



# Differentiable Event Stream Simulator for Non-Rigid 3D Tracking

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# Introduction: Problem Statement

*“Track non-rigid objects in 3D  
using an event camera”*



DAVIS 240C\*

\*[https://inivation.github.io/inivation-docs/Hardware%20user%20guides/User\\_guide\\_-\\_DVS128.html](https://inivation.github.io/inivation-docs/Hardware%20user%20guides/User_guide_-_DVS128.html)

# Motivation

- Micro-second resolution (**High frame rate**).
- No redundancy, low latency.
- High Dynamic Range (120dB).
- Low power usage (mW).

**Advantages of  
using Event  
Cameras**

- Motion blur during tracking using conventional cameras.
- High Redundancy using high frame rate cameras.

# Introduction: Event Camera

- Event Generation Model:

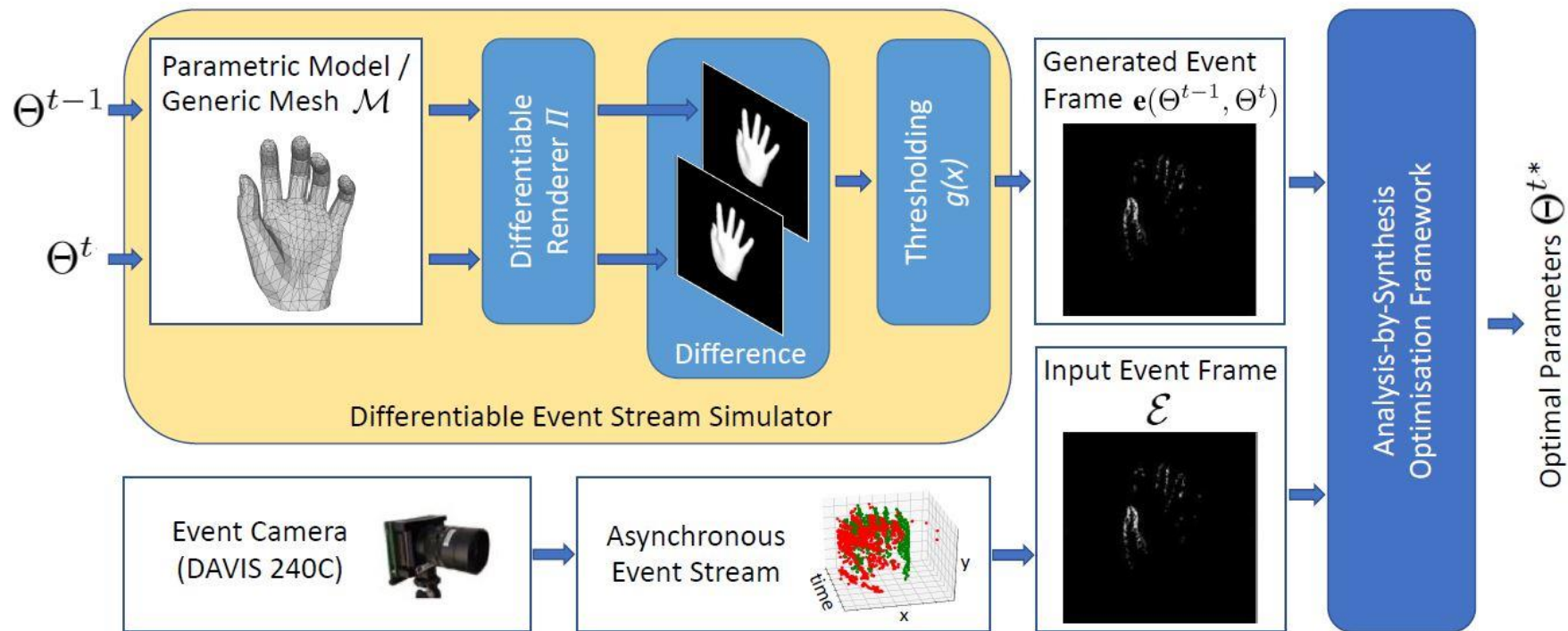
At time stamp  $t_k$

$$|\mathcal{L}(x_k, t_k) - \mathcal{L}(x_k, t_k - \Delta t_k)| \geq \mathcal{C}$$

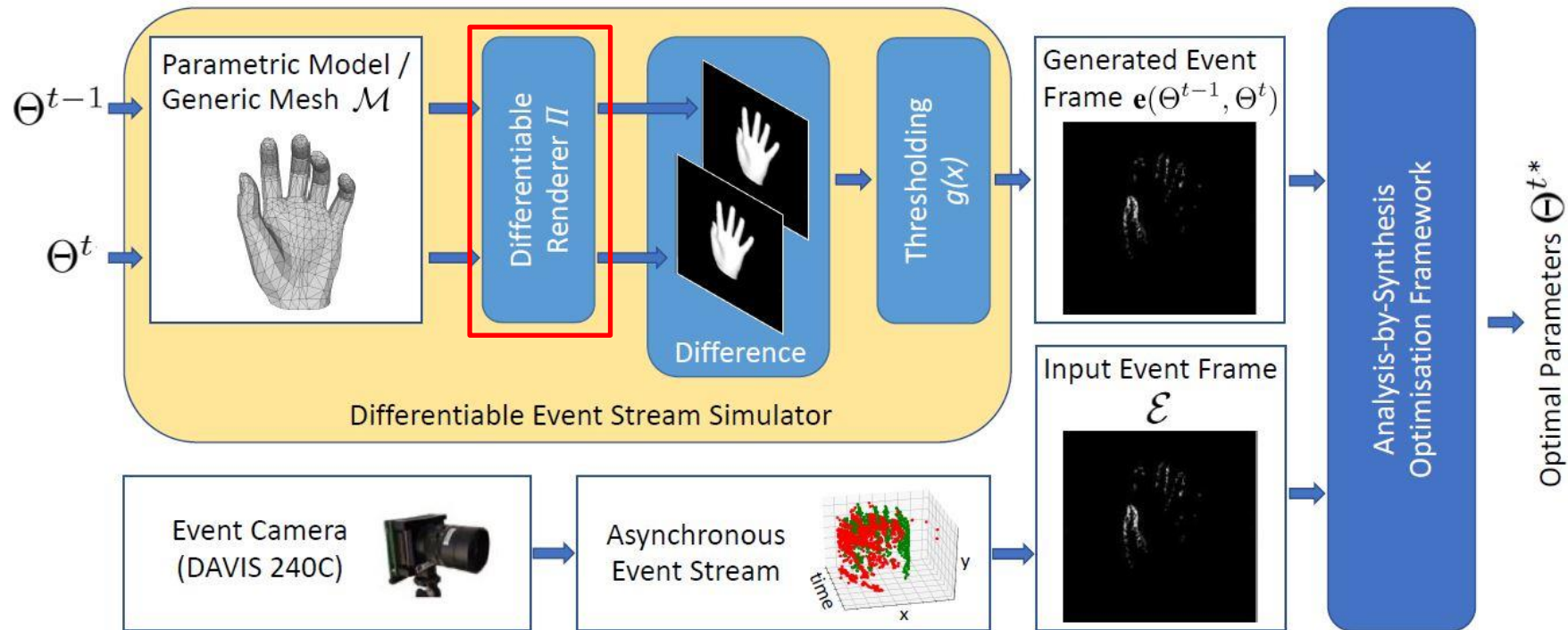
at each pixel  $x$

$\mathcal{L}$ : brightness     $\mathcal{C}$ : threshold parameter

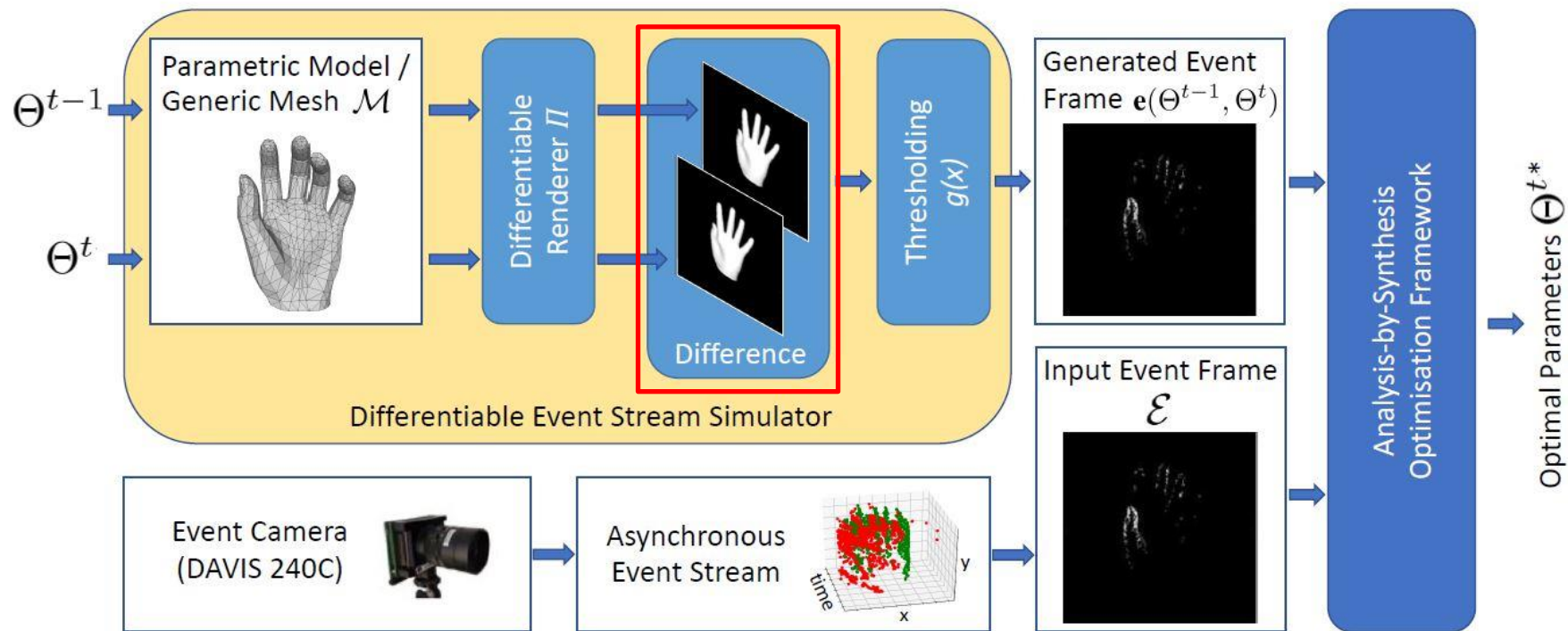
# Method: Pipeline



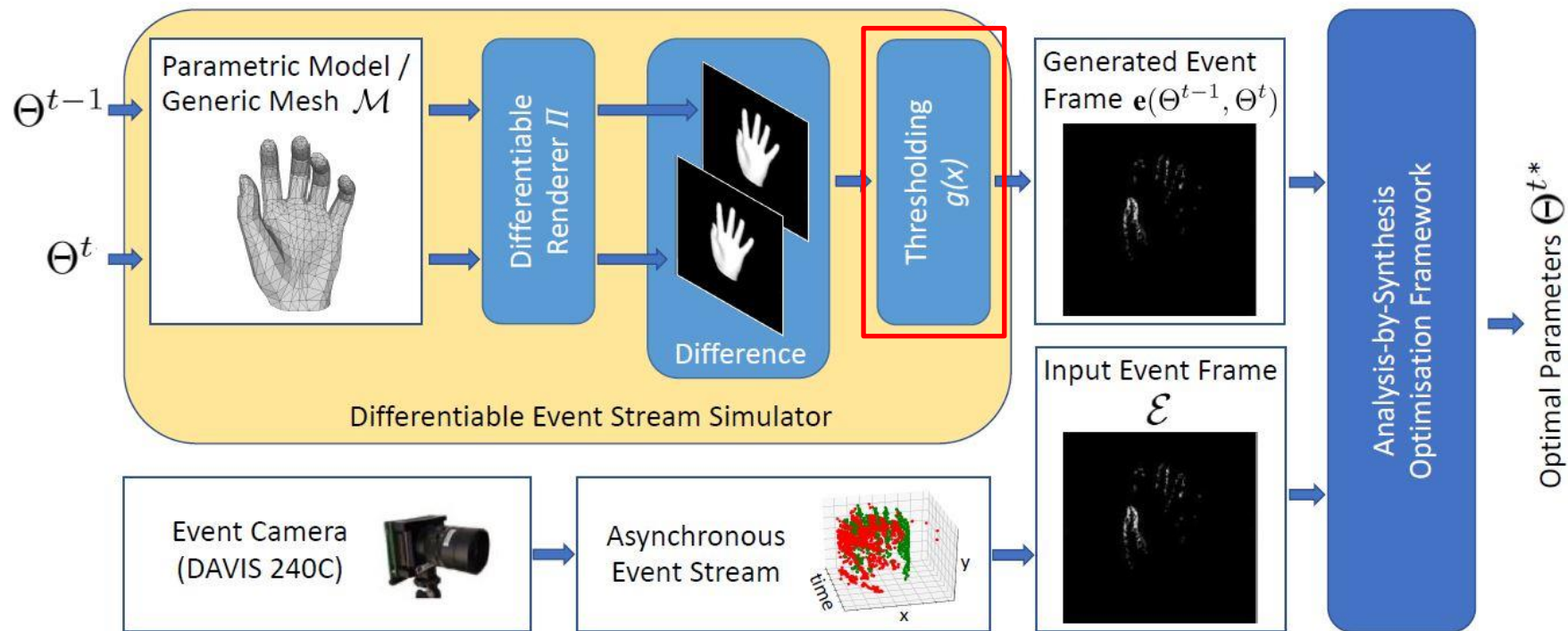
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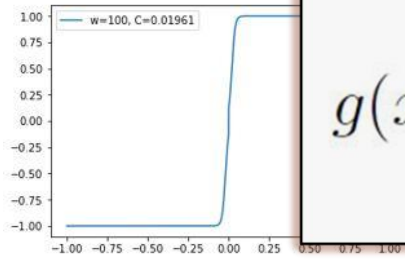
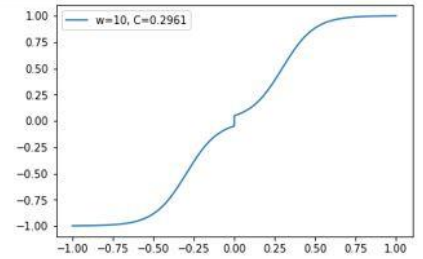
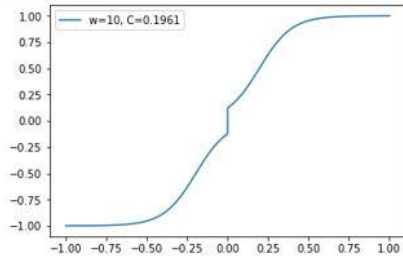
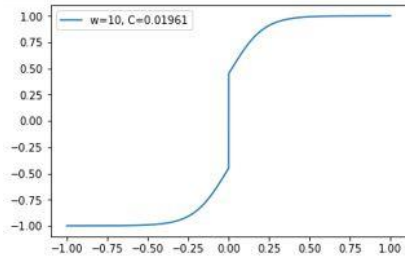
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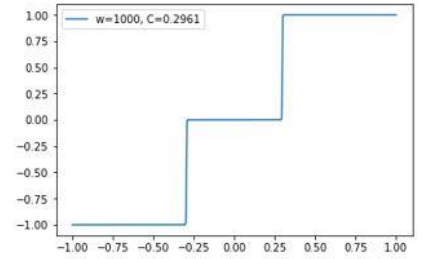
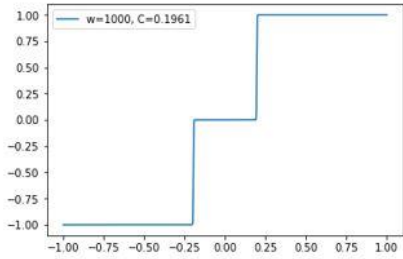
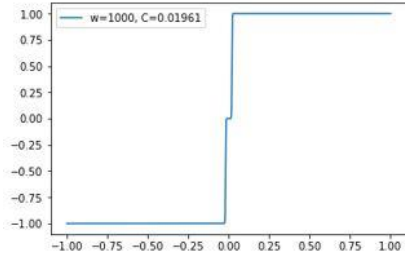
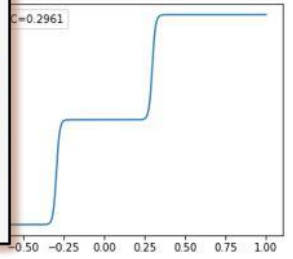
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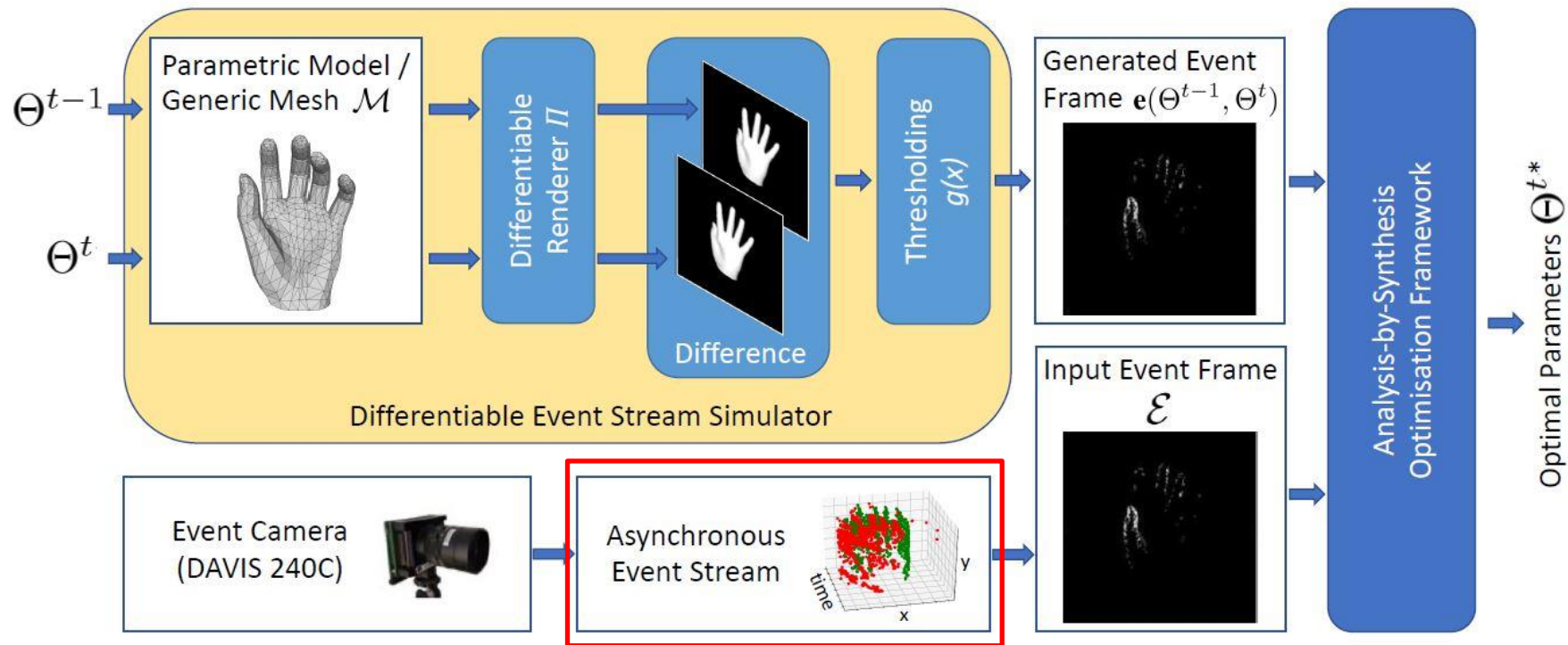




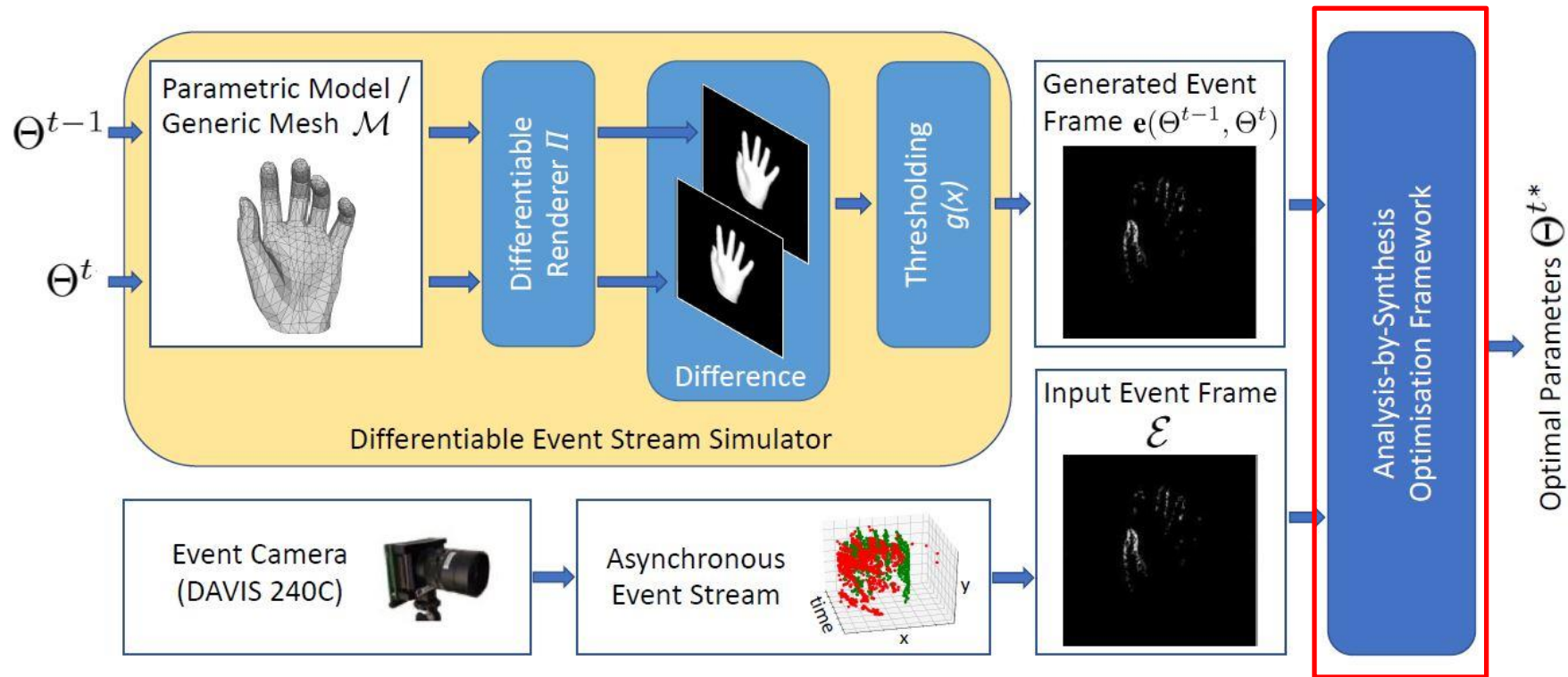
$$g(x) = \left( \frac{x + \epsilon}{|x| + \epsilon} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w|x| + wC}} \right)$$



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# Results: Synthetic Data



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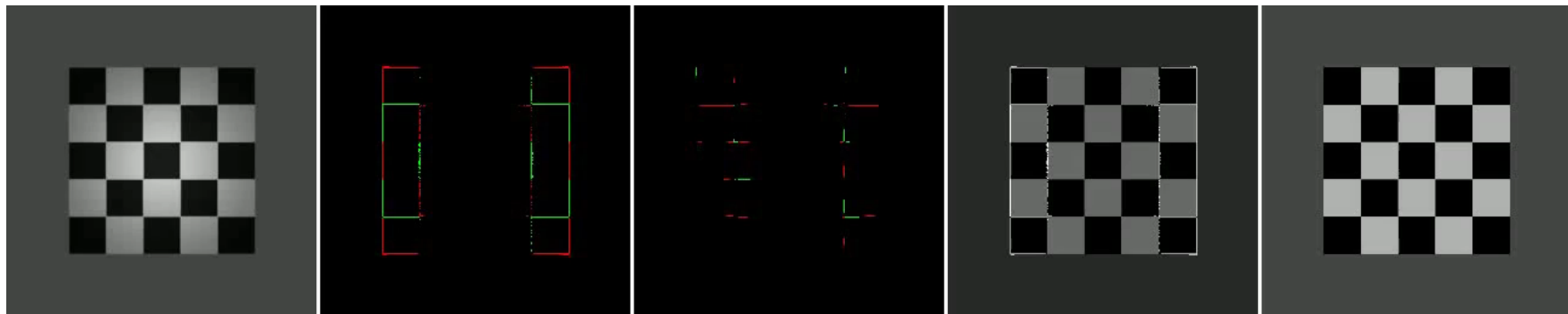
Input events

Generated events

Overlaid result

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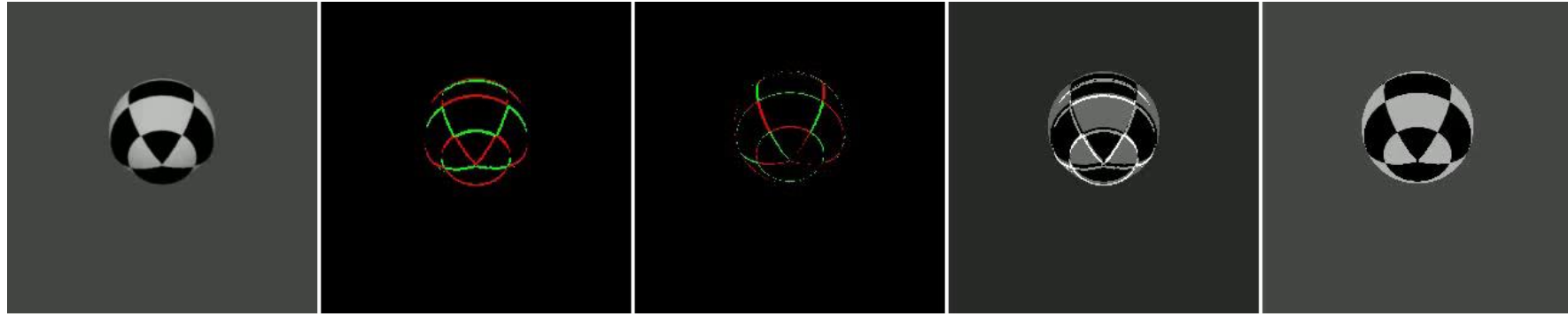
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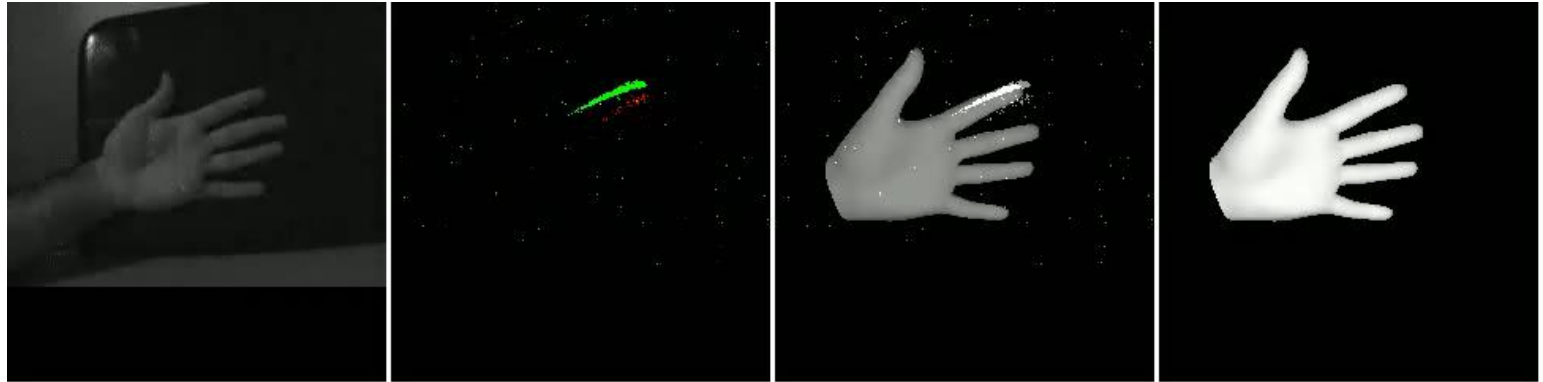
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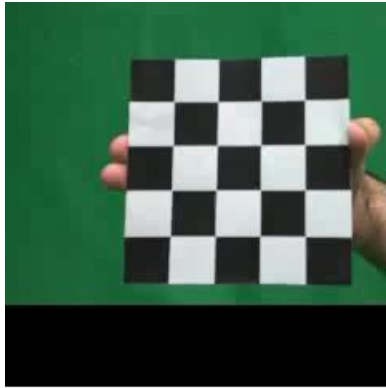
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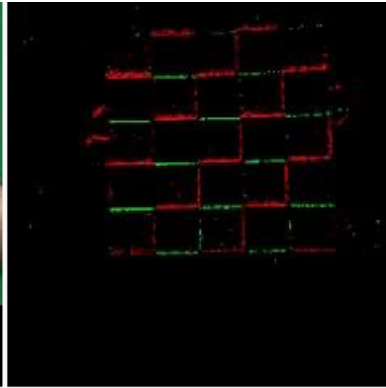
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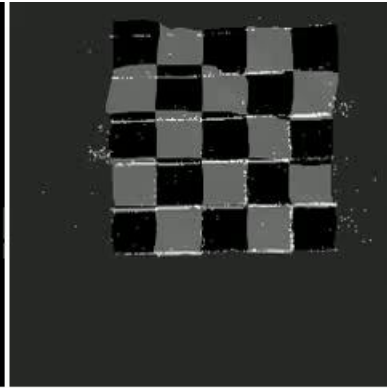
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Input RGB



Input events



Overlaid result



Result

# Thank You!

Check out our project page for the paper and source code:  
[http://gvv.mpi-inf.mpg.de/projects/Event-based\\_Non-rigid\\_3D\\_Tracking/](http://gvv.mpi-inf.mpg.de/projects/Event-based_Non-rigid_3D_Tracking/)