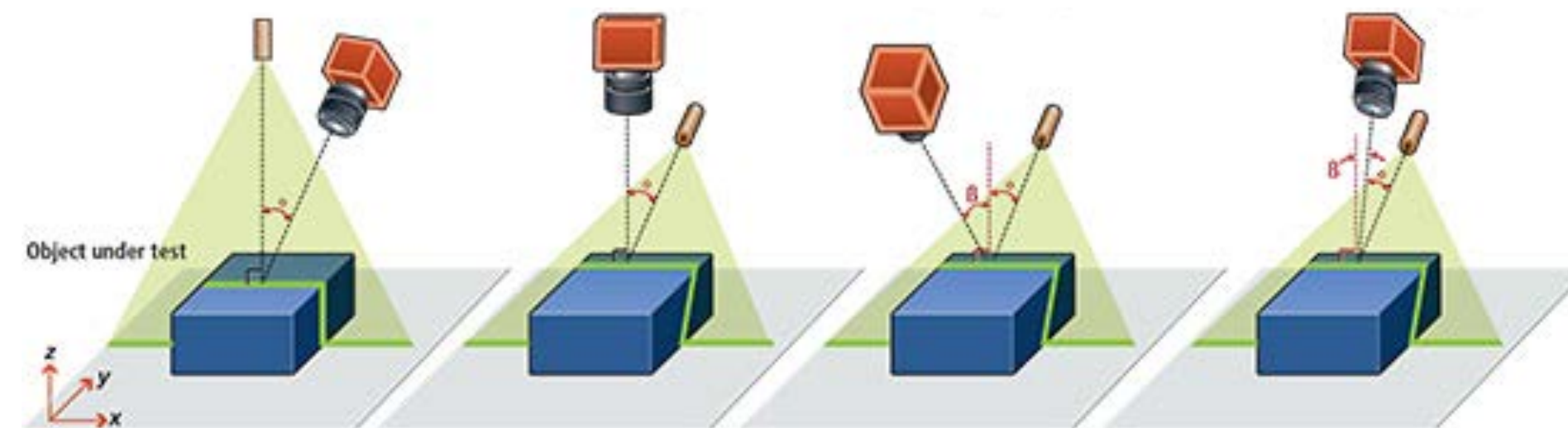




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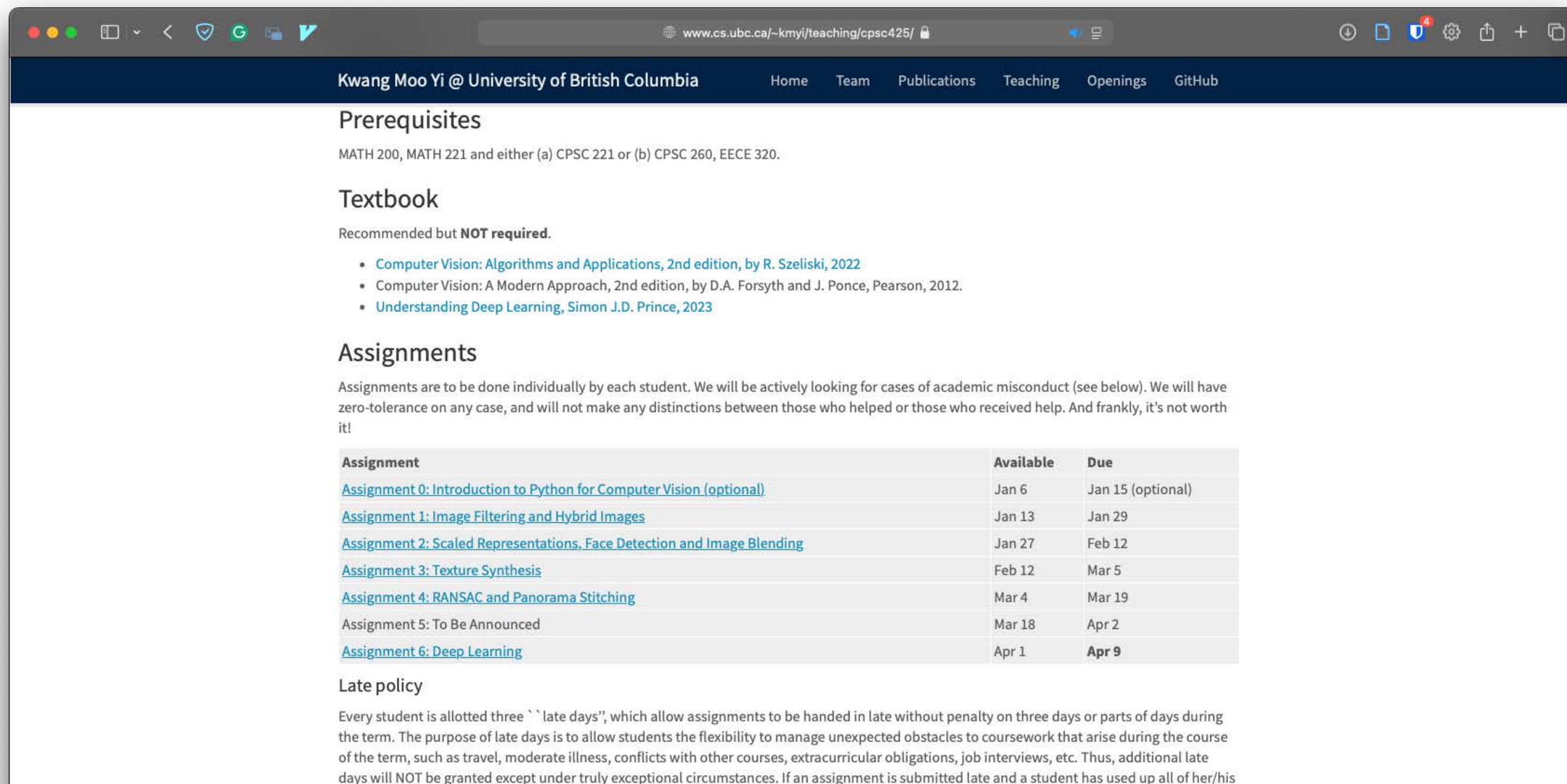


## Lecture 2: Image Formation

( slide credits / thanks to **Bob Woodham, Jim Little, Fred Tung, Leonid Sigal, and Matthew Brown** )

# Waitlisted Students

All **course materials** will be on the **public webpage**, and there will be  
+ **no graded assessment** before **add drop deadline** (Jan 17th)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the course page for Kwang Moo Yi at the University of British Columbia. The page includes a navigation bar with links to Home, Team, Publications, Teaching, Openings, and GitHub. The main content area is divided into sections: Prerequisites, Textbook, Assignments, and Late policy. The Assignments section contains a table with columns for Assignment, Available, and Due dates.

**Prerequisites**  
MATH 200, MATH 221 and either (a) CPSC 221 or (b) CPSC 260, EECE 320.

**Textbook**  
Recommended but **NOT required**.

- [Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications, 2nd edition, by R. Szeliski, 2022](#)
- Computer Vision: A Modern Approach, 2nd edition, by D.A. Forsyth and J. Ponce, Pearson, 2012.
- [Understanding Deep Learning, Simon J.D. Prince, 2023](#)

**Assignments**  
Assignments are to be done individually by each student. We will be actively looking for cases of academic misconduct (see below). We will have zero-tolerance on any case, and will not make any distinctions between those who helped or those who received help. And frankly, it's not worth it!

| Assignment  | Available | Due               |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| <a href="#">Assignment 0: Introduction to Python for Computer Vision (optional)</a>     | Jan 6     | Jan 15 (optional) |
| <a href="#">Assignment 1: Image Filtering and Hybrid Images</a>                         | Jan 13    | Jan 29            |
| <a href="#">Assignment 2: Scaled Representations, Face Detection and Image Blending</a> | Jan 27    | Feb 12            |
| <a href="#">Assignment 3: Texture Synthesis</a>   | Feb 12    | Mar 5             |
| <a href="#">Assignment 4: RANSAC and Panorama Stitching</a>                             | Mar 4     | Mar 19            |
| Assignment 5: To Be Announced   | Mar 18    | Apr 2             |
| <a href="#">Assignment 6: Deep Learning</a>   | Apr 1     | <b>Apr 9</b>      |

**Late policy**  
Every student is allotted three ``late days'', which allow assignments to be handed in late without penalty on three days or parts of days during the term. The purpose of late days is to allow students the flexibility to manage unexpected obstacles to coursework that arise during the course of the term, such as travel, moderate illness, conflicts with other courses, extracurricular obligations, job interviews, etc. Thus, additional late days will NOT be granted except under truly exceptional circumstances. If an assignment is submitted late and a student has used up all of her/his

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# This Lecture

## Topics: Image Formation

- Image Formation
- Cameras and Lenses
- Projection

## Readings:

- **Today's** Lecture: Szeliski Chapter 2, Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 1.1.1 — 1.1.3
- **Next** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 4.1, 4.5

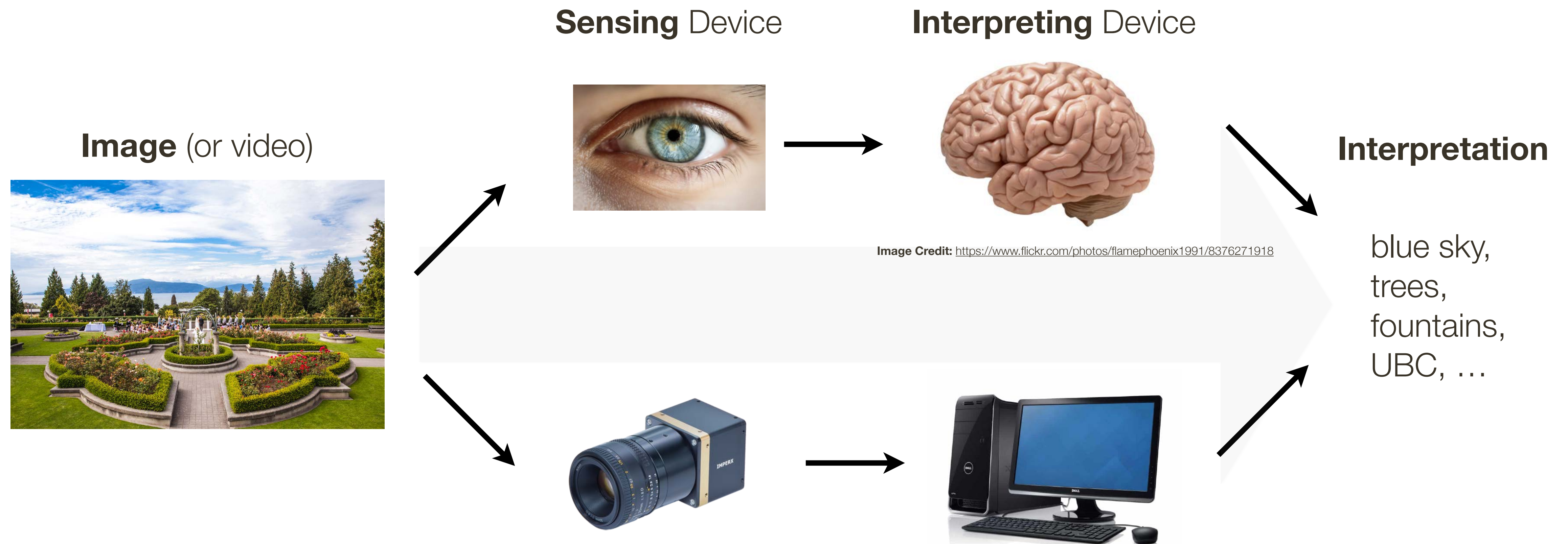
## Lecture 2: Goal

To understand how images are formed  
(and develop relevant mathematical  
concepts and abstractions)



# What is **Computer Vision**?

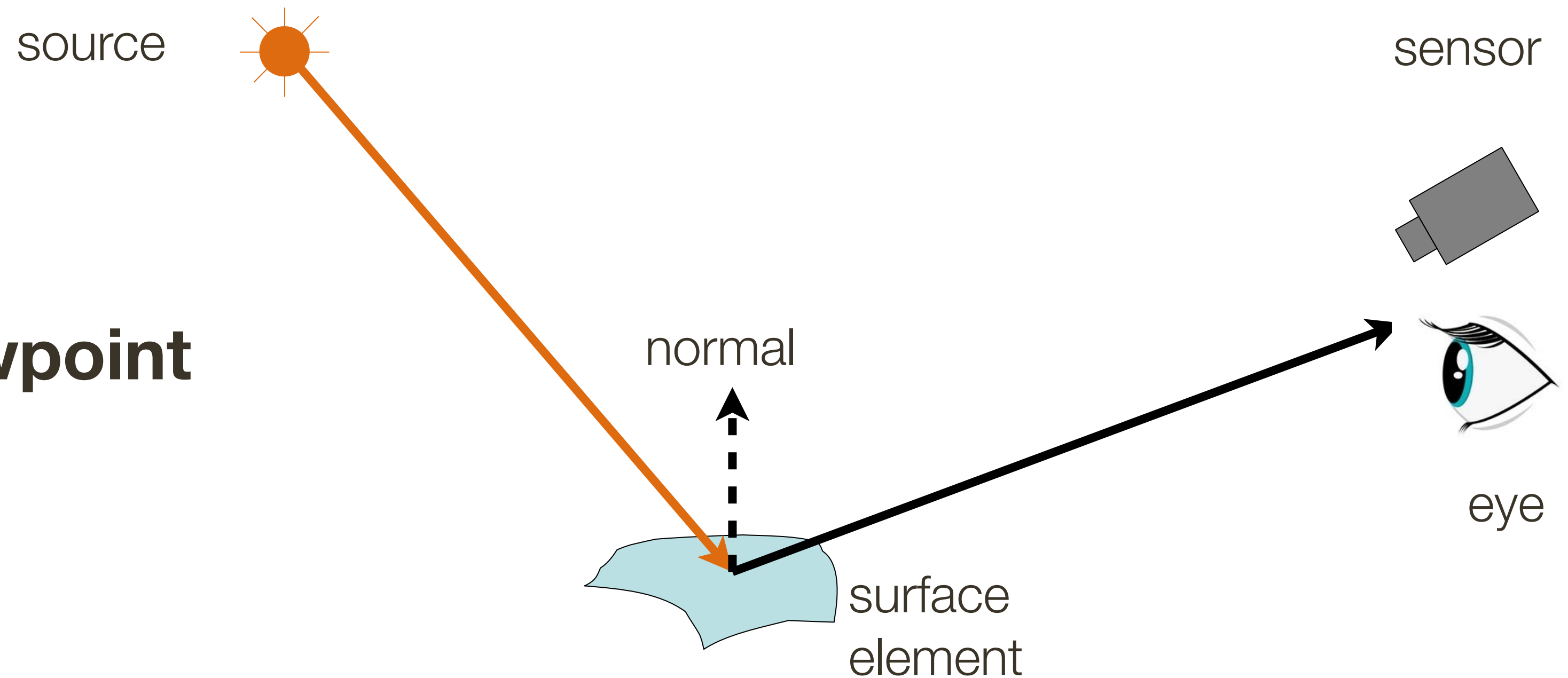
Computer vision, broadly speaking, is a research field aimed to enable computers to **process and interpret visual data**, as sighted humans can.



# Overview: Image Formation, Cameras and Lenses

The **image formation process** that produces a particular image depends on

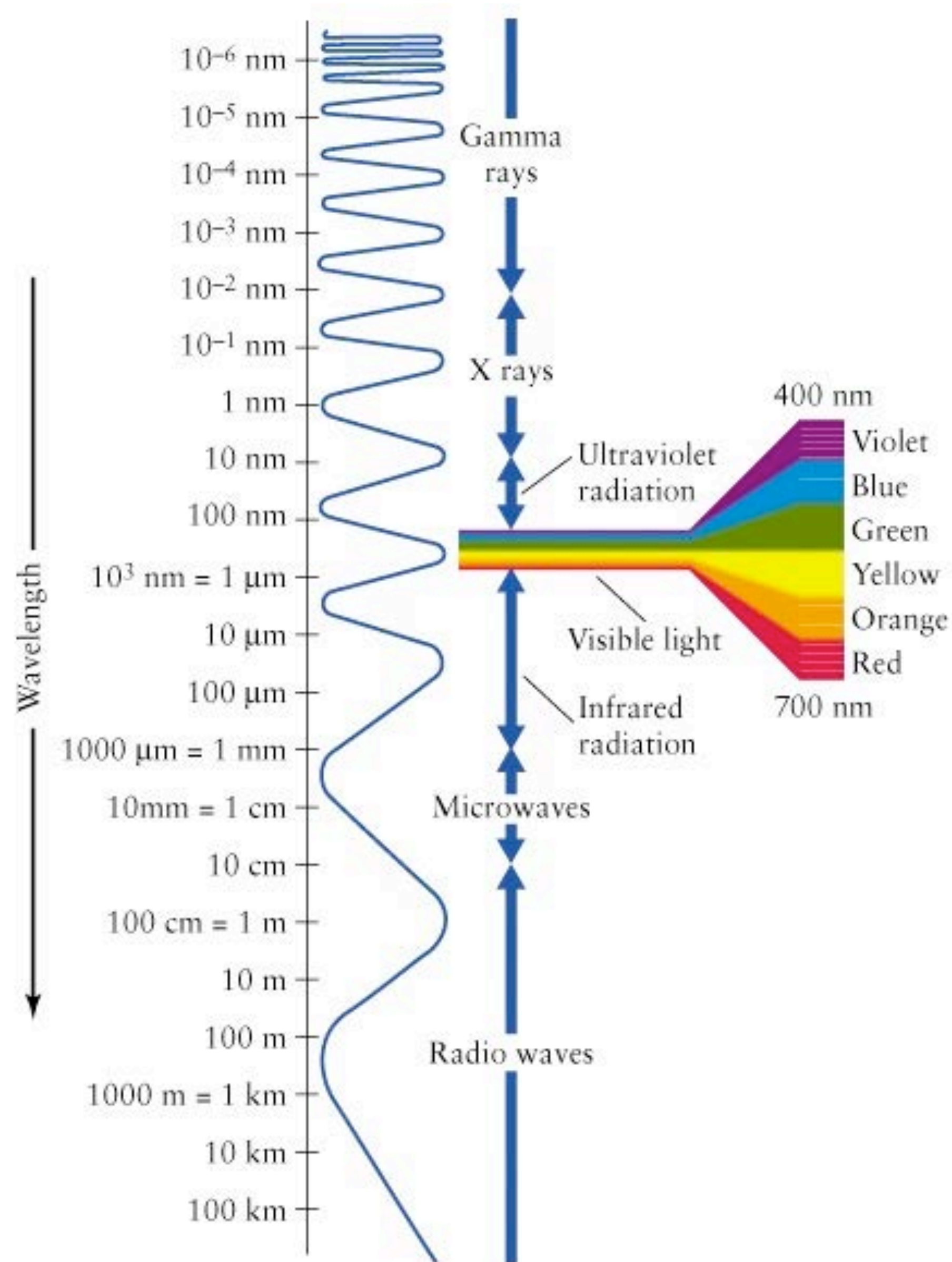
- **Lighting** condition
- Scene **geometry**
- **Surface** properties
- Camera **optics** and **viewpoint**



Sensor (or eye) **captures amount of light** reflected from the object

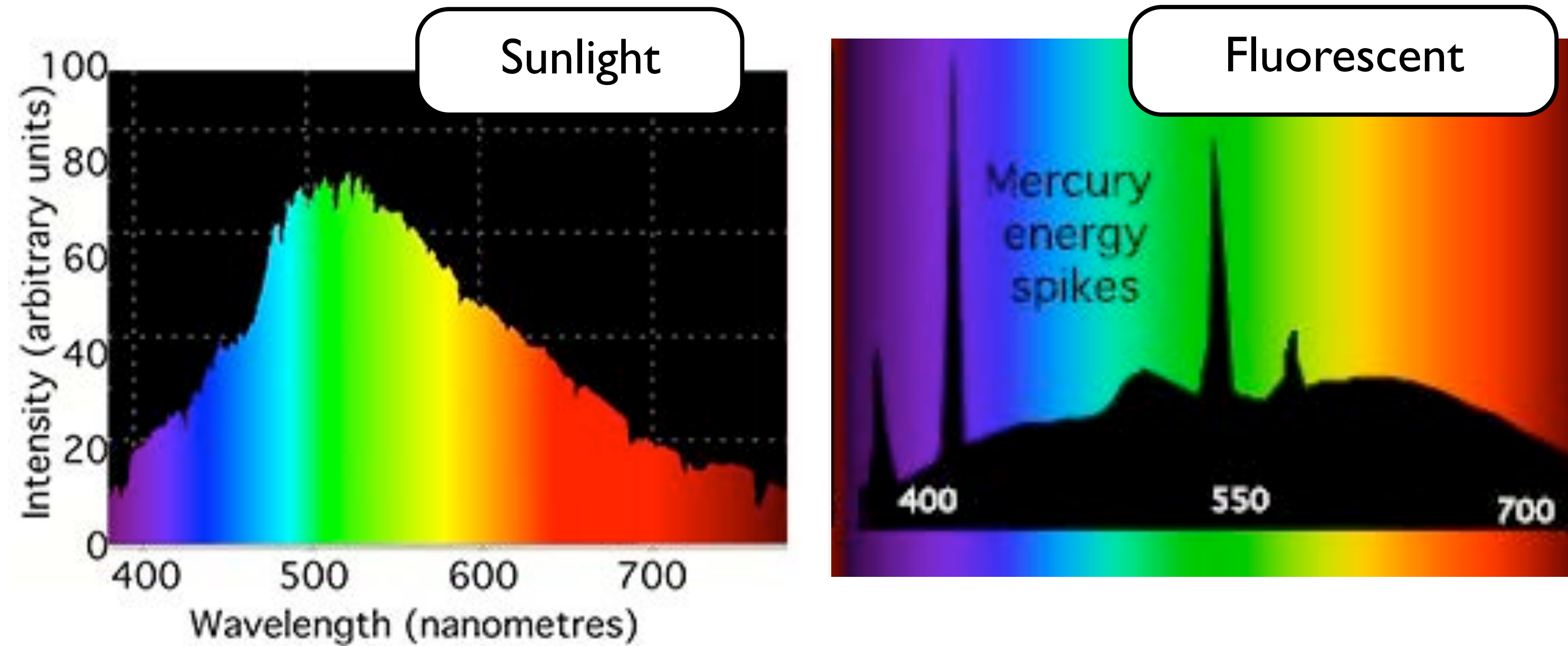


# Light and Color



- Light is electromagnetic radiation in the 400-700nm band
- This is the peak in the spectrum of sunlight passing through the atmosphere
- Newton's Prism experiment showed that white light is composed of all frequencies
- Black is the absence of light!

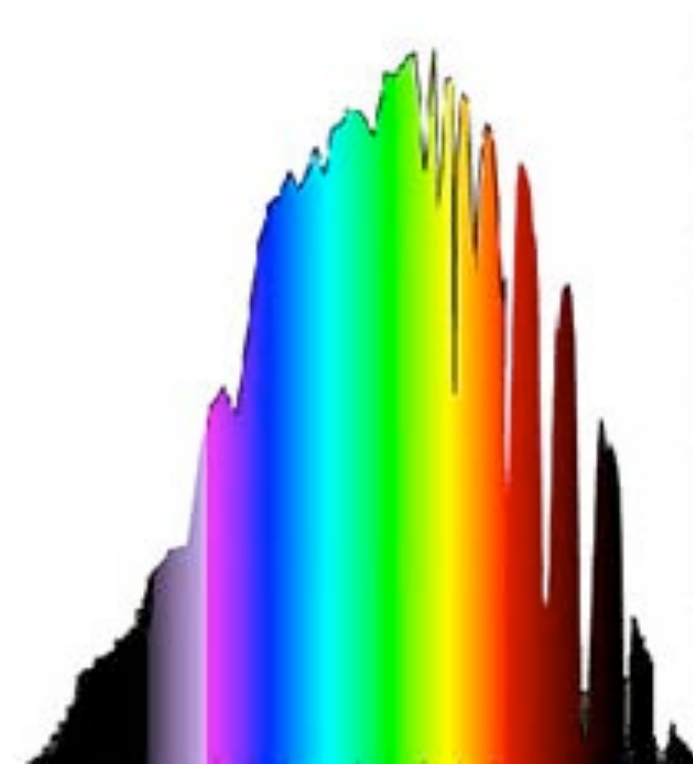
# Spectral Power Distribution



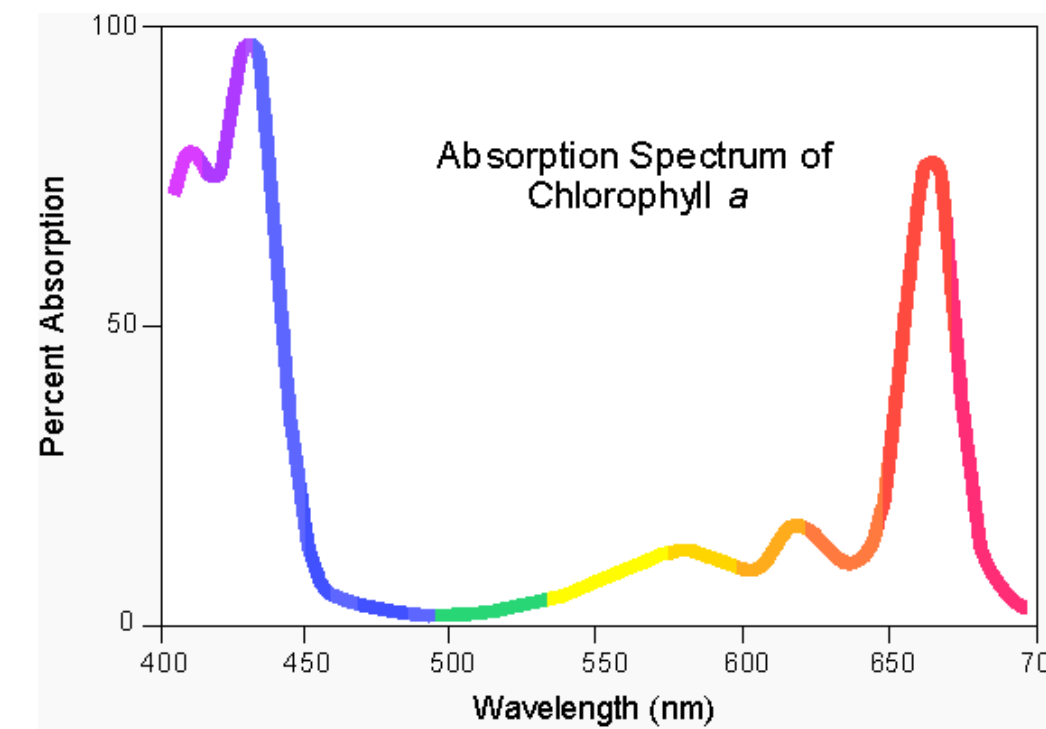
- The spectral distribution of energy in a light ray determines its colour
- Surfaces reflect light energy according to a spectral distribution as well
- The combination of incident spectra and reflectance spectra determines the light colour



# Spectral Reflectance Example



$$E(\lambda)$$



$$S(\lambda)$$

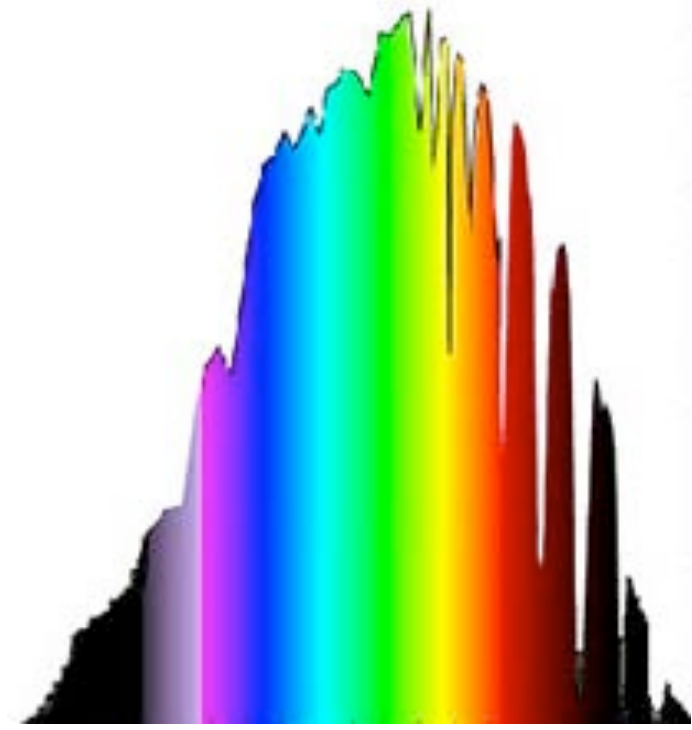


$$E(\lambda)S(\lambda)$$

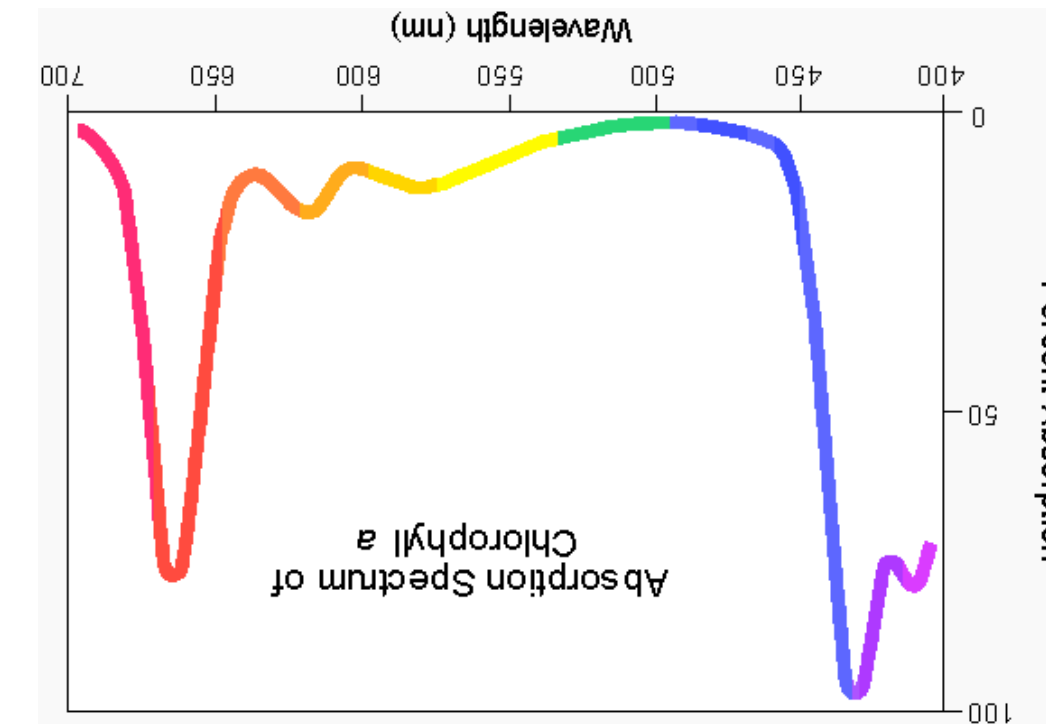




# Spectral Reflectance Example



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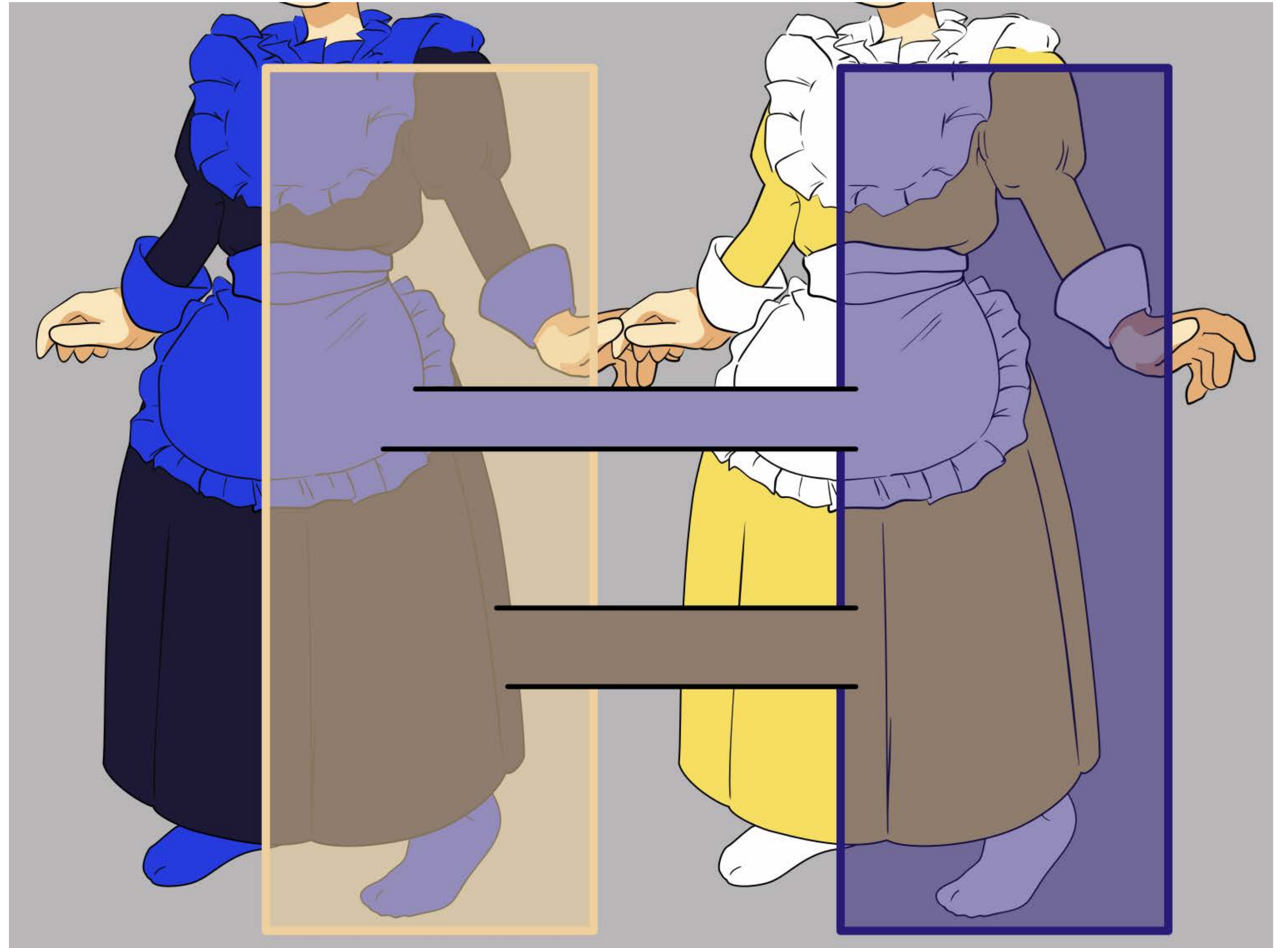


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# Surface Reflectance

- Reflected intensity also depends on geometry: surface orientation, viewer position, shadows, etc.

