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Image Analysis (FMAN20)

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Image Analysis - Motivation



Overview – image processing

1. **Noise reduction**
2. Anisotropic filtering
3. Application: low light video enhancement
4. Block matching and collaborative filtering
5. Deep learning architectures for image processing
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Noisy image



Gaussian smoothing



Gaussian smoothing - blurs edges!



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Structure/Orientation Tensor

Construct the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} W_{xx} & W_{xy} \\ W_{xy} & W_{yy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 * G_b & \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) * G_b \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) * G_b & \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 * G_b \end{bmatrix},$$

where G_b denotes the Gaussian function with parameter b .

M - orientation tensor.

Note: We construct a matrix for every pixel.

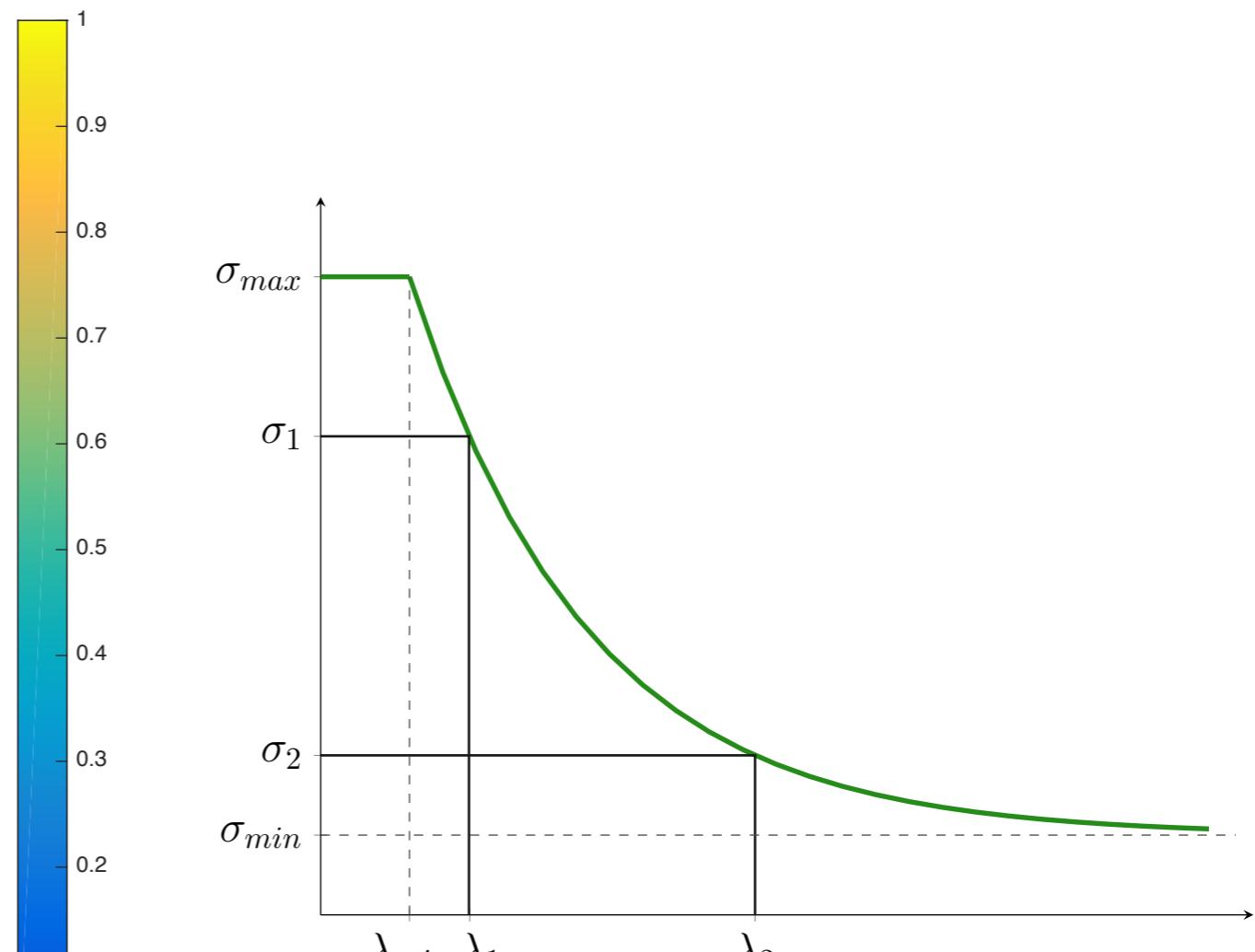
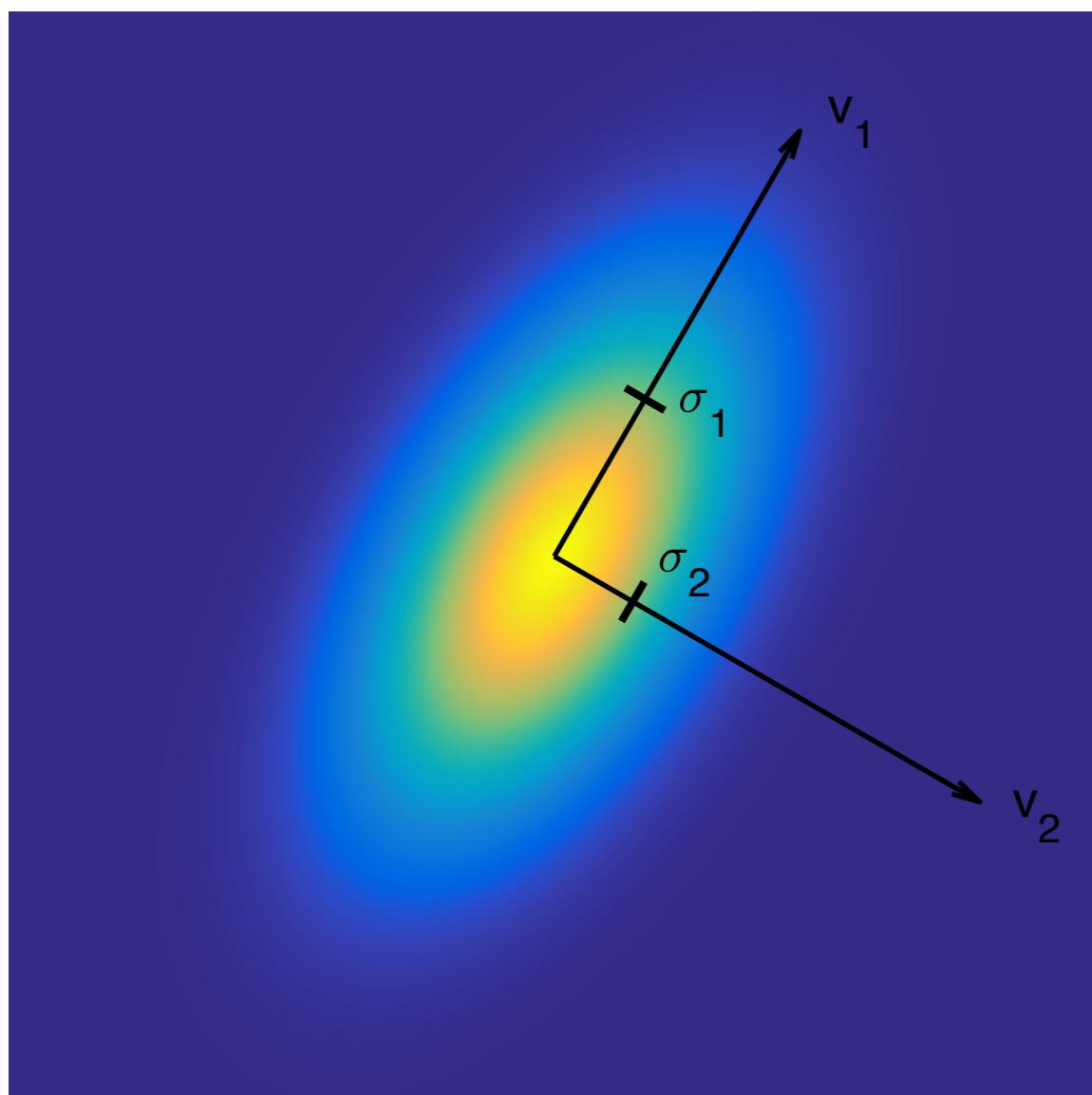
Structure Tensor

