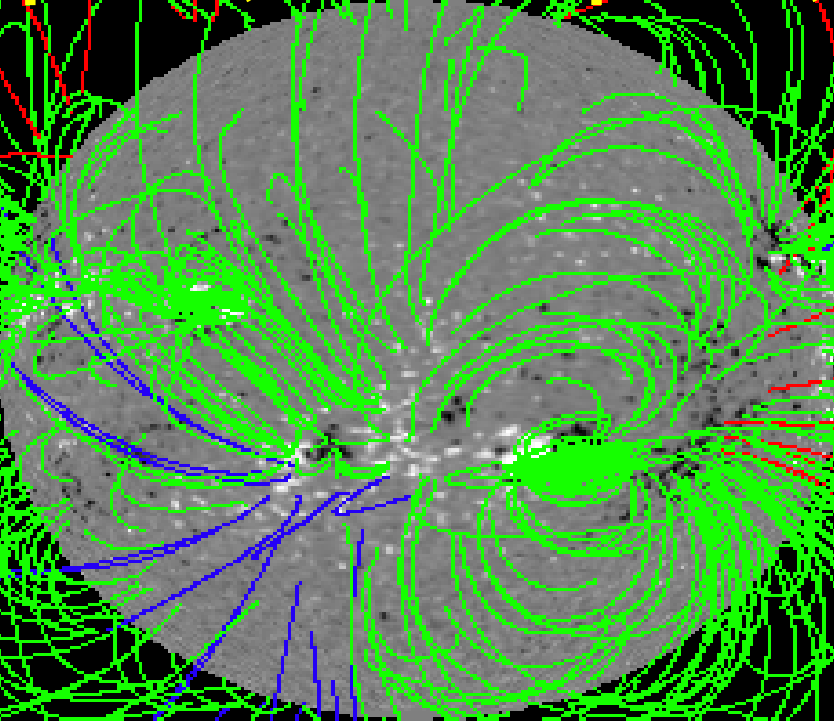


# Volume Visualization

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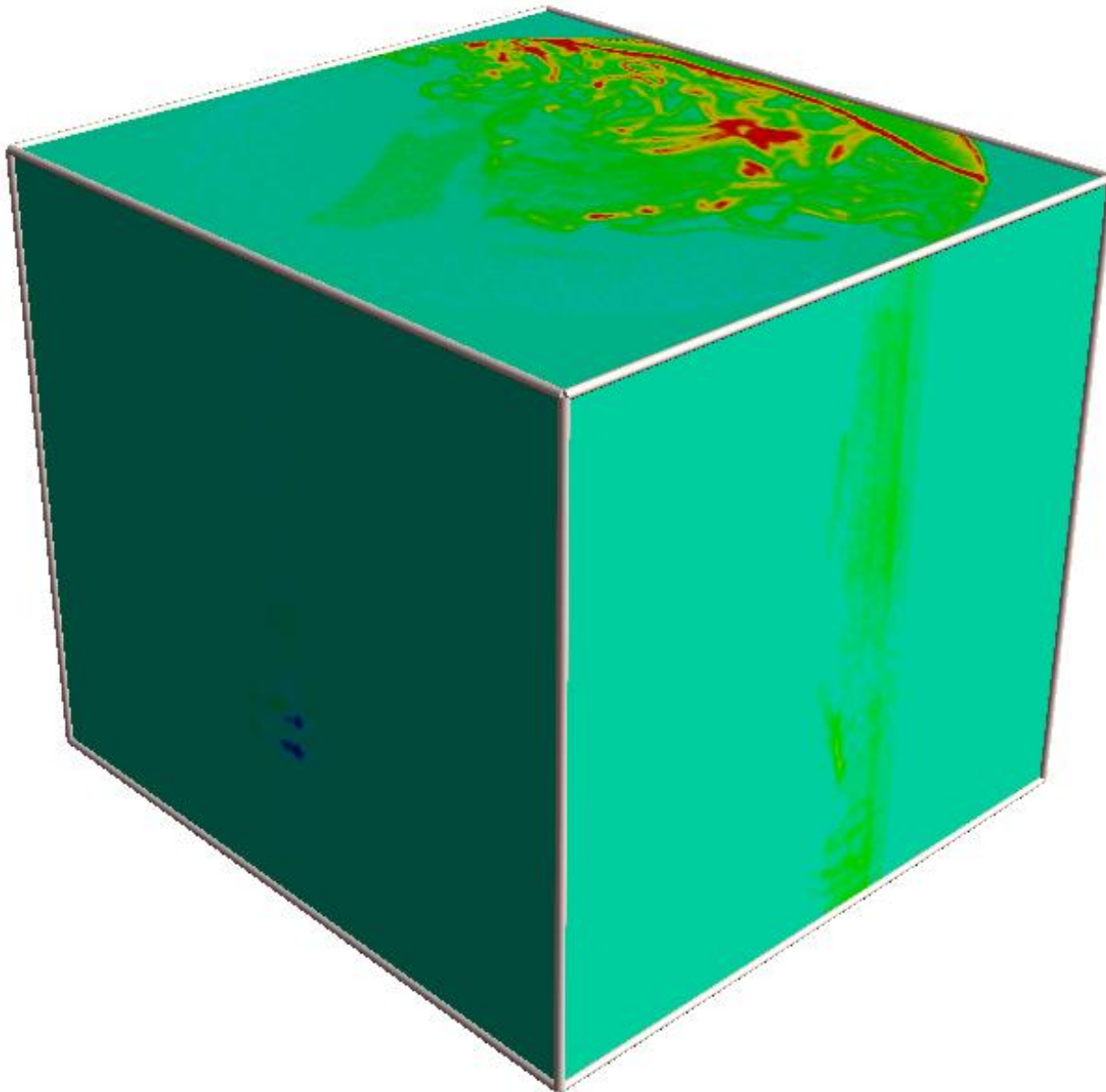


