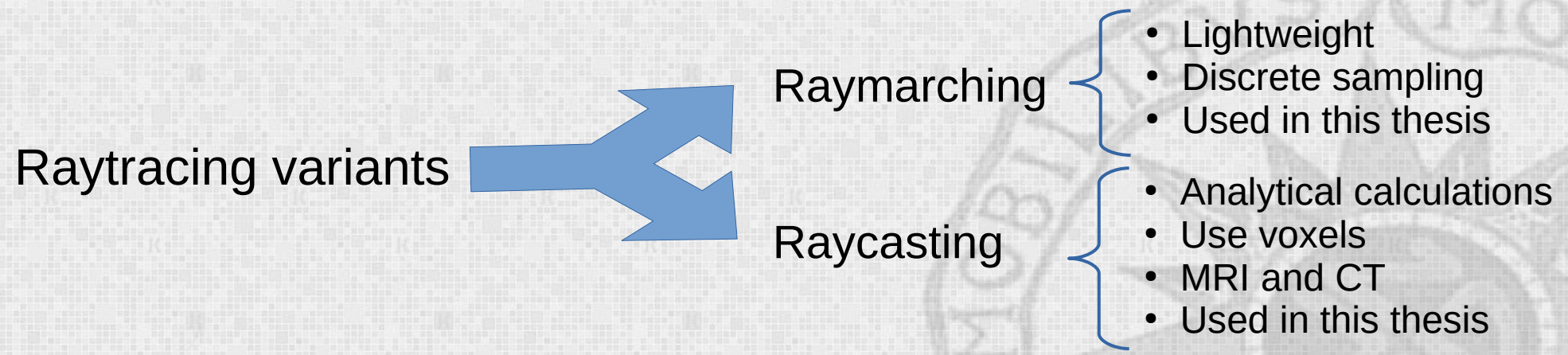
Raycasting

- Analytical calculations
- Use voxels
- MRI and CT
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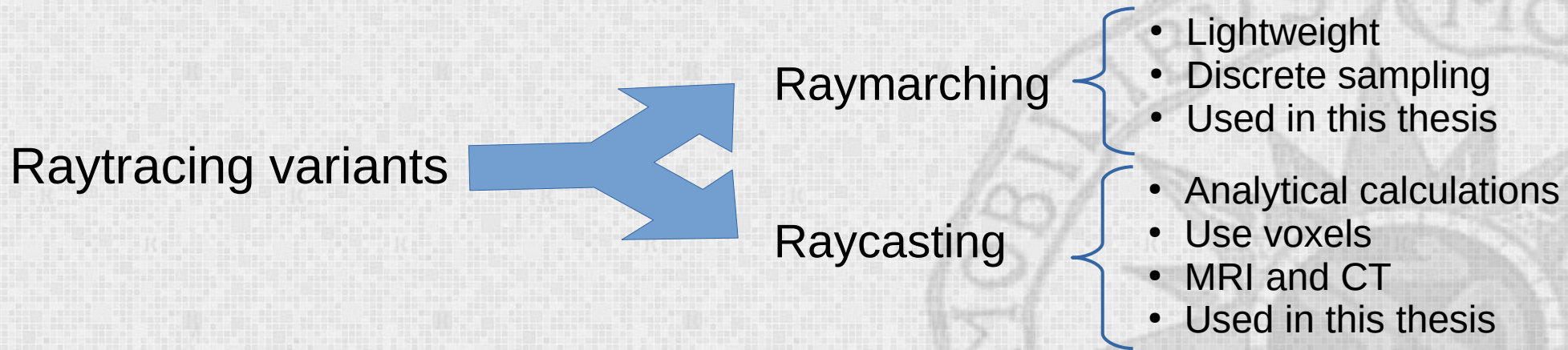




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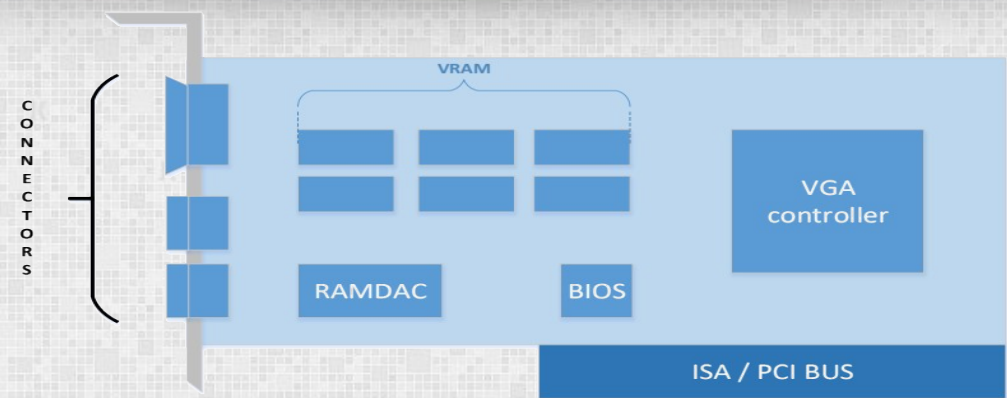


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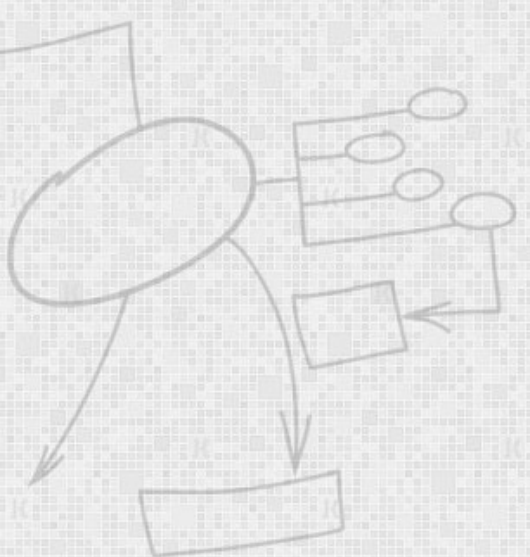




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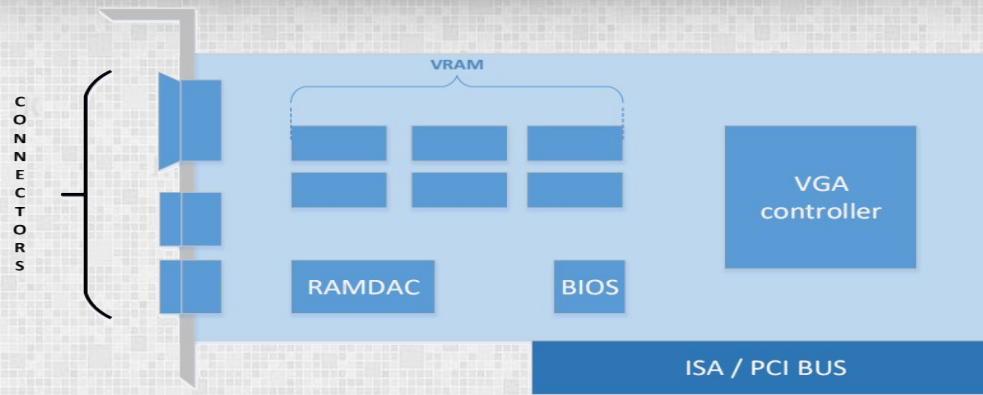


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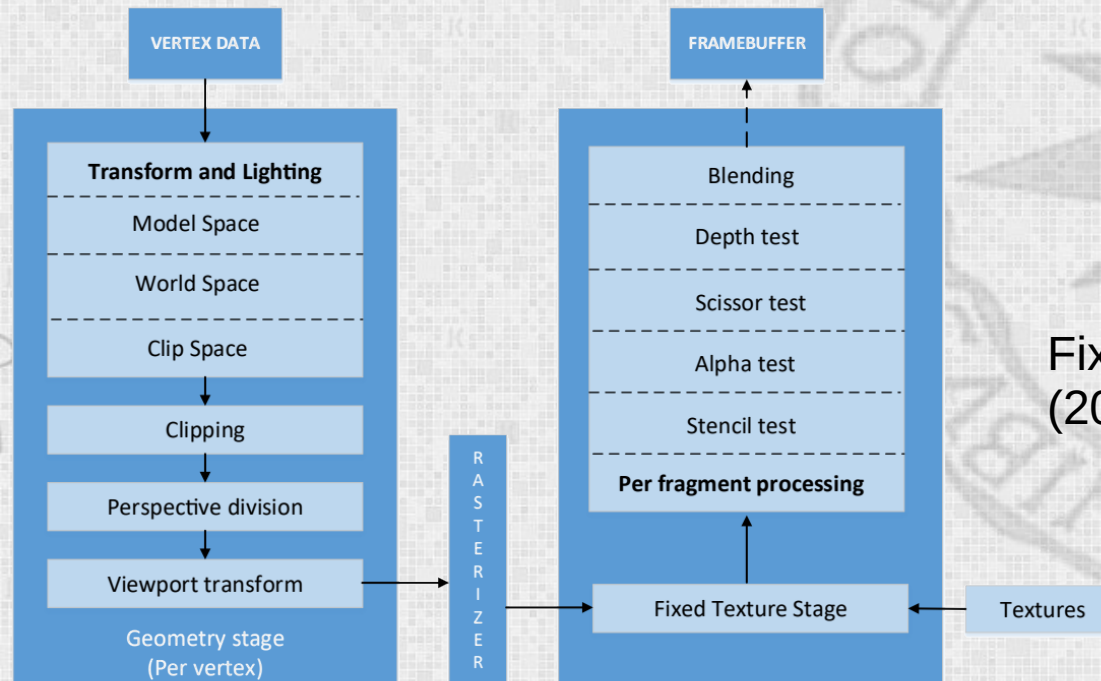




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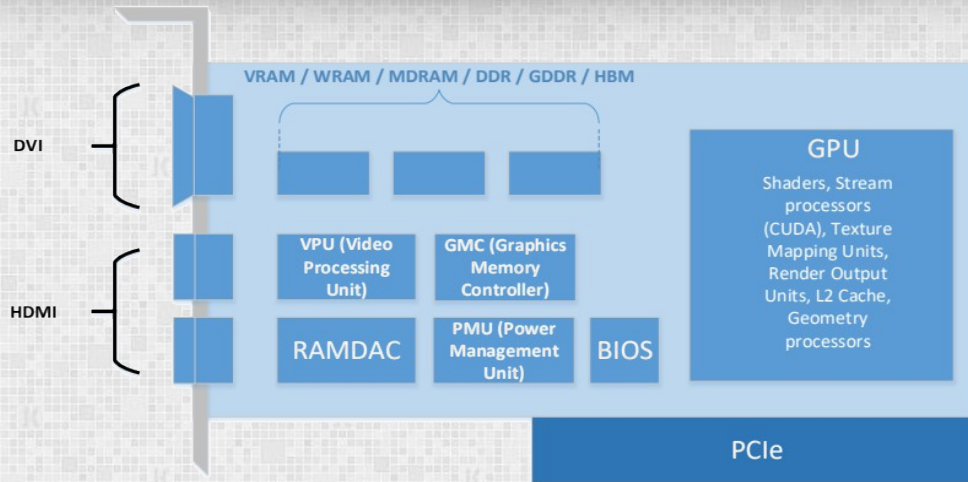
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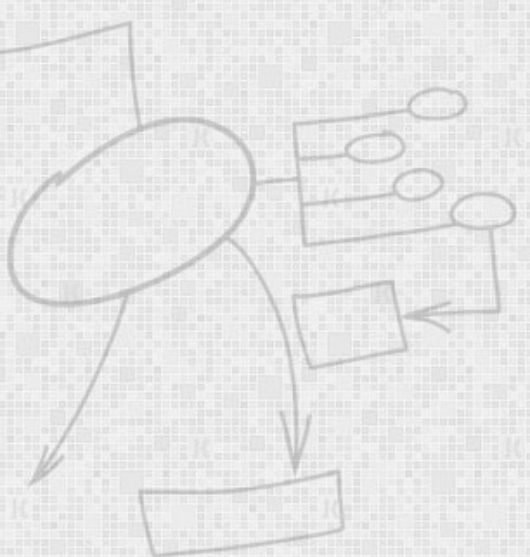
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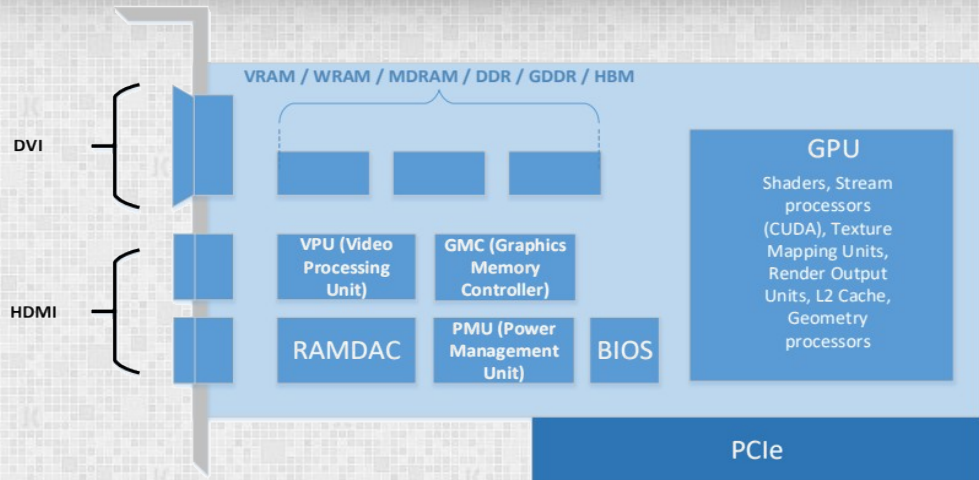


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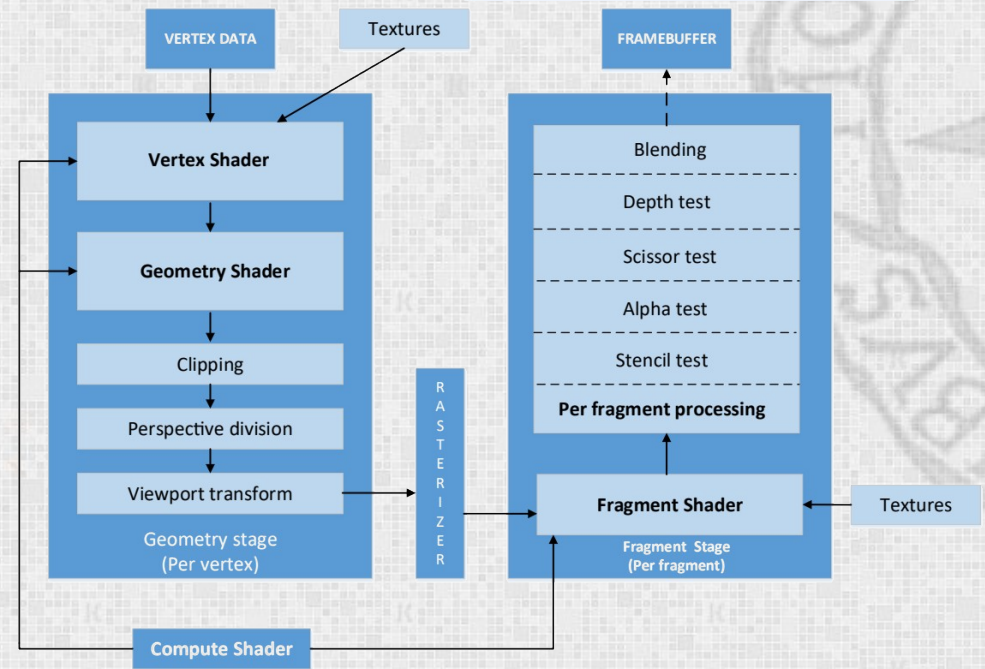




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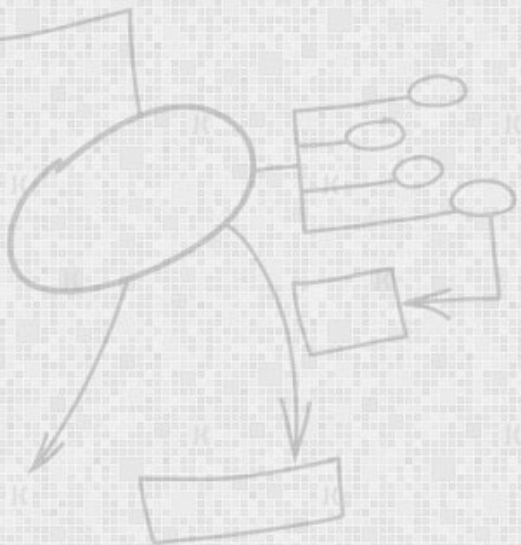
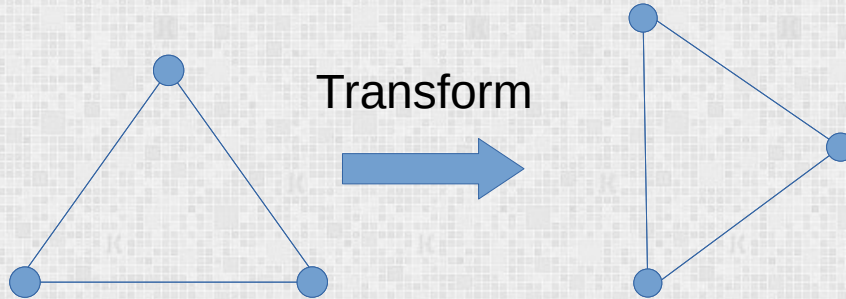


Programmable graphics pipeline (2004 to present)

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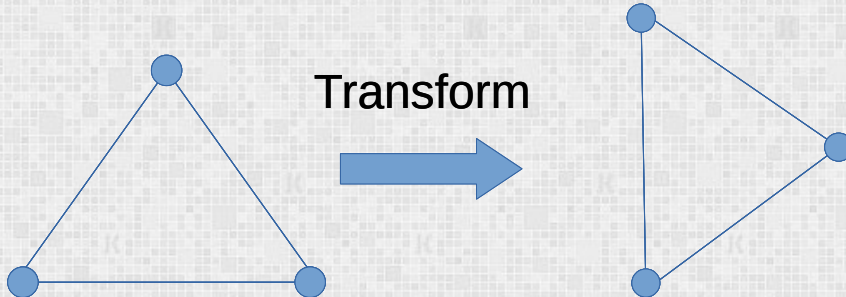
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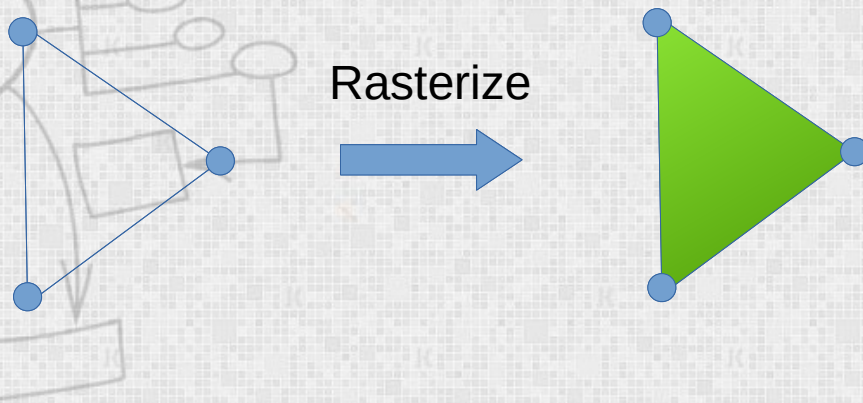
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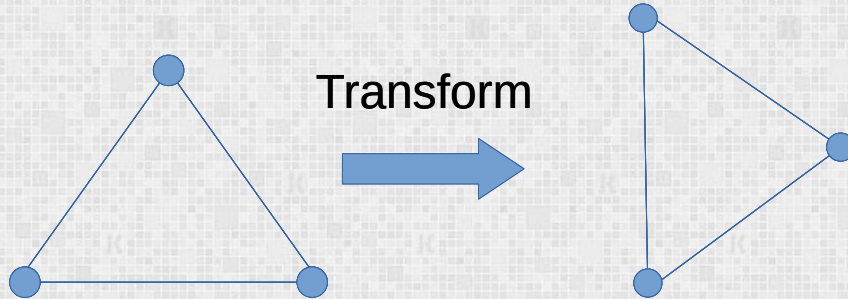
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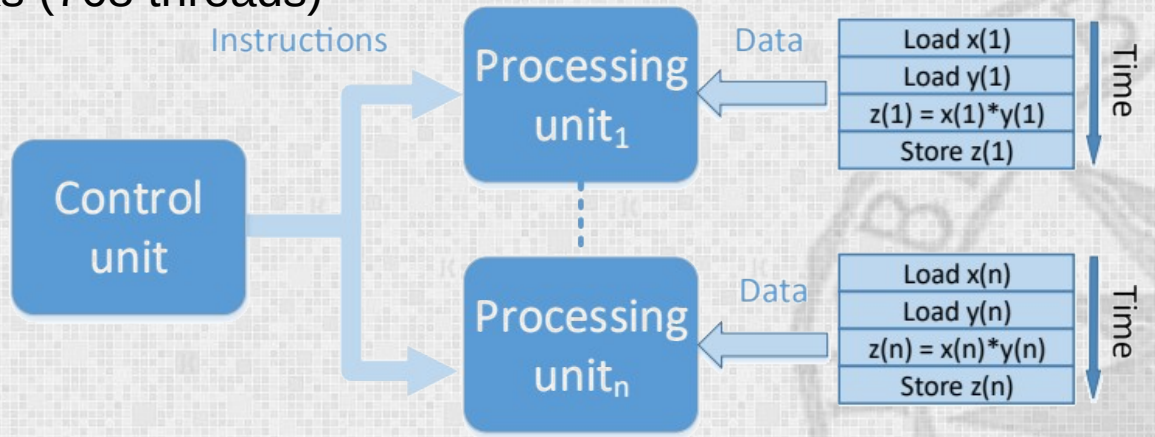


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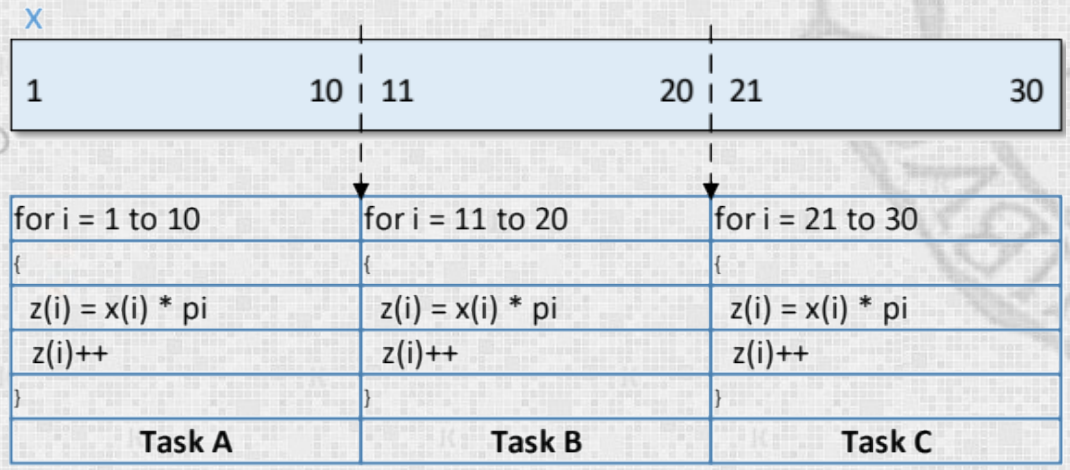


# GPGPU programming

- GPGPU parallel programming capabilities thanks to nVidia CUDA
- The CUDA GPU contains  $N^3$  *streaming multiprocessors*, where each multiprocessor is a set of 8 streaming processors (SPs). Each SP creates, plans and executes up to 24 *warps* in one or more blocks (768 threads)