The matrix M has the following properties:

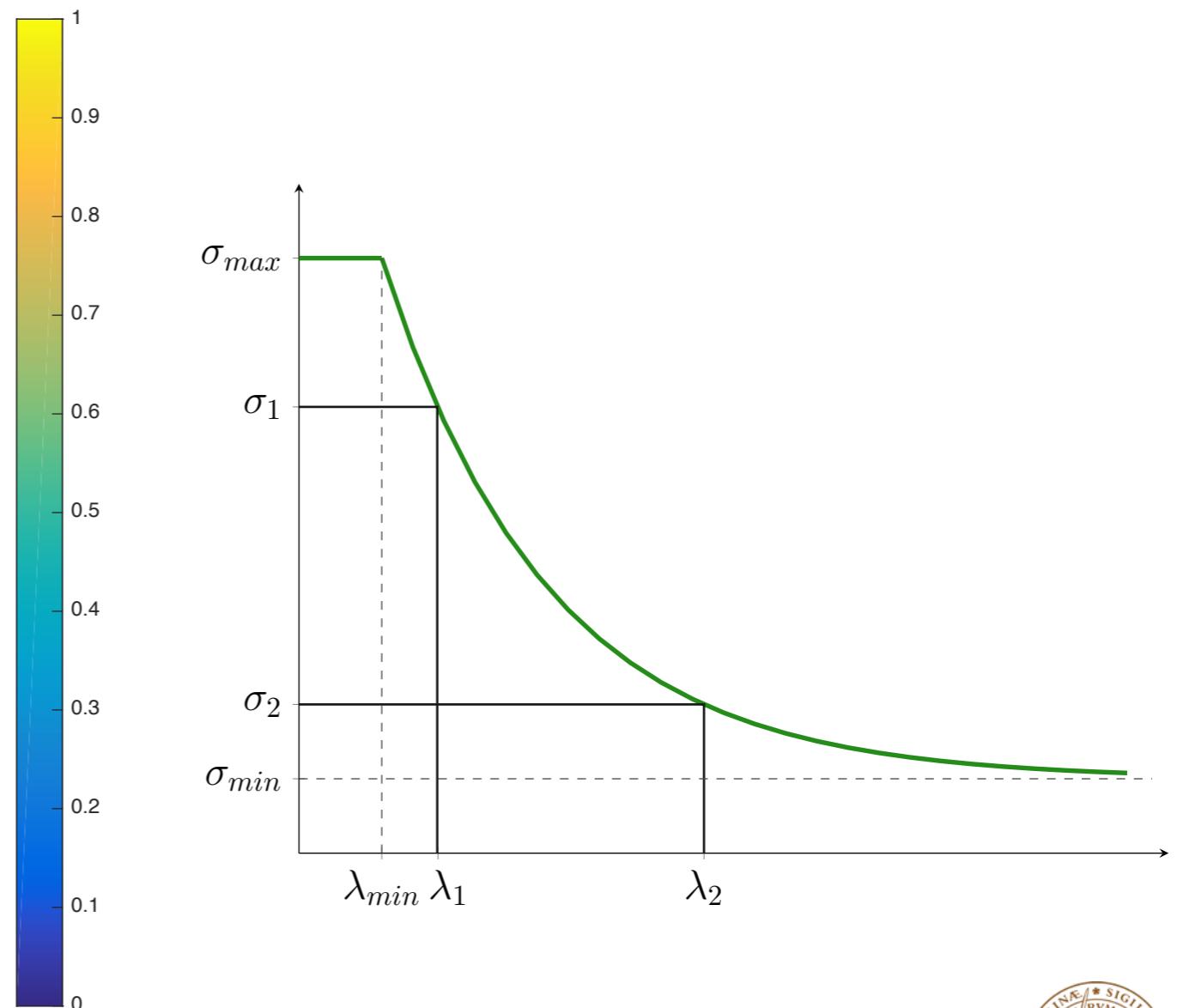
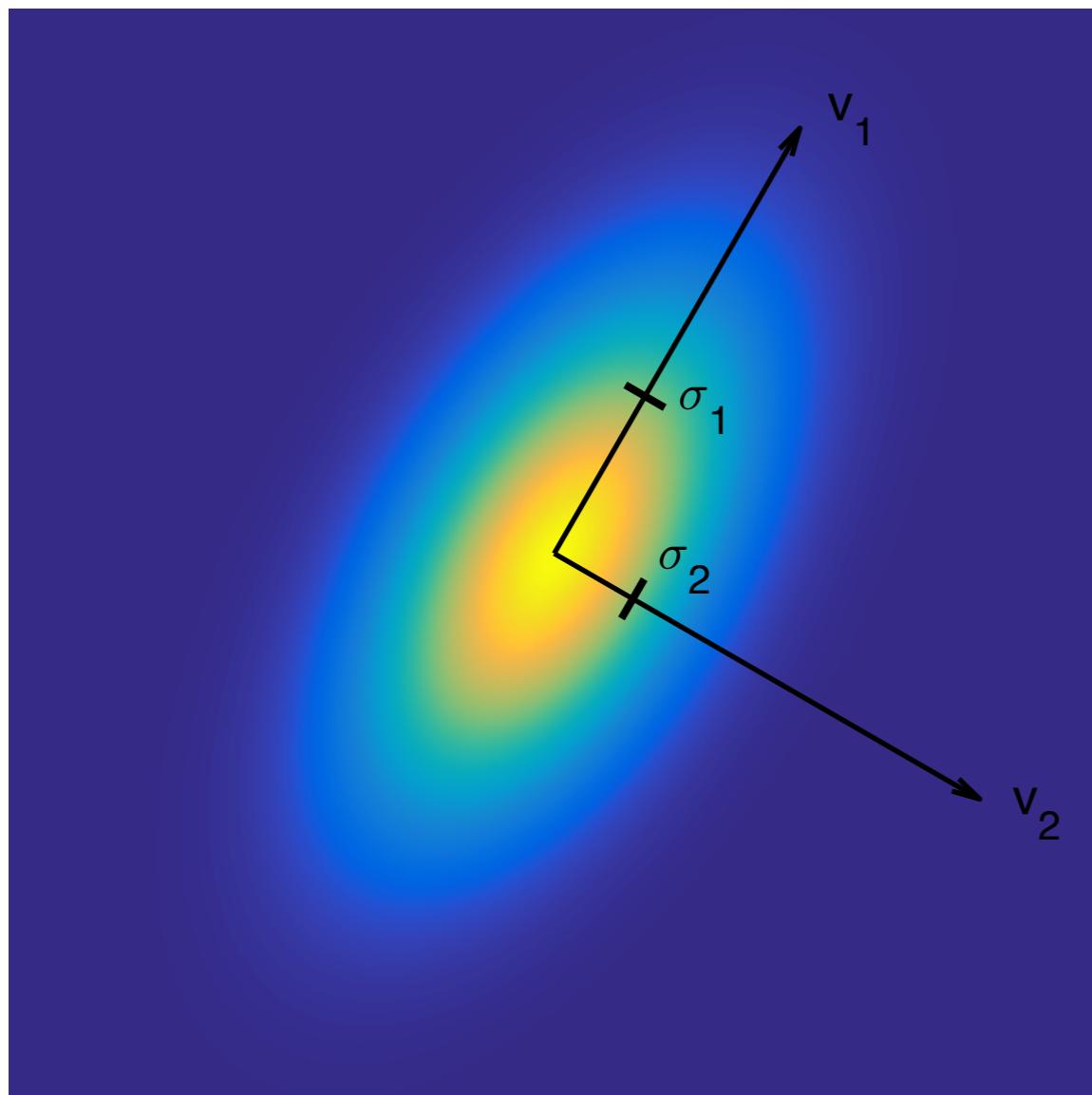
- ▶ (Flat) Two small eigenvalues in a region - flat intensity.
- ▶ (Flow) One large and one small eigenvalue - edges and flow regions.
- ▶ (Texture) Two large eigenvalues - corners, interest points, texture regions.

This can be used in algorithms for segmenting the image into (flat, flow, texture).

