Fast Bilateral Filtering for the Display of High-Dynamic-Range Images

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Contributions

- Contrast reduction for HDR images
  - Local tone mapping
  - Preserves details
  - No halo
  - Fast
- Edge-preserving filter

High-dynamic-range (HDR) images

- CG Images

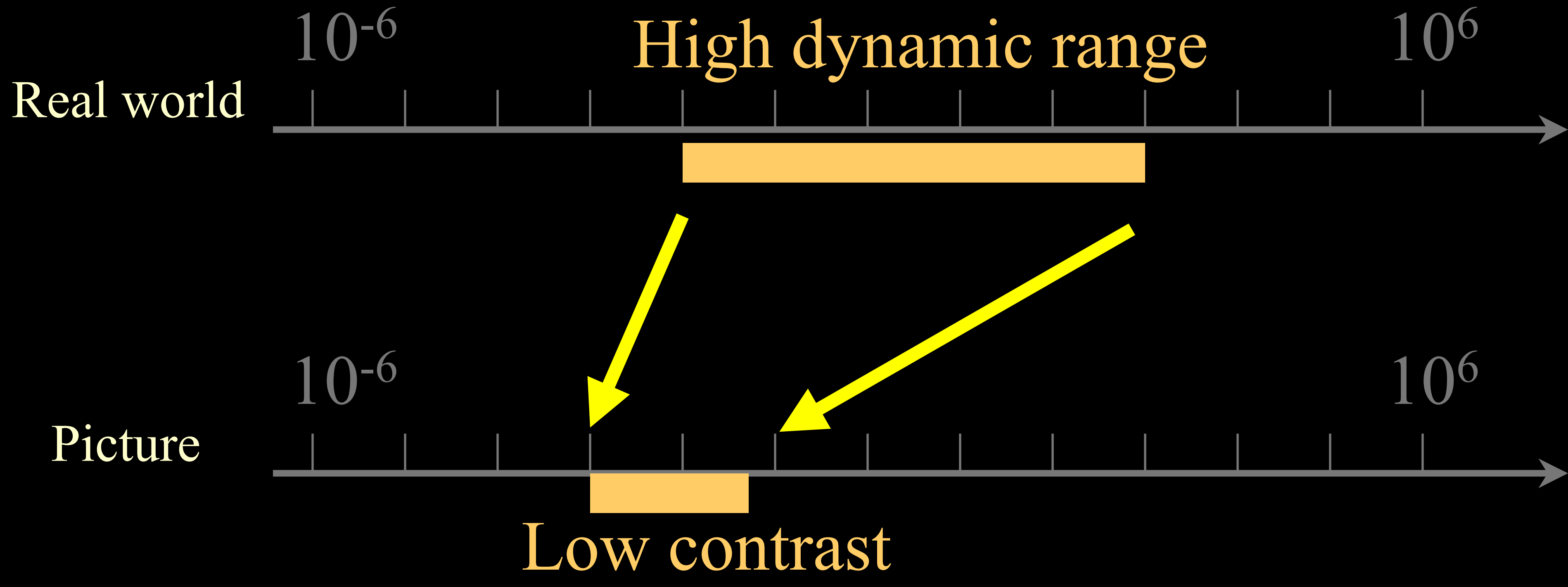
- Multiple exposure photo [Debevec & Malik 1997]

Recover response curve → HDR value for each pixel

- HDR sensors

Contrast reduction

- Match limited contrast of the medium
- Preserve details



A typical photo

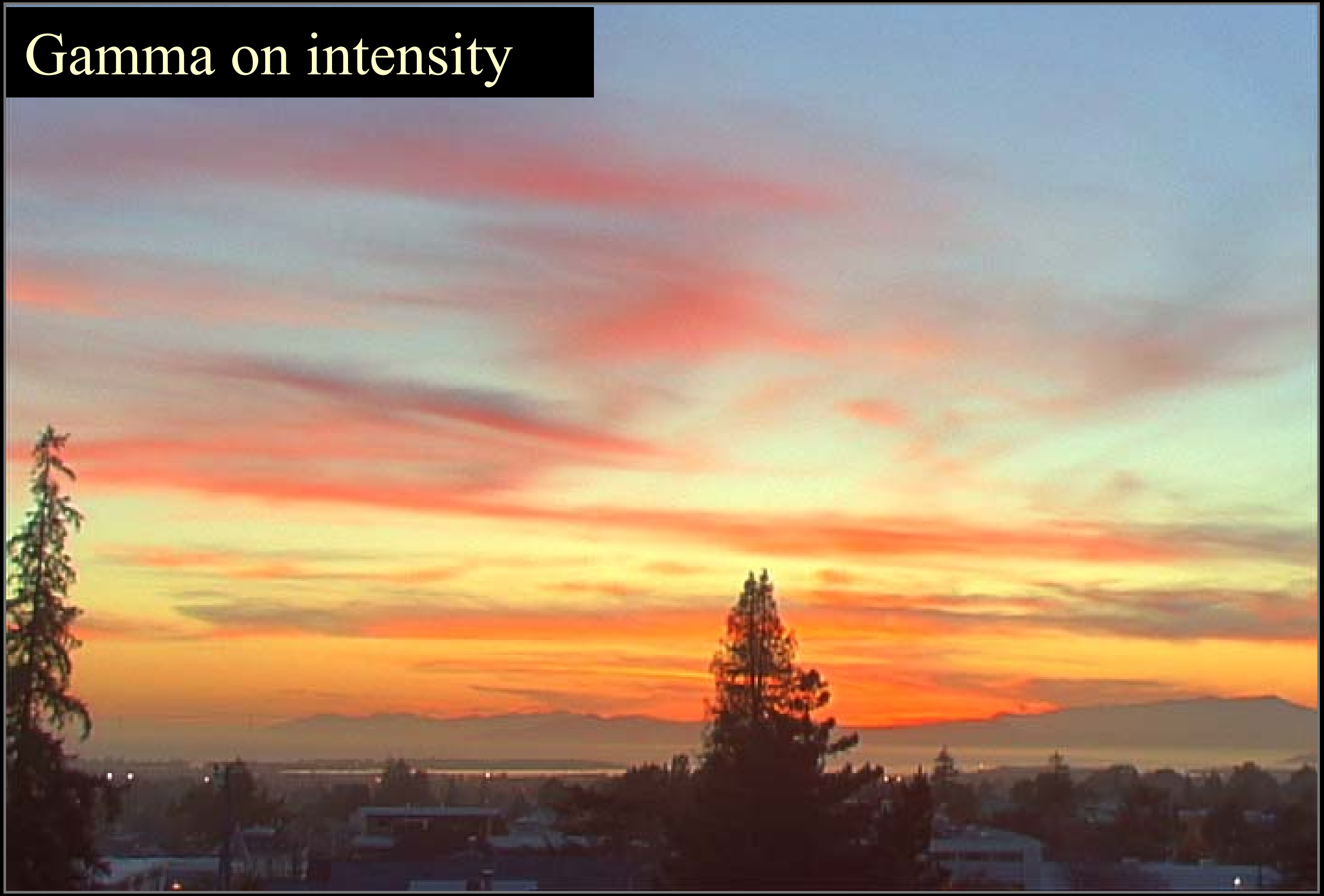
- Sun is overexposed
- Foreground is underexposed

