

Volume Rendering

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Overview

Volumetric Processes:

Absorption

Scattering

Transmittance

Phase Functions

Volumetric Rendering Equation

Volumetric Path Tracing

Woodcock Tracking

Fog



Aerial View



Snow

A photograph of a winter scene. In the foreground, a wooden bench with vertical slats sits on a thick layer of snow. Behind the bench is a large, dense bush covered in snow. To the left of the bush, there are bare, brown branches. In the background, a red brick building is visible on the left, and a green tractor with a yellow container is partially visible on the right. The sky is overcast and grey.

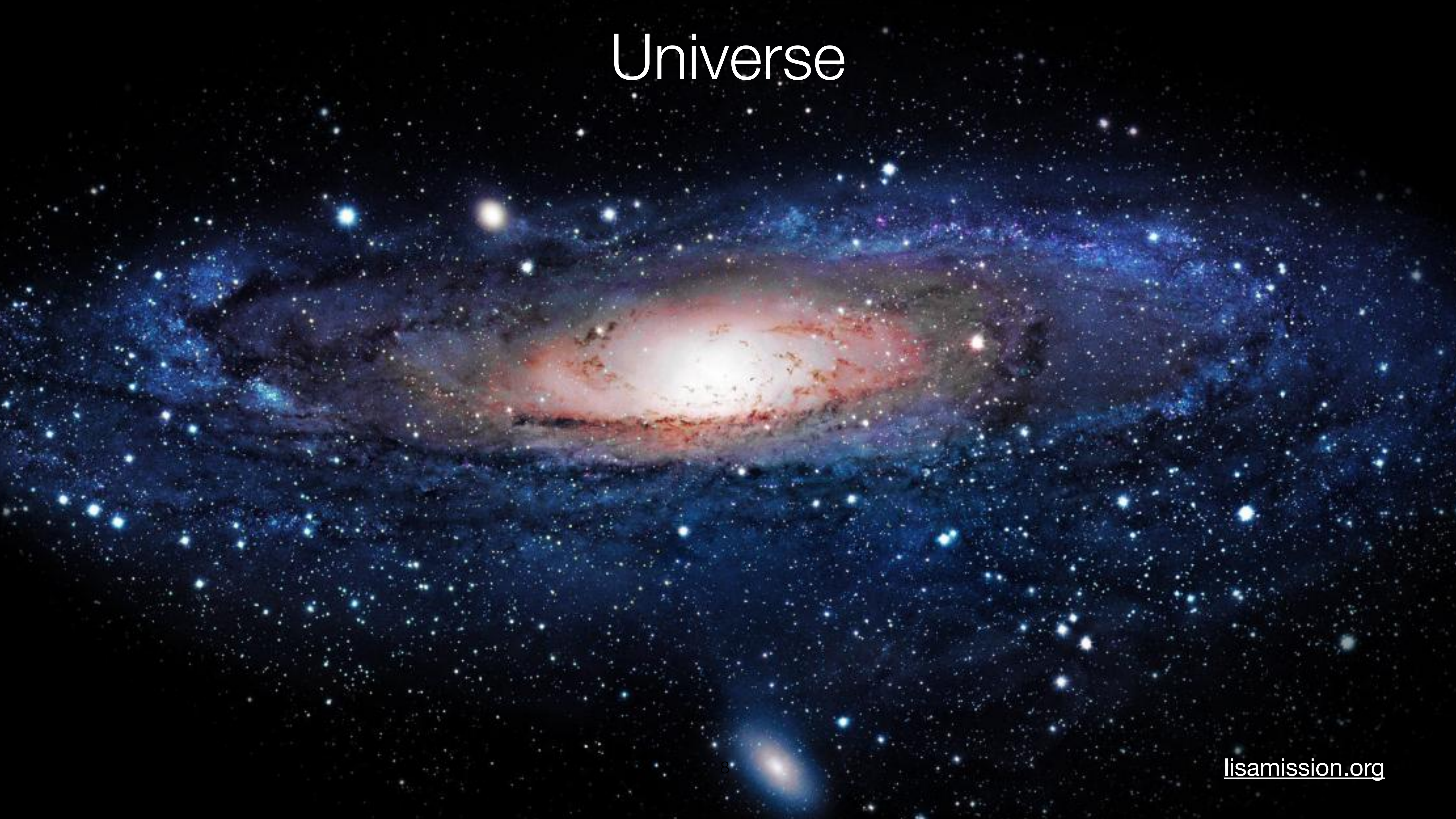
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Fire

Surface or Volume?



Universe



Defining Participating Media

Media properties are modeled as a probabilistic process

No need to consider individual interactions with particles (won't fit in the memory)

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Homogeneous media:

- Infinite or bounded by a simple surface or simple shape

Krivanek et al. [2014]



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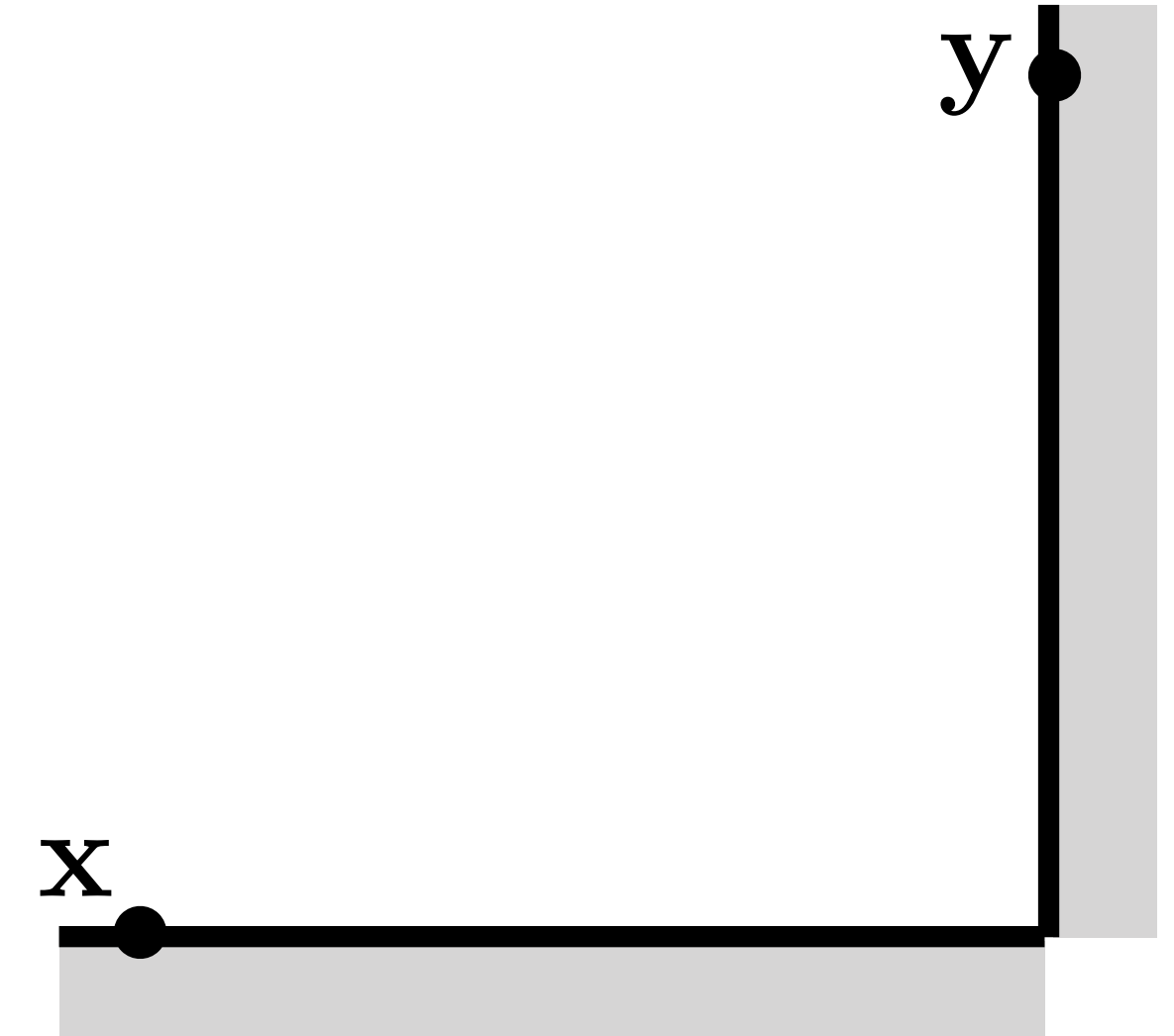
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- Procedurally e.g. using a noise function
- Simulation + volume discretization, e.g., voxel grid



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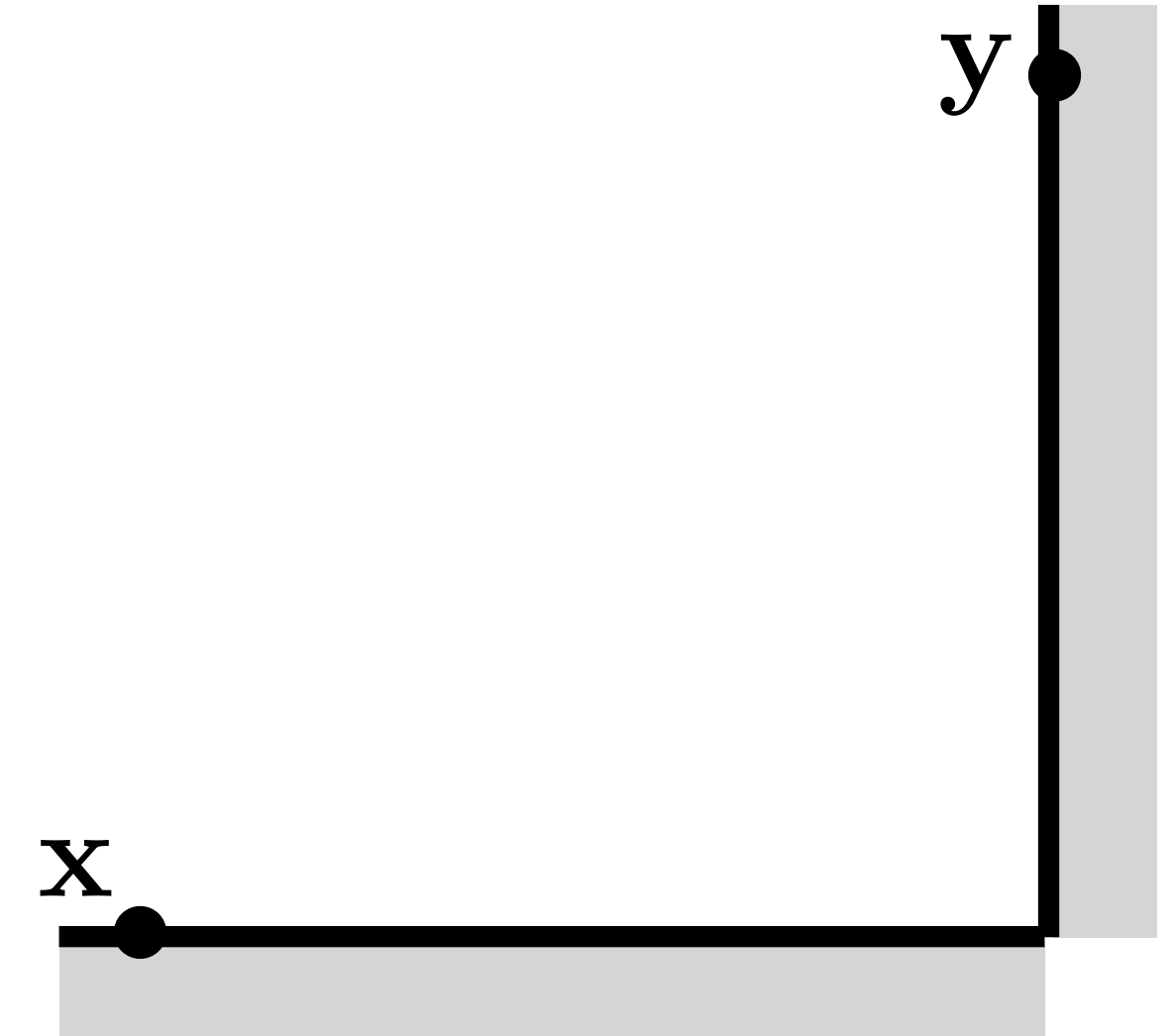
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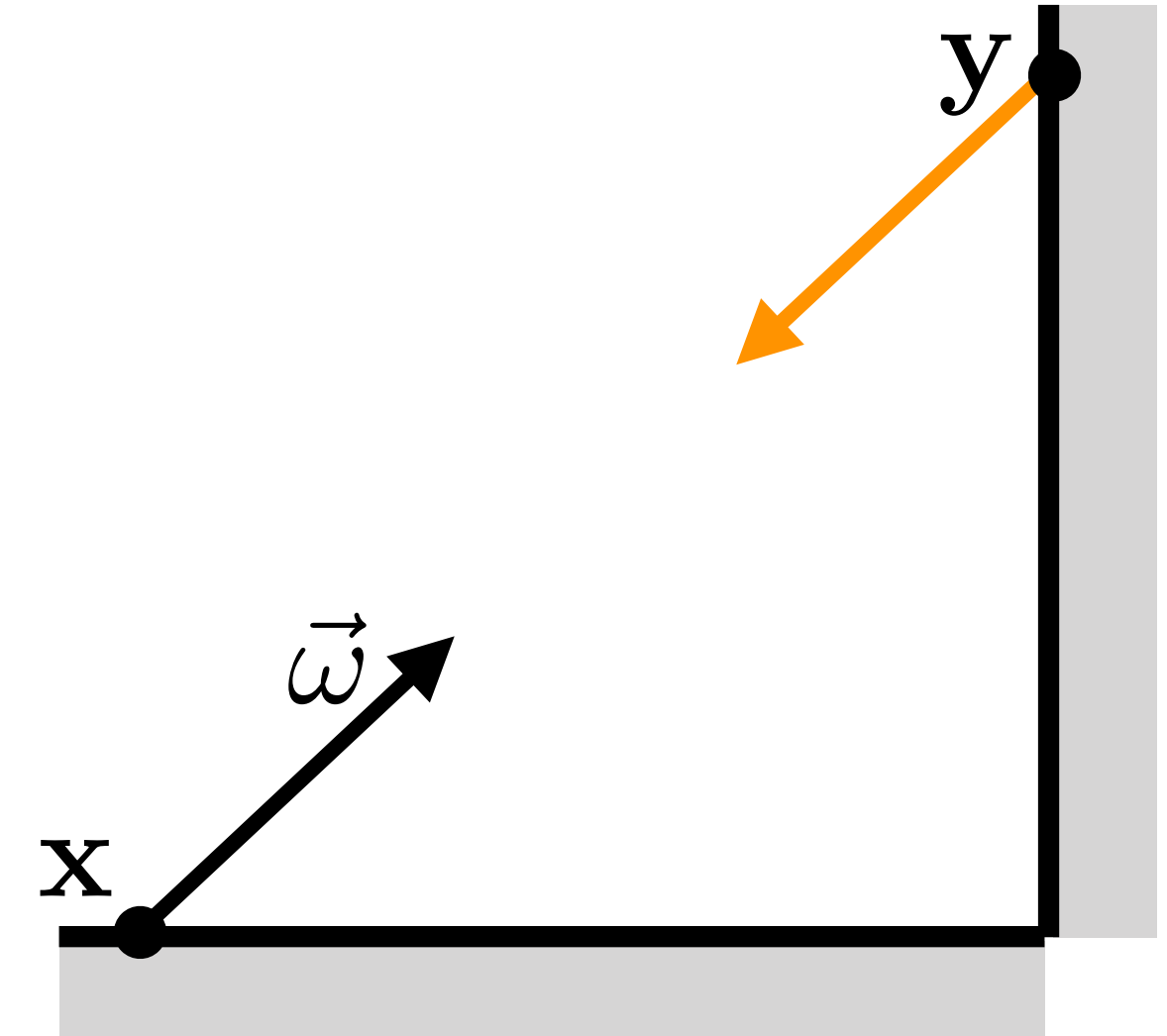
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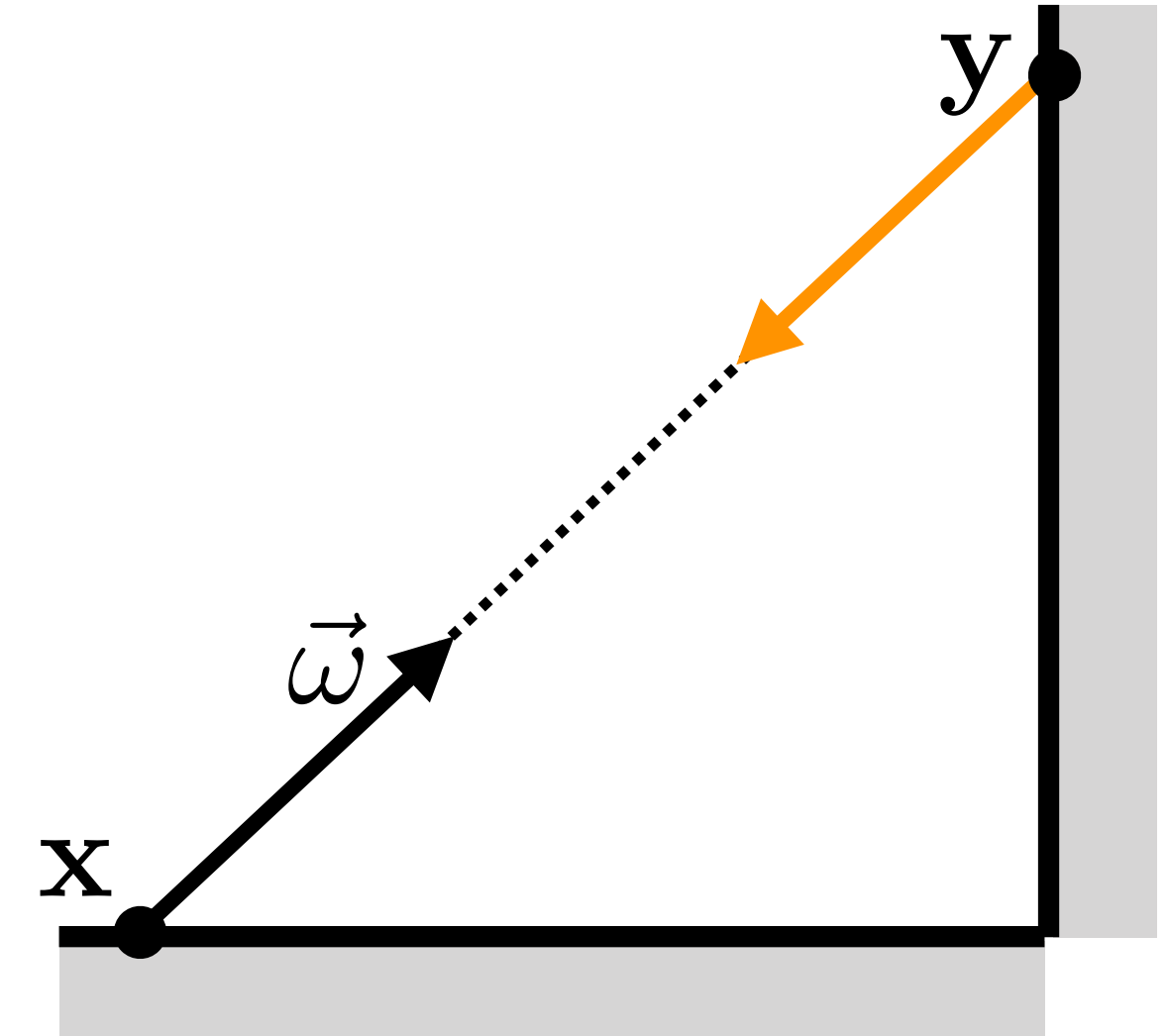
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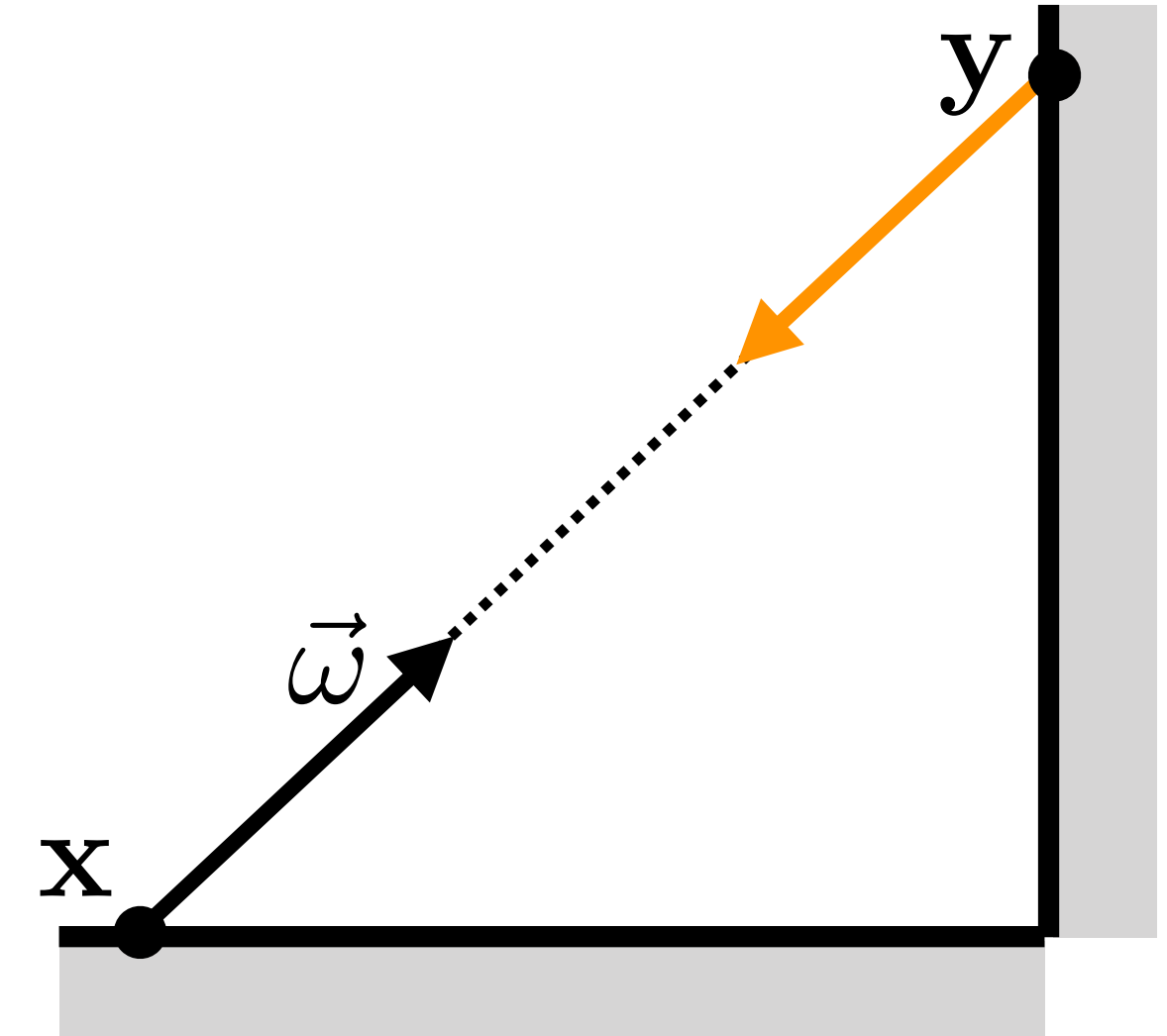


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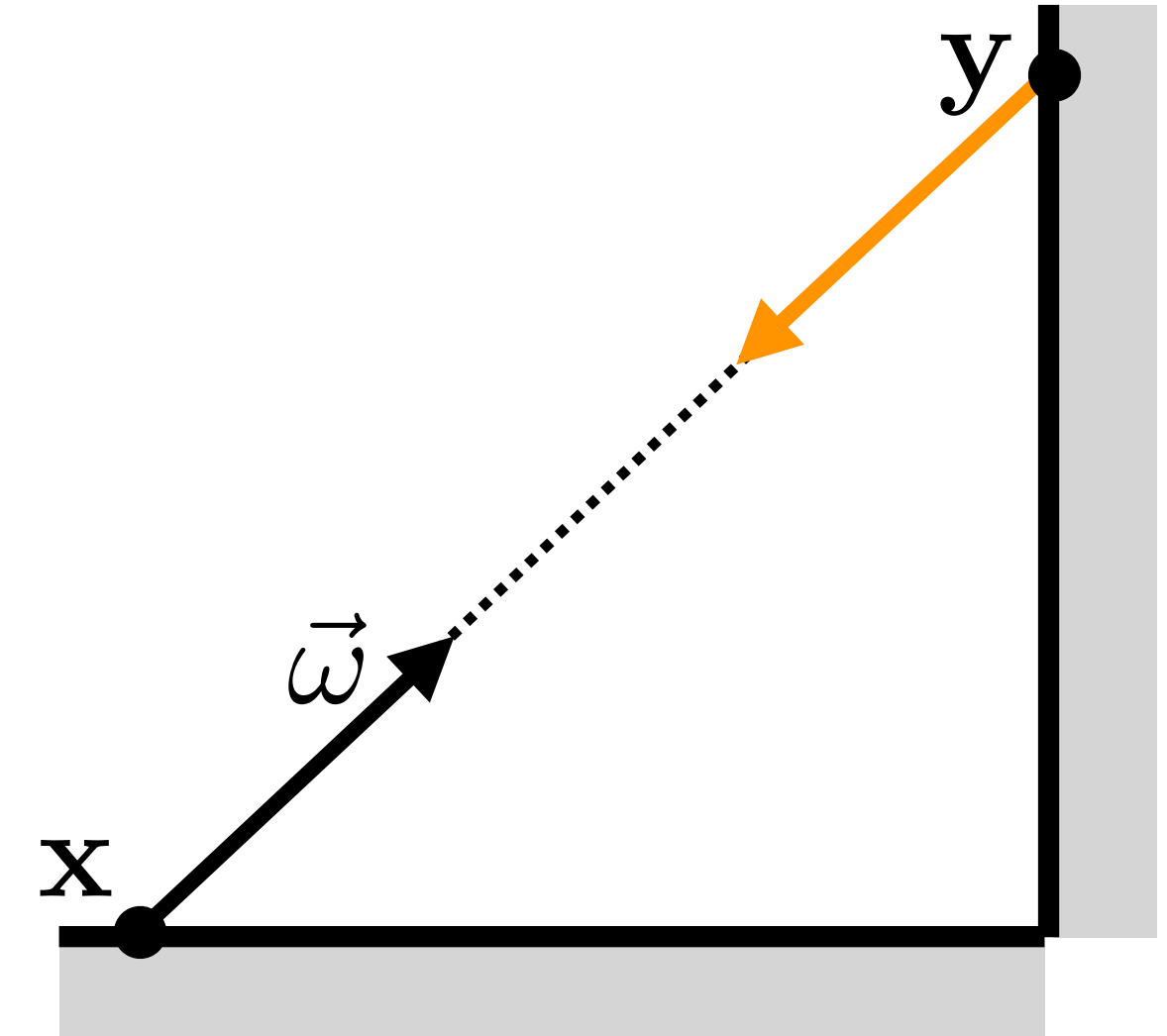
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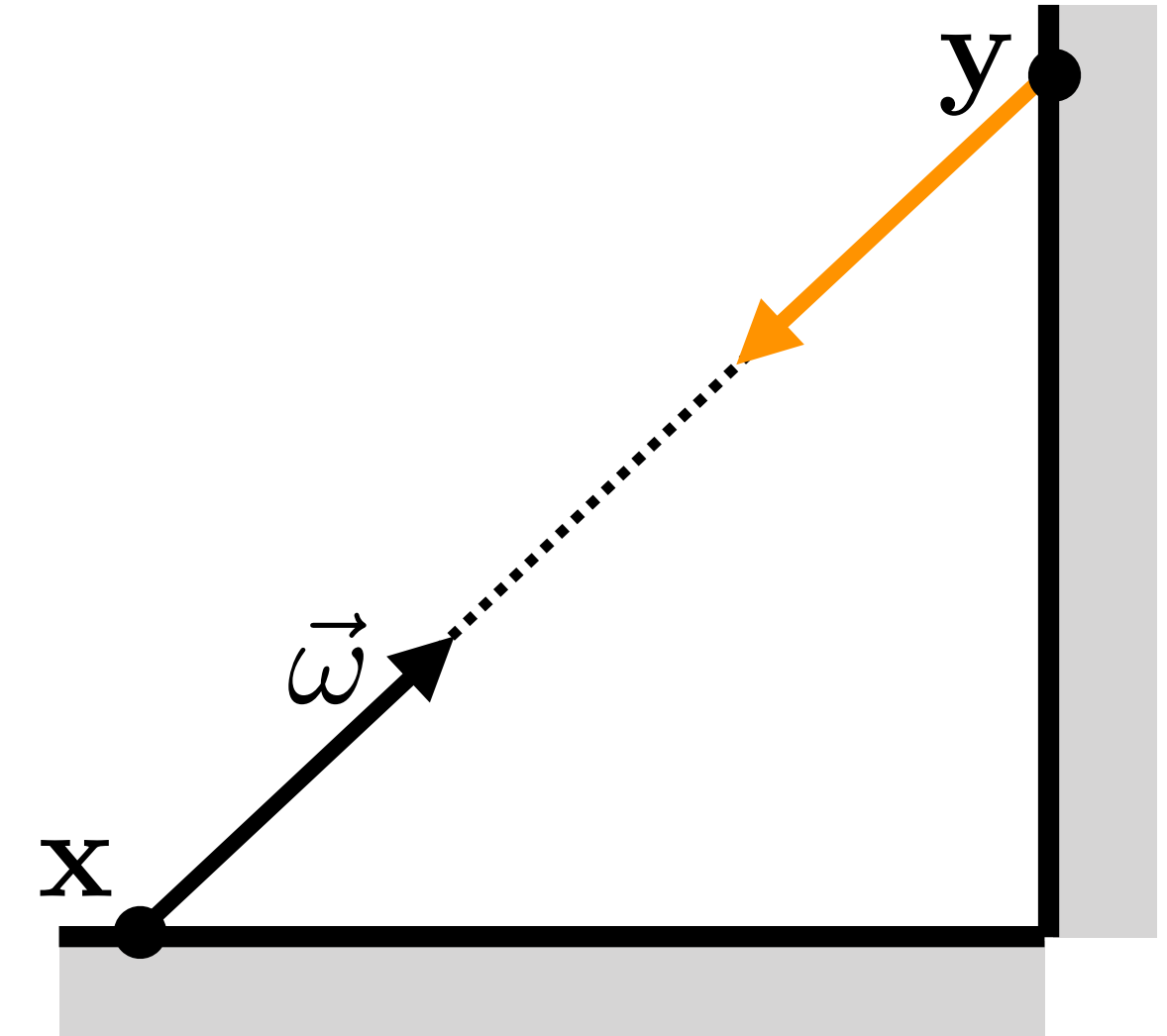
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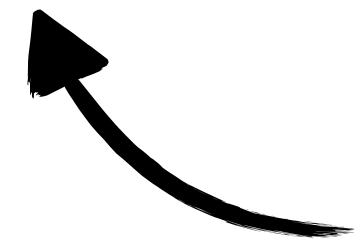
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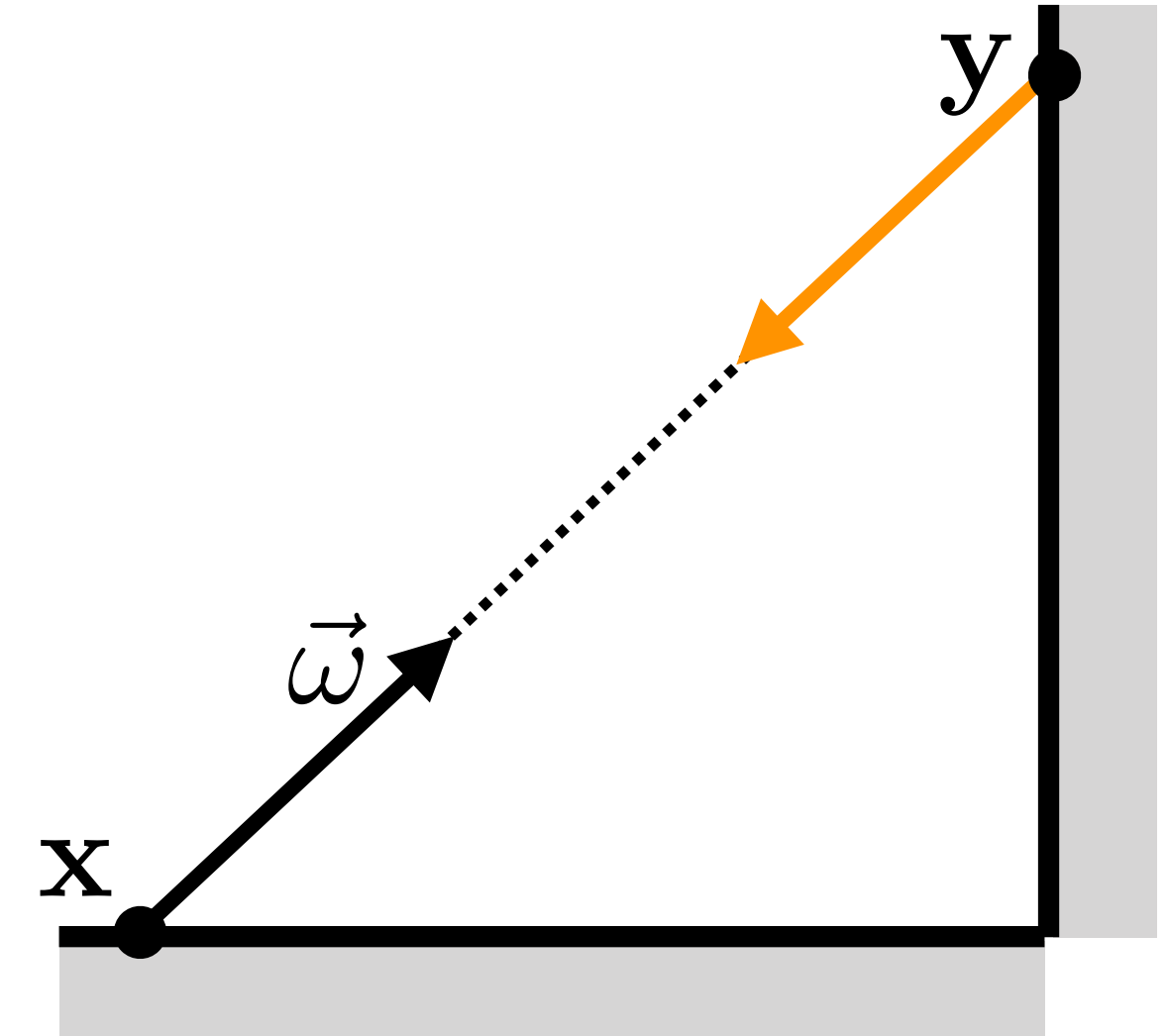


ray tracing function

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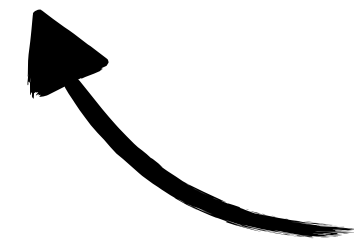
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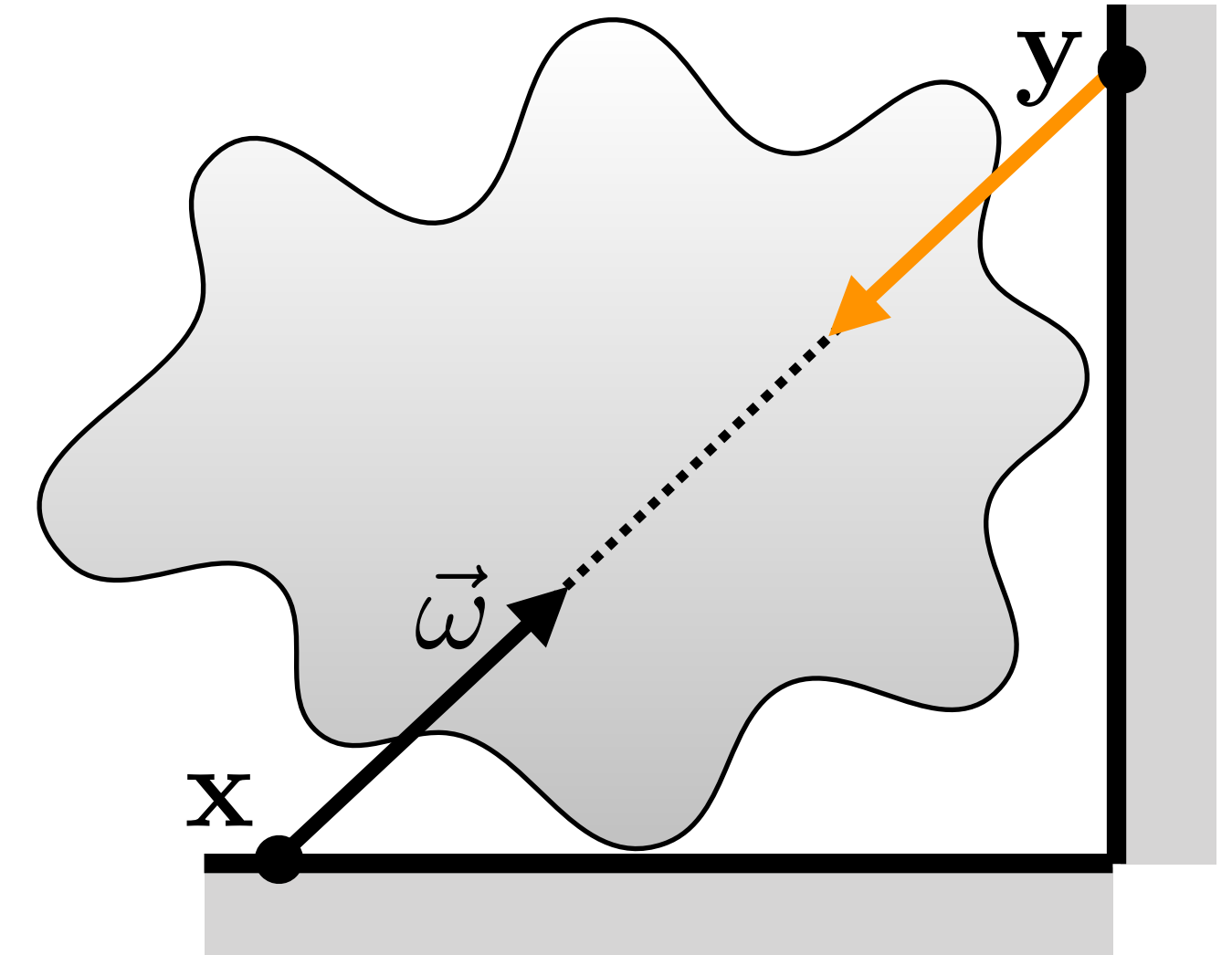
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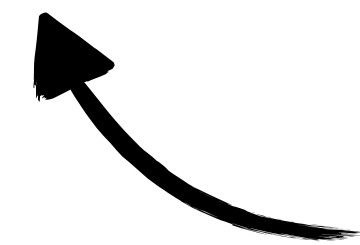
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In **participating media**, radiance may change along rays between surfaces



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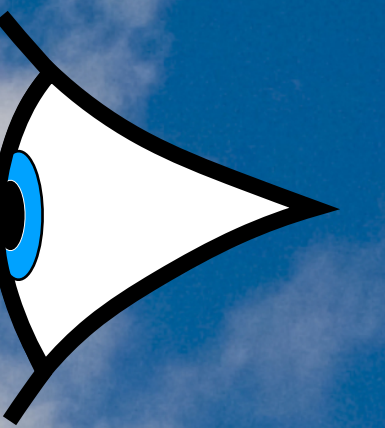
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Volumetric Scattering Processes

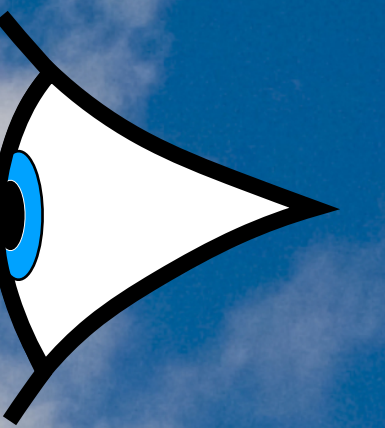


Slide after Jan Novak

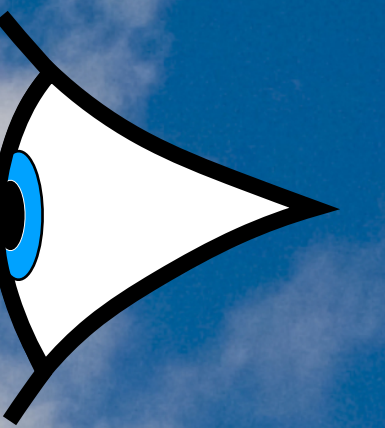
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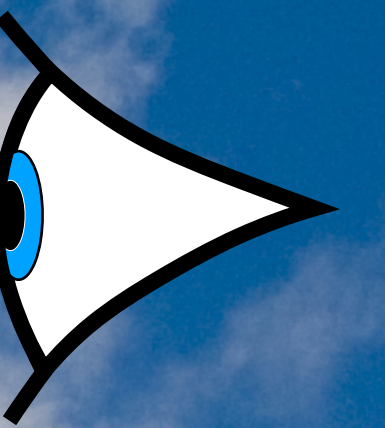
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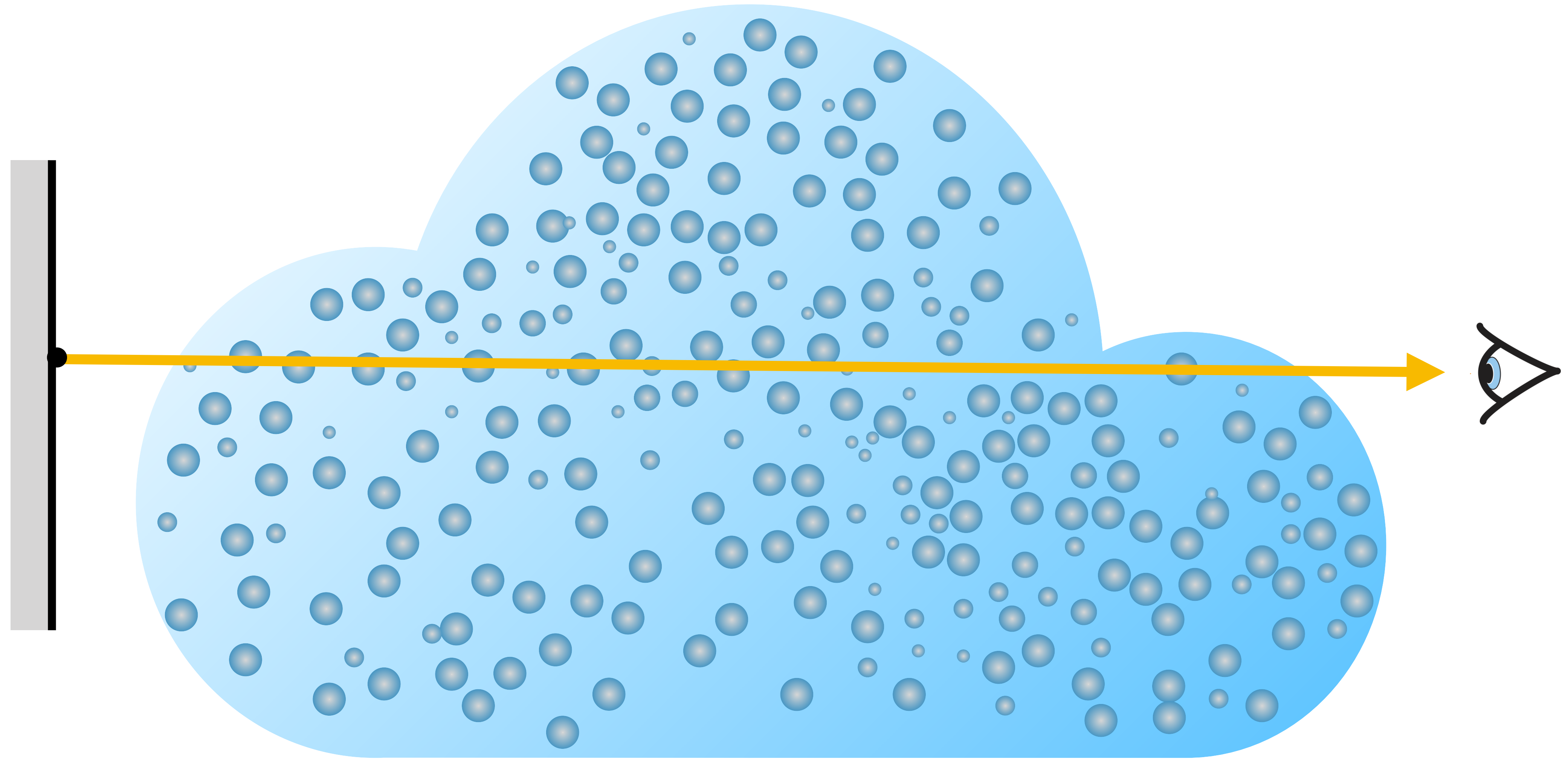
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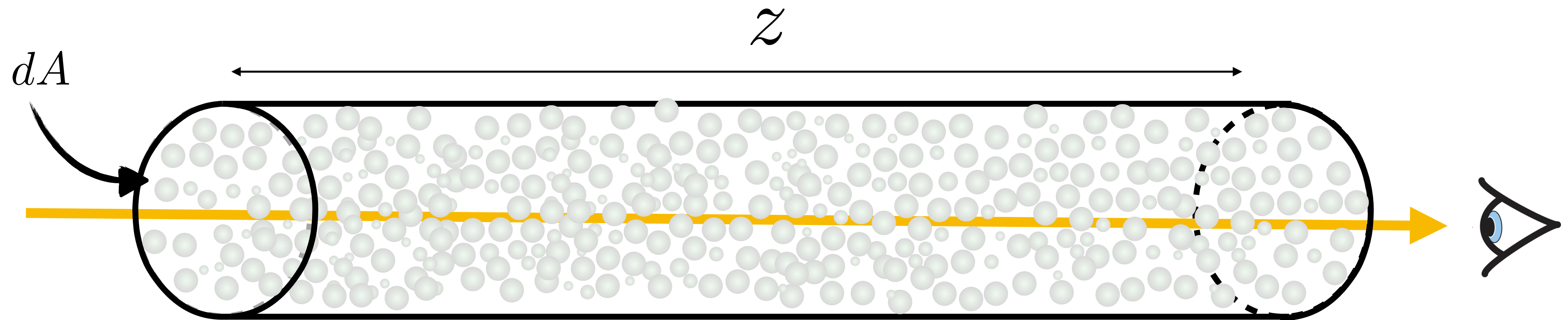
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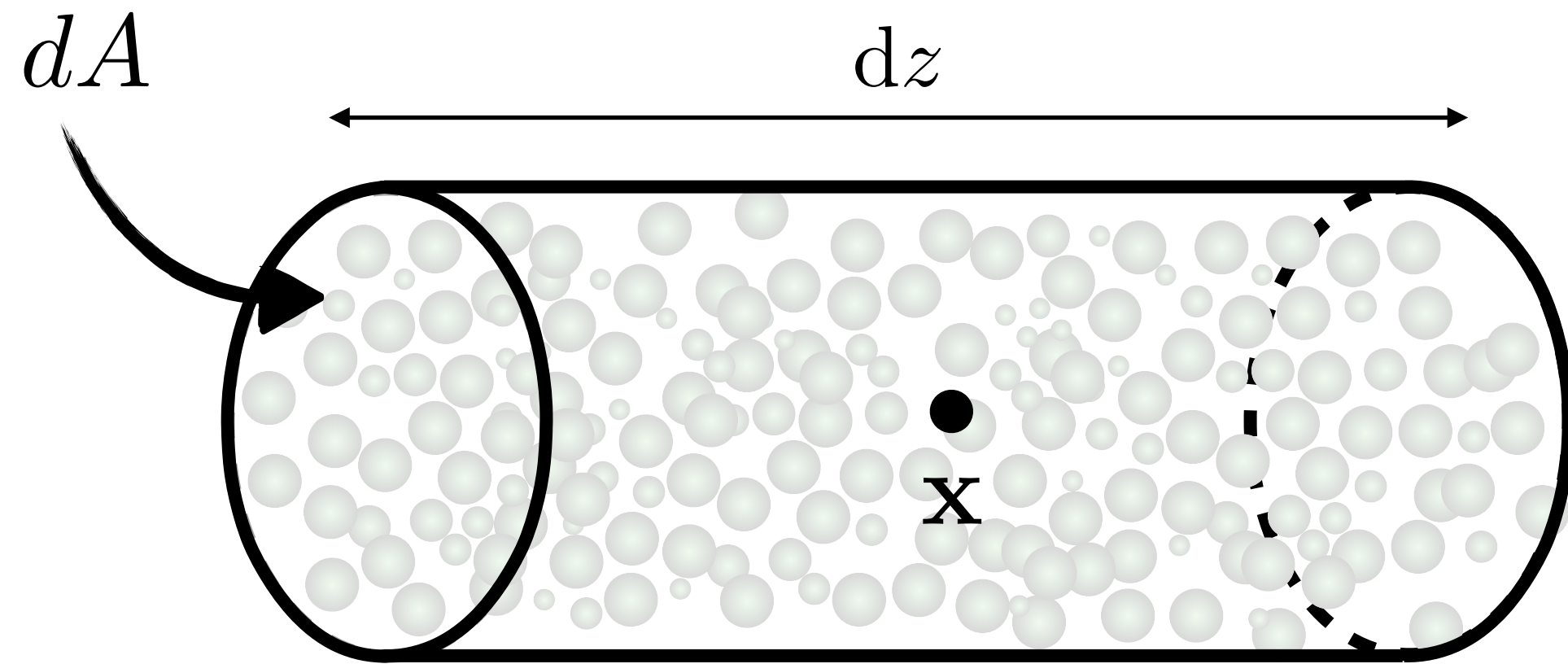


Finite distance Beam

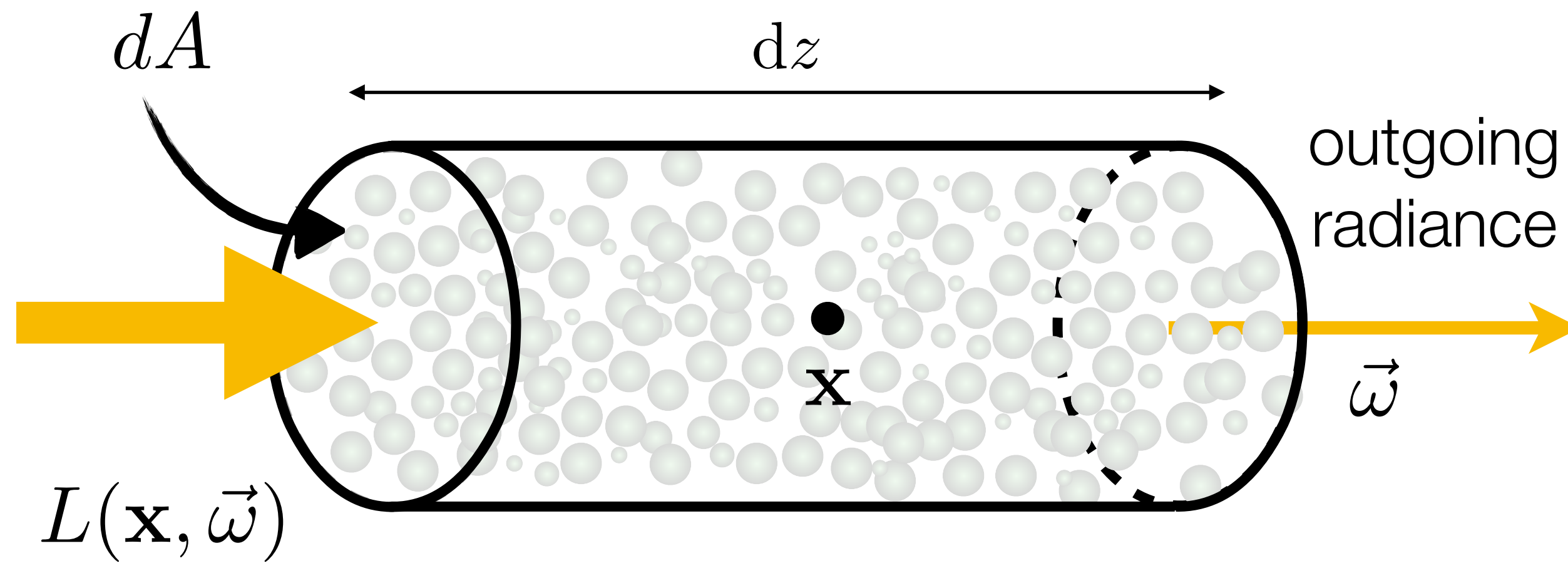


How much light is gained or lost during the travel through this differential beam due to the interactions with the medium?

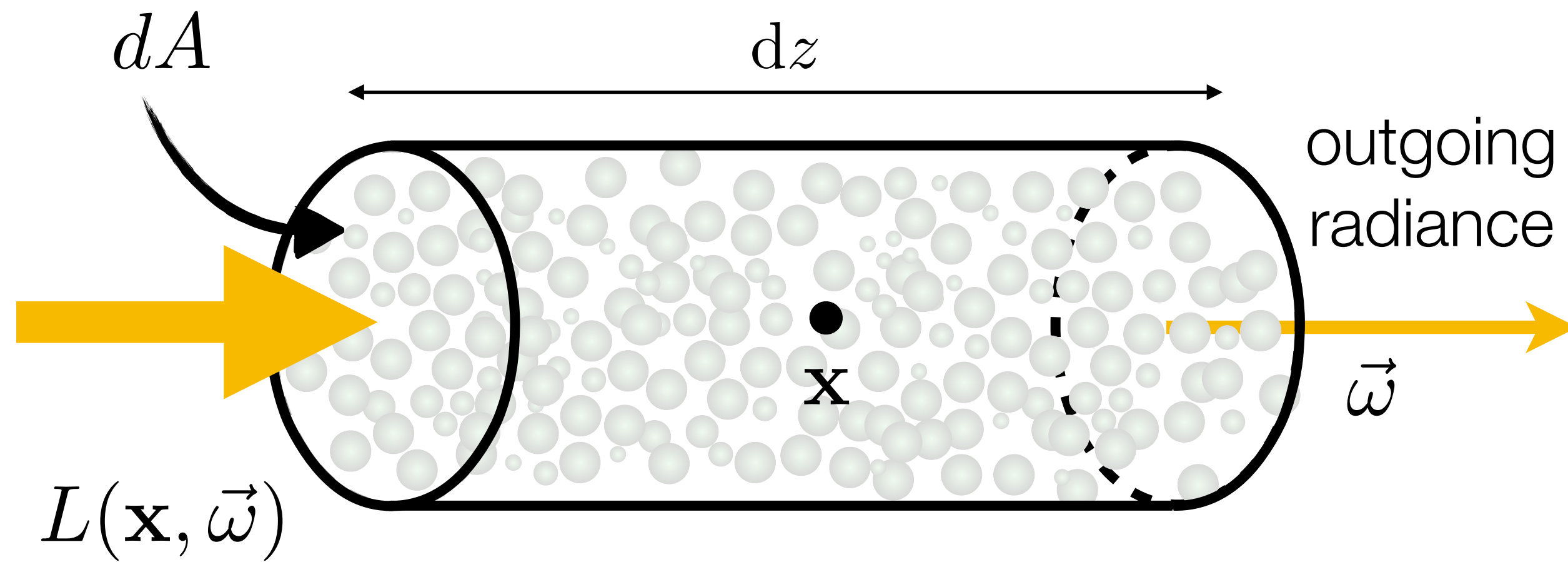
Differential Beam



Absorption

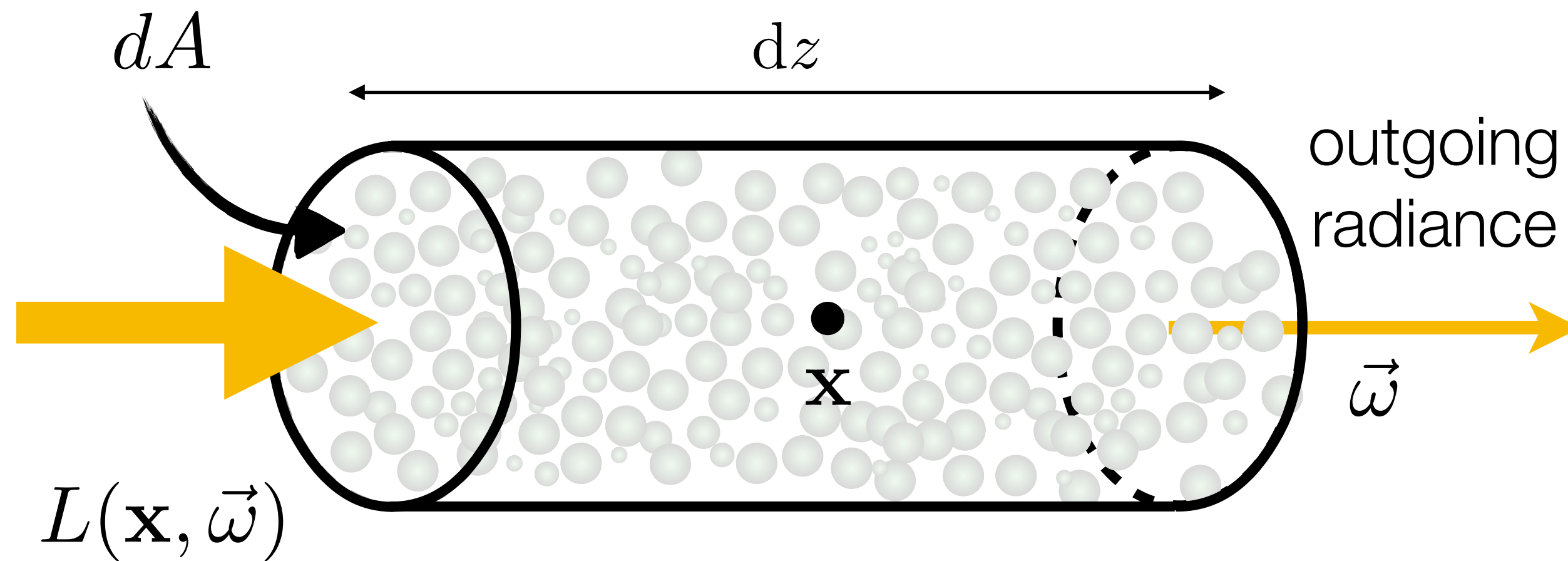


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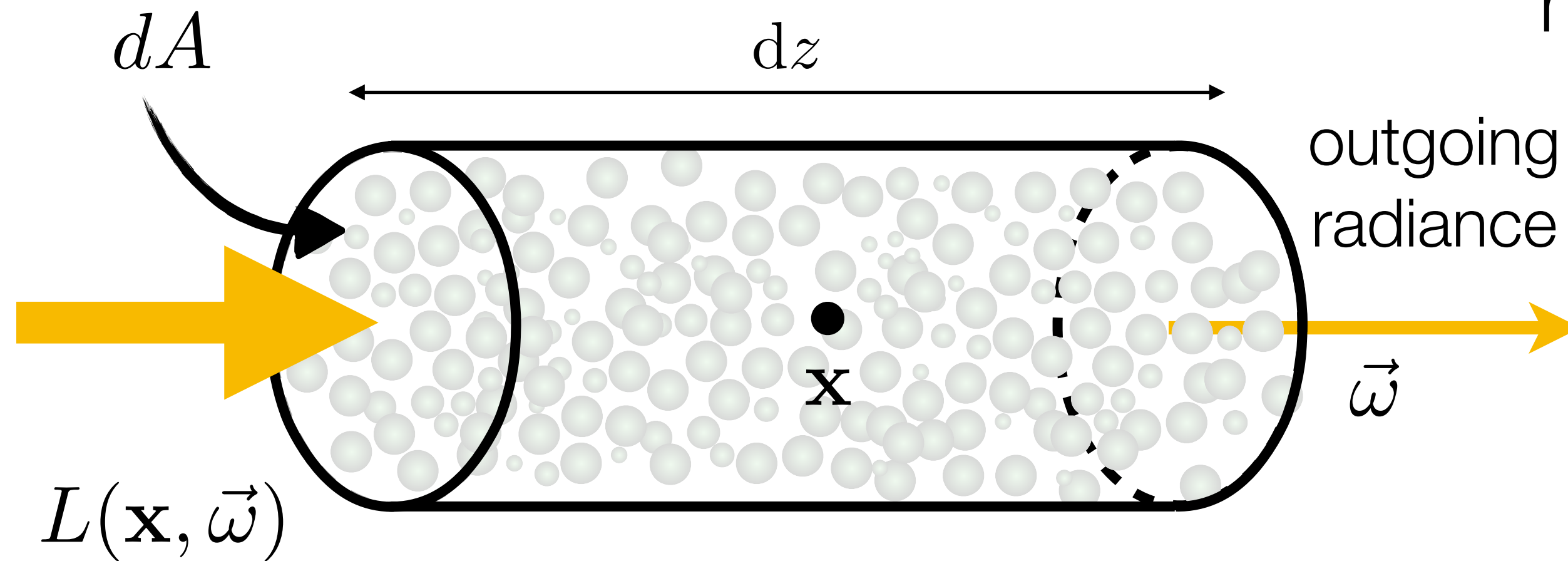


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σ_a : absorption coefficient m^{-1}

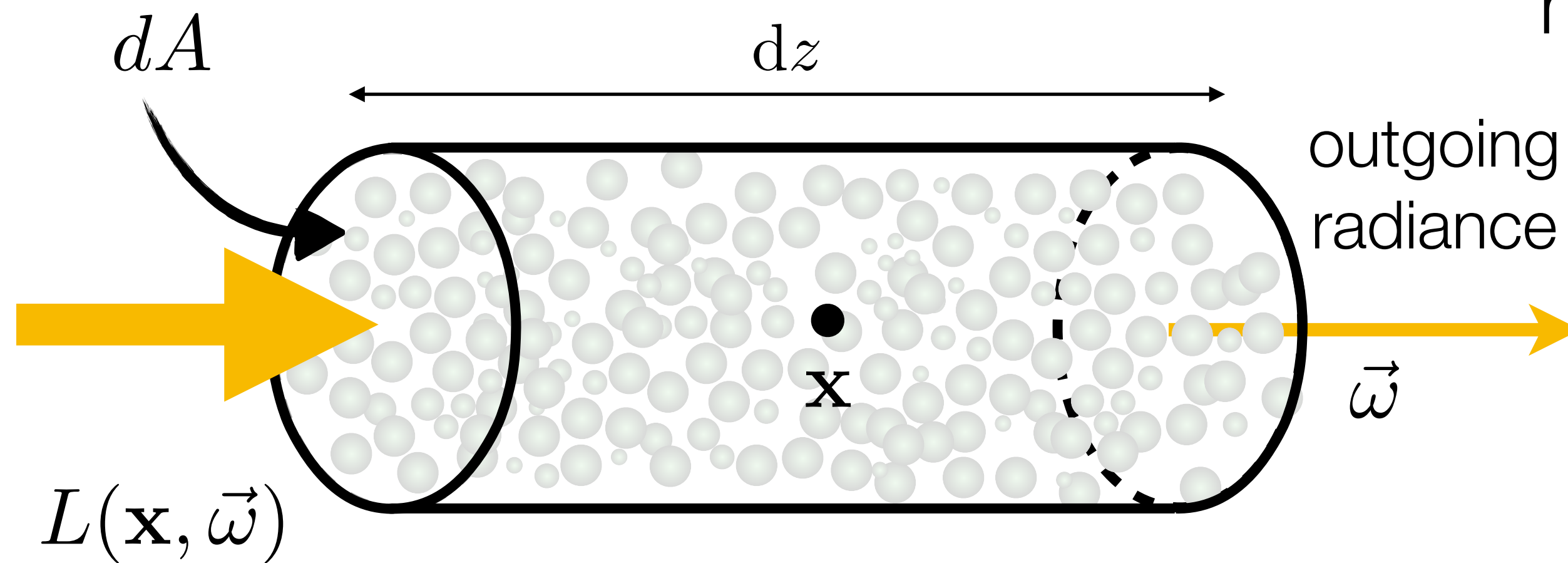
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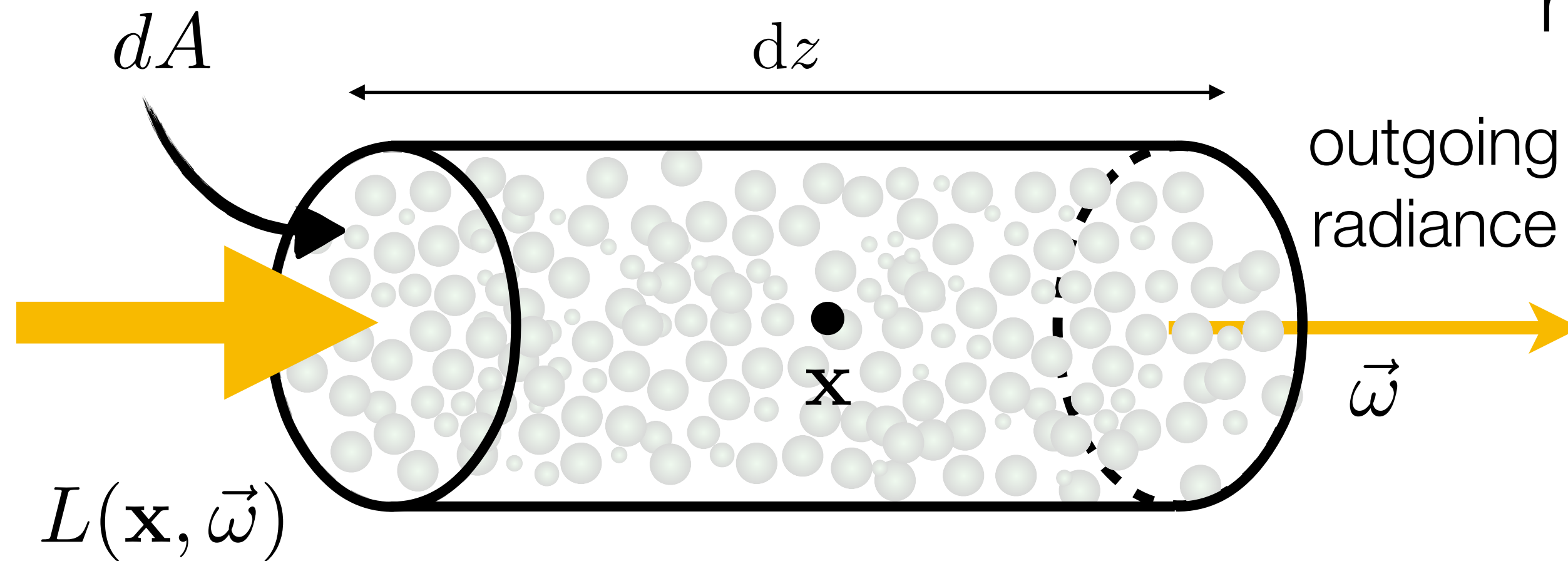
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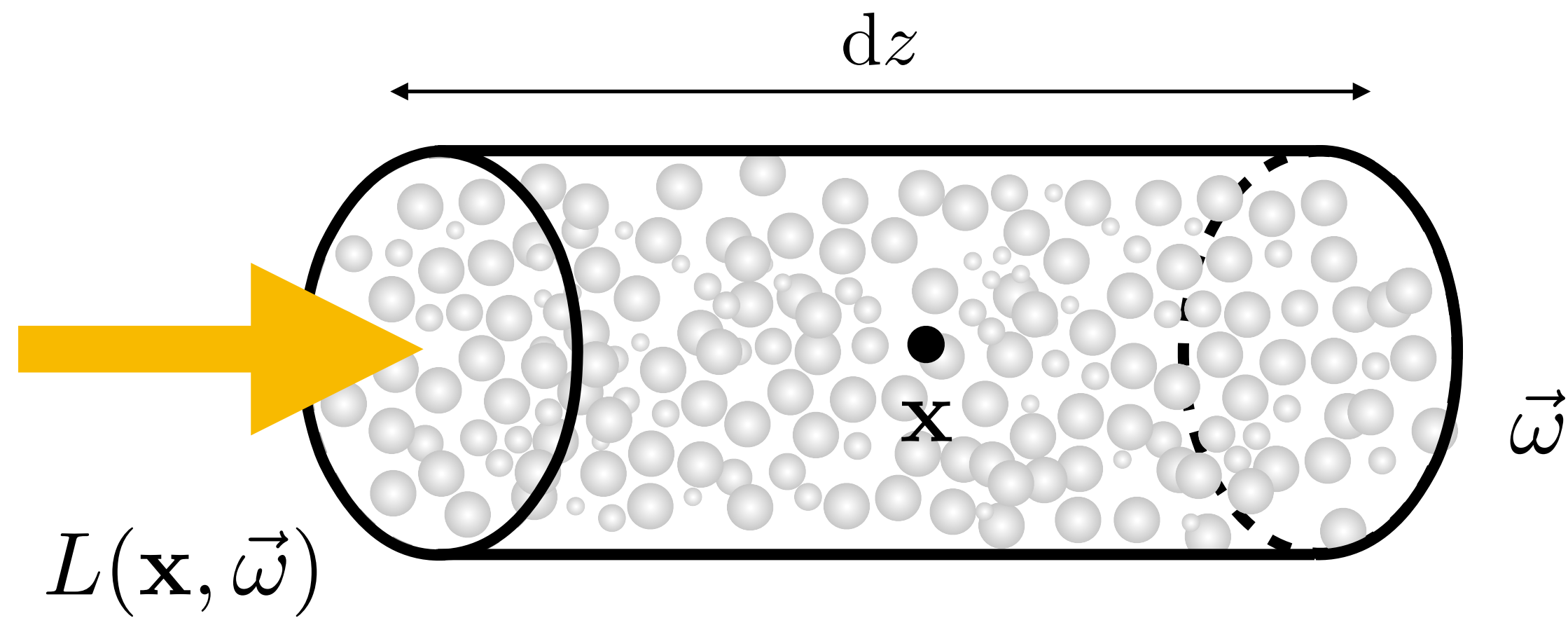


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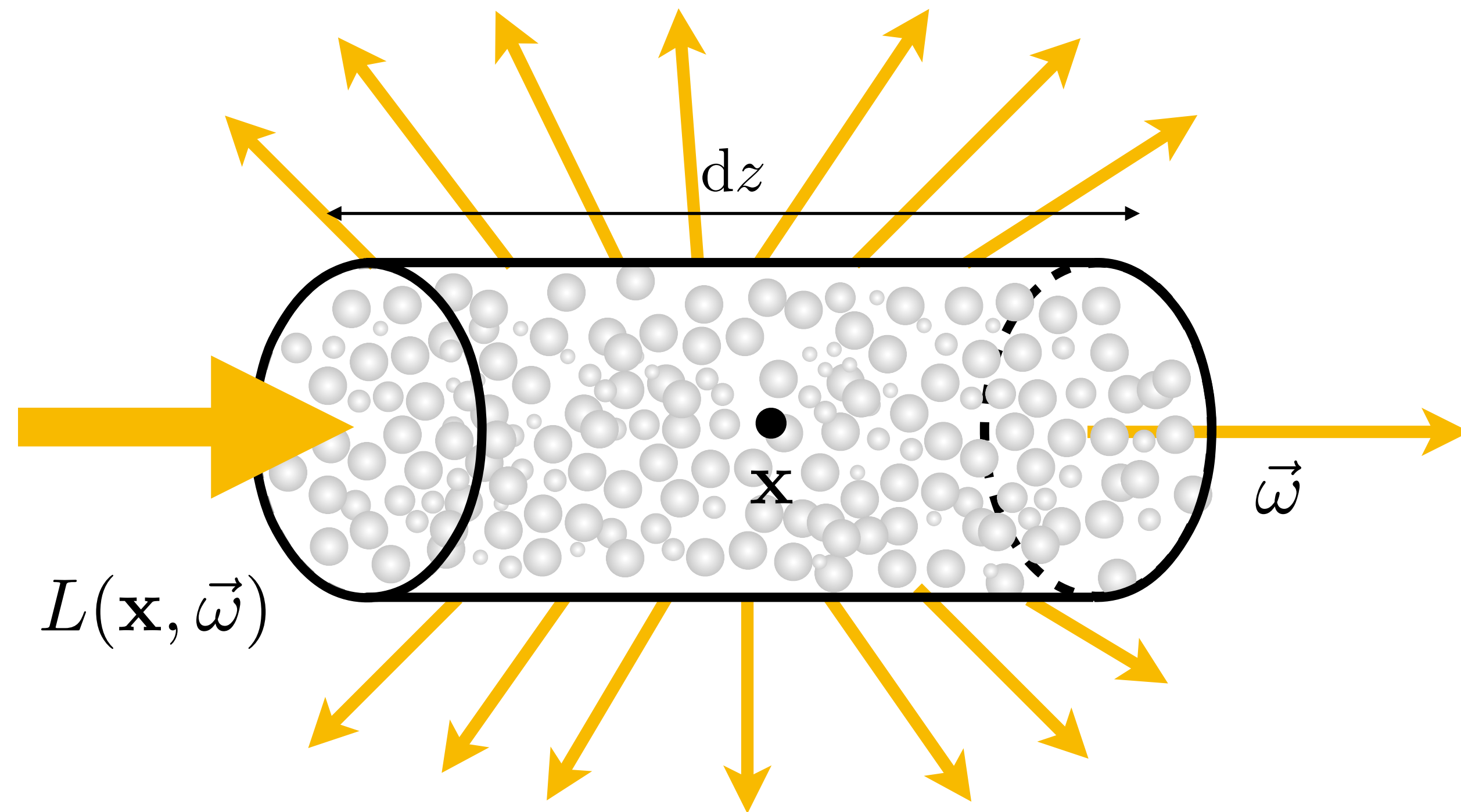
It is the probability density that light is absorbed
per unit distance travelled in the medium

It can vary as a position and direction

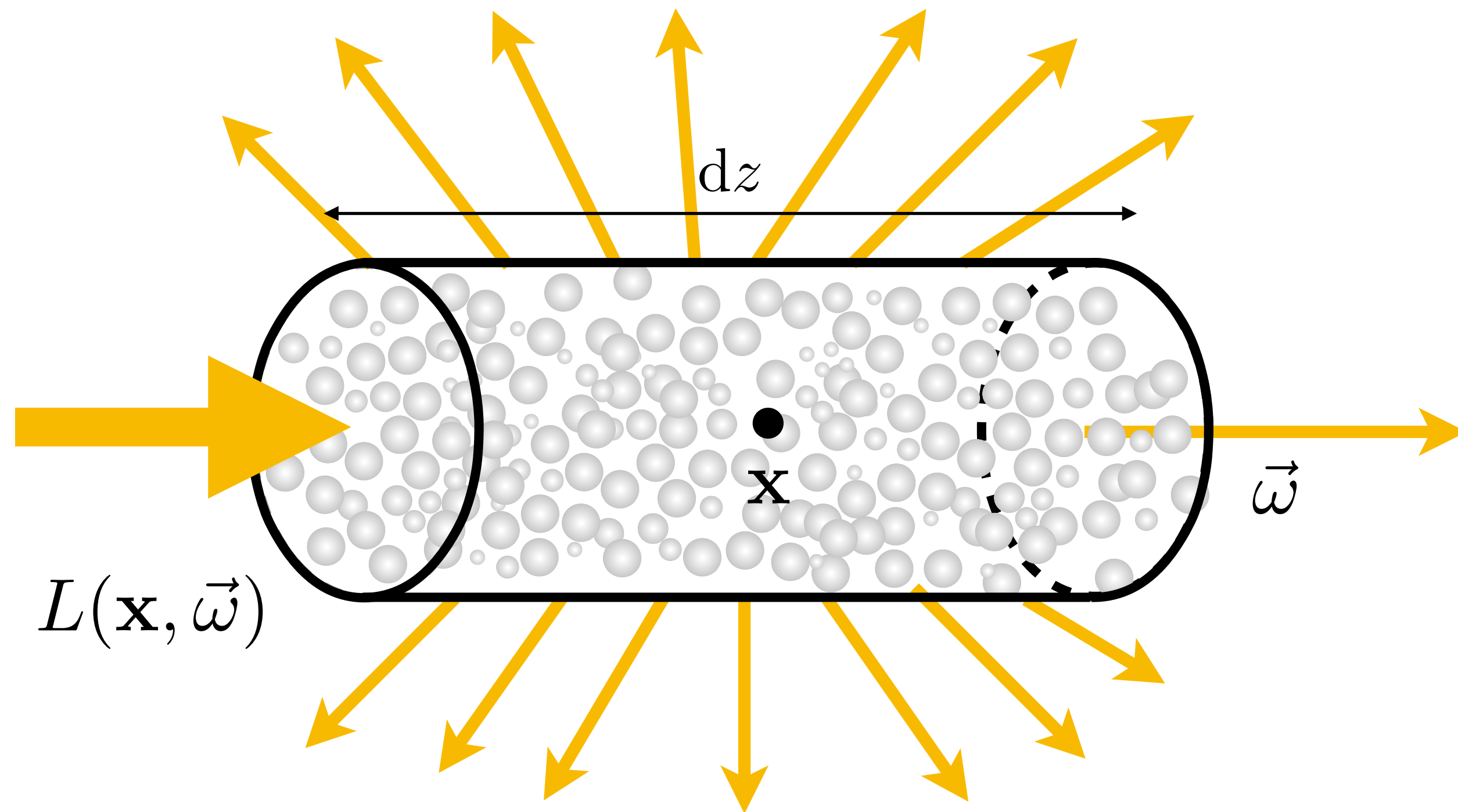
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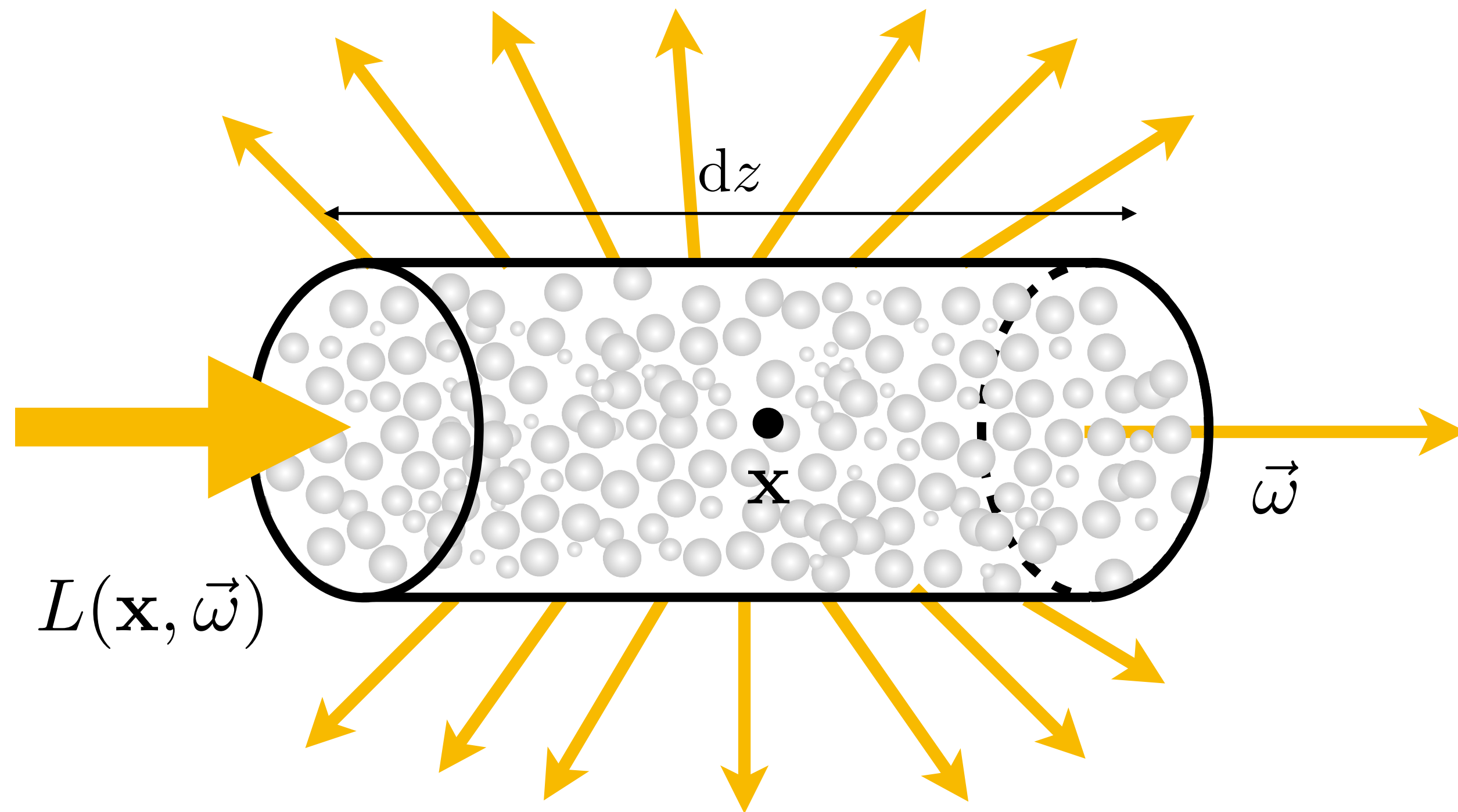


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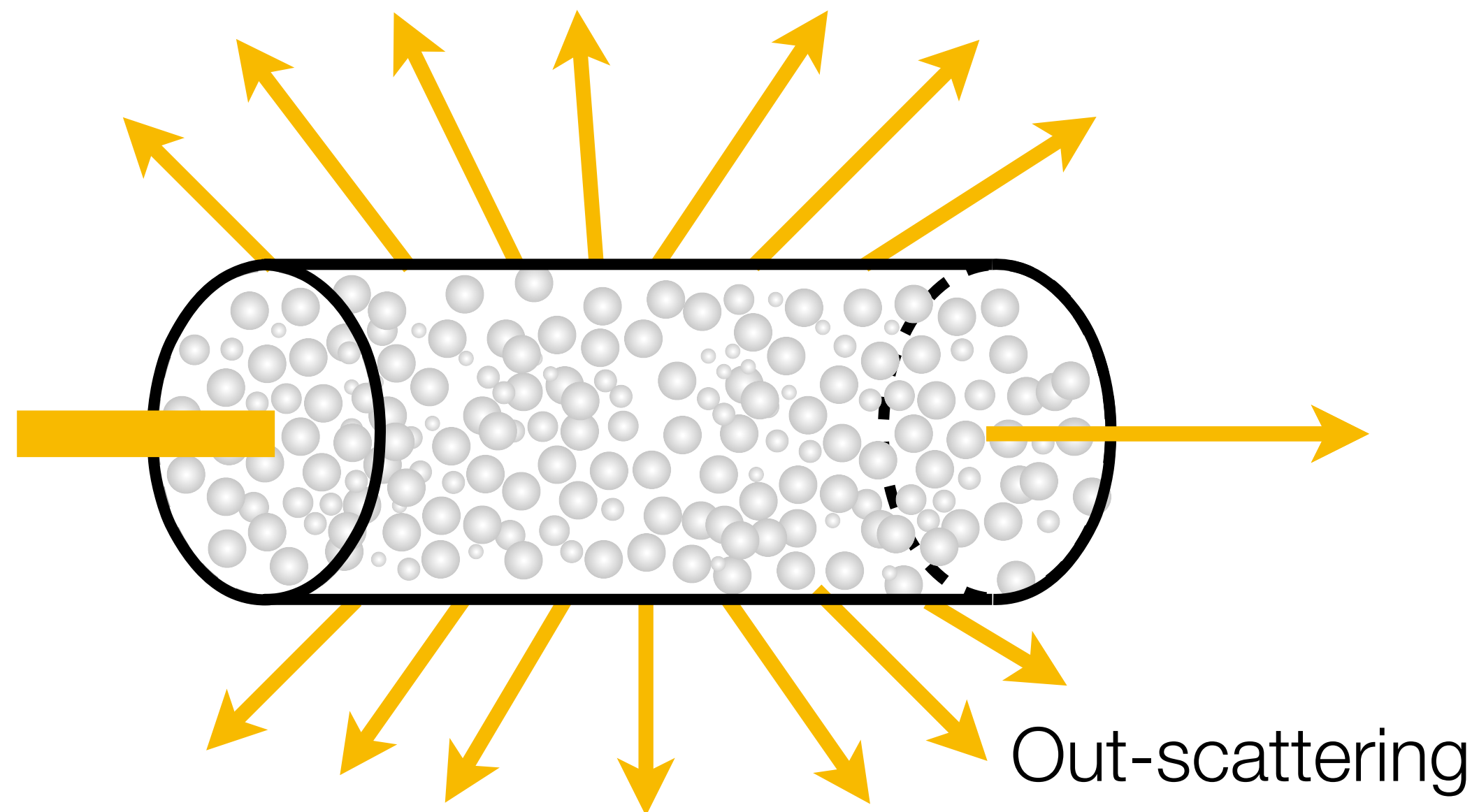
The probability of an out-scattering event occurring per unit distance is given by the scattering coefficient

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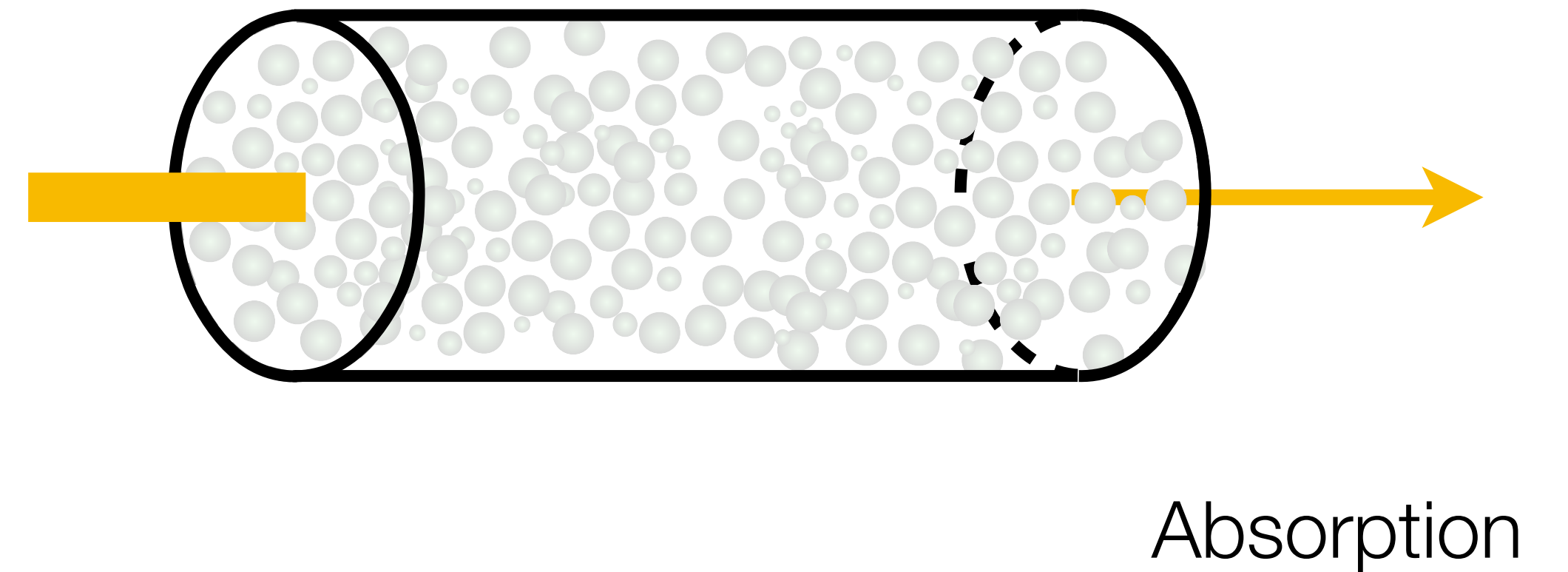
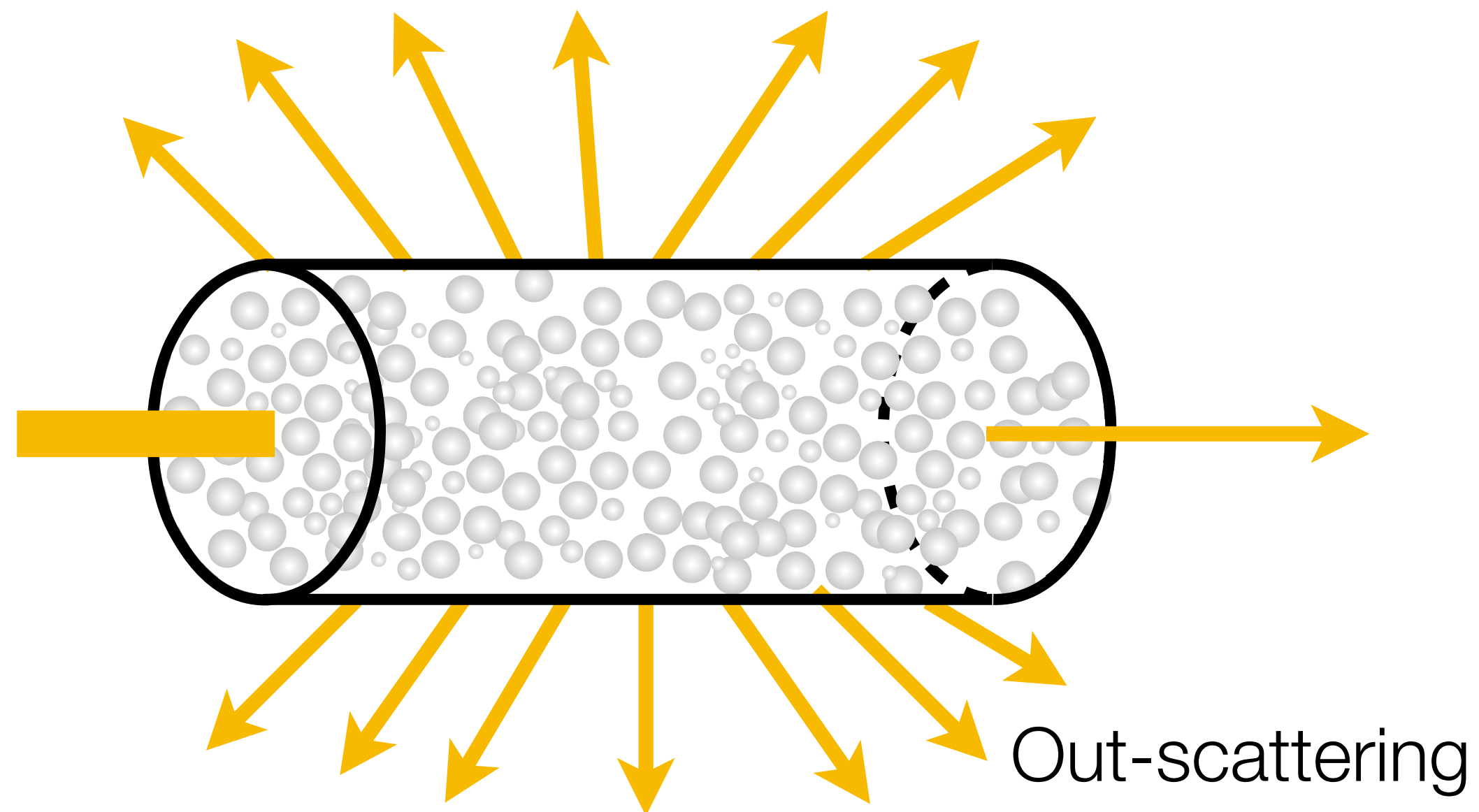
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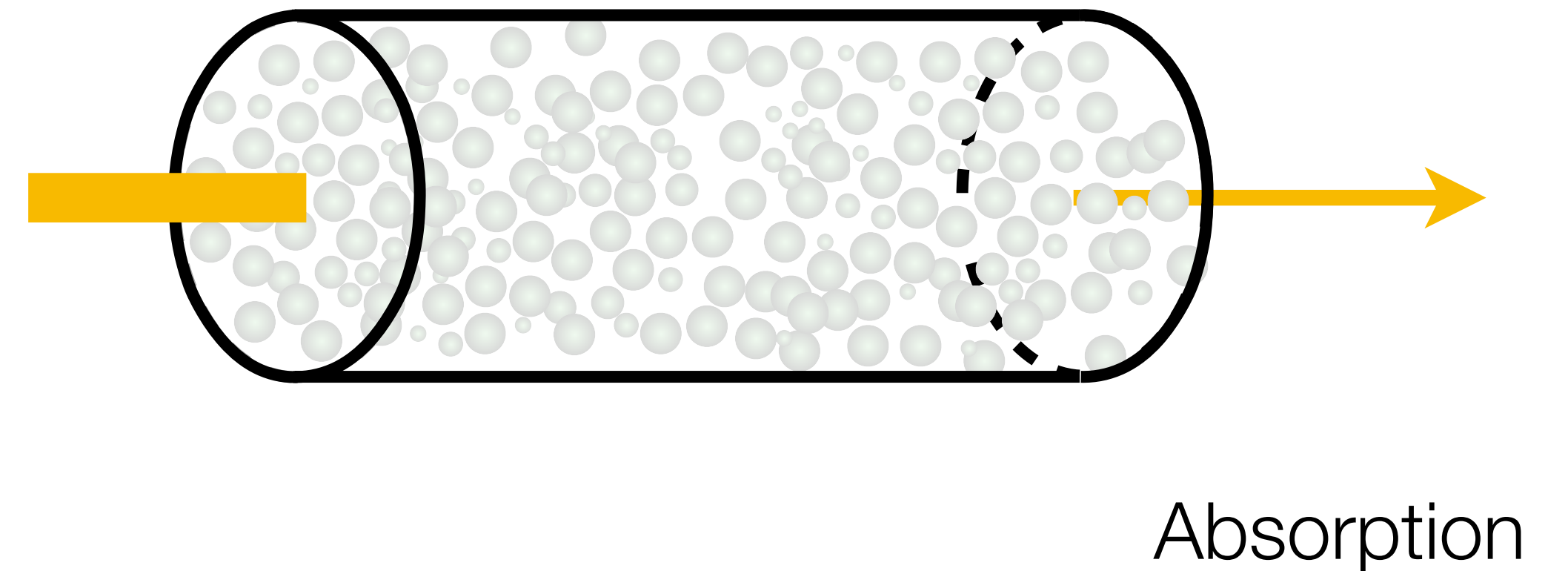
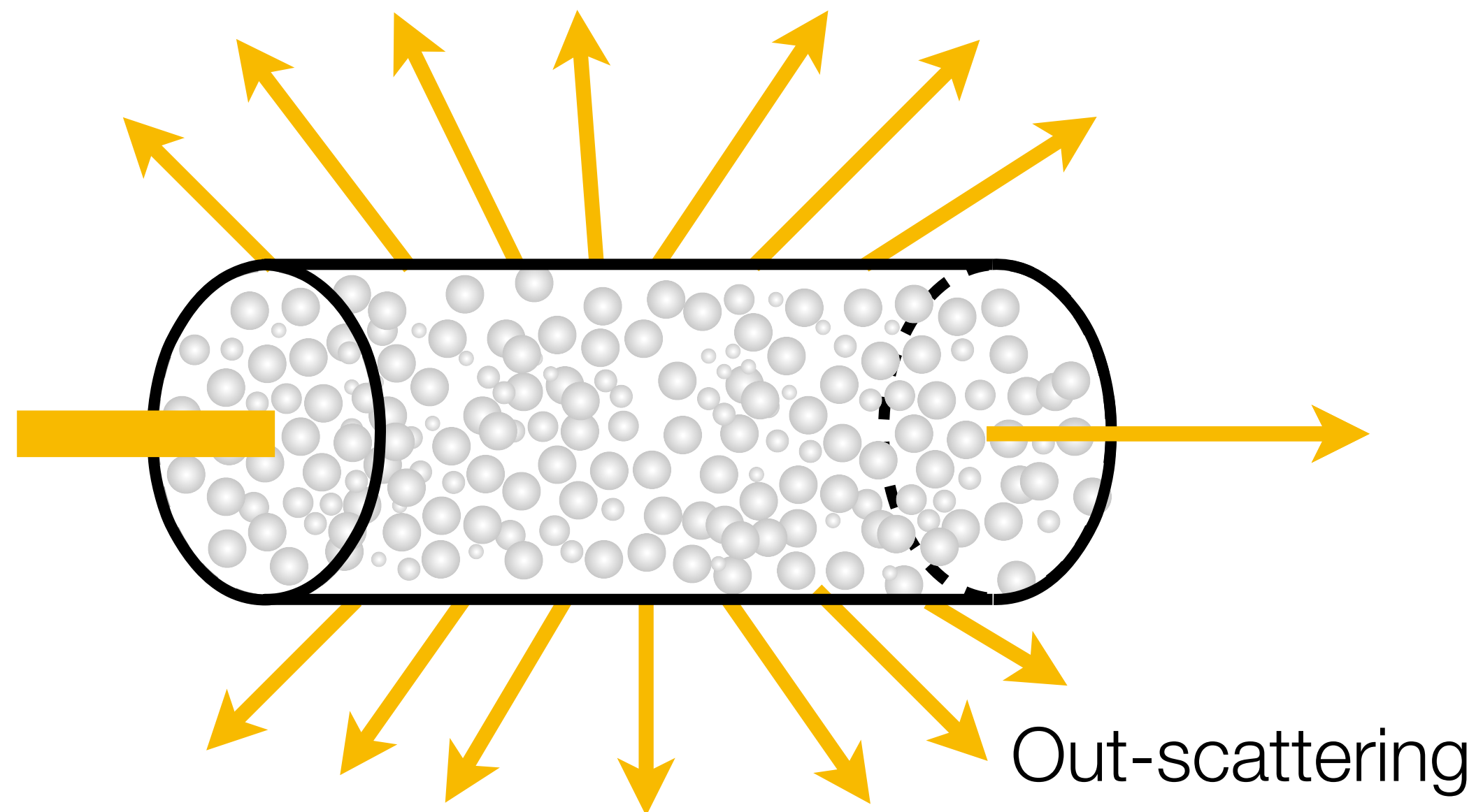