SIMD model

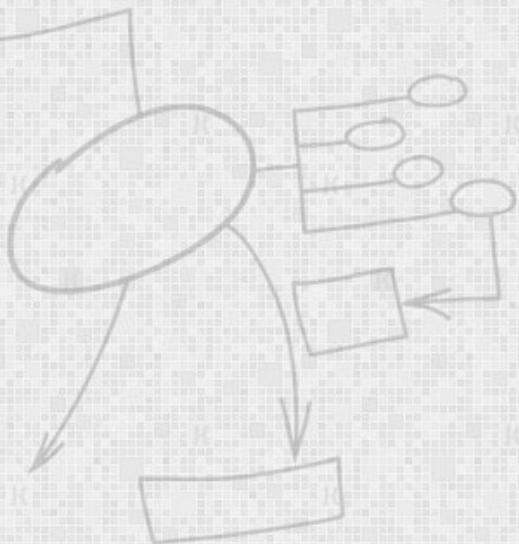


Data level parallel programming example

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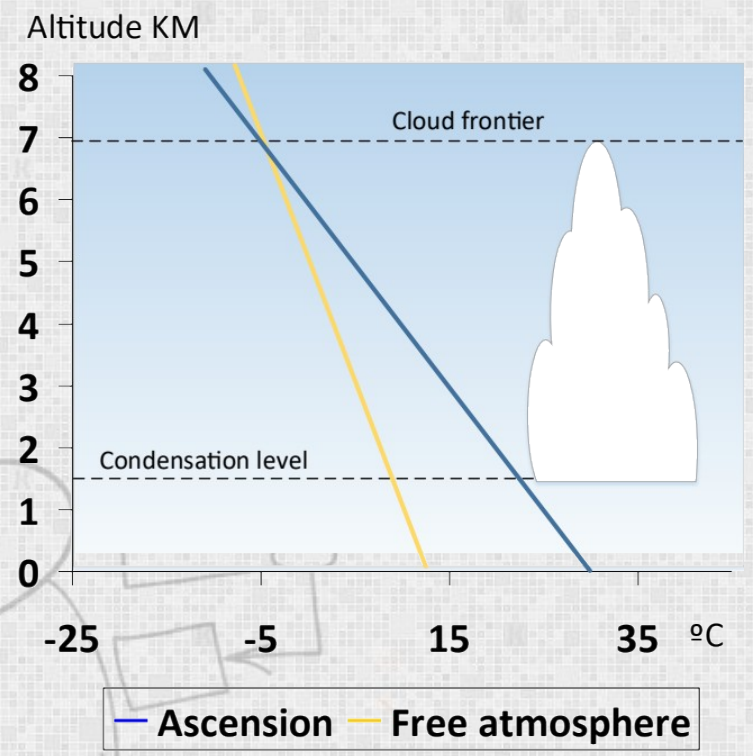
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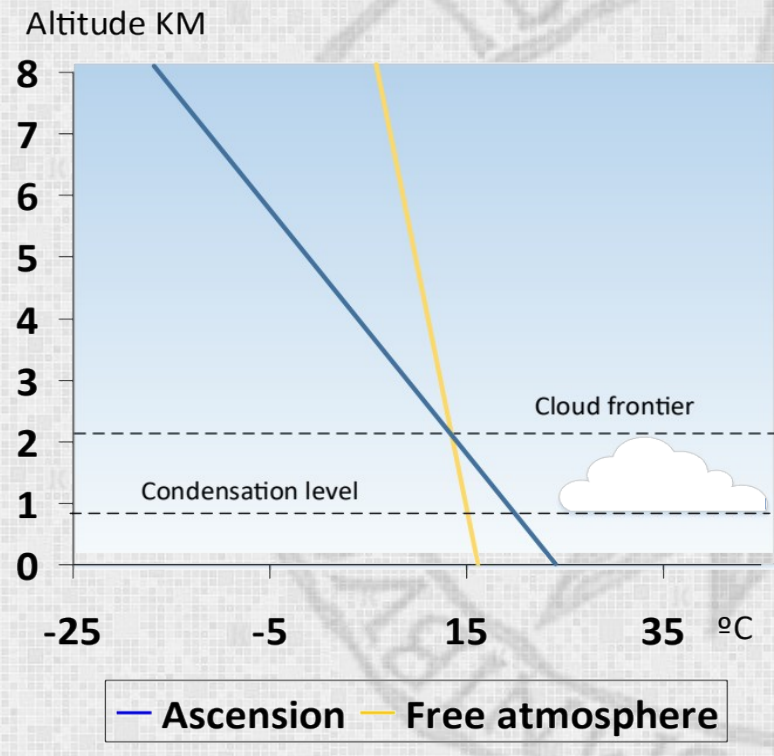
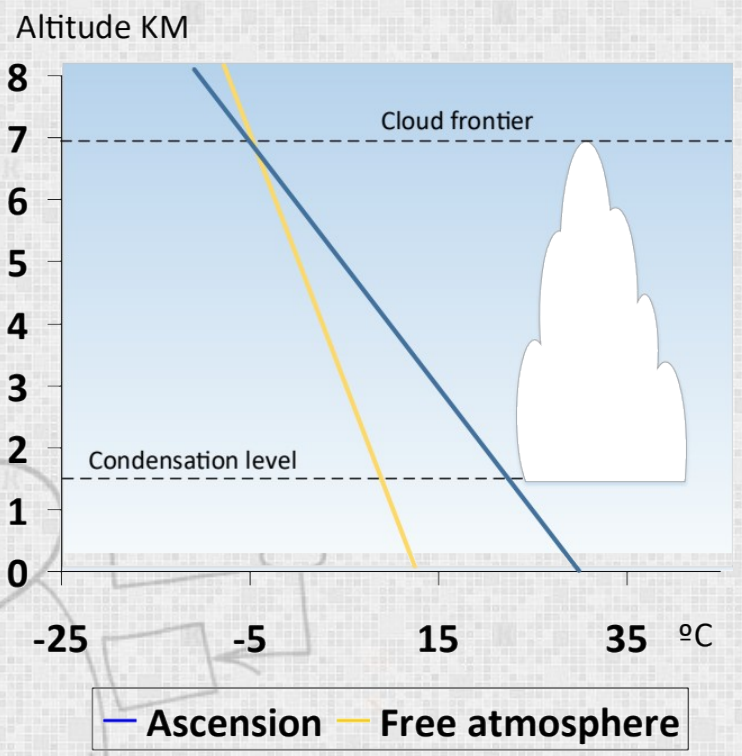
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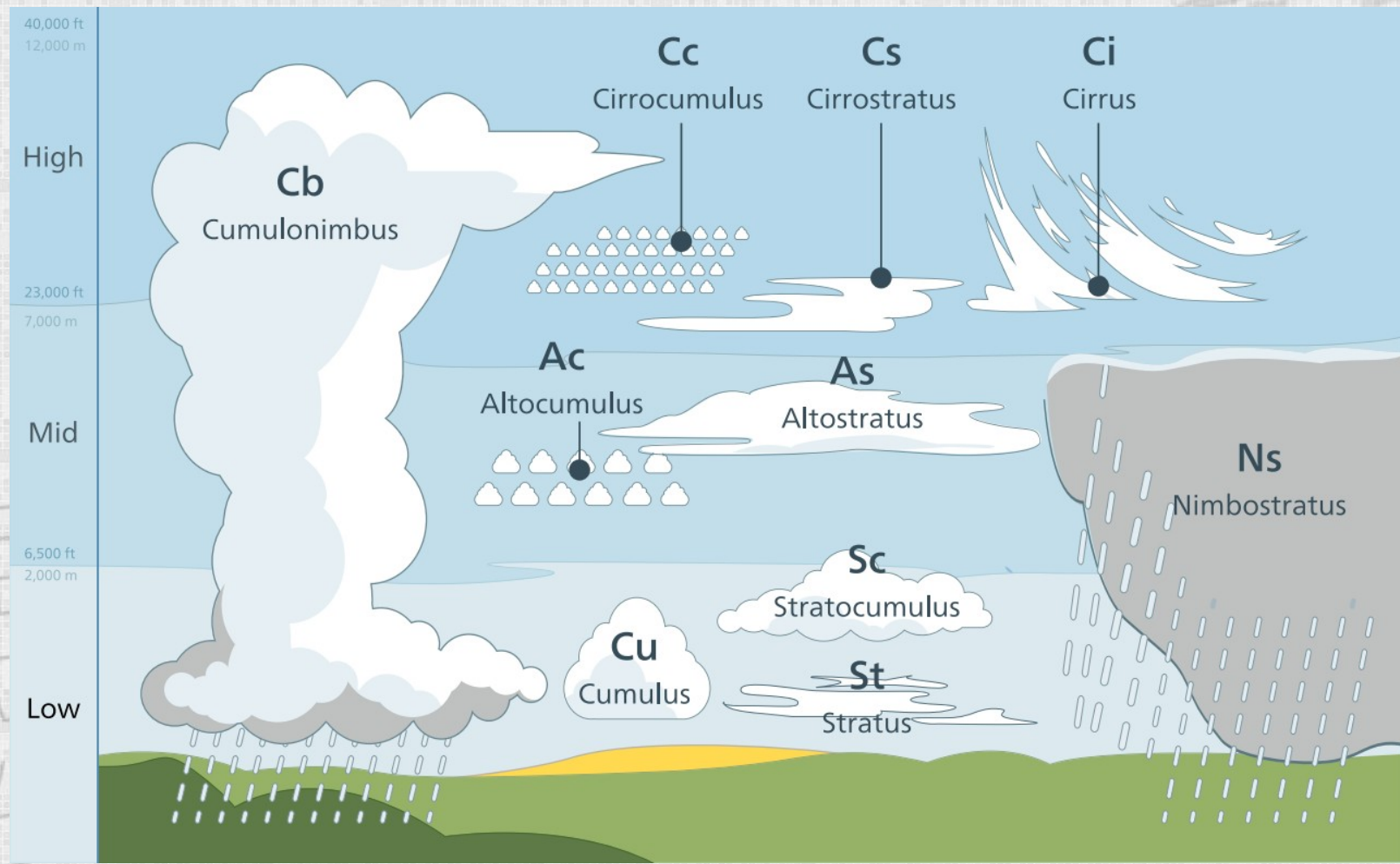
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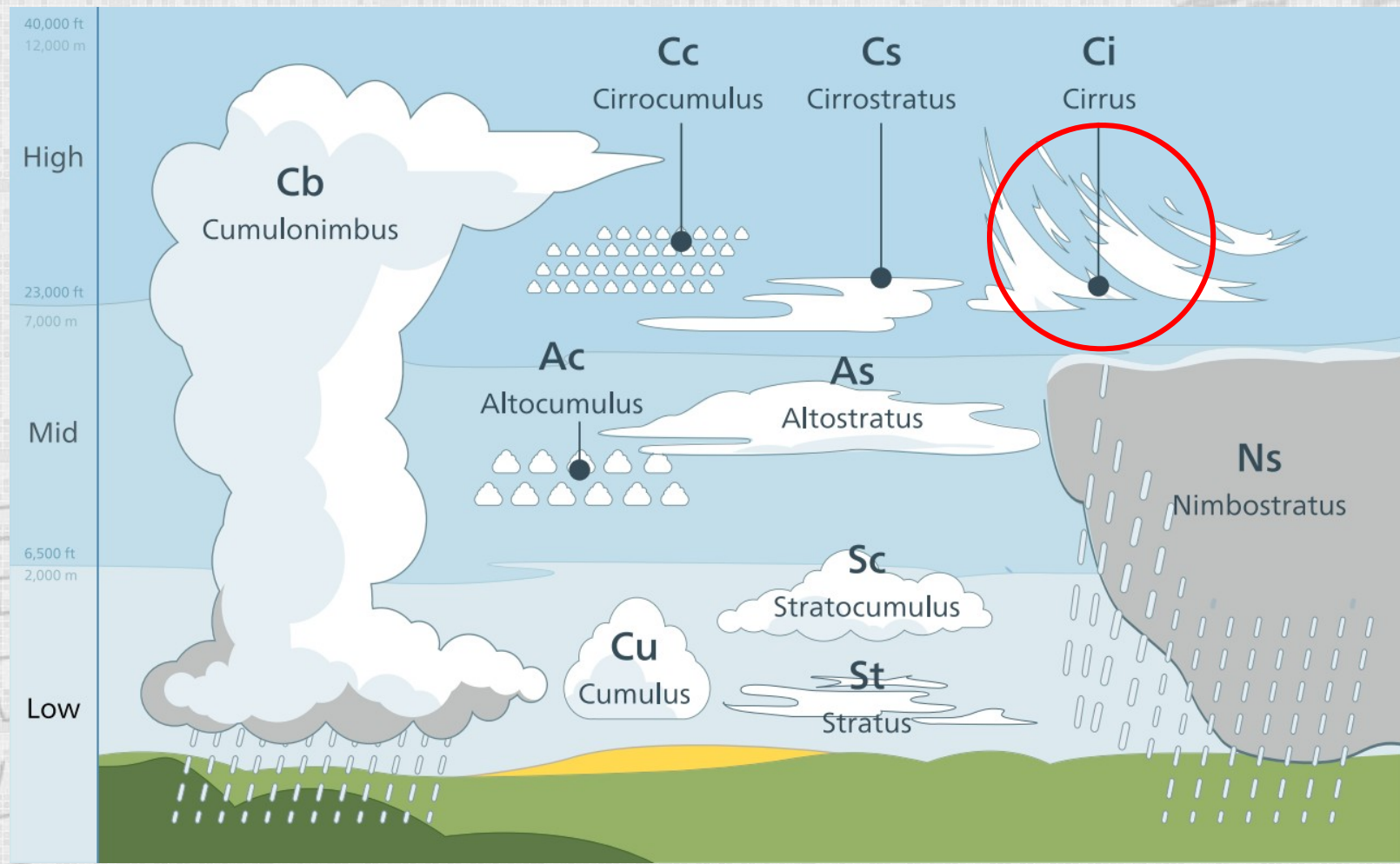


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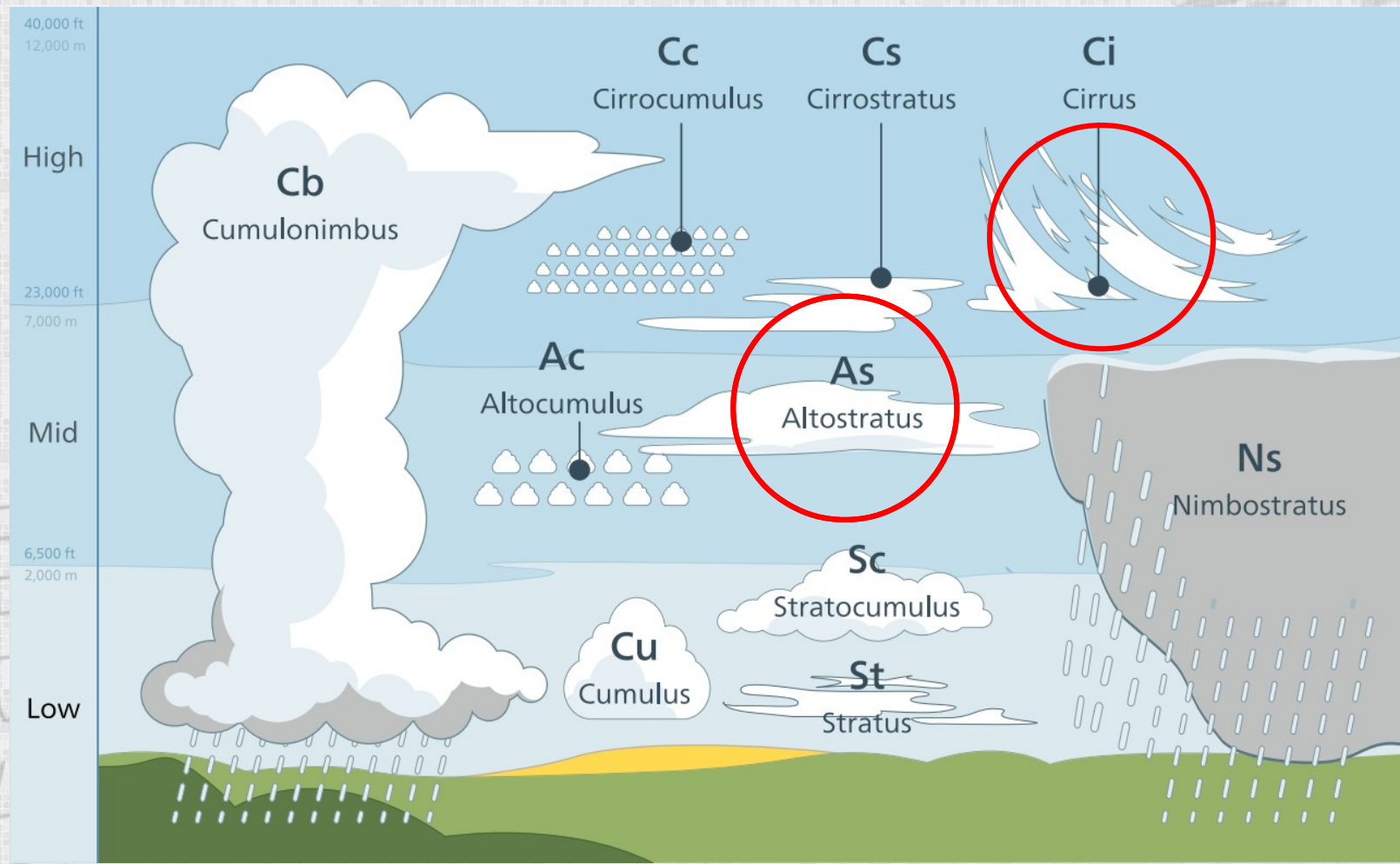
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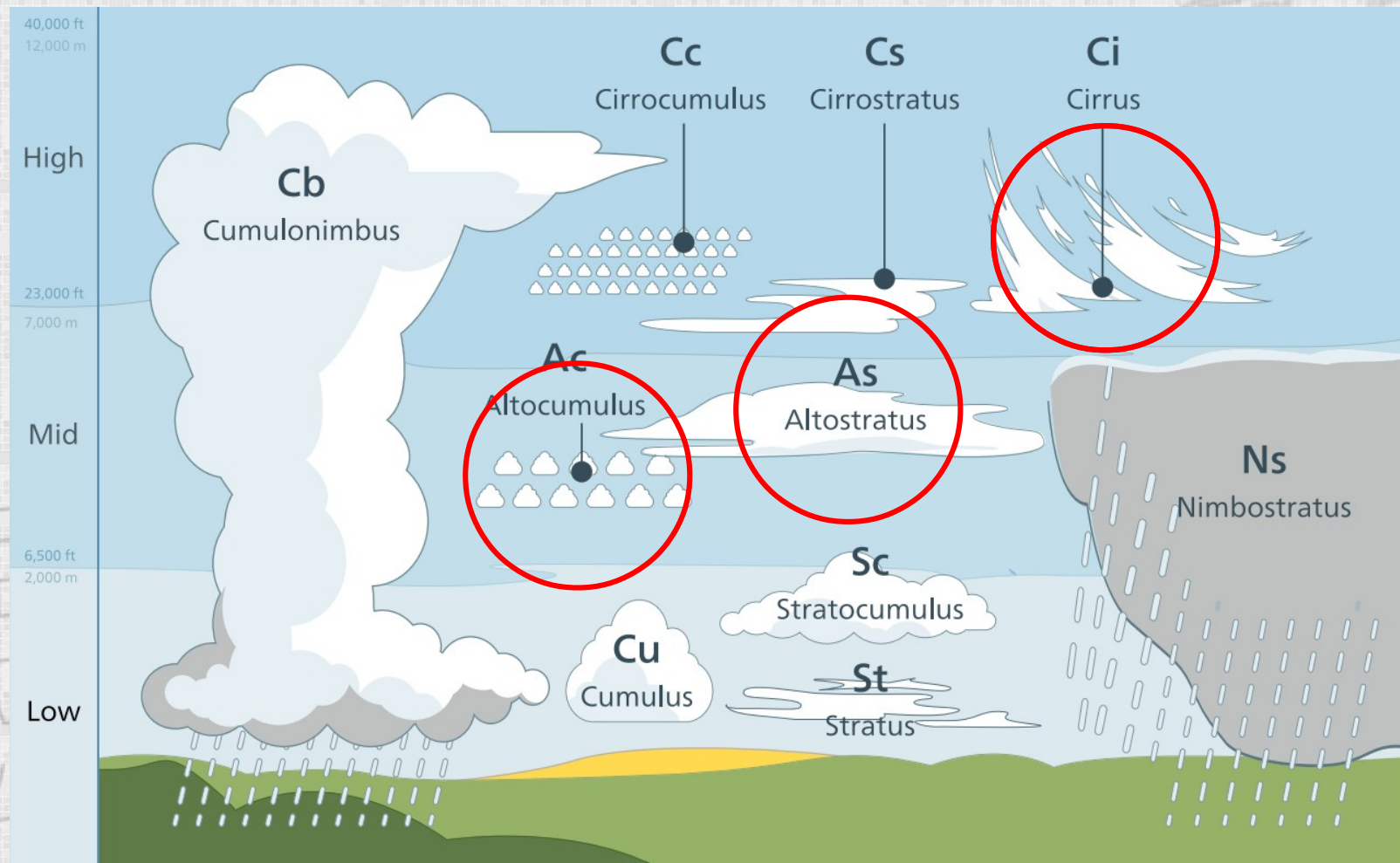
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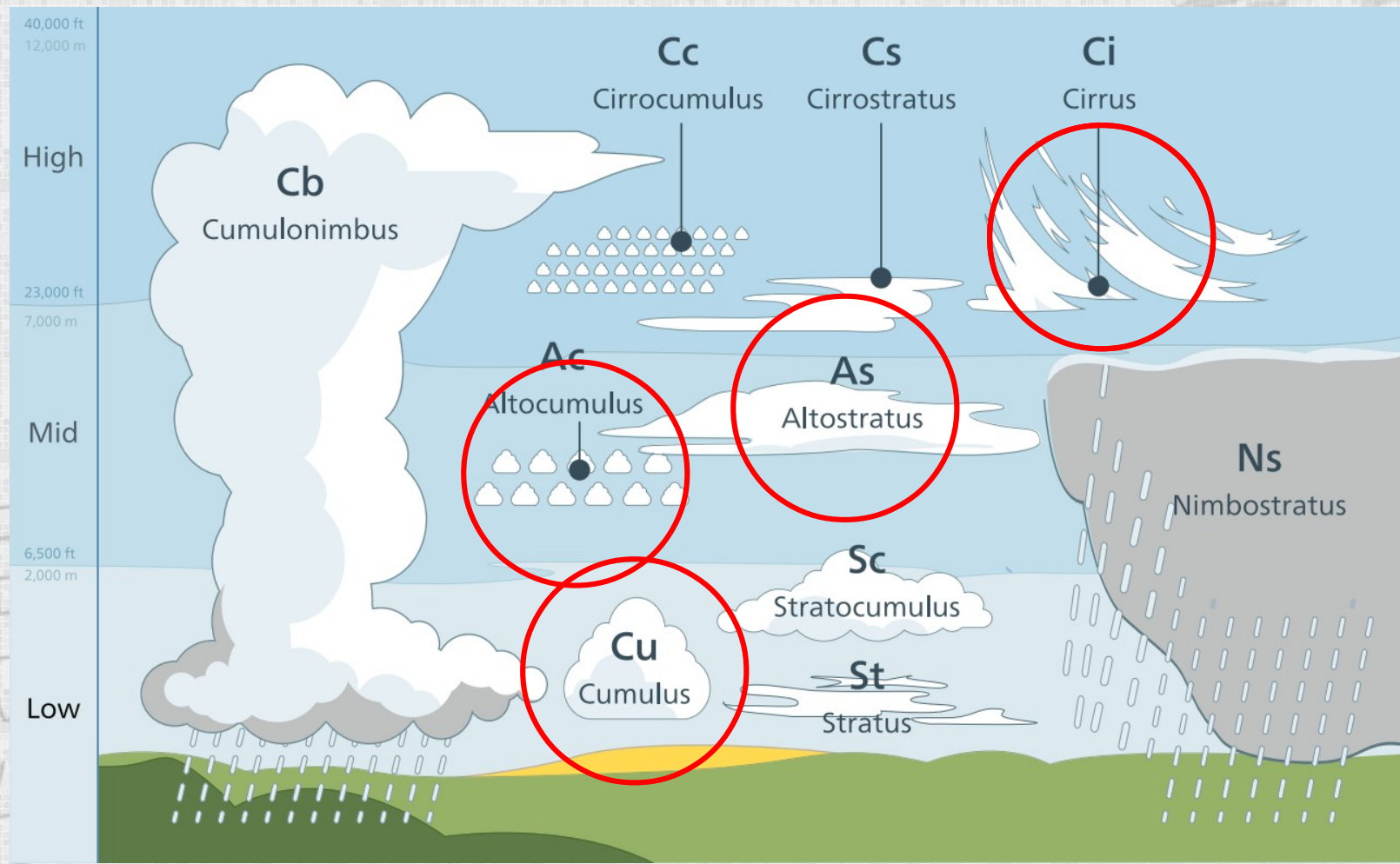
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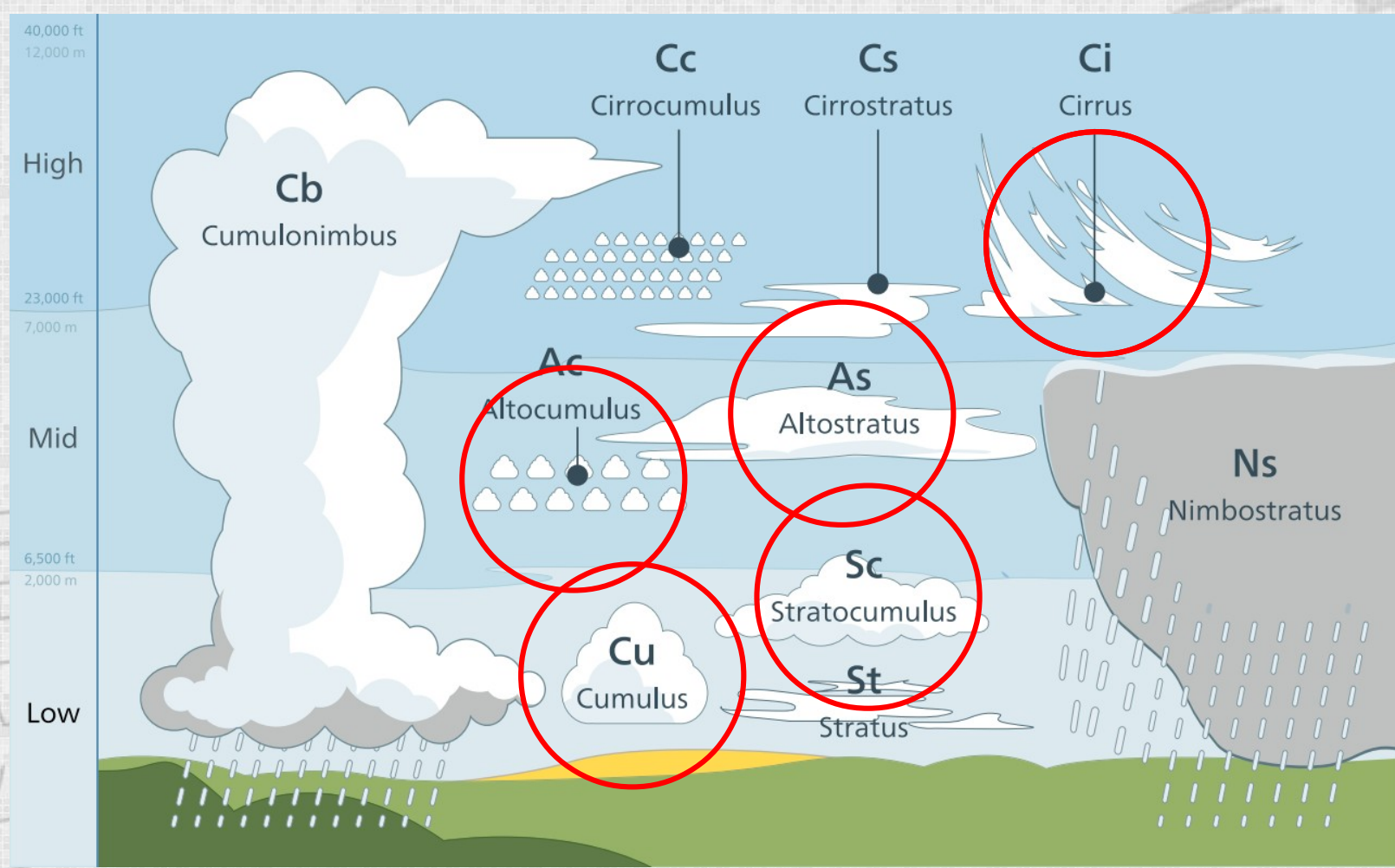
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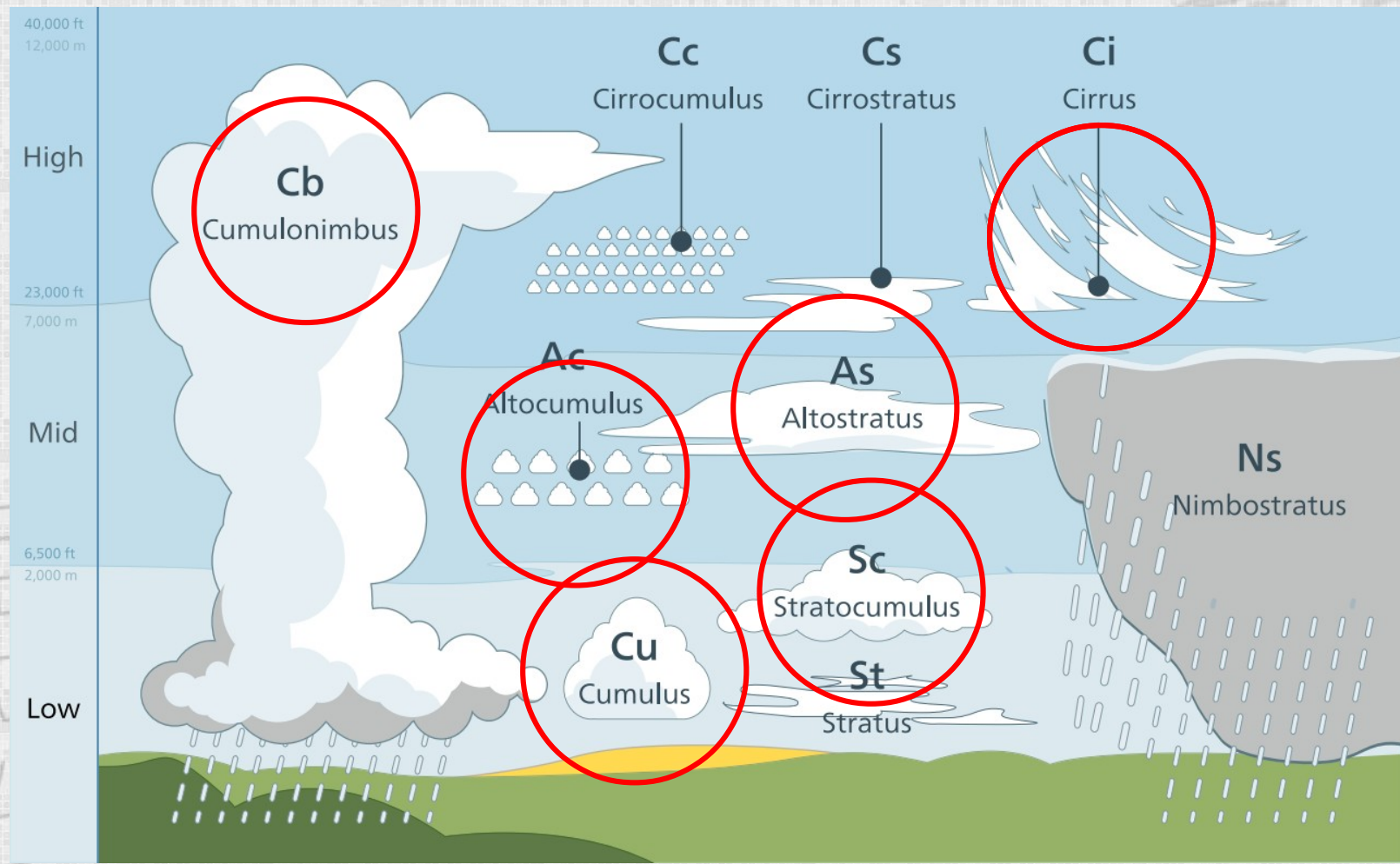
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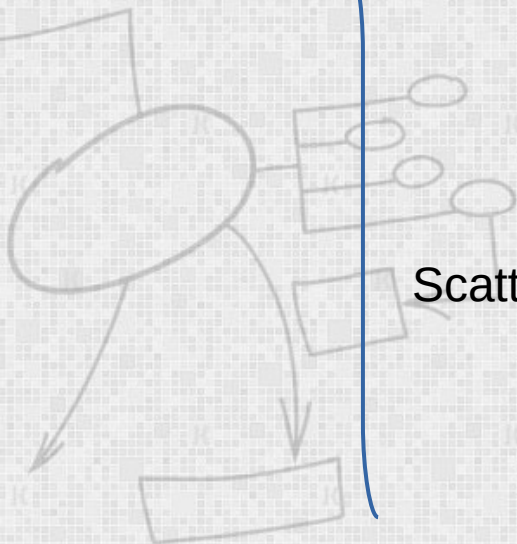
## Absorption

- Extinction:  $K = K_s + K_a$
- Optical depth:  $\tau(0,s) = \int_0^s K(\vec{x} + t\vec{\omega}) dt$
- Transmittance:  $T(s,s') = e^{-\tau(s,s')}$
- Absorbance:  $A = -\log_{10} \left( \frac{I_{output}}{I_{input}} \right) = -\log_{10} T$

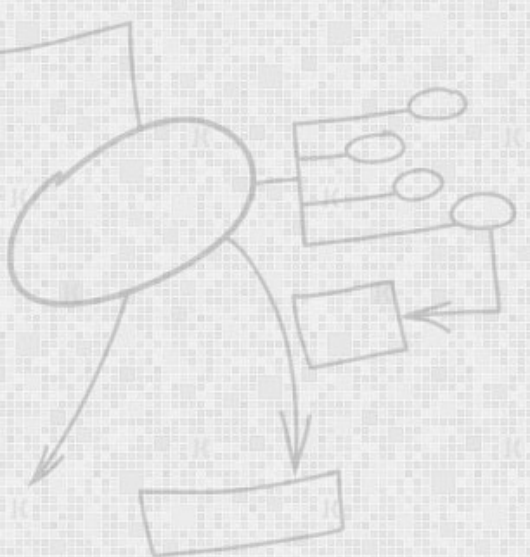
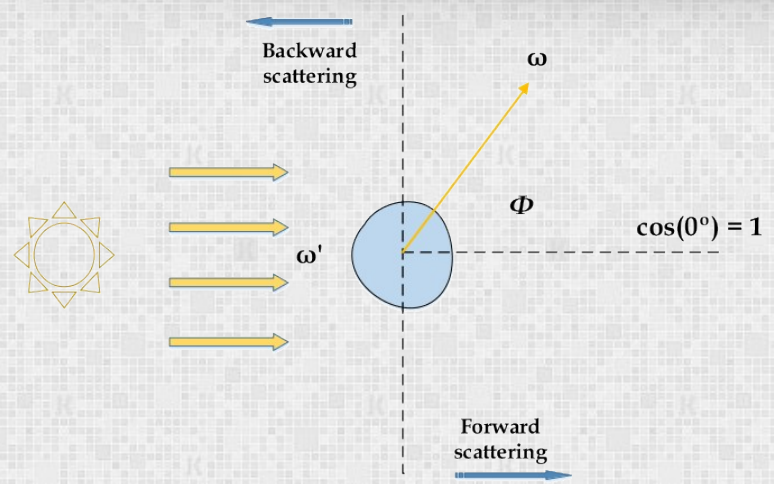
## Scattering

- Single scattering
- Multiple scattering
- Scattering albedo:  $\sigma = \frac{K_s}{K}$