Gamma compression

- $X \rightarrow X^{\gamma}$
- Colors are washed-out

Gamma compression on intensity

- Colors are OK,
  but details (intensity high-frequency) are blurred

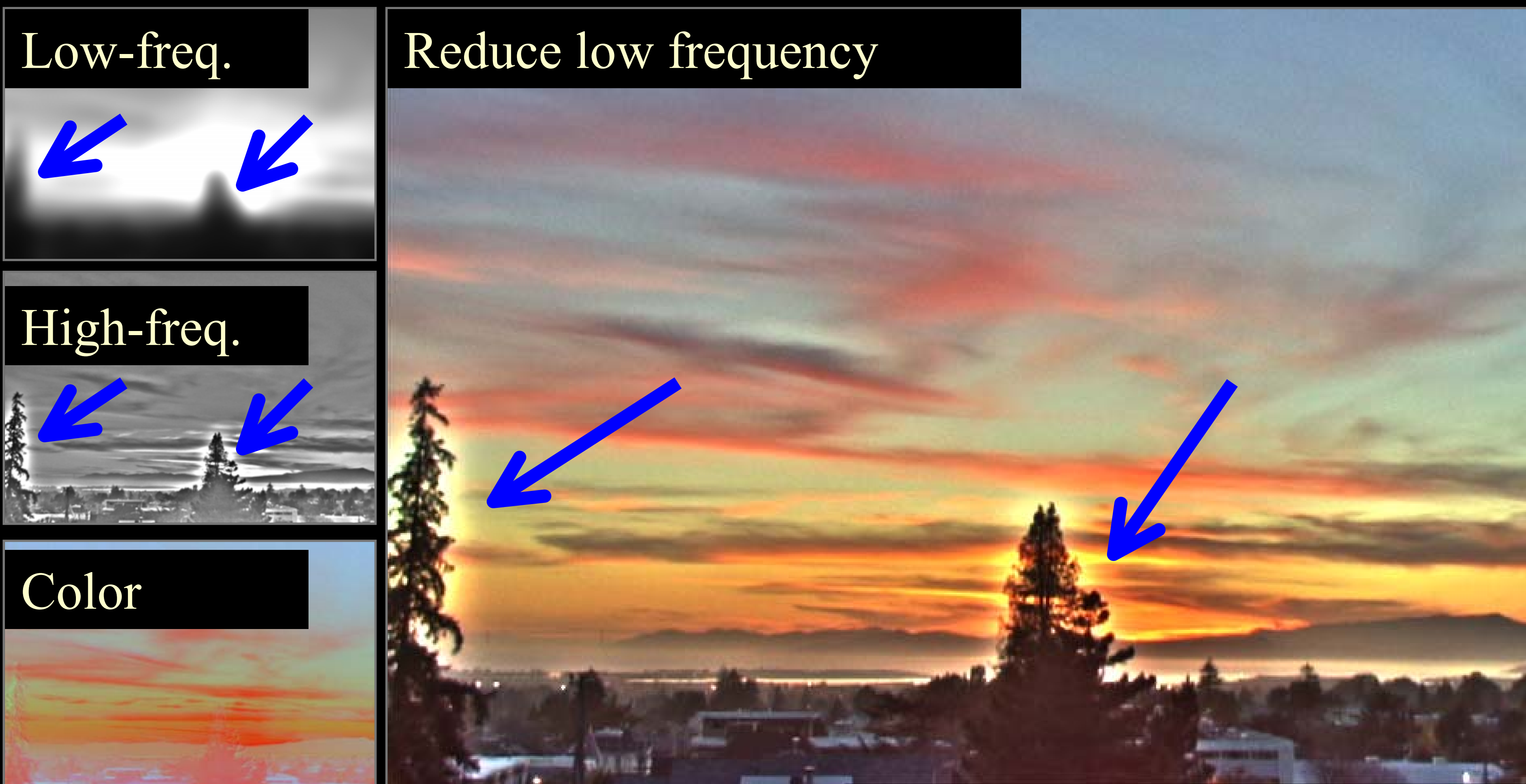


Chiu et al. 1993

- Reduce contrast of low-frequencies
- Keep high frequencies

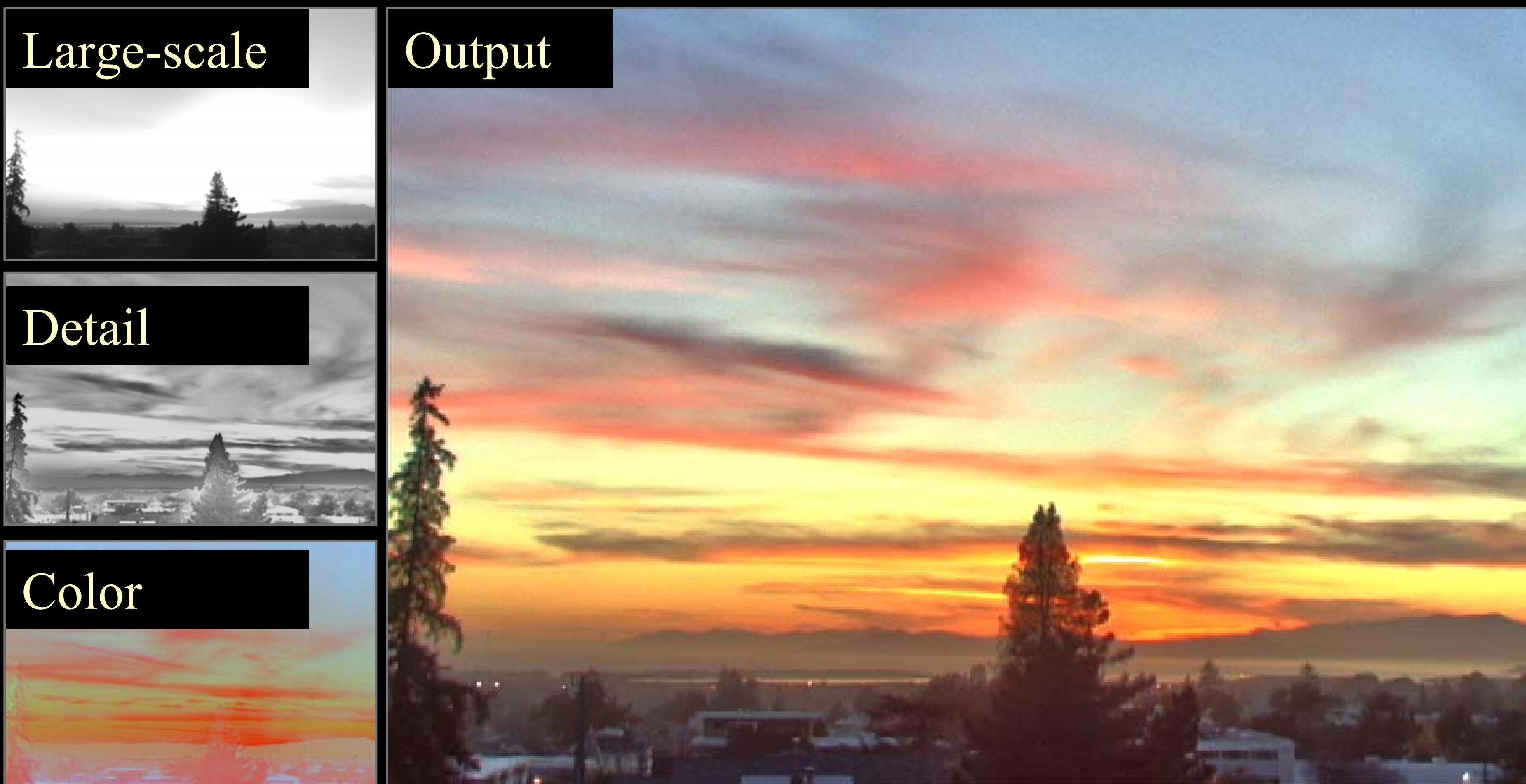
The halo nightmare

- For strong edges
- Because they contain high frequency



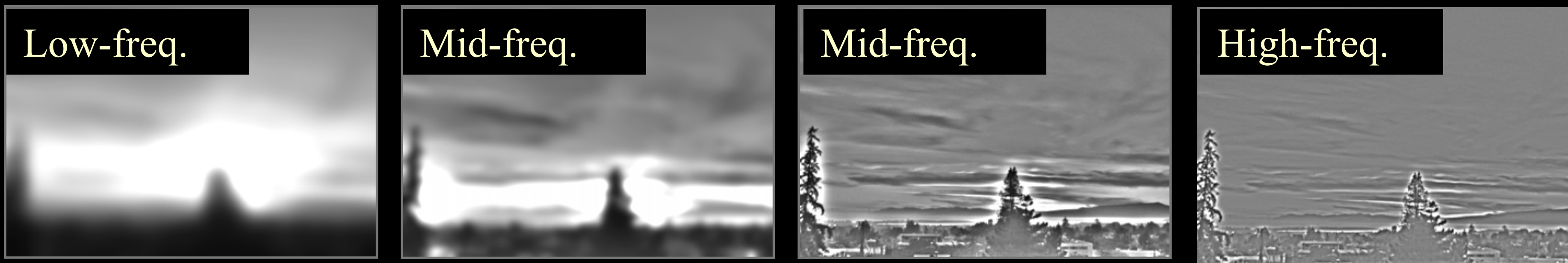
Our approach

- Do not blur across edges
- Non-linear filtering



Multiscale decomposition

- Multiscale retinex [Jobson et al. 1997]



Compressed Compressed Compressed

- Perceptual filters [Pattanaik et al. 1998]

Edge-preserving filtering

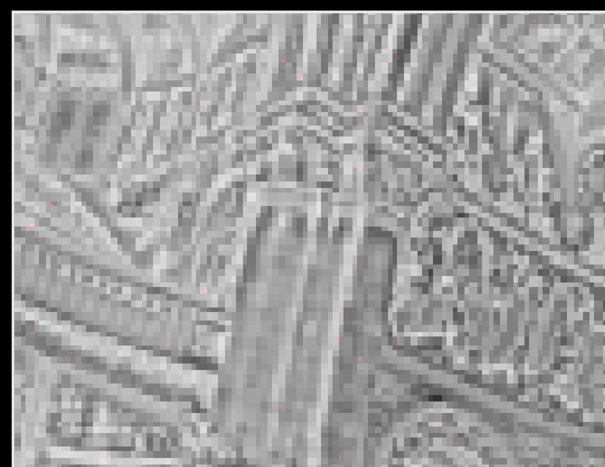
- Blur, but not across edges

- Anisotropic diffusion [Perona & Malik 90]
  - Blurring as heat flow
  - LCIS [Tumblin & Turk]
- Bilateral filtering [Tomasi & Manduci, 98]

Edge-preserving filtering & LCIS

- [Tumblin & Turk 1999]
- Multiscale decomposition using LCIS (anisotropic diffusion)

