

# Visual Computing: Blending

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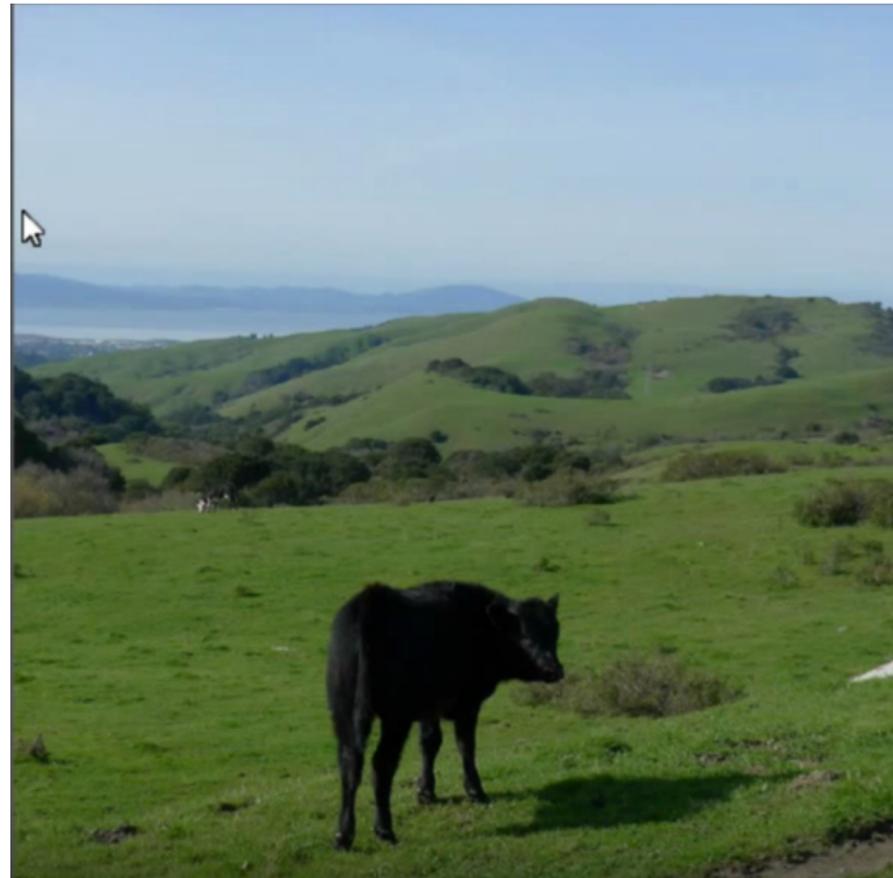
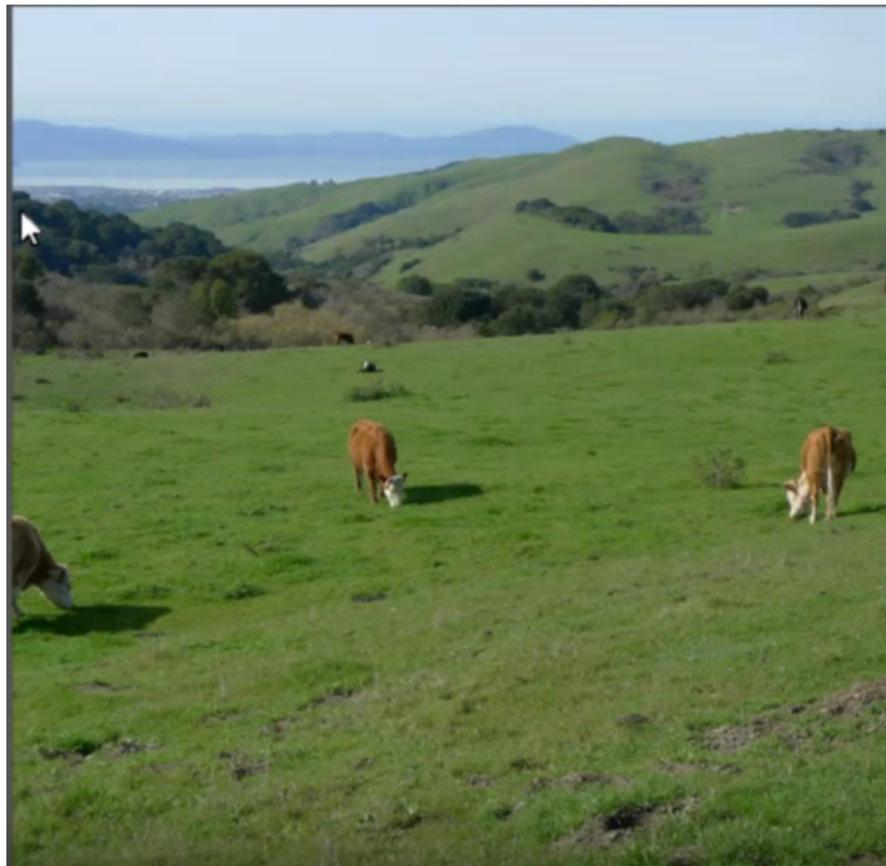
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- Compositing hard edge image regions
- Gradient domain blending
- Graph cut compositing (cannot be solved by matting equation)