Rotate Gaussian kernels using eigenvectors of the structure tensor



Scale Gaussian kernels using a function of the eigenvalues of the structure tensor



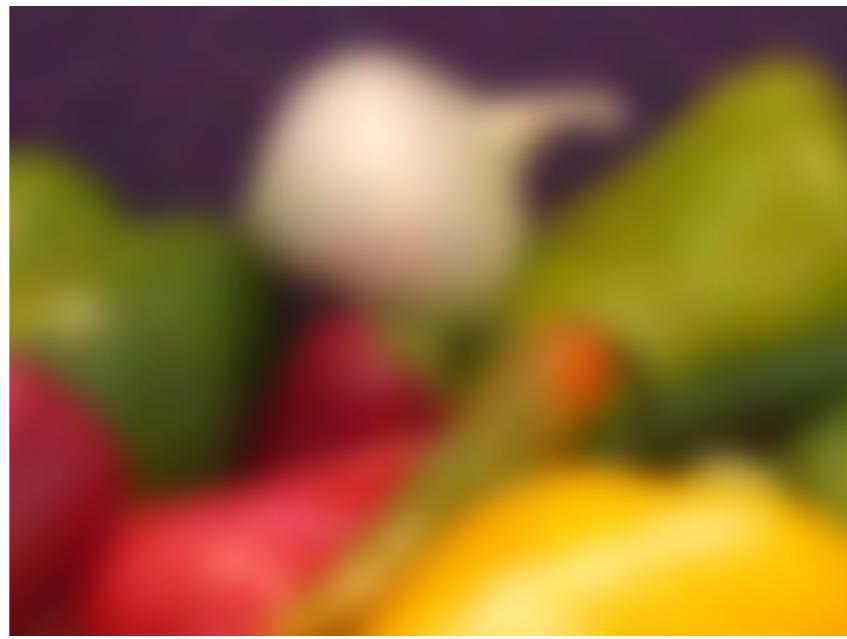
Structure adaptive smoothing



Close-up comparison



Noisy input



Gaussian



Structure
adaptive

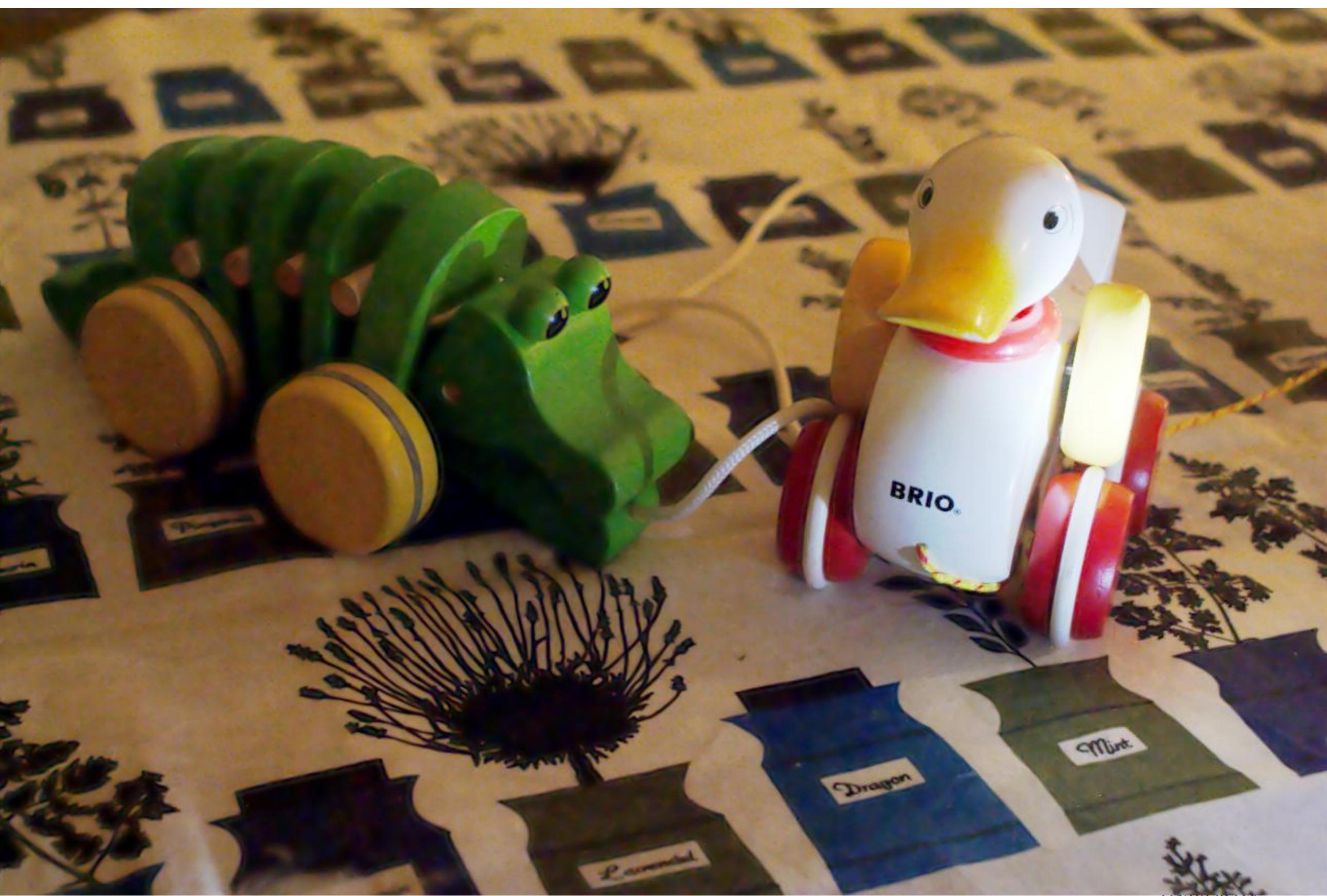
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Low light enhancement