Simplified
(at multiple scales)
Compressed



Details

Output

Layer decomposition

- [Tumblin et al. 1999]
- For 3D scenes
- Reduce only illumination layer

Illumination layer
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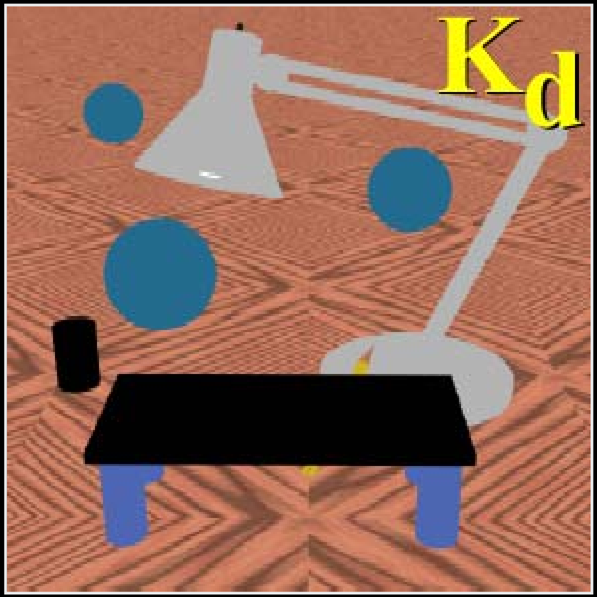
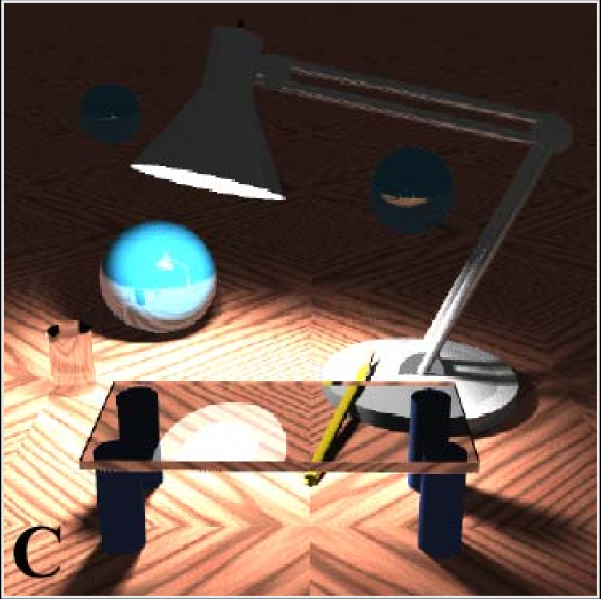


Reflectance layer



Output

Comparison with our approach

- We use only 2 scales
- Can be seen as illumination and reflectance
- Different edge-preserving filter from LCIS

Compressed

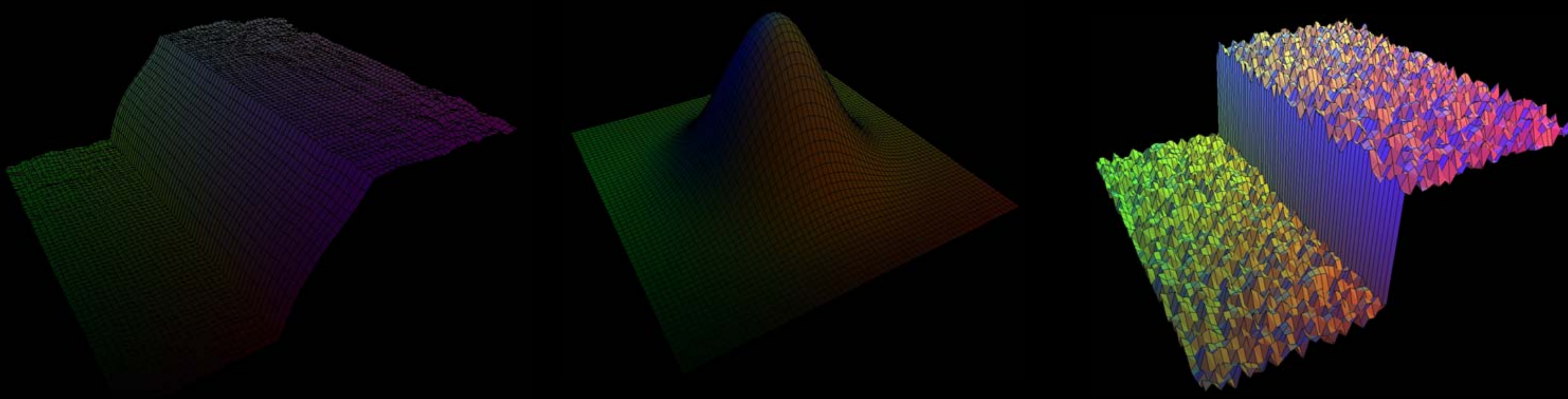
Plan

- Review of bilateral filtering [Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]
- Theoretical framework
- Acceleration
- Handling uncertainty
- Use for contrast reduction