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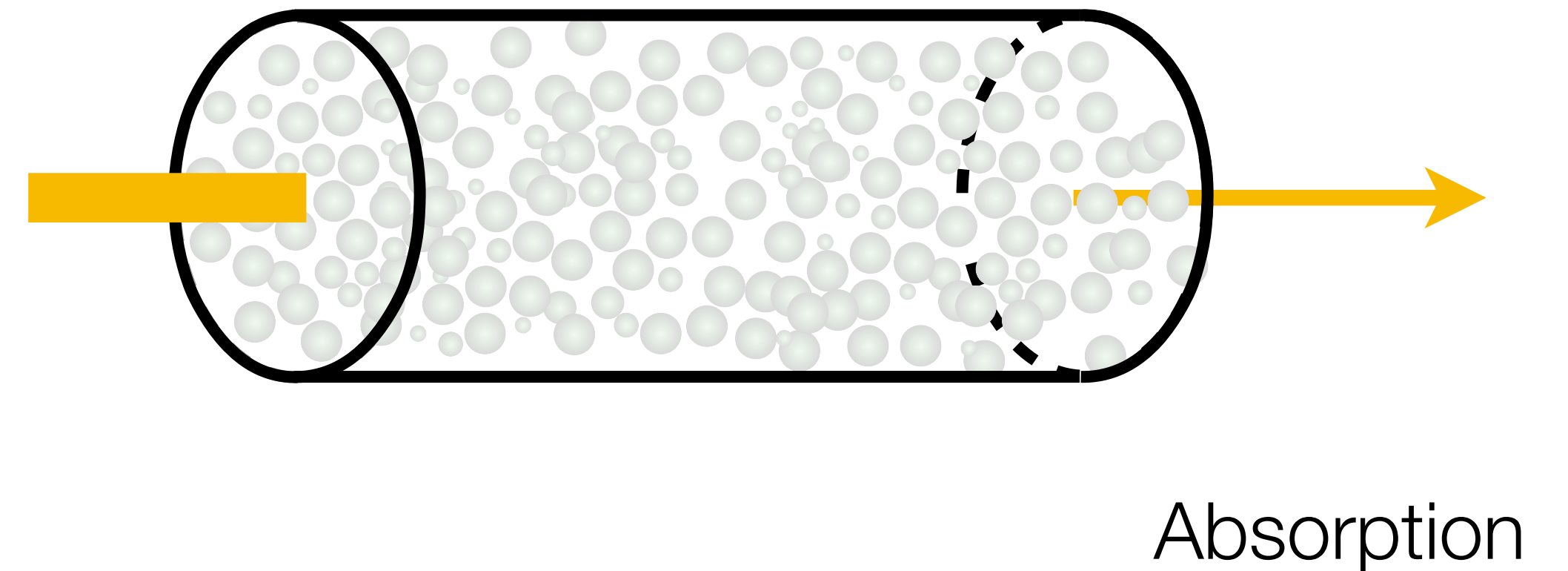
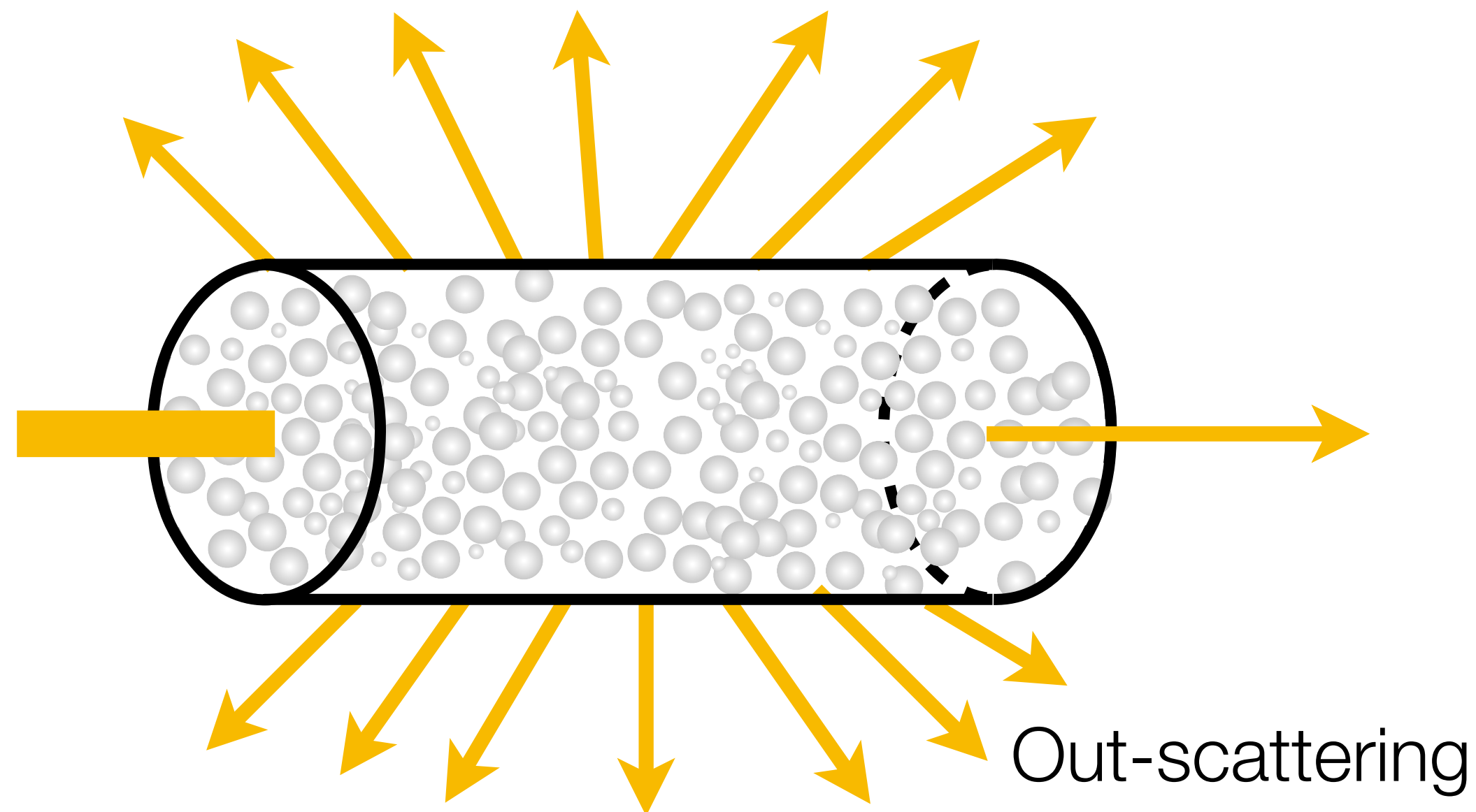
Total reduction in radiance:

$$\sigma_t(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) + \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega})$$

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The albedo is always between 0 and 1

It describes the probability of scattering (versus absorption) at a scattering event

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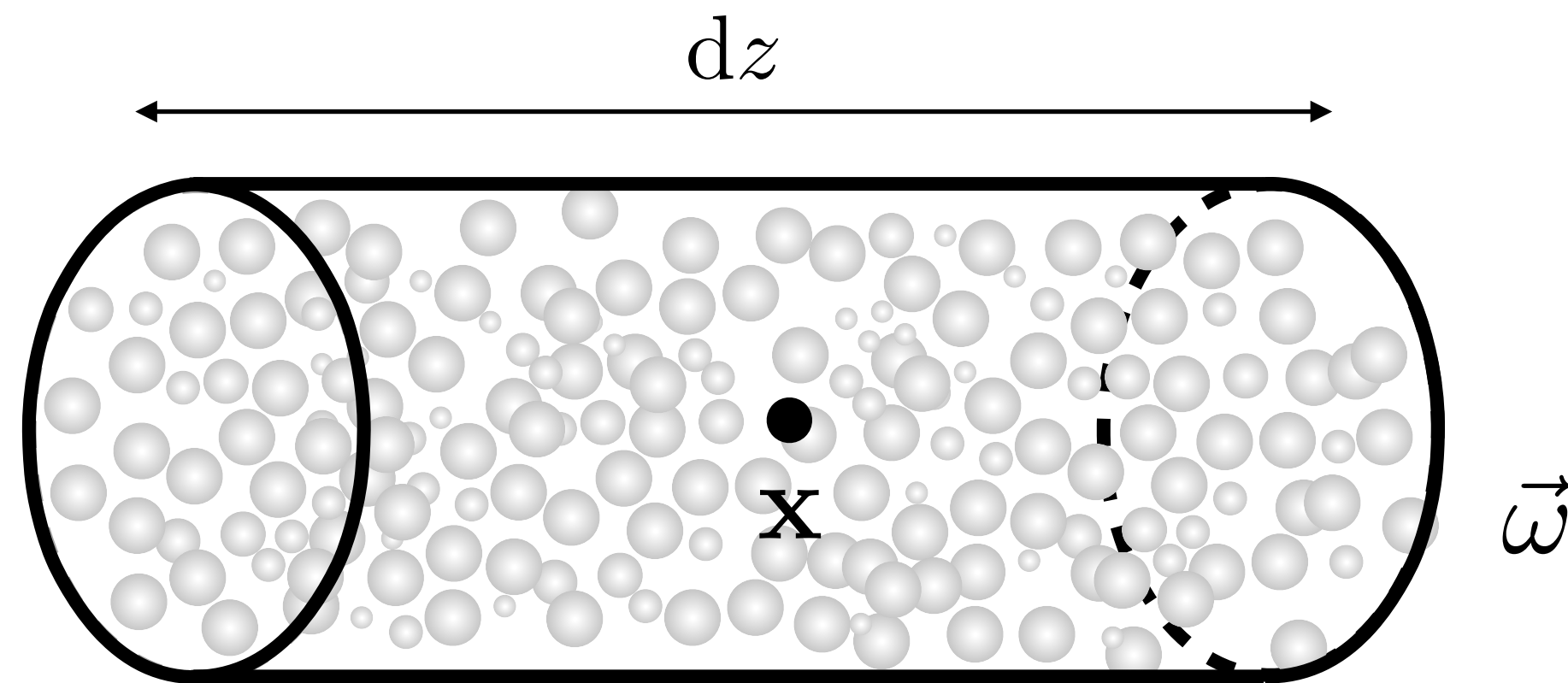
Mean-free path

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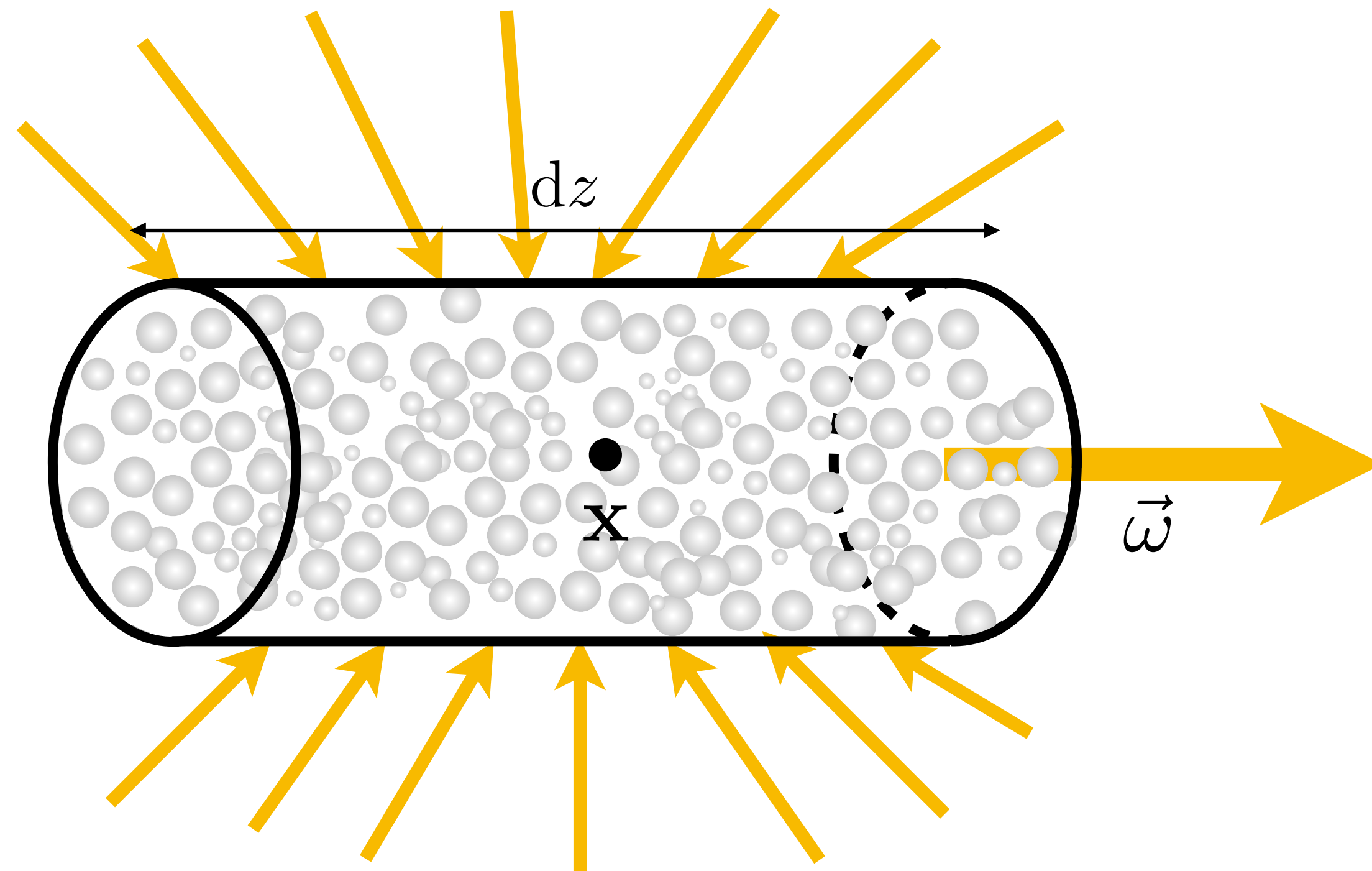
Mean free path gives the average distance travelled by the ray before interacting with a particle

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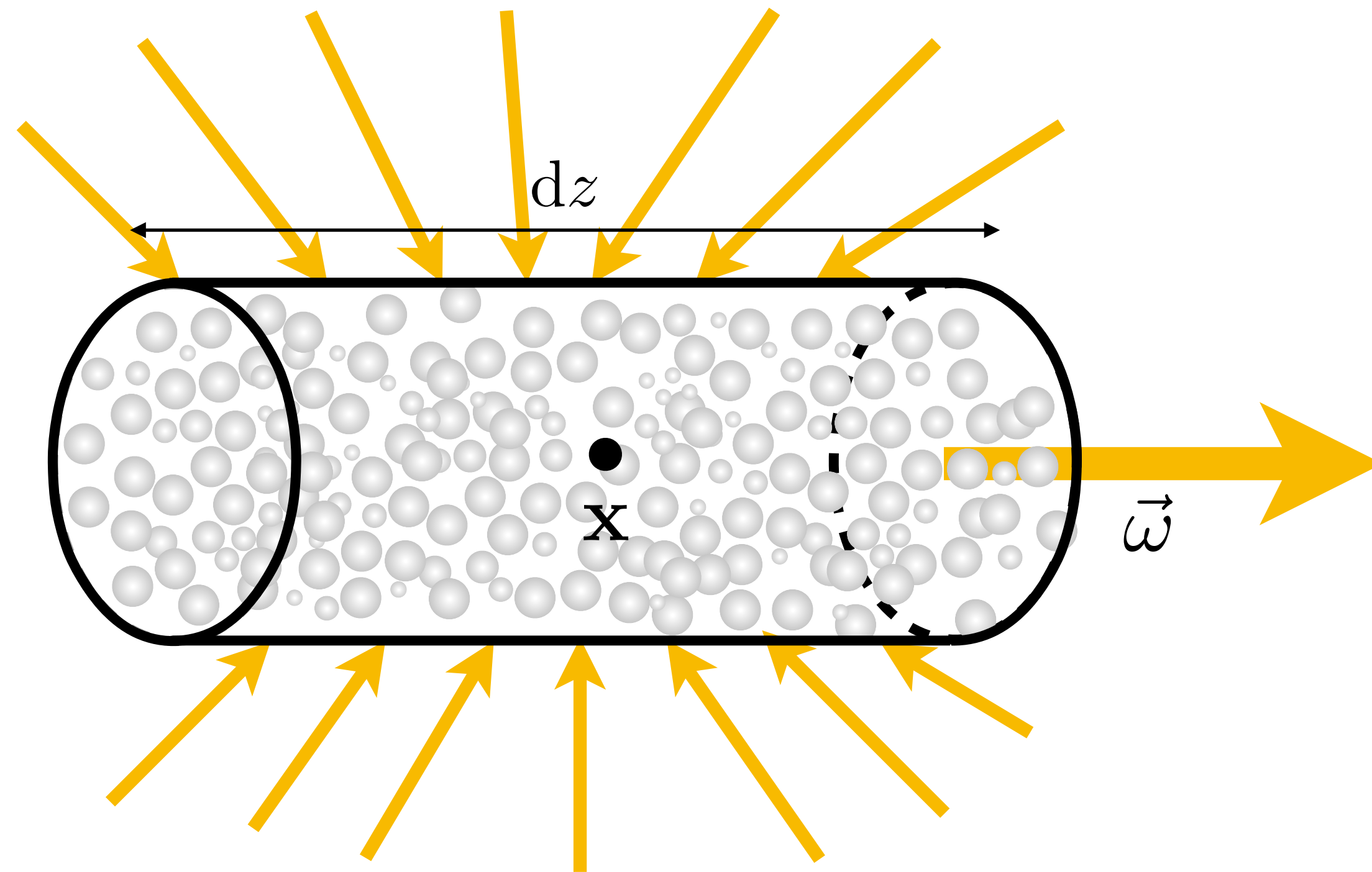
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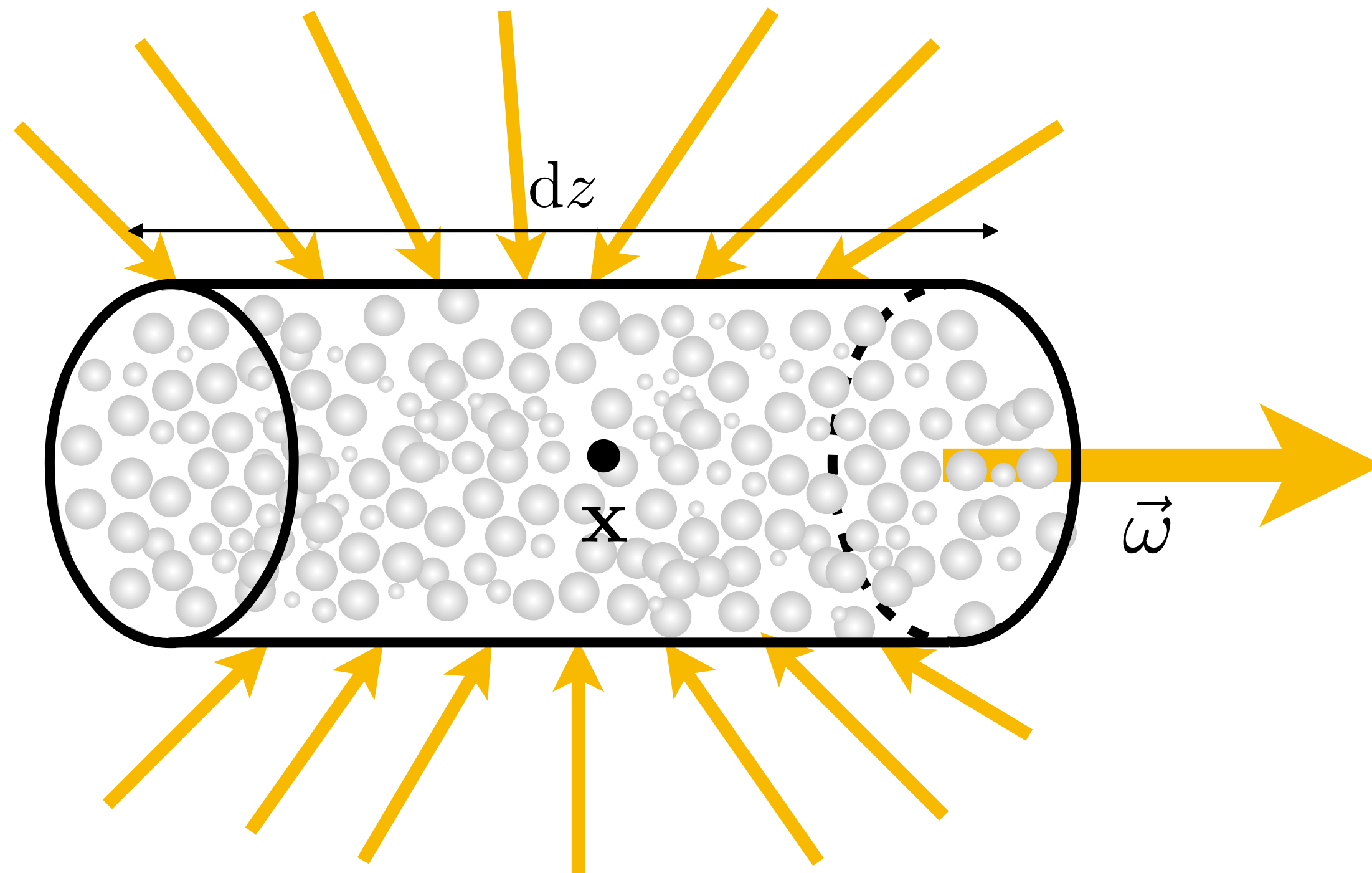


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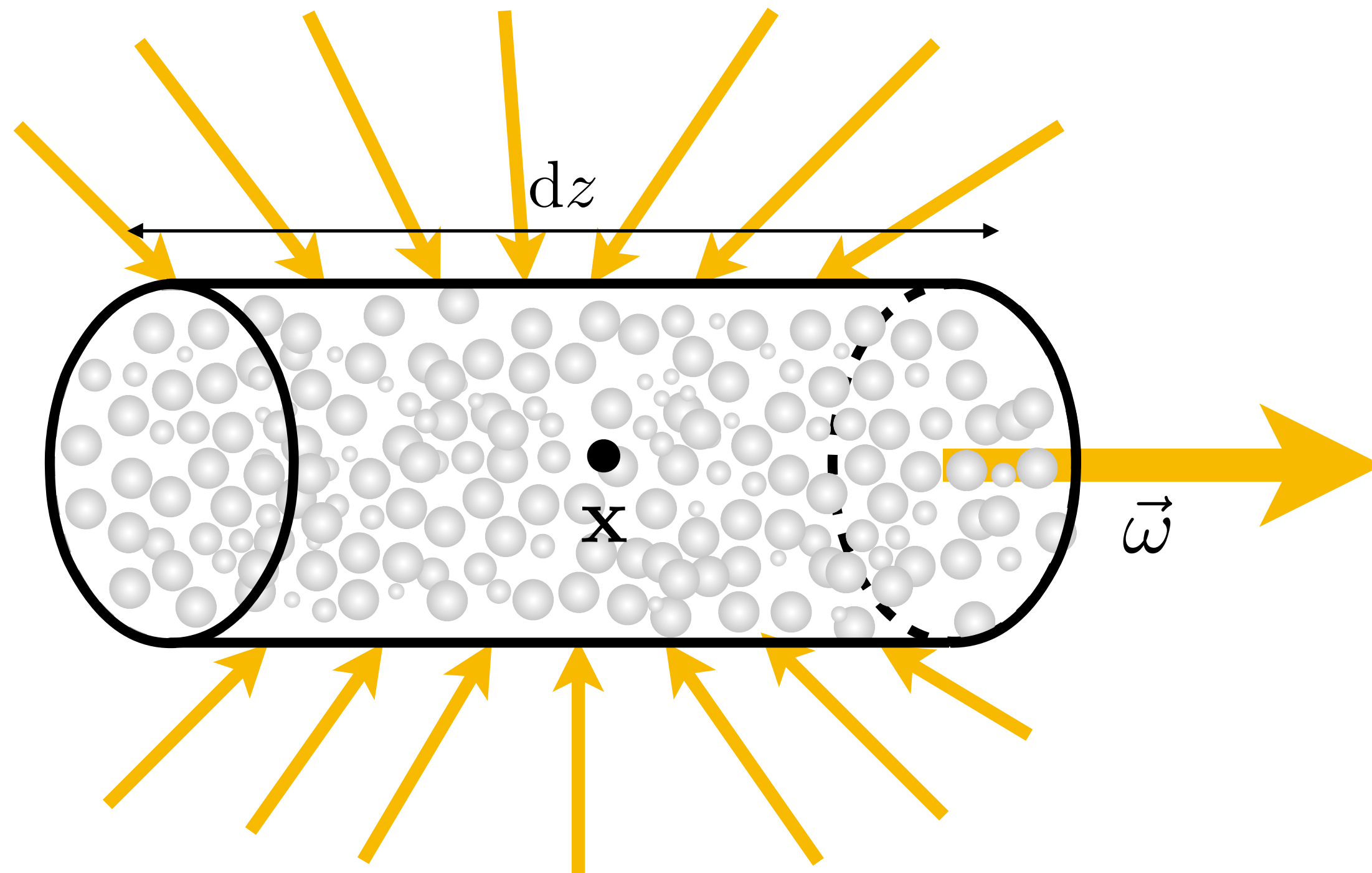
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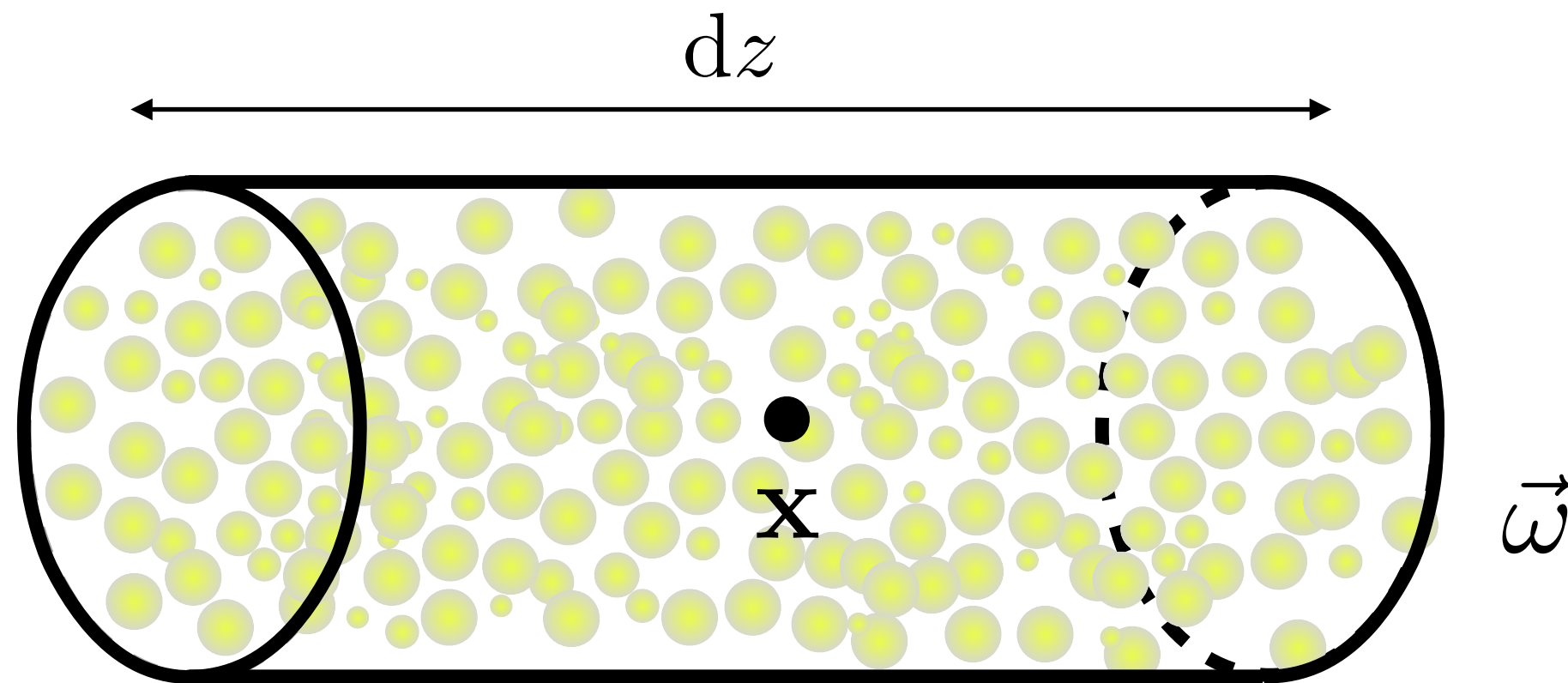
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In-scattered radiance

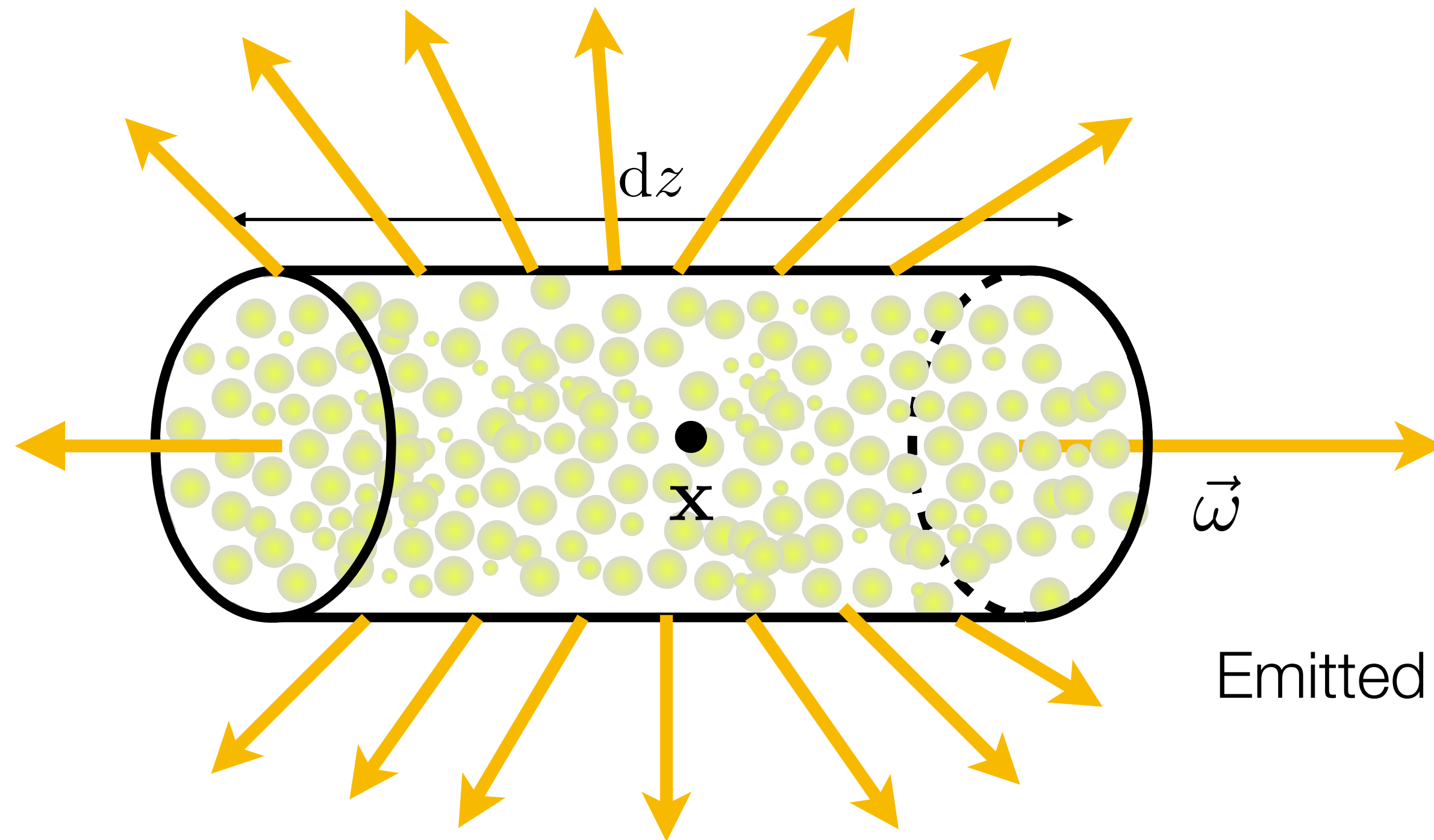
$$L_s(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = \int_{S^2} f_p(\vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}') d\vec{\omega}'$$

Emission



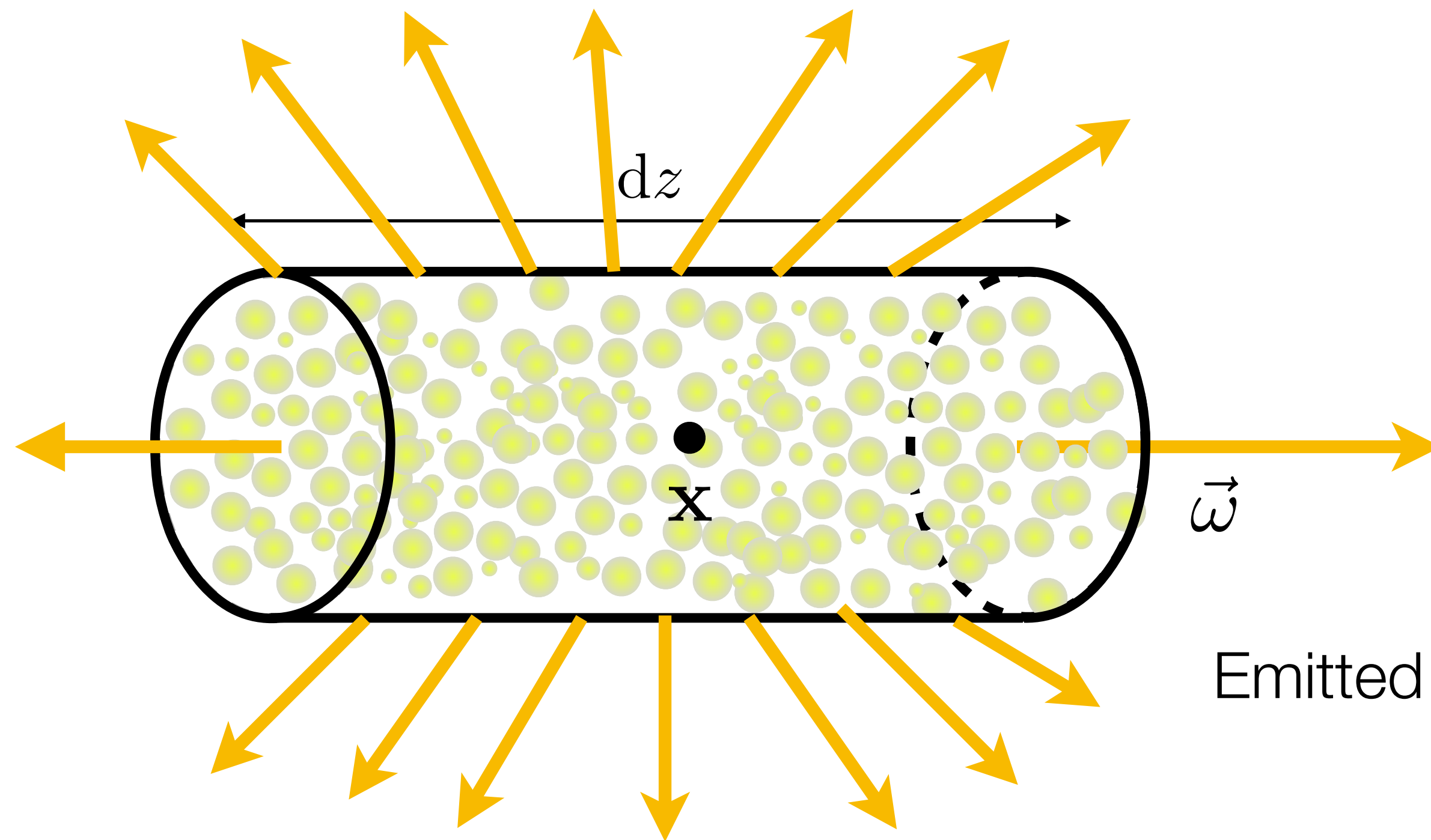
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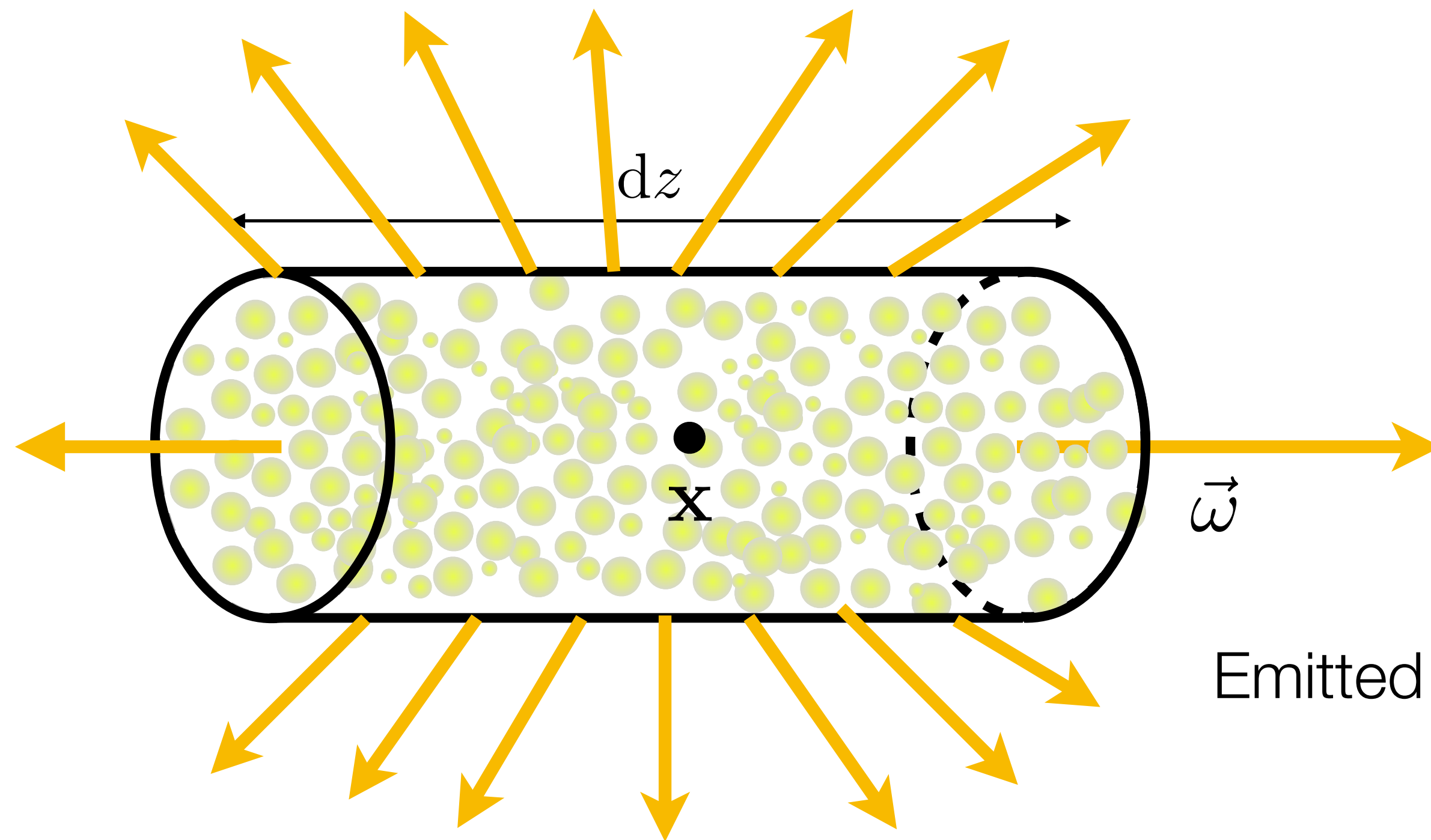
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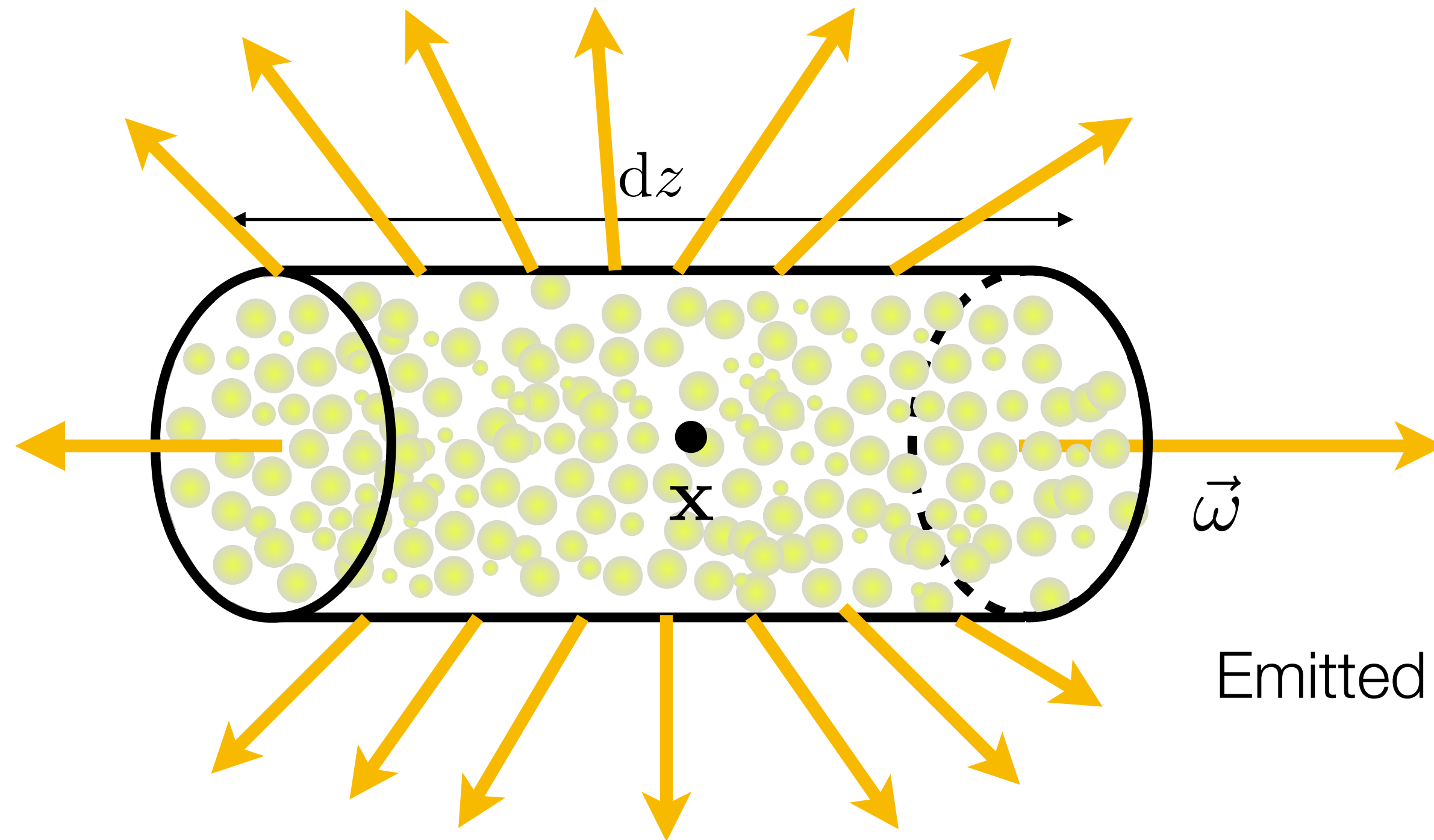


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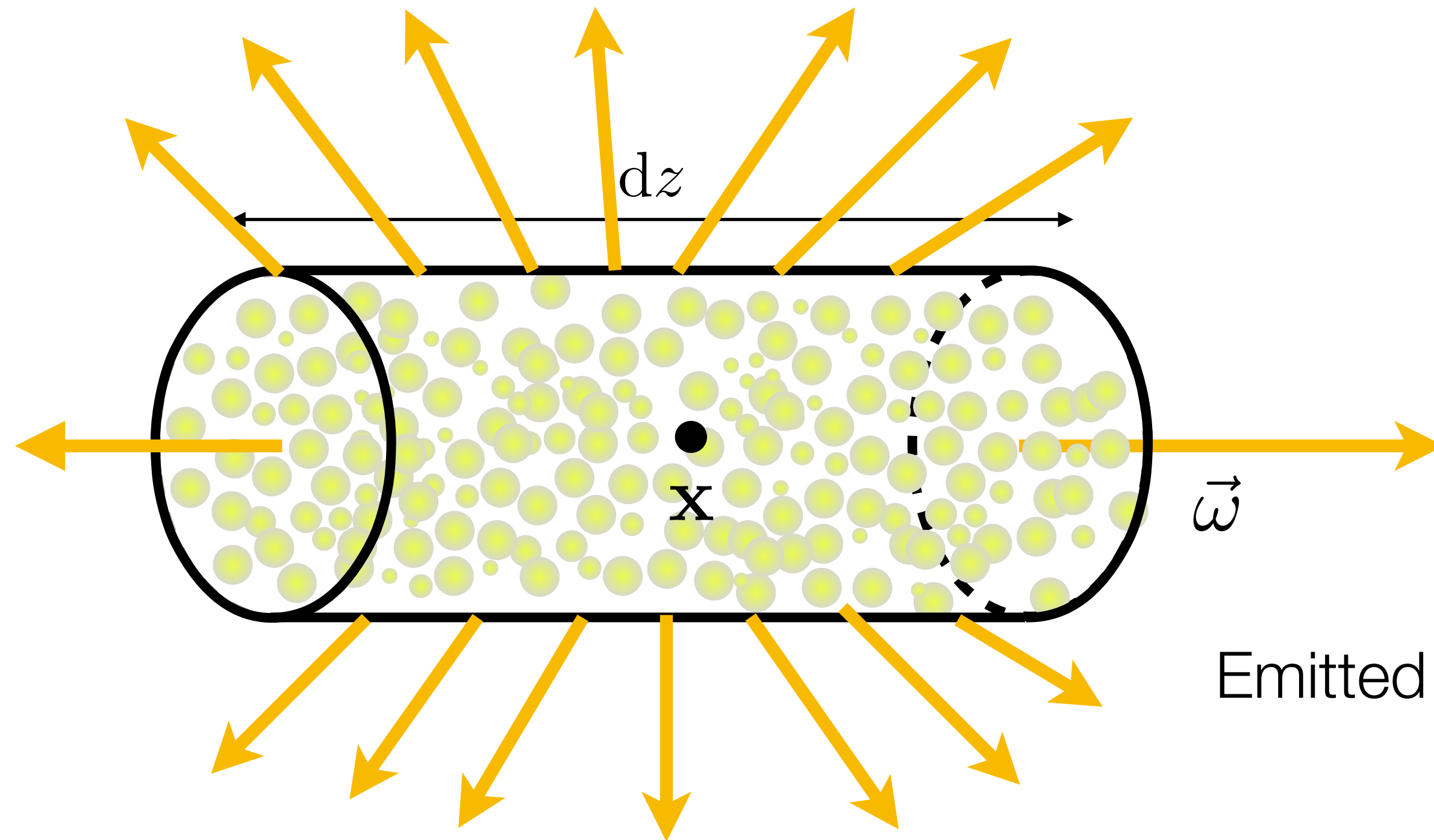
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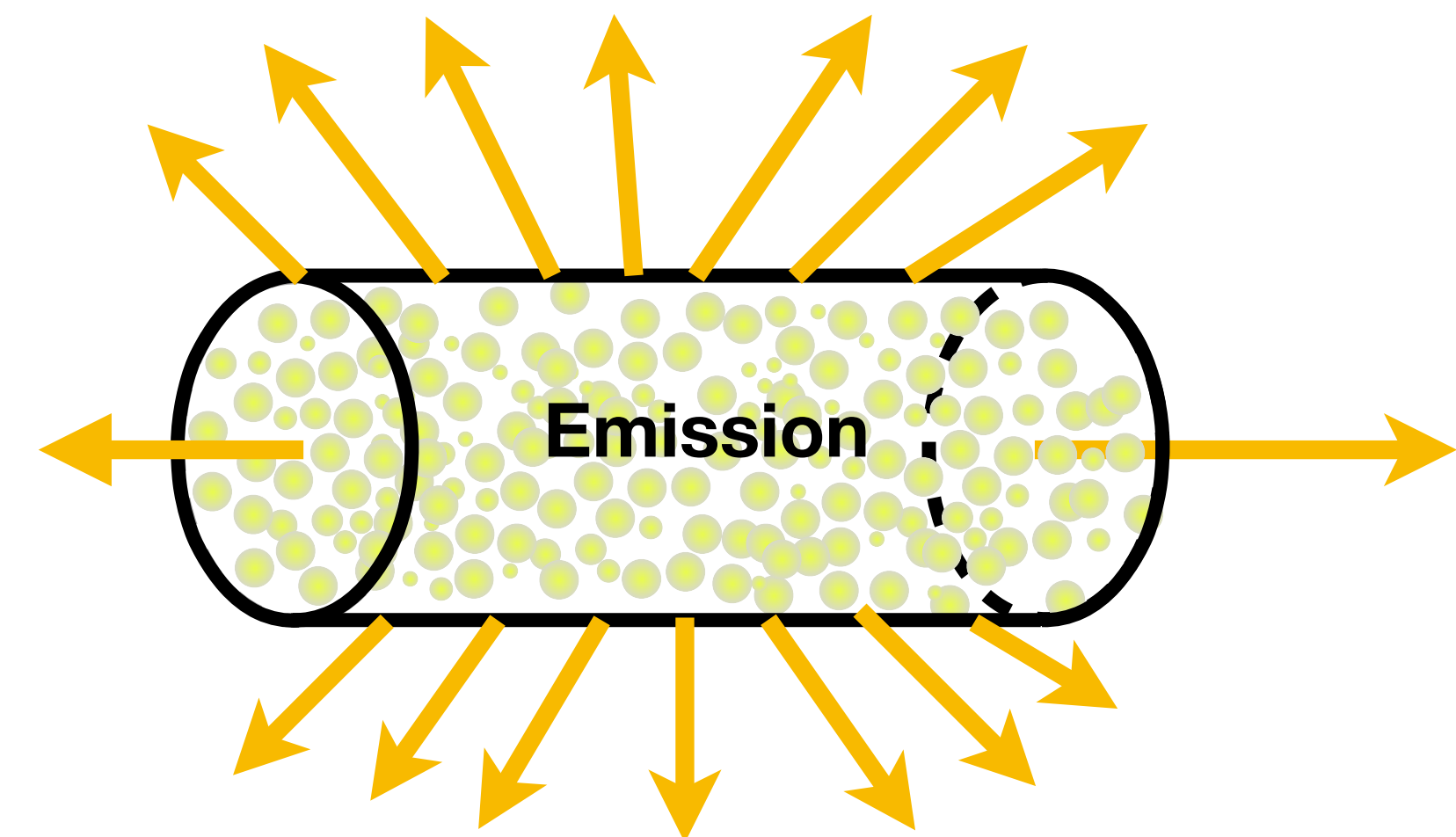
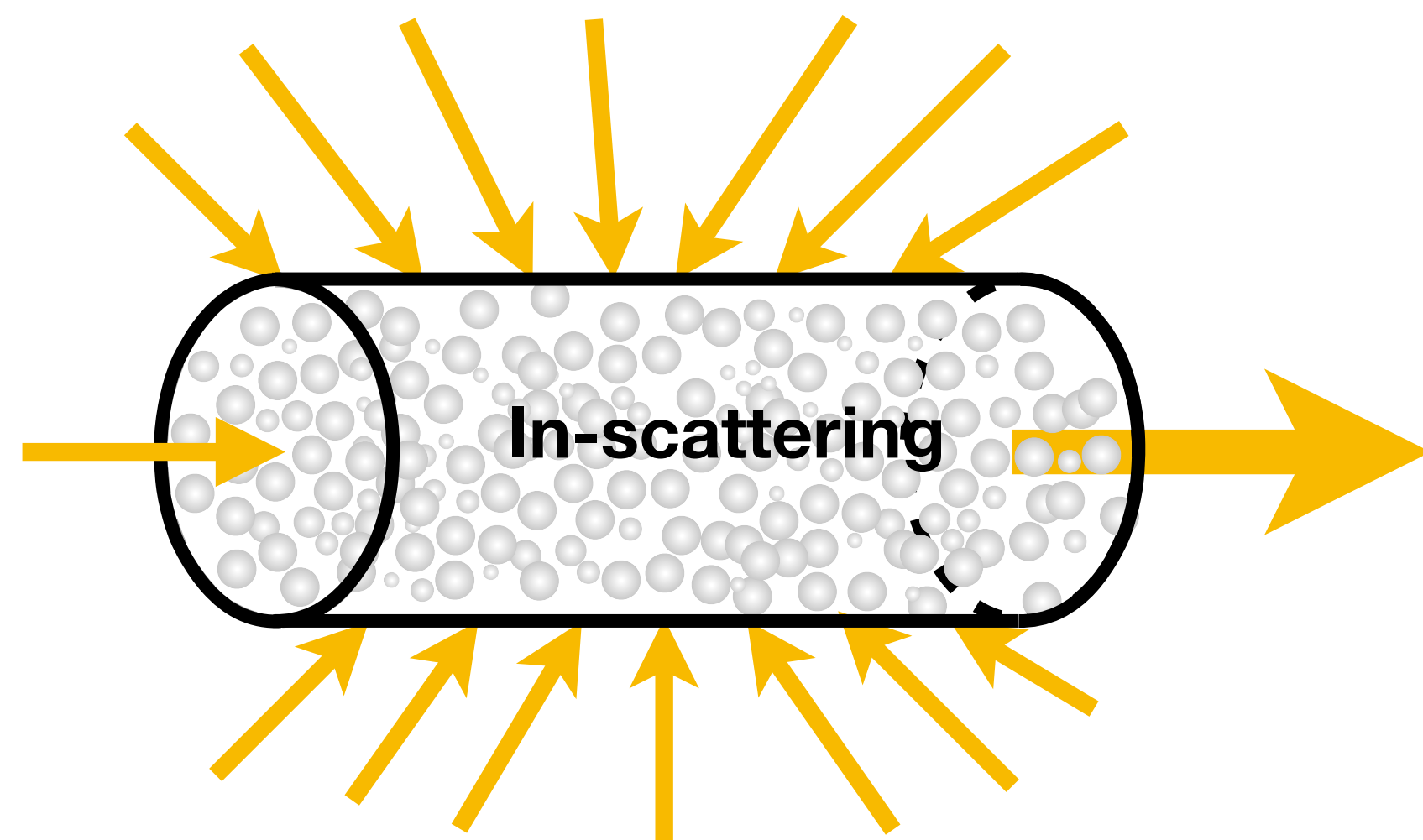
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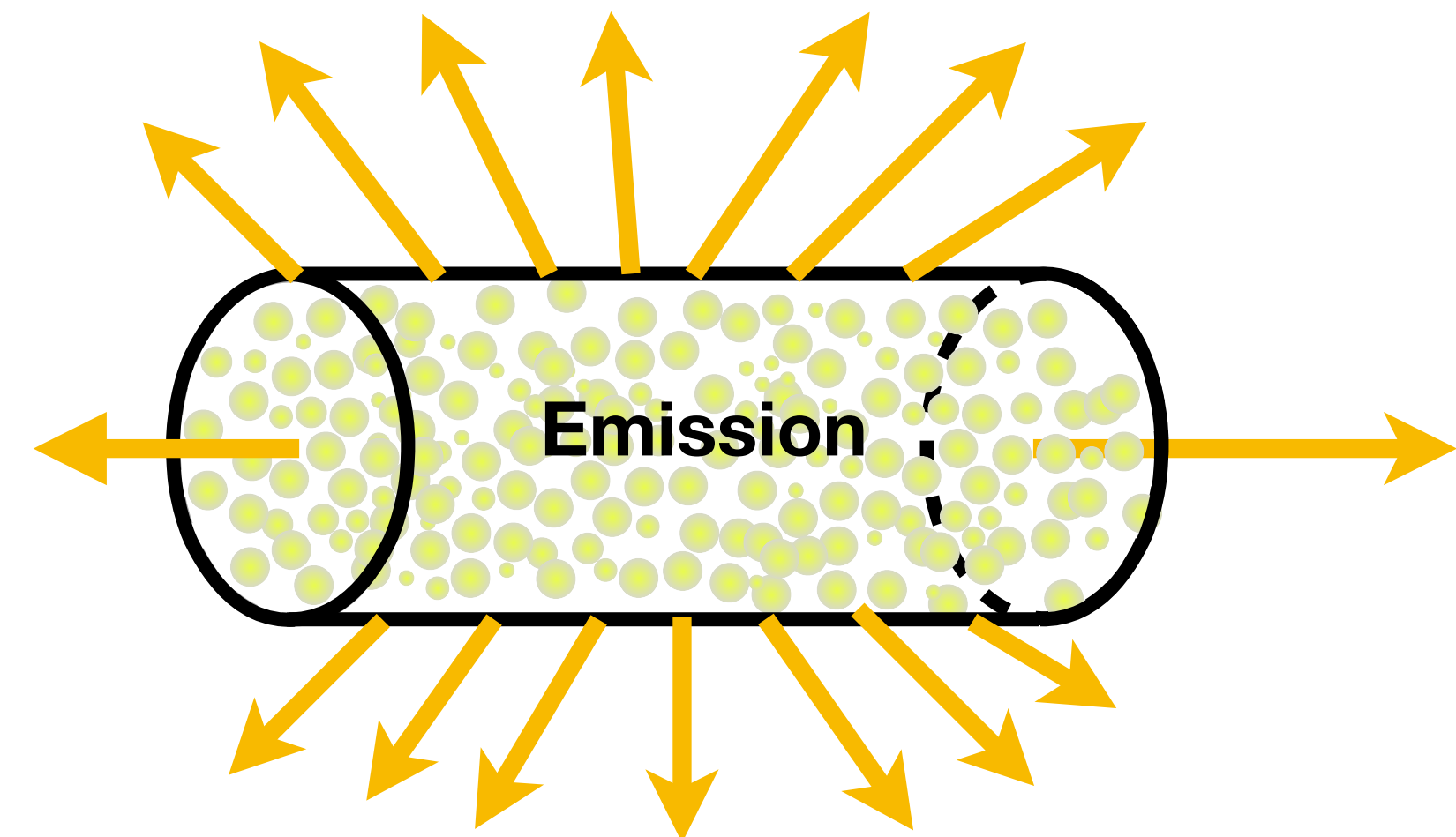
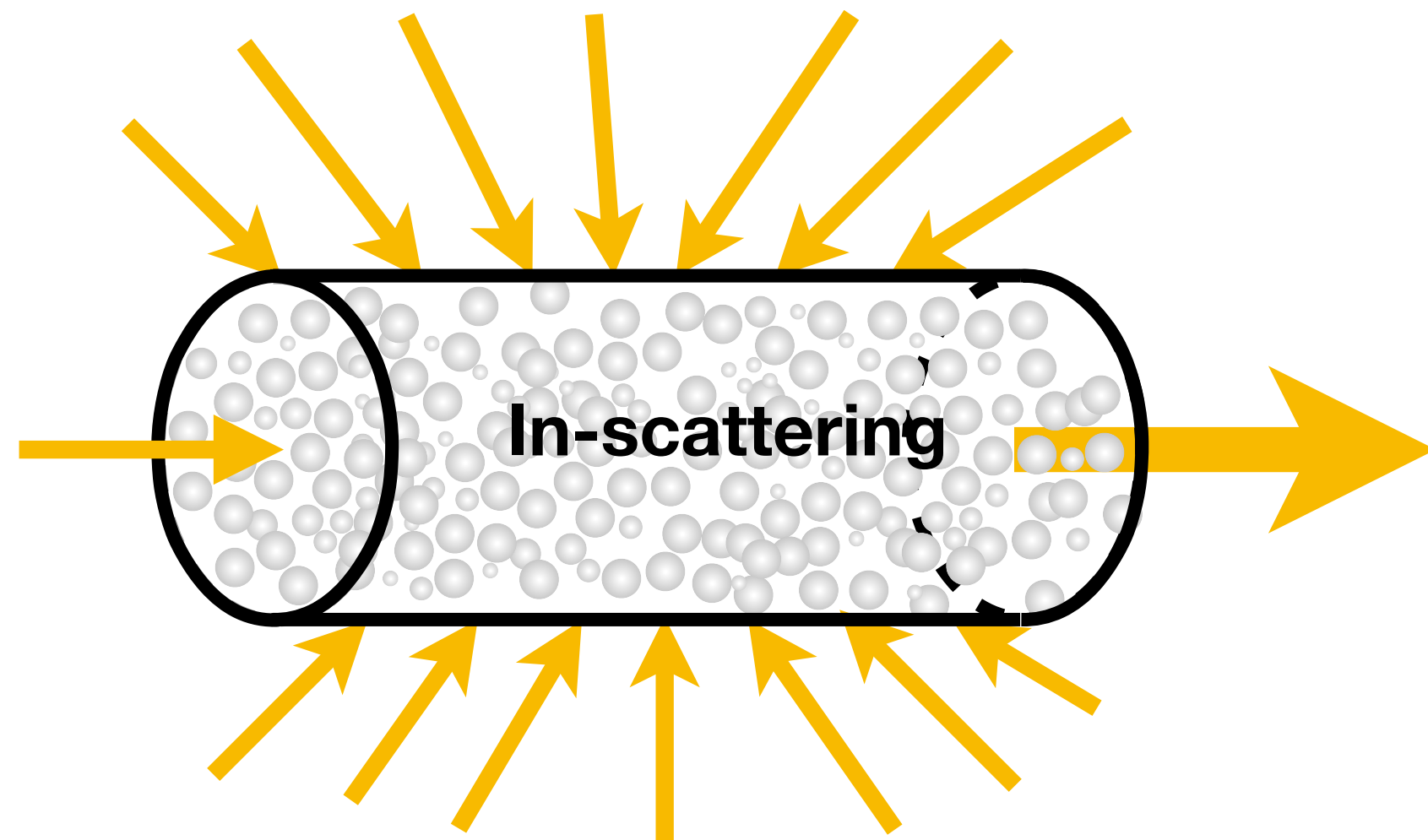
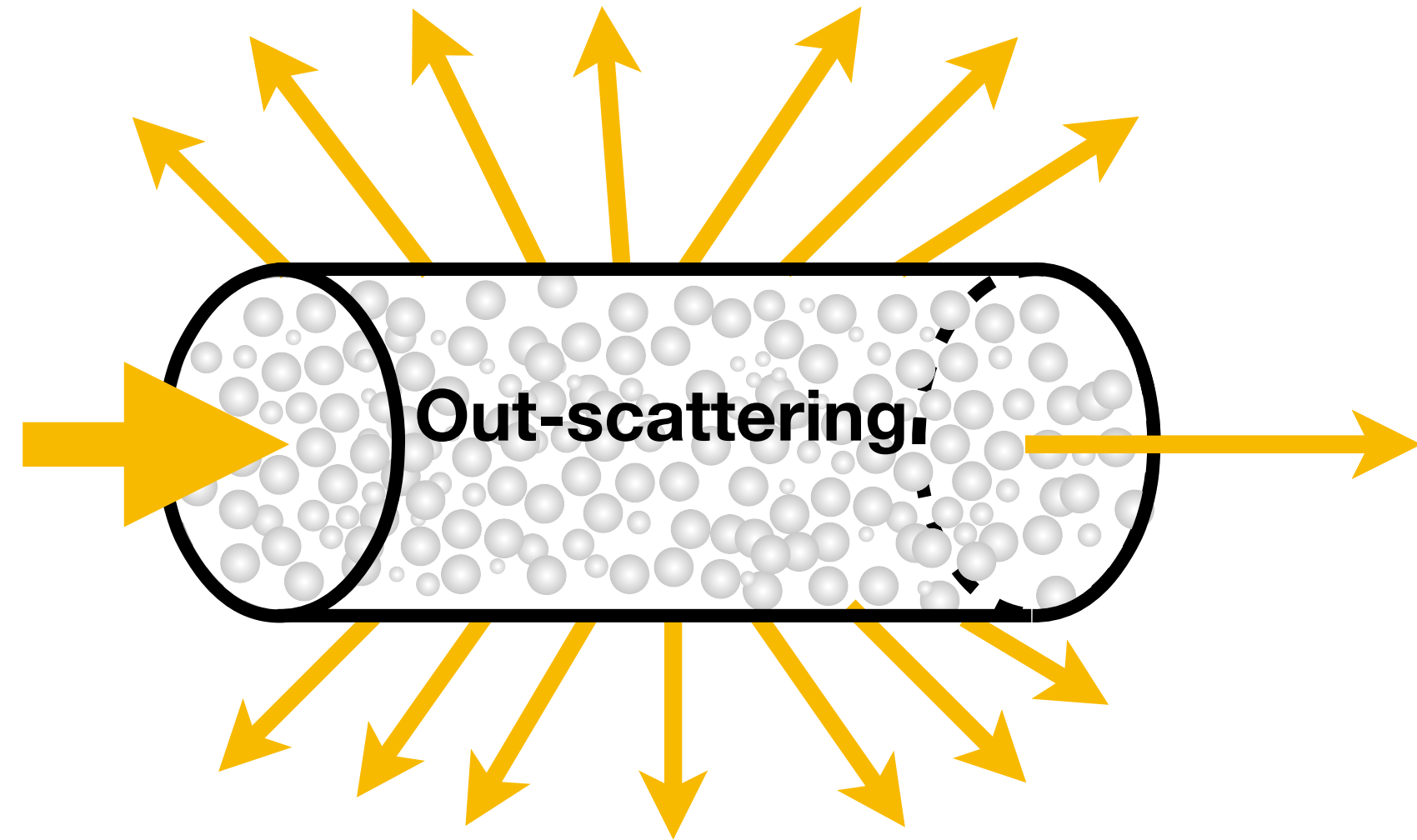
Here we made a choice to represent differential output radiance as a product of emitted radiance and absorption coefficient.

Radiative Transfer Equation

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Out-scattering

Absorption

Losses

$$\frac{dL(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega})}{dz}$$

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What about a beam with finite-length z ?

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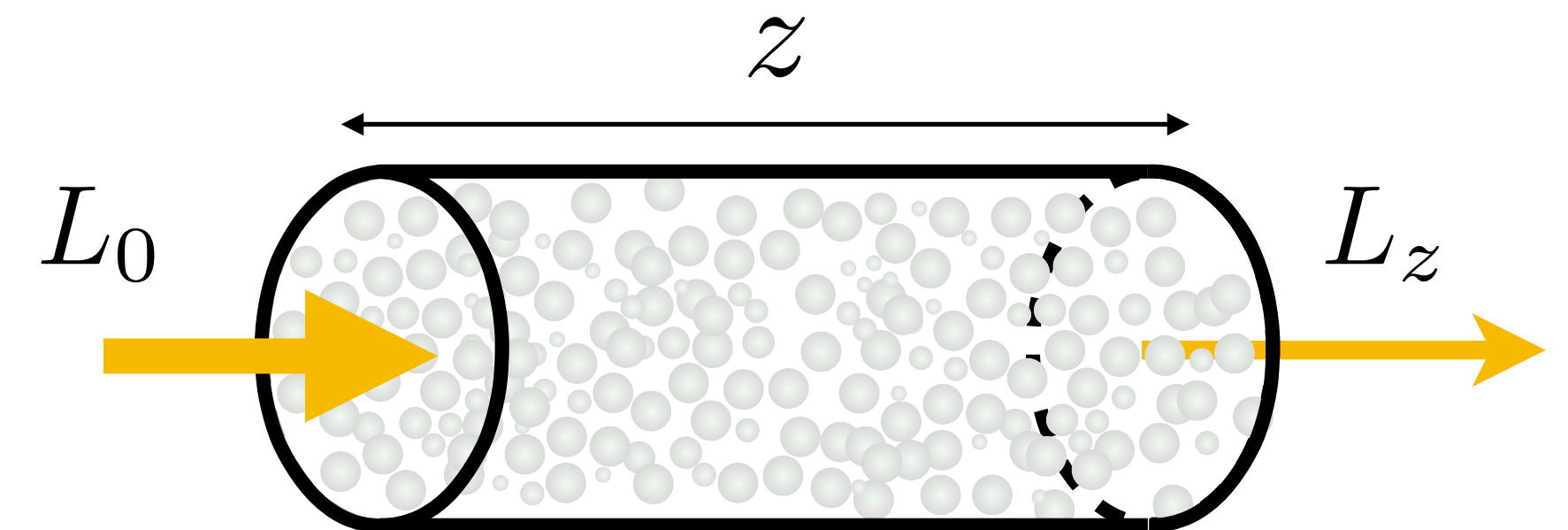
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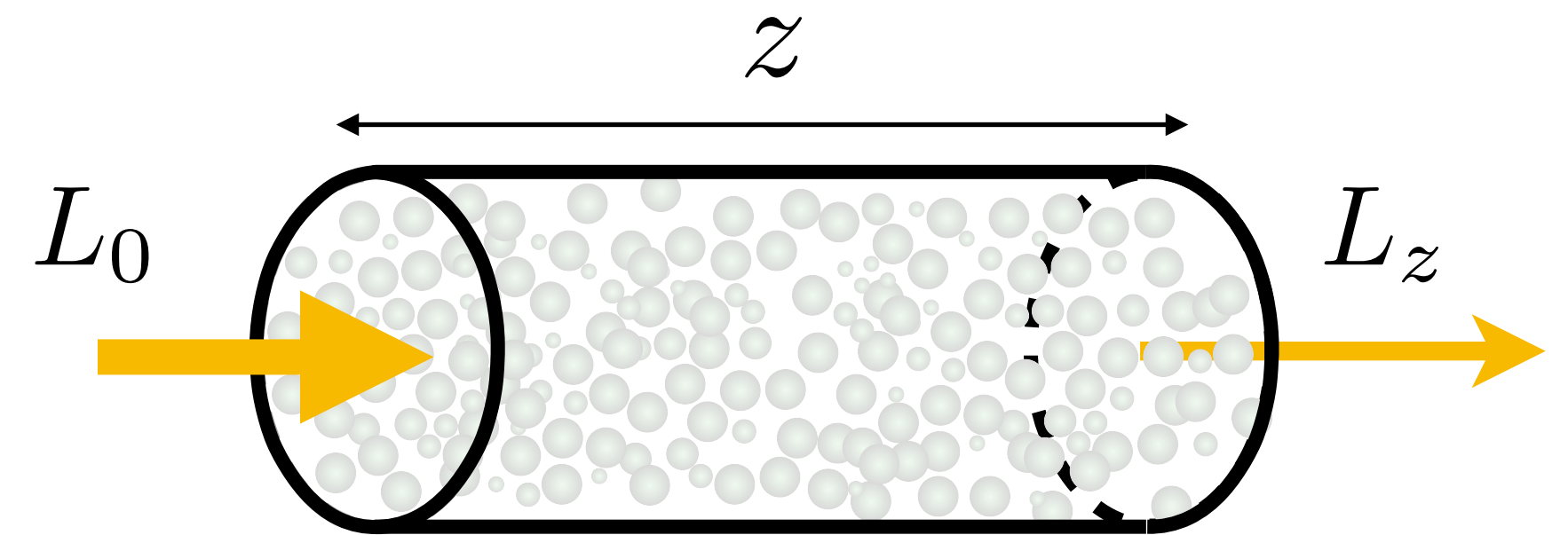
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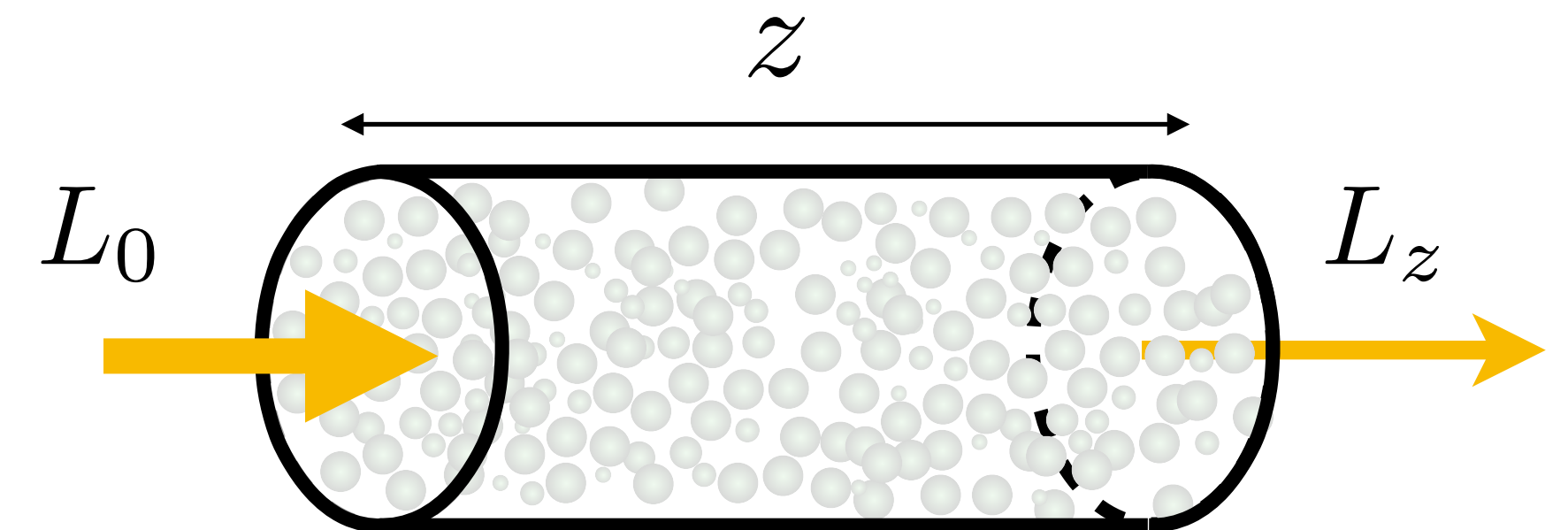
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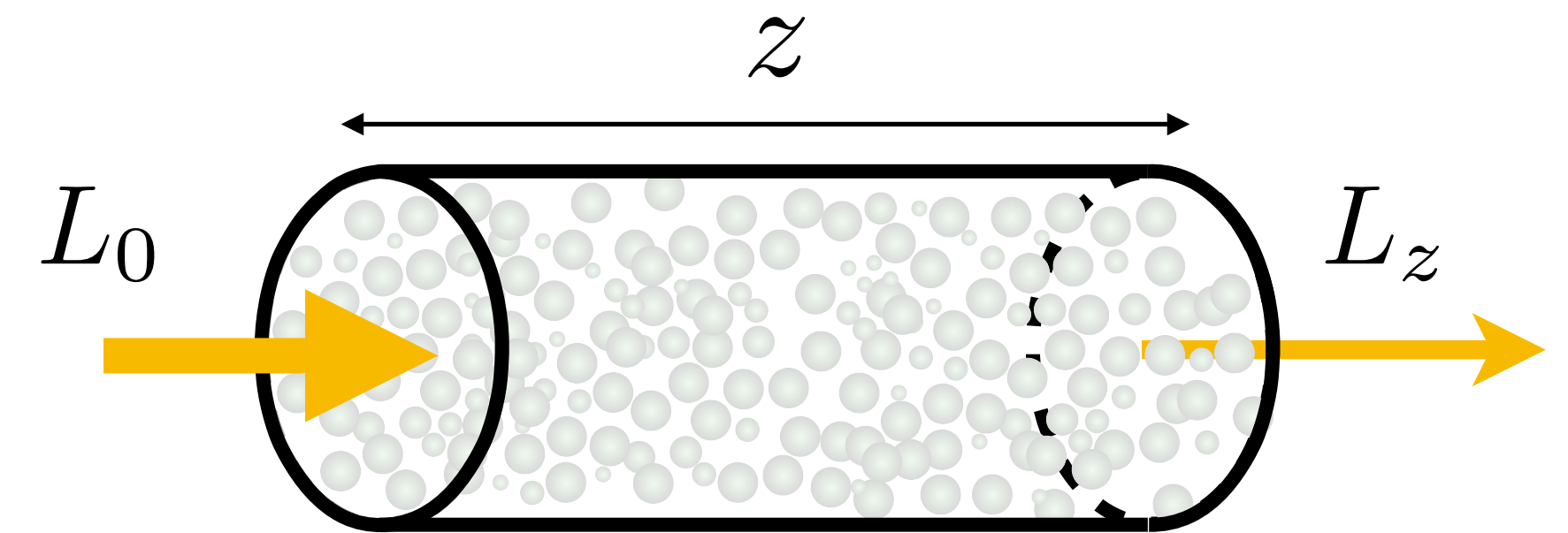
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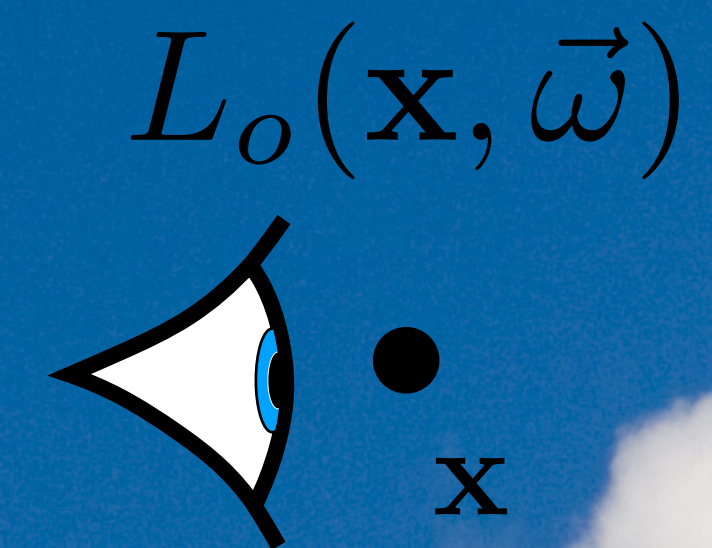
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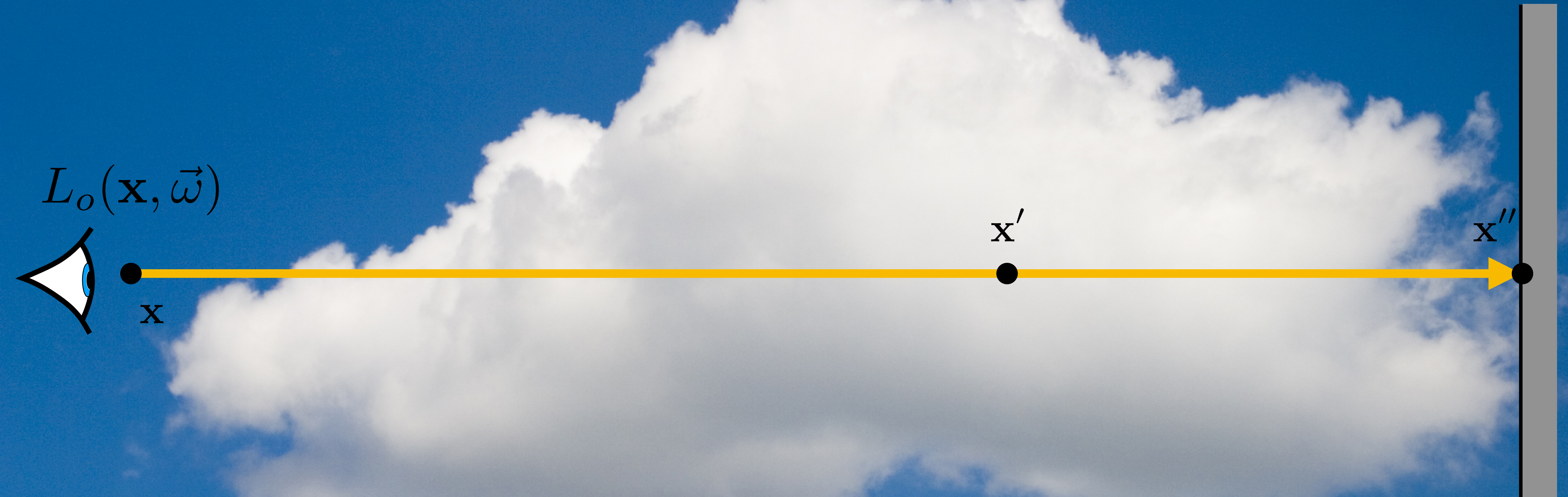
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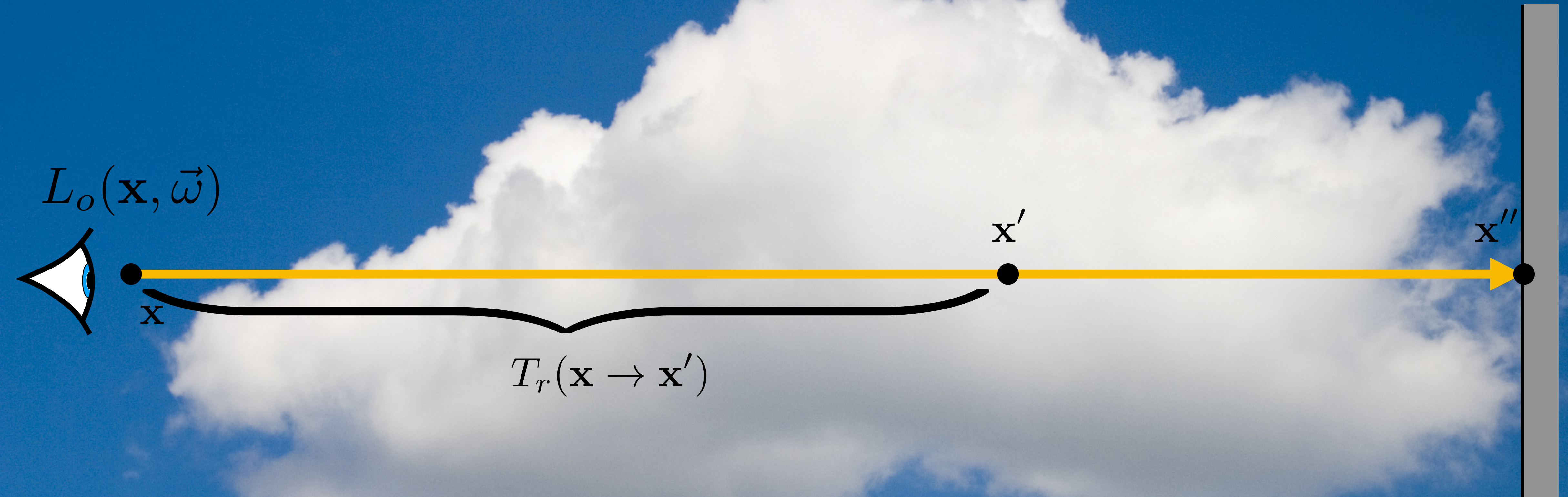
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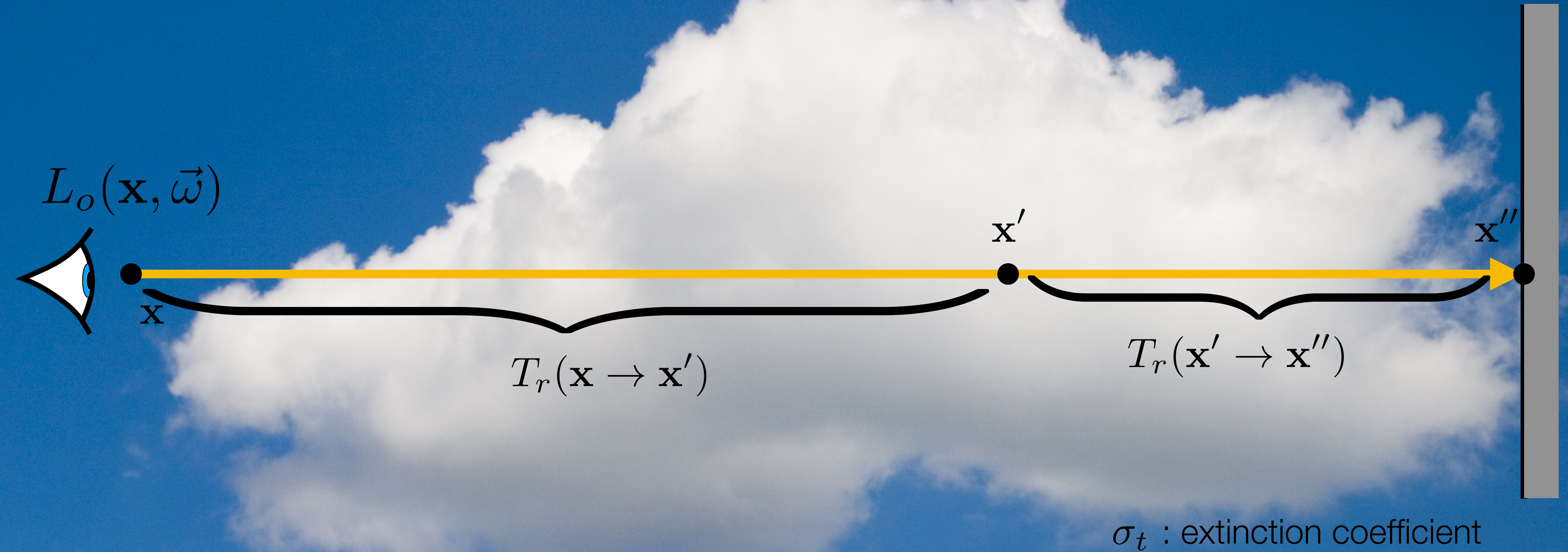
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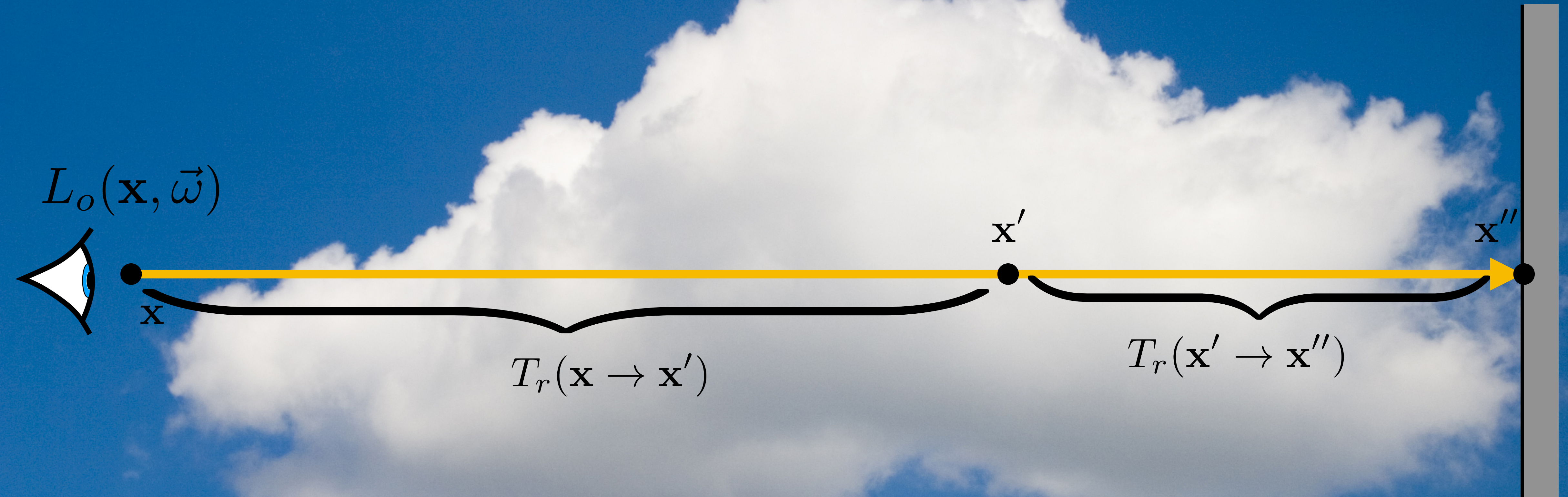
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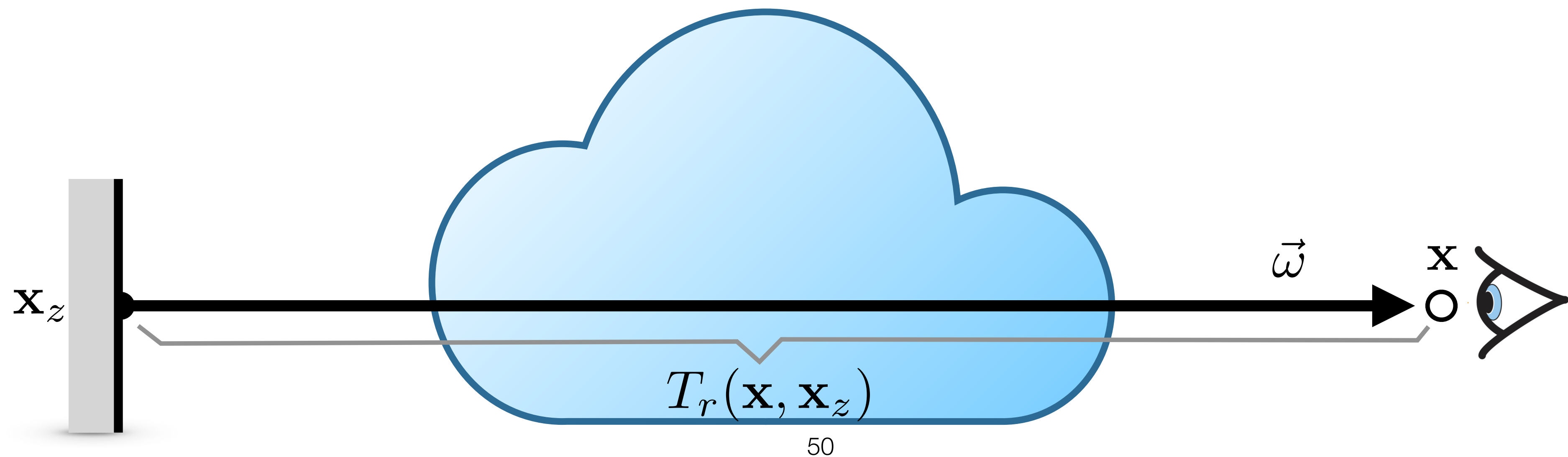
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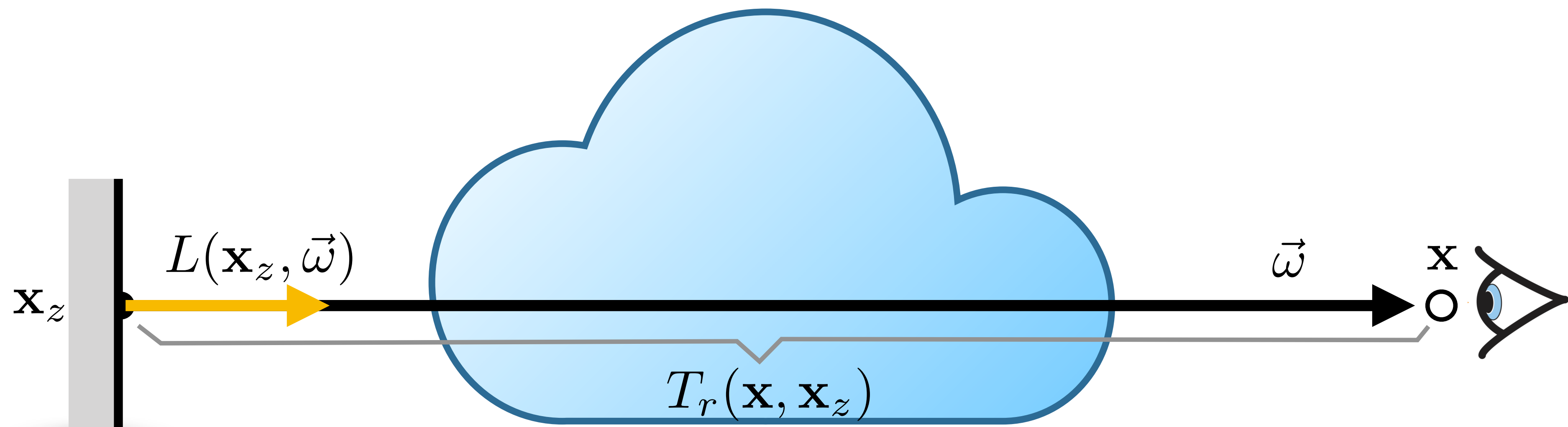
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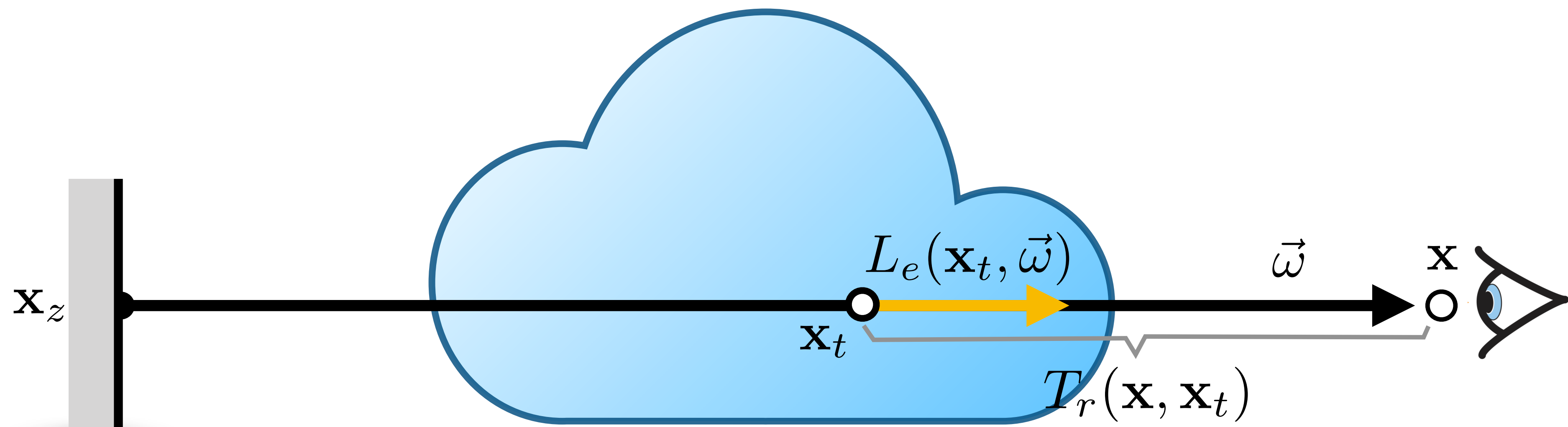