1. Amplify signal
using eg scaling or histogram equalization
Introduces noise

2. Anisotropic filtering of noise

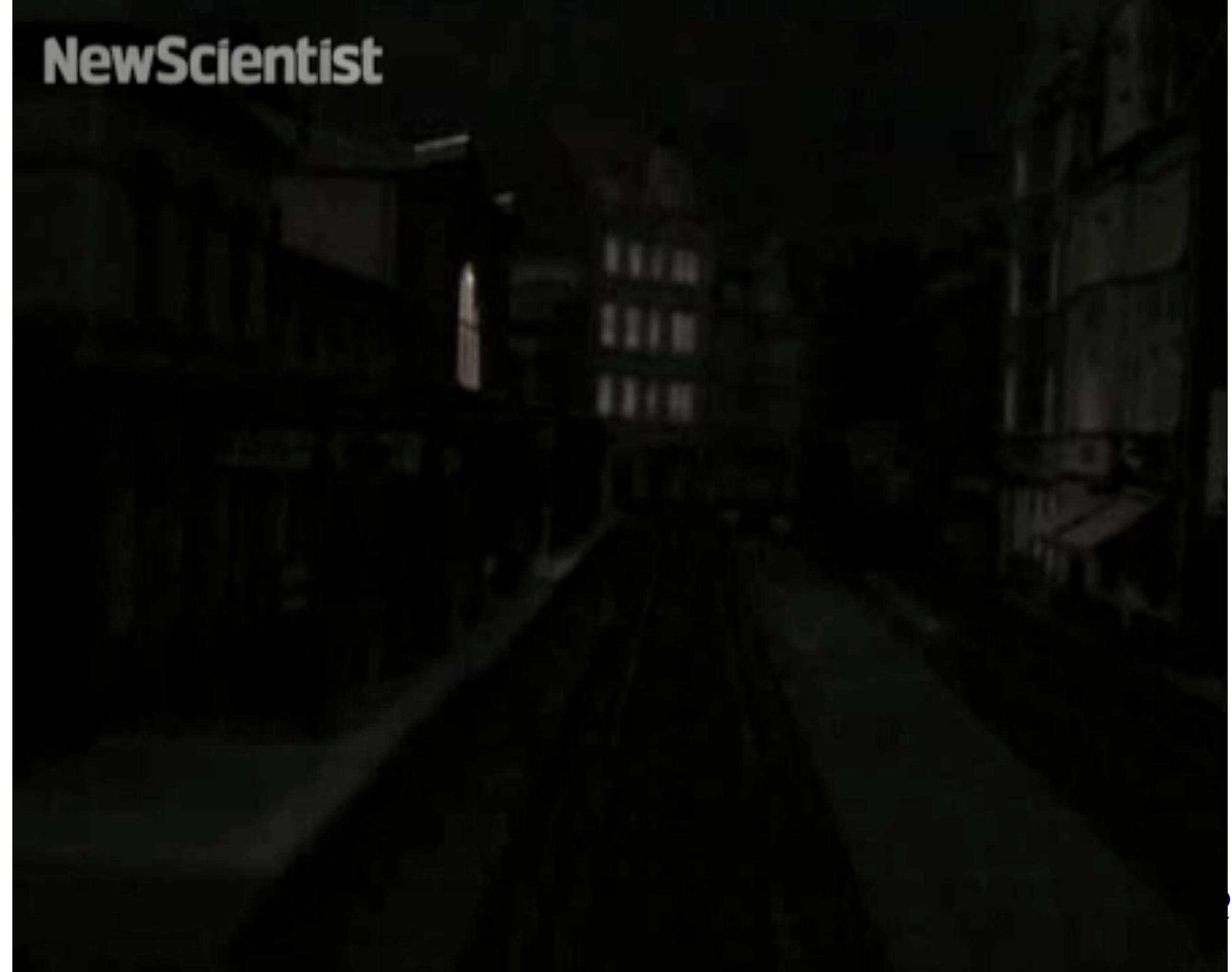




Low light video enhancement

ADAPTIVE ENHANCEMENT
