GO PROFILING

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Go profiling with pprof
- Case study
- Summary

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

- Erik Lupander
- Architect & Developer at Callista
- 15+ years of Java EE & Spring
- Started coding Go in 2015
 - Full time Go projects for the last year
 - » And it's my language of choice!



WHAT'S PROFILING ANYWAY?

- Dynamic program analysis
- Runtime analysis
 - Memory use / allocations / gc
 - Freq / duration of calls
 - On a very fine-granular level
- Used for optimization and troubleshooting
 - Waiting for IO;)

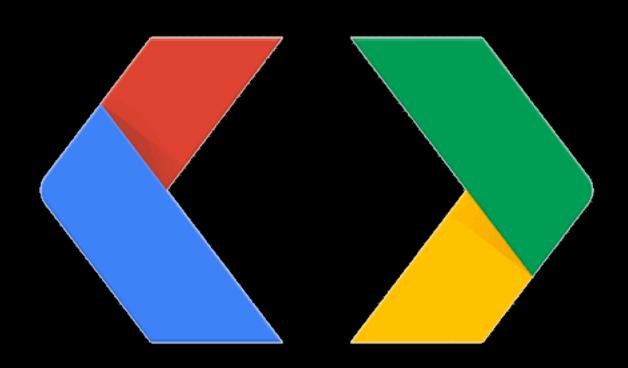
PROFILING THROUGH CODE INSTRUMENTATION

- Compiles or runtime-injects measurement code into your application
- Allows fine-grained study of code-paths, allocations etc.
 - May have performance impact or require agents on servers etc.
- Exists for many languages

GO TOOL PPROF

PPROF

- Tool authored by Google for visualization and analysis of profiling data
- Based around profiling samples stored in a protobuf format
 - A sample "describes a program call stack and a number or weight of samples collected at a location"



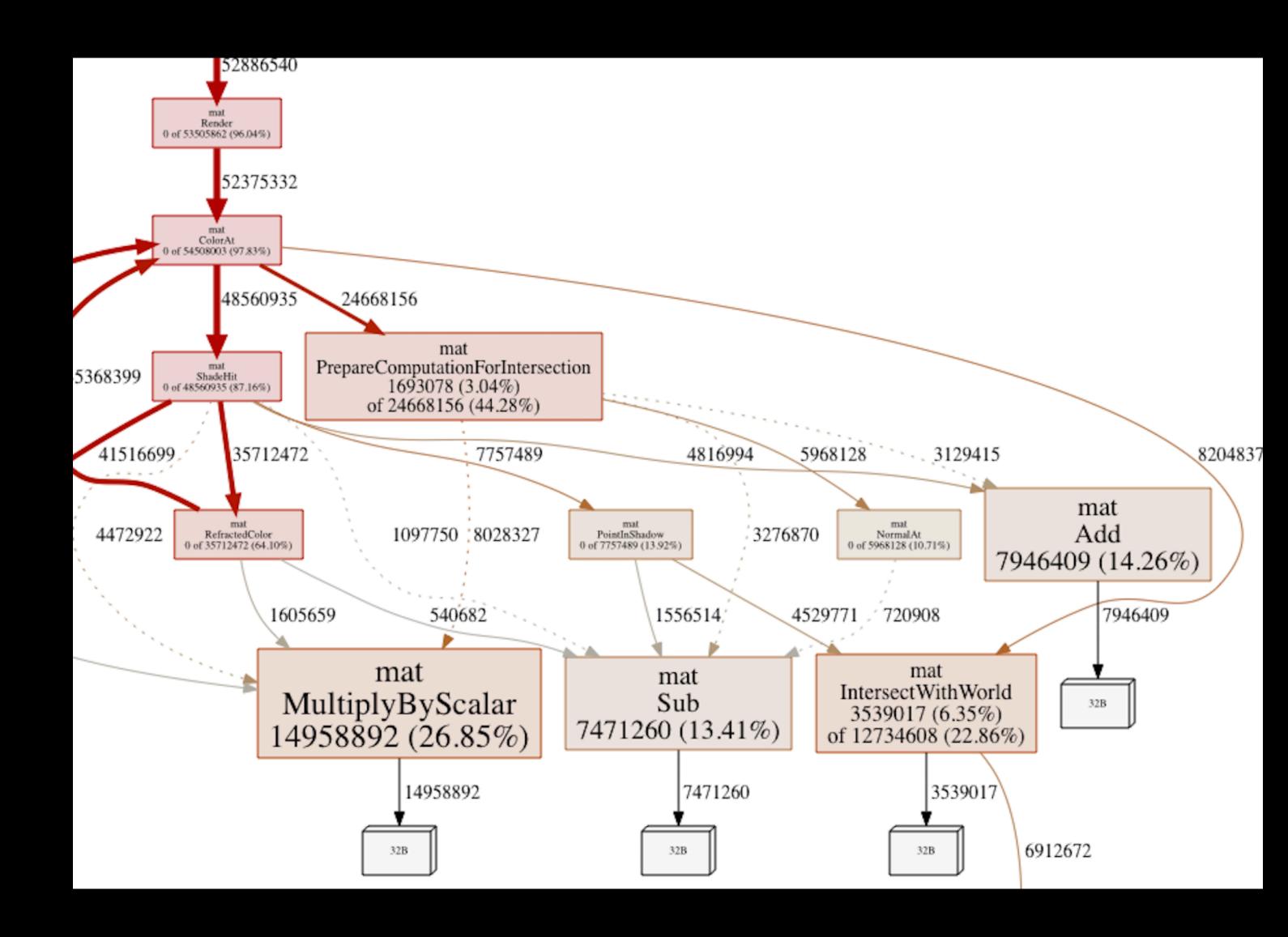
PPROF - VISUALIZATIONS

- What:
 - Interactive console UI

```
~/pprof> go tool pprof pprof.samples.cpu.021.pb.gz
Type: cpu
Time: Jan 30, 2020 at 2:55pm (CET)
Duration: 30s, Total samples = 6.61s (22.03%)
Entering interactive mode (type "help" for commands, "o" for options)
(pprof) top
Showing nodes accounting for 6310ms, 95.46% of 6610ms total
Dropped 26 nodes (cum <= 33.05ms)
Showing top 10 nodes out of 35
     flat flat% sum%
                                     cum%
                               cum
   2830ms 42.81% 42.81%
                            2830ms 42.81%
                                           crypto/sha256.block
    1660ms 25.11% 67.93%
                            1660ms 25.11%
                                           crypto/md5.block
     570ms 8.62% 76.55%
                             570ms 8.62% runtime.memmove
          7.56% 84.11%
                                   7.56% runtime.nanotime
     500ms
                             500ms
           3.63% 87.75%
                            3160ms 47.81%
     240ms
                                           crypto/sha256.(*digest).Write
                             140ms 2.12%
                                           runtime.usleep
     140ms
          2.12% 89.86%
          1.66% 91.53%
                             110ms 1.66%
                                           runtime.memclrNoHeapPointers
     110ms
                            1440ms 21.79% crypto/sha256.(*digest).checkSum
     100ms 1.51% 93.04%
                            1740ms 26.32% crypto/md5.(*digest).Write
          1.21% 94.25%
     80ms 1.21% 95.46%
                            3370ms 50.98% crypto/sha256.Sum256
(pprof)
```

PPROF - VISUALIZATIONS

- What:
 - Interactive console UI
 - Viz-based visualizations



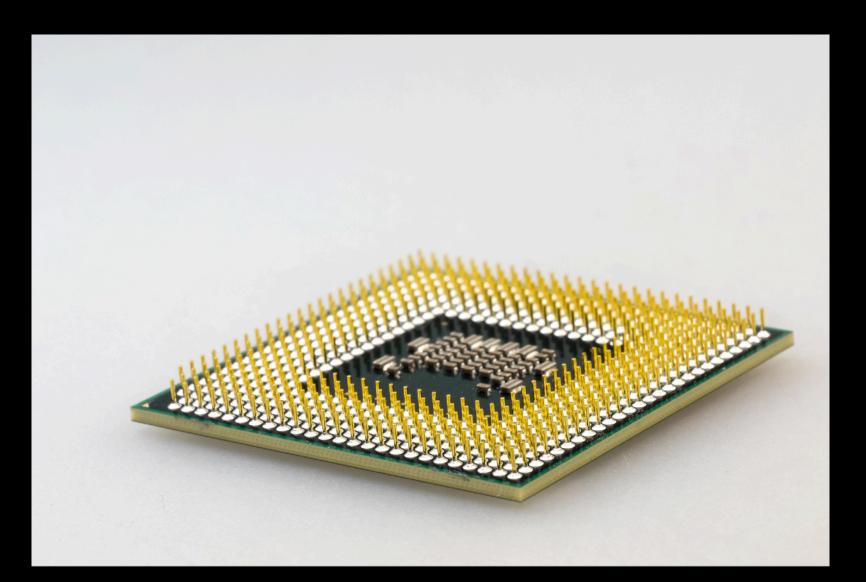
PPROF - VISUALIZATIONS

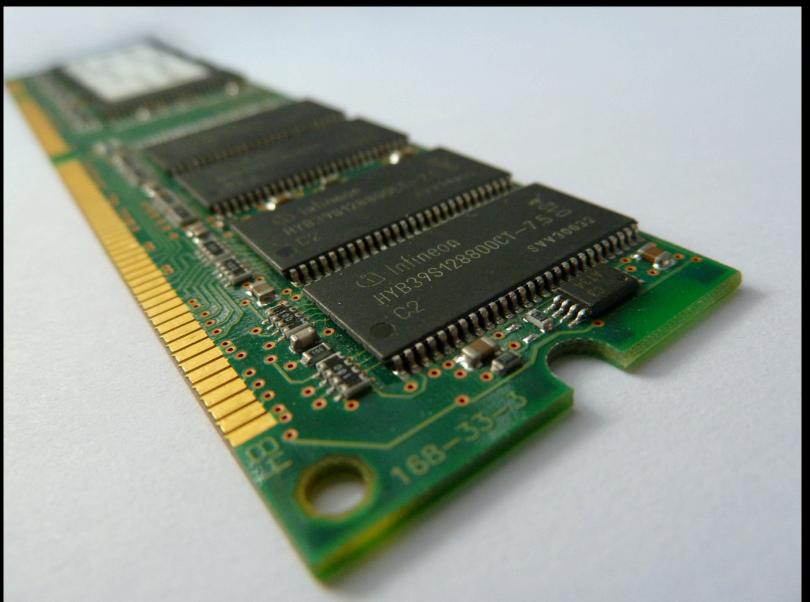
- What:
 - Interactive console UI
 - Viz-based visualizations
 - Listings (text / web)

```
(pprof) list CPULoader
Total: 6.54s
oad.go
                  3s (flat, cum) 45.87% of Total
    810ms
                        23:func CPULoader(times int) []int {
                              // Keeps it to a 32 bit int
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                              var r []int
                        26:
                              result := false
     50ms
                50ms
                              for n := 0; n < times*200; n++ {
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                        30:
                                     } else if n <= 1 {</pre>
                        31:
                                             result = false
                        32:
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    140ms
                        40:
                                             if n%d == 0 {
               140ms
                                                     result = false
                        41:
                        42:
                        43:
                        44:
                                      result = true
                        45:
               2.19s
                        46:
                              sum := SumRoots(result)
                        47:
                              if int(sum) % 1000 == 0 {
                                     fmt.Print(".")
                        48:
                        49:
                        50:
                              return r
                        51:}
```

PROFILING TYPES

- /debug/pprof/profile
 - CPU, time spent in file/func/line
 - » But not invocations counts!
- /debug/pprof/heap
 - in-use objects and space
 - allocs objects and space
- /debug/pprof/block
 - Blocked goroutines
- /debug/pprof/mutex
 - Holders of contended mutexes
- /debug/pprof/trace





WIKIPEDIA

HOW TO ADD PROFILING TO YOUR GO CODE?

- Very easy:
 - The HTTP way or the Programmatic way

HOW TO ADD PROFILING TO YOUR GO CODE?

```
package main
import
   "log"
   "net/httn"
     "net/http/pprof"
func main() {
   go func() {
       log.Println(http.ListenAndServe("localhost:6060", nil))
   }()
   // rest of your program
```

CAPTURE A PROFILE - GO TOOL

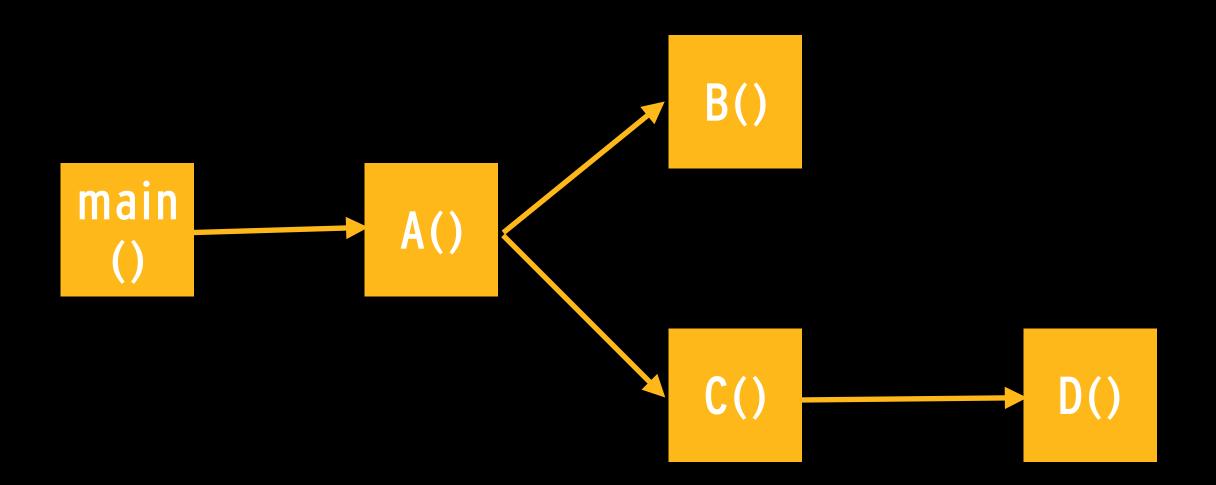
- While your program is executing, run:
 - go tool pprof http://localhost:6060/debug/pprof/profile
 - » Opens the pprof console with the produced profile loaded
 - go tool pprof -png http://localhost:6060/debug/pprof/profile > profile.png
 - » Produces a viz graph in PNG format
 - Both saves a .pprof file to disk into ~/pprof (on my mac)
- One can also do a HTTP GET from curl / web browser and the result will be downloaded

THE PPROF CONSOLE

```
~/pprof> go tool pprof pprof.samples.cpu.021.pb.gz
Type. cpu
Time: Jan 30, 2020 at 4:58pm (CET)
Duration: 30s, Total samples = 5.61s (18.70%)
<u>Entering interactive mode (type "help" for commands, "o" for options)</u>
(pprof) help
  commands:
    callgrind
                      Outputs a graph in callgrind format
                      Output all profile comments
     comments
                      Output assembly listings annotated with samples
     disasm
     dot
                      Outputs a graph in DOT format
                      Visualize graph through eog
     eog
                      Visualize graph through evince
     evince
     gif
                      Outputs a graph image in GIF format
                      Visualize graph through gv
     gv
                      Visualize report in KCachegrind
     kcachegrind
                      Output annotated source for functions matching regexp
     list
     pdf
                      Outputs a graph in PDF format
                      Output callers/callees of functions matching regexp
     peek
                      Outputs a graph image in PNG format
     png
                      Outputs the profile in compressed protobuf format
     proto
                      Outputs a graph in PS format
     ps
                      Outputs a text representation of the raw profile
     raw
                      Outputs a graph in SVG format
     svg
                      Outputs all tags in the profile
    tags
                      Outputs top entries in text form
    text
                      Outputs top entries in text form
     top
                      Outputs top entries in compressed protobuf format
    topproto
                      Outputs all profile samples in text form
    traces
                      Outputs a text rendering of call graph
    tree
    web
                      Visualize graph through web browser
                      Display annotated source in a web browser
    weblist
                      List options and their current values
     o/options
                      Exit pprof
     quit/exit/^D
```

THE DEMO PROGRAM

• Toy program that calculates prime numbers to simulate load in interdependent functions

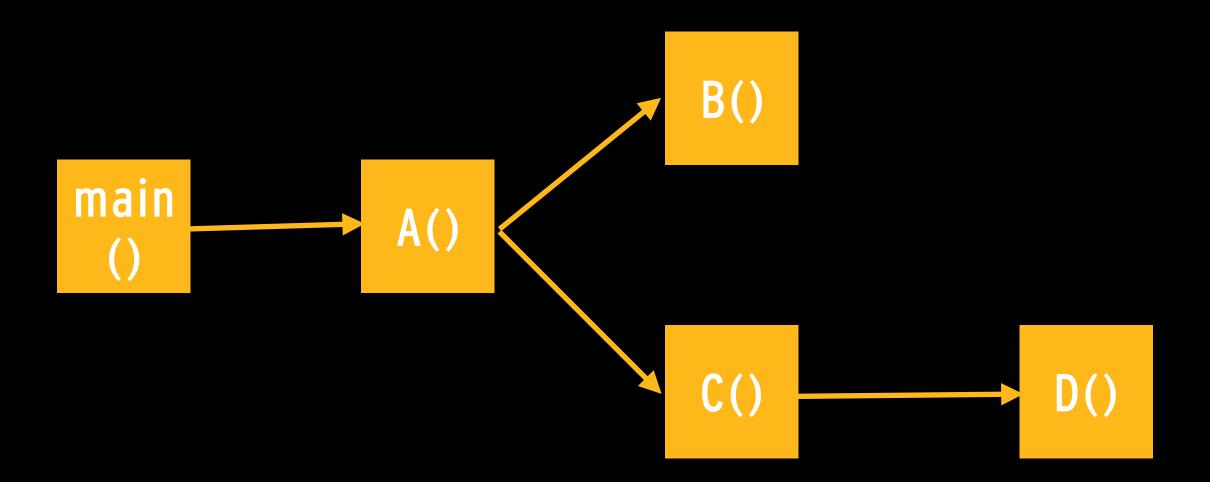


PPROF CONSOLE - TOP

```
(pprof)
Showing nodes accounting for 6530ms, 99.85% of 6540ms total
Dropped 4 nodes (cum <= 32.70ms)
      flat
            flat%
                                       Cum%
                    Sum%
                                 cum
                             3150ms 48.17%
                                             github.com/eriklupander/profiling/cpu.prime
    3150ms 48.17% 48.17%
    2190ms 33.49% 81.65%
                             2190ms 33.49%
                                             github.com/eriklupander/profiling/cpu.SumRoots
                                             github.com/eriklupander/profiling/cpu.CPULoader
           12.39% 94.04%
                              3000ms 45.87%
     810ms
            4.74% 98.78%
                                    4.74%
                                             runtime.nanotime
     310ms
                              310ms
            1.07% 99.85%
                             6220ms 95.11%
      70ms
                                             github.com/eriklupander/profiling/cpu.CPU
                             6230ms 95.26%
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                                     4.74%
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                                             runtime.mstart
         0
                                     4.74%
               0% 99.85%
                              310ms
                                             runtime.mstart1
         0
                                             runtime.sysmon
               0% 99.85%
                                      4.74%
                              310ms
```

PROFILER BASICS

- Measurements:
 - flat => time spent in own function
 - flat % => percentage of program time spent in own function
 - cum => cumulative time spent in self + all child functions
 - cum % => cumulative % spent in self + all child functions
 - sum % => sum of flat