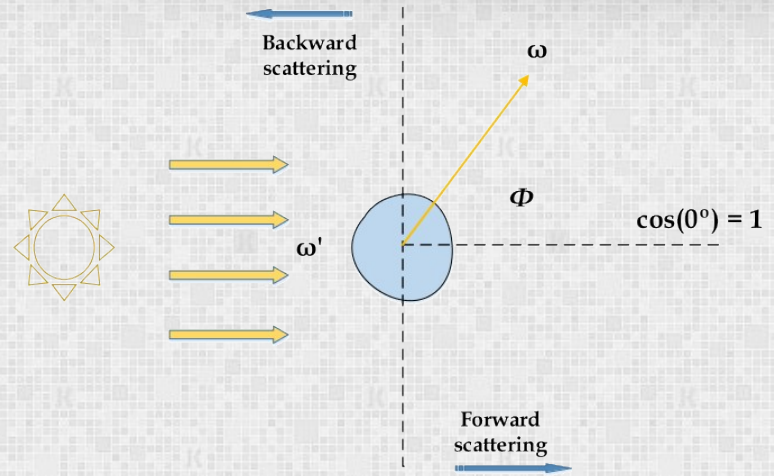
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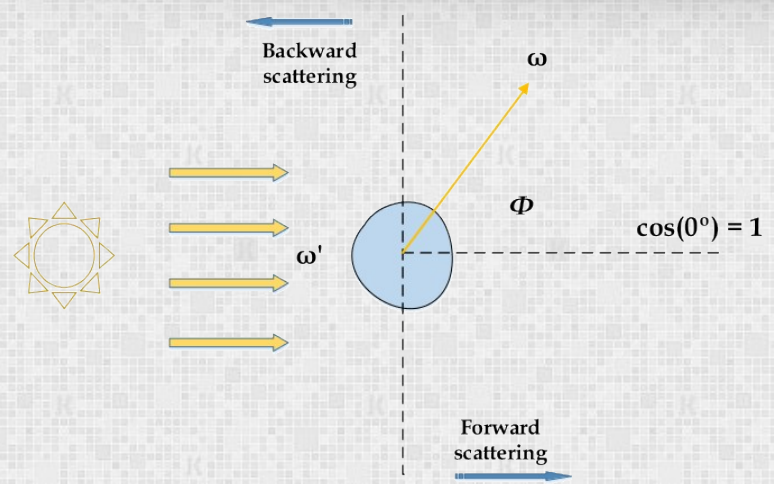


Henyey-Greenstein phase function

$$P(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1 - g^2}{[1 + g^2 - 2g\cos(\theta)]^{3/2}}$$

$g$  }  $< 0$  backscattering

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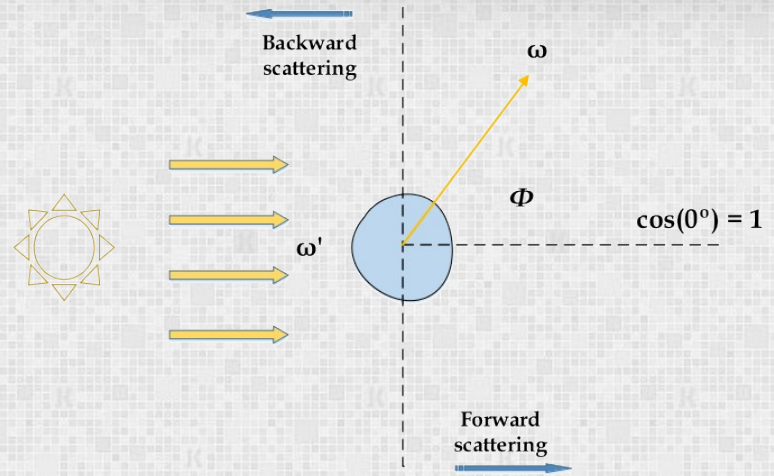


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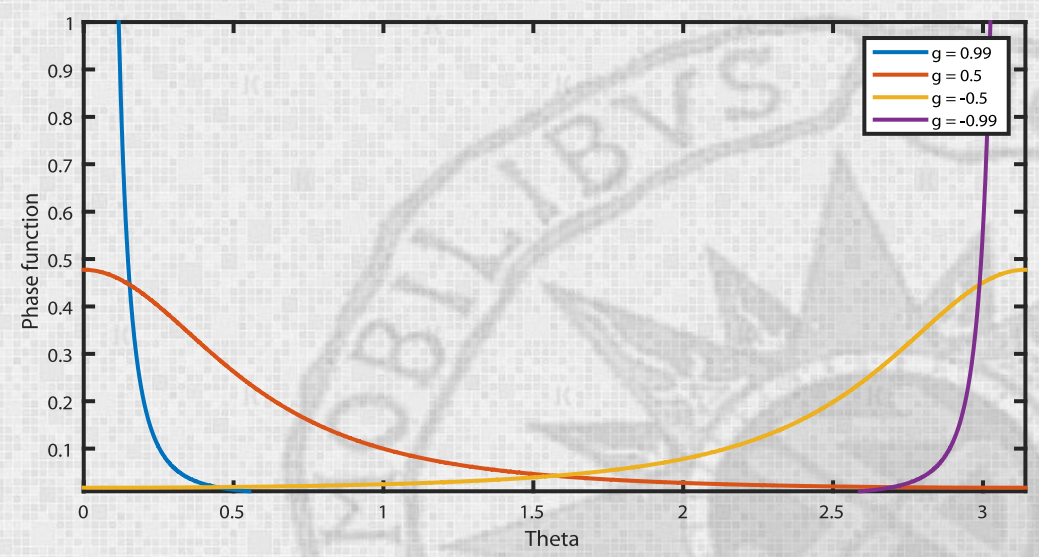
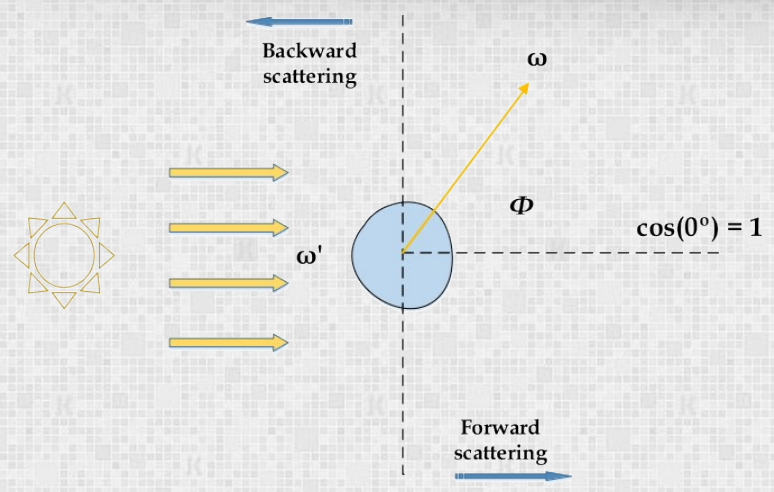
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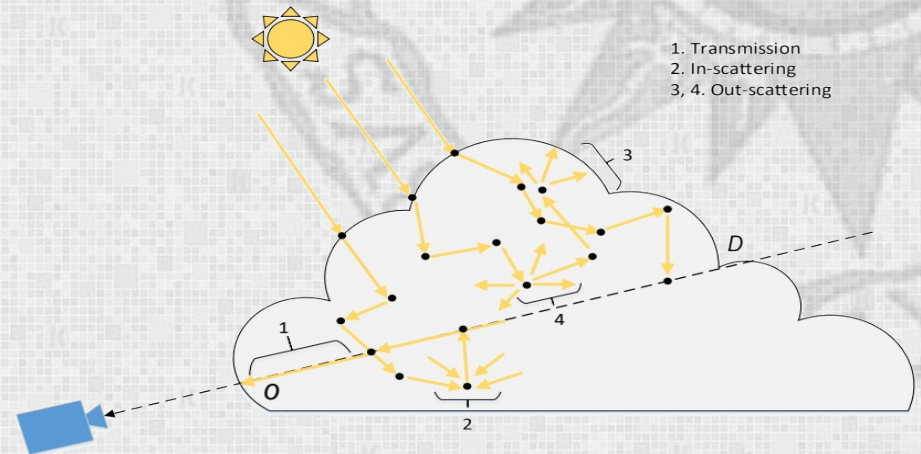
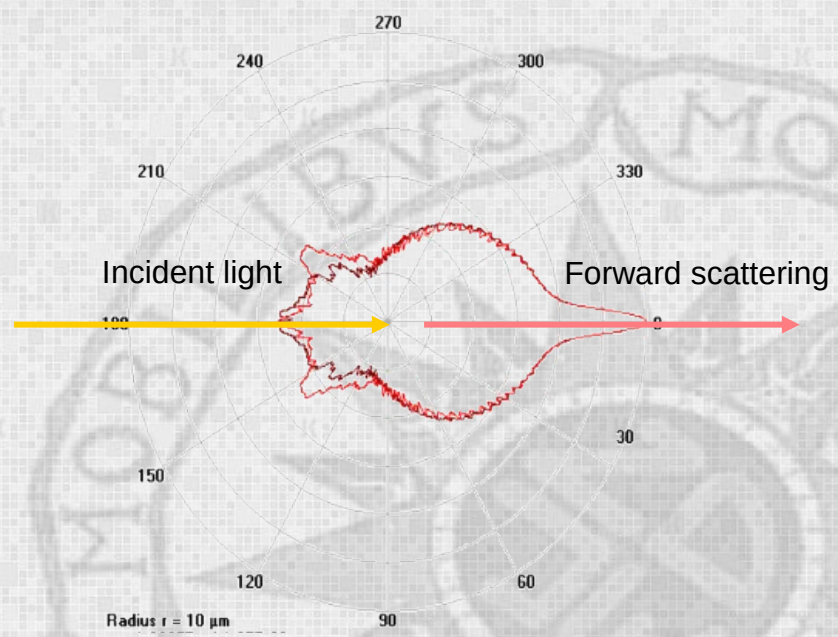
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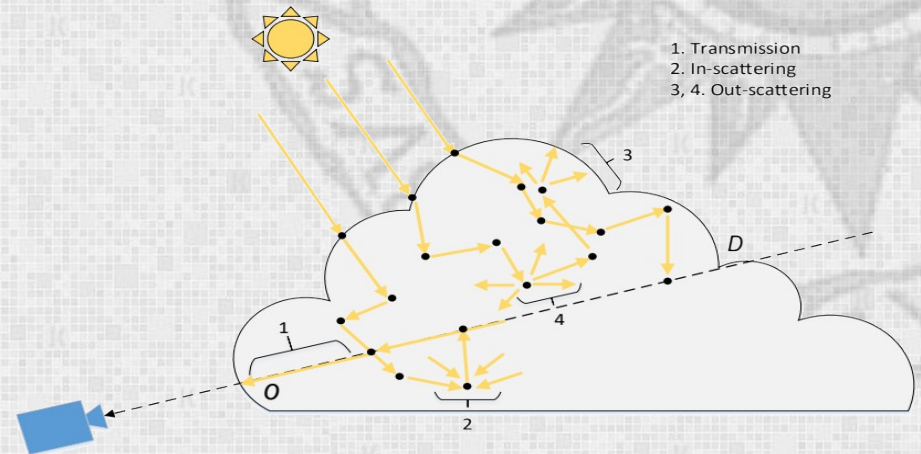
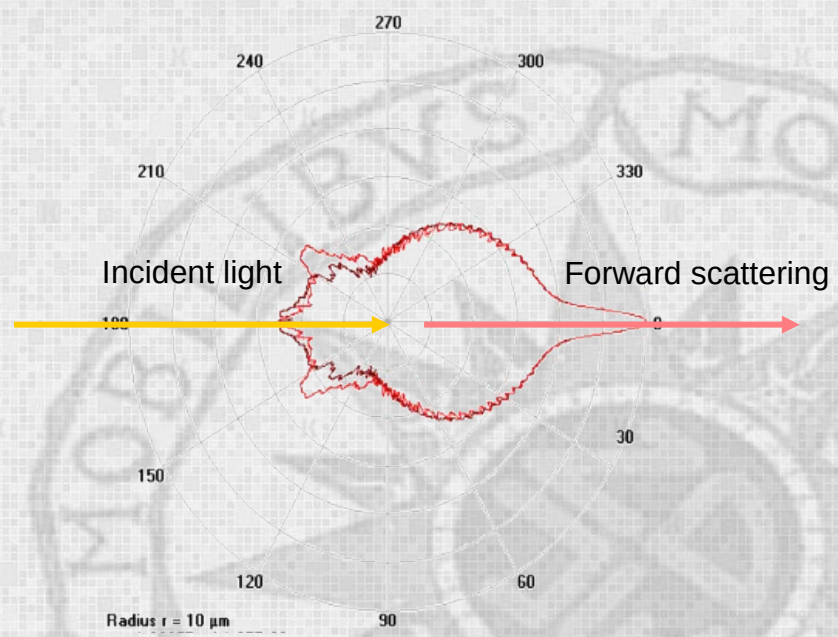
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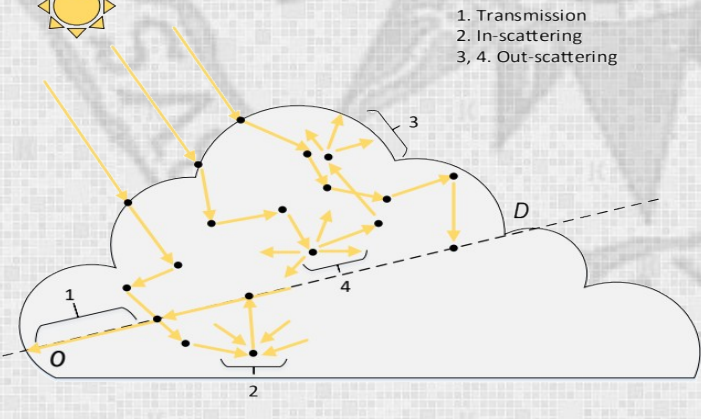
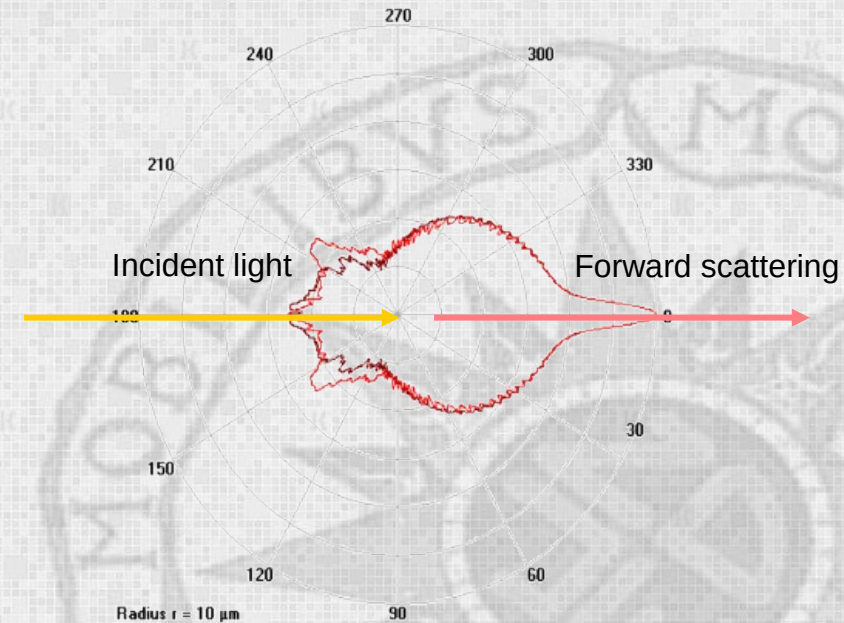
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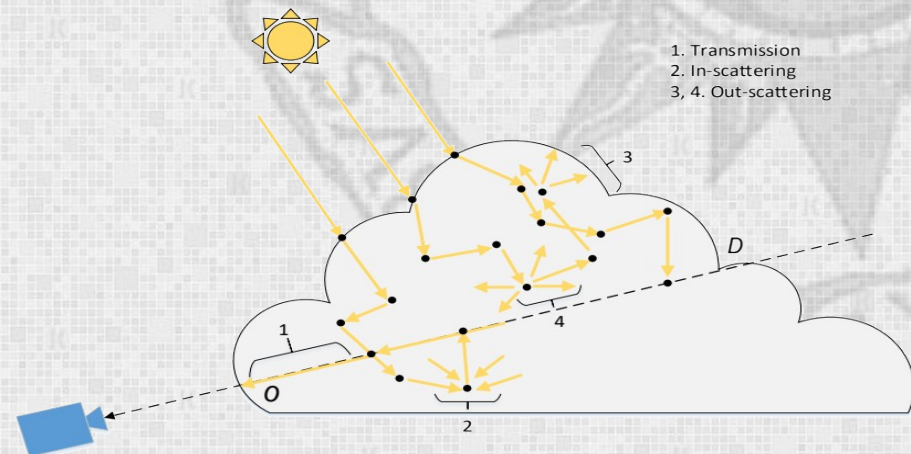
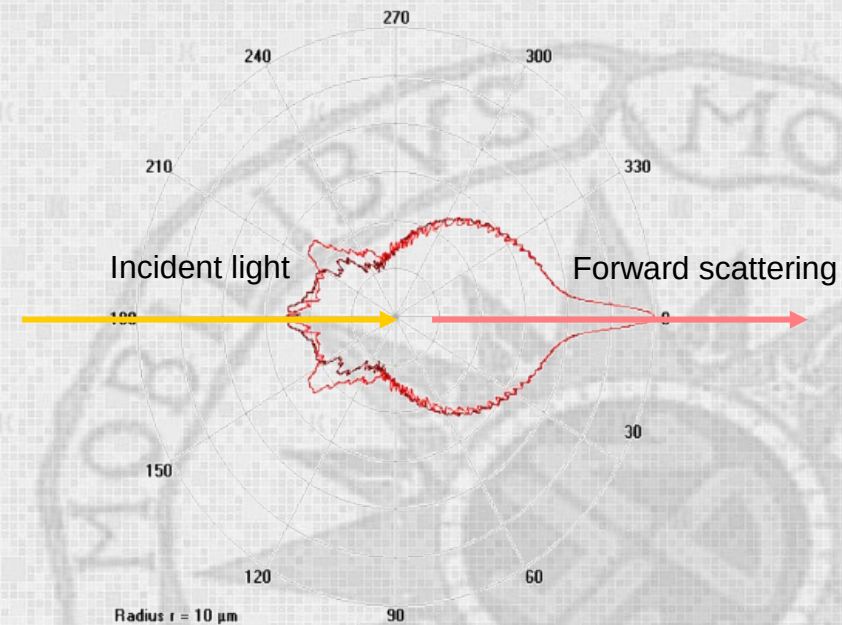
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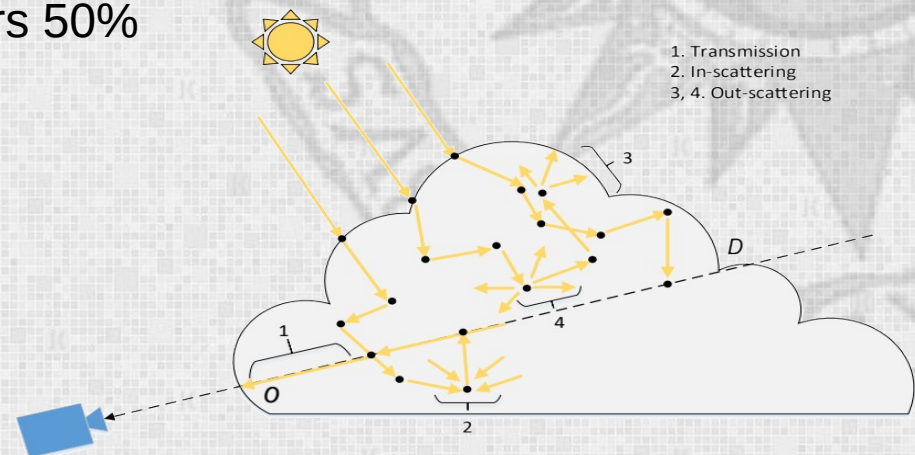
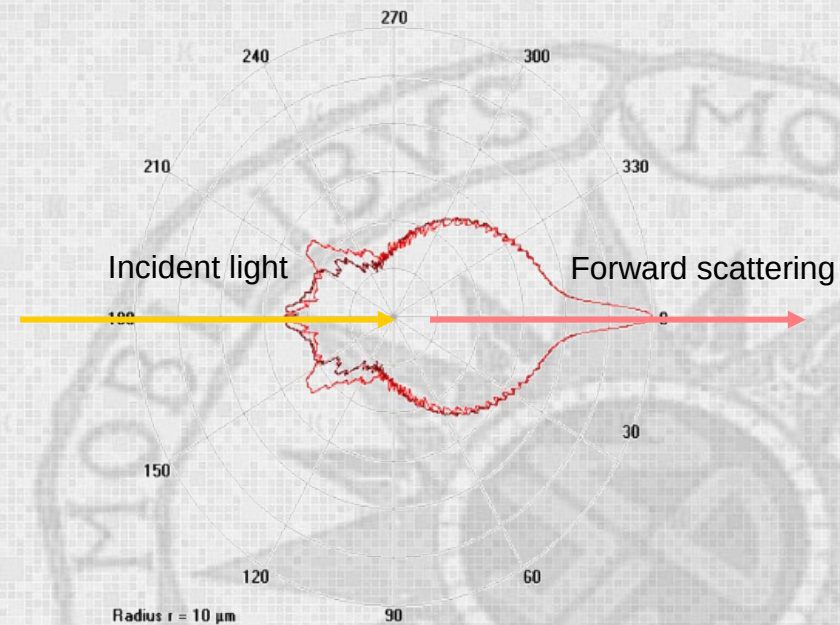
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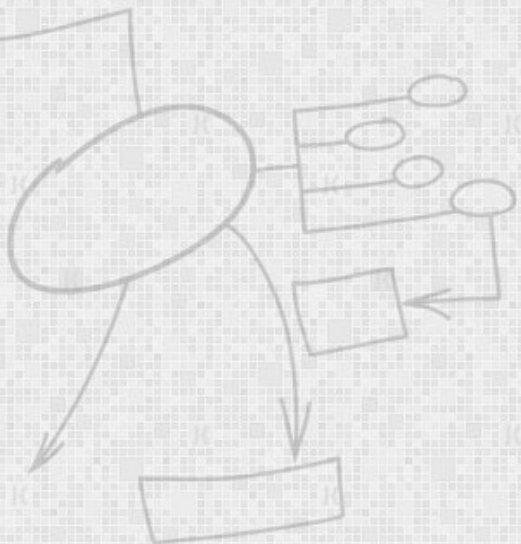
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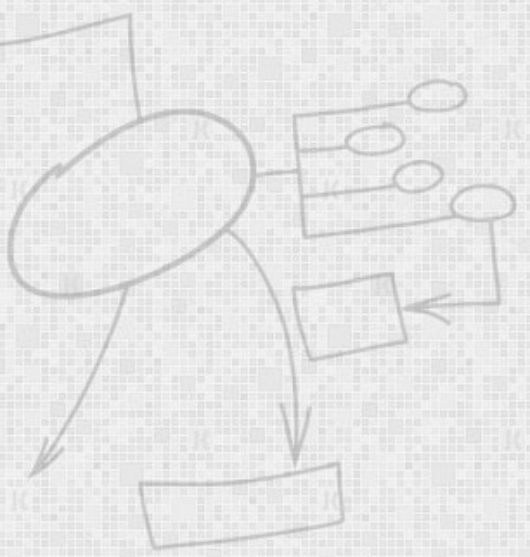
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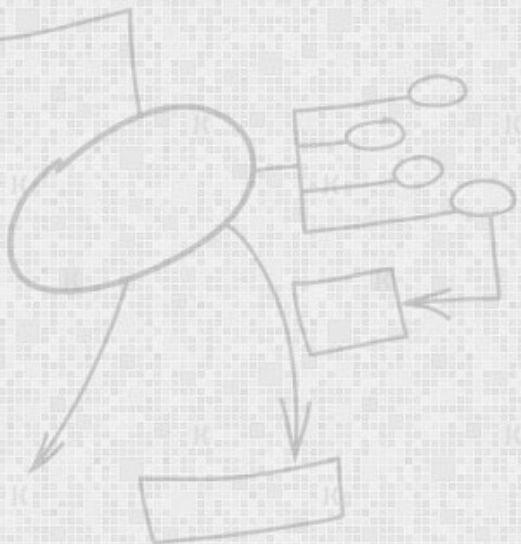
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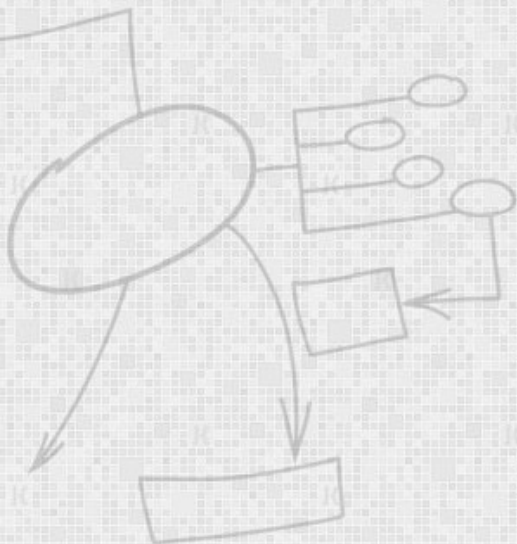
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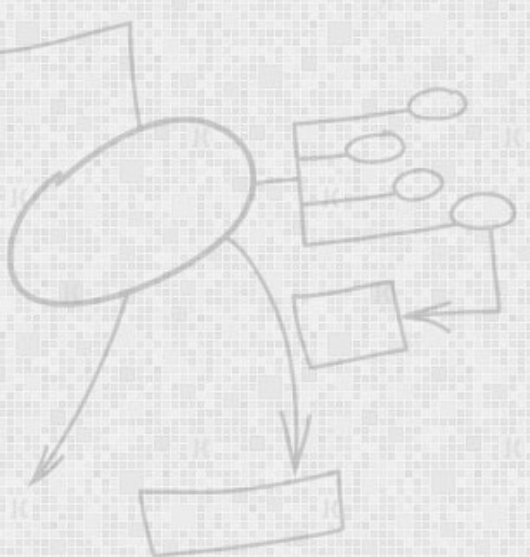
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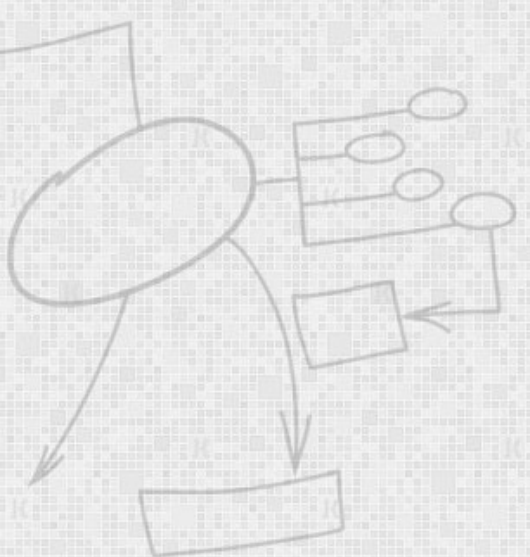
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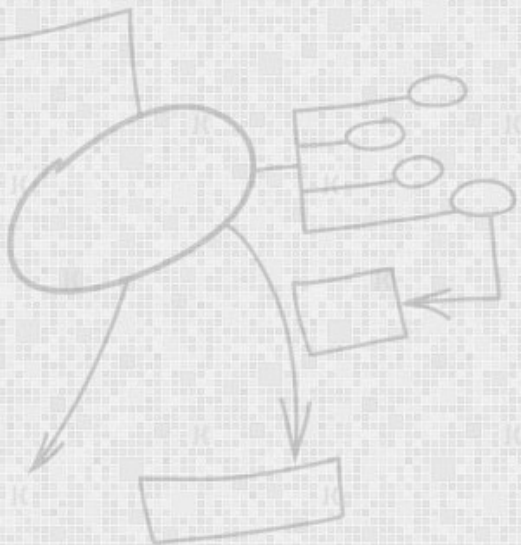
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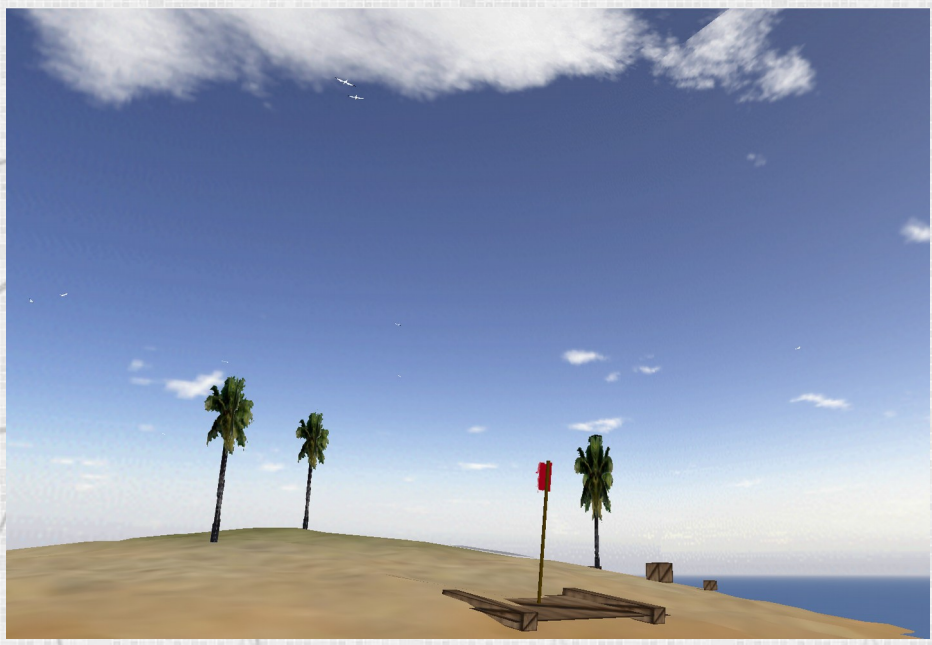