AND NOISE REDUCTION
IN VERY LOW LIGHT-LEVEL VIDEO



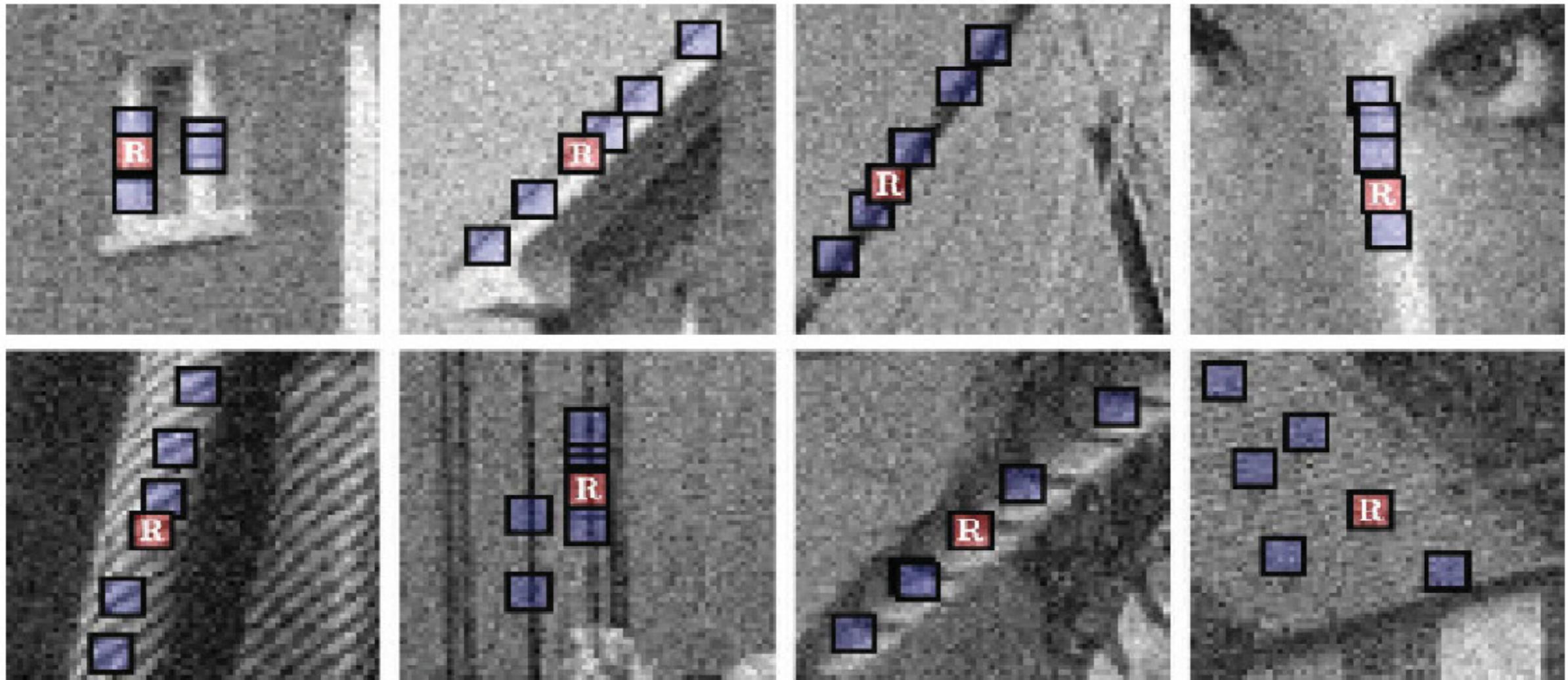


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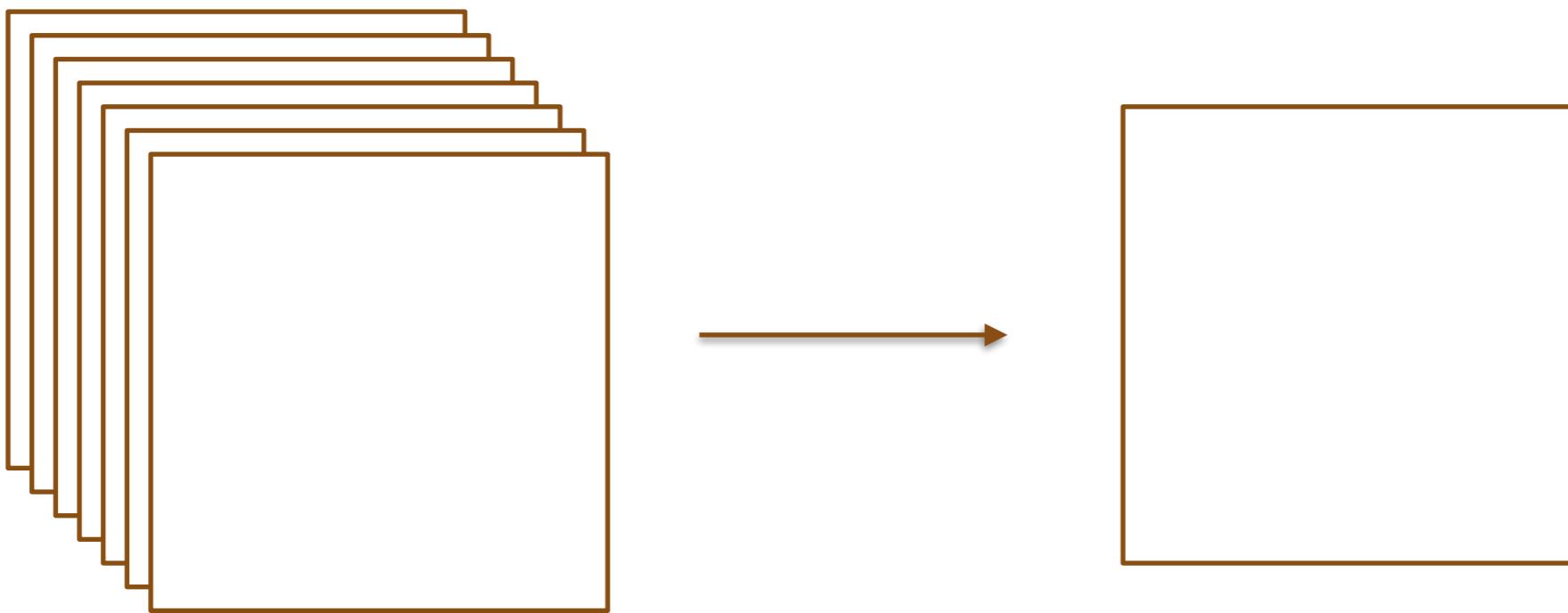
Block matching

