



# CPSC 425: Computer Vision

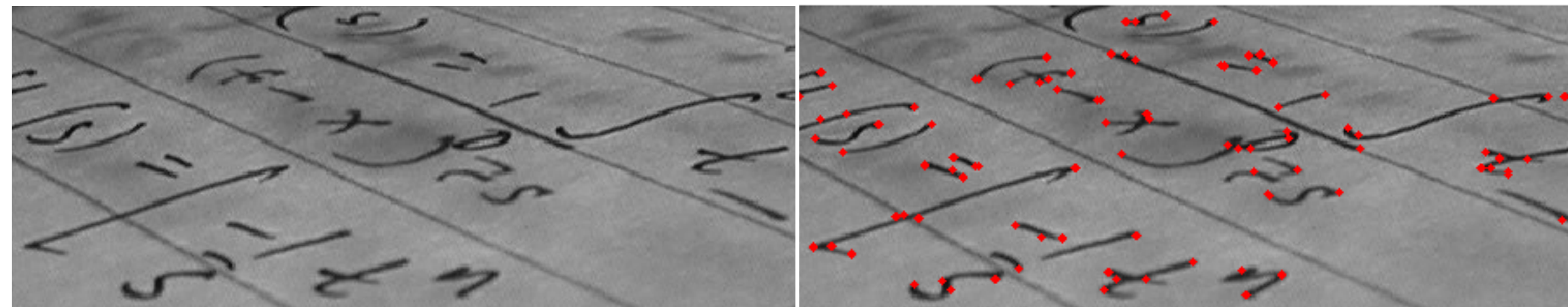


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## Lecture 11: Corner Detection (cont.)

( unless otherwise stated slides are taken or adopted from **Bob Woodham, Jim Little** and **Fred Tung** )

# Menu for Today

## Topics:

- Harris **Corner** Detector (review)
- **Blob** Detection
- Searching over **Scale**
- **Texture** Synthesis & Analysis

## Readings:

- **Today's** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 5.3, 6.1, 6.3, 3.1-3.3

## Reminders:

- **Assignment 2:** Face Detection in a Scaled Representation is due **today**
- **Assignment 3:** Texture Synthesis is out **today**
- Study questions for **Midterm** are on Canvas (answers on Friday)
- (practice) **Quiz 1** is on Canvas, Quiz 2 & 3 coming



# Today's “**fun**” Example: Texture Camouflage



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Camouflage.jpg>



# Today's “**fun**” Example: Texture Camouflage

Cuttlefish on gravel seabed



Seconds later...





# Lecture 10: Re-cap (Harris Corner Detection)

1. Compute image gradients over small region
2. Compute the covariance matrix
3. Compute eigenvectors and eigenvalues
4. Use threshold on eigenvalues to detect corners

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$



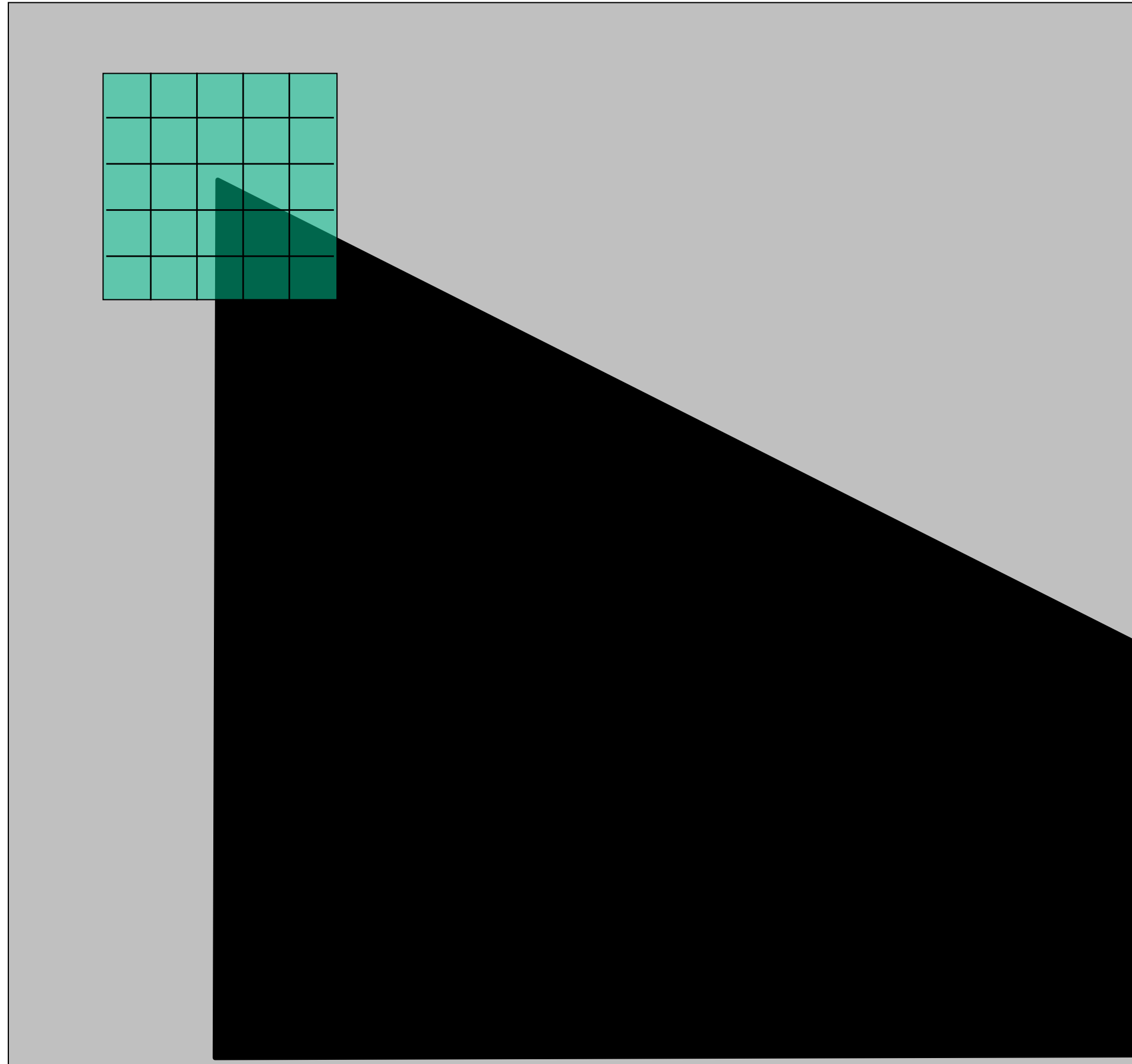
$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

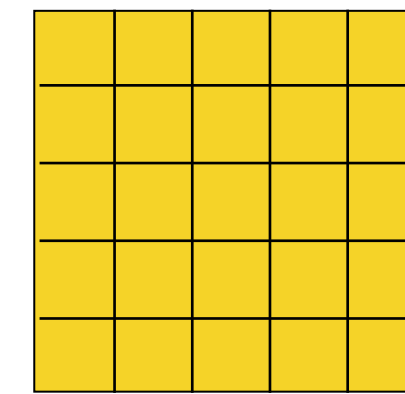
# Lecture 10: Re-cap (compute image gradients at patch)

(not just a single pixel)



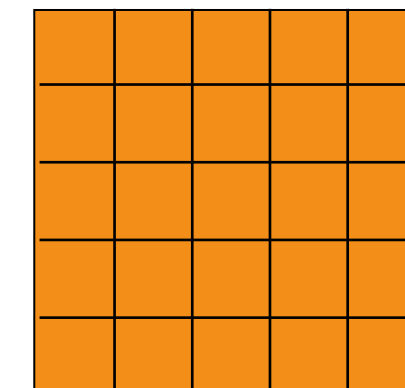
array of x gradients

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$



array of y gradients

$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$





# Lecture 10: Re-cap (compute the covariance matrix)

**Sum** over small region  
around the corner

**Gradient** with respect to  $x$ , times  
gradient with respect to  $y$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix is **symmetric**

# Lecture 10: Re-cap

It can be shown that since every  $C$  is symmetric:



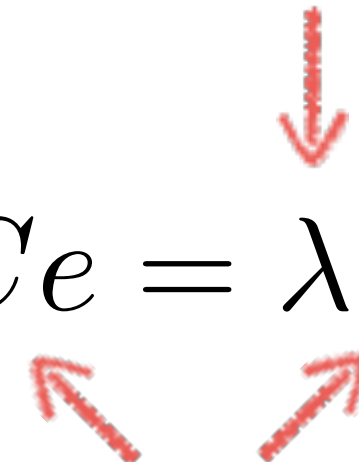
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# Lecture 10: Re-cap (computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors)

eigenvalue

$$Ce = \lambda e$$

eigenvector



$$(C - \lambda I)e = 0$$

1. Compute the determinant of  
(returns a polynomial)

$$C - \lambda I$$

2. Find the roots of polynomial  
(returns eigenvalues)

$$\det(C - \lambda I) = 0$$

3. For each eigenvalue, solve  
(returns eigenvectors)

$$(C - \lambda I)e = 0$$

# Lecture 10: Re-cap (interpreting eigenvalues)

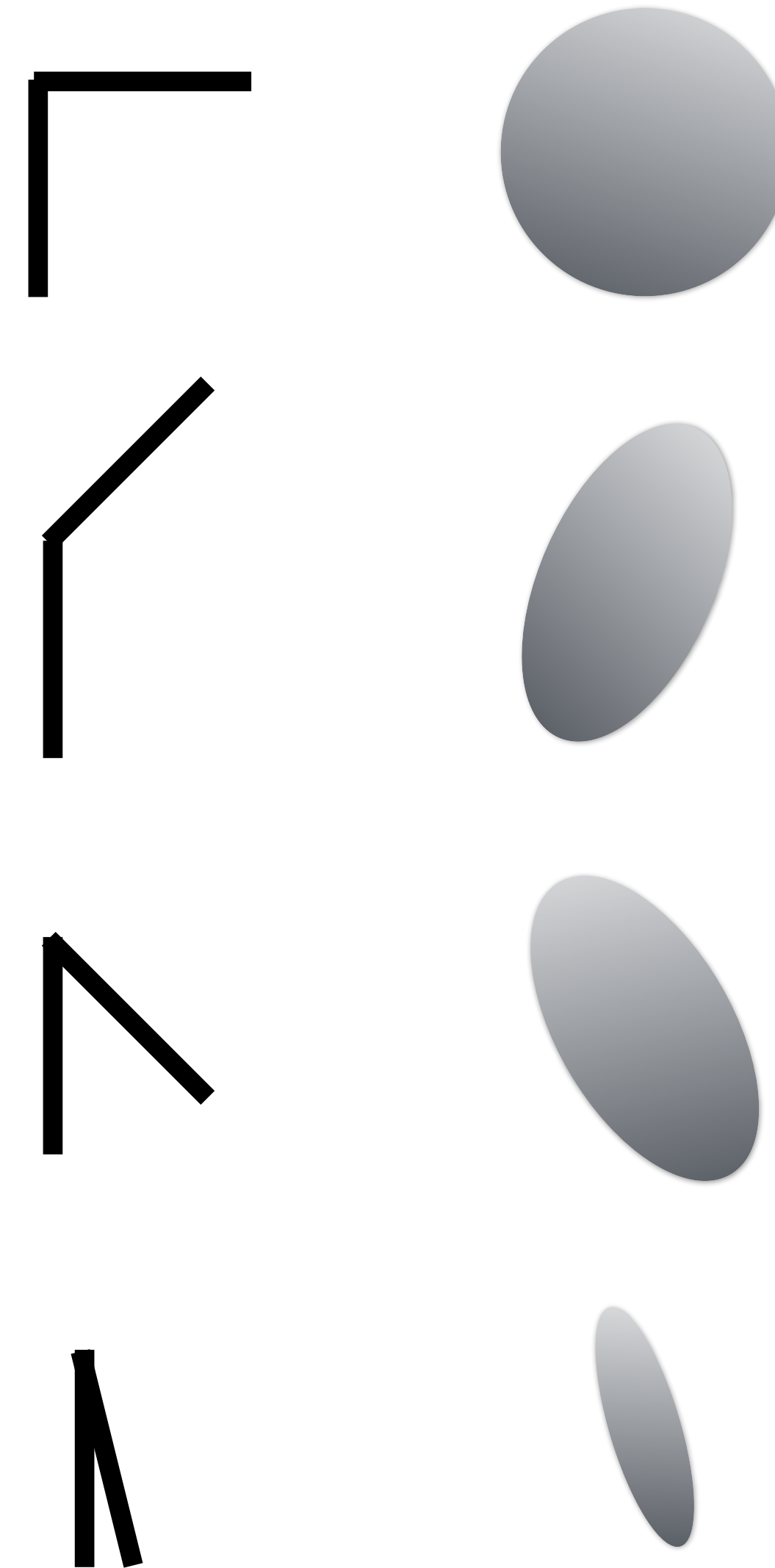
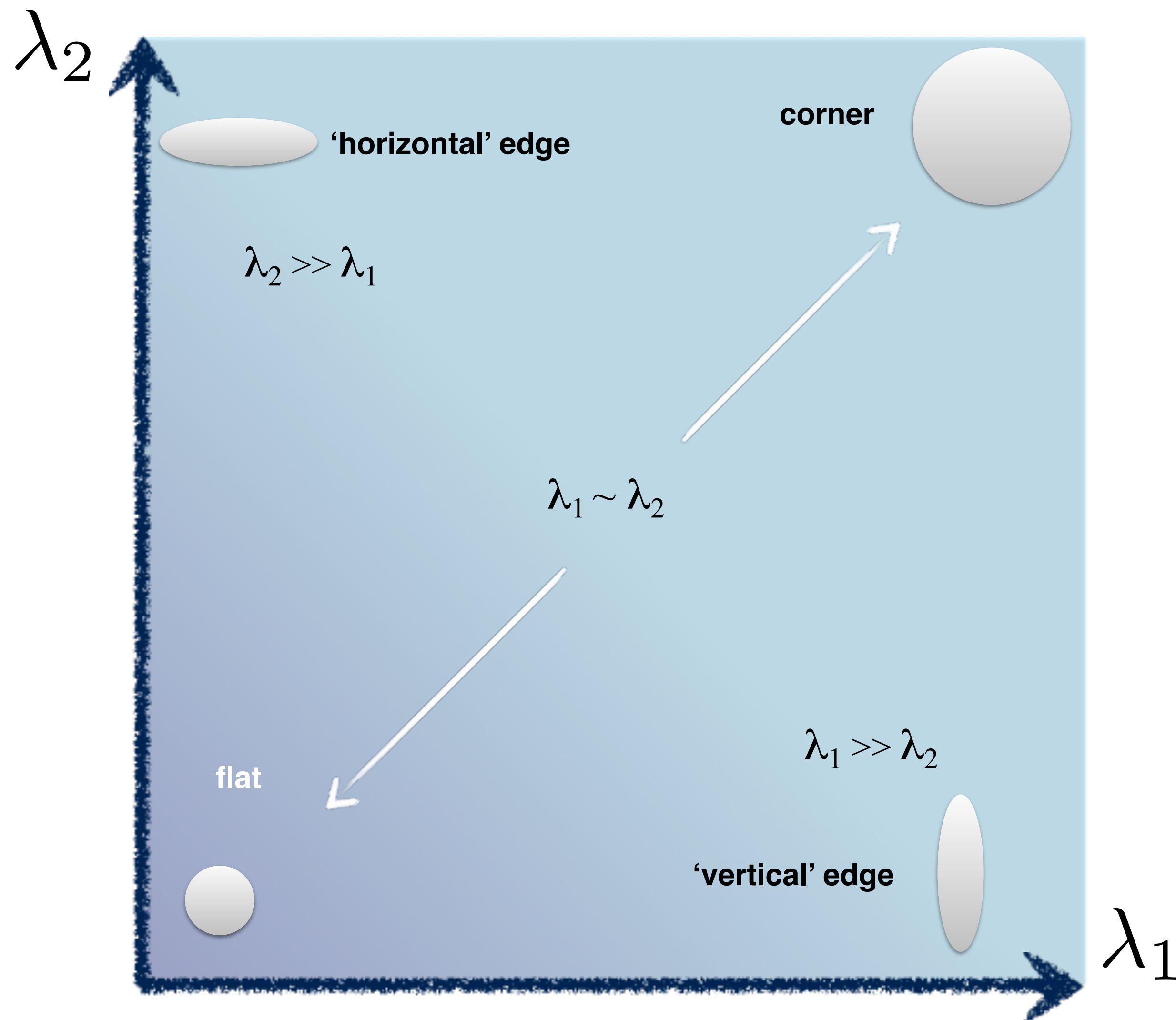
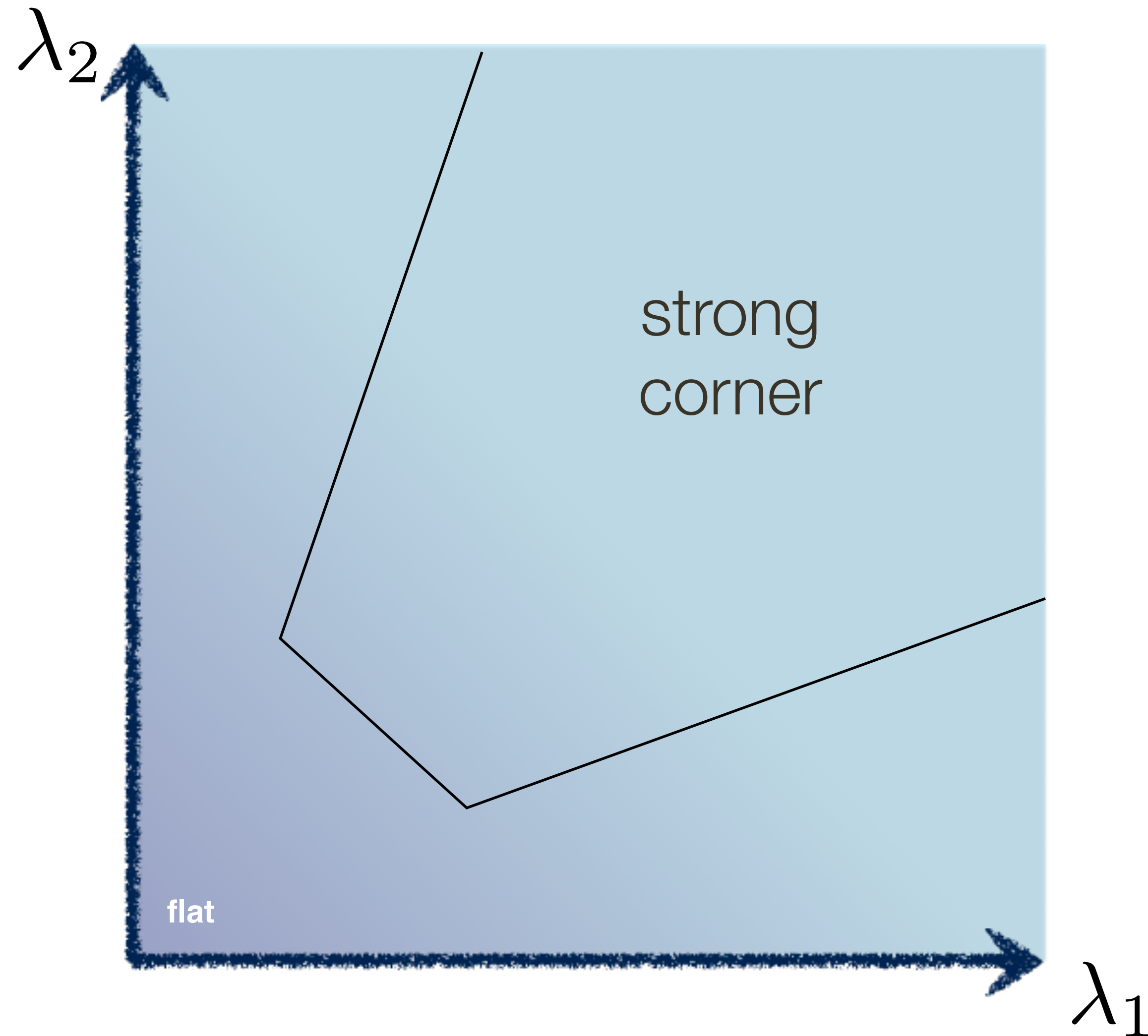


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# Lecture 10: Re-cap (**Threshold** on Eigenvalues to **Detect Corners**)



Think of a function to  
score 'corneriness'

# Lecture 10: Re-cap (**Threshold** on Eigenvalues to **Detect Corners**)

Harris & Stephens (1988)

$$\det(C) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(C)$$

Kanade & Tomasi (1994)

$$\min(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

Nobel (1998)

$$\frac{\det(C)}{\text{trace}(C) + \epsilon}$$

# Example: Harris Corner Detection

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
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# Example: Harris Corner Detection

Lets compute a measure of “corner-ness” for the green pixel:

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
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$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$

$$\sum \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
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0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# Example: Harris Corner Detection

Lets compute a measure of “corner-ness” for the green pixel:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	

$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Example: Harris Corner Detection

Lets compute a measure of “corner-ness” for the green pixel:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1.4384; \lambda_2 = 5.5616$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$

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-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
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0	-1	0	0	1	0	

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0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = 6.04$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	

$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3; \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = -0.36$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
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$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$

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# Example: Harris Corner Detection

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0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3; \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = 5$$

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	

$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5                  6.04

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0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

−0.36

# Harris Corner Detection Review

- Filter image with **Gaussian**
- Compute magnitude of the x and y **gradients** at each pixel
- Construct  $C$  in a window around each pixel
  - Harris uses a **Gaussian window**
- Solve for product of the  $\lambda$ 's
- If  $\lambda$ 's both are big (product reaches local maximum above threshold) then we have a corner
  - Harris also checks that ratio of  $\lambda$ s is not too high

Harris & Stephens (1988)

$$\det(C) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(C)$$



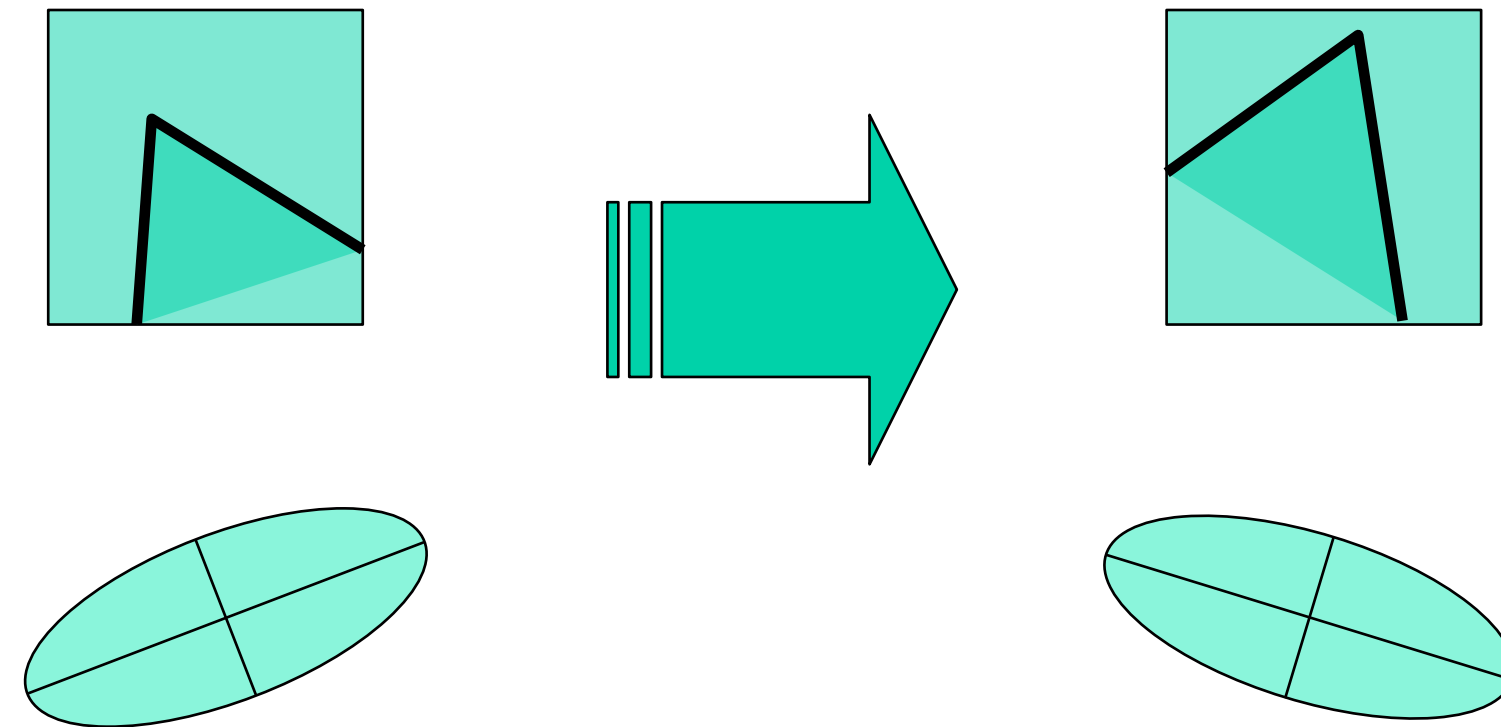
# Compute the **Covariance Matrix**

**Sum** can be implemented as an (unnormalized) box filter with

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Harris uses a **Gaussian** weighting instead

# Properties: Rotational Invariance



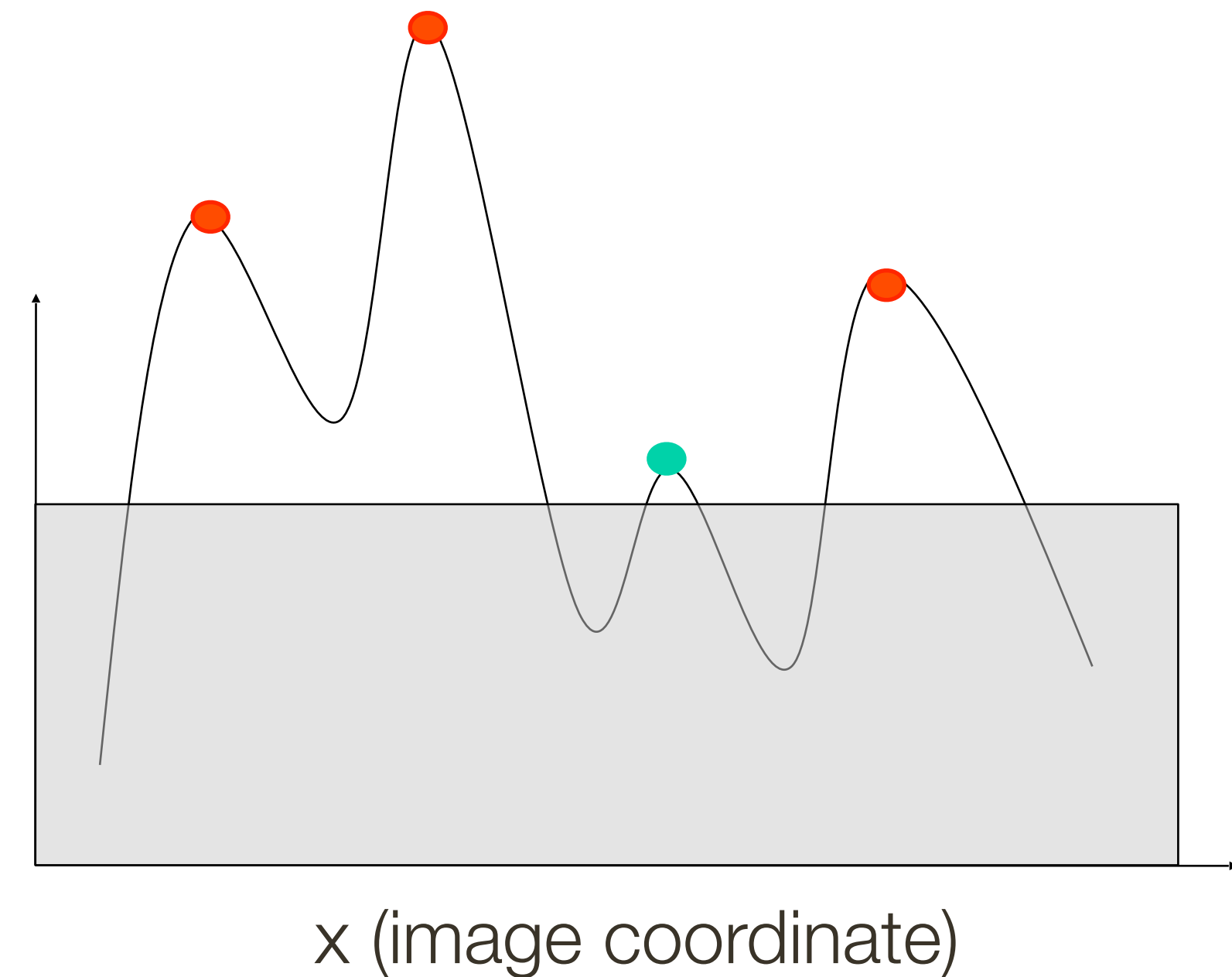
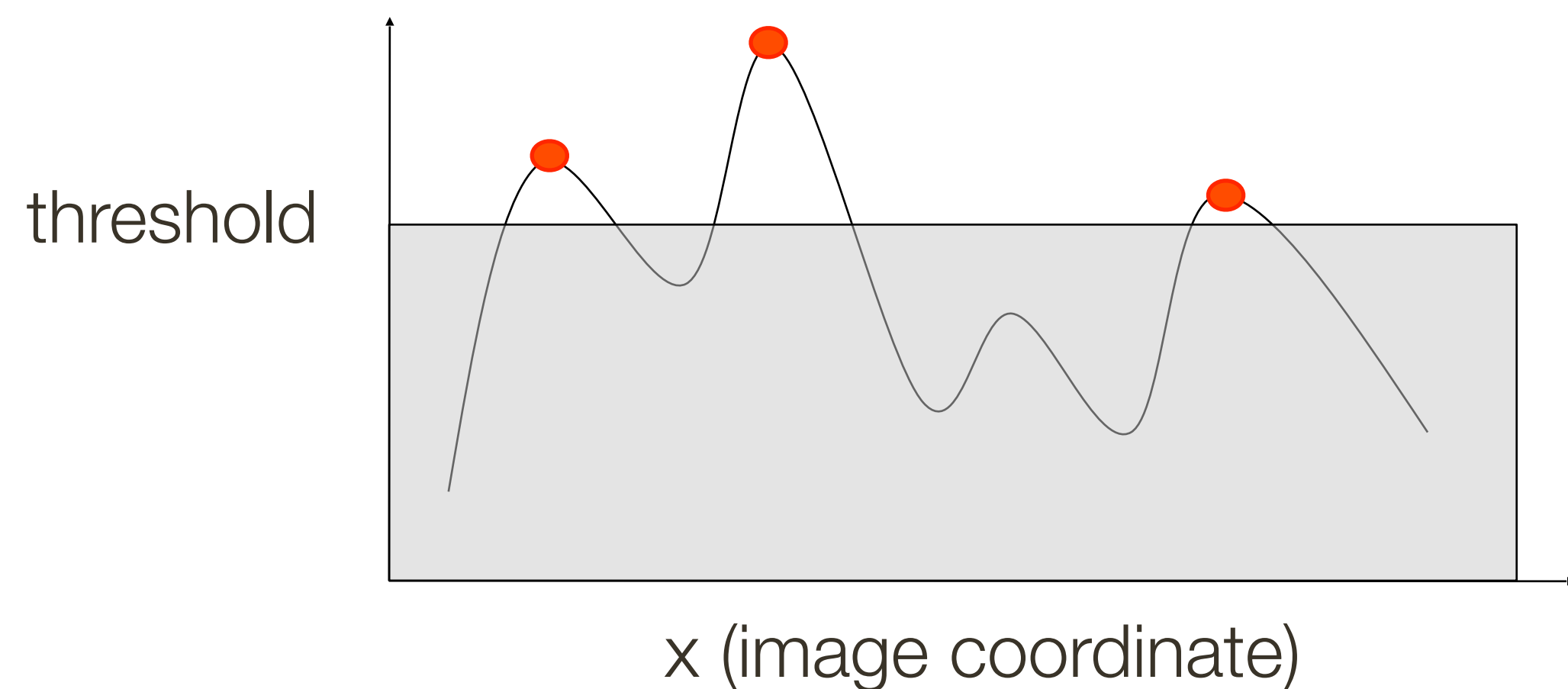
Ellipse rotates but its shape  
(**eigenvalues**) remains the same