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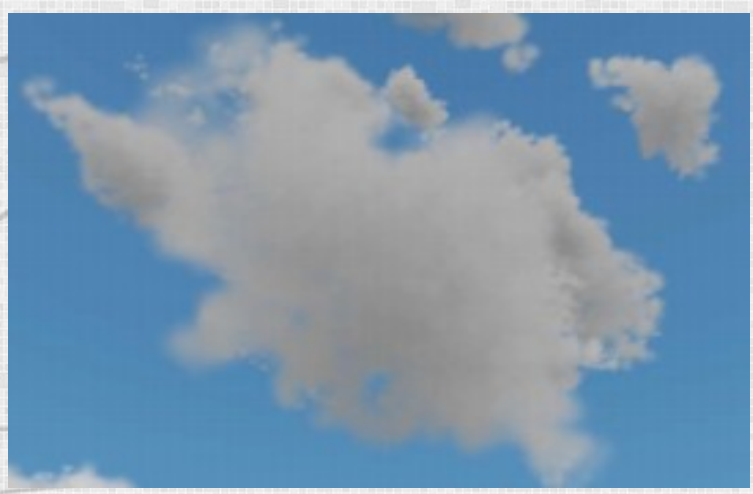
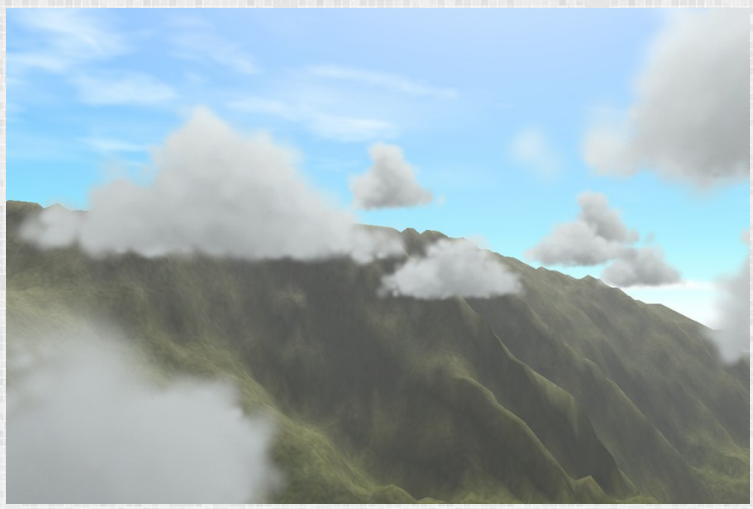


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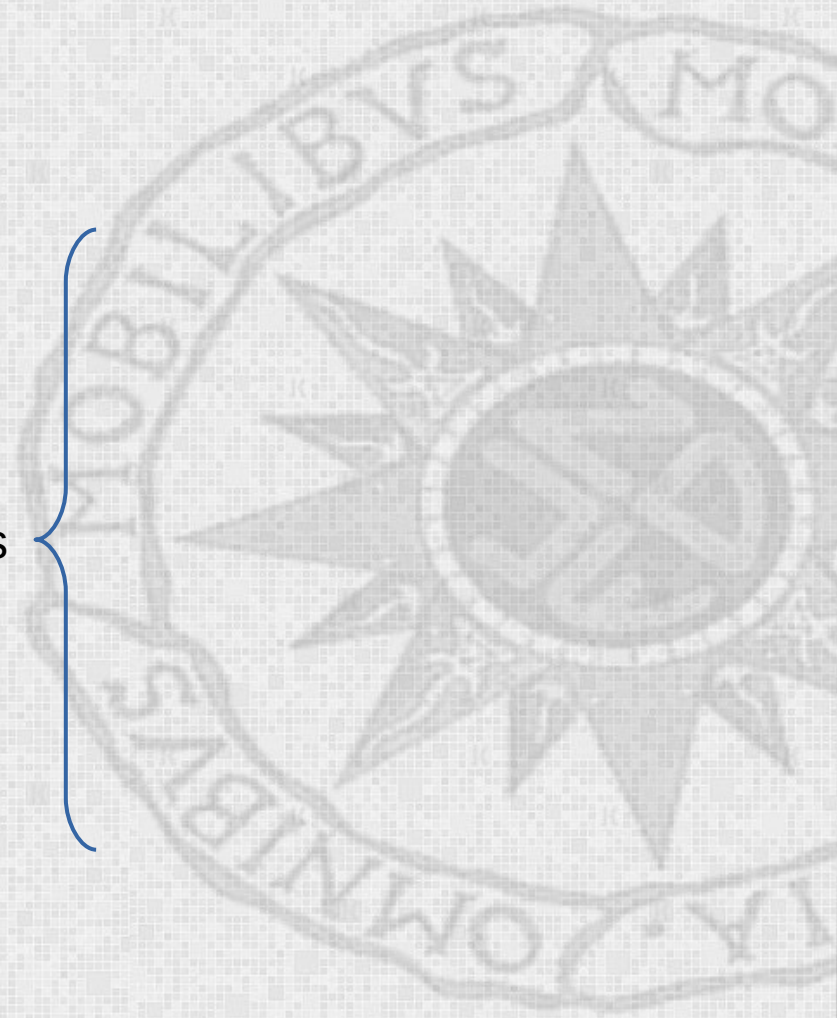
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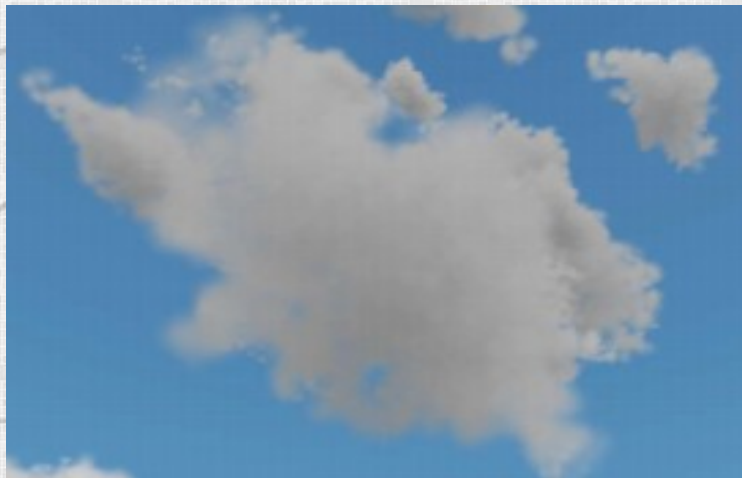
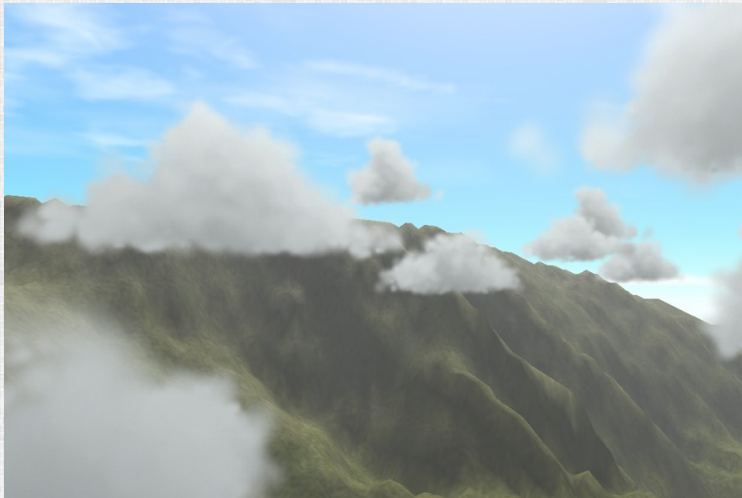


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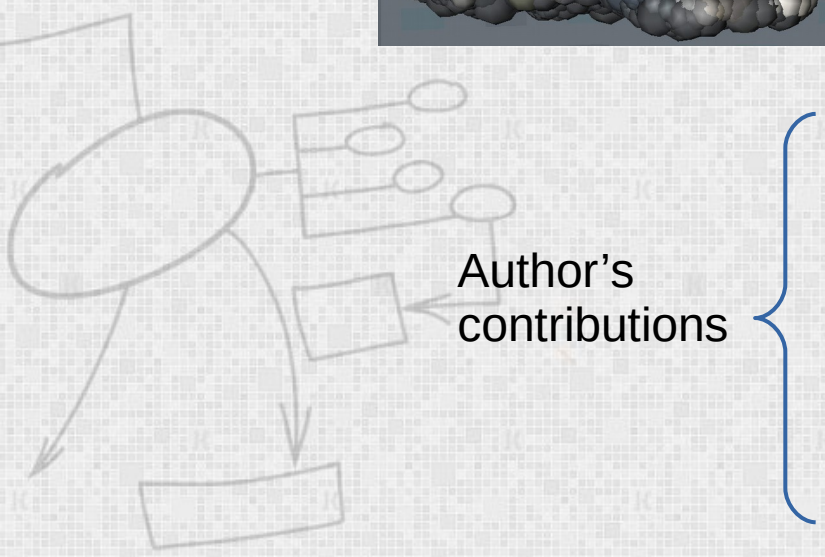
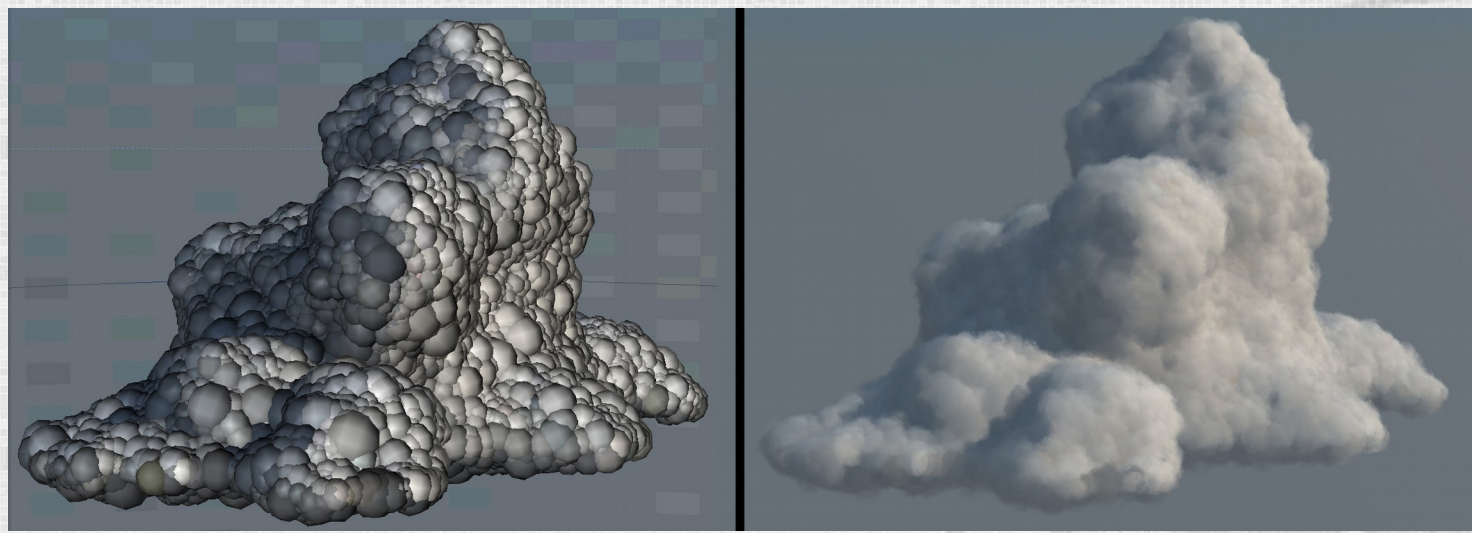


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- More gaseous form realism thanks to the volumetric rendering
- Realistic time-evolving cloud animation

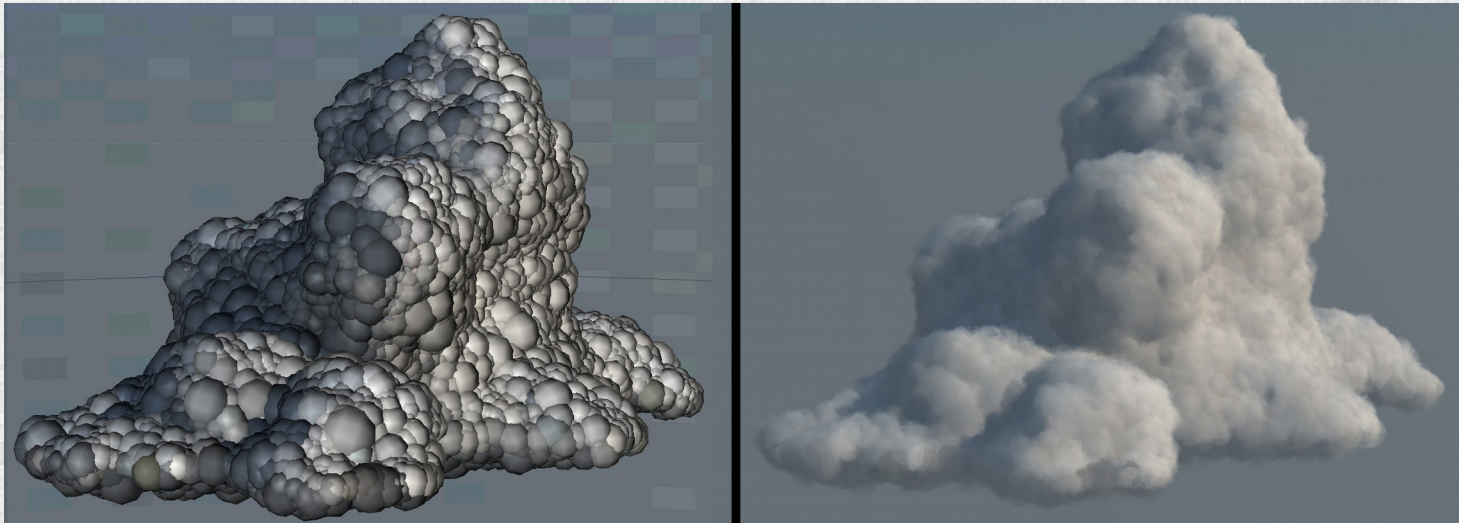
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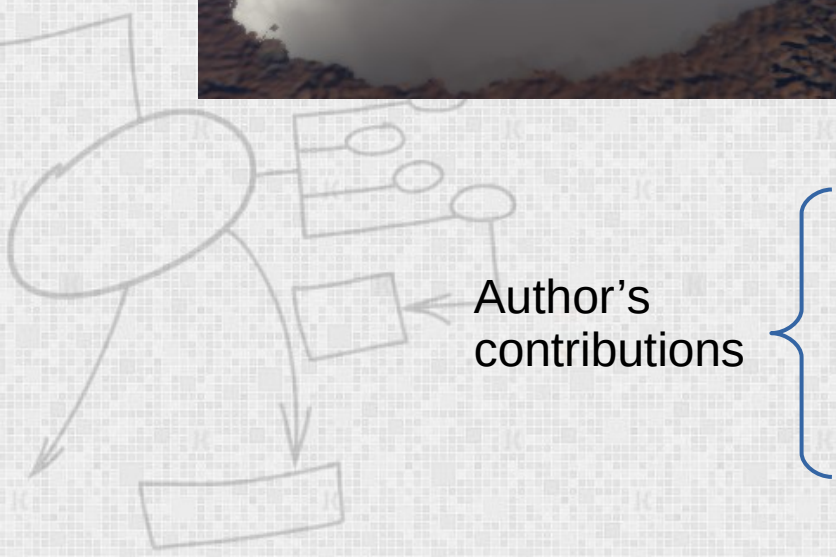


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- Arbitrary shaped clouds
- Better lighting systems than Phong or Gouraud
- Improved cloud dynamics and animation

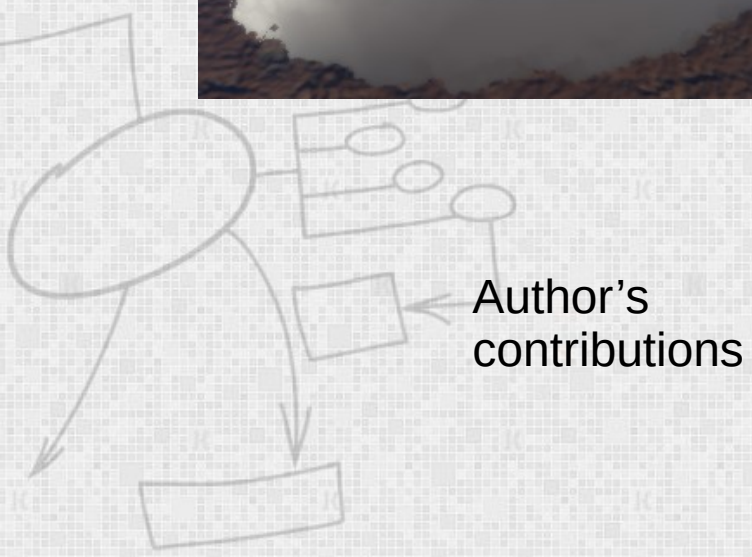
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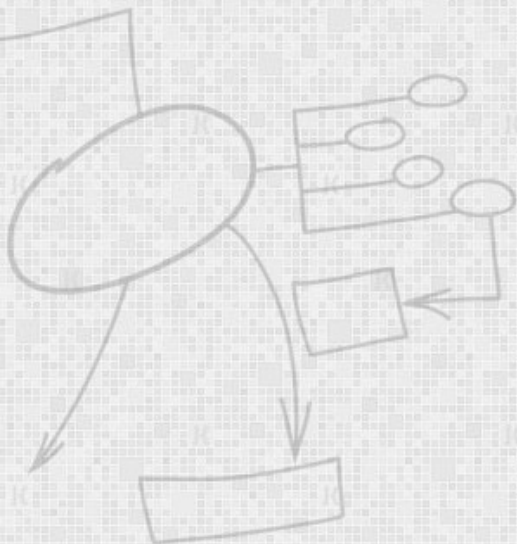
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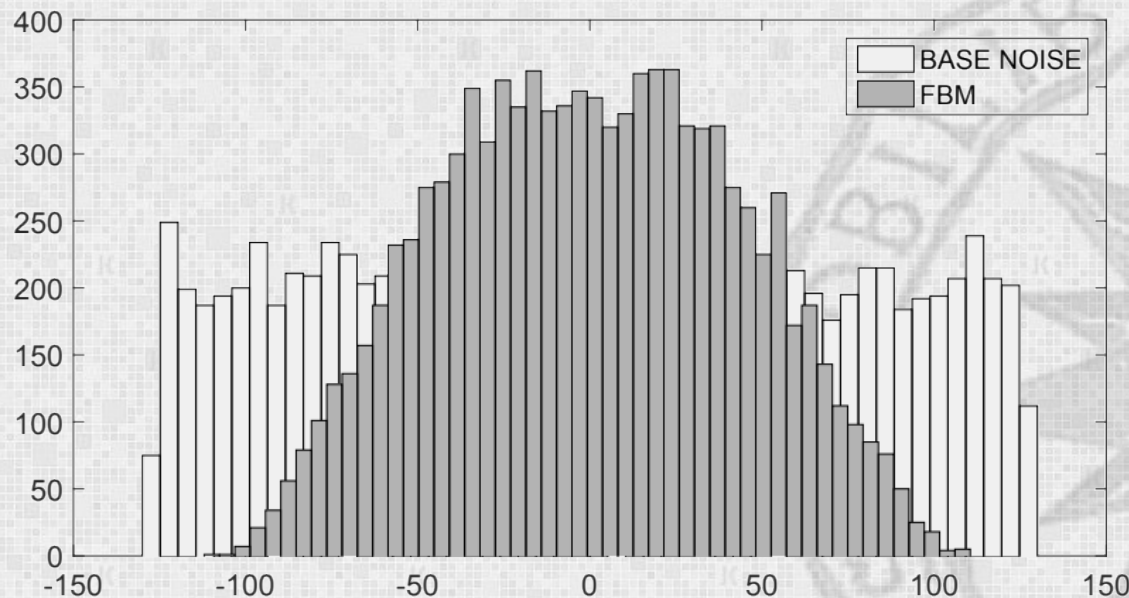
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# PART II



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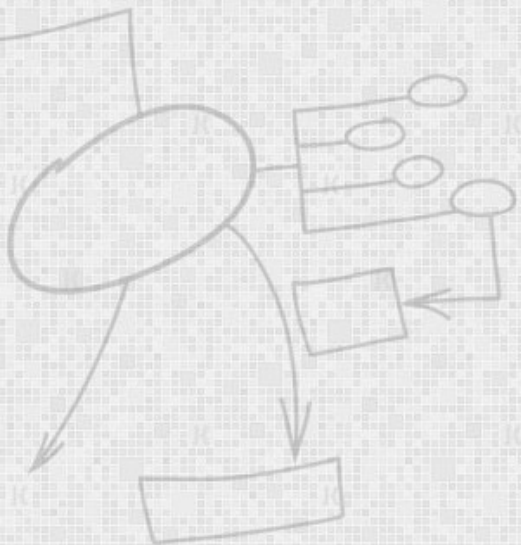
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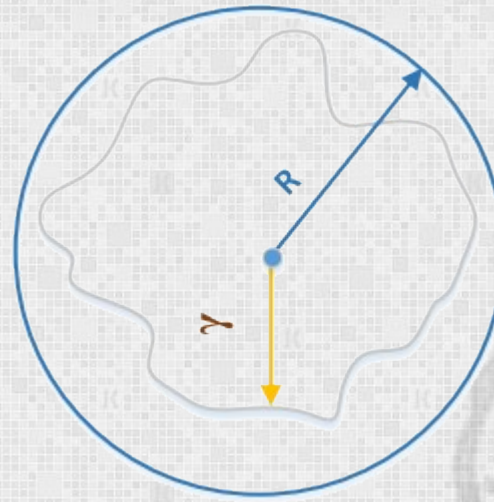
$$fbm(x,y,z) = \sum_{i=1}^n w^i \cdot perlin(s^i x, s^i y, s^i z)$$

where  $w = 1/2$  and  $s$  is 2.

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$$\gamma \leftarrow e \left[ \frac{-\|rayPos - sphereCenter\|}{radius \times \left( (1 - \kappa) + 2\kappa fbm(x, y, z) \right)} \right]$$

# Basic volumetric cloud rendering algorithm in GPU



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1 Function getCandidates(rayOrigin, rayDirection, i)
2   for  $j \leftarrow 0 < \text{number of spheres in boundingbox}[i]$  do
3      $\vec{temp} \leftarrow \text{rayOrigin} - \text{sphereCenter}$ 
4      $a \leftarrow \text{rayDirection} \cdot \text{rayDirection}$  {Dot products}
5      $b \leftarrow 2.0 \cdot \text{rayDirection} \cdot \vec{temp}$ 
6      $c \leftarrow \vec{temp} \cdot \vec{temp} - \text{radius}^2$ 
7      $\Delta \leftarrow b^2 - 4ac$ 
8     if  $\Delta > 0$  then
9        $\sigma \leftarrow \sqrt{\Delta}$  {There is a collision}
10       $\lambda_{in} \leftarrow \frac{-b - \sigma}{2.0 \times a}$ 
11       $\lambda_{out} \leftarrow \frac{-b + \sigma}{2.0 \times a}$ 
12       $\text{candidates}[k] \leftarrow (\lambda_{in}, \lambda_{out}, j, i)$ 
13       $k = k + 1$ 
14    end
15  end
16  return (candidates, k)
17 Function sortCandidates (candidates, n)
18  for  $k \leftarrow 1 < n$  do
19     $\text{aux} = \text{candidates}[k]$  {Insertion-sort algorithm}
20     $h = k - 1$ 
21    while  $((h >= 0) \text{ and } (\text{aux}_{\lambda_{in}} < \text{candidates}[h]_{\lambda_{in}}))$  do
22       $\text{candidates}[h + 1] = \text{candidates}[h]$ 
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26  end

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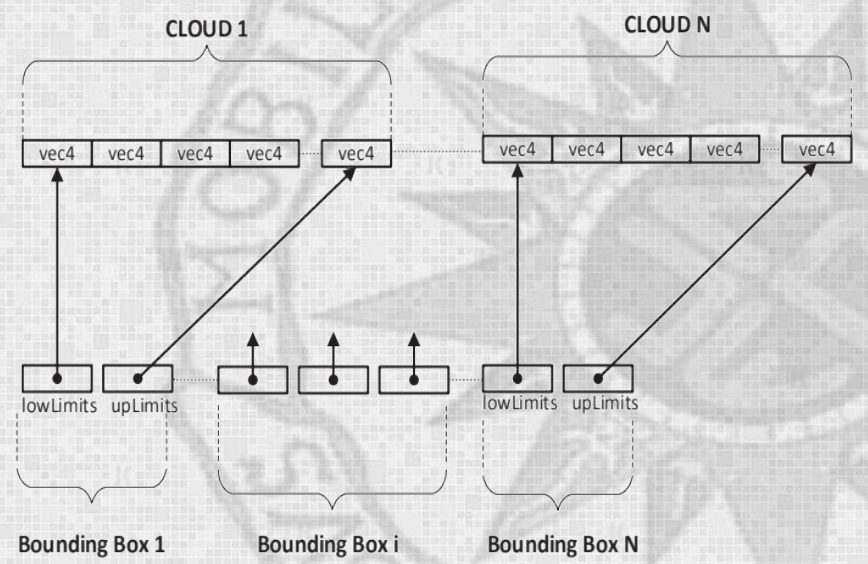
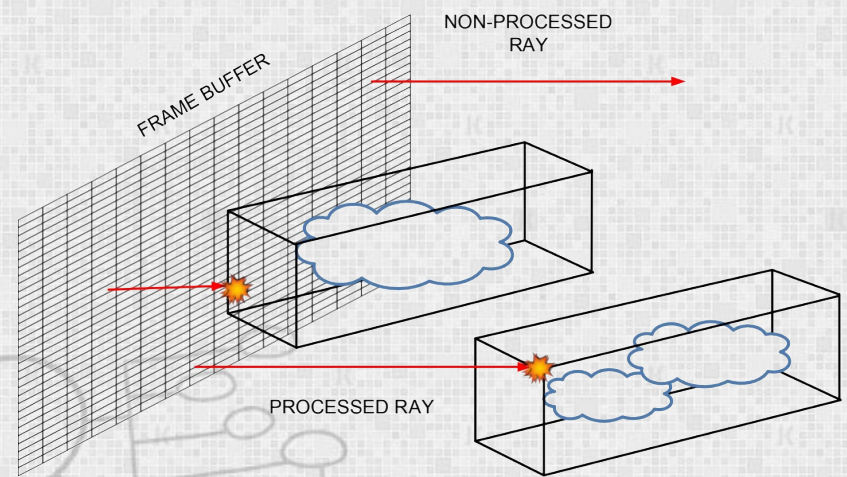
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27 Function rayTrace(rayOrigin, rayDirection)
28    $B \leftarrow \text{boundingboxDetection}(\text{rayOrigin}, \text{rayDirection})$ 
29    $\tau \leftarrow 1$ 
30    $R \leftarrow (0, 0, 0, 0)$  {Consider alpha-channel}
31   for each ( $i$  in  $B$ ) do
32      $(C, n) \leftarrow \text{getCandidates}(\text{rayOrigin}, \text{rayDirection}, i)$ 
33   end
34    $\text{candidates} \leftarrow \text{sortCandidates}(C, n)$ 
35   for  $j \leftarrow 0 < n$  do
36      $\lambda \leftarrow \text{candidates}[j]_{\lambda_{in}}$ 
37      $\lambda_{out} \leftarrow \text{candidates}[j]_{\lambda_{out}}$ 
38     while  $\lambda \leq \lambda_{out}$  do
39        $\text{rayPos} \leftarrow \text{rayOrigin} + \lambda \cdot \text{rayDirection}$ 
40        $\rho \leftarrow \text{fbm}(\text{rayPos})$  {Trace pseudospheroid}
41        $\gamma \leftarrow e^{-\|\text{rayPos} - \text{sphereCenter}\| / (r((1 - \kappa) + 2k\rho))}$ 
42       if  $\rho < \gamma$  then
43          $R \leftarrow R + \text{lighting}(\rho, \text{rayPos}, \text{rayDir}, \text{sunDir},$ 
44            $\text{voxelGrid}[\text{candidates}[j]_i], \text{sunColor})$ 
45         if  $\tau < 10^{-6}$  then
46           break for (34:)
47         end
48       end
49        $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + A \cdot e^{-\|\text{rayOrigin} - \text{cloudCenter}\| \cdot \delta}$  {LOD}
50     end
51   end
52   return  $R$  {Blend with the sky}

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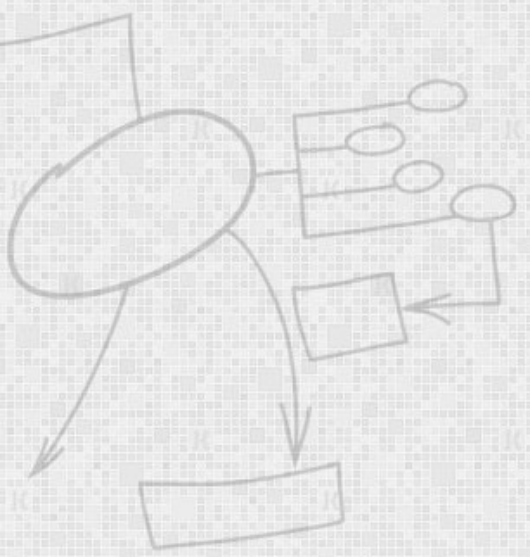
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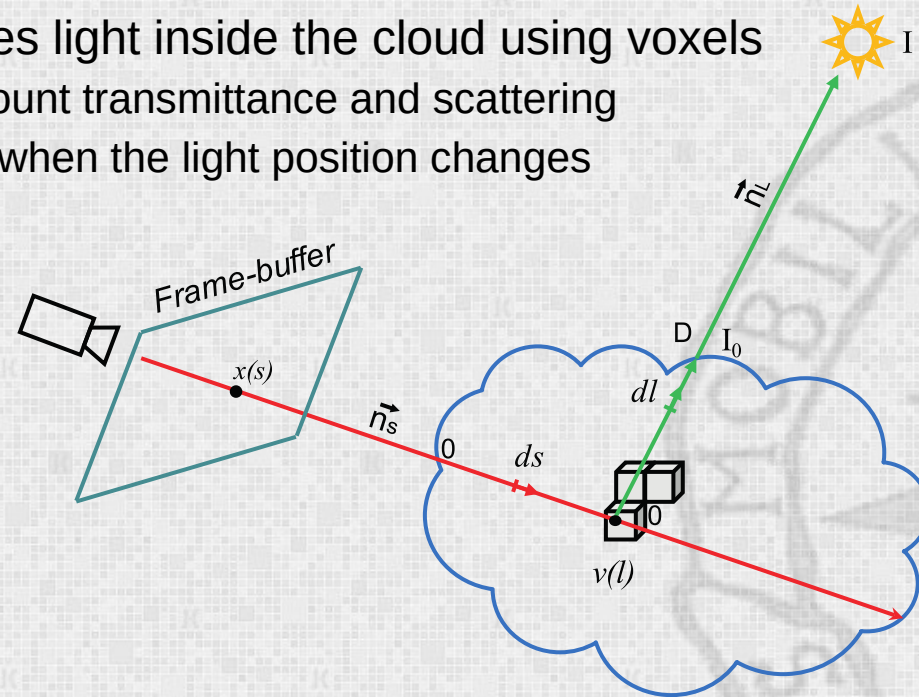


