



Fourier Analysis of Correlated Monte Carlo Importance Sampling

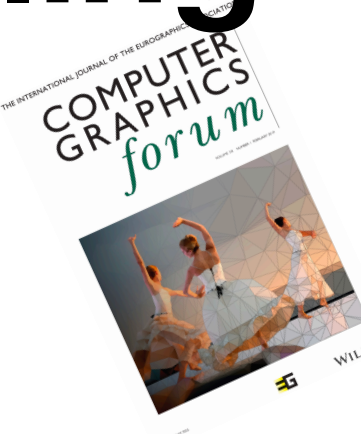
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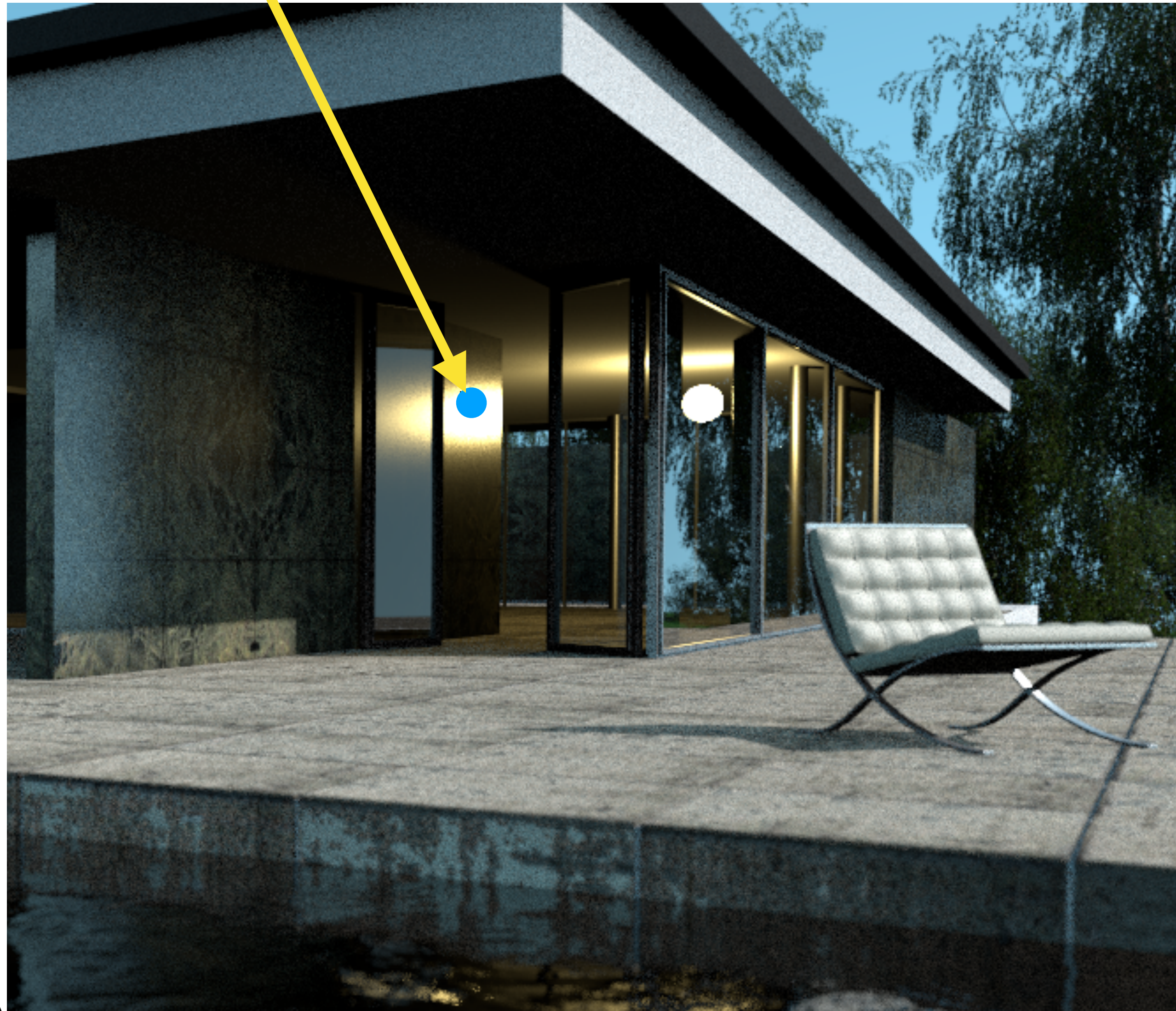
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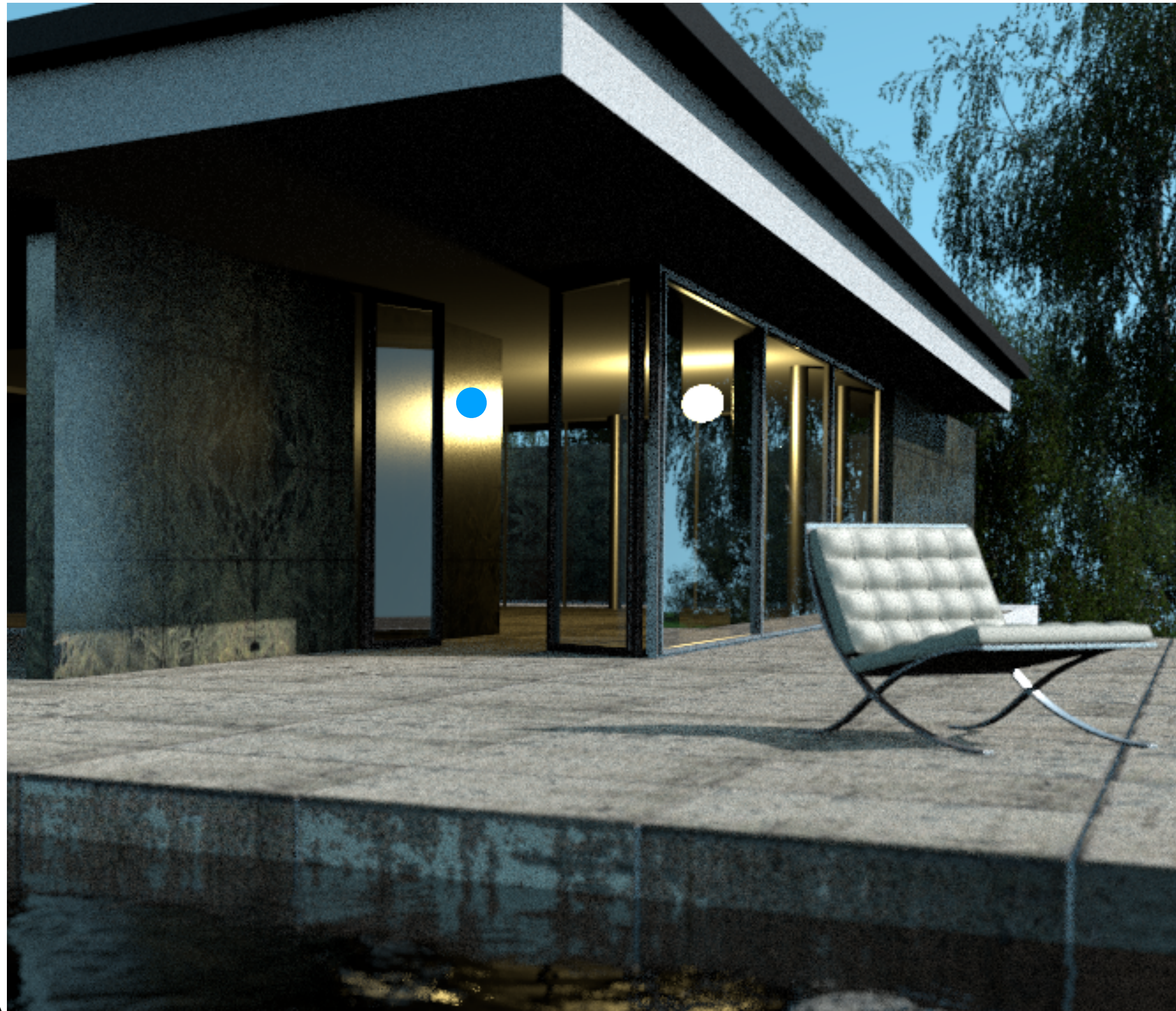
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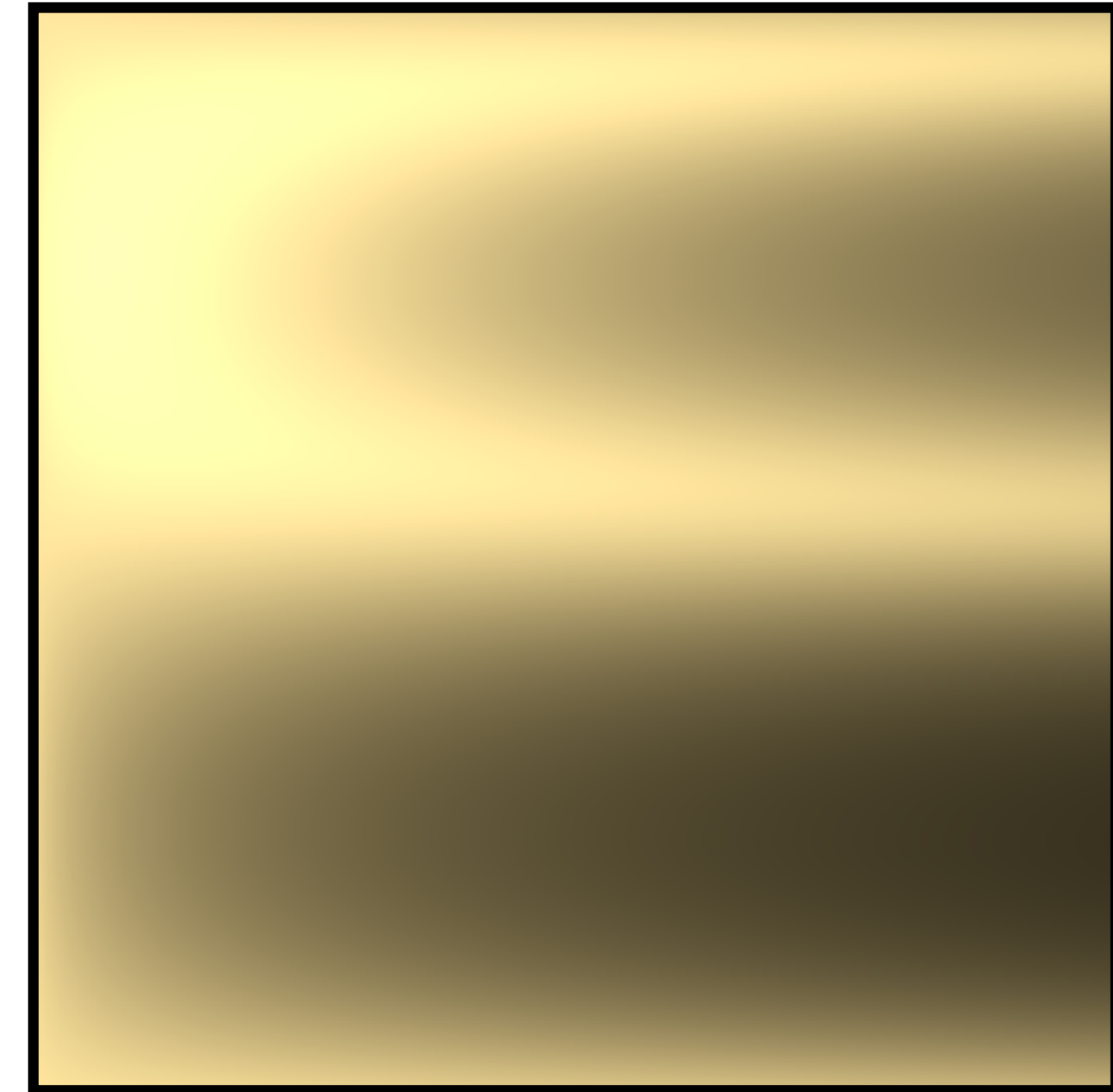
Monte Carlo Integration



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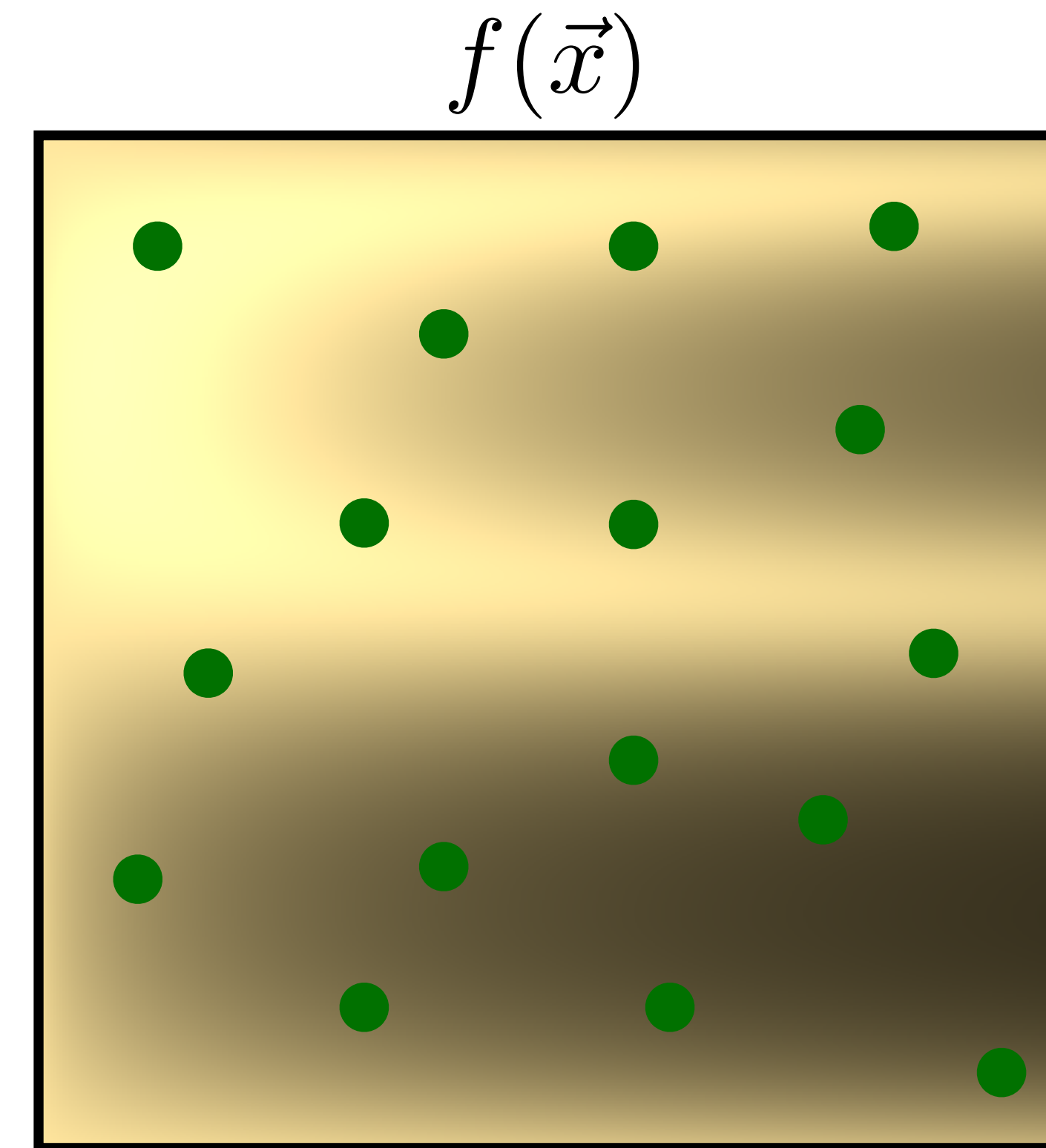
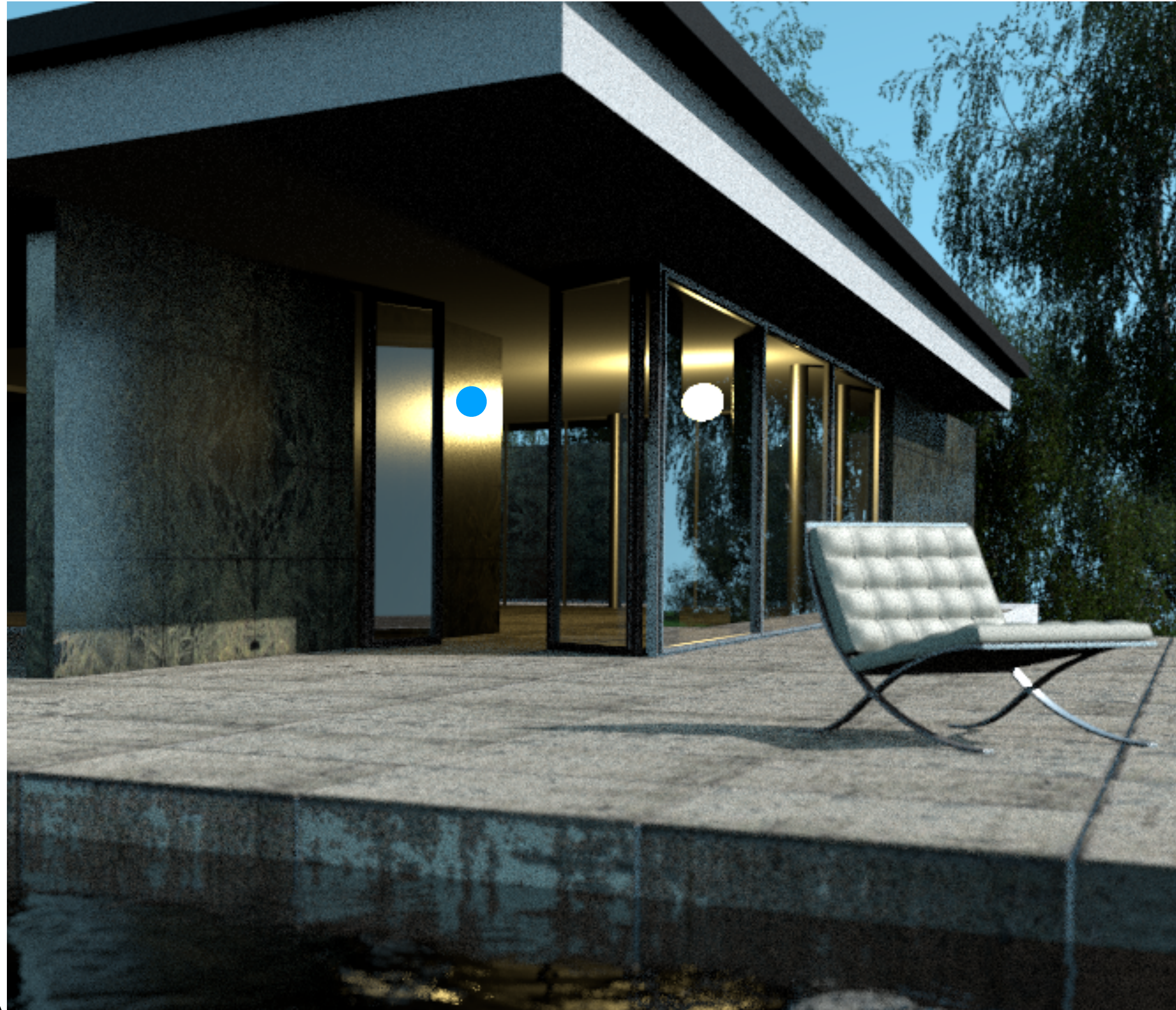
$f(\vec{x})$



$$I = \int_0^1 f(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$



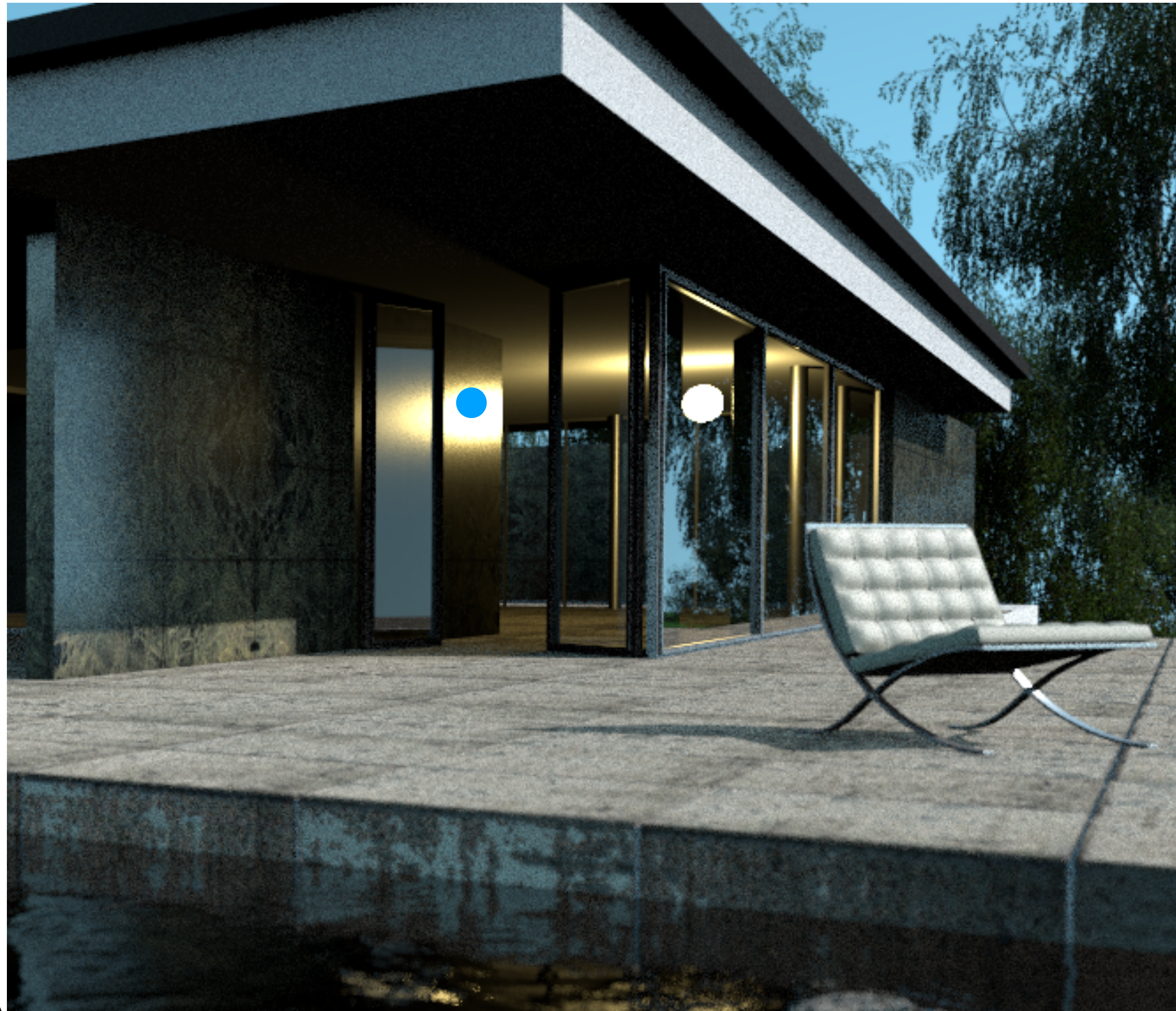
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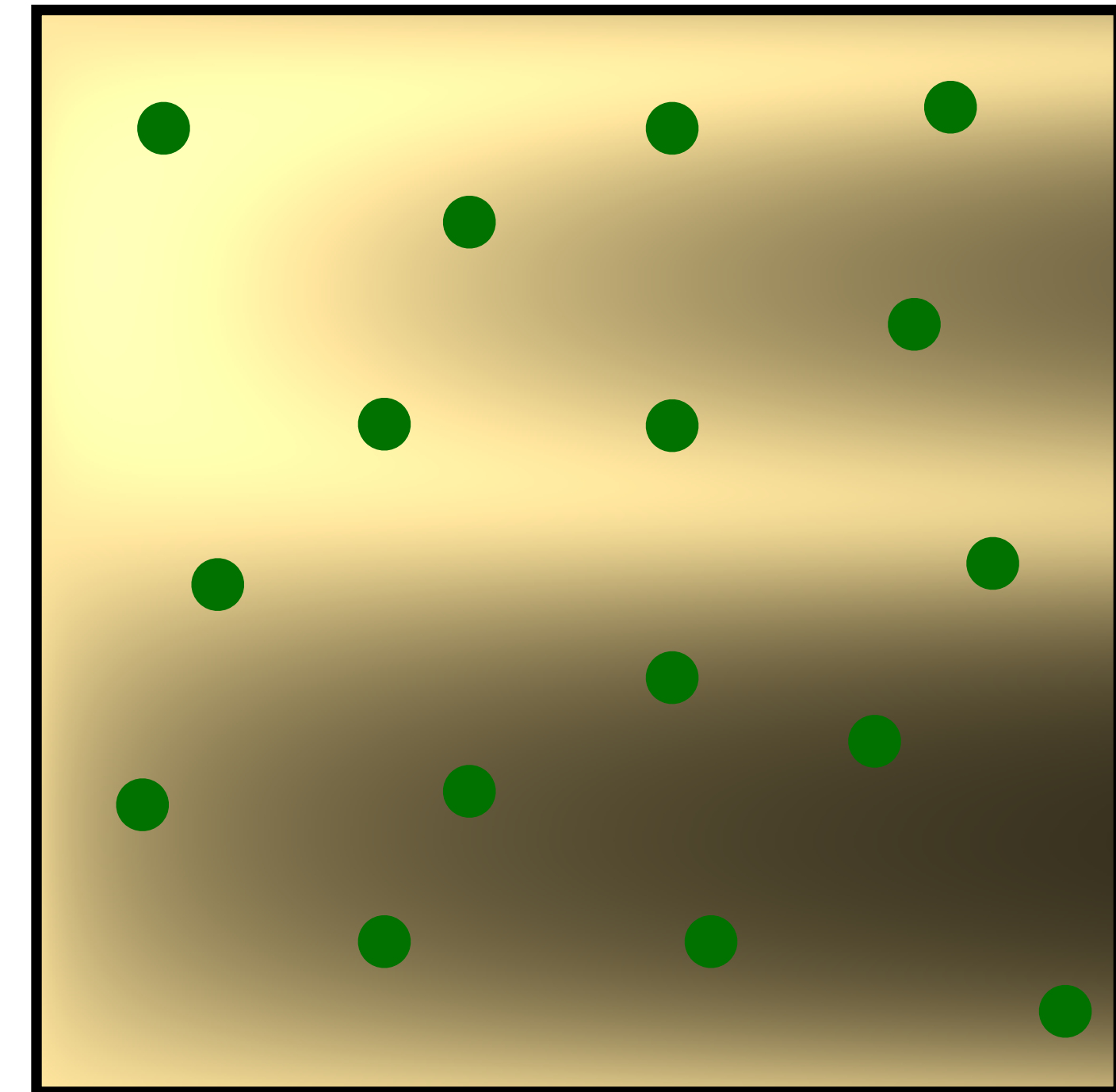
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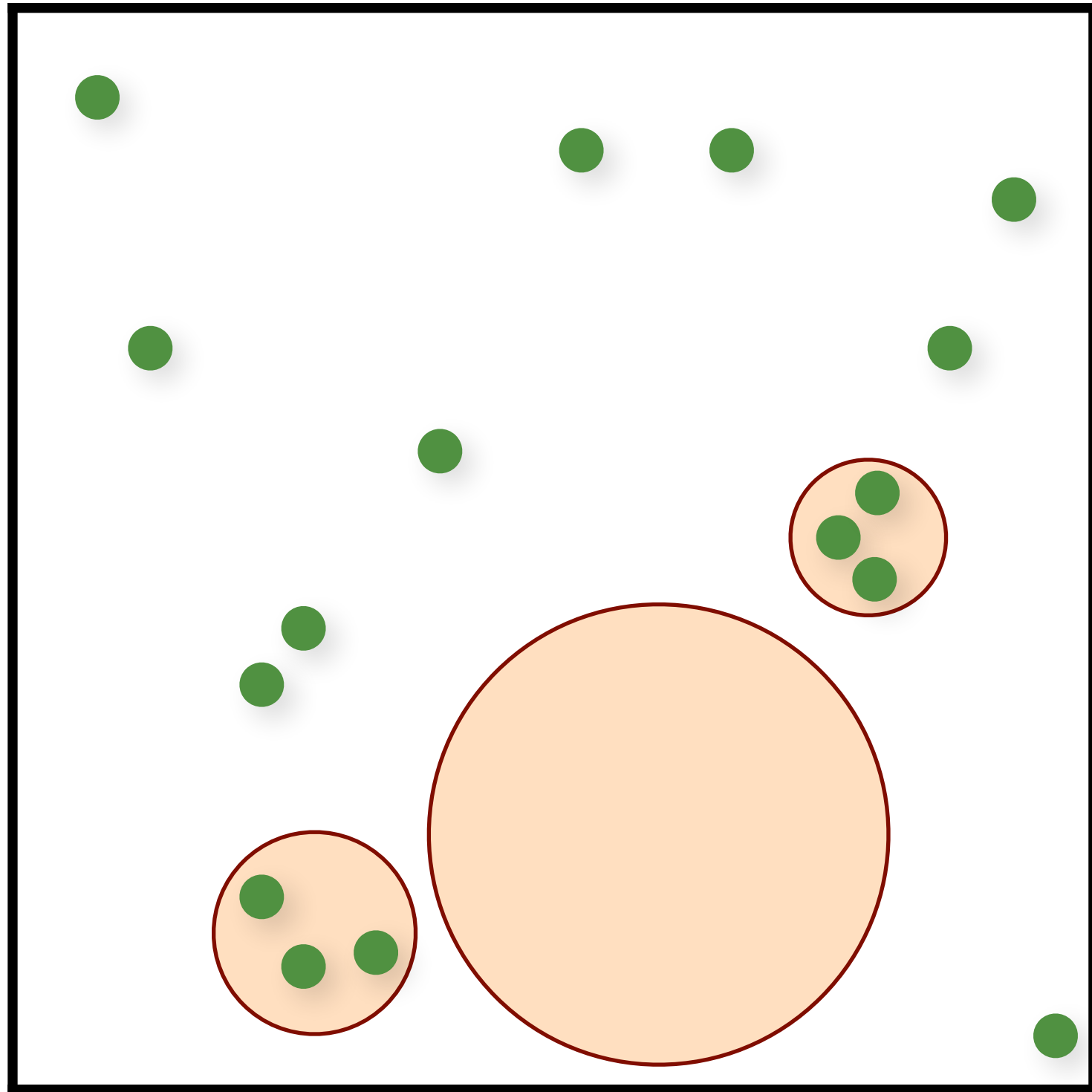
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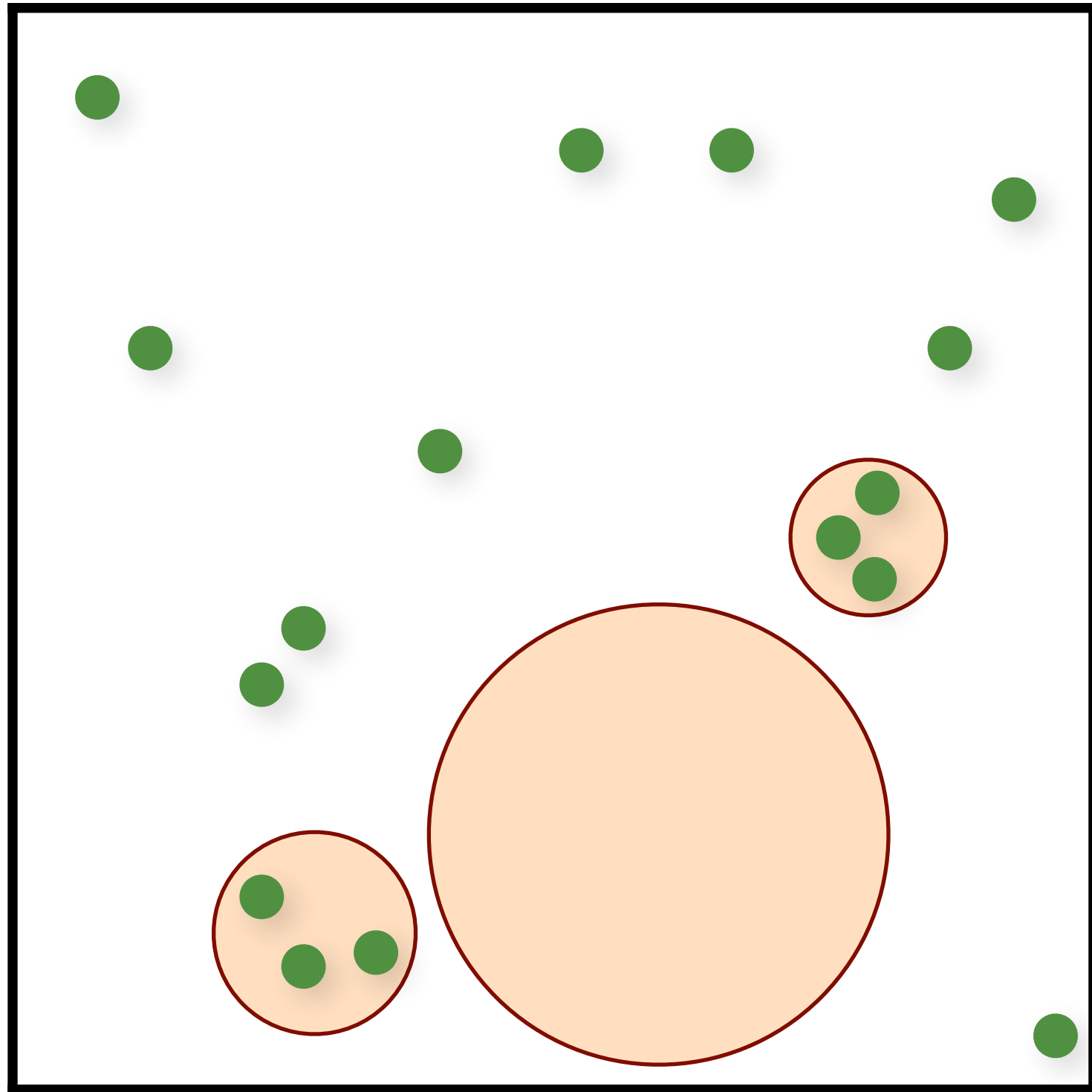


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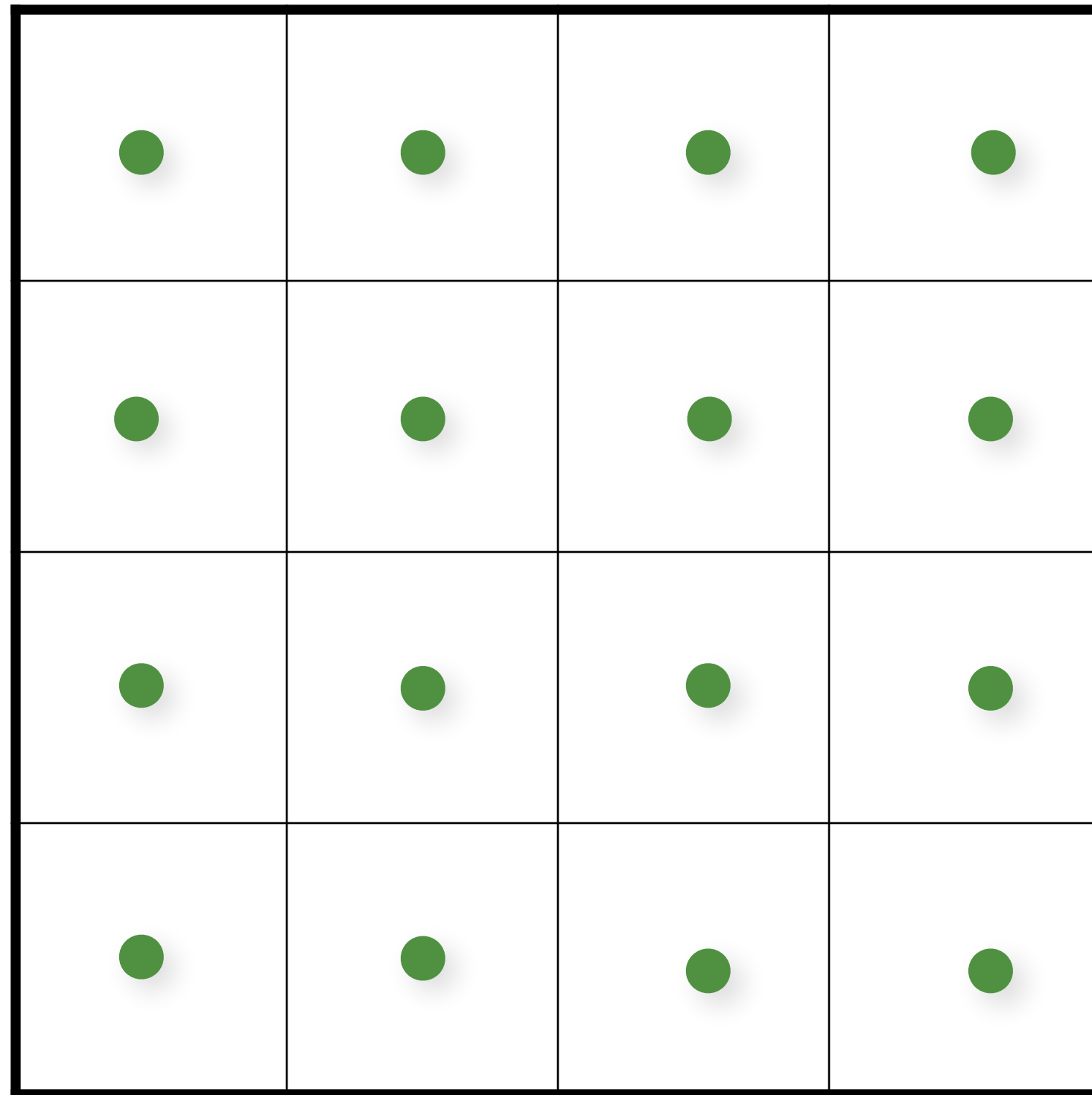
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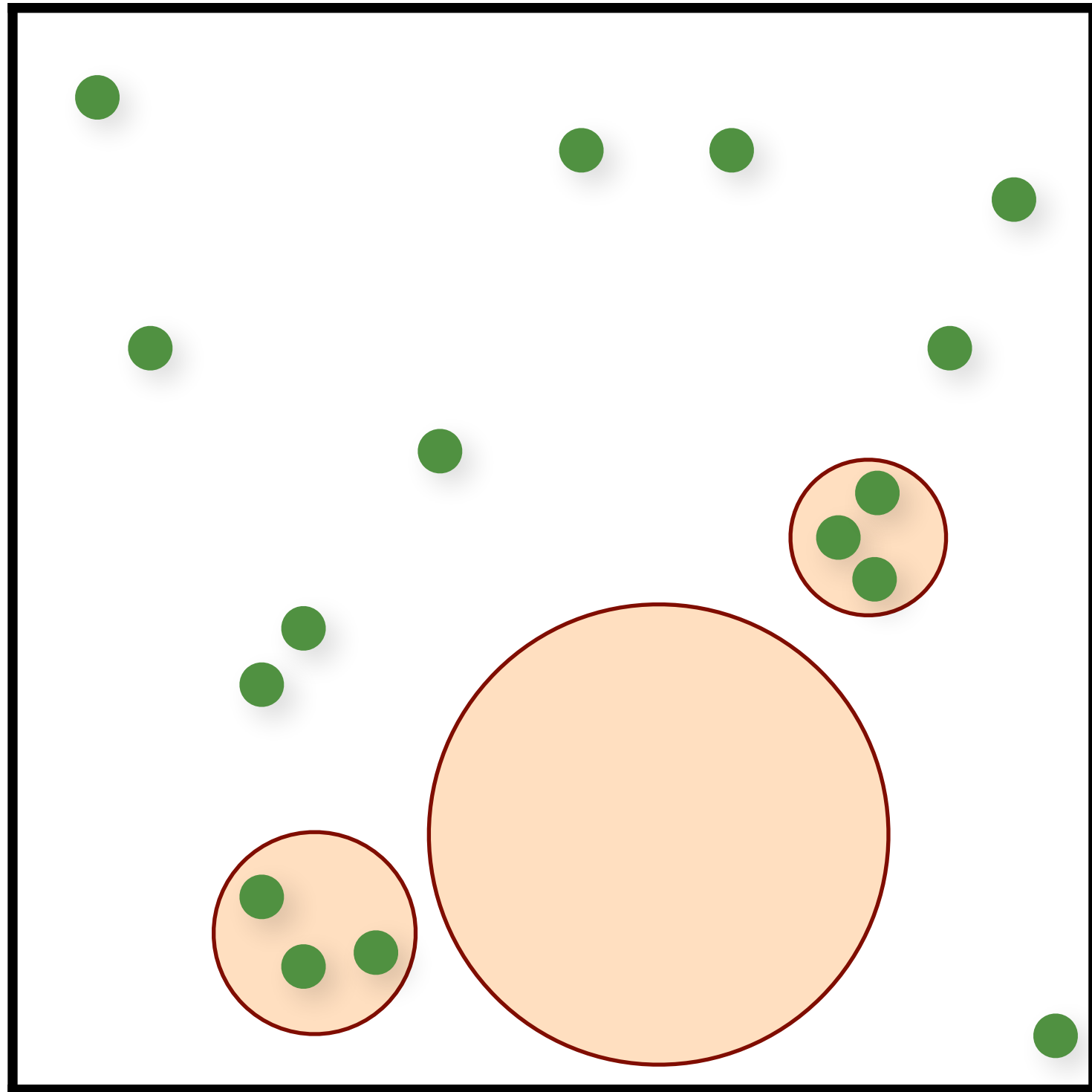
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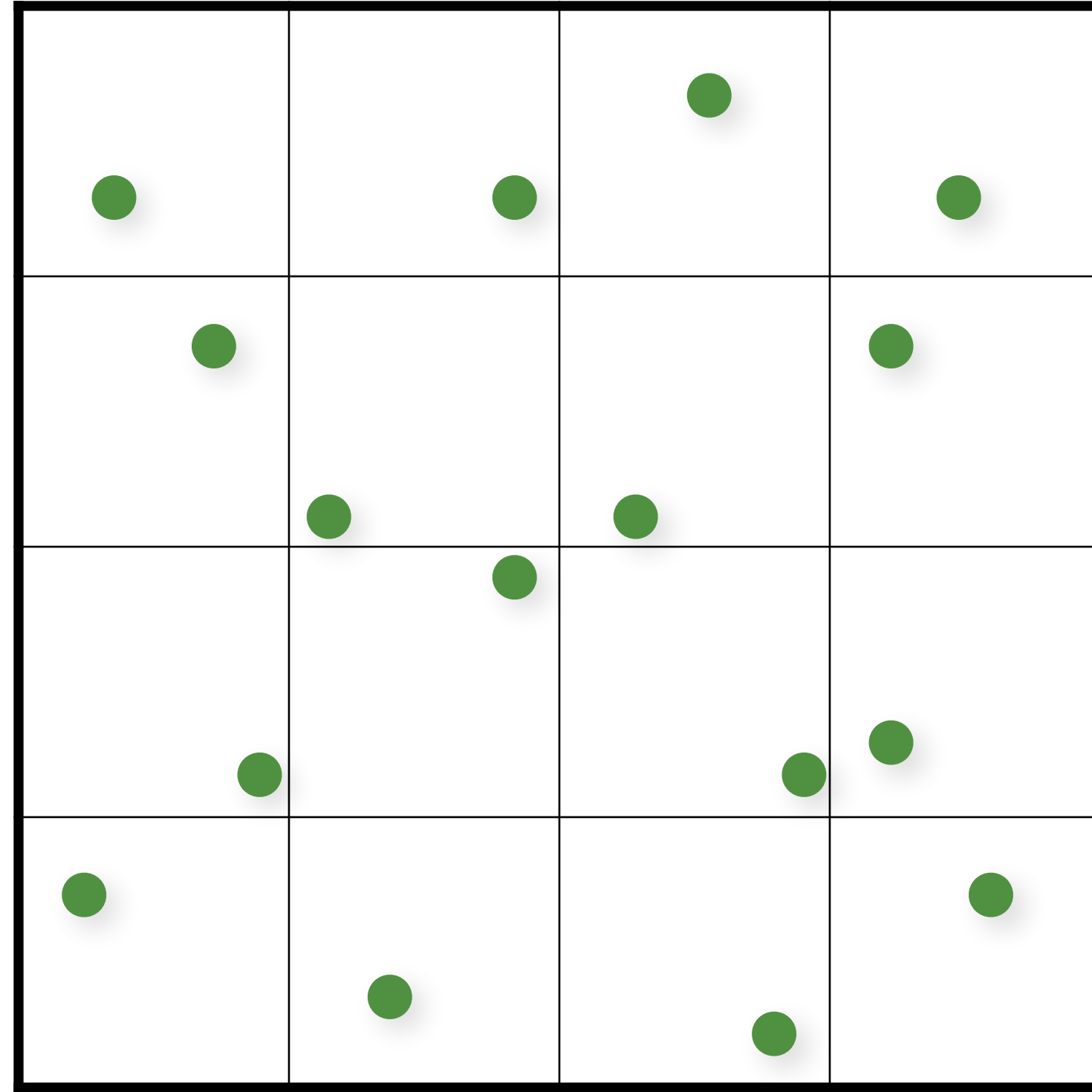
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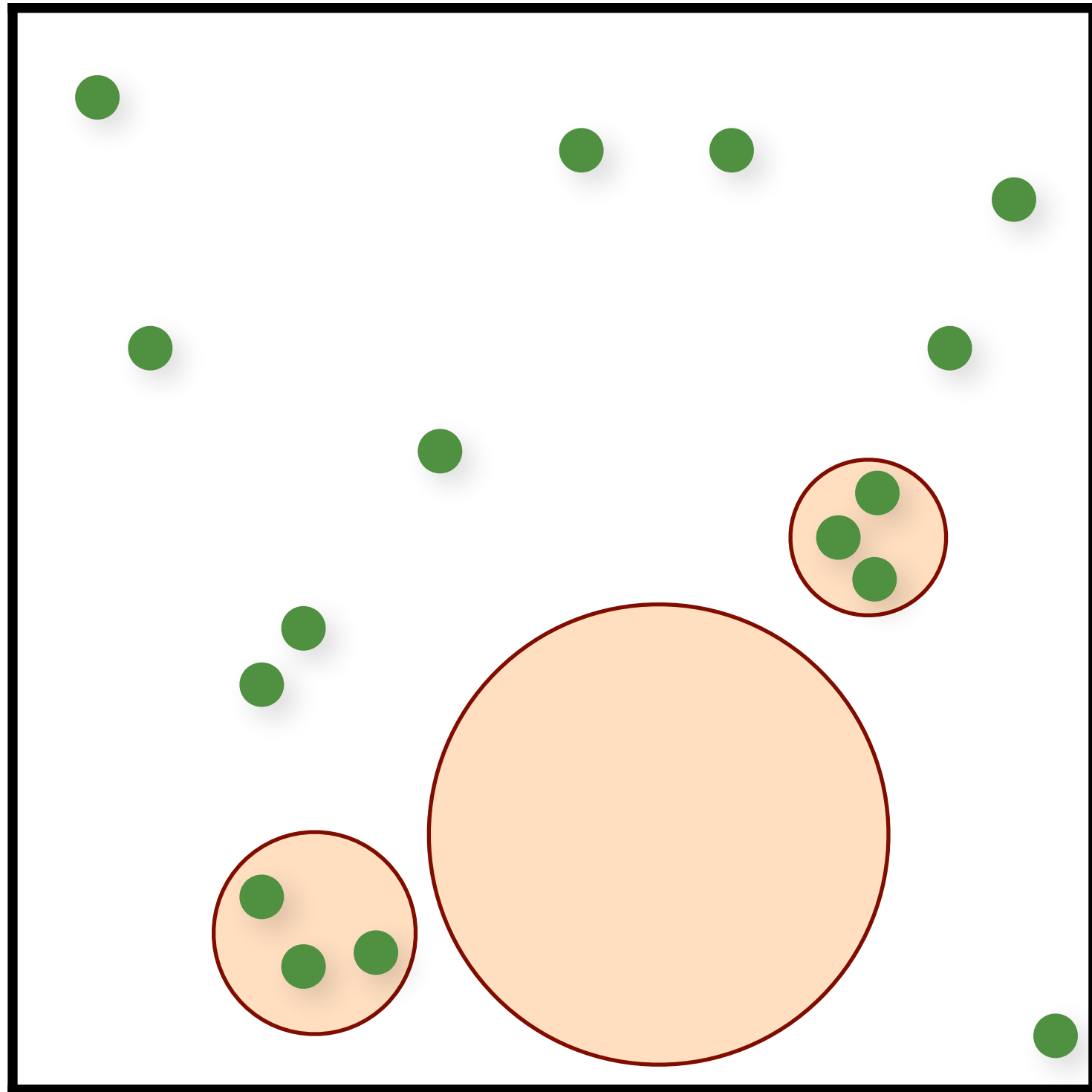


