

# CS 1674/2074: Filters

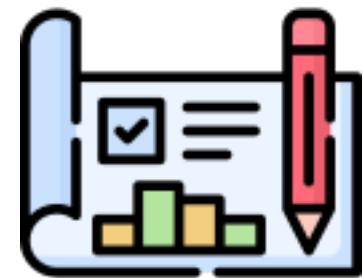
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# Topics

- Filters: motivation, math and properties
- Types of filters
  - Linear
    - Smoothing
    - Other
  - Non-linear
    - Median
- Applications of filters
  - Texture representation with filters
  - Anti-aliasing for image subsampling



# How images are represented

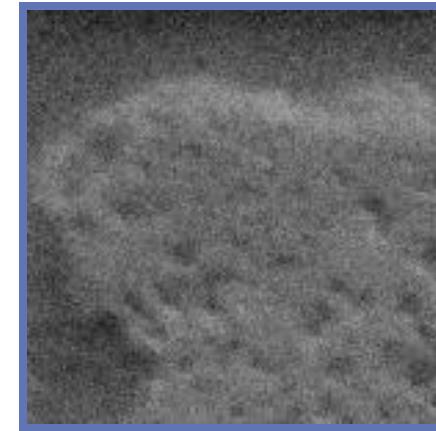
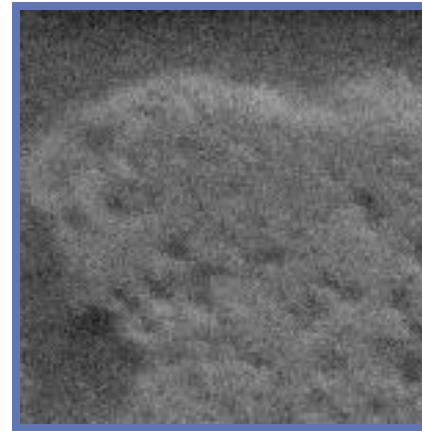
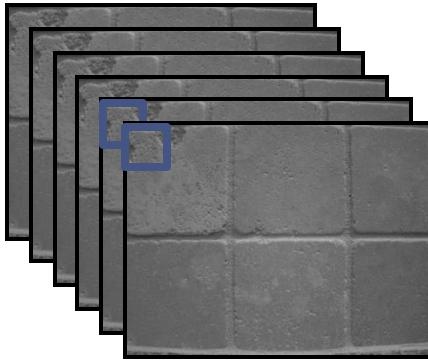
- Color images represented as a matrix with multiple channels (=1 if grayscale)
- Suppose we have a NxM RGB image called “im”
  - $\text{im}(0,0,0)$  = top-left pixel value in R-channel
  - $\text{im}(y, x, b)$  = y pixels **down (rows)**, x pixels **to right (cols)** in b<sup>th</sup> channel
  - $\text{im}(N, M, 3)$  = bottom-right pixel in B-channel
- `cv2.imread(filename)` returns a uint8 image (values 0 to 255)

Diagram illustrating the representation of a color image as a matrix with three channels (R, G, B). The matrix is 12x12 pixels.

column →											
row ↓	column										
	R	G	B								
0.92	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.62	0.37	0.85	0.97	0.93	0.92	0.99	
0.95	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.56	0.31	0.75	0.92	0.81	0.95	0.91	
0.89	0.72	0.51	0.55	0.51	0.42	0.57	0.41	0.49	0.91	0.92	
0.96	0.95	0.88	0.94	0.56	0.46	0.91	0.87	0.90	0.97	0.95	
0.71	0.81	0.81	0.87	0.57	0.37	0.80	0.88	0.89	0.79	0.85	
0.49	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.50	0.60	0.58	0.50	0.61	0.45	0.33	
0.86	0.84	0.74	0.58	0.51	0.39	0.73	0.92	0.91	0.49	0.74	
0.96	0.67	0.54	0.85	0.48	0.37	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.82	0.93	
0.69	0.49	0.56	0.66	0.43	0.42	0.77	0.73	0.71	0.90	0.99	
0.79	0.73	0.90	0.67	0.33	0.61	0.69	0.79	0.73	0.93	0.97	
0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	0.41	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.89	0.99	0.93	
	0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	0.41	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.89	0.99	0.93
		0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	0.41	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.89	0.99

Adapted from Derek Hoiem

# Enter Noise



- The same object will look very different across images
- Even multiple images of same static scene won't be identical
- How could we reduce the noise, i.e., give an estimate of the true intensities?
- What if there's only one image?

# Common types of noise

- **Impulse noise:** random occurrences of white pixels
- **Salt and pepper noise:** random occurrences of black and white pixels
- **Gaussian noise:** variations in intensity drawn from a Gaussian normal distribution



Original



Salt and pepper noise

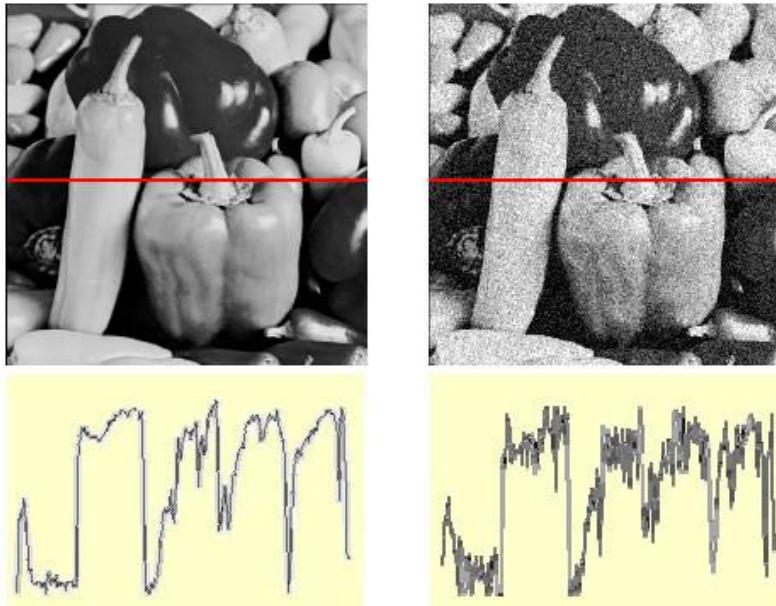


Impulse noise



Gaussian noise

# Gaussian noise



$$f(x, y) = \overbrace{\bar{f}(x, y)}^{\text{Ideal Image}} + \overbrace{\eta(x, y)}^{\text{Noise process}}$$

Gaussian i.i.d. ("white") noise:  
 $\eta(x, y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$

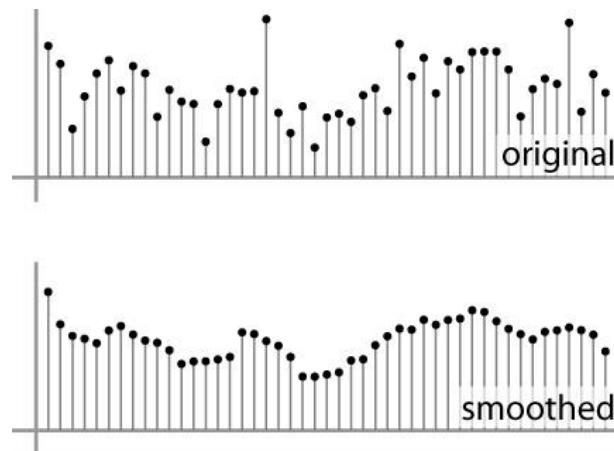
```
>> noise = np.random.rand(*im.shape) * sigma
>> im_noise = im + noise
```

What is impact of the sigma?

[Github repo]

# First attempt at a solution

- Let's replace each pixel with an average of all the values in its neighborhood
- Moving average in 1D:

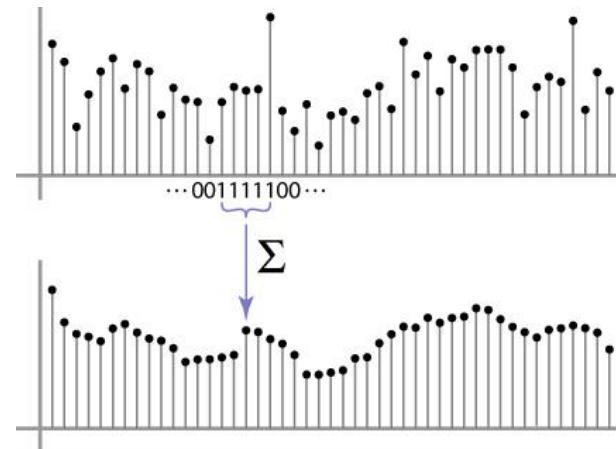


# First attempt at a solution

- Let's replace each pixel with an average of all the values in its neighborhood
- Why/when will this work?
- Assumptions:
  - Expect pixels to be like their neighbors
  - Expect noise processes to be independent from pixel to pixel

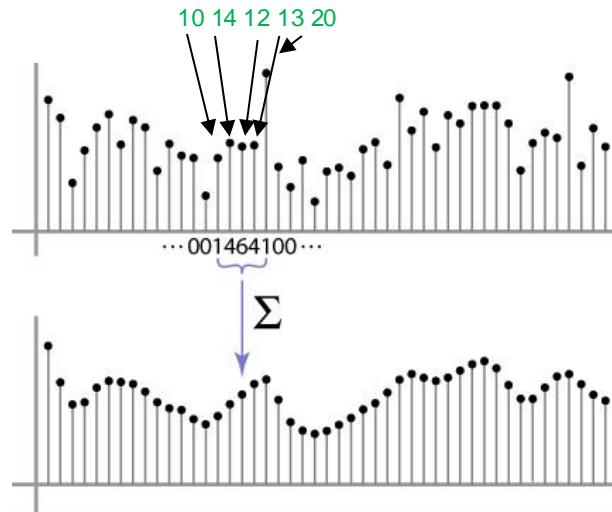
# Weighted Moving Average

- Can add weights to our moving average
- $Weights [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] / 5$



# Weighted Moving Average

- Non-uniform weights [1, 4, 6, 4, 1] / 16



$$\text{Central pixel} = (10 \cdot 1 + 14 \cdot 4 + 12 \cdot 6 + 13 \cdot 4 + 20 \cdot 1) / 16$$

# Moving Average In 2D

$$F[x, y]$$

$$G[x, y]$$

# Moving Average In 2D

 $F[x, y]$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 $G[x, y]$ 

0	10									

# Moving Average In 2D

 $F[x, y]$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 $G[x, y]$ 

			0	10	20					

# Moving Average In 2D

 $F[x, y]$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 $G[x, y]$ 

			0	10	20	30				

# Moving Average In 2D

 $F[x, y]$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 $G[x, y]$ 

			0	10	20	30	30				

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$$G[x, y]$$

			0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10
			0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20
			0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30
			0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30
			0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30
			0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20
			10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10
			10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0

In what ways is this output good/expected?  
 In what ways is it bad (what was lost)?

# Image Filtering

- Compute a function of the local neighborhood at each pixel in the image
  - Function specified by a “filter” or **mask** saying how to combine values from neighbors
  - Element-wise multiplication of filter and image patch
- **Uses of filtering:**
  - Enhance an image (denoise, resize, etc)
  - Extract information (texture, edges, etc)
  - Detect patterns (template matching)



# Correlation Filtering

Non-weighted, averaging window size is  $2k+1 \times 2k+1$ :

$$G[i, j] = \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k F[i+u, j+v]$$

*Attribute **uniform weight** to each pixel*
*Loop over all pixels in **neighborhood around image pixel  $F[i,j]$***

Now generalize to allow **different weights** depending on neighboring pixel's relative position:

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v] \underbrace{F[i+u, j+v]}_{\text{Non-uniform weights}}$$

# Correlation Filtering

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v] F[i + u, j + v]$$

This is called **cross-correlation**, denoted

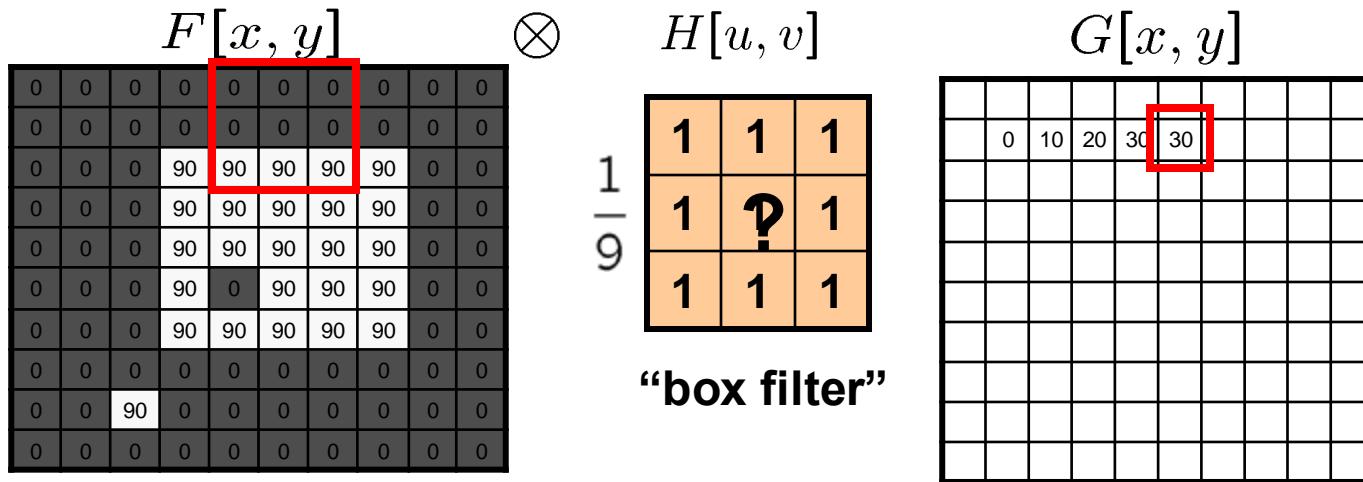
$$G = H \otimes F$$

Filtering an image: replace each pixel with a linear combination of its neighbors.

The filter “**kernel**” or “**mask**”  $H[u, v]$  is the prescription for the weights in the linear combination.

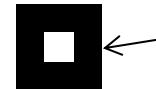
# Averaging Filtering

- What values belong in the kernel  $H$  for the moving average example?



$$G = H \otimes F$$

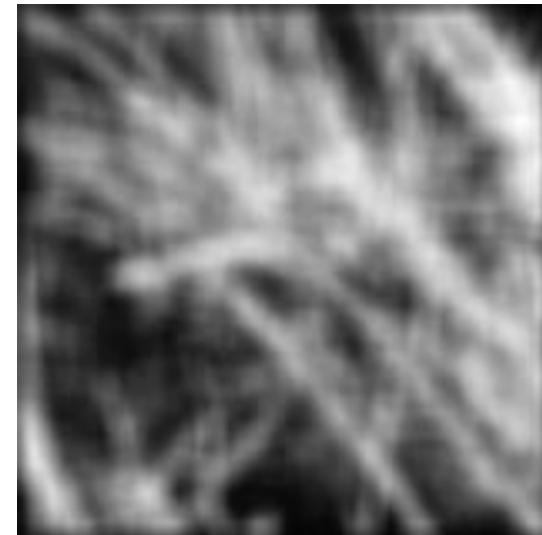
# Smoothing by averaging



depicts box filter:  
white = high value, black = low value



original

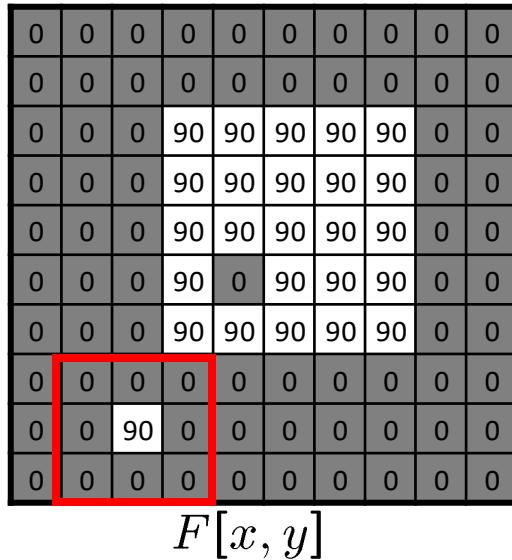


filtered

What if the filter size was  $5 \times 5$  instead of  $3 \times 3$ ?

# Gaussian Filter

- What if we want nearest neighboring pixels to have the most influence on the output?



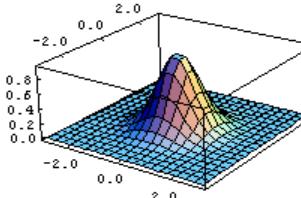
$$\frac{1}{16}$$

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

$$H[u, v]$$

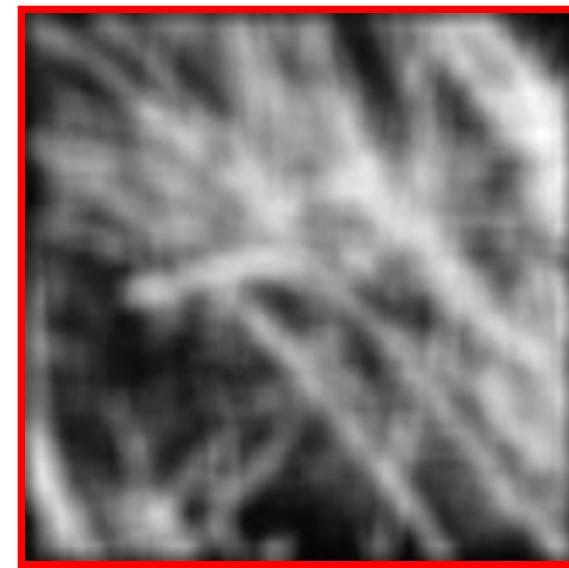
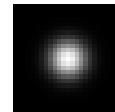
This kernel is an approximation of a 2d Gaussian function:

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{\sigma^2}}$$



- Removes high-frequency components from the image (“low-pass filter”).

