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Lecture 23: Segmentation II &
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Two presentations today:

Contours and Junctions in Natural Images

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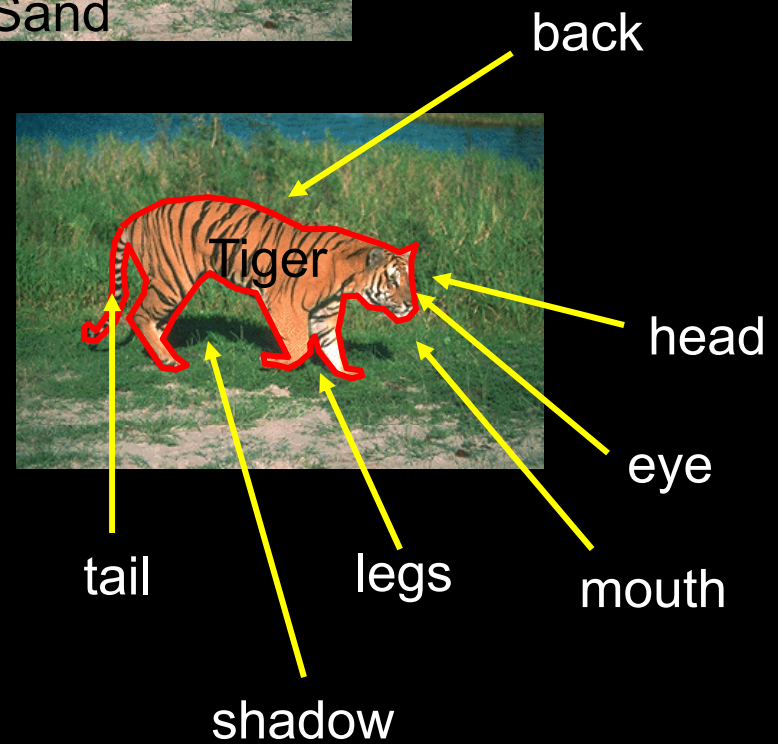
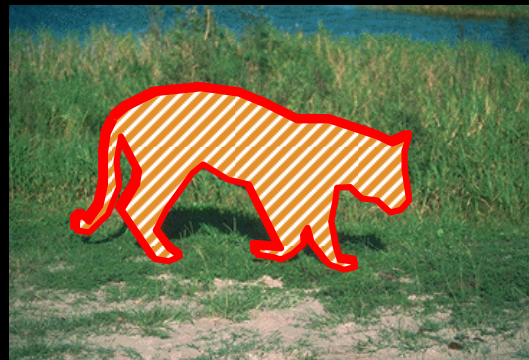
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From Pixels to Perception



I stand at the window and see a house, trees, sky. Theoretically I might say there were 327 brightnesses and nuances of colour.

Do I have "327"?

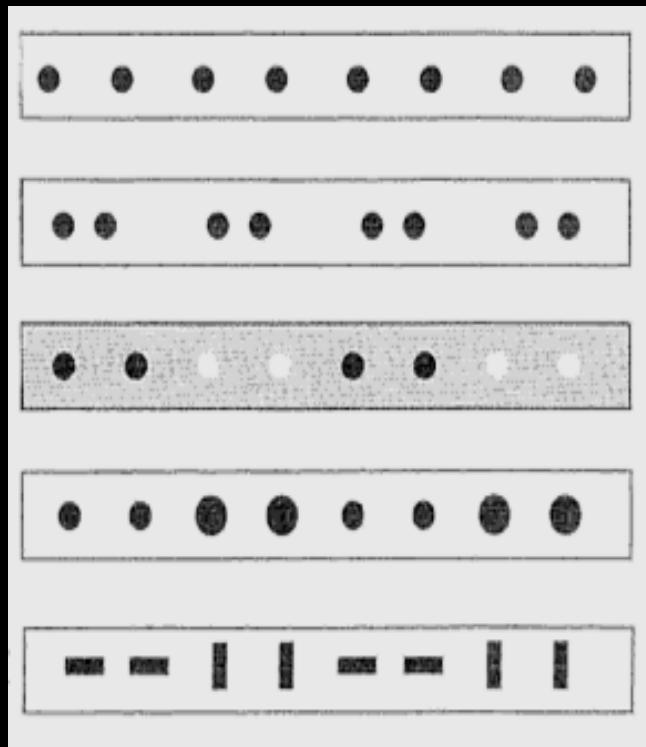
No. I have sky, house, and trees.



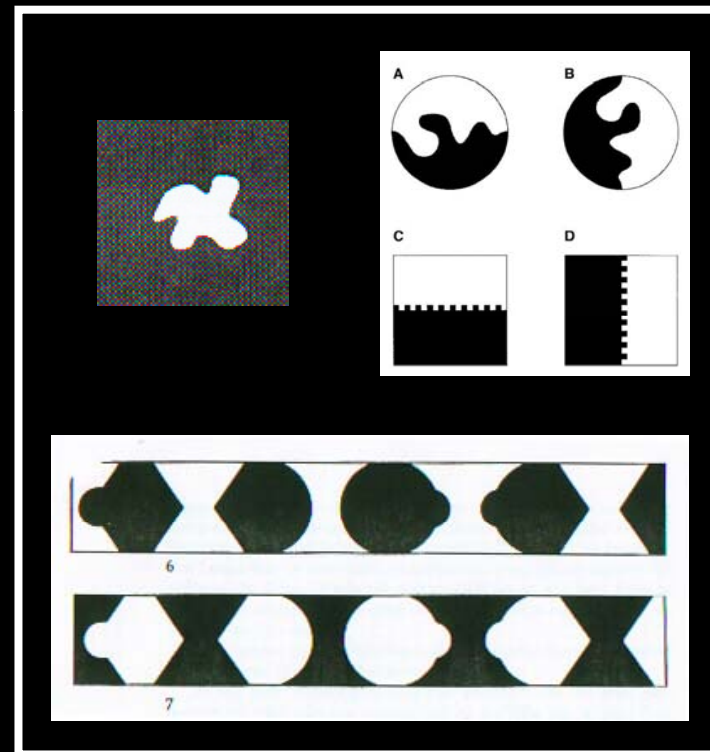
Max Wertheimer

Perceptual Organization

Grouping



Figure/Ground

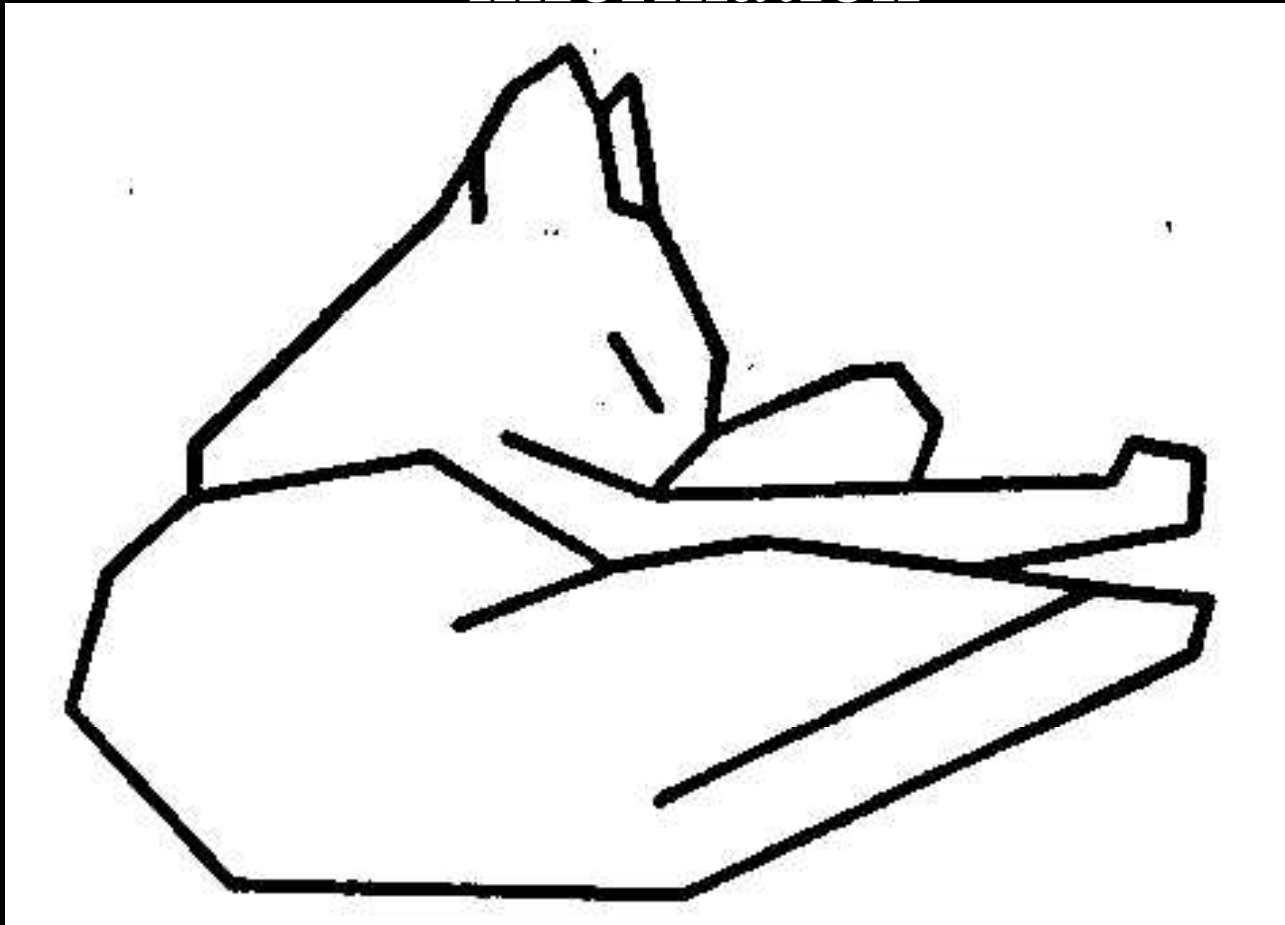


Key Research Questions in Perceptual Organization

- **Predictive power**
 - Factors for complex, natural stimuli ?
 - How do they interact ?
- **Functional significance**
 - Why should these be useful or confer some evolutionary advantage to a visual organism?
- **Brain mechanisms**
 - How are these factors implemented given what we know about V1 and higher visual areas?

Attneave's Cat (1954)

Line drawings convey most of the
information



Contours and junctions are fundamental...

- Key to recognition, inference of 3D scene properties, visually- guided manipulation and locomotion...
- This goes beyond local, V1-like, edge-detection. Contours are the result of perceptual organization, grouping and figure/ground processing

Some computer vision history...

- Local Edge Detection was much studied in the 1970s and early 80s (Sobel, Rosenfeld, Binford-Horn, Marr-Hildreth, Canny ...)
- Edge linking exploiting curvilinear continuity was studied as well (Rosenfeld, Zucker, Horn, Ullman ...)
- In the 1980s, several authors argued for perceptual organization as a precursor to recognition (Binford, Witkin and Tenenbaum, Lowe, Jacobs ...)

However in the 90s ...

1. We realized that there was more to images than edges
 - Biologically inspired filtering approaches (Bergen & Adelson, Malik & Perona..)
 - Pixel based representations for recognition (Turk & Pentland, Murase & Nayar, LeCun ...)
2. We lost faith in the ability of bottom-up vision
 - Do minimal bottom up processing , e.g. tiled orientation histograms don't even assume that linked contours or junctions can be extracted
 - Matching with memory of previously seen objects then becomes the primary engine for parsing an image.



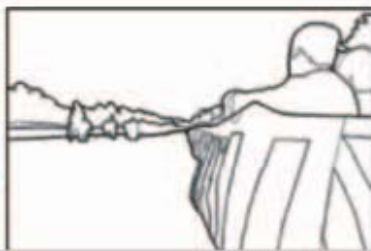
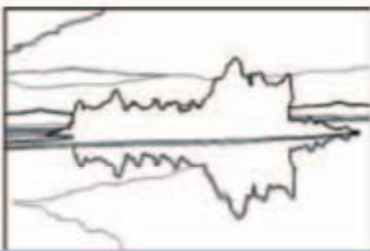
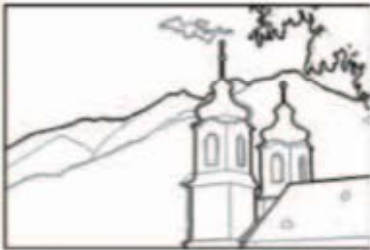
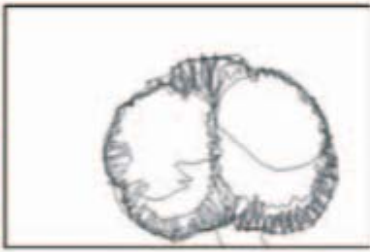
At Berkeley, we took a contrary view...

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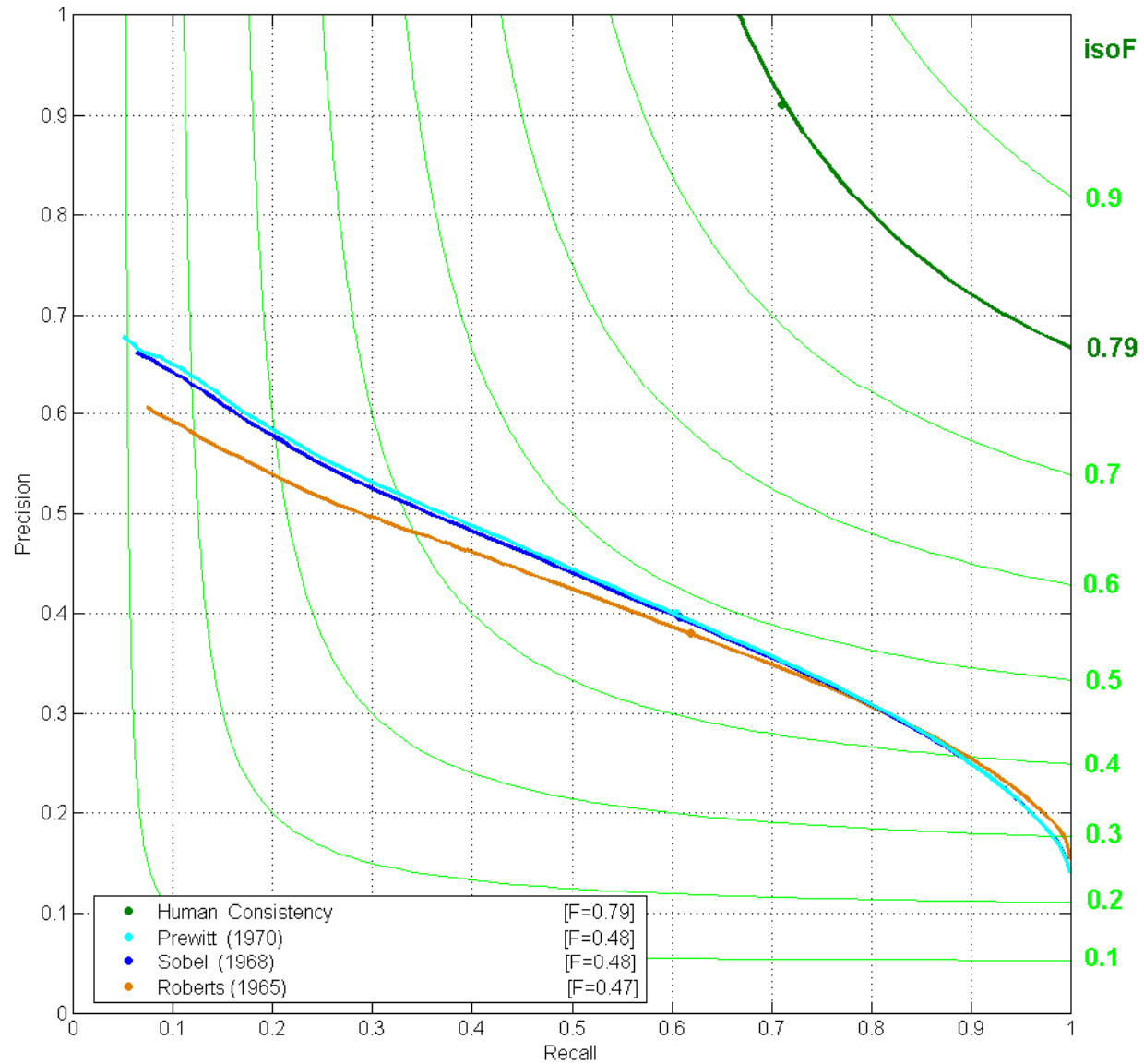
Berkeley Segmentation DataSet [BSDS]



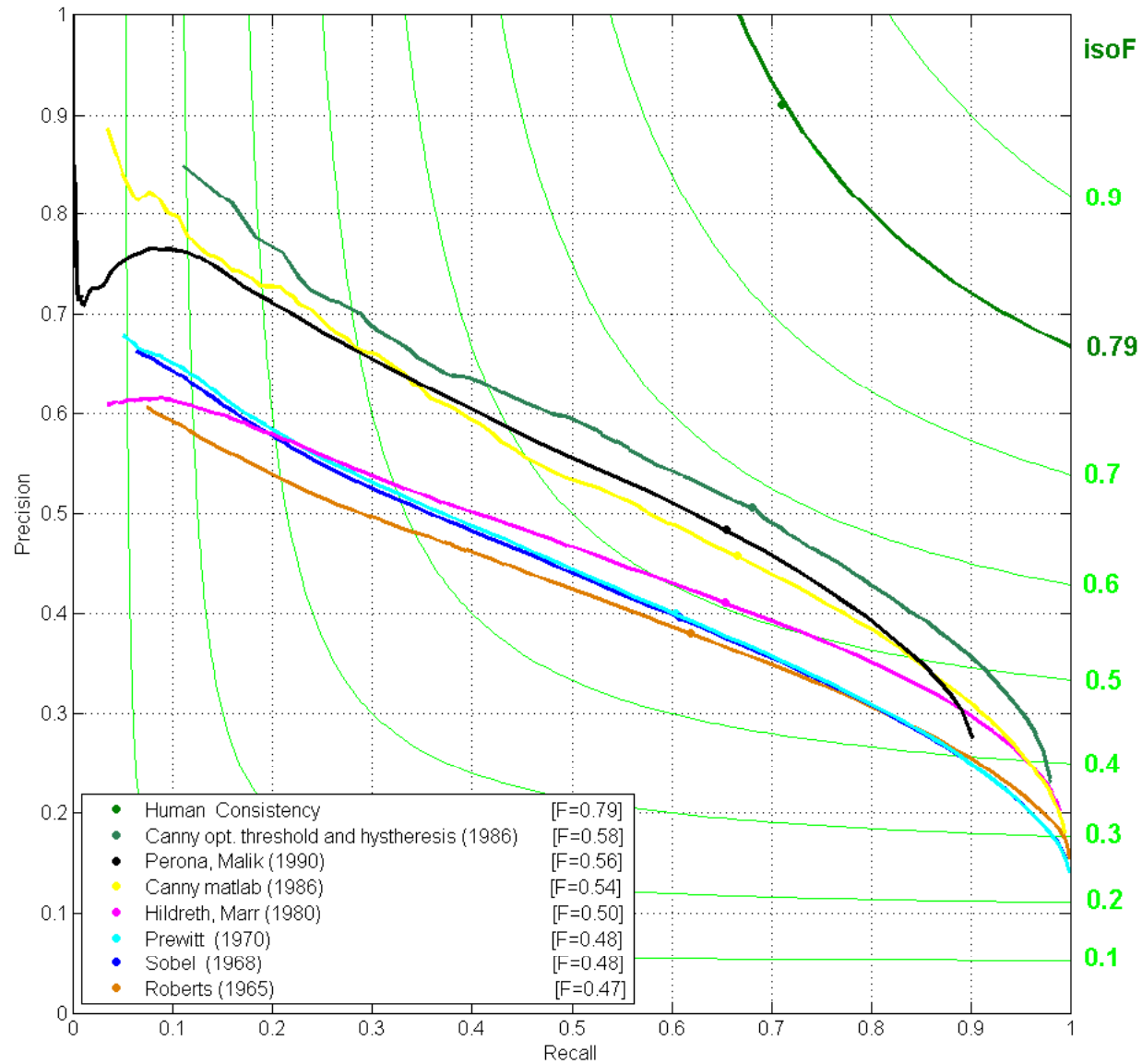
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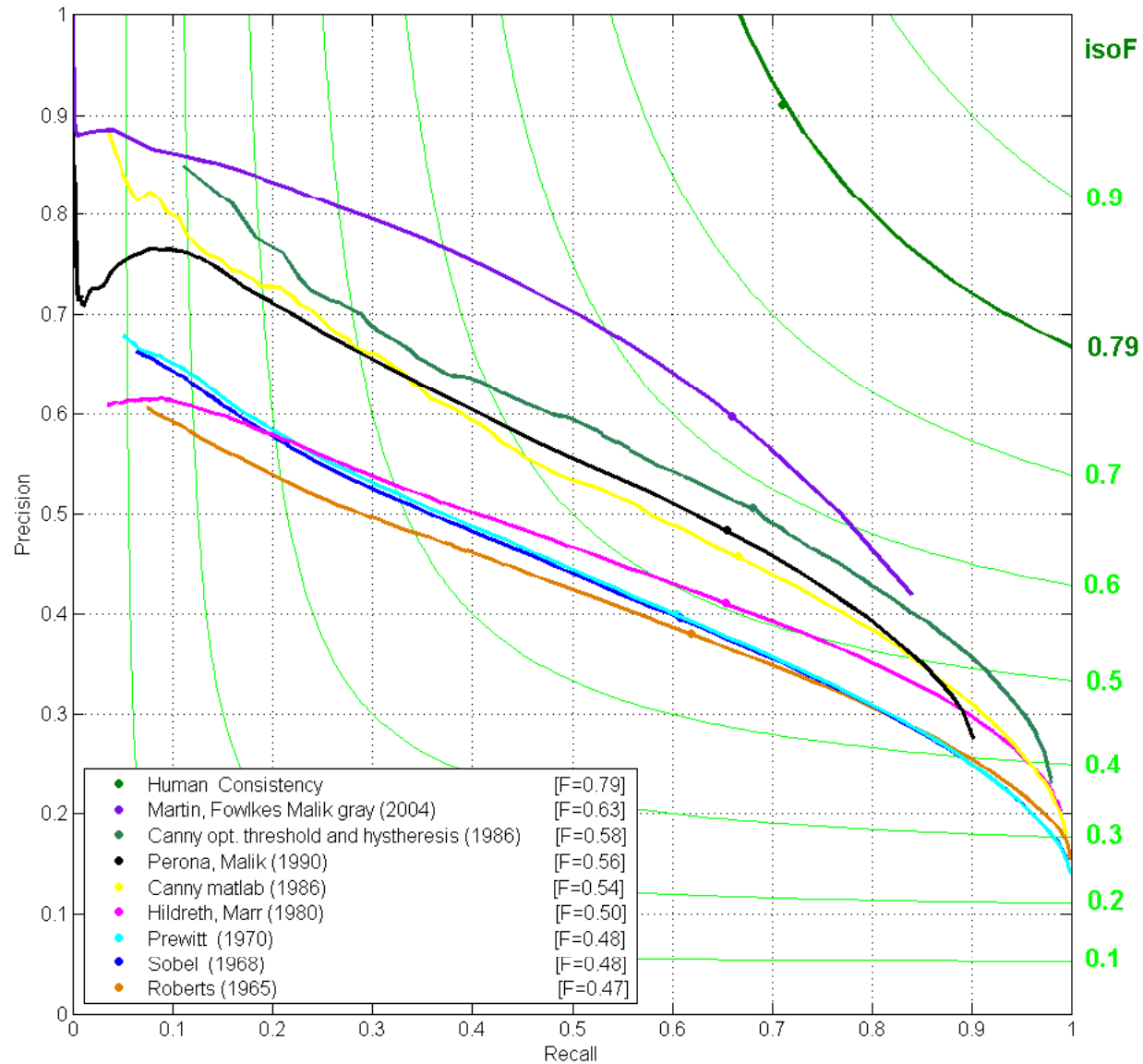
Contour detection ~1970



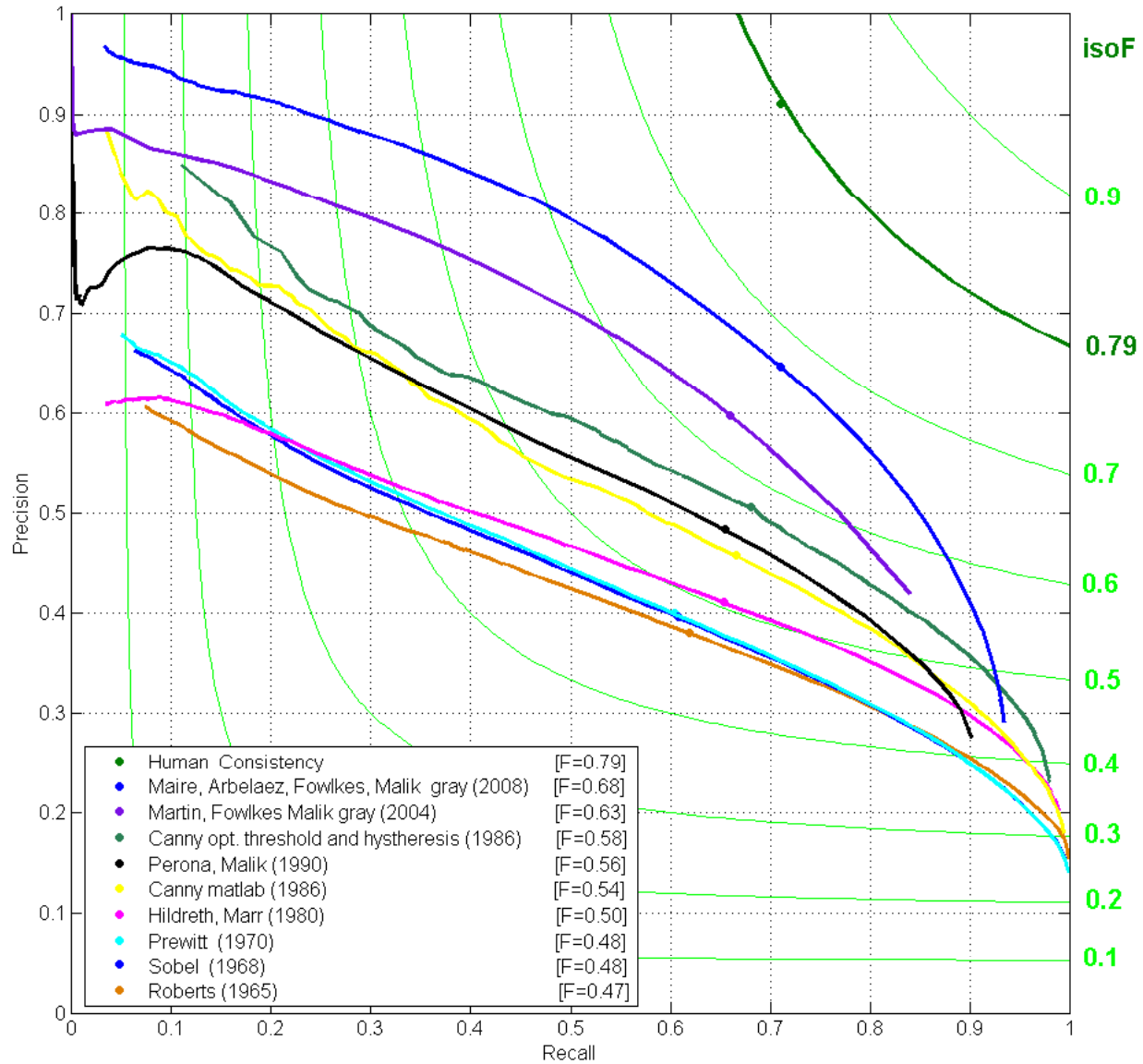
Contour detection ~1990



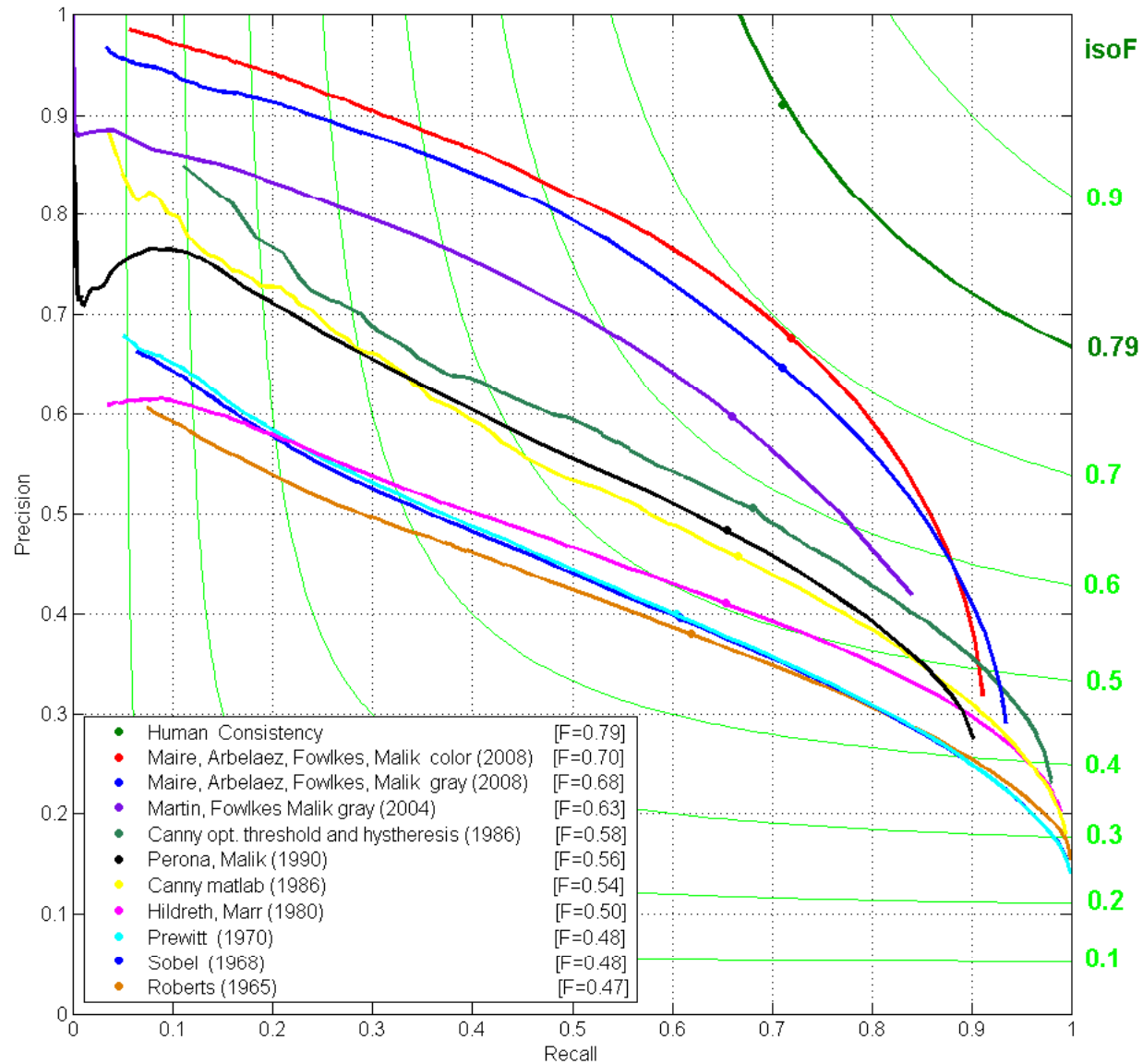
Contour detection ~2004



Contour detection ~2008 (gray)