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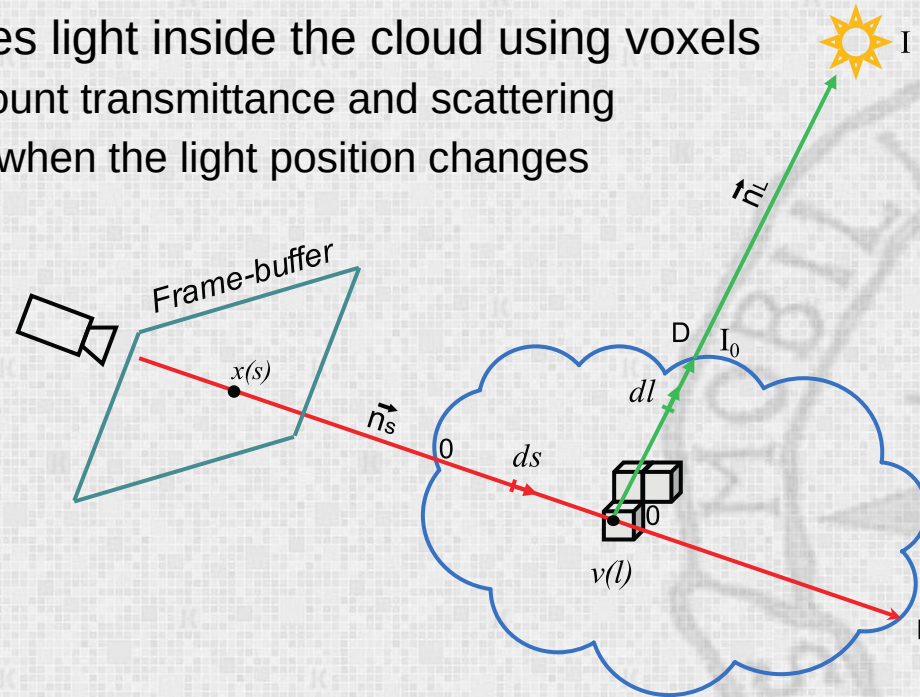
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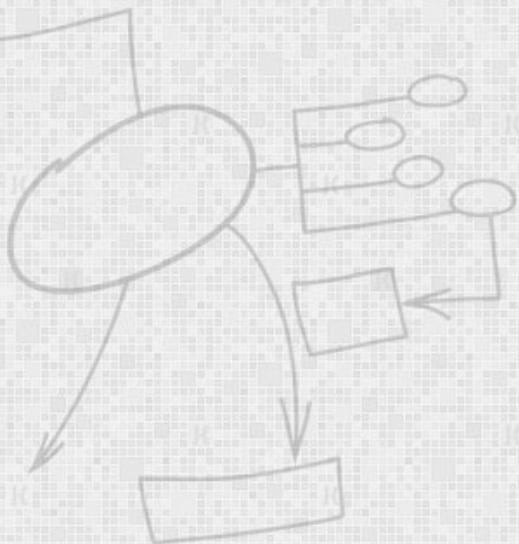
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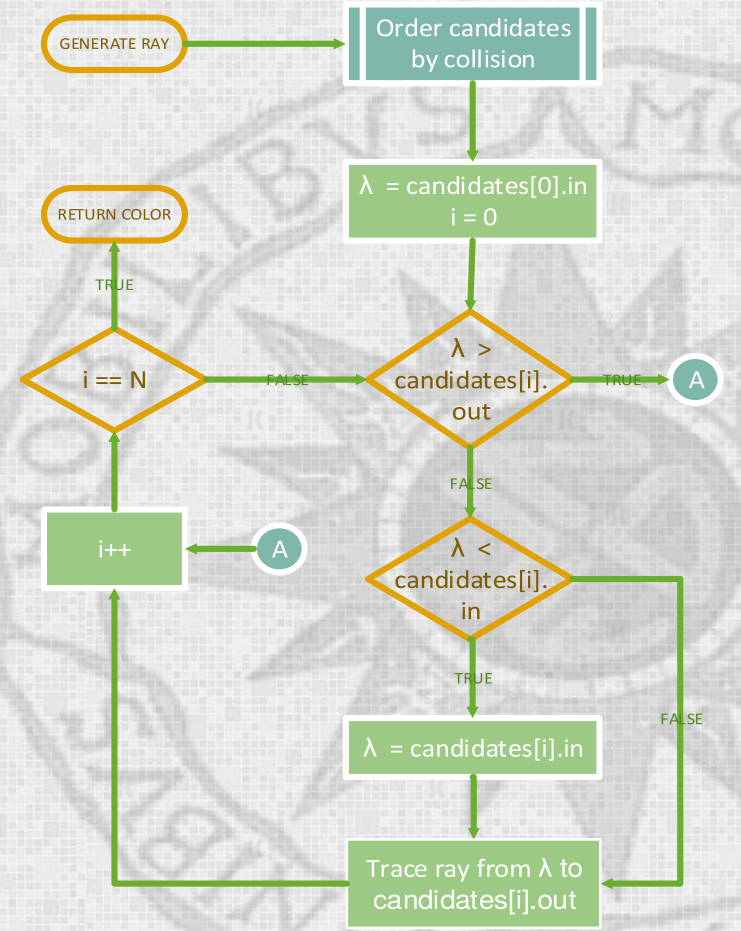
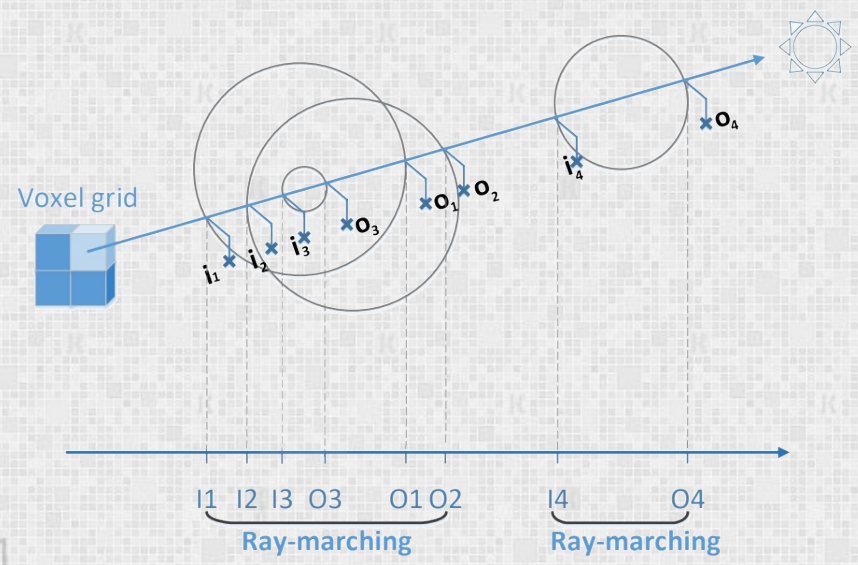
- Computed for every point along the ray traversing the cloud from the camera
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- Second term represents light from each voxel along the ray scattered according to gas density and phase function collected in the forward direction
- Both terms are affected by attenuation from each point to the camera

$$I(\vec{x}) = \int_0^P \left[ \underbrace{L(s)\tau(s)\kappa_1}_{\text{reflection}} + \underbrace{L(s)\tau(s)P(\vec{n}_s, \vec{n}_i)\kappa_2}_{\text{scattering}} \right] \cdot T(0,s) ds$$



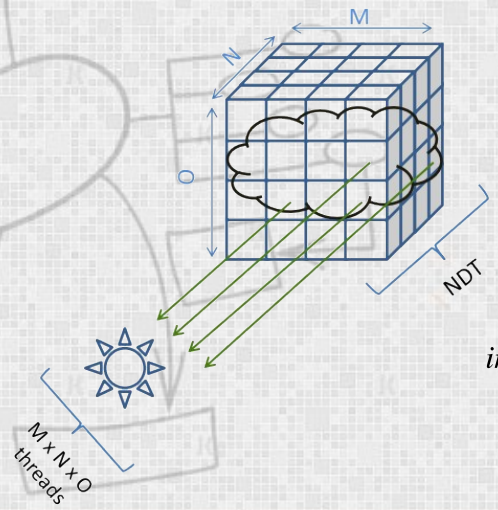
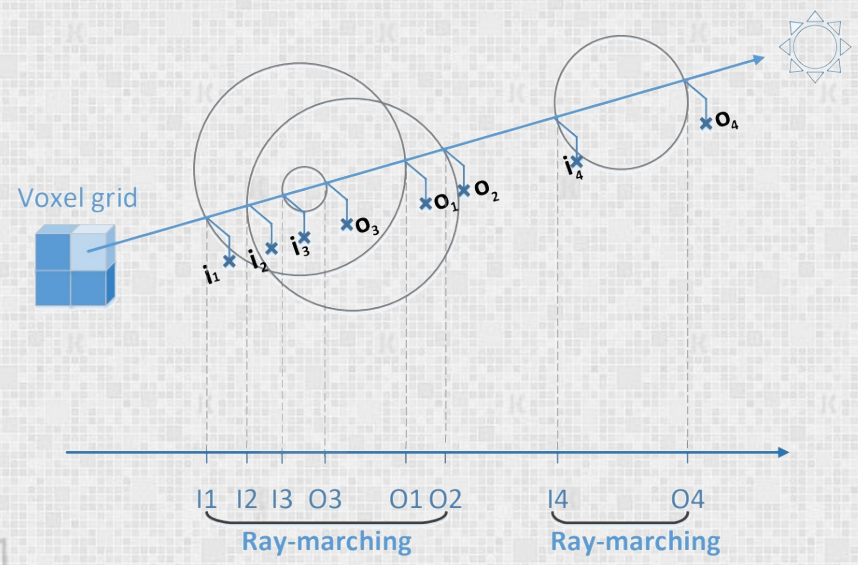
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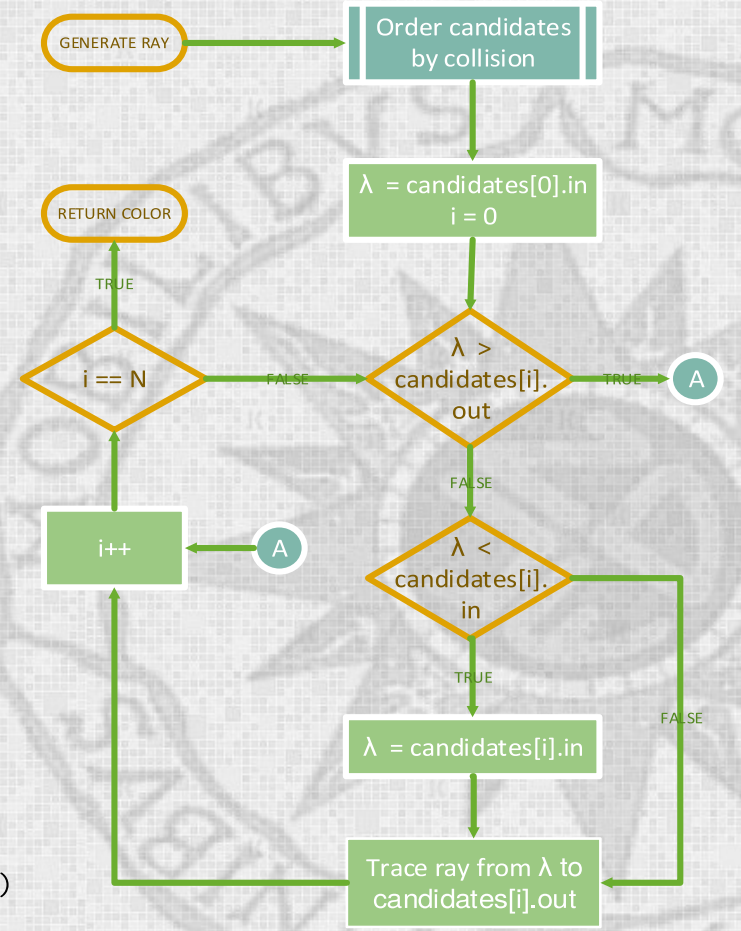
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 dim3 threads ( $T_x, T_y, T_z$ )  
 kernel <<<blocks, threads>>>(params...)

$$index_{i,j,k} = blockIdx_{x,y,z} \times blockDim_{x,y,z} + threadIdx_{x,y,z}$$



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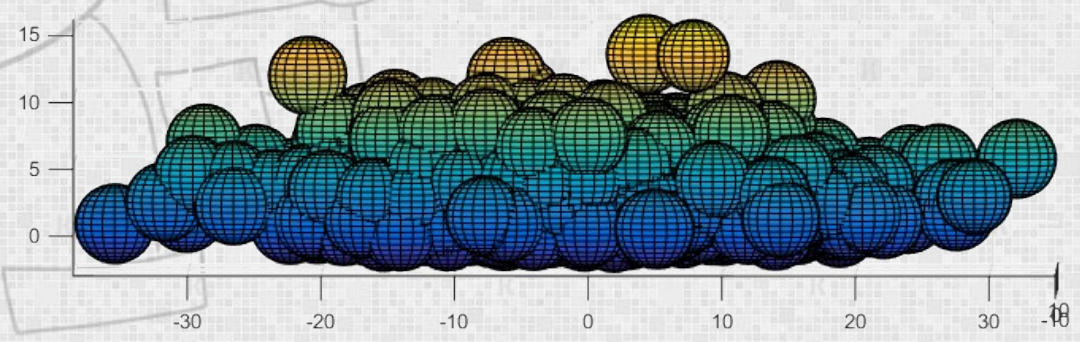
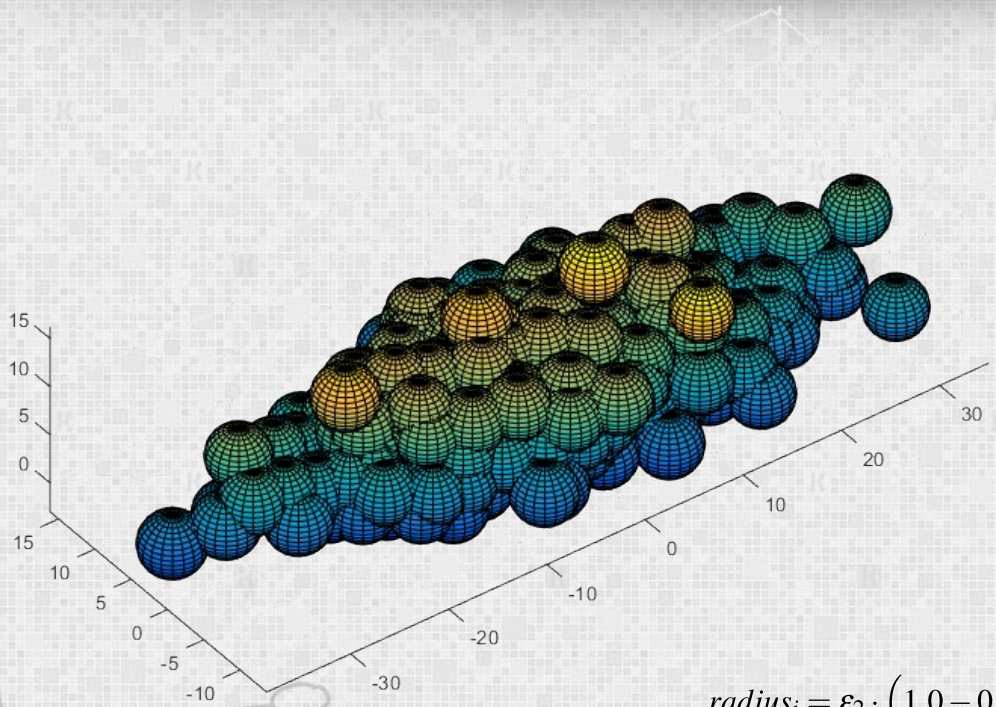


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# Cloud shape improvement (3D Gaussian cumulus)



$$\begin{cases} P_x = C_x + \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x) \\ P_y = C_y + \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \sigma_y) \\ P_z = C_z + \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_z, \sigma_z) \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

Axis	$\mu$	$\sigma$	Clamped
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Y	$\mu_y$	$\sigma_y$	$[\mu_y, t\sigma_y]$
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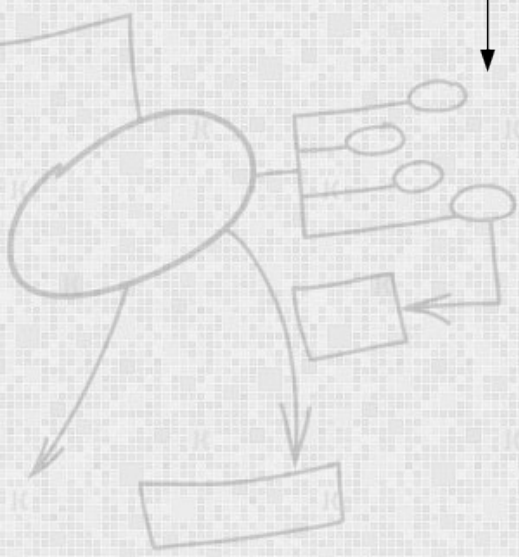
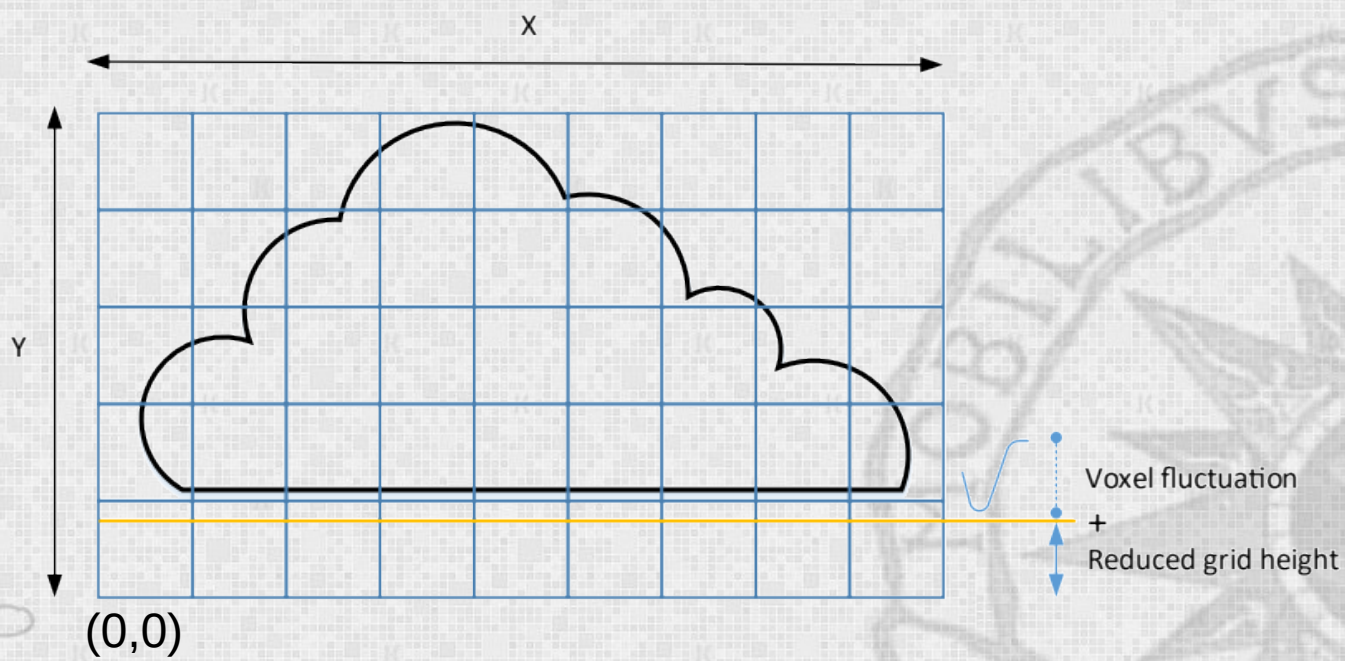
(2.2)

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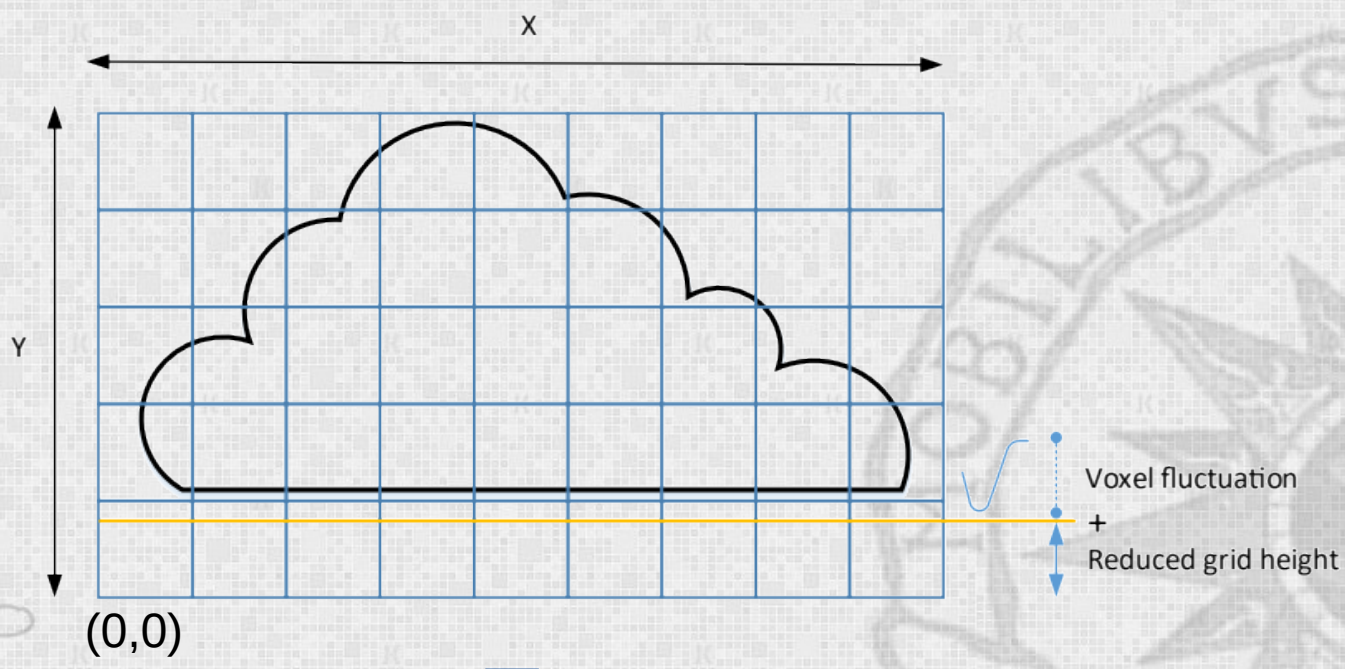
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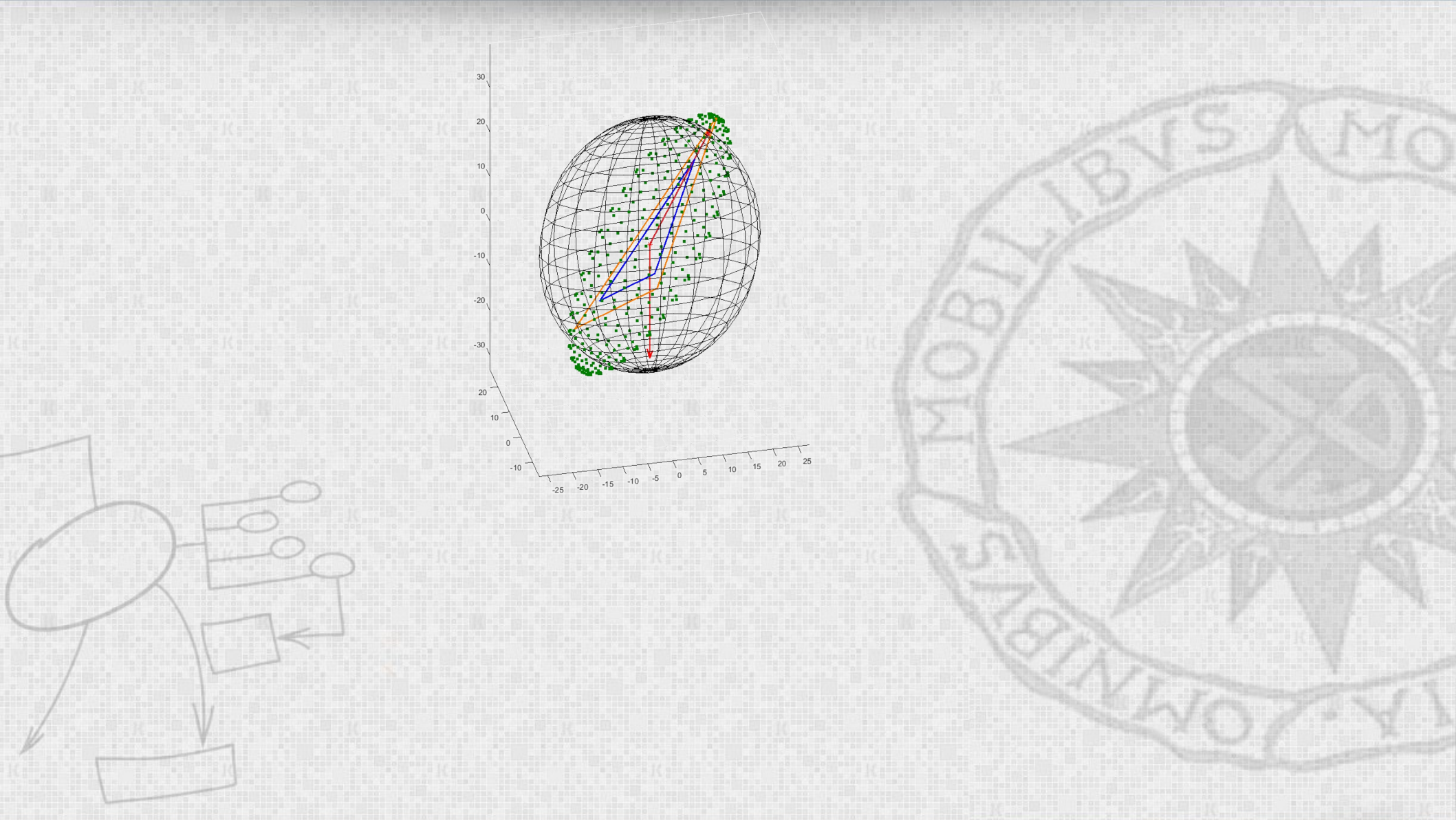
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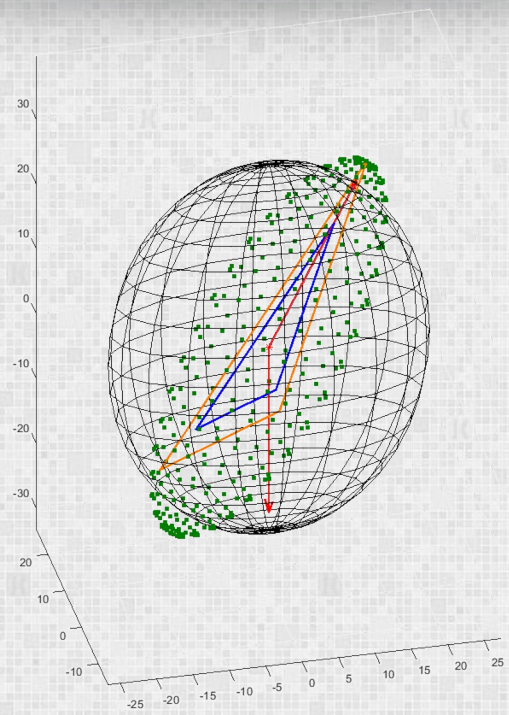
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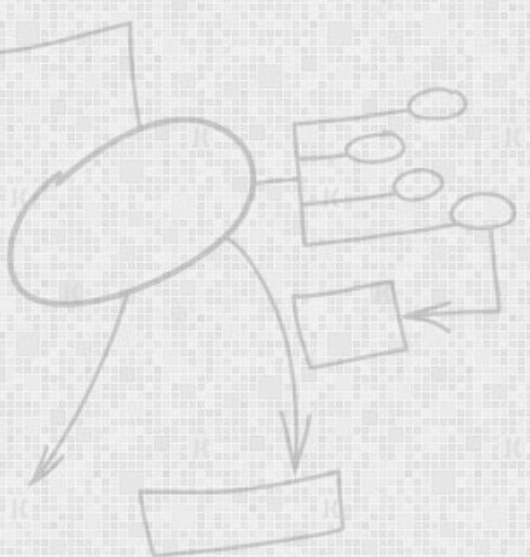
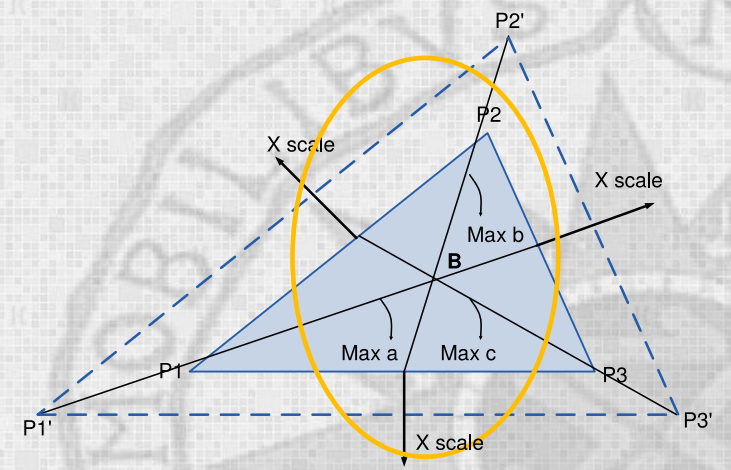
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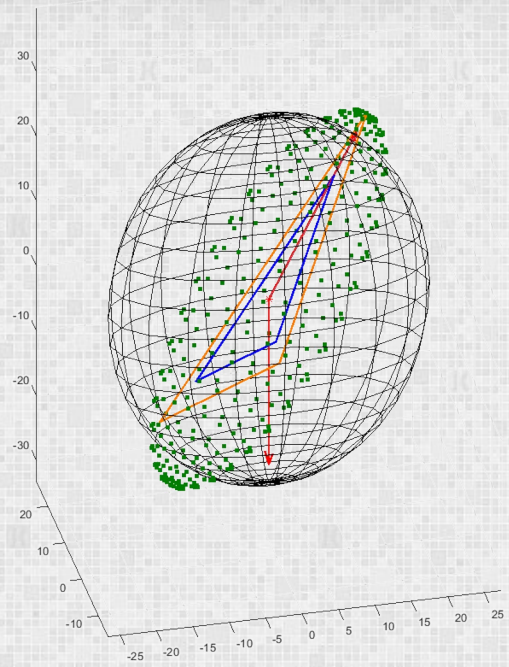


