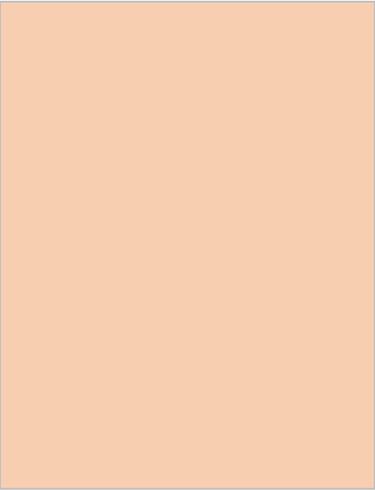


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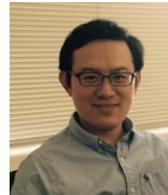
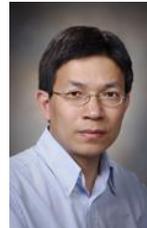


# Recent Advances in Graph Spectral Image Processing

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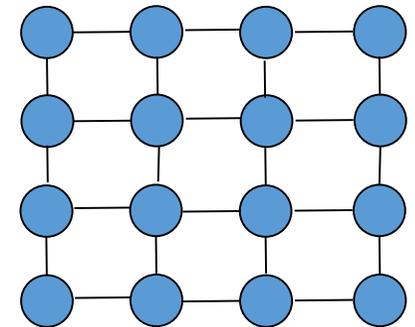
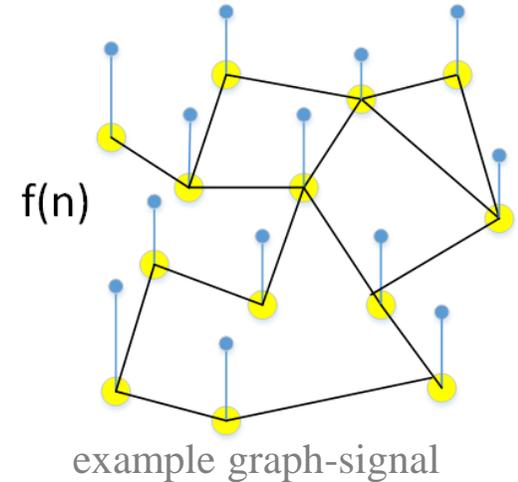
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# Why GSP for Image Processing?

- **GSP**: signals on *irregular* data kernels described by graphs.
  - Graph: nodes and edges.
  - Edges reveals *node-to-node relationships*.
- 1. Graph captures underlying image statistics.
  - **Ex**: GFT decorrelates signal for compression.
- 2. Graph captures (dis)similarities of pixels.
  - **Ex**: Bilateral filter weights based on Euclidean / photometric distance.

GSP provides design space of spectrum for image filtering.



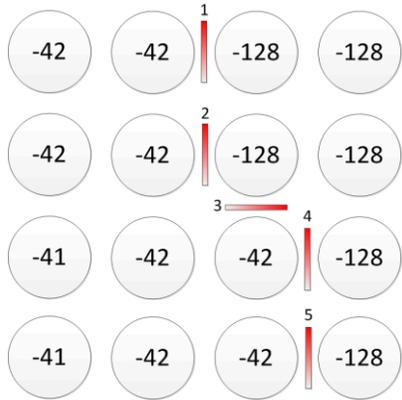
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- GSP for Image Compression
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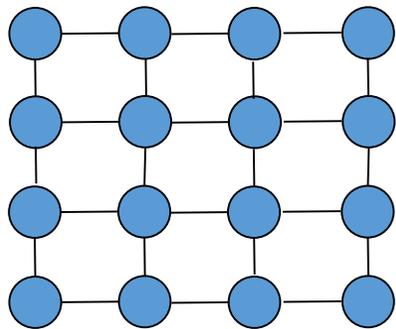
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# GFT for Image Compression



- DCT are *fixed* basis. Can we do better?
- **Idea:** use *adaptive* GFT to improve sparsity [1].

