



My favorite Samples

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Schedule

Course web page at <https://sites.google.com/view/myfavoritesamples>

- 9:00 My favorite Samples
 - Alexander Keller, NVIDIA
- 9:40 Progressive Multi-Jittered Sequences
 - Per Christensen, Pixar
- 10:15 Warp and Effect
 - Matt Pharr, NVIDIA
- break
- 11:05 Low-Discrepancy Blue Noise Sampling
 - Abdalla Ahmed, King Abdulla University and Victor Ostromoukhov, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
- 11:40 Blue-Noise Dithered Sampling
 - Iliyan Georgiev, Autodesk

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For modeling

- discrete density approximation

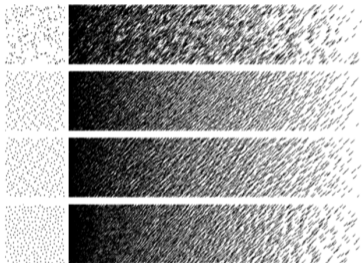


Figure 3: Comparison of different input distributions with a point distribution and a grayscale ramp. From top to bottom: Poisson distribution, Halton sequence, Sobol sequence and hierarchical Poisson disk sequence.



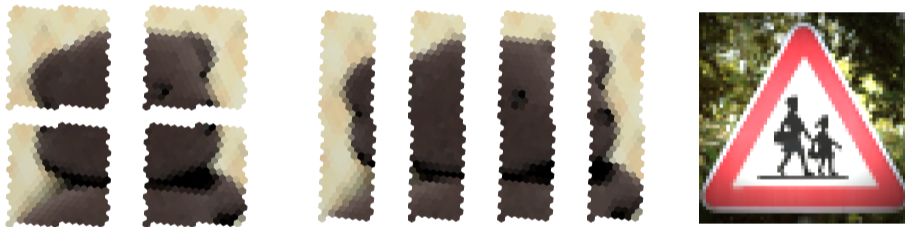
Figure 7: Rendering of the Lena image using hatching and cross hatching. Primary strokes are aligned perpendicular to the gradient in regions of strong gradients and at a 45° angle in areas where the gradient is small.

► Fast primitive distribution for illustration

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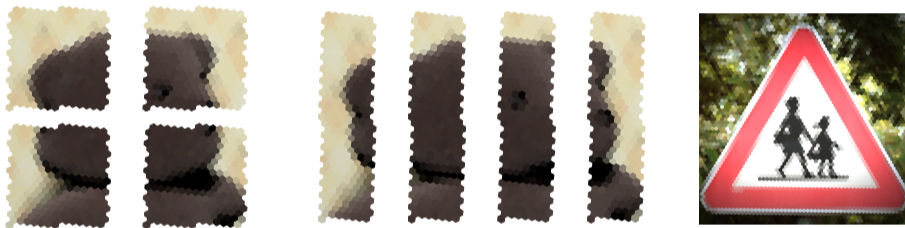


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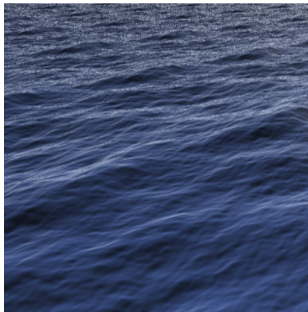
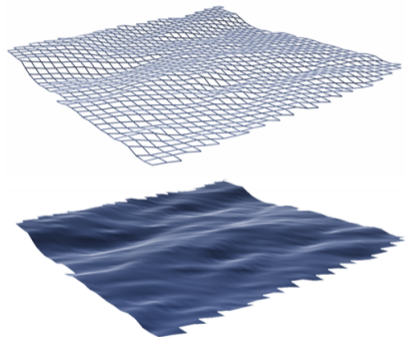