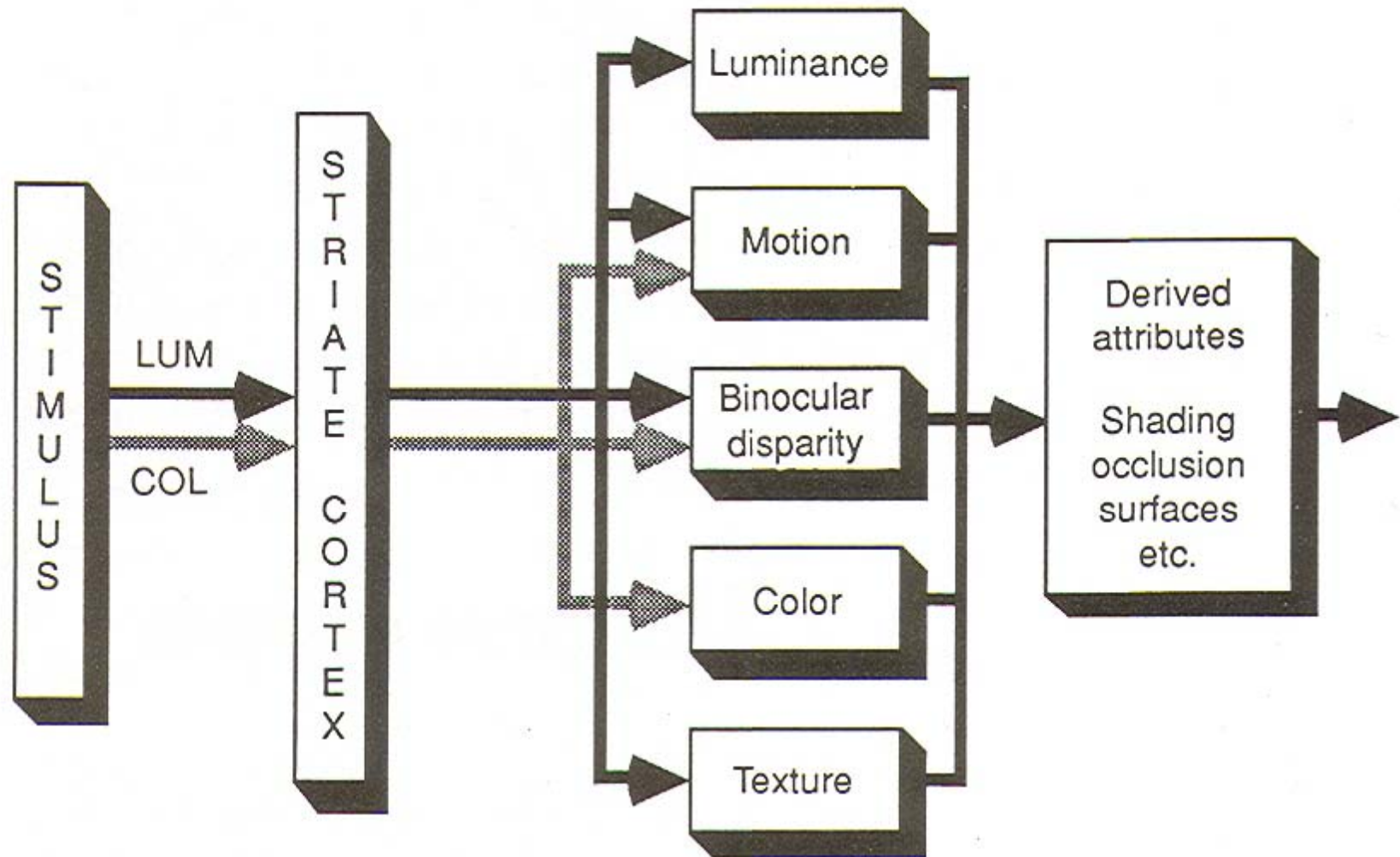
Contour detection ~2008 (color)



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Contours can be defined by any of a number of cues (P. Cavanagh)

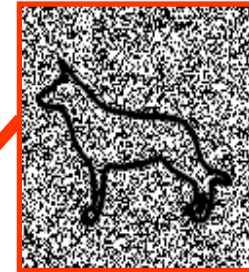


Cue-Invariant Representations

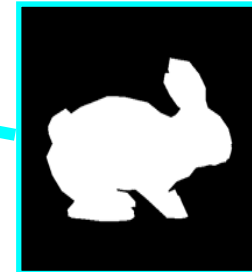
Gray level photographs



Objects from motion



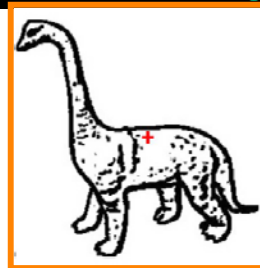
Objects from luminance



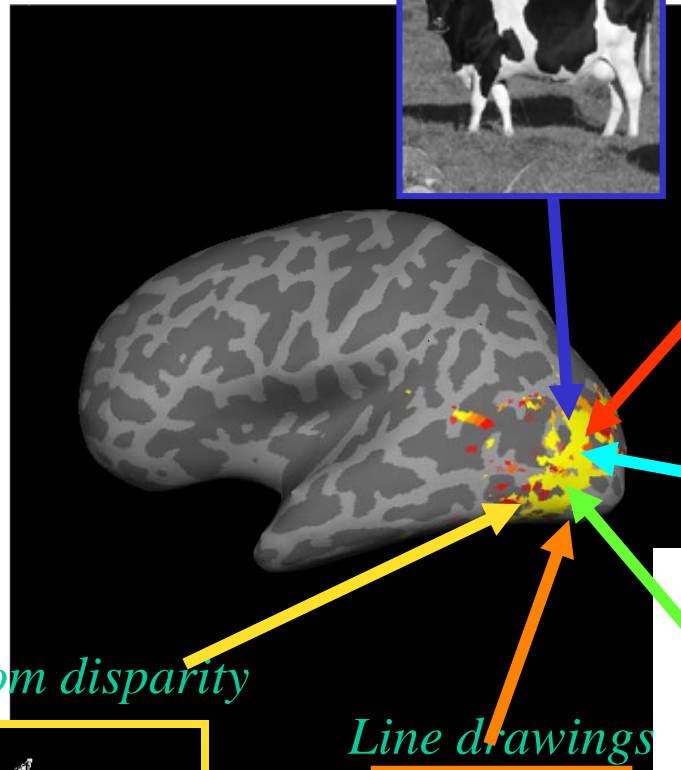
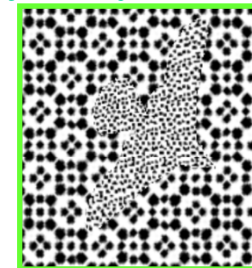
Objects from disparity



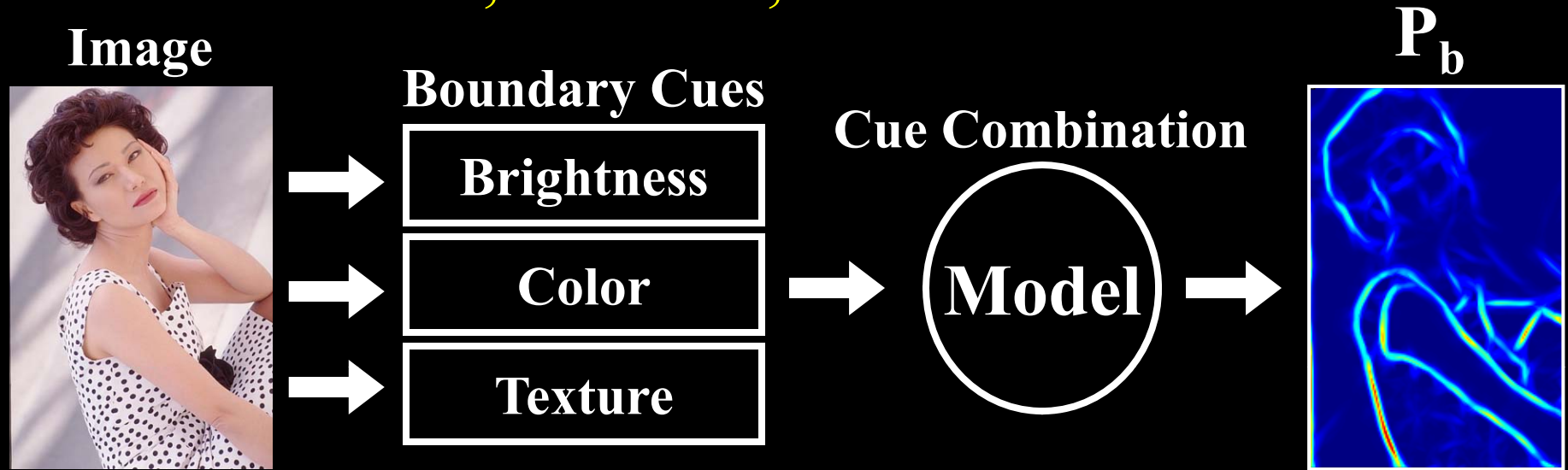
Line drawings



Objects from texture



Martin, Fowlkes, Malik PAMI 04



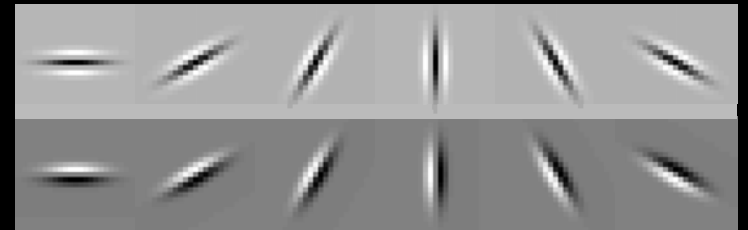
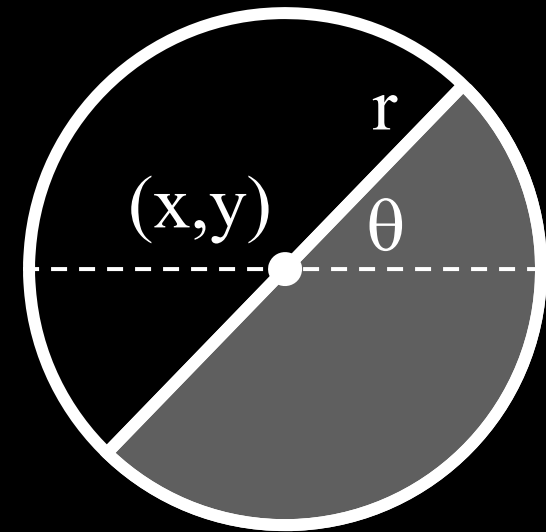
Challenges: texture cue, cue combination

Goal: learn the posterior probability of a boundary

$P_b(x,y,\theta)$ from local information only

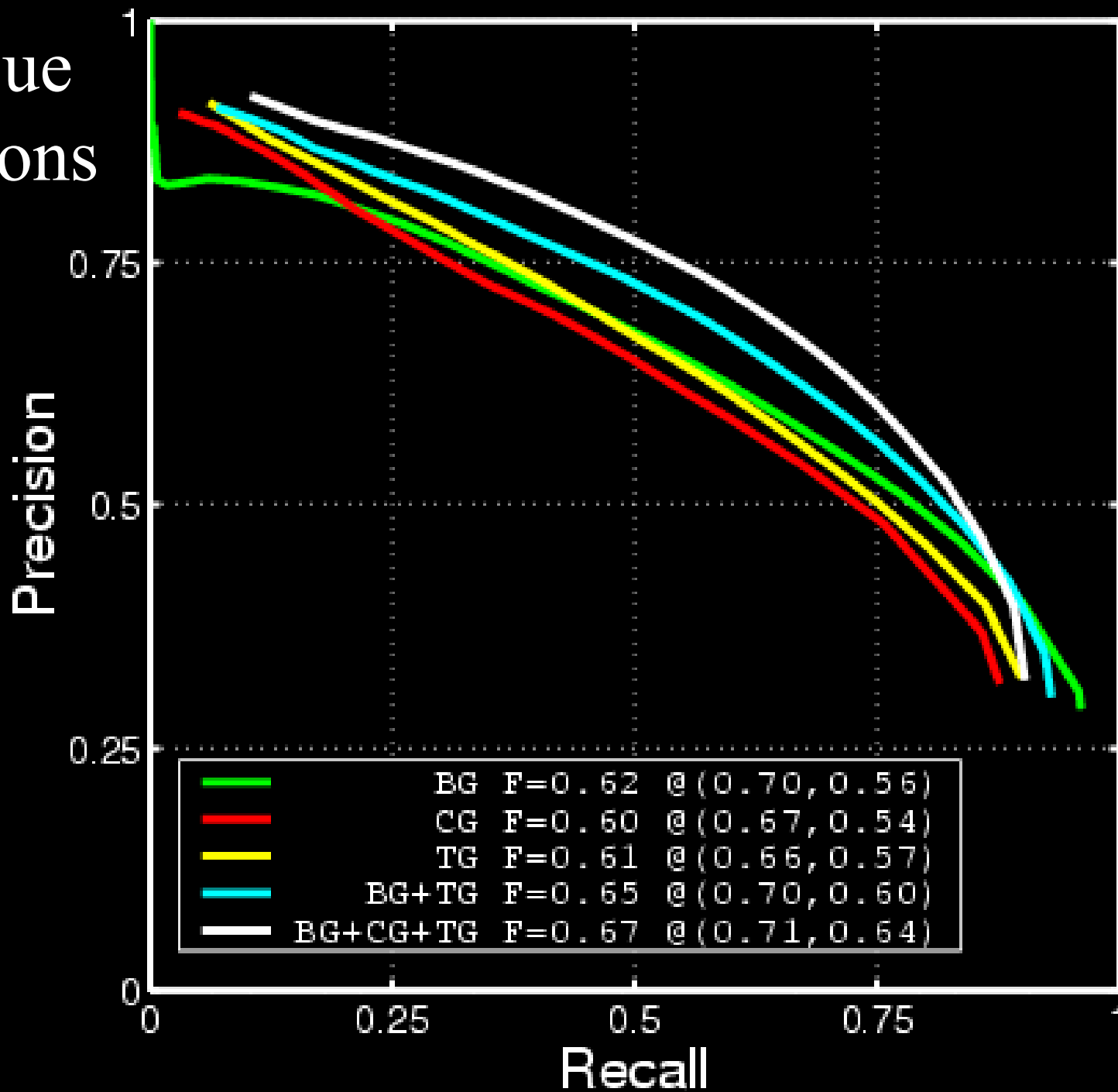
Individual Features

- 1976 CIE $L^*a^*b^*$ colorspace
- Brightness Gradient $BG(x,y,r,\theta)$
 - Difference of L^* distributions
- Color Gradient $CG(x,y,r,\theta)$
 - Difference of a^*b^* distributions
- Texture Gradient $TG(x,y,r,\theta)$
 - Difference of distributions of V1-like filter responses



These are combined using logistic regression

Various Cue Combinations



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Exploiting global constraints: Image Segmentation as Graph Partitioning



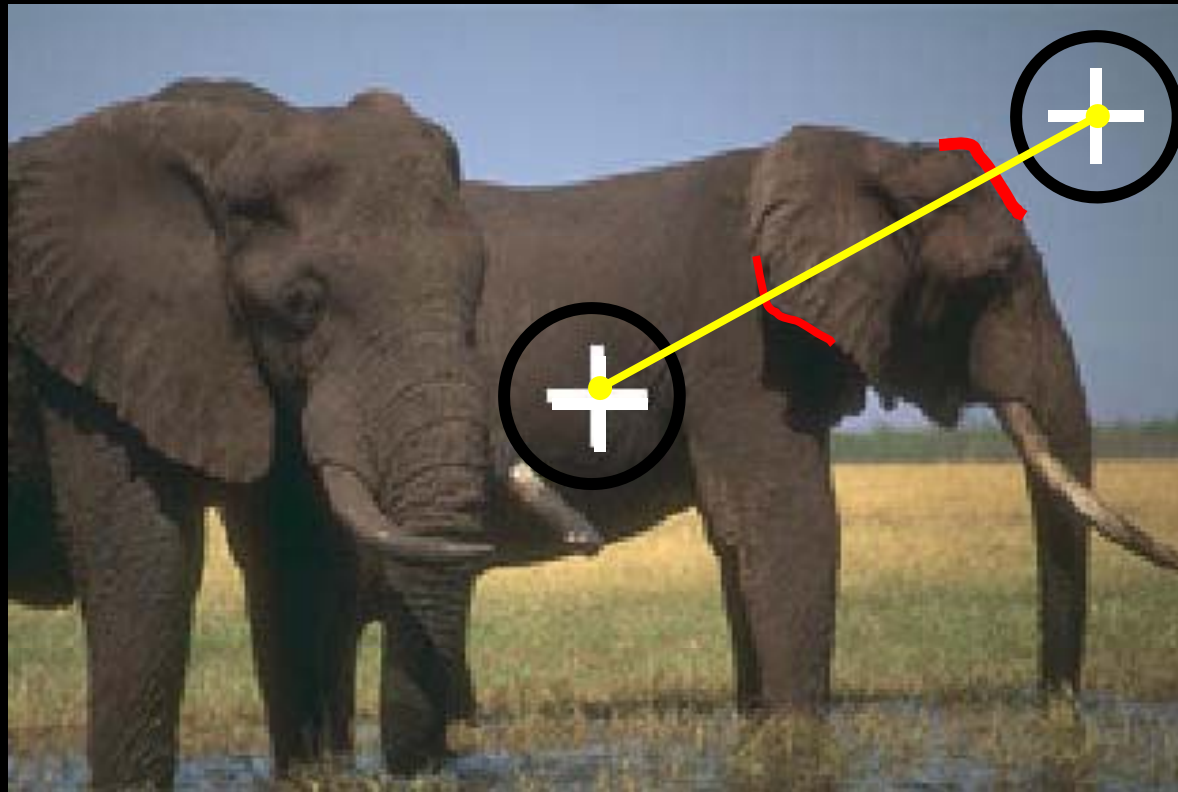
V: image pixels

E: connections between
pairs of nearby pixels

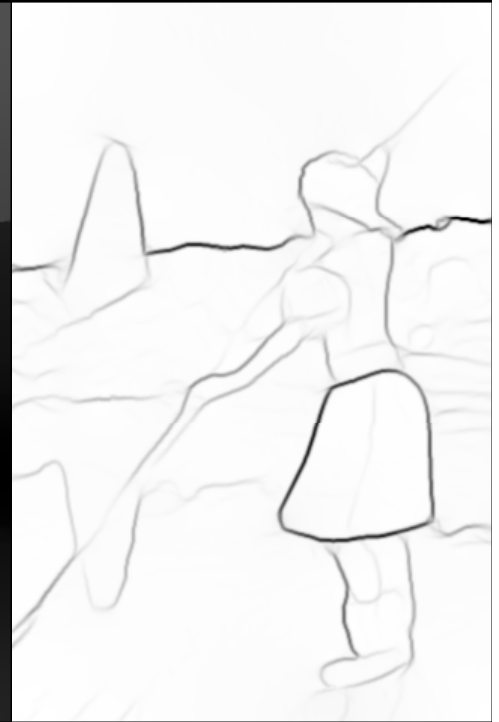
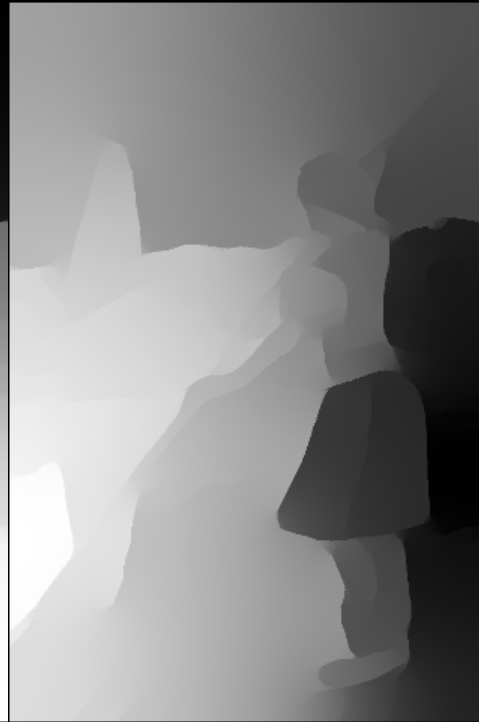
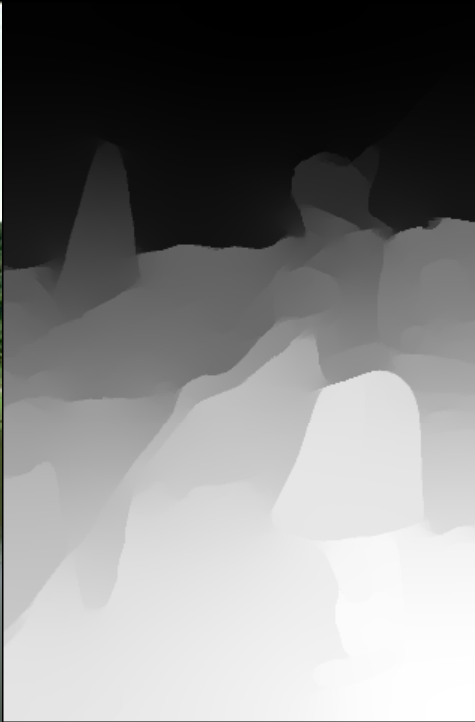
Partition graph so that similarity within group is large and similarity between groups is small -- *Normalized Cuts*
[Shi & Malik 97]

W_{ij} small when intervening contour strong, small when weak..

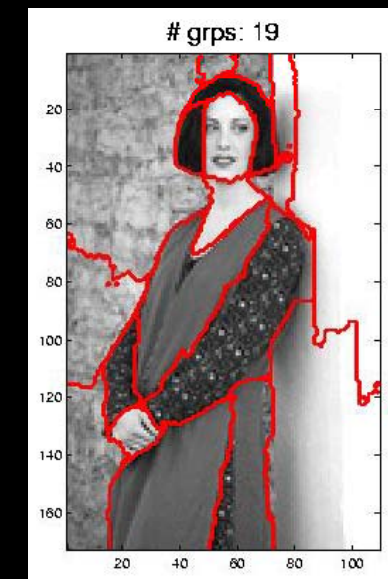
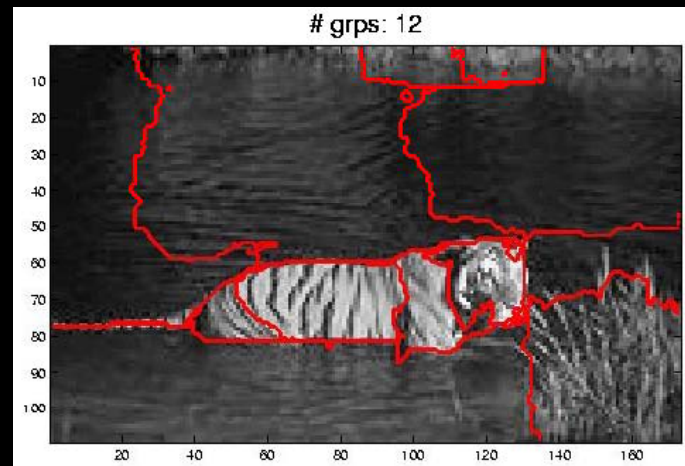
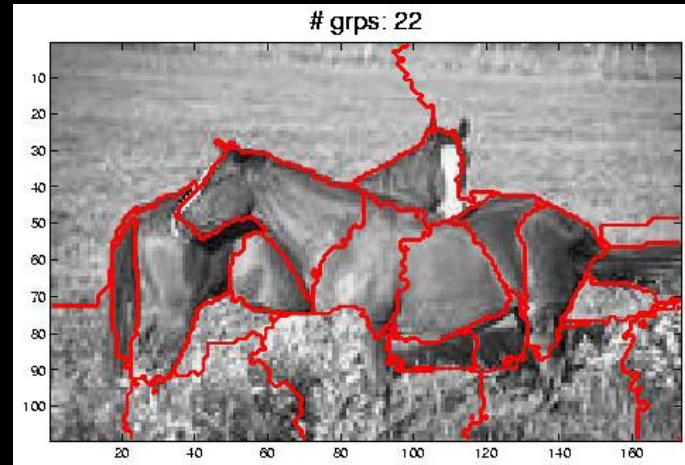
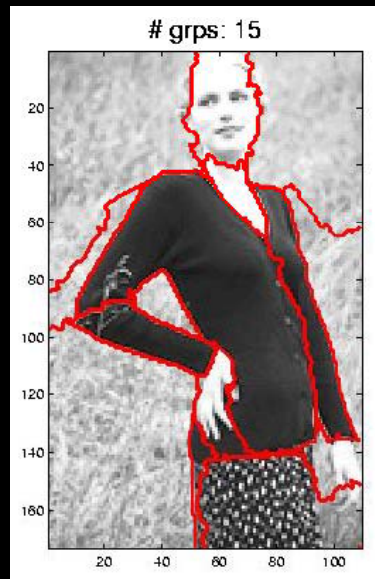
$C_{ij} = \max P_b(x,y)$ for (x,y) on line segment ij ; $W_{ij} = \exp(-C_{ij} / \sigma)$



Eigenvectors carry contour information



We do **not** try to find regions from the eigenvectors, so we avoid the “broken sky” artifacts of Ncuts ...



**Key idea – compute edges *on ncut eigenvectors*,
sum over first k:**

$$sPb(x, y, \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_j}} \cdot sPb_{v_j}(x, y, \theta)$$

where $sPb_{v_j}(x, y, \theta)$ is the output of a Gaussian derivative on the j -th eigenvector of $(D - W)v = \lambda Dv$

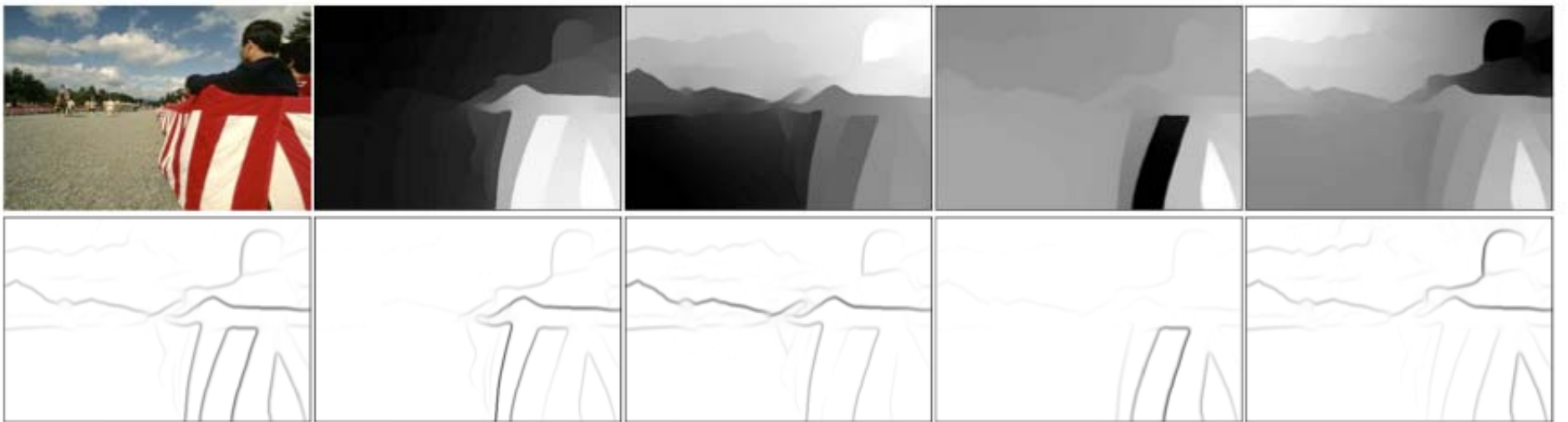
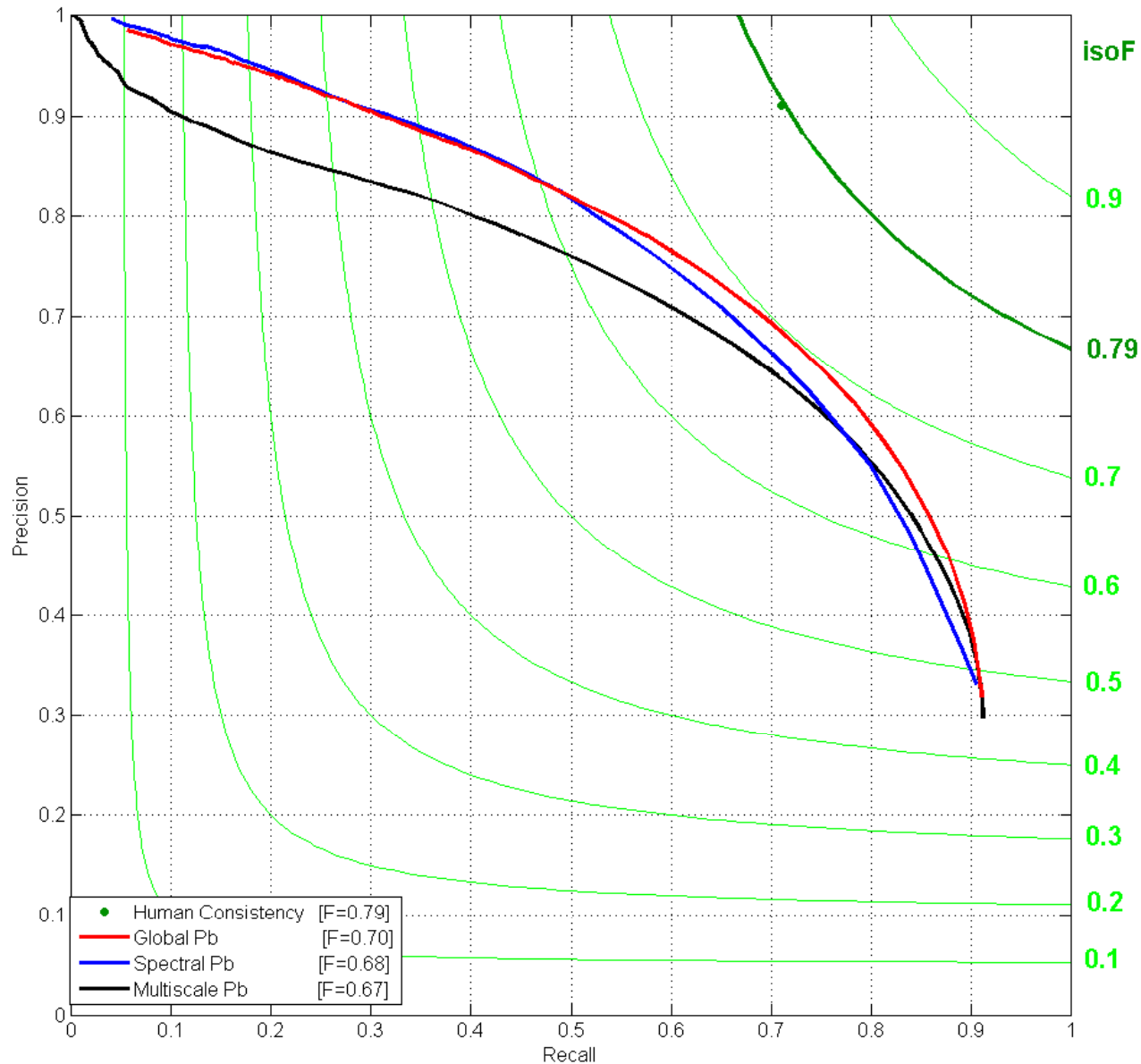


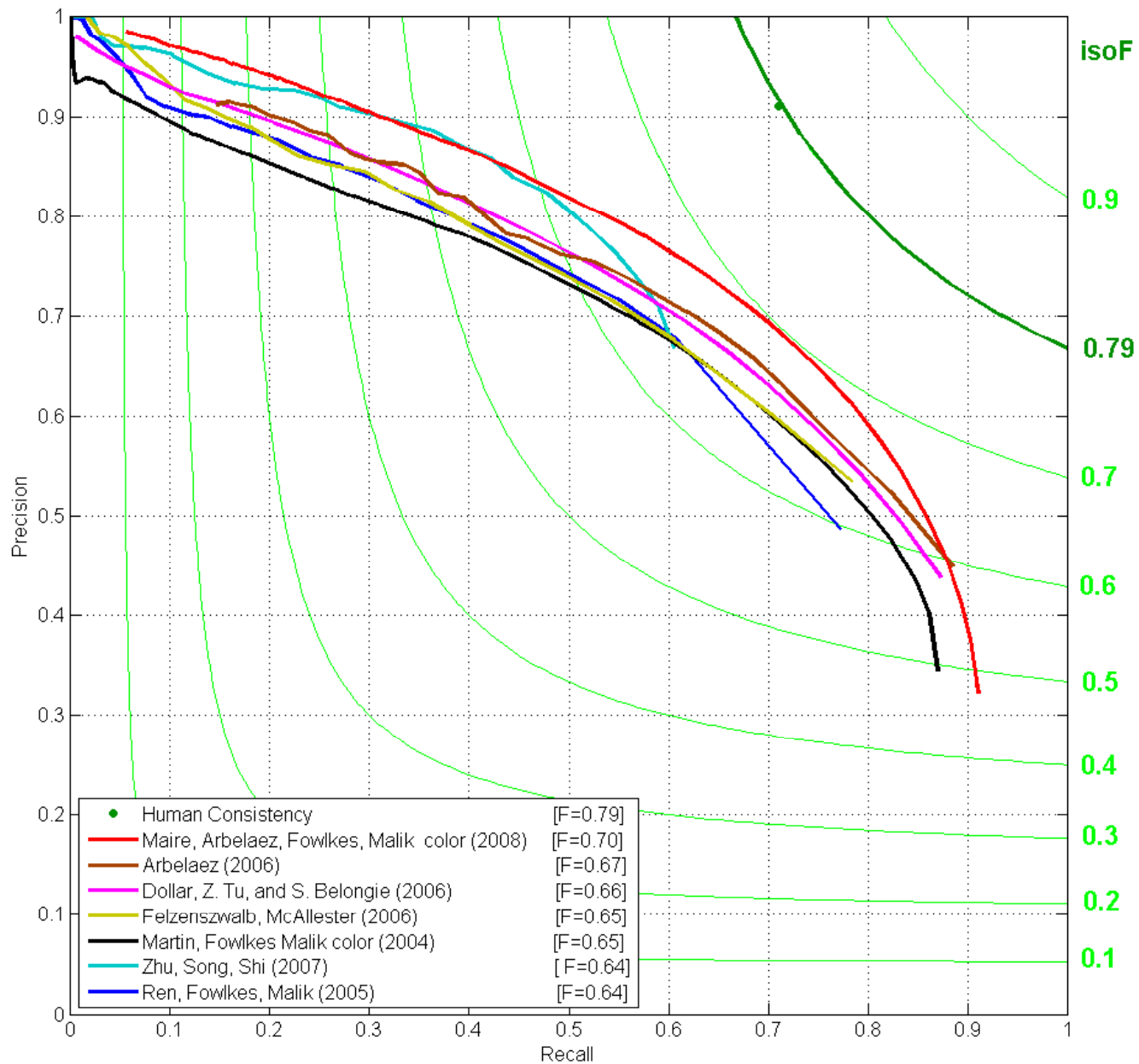
Figure 1. **Top:** Original image and first four generalized eigenvectors. **Bottom:** Maximum response over orientations θ of $sPb(x, y, \theta)$, and of $sPb_{v_j}(x, y, \theta)$ for each eigenvector v_j .