1. Assign edge weight 1 to adjacent pixel pairs.
2. Assign edge weight 0 to sharp signal discontinuity.
3. Compute GFT for transform coding, transmit coeff.



$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x}$$

← GFT

4. Transmit bits (*contour*) to identify chosen GFT to decoder (**overhead of GFT**).

[1] G. Shen et al., “Edge-adaptive Transforms for Efficient Depth Map Coding,” *IEEE Picture Coding Symposium*, Nagoya, Japan, December 2010.

[2] W. Hu, G. Cheung, X. Li, O. Au, “Depth Map Compression using Multi-resolution Graph-based Transform for Depth-image-based Rendering,” *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Orlando, FL, September 2012.

# GFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

- Assume a 1D 1st-order *autoregressive (AR) process*  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_N]^T$  where,

$$x_k = \begin{cases} \eta & k = 1 \\ x_{k-1} + e_k & 1 < k \leq N \end{cases}$$

0-mean r.v. with large var.  $\sigma^2$ 
0-mean r.v. with var.  $\sigma_k^2$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x_1 = \eta \\
 x_2 - x_1 = e_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 x_N - x_{N-1} = e_N
 \end{array}
 \quad \Rightarrow \quad
 \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{bmatrix}$$

# GFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

- Covariance matrix

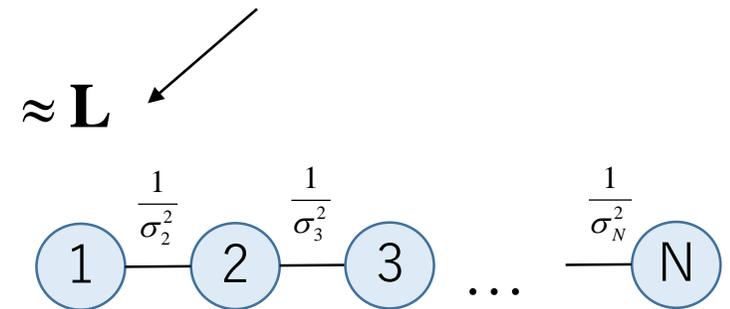
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= E[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \\ &= E[\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T] = E[\mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{F}^{-1})^T] \\ &= \mathbf{F}^{-1} E[\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T] (\mathbf{F}^{-1})^T \end{aligned}$$

$$E[\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_N^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Precision matrix (**tri-diagonal**)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_3^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & & -\frac{1}{\sigma_{N-1}^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_{N-1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Graph Laplacian matrix!



# GFT for PWS Image Coding

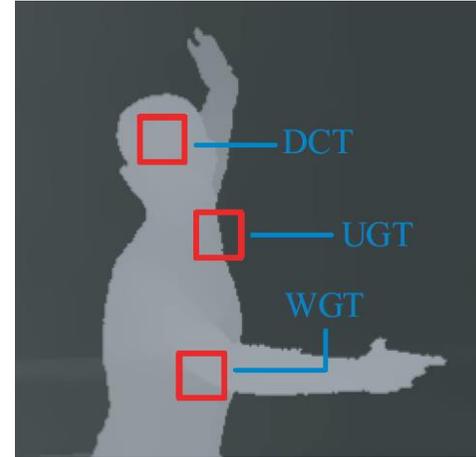
- Graph Laplacian  $\approx$  Precision Matrix  $\rightarrow$  GFT approx. *Karhunen-Loeve Transform* (KLT).

- Encode blocks with **signal-decorrelation** GFT.