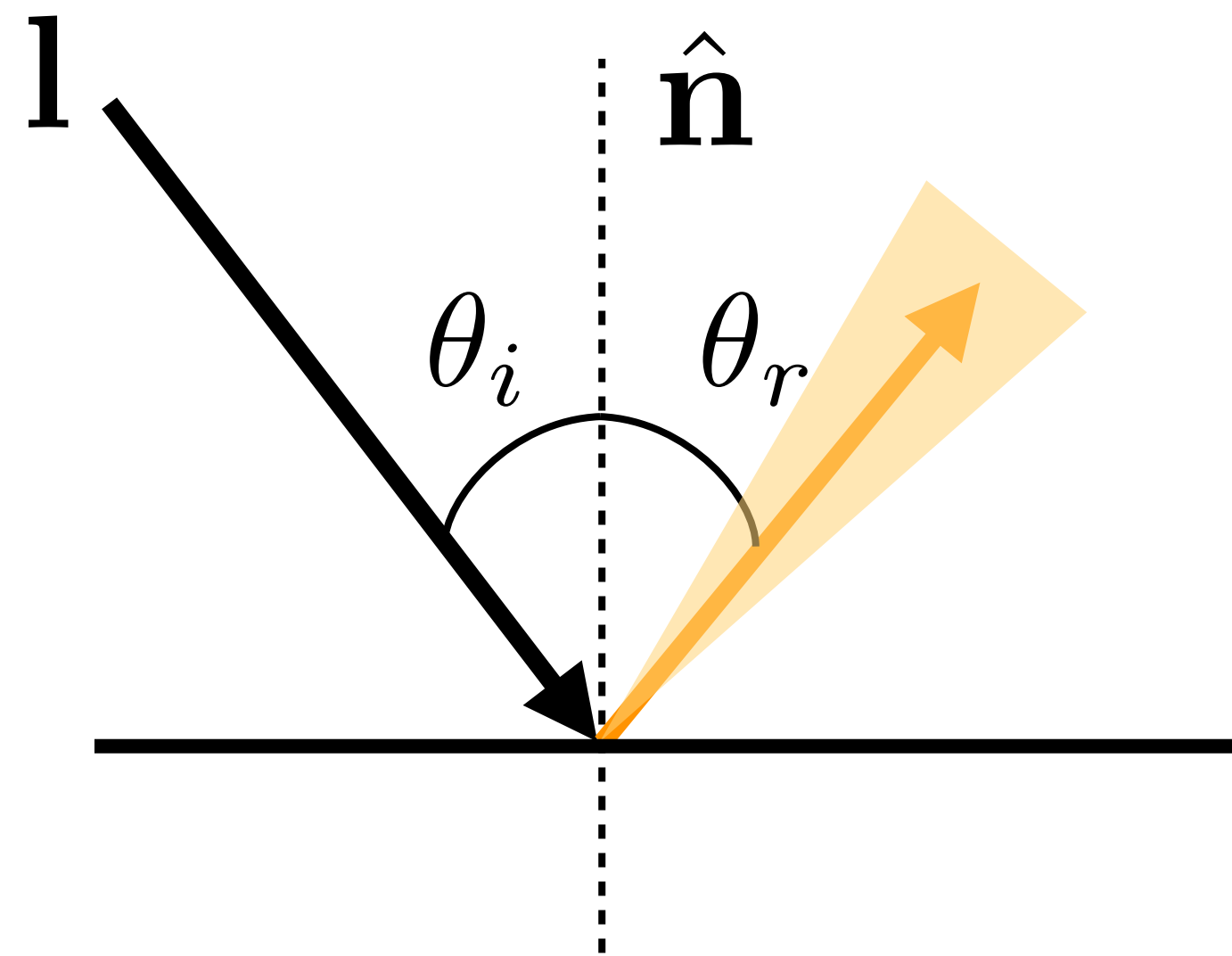


It also depends on surface properties, e.g., diffuse or specular



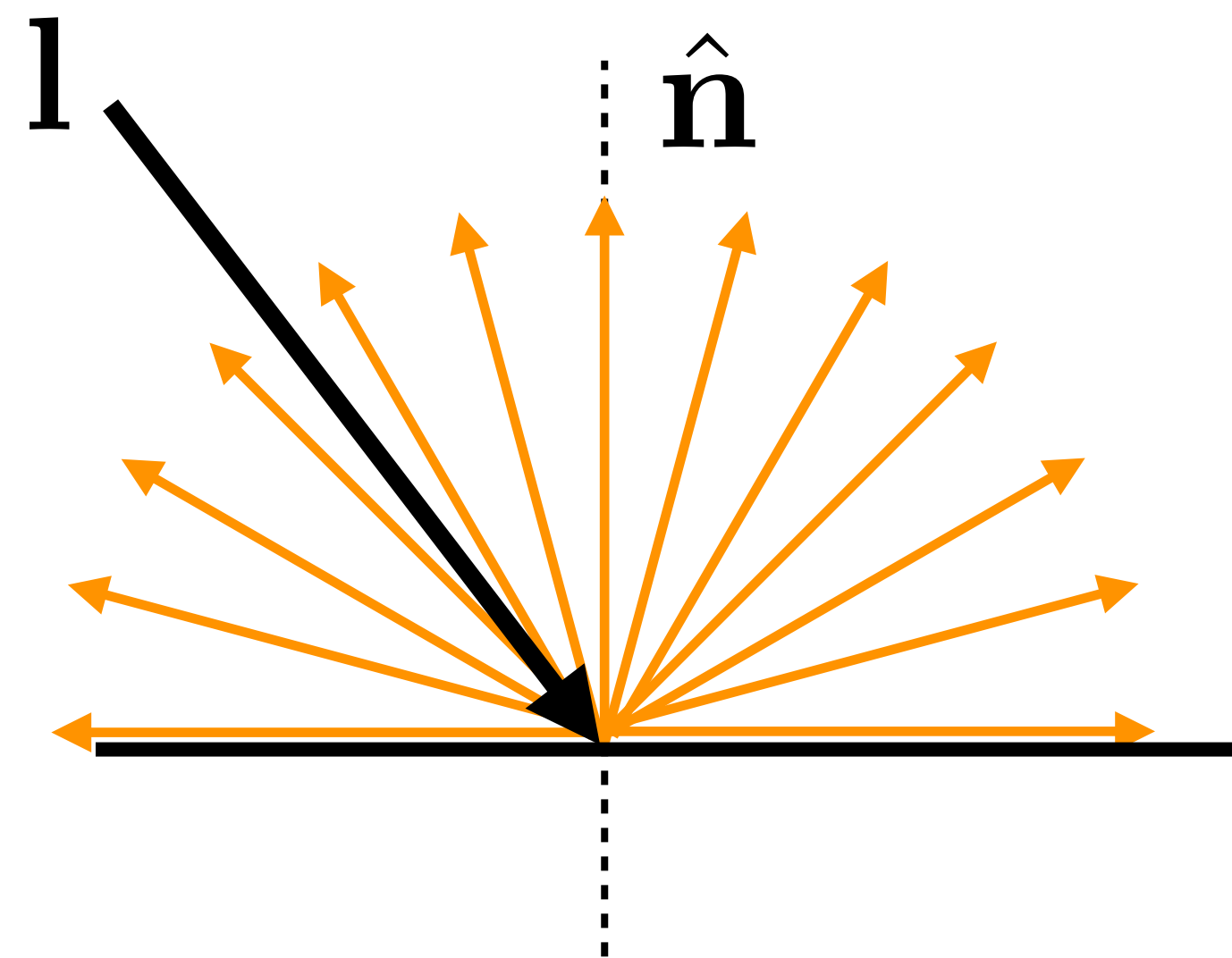
# Diffuse and Specular Reflection

- A pure mirror reflects light along a line symmetrical about the surface normal
- A pure diffuse surface scatters light equally in all directions



Pure Mirror Reflection

$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$



Lambertian Reflection

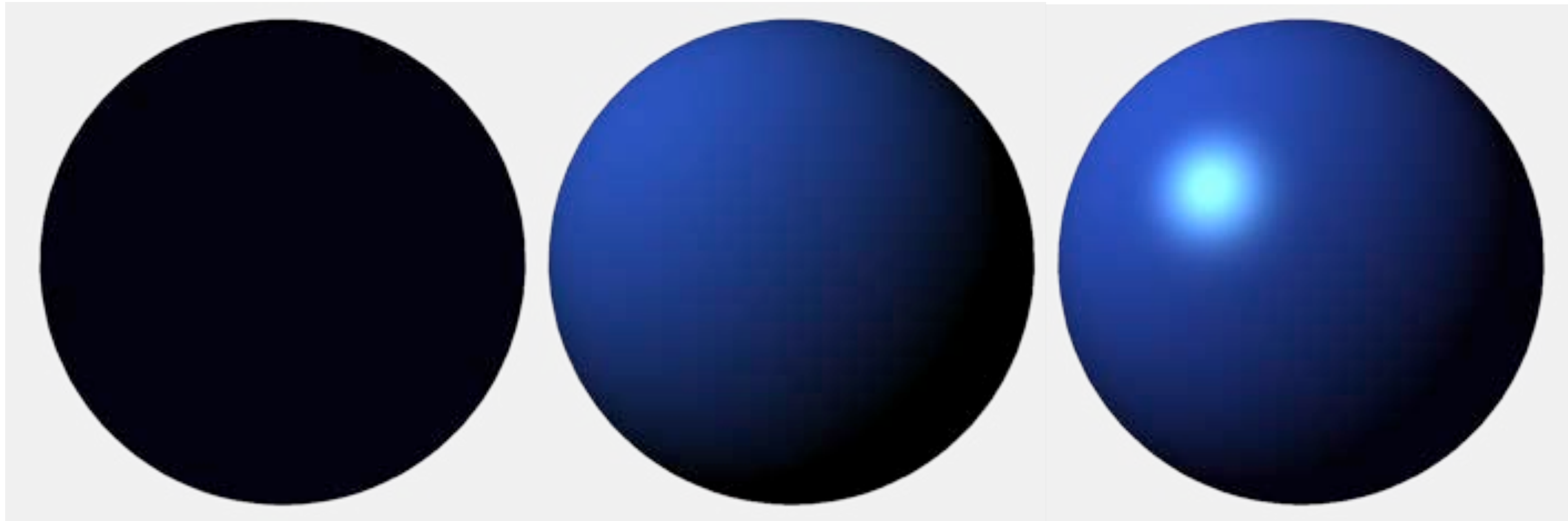
(Diffuse)

**Specular** surfaces directly reflect over a small angle



# Diffuse and Specular Reflection

- A sphere lit with ambient, +diffuse, +specular reflectance



Ambient

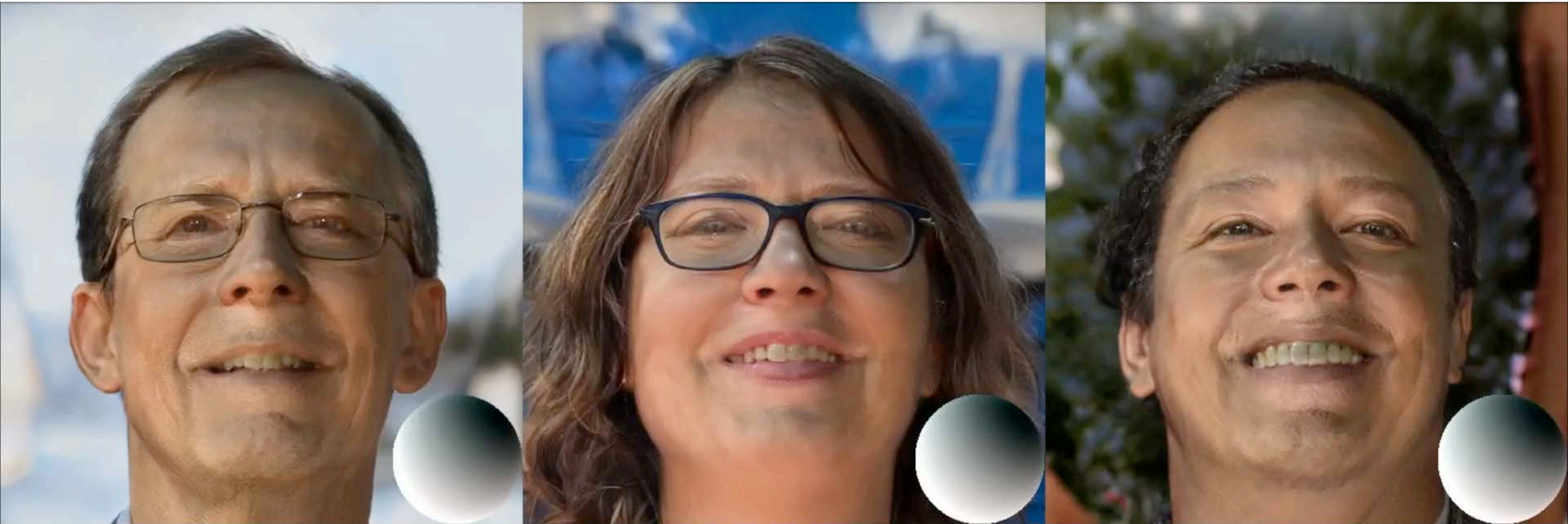
+Diffuse

+Specular



# Diffuse and Specular Reflection

- A motivating example that uses this model

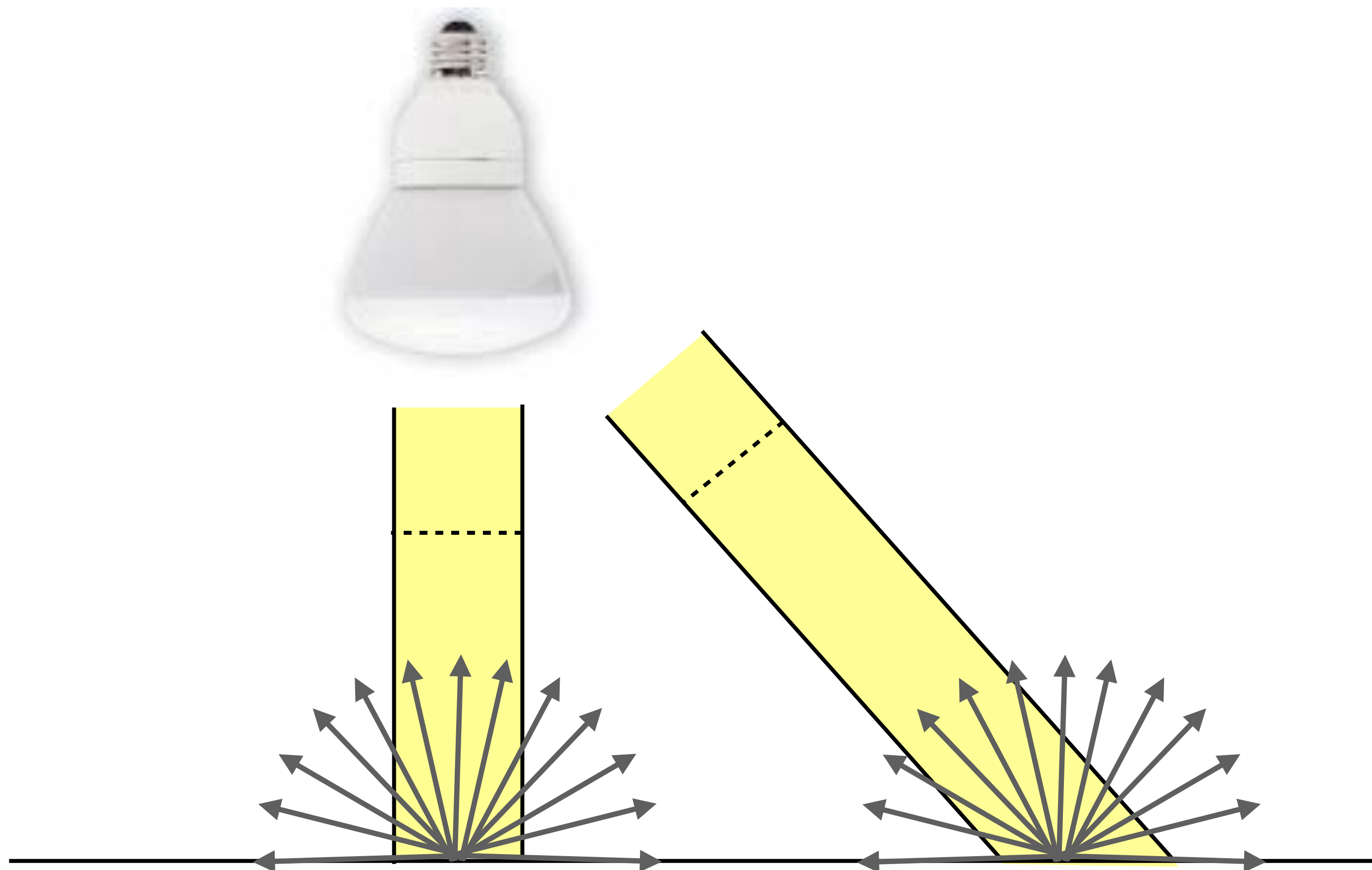


**View + Light Control**



# Diffuse Reflection

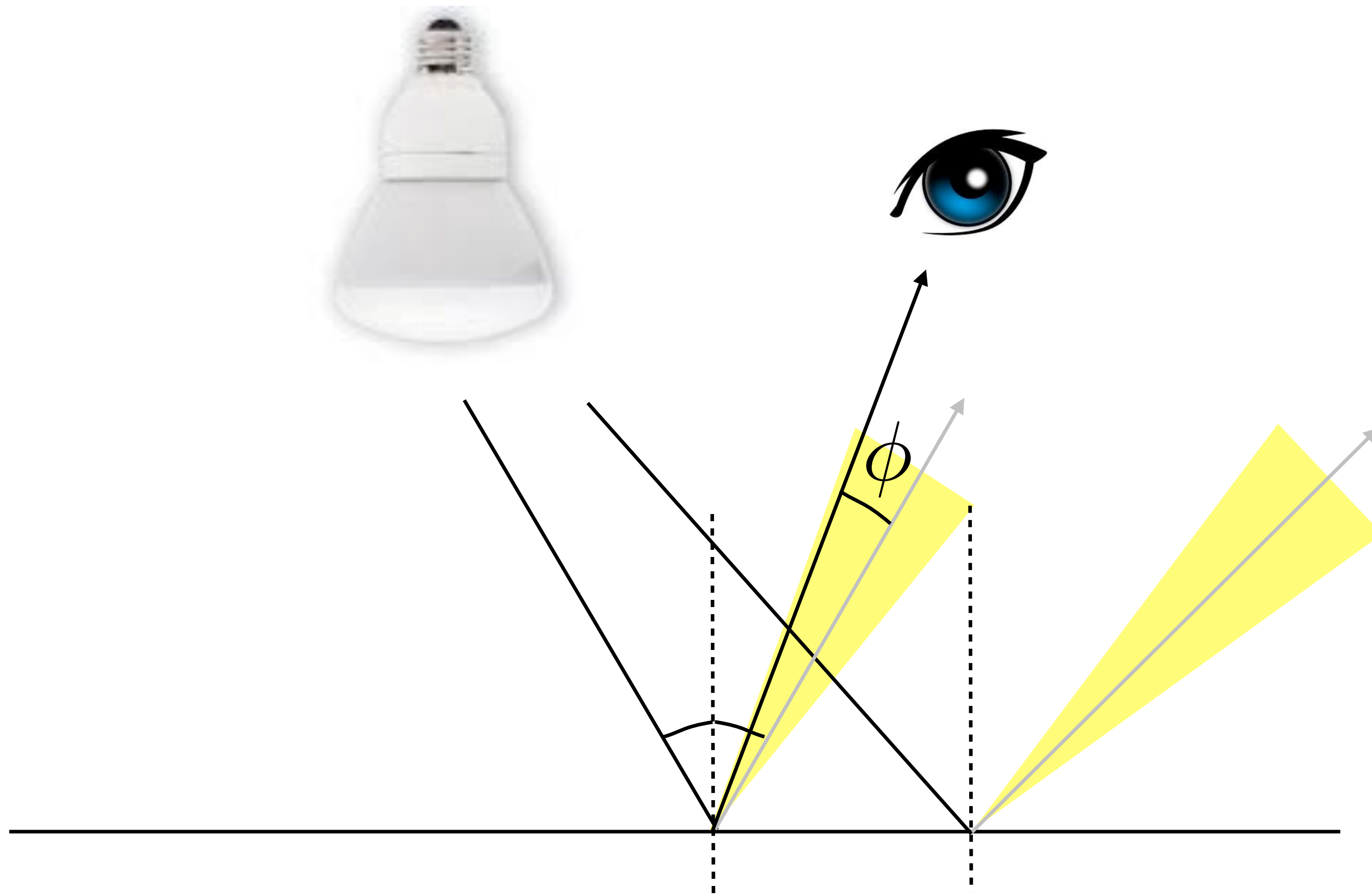
- Light is reflected equally in all directions (Lambertian surface)
- But the amount of light reaching unit surface area depends on the angle between the light and the surface...





# Specular Reflection

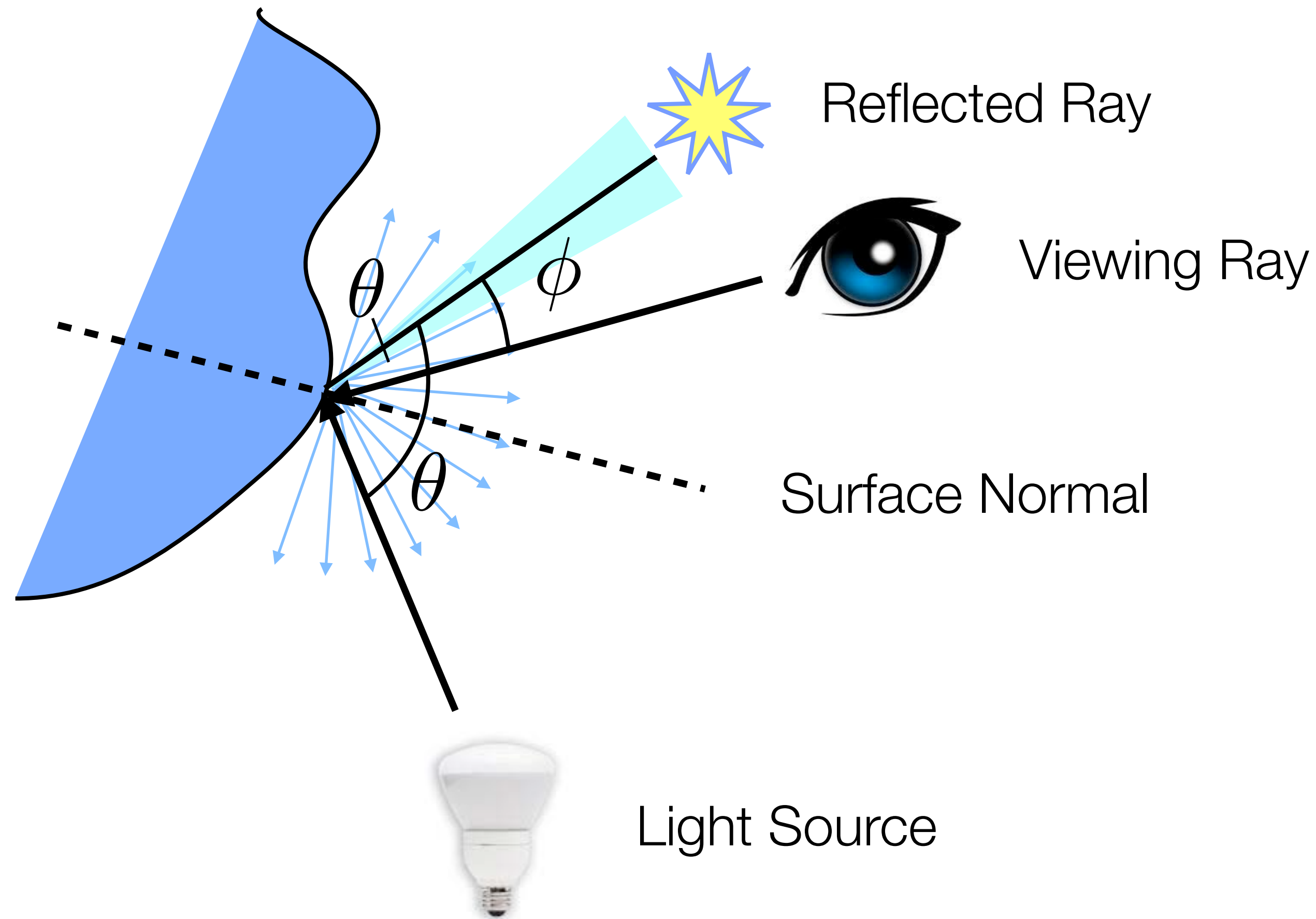
- Light reflected strongly around the mirror reflection direction
- Intensity depends on viewer position



# Phong Illumination Model

- Includes ambient, diffuse and specular reflection

$$I = k_a i_a + k_d i_d \cos \theta + k_s i_s \cos^\alpha \phi$$

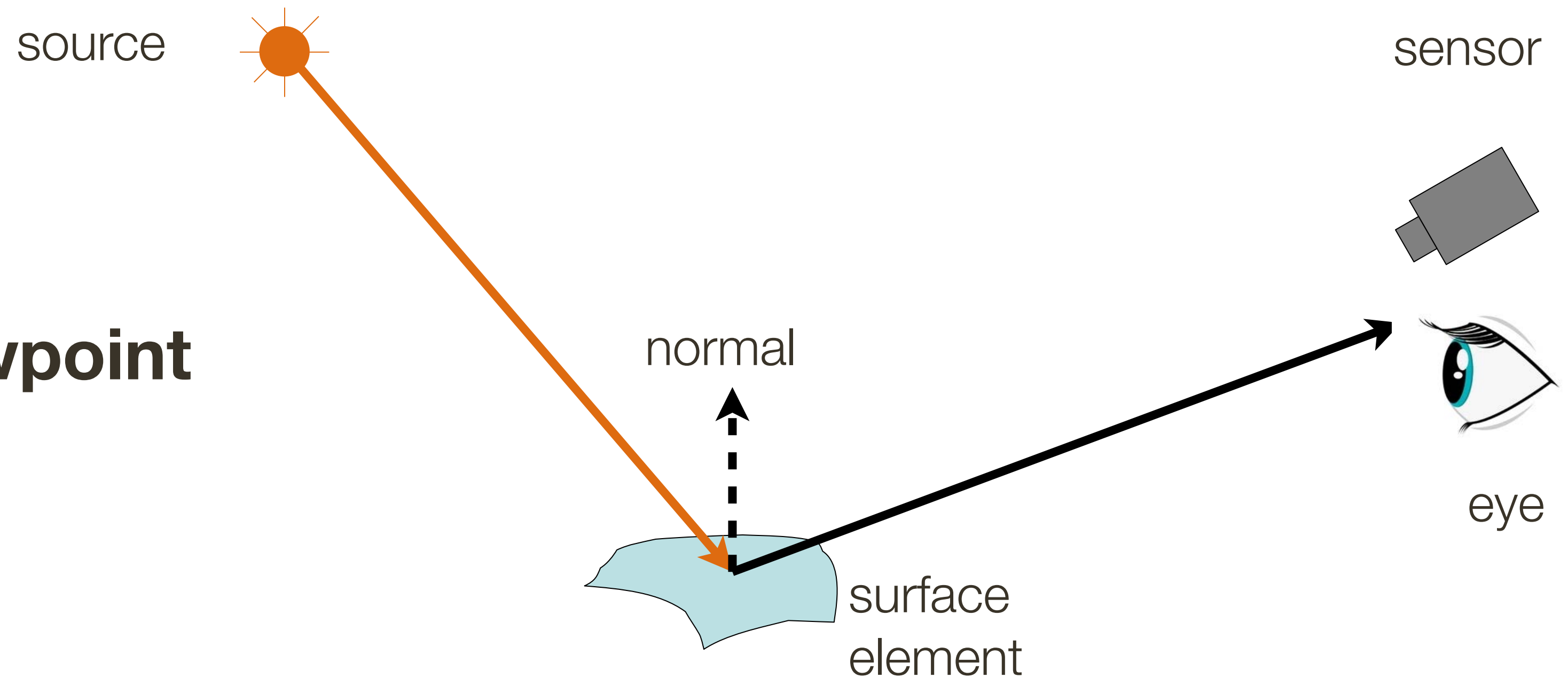


# Overview: Image Formation, Cameras and Lenses

Coming back to here...

