



# Fourier Analysis of Correlated Monte Carlo Importance Sampling

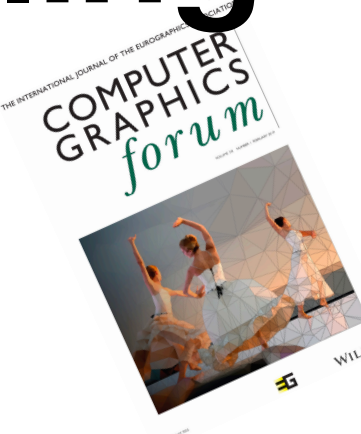
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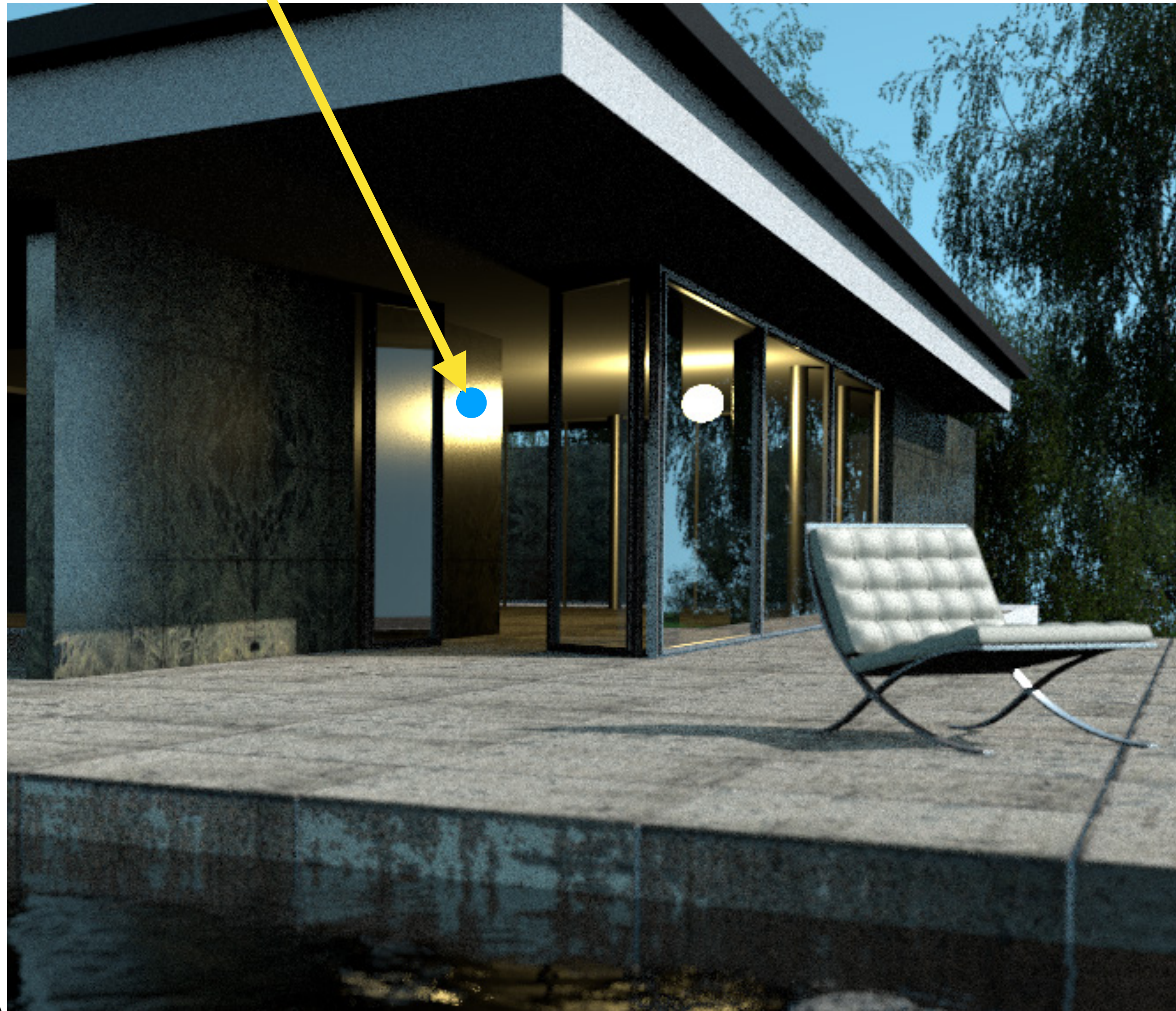
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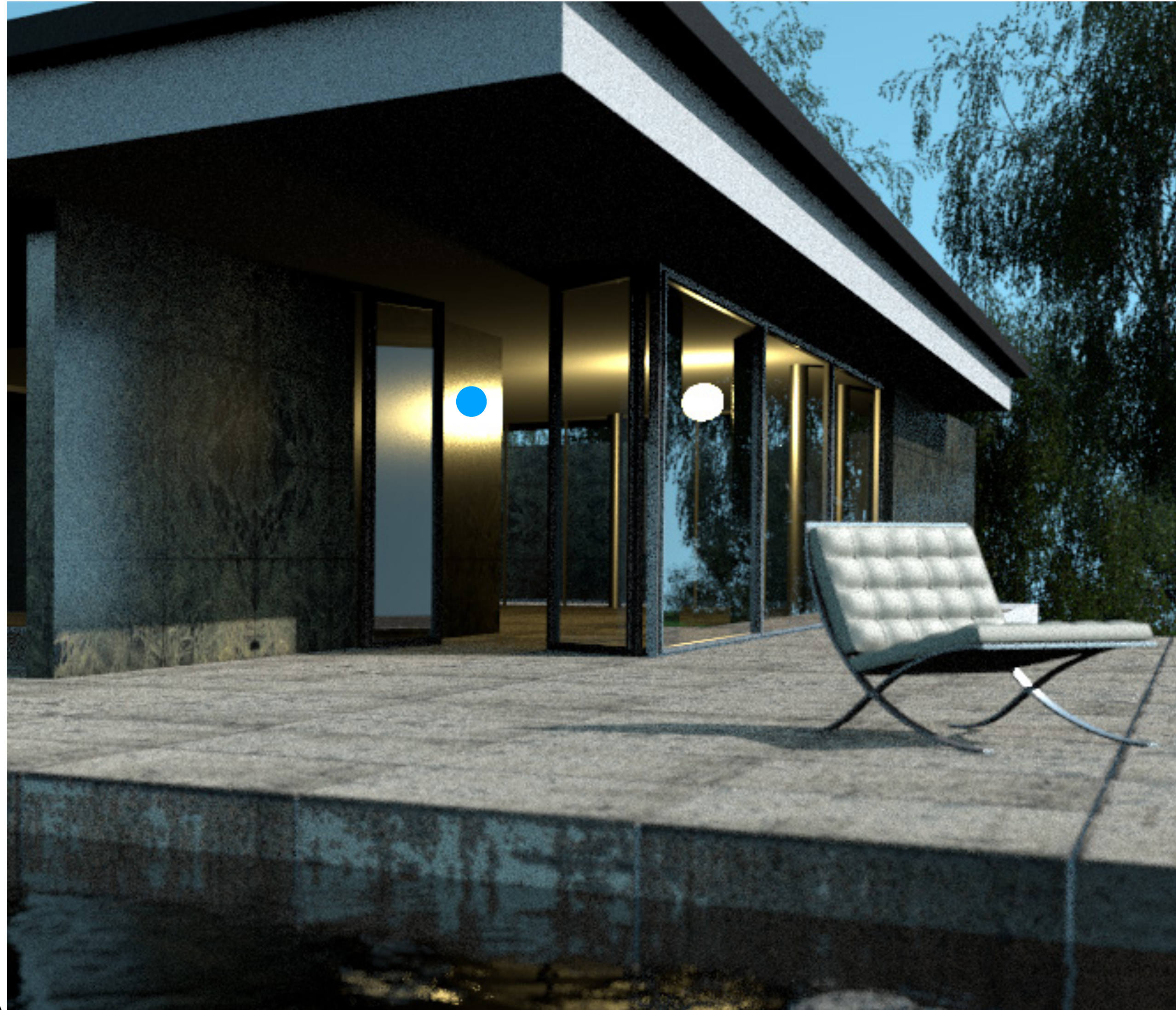


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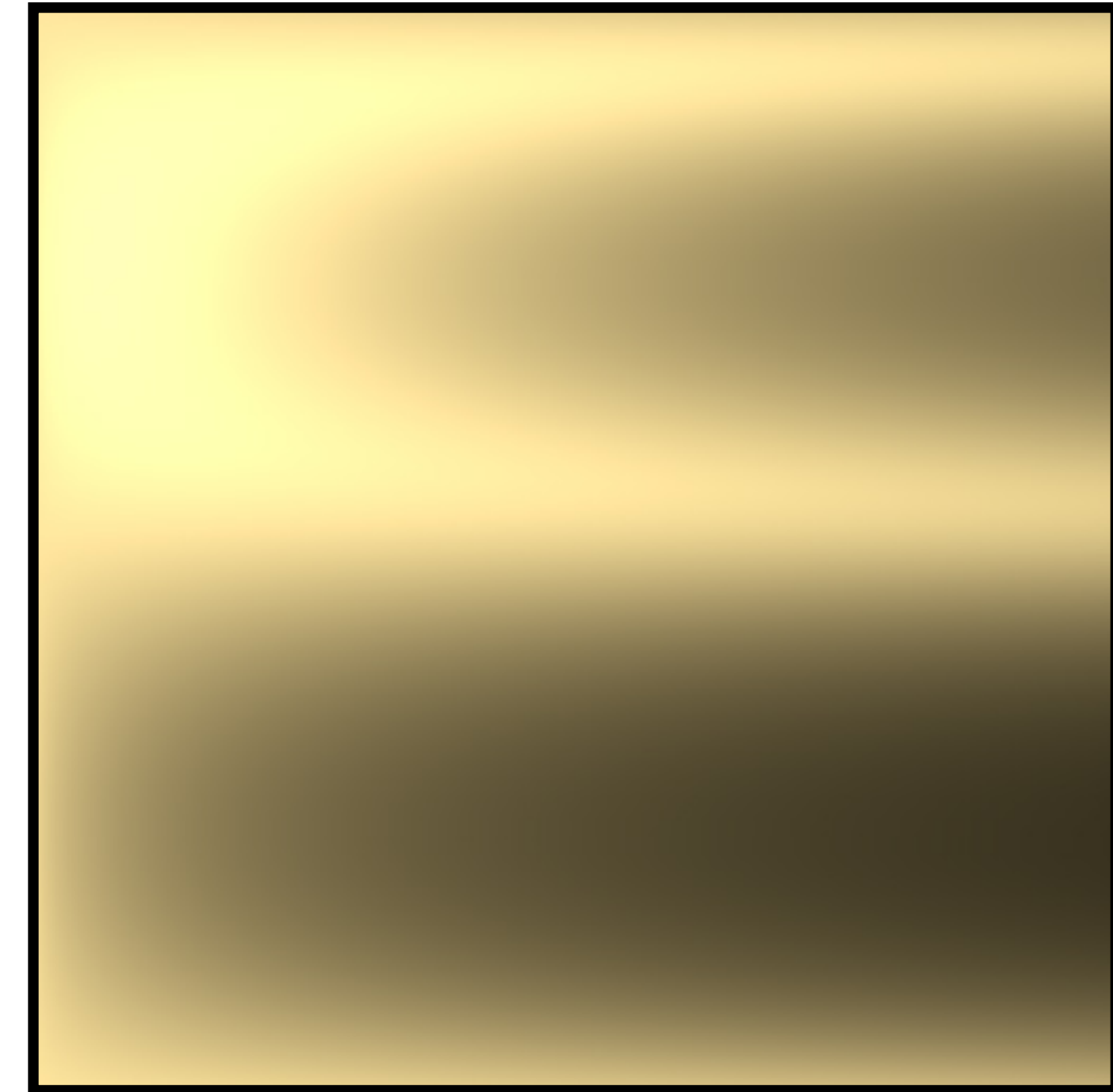




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$f(\vec{x})$

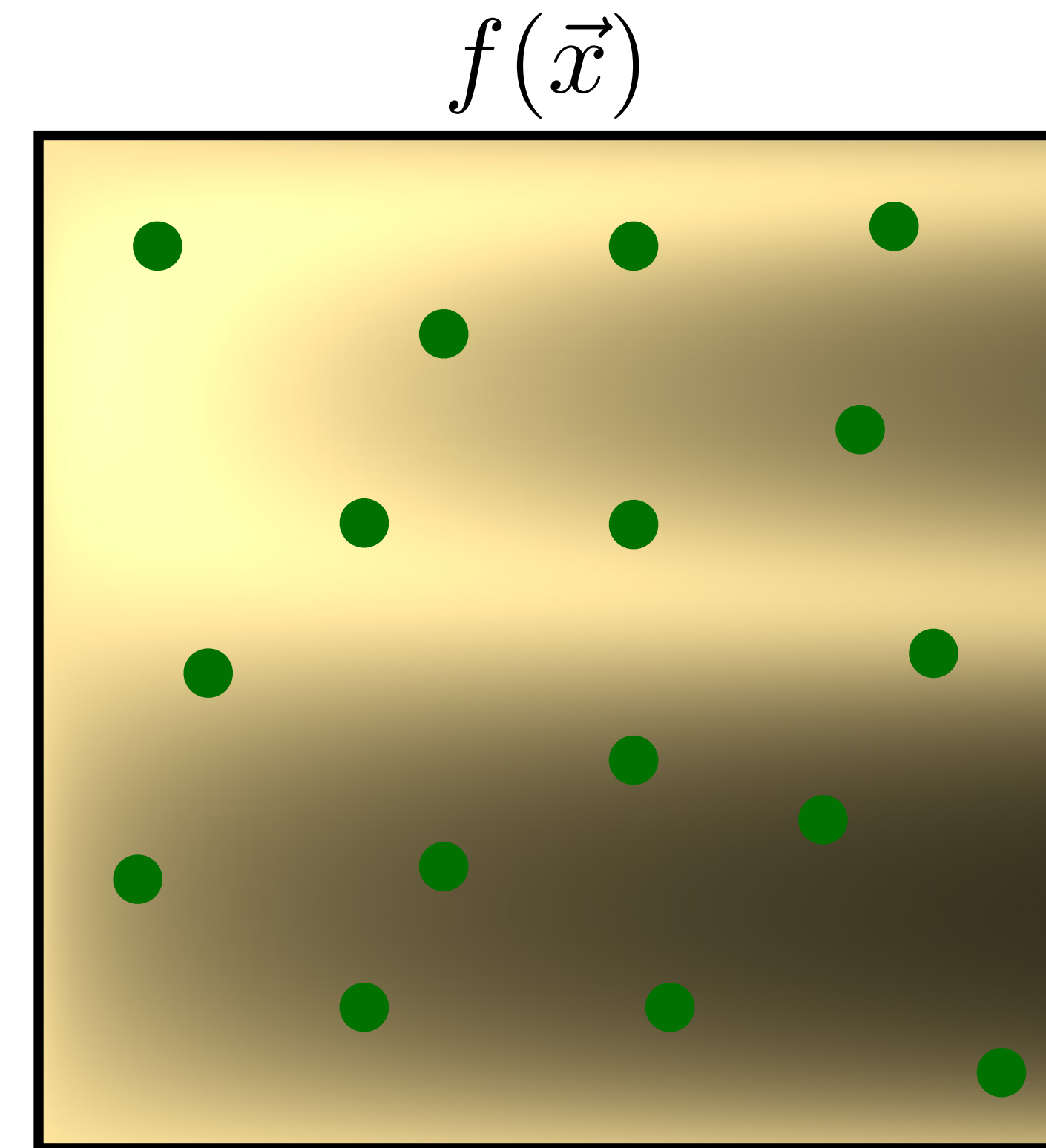
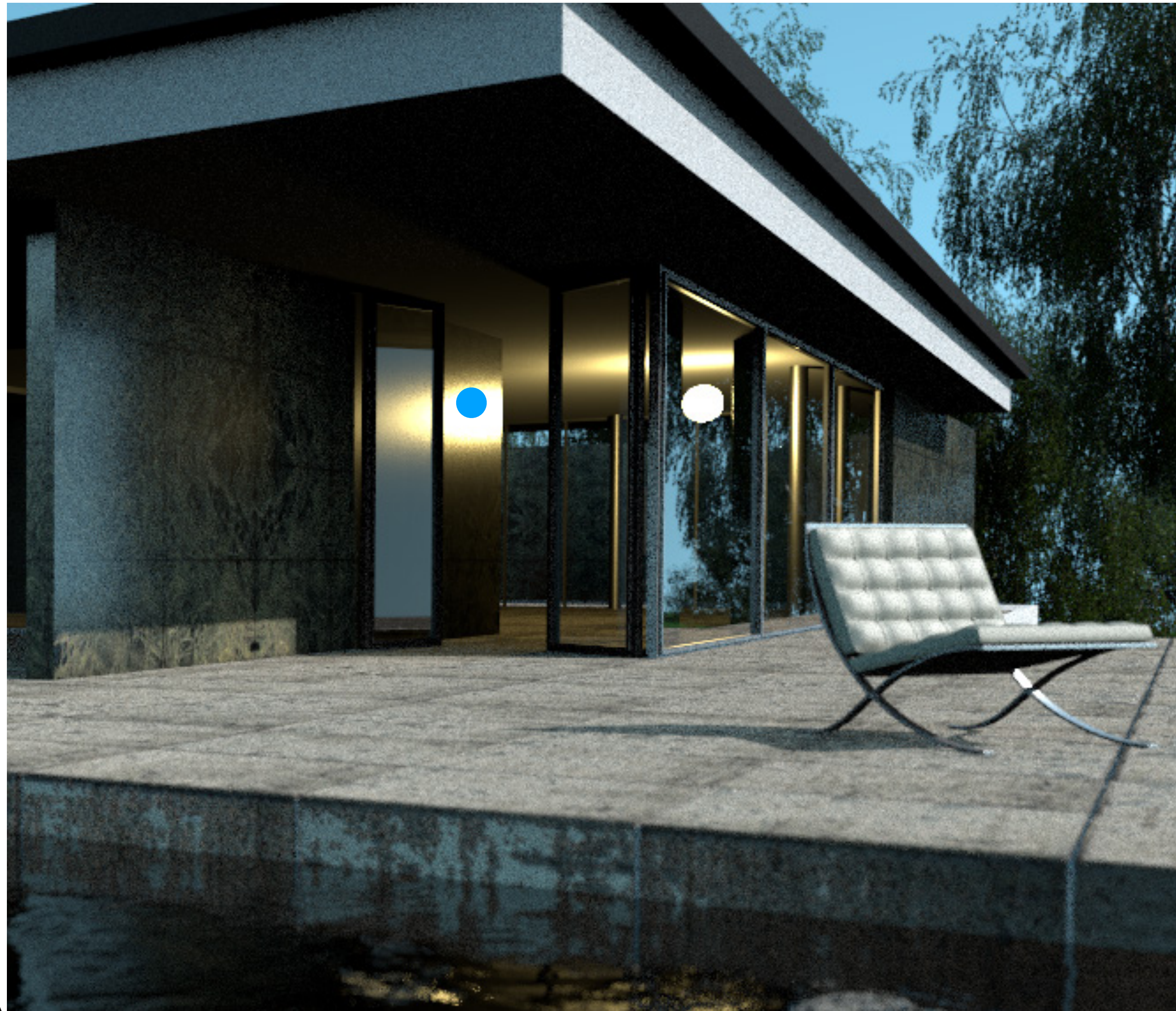


$$I = \int_0^1 f(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$





# Monte Carlo Estimator

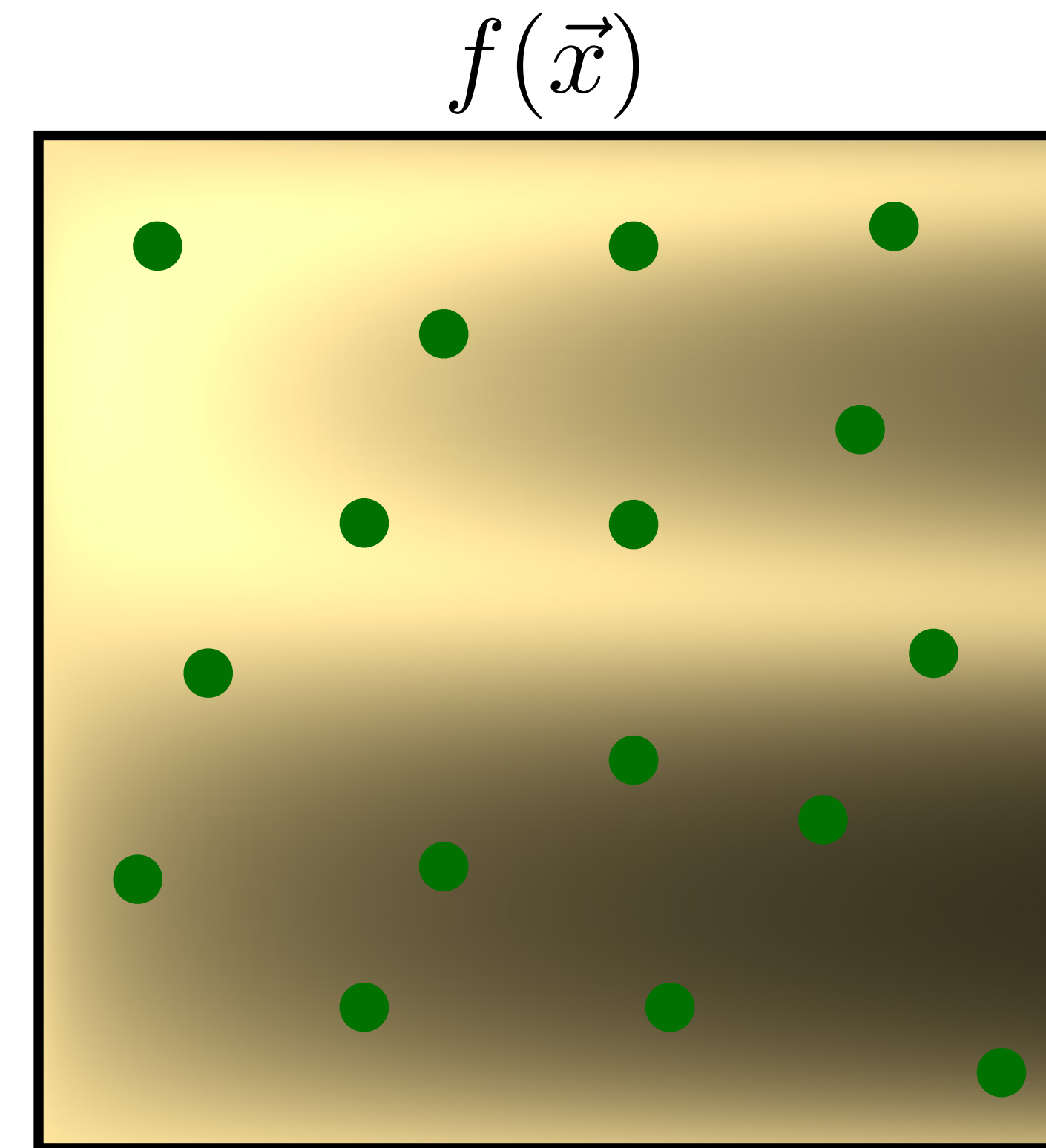
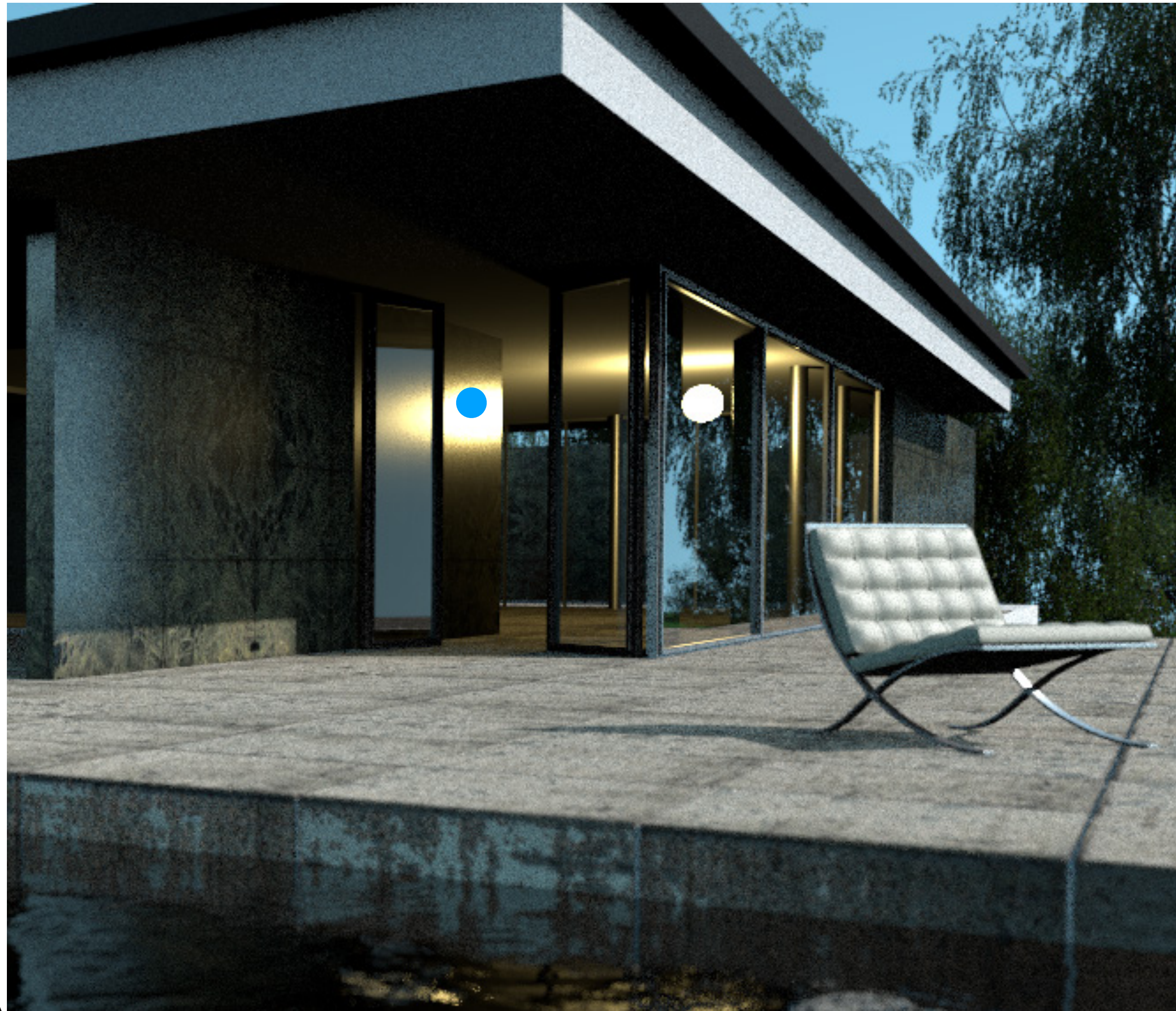


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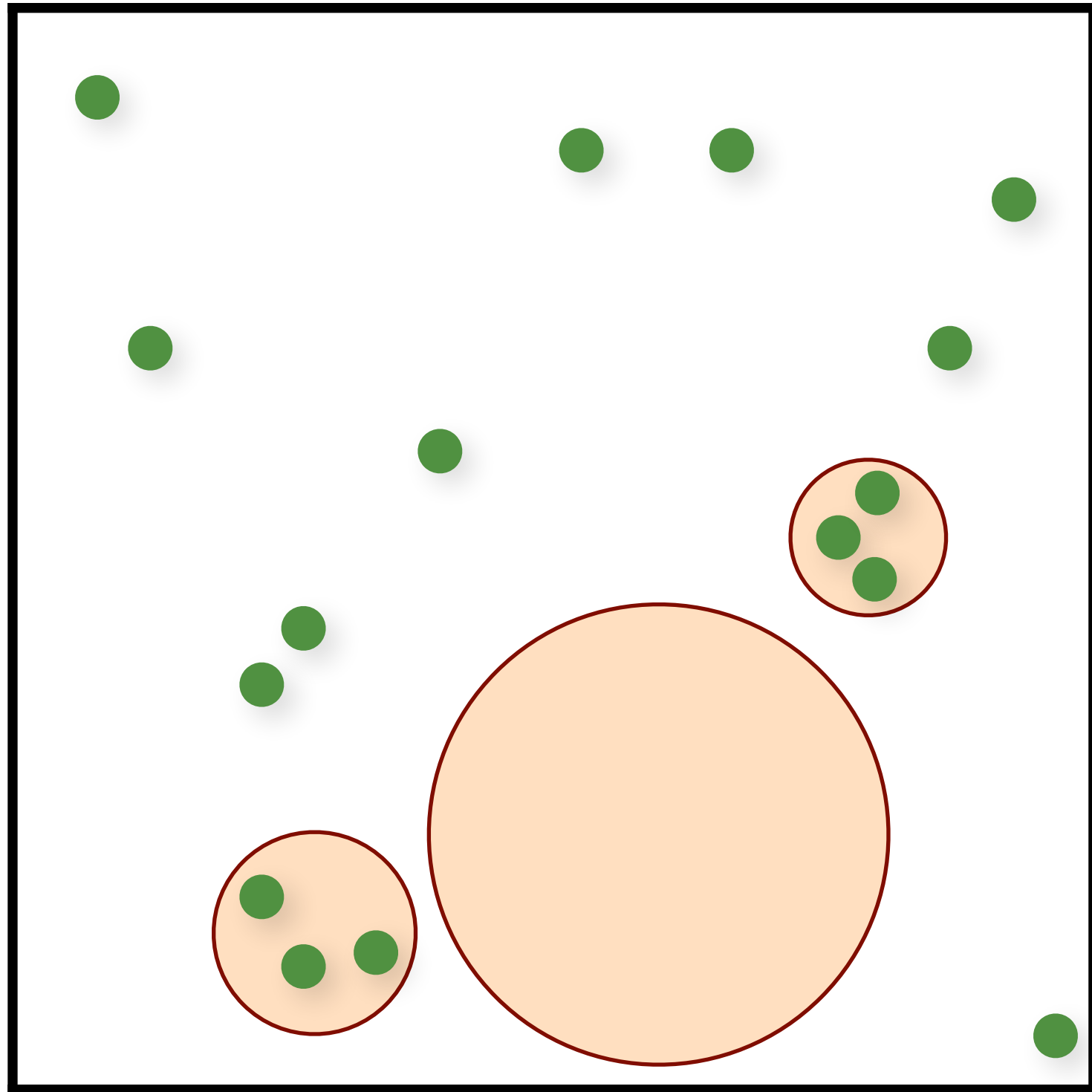


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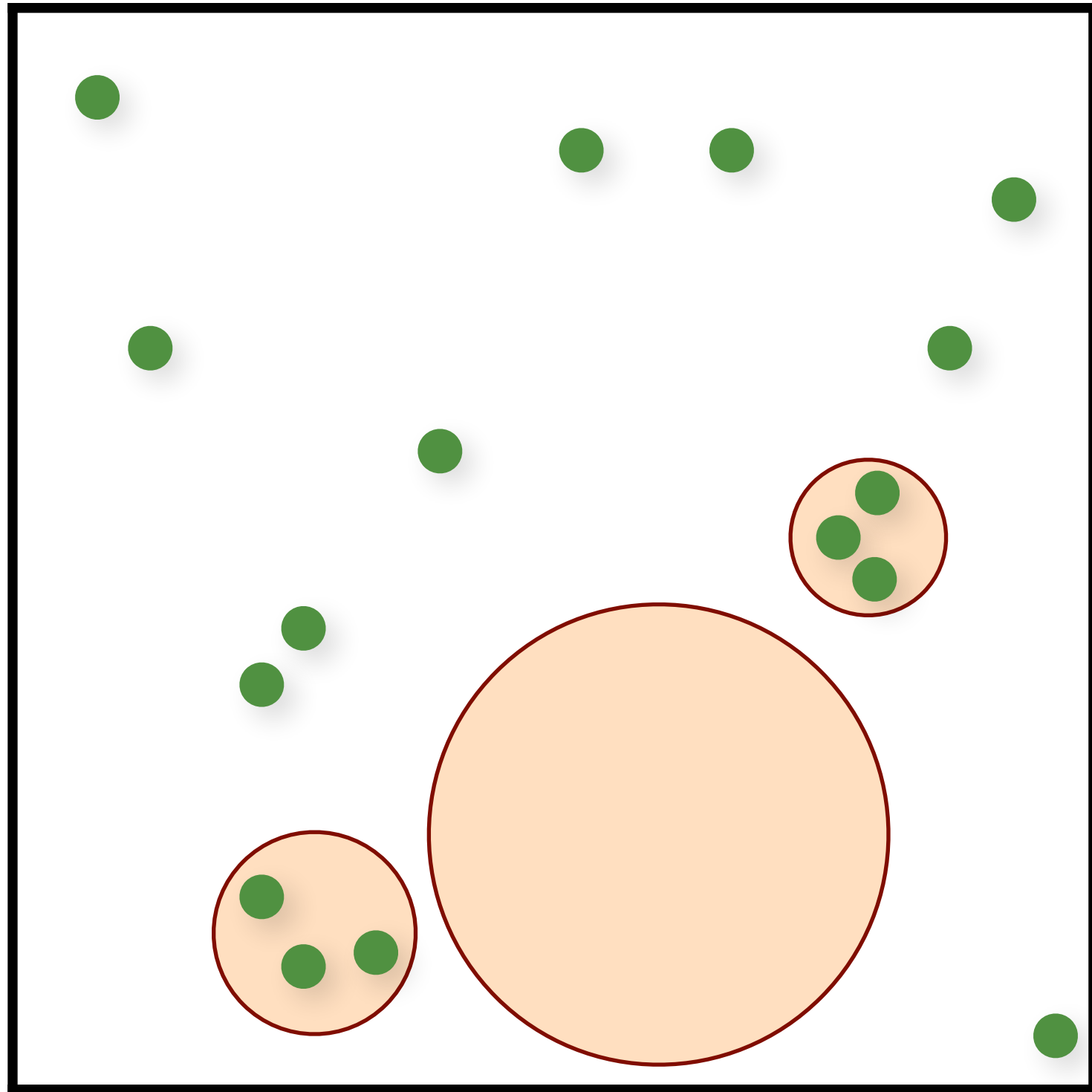


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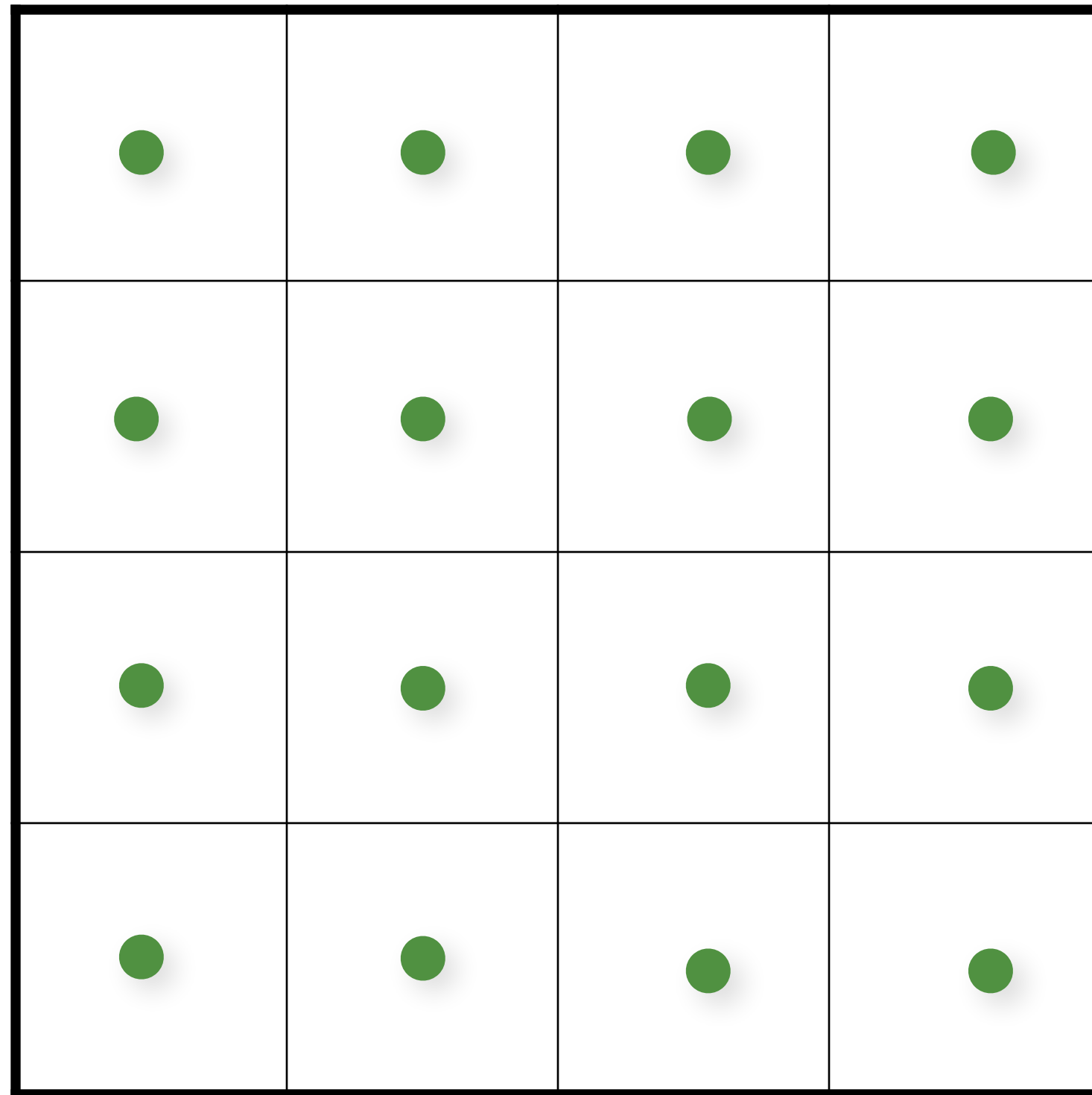
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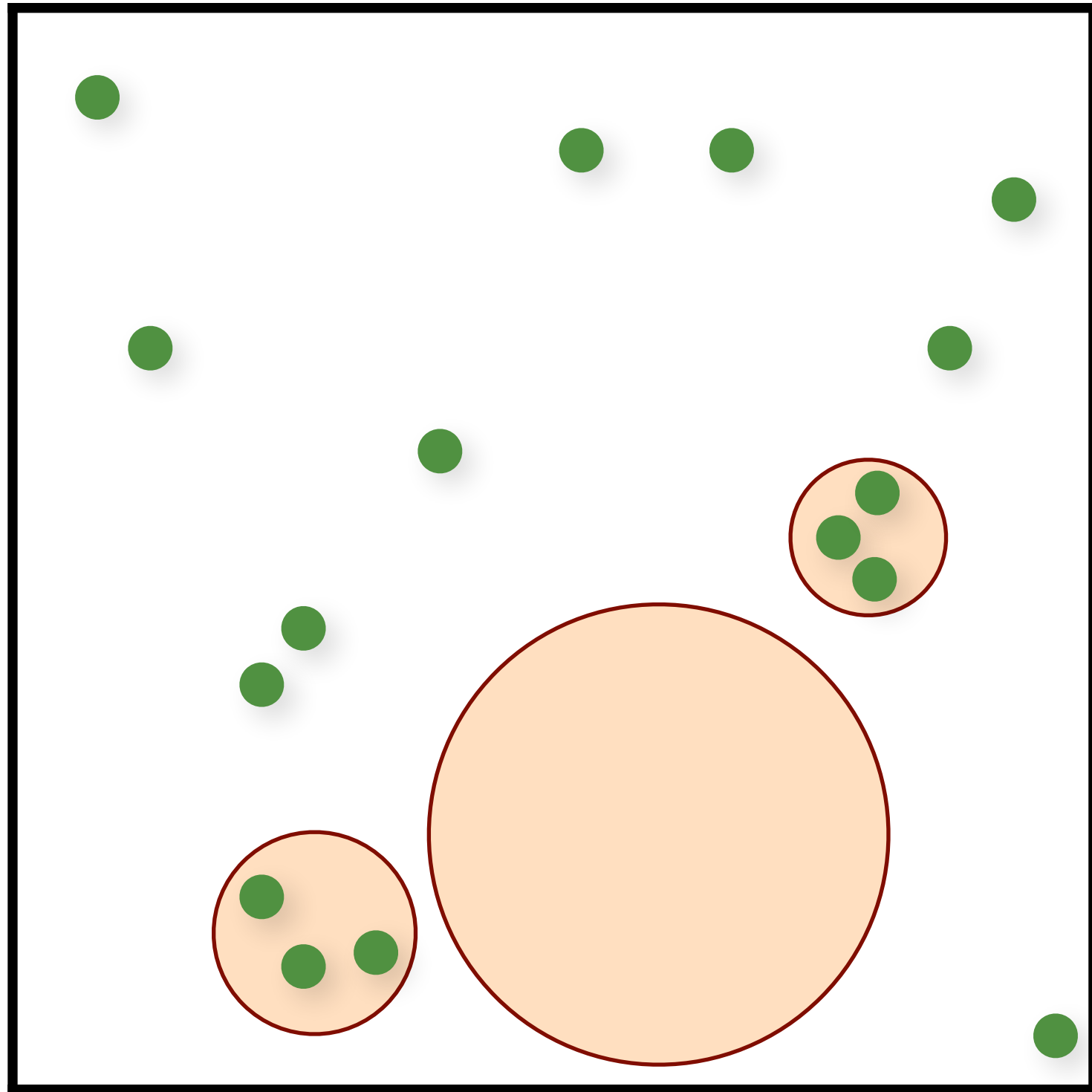
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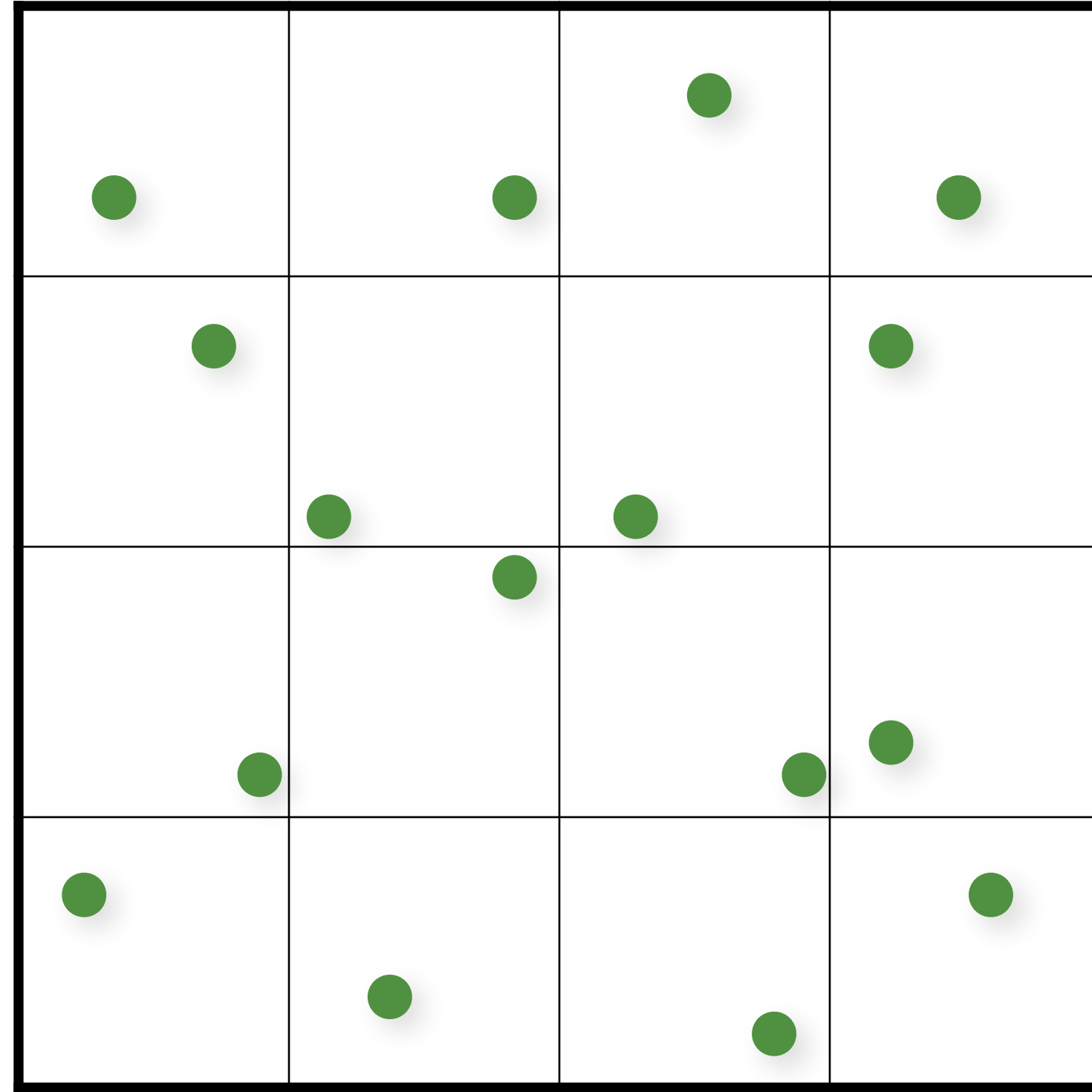
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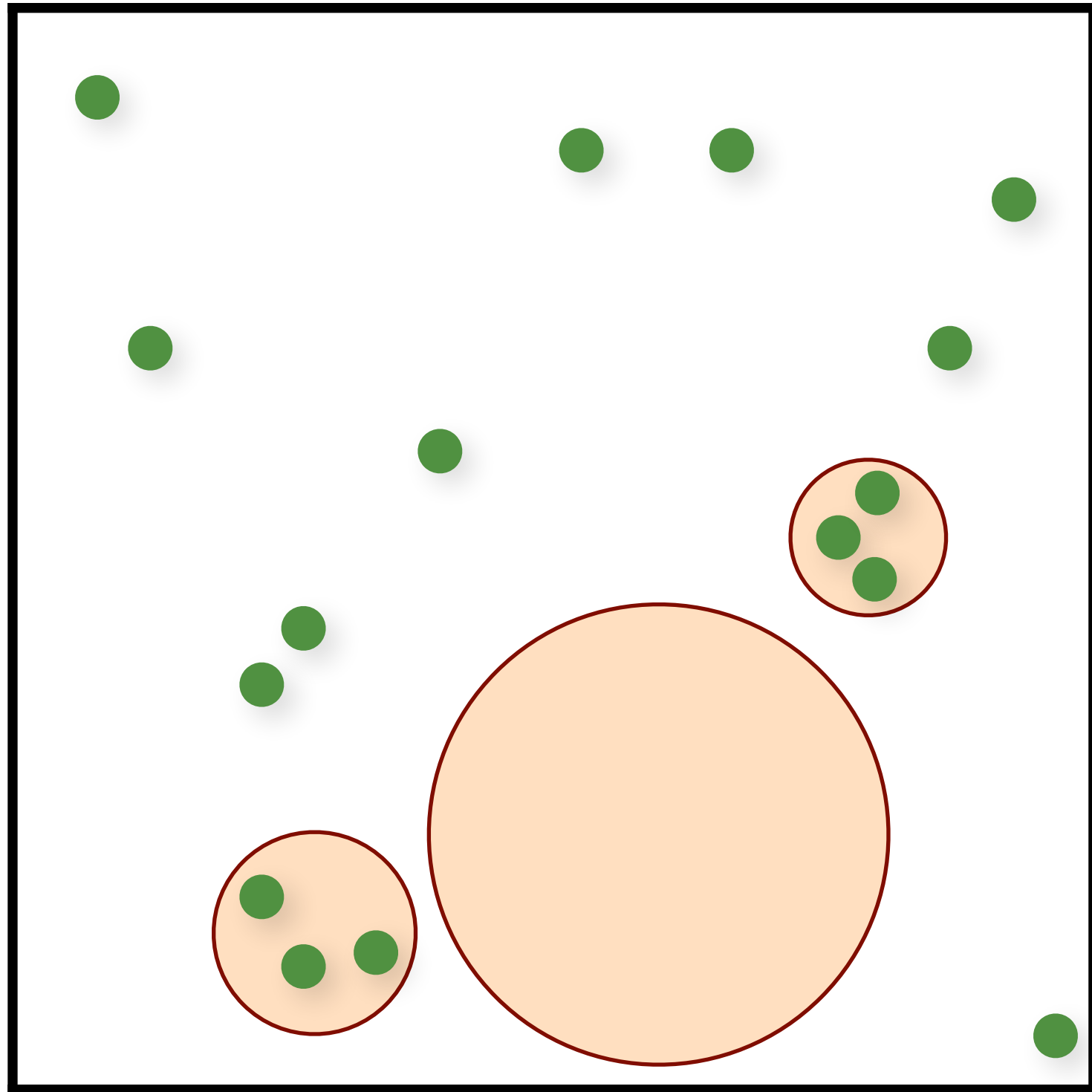
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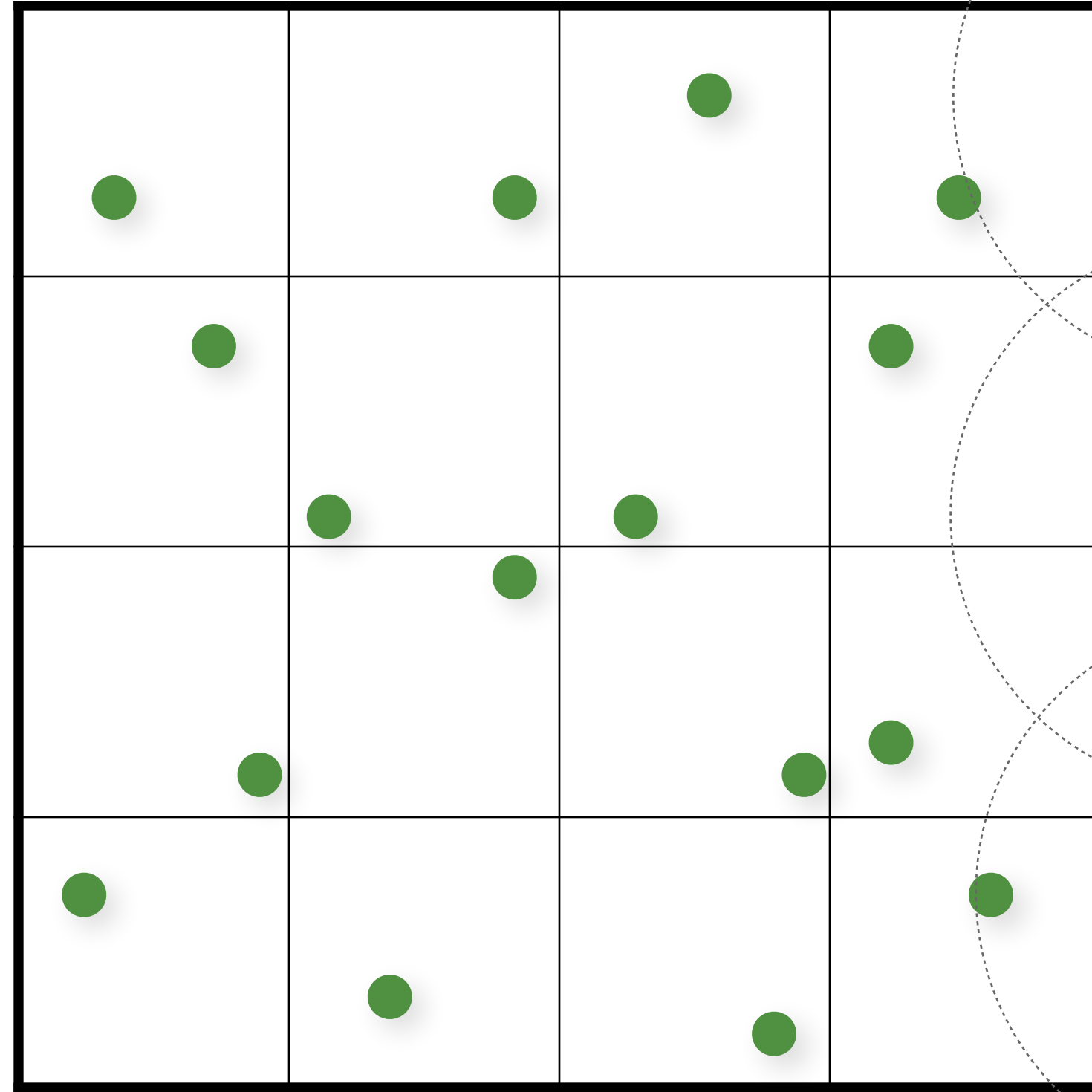