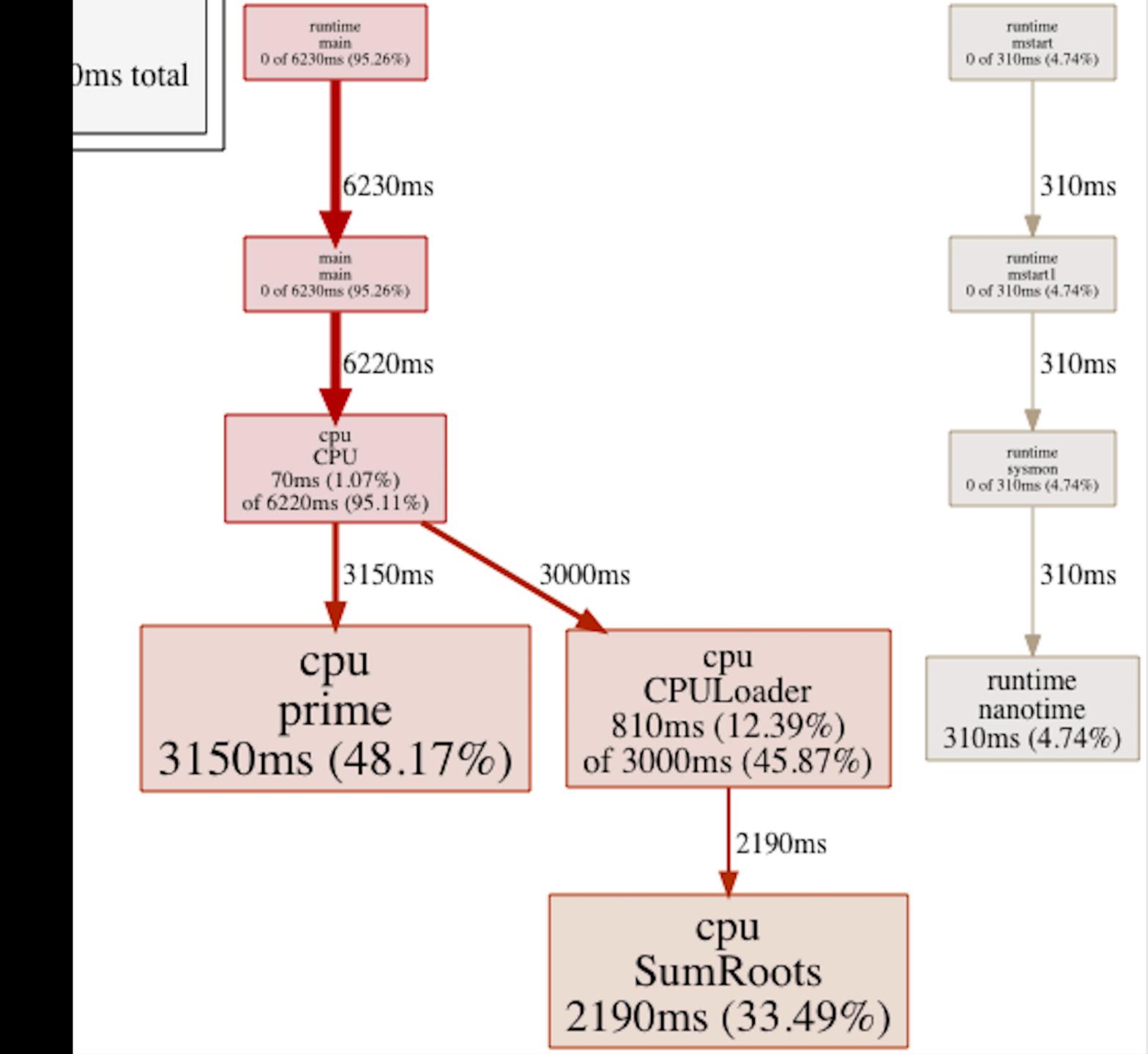


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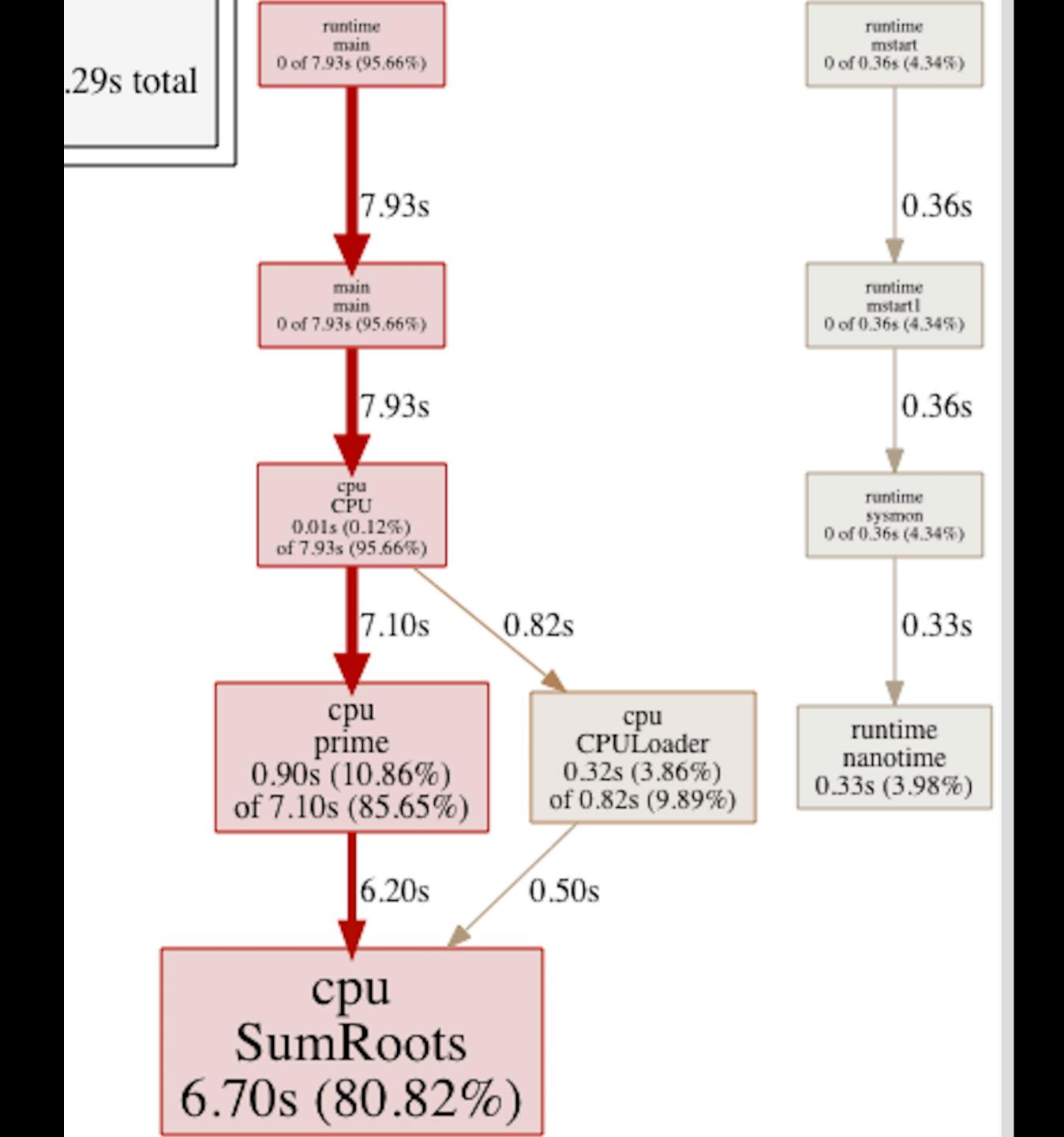
PPROF - VIZ GRAPHS

- Bigger boxes or thicker arrows means more time spent
- Shows call hierarchies
- Numbers:
 - profile / mutex / blocks: time in ms
 - heap: memory size in MB
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- Many-to-one

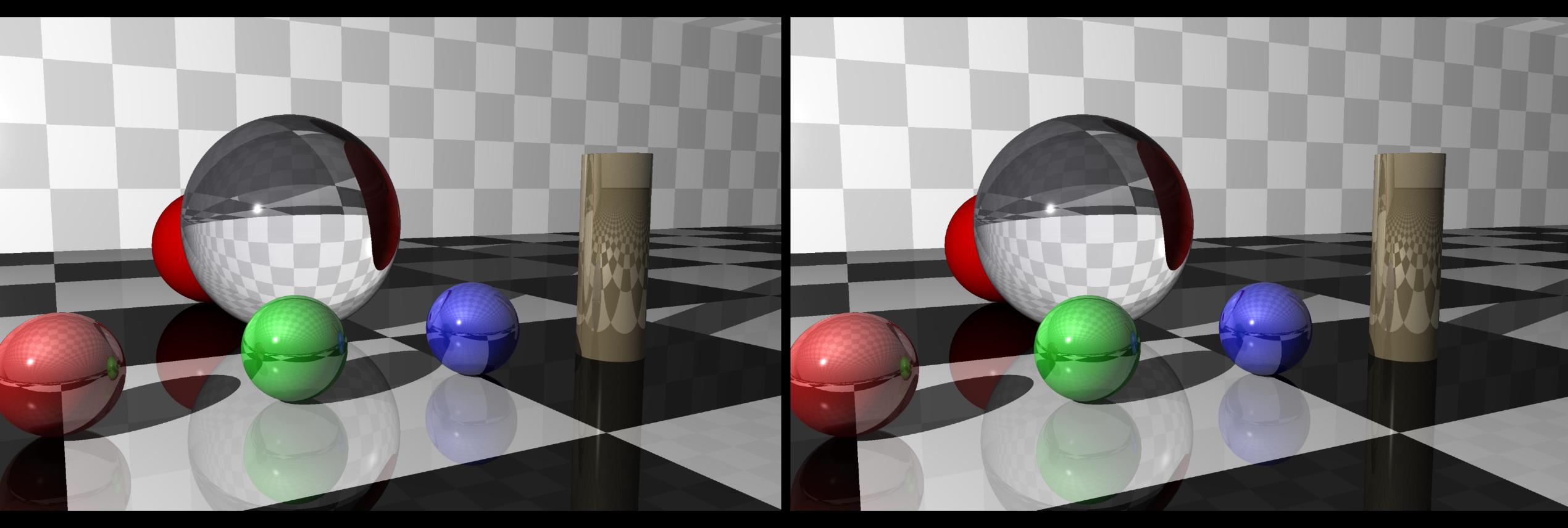


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                      4/:
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MY PET-PROJECT PPROF USE-CASE

FIND THE DIFFERENCE



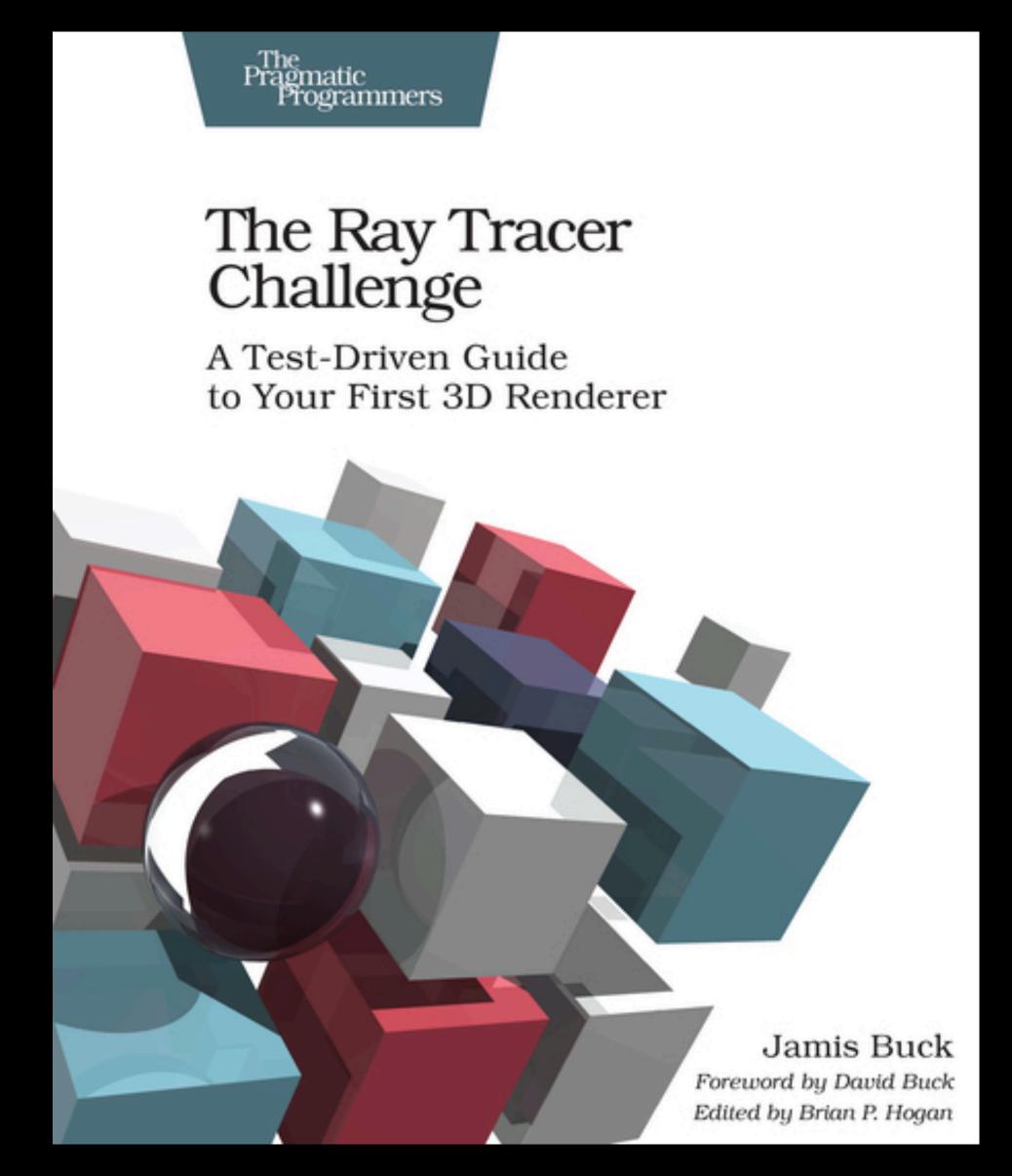
RENDER #1

3 min 14sec

1.6 sec

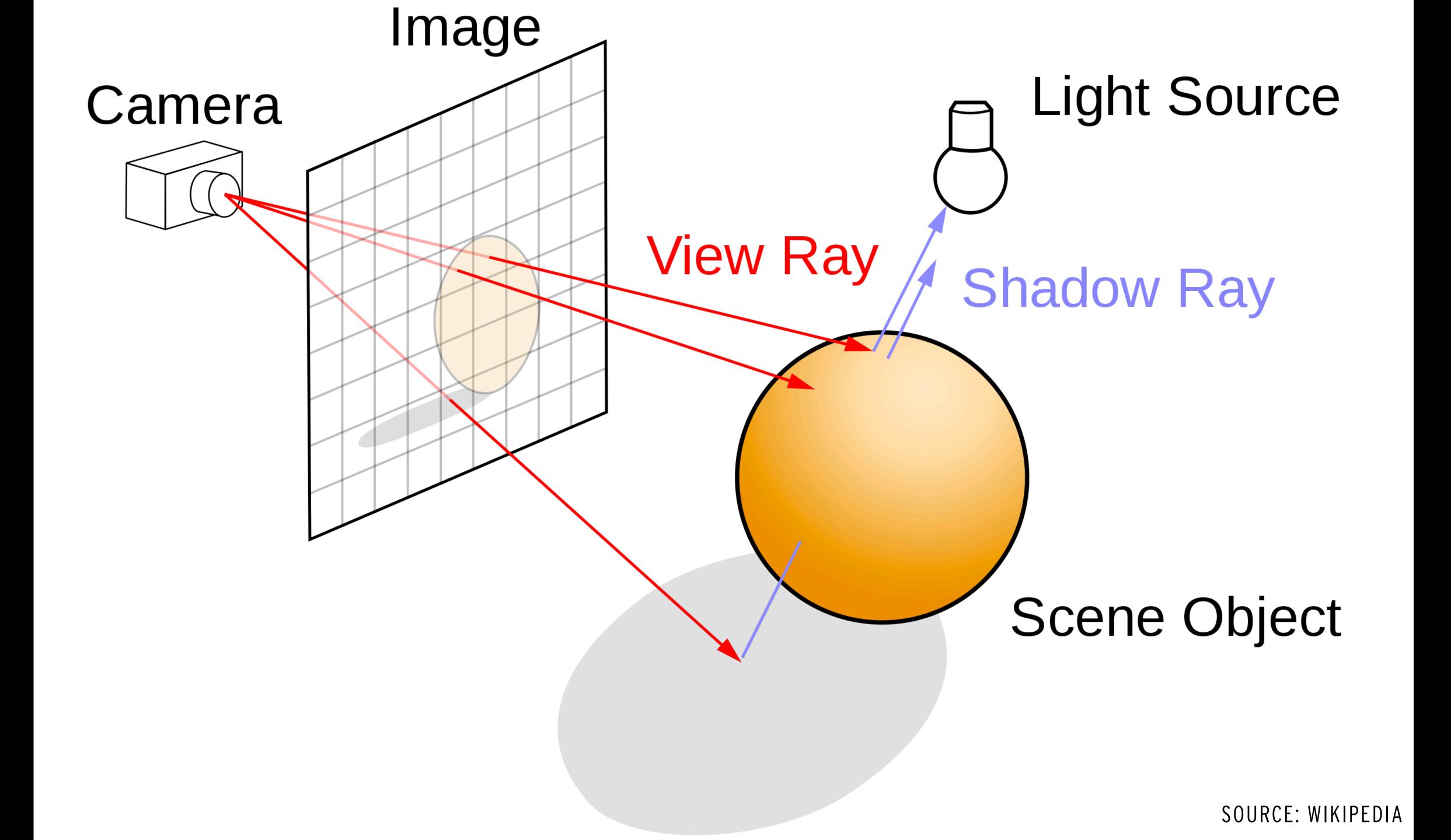
WHY RAY-TRACING?