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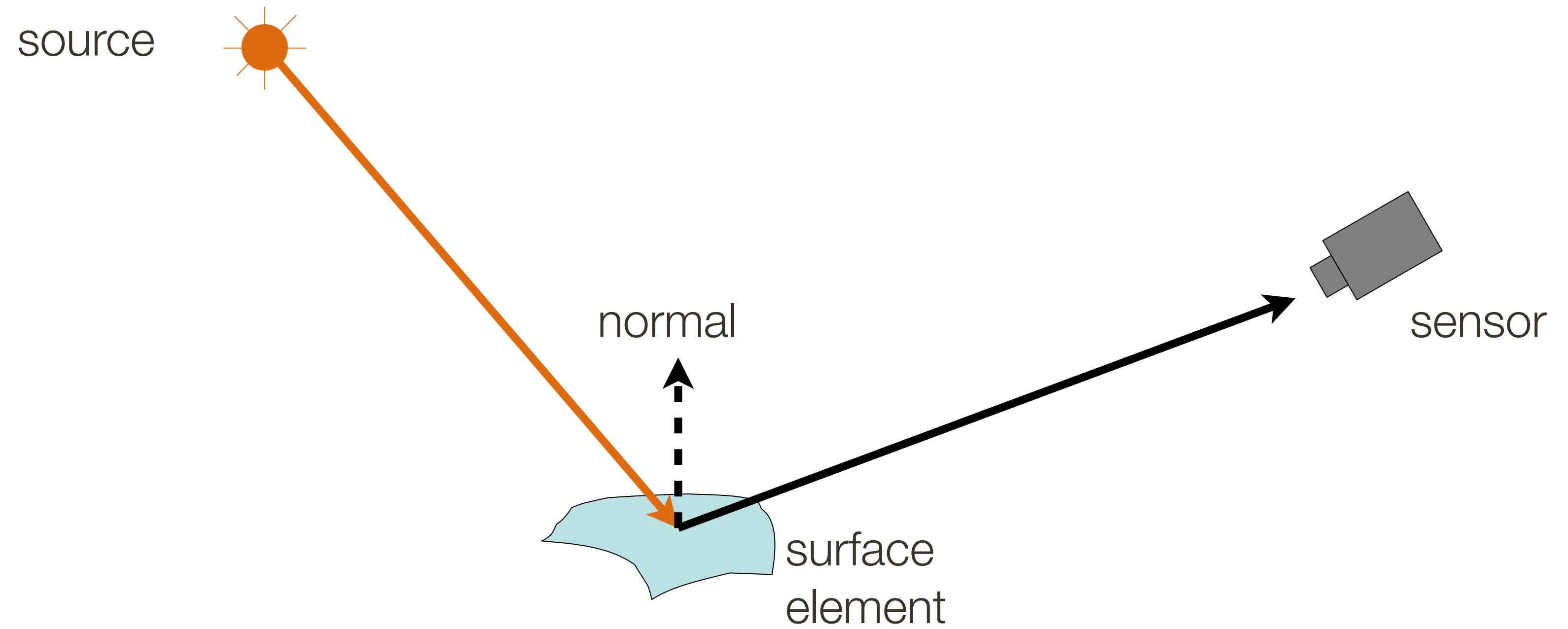
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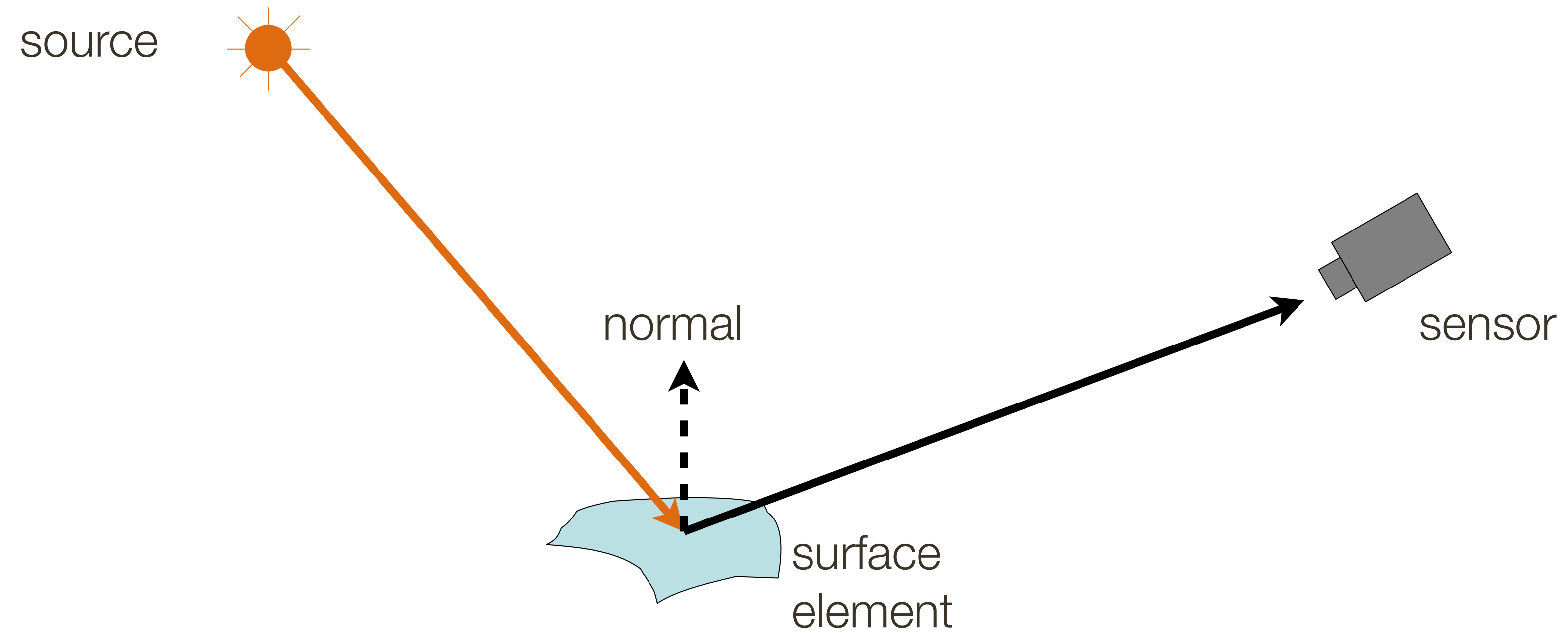
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# (small) **Graphics** Review



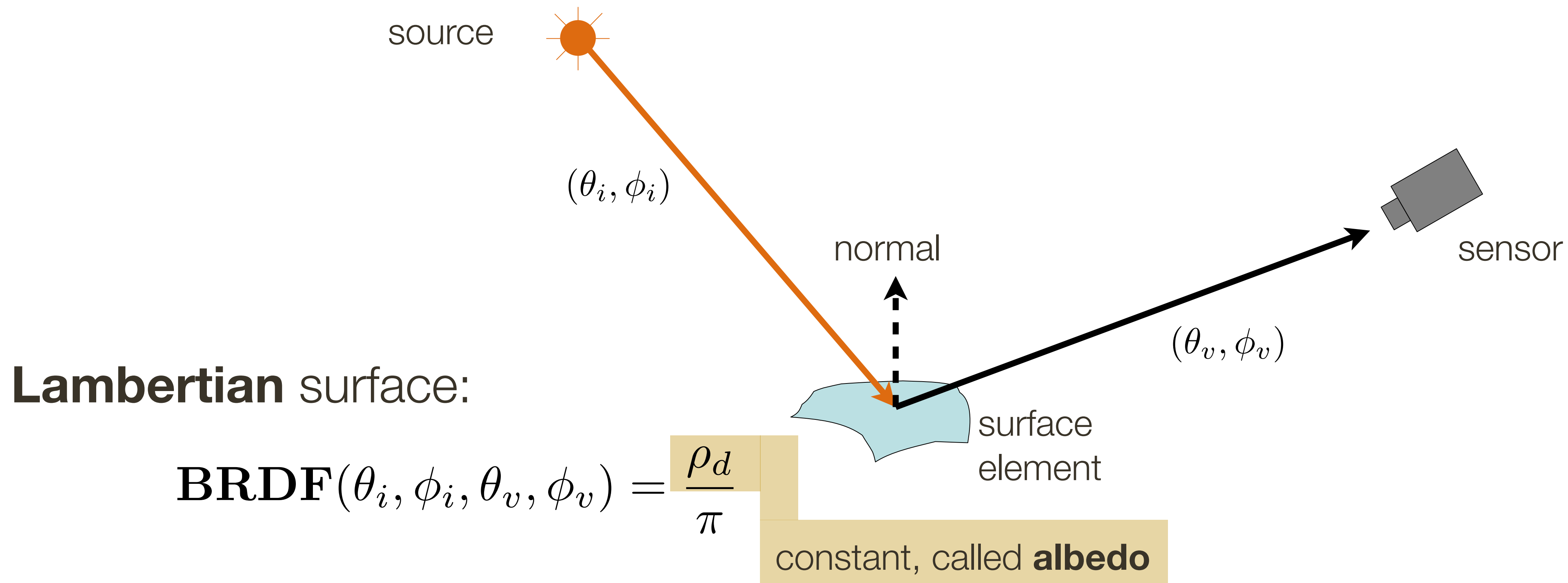
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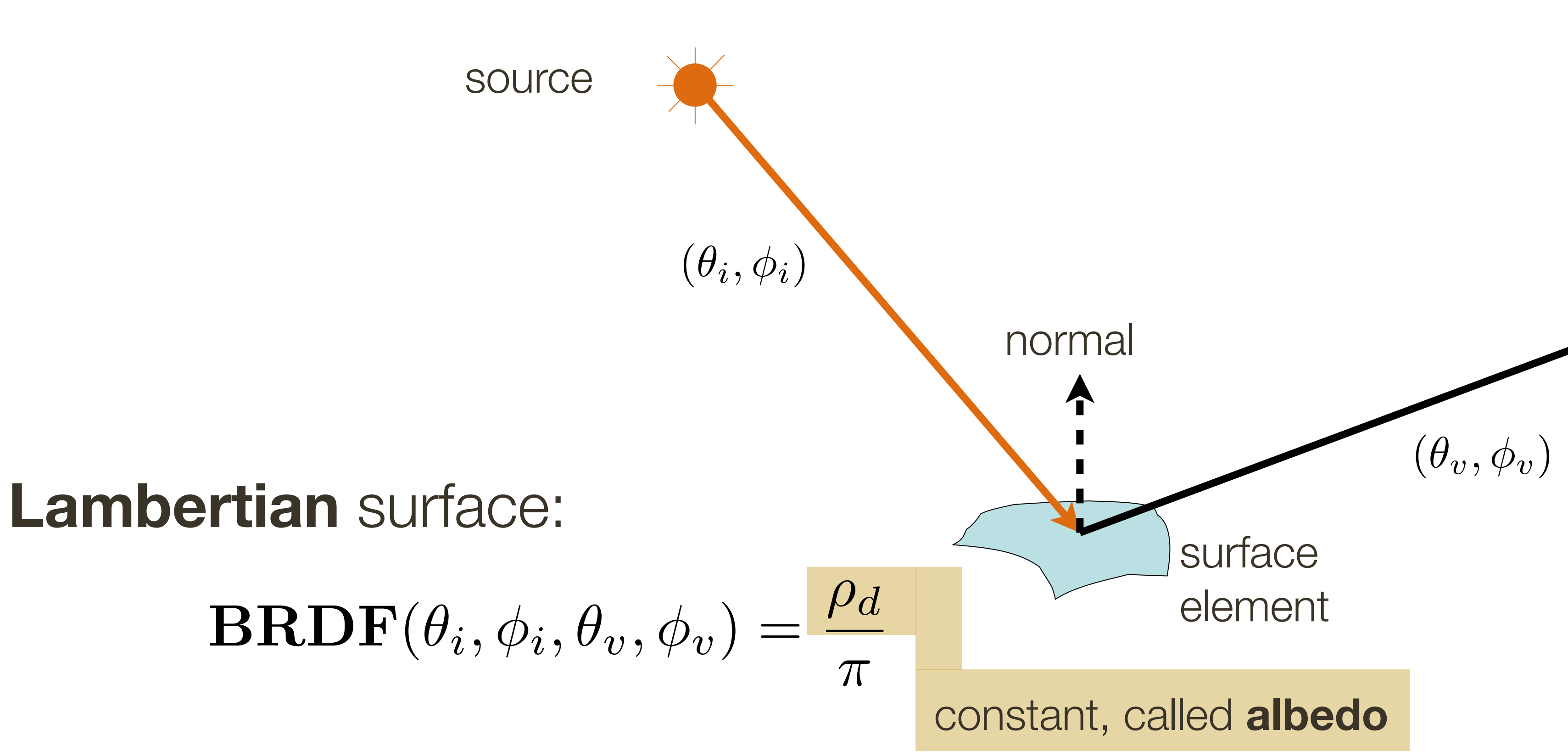
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Surface reflection depends on both the **viewing**  $(\theta_v, \phi_v)$  and **illumination**  $(\theta_i, \phi_i)$  direction, with Bidirectional Reflection Distribution Function: **BRDF** $(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v)$



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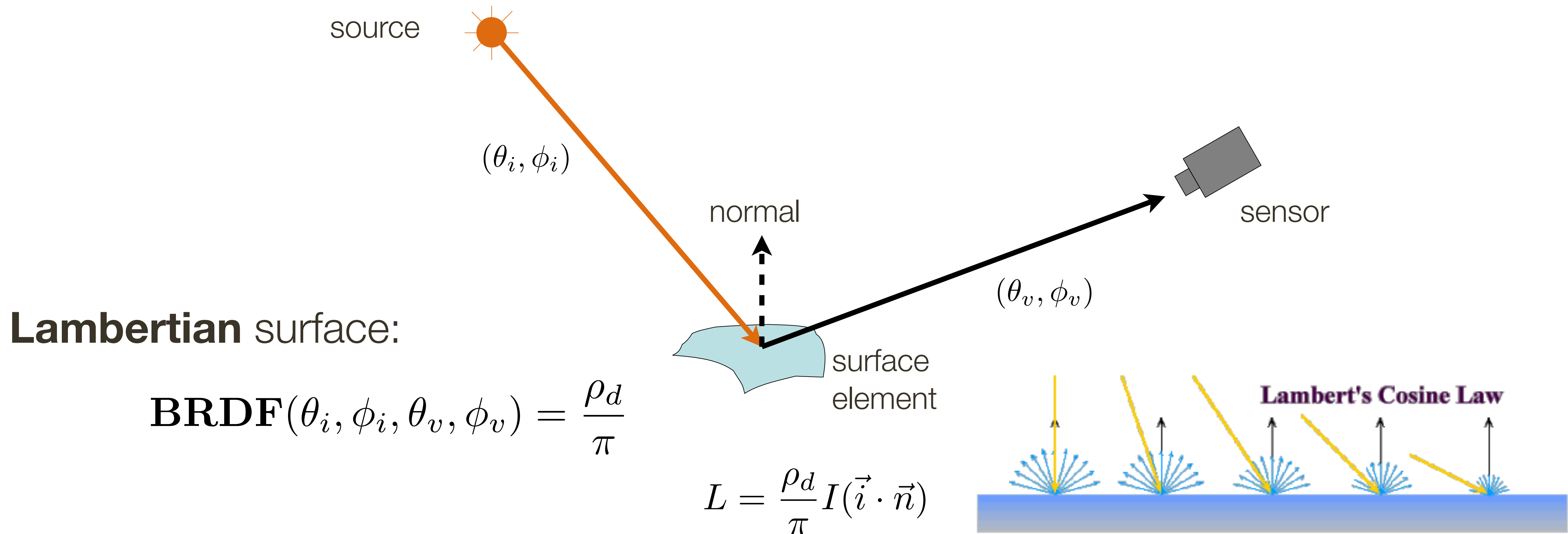


| Surface type            | Typical value |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Fresh asphalt           | 0.03 – 0.04   |
| Open ocean              | 0.06          |
| Conifer forest (summer) | 0.08 – 0.15   |
| Worn asphalt            | 0.12          |
| Deciduous trees         | 0.15 – 0.18   |
| Sand                    | 0.15 – 0.45   |
| Tundra                  | 0.18 – 0.25   |
| Agricultural crops      | 0.18 – 0.25   |
| Bare soil               | 0.17          |
| Green grass             | 0.20 – 0.25   |
| Dessert sand            | 0.30 – 0.40   |
| Snow                    | 0.40 – 0.90   |
| Ocean ice               | 0.50 – 0.70   |
| Fresh snow              | 0.80 – 0.90   |



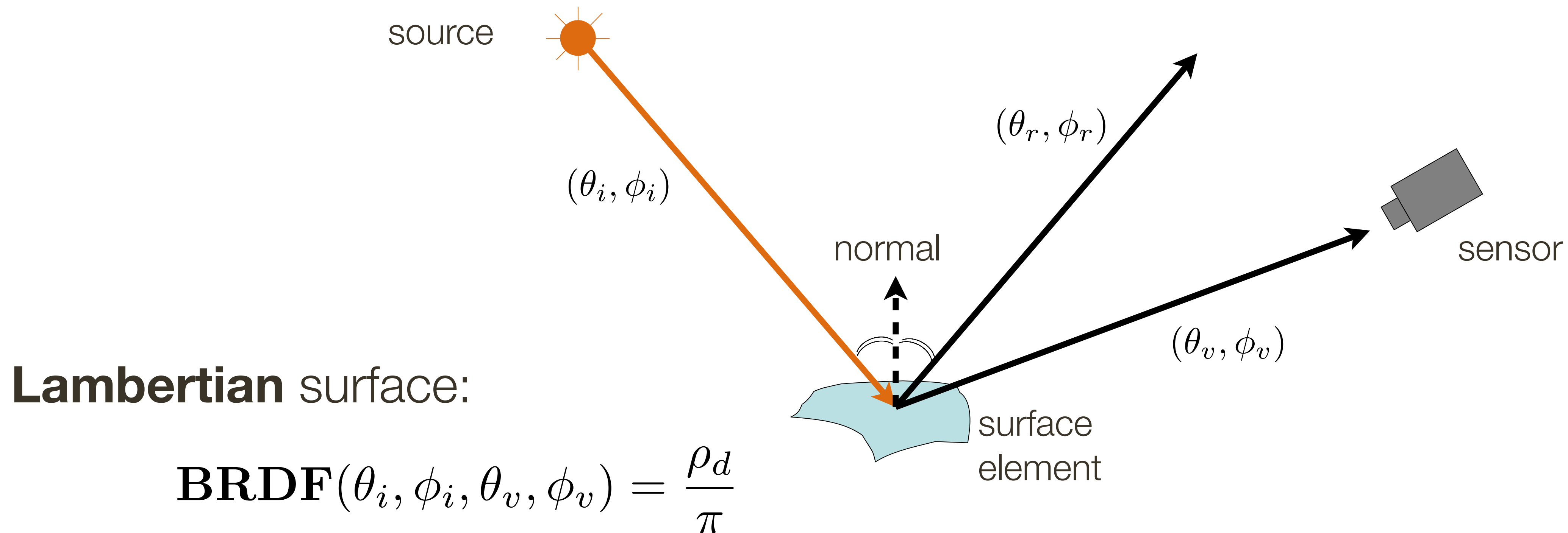
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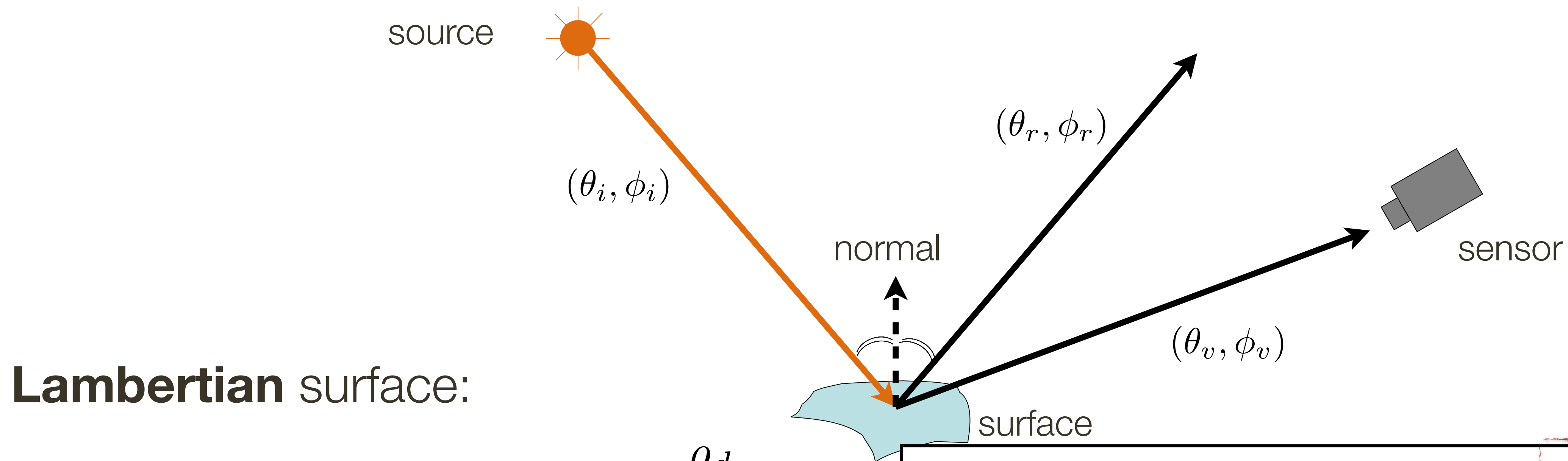


**Mirror** surface: all incident light reflected in one directions  $(\theta_v, \phi_v) = (\theta_r, \phi_r)$



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**Lambertian** surface:

$$\text{BRDF}(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v) = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$$

Recall...

$$I = k_a i_a + k_d i_d \cos \theta + k_s i_s \cos^\alpha \phi$$

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# Reflectance in Vision





# Reflectance in Graphics

# Cameras

Old school **film** camera



**Digital** CCD/CMOS camera





# Let's say we have a **sensor** ...

## **Digital** CCD/CMOS camera



digital sensor  
(CCD or  
CMOS)

... and the **object** we would like to photograph

What would an image taken like this look like?

real-world  
object



digital sensor  
(CCD or  
CMOS)





# Bare-sensor imaging

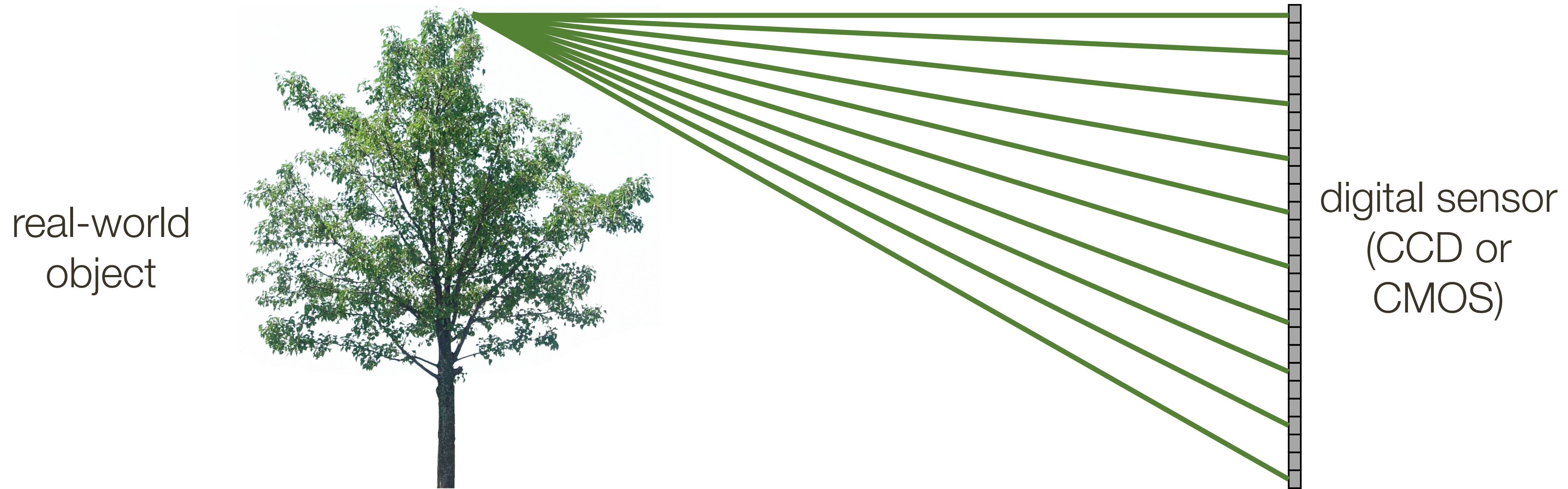
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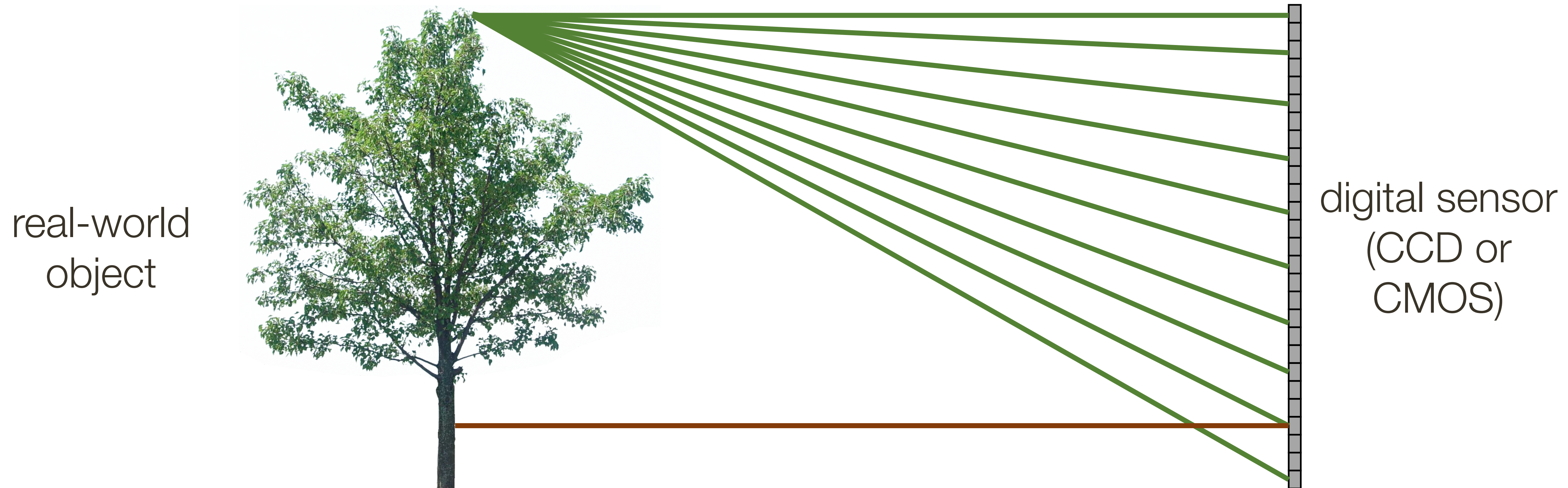


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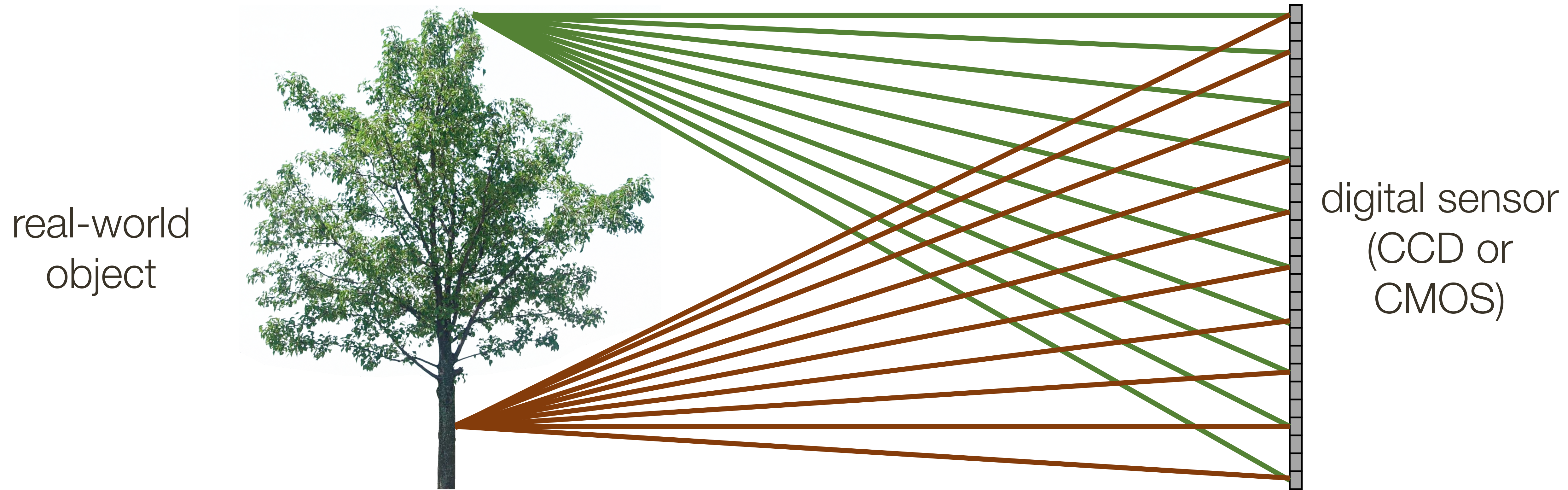


# Bare-sensor imaging





# Bare-sensor imaging



All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels

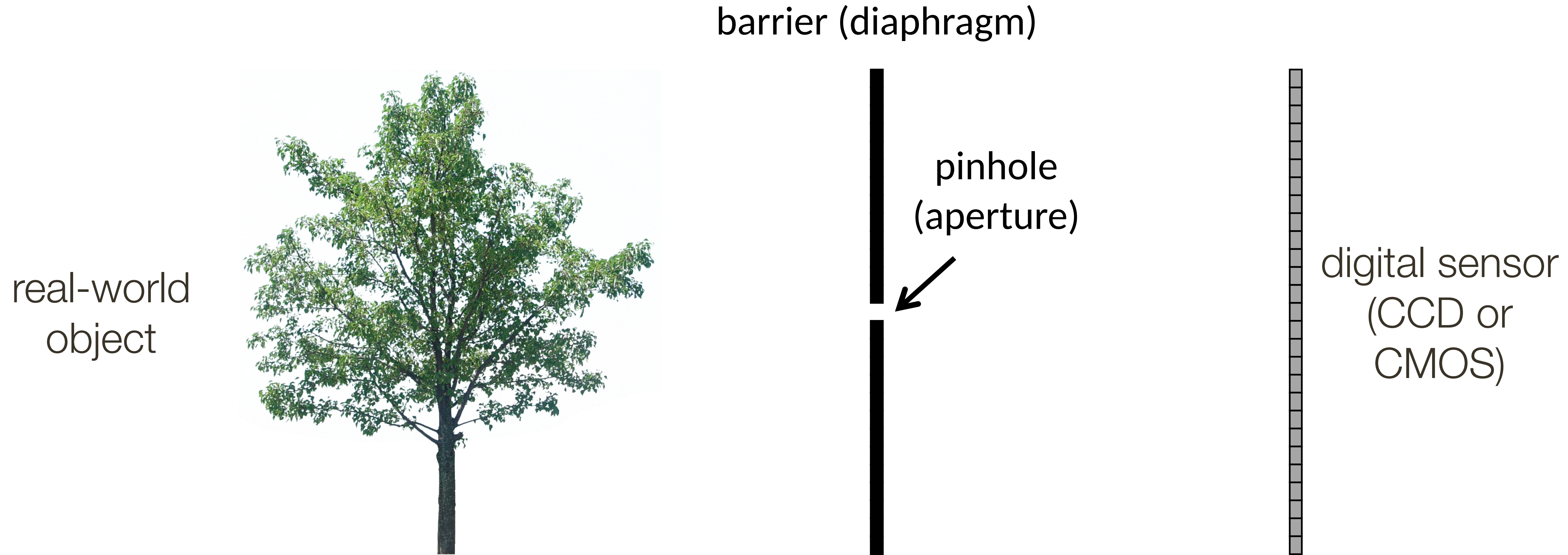


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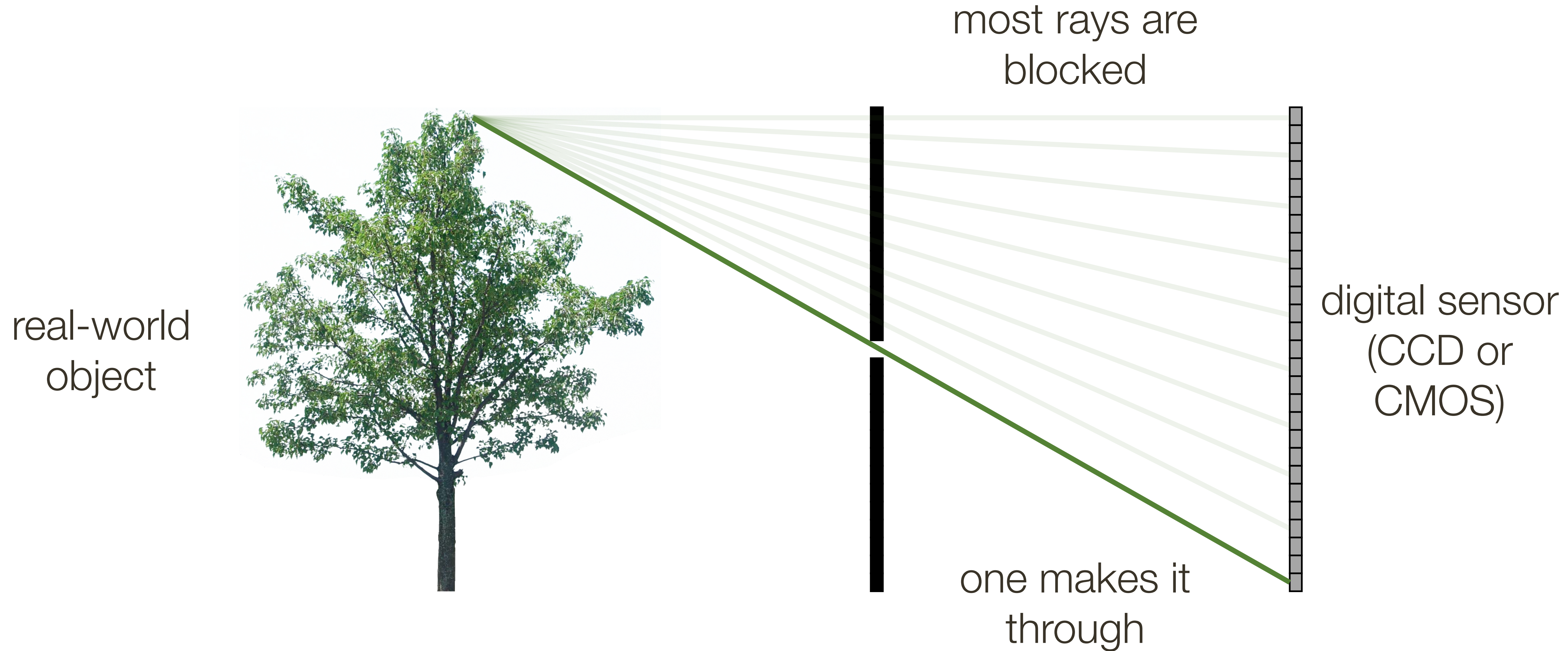
# Pinhole Camera



What would an image taken like this look like?