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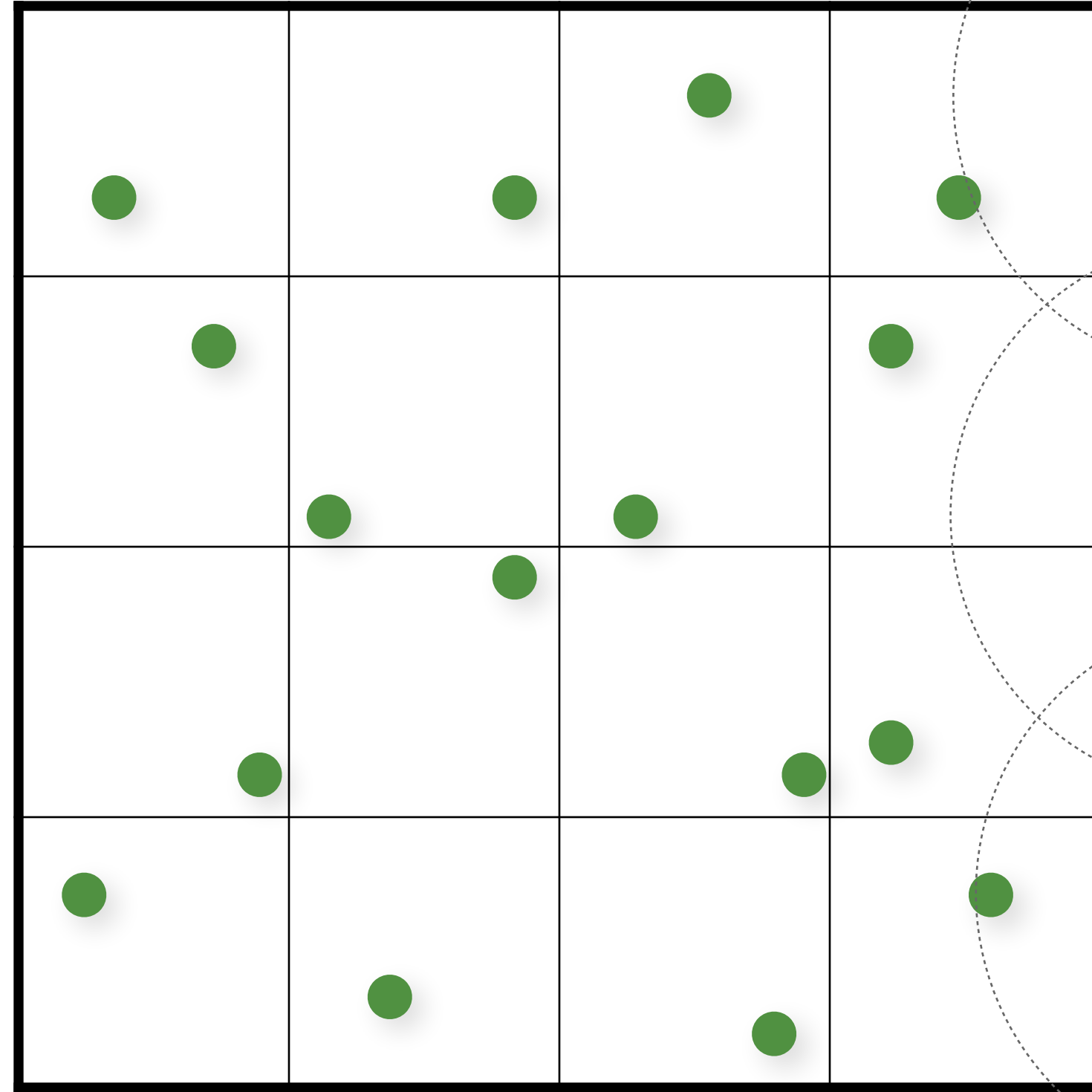
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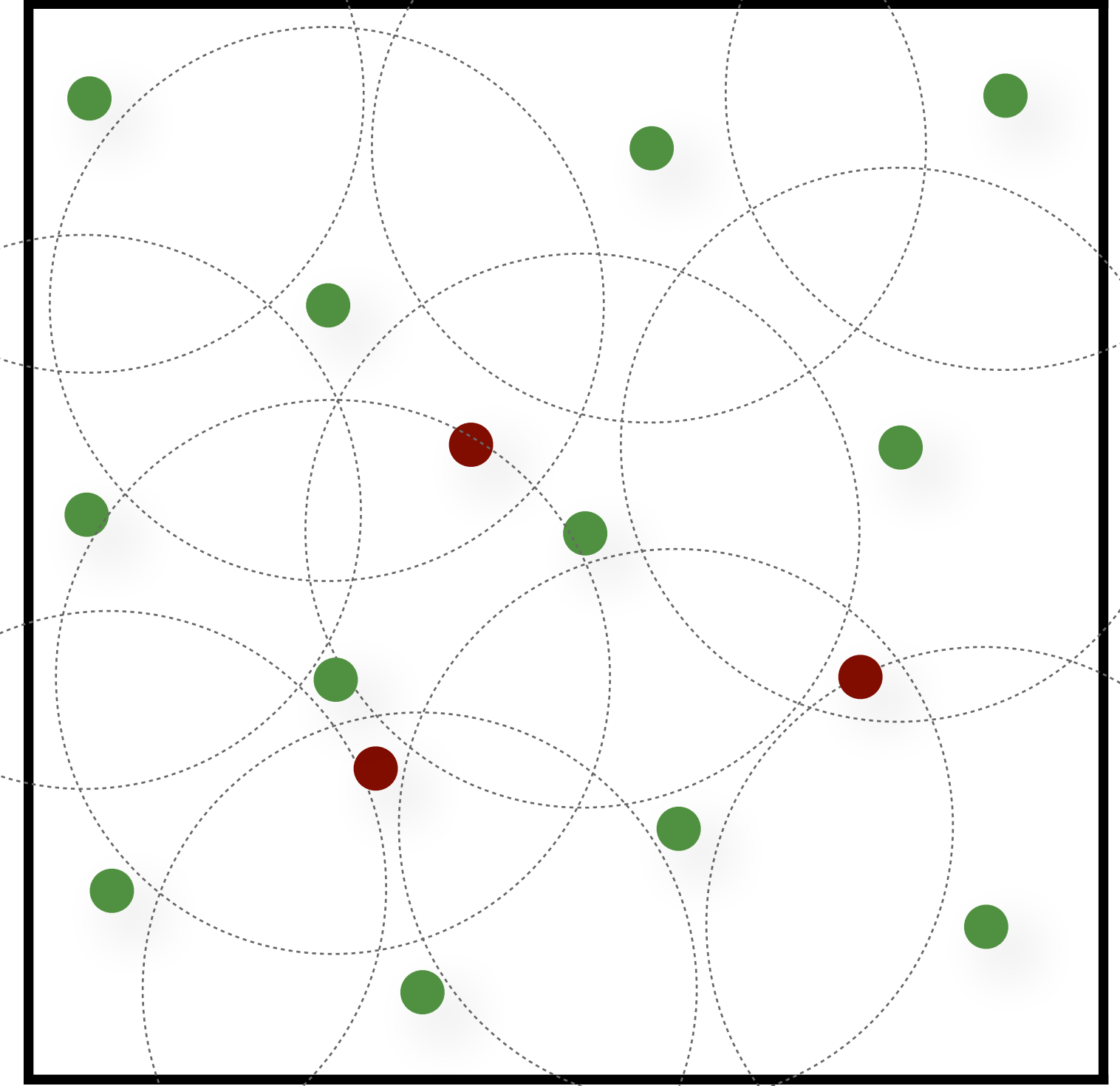
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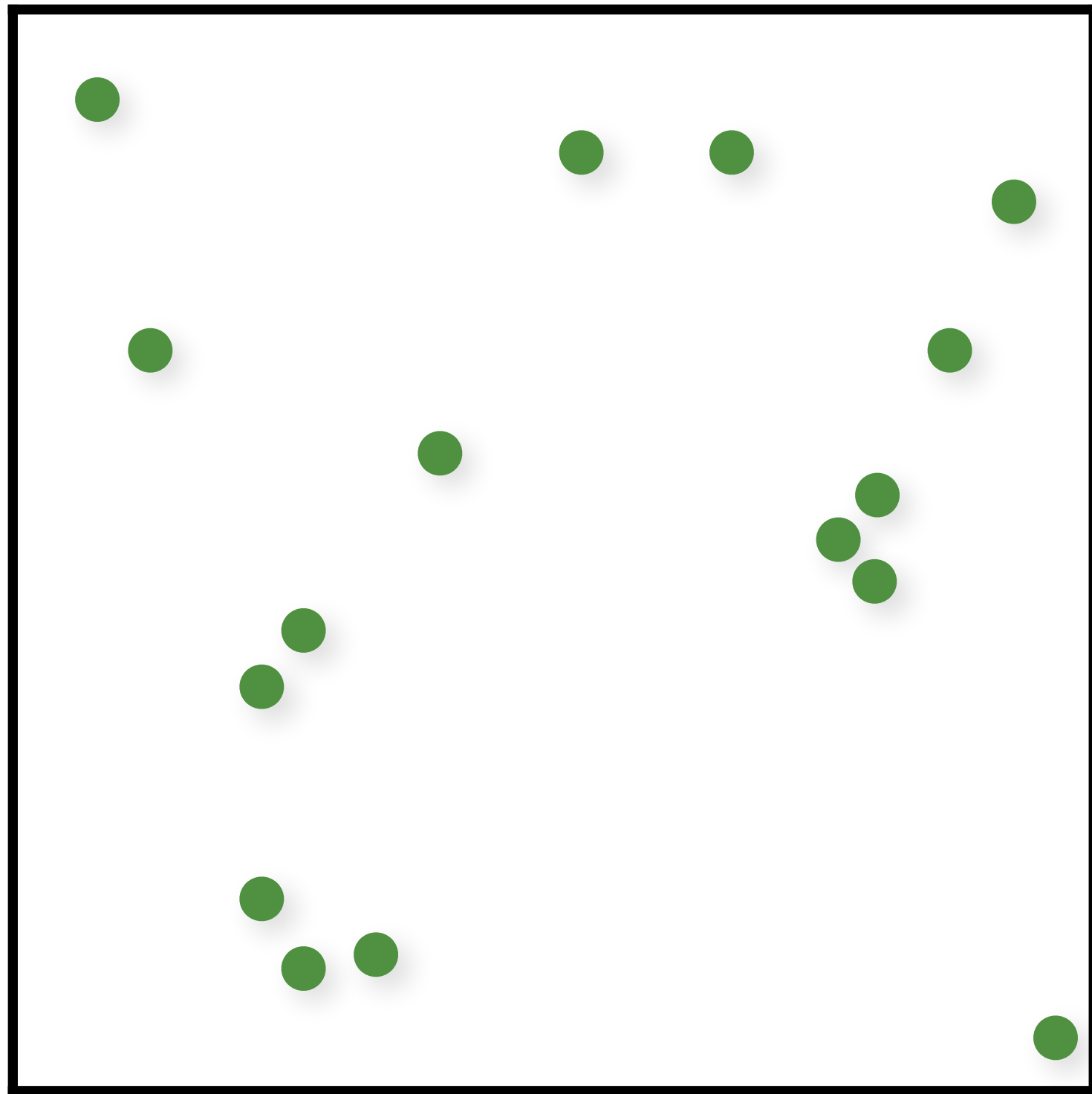
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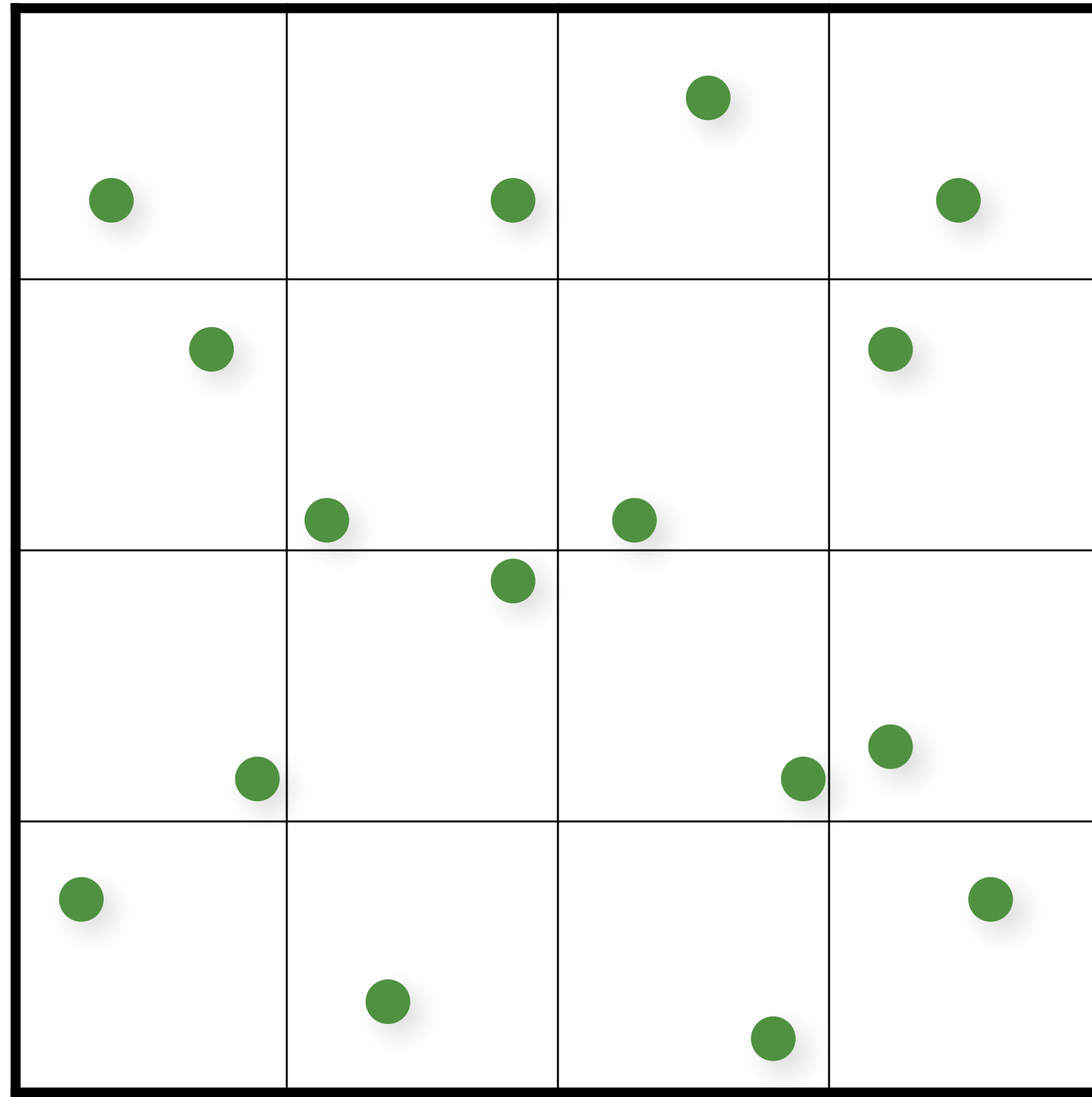
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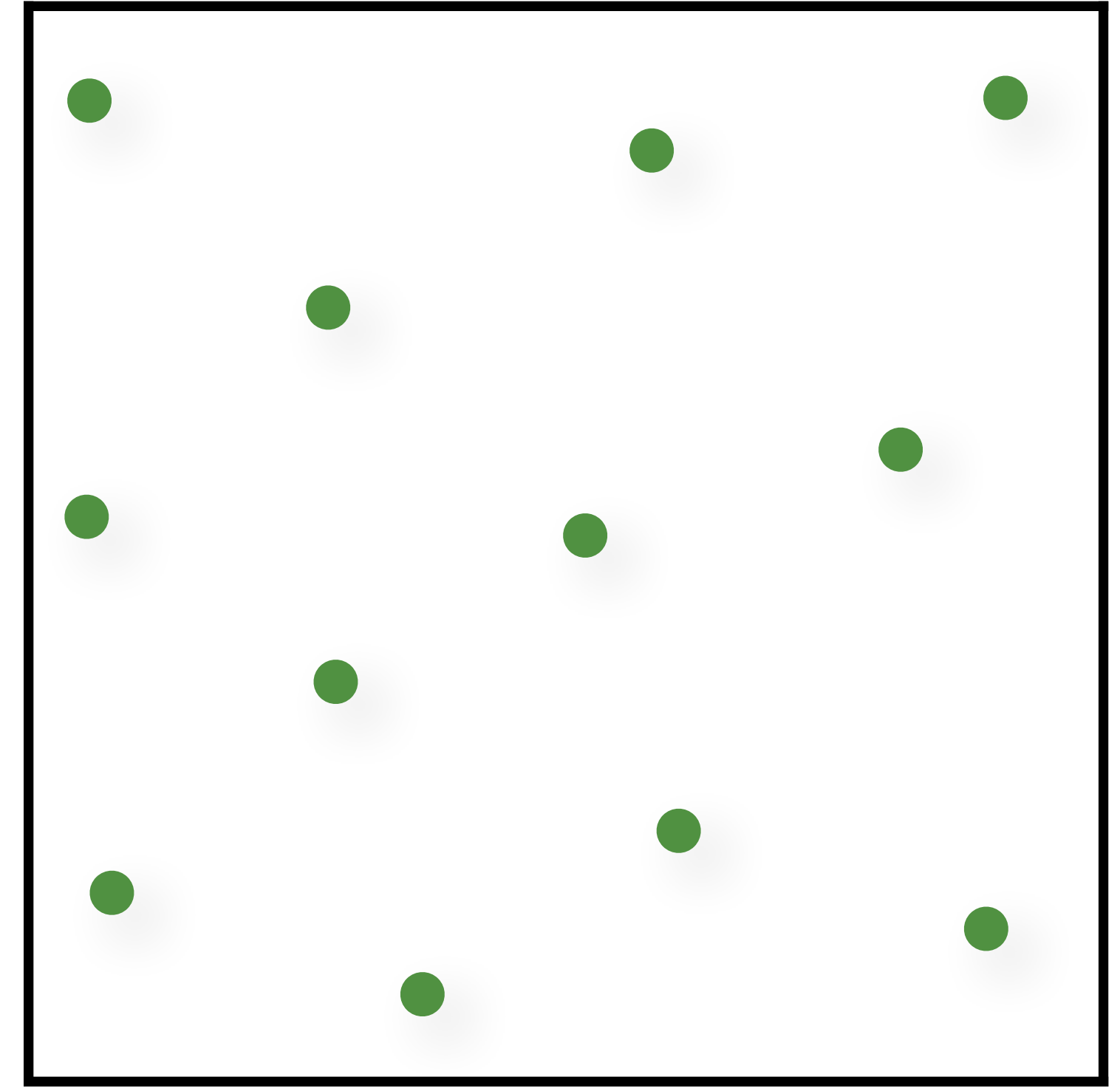
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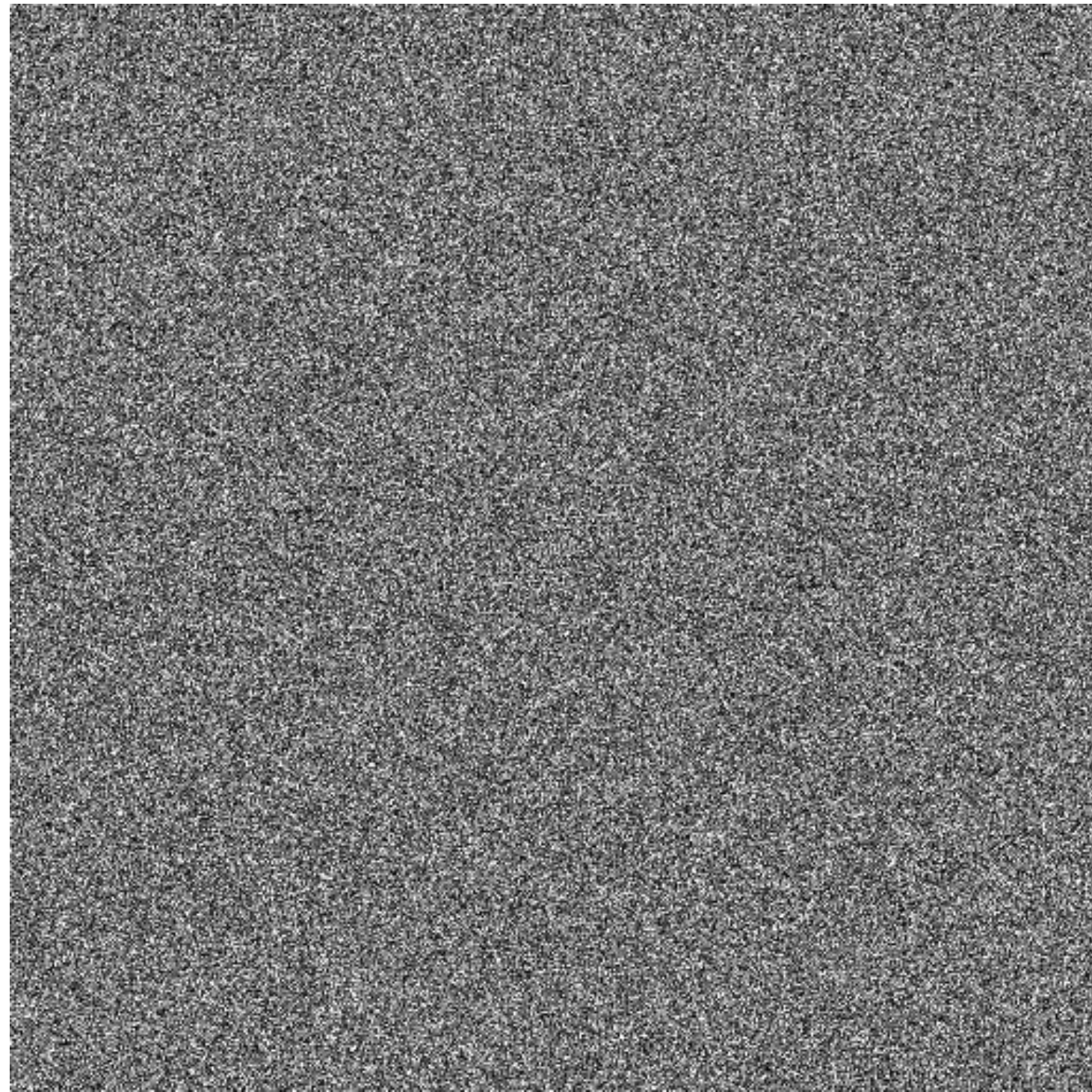


Poisson Disk

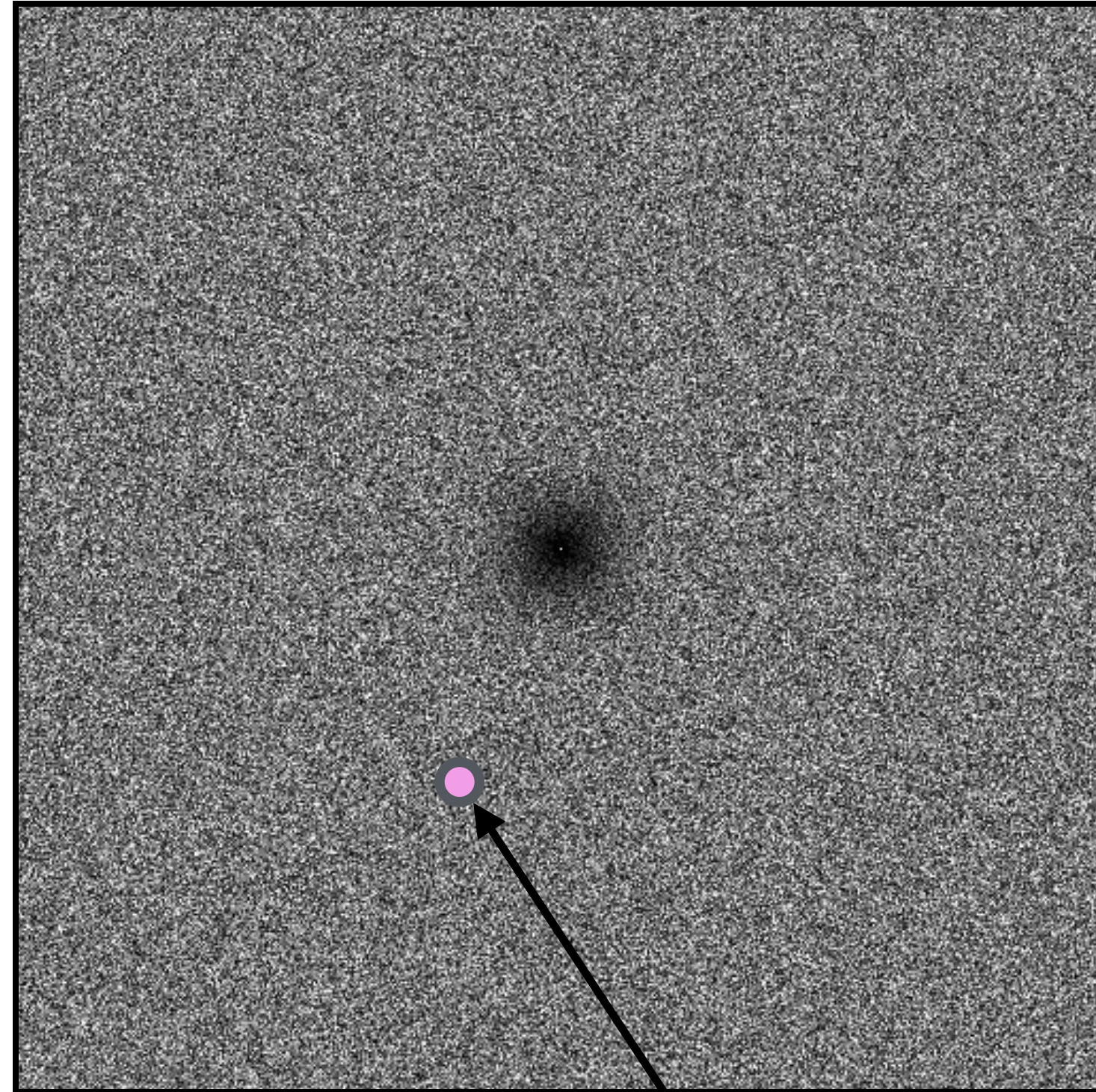
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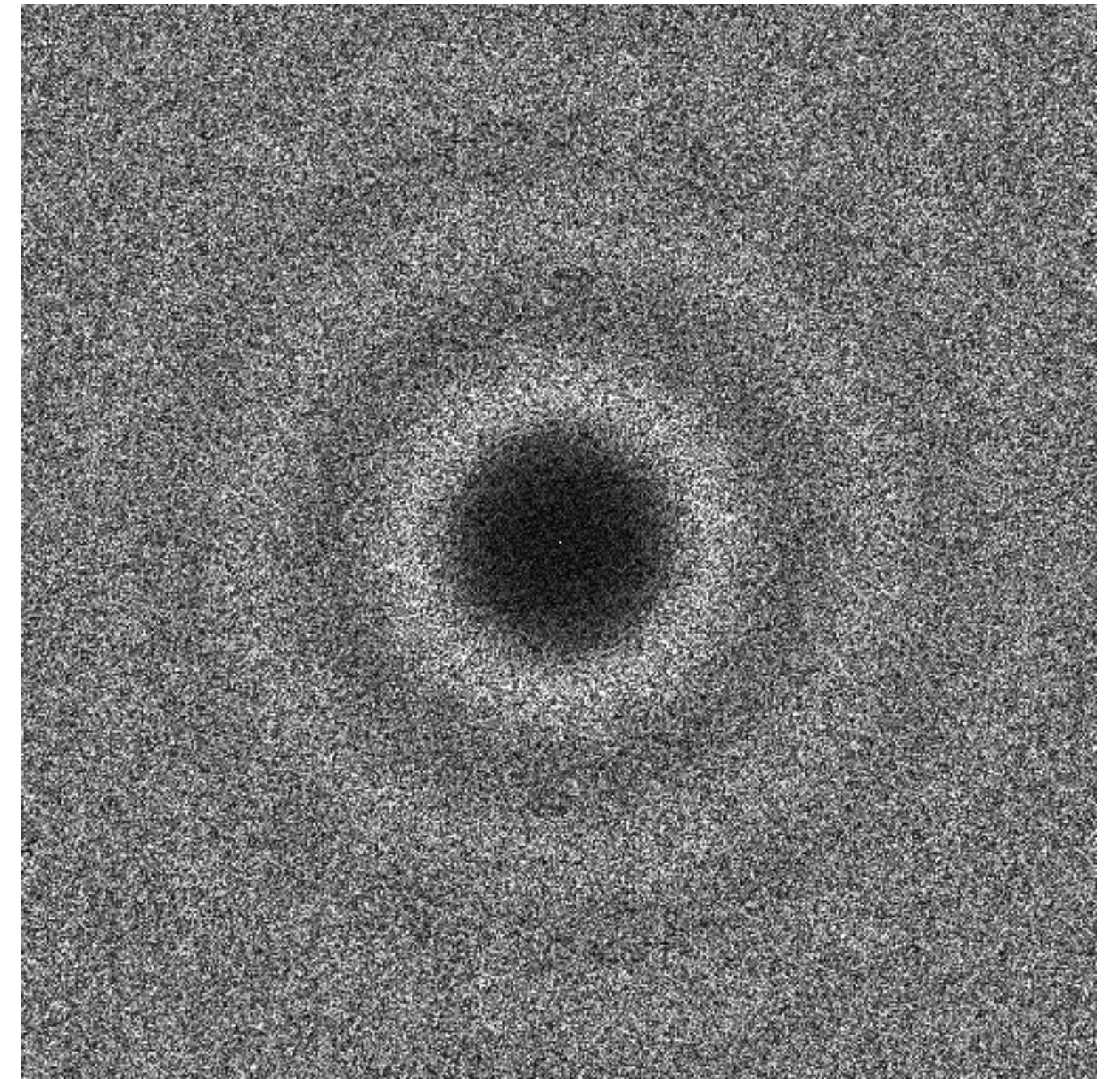
Fourier Statistics: Power Spectrum



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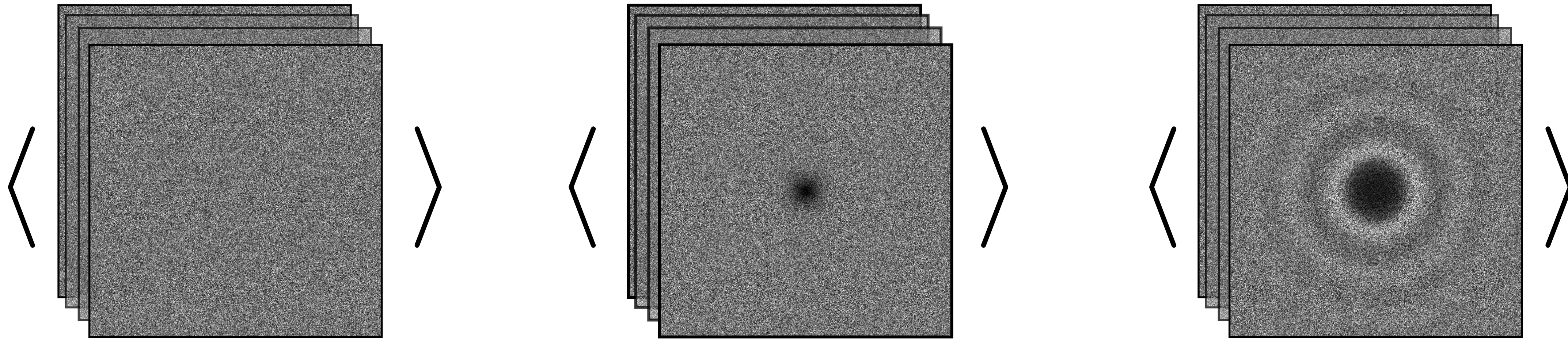


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$$\mathcal{P}_S(\nu) = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-i2\pi\nu \cdot \vec{x}_k} \right|^2$$



Point Samples' Expected Power Spectra



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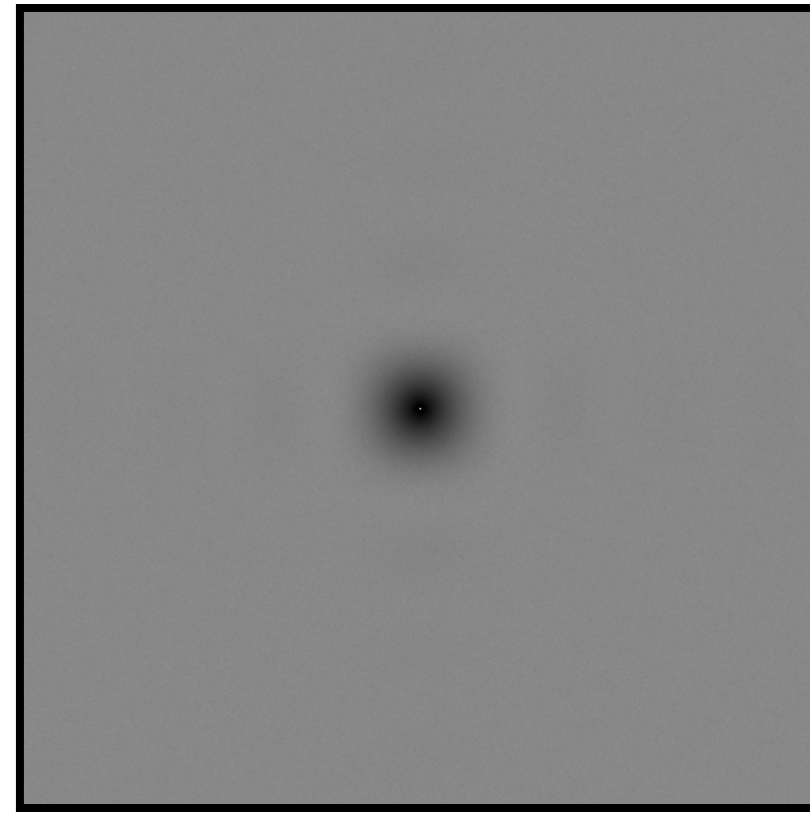
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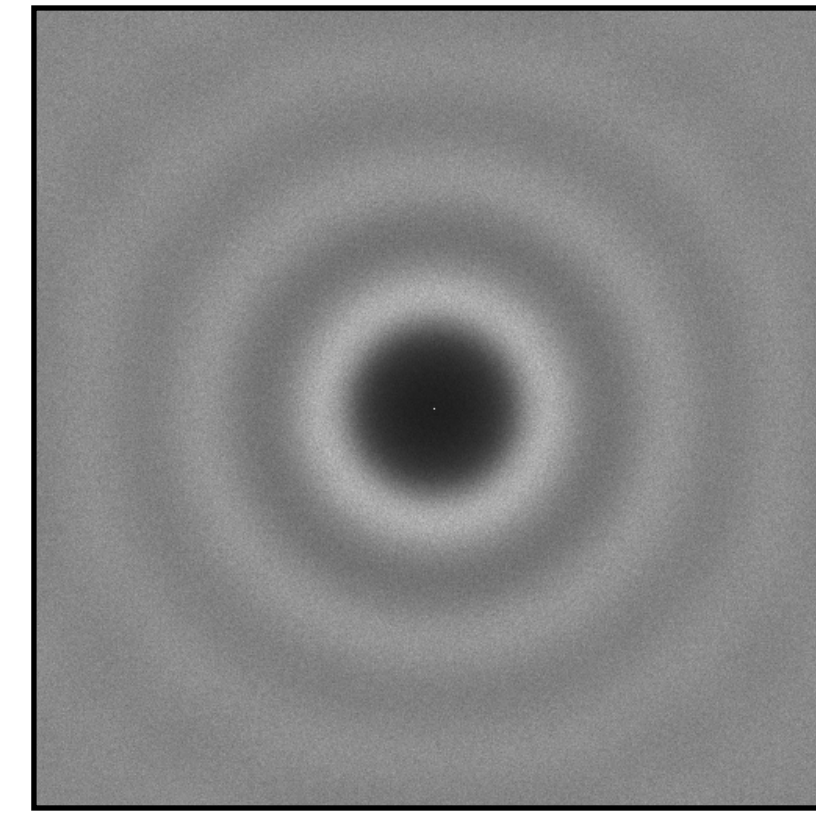
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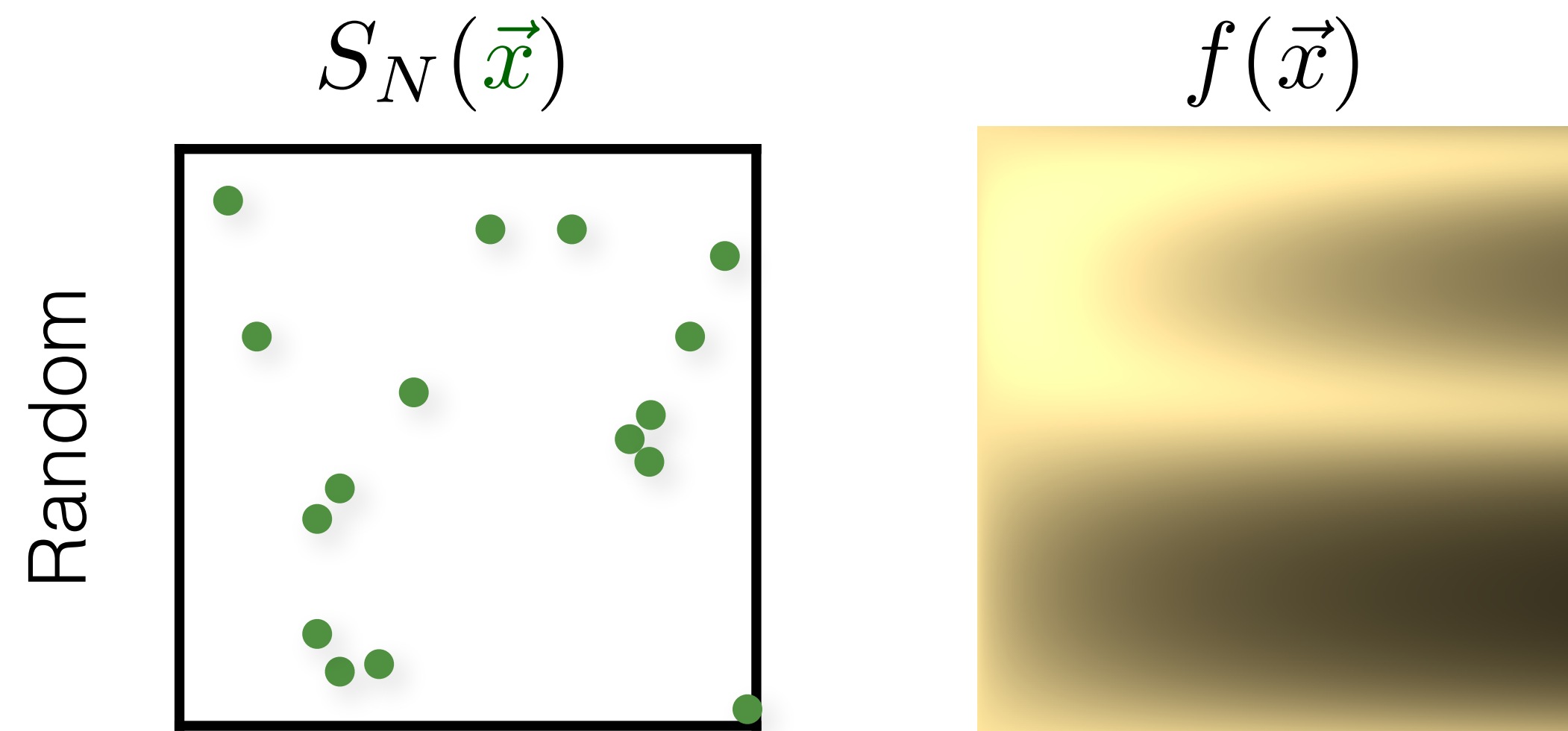
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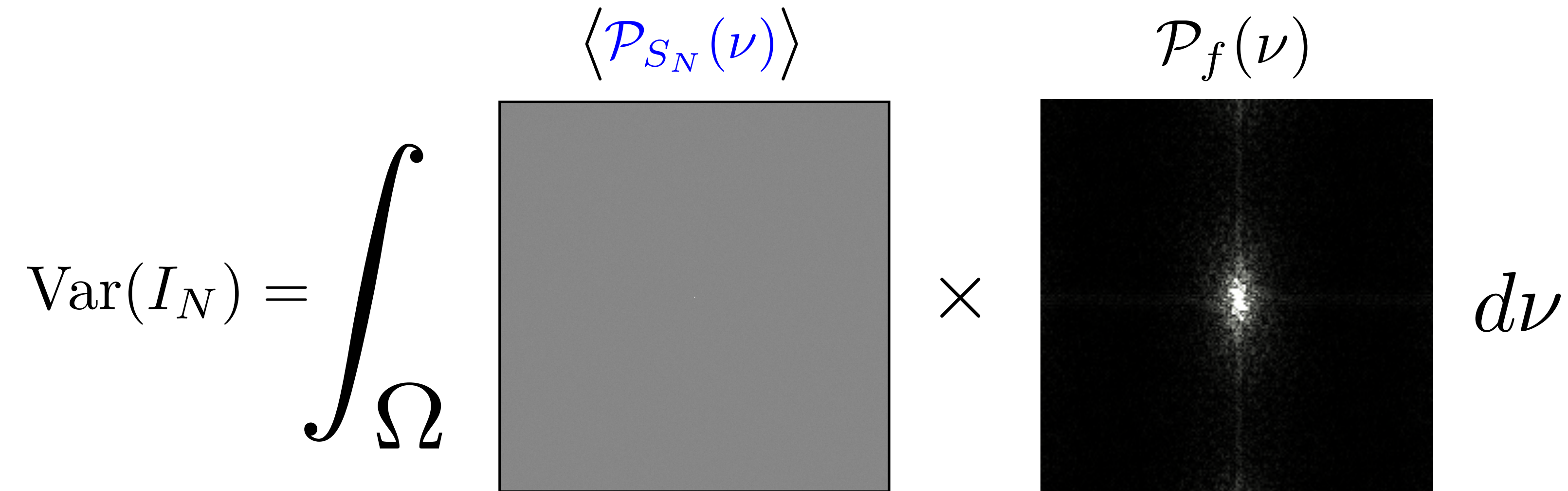
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Fredo Durand [2011]

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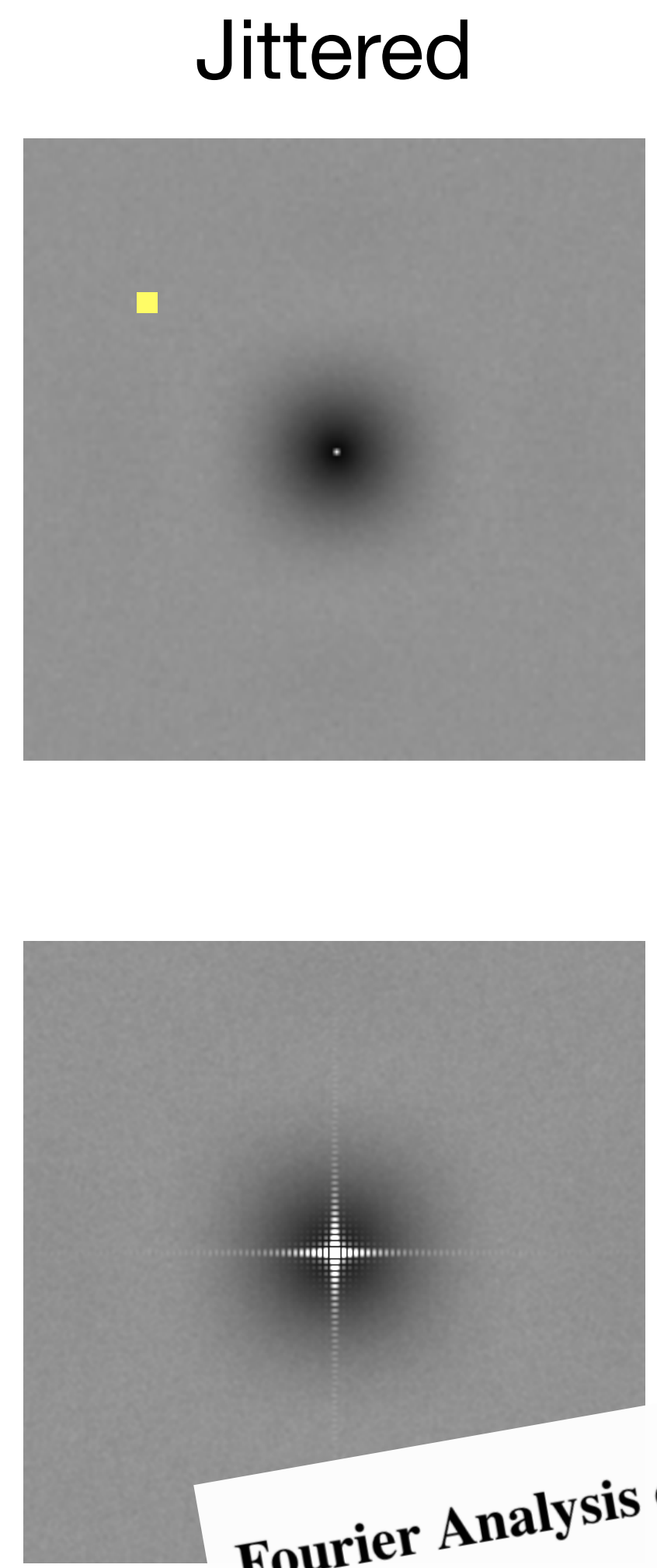
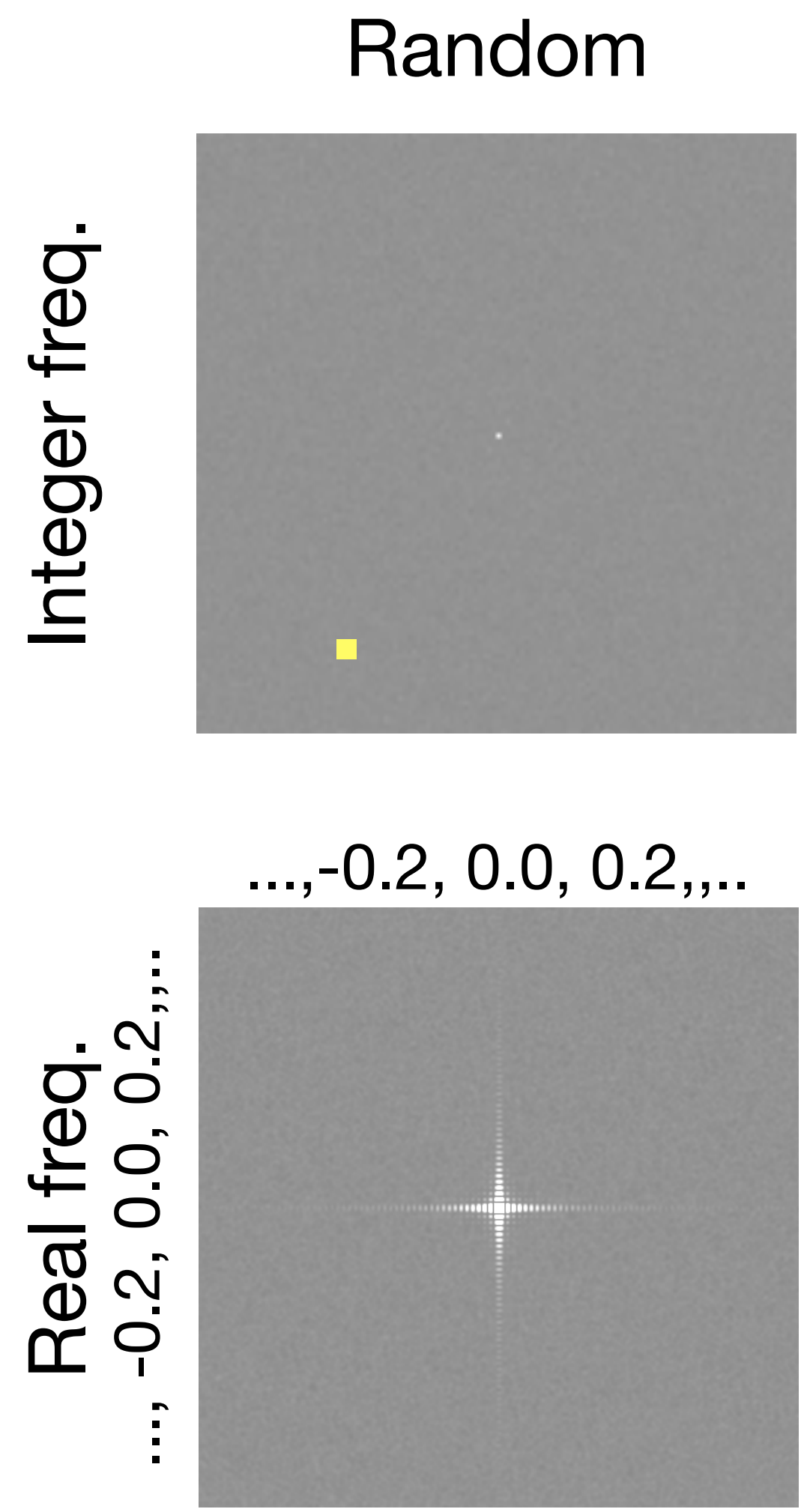
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Real vs. Integer Frequencies

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Expected power spectra

Random:

$$\langle \mathbf{S}_m^* \mathbf{S}_m \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & m = 0 \\ \frac{1}{N} + \frac{N-1}{N} \text{Sinc}(\pi m)^2 & m \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Jittered:

$$\langle \mathbf{S}_m^* \mathbf{S}_m \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \left(1 - \text{Sinc} \left(\frac{\pi m}{N} \right)^2 \right) + \text{Sinc}(\pi m)^2$$