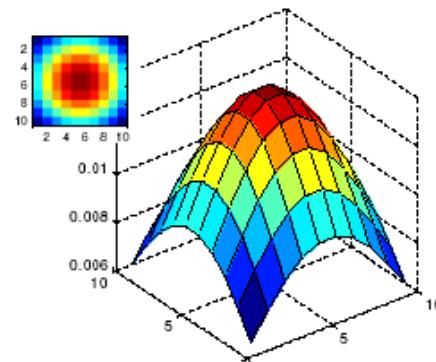
# Smoothing with a Gaussian



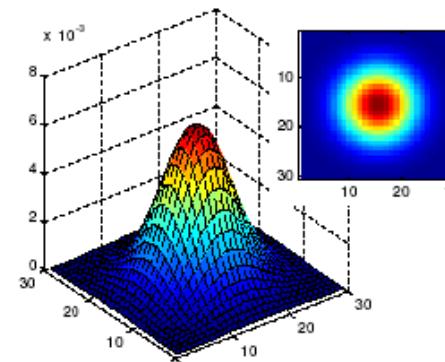
Vs box filter

# Gaussian Filters

- What parameters matter here?
- **Size** of kernel or mask
  - Note, Gaussian function has infinite support, but discrete filters use finite kernels



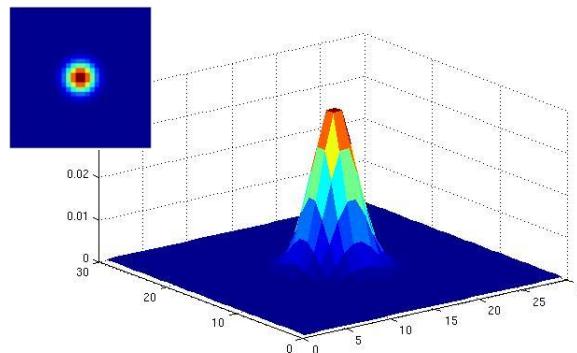
$\sigma = 5$  with  
10 x 10  
kernel



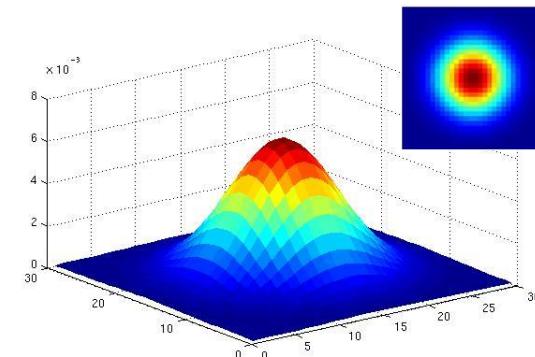
$\sigma = 5$  with  
30 x 30  
kernel

# Gaussian Filters

- What parameters matter here?
- **Variance of Gaussian:** determines extent of smoothing



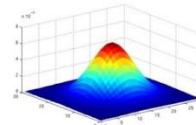
$\sigma = 2$  with  
30 x 30  
kernel



$\sigma = 5$  with  
30 x 30  
kernel

# Gaussian Filters in Python

```
>> hsize = 10;  
>> sigma = 5;  
>> filter = fspecial_gauss(hsize, sigma)  
  
>> plt.matshow(filter)
```



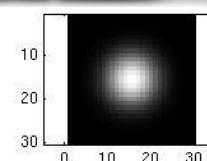
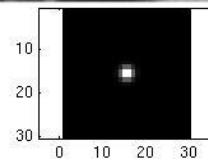
```
>> filt_im = ndimage.convolve(im, filter, mode='constant') #  
correlation  
>> cv2.imshow(outim);
```



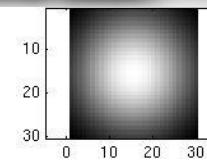
[Github repo]

# Smoothing with a Gaussian

Parameter  $\sigma$  is the “scale” / “width” / “spread” of the Gaussian kernel, and controls the amount of smoothing.



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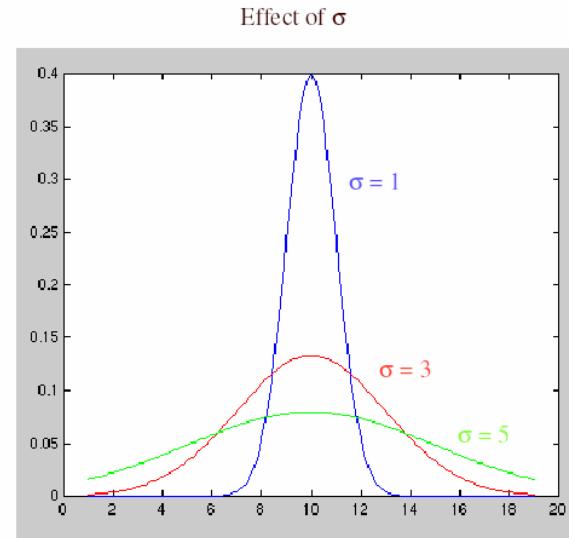


```
for sigma=1:3:10
    h = fspecial_gaus(hsize, sigma);
    out = ndimage.convolve(im, h);
    cv2.imshow(out);
end
```

# Gaussian Filters

How big should the filter be?

- Values at edges should be near zero
- Rule of thumb for Gaussian: set filter half-width (*hsize*) to  $3 \sigma$



# Properties of smoothing filters

- Smoothing
  - Values positive
  - Sum to 1 → overall intensity same as input
  - Amount of smoothing proportional to mask size
  - Remove “high-frequency” components; “low-pass” filter

# Convolution

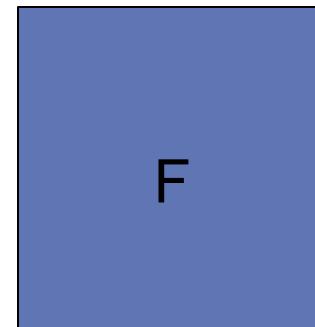
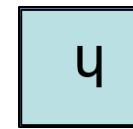
- Convolution:
  - Flip the filter in both dimensions (bottom to top, right to left)
  - Then apply cross-correlation

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v]F[i - u, j - v]$$

$$G = H \star F$$



*Notation for  
convolution  
operator*



# Convolution vs correlation

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For a Gaussian or box filter, how will the outputs differ?

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$$u = -1, v = -1$$

**F**

5	2	5	4	4
5	200	3	200	4
1	5	5	4	4
5	5	1	1	2
200	1	3	5	200
1	200	200	200	1

(i, j)

## Convolution

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v] F[i - u, j - v]$$

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**H**

.06	.12	.06
.12	.25	.12
.06	.12	.06

(0, 0)

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5	5	1	1	2
200	1	3	5	200
1	200	200	200	1

(i, j)

Convolution

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v]F[i - u, j - v]$$

$$G = H \star F$$

H		
.06	.12	.06
.12	.25	.12
.06	.12	.06

(0, 0)

# Convolution vs correlation

Cross-correlation

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v]F[i + u, j + v]$$

$$G = H \otimes F$$

$$u = -1, v = -1$$

$$v = 0$$

$$v = +1$$

F				
5	2	5	4	4
5	200	3	200	4
1	5	5	4	4
5	5	1	1	2
200	1	3	5	200
1	200	200	200	1

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200	1	3	5	200
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.06	.12	.06

(0, 0)

# Properties of Convolution

- Commutative:

$$f * g = g * f$$

- Associative:

$$(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$$

- Distributes over addition:

$$f * (g + h) = (f * g) + (f * h)$$

- Scalars factor out:

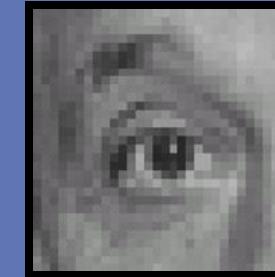
$$kf * g = f * kg = k(f * g)$$

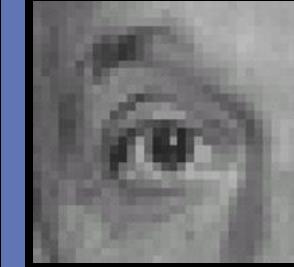
- Identity:

unit impulse  $e = [\dots, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots]$ .  $f * e = f$

# Predict the outputs using correlation filtering


$$\text{Input Image} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$


$$\text{Input Image} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$


$$\text{Input Image} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

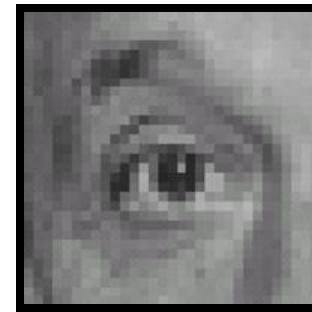
?

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0



Filtered  
(no change)

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

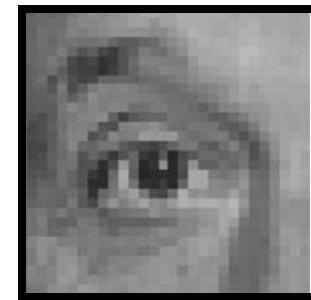
?

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0



Shifted left  
by 1 pixel  
with  
correlation

# Practice with linear filters



Original

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

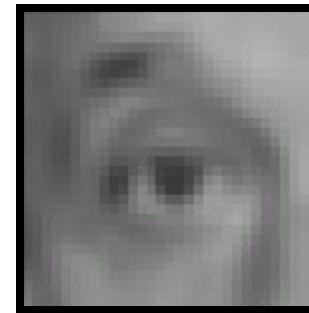
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# Practice with linear filters



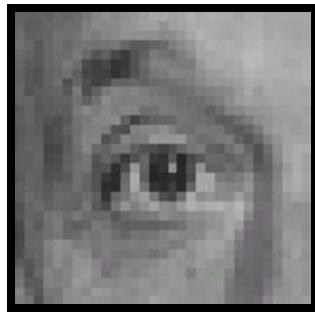
$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Original



Blur (with a  
box filter)

# Practice with linear filters



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

?

# Practice with linear filters

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

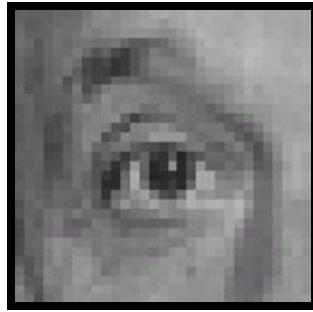
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Original image

Image minus blur = details

# Practice with linear filters

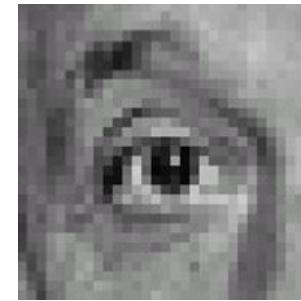


Original

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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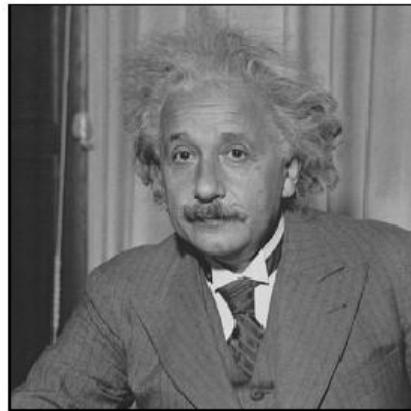
$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



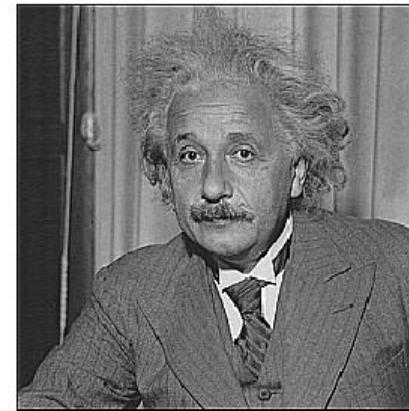
Sharpening filter:

accentuates differences with  
local average

# Sharpening



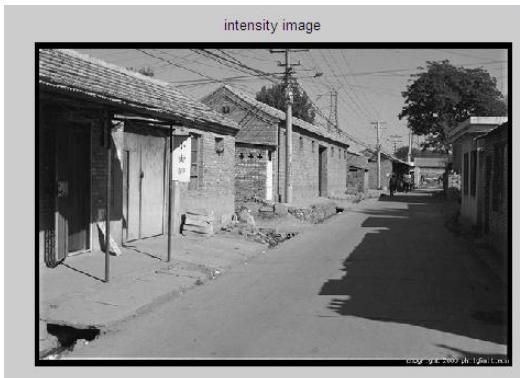
before



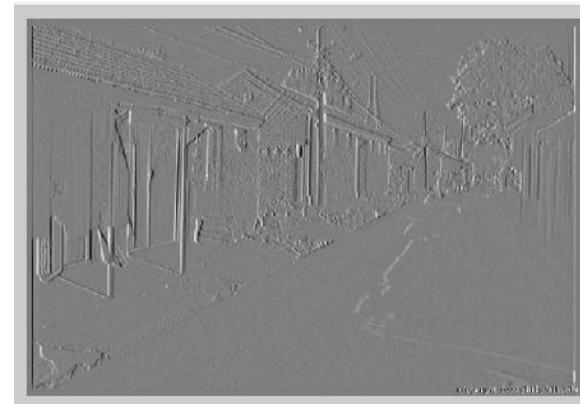
after

# Filters for computing gradients

1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

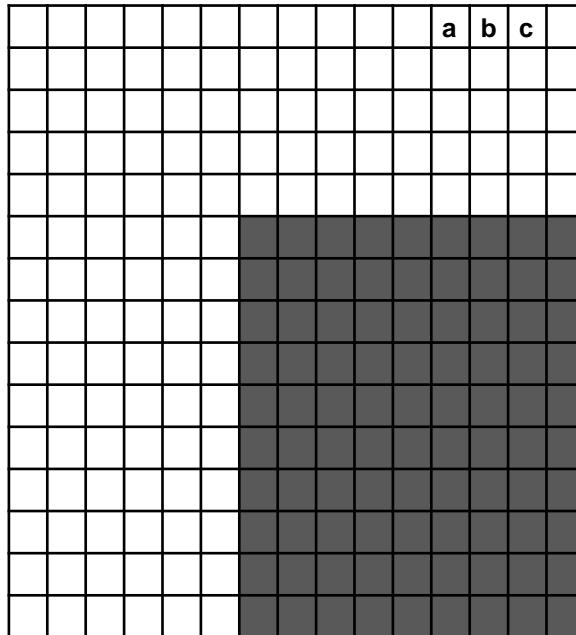


$$\ast \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} =$$



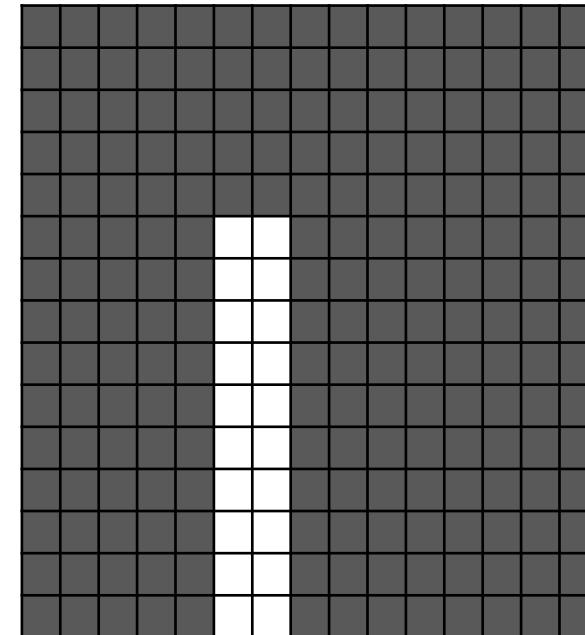
# Filters for computing gradients

$$+1*a + 0*b + (-1)*c = a - c$$



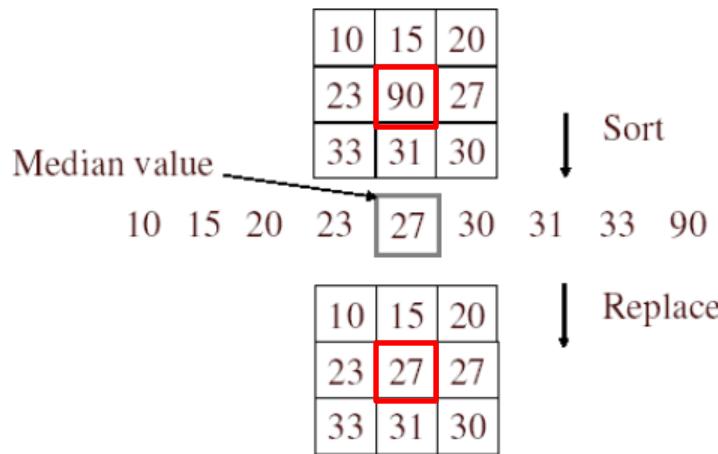
Input image  
White = 1, black = 0

Filter: [+1 0 -1]



Output image

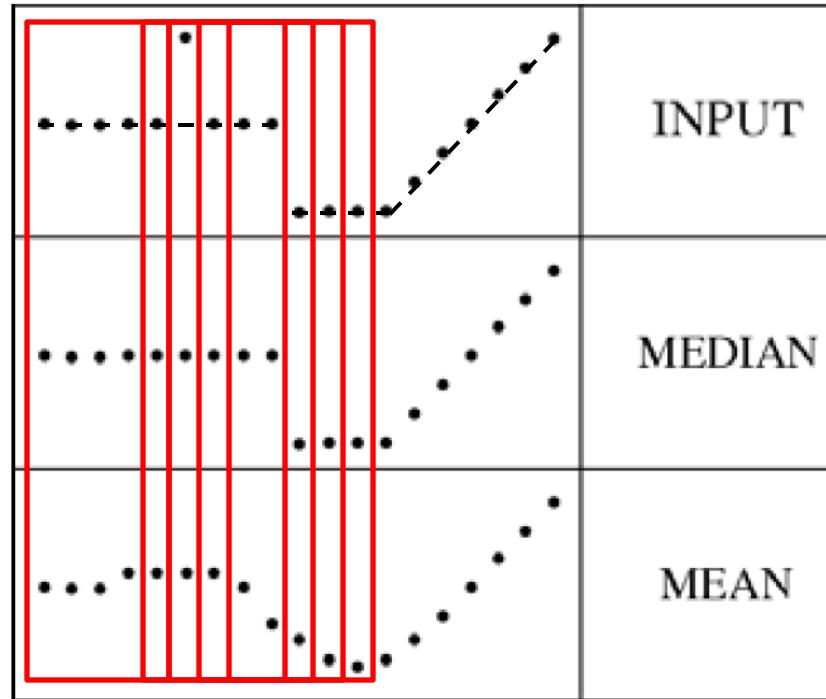
# Median Filter



- No new pixel values introduced
- Removes spikes: good for impulse, salt & pepper noise
- Non-linear filter