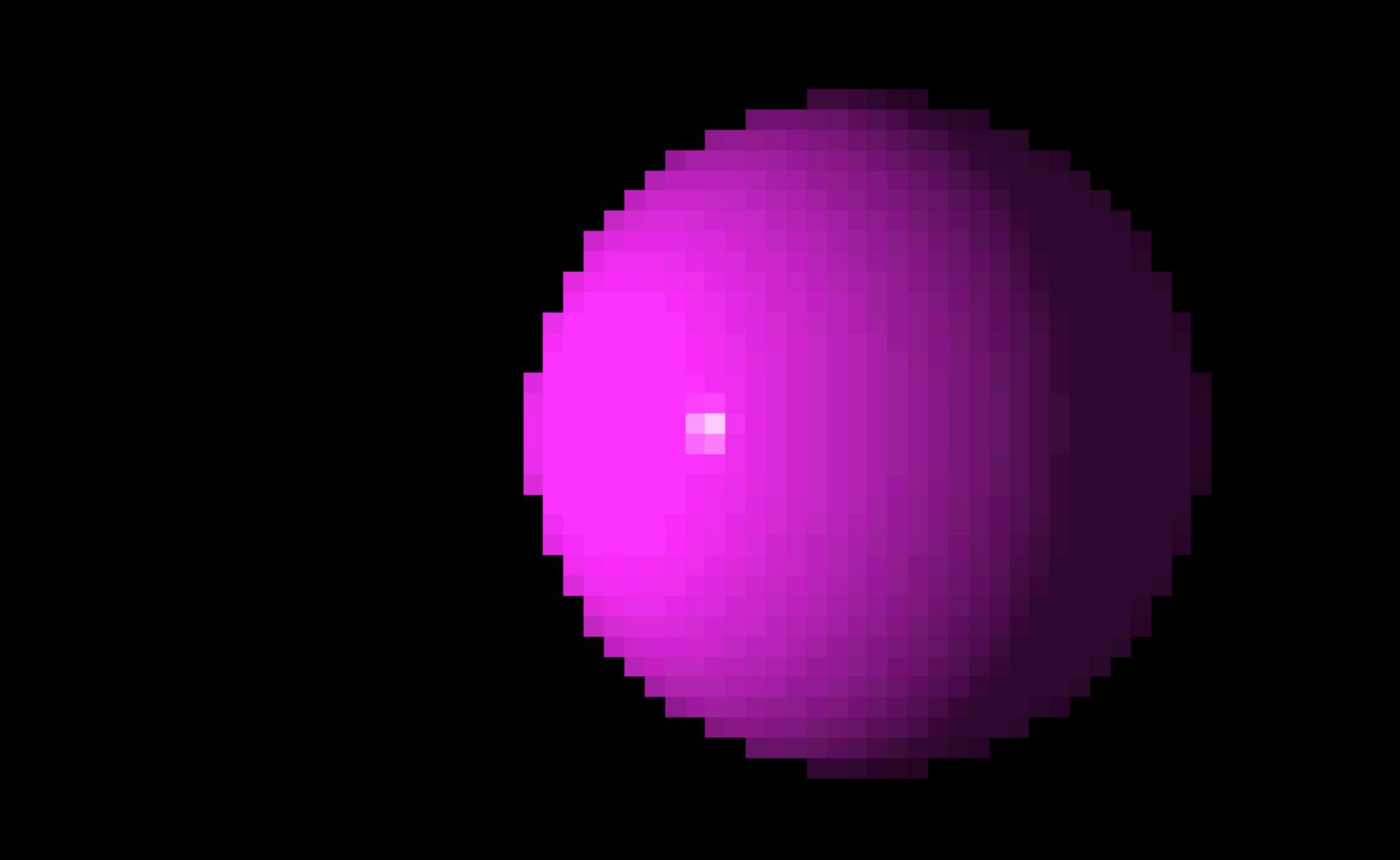
- Just for fun!
- Book: "The Ray Tracer challenge"
- Relatively simple renderer
- CPU intensive task, good fit for profiling

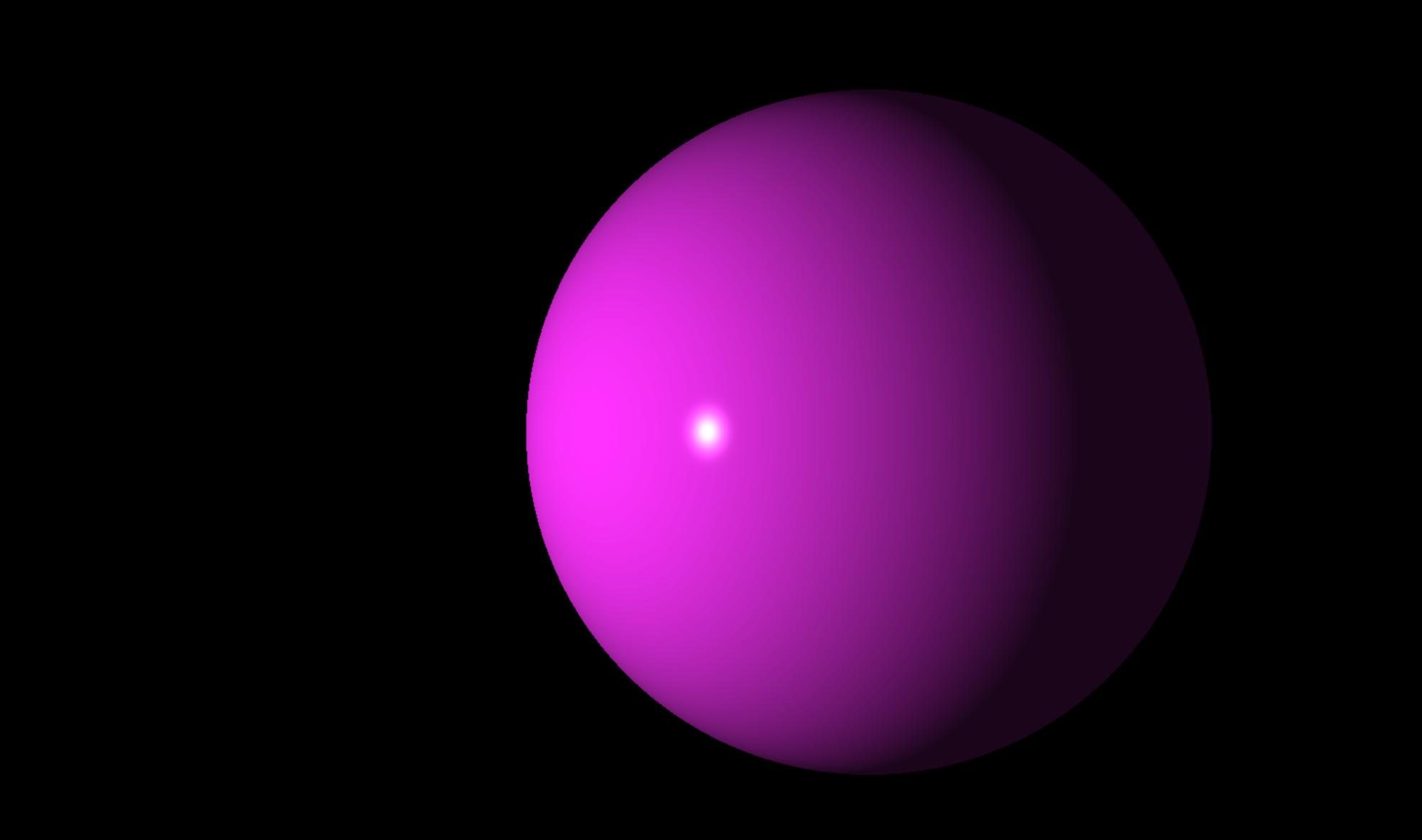


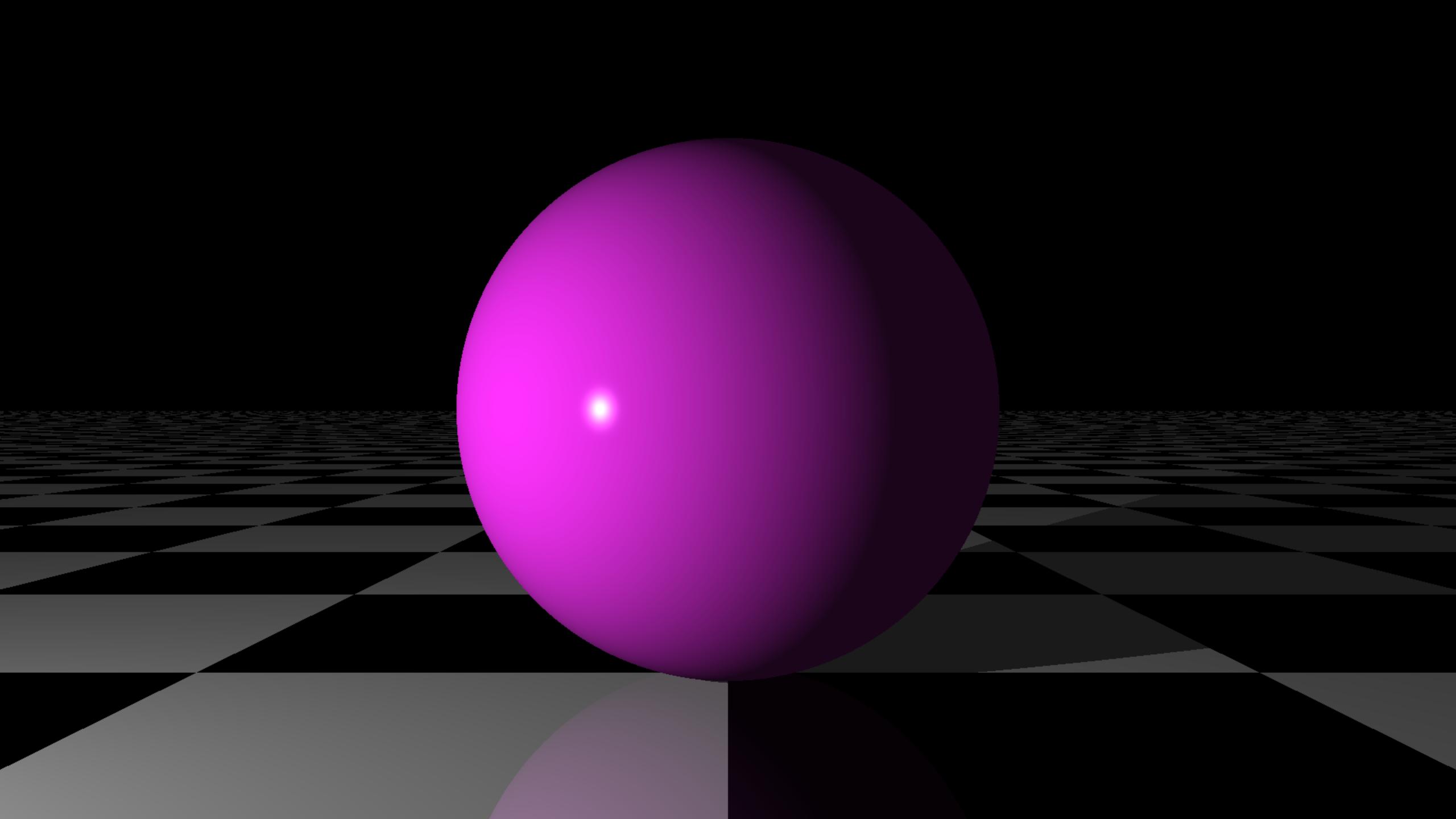
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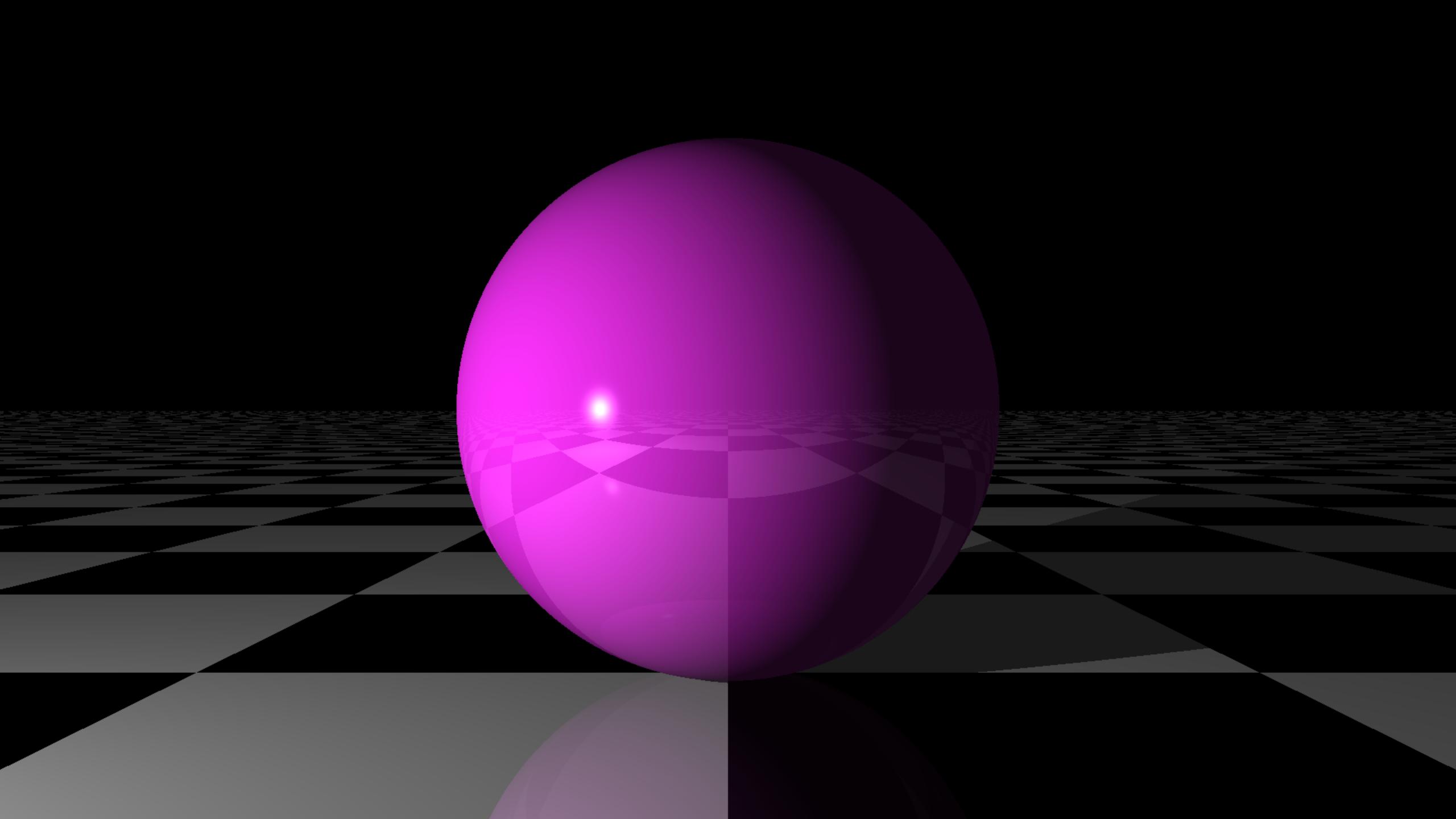
RAY-TRACING IN 3 MINUTES