Corner response is **invariant** to image rotation

# Properties: (partial) Invariance to Intensity Shifts and Scaling

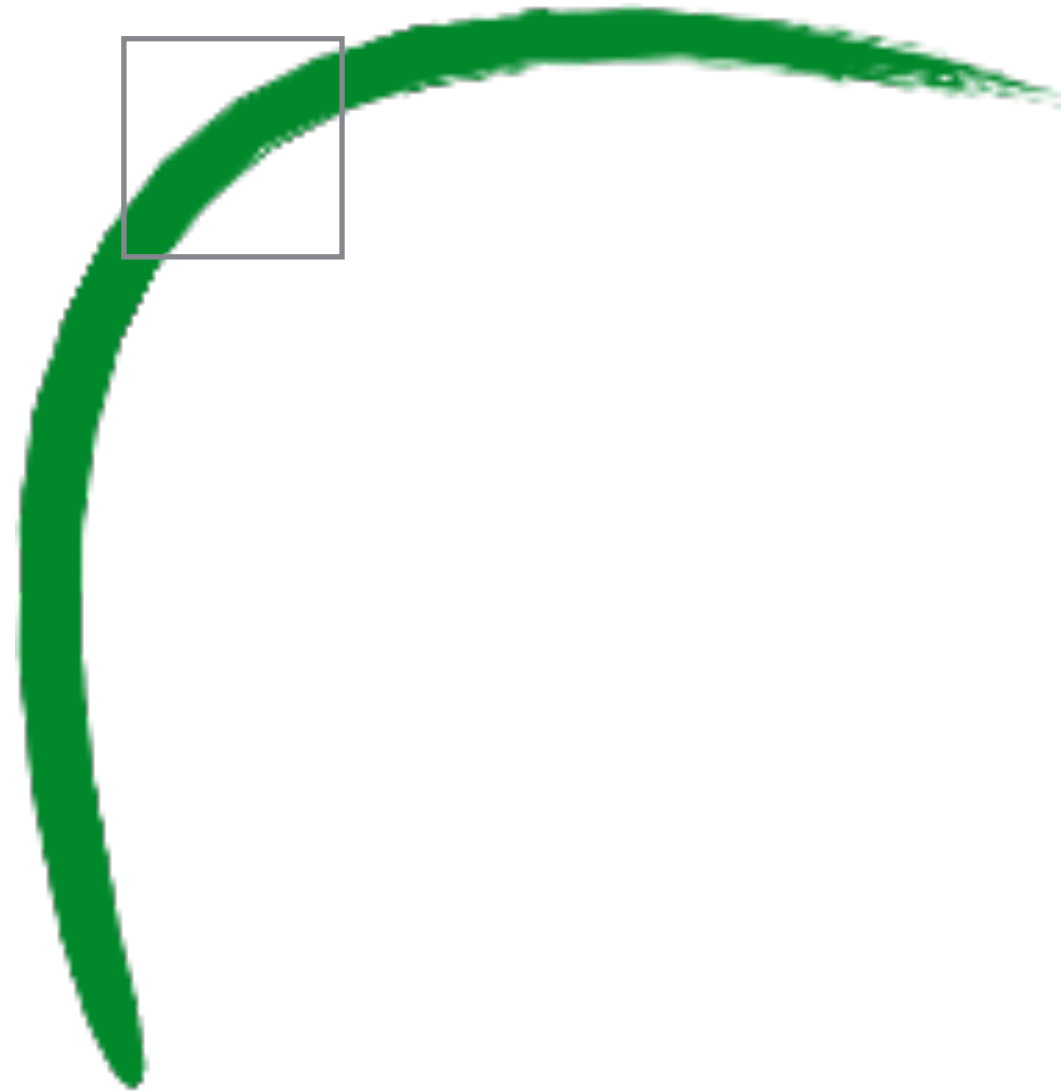
Only derivatives are used -> Invariance to intensity shifts

Intensity scale could effect performance

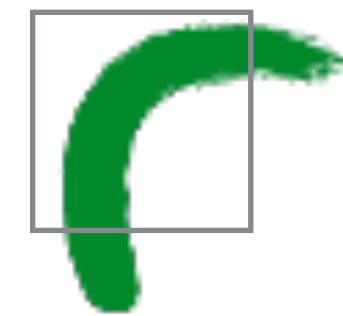


# Properties: NOT Invariant to Scale Changes

edge!



corner!





## Example 2: Wagon Wheel (Harris Results)



$\sigma = 1$  (219 points)



$\sigma = 2$  (155 points)



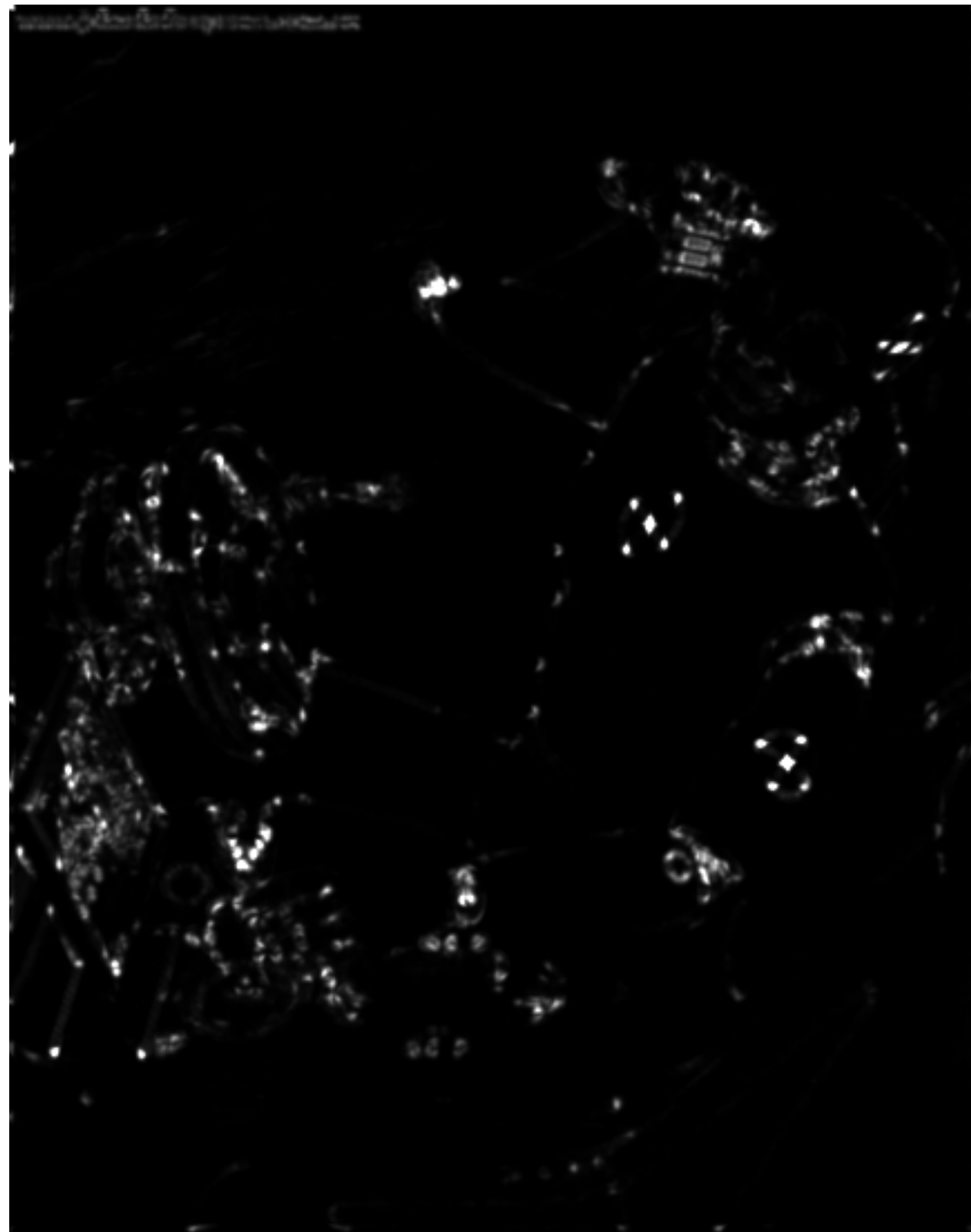
$\sigma = 3$  (110 points)



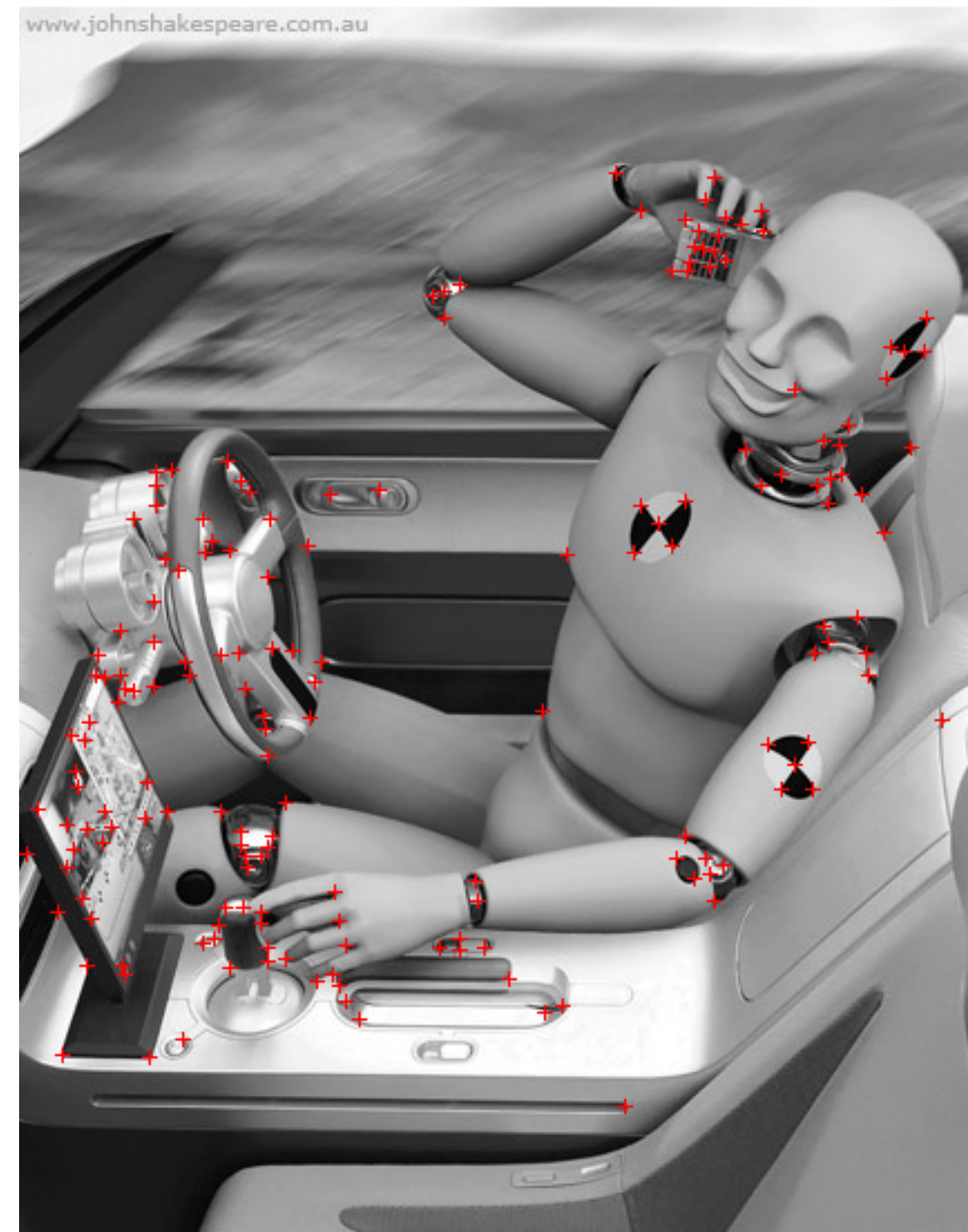
$\sigma = 4$  (87 points)



# Example 3: Crash Test Dummy (Harris Result)



corner response image



$\sigma = 1$  (175 points)

**Original Image Credit:** John Shakespeare, Sydney Morning Herald



## Example 2: Wagon Wheel (Harris Results)



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$\sigma = 2$  (155 points)



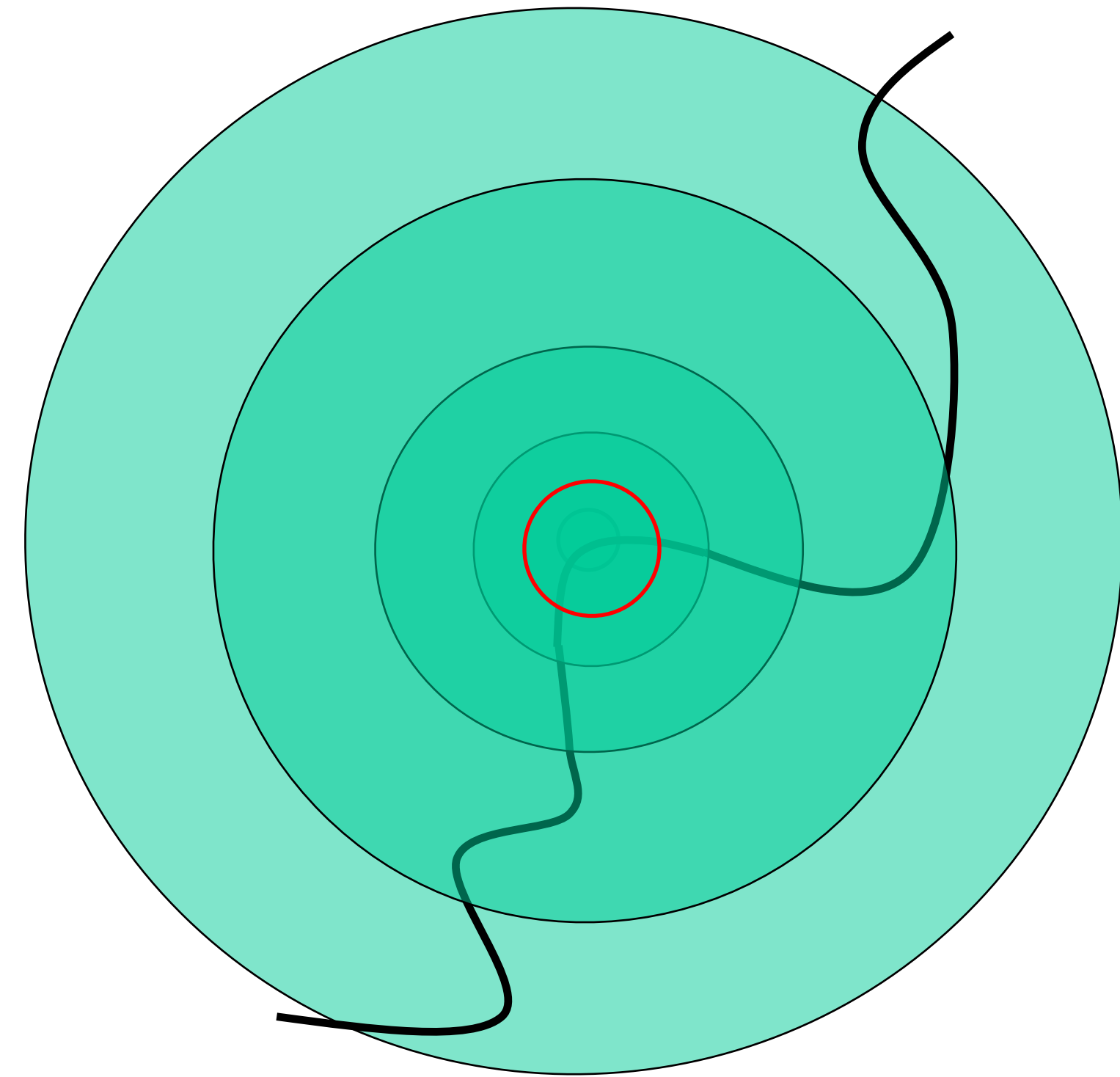
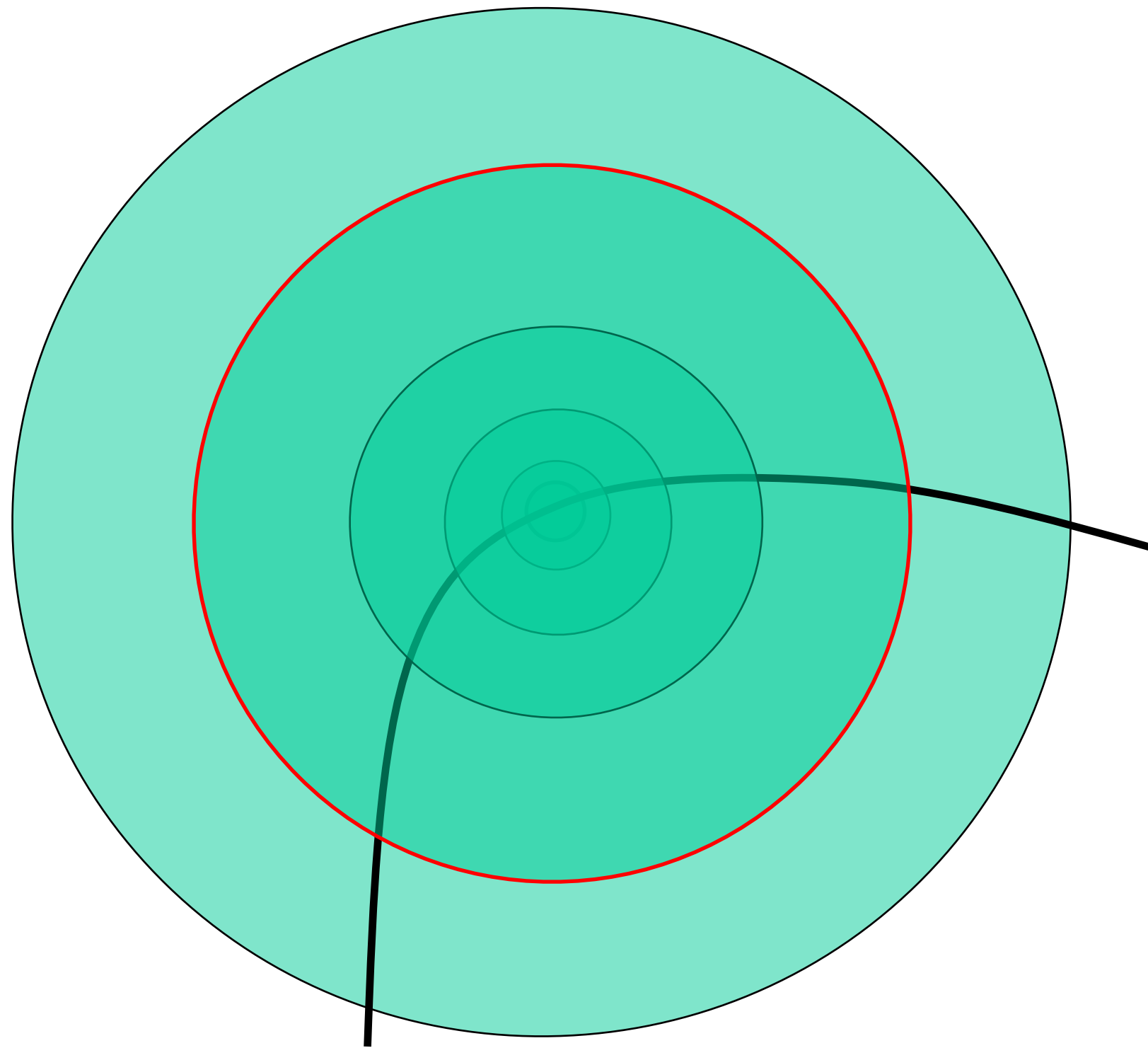
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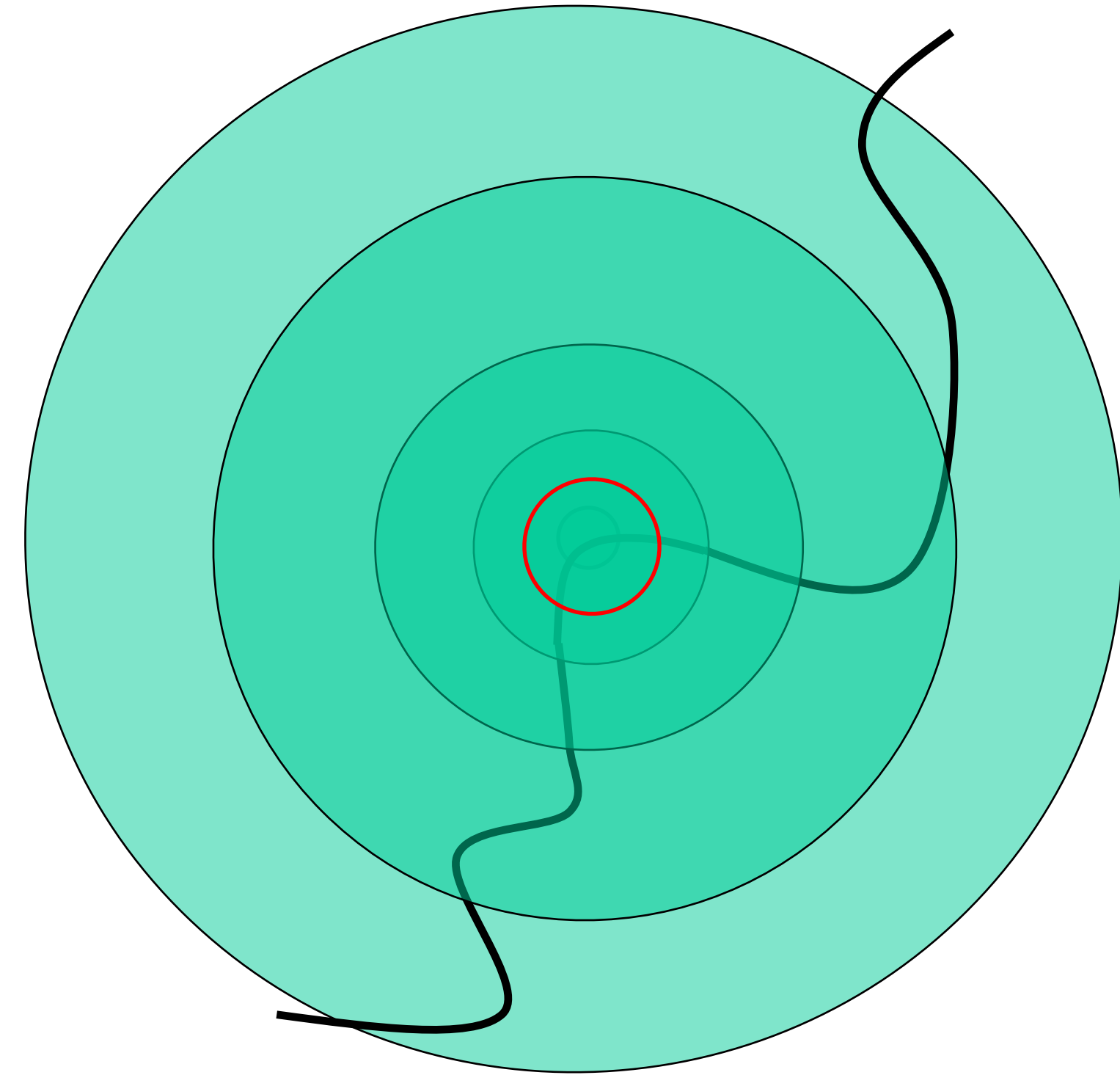
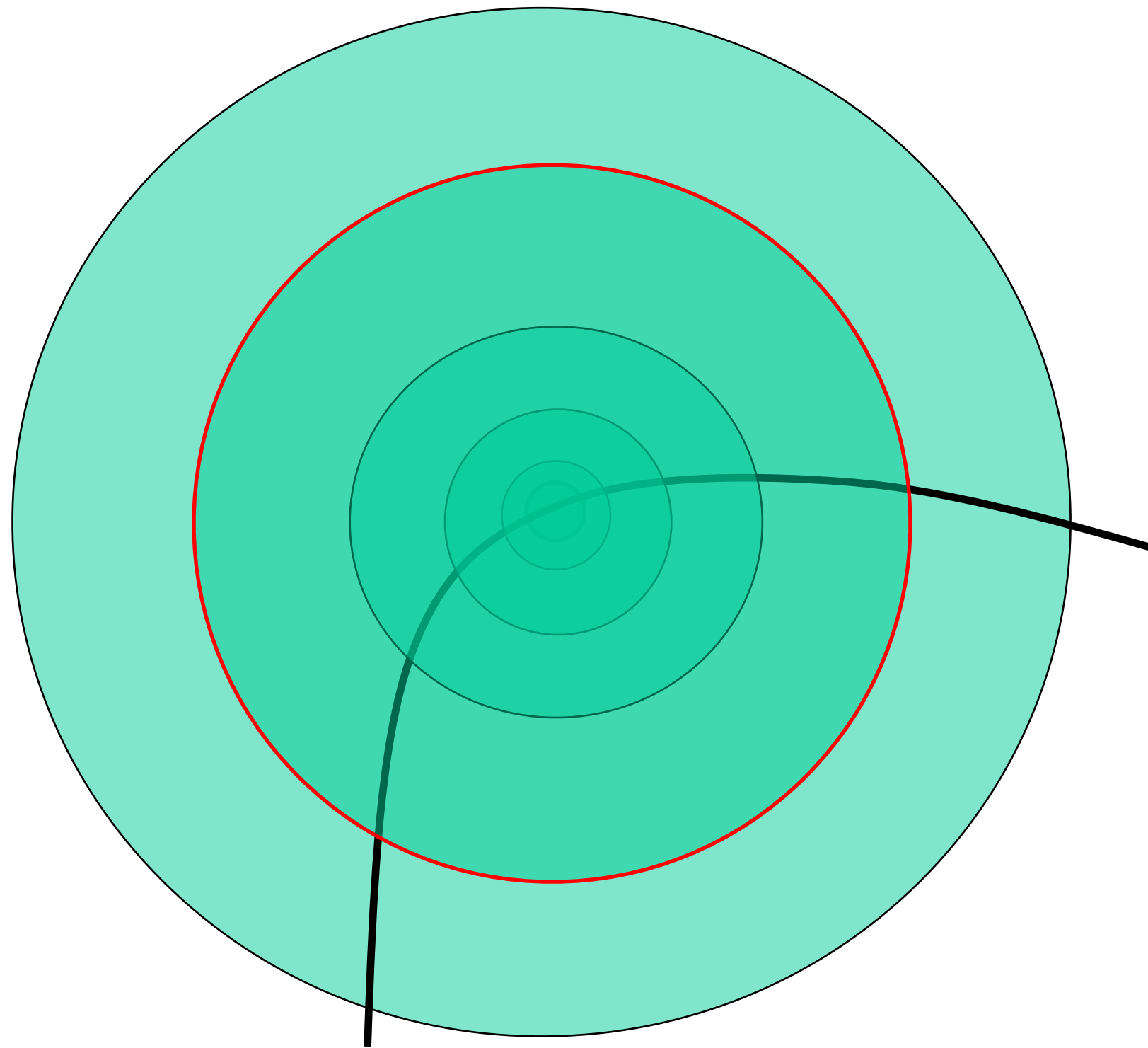


# Intuitively ...



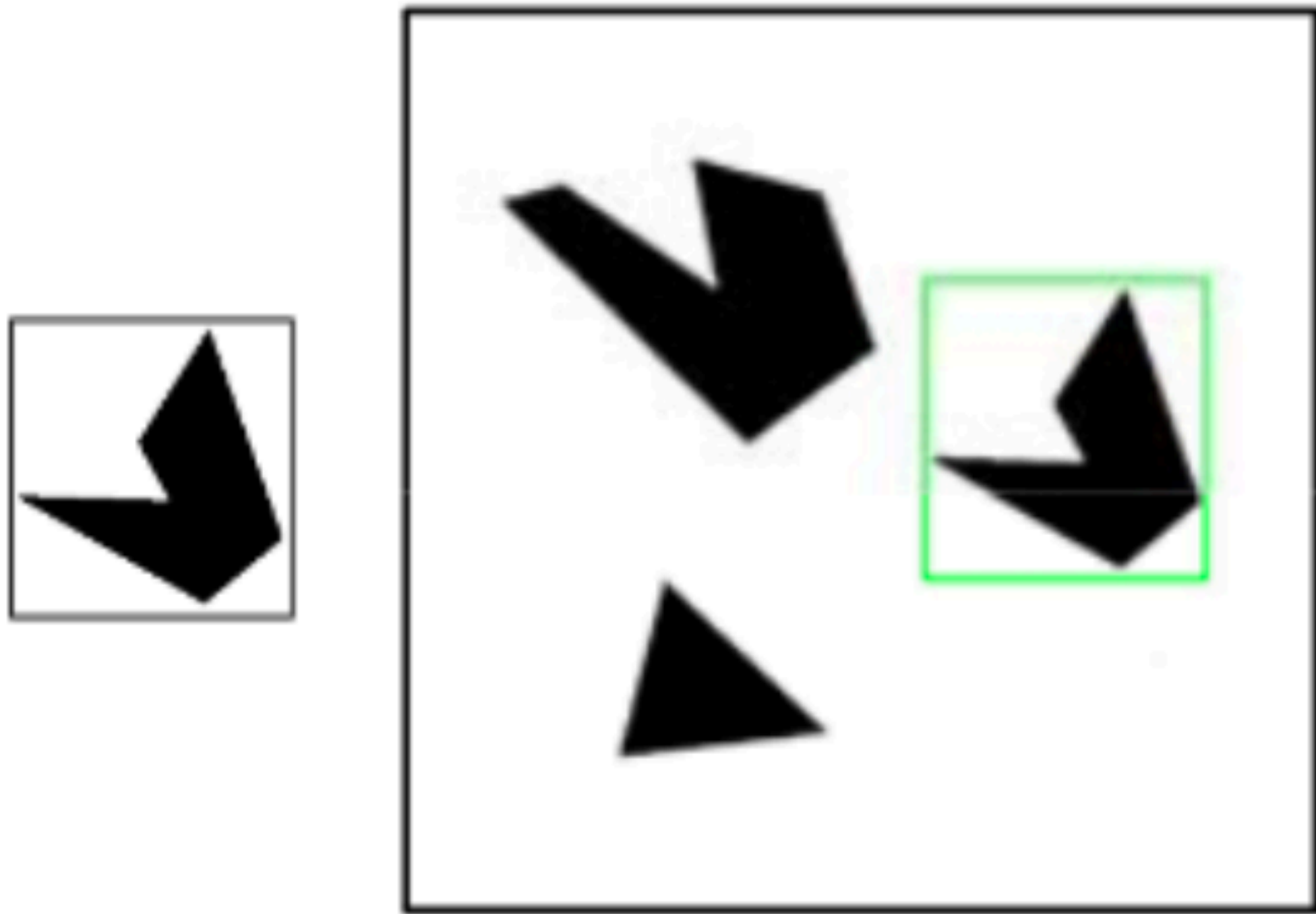
# Intuitively ...