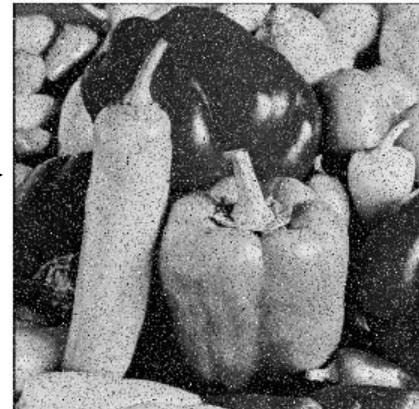
# Median Filter

- Median filter is edge preserving

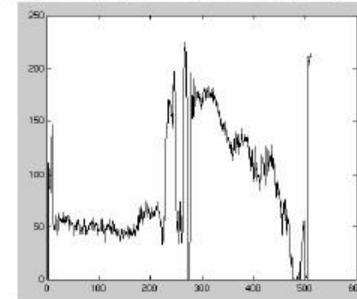
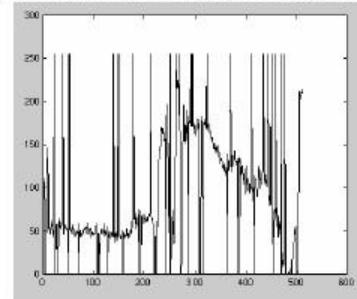


# Median Filter

Salt and  
pepper  
noise



Median  
filtered



Plots of a row of the image

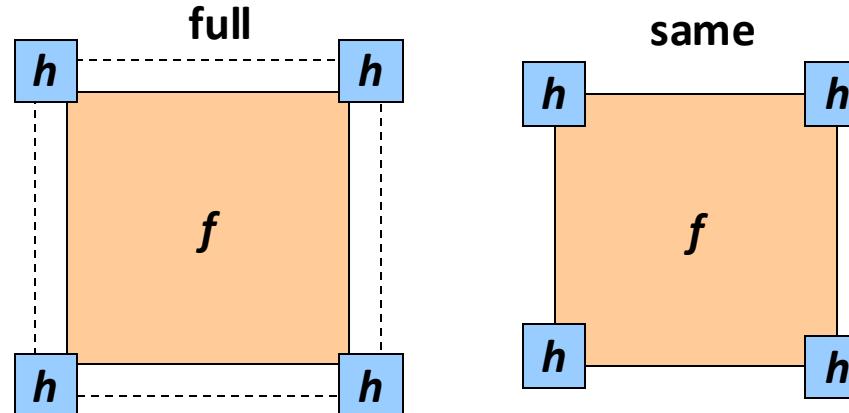
[https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.ndimage.median\\_filter.html#scipy.ndimage.median\\_filter](https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.ndimage.median_filter.html#scipy.ndimage.median_filter)

Source: M. Hebert

# Boundary Issues

$f$  = image  
 $h$  = filter

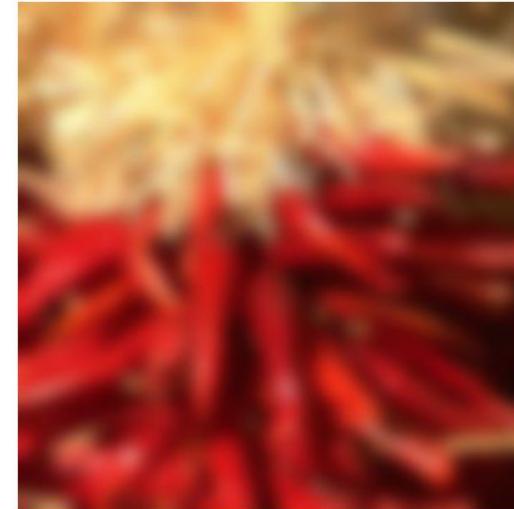
- What is the size of the output?
  - ‘full’: output size is larger than the size of  $f$
  - ‘same’: output size is same as  $f$  (**Default for Python**)



0	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10			
0	20	40	60	60	60	60	40	20			
0	30	60	90	90	90	90	60	30			
0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30				
0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30				
0	20	30	50	50	60	60	40	20			
10	20	30	30	30	30	30	20	10			
10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0			

# Boundary Issues

- What about near the edge?
  - the filter window might fall off the edge of the image (in ‘same’ or ‘full’)
  - need to extrapolate
  - methods:
    - clip filter (black)
    - wrap around
    - copy edge
    - reflect across edge



# Separability

- In some cases, filter is separable, and we can factor into two steps:
  - Convolve all rows
  - Convolve all columns

# Separability Example

2D filtering  
(center location only)

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

filter

The filter factors  
into an *outer* product  
of 1D filters:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

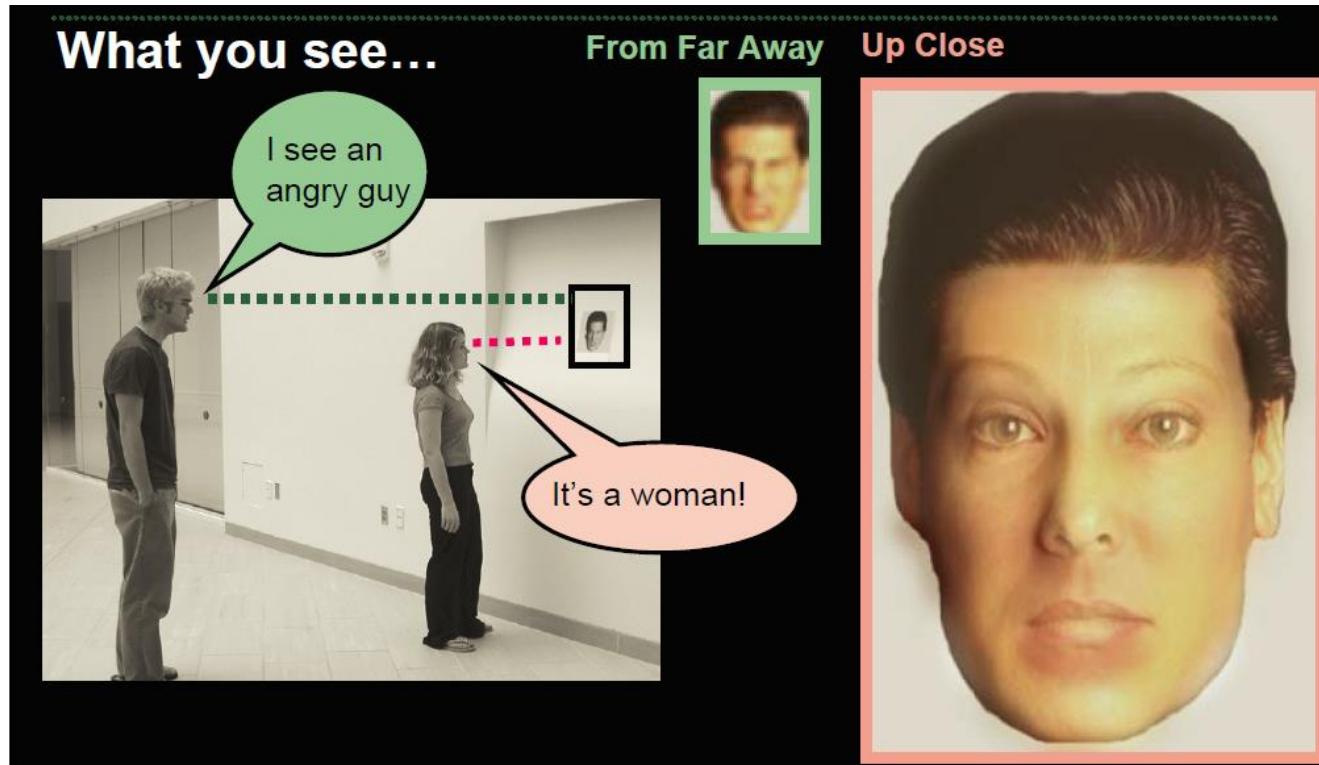
Perform filtering  
along rows:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 11 & 18 & 18 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Followed by filtering  
along the remaining column:

Asymptotic cost for 2D vs 1D filtering? Let image be  $P \times P$ , filter be  $N \times N$

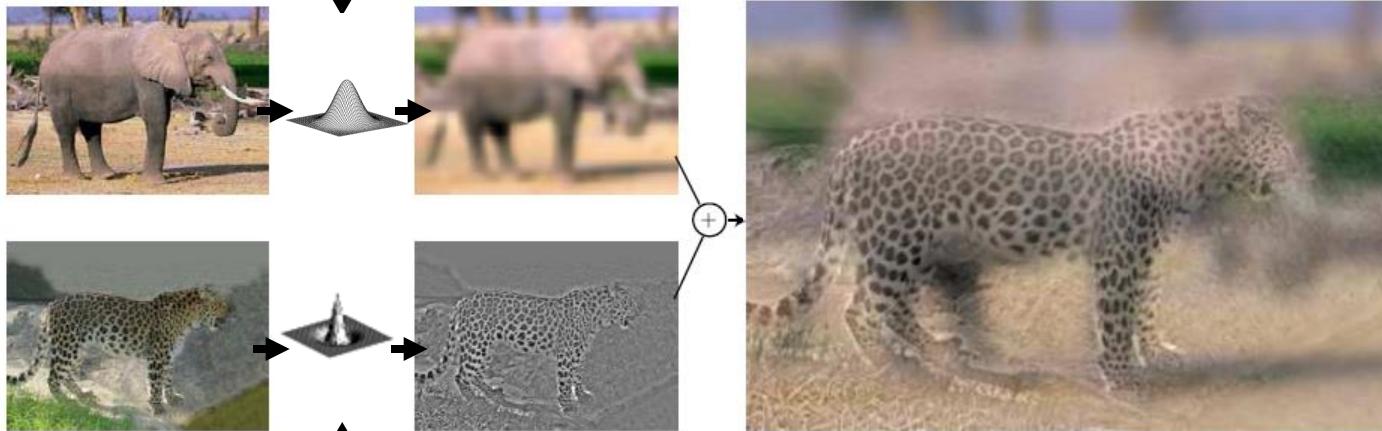
# Application: Hybrid Images



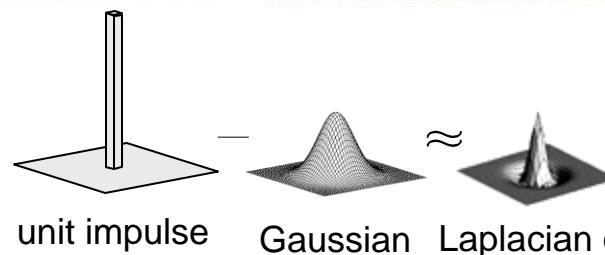
# Application: Hybrid Images

Gaussian Filter

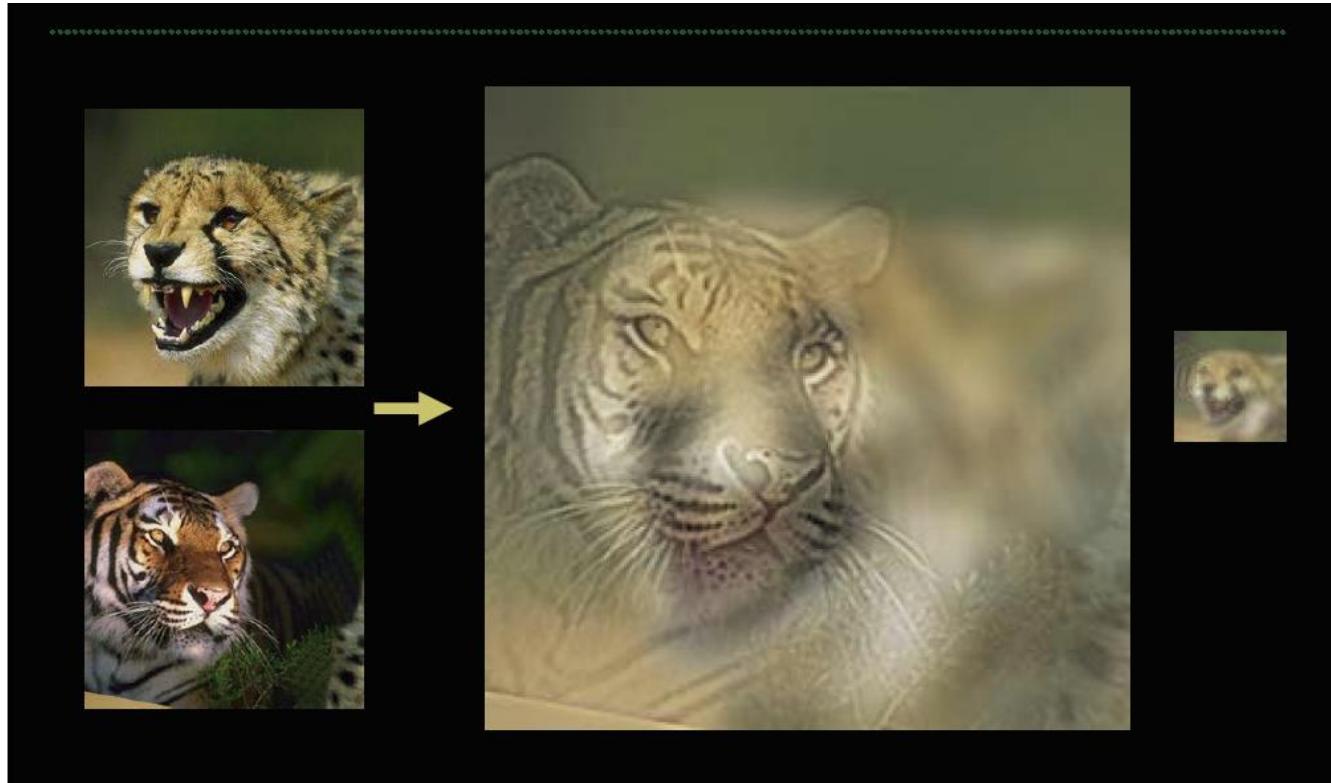
A. Oliva, A. Torralba, P.G. Schyns,  
[“Hybrid Images,” SIGGRAPH 2006](#)



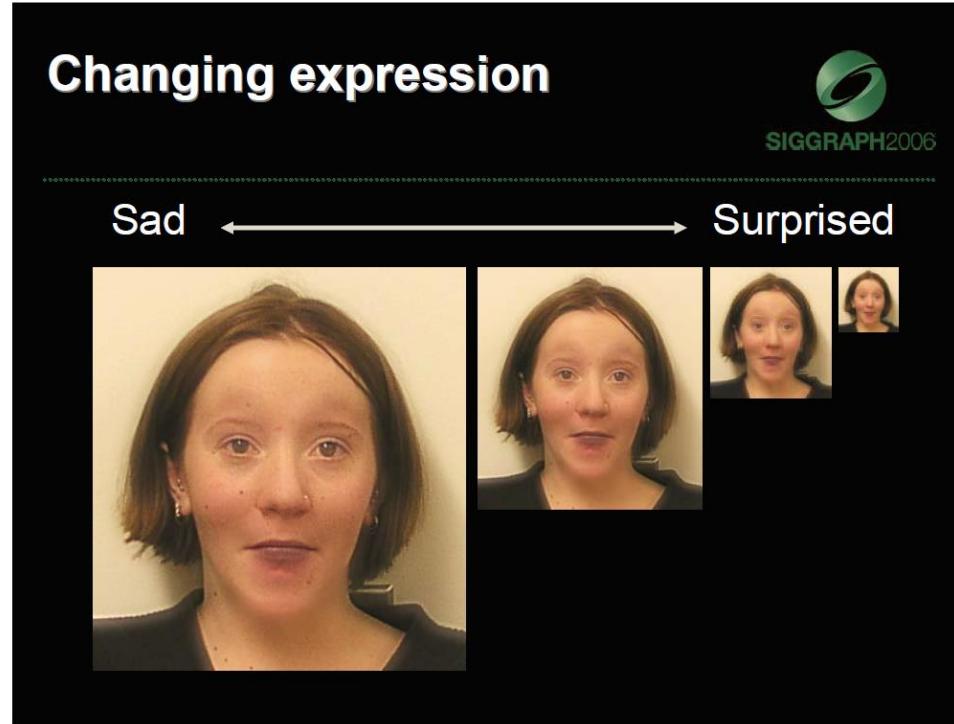
Laplacian Filter  
(sharpening)



# Application: Hybrid Images



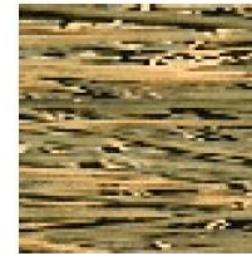
# Application: Hybrid Images



# Plan for next two lectures

- Filters: math and properties
- Types of filters
  - Linear
    - Smoothing
    - Other
  - Non-linear
    - Median
- Applications
  - Texture representation with filters
  - Anti-aliasing for image subsampling

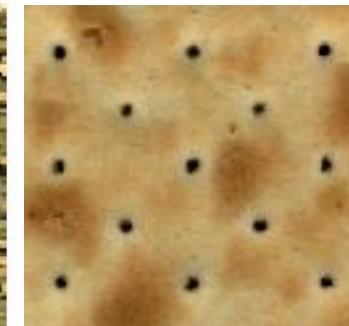
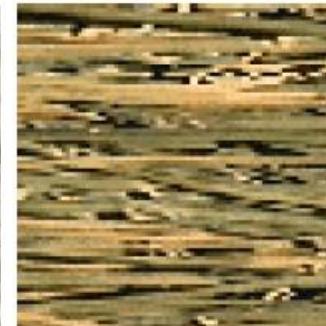
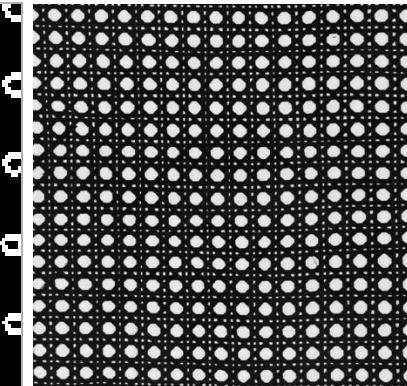
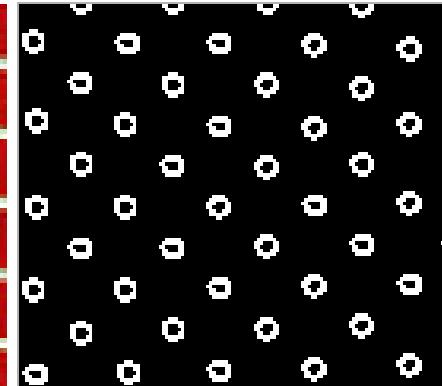
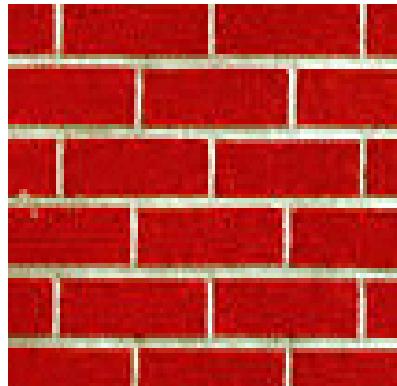
# Texture



Due to:

Patterns, marks, etches, blobs, holes, relief, etc.