Rate of transform coefficient vector  $\alpha$

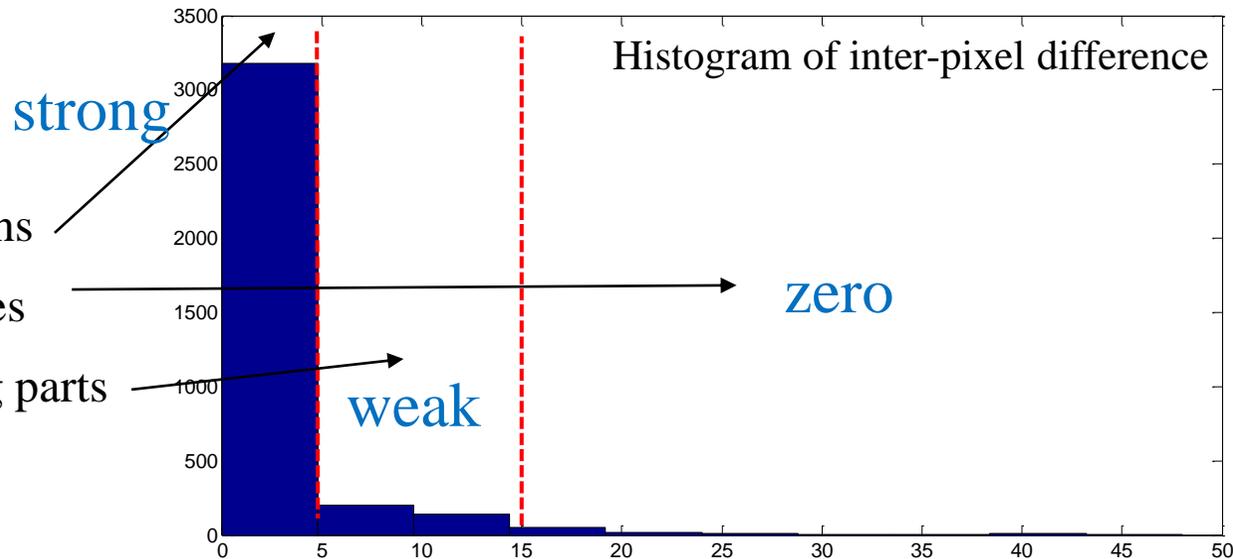
Rate of transform description T

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}} R_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) + R_T(\mathbf{W})$$



- To limit the description cost  $R_T$ , restrict weights to a small discrete set  $\mathcal{C} = \{1, 0, c\}$

- "1": *strong correlation* in smooth regions
- "0": *zero correlation* in sharp boundaries
- "c": *weak correlation* in slowly-varying parts



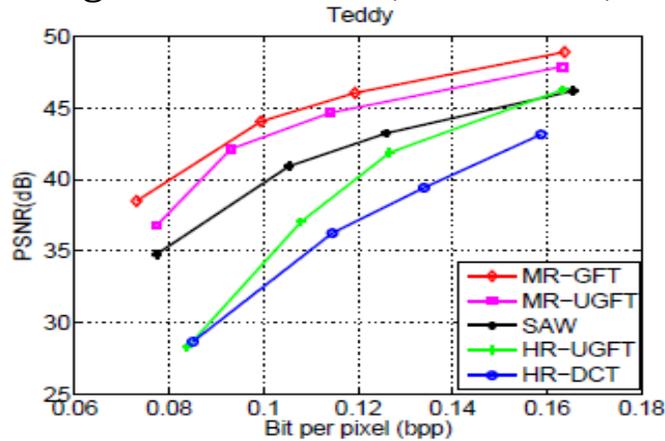
# Transform Comparison

|                                 | Transform Representation  | Transform Description                   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Karhunen-Loeve Transform (KLT)  | “Sparsest” signal representation given available statistical model                    | Can be expensive (if poorly structured) |
| Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) | <i>non-sparse signal representation</i> across sharp boundaries                       | little (fixed transform)                |
| Graph Fourier Transform (GFT)   | minimizes the total rate of signal’s transform representation & transform description |   |