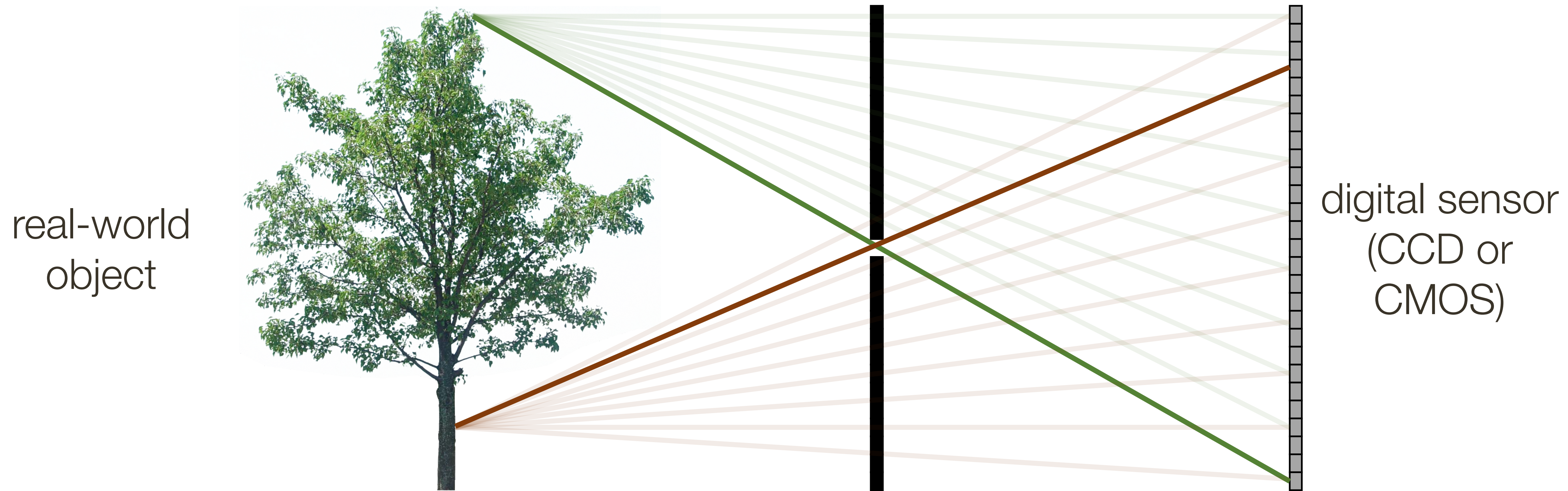


# Pinhole Camera





# Pinhole Camera



Each scene point contributes to only one sensor pixel

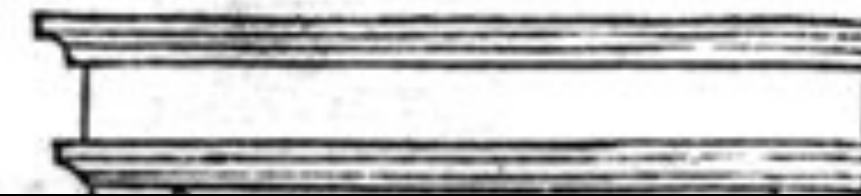


# Camera Obscura (latin for “dark chamber”)

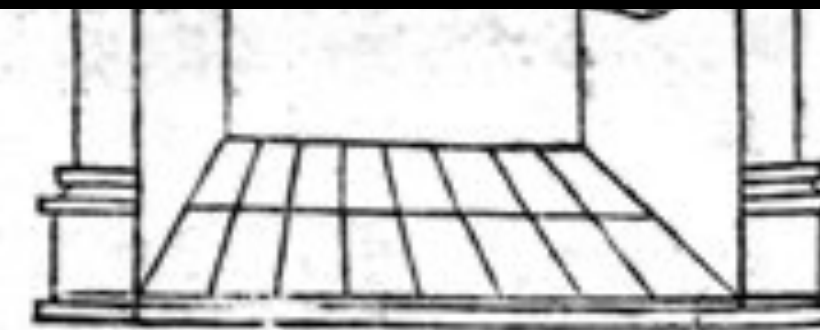


illum in tabula per radios Solis, quam in cœlo contin-  
git: hoc est, si in cœlo superior pars deliquiū patiatur, in  
radiis apparebit inferior deficere, vt ratio exigit optica.

*Solis deliquium Anno Christi  
1544. Die 24. Januarij  
Louanij*



principles behind the pinhole camera or camera obscura were first mentioned by Chinese philosopher Mozi (Mo-Ti) (470 to 390 BCE)



Sic nos exactè Anno .1544. Louanii eclipsim Solis  
obseruauimus, inuenimusq; deficere paulò plus q̃ dex-

Reinerus Gemma-Frisius observed an eclipse of the sun at Louvain on January 24, 1544. He used this illustration in his book, “De Radio Astronomica et Geometrica,” 1545. It is thought to be the first published illustration of a camera obscura.

**Credit:** John H., Hammond, “Th Camera Obscure, A Chronicle”



# First **Photograph** on Record

*La table servie*

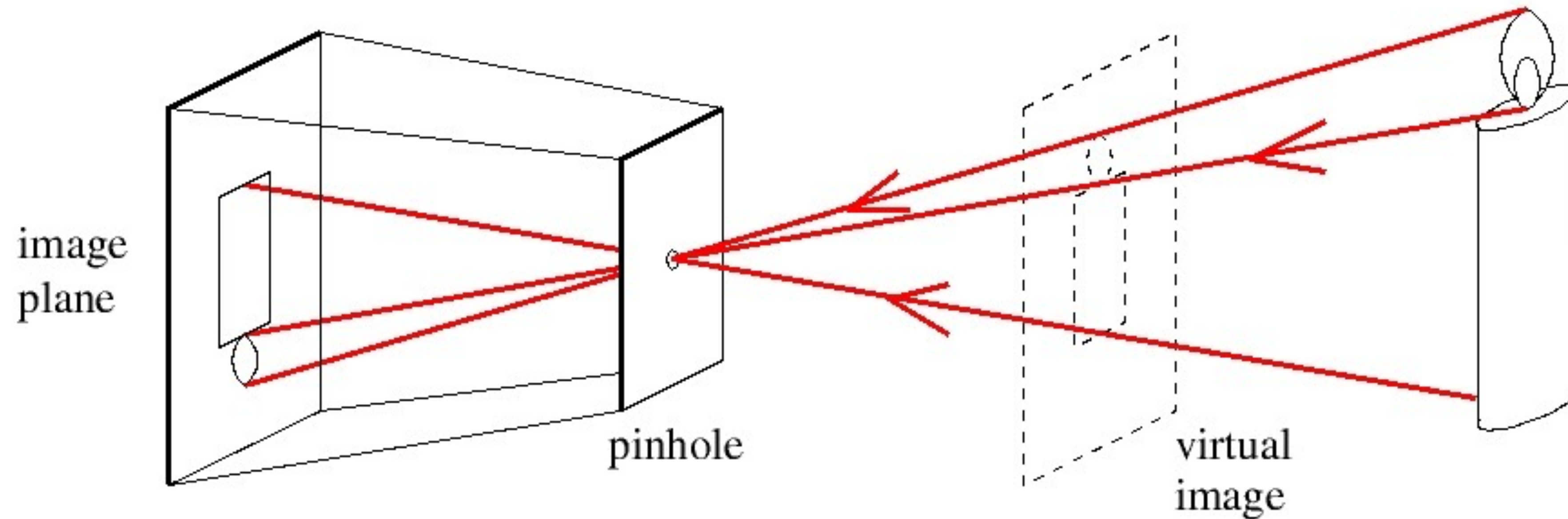


**Credit:** Nicéphore Niepce, 1822



# Pinhole Camera

A pinhole camera is a box with a small hole (**aperture**) in it



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.2

# Image Formation



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.1

**Credit:** US Navy, Basic Optics and Optical Instruments. Dover, 1969



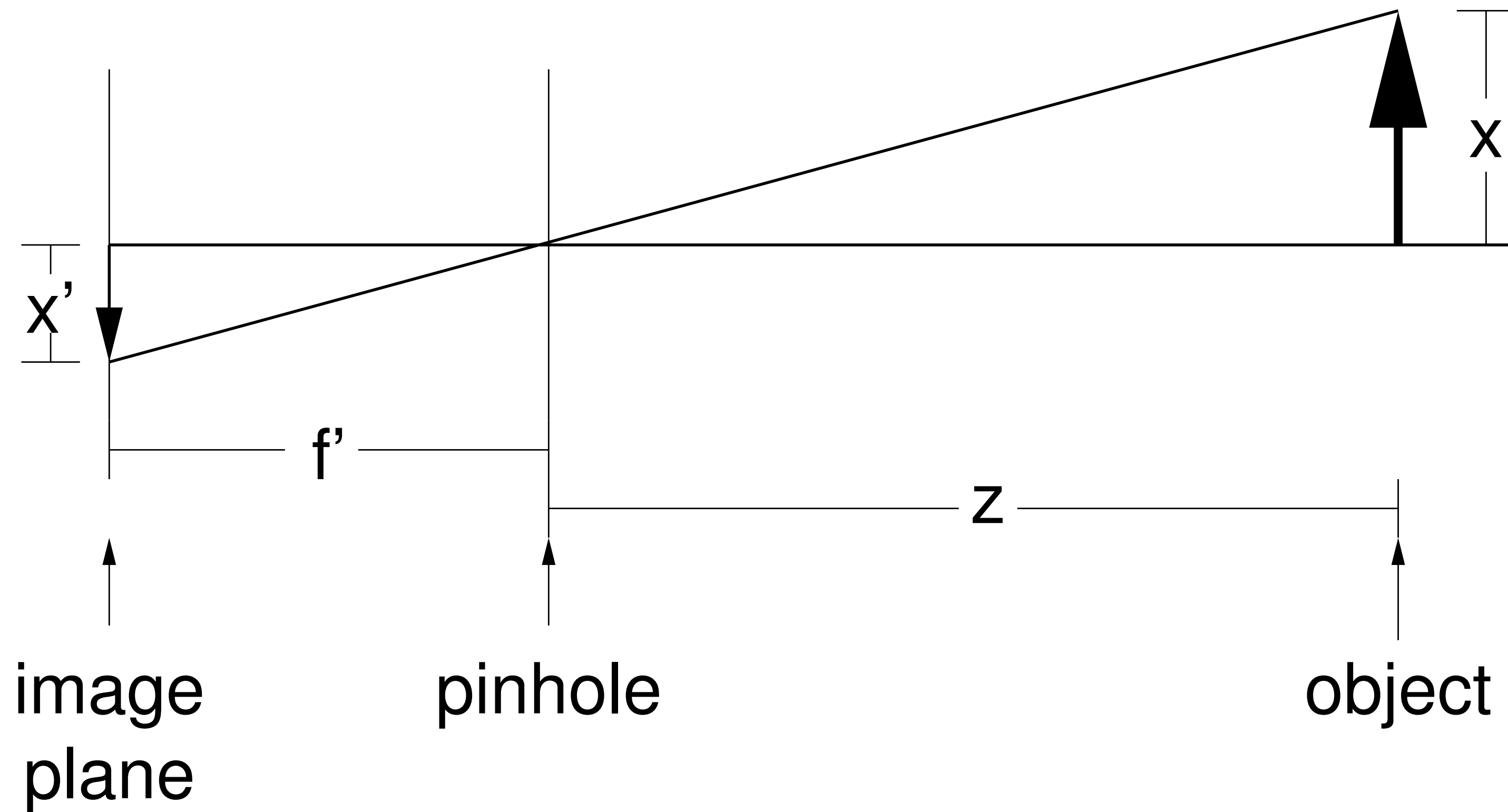
# Accidental Pinhole Camera



**Image Credit:** Ioannis (Yannis) Gkioulekas (CMU)

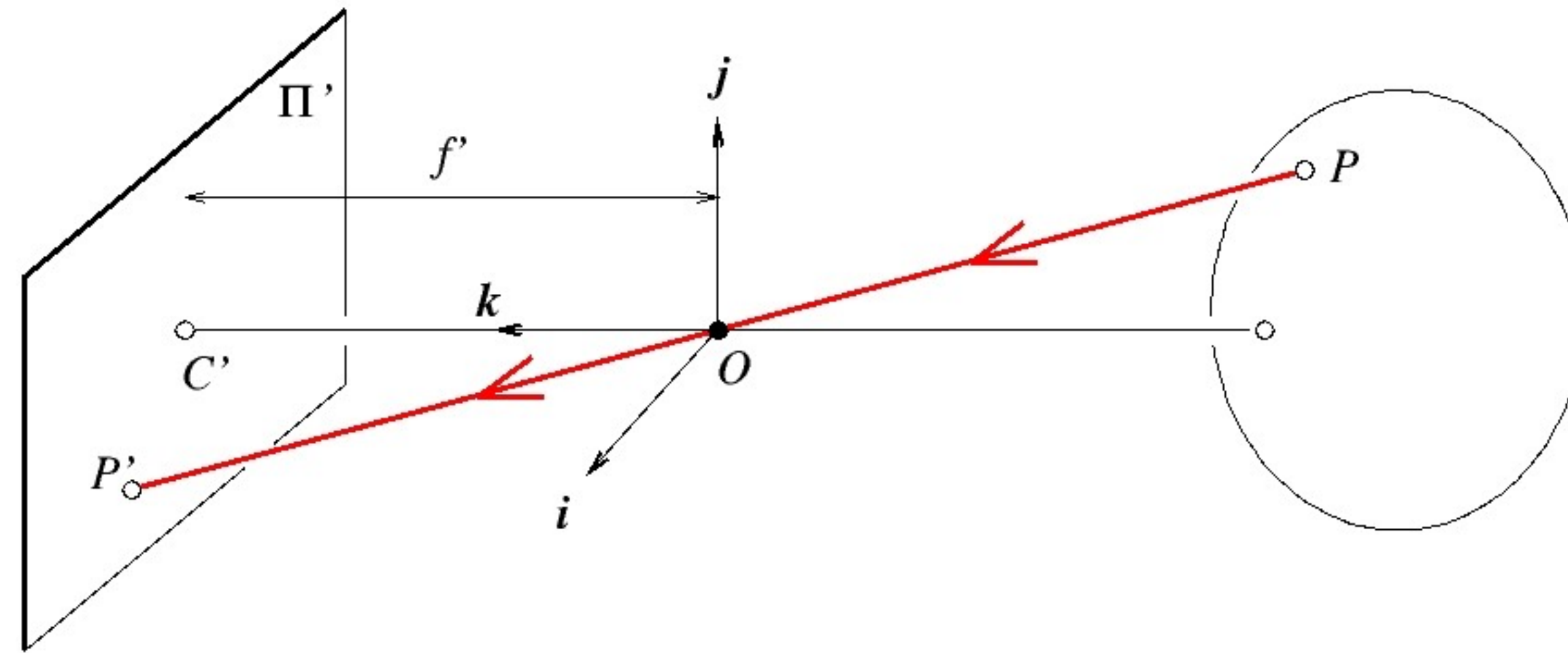


# Pinhole Camera





# Perspective Projection



3D object point

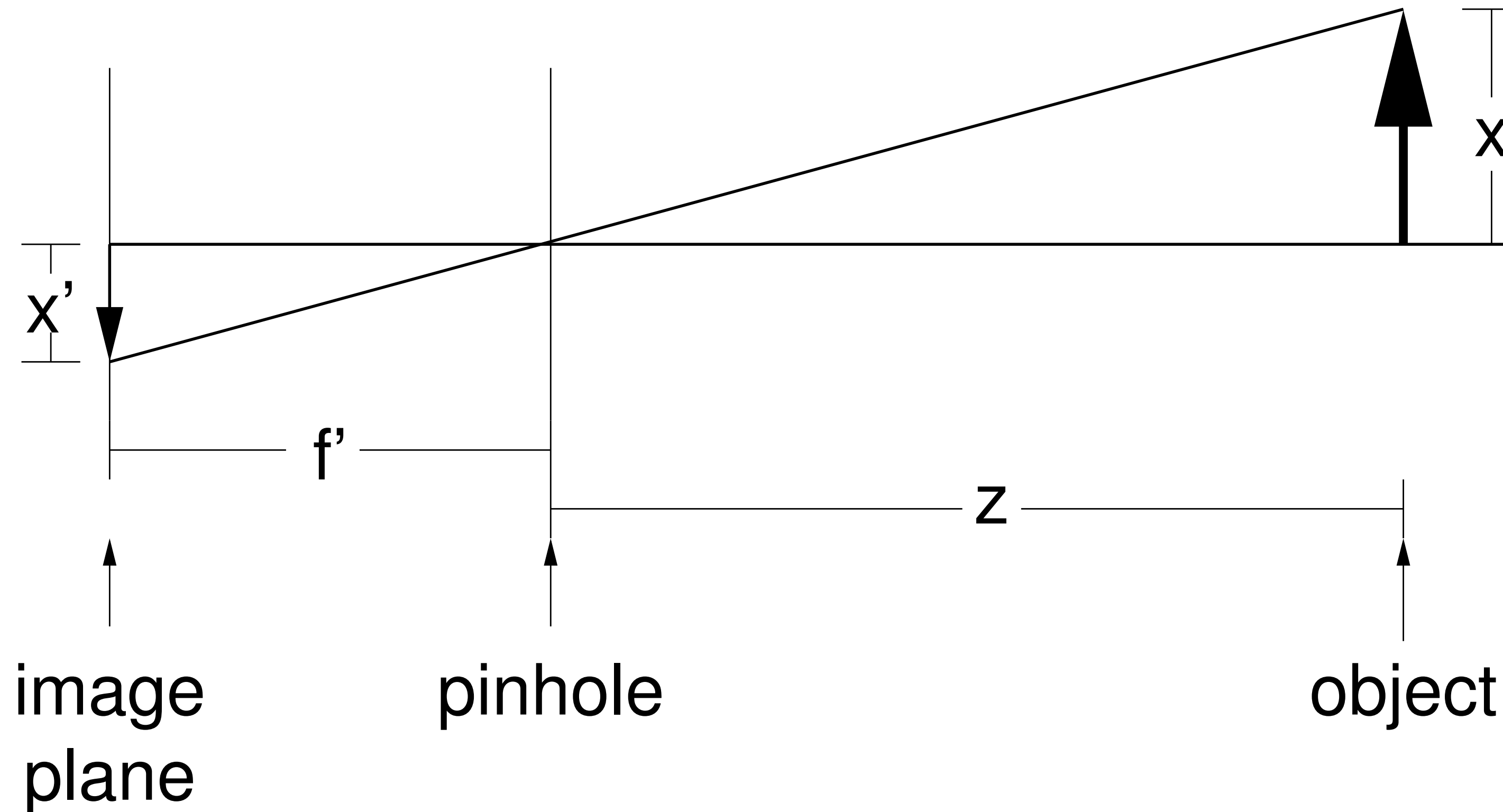
Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.4

$P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  projects to 2D image point  $P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f' \frac{x}{z} \\ y' &= f' \frac{y}{z} \end{aligned}$$

# Pinhole Camera

$f'$  is the **focal length** of the camera

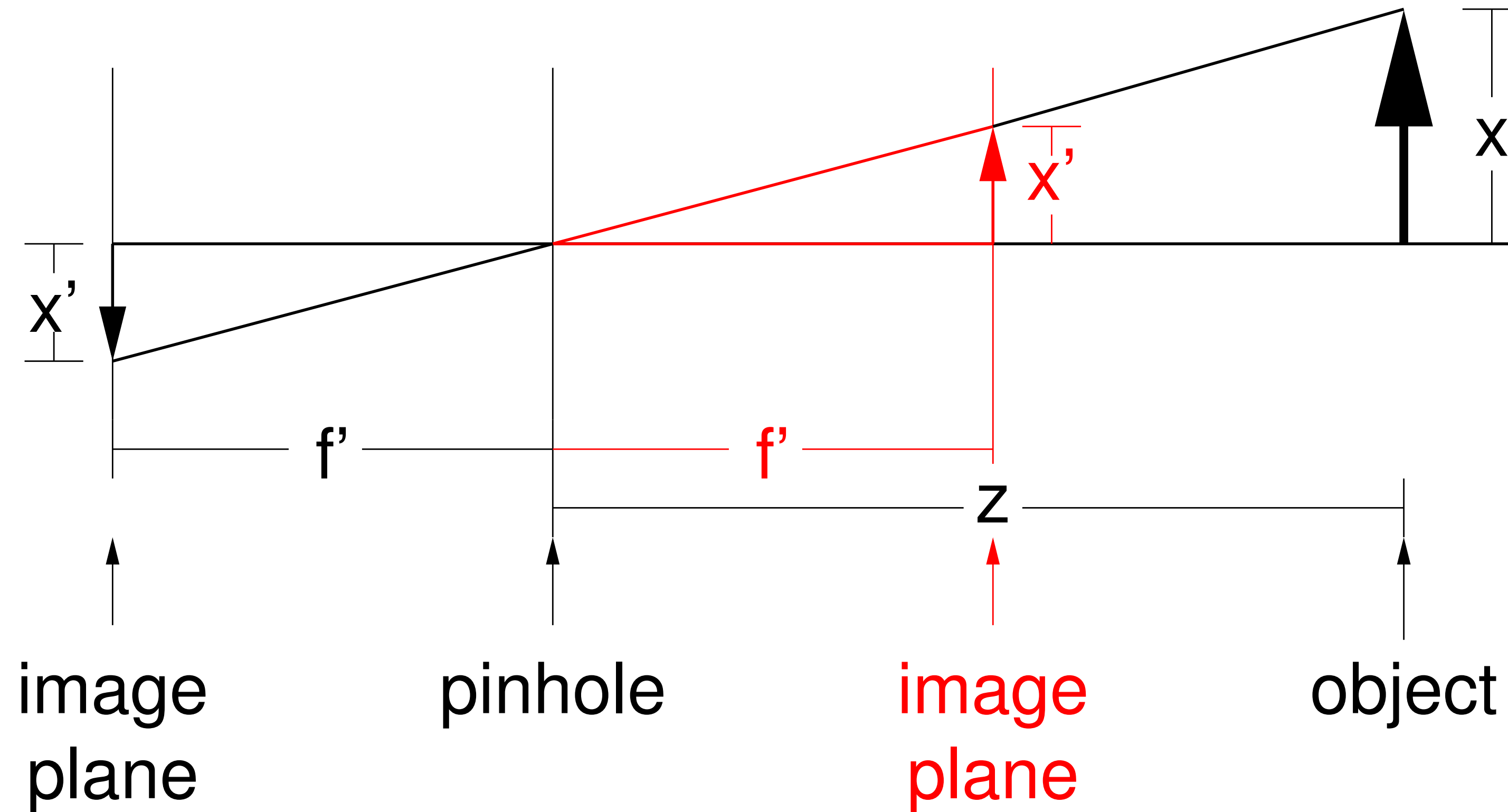


**Note:** In a pinhole camera we can adjust the focal length, all this will do is change the **size** of the resulting image



# Pinhole Camera

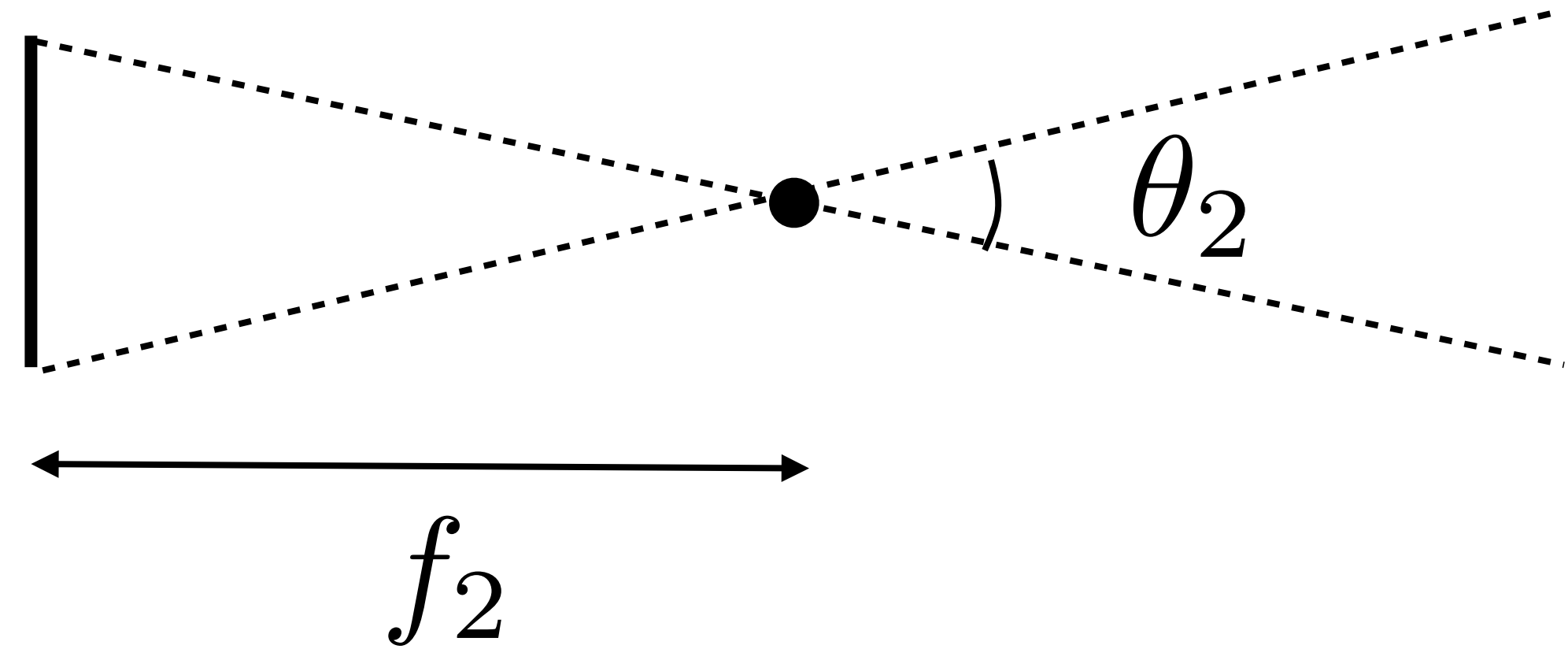
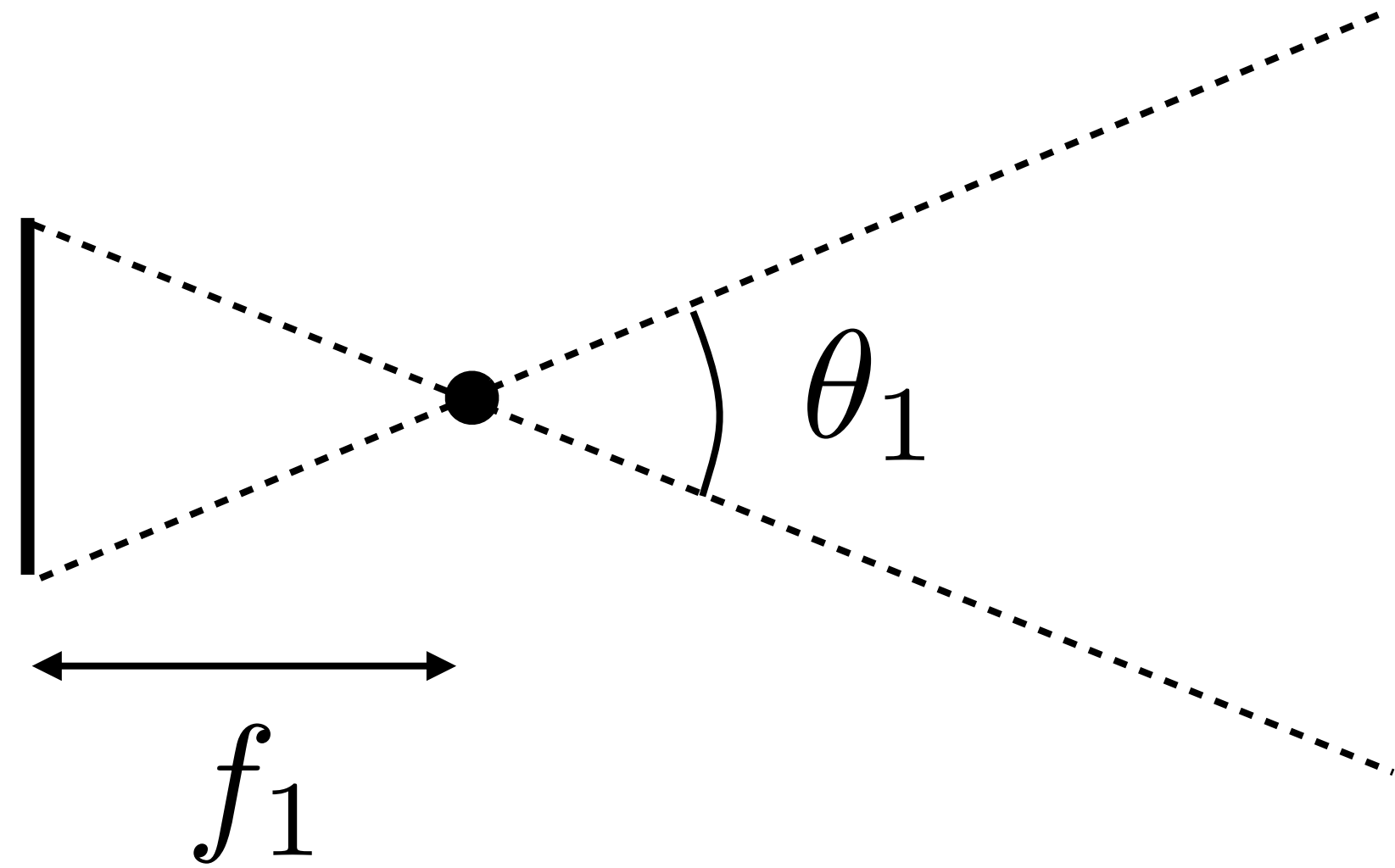
It is convenient to think of the **image plane** being in front of the pinhole



What happens if object moves towards the camera? Away from the camera?

# Focal Length

- For a fixed sensor size, focal length determines the field of view (fov)