Start with Gaussian filtering

- Here, input is a step function + noise

$$J = f \otimes I$$

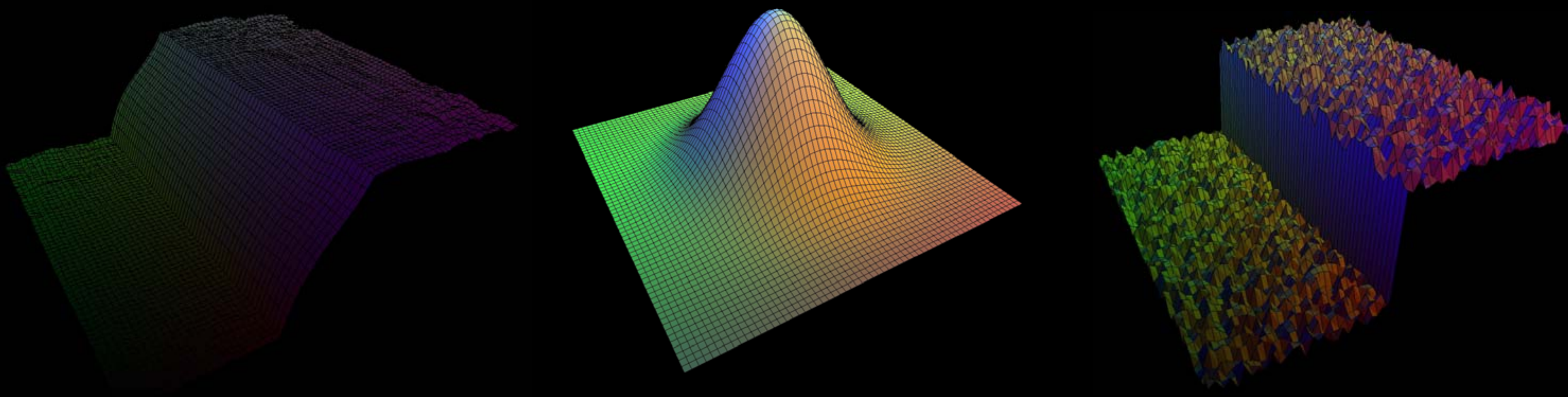


output ← input

Start with Gaussian filtering

- Spatial Gaussian f

$$J = f \otimes I$$

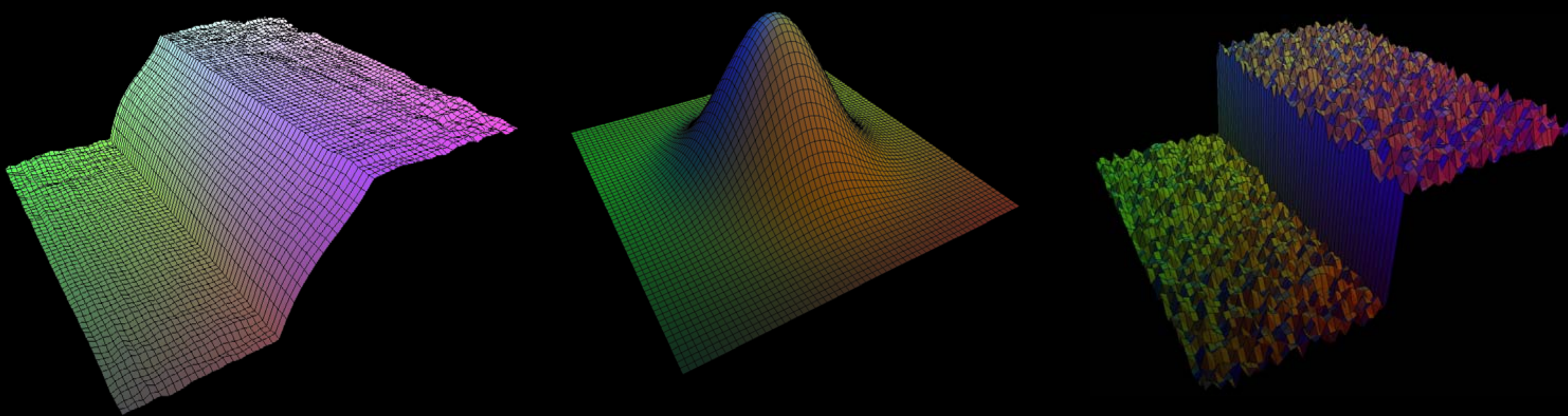


output input

Start with Gaussian filtering

- Output is blurred

$$J \quad = \quad f \quad \otimes \quad I$$

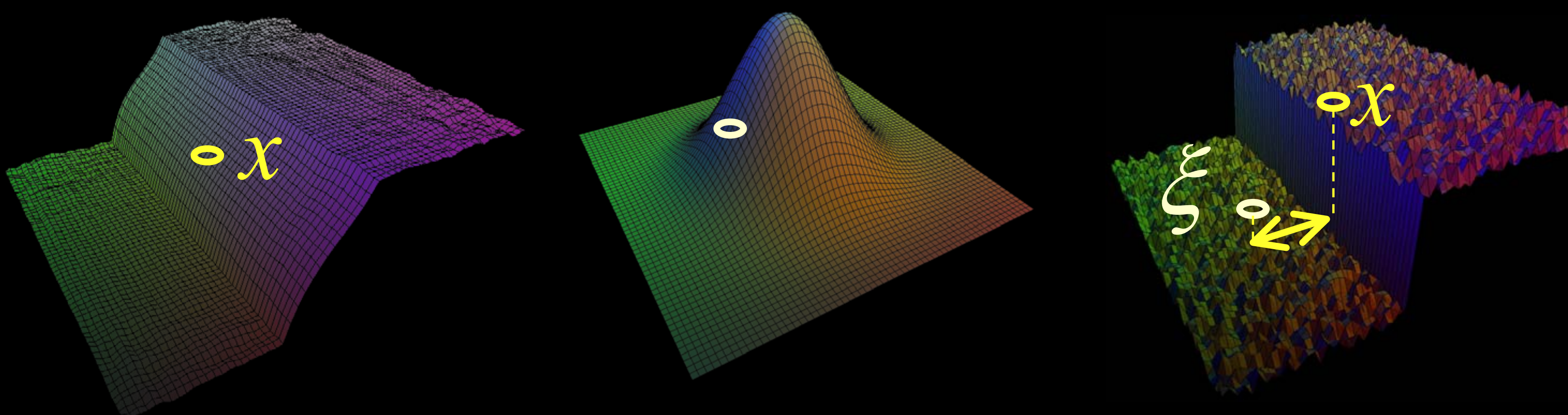


output ⟵ input

Gaussian filter as weighted average

- Weight of ξ depends on distance to x

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi)\, I(\xi)$$

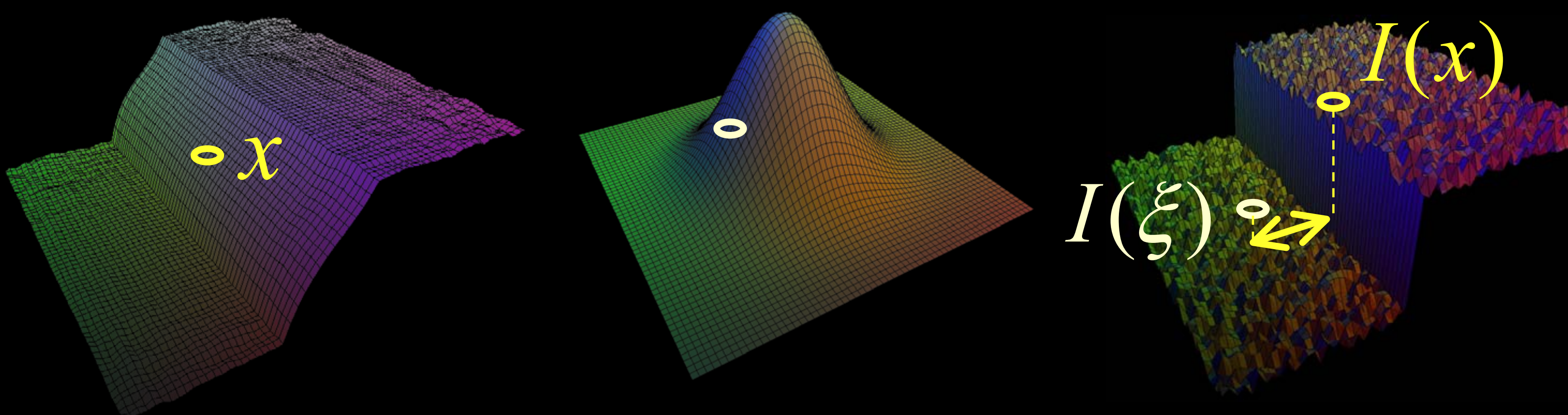


output input

The problem of edges

- Here, $I(\xi)$ "pollutes" our estimate J(x)
- It is too different

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad I(\xi)$$



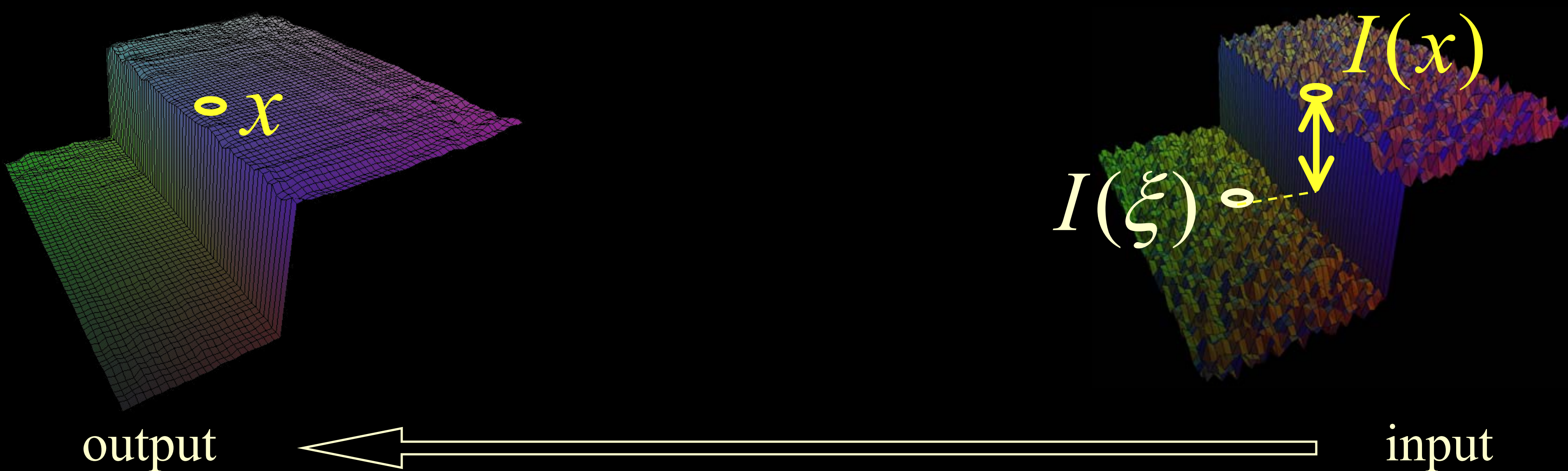
output input

Principle of Bilateral filtering

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- Penalty g on the intensity difference

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

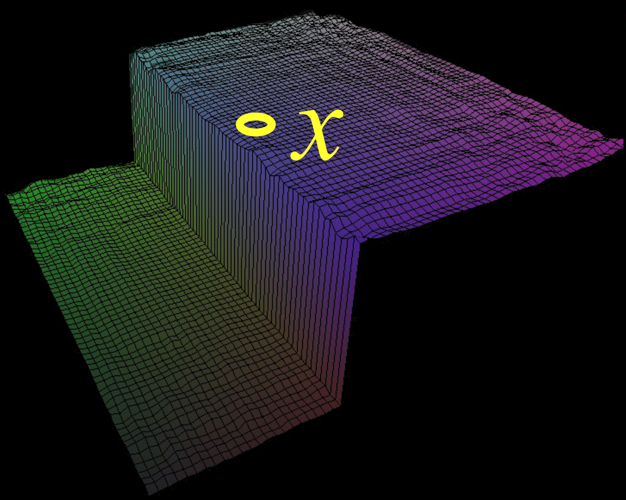


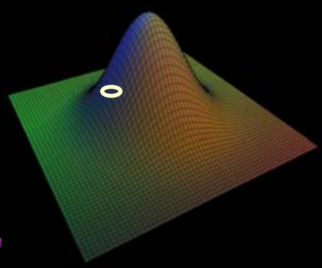
Bilateral filtering

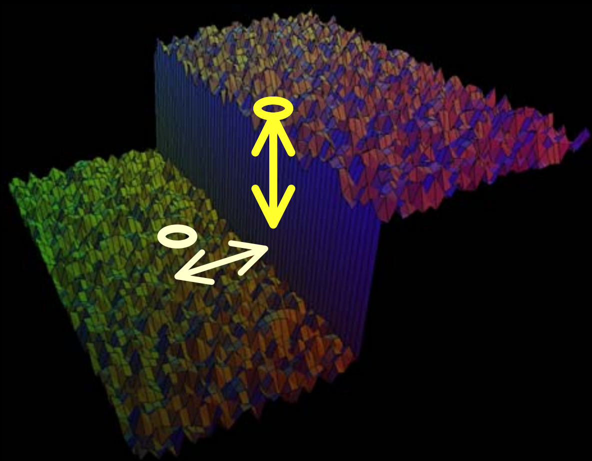
[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- Spatial Gaussian f