The Benefits of Globalization

Maire, Arbelaez, Fowlkes, Malik, CVPR 08



Comparison to other approaches



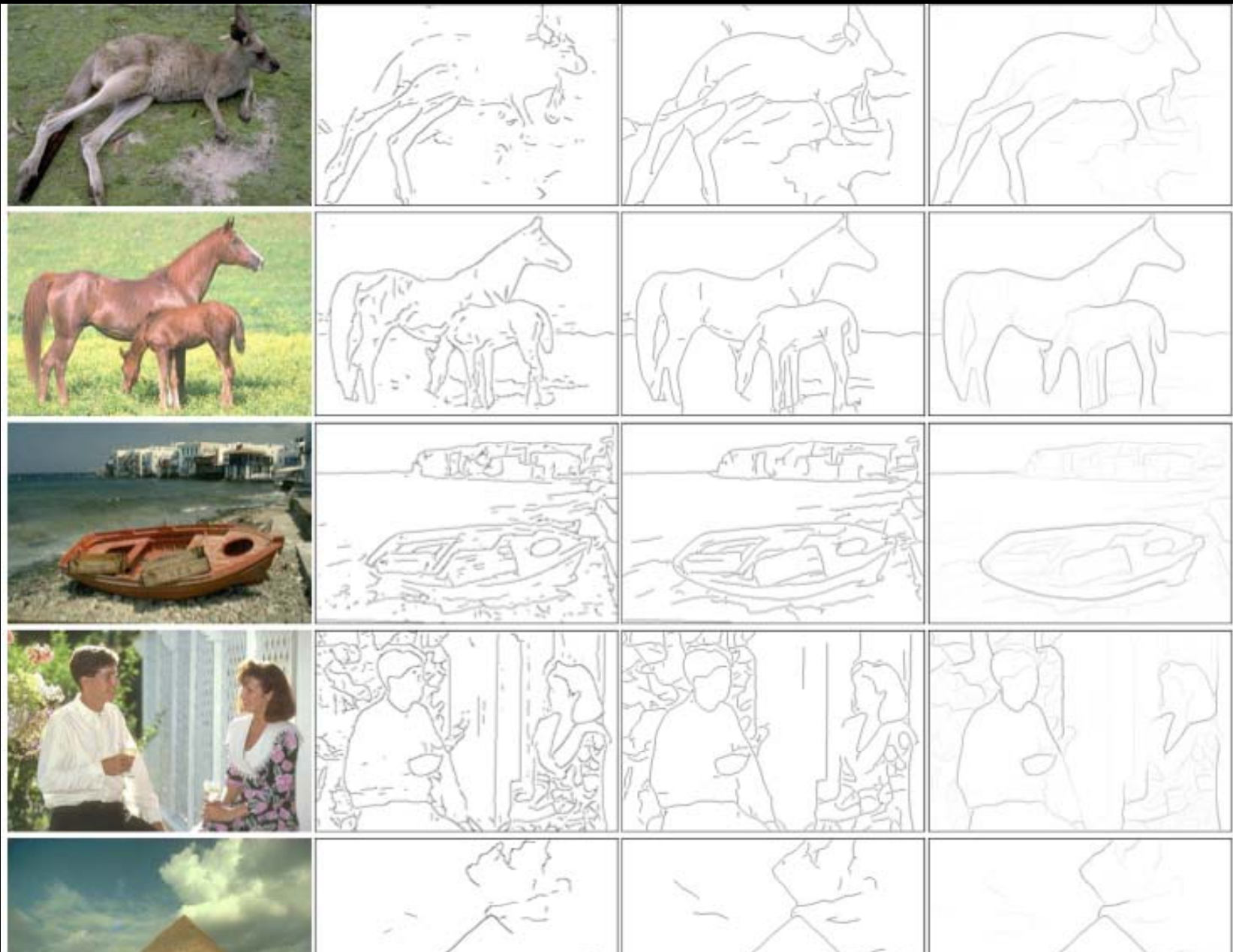


Figure 3. When compared with the local detector Pb , our detector gPb reduces clutter and completes contours. From left to right: Original image, thresholded Pb , thresholded gPb , and gPb . The thresholds shown correspond to the points of maximal F-measure on the curves in Figure 2.

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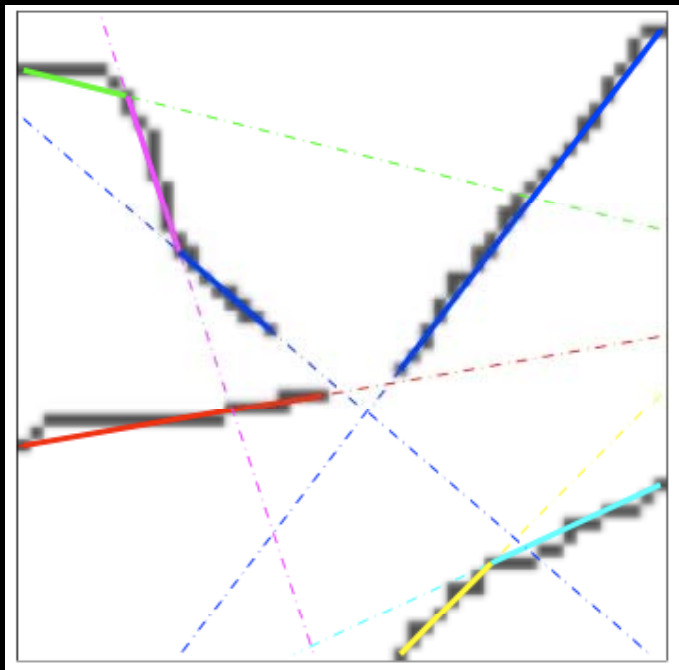
Detecting Junctions

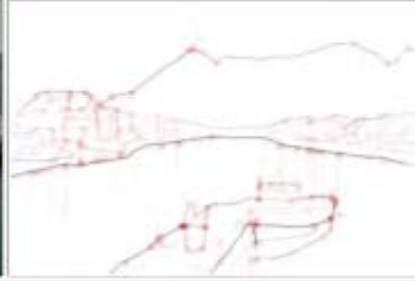
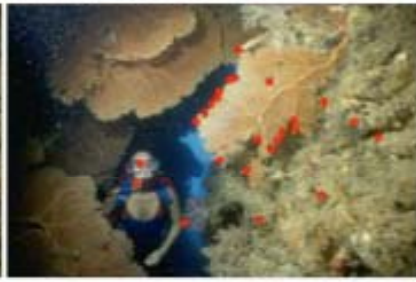
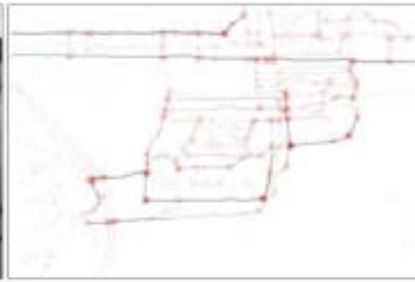
1. Estimate the optimal junction location $L = (x_L, y_L)$ by minimizing its weighted distance from the contours $\{C_i\} \in I_N$
2. Update the weight w_i of each contour C_i in order to select only those contours passing close to the junction:

$$L = \operatorname{argmin}_{(x,y) \in I_N} \sum_i w_i d(C_i, (x,y)) \quad (7)$$

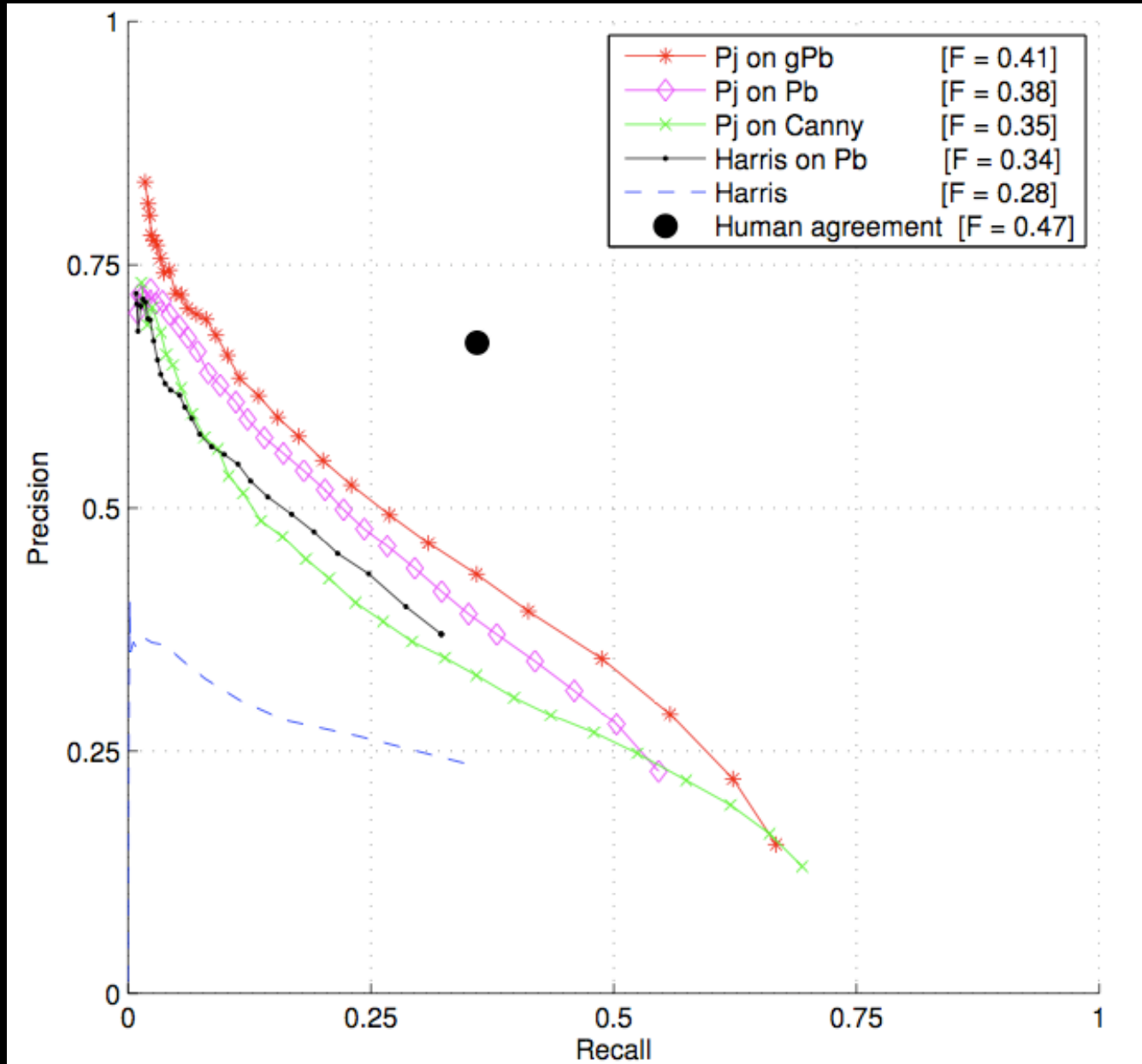
$$w_i = |C_i| \cdot \exp(-d(C_i, L)^2 / \epsilon^2) \quad (8)$$

where $|C_i| = \sum_{(x,y) \in C_i} Pb(x,y)$ is the total contrast





Benchmarking corner detection



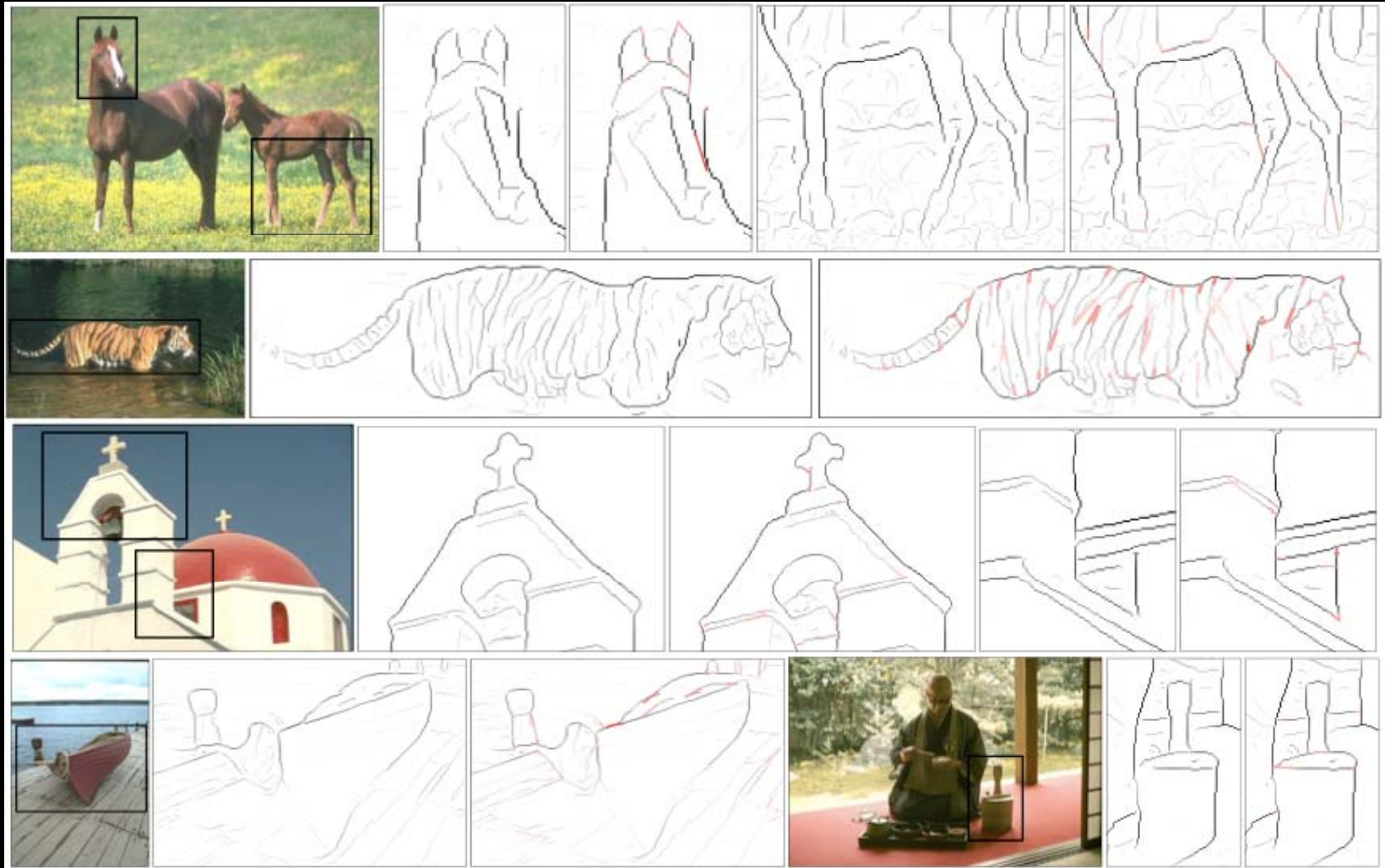


Figure 9. Junction restoration by extension of existing contours to detected junction locations. The magnified view of each boxed area shows contours before and after junction restoration. Extended contours are shown in red, with brightness corresponding to their estimated strength.

Better object recognition using previous version of Pb

- Ferrari, Fevrier, Jurie and Schmid (PAMI 08)

The main reason for preferring the Berkeley detector over the traditional Canny detector, is the inclusion of texture and color segmentation cues, in addition to brightness. Moreover, it treats edge detection as a pixel classification problem and trains a classifier from natural images with human-annotated boundaries. This results in less clutter edges inside textured areas, and longer, smoother boundaries around textured objects (e.g. giraffes). Using this detector instead

- Shotton, Blake and Cipolla (PAMI 08)

	Classification		Detection	
	ROC	AUC	RP	AUC
Canny	0.9127		0.8498	
Berkeley [38]	0.9275		0.8871	
BEL [18] Natural	0.9029		0.8354	
BEL [18] Horse	0.9518		0.8976	

The Berkeley detector performs considerably better than Canny, especially for detection. While the

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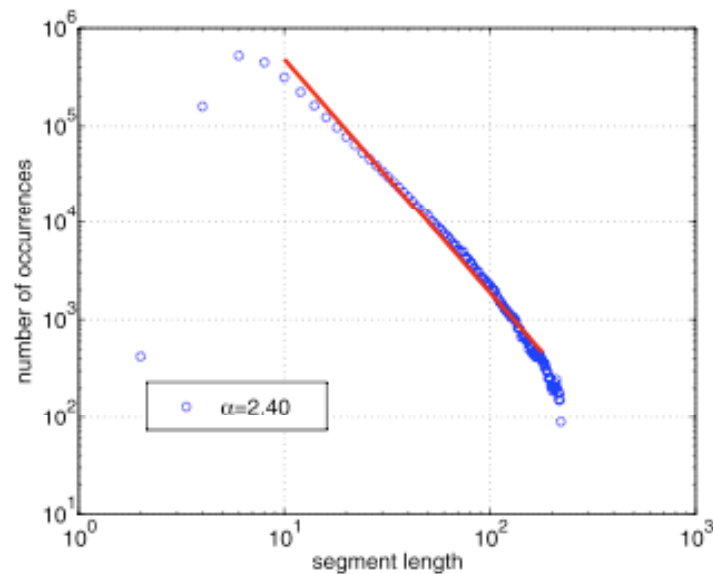
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 1. Ren, Fowlkes, Malik, IJCV '08
 2. Fowlkes, Martin, Malik, JOV '07
 3. Ren, Fowlkes, Malik, ECCV '06

Power laws for contour lengths

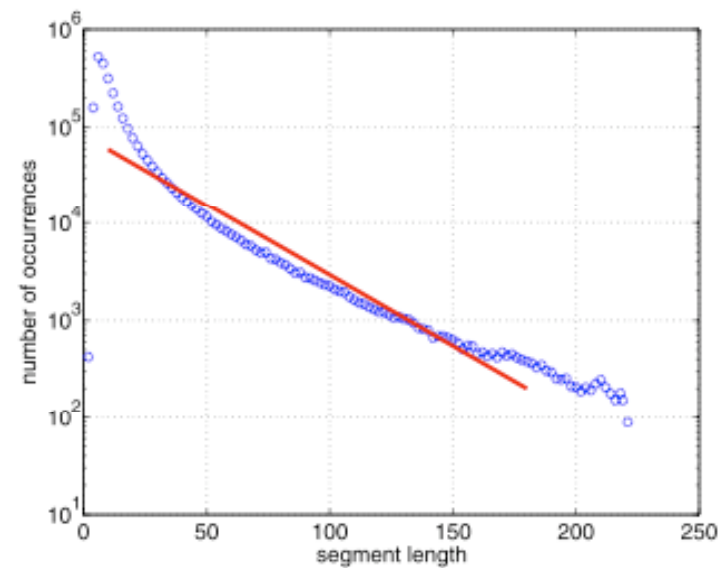


Fig. 2 We take each boundary contour C and break it up at local curvature maxima (corners). Shown are a few examples of this decomposition. The contour segment length $|L|$ is large for large-scale features

such as the back of an animal, and is small in the vicinity of fine-scale details such as the head



(a)



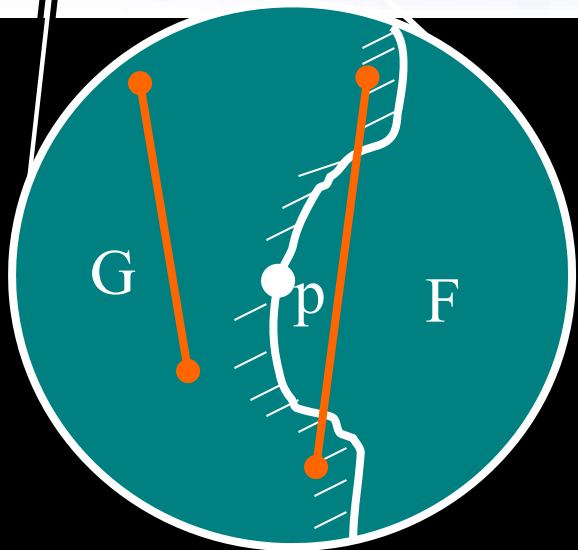
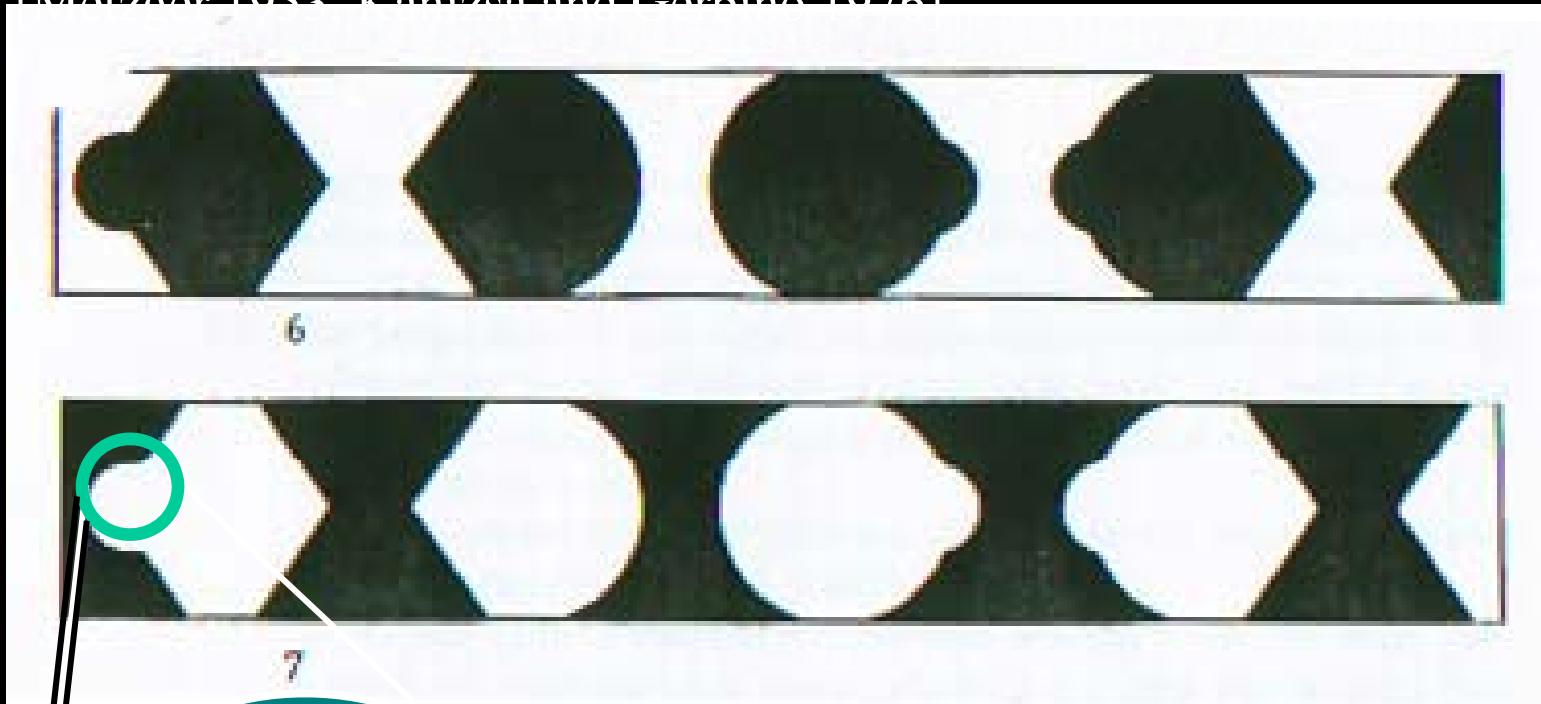
(b)

Fig. 3 Empirical distributions of approximately straight contour segment length $|L|$. (a) The marginal distribution of $|L|$ on a log-log scale. It closely follows a power law with $\alpha = 2.40$, in direct contradiction

with the Markov model that predicts an exponential distribution. (b) As a comparison, the same distribution on a semi-log scale and an exponential fit. The power law fits the data much better than the exponential

Convexity

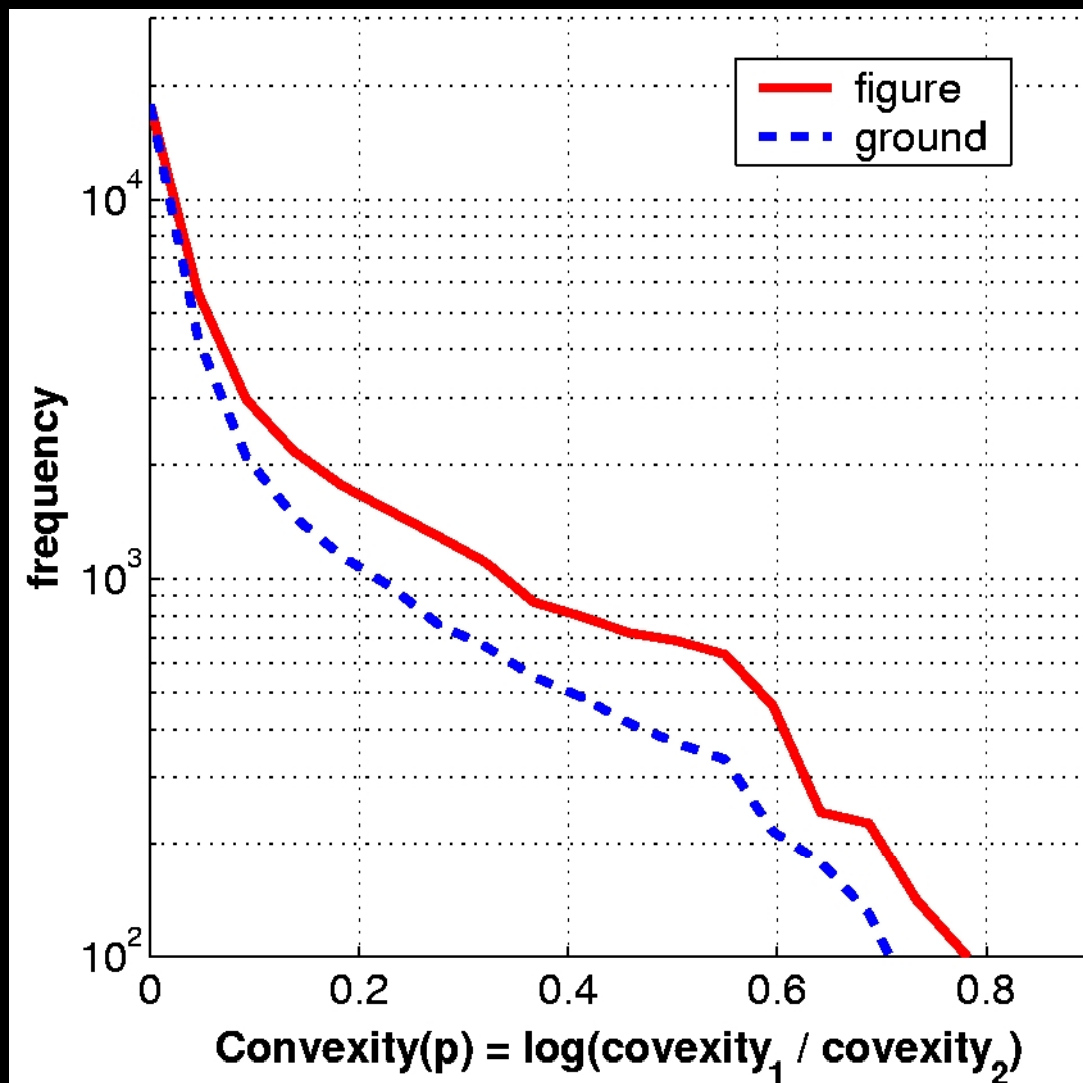
[Metzger 1953, Kanizsa and Gerbino 1976]



Conv_G = percentage of straight lines that lie completely within region G

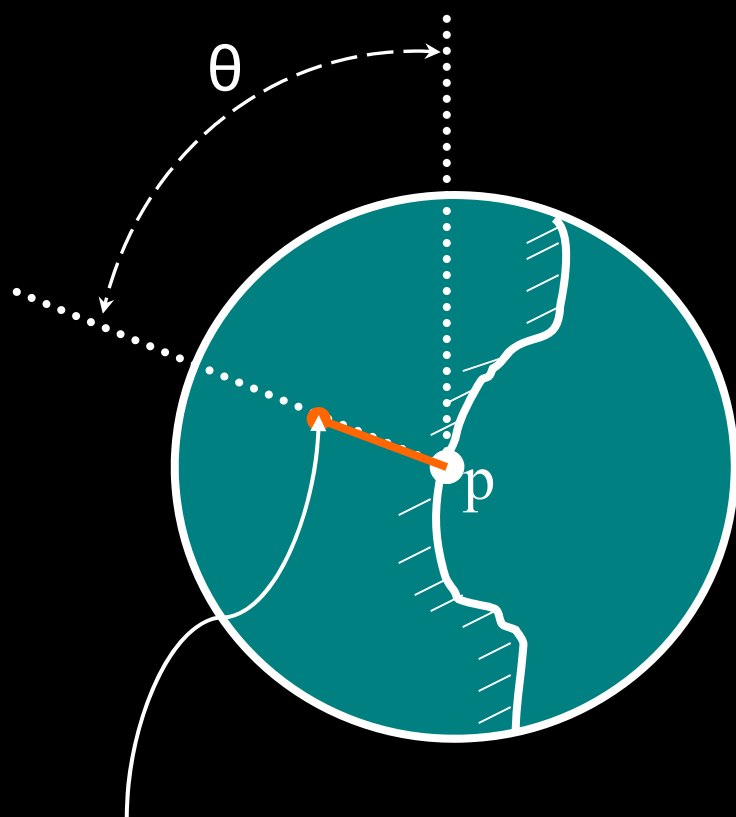
$$\text{Convexity}(p) = \log(\text{Conv}_F / \text{Conv}_G)$$