Fourier Analysis of Correlated Monte Carlo Importance Sampling:
Supplementary document



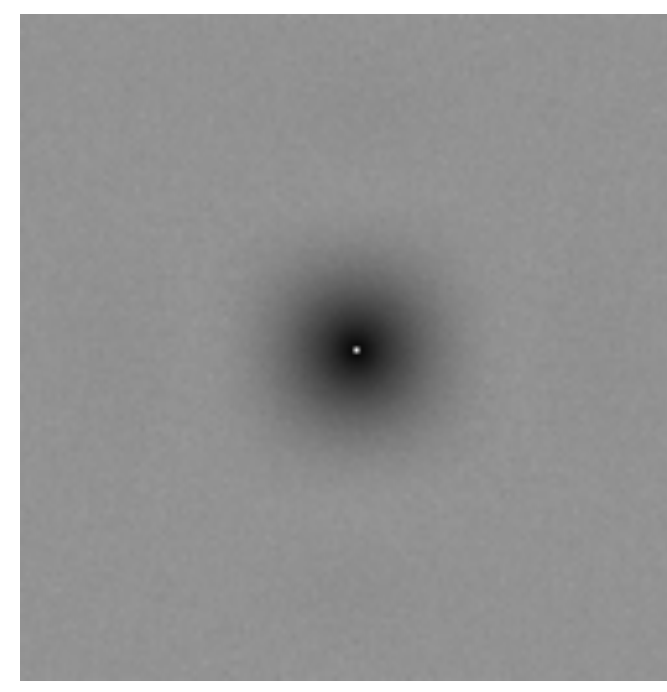
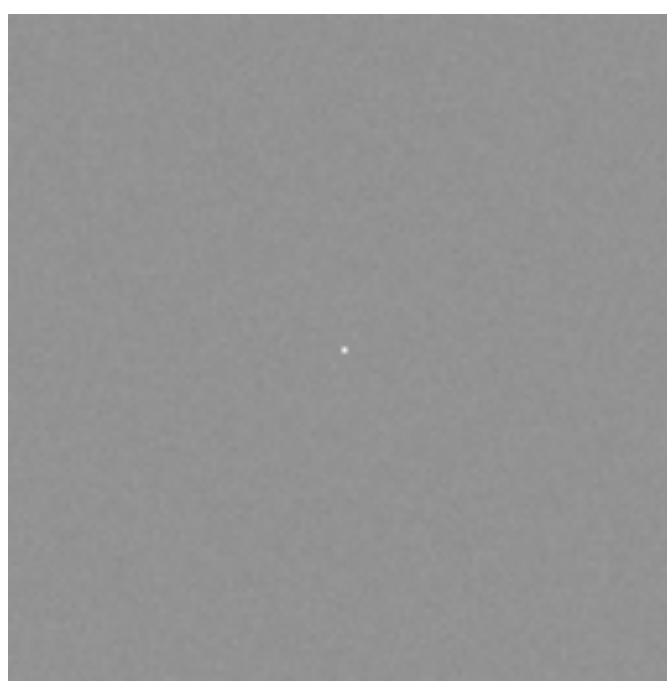
Convergence Rates Diverges

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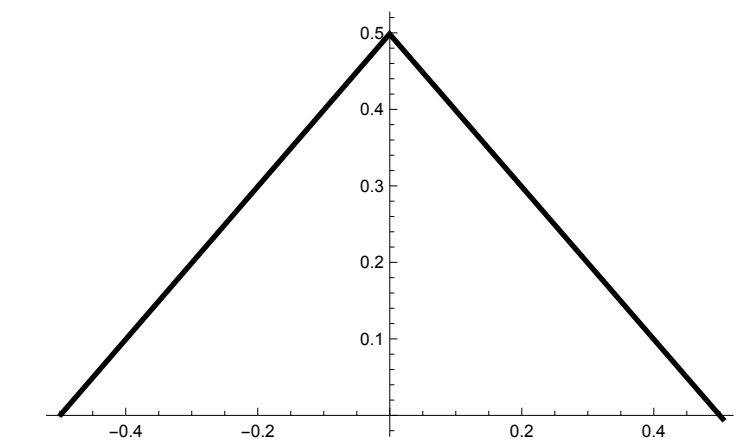
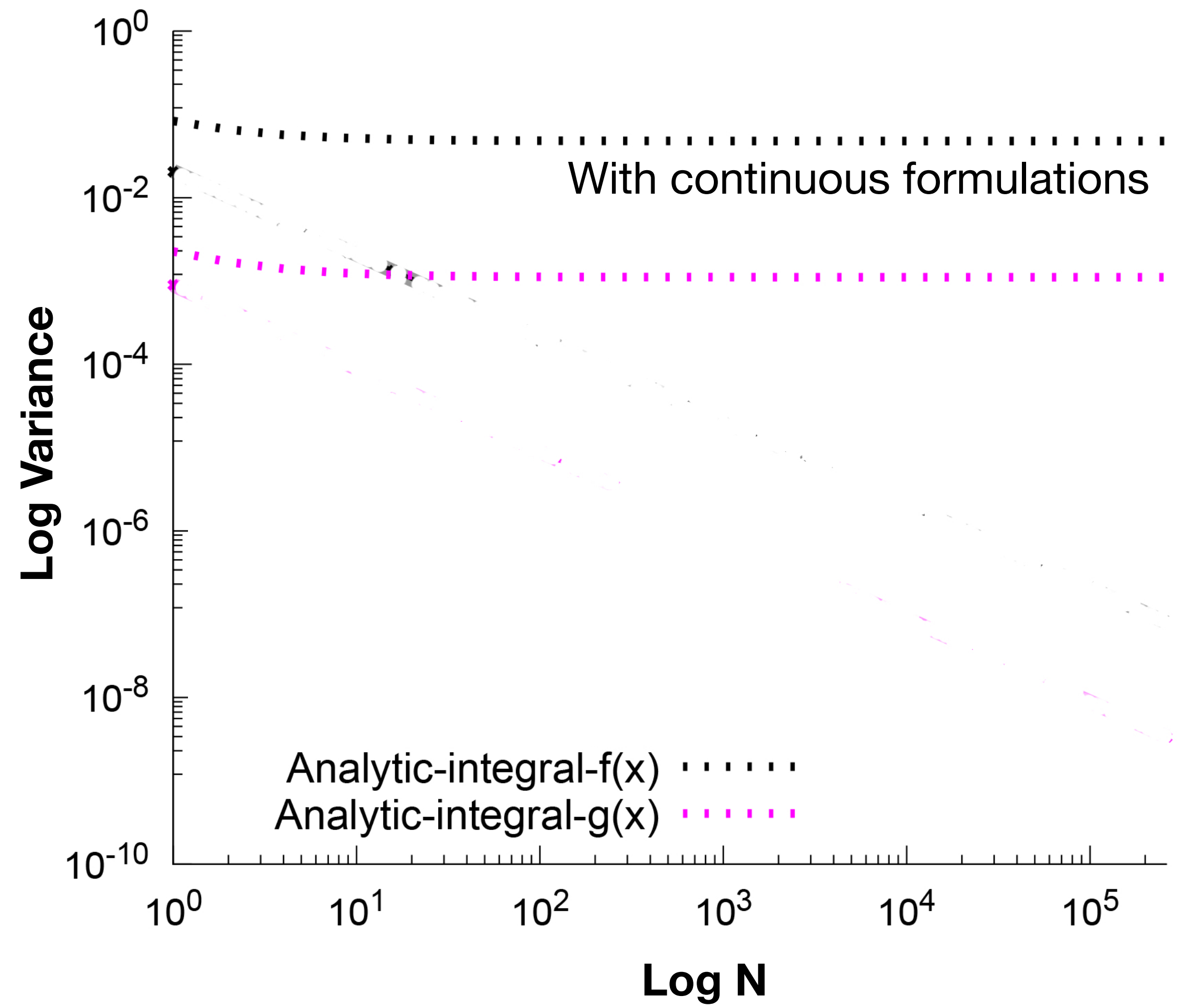
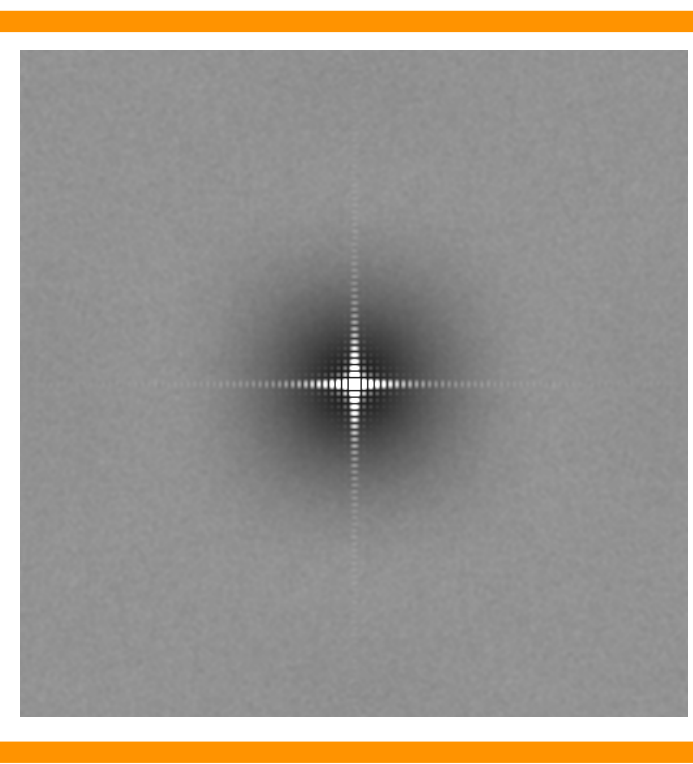
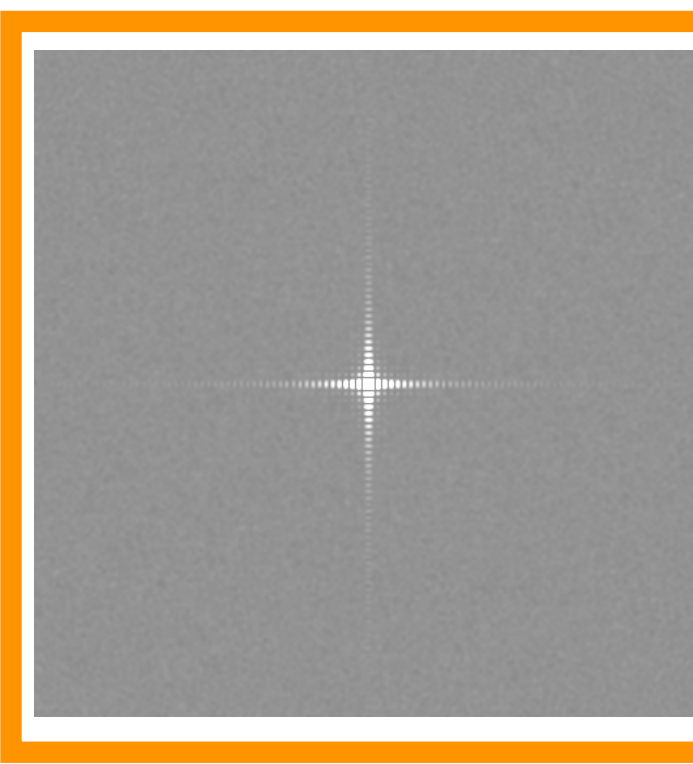
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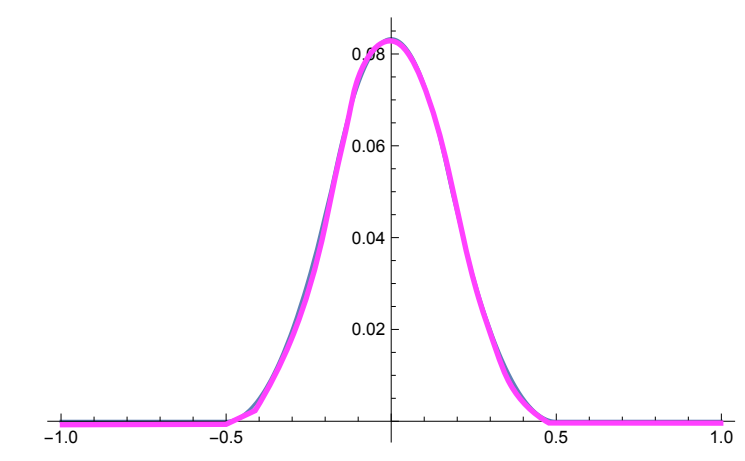
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Real freq.



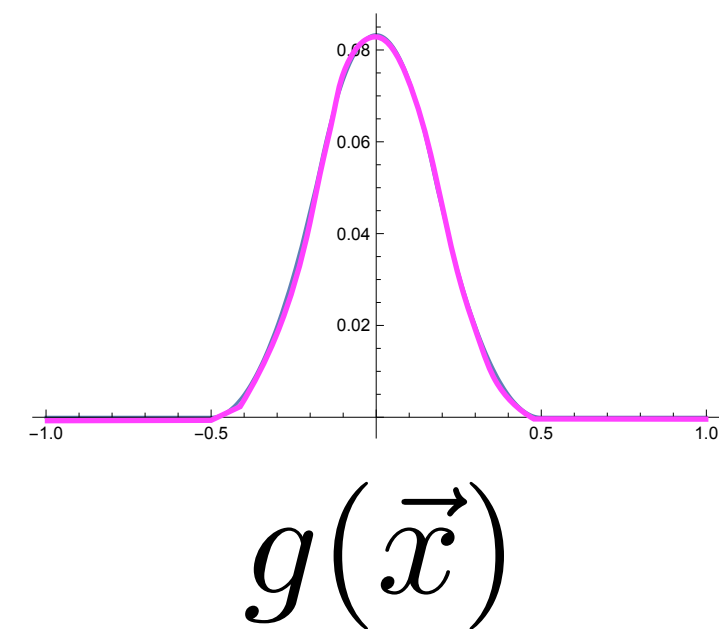
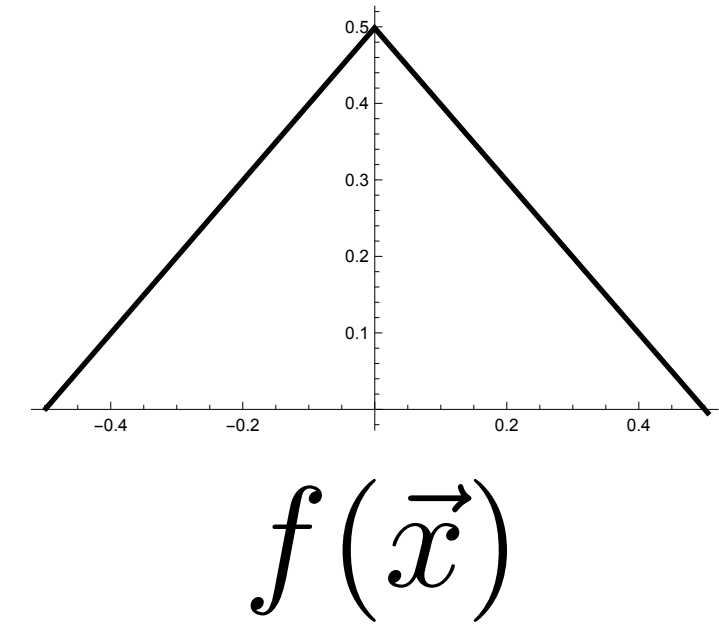
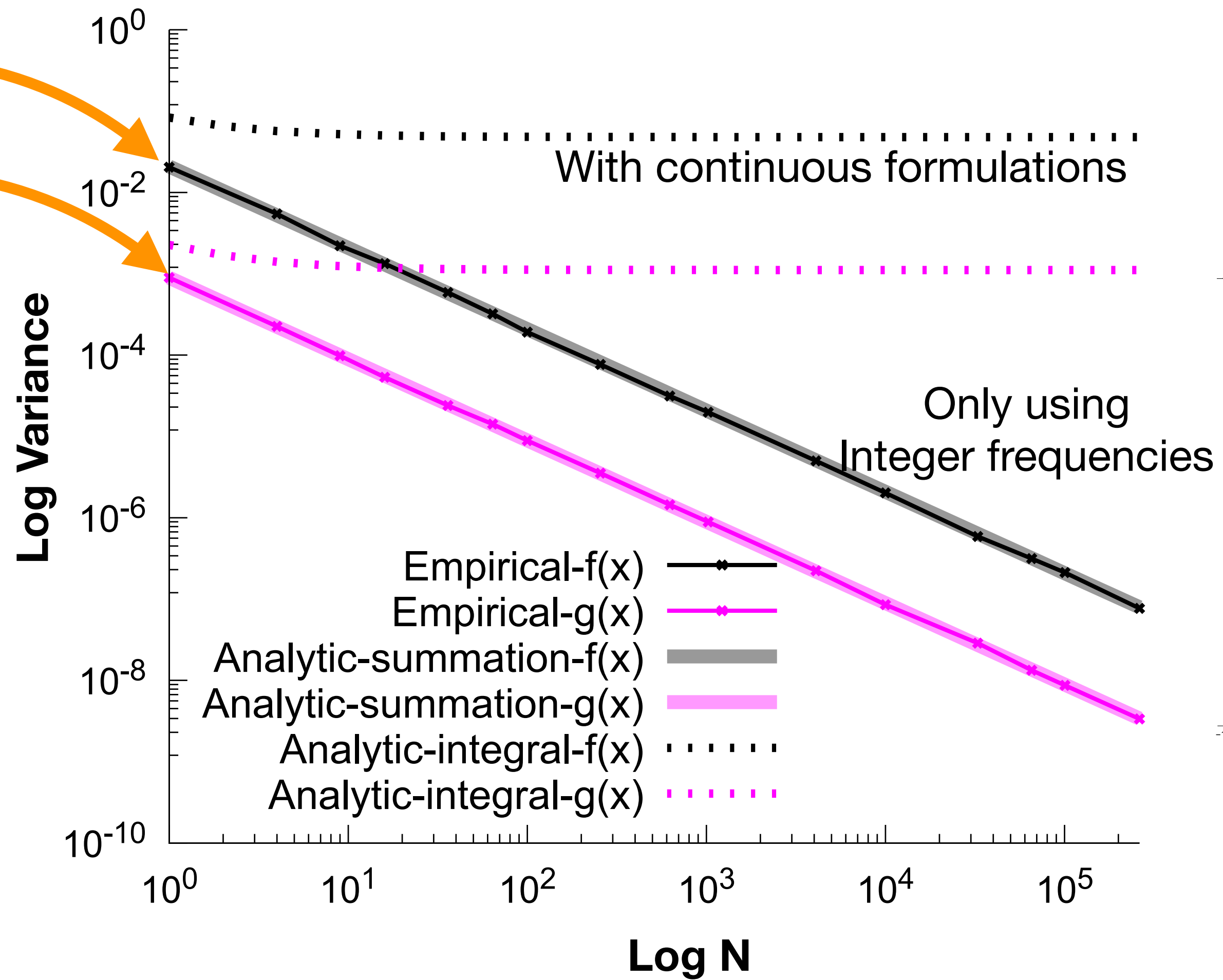
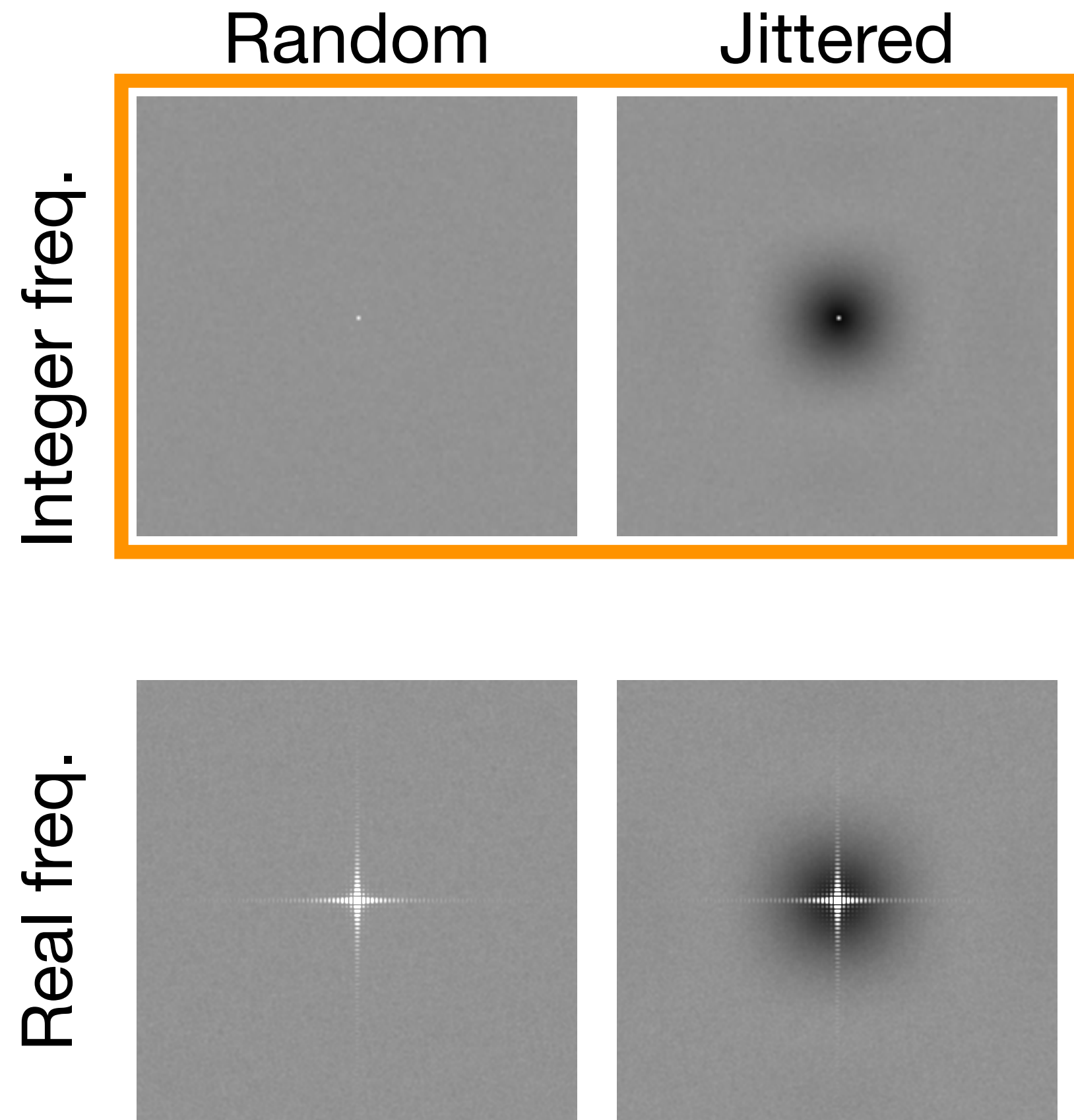
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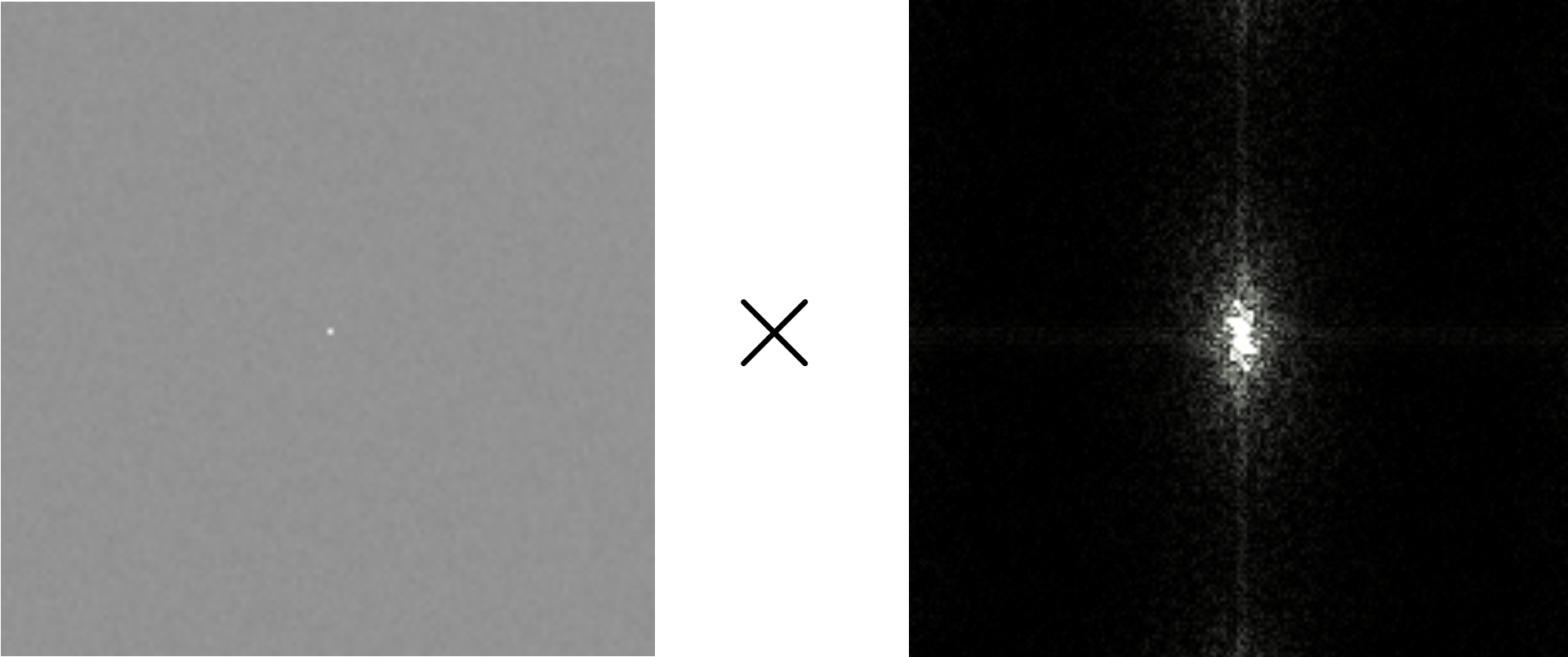
$g(\vec{x})$



Convergence Rates Diverges at Real Frequencies



Monte Carlo Estimation Variance for Random Samples

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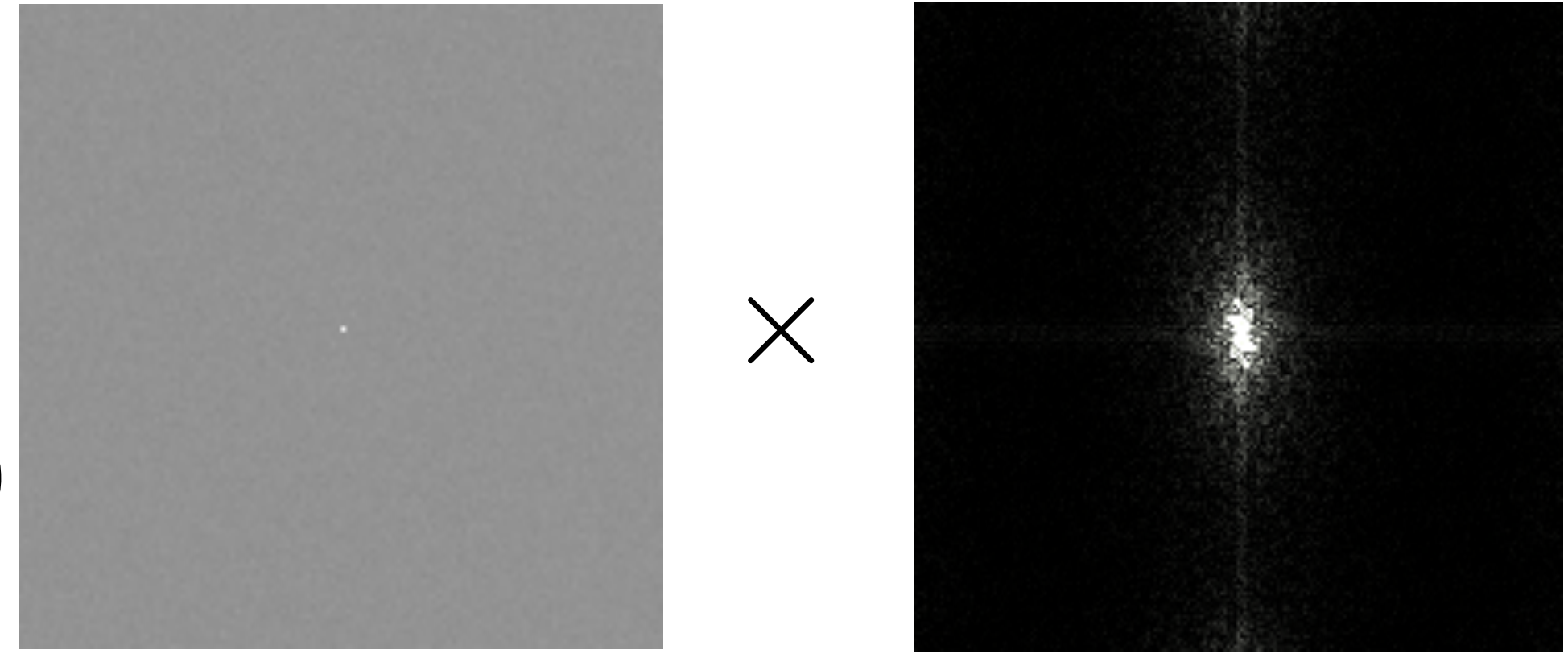
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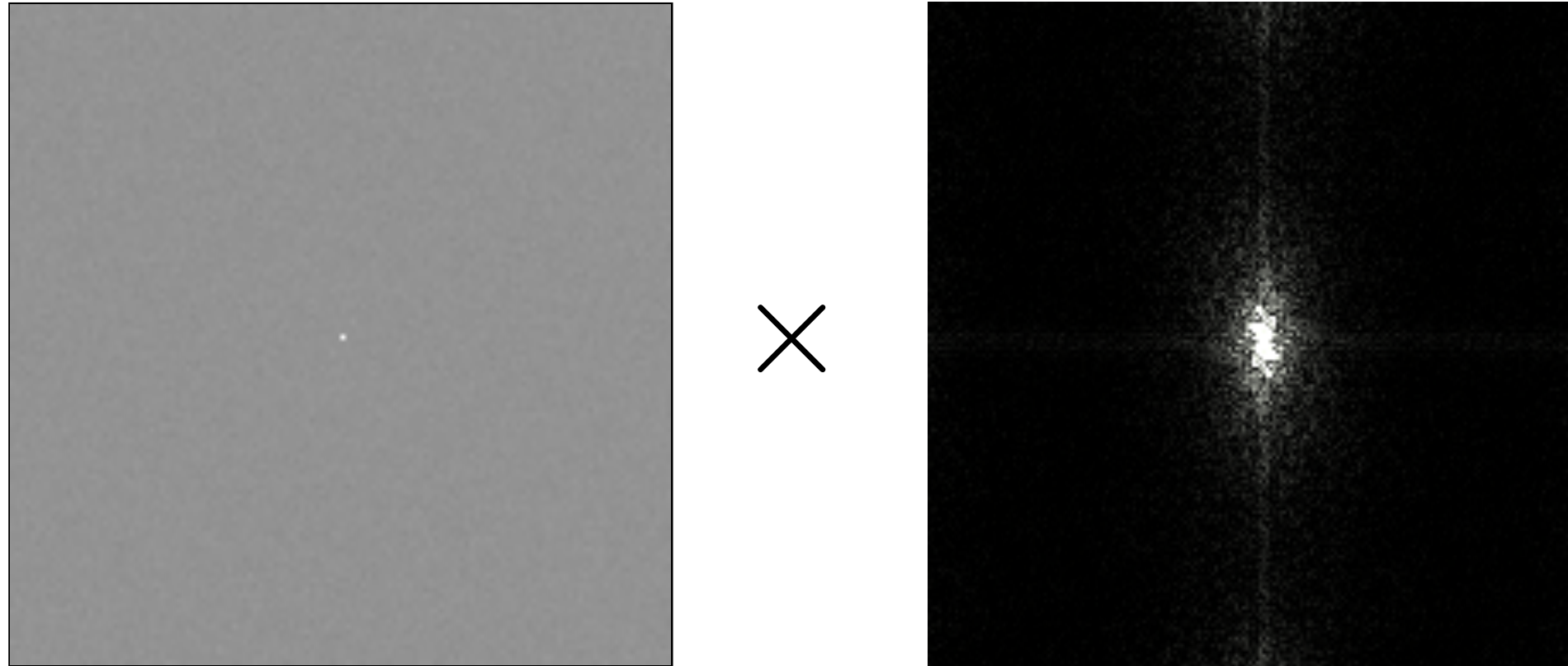
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Stationarity can be imposed using homogenization or Cranley-Patterson rotation for all samplers

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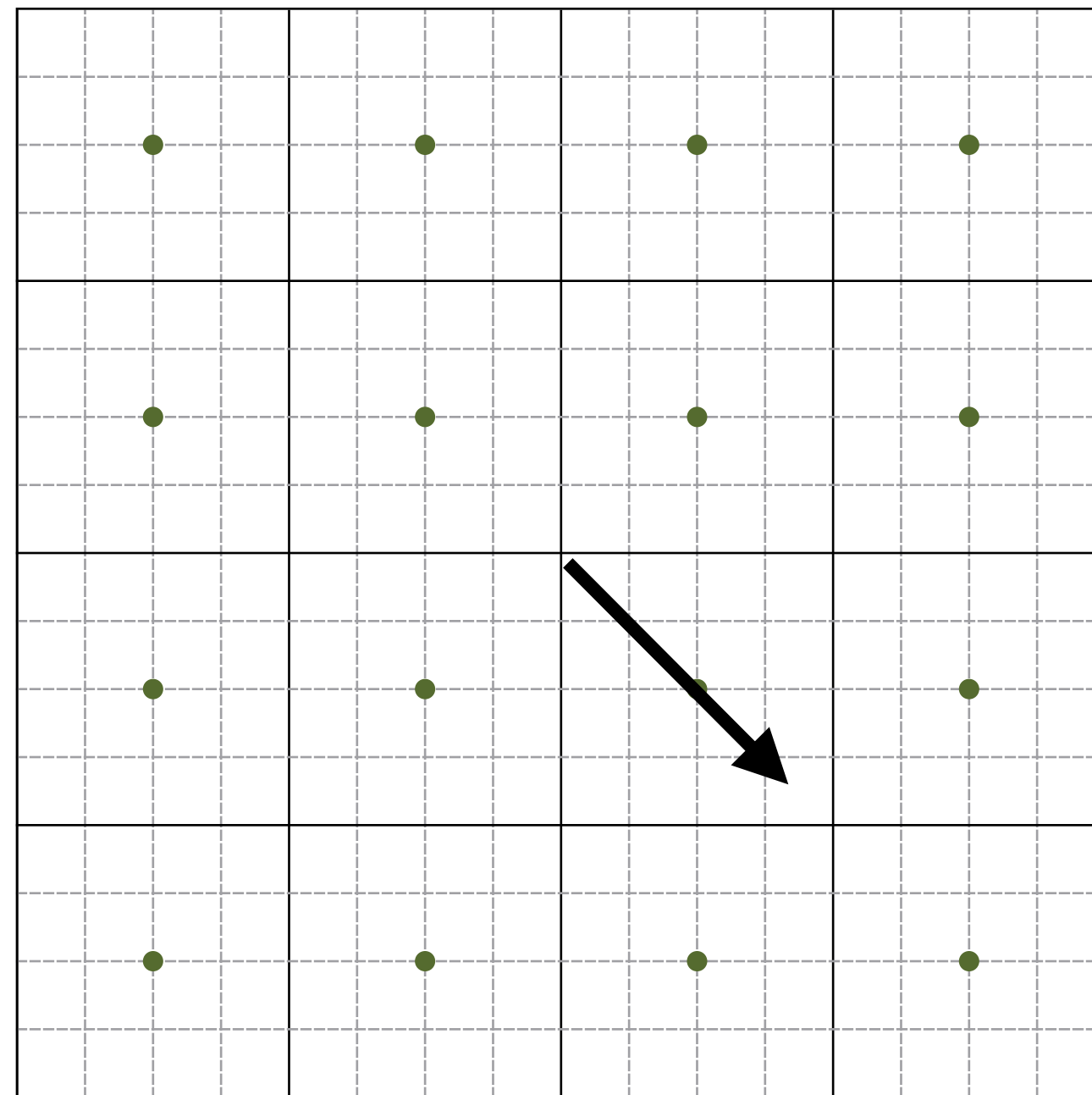
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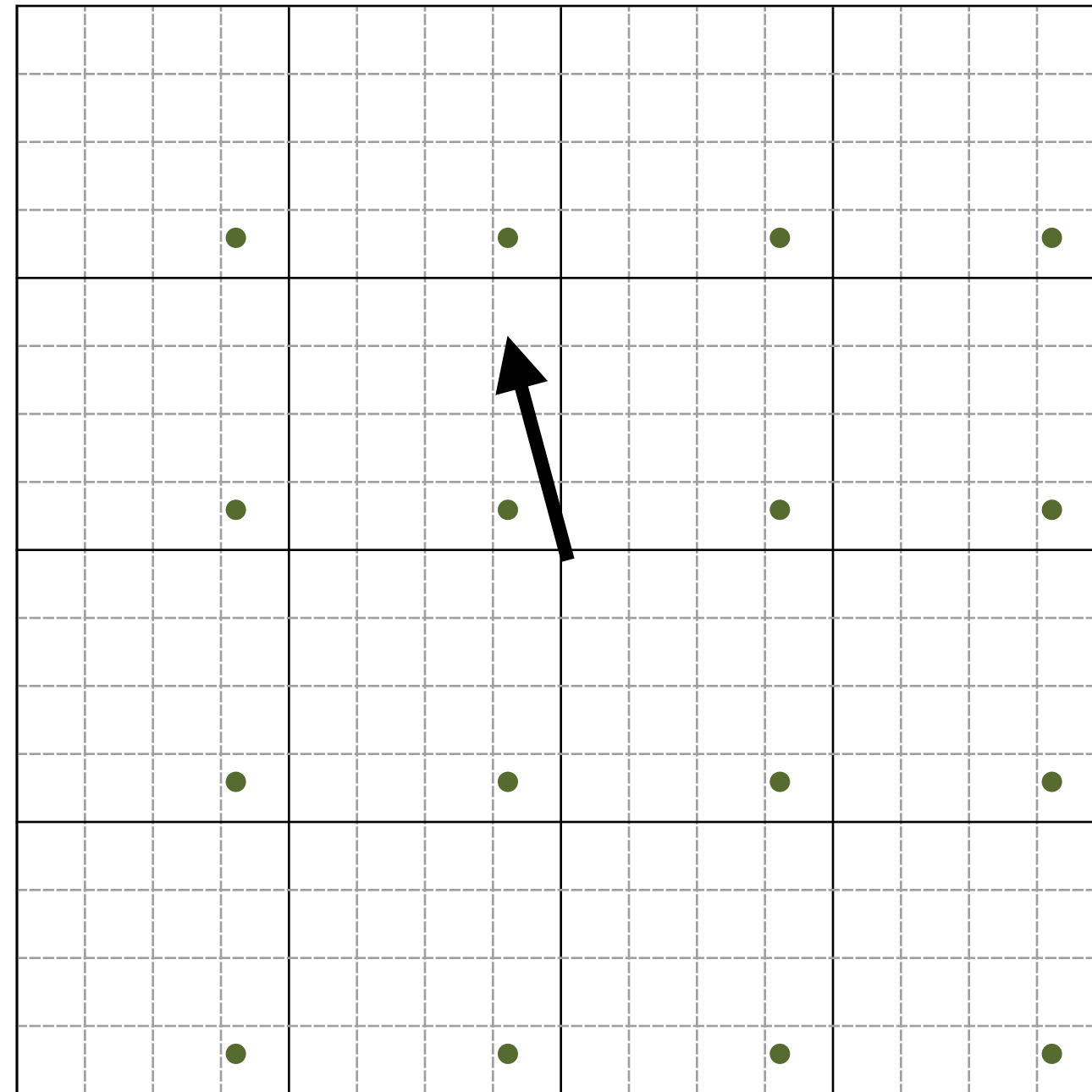
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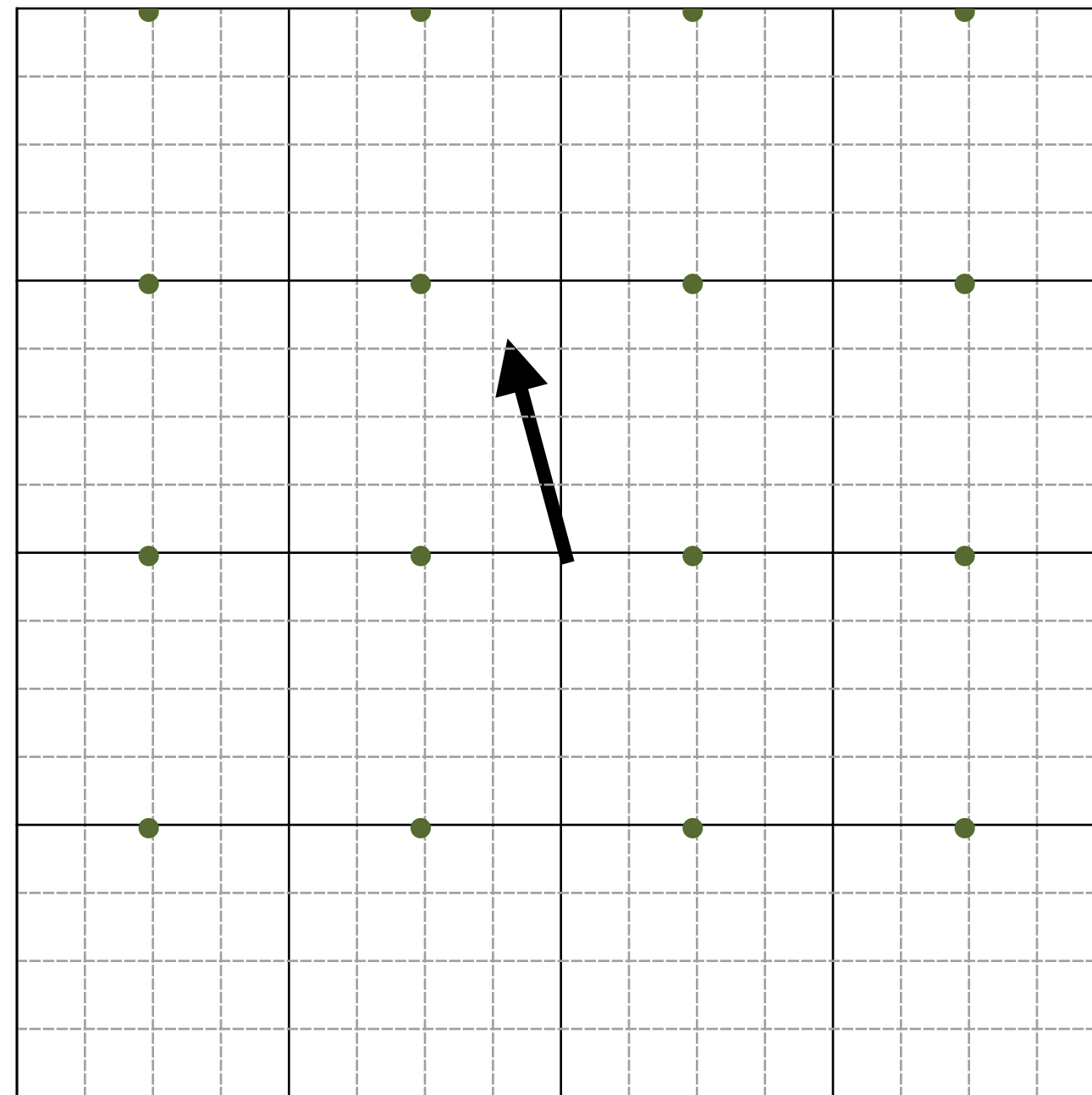
Homogenization or Cranley-Patterson rotation



