

# Adaptive Plenoptic Sampling

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# Overview

- Image Based Rendering and Motivation
- Plenoptic Sampling Theory
- Spectral Analysis of a Slanted Plane
- Adaptive Sampling Algorithm
- Conclusions and Future Work

# Image Based Rendering

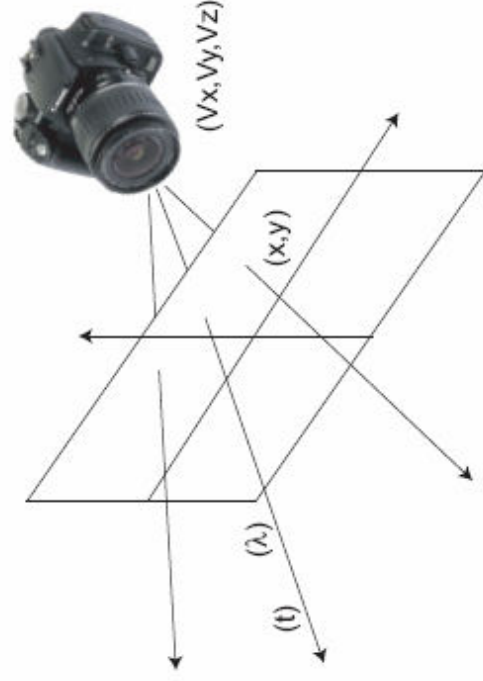
Image Based Rendering (IBR)  $\implies$  Rendering New Viewpoints of a Scene from a Multi-View

Image Set

In more detail:

- Images sample a set of lights rays from the scene to the camera
- New rendering interpolated from captured light rays
- Lights ray modelled using the 7D *Plenoptic Function* [1]

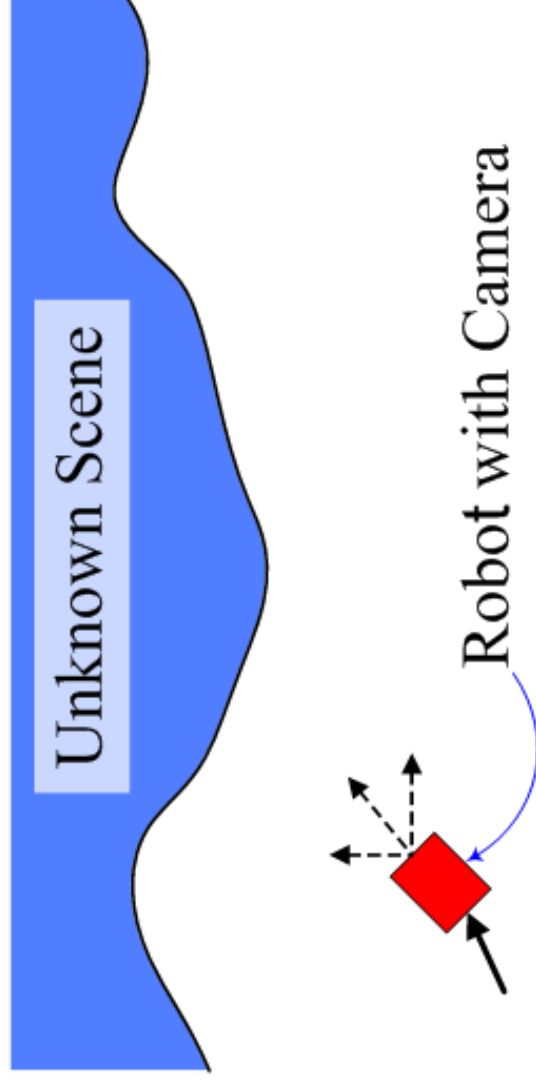
$\leadsto$  IBR viewed as the Sampling and Reconstruction of the Plenoptic Function



- Camera centre location  $(v_x, v_y, v_z)$ ,
- Viewing direction  $(v, y)$ ,
- Wavelength  $\nu$ ,
- Time  $\tau$ .

# Motivation

Perform IBR on an Unknown Scene using a Camera Mounted to a Robot.



Important Questions:

- How should the camera travel relative to the scene?
- Where to sample along the path?
- Whether to zoom or not?

Current Work:

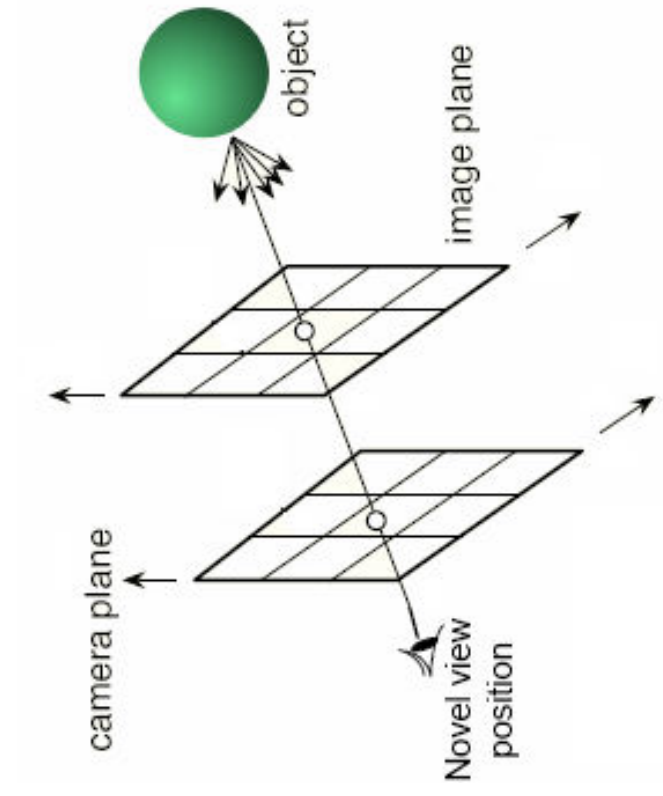
- Model the scene with a smoothly varying surface and bandlimited texture
- Non-uniform sampling based on approximating the surface with slanted planes

# Reducing Plenoptic Dimensionality

Three Assumptions:

1. Static Scene  $\Rightarrow$  remove  $\tau$
2. Three constant wavelength bands  $\Rightarrow$  remove  $\nu$
3. Radiance of a light ray is constant along its path  $\Rightarrow$  Light ray define by the intersection with two planes

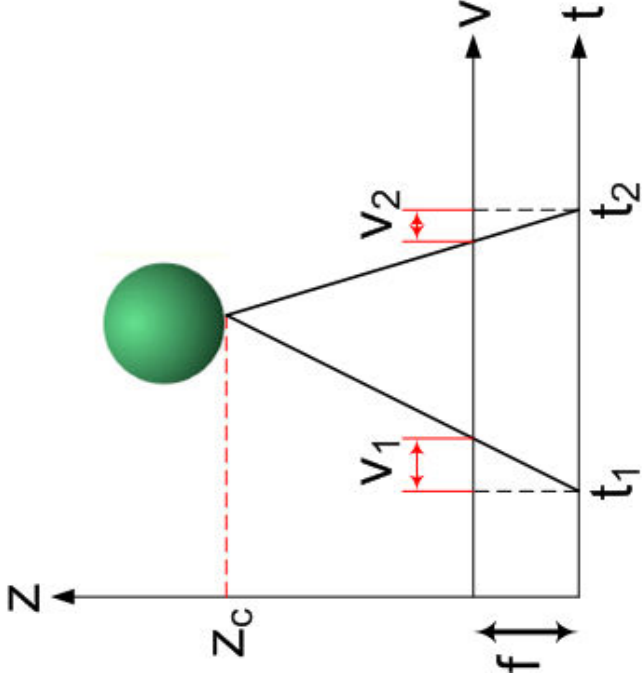
$\leadsto$  4D Light Field Parameterisation



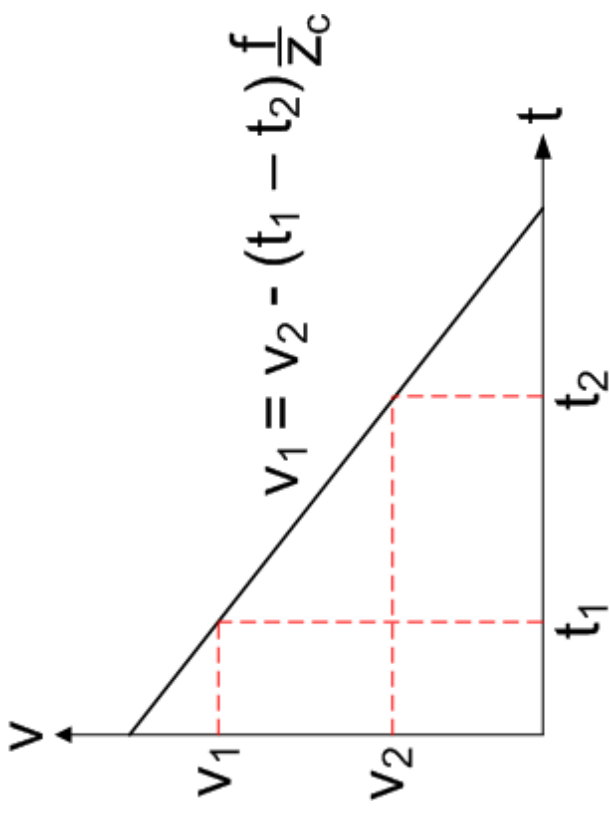
but can be reduced further.....

# Plenoptic Function and the Epipolar Plane Image

Consider the 2D Plenoptic Function,  $p(t, v)$ , known as the Epipolar Plane Image (EPI) [2]



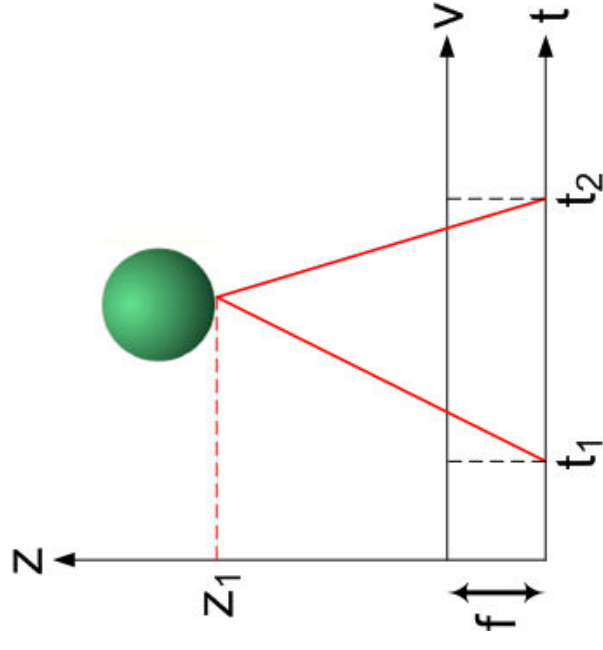
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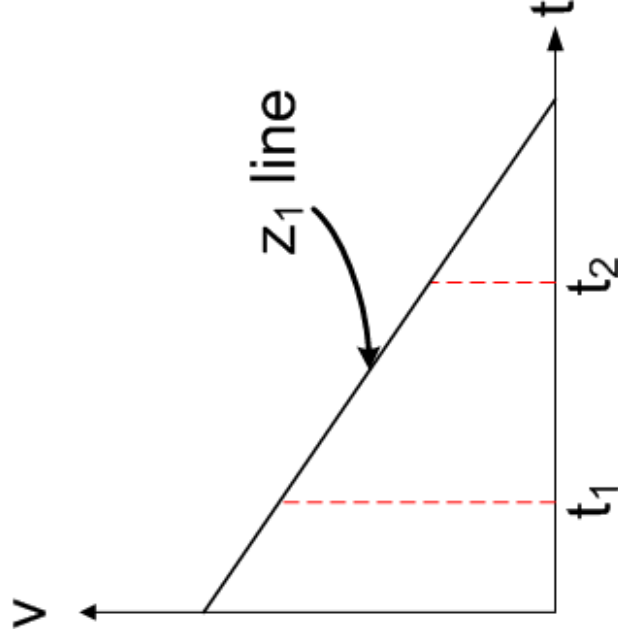
(b) EPI

- Point in the scene  $\implies$  Line in the EPI plane where the slope depends on the depth
- Fixing a camera position  $t_1 \implies$  1D image signal
- Fixing a pixel  $v_1 \implies$  1D signal of the pixel captured by all cameras

