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Depth Image Coding & Processing Part 1: Introduction

Biography

D video

3D video Communication

(8 yrs)

- MS from **UC Berkeley** in EECS in 1998.
 - <u>Thesis</u>: Joint source / channel coding for wireless video.
- Communication

 (12 years)
 PhD from UC Berkeley in EECS in 2000.

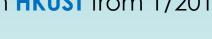


invent

- Thesis: Computation / memory / distortion tradeoff in signal compression.
- Senior researcher in HP Labs Japan from 2000 ~ 2009.
 - <u>Topic 1</u>: 2D video coding & streaming (2000~2007).
 - Topic 2: Multiview video, w/ Prof. Ortega (2007~).
- Faculty in NII from 11/2009 to now.
 - <u>Topic 1</u>: Image & video representation.
 - <u>Topic 2</u>: Immersive visual communication.
 - <u>Topic 3</u>: Graph signal processing.



• Adjunct associate professor in **HKUST** from 1/2015.





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NII Overview

- National Institute of Informatics
- Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.
- Government-funded research lab.



- Offers graduate courses & degrees through The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai).
 - 60+ faculty in "**informatics**": quantum computing, discrete algorithms, database, machine learning, computer vision, speech & audio, image & video processing.

Get involved!

- 2-6 month Internships.
- Short-term visits via MOU grant.
- Lecture series, Sabbatical.

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Video Communication: 2D to 2.5D to 3D

- 2D Video
 - 1 capturing camera @ sender.
 - 1 2D display @ receiver (non-interactive).



texture map depth map

Mesa's

SwissRanger

receiver

Microsoft Kinect

sender

Multiview Video Streaming

• Interactive view-switches among captured camera viewpoints.



Free Viewpoint Video Streaming

• Interactive view-switches to **any** virtual camera viewpoints.





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3D Imaging: Overview



- 3D Imaging? Given depth sensors capturing texture & geometry per pixel, process multi-d image data for 3D apps.
 - App 1: Immersive visual communication:
 - video conferencing (gaze correction, motion parallax)
 - free viewpoint TV (user view selection)
 - mixed reality (virtual objs + real view)



App 2: 3D data sensing & analysis:

- 3D event detection
- Non-intrusive health / sleep monitoring





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Potential Impact



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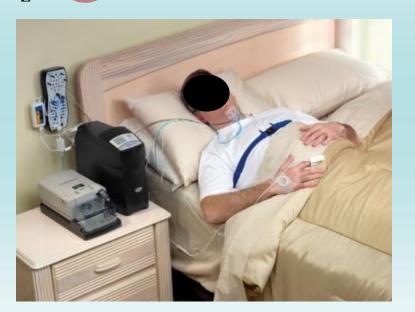
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- Commercial Immersive Communication
 - Immersive entertainment (Disney, Samsung).
 - Immersive conferencing (KDDI, Cisco).
 - 3D visualization (Microsoft, Google).





Enhance Virtual Reality is 1 of 14 grand challenges chosen by **National Academy of Engineering** for 21st century.



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- Growing Market for Health Monitoring
 - 1 / 4.5 Japanese have sleep disorders.

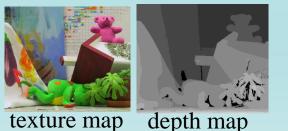
SAMSUNG

- Sleep clinic is 7 billion \$ US market.
- Imaging means "Non-intrusiveness".



3D Video Representation

- Texture + depth maps from 1 or more camera viewpoints [1].
 - Texture map: color image like RGB.
 - **Depth map**: per-pixel distance bt'n captured objects in 3D scene & capturing camera.
 - Synthesis of intermediate views via depth-imagebased rendering (DIBR) [2].
 - Computation-efficient.



• Unlike model-based approach, complexity not scene-dependent.

[1] P. Merkle, et al., "**Multi-view Video Plus Depth Representation and Coding**," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, San Antonio, TX, October 2007,.

[2] D. Tian, et al., "View synthesis techniques for 3D Video," Applit Training School 7/06/2035 Processing XXXII, Proceedings of the SPIE, vol. 7443, (2009), San Diego, CA, February 2009,.

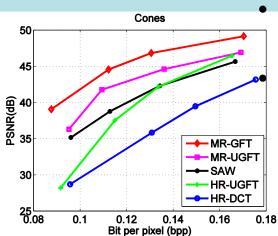
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Depth Image Compression

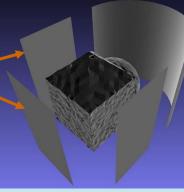


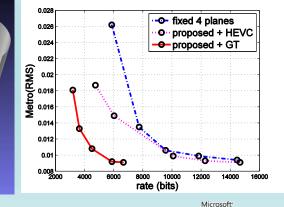




- **Goal:** reduce coding rate w/o distortion.
- **Graph Signal Processing:**
 - Graphs describe correlations bet'n neighboring pixels.
 - Transforms defined on graphs replace DCT.
- Depth Image Compression:
 - Graph Fourier Transform compactly describes PWS signals.
 - up to 68% bitrate reduction compared to HR-DCT [3].
- **Geometry Coding:**
 - Project 3D geometry to 2D image tiles.

35% rate saving for opt tiles w/ GFT over naïve tiles w/ DCT [4].