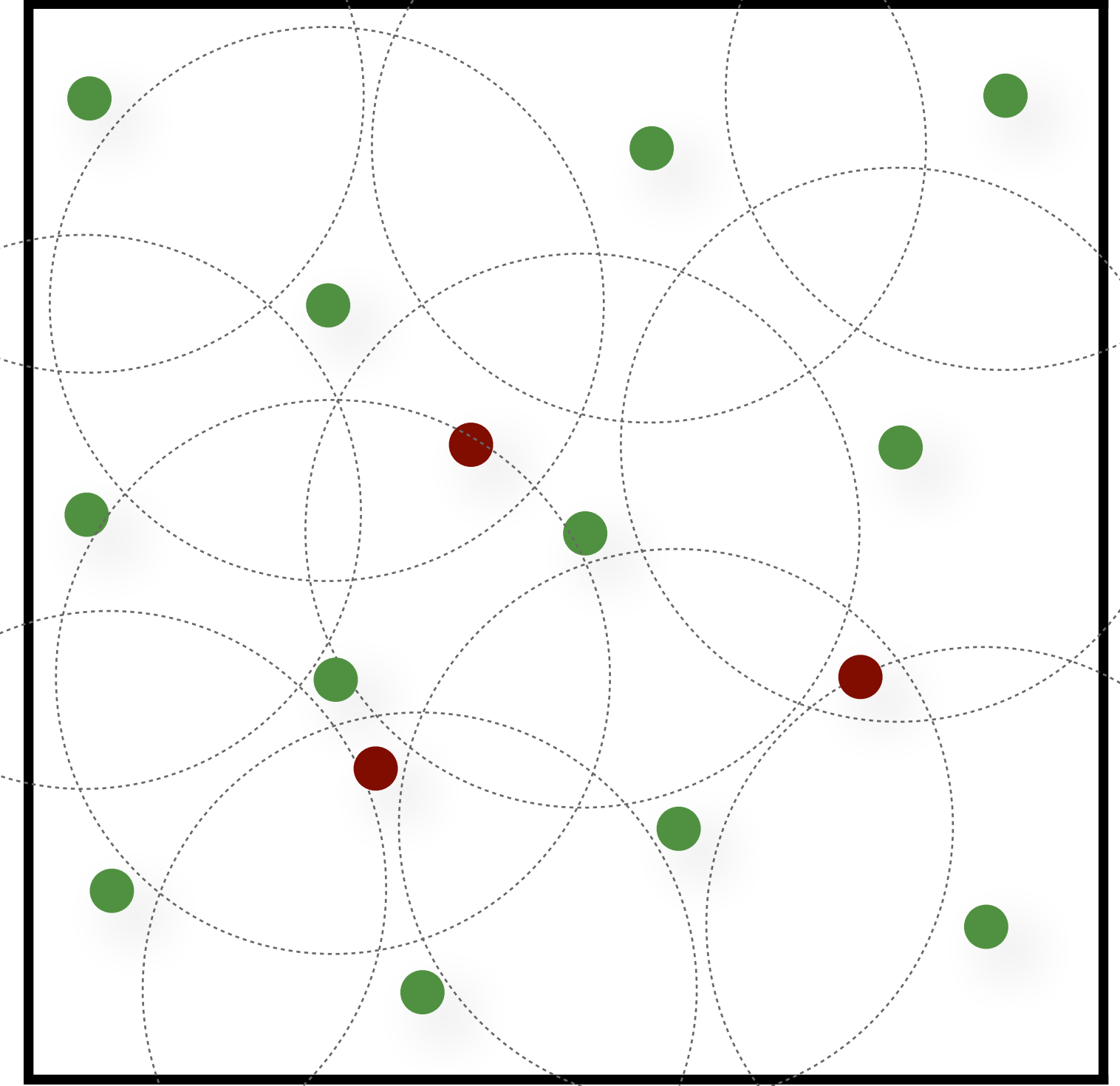
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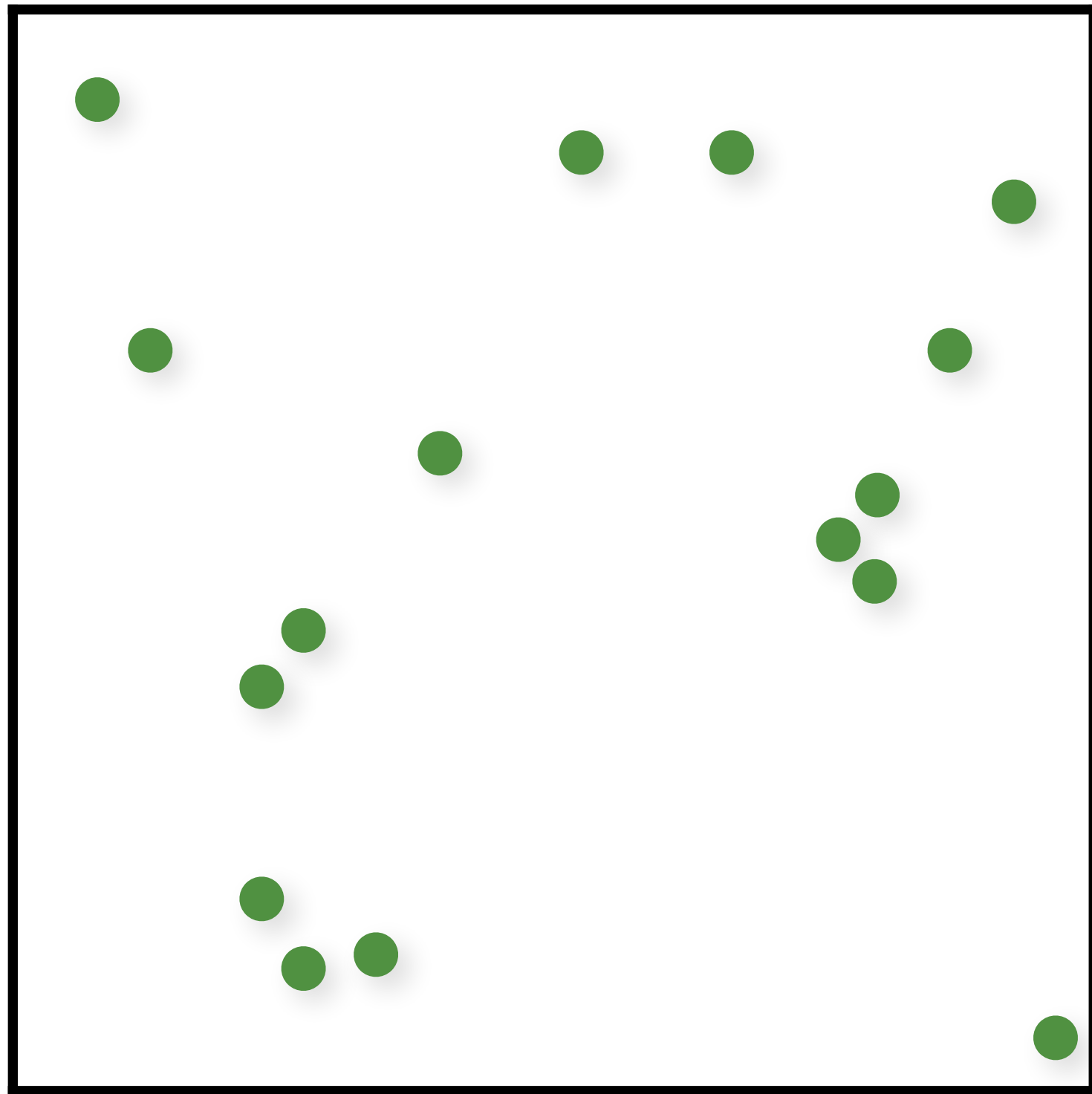


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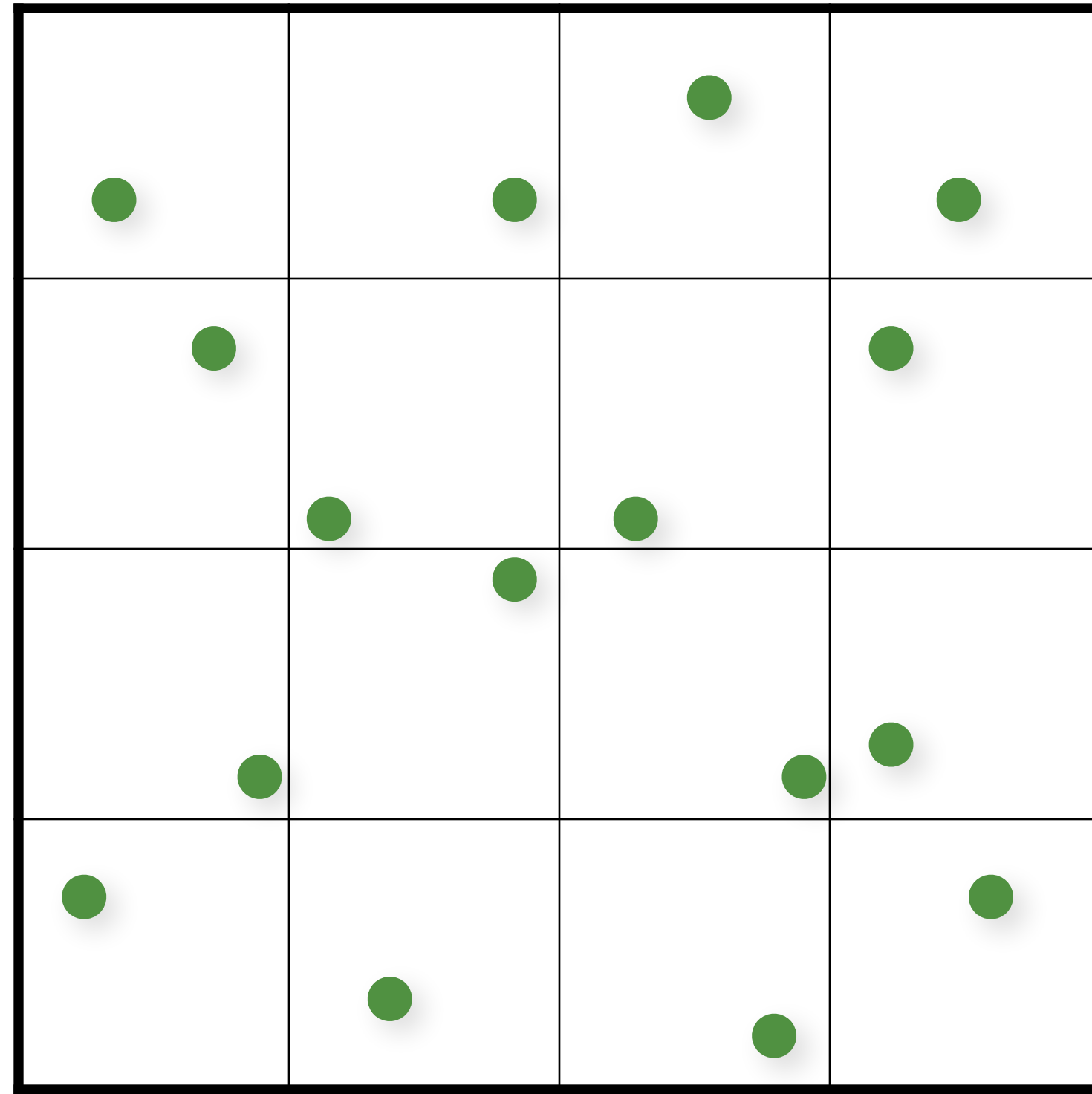




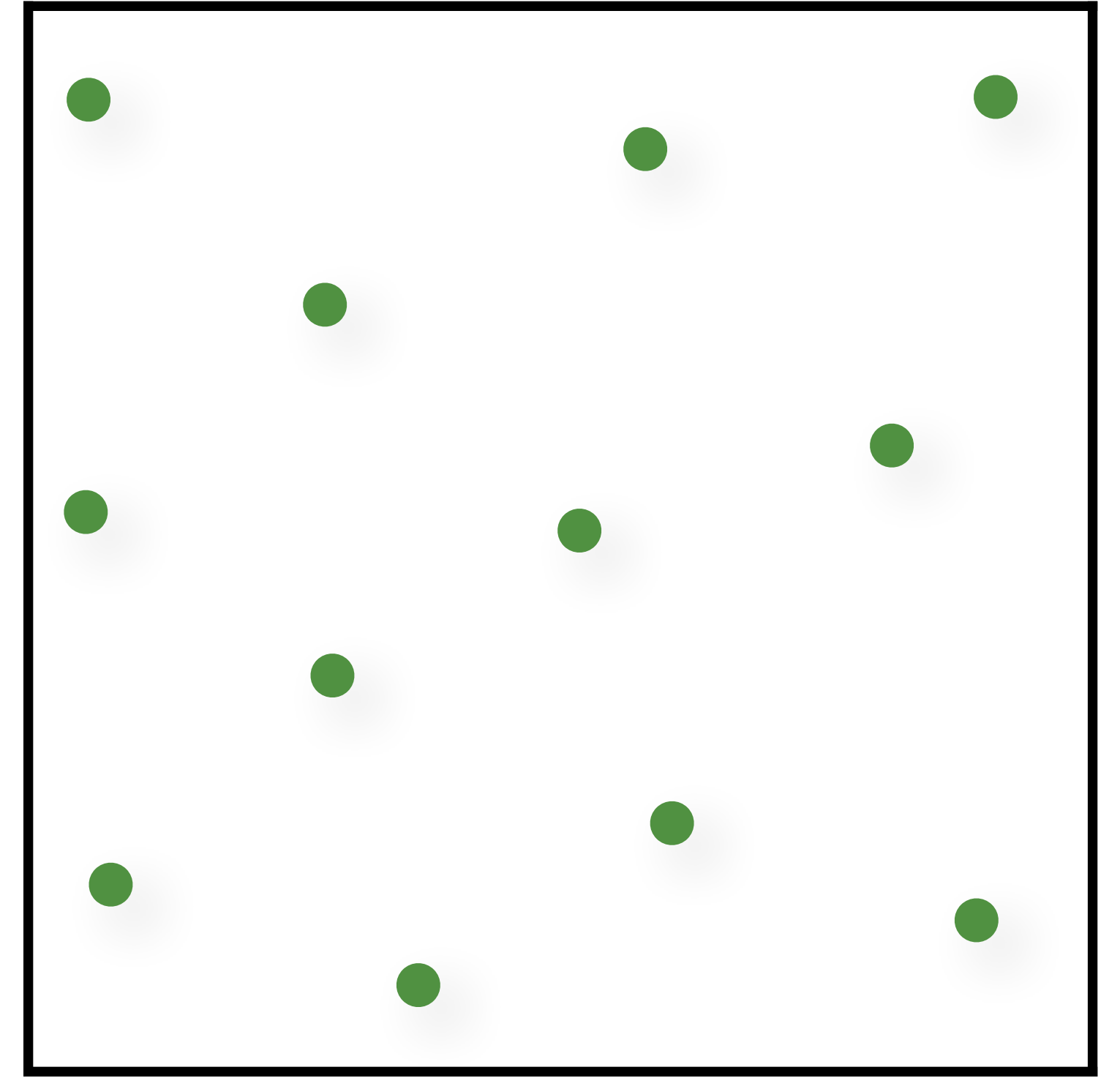
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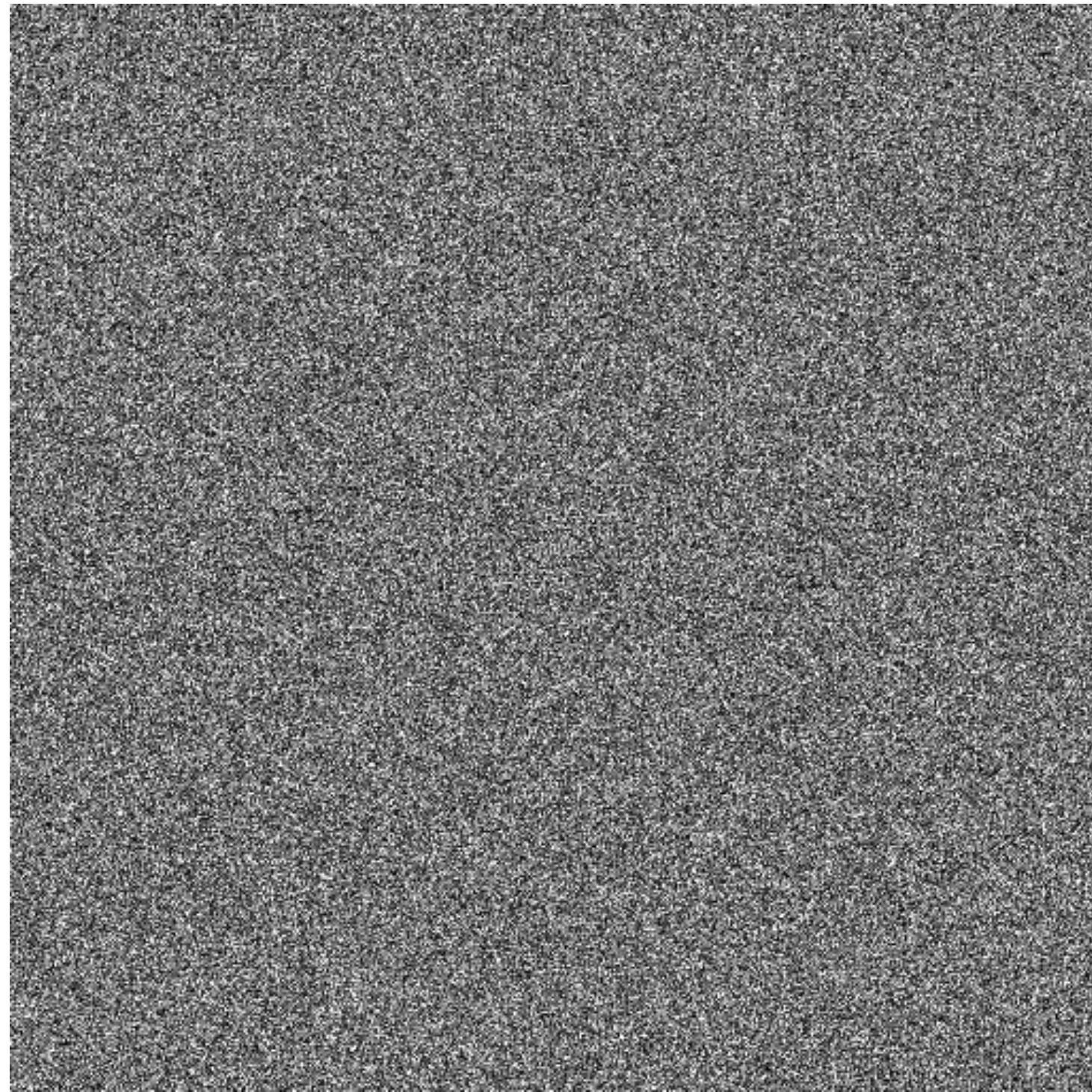
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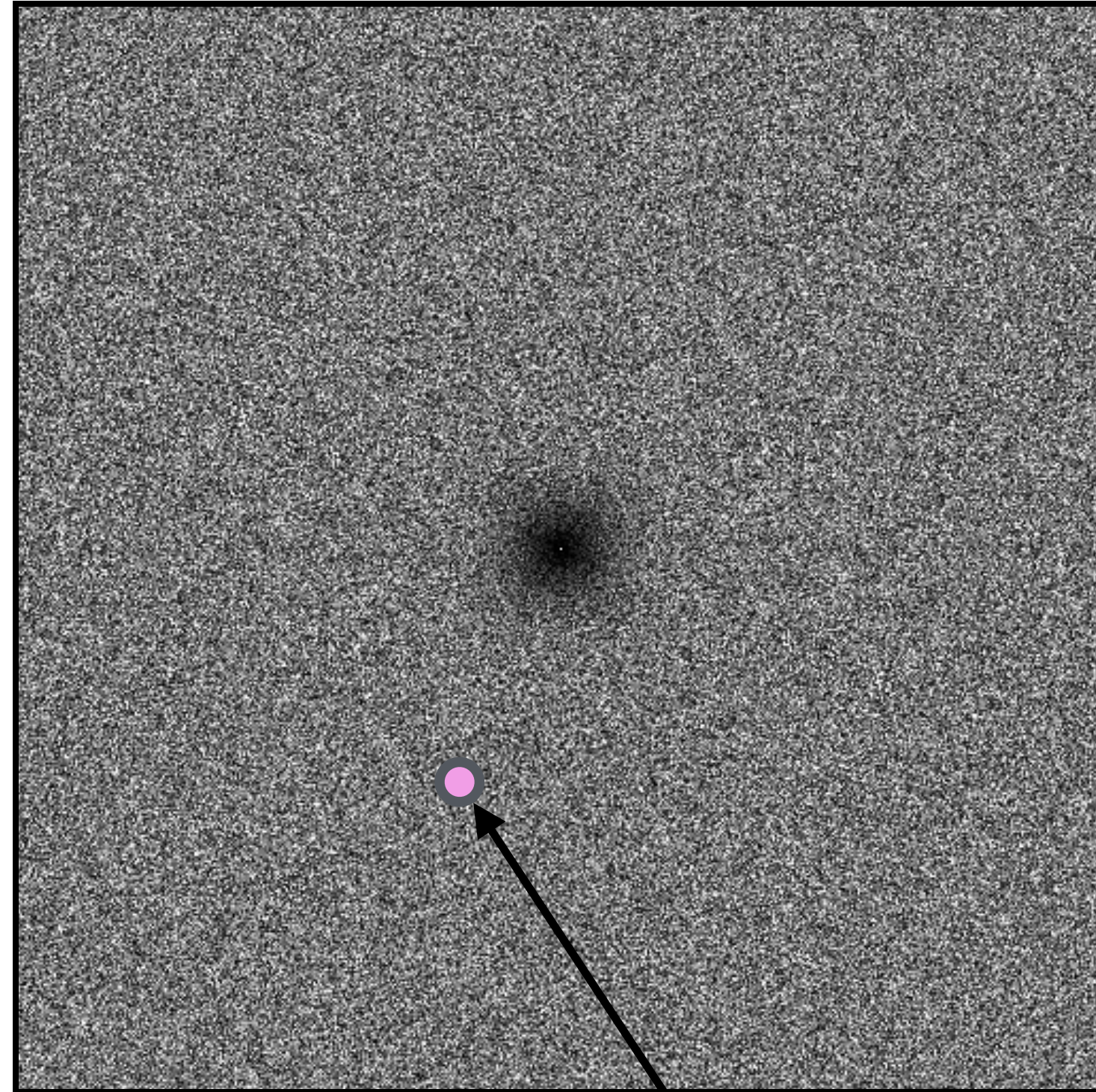




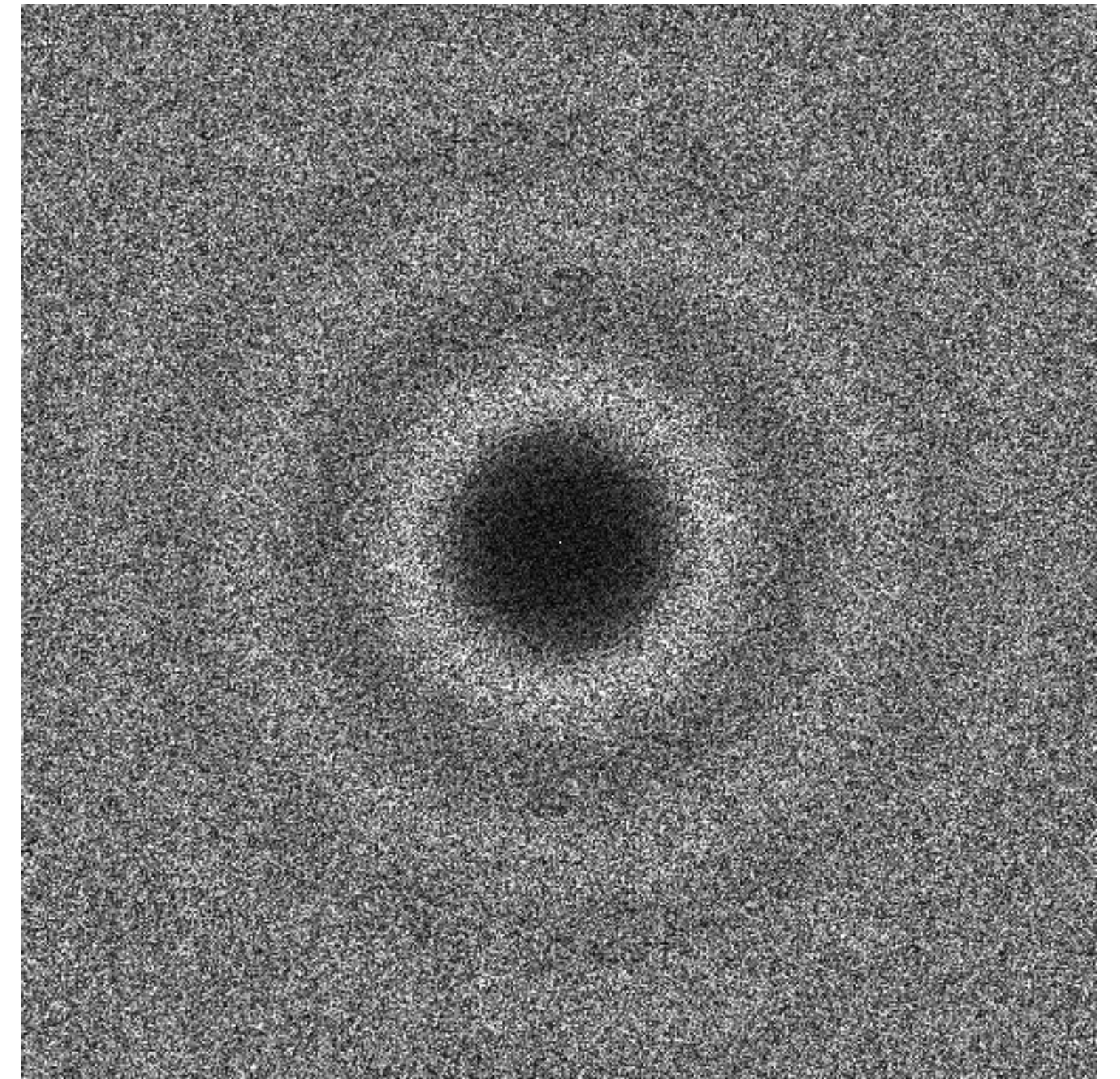
# Fourier Statistics: Power Spectrum



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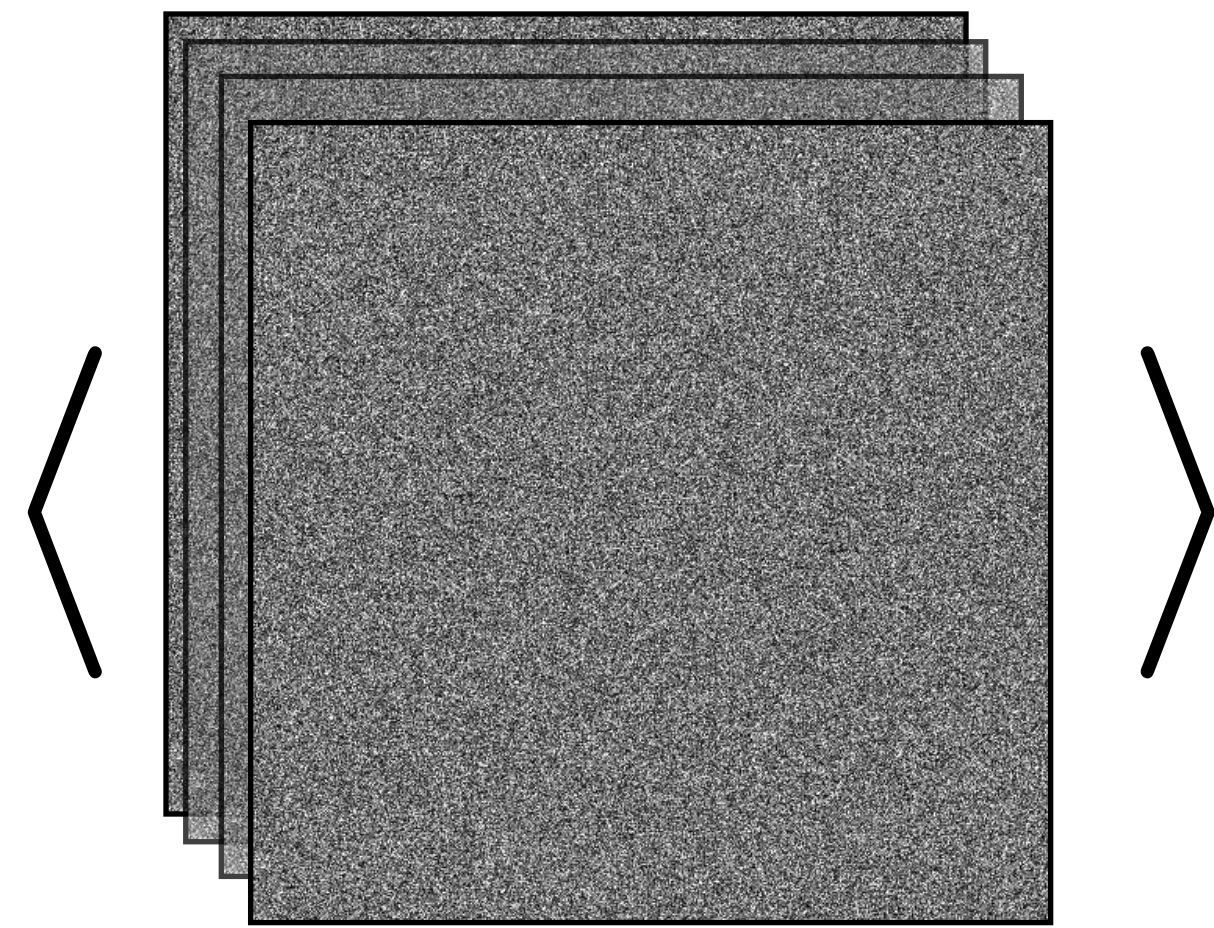
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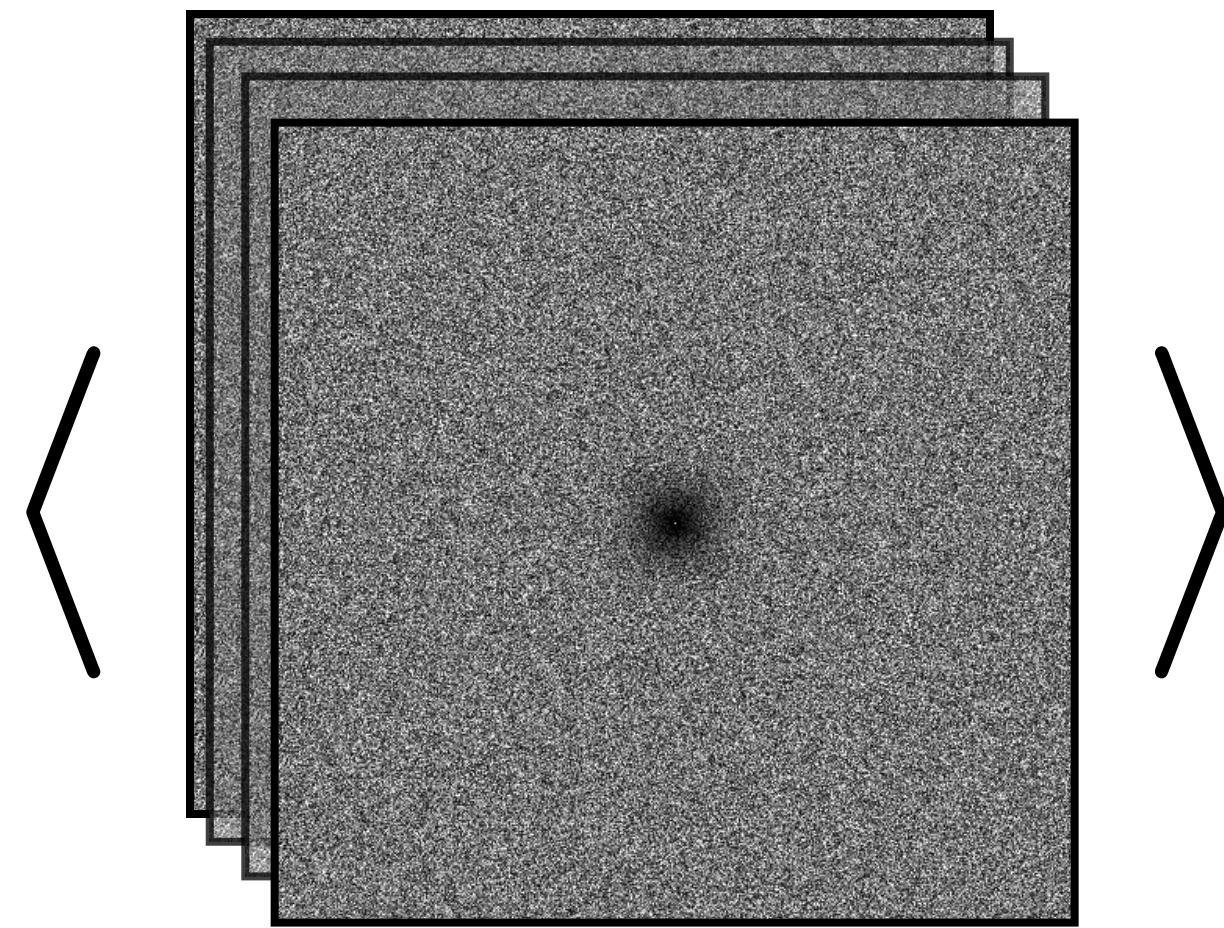




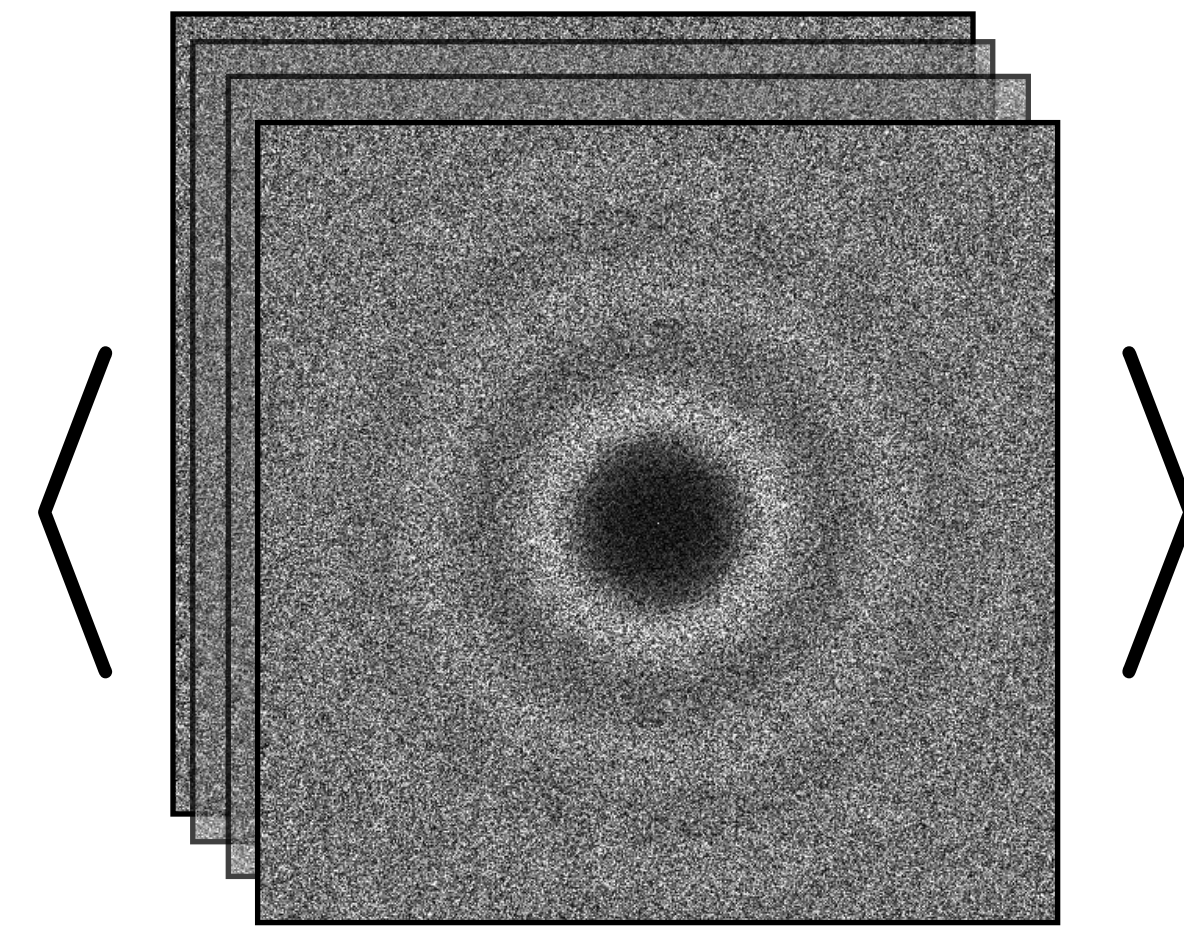
# Point Samples' Expected Power Spectra



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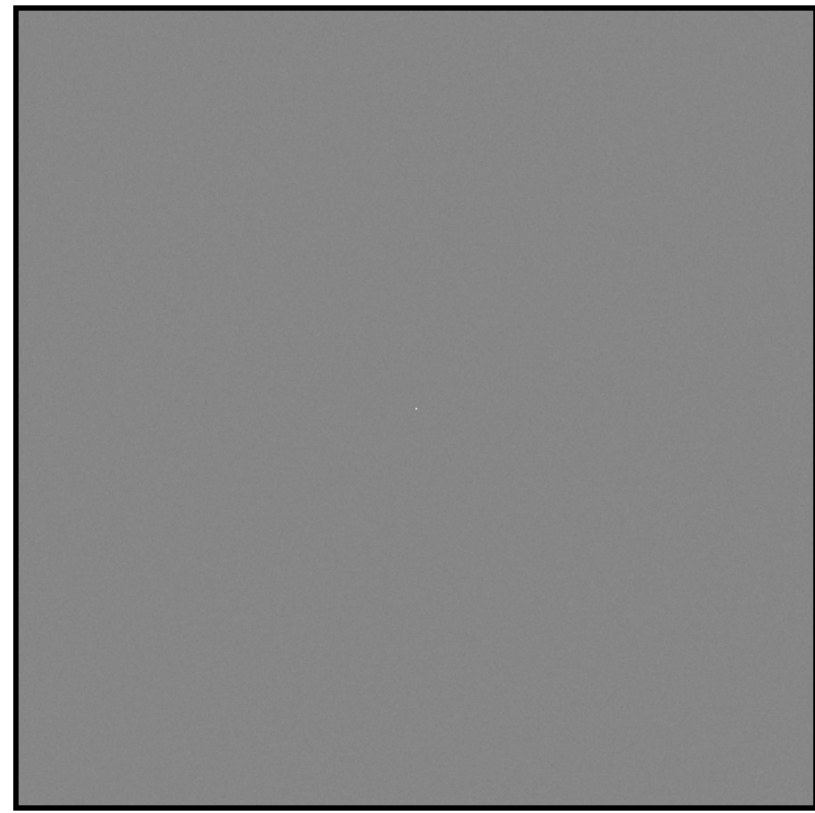


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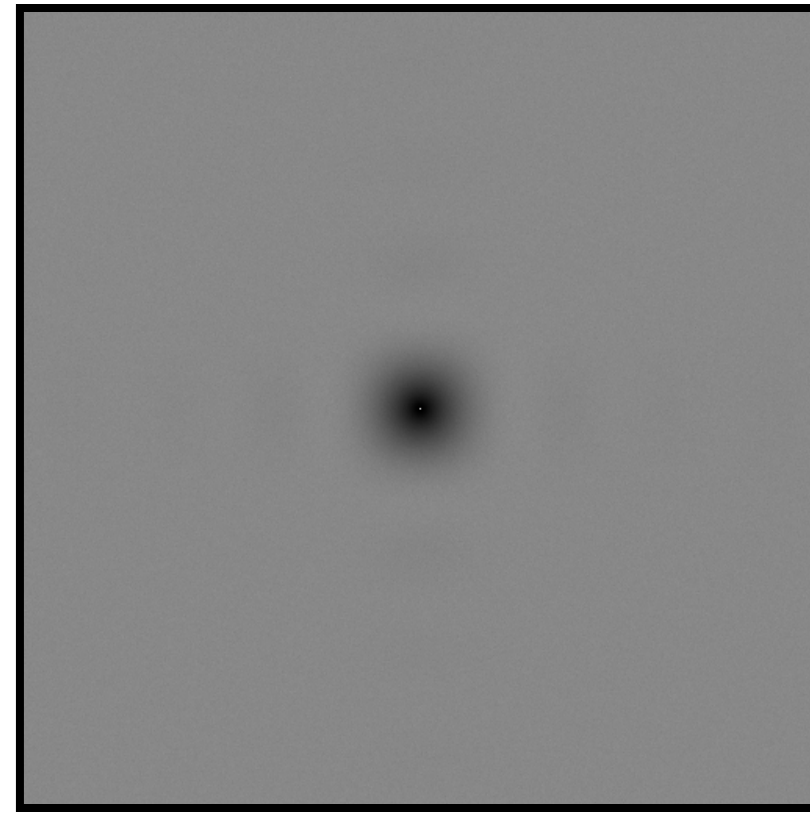
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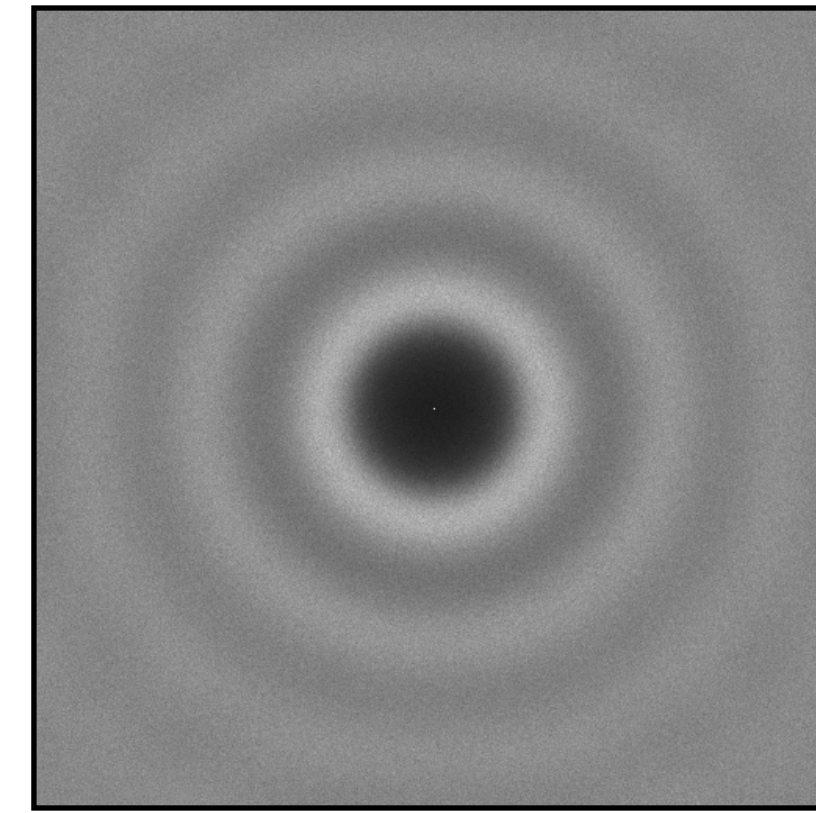
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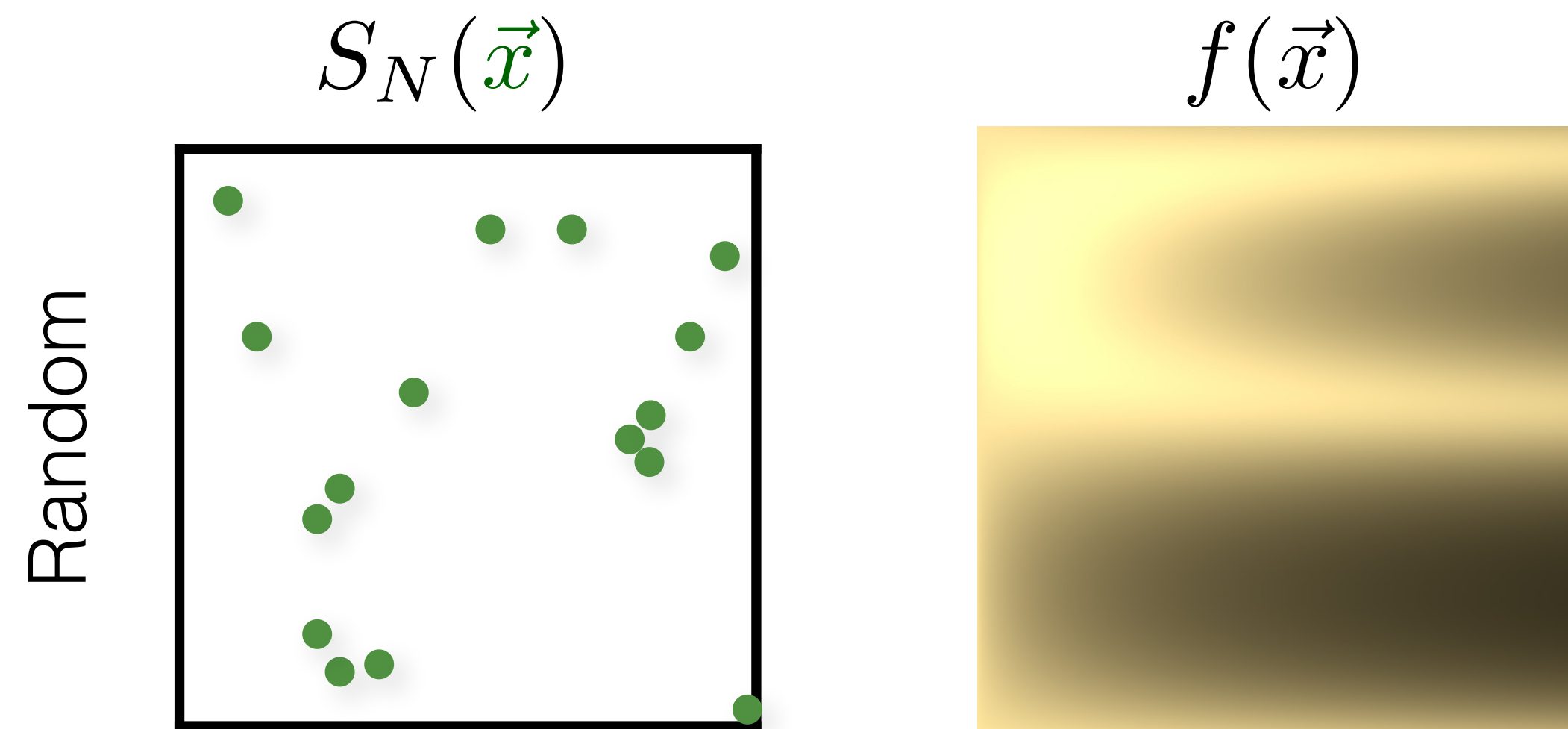