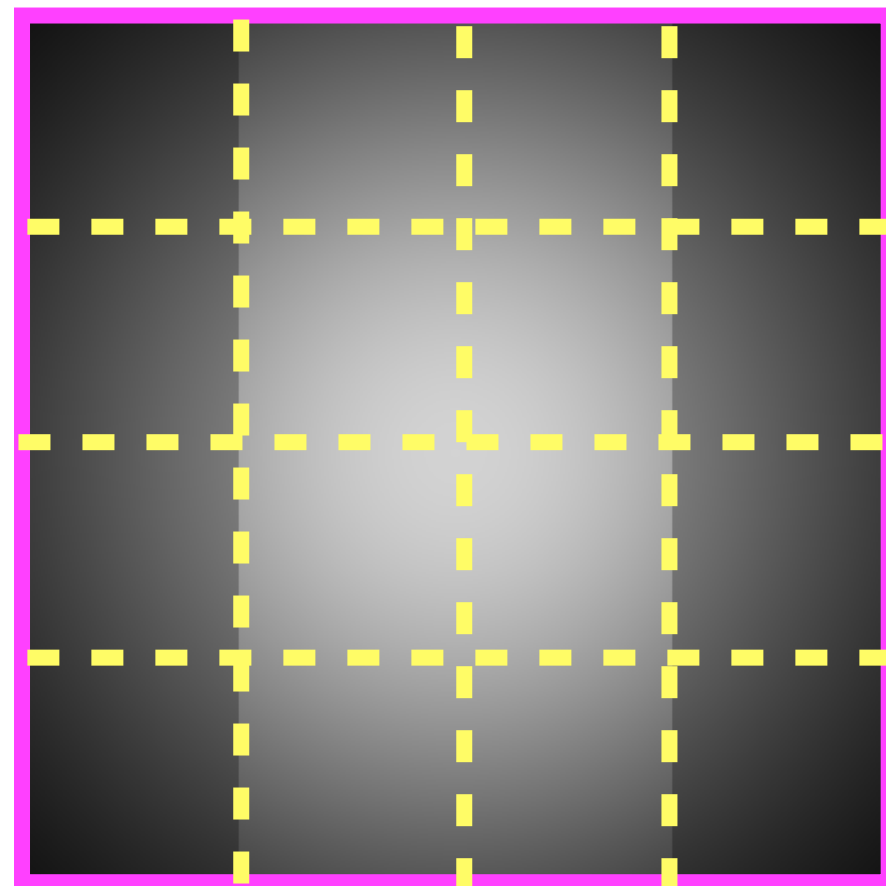
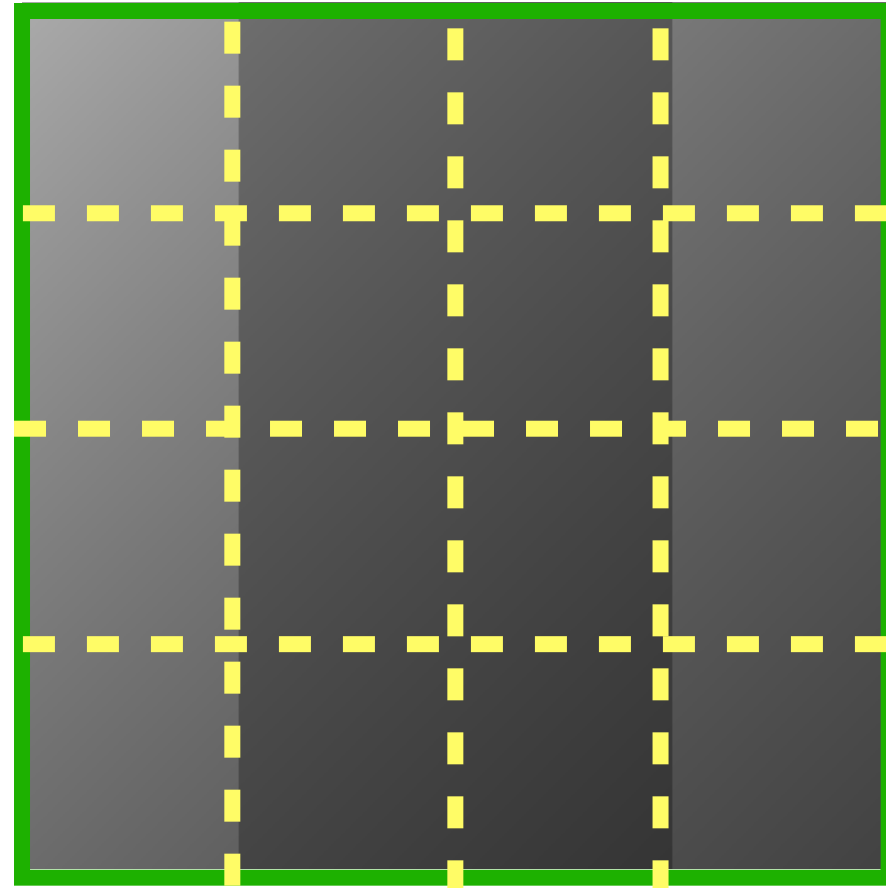
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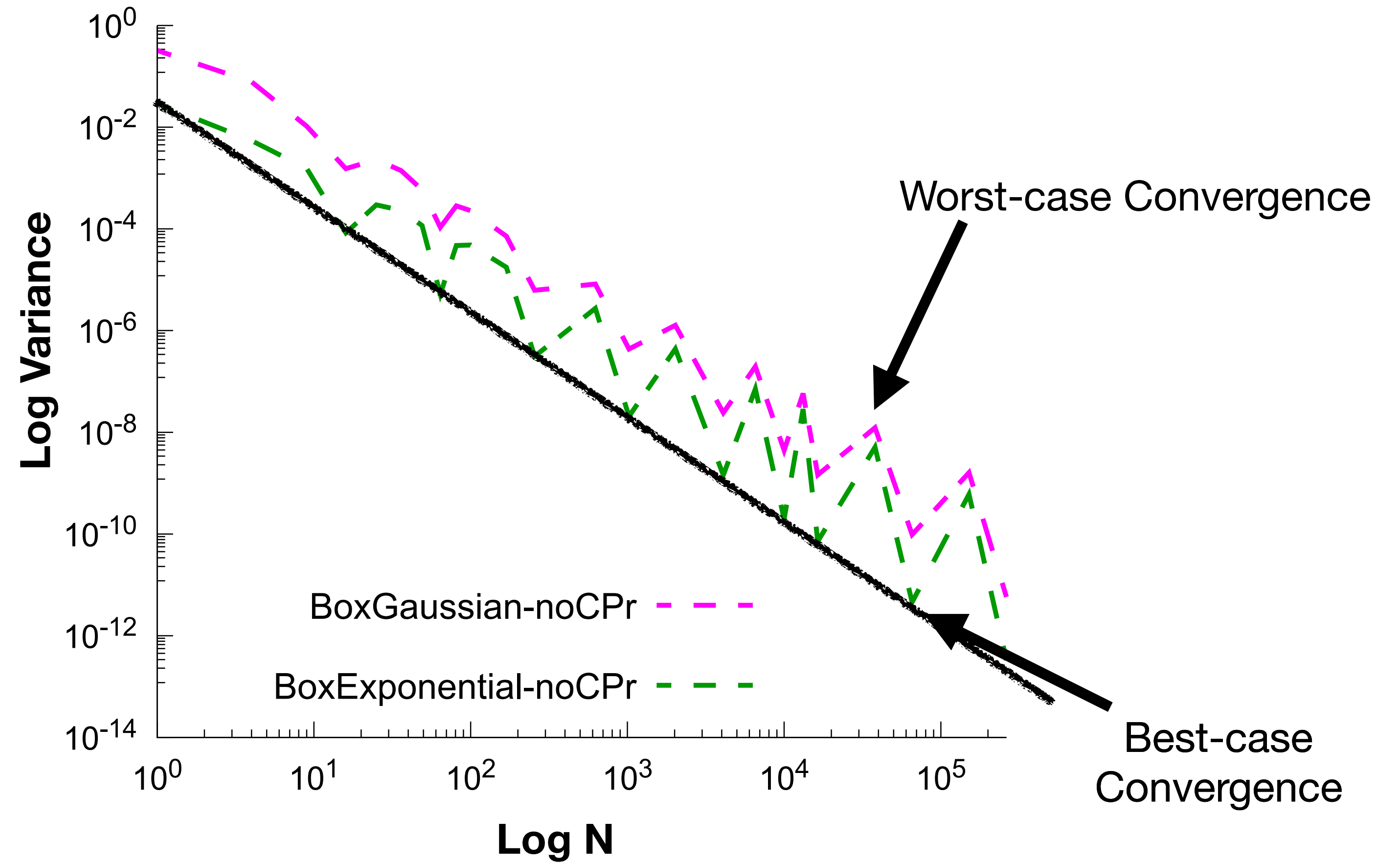
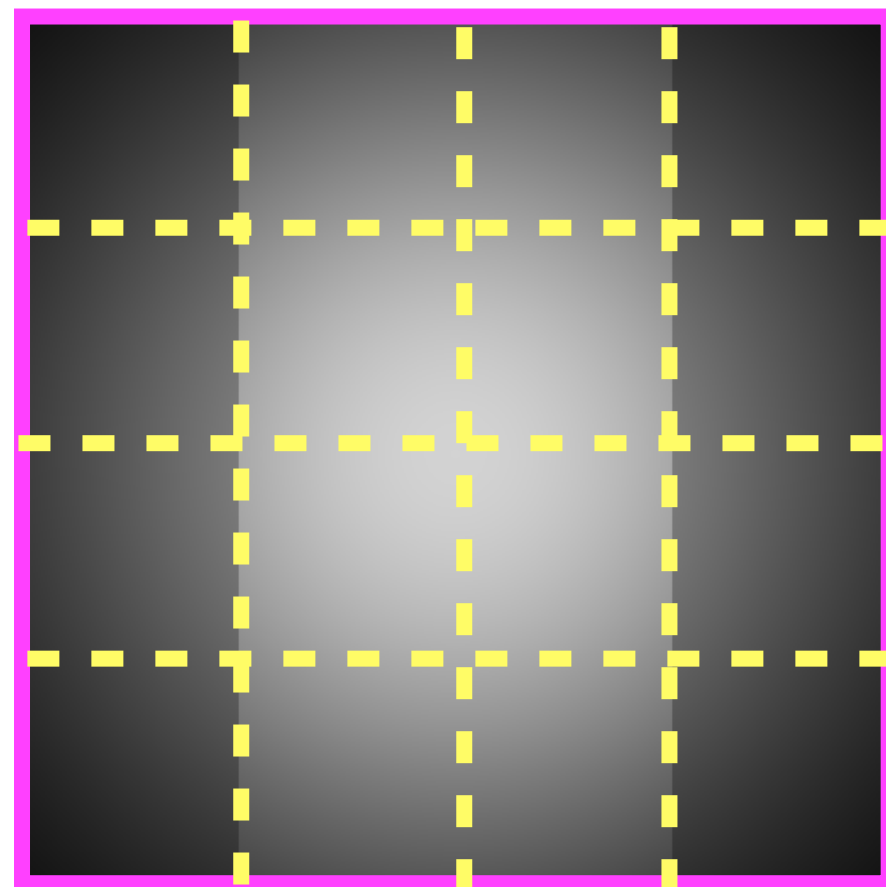
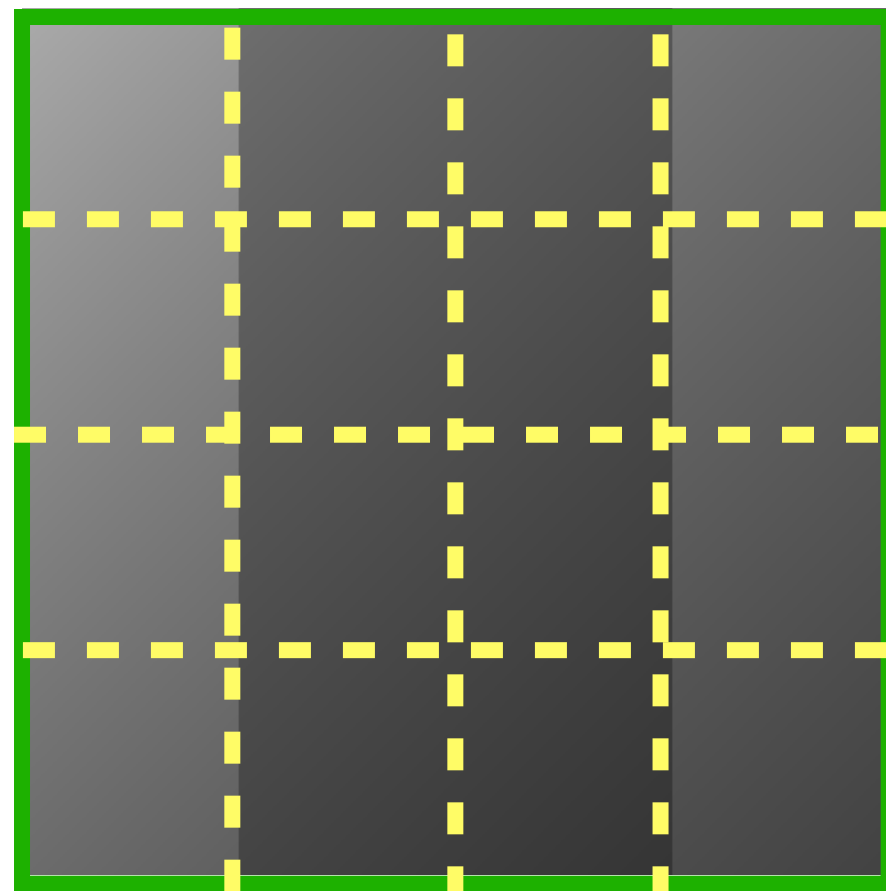
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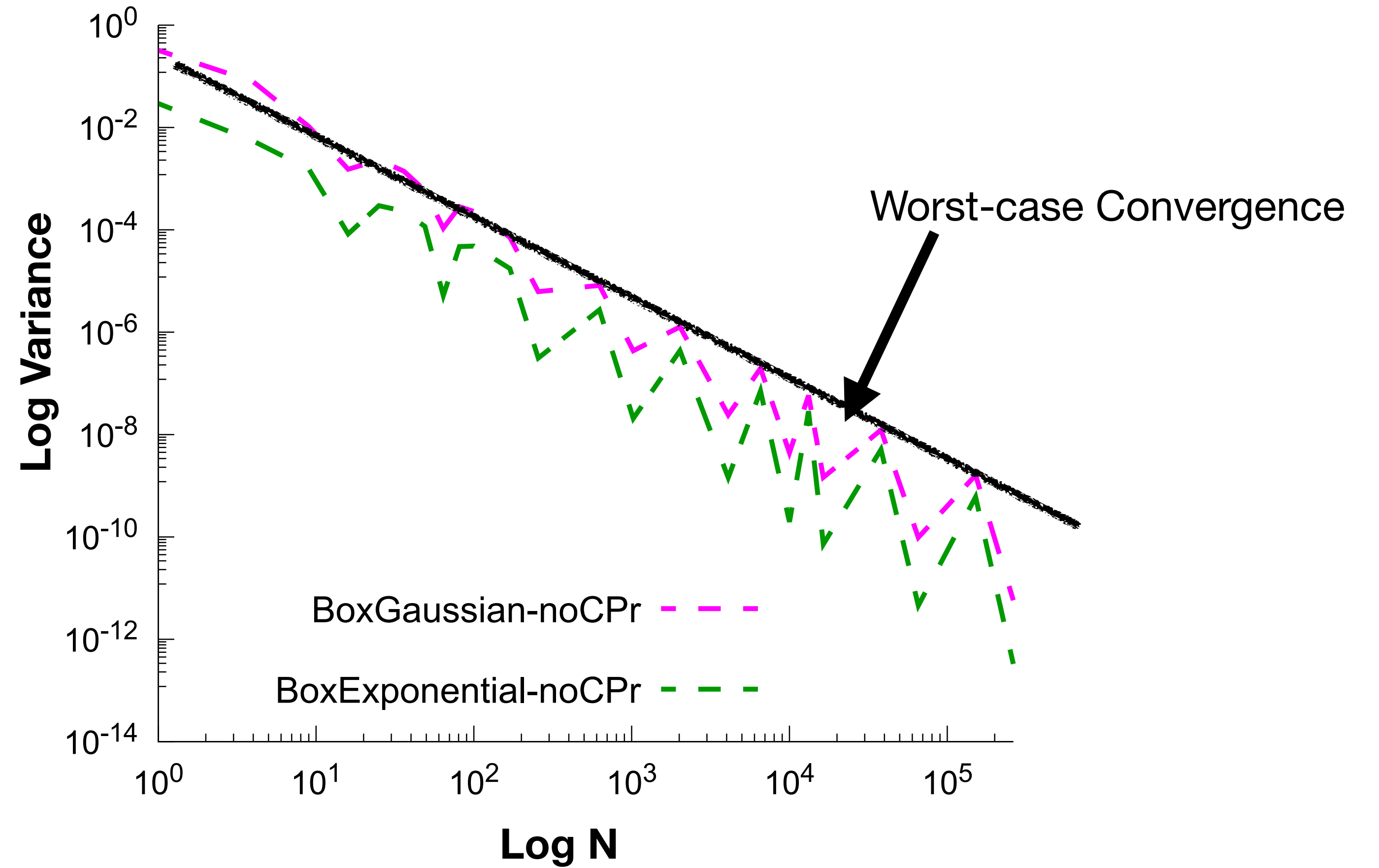
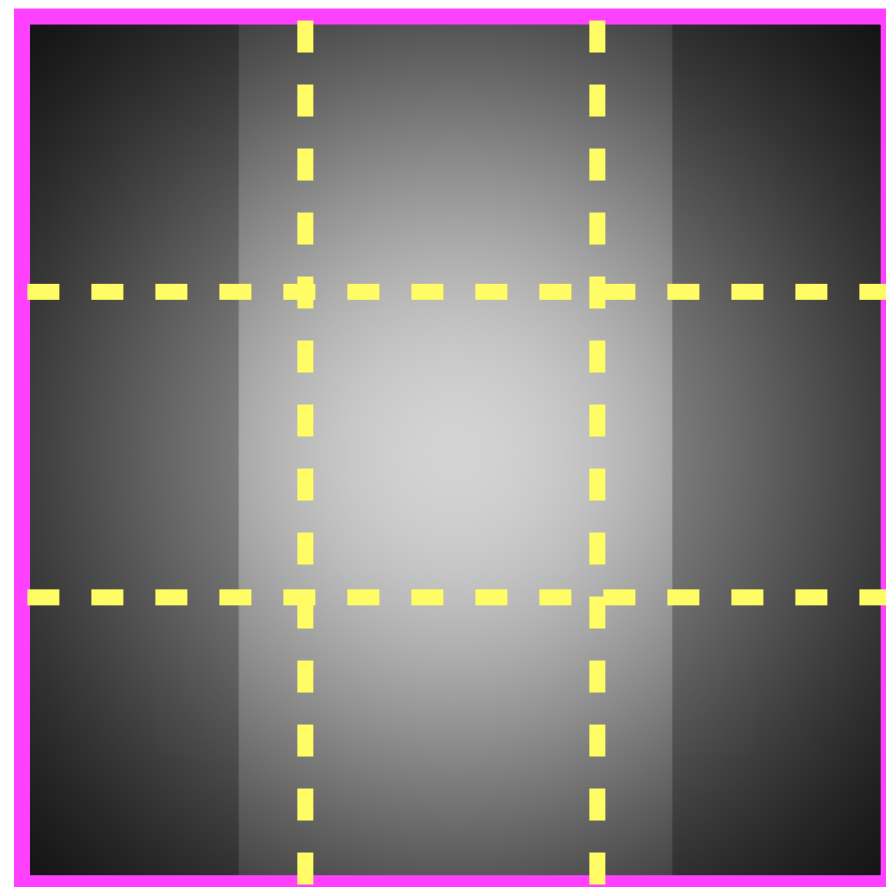
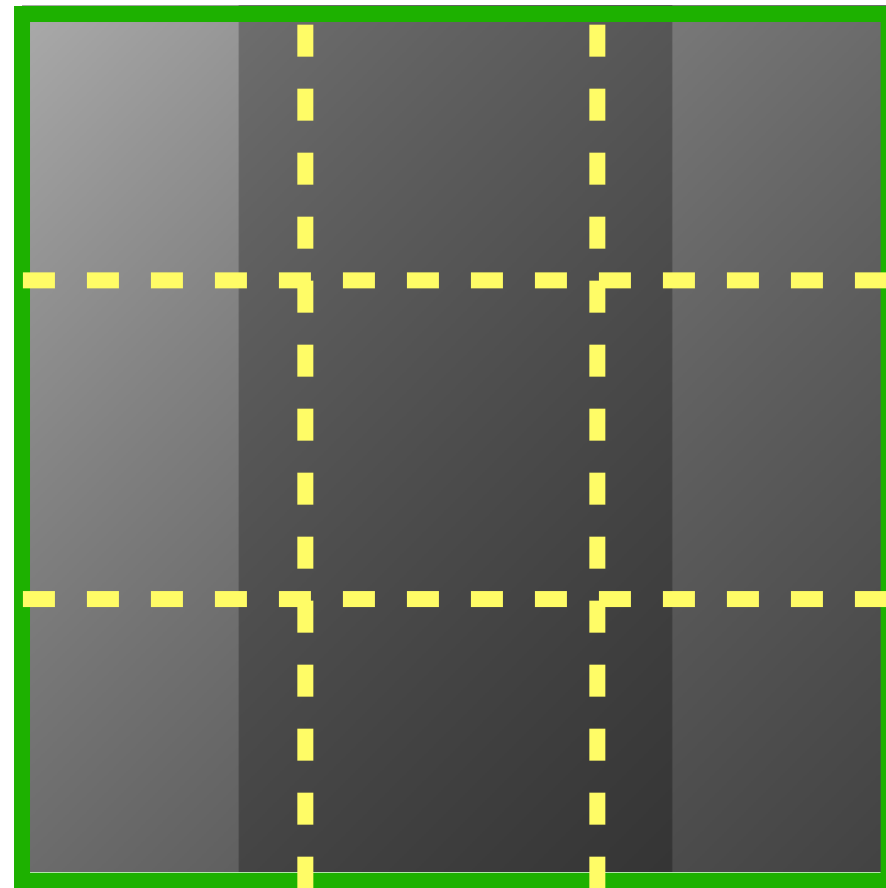
Homogenization affect Convergence



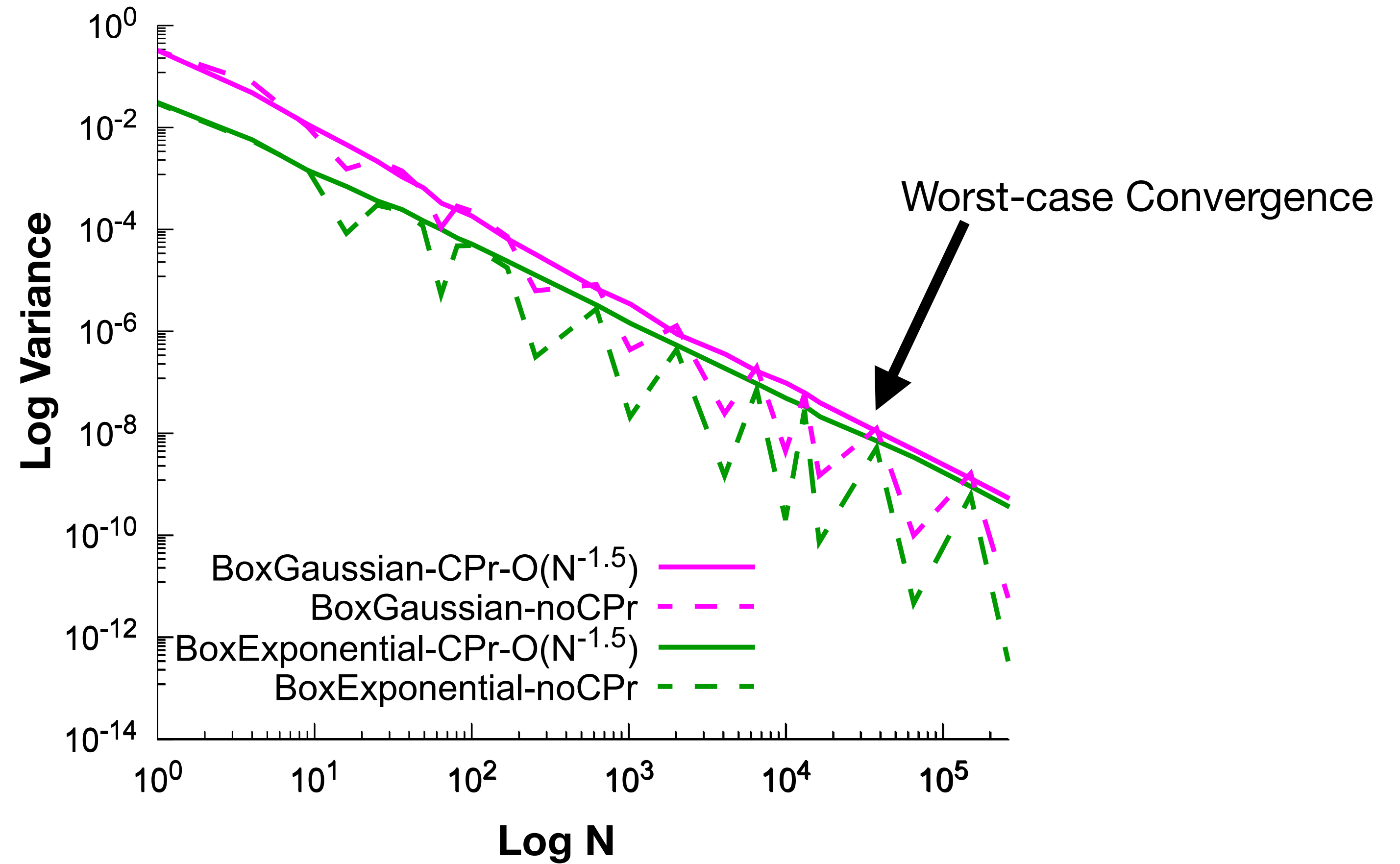
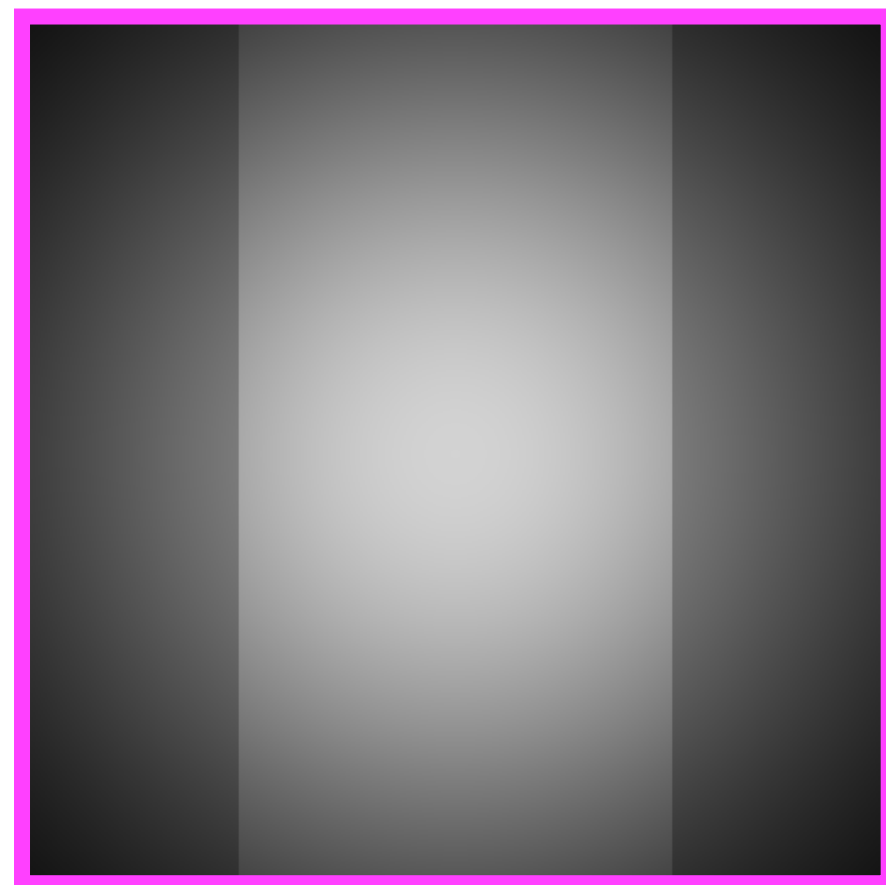
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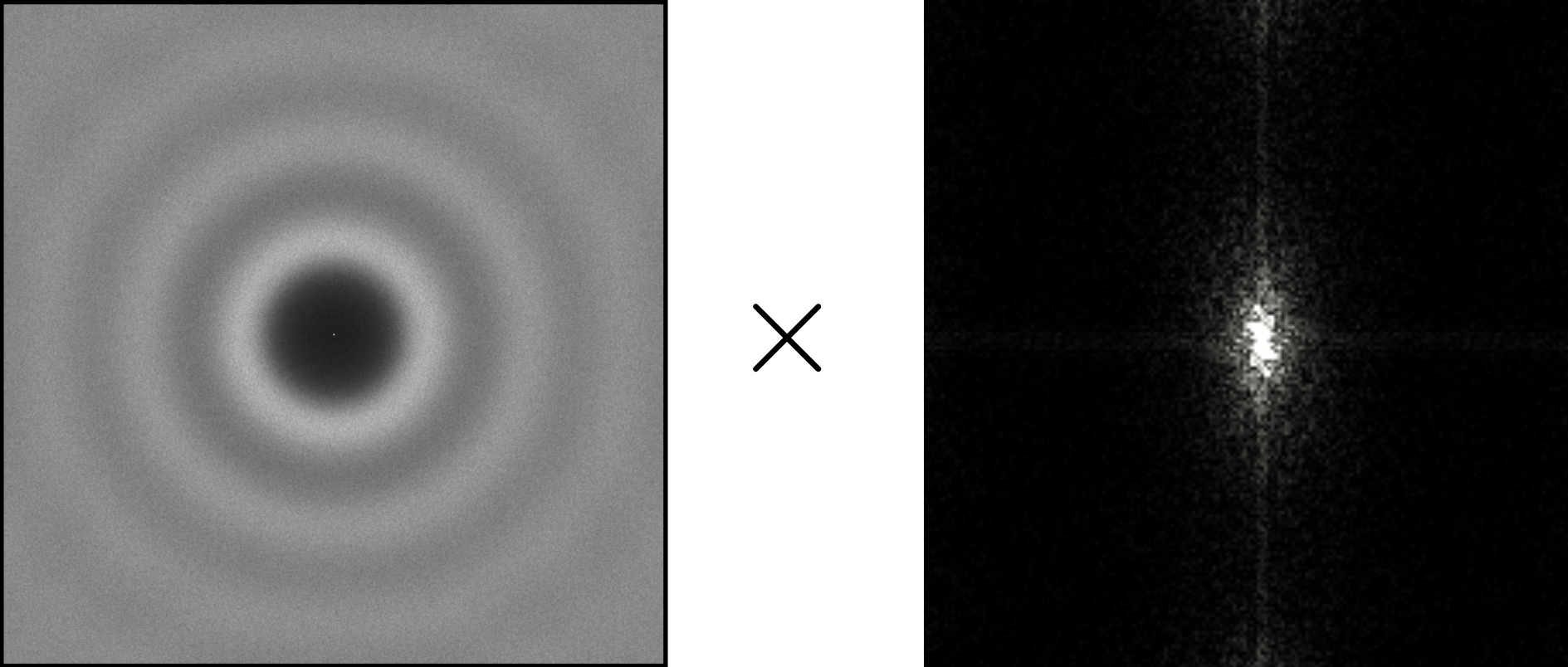
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Homogenization Destroys Good Correlations



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Generalized Variance Formulation

based on Fourier Series



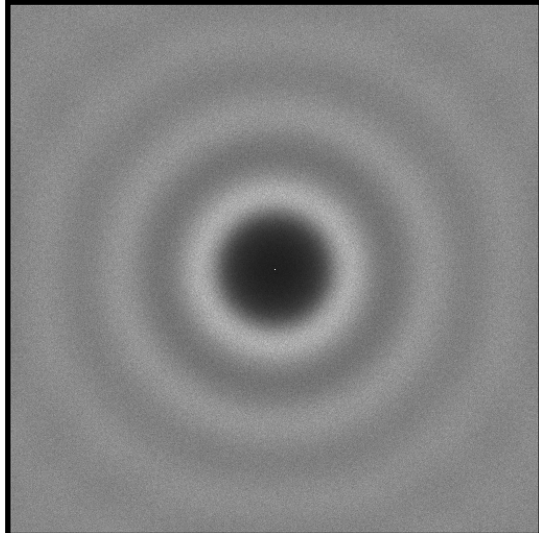
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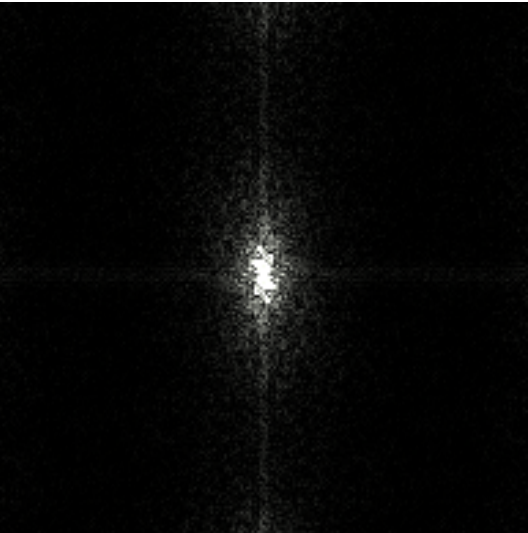
Third term

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DC component

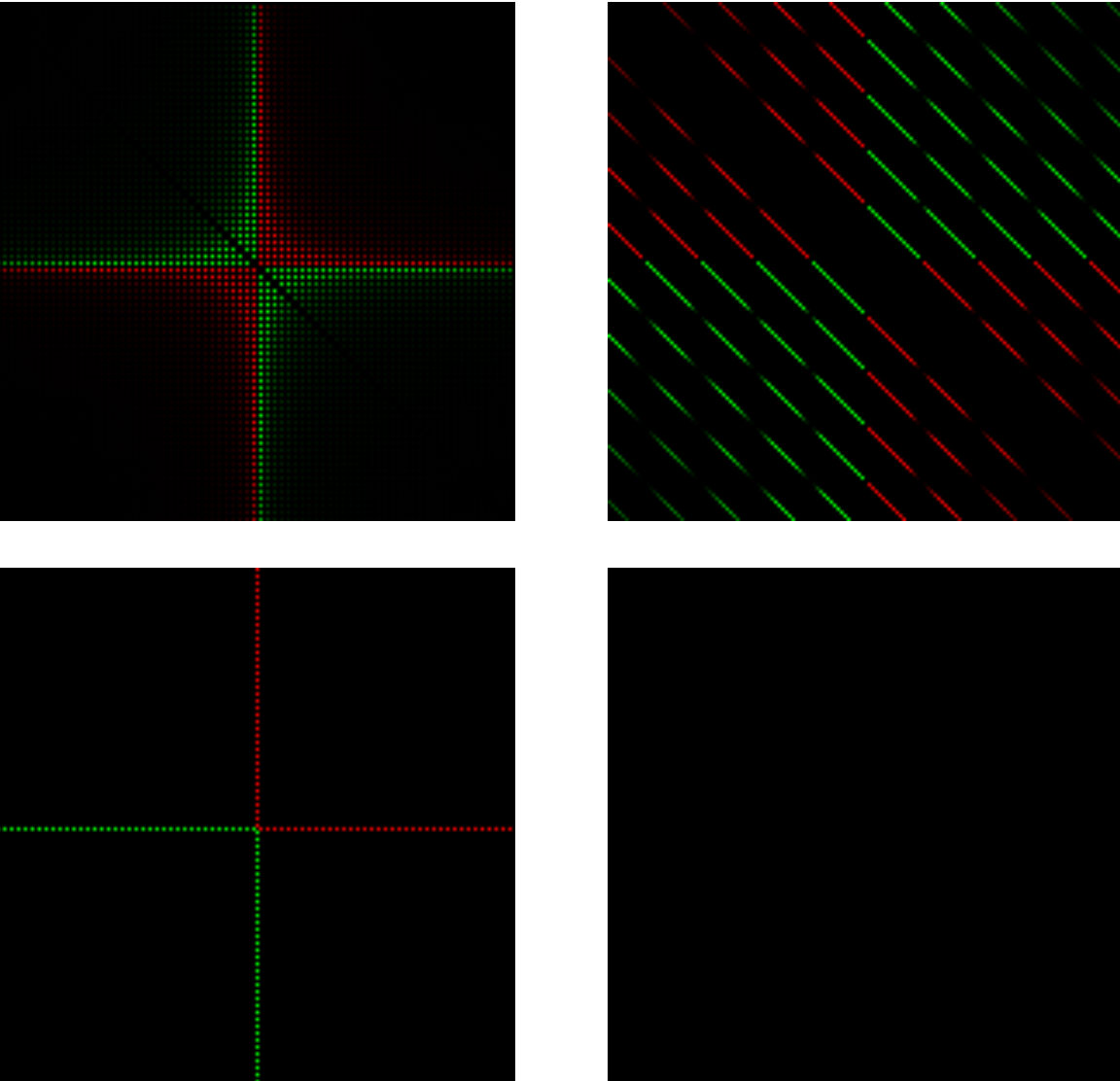


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Real coeffs

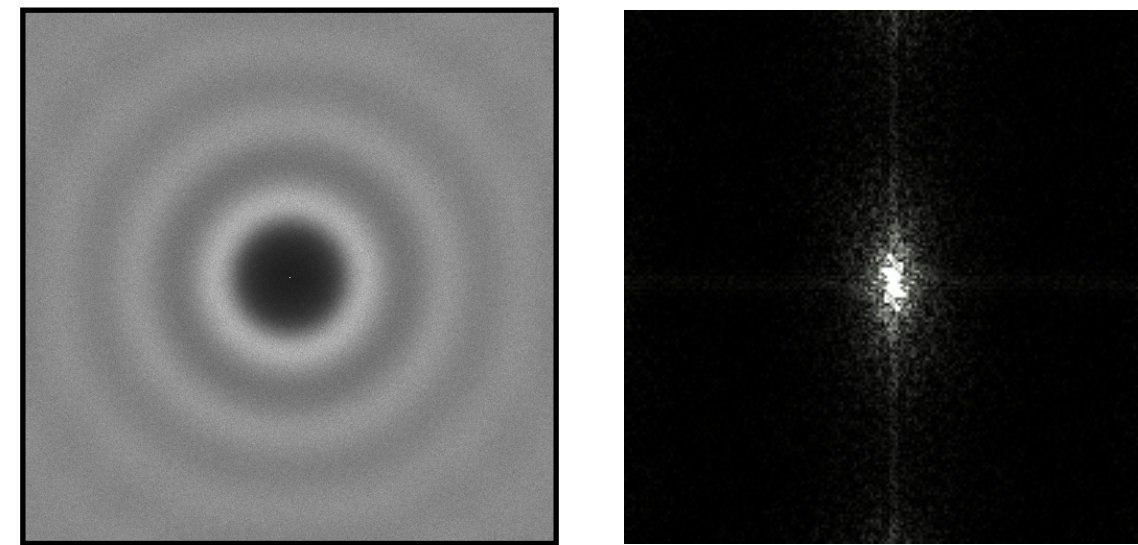


Imag coeffs



Variance Formulation: For Homogenized Samples

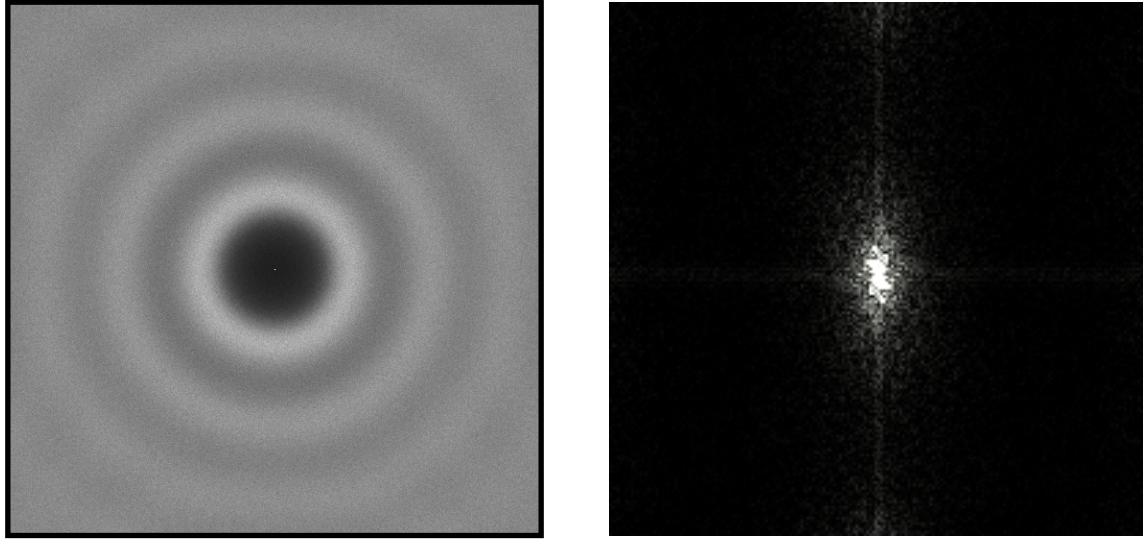
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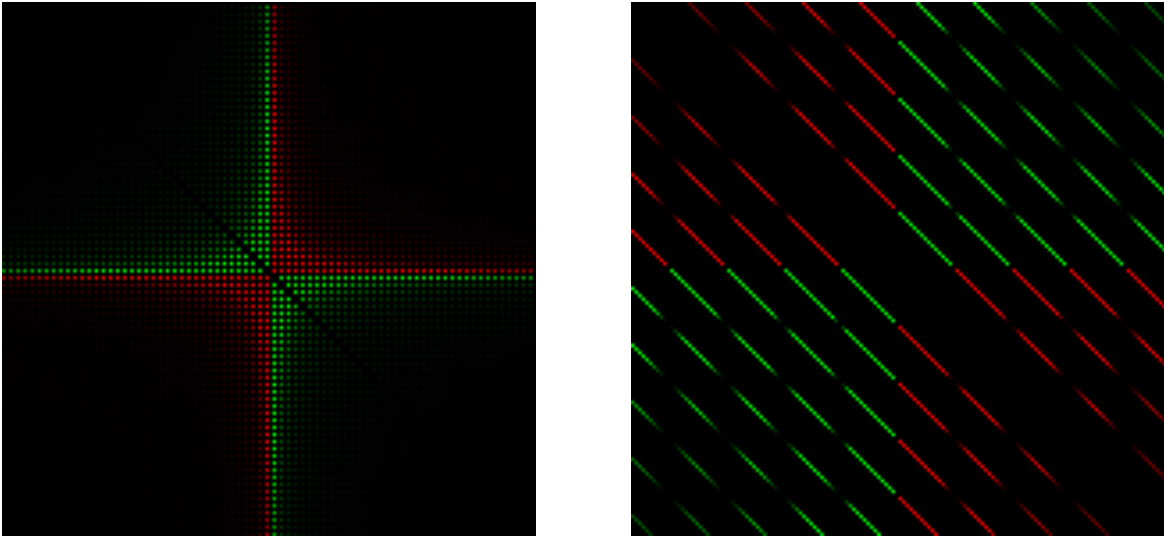
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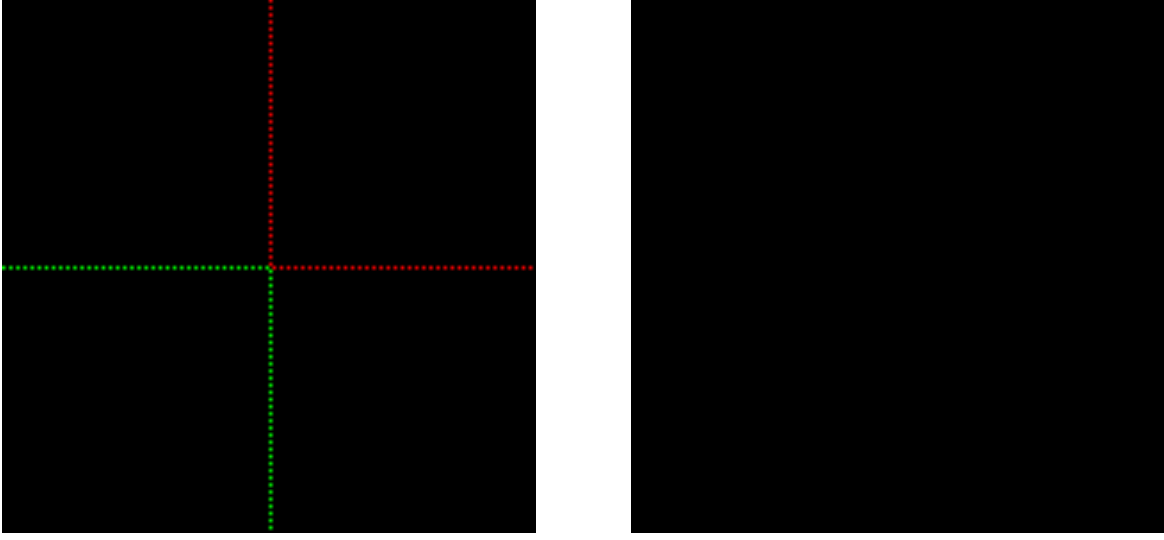
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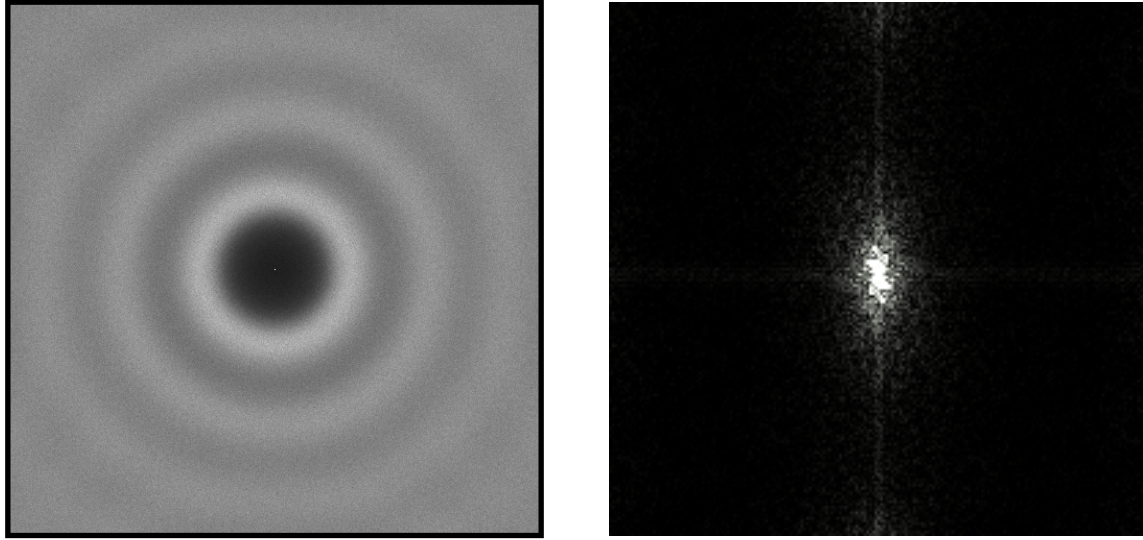




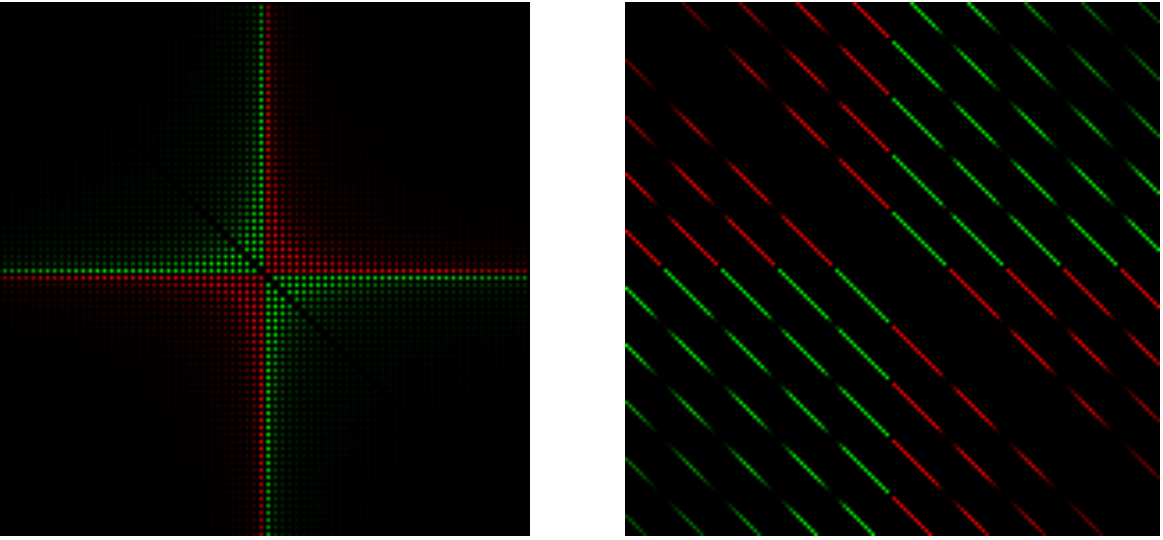
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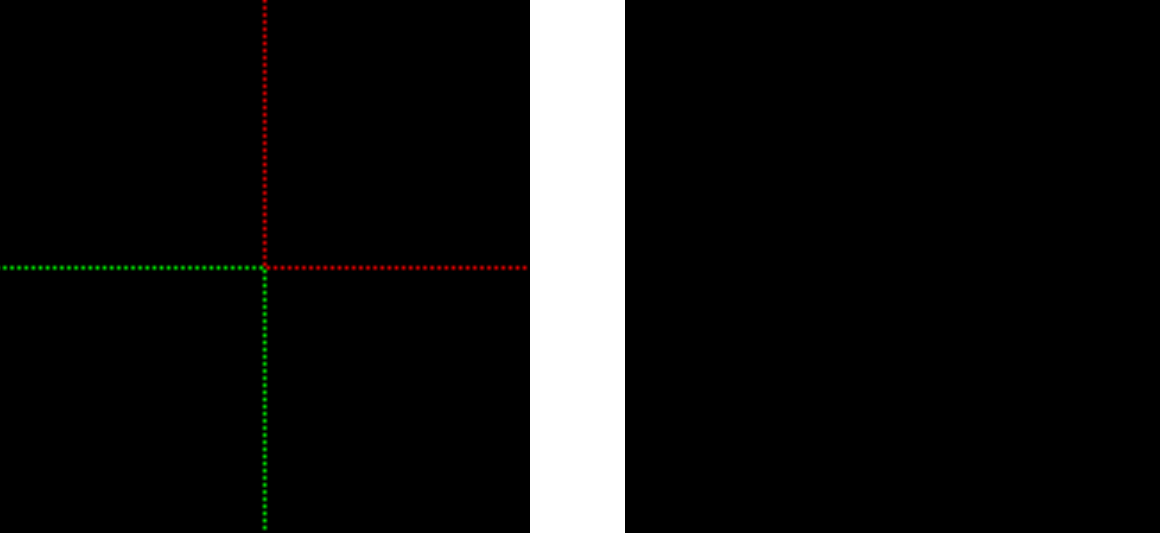
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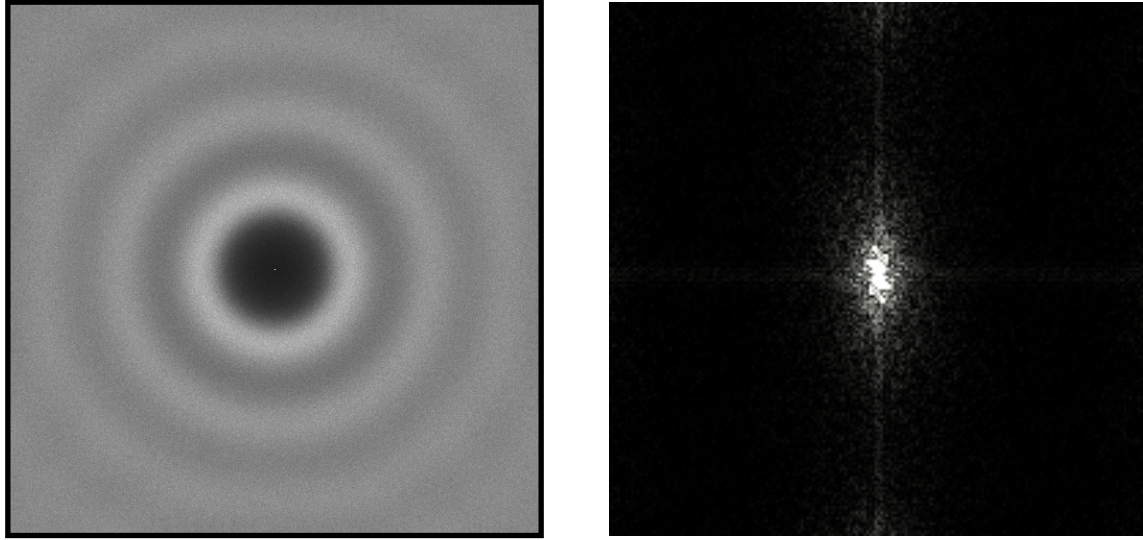