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







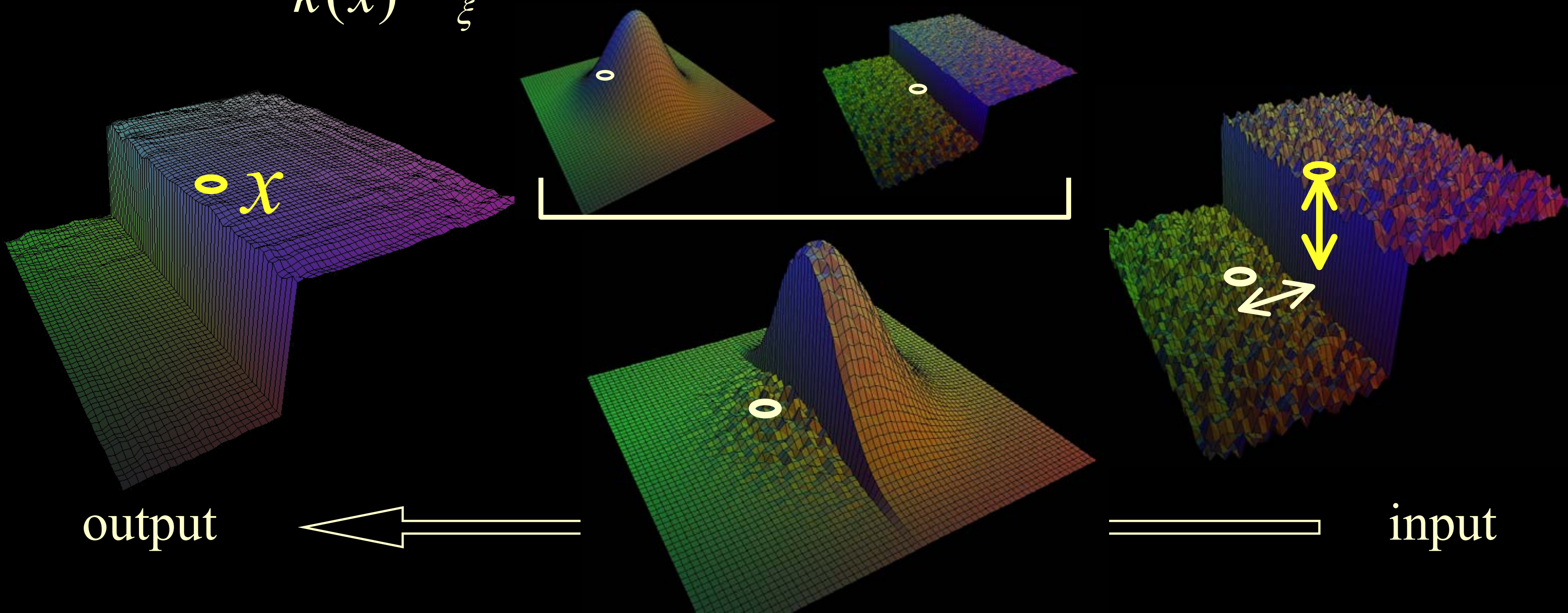
output input

Bilateral filtering

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- Spatial Gaussian f
- Gaussian g on the intensity difference

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

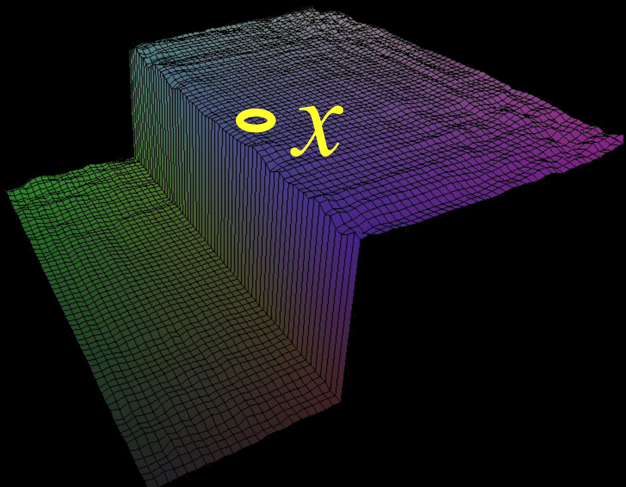


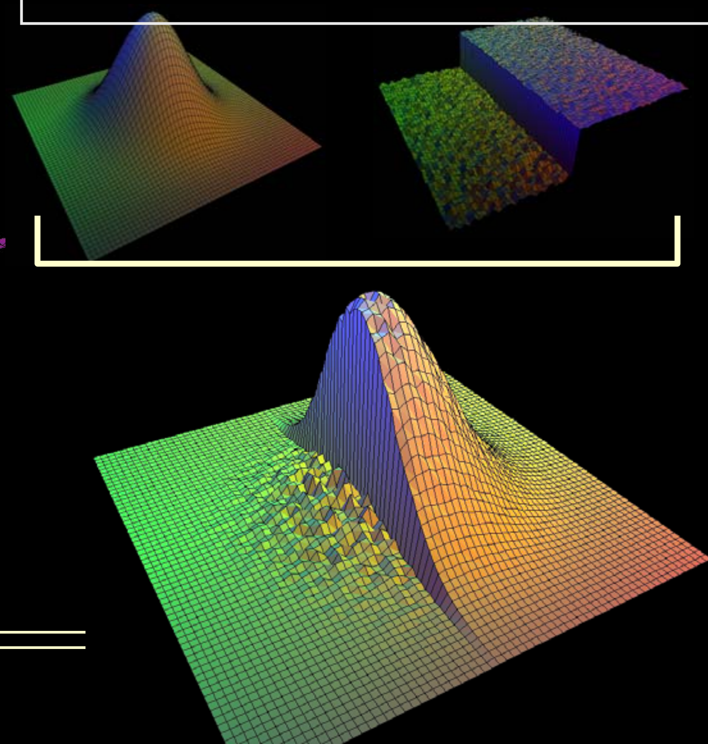
Normalization factor

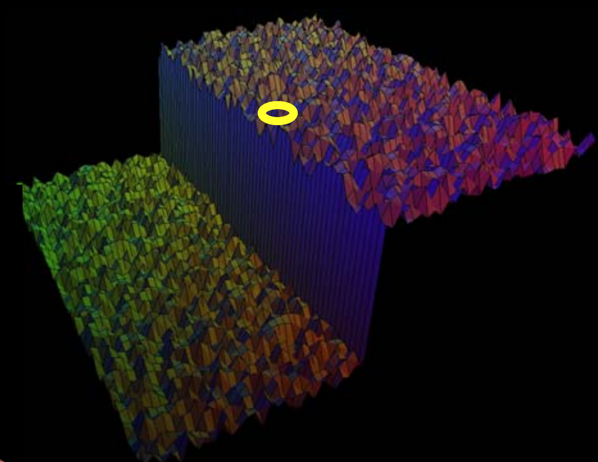
[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

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

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







output

input

Bilateral filtering is non-linear

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- The weights are different for each output pixel

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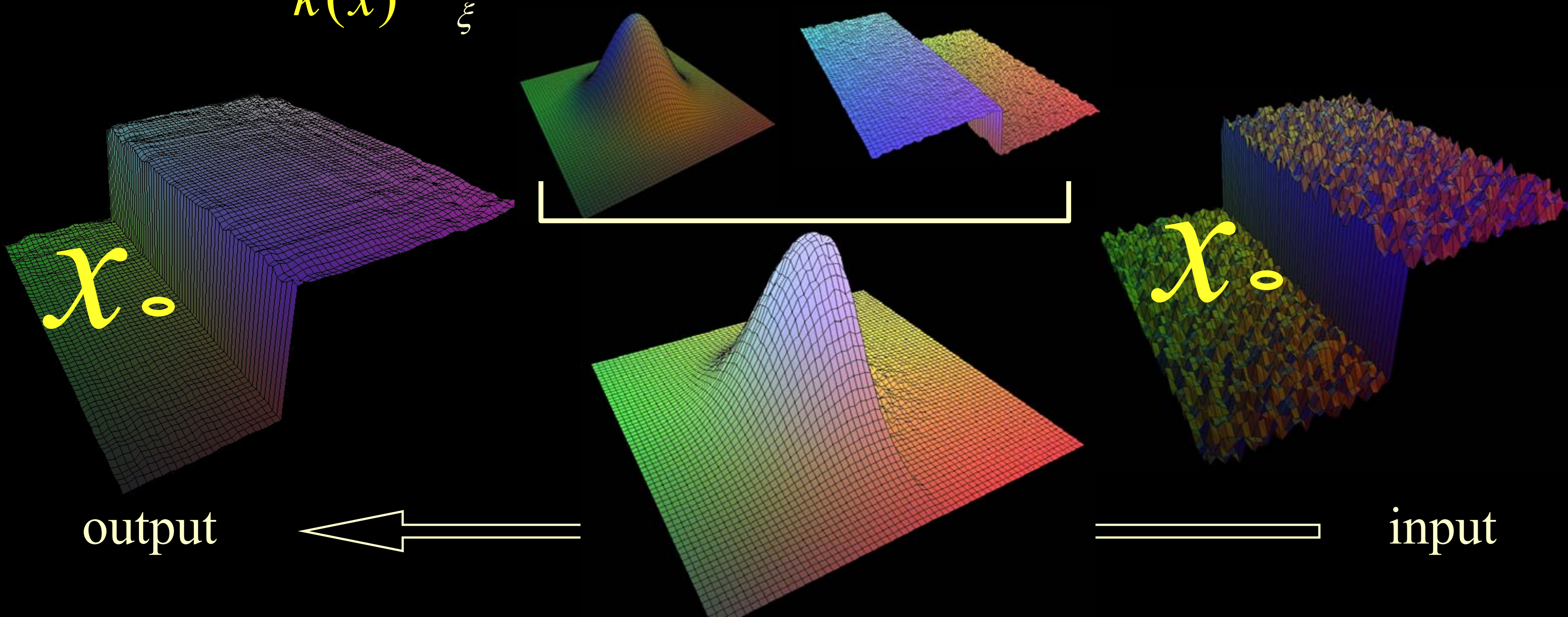