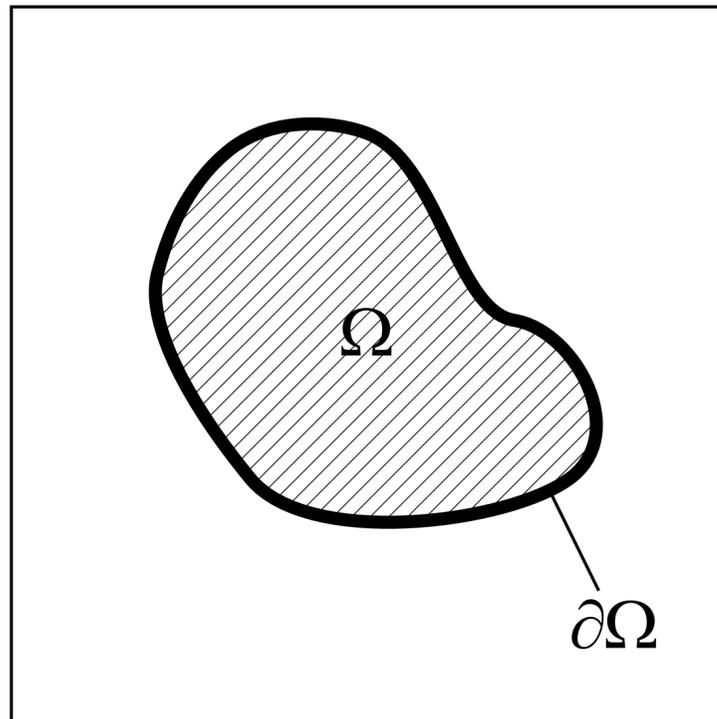
# Overview: Hard Edge Regions



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# Overview: Gradient Domain Blending



(a)