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edge

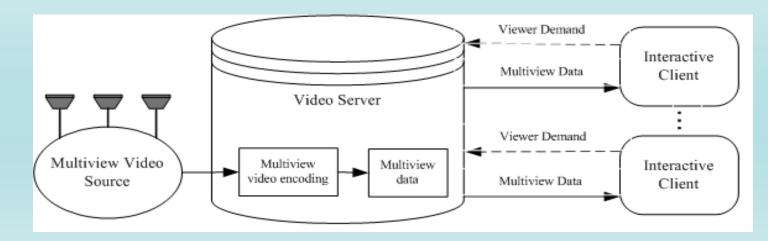
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Research [3] W. Hu, G. Cheung, A. Ortega, O. Au, "Multi-resolution Graph Fourier Transform for Compression of Piecewise Smooth Images," IEEE Trans on Image Proc, Jan 2015. [4] Y. Gao, G. Cheung, T. Maugey, P. Frossard, J. Liang, "3D Geometry Representation using Multiview Coding of Image Tiles," IEEE ICASSP, May, 2014.

Background to Interactive Multiview Video Streaming

Interactive Multiview Video Streaming (IMVS)

- A client can periodically request one of many captured views, as video is played back in time.
- To reduce transmission BW, transmit only views interactively selected by client.
- The encoding is done once at the server for a possibly large group of clients.



Background to Interactive Multiview Video Streaming

Multiview Video Coding (MVC) [5]

Code frames of all views in RD manner.

Disadvantage: MVC not suitable for IMVS

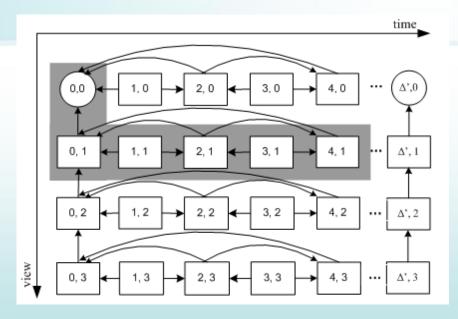
• Insufficient decoding flexibility for interactive view-switching of 1 view.

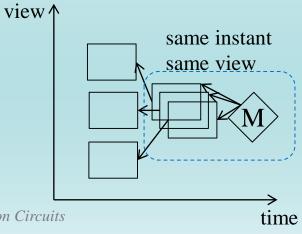
Redundant frame structure for IMVS [6]

- Multiple decoding paths to facilitate view-switching.
- Distributed source coding (DSC) frames to merge decoding paths.

[5] P. Merkle et al., "Efficient Prediction Structures for Multiview Video Coding," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and System for Video Technology*, vol.17, no.11, pp.1461-1473, November 2007.

[6] Cheung et al., "Interactive Streaming of Stored Multiview Video using Redundant Frame Structures," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol.20, no.3, pp.744-761, March 2011.



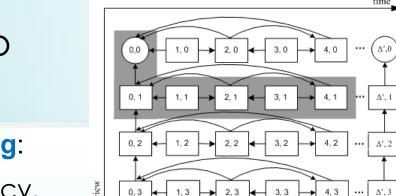


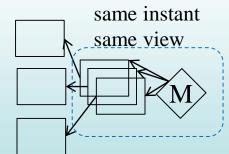
Advanced Interactive 3D Video Streaming

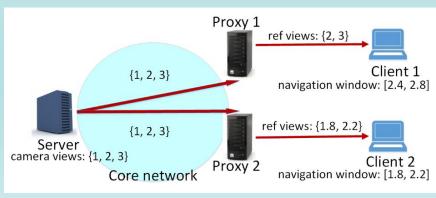
- 3D Video Compression with Flexible Decoding:
 - Prob: diff. coding in video has dependency.
 - Solution: Interactive view-switching using Merge frame built from piecewise constant func.
 - Distributed Source Coding w/o channel codes! [7]

[7] W. Dai et al., "**Rate-distortion Optimized Merge Frame using Piecewise Constant Functions**," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Melbourne, Australia, September, 2013. (Best student paper award)

- Interactive Navigation of High-dimen. Data:
 - 1. View selection for observer group [8].
 - 2. Synthesize new reference views at proxies for delay-free navigation at client [9].







[8] D. Ren et al., "Anchor View Allocation for Collaborative Free Viewpoint Video Streaming," *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, vol.17, no.3, pp.307-322, March, 2015.

[9] L. Toni et al., "**In-Network View Re-Sampling for Interactive Free Viewpoint Video Streaming**," accepted to *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Quebec City, September, 2015.