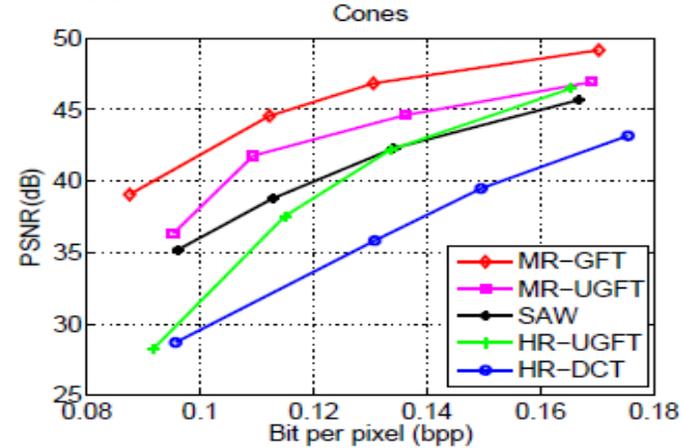
# Experimentation

- Setup
  - Test images: depth maps of *Teddy* and *Cones*, and graphics images of *Dude* and *Tsukuba*.
  - Compare against: HR-DCT, HR-SGFT, SAW, MR-SGFT in H.264.

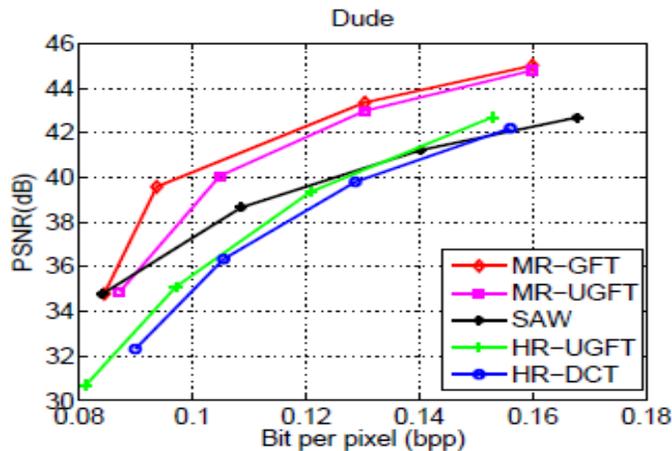
- Results



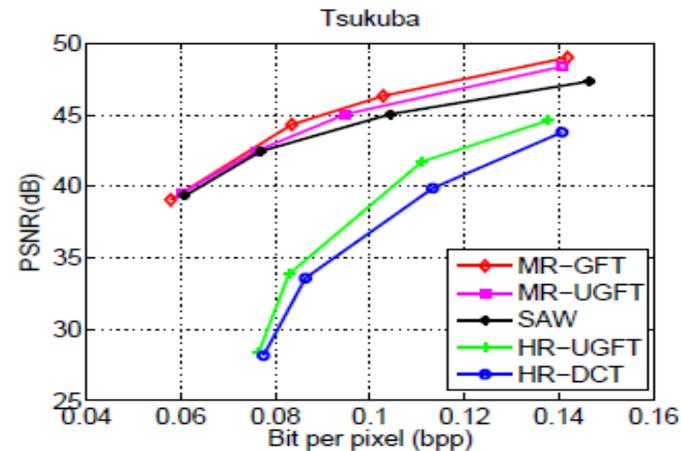
(a)



(b)



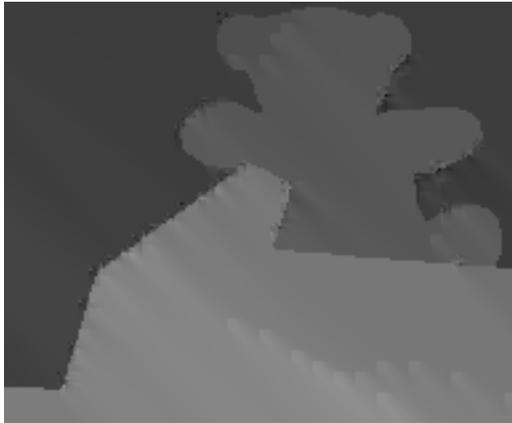
(c)



(d)