# Regular (top), random (bottom) patterns



# Why analyze texture?

- Important for how we perceive objects
- Can be an important appearance cue that allows us to distinguish objects, especially if shape is similar across objects

# Same shape, different texture/object

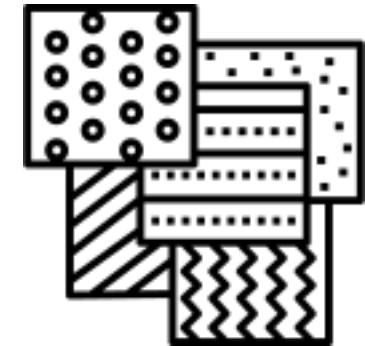


# Same object, different texture

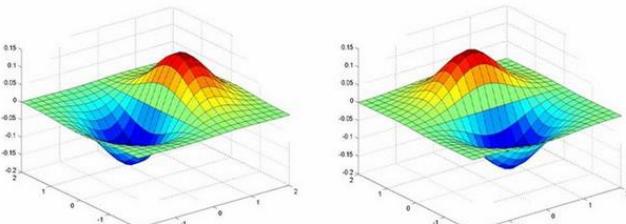


# Texture Representation

- Textures are made up of repeated local patterns, so:
  - Find the patterns
    - Use filters that look like patterns (spots, bars, raw patches...)
    - Consider magnitude of response
  - Describe their statistics within each local window
    - E.g. mean, standard deviation, histogram



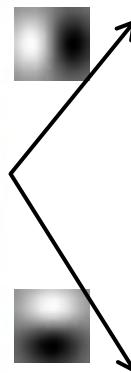
# Derivative of Gaussian filter



# Texture representation: Example



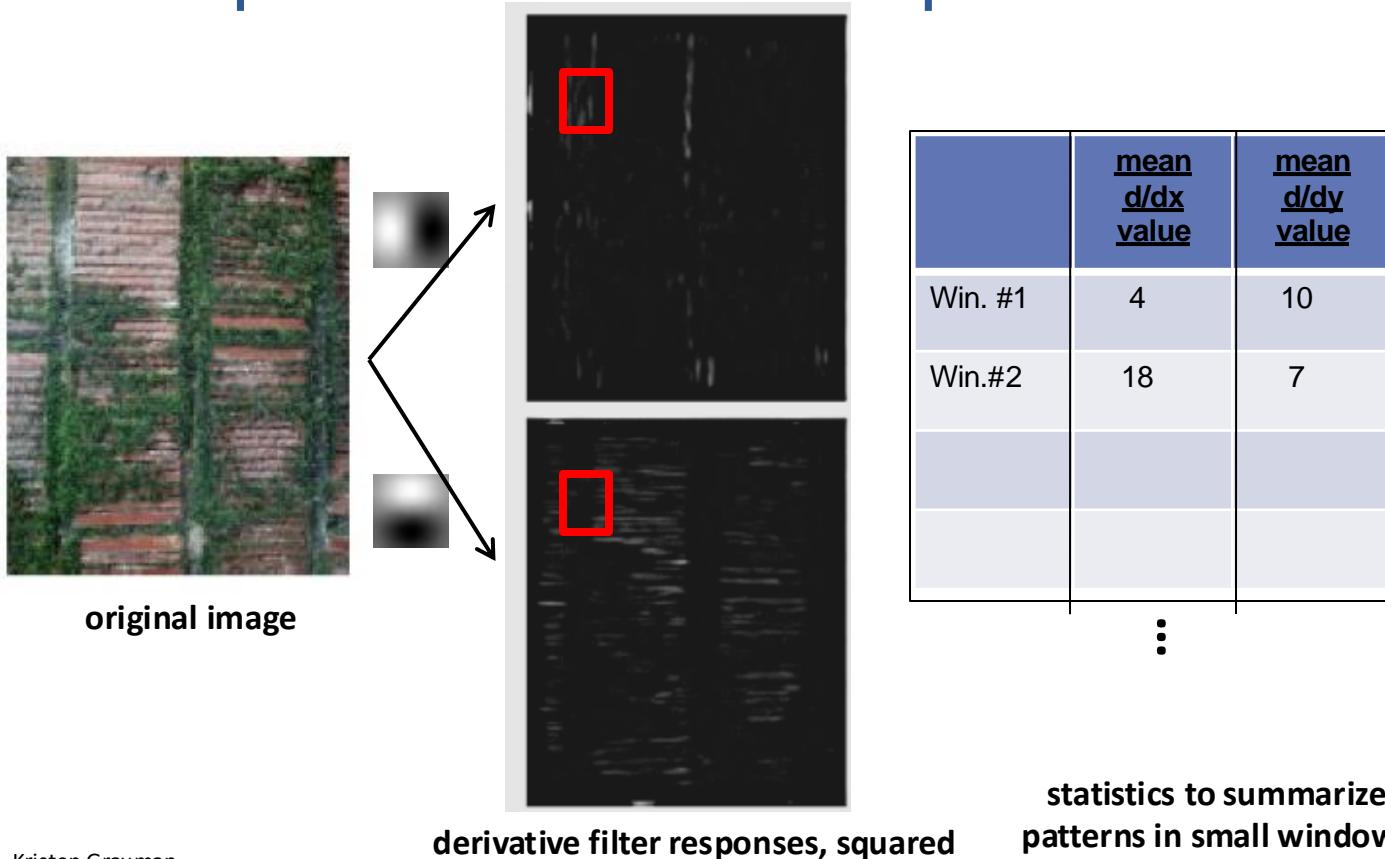
## original image



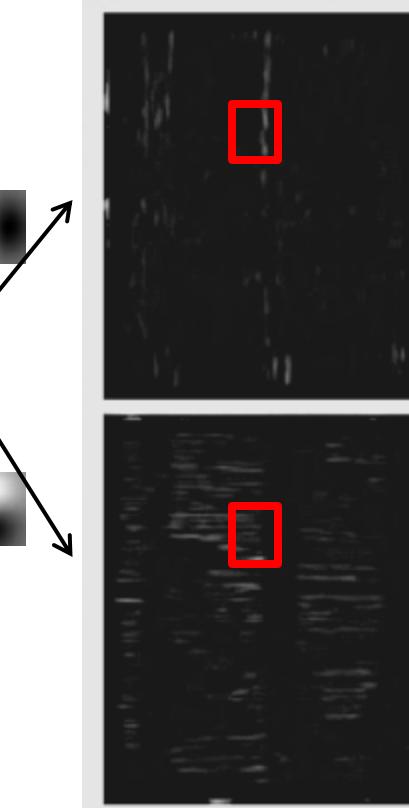
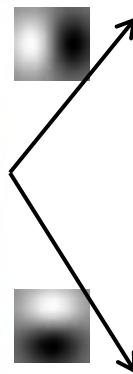
## derivative filter responses, squared

**statistics to summarize  
patterns in small windows**

# Texture representation: Example



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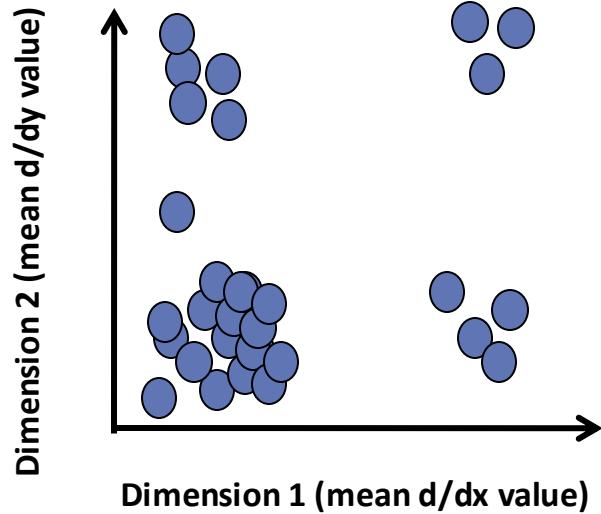


derivative filter responses, squared

	<u>mean <math>d/dx</math> value</u>	<u>mean <math>d/dy</math> value</u>
Win. #1	4	10
Win.#2	18	7
⋮	⋮	⋮
Win.#9	20	20
⋮	⋮	⋮

statistics to summarize  
patterns in small windows

# Texture representation: Example

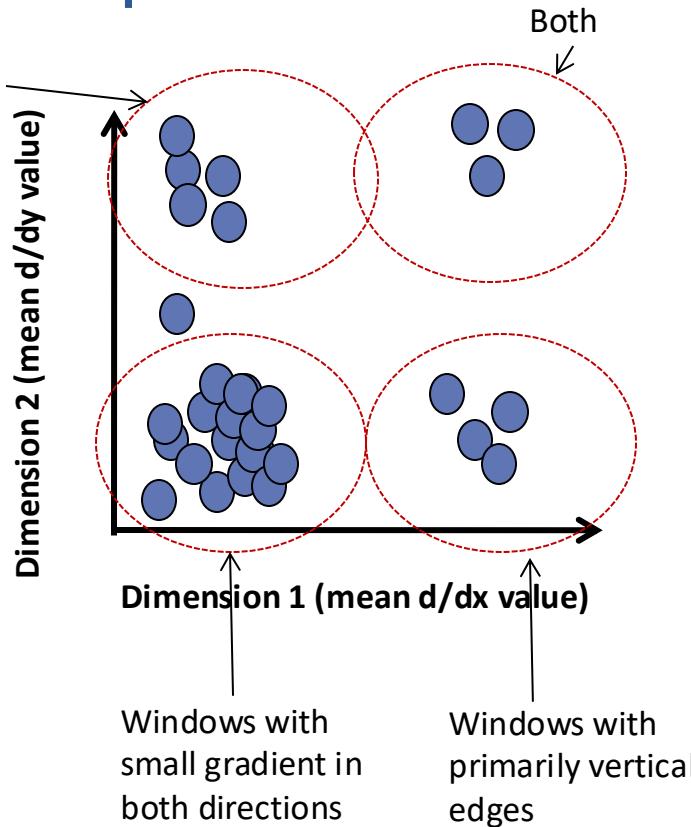


	<u>mean <math>d/dx</math> value</u>	<u>mean <math>d/dy</math> value</u>
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# Texture representation: Example

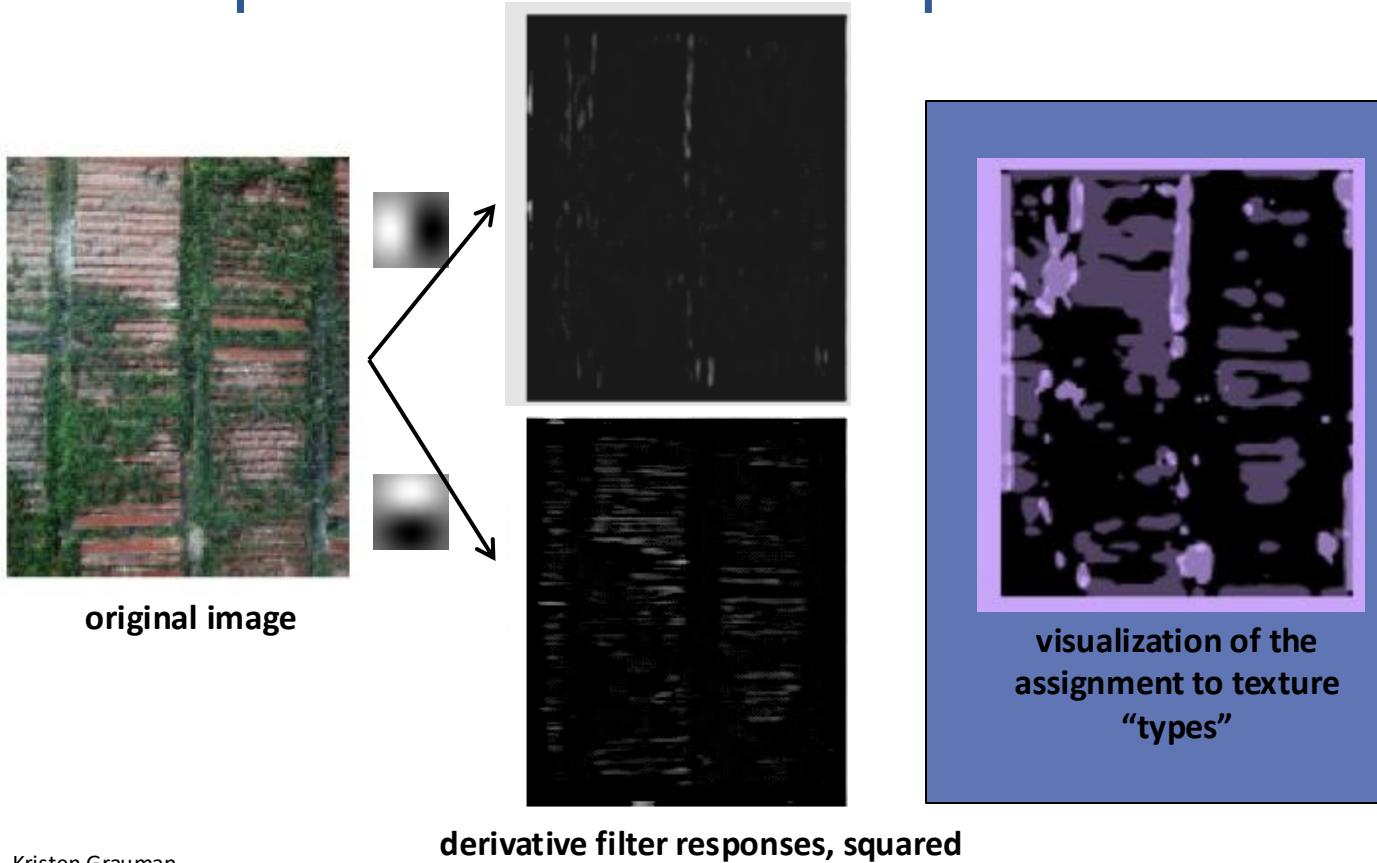
Windows with primarily horizontal edges



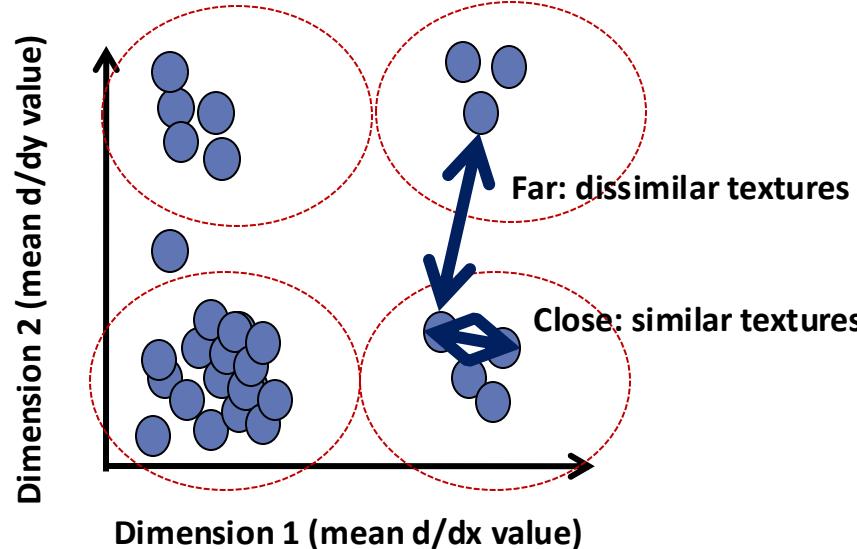
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**statistics to summarize patterns in small windows**