many structures are repeated at multiple locations in an image



Collaborative filtering

Do hard filtering on each set of similar matched blocks



BM3D

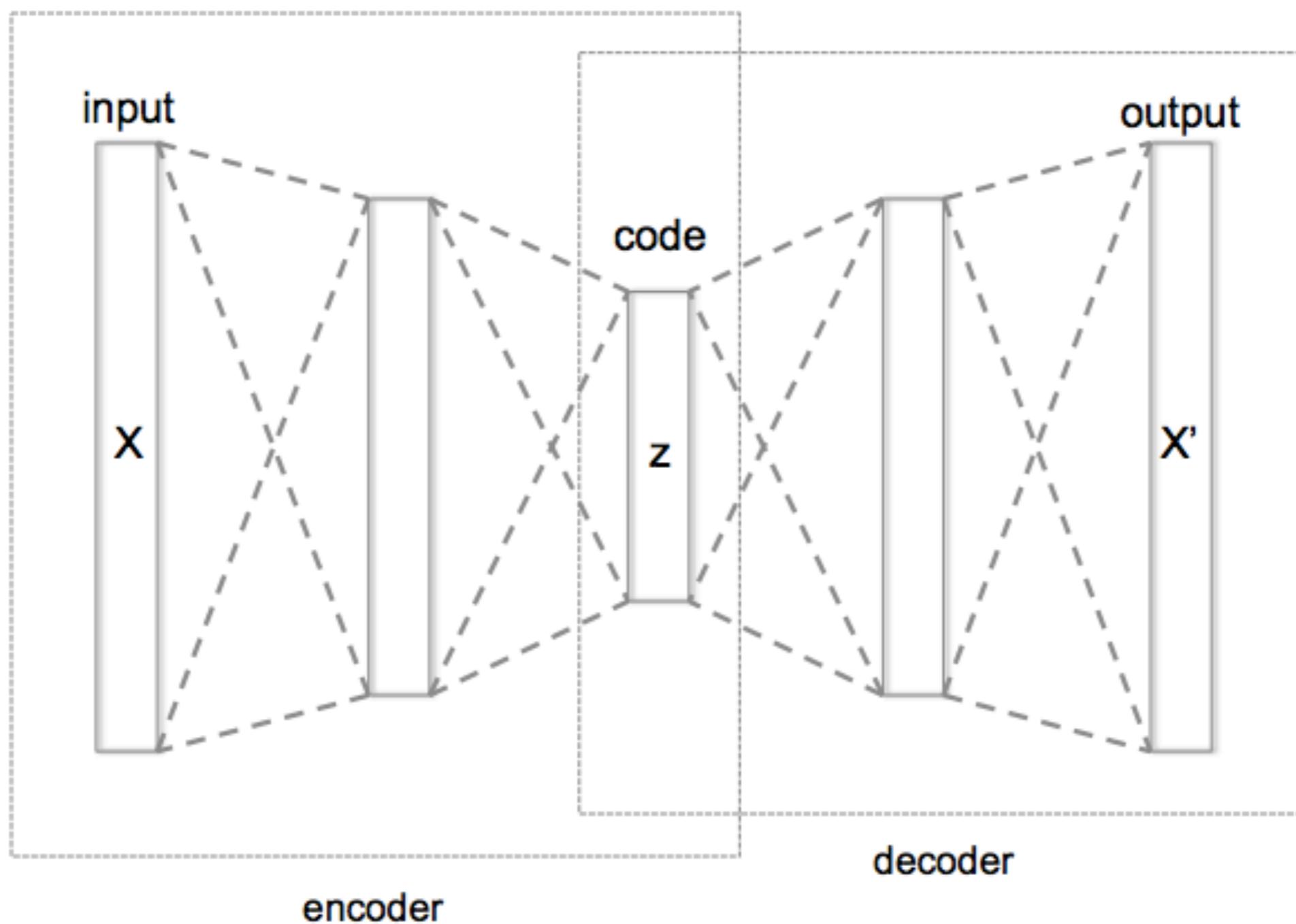
Uses two pass version of block-matching and filtering