Plan

- Review of bilateral filtering [Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]
- Theoretical framework
- Acceleration
- Handling uncertainty
- Use for contrast reduction

Theoretical framework

- Framework of robust statistics
  - Output = estimator at each pixel
  - Less influence to outliers (because of g)
- Unification with anisotropic diffusion
  - Mostly equivalent
  - Some differences
- Details and other insights in paper

Spatial support

Spatial support

- Anisotropic diffusion cannot diffuse across edges

Support of anisotropic diffusion

Spatial support

- Anisotropic diffusion cannot diffuse across edges
- Bilateral filtering can
- Larger support => more reliable estimator

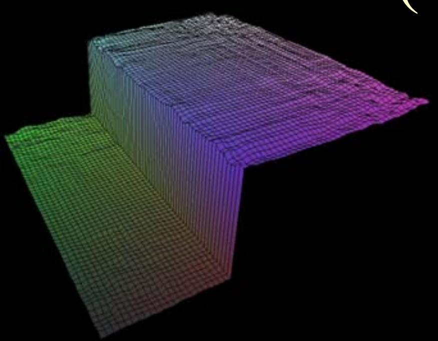
Support of anisotropic diffusion

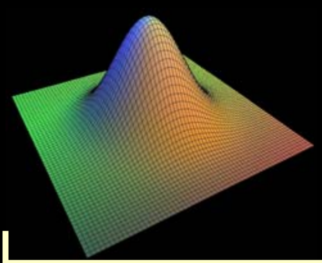
Support of bilateral

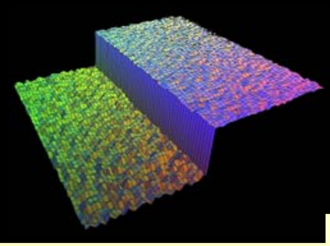
Acceleration

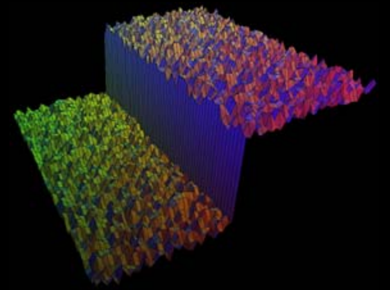
- Non-linear because of g

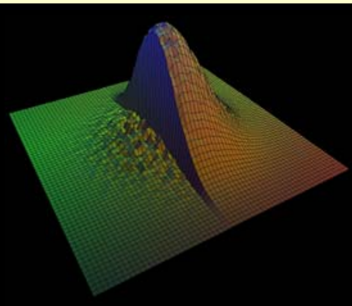
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi)-I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$







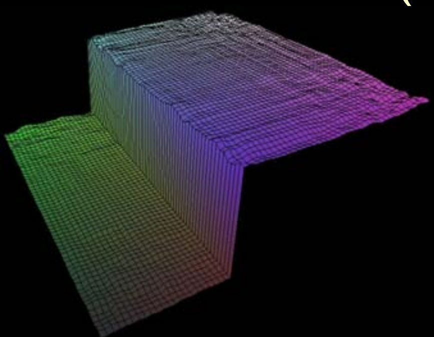
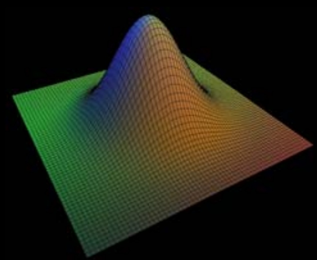
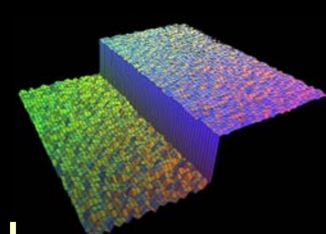
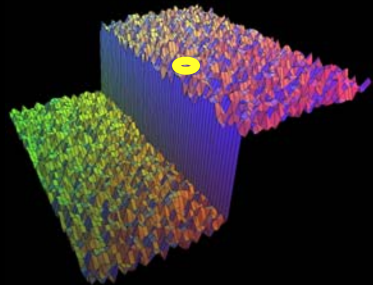
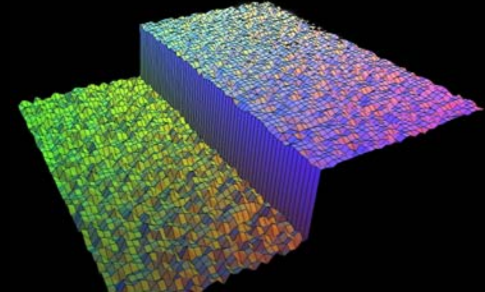




Acceleration

- Linear for a given value of I(x)
- Convolution of g I by Gaussian f

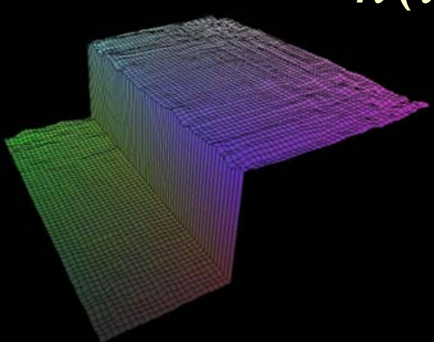
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$

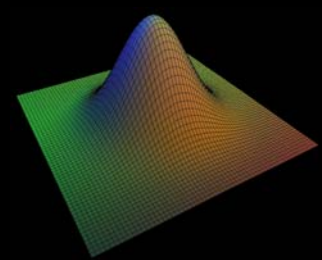






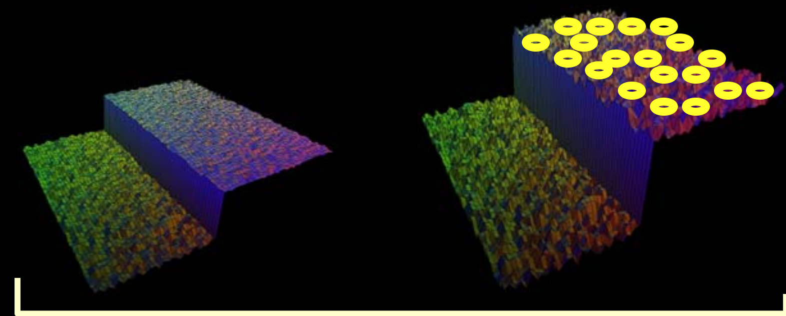
Acceleration

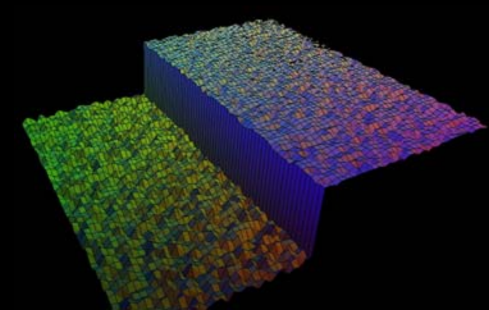
- Linear for a given value of I(x)
- Convolution of g I by Gaussian f
- Valid for all x with same value I(x)

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





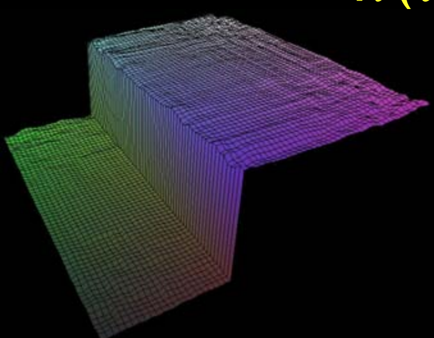
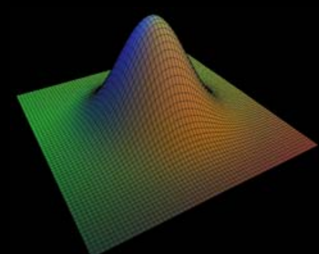
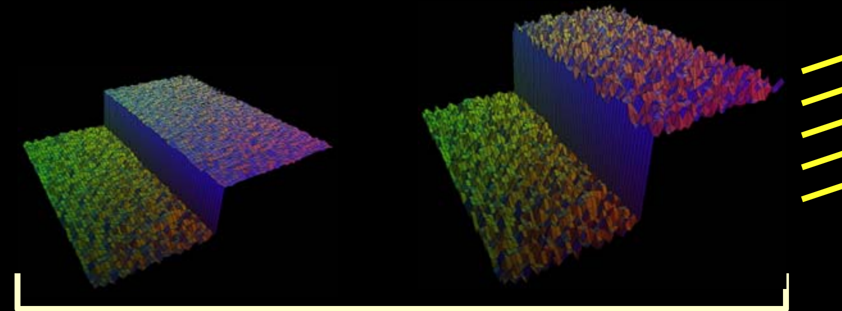