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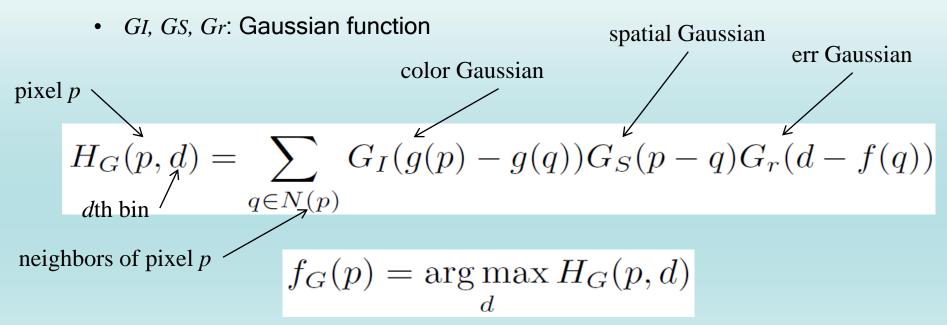
Video Enhancement for Depth Camera

- Problem: Depth images from ToF camera are low-resolution, blurred, noisy
- Setting: Given a noisy, lowresolution depth map D_L and a registered noise-free, high-solution color image I
- \rightarrow Estimate D_H



Proposed Method: Weighted Mode Filtering

- Generating joint histogram [10]:
 - g(p): color value at pixel p
 - *f*(*p*): depth value at pixel p
 - *f*_G(*p*): enhanced depth value at pixel p

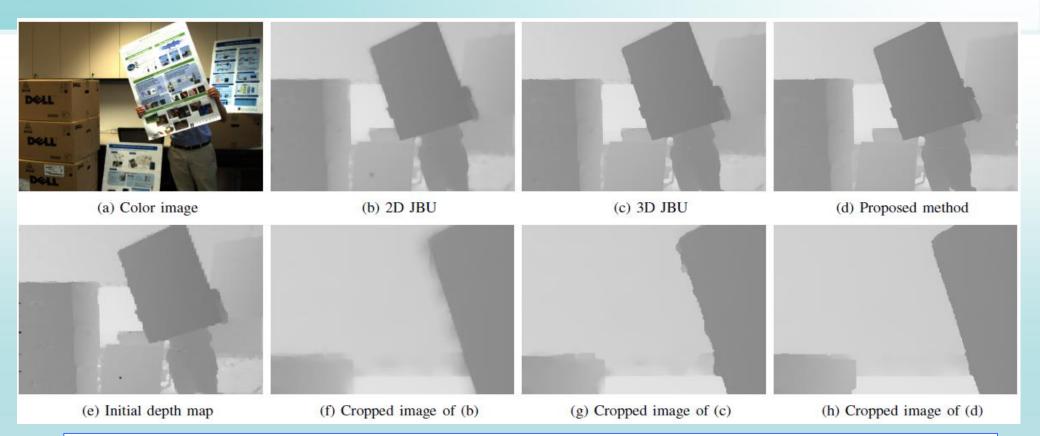


[10] D. Min, J. Lu, and M. N. Do, "Depth video enhancement based on weighted mode filtering," *IEEE Trans.* on Image Processing, 2012.

*Courtesy of Prof. M. Do, UIUC, USA

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Result Comparison



Up-sampling results for low-quality depth image (from 'Mesa Imaging SR4000', 176x144) with corresponding color image (from 'Point Grey Flea', 1024x768).

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Depth Image Denoising (w/o color)

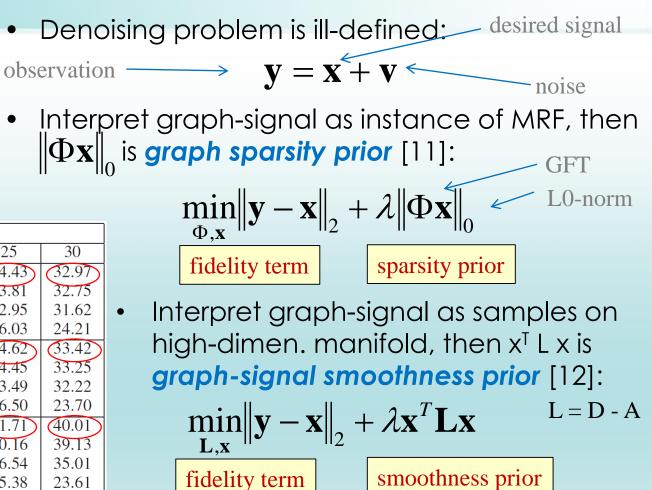


bilateral filter



nonlocal GBT

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Image	Method	10	15	20	25	30
Cones	NLGBT	(42.84)	39.18	36.53	34.43	(32.97)
	BM3D	40.56	37.49	35.28	33.81	32.75
	NLM	39.42	35.84	34.64	32.95	31.62
	\mathbf{BF}	33.34	30.53	27.96	26.03	24.21
Teddy	NLGBT	(42.29)	39.38	36.71	34.62	(33.42)
	BM3D	41.36	38.33	36.12	34.45	33.25
	NLM	39.57	36.24	35.17	33.49	32.22
	\mathbf{BF}	34.49	31.25	28.87	26.50	23.70
Sawtooth	NLGBT	(48.41)	45.30	43.22	(41.71)	(40.01)
	BM3D	46.04	43.51	41.84	40.16	39.13
	NLM	41.14	37.56	38.28	36.54	35.01
	BF	36.36	30.99	27.62	25.38	23.61

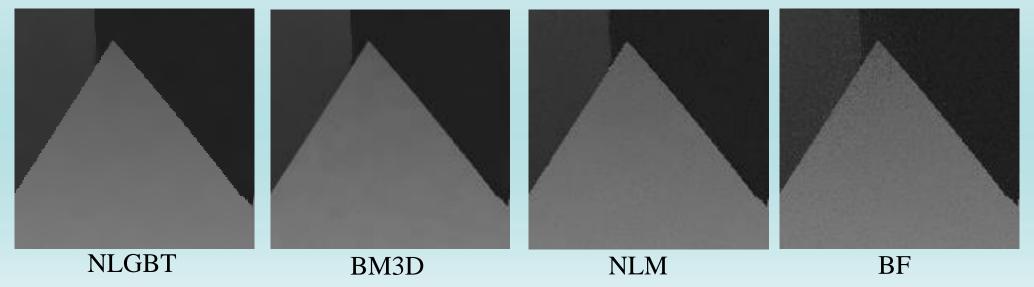


Joint denoising / compression of multiview depth images.