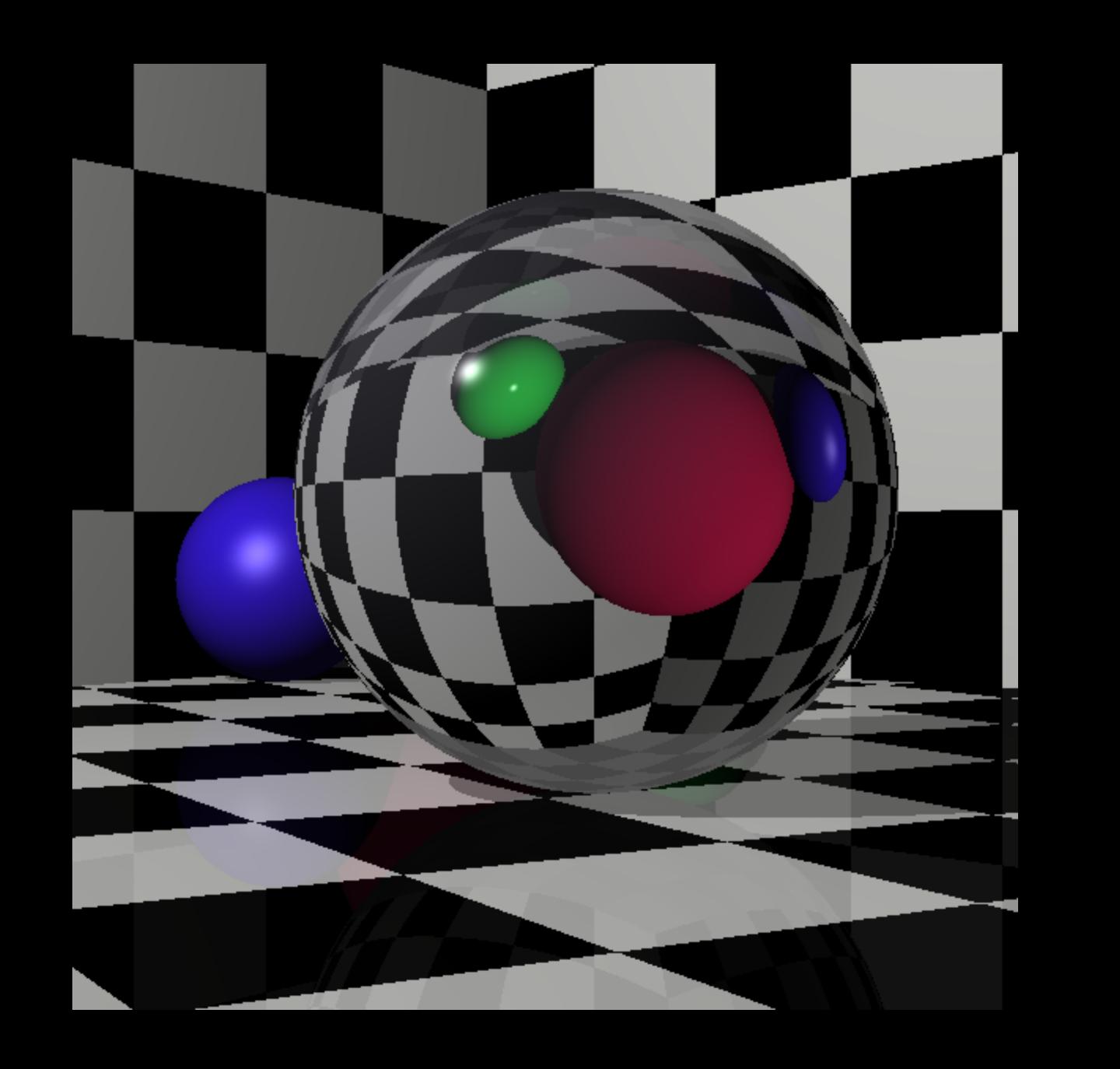






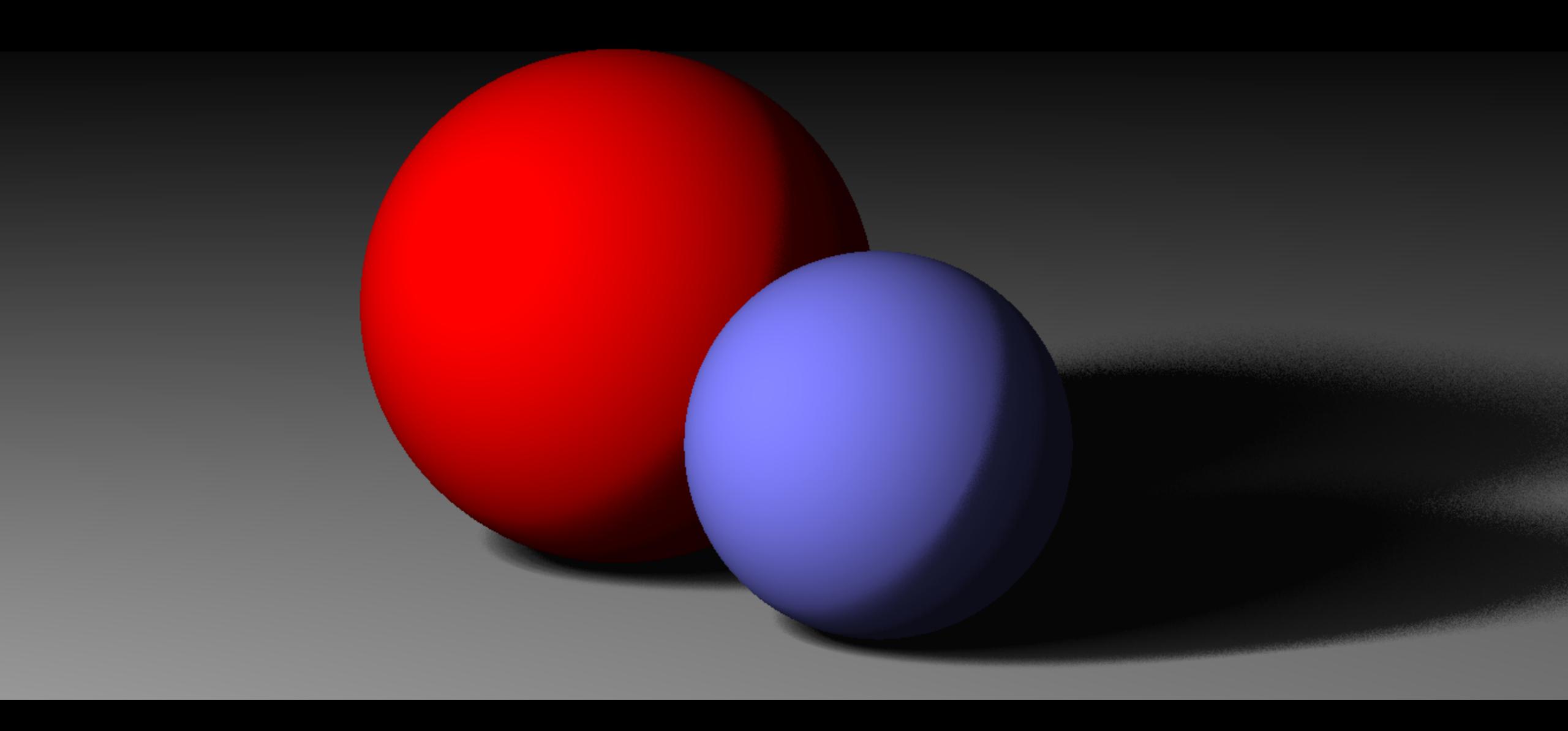


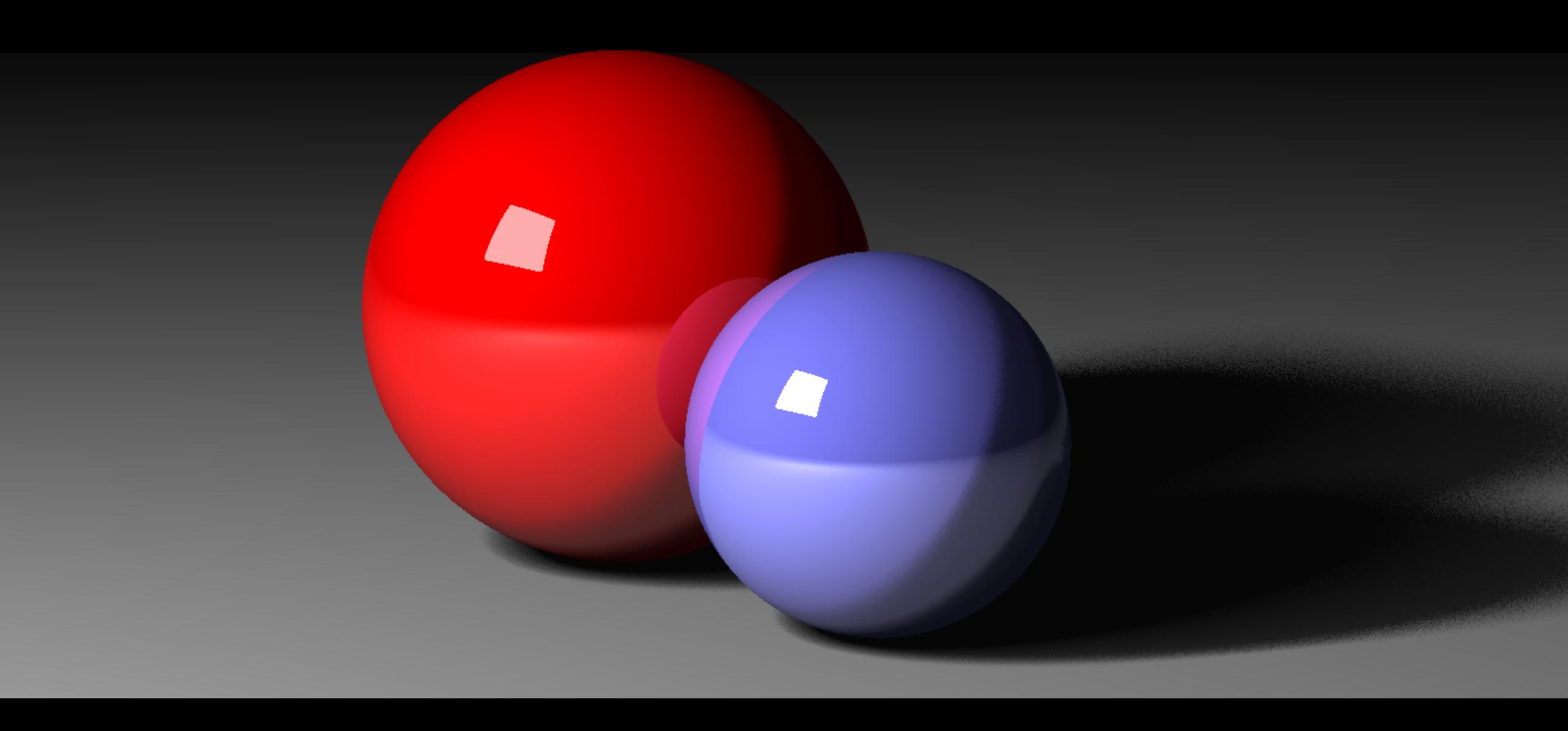


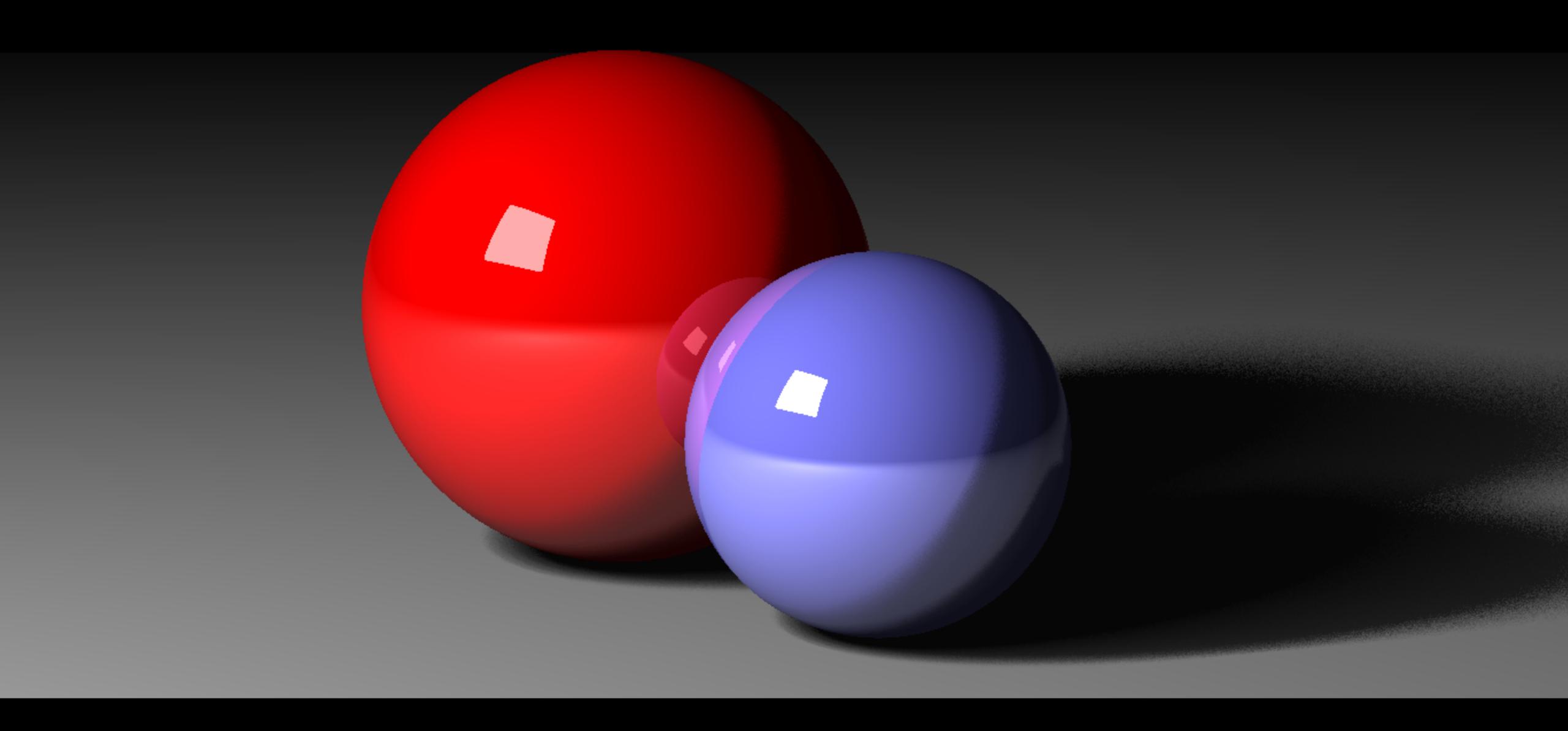


IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COLOR

OF EVERY SINGLE PIXEL

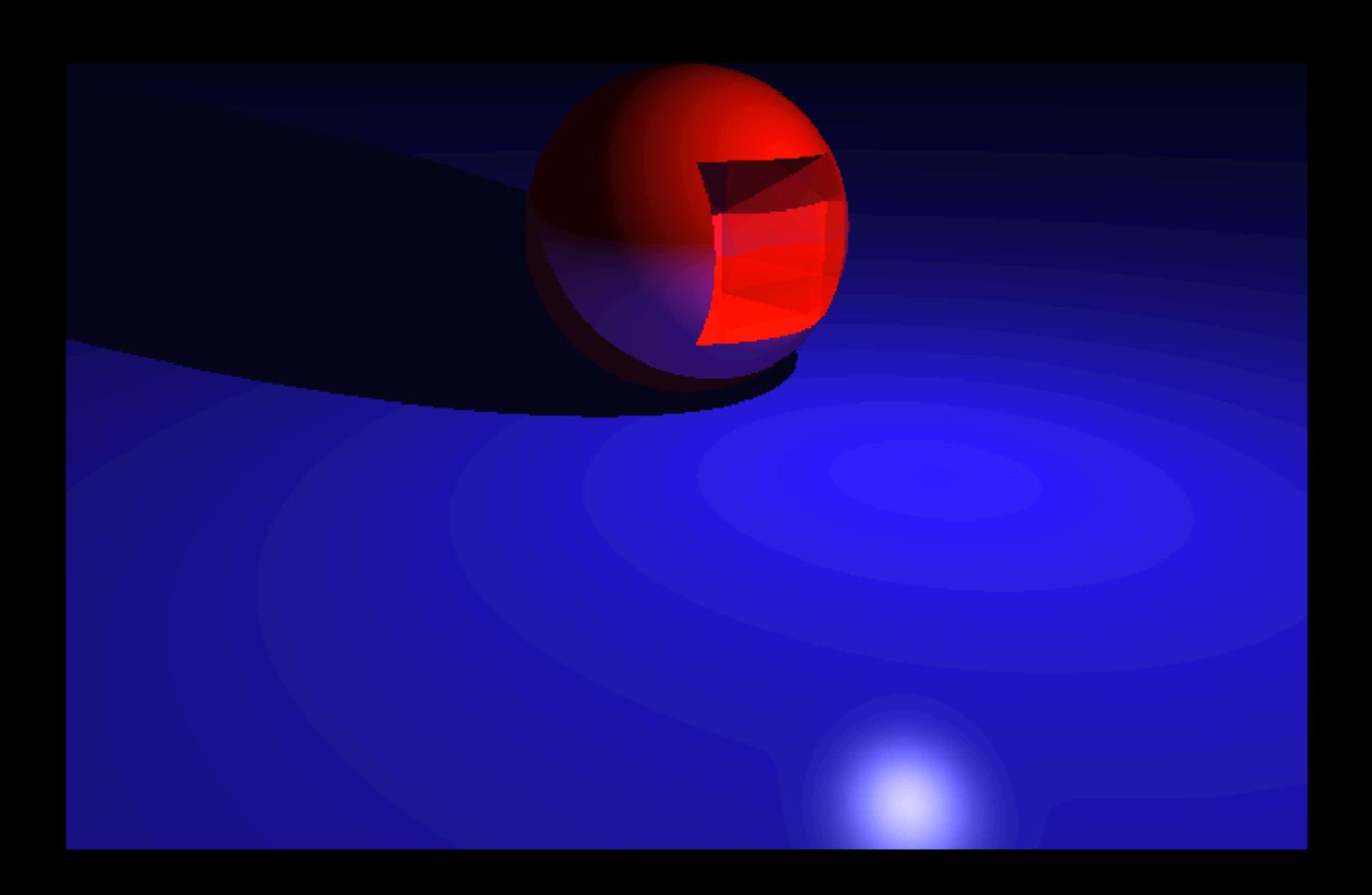






WHY PROFILING?

• Once the book was finished, rendering was rather slow.

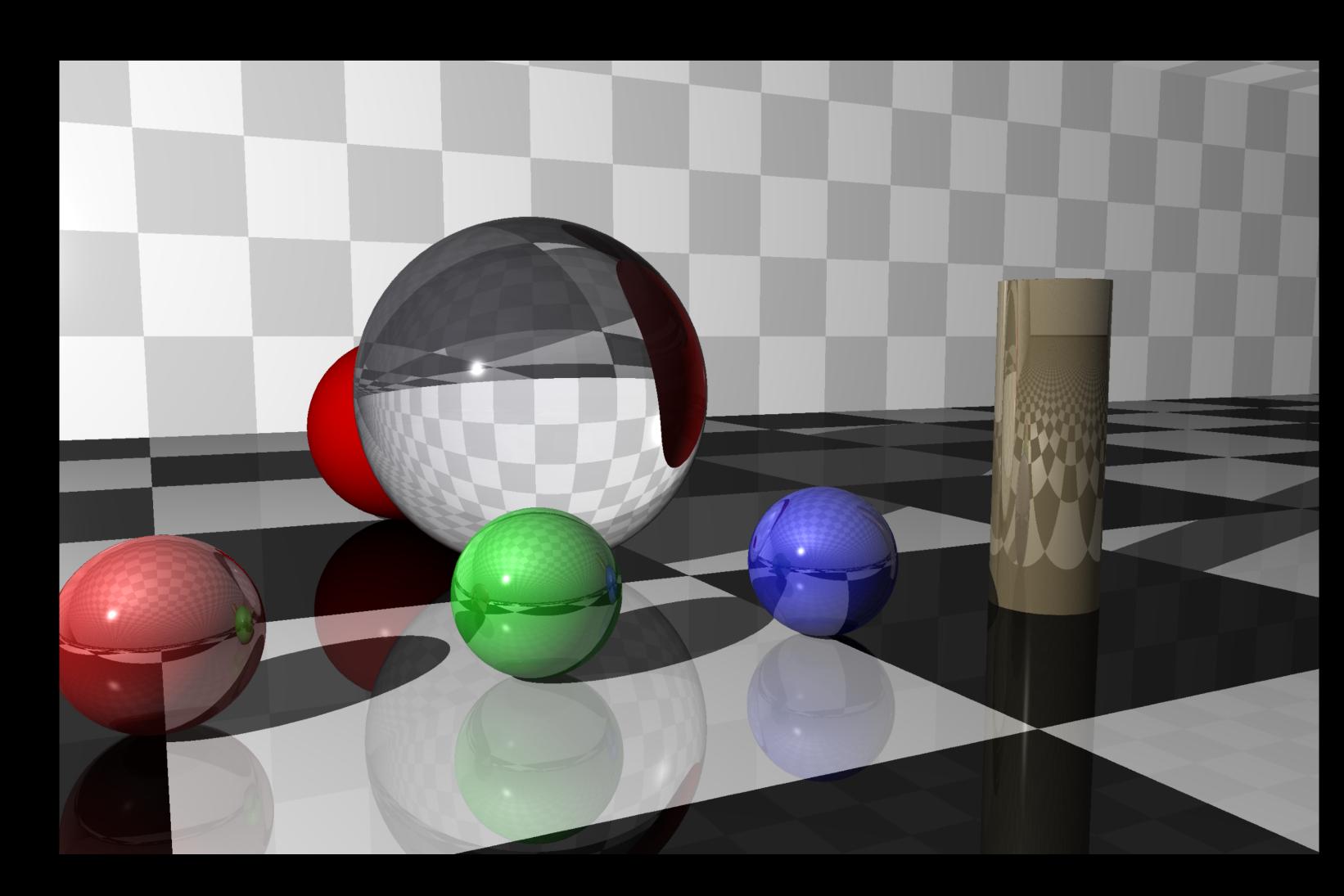


NAIVE IMPLEMENTATION

- Single-threaded
- Plain Go code
 - No 3rd party libraries for math etc.
- Correctness over premature optimization
 - No caching, prefer immutability
 - "... never-ending series of headaches..."

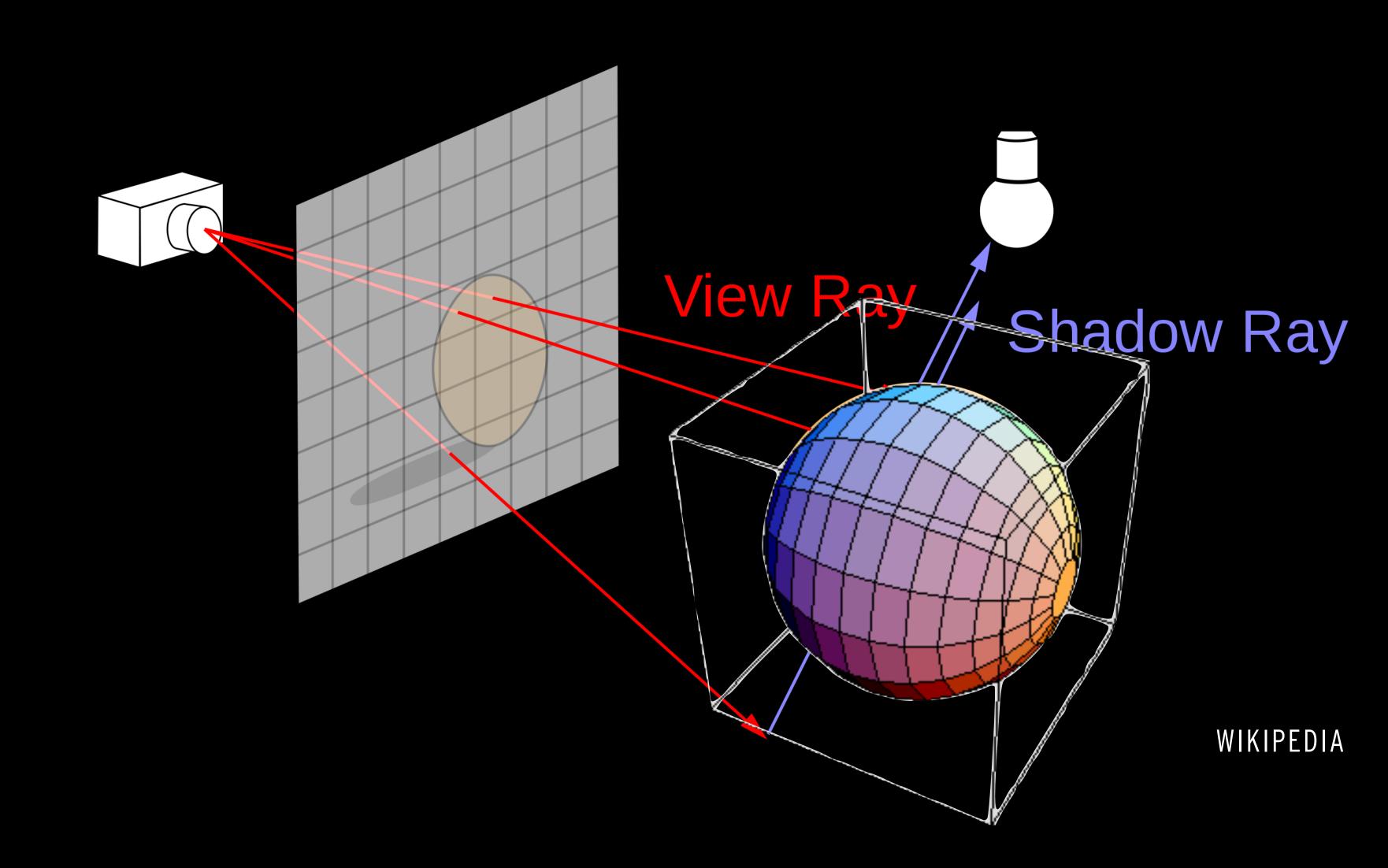
REFERENCE IMAGE

- Reference image
 - 9 primitives
 - Reflection and refraction
- At 640x480:
 - 307 200 pixels
 - Limited recursion depth
 - » Max 5 reflections and 5 refractions per ray