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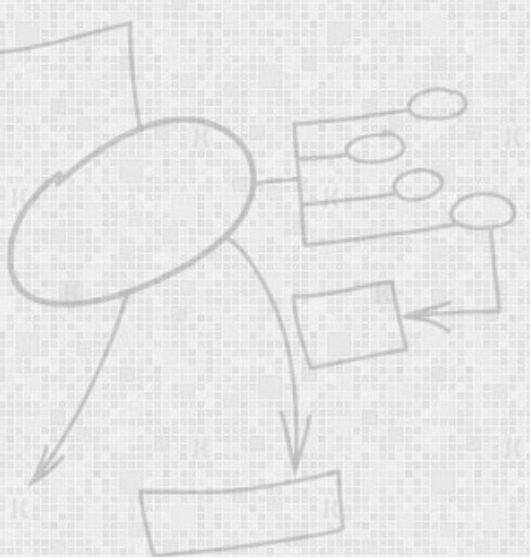
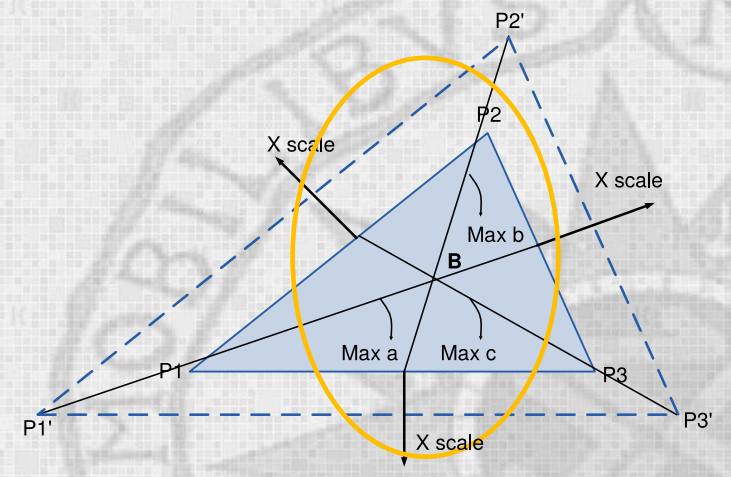
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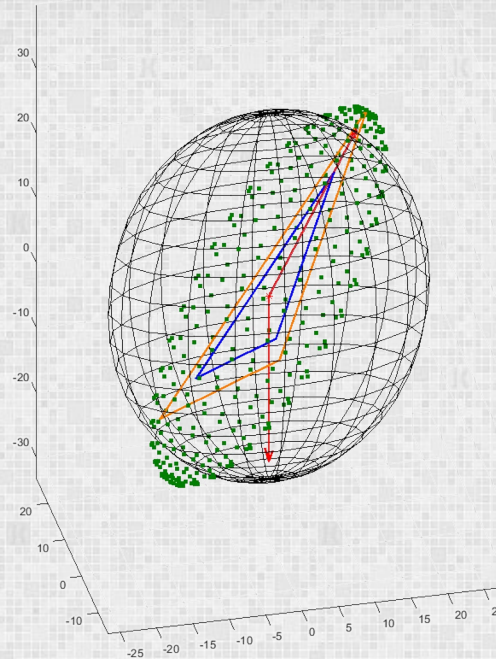
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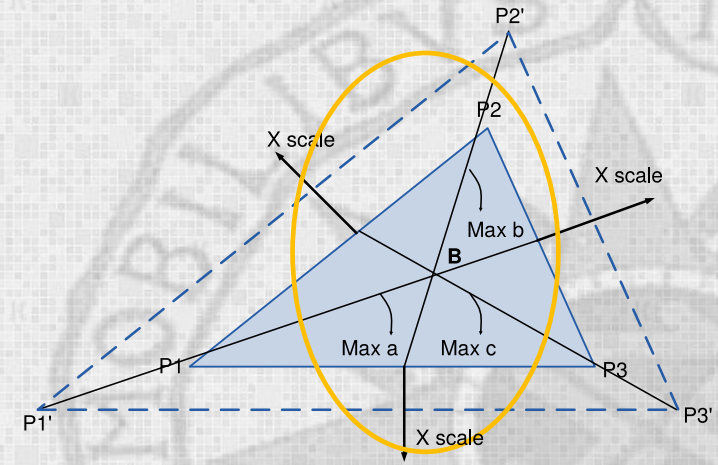
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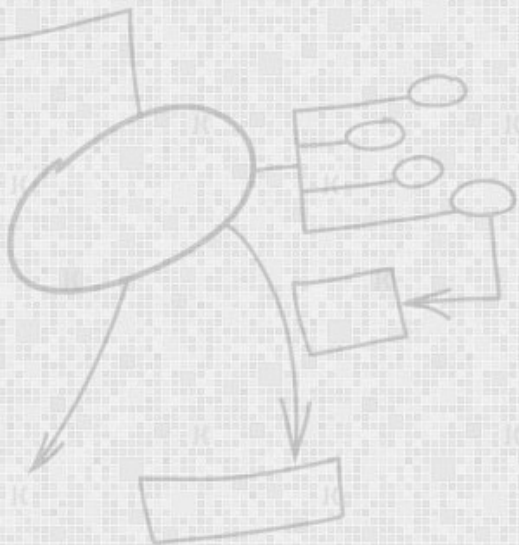


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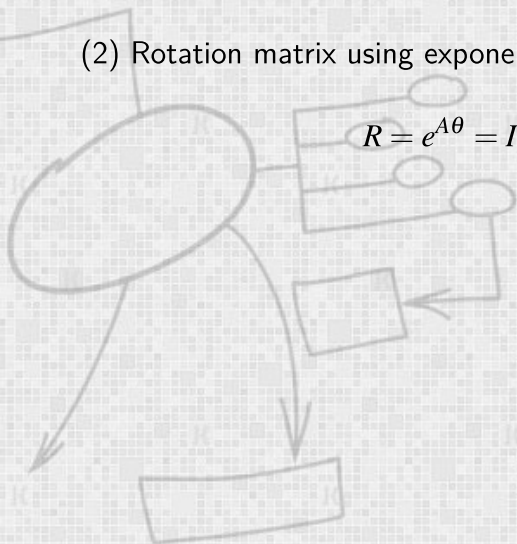
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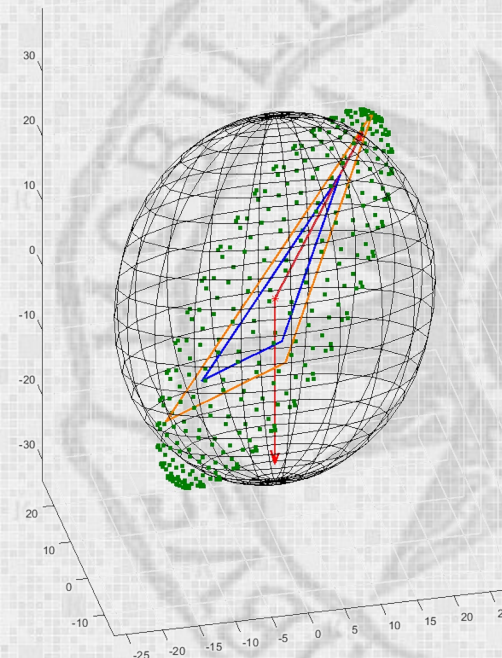
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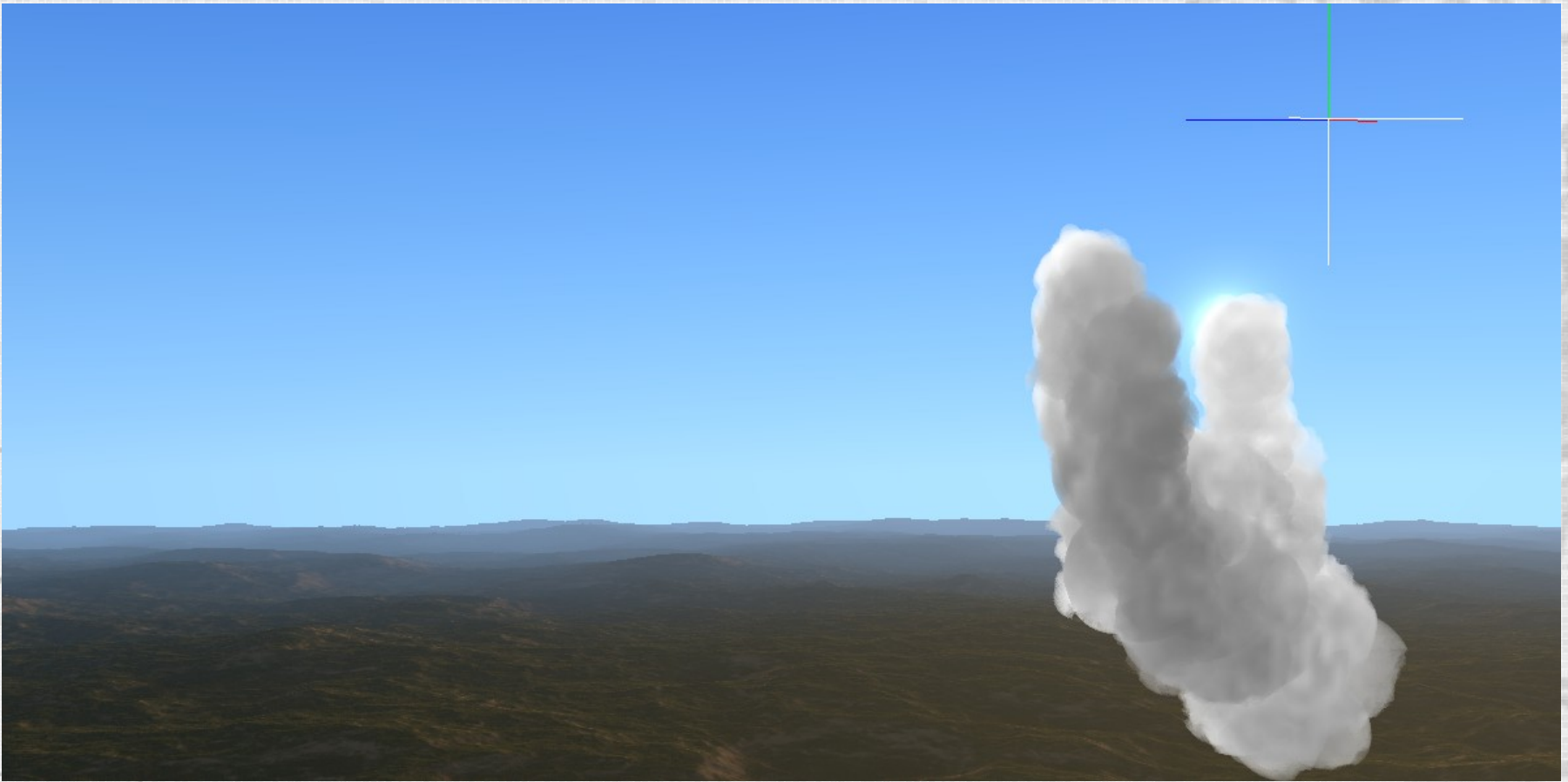
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# PART III



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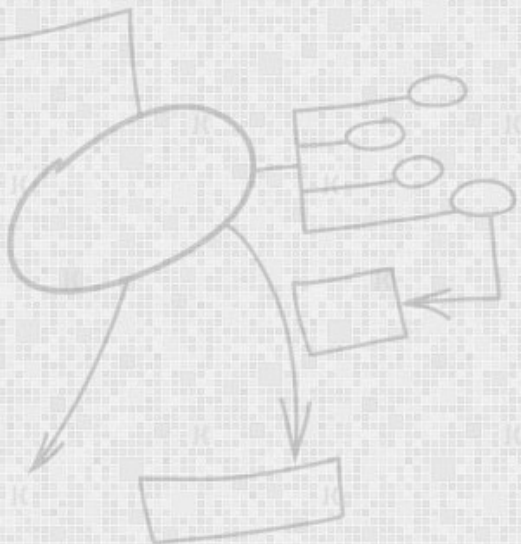
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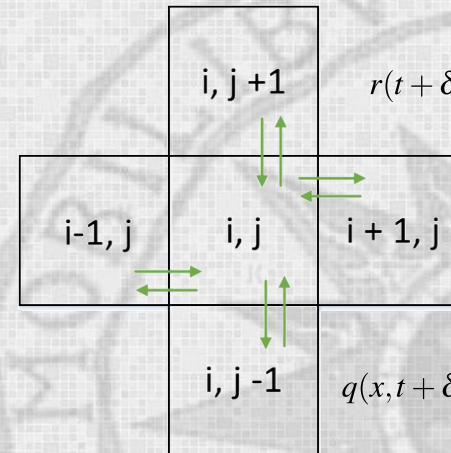
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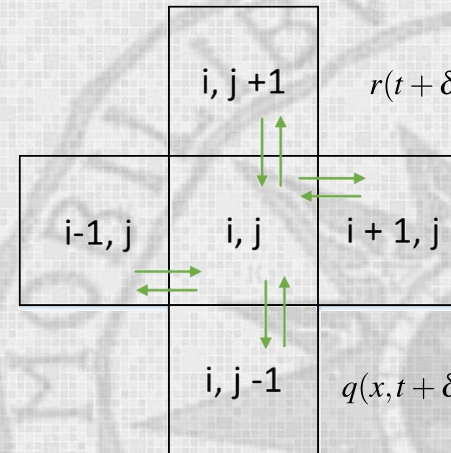
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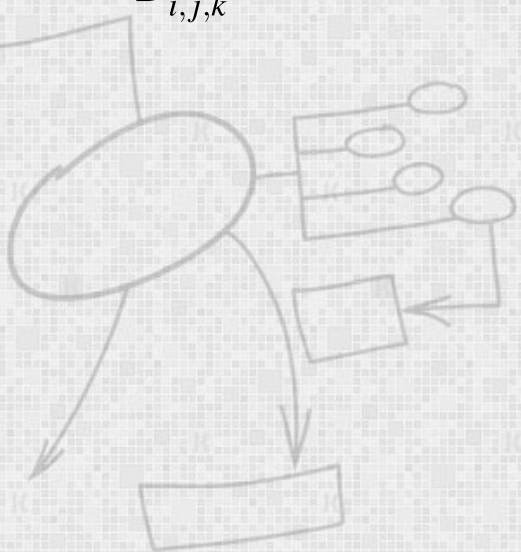
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2   i,j,k ← blockDimx,y,z × blockDimx,y,z + threadIdxx,y,z
3   if ((i,j,k ≥ 1) and (i,j,k ≤ Dimx,y,z)) then
4     y[i,j,k] ← x0[i,j,k] + a × (x[i-1,j,k] + x[i+1,j,k] + x[i,j-1,k] + x[i,j+1,k] +
5       x[i,j,k-1] + x[i,j,k+1])/c
6   end
7   (...)
8
9   for t ← 1 < times for approximation do
10    linearSolverKernel <<< grid,block >>> (x,x0,y,a,x)
11    aux ← x
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13    y ← aux
14  end

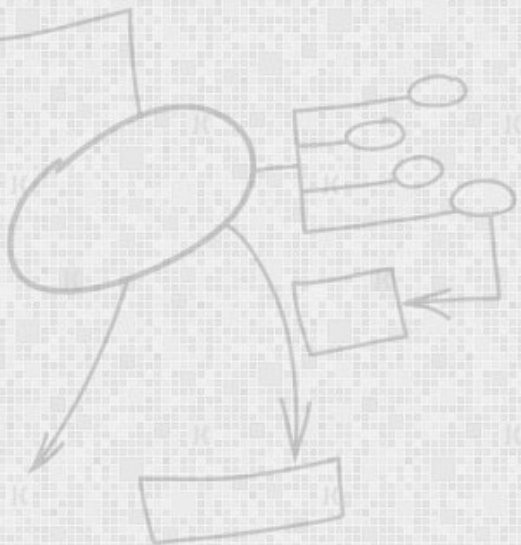
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Jacobi relaxation for the  
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## Guide points

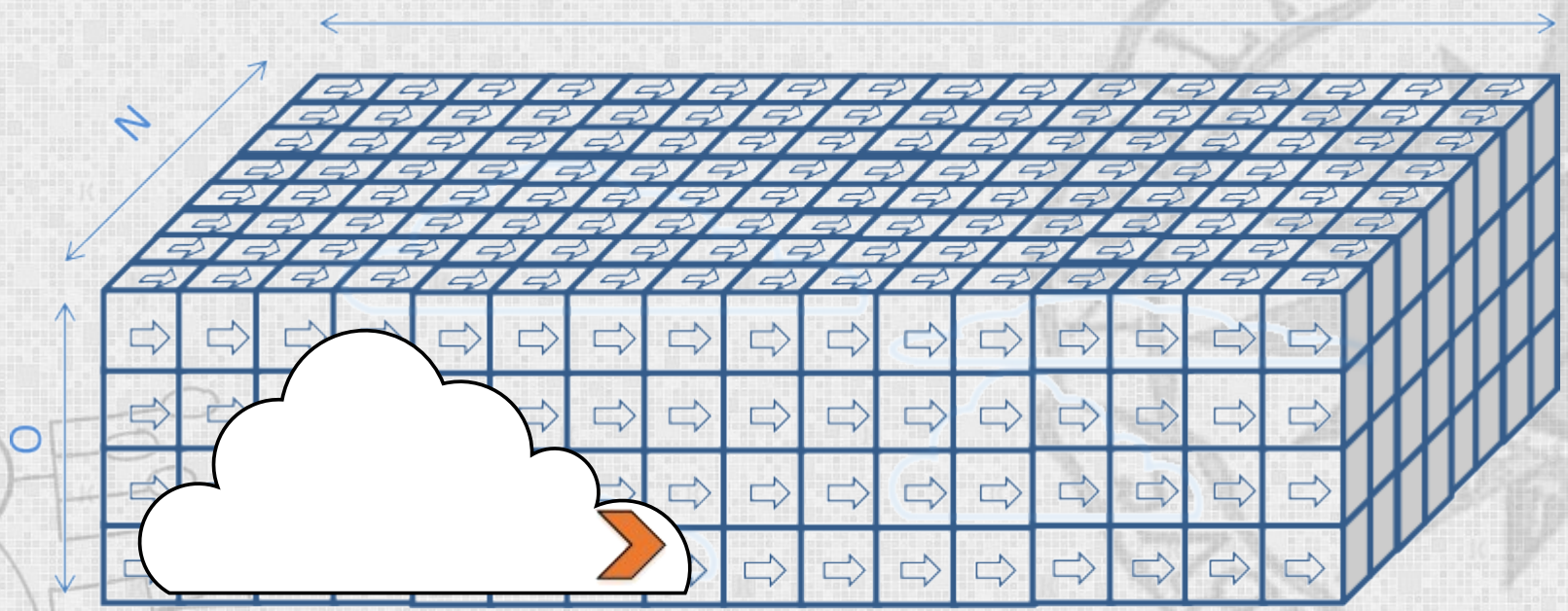



$$\mathit{sphPos}(x,y,z)_i = \sum_{i=1}^S F_{U,V,W}(x,y,z)$$




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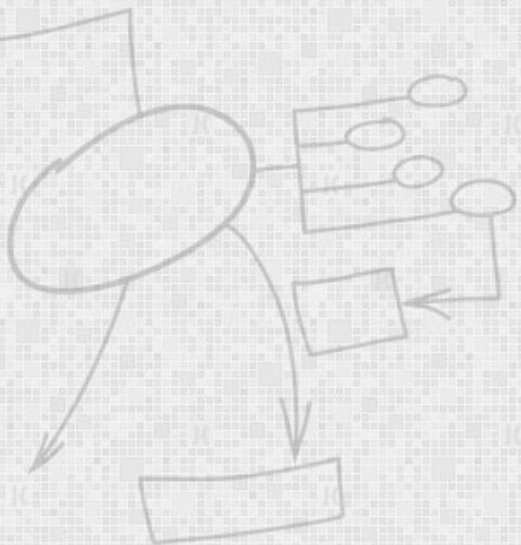
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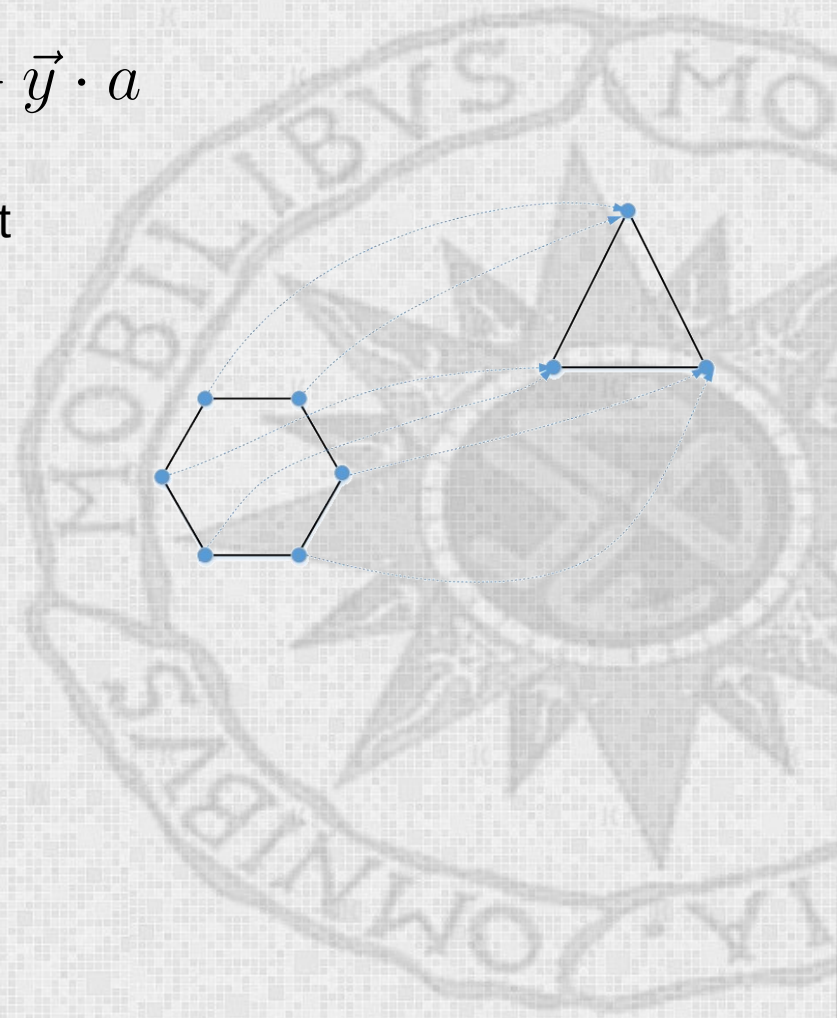
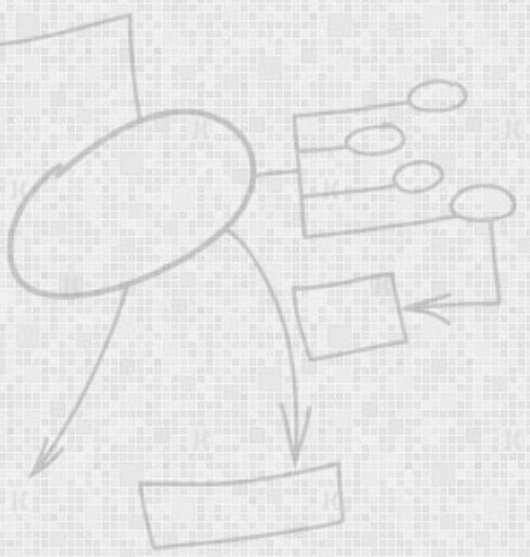


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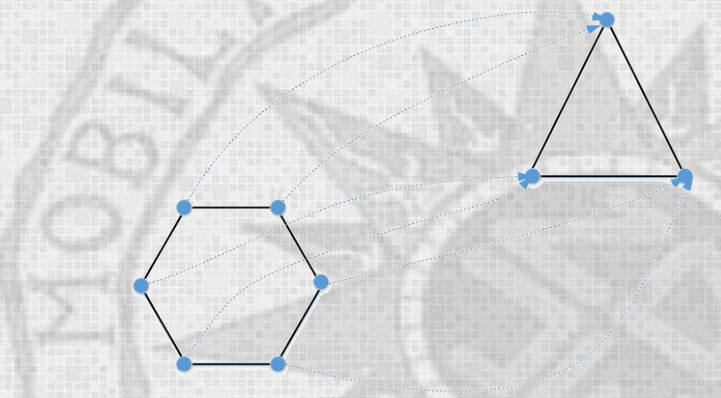