# Monte Carlo Estimation Variance for Stationary Samples

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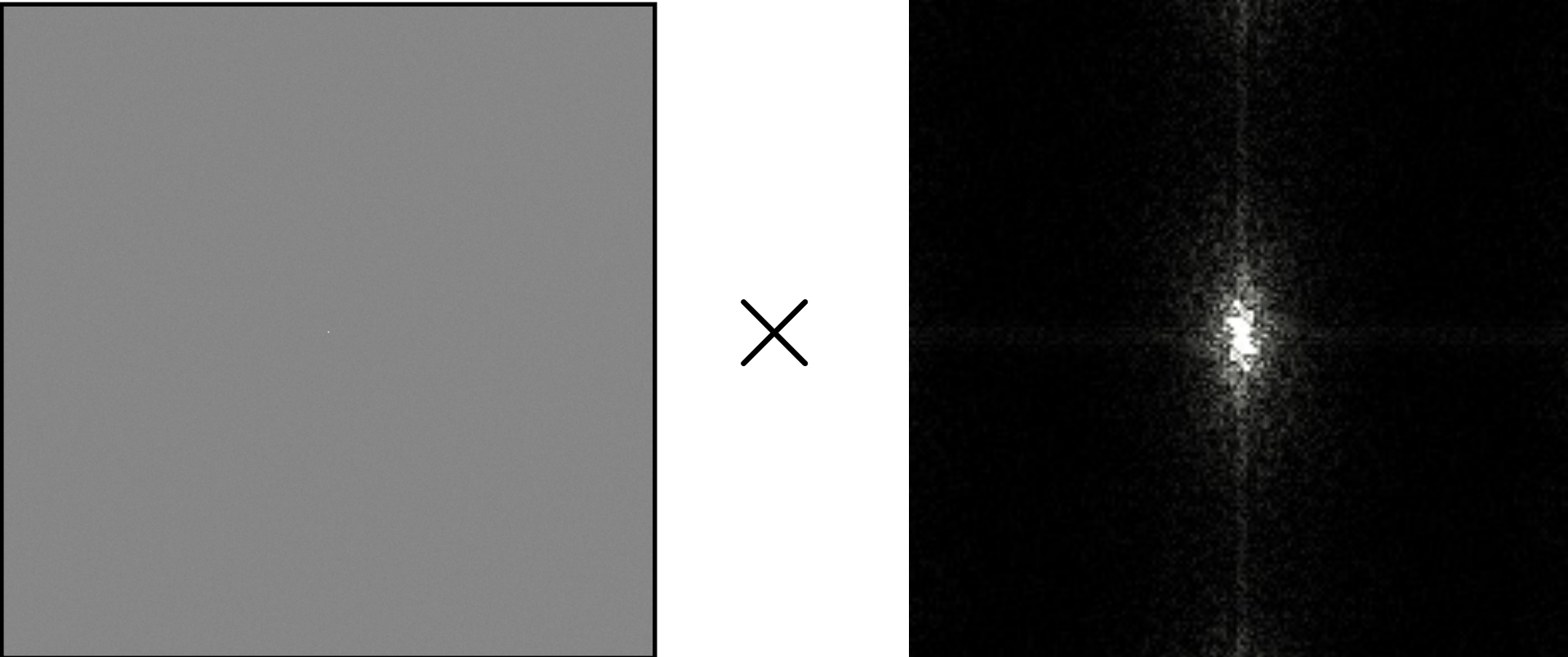
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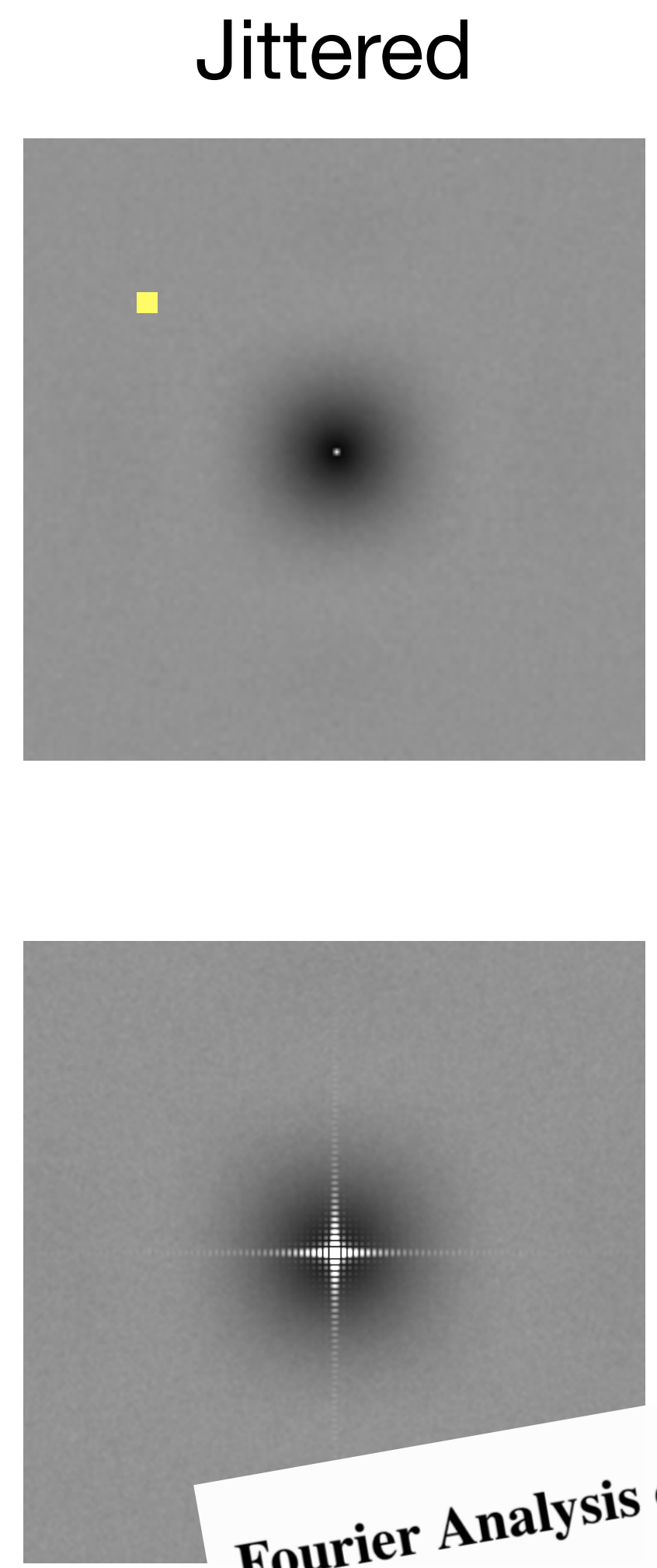
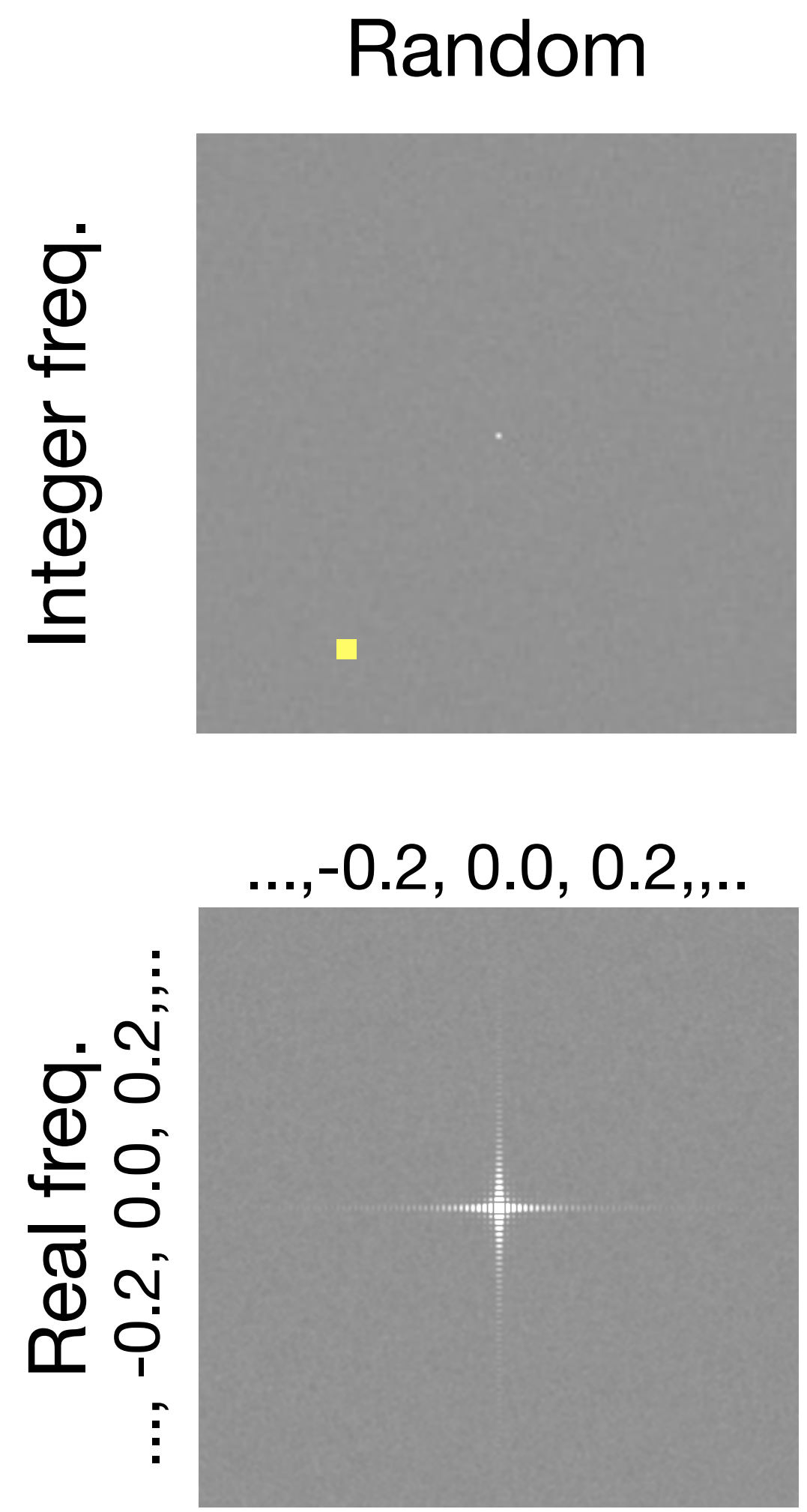
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# Real vs. Integer Frequencies

$$\text{Var}(I_N) = \int_{\Omega} \times d\nu$$



## 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**





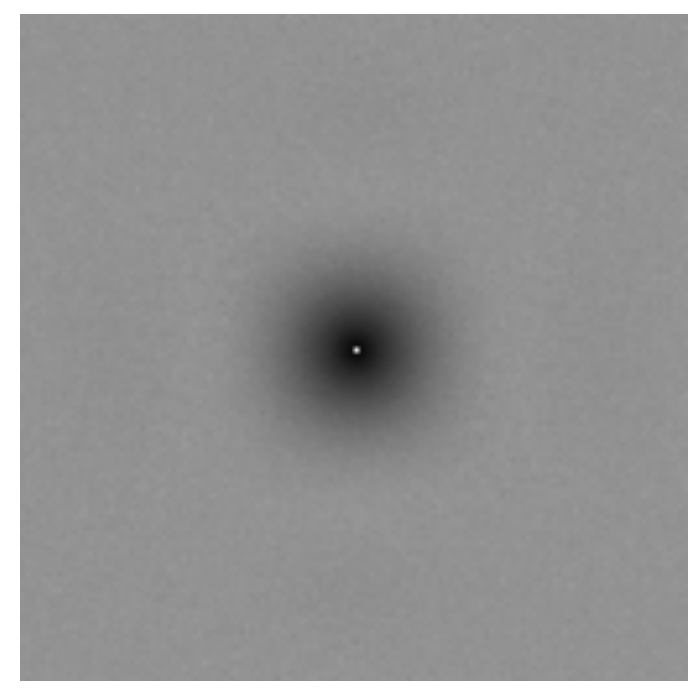
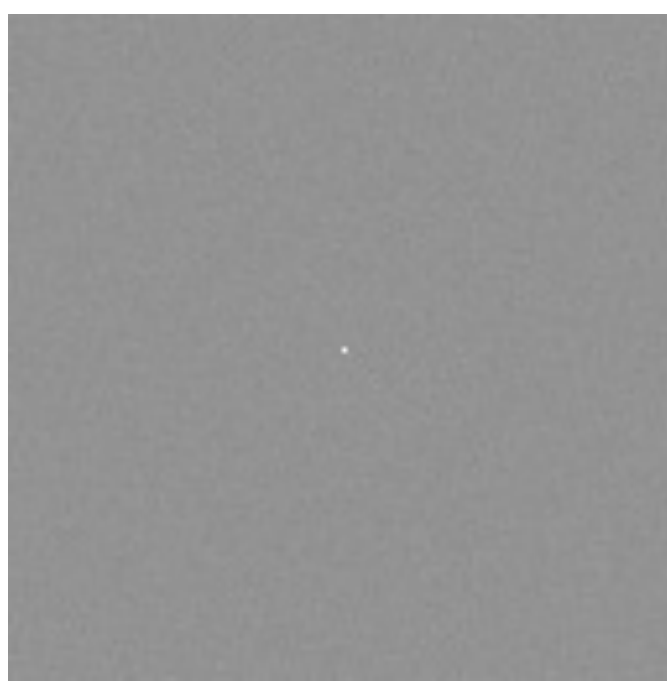
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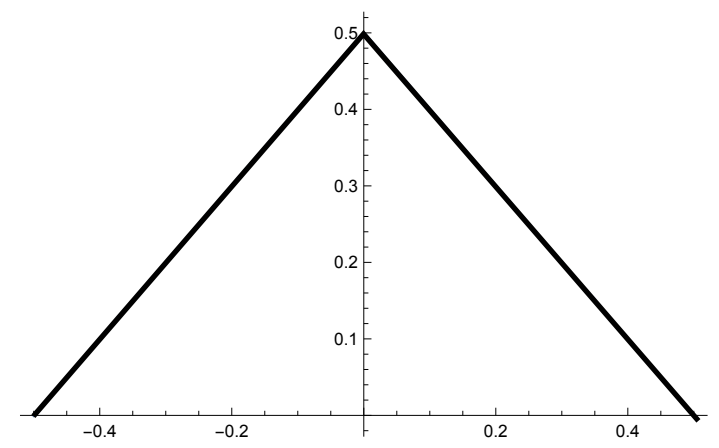
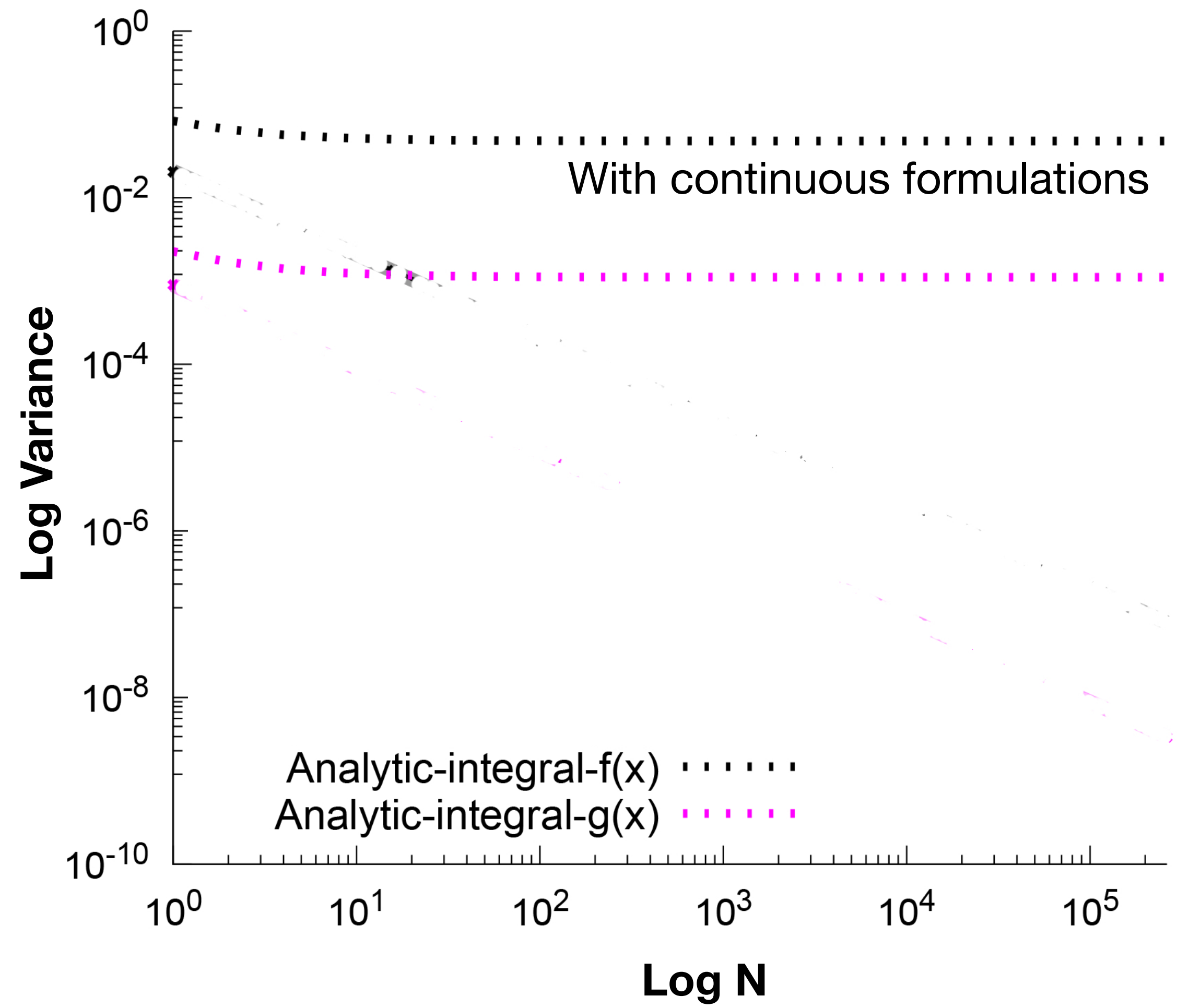
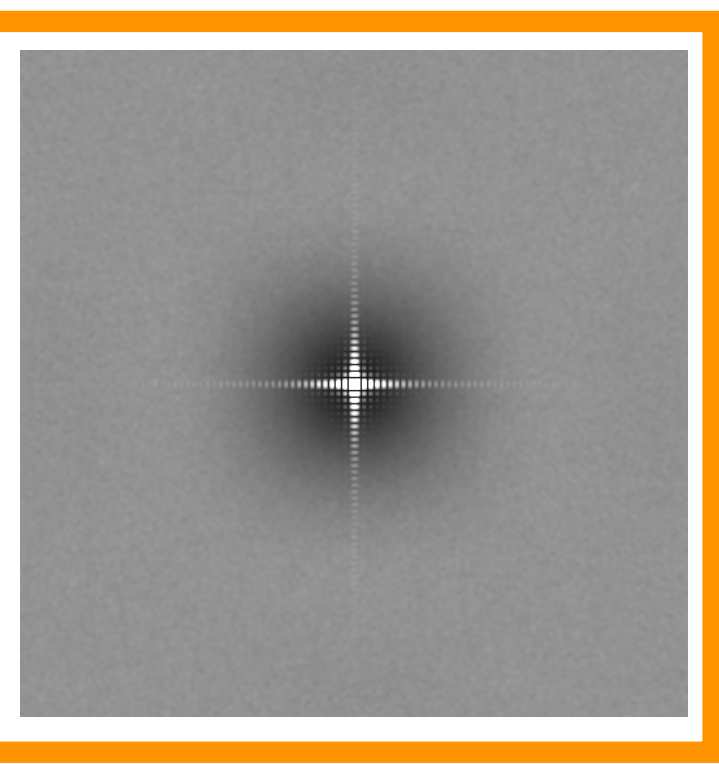
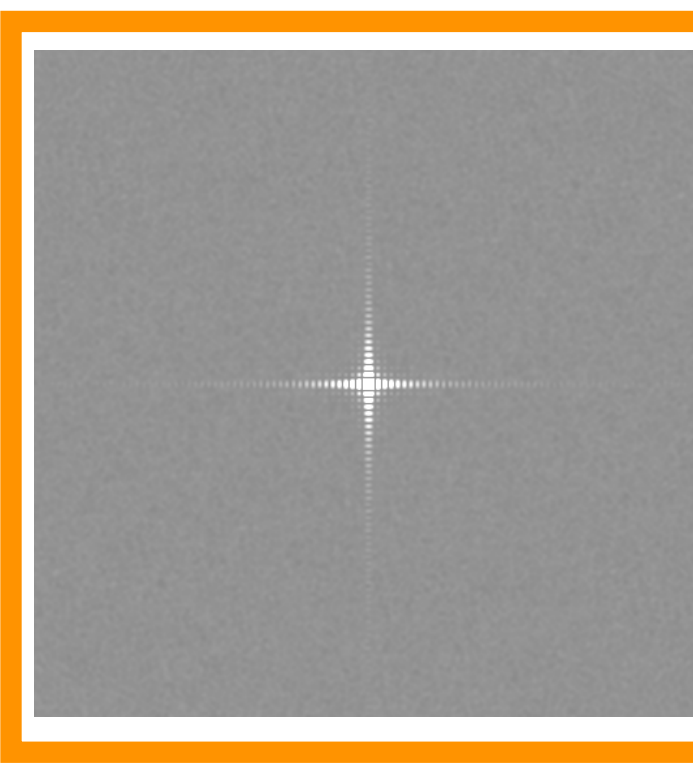
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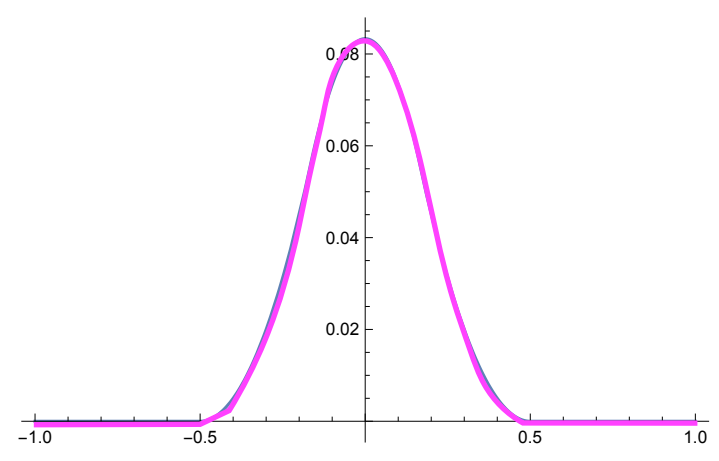
Integer freq.



Real freq.



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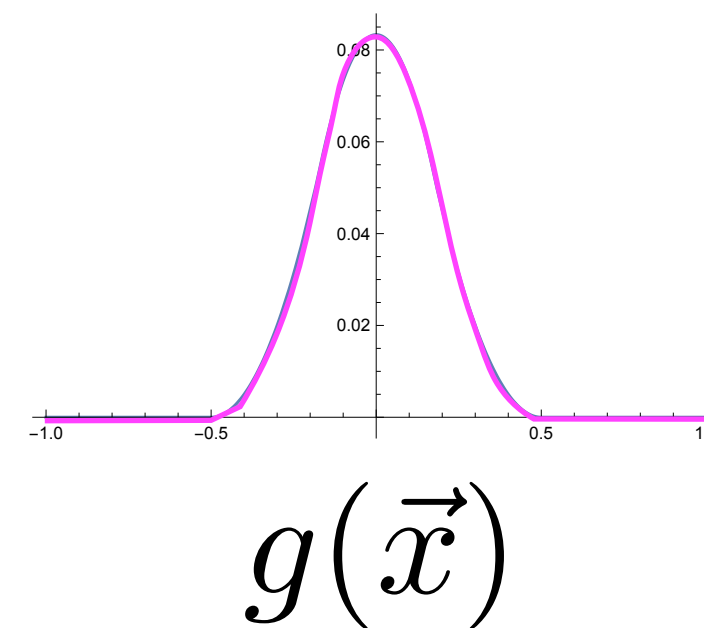
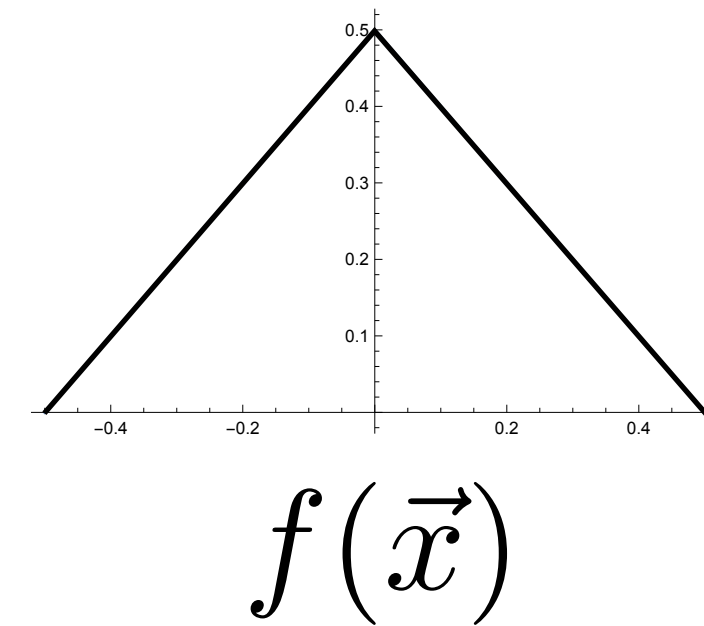
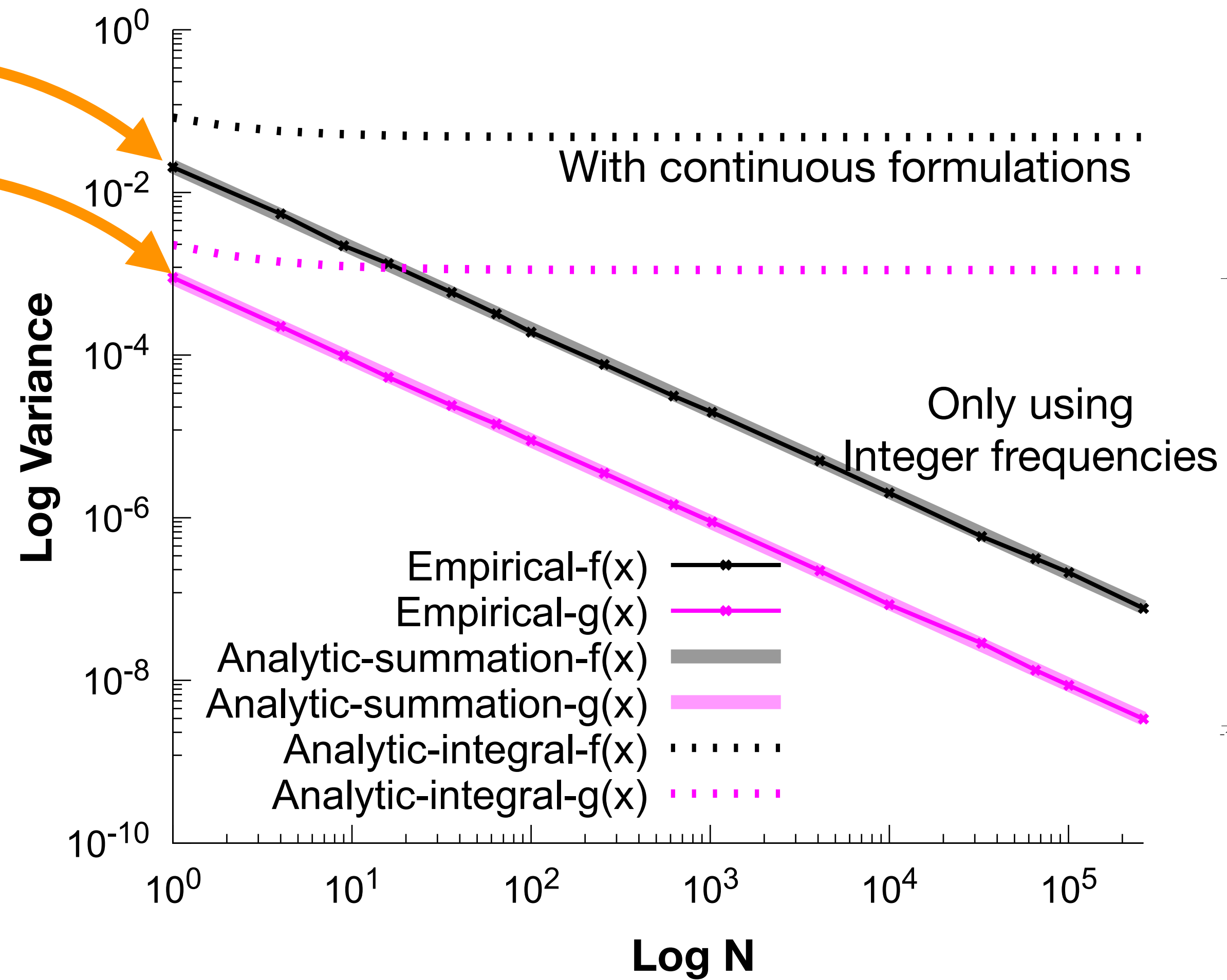
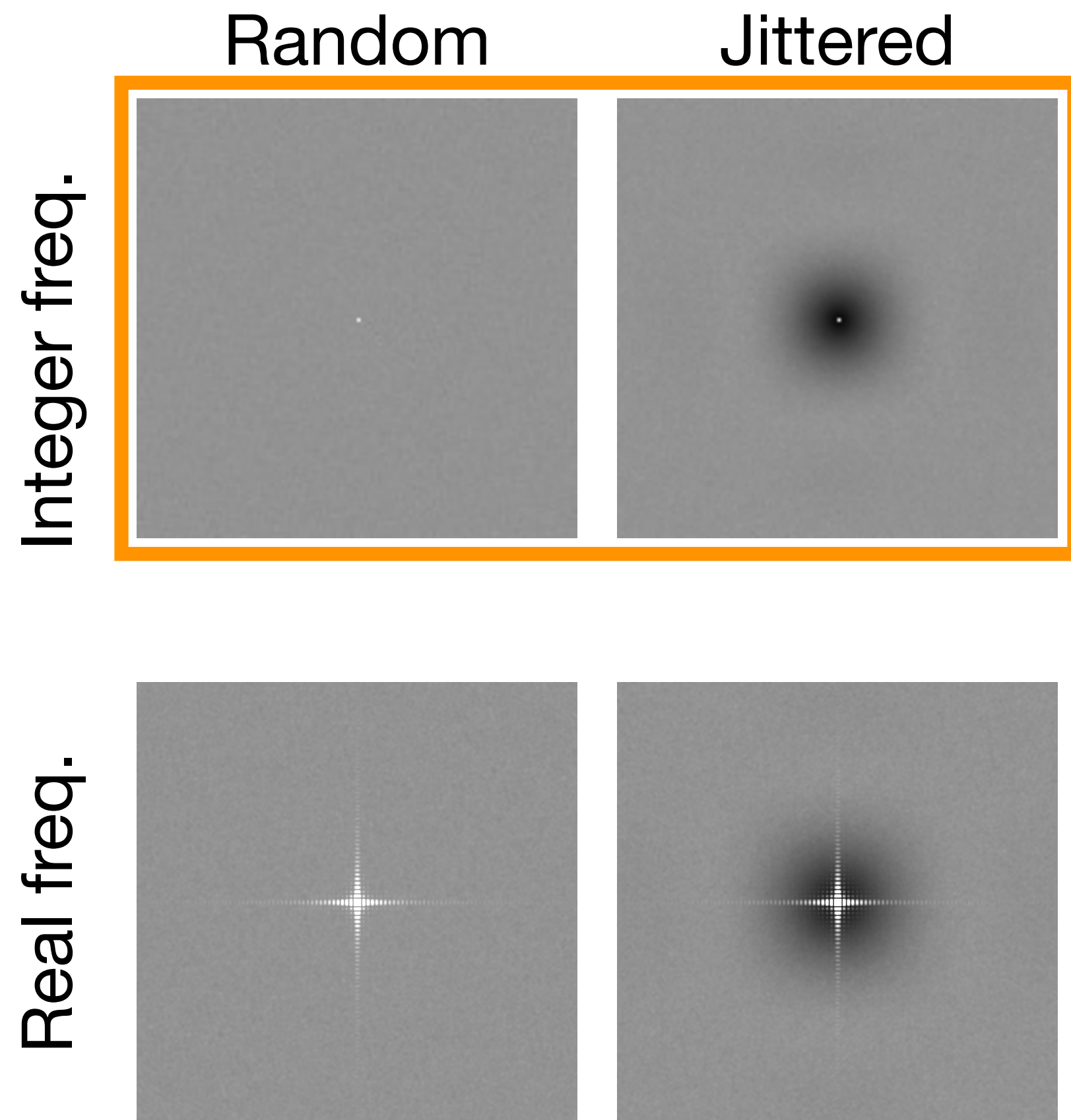


$g(\vec{x})$



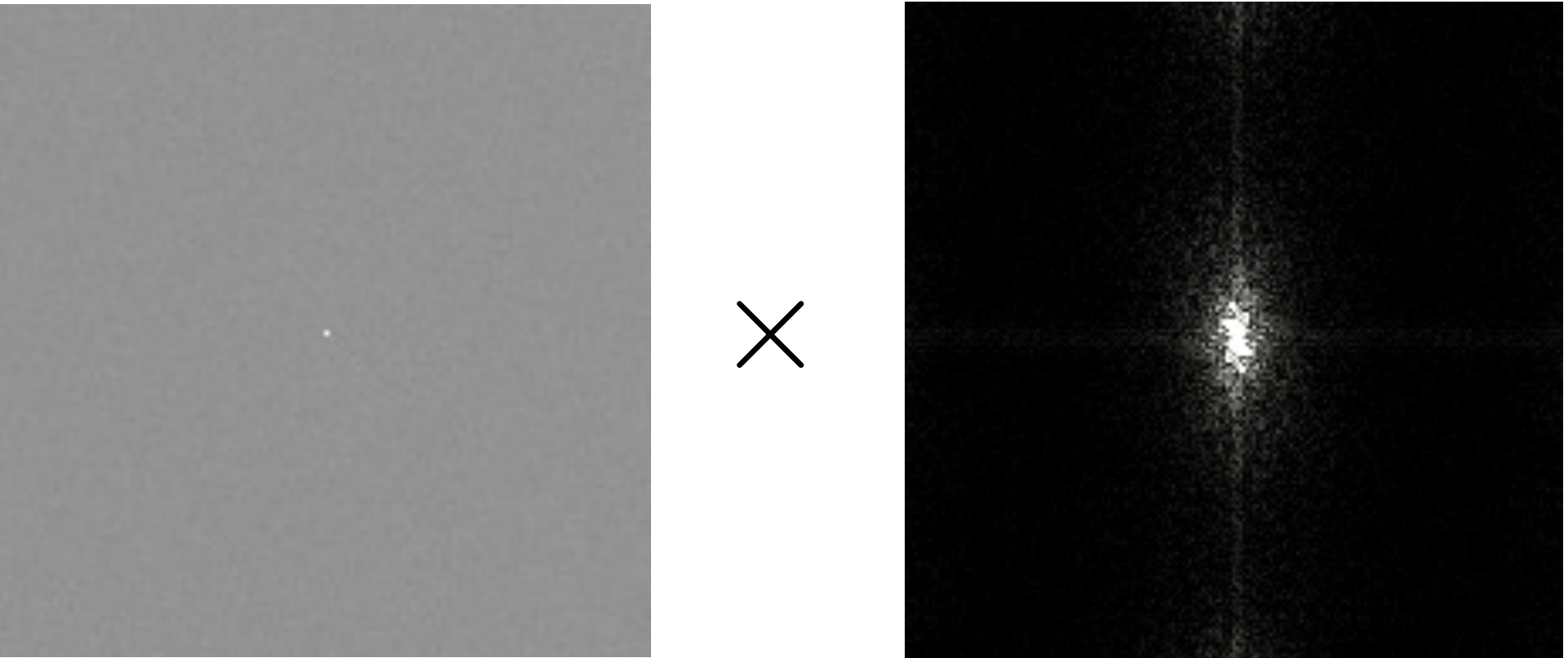


# Convergence Rates Diverges at Real Frequencies





# Monte Carlo Estimation Variance for Random Samples

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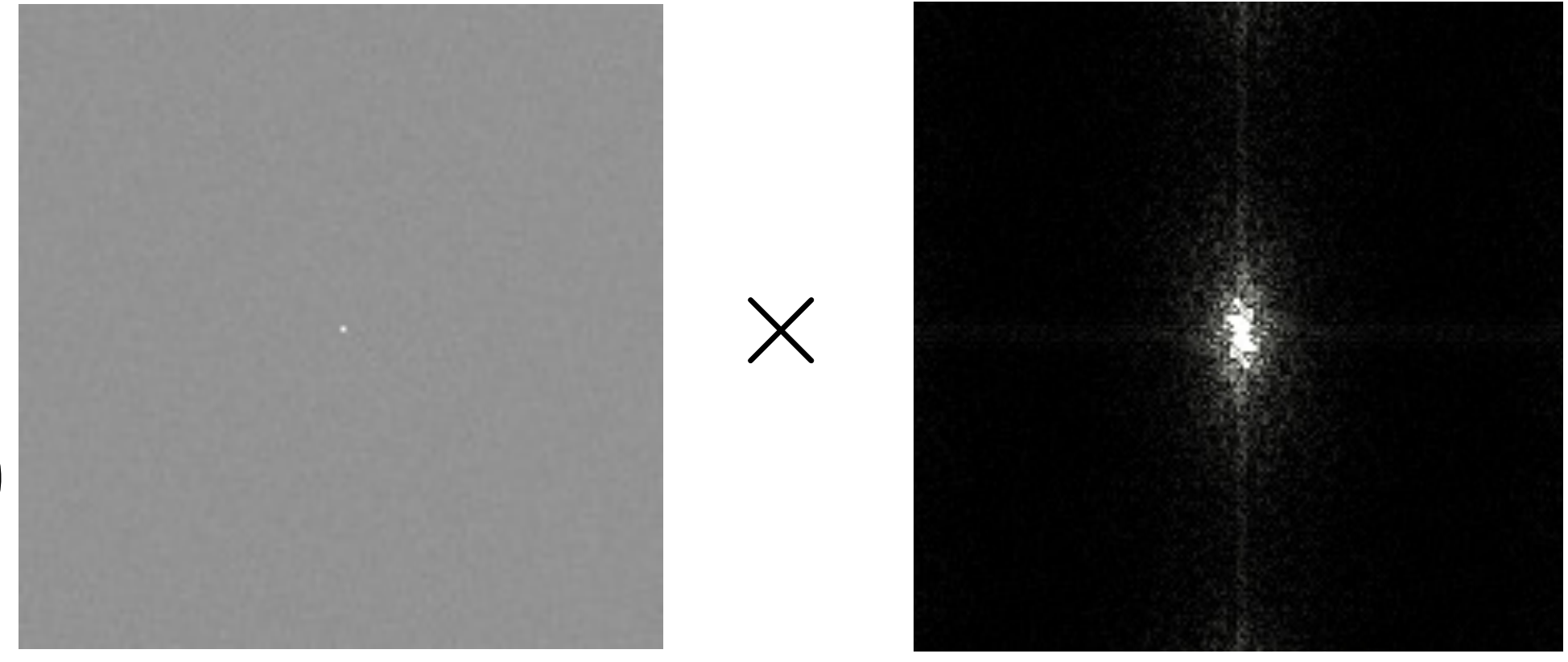


Finite sampling domain is not properly handled





# Fourier series based Variance Formulation

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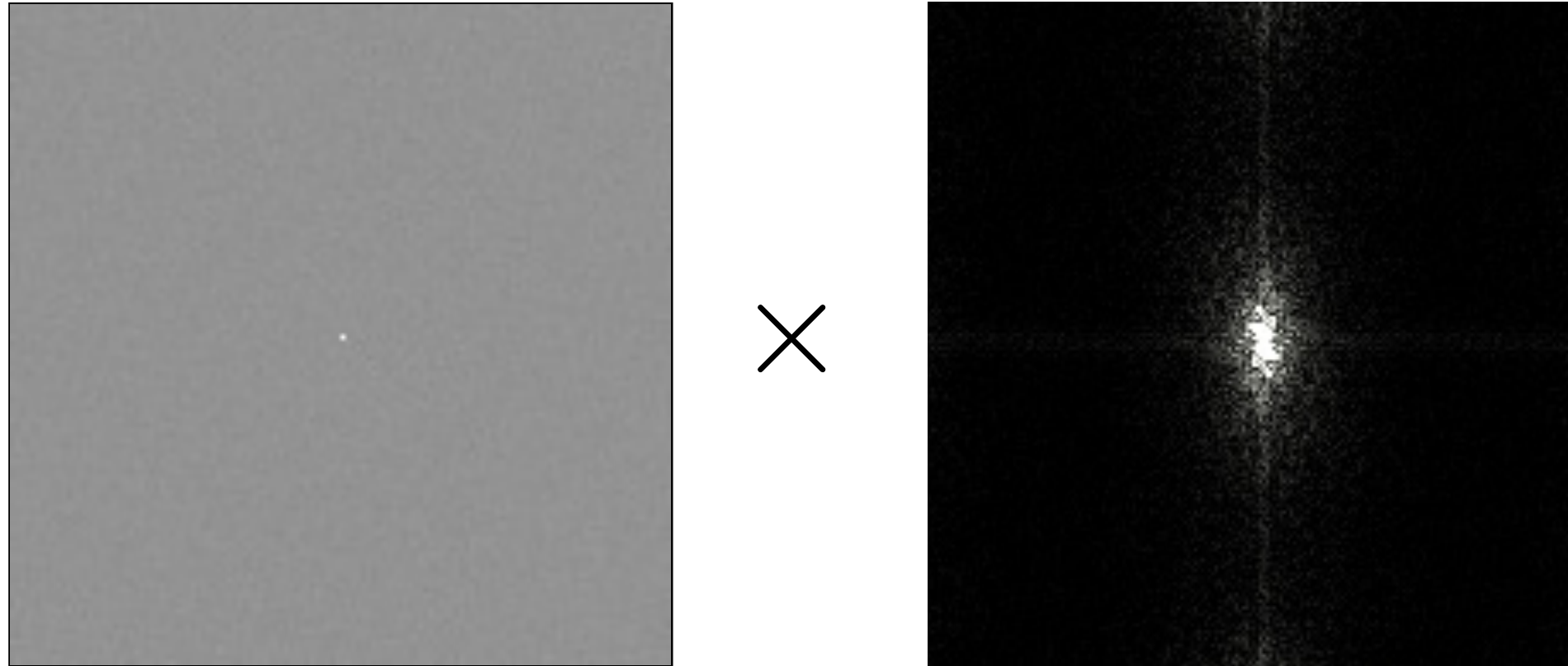


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Stationarity can be imposed using homogenization or Cranley-Patterson rotation for all samplers

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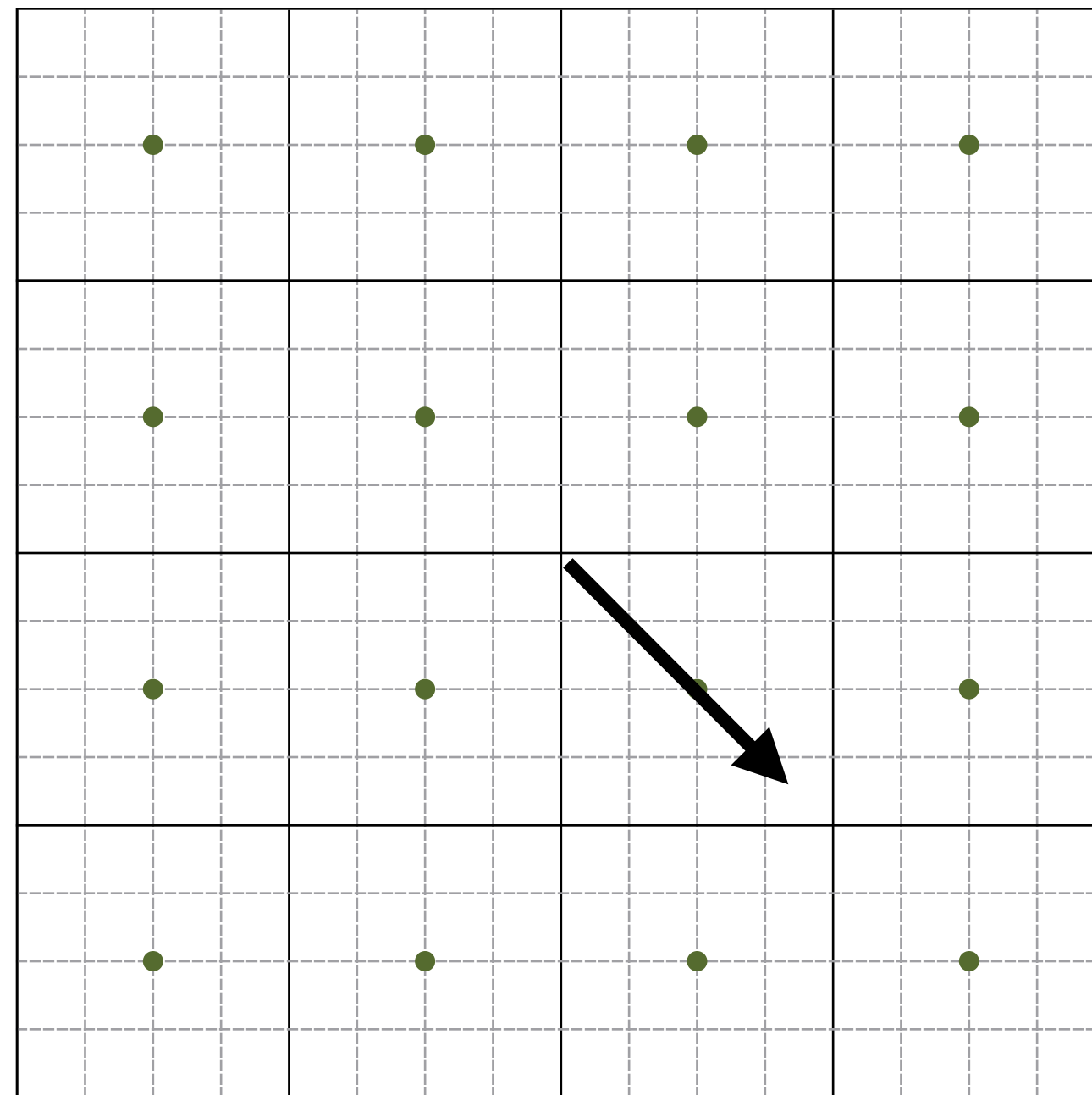


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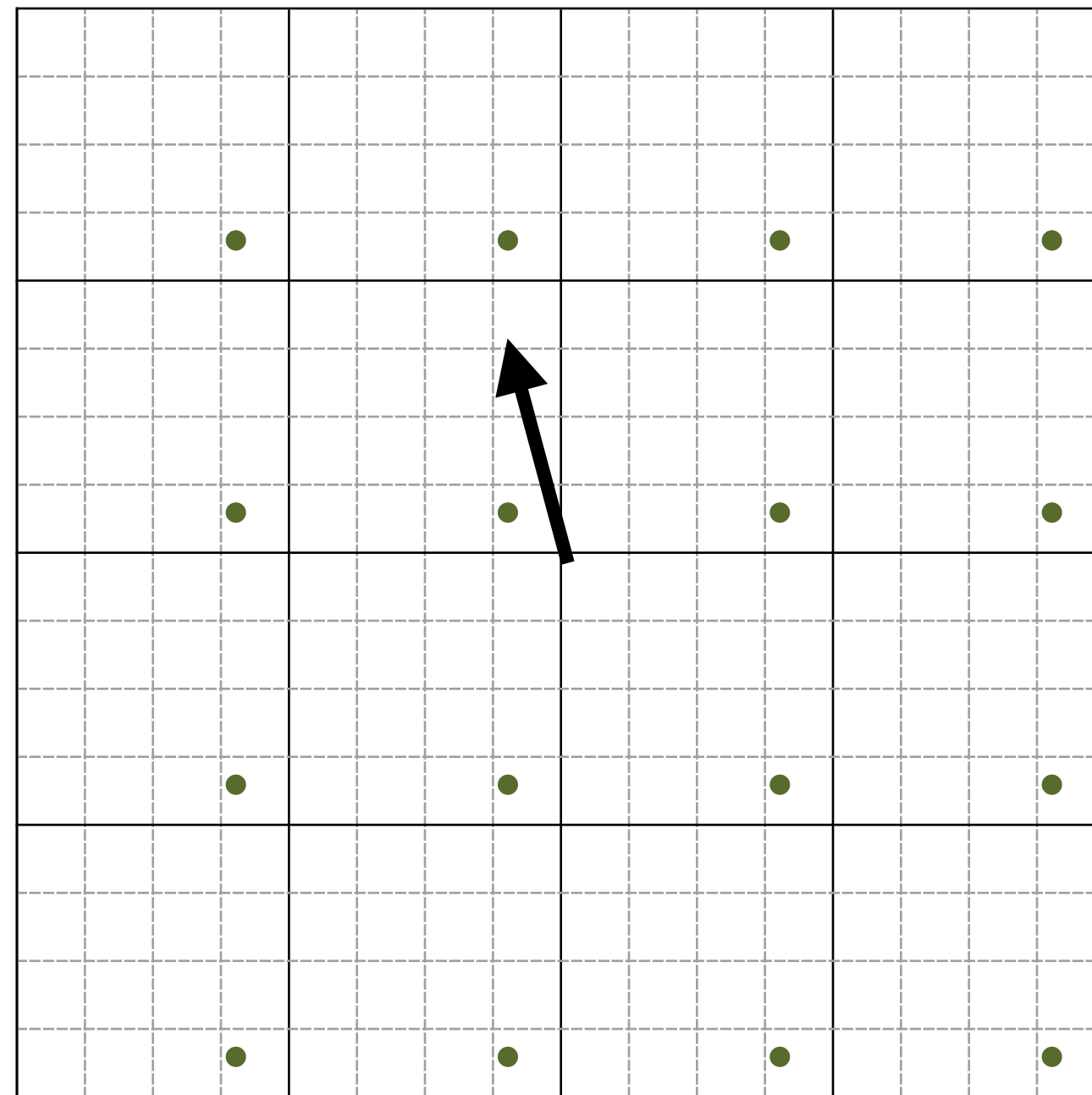


# Homogenization or Cranley-Patterson rotation



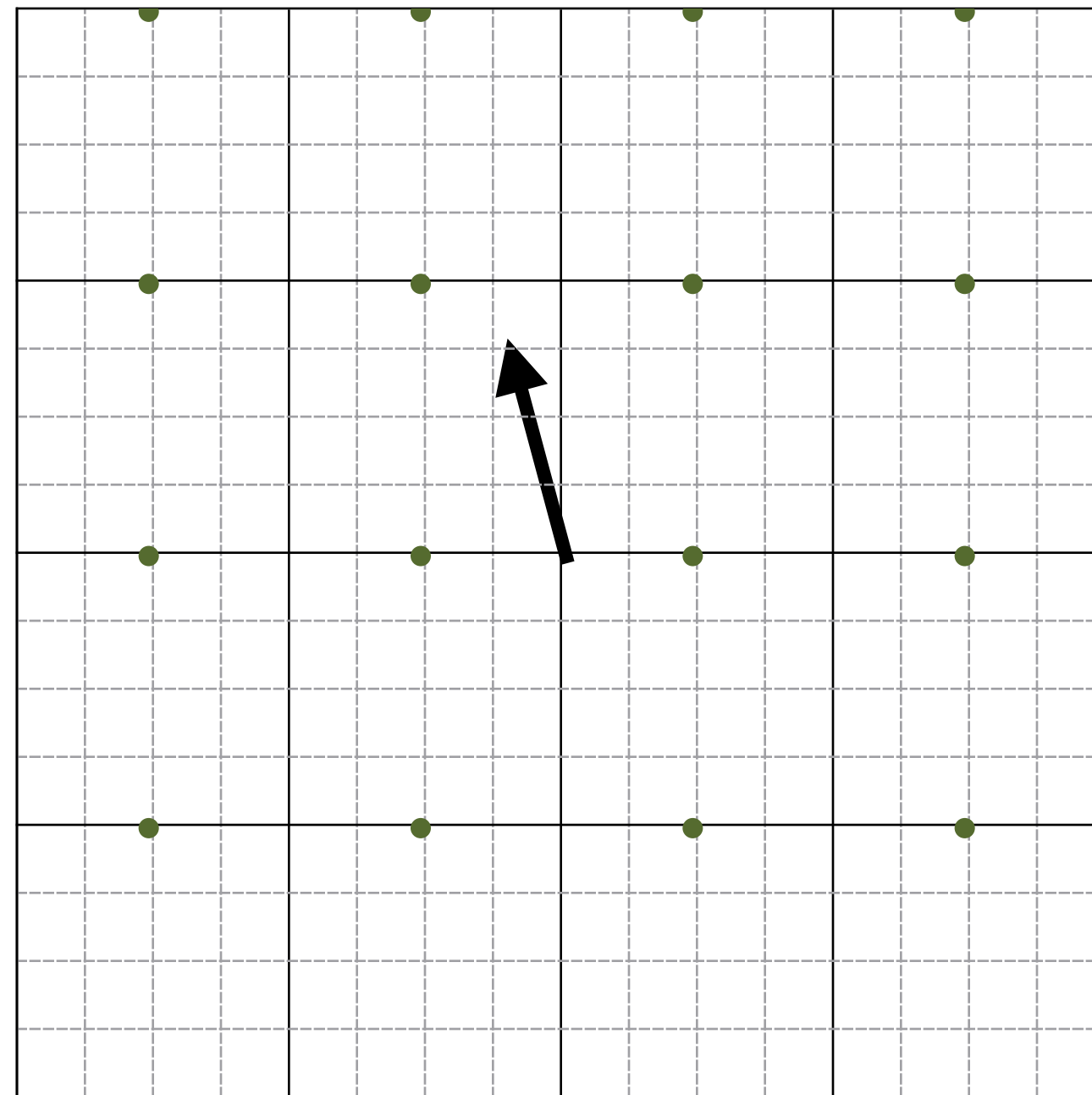


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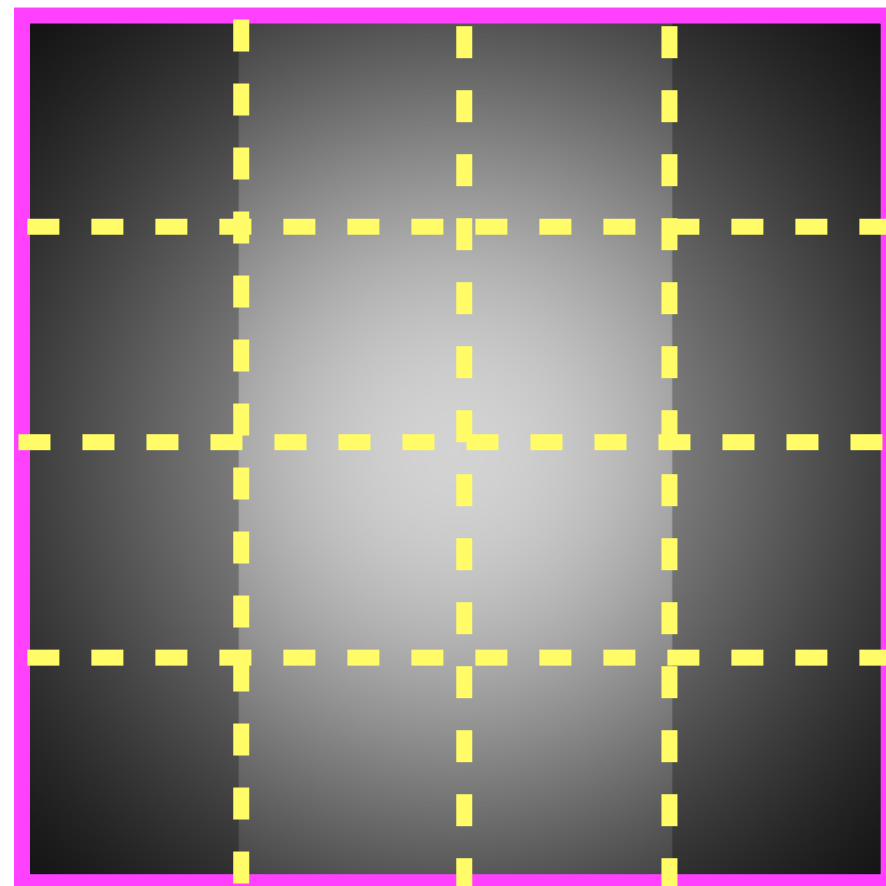
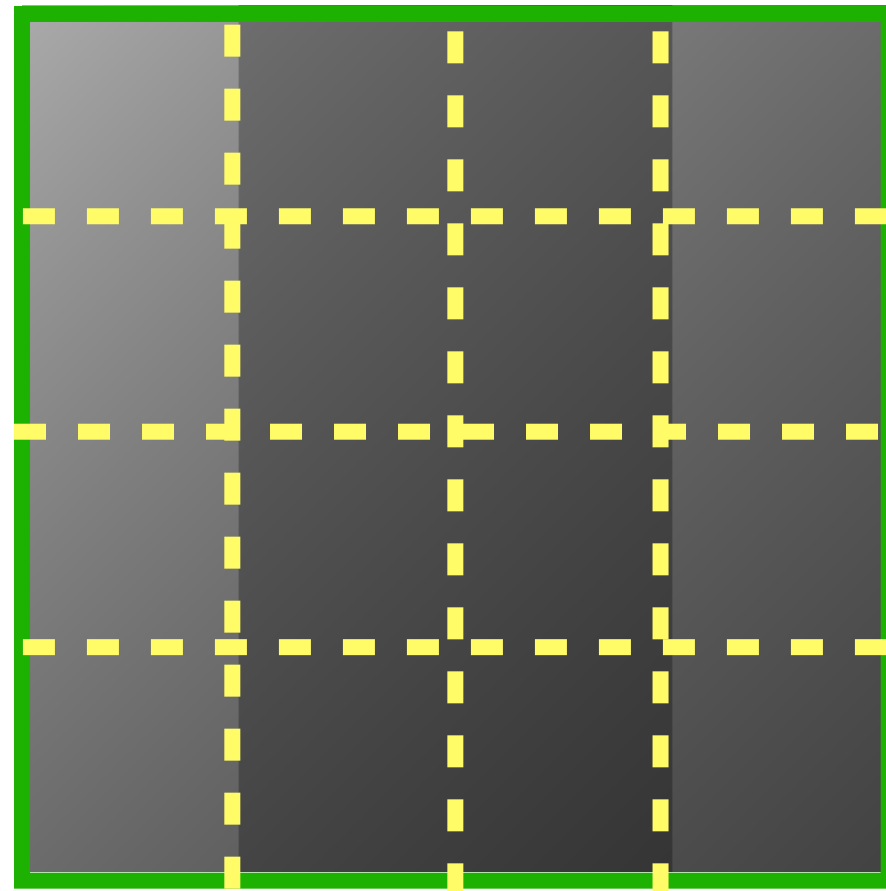