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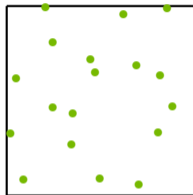
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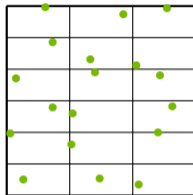
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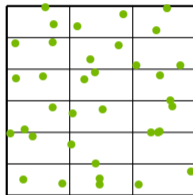
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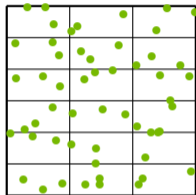
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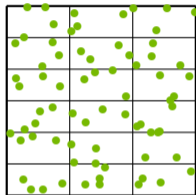
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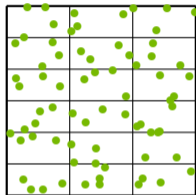
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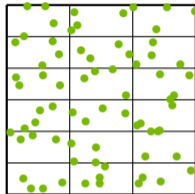
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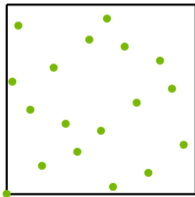
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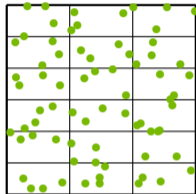
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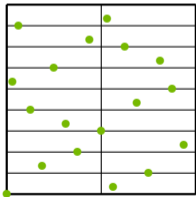
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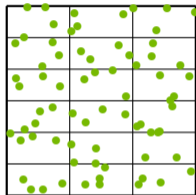
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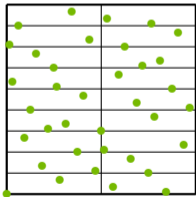
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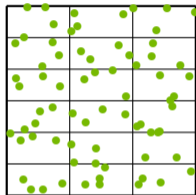
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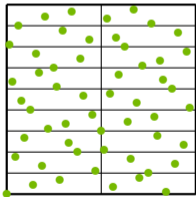
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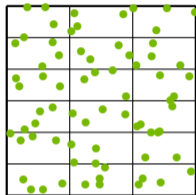
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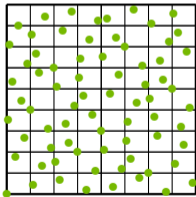
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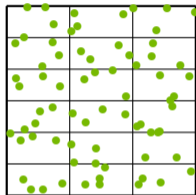
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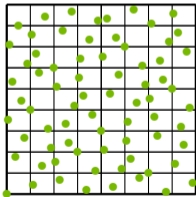
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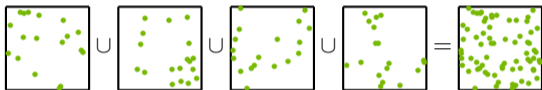
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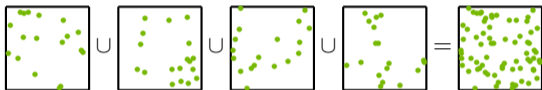
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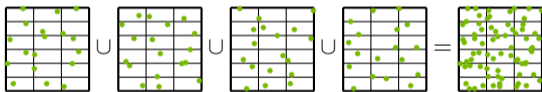
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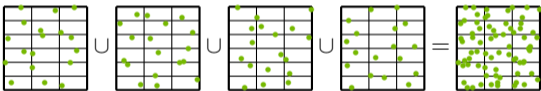
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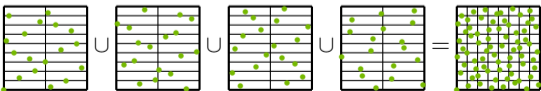
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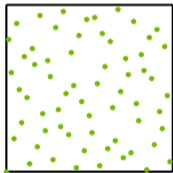
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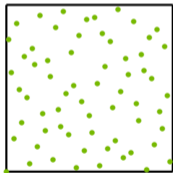
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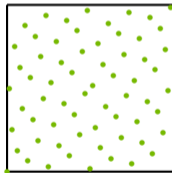
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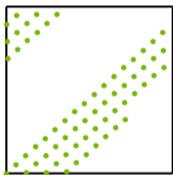
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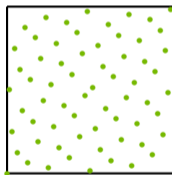
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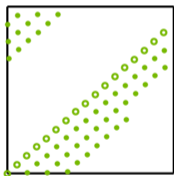
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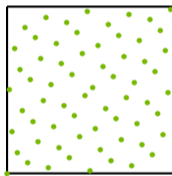
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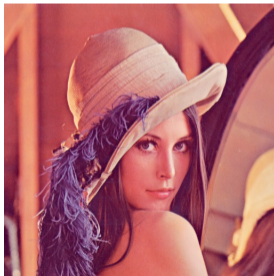
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- algorithm: start with $H = I^S$ and for each axis j
 1. slice H into b_j equally sized volumes H_1, H_2, \dots, H_{b_j} along the axis
 2. permute these volumes
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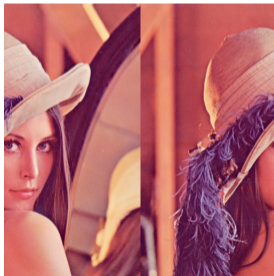
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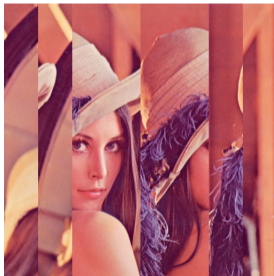
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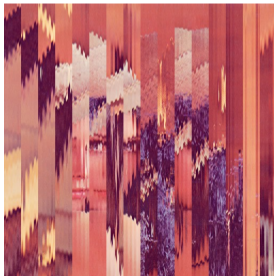
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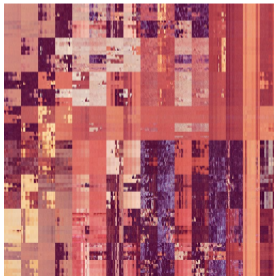
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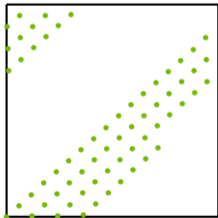
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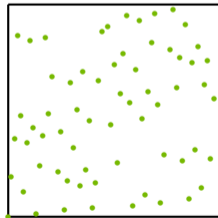
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    double Digit, Radical, Inverse = 0.0;
    Digit = Radical = 1.0 / (double) Base;