# Texture representation: Example



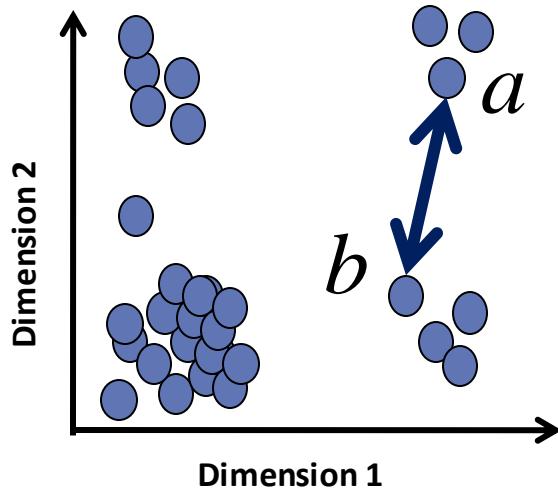
# Texture representation: Example



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statistics to summarize  
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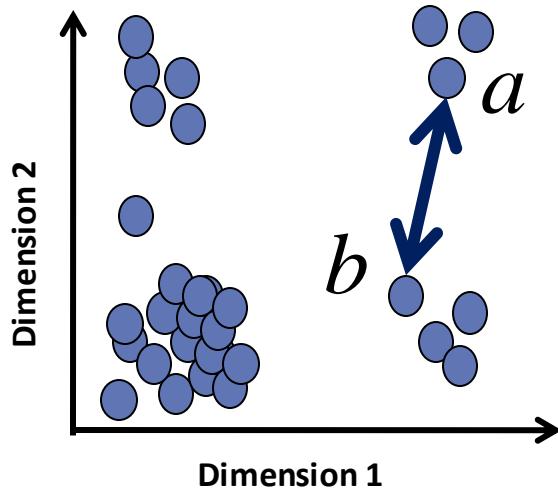
# Computing Distance using Texture



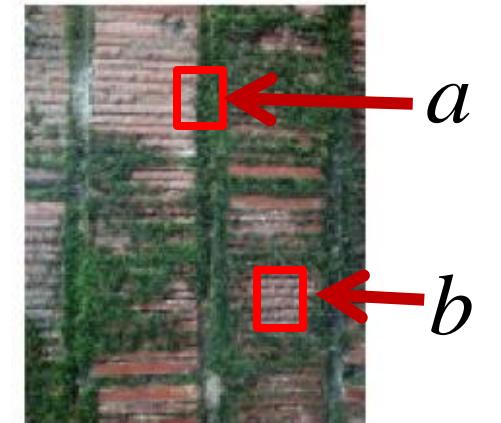
$$\begin{aligned} D(a, b) &= \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d (a_i - b_i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Euclidean distance ( $L_2$ )

# Texture Representation: Example



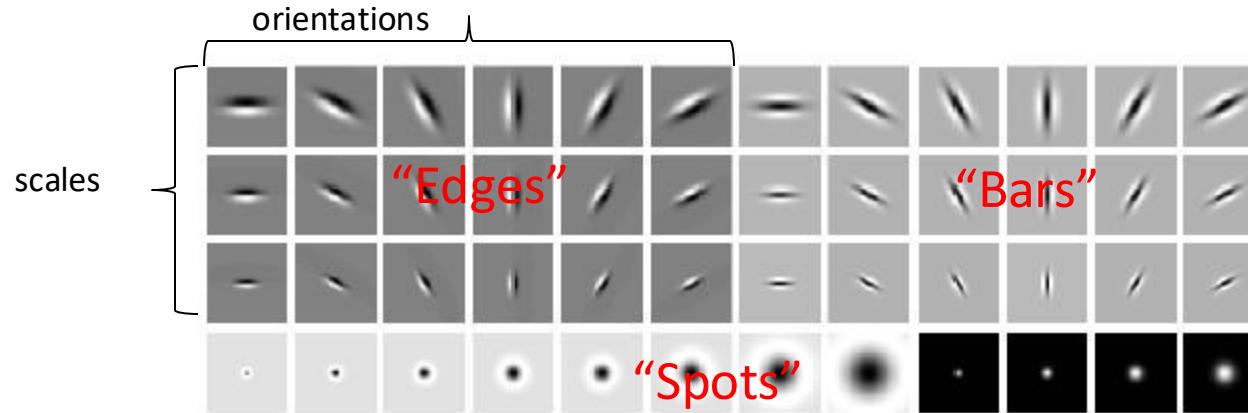
Distance reveals how dissimilar texture from window a is from texture in window b.



# Filter banks

- Our previous example used two filters, and resulted in a 2-dimensional feature vector to describe texture in a window.
  - x and y derivatives revealed something about local structure.
- We can generalize to apply a collection of multiple ( $d$ ) filters: a “filter bank”.
- Then our feature vectors will be  $d$ -dimensional.

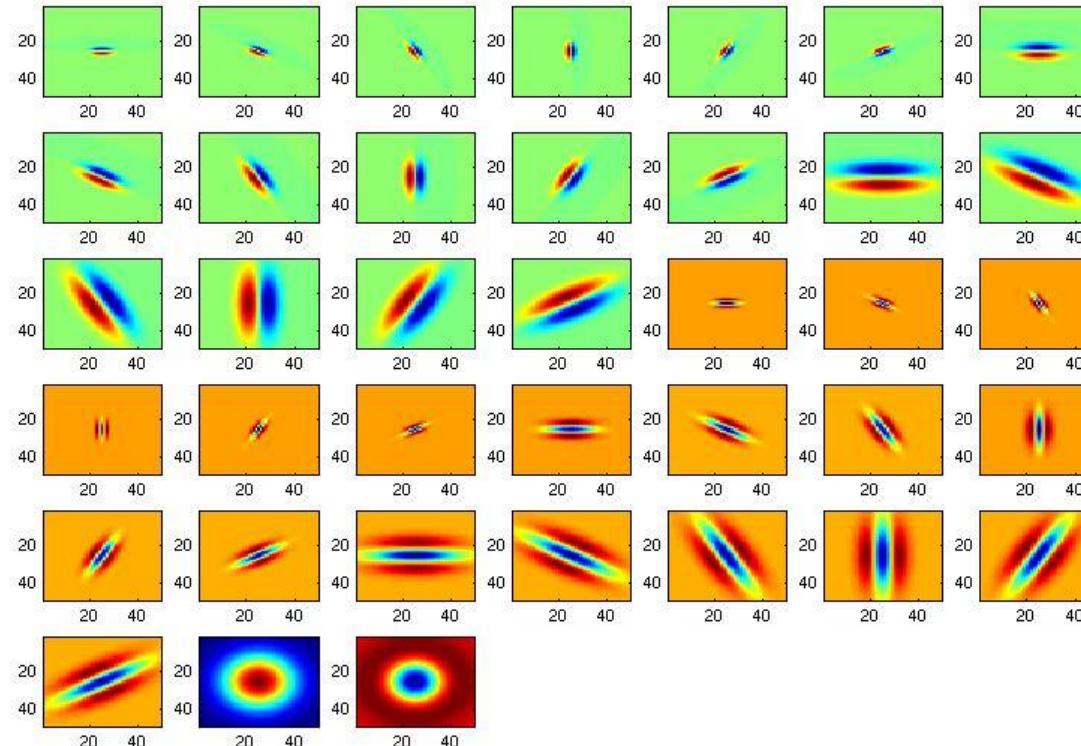
# Filter banks



- What filters to put in the bank?
  - Typically we want a combination of scales and orientations, different types of patterns.

Which filters would you use to distinguish buildings from animals? Cheetahs from tigers? Ladybugs from dalmatians?