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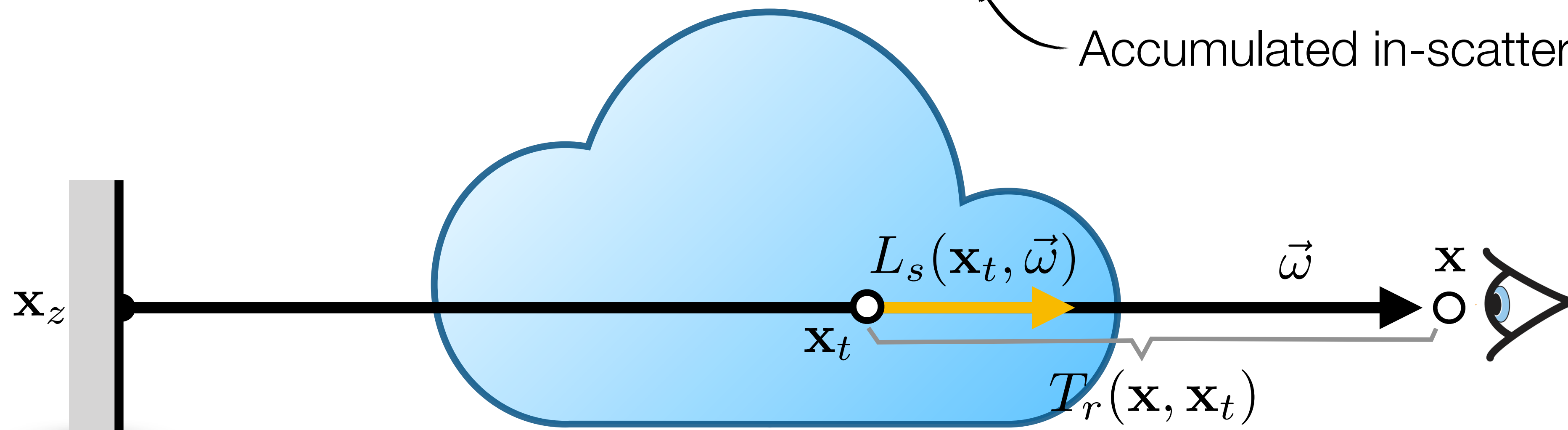
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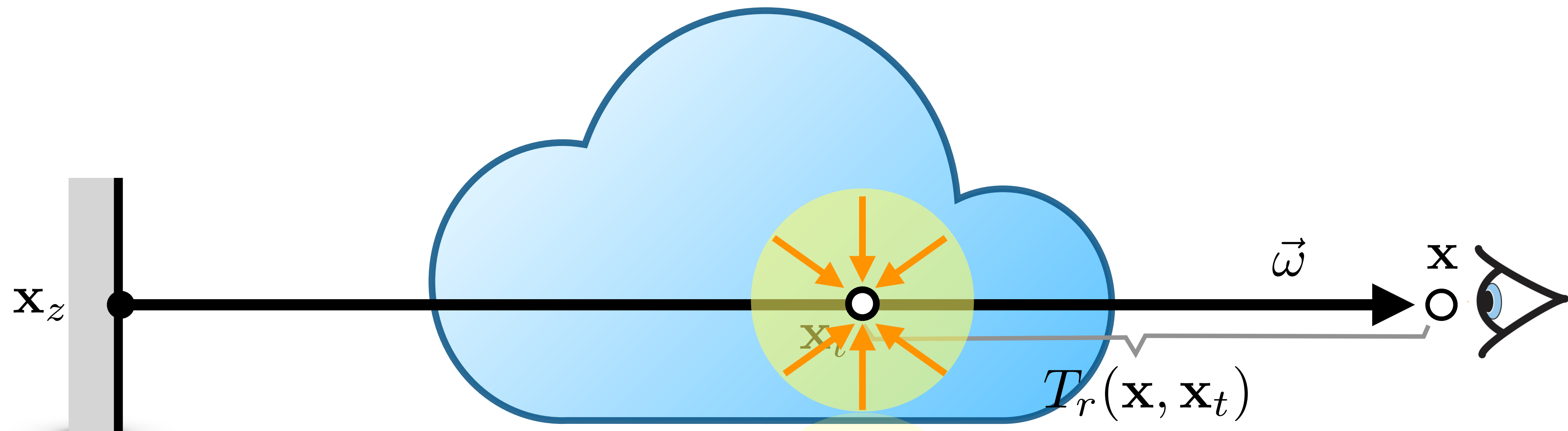
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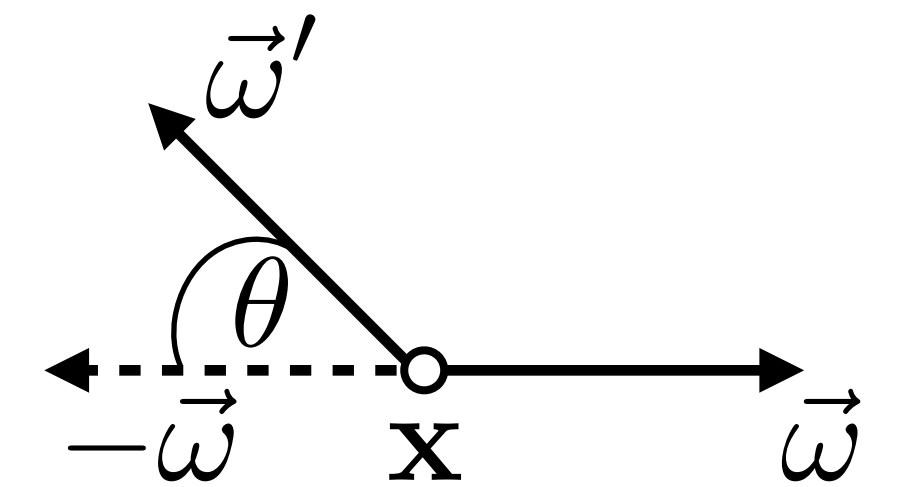
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Isotropic:

$$f_p(\vec{\omega}_o, \vec{\omega}_i) = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Uniform scattering, analogous to Lambertian BRDF

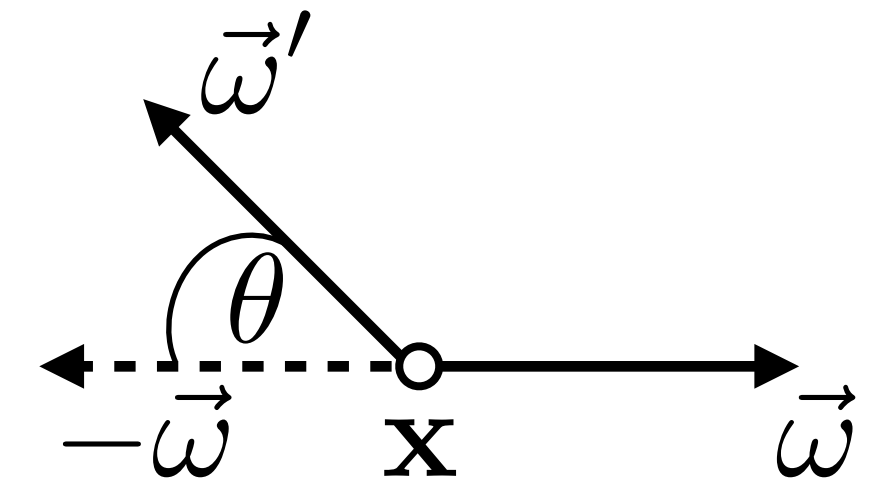
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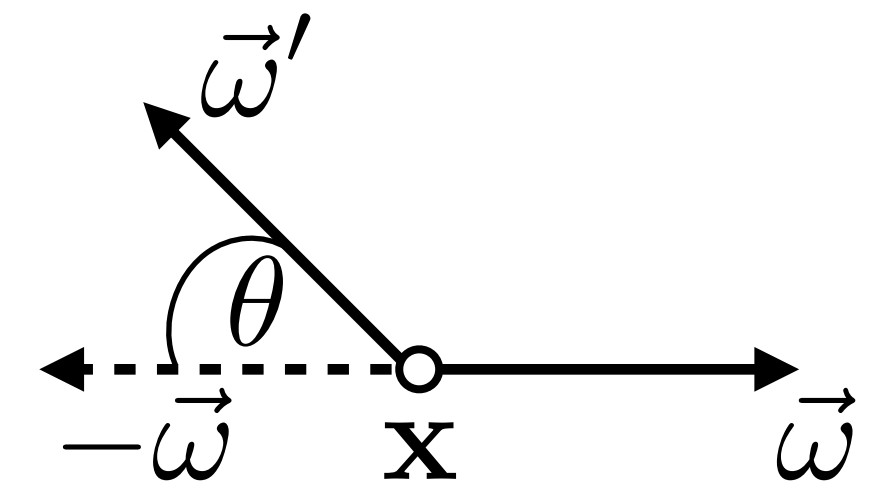
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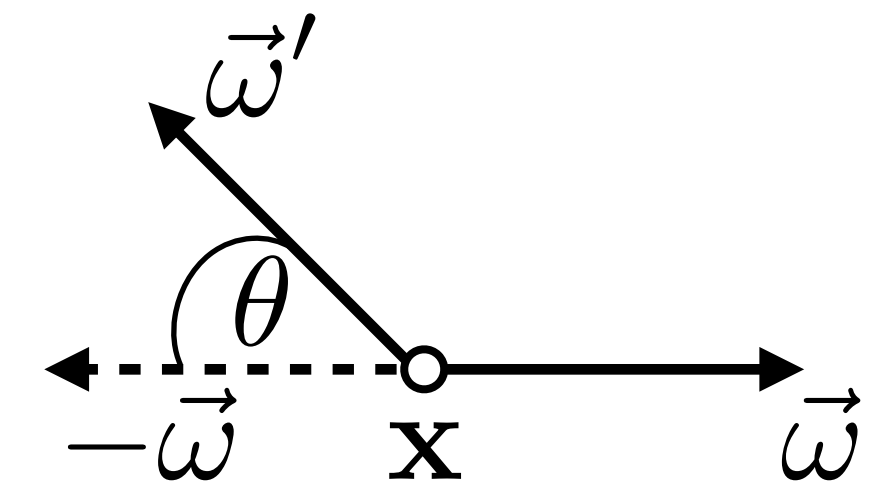


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$g = 0$: isotropic scattering (on average)

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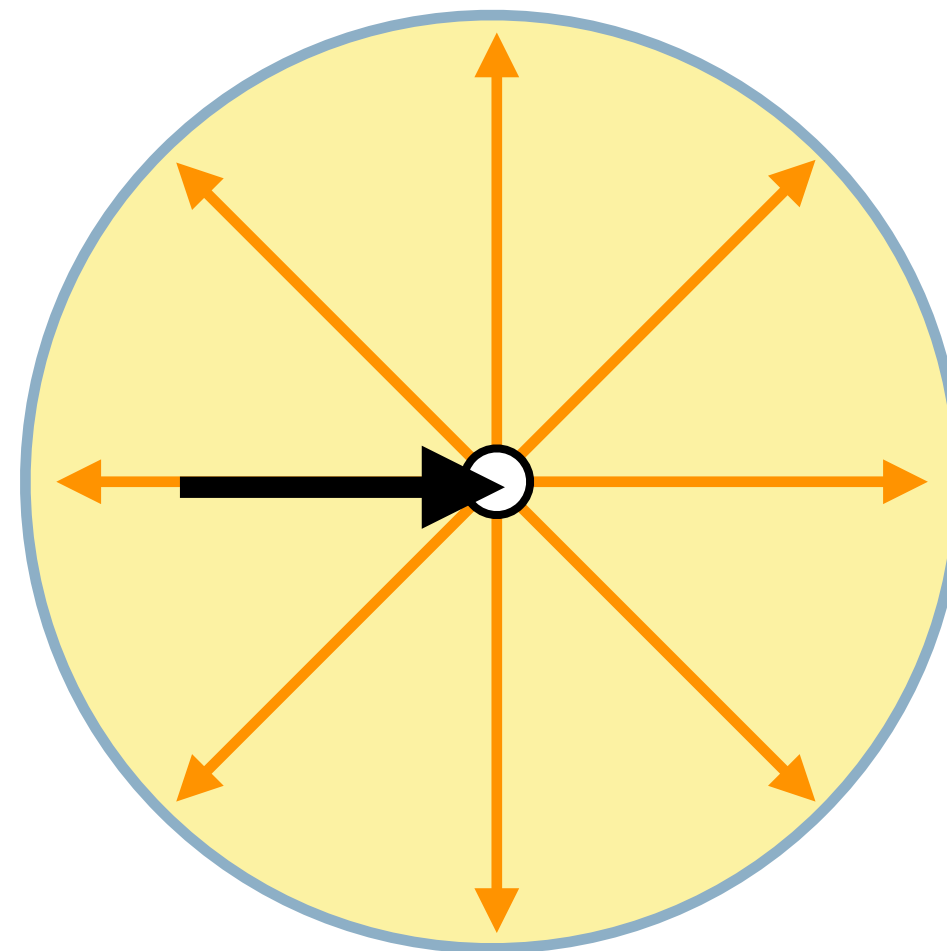
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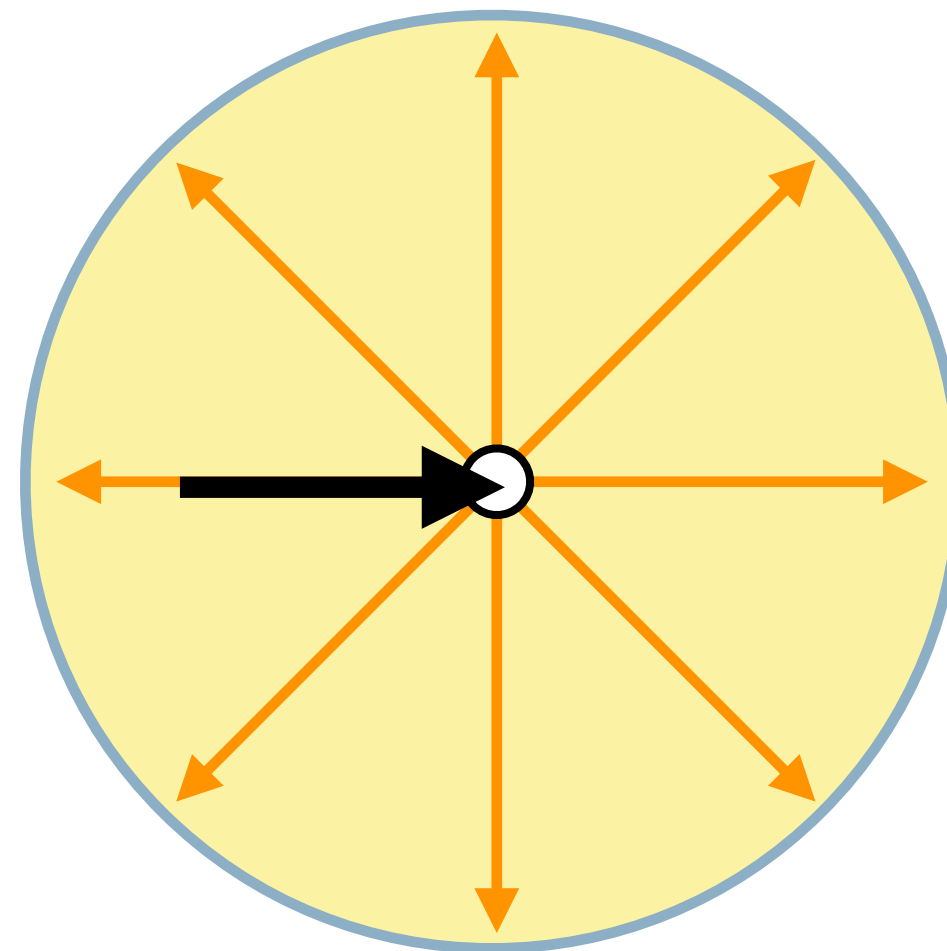
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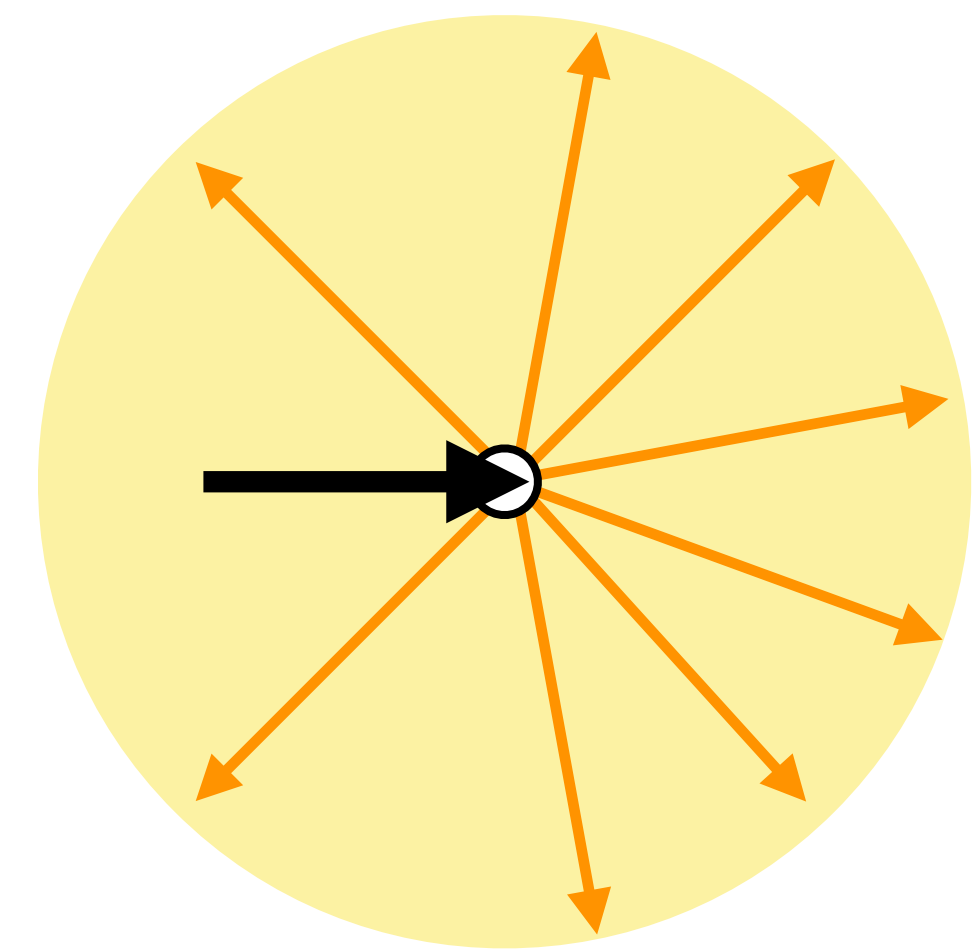
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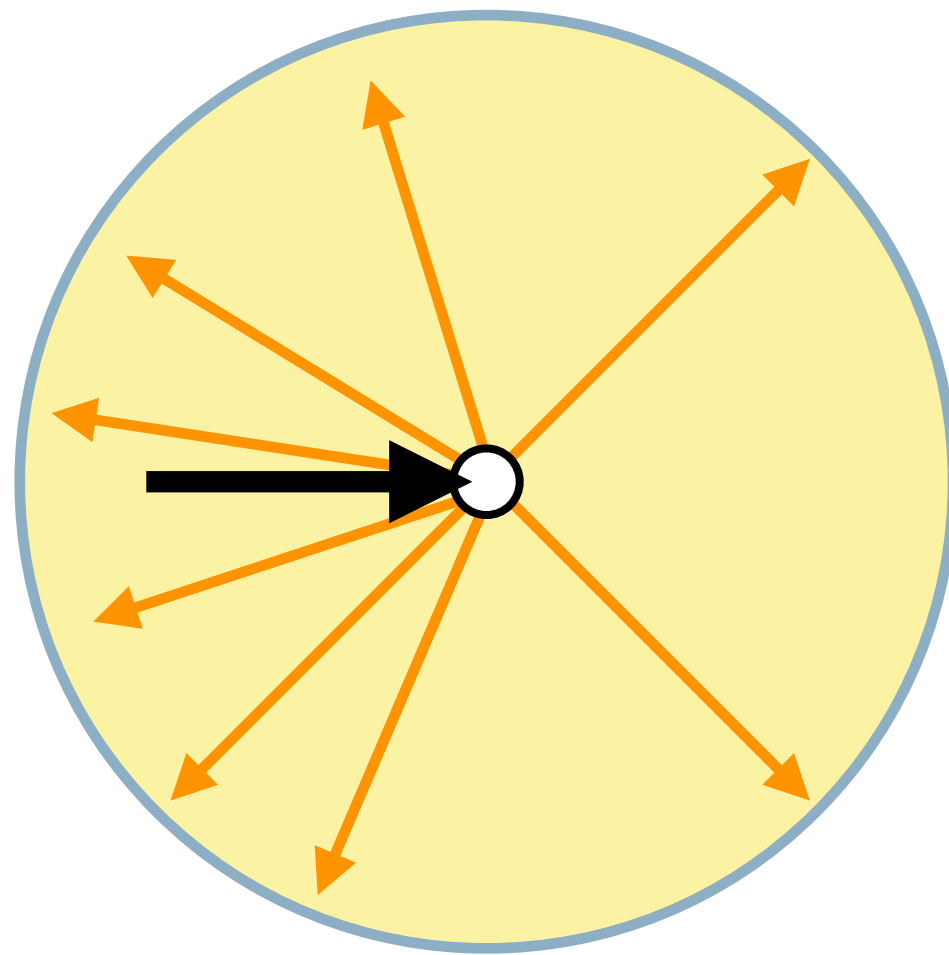
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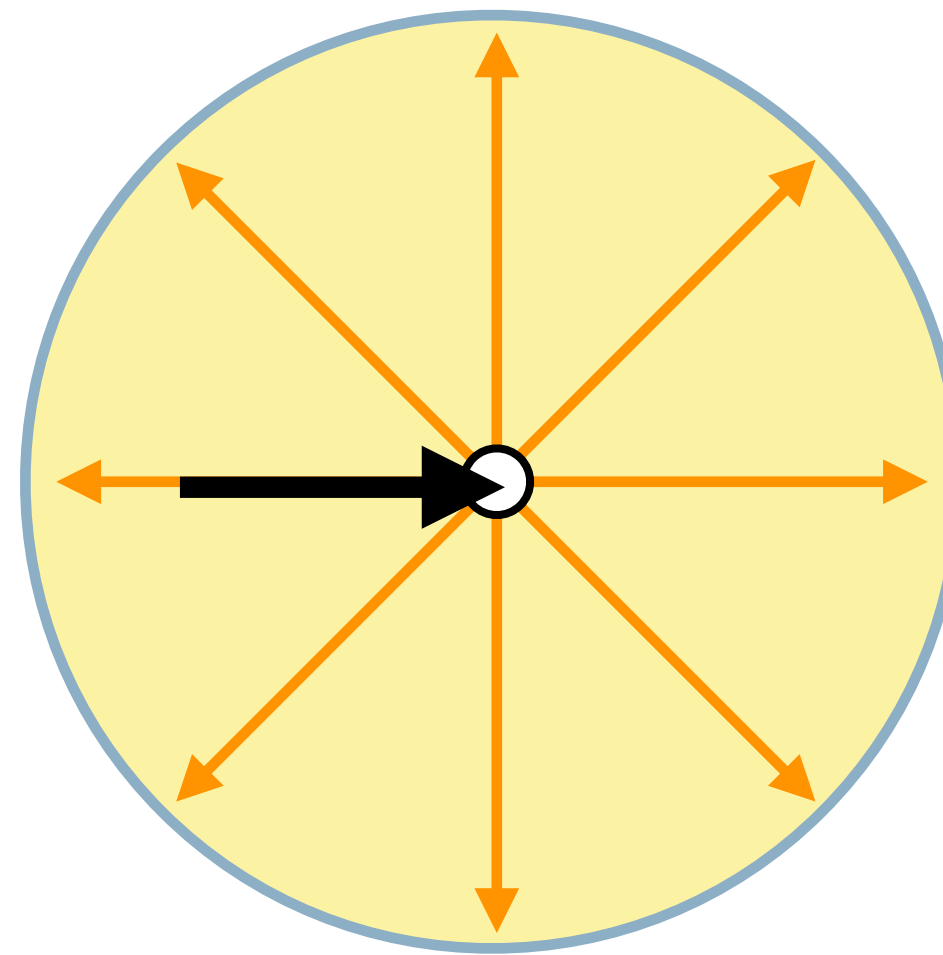
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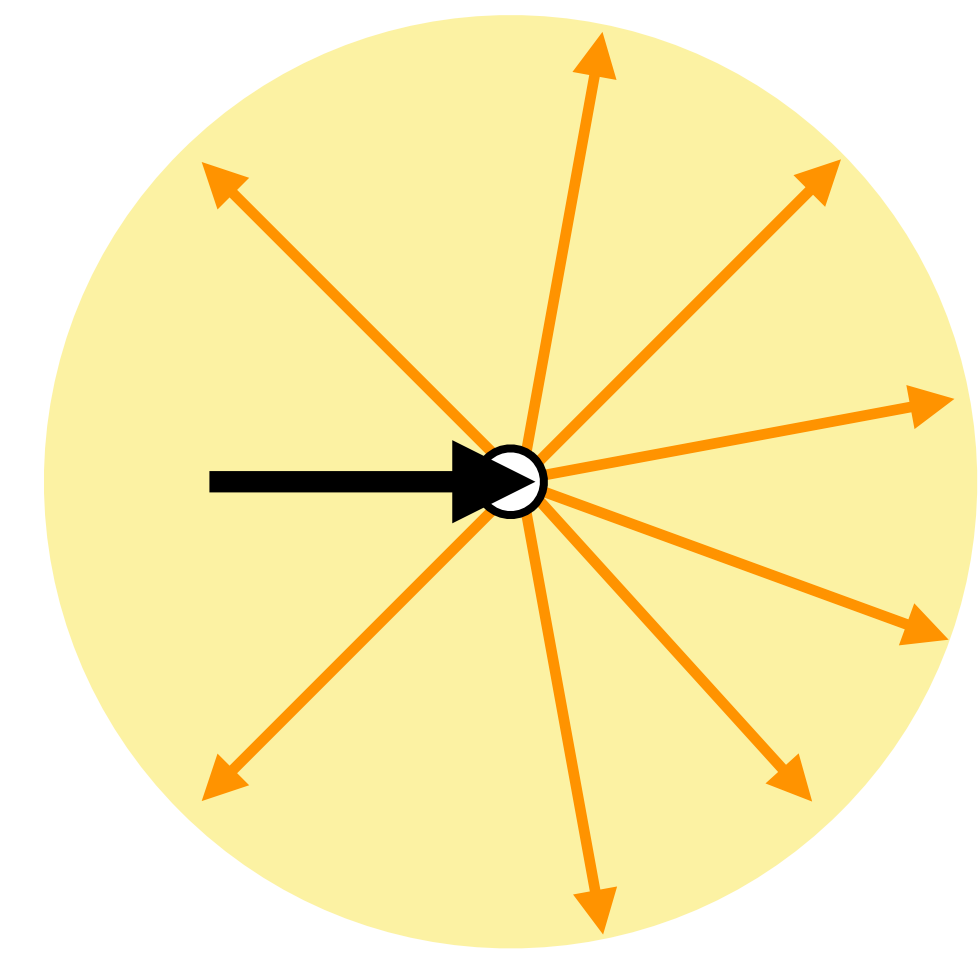
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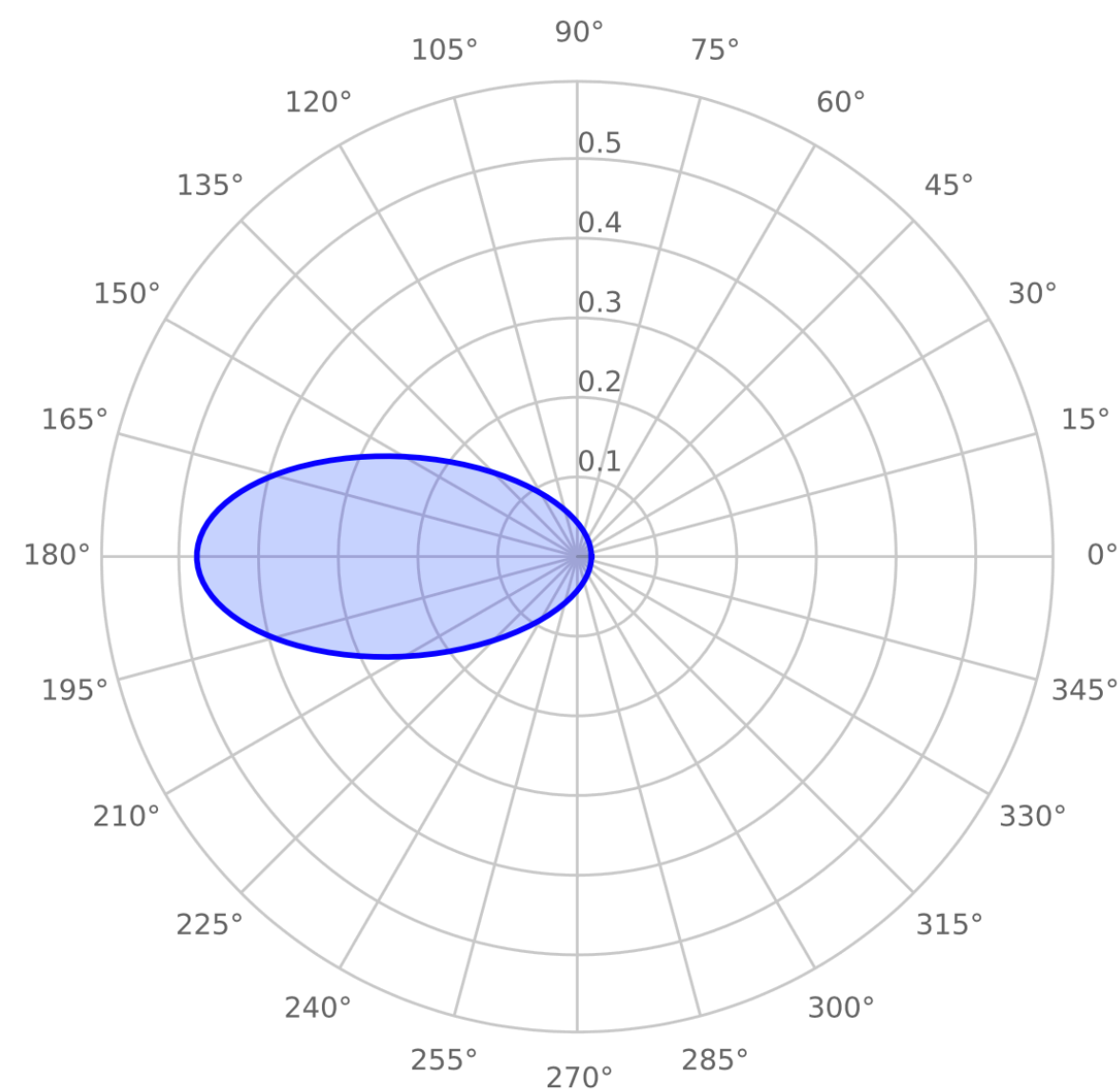
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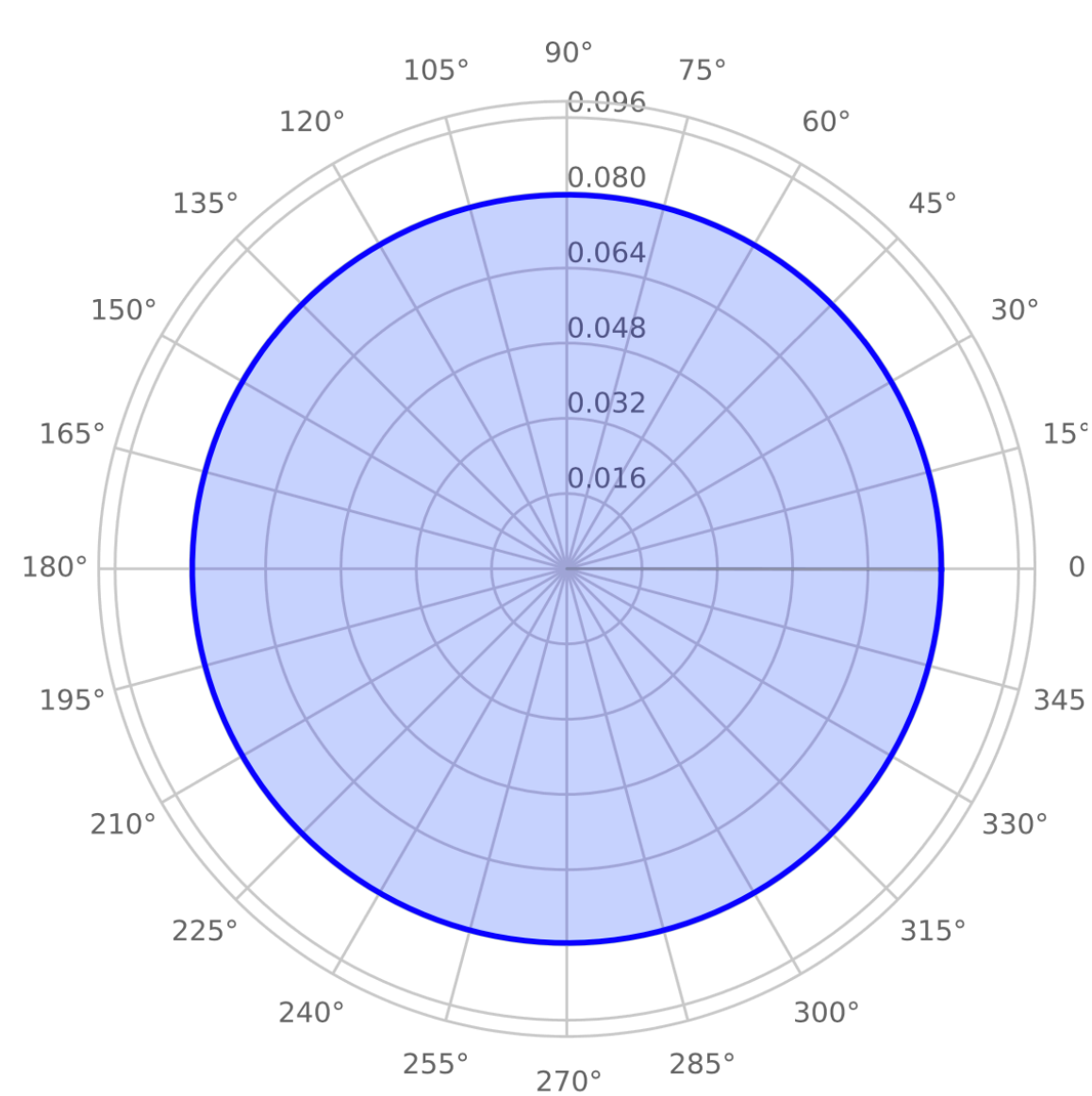
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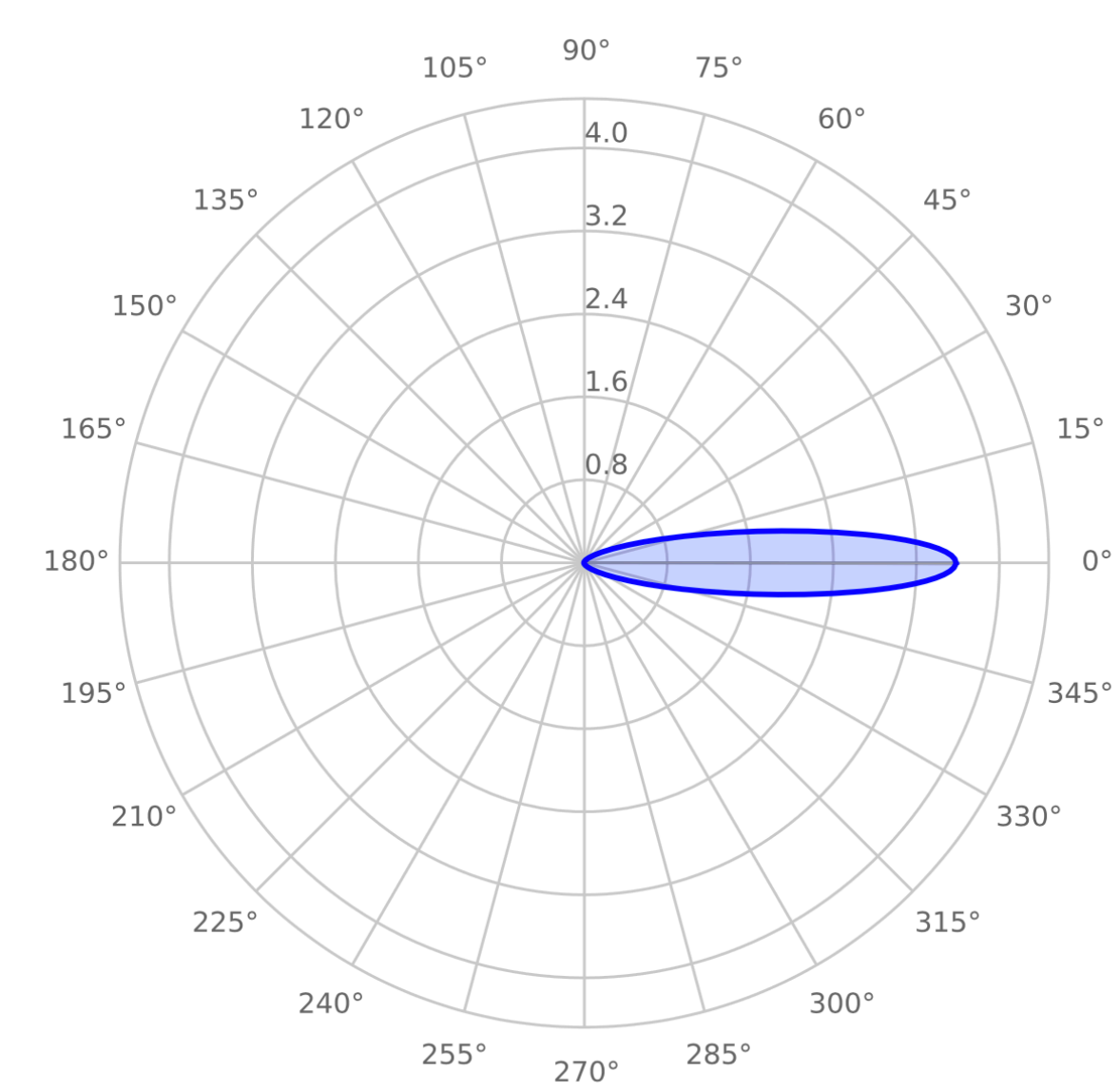
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Strong backward scattering

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Schlick's Phase Function

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Faster approximation to HG

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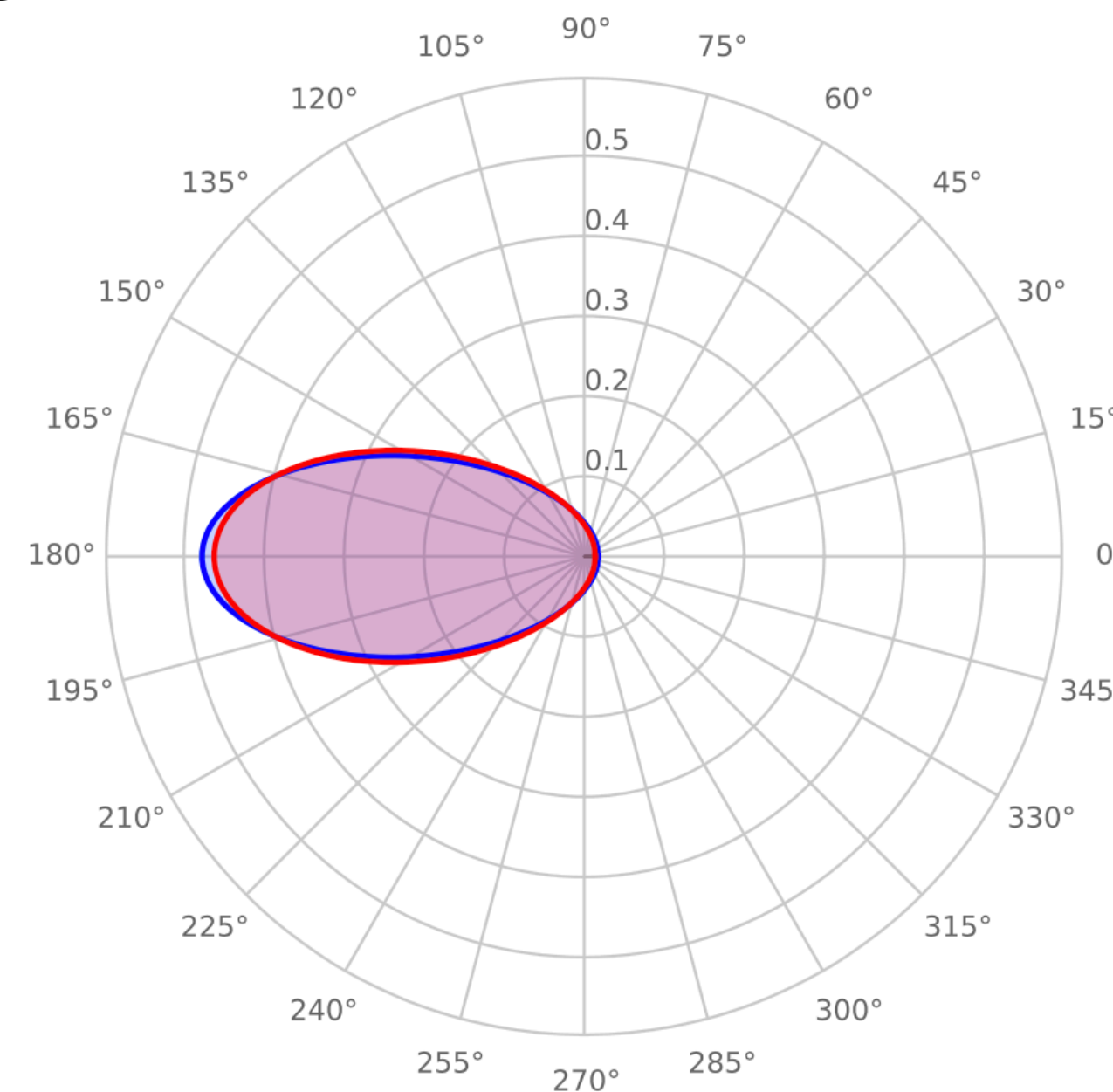
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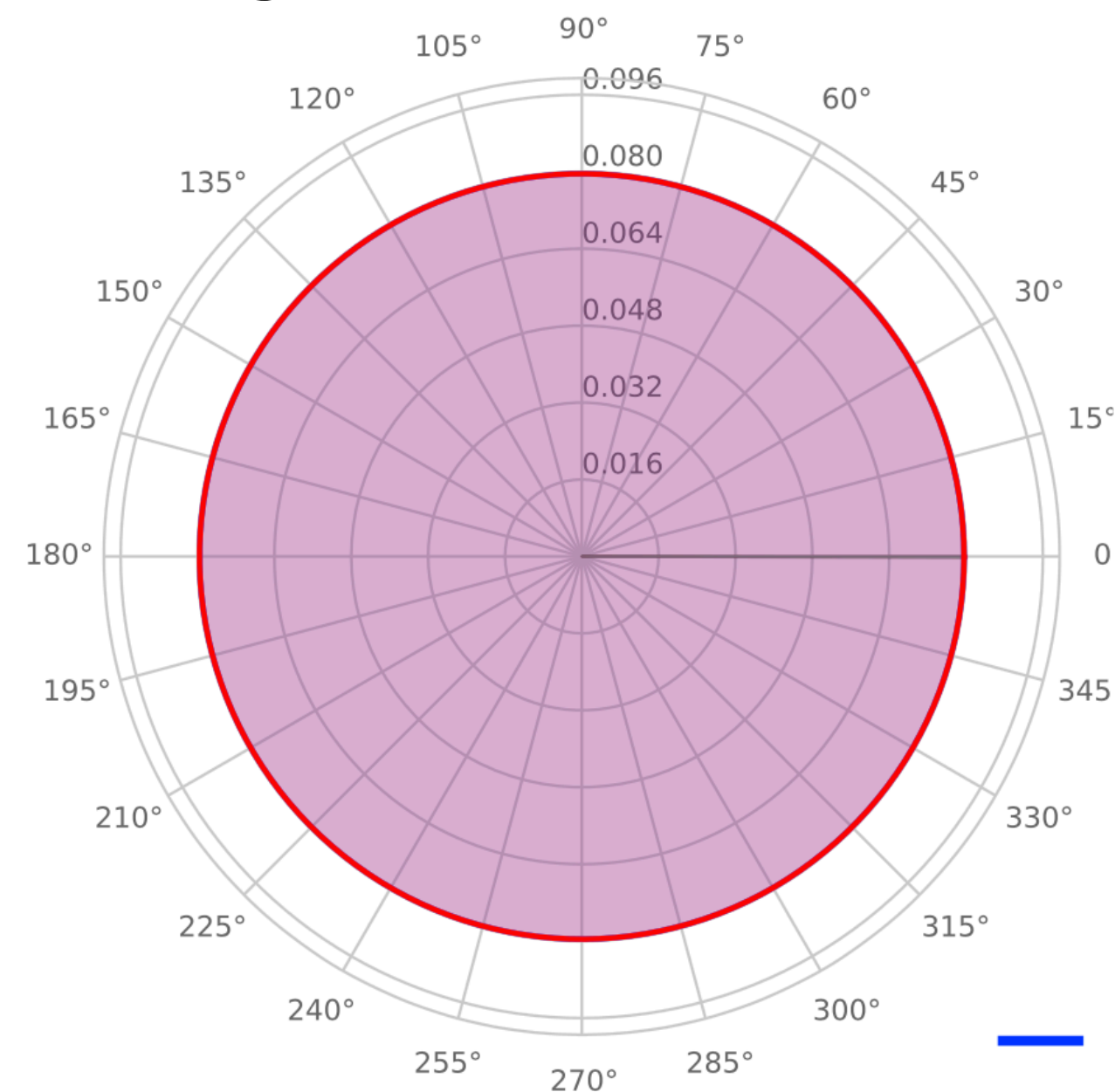
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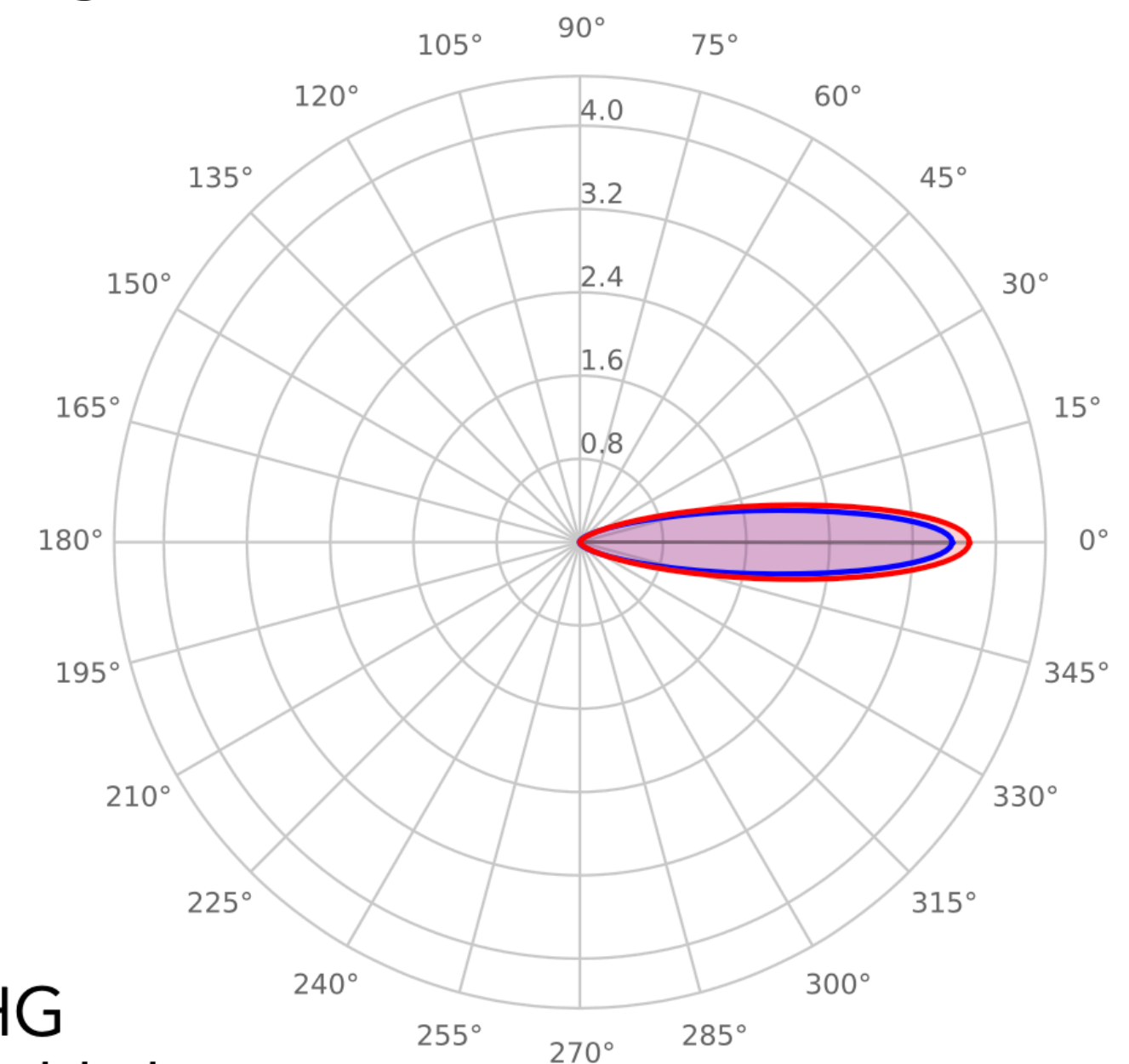
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$$g = 0 \quad k = 0$$



$$g = 0.8 \quad k = 0.96$$



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Rainbows



Lorenz-Mie Scattering

For large-size particles (scatterers), we cannot ignore the wave nature of light

Solution to Maxwell's equations for scattering from many spherical dielectric particles

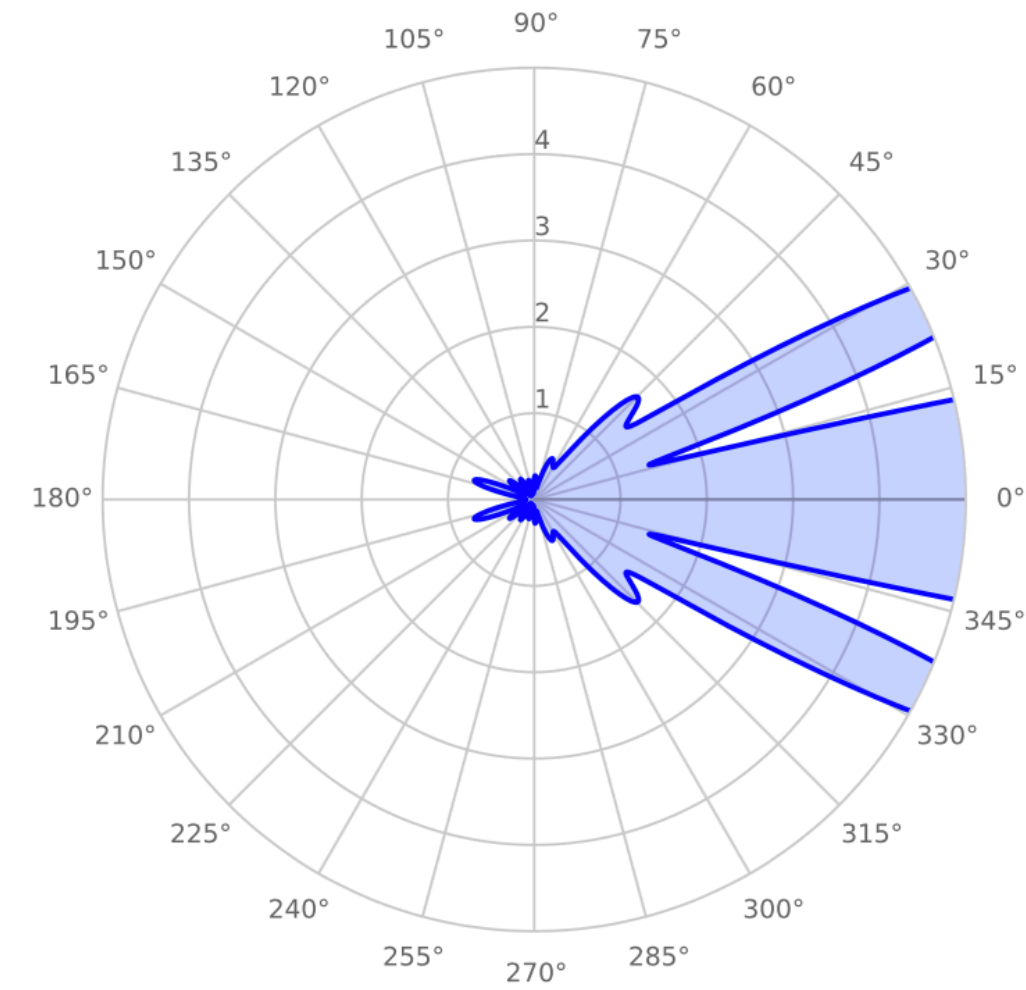
Explains many phenomena

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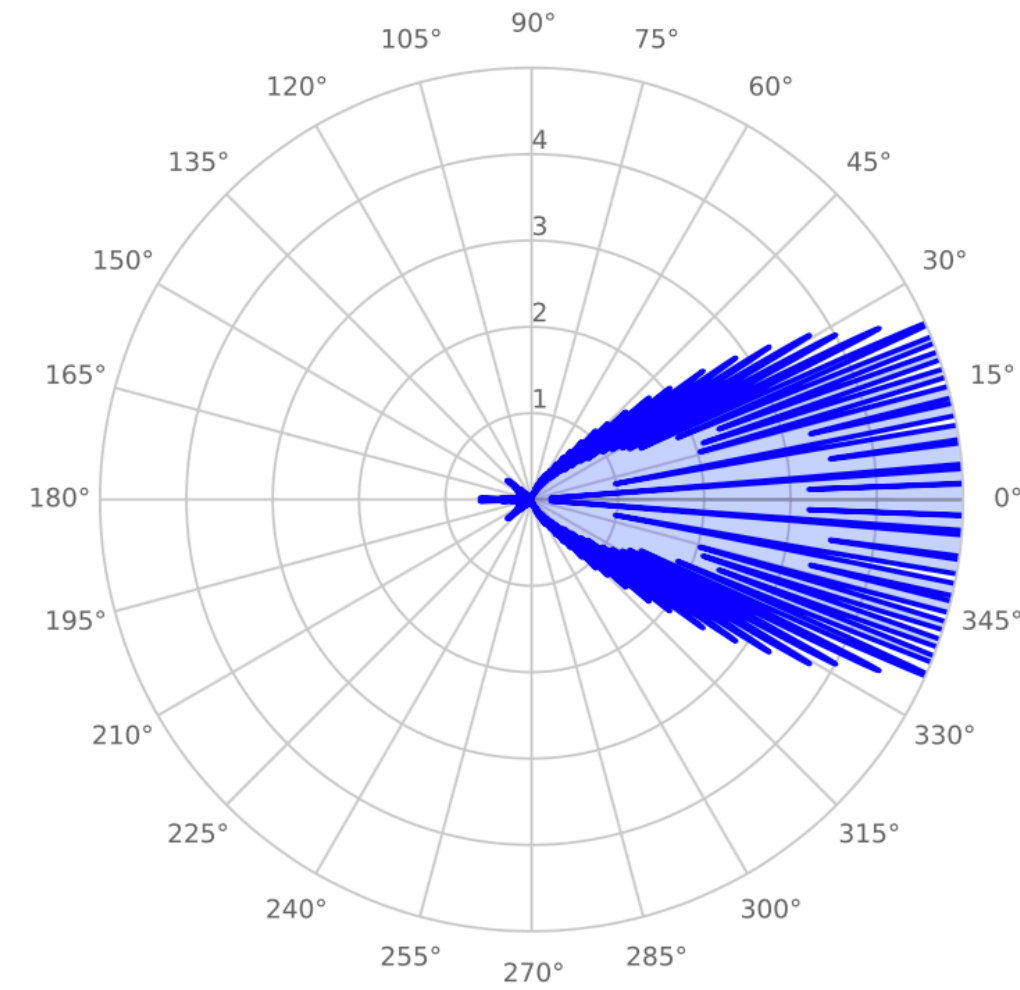
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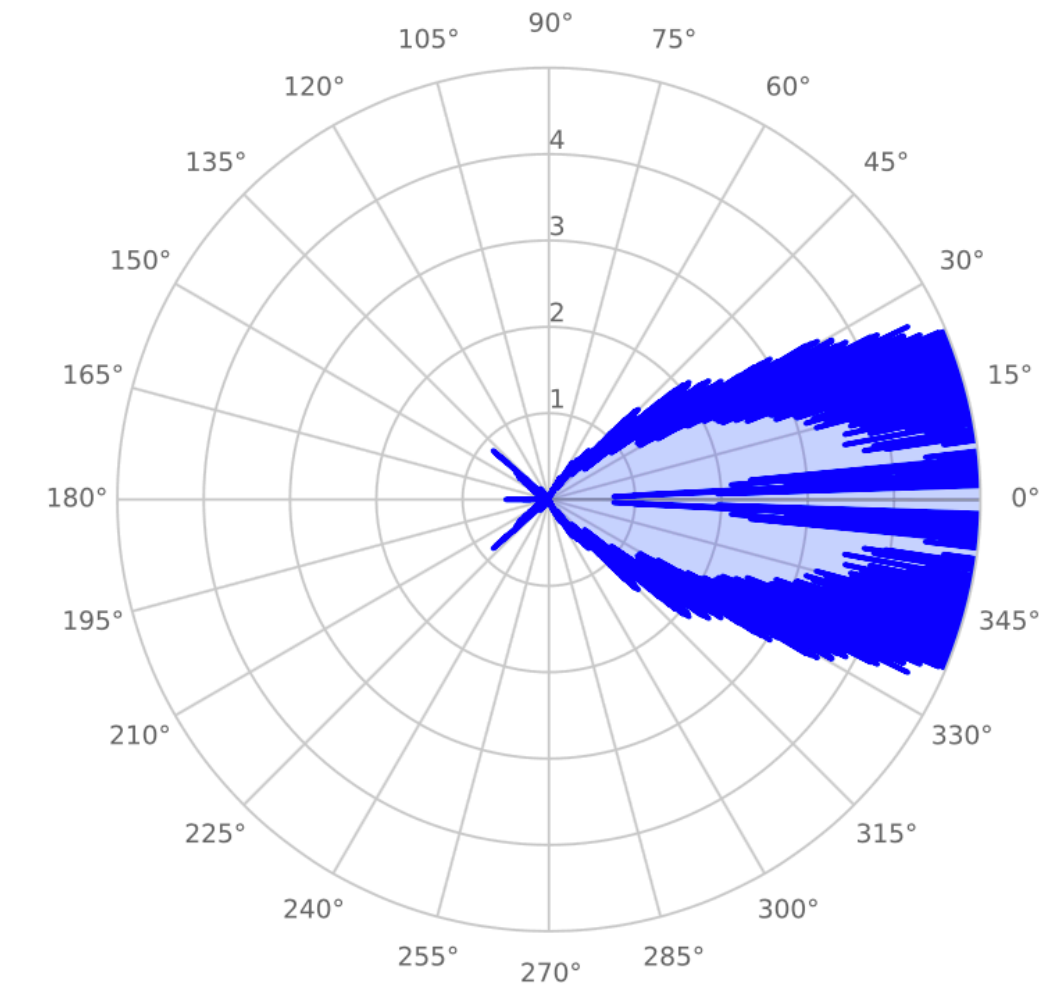
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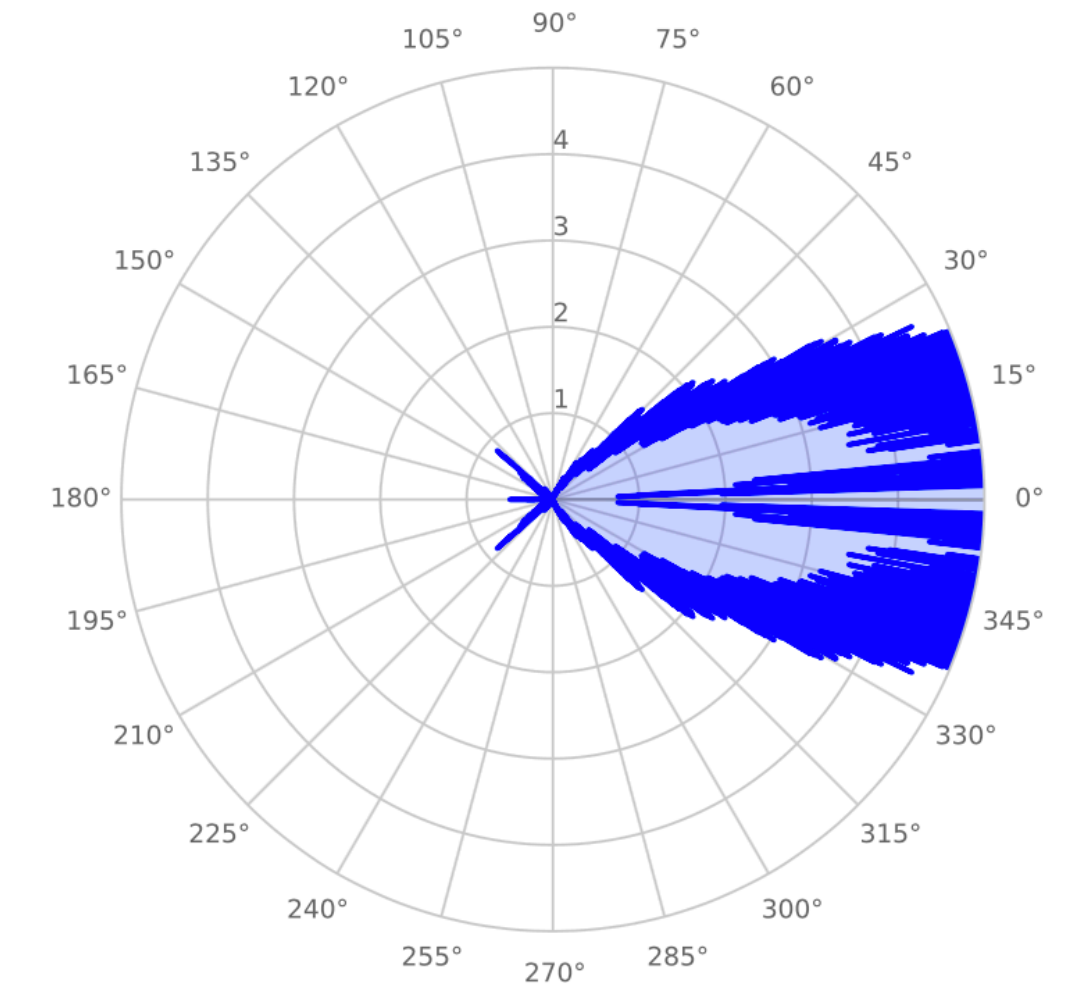
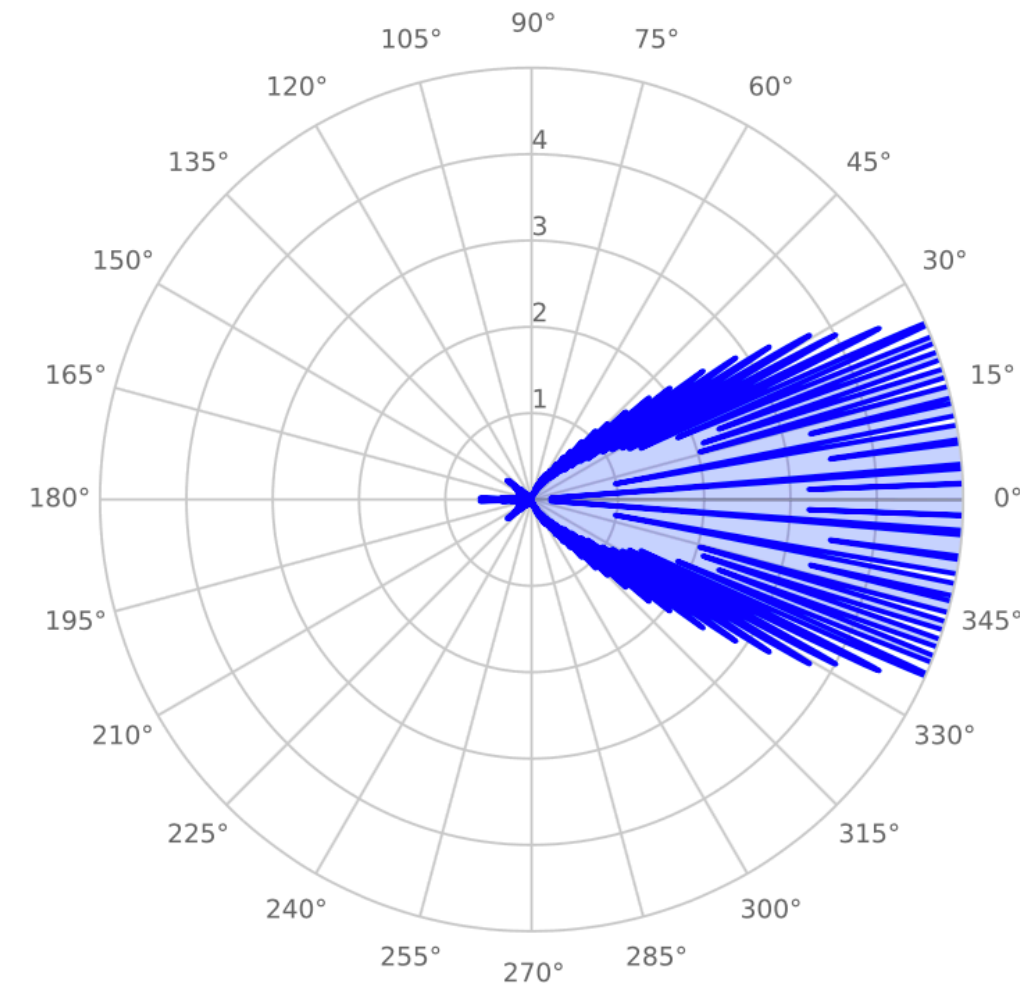
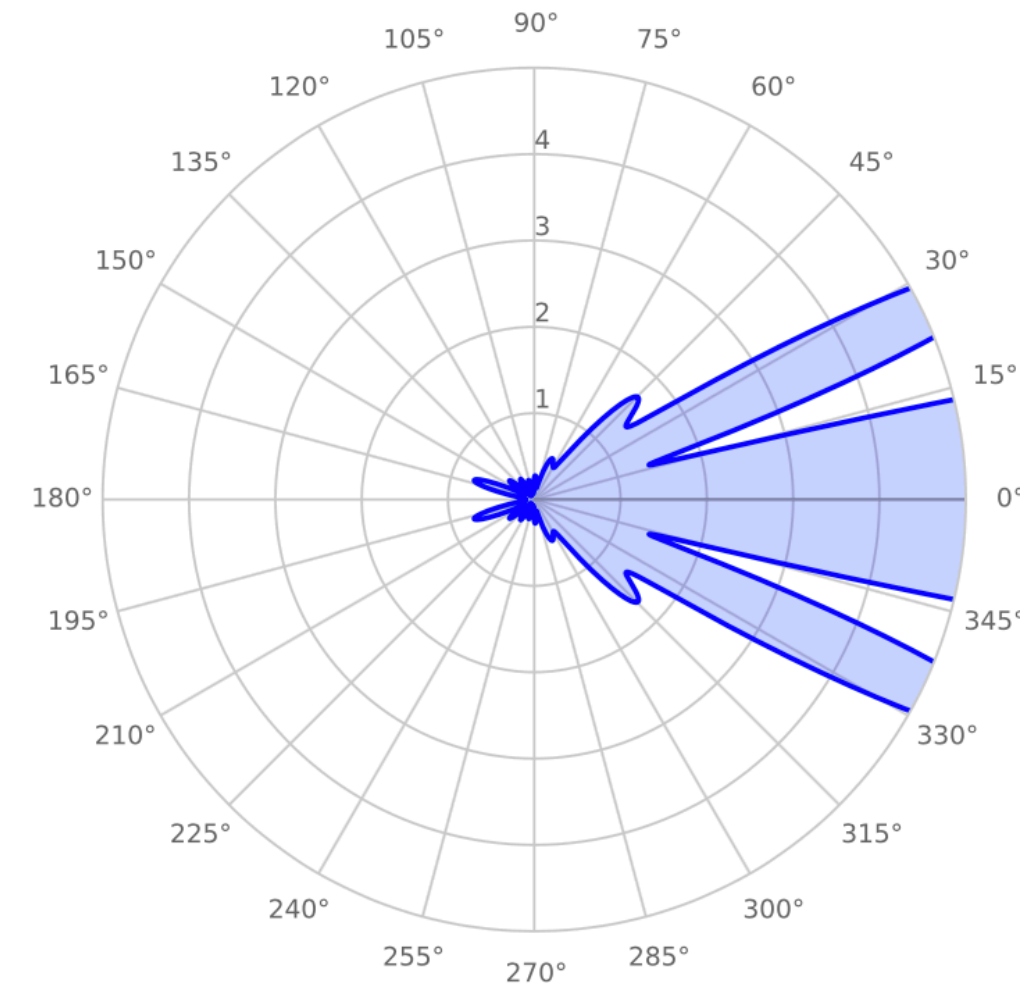
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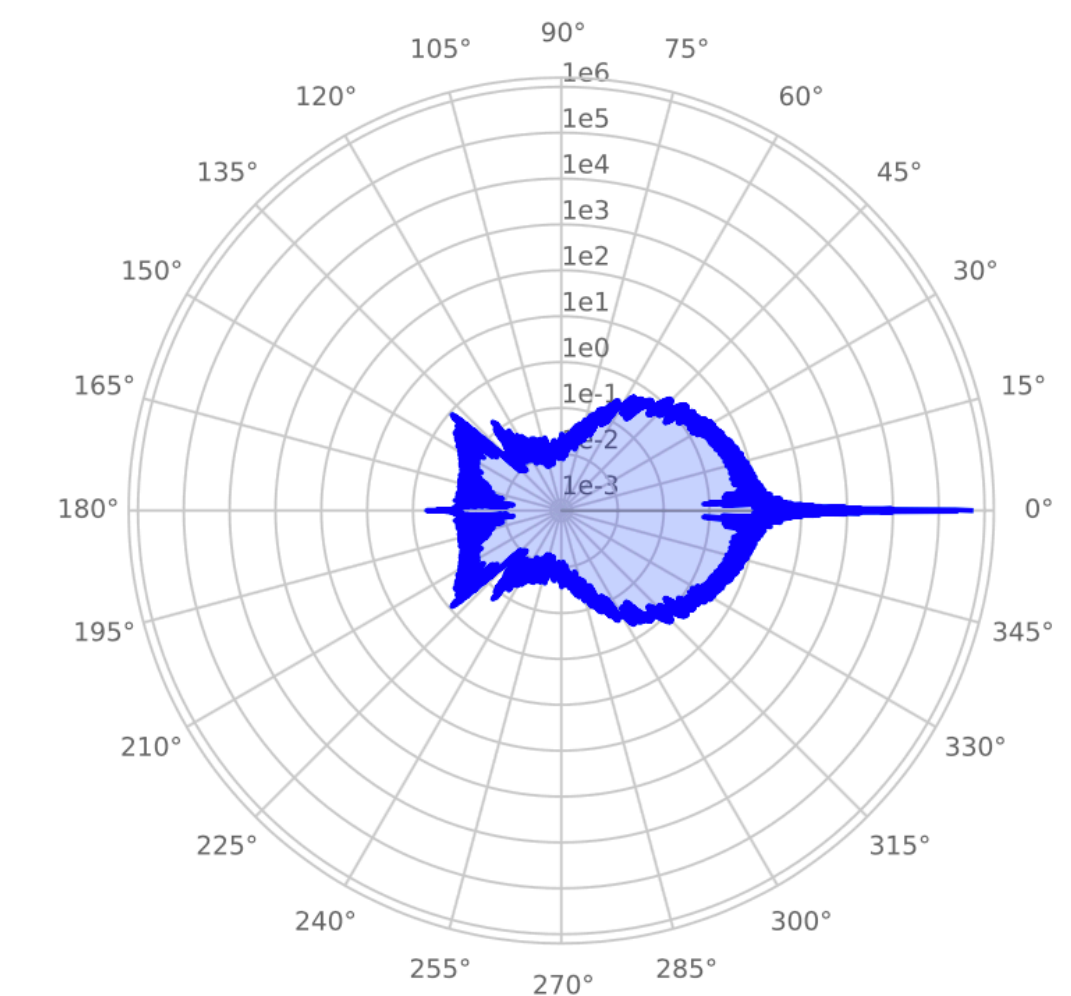
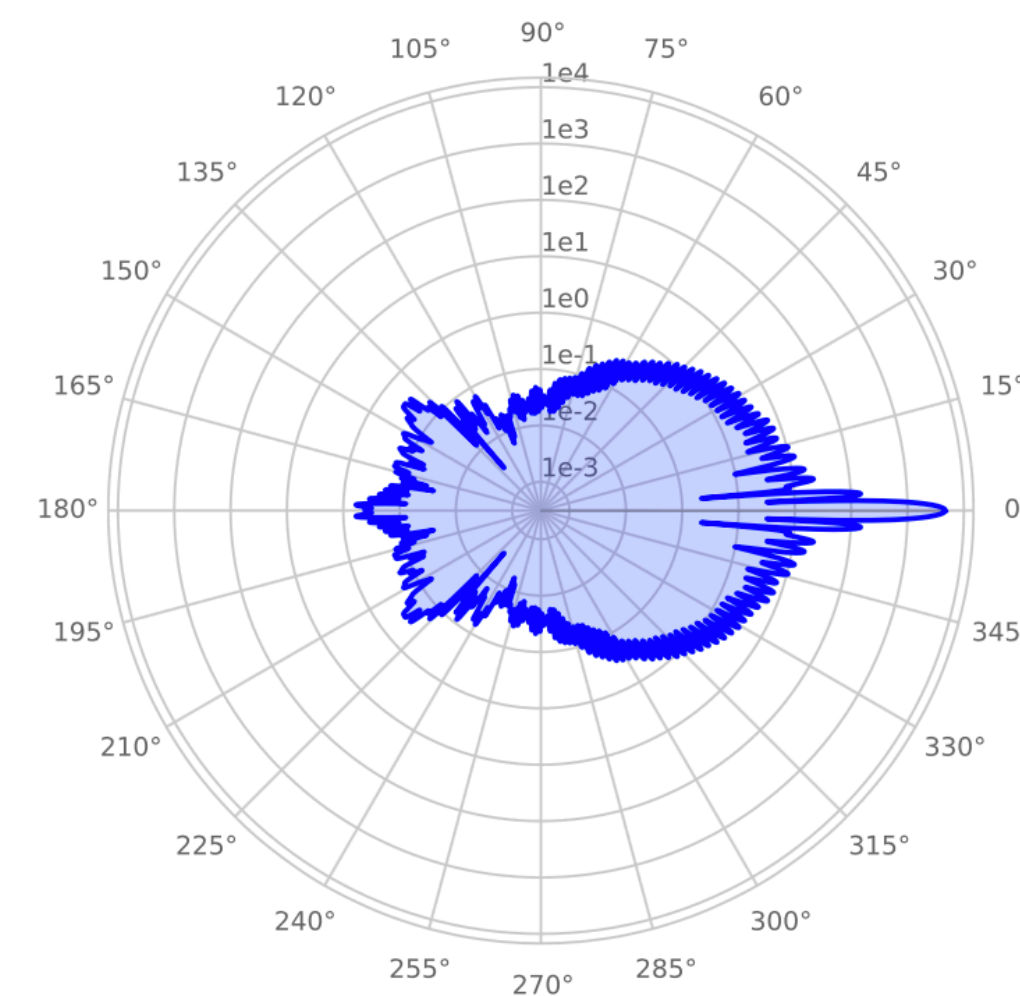
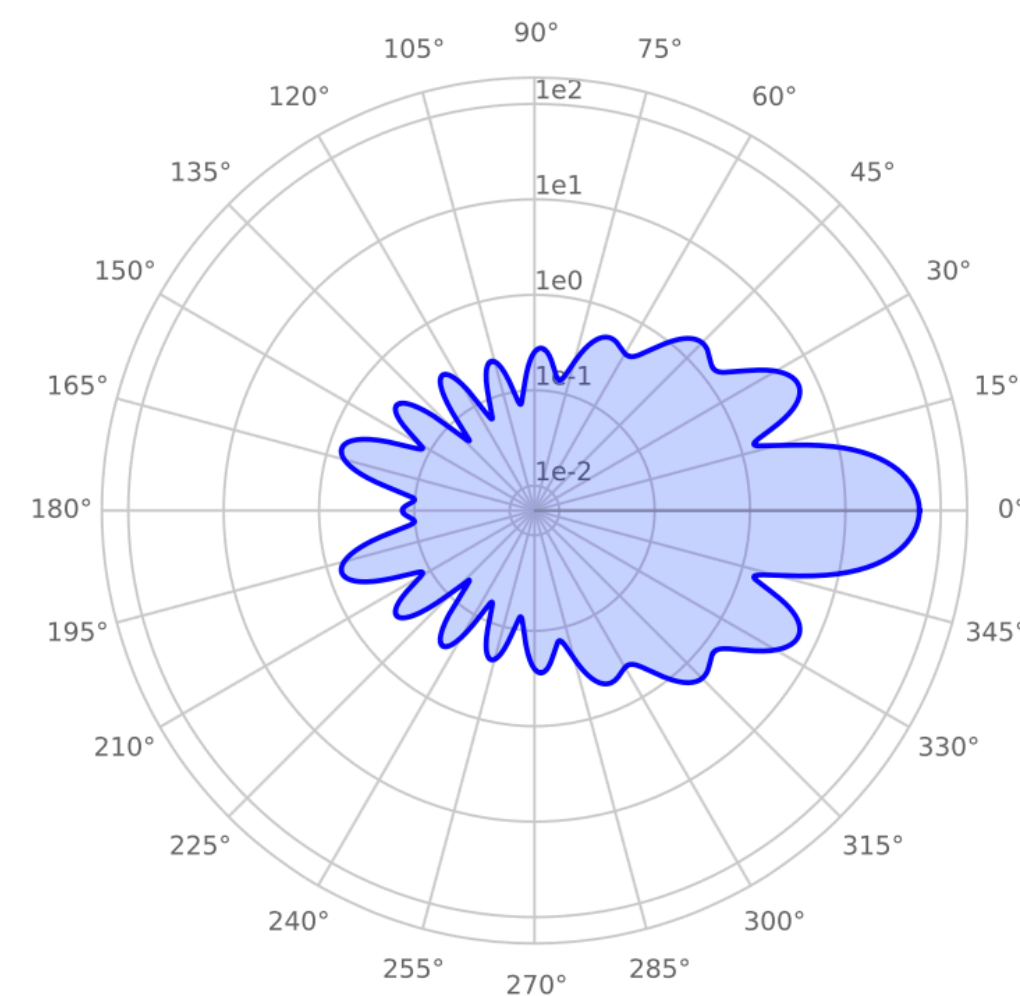
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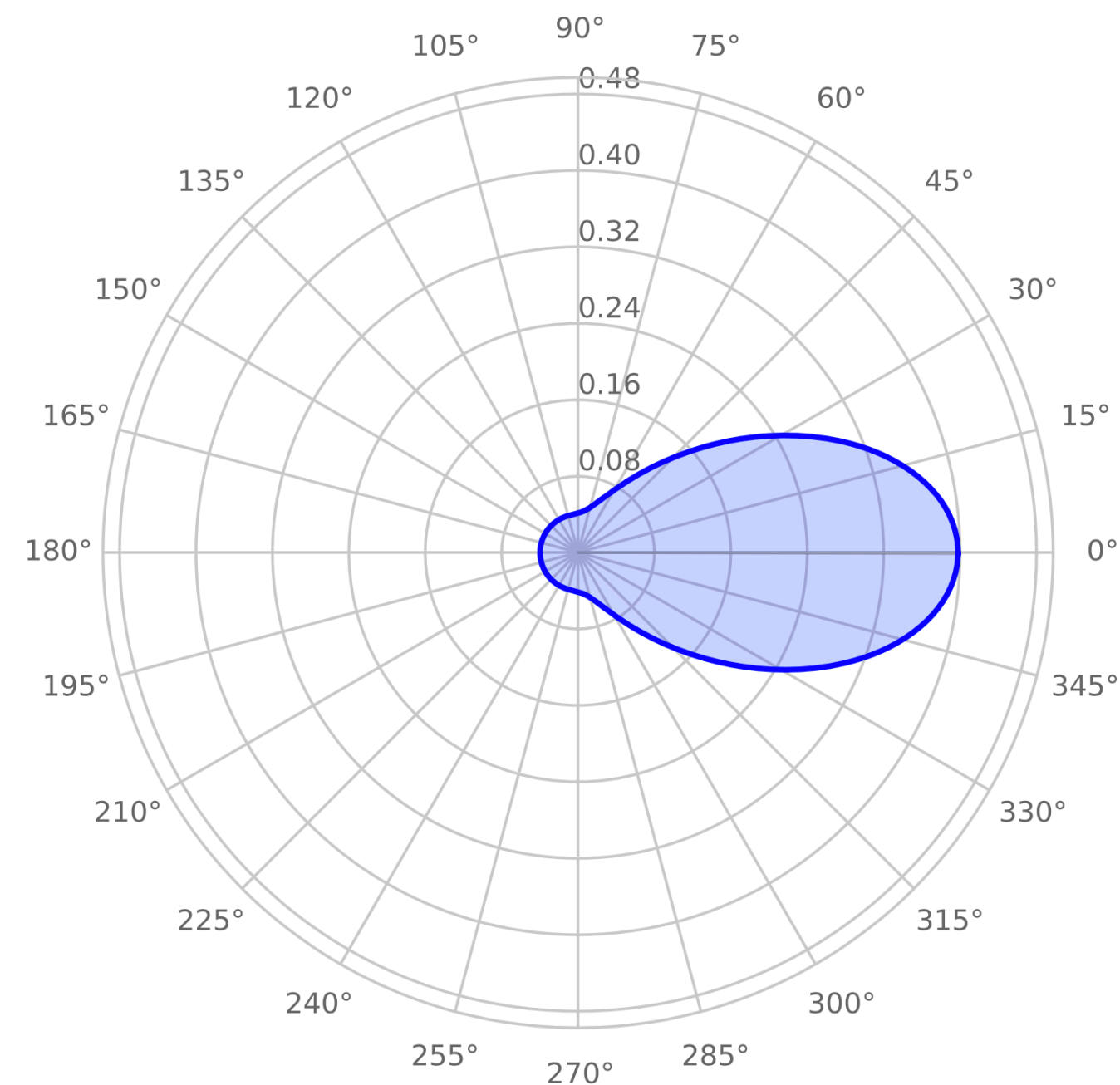
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Lorenz-Mie Approximations

Hazy atmosphere

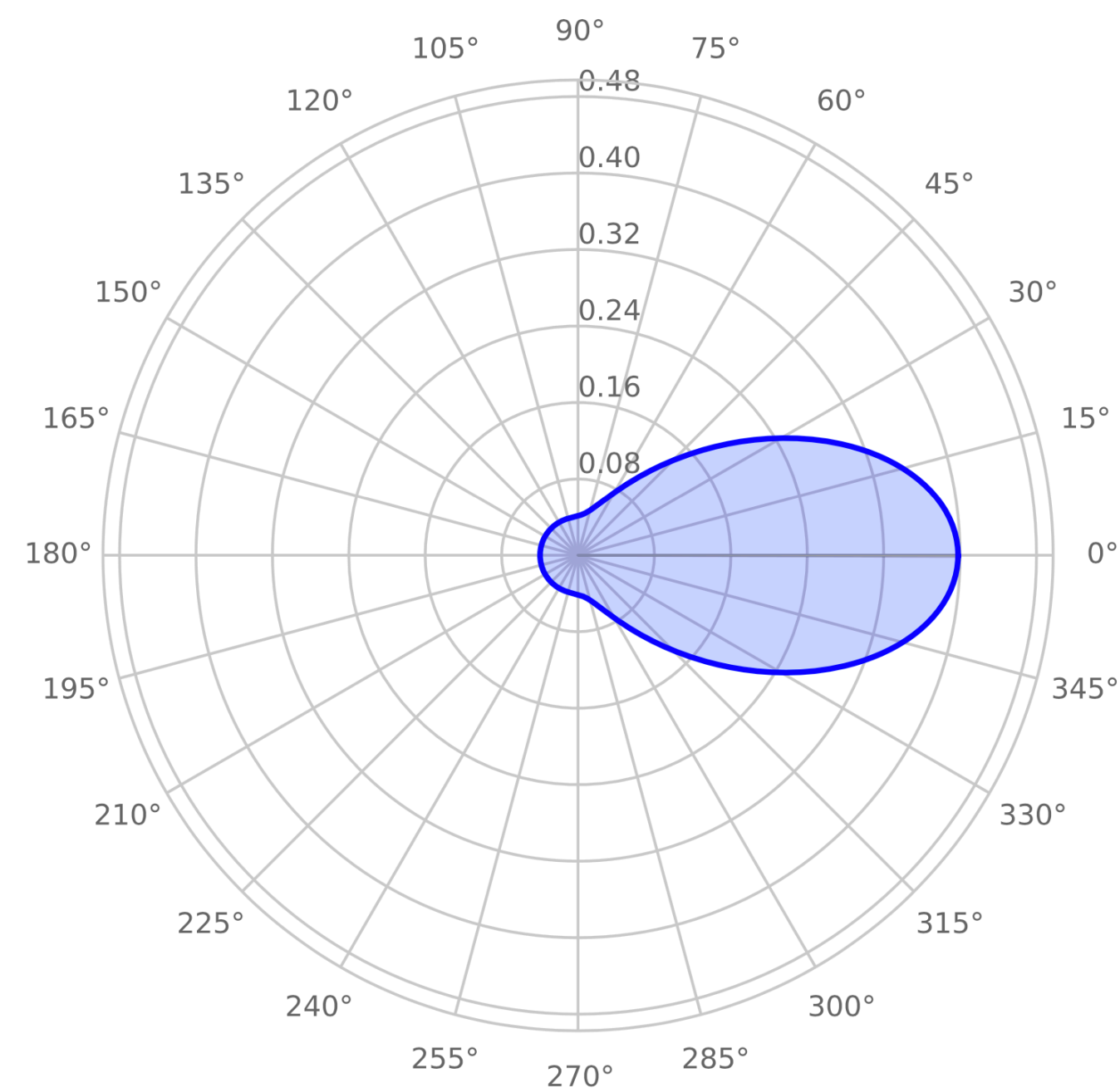
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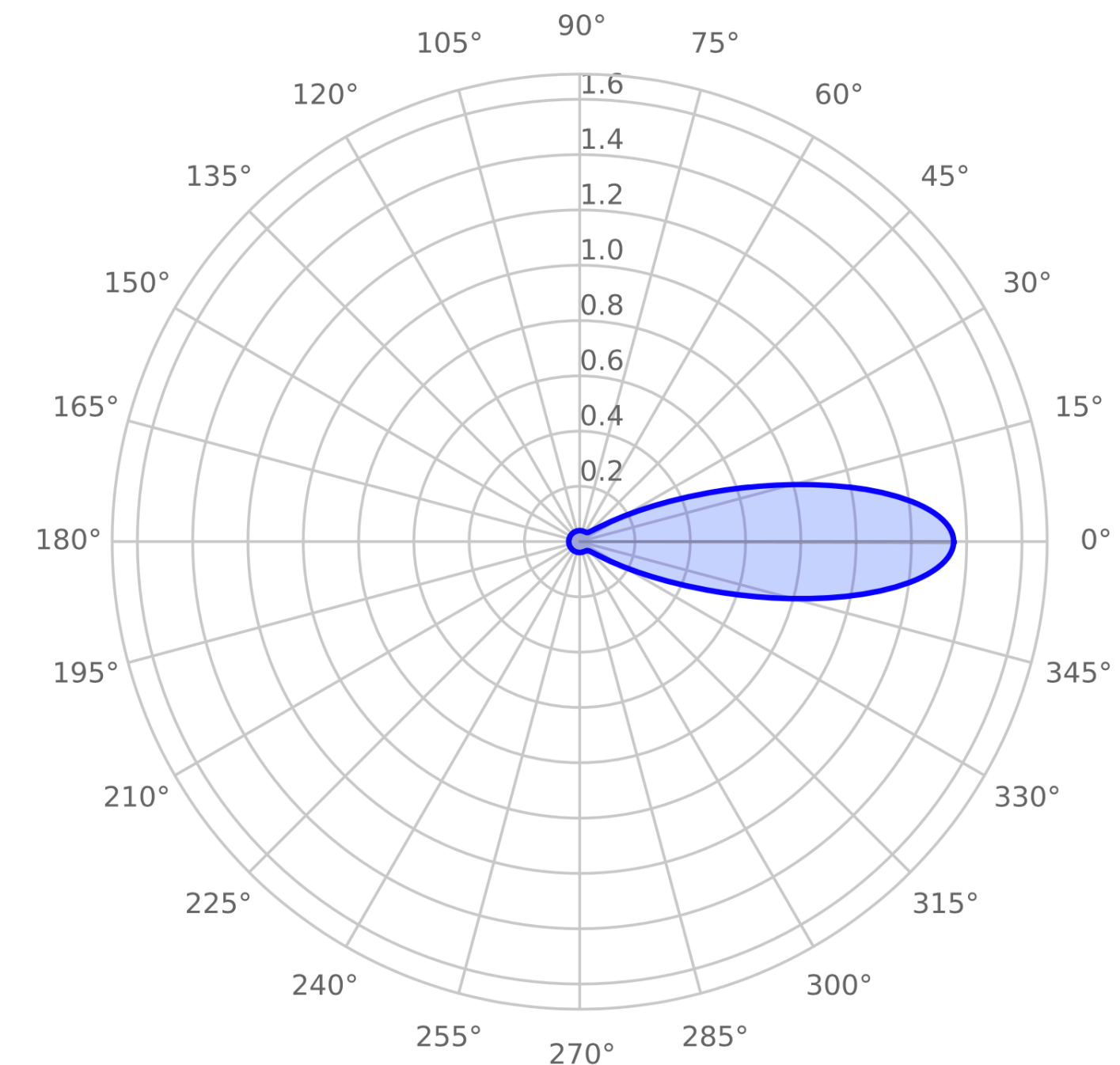
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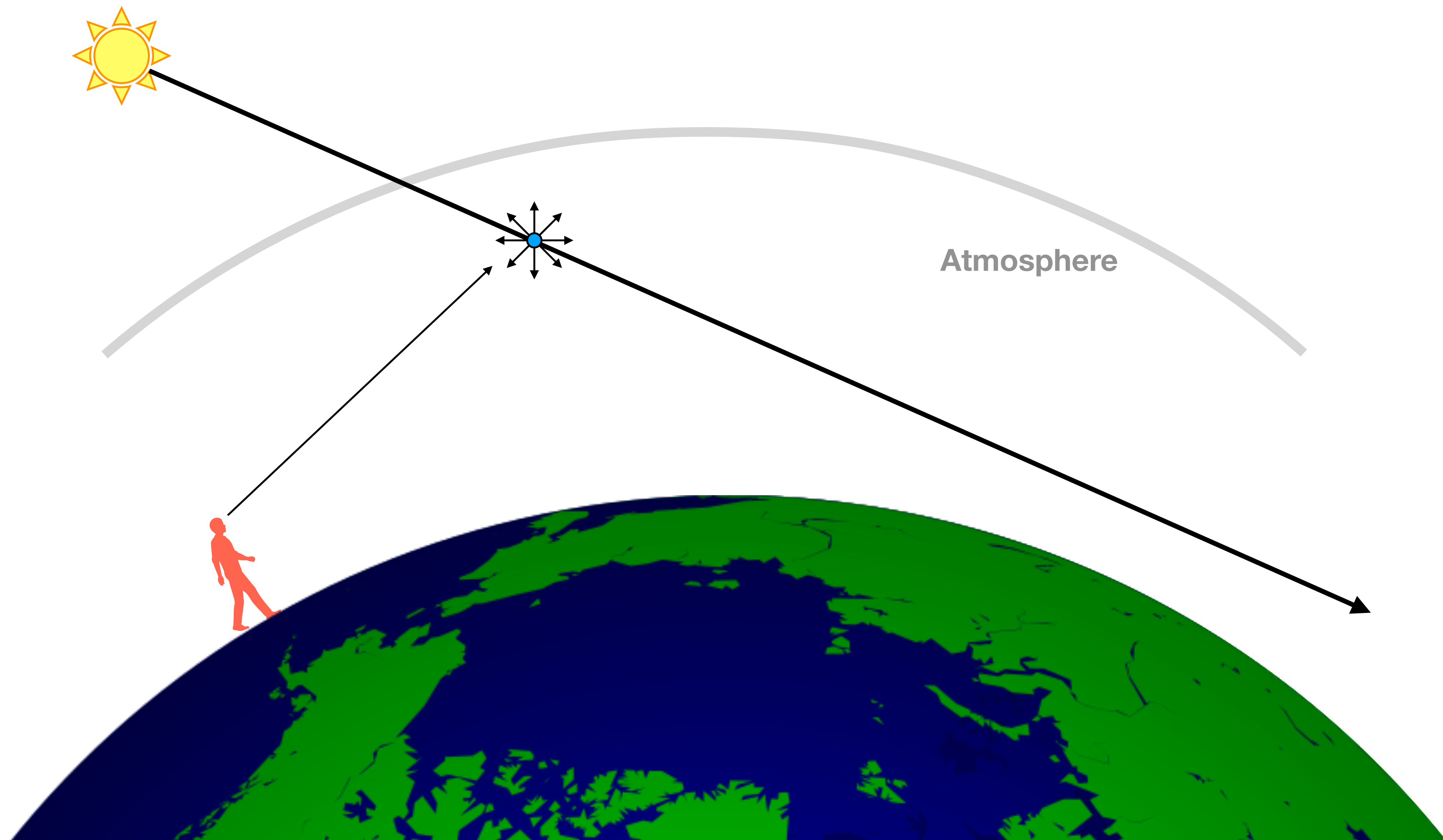


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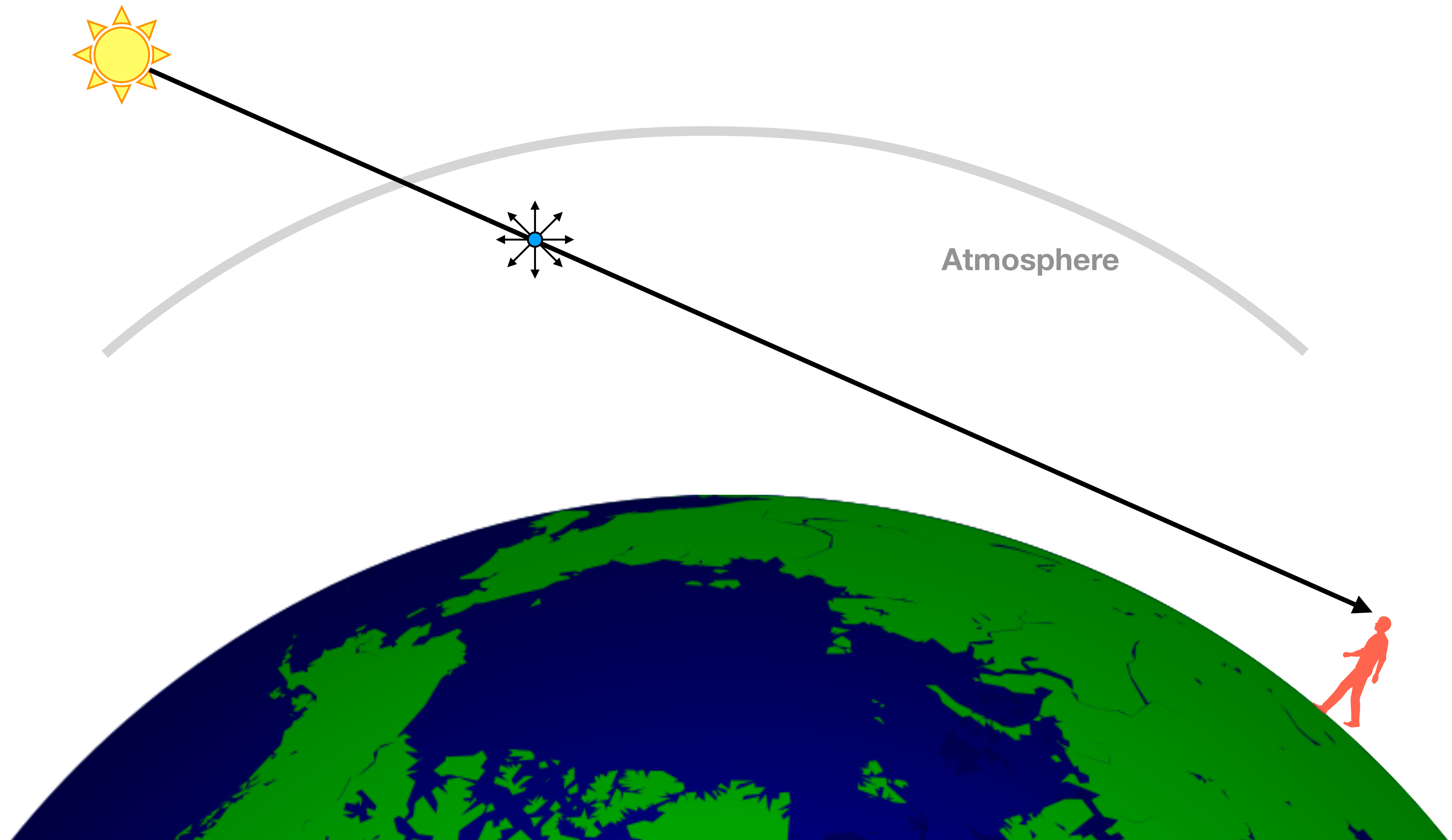
$$f_p^{\text{murky}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(17 + \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \right)^{32} \right)$$



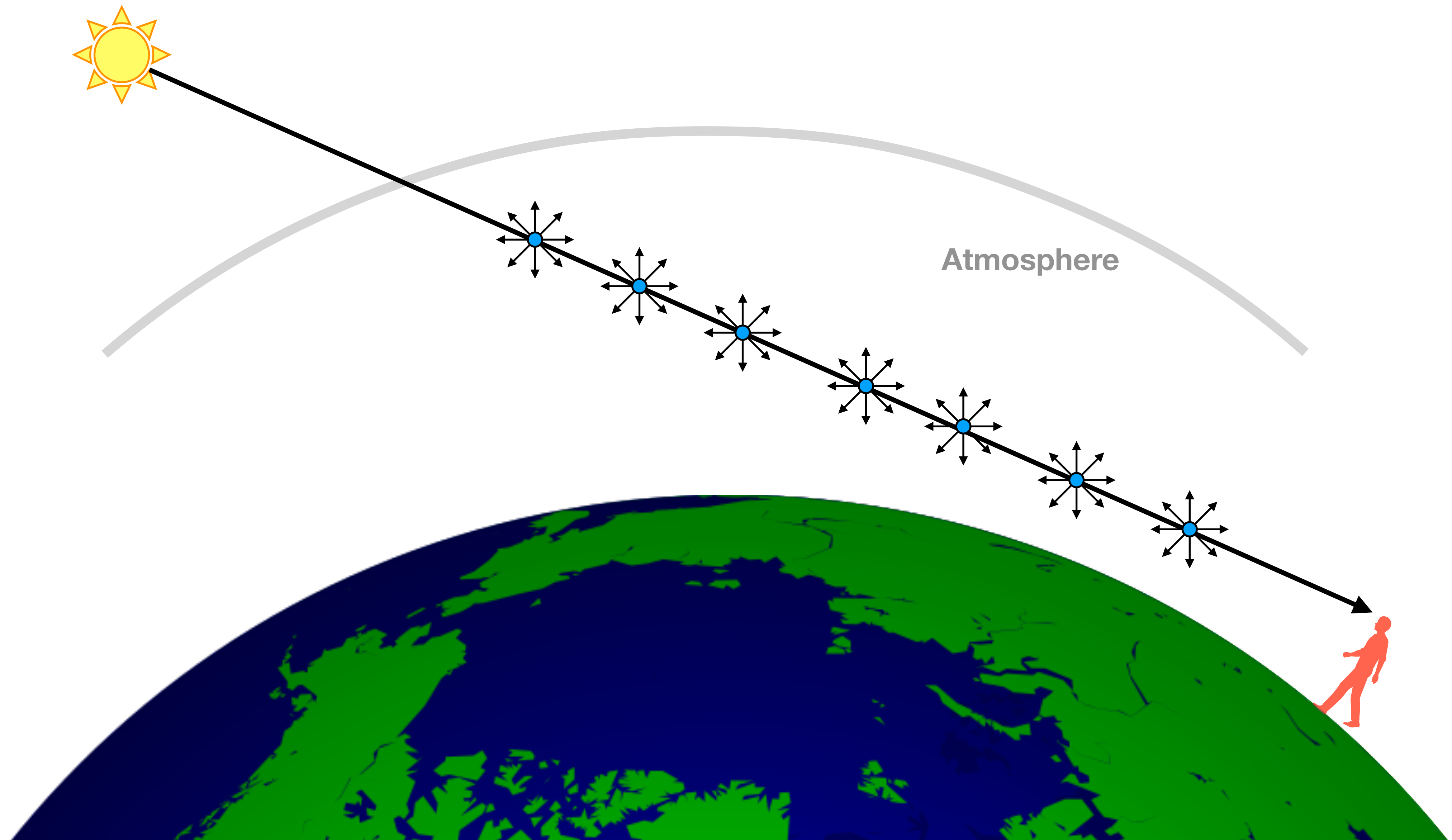
Why is the Sky Blue?