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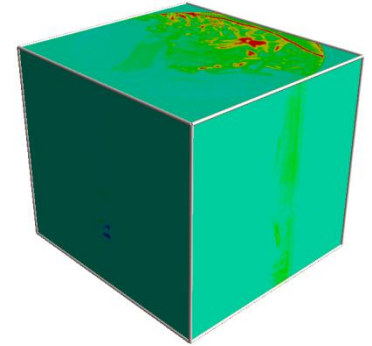
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# Volume Visualization



**Visualize a 3D  
Scalar Dataset**

# Outline



## 10.1. Motivation

## 10.2. Volume Visualization Basics

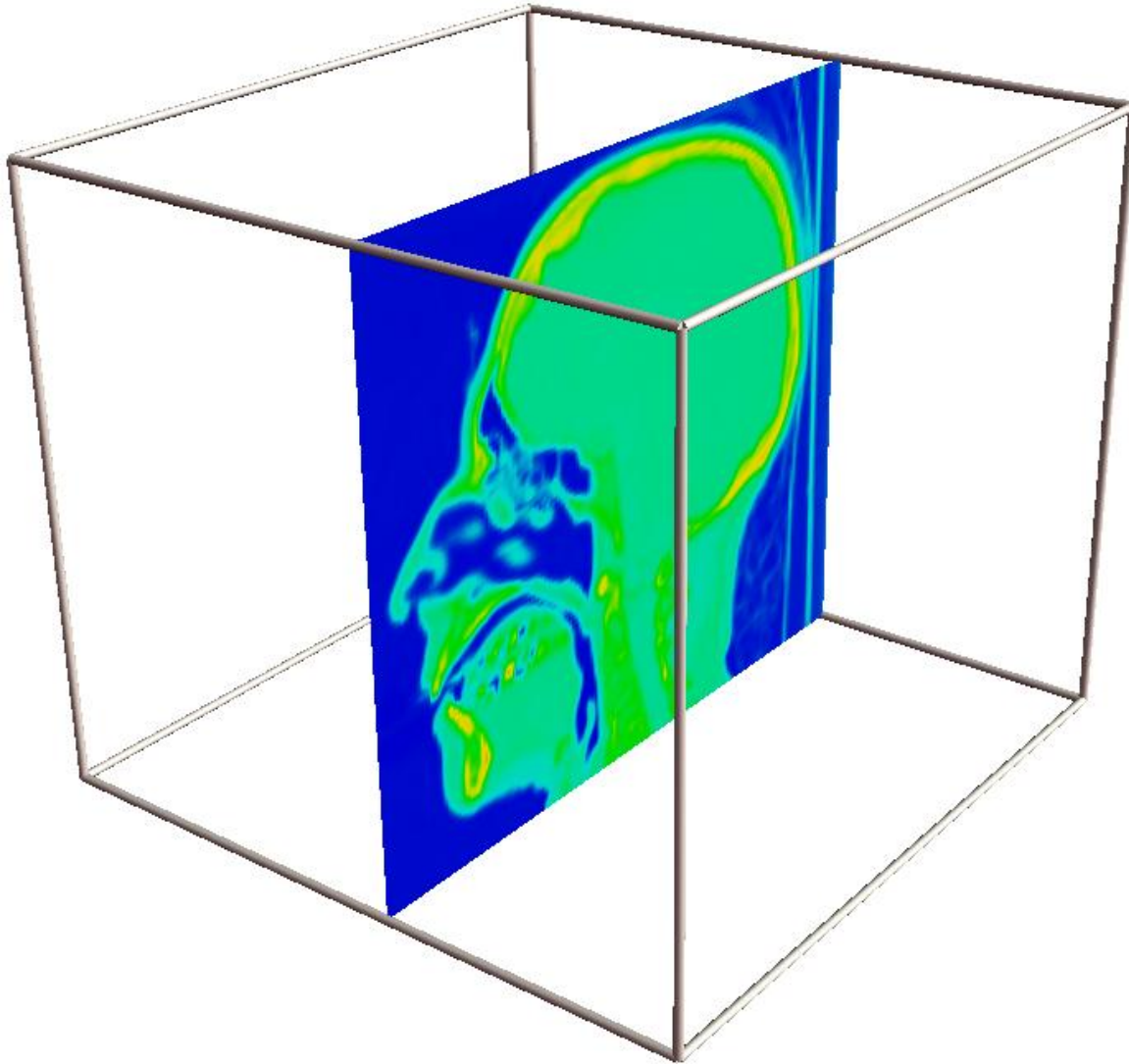
- Ray function and Classification Transfer function
- Maximum Intensity Projection
- Average Intensity Function
- Isosurface Function
- Compositing Function
- Volume Shading