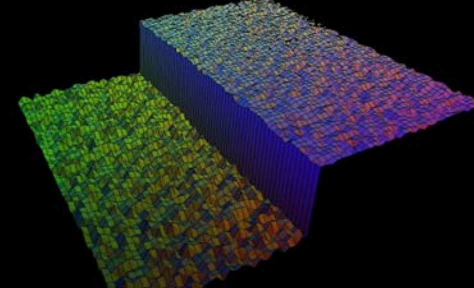
Acceleration

- Discretize the set of possible I(x)
- Perform linear Gaussian blur (FFT)
- Linear interpolation in between

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

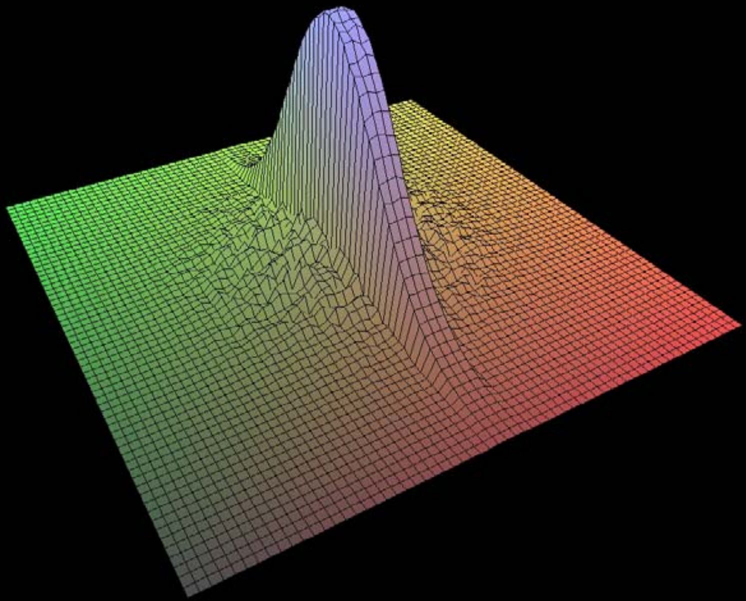




- k(x) treated similarly

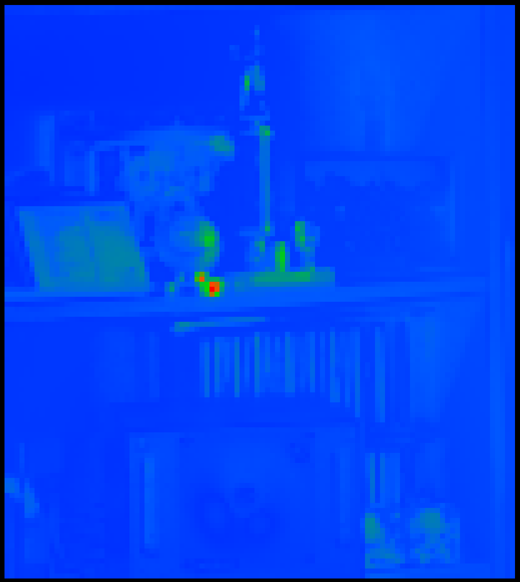


Handling uncertainty

- Sometimes, not enough “similar” pixels
- Happens for specular highlights
- Can be detected using normalization k(x)
- Simple fix (average with output of neighbors)



Weights with high uncertainty



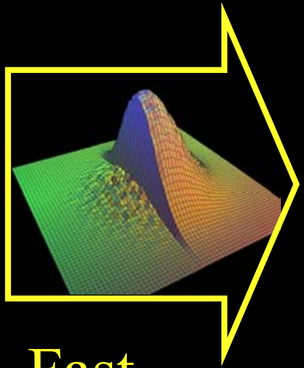
Uncertainty

Contrast reduction

Contrast
too high!

Contrast reduction

Contrast reduction



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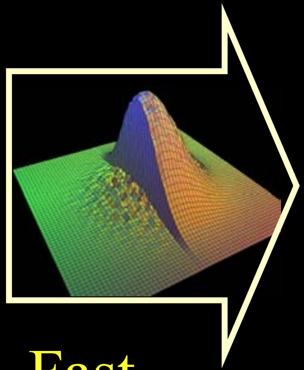

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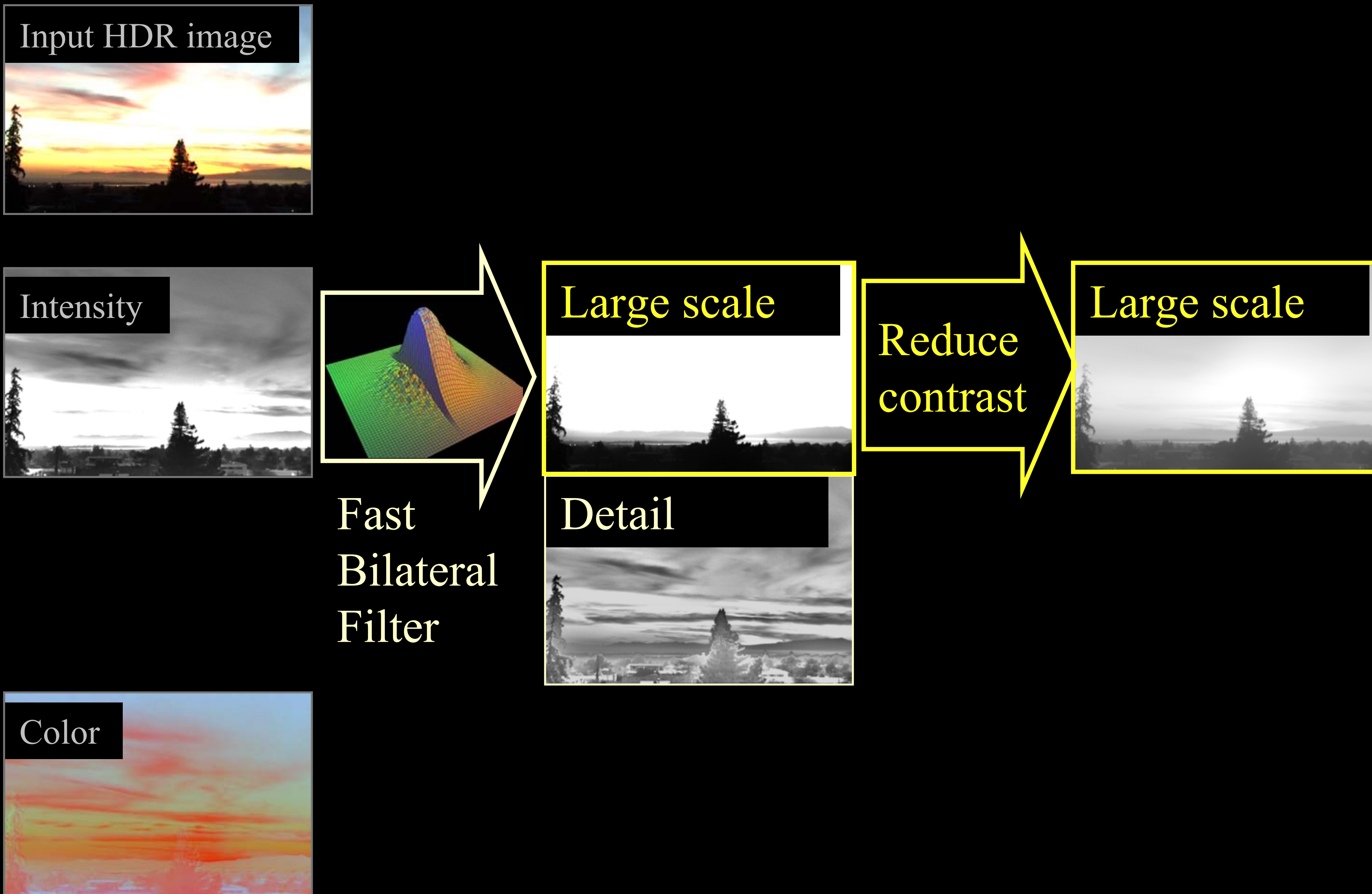