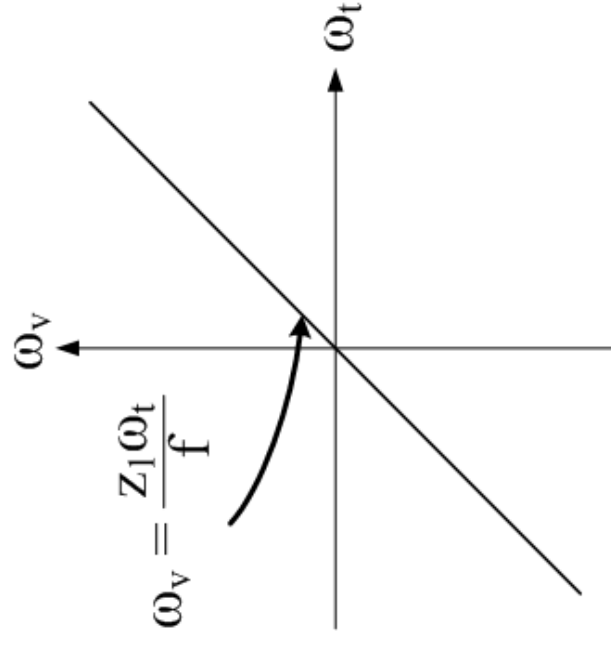
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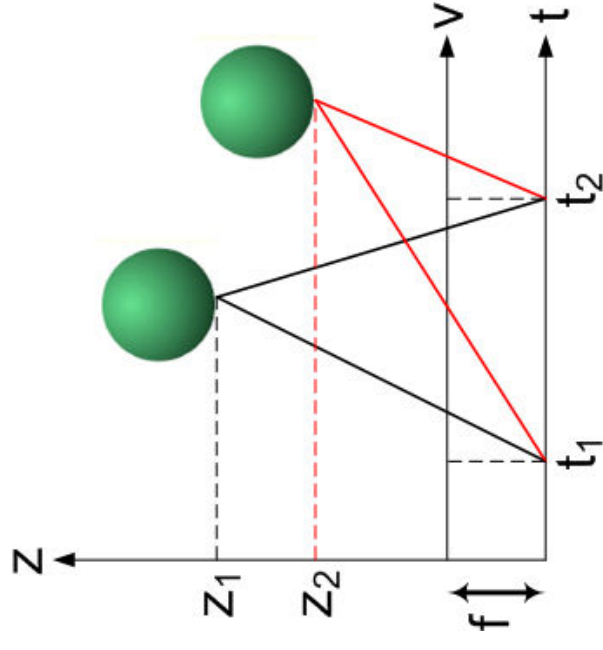


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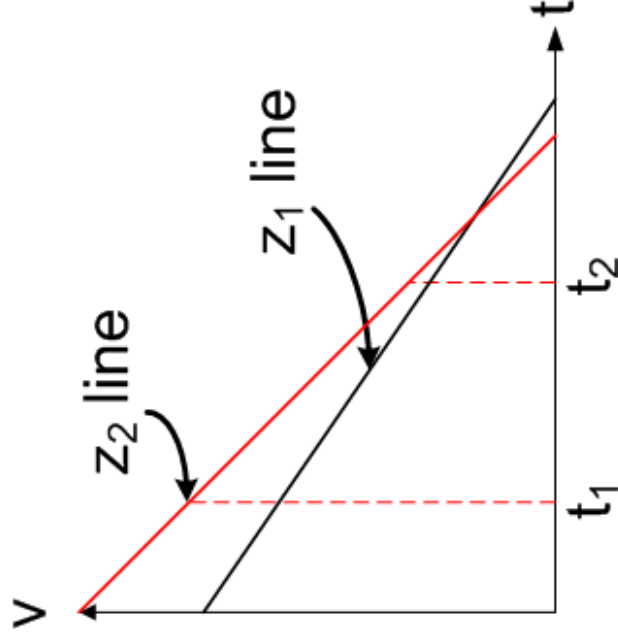


(c) Plenoptic Spectrum

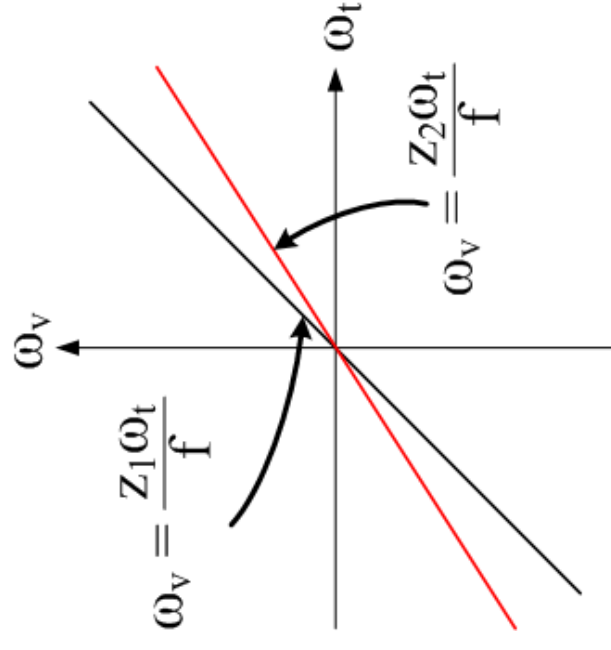
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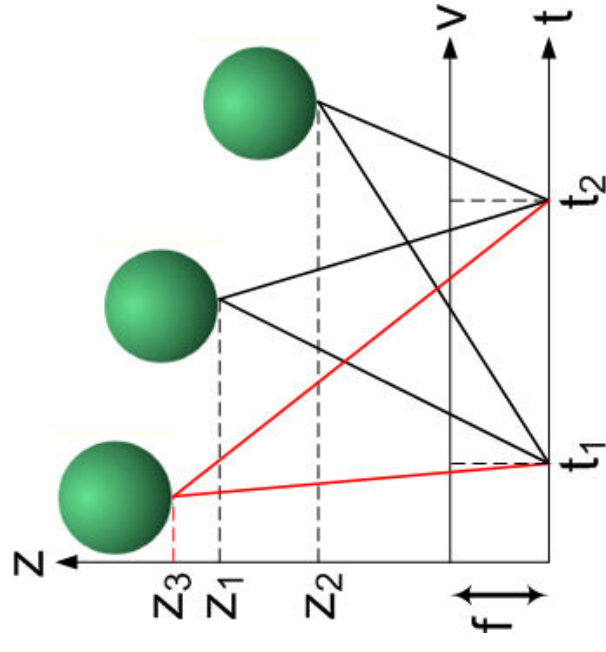
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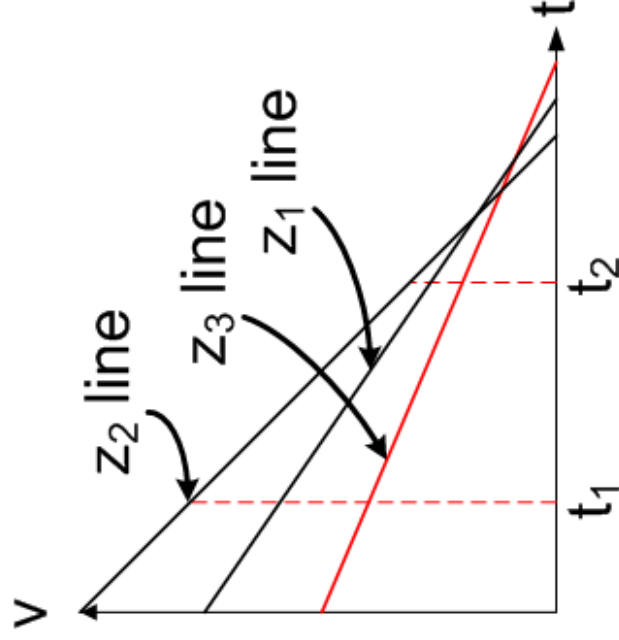
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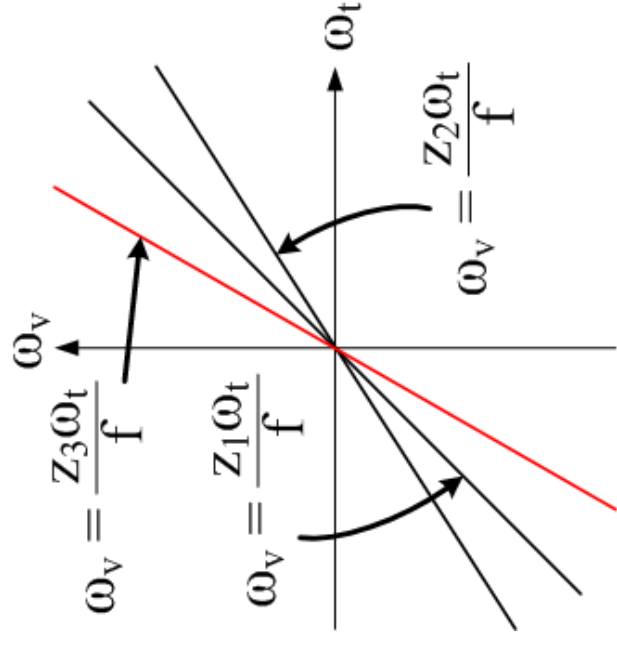
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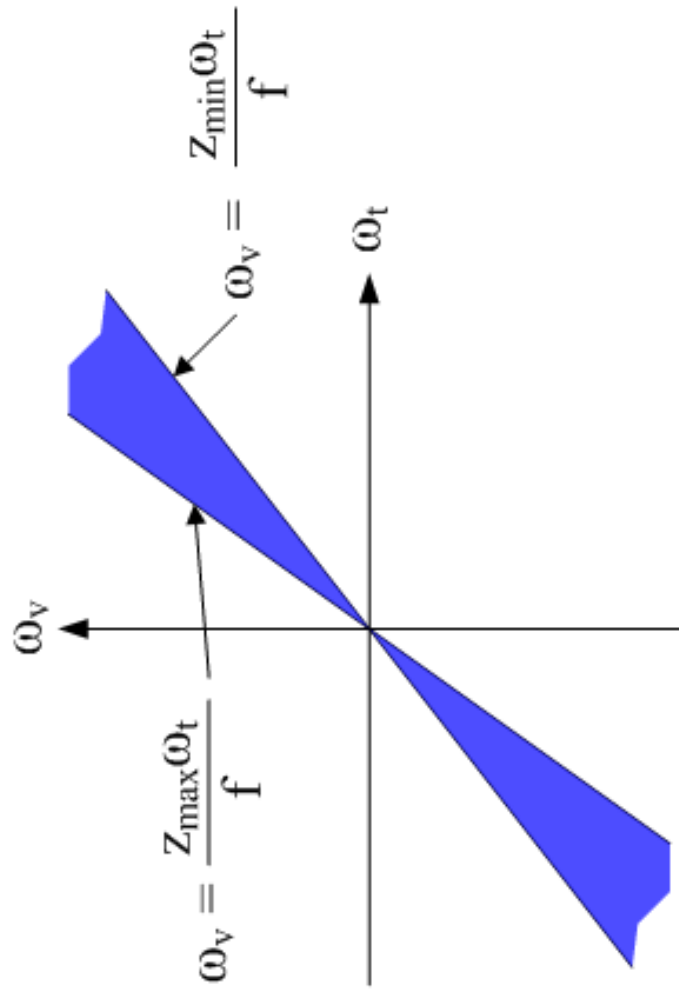
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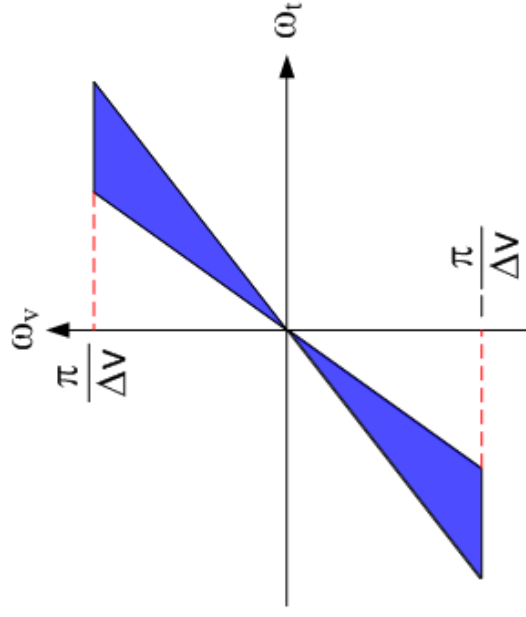
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Plenoptic Spectrum exactly bound within two lines relating to the minimum and maximum depths of the scene [2,3]