# Filter bank

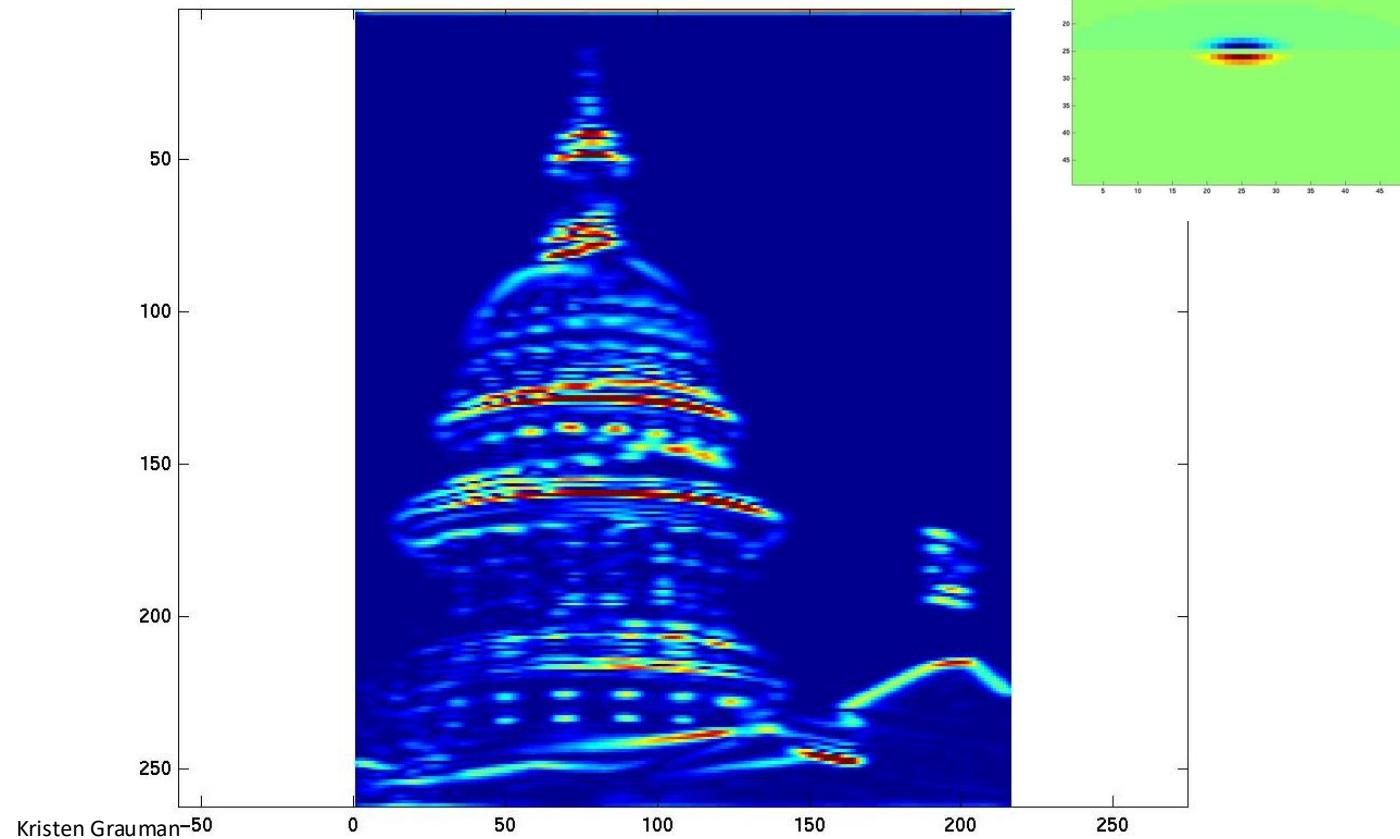


# Filter bank: Example

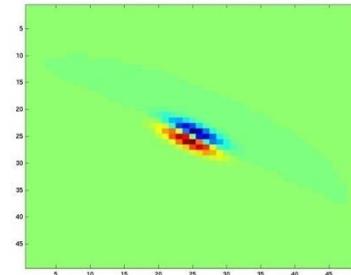
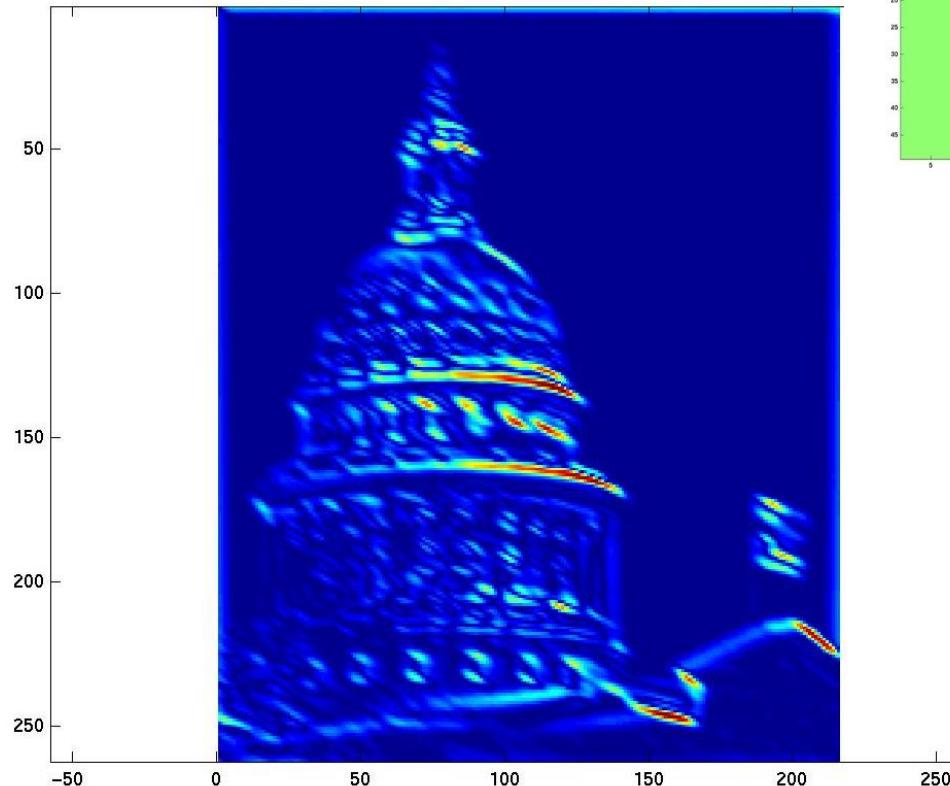
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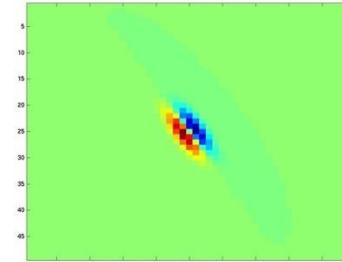
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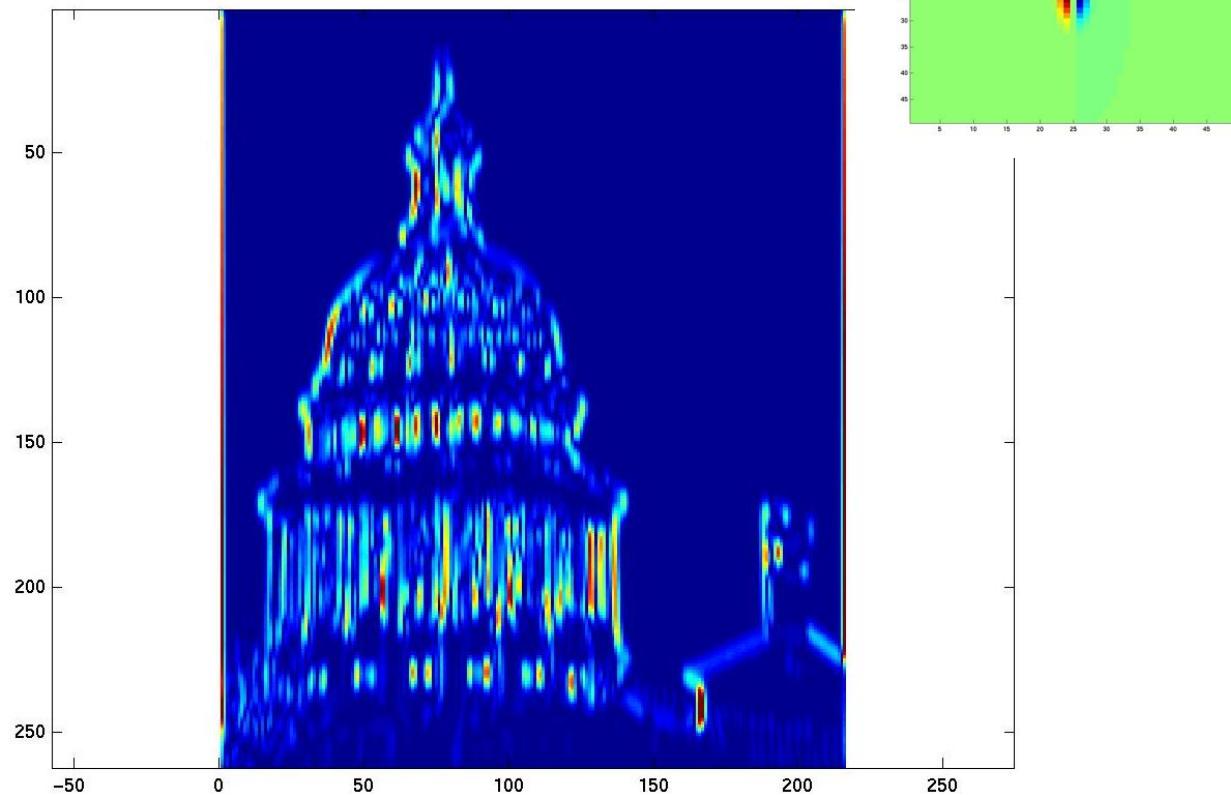
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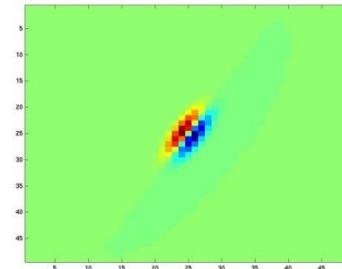
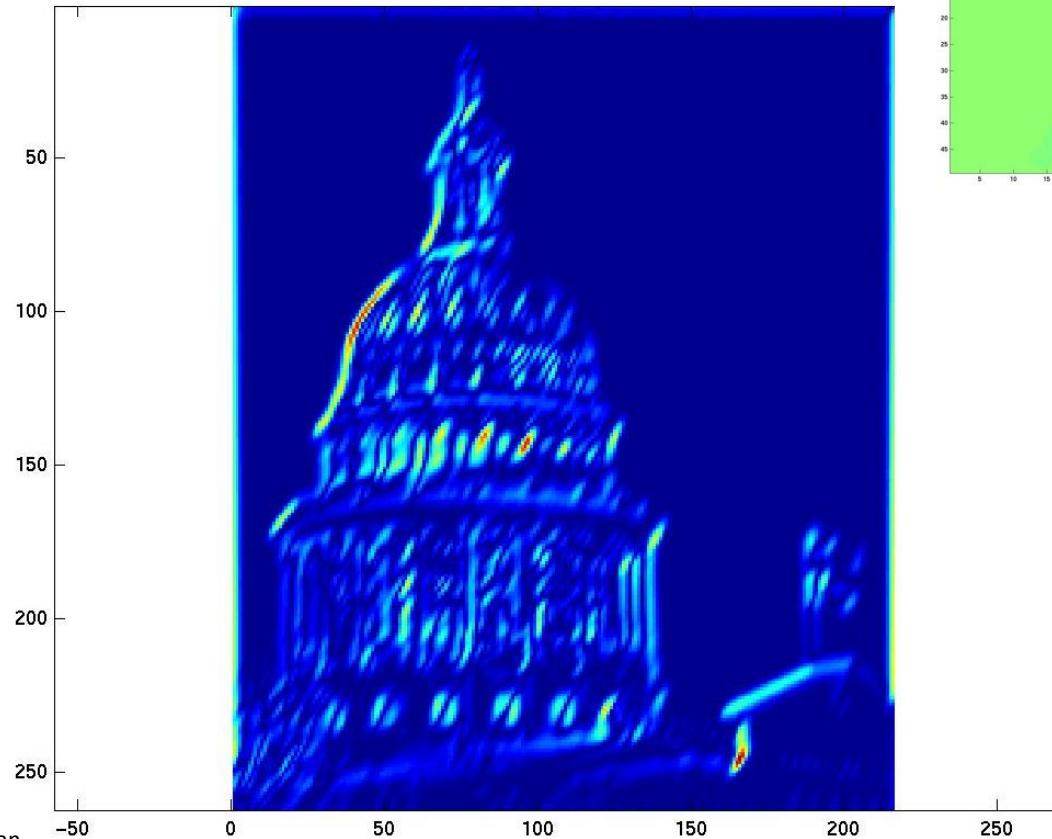
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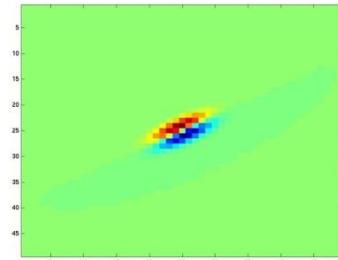
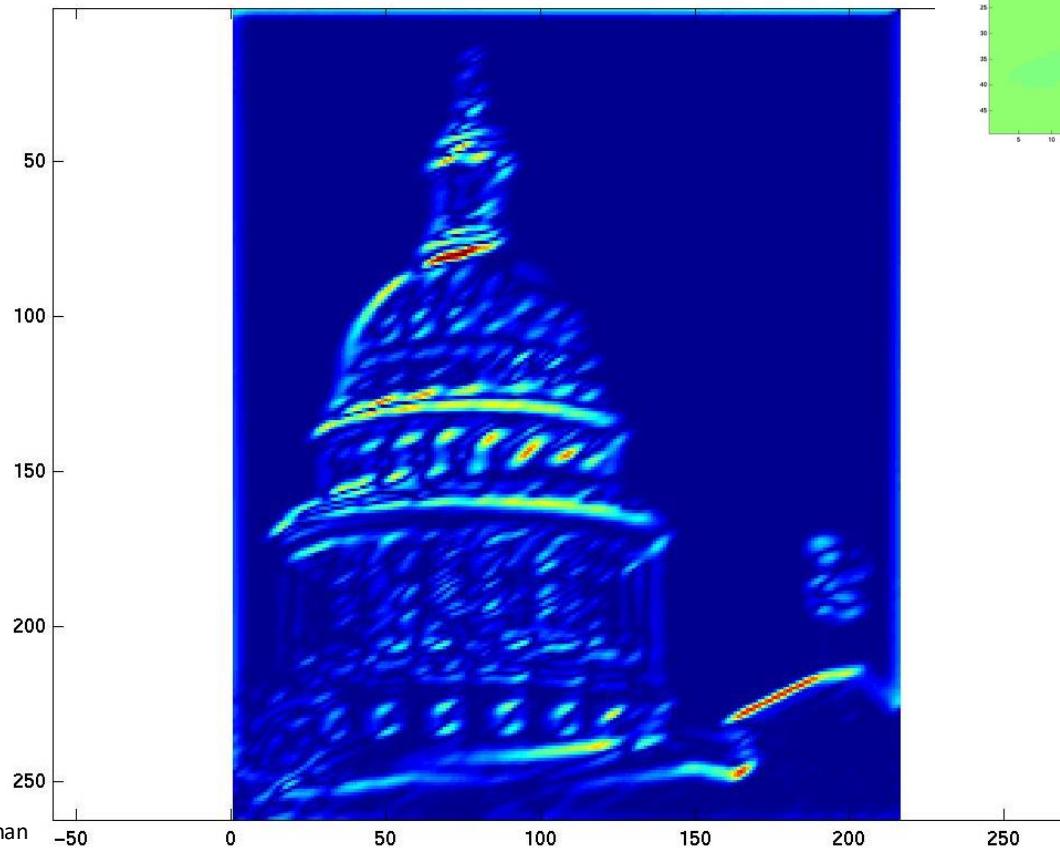
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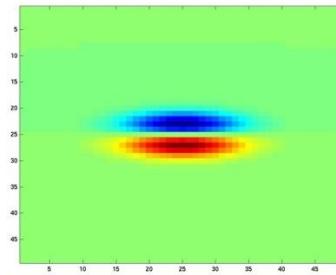
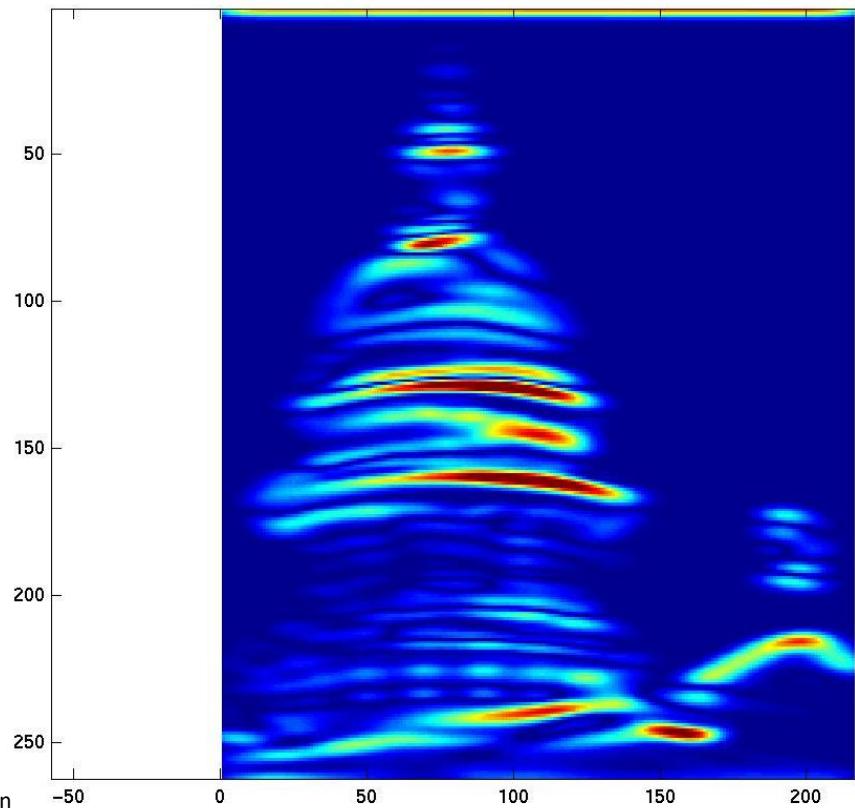
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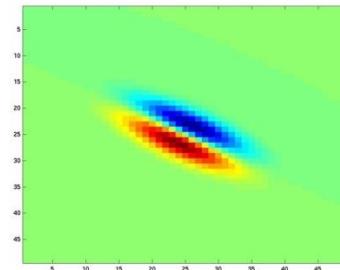
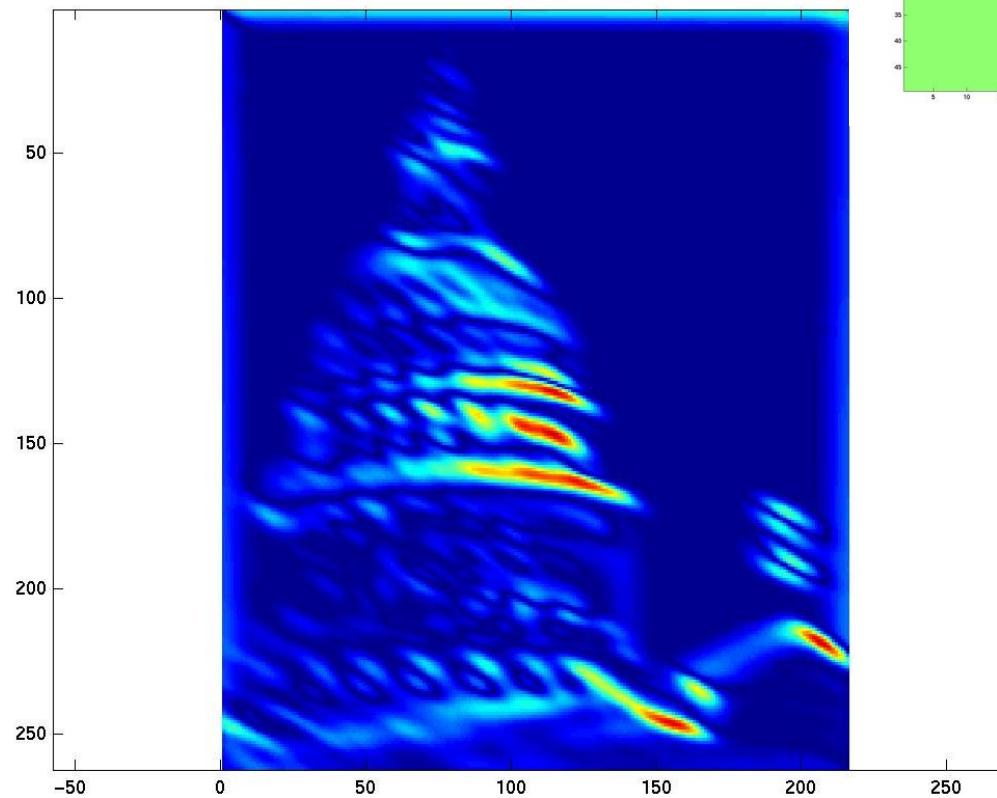
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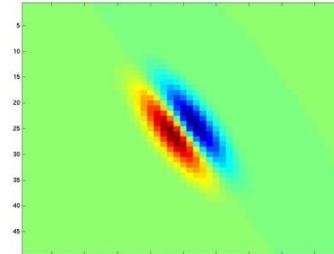
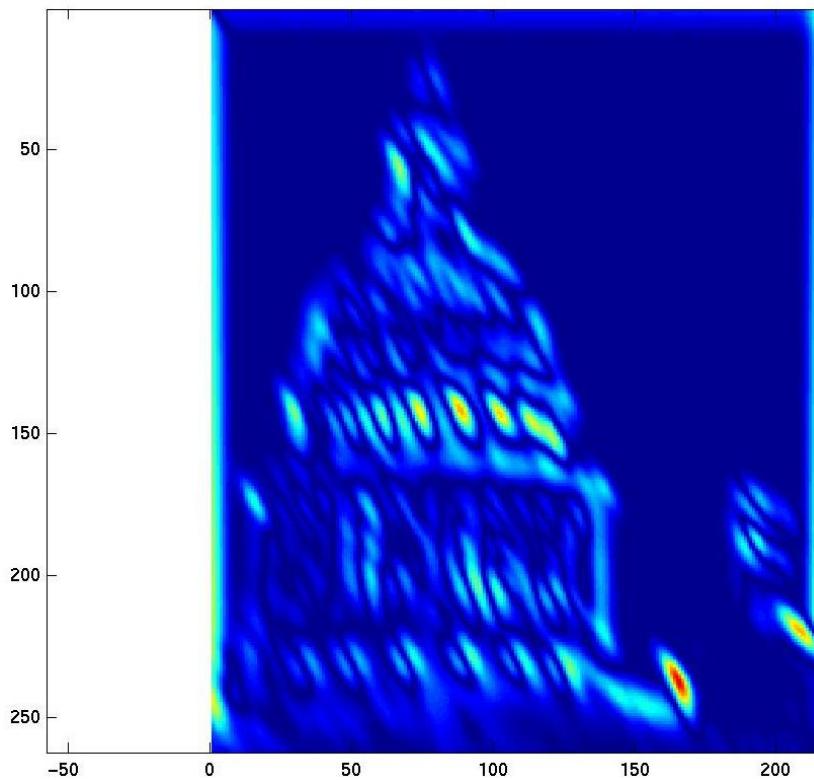
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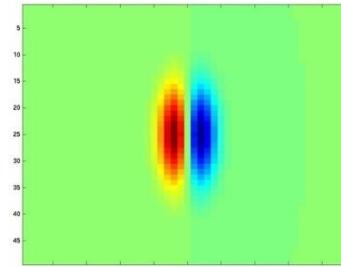
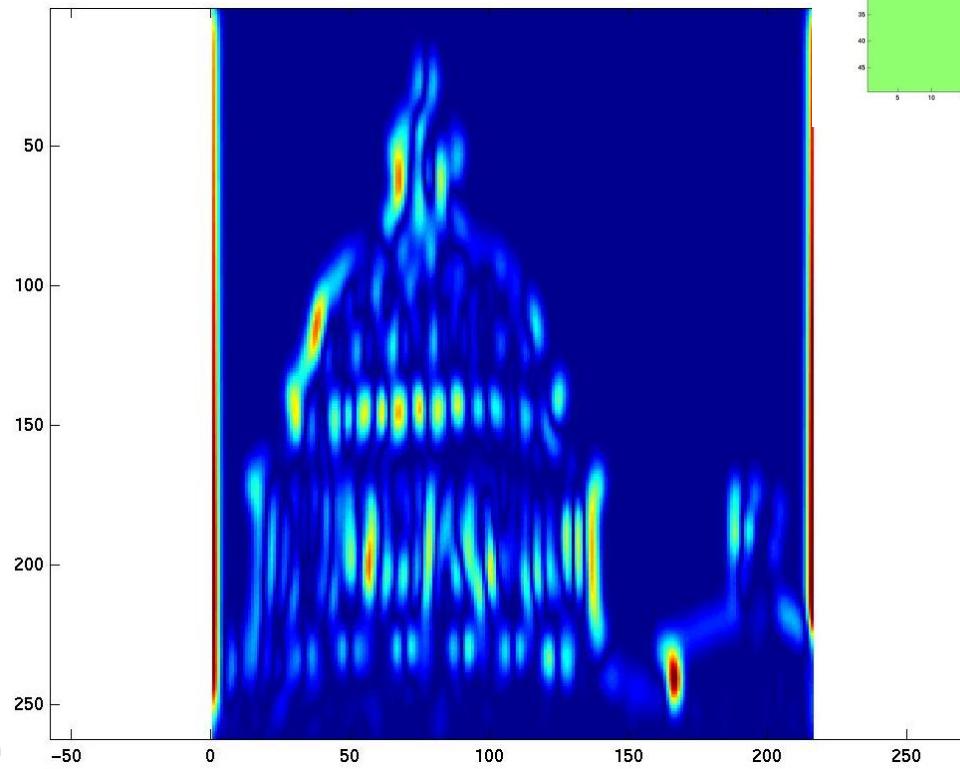
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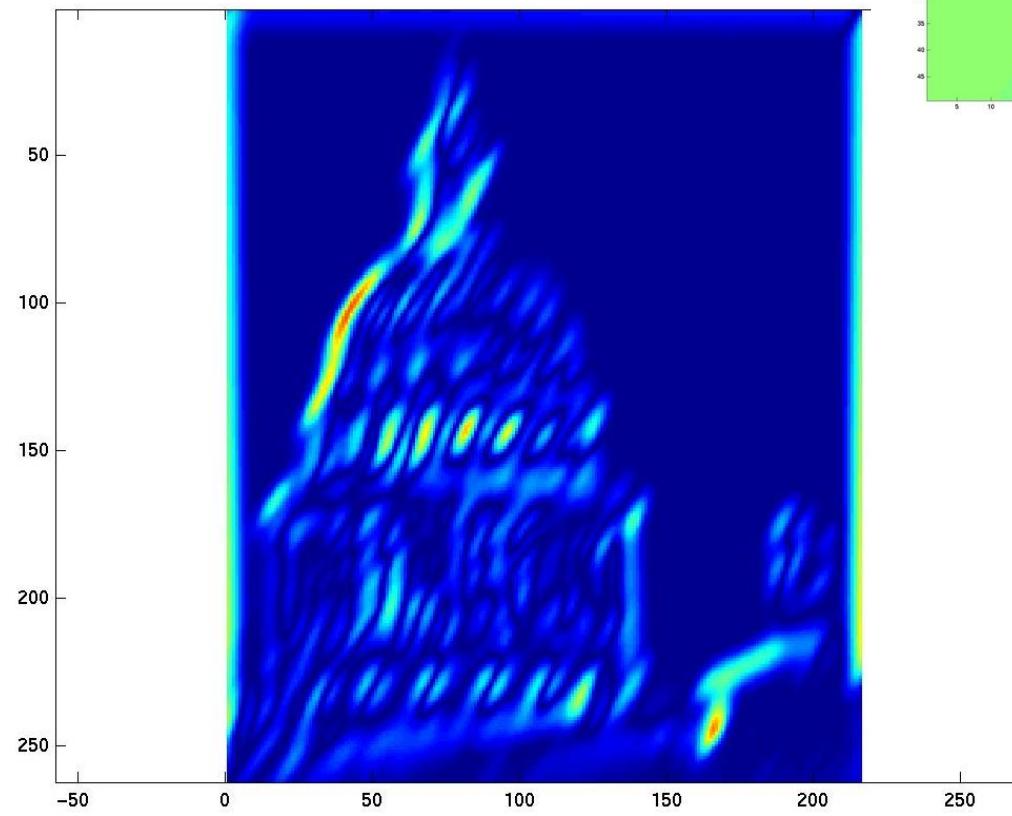