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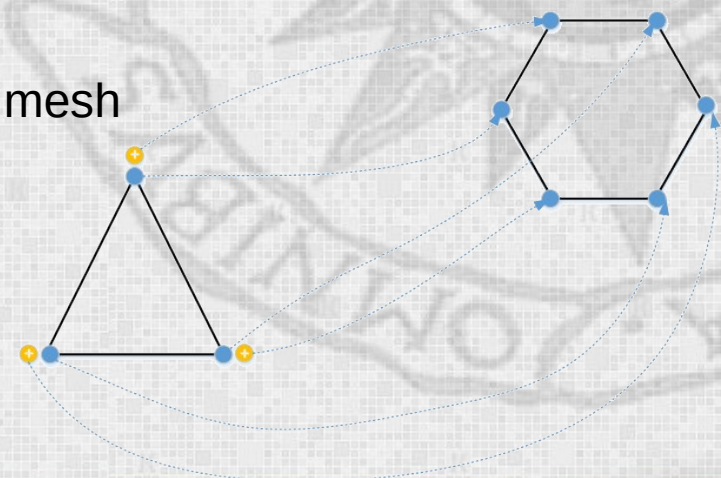
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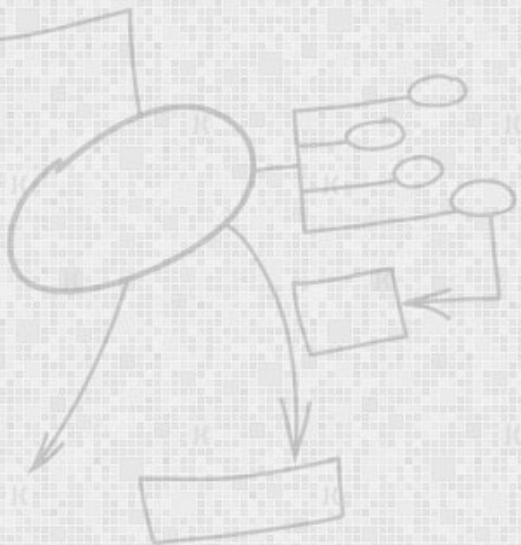
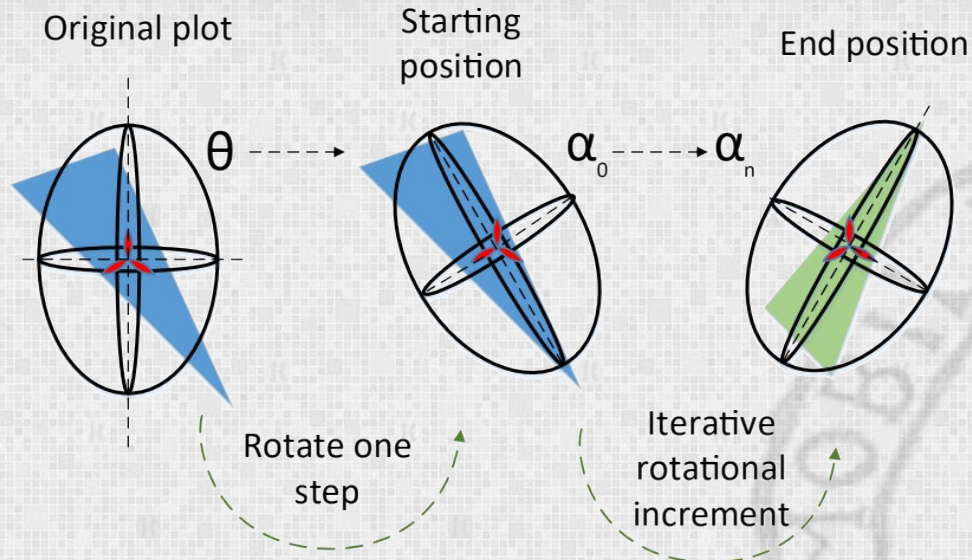
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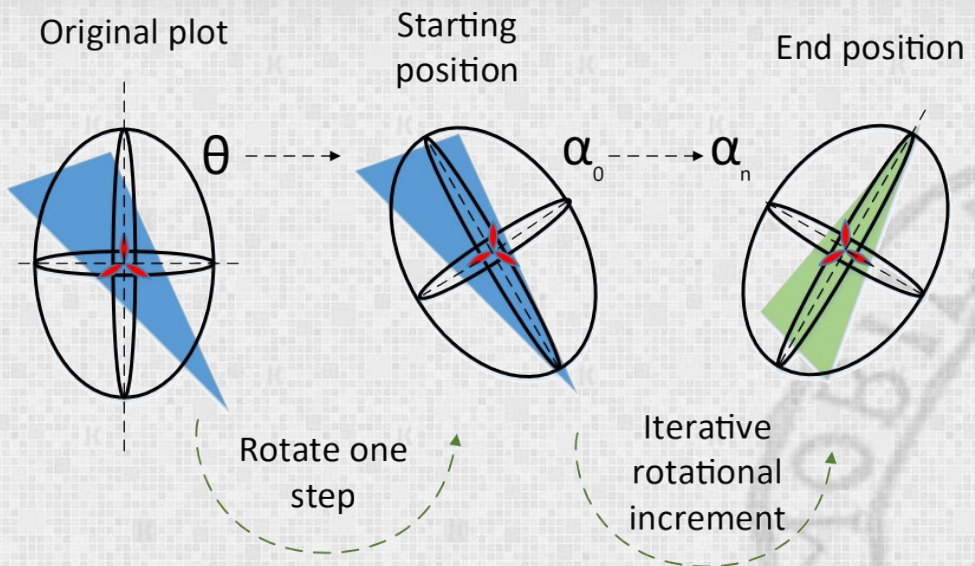
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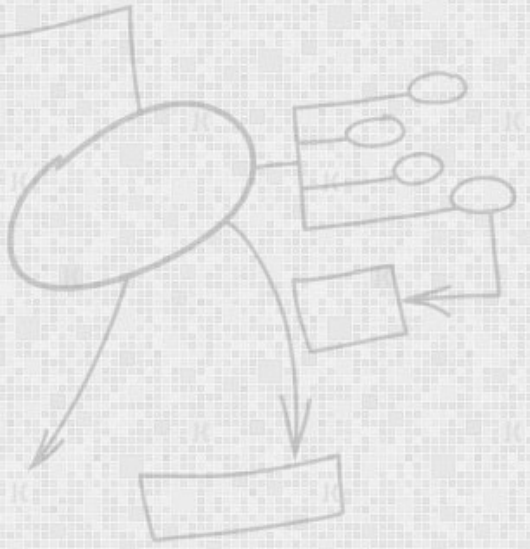
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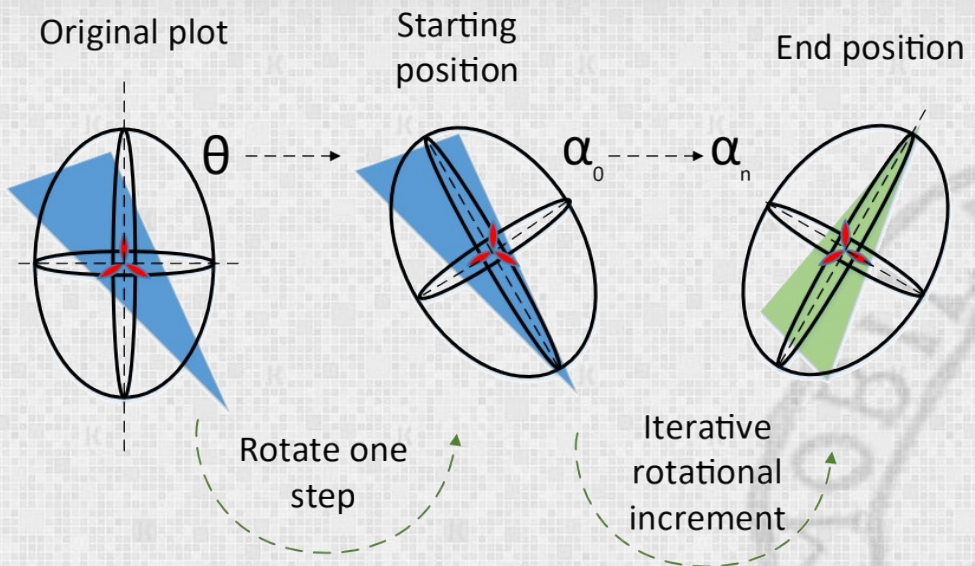
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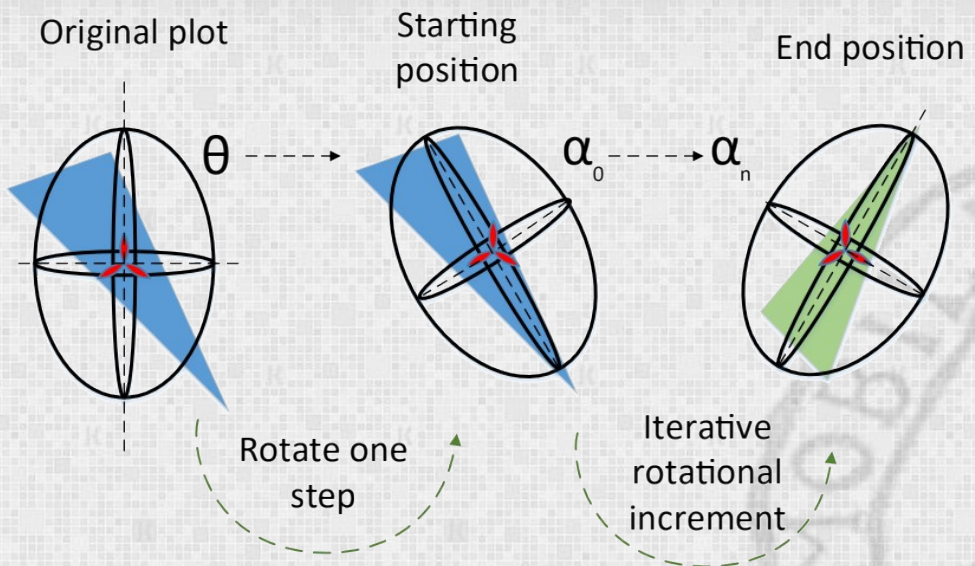
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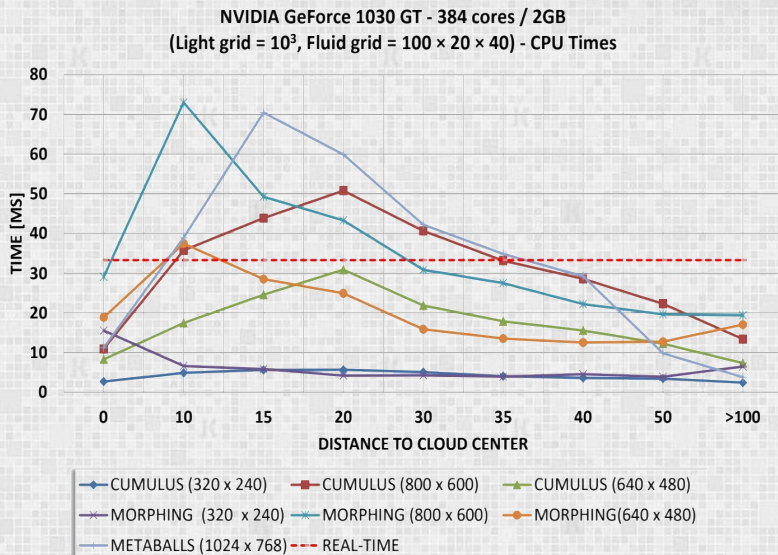
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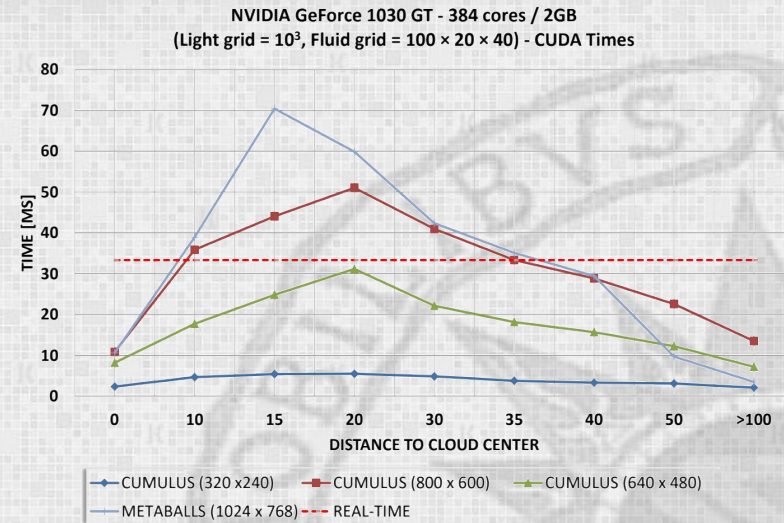




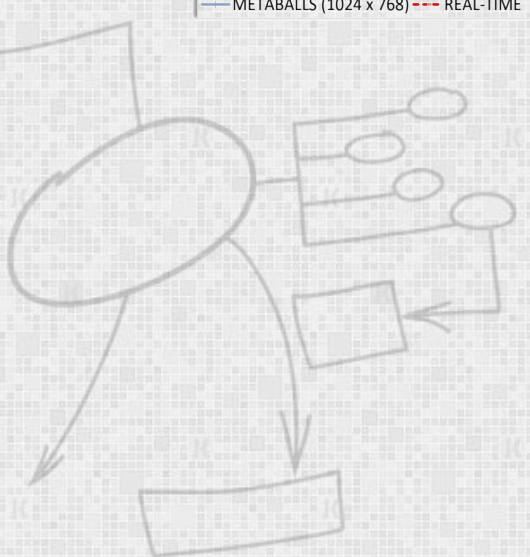
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30 FPS



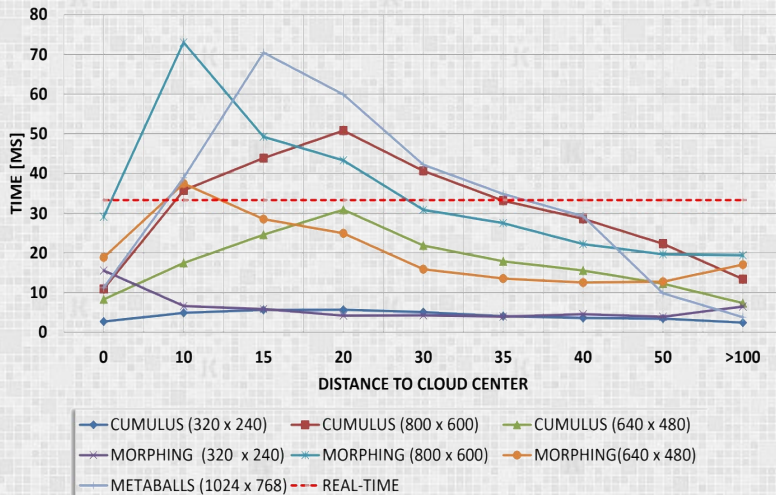
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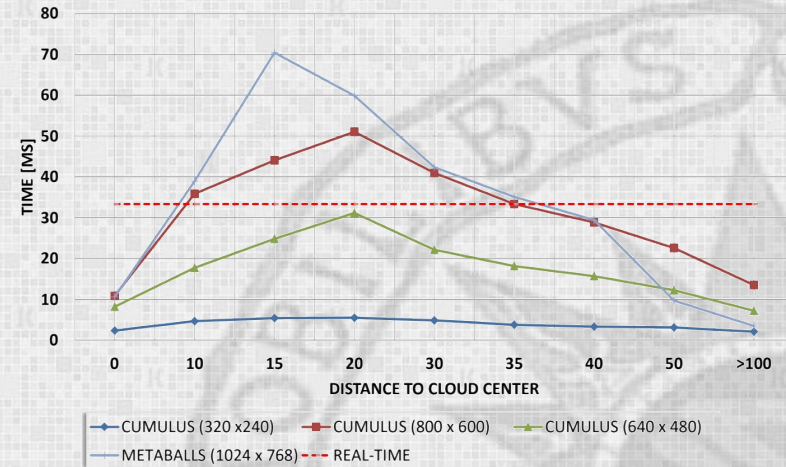
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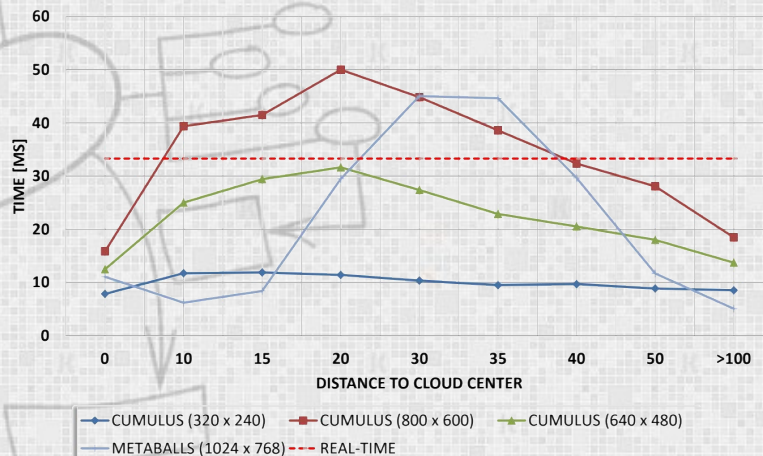
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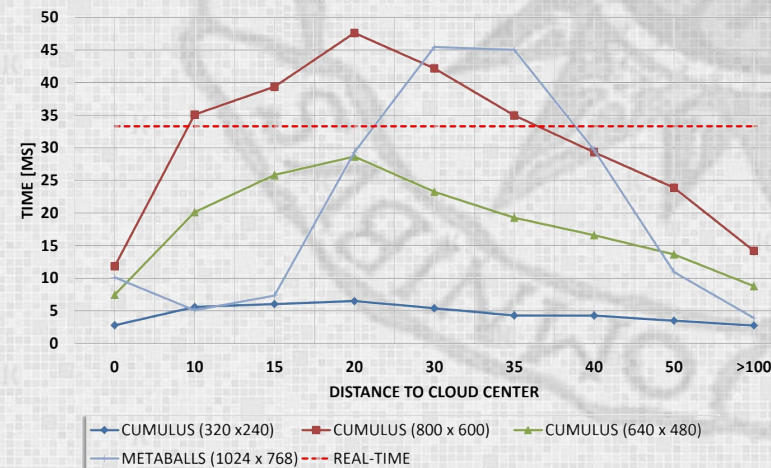
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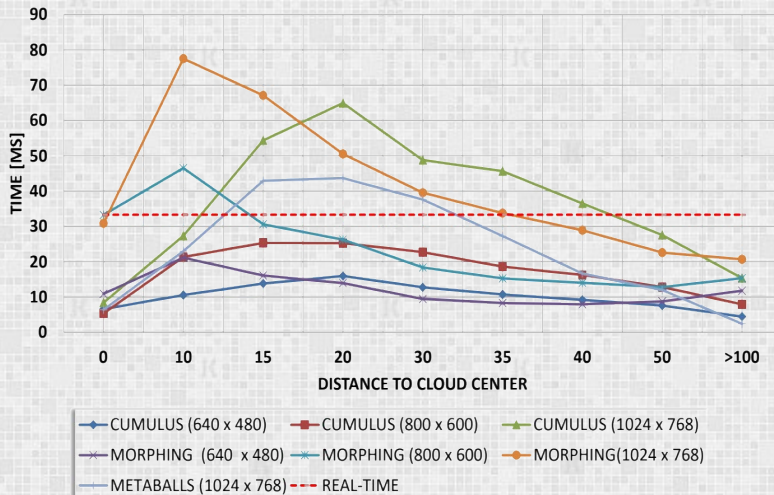


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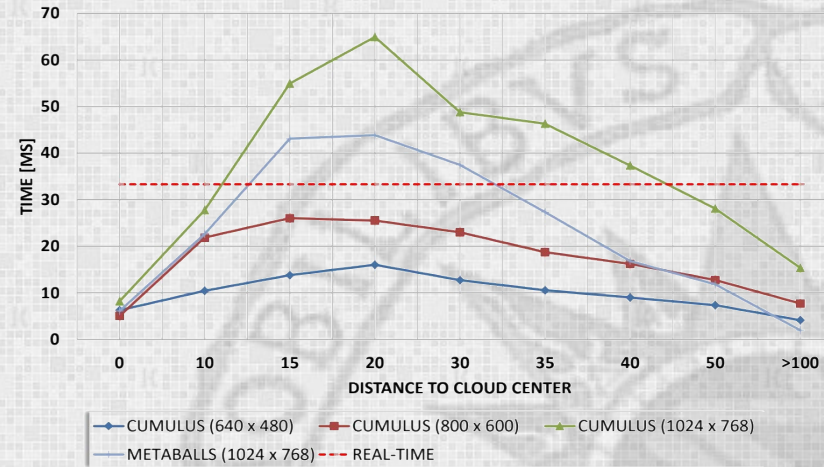
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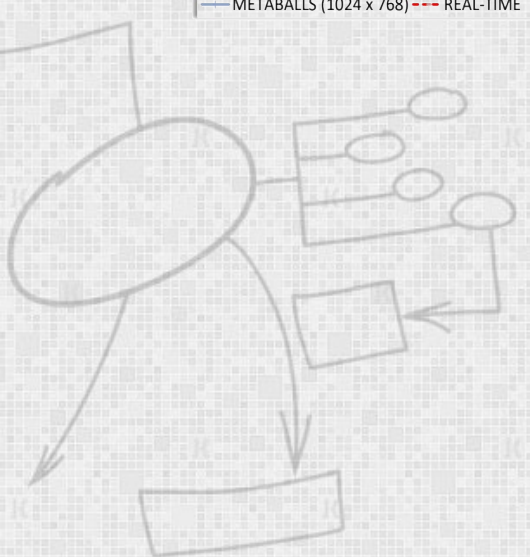


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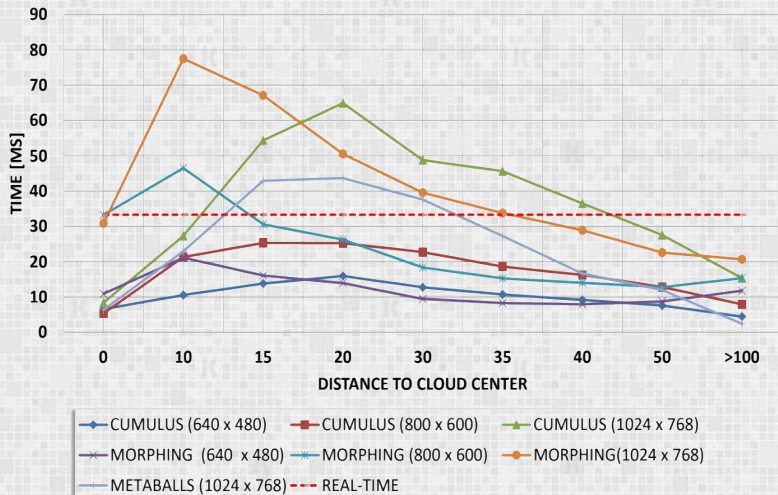
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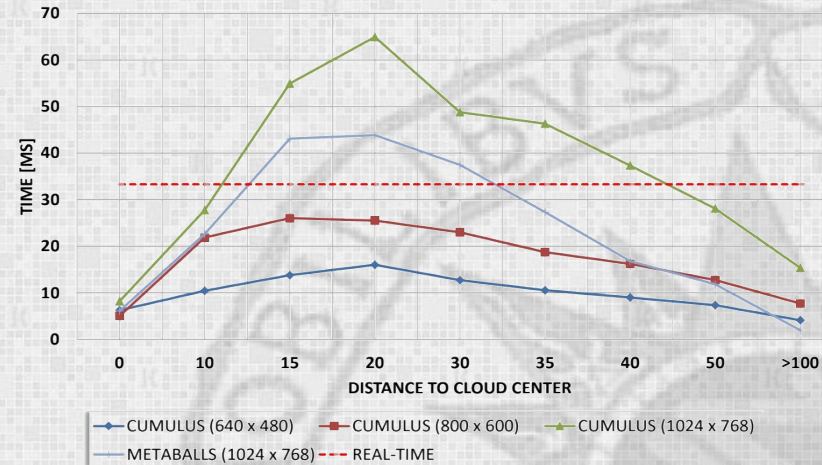
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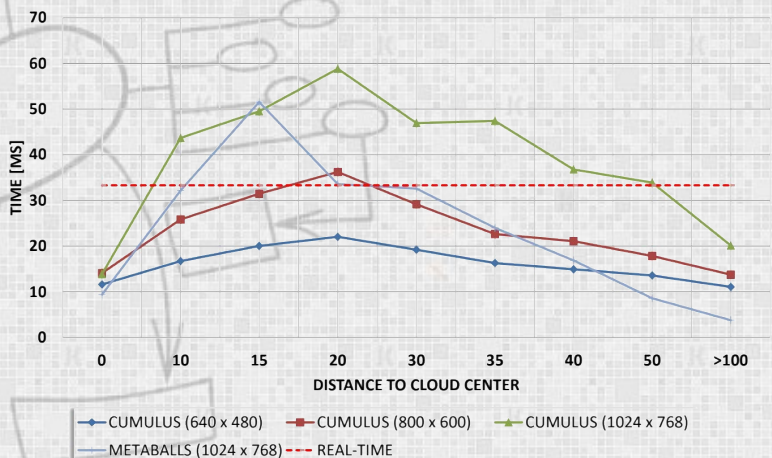
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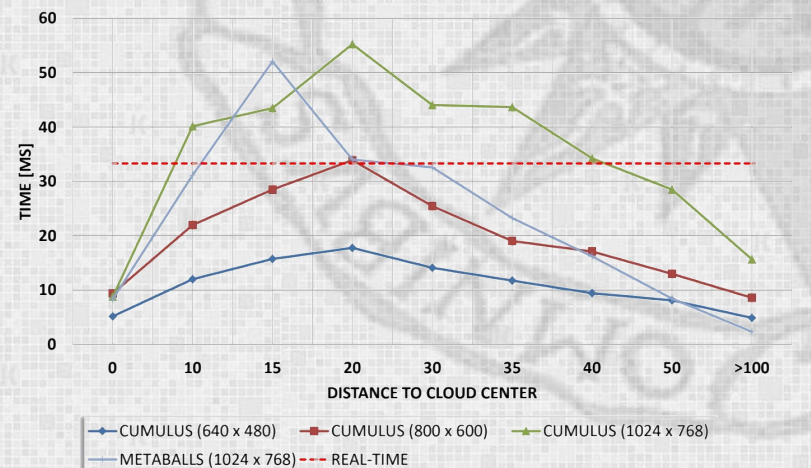
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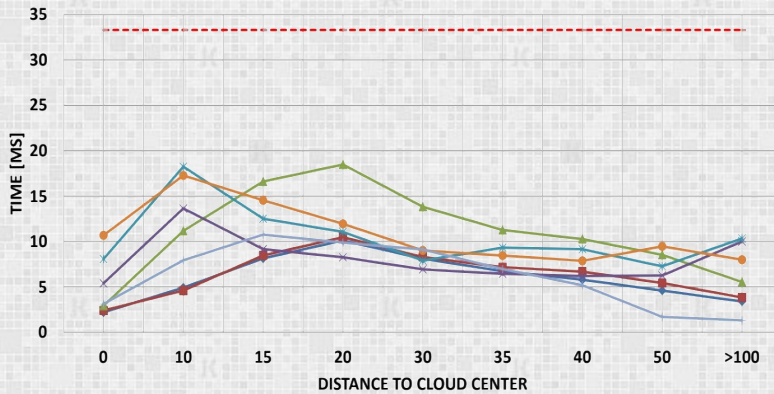


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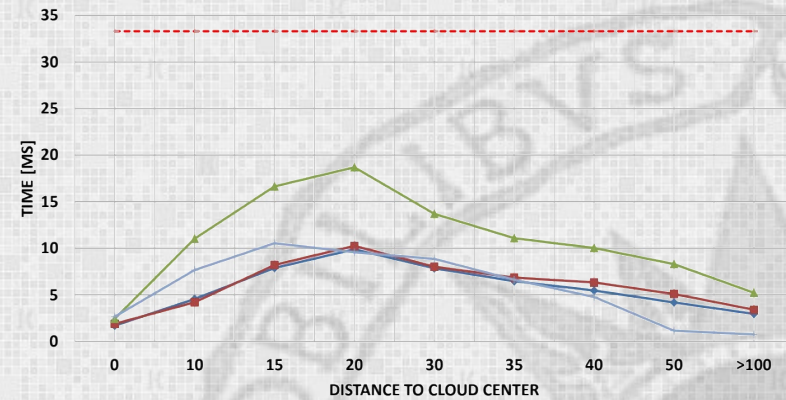
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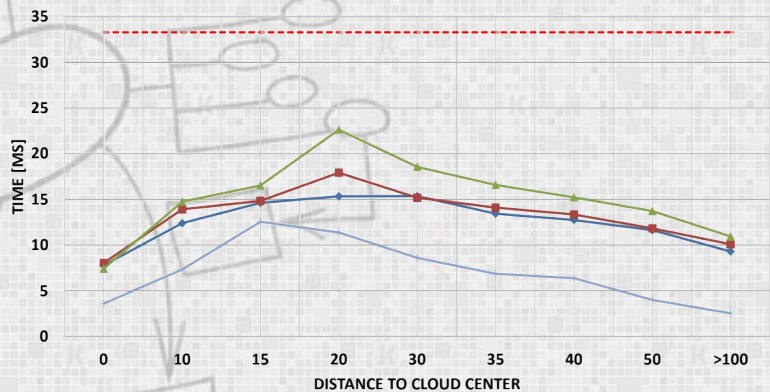
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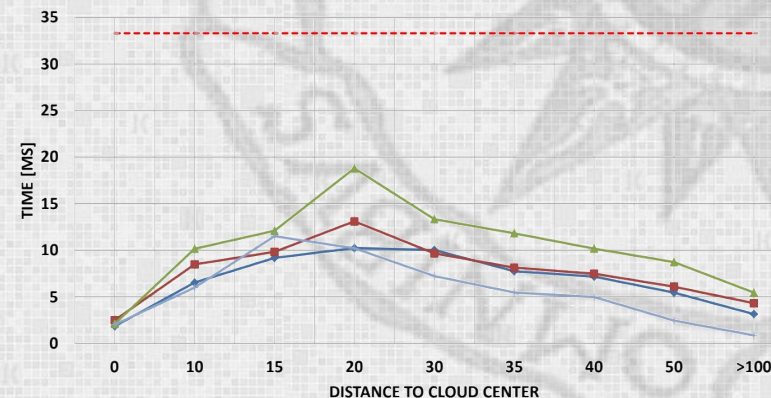
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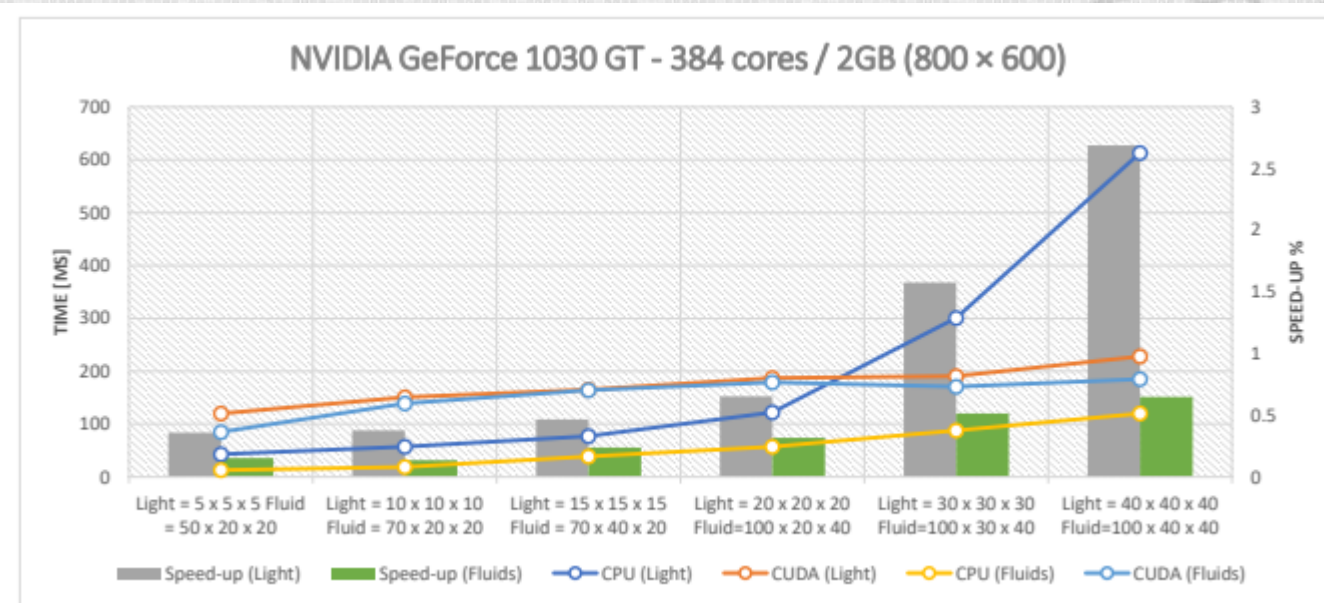
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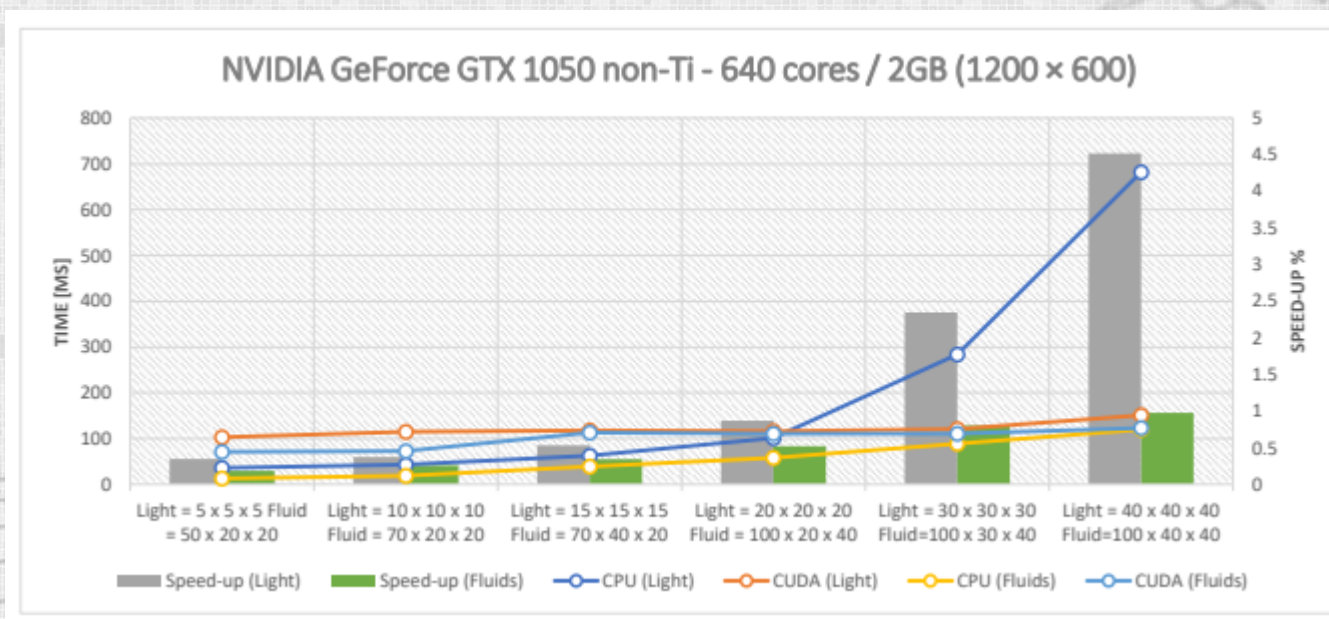