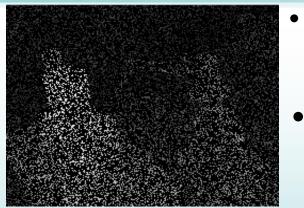
[13] W. Sun, G. Cheung, P. Chou, D. Florencio, C. Zhang, O. Au, "**Rate-constrained 3D Surface Estimation from Noise-corrupted Multiview Depth Videos**," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol.23, no.7, pp.3138-3151, July 2014.

Depth Image Denoising (w/o color)

- Experimental Setup:
 - Test Middleburry depth maps: Sawtooth
 - Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN)
 - Compare to: Bilateral Filtering (BF), Non-Local Means Denoising, (NLM), Block-Matching 3D (BM3D).
- **Results**: 2.28dB improvement over BM3D.



Depth Image Interpolation (local)



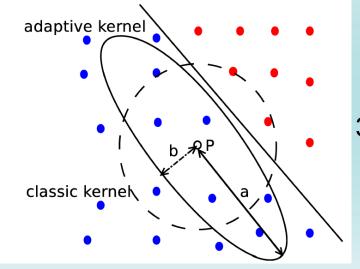
Depth image missing 85% pixels

Problem:

• Fill holes in sparsely sampled depth images.

ldea:*

- 1. Find right graph for missing pixels.
 - Adaptive kernel
- 2. Compute edge weights using initial values.

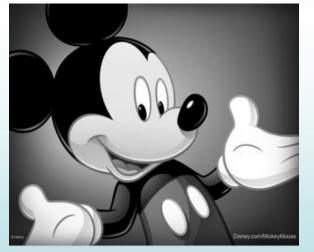


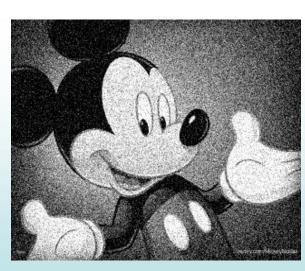
- $\mathbf{w}_{i,j} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\left|y_{i} y_{j}\right|^{2}}{\sigma^{2}}\right\}$
- 3. Find smooth graph-signal given observations.

$$\underset{x}{\min} \sum_{i} \left\| u_{i}^{t} x - y_{i} \right\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda x^{t} Lx$$
smoothness

prior

Denoising Results



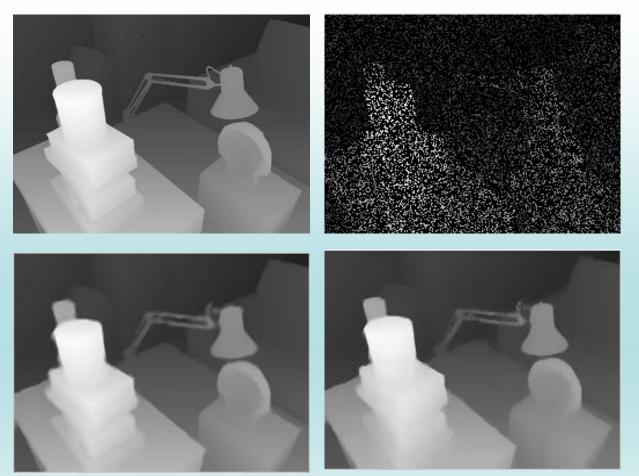


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Original	Noised (theta = 20)
LARK	Our Proposal
(26.99dB)	(27.36dB)



Interpolation Results

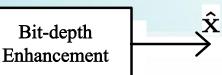


Original	Partial sample
LARK	Our Proposal
(34.82dB)	(35.31dB)

Image Bit-depth Enhancement







low bit-depth (LBD) image y—a *quantized* version of underlying HBD image X

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an estimate of the original HBD image

Objective: find $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ that minimizes mean-squared-error (MSE),

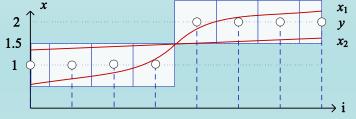
squared err

posterior prob of HBD signal x given LBD signal y

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{MMSE} = \arg\min_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \int \left\| \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x} \right\|_{2} f(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x}$$

C ...