    while(i)
    {
        Inverse += Digit * (double) (i % Base);
        Digit *= Radical;
        i /= Base;
    }

    return Inverse;
}
```


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```
double IntegerRadicalInverse(int Base, int i)
{
    int numPoints, inverse;
    numPoints = 1;

    for(inverse = 0; i > 0; i /= Base)
    {
        inverse = inverse * Base + (i % Base);
        numPoints = numPoints * Base;
    }

    return (double) inverse / (double) numPoints;
}
```

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```
static const unsigned short perm5[] = { 0, 75, 50, 25, 100, 15, 90, 65, 40, 115, 10, 85, 60, 35, 110, 5, 80, 55,
    30, 105, 20, 95, 70, 45, 120, 3, 78, 53, 28, 103, 18, 93, 68, 43, 118, 13, 88, 63, 38, 113, 8, 83, 58, 33, 108,
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    121, 4, 79, 54, 29, 104, 19, 94, 69, 44, 119, 14, 89, 64, 39, 114, 9, 84, 59, 34, 109, 24, 99, 74, 49, 124 };

inline float halton5(const unsigned index)
{
    return (perm5[index % 125u] * 1953125u +
        perm5[(index / 125u) % 125u] * 15625u +
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        perm5[(index / 1953125u) % 125u]) * (0x1.fffffep-1 / 244140625u); // For results < 1.
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```

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(t, s) -sequences and (t, m, s) -nets in base b

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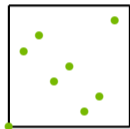
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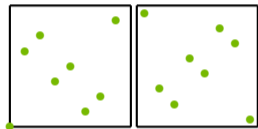


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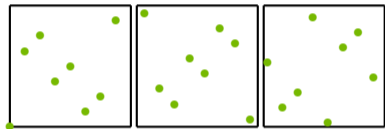


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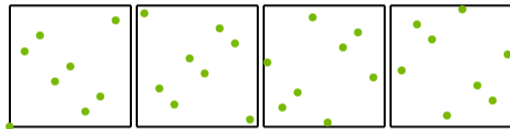


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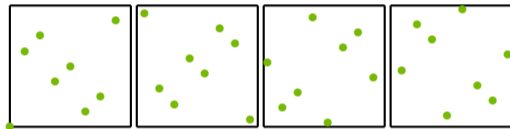


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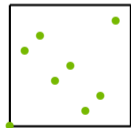
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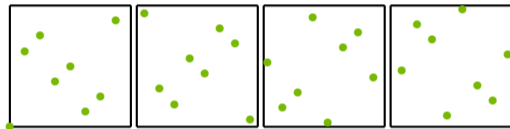


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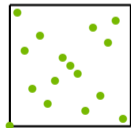
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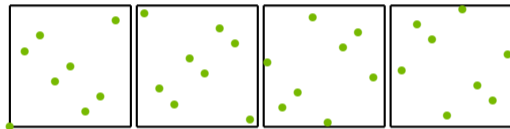


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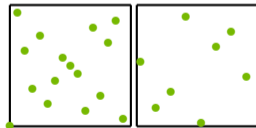
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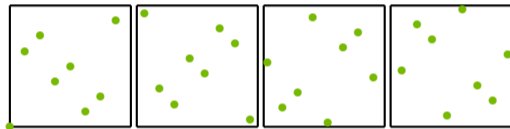


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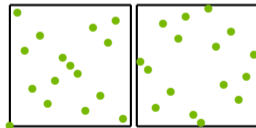
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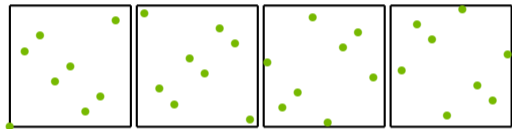


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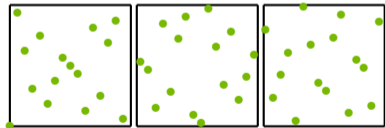
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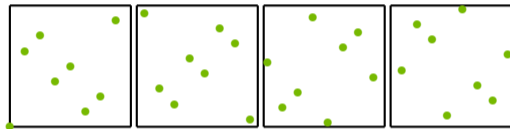