2.5

**Q:** What is the field of view of a **full-frame (35mm) camera** with a **50mm lens**? 100mm lens?

Sensor size

Focal length



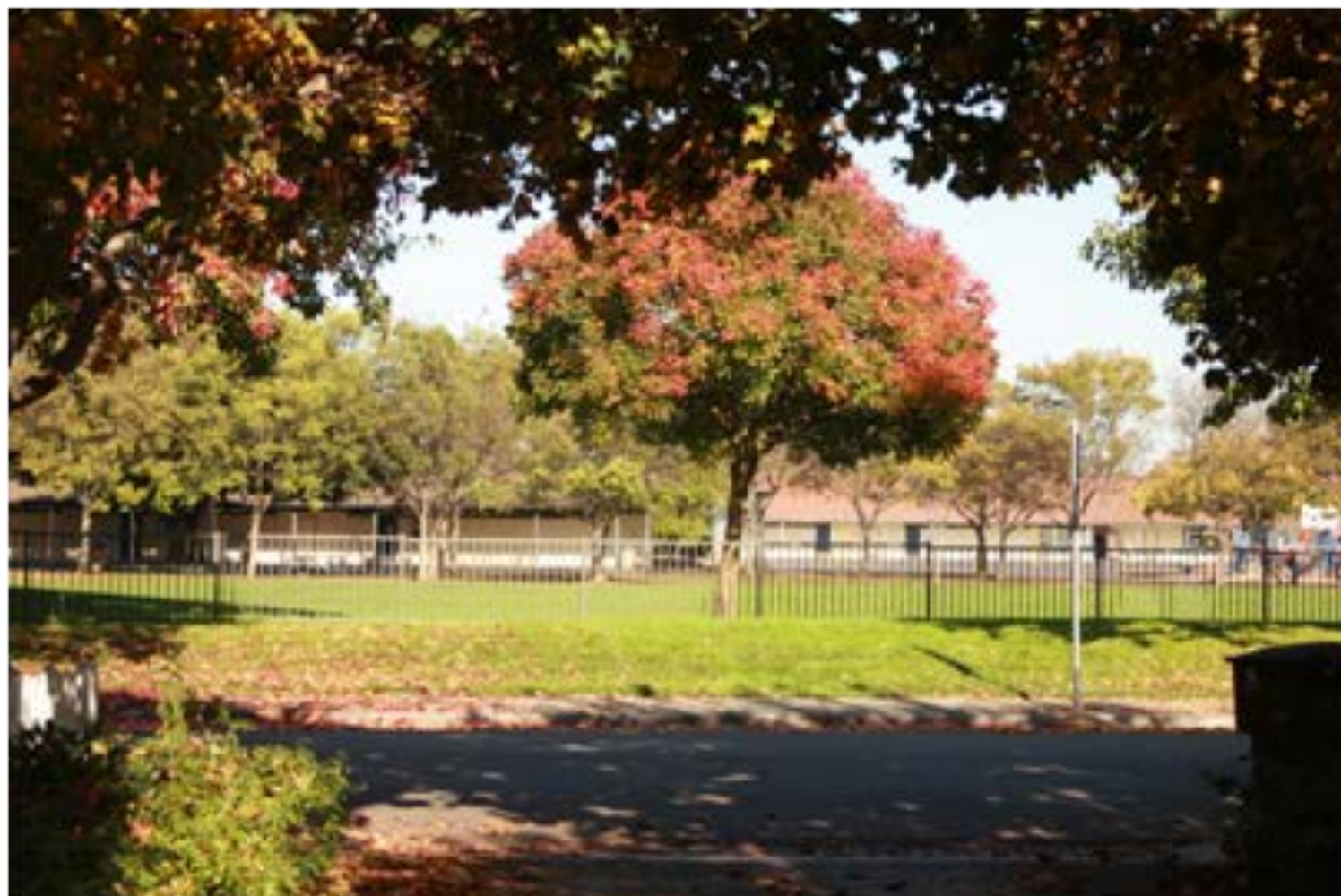
# Focal Length



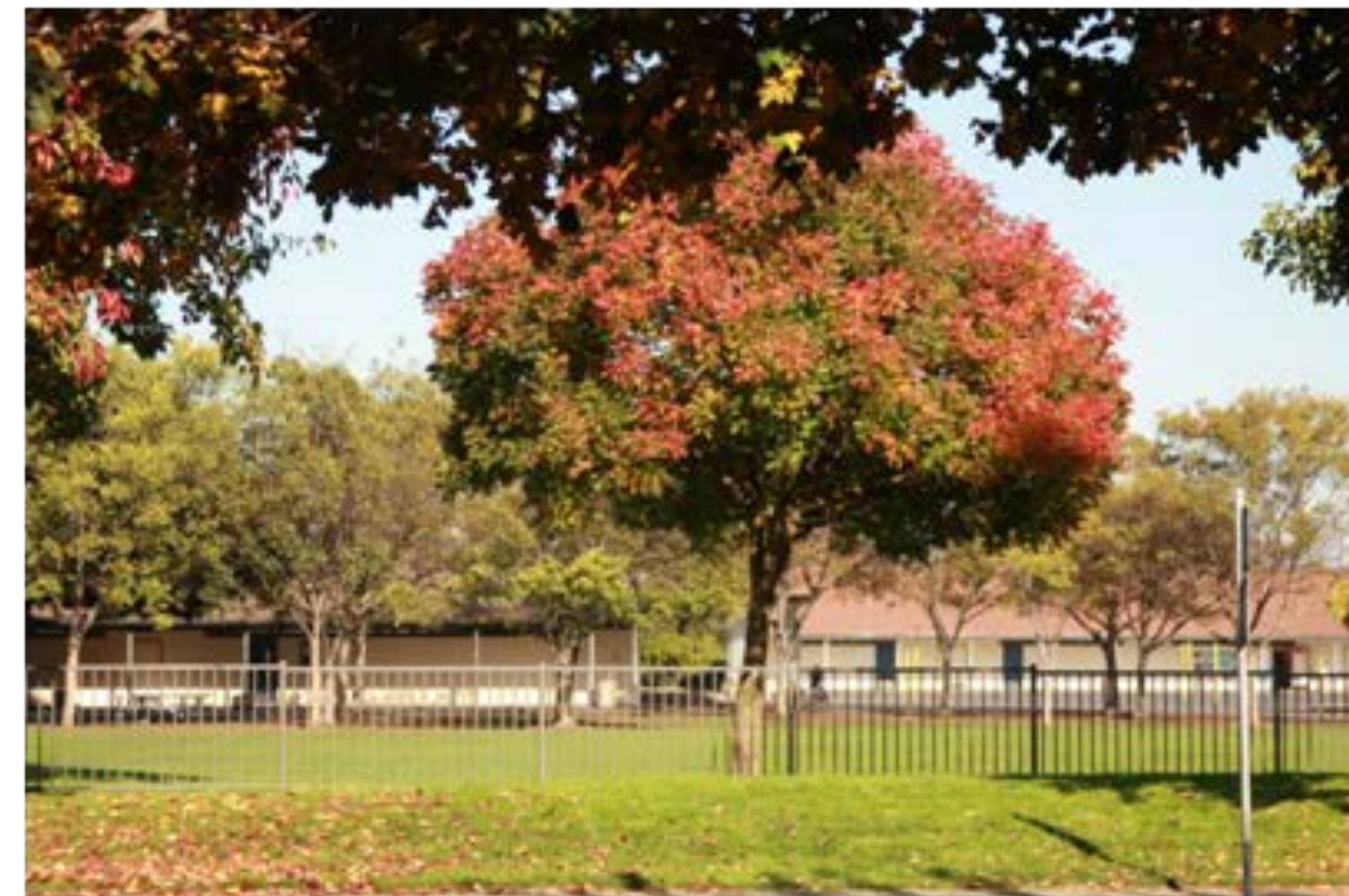
28 mm



35 mm



50 mm

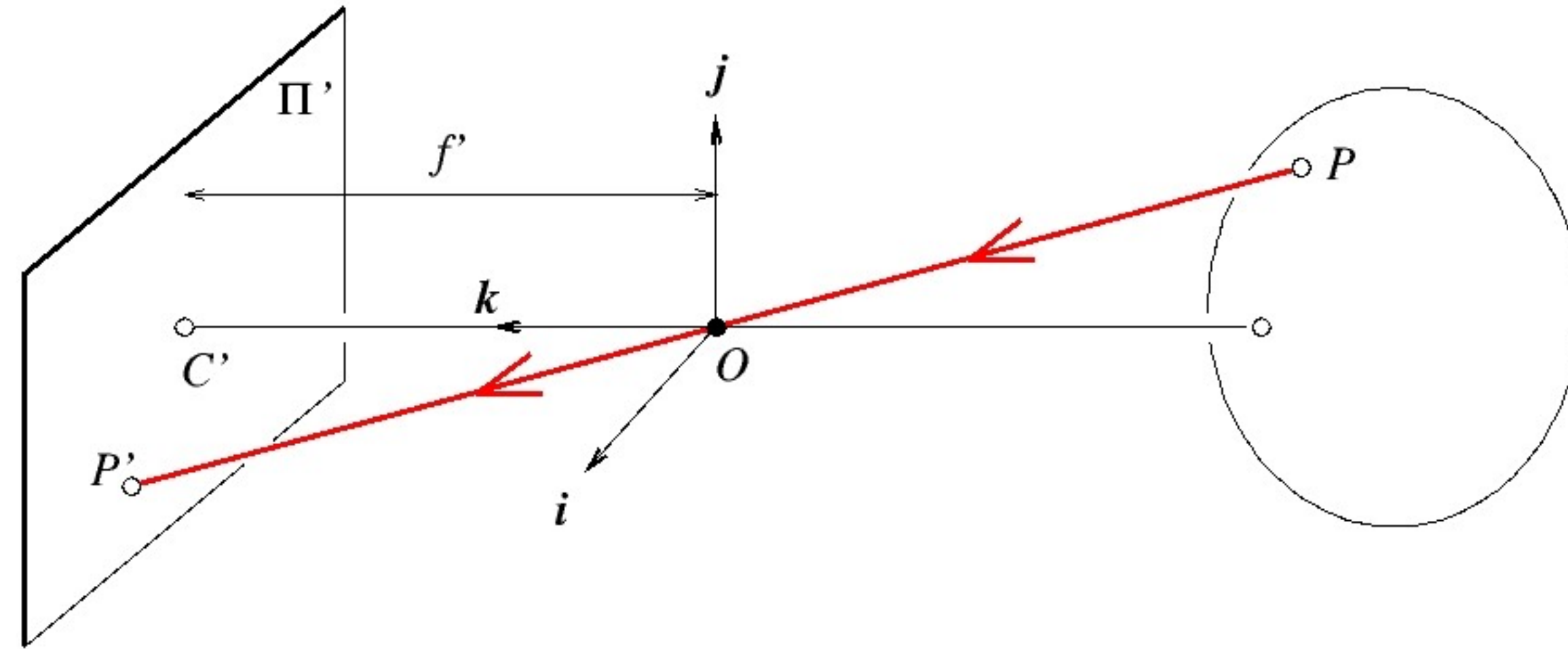


70 mm



# Perspective Projection: Matrix Form

## Camera Matrix



$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} f' & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f' & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D object point

Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.4

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projects to 2D image point

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$$sP' = \mathbf{C}P$$

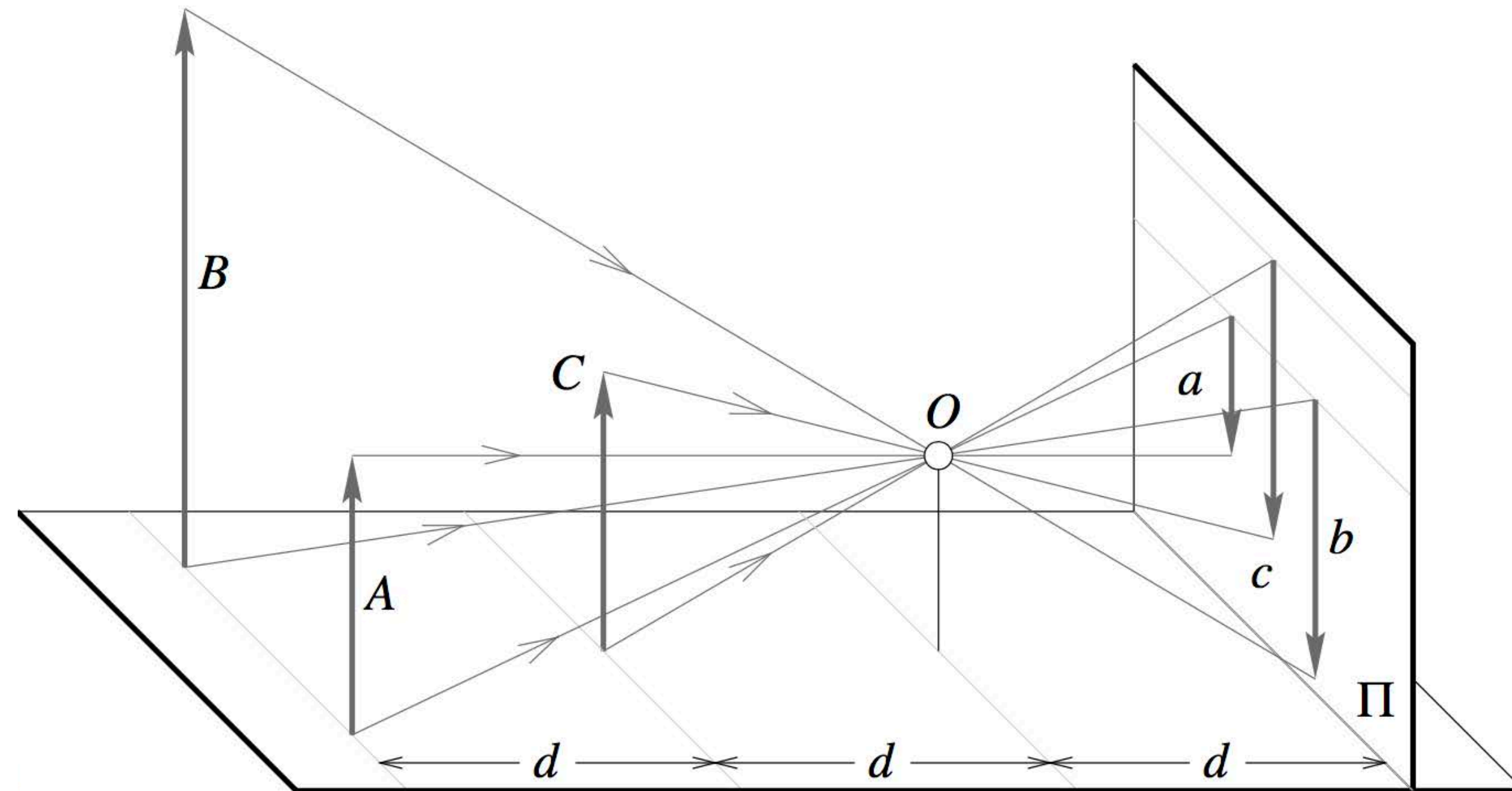
(s is a scale factor)





# Perspective Effects

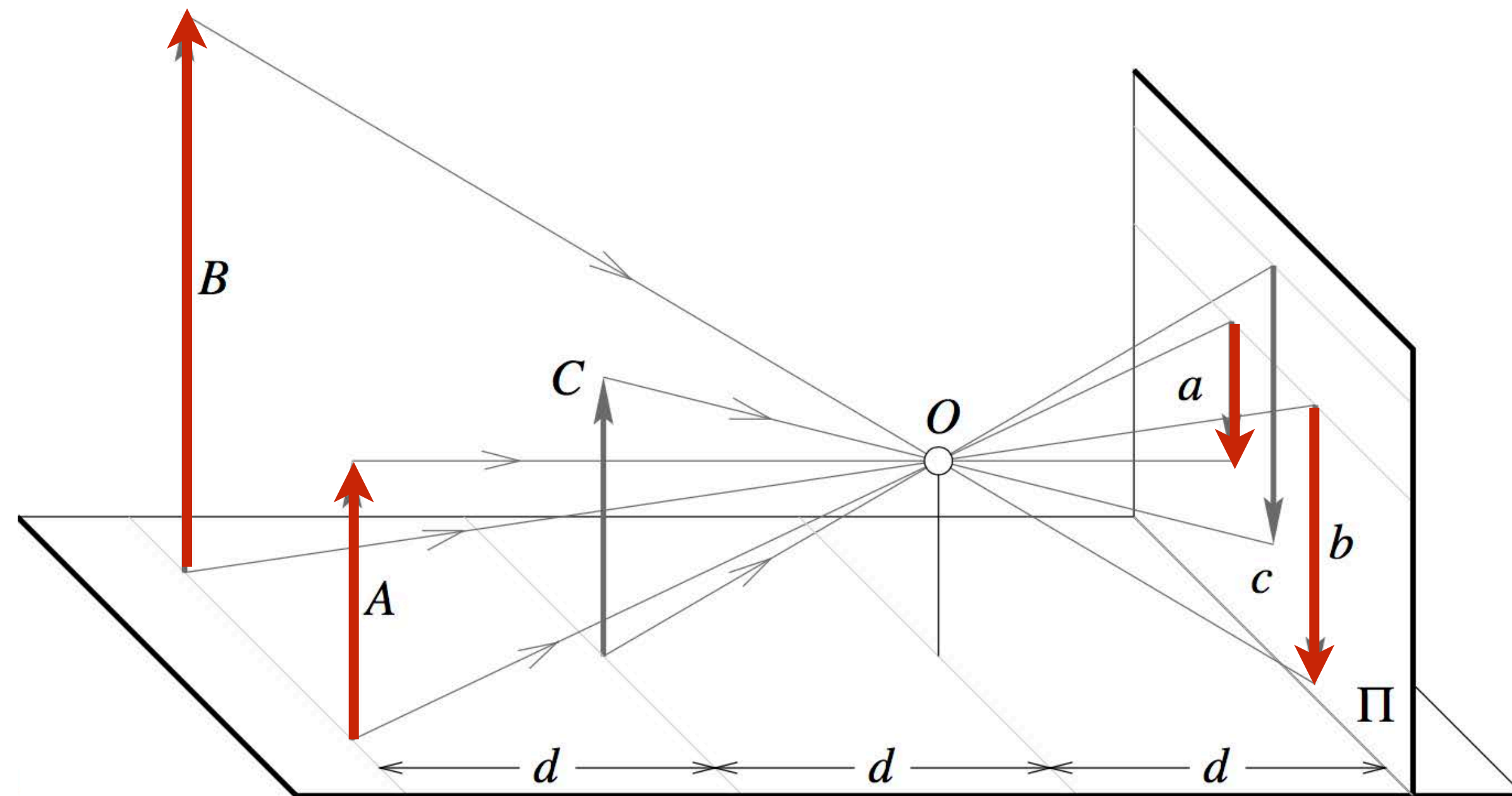
**Far objects** appear **smaller** than close ones



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.3a

# Perspective Effects

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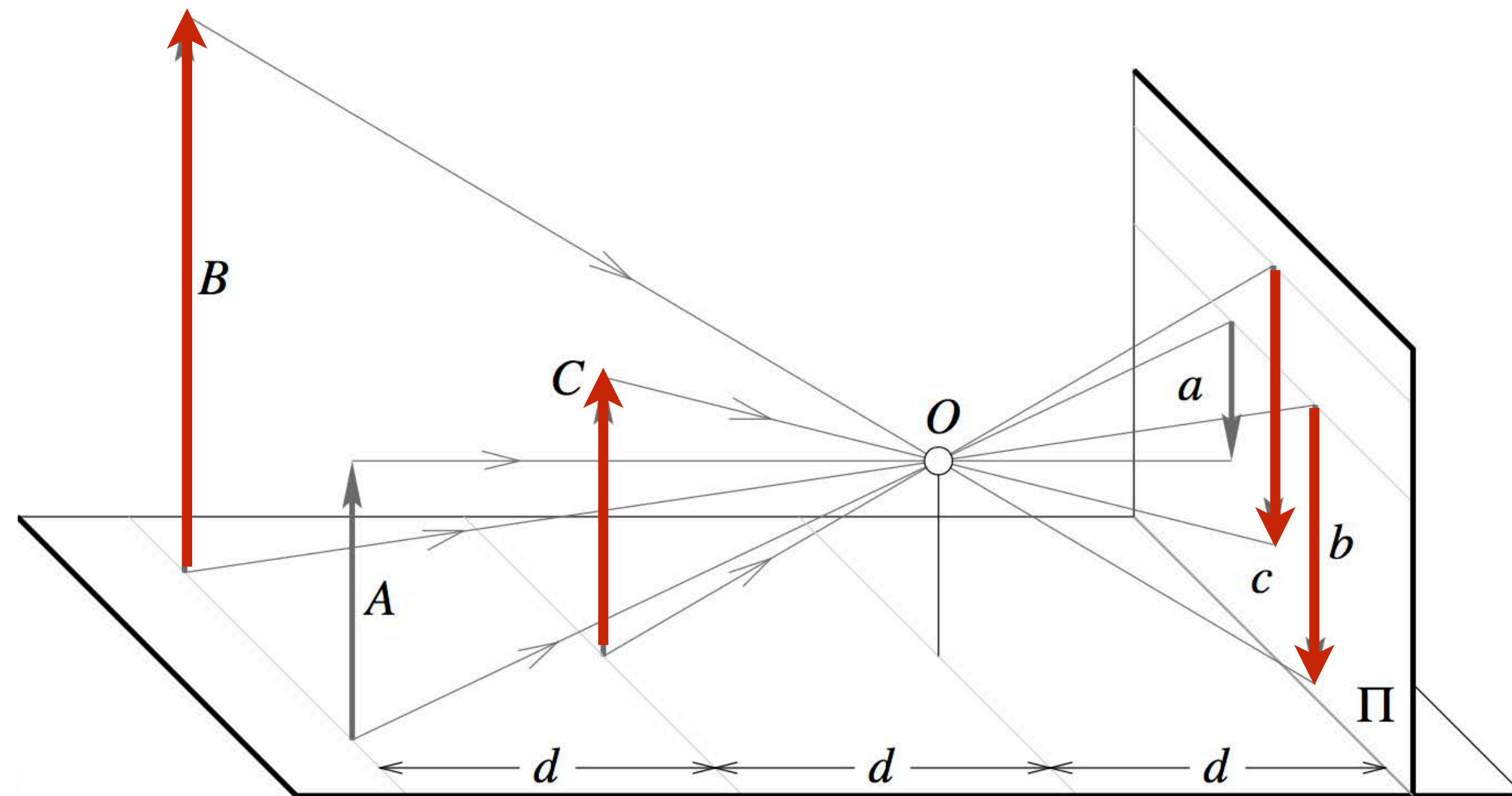
Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.3a

Size is **inversely** proportions to distance



# Perspective Effects

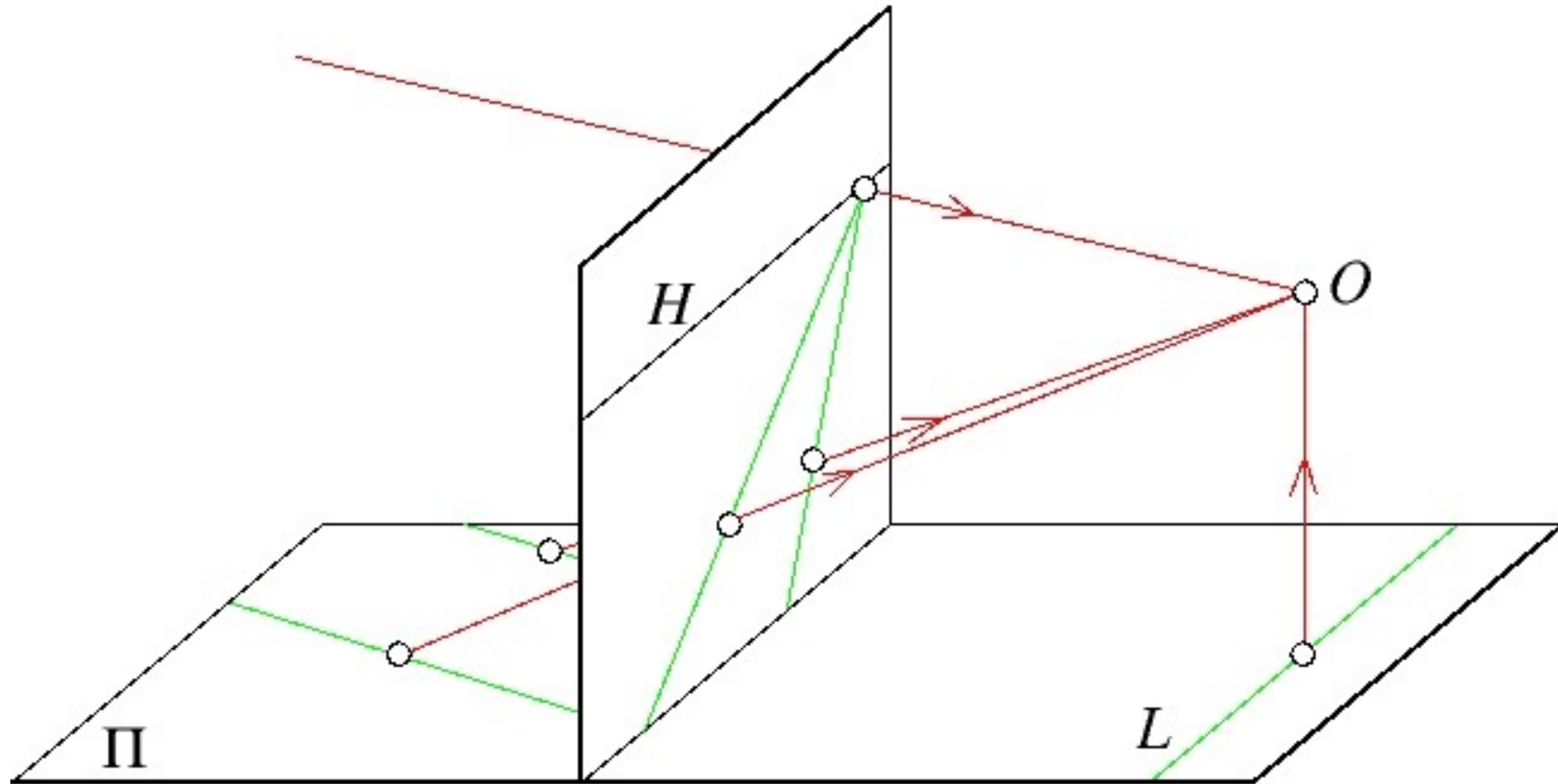
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Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.3a

# Perspective Effects

Parallel lines meet at a point (**vanishing point**)



Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.3b



# Vanishing Points

Each set of parallel lines meets at a different point

— the point is called the **vanishing point**

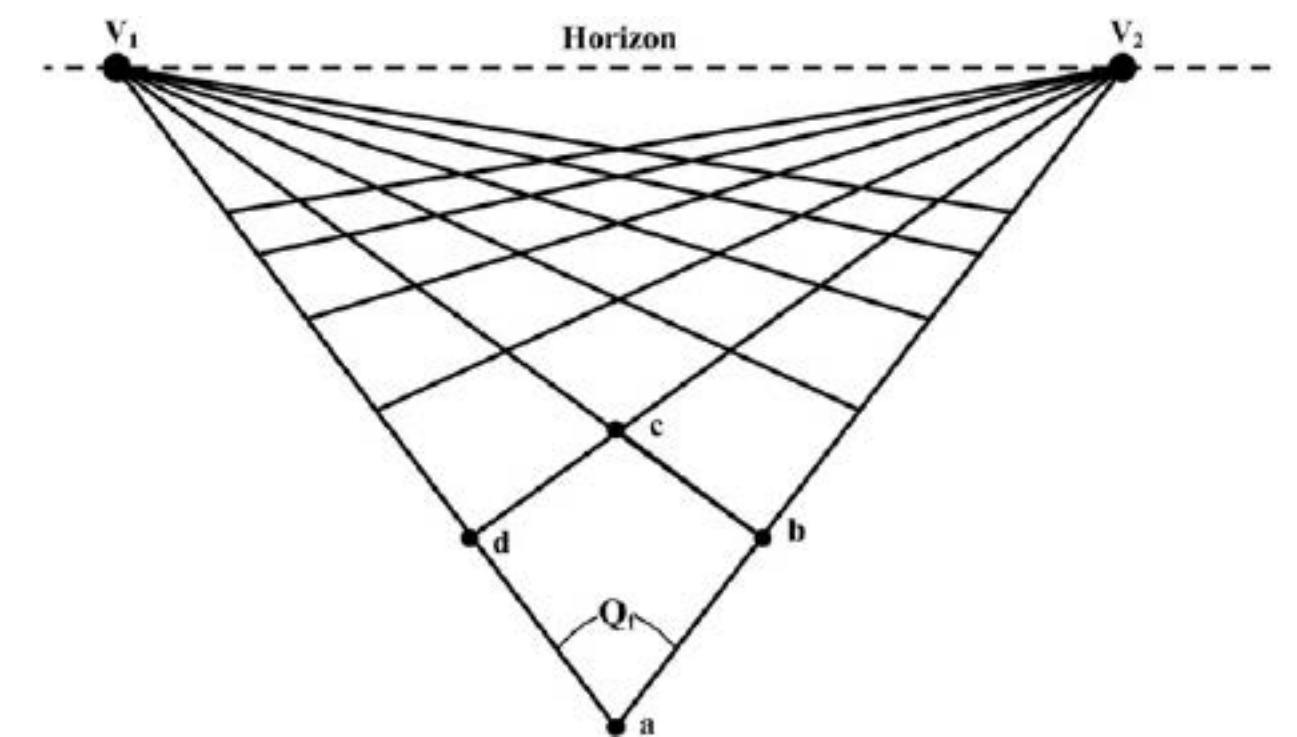
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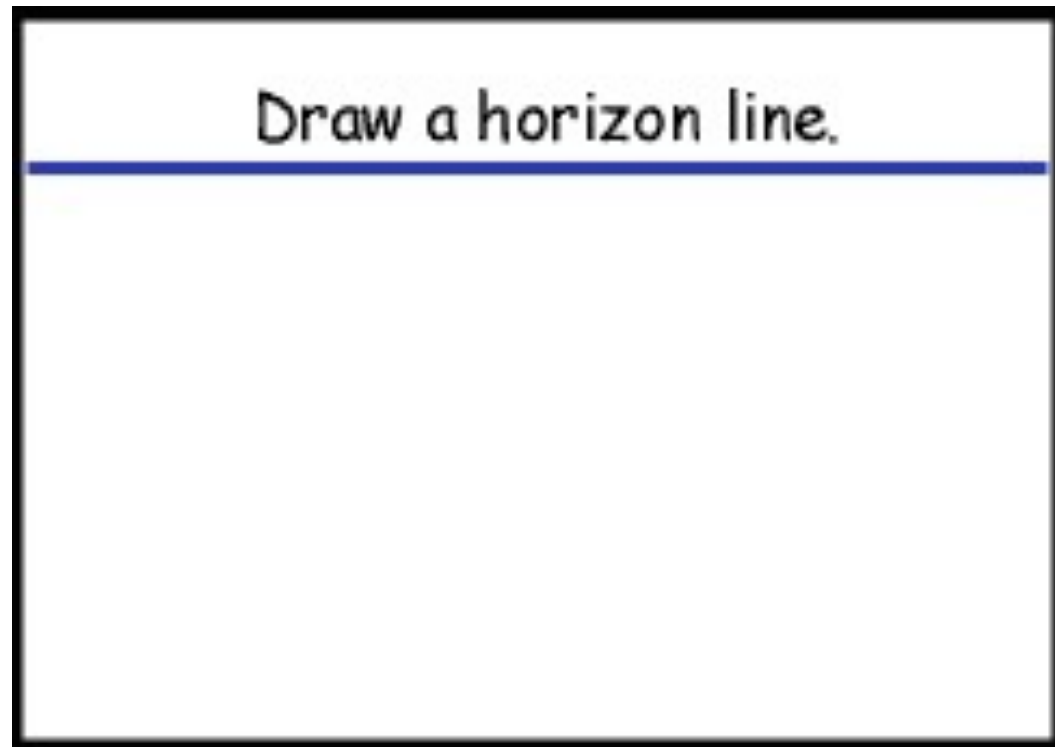
Sets of parallel lines on the same plane lead to **collinear** vanishing points

— the line is called a **horizon** for that plane

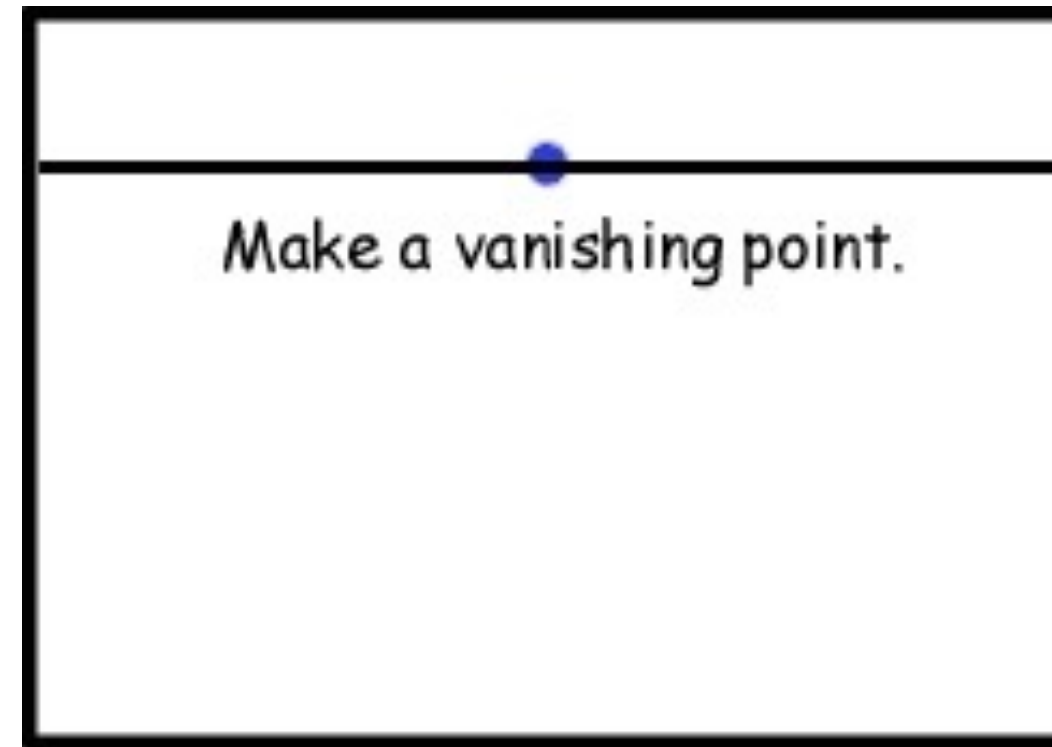
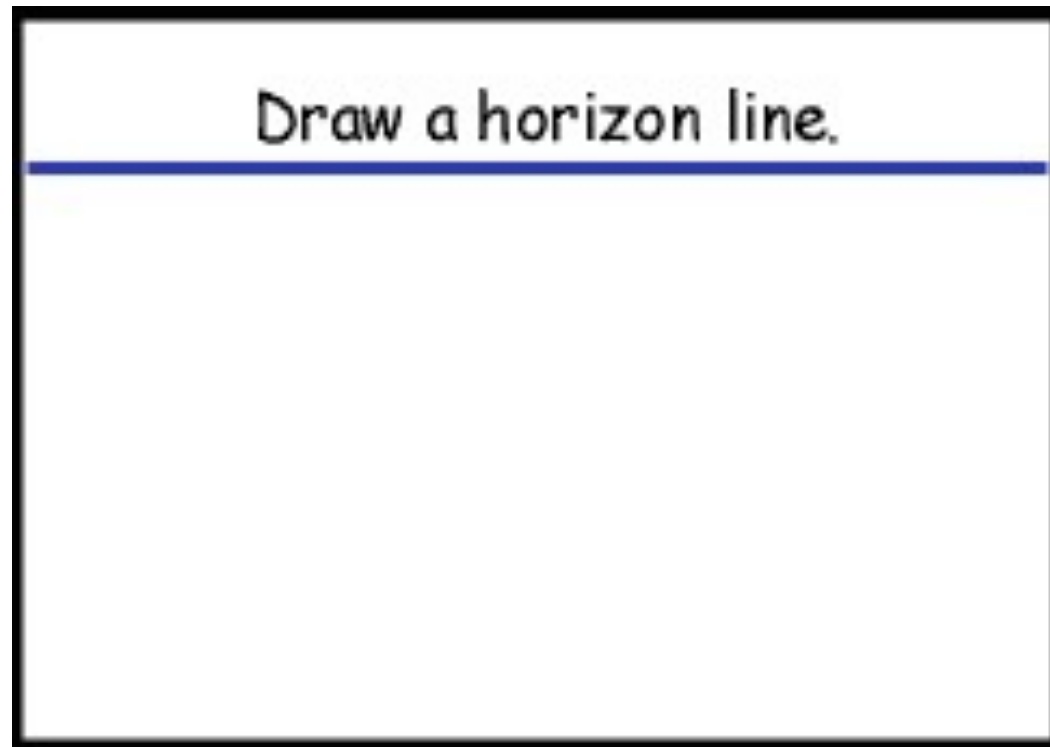