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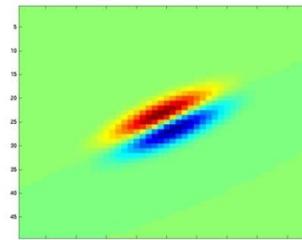
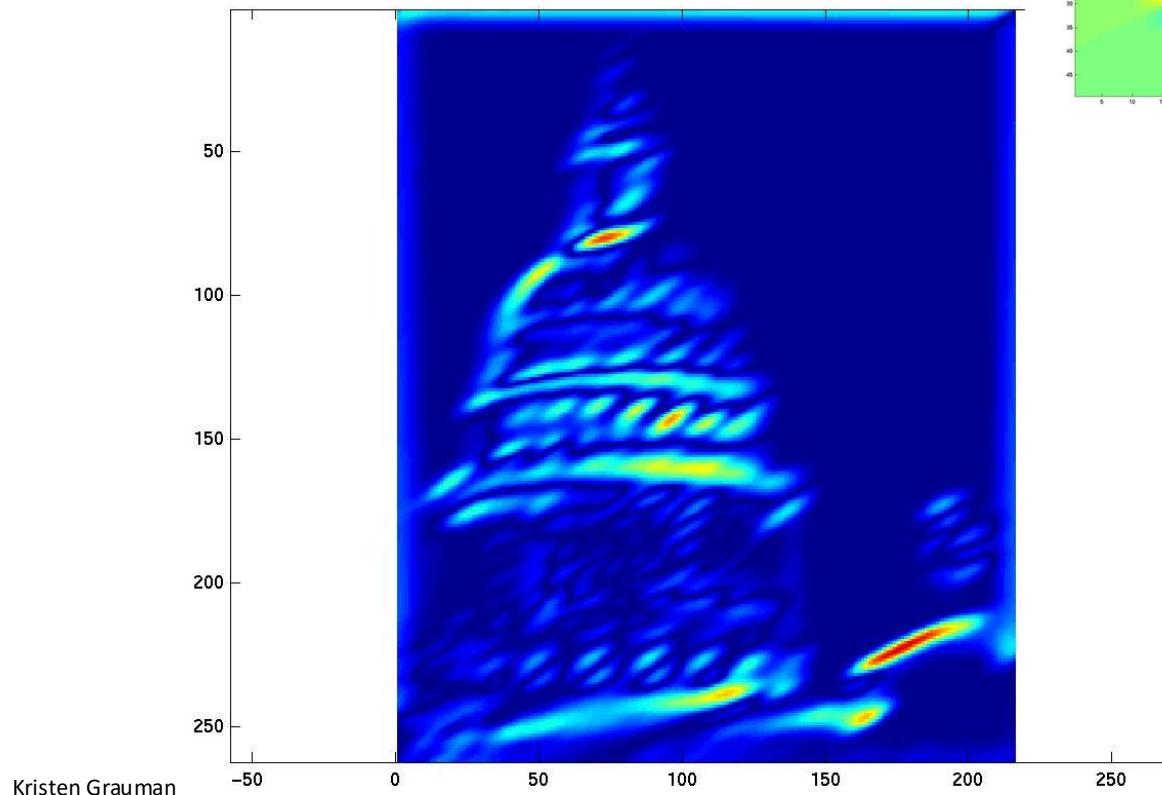
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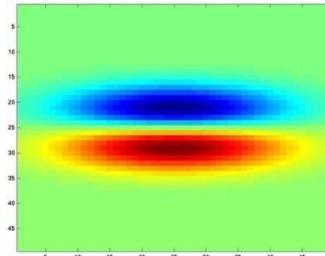
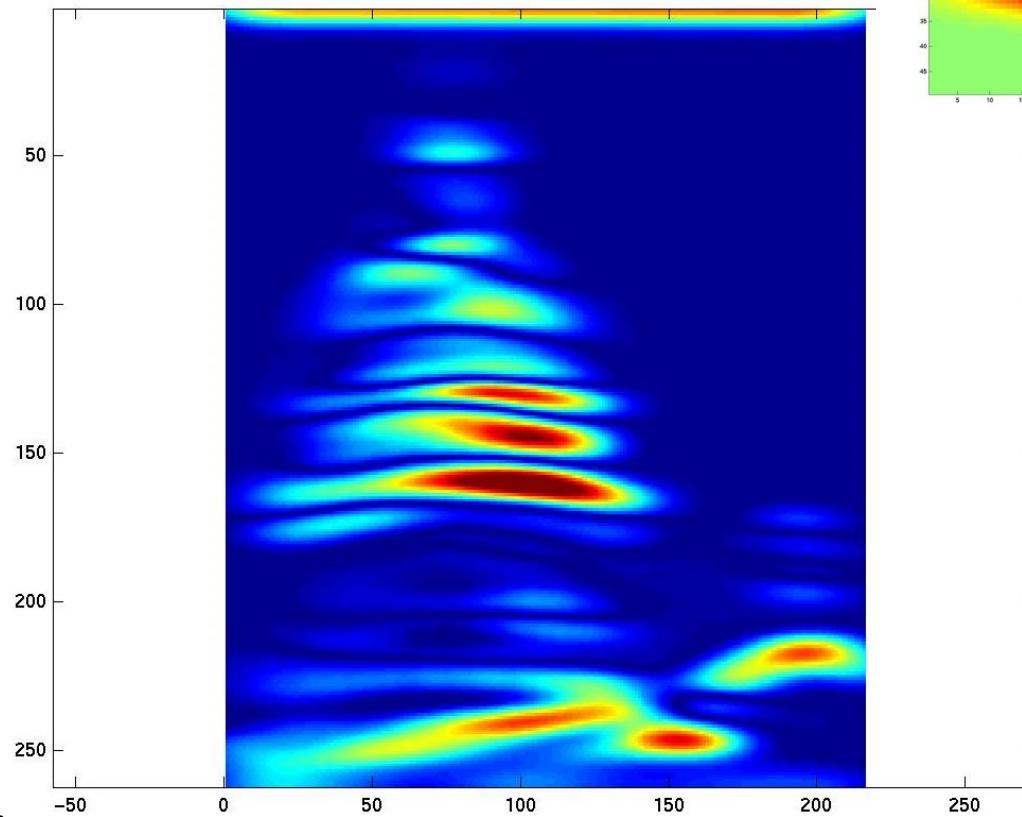
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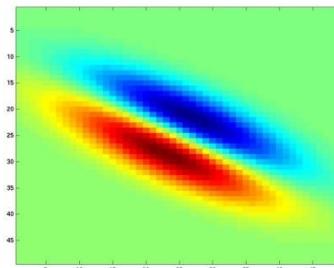
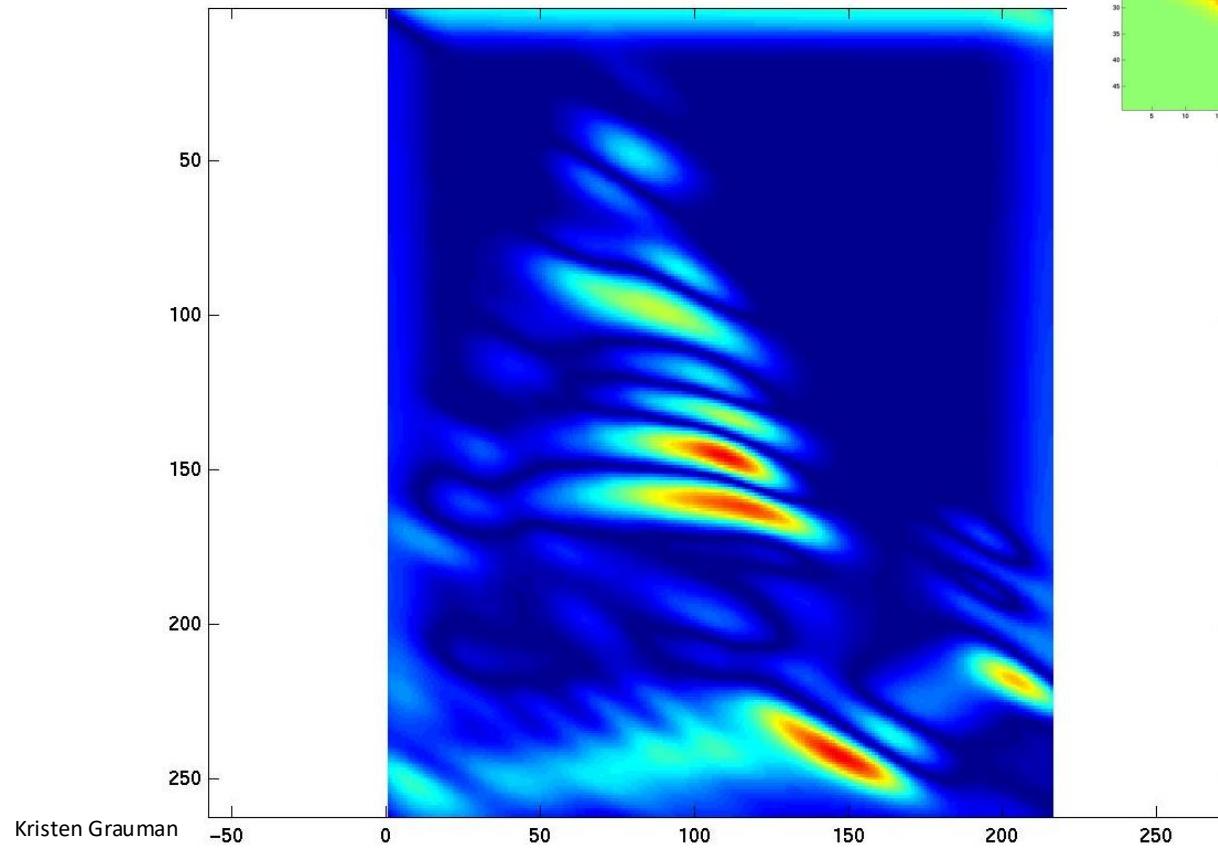
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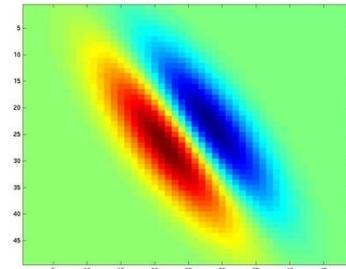
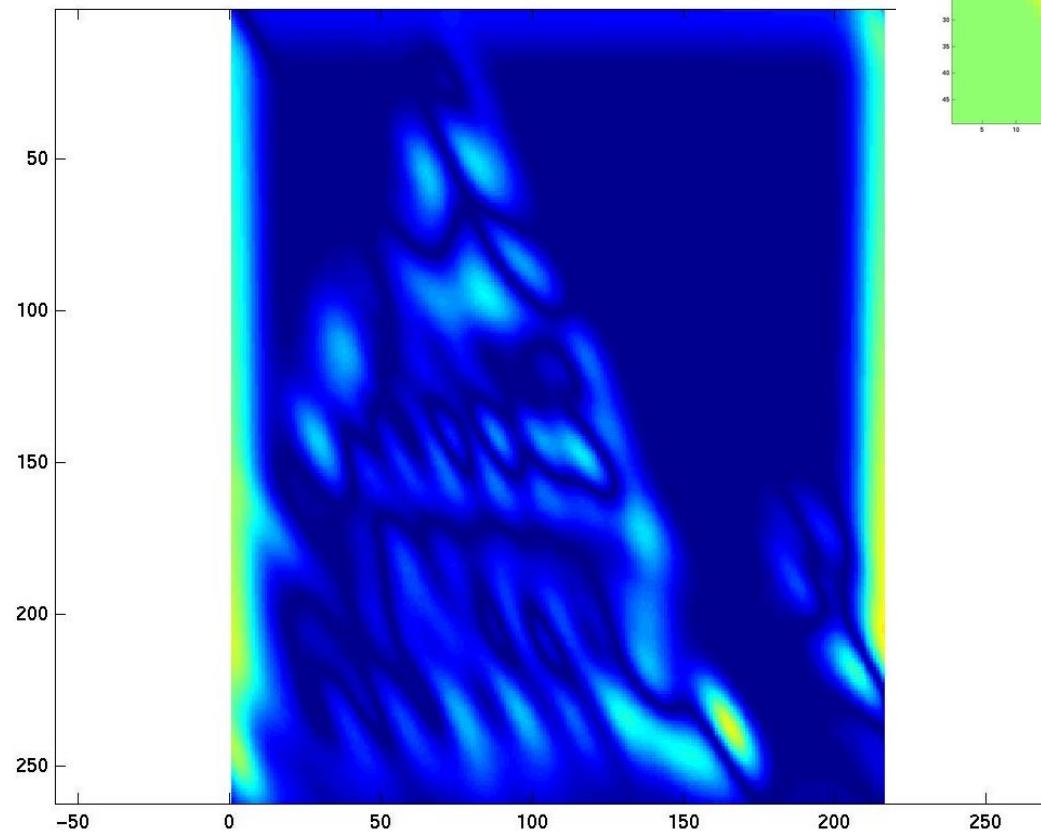
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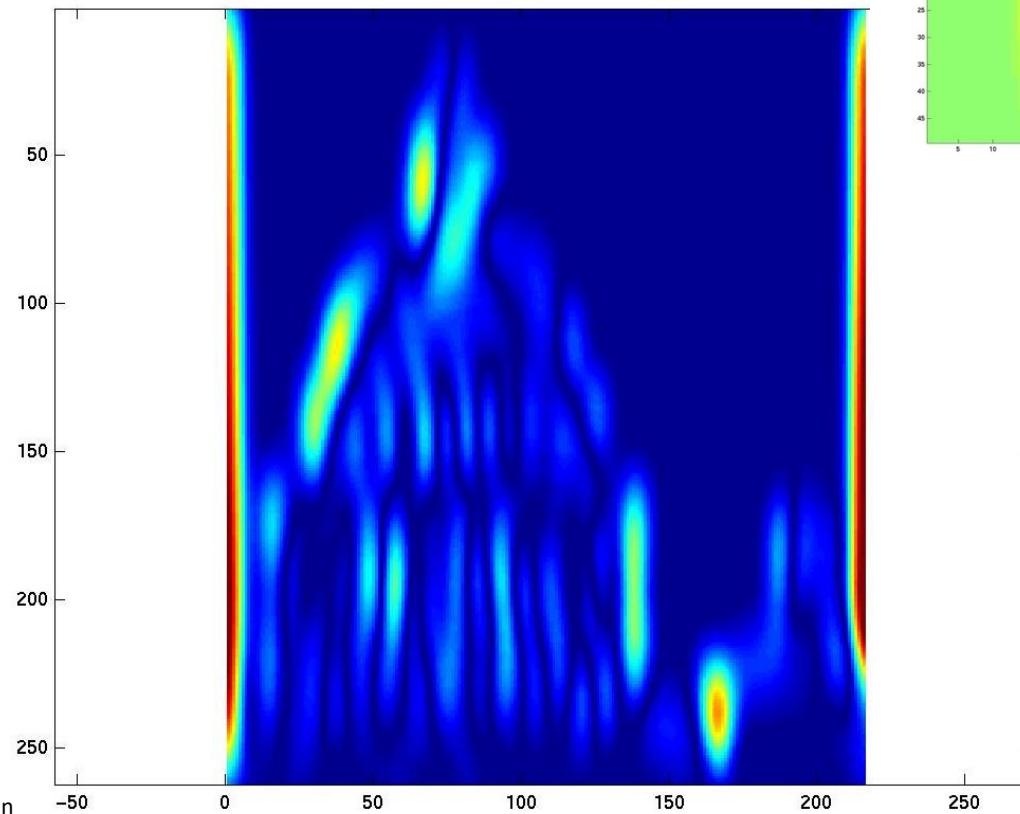
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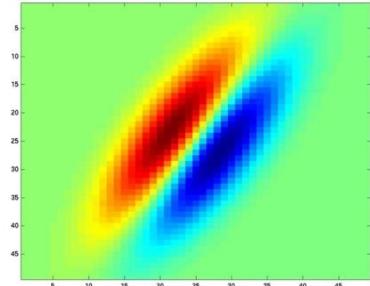
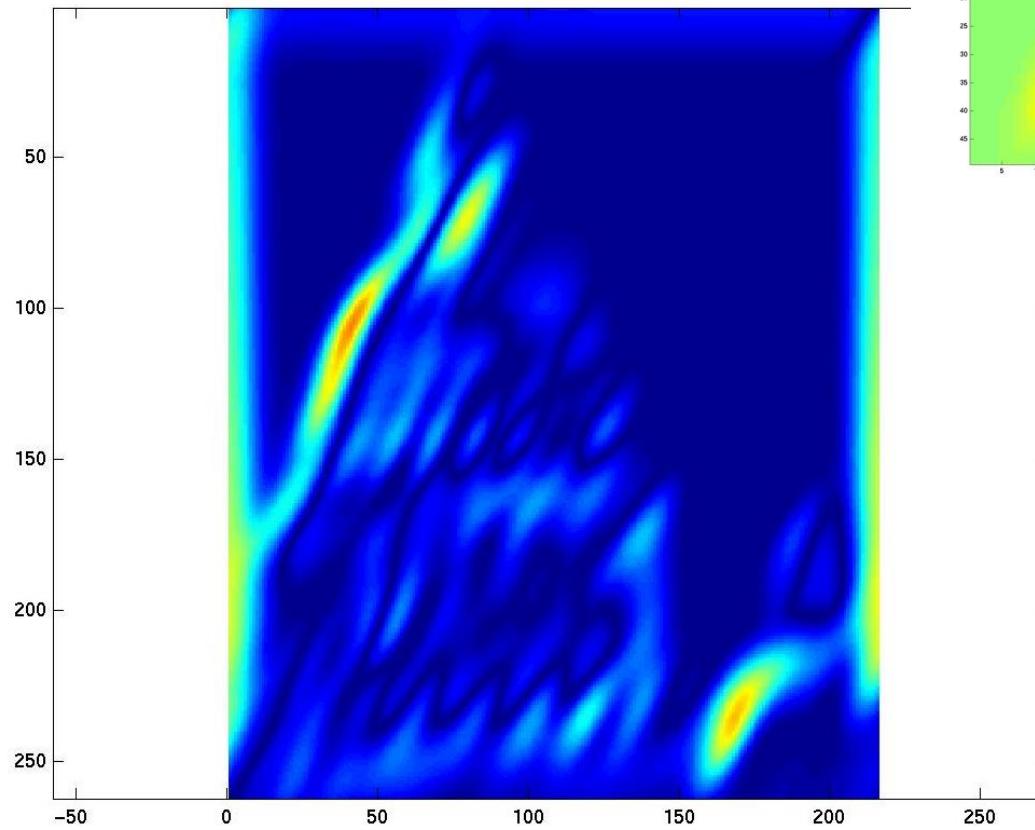
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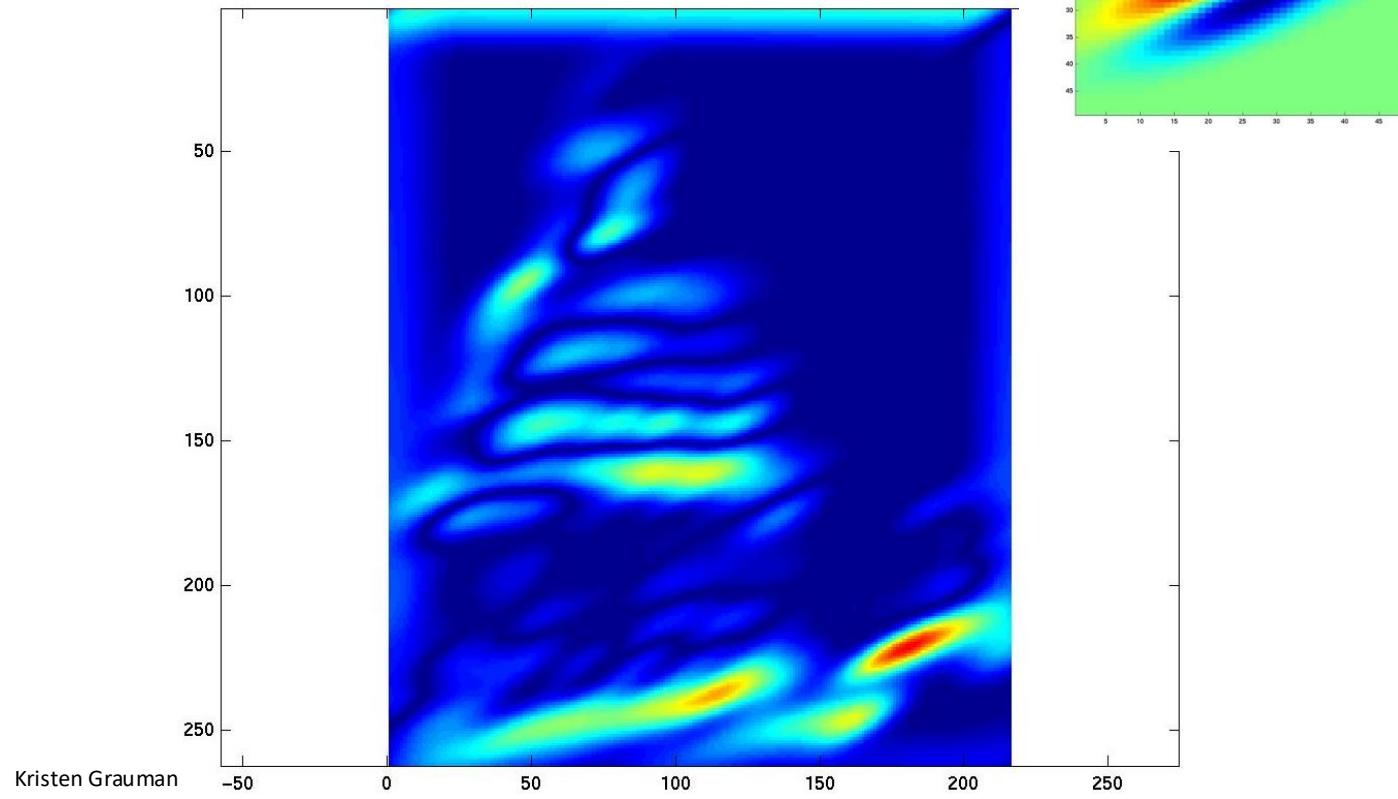
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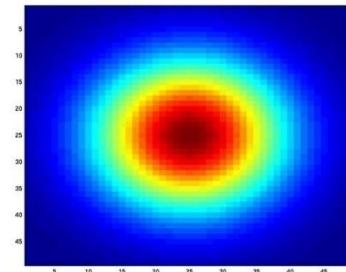
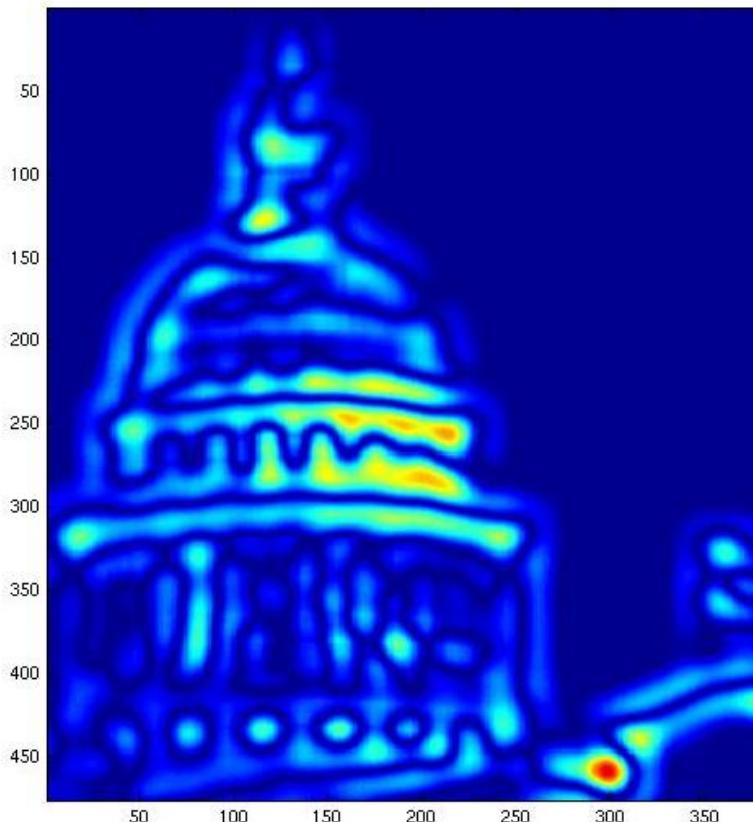
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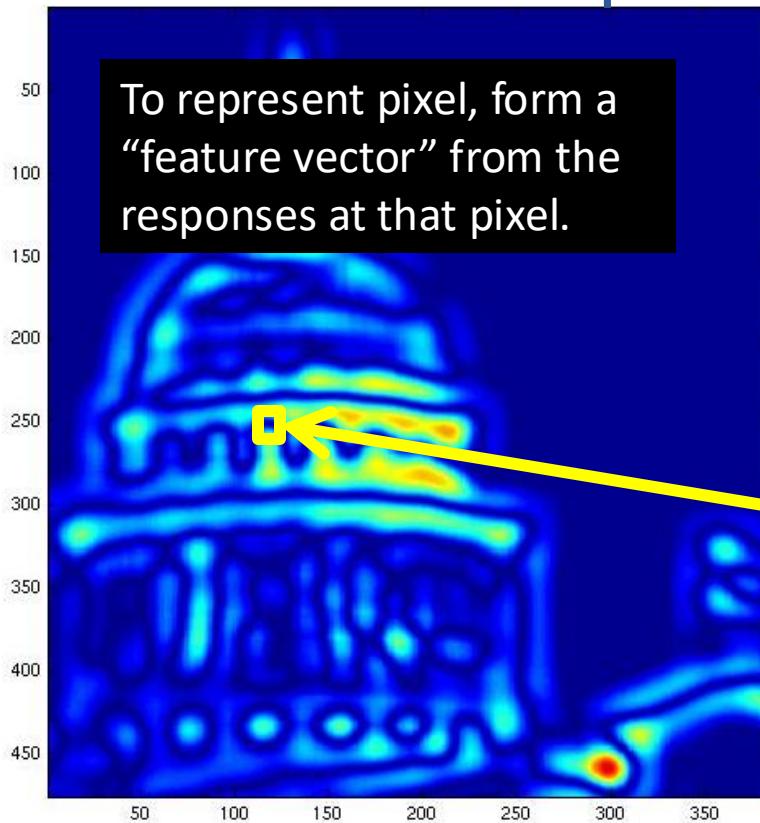
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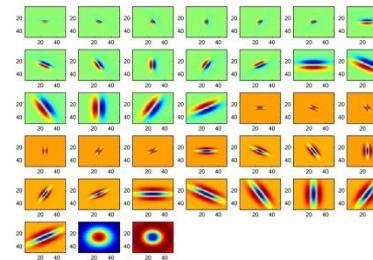
# Filter bank: Example