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Rayleigh Scattering



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Approximation of Lorenz-Mie for tiny particles (scatterers) that are typically smaller than 1/10th the wavelength of visible light

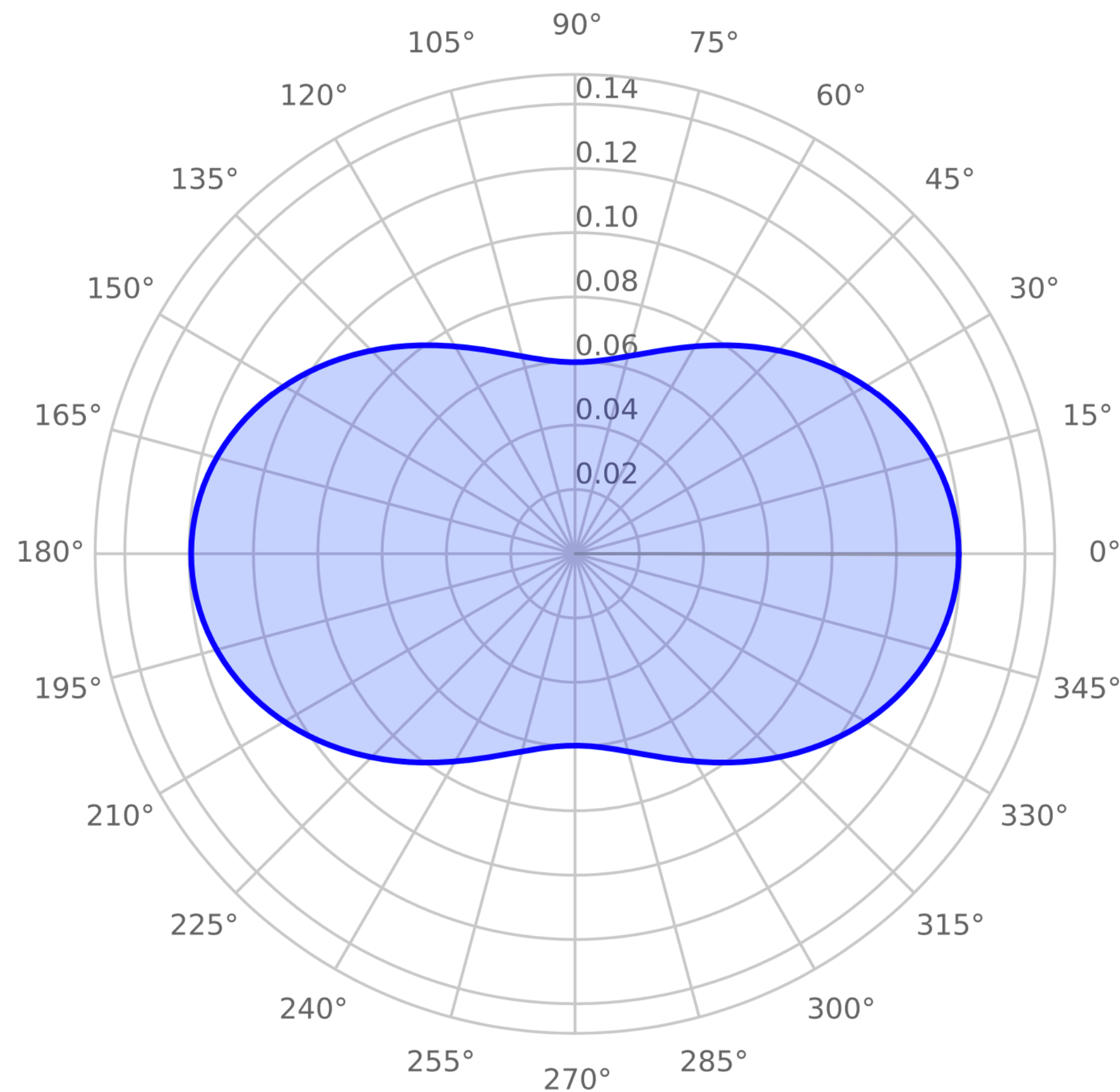
Used for atmospheric scattering, gasses, transparent solids

Highly wavelength dependent

Rayleigh Phase Function

$$f_p^{\text{Rayleigh}}(\theta) = \frac{3}{16\pi} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

Scattering at right angles is half as likely as scattering forward or backward

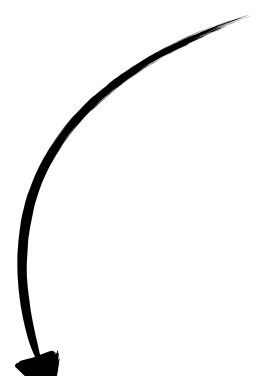


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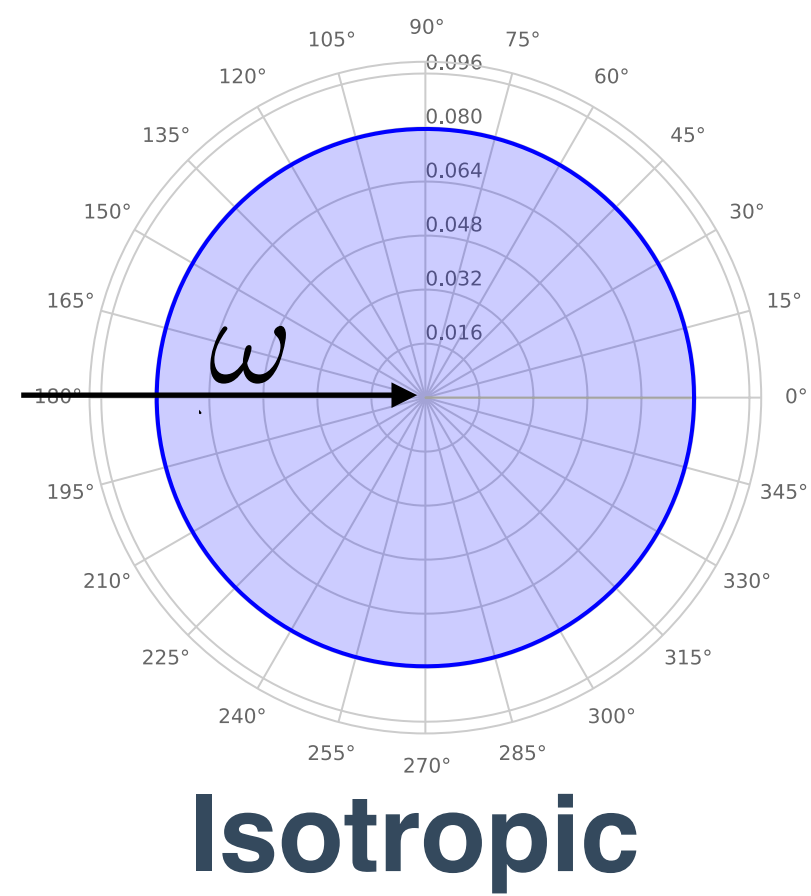
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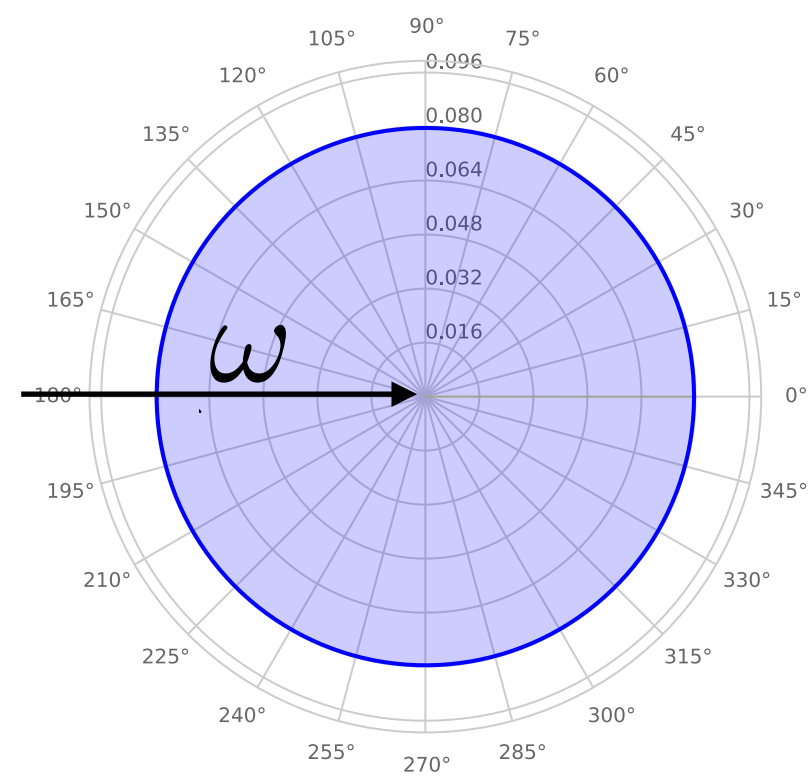
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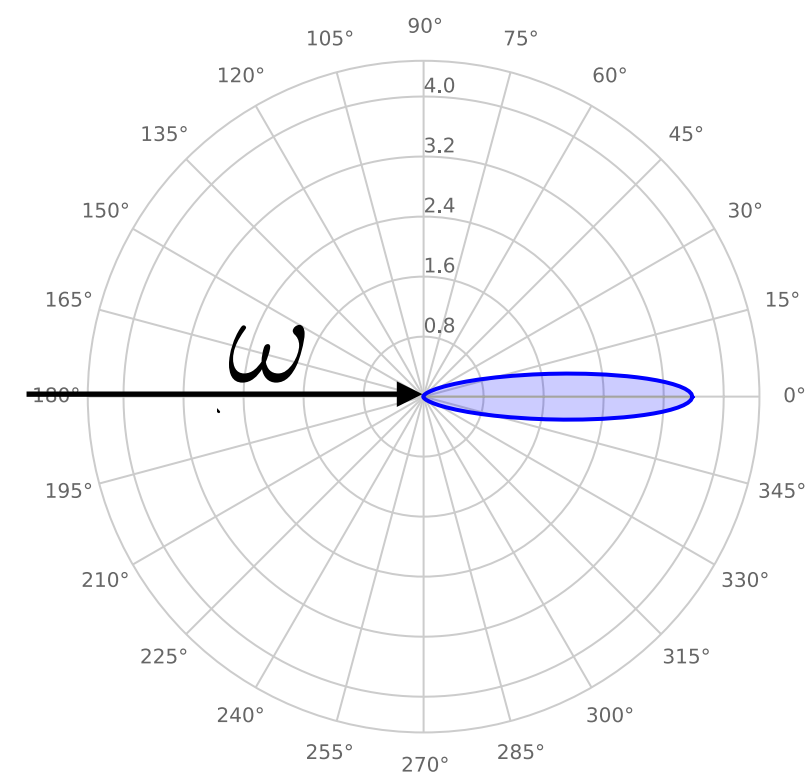
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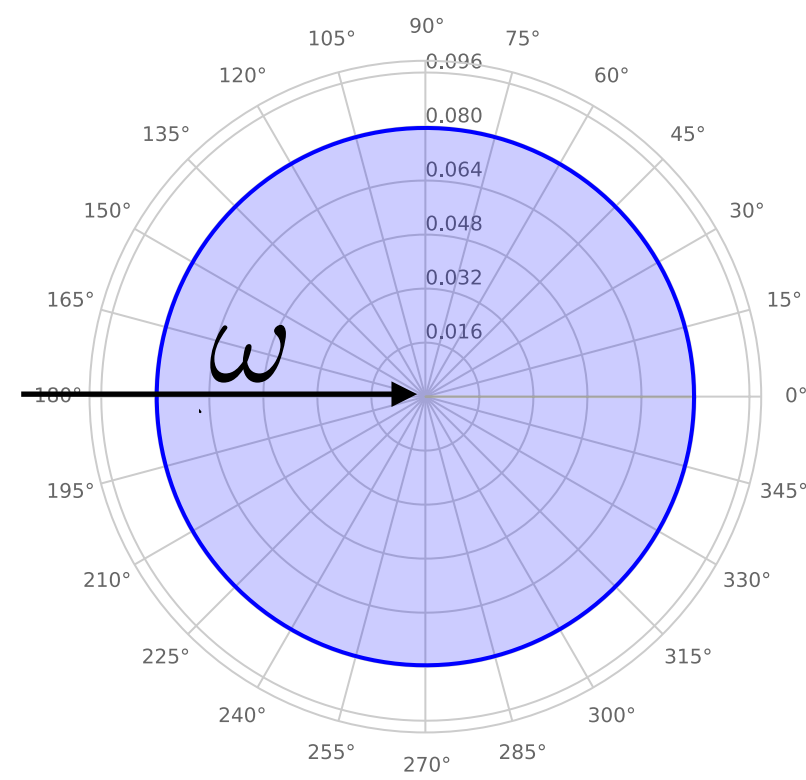


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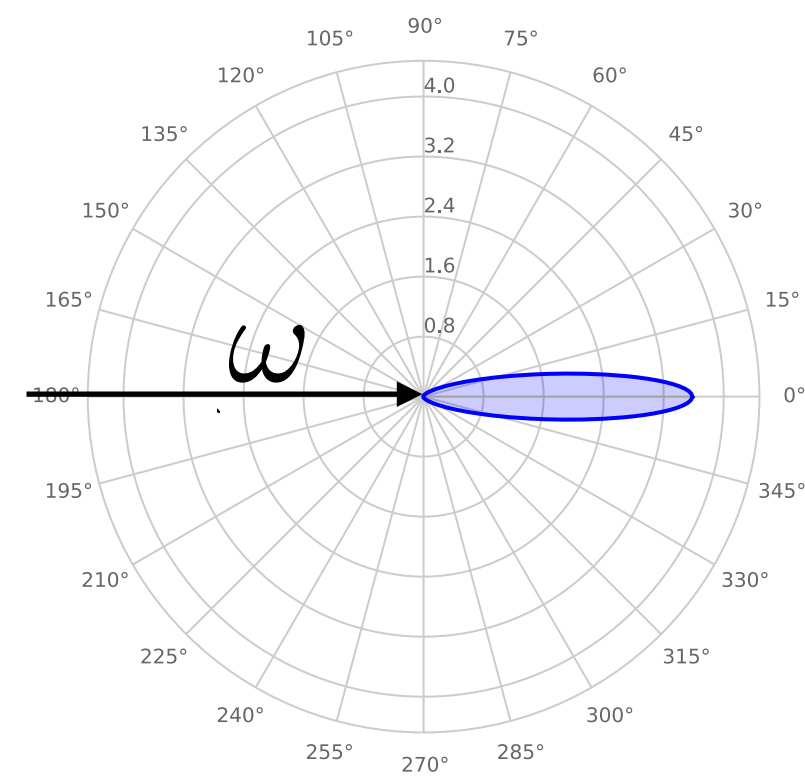


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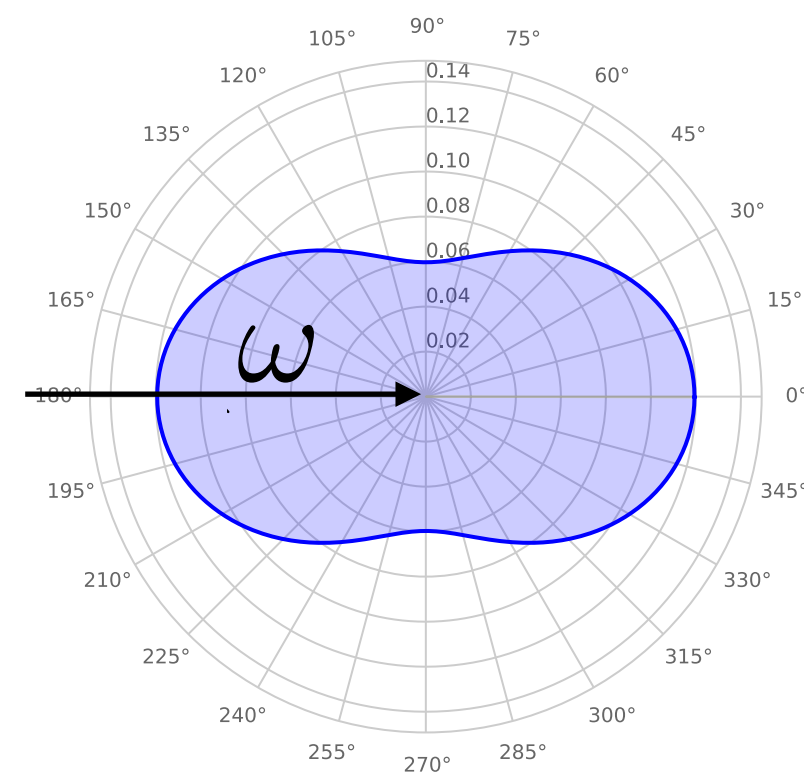
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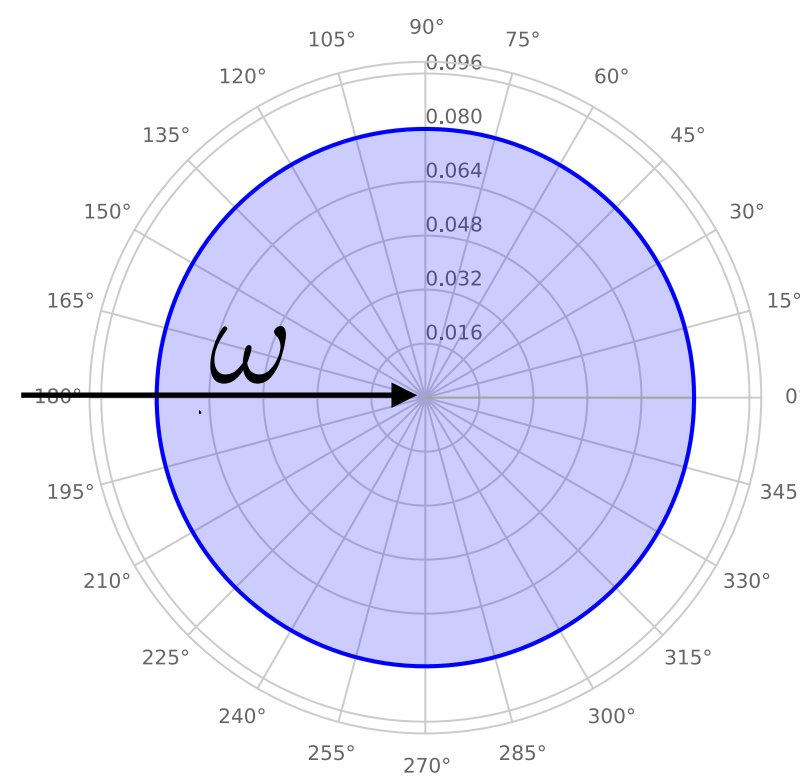


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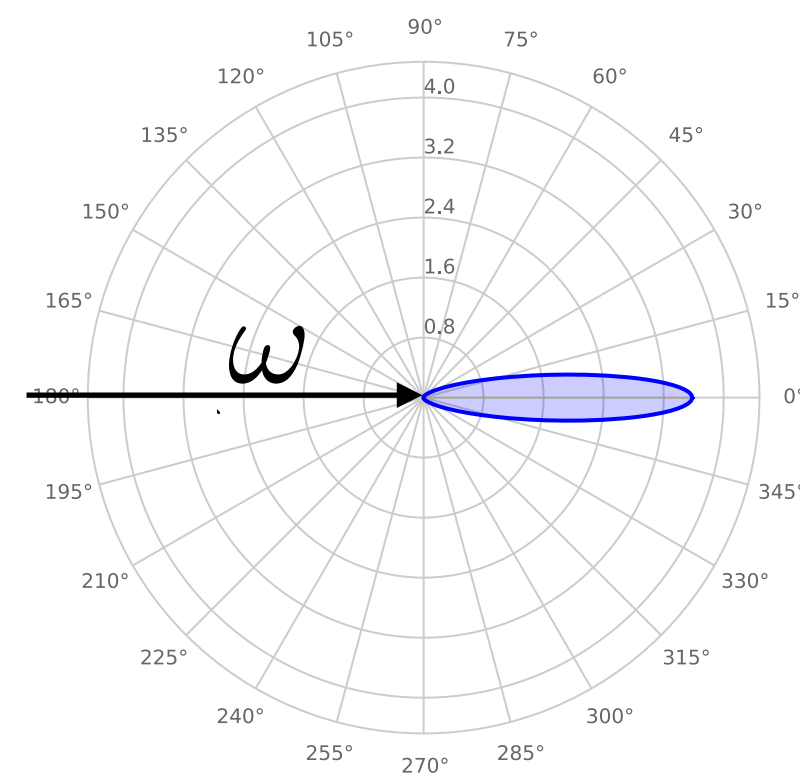


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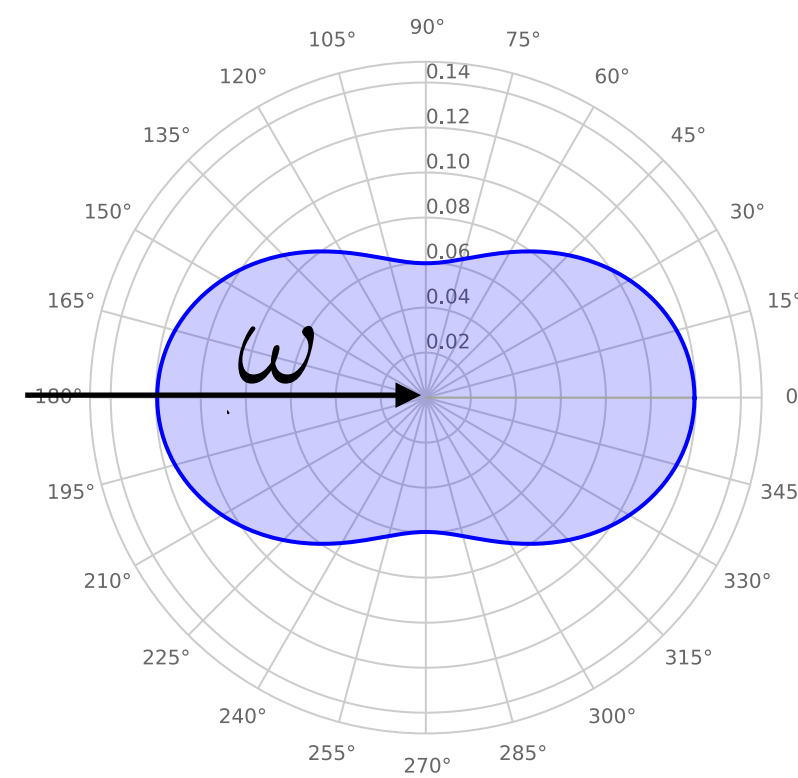
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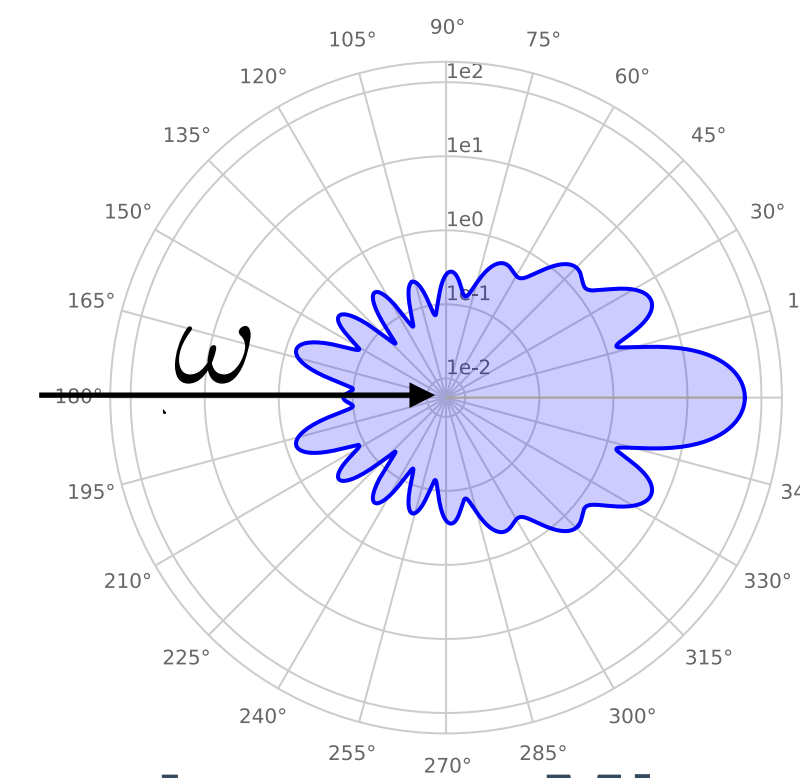
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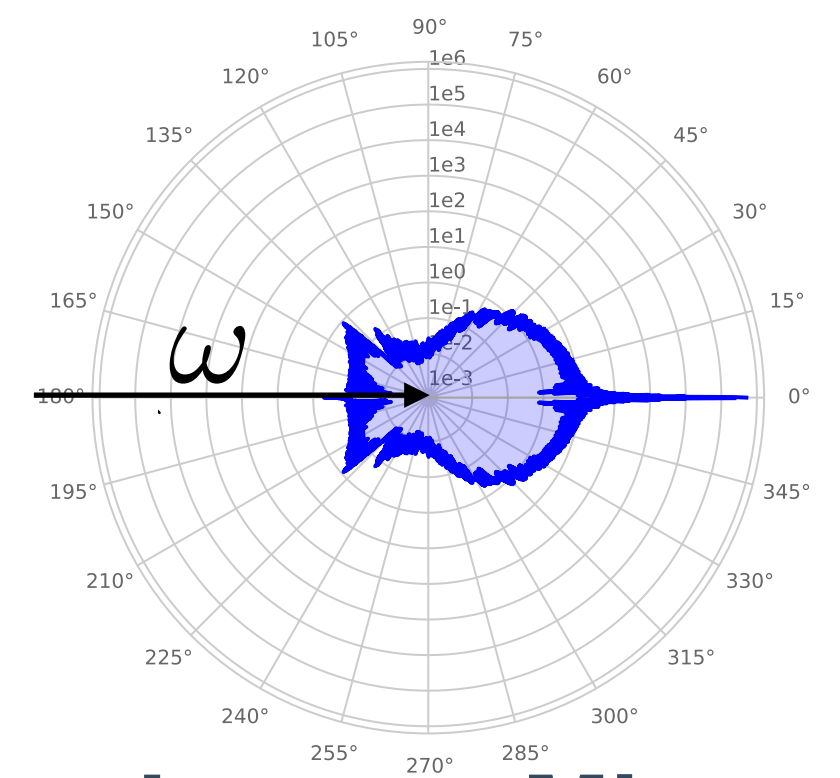
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Rayleigh



**Lorenz-Mie
small particles**



**Lorenz-Mie
large particles**

Anisotropy: Phase Function vs. Medium

Isotropic Medium

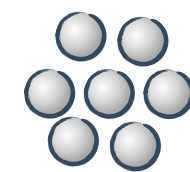
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Anisotropy: Phase Function vs. Medium

Isotropic Medium

Isotropic phase function

Anisotropic phase function



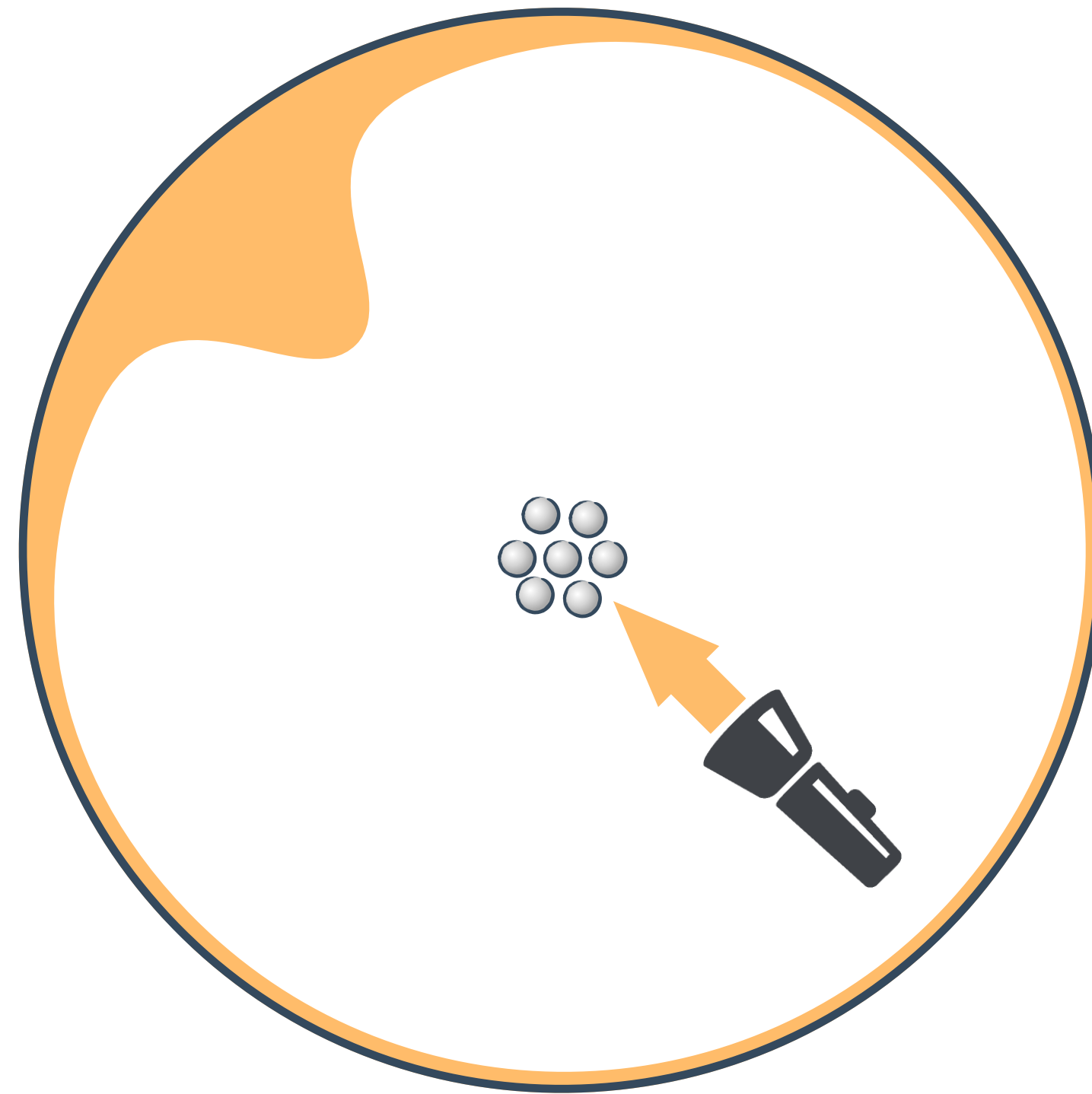
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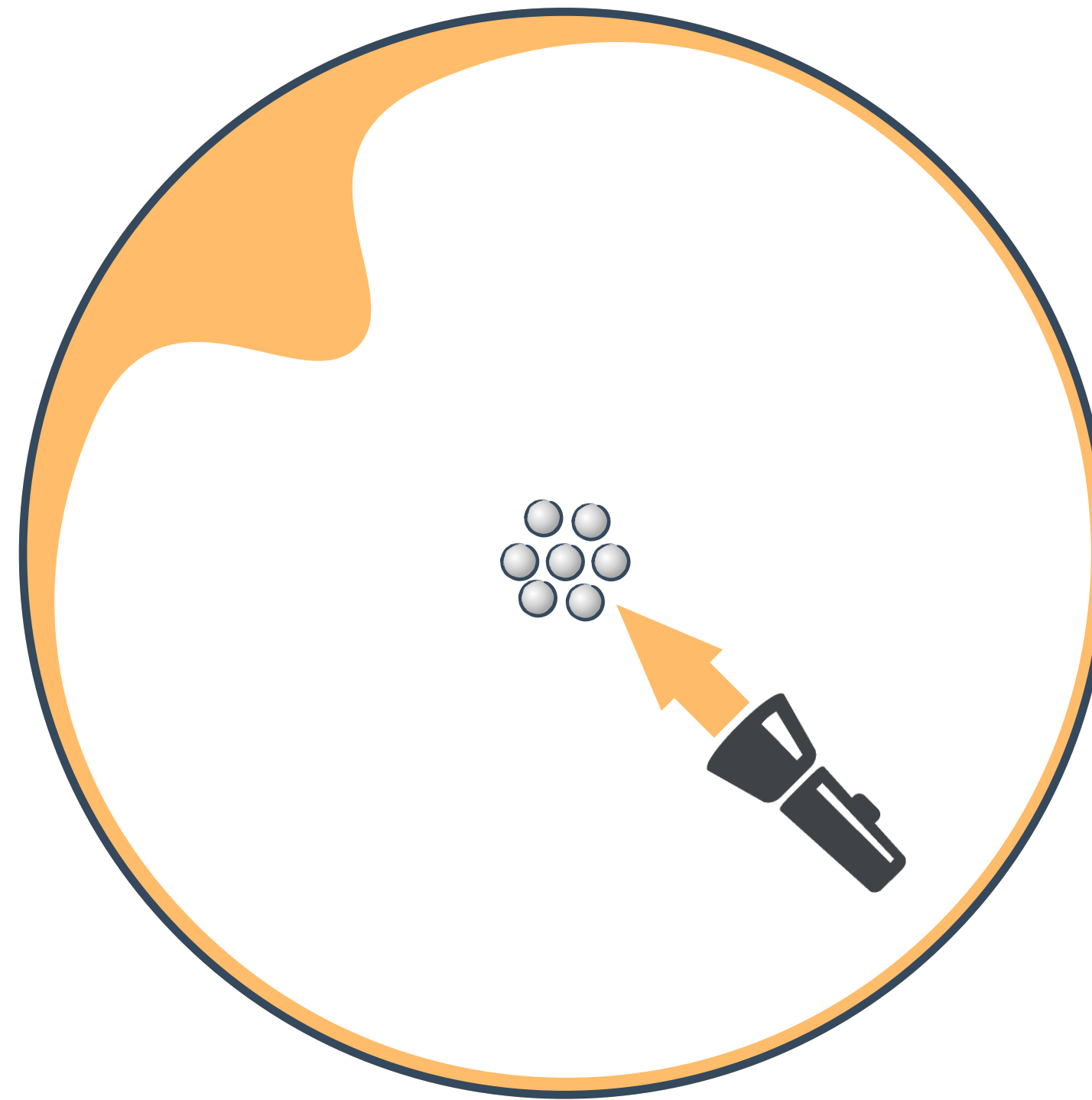
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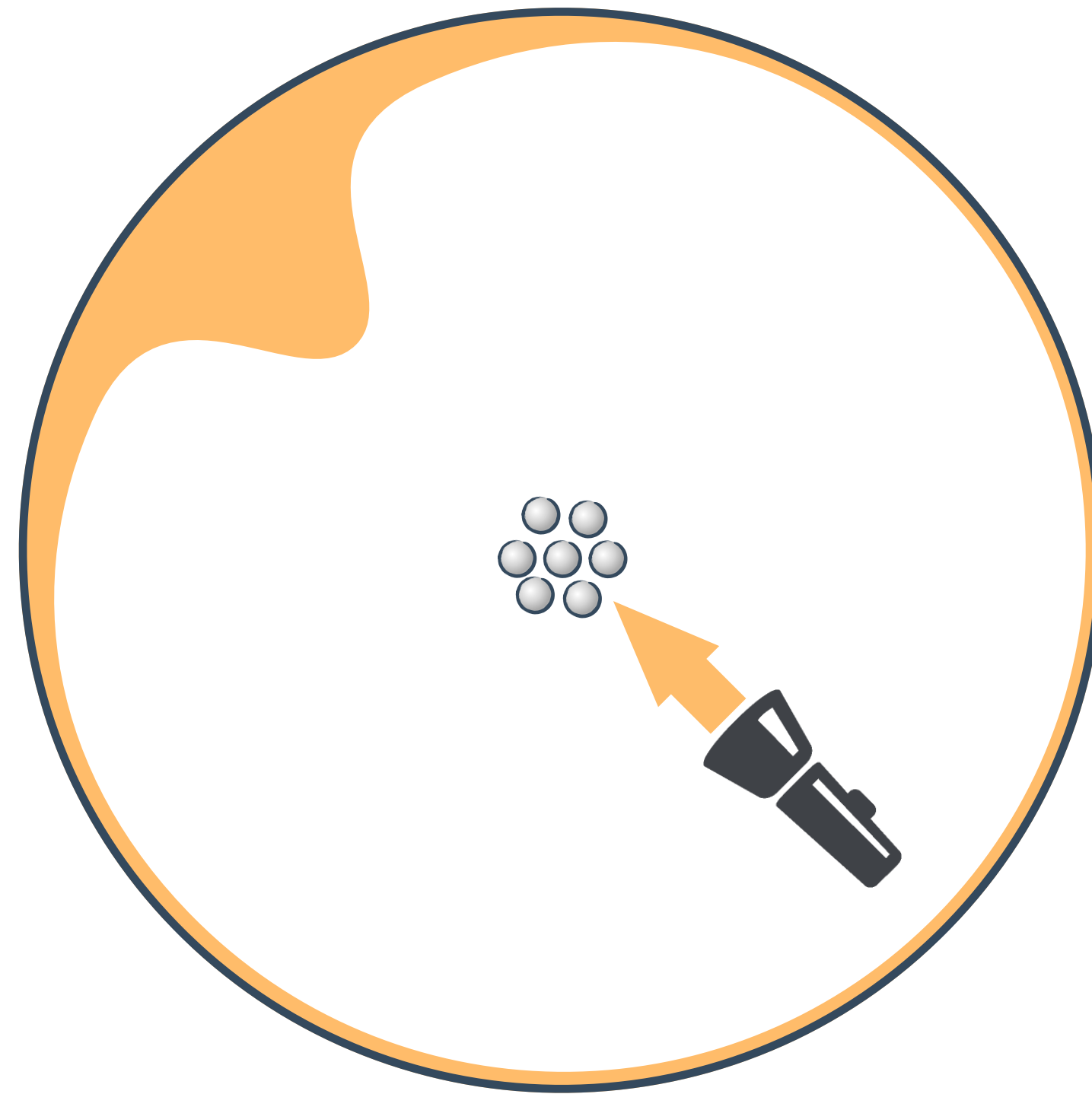
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Recap: Media Properties

Given:

Absorption coefficient

$$\sigma_a(\mathbf{x}) \quad [m^{-1}]$$

Scattering coefficient

$$\sigma_s(\mathbf{x}) \quad [m^{-1}]$$

Phase function

$$f_p(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') \quad [sr^{-1}]$$

Recap: Media Properties

Given:

Absorption coefficient	$\sigma_a(\mathbf{x})$	$[m^{-1}]$
Scattering coefficient	$\sigma_s(\mathbf{x})$	$[m^{-1}]$
Phase function	$f_p(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}')$	$[sr^{-1}]$

Derived:

Extinction coefficient	$\sigma_t(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma_s(\mathbf{x})$	$[m^{-1}]$
Albedo	$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}) / \sigma_t(\mathbf{x})$	[None]
Mean-free path	$1 / \sigma_t(\mathbf{x})$	$[m]$
Transmittance	$T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-\int_0^{ \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y} } \sigma_t(t) dt}$	[None]

For Homogeneous Isotropic Medium

Given:

Absorption coefficient	σ_a	$[m^{-1}]$
Scattering coefficient	σ_s	$[m^{-1}]$
Phase function	$\frac{1}{4\pi}$	$[sr^{-1}]$

Derived:

Extinction coefficient	$\sigma_t = \sigma_a + \sigma_s$	$[m^{-1}]$
Albedo	$\alpha = \sigma_s / \sigma_t$	[None]
Mean-free path	$1 / \sigma_t$	$[m]$
Transmittance	$T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{-\sigma_t \ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\ }$	[None]

Solving the Volumetric Rendering Equation

Complexity

Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous

Scattering

- none
- fake
- single scattering
- multiple scattering

Volumetric Rendering Equation

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) &= T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_z) L(\mathbf{x}_z, \vec{\omega}) \\ &+ \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_t) L_e(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}) dt \\ &+ \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) \int_{S^2} f_p(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L_i(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}') d\omega' dt \end{aligned}$$

Volumetric Rendering Equation

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = & T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_z) L(\mathbf{x}_z, \vec{\omega}) \quad \text{Attenuated background radiance} \\ & + \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_t) L_e(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}) dt \\ & + \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) \int_{S^2} f_p(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L_i(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}') d\omega' dt \end{aligned}$$

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Heterogeneous/Homogeneous media



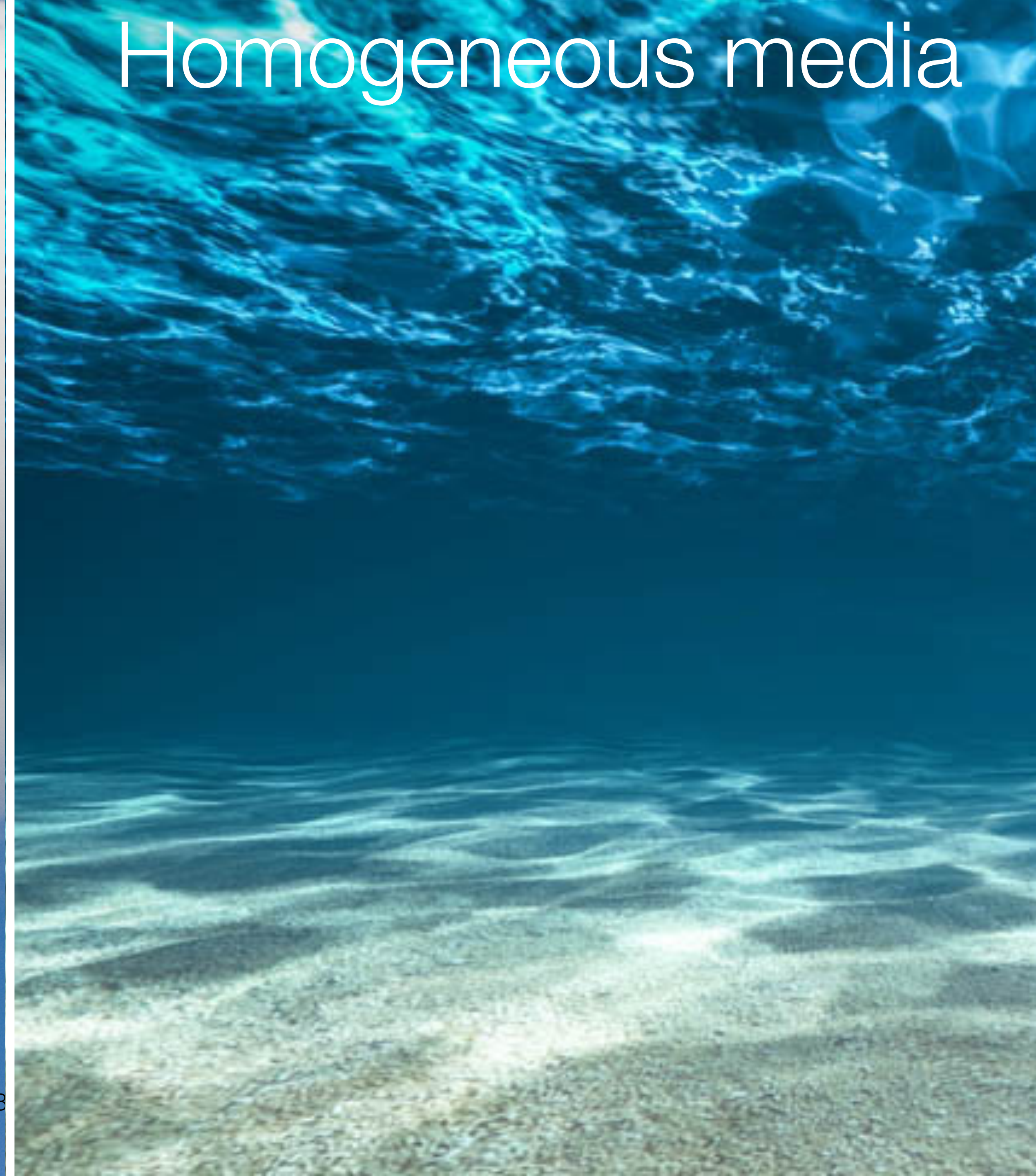
Homogeneous media

The background is a dark, gradient space. In the upper left, a large, dark sphere is partially visible. In the lower center, there is a bright, glowing ring or torus shape, which appears to be emitting light, creating a soft glow around it.

Heterogeneous media



Homogeneous media



Participating Media: Heterogeneous



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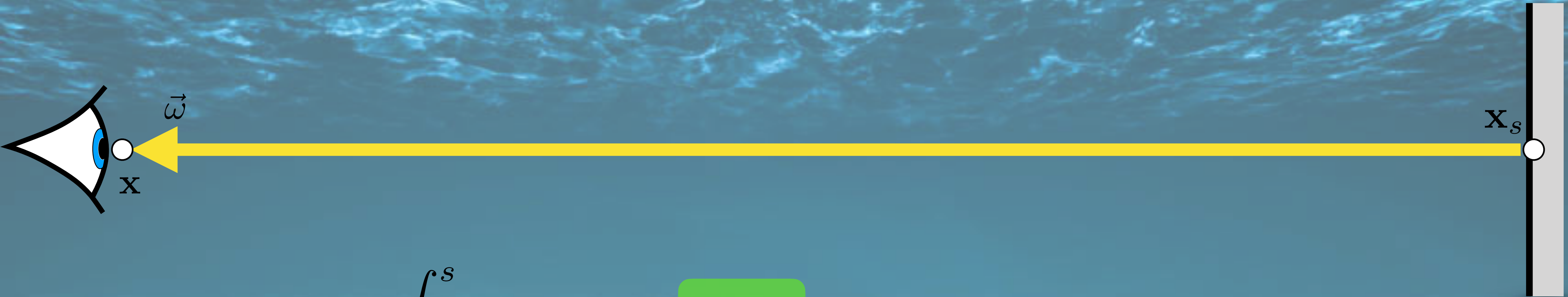
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Participating Media: Heterogeneous



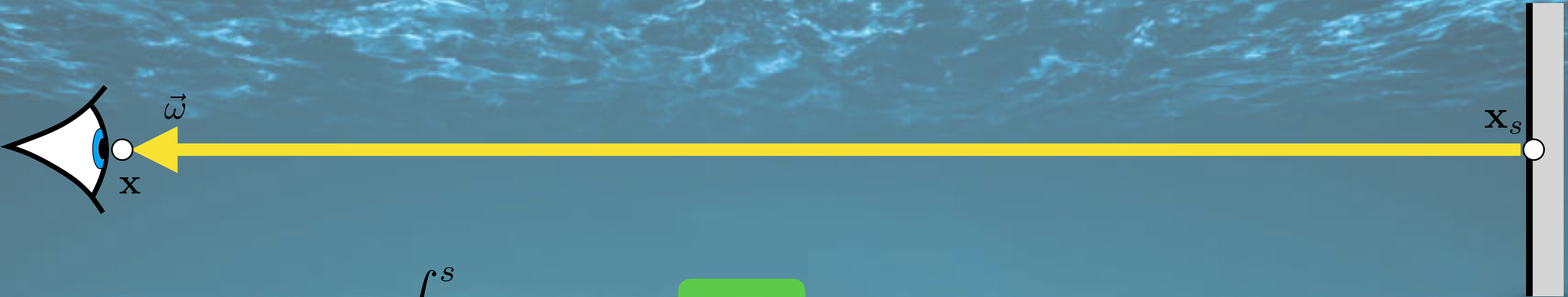
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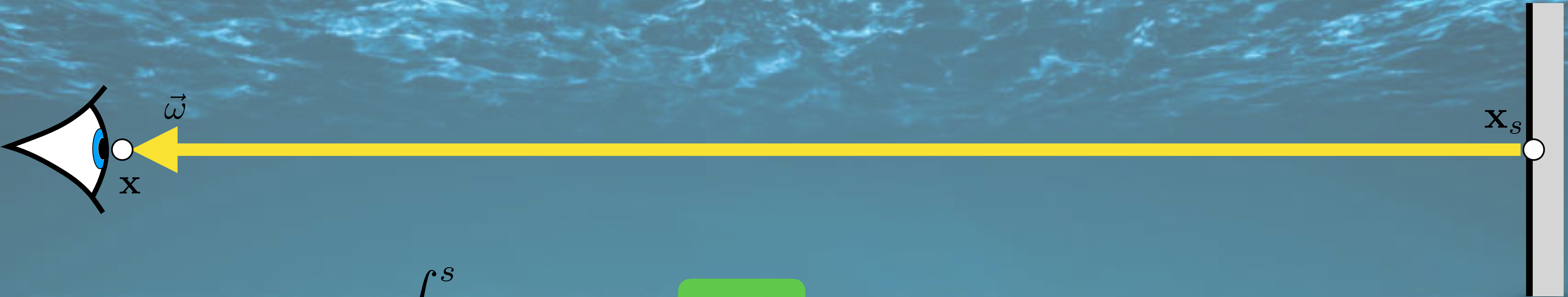
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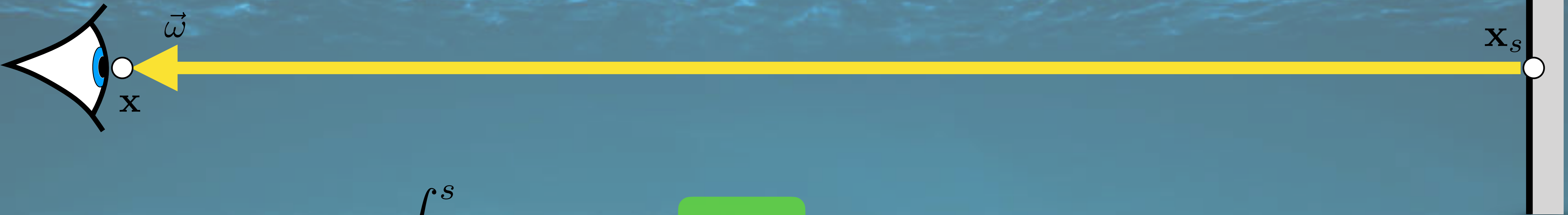
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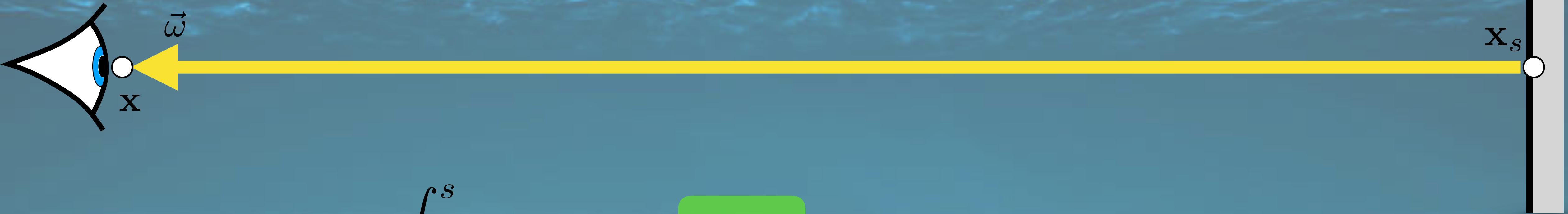


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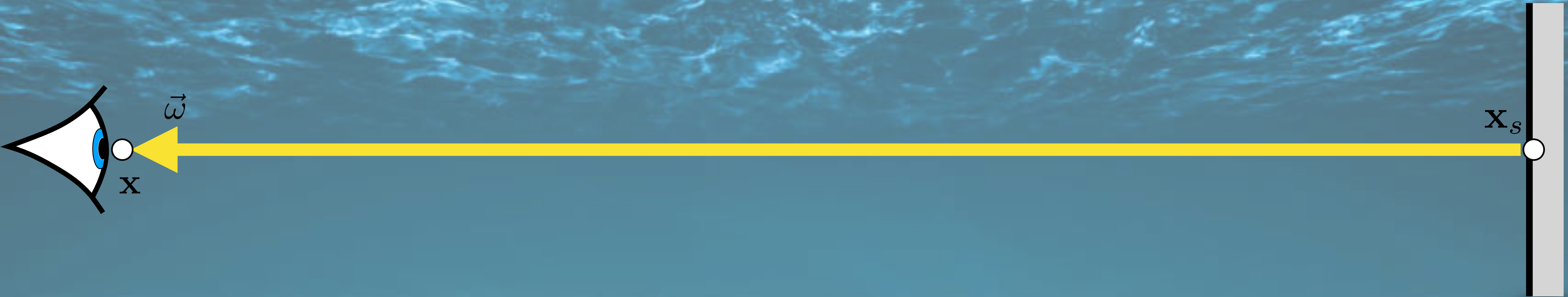


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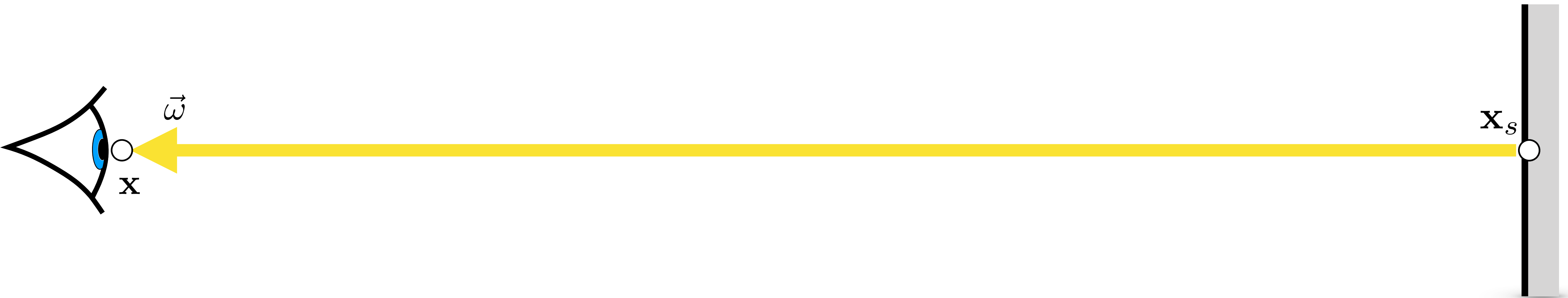
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Homogeneous Ambient Media



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Homogeneous Ambient Media

Assume in-scattered radiance is an ambient constant

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Homogeneous Ambient Media

Fog



Clear Day



Fog





Volumetric Rendering Equation

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) &= T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_z) L(\mathbf{x}_z, \vec{\omega}) \\ &+ \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_t) L_e(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}) dt \\ &+ \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) \int_{S^2} f_p(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}', \vec{\omega}) L_i(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}') d\omega' dt \end{aligned}$$

Accumulated in-scattered radiance

In-scattered Radiance

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In-scattered Radiance

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Multiple scattering

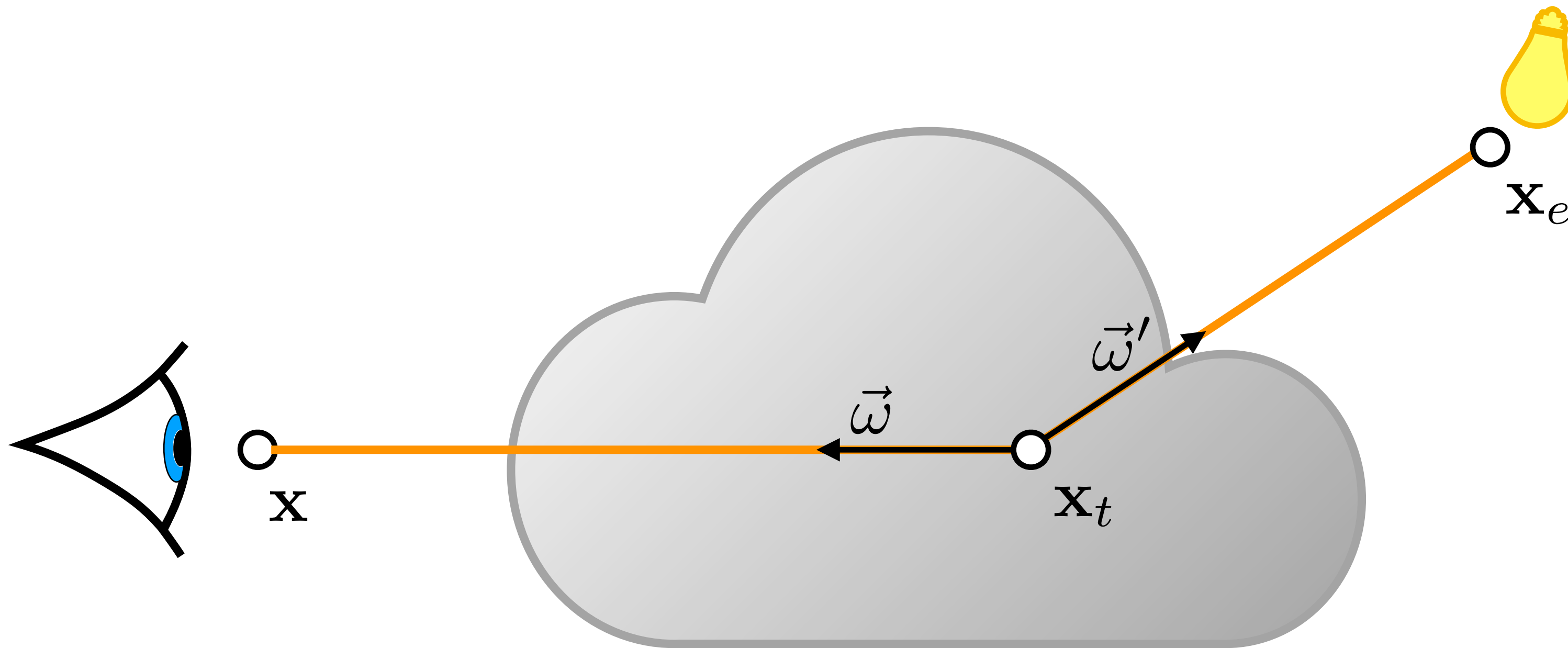
arrives through multiple bounces (indirect illumination)

Single Scattering

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) \int_{S^2} f_p(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\omega}') T_r(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_e) L_e(\mathbf{x}_e, -\vec{\omega}) d\vec{\omega}' dt$$

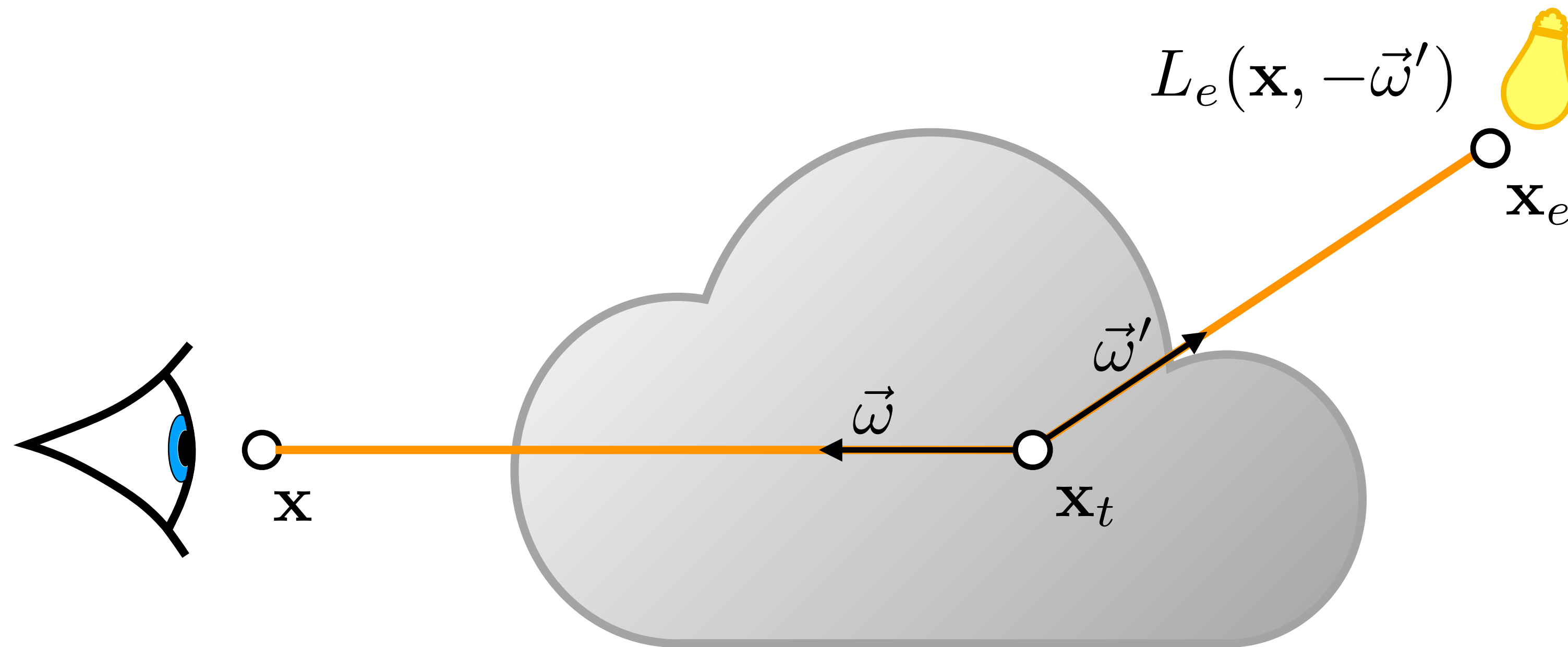
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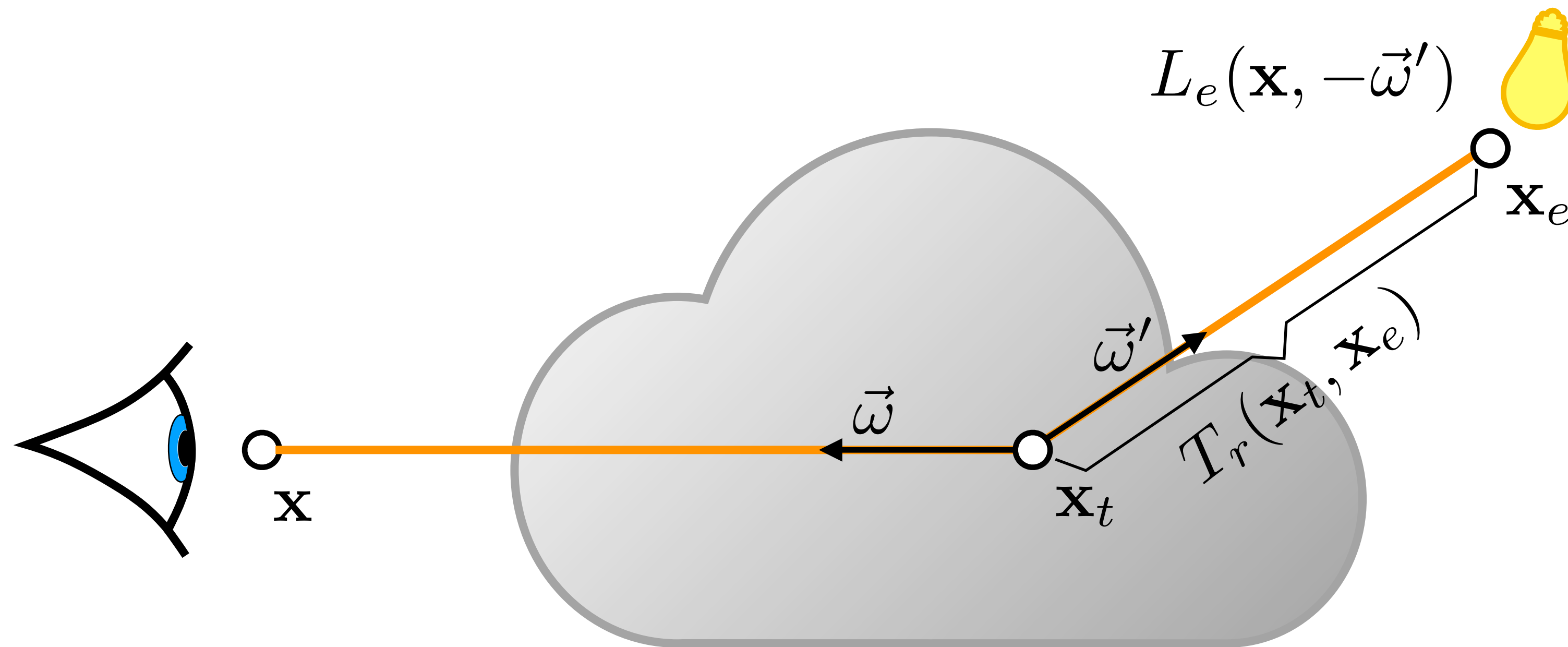
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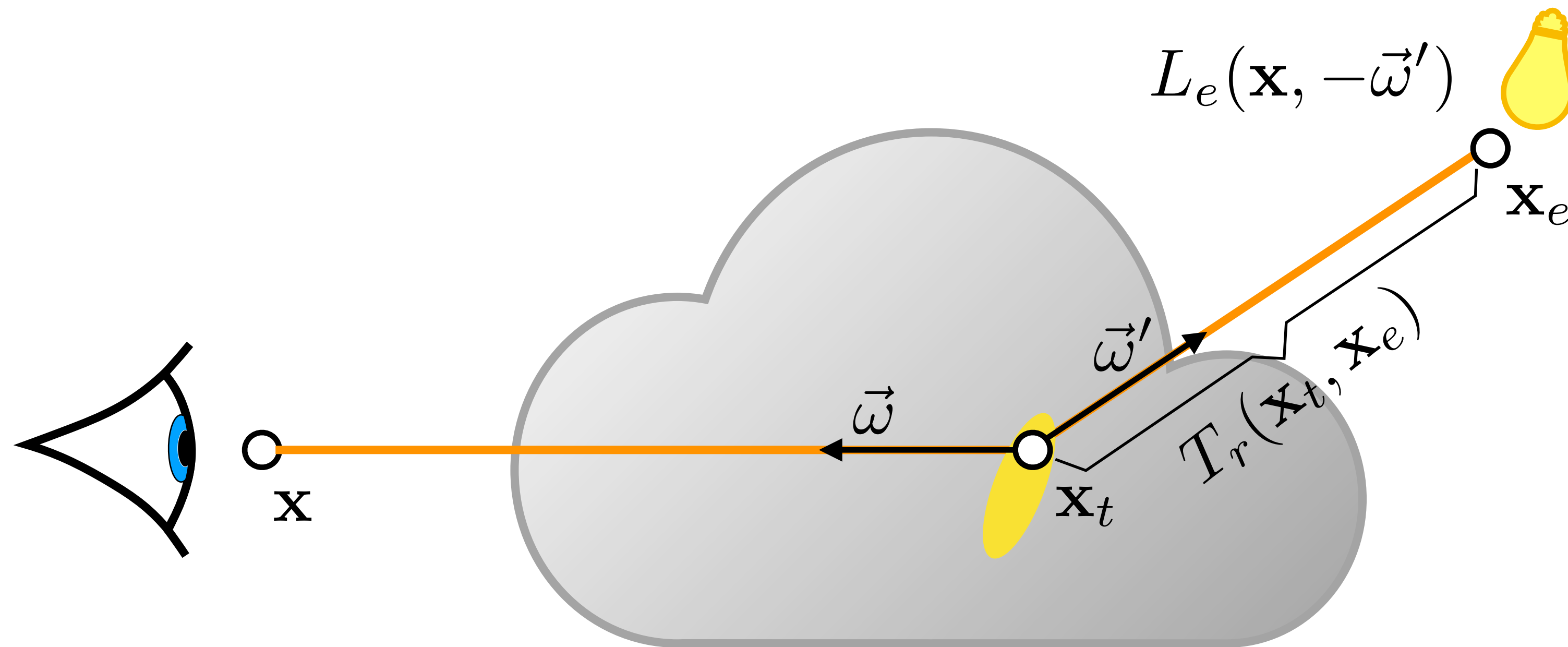
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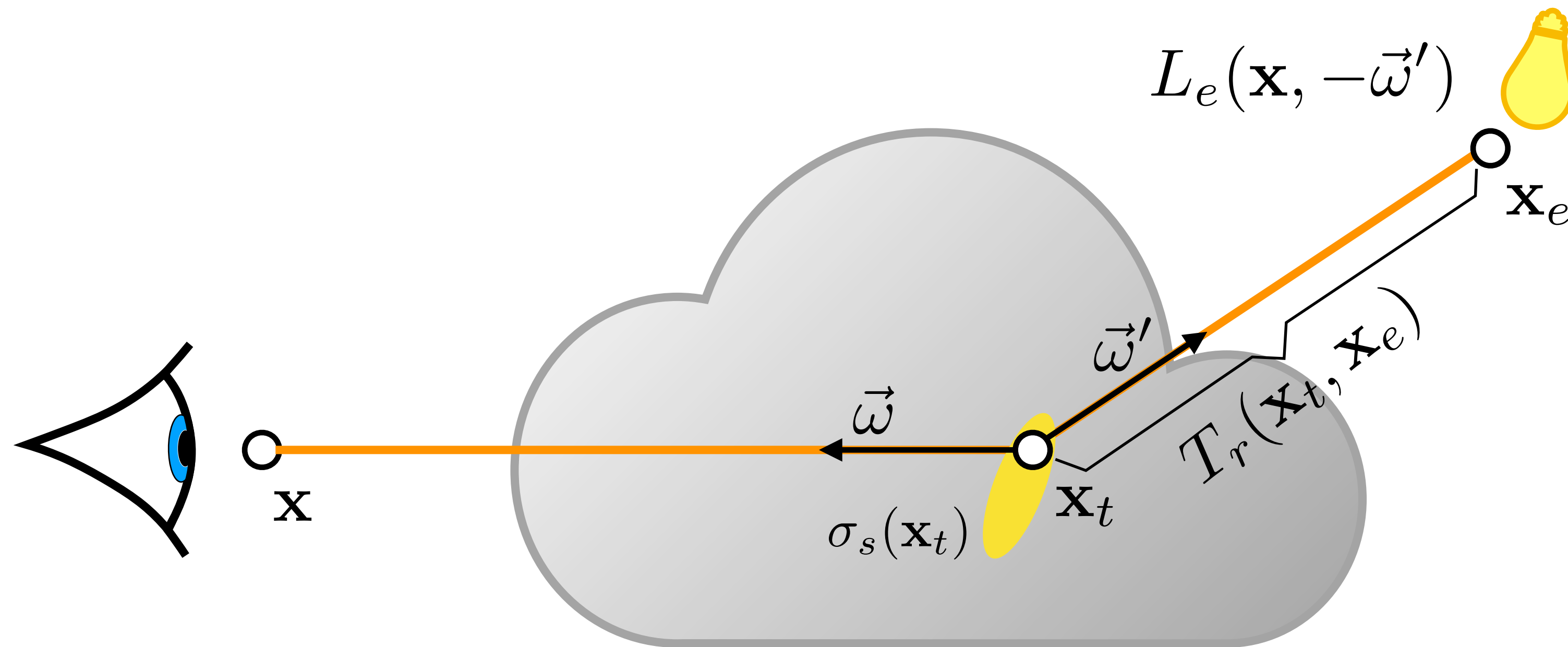
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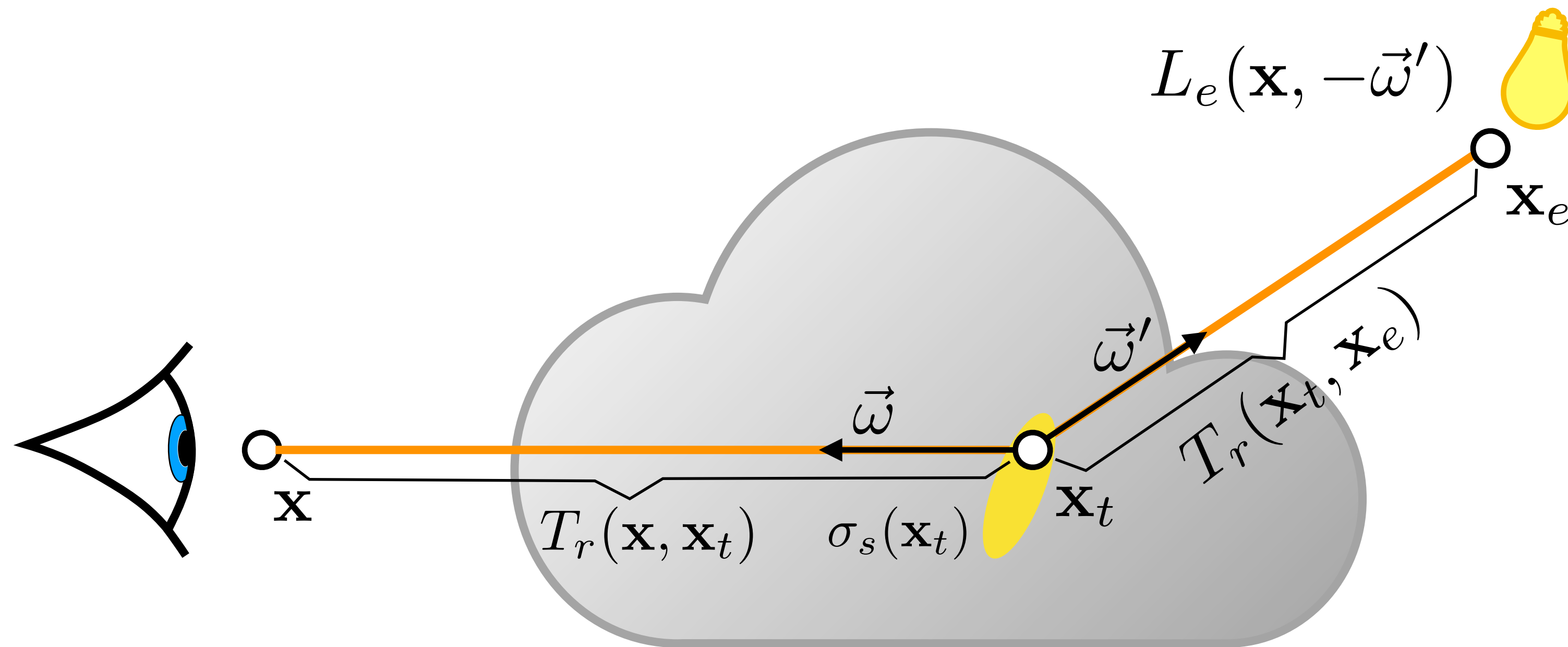
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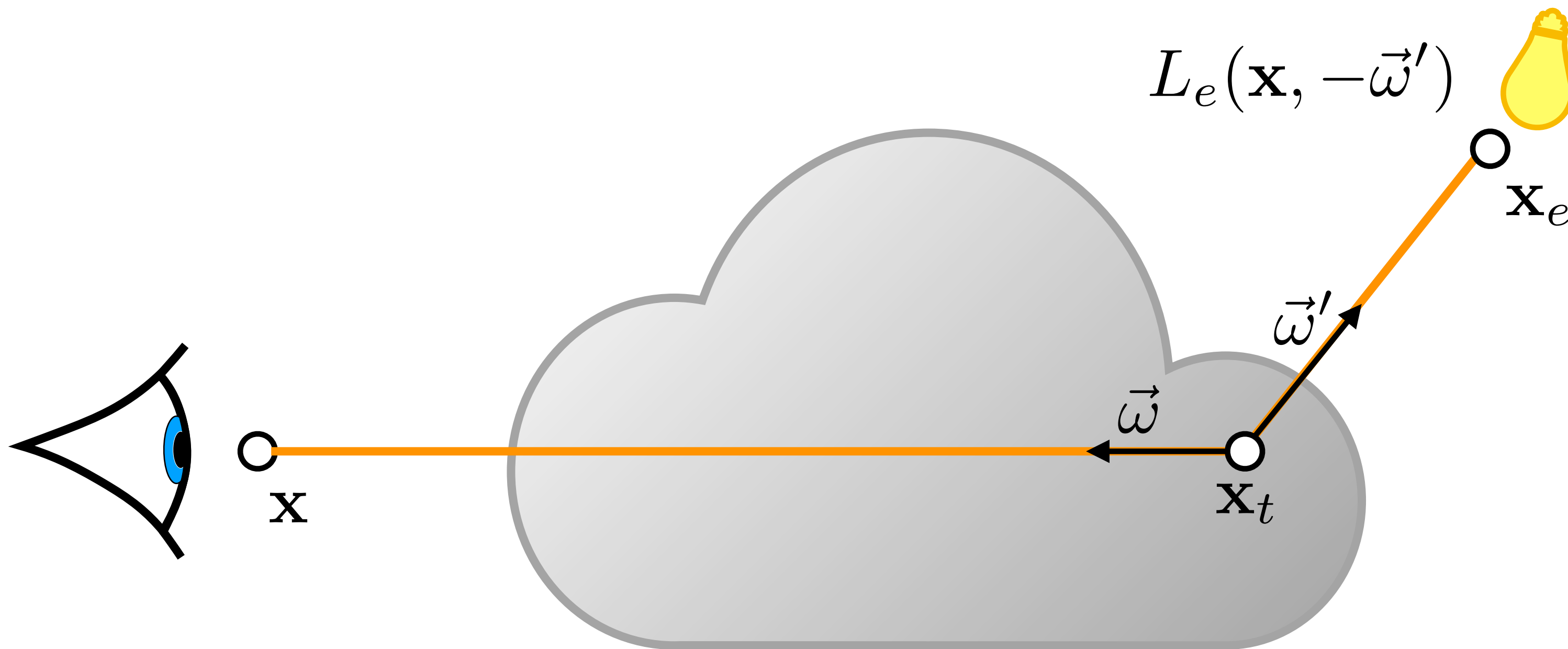
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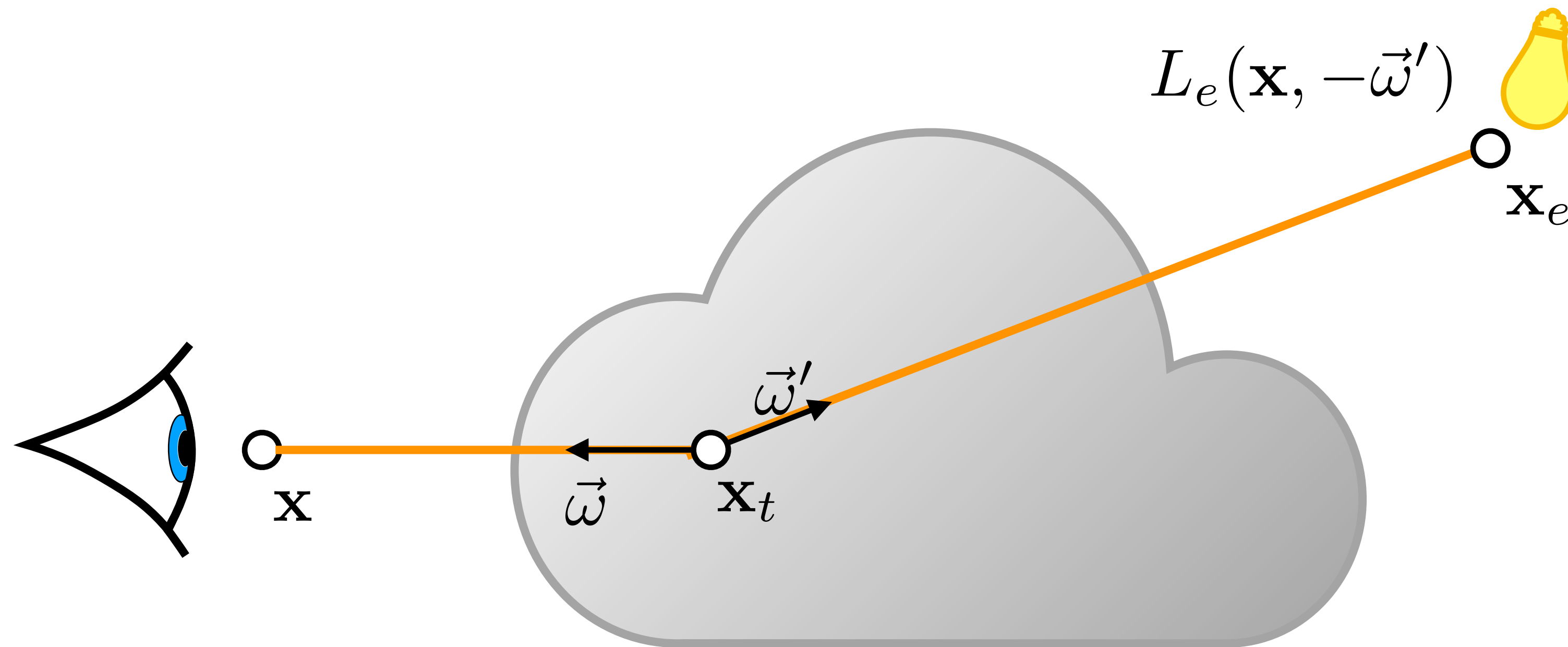
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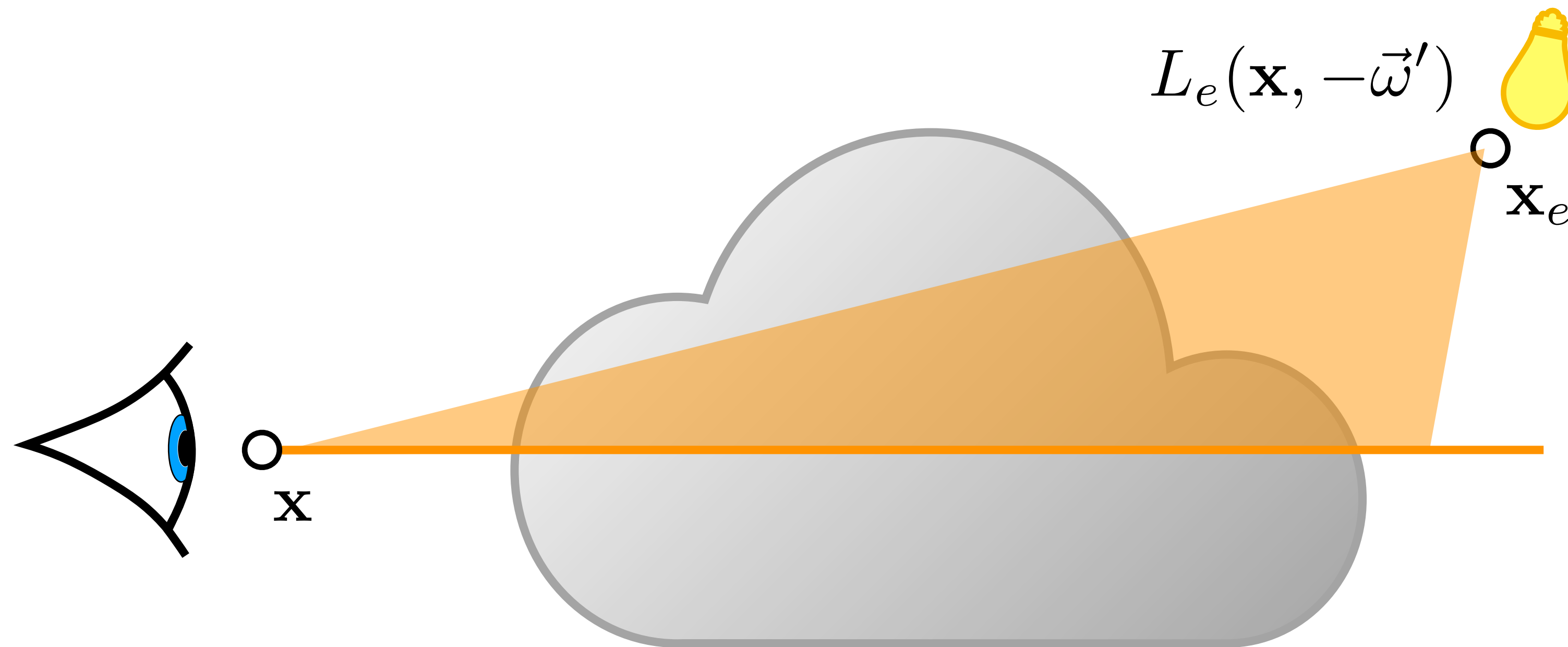
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Numerical solutions

Ray marching

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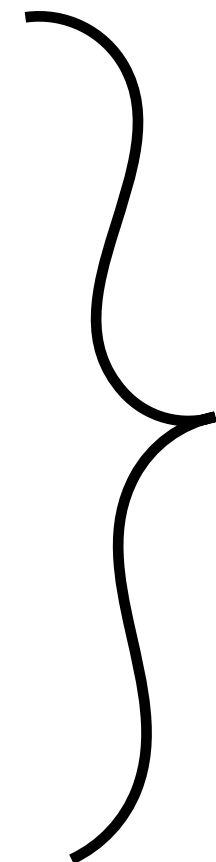
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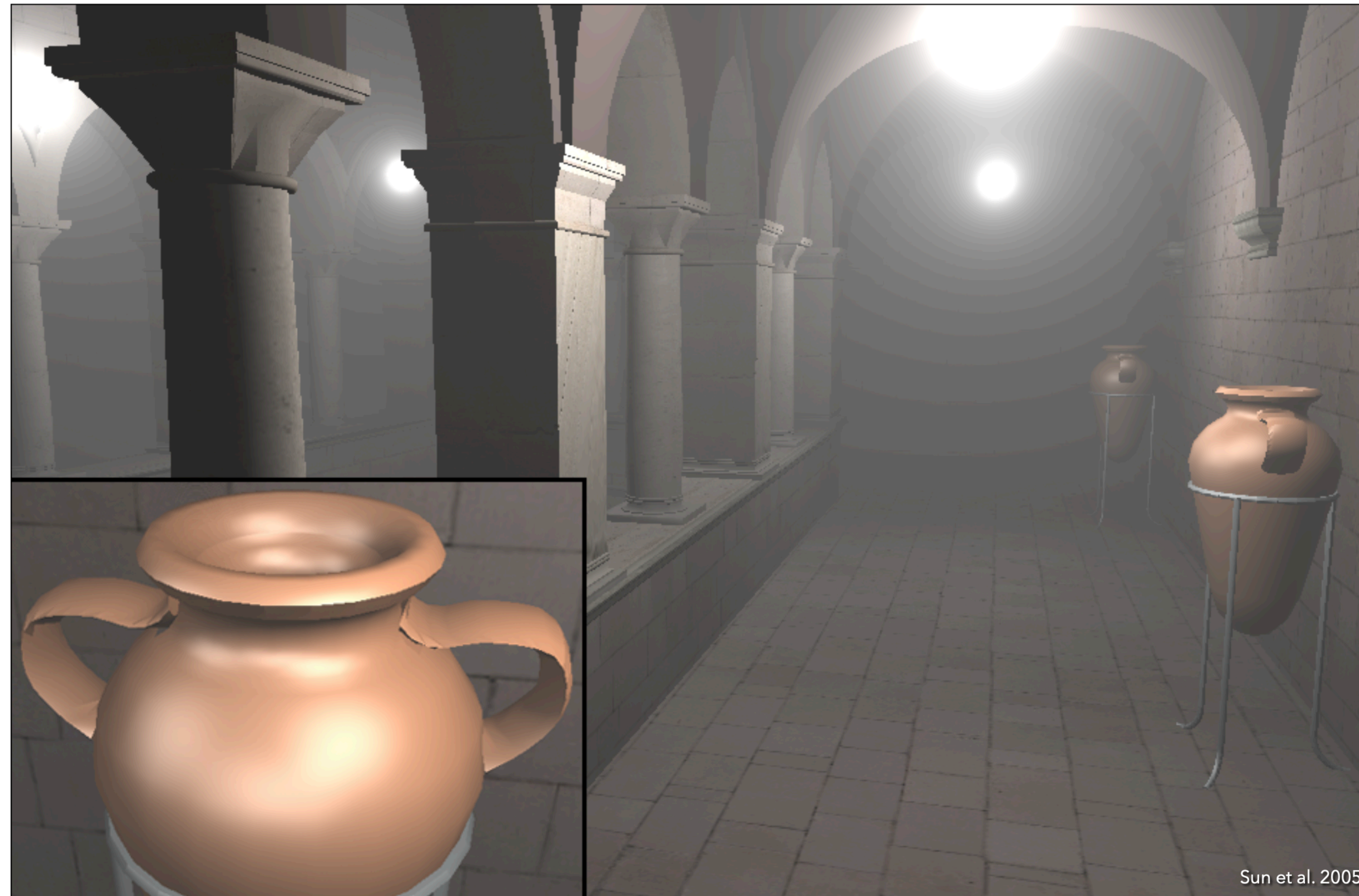
No occlusion

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = \frac{\Phi}{4\pi} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^z e^{-\sigma_t ||\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t||} \frac{e^{-\sigma_t ||\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_p||}}{e^{-\sigma_t ||\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_p||^2}} dt$$

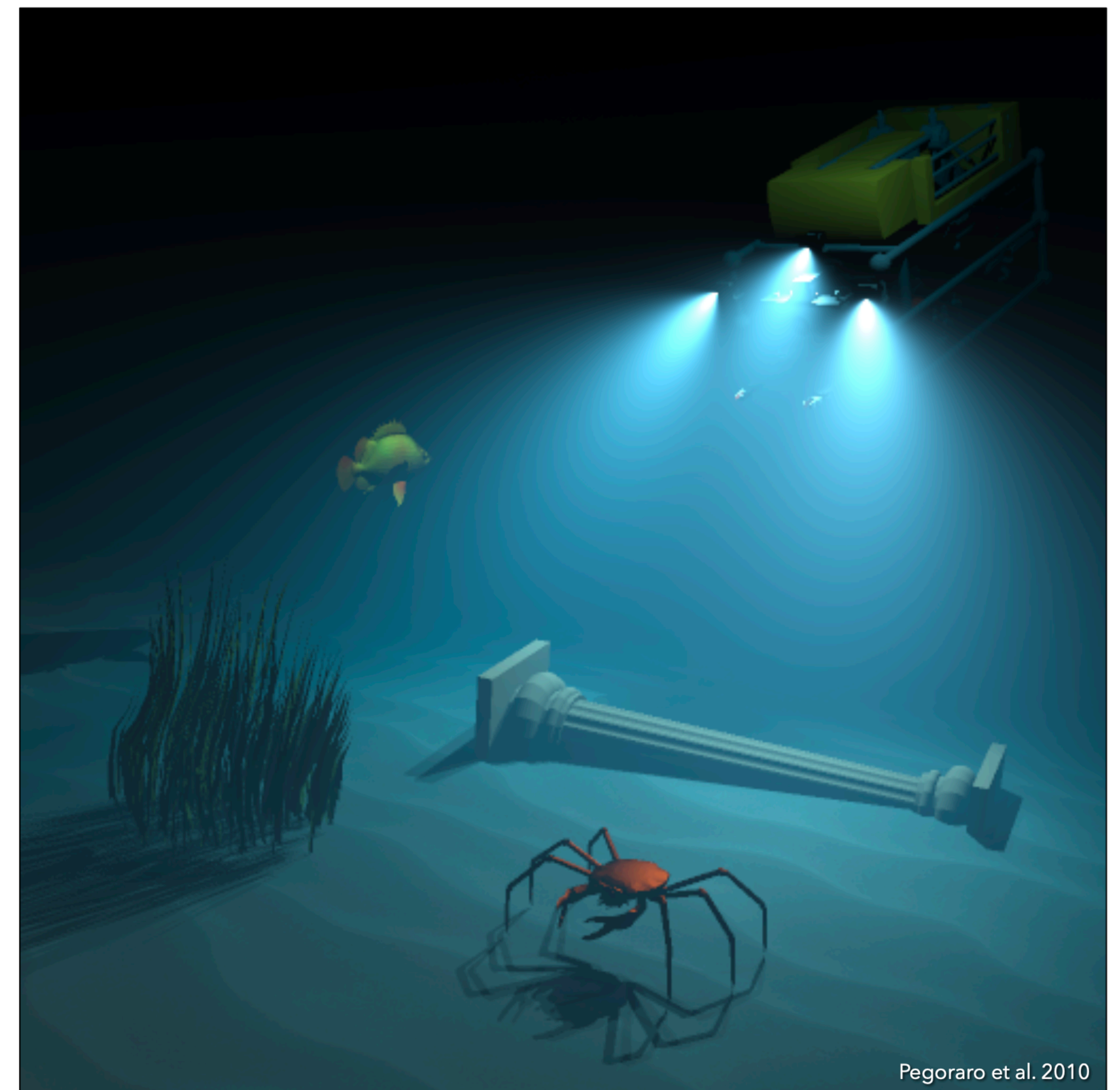
OpenGL Fog



Analytic Single Scattering



Analytic Single Scattering



Analytic Single Scattering

$$L_m(x_a, x_b, \vec{\omega}) = \frac{\kappa_s}{h} e^{\kappa_t(x_a - x_h)} 2 \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} c(n) \sum_{k=0}^{2n} d(n, k) \int_{v_a}^{v_b} \frac{e^{-Hv}}{(v^2 + 1)^{n+1}} v^k dv$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{e^{av}}{(v^2 + 1)^m} v^n dv &= \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2^l} \binom{m-1+l}{m-1} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{m-1-l, n\}} \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{a^{m-1-l-k}}{(m-1-l-k)!} E(a, v, m-n-l+k) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - e^{av} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1-l-k} \frac{(j-1)!}{(m-1-l-k)!} \frac{a^{m-1-l-k-j}}{(v^2+1)^j} \sum_{\substack{i=(m-n-l+k-j) \bmod 2 \\ i \geq 2}}^{\leq j} (-1)^{\frac{m-n-l+k-j+i}{2}} \binom{j}{i} v^i \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{e^{av}}{a} \sum_{k=0}^{\leq n-m+l} \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m+l-k} \frac{(n-m+l-k)!}{j!} \frac{1}{(-a)^{n-m+l-k-j}} \sum_{\substack{i=(-m+l+k-j) \bmod 2 \\ i \geq 2}}^{\leq j} (-1)^{\frac{-m+l+k-j+i}{2}} \binom{j}{i} v^i \right) \end{aligned}$$

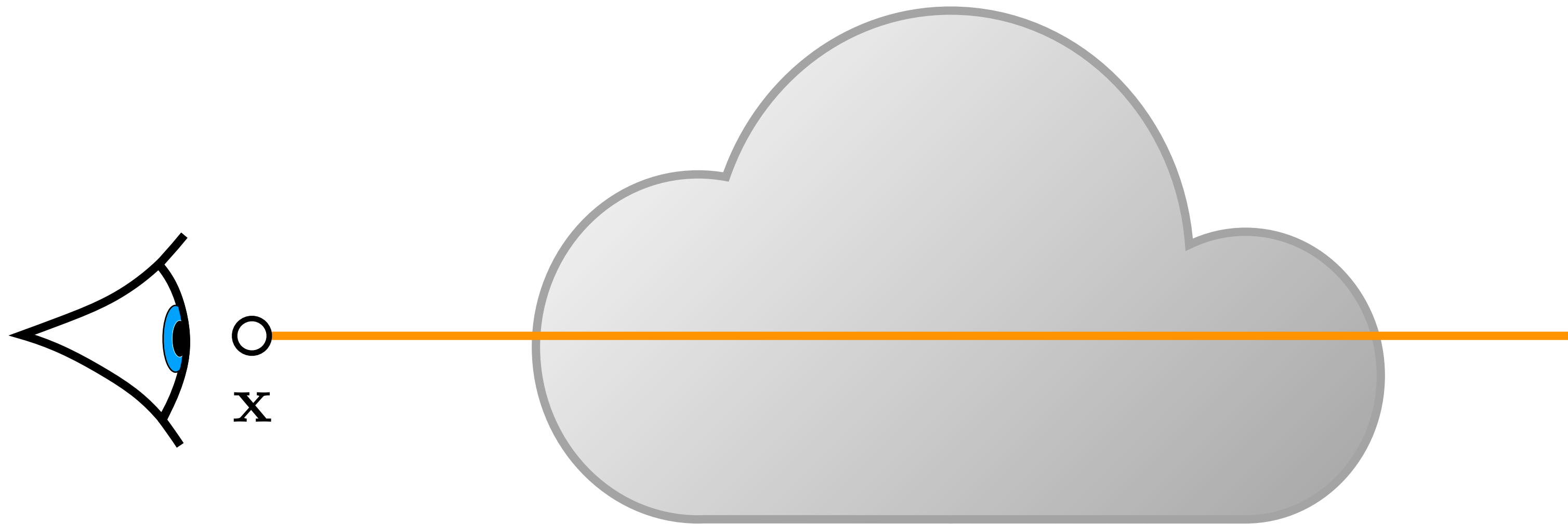
No shadows, implementation nightmare, computationally intensive,...