Find local maxima in both **position** and **scale**

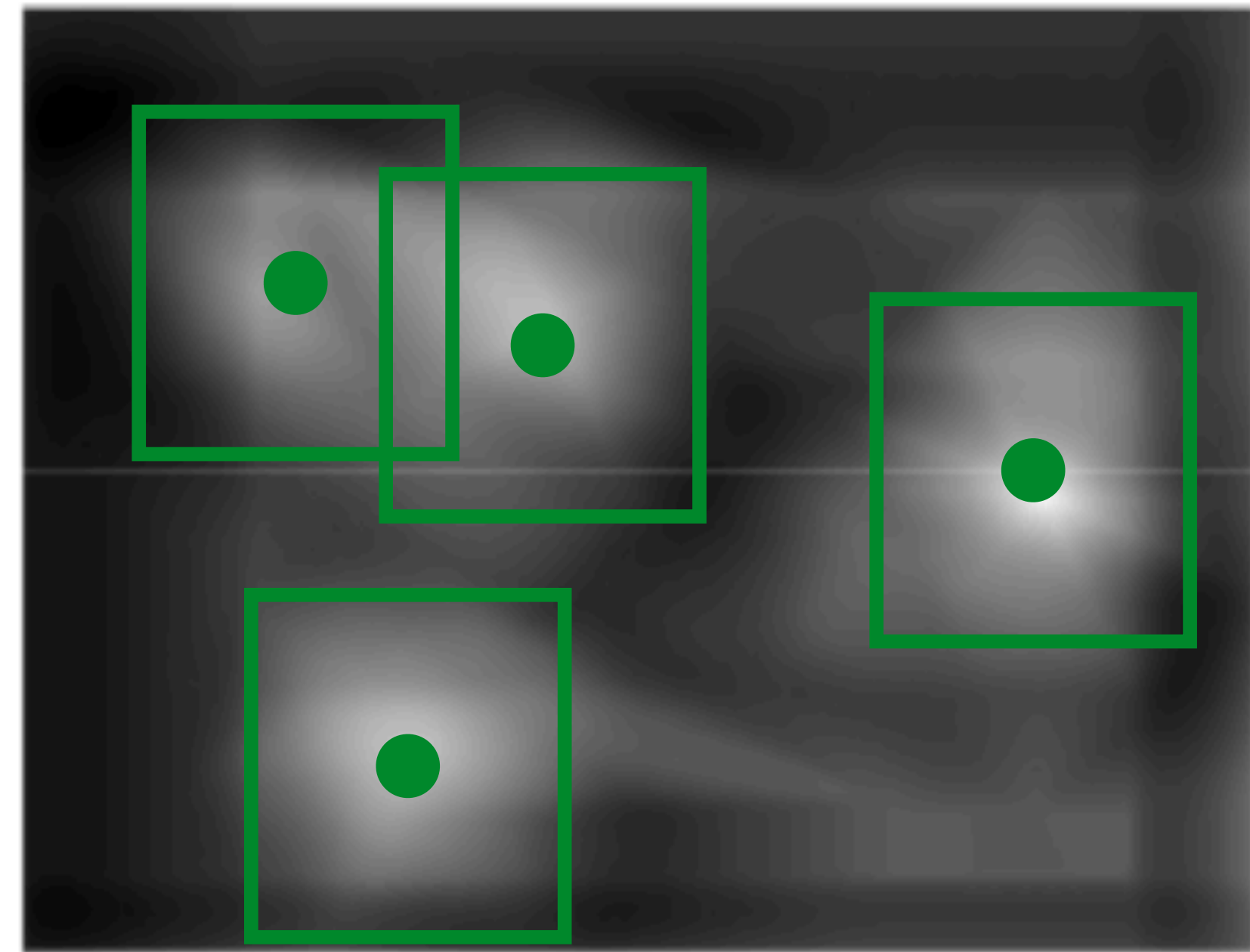


# Non-maxima Suppression in Template Matching

**Idea:** suppress near-by similar detections to obtain one “true” result



**Detected template**



**Correlation map**

# Non-maxima Suppression in Edge Detection (Canny)



**Original** Image



**Gradient** Magnitude



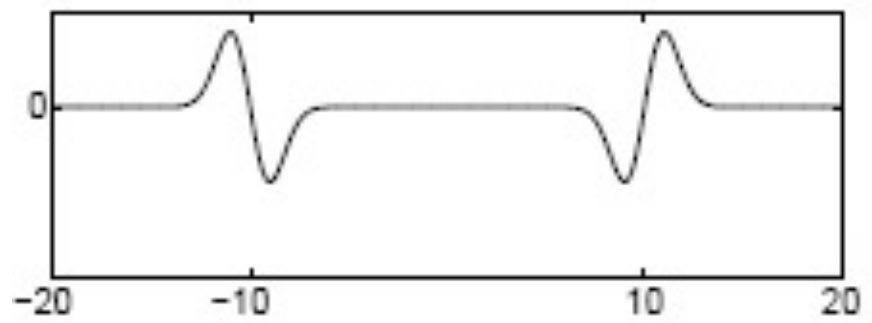
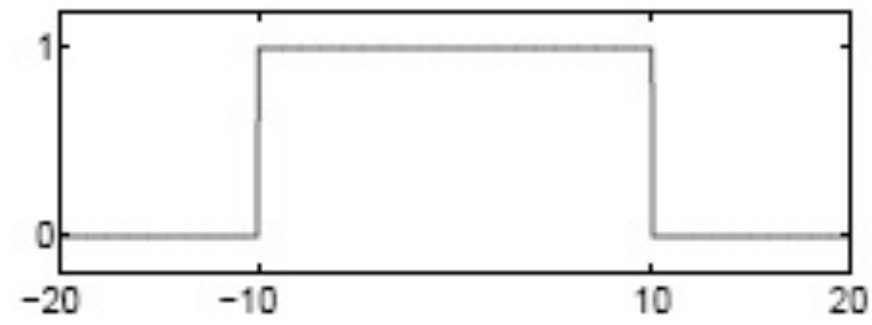
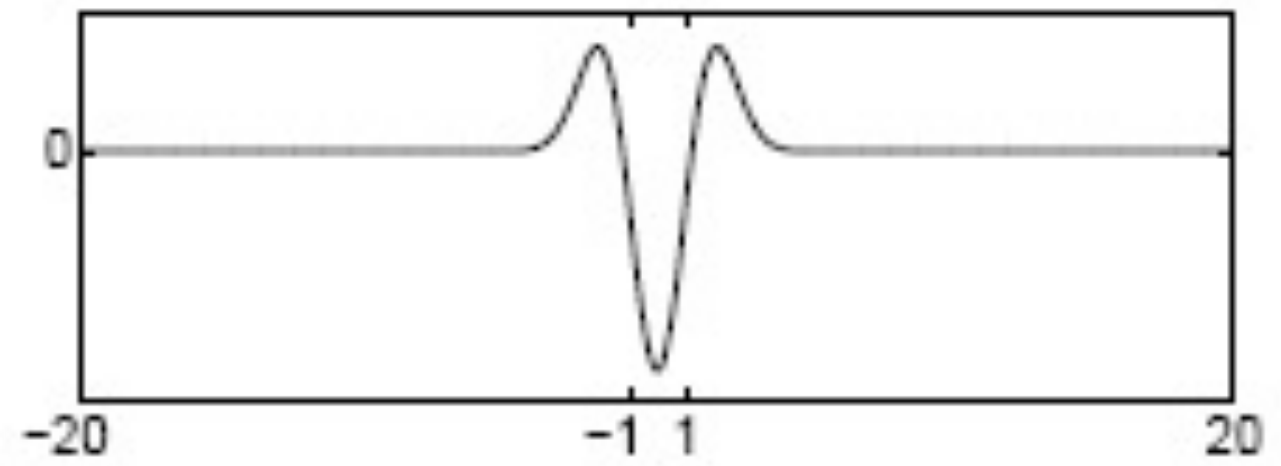
courtesy of G. Loy

**Non-maxima**  
Suppression

**Slide Credit:** Christopher Rasmussen

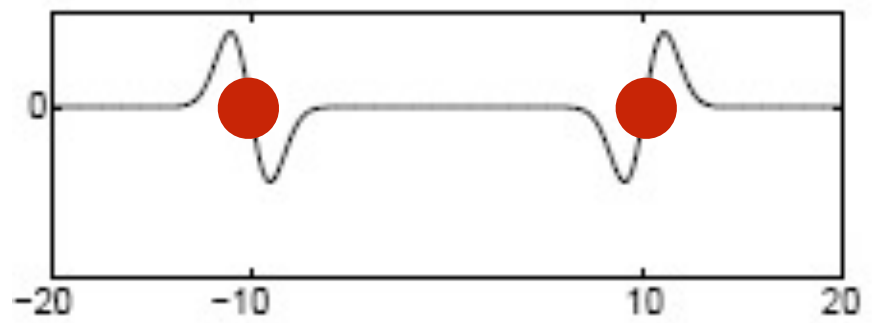
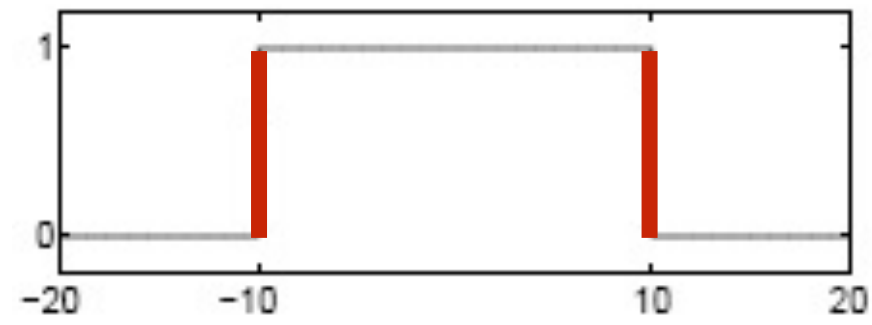
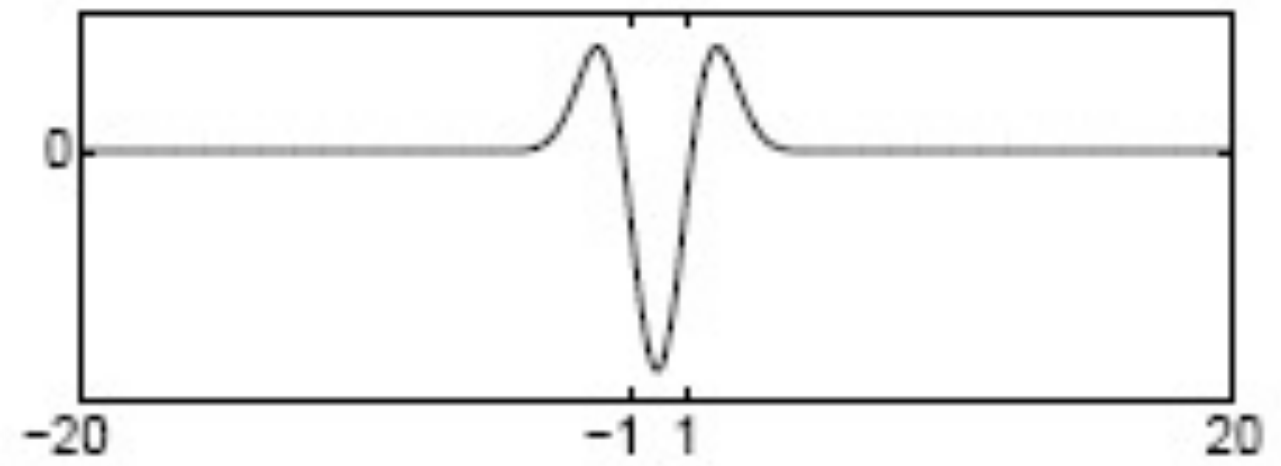
# Formally ...

Laplacian filter



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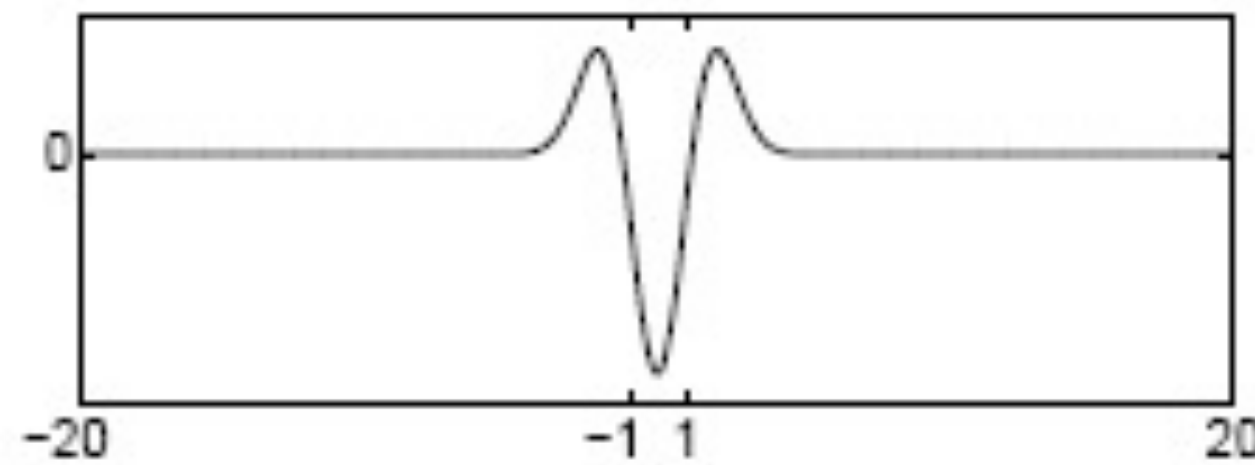
Laplacian filter



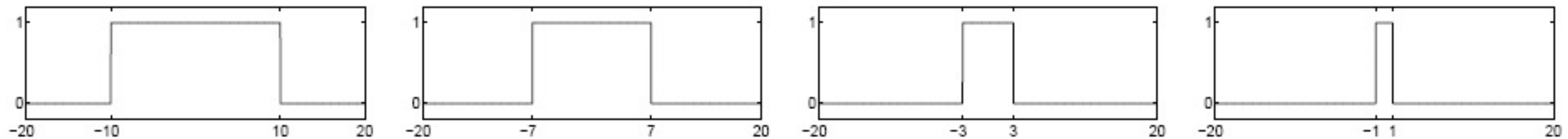


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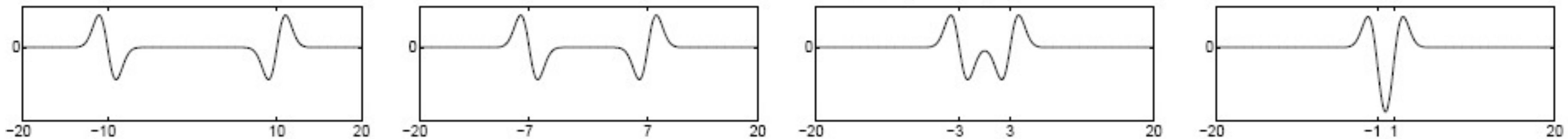
Laplacian filter



Original signal



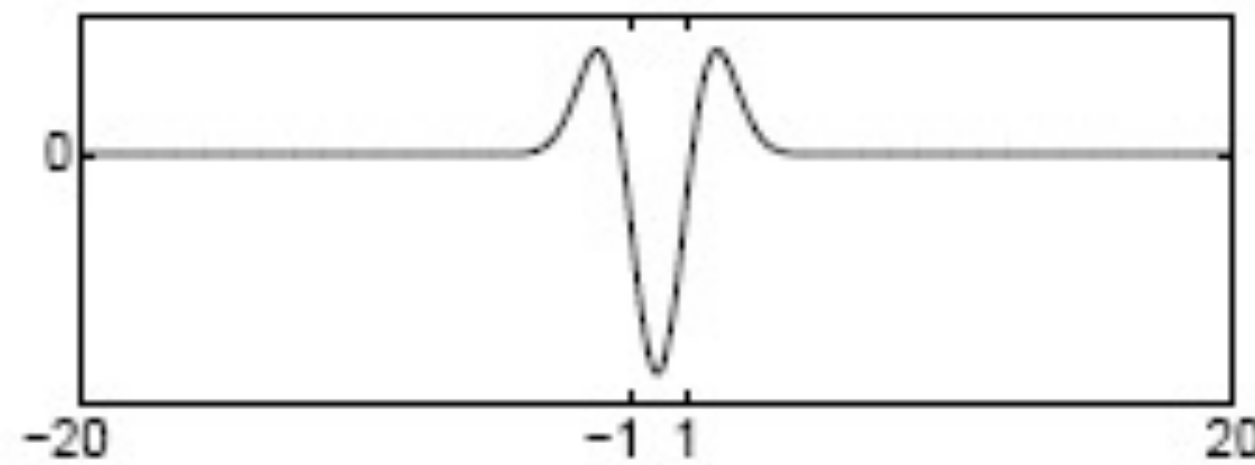
Convolved with Laplacian ( $\sigma = 1$ )



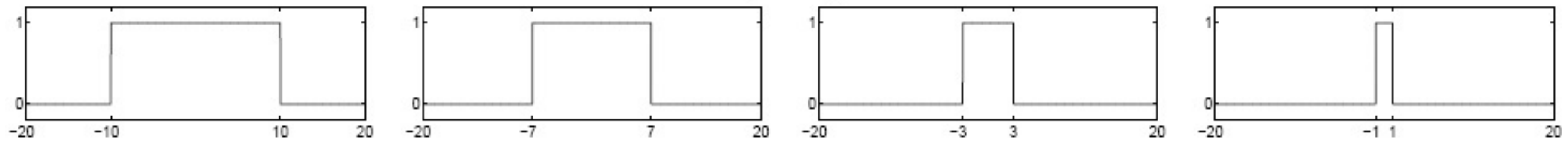
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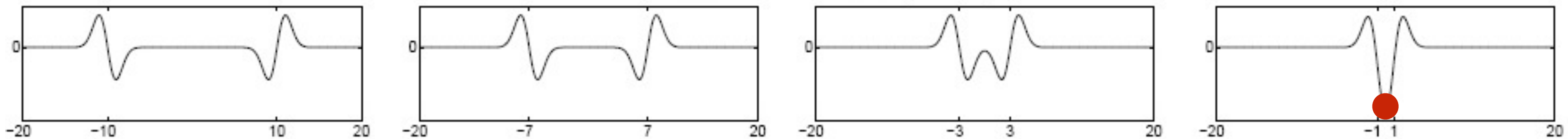
Laplacian filter



Original signal



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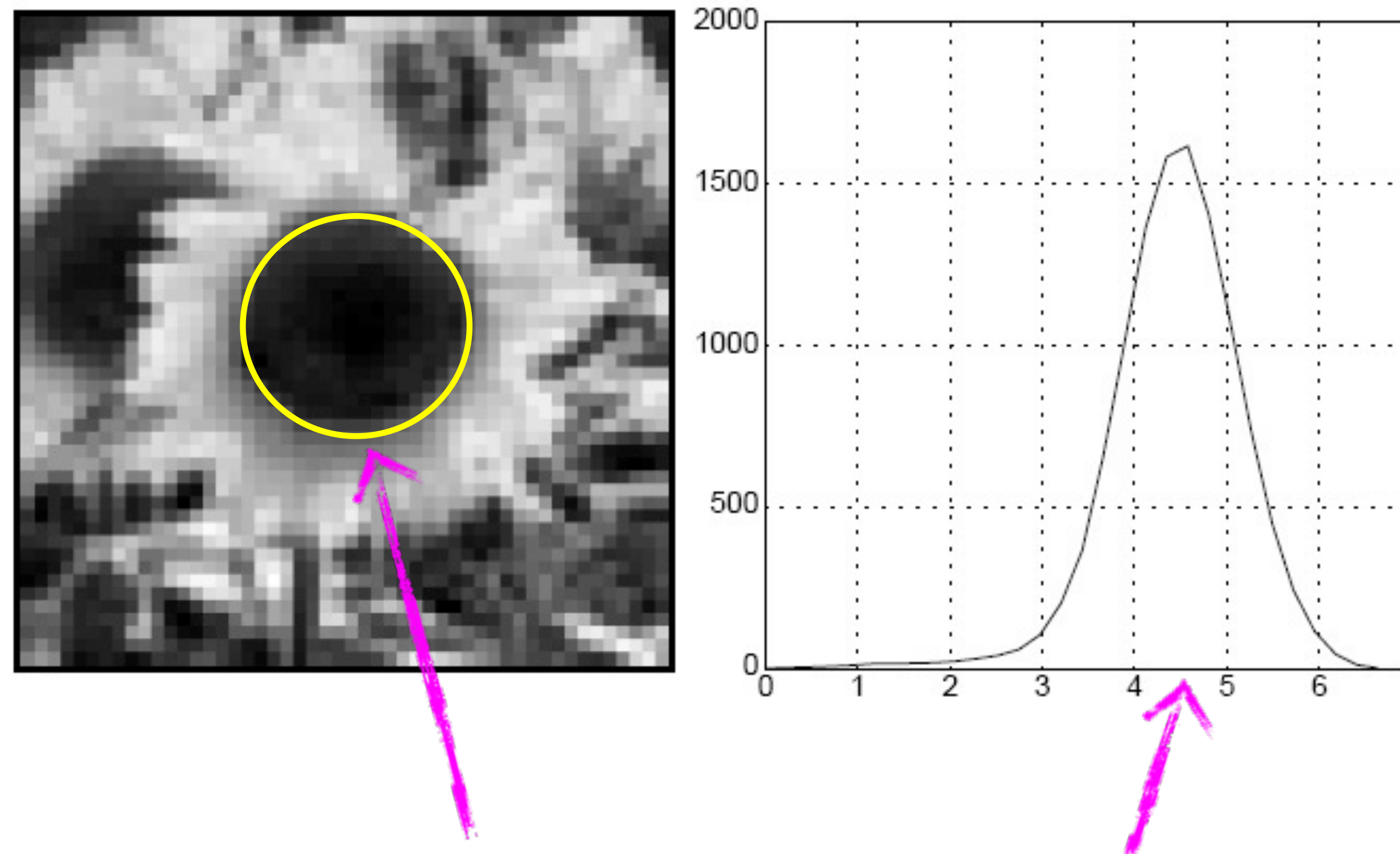