10.3. Image Order Technique

10.4. Object Order Technique

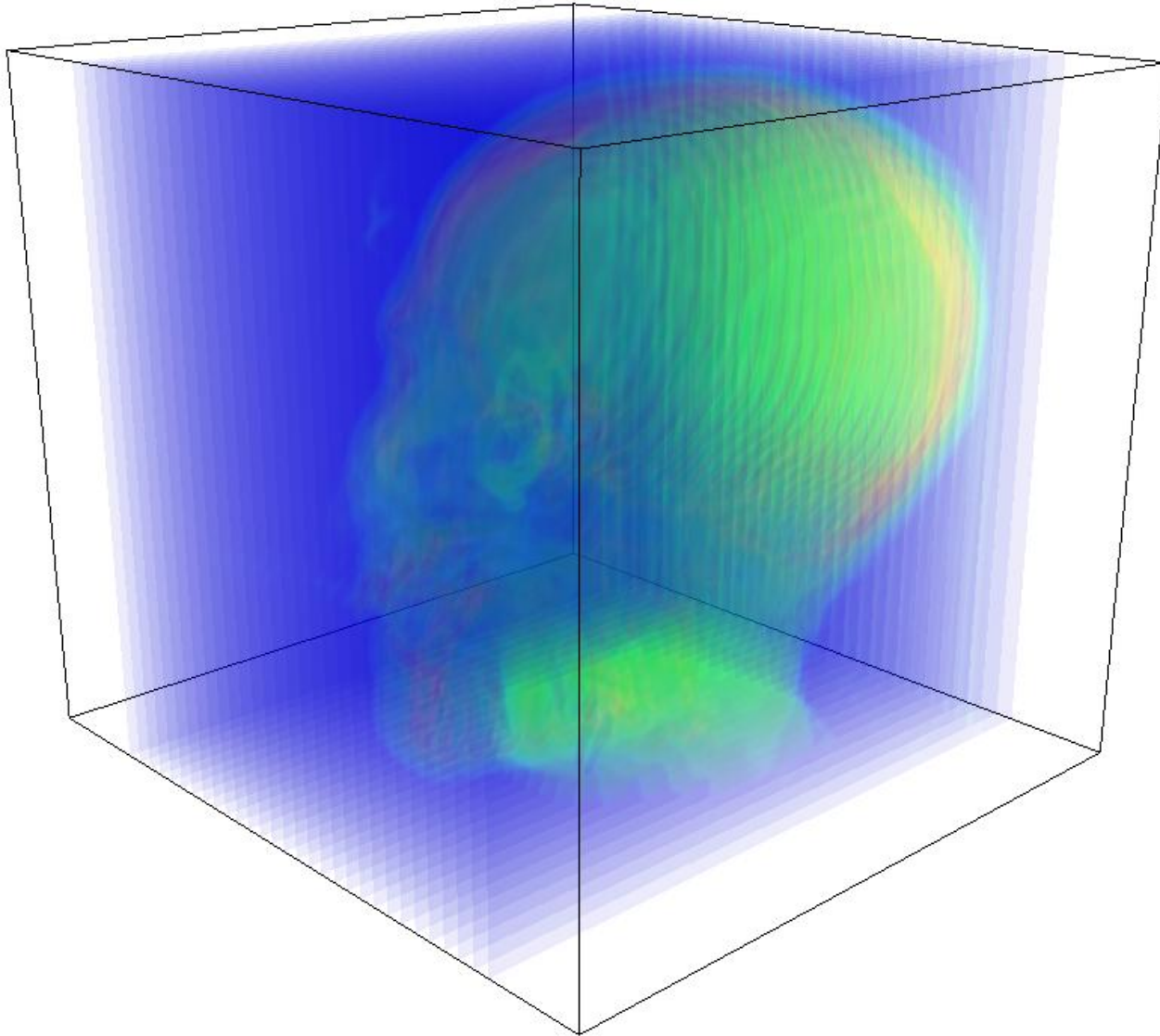
10.5. Volume Rendering versus Geometric Rendering