HR-DCT: 6.8dB  
 HR-SGFT: 5.9dB  
 SAW: 2.5dB  
 MR-SGFT: 1.2dB

# Subjective Results



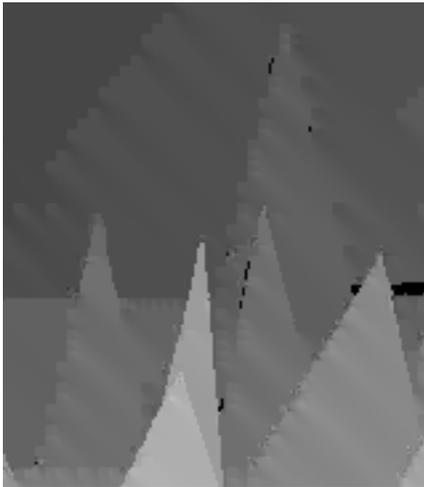
HR-DCT



HR-SGFT



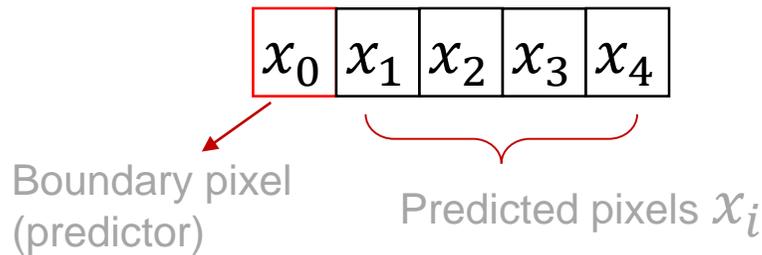
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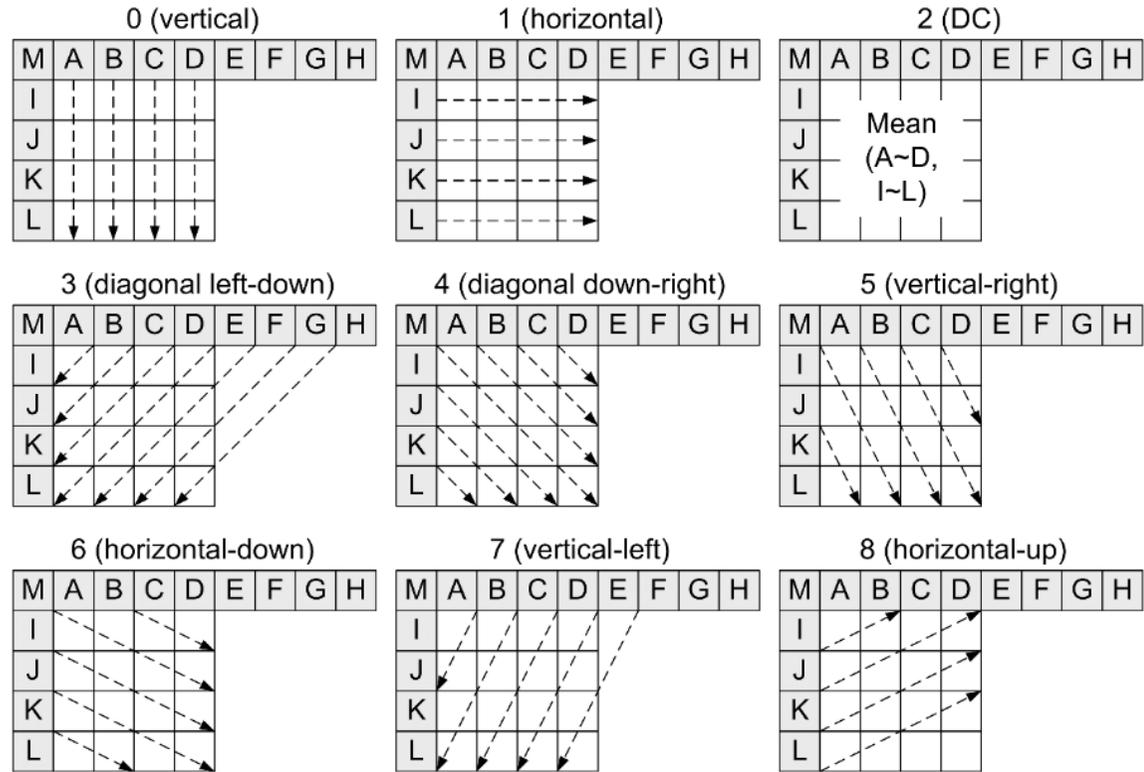
# Generalized GFT