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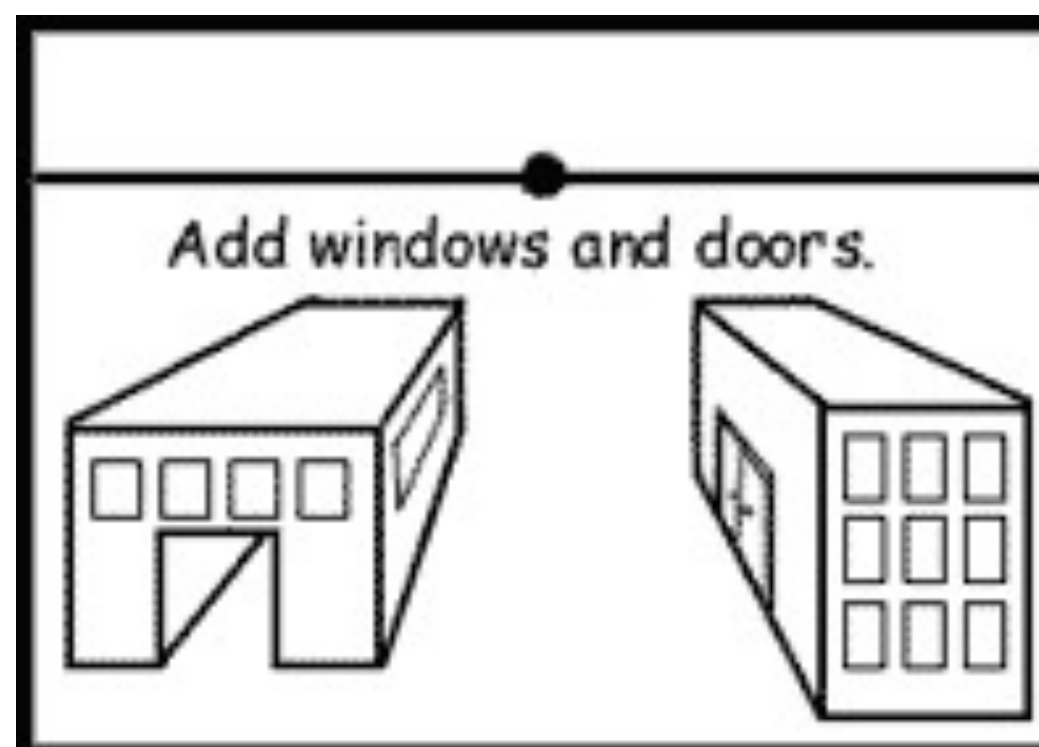
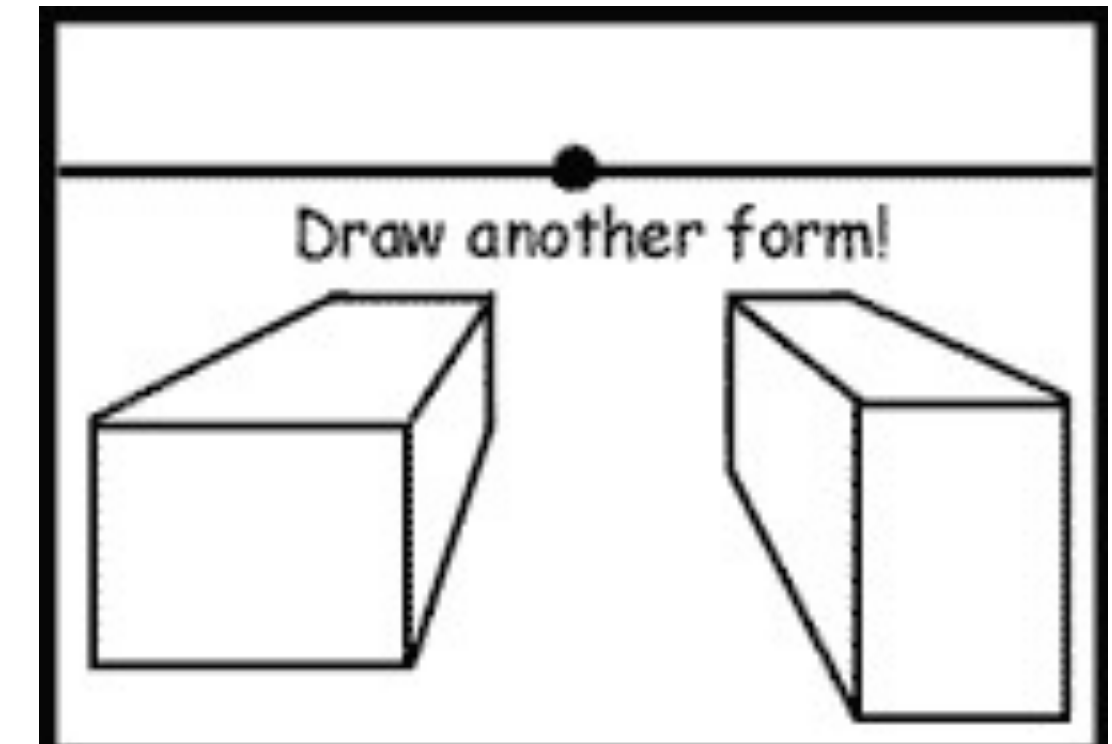
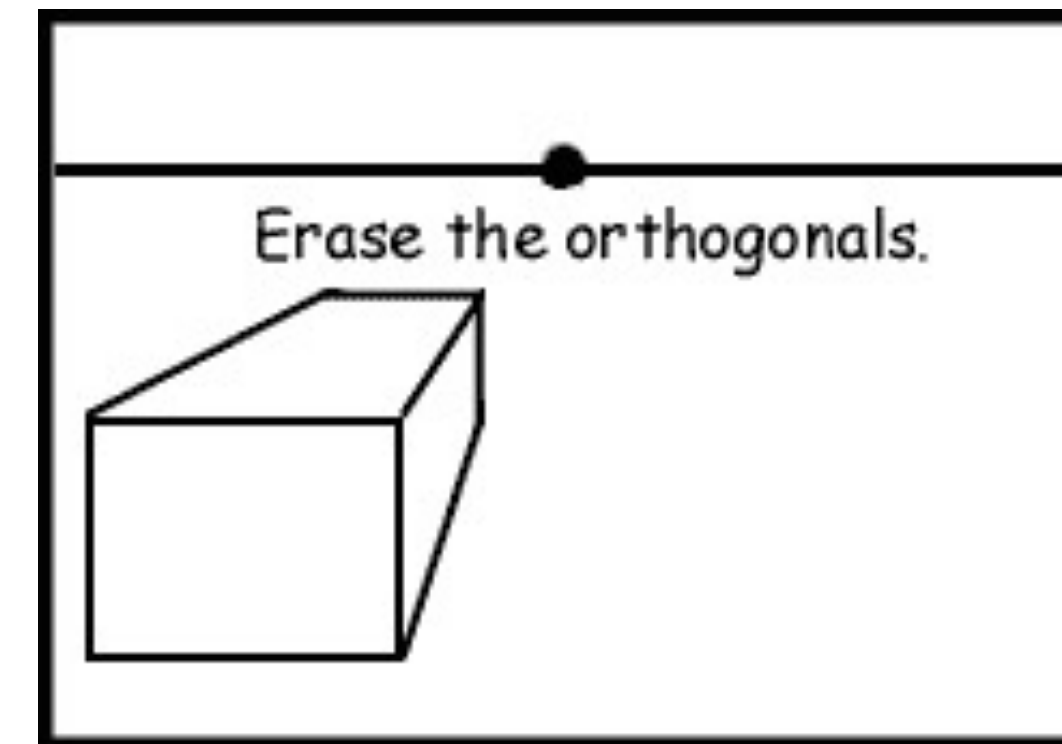
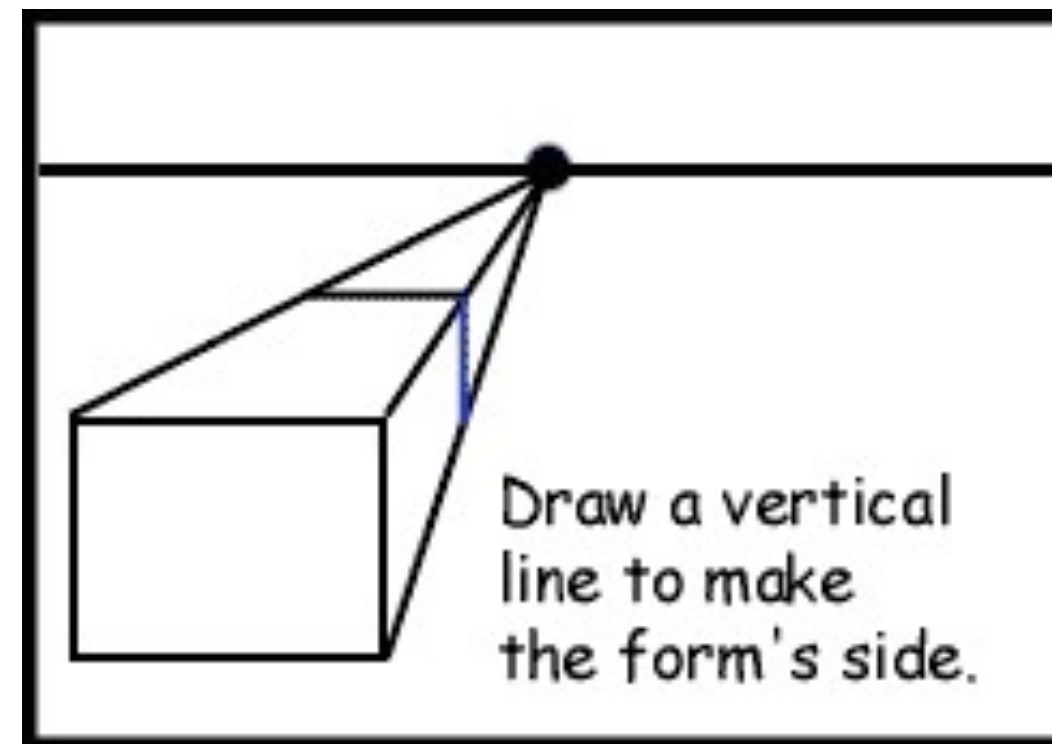
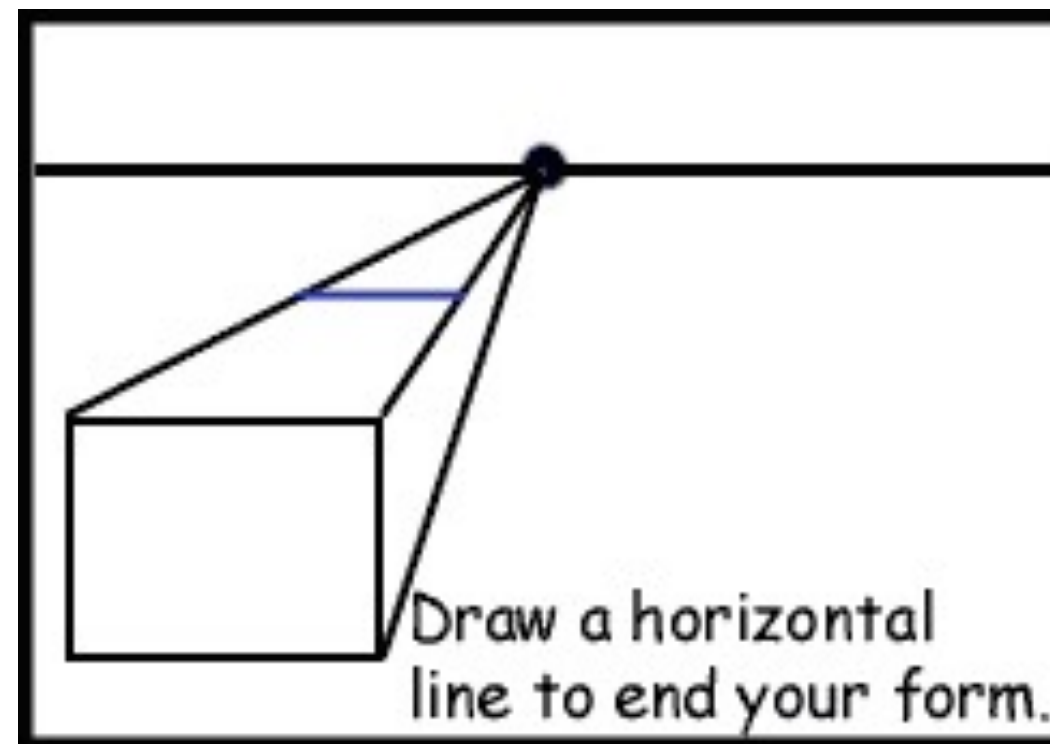
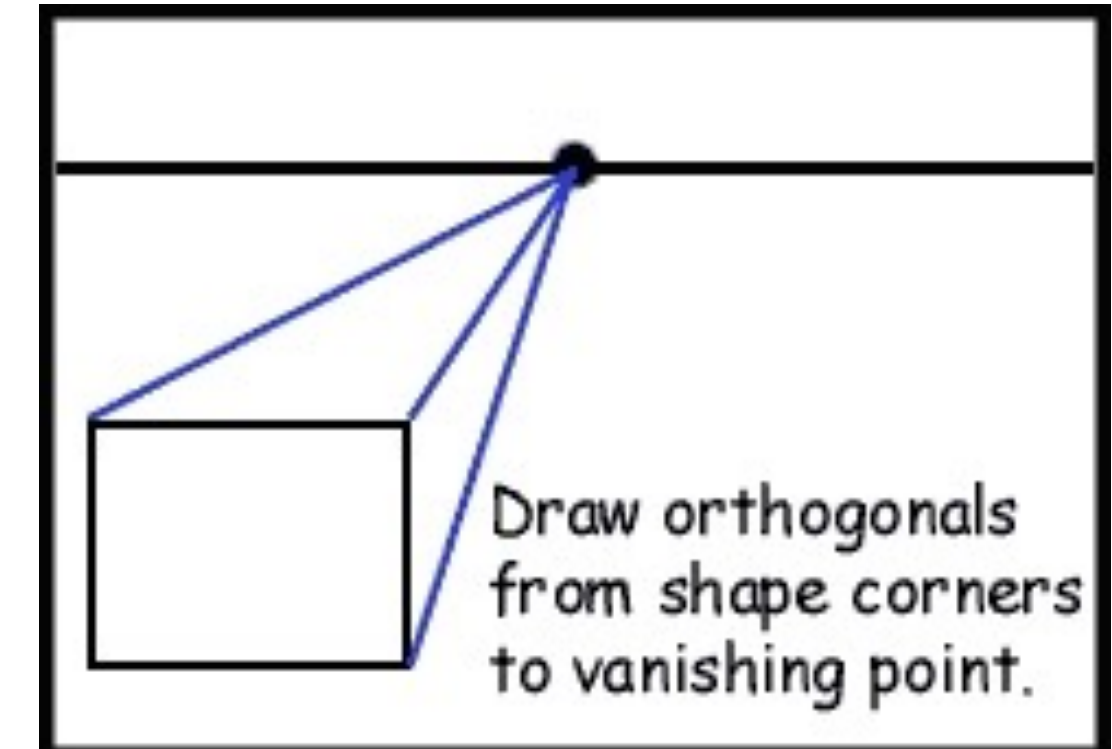
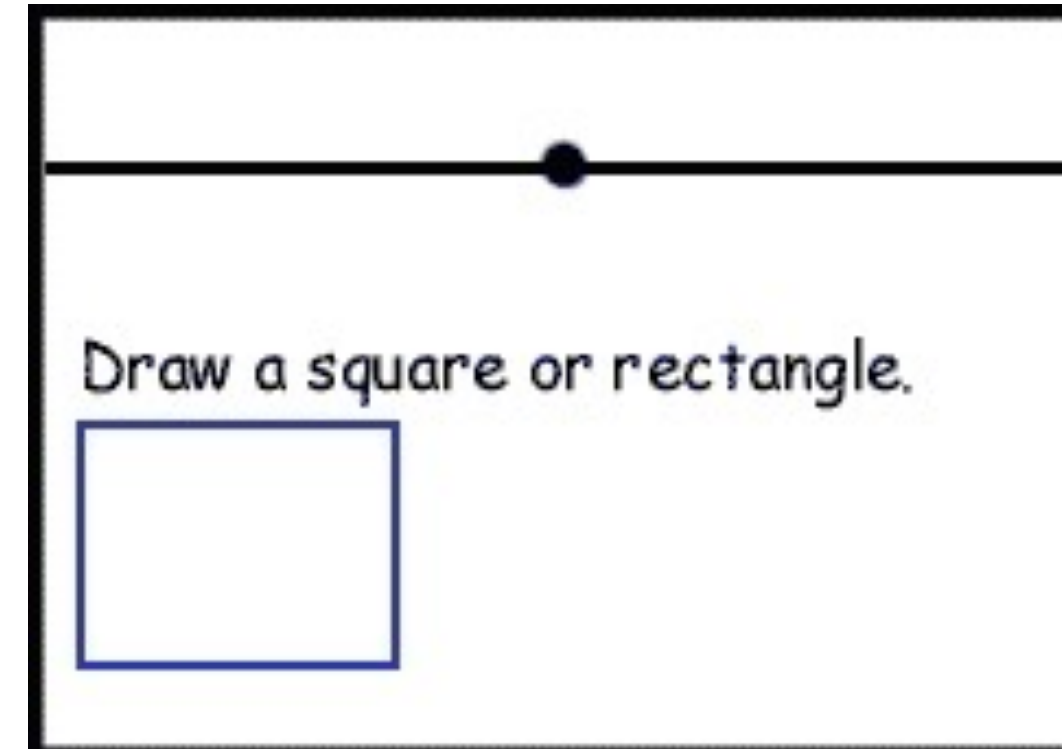
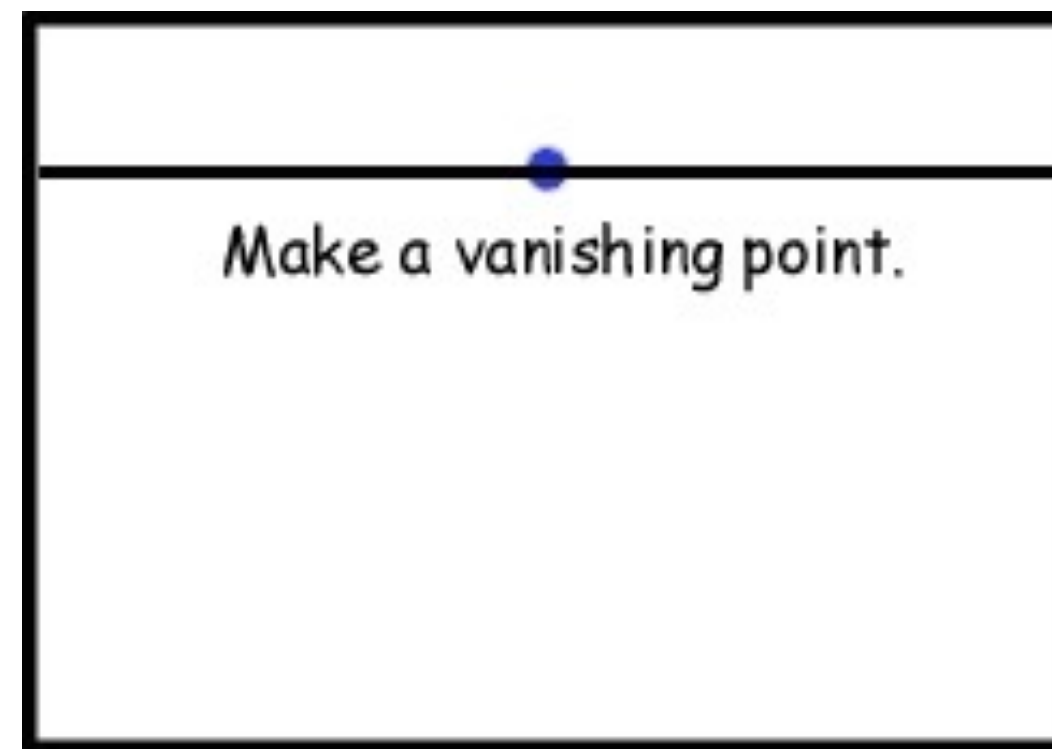
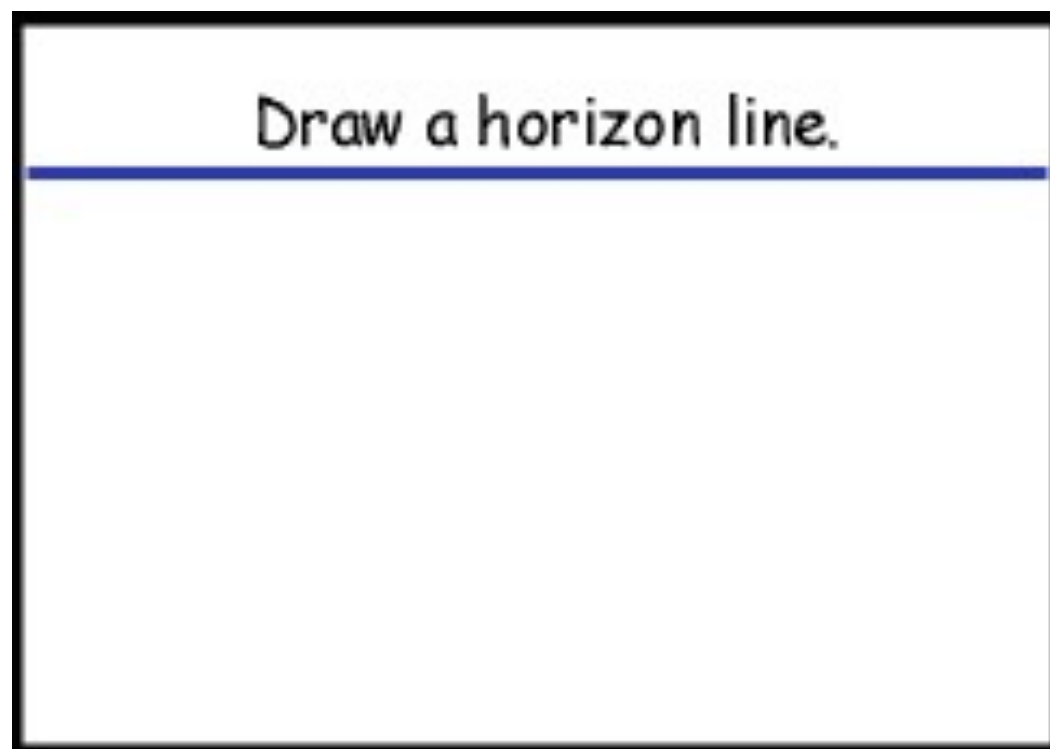


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Each set of parallel lines meets at a different point

— the point is called the **vanishing point**

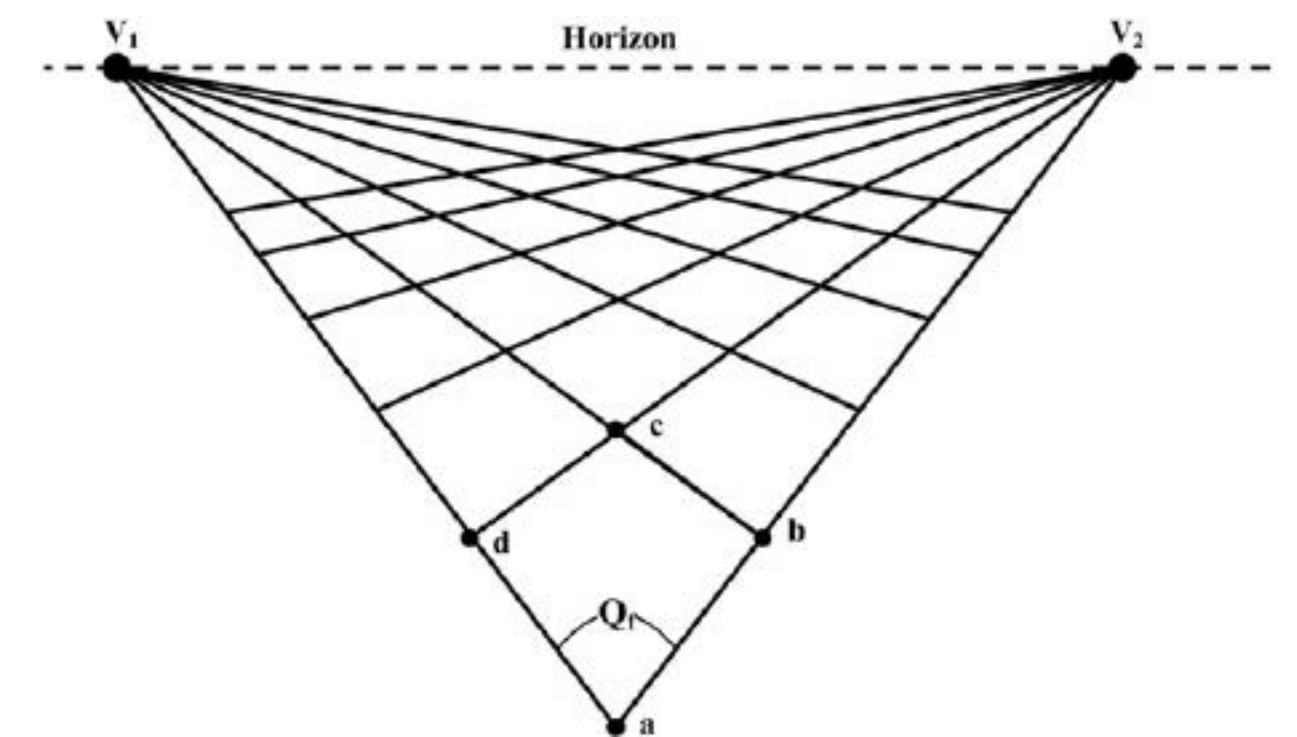
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A good way to **spot fake images**

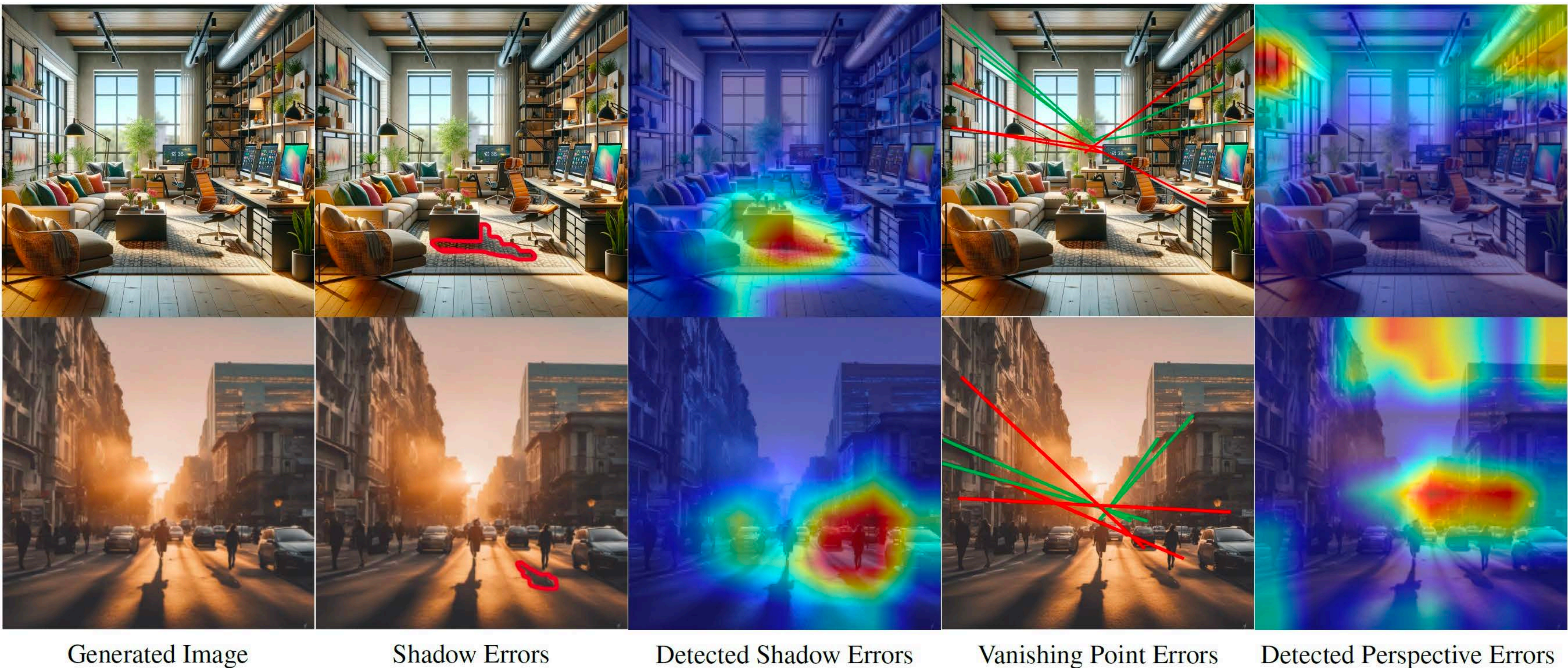
— scale and perspective do not work

— vanishing points behave badly





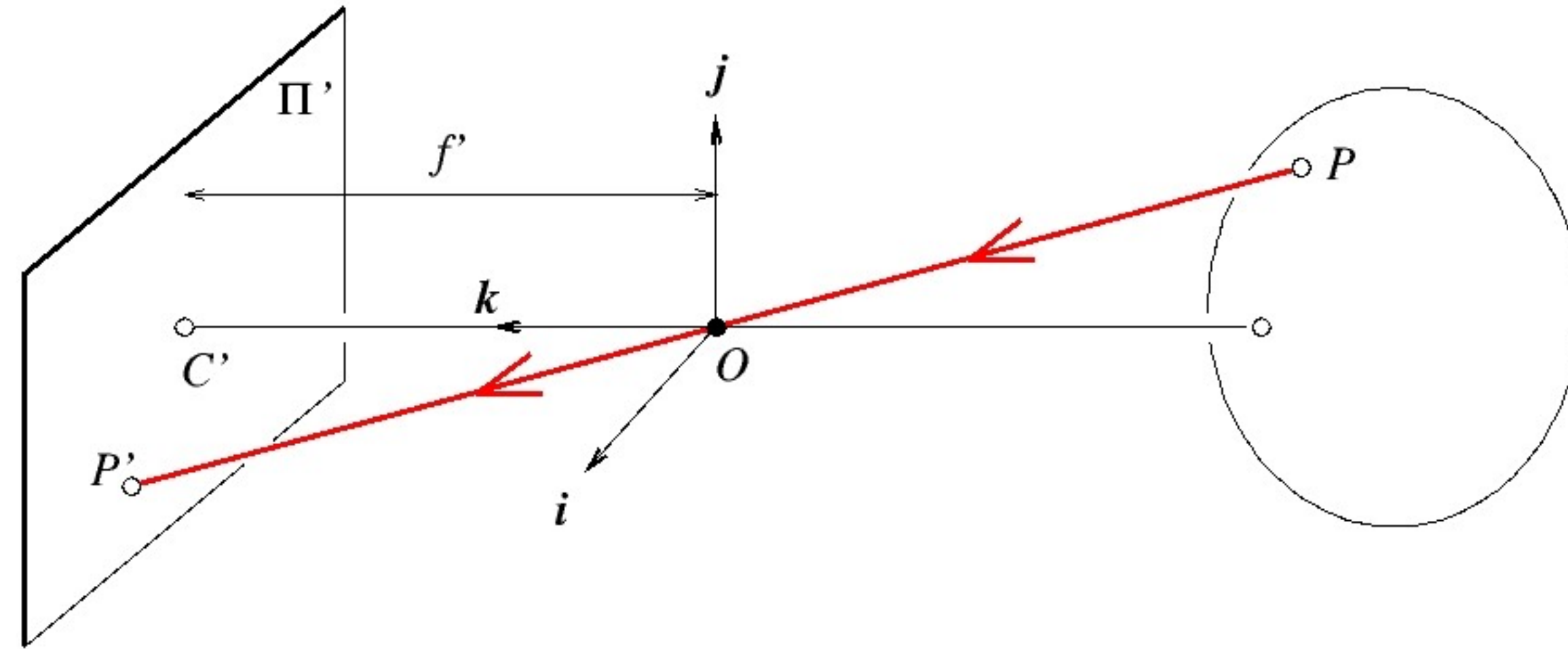
# Spotting fake images with **Vanishing** Points





# Perspective Projection: Matrix Form

## Camera Matrix



$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} f' & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f' & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D object point

Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.4

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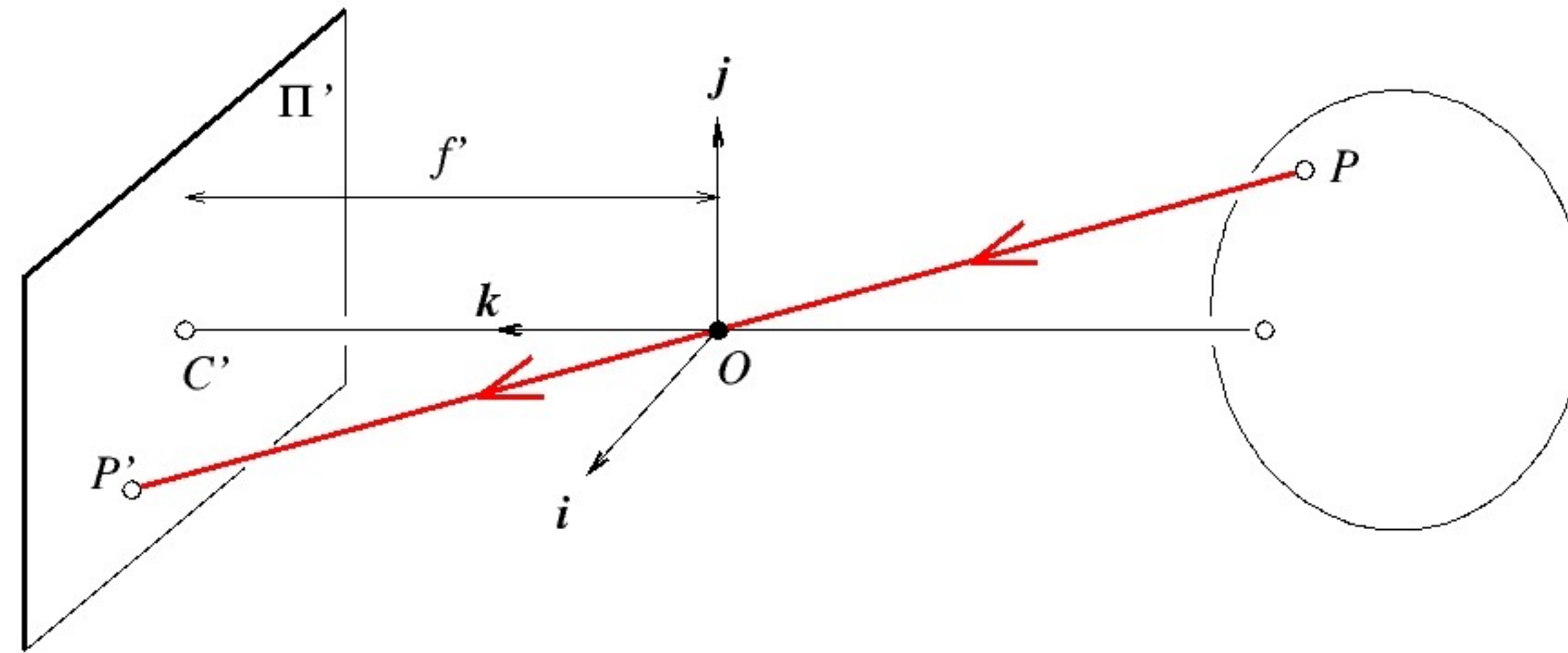
(s is a scale factor)