Figural regions tend to be convex

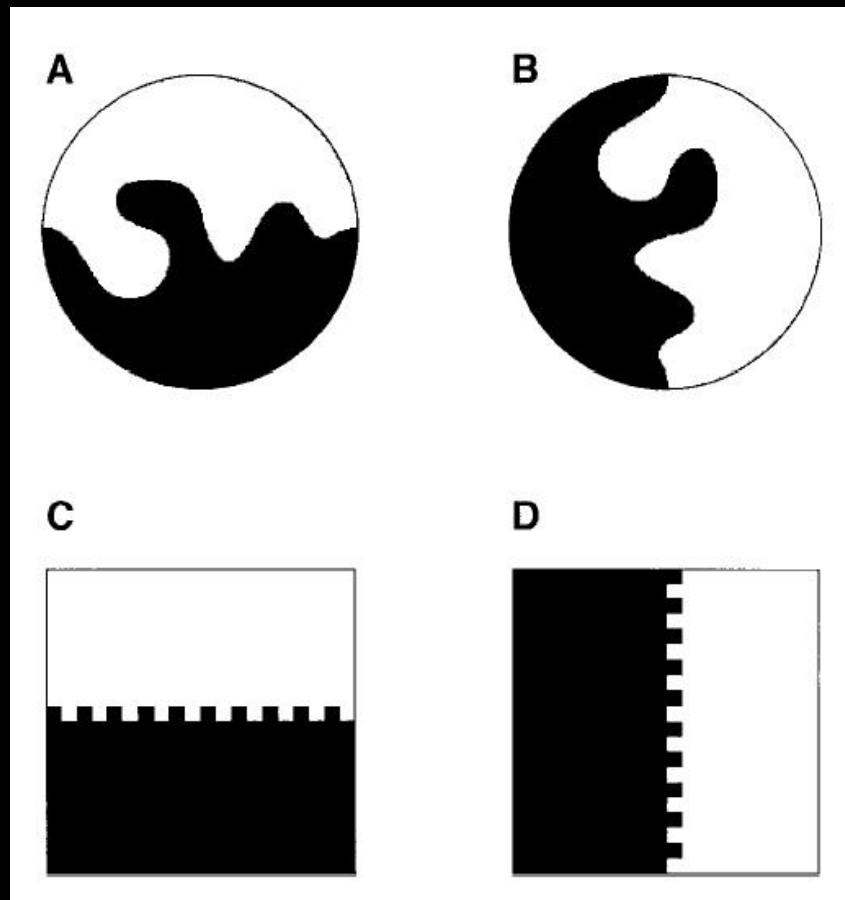


Lower Region

[Vecera, Vogel & Woodman 2002]

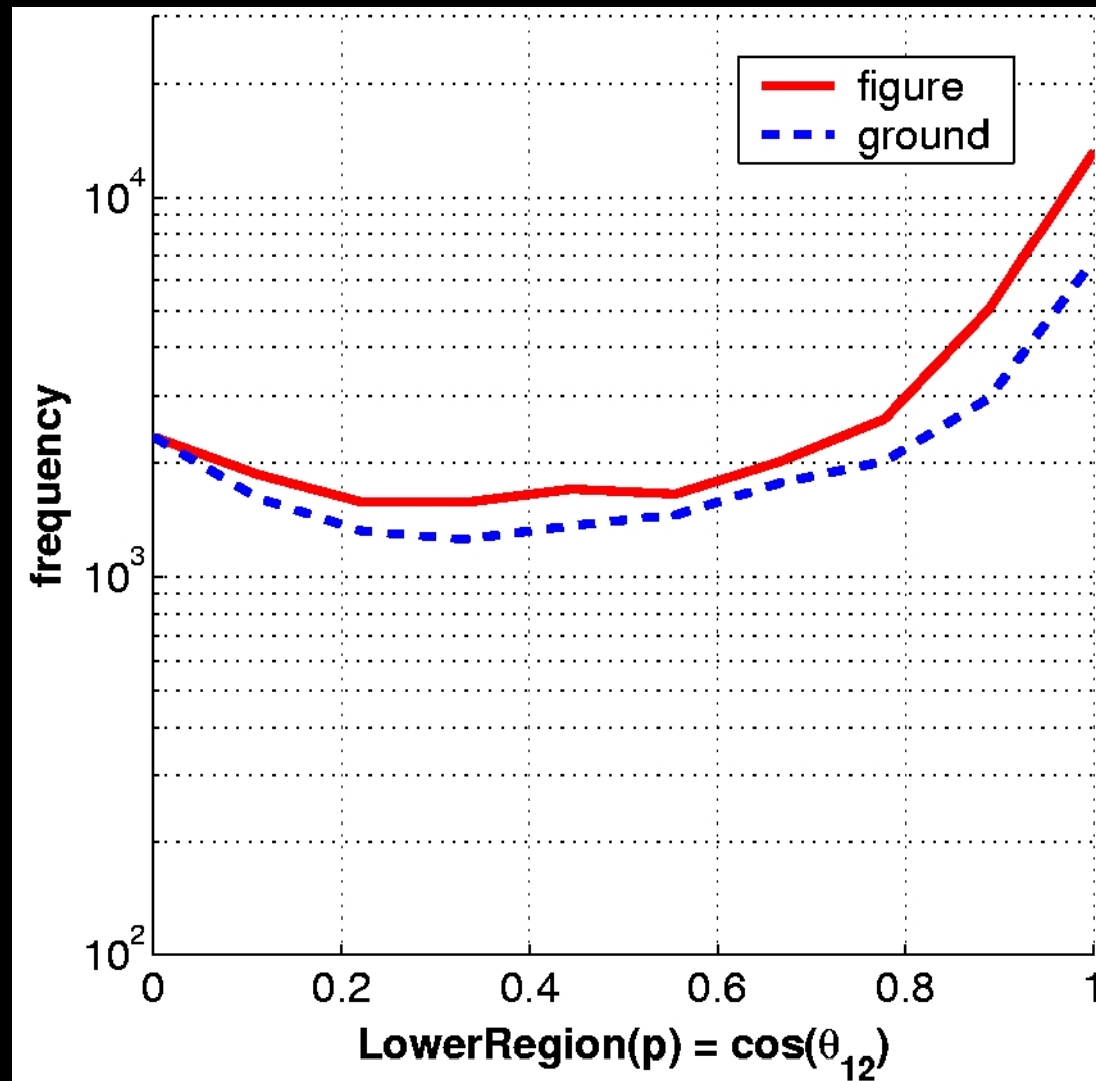


center of mass

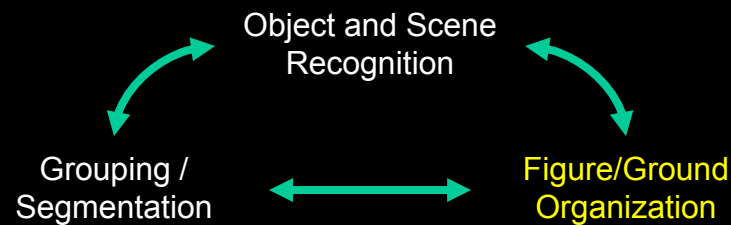


$$\text{LowerRegion}(p) = \theta_G$$

Figural regions tend to lie below ground regions

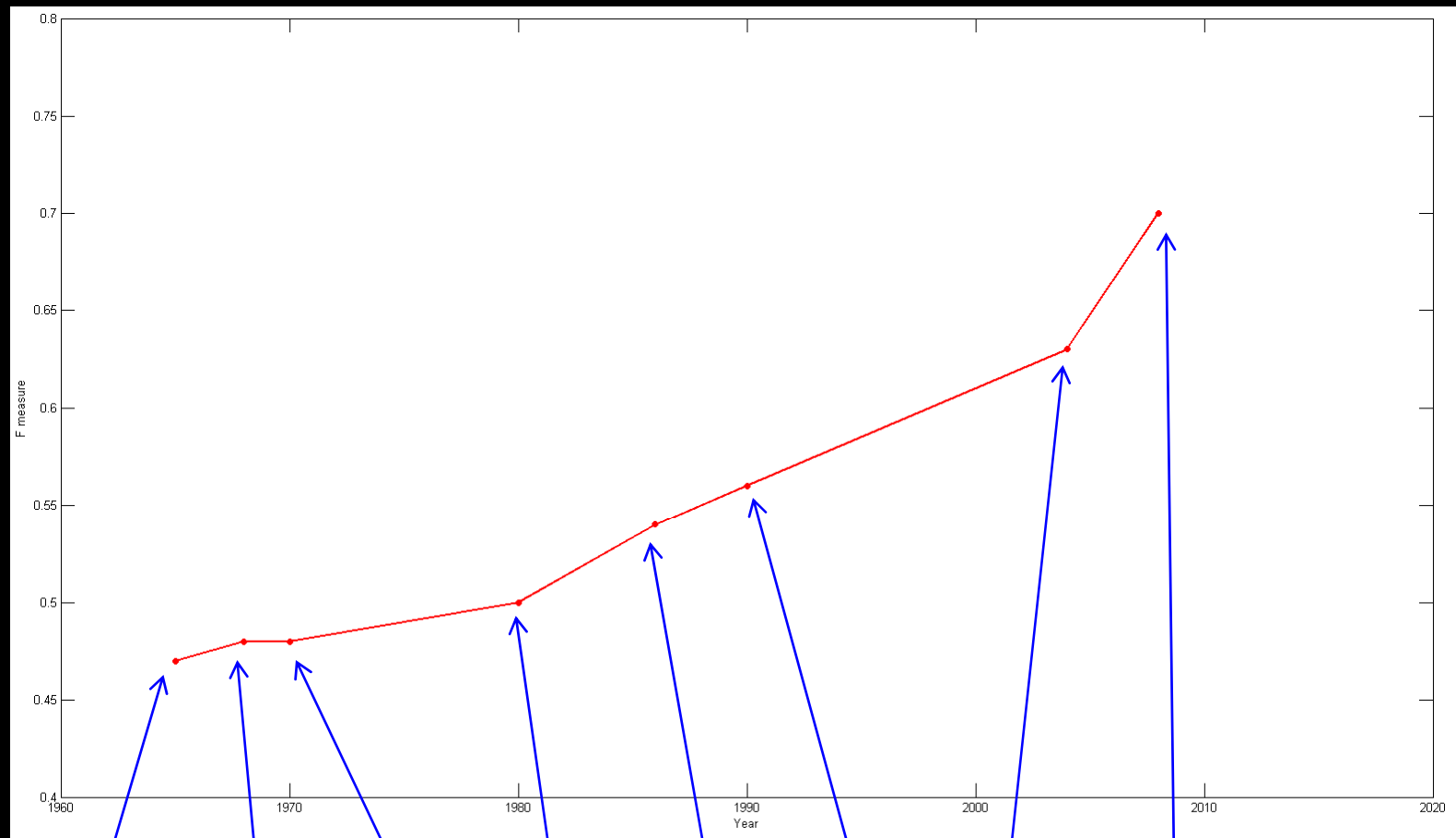


Ren, Fowlkes, Malik ECCV '06



- Human subjects label groundtruth figure/ground assignments in natural images.
- Shapemes encode high-level knowledge in a generic way, capturing local figure/ground cues.
- A conditional random field incorporates junction cues and enforces global consistency.

Forty years of contour detection



**Roberts
(1965)**

**Sobel
(1968)**

**Prewitt
(1970)**

**Marr
Hildreth
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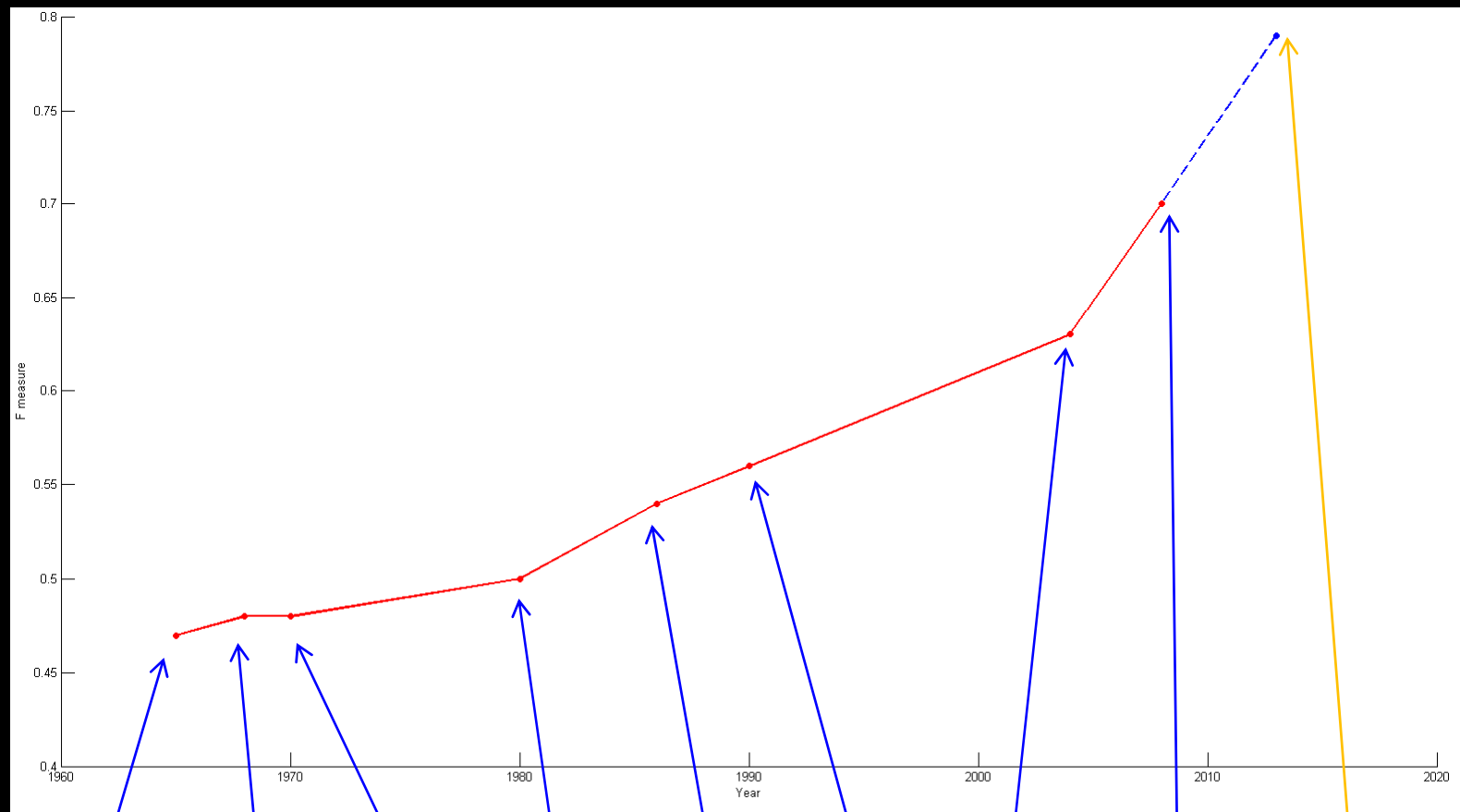
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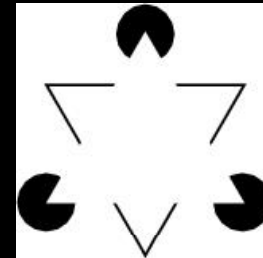
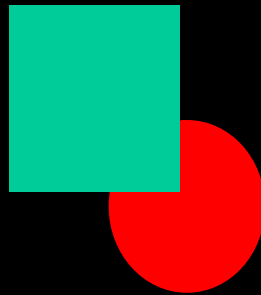
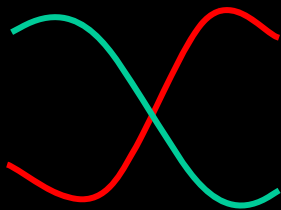
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(2013)

Curvilinear Grouping

- Boundaries are smooth in nature!
- A number of associated visual phenomena



Computational Photography

Computer Vision
CSE 576, Spring 2008

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Computational Photography

- photometric camera calibration
- high-dynamic range imaging & tone mapping
- flash photography

Readings

- Debevec and Malik, [Recovering High Dynamic Range Radiance Maps from Photographs](#). In *SIGGRAPH 97*.
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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Computational Photography is an emerging new field created by the convergence of computer graphics, computer vision and photography. Its role is to overcome the limitations of the traditional camera by using computational techniques to produce a richer, more vivid, perhaps more perceptually meaningful representation of our visual world.

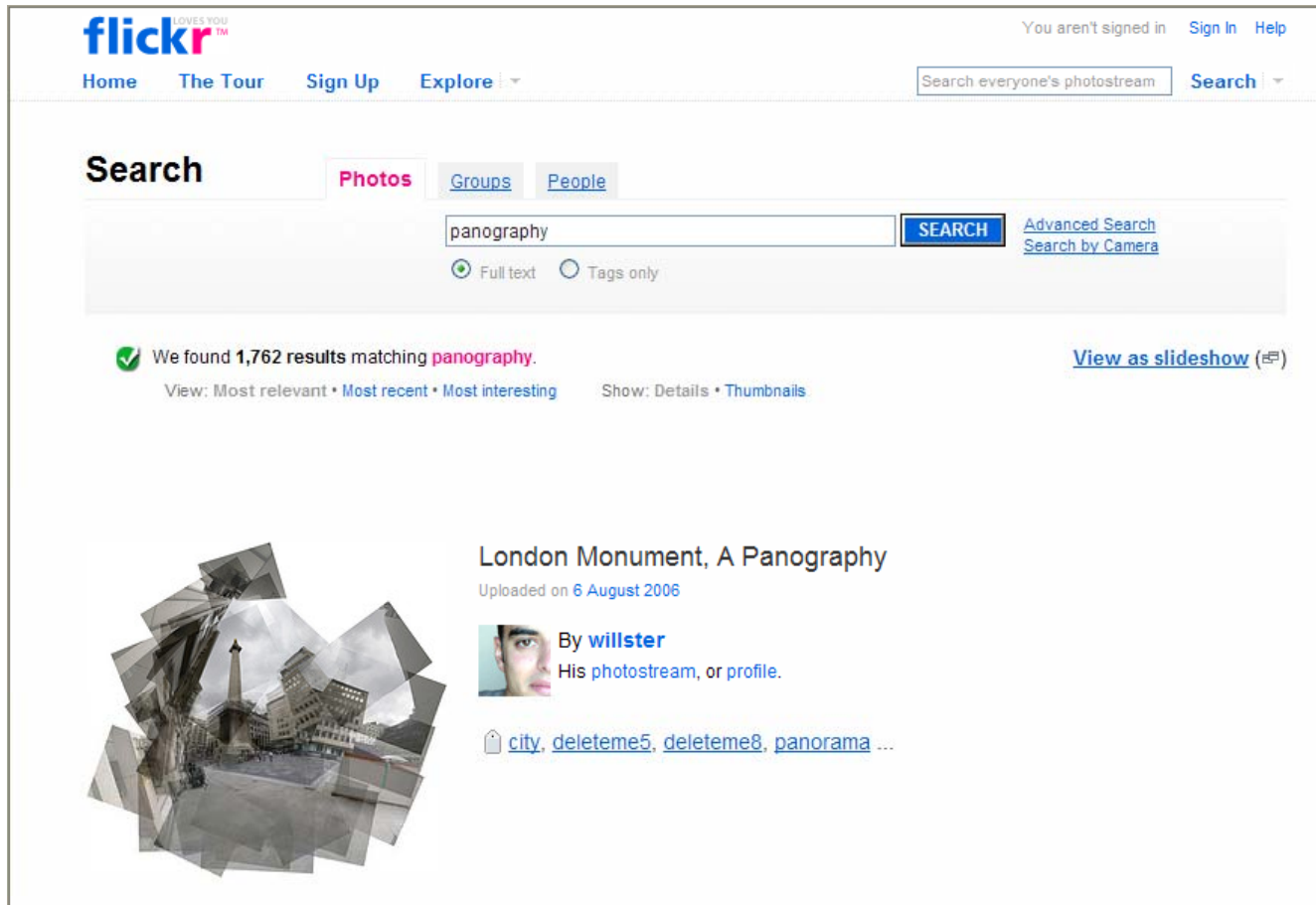
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<http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/courses/15-463/>

But first, ...

... for something (a little) different ...

Panography - <http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=panography>



The screenshot shows the Flickr website interface. At the top, the Flickr logo is on the left, and navigation links for Home, The Tour, Sign Up, and Explore are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'You aren't signed in', 'Sign In', and 'Help'. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text 'Search everyone's photostream' and a 'Search' button. The main content area is titled 'Search' and has three tabs: 'Photos' (selected), 'Groups', and 'People'. A search input field contains the word 'panography', and a 'SEARCH' button is to its right. Below the input field are radio buttons for 'Full text' (selected) and 'Tags only'. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Advanced Search' and 'Search by Camera'. Below the search bar, a green checkmark icon is followed by the text 'We found 1,762 results matching panography.' To the right of this text is a link 'View as slideshow (85)'. Below this is a row of links: 'View: Most relevant • Most recent • Most interesting' and 'Show: Details • Thumbnails'. The first search result is a photo titled 'London Monument, A Panography' uploaded on 6 August 2006. The photo is a collage of several images of the London Monument. To the right of the photo is a small profile picture of a man, followed by the text 'By willster' and 'His photostream, or profile.' Below this is a list of tags: 'city, deleteme5, deleteme8, panorama ...'.

Panography - <http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=panograph>



Tokyo Skyline Panograph

Uploaded on 30 July 2006



By **Chalky Lives**

Chalky Lives' [photostream](#), or [profile](#).

[tower](#), [skyline](#), [tokyo](#), [photo](#) ...



Times Square Panograph

Uploaded on 2 August 2006



By **Chalky Lives**

Chalky Lives' [photostream](#), or [profile](#).

[ny](#), [newyork](#), [advertising](#), [construction](#) ...



Sleeping Beauty Castle (Panograph #7)

Uploaded on 28 December 2006



By **targeteer2k**

His [photostream](#), or [profile](#).

[christmas](#), [xmas](#), [sleeping](#), [people](#) ...

Panography

What kind of motion model?

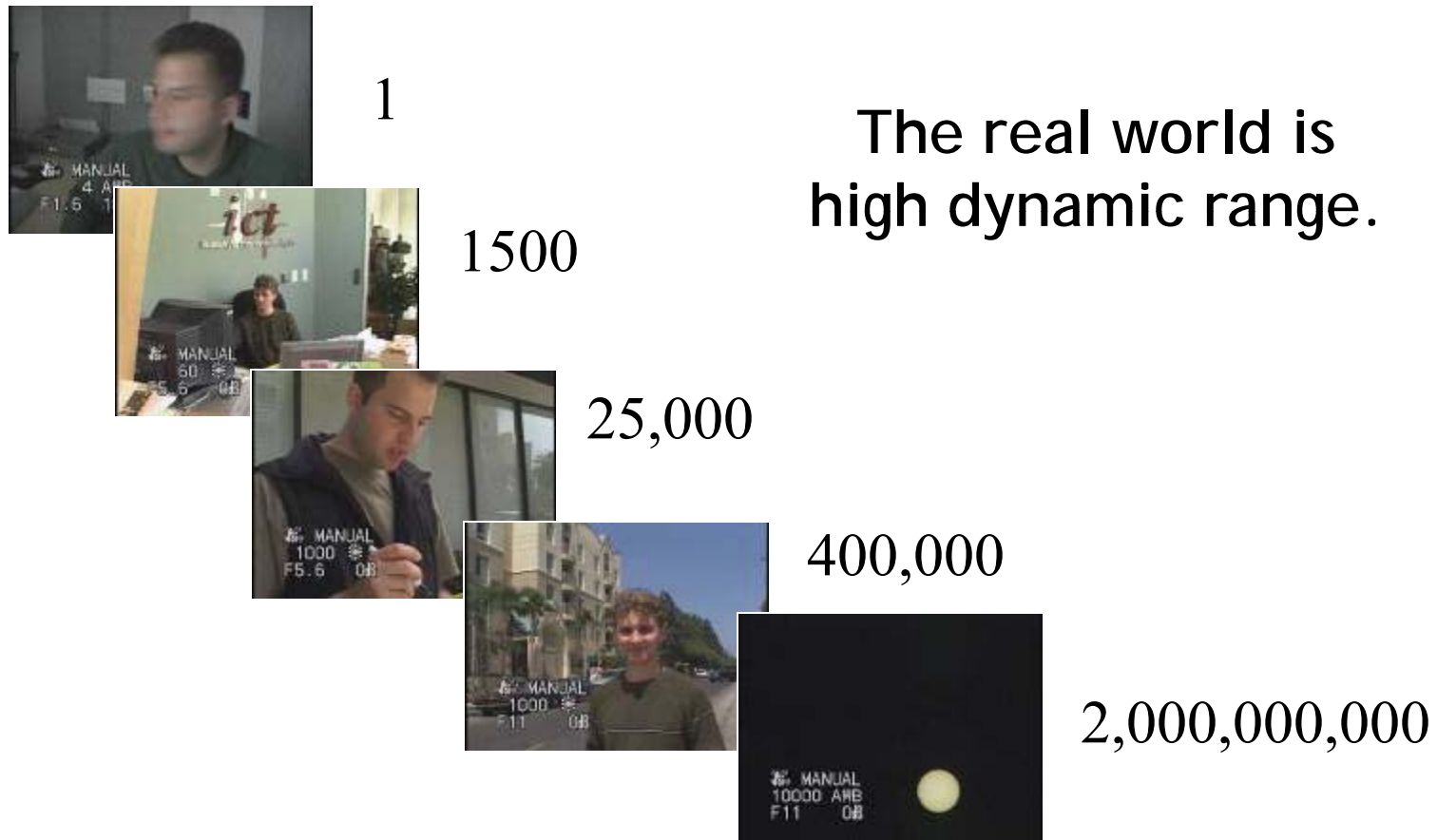
What kind of compositing?

Can you do “global alignment”?

High Dynamic Range Imaging (HDR)

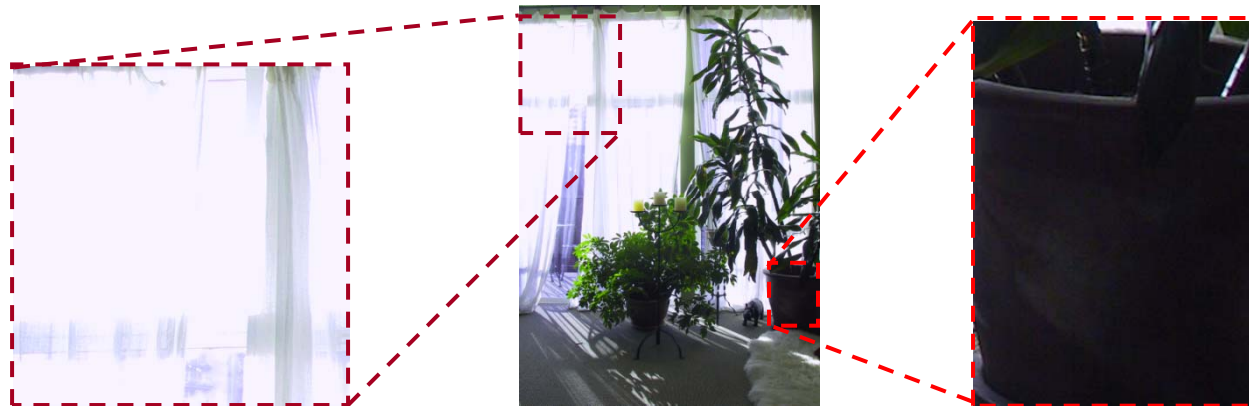
*slides borrowed from
15-463: Computational Photography
Alexei Efros, CMU, Fall 2007,
Paul Debevec, and my talks*

Problem: Dynamic Range



Problem: Dynamic Range

Typical cameras have limited dynamic range



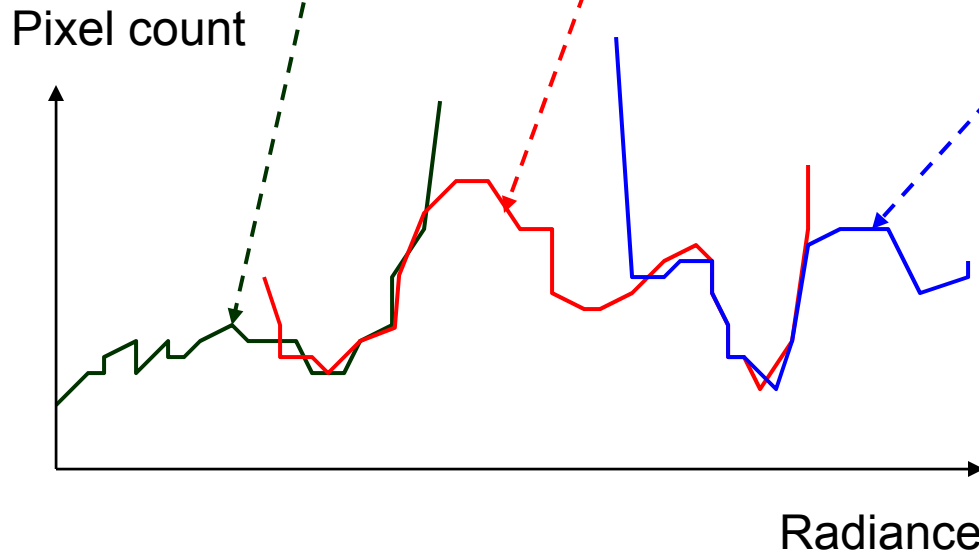
What can we do?

Solution: merge multiple exposures

Varying Exposure



HDR images — multiple inputs



Richard Szeliski

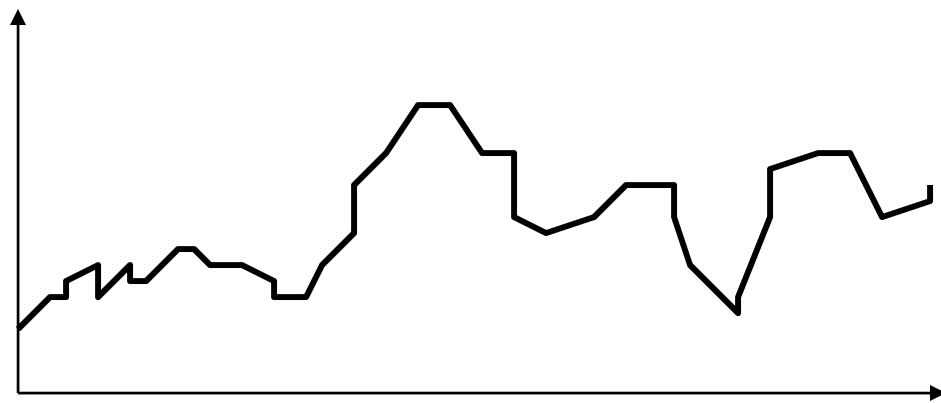
Computational Photography

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HDR images — merged



Pixel count



Radiance

Camera is not a photometer!

Limited dynamic range

⇒ Use multiple exposures?