## Intra-prediction in H.264

- Intra-prediction**



$x_i - x_0$  : prediction residuals



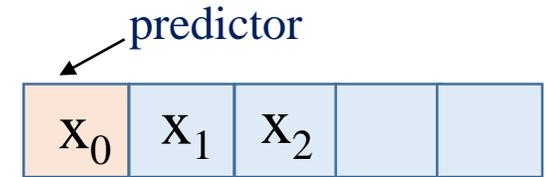
- Statistical model for prediction residuals?**

# GGFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

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$$x_k = \begin{cases} \alpha x_0 + e_1 & k = 1 \\ x_{k-1} + e_k & 1 < k \leq N \end{cases}$$

0-mean r.v. with var.  $\sigma_k^2$



$$x_1 = e_1 + \alpha x_0$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = e_2$$

$\vdots$

$$x_N - x_{N-1} = e_N$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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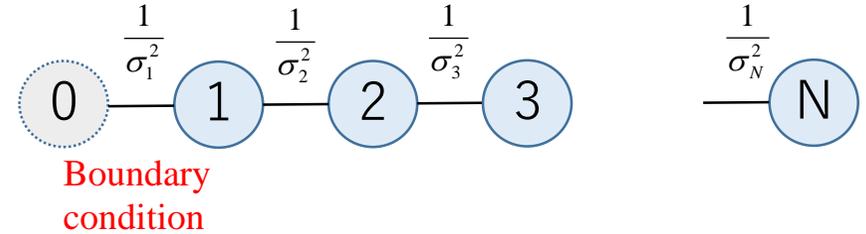
Prediction residual

Optimal predictor

# GGFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

- Covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= E[(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T] \\ &= E[\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^T] = E[\mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1}] \\ &= \mathbf{F}^{-1} E[\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T] (\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



- Precision matrix (**tri-diagonal**)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_3^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & & -\frac{1}{\sigma_{N-1}^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_{N-1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \dots & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \mathcal{L}$$

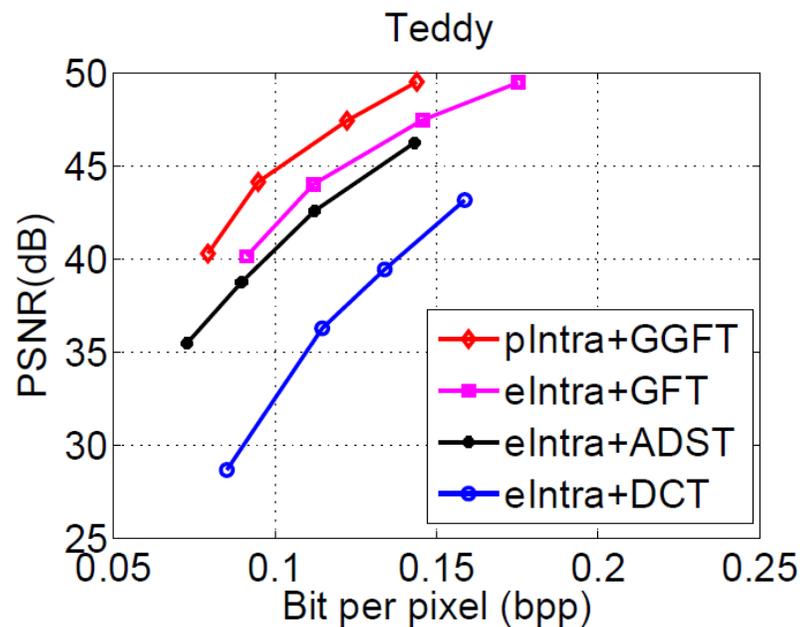
Labels in the diagram:  
 - Graph Laplacian matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  (points to the first matrix)  
 - diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  (points to the second matrix)  
 - Generalized graph Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}$  (points to the result)  
 - Defaults to ADST if  $\sigma_i^2 = 1$  (boxed text)

[1] J. Han et al., "Jointly Optimized Spatial Prediction and Block Transform for video and Image Coding," IEEE TIP, April 2012.