# Overview: Graph Cut Compositing



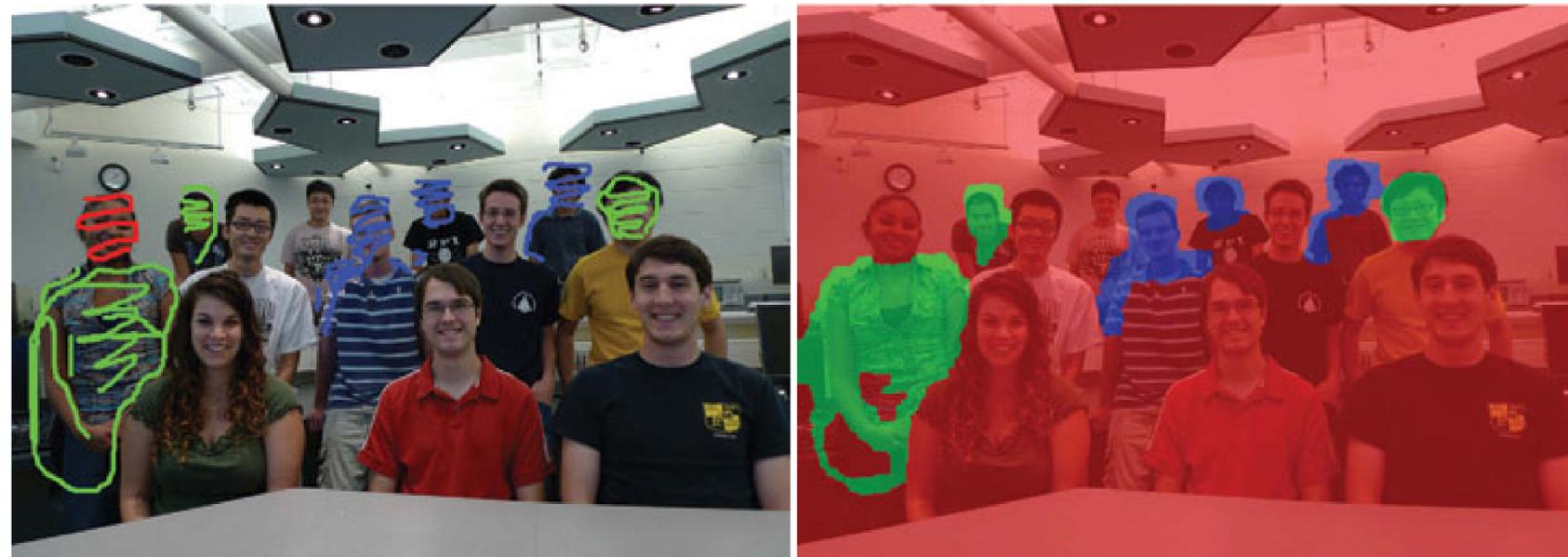
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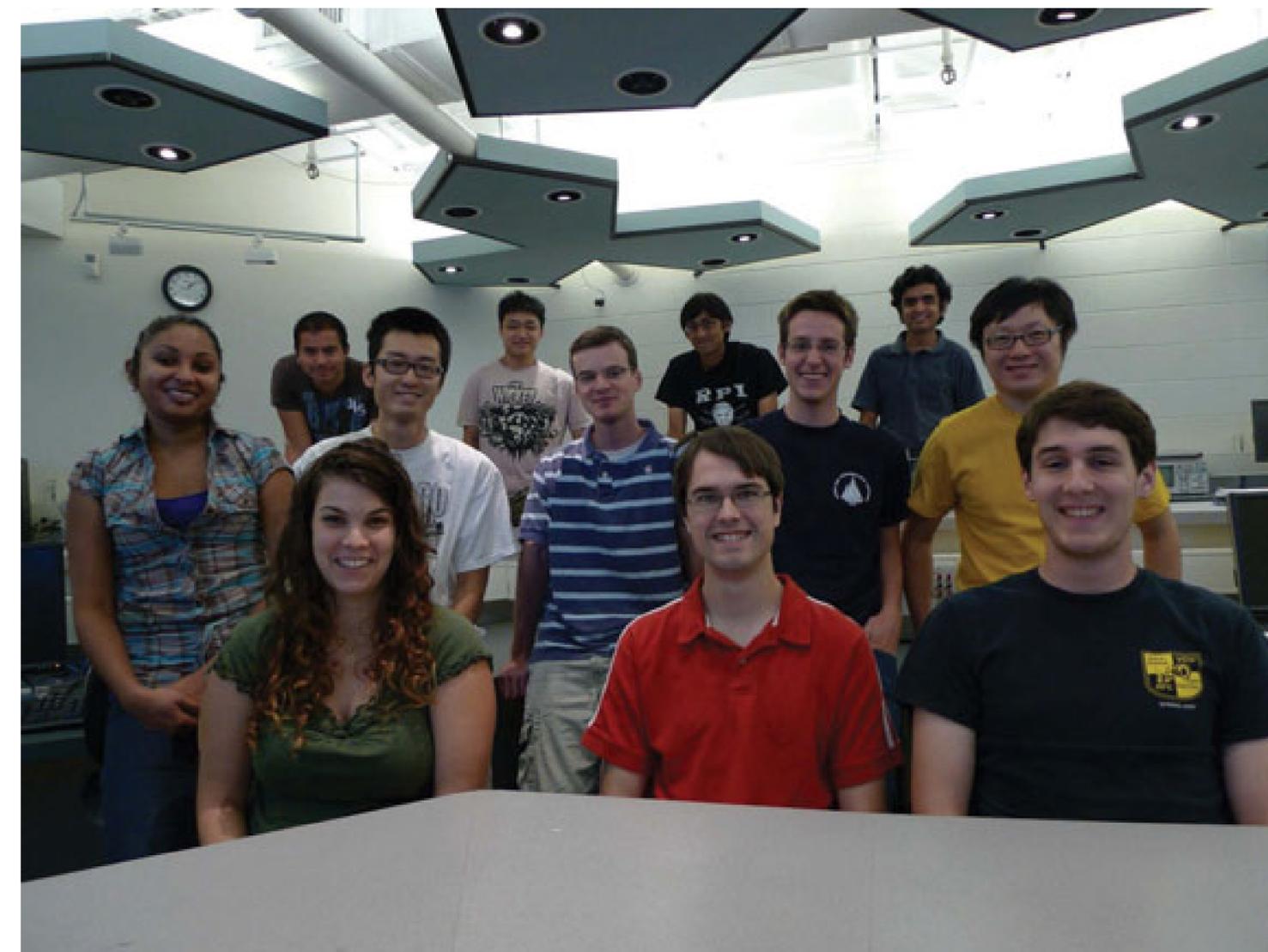


# Overview: Graph Cut Compositing

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# Matting/Blending Eq.