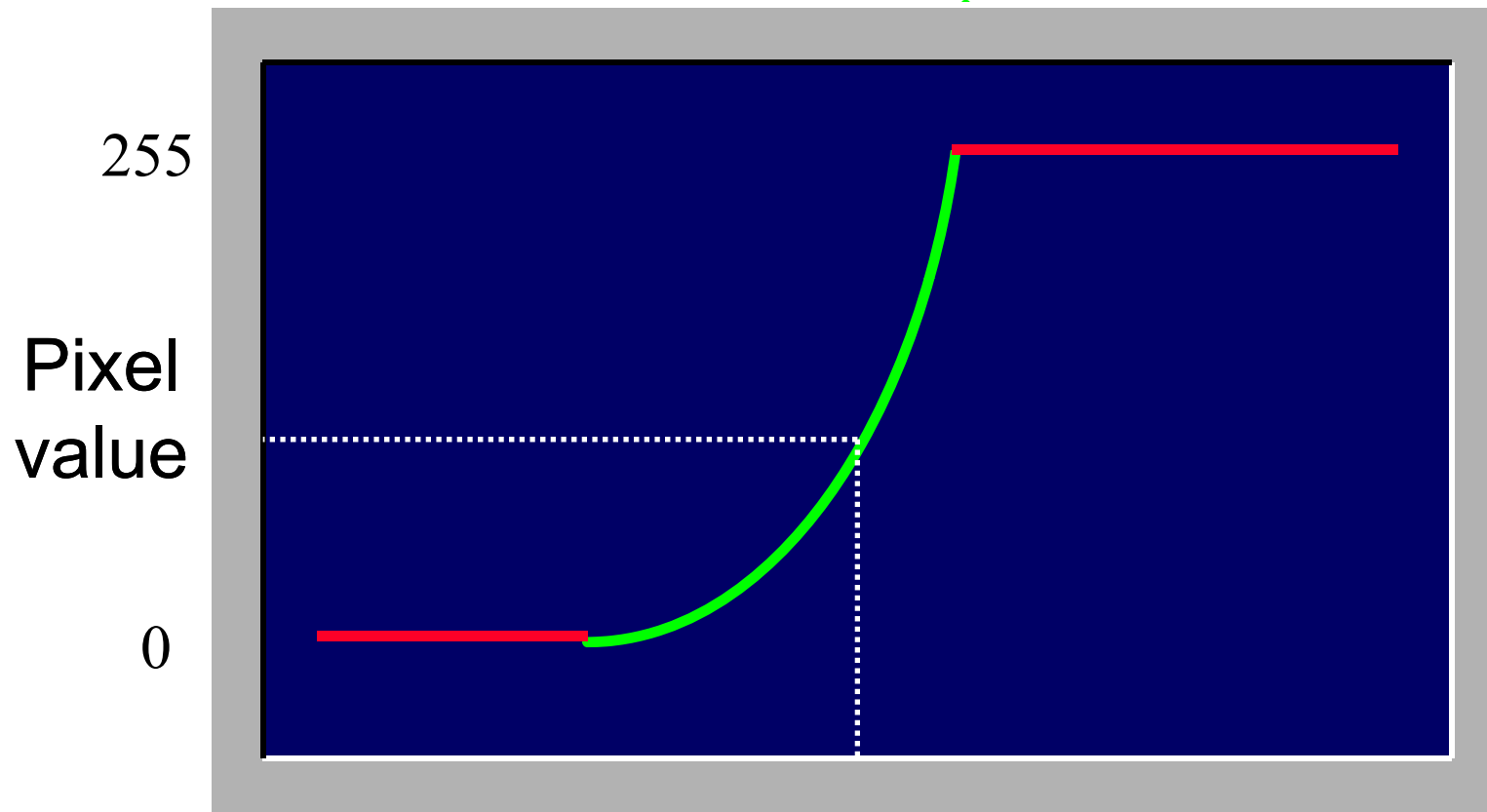
Unknown, nonlinear response

⇒ Not possible to convert pixel values to radiance

Solution:

- Recover response curve from multiple exposures, then reconstruct the ***radiance map***

Imaging system response function



$$\log \text{Exposure} = \log (\text{Radiance} * \Delta t)$$

(CCD photon count)

Camera Calibration

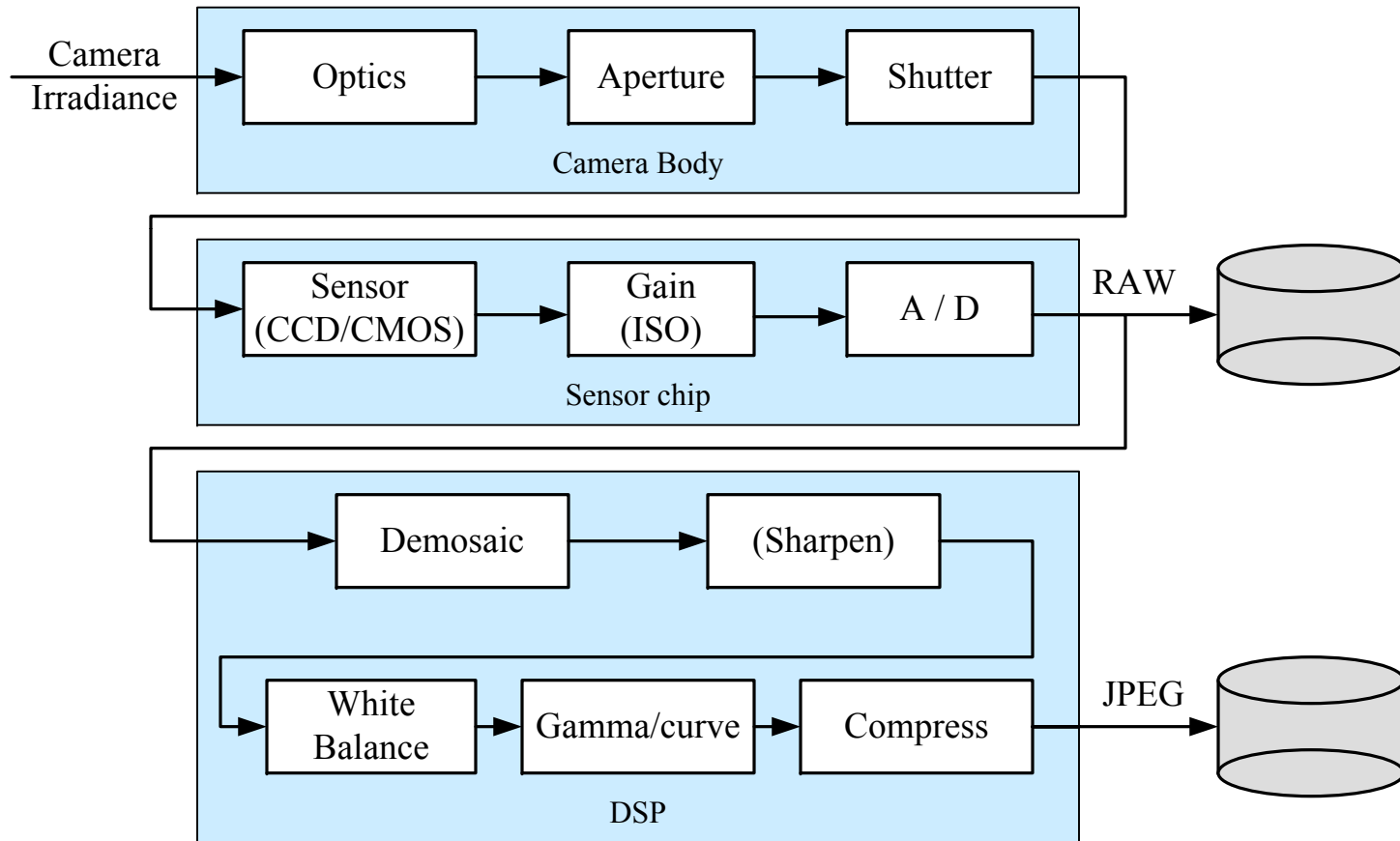
Geometric

- How pixel **coordinates** relate to **directions** in the world

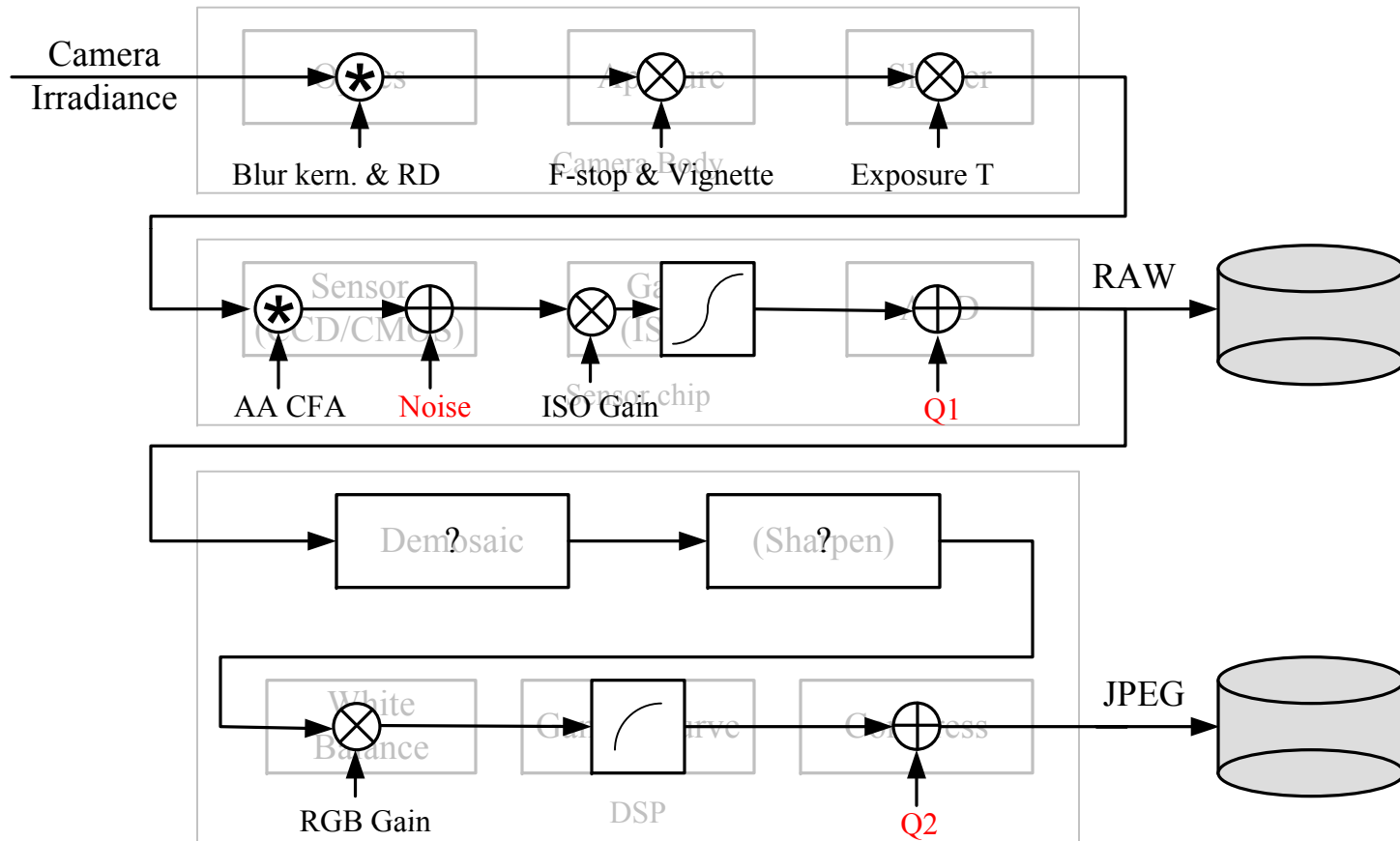
Photometric

- How pixel **values** relate to **radiance** amounts in the world
- Per-pixel **transfer** and **blur**

Camera sensing pipeline



Camera sensing pipeline



Recovering High Dynamic Range Radiance Maps from Photographs



Paul Debevec
Jitendra Malik

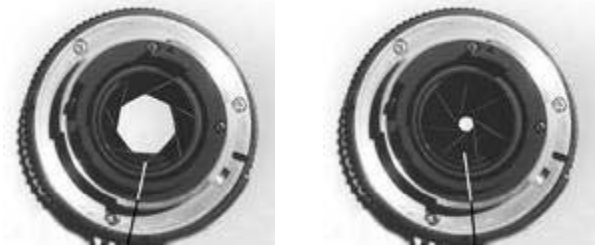


Computer Science Division
University of California at Berkeley

SIGGRAPH'97, August 1997

Ways to vary exposure

- Shutter Speed (*)
- F/stop (aperture, iris)
- Neutral Density (ND) Filters



Shutter Speed

Ranges: Canon D30: 30 to 1/4,000 sec.
(1997) Sony VX2000: 1/4 to 1/10,000 sec.

Pros:

- Directly varies the exposure

- Usually accurate and repeatable

Issues:

- Noise in long exposures

Shutter Speed

Note: shutter times usually obey a power series – each “stop” is a factor of 2

$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{15}$, $\frac{1}{30}$, $\frac{1}{60}$, $\frac{1}{125}$, $\frac{1}{250}$, $\frac{1}{500}$, $\frac{1}{1000}$ sec

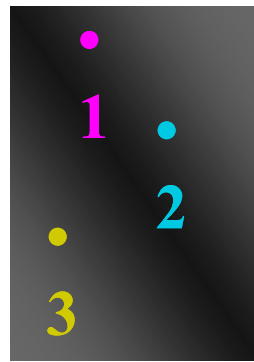
Usually really is:

$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{32}$, $\frac{1}{64}$, $\frac{1}{128}$, $\frac{1}{256}$, $\frac{1}{512}$, $\frac{1}{1024}$ sec

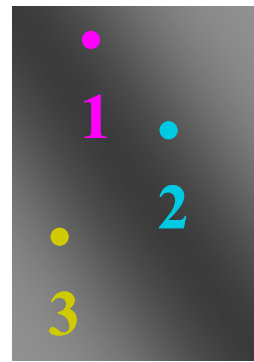
The Algorithm



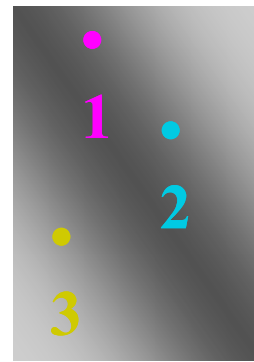
$\Delta t =$
1/64 sec



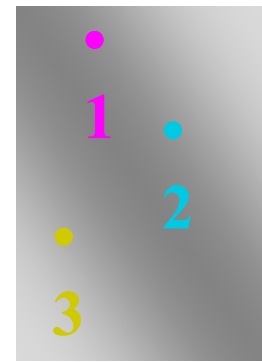
$\Delta t =$
1/16 sec



$\Delta t =$
1/4 sec



$\Delta t =$
1 sec



$\Delta t =$
4 sec

Pixel Value $Z = f(\text{Exposure})$

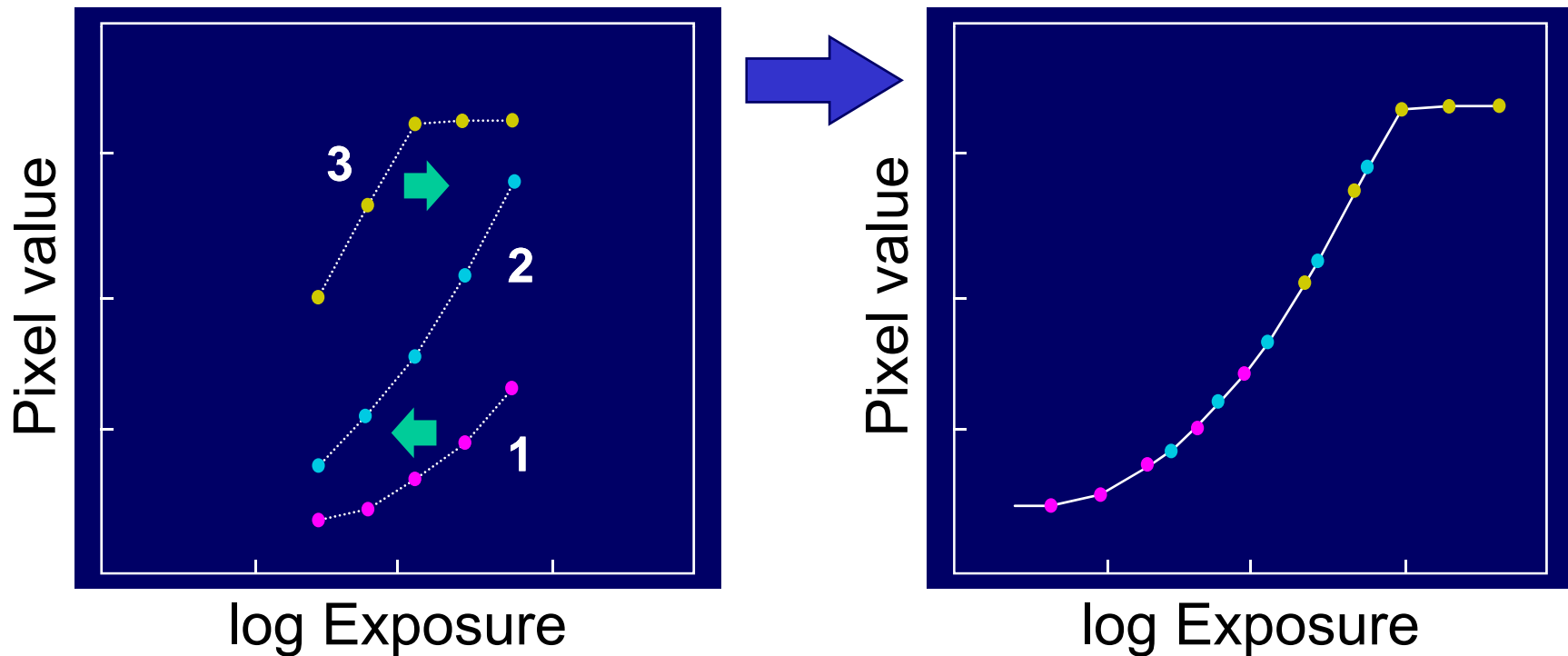
$\text{Exposure} = \text{Radiance} \times \Delta t$

$\log \text{Exposure} = \log \text{Radiance} + \log \Delta t$

Response Curve

Assuming unit radiance for each pixel

After adjusting radiances to obtain a smooth response curve



The Math

Let $g(z)$ be the *discrete* inverse response function

For each pixel site i in each image j , want:

$$\ln \text{Radiance}_i + \ln \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$$

Solve the over-determined linear system:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left[\ln \text{Radiance}_i + \ln \Delta t_j - g(Z_{ij}) \right]^2 + \lambda \sum_{z=Z_{\min}}^{Z_{\max}} g''(z)^2$$