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# Characteristic Scale

characteristic scale - the scale that produces peak filter response

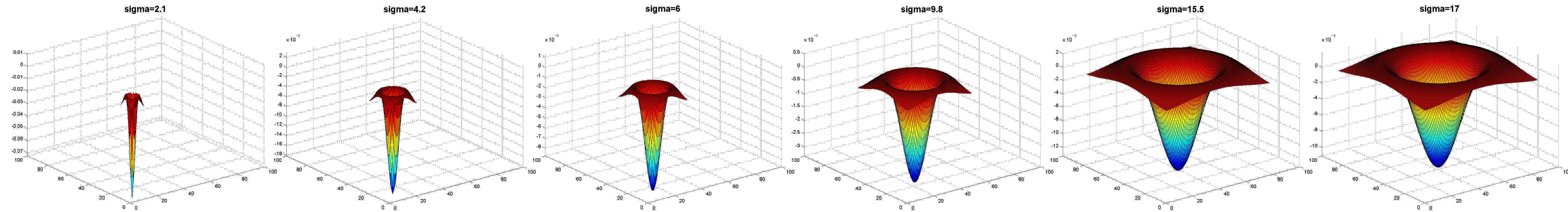


characteristic scale

we need to search over characteristic scales



# Applying **Laplacian** Filter at Different **Scales**



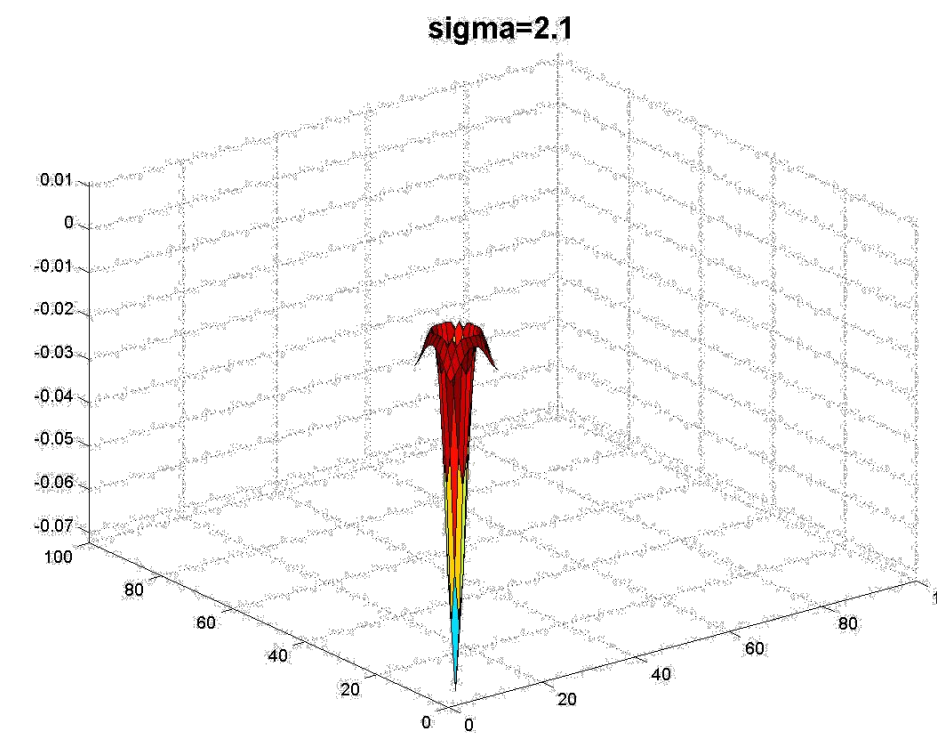
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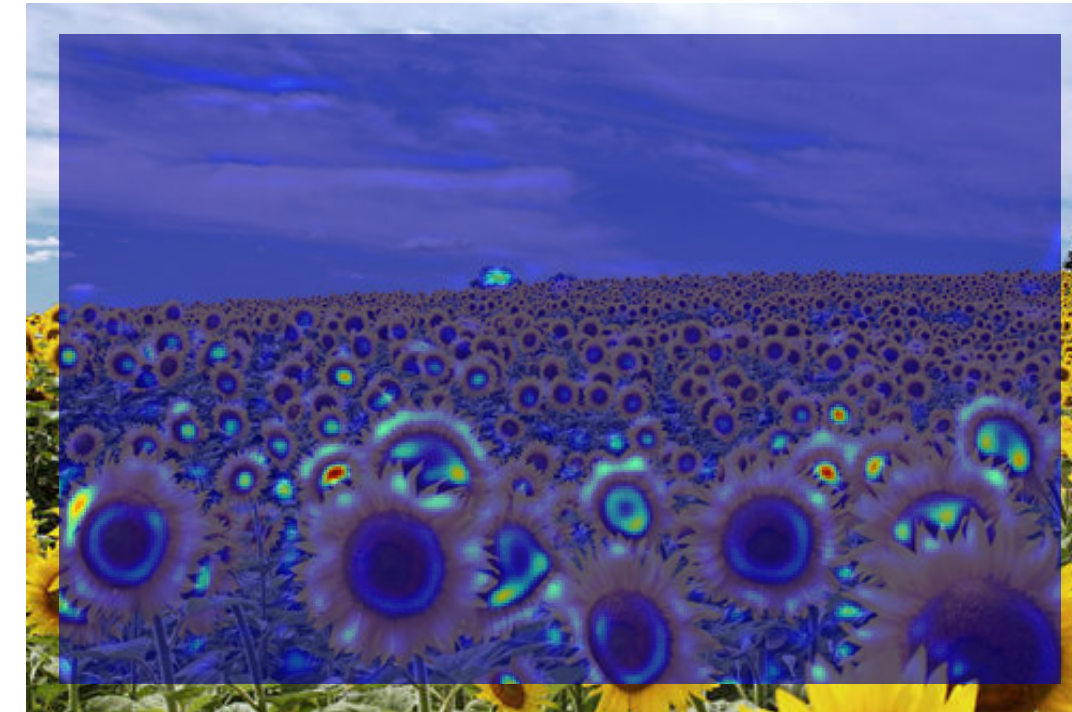
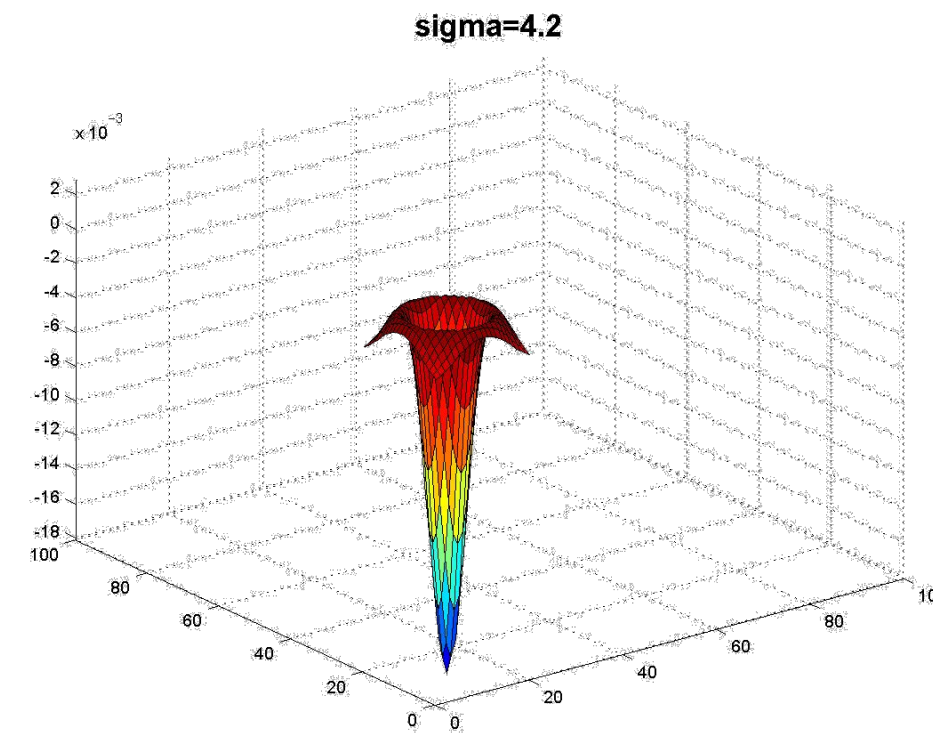
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**jet** color scale  
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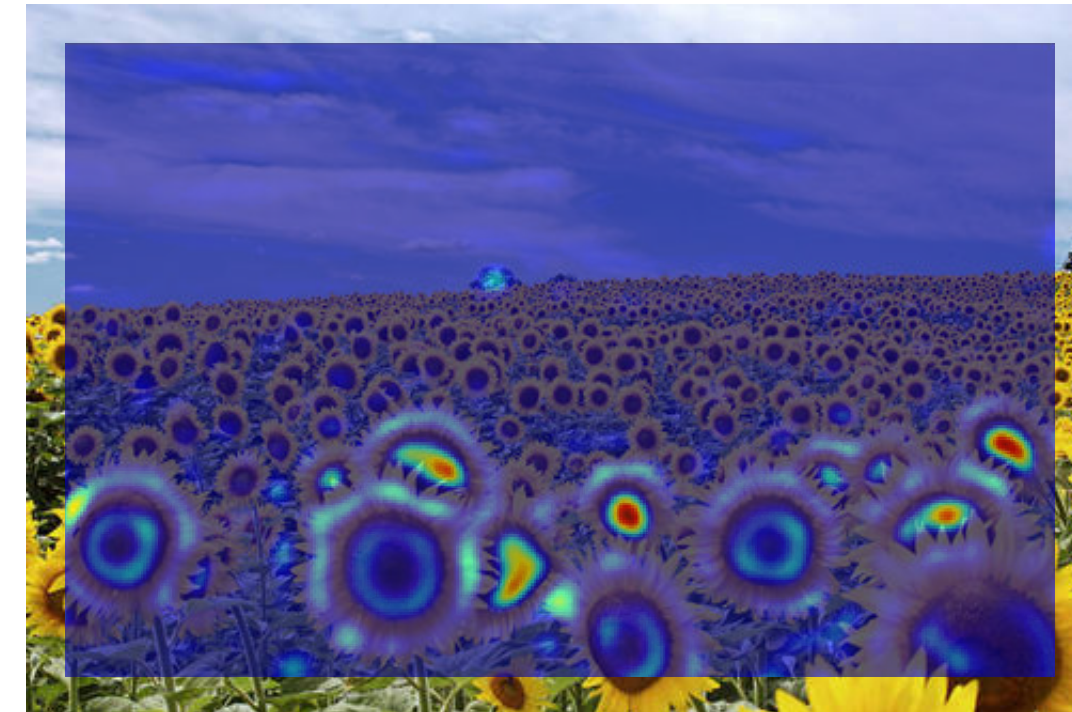
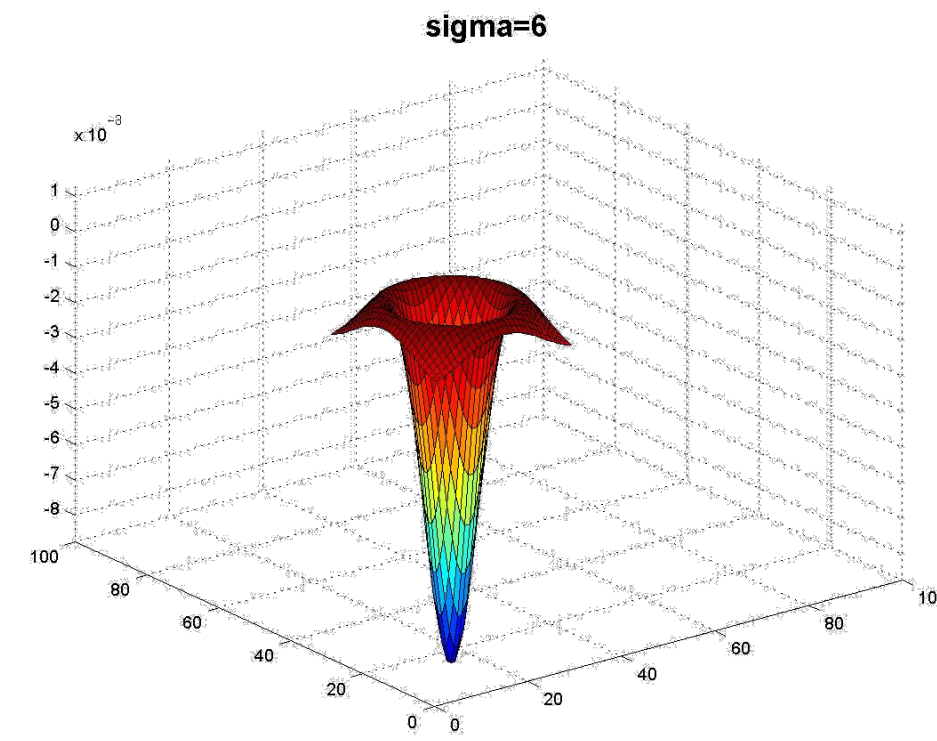


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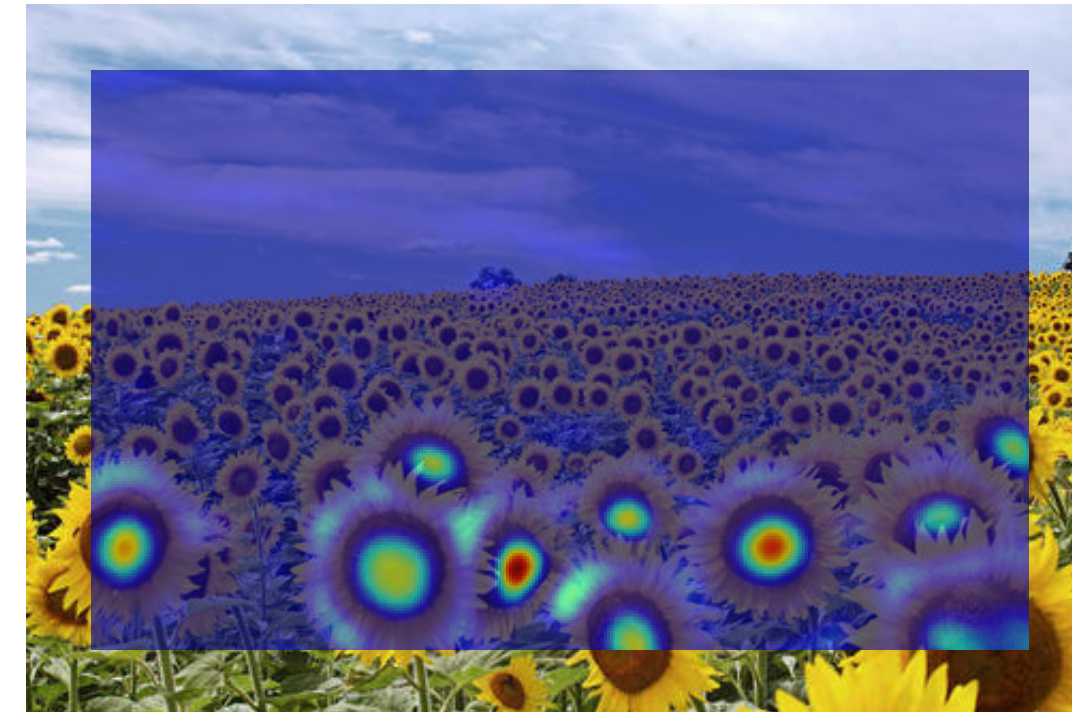
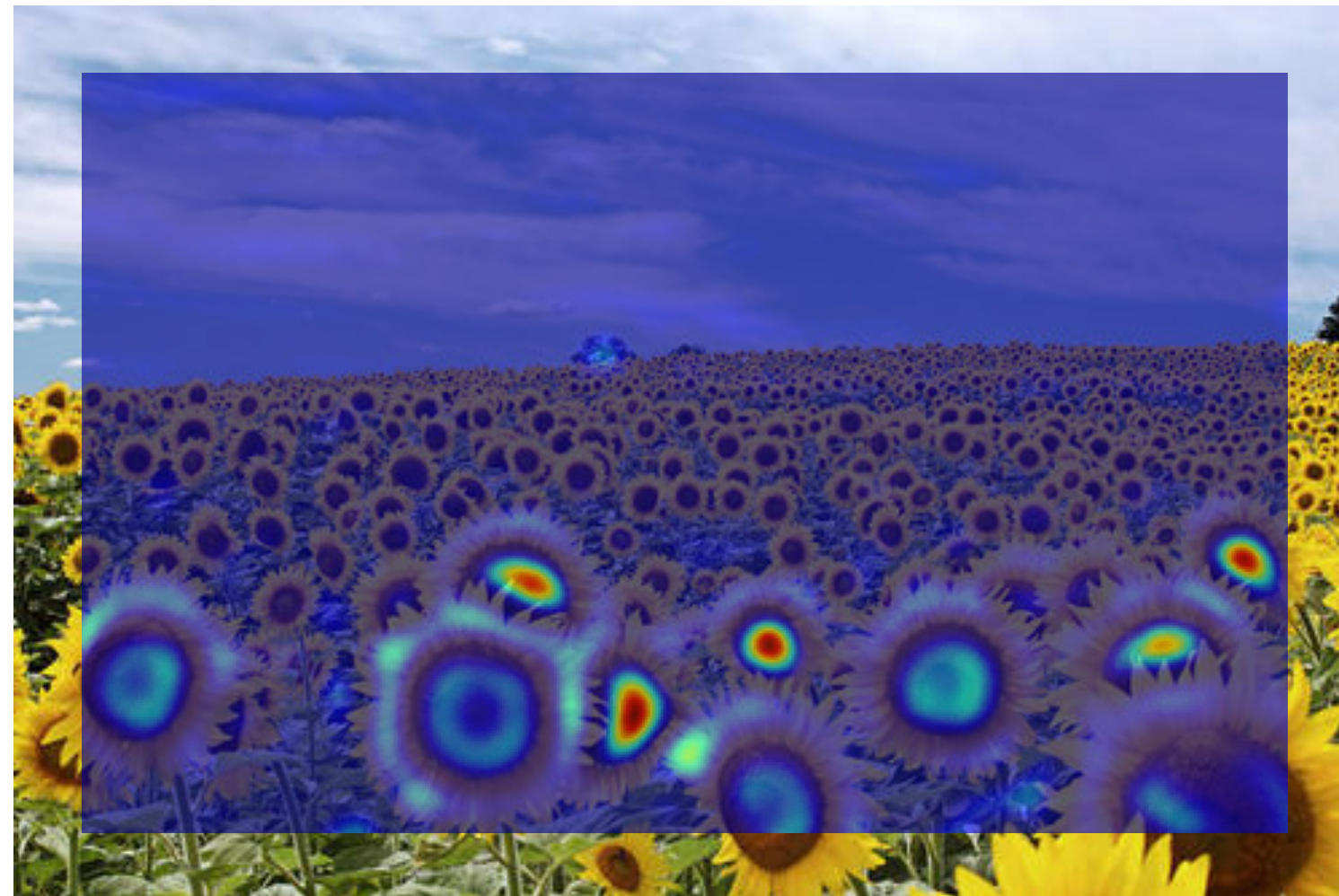
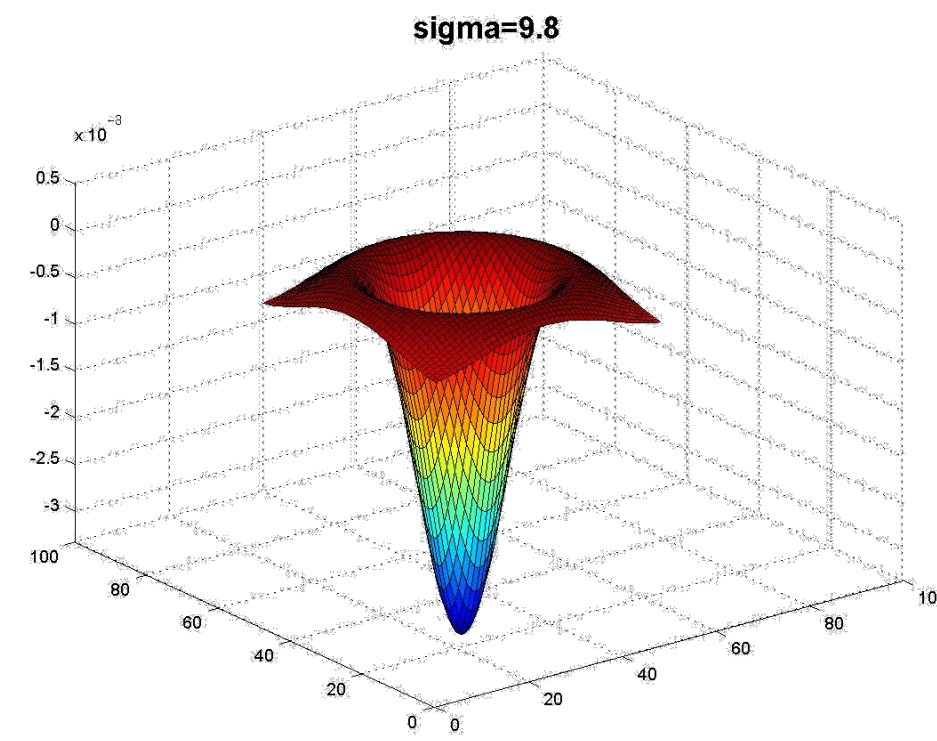


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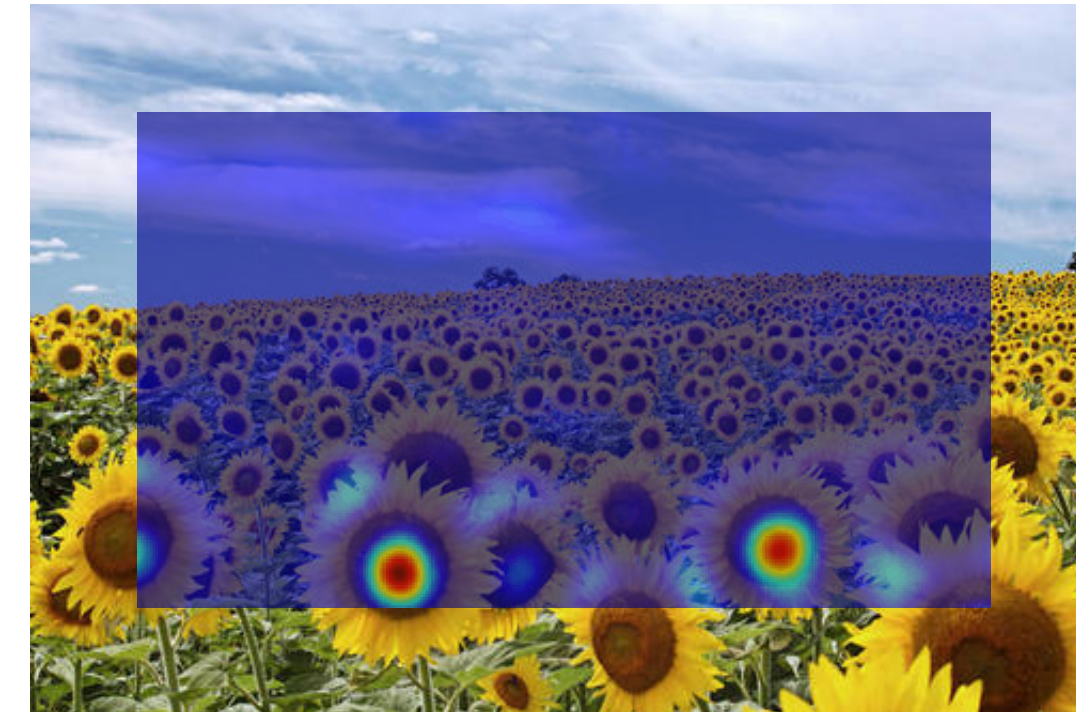
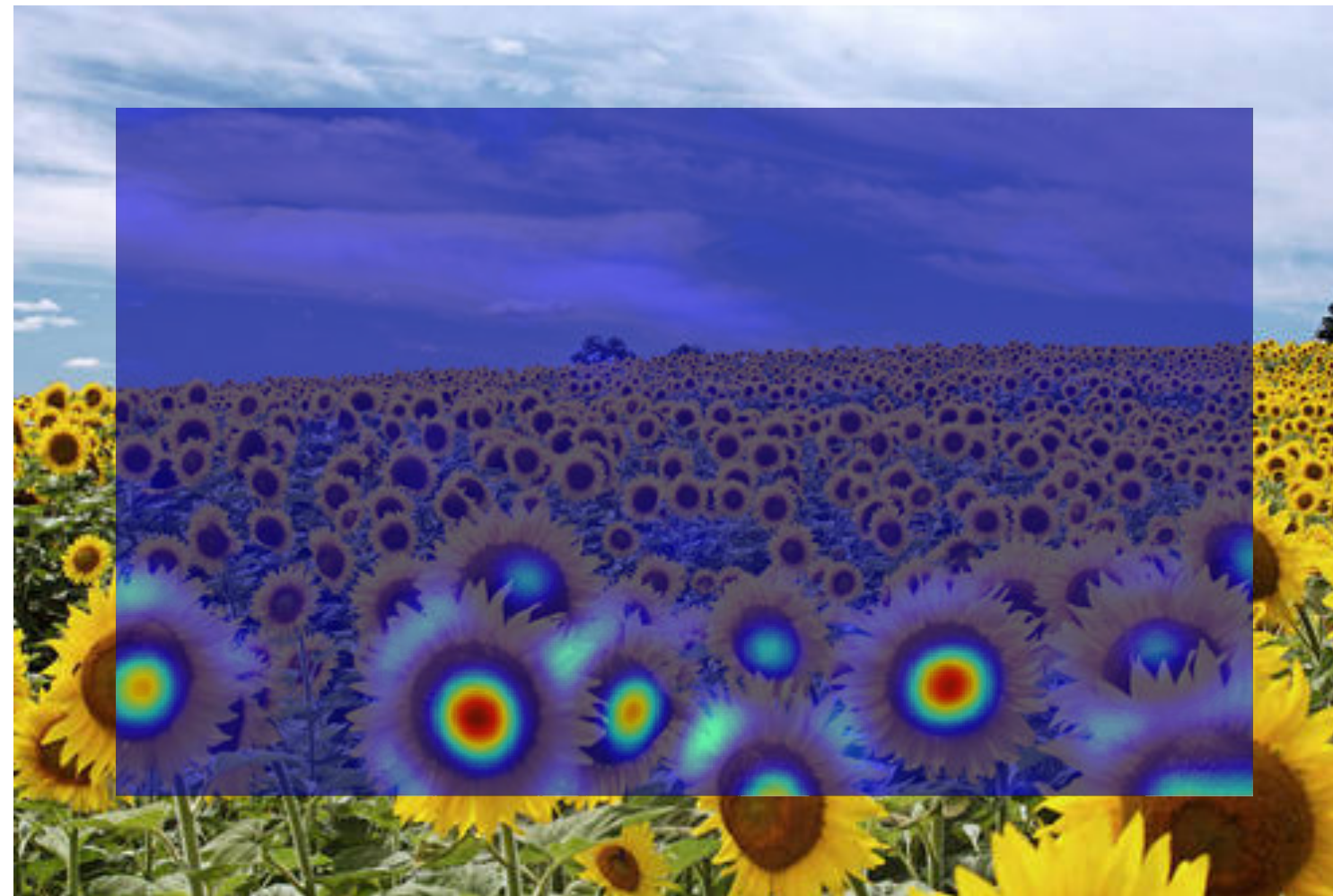
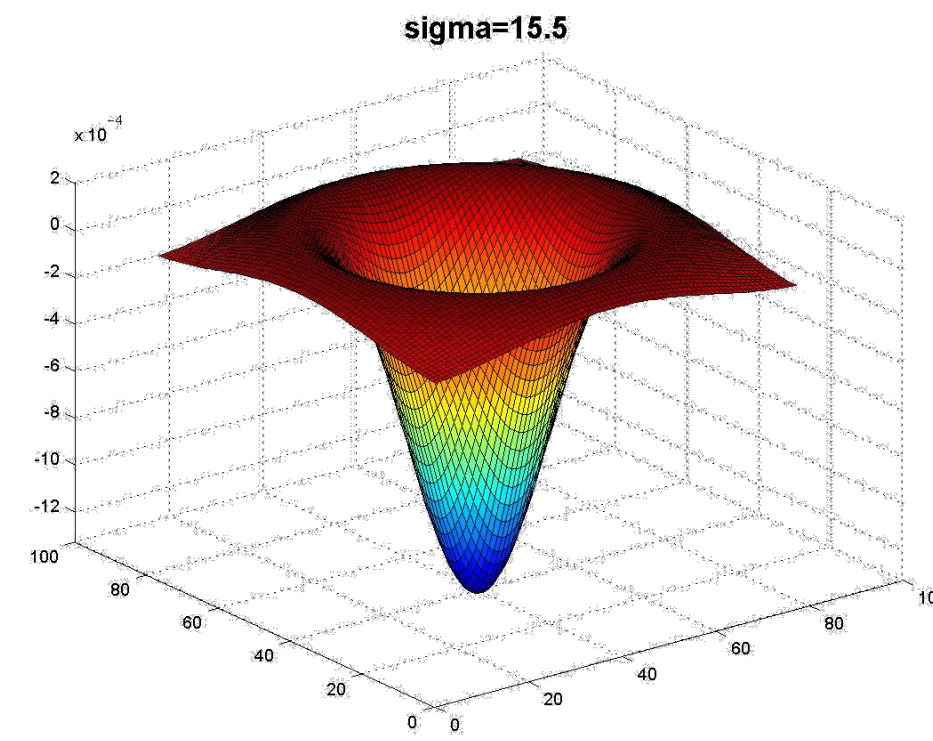


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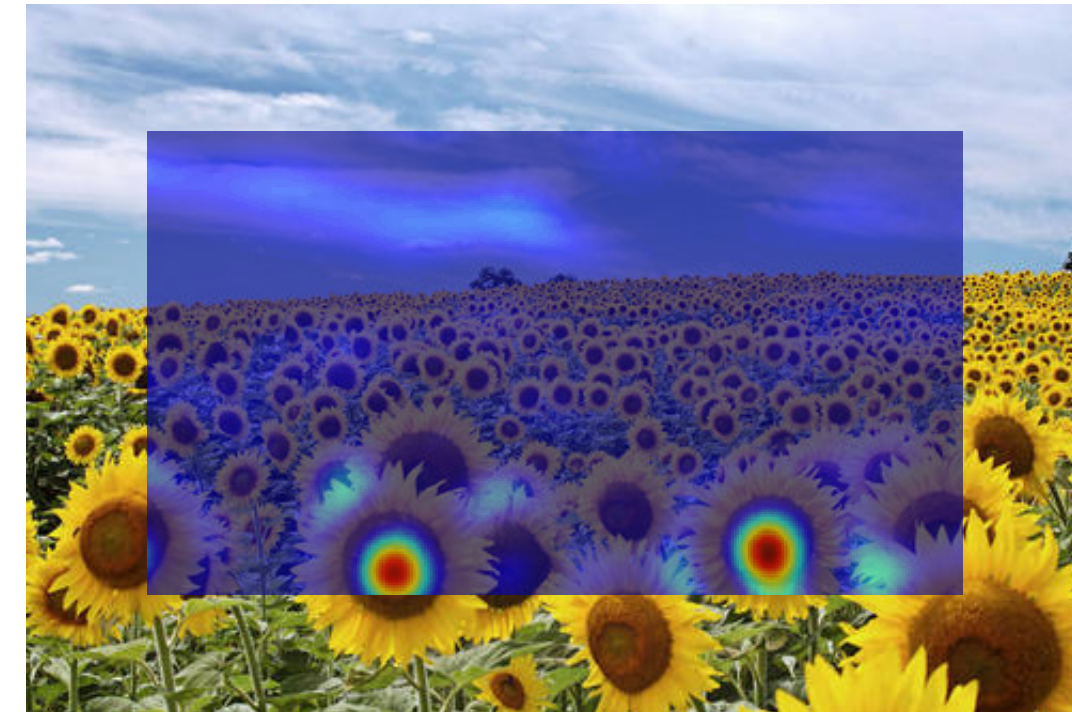
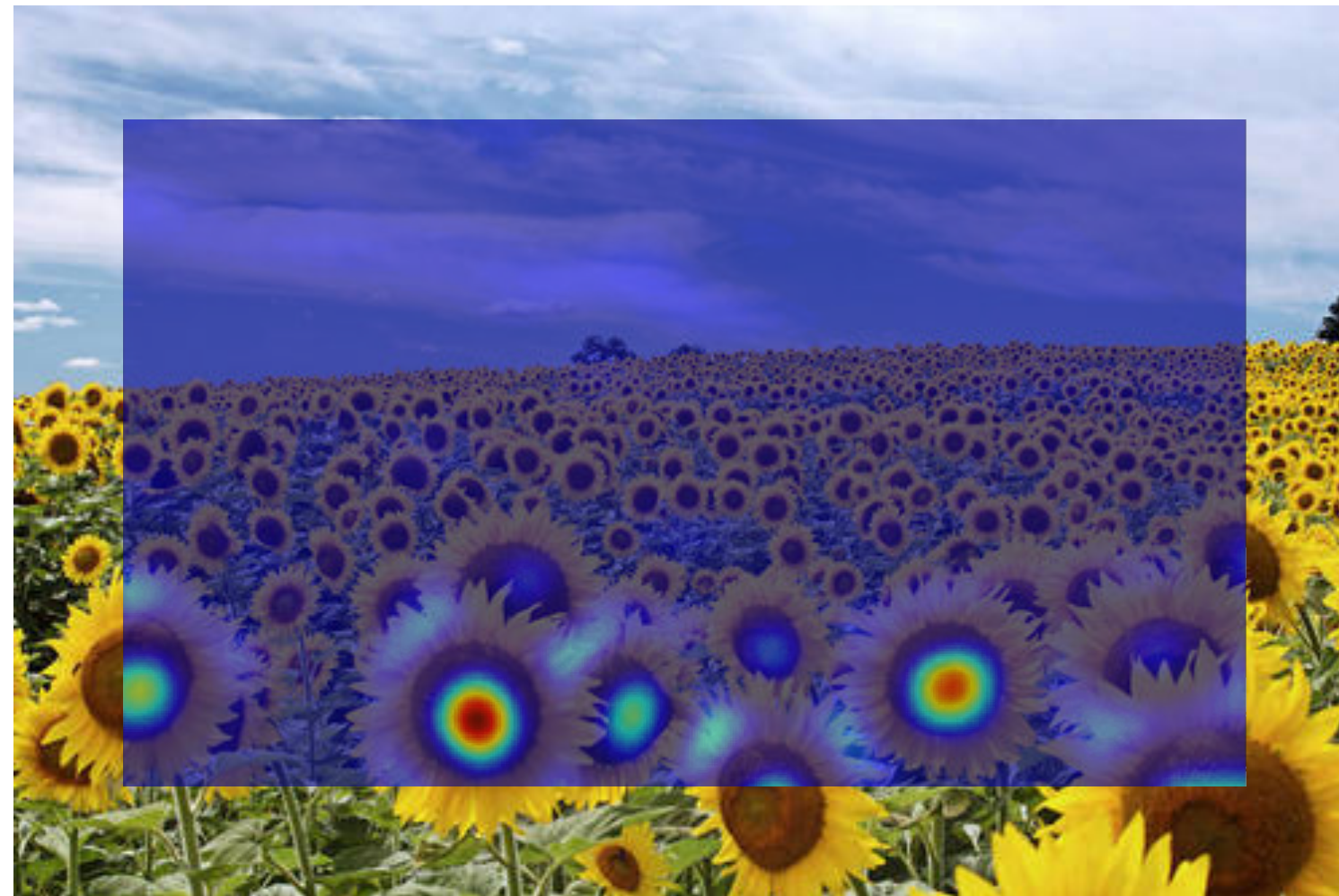
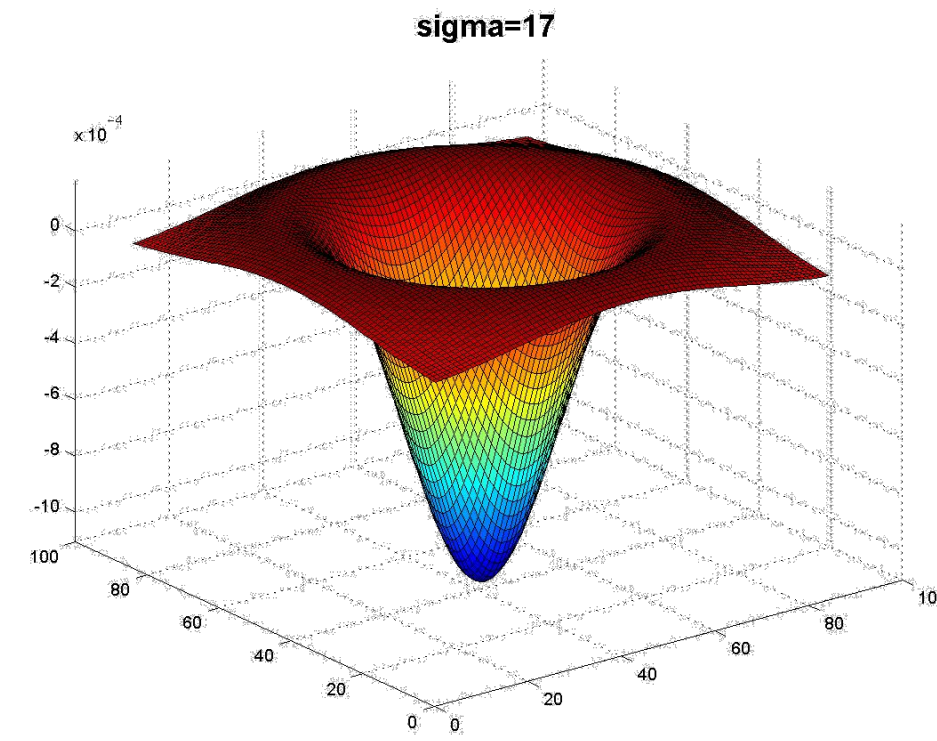