Posterior: $f(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) \propto f(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x})$



Likelihood: equals to 1 iff x_i quantizes to y_i

$$f(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if quant}(x_i) = y_i, \ \forall i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

[15] Rudin et al, "Nonlinear total variation based noise removal algorithms", Elsevier, 1992

Smoothness prior: HBD signal is smooth

Conventional smoothness (*e.g.*, total Variation* are signal-independent \rightarrow *over-smoothing*

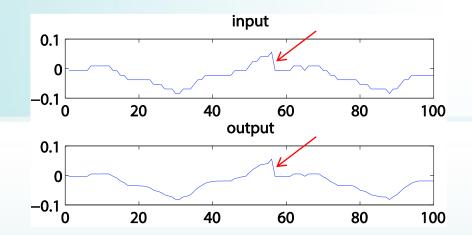
Image Bit-depth Enhancement Graph-signal smoothness prior

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{K} \exp\left\{-\sigma \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}\right\}$$

L is the graph Laplacian matrix describing inter-pixel similarities*

Proposed ACDC Algorithm:

- Compute edge weights from quantized signal.
- Compute MAP solution of AC signal.
- Compute MMSE solution of DC signal given AC signal.



Reconstruct smooth signal without blurring edges

Input bit-depth

	Table 1: Average PSNR results					
	ANC	SMOOTH	DECONT	INTERP	DMAP	ACDC
b=4	34.80	35.71	35.17	35.25	35.29	37.46
b = 6	46.93	47.36	46.70	48.48	46.99	49.50
b = 8	58.92	57.30	57.64	59.43	58.55	60.35





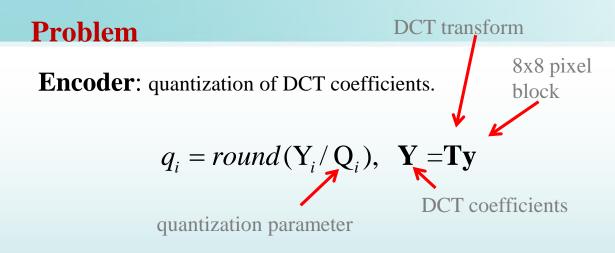
Ground-truth

Input y

Our output

[16] P. Wan et al., "**Image Bit-depth Enhancement via Maximum-a-Posteriori Estimation of Graph AC Component**," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Paris, France, October, 2014. (Top 10% accepted paper recognition)

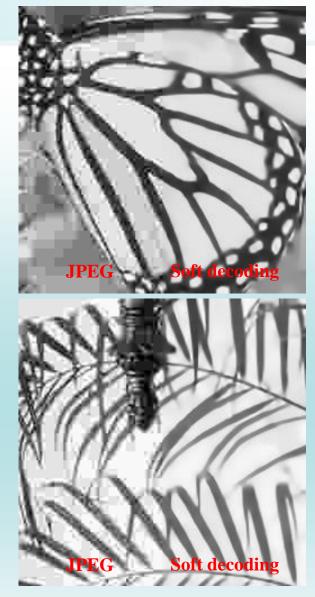
Soft-Decoding of Compressed Images



Decoder: 64 quantization bin constraints / block. $q_i Q_i \le Y_i \le (q_i + 1) Q_i$

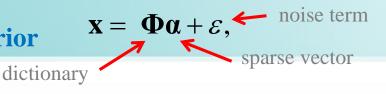
Soft Decoding

• Find most probable signal within quantization bins with help of pre-determined signal priors.

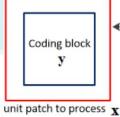


Priors for Soft-Decoding of Compressed Images

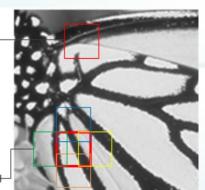
Sparsity prior



- Sparse linear combination of atoms approx. signal.
- Help restore high frequency content (image texture).



overlapped patches are estimated together



Graph-signal smoothness prior $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{K} \exp\{-\sigma \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}\}$

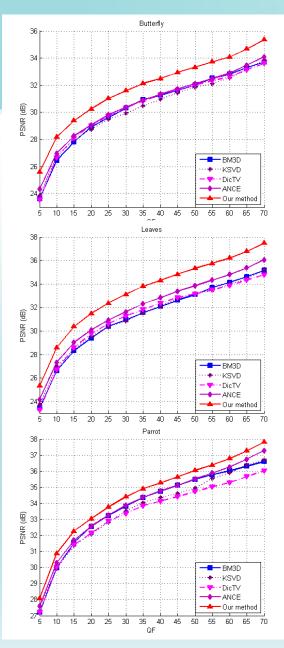
- Promote signal-dependent smoothing (avoid over-smoothing of edges).
- Help restore sharp discontinuities (image structure). •

Sparsity prior

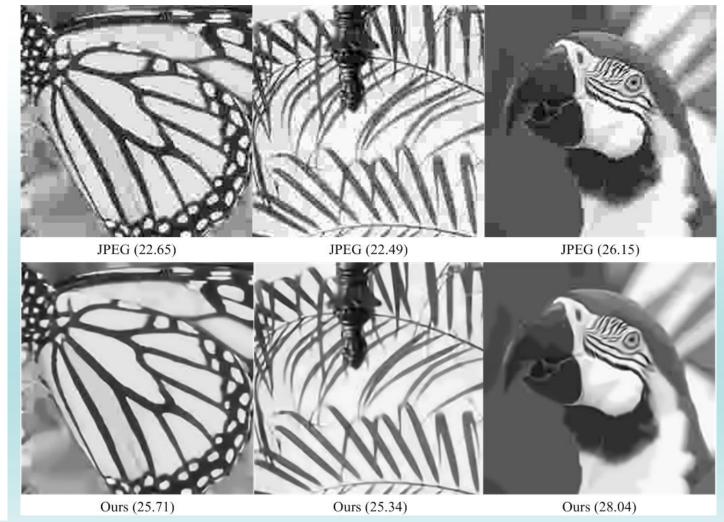
Objective function: combine two priors with inter-patch consistency:

$$\arg\min_{\{\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{a}_{i}\}} \sum_{i} \|\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{a}_{i}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{1} \| \mathbf{a}_{i} \|_{1} + \lambda_{2} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{L}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$
S.t., $q_{k,i} Q_{k} \leq \mathbf{1}(k)^{T} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x}_{i} < (q_{k,i} + 1) Q_{k}, \forall k \leftarrow \text{Quantization constraint}$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N} \ (i)} \| R_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_{i} - R_{j,i} \mathbf{x}_{j} \|_{2}^{2} \leq \tau \qquad \forall i. \leftarrow \text{Inter-patch consistency}$$



Experimentation



[17] Xianming Liu et al., "Inter-Block Soft Decoding of JPEG Images with Sparsity and Graph-Signal Smoothness **Priors**," accepted to *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Quebec City, September, 2015.

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Gaze Correction / Face Seautification in Conference Video

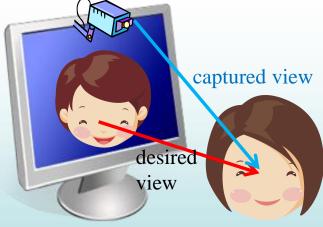
Gaze mismatch problem: video conference subjects cannot see eye-to-eye.

Solution

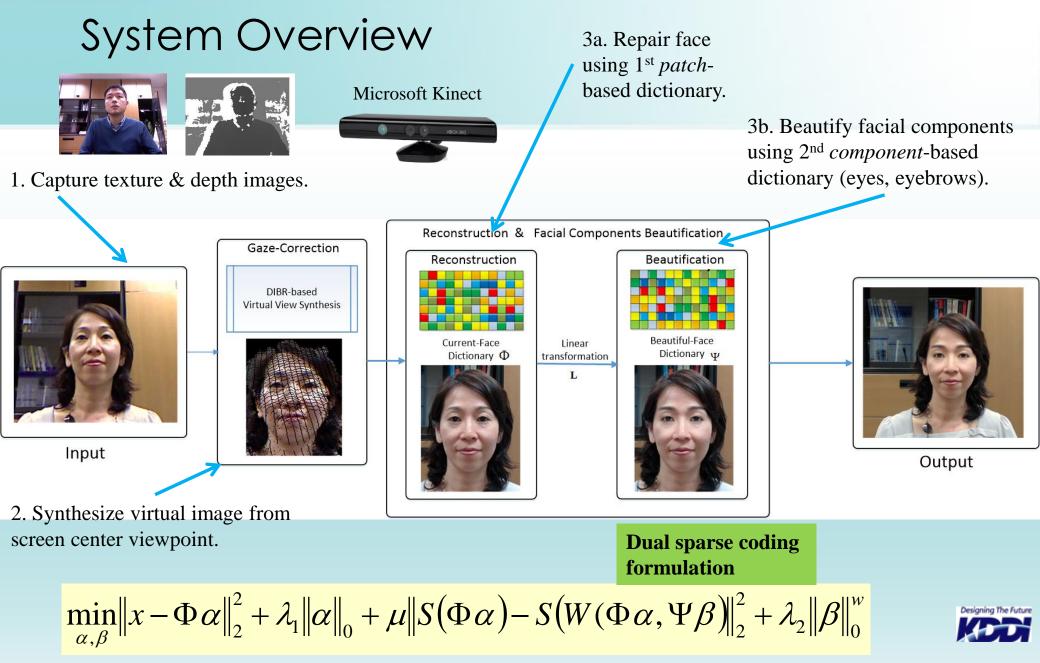
- 1. Learn offline frontal faces of **beautiful people** from large databases of images (**big data**).
- During conference, re-draw gaze-corrected faces
 & beautify facial components (eye, eyebrows).
- Handles "blinking".

Enhanced Reality: looks real, but overcomes limitations of reality.

Results: natural looking facial video, w/o explicit 3D geometric info. **Note**: 1 joint patent application w/ KDDI (submitted).







[18] X. Liu, G. Cheung, D. Zhai, D. Zhao, H. Sankoh, S. Naito, "Joint Gaze-Correction and Beautification of DIBR-Synthesized Human Face via Dual Sparse Coding," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Paris, France, October, 2014.

Gaze Correction / Face Beautification Image Results: no expression





Gaze Correction / Face Beautification Image Results: with expression





Gaze Correction / Face Beautification Video Results: talking gene



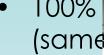
[19] X. Liu, G. Cheung, D. Zhai, D. Zhao, "**Sparsity-based Joing Gaze Correction & Face Beautification for Conference Video**," submitted to *IEEE International Conference on Visual Communication and Image Processing (VCIP)*, Singapore, December, 2015.