fitting term

smoothness term

MatLab code

```
function [g,lE]=gsolve(Z,B,l,w)

n = 256;
A = zeros(size(Z,1)*size(Z,2)+n+1,n+size(Z,1));
b = zeros(size(A,1),1);

k = 1;                %% Include the data-fitting equations
for i=1:size(Z,1)
    for j=1:size(Z,2)
        wij = w(Z(i,j)+1);
        A(k,Z(i,j)+1) = wij; A(k,n+i) = -wij; b(k,1) = wij * B(i,j);
        k=k+1;
    end
end

A(k,129) = 1;        %% Fix the curve by setting its middle value to
0
k=k+1;

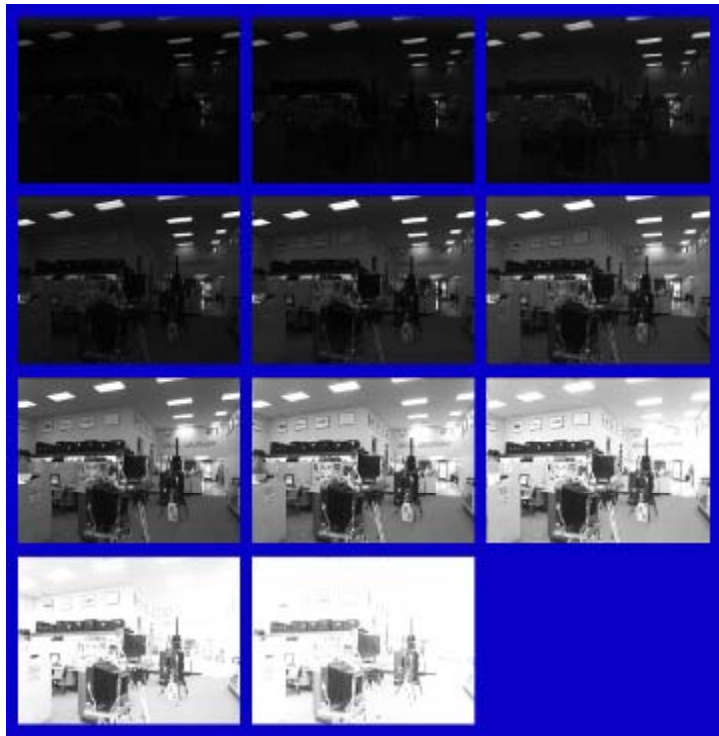
for i=1:n-2          %% Include the smoothness equations
    A(k,i)=1*w(i+1); A(k,i+1)=-2*1*w(i+1); A(k,i+2)=1*w(i+1);
    k=k+1;
end

x = A\b;            %% Solve the system using SVD

g = x(1:n);
lE = x(n+1:size(x,1));
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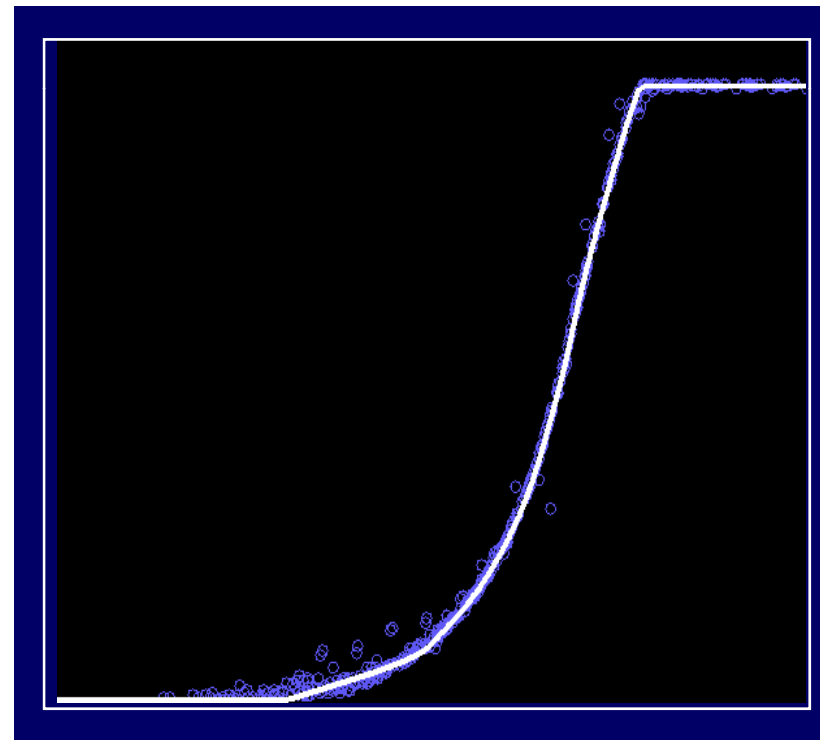
Results: digital camera

Kodak DCS460
1/30 to 30 sec

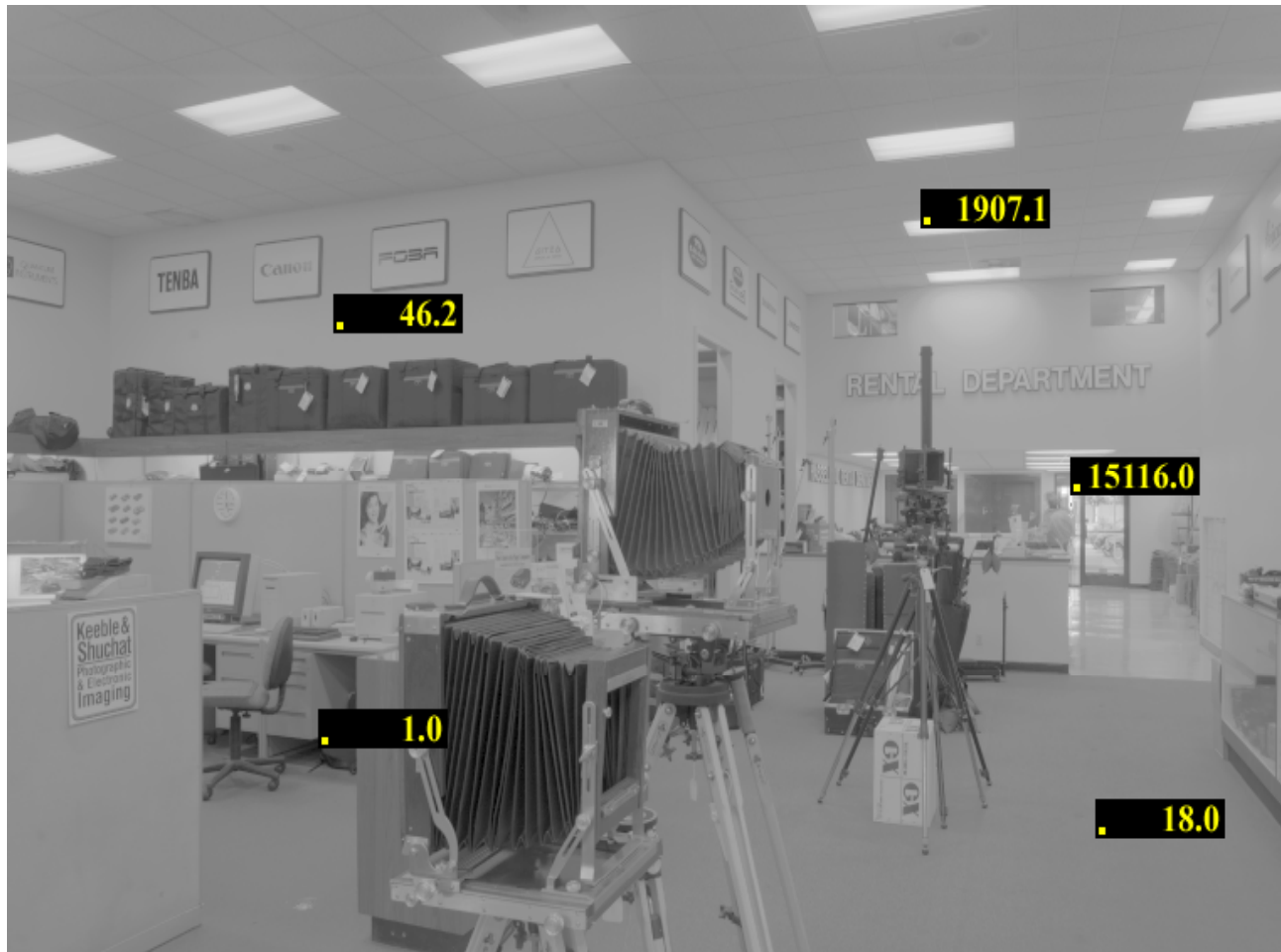


Recovered response
curve

Pixel value

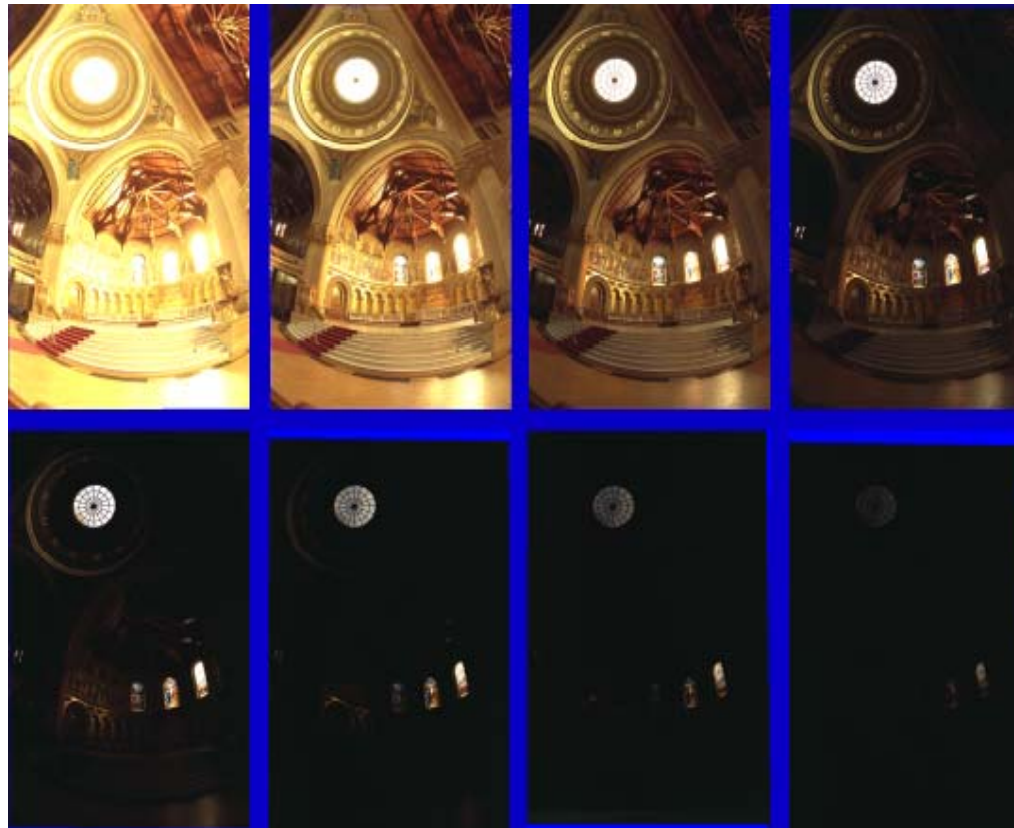


Reconstructed Radiance Map

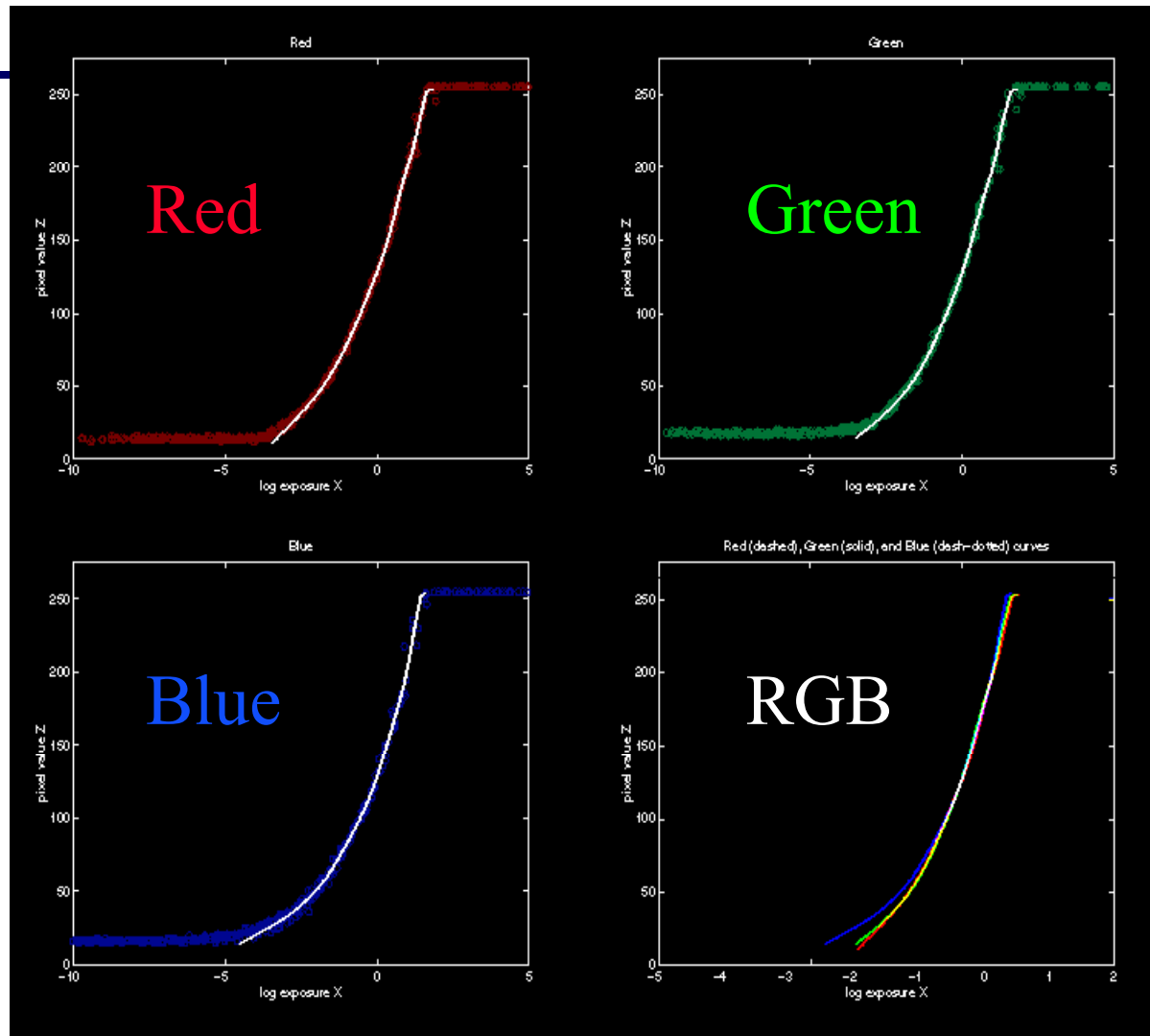


Results: Color Film

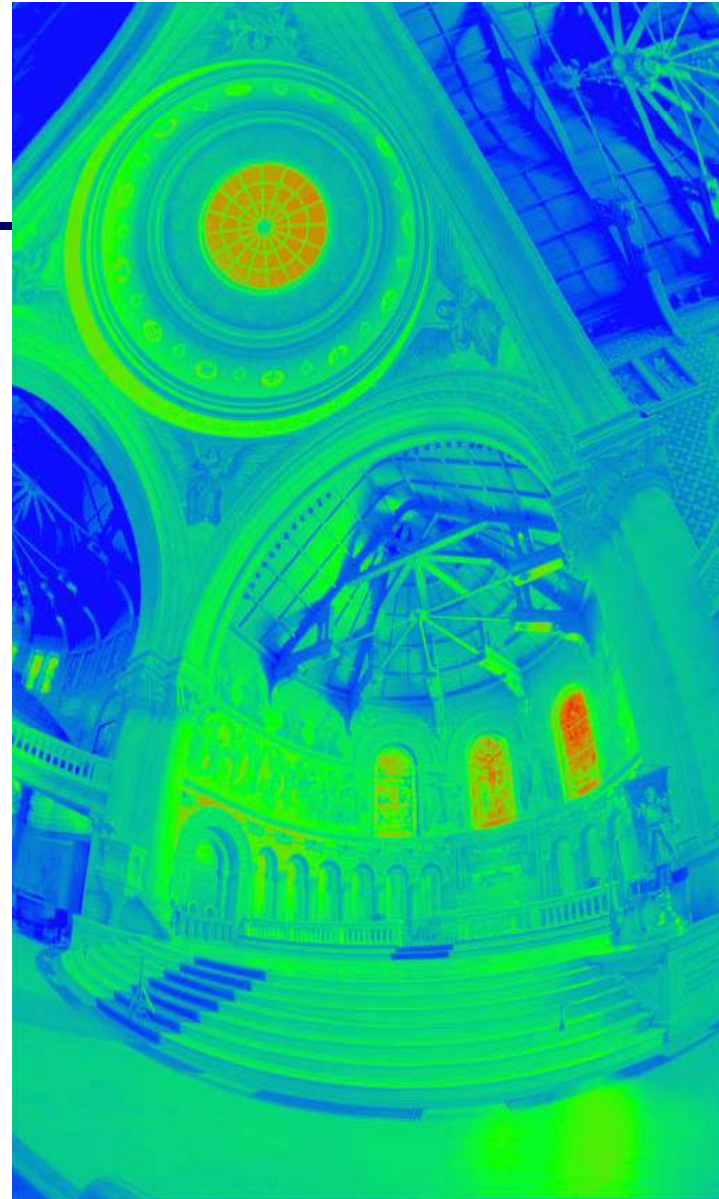
Kodak Gold ASA 100, PhotoCD



Recovered Response Curves



The Radiance Map



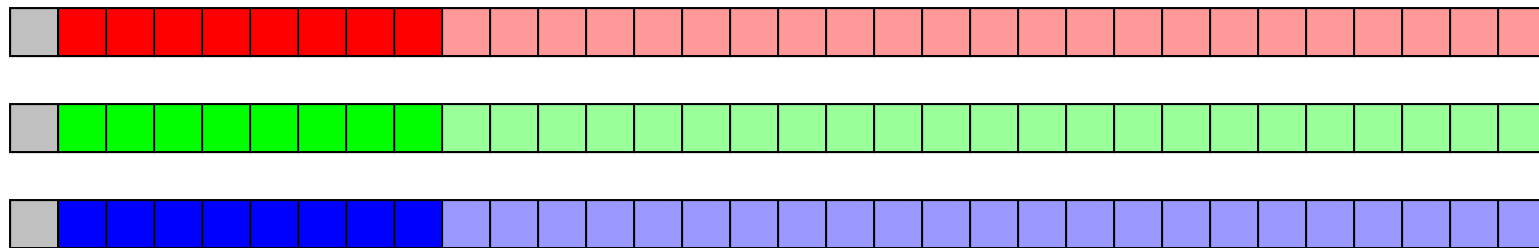
The Radiance Map



Linearly scaled to
display device

Portable FloatMap (.pfm)

12 bytes per pixel, 4 for each channel



sign exponent

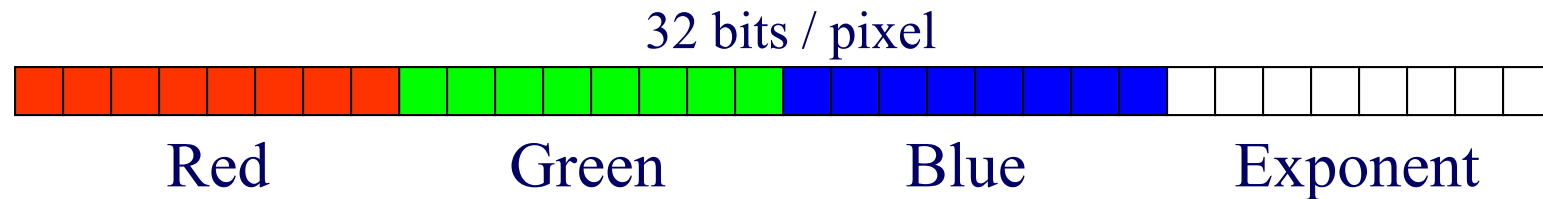
mantissa

Text header similar to Jeff Poskanzer's .ppm image format:

Floating Point TIFF similar

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PF
768 512
1
<binary image data>
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Radiance Format (.pic, .hdr)

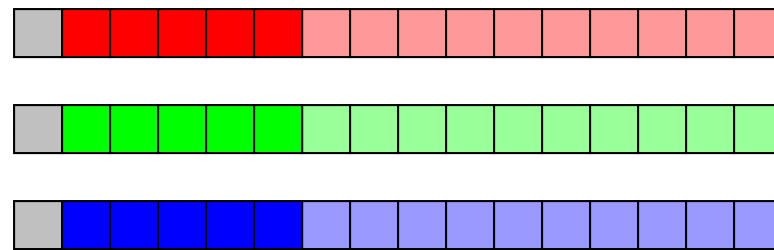


$$\begin{aligned}
 (145, 215, 87, 149) &= & (145, 215, 87, 103) &= \\
 (145, 215, 87) * 2^{(149-128)} &= & (145, 215, 87) * 2^{(103-128)} &= \\
 (1190000, 1760000, 713000) & & (0.00000432, 0.00000641, 0.00000259) &
 \end{aligned}$$

Ward, Greg. "Real Pixels," in Graphics Gems IV, edited by James Arvo, Academic Press, 1994

ILM's OpenEXR (.exr)

6 bytes per pixel, 2 for each channel, compressed



sign exponent mantissa

- Several lossless compression options, 2:1 typical
- Compatible with the "half" datatype in NVidia's Cg
- Supported natively on GeForce FX and Quadro FX
- Available at <http://www.openexr.net/>

High Dynamic Range Video

*Sing Bing Kang, Matt Uyttendaele,
Simon Winder, Rick Szeliski*

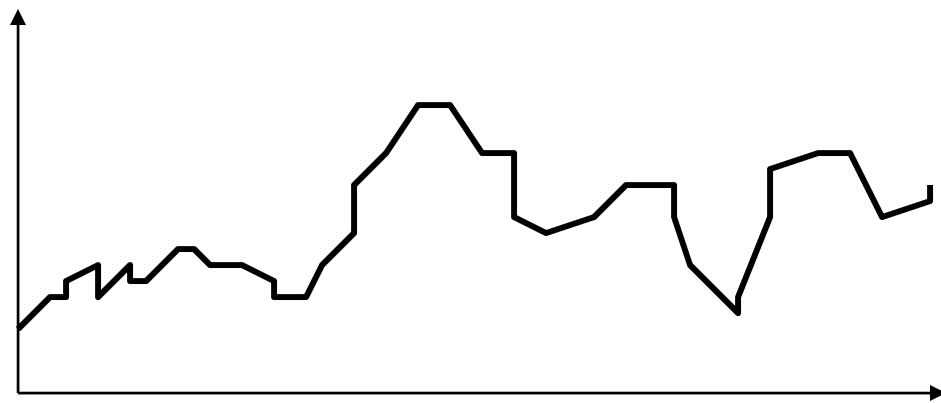


[SIGGRAPH'2003]

HDR images — merged



Pixel count



Radiance

What about scene motion?



Inputs



Tonemapped output
(no compensation or
consistency check)

With motion compensation

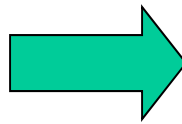


Inputs



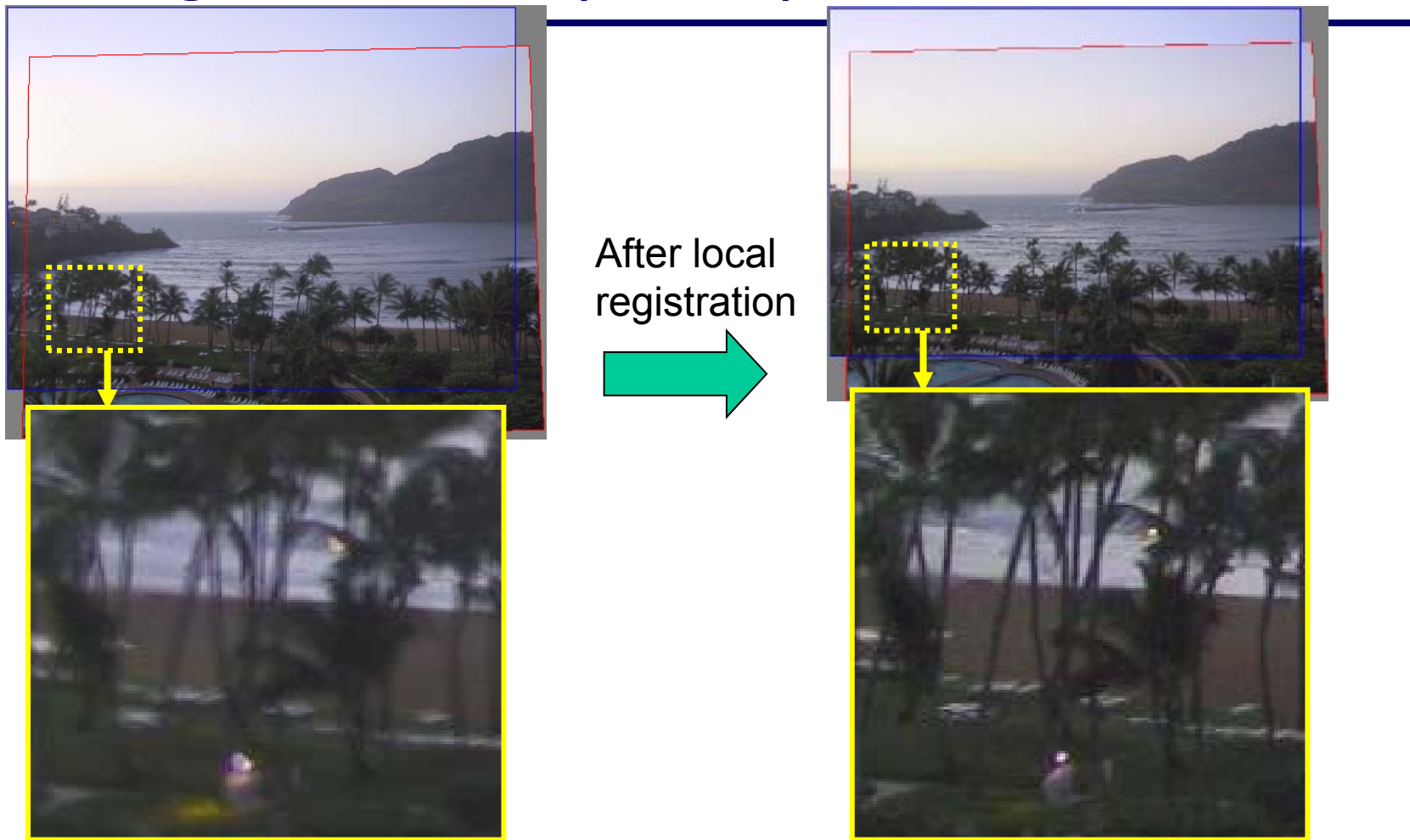
Tonemapped output
(global+local compensation)

Registration (global)

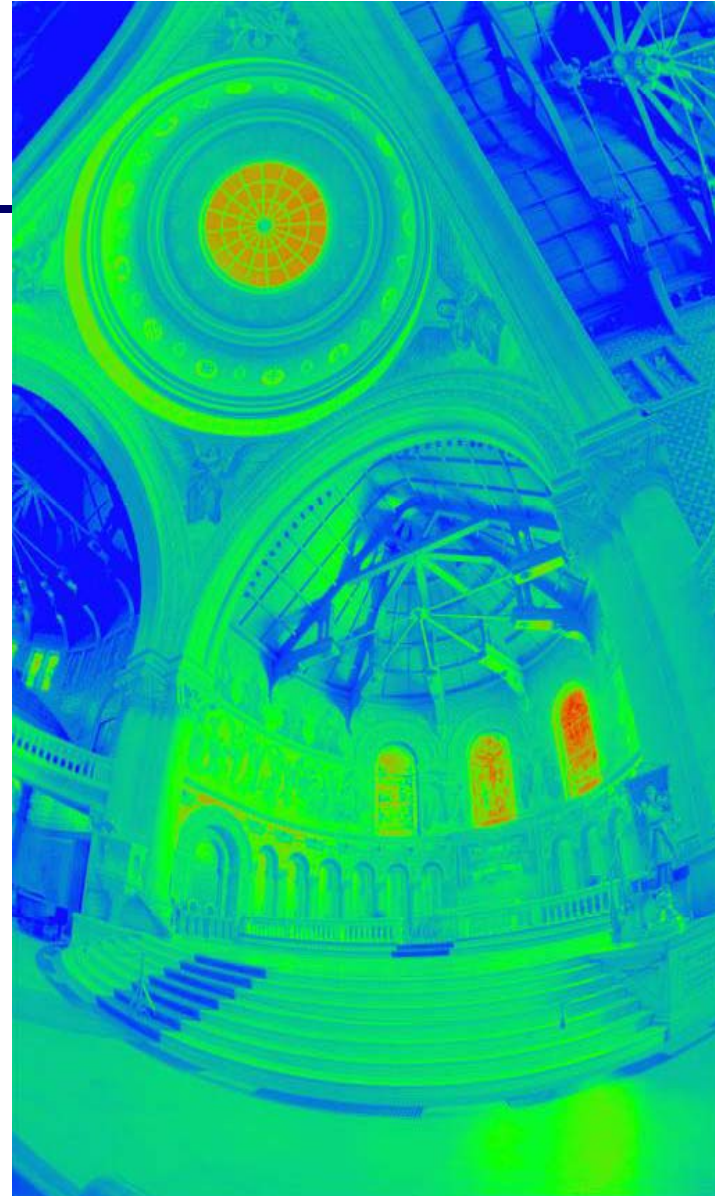


After global registration

Registration (local)



Now What?

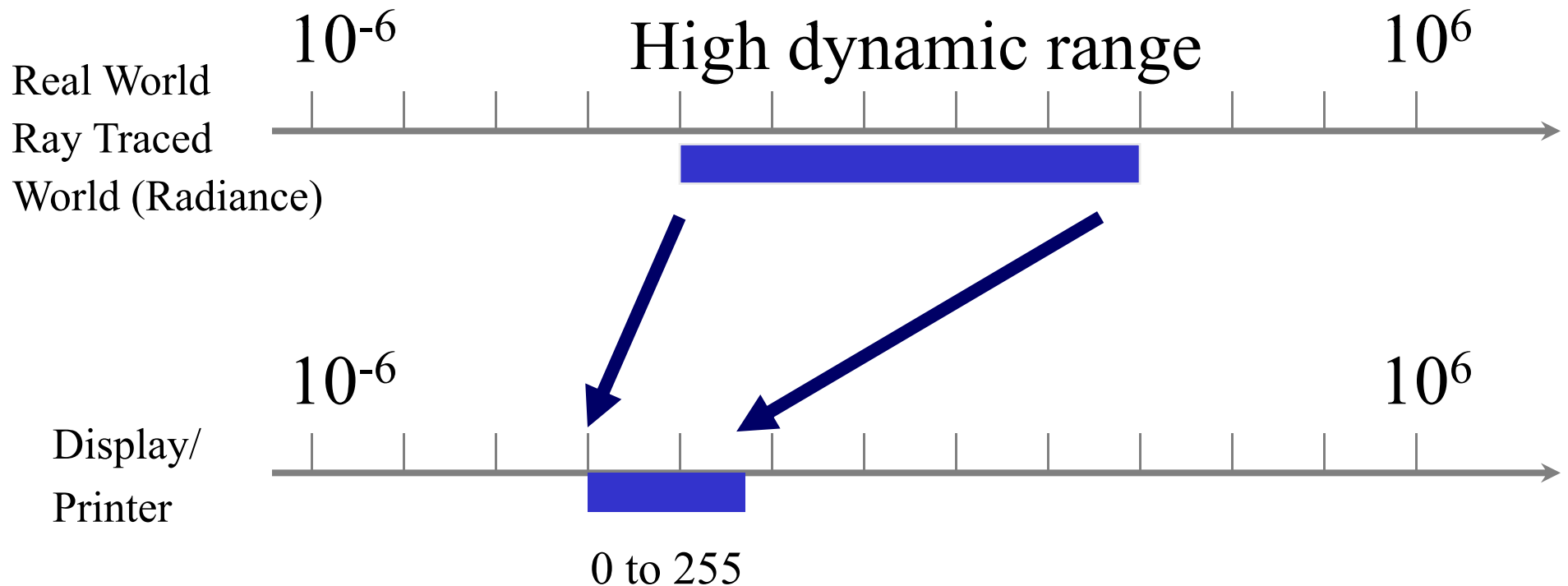


Tone Mapping

Tone Mapping

How can we do this?

Linear scaling?, thresholding? Suggestions?



Simple Global Operator

Compression curve needs to

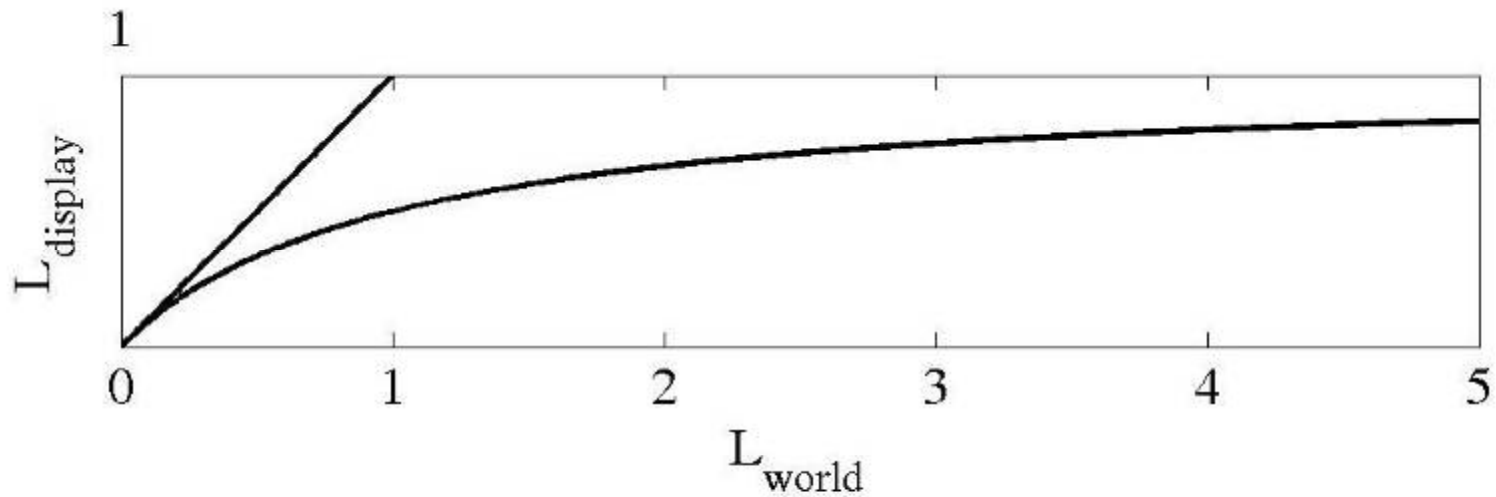
- Bring everything within range
- Leave dark areas alone

In other words

- Asymptote at 255
- Derivative of 1 at 0

Global Operator (Reinhart et al)

$$L_{display} = \frac{L_{world}}{1 + L_{world}}$$



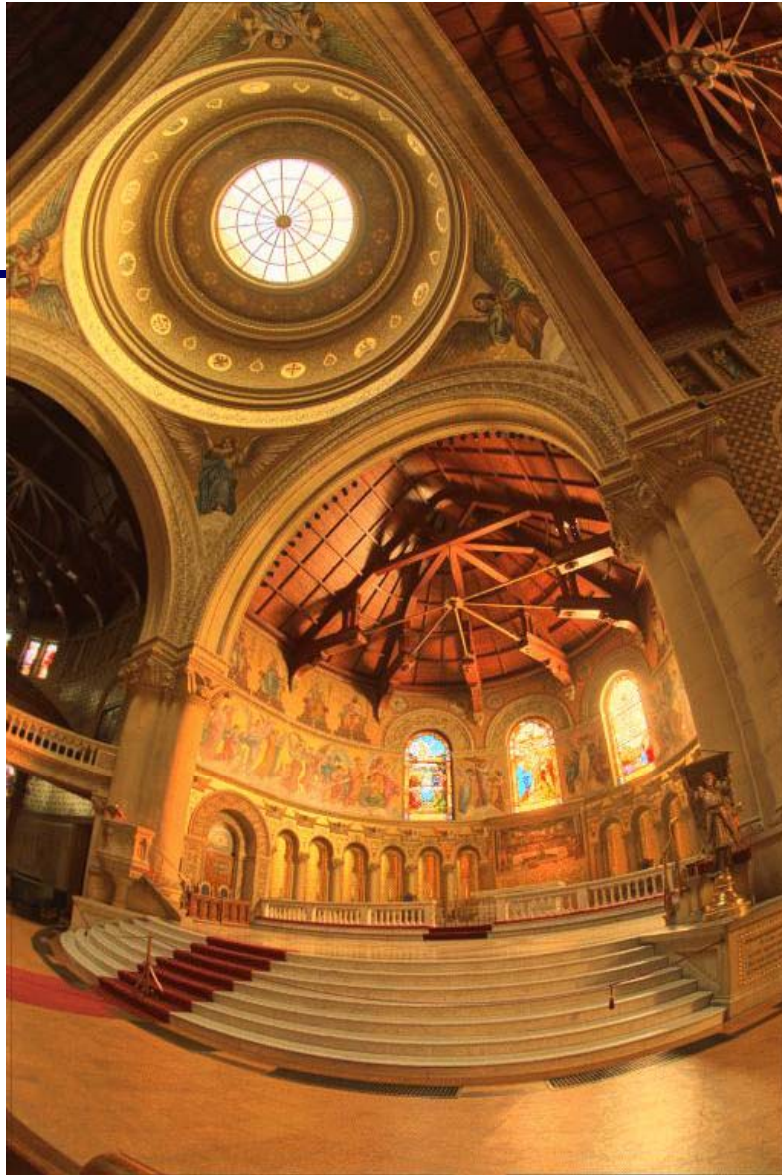
Global Operator Results



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Computational Photography



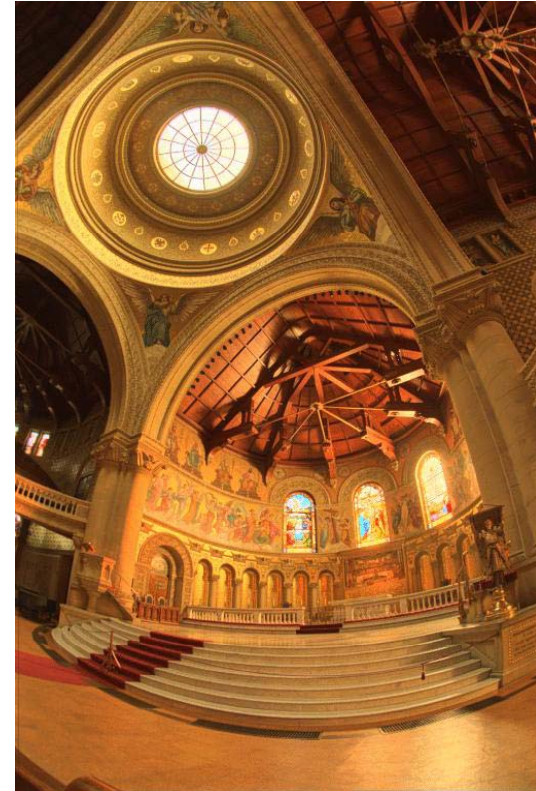
Reinhart Operator
Richard Szeliski Computational Photography

Darkest 0.1% scaled
to display device 101

What do we see?



Vs.



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Computational Photography

What does the eye sees?

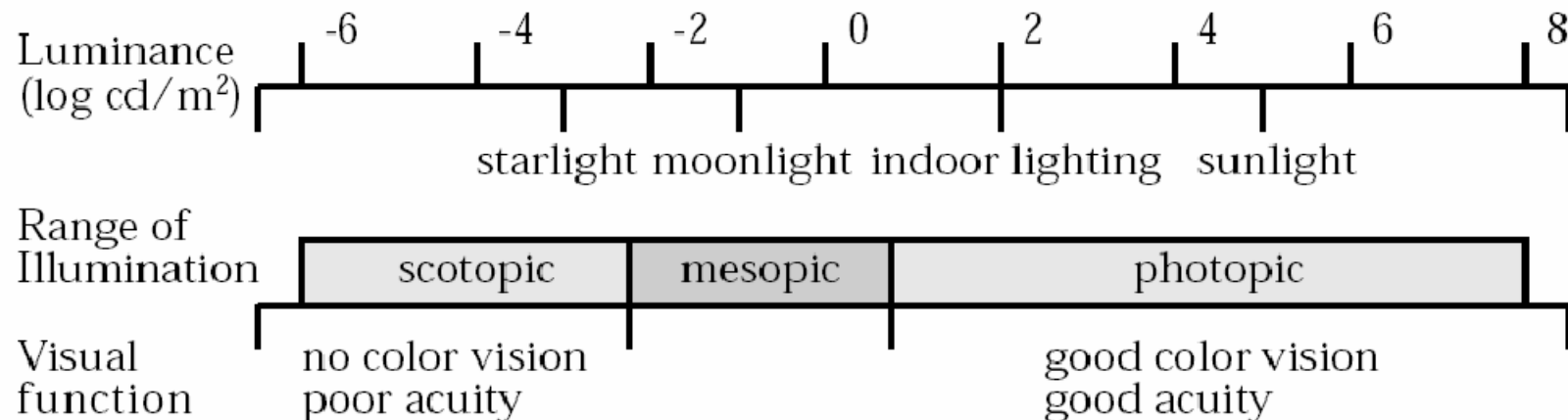


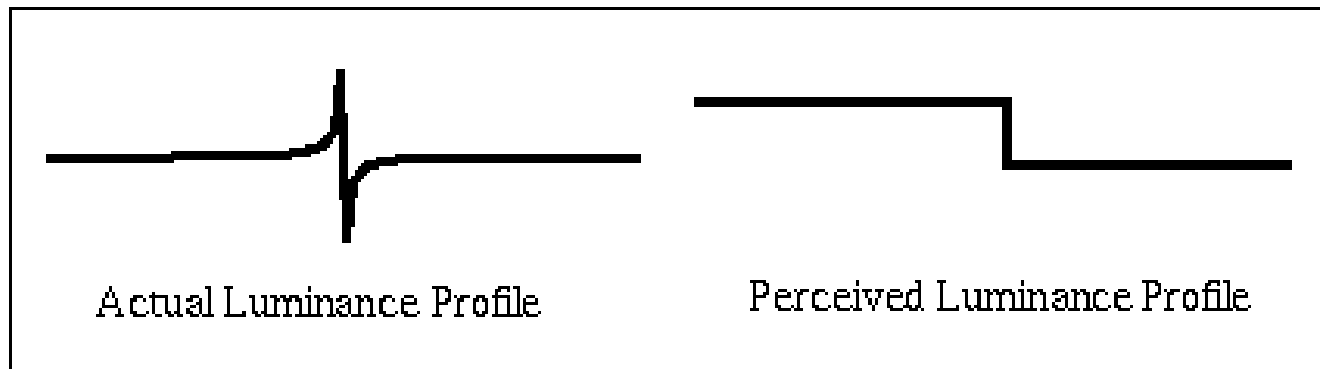
Figure 1: The range of luminances in the natural environment and associated visual parameters. After Hood (1986).