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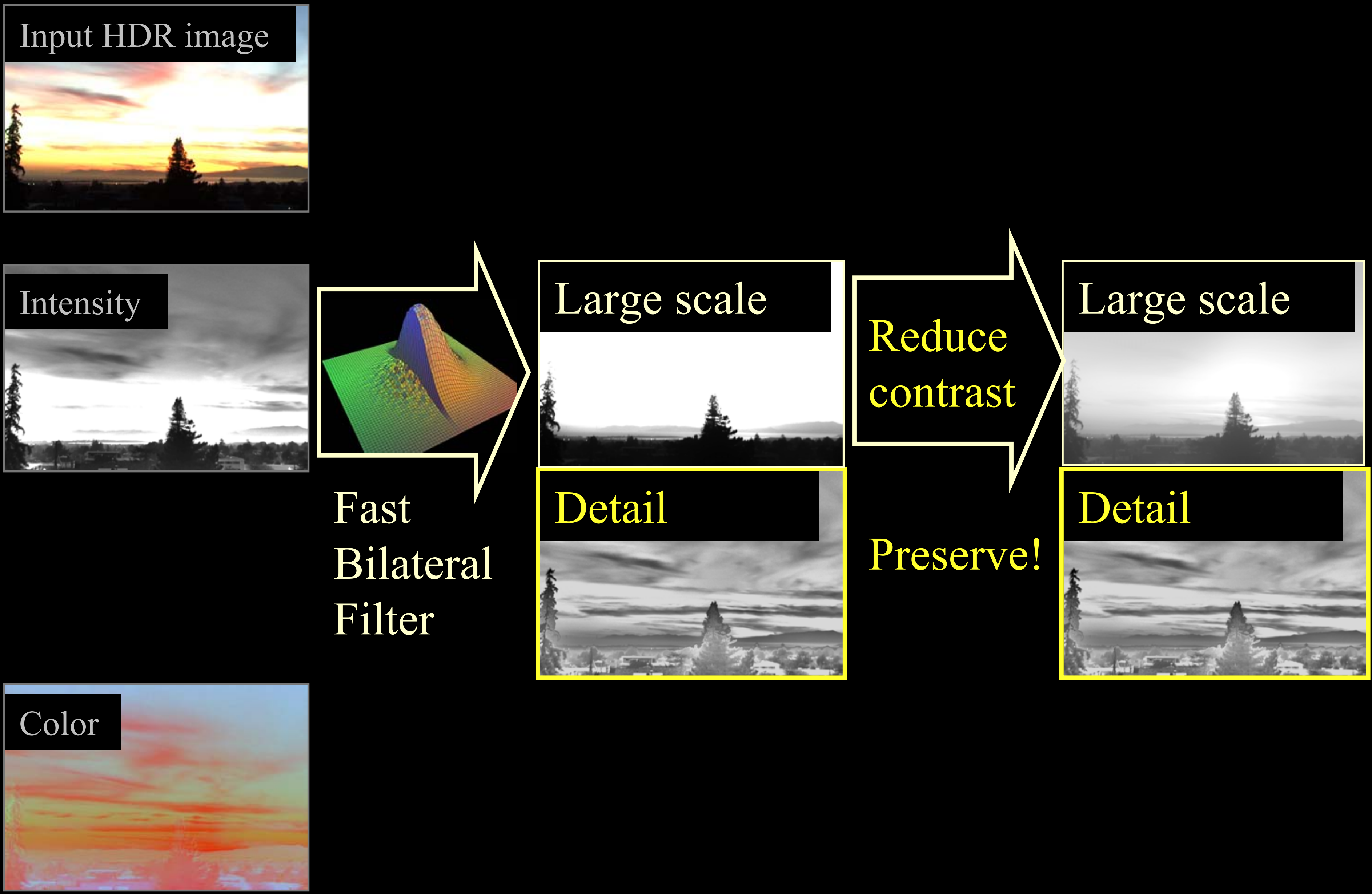

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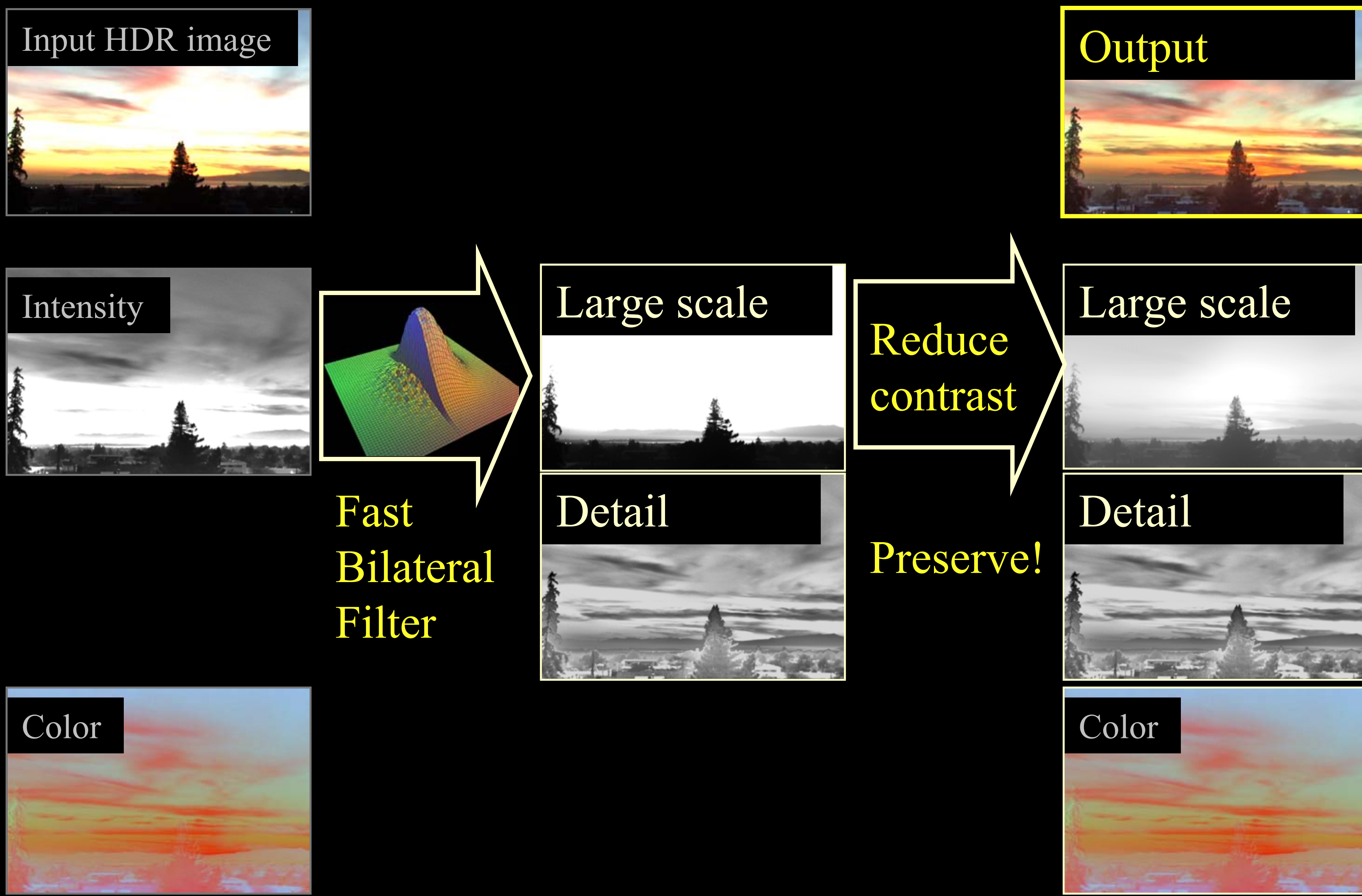
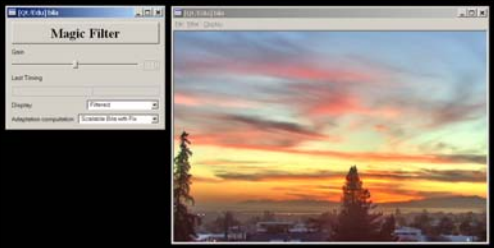


Live demo

- Xx GHz Pentium Whatever PC



Conclusions

- Edge-preserving filter
- Framework of robust statistics
- Acceleration
- Handling uncertainty

- Contrast reduction
- Can handle challenging photography issues
- Richer sensor + post-processing

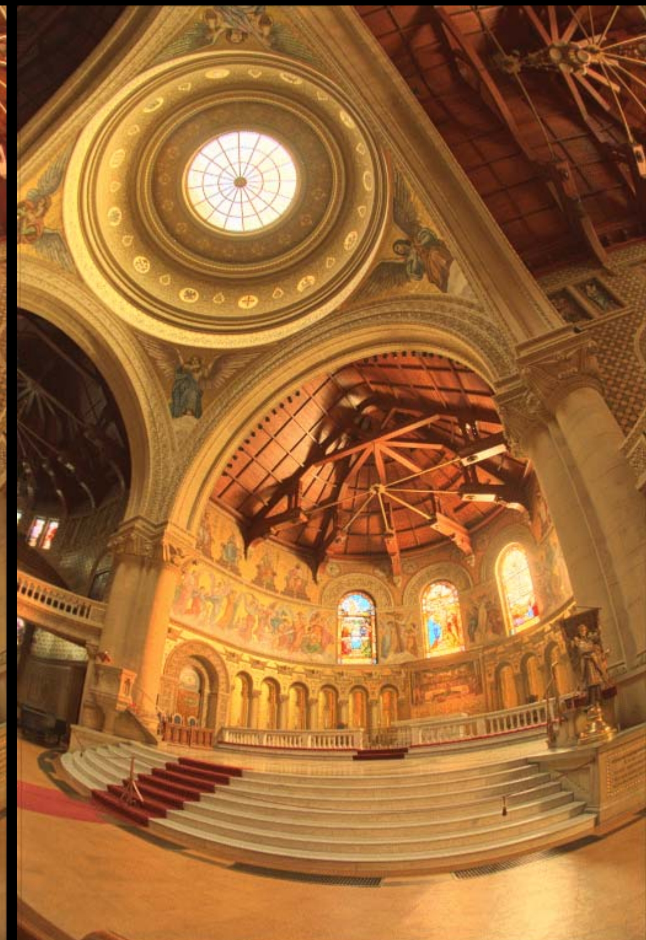
Future work

- Uncertainty fix
- Other applications of bilateral filter (meshes, MCRT)
- Video sequences
- High-dynamic-range sensors
- Other pictorial techniques

Informal comparison

Gradient-space
[Fattal et al.]

Bilateral
[Durand et al.]



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