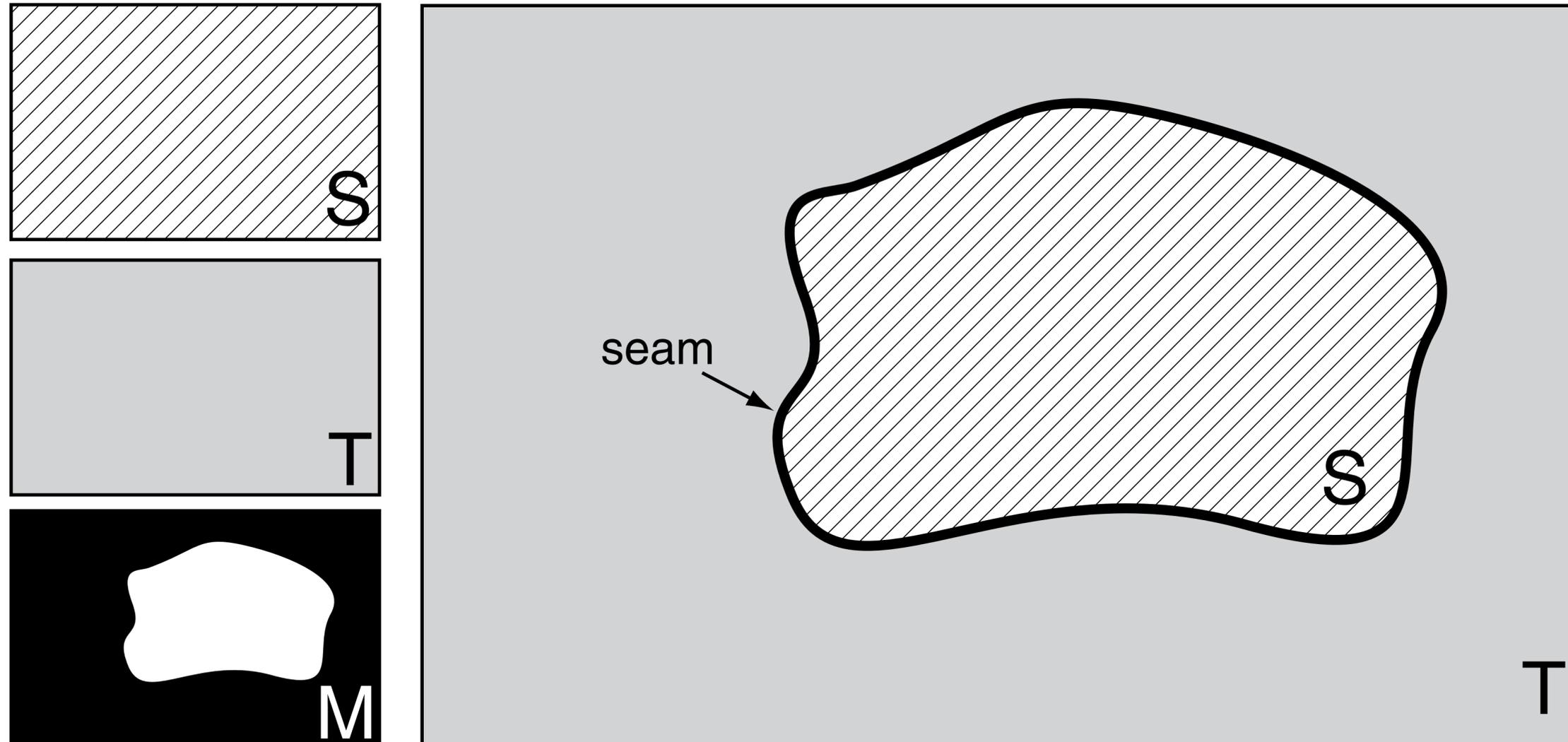
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$$I(x, y) = \begin{cases} F(x, y) & \text{where } \alpha = 1 \\ B(x, y) & \text{where } \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Terminology



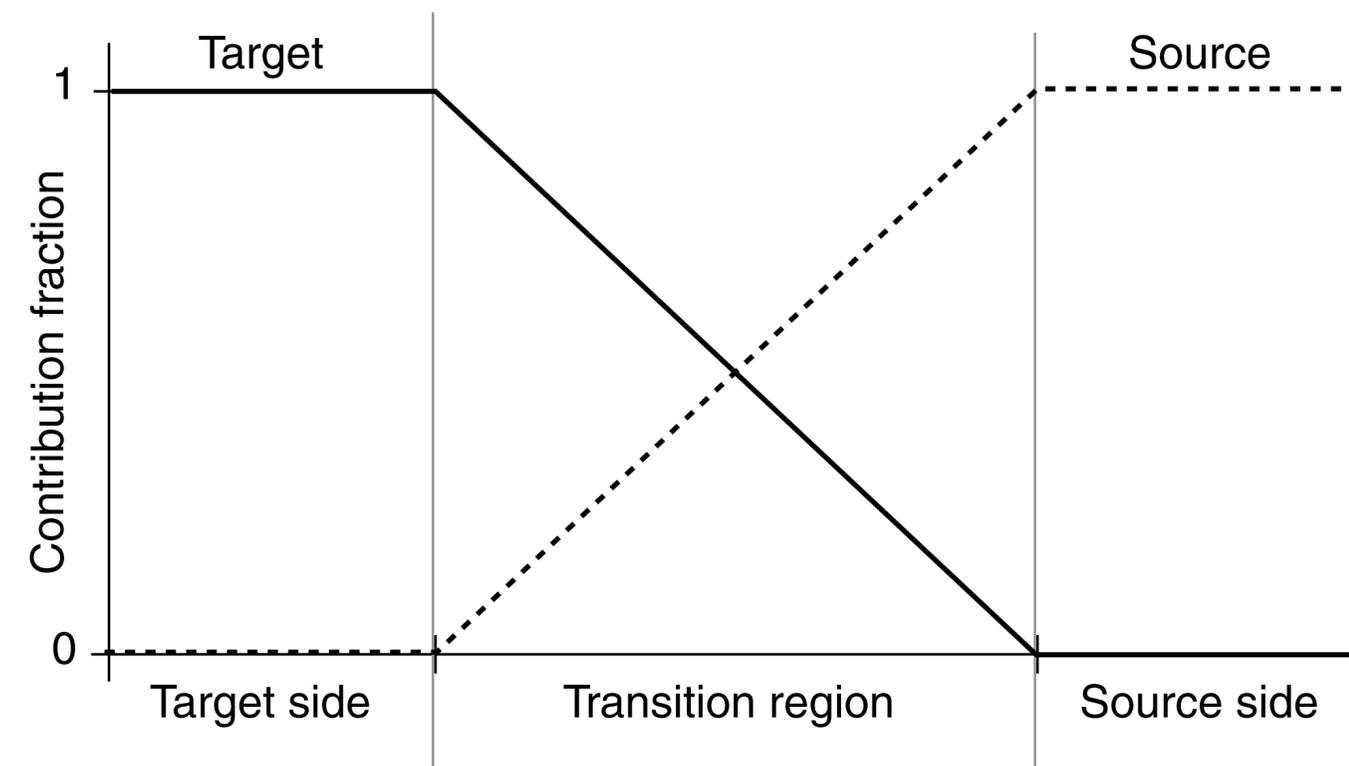
S: source image, T: target image, M: binary mask