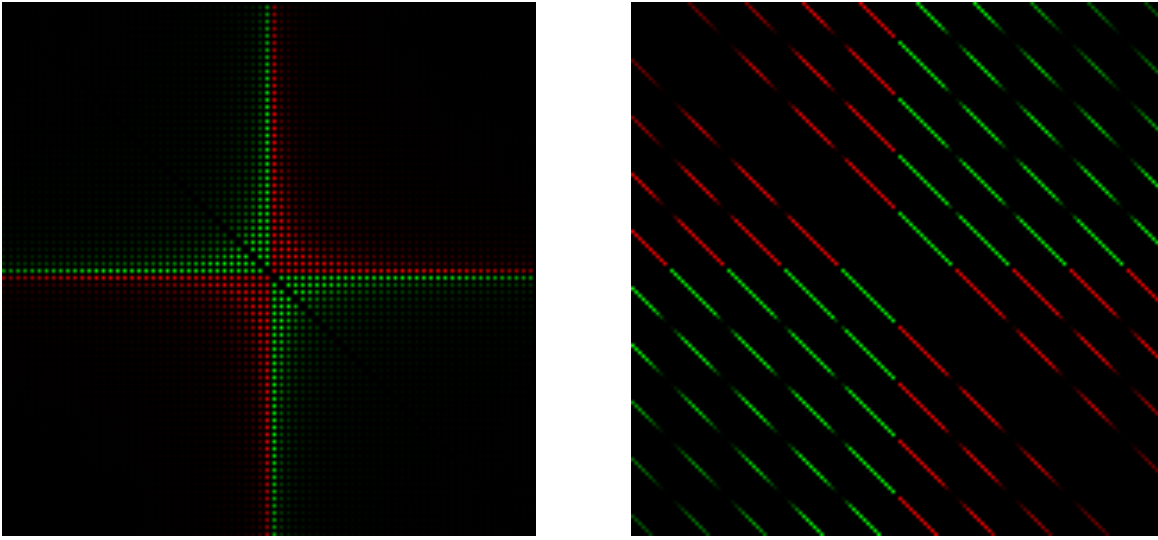
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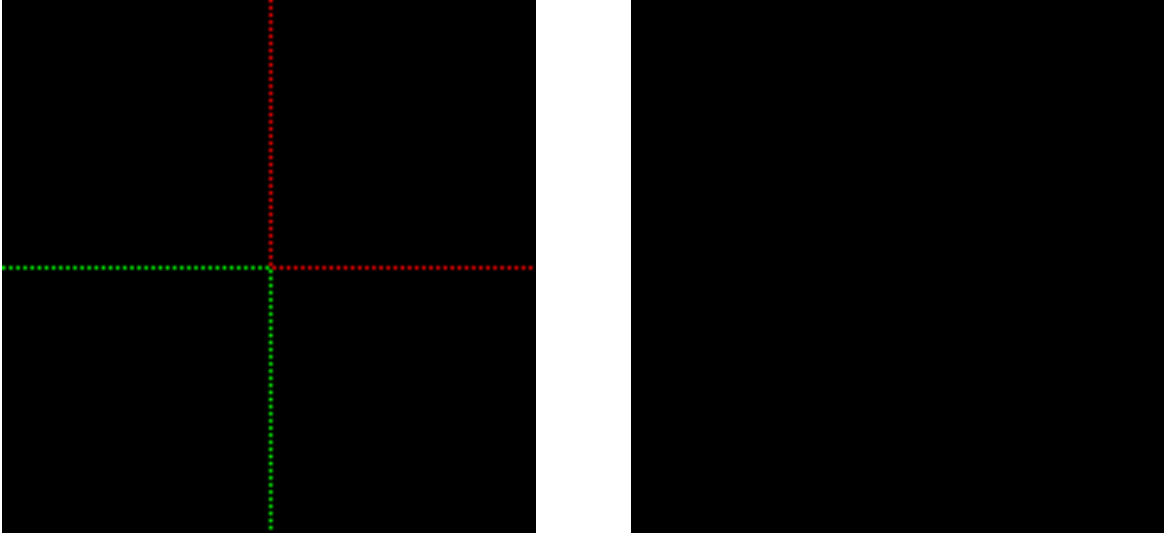
Third term



Real coeffs



Imag coeffs





Generalized Variance Formulation

Third term

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Valid for non-uniform PDFs (importance samples)

No Homogenization (CPr) performed

Finite sampling domain is properly handled

Fourier Analysis of Correlated Monte Carlo Importance Sampling:
Supplementary document

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Third Term is Crucial



Generalized Variance Formulation: Third Term Crucial

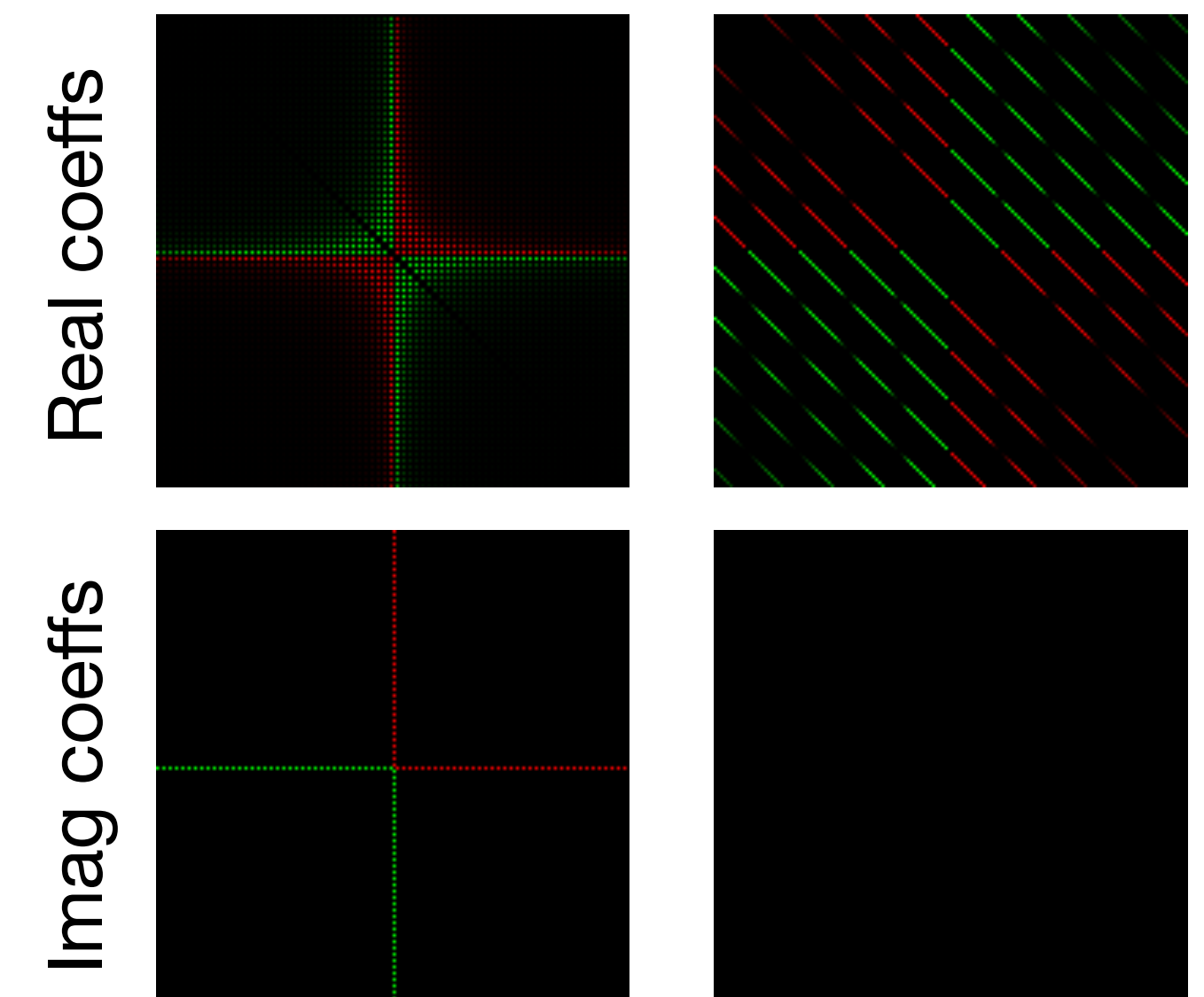
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Third term

First term cannot be ignored for IS variance prediction

Third term allows correct prediction of variance:

- when samples and integrand have correlations
- during importance sampling



Generalized Variance Formulation: Third Term Crucial

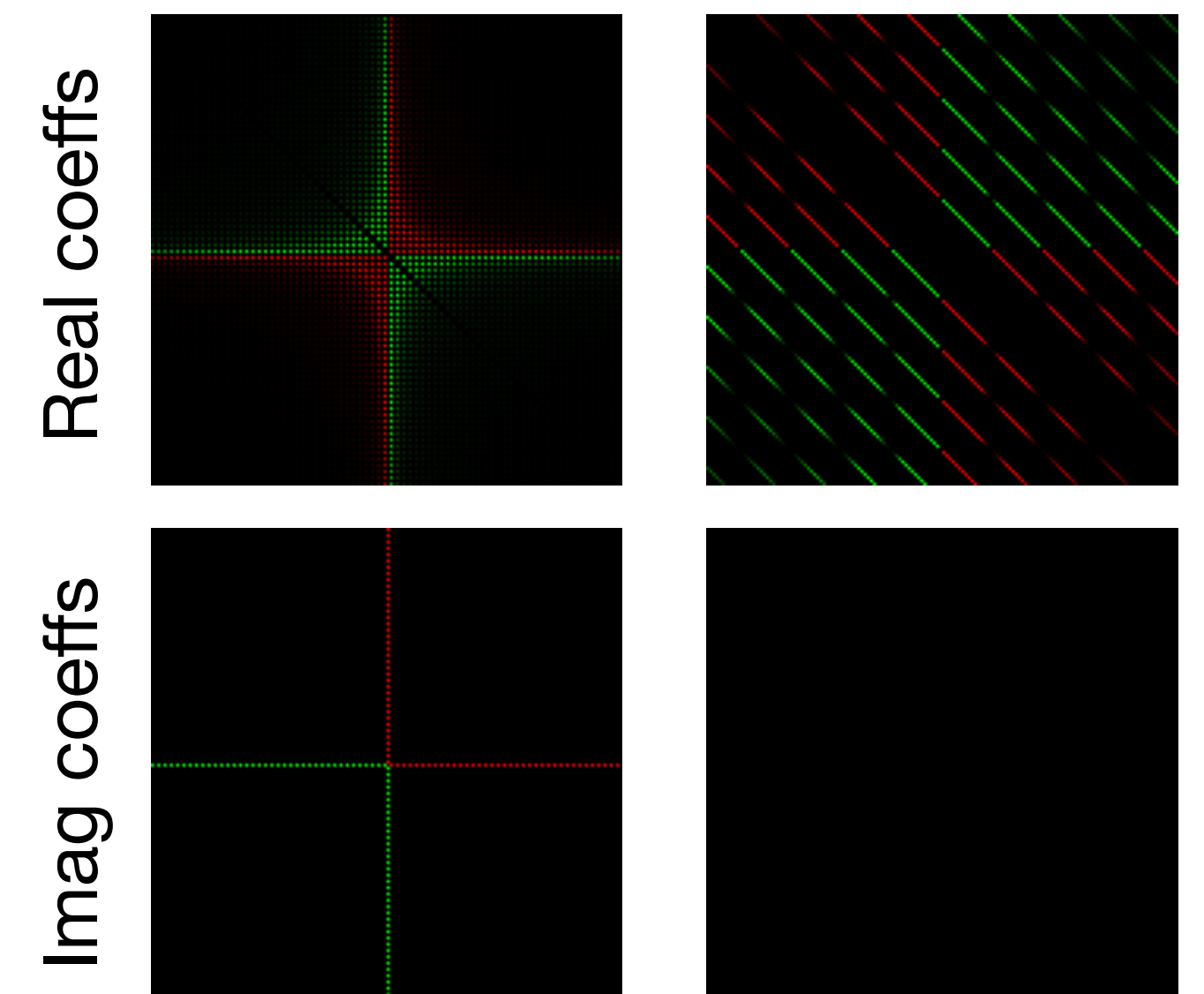
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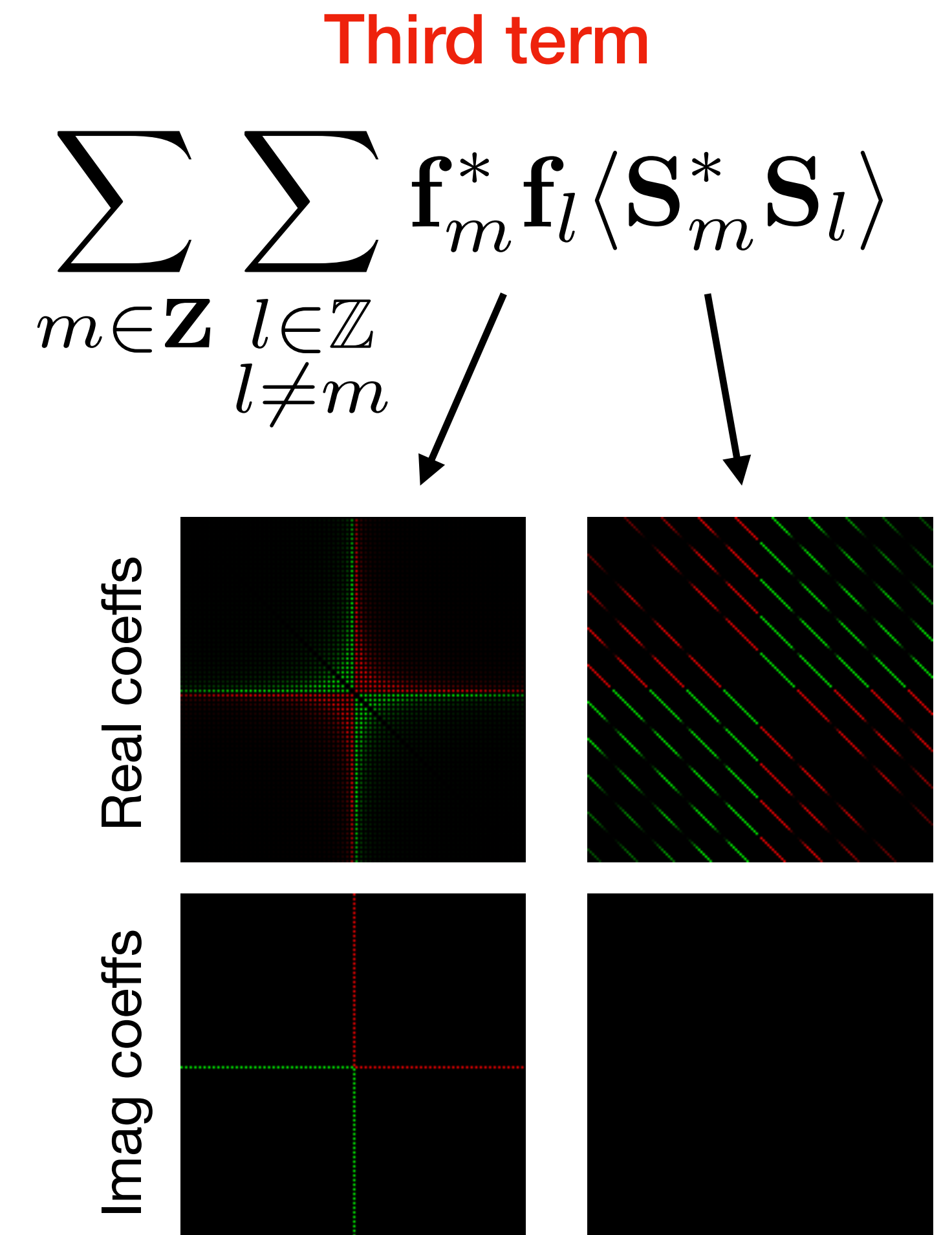
Second term is always positive

For constant PDF, first term is zero, therefore, third term is negative and reduces variance

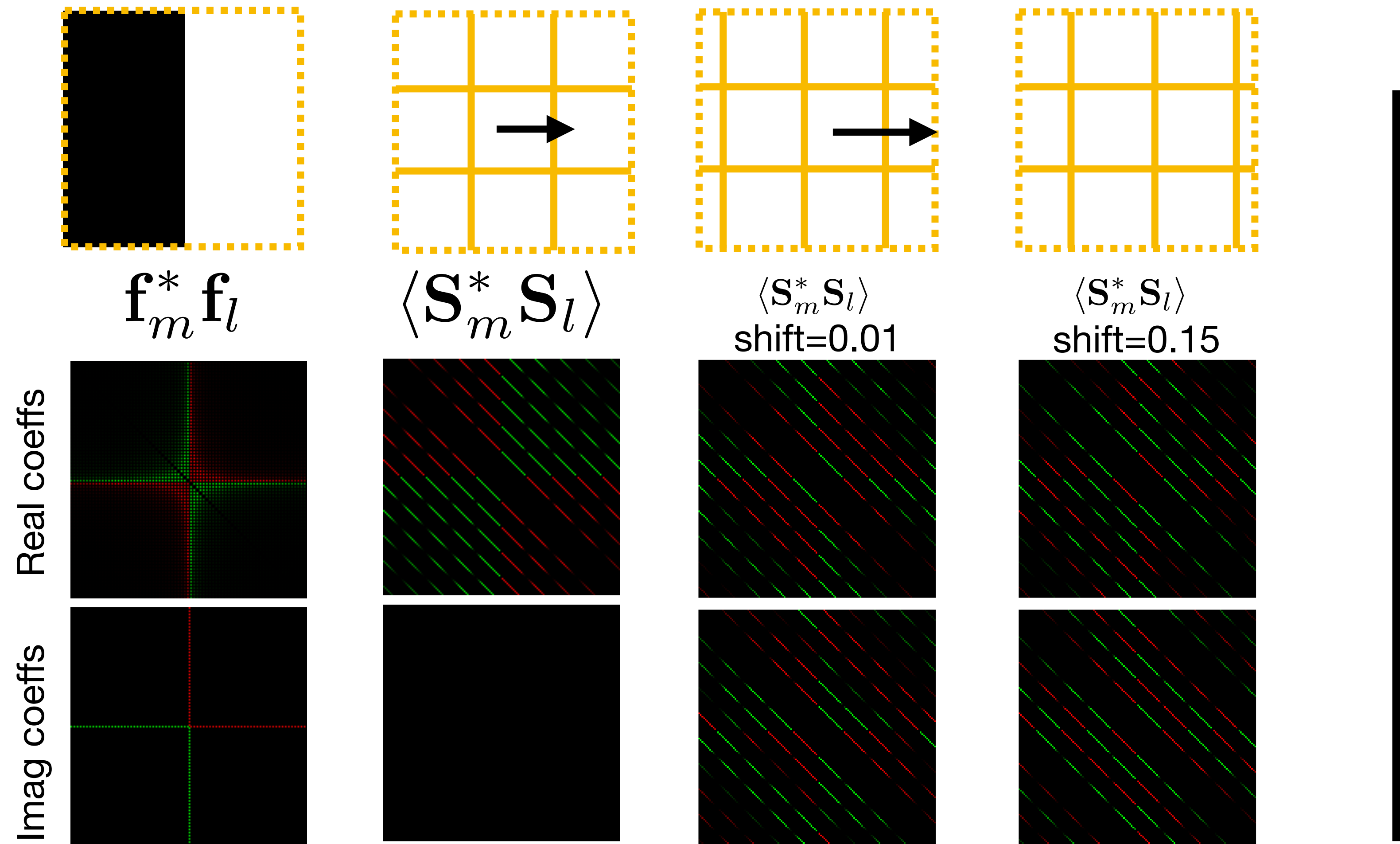
With IS, both the first and the third term reduces variance



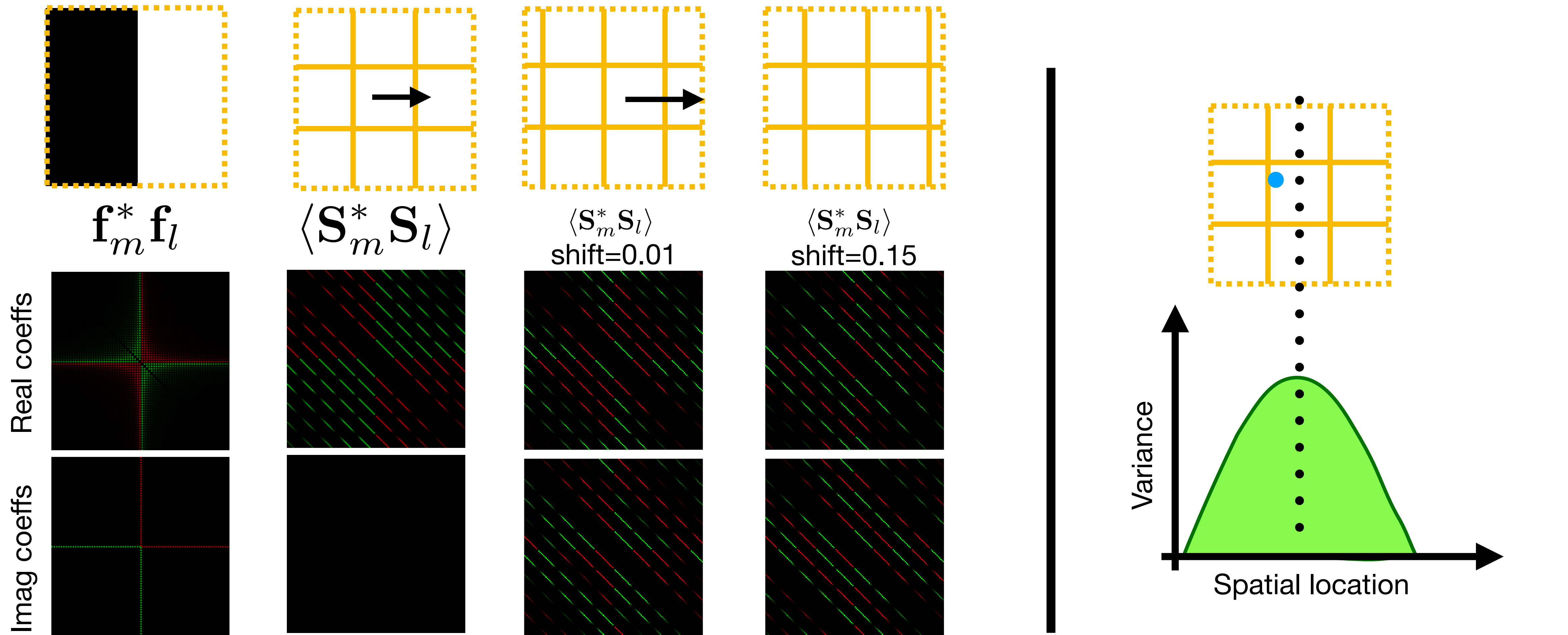
Third term is difficult to analyze



Third Term: Encodes phase



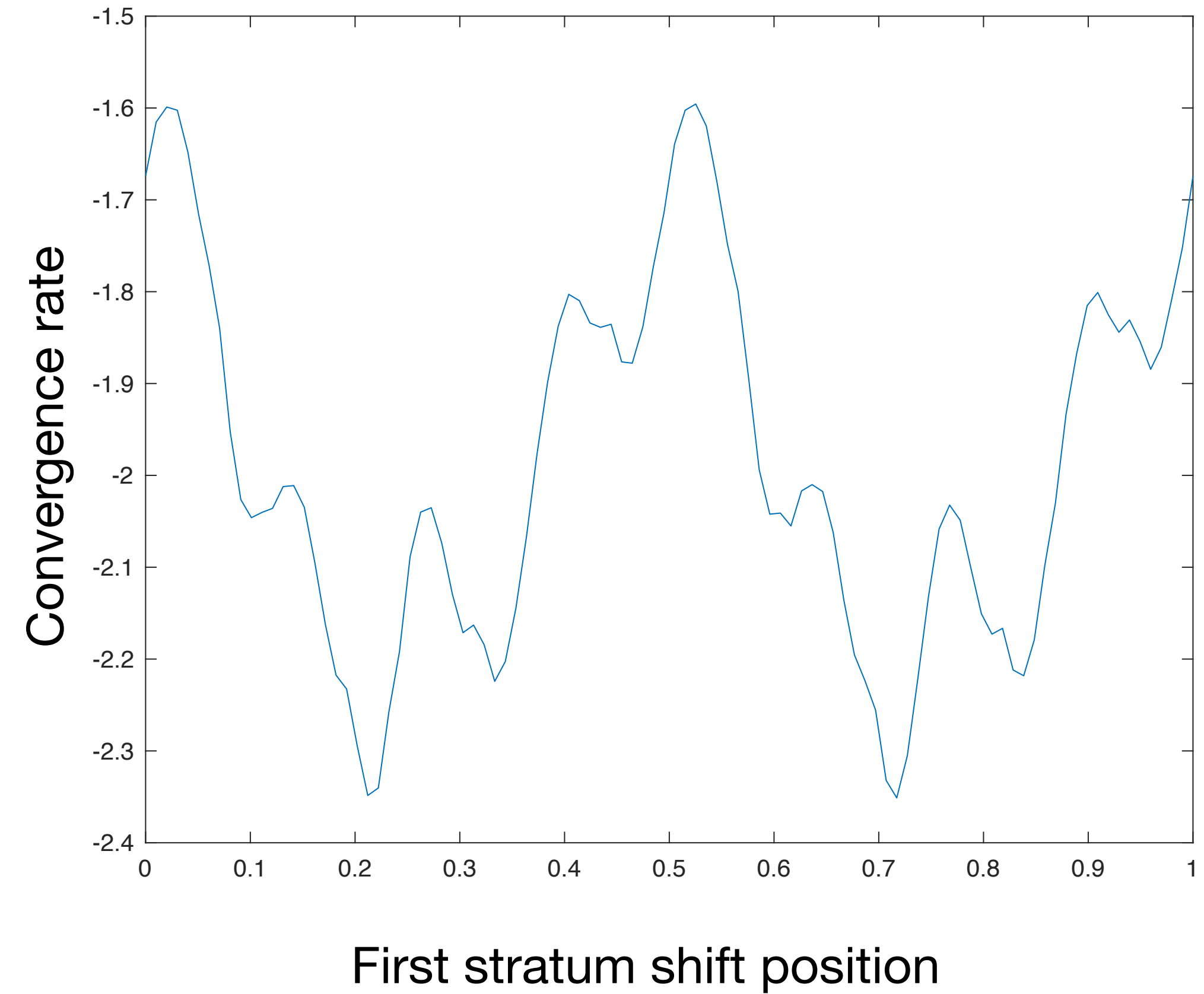
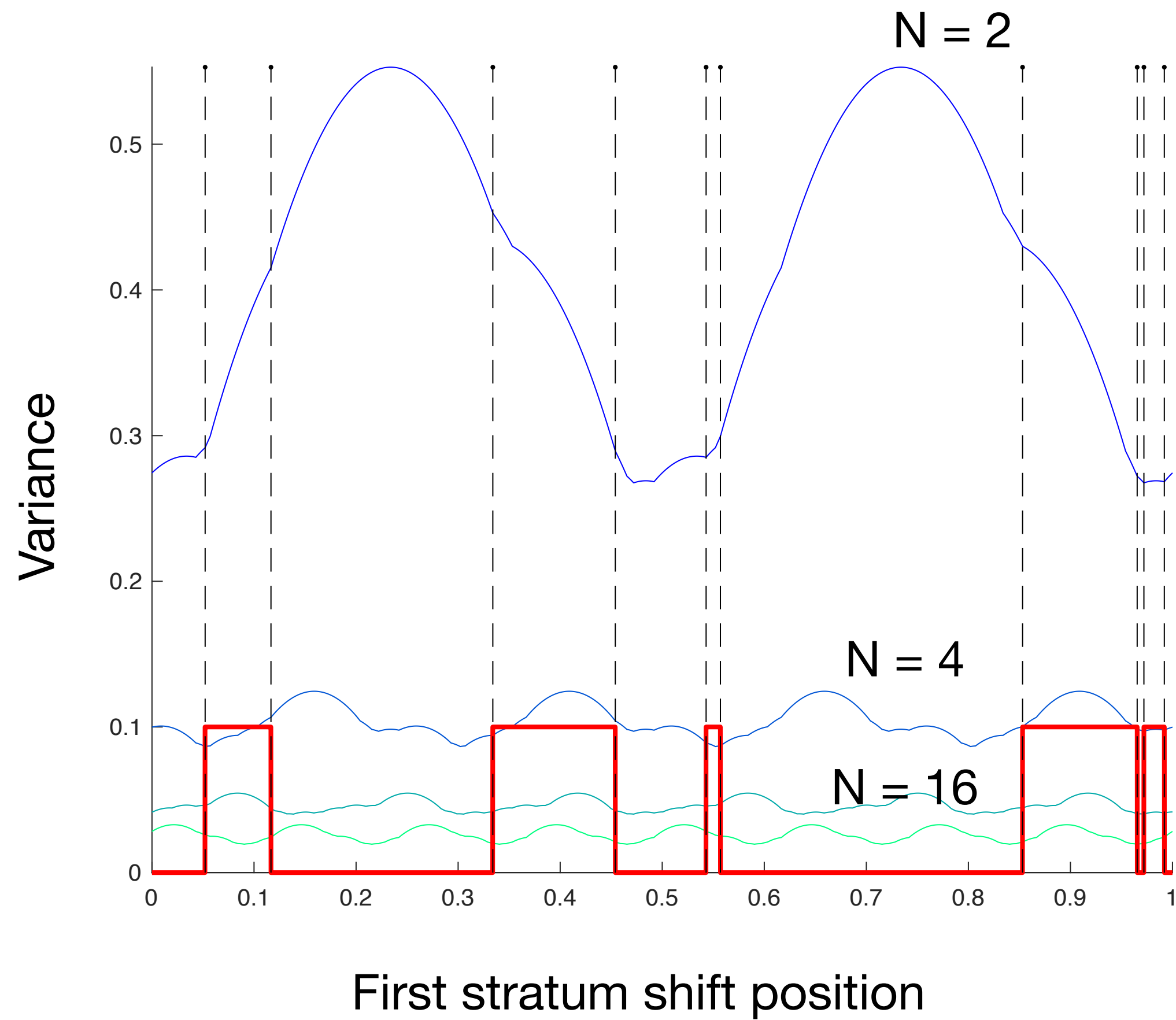
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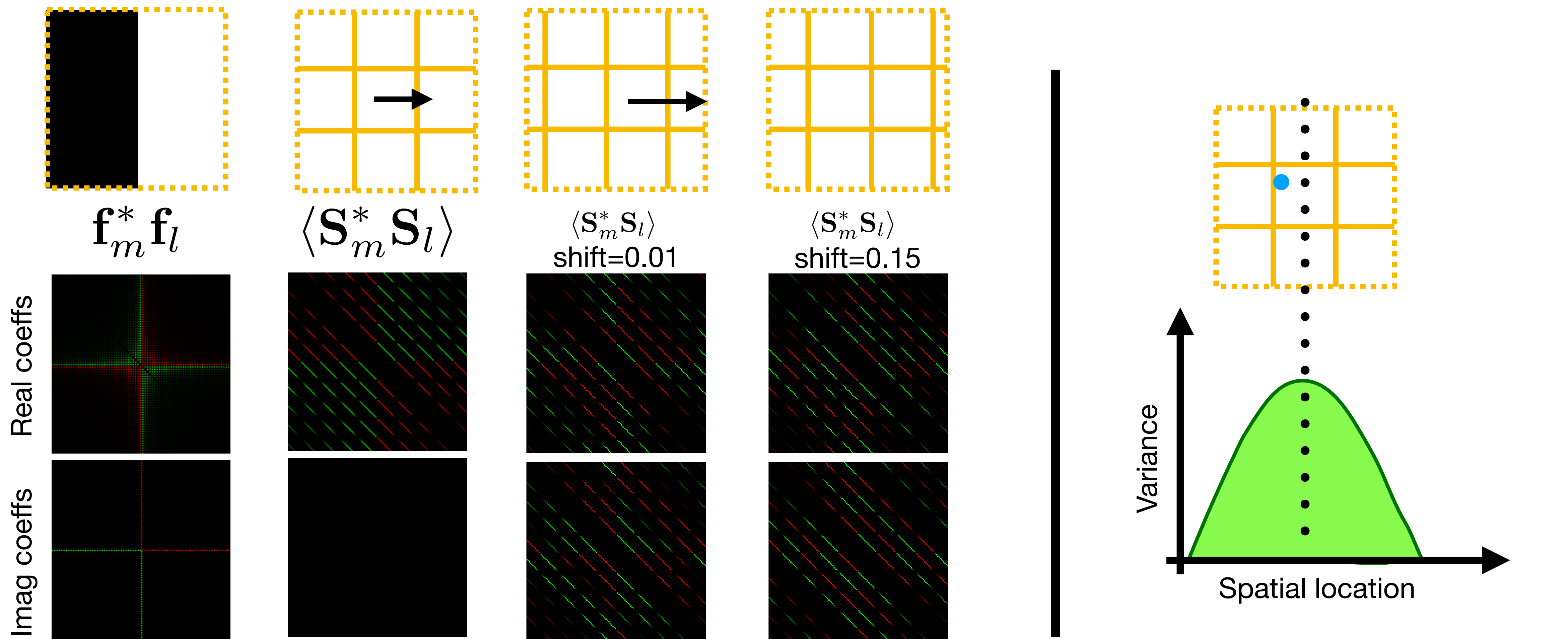
Ramamoorthi et al.[2012]



Strata shifting affects convergence



Third Term: Encodes phase



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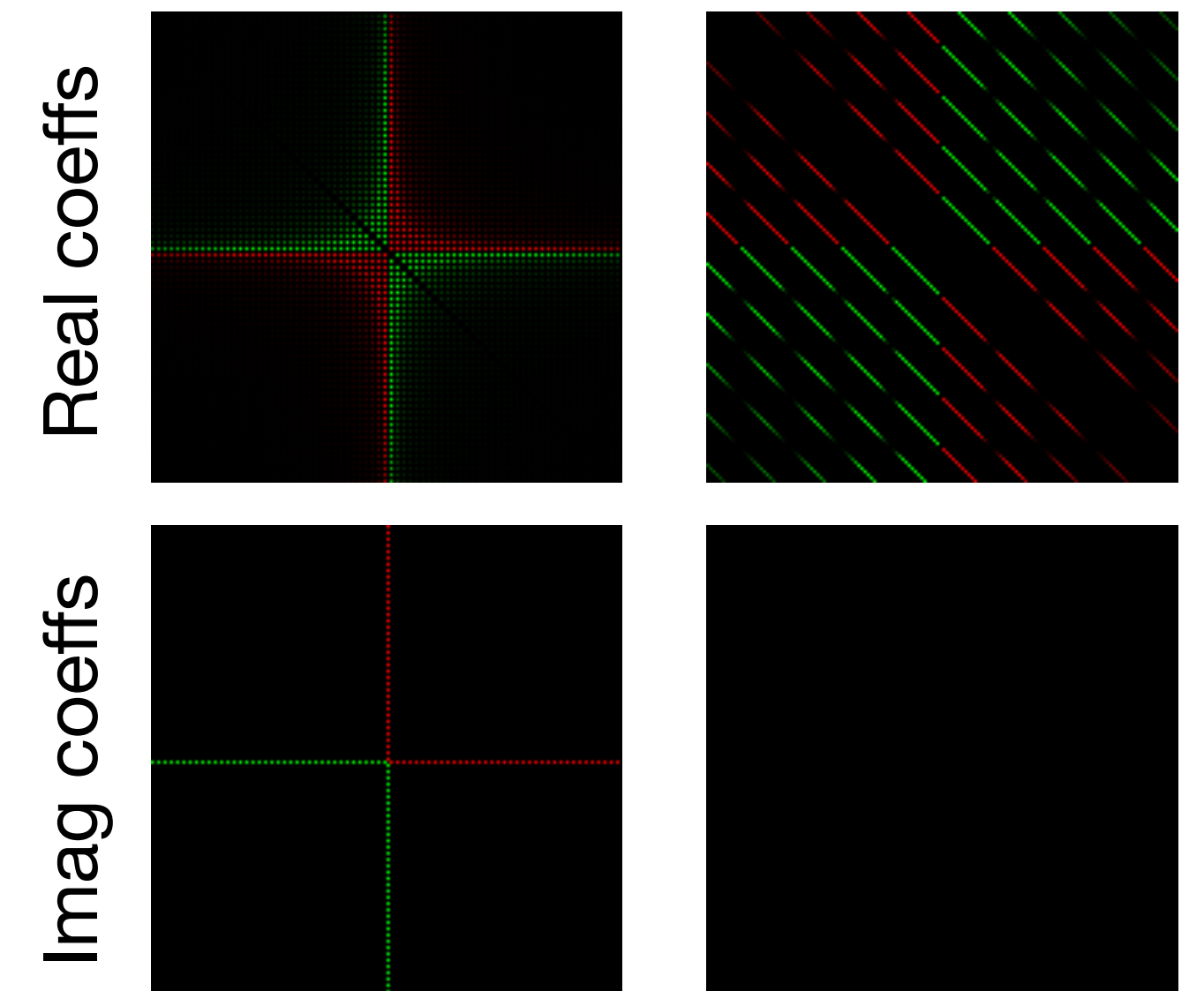
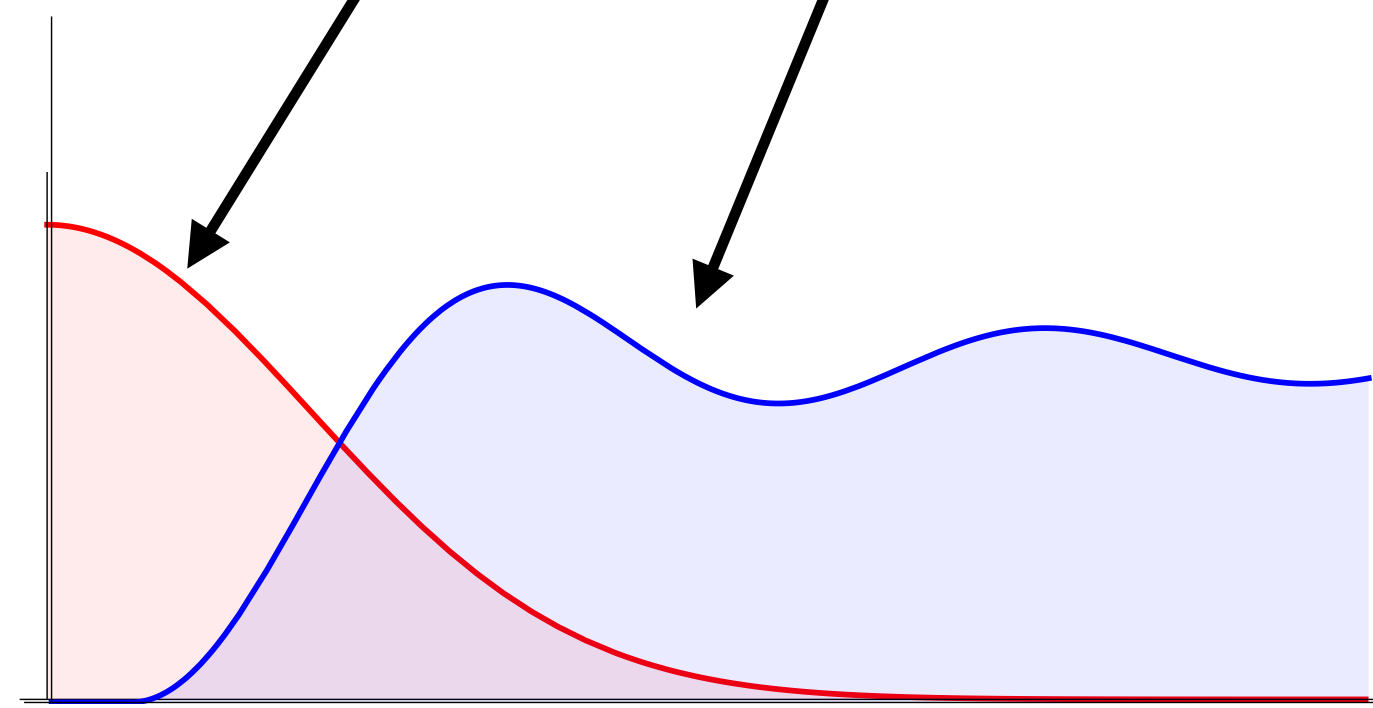


Third Term: Dimensionality grows fast

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Third term

For one-dimensional problem:



Correlated Importance Sampling

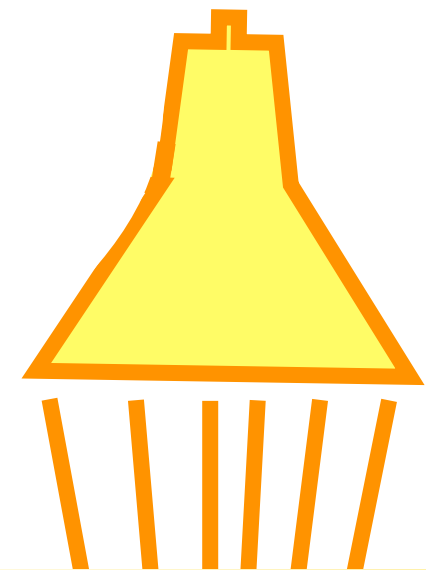
affects convergence rate



Direct Illumination Integral

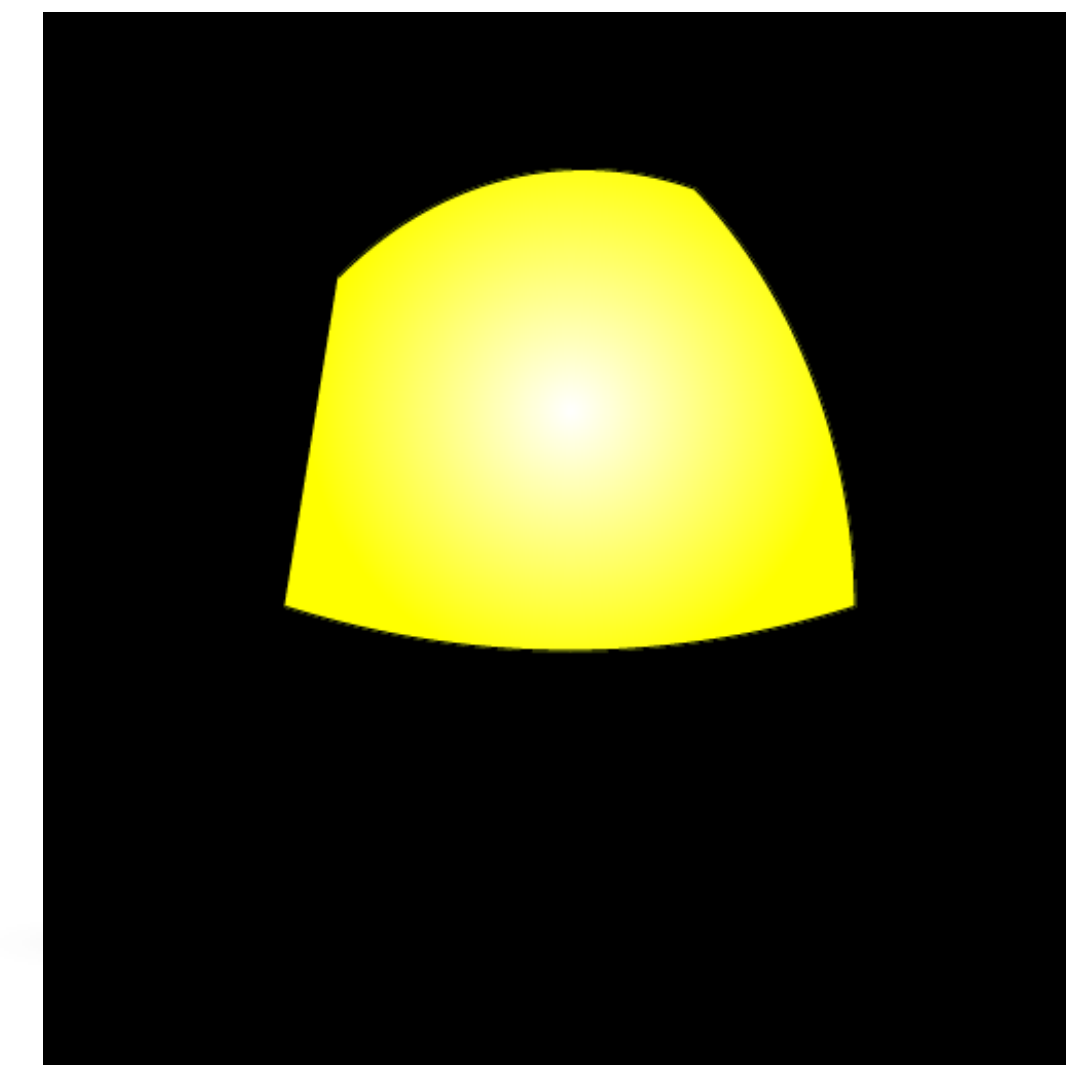
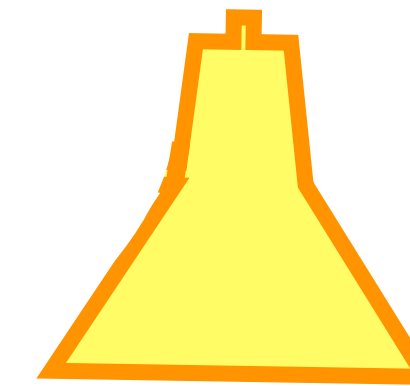
$$I_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{f(\vec{x}_k)}{p(\vec{x}_k)}$$

Light PDF Sampling

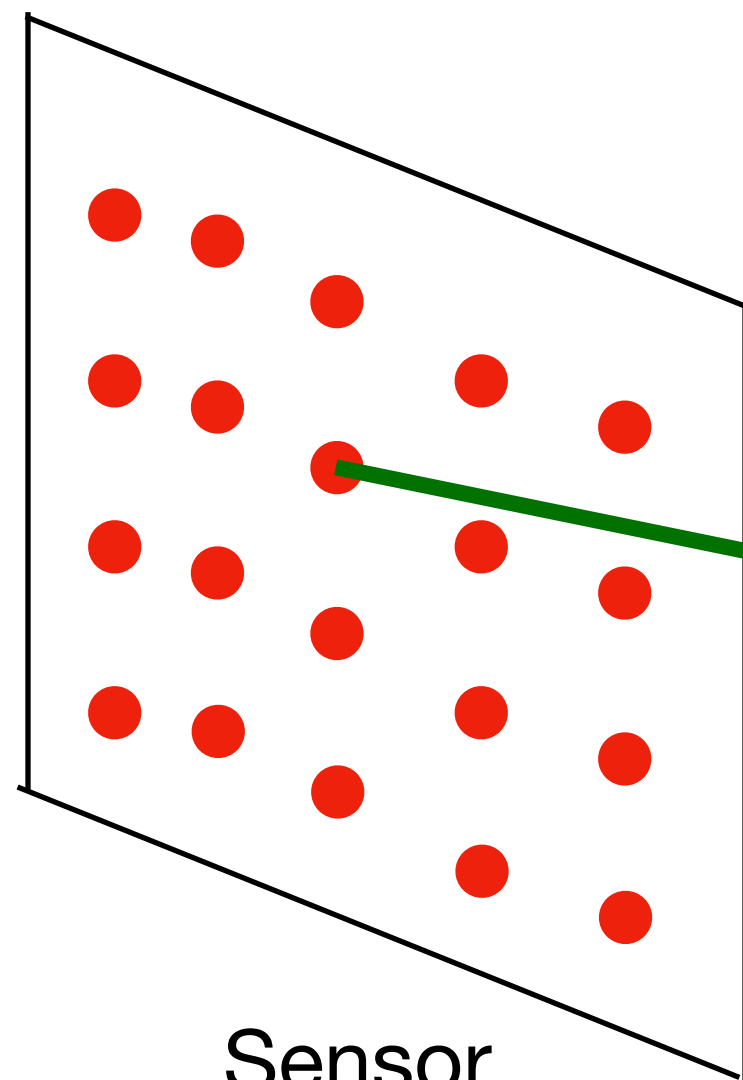


Light IS

BSDF PDF Sampling



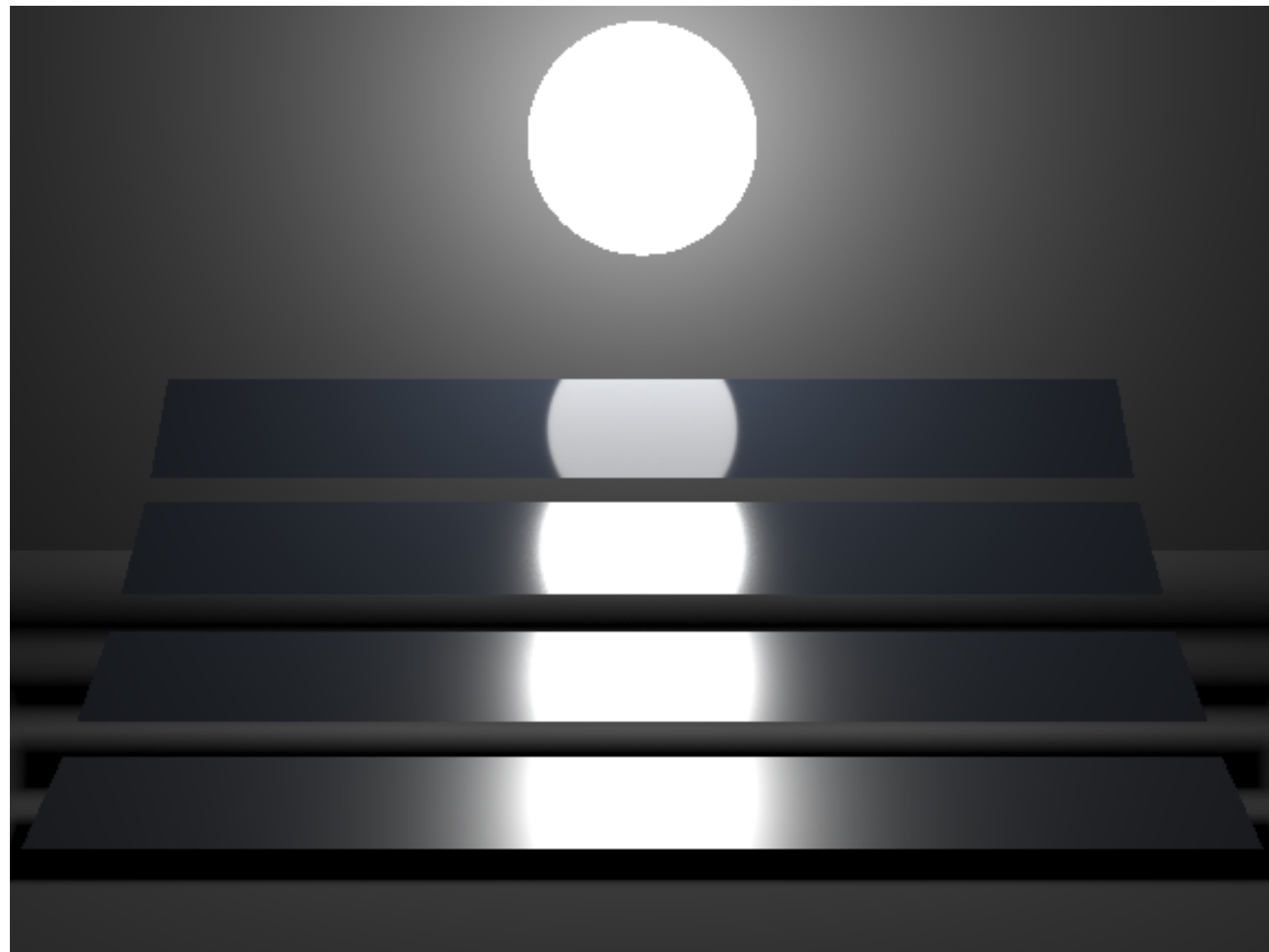
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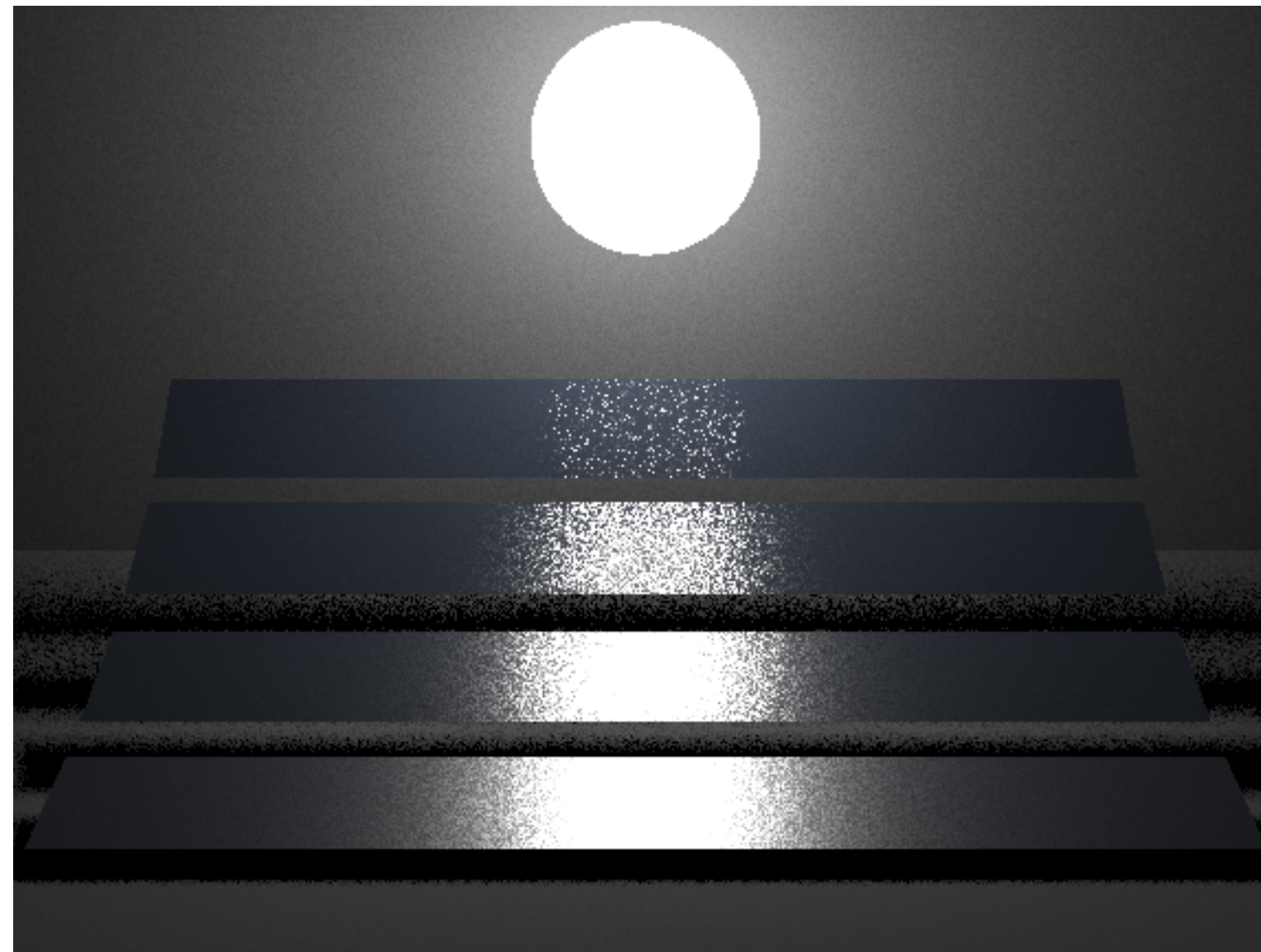