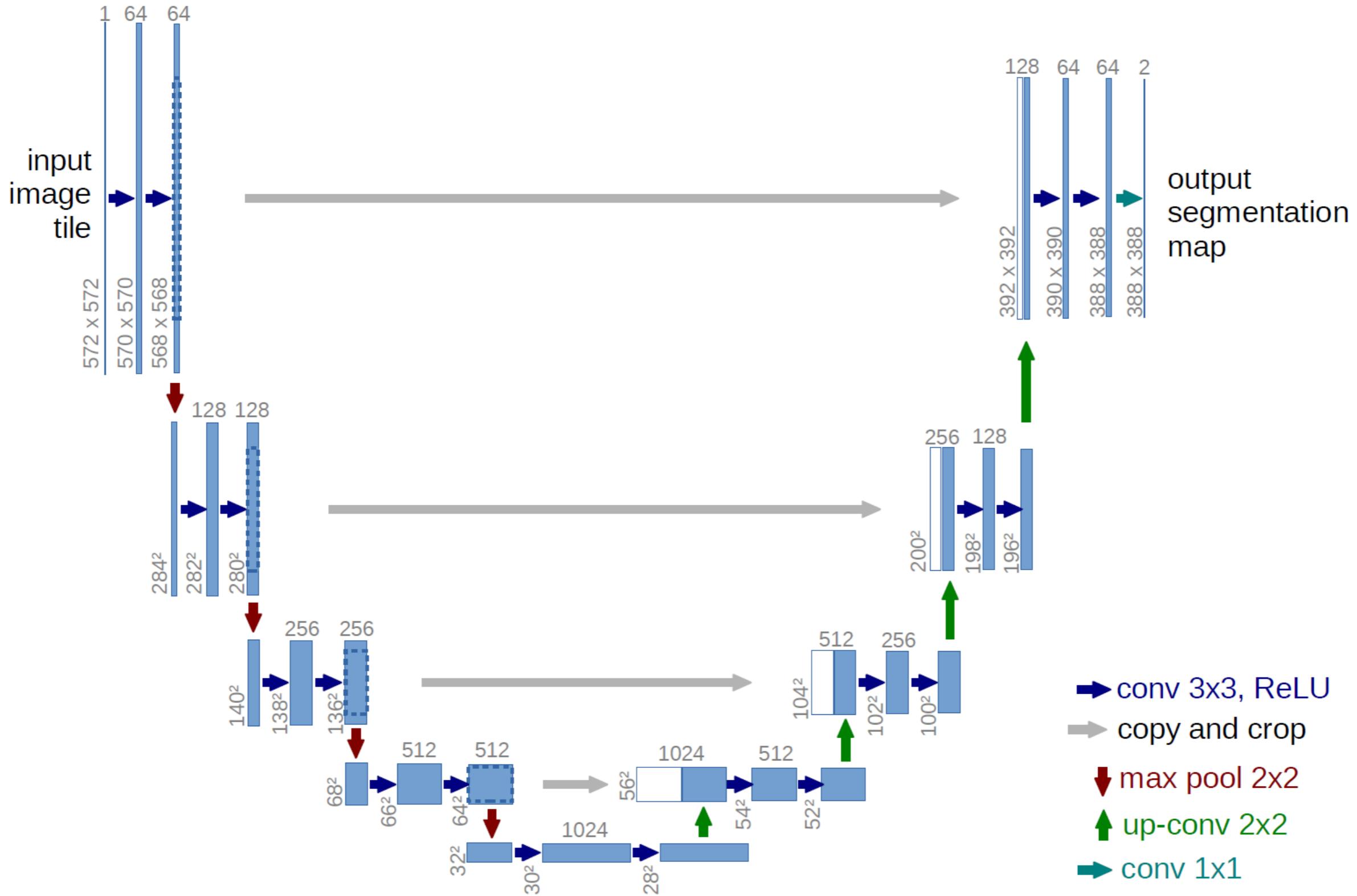
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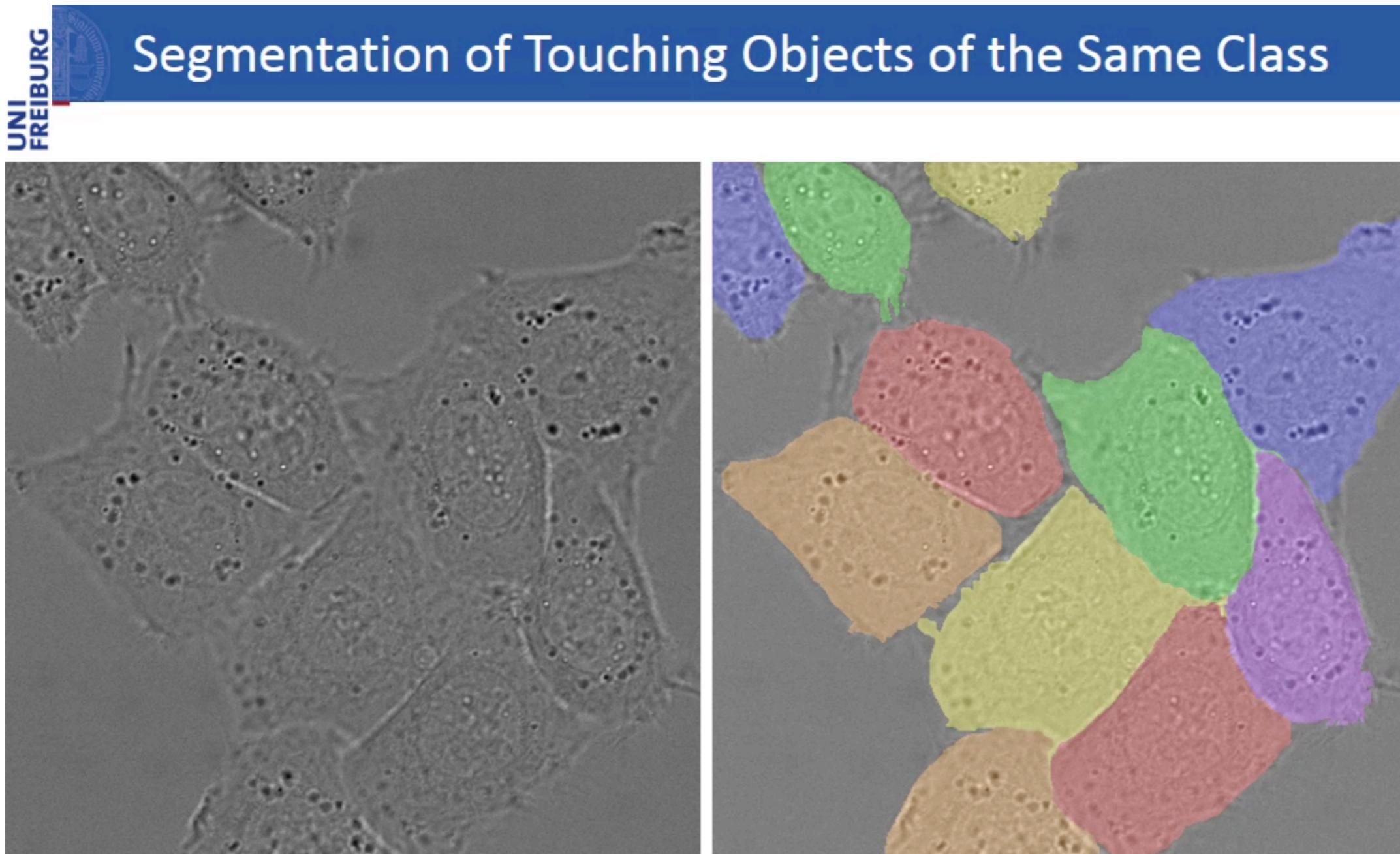
Autoencoders



U-net



Segmentation using U-net



HeLa cells recorded with DIC microscopy

manual segmentation
(colors: different instances)

[Data provided by Dr. Gert van Cappellen, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands]

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Low light image enhancement using a U-net

Results



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