The eye has a huge dynamic range
Do we see a true radiance map?

Metamores



Craik-O'Brien Cornsweet Effect



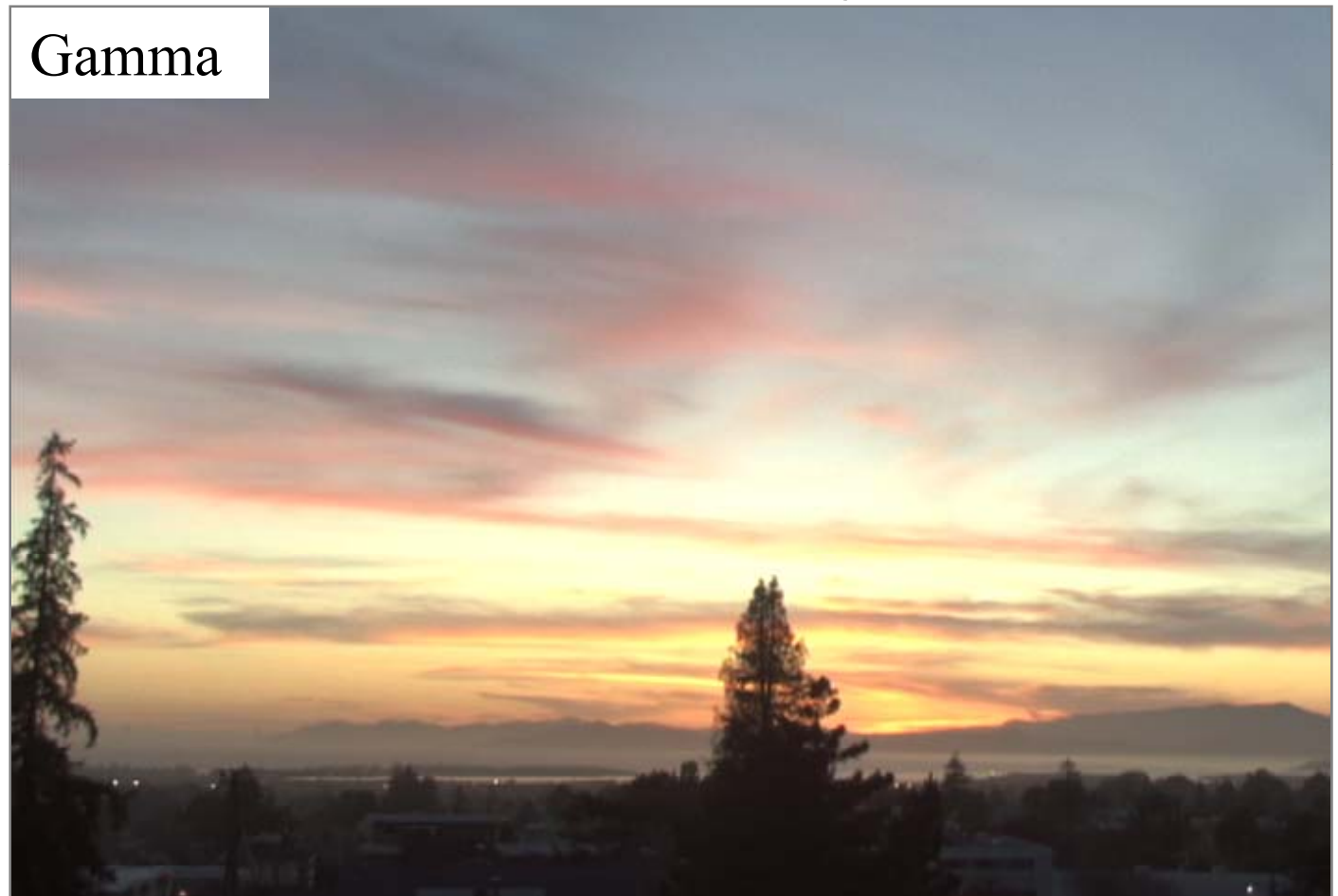
Can we use this for range compression?

Fast bilateral filtering for the display of high-dynamic-range images

Frédo Durand and Julie Dorsey
SIGGRAPH 2002.

Naïve: Gamma compression

$X \rightarrow X^\gamma$, colors are washed-out. Why?



Gamma compression on intensity

Colors are OK, details are blurred

Intensity



Gamma on intensity



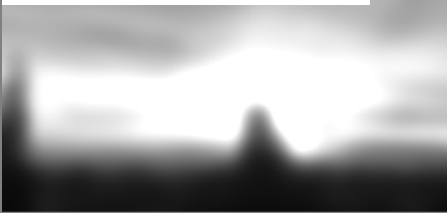
Color



Oppenheim 1968, Chiu et al. 1993

Reduce contrast of low-frequencies, keep high

Low-freq.



High-freq.



Color

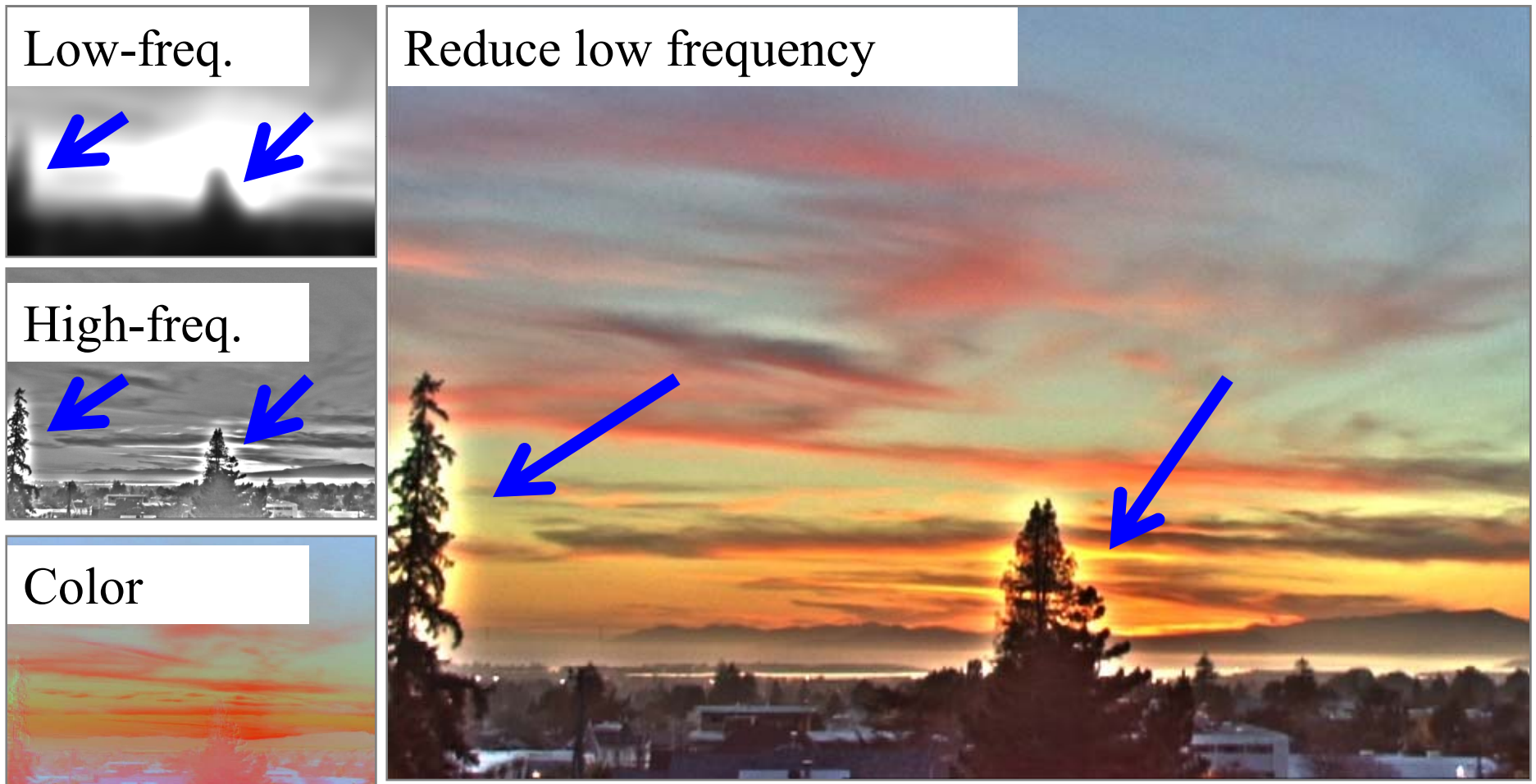


Reduce low frequency



Halos

Strong edges contain high frequency



Our approach

Do not blur across edges: non-linear filtering



Bilateral filter

Tomasi and Manduchi 1998

<http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/~manduchi/Papers/ICCV98.pdf>

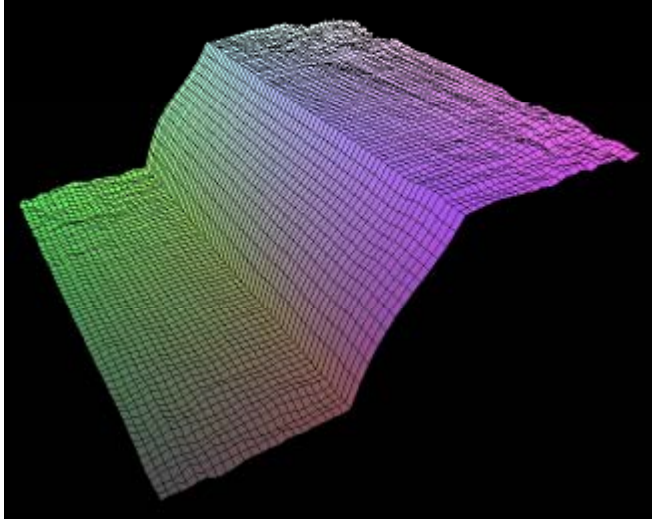
Related to

- SUSAN filter [Smith and Brady 95]
<http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/smith95susan.html>
- Digital-TV [Chan, Osher and Chen 2001]
<http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/chan01digital.html>
- sigma filter
<http://www.geogr.ku.dk/CHIPS/Manual/f187.htm>

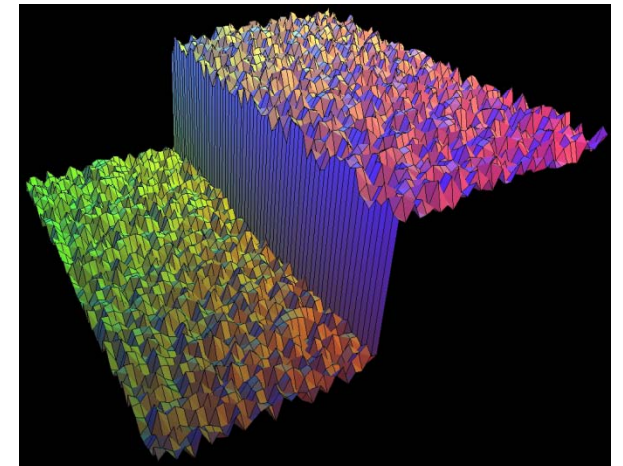
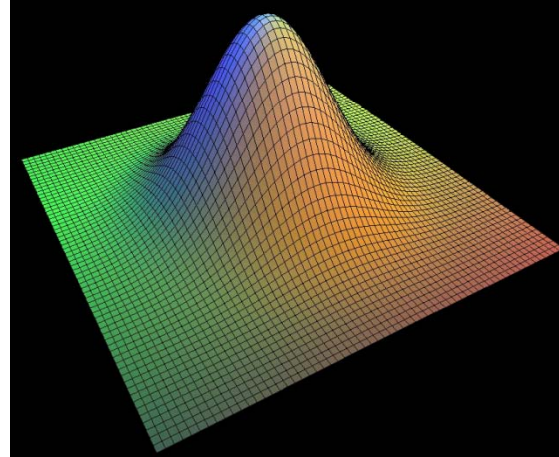
Start with Gaussian filtering

Output is blurred

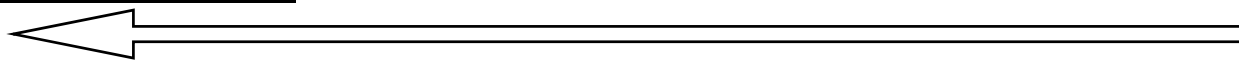
$$J = f \otimes I$$



output



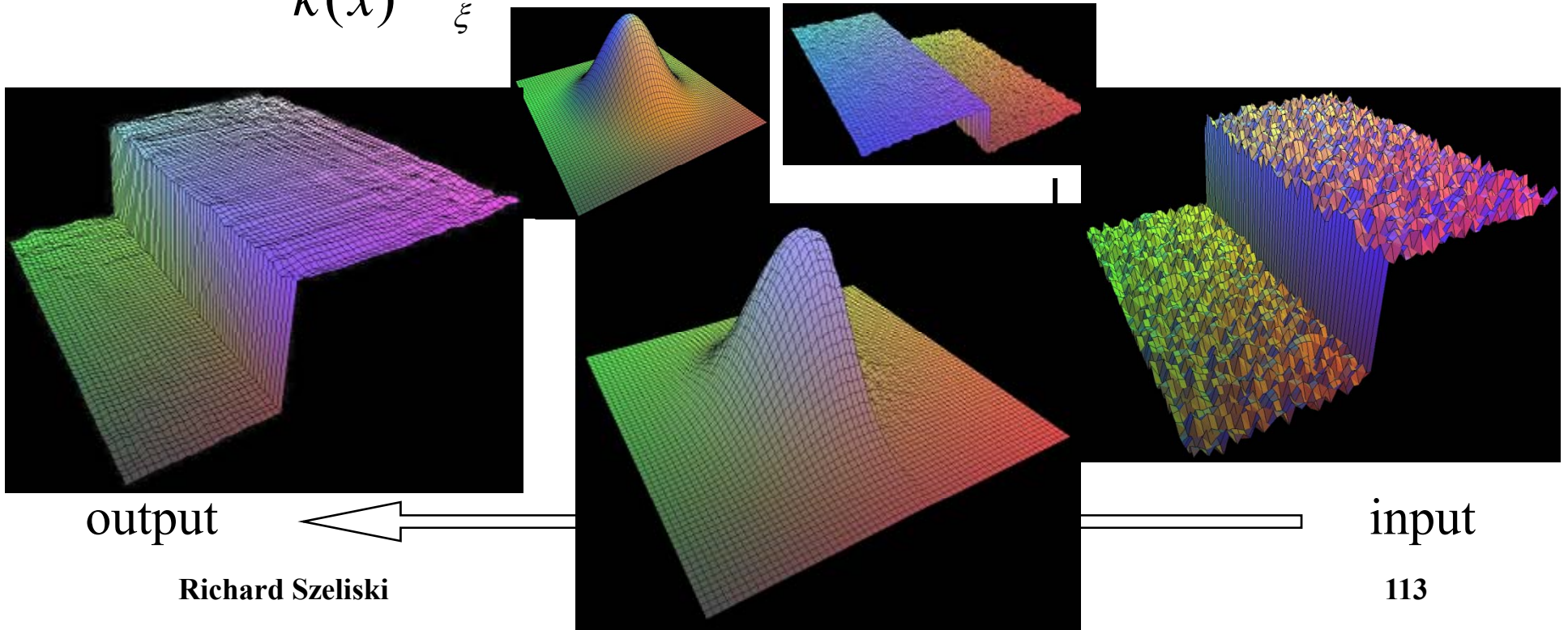
input



Bilateral filtering is non-linear

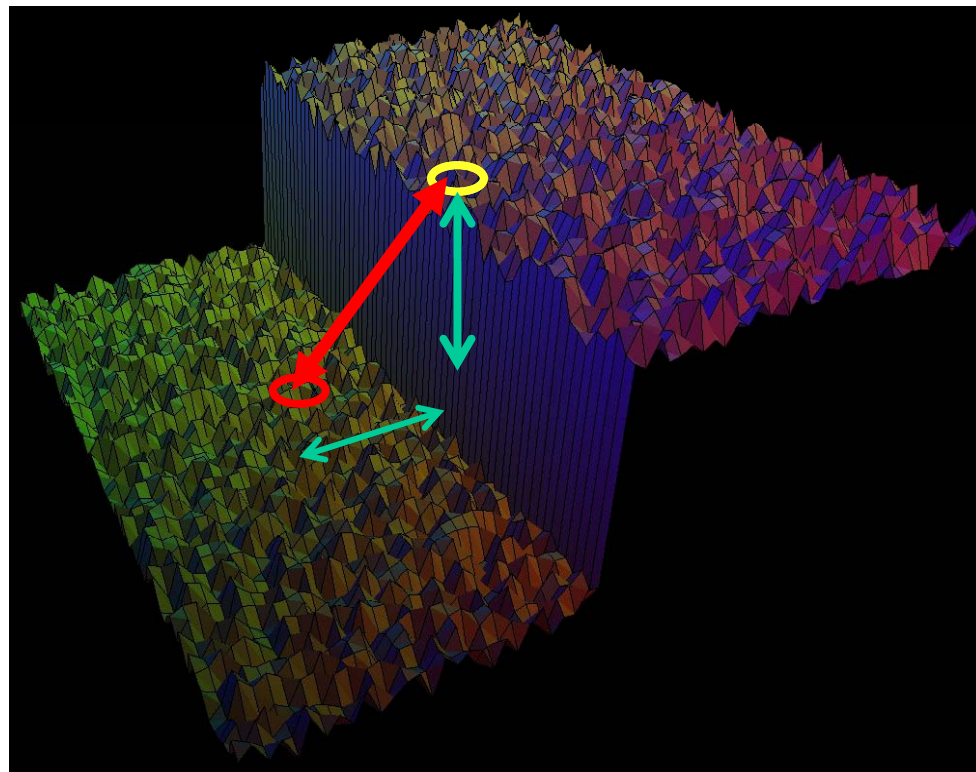
The weights are different for each output pixel

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x, \xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$

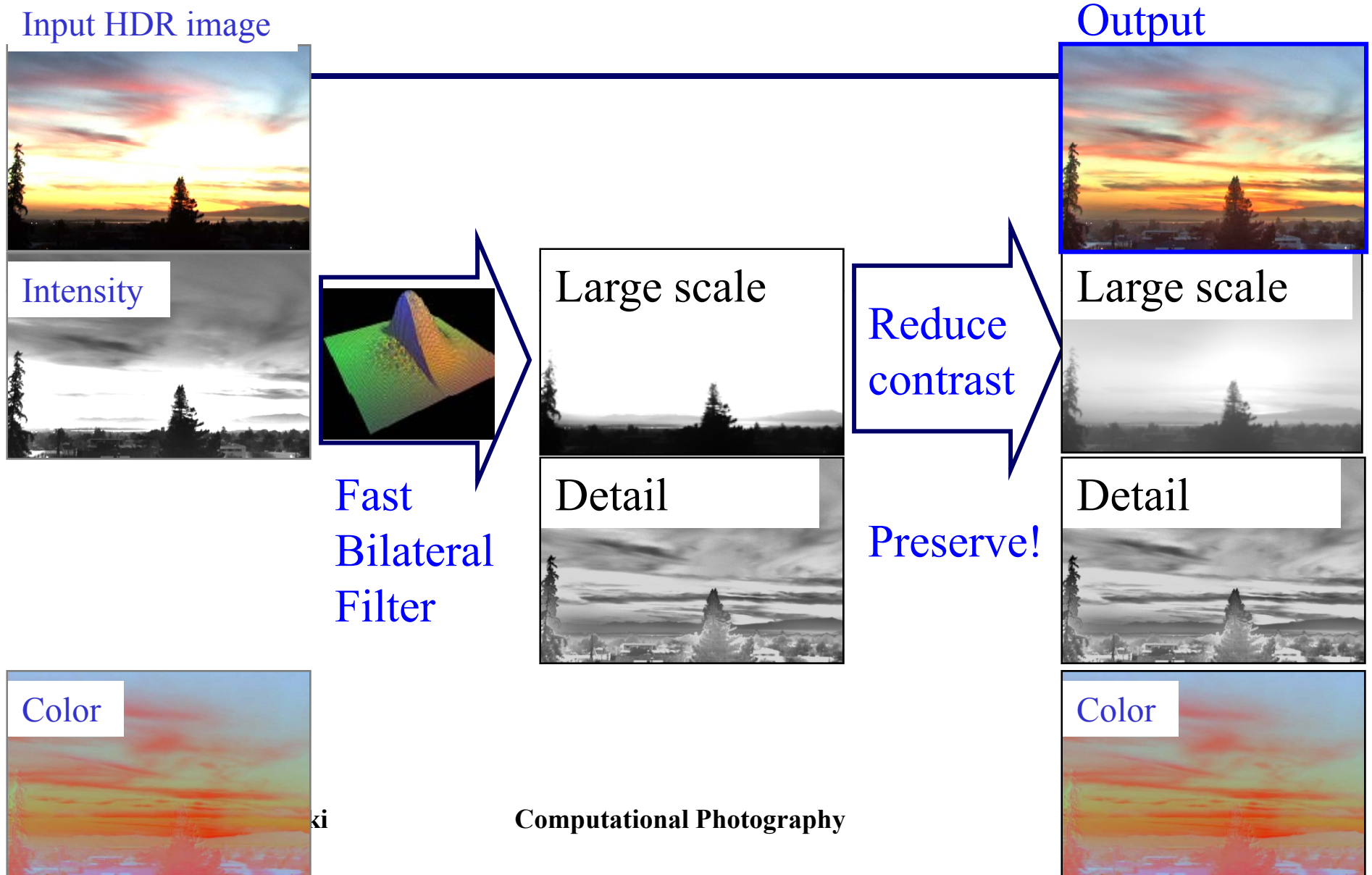


Other view

The bilateral filter uses the 3D distance



Contrast reduction

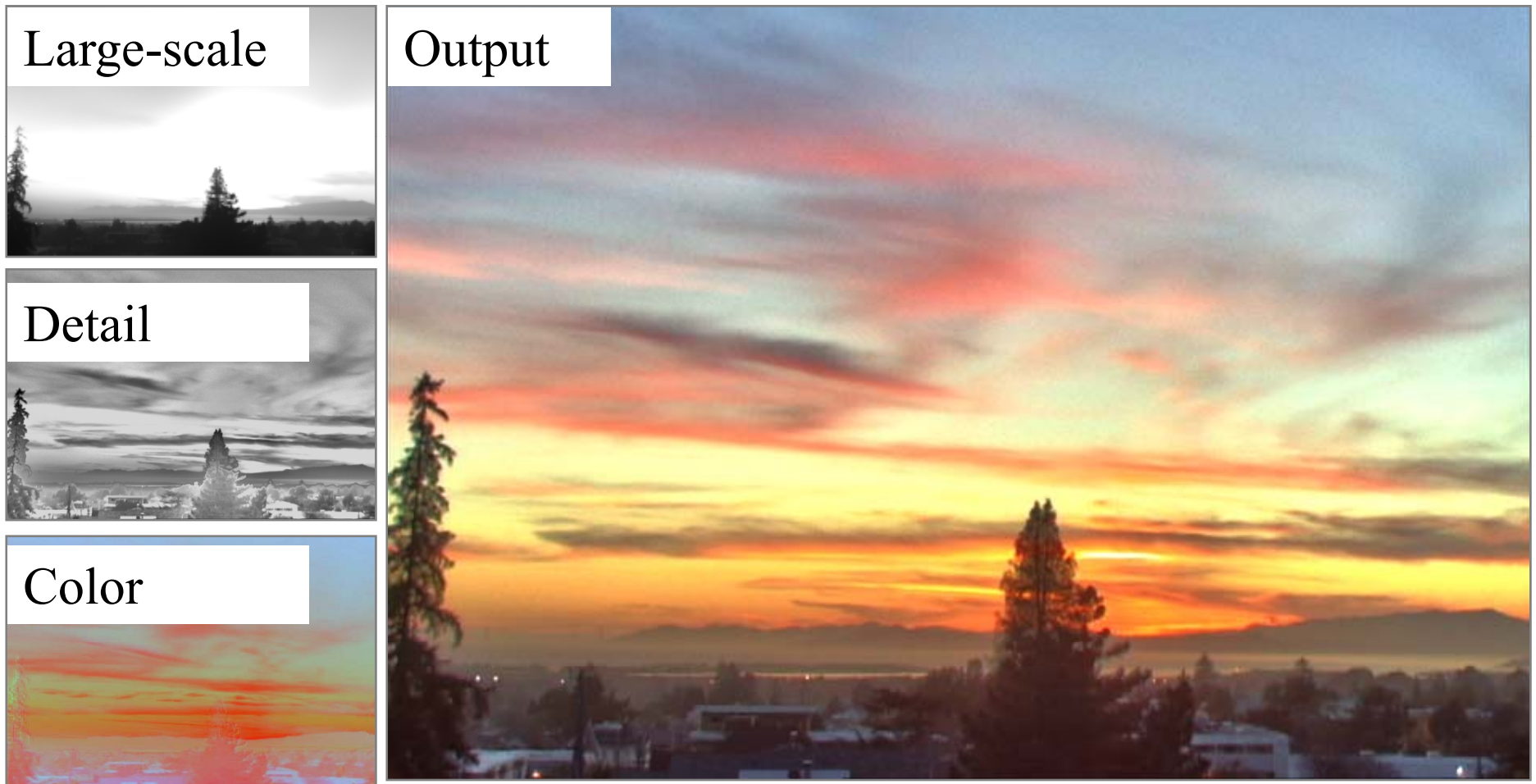


Dynamic range reduction

- To reduce contrast of base layer
 - scale in the log domain \rightarrow γ exponent in linear
- Set a target range: \log_{10} (5)
- Compute range in the log layer: (max-min)
- Deduce γ using *division*
- Normalize so that the biggest value in the (linear) base is 1 (0 in log):
 - offset the compressed based by its max

Summary of approach

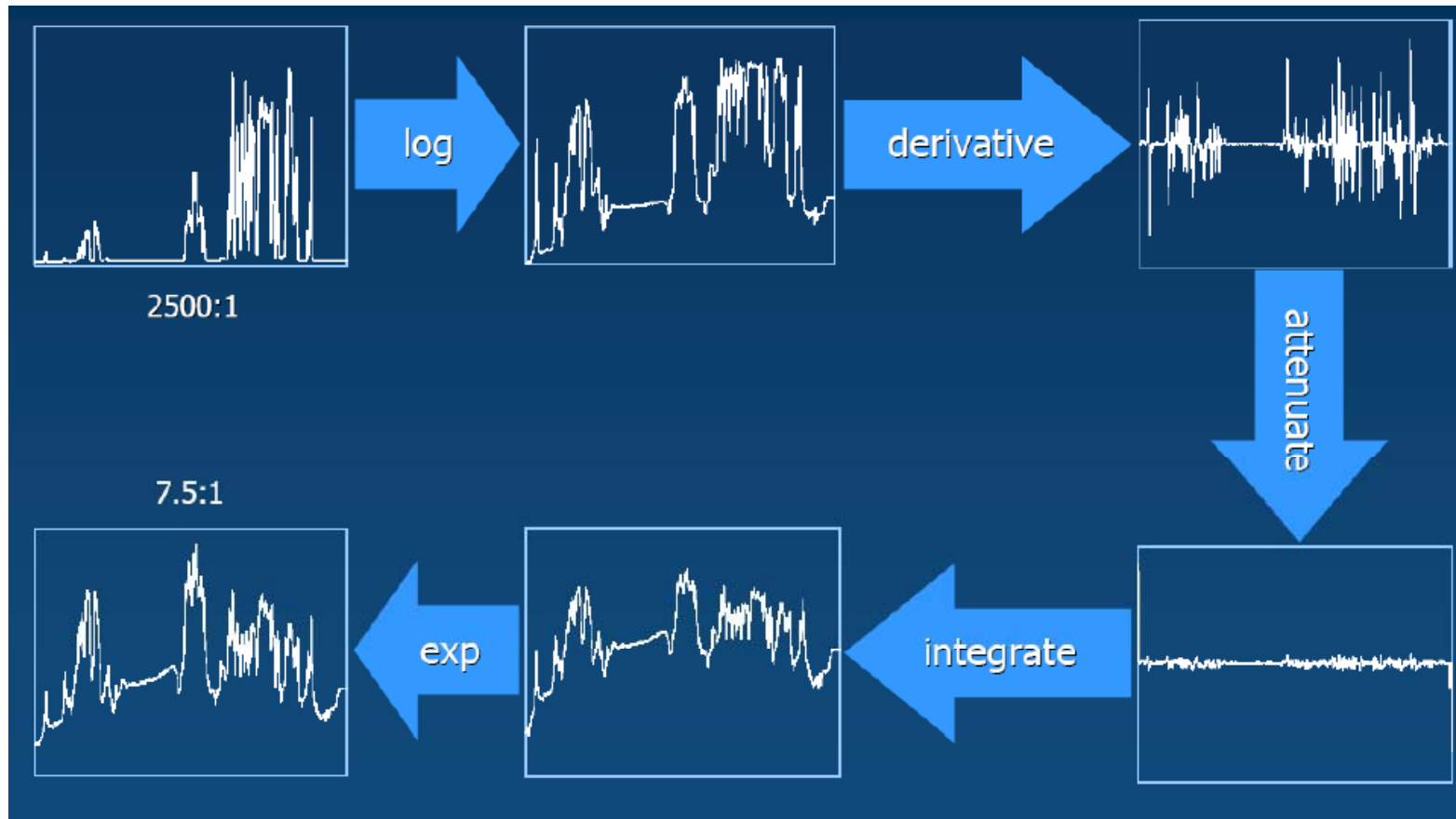
Do not blur base/gain layer: non-linear filtering



Gradient domain high dynamic range compression

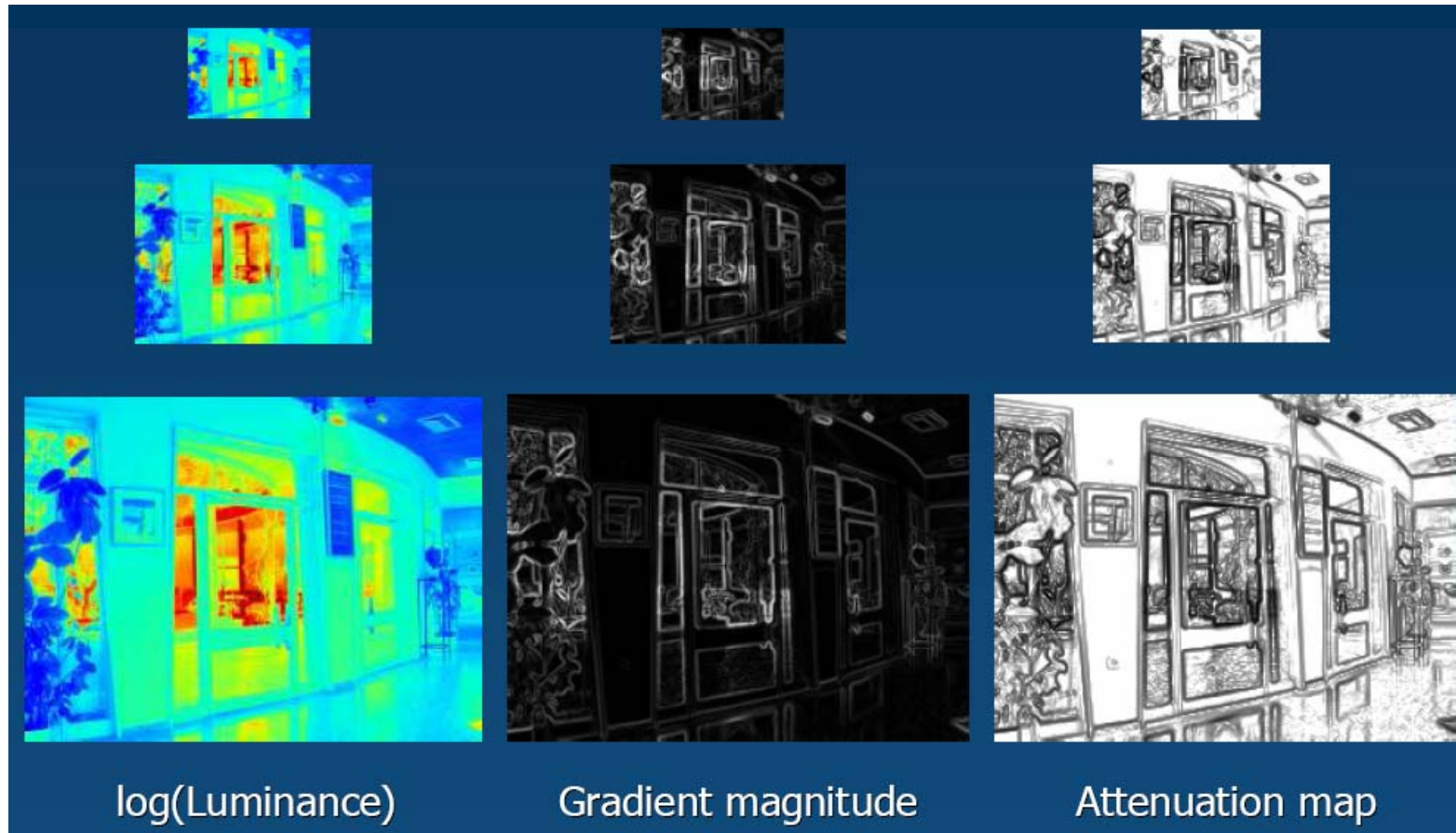
Raanan Fattal, Dani Lischinski, and
Michael Werman
SIGGRAPH 2002.

Gradient Tone Mapping



Slide from Siggraph 2005 by Raskar (Graphs by Fattal et al.)

Gradient attenuation



From Fattal et al.

Interactive Local Adjustment of Tonal Values

Dani Lischinski

Zeev Farbman

The Hebrew University

Matt Uyttendaele

Rick Szeliski

Microsoft Research

SIGGRAPH 2006

Tonal Manipulation

- brightness
- exposure
- contrast
- saturation
- color temperature
- ...



Interpretation 1:



Interpretation 2:



Interpretation 3:



This Work is About:

New tool for interactive tonal manipulation:
developing negatives in the digital darkroom.

Target material:

- HDR images: the ultimate digital negative.
- Camera RAW images: the most common digital negative.
- Ordinary snapshots.

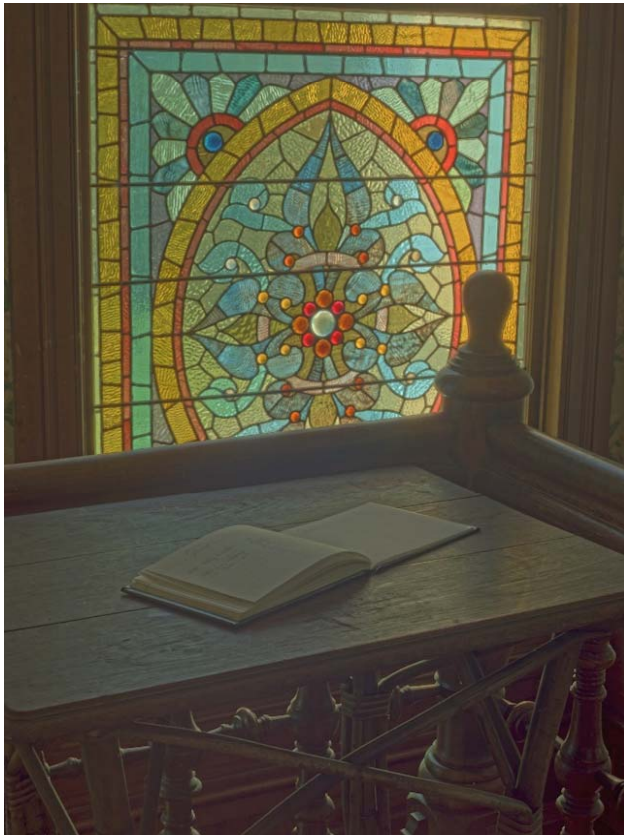
Existing Tools

Automatic tone mapping algorithms

- Why do we need yet another tone mapping approach?
- Why interactive rather than automatic?

Image manipulation and editing packages, e.g.,
Adobe Photoshop.

Tone Reproduction Operators



Bilateral Filtering

Durand & Dorsey 2002

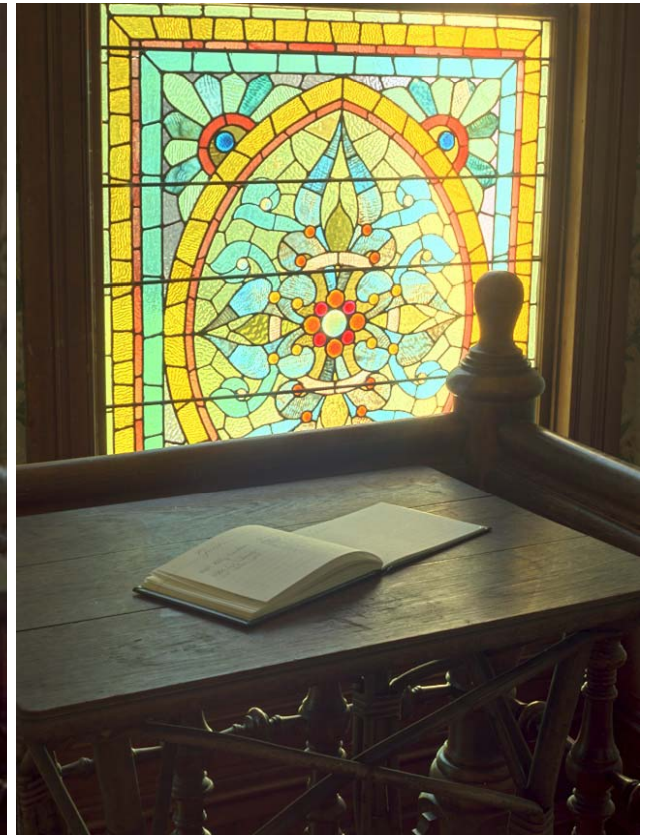
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Gradient Domain

Fattal et al. 2002

Computational Photography

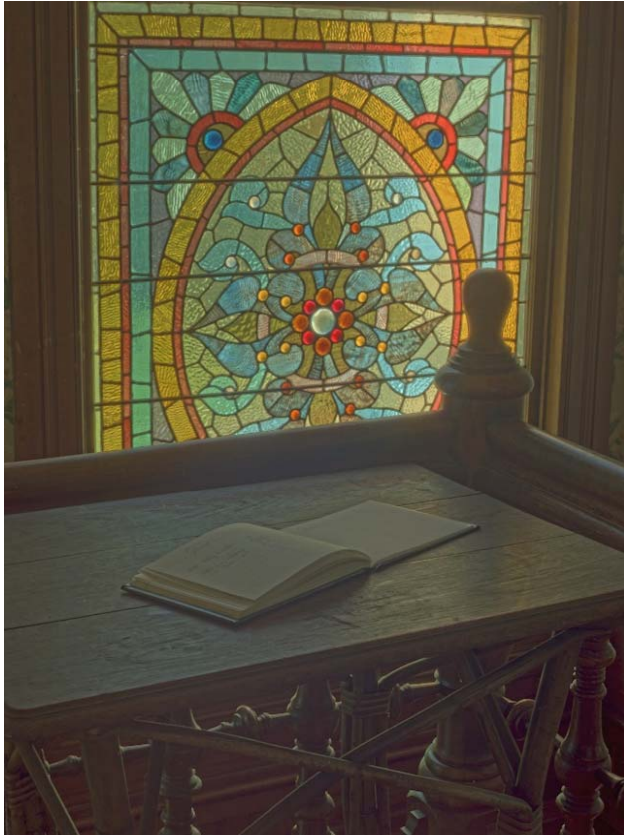


Photographic

Reinhard et al. 2002

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Automatic vs. Interactive



Bilateral Filtering

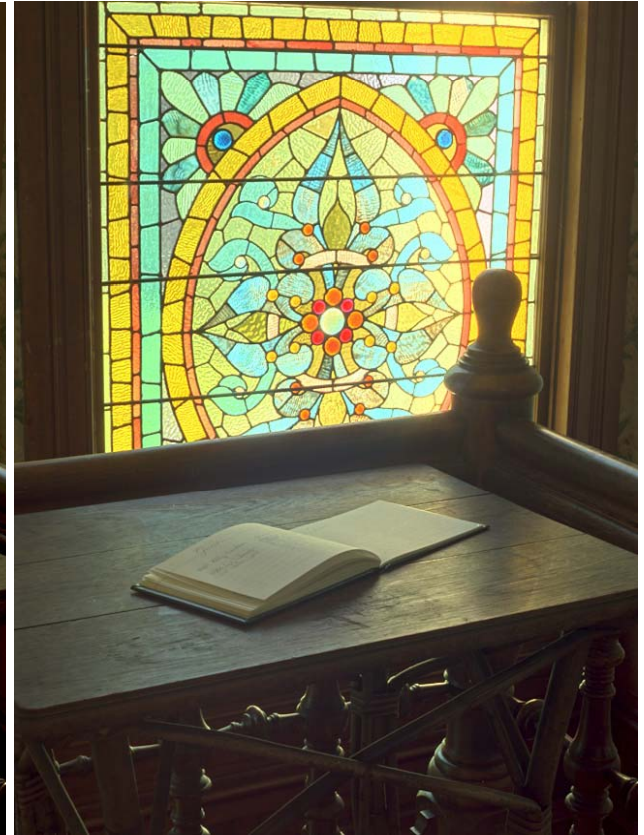