# Visible Seams

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# Transition Regions



# Different Transition Region Widths



# Matte Painting



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- Blend **high-frequency** changes across **narrow** transition regions.

# A Multiresolution Spline With Application to Image Mosaics

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We define a multiresolution spline technique for combining two or more images into a larger image mosaic. In this procedure, the images to be splined are first decomposed into a set of band-pass filtered component images. Next, the component images in each spatial frequency band are assembled into a corresponding band-pass mosaic. In this step, component images are joined using a weighted average within a transition zone which is proportional in size to the wave lengths represented in the

Peter J. Burt and Edward H. Adelson. 1983. A multiresolution spline with application to image mosaics. ACM Trans. Graph. 2, 4 (October 1983), 217-236. DOI=<http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/245.247>

**THE STEERABLE PYRAMID: A FLEXIBLE ARCHITECTURE FOR  
MULTI-SCALE DERIVATIVE COMPUTATION**

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**ABSTRACT**

*We describe an architecture for efficient and accurate linear decomposition of an image into scale and orientation subbands. The basis functions of this decomposition are directional derivative operators of any desired order. We describe the construction and implementation of the transform.*<sup>1</sup>

“steerable pyramid”, as developed in [5, 6]. Similar representations have been developed by Perona [7]. In this linear decomposition, an image is subdivided into a collection of subbands localized in both scale and orientation. The scale tuning of the filters is constrained by a recursive system diagram (described below). The orientation tuning is constrained by the property of steerability [5].

E. P. Simoncelli and W. T. Freeman. 1995. The steerable pyramid: a flexible architecture for multi-scale derivative computation. In Proceedings of the 1995 International Conference on Image Processing (Vol. 3)-Volume 3 - Volume 3 (ICIP '95), Vol. 3. IEEE Computer Society, Washington, DC, USA, 3444-.

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Gaussian Kernel (blurring kernel)

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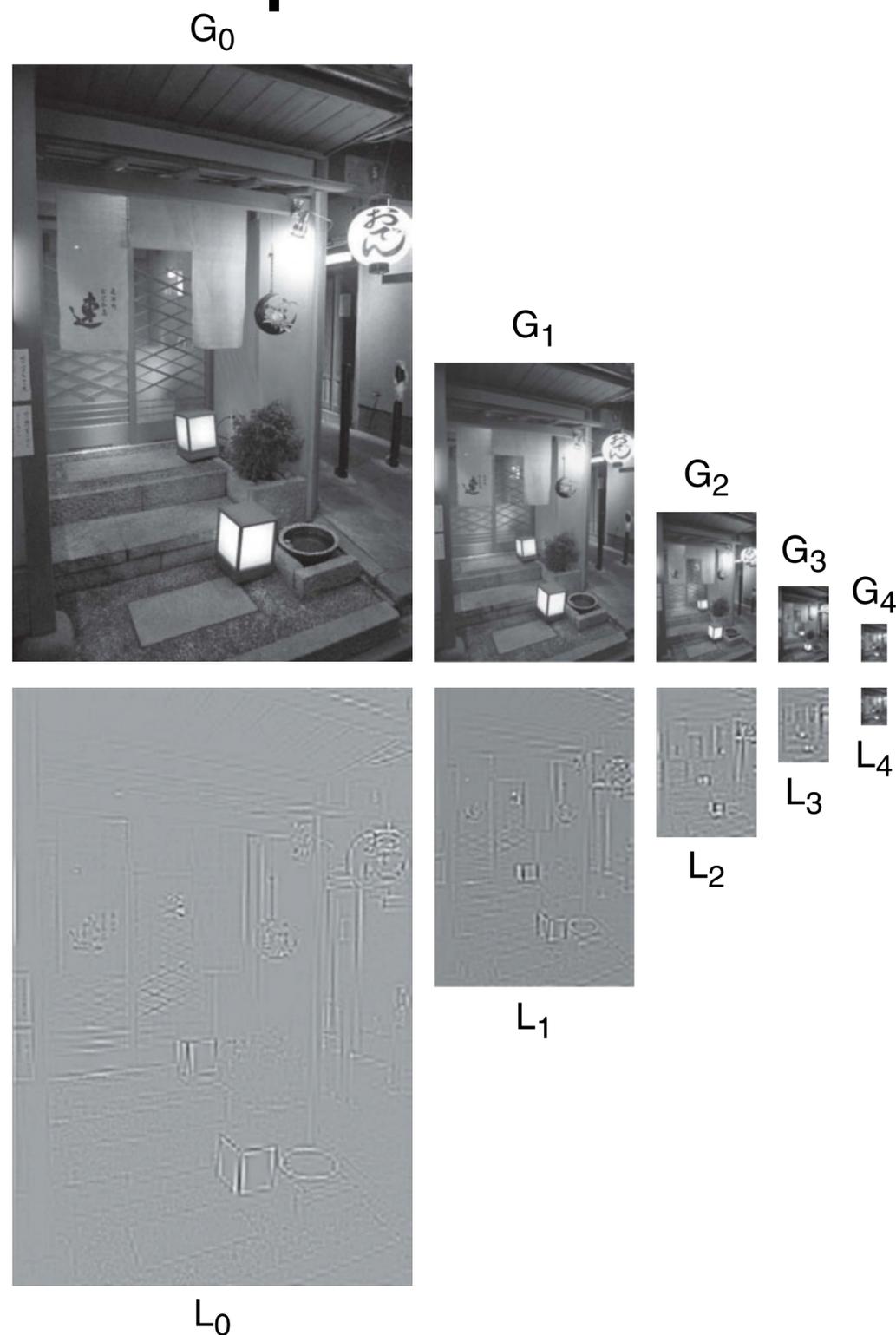
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$$L_i = G_i - (K * G_i), \quad i = 0, \dots, N - 1$$