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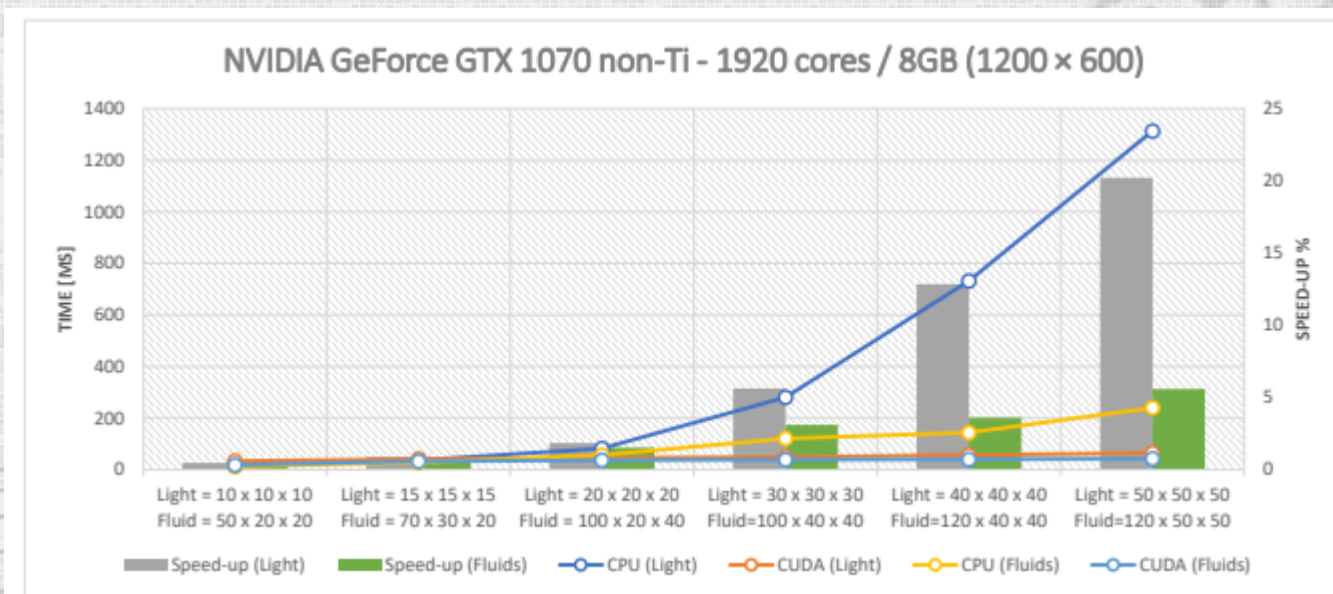
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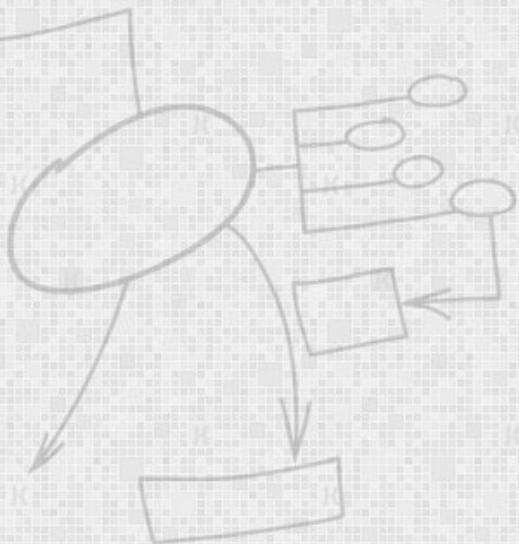
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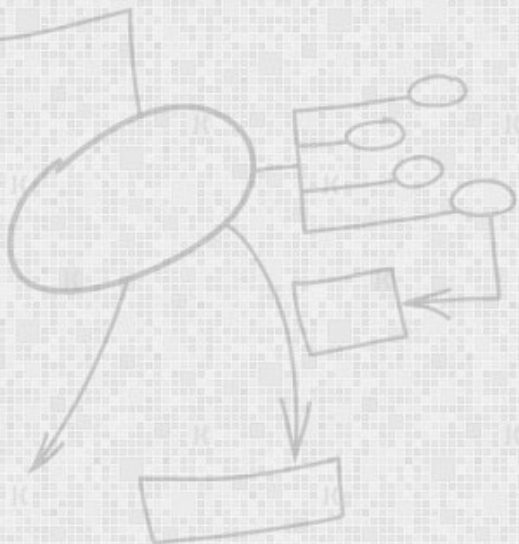
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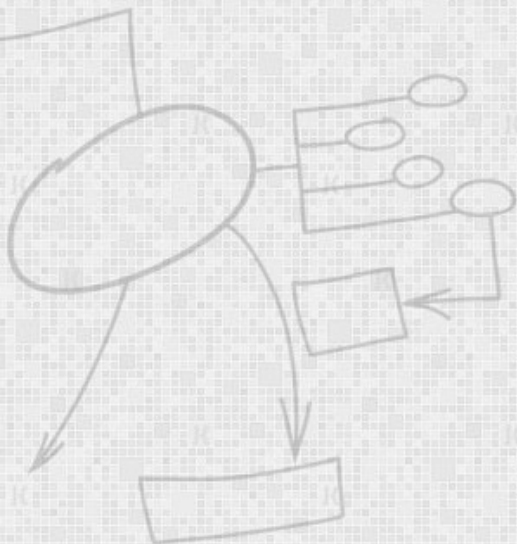
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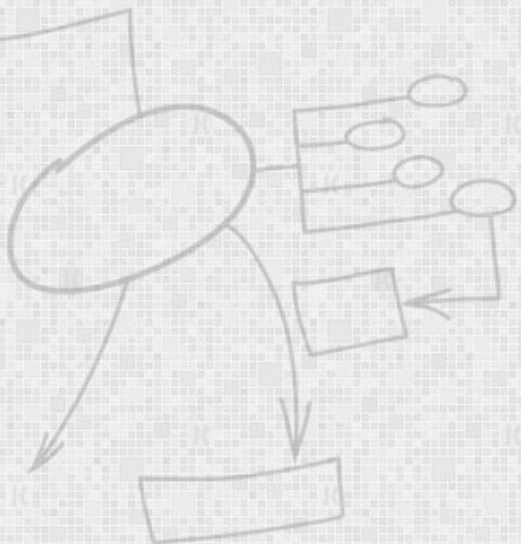
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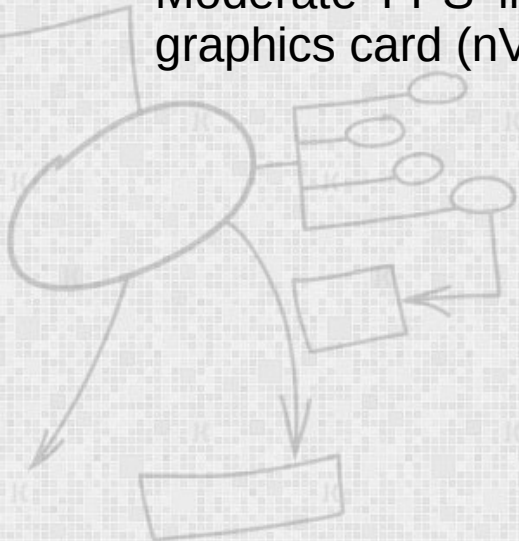
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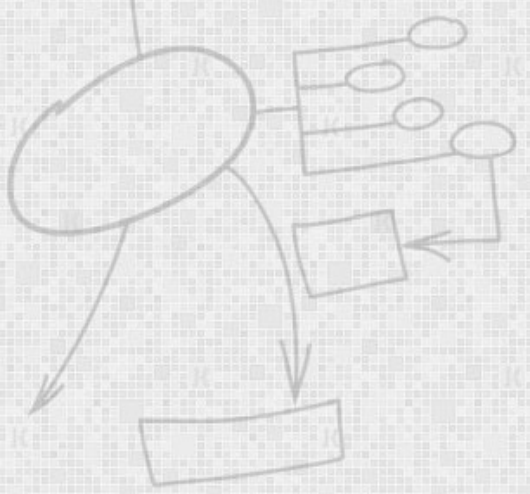
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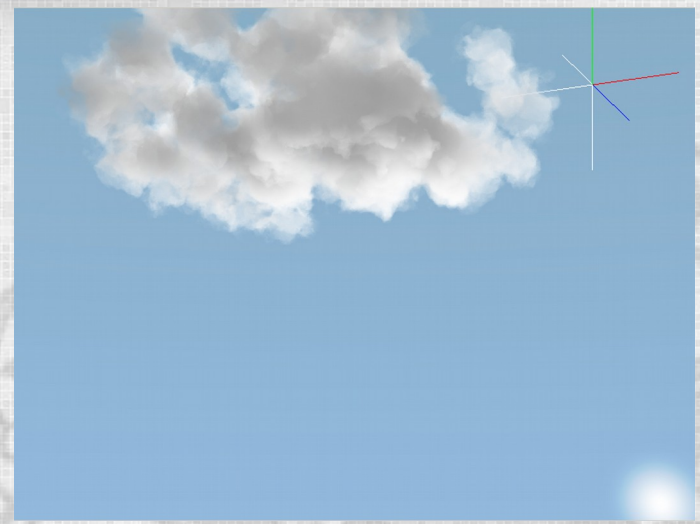
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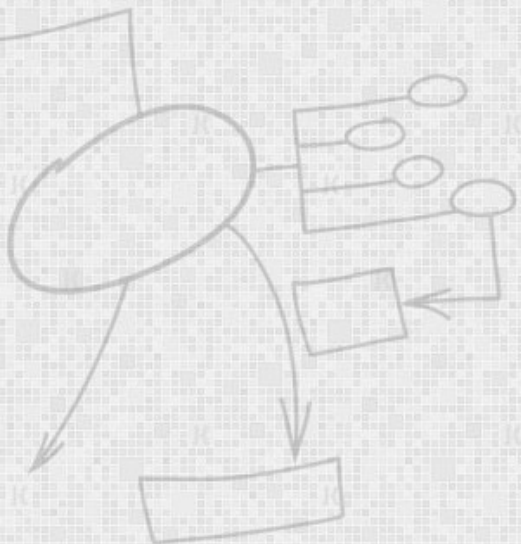
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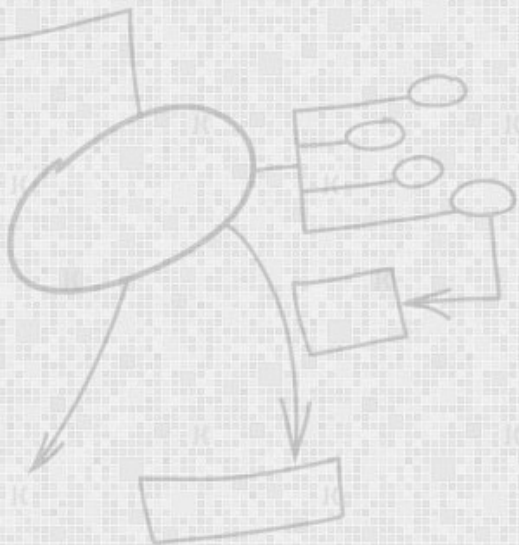
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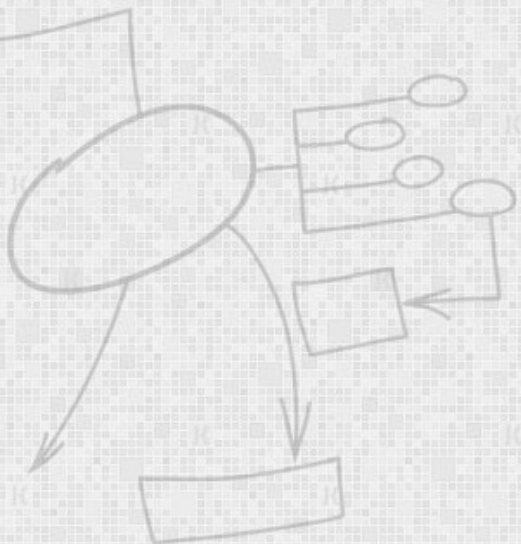
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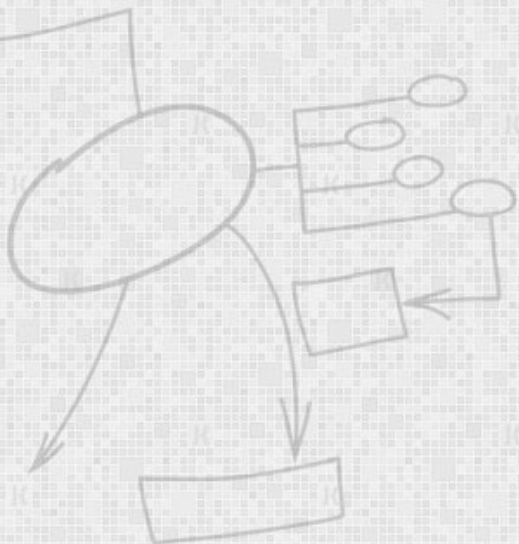
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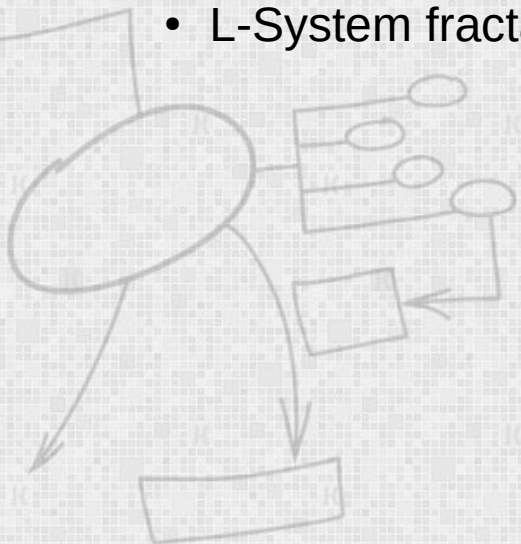
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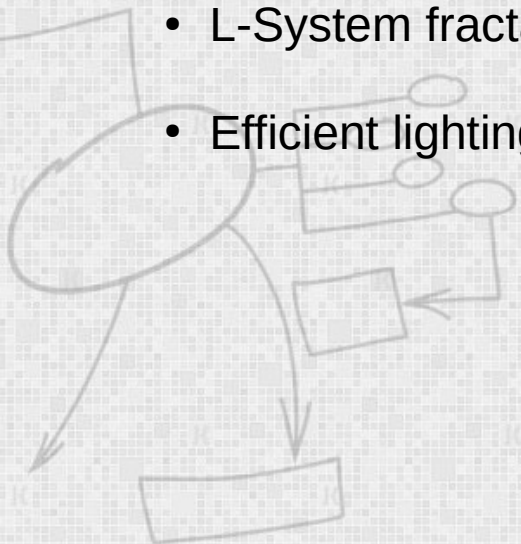


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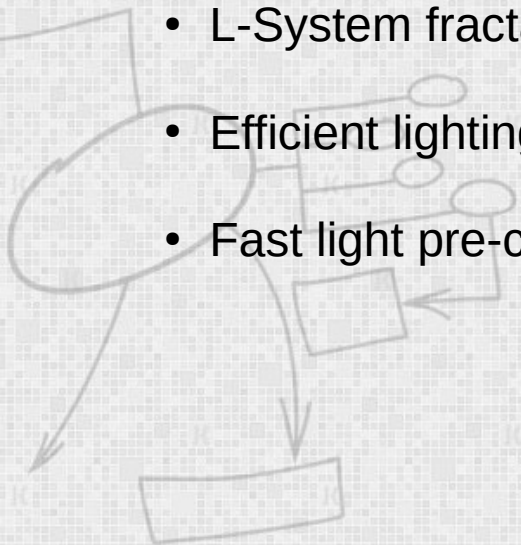
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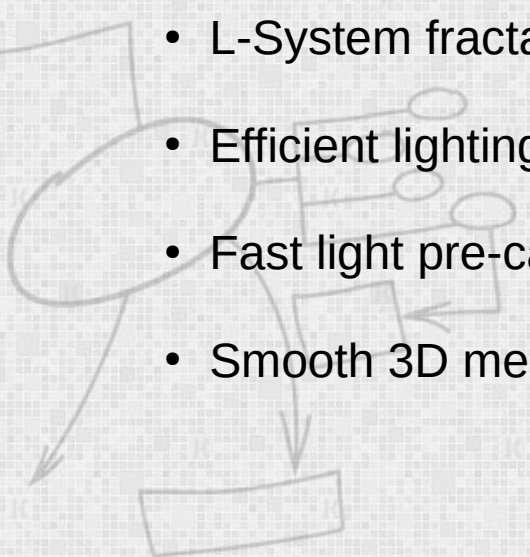
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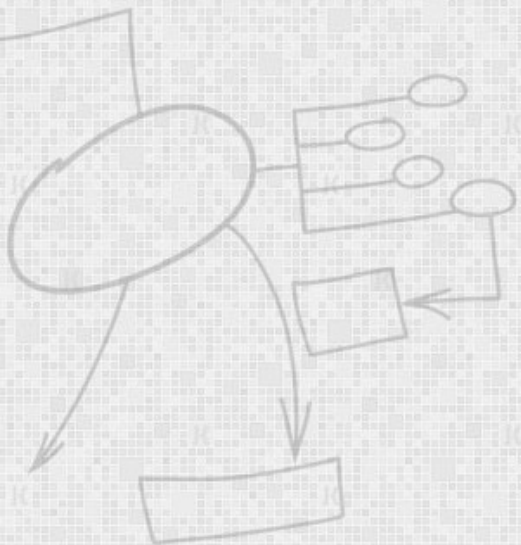
### Thesis

*The initial hypothesis is confirmed and these algorithms are good candidates for applications requiring an optimum balance between realism and performance to be applied in the entry-level graphics industry.*

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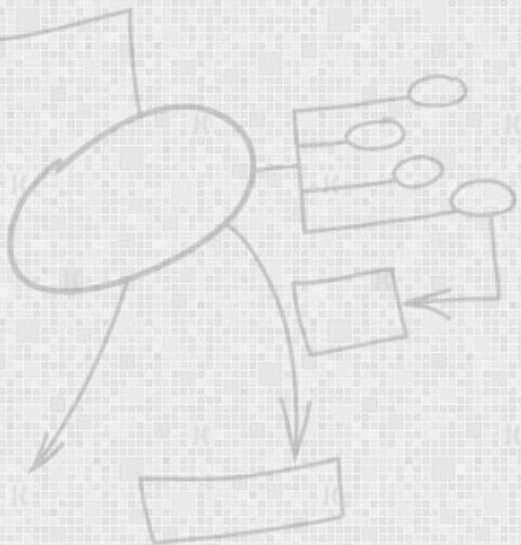
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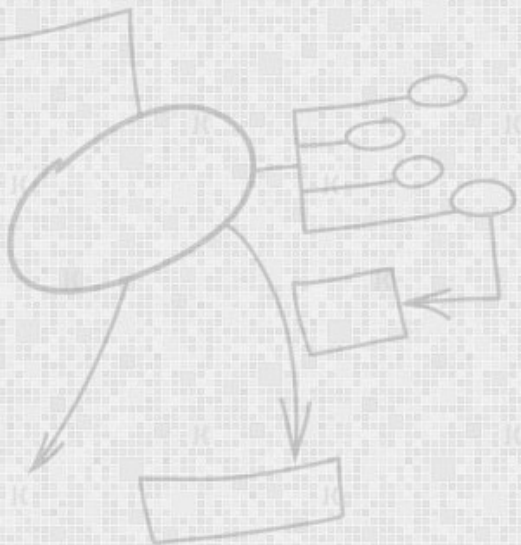
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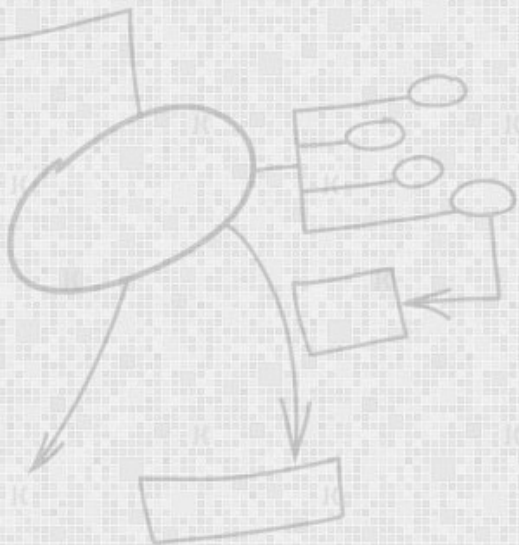
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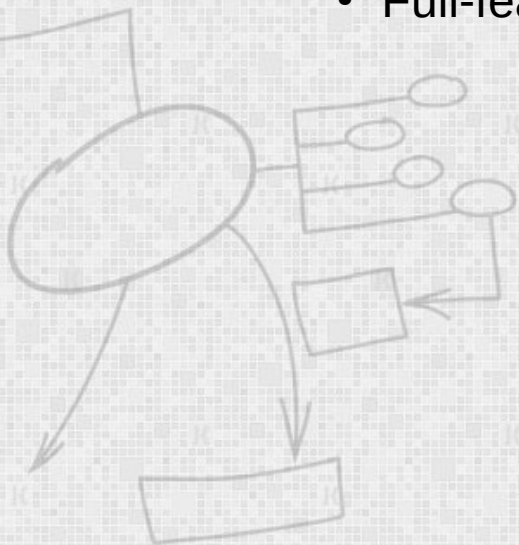
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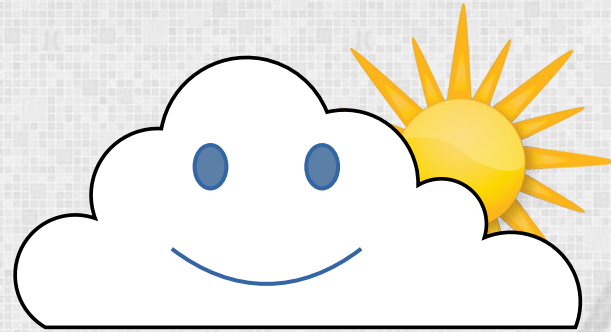


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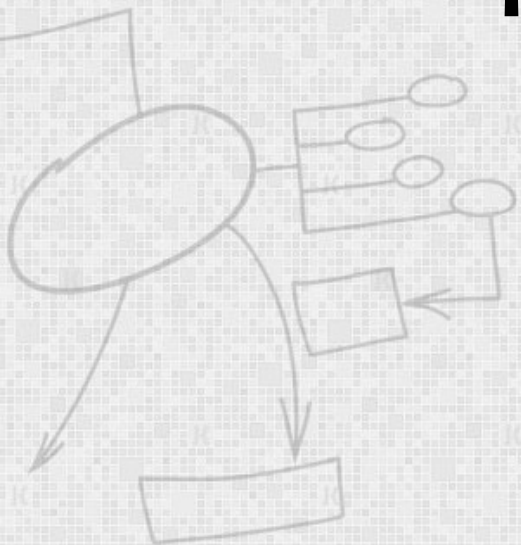


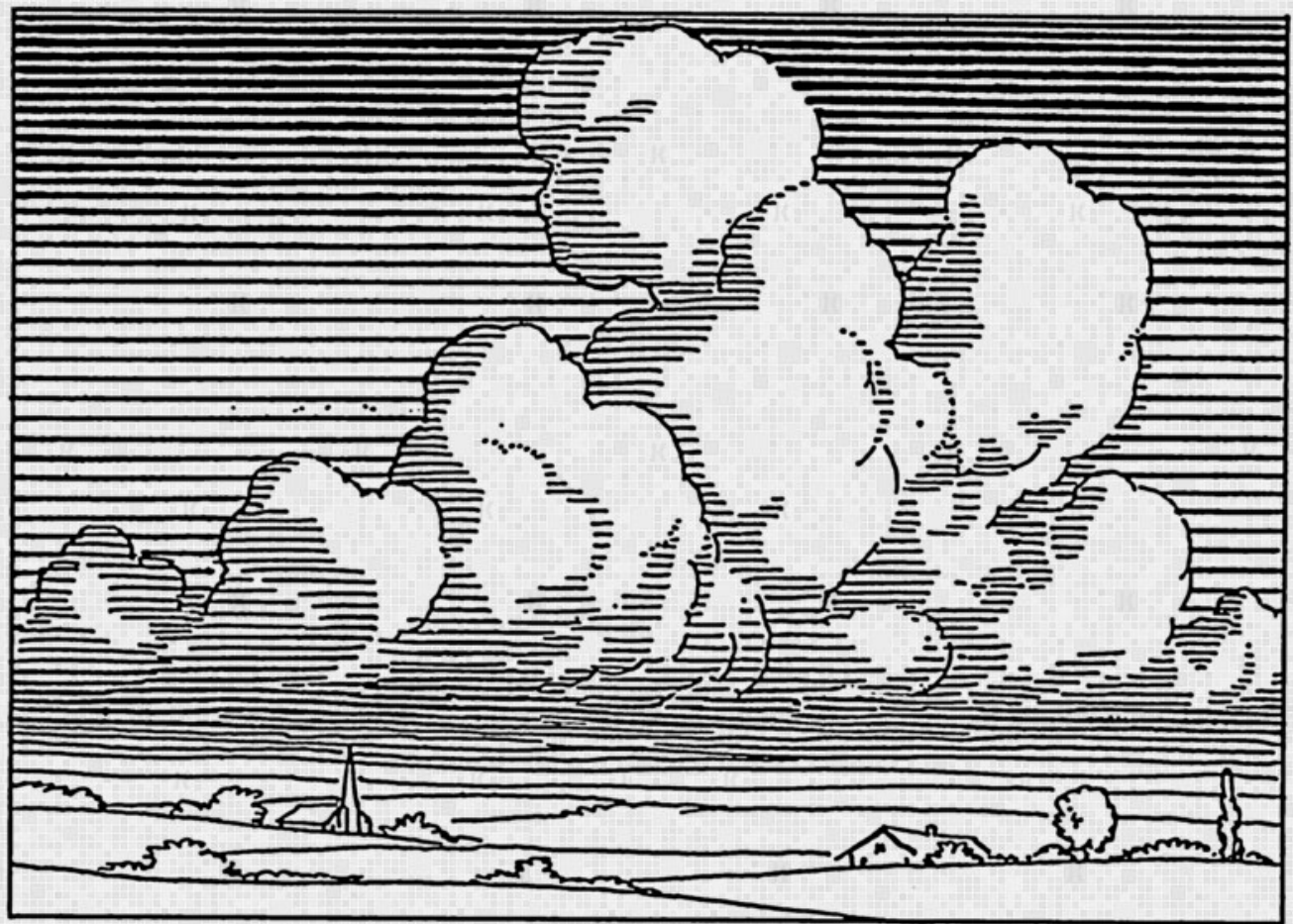
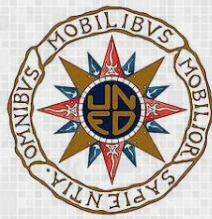
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¡Muchas gracias!



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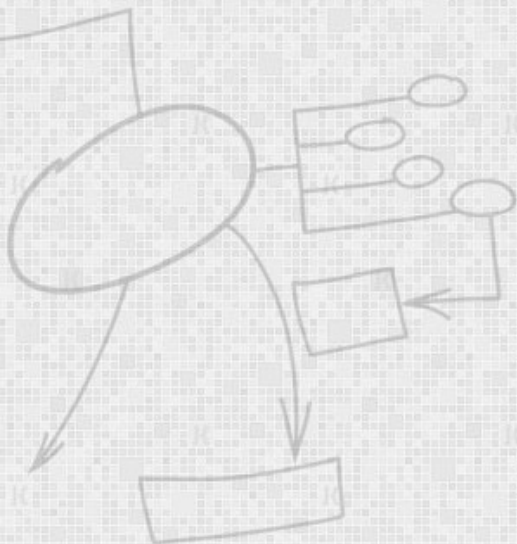
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