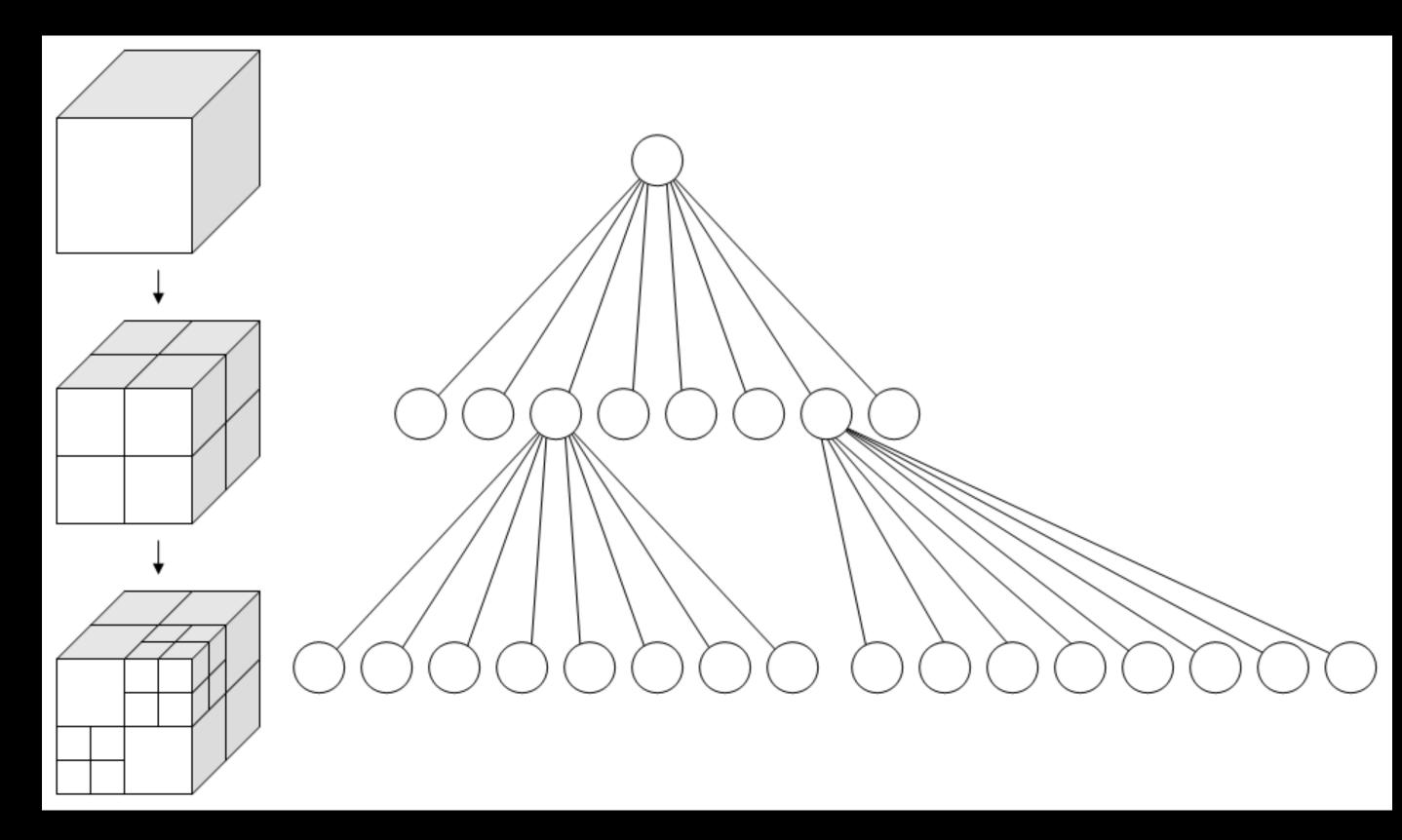
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 - "Do Less Work"
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- Algorithm specific:
 - "Do Less Work"
 - » Bounding boxes
 - BVH
 - Reduce number of intersection checks
- Implementation specific:
 - Use Go profiling tools to find bottlenecks and optimize accordingly



STEP 1 - MULTI-THREADING

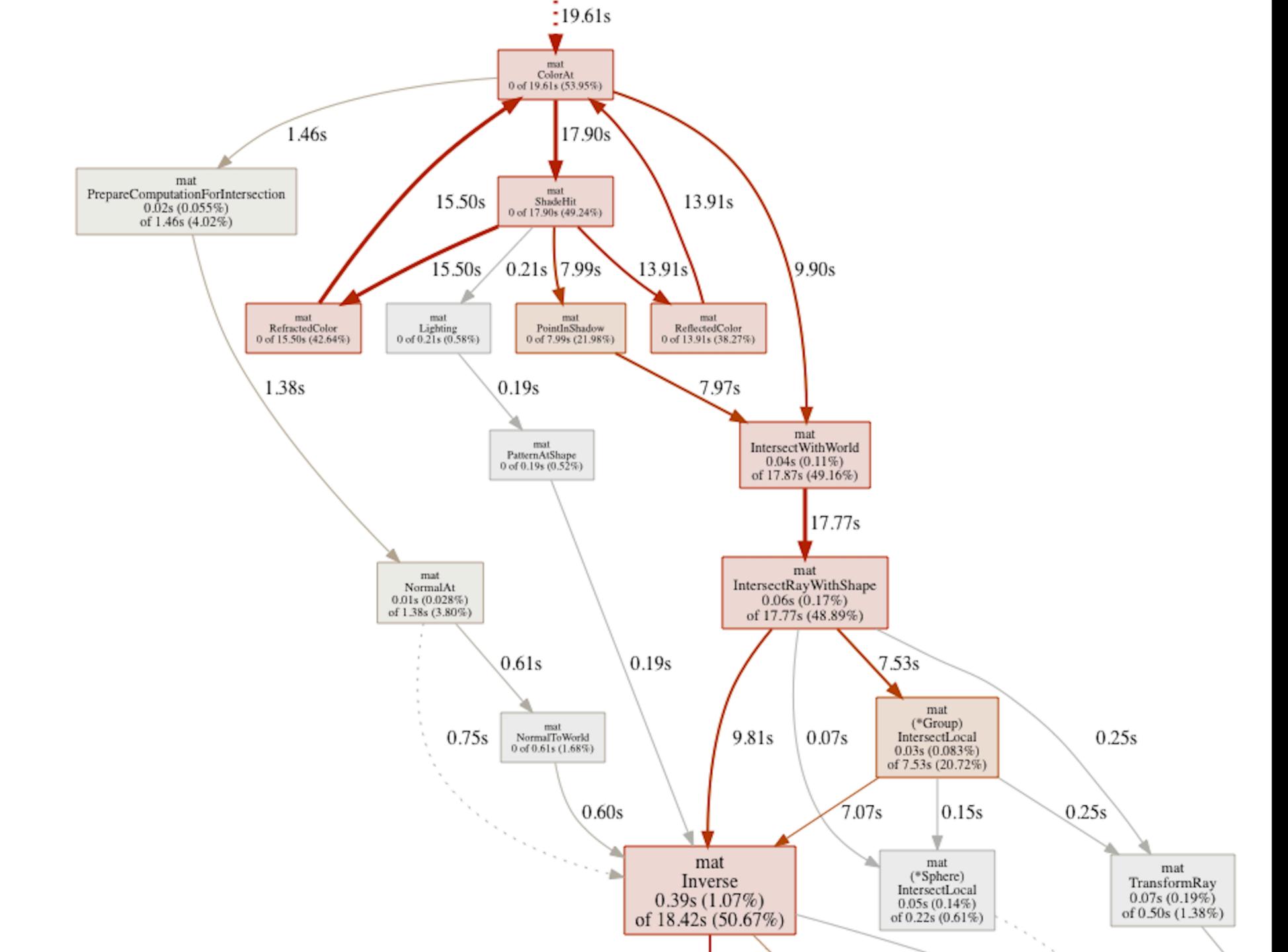
- "Embarrassingly parallell problem"
- Worker-pool implementation
- 1 -> 8 threads
- Performance improved performance by:

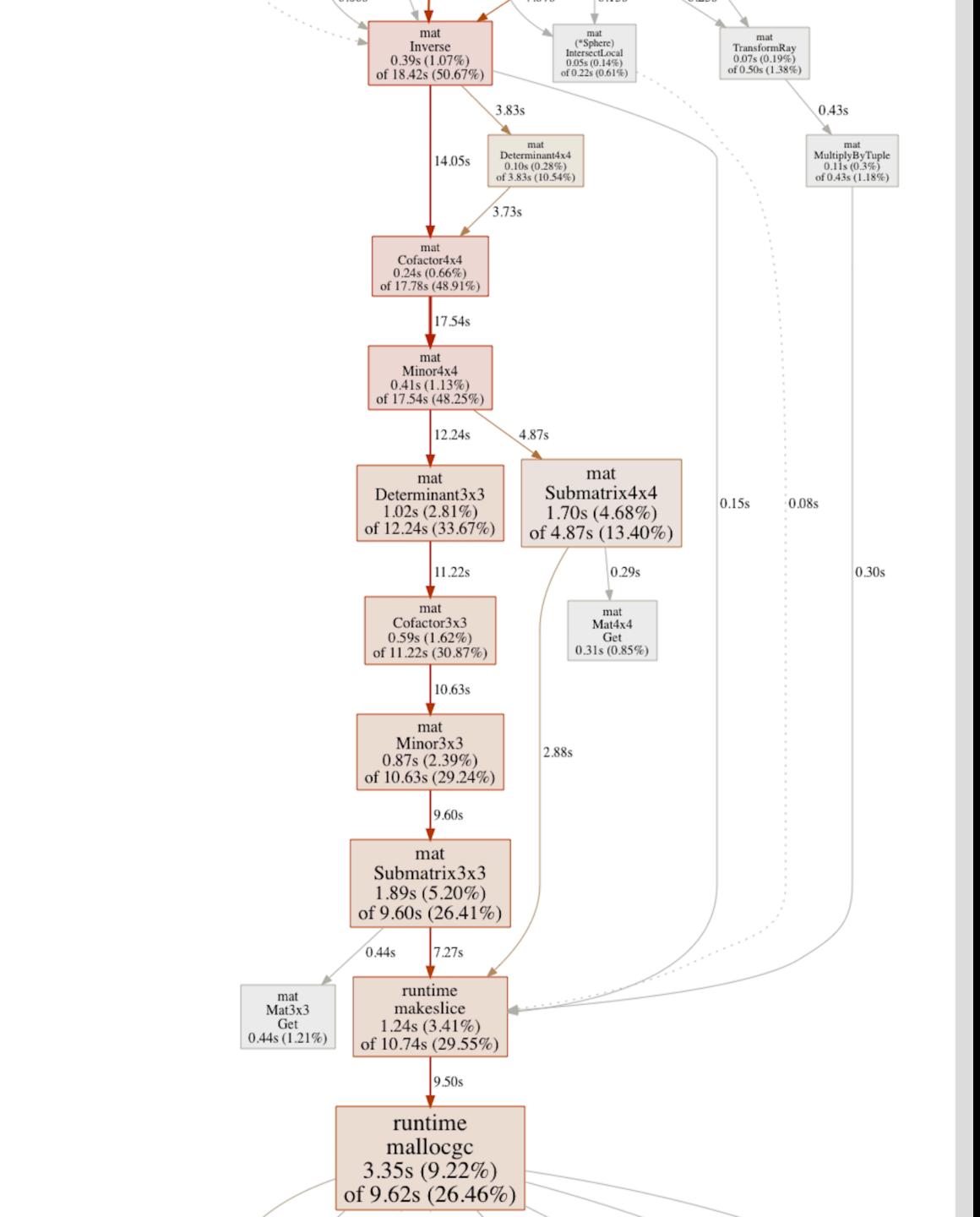
2.25x

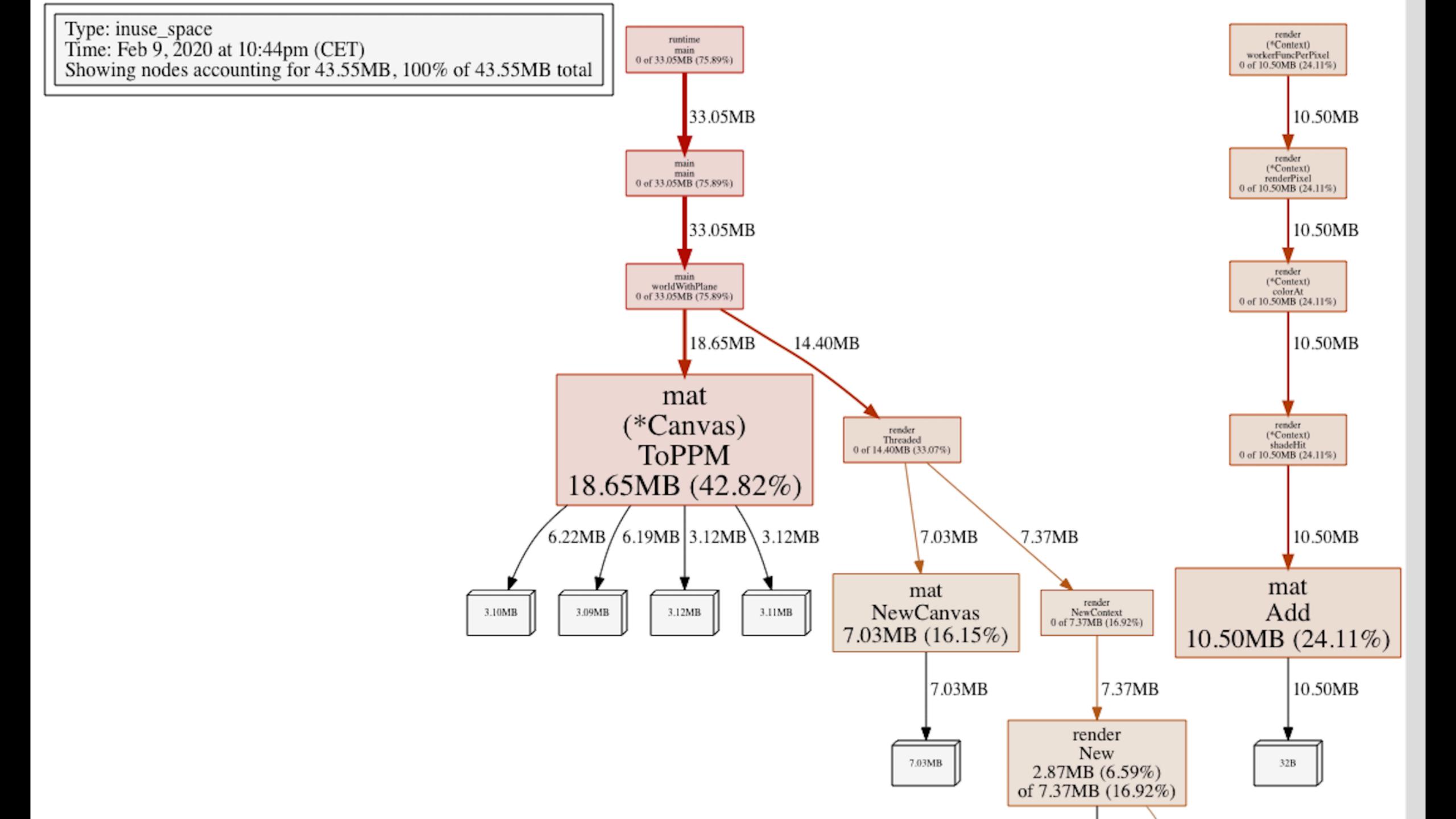
~1 min 30sec

FIRST RUN OF PPROF - CPU PROFILING

• I added the pprof HTTP boilerplate code and then captured a 30-second time window using /debug/pprof/profile with .PNG export







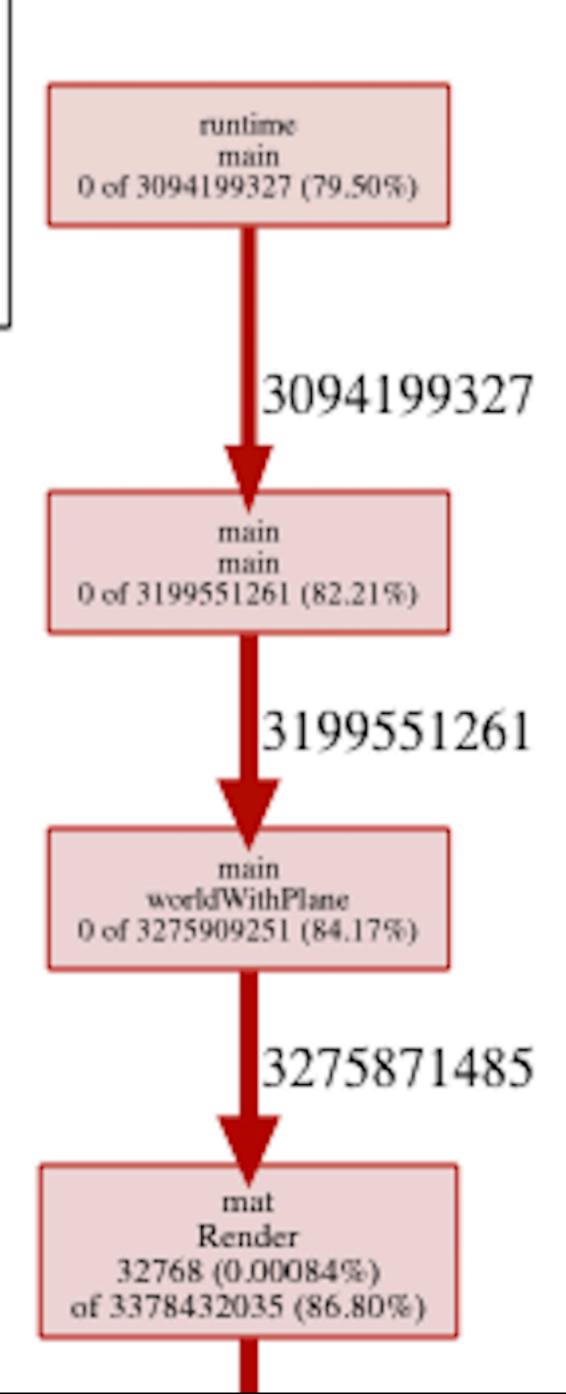
HEAP - MEMORY USE / ALLOCATIONS?