# Laplacian Pyramid



$$I = \sum_{i=0}^N L_i \uparrow$$

# Multiresolution Blending

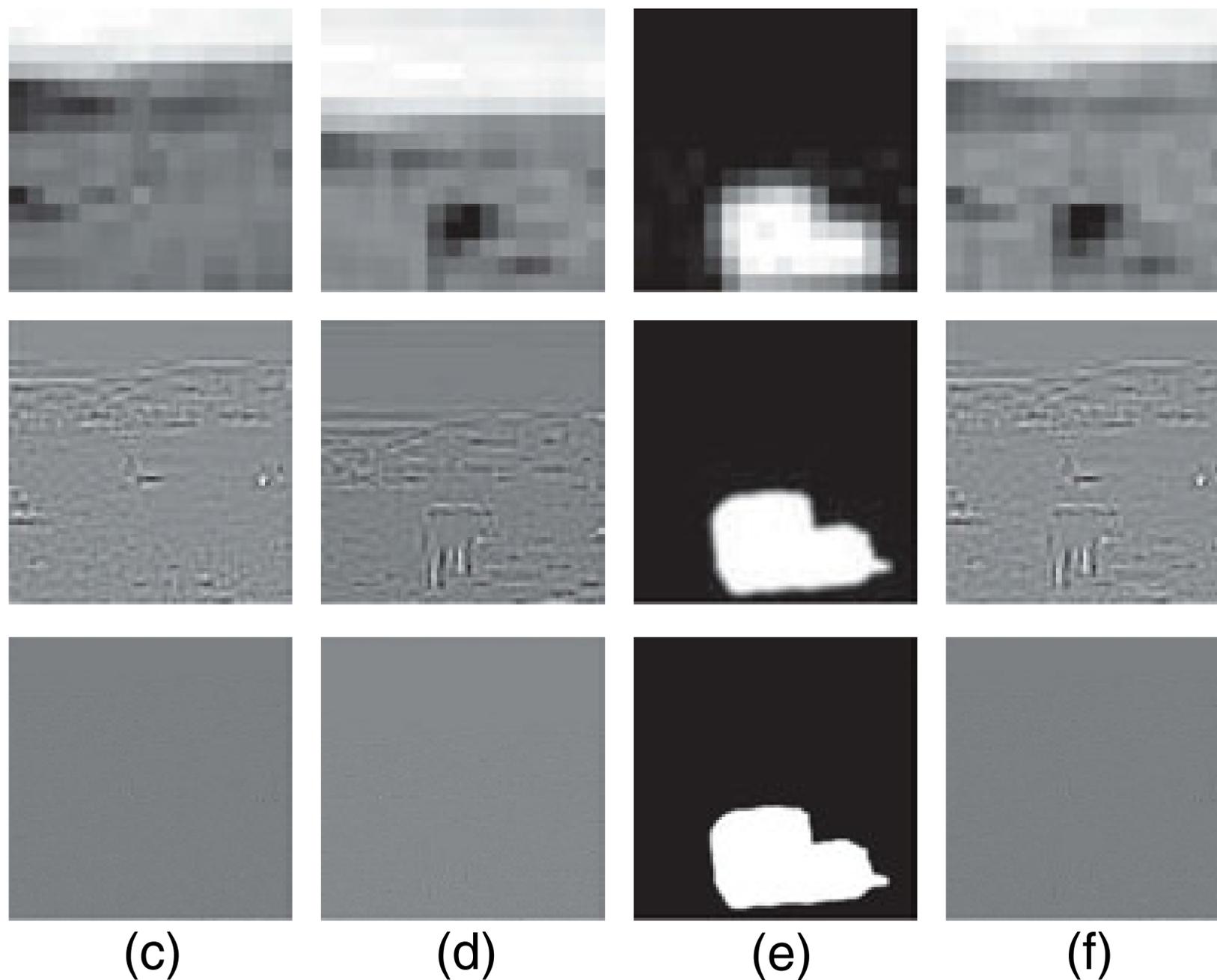
build Laplacian pyramid for composite image  
 with Gaussian of Map M and Laplacians of Source S and Target T:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_0^C &= G_0^M L_0^S + (1 - G_0^M) L_0^T \\
 &\vdots \\
 L_N^C &= G_N^M L_N^S + (1 - G_N^M) L_N^T
 \end{aligned}$$