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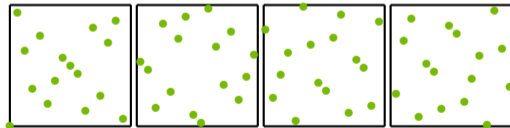
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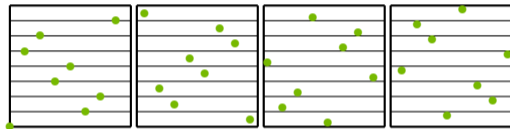


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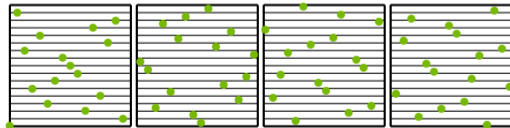
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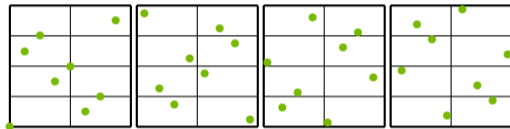


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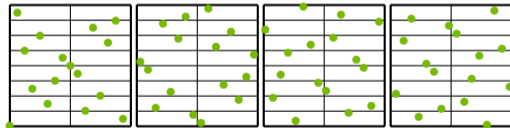
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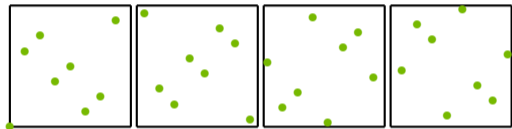


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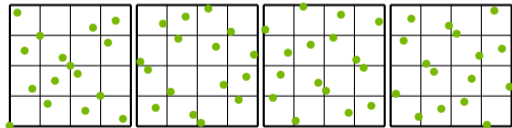
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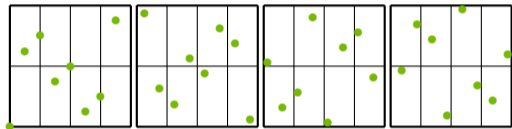


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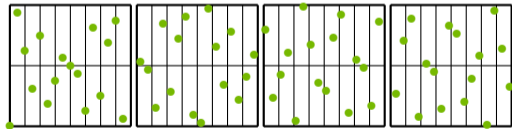
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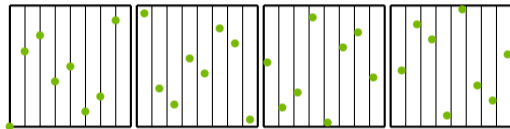


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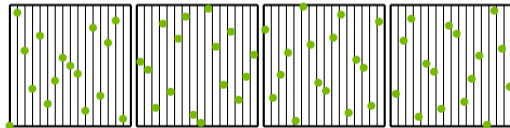
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- all components of the Sobol' sequence are $(0, 1)$ -sequences in base 2 \Rightarrow deterministic LHS

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```
double x_base_2(uint i, uint r = 0)
{
    for (uint k = 0; i; i >= 1, ++k)
        if (i & 1)
            r ^= C[k]; // SIMD addition of column