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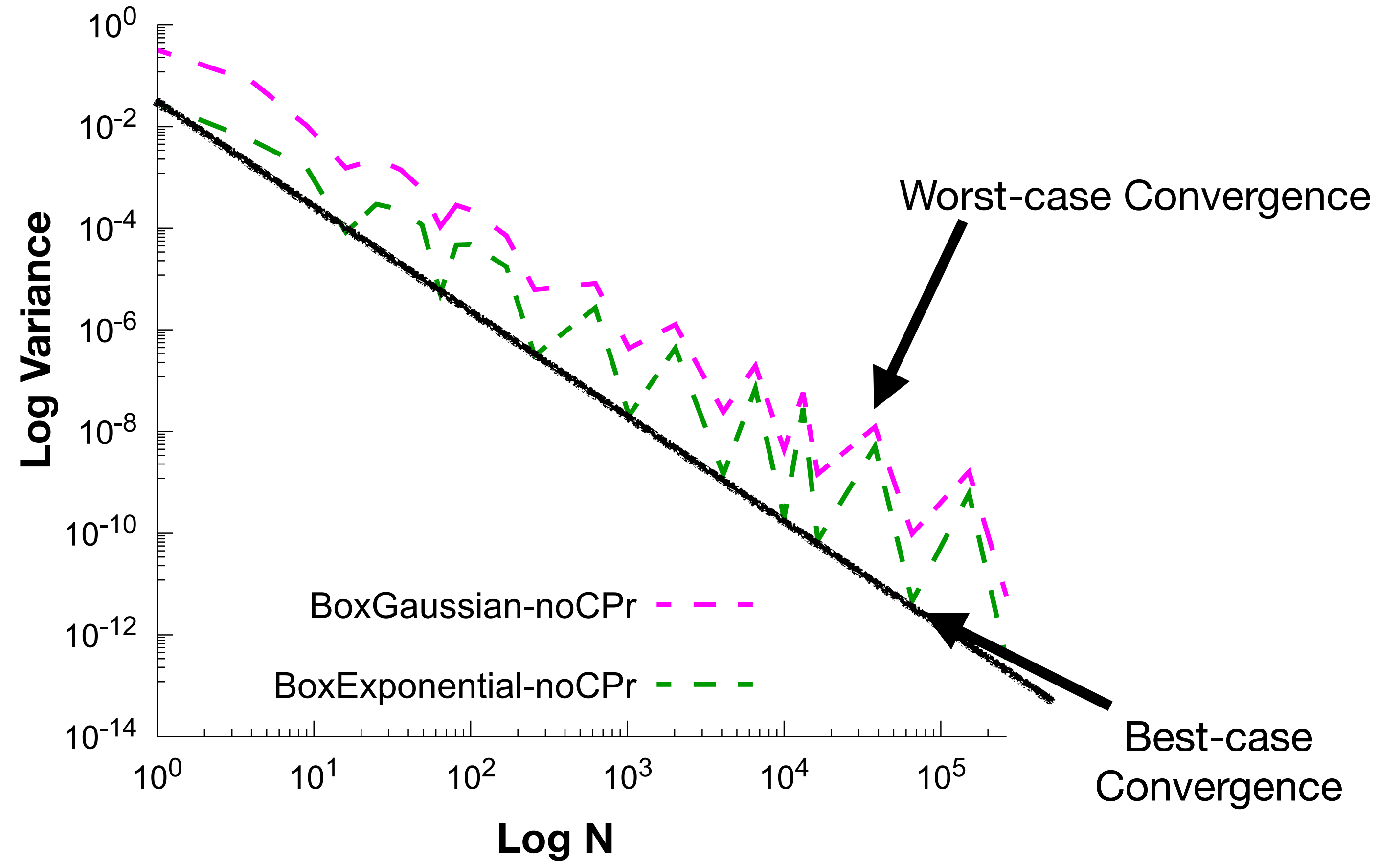
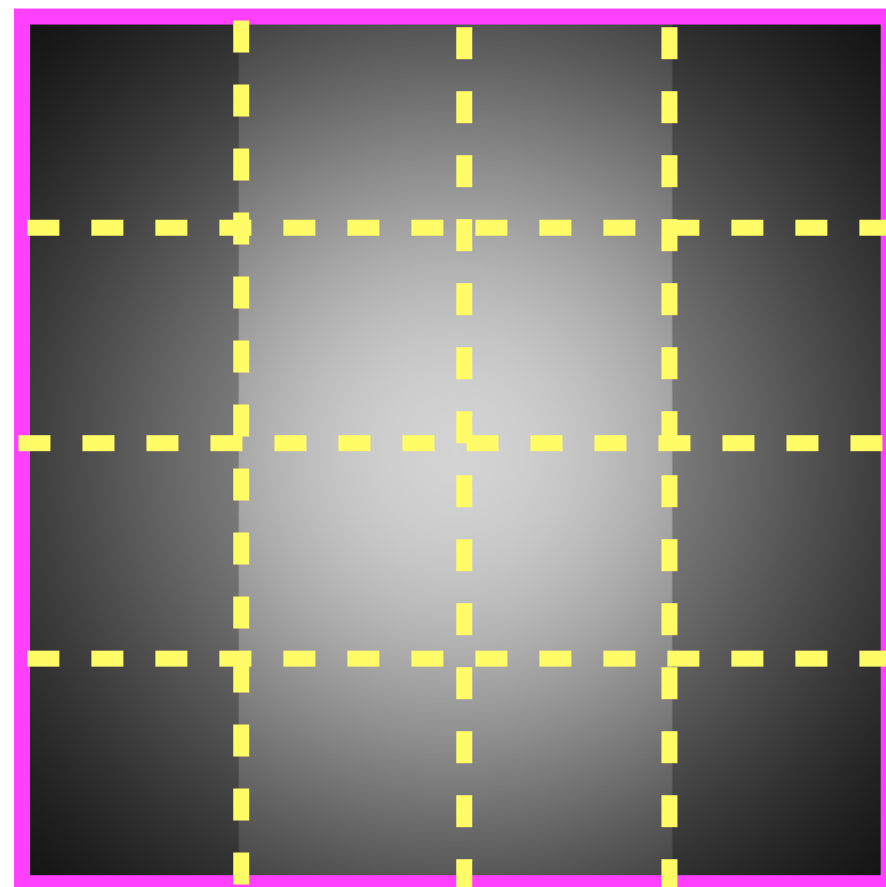
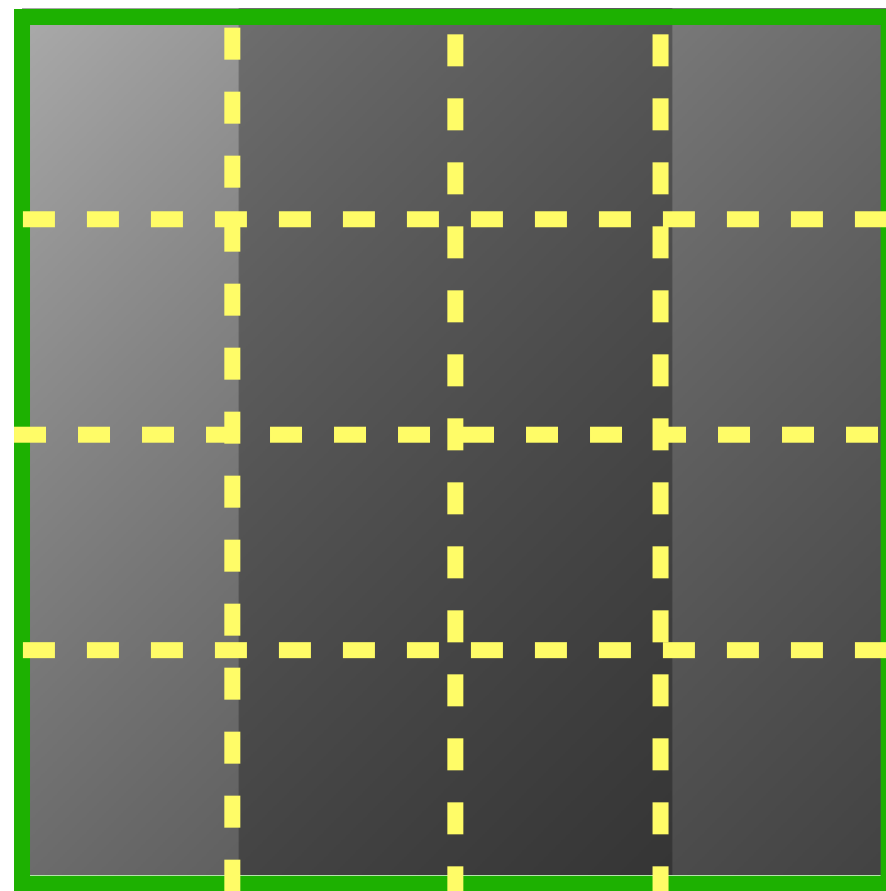


# Homogenization affect Convergence



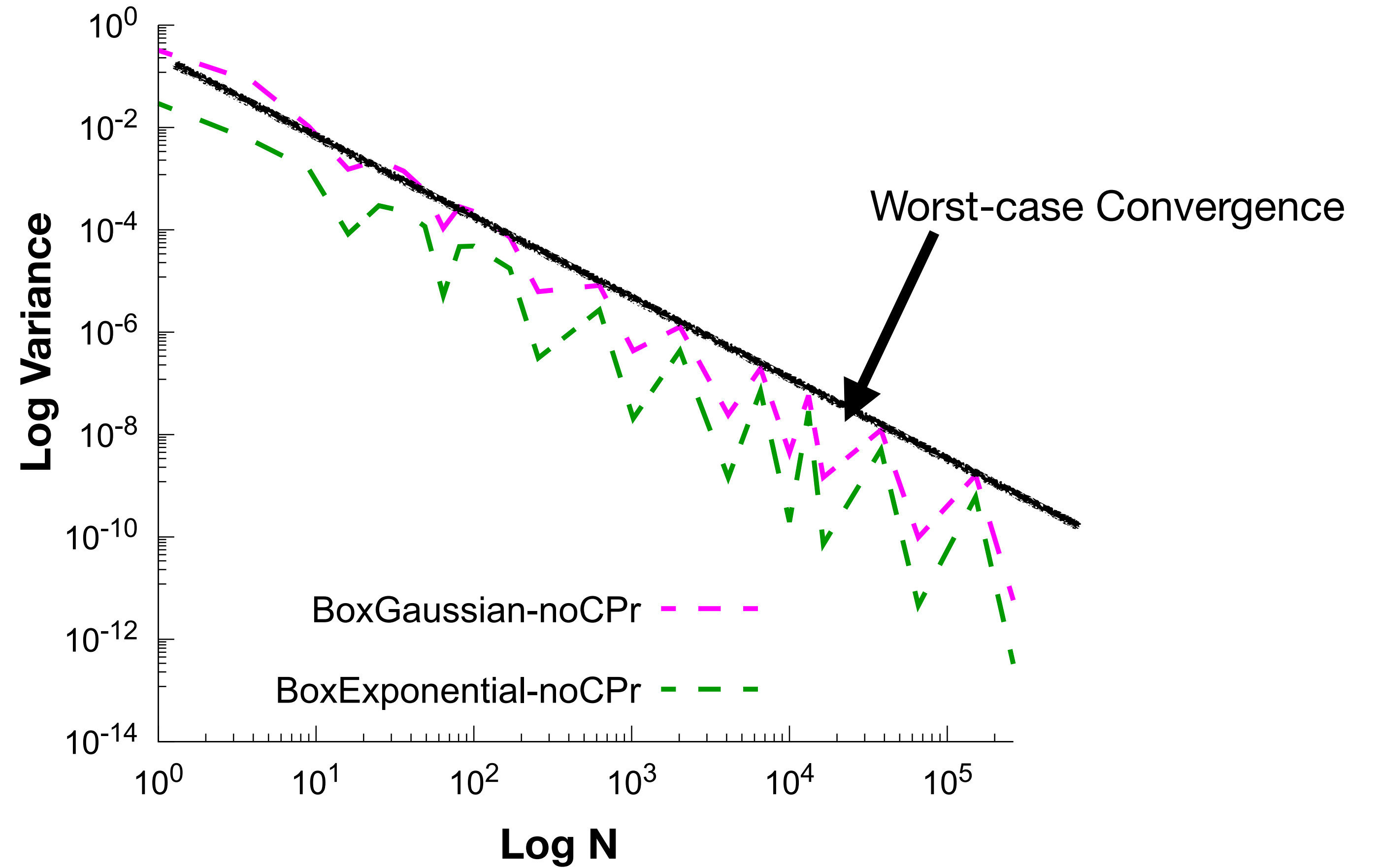
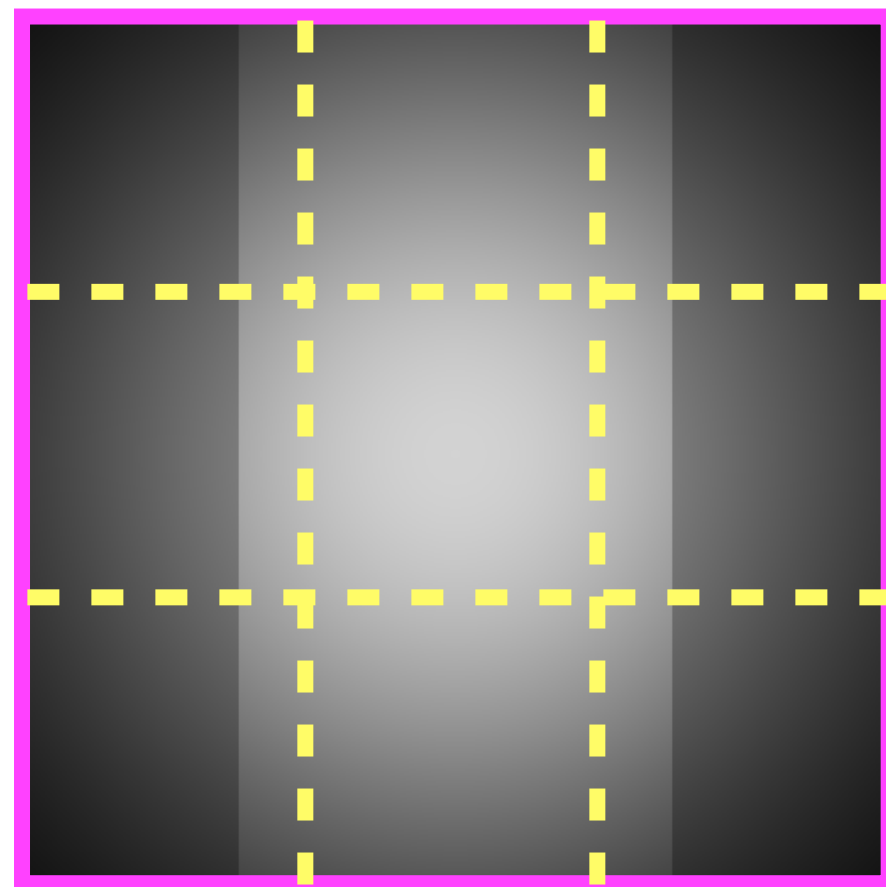
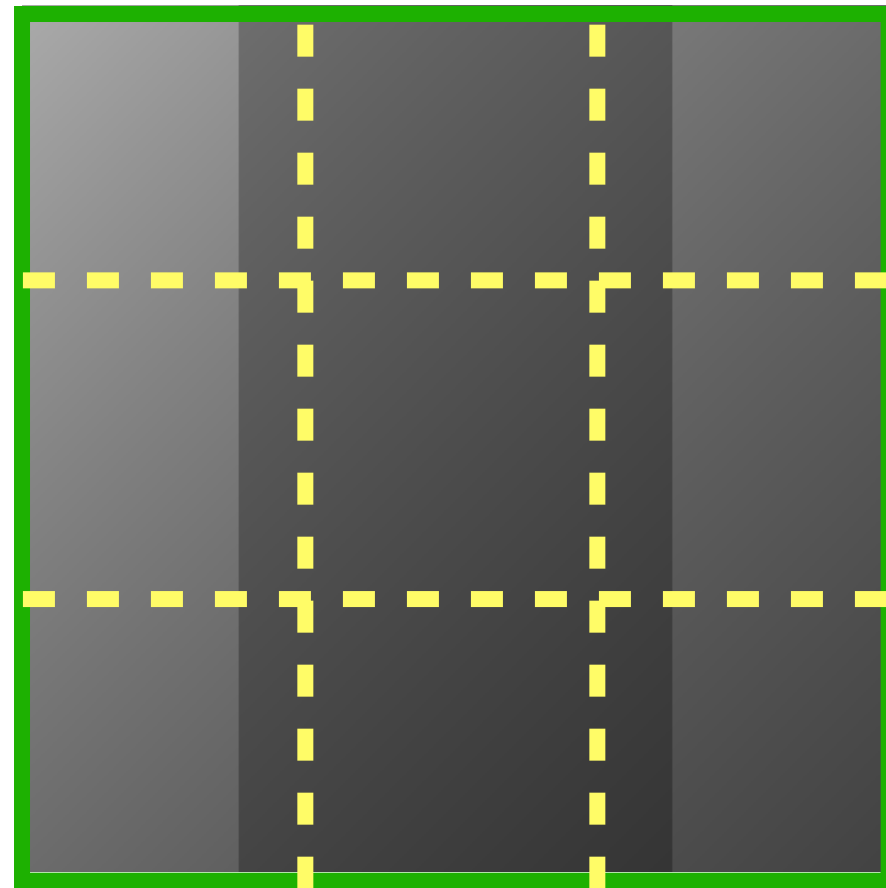


# No Homogenization: Strata alignment helps



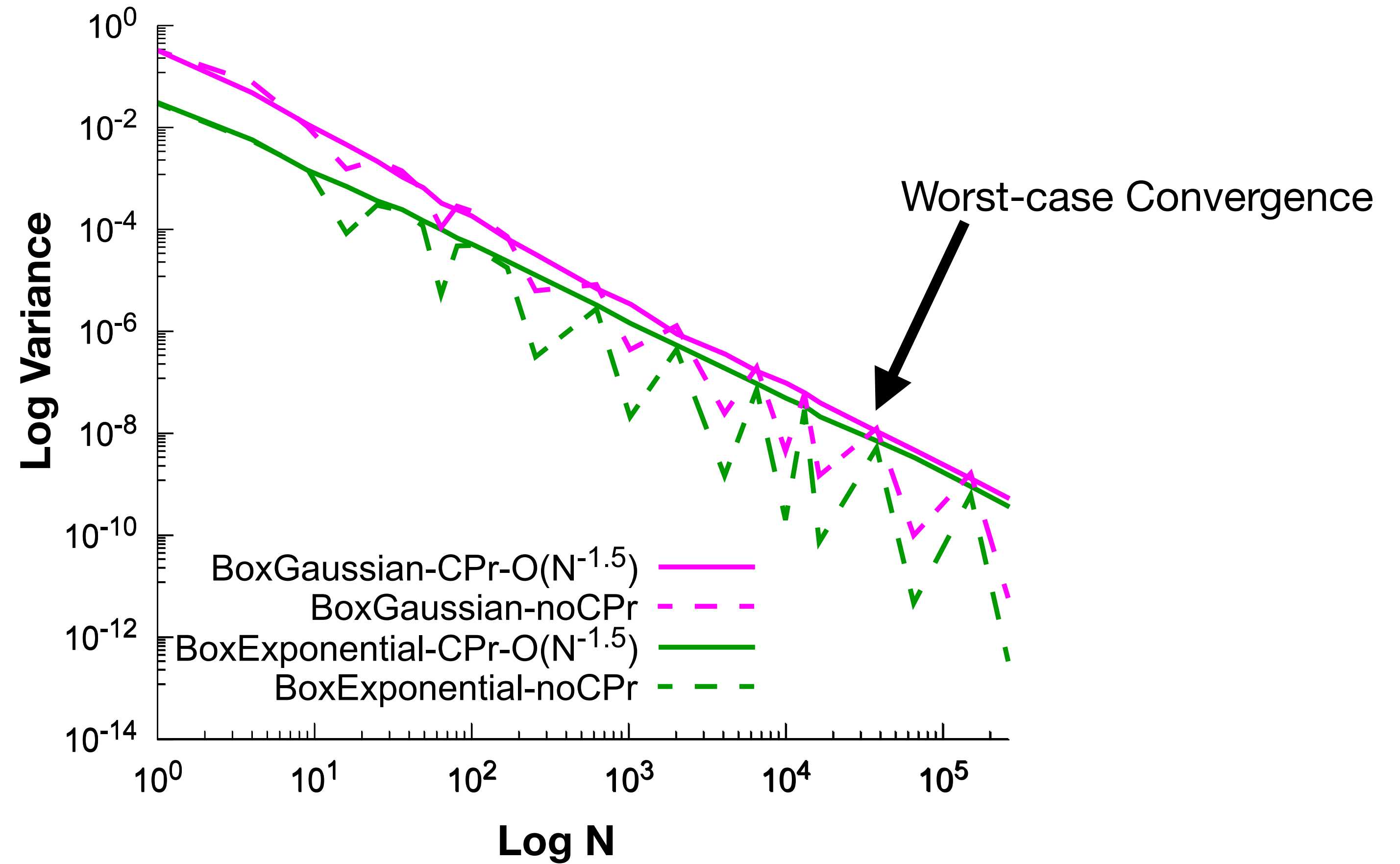
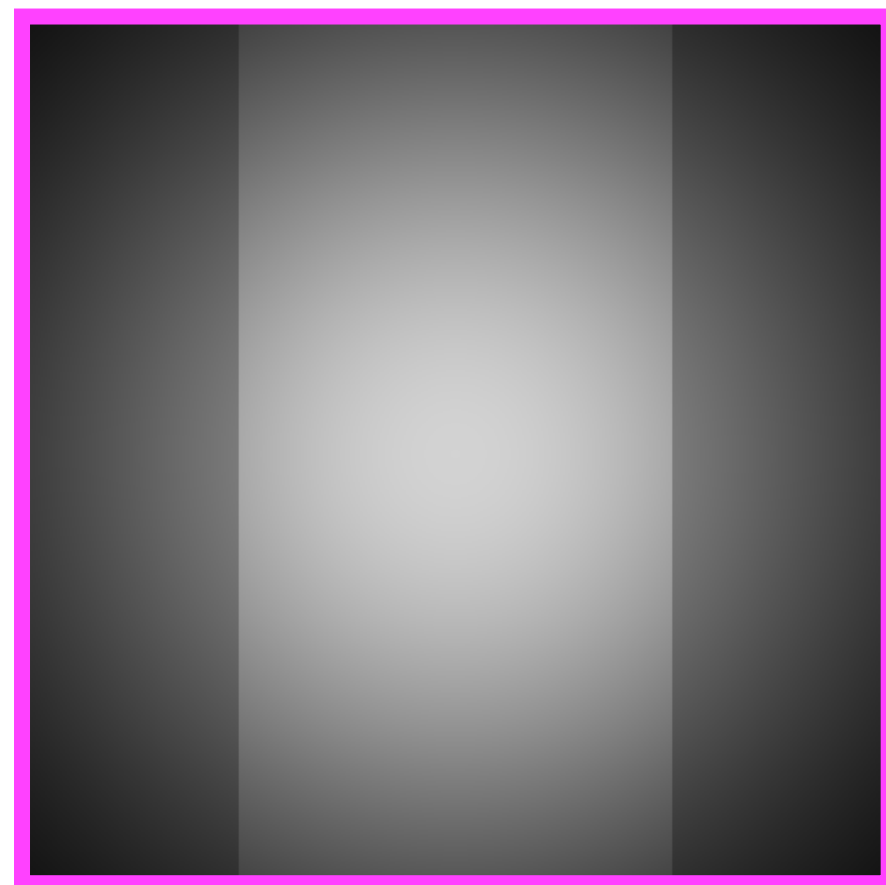


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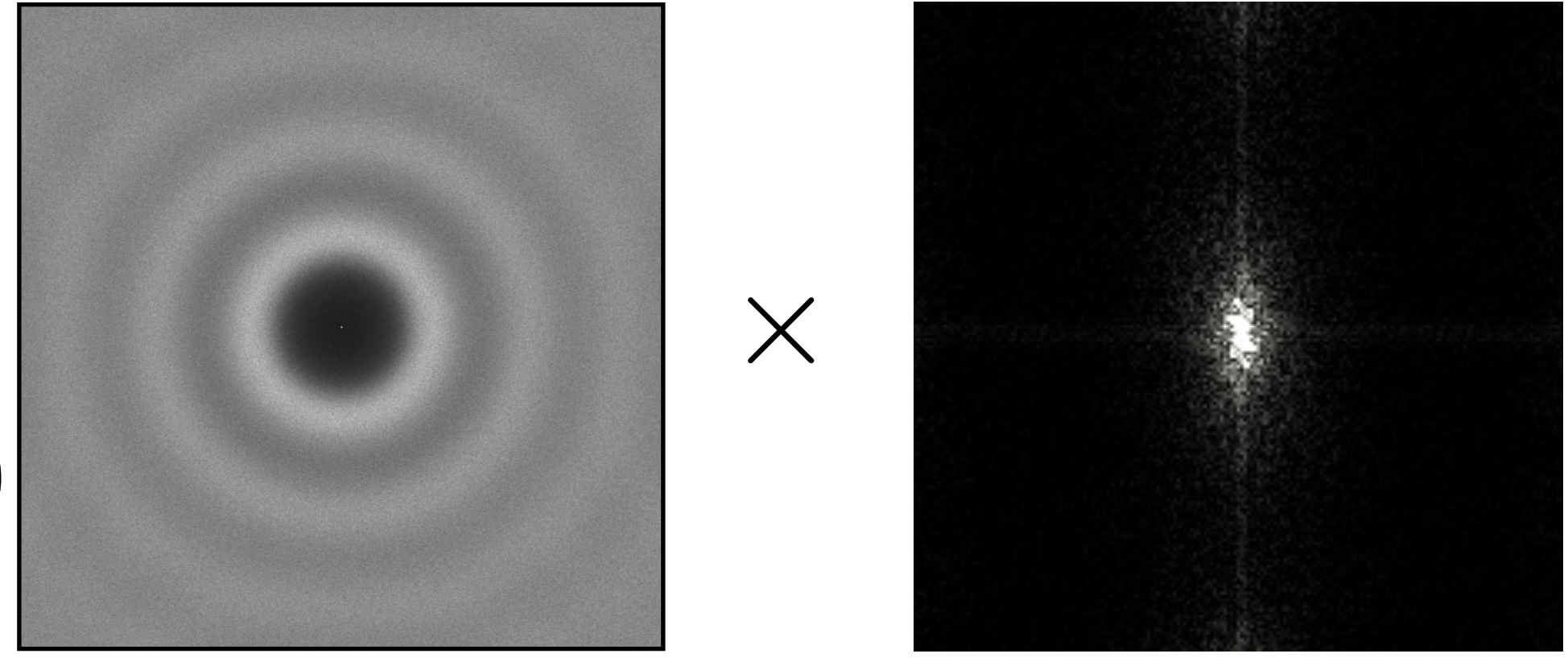


# Homogenization Destroys Good Correlations





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# Generalized Variance Formulation

*based on Fourier Series*





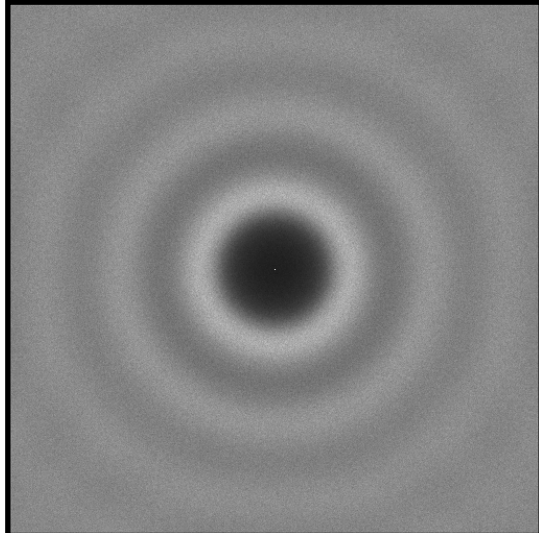
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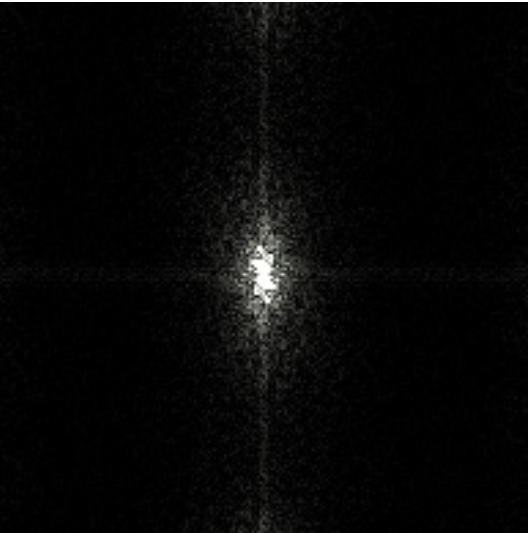
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DC component

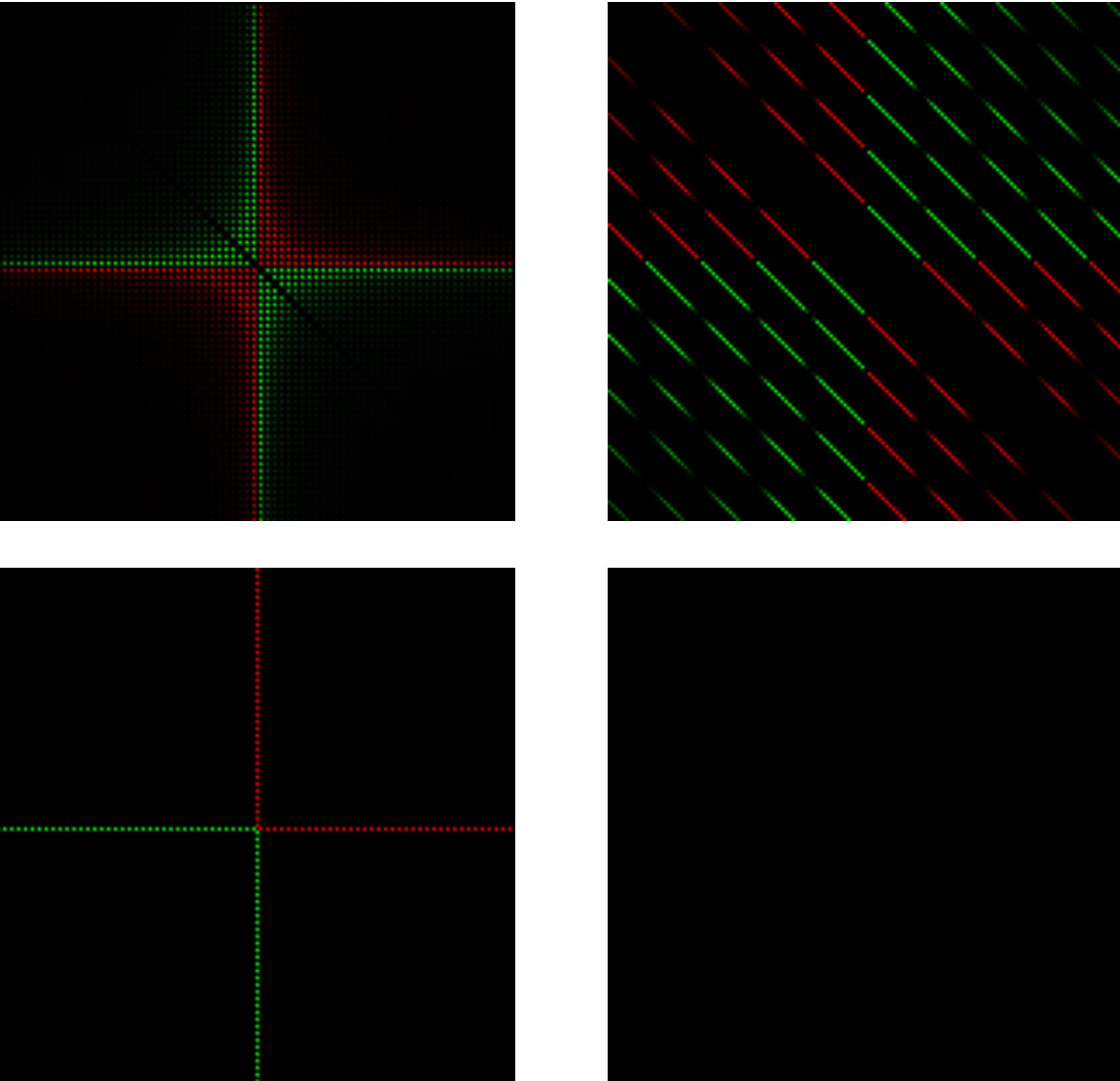


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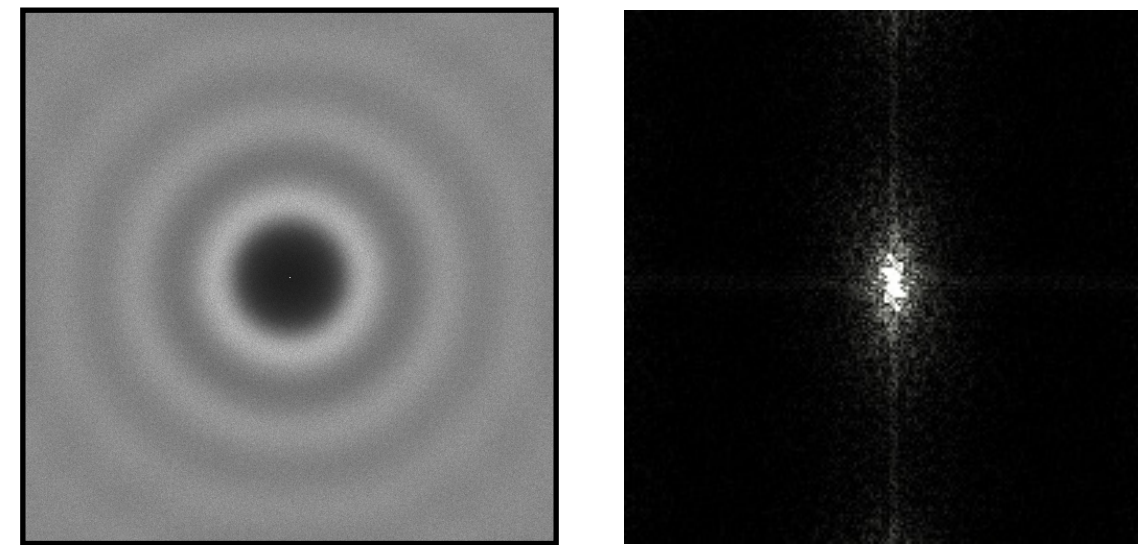
Real coeffs





# Variance Formulation: For Homogenized Samples

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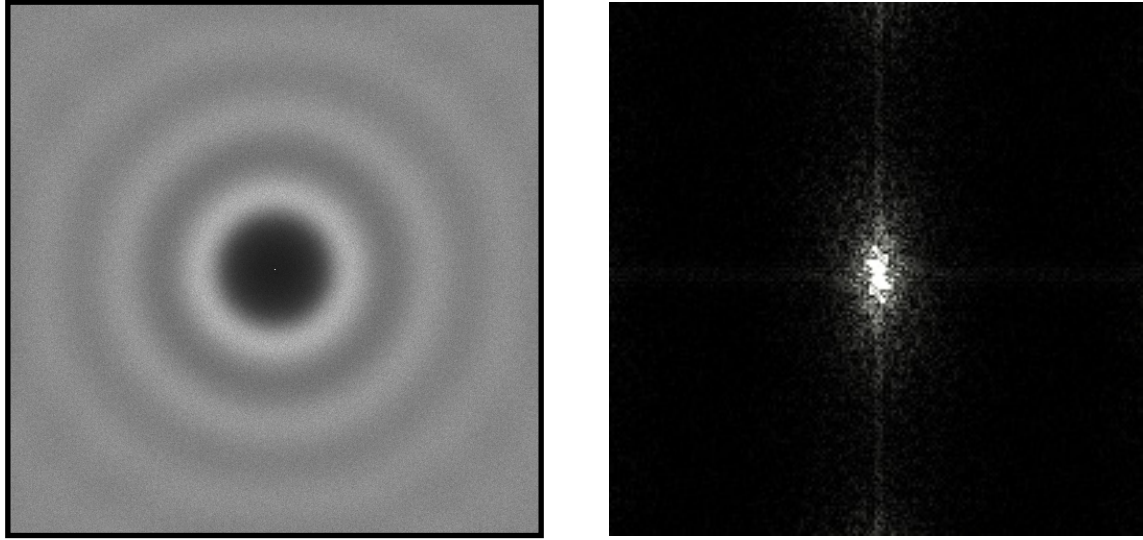




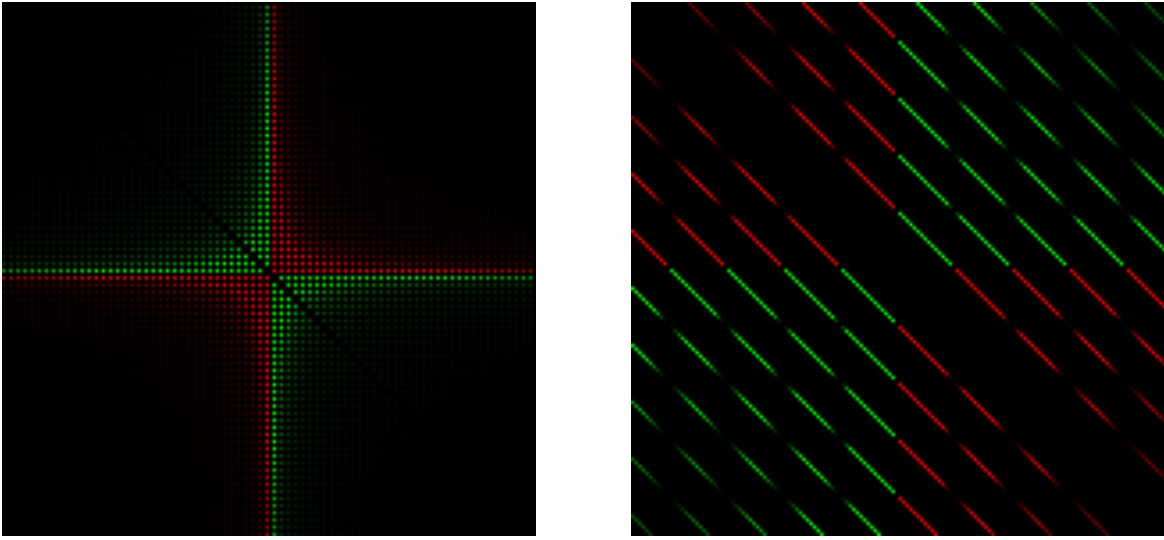
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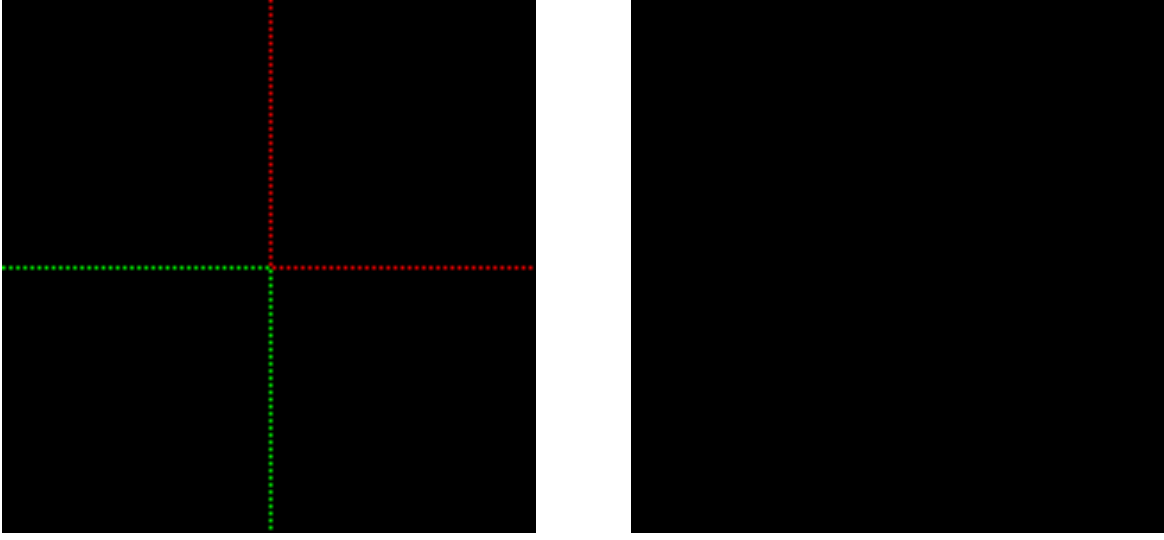
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Real coeffs



Imag coeffs

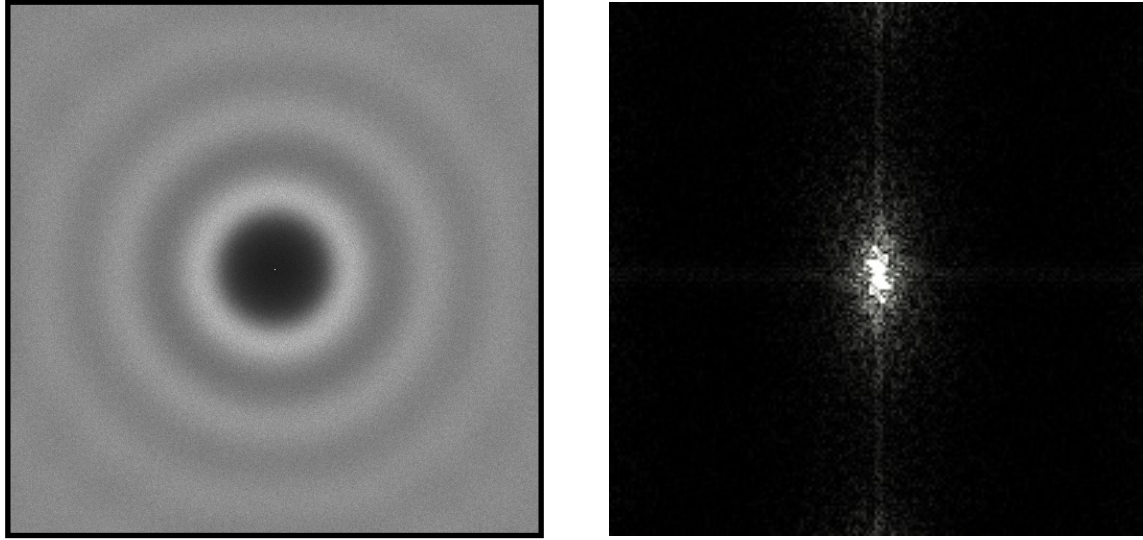




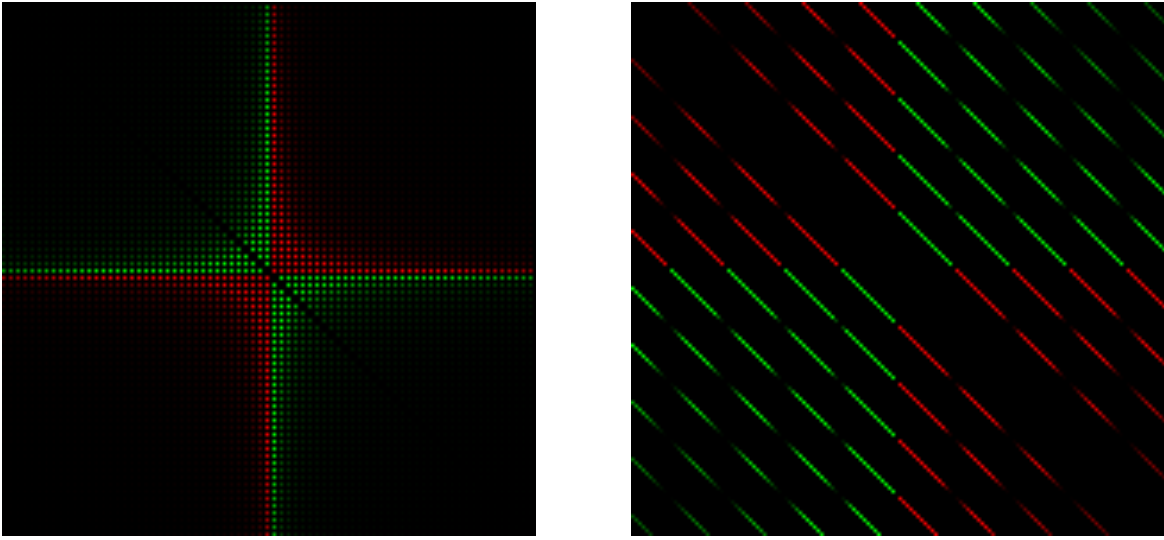
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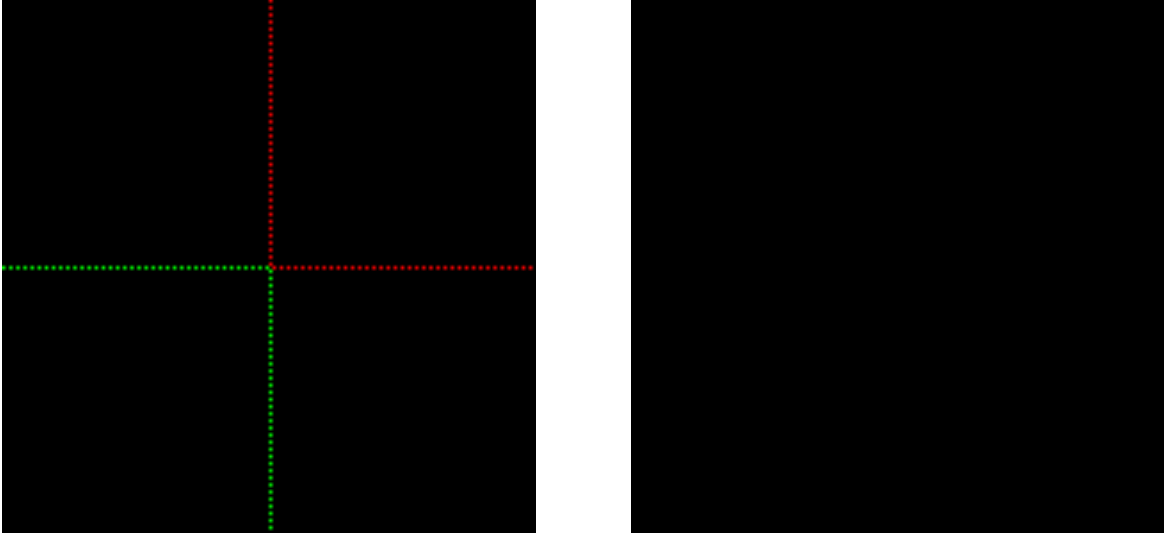
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Real coeffs



Imag coeffs







# Covariance Matrix Form

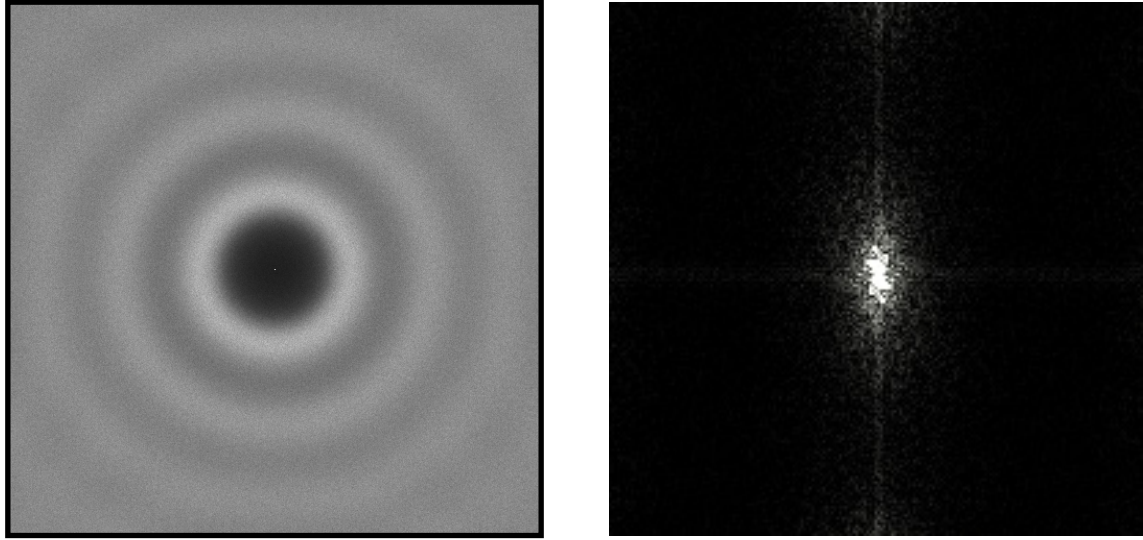
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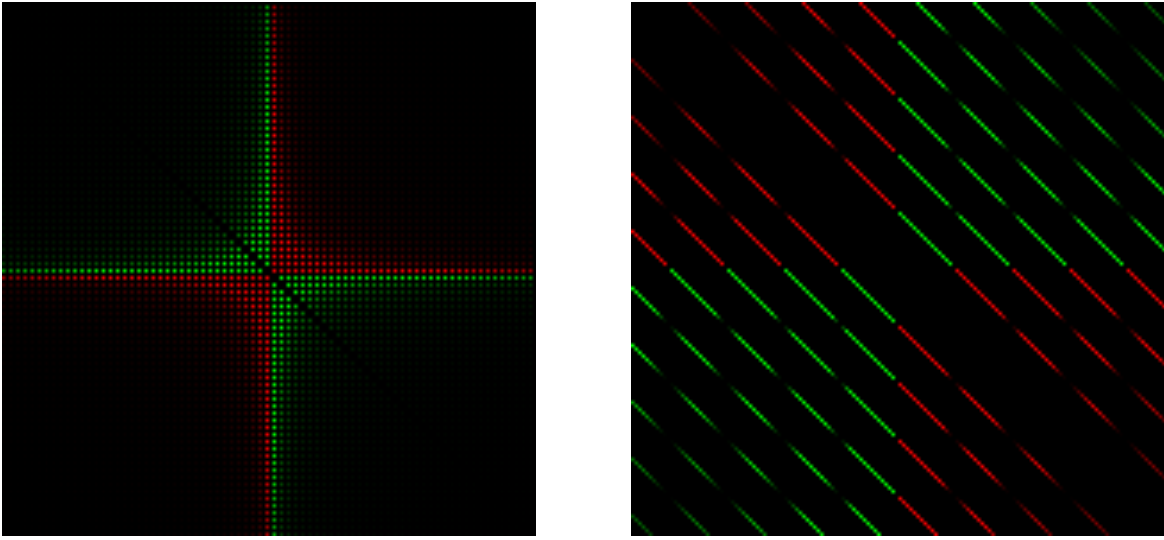
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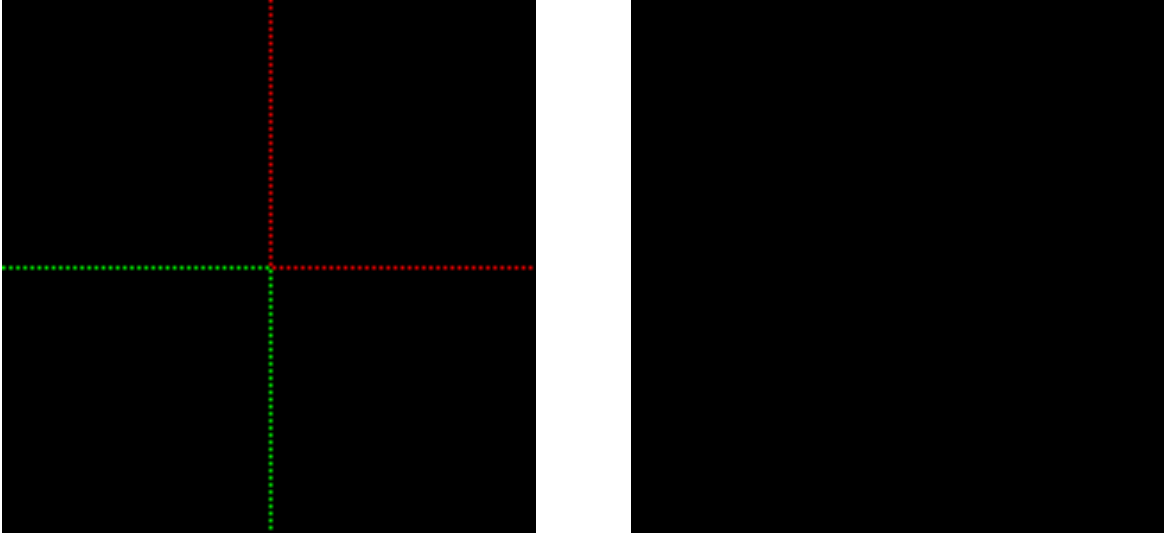
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Valid for non-uniform PDFs (importance samples)

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

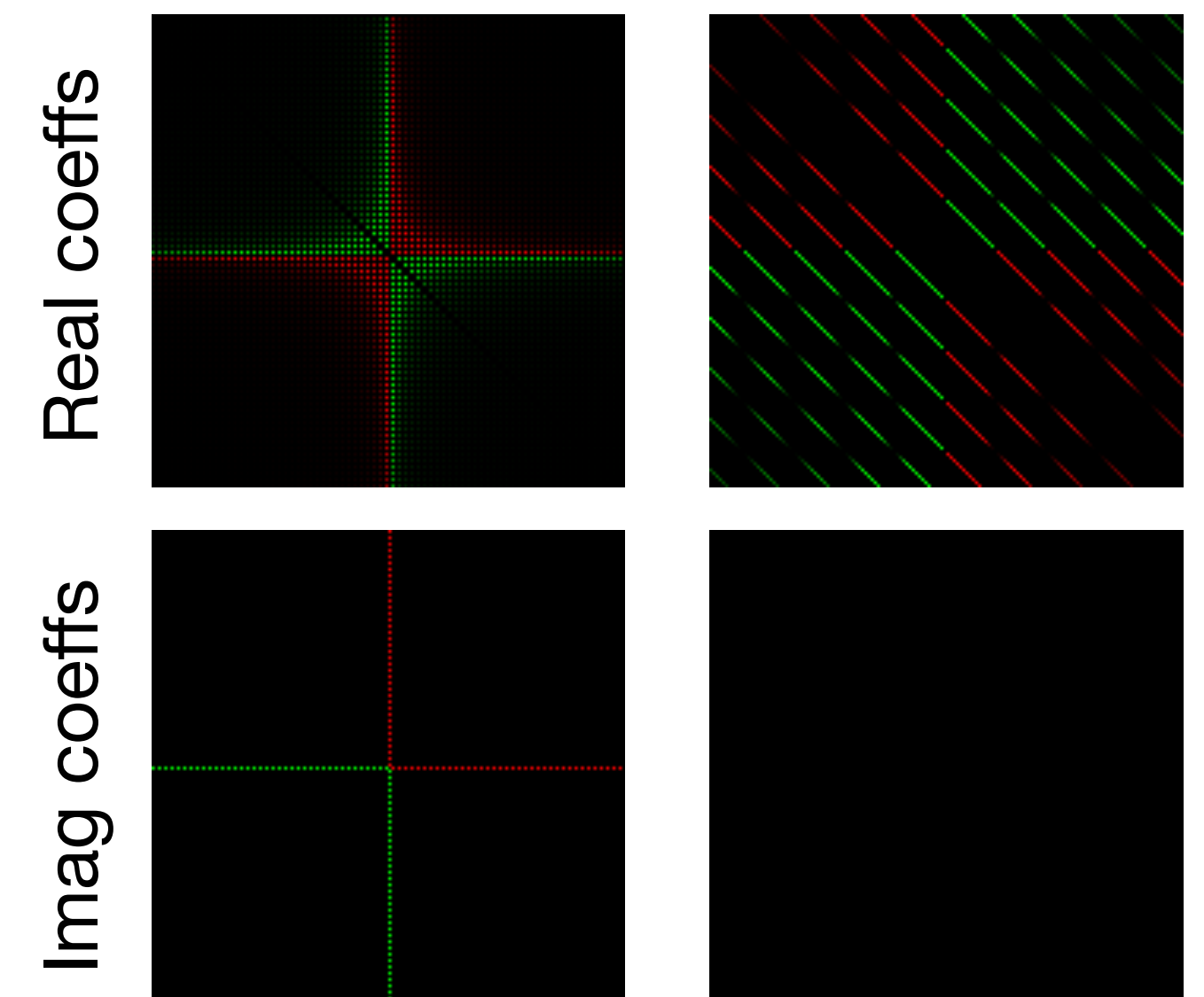
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Third term

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

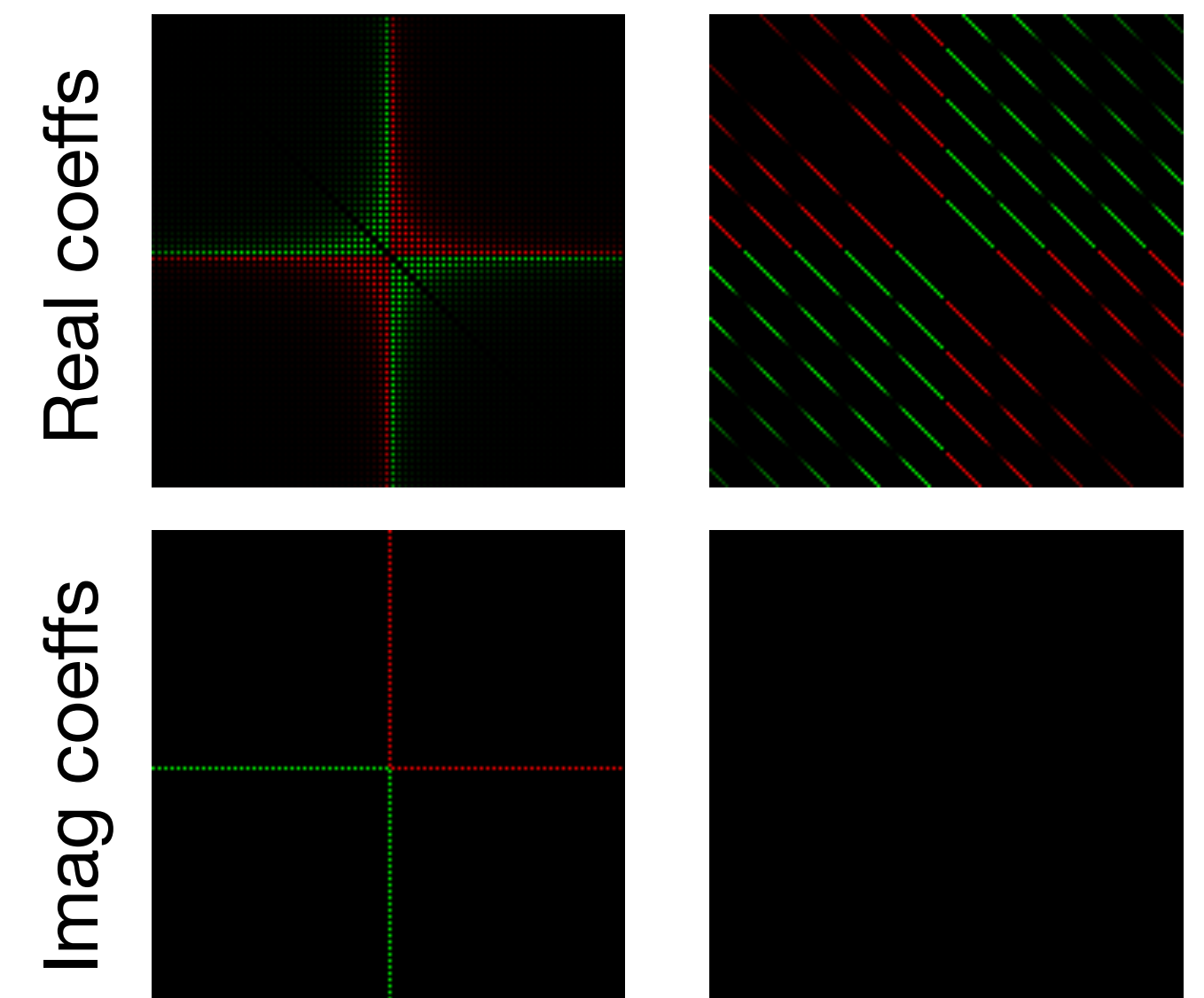
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Third term

Second term is always positive

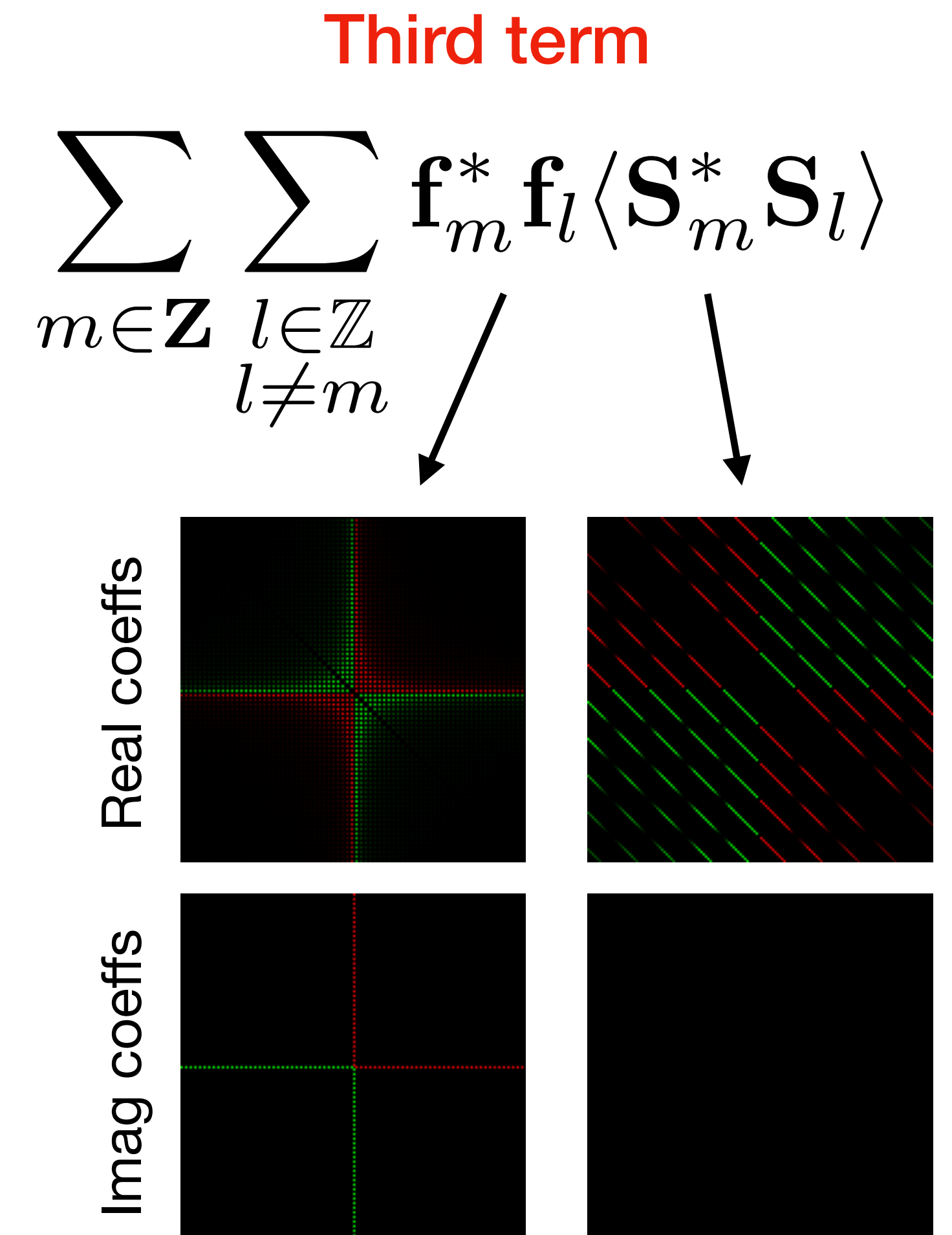
For constant PDF, first term is zero, therefore, third term is negative and reduces variance

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

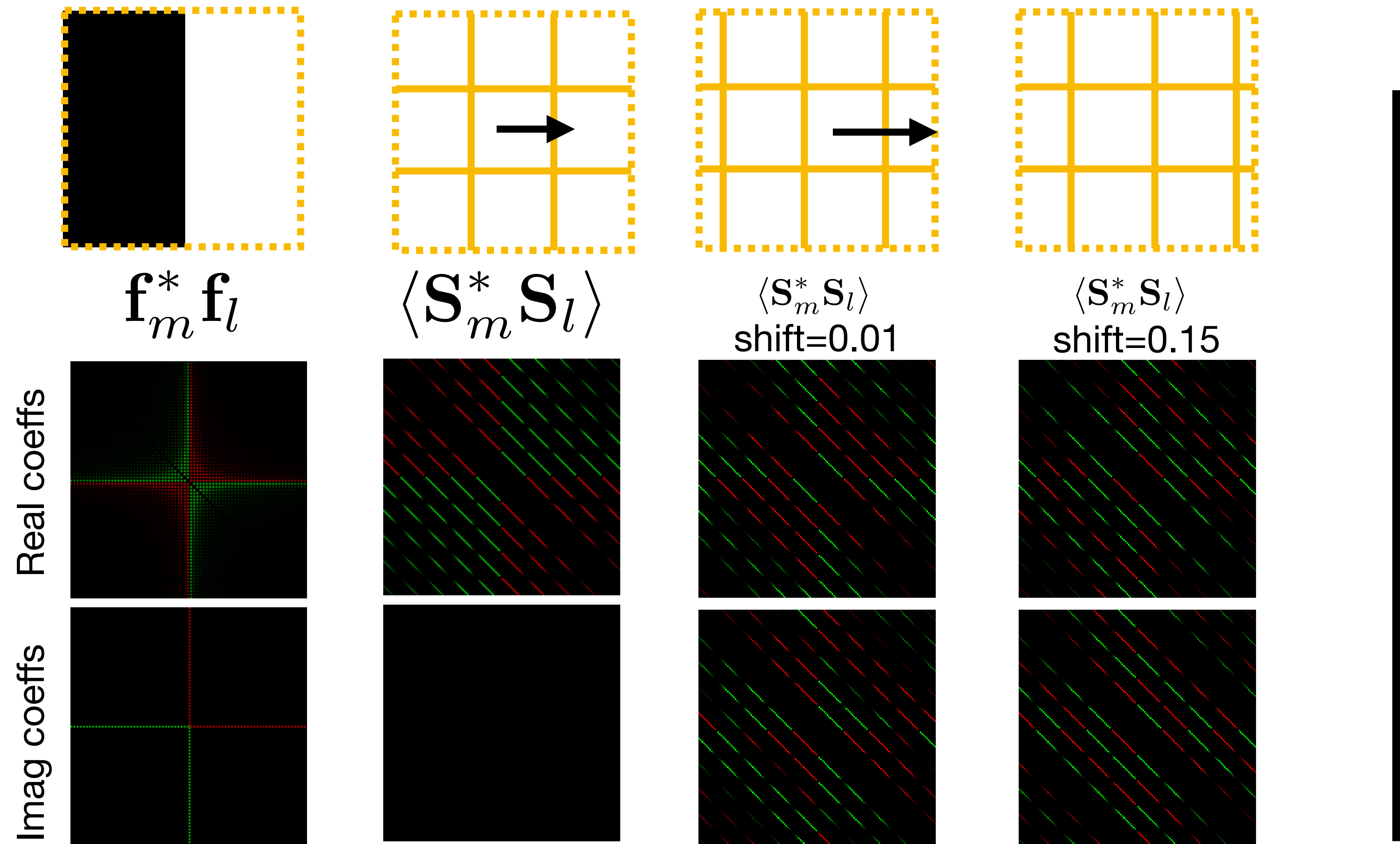




Third term is difficult to analyze

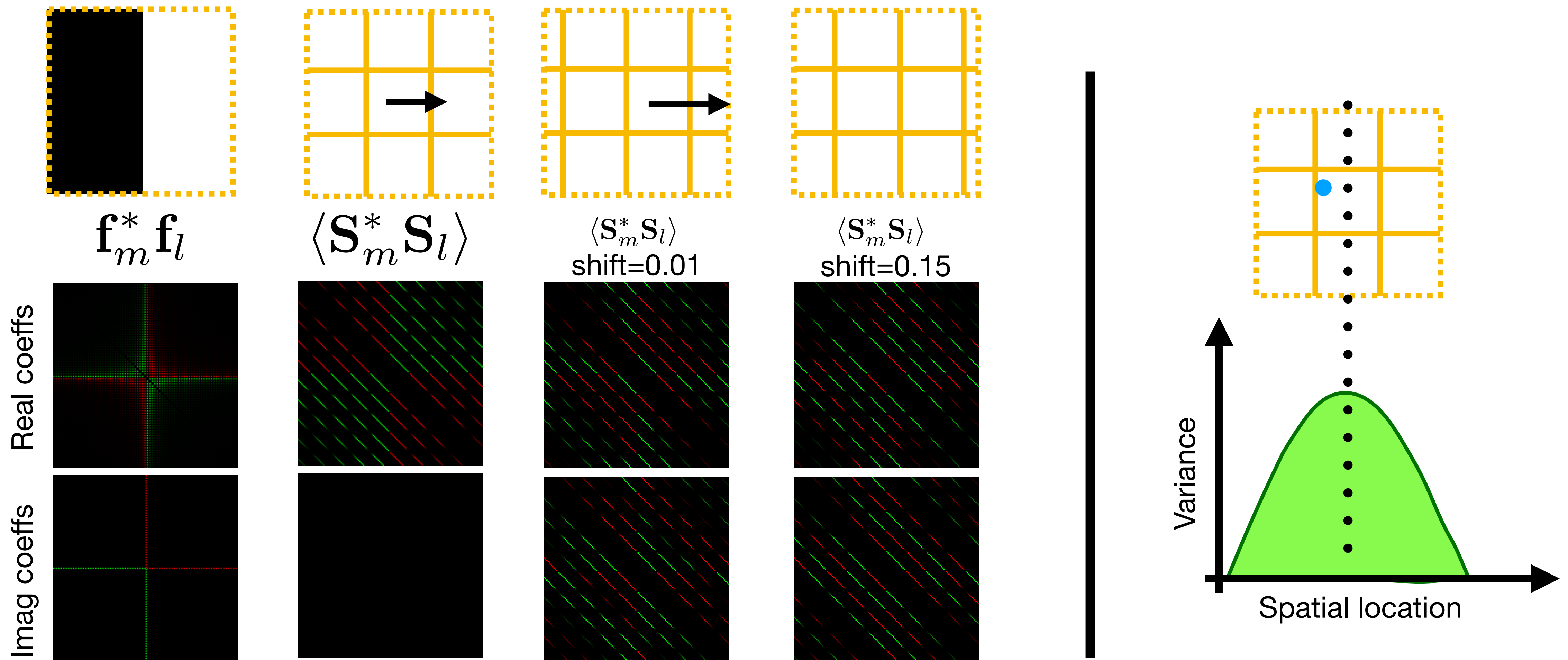


# Third Term: Encodes phase





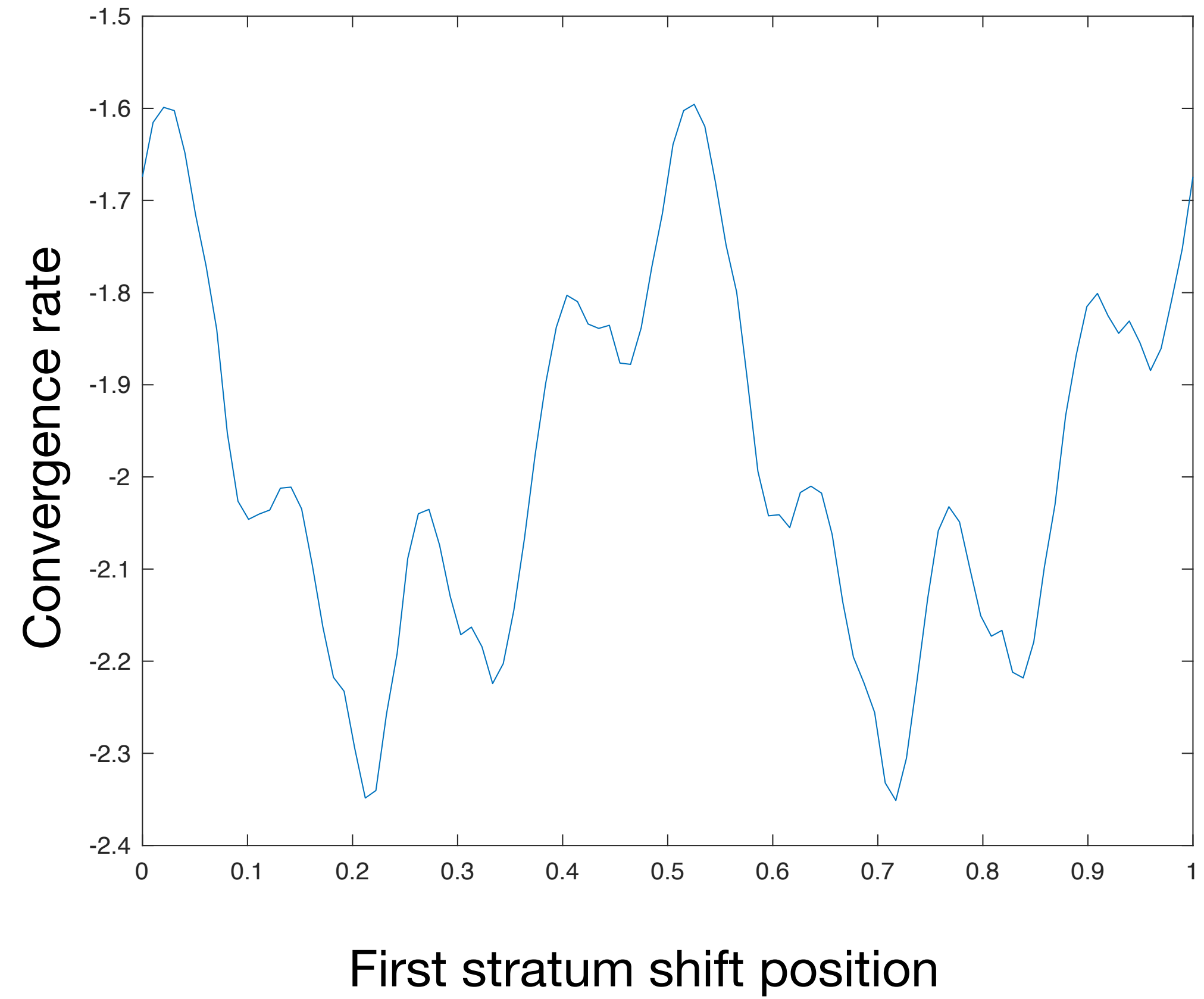
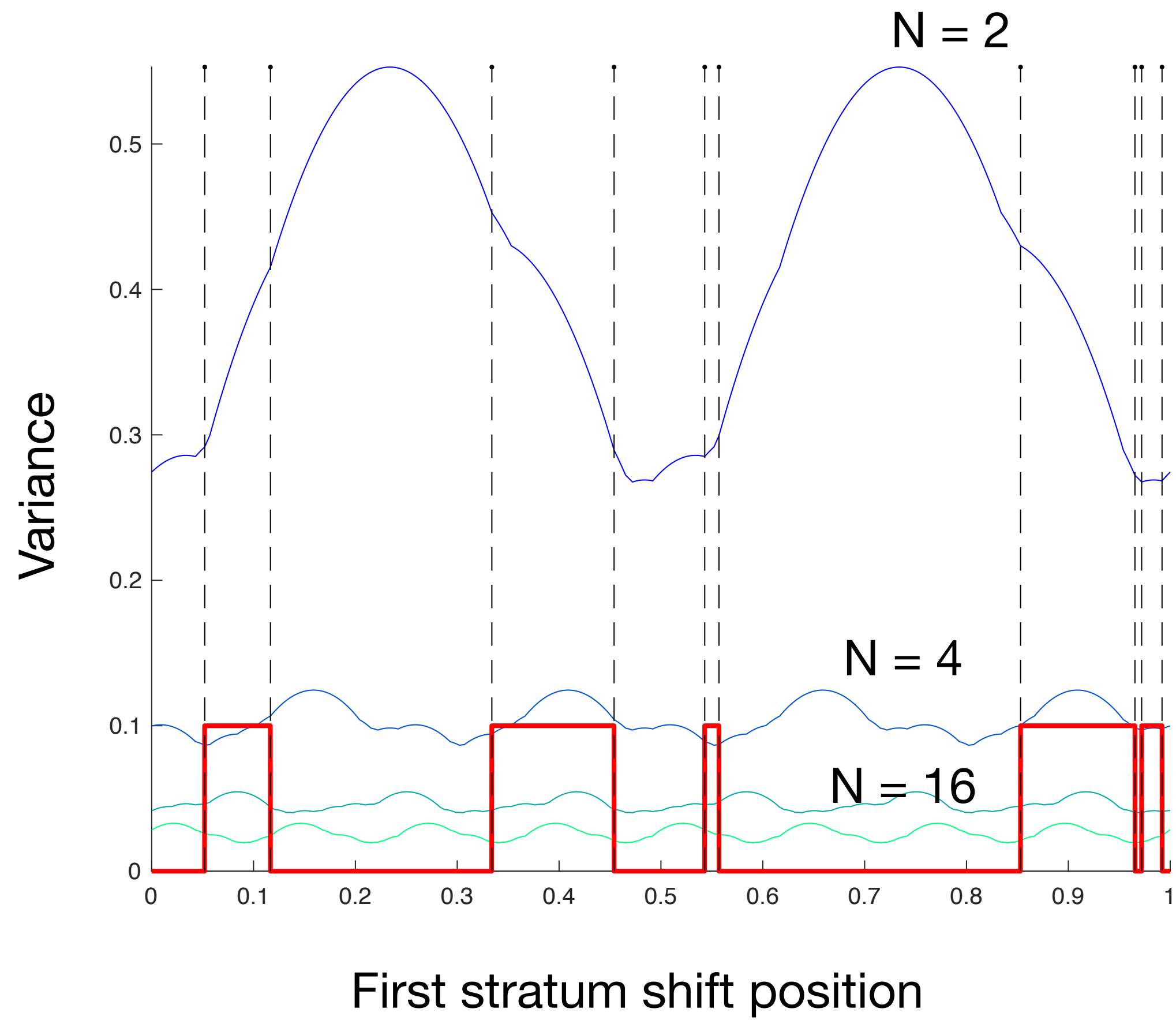
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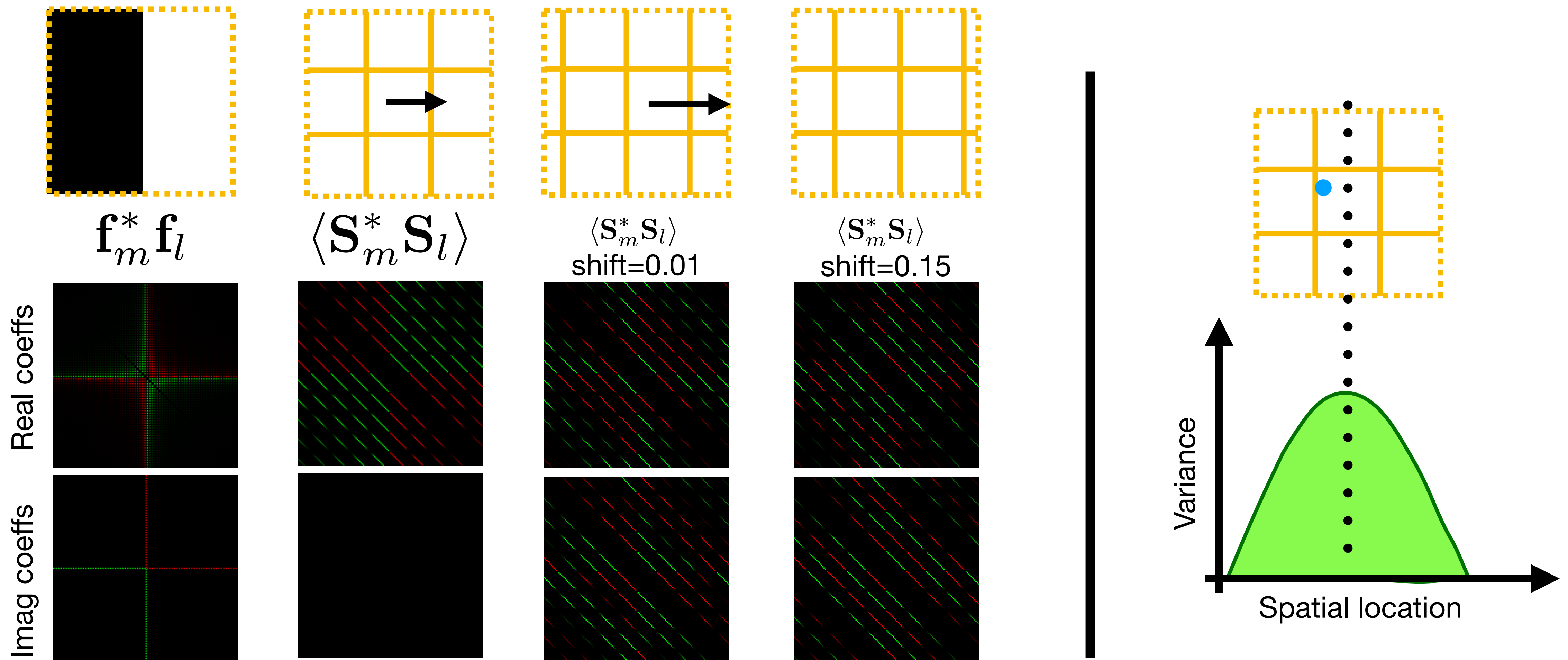


# Strata shifting affects convergence





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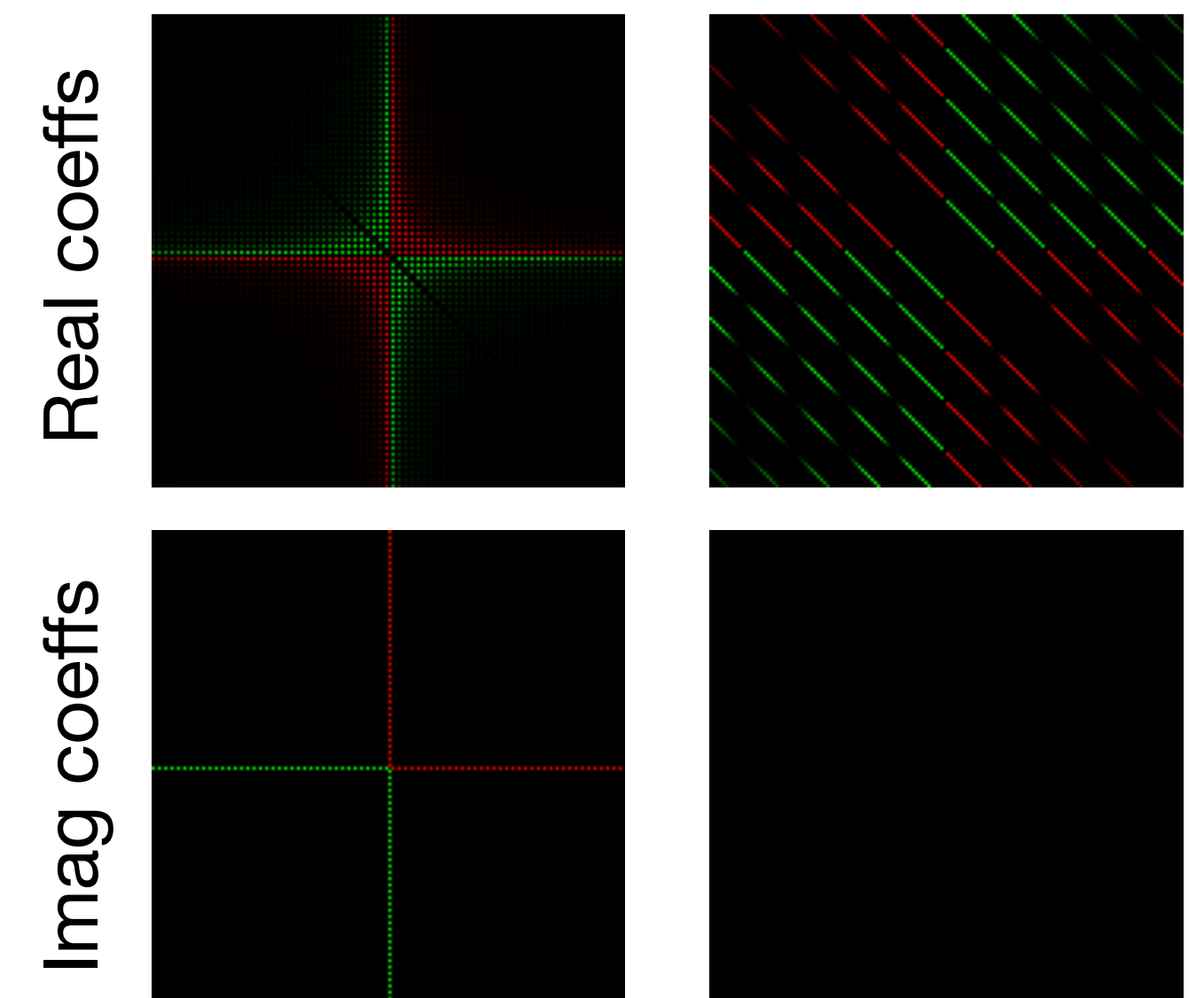
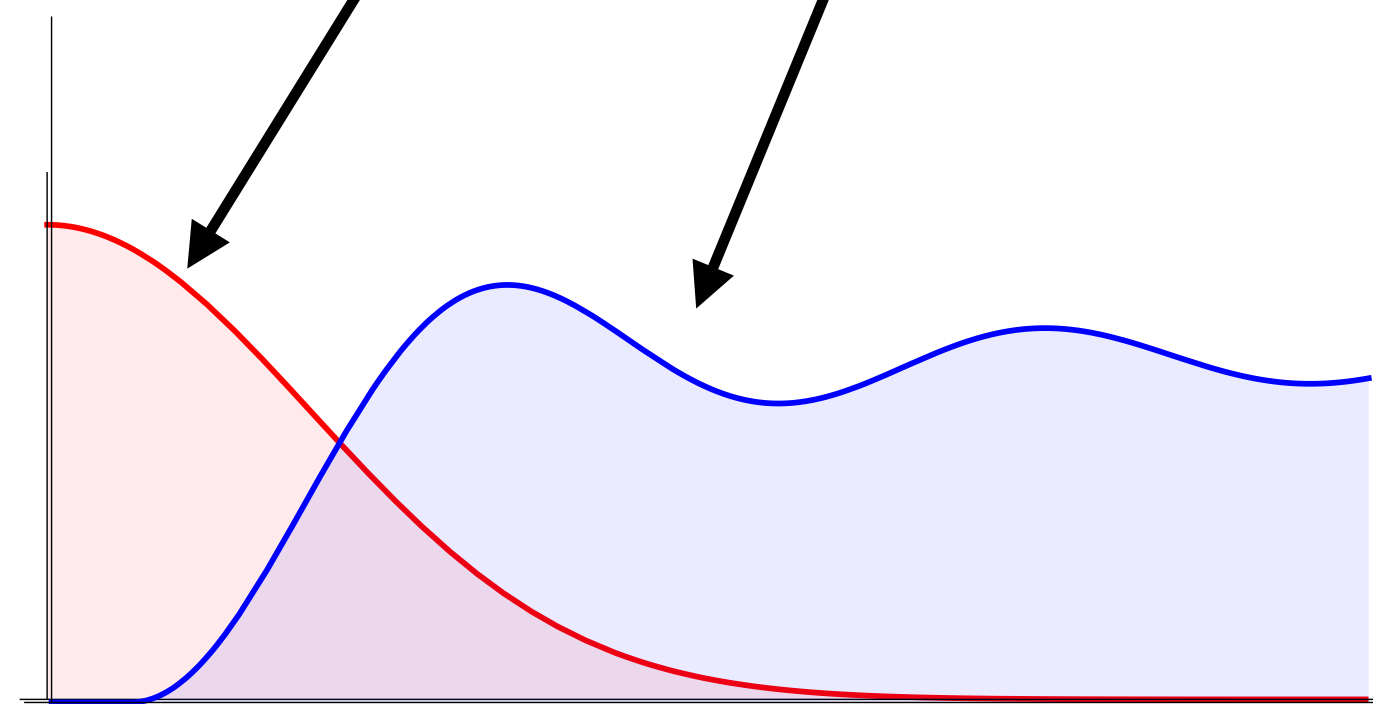


# Third Term: Dimensionality grows fast

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Third term

For one-dimensional problem:





# Correlated Importance Sampling

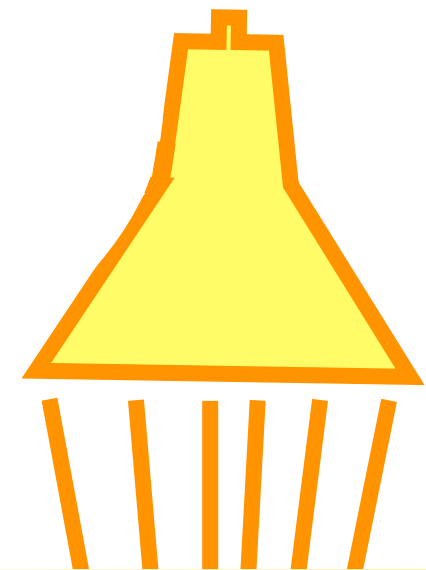
*affects convergence rate*



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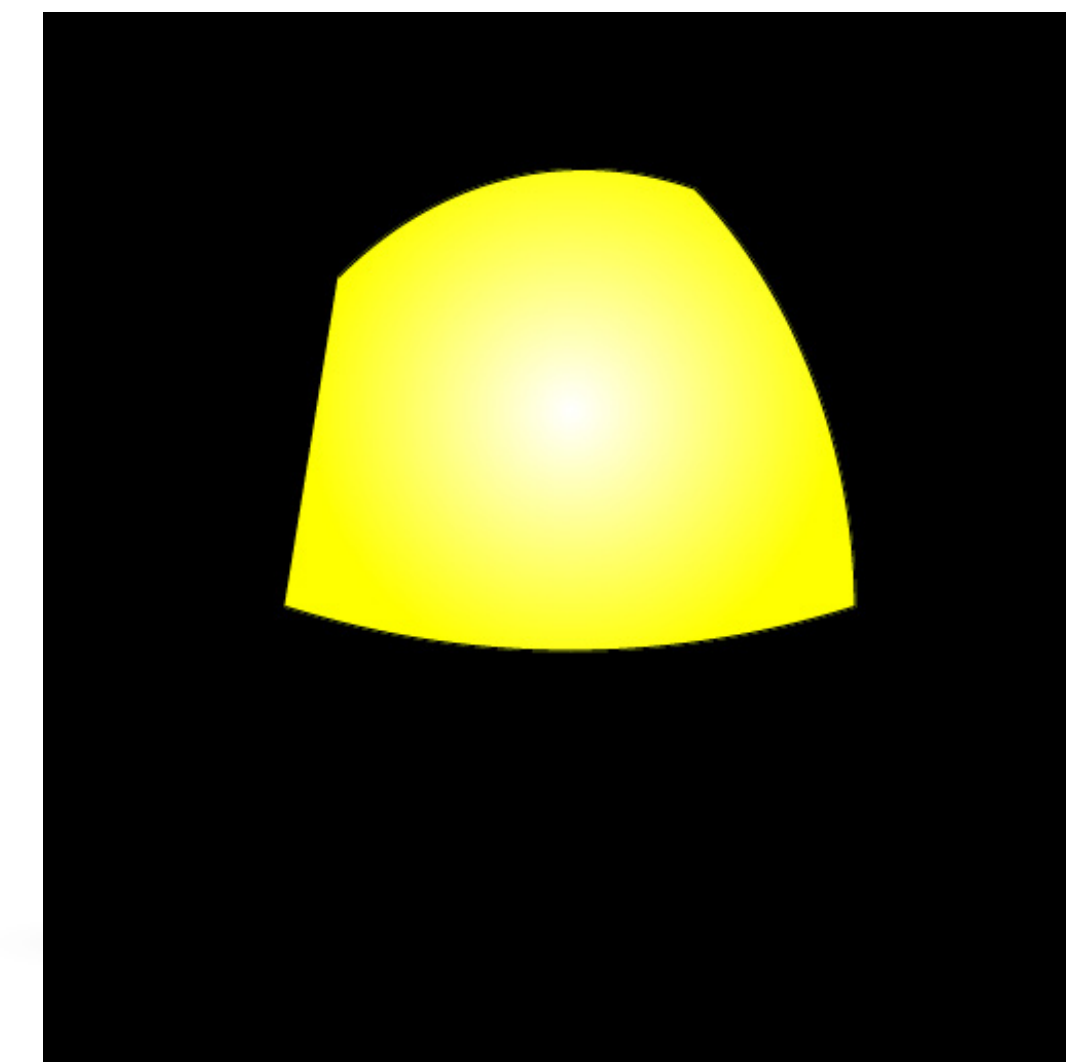
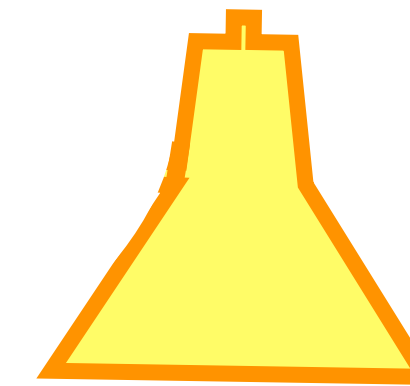
$$I_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{f(\vec{x}_k)}{p(\vec{x}_k)}$$

Light PDF Sampling

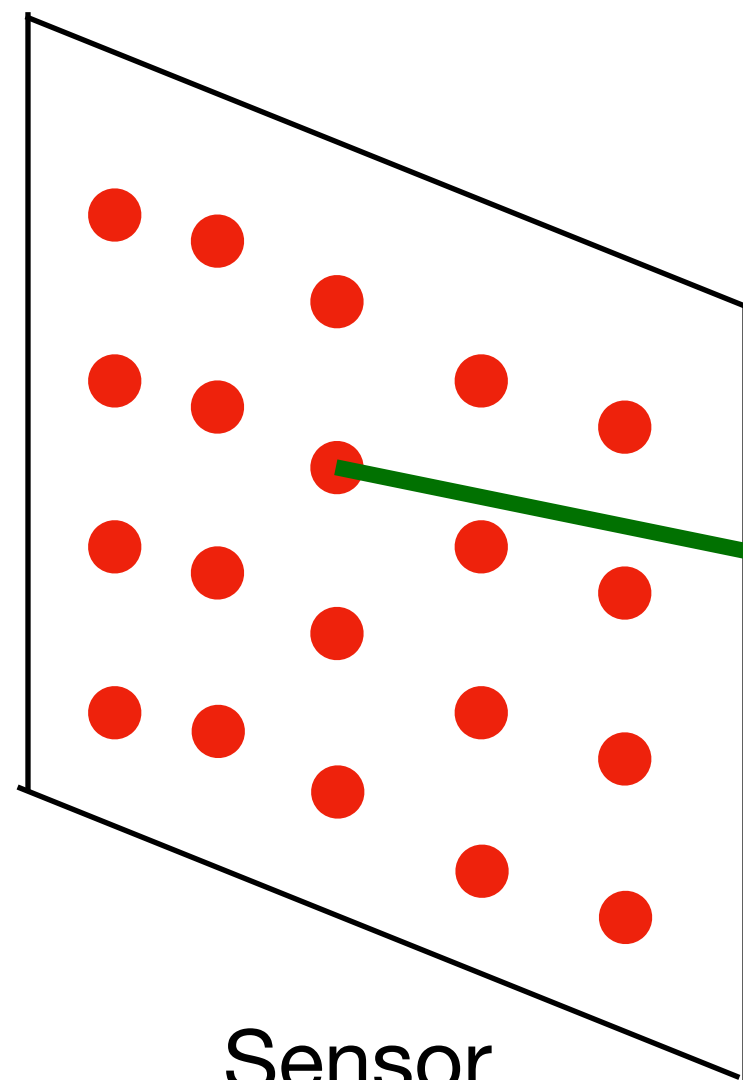


Light IS

BSDF PDF Sampling



BSDF IS

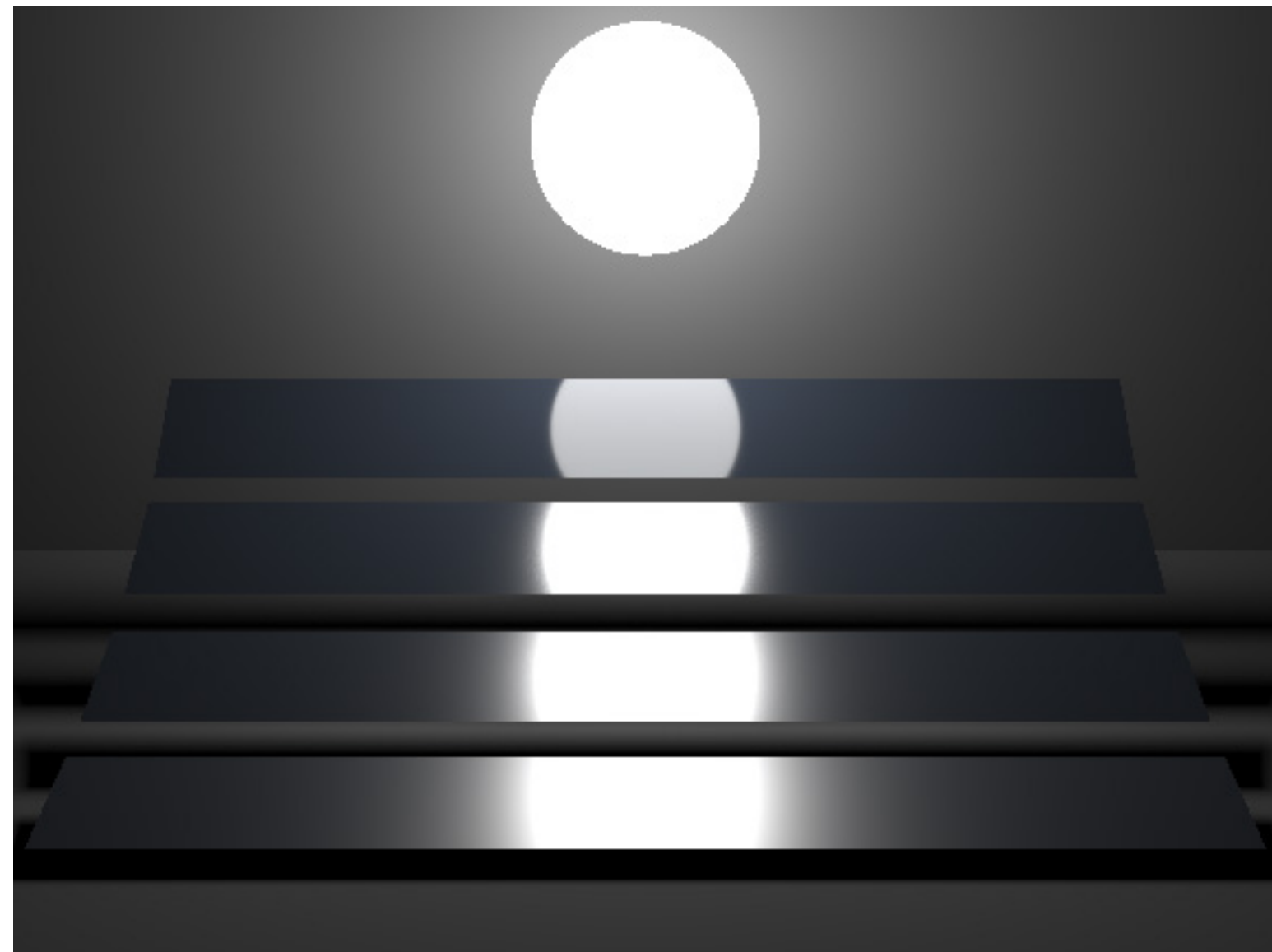


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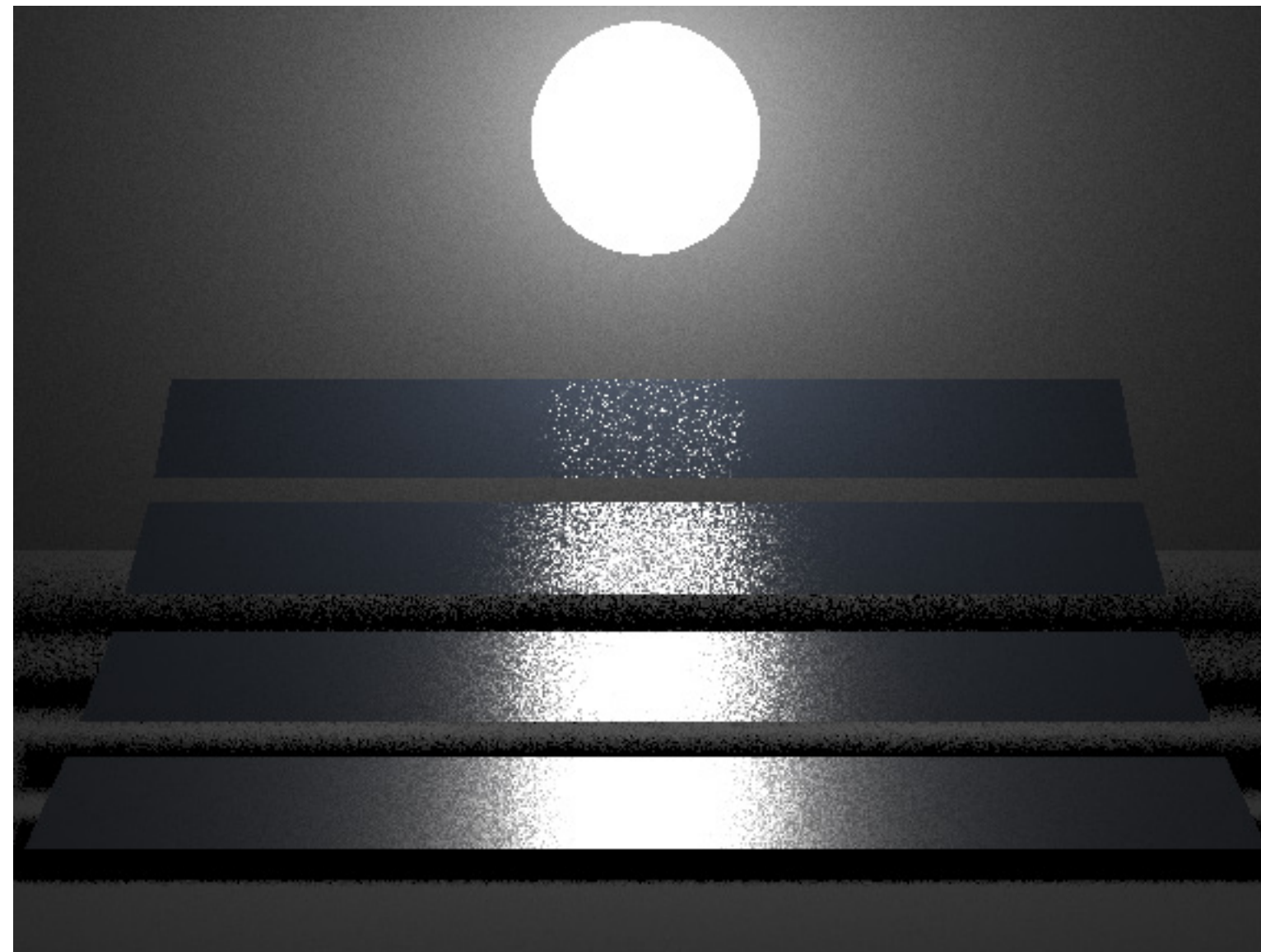


# Veach Scene: Multiple Importance Sampling



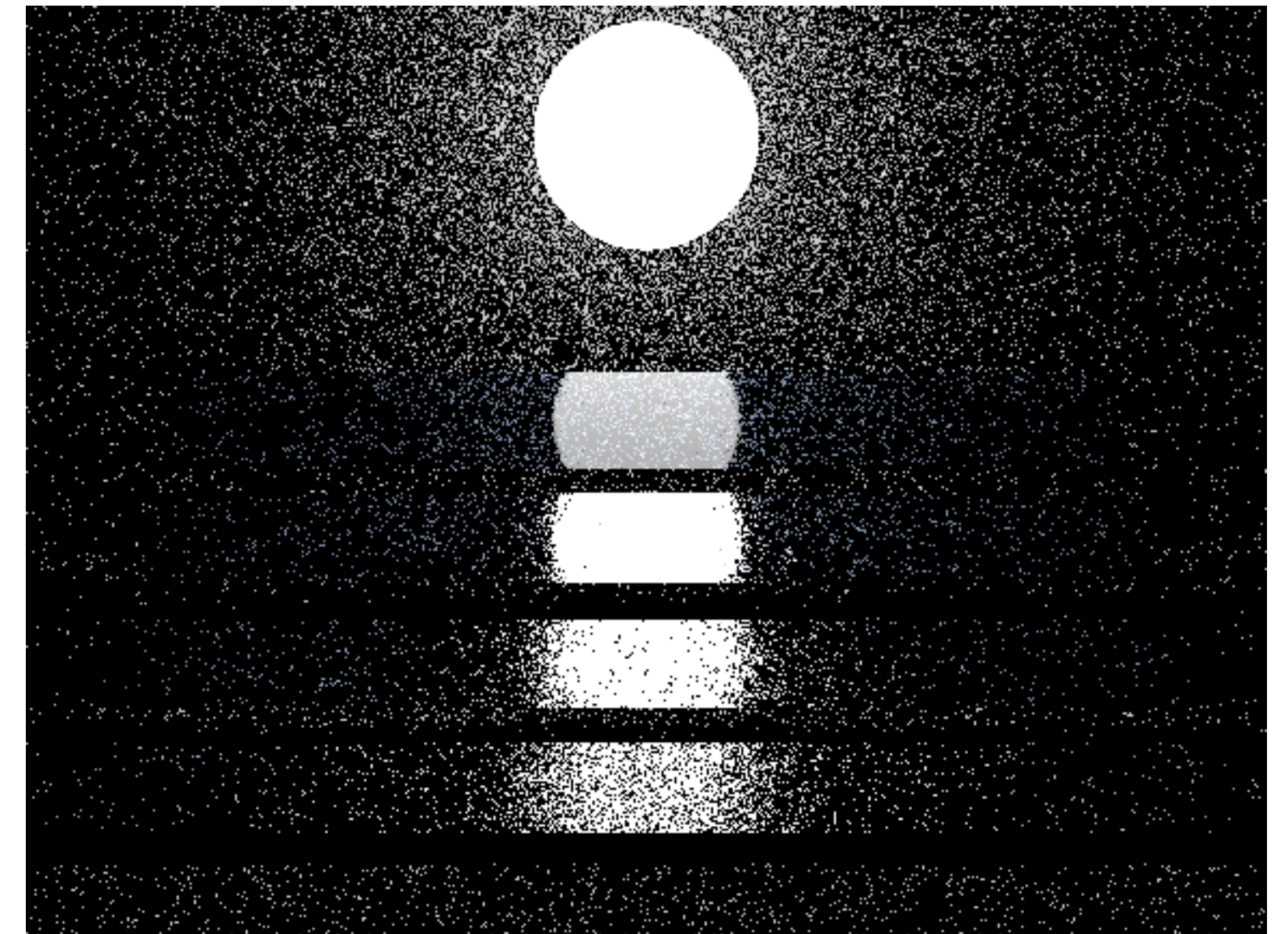
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Light importance sampling

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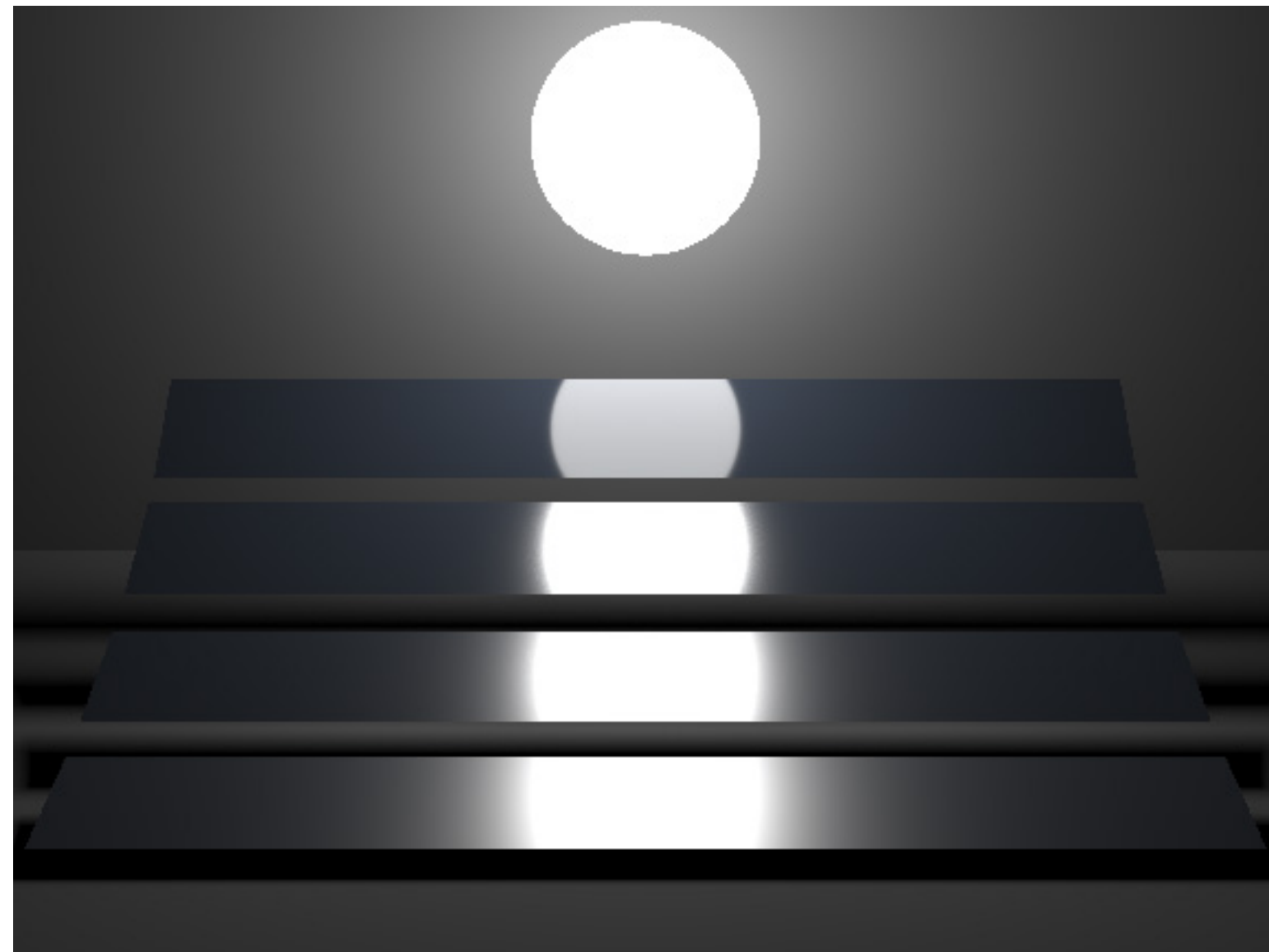
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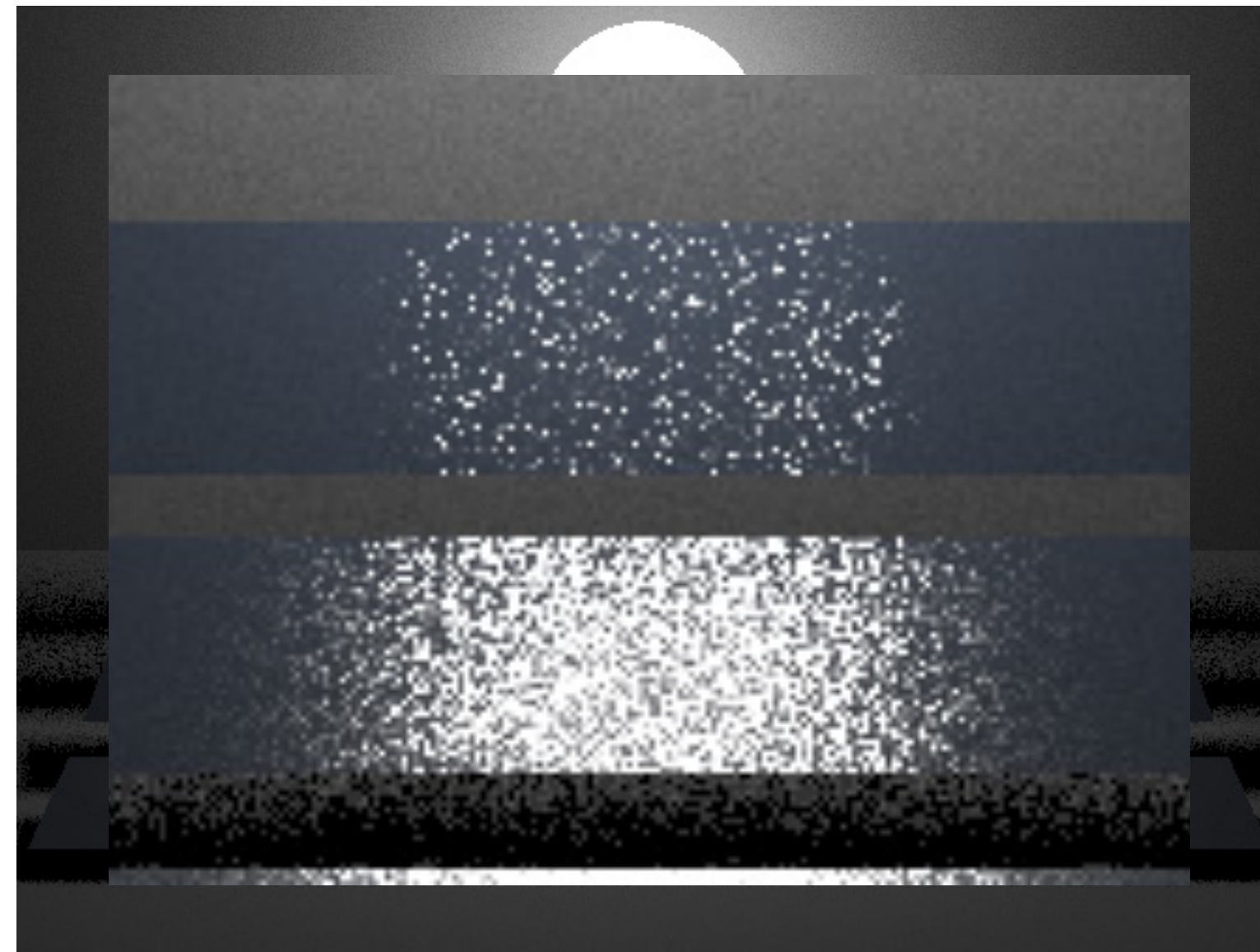


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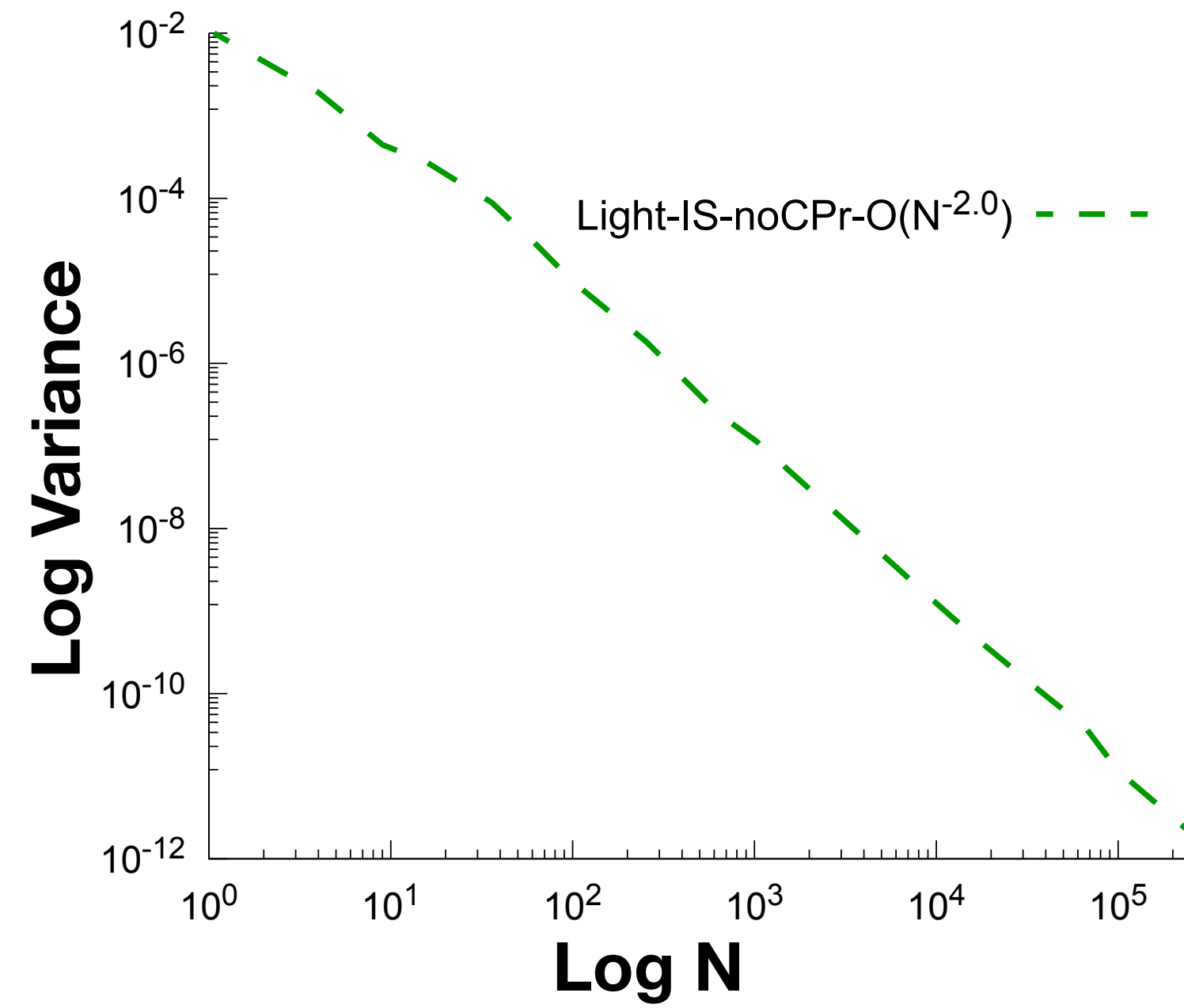
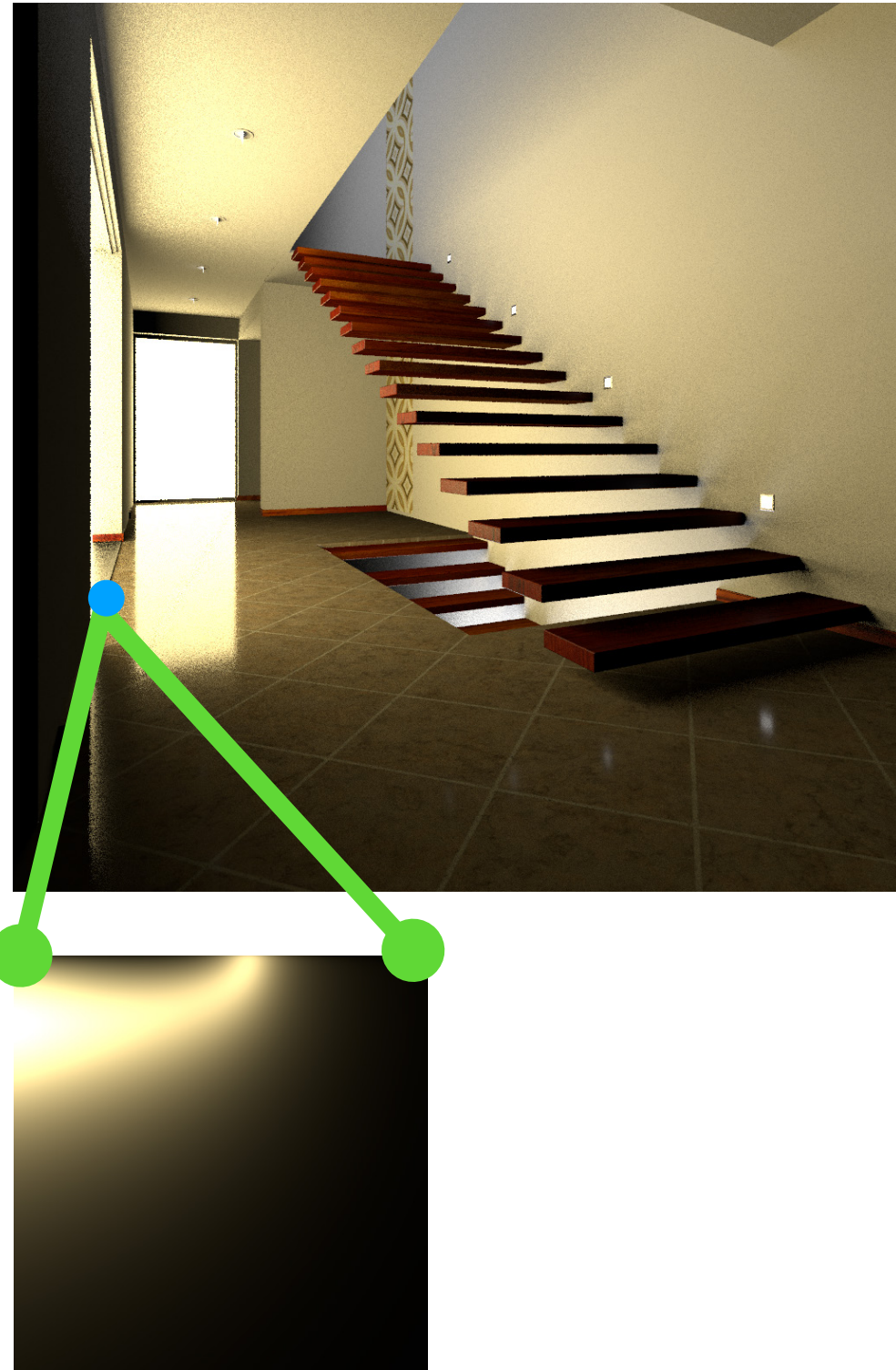


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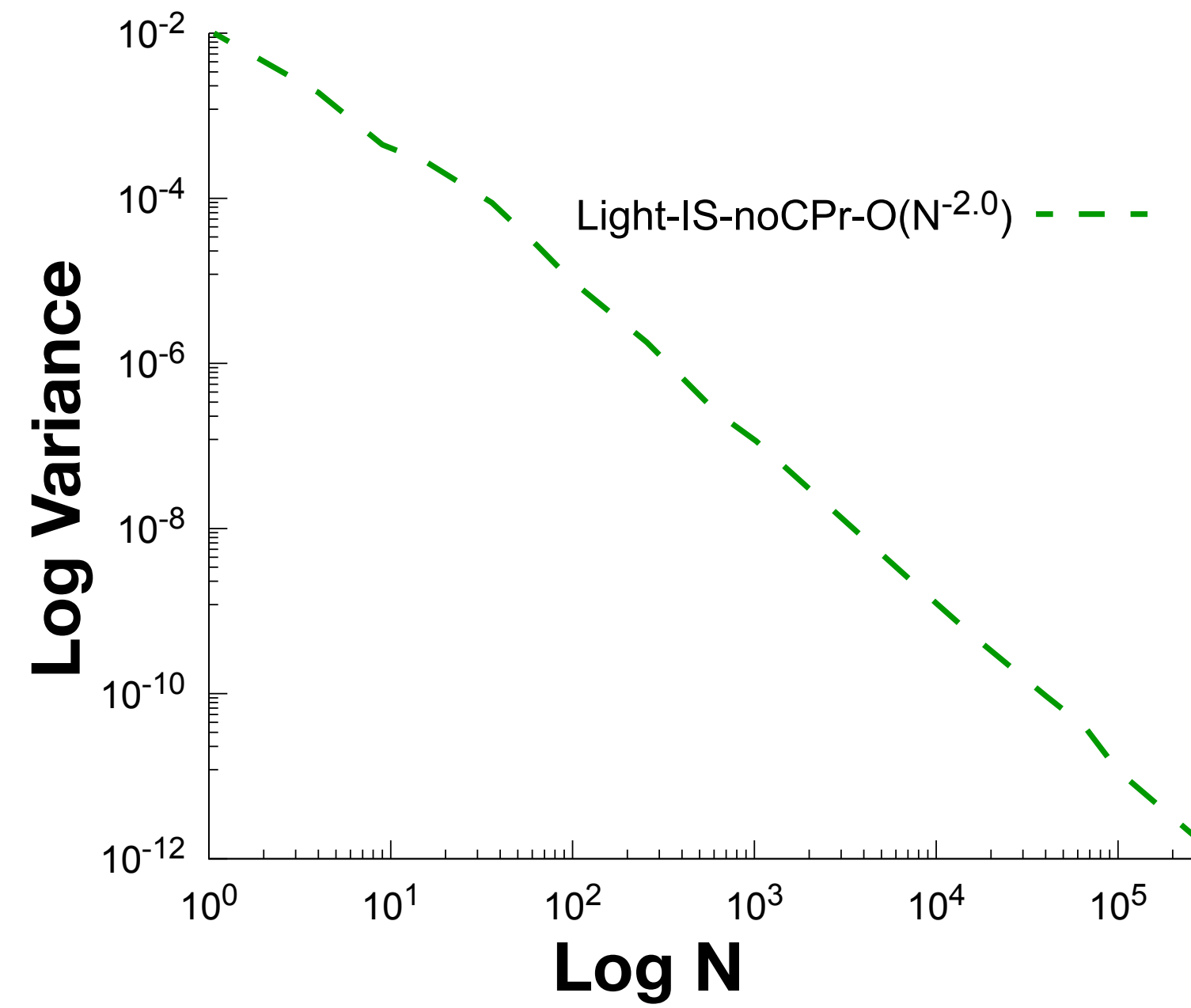
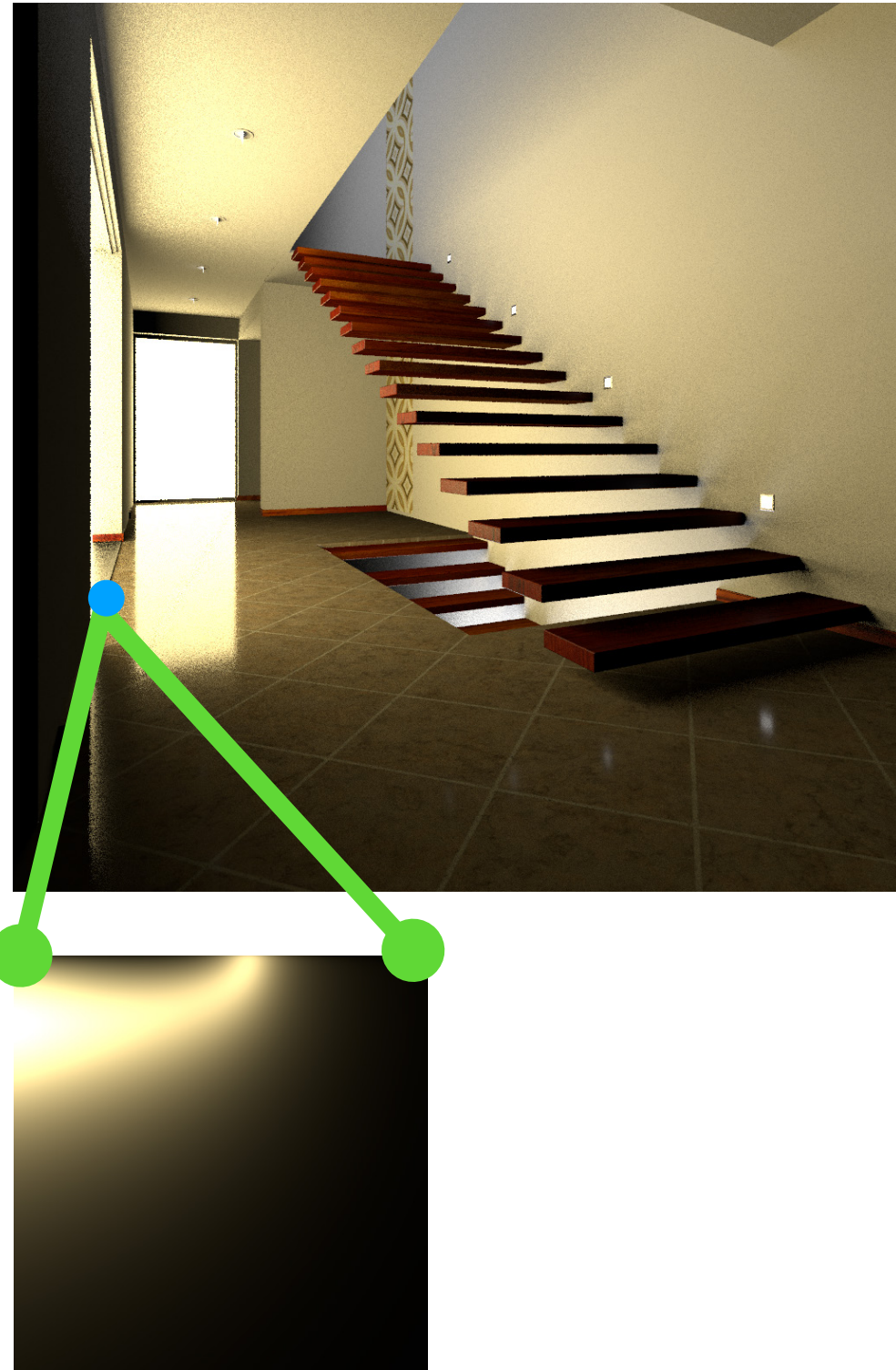


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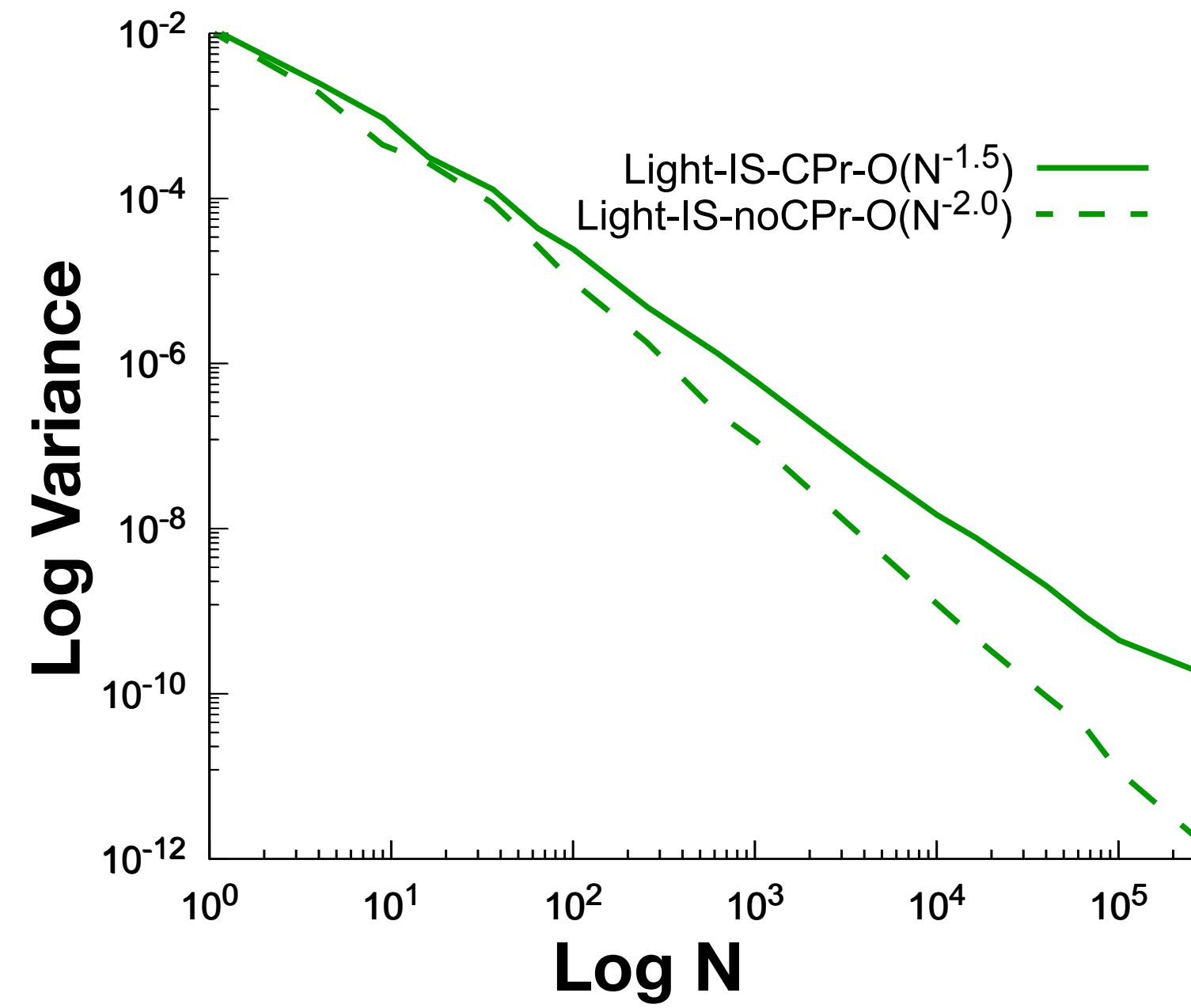
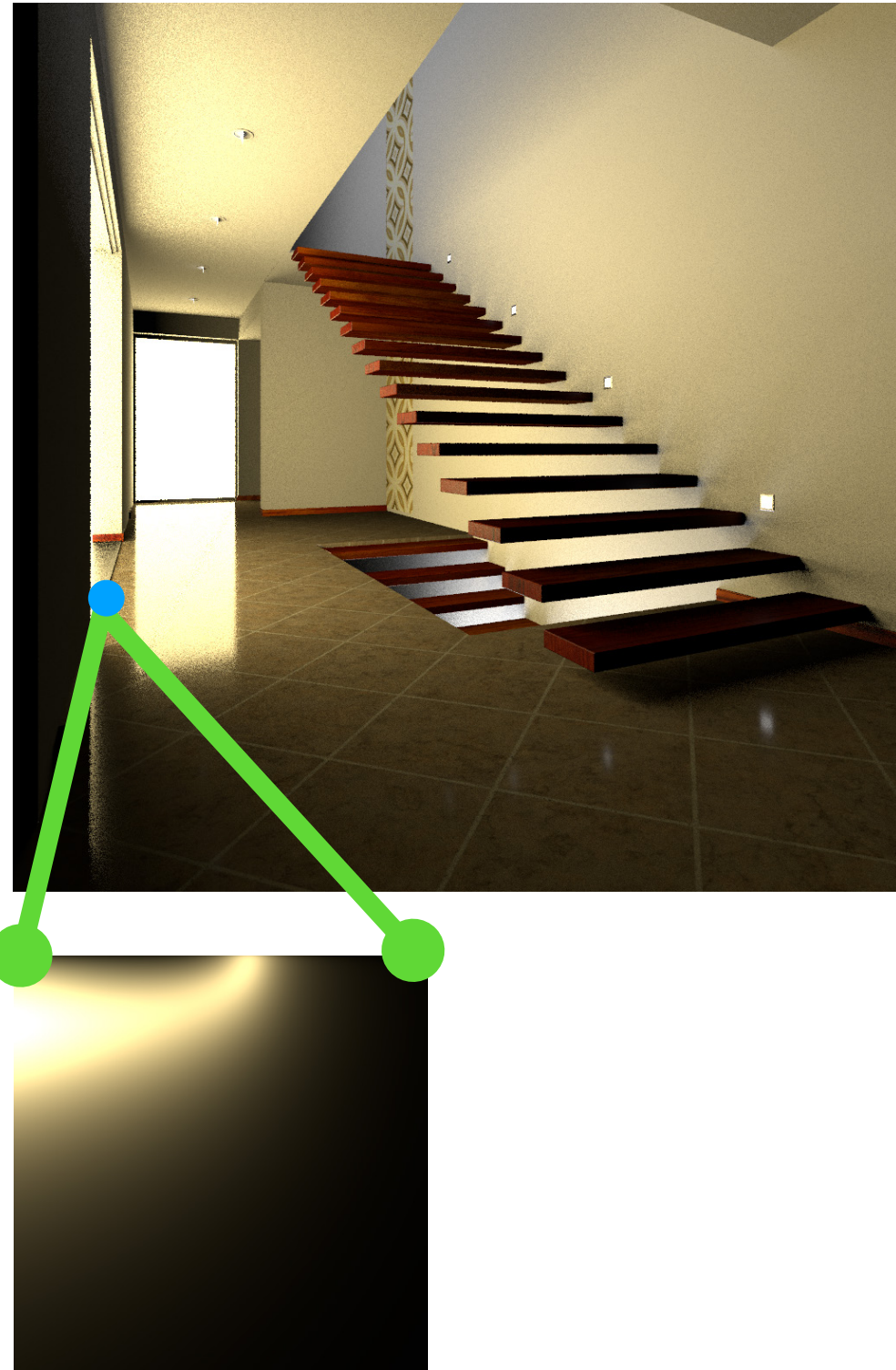




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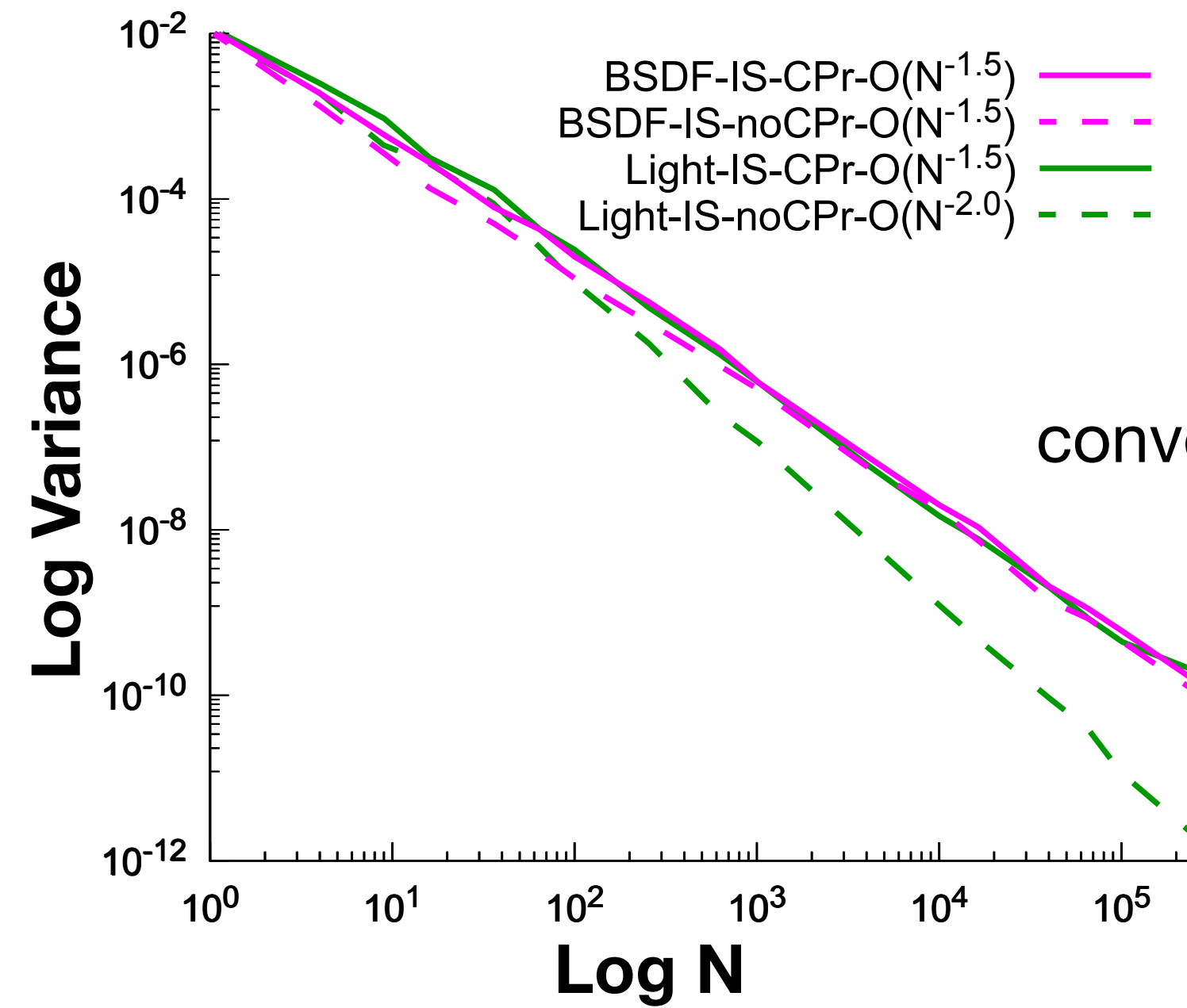
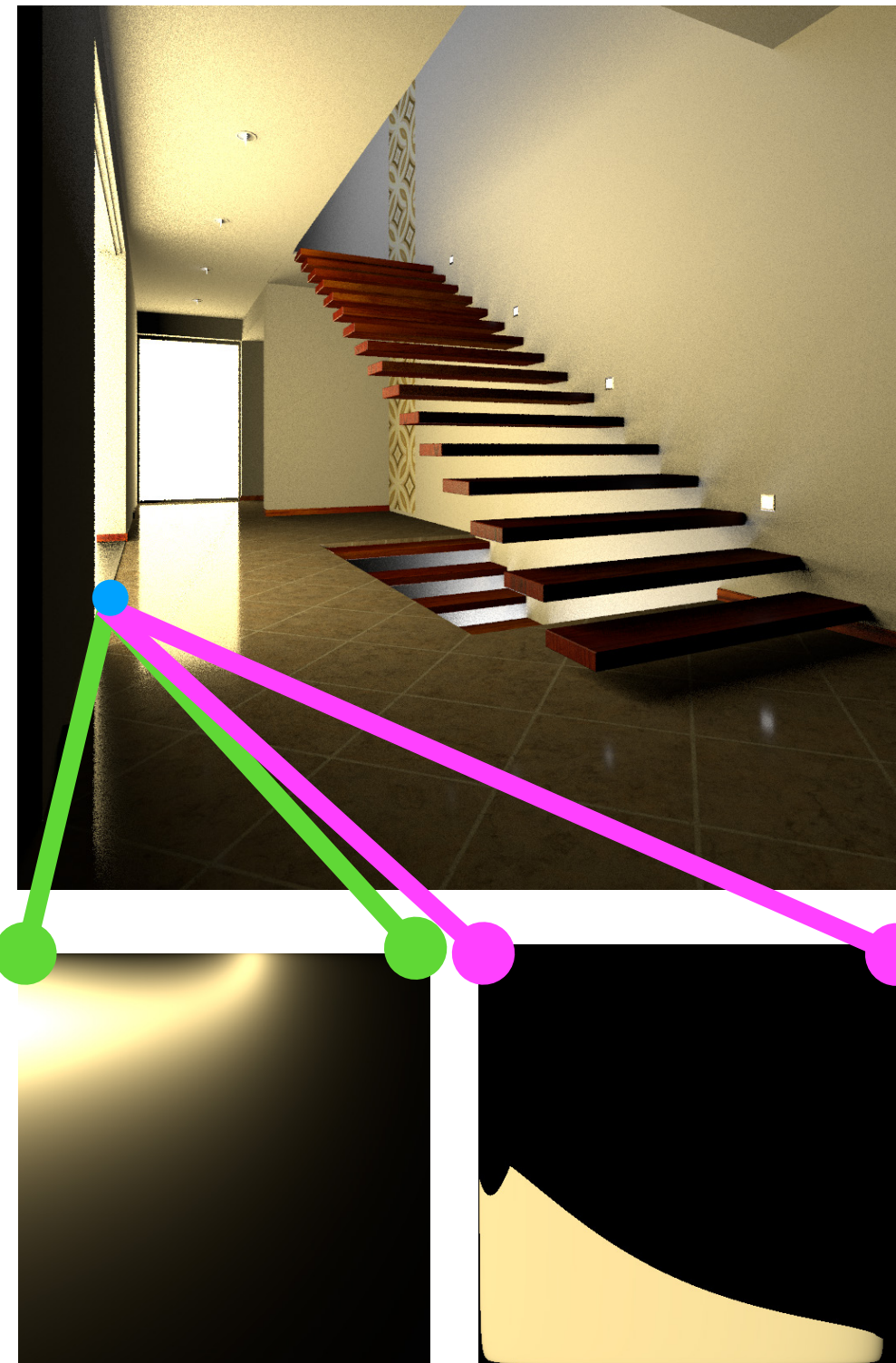


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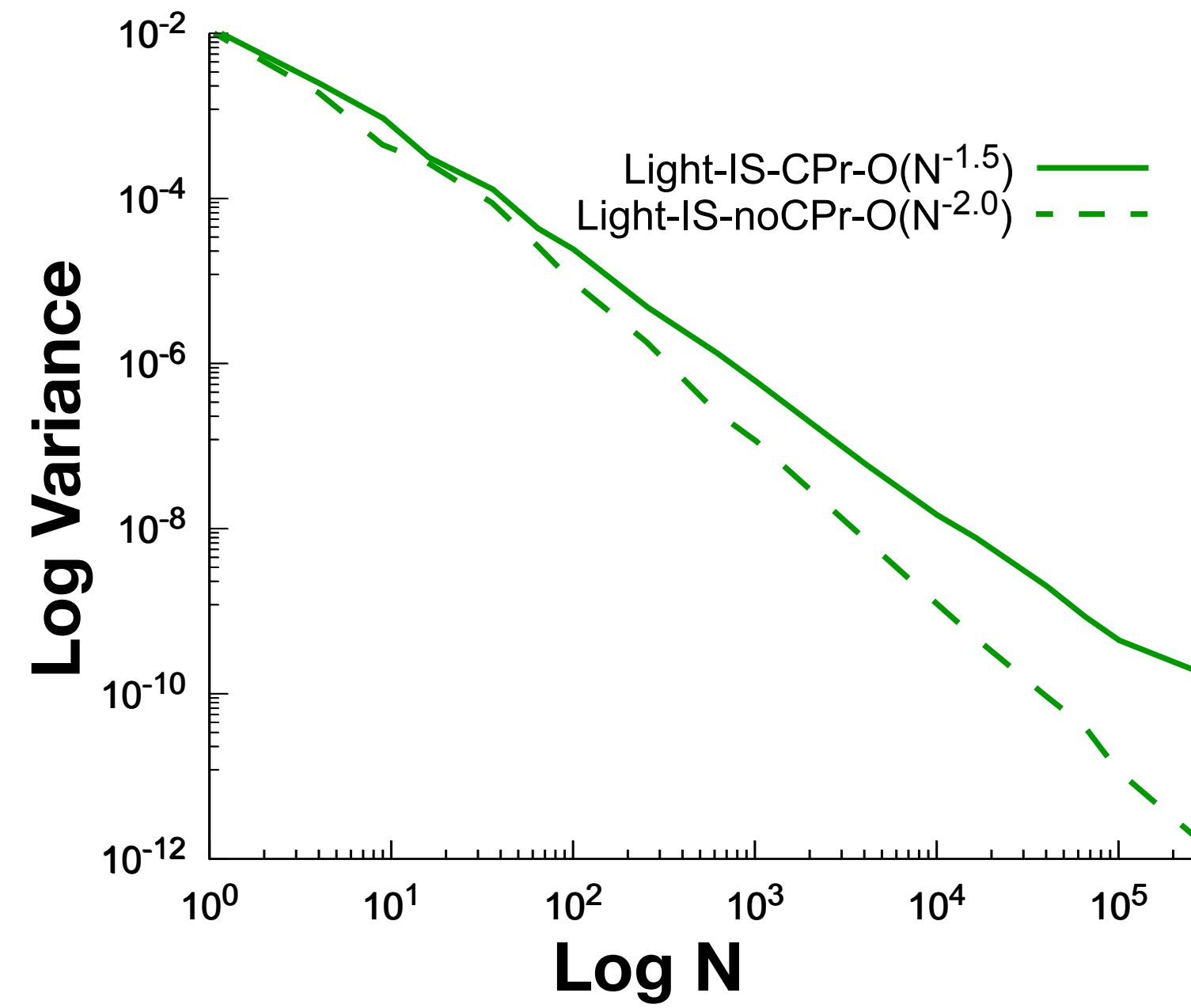
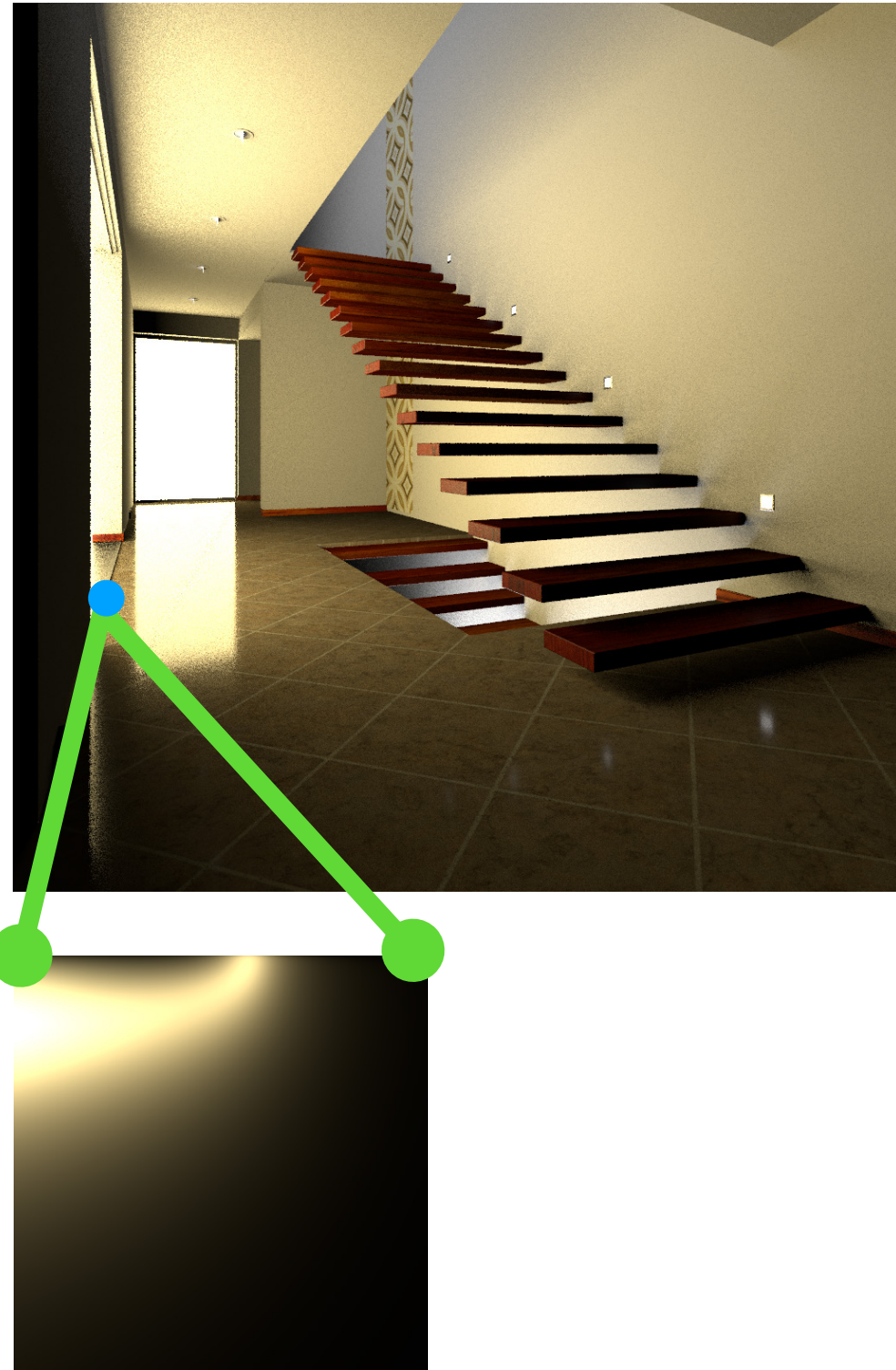
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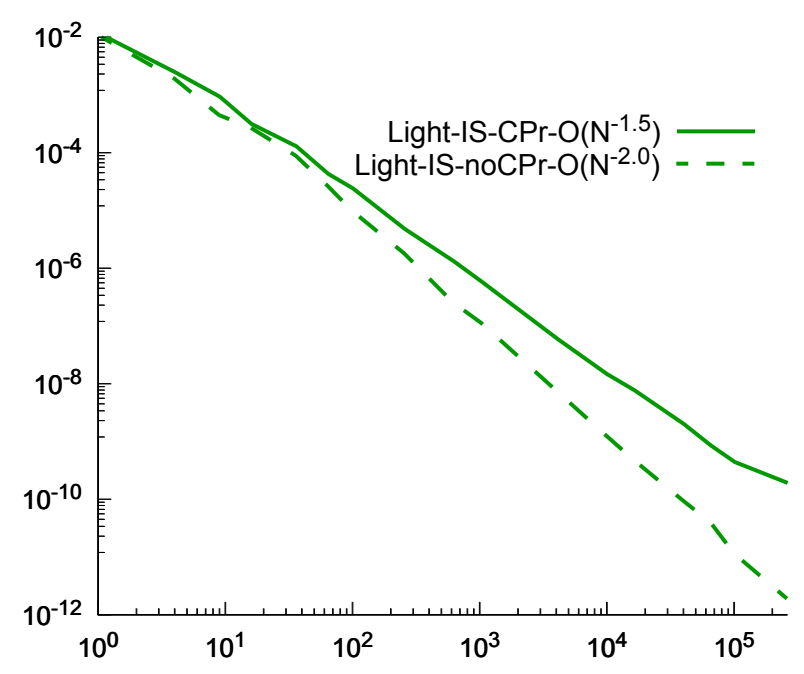
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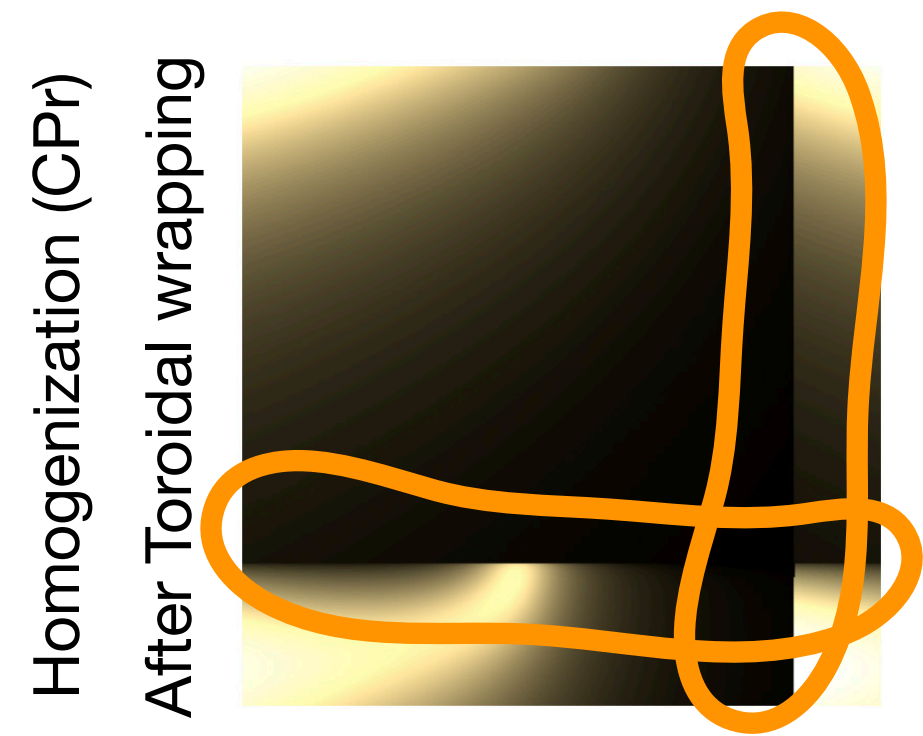
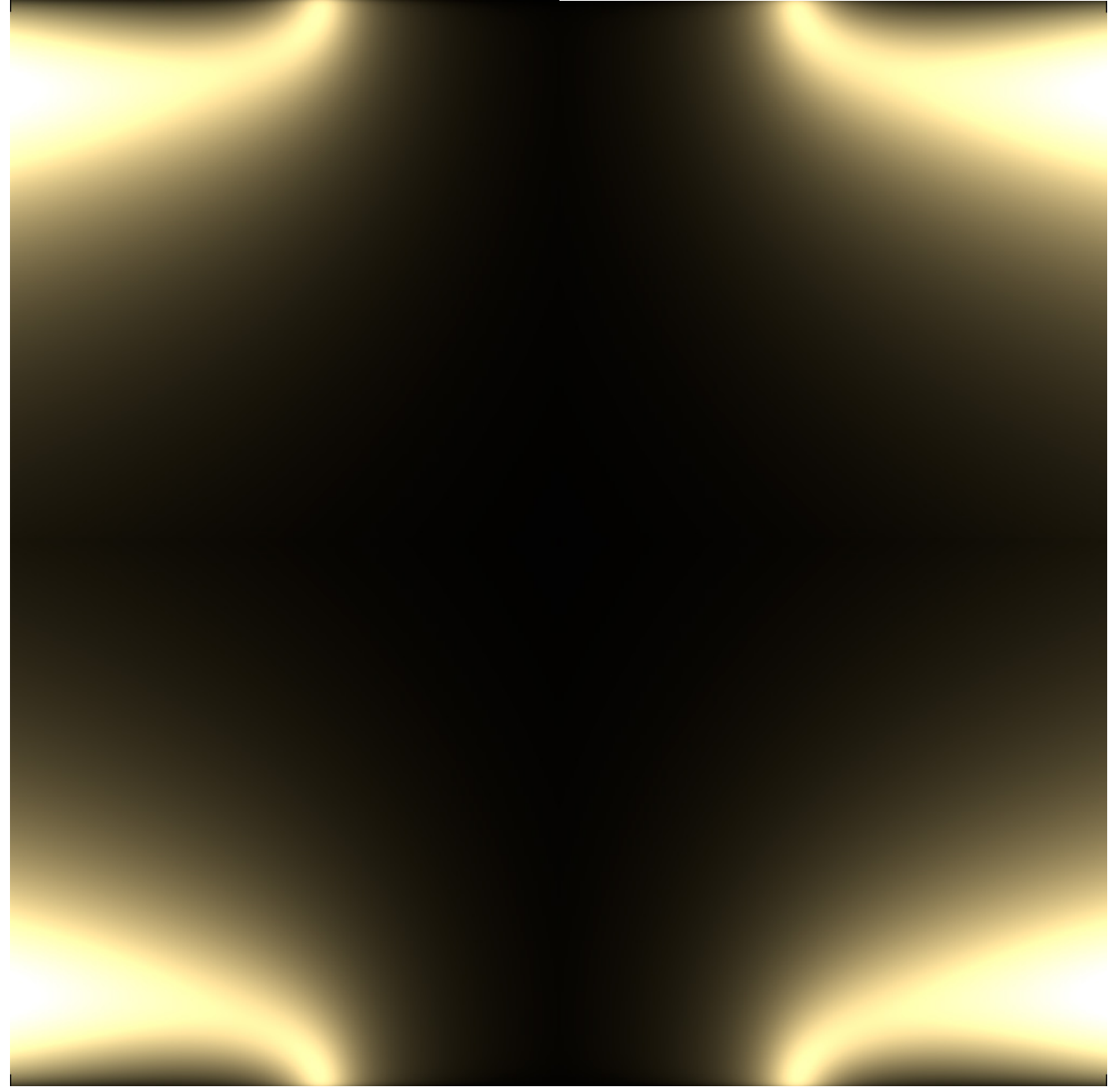
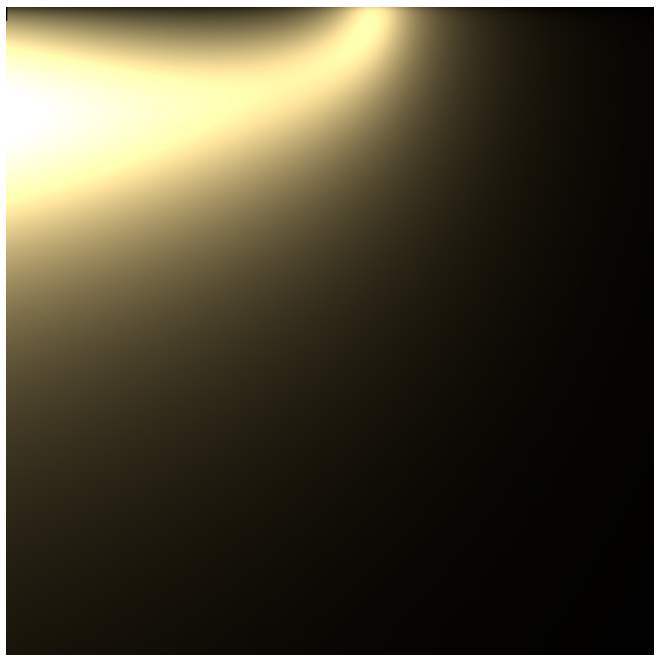


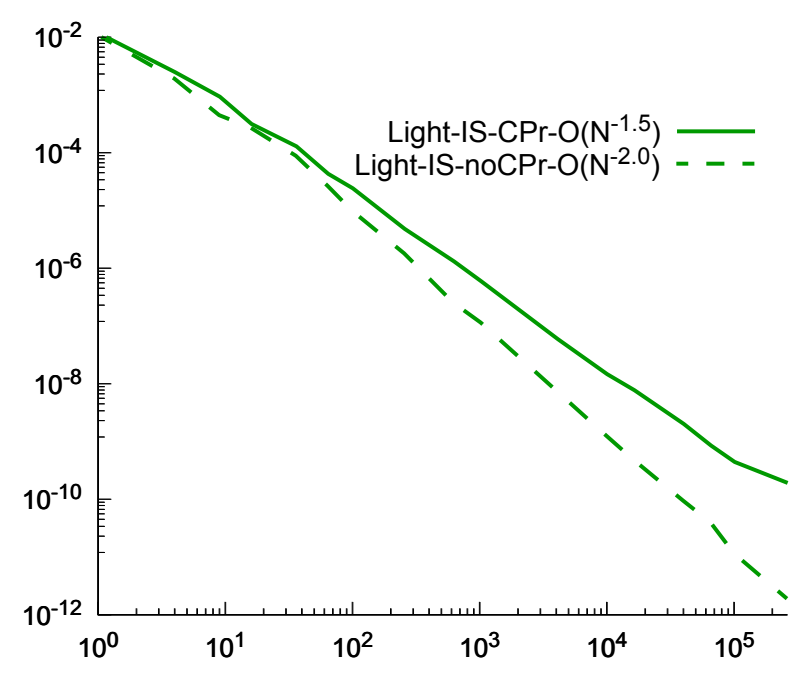




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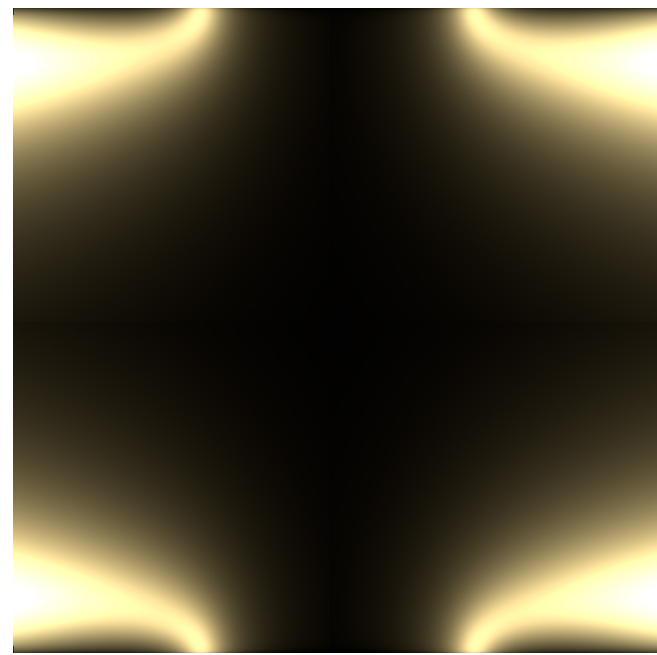
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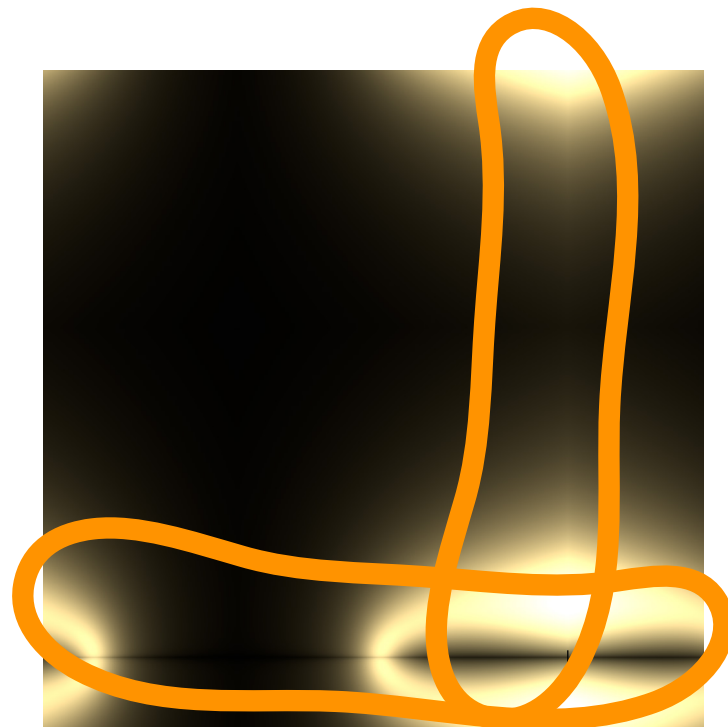
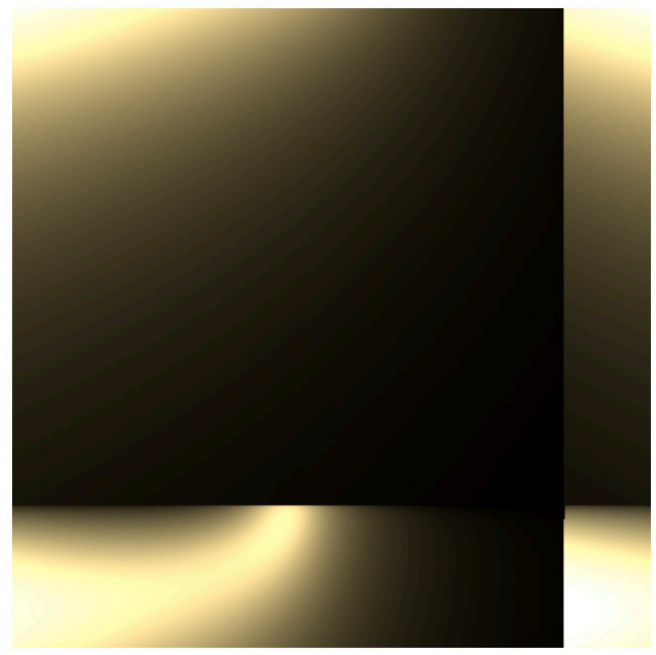


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Homogenization (CPr)  
After Toroidal wrapping

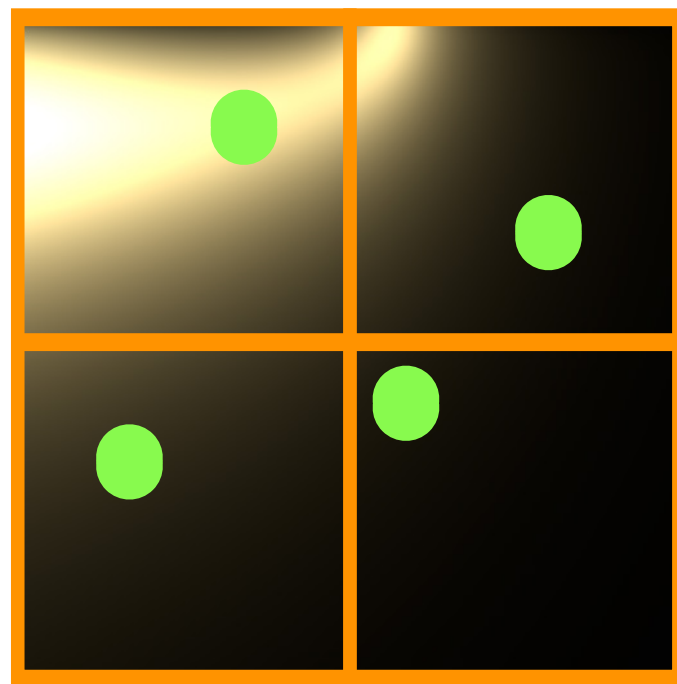




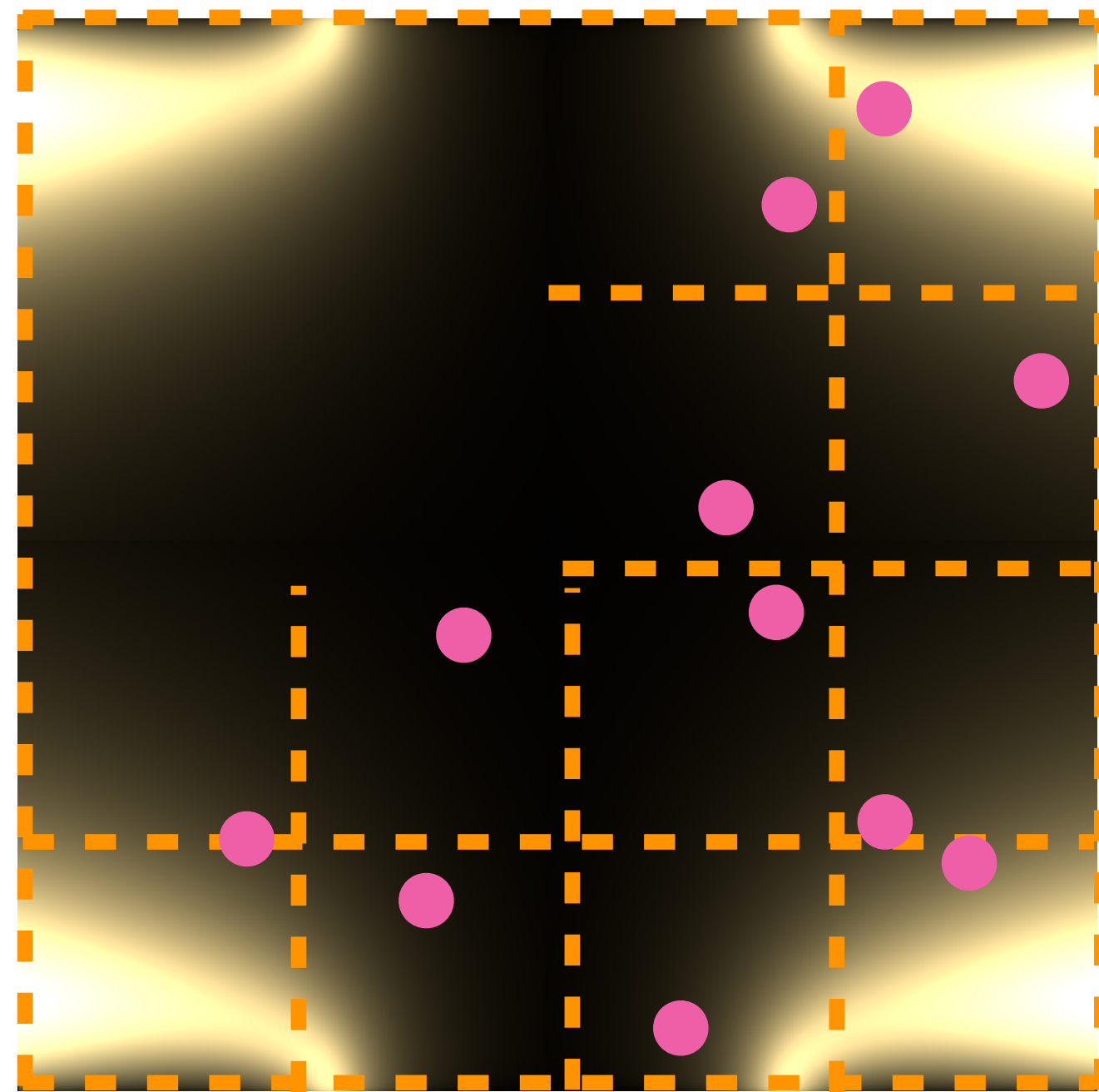
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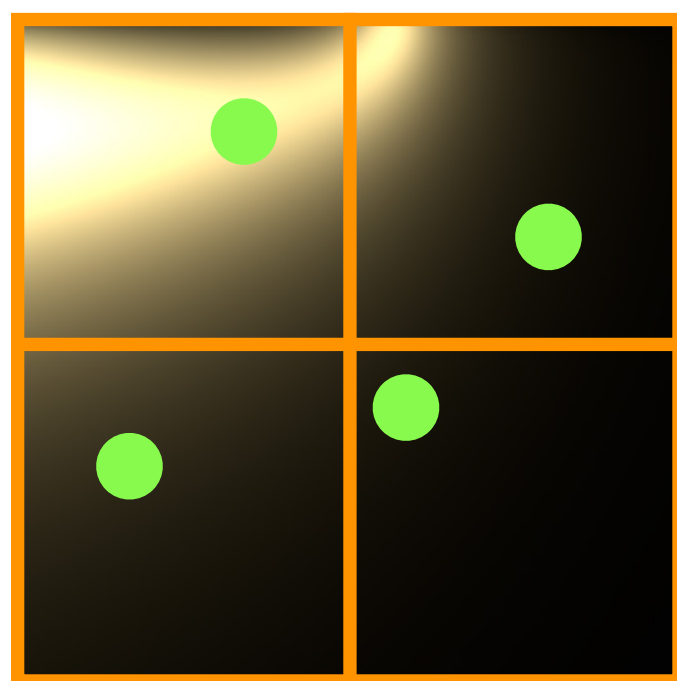
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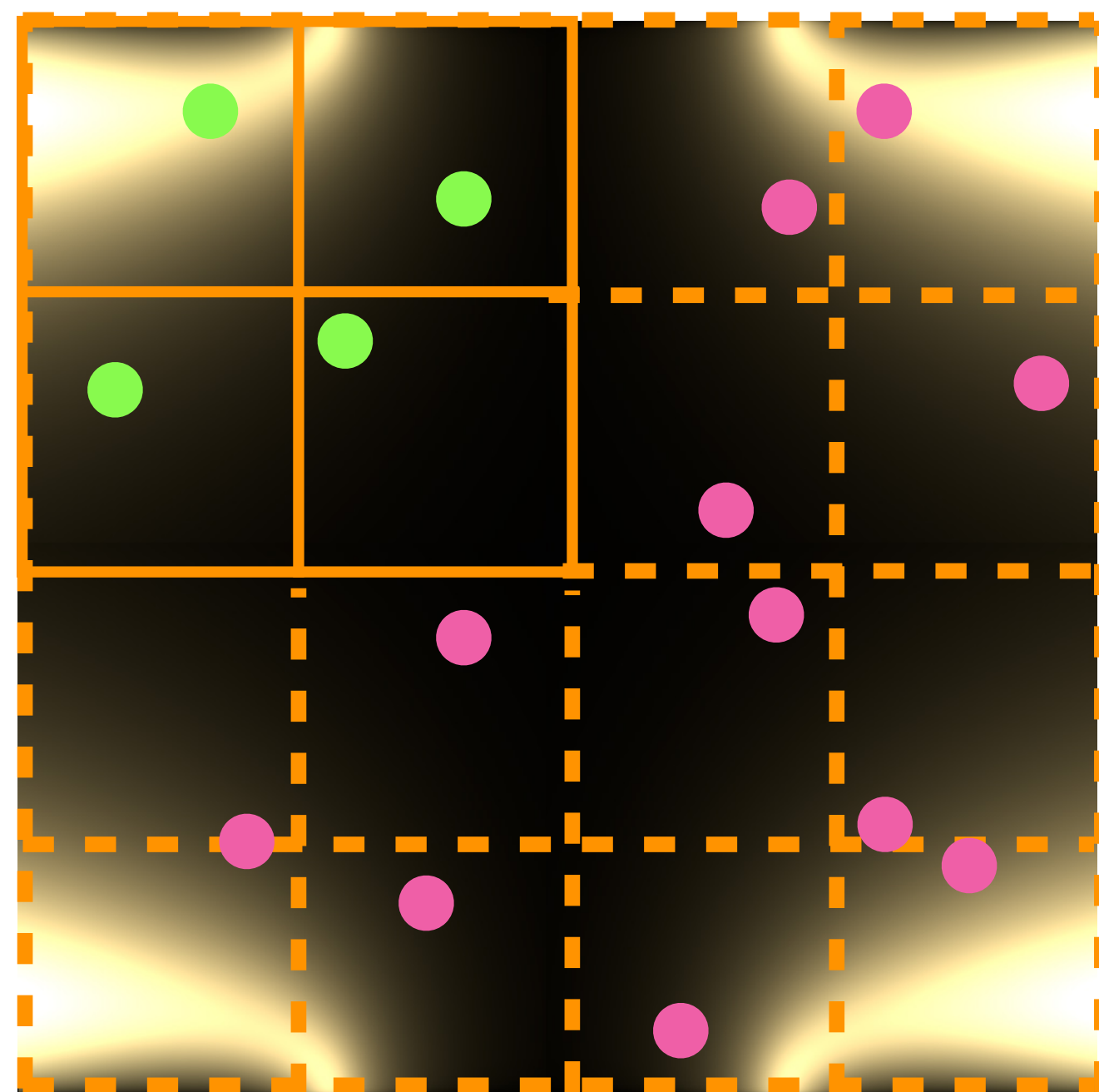
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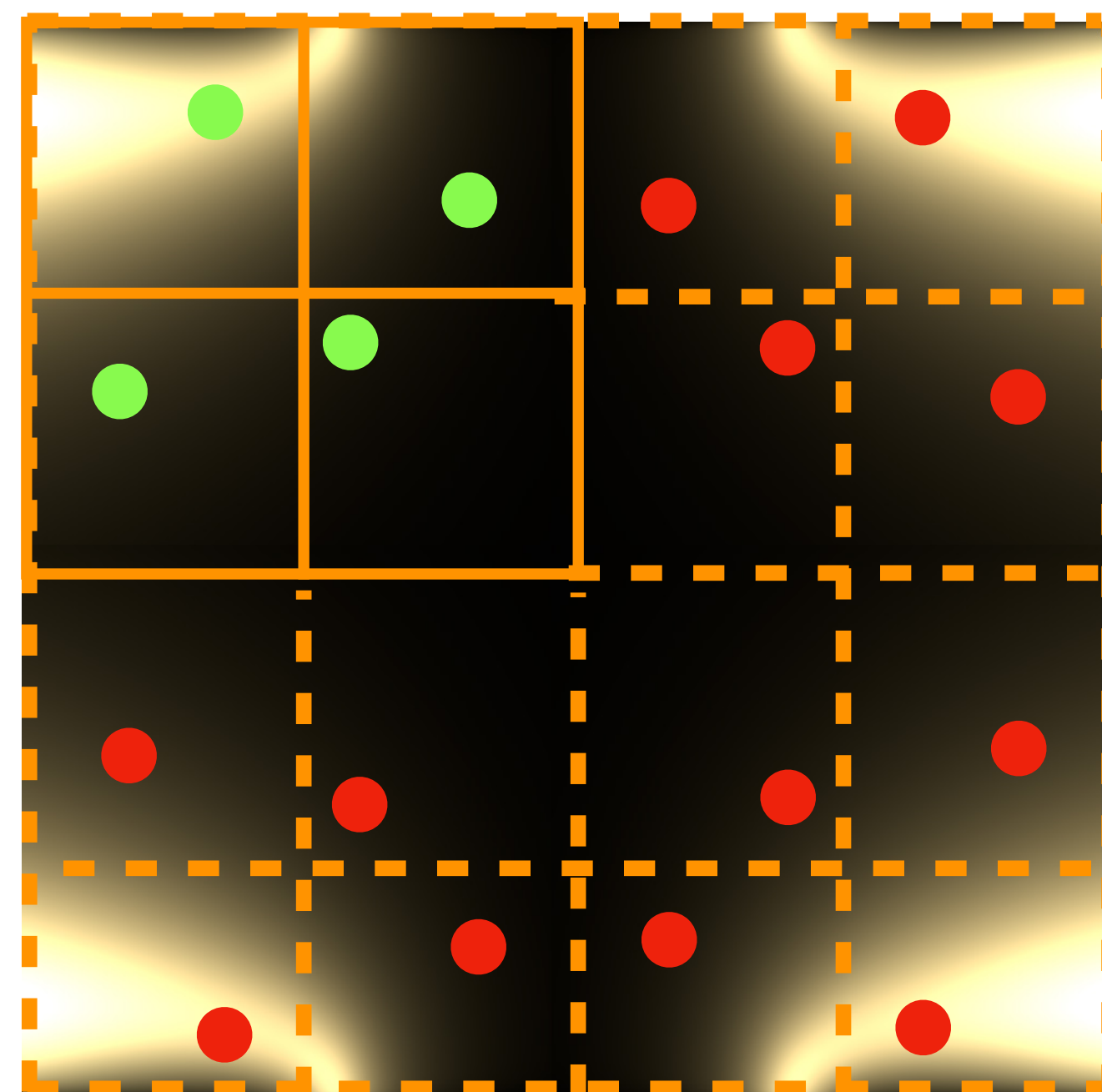
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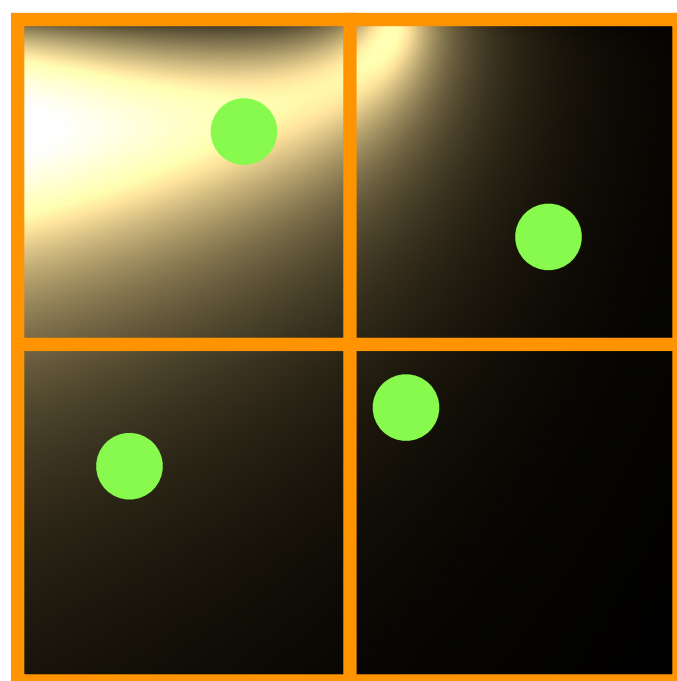




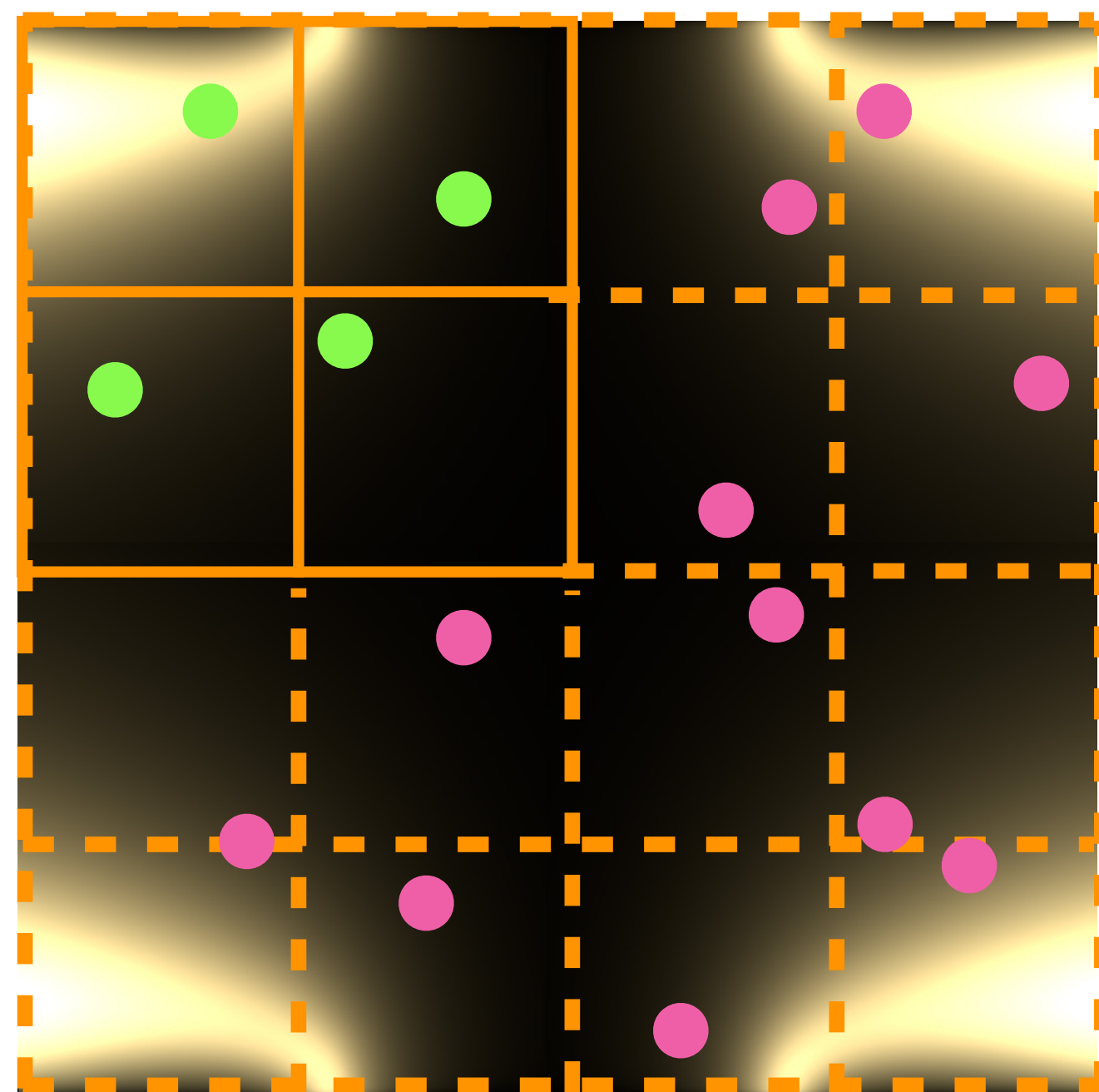
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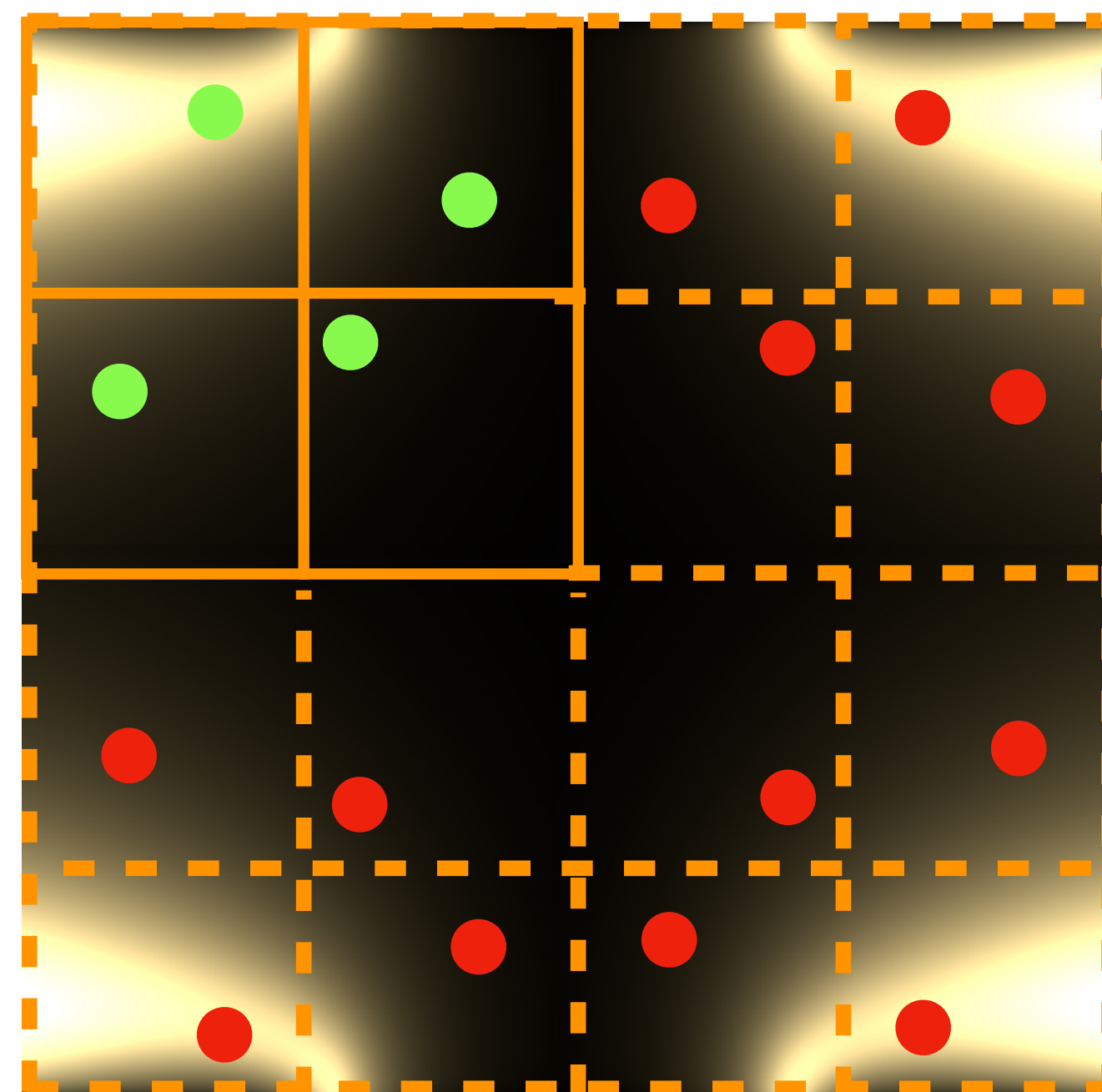
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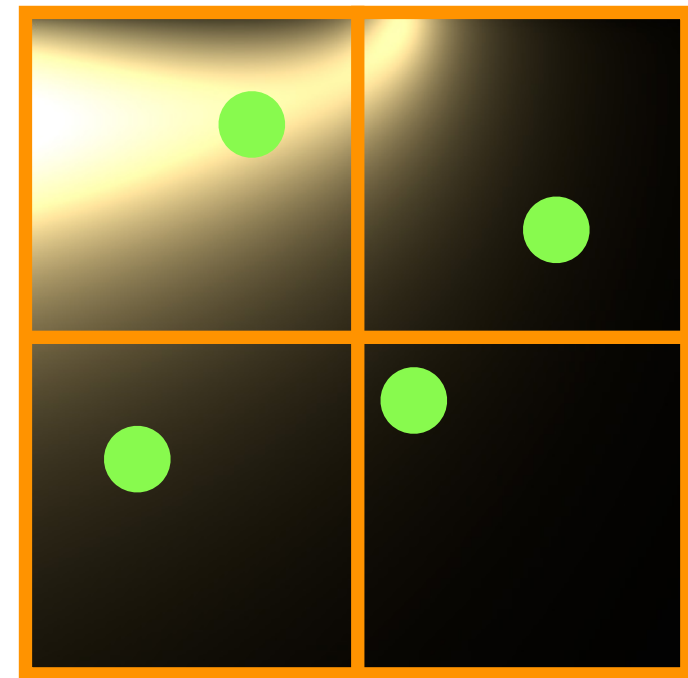


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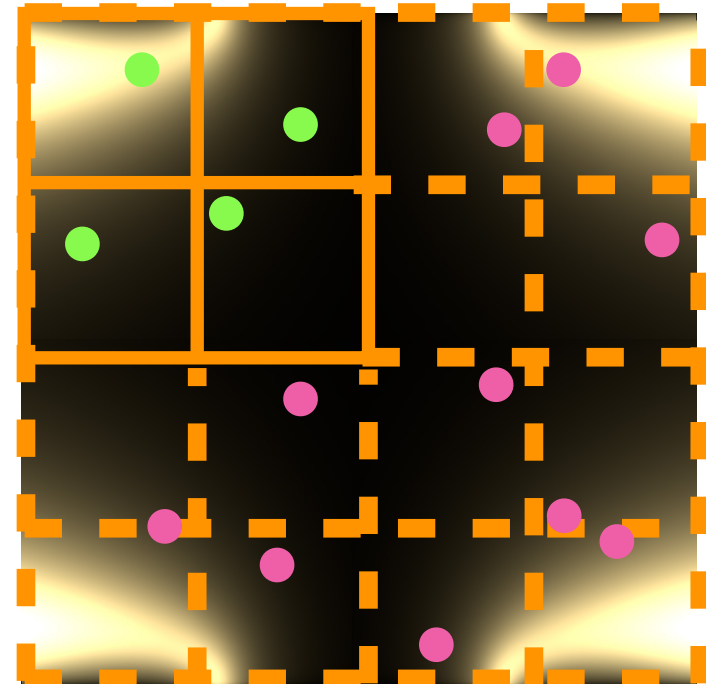


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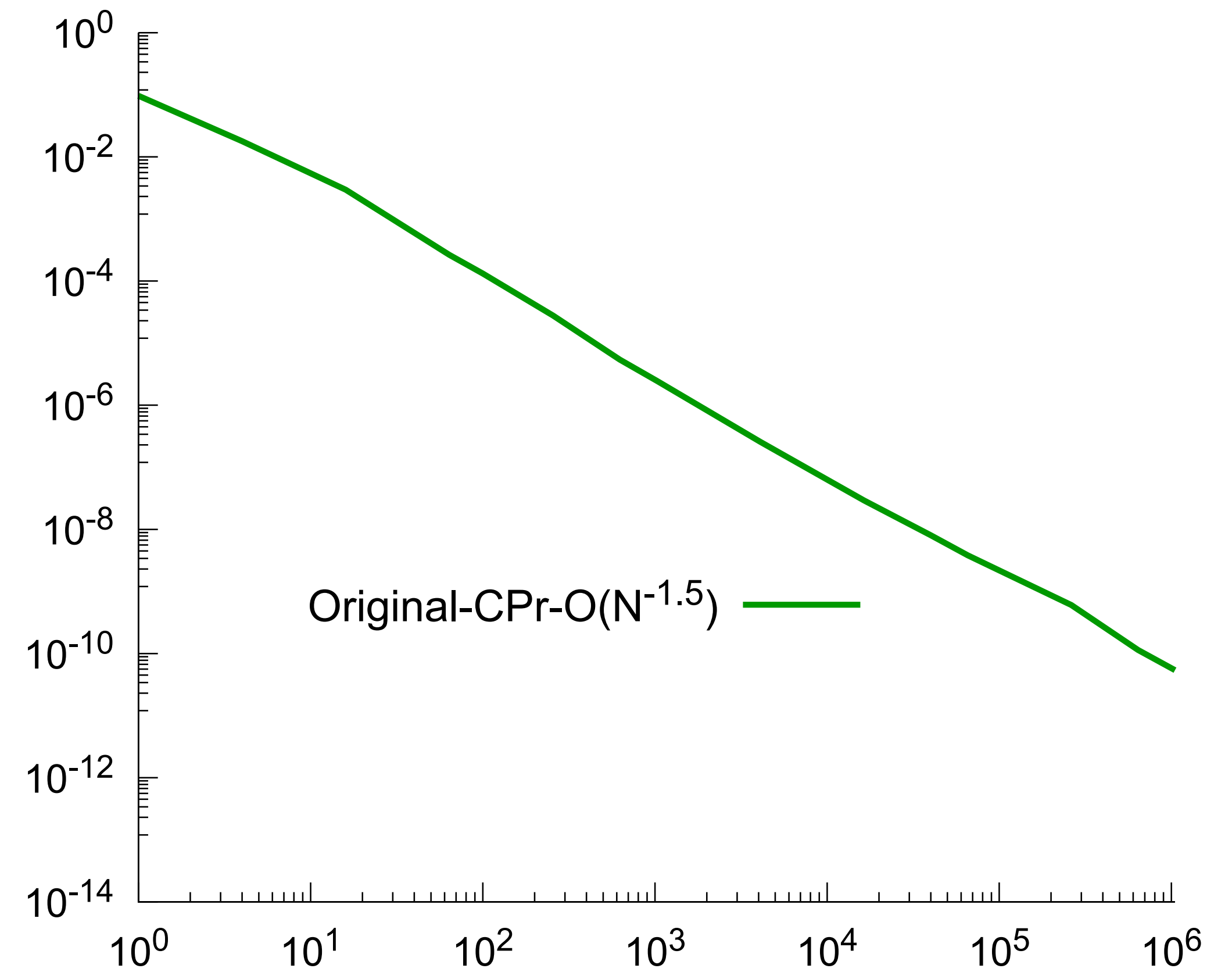
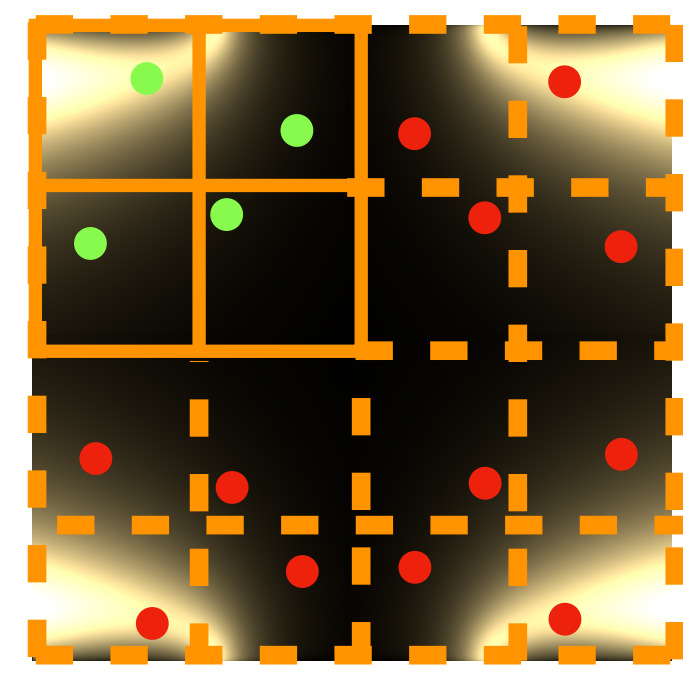
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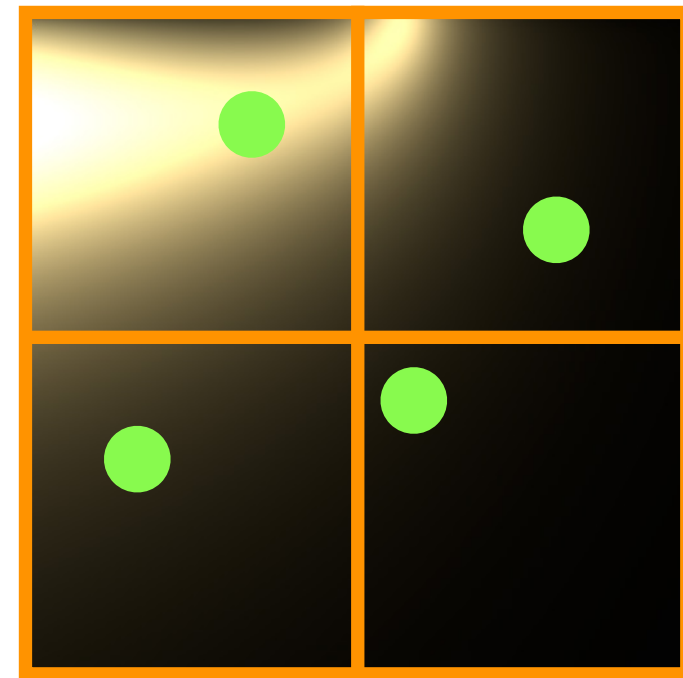
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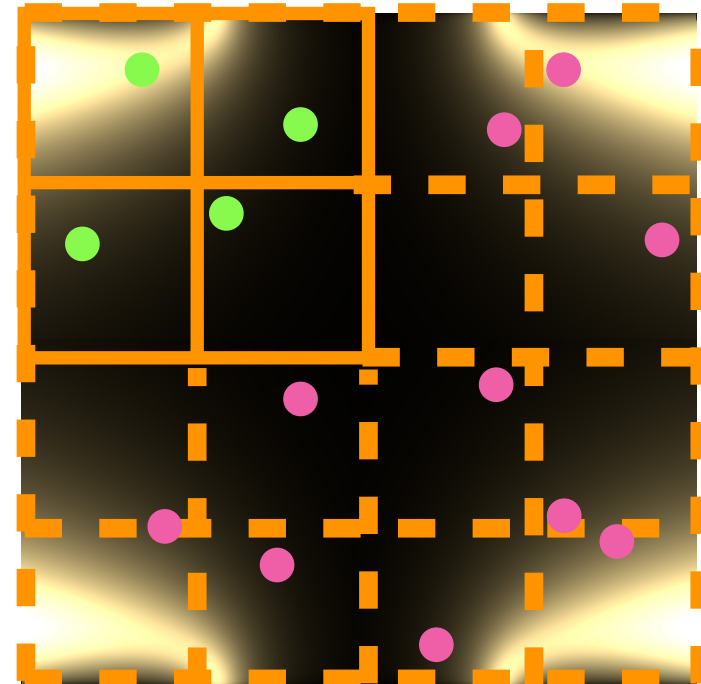


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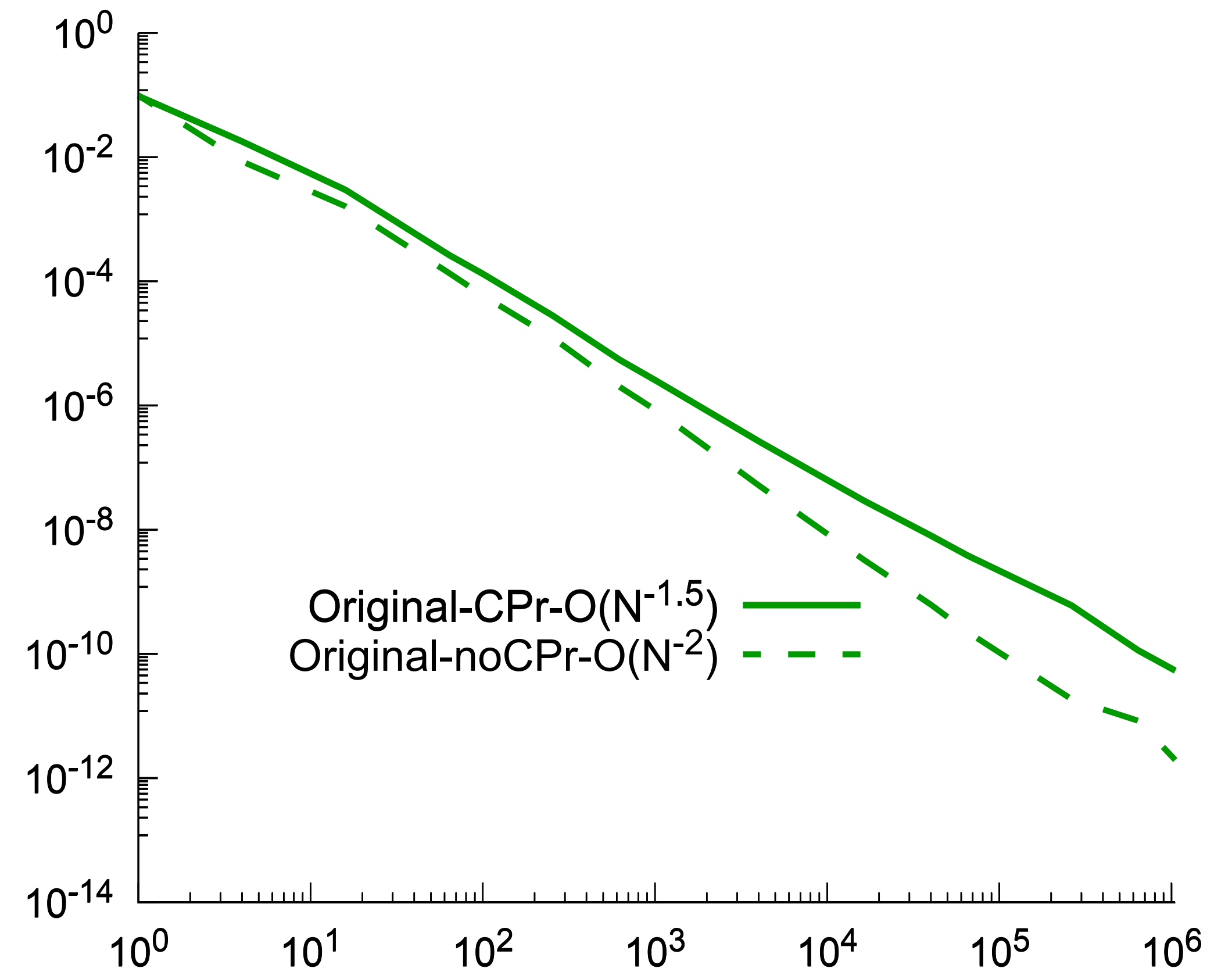
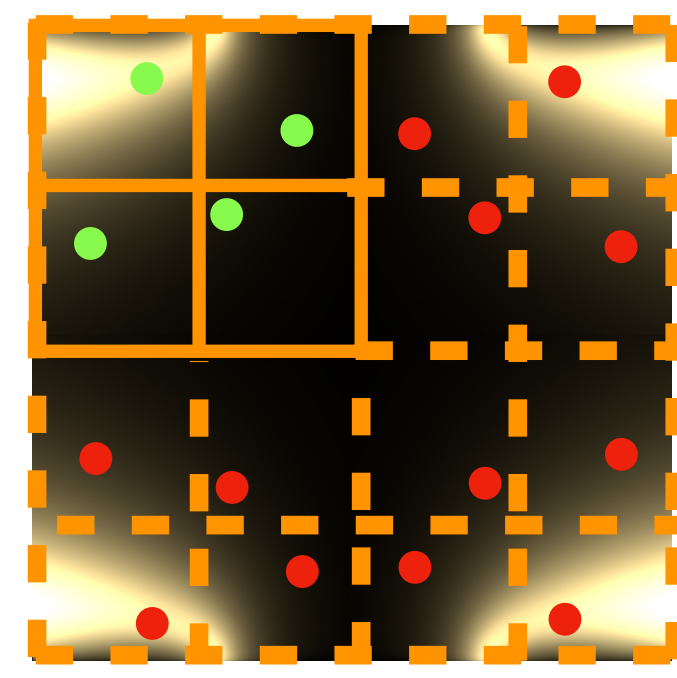
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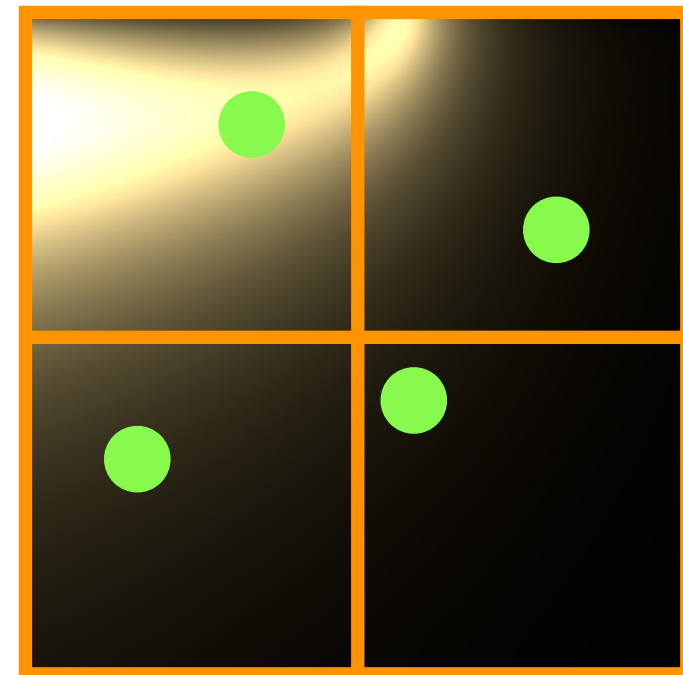


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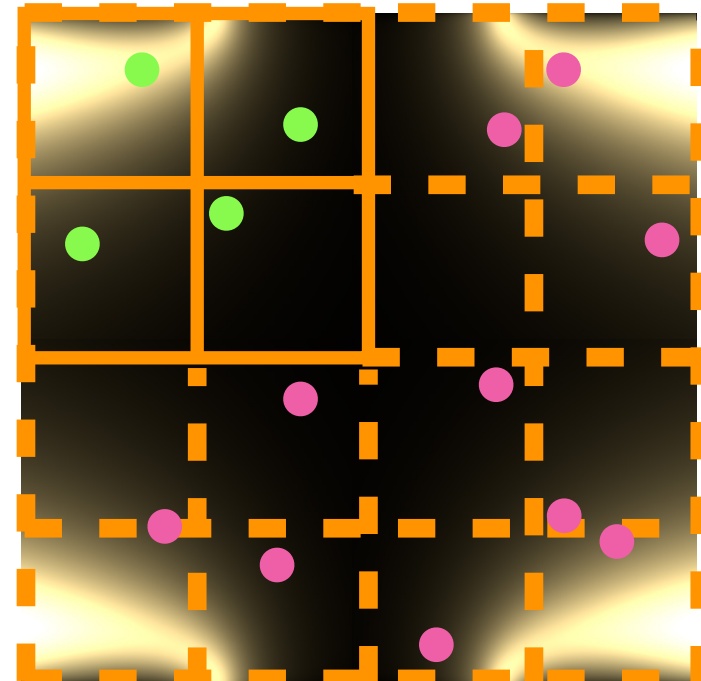


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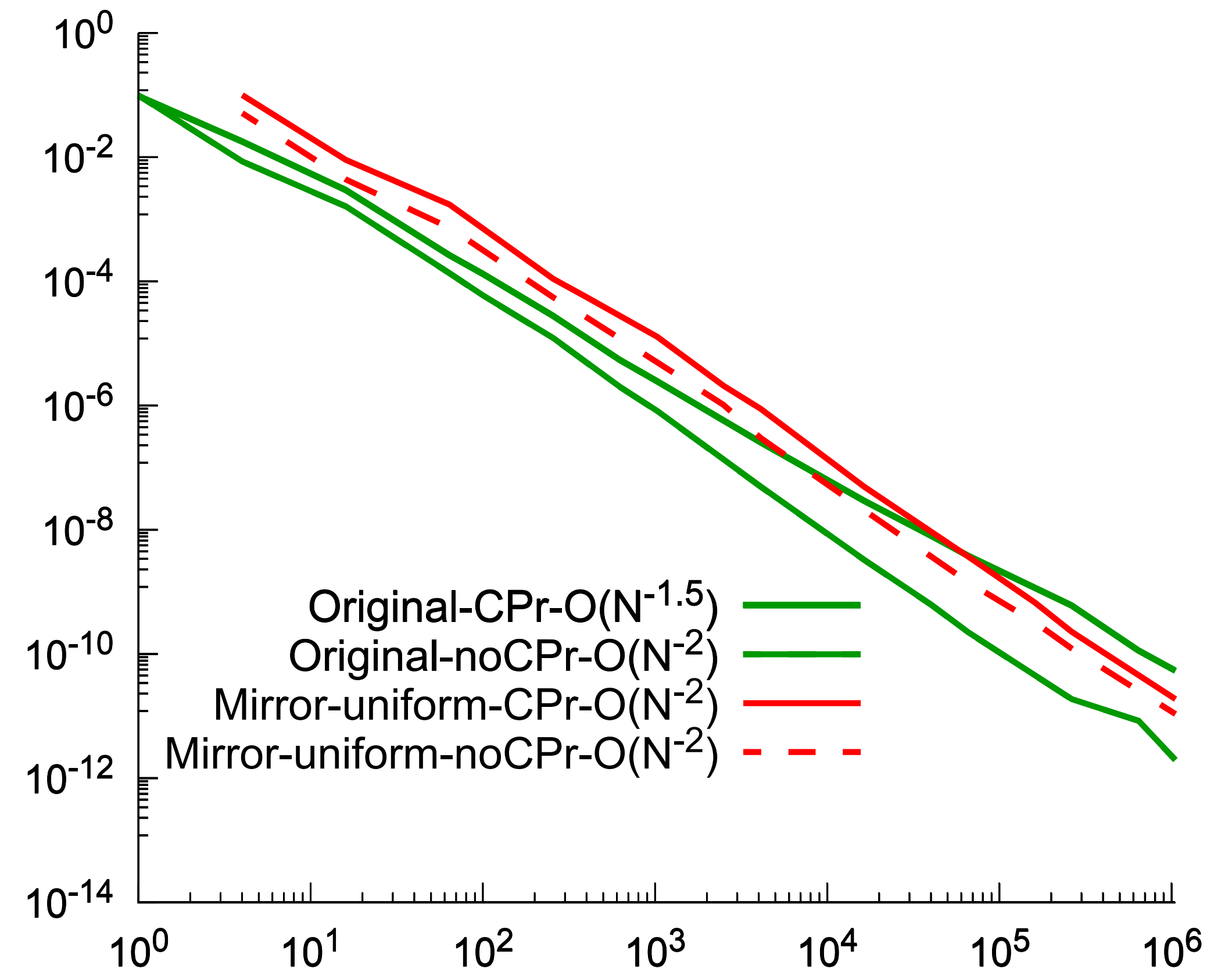
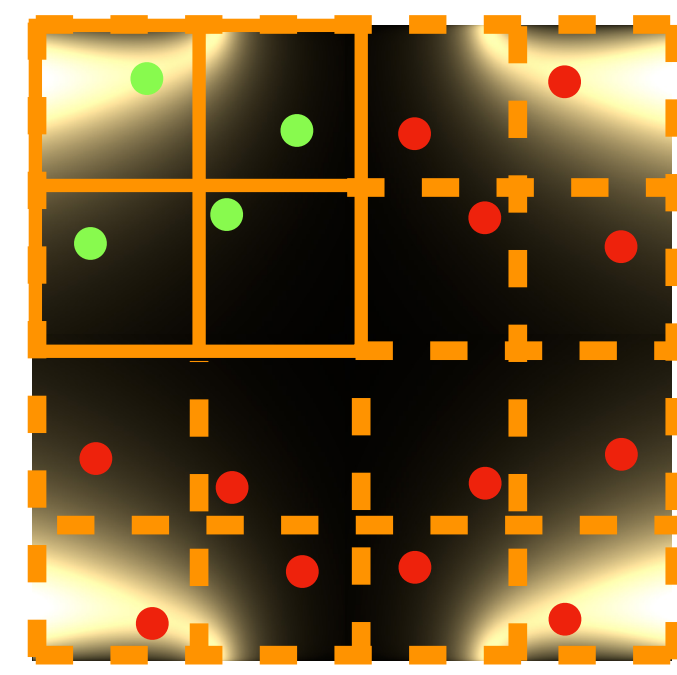
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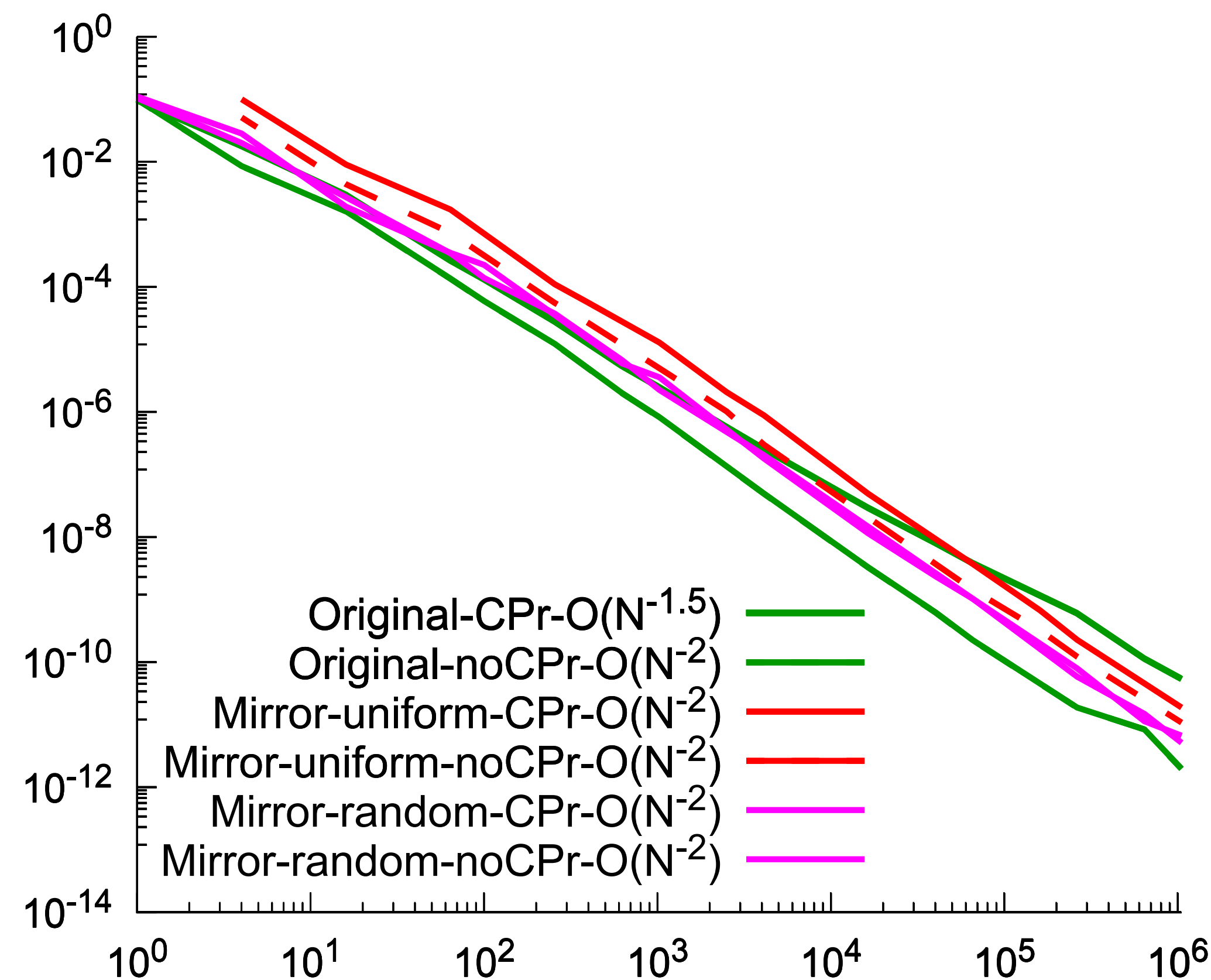
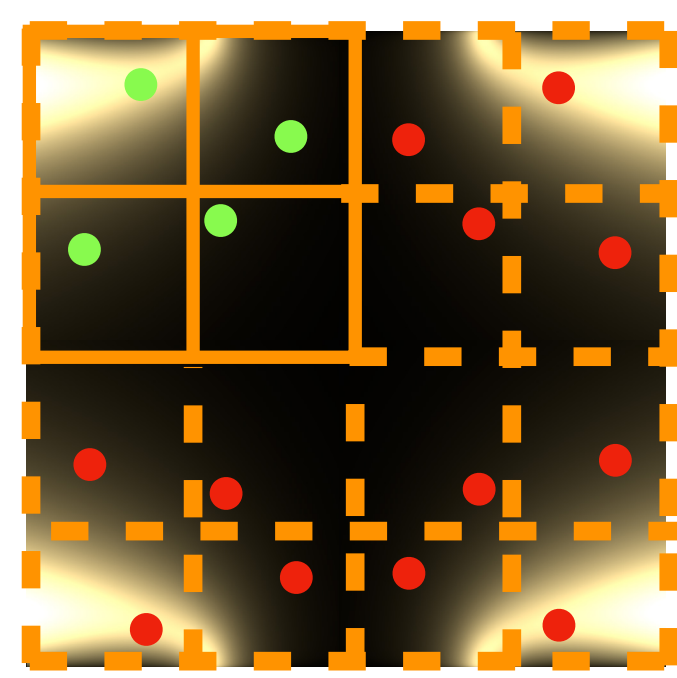
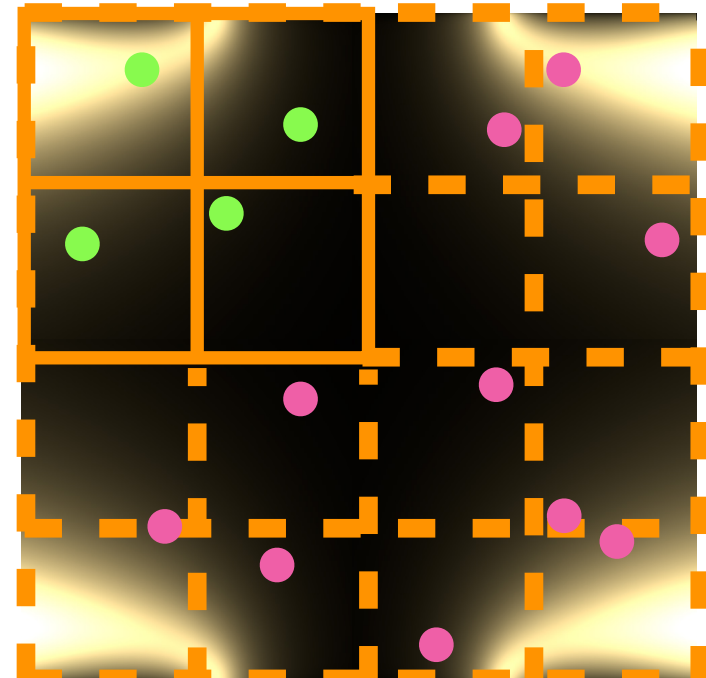
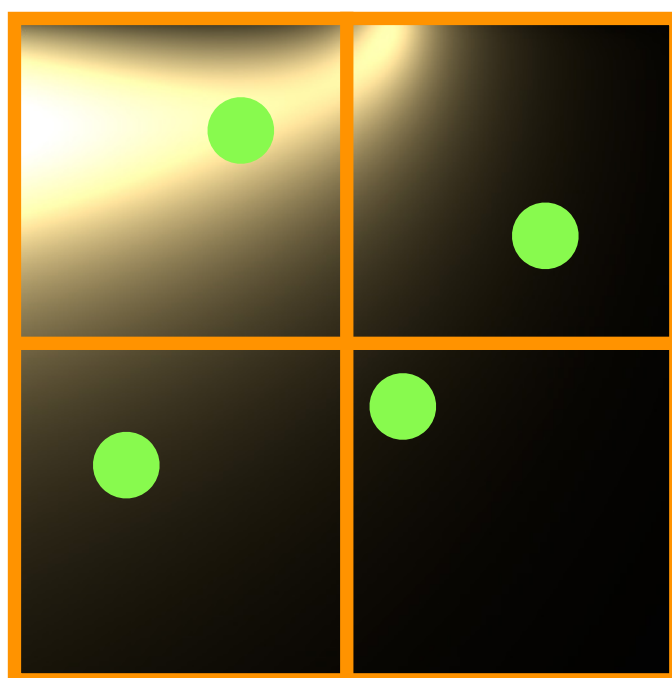


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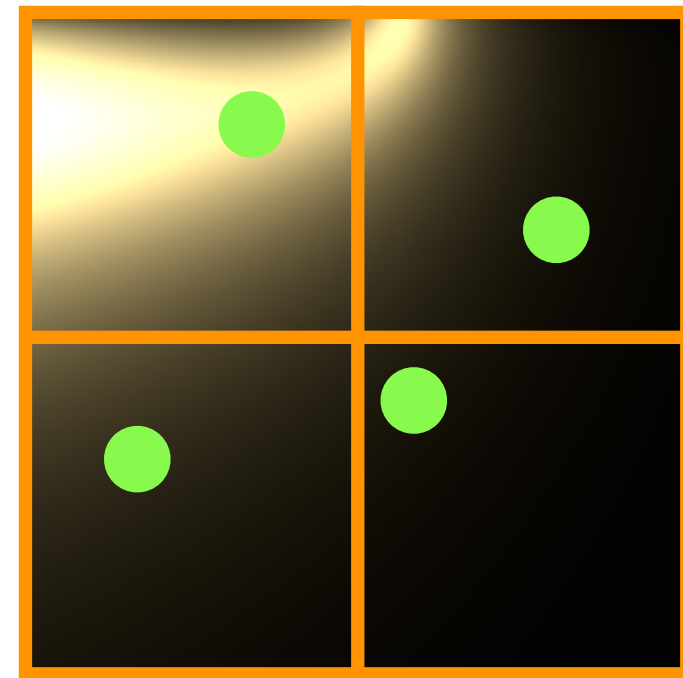
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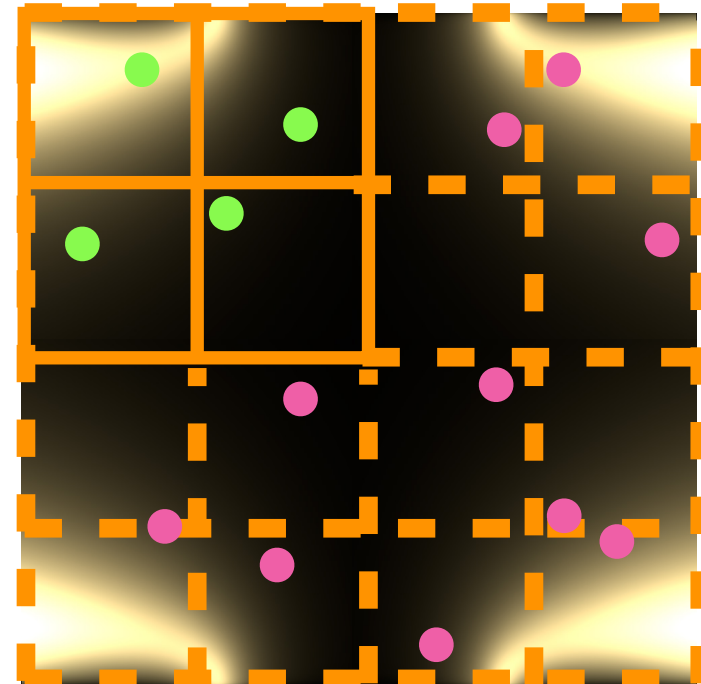


# Convergence: Take away

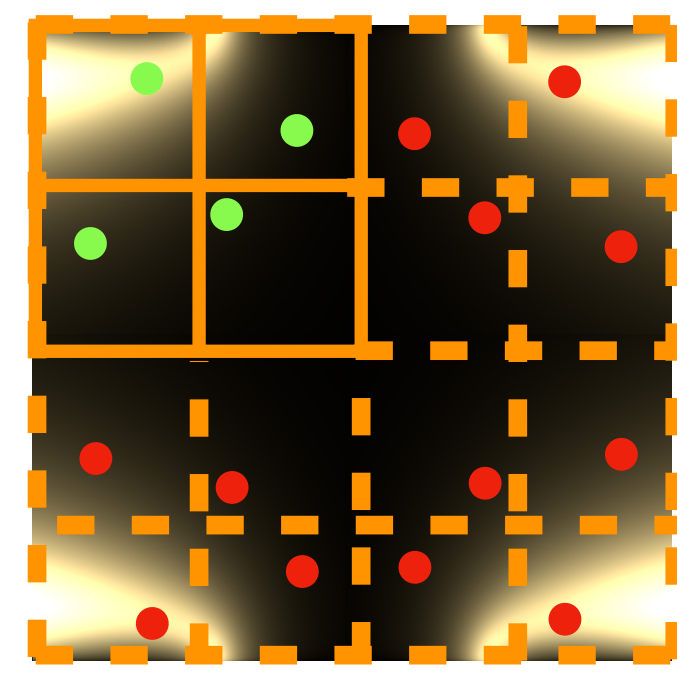
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Homogenization introduces boundary discontinuities

Integrand Mirroring helps avoid these discontinuities

But, Integrand mirroring quadruples the sampling domain in 2D





# Theory side

## Third term

$$\text{Var}(I_N) = I^2 \text{Var}(\mathbf{S}_0) + \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ m \neq 0}} \mathbf{f}_m^* \mathbf{f}_m \langle \mathbf{S}_m^* \mathbf{S}_m \rangle + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{\substack{l \in \mathbb{Z} \\ l \neq m}} \mathbf{f}_m^* \mathbf{f}_l \langle \mathbf{S}_m^* \mathbf{S}_l \rangle$$

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.

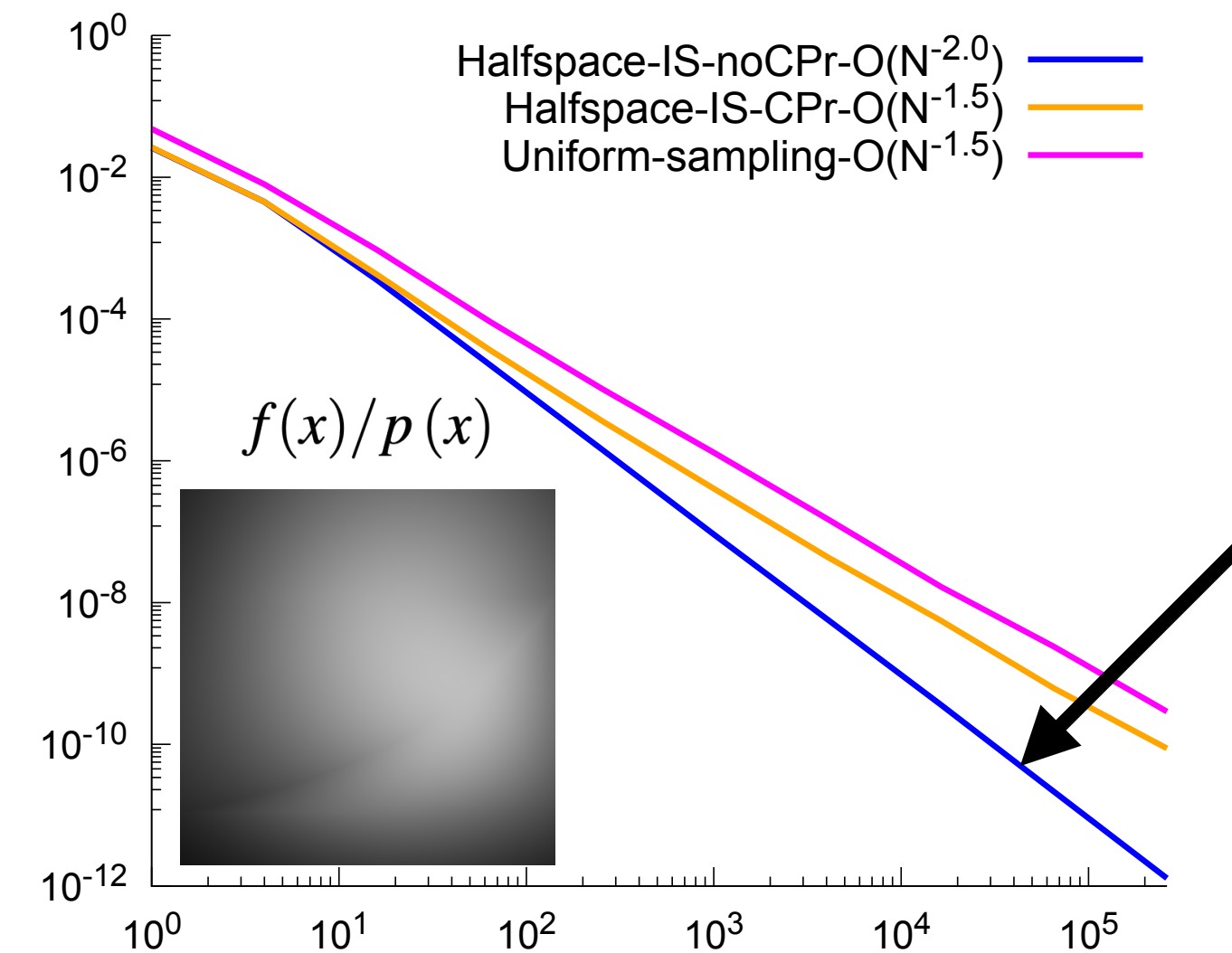
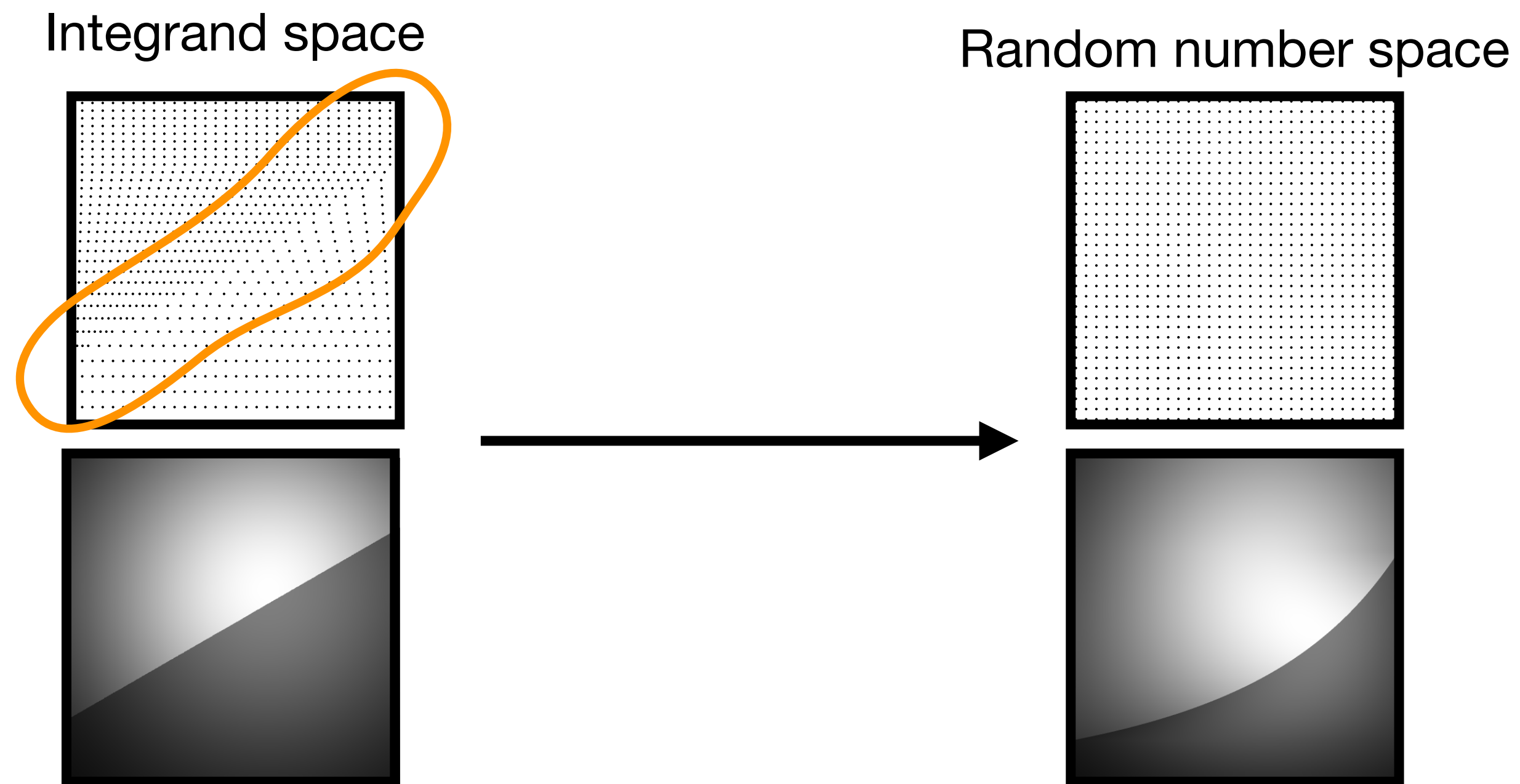
In **environment map sampling**, simply importance sampling w.r.t. the gray channel introduces discontinuities. IS all the channels.

# Future Directions

How can we leverage more insights from this formulation?

How we can use other statistical tools to represent variance? PCF is there but what else?

Can we do better than traditional Importance Sampling?



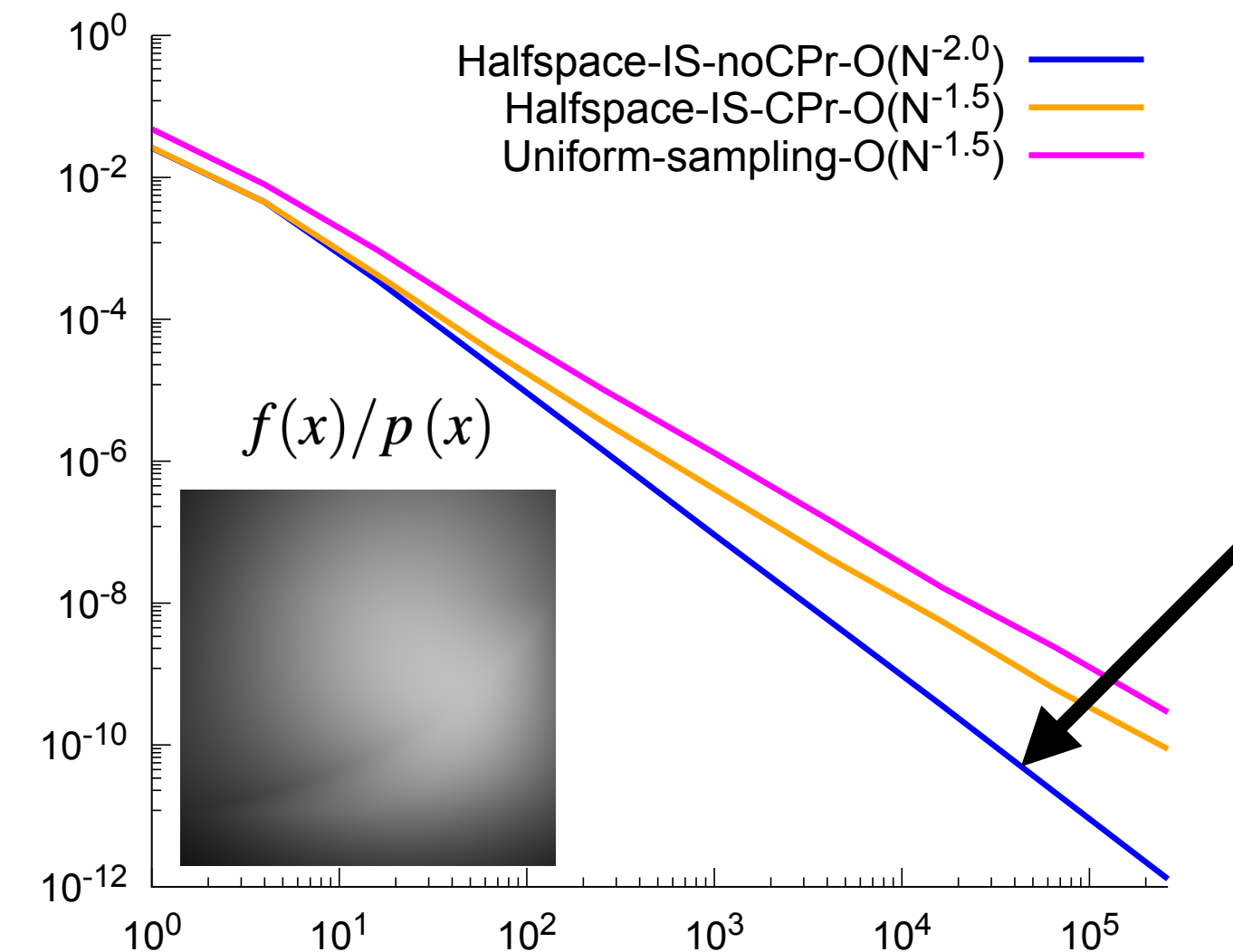
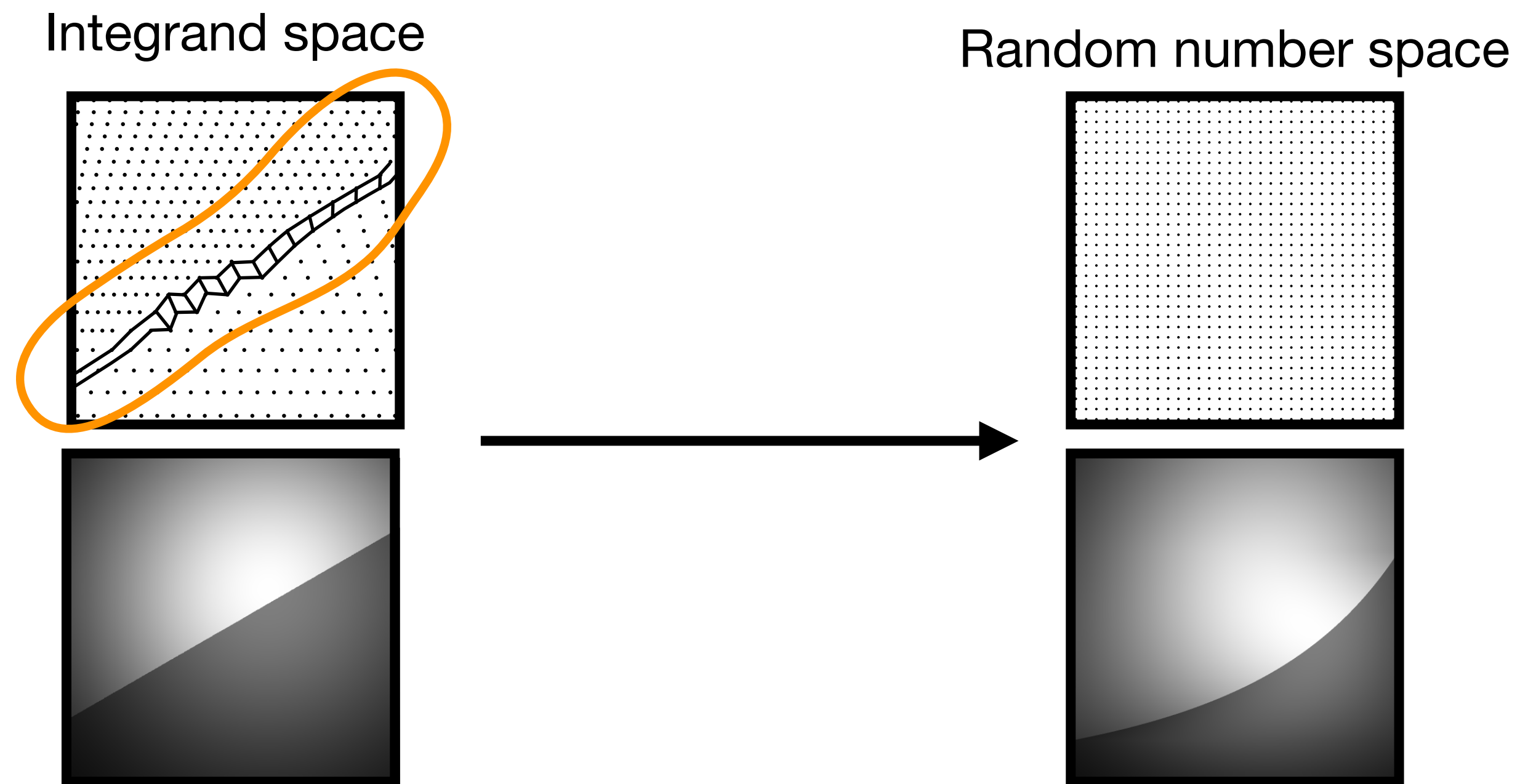


# Future Directions

How can we leverage more insights from this formulation?

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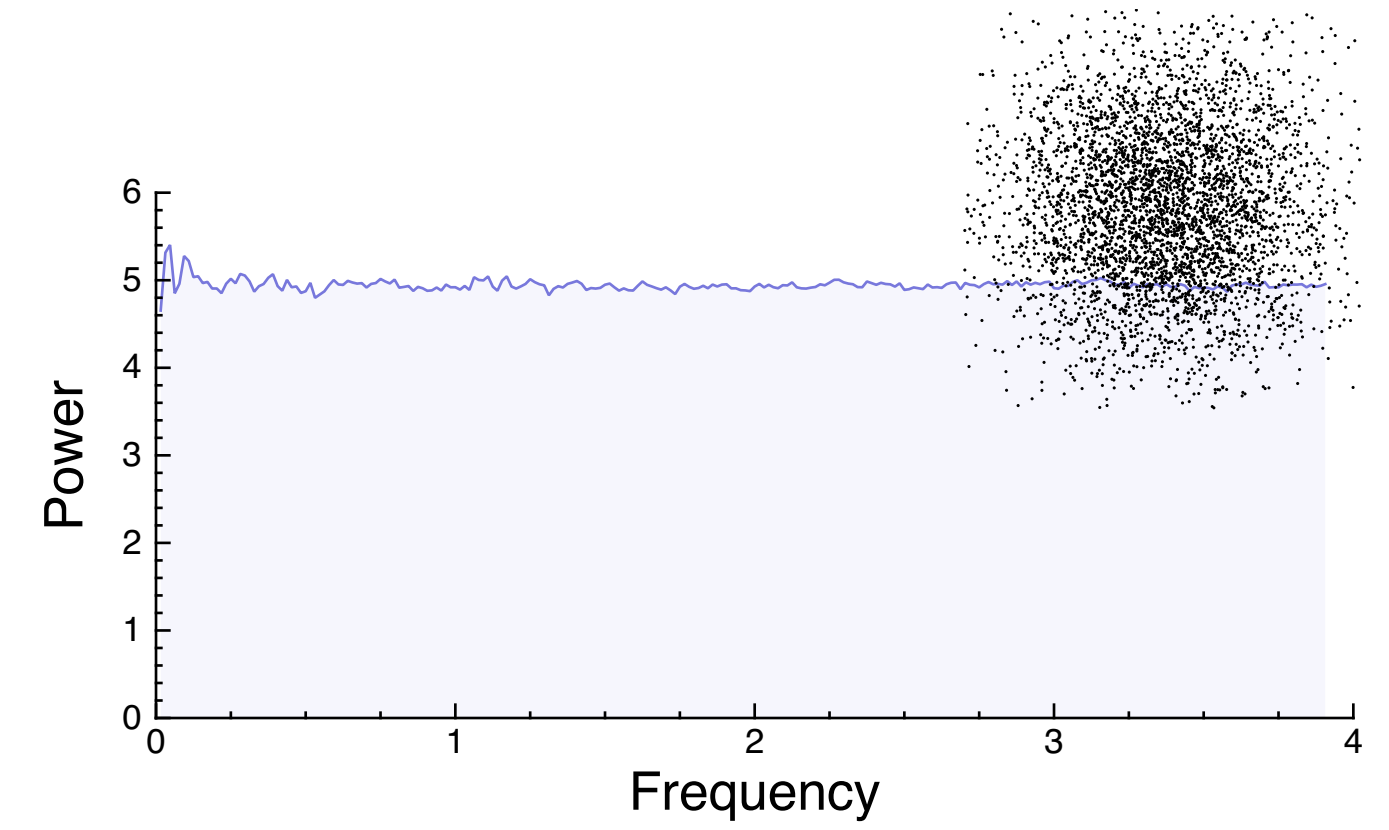
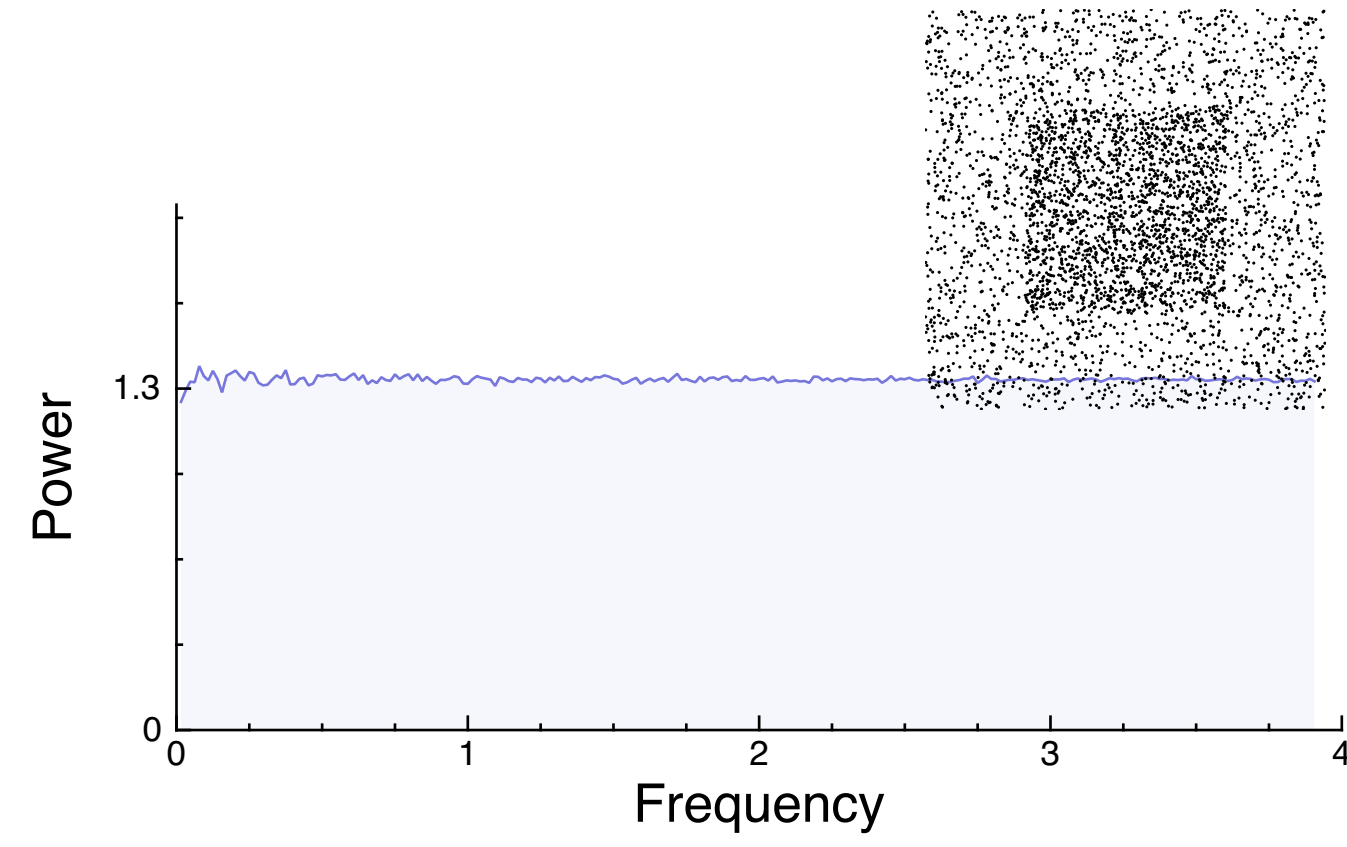
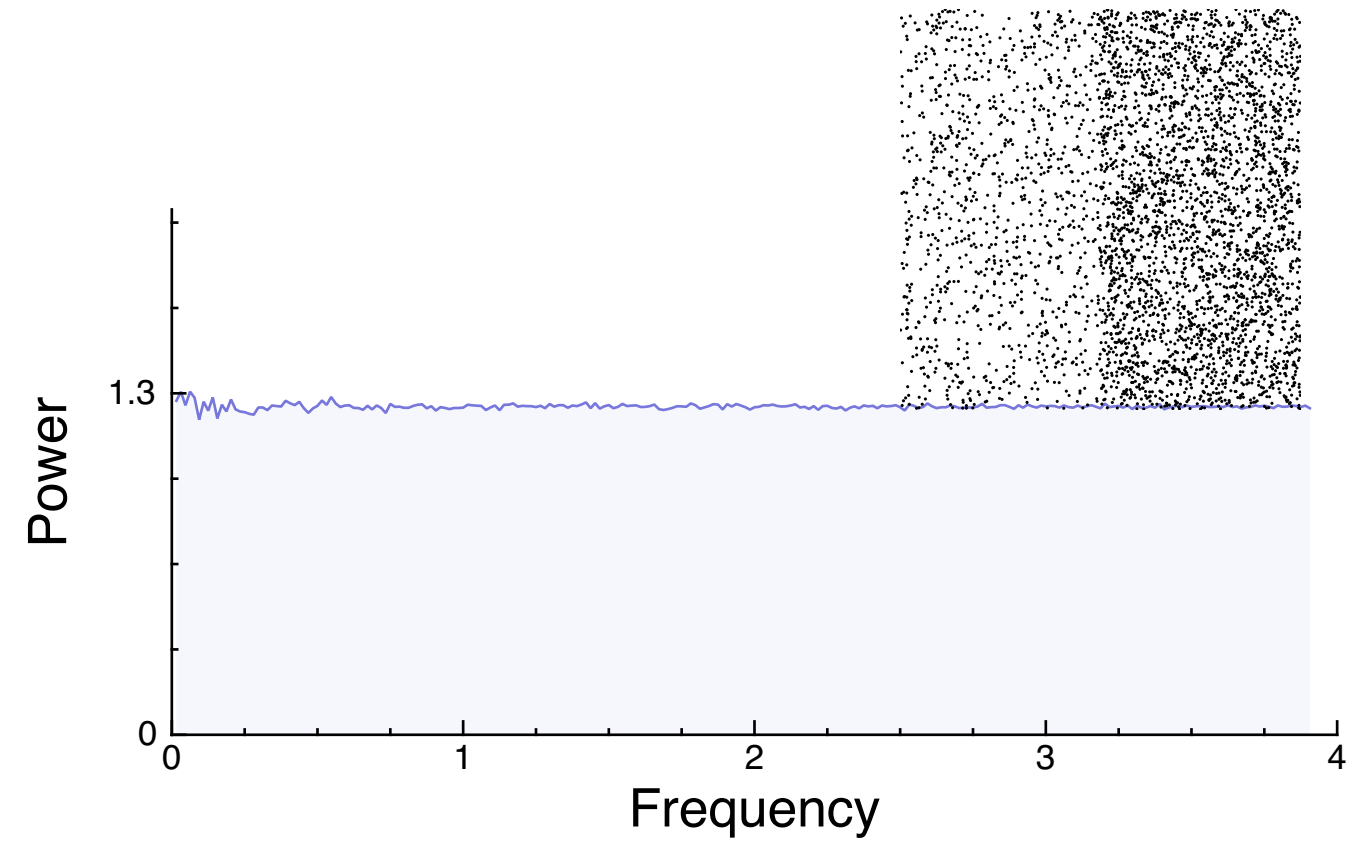
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