# Methods We Knew



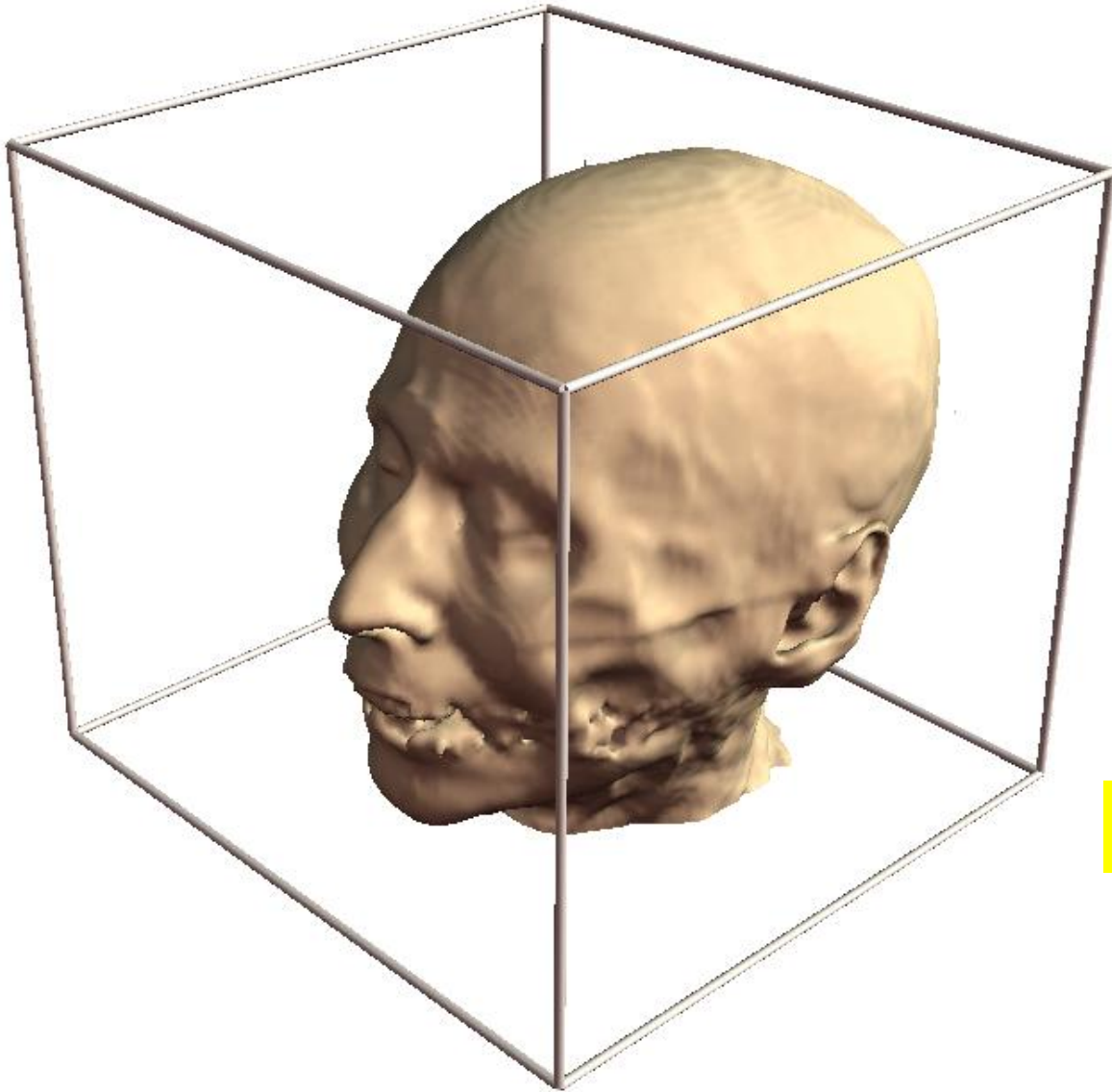
**Slicing**

# Methods We Knew



**Generalized  
Slicing:  
Multiple  
transparent  
slices**

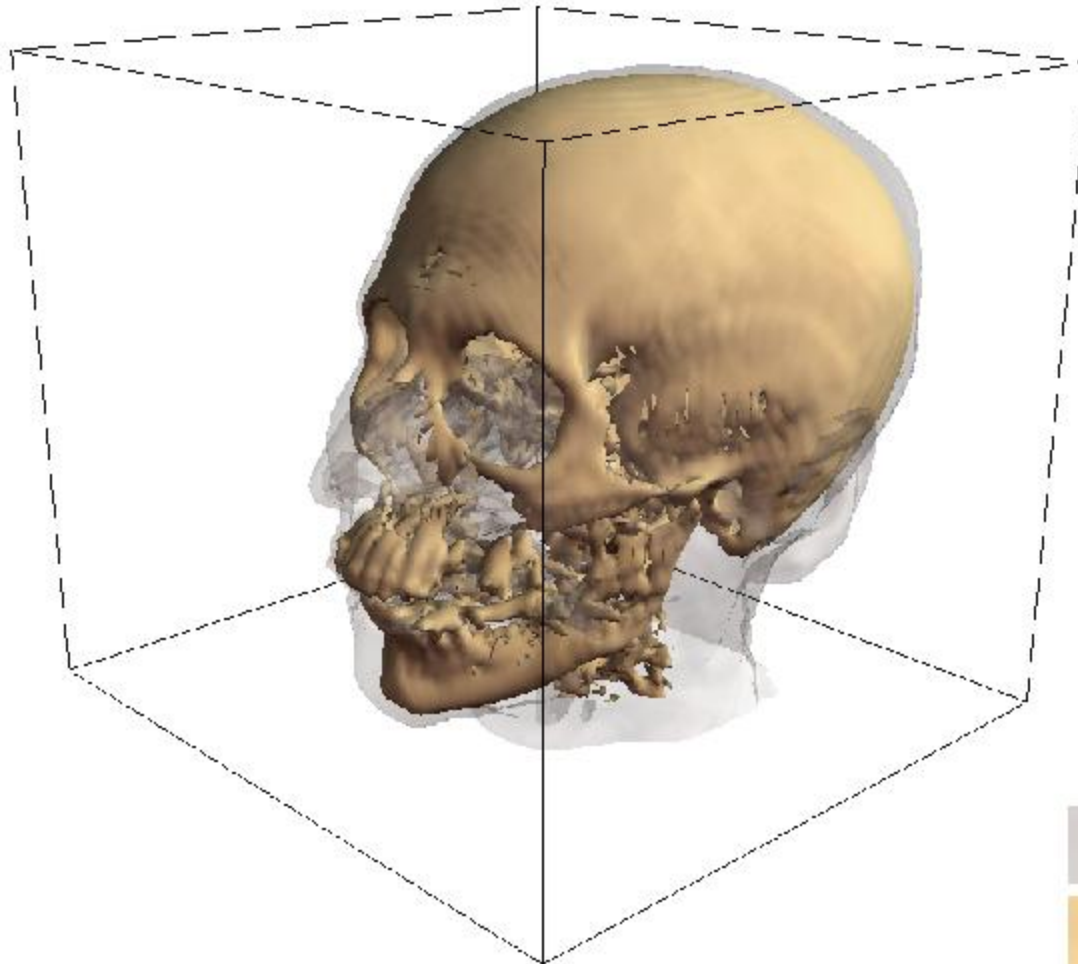
# Methods We Knew



**Isosurface**

# Methods We Knew

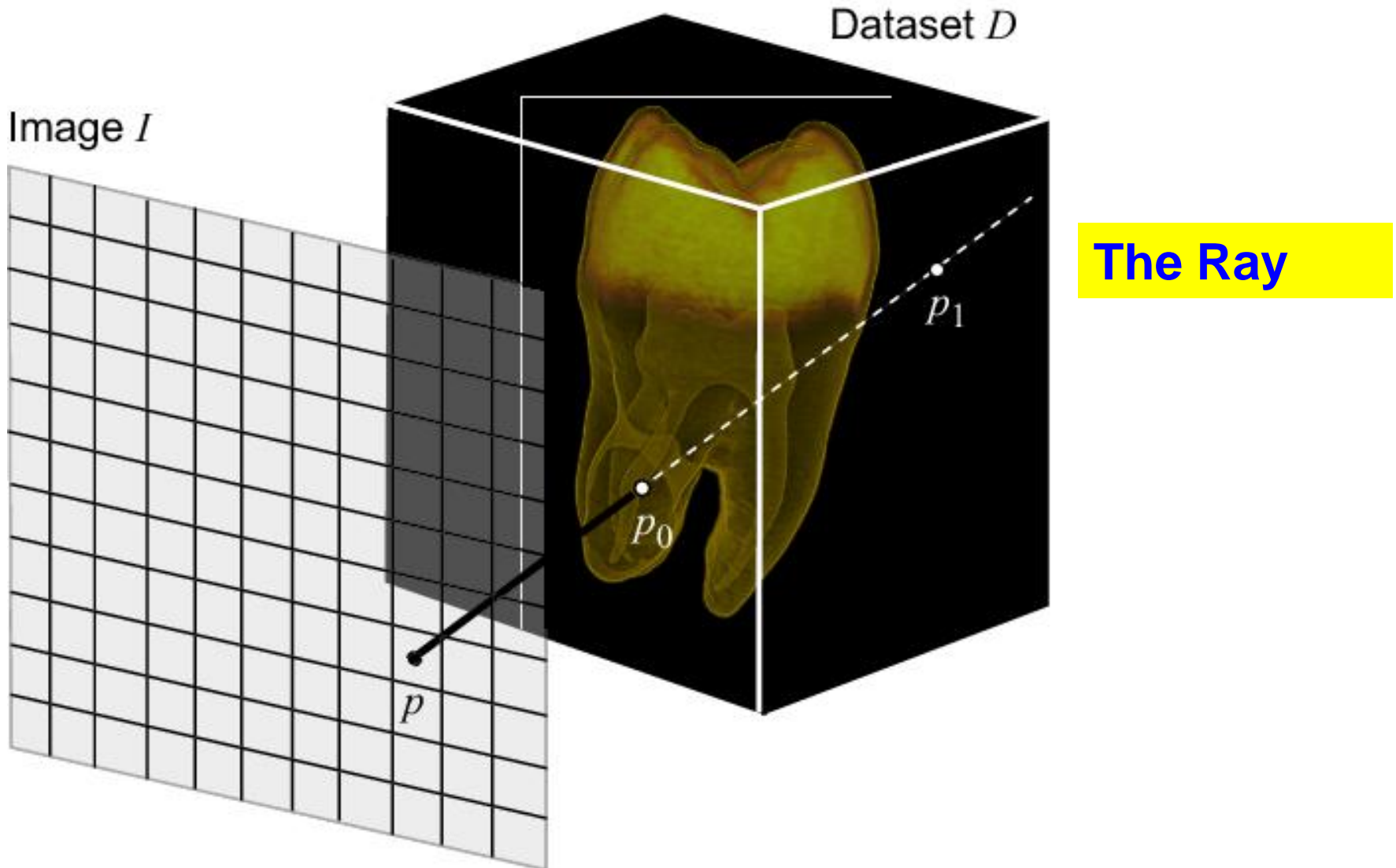
Generalized  
Isosurfaces



■ isovalue = 65  
■ isovalue = 127



# Principle of Volume Visual.





# Principle of Volume Visual.

- Create a two dimensional image that reflects, at every pixel, the data along a ray parallel to the viewing direction passing through that pixel

# Principle of Volume Visual.

The design is to choose the following two functions:

- **Ray function**: synthesize the points along the ray

$$I(p) = F(s(t)) \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

- **Transfer function**: map the value of a data point on the ray to a color and opacity (RGBA) value; also called classification

$$f : R \rightarrow [0, 1]^4$$

# Maximum Intensity Projection Function (MIP)

- The ray function first computes the maximum scale value along the ray, and then maps this value to the color of pixel P

$$I(p) = f(\max(s(t)))$$

# Maximum Intensity Projection Function (MIP)



a)

# Average Intensity Function

- The ray function is the average intensity

$$I(p) = f\left(\frac{\int_{t=0}^T s(t) dt}{T}\right)$$

Analogous to an X-ray image

# Compositing Function

- A general ray function
- The color  $C(p)$  of a given pixel  $p$  is a superposition of the contributions of the color  $c(t)$  of all voxels  $q(t)$  along the ray  $r(p)$

$$C(p) = \int_{t=0}^T C(t) dt$$

$C(t)$ : contribution from voxel  $q(t)$  with value  $c(t)$

# Compositing Function

- Volumetric Illumination Model: color  $c(t)$  emitted at location  $q(t)$  is attenuated by the opacity of points situated between  $q(t)$  and the view plan

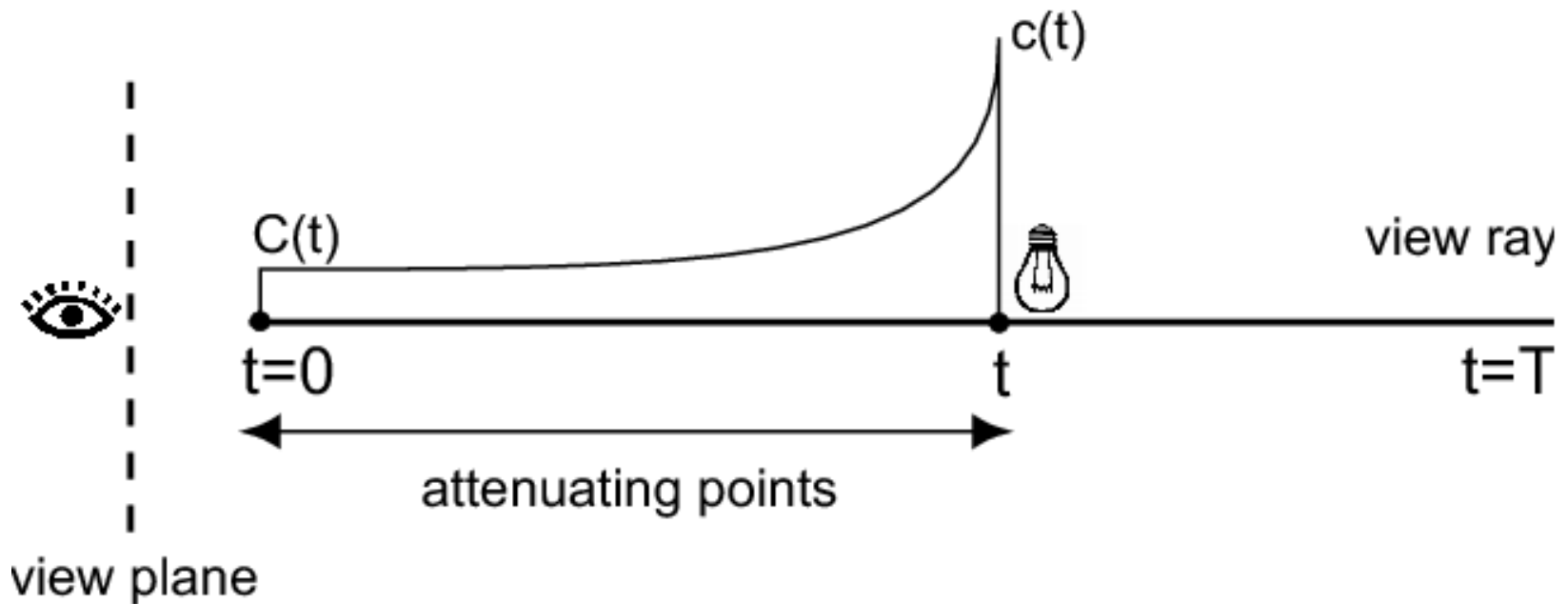
$$\mathbf{C}(t) = c(t)e^{-\int_0^t \tau(x) dx}$$