Veach Scene: Multiple Importance Sampling



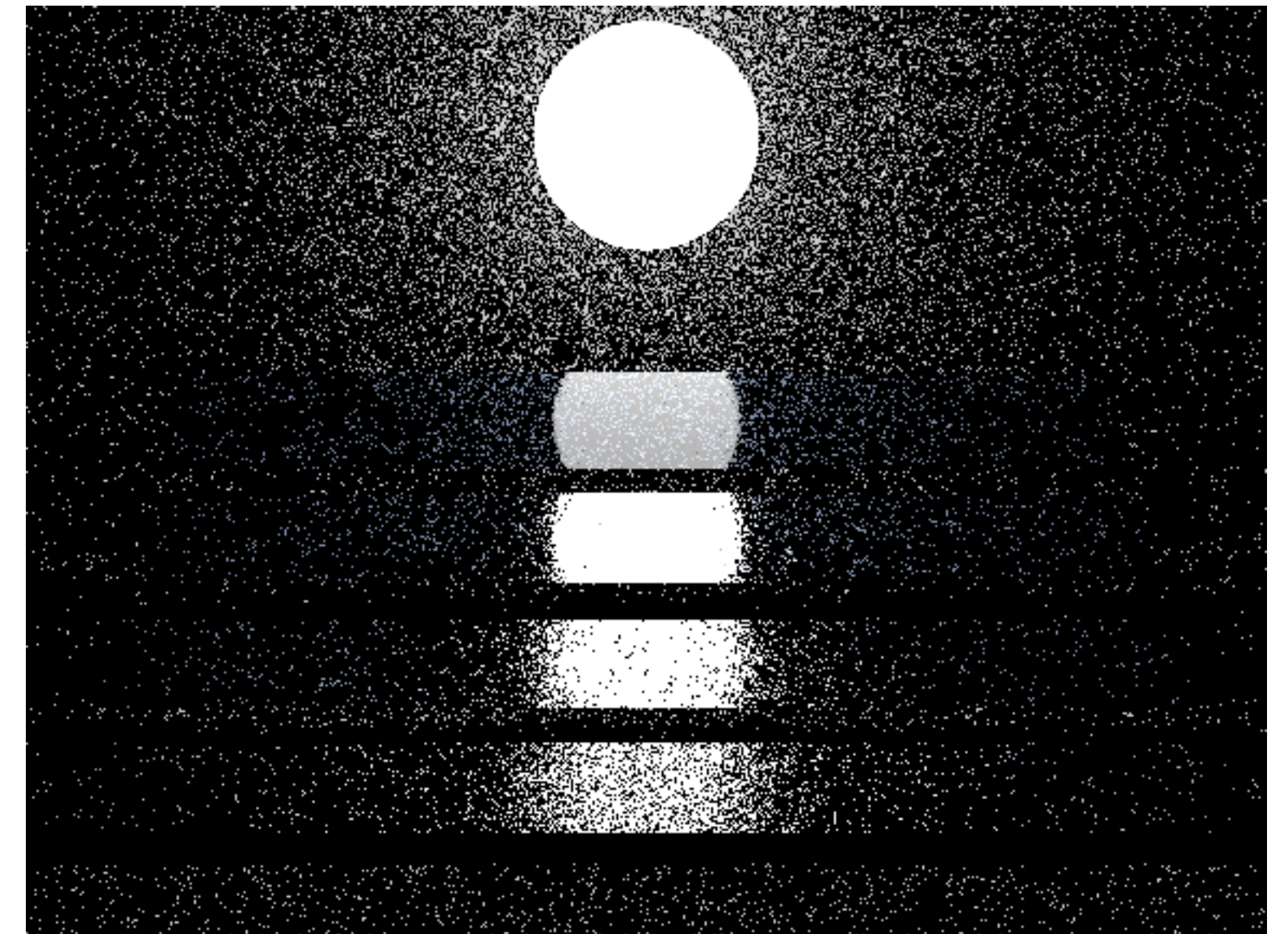
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$N = 1024$ spp



Light importance sampling

$N = 4$ spp

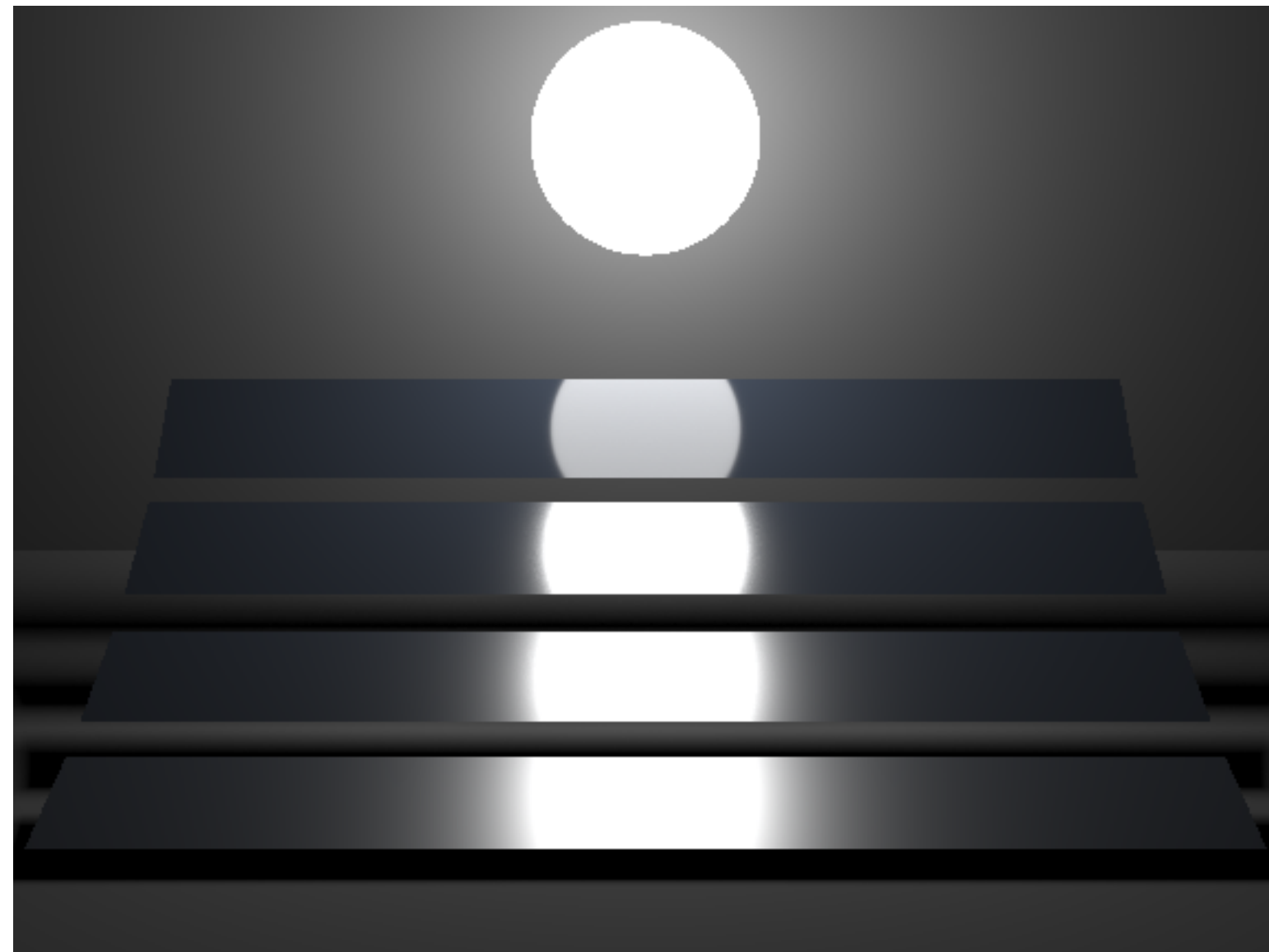


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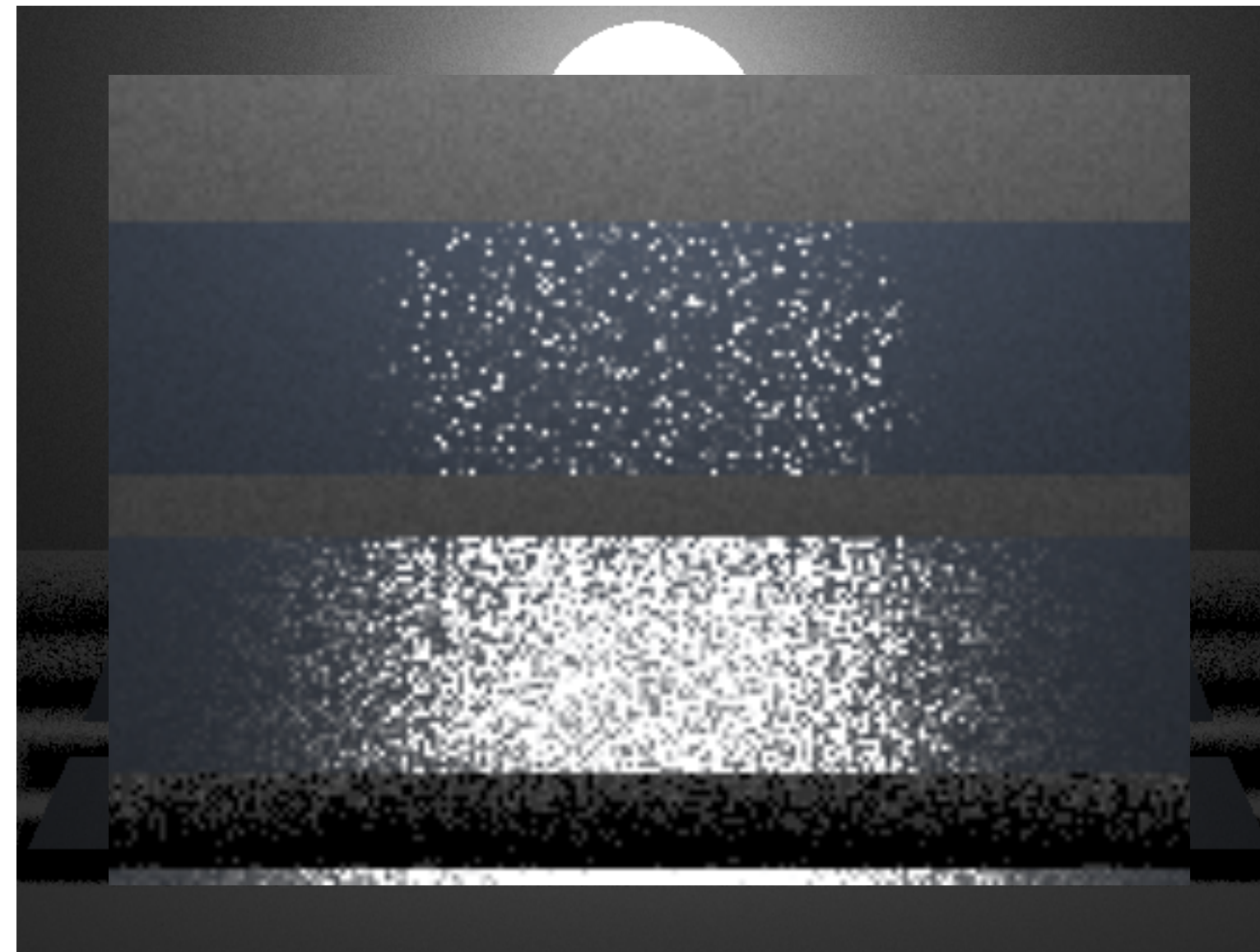


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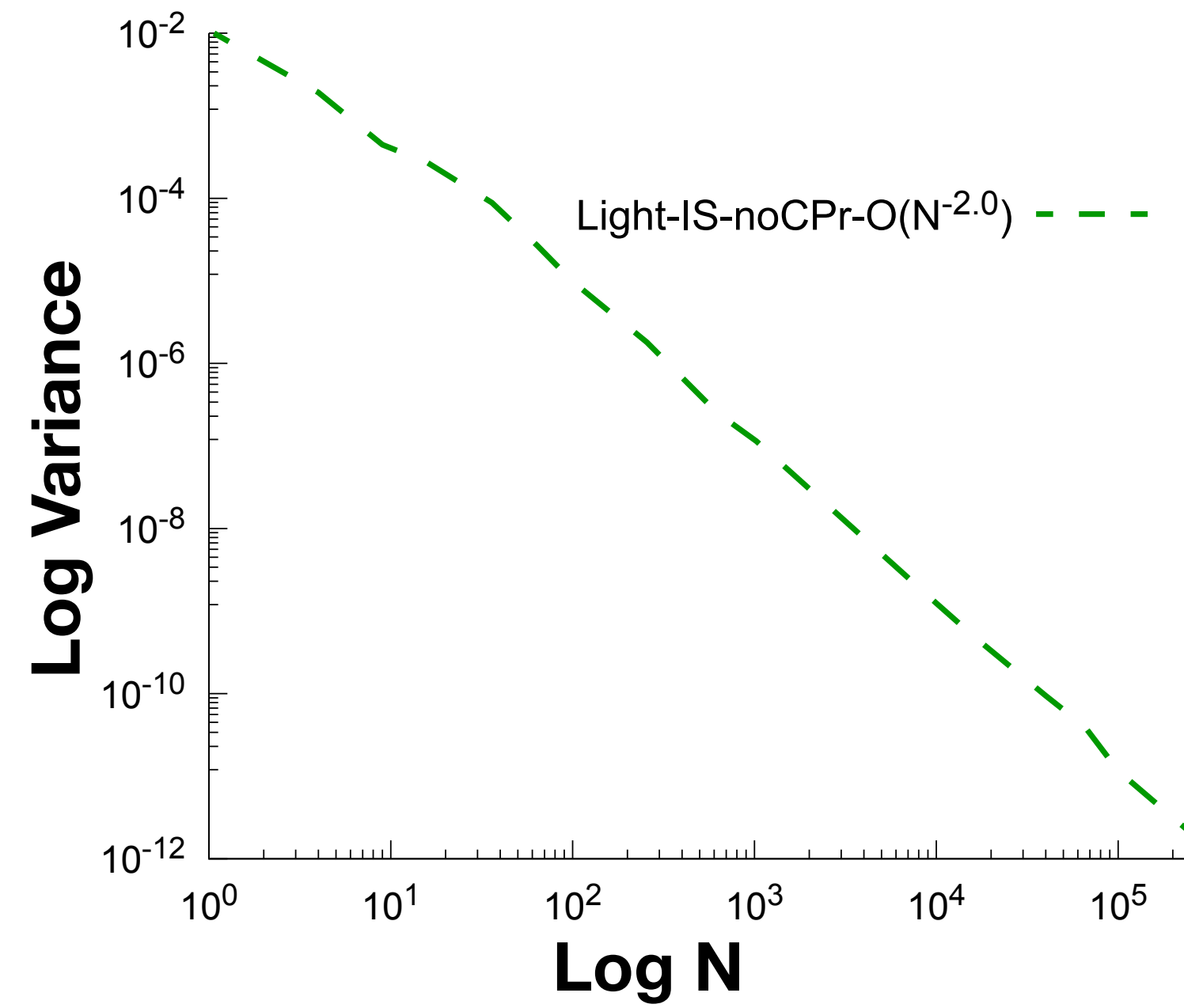
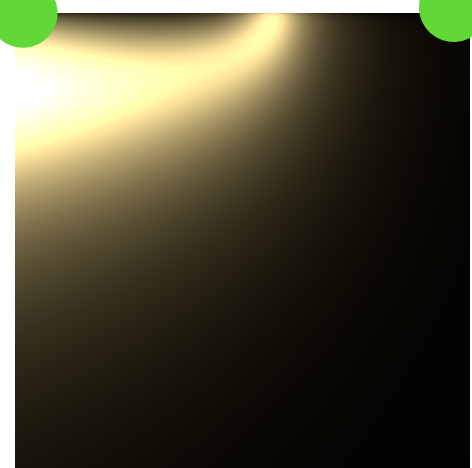
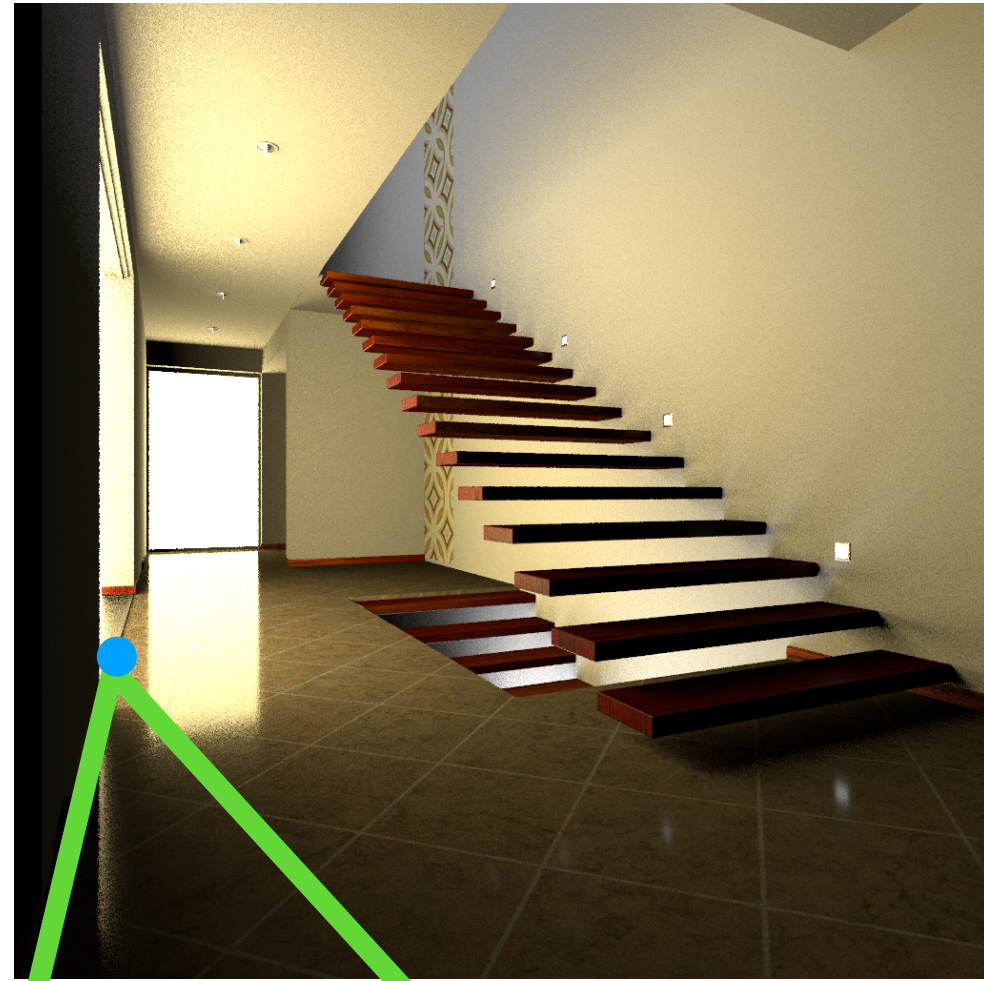
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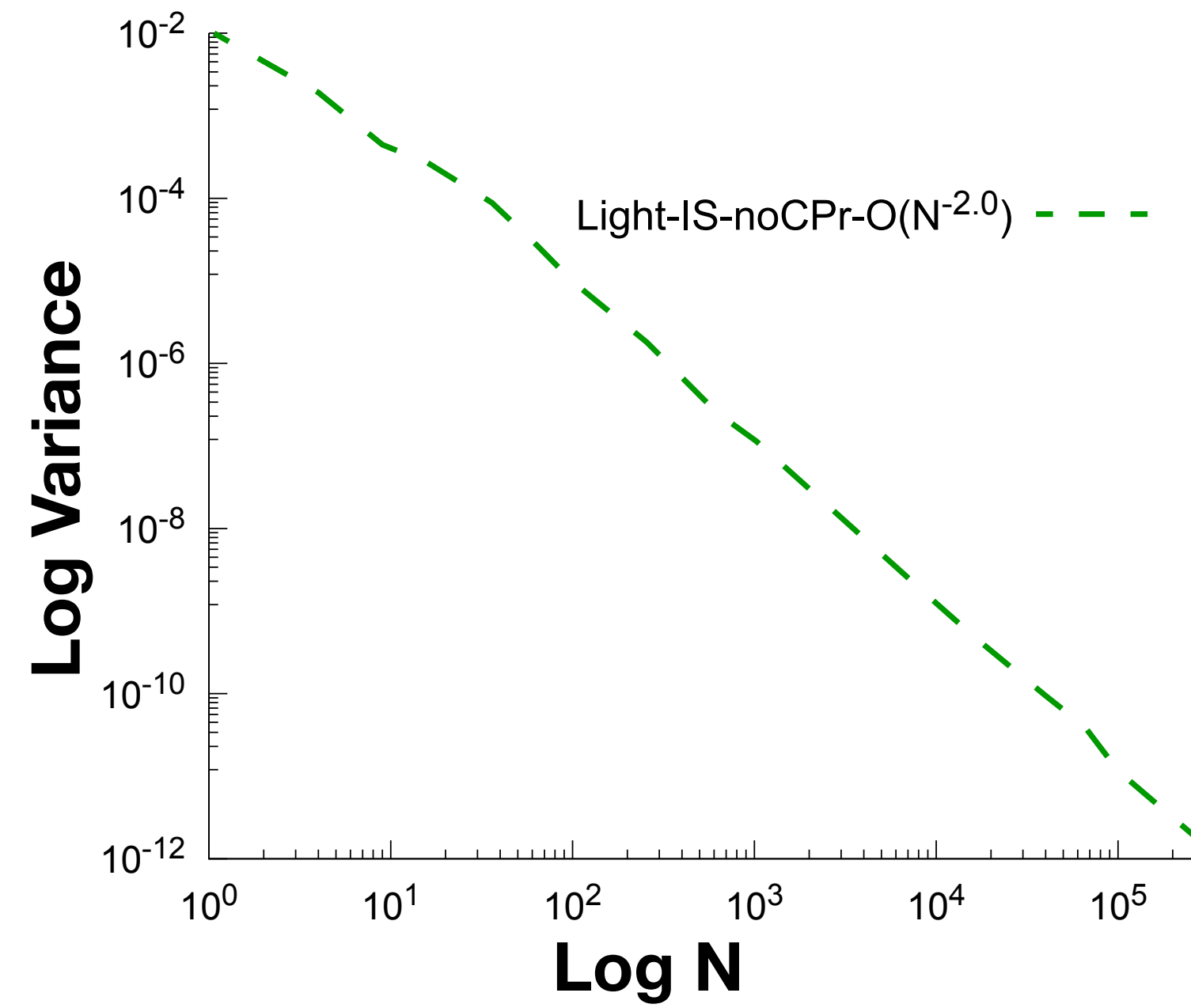
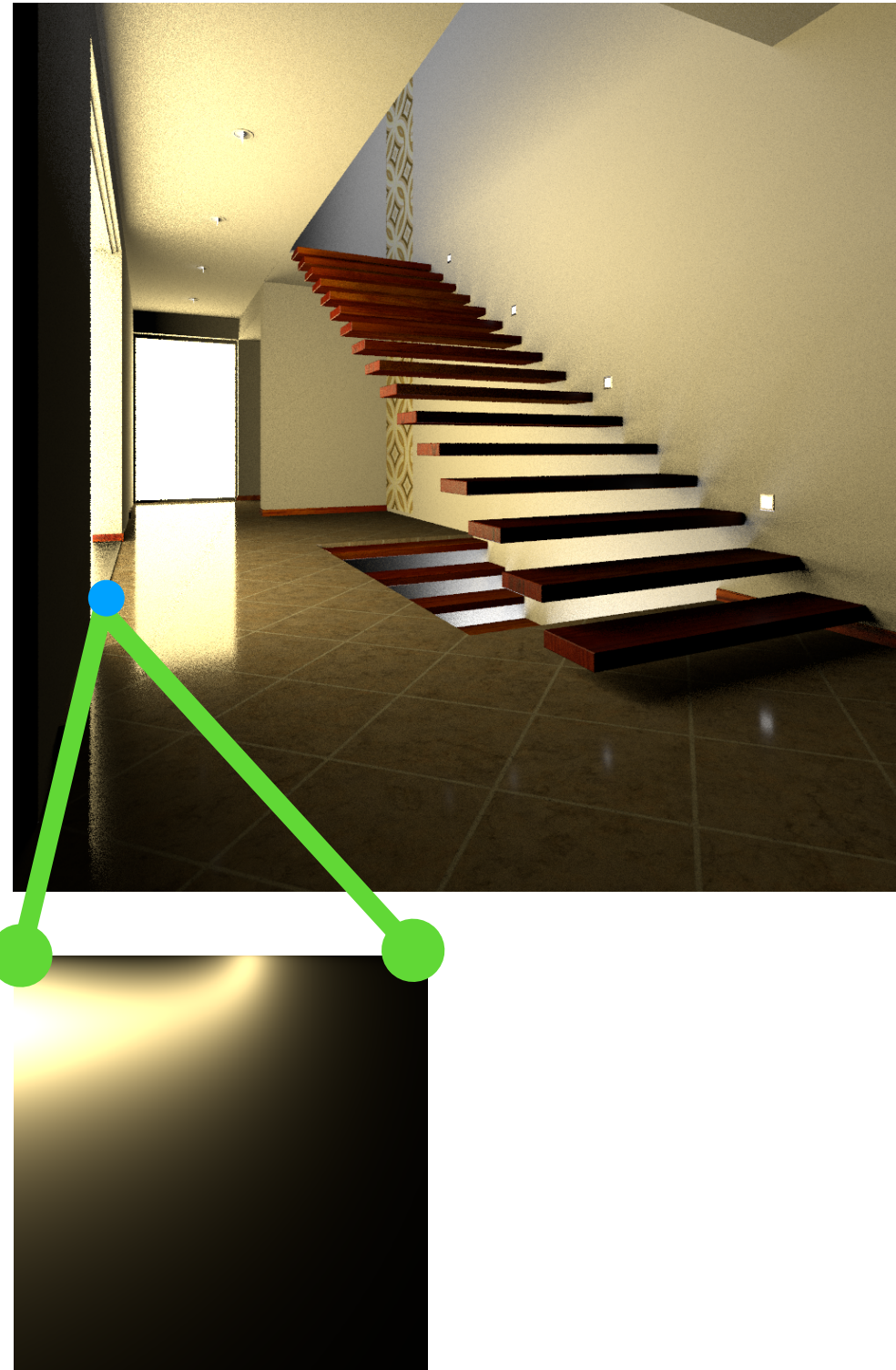
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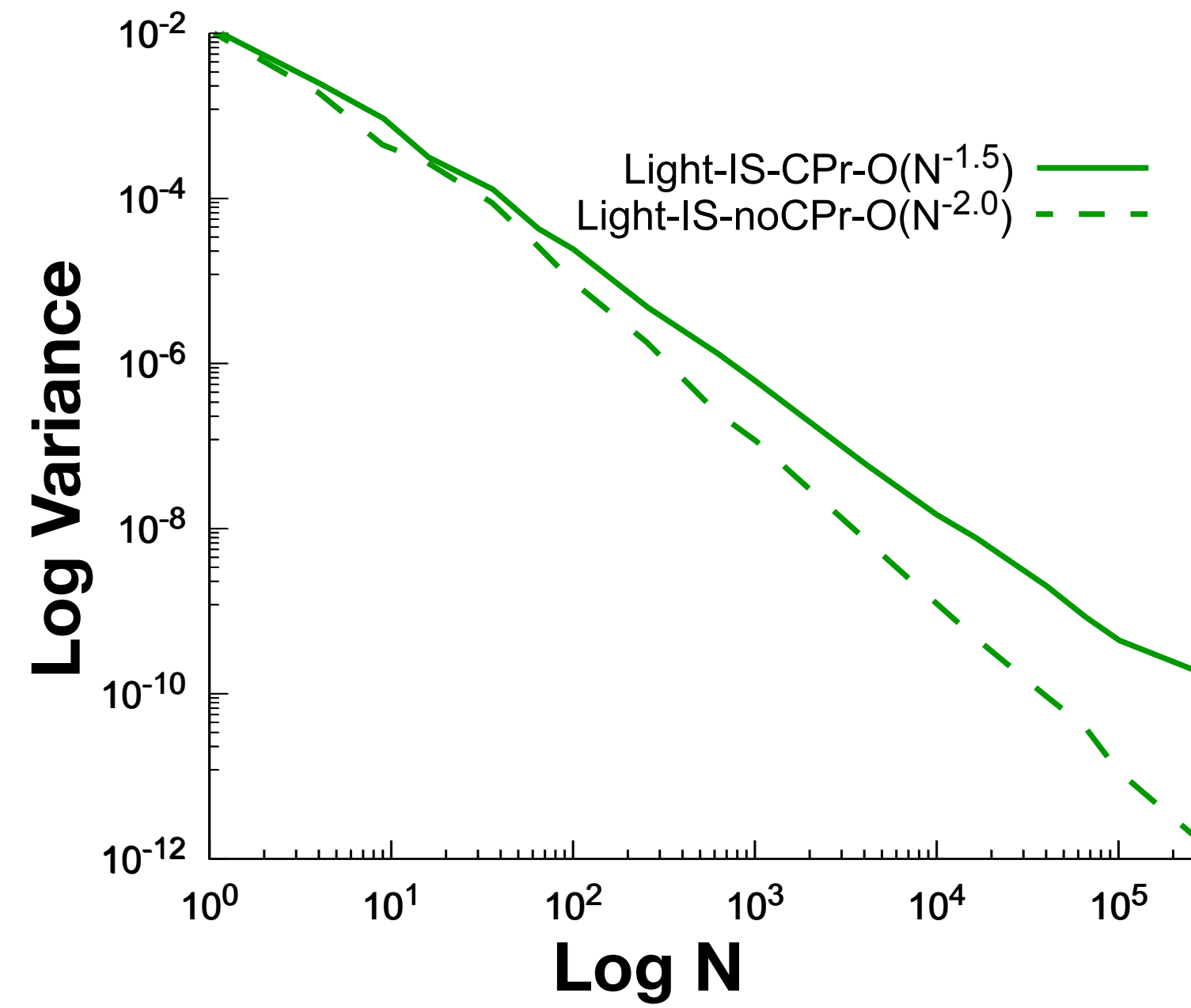
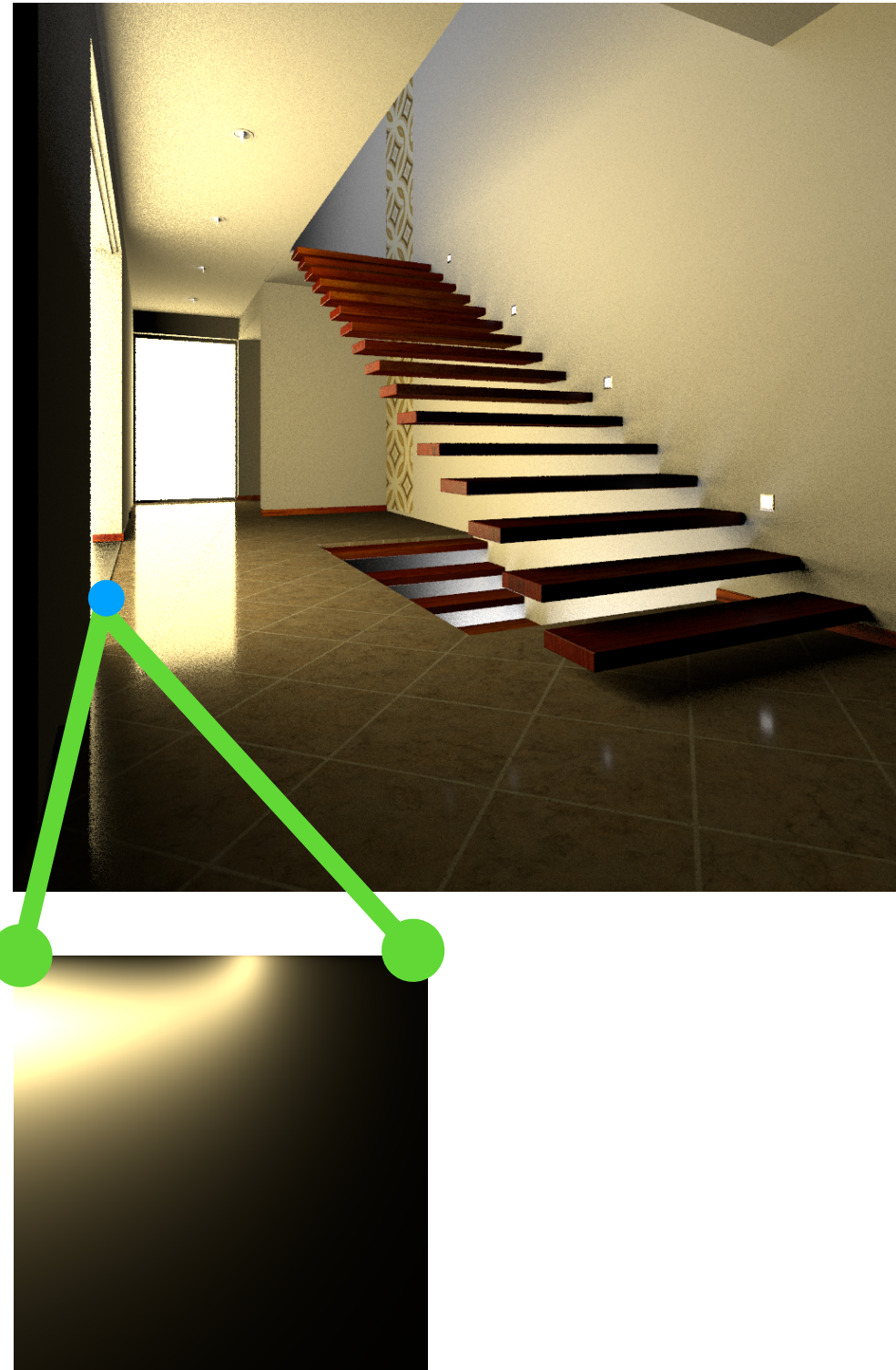
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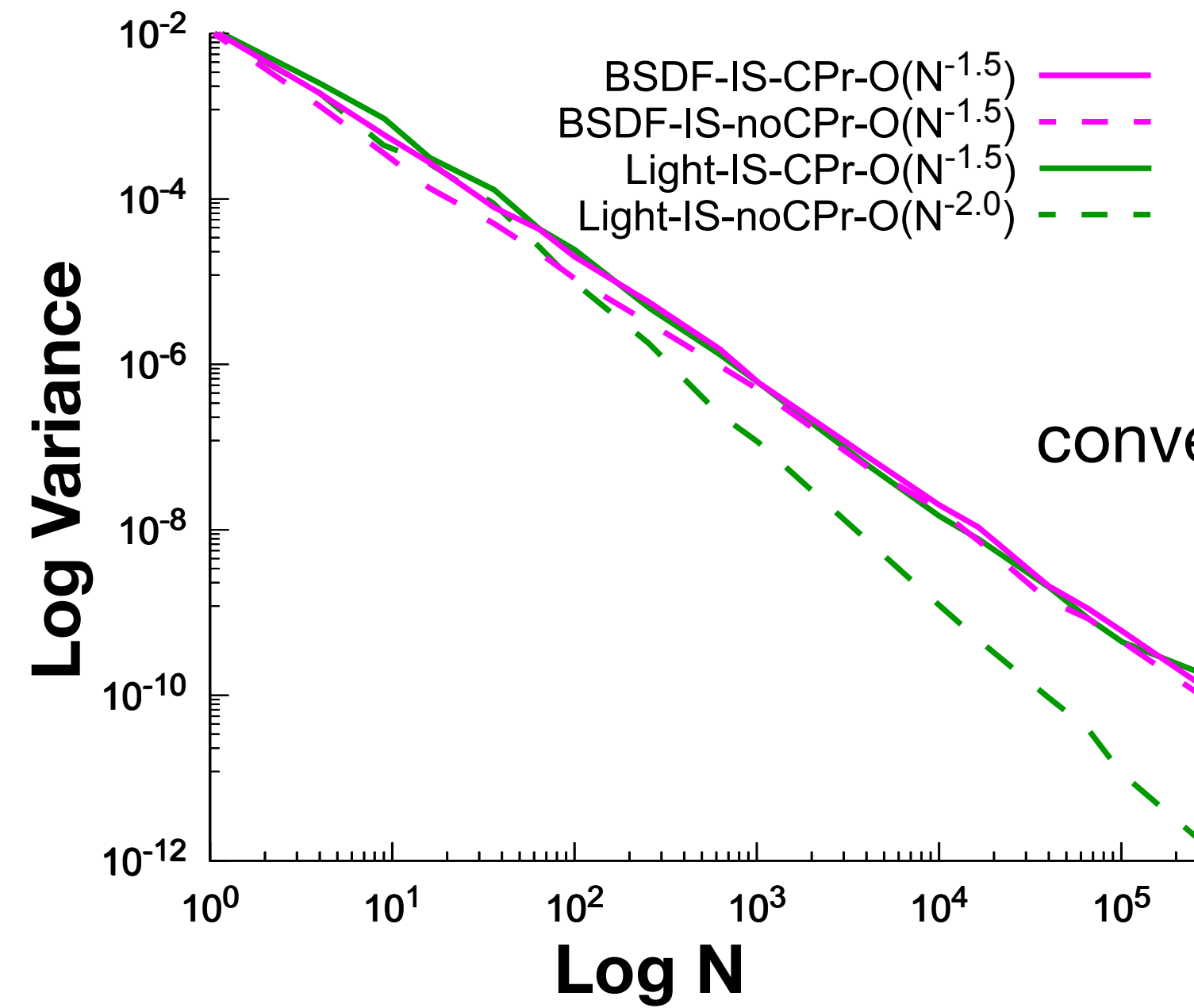
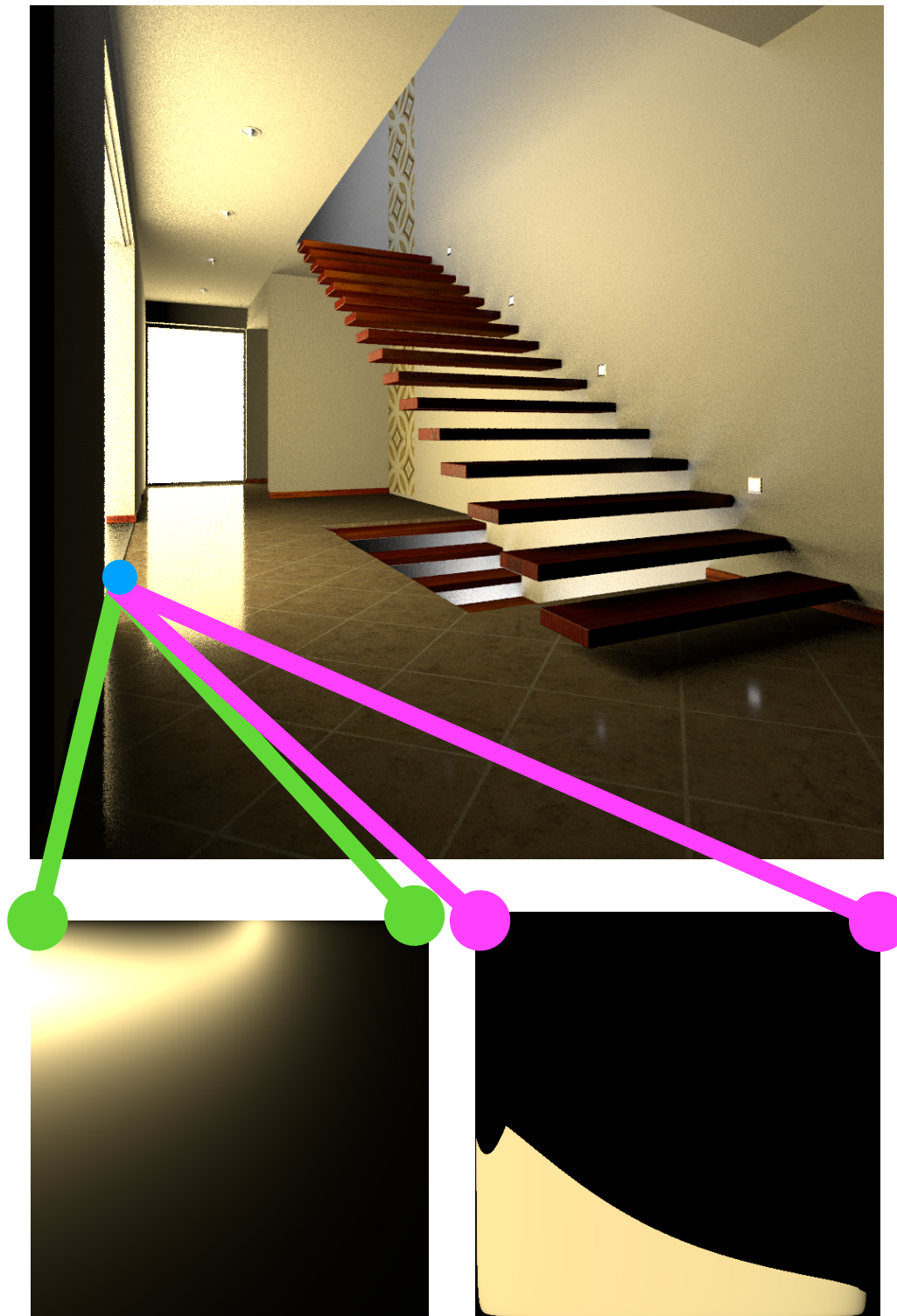
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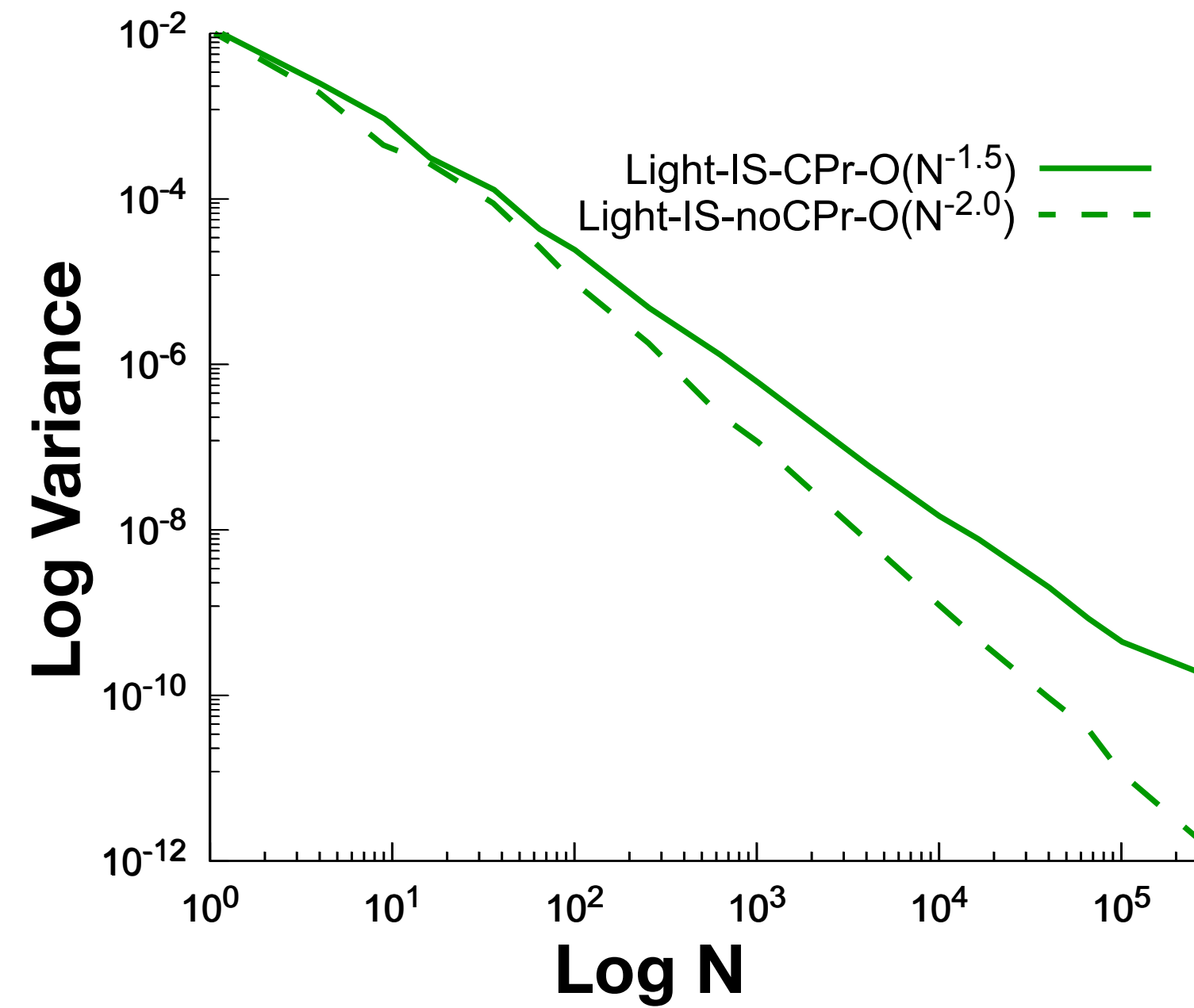
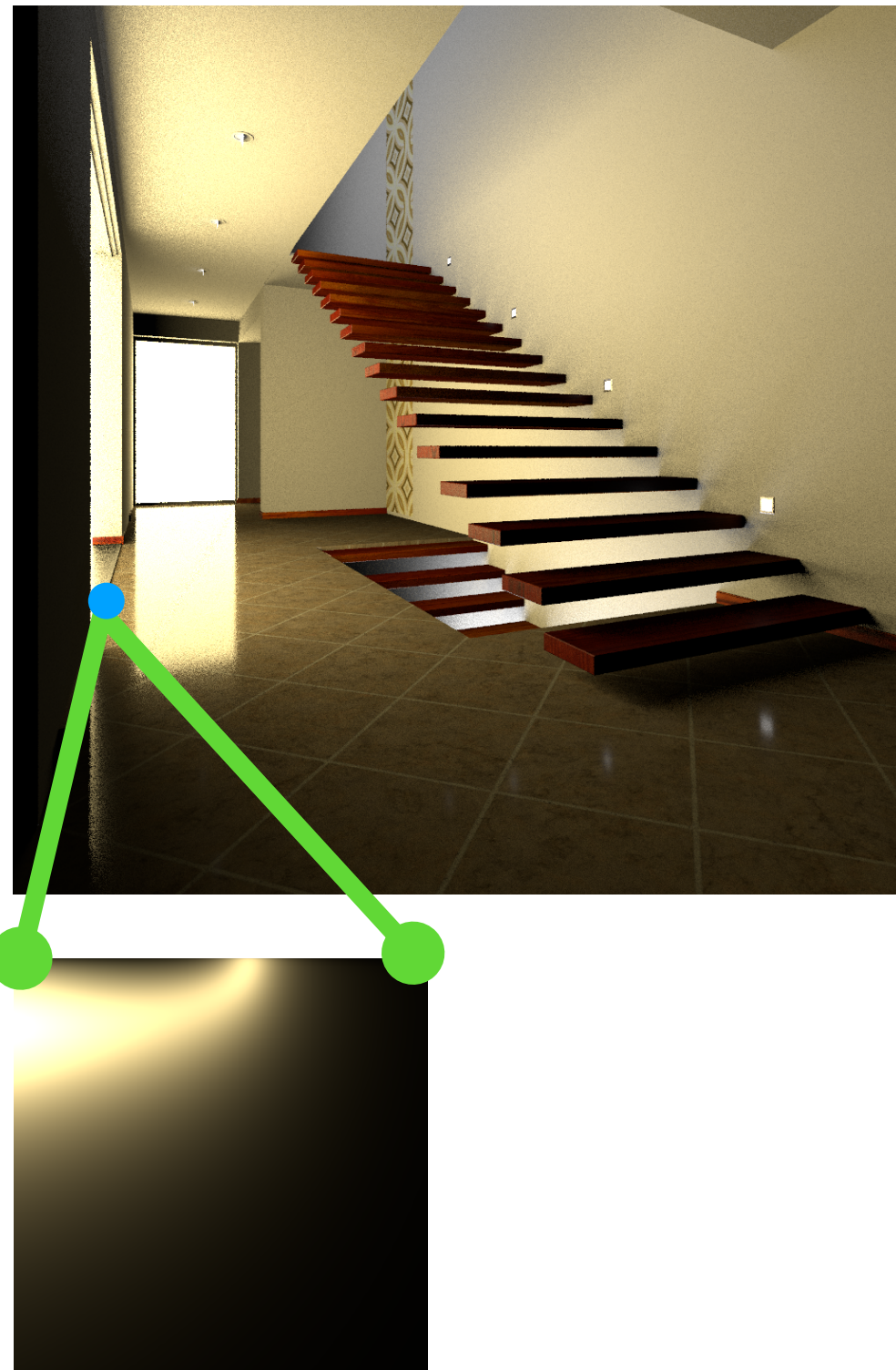
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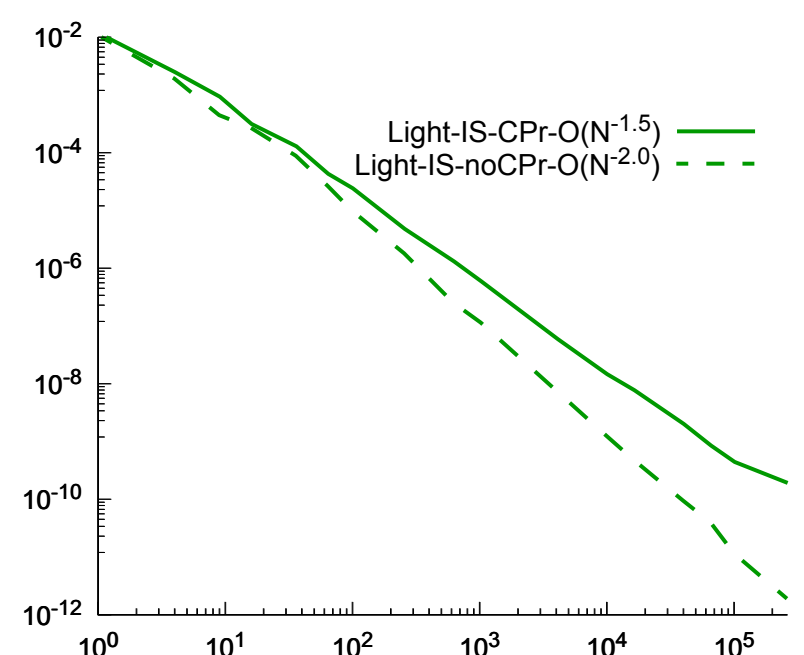