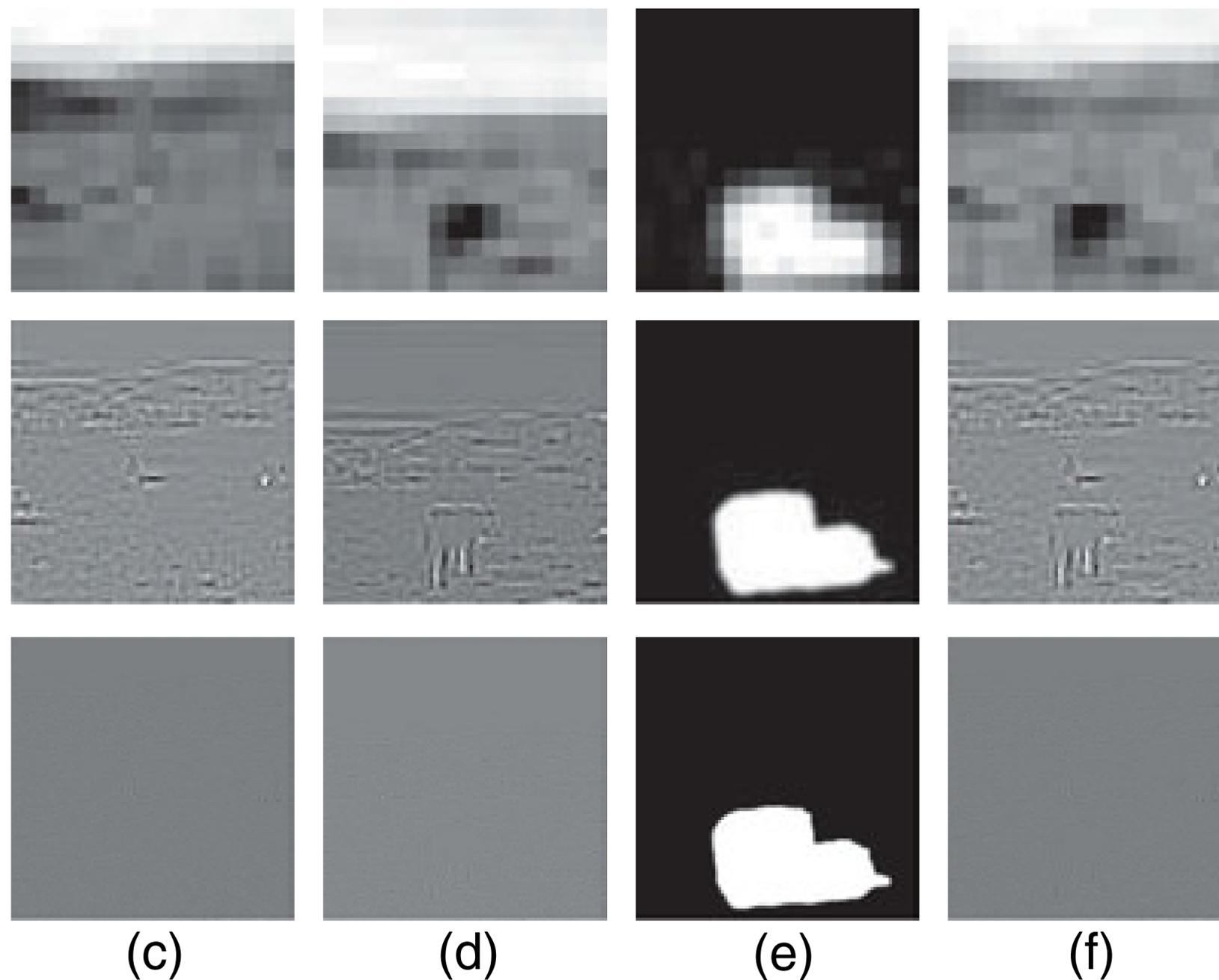
combine upsampled Laplacians to final composite image:

$$I^C = \sum_{i=0}^N (L_i^C)_{\uparrow}$$

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# Difficult Example



(a)