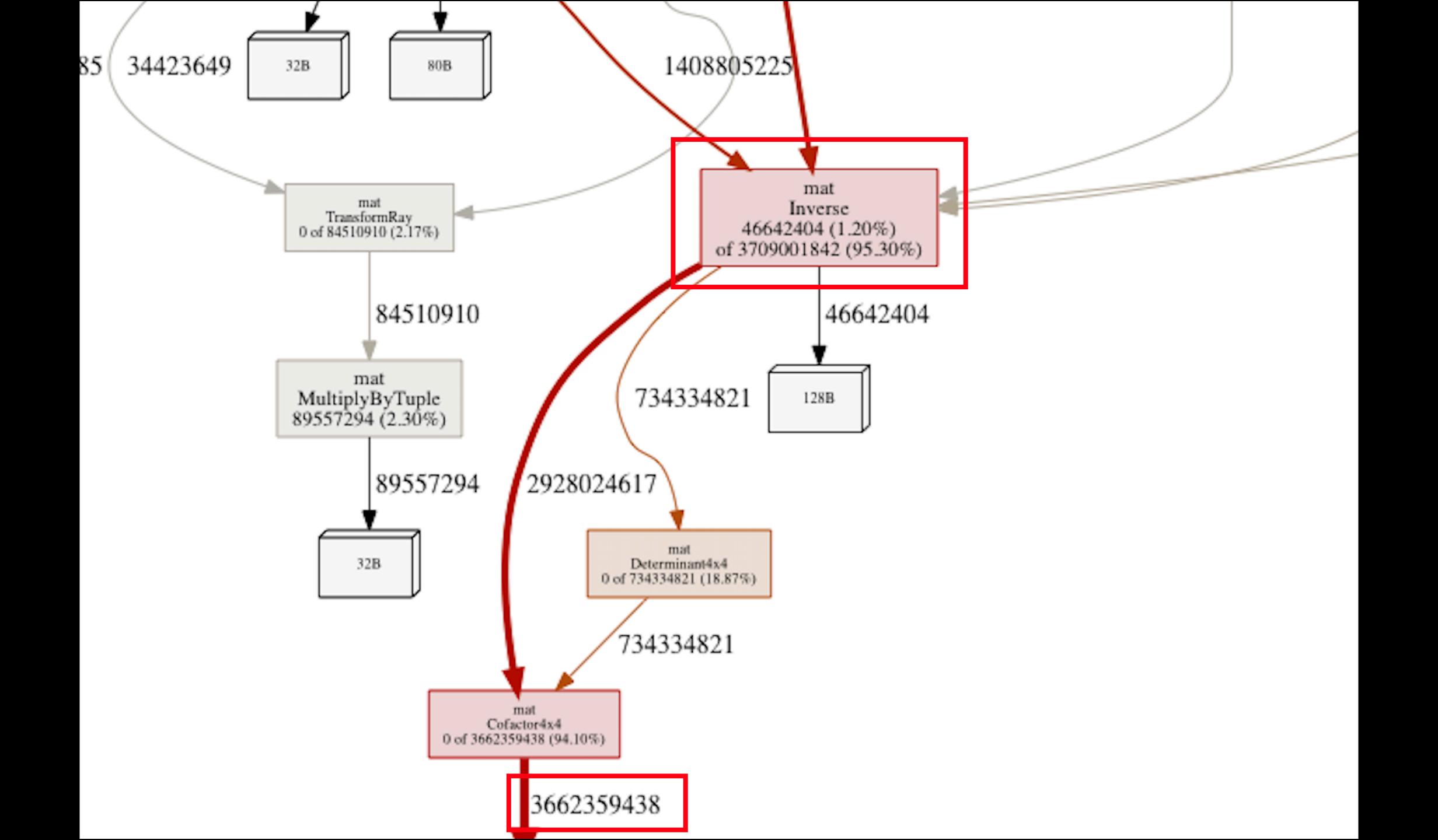
- Heap size seemed OK at 44 mb
- Could we be performing an excessive number of memory allocations?
- pprof does that too with the -alloc_objects flag!
 - go tool pprof -alloc_objects -png http://localhost:6060/debug/pprof/heap

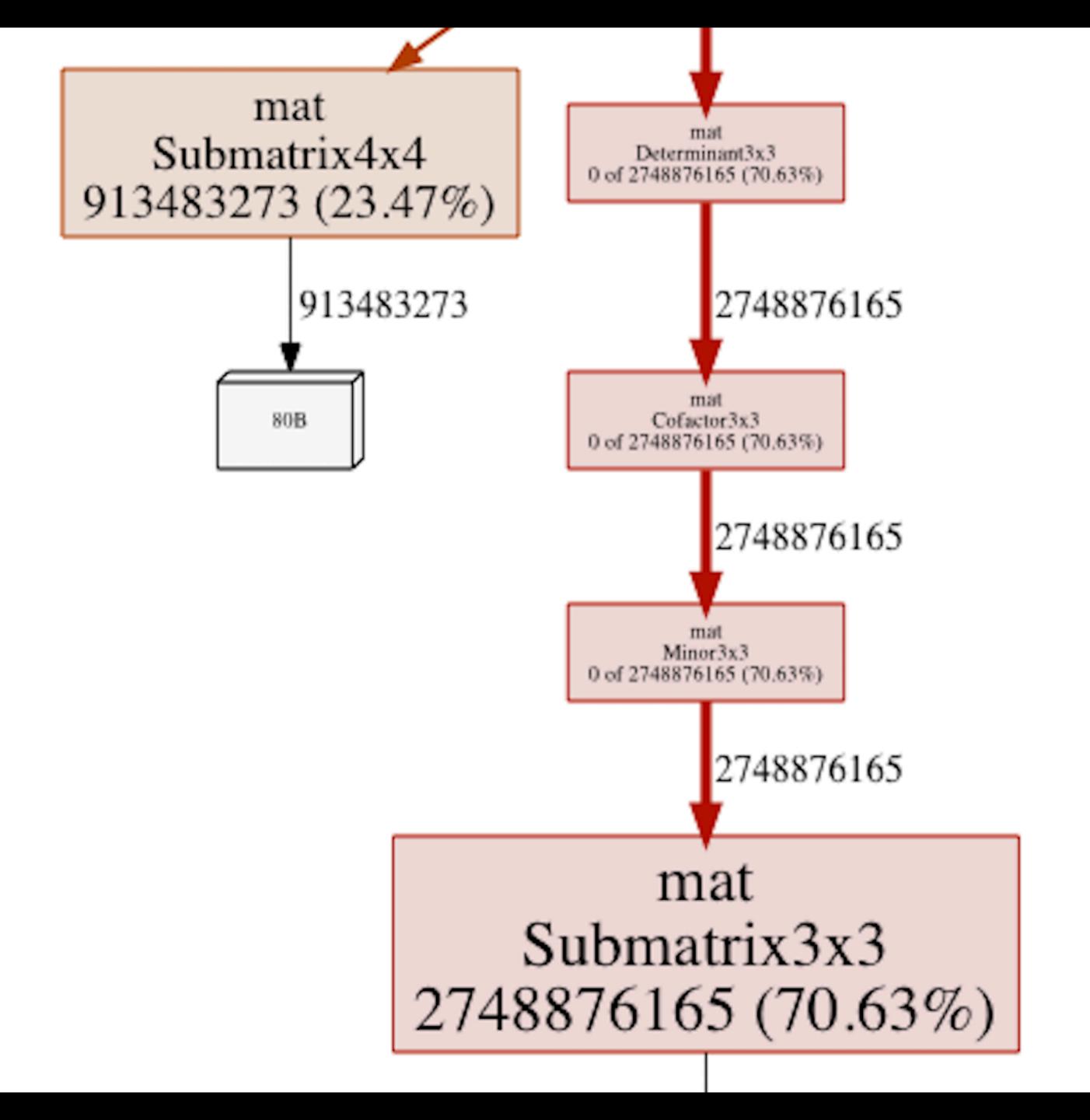
Type: alloc_objects
Time: Dec 22, 2019 at 5:29pm (CET)
Showing nodes accounting for 3842689091, 98.73% of 3892008614 total
Dropped 44 nodes (cum <= 19460043)

~12 700 allocations per pixel!

154 GB of RAM allocated







WHAT ARE THE INVERSE() AND SUBMATRIX() FUNCTIONS DOING!?!?

STEP 2 - FIX INVERSE() AND SUBMATRIX

```
func Submatrix4x4(m1 Mat4x4, deleteRow, deleteCol int) Mat3x3 {
  m3 := NewMat3x3(make([]float64, 9))
   idx := 0
  for row := 0; row < 4; row++ {
      if row == deleteRow {
         continue
      for col := 0; col < 4; col++ {
         if col == deleteCol {
            continue
         m3.Elems[idx] = m1.Get(row, col)
         idx++
   return m3
```

CACHING THE INVERSE

- The Inverse transformation matrix of each primitive is used in every ray / object intersection test
- Since our geometry and camera is static per frame rendered, it turns out we can precompute and store the Inverse matrix for each primitive once during scene setup.

```
middle = mat.NewSphere()
middle.SetTransform(mat.Translate(-0.5, 0.75, 0.5))

glassMtrl := mat.NewMaterial(mat.NewColor(0.8, 0.8, 0.9), 0, 0.2, 0.9, 300)
glassMtrl.Transparency = 1.0
glassMtrl.RefractiveIndex = 1.57

func (s *Sphere) SetTransform(translation Mat4x4) {
    s.Transform = Multiply(s.Transform, translation)
    s.Inverse = Inverse(s.Transform)
}
```

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```
type Sphere struct {
   Id         int64
   Transform Mat4x4
   Inverse        Mat4x4
   Material        Material
}

func (s *Sphere) SetTransform(translation Mat4x4) {
    s.Transform = Multiply(s.Transform, translation)
    s.Inverse = Inverse(s.Transform)
}
```

BEST OPTIMIZATION EVER!

INVERSE CACHING OUTCOME

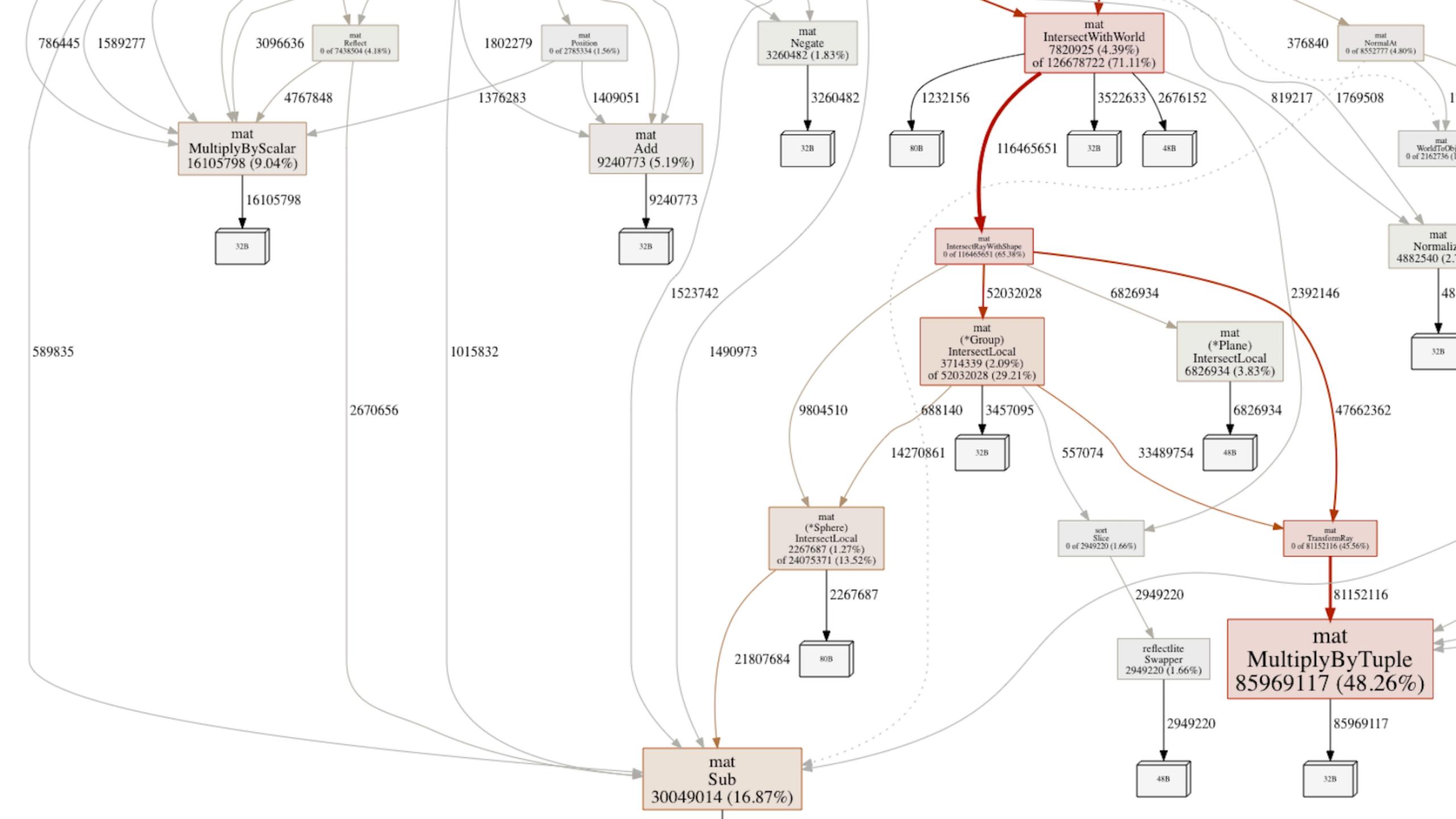
- Single-threaded went from 3m 14s to 10.9s
- Multi-threaded went from 1m30s to 4.2s
- Allocations went from 3.9 billion to 180 million!
- From 154 GB to 5.9 GB



NOT DONE YET!

STEP 3 - ELIMINATE ALLOCATIONS

- Still room for improvement
- Time for a new pprof check of allocs to the heap



ELIMINATE ALLOCATIONS

- Start pre-allocating memory whereever possible and re-use:
 - Vectors and matrices being used in intermediate calculations
 - Intersection lists (slices)
 - -
- Sometimes not trivial

RENDER CONTEXT PER WORKER

• Each "render context" needs to have it's own copy of world objects and pre-allocated lists and storage for recurring computations

```
return Context{
  world: world,
  total: 0,
  // allocate memory
  pointInView: mat.NewPoint(0, 0, -1.0),
  pixel: mat.NewColor(0, 0, 0),
              mat.NewPoint(0, 0, 0),
  origin:
  direction:
              mat.NewVector(0, 0, 0),
               mat.NewVector(0, 0, 0),
  subVec:
  // allocate ray
  firstRay: mat.NewRay(mat.NewPoint(0, 0, 0),
                       mat.NewVector(0, 0, 0)),
  // stack for shading
   cStack: cStack,
```

RE-USE SLICE MEMORY

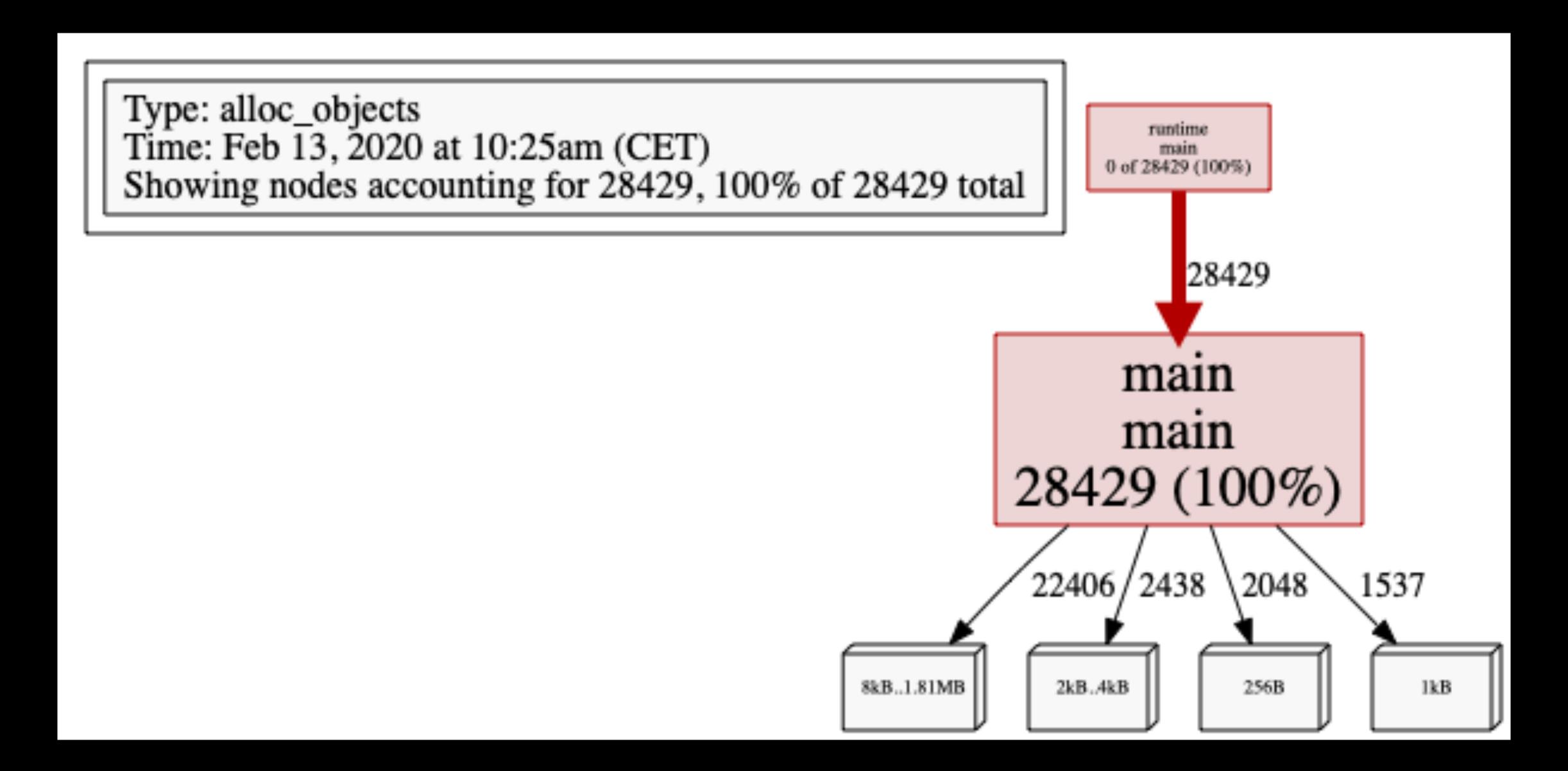
- Re-slice used slices rather than setting them to nil
- Preserves memory

```
bigslice := make([]int, 200000)