Let's try brute force!

Ray Marching

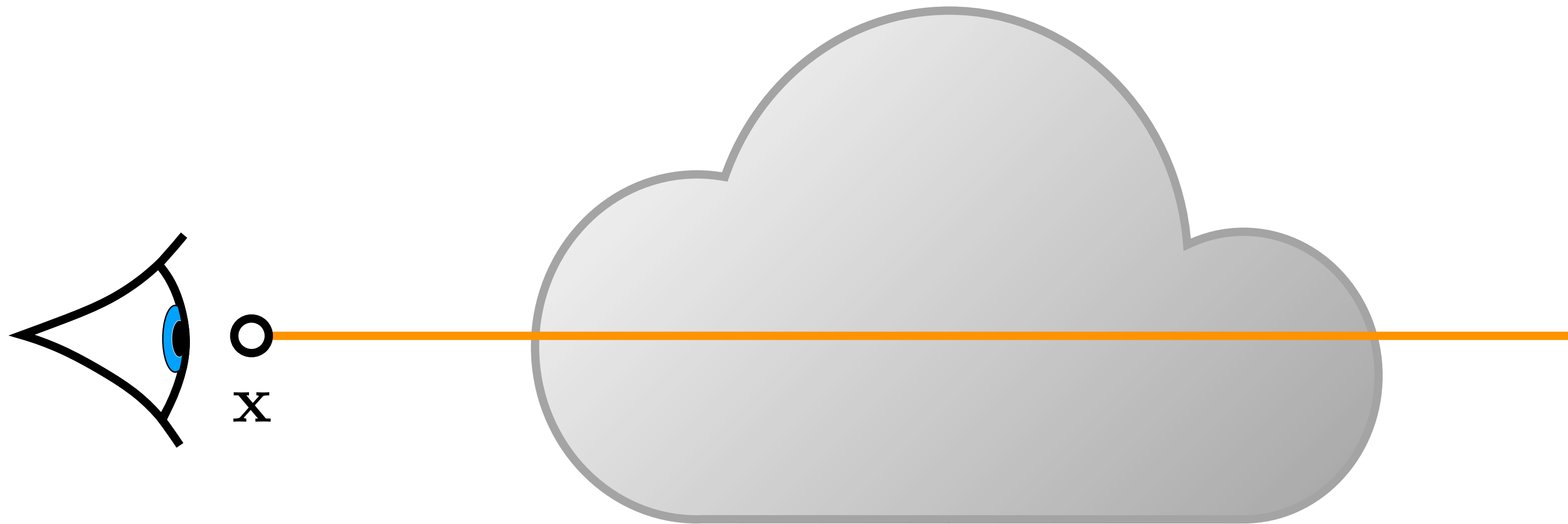
$$L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) = \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) L_s(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}) dt$$

Approximate with Riemann summation



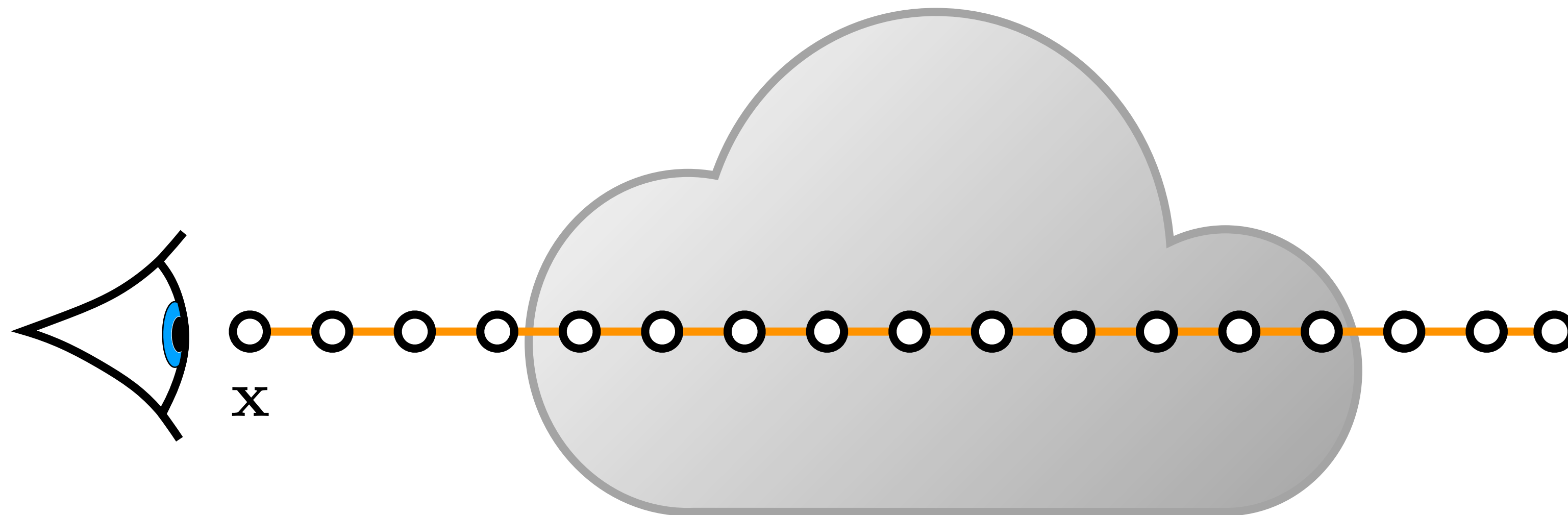
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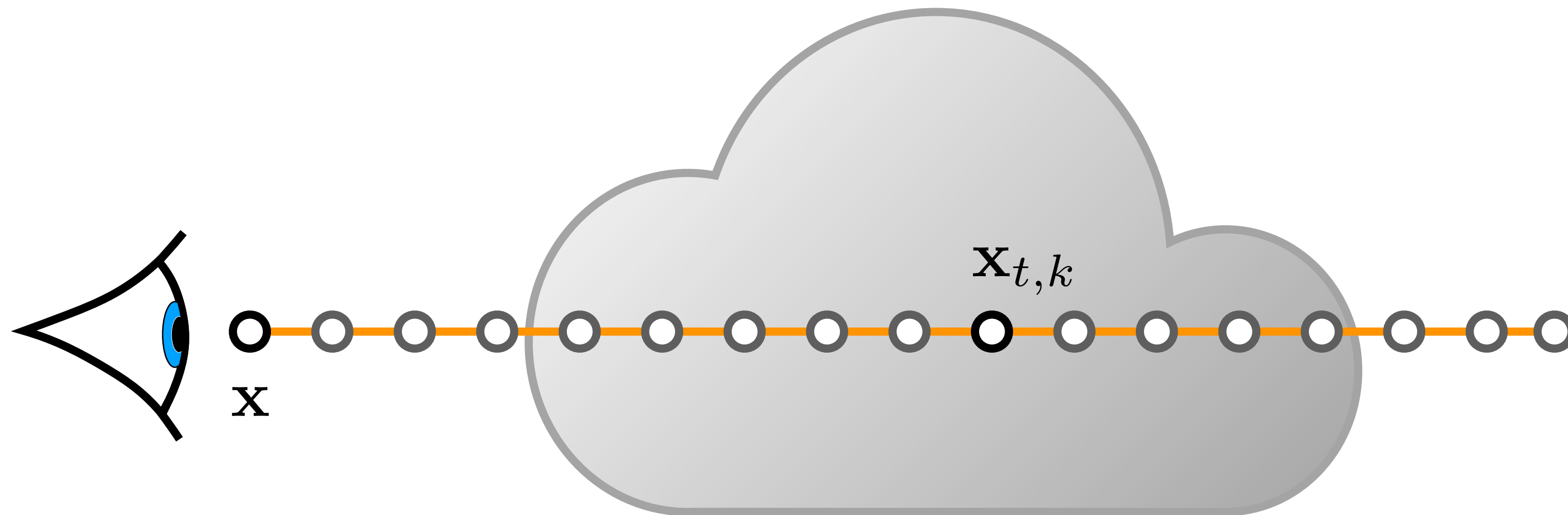
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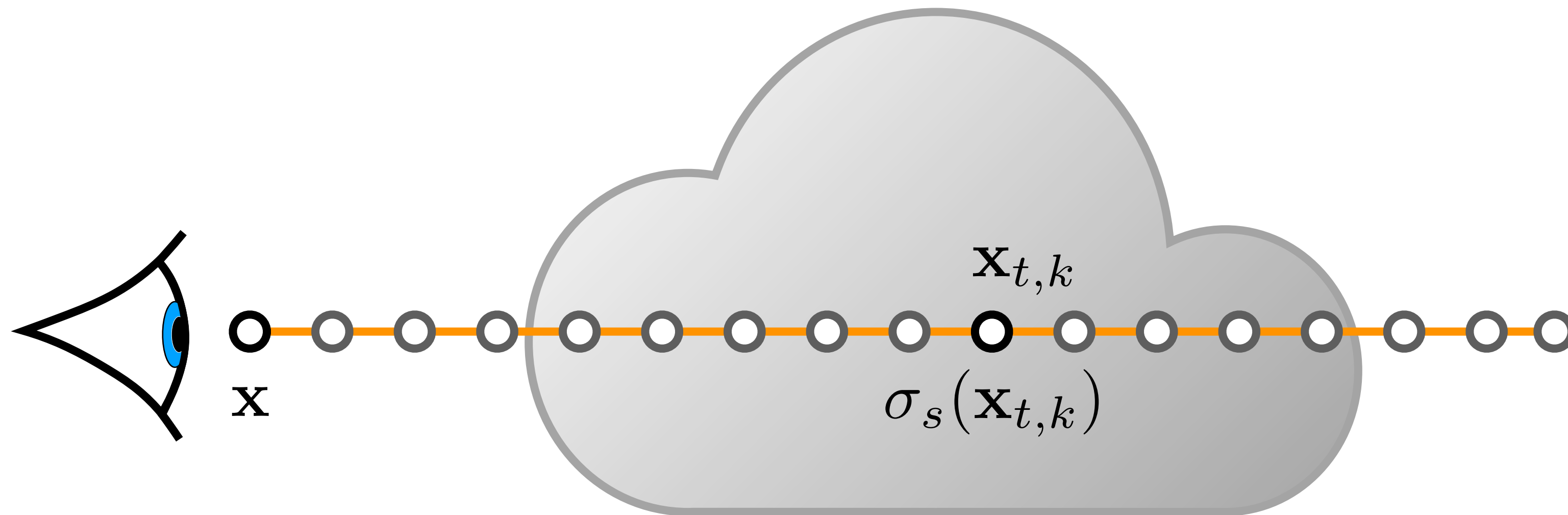
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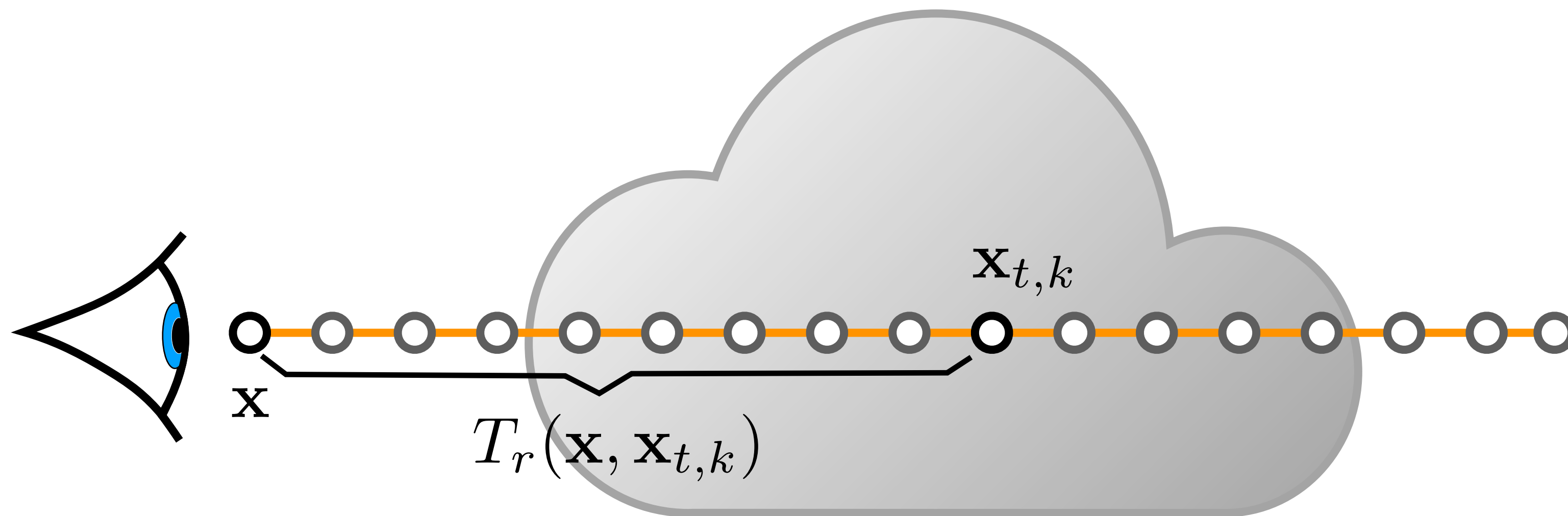
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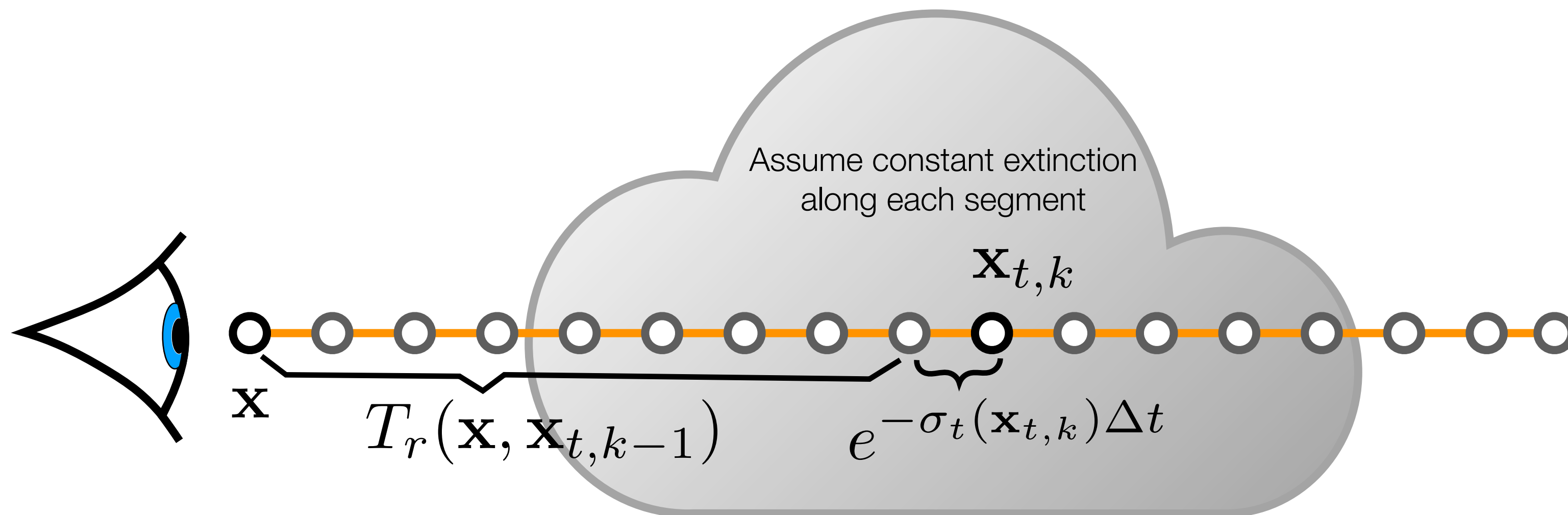
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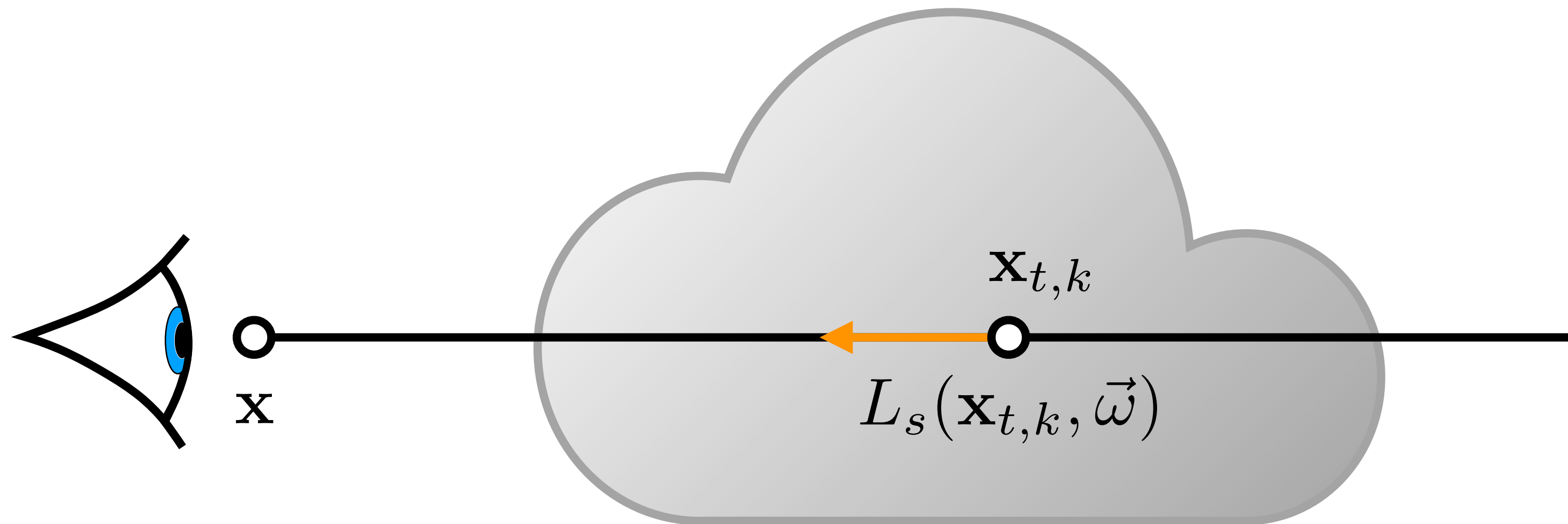
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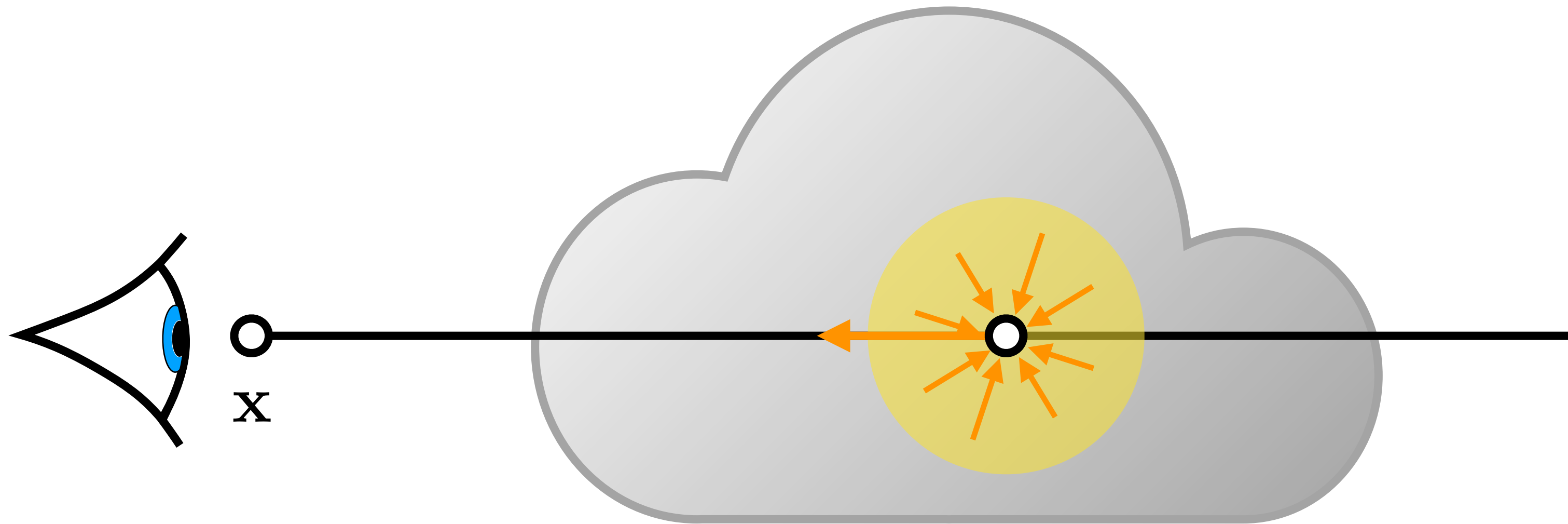
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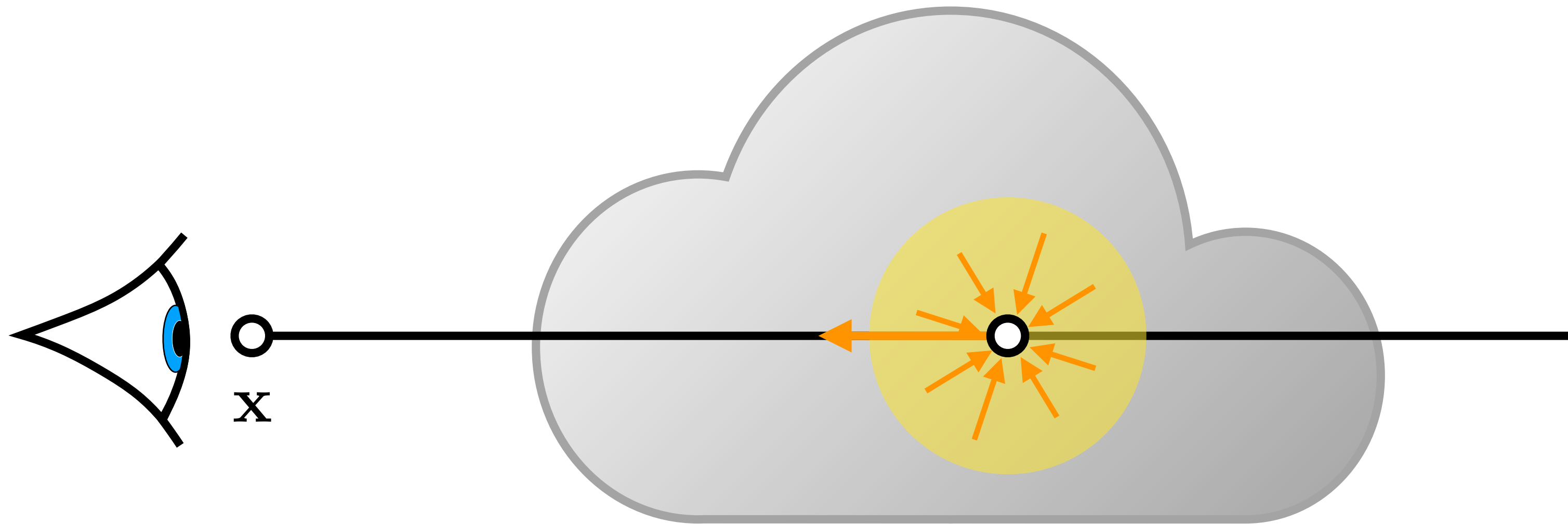
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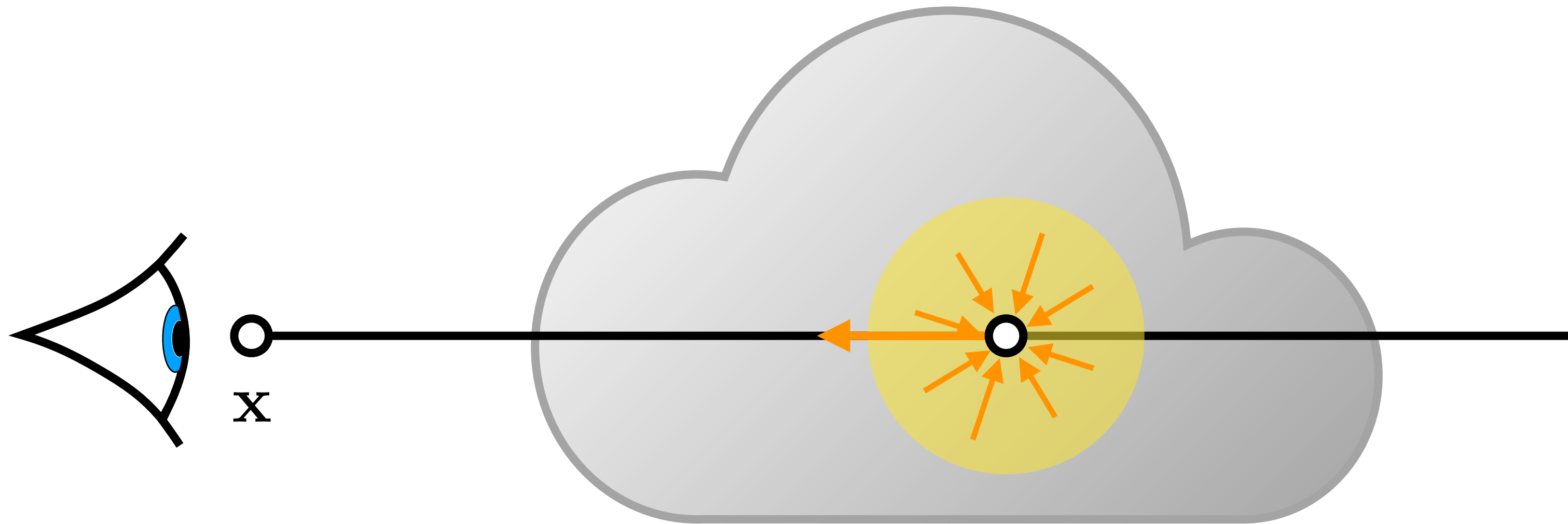
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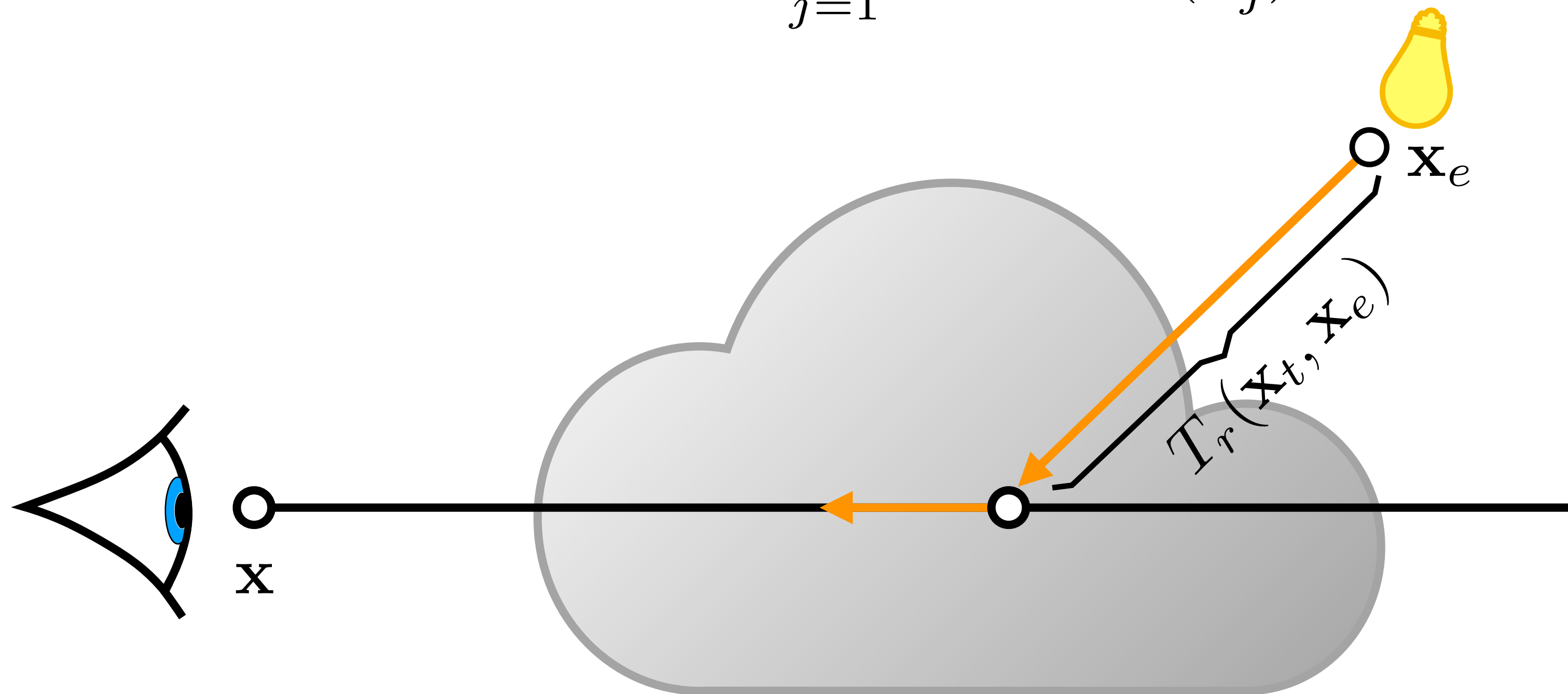
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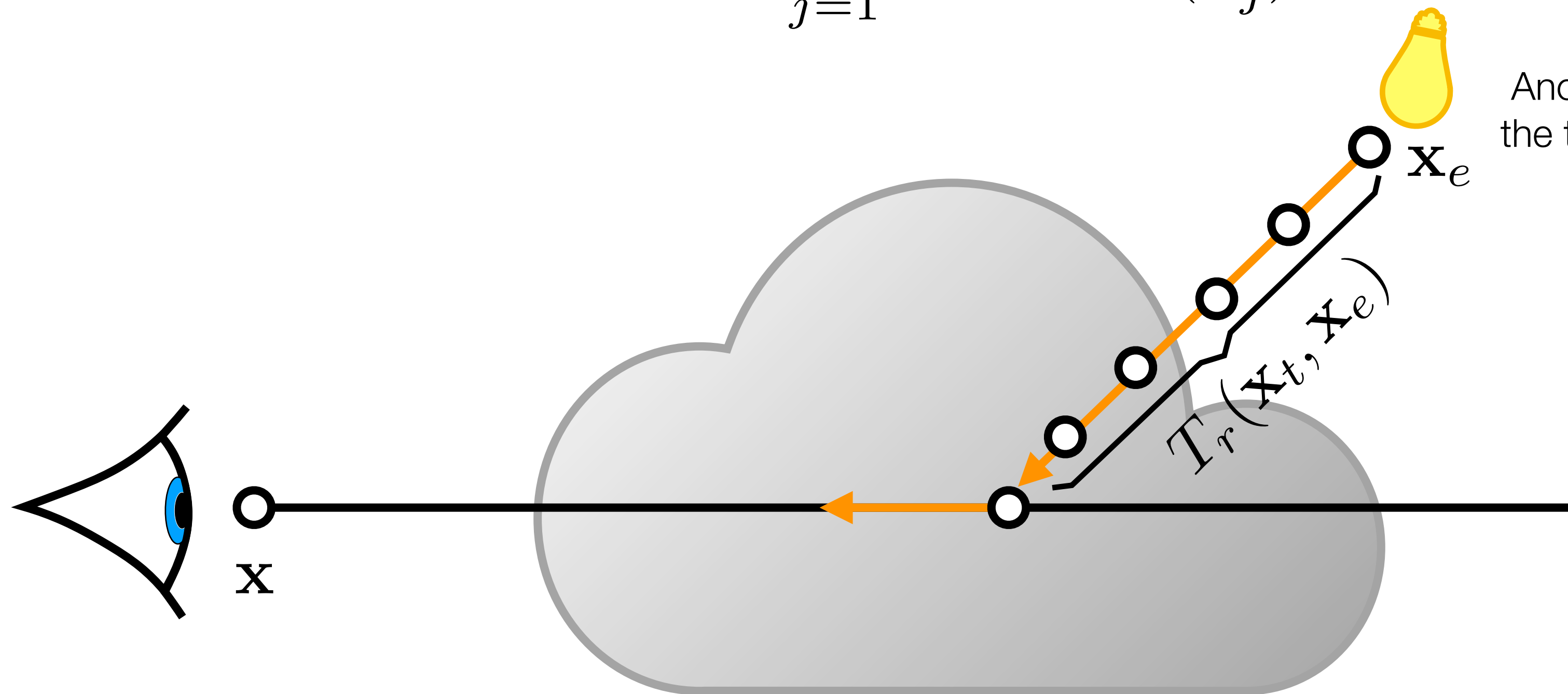
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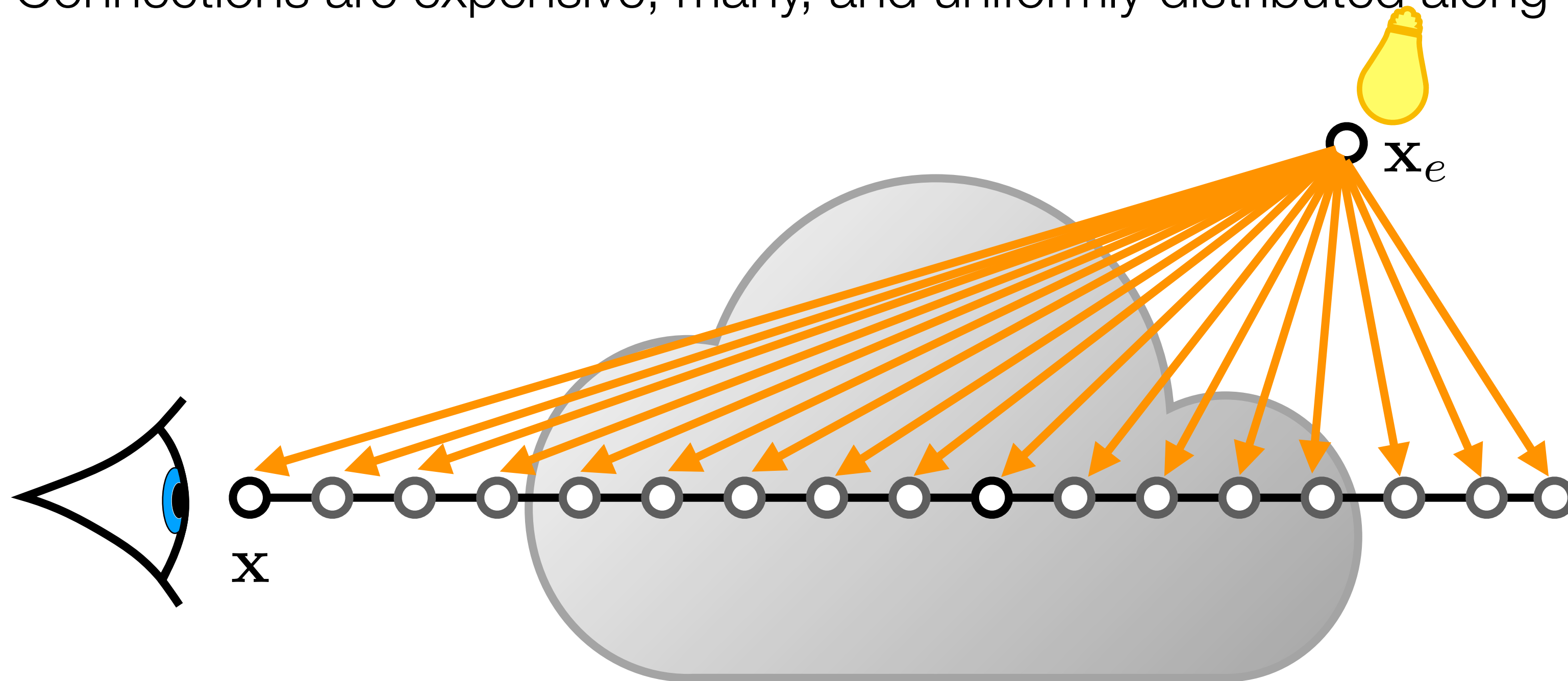


Another ray marching needed to estimate the transmittance along the connection ray (in the heterogeneous media)

Ray Marching in Heterogeneous Media

Marching towards the light source

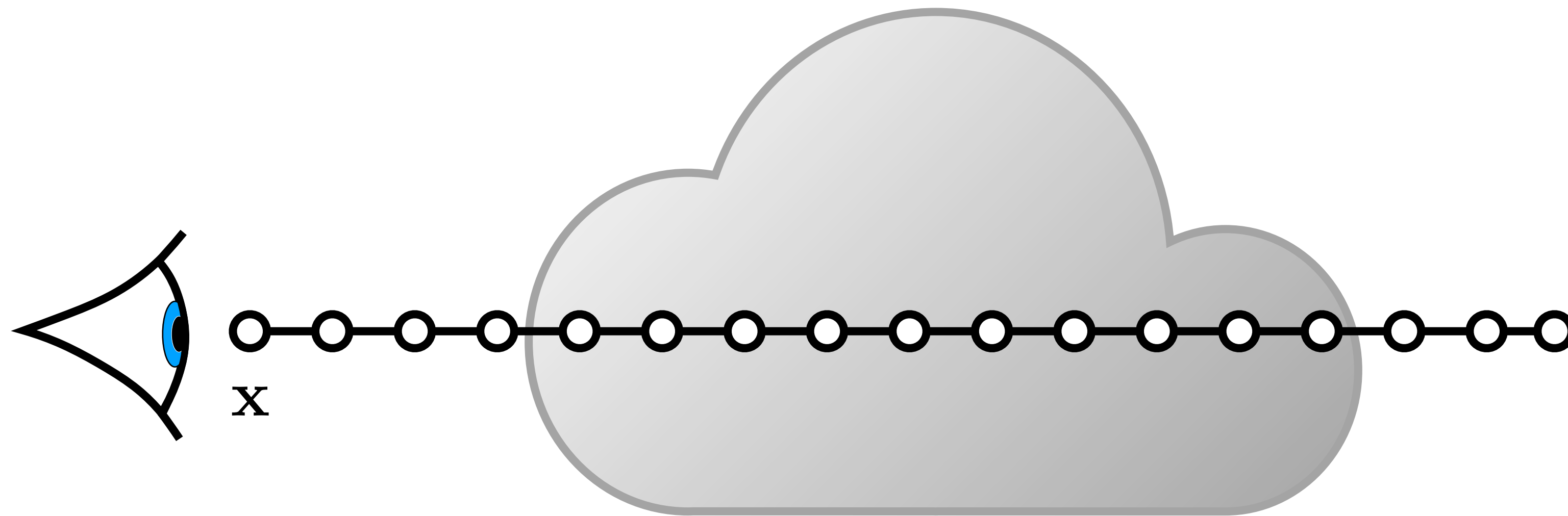
- Connections are expensive, many, and uniformly distributed along the primary ray



Decoupled Transmittance and in-scattering

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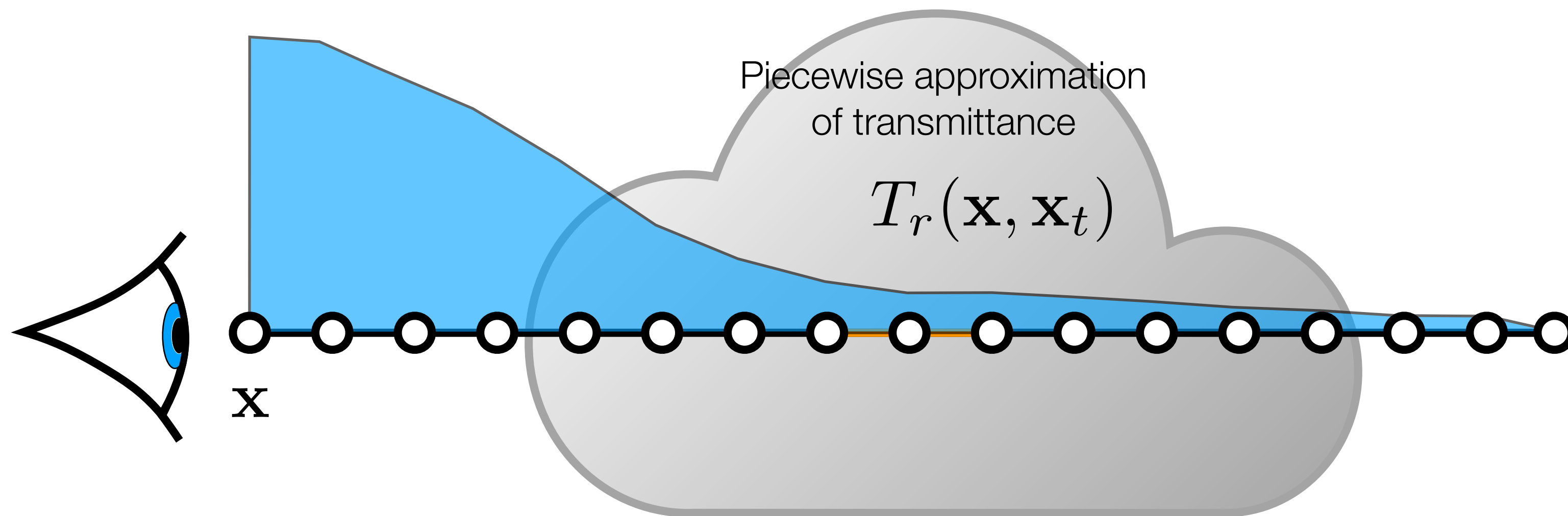
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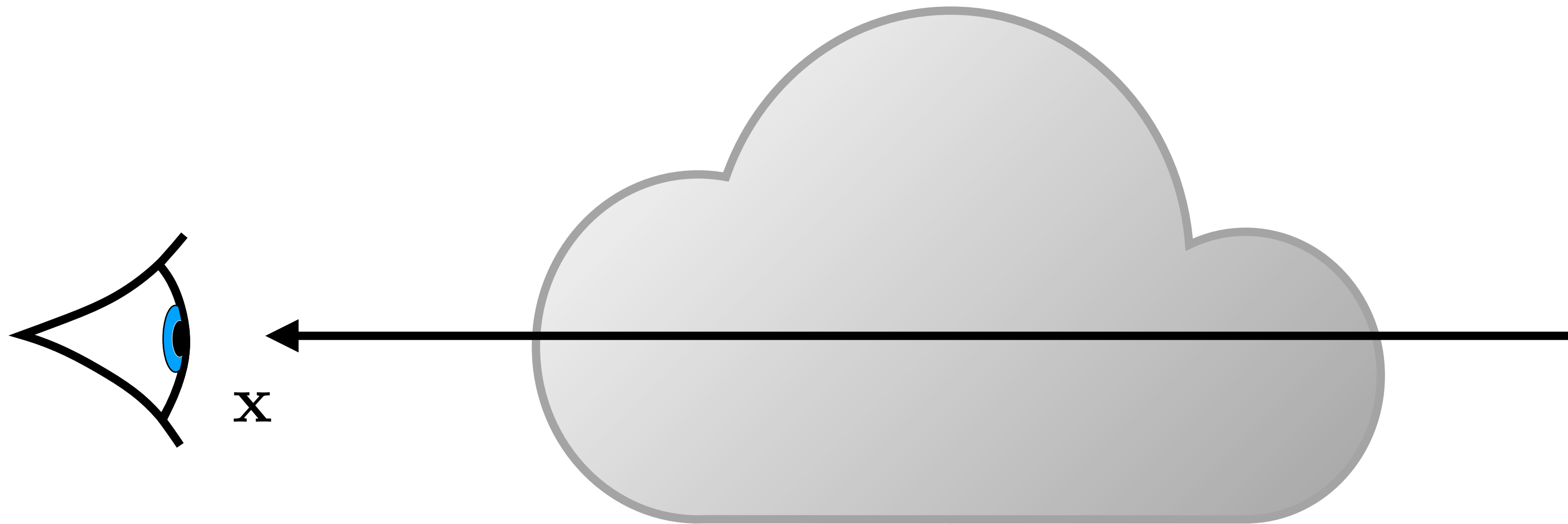
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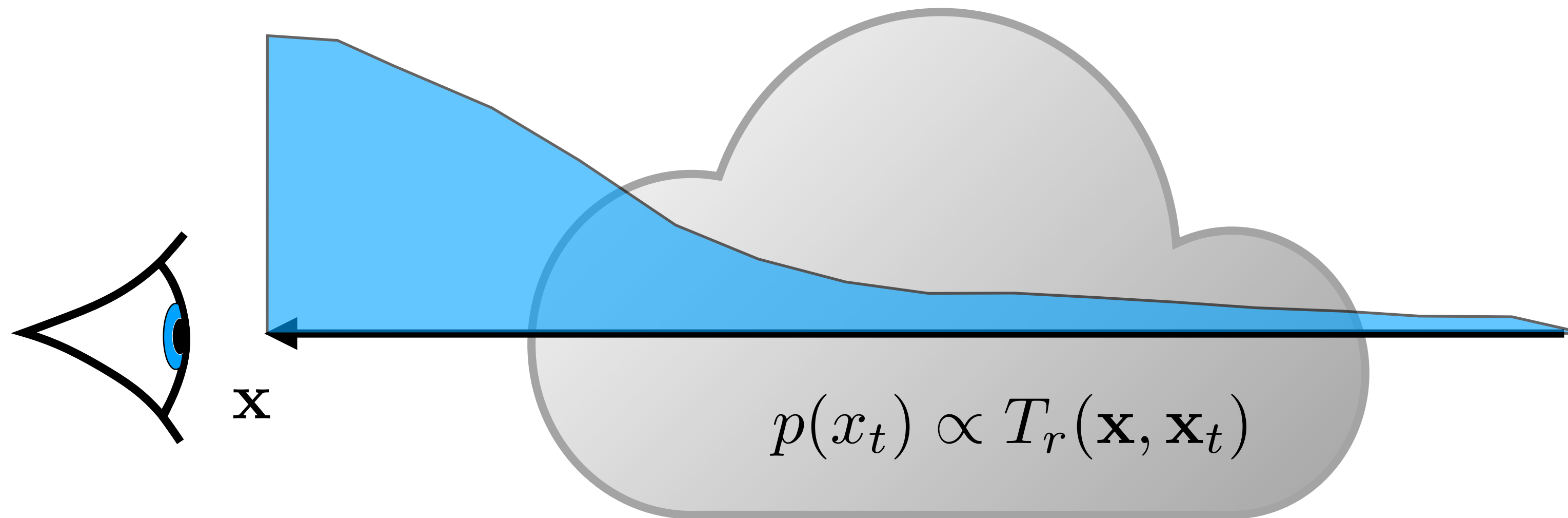
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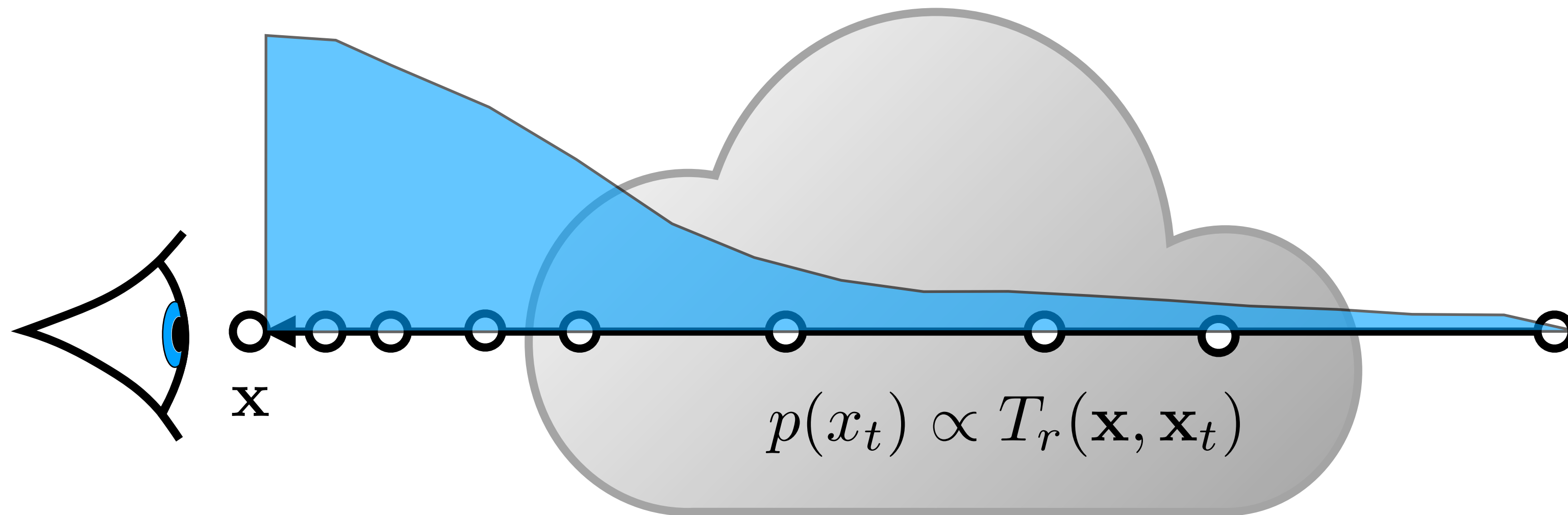
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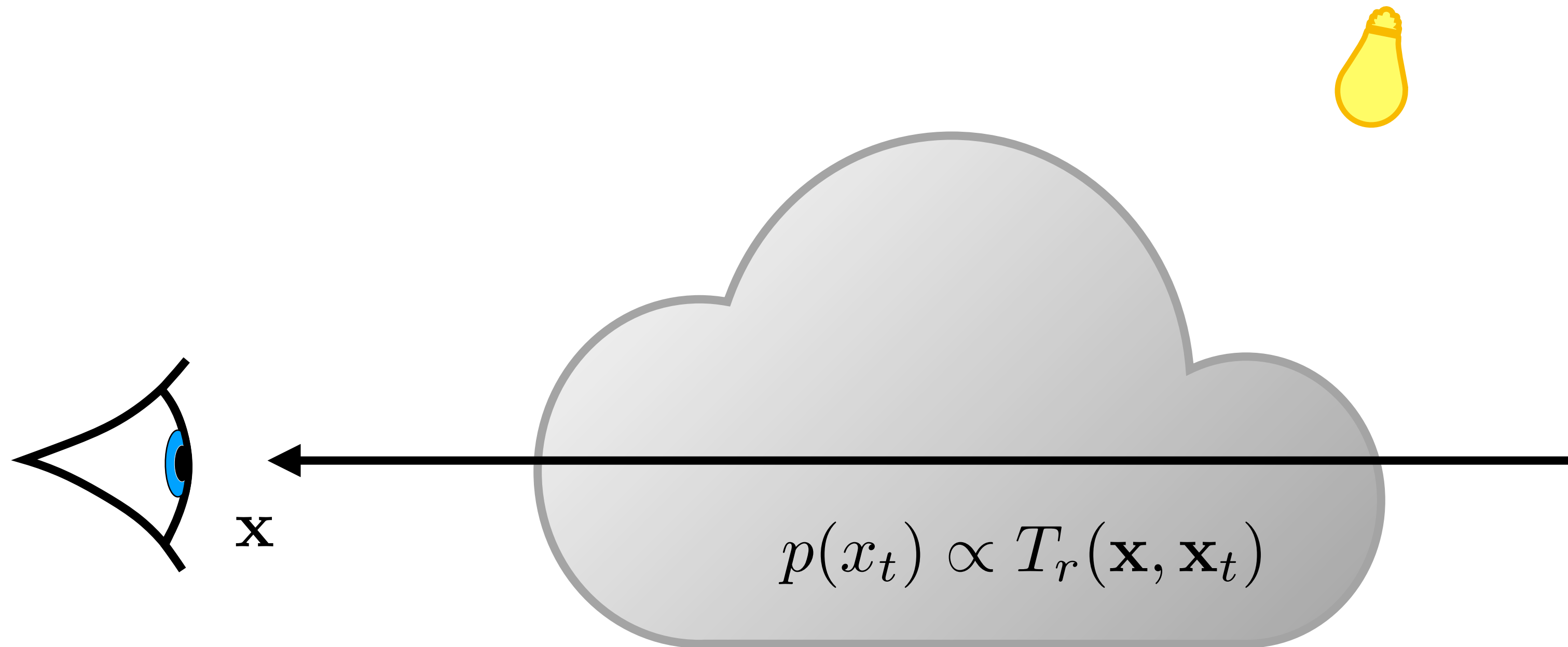
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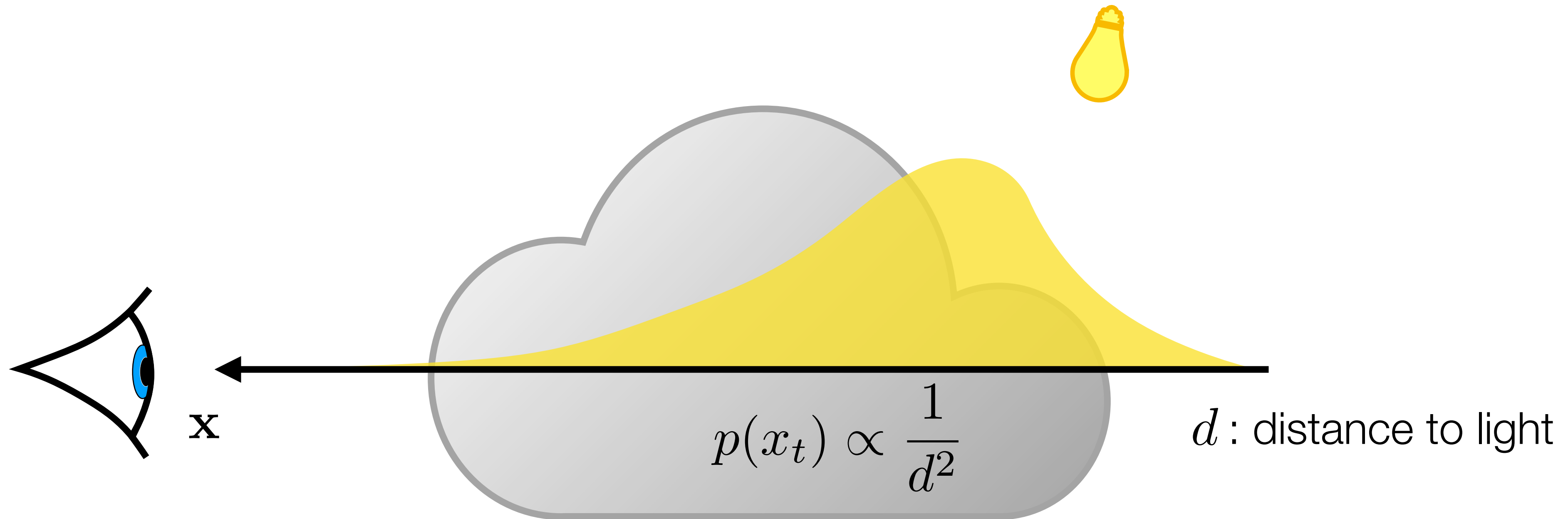
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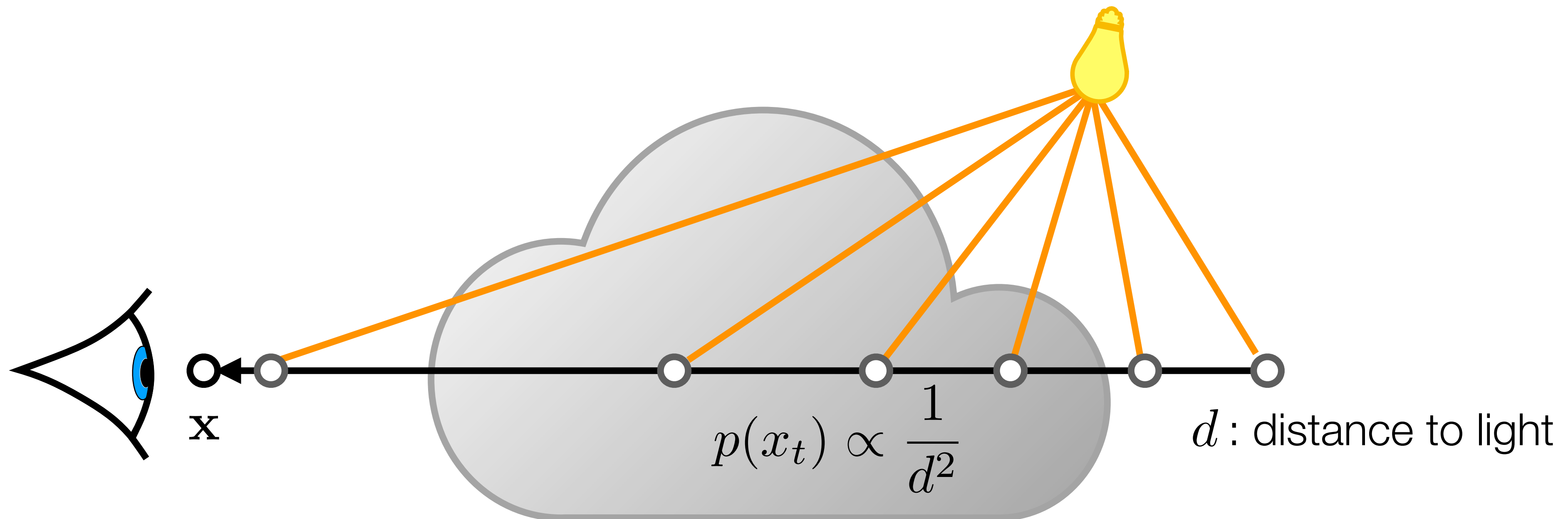
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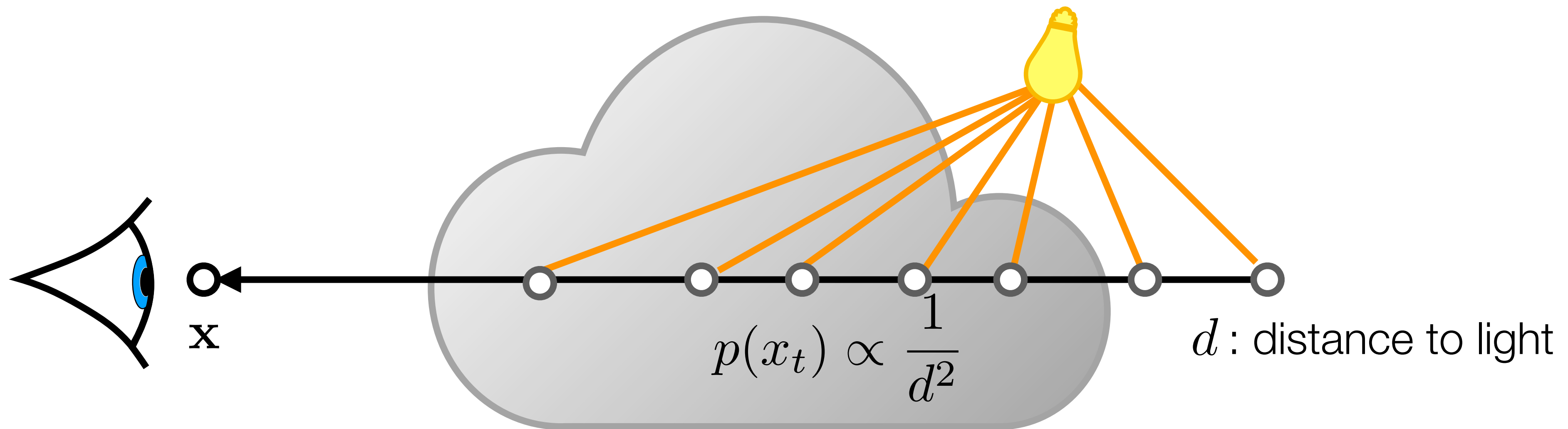
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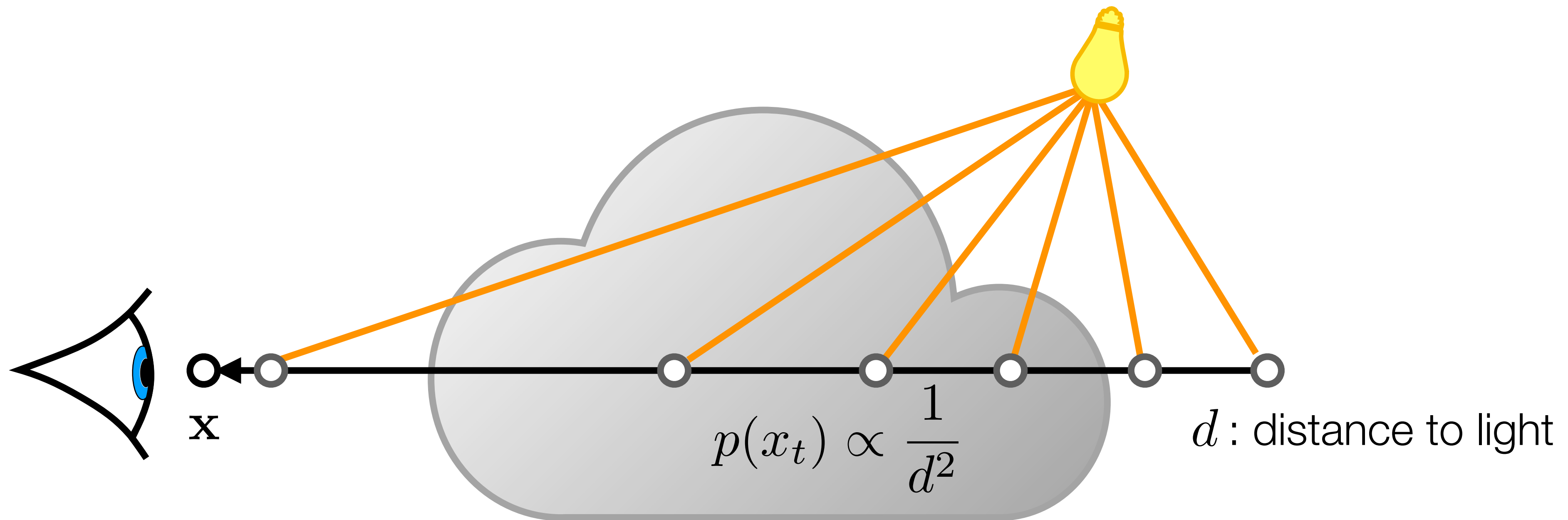
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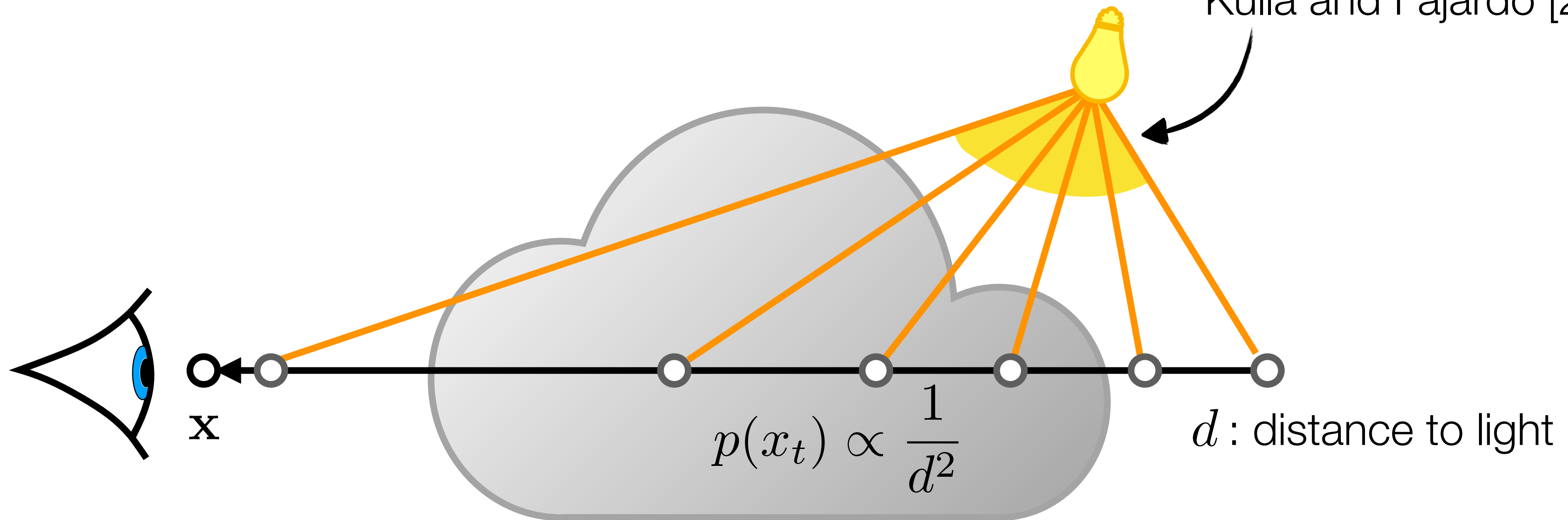
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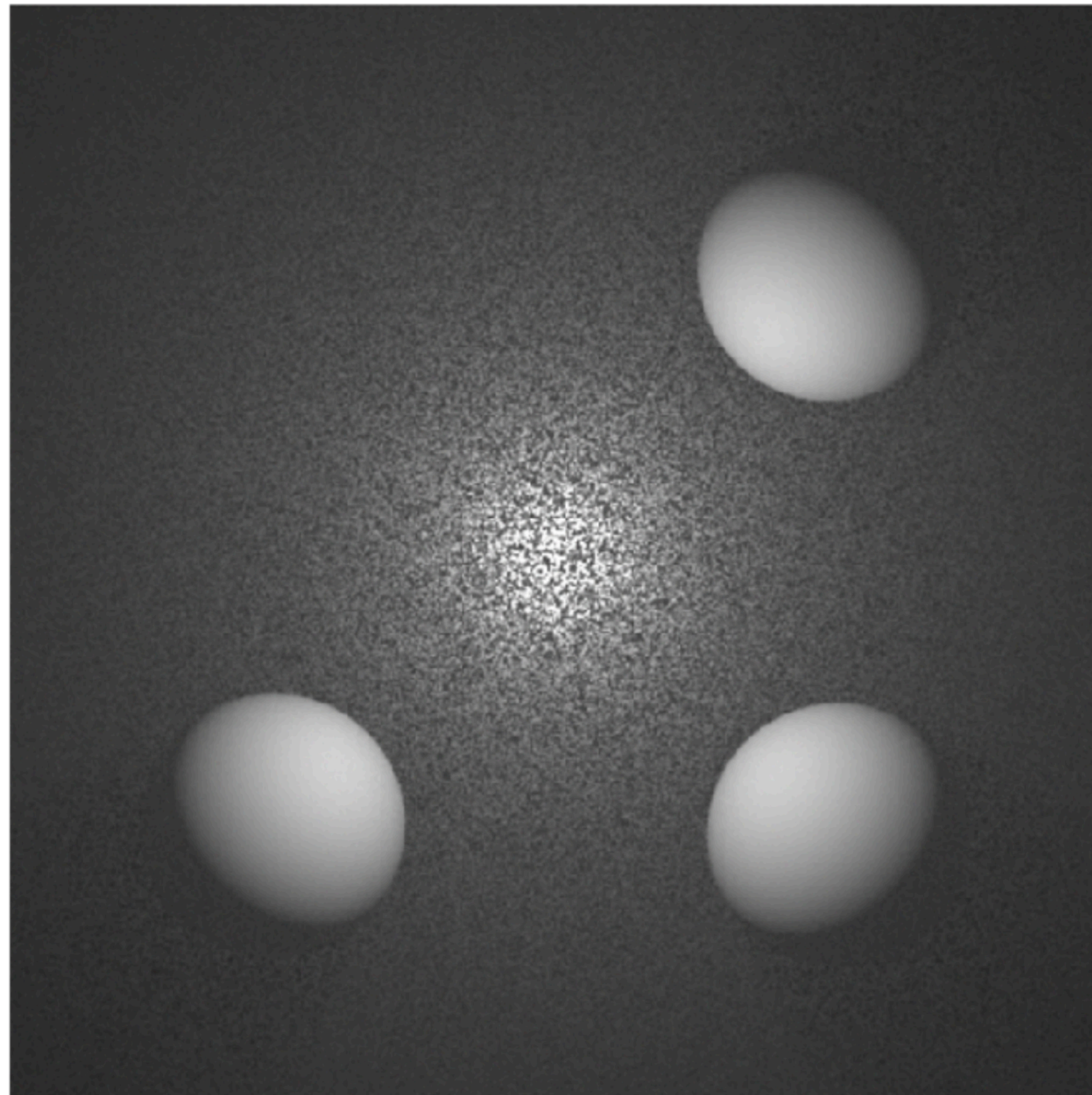
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- Distribute samples proportional to (part of) the integrand
- Equiangular sampling
Kulla and Fajardo [2012]

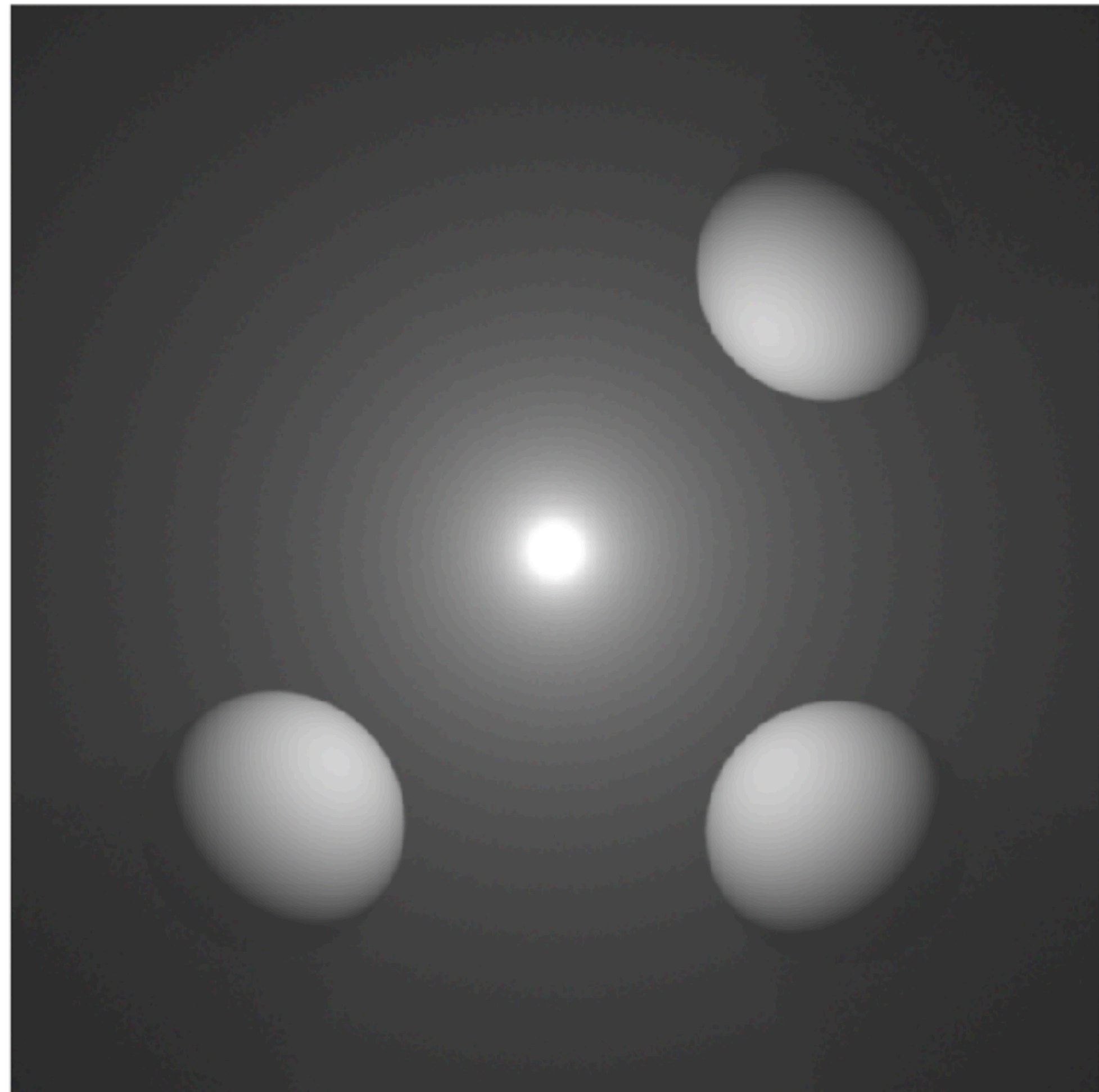


Decoupled Transmittance and in-scattering

Ray Marching



Equi-angular sampling



Single scattering



Multiple scattering



Volumetric Path Tracing

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Motivation

Same as with path tracing: avoid the exponential growth

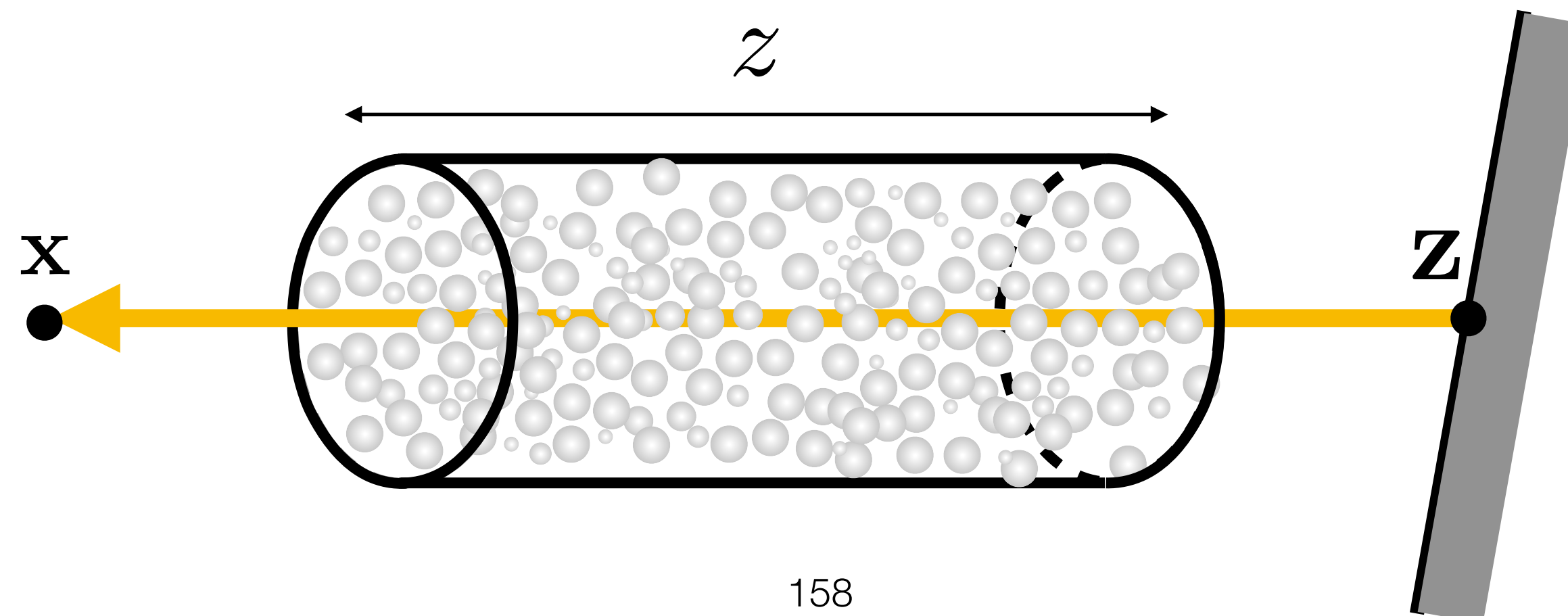
Paths can:

Reflect / Refract off surfaces

Scatter inside a volume

Volumetric Rendering Equation

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \vec{\omega}) &= \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_t) L_e(\mathbf{x}_t, \vec{\omega}) dt \\ &+ \int_0^z T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_t) \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_t) L_s(\mathbf{x}_t, \omega) dt \\ &+ T_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_z) L(\mathbf{x}_z, \vec{\omega}) \end{aligned}$$