# Vectors of texture responses



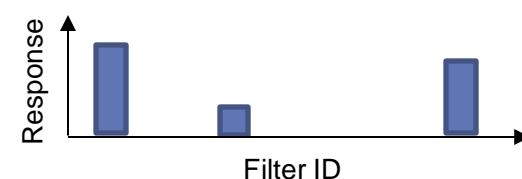
38 filters



1x38

vector  
representation  
feature

[ $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{38}$ ]



# Vectors of texture responses

To represent pixel, form a “feature vector” from the responses at that pixel.

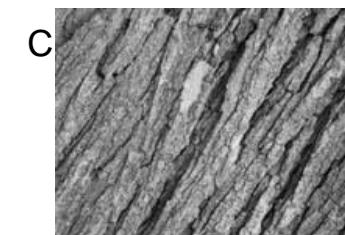
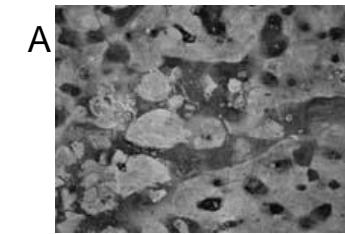
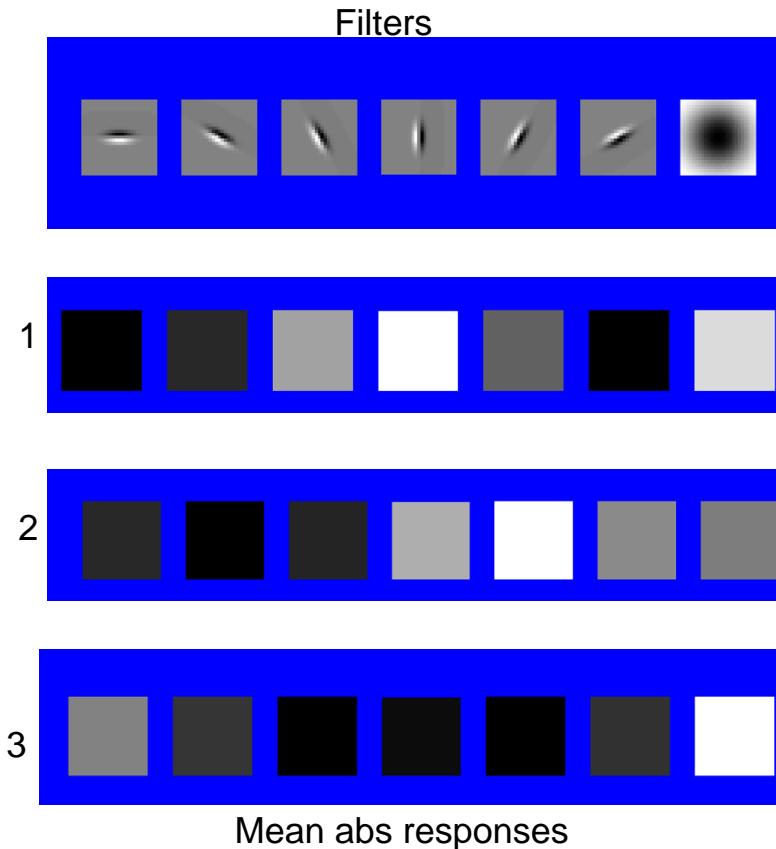
To represent *image*, compute statistics over all pixel feature vectors, e.g. their mean.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [r_{(1,1)}^1, r_{(1,1)}^2, \dots, r_{(1,1)}^{38}] \\
 \uparrow \\
 [r_{(1,2)}^1, r_{(1,2)}^2, \dots, r_{(1,2)}^{38}] \\
 \text{Pixel location} \\
 (\text{row}, \text{column}) \\
 \dots \\
 [r_{(W,H)}^1, r_{(W,H)}^2, \dots, r_{(W,H)}^{38}]
 \end{array}$$

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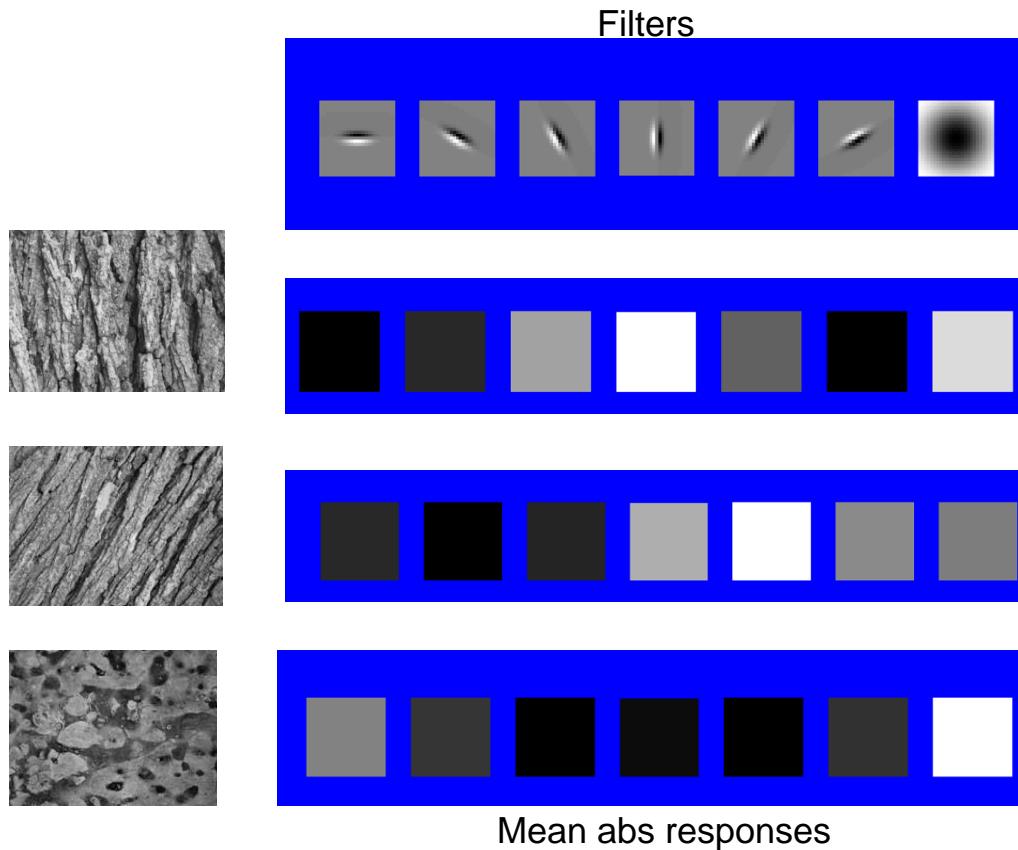

$$[\text{mean}(r_{(:)}^1), \text{mean}(r_{(:)}^2), \dots, \text{mean}(r_{(:)}^{38})]$$

# You try: Can you match the texture to the response?



White color means higher response

# Representing textures by mean absolute response



# Classifying materials, “stuff”

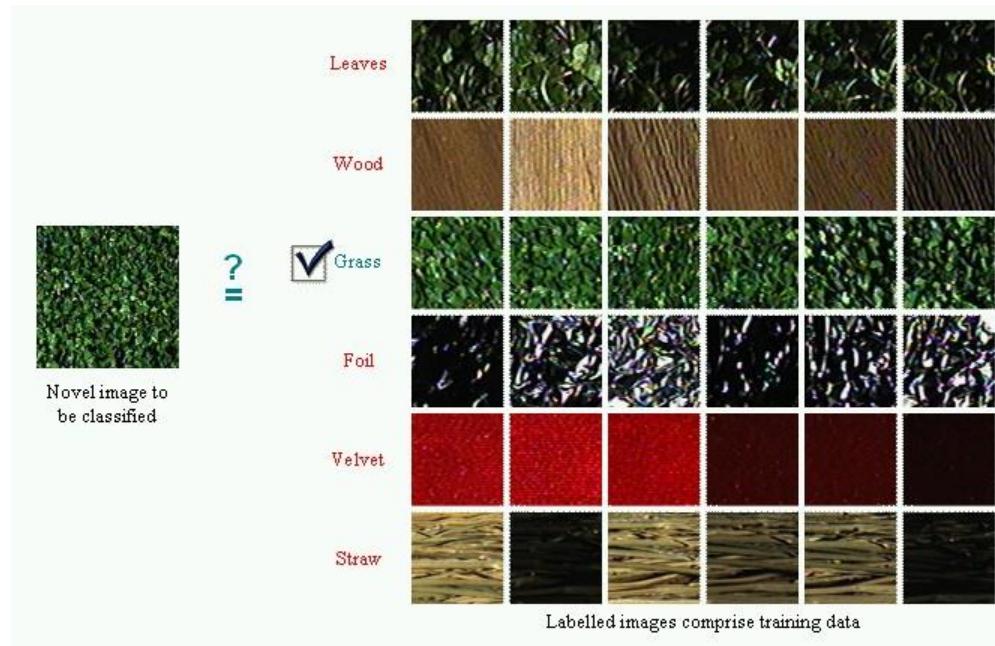


Figure by Varma & Zisserman

# Summary

- Filters useful for
  - Enhancing images (smoothing, removing noise), e.g.
    - Box filter (linear)
    - Gaussian filter (linear)
    - Median filter
  - Detecting patterns (e.g. gradients)
- Texture is a useful property that is often indicative of materials, appearance cues
  - Texture representations summarize repeating patterns of local structure