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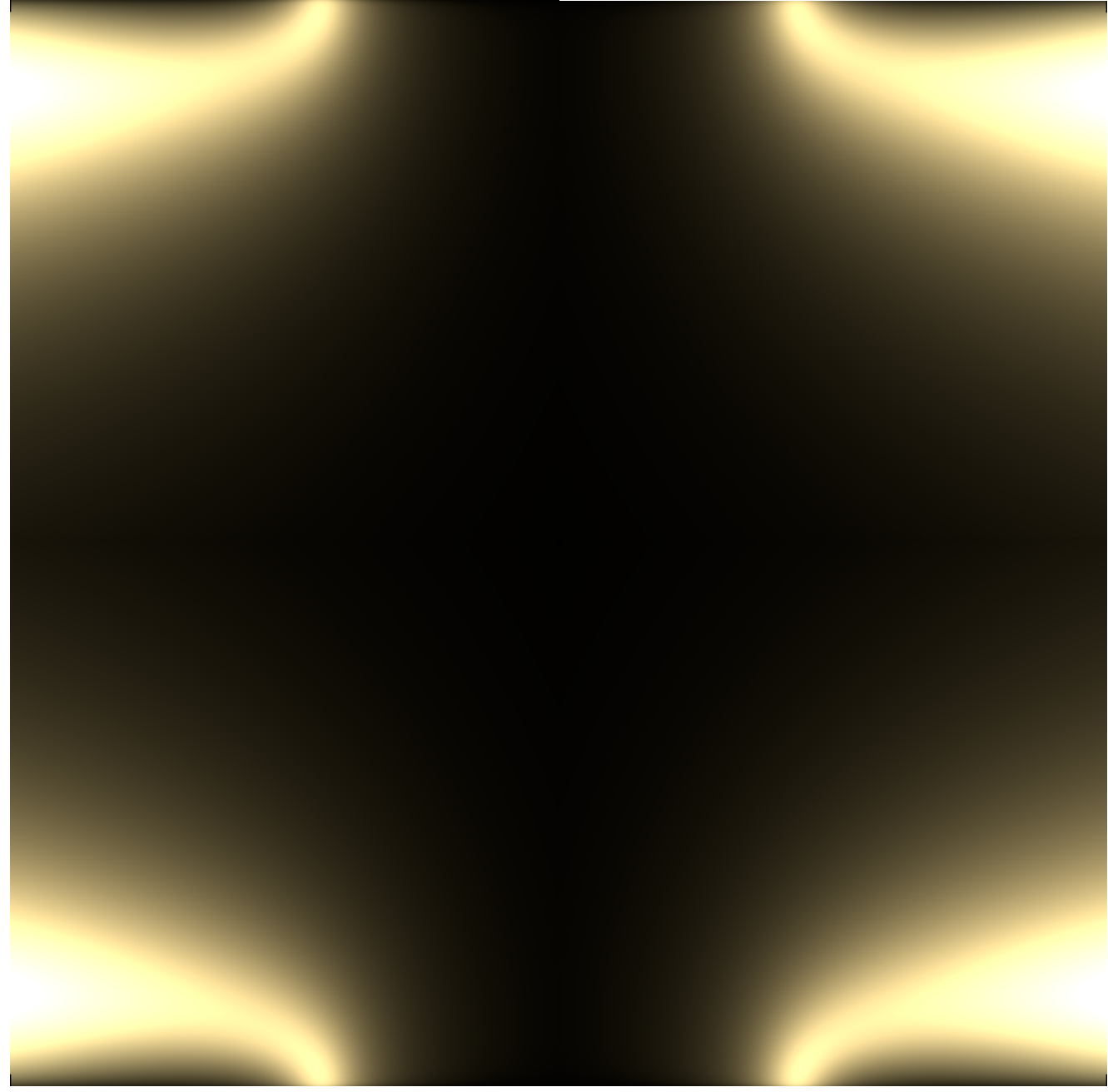
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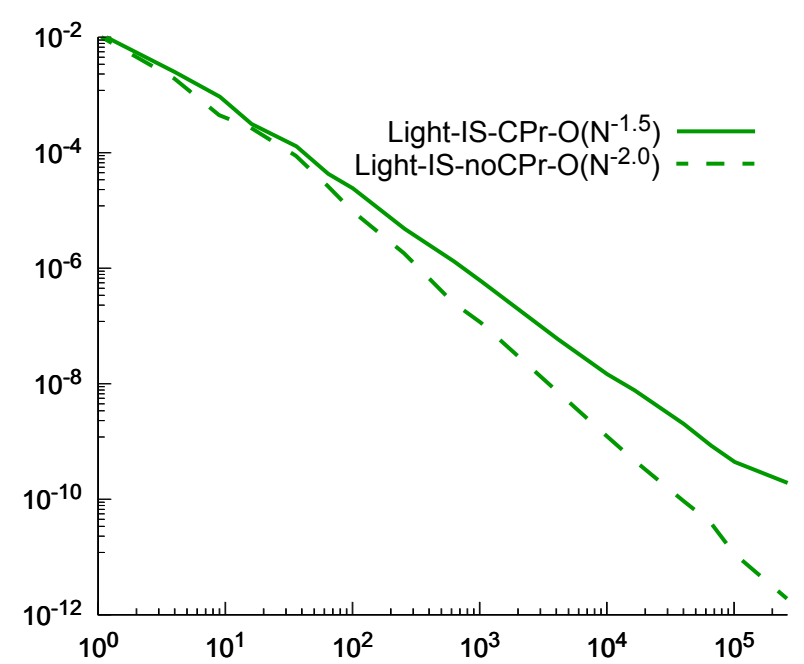
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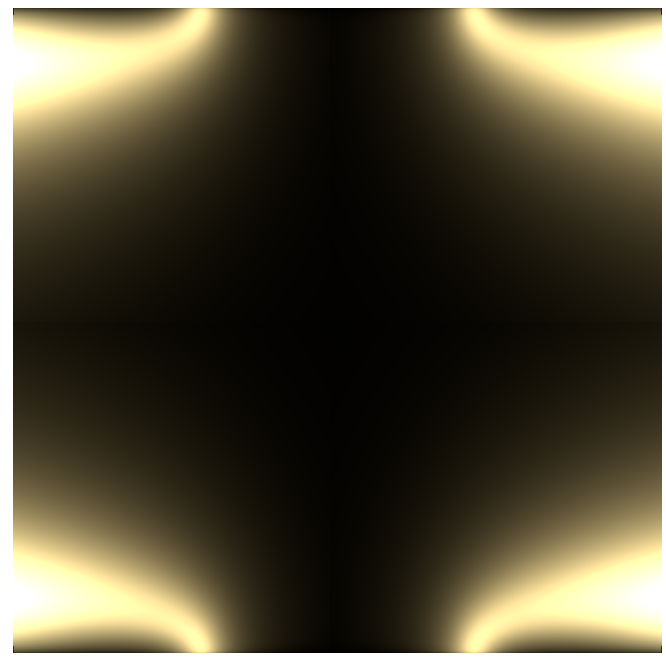
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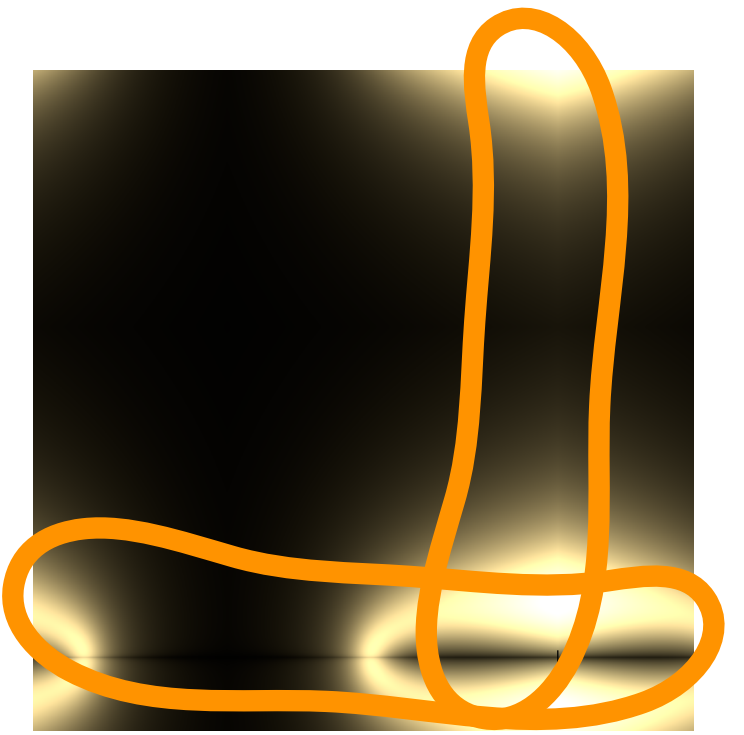
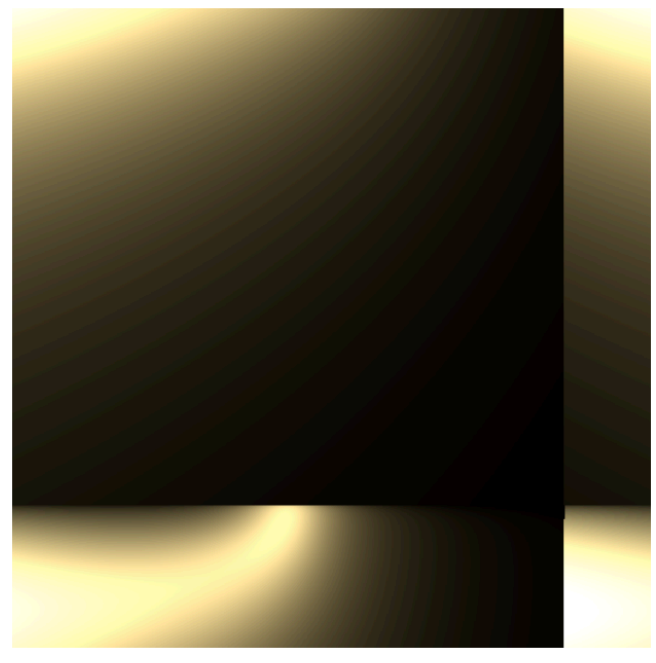


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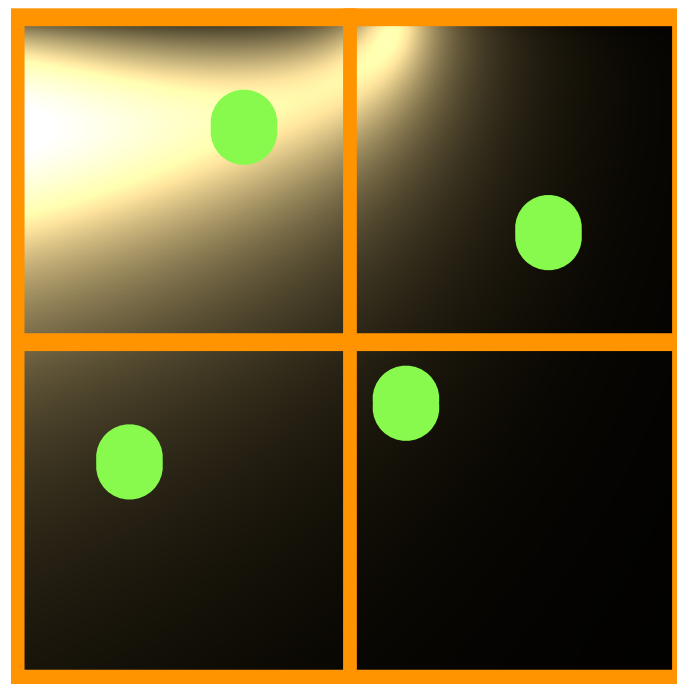
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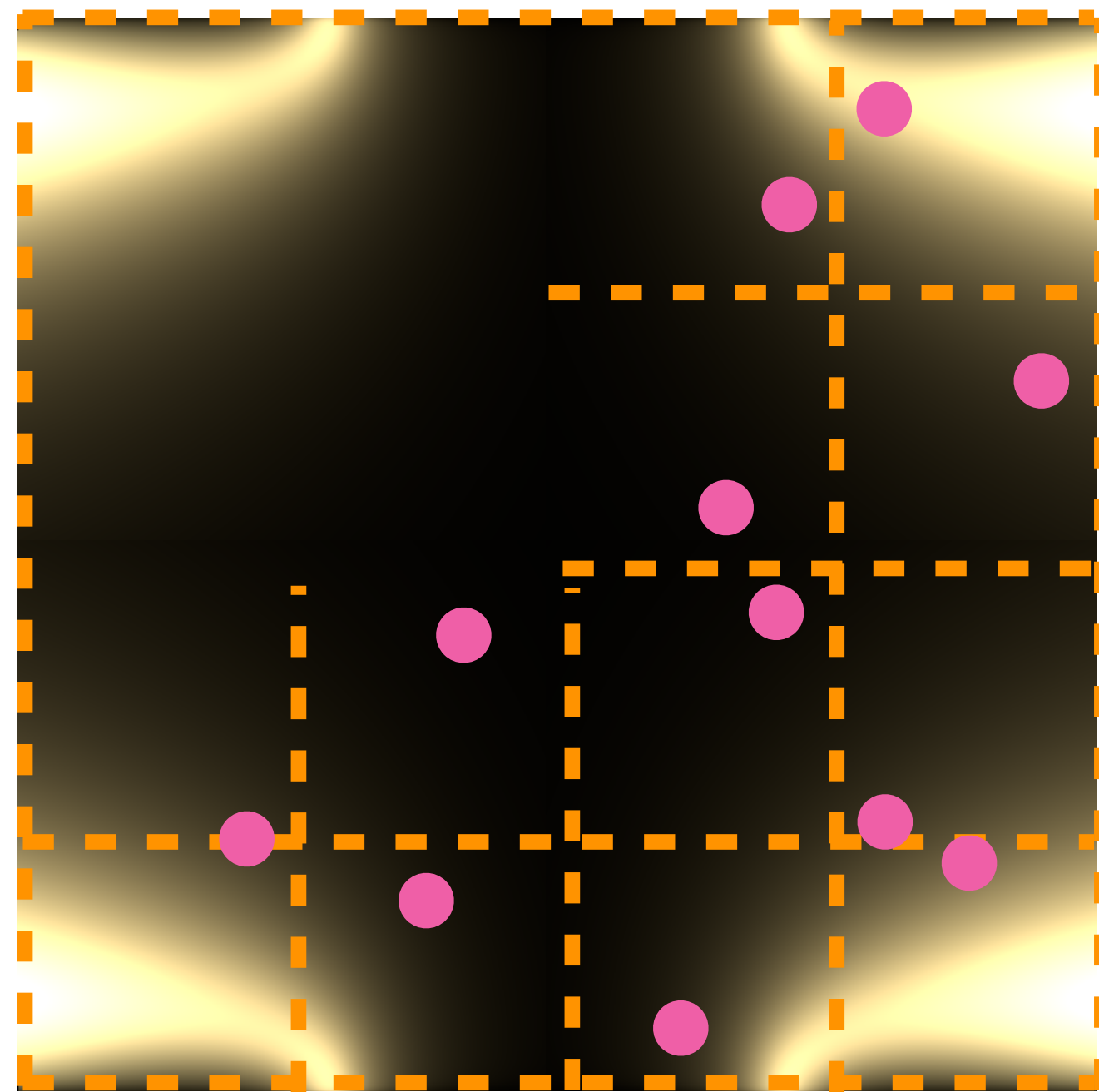
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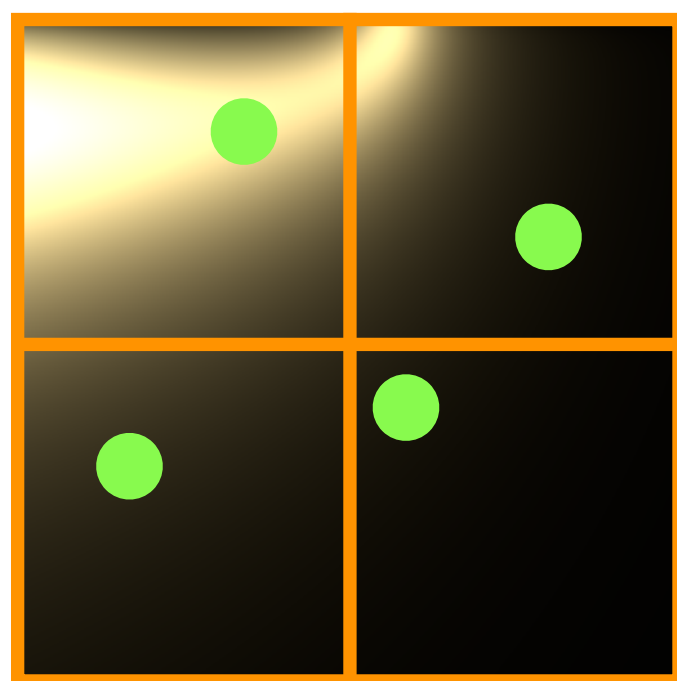
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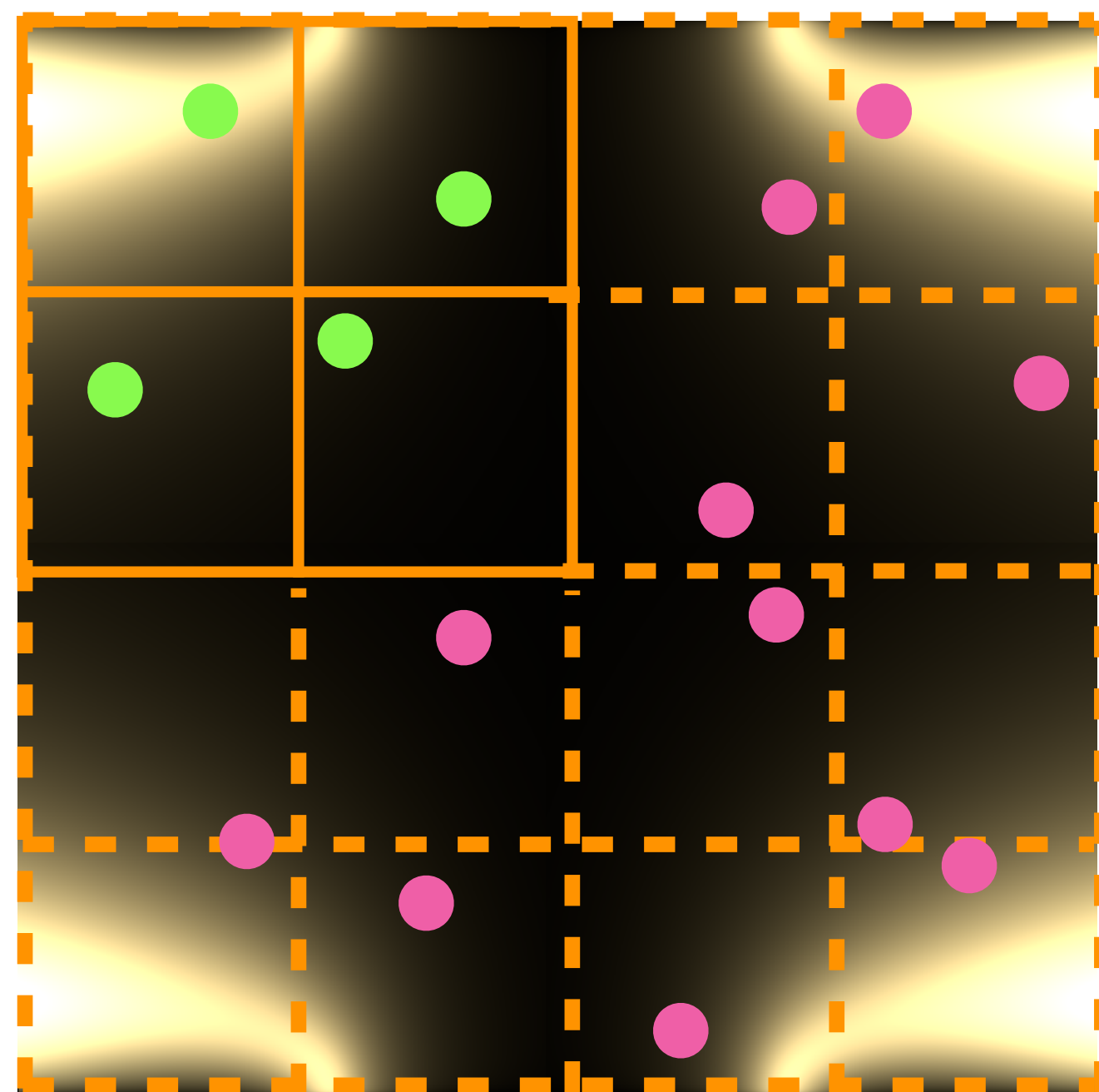
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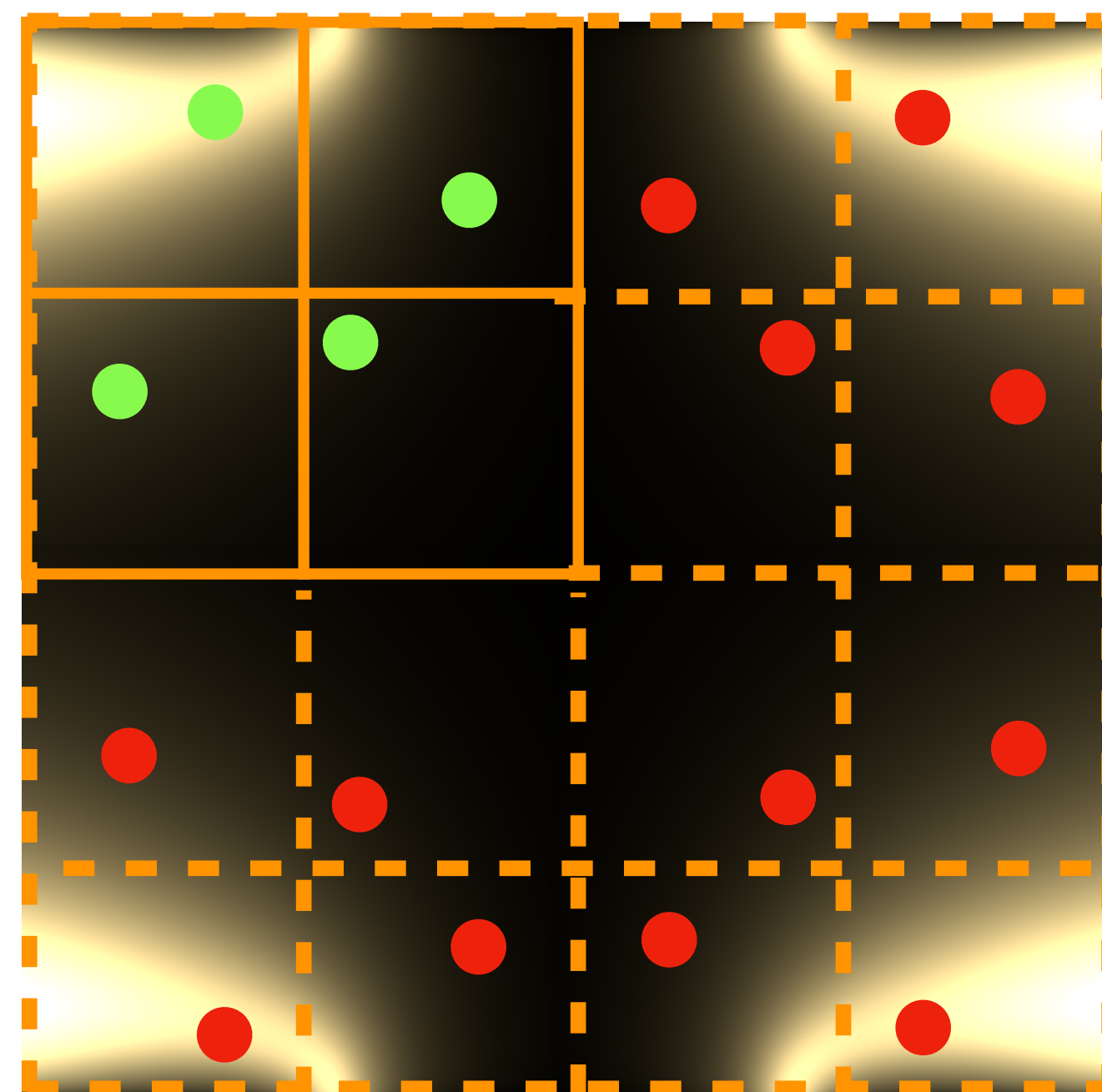
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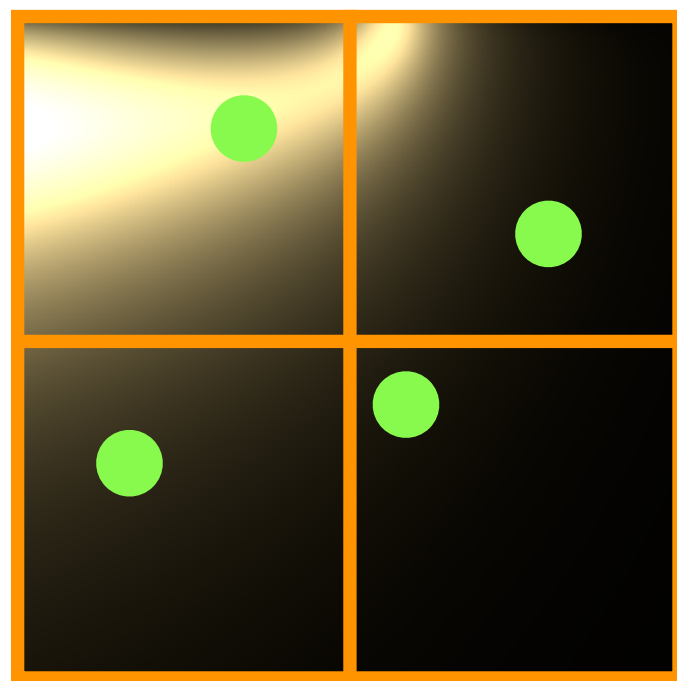
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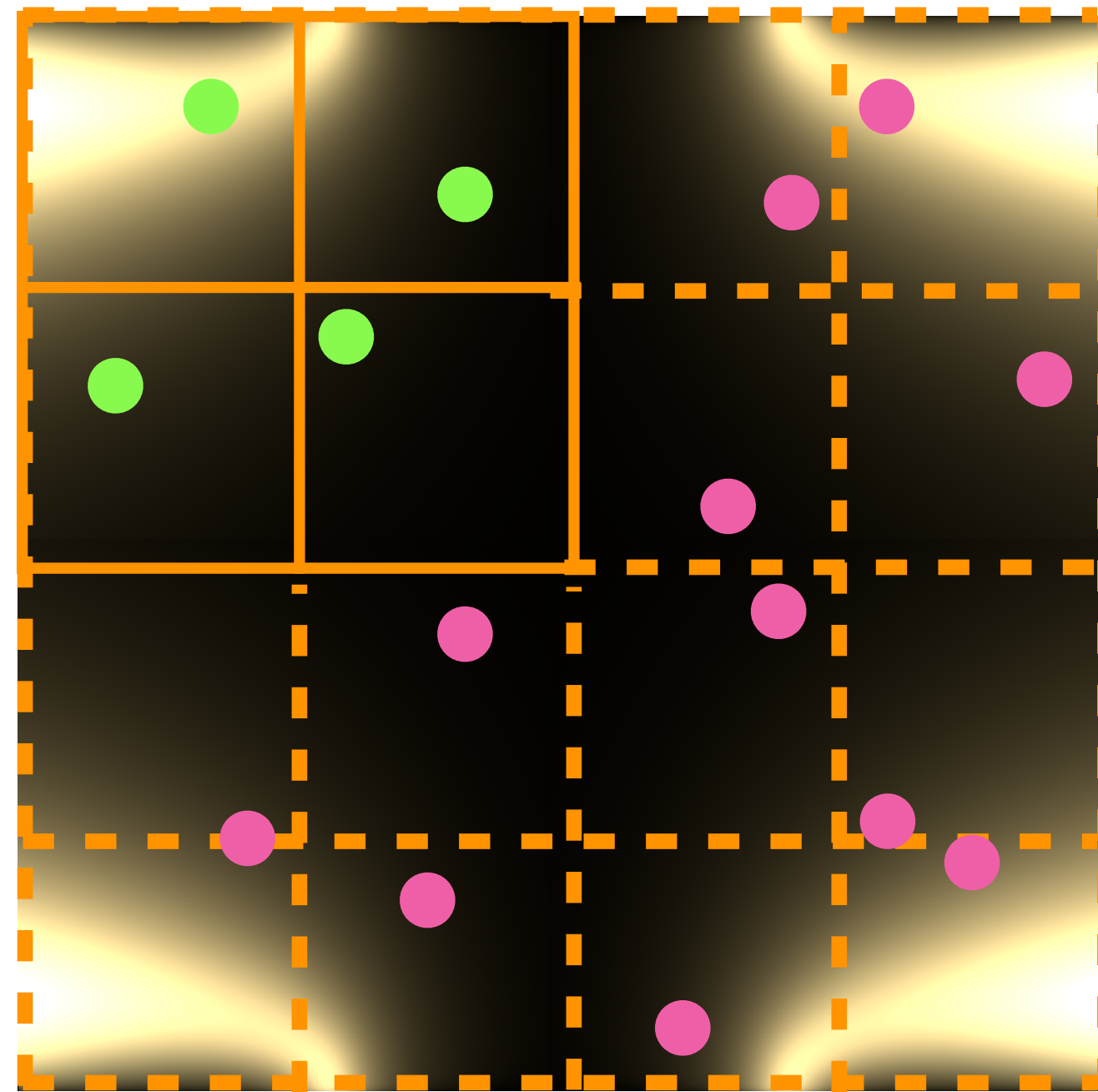
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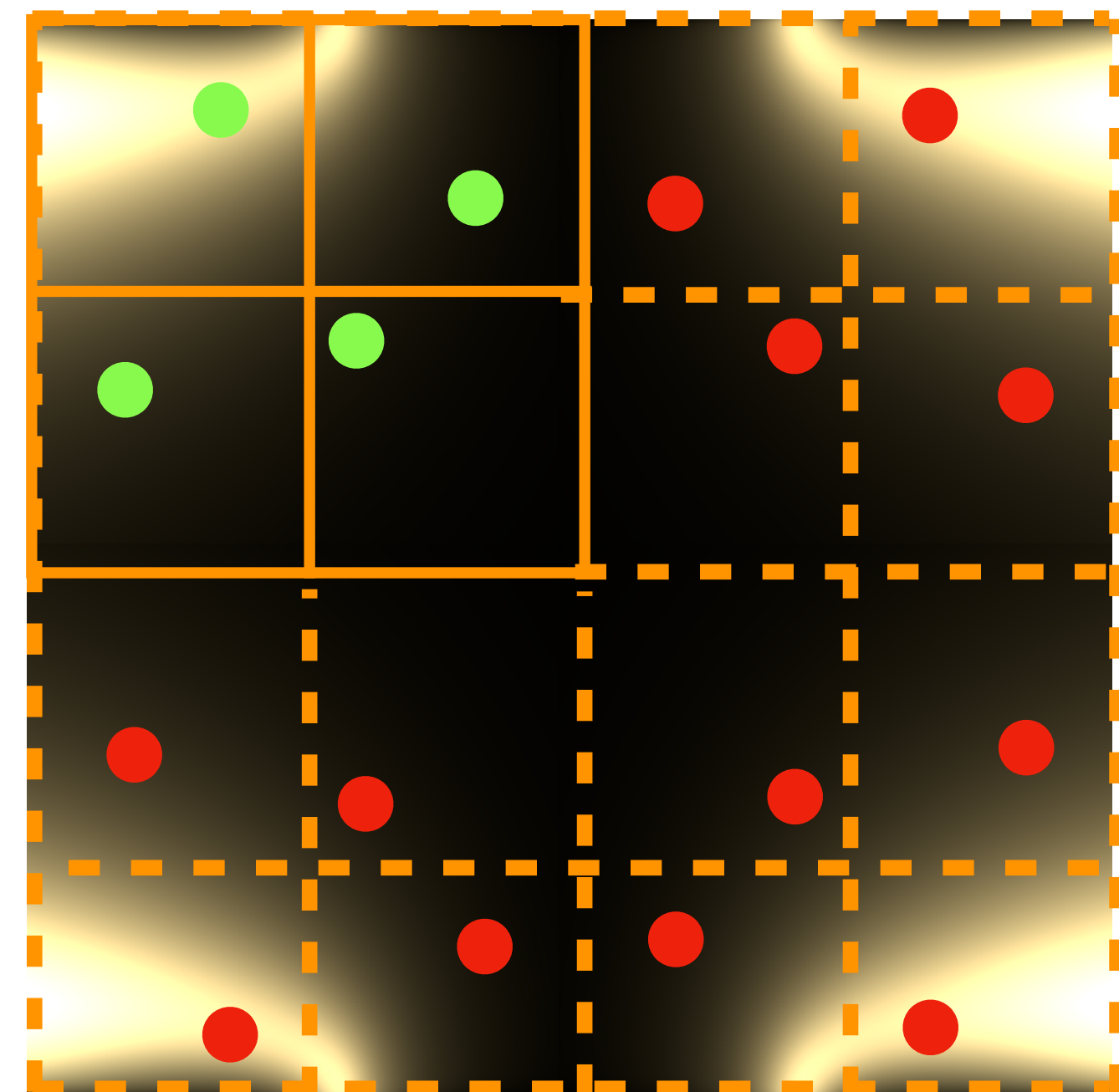
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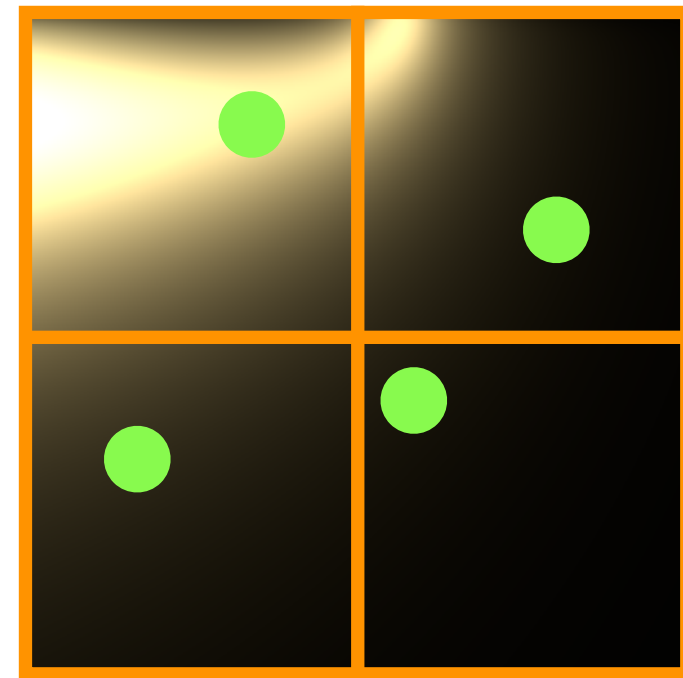


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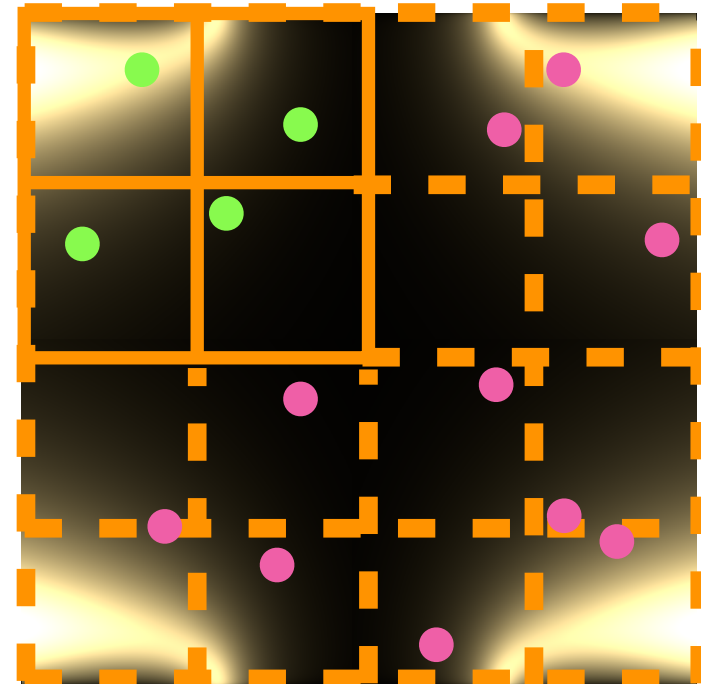


Convergence: Homogenized not good

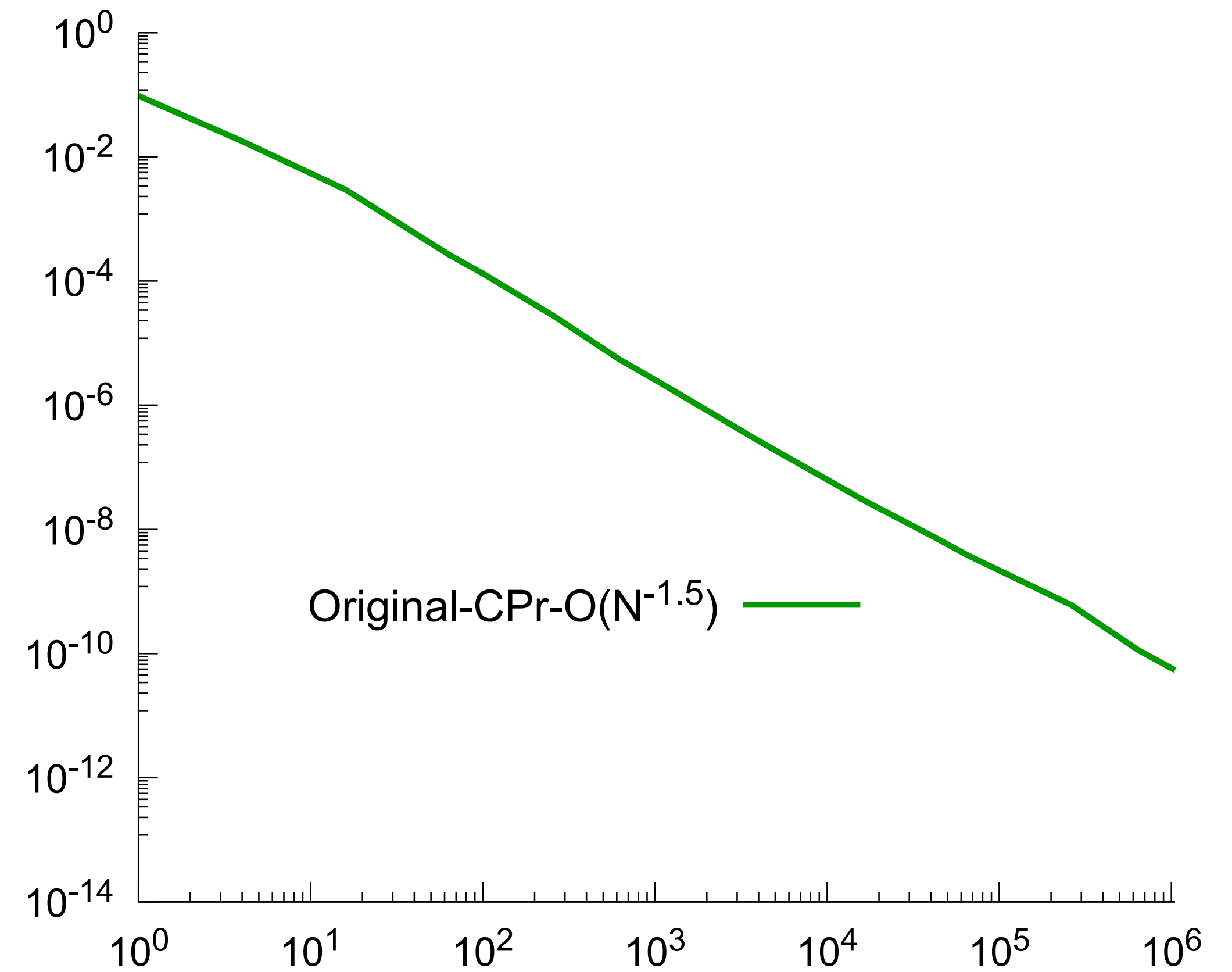
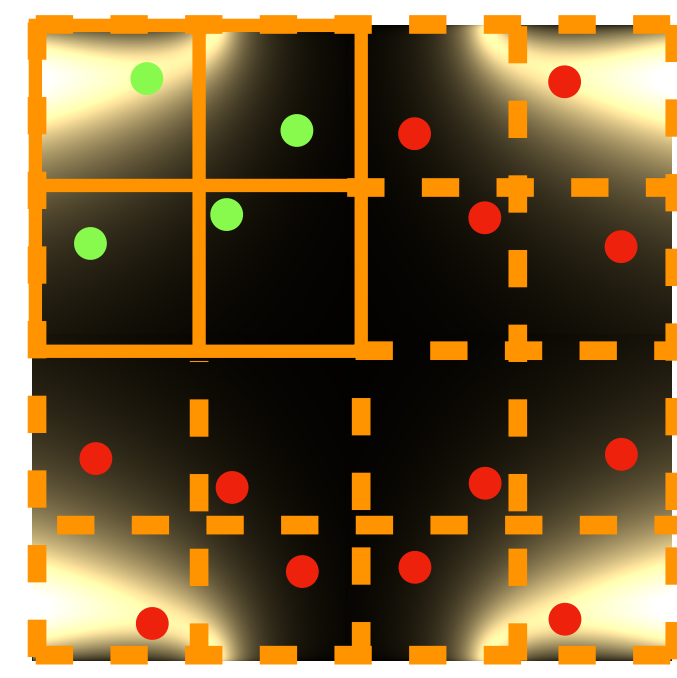
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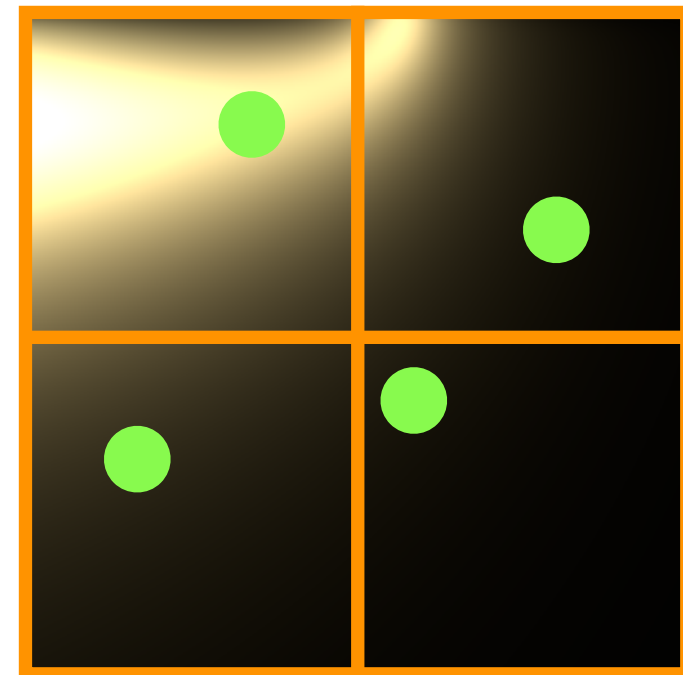