Sleep Monitoring via Depth Video

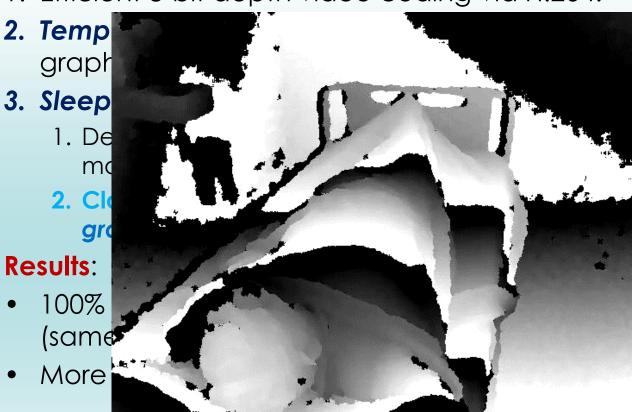
Problem: Detect *sleep apnea* non-intrusively. **Solution:** Sleep monitoring via depth video analysis Efficient 8-bit depth video coding via H.264.

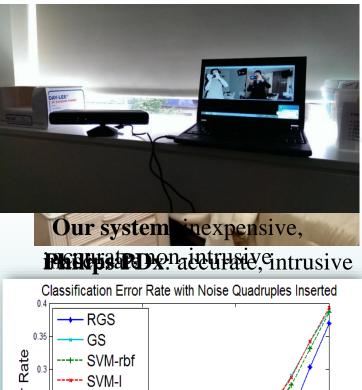


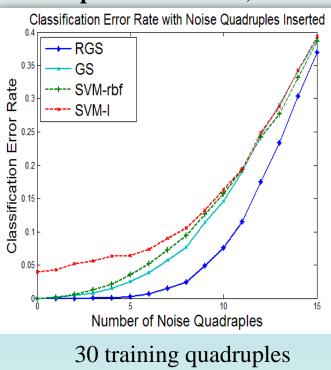










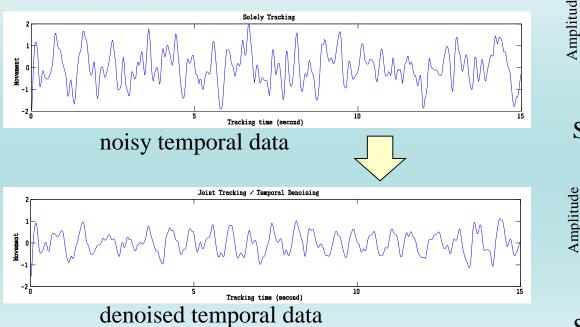


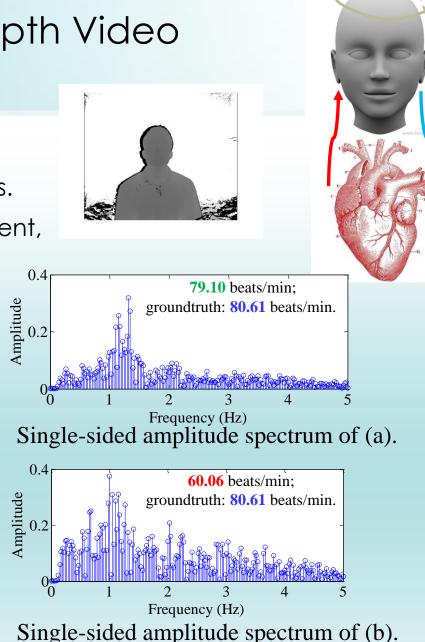
[20] C. Yang, Y. Mao, G. Cheung, V. Stankovic, K. Chan, "Graph-based Depth Video Denoising and Event Detection for Sleep Monitoring," IEEE International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing, Jakarta, Indonesia, September, 2014.

Heart Rate Detection from Depth Video

Heart rate detection from depth video:

- Head oscillates slightly as blood circulates.
- **Methodology**: joint bit-depth enhancement, denoising via GSP, motion tracking, PCA, identify largest frequency.





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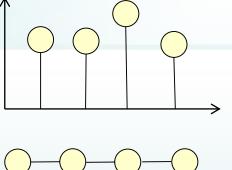
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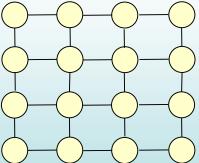
Traditional Signal Processing

- Traditional discrete signals live on regular data kernels (**unstructured**).
 - Ex.1: audio / music / speech on regularly sampled timeline.
 - Ex.2: image on 2D grid.
 - Ex.3: video on 3D grid.
- Wealth of SP tools (transforms, wavelets, dictionaries, etc) for tasks such as:
 - compression, denoising, restoration, classification.





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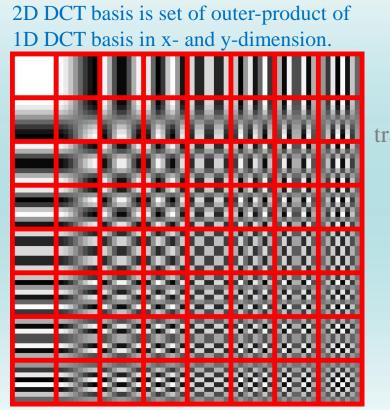