    return (double) r / (double) (1 < m);
}
```

- optimized implementation similar to scrambled radical inverse as before

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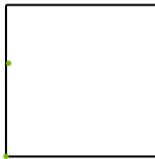


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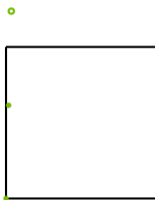


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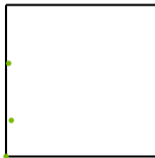


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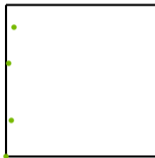


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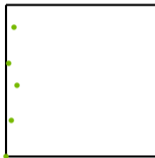


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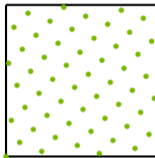


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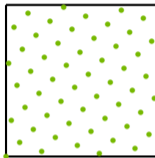


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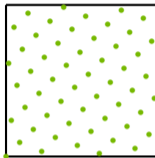
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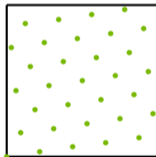
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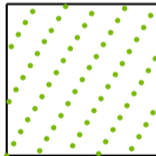
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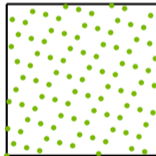
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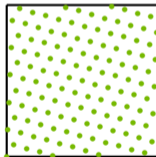
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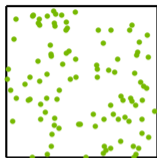


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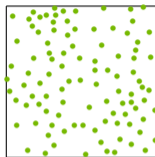
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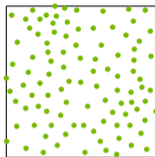
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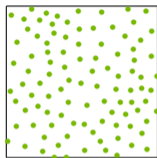
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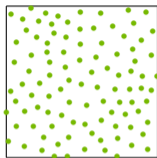
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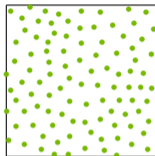
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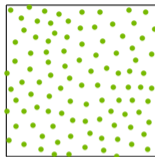
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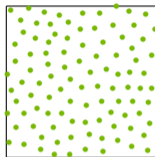
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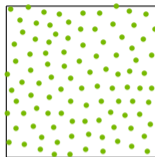
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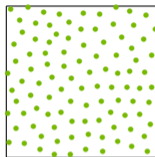
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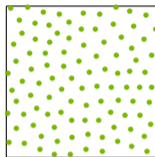
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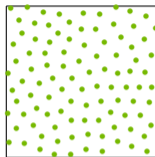
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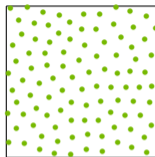
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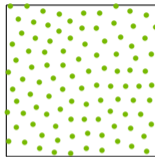
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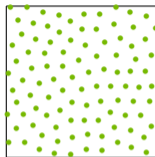
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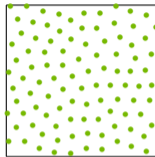
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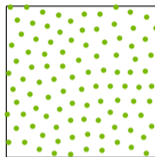
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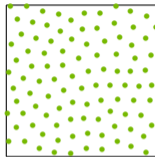
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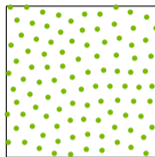
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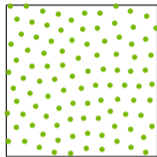
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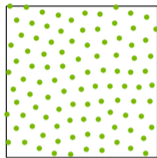
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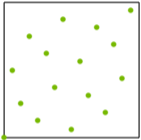
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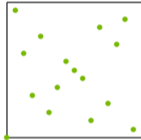
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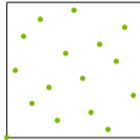
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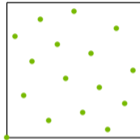
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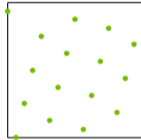
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opt. (0, m, 2)



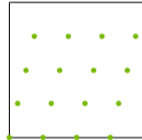
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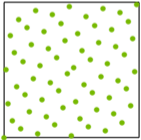


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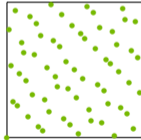
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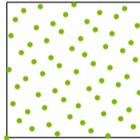
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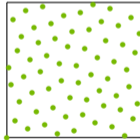
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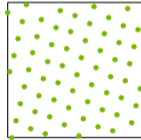
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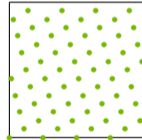
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Quasi-Monte Carlo Points

Searching for (t, m, s) -nets in base $b = 2$

- verifying the $t = 0$ property for a point with integer coordinates $(i, j) \in [0, 2^m)^2$

```
for (k = 1; k < m; k++)  
{  
    // combine k bits of i and m-k bits of j to form index  
    idx = (i >> (m - k)) + (j & (0xFFFFFFFF << k));  
  