Durand & Dorsey 2002

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Automatic vs. Interactive

Existing automatic TM operators are “black boxes”

- No direct control over the outcome
- No local adjustment
- Not suitable for creative/artistic work
- Results do not always look “photographic”
- Most operators not *really* automatic

But What About Photoshop?

You can do just about everything ...

Adjustment Layers

Layer Masks

- Select regions
- Paint blending weights

... but you need a lot of experience, patience,
and time!

Example

15 minutes in Photoshop:

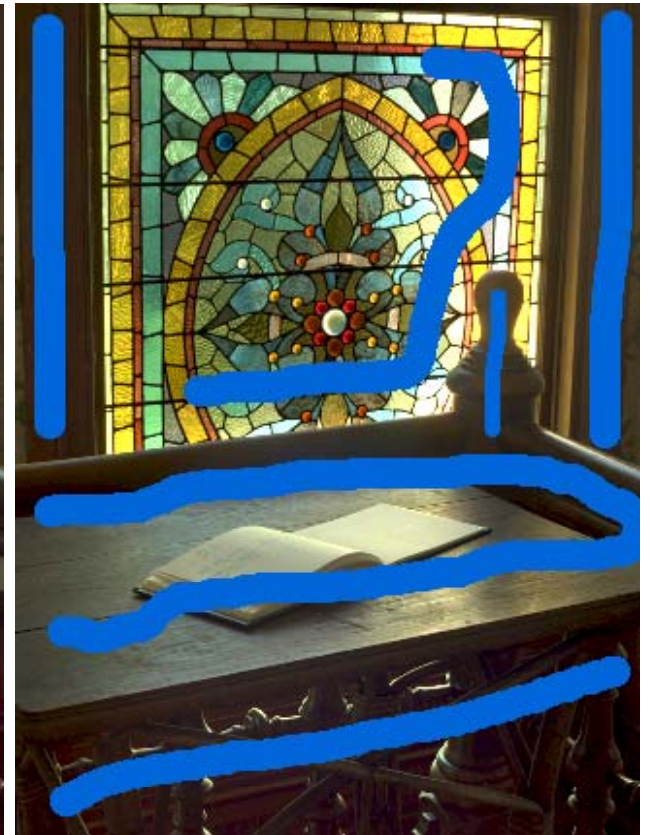


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3 minutes:



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Approach

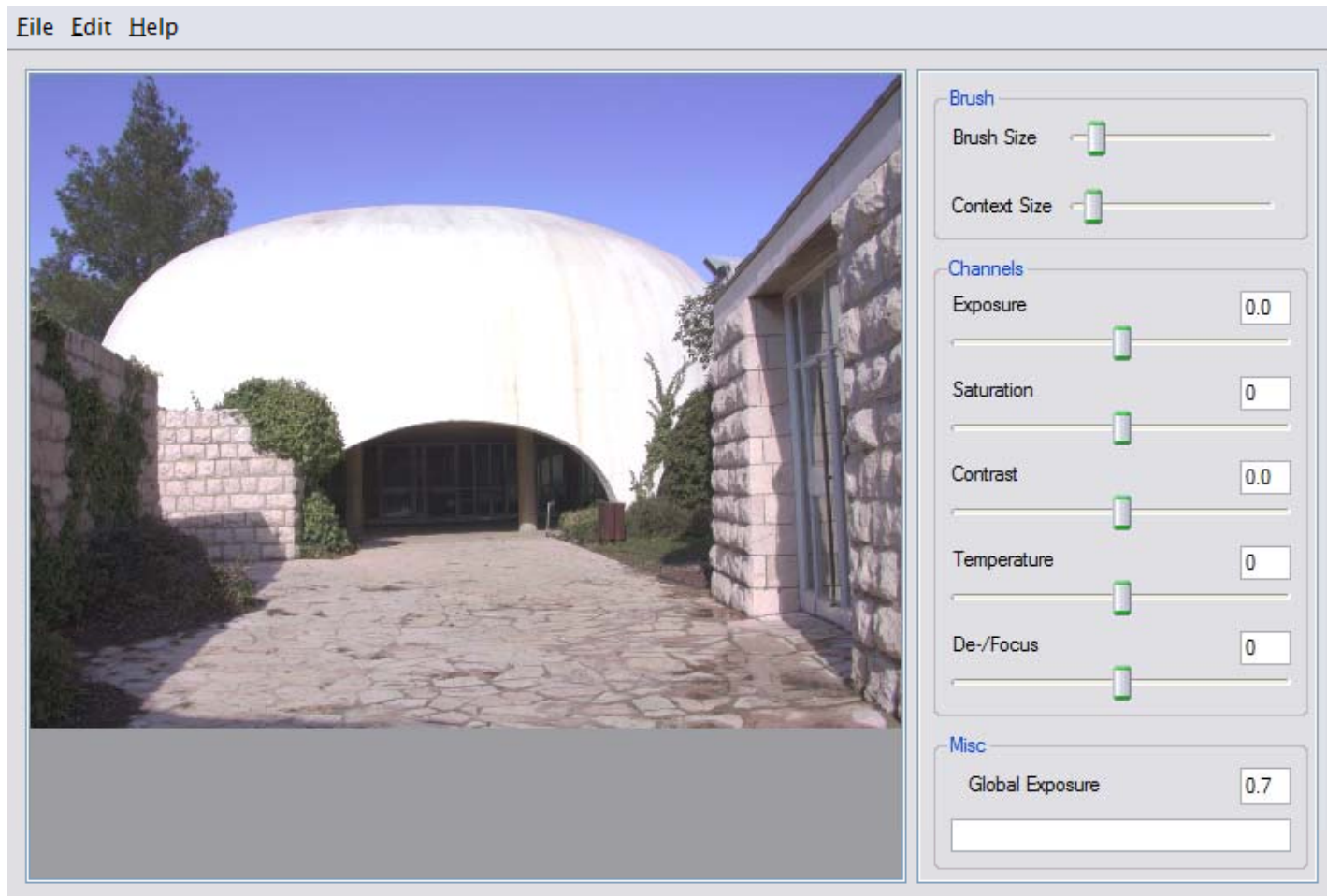
User indicates regions using scribbles.

User adjusts tonal values using sliders.

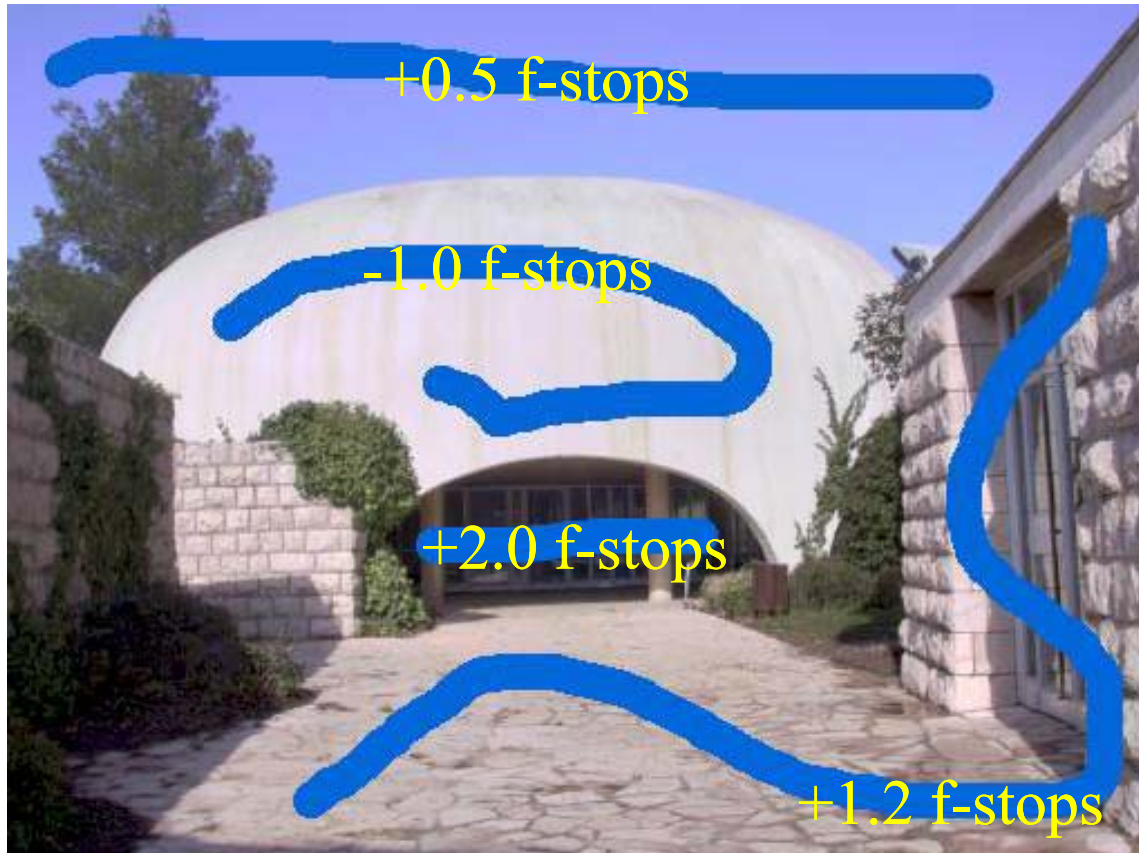
Scribbles + tonal values are interpreted as soft constraints.

Optimization framework “propagates” the constraints to the entire image.

User interface



Input: constraints



Result: adjustment map



Constraint Propagation

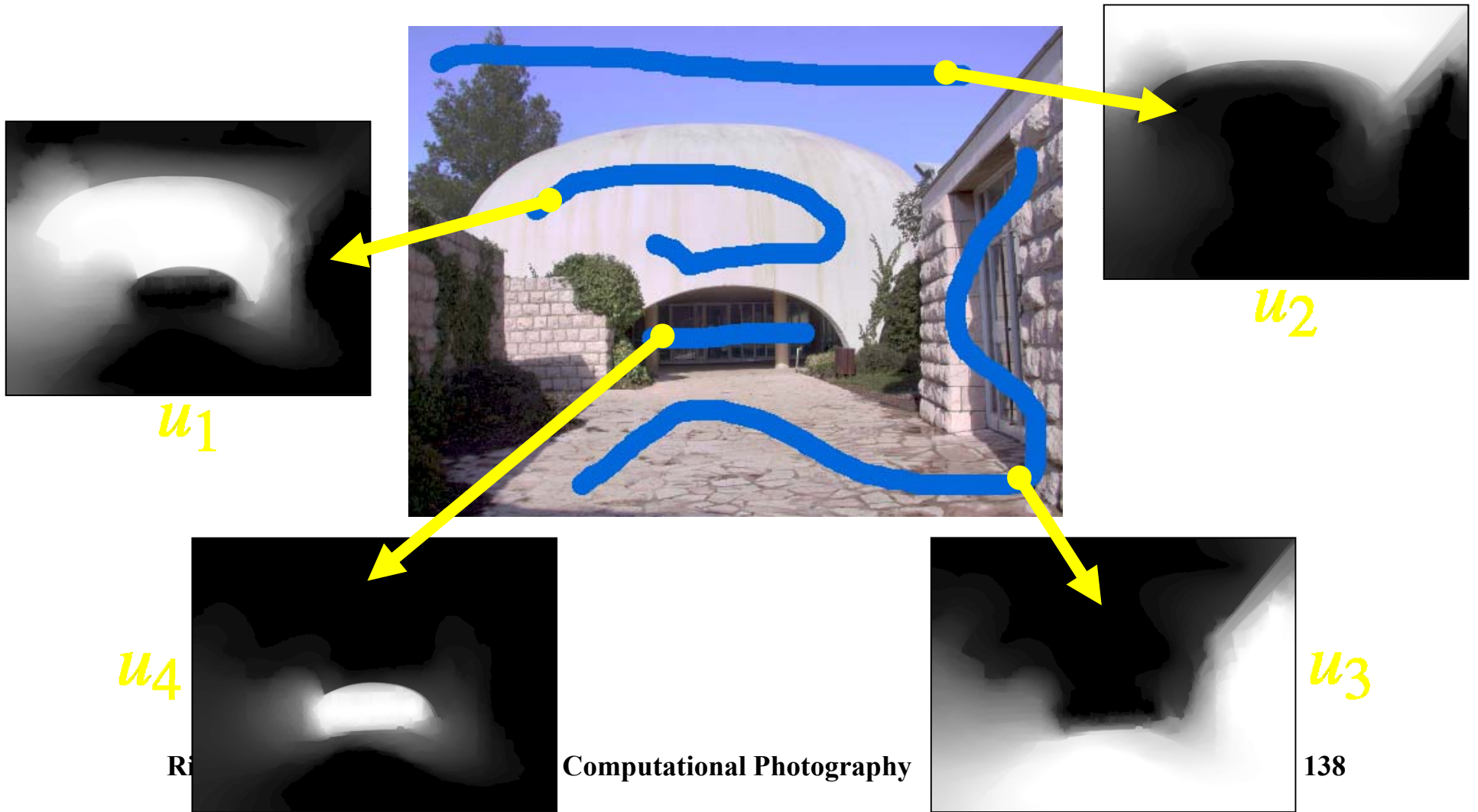
Approximate constraints with a function whose smoothness is determined by underlying image:

$$f = \arg \min_f \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x}} w(\mathbf{x}) (f(\mathbf{x}) - g(\mathbf{x}))^2}_{\text{data term}} + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{x}} h(\nabla f, \nabla L)}_{\text{smoothness term}} \right\}$$

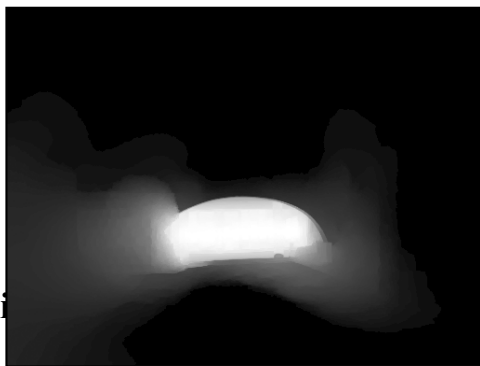
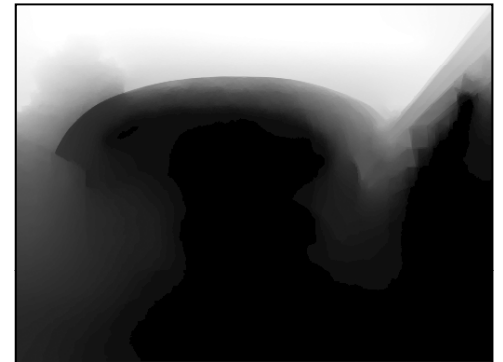
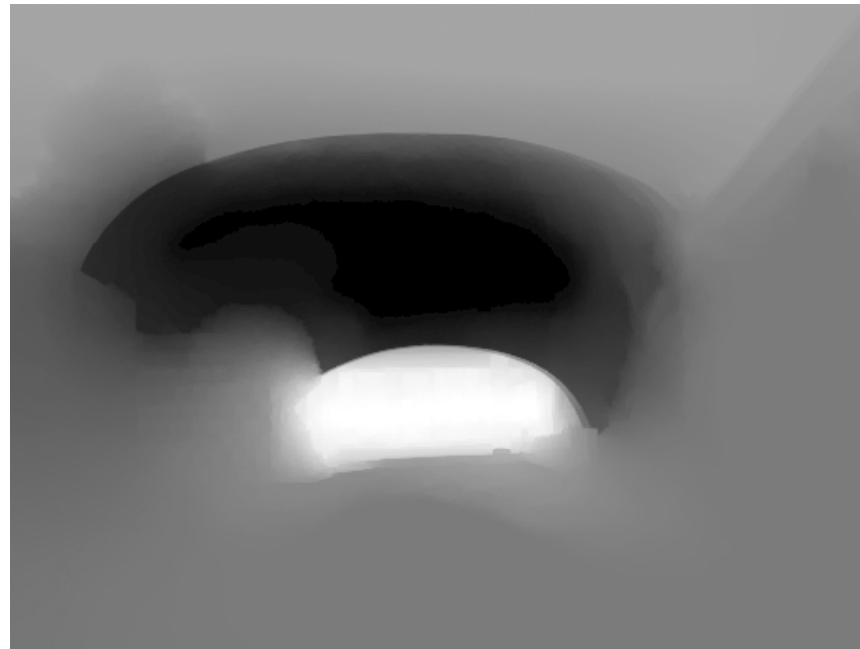
Our smoothness term:

$$h(\nabla f, \nabla L) = \frac{|f_x|^2}{|L_x|^\alpha + \varepsilon} + \frac{|f_y|^2}{|L_y|^\alpha + \varepsilon}$$

Influence Functions

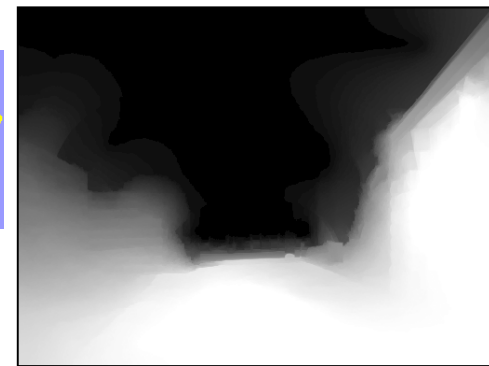


Influence Functions



$$f = \sum_c g_c u_c$$

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Automatic Initialization

Inspired by Ansel Adams' "Zone System".

- Segment image (very crudely) into brightness "zones"
- Determine the desired exposure for each zone
- Let the image-guided optimization produce a piecewise smooth exposure map

Results – Automatic mode



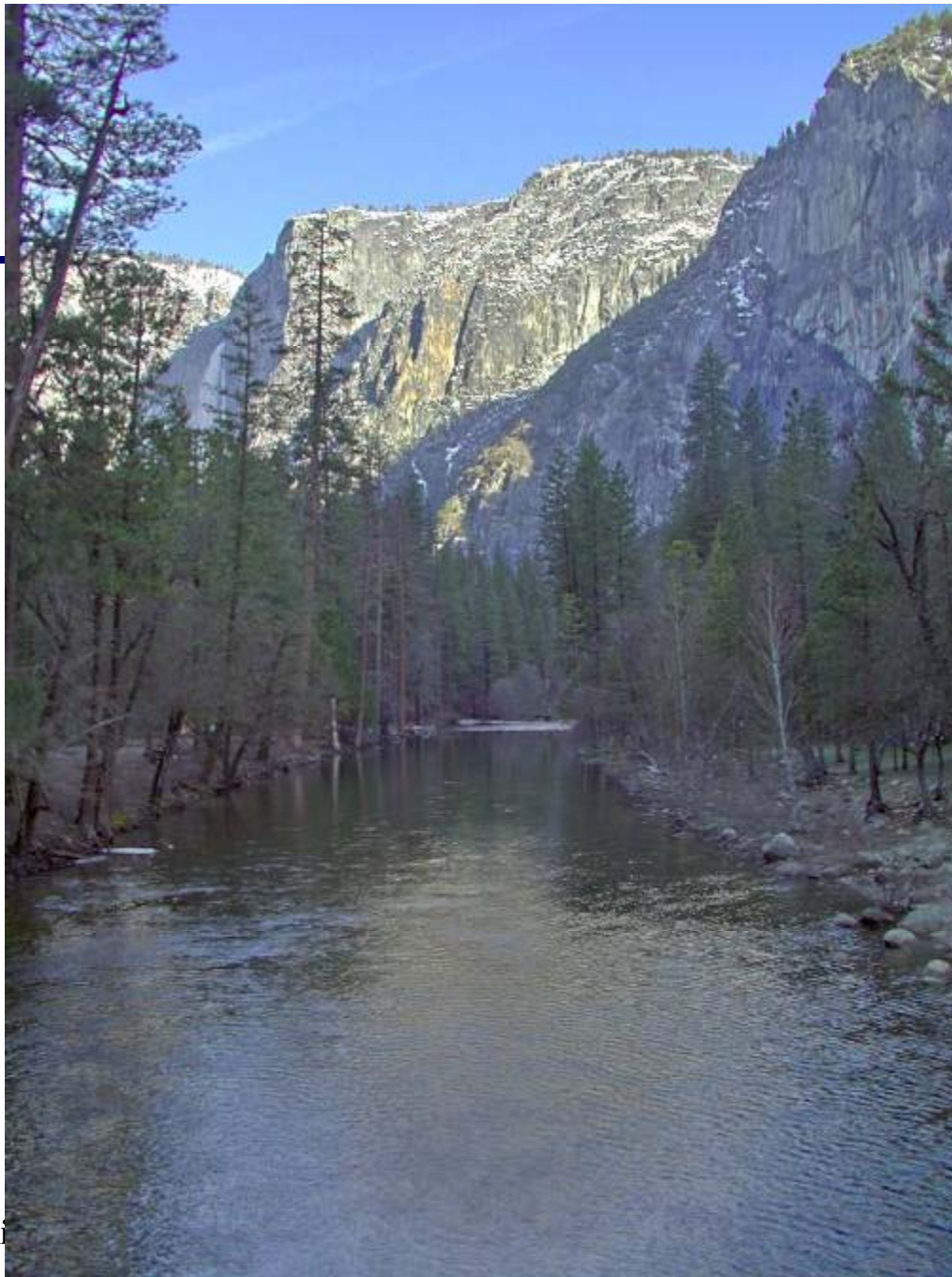


Results – Automatic mode









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Snapshot Enhancement



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Comparison of tone mappers

Durand and Dorsey. *Fast bilateral filtering for the display of high-dynamic-range images*. SIGGRAPH 2002.

Fattal, Lischinski, and Werman. *Gradient domain high dynamic range compression*. SIGGRAPH 2002.

Li, Sharan, and Adelson. *Compressing and Componding High Dynamic Range Images with Subband Architectures*. SIGGRAPH 2005.

Li et al. 2005



Fattal et al. 2002



Lischinski et al. 2006



Reinhard et al.



Dorsey 2002



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Merging flash and non-flash images

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[SIGGRAPH'2004]

Flash + non-flash images

Flash photos have less noise, more detail

Non-flash photos have better color

Idea: merge them together

- But how?



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Flash + non-flash images

Smooth non-flash photo using flash photo's edge information

Add high-frequency details from flash image



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Joint bilateral filter

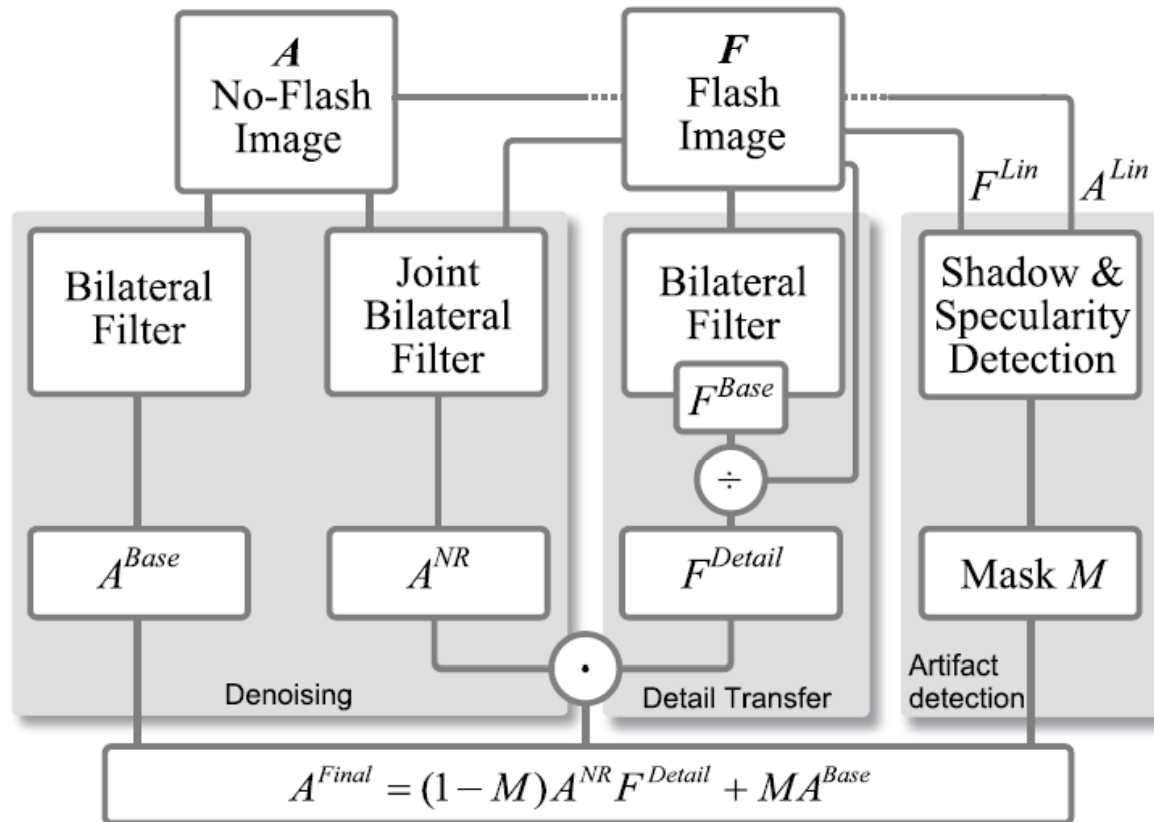


Figure 3: Overview of our algorithms for denoising, detail transfer, and flash artifact detection.

Bilateral detail filter

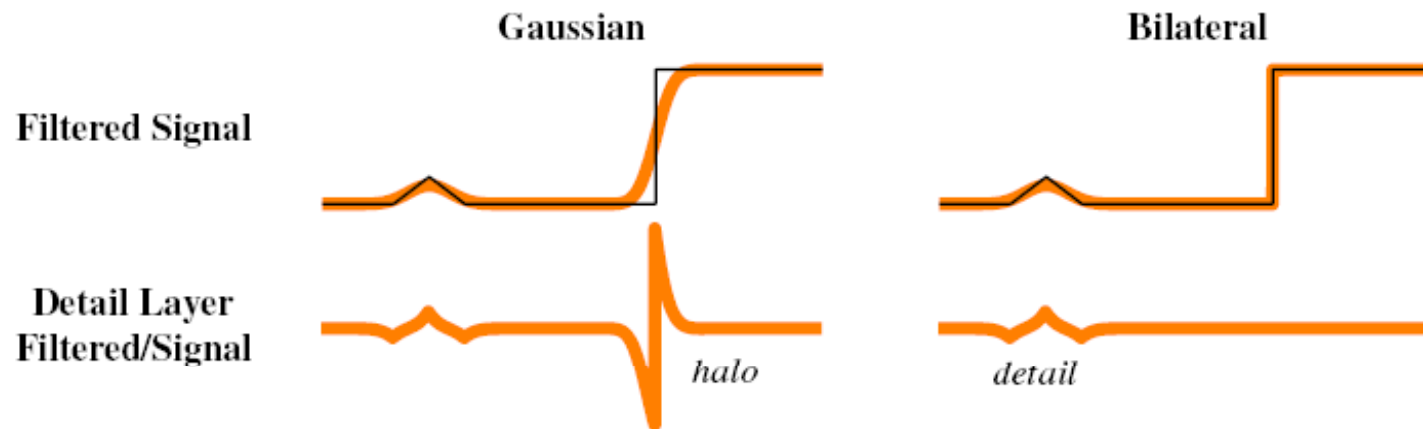


Figure 5: (left) A Gaussian low-pass filter blurs across all edges and will therefore create strong peaks and valleys in the detail image that cause halos. (right) The bilateral filter does not smooth across strong edges and thereby reduces halos, while still capturing detail.

Final result



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