$\tau(x)$  : opacity at  $x$



# Compositing Function

## Volumetric Illumination Model

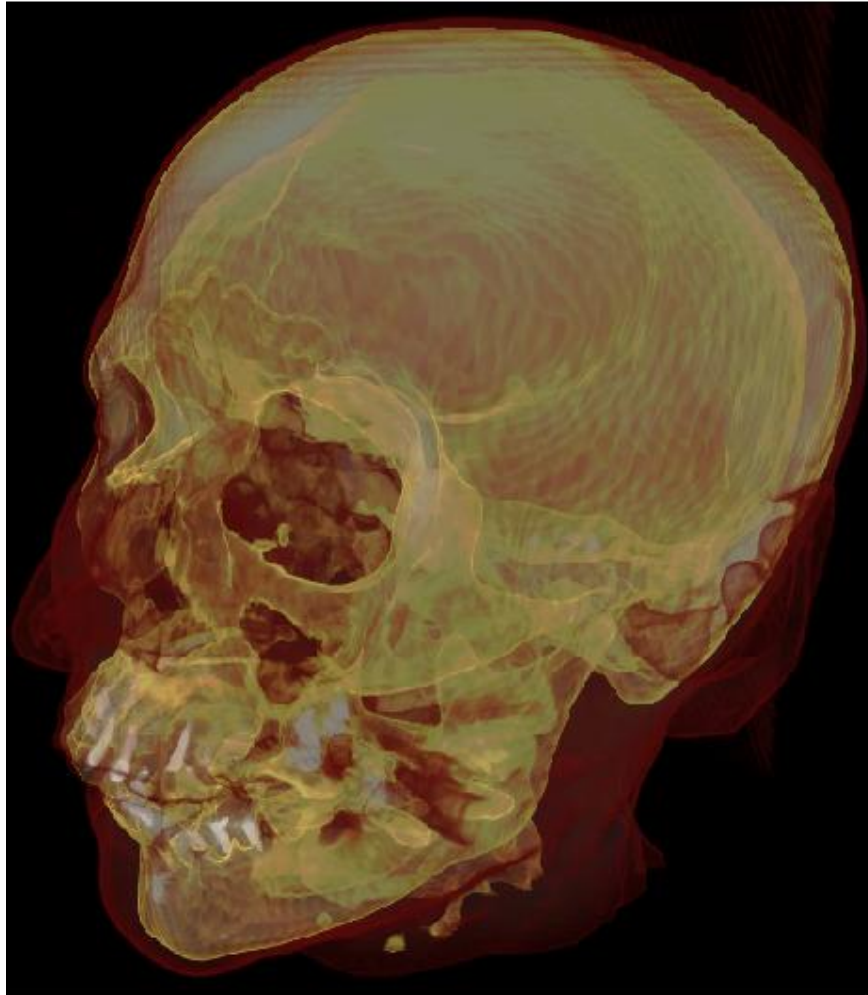


# Compositing Function

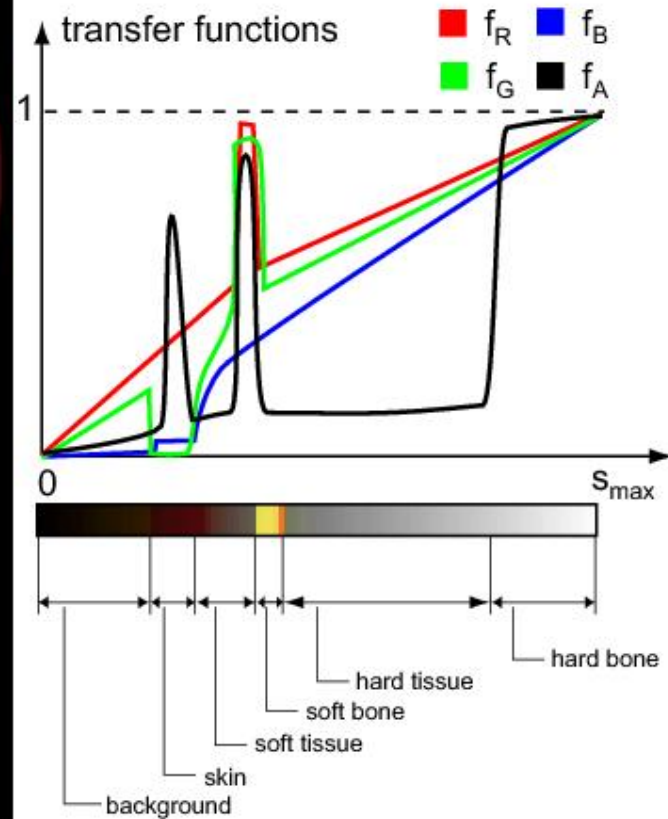
$$C(p) = \int_{t=0}^T c(t) e^{-\int_0^t \tau(x) dx} dt$$