    if(elementaryInterval[k][idx]++) // already one point there?  
        break; // t > 0 !  
}
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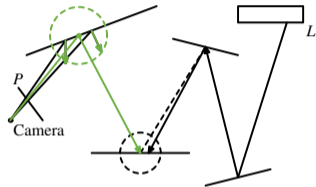
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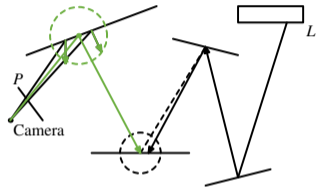
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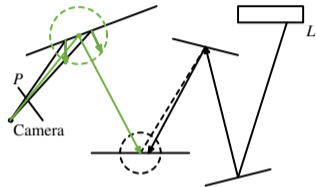
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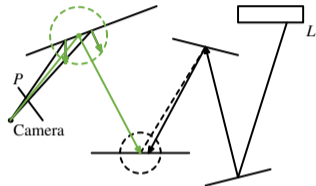
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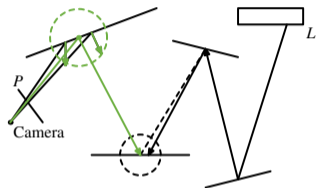
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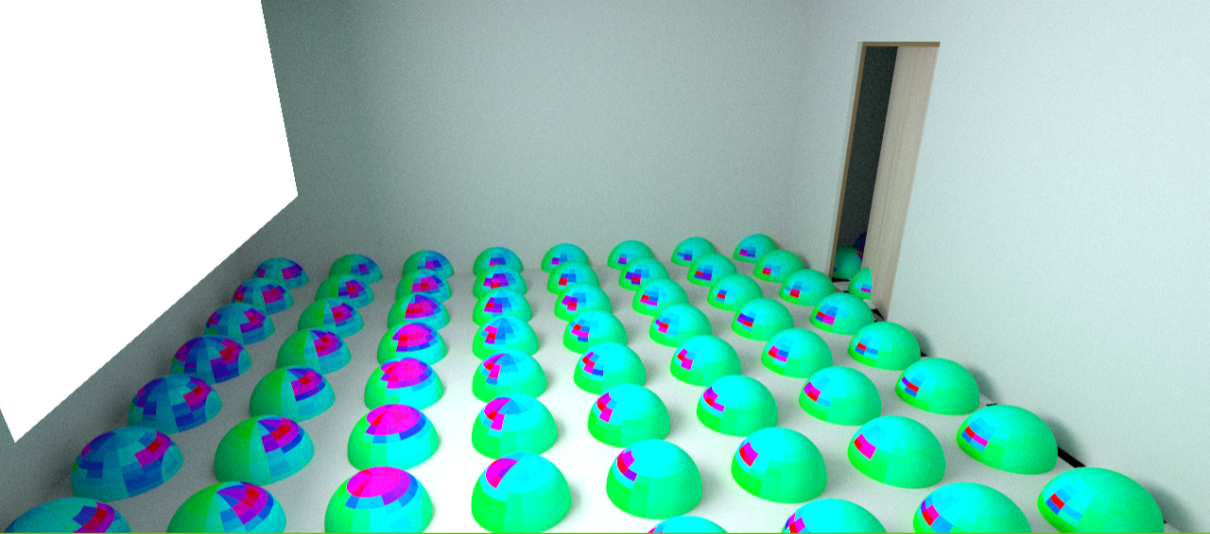
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to guide high-dimensional paths

- itself using approximation instead of tracing paths with higher variance



approximate solution Q stored on discretized hemispheres across scene surface



2048 paths traced with BRDF importance sampling in a scene with challenging visibility

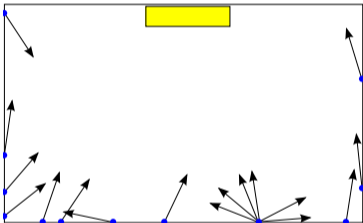


Path tracing with online reinforcement learning at the same number of paths

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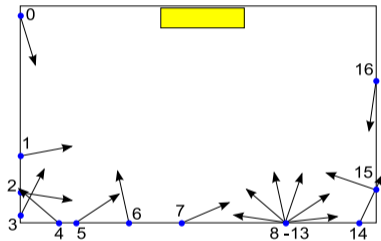
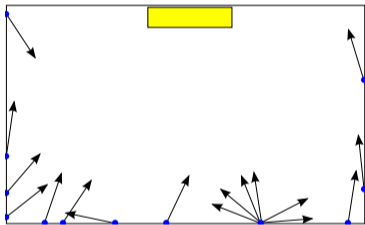
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- algorithm

- simultaneously trace multiple paths bounce by bounce
- enumerate points along route of proximity (e.g. Z-curve) to make sub-sequence property work

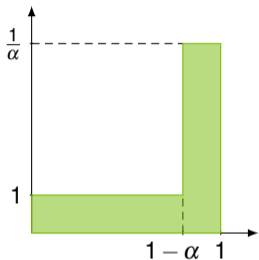
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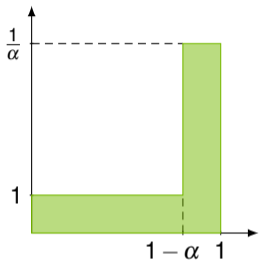
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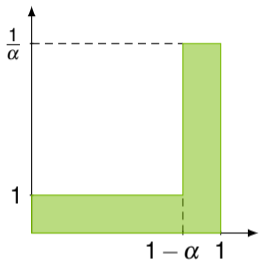
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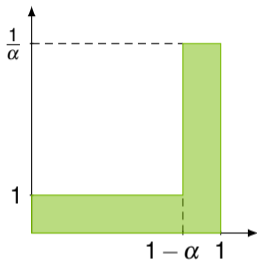
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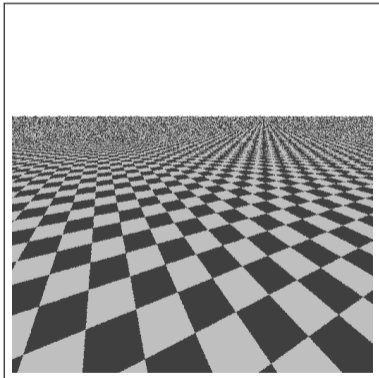
- example: each sample $f(x_i)$ of brightness $\frac{1}{\alpha} = 10^{26}$ (e.g. the sun) requires at least $n \sim 10^{26}$ more samples to average out