# Aside: Camera Matrix

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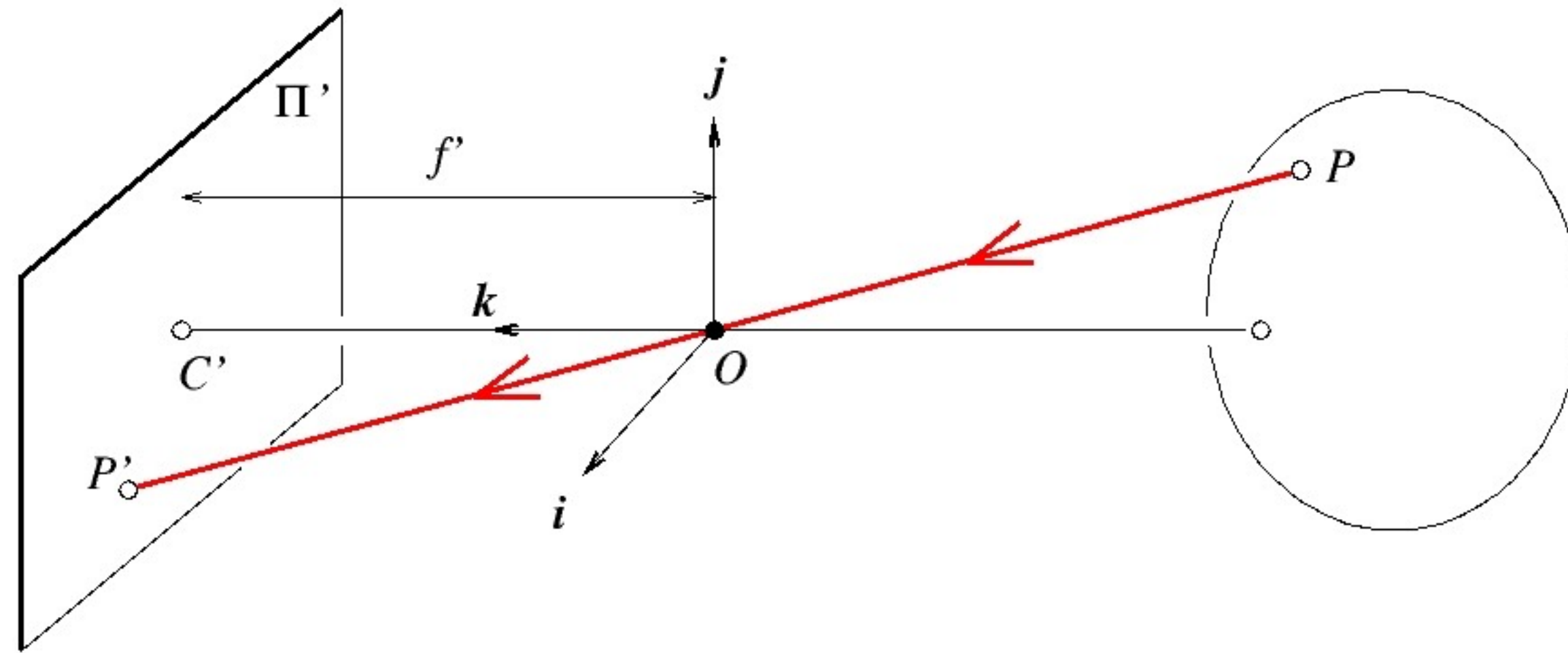
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**Camera calibration** is the process of estimating the parameters of the camera matrix based on a set of 3D-2D correspondences (usually requires a pattern whose structure and size are known)

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# Perspective Projection



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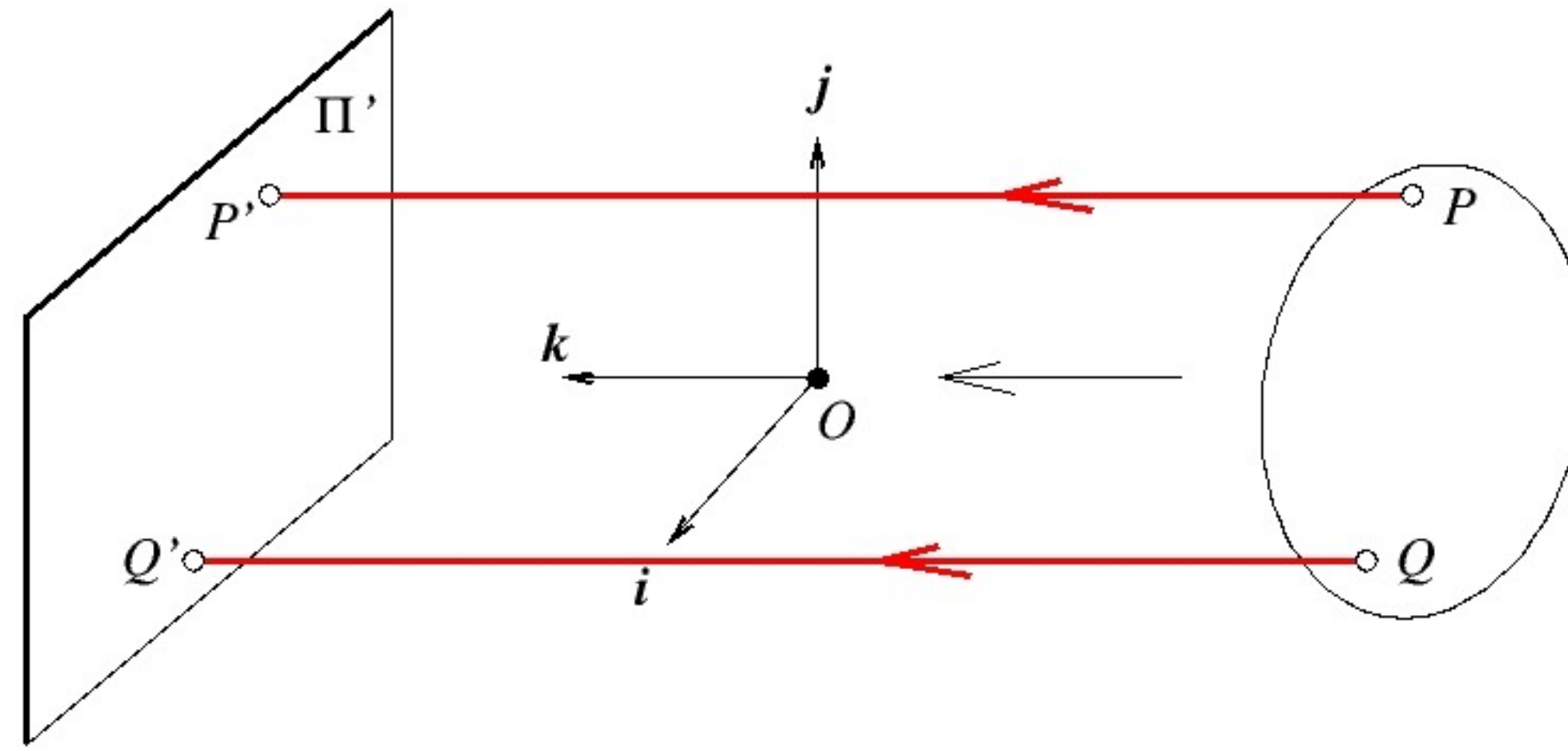
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$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f' \frac{x}{z} \\ y' &= f' \frac{y}{z} \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** this assumes world coordinate frame at the optical center (pinhole) and aligned with the image plane, image coordinate frame aligned with the camera coordinate frame



# Orthographic Projection



Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.6

3D object point  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  projects to 2D image point  $P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$

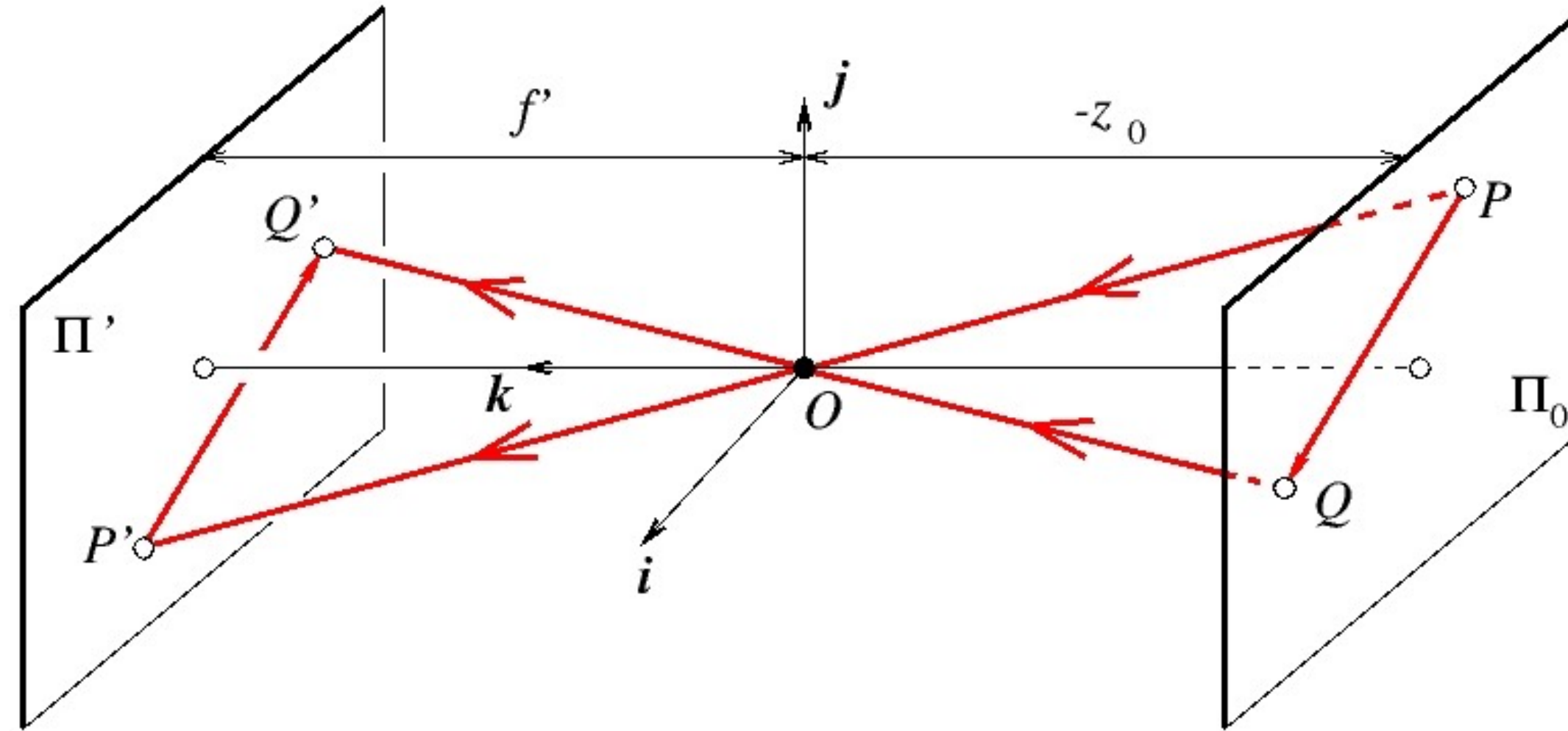
where

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x' & = & x \\ y' & = & y \end{array}$$

# Weak Perspective



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Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.5

3D object point  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\Pi_0$  projects to 2D image point  $P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} mx \\ my \end{bmatrix}$  and  $m = \frac{f'}{z_0}$



# Summary of **Projection Equations**

3D object point  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  projects to 2D image point  $P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$  where

Perspective

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= f' \frac{x}{z} \\ y' &= f' \frac{y}{z} \end{aligned}$$

Weak Perspective

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= m x \\ y' &= m y \end{aligned} \quad m = \frac{f'}{z_0}$$

Orthographic

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \\ y' &= y \end{aligned}$$

# Projection Models: Pros and Cons

**Weak perspective** (including orthographic) has simpler mathematics

- accurate when object is small and/or distant
- useful for recognition

**Perspective** is more accurate for real scenes

When **maximum accuracy** is required, it is necessary to model additional details of a particular camera

- use perspective projection with additional parameters (e.g., lens distortion)



# Projection Illusion

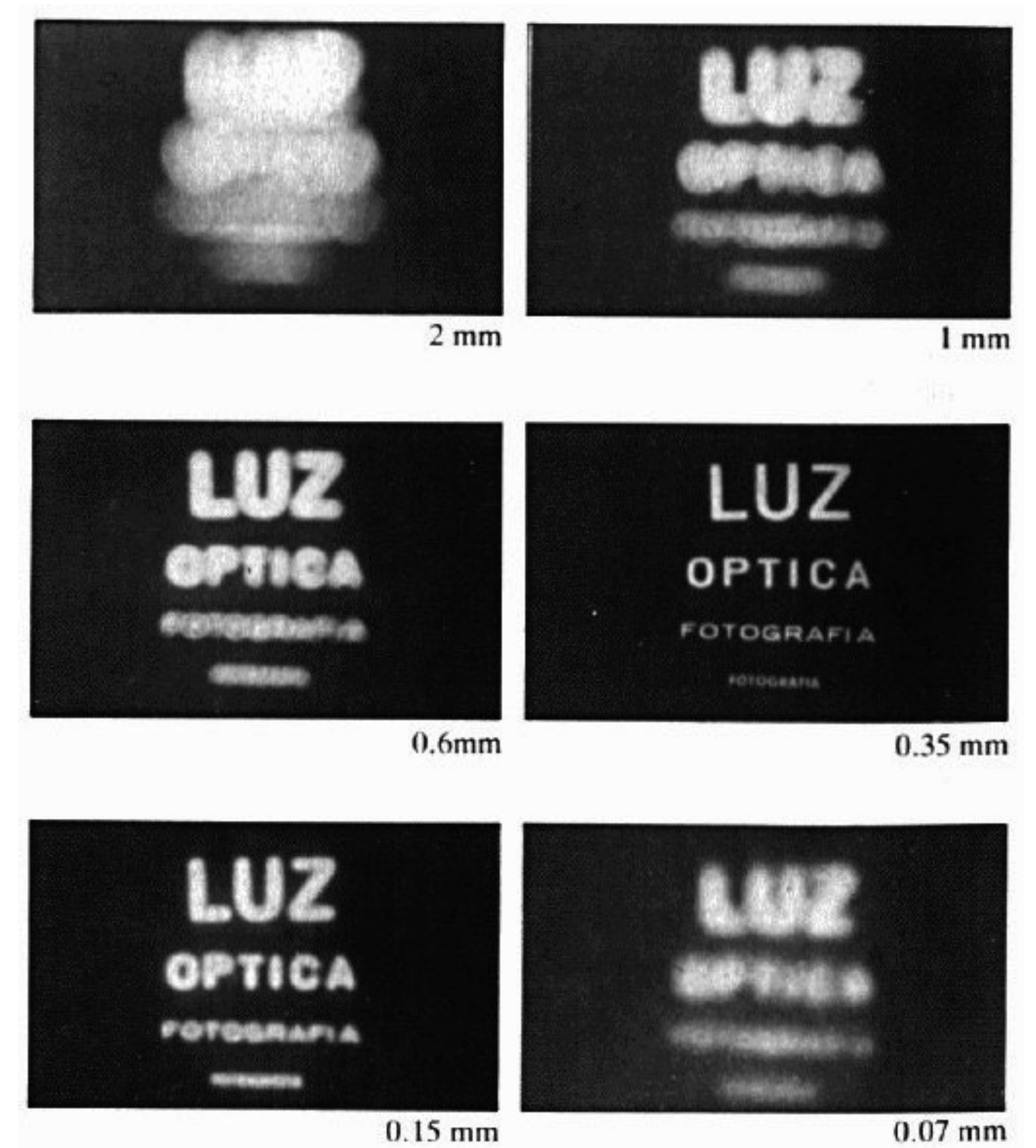


Our brains also know this perspective model very well!



# Why **Not** a Pinhole Camera?

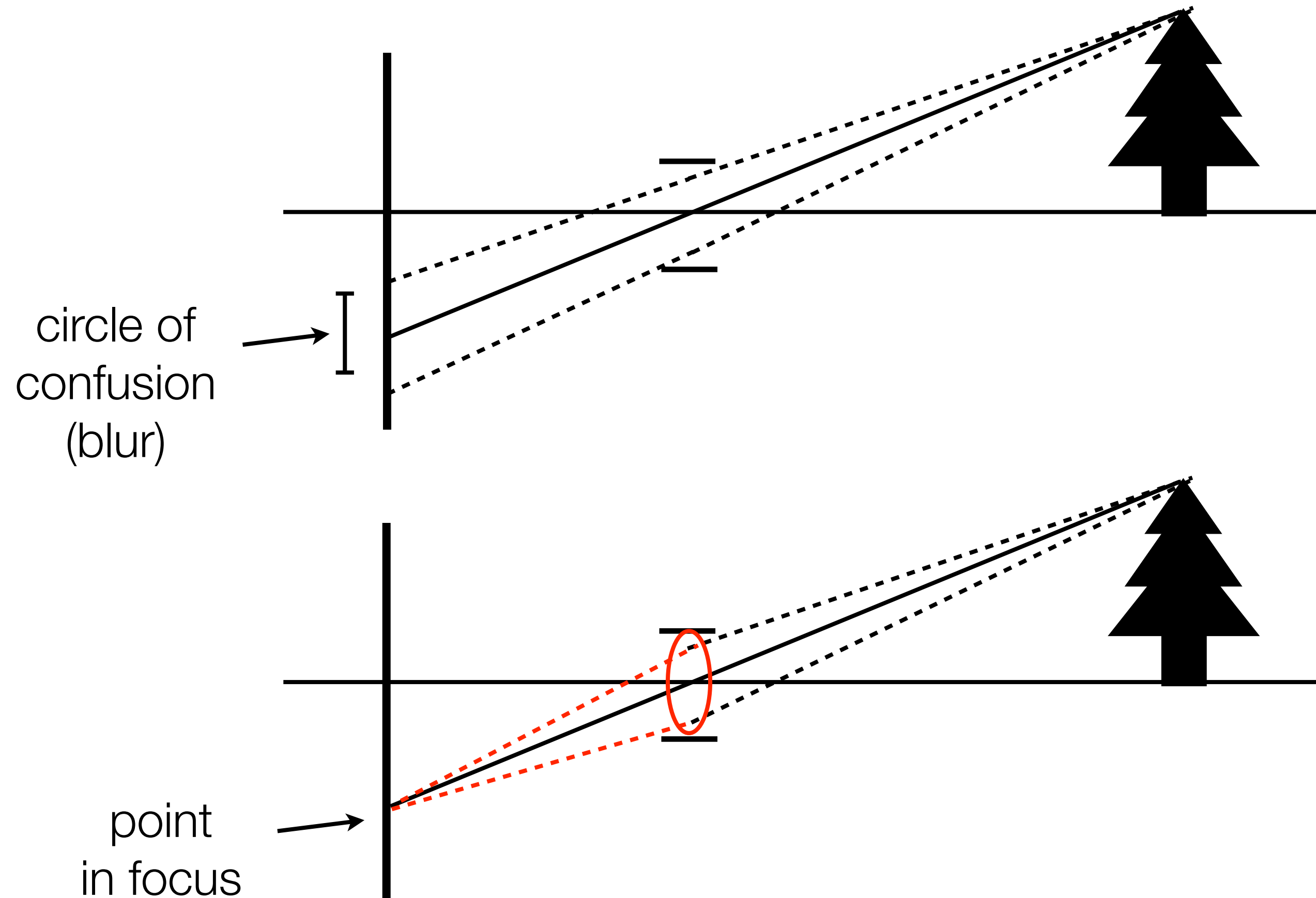
- If pinhole is **too big** then many directions are averaged, blurring the image
- If pinhole is **too small** then diffraction becomes a factor, also blurring the image
- Generally, pinhole cameras are **dark**, because only a very small set of rays from a particular scene point hits the image plane
- Pinhole cameras are **slow**, because only a very small amount of light from a particular scene point hits the image plane per unit time





# Reason for **Lenses**

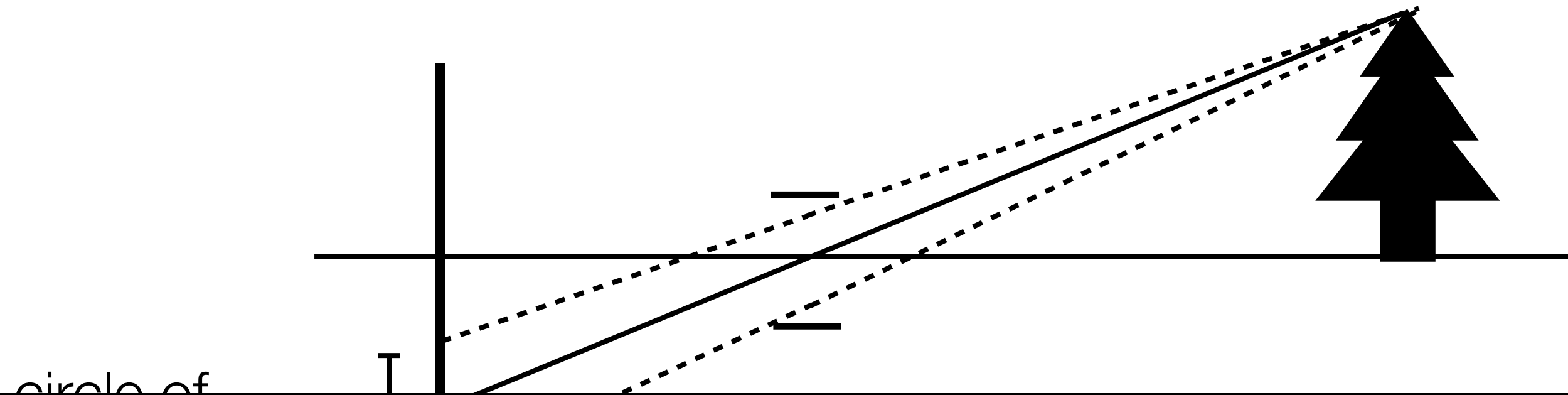
A real camera must have a finite aperture to get enough light, but this causes blur in the image



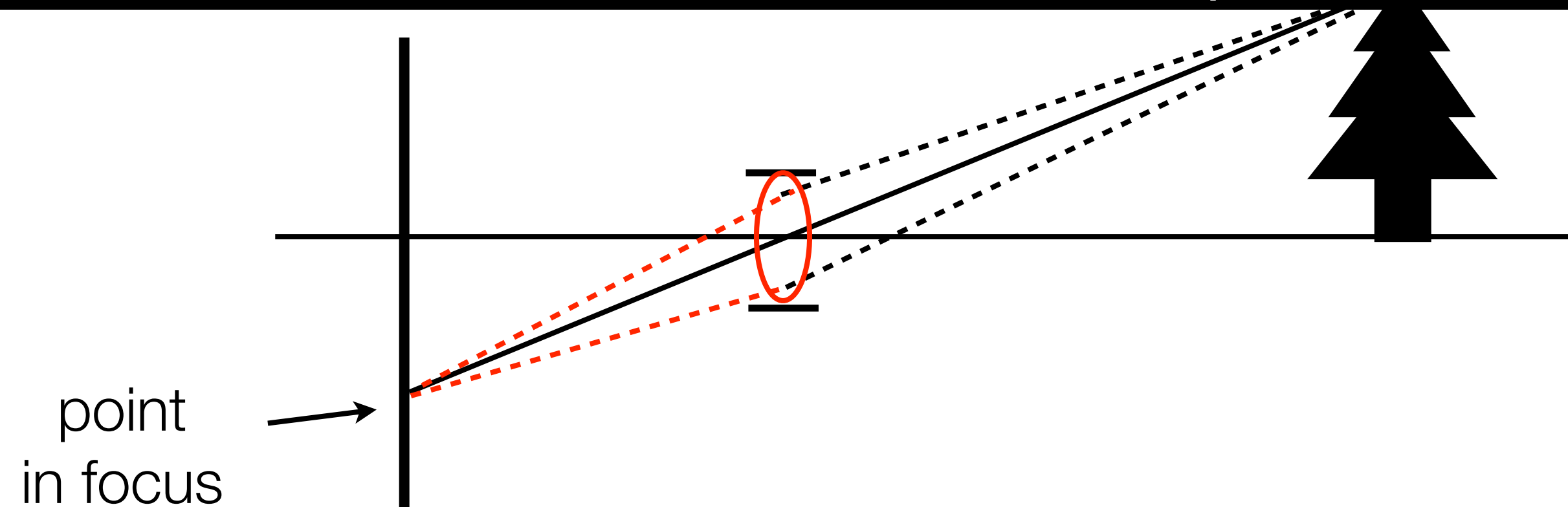
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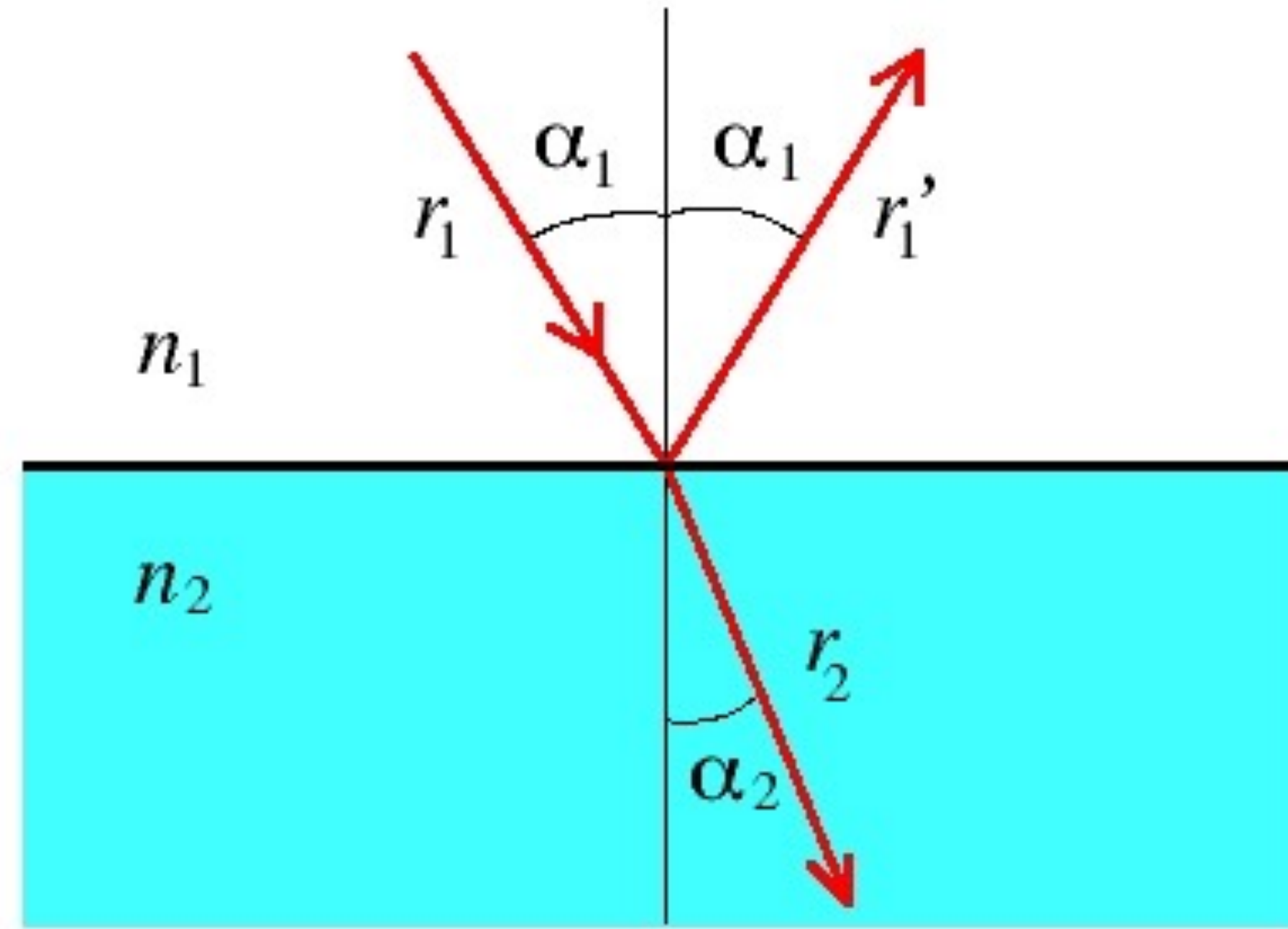
The role of a lens is to **capture more light** while preserving, as much as possible, the abstraction of an ideal pinhole camera.