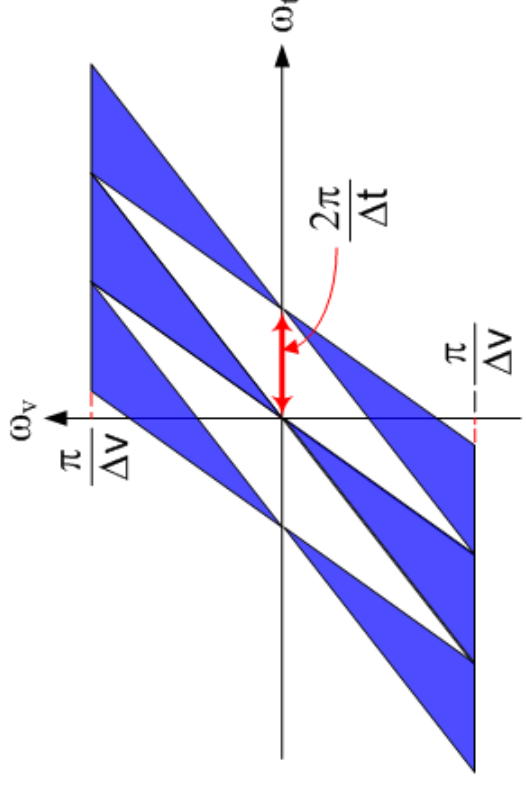


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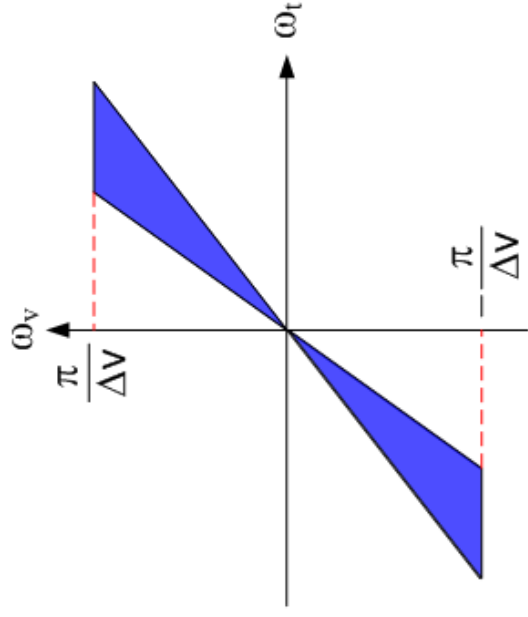
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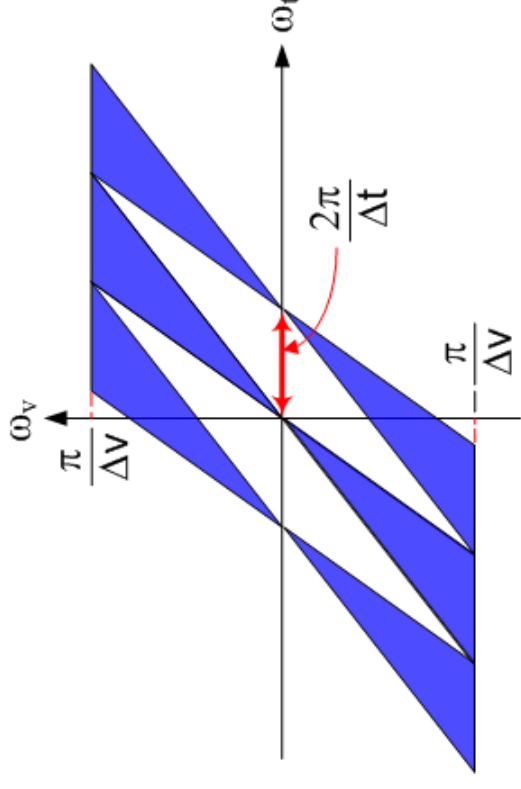
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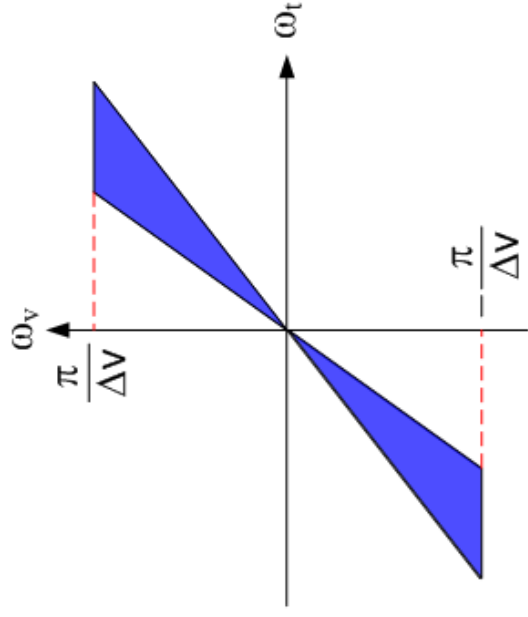


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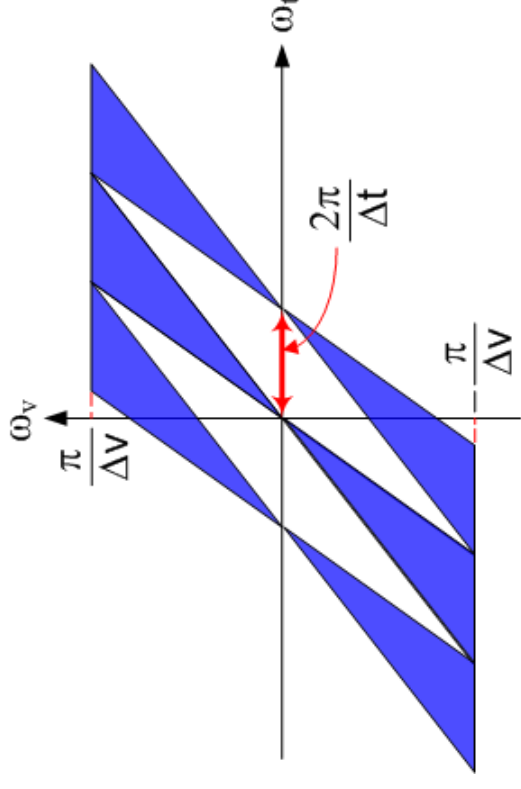
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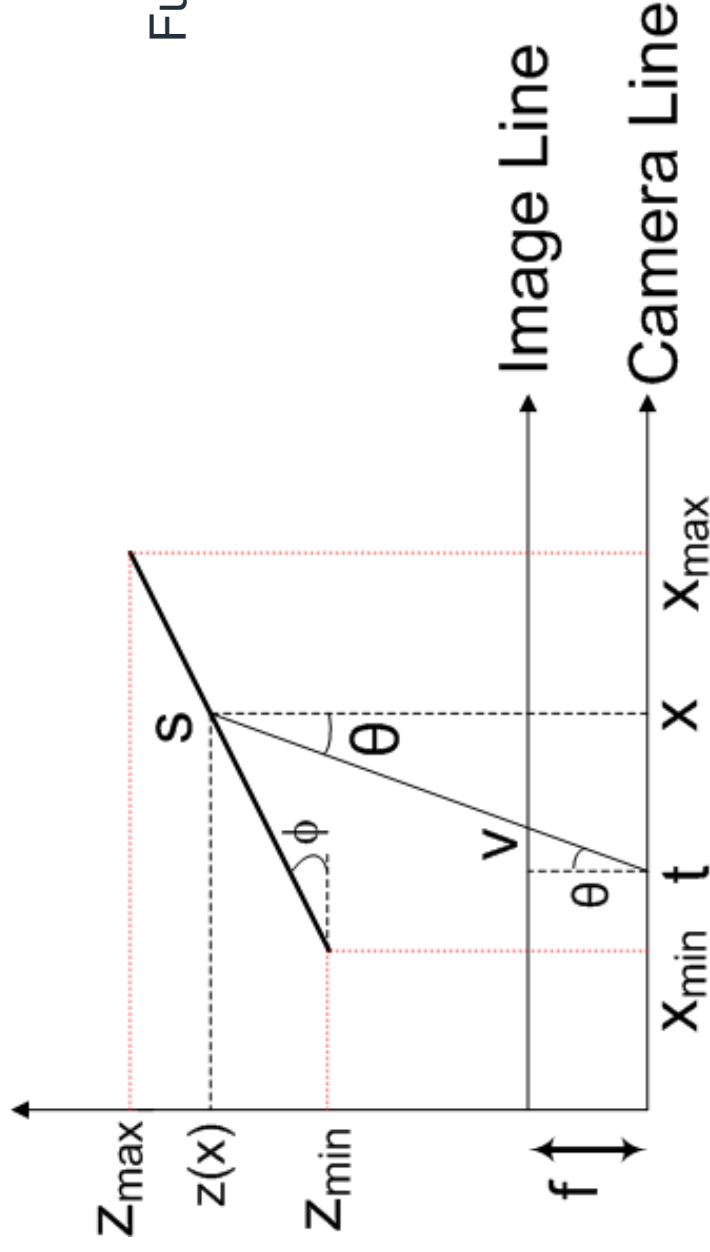
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(b) Plenoptic Spectrum Sampled in  $t$

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 $\implies$  Uniform Sampling in  $t$

# Slanted Plane Geometry



Functional Scene Model <sup>[3]</sup>:

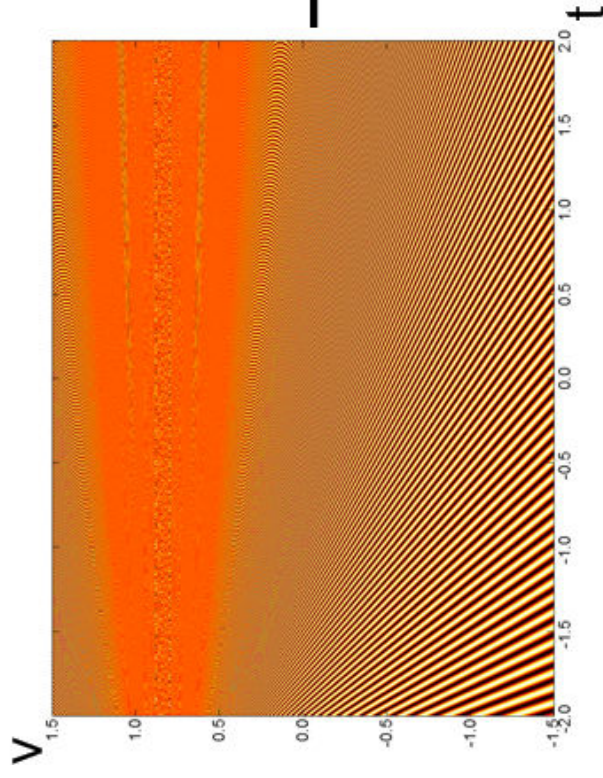
- $s$  is the Curvilinear Coordinate
- $x$  is the Projection of  $s$  onto  $t$
- $\phi$  is the Slant of the Plane

Bandlimited Texture Signal Pasted to Scene Surface

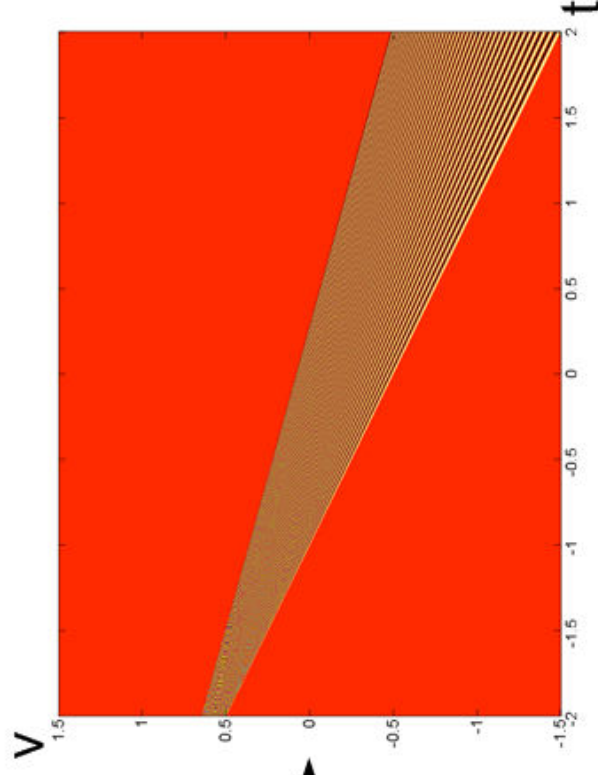
Constraints:

- Finite Field of View (FoV) for the Cameras  $\implies v \in [-v_m, v_m]$
- Finite Plane Width  $\implies s \in [0, T]$
- Lambertian Scene

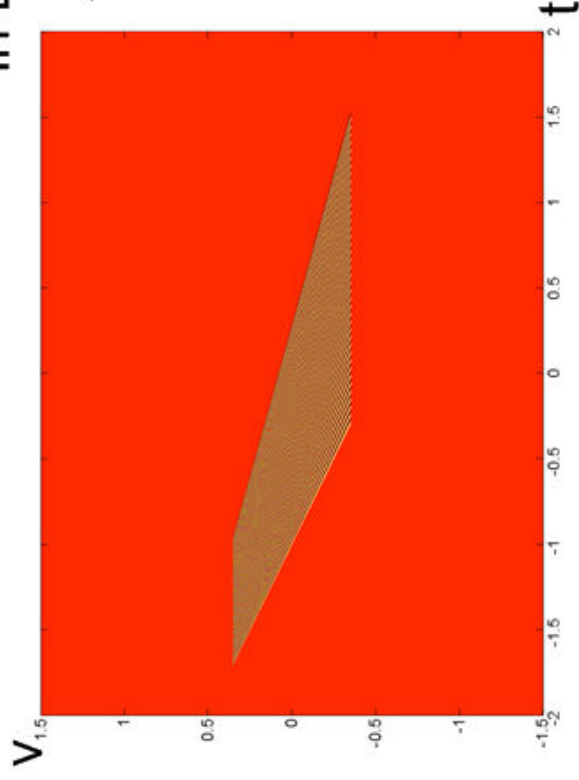
# Effect of the Constraints on the EPI



Finite Plane  
Constraint  
→  
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Finite Plane Width Constraint:

$$\implies \int_{s=0}^{s=T} g(s) \cos(\phi) \int_{v=-v_m}^{v=v_m} \left[ 1 - v \frac{\tan(\phi)}{f} \right] e^{-j(\omega_v - s \frac{\sin(\phi) \omega_t}{f})v} e^{-j\omega t \cos(\phi)s} dv ds$$

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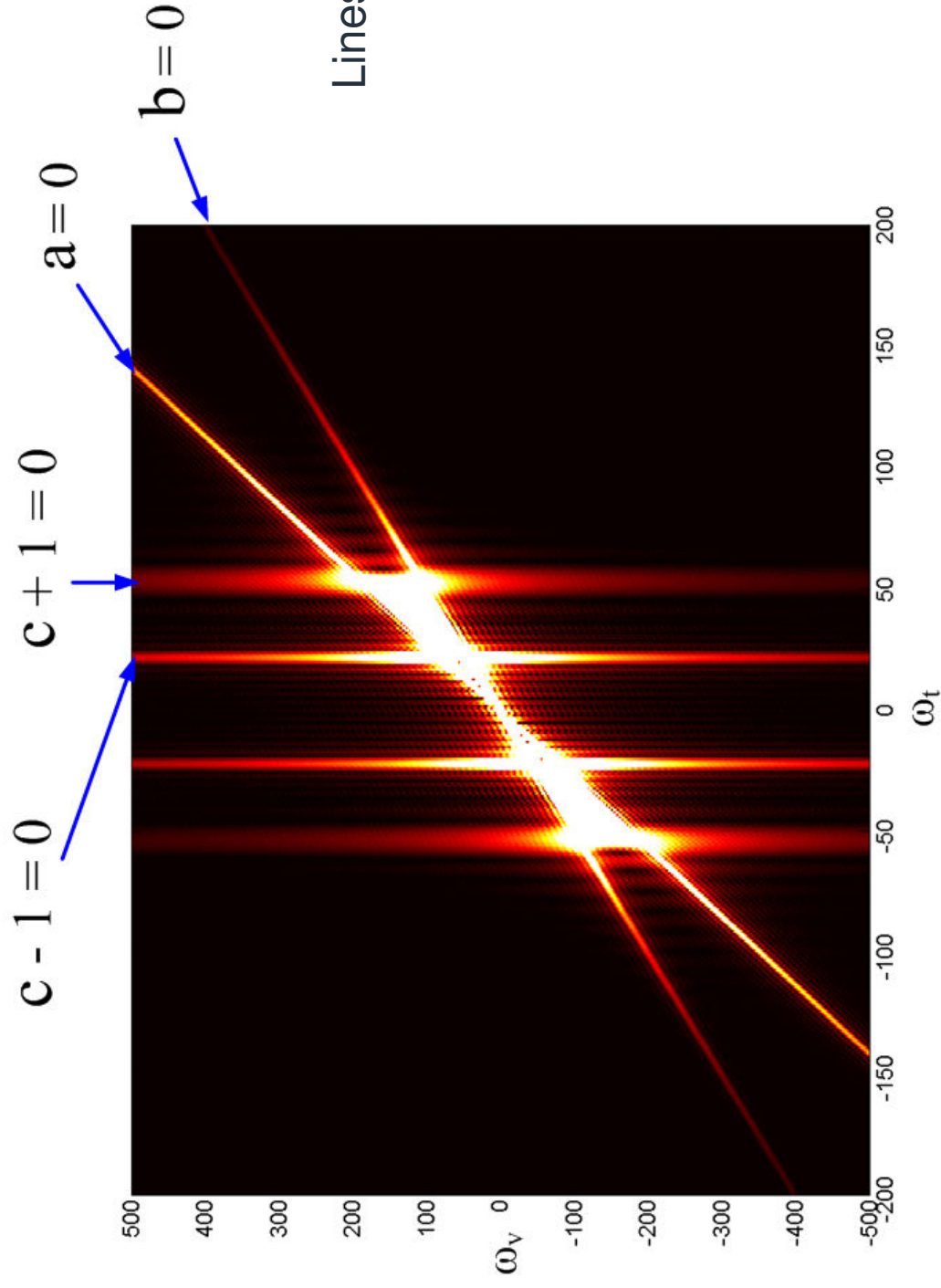
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# Slanted Plane Plenoptic Spectrum



Lines Relating to Depth:

$$a = 0 \implies \omega_v = \frac{z_{max}\omega_t}{f}$$

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Lines Relating to Finite FoV:

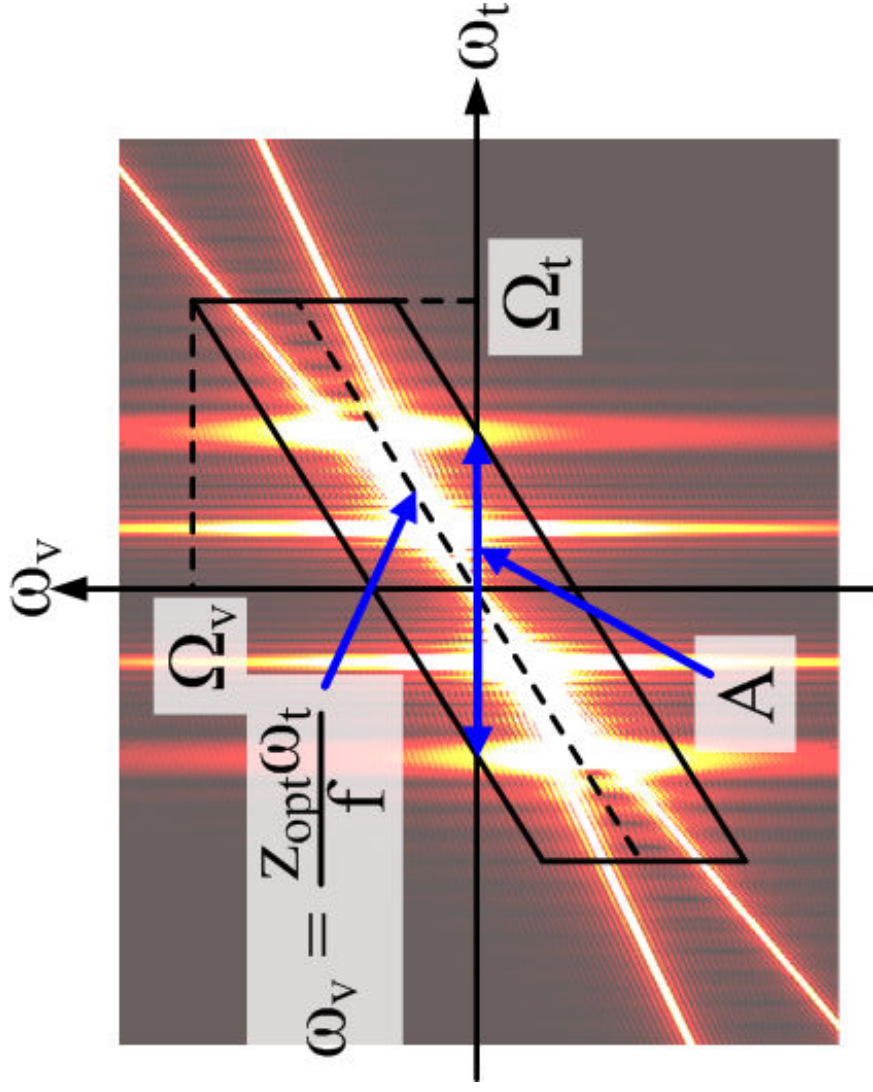
$(c - 1) = 0 \implies$  Minimum Modulated Frequency Projected onto the Image

$(c + 1) = 0 \implies$  Maximum Modulated Frequency Projected onto the Image



# Essential Bandwidth for a Slanted Plane

Parametric model of the essential bandwidth, consisting of 4 parameters:



$$\Omega_t = \frac{\omega_s f}{f \cos(\phi) - v_m |\sin(\phi)|} + \frac{2\pi}{T},$$

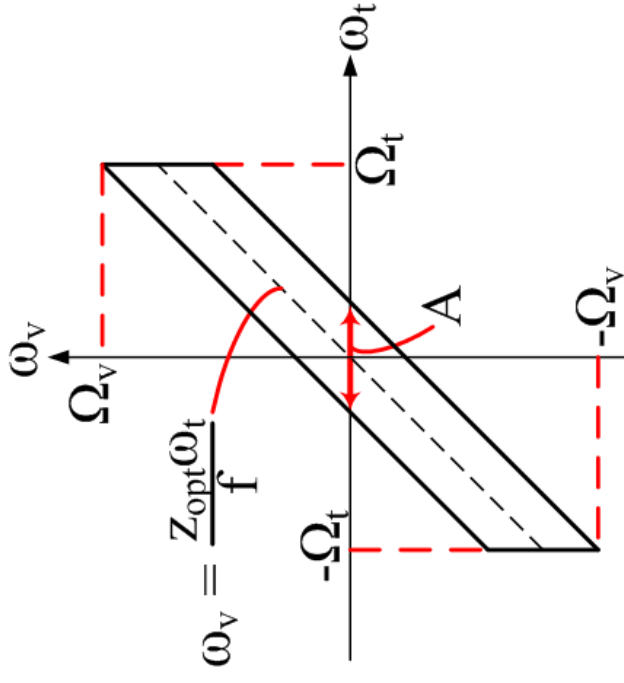
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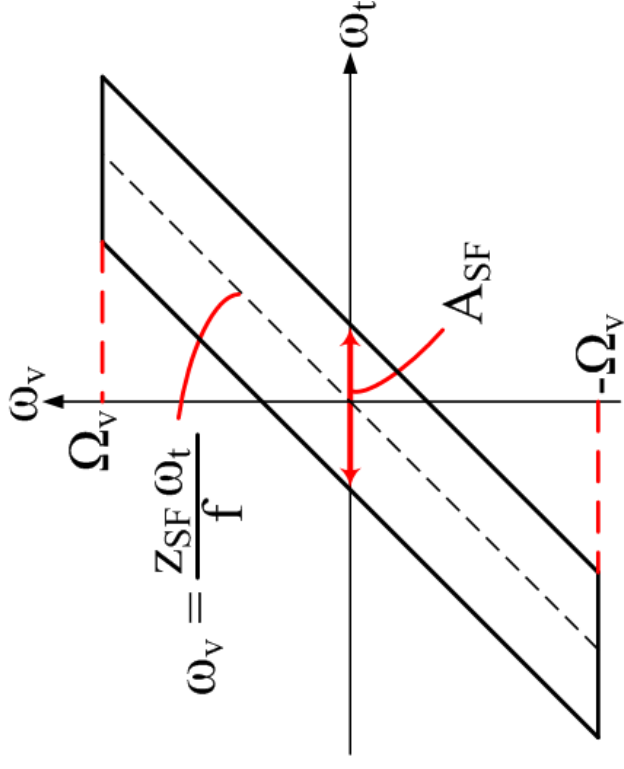
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# Plenoptic Sampling of a Slanted Plane

Comparison between the essential bandwidth and the standard filter:



(a) Essential Bandwidth



(b) Standard Filter [2]

The differences:

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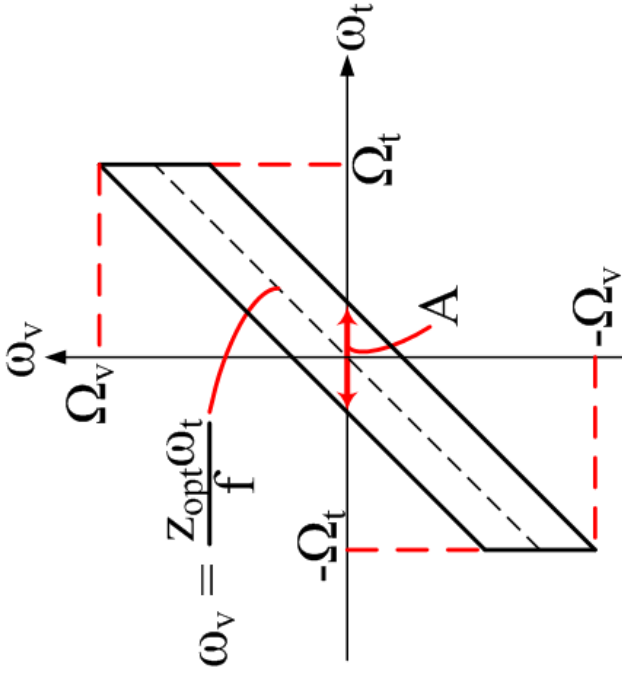
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$$z_{SF} = \frac{2}{z_{max}^{-1} + z_{min}^{-1}}$$

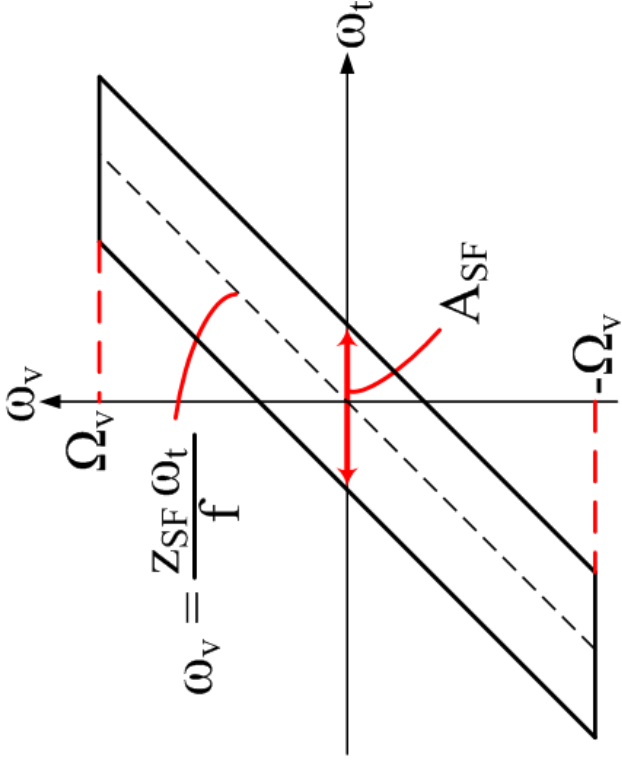
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At Critical Sampling:

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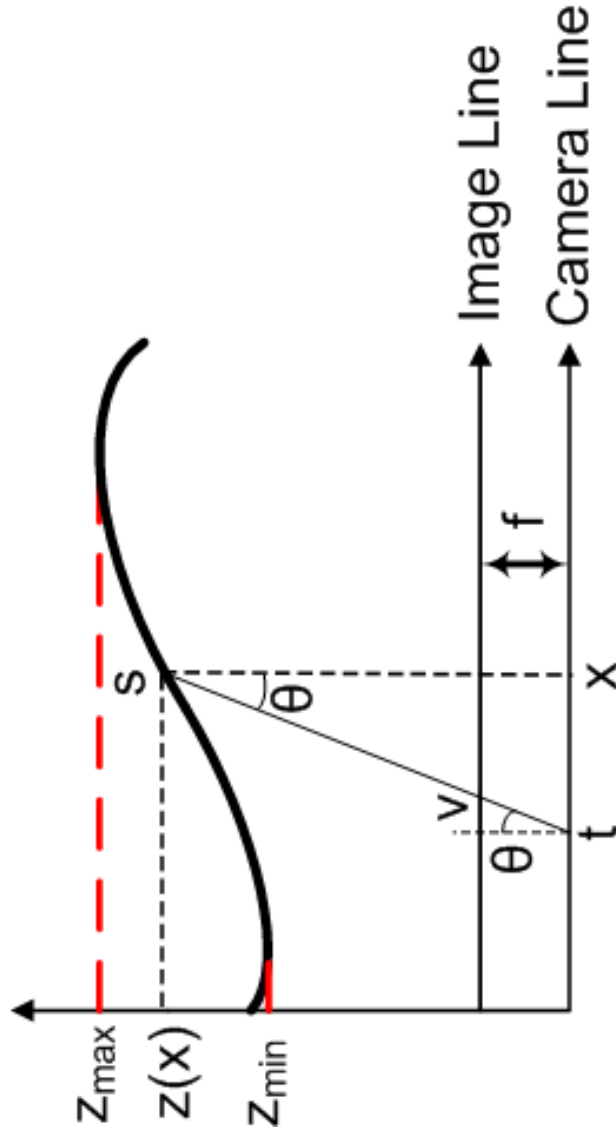
$$= \frac{2\pi z_{opt} v_m}{v_m \Omega_t T |\sin(\phi)| + 2\pi f}$$

$$\Delta t_c = \frac{2\pi}{A_{SF}},$$

$$= \frac{2\pi z_{max} z_{min}}{f \Omega_v (z_{max} - z_{min})}$$

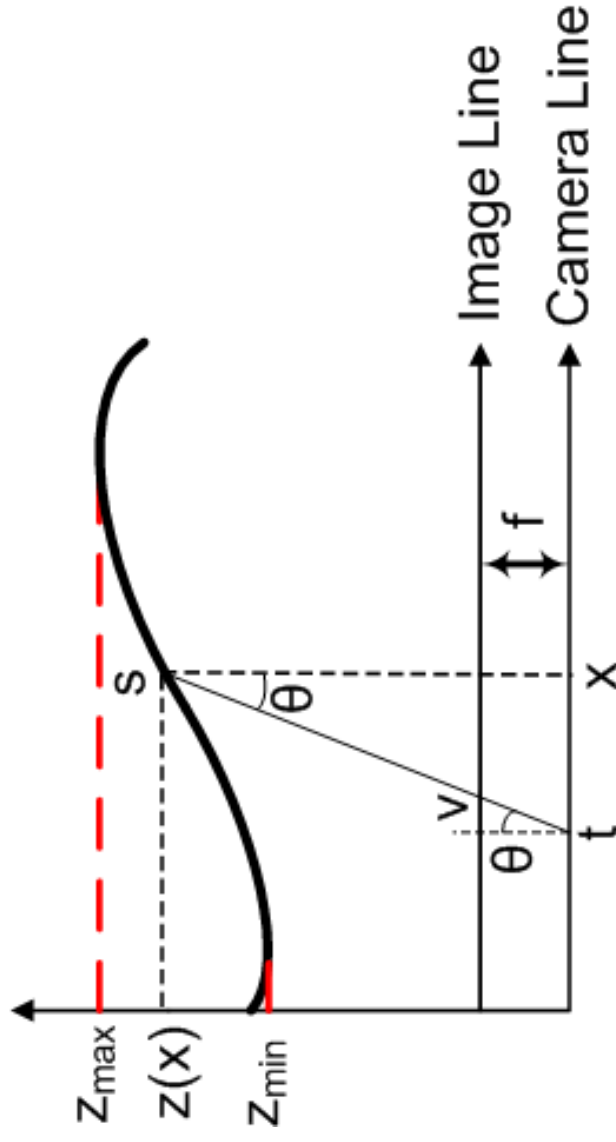
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Our approach:

- Approximate the scene surface using a set of  $L$  slanted planes.
- Use the previous theory to determine non-uniformly sampling and reconstructing the scene.

Important Questions:

- ↪ How best to approximate the scene and with how many planes?
- ↪ How should we allocate the samples?

# Evaluating the Surface Approximation

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The error between the actual plenoptic function,  $p(t, v)$  and the plenoptic function generated by the approximate surface,  $\hat{p}(t, v)$ .

However

Need to consider a limited number of samples,  $N_T$ .

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$\alpha_i(N_i)$  is the error caused by undersampling the  $i$ th plane with  $N_i$  samples.

Therefore:

Small number of samples  $\implies$  Aliasing error dictates the surface approximation.

Large number of samples  $\implies$  Geometric error dictates the surface approximation.



# Sample Allocation per Plane

The sample allocation problem is defined in terms minimising the distortion function given  $N_T$  samples:

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Solved using a Lagrange multiple  $\lambda$ , thus the cost function:

$$\sum_{i=1}^L (D_i(N_i) + \lambda N_i)$$

where

$$\lambda = -\frac{d}{dN_1} \{D_1(N_1)\} = -\frac{d}{dN_2} \{D_2(N_2)\} = \dots = -\frac{d}{dN_L} \{D_L(N_L)\}$$

# Sample Allocation per Plane

Approximating  $\alpha_i(N_i)$  as twice the amount of energy outside the reconstruction filter, the cost function becomes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \left( \gamma_i + \frac{16K_i \Delta v}{A_i \pi} + \frac{4A_i K_i \Delta v}{\pi} + \frac{8\pi K_i}{\Delta v} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{r_i W_i}{\pi N_i} \right) + \lambda N_i \right).$$

where

- $A_i$  is the width of the essential bandwidth of the  $i$ th plane (in  $\omega_t$ ).
- $W_i$  is the width in  $t$  that the  $i$ th plane is visible.
- $K_i$  and  $r_i$  are coefficients of the approximation for the  $i$  plane.

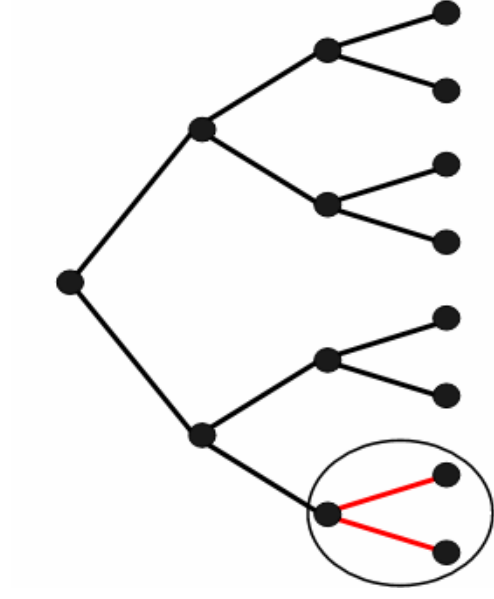
As a result,  $\lambda$  is the solution to

$$N_T - 1 = \sum_{i=1}^L \sqrt{\frac{8K_i W_i r_i}{\Delta v \lambda} - \left( \frac{r_i W_i}{\pi} \right)^2}$$

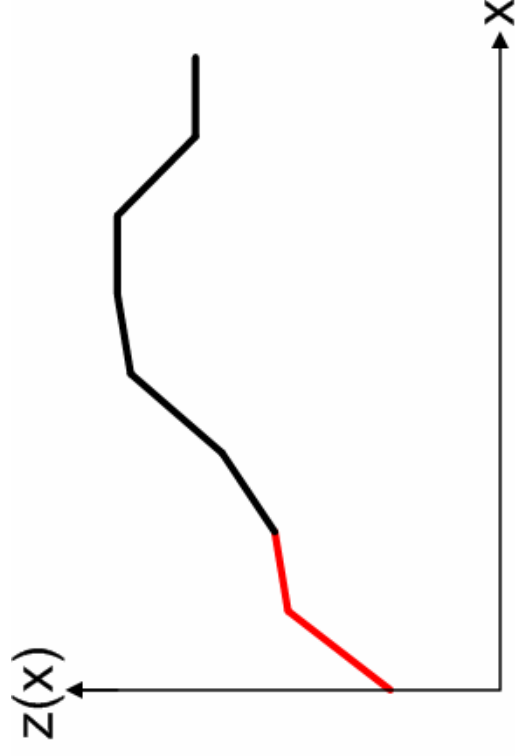
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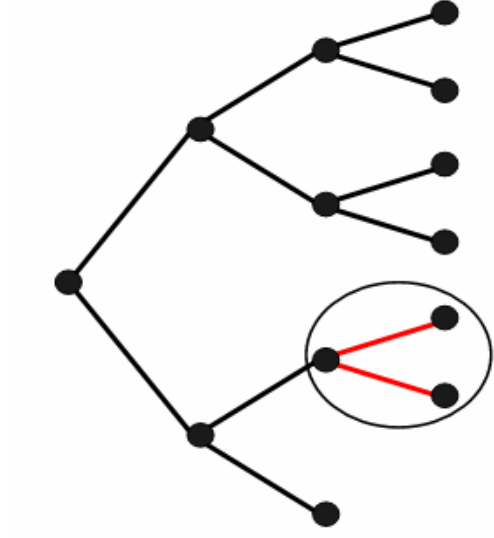


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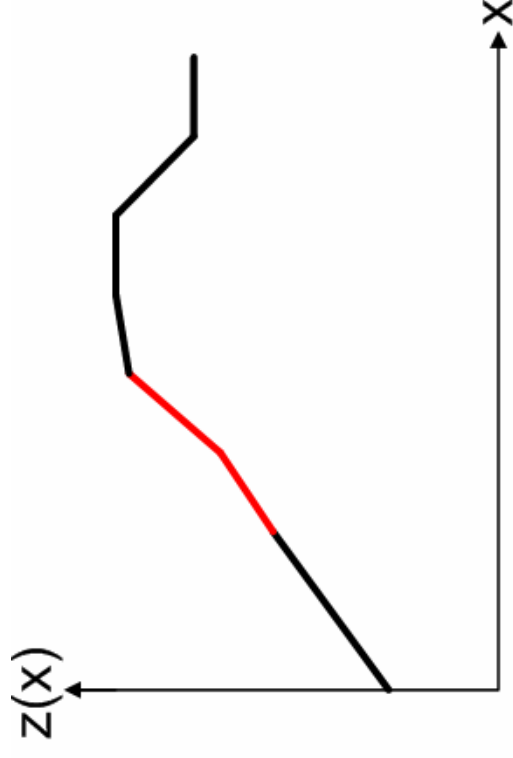
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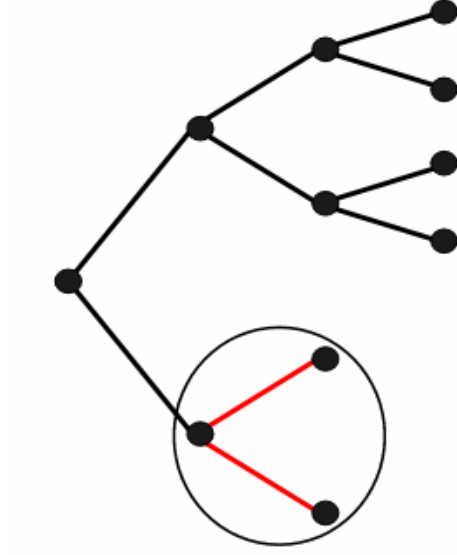


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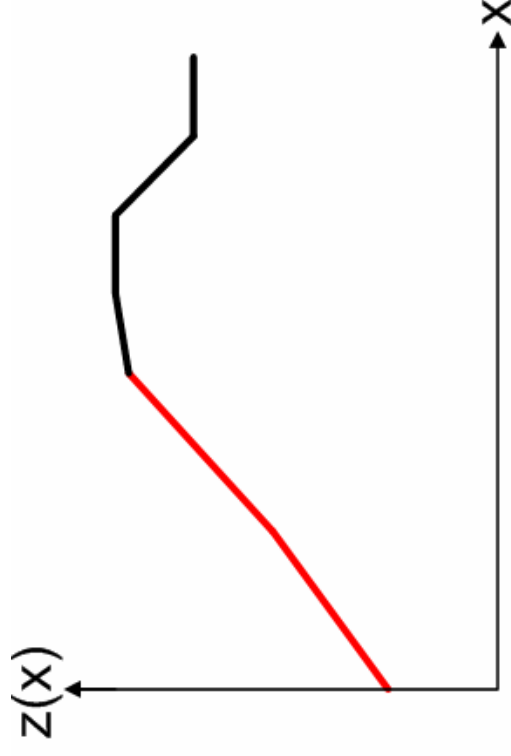
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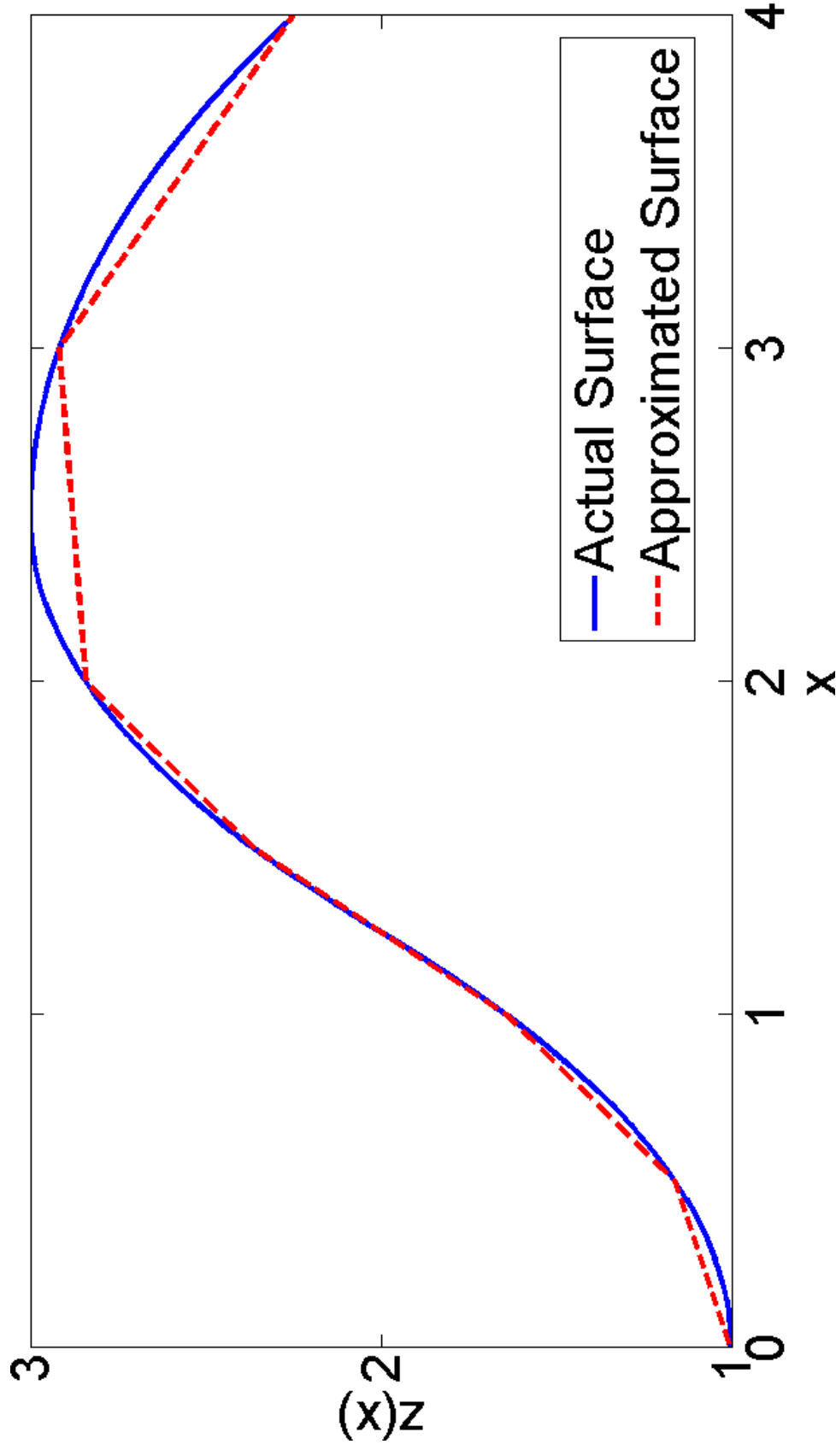
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# Surface Approximation Simulations

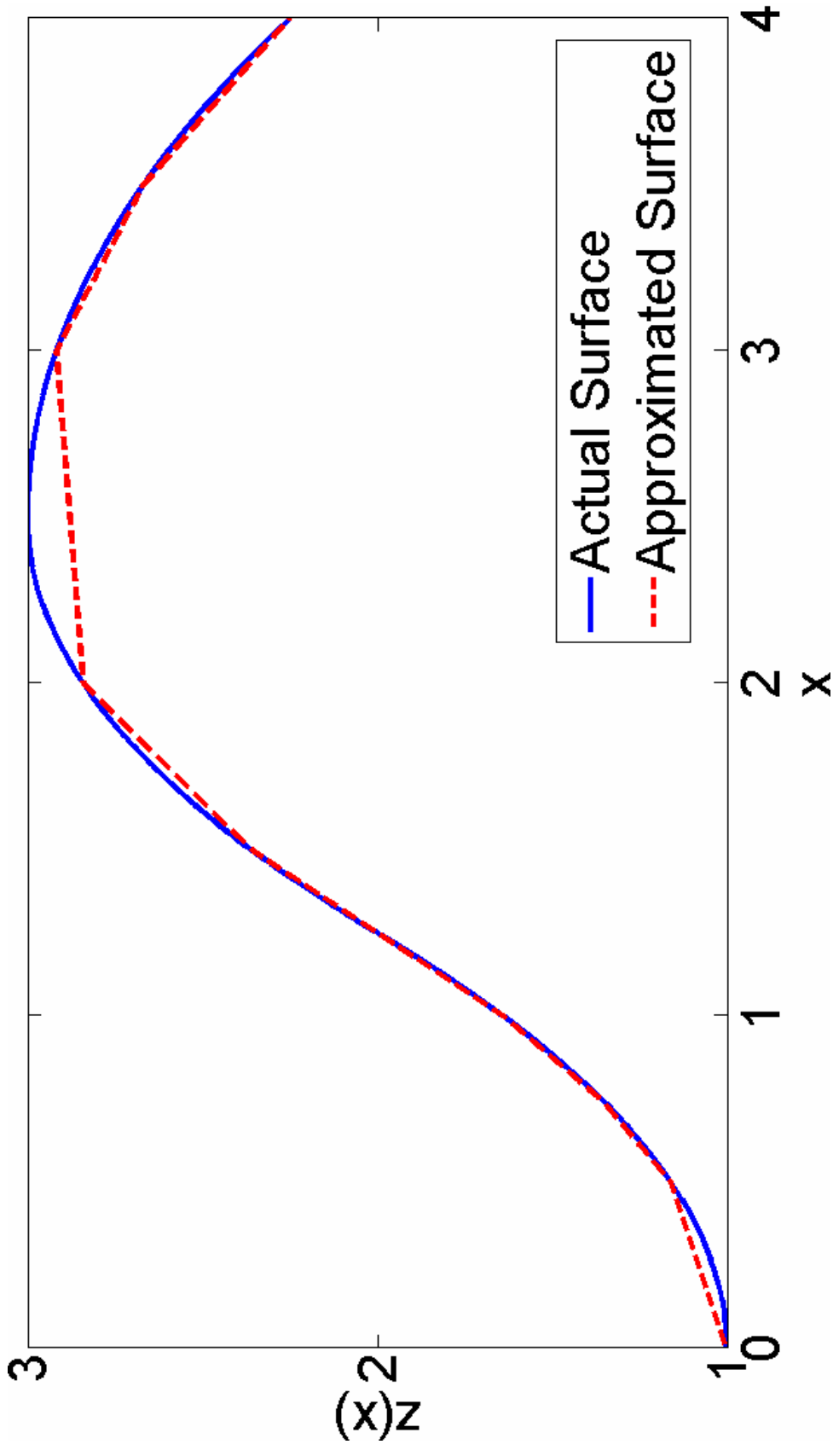
Approximation of the Piecewise Quadratic Surface using  $N_T = 20$ :



Initial Number of Planes = 16, Final Number of Planes = 6

# Surface Approximation Simulations

Approximation of the Piecewise Quadratic Surface using  $N_T = 150$ :

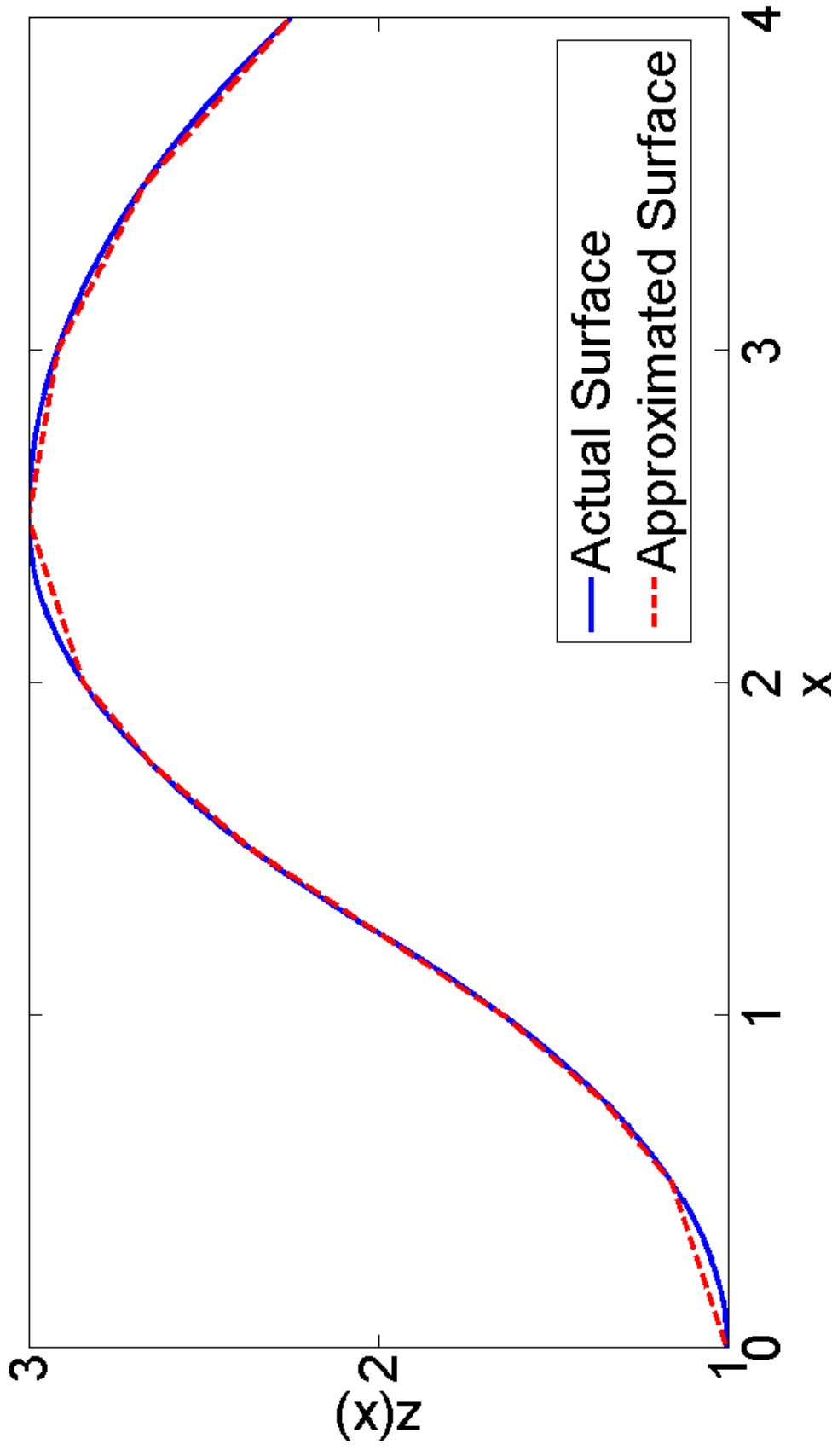


Initial Number of Planes = 16, Final Number of Planes = 8



# Surface Approximation Simulations

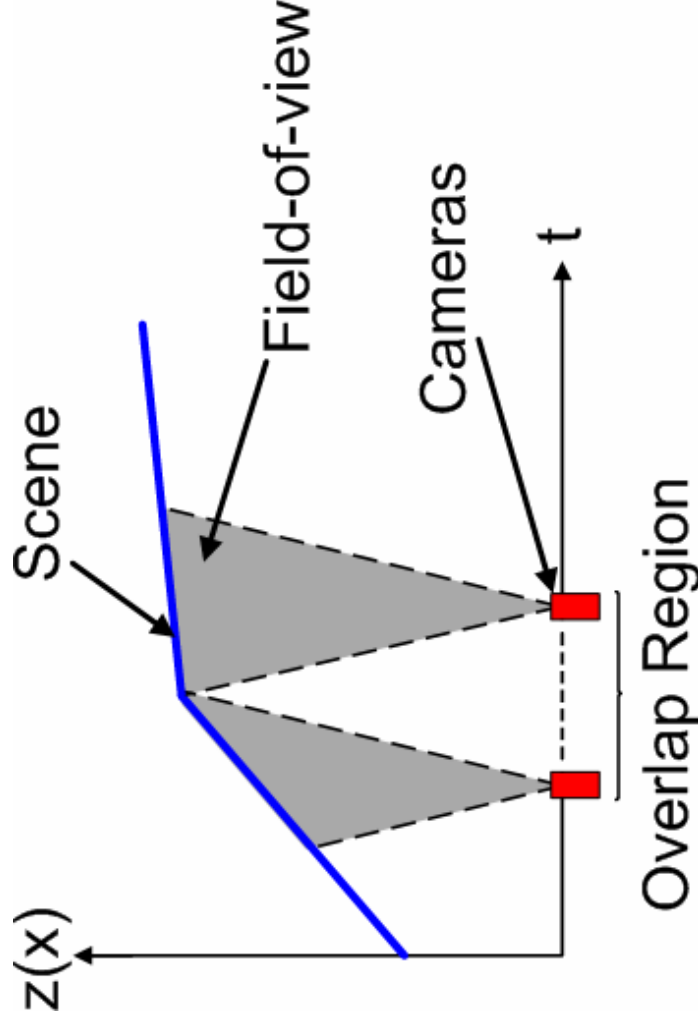
Approximation of the Piecewise Quadratic Surface using  $N_T = 300$ :



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# Sample Allocation to Sample Positions

Remember that multiple planes are visible in a single image

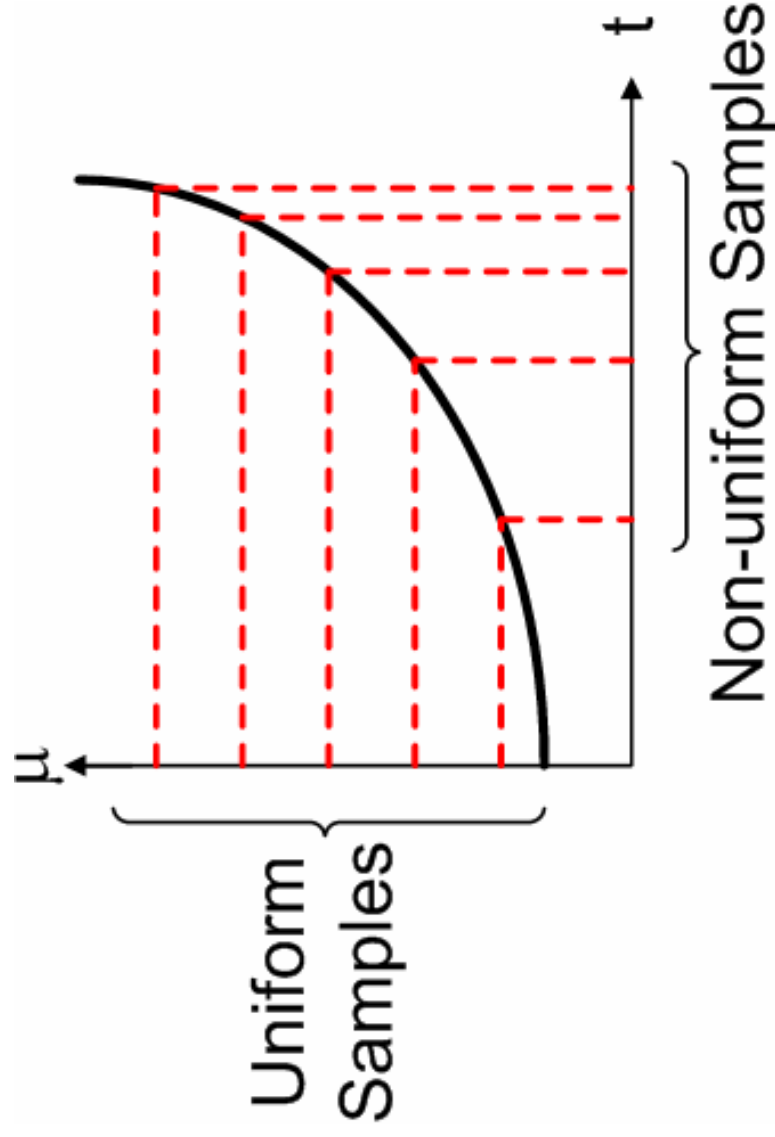


↪ Choose the highest sample rate in overlap region.

End result  $\implies$  A piecewise constant sample rate profile in  $t$ .

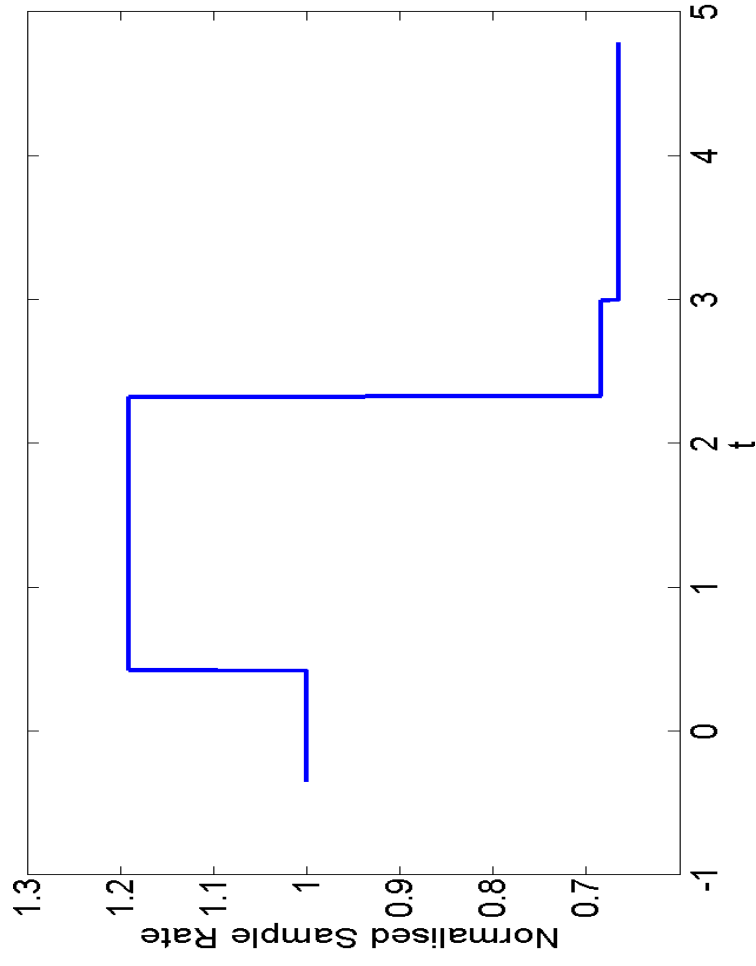
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Integrate sample rate profile to give a warping function  $\implies$  allowing coherent non-uniform samples

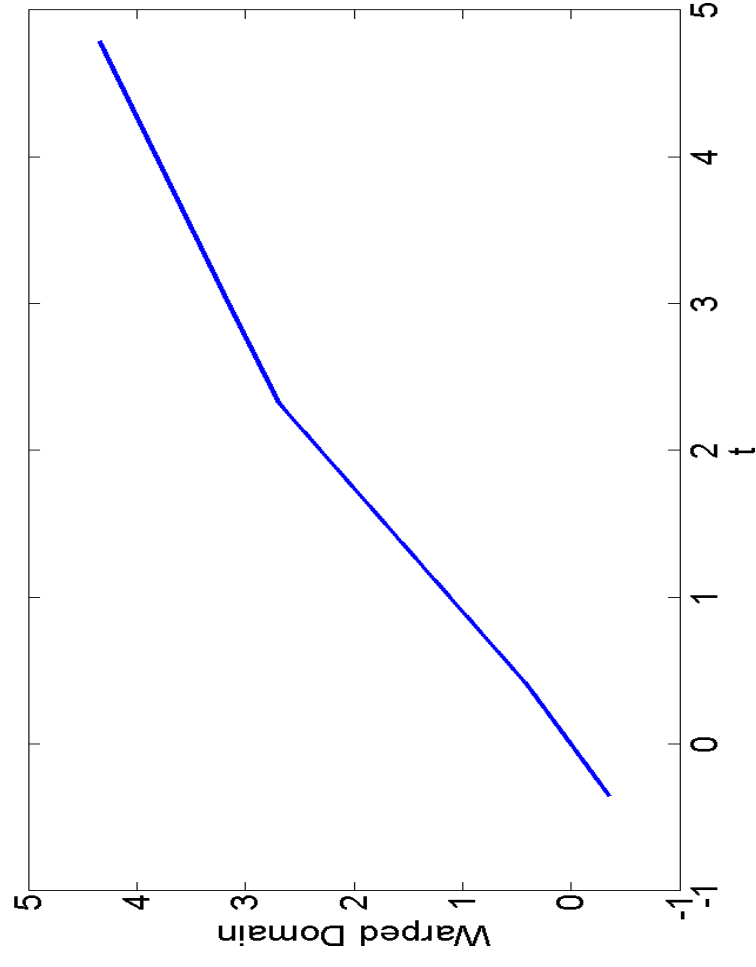


# Sample Allocation to Sample Positions Example

An example when  $N_T = 150$ ,



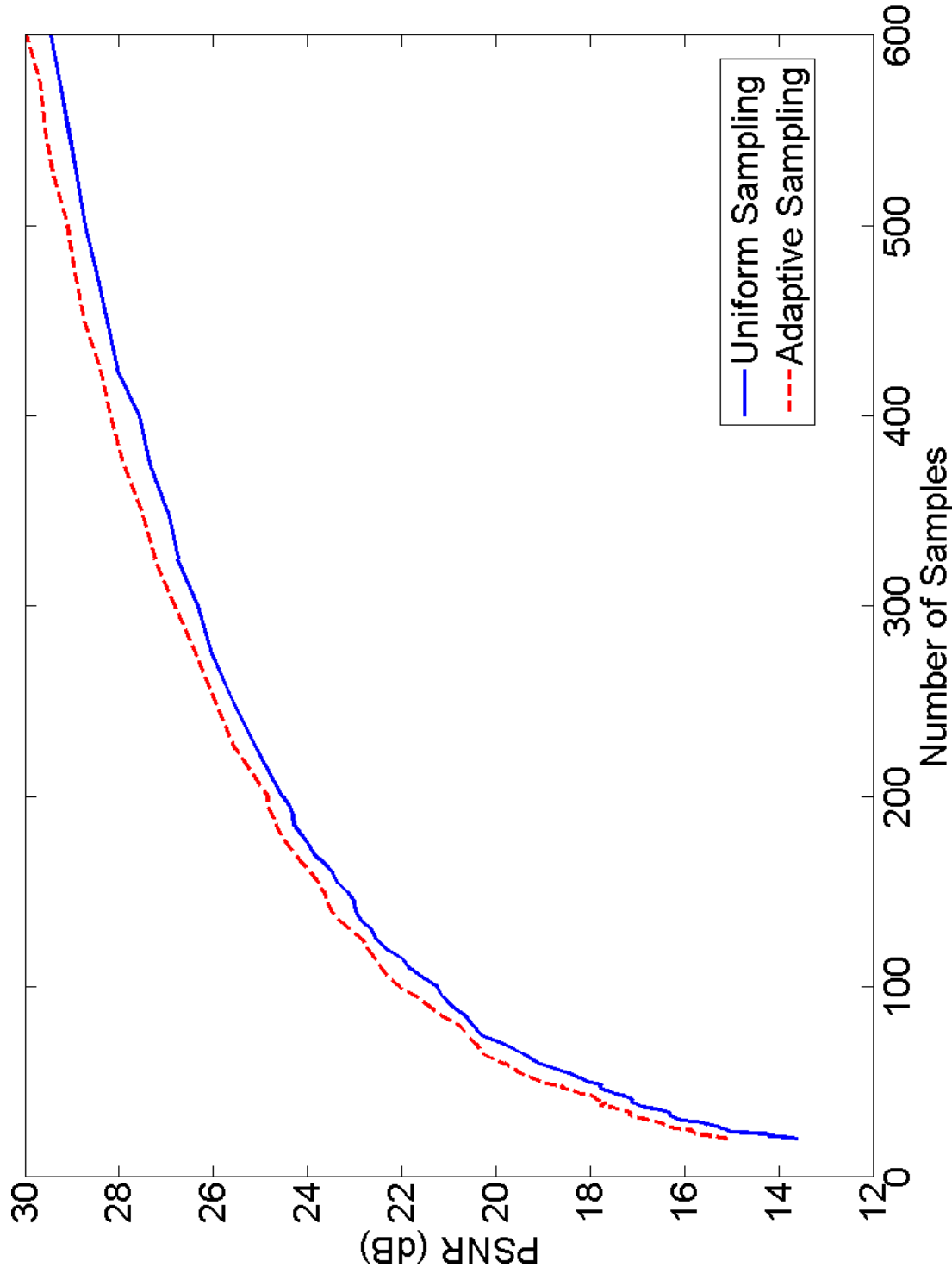
(a) Sample Rate Profile



(b) Warping Function

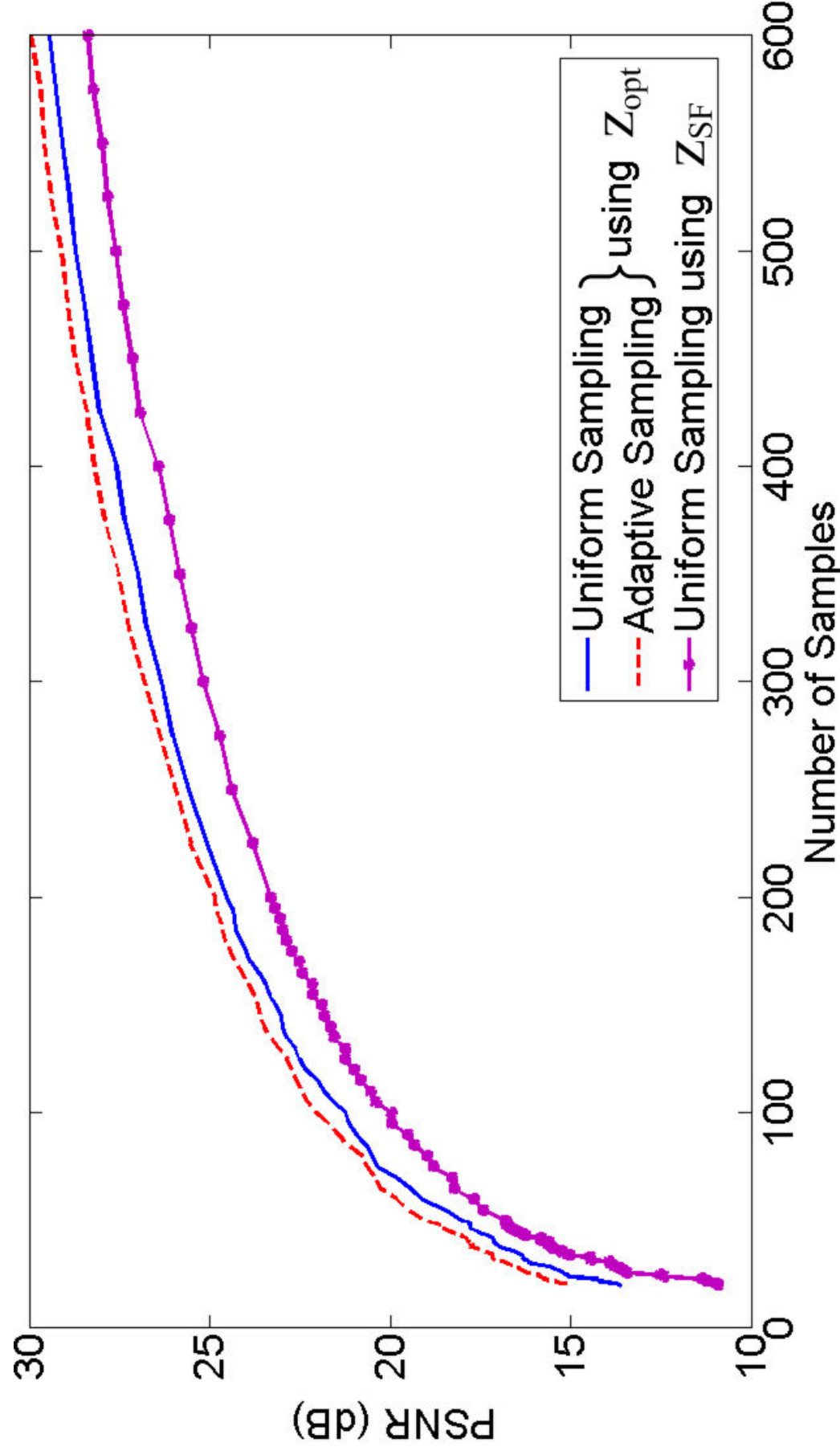
# Simulations Results

Comparison between uniform and adaptive reconstruction for the piecewise quadratic surface.



# Comparison with Standard Filter

Comparison between the reconstruction of the piecewise quadratic surface when using the standard filter and the new filter.

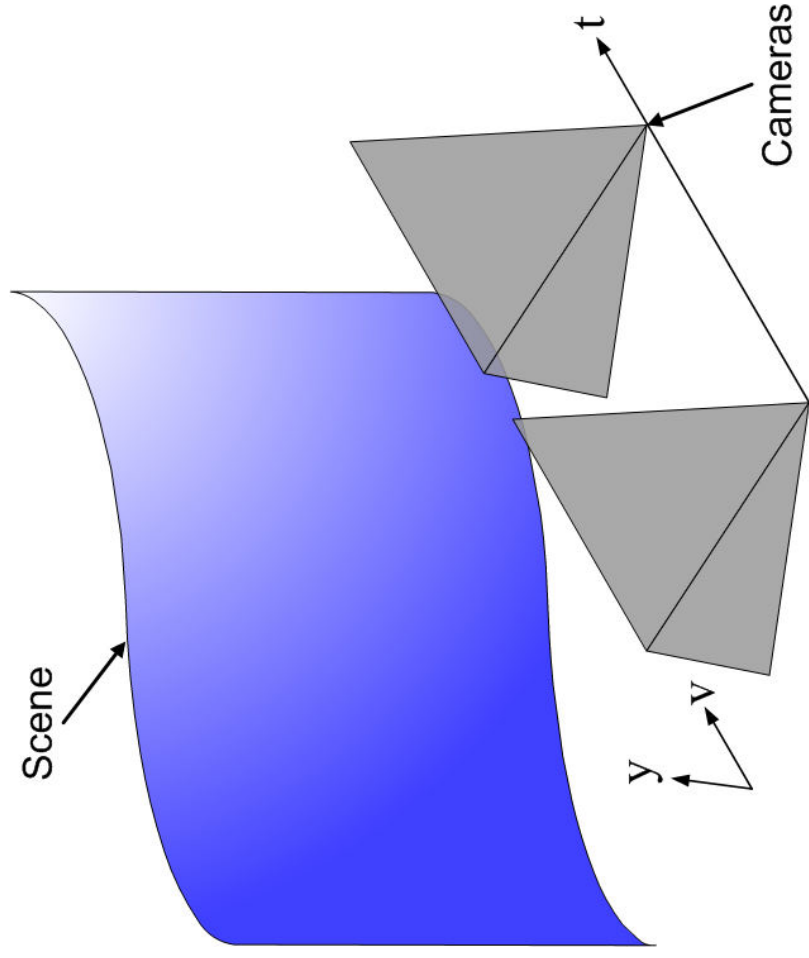


# Conclusions

- We present a method for adaptively sampling a scene with a smoothly varying surface by approximate the surface with a set of slanted planes.
- For a given approximation the samples are adaptive allocated to minimise the distortion in the plenoptic function, using a Lagrange multiplier.
- The surface approximation is optimised in a binary-tree framework, going from fine to coarse, depending on the number of samples.
- The plenoptic sampling theory for a single slanted plane is used to determine a piecewise constant sample rate  $\implies$  Non-uniform samples.
- Non-uniform sampling scheme outperforms normal uniform sampling.

# Future Work

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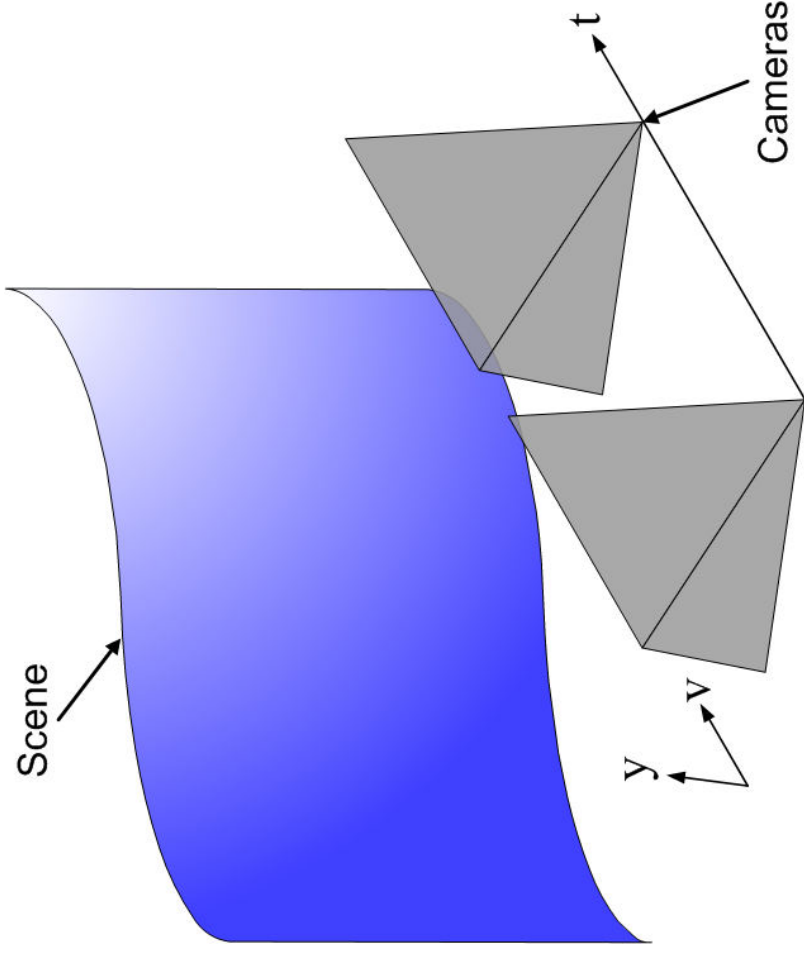


(a) 3D Lightfield

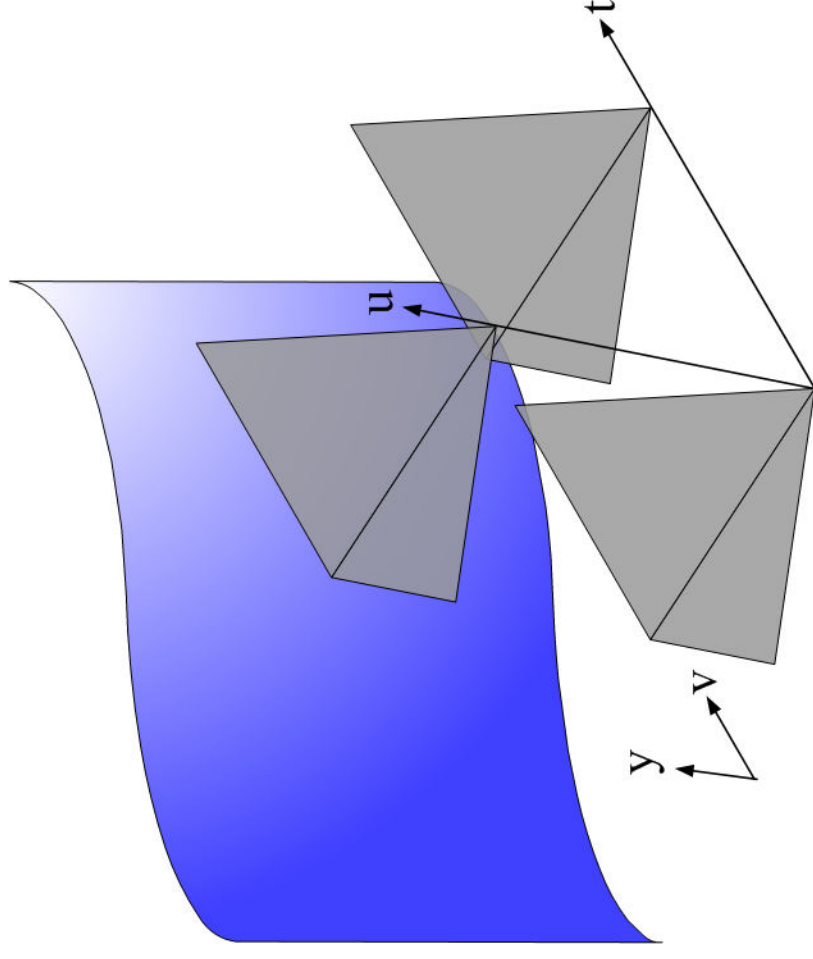


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(b) 4D Lightfield

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