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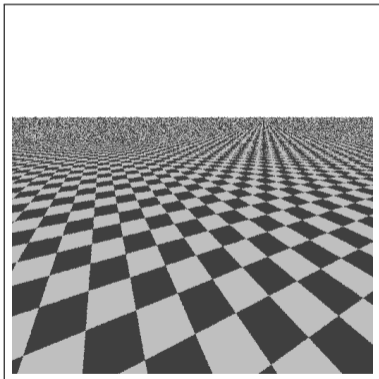


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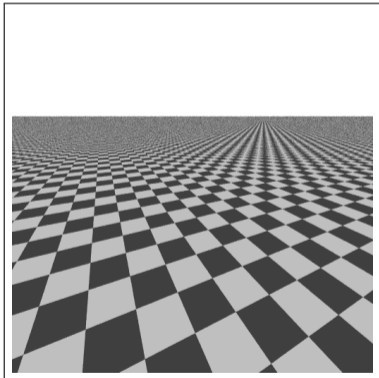


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- however, freckled edges

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- 16 random samples per pixel

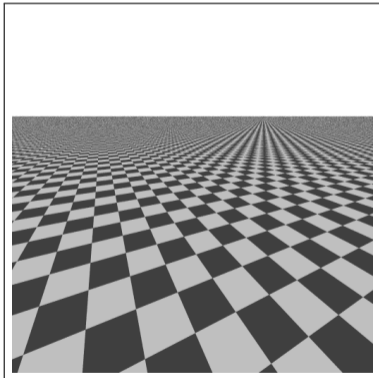


- slower
- reduced variance
- looks better

What do you want to see?

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- 4×4 stratified random samples per pixel

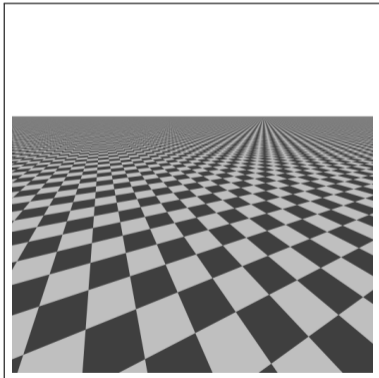


- often converges faster

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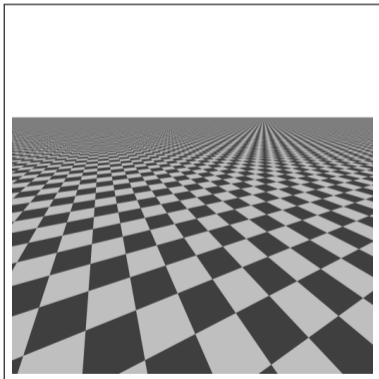
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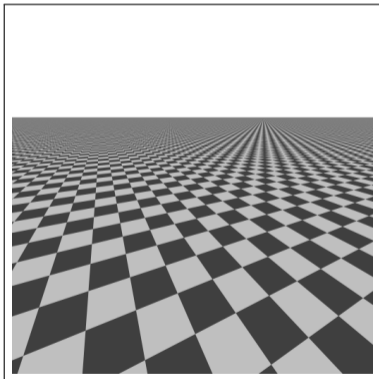
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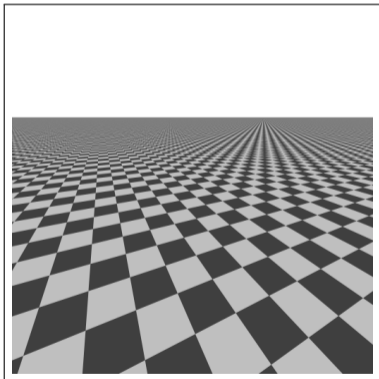
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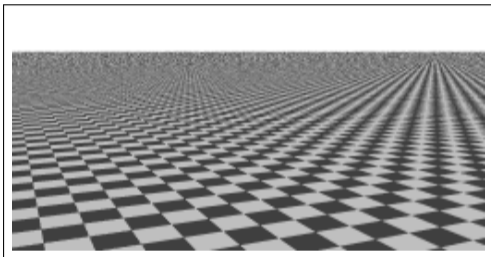
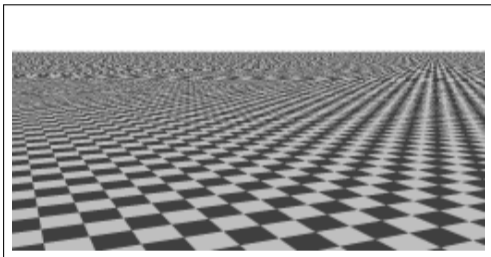
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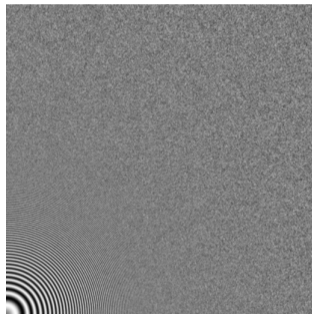