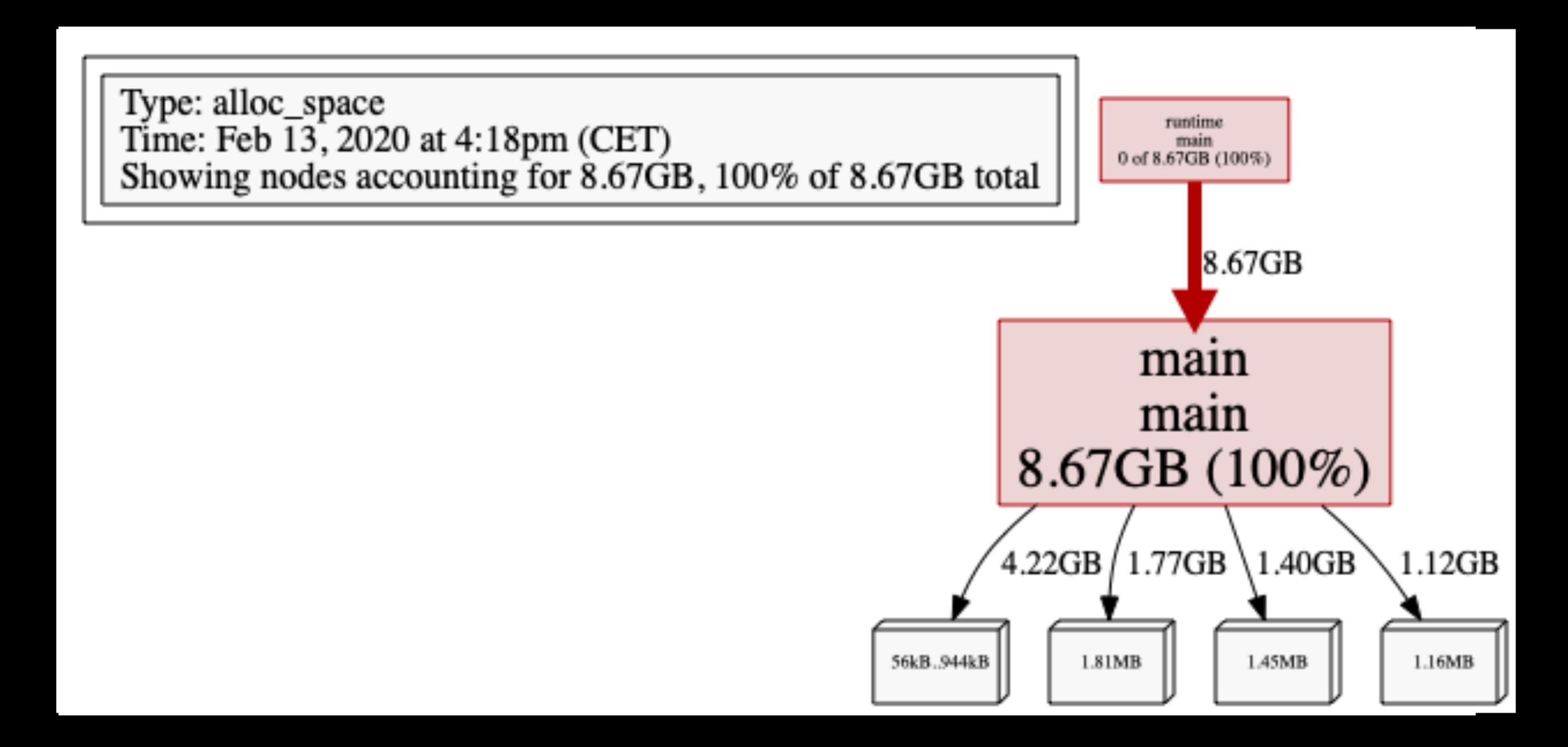
for 1 := 0; 1 < 1000; 1++ {
    bigslice = nil

    for 1 := 0; 1 < 200000; i++ {
        bigslice = append(bigslice, rand.Intn(1000000))
    }
    if i % 1000 == 0 {
        fmt.Printf("Data len: %v\n", len(bigslice))
    }
}</pre>
```

RE-USE SLICE MEMORY



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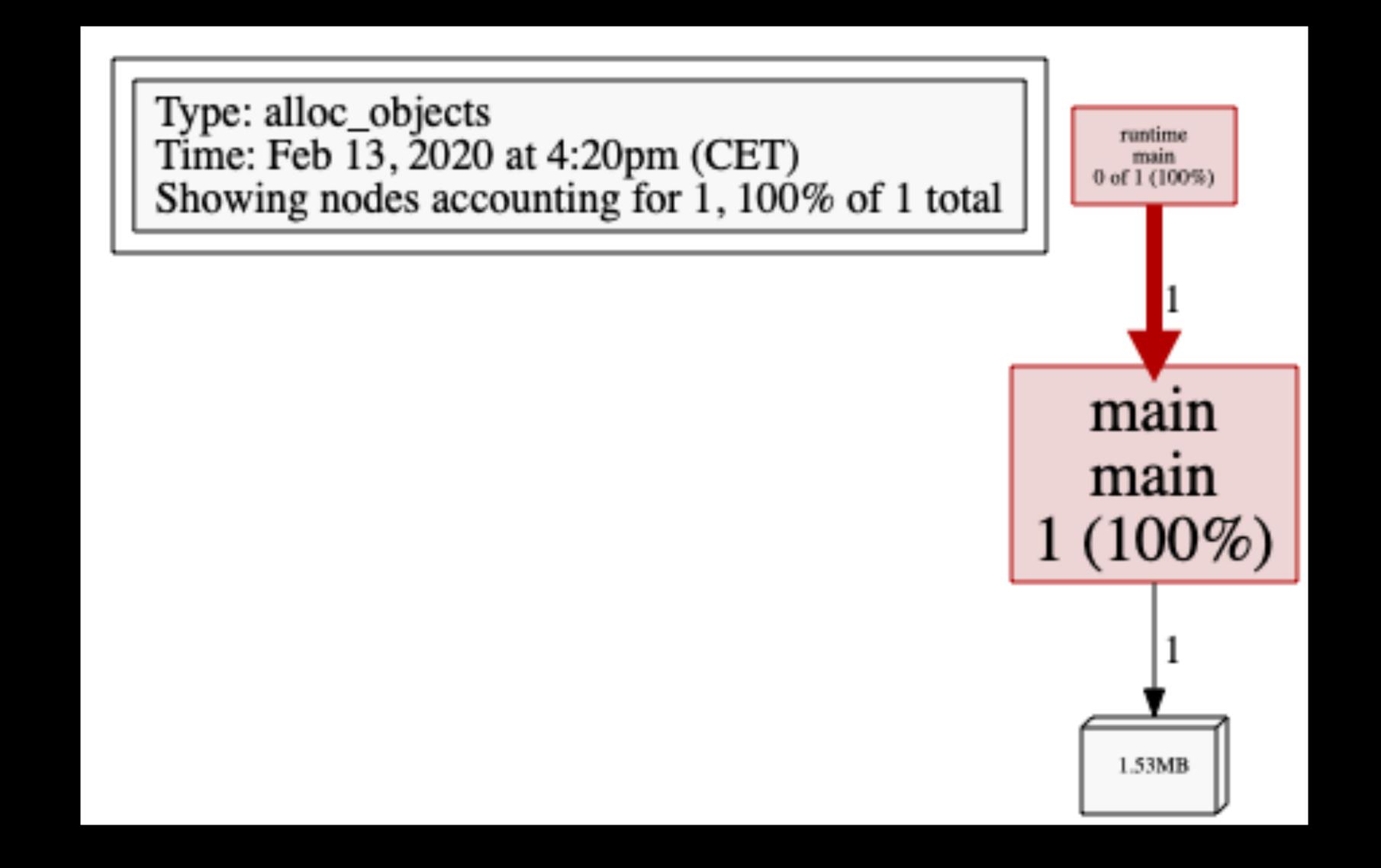


RE-USE SLICE MEMORY BY [:0]

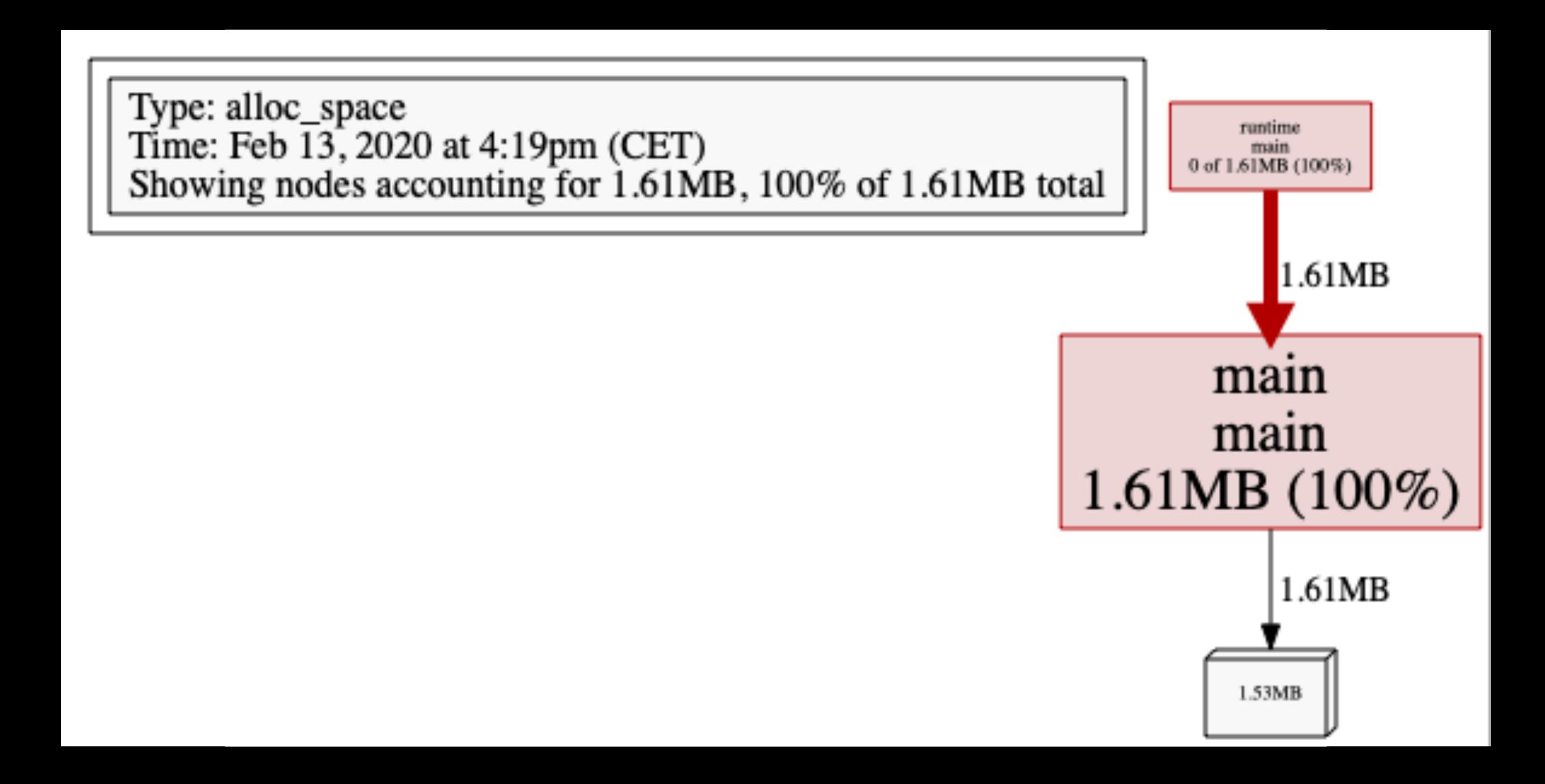
• reslice by slice = slice[:0]

```
bigslice := make([]int, 200000)
for i := 0; i < 1000; i++ {
   bigslice = bigslice[:0]
   for i := 0; i < 200000; i++ {
      bigslice = append(bigslice, rand.Intn(1000000))
   }
   if i % 1000 == 0 {
      fmt.Printf("Data len: %v\n", len(bigslice))
   }
}</pre>
```

RE-SLICE MEMORY USING [:0]



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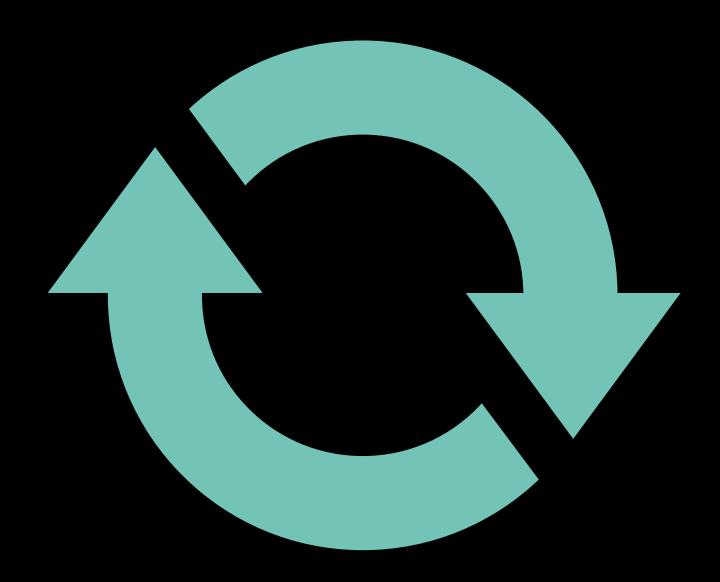
MORE EFFICIENT C-STYLE RETURNS

• Pre-allocate memory and pass function results through a parameter passed as pointer instead of allocating locally