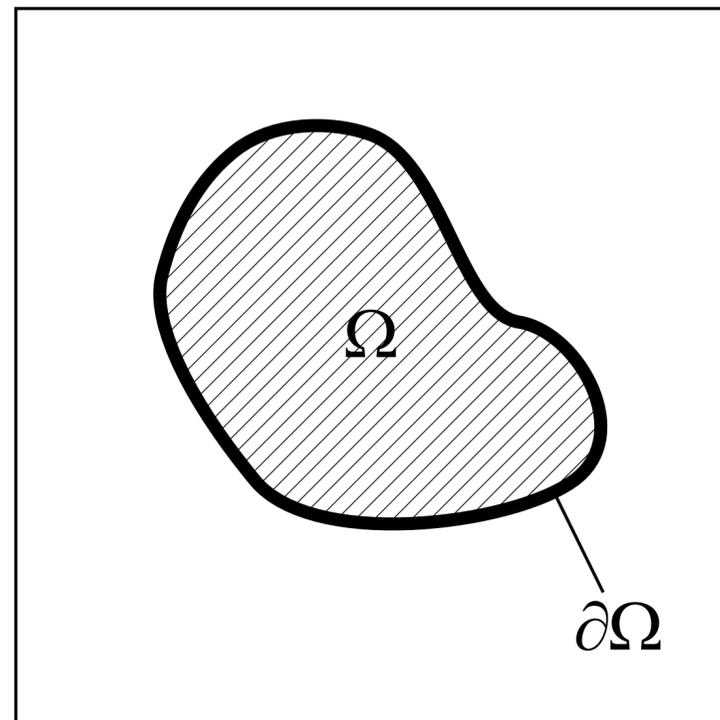


(b)



(c)

# Poisson/Gradient domain



# Problem Formulation

$$\min_{I(x,y) \in \Omega} \iint_{\Omega} \|\nabla I(x,y) - \nabla S(x,y)\|^2 dx dy$$

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$$\nabla^2 I(x,y) = \nabla^2 S(x,y) \text{ in } \Omega$$

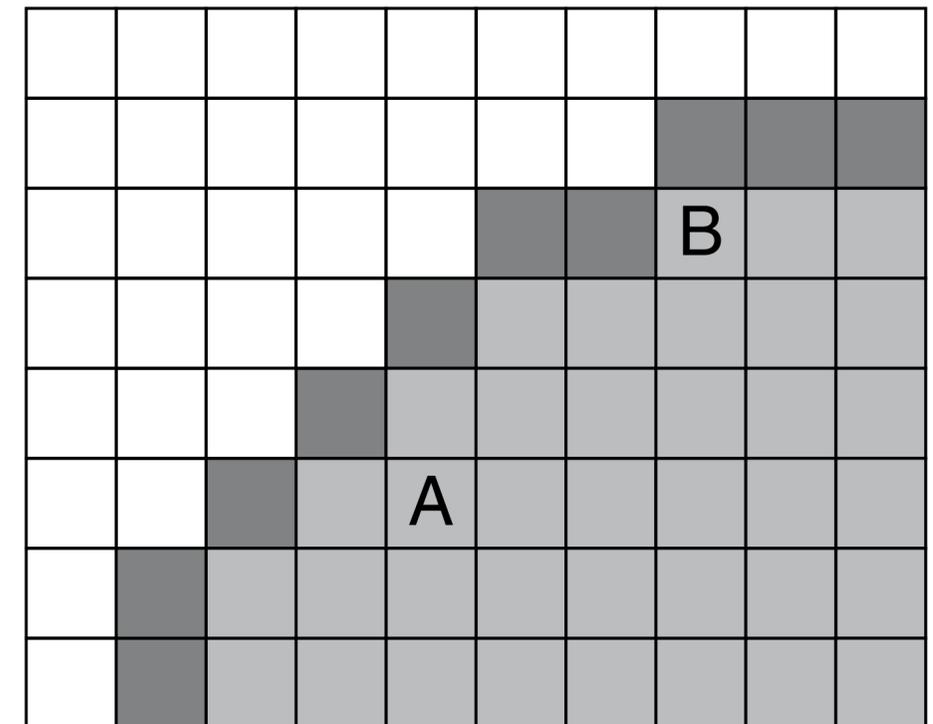
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$$\begin{aligned}
 & I(x+1, y) + I(x-1, y) + I(x, y+1) + I(x, y-1) - 4I(x, y) \\
 &= S(x+1, y) + S(x-1, y) + S(x, y+1) + S(x, y-1) - 4S(x, y) \quad (3.14)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \sum_{q \in \mathcal{N}(p) \cap \Omega} I(q) \right) + \left( \sum_{q \in \mathcal{N}(p) \cap \partial\Omega} T(q) \right) - 4I(x, y)$$

$$= S(x+1, y) + S(x-1, y) + S(x, y+1) + S(x, y-1) - 4S(x, y)$$



# Results



# Problem