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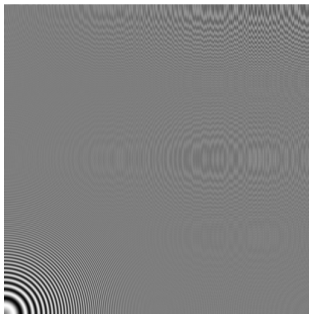
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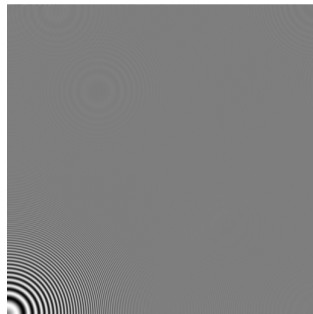
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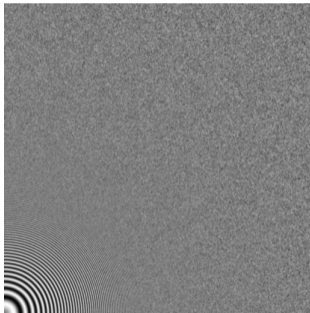


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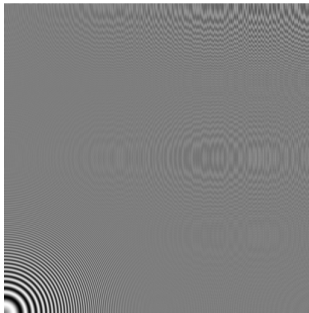
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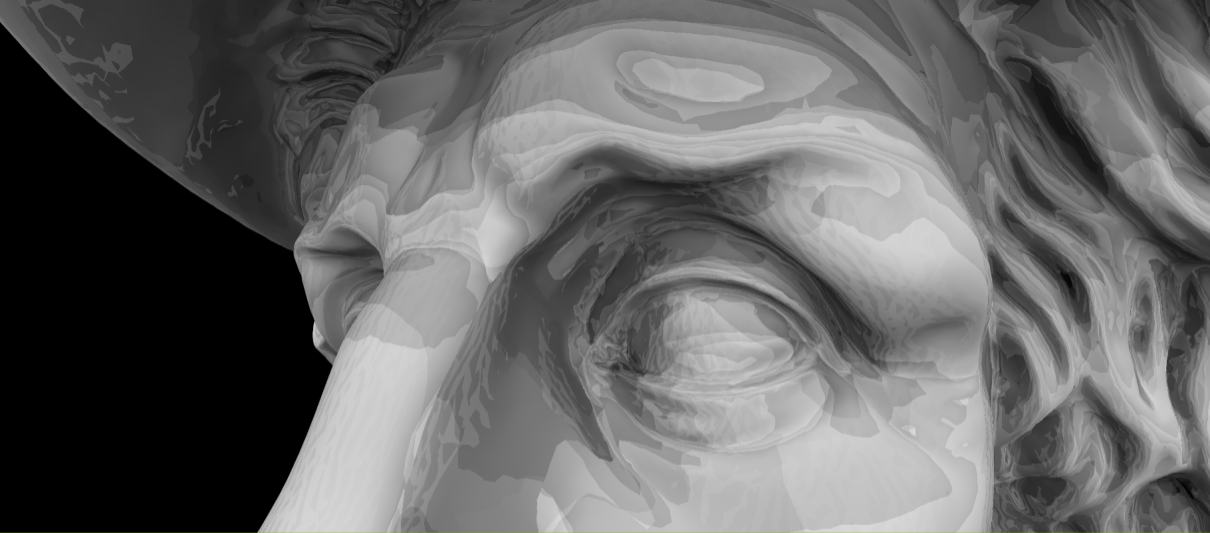


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- error bounds depend on a function class



Ambient occlusion at 16 rank-1 lattice samples per pixel



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Harald Niederreiter, Claremont, 1998.

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 - Per Christensen, Pixar
- 10:15 Warp and Effect
 - Matt Pharr, NVIDIA
- break
- 11:05 Low-Discrepancy Blue Noise Sampling
 - Abdalla Ahmed, King Abdulla University and Victor Ostromoukhov, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
- 11:40 Blue-Noise Dithered Sampling
 - Iliyan Georgiev, Autodesk
- check <https://sites.google.com/view/myfavoritesamples>