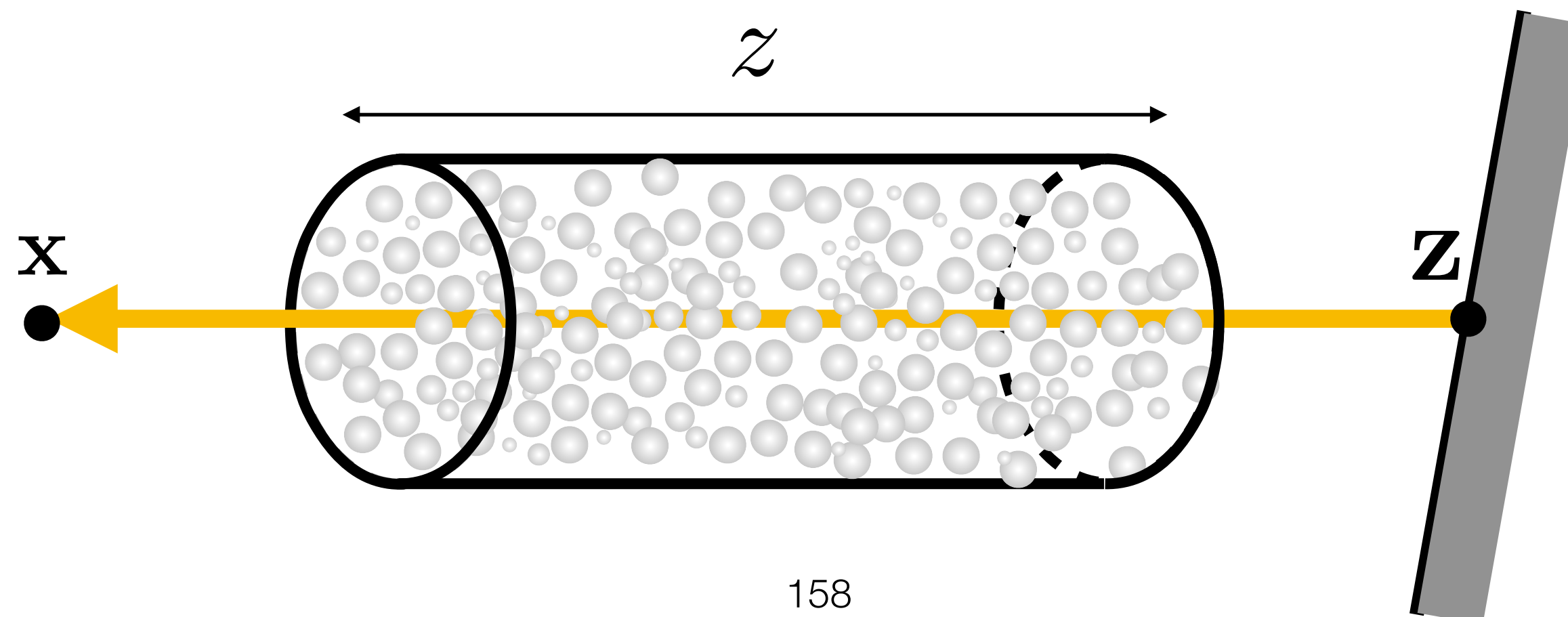


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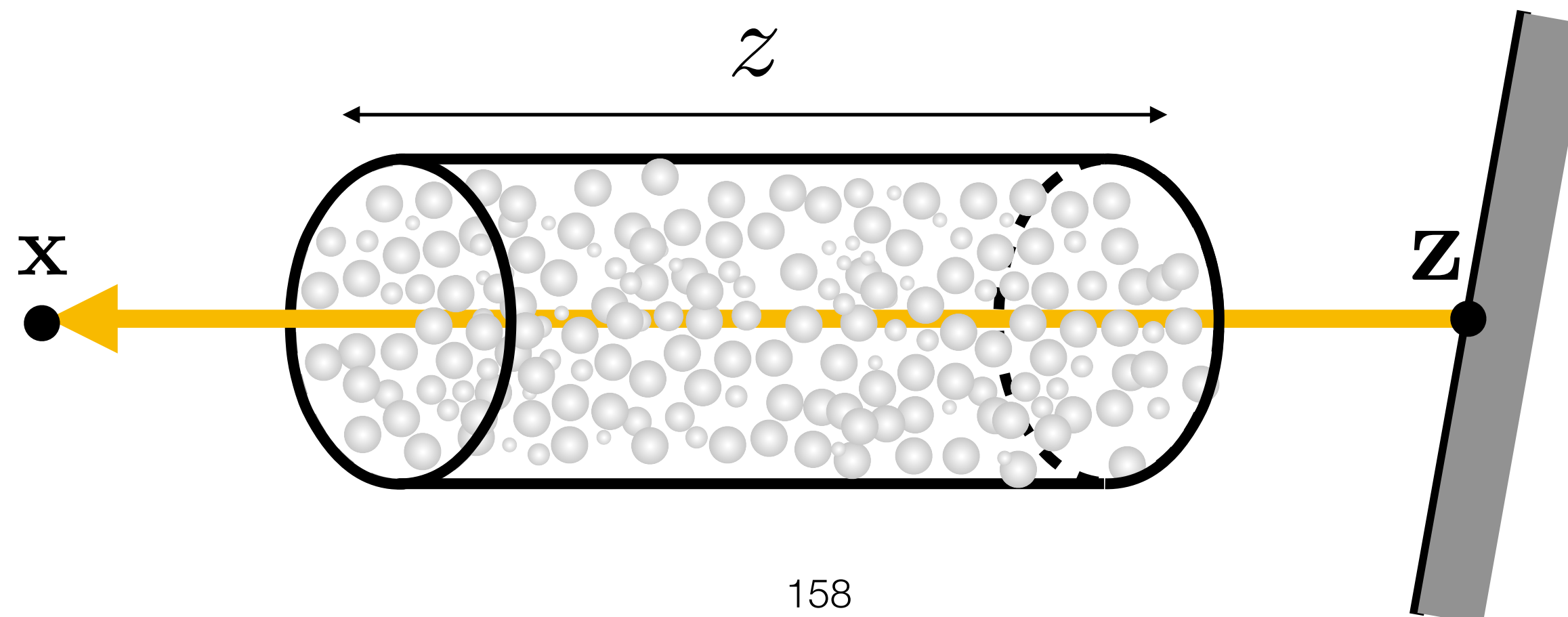
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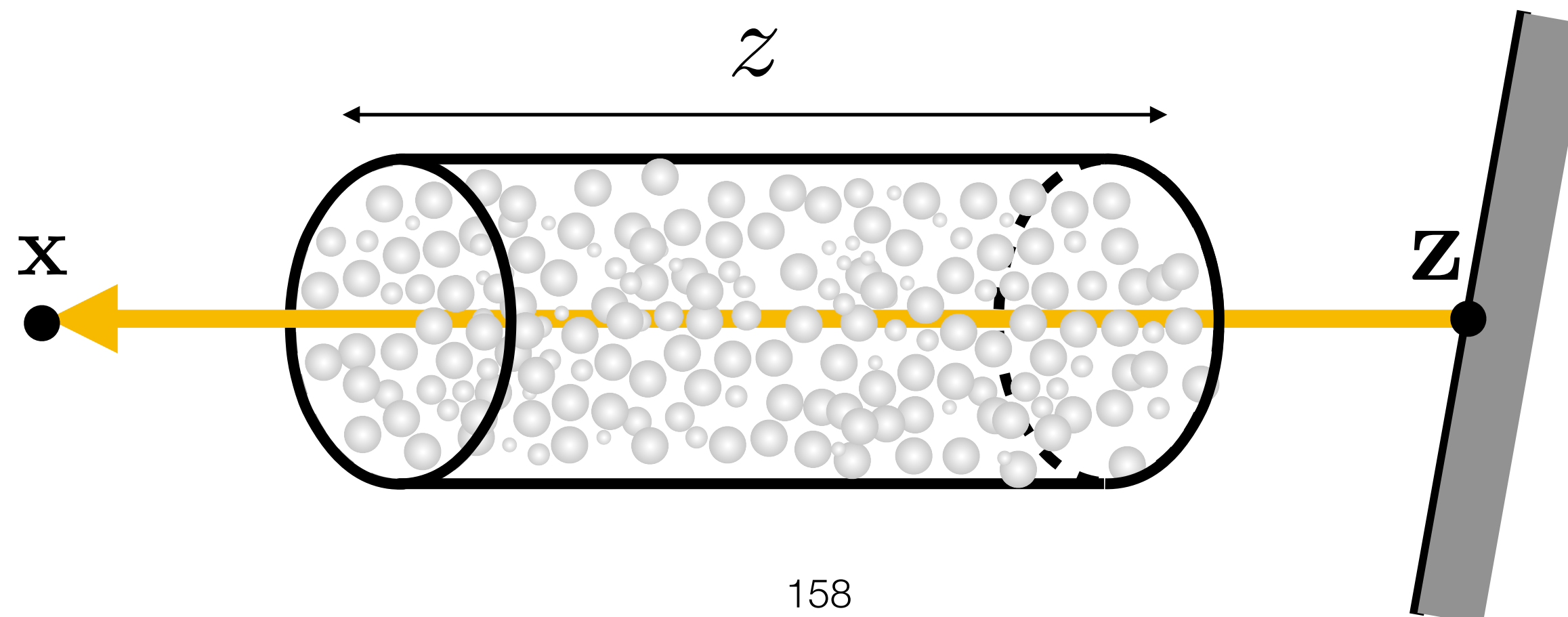
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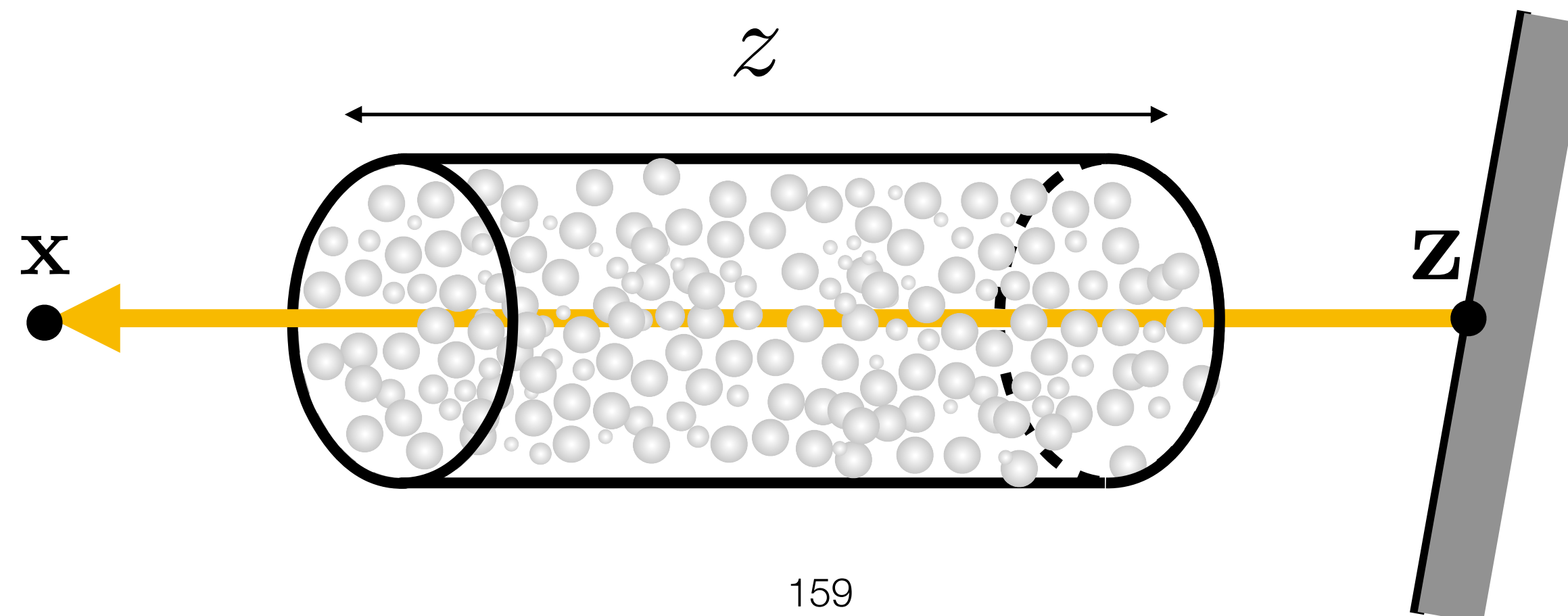
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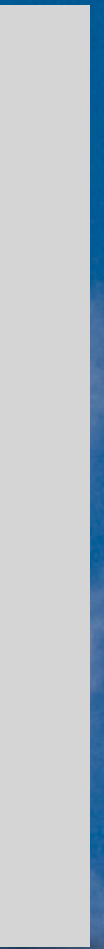
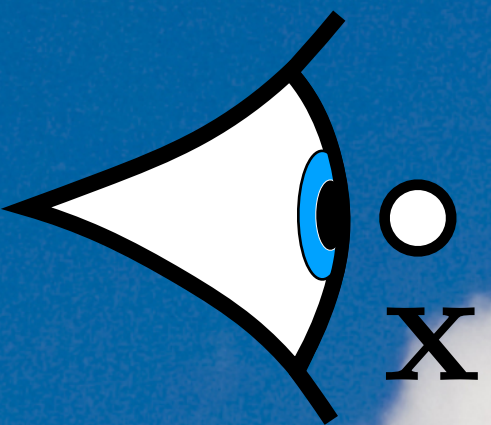
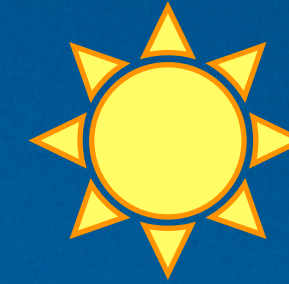
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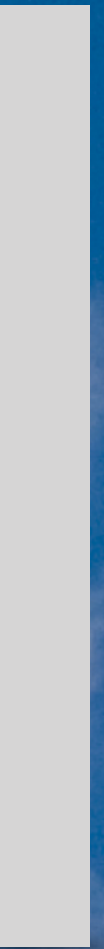
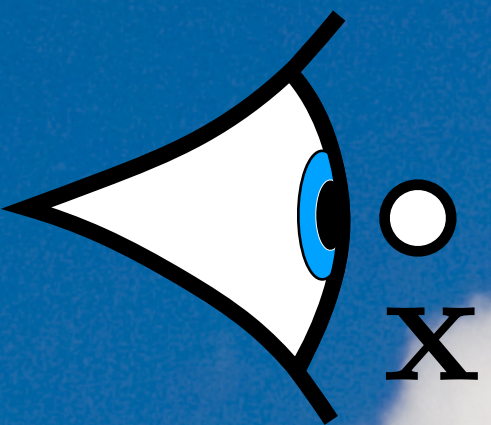
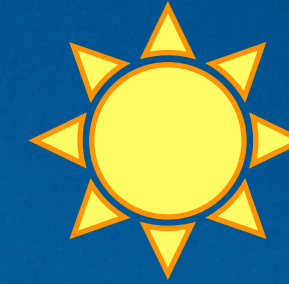
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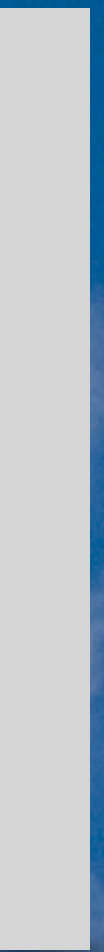
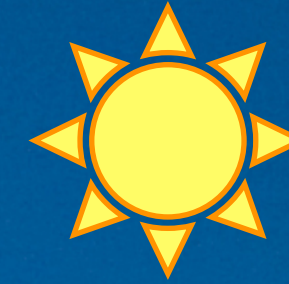
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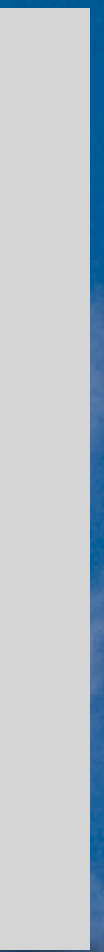
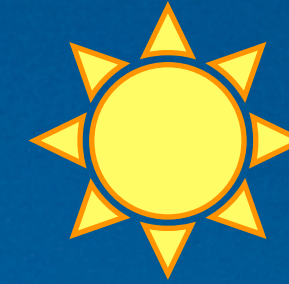
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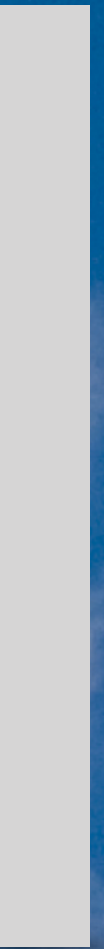
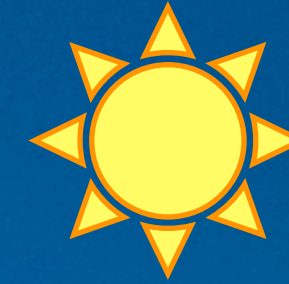
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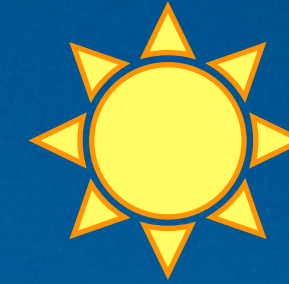
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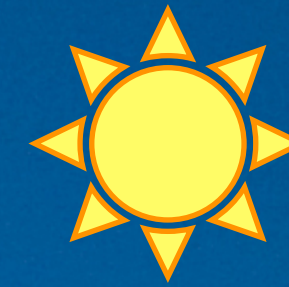
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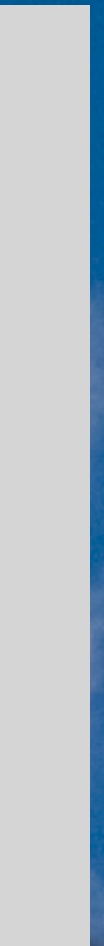
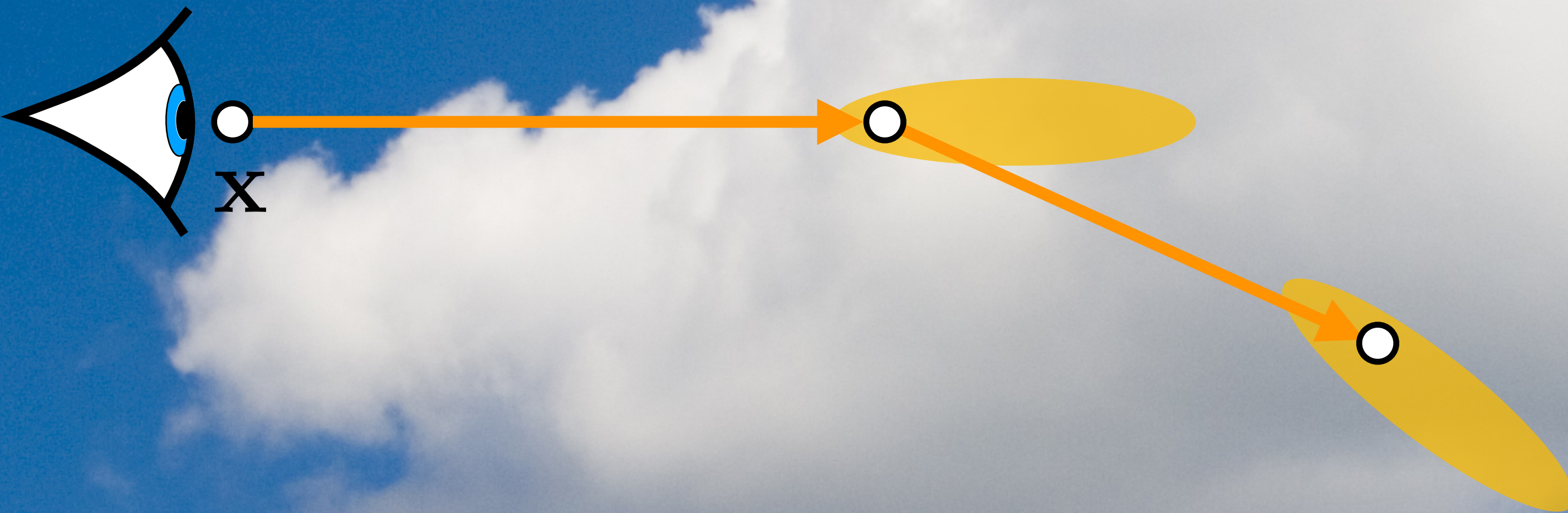
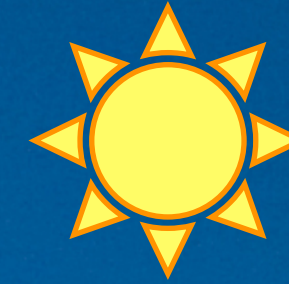
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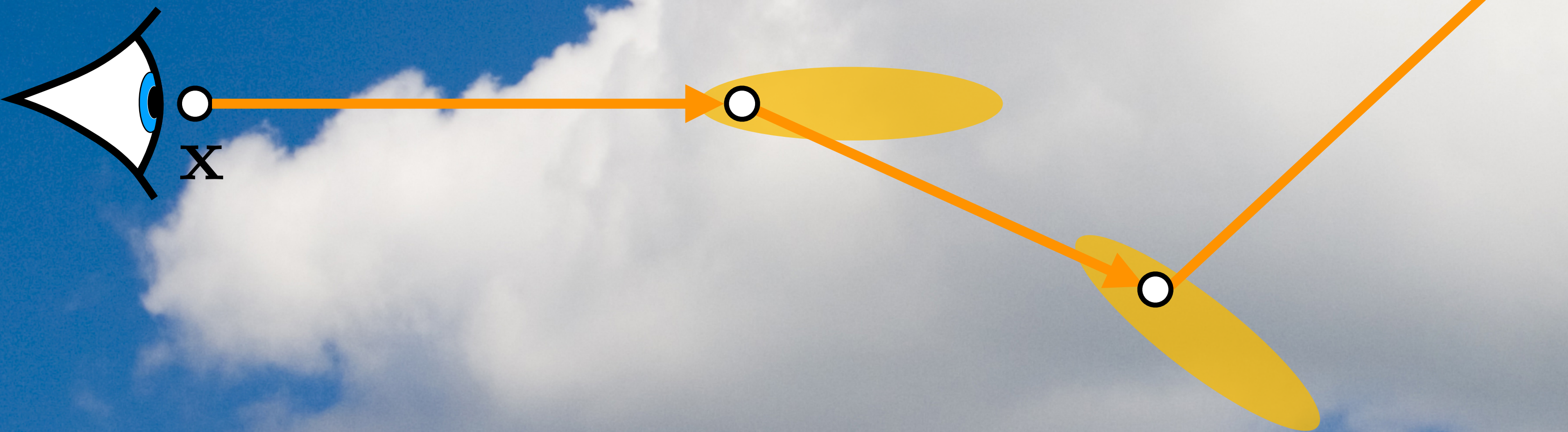
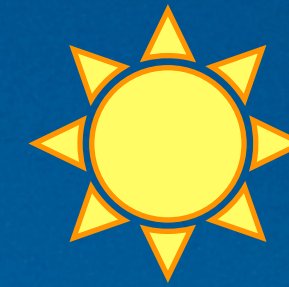
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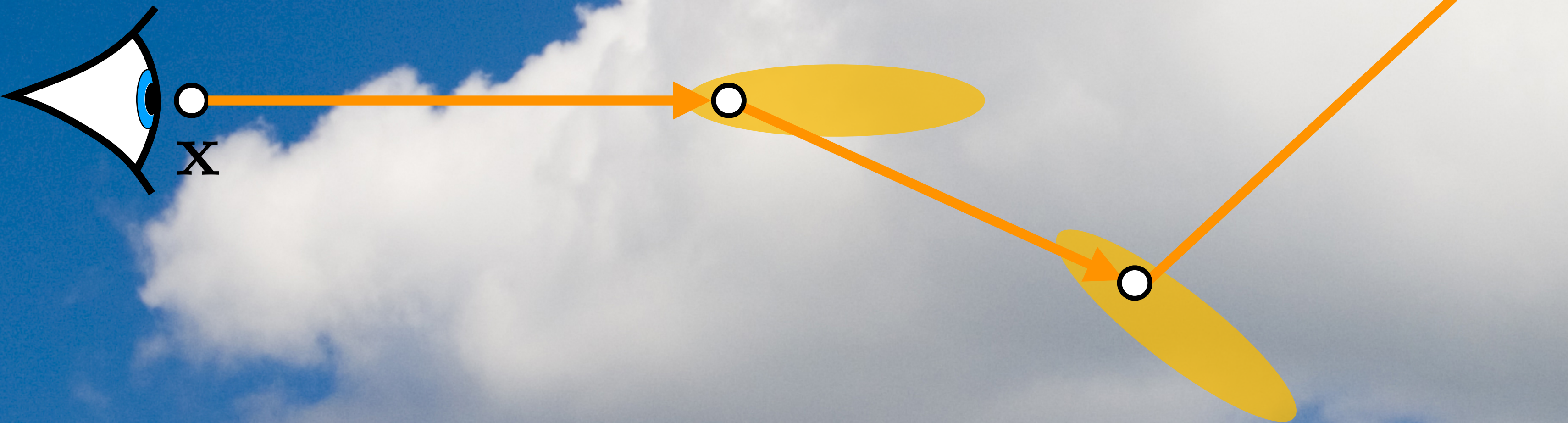
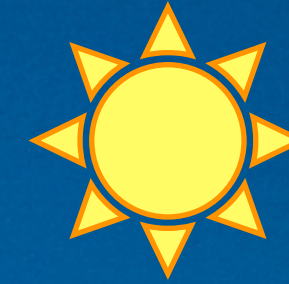
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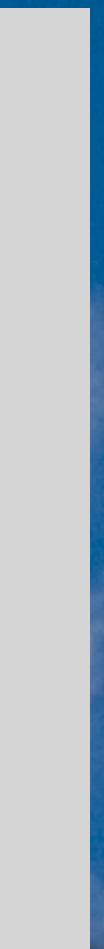
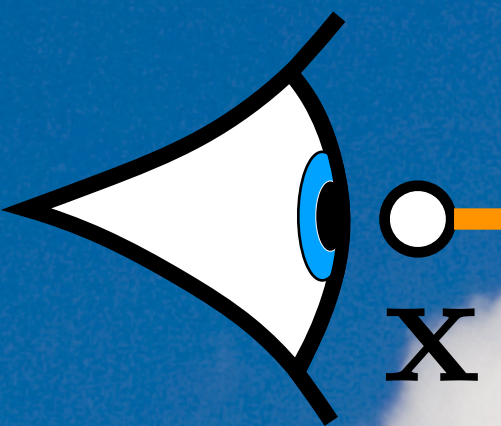
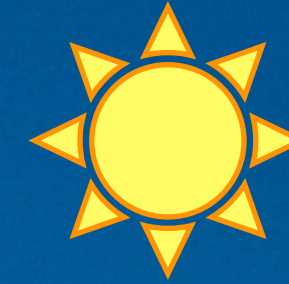
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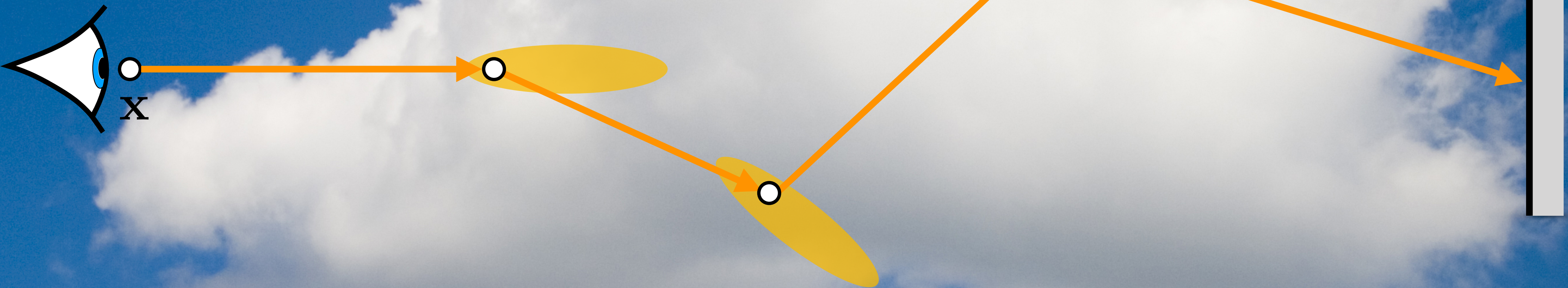
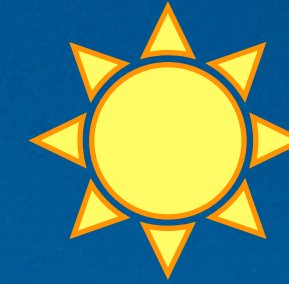
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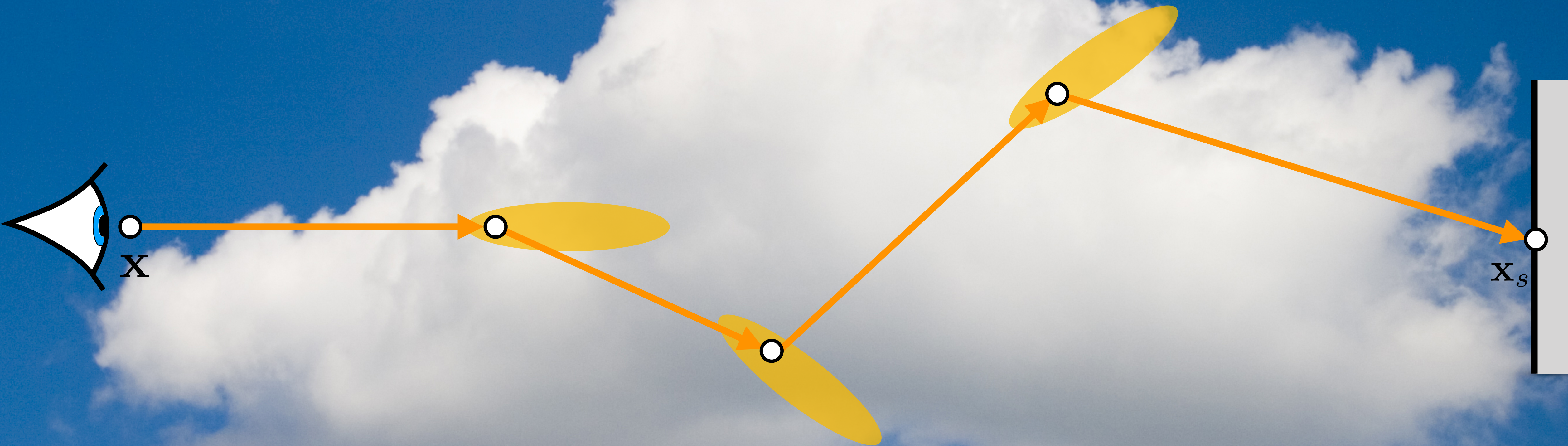
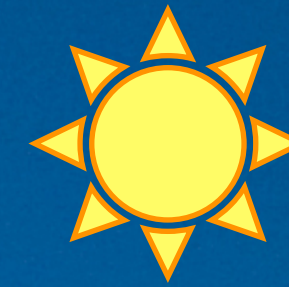
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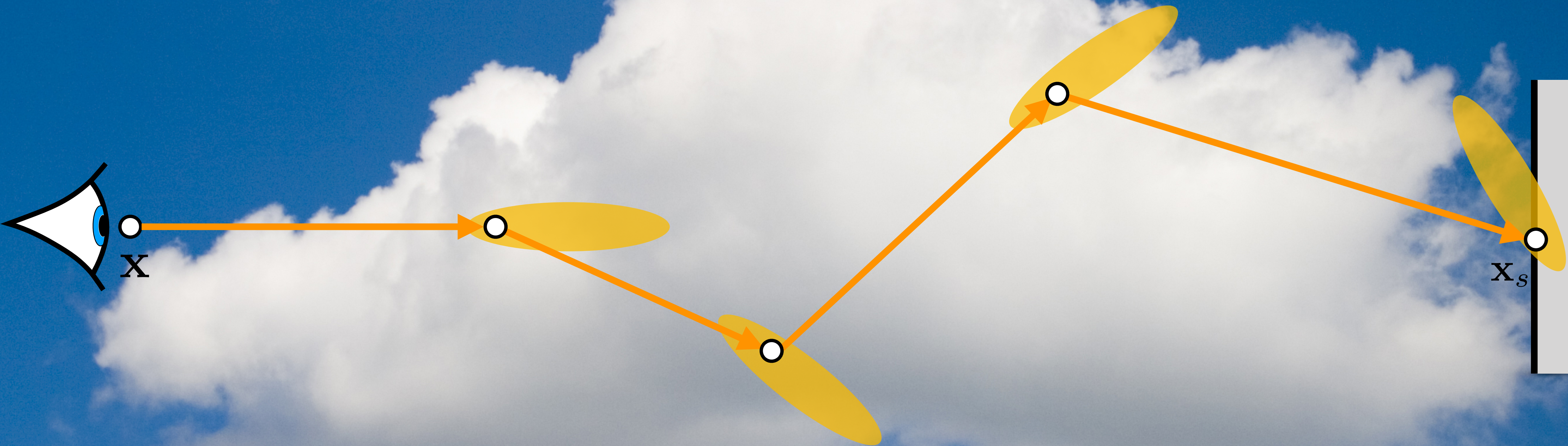
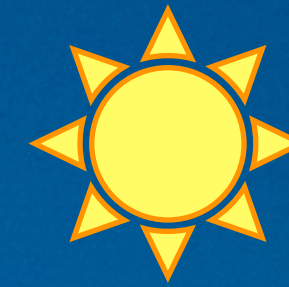
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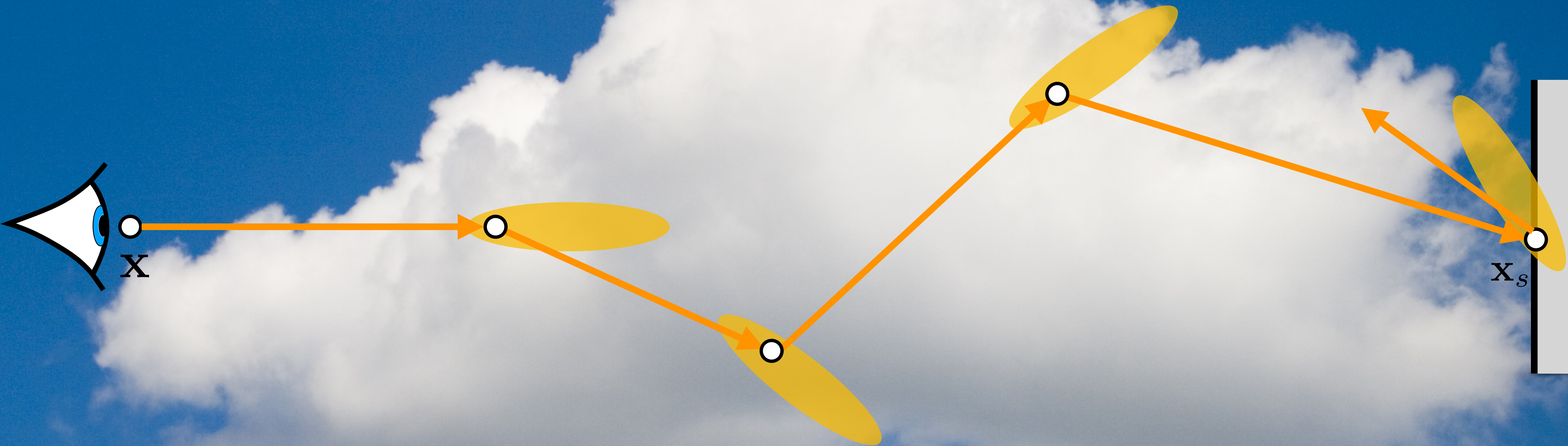
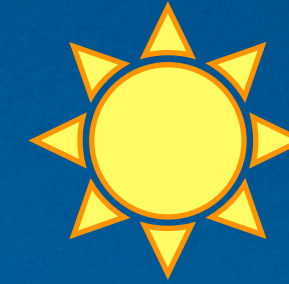
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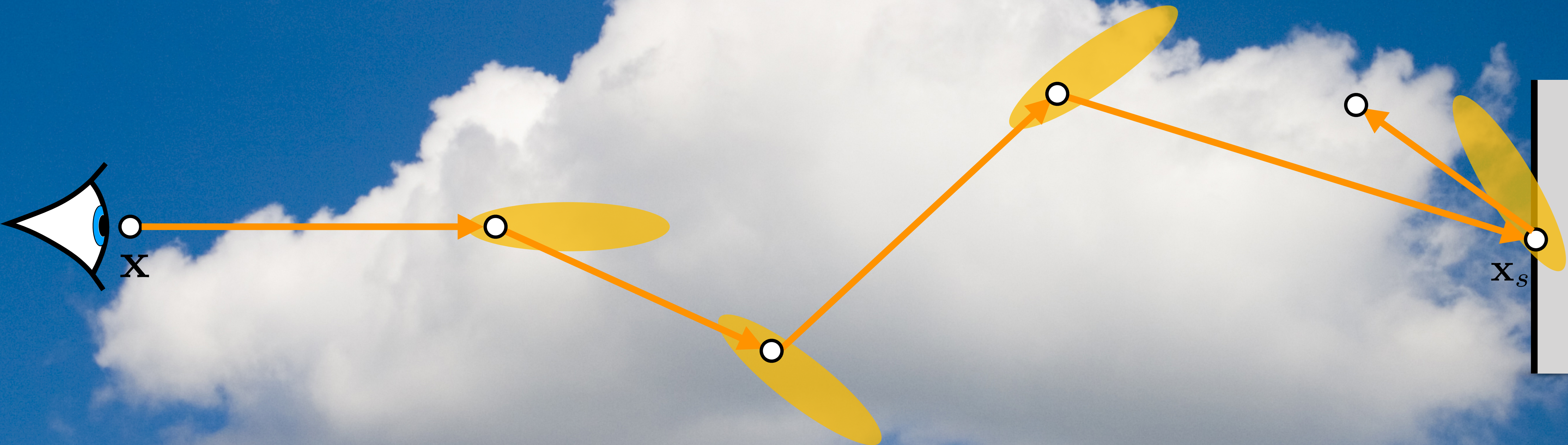
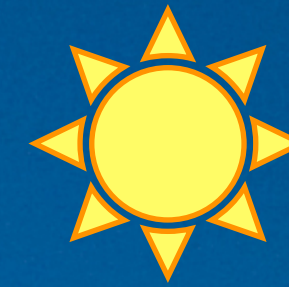
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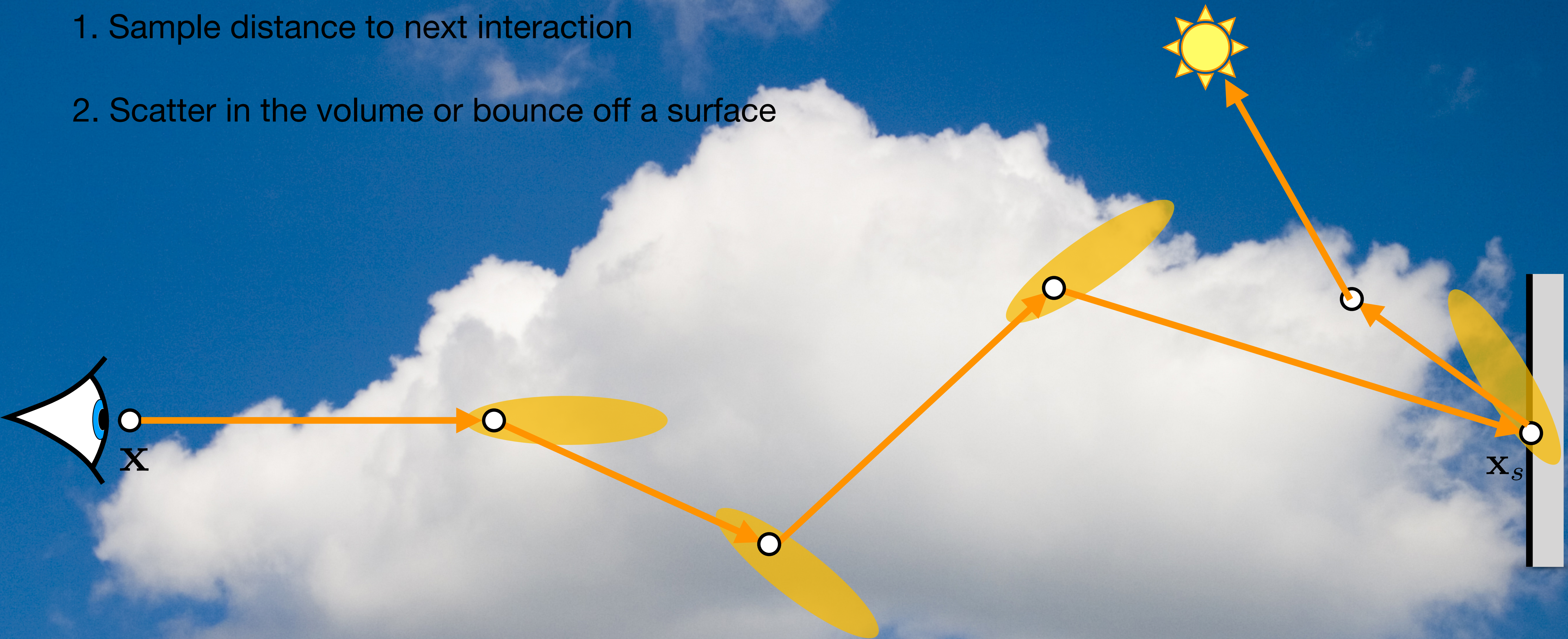
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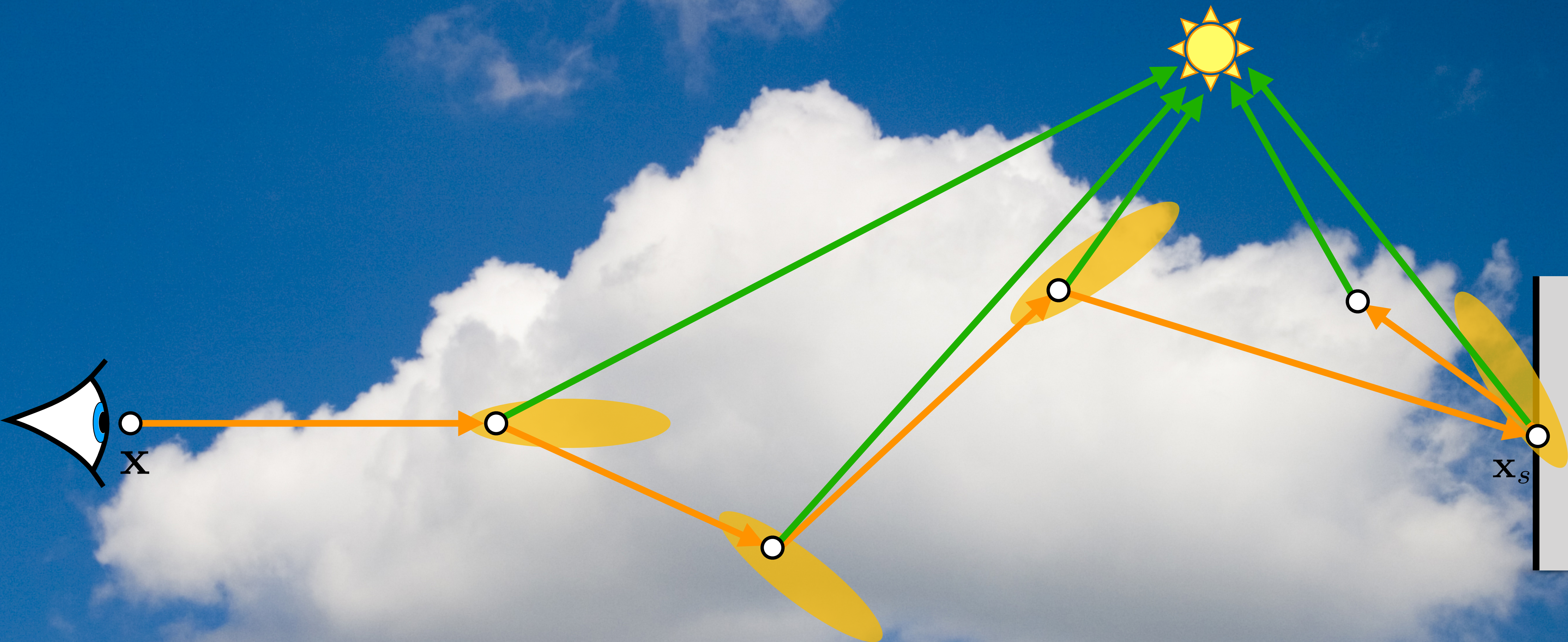


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Volumetric Path Tracing with NEE



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Henyey-Greenstein: Using the inversion method we can derive

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2g} \left(1 + g^2 - \left(\frac{1 - g^2}{1 - g + 2g\xi_1} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\phi = 2\pi\xi_2$$

PDF is the value of the HG phase function

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simplified notation

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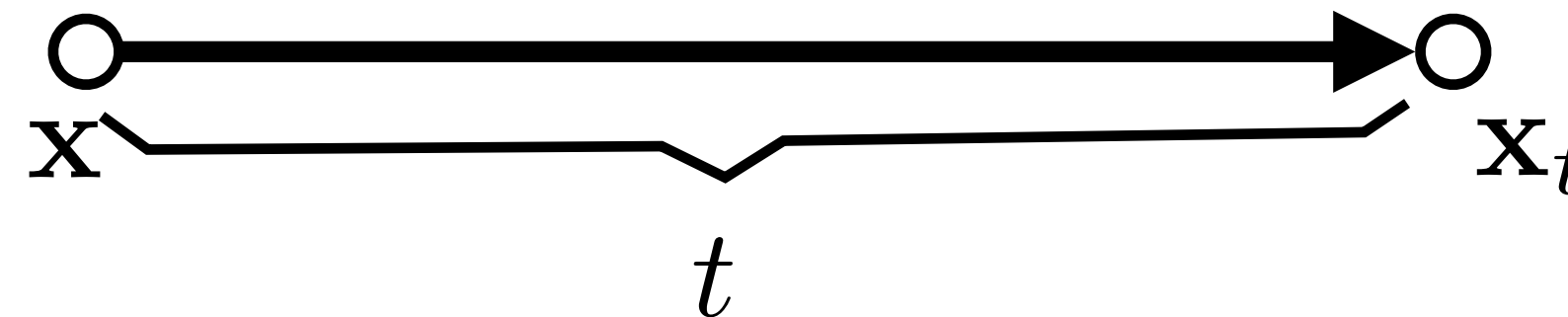
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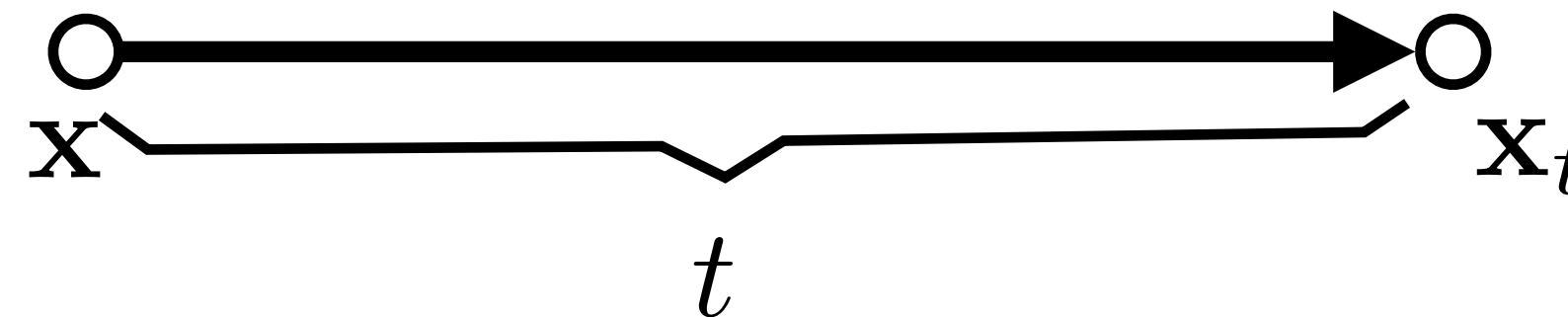


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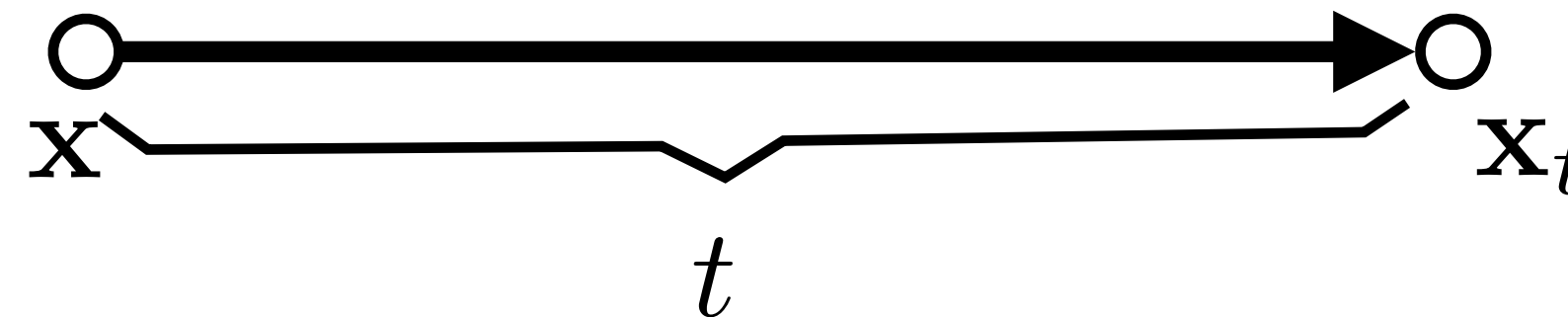
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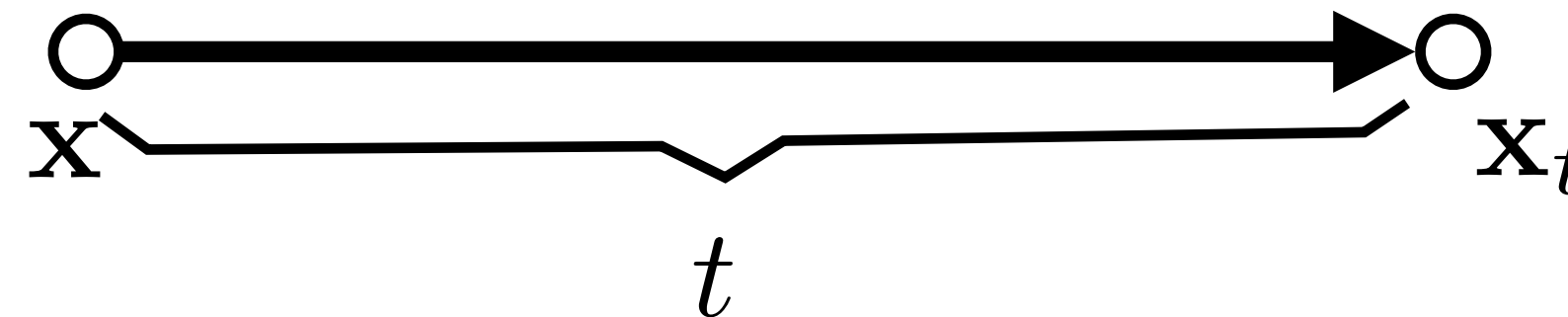
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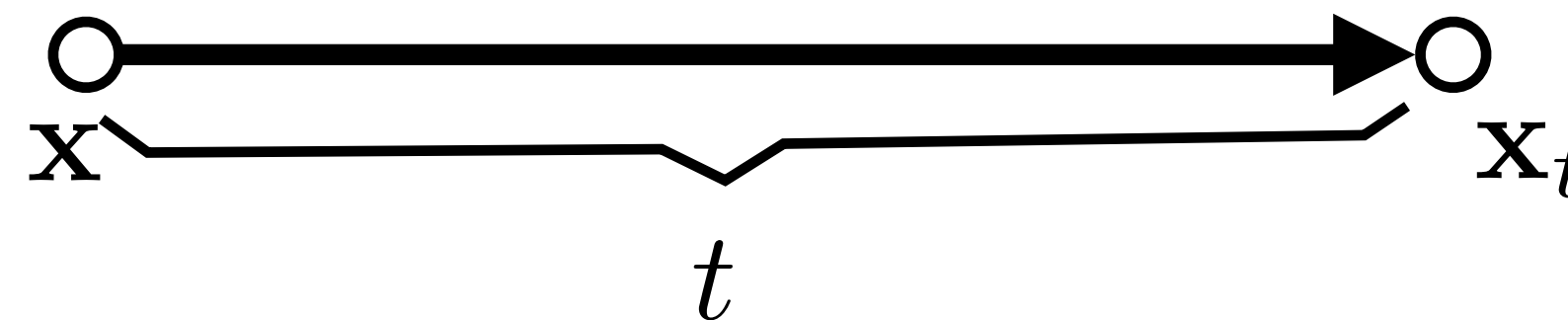
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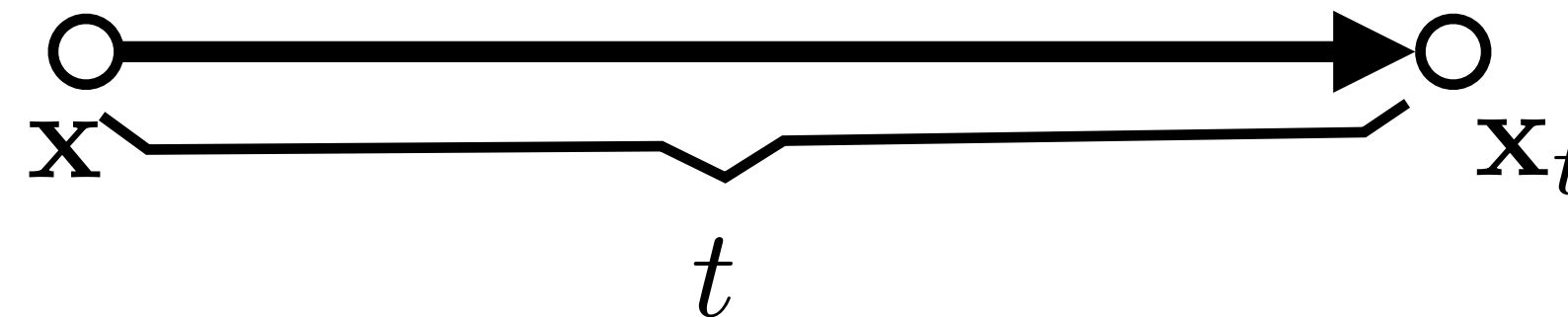
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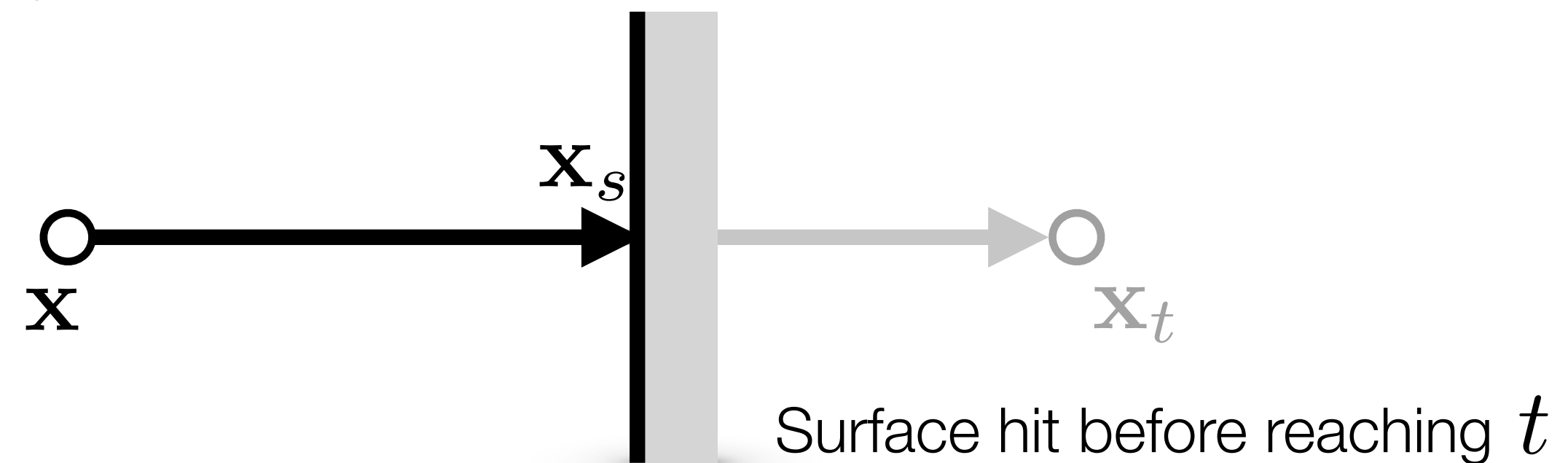
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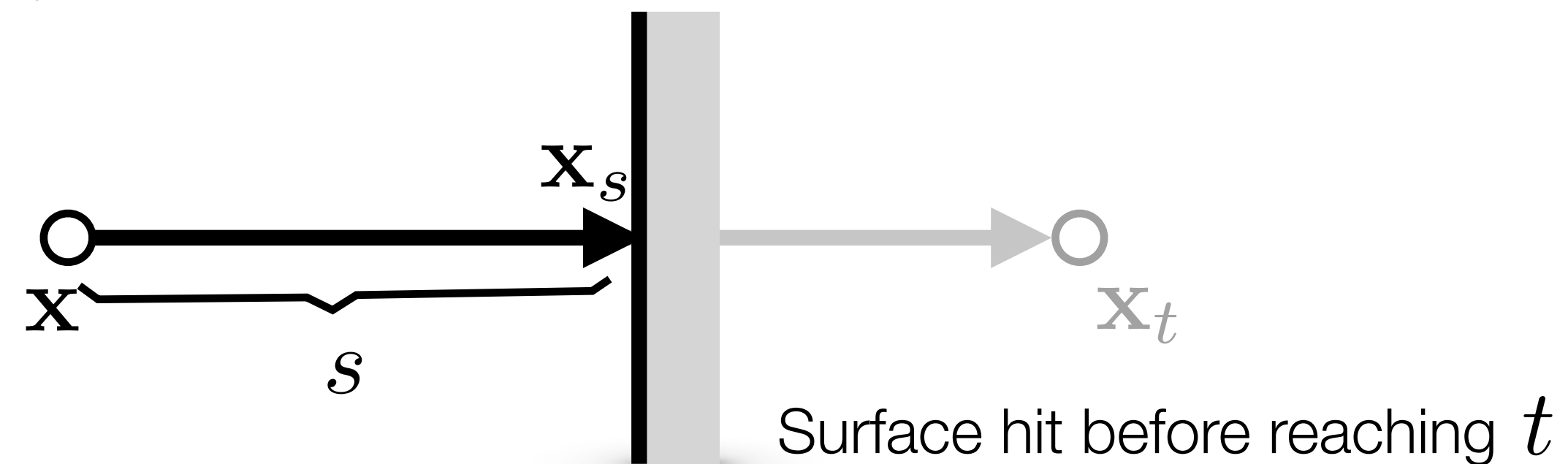
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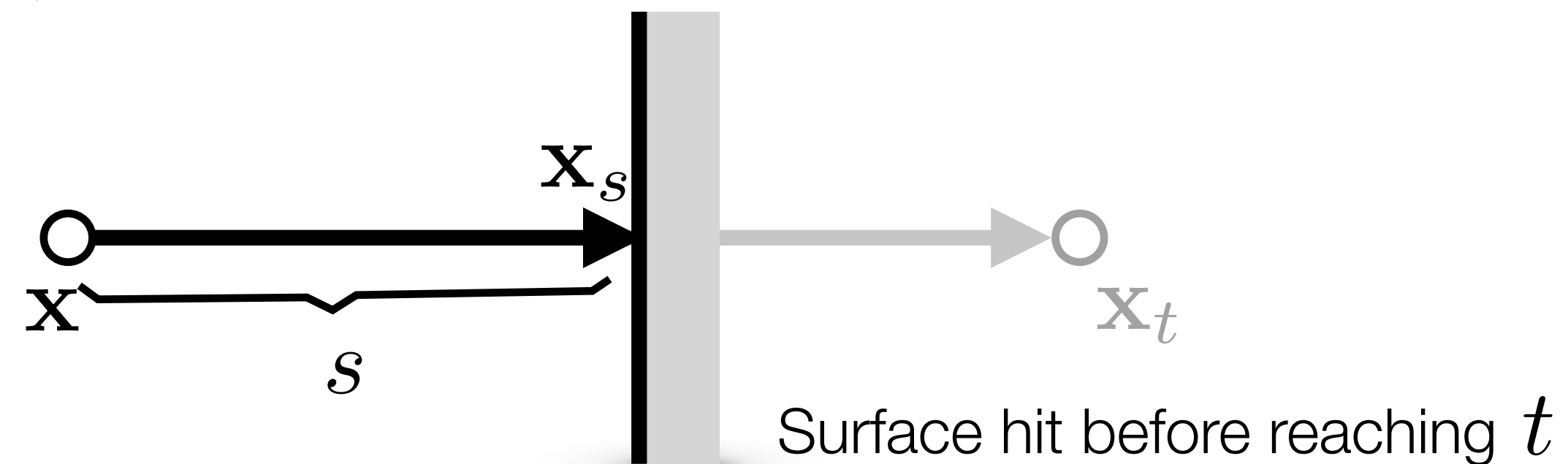
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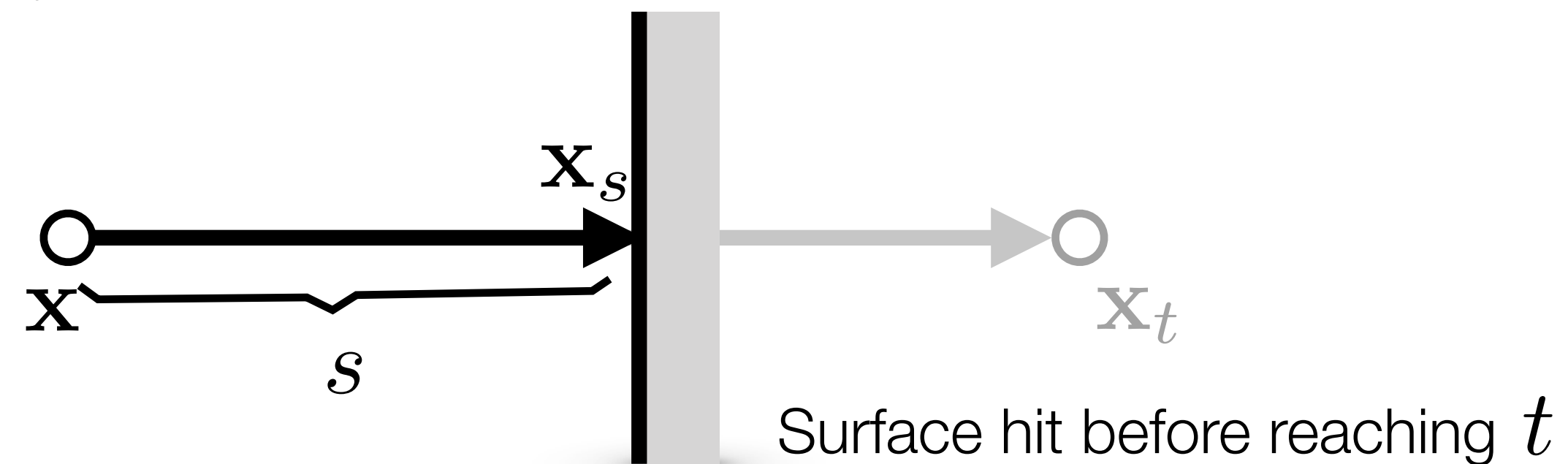
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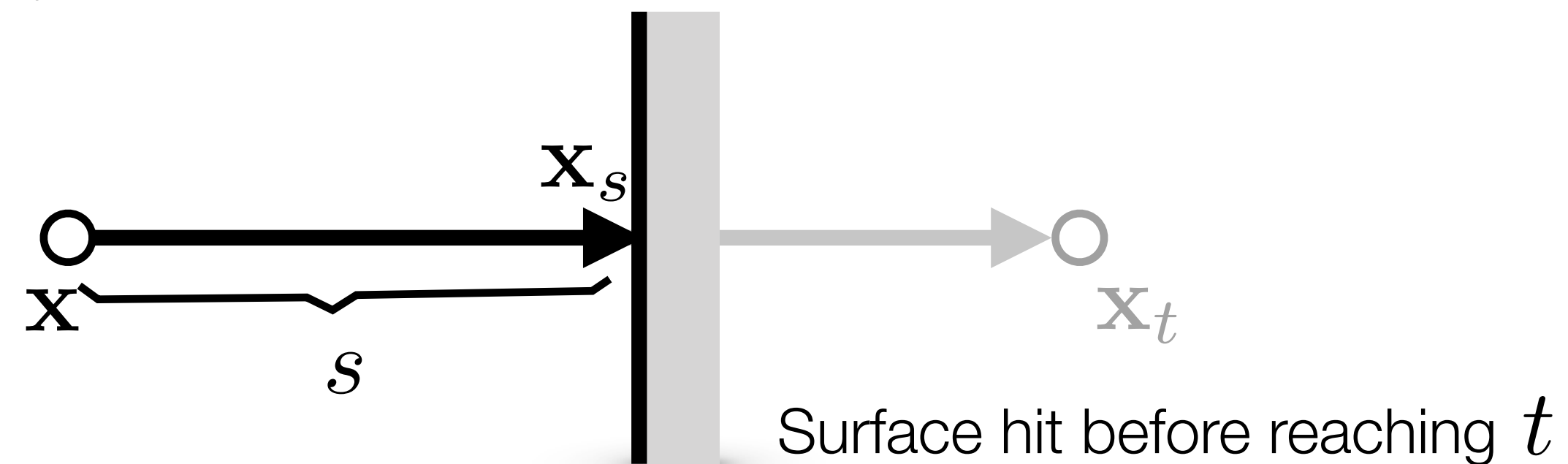
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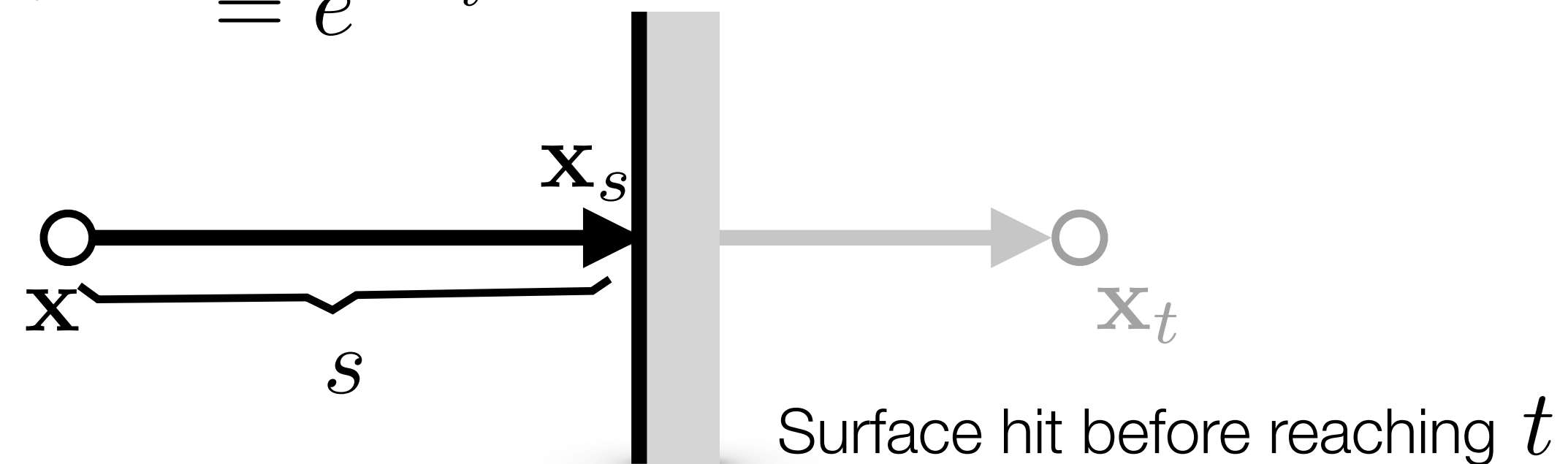
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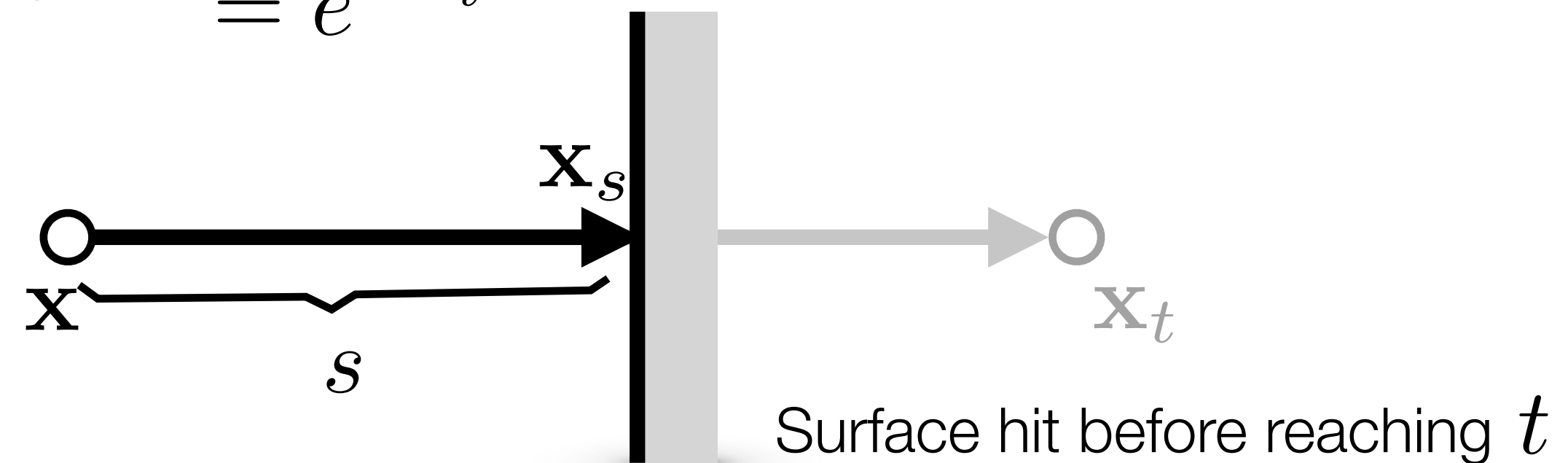
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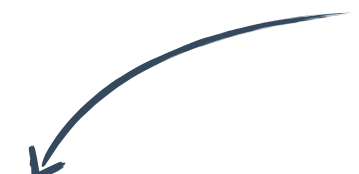
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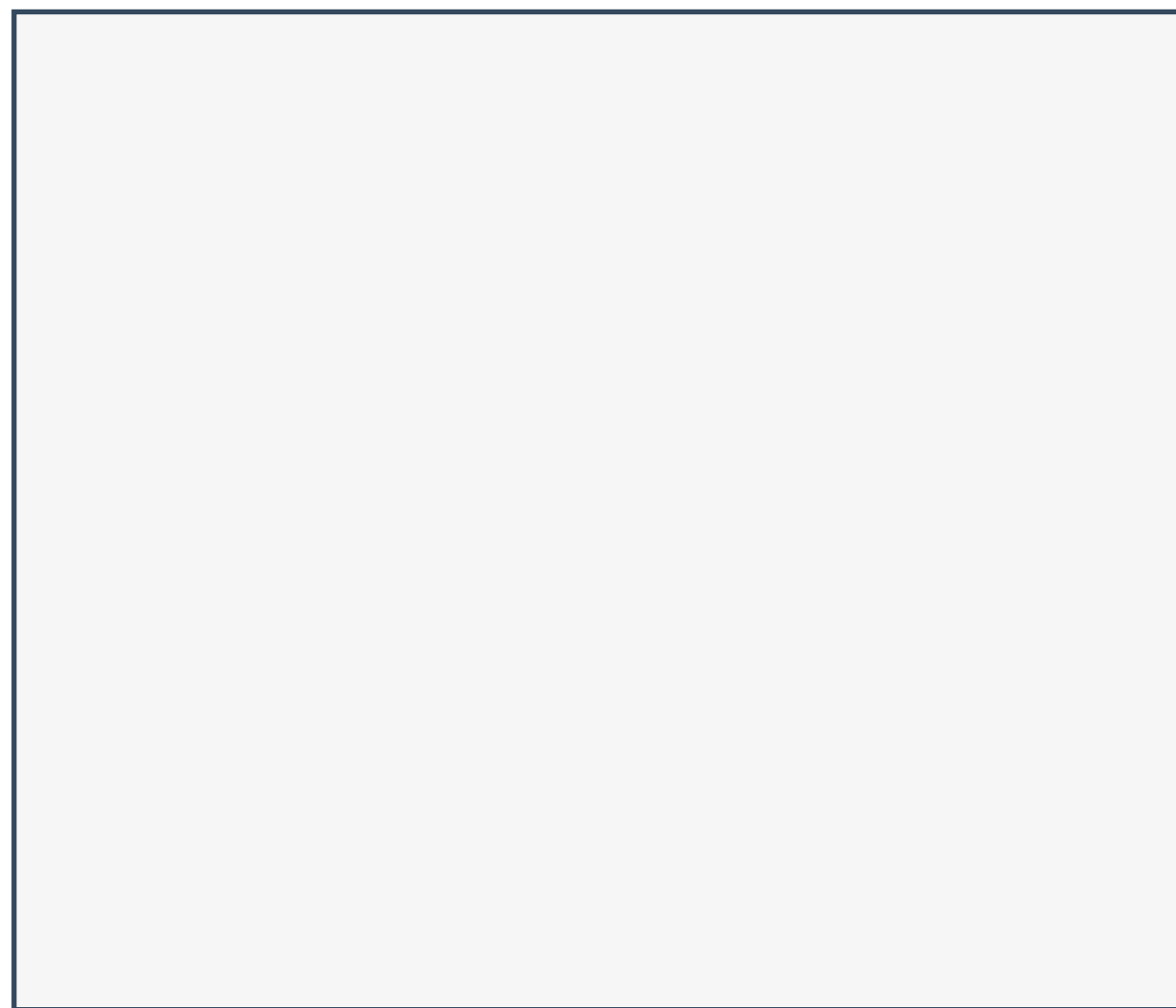
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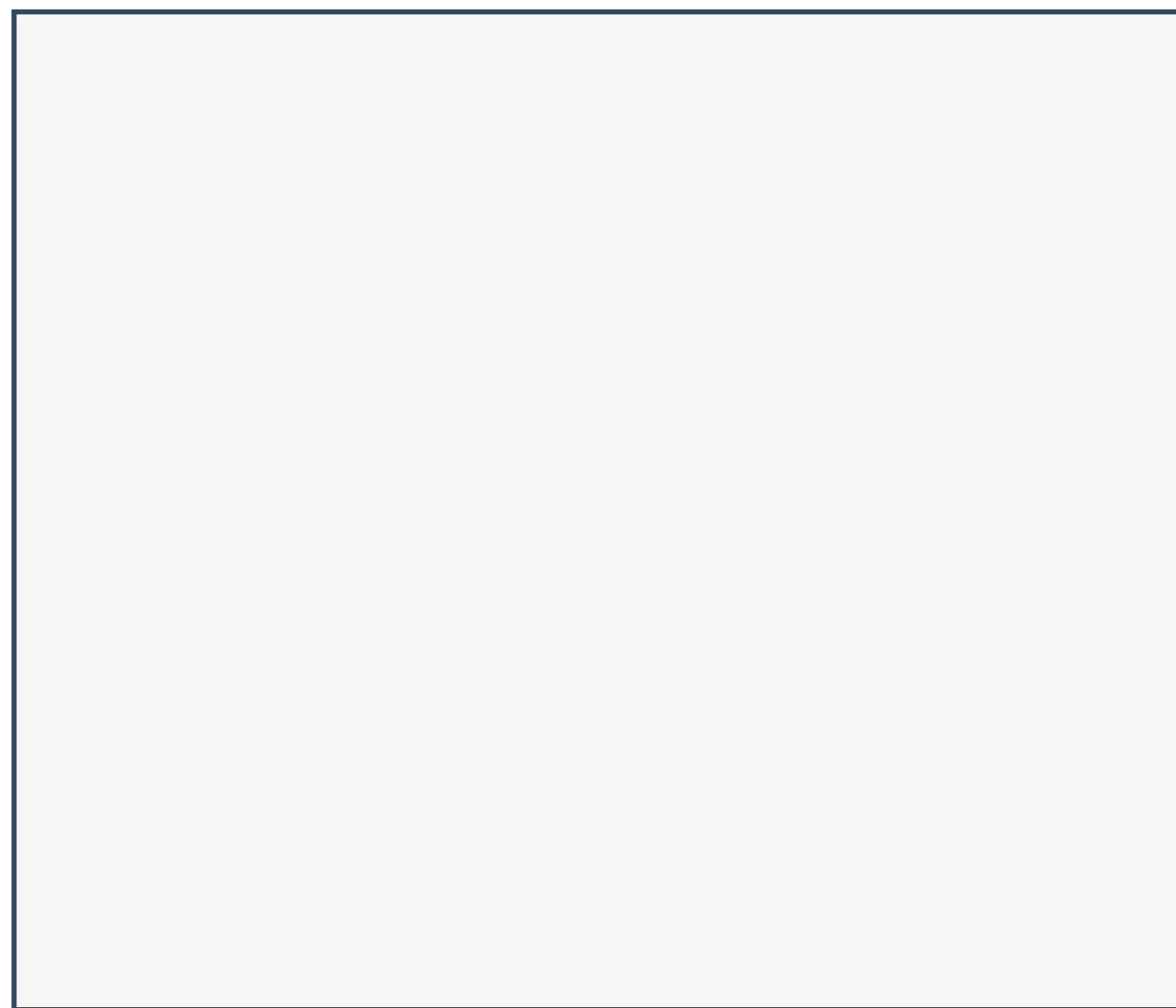