```
return Context{ rixByTuple(m1 Matrix4x4, t Tuple4) Tuple4 { e4) {
   // omitted for brevity float64, 4))
   for row - 0, row < 4, row++ { , 0} * t.Get(0)) +
   // allocate memory (m1.Get(row, 0) * t.Get(0)) +
   pointInView: mat.NewPoint(0. 0. -1.0),
   pixel: mat.NewColor(0, 0, 0),
             mat.NewPoint(0, 0, 0)
   origin:
   return t1
// Somewhere else
mat.MultiplyMatrixByTuple(rc.camera.Inverse, rc.pointInVlew, &rc.pixel)
mat.MultiplyMatrixByTuple(rc.camera.Inverse, originPoint &rc.origin)
```

REFACTORING OUTCOME

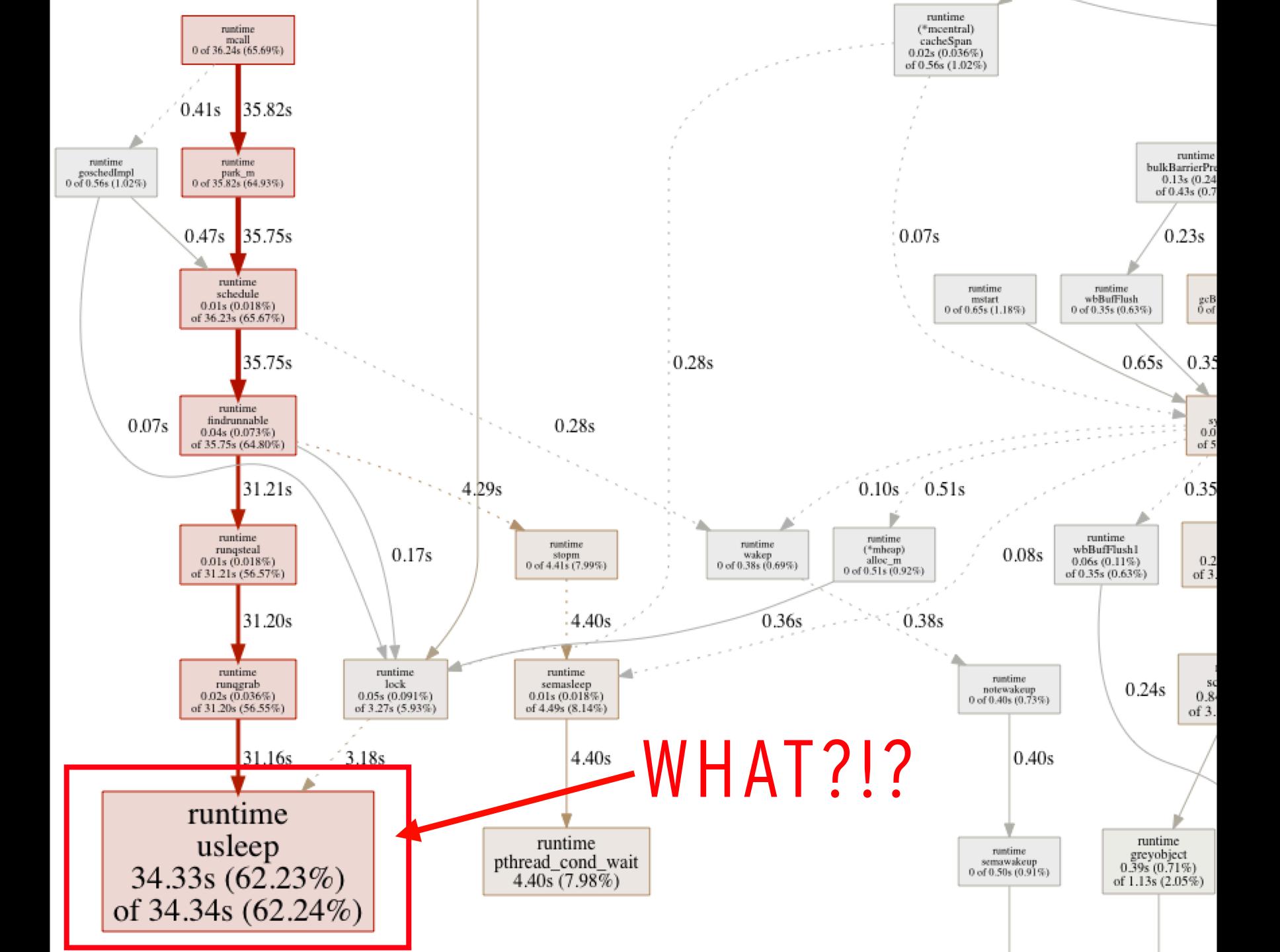
- Continued refactoring and optimization resulted in:
 - Multi-threaded render: 4.2 -> 1.9 seconds
 - Allocation number: 180 million -> 33 million
 - » 12700 -> 100 allocs per pixel
 - Memory allocated: 5.9 GB -> 1.31 GB
- However...
 - More complex code base
 - Multi-threading requires careful access to shared data or context-exclusive copies



ONE MORE OPTIMIZATION...

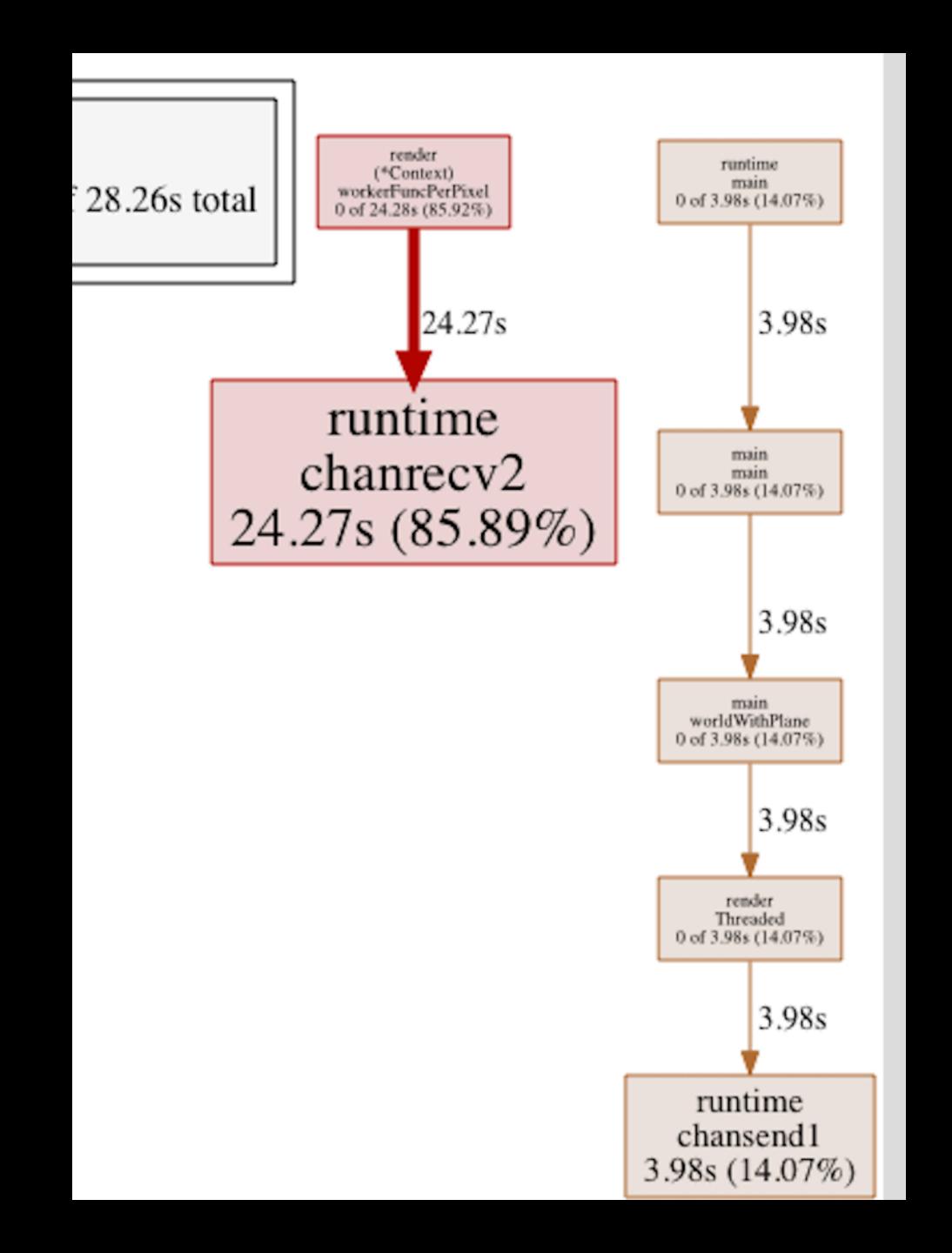
STEP 4 - LAST OPTIMIZATION

- After adding caching and reducing allocations significantly performance was quite good.
- Time to CPU profile again...



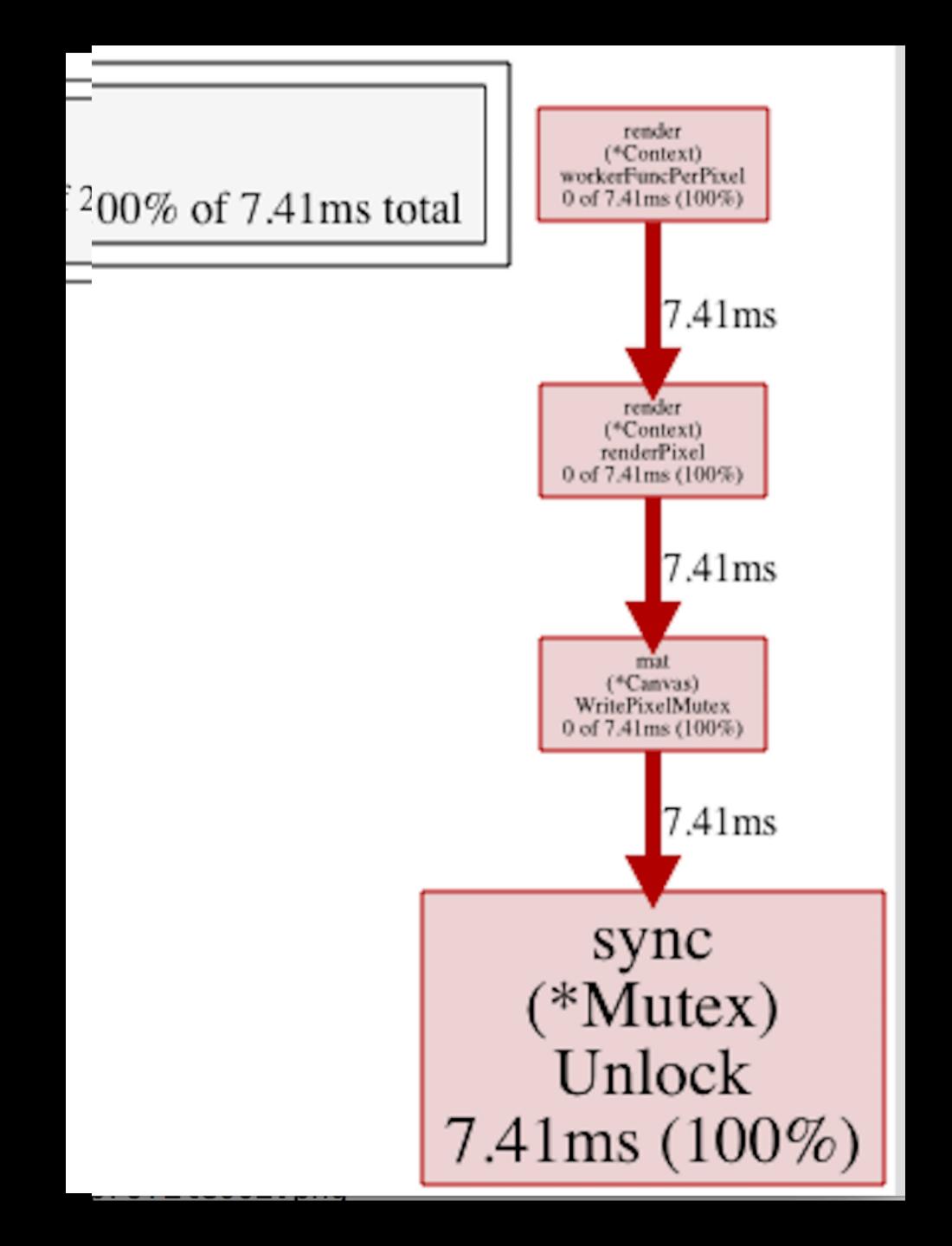
CONGESTION?

- Something slightly weird...
 - runtime usleep: 62.3% CPU time?!?!
 - » /debug/pprof/block



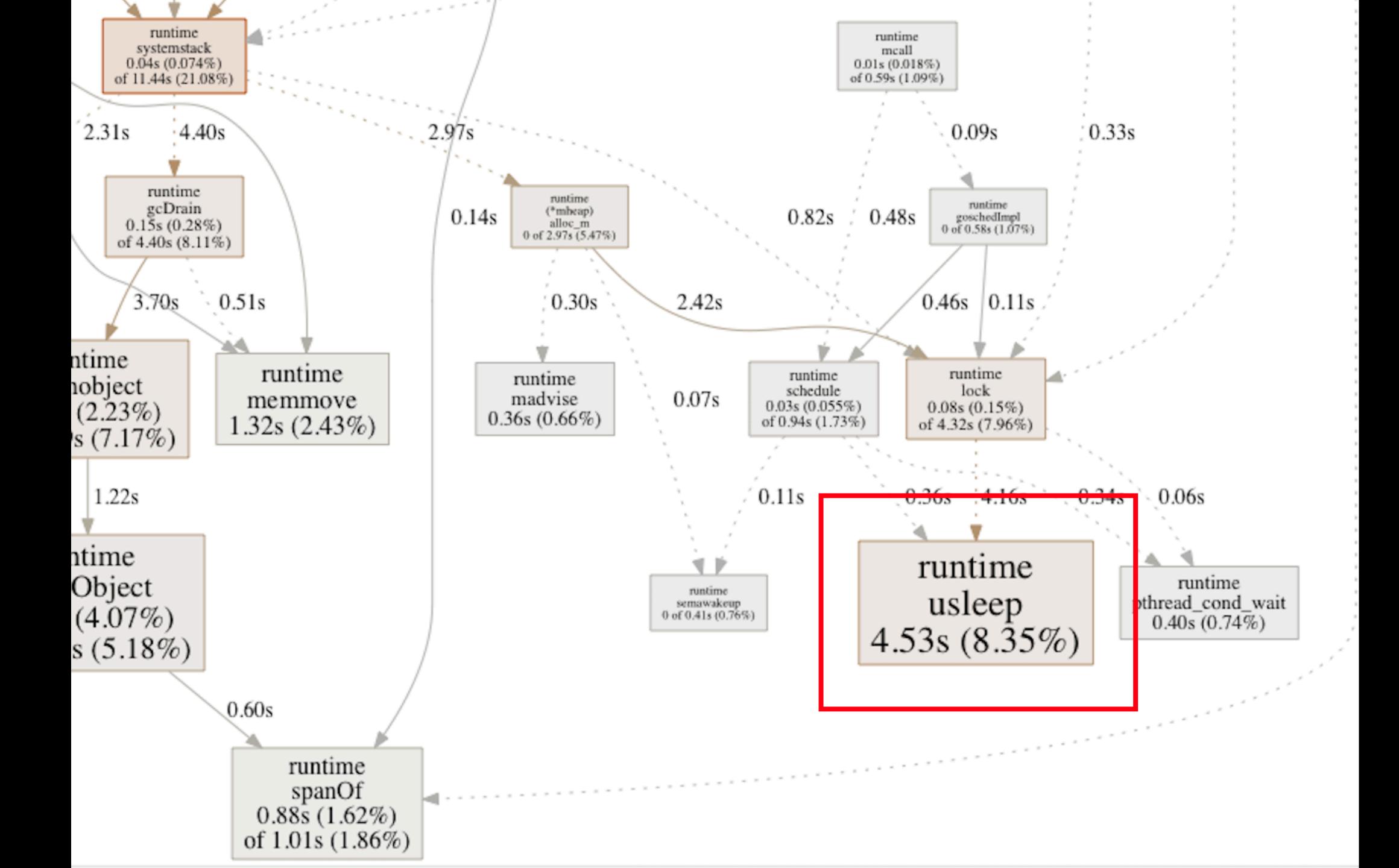
CONGESTION?

- Something slightly weird...
 - runtime usleep: 62.3% CPU time?!?!
 - » /debug/pprof/block
 - » /debug/pprof/mutex

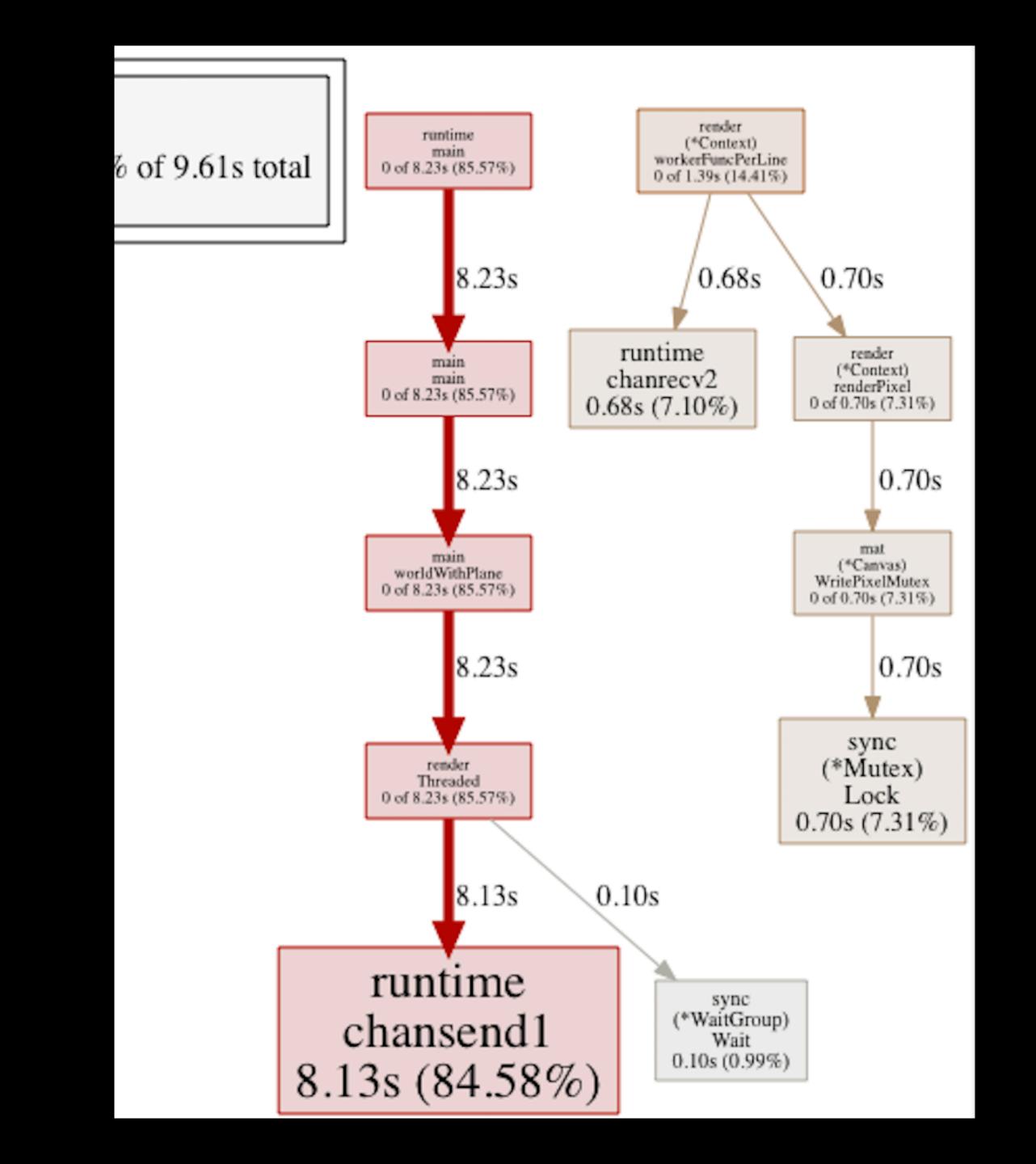


CONGESTION

- Renderer is based on the worker-pool pattern
 - 8 workers having their own rendering context / memory
- One job per pixel
 - 1920x1080 -> ~2 million jobs passed to either of the 8 workers through an unbuffered channel
 - 16.4 seconds
- One job per line
 - 1920x1080 -> 1080 jobs passed
 - 14.7 seconds



BLOCKS - PASS BY LINE



REFACTORING CONGESTION OUTCOME

- Multi-threaded render: 1.9 -> 1.6 seconds
- However, 8 threads vs 1 thread is still just 2.7x faster, so there's definitely a lot more bottlenecks to be found
 - slice. Sort is run on every intersection which allocates memory internally
 - A lot of basic vector / matrix ops still allocating memory
 - Experiment with GOGC to run GC less often
 - I'm considering a total rewrite;)

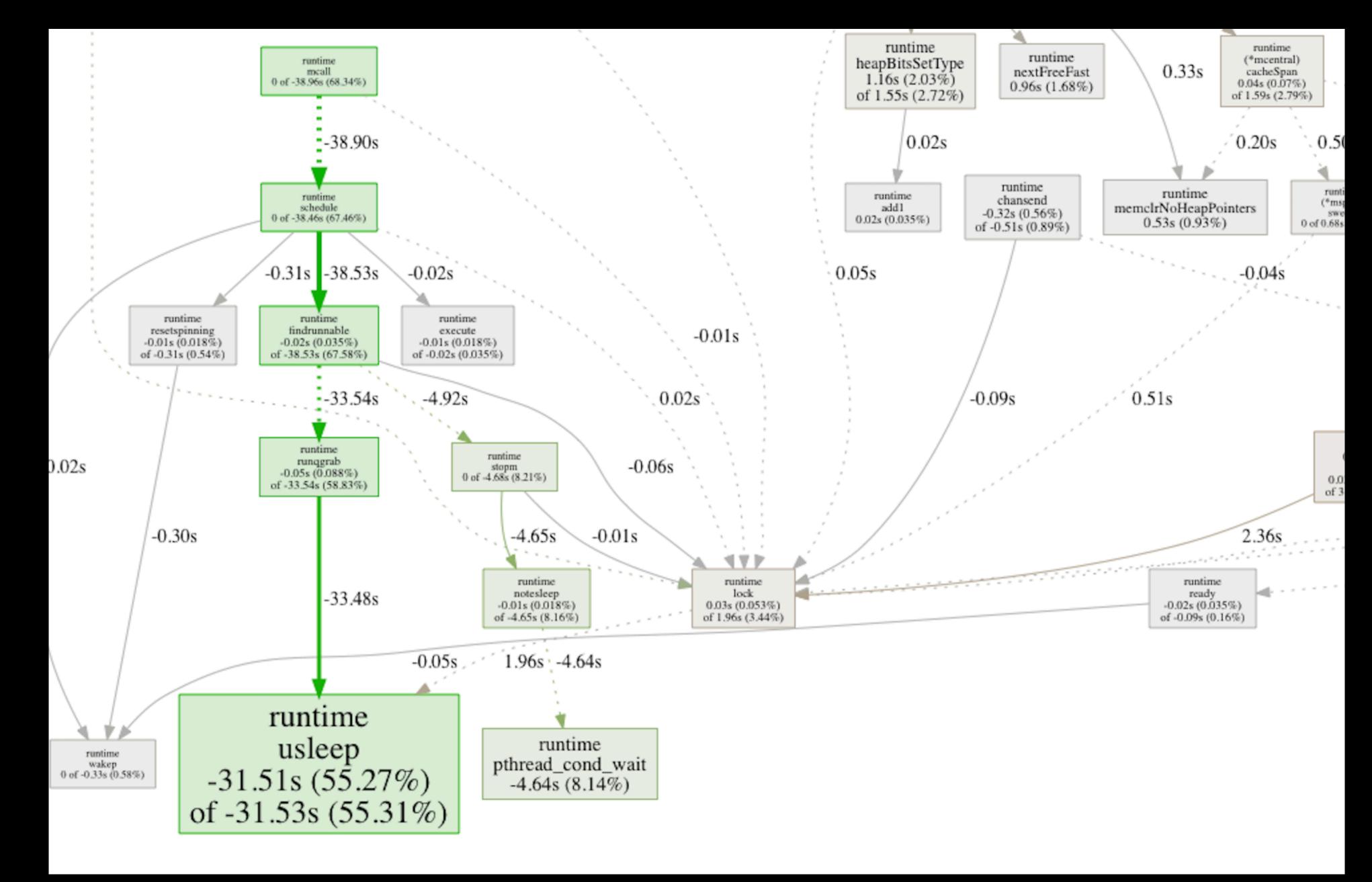
A FINAL TRICK LIVE CODING WITH DEMO!

COMPARING PPROFS

- Pprof supports loading two pprof files in order to compare them
- go tool pprof -diff_base pixel-render.pb.gz line-render.pb.gz

```
[~/diffprofiles> go tool pprof -diff_base pixel-render.pb.gz line-render.pb.gz
Type: cpu
Time: Feb 13, 2020 at 9:44pm (CET)
Duration: 20.31s, Total samples = 57.01s (280.72%)
Entering interactive mode (type "help" for commands, "o" for options)
(pprof) top
Showing nodes accounting for -23.71s, 41.59% of 57.01s total
Dropped 55 nodes (cum \leq 0.29s)
Showing top 10 nodes out of 288
     flat flat% sum%
                                    cum%
                              cum
  -31.51s 55.27% 55.27% -31.53s 55.31% runtime.usleep
   -4.64s 8.14% 63.41% -4.64s 8.14% runtime.pthread_cond_wait
    2.63s 4.61% 58.80% 9.28s 16.28% runtime.mallocgc
    2.22s 3.89% 54.90% 4.05s 7.10%
                                          github.com/eriklupander/rt/internal/pkg/mat.MultiplyByTuplePtr
    1.51s 2.65% 52.25%
                        1.72s 3.02%
                                          runtime.findObject
    1.41s 2.47% 49.78%
                             1.41s 2.47% github.com/eriklupander/rt/internal/pkg/mat.Tuple4.Get
                                          github.com/eriklupander/rt/internal/pkg/mat.Mat4x4.Get
     1.29s
          2.26% 47.52%
                                          runtime.heapBitsSetType
    1.16s
           2.03% 45.48%
                             1.55s
                                   2.72%
     1.15s
           2.02% 43.47%
                             3.68s
                                   6.46%
                                          github.com/eriklupander/rt/internal/pkg/mat.(*Sphere).IntersectLocal
                                   2.32% github.com/eriklupander/rt/internal/pkg/mat.Dot
          1.88% 41.59%
    1.07s
                             1.32s
```

COMPARING PPROFS



SUMMARY

LESSONS LEARNED

- Even though Go is garbage collected, you need to think on how and when you're allocating memory if the code you're writing is performance critical.
 - That said:
 - » Avoid premature optimization!!
- Always try to allocate memory that does not escape to the heap
 - go build -gcflags'-m' < path > to perform escape analysis (another topic...)
- Goroutines and channels are cheap...
 - But not free!
- ... and so on ...

SUMMARY

- Writing a ray-tracer is great fun
 - (with a good book to hold your hand while doing it!)
- Optimizing it was maybe even more fun!
 - (since I got to dive into go profiling in greater depth than ever before)
- Renderer could use a whole bunch of improvements
 - Or just use Blender...;)
- The journey is the reward!

SUMMARY

- Do not give in to premature optimization!!!
 - (unless <insert reason>)
- go pprof is an invaluable tool for profiling running go code without having to manually log/measure/summarize or polluting the code base
 - With a quite low (1-3%) performance hit, some people even run it on their production servers!
- Powerful, but can be quite difficult to decipher the semantics of the output
 - I personally prefer the viz graphs

THANKS!