Yield high quality of volume rendering

# Compositing Function



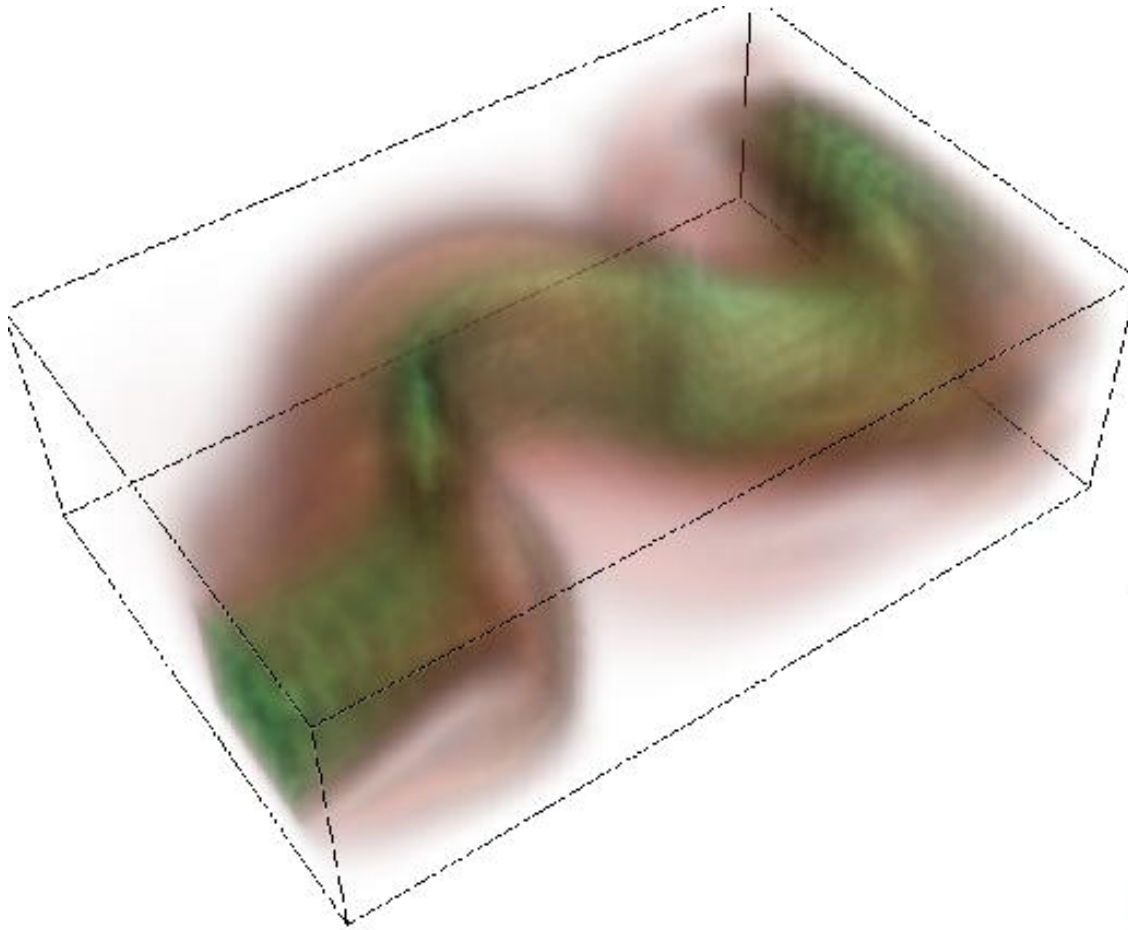
a)



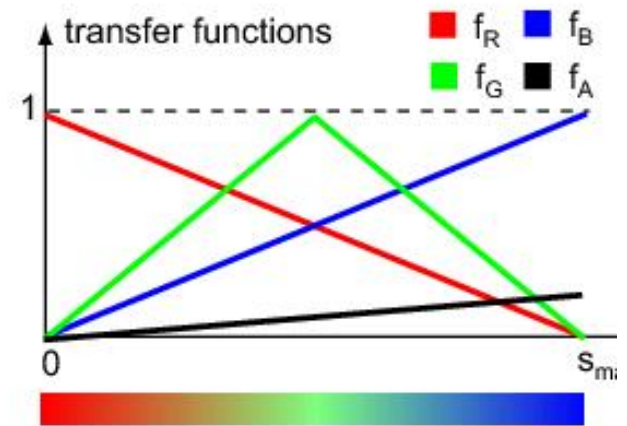
b)

Specify the transfer function for colors;  
Specify the transfer function for opacity

# Compositing Function



a)



b)

**Volume data without sharp boundary:  
smooth transfer functions**

# **End of Chap. 10**

**Note: All sections are covered except  
10.3, 10.4 and 10.5**