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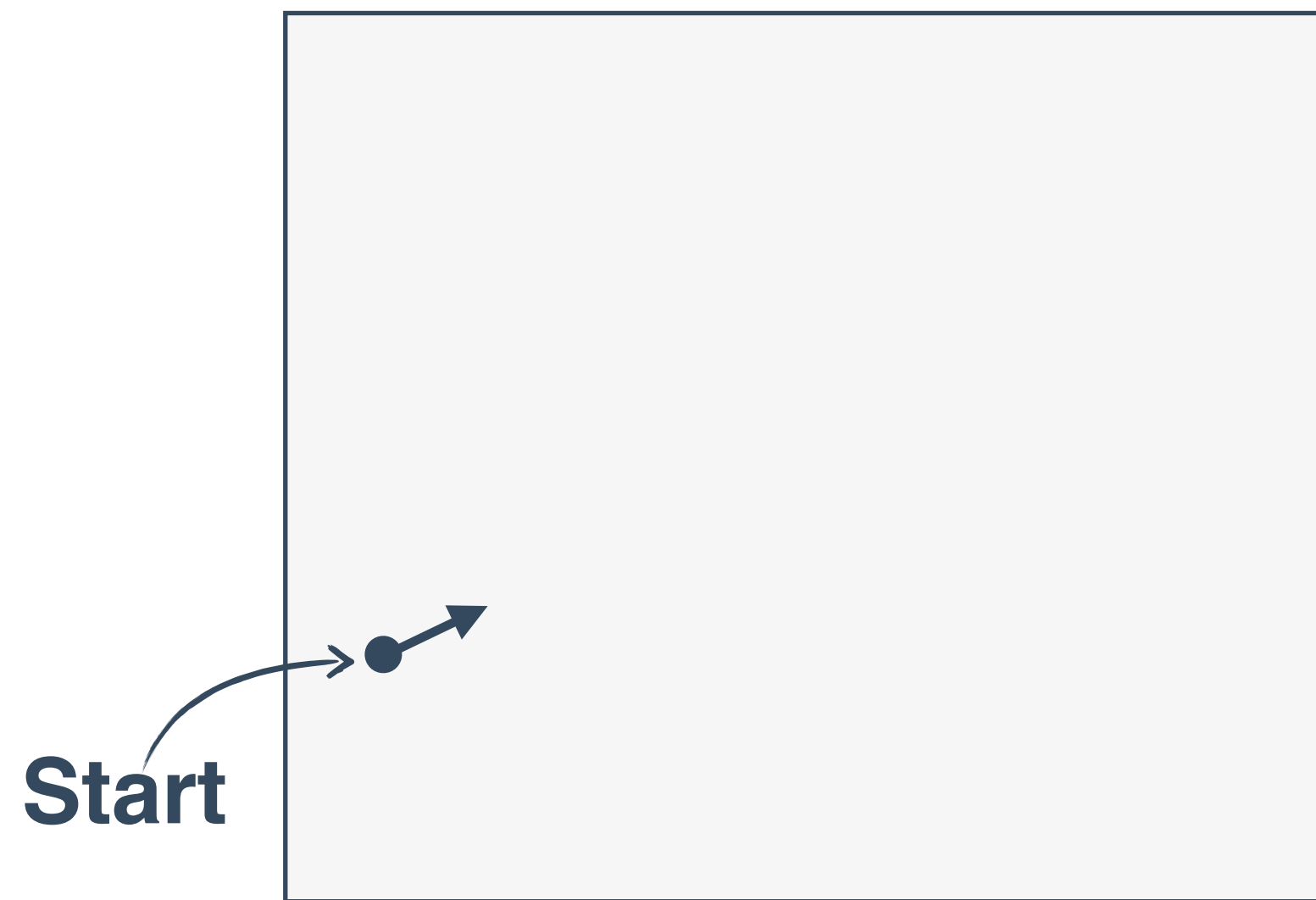
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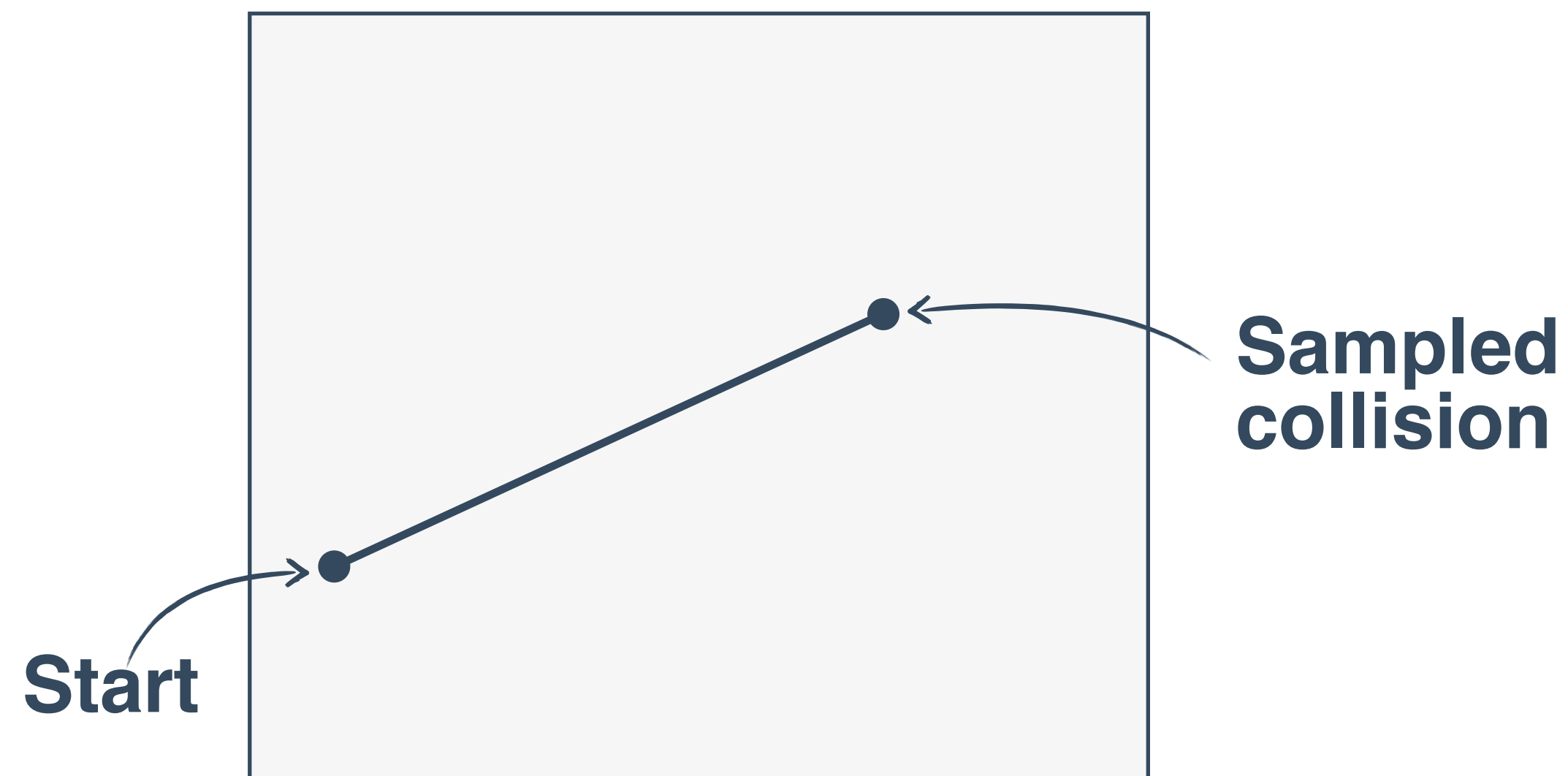
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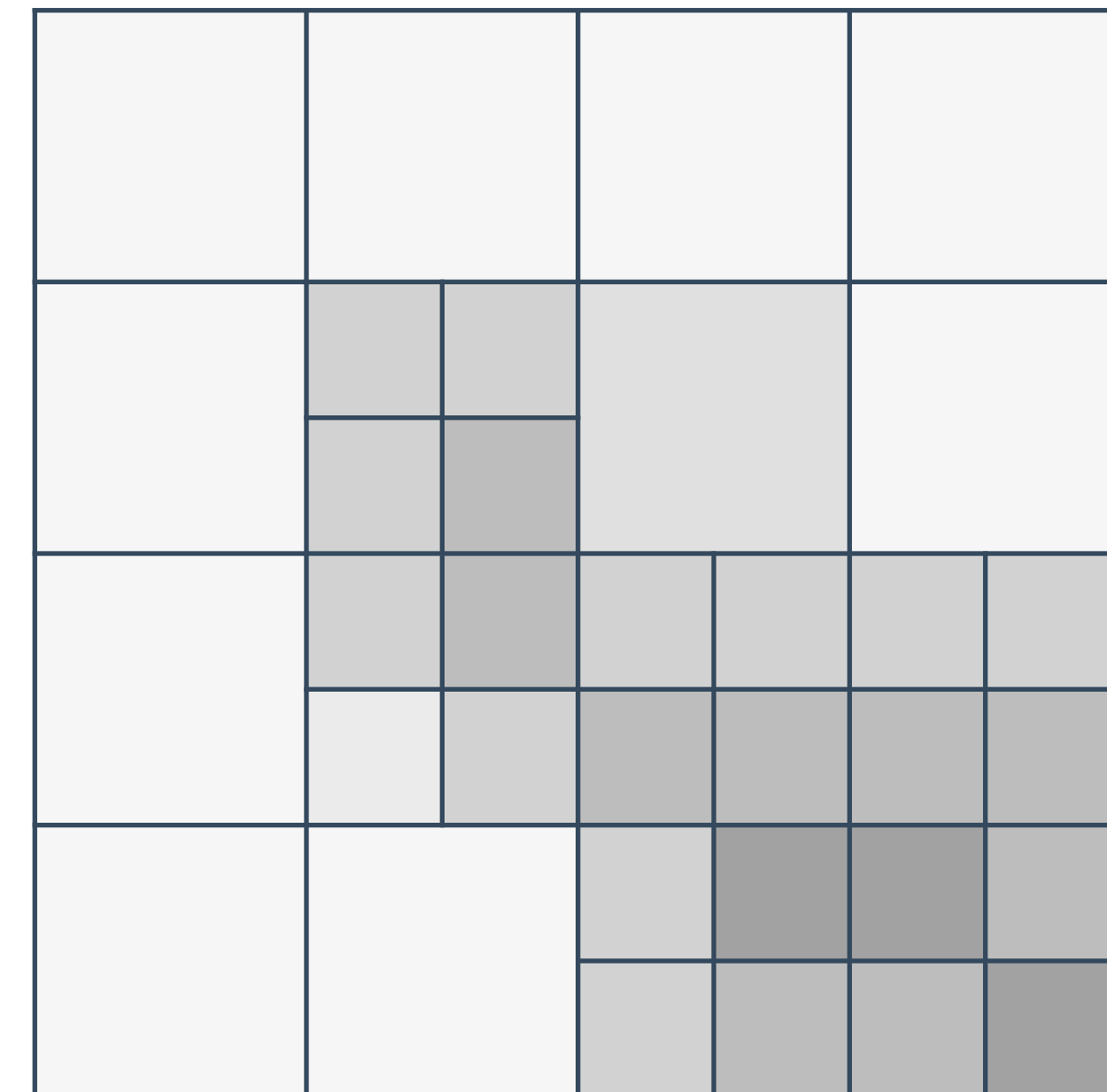
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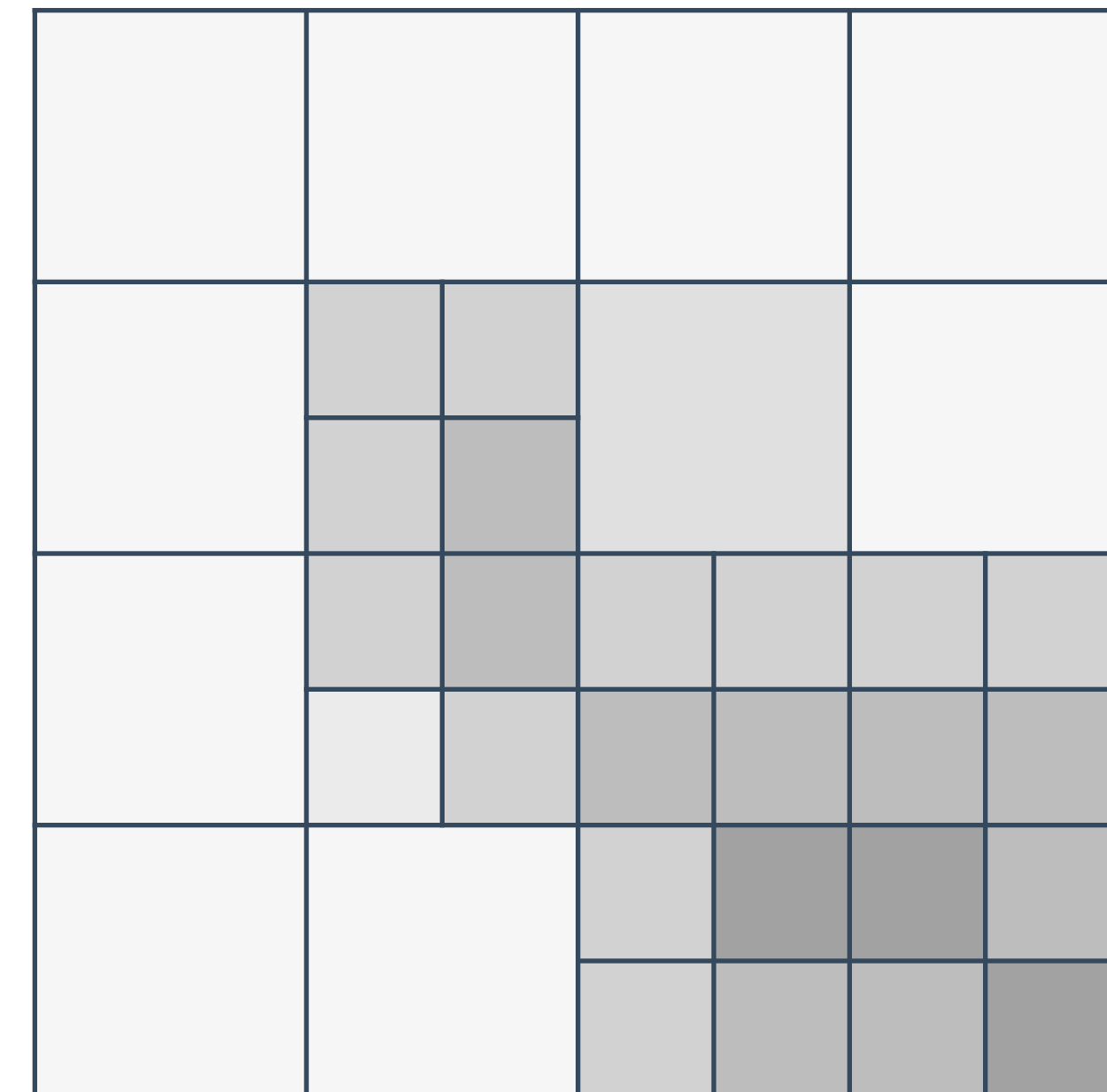
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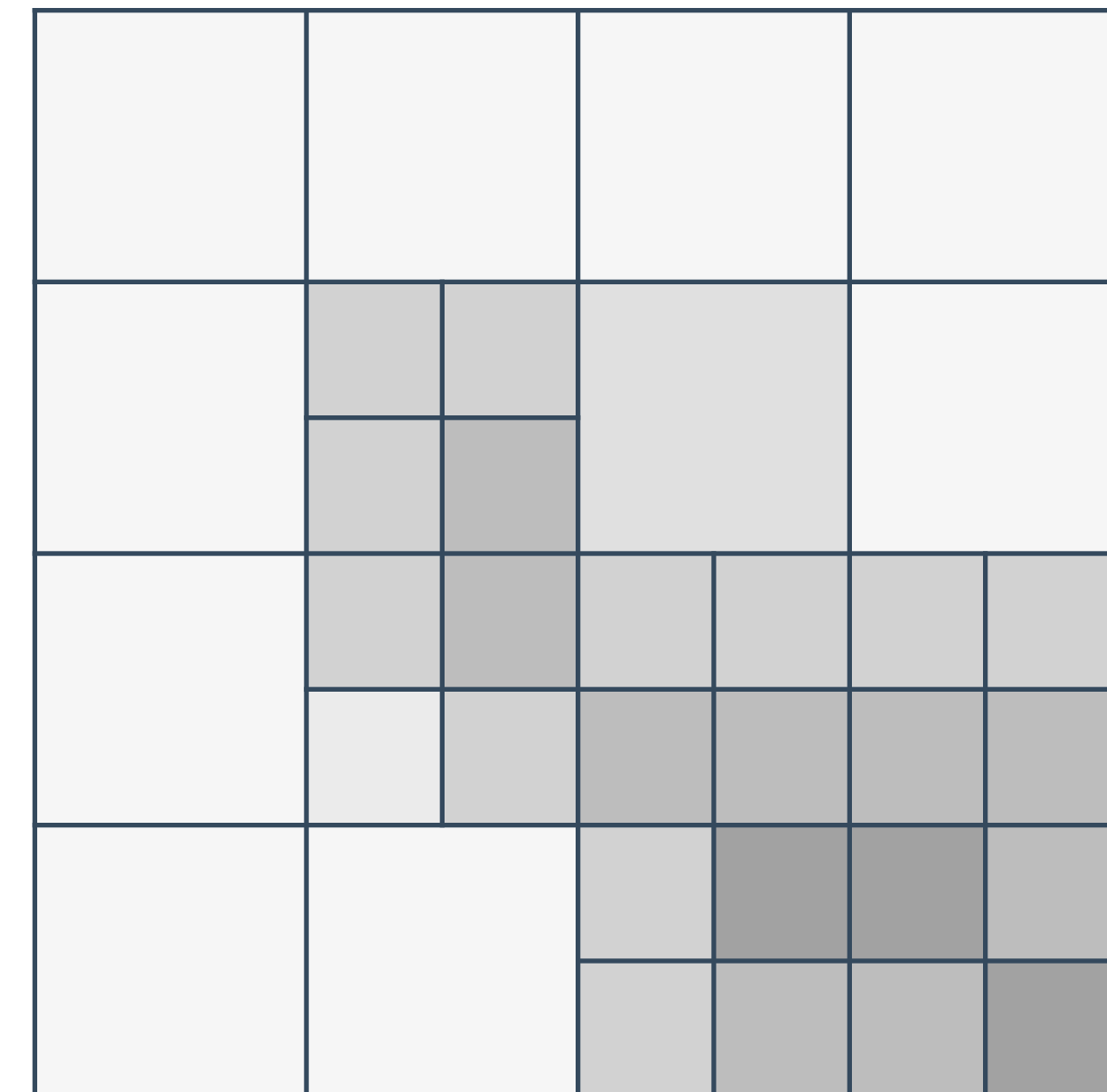
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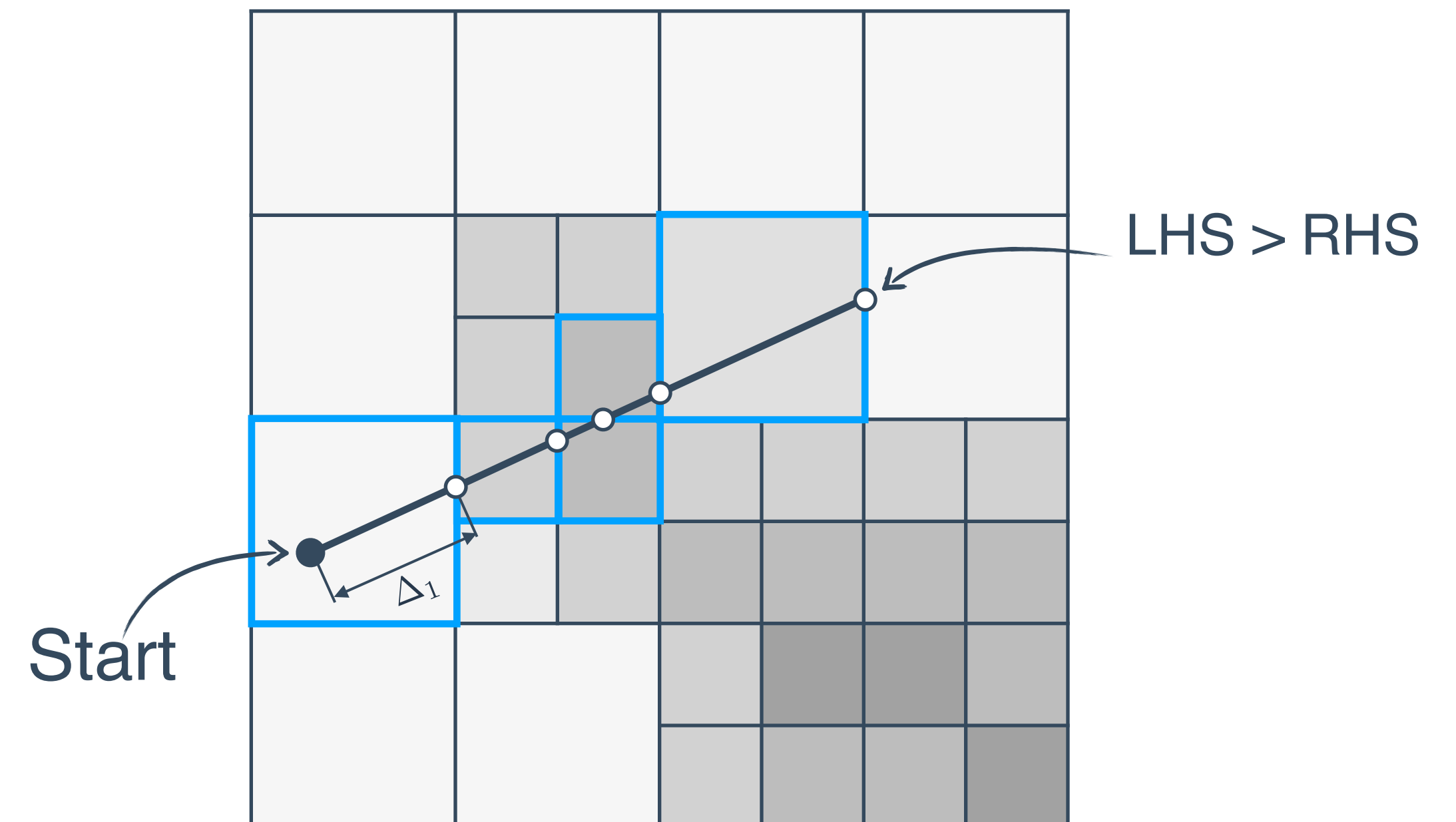
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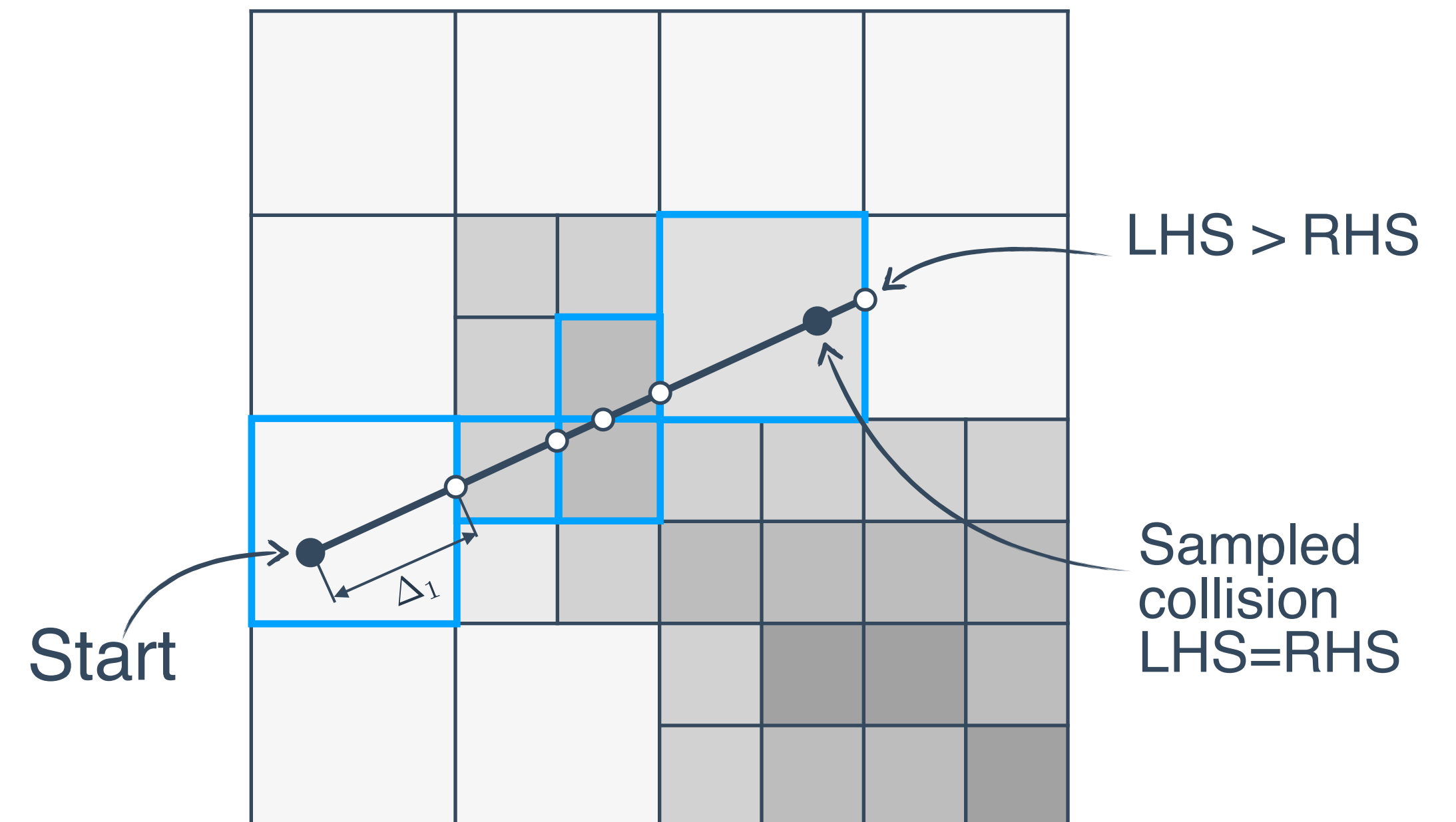
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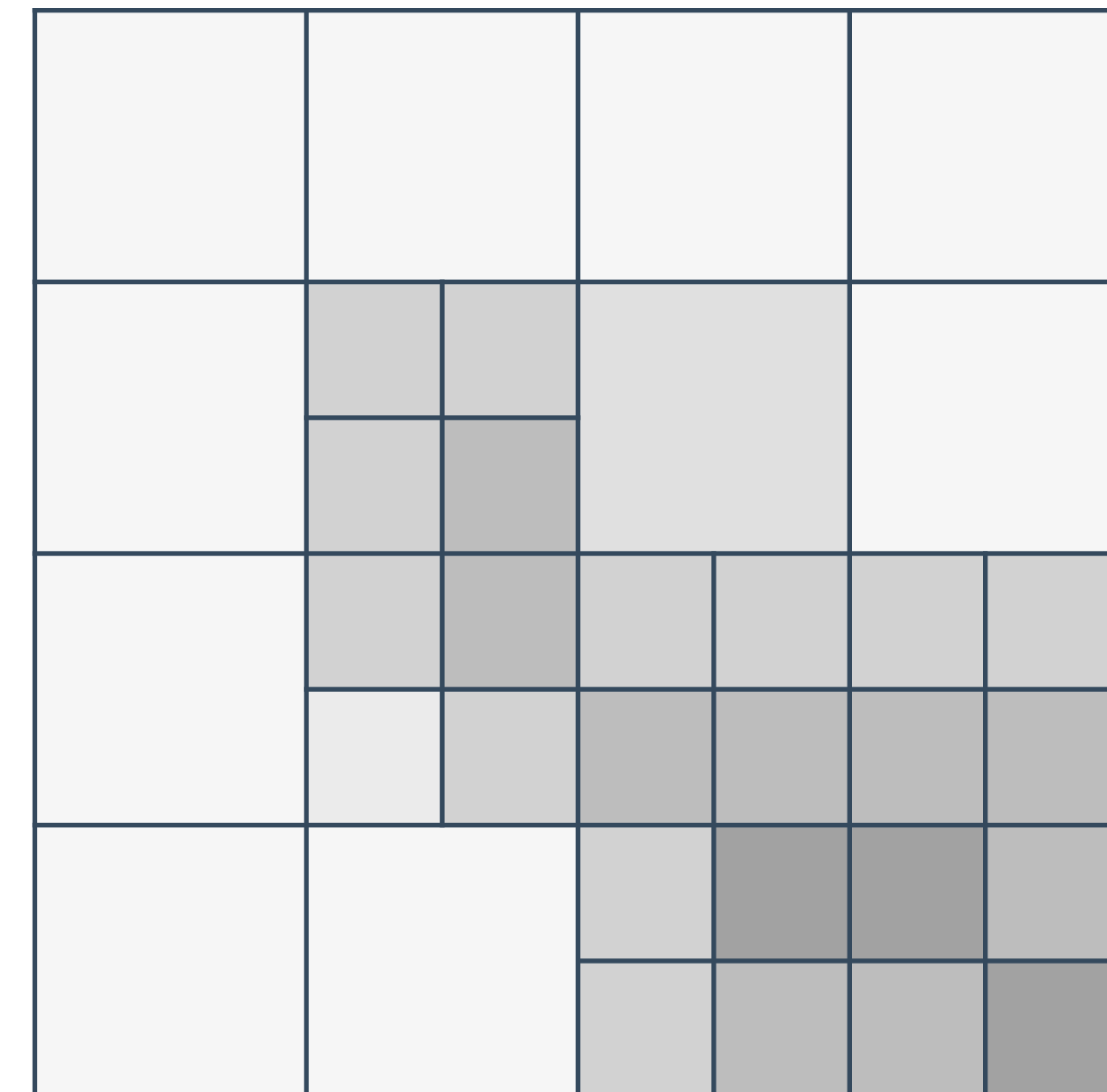
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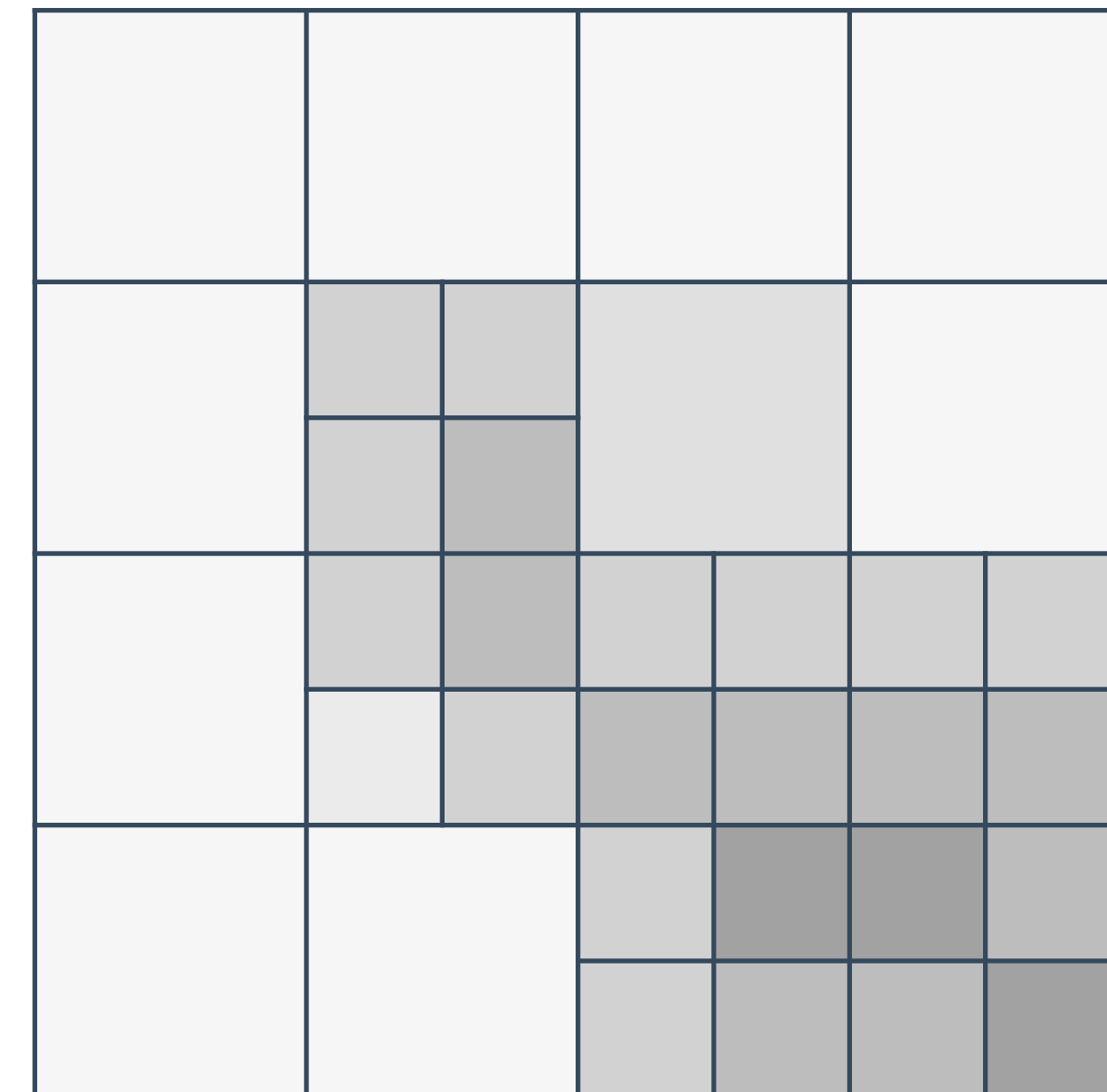
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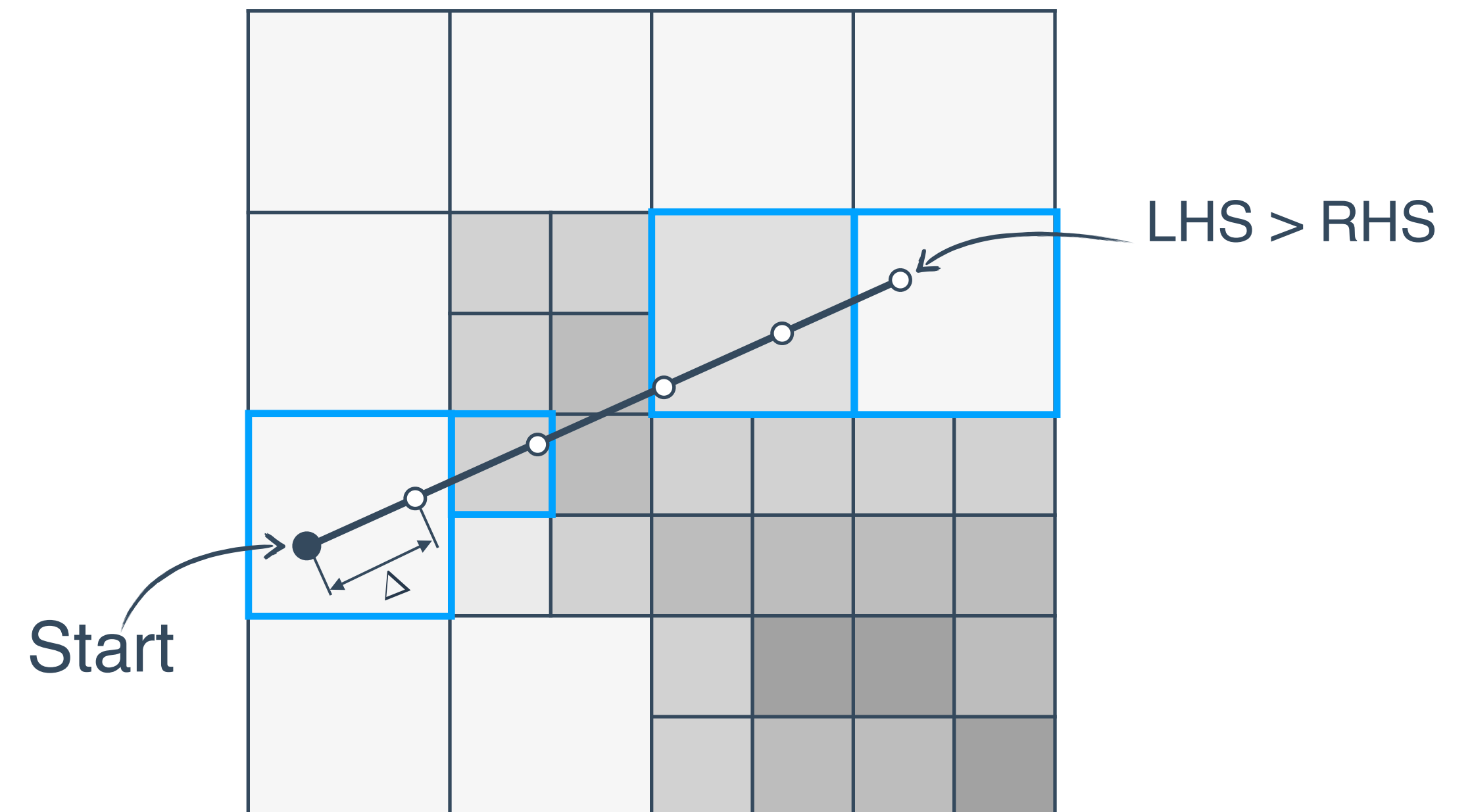
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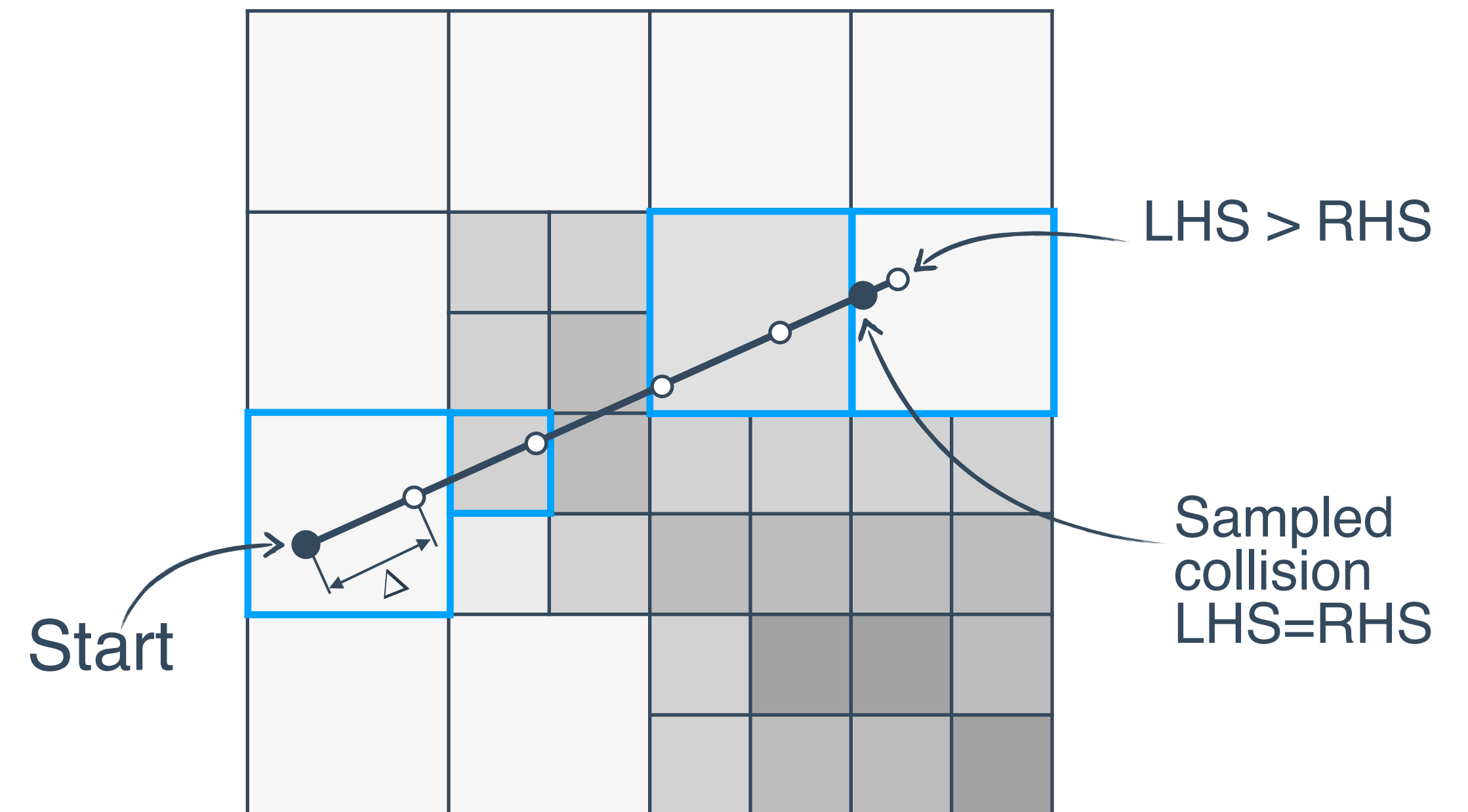
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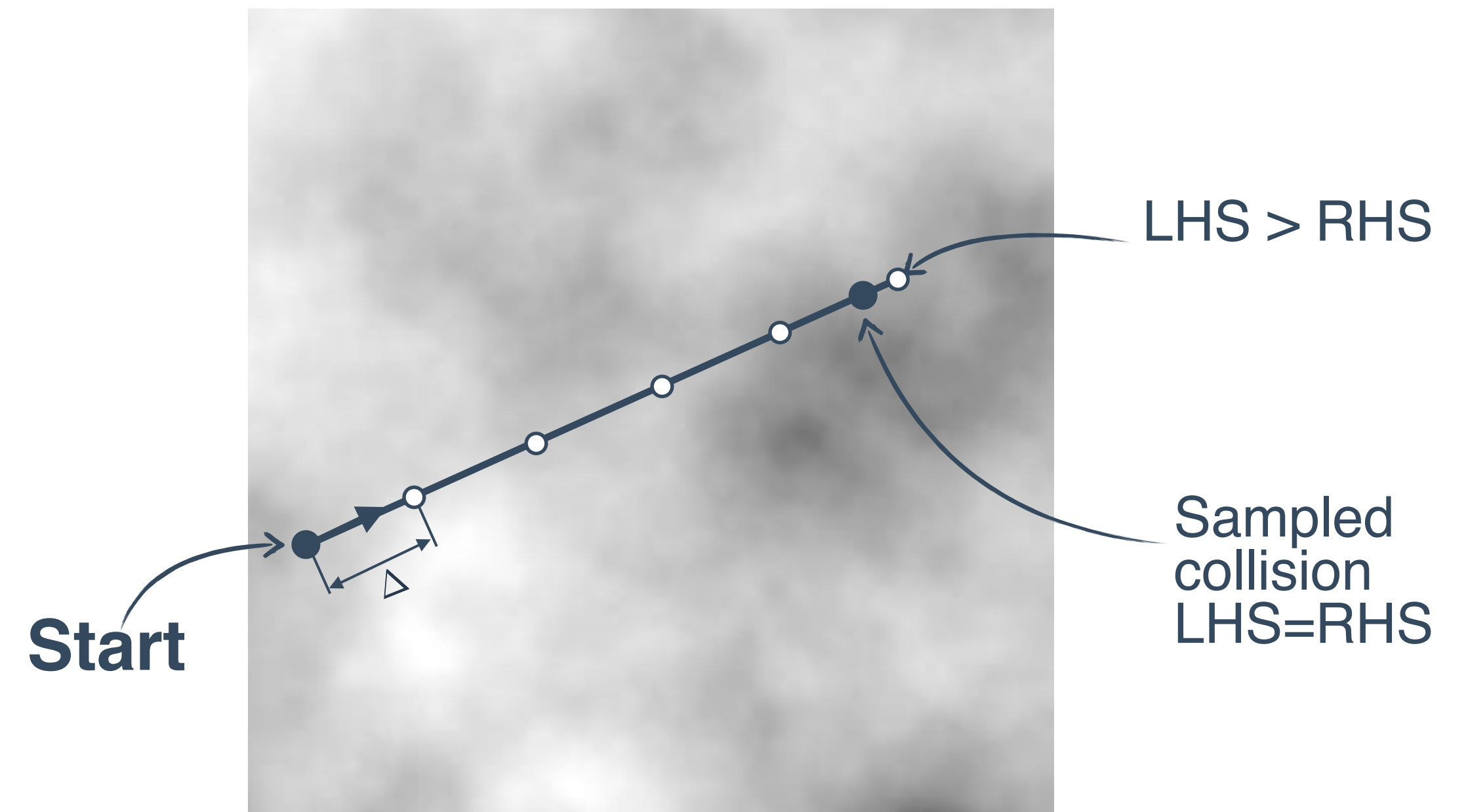
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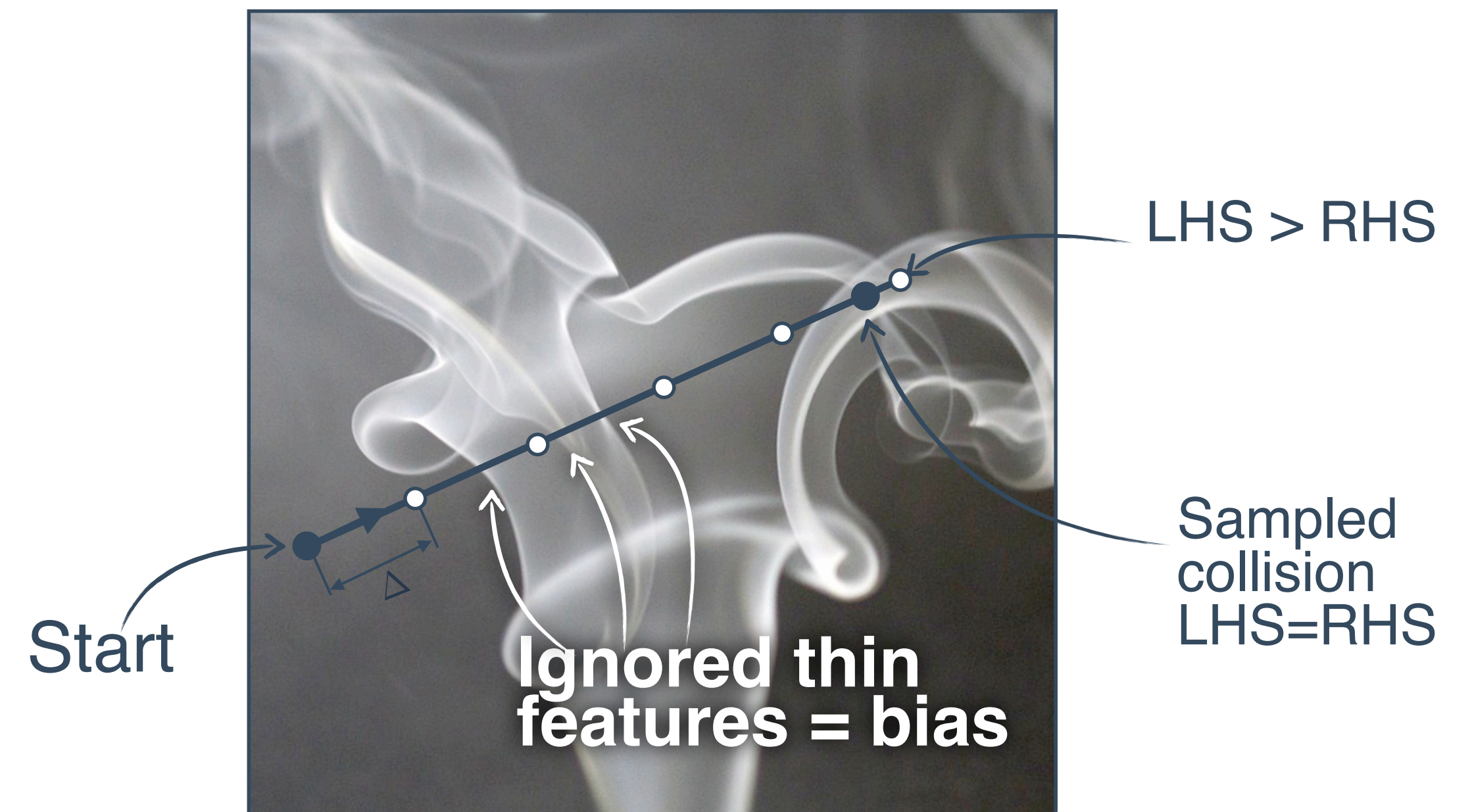
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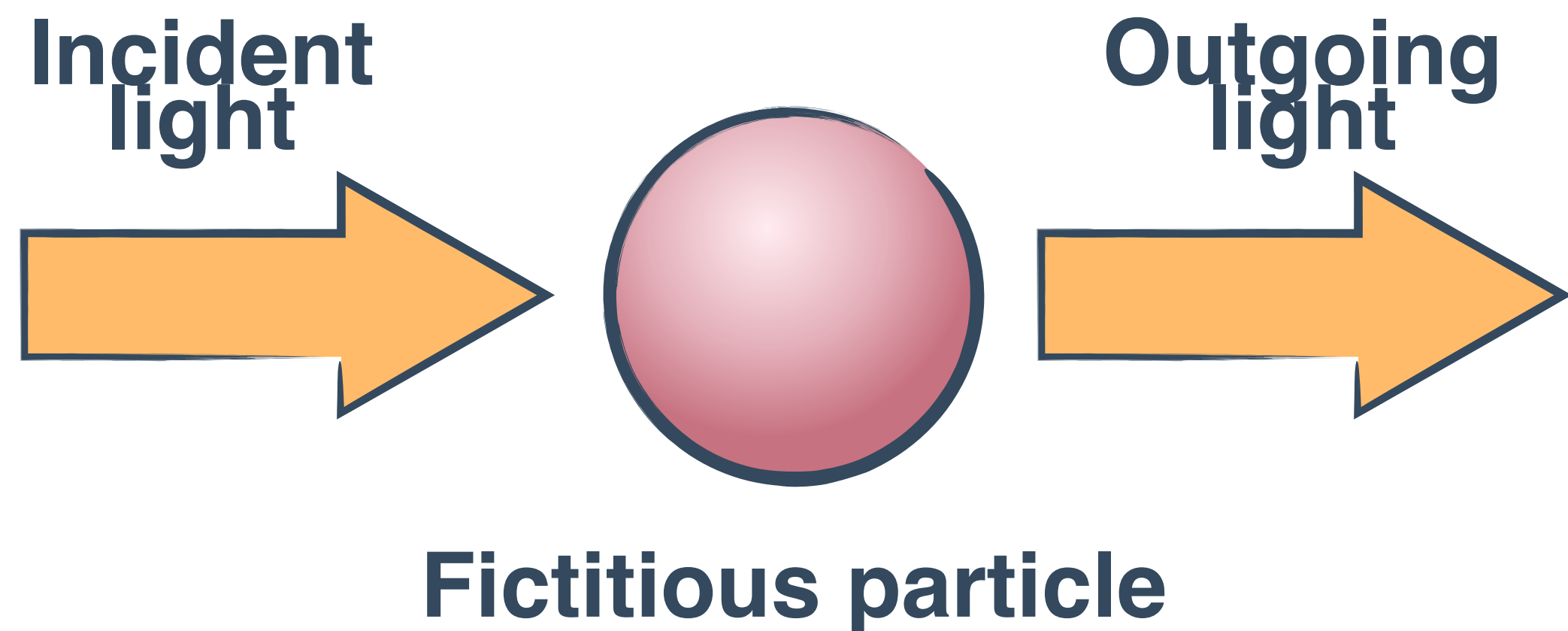
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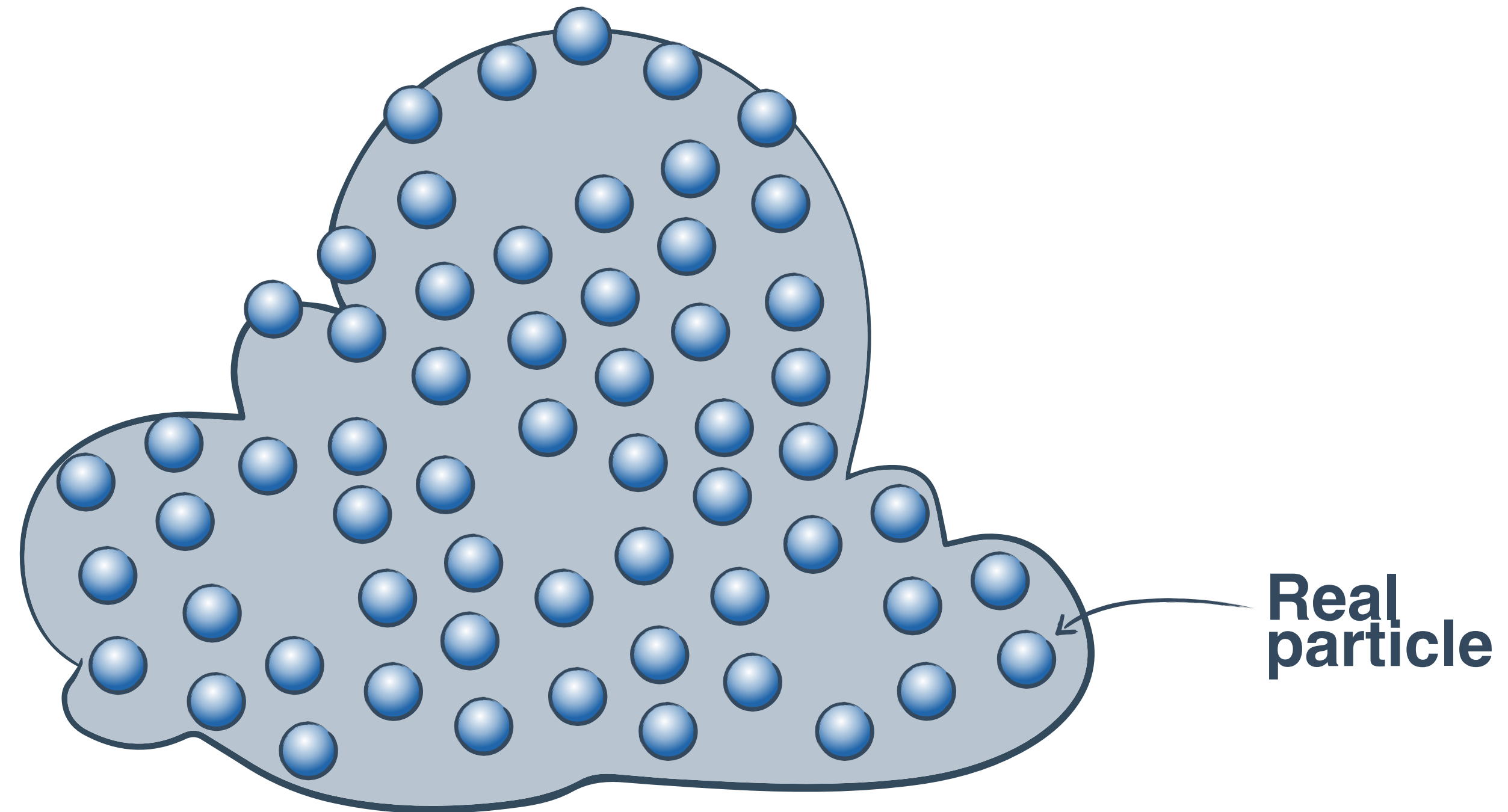
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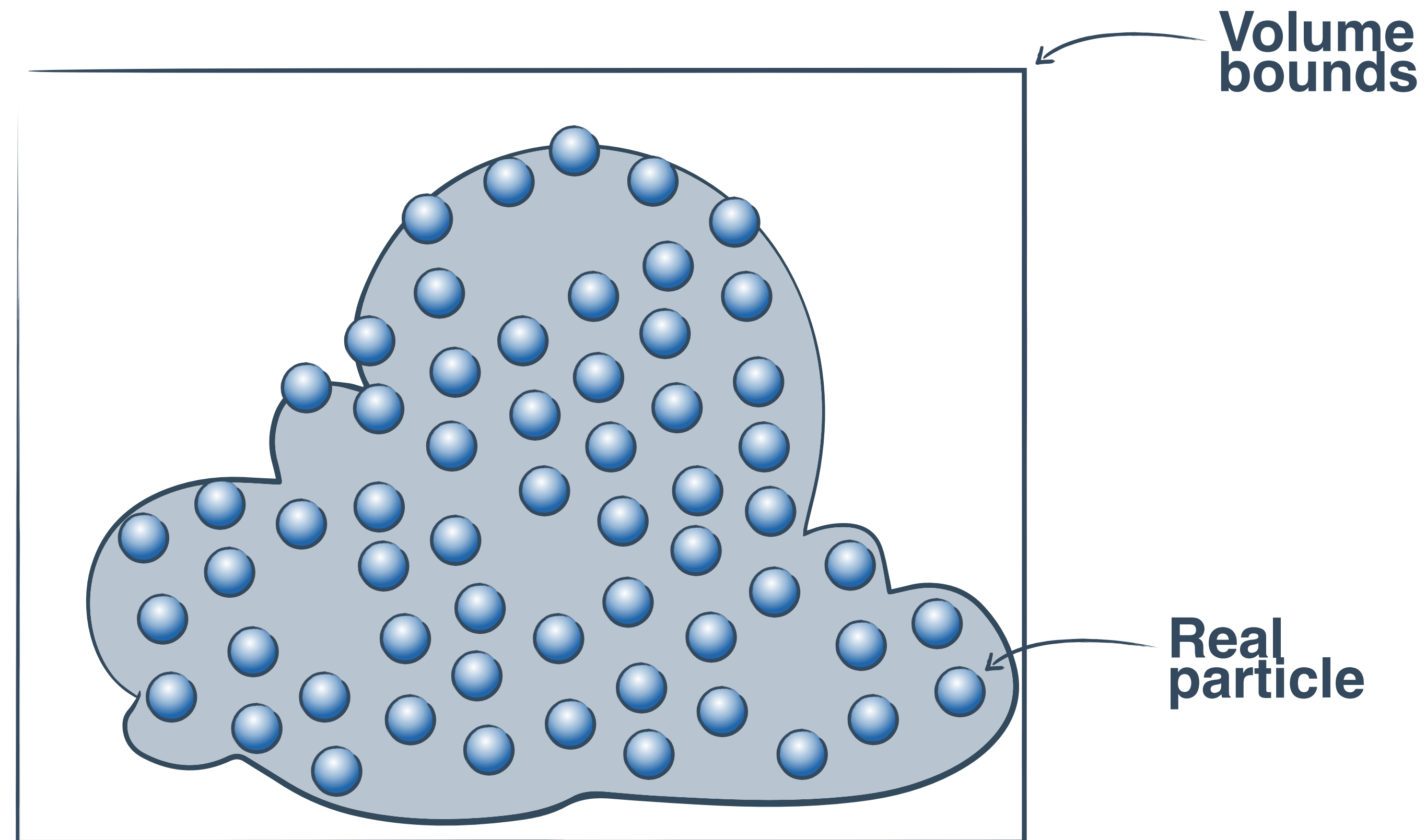
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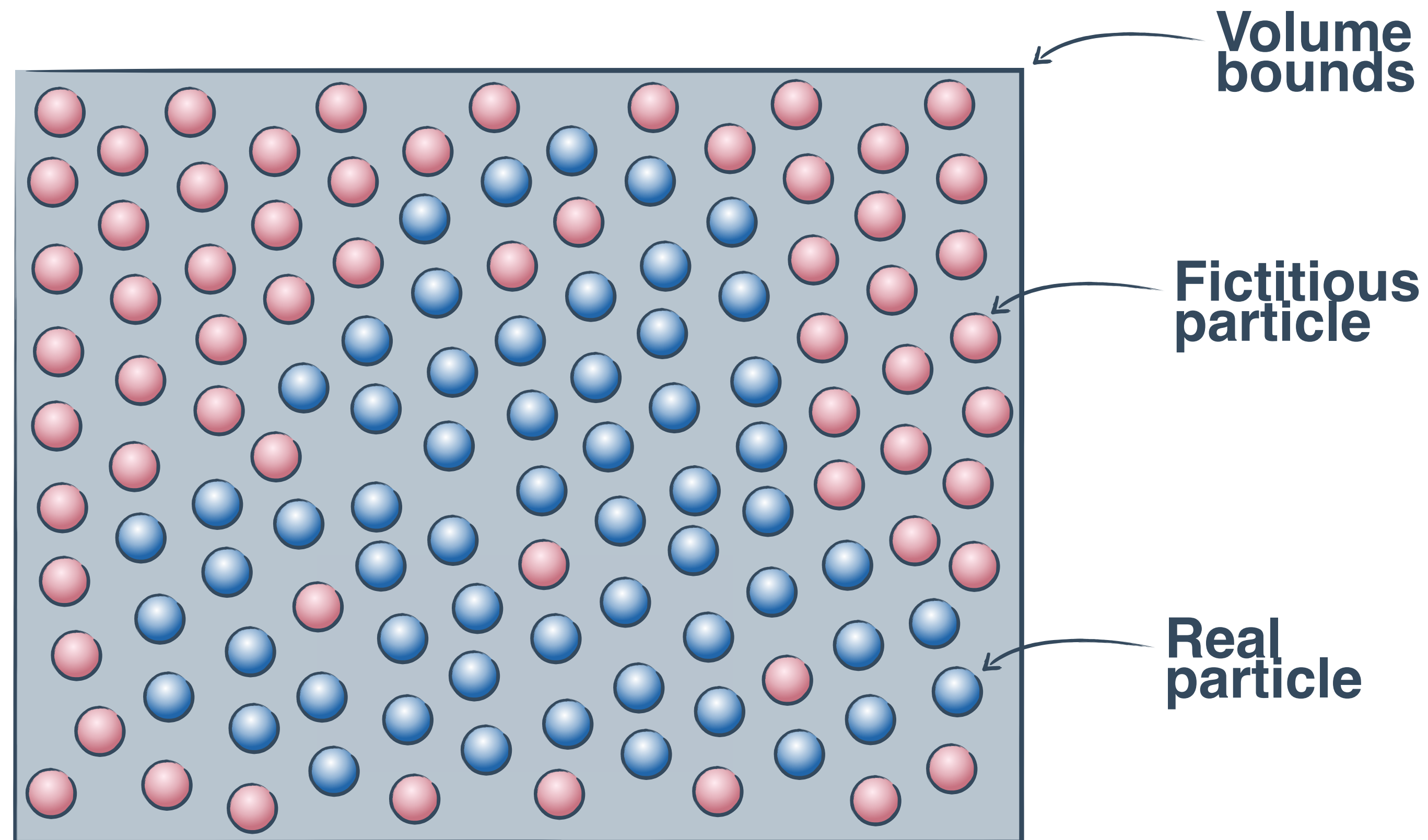
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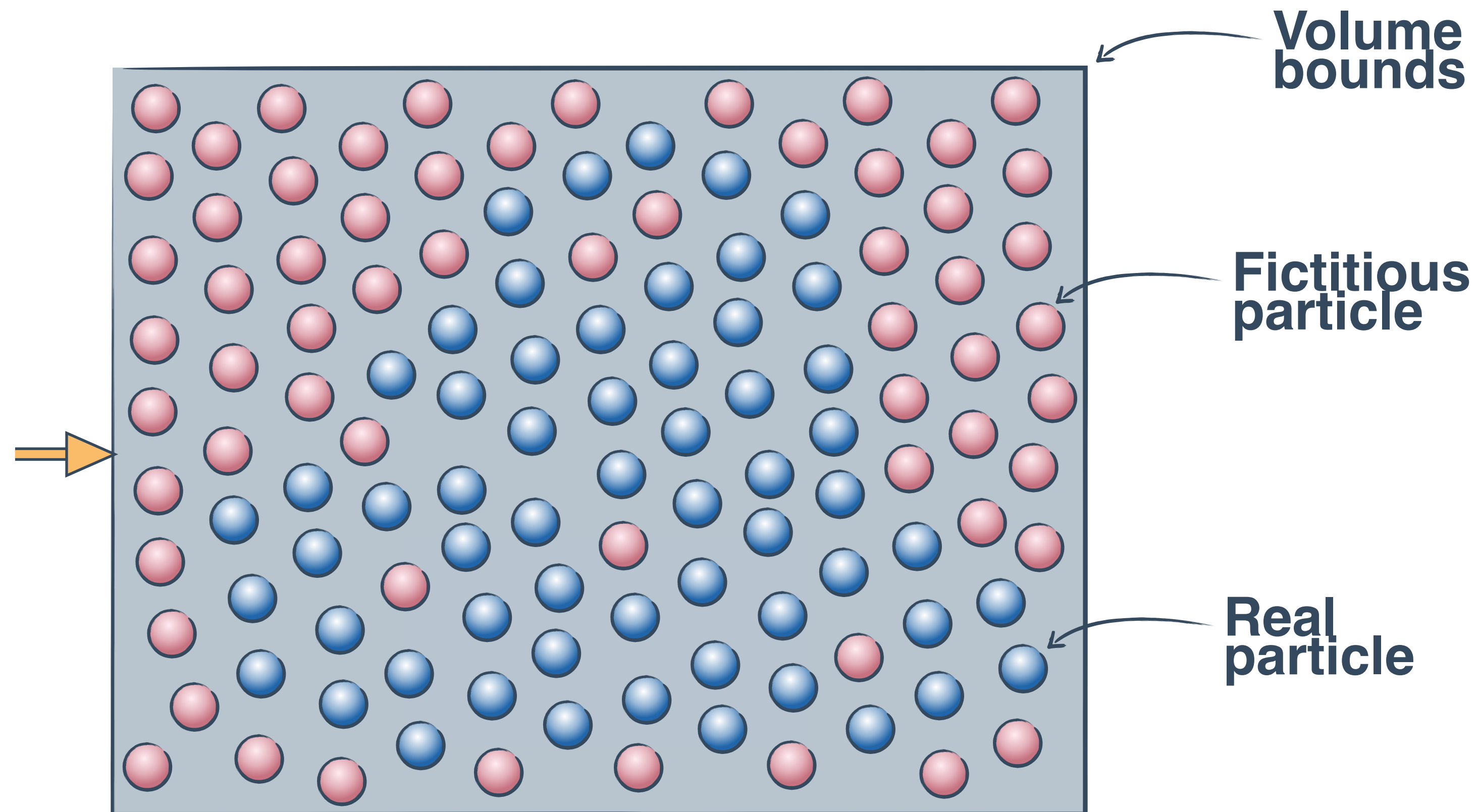
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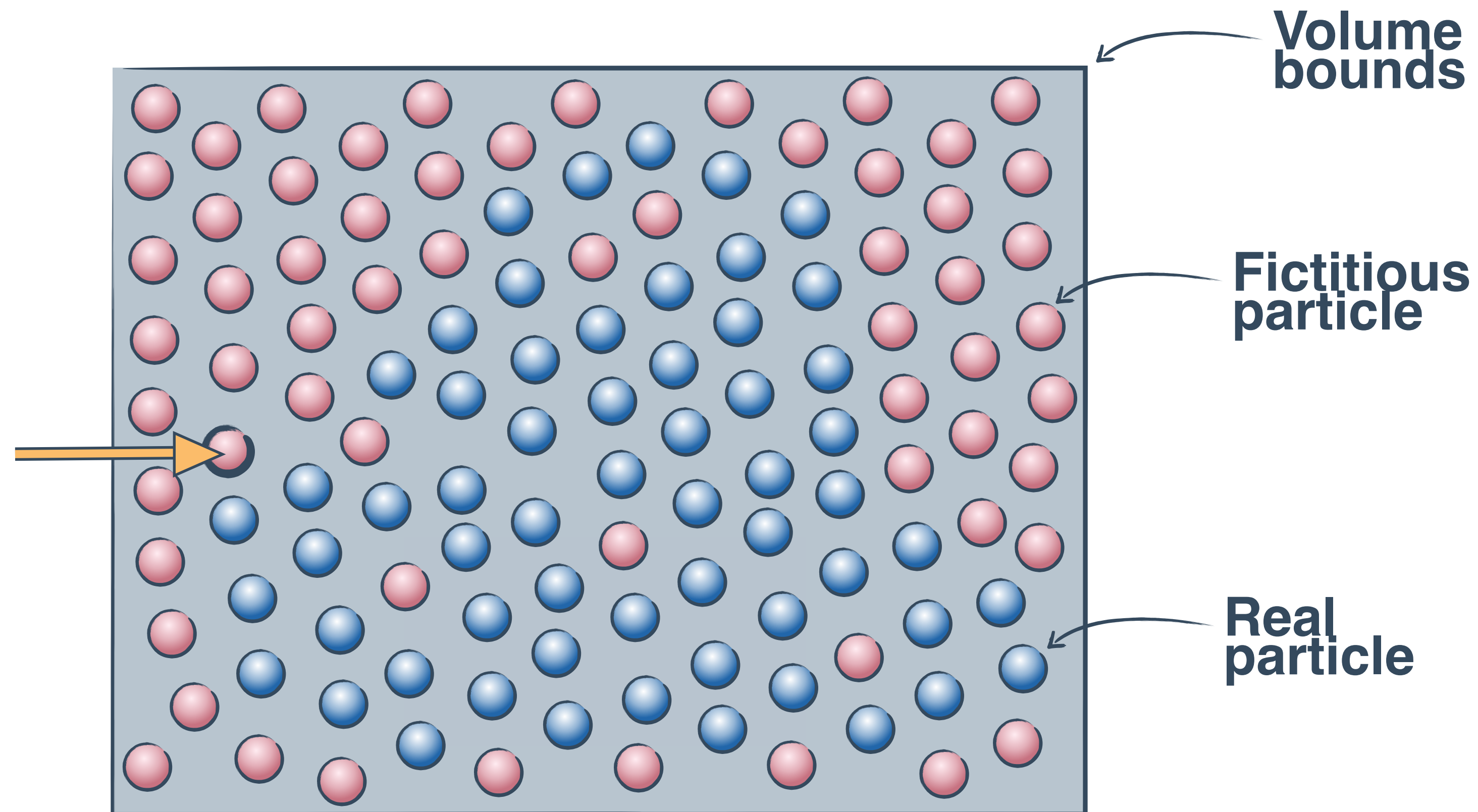
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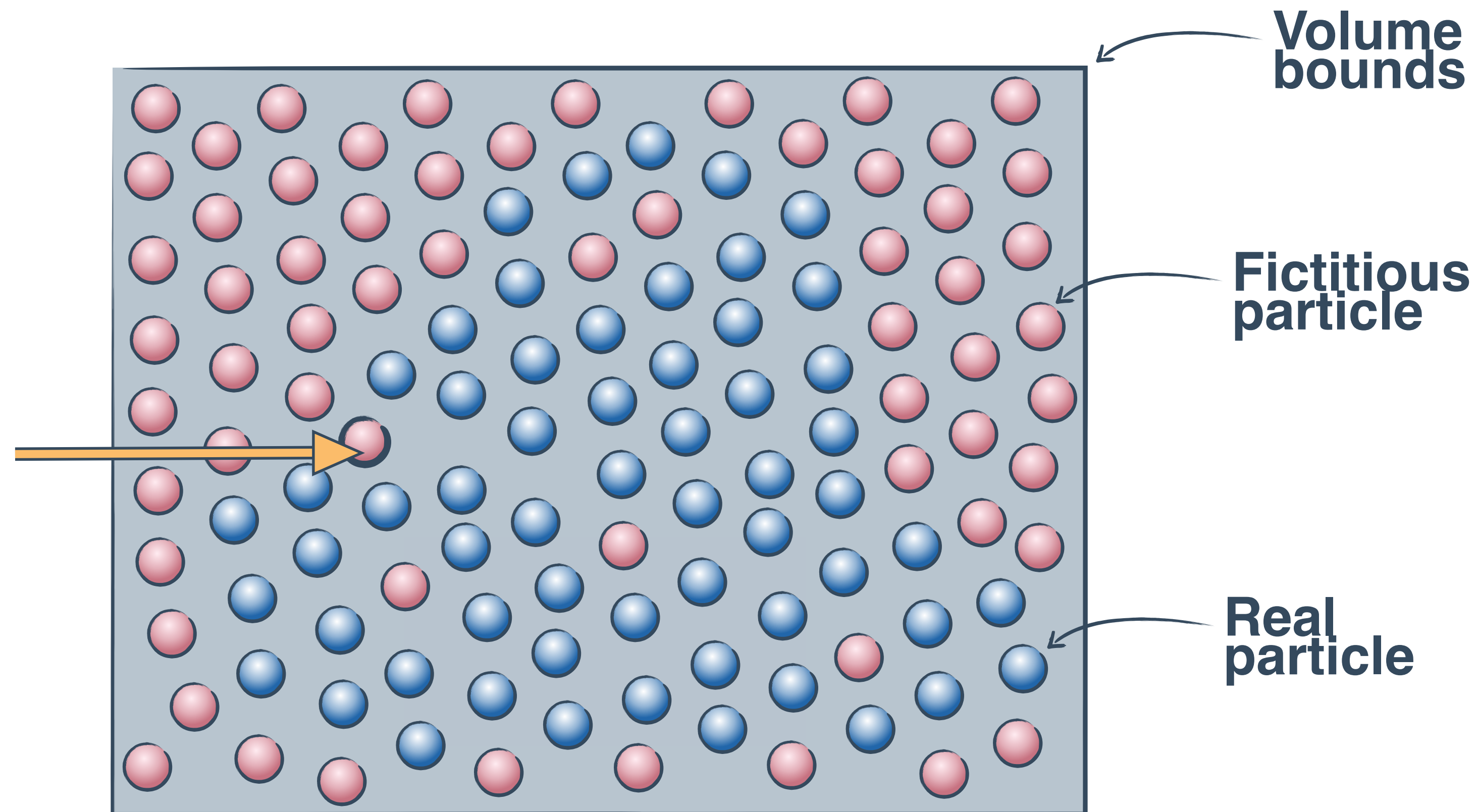
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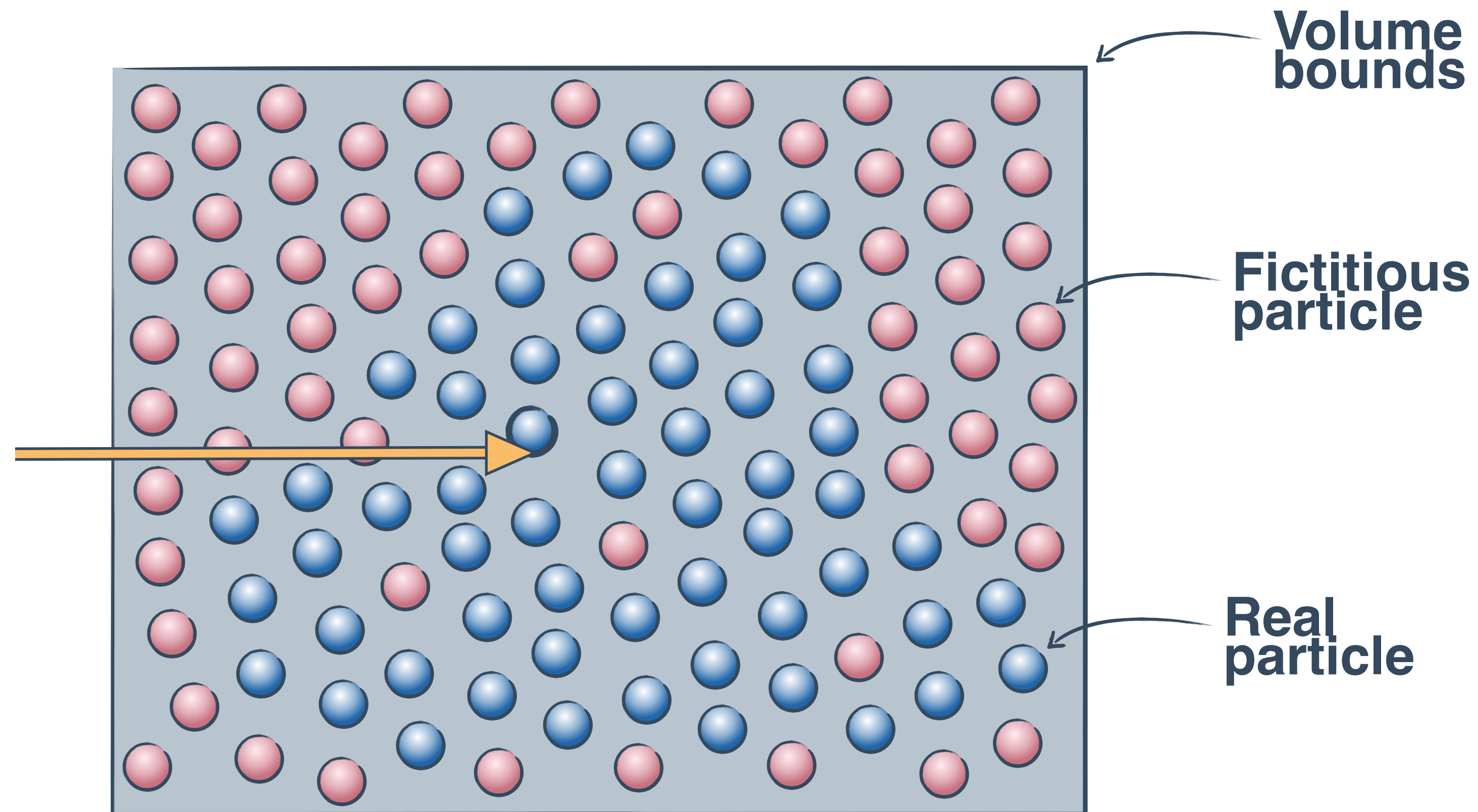
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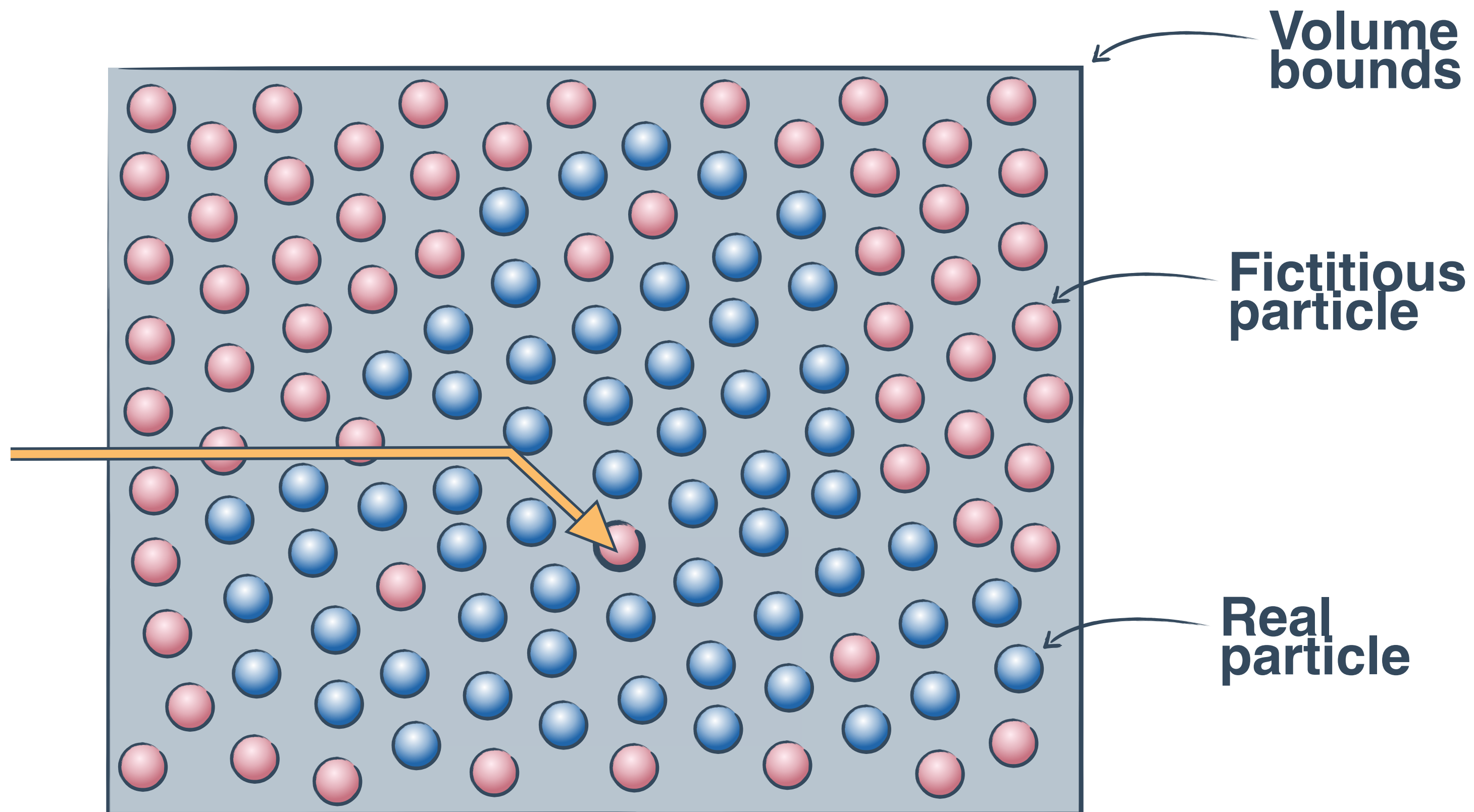
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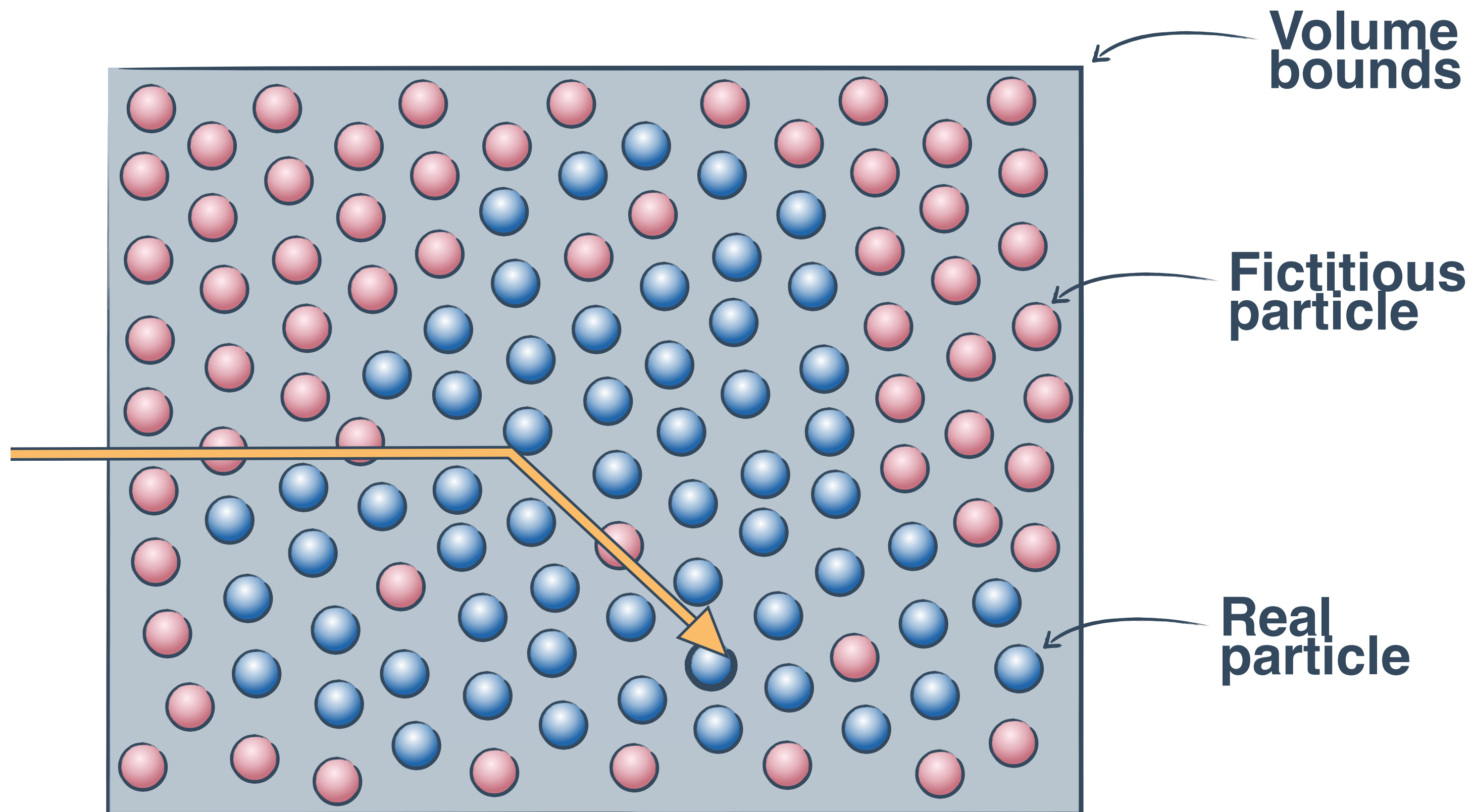
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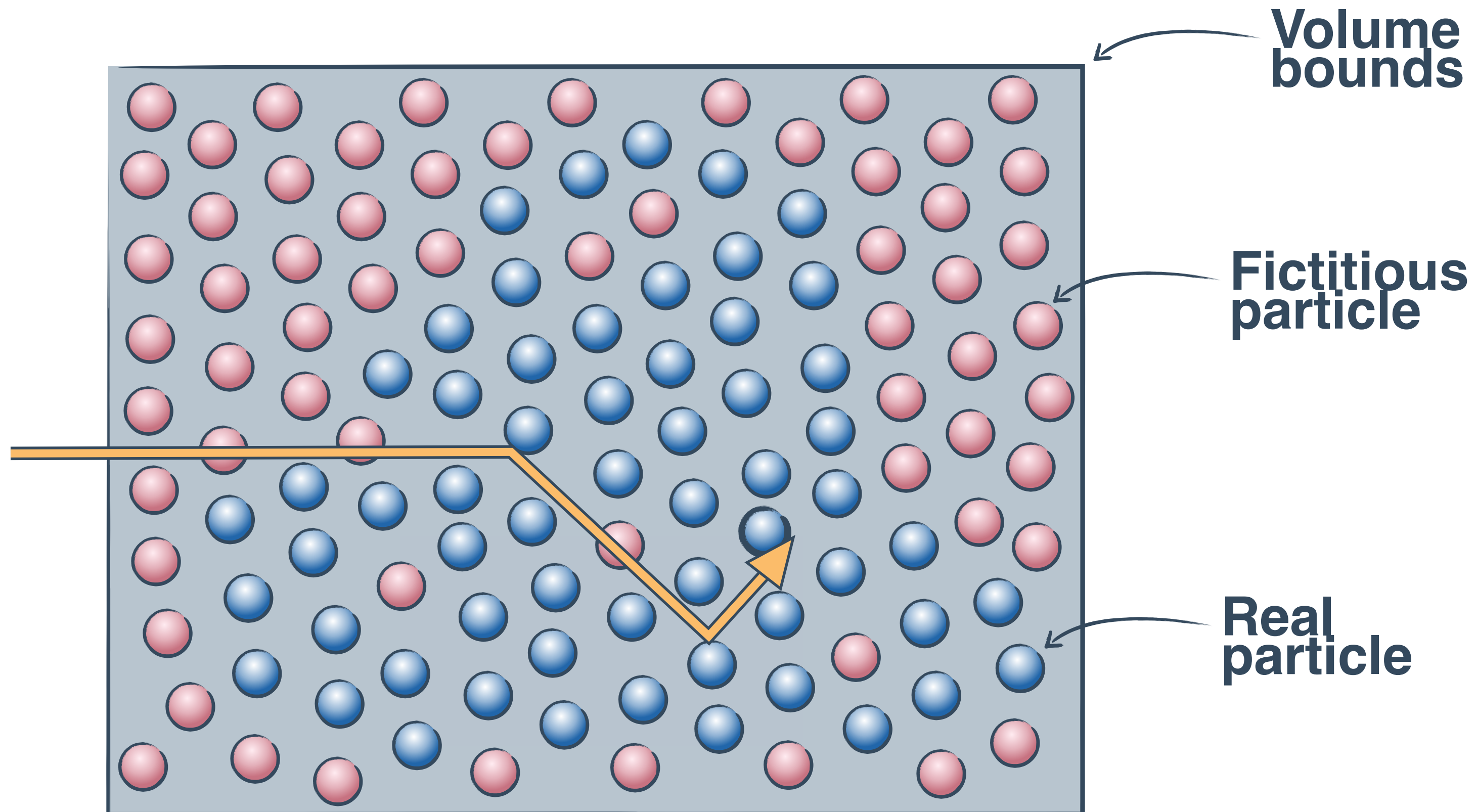
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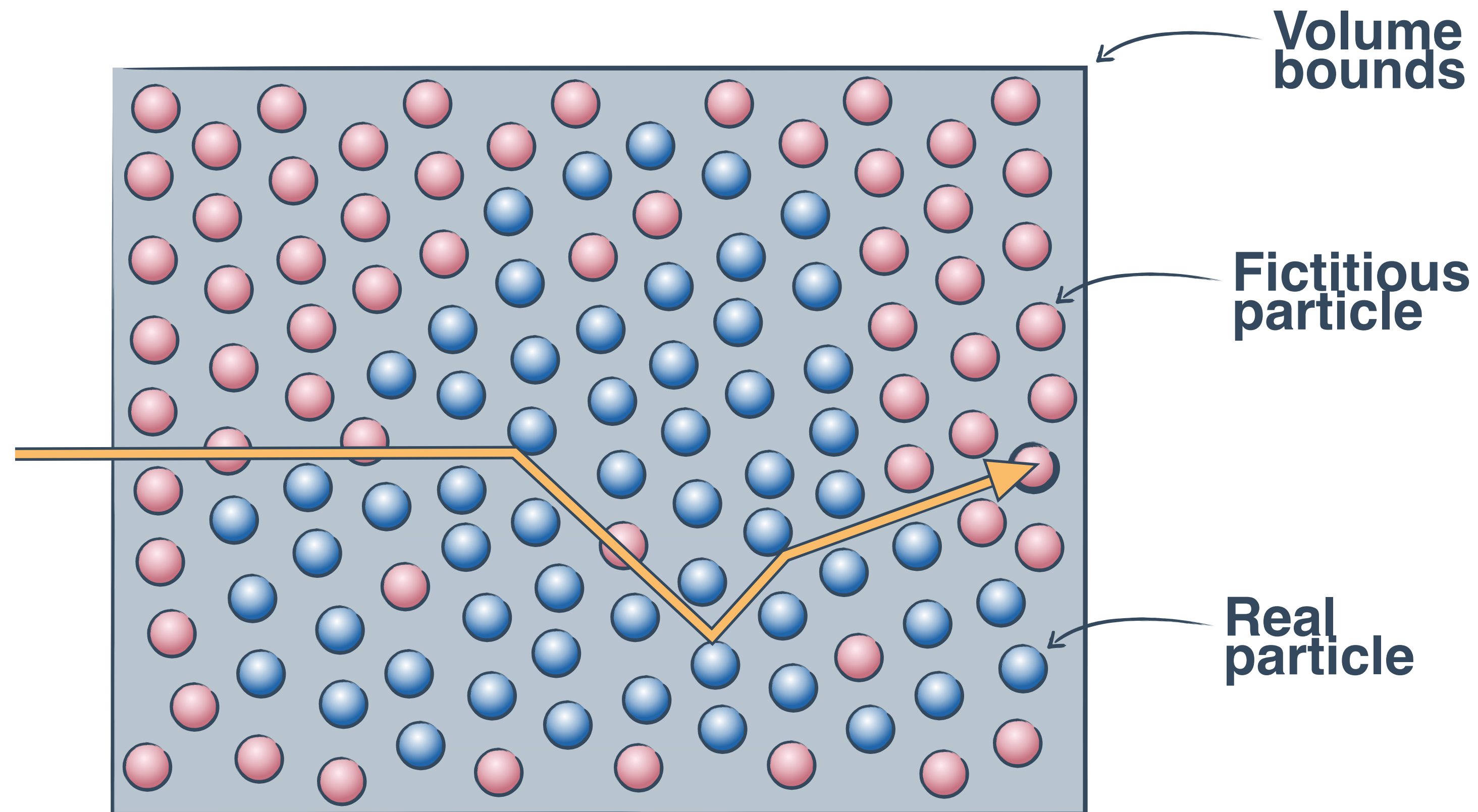
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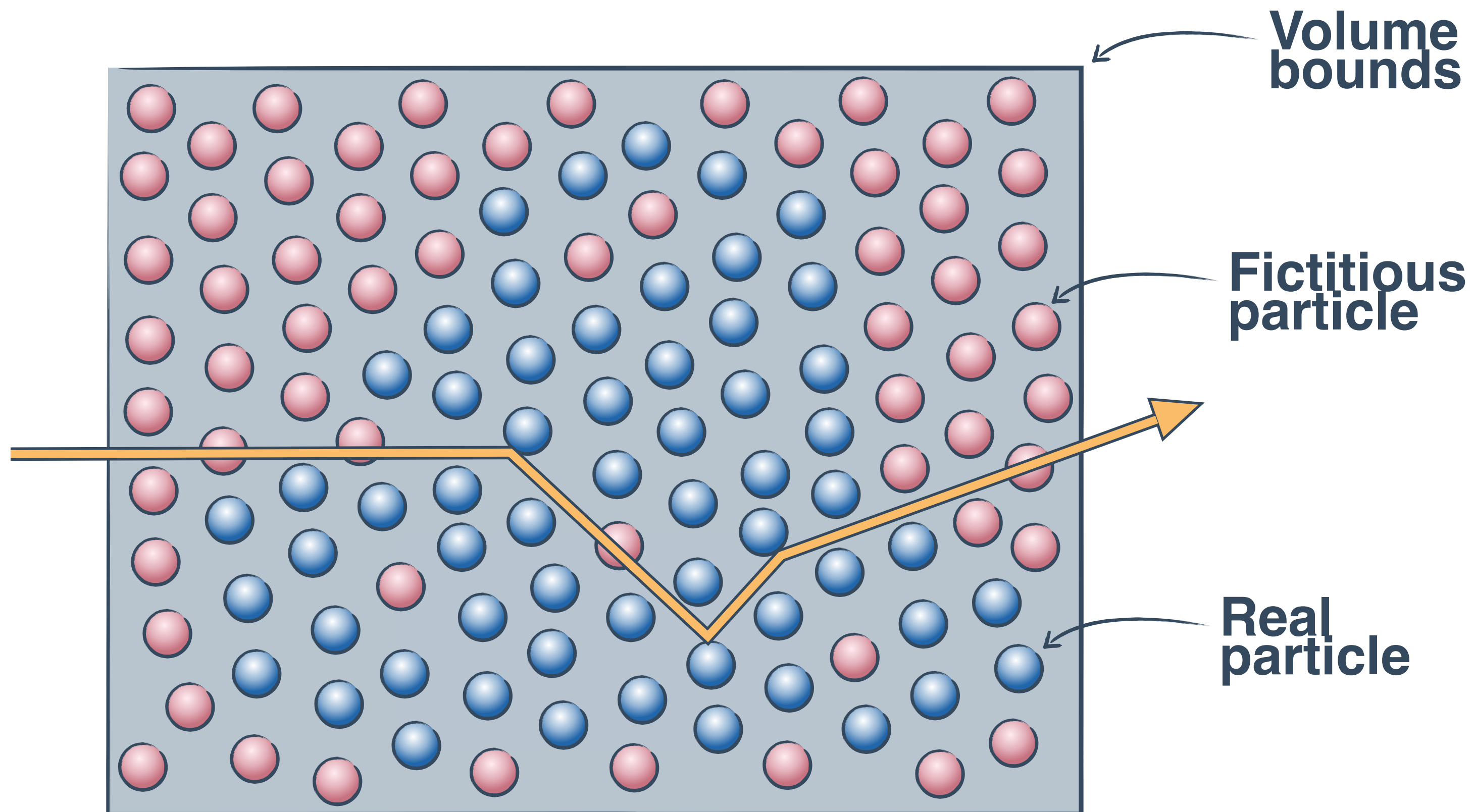
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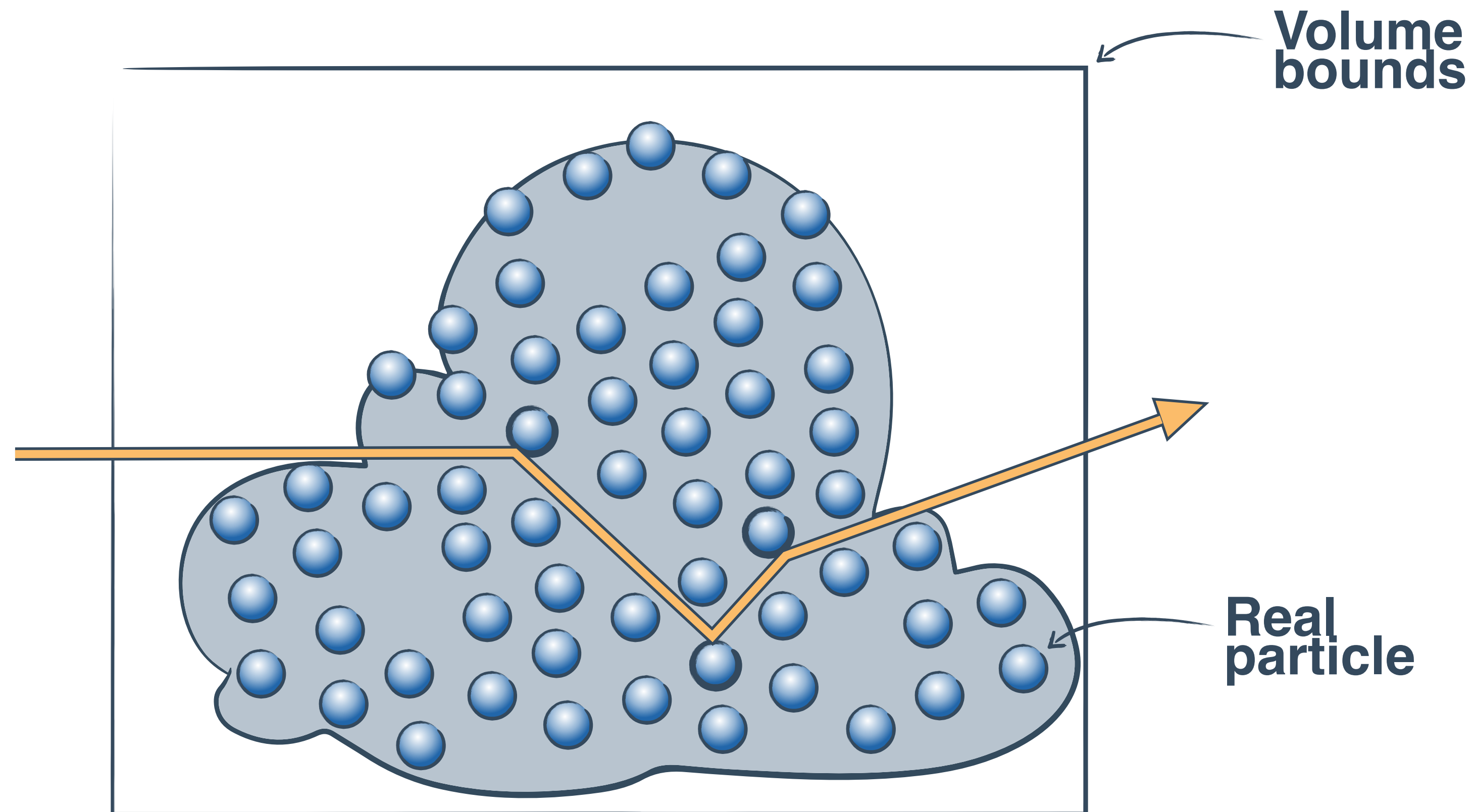
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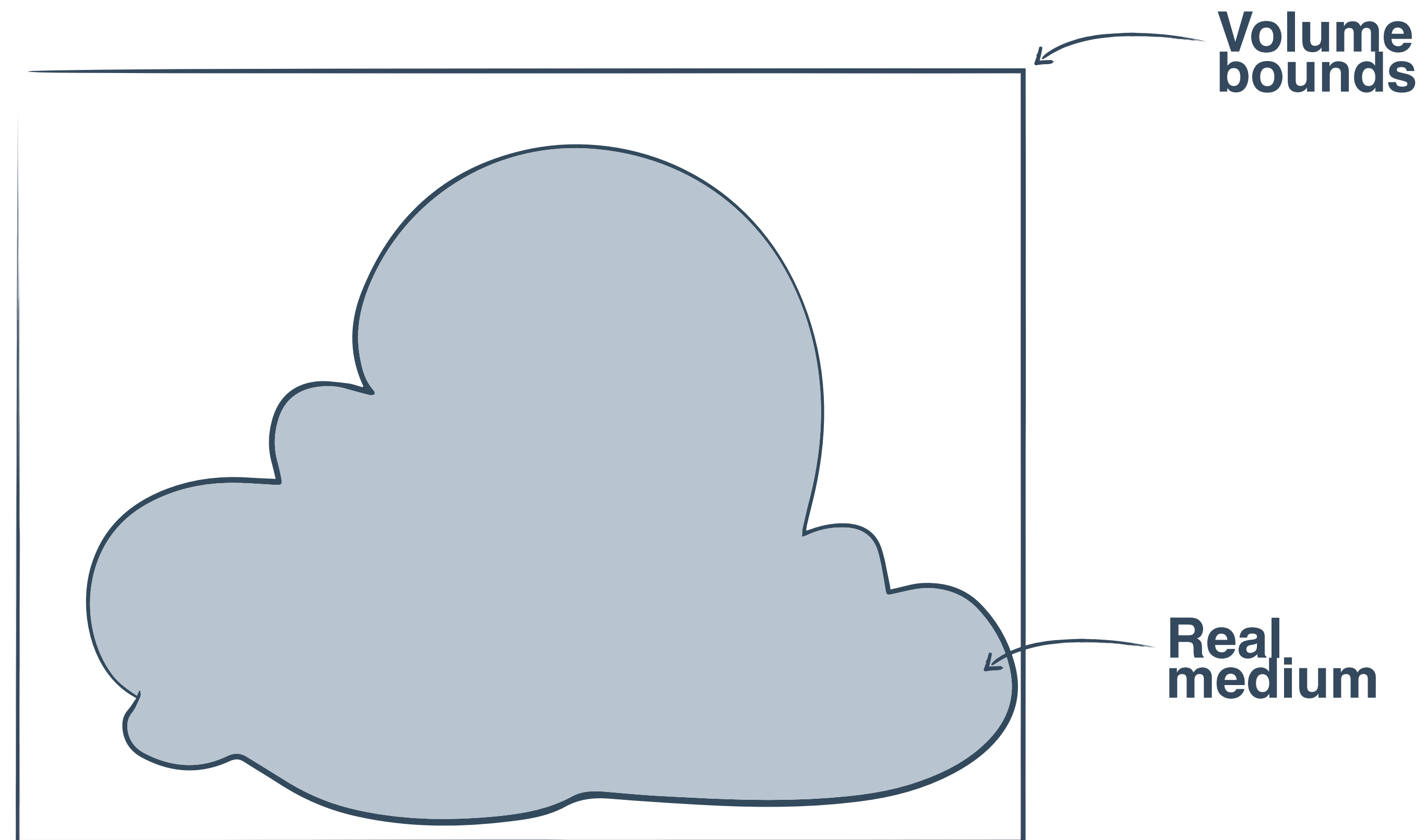