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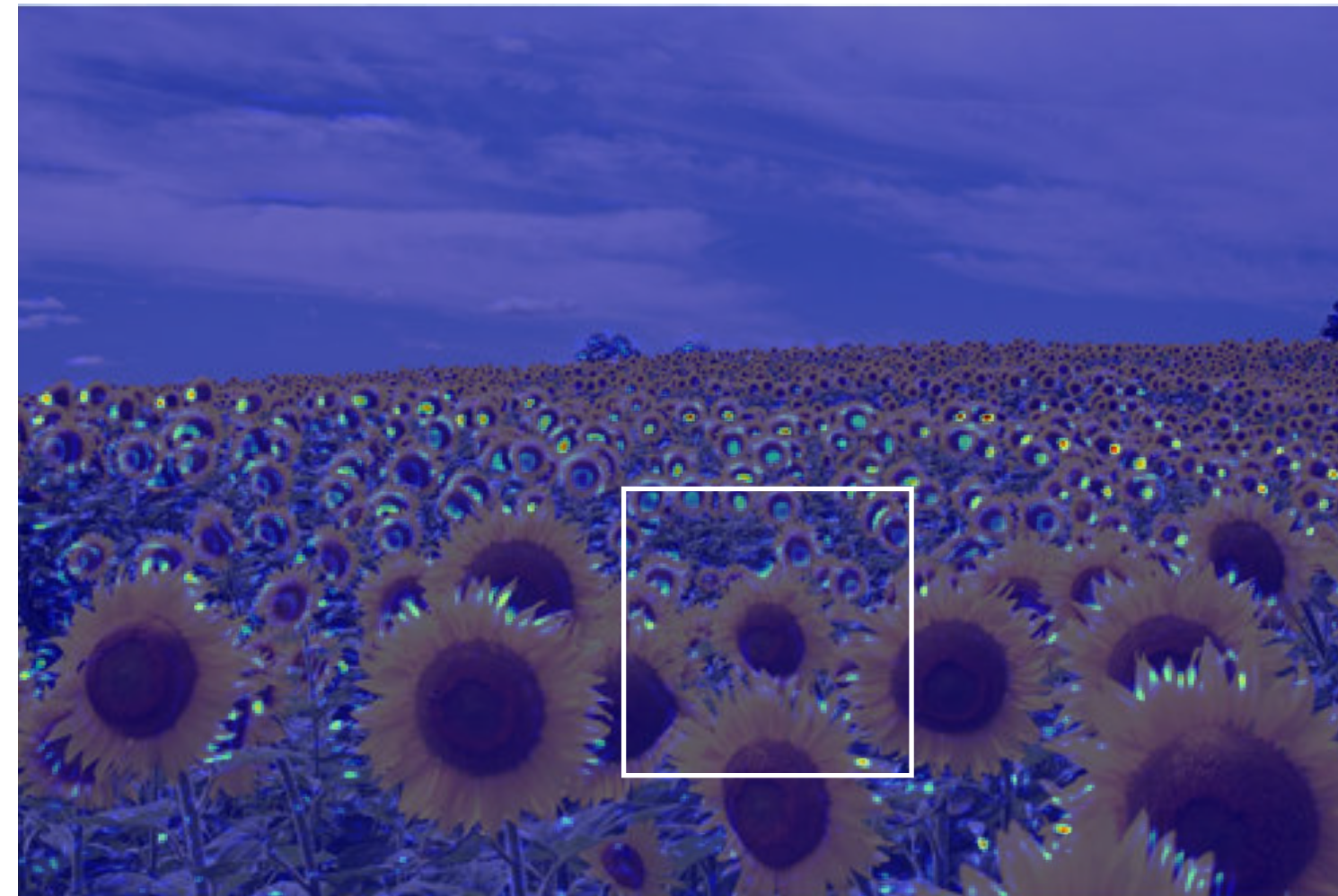
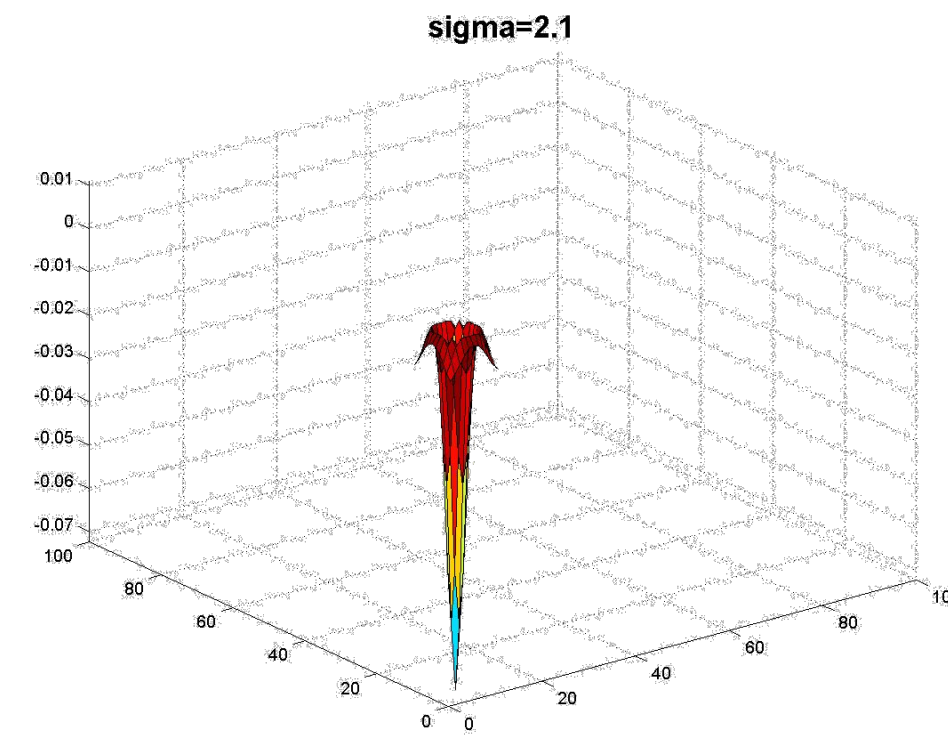


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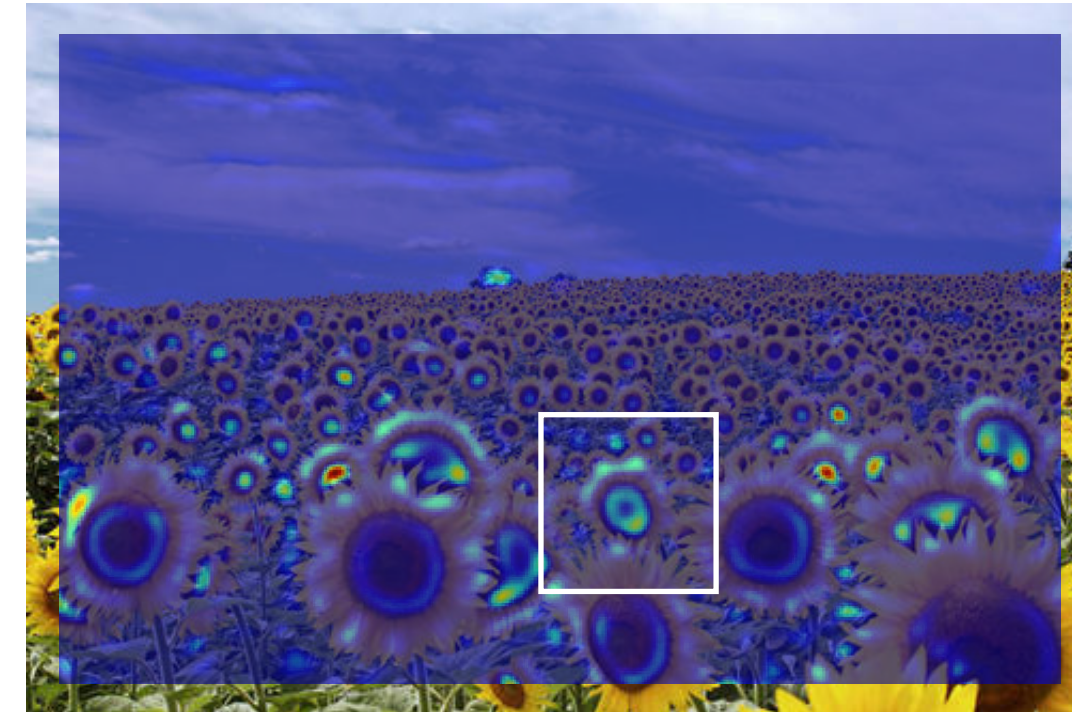
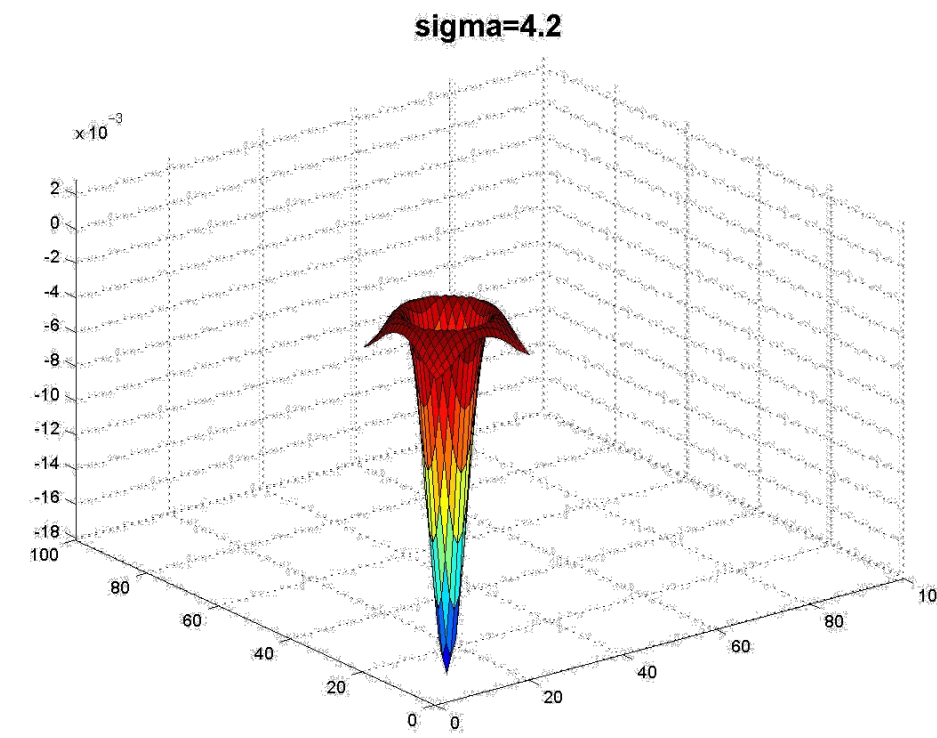


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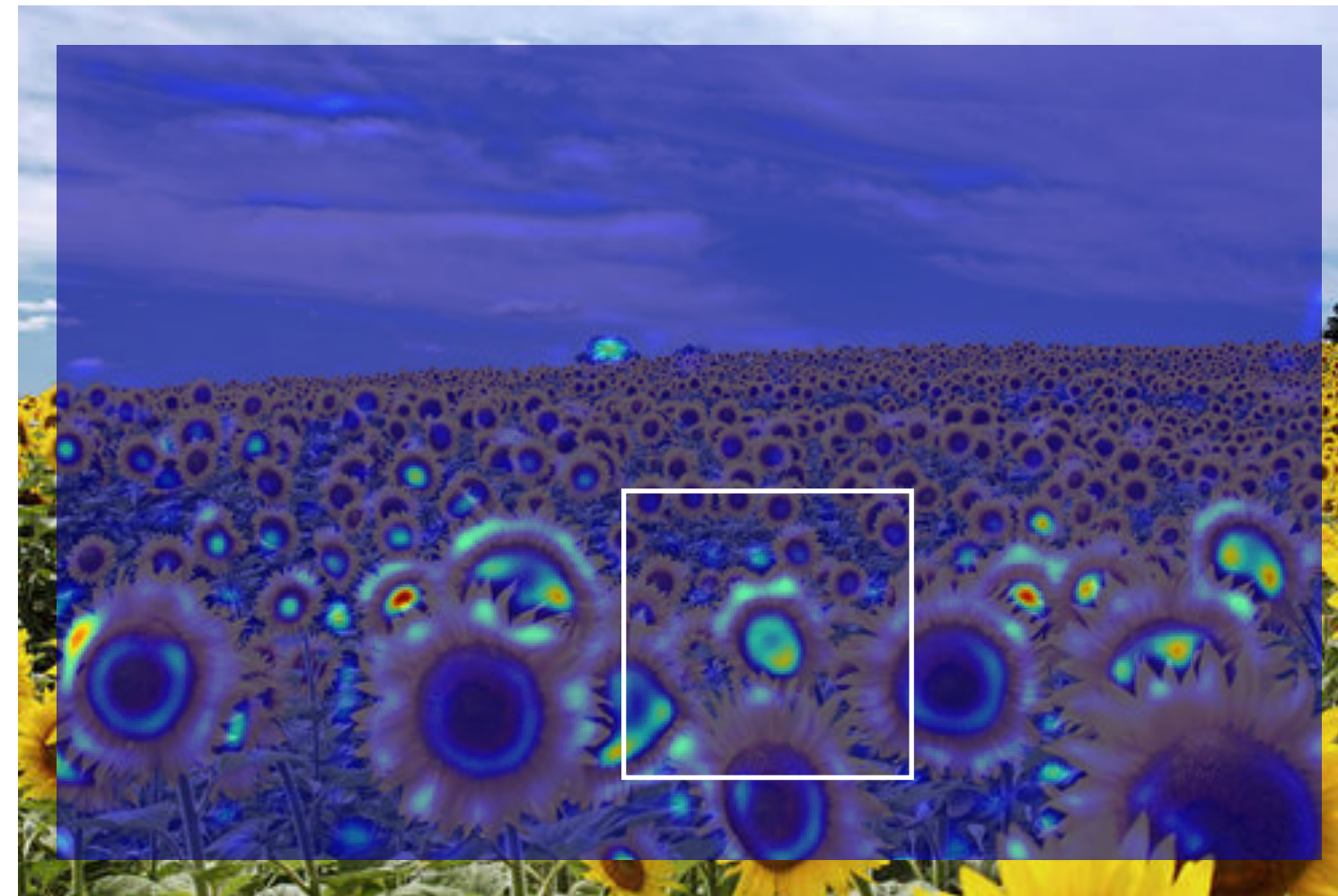
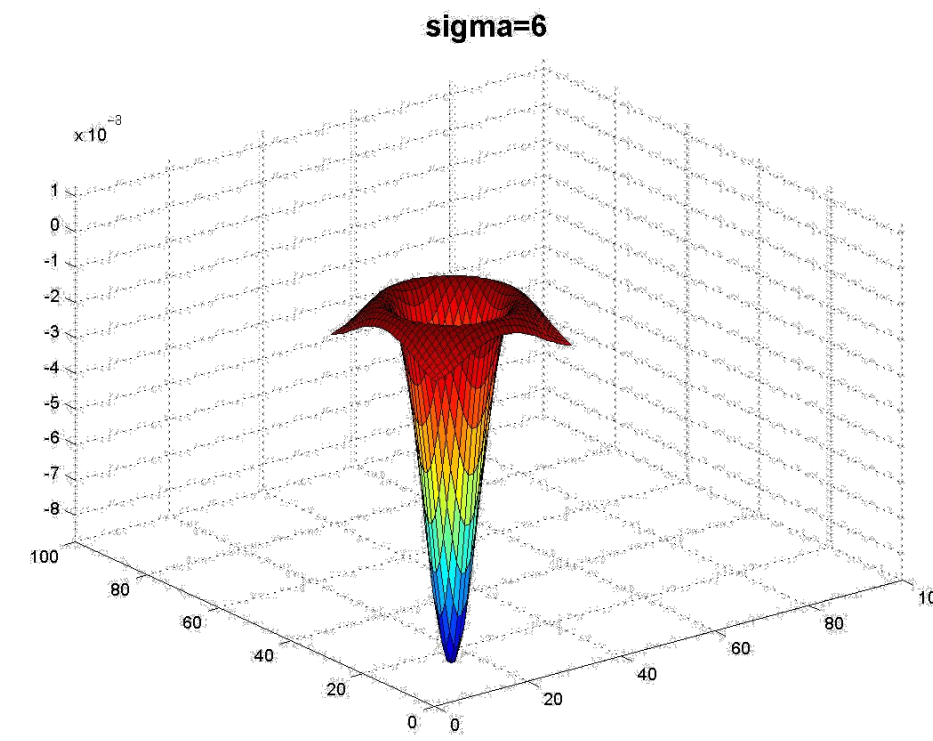


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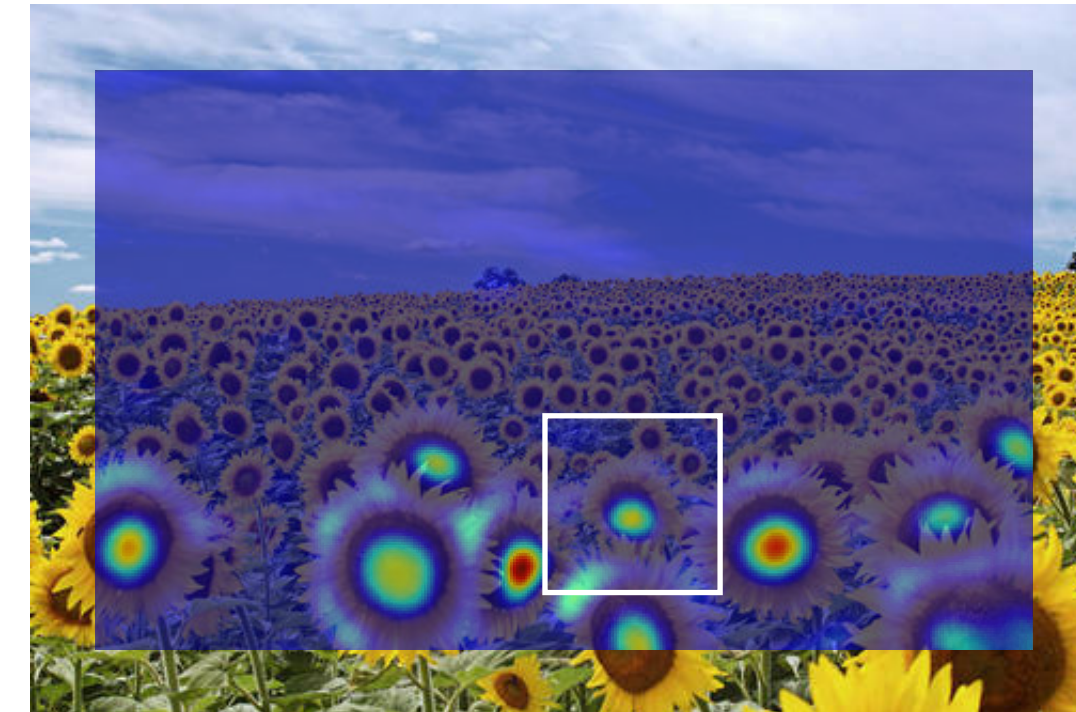
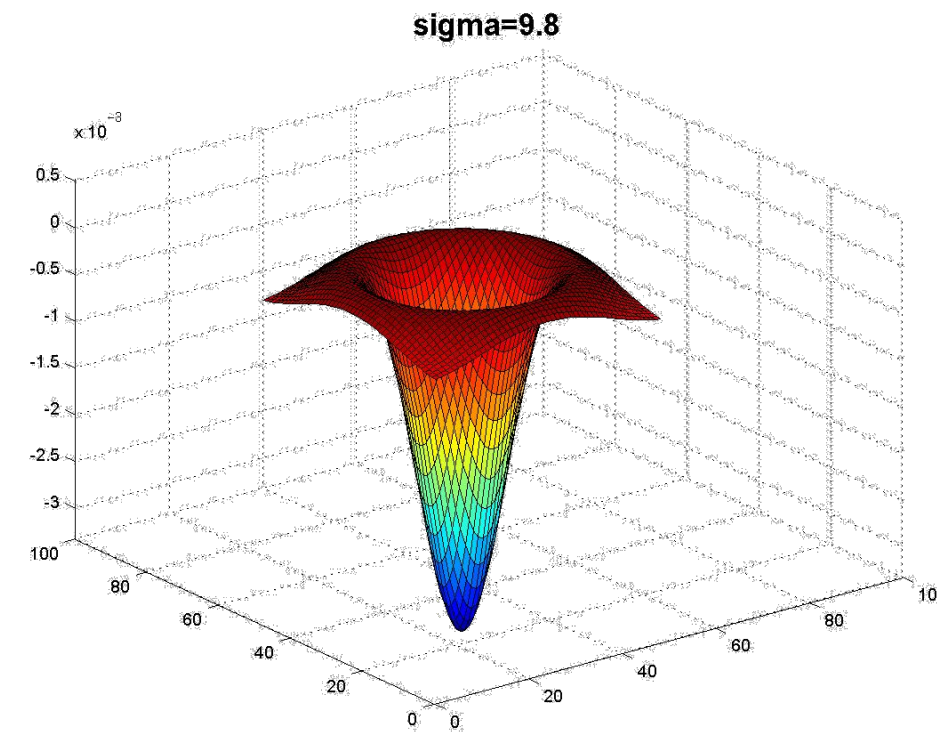


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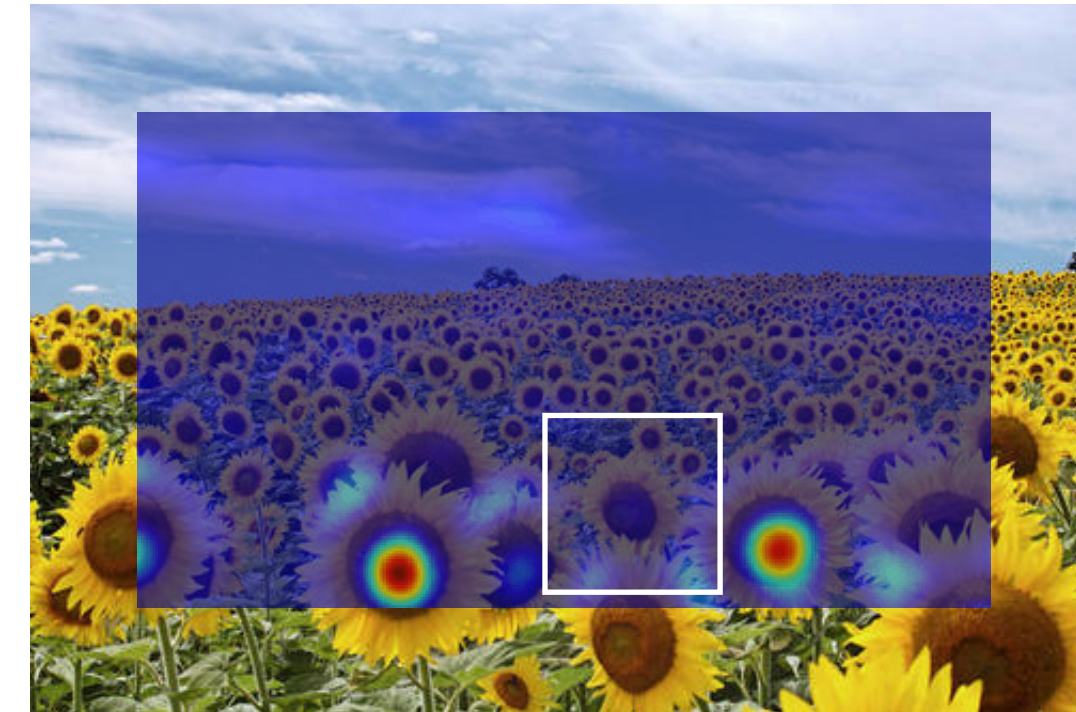
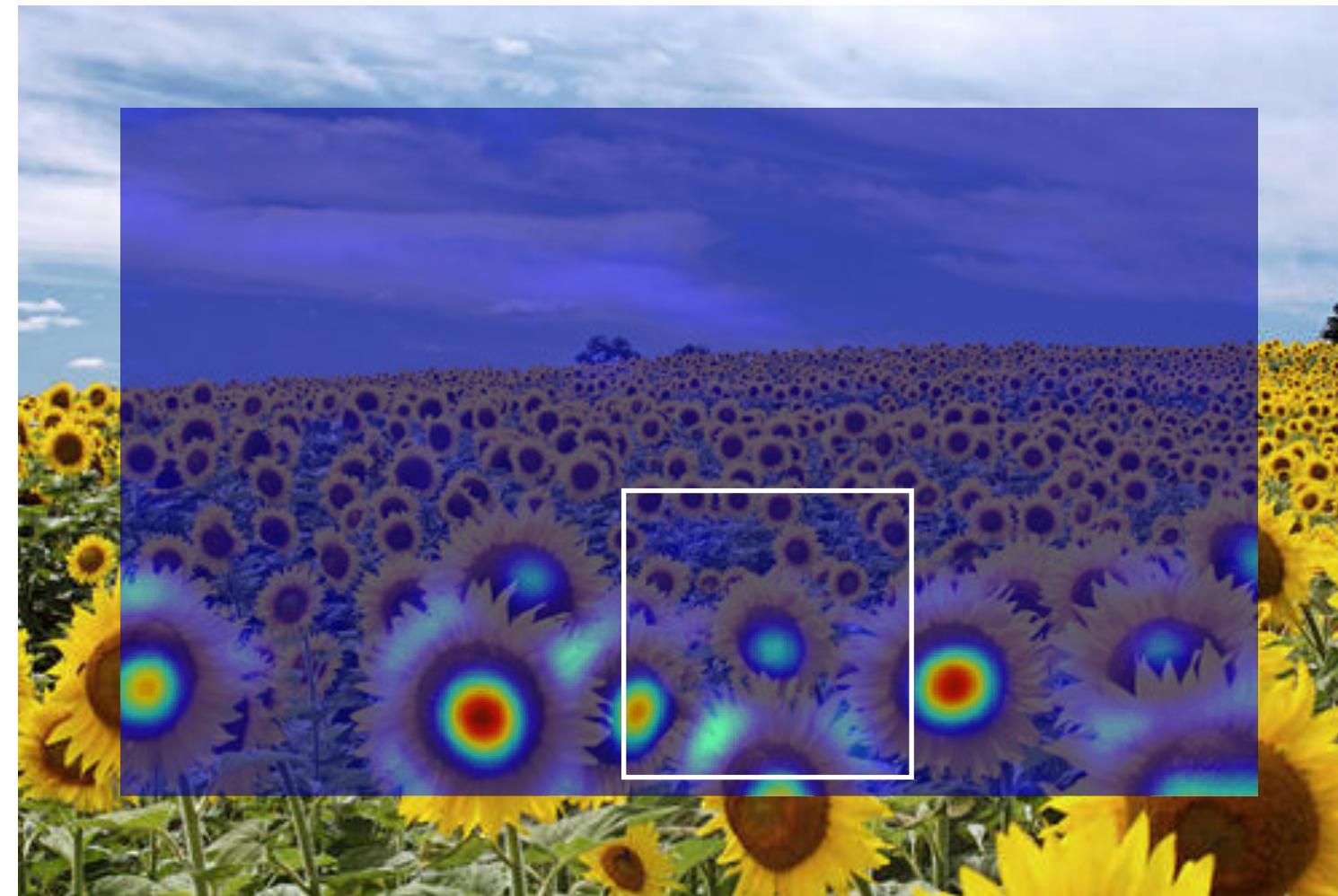
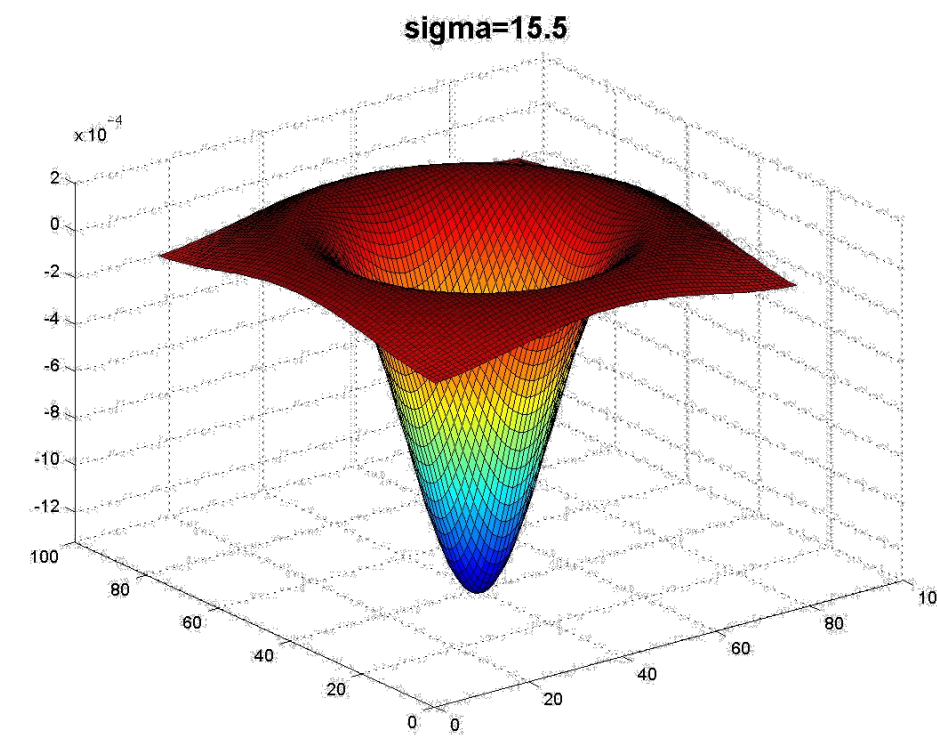