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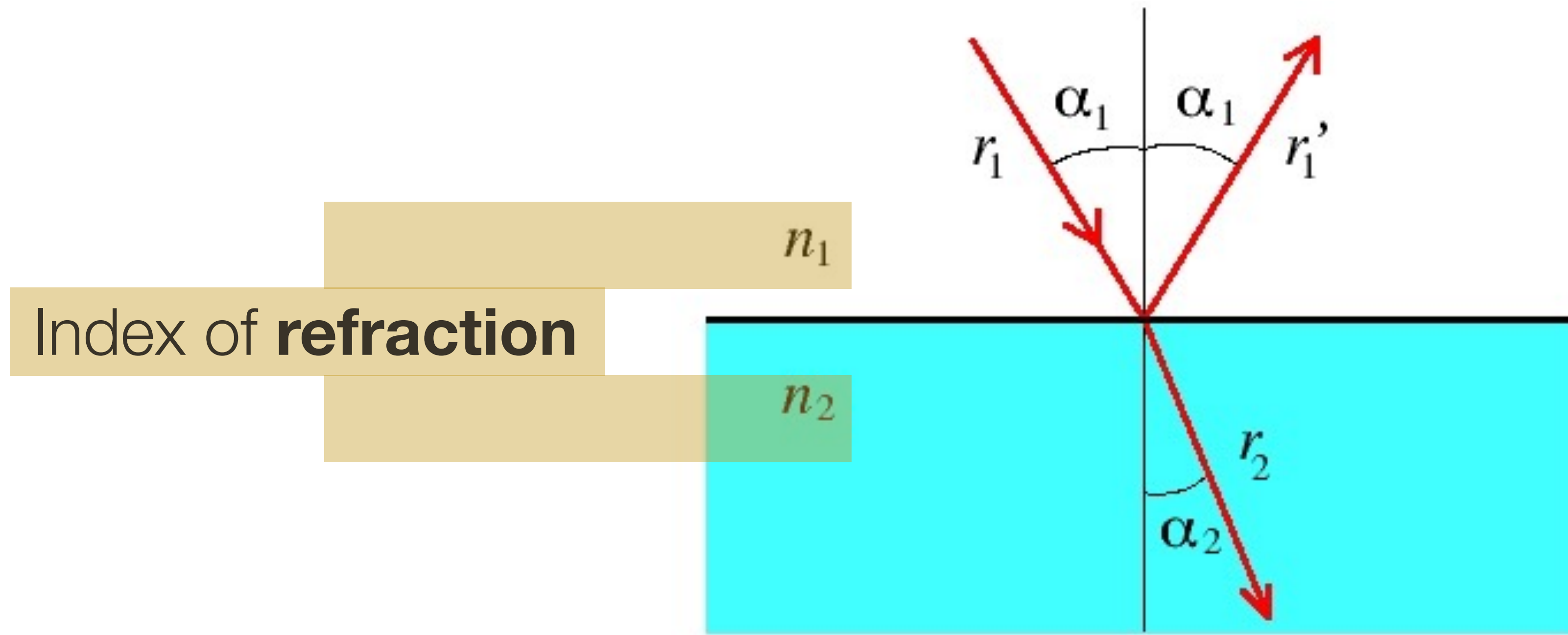


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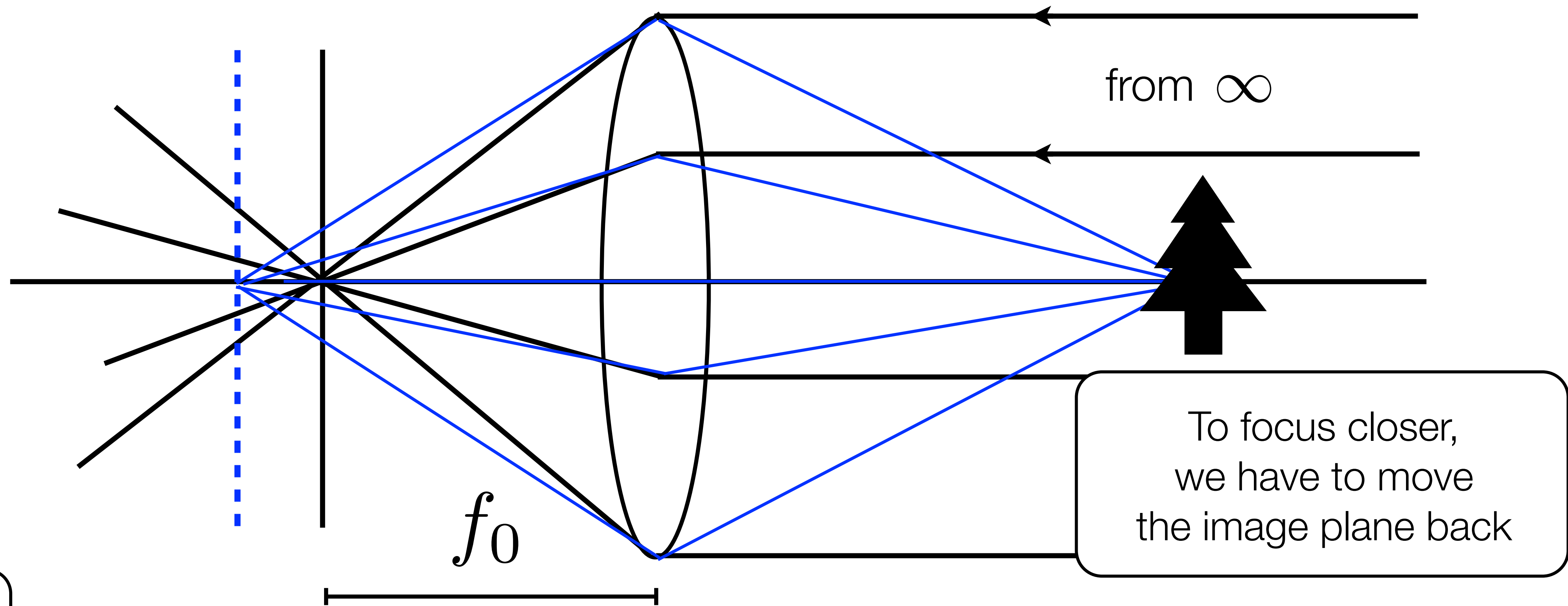


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# Lens Basics

- A lens focuses rays from infinity at the focal length of the lens
- Points passing through the centre of the lens are not bent



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- We can use these 2 properties to find the **thin** lens equation

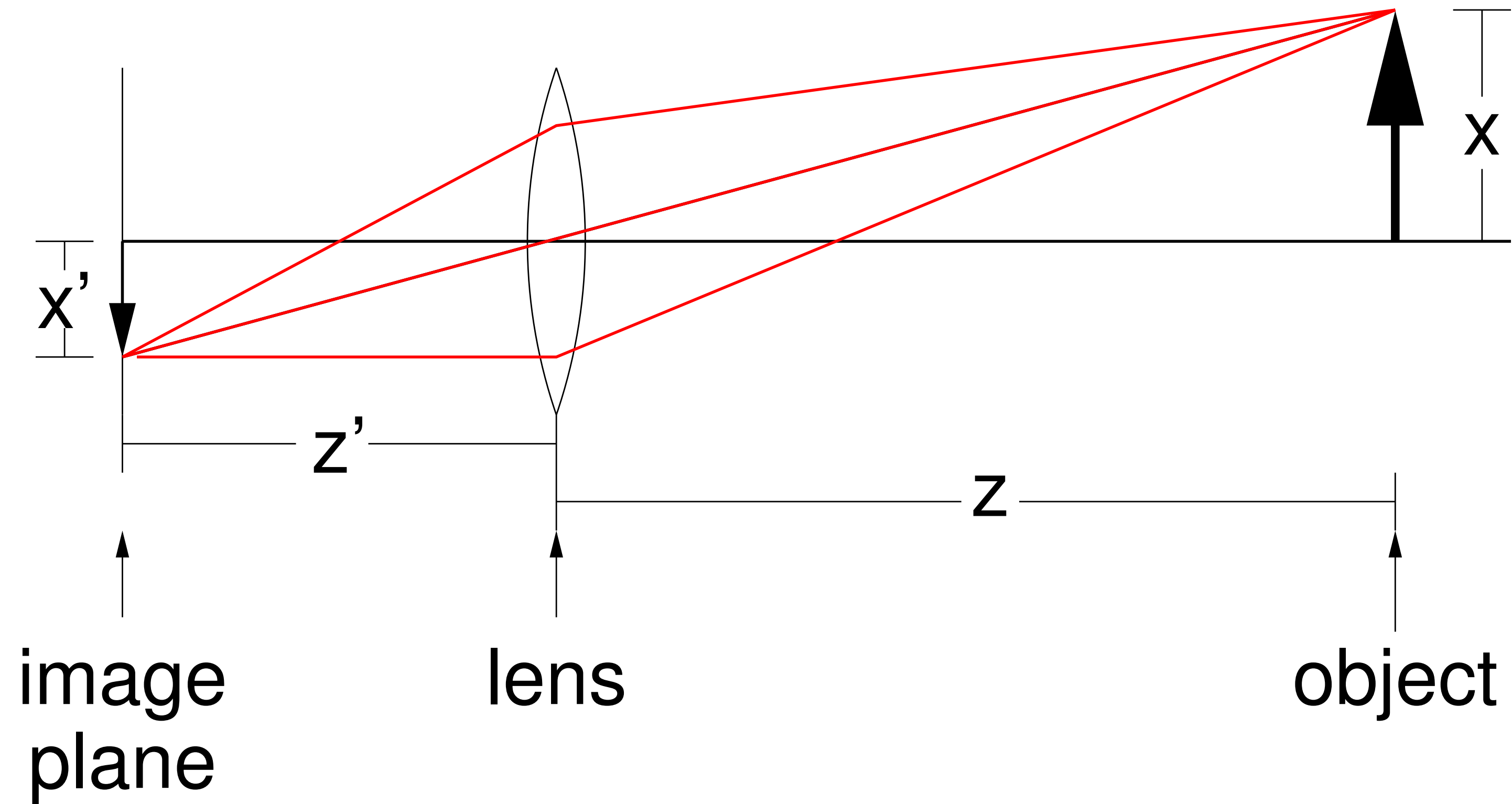
# Lens Basics

- A 50mm lens is focussed at infinity. It now moves to focus on something 5m away. How far does the lens move?



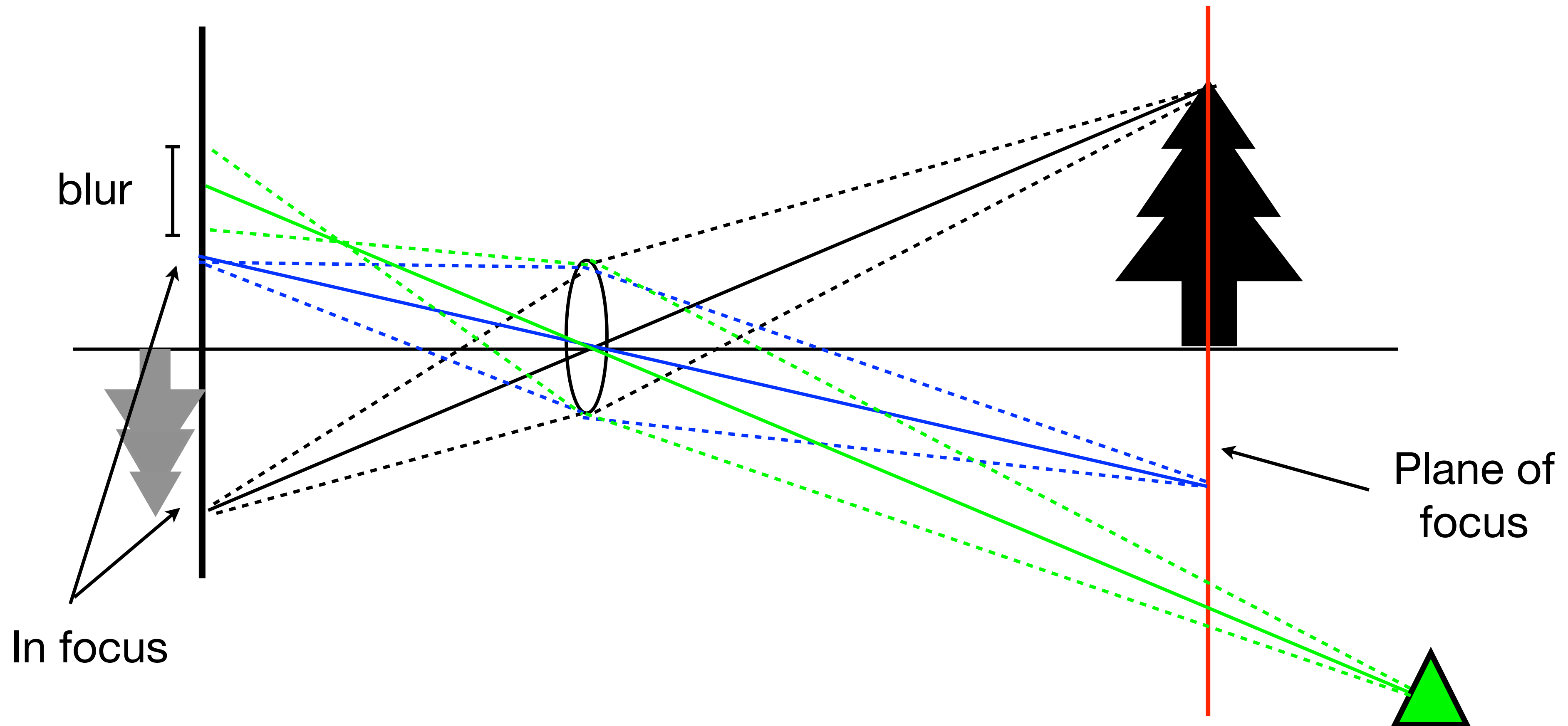


# Pinhole Model **with Lens**



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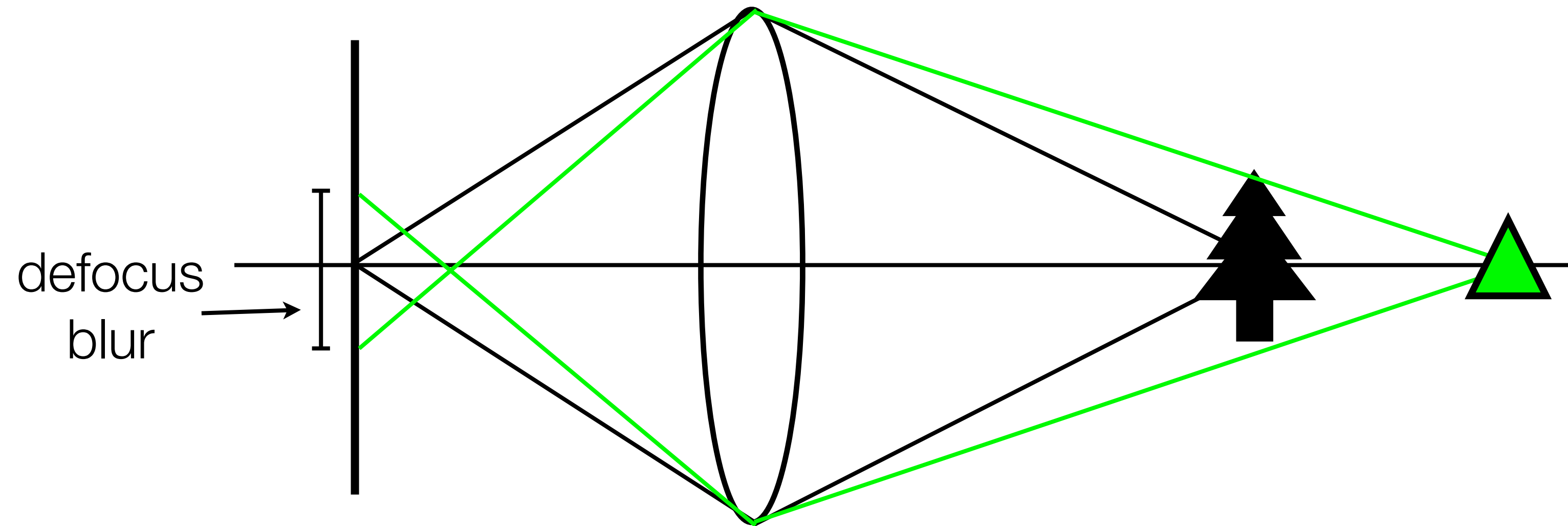
- Lenses focus all rays from a plane in the world



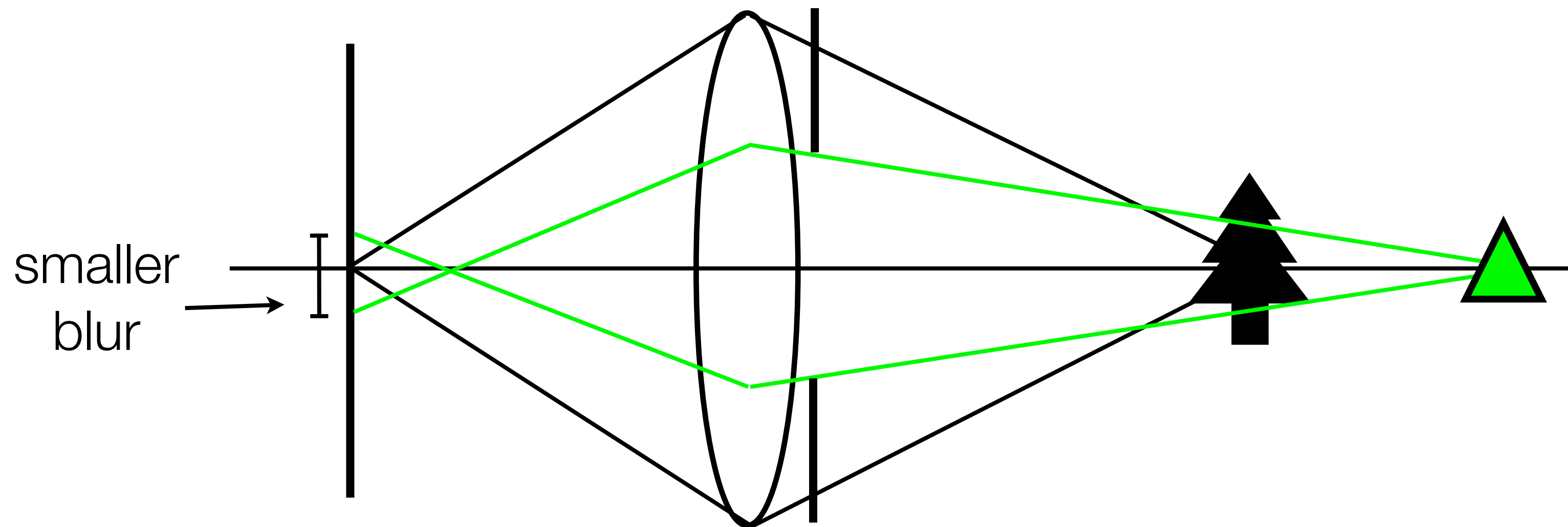
- Objects off the plane are blurred depending on distance



# Effect of Aperture Size



Smaller aperture  $\Rightarrow$  smaller blur, larger **depth of field**





# Depth of Field

- Photographers use large apertures to give small depth of field



Aperture size =  $f/N$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  large  $N$  = small aperture



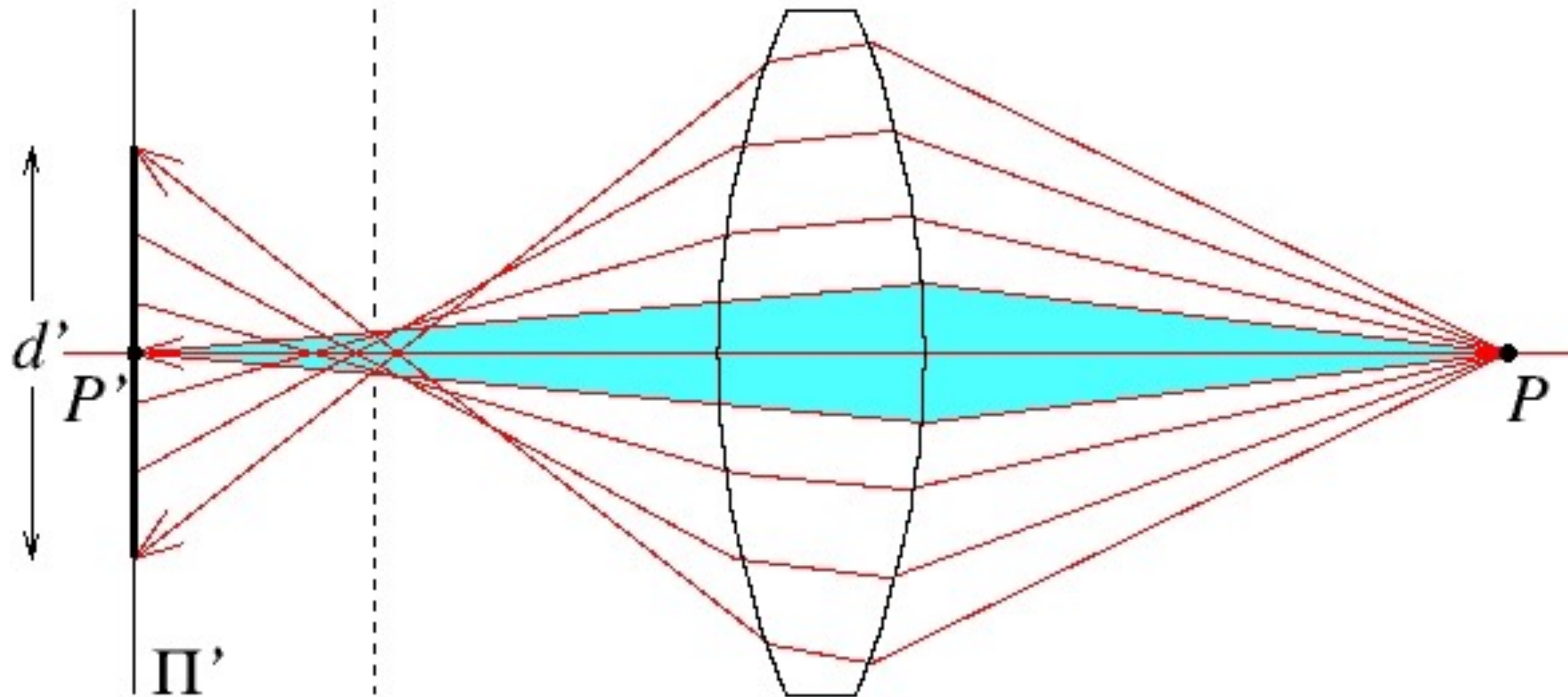
# Real Lenses



- Real Lenses have multiple stages of positive and negative elements with differing refractive indices
- This can help deal with issues such as chromatic aberration (different colours bent by different amounts), vignetting (light fall off at image edge) and sharp imaging across the zoom range



# Spherical **Aberration**



Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 1.12a

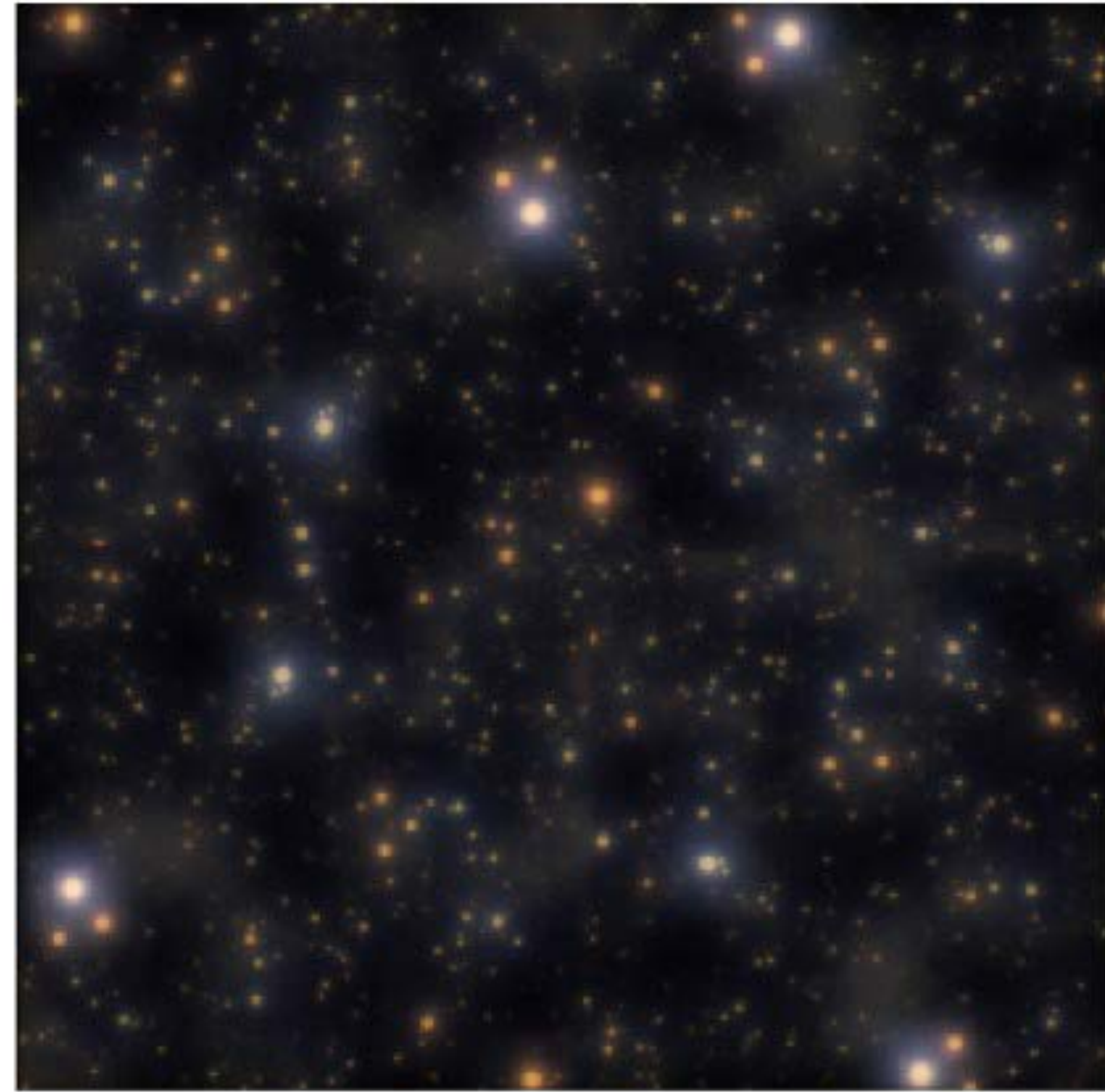


# Spherical **Aberration**

Un-aberrated image



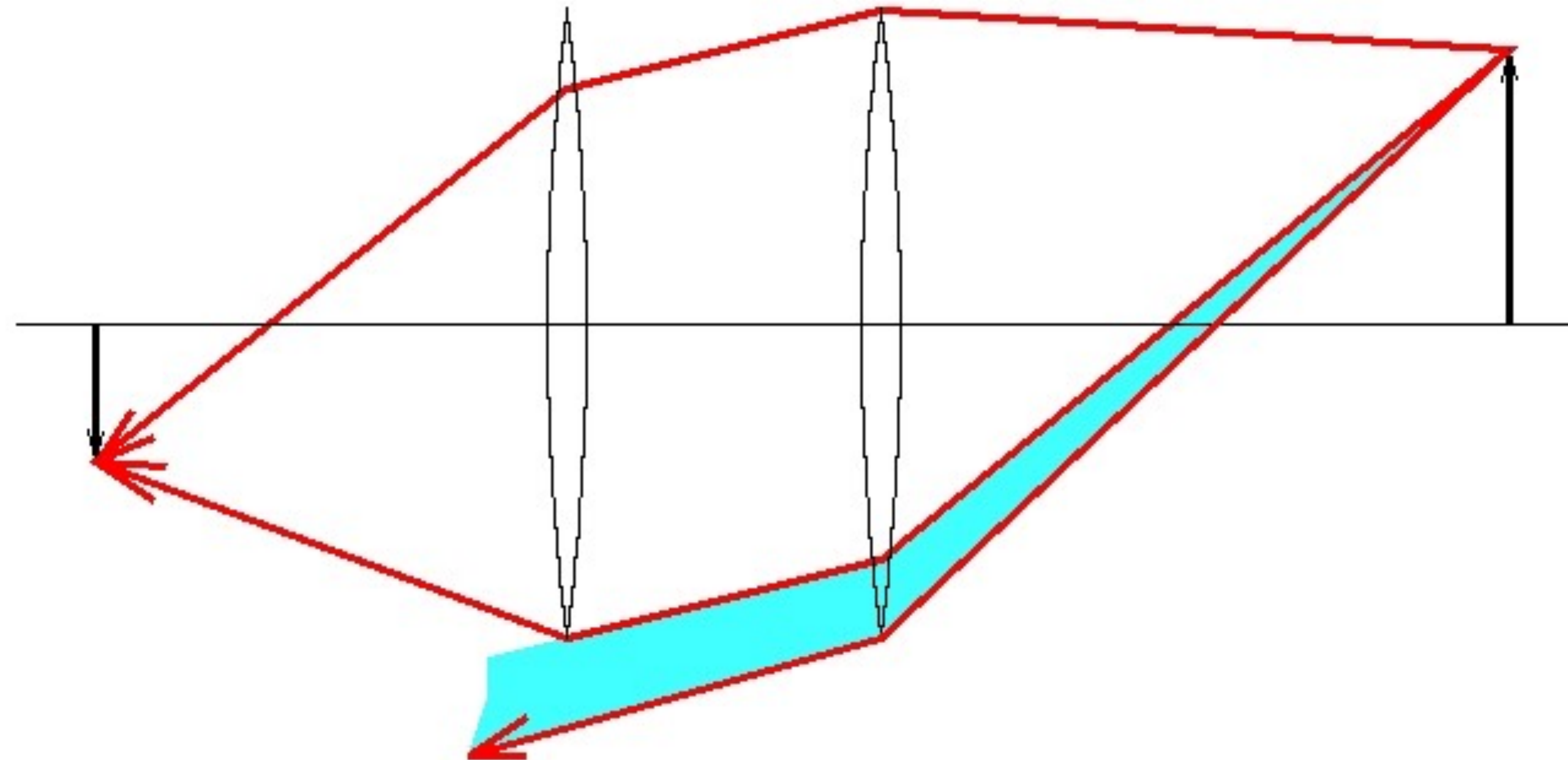
Image from lens with Spherical Aberration





# Vignetting

Vignetting in a two-lens system



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 1.12

The shaded part of the beam **never reaches** the second lens



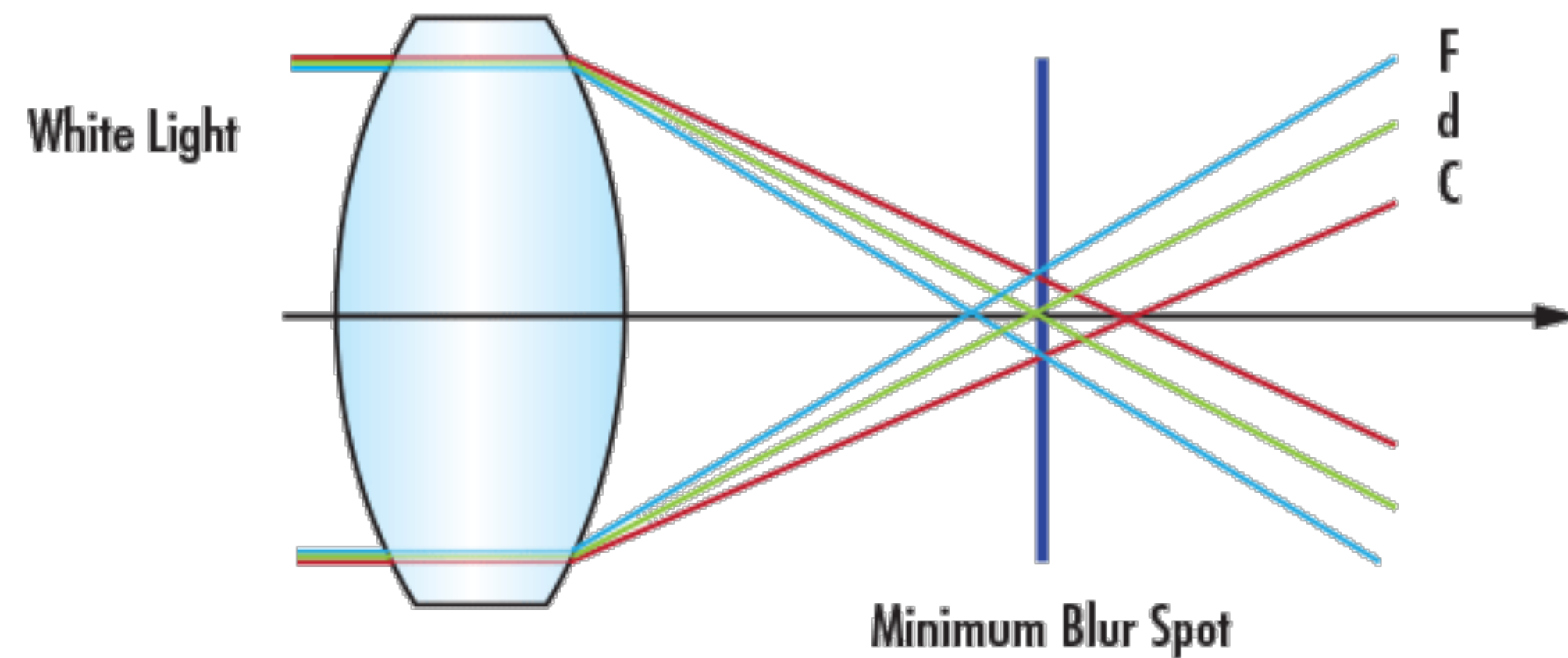
# Vignetting





# Chromatic **Aberration**

- Index of **refraction depends on wavelength**,  $\lambda$ , of light
- Light of different colours follows different paths
- Therefore, not all colours can be in equal focus



**Image Credit:** Trevor Darrell



# Lens **Distortion**

Fish-eye Lens



Szeliski (1st ed.) Figure 2.13

Lines in the world are no longer lines on the image, they are curves!



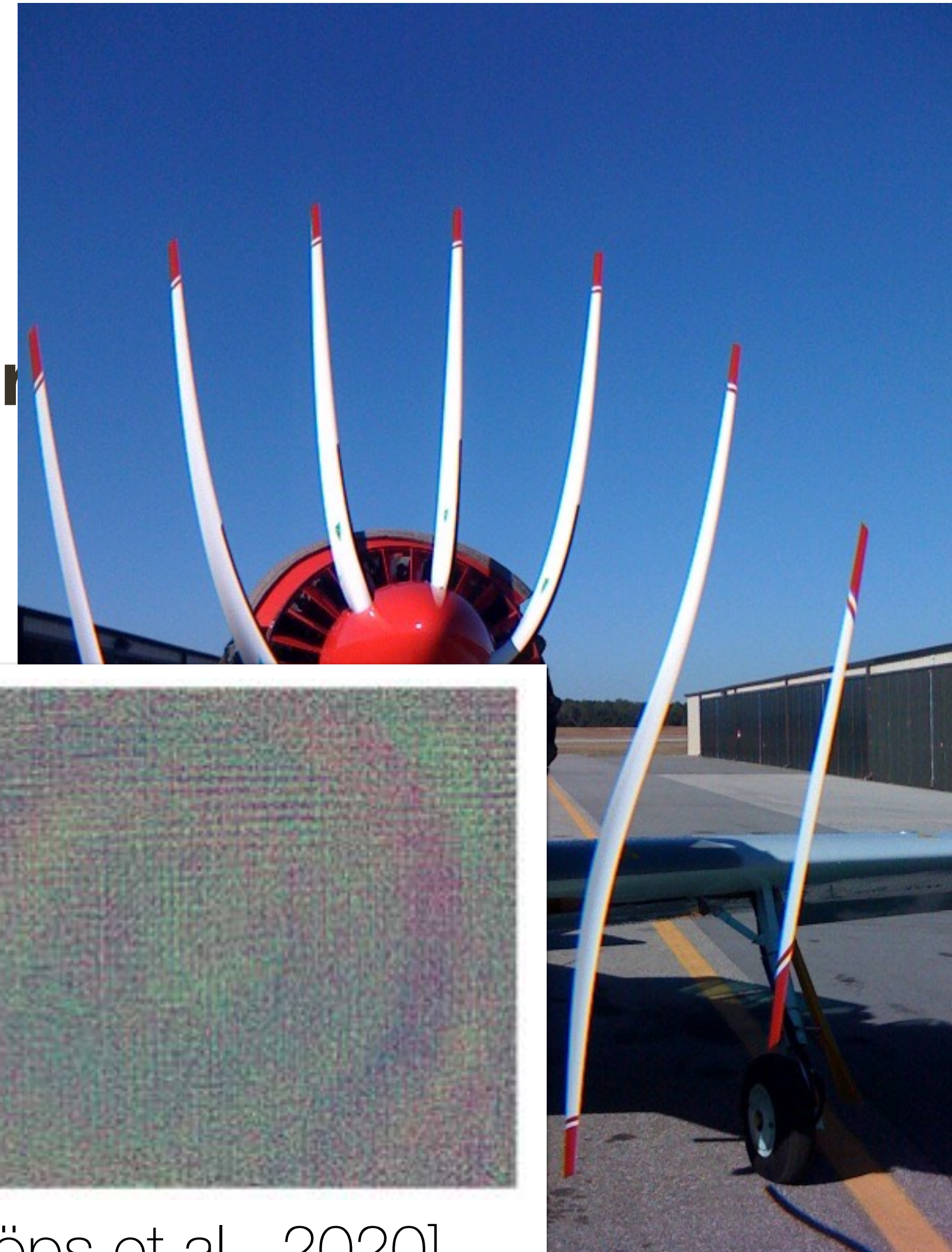
# Other (Possibly Significant) **Lens Effects**

## **Scattering** at the lens surface

- Some light is reflected at each lens surface

There are other **geometric phenomena/distortions**

- pincushion distortion
- barrel distortion



Parametric calibration errors

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[Schöps et al., 2020]

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# Lecture **Summary**

- We discussed a “physics-based” approach to image formation. Basic abstraction is the **pinhole camera**.
- **Lenses overcome limitations** of the pinhole model while trying to preserve it as a useful abstraction
- Projection equations: **perspective**, weak perspective, orthographic
- Thin lens equation
- Some “aberrations and **distortions**” persist (e.g. spherical aberration, vignetting)