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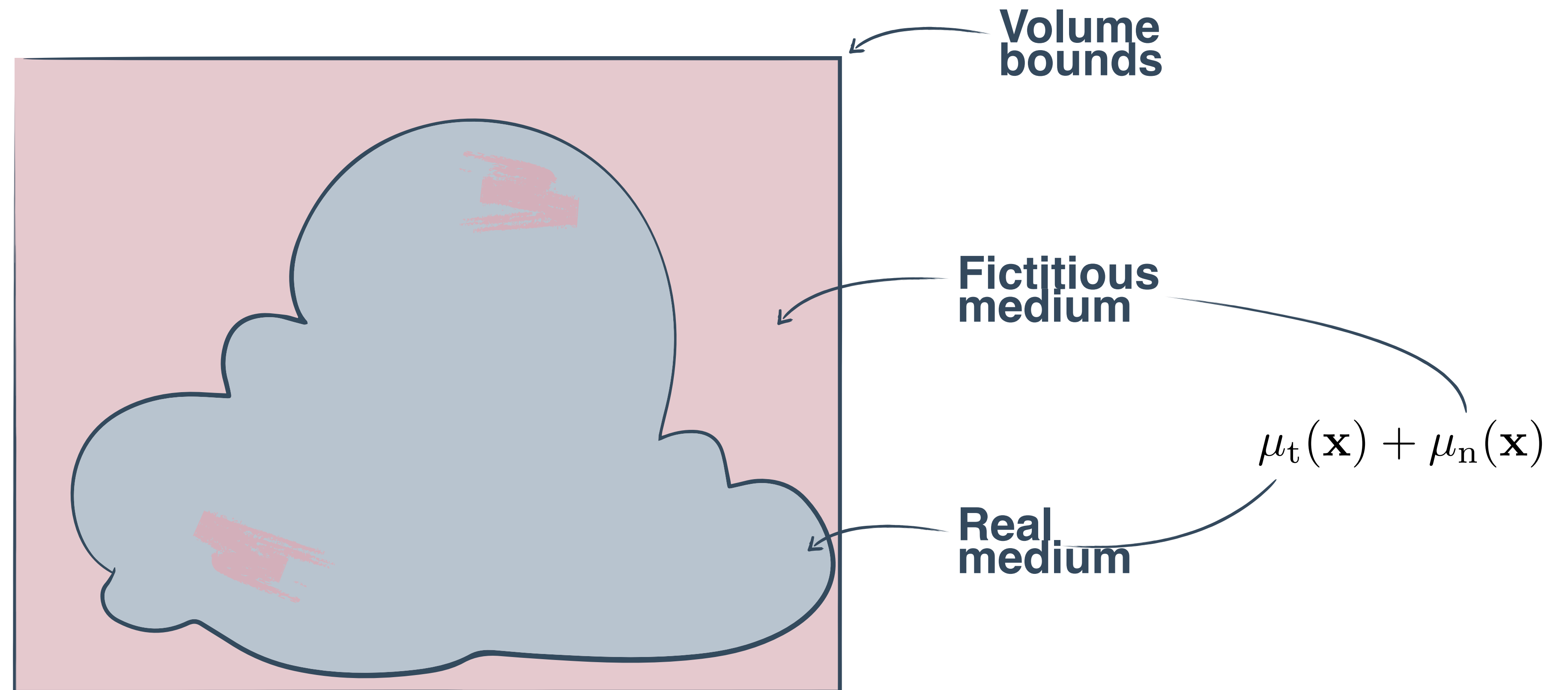
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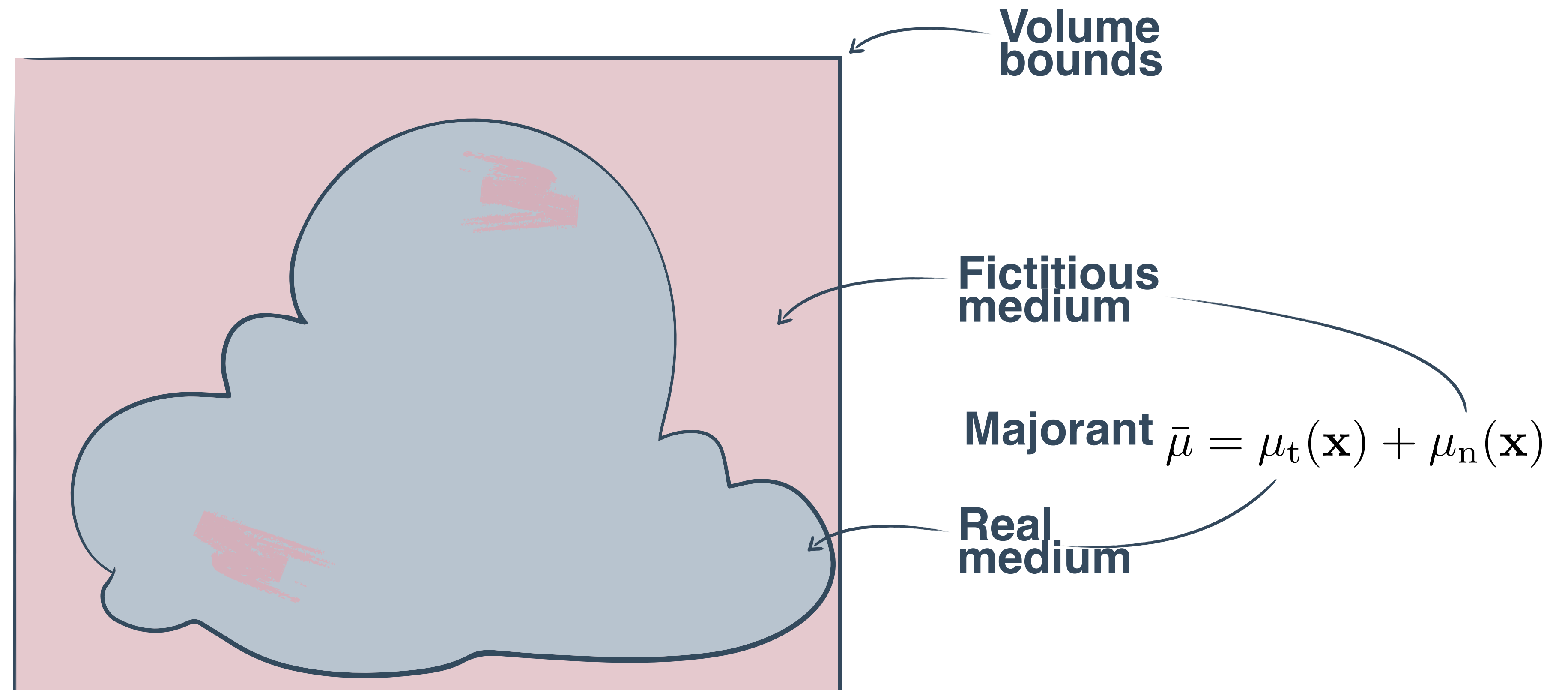
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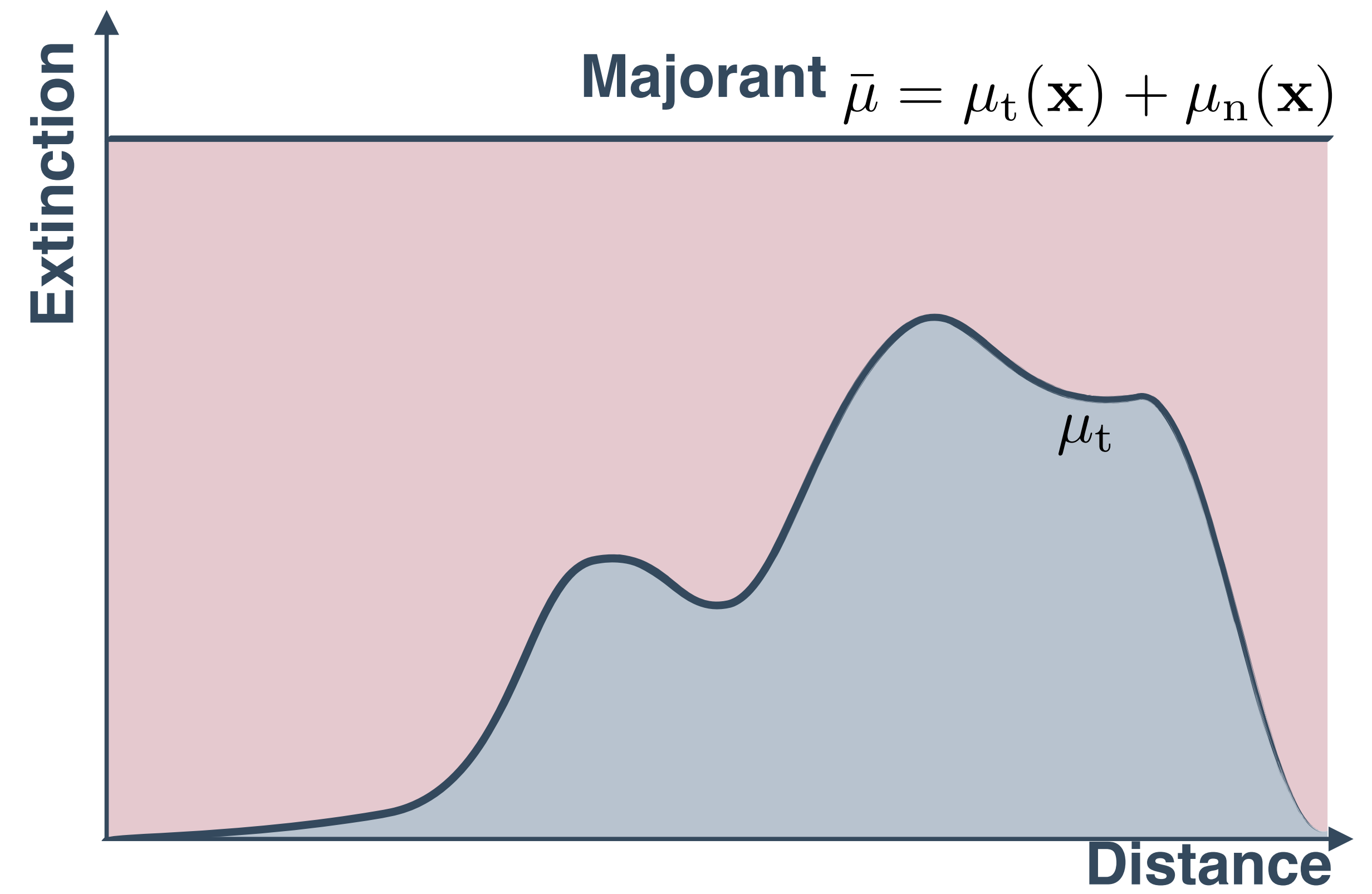
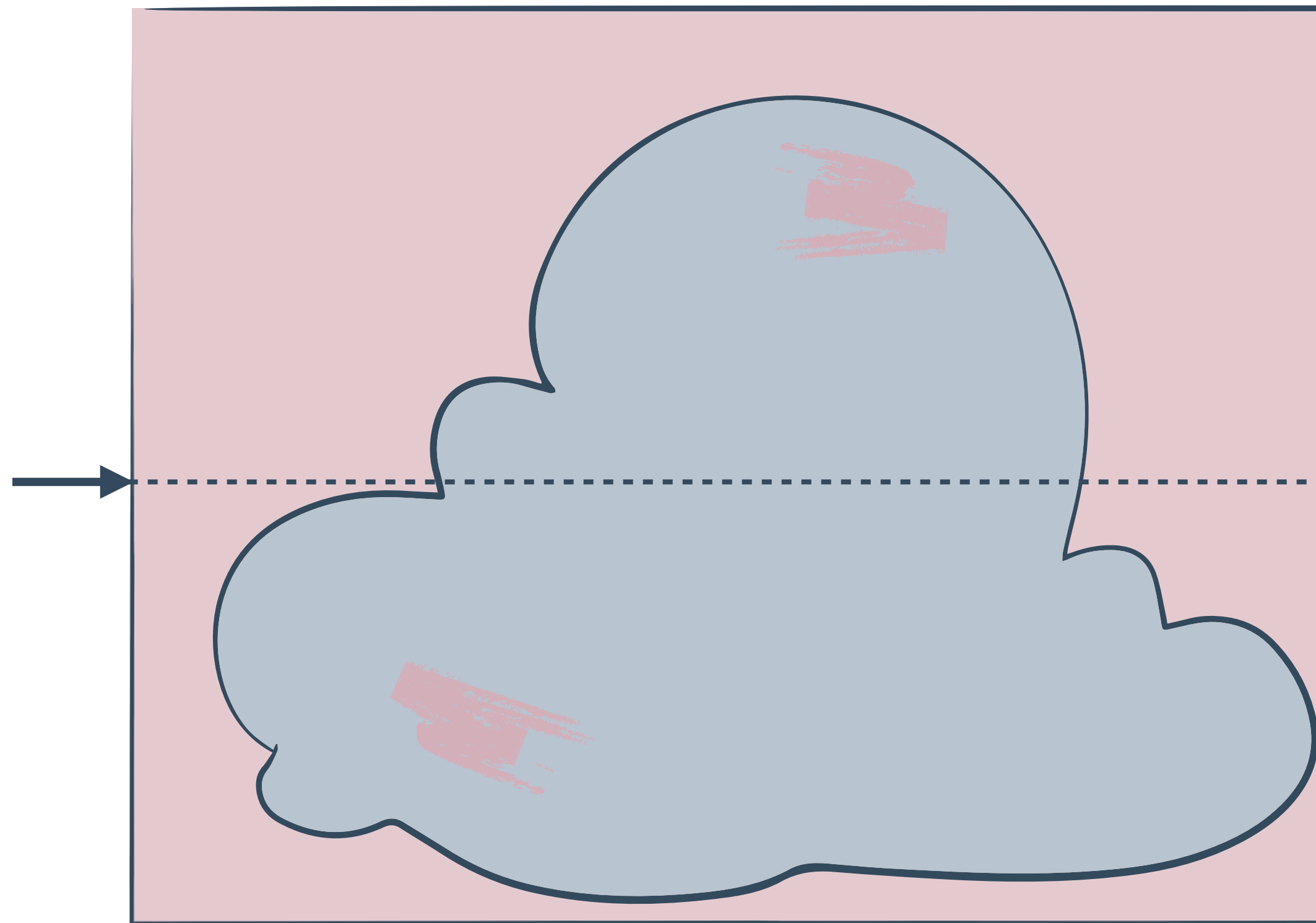
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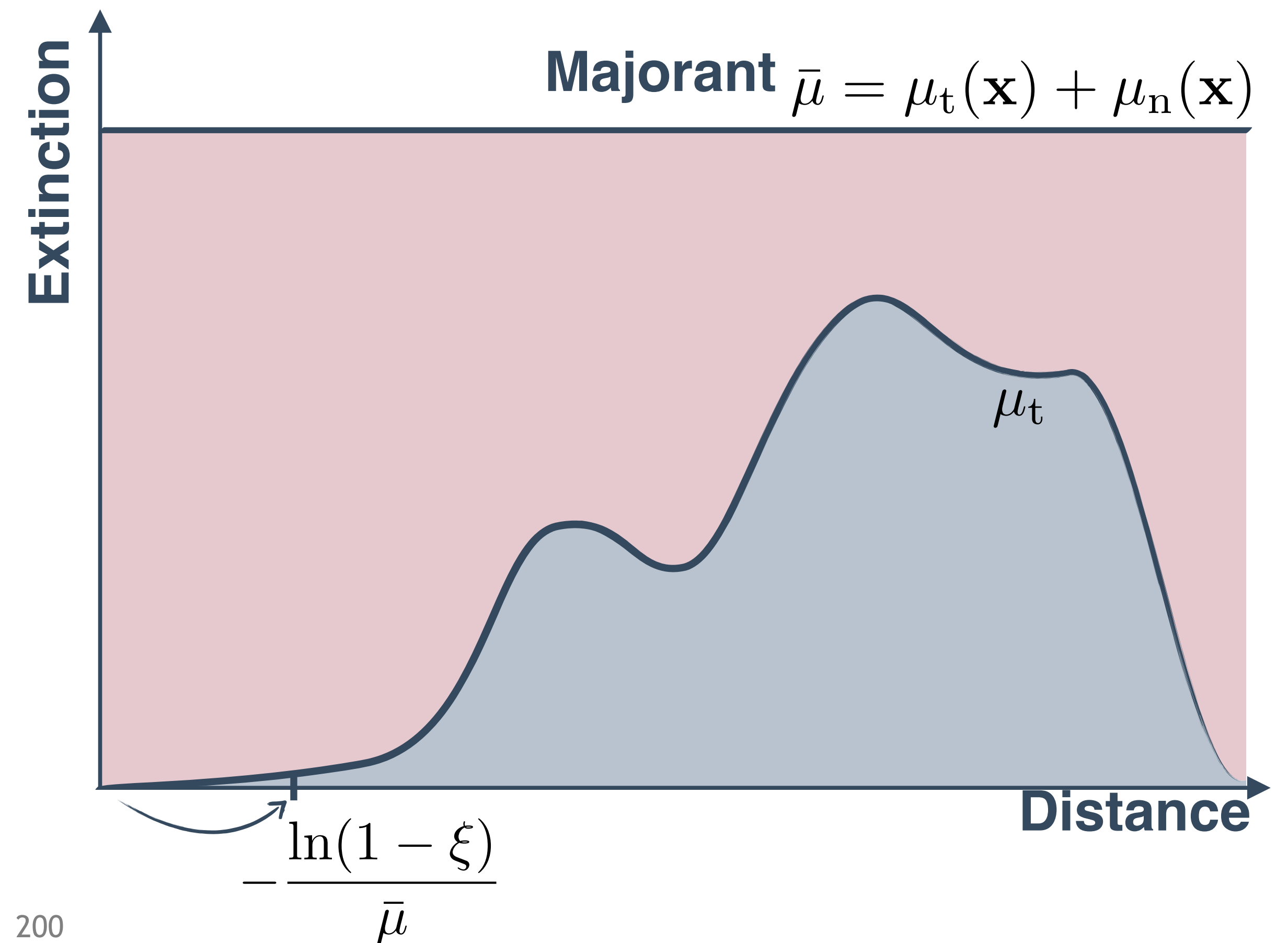
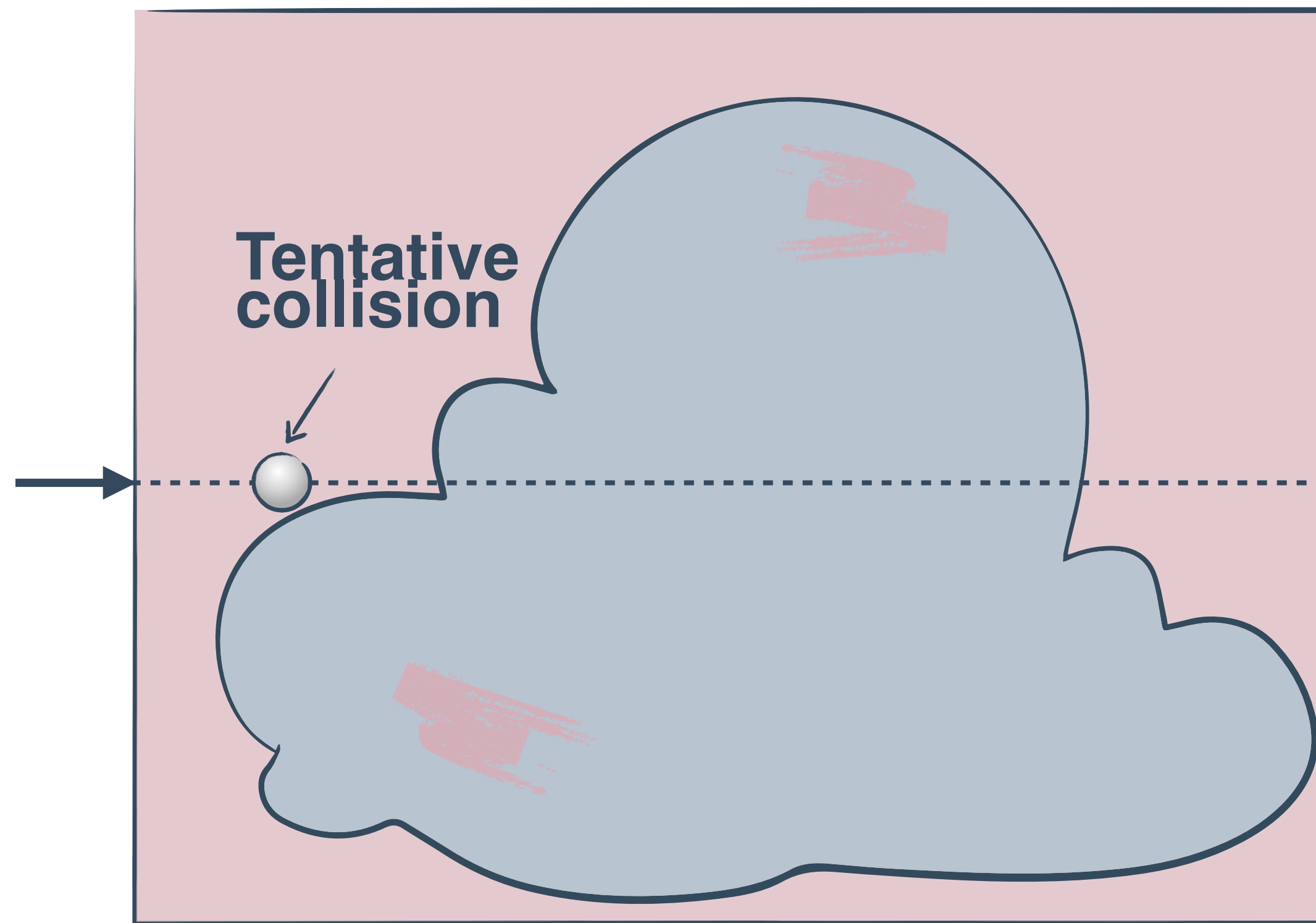
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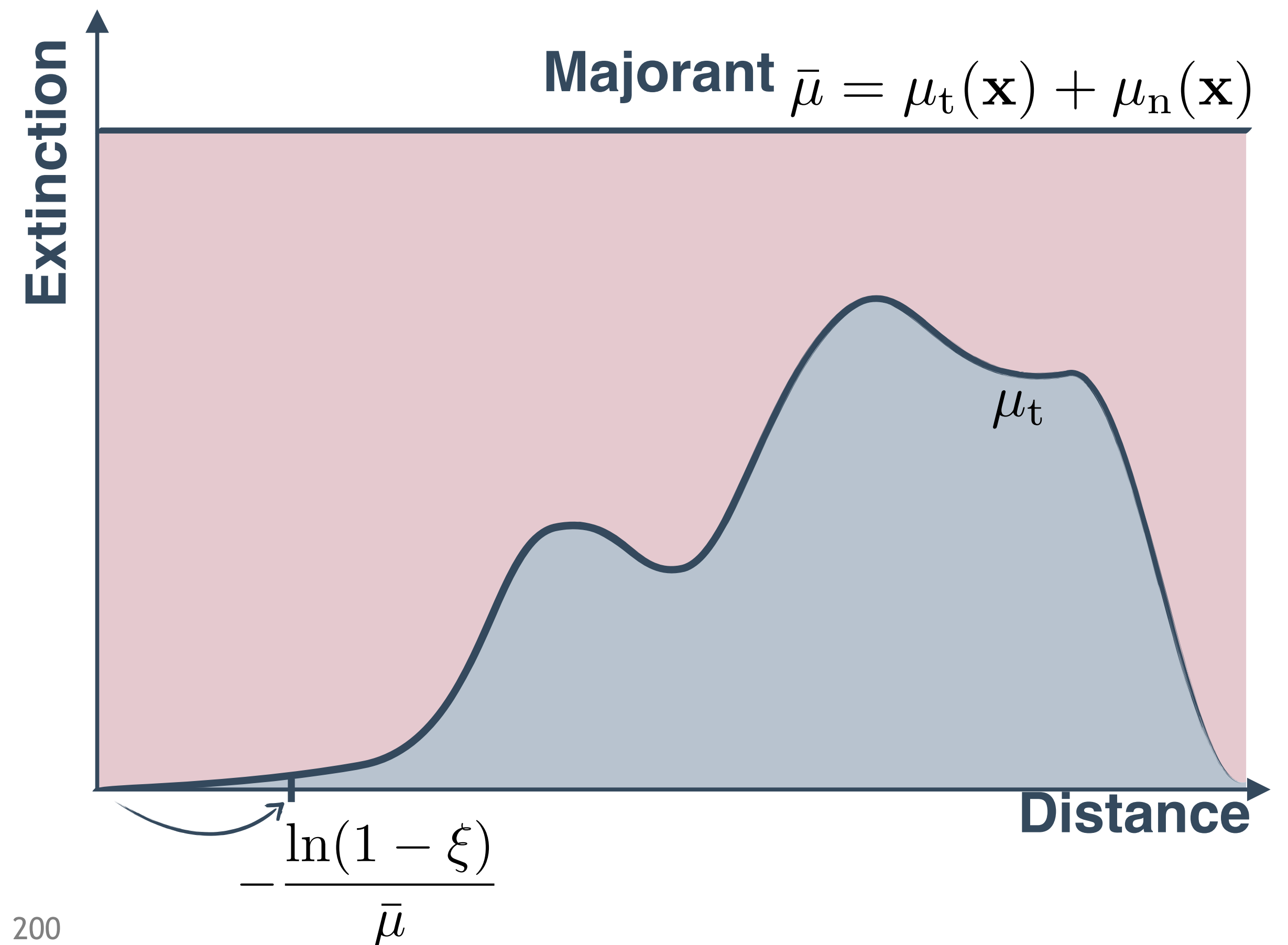
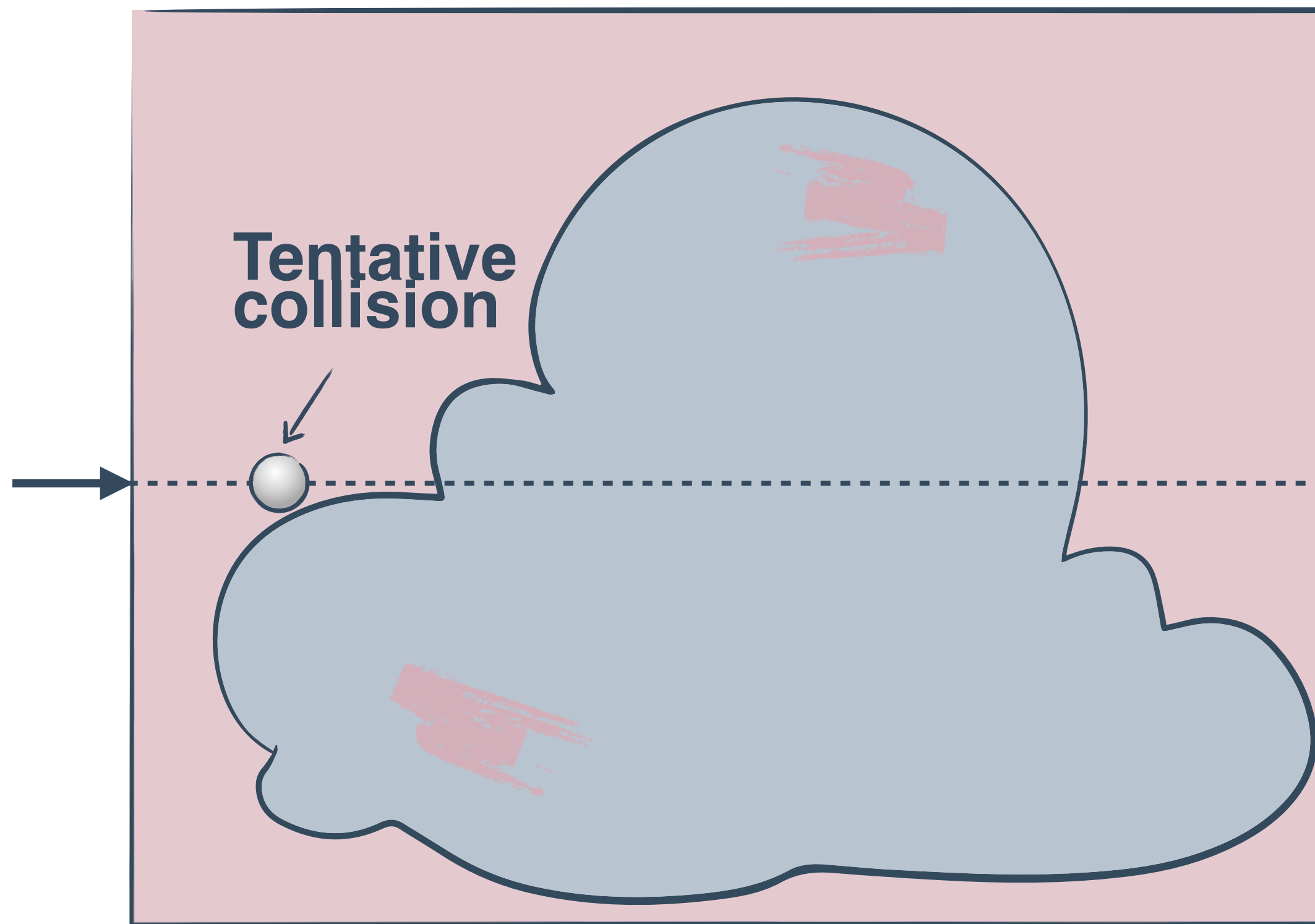
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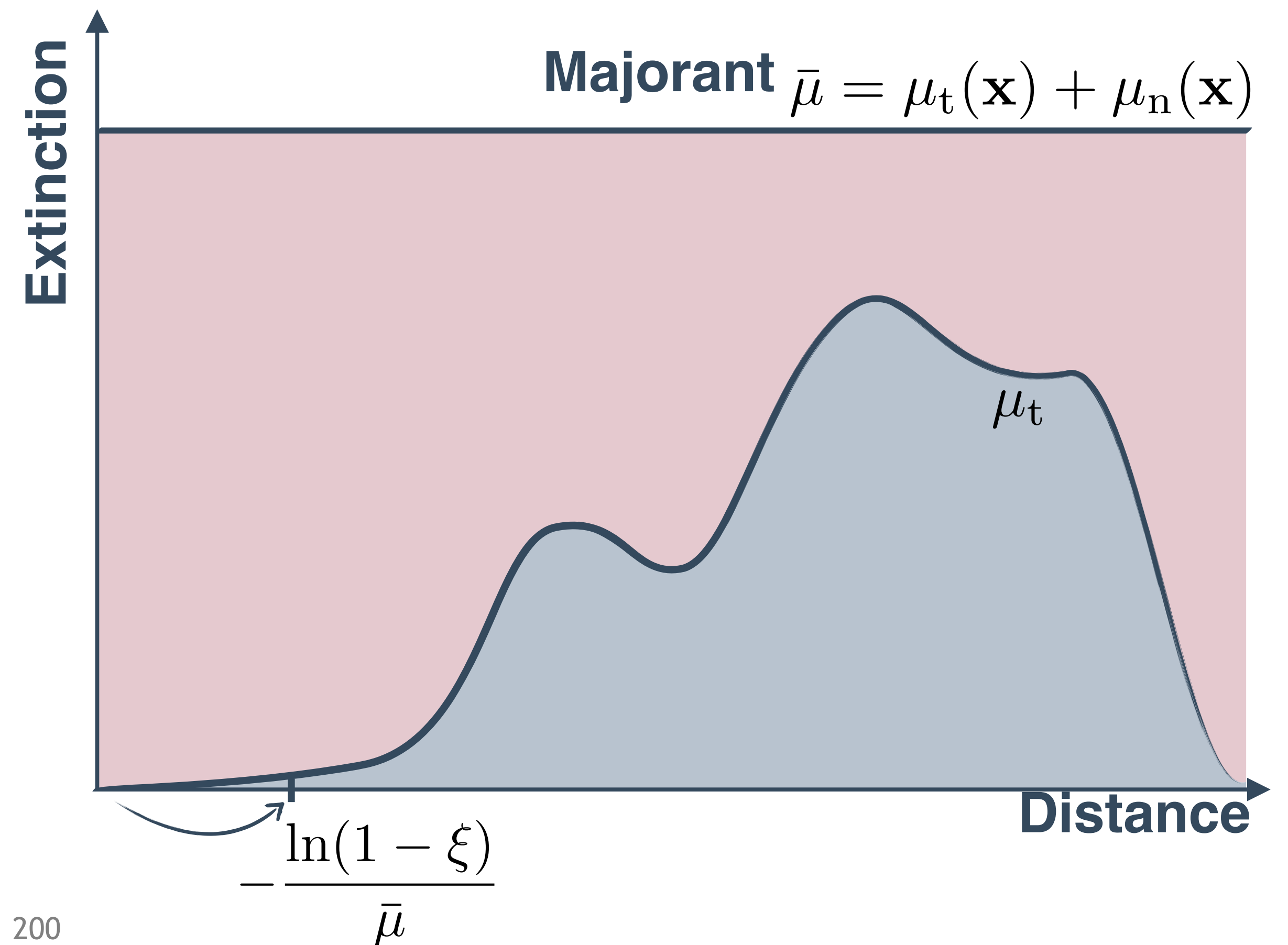
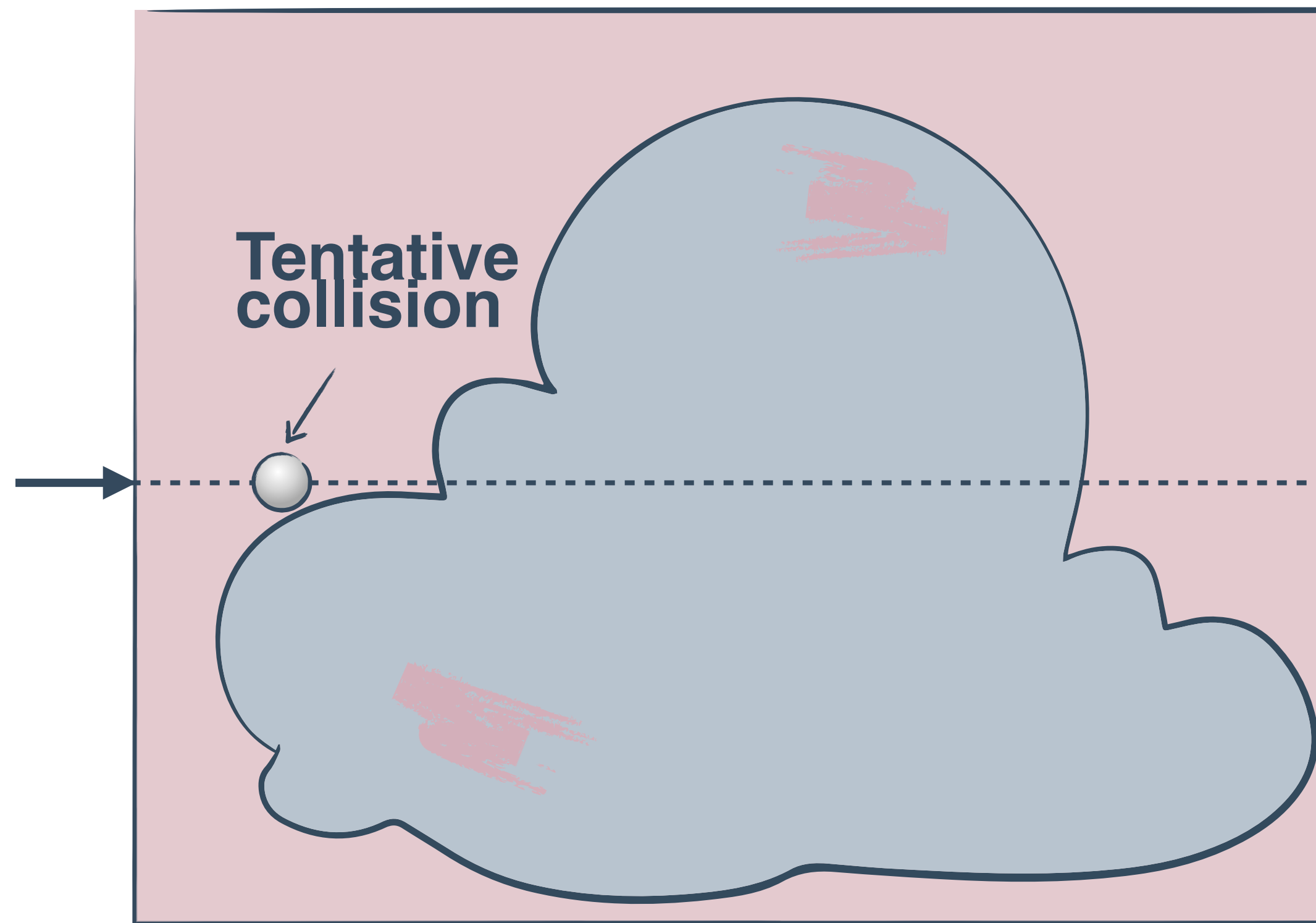
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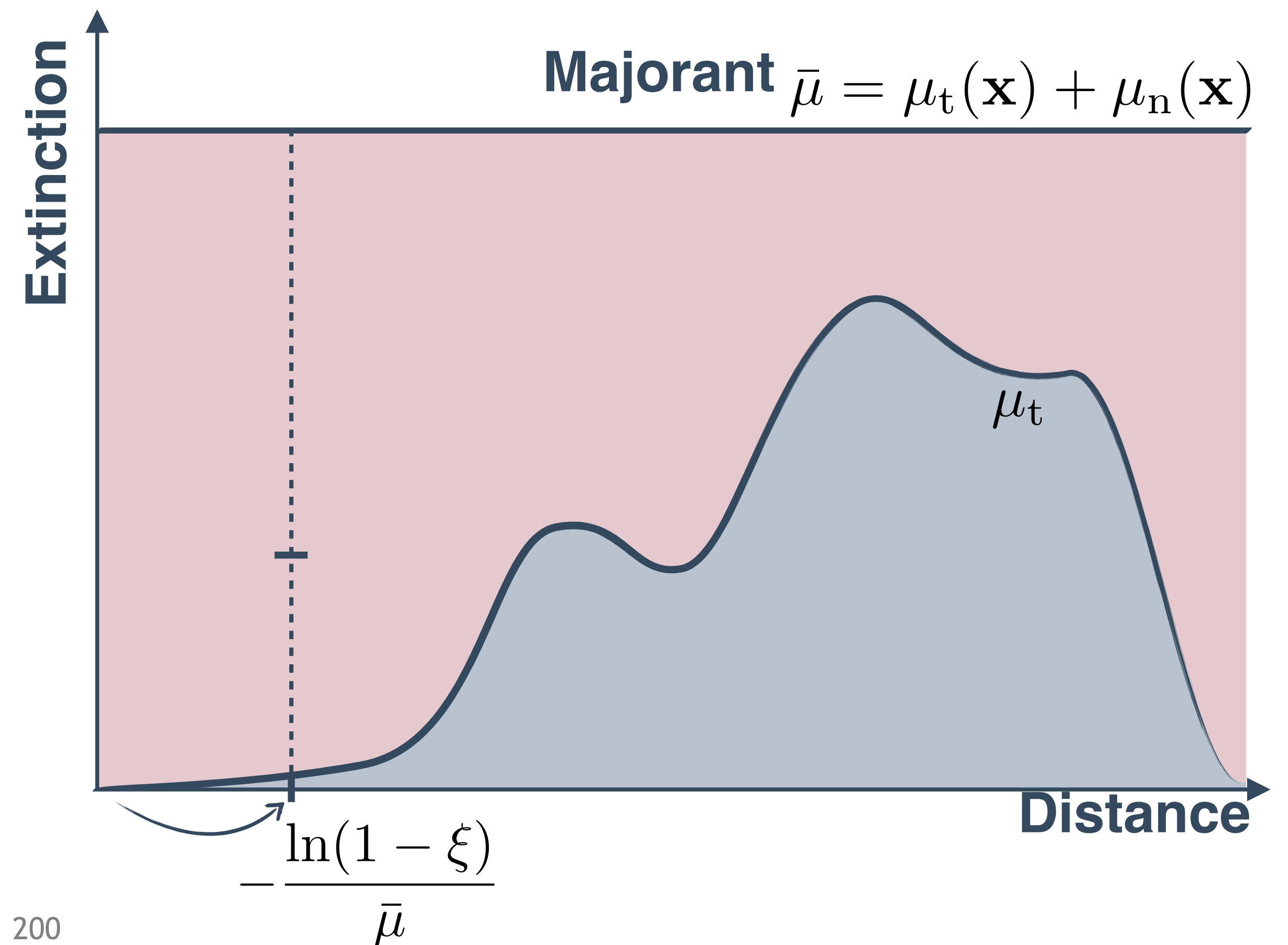
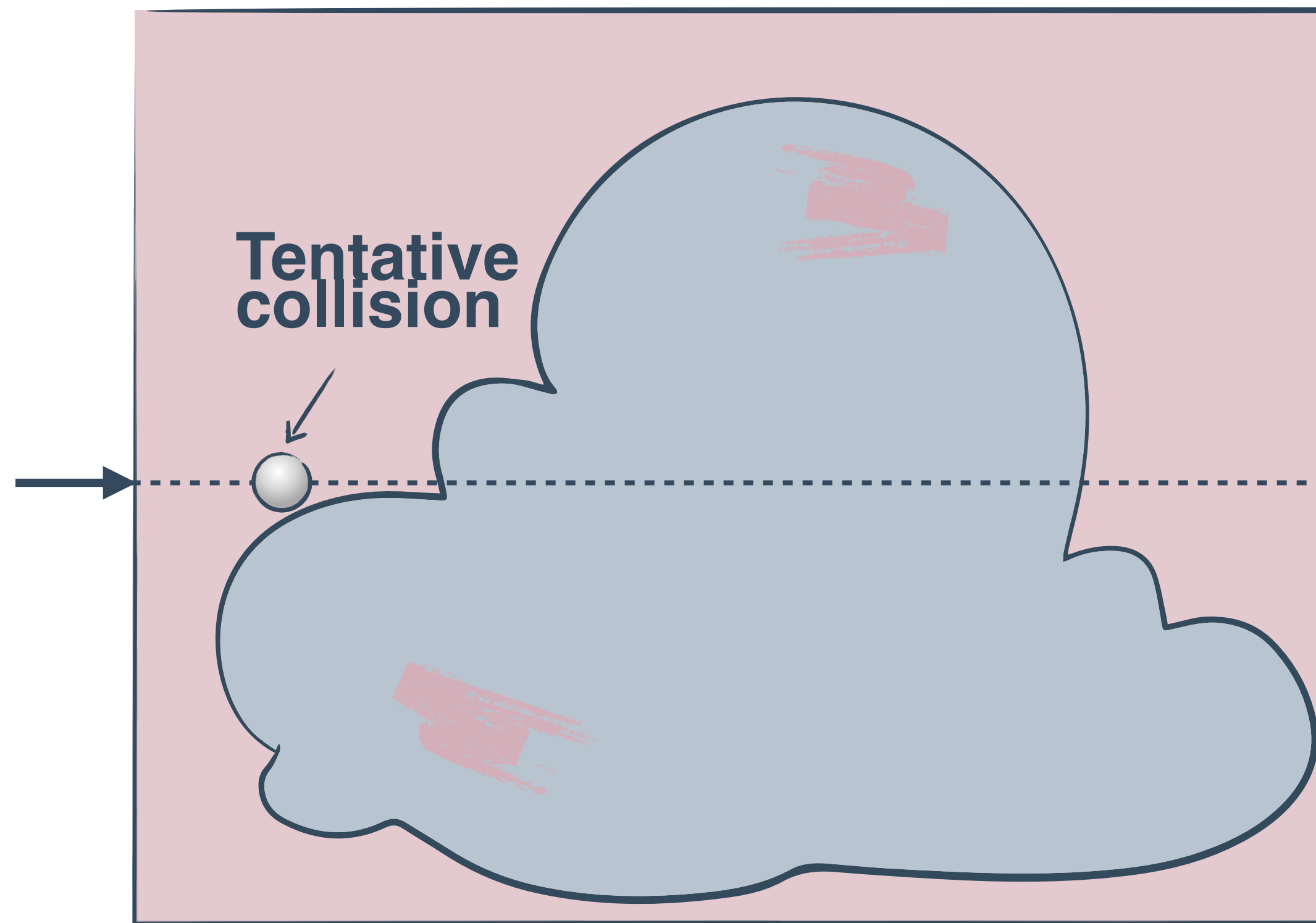
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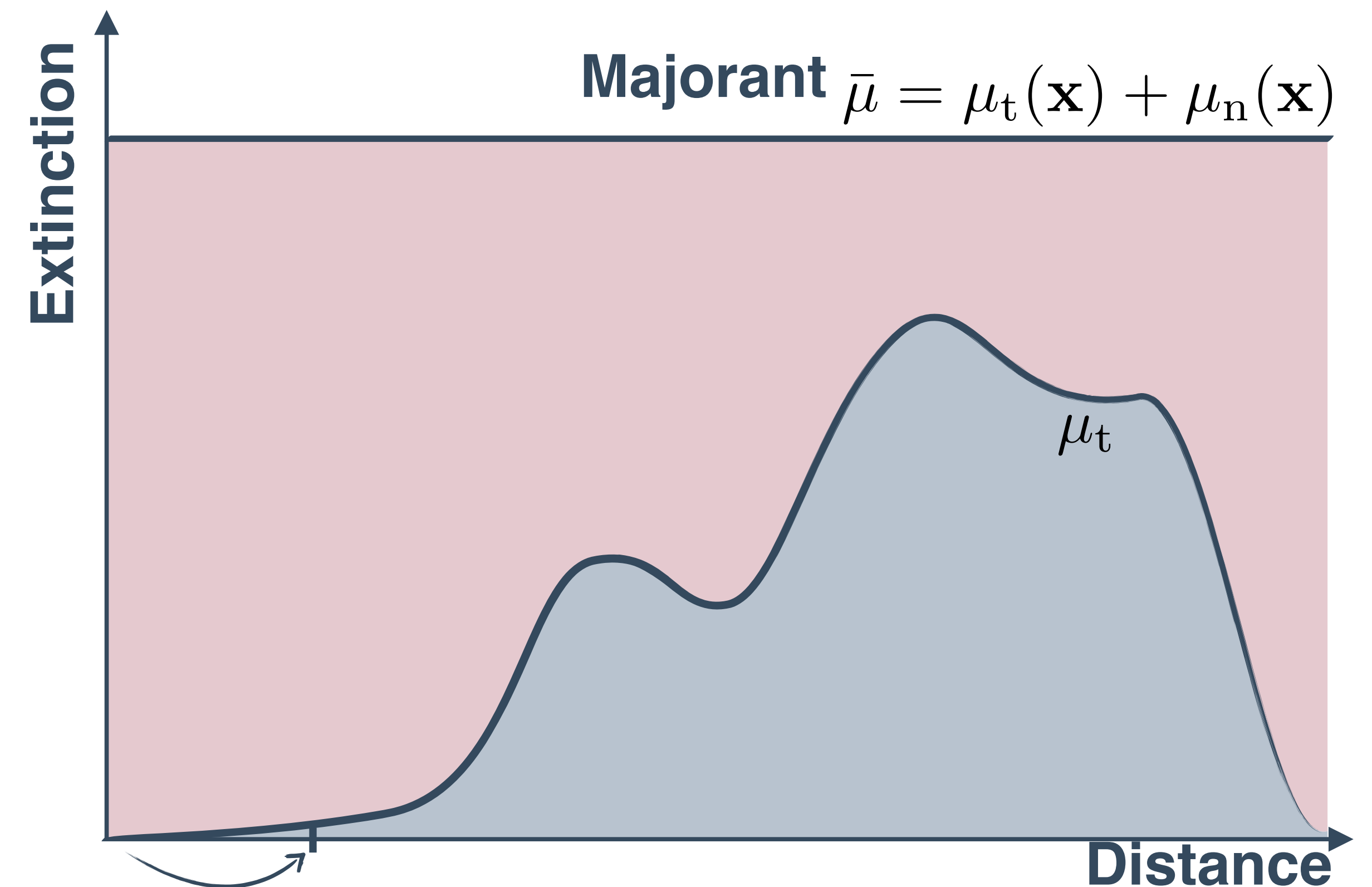
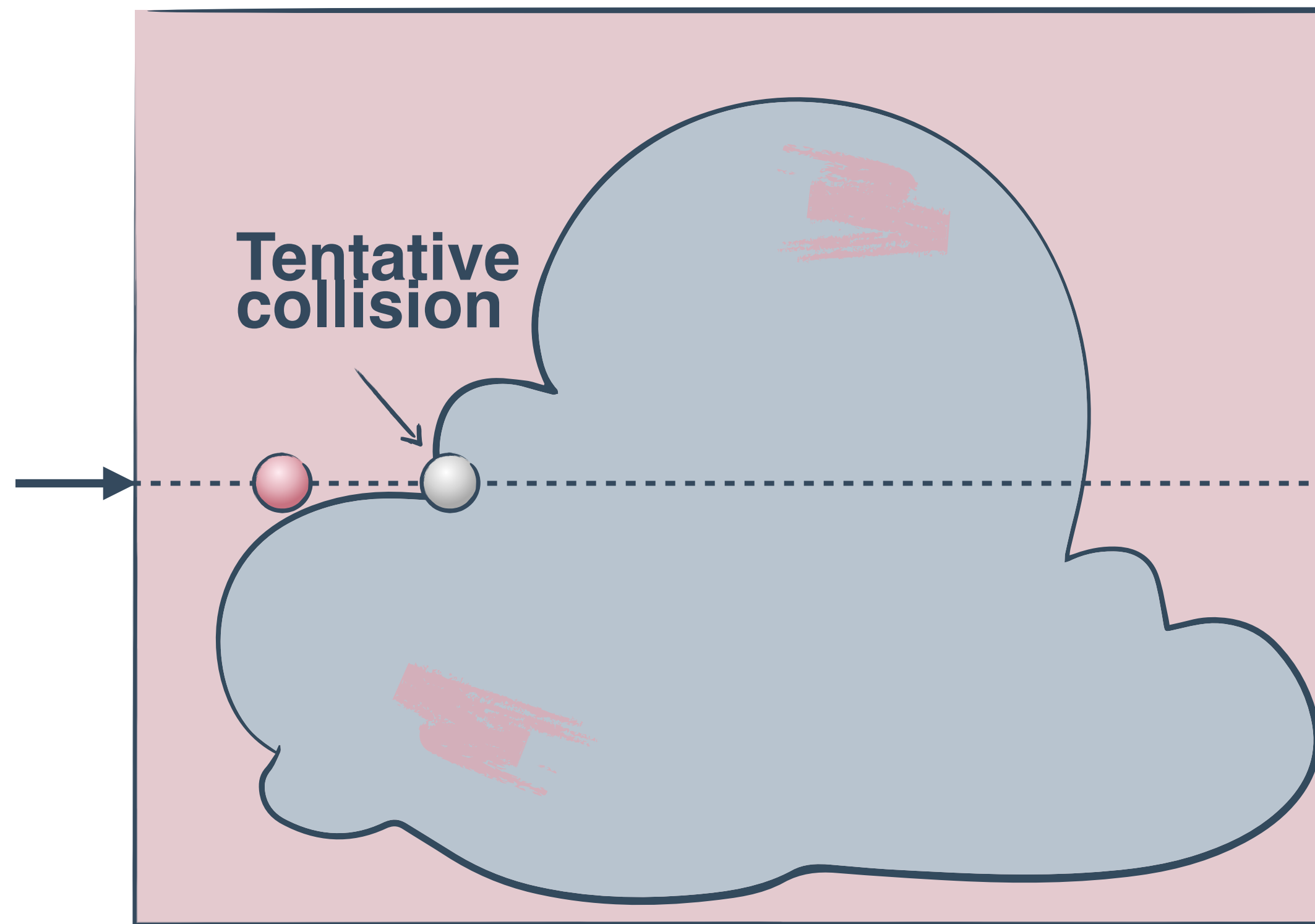
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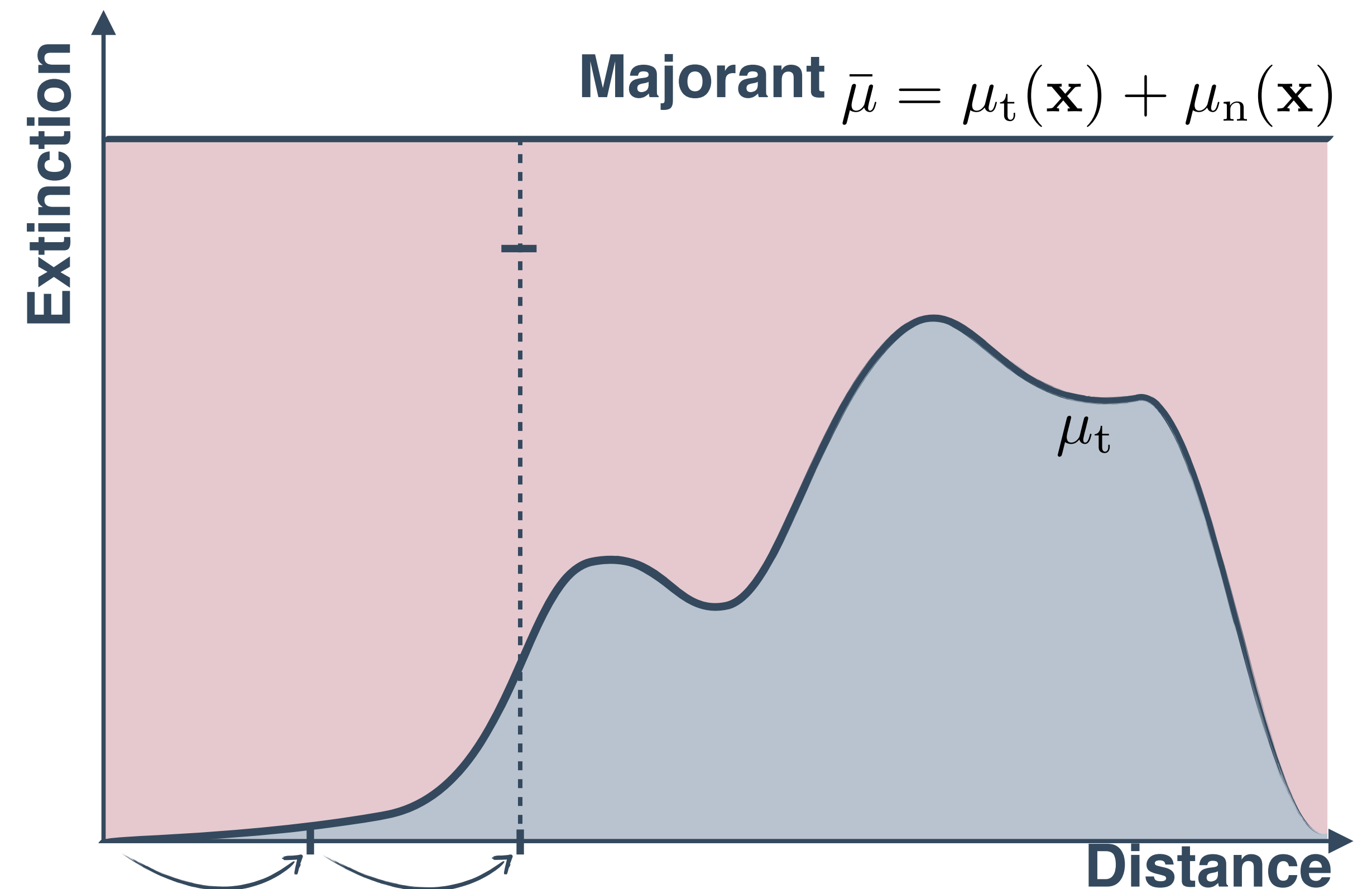
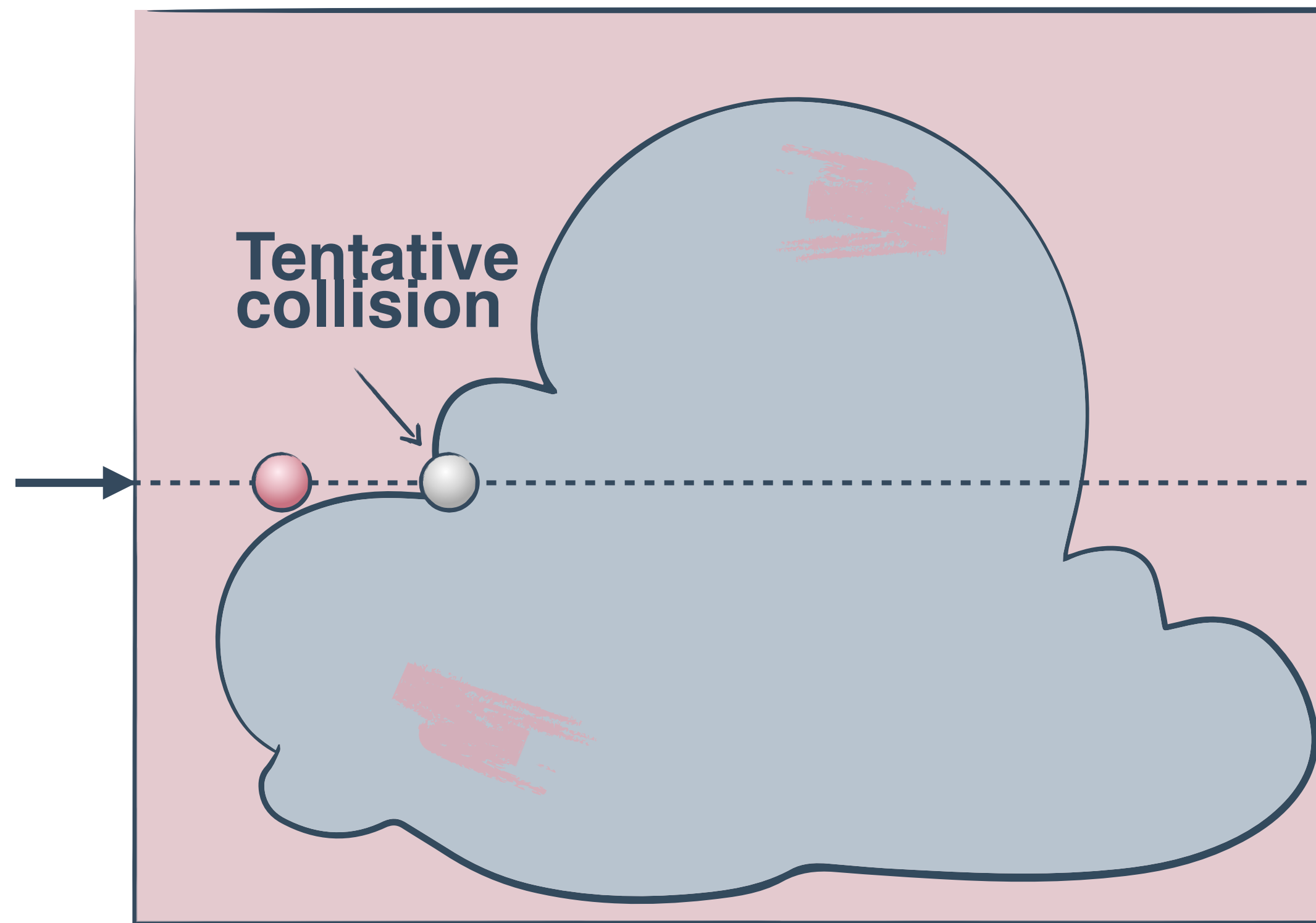
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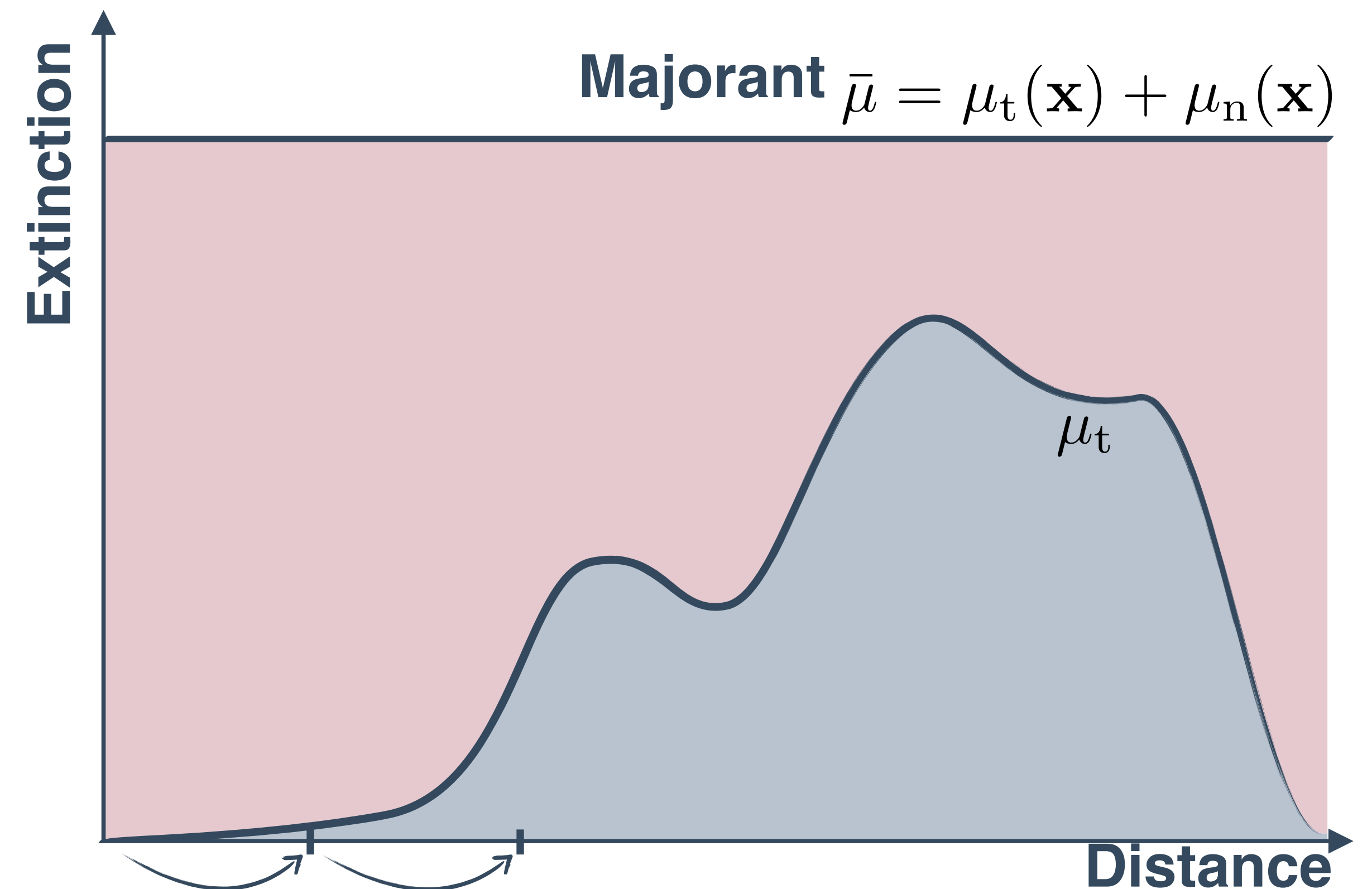
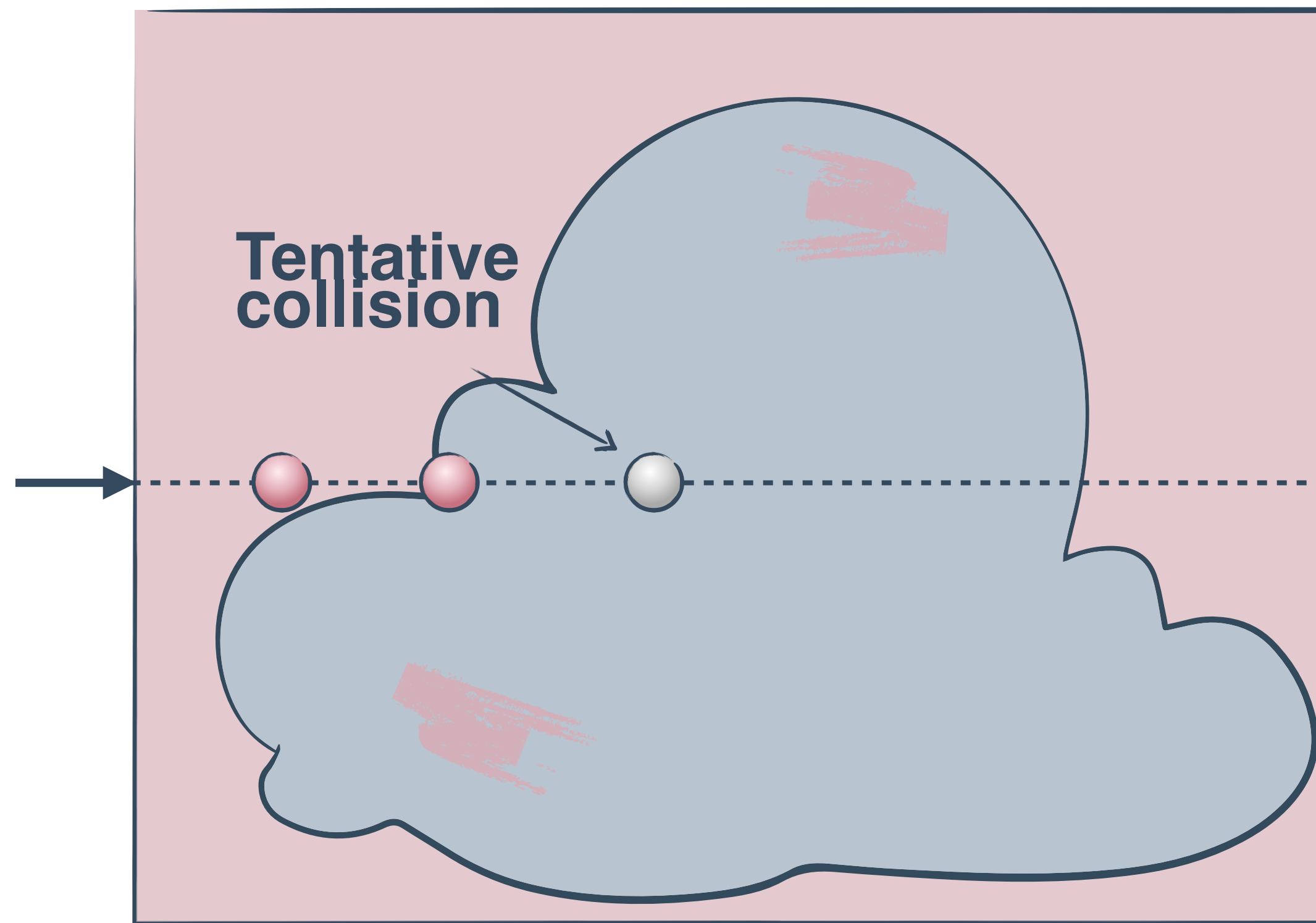
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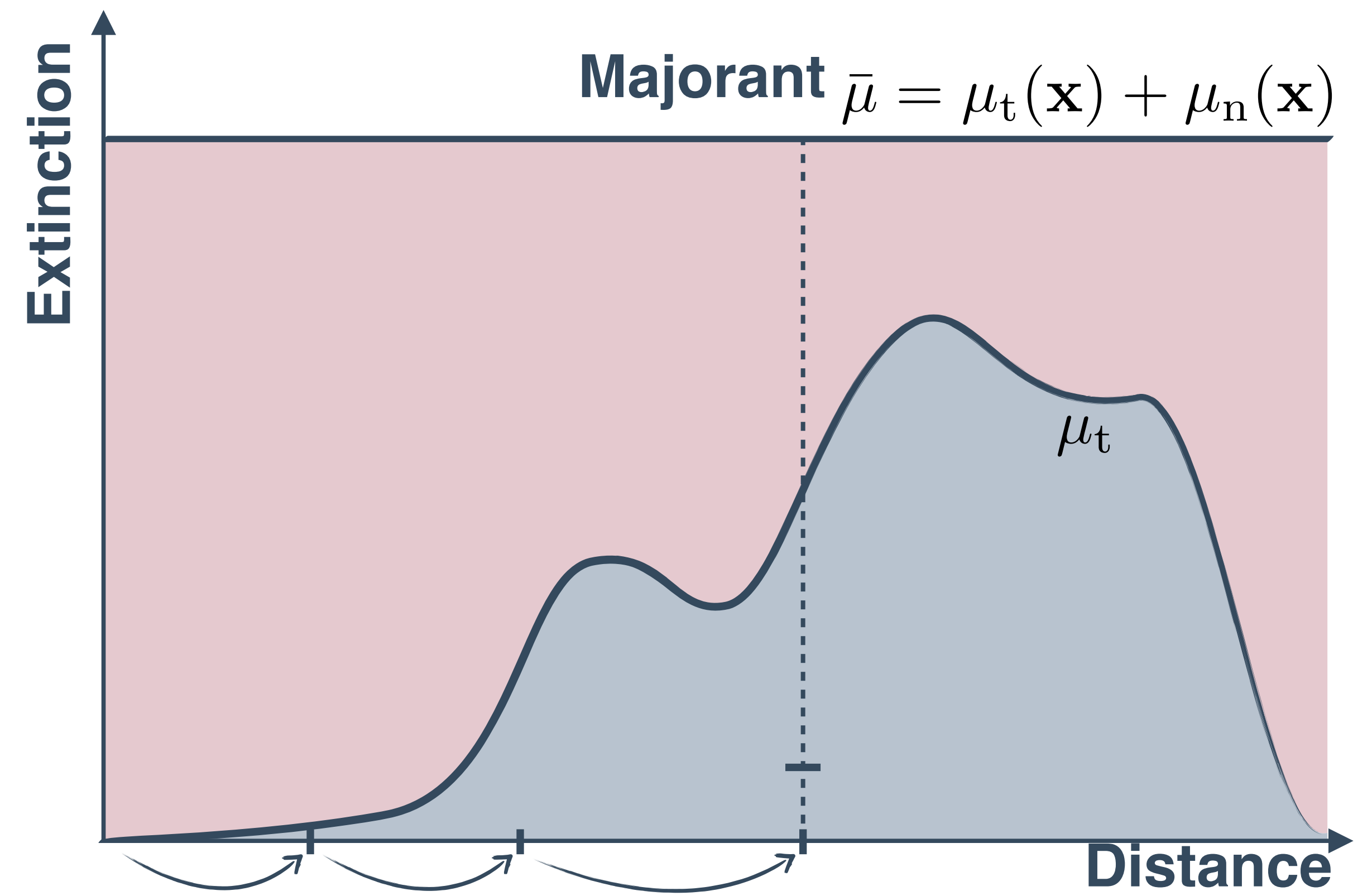
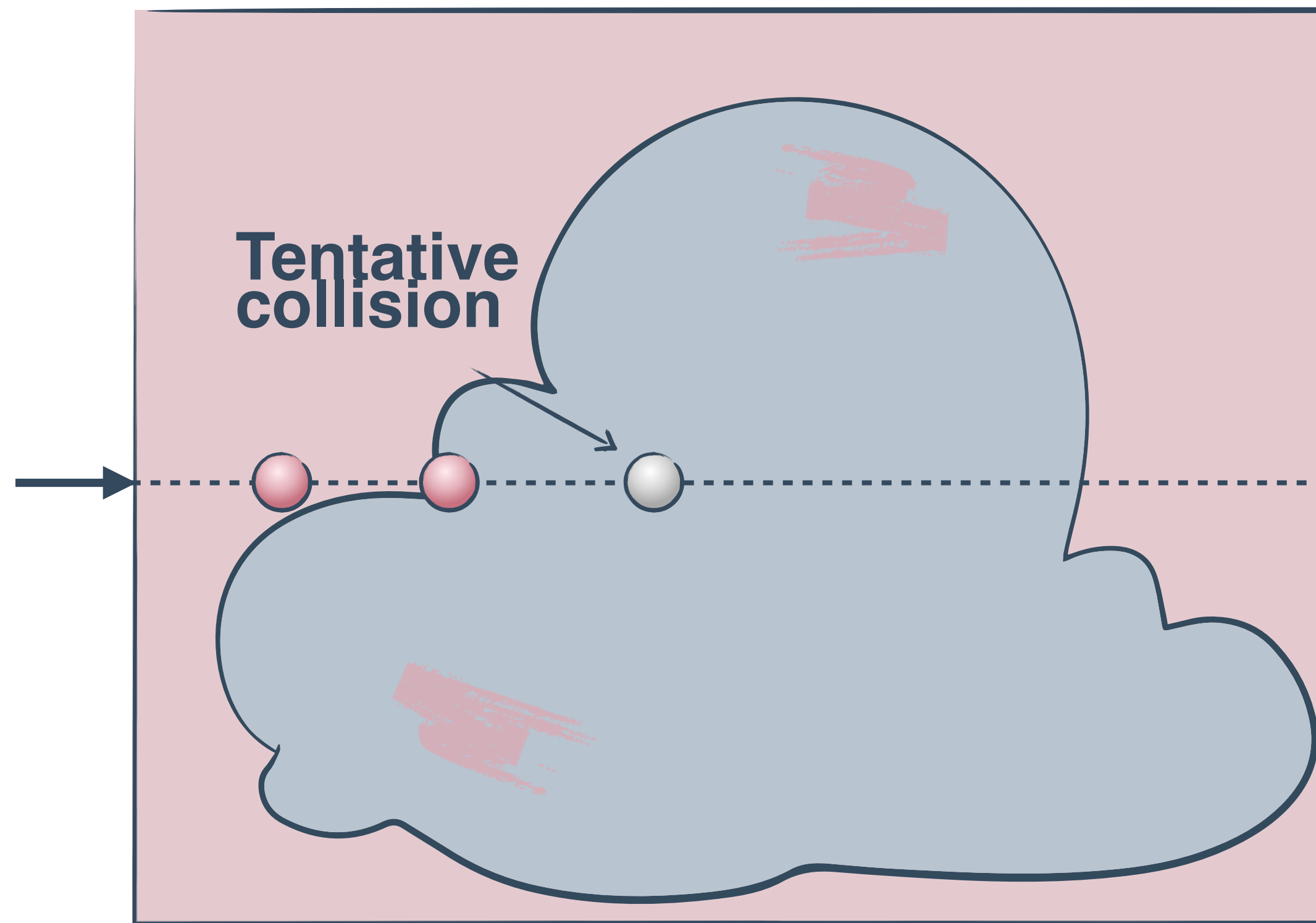
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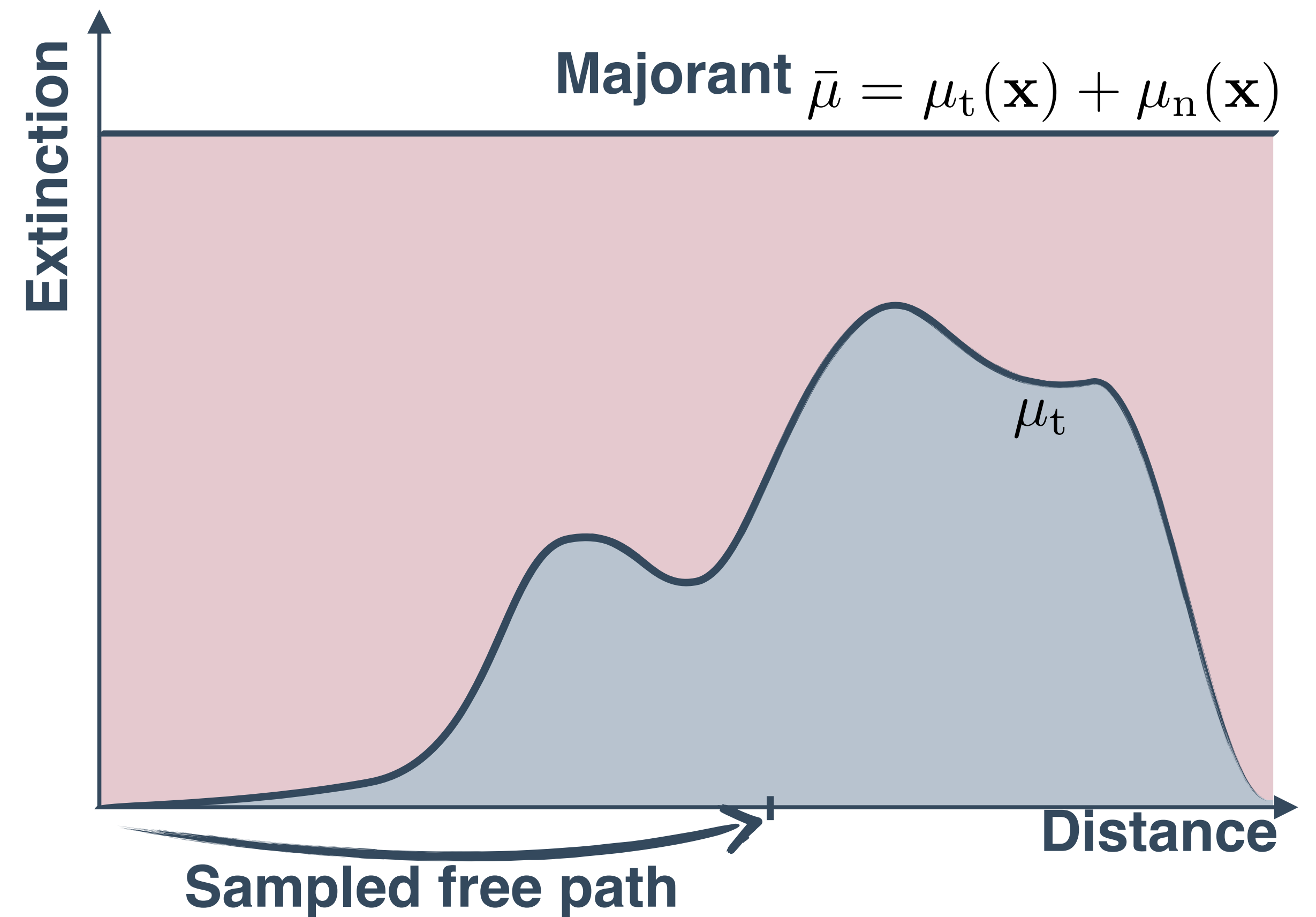
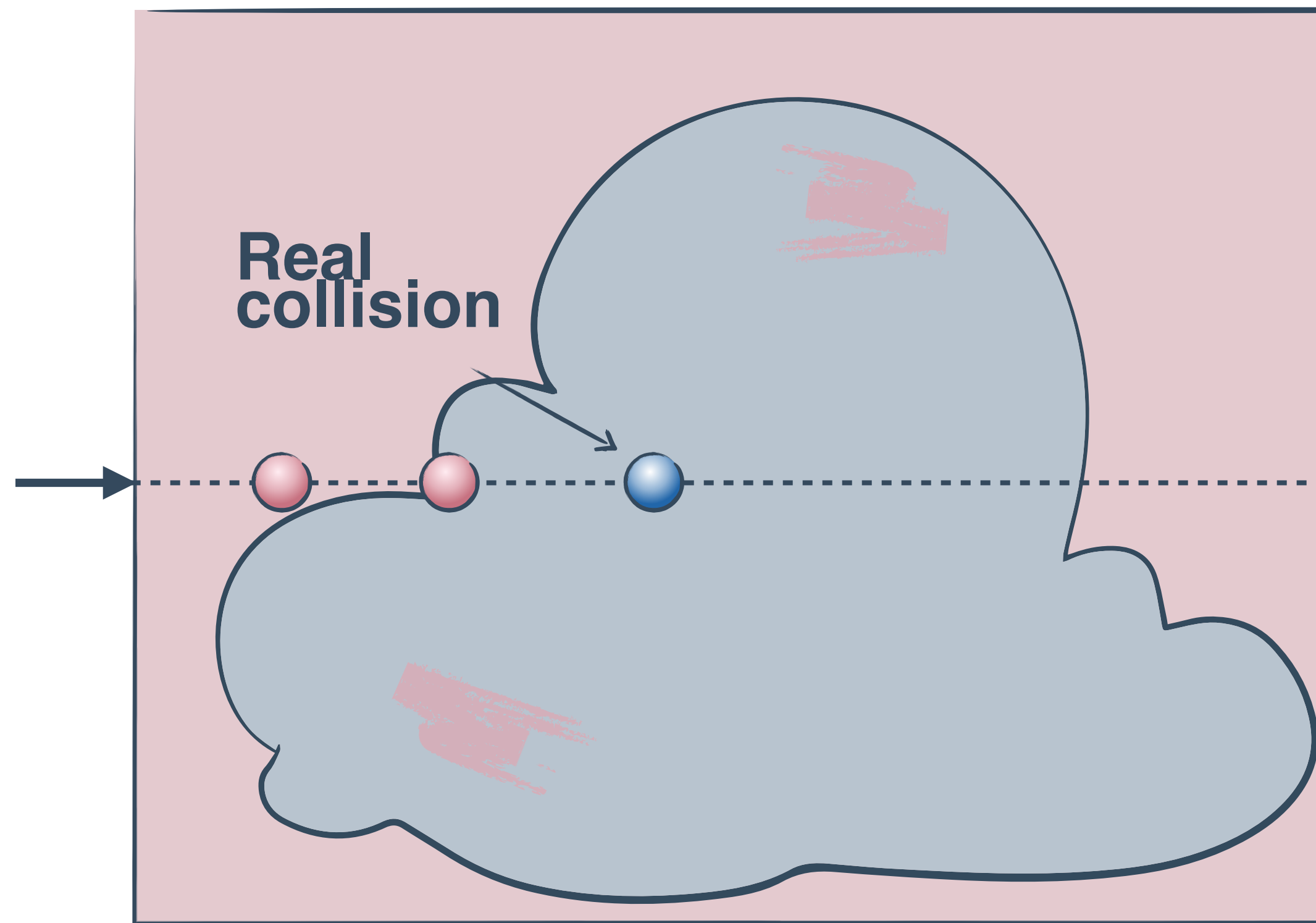
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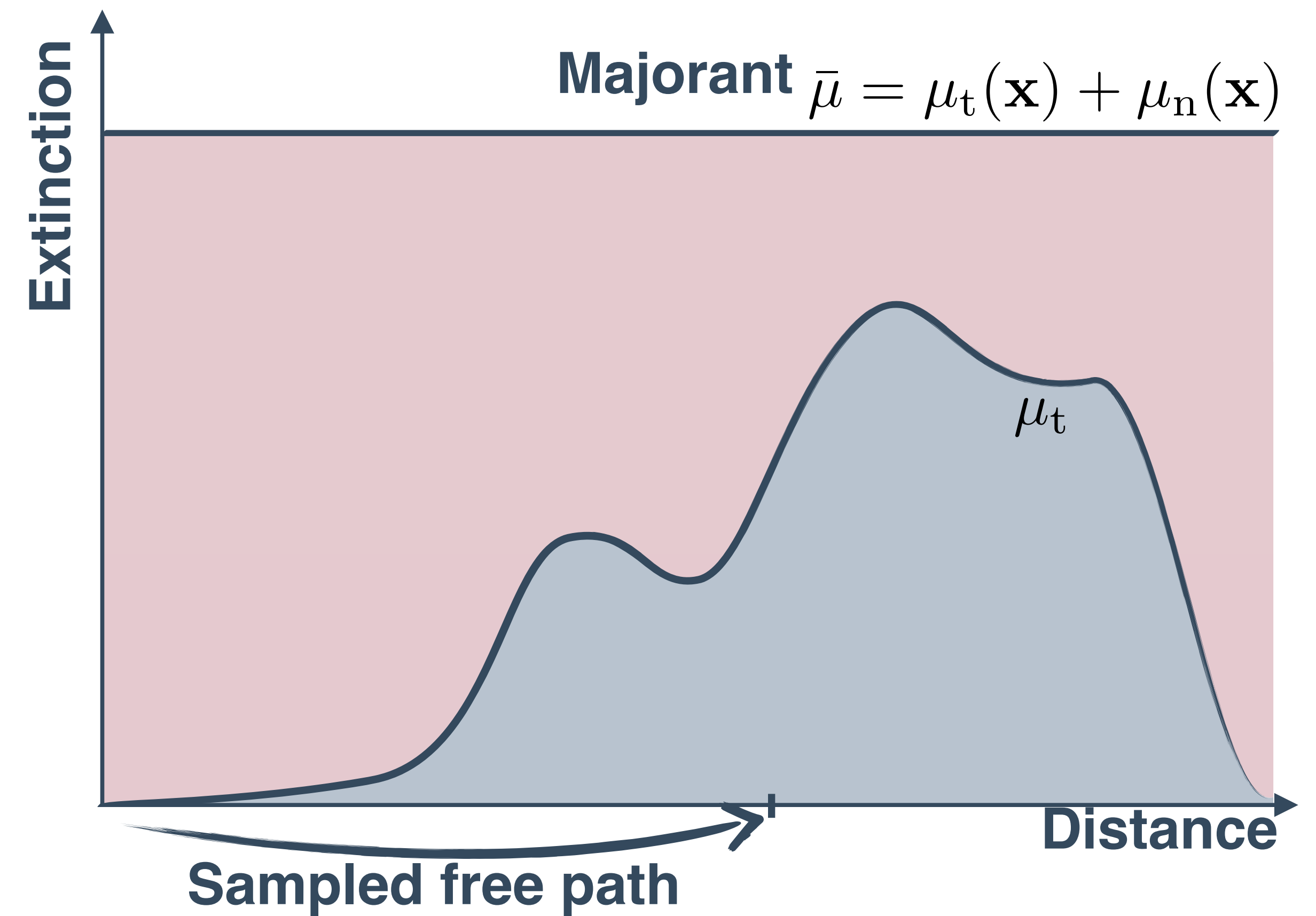


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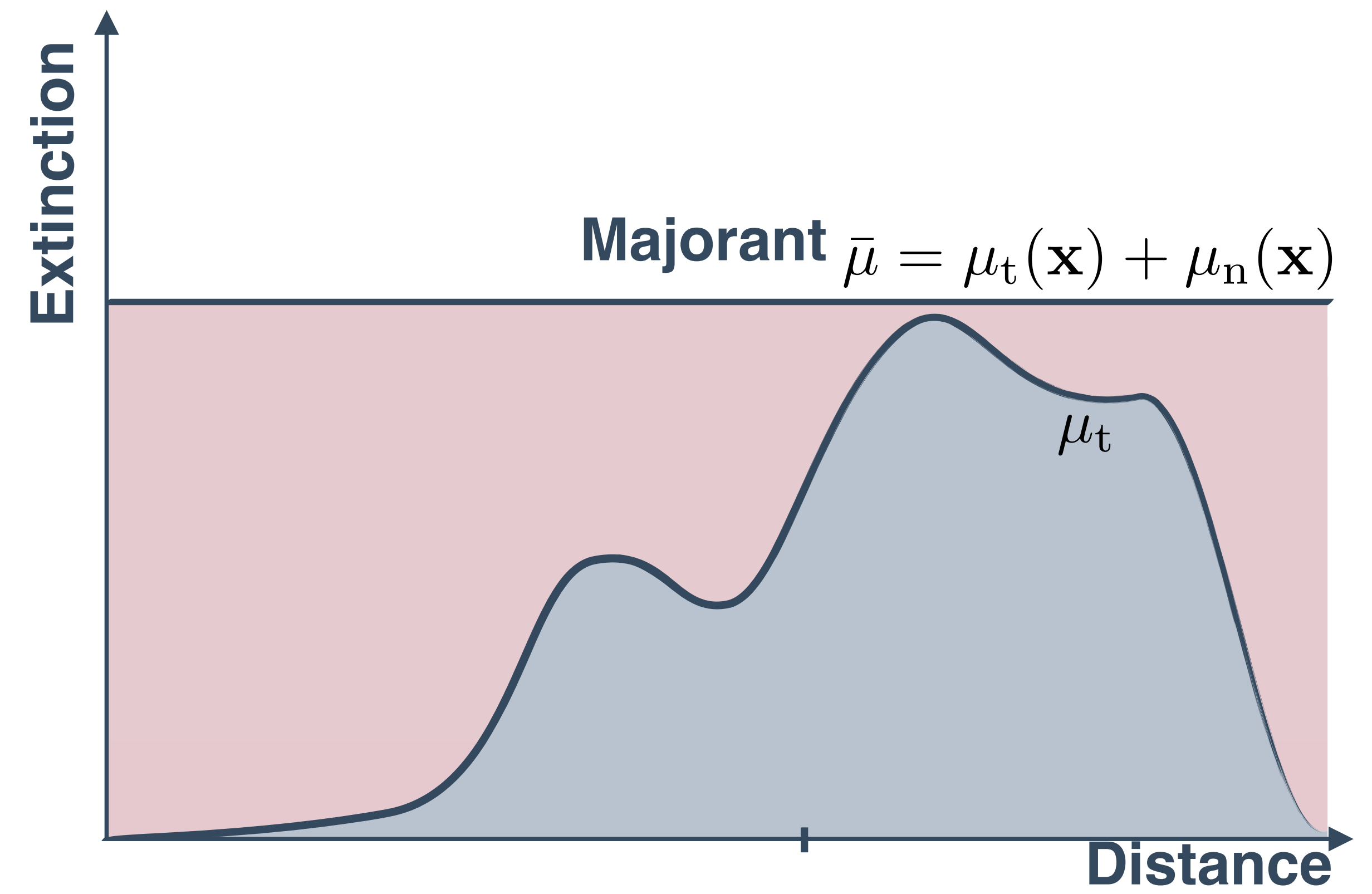
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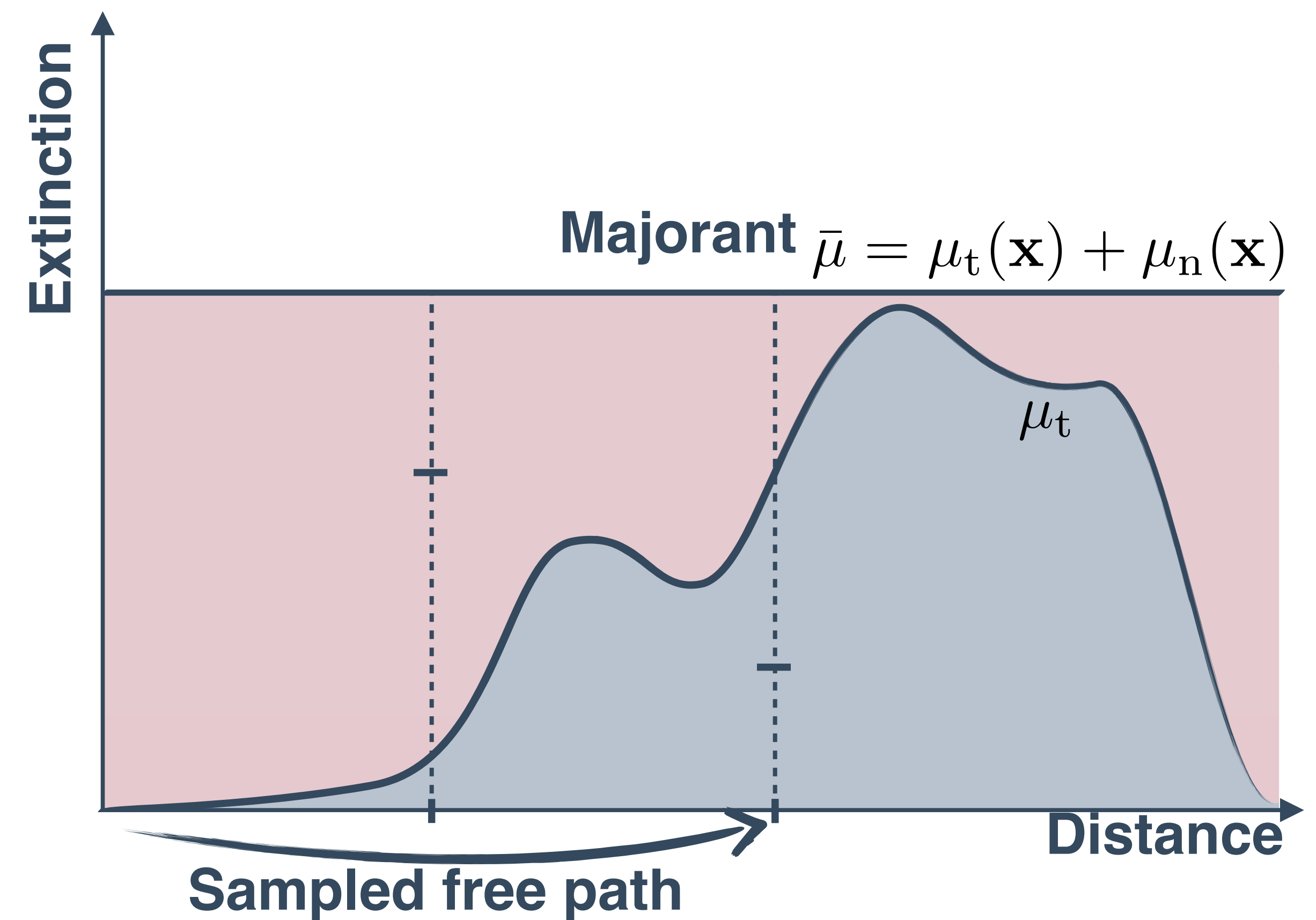


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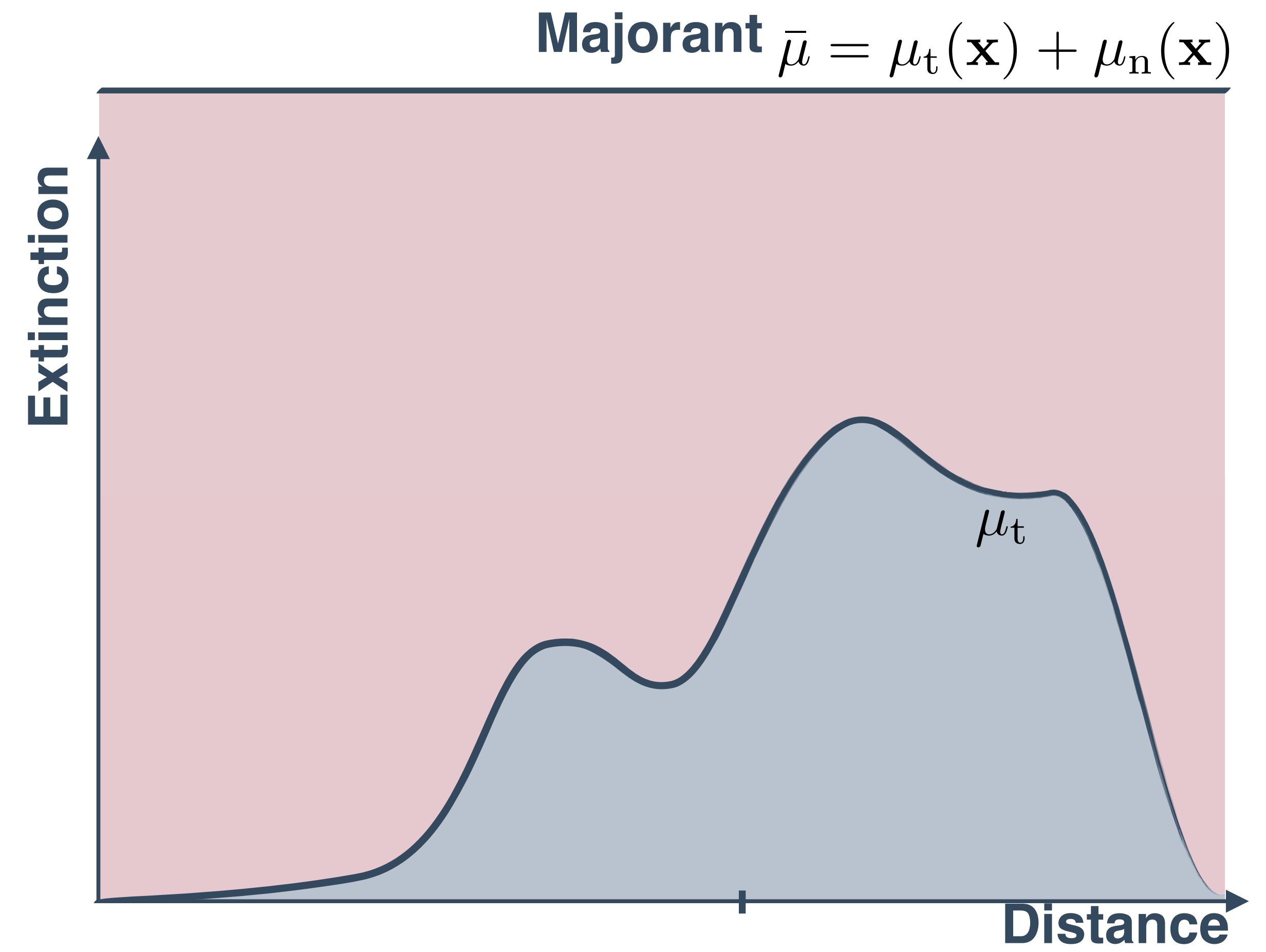


Impact of Majorant

Tight majorant = GOOD
(few rejected collisions)

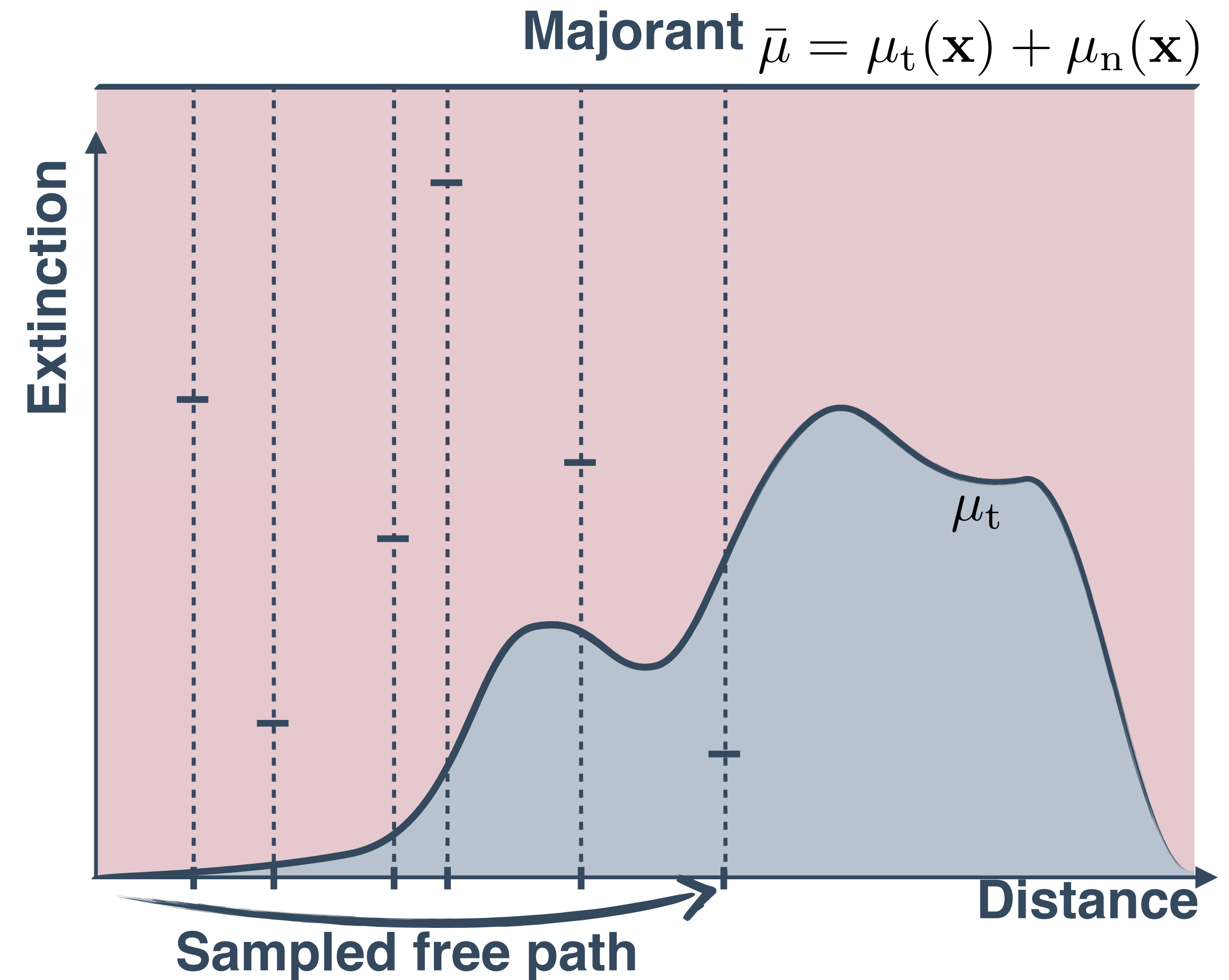


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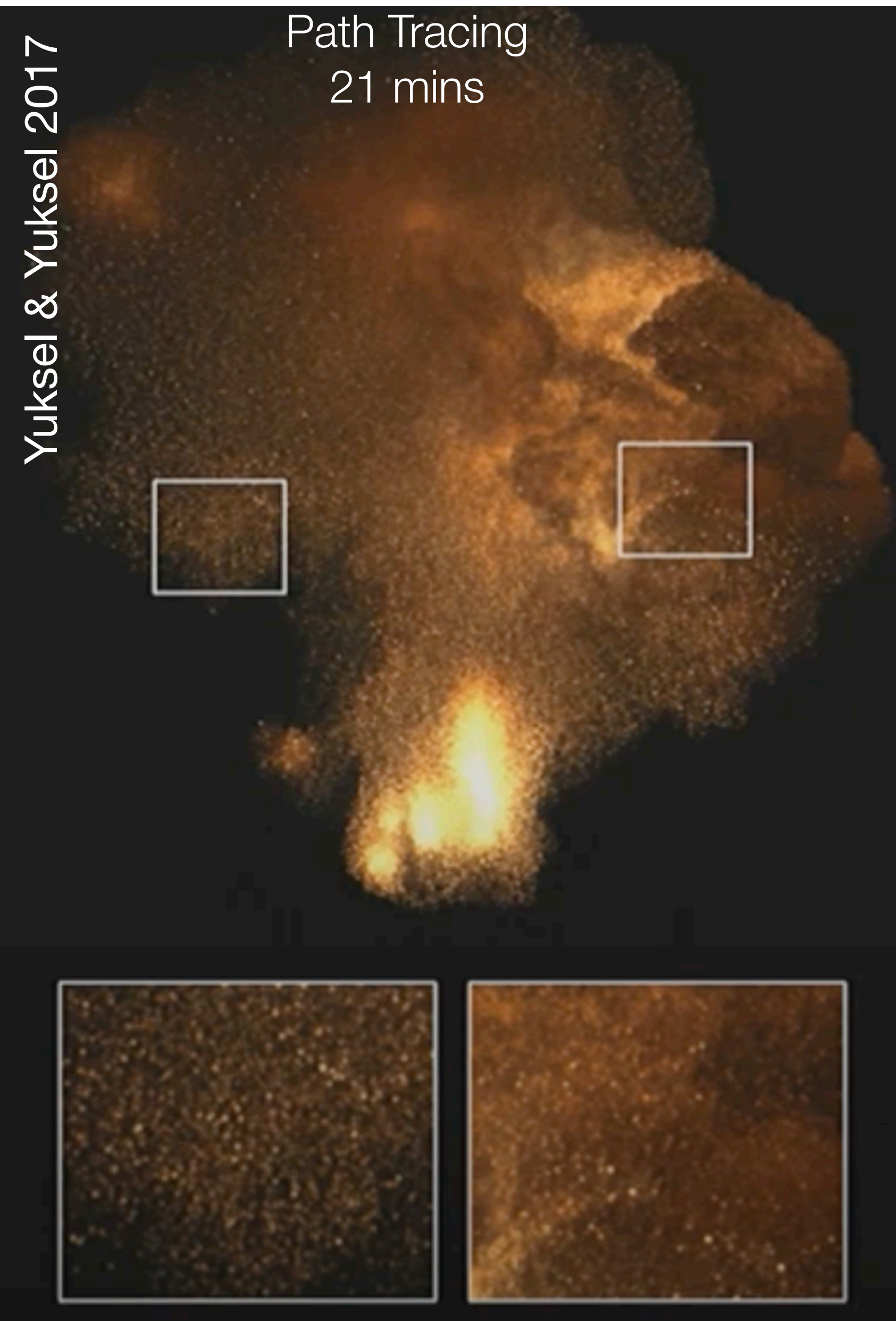


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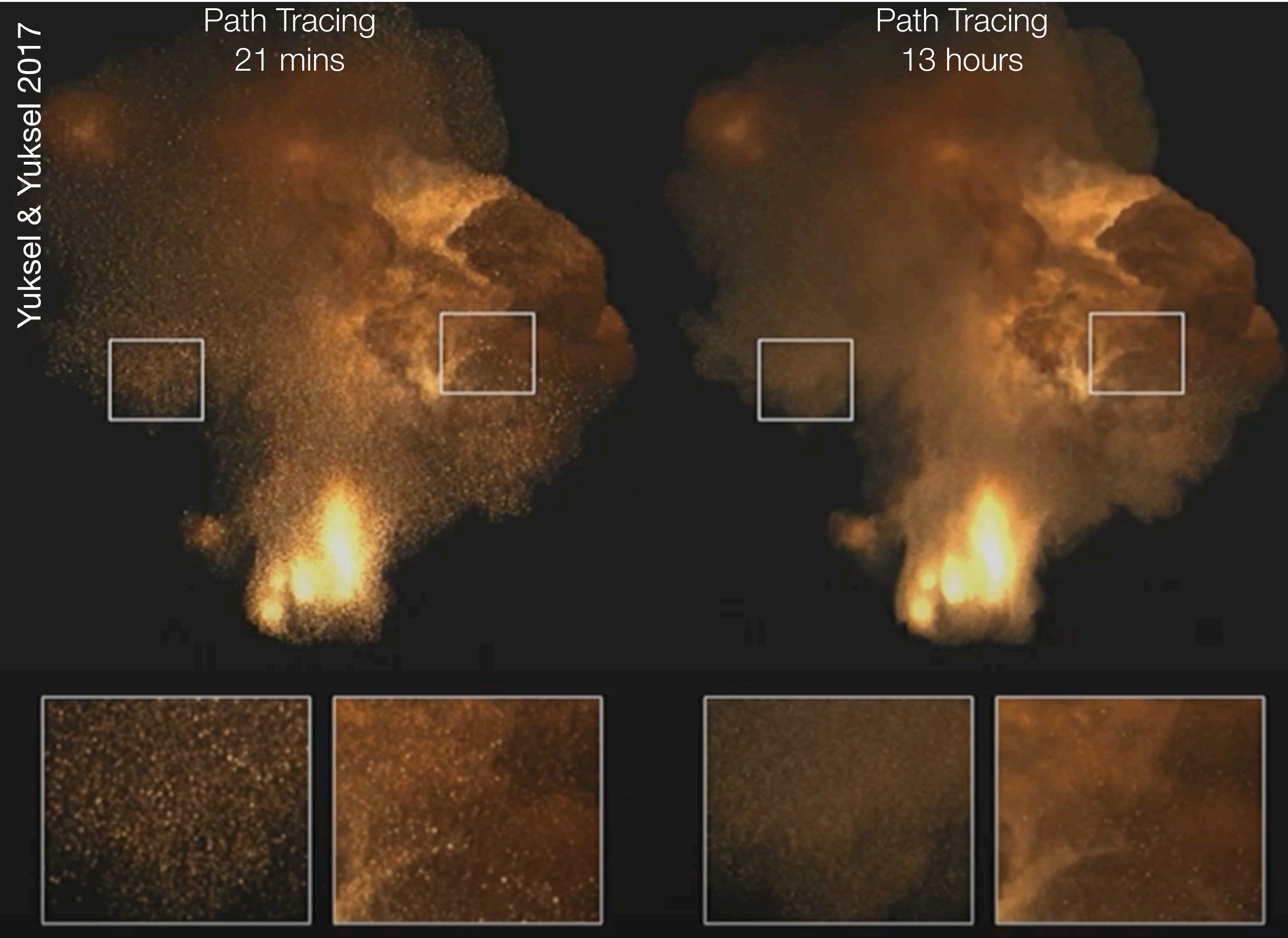
Loose majorant = BAD
(many expensive rejected)



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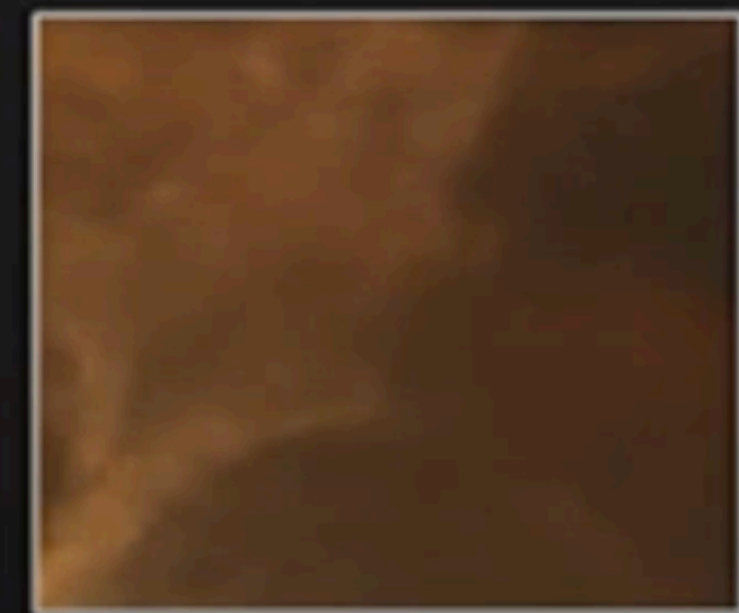
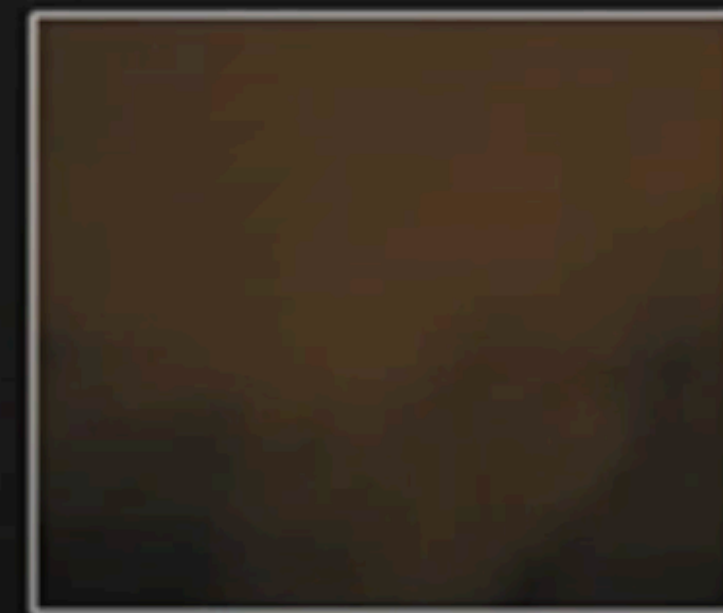
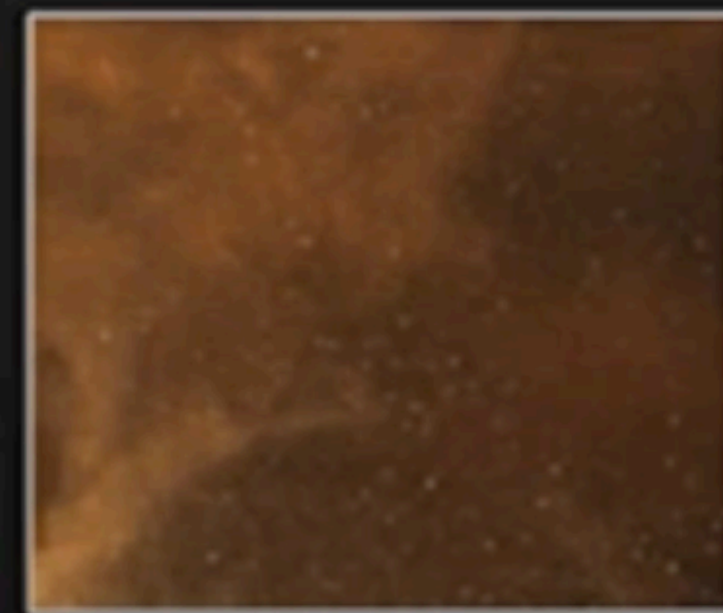
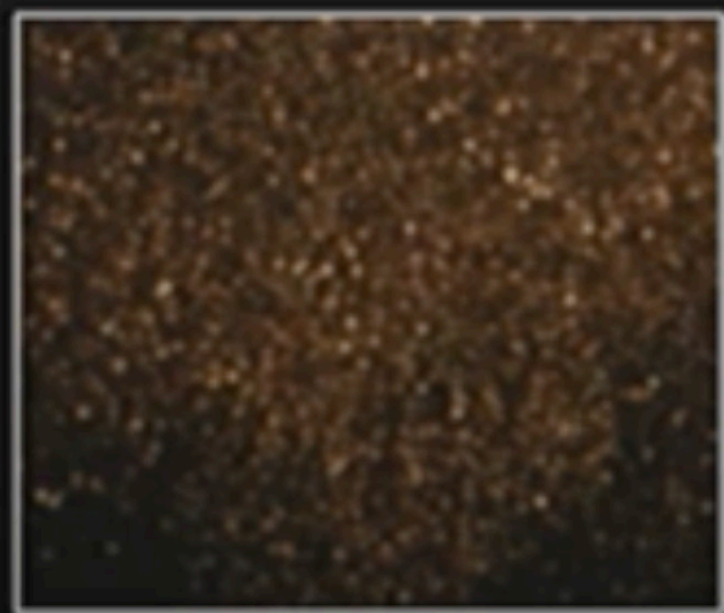
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Path Tracing
21 mins

Path Tracing
13 hours

Many-Light Method
(21 mins)



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