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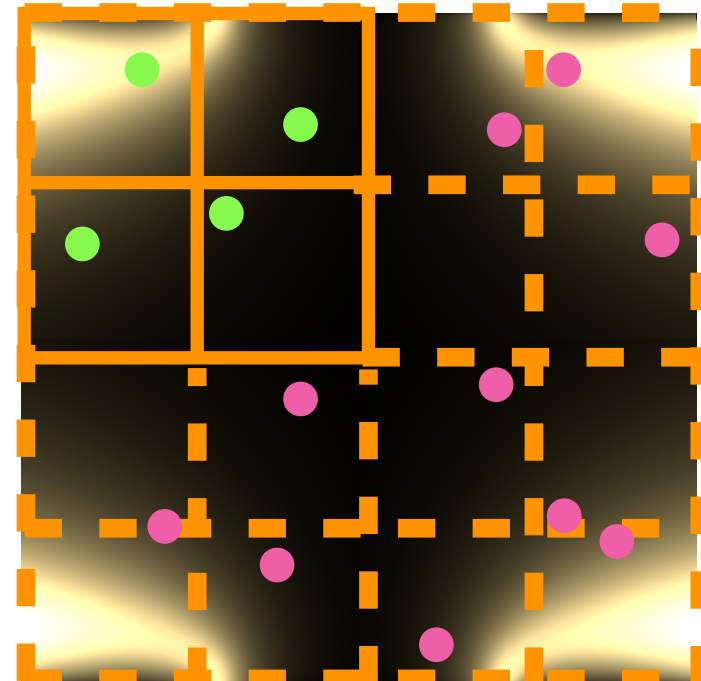


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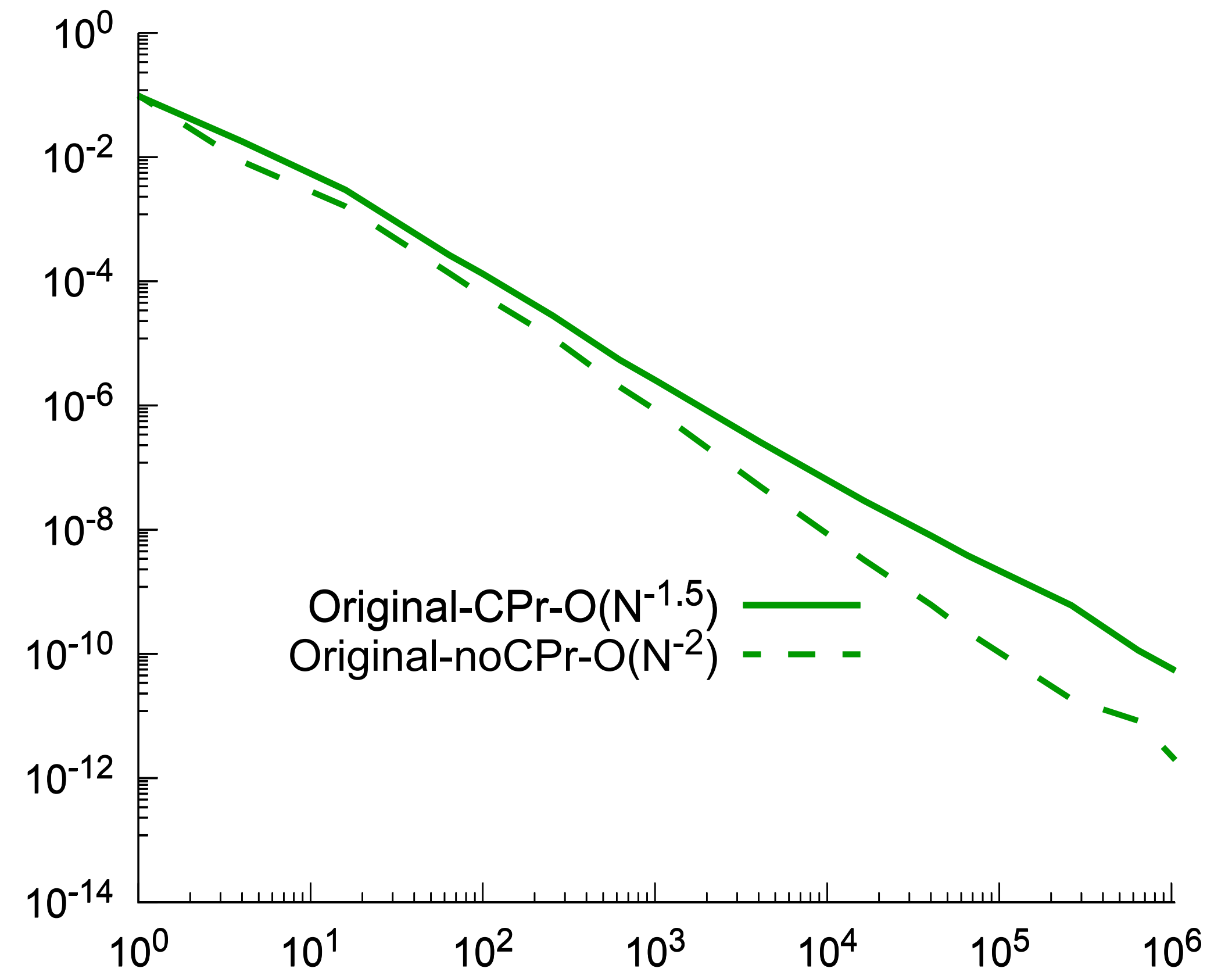
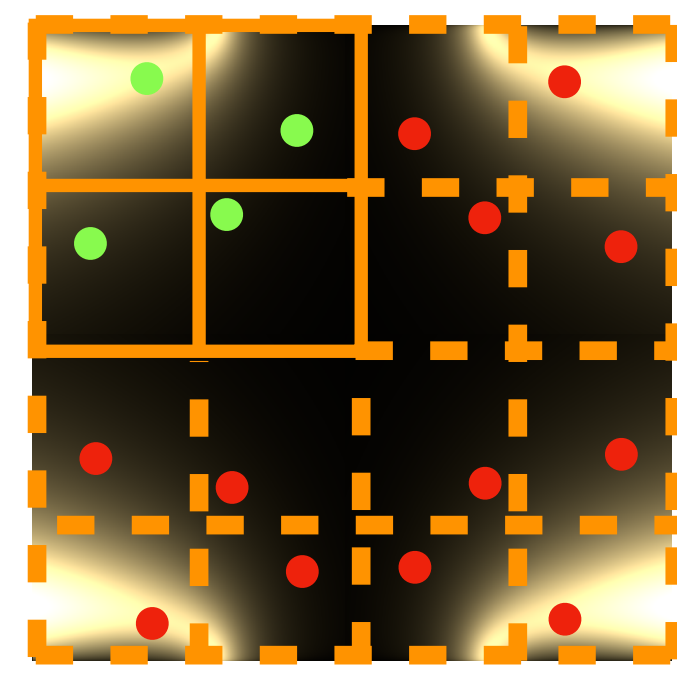
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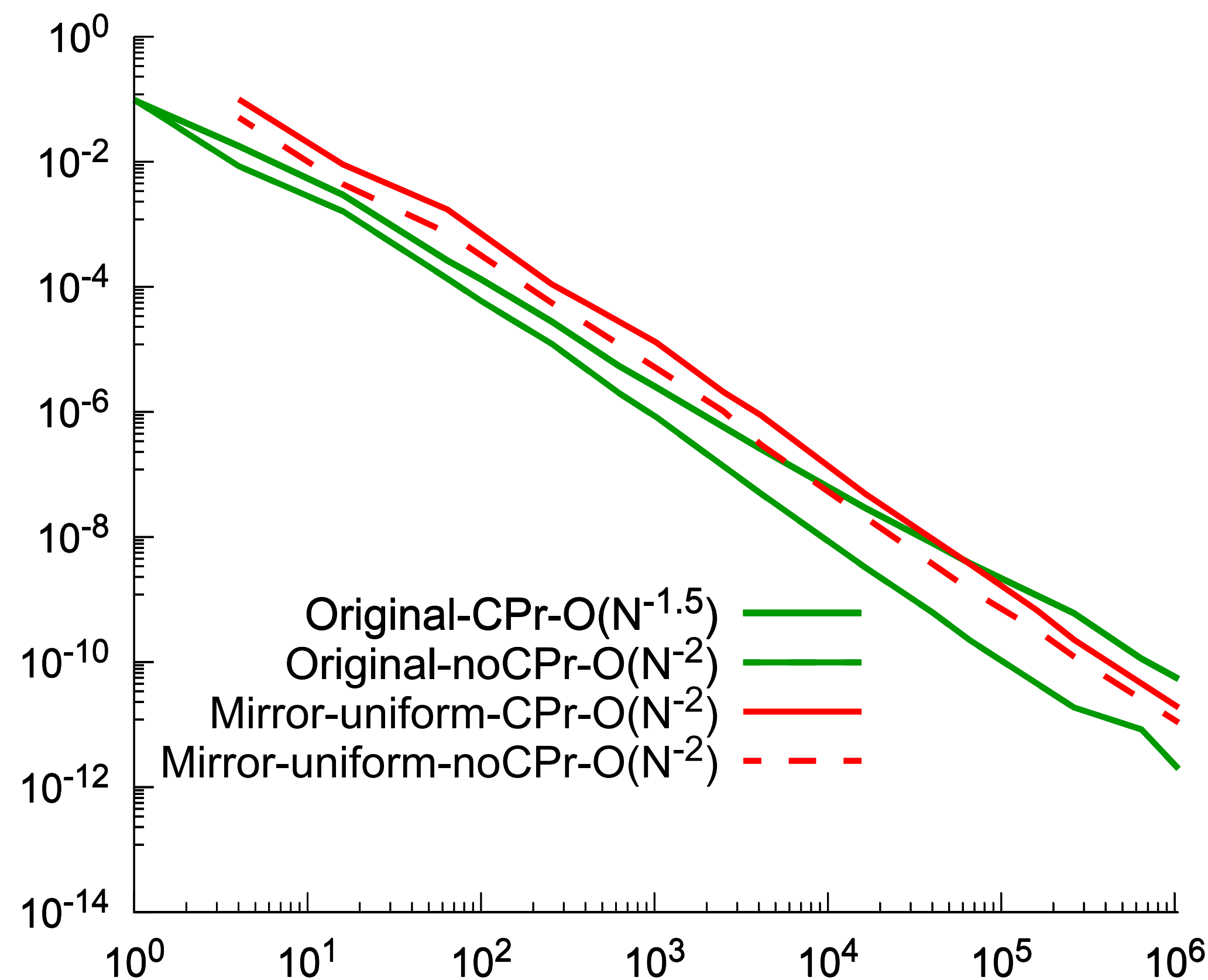
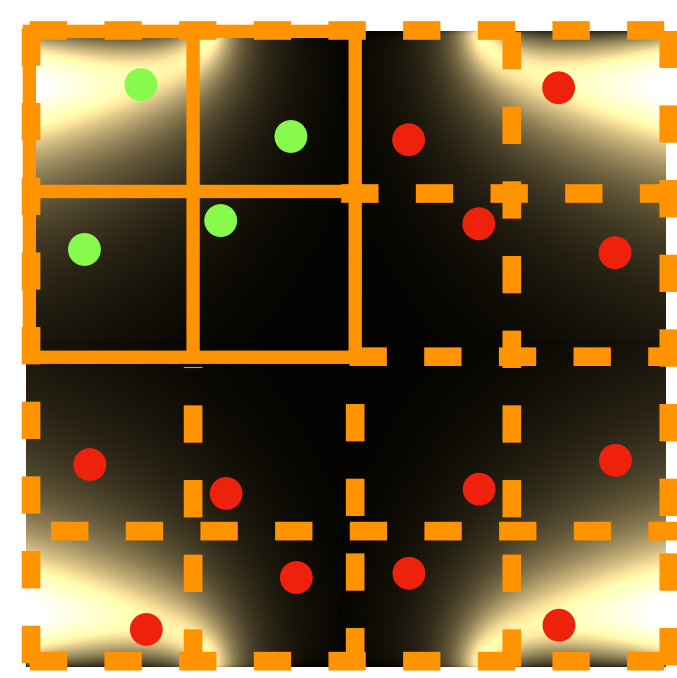
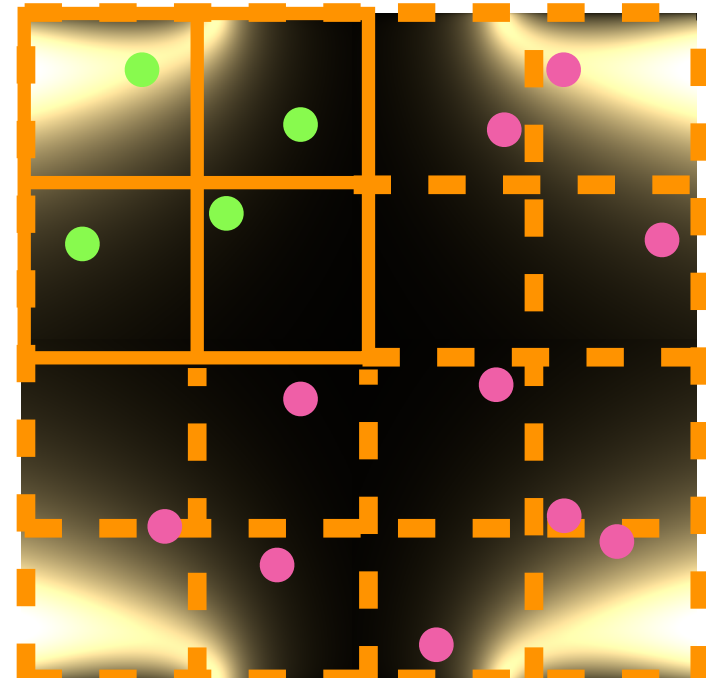
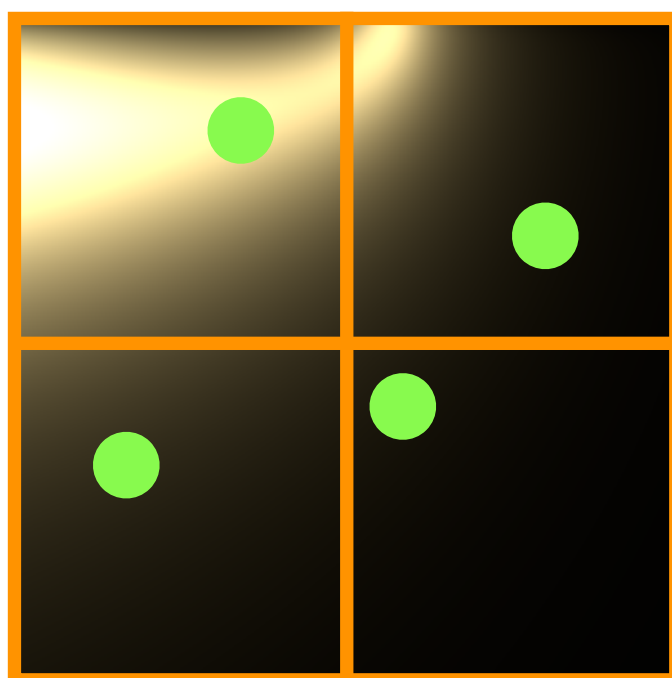


Convergence: Mirroring variance convergence

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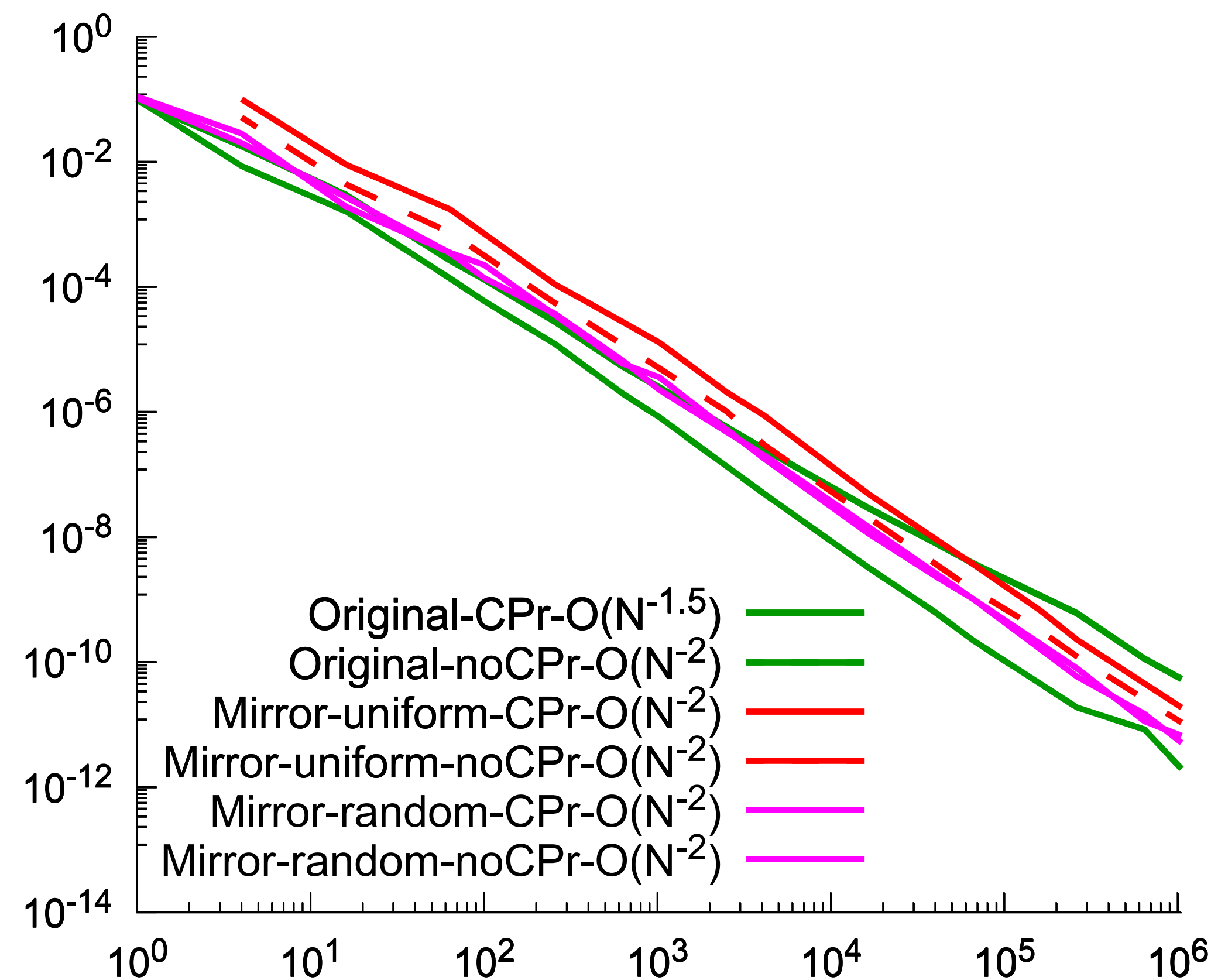
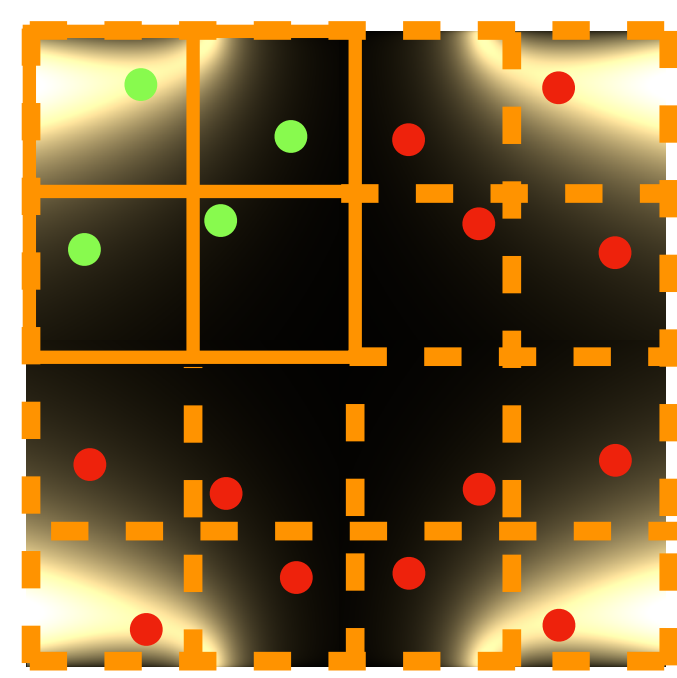
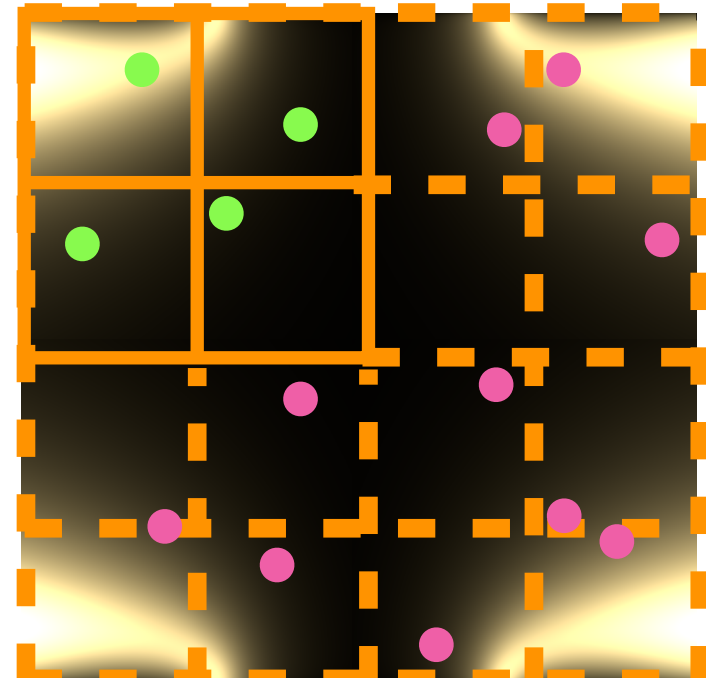
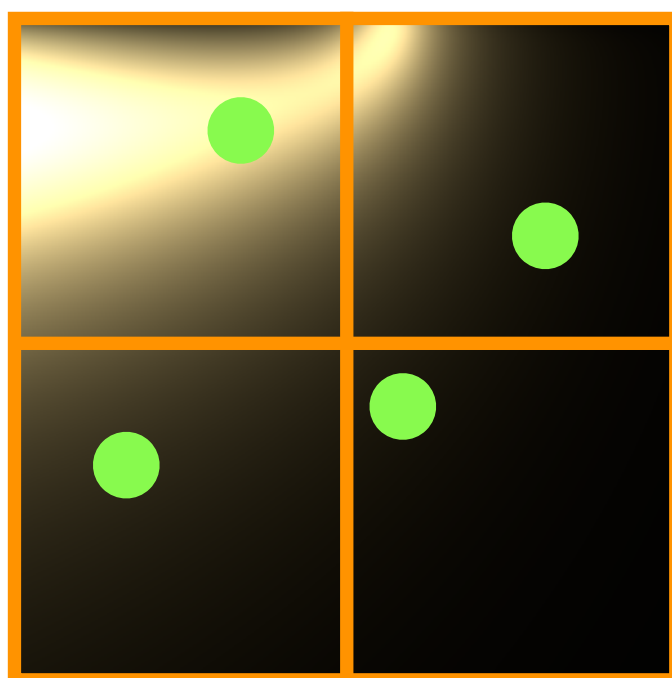


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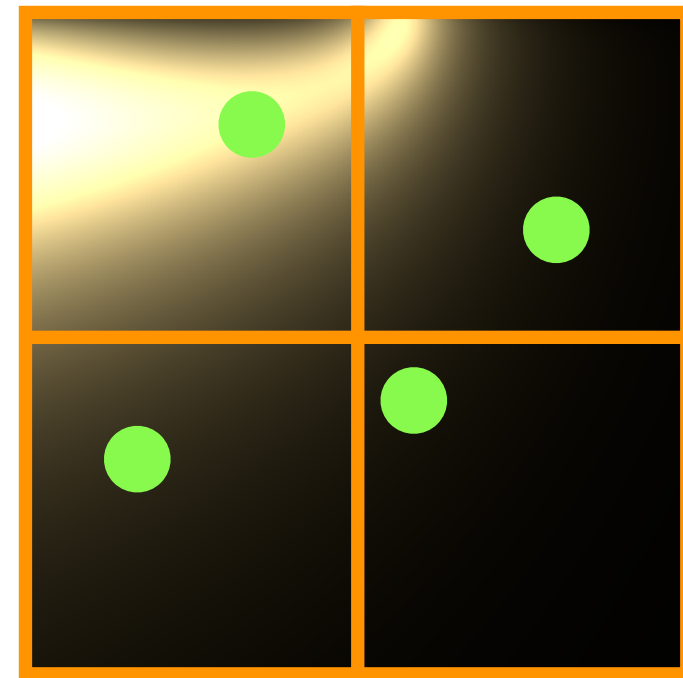
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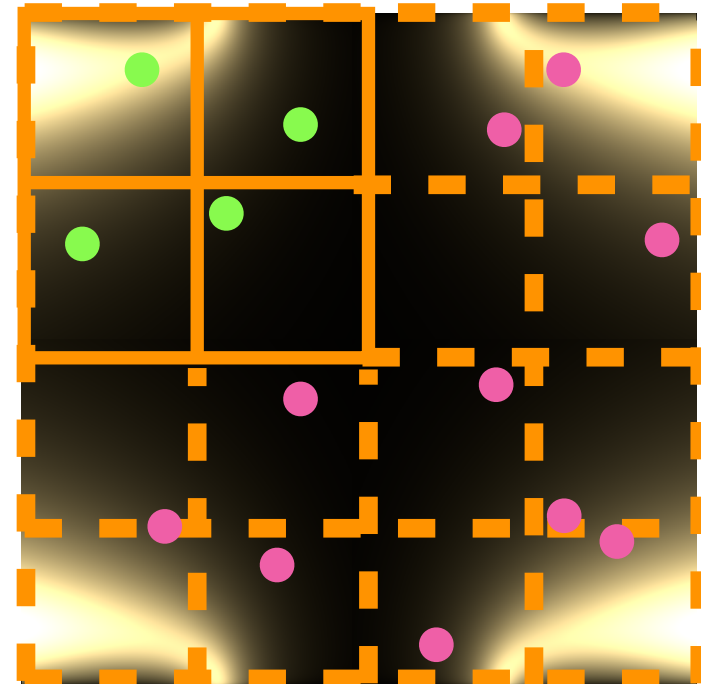


Convergence: Take away

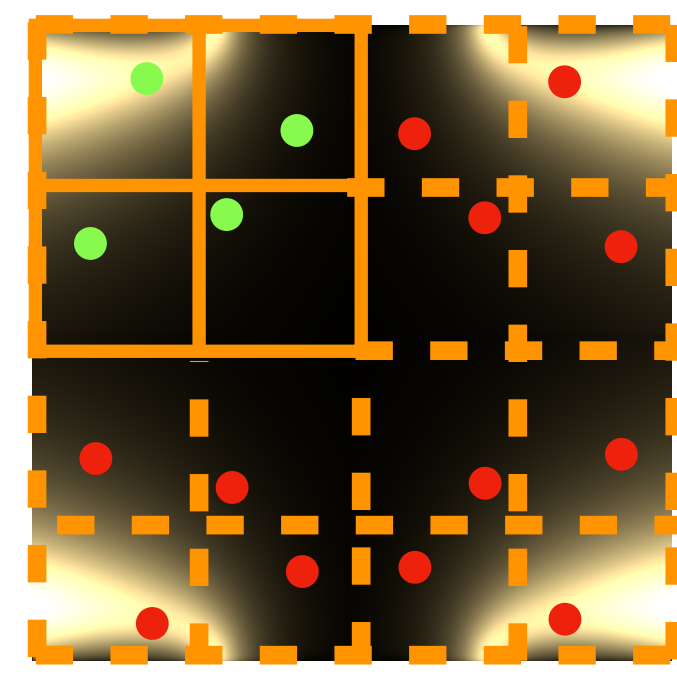
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Homogenization introduces boundary discontinuities

Integrand Mirroring helps avoid these discontinuities

But, Integrand mirroring quadruples the sampling domain in 2D



Theory side

Third term

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Third term is crucial and must not be missed

- consider correlations within samples w.r.t the integrand

The formulation handles Importance Sampling

Difficult to gain insights in 2D (and beyond) due to high-dimensional nature of the third term.

Practical side

In **MIS**, the worst of the two strategies would determine the overall convergence rate.

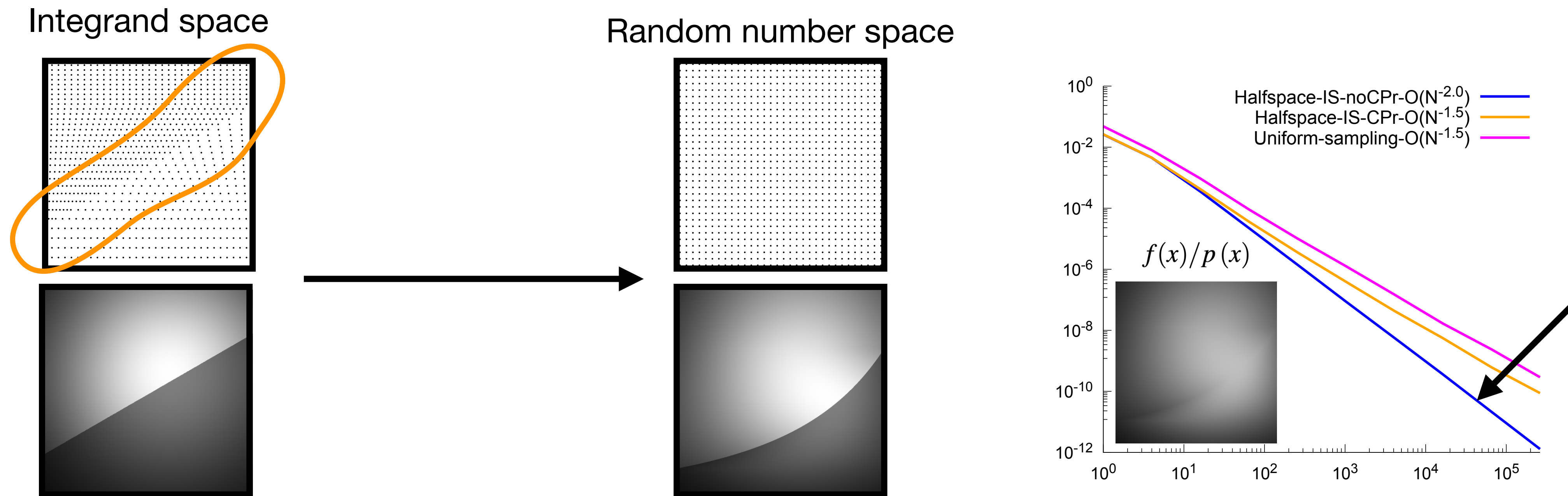
In **environment map sampling**, simply importance sampling w.r.t. the gray channel introduces discontinuities. IS all the channels.

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Can we do better than traditional Importance Sampling?

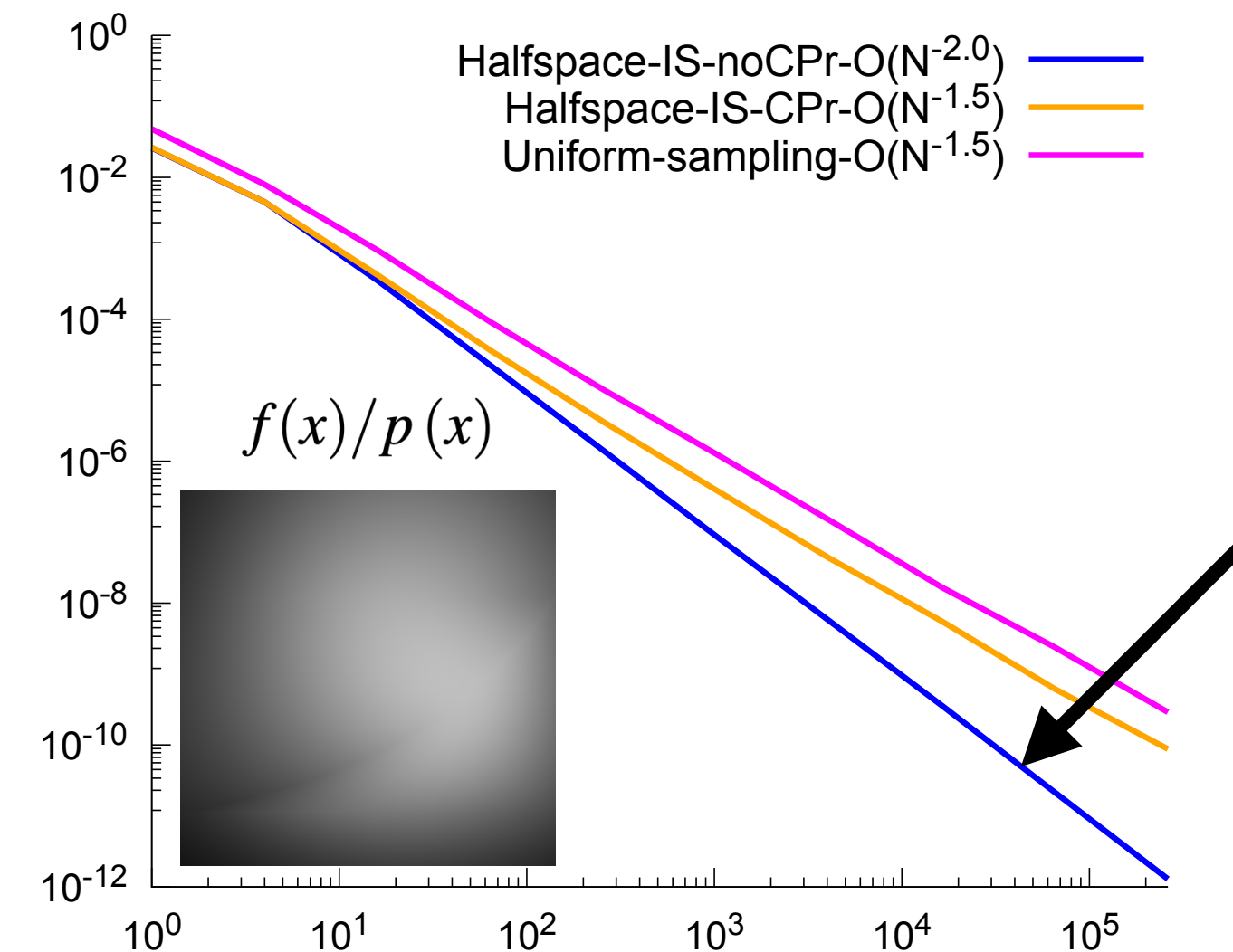
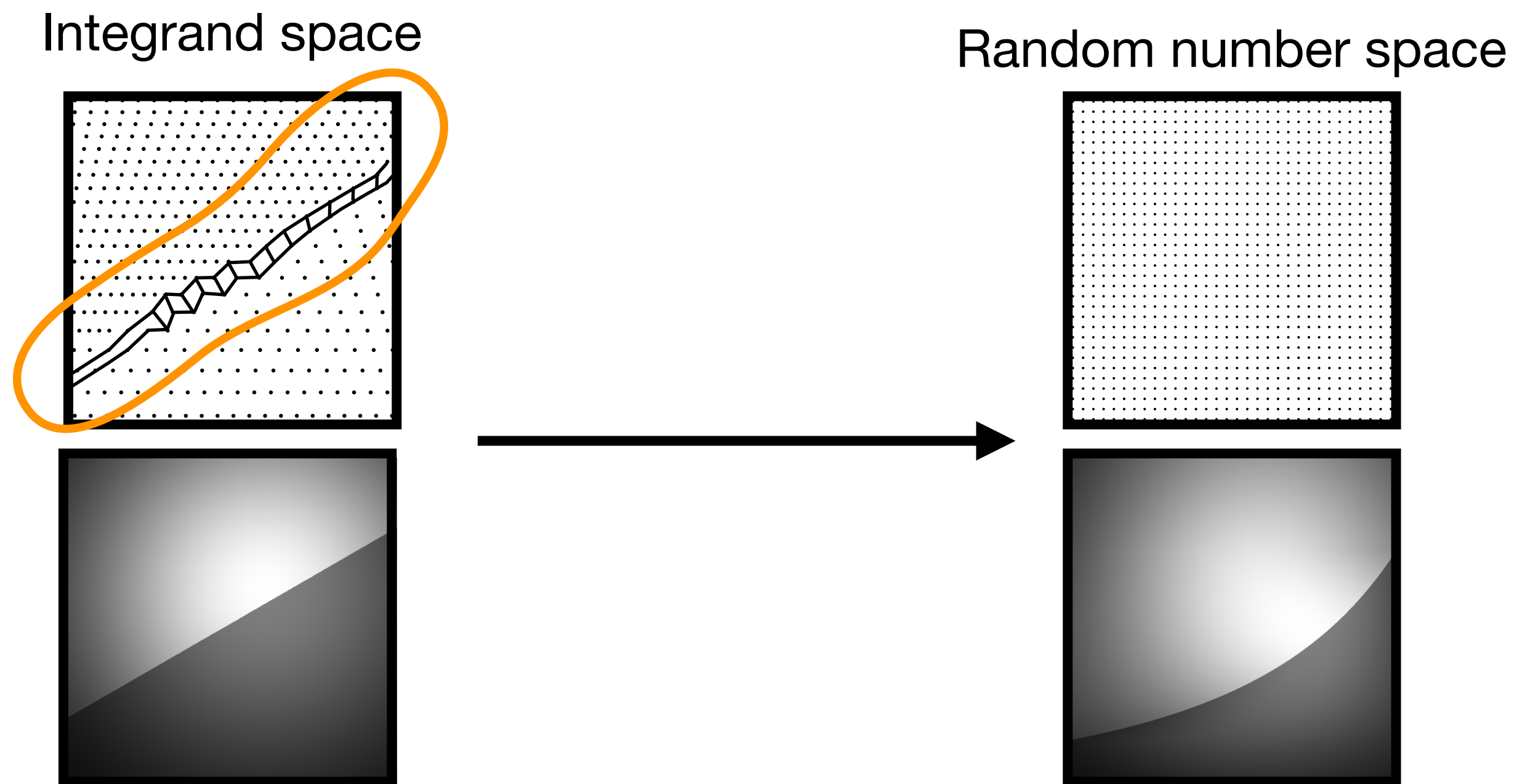


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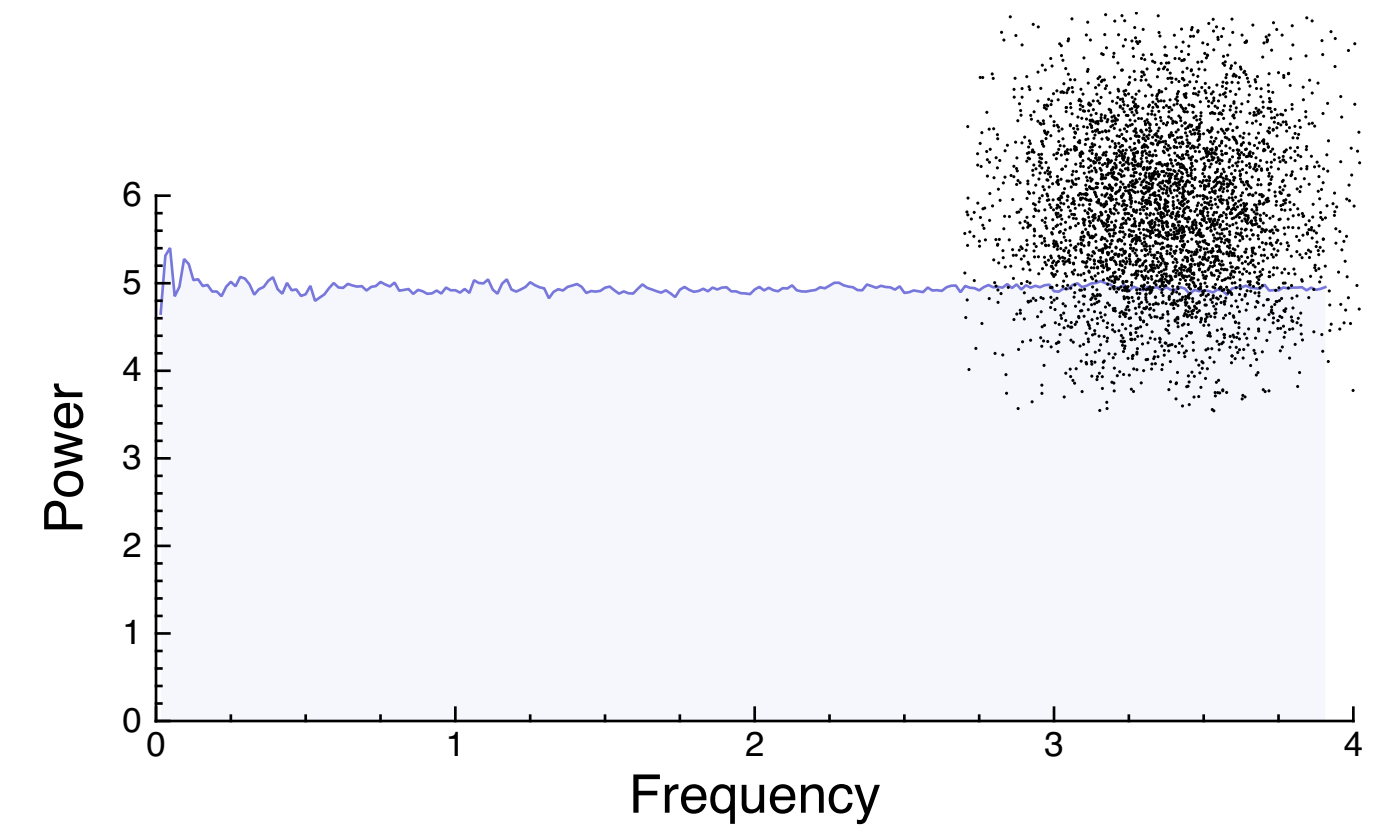
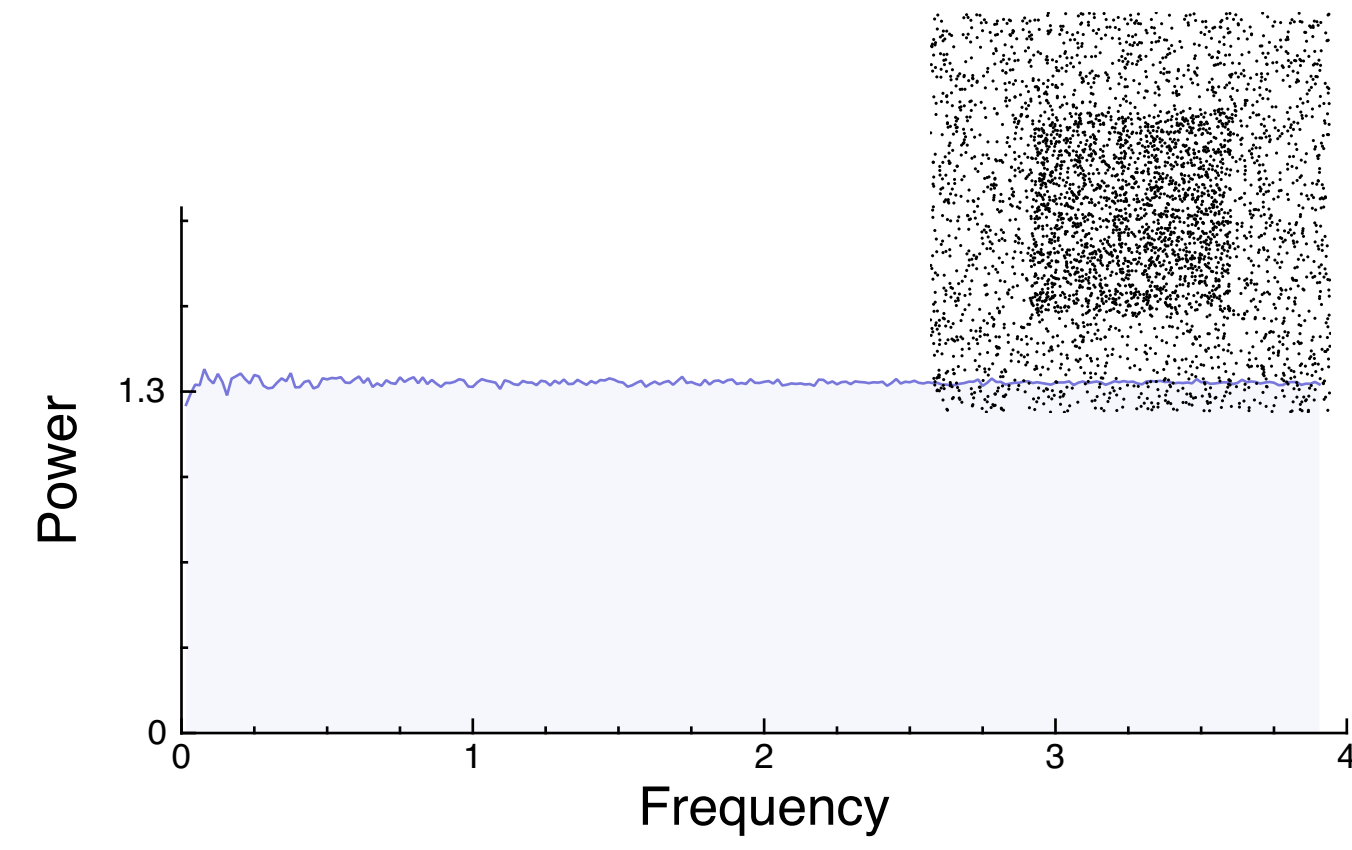
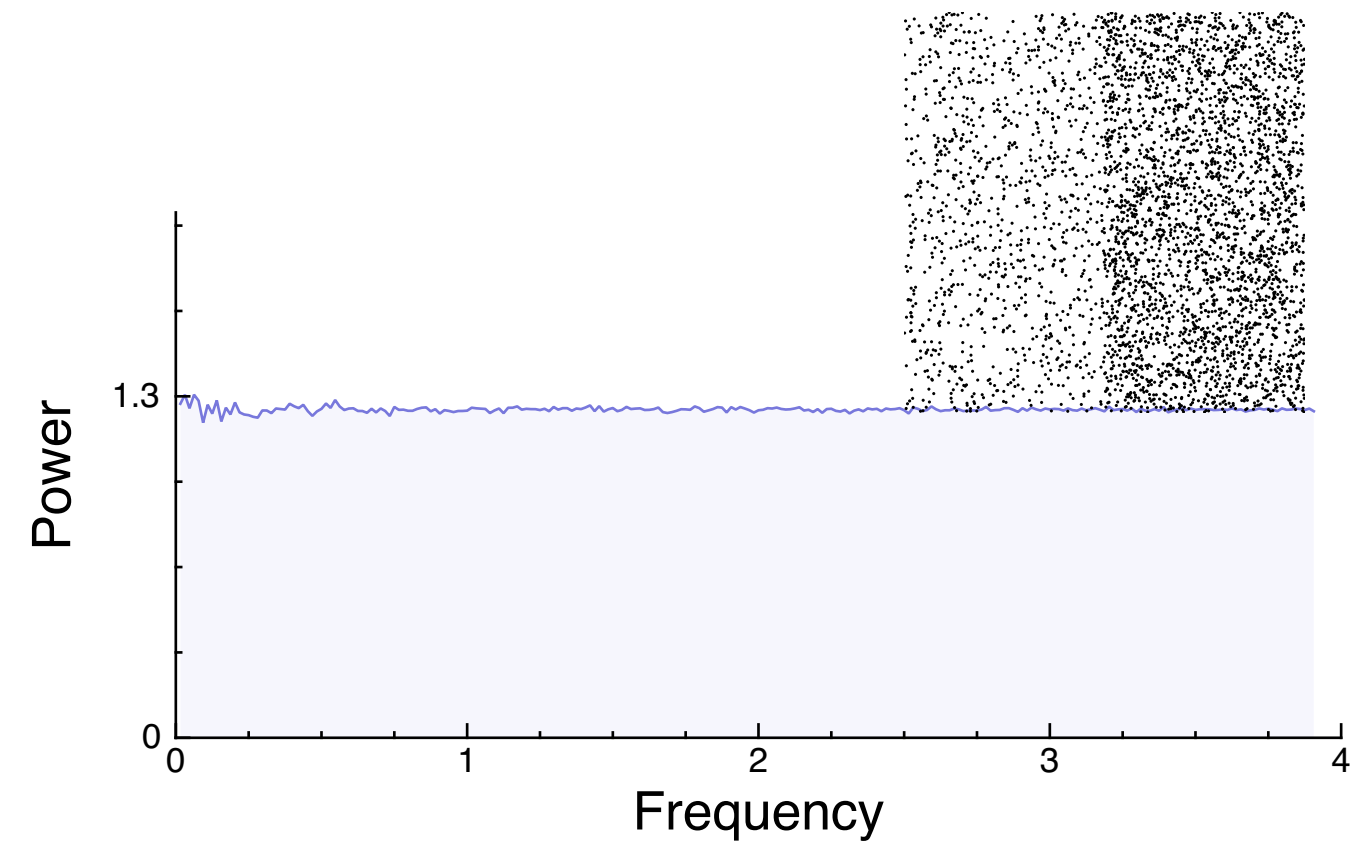


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Questions ?



Power Spectrum of Importance Samples



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