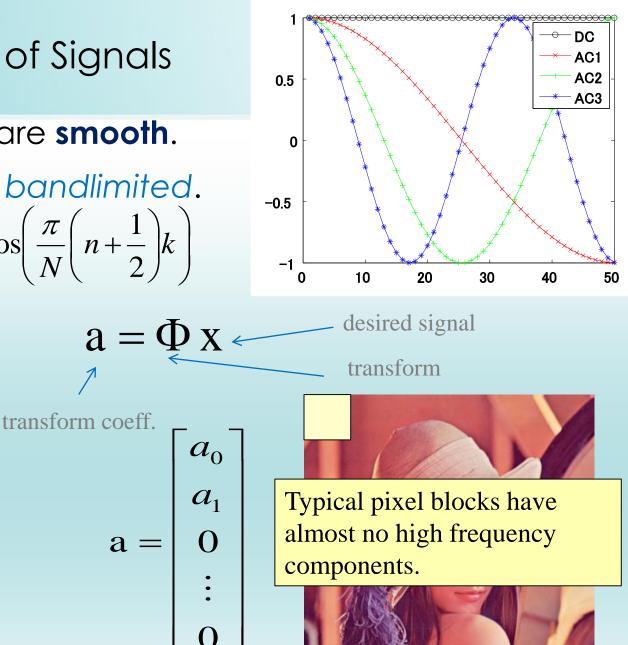
Smoothness of Signals

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- Many known signals are smooth.
- Notion of frequency, bandlimited.

• Ex.1: DCT:
$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{N}\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)k\right)$$





Sparsity of Signal Representations

- "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler." paraphrase of Albert Einstein
- "Among competing hypotheses, the hypothesis with the fewest assumptions should be selected (simplest explanation is usually the correct one)." Occam's razor
 (over-complete) dictionary
- Many known signals are sparse, desired signal (sparse) code vector $\longrightarrow a = \Phi x$ $E[xx^T] = C^{L}$ covariance matrix
- KLT: decorrelate input components.
 - Eigen-decomposition of covariance matrix.
- DCT approximates KLT*.

*Assuming simple AR process with same innovation variance.

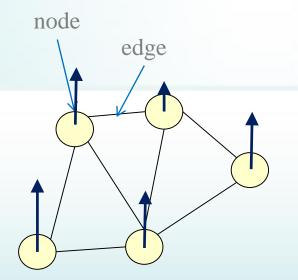
eigen-matrix

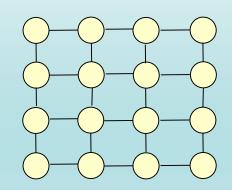
✓ diagonal matrix of eigen-values

Graph Signal Processing

- Signals live on graph.
 - Graph is sets of nodes and edges.
 - Edges reveals node-to-node relationships.
- Data kernel itself is **structured**.
- 1. Data domain is naturally a graph.
 - Ex.1: posts on social networks.
 - Ex.2: temperatures on sensor networks.
- 2. Embed signal structure in graph.
 - **Ex.1: images:** 2D grid \rightarrow structured graph.

Graph Signal Processing (GSP) addresses the problem of processing signals that live on graphs.



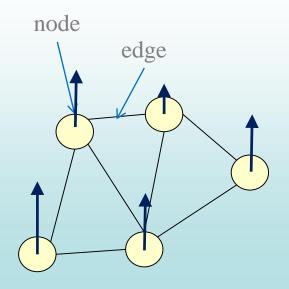


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Graph Signal Processing

Research questions:

- **Sampling**: how to efficiently acquire / sense a graph-signal?
 - Graph sampling theorems.
- **Representation**: Given graph signal, how to compactly represent it?
 - Transforms, wavelets, dictionaries.
- **Signal restoration**: Given noisy and/or partial graph-signal, how to recover it?
 - Graph-signal priors.



Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) for Graph-signals

Graph Fourier Transform:

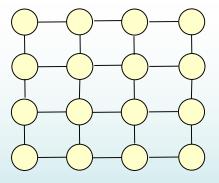
- Signal-adaptive transform:
 - 1. If two connected pixels are "similar", then edge weight is large \rightarrow adjacency matrix A.

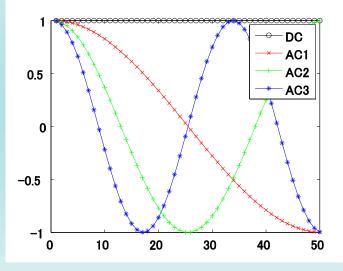


3. Perform eigen-decomposition on L for GFT.

 $x = \sum a_i \varphi_i$

• Intuition: Embed geometric structure of signal as edge weights in graph.





Facts of Graph Laplacian & GFT

- L is a high-pass filter.
- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$ is one measure of variation in signal. $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2 = \sum_i \lambda \alpha_i^2$

L for 4-node unweighted line graph

 $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- L is positive semi-definite; eigenvalues λ 's $\geq 0 \rightarrow$ eigenvalues are graph frequencies.
- L = D A; $\lambda = 0$ must be eigenvalue w/vector $[1 \dots 1]^T$.
- Use eigenvectors for spectral decomposition of signal.
 - GFT defaults to **DCT** for un-weighted connected line.
 - GFT defaults to **DFT** for un-weighted connected circle.

Usage Example: first non-zero eigenvalue \rightarrow spectral clustering (Shi

& Malik'00).

Summary

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 - Immersive Visual Communication: video conf., mixed reality
 - 3D Data sensing & analysis: health monitoring
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