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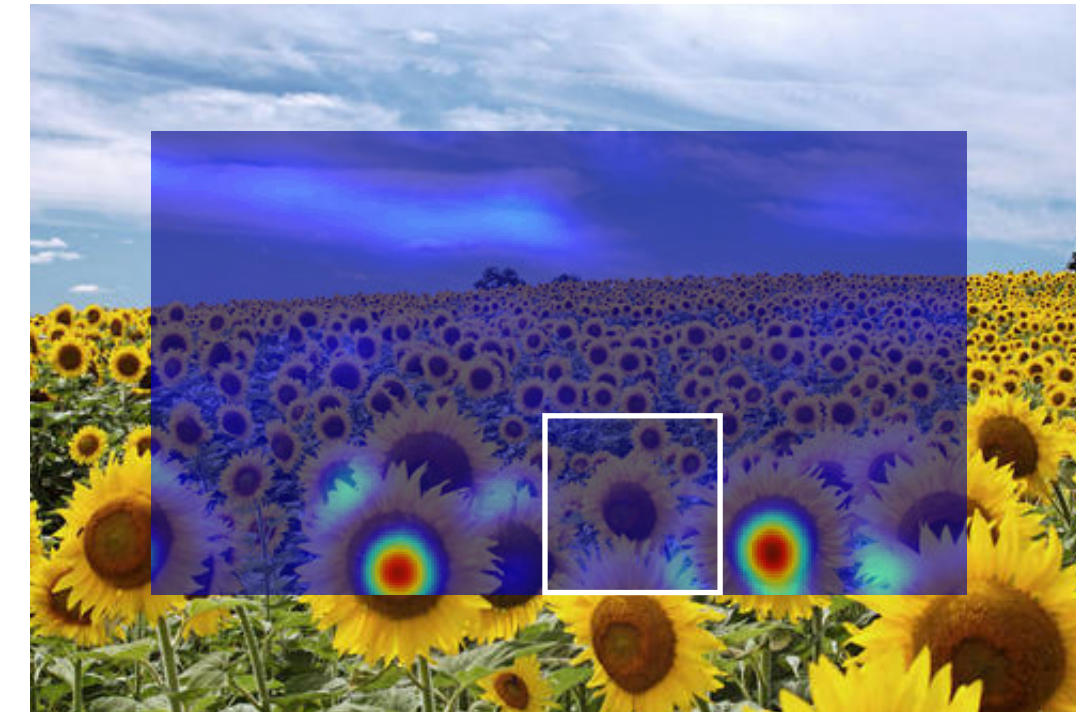
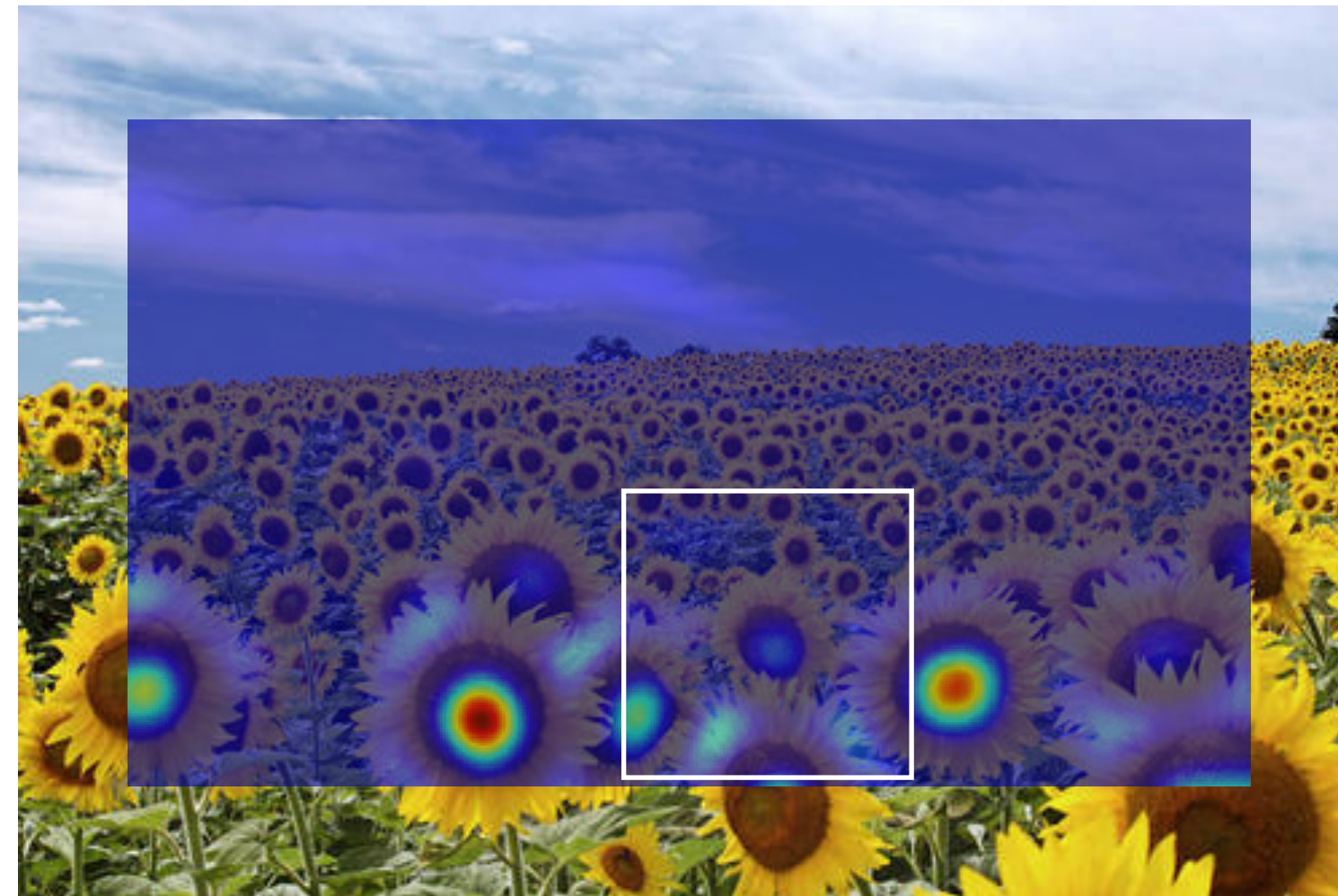
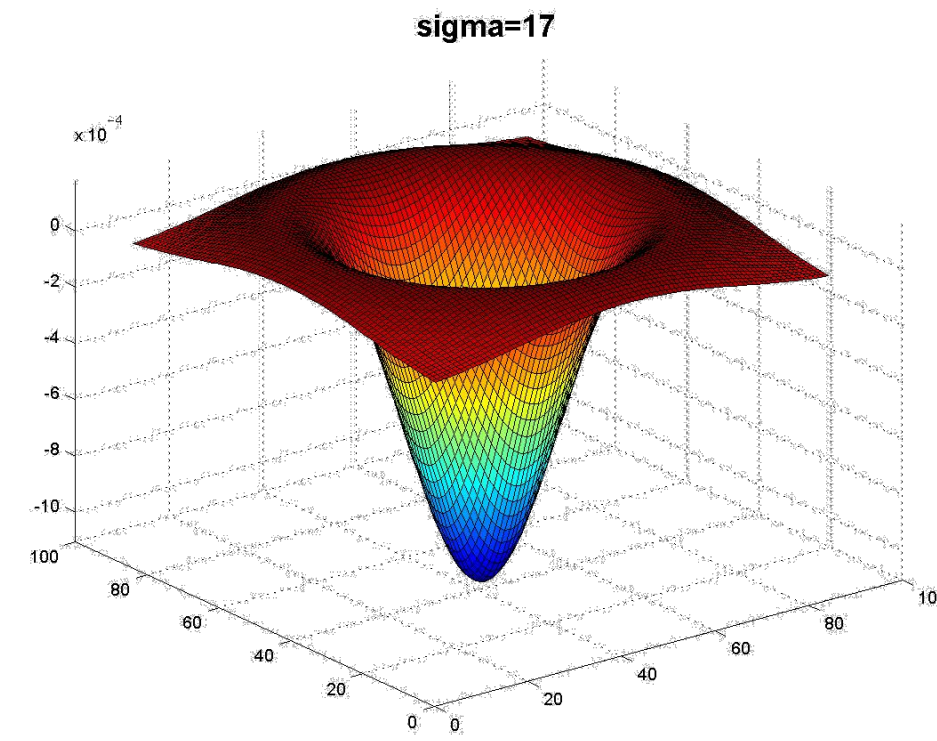


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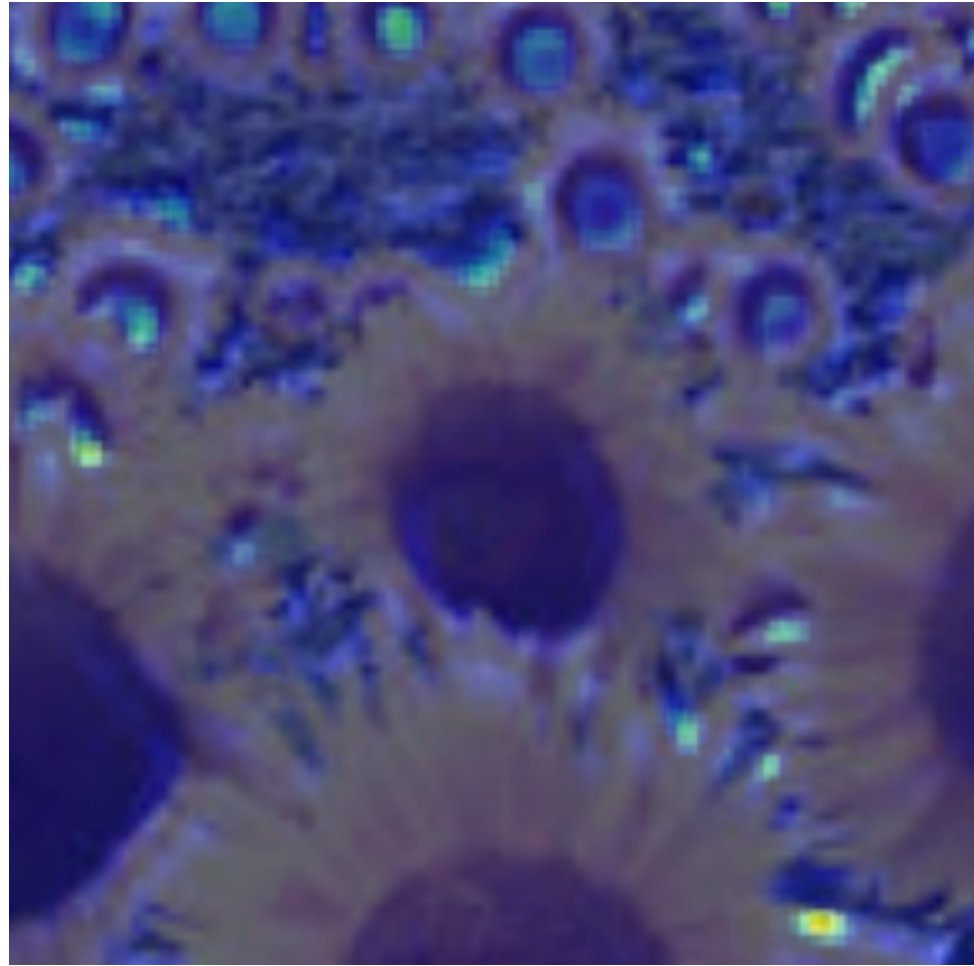
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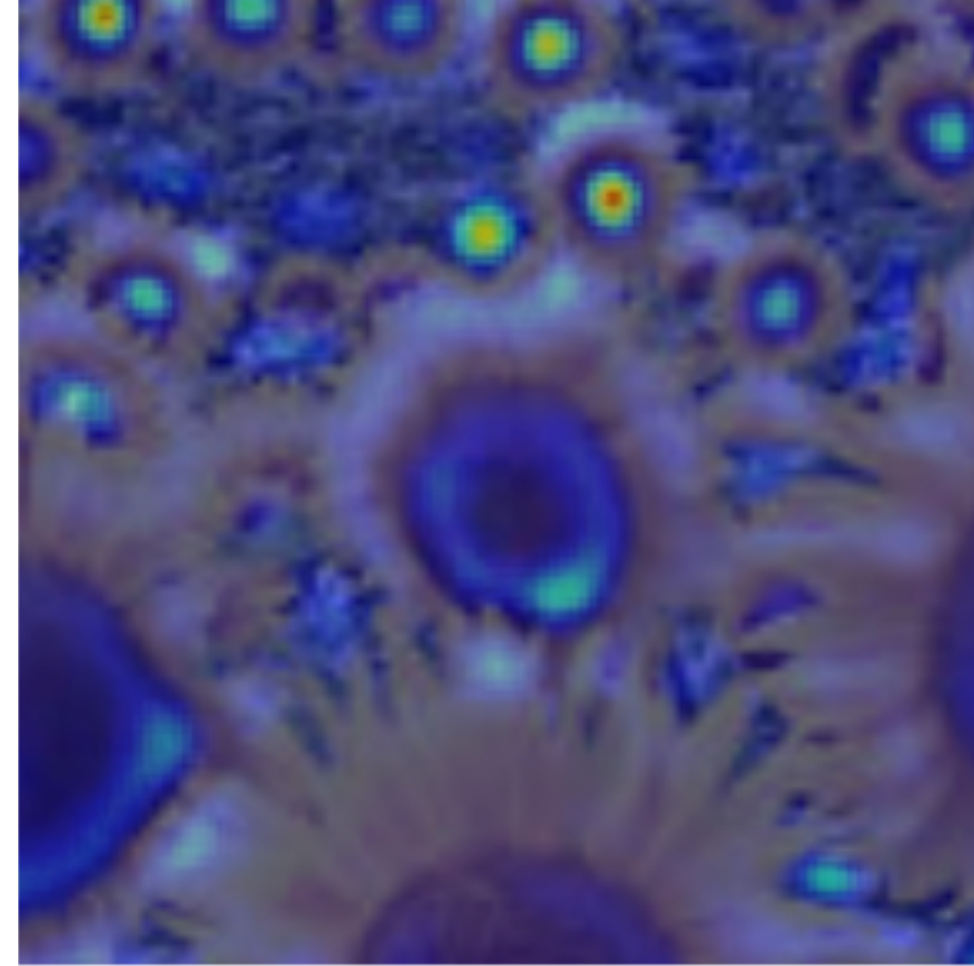


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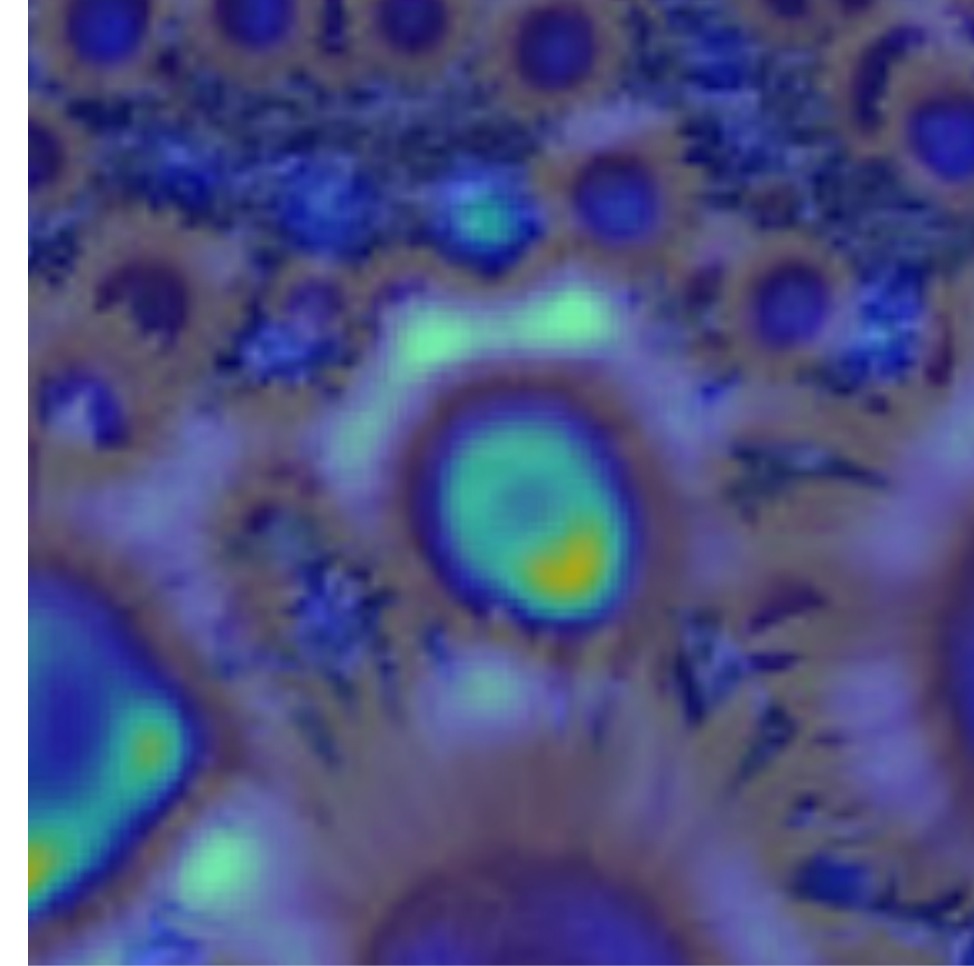
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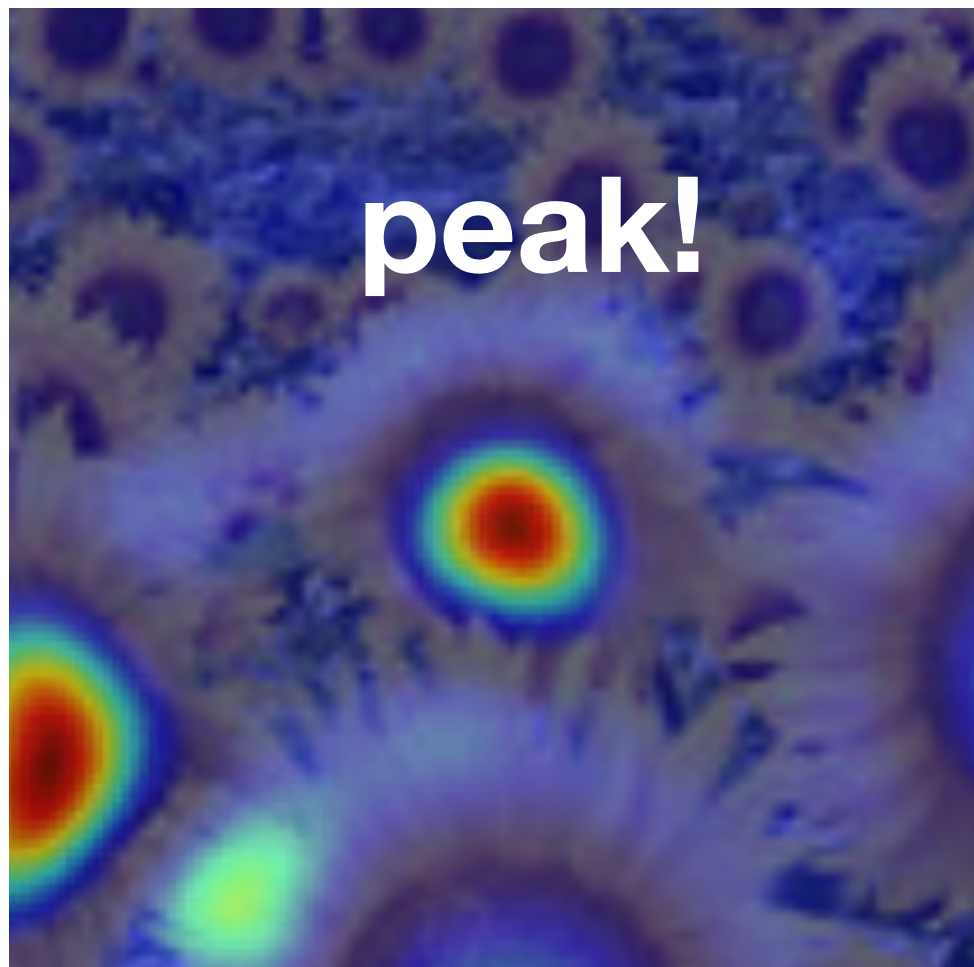
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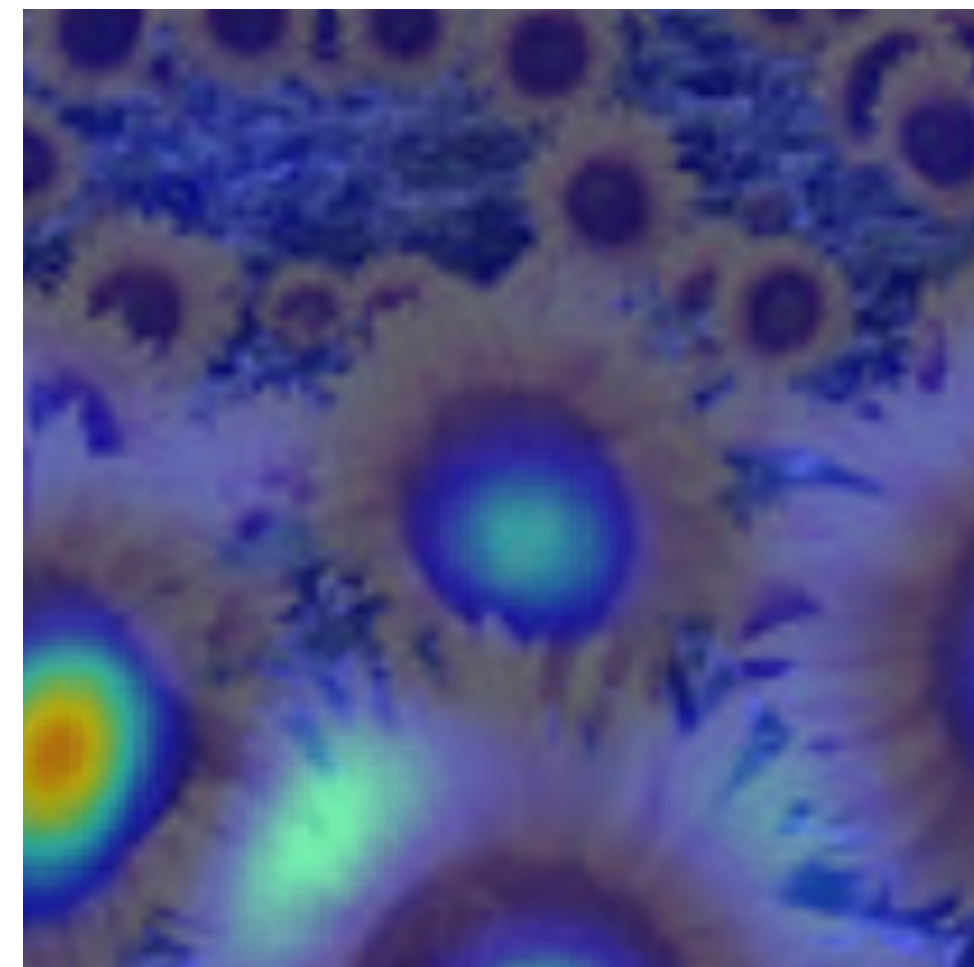
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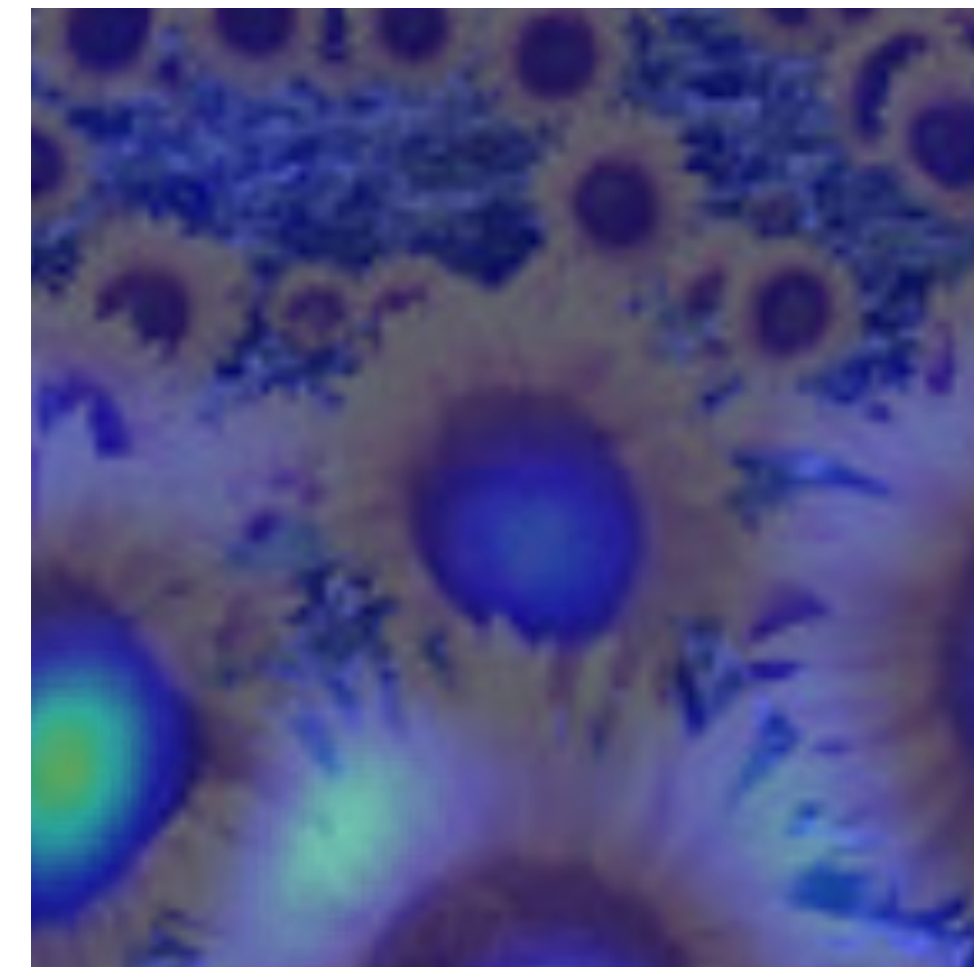
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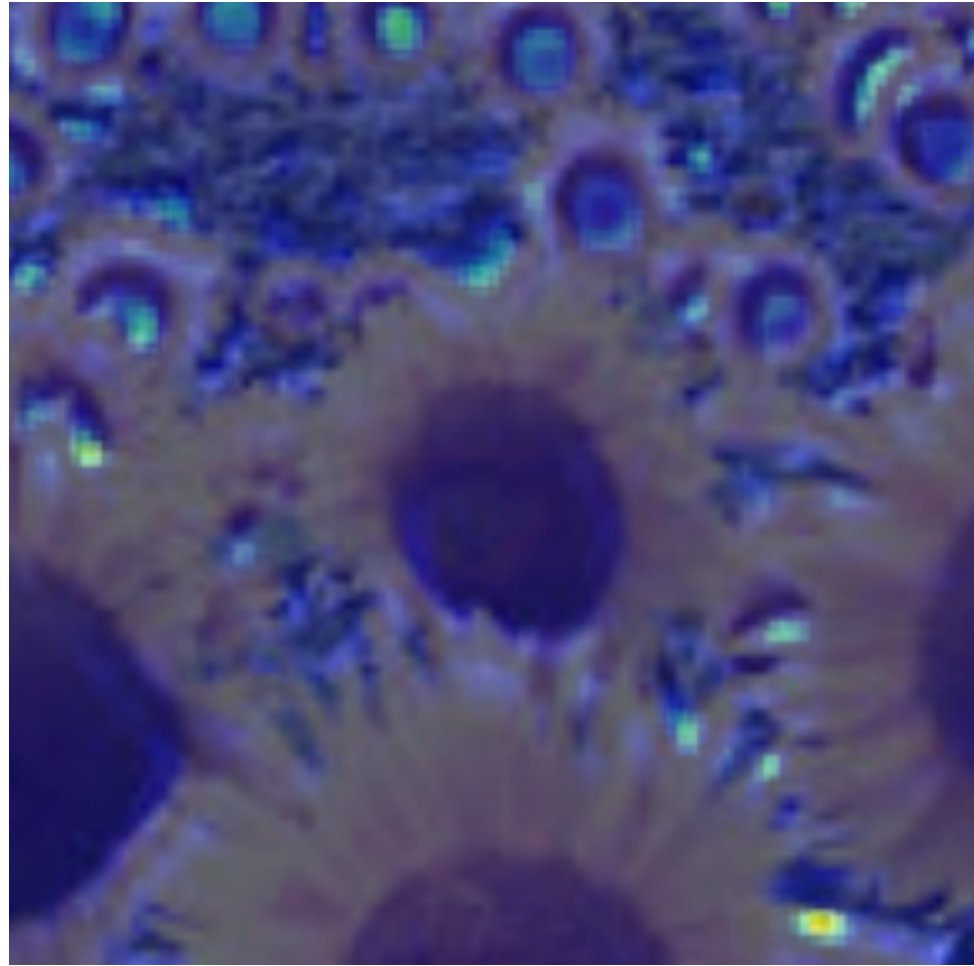
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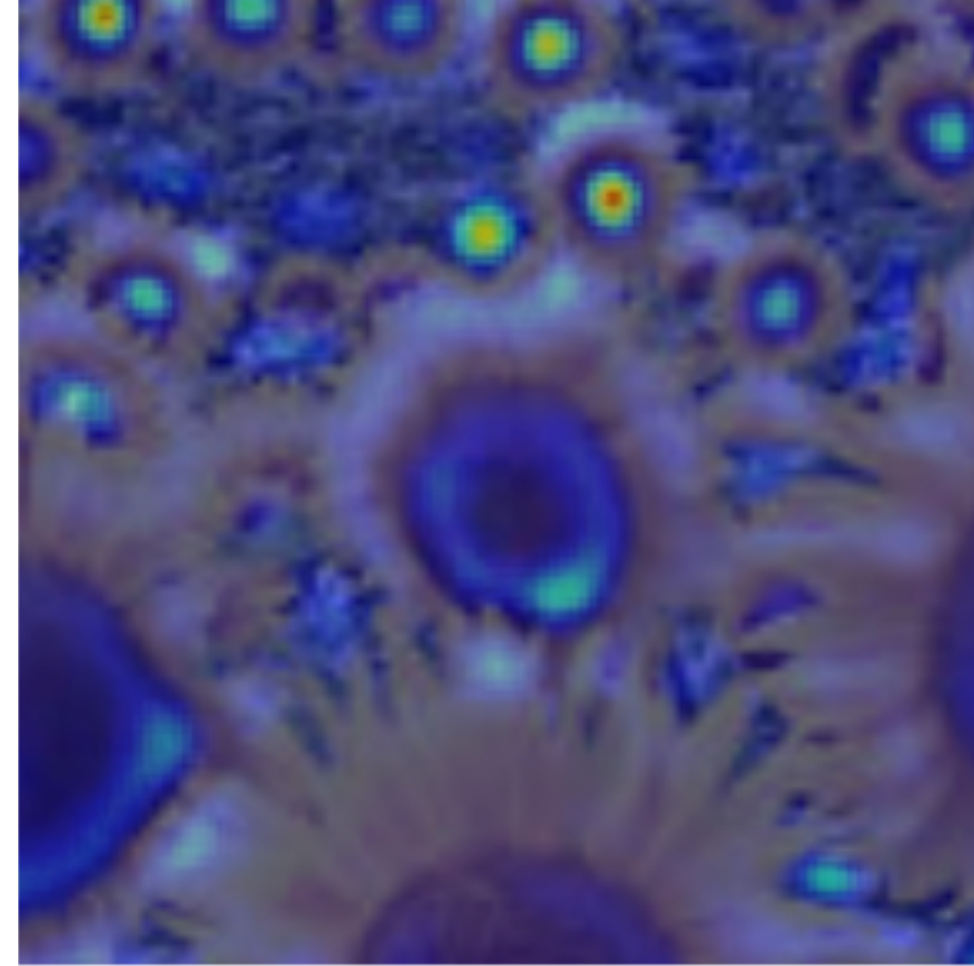


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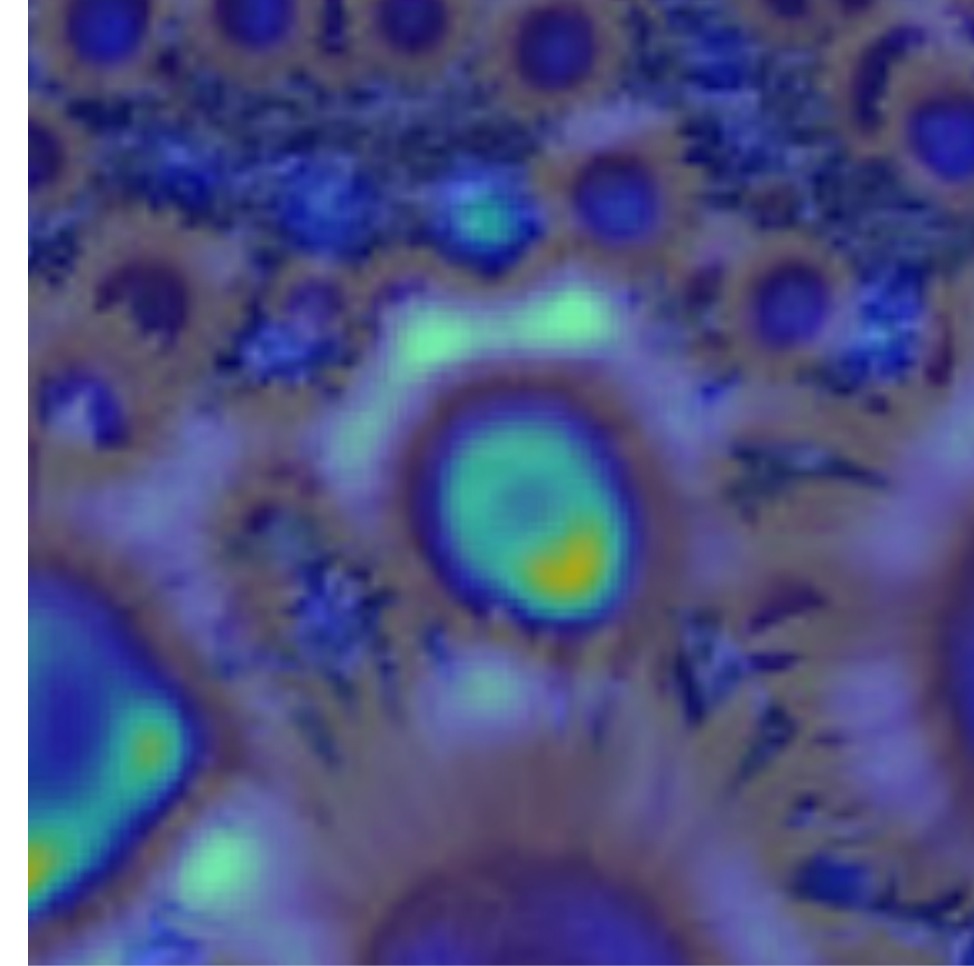
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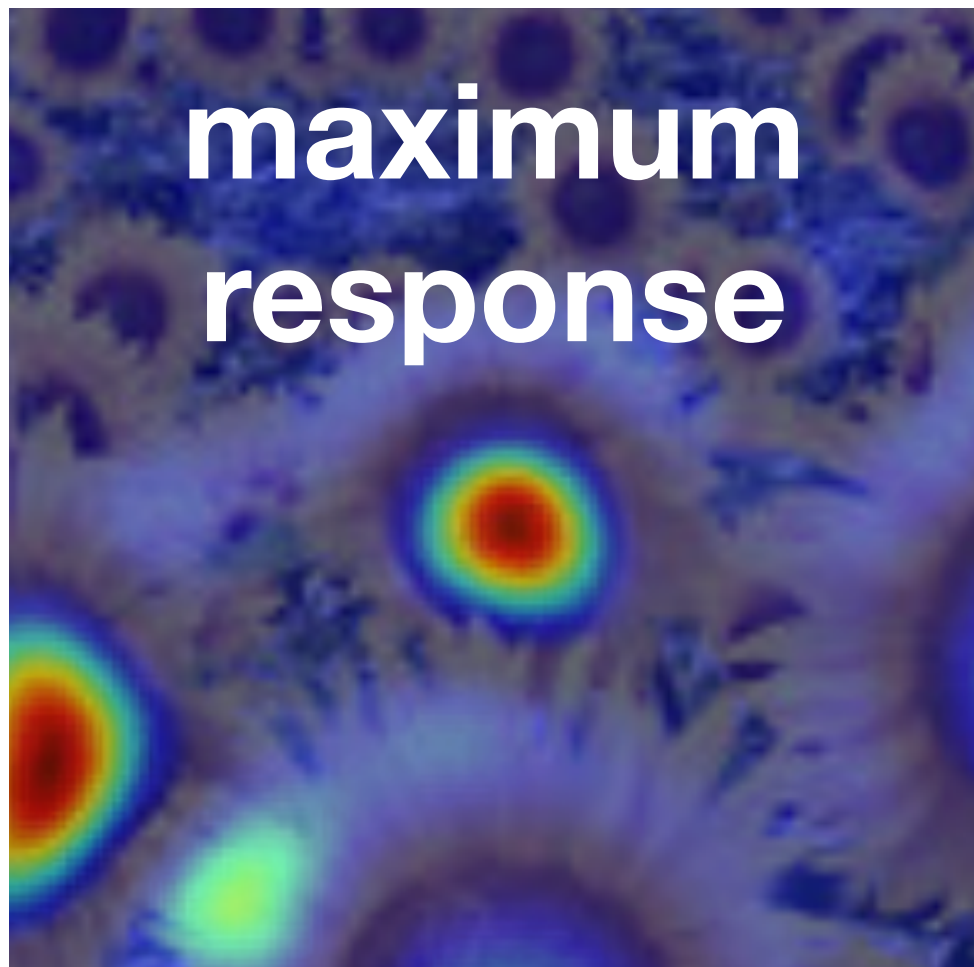
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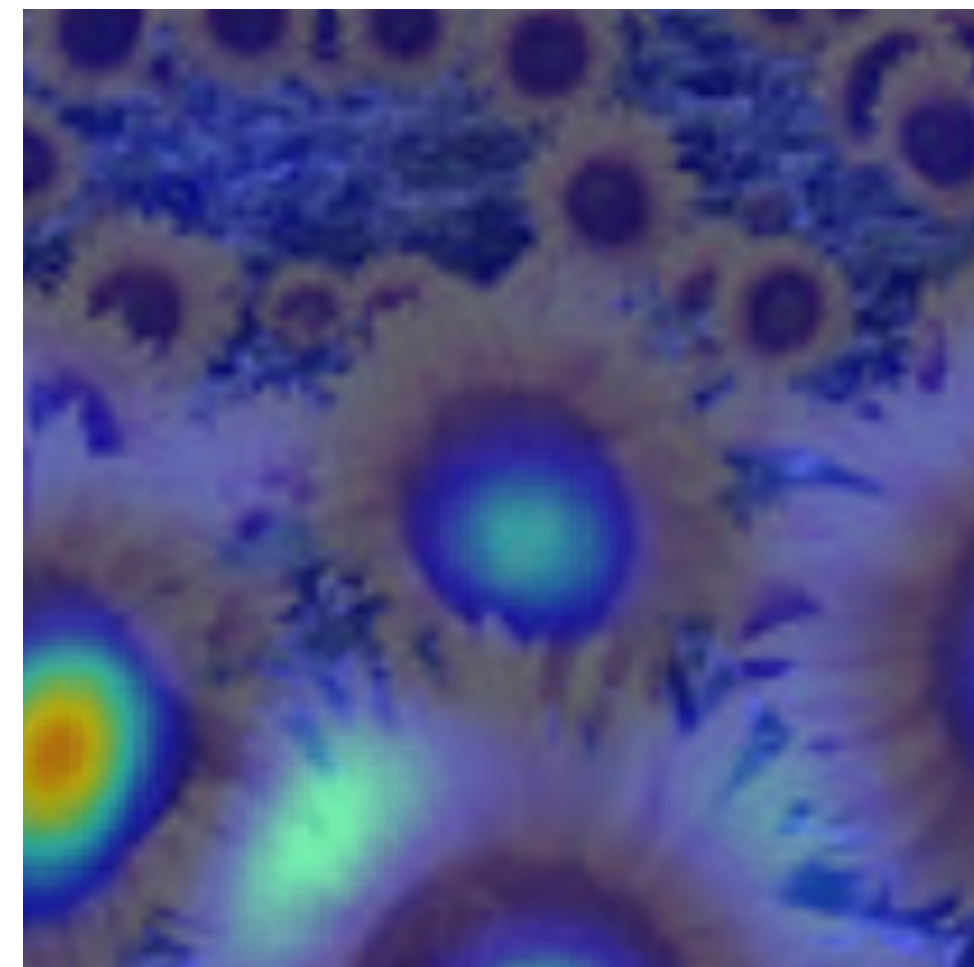
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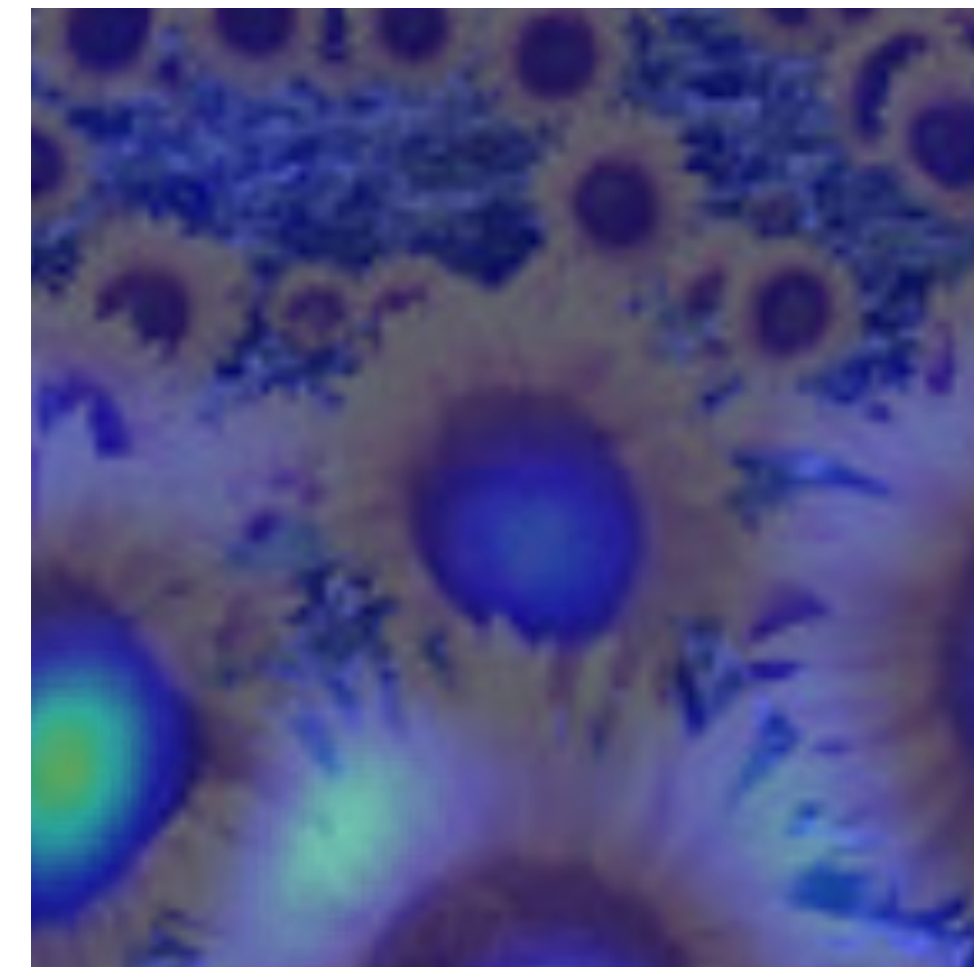
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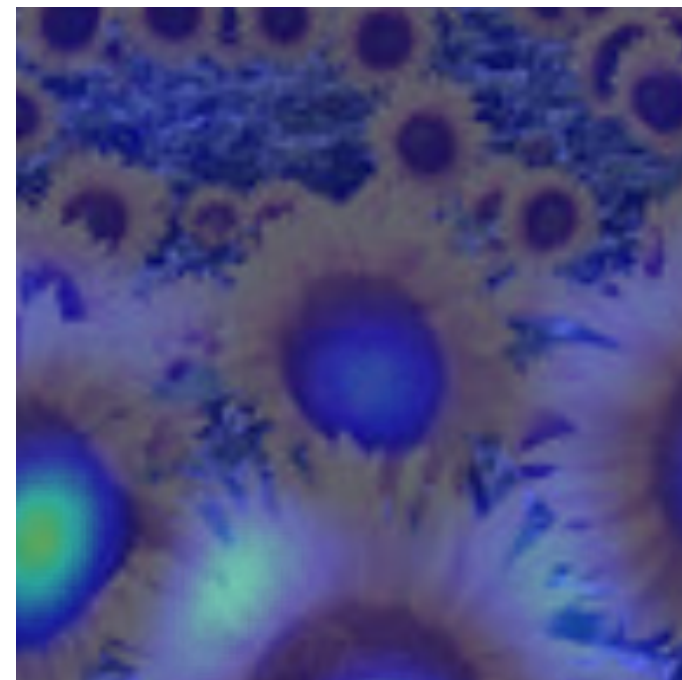
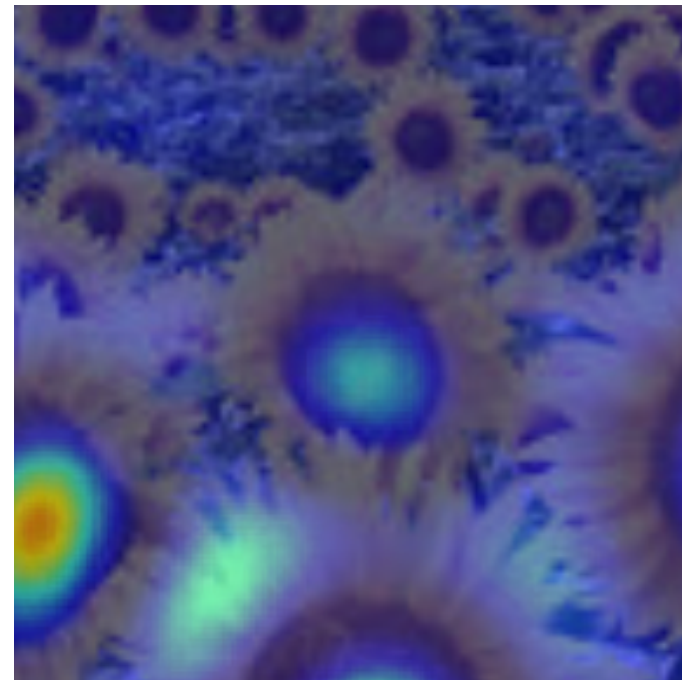
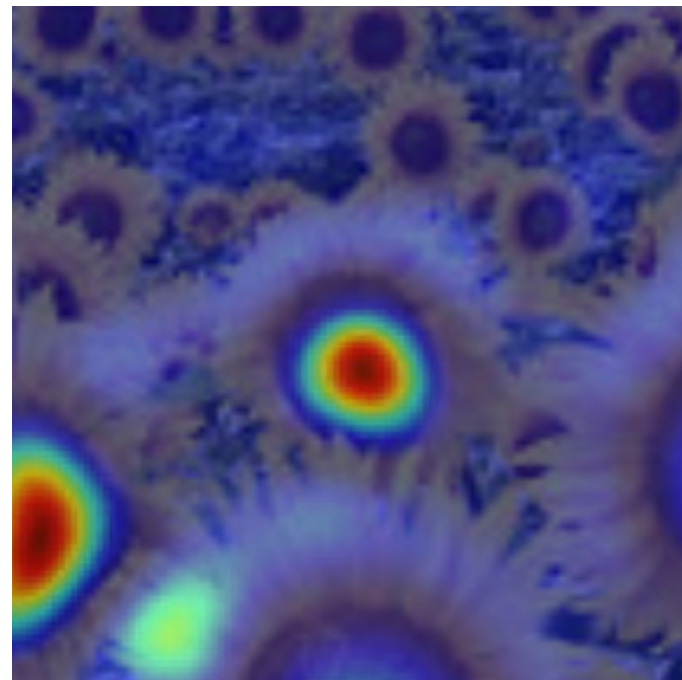
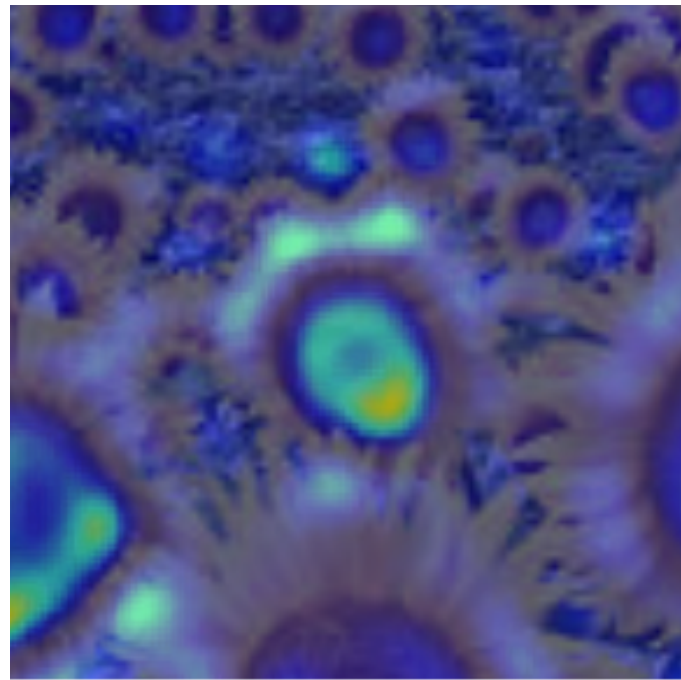
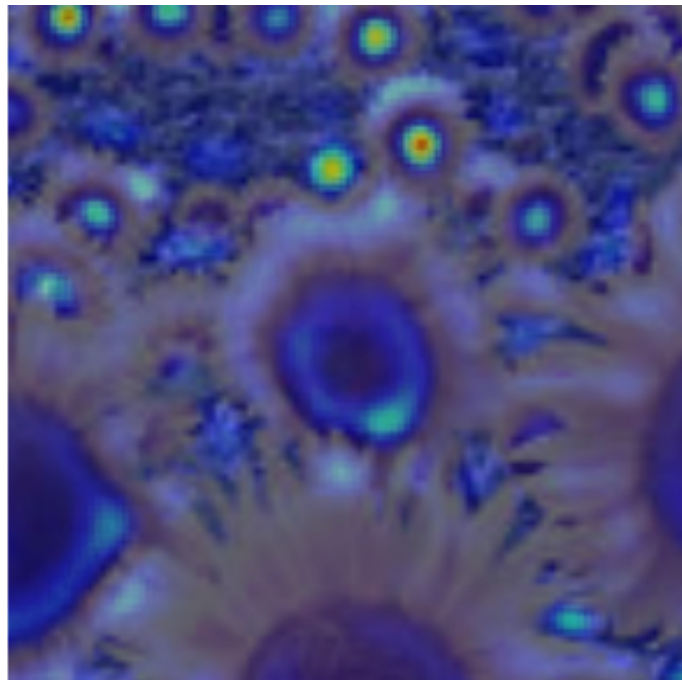
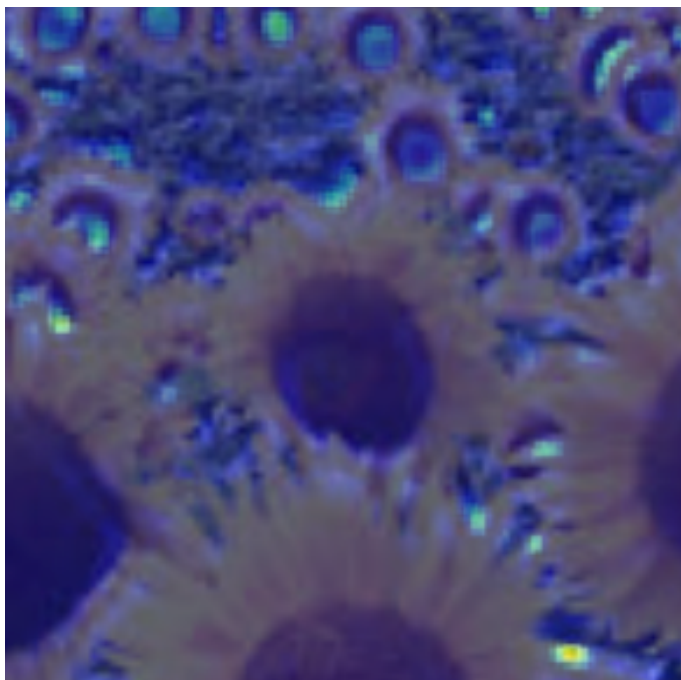
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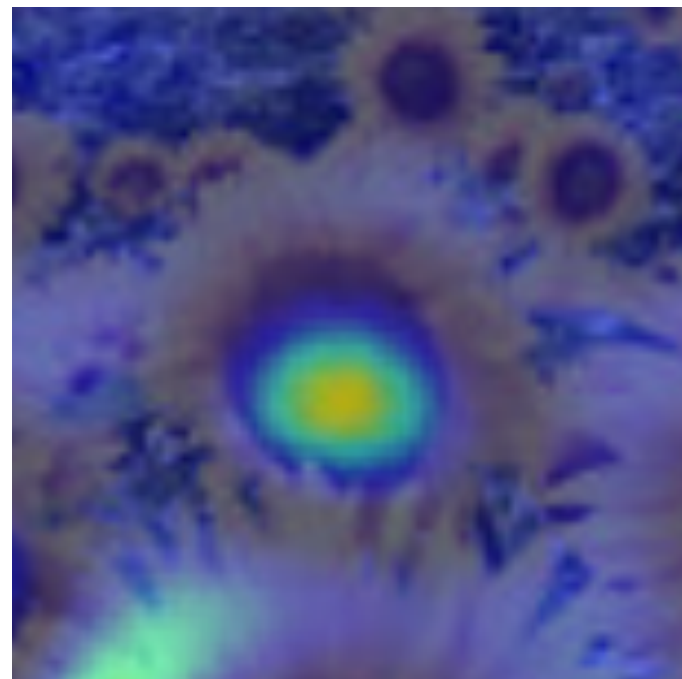
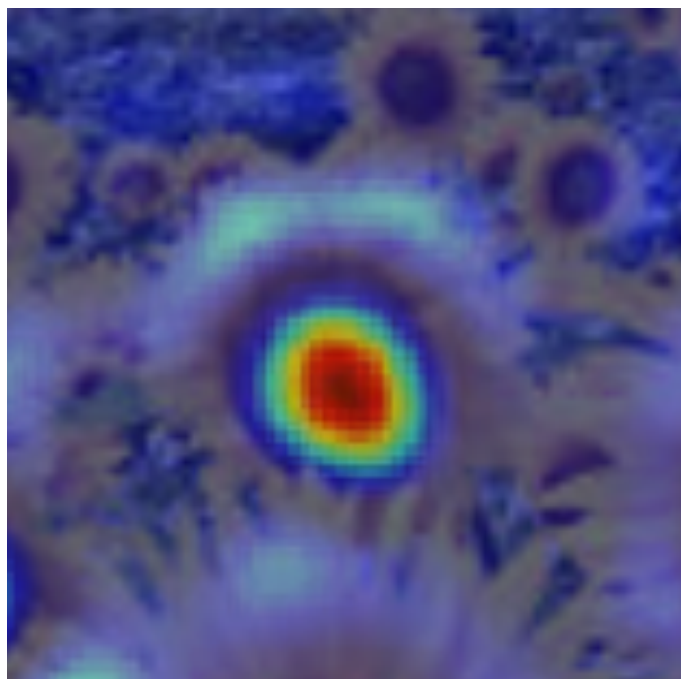
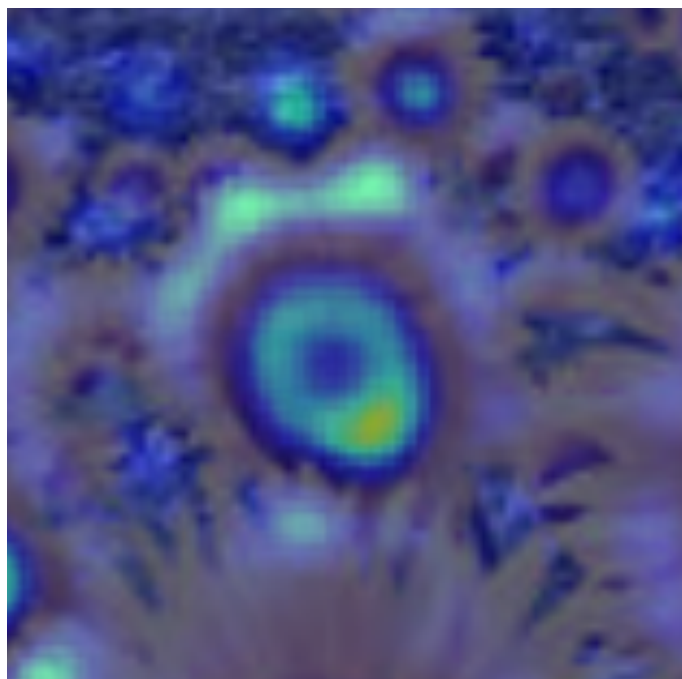
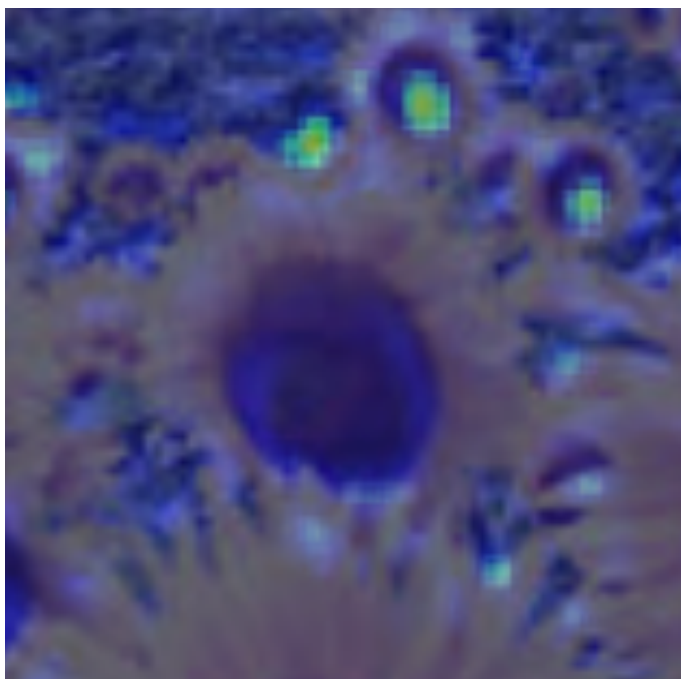
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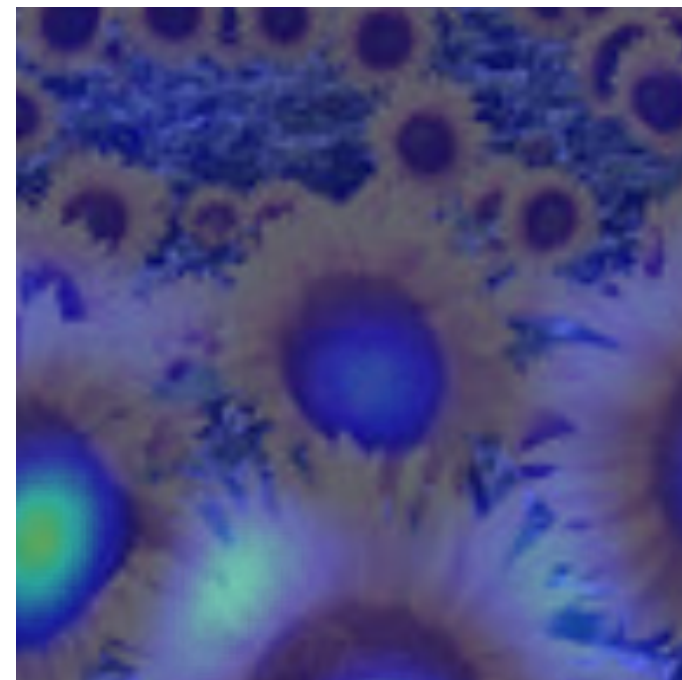
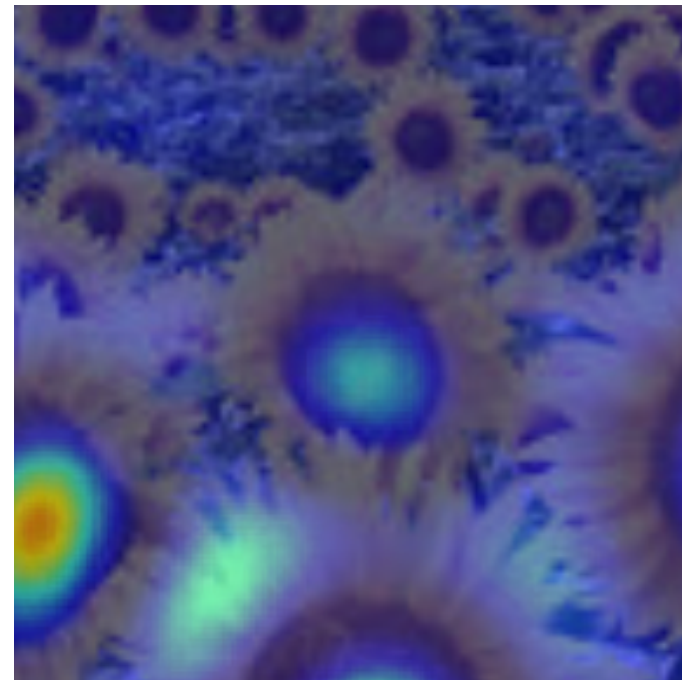
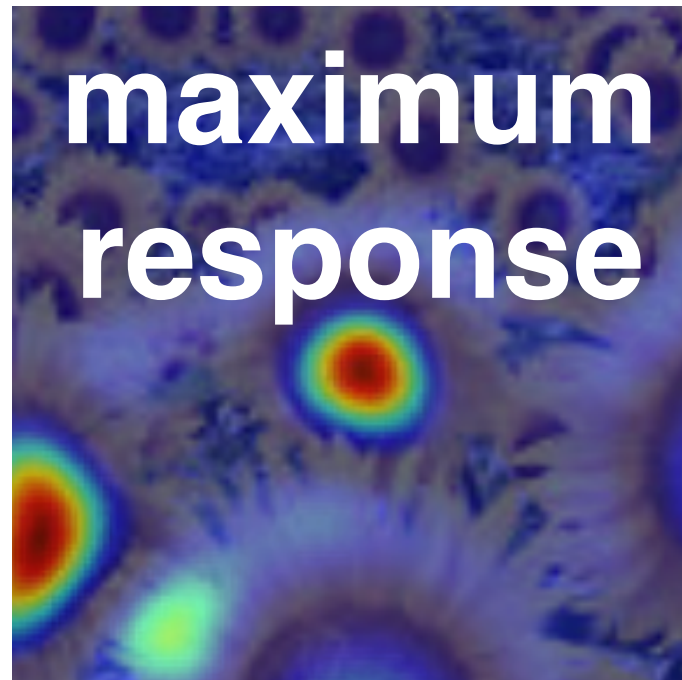
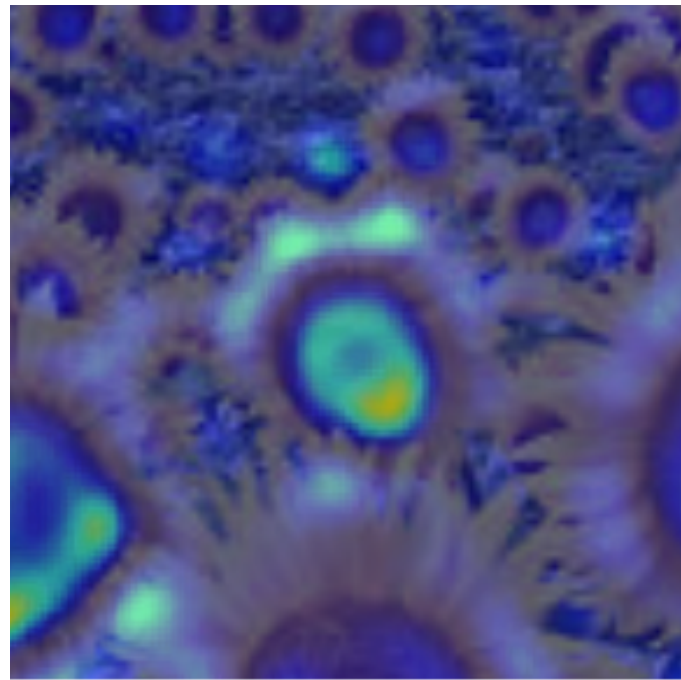
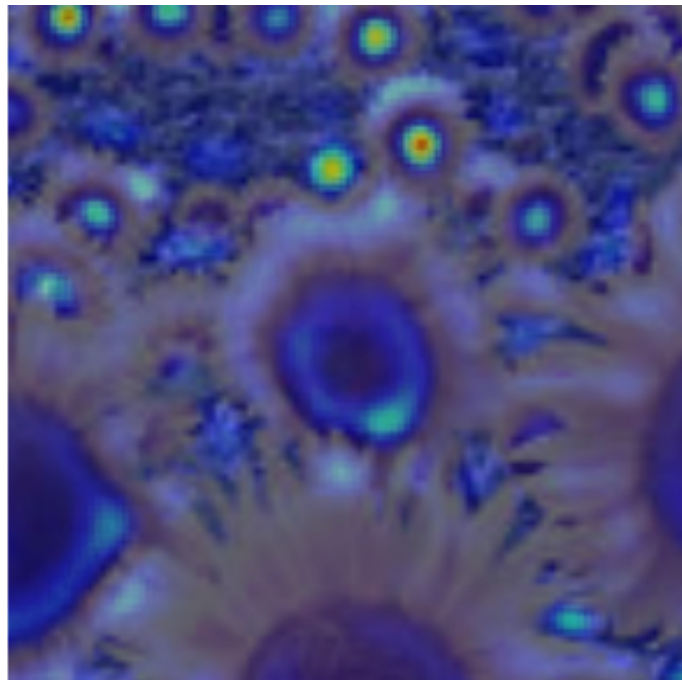
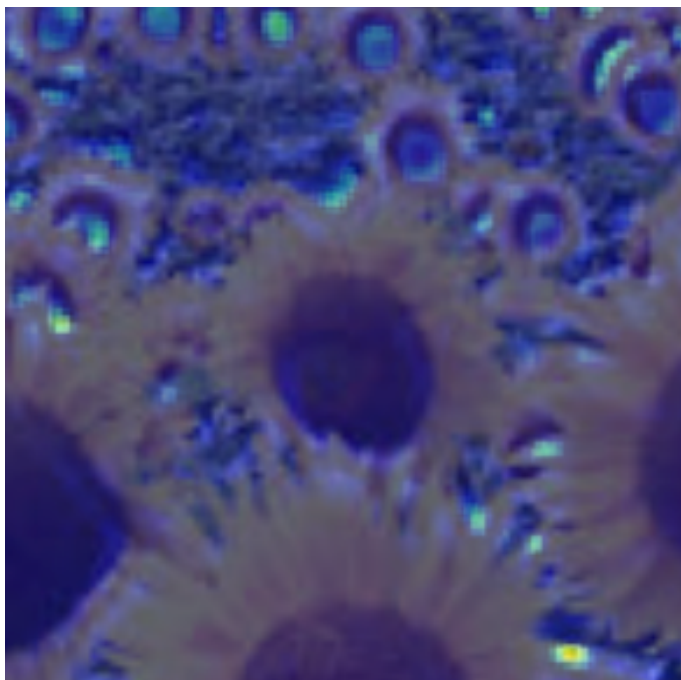
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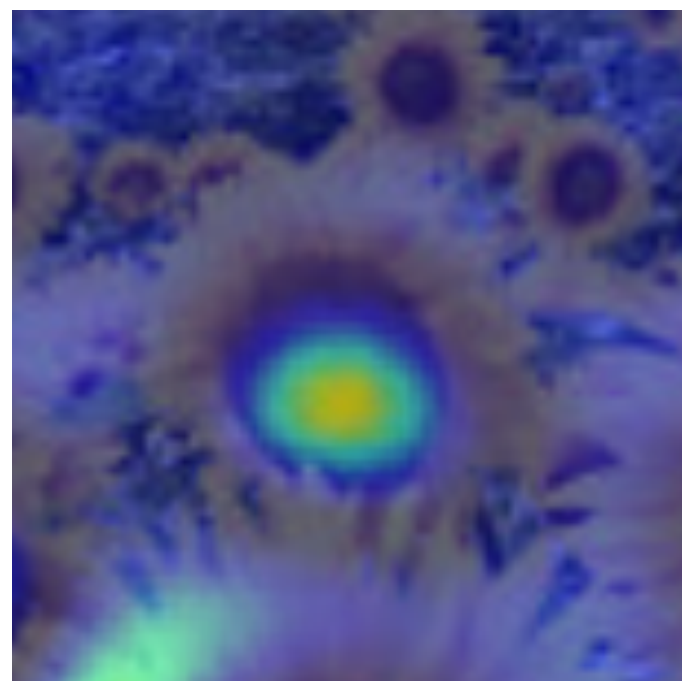
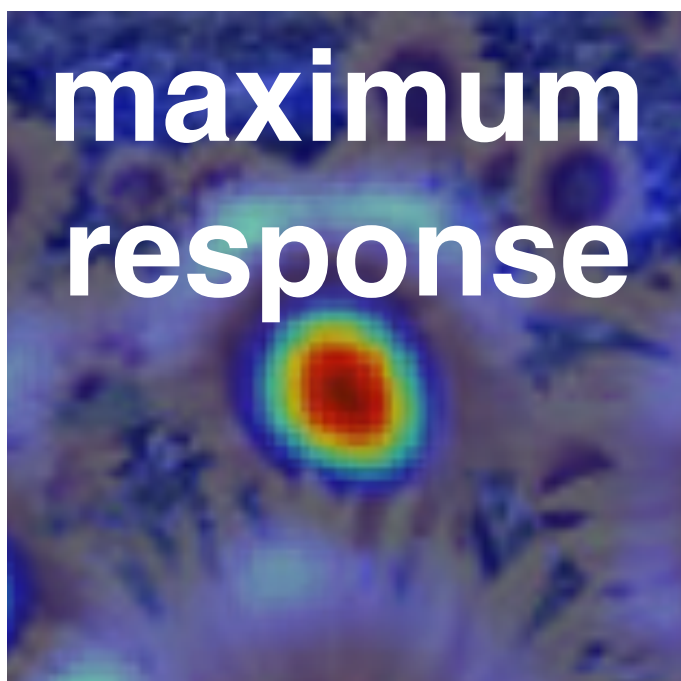
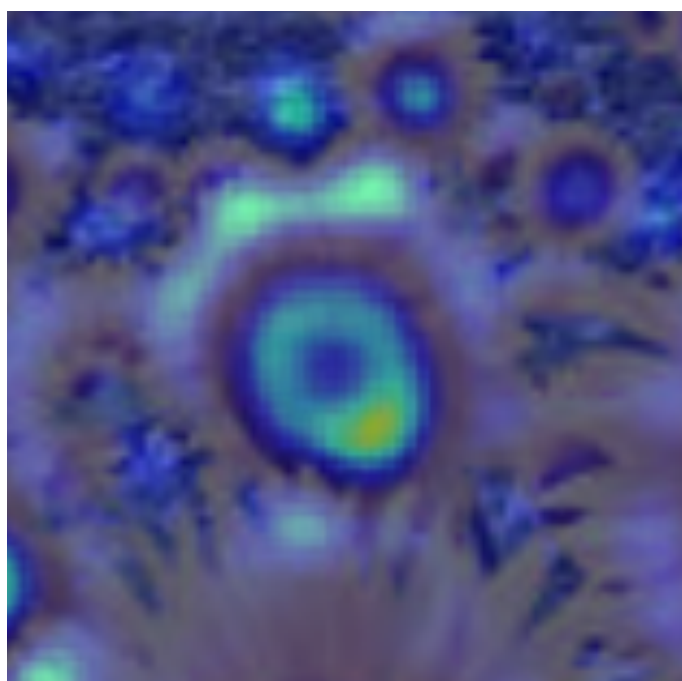
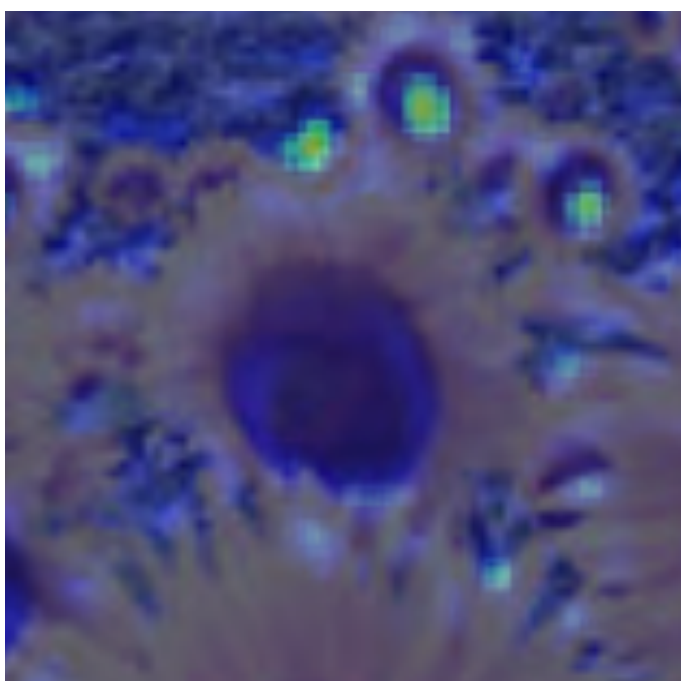
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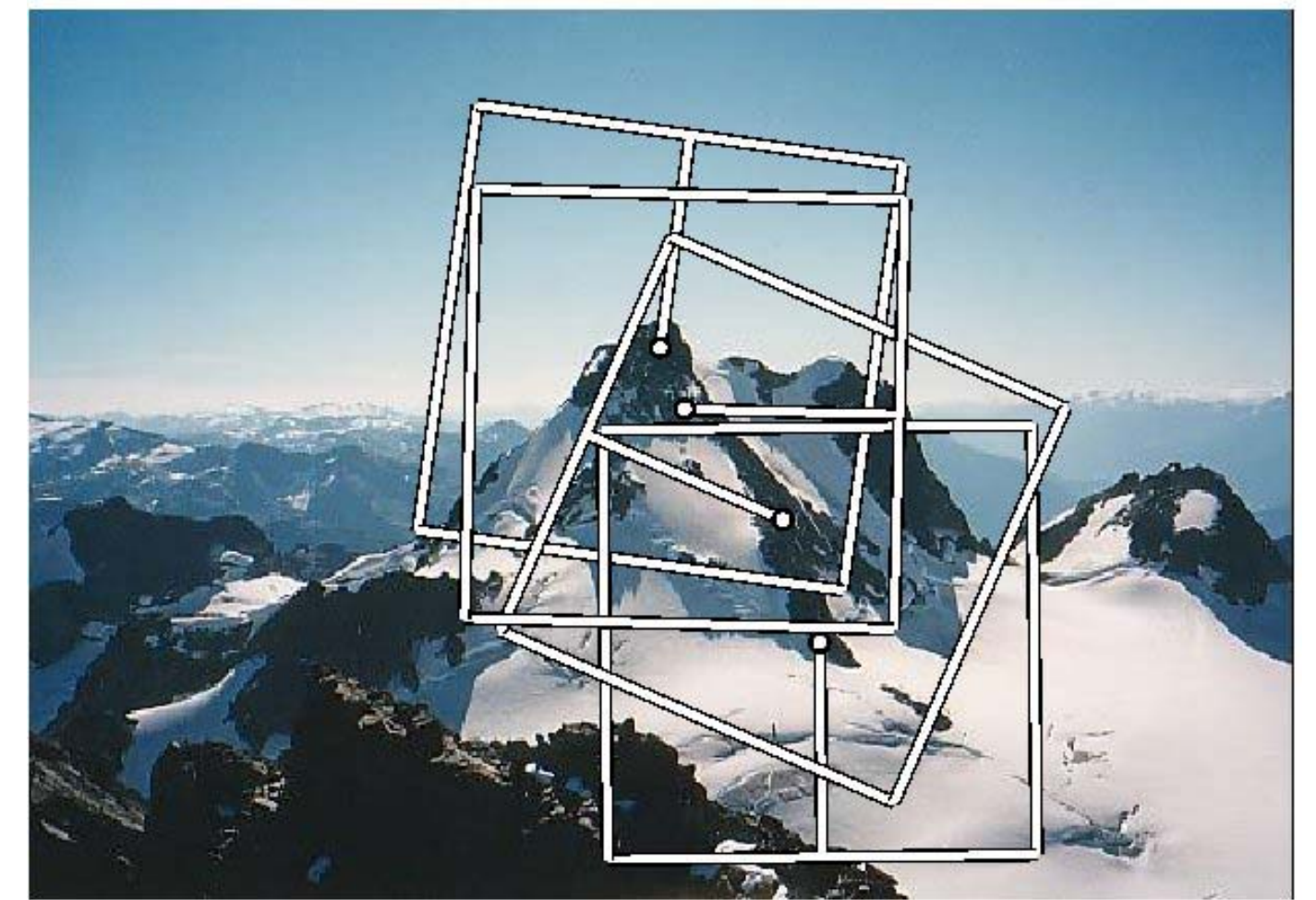
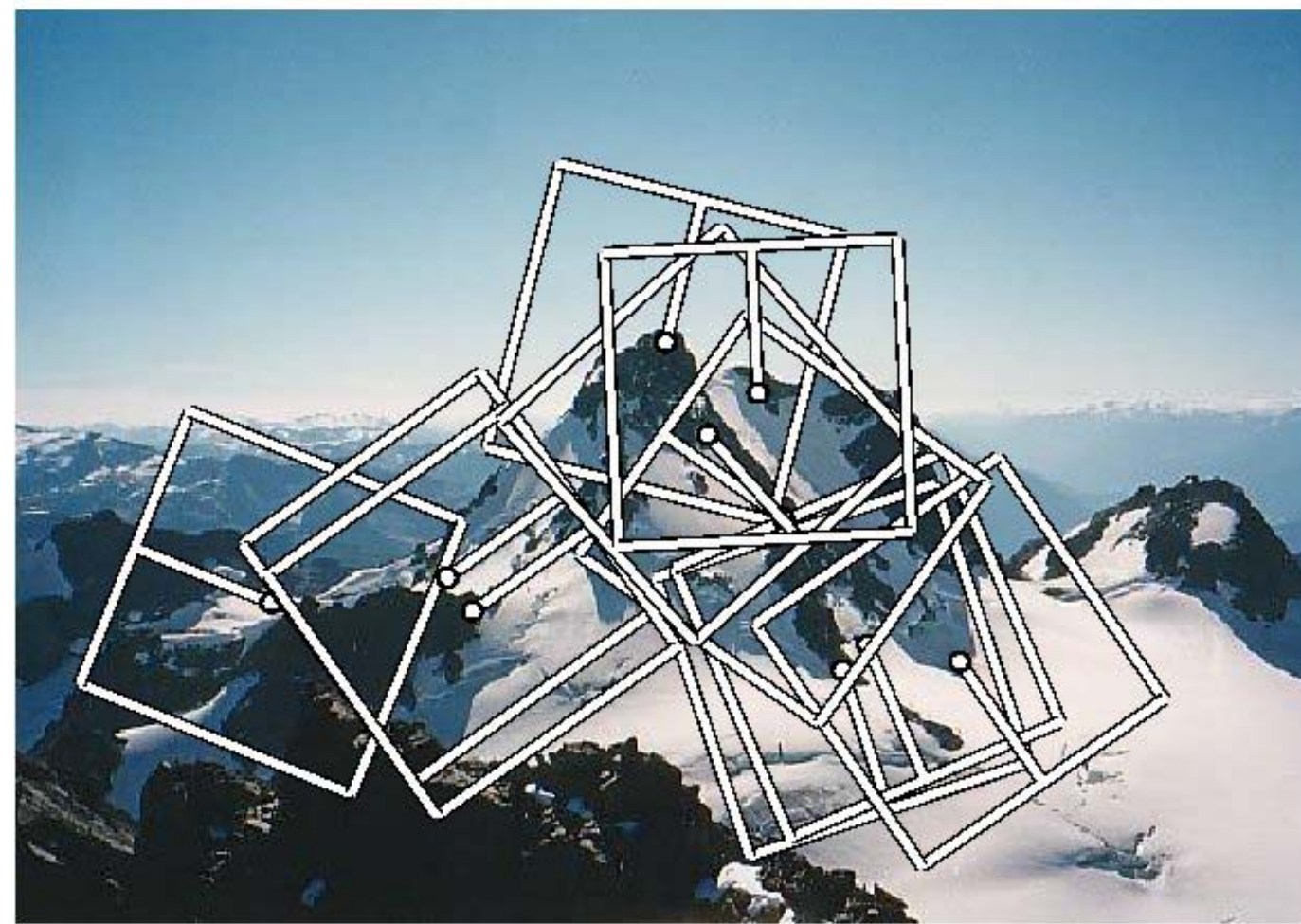
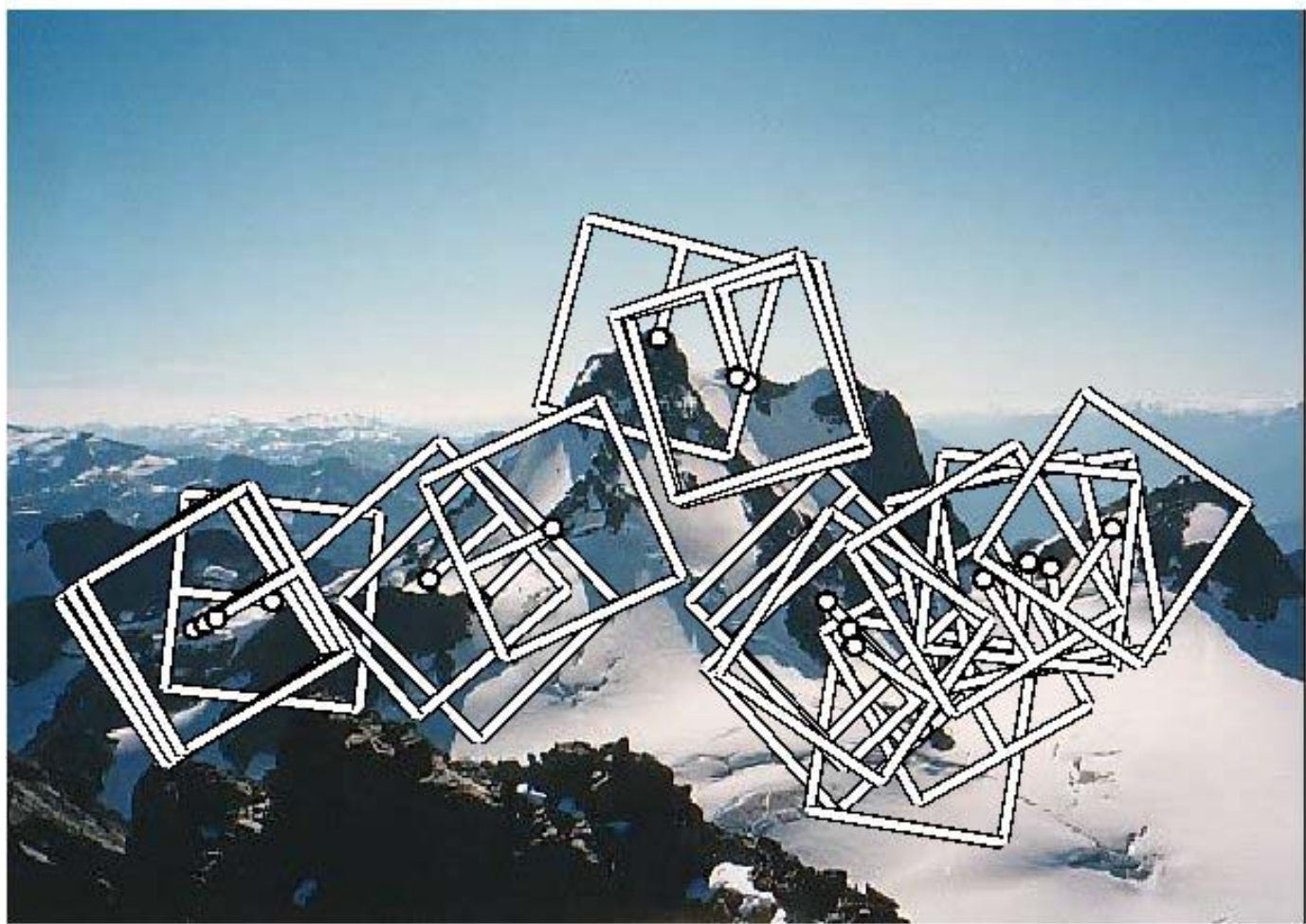
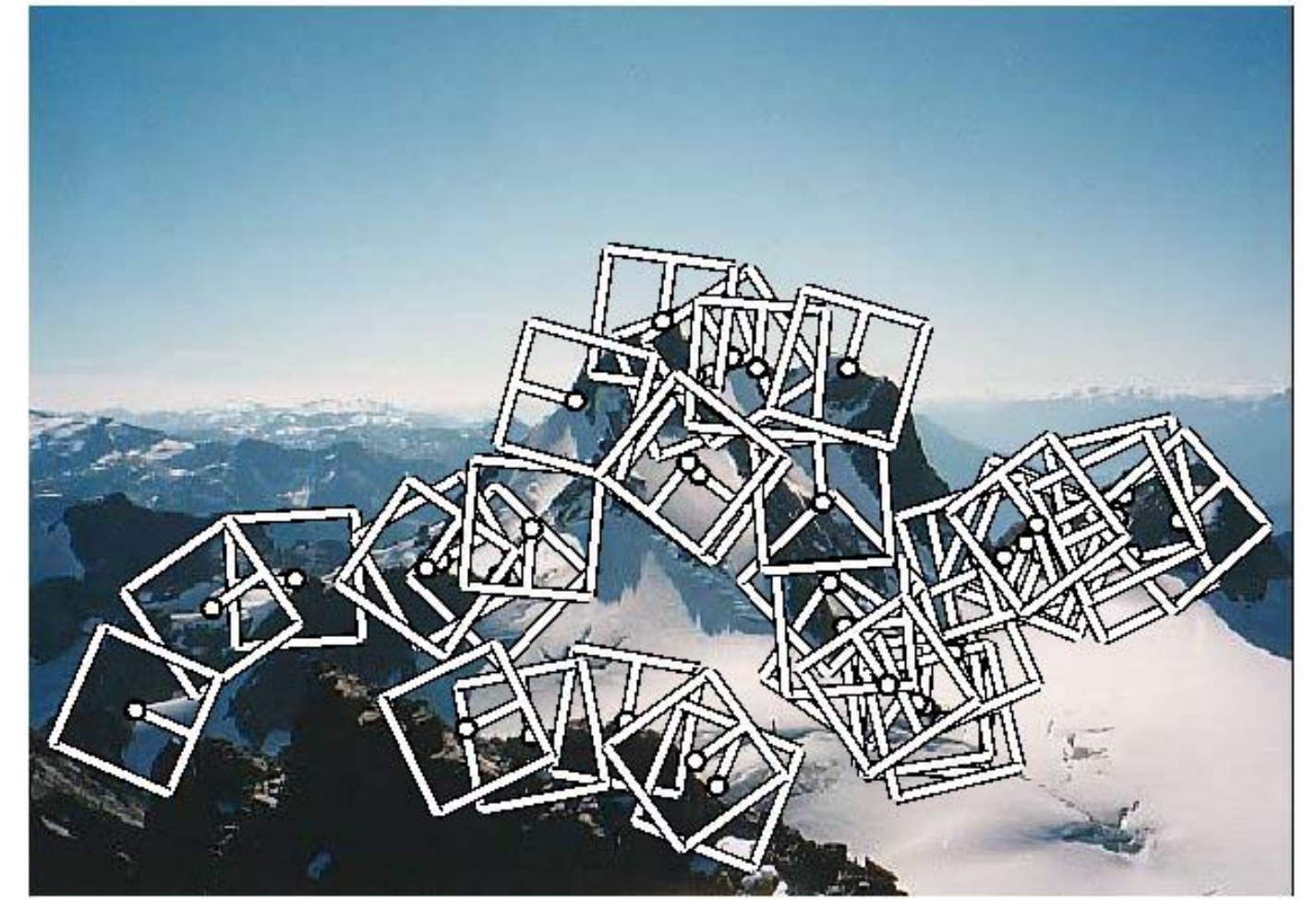
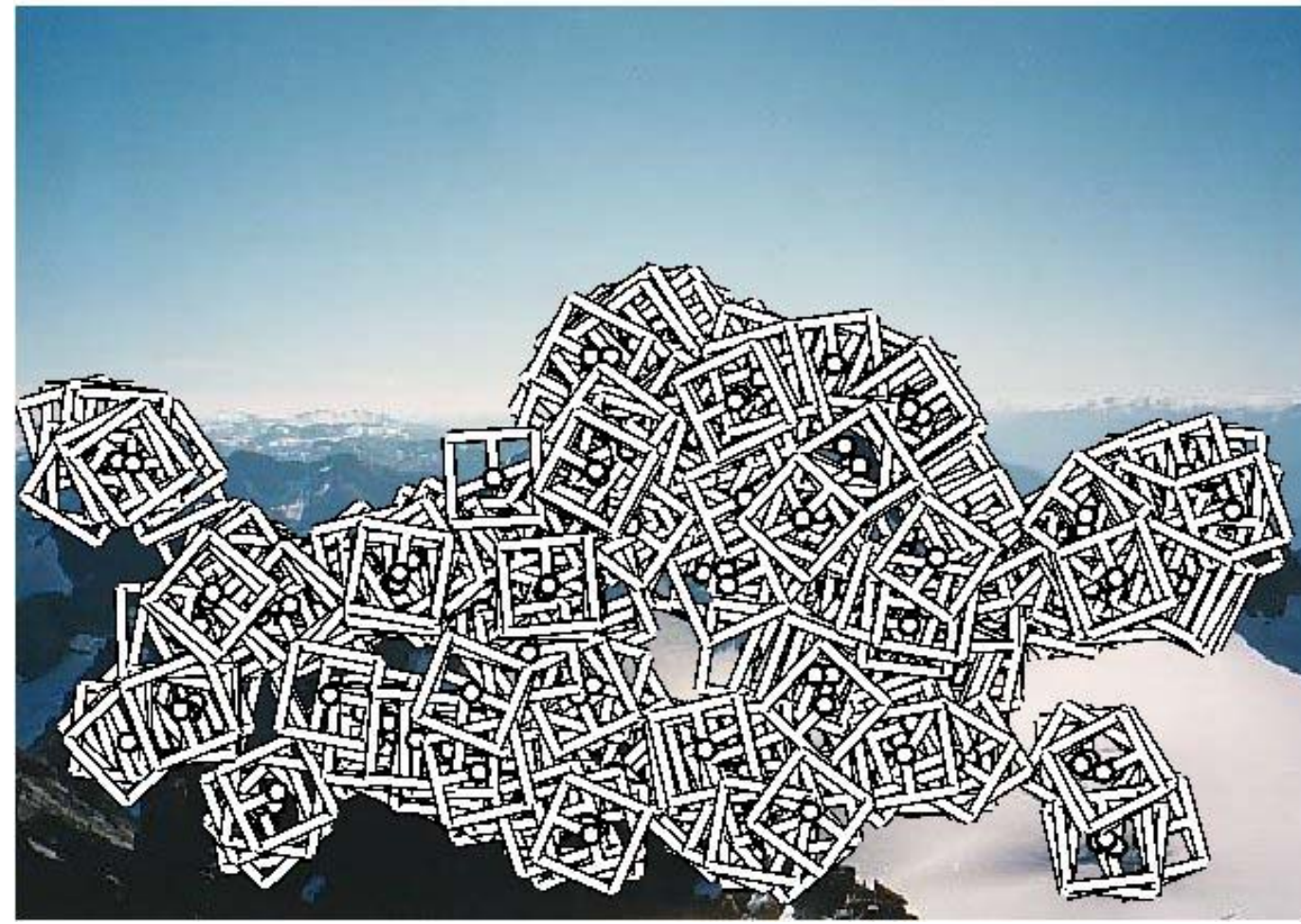
# Implementation

For each level of the Gaussian pyramid  
compute feature response (e.g. Harris, Laplacian)

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if local maximum and cross-scale  
**save** scale and location of feature  $(x, y, s)$



# Multi-Scale Harris Corners





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# Summary

**Edges** are useful image features for many applications, but suffer from the aperture problem

**Canny** Edge detector combines edge filtering with linking and hysteresis steps

**Corners / Interest Points** have 2D structure and are useful for correspondence

**Harris** corners are minima of a local SSD function

**DoG** maxima can be reliably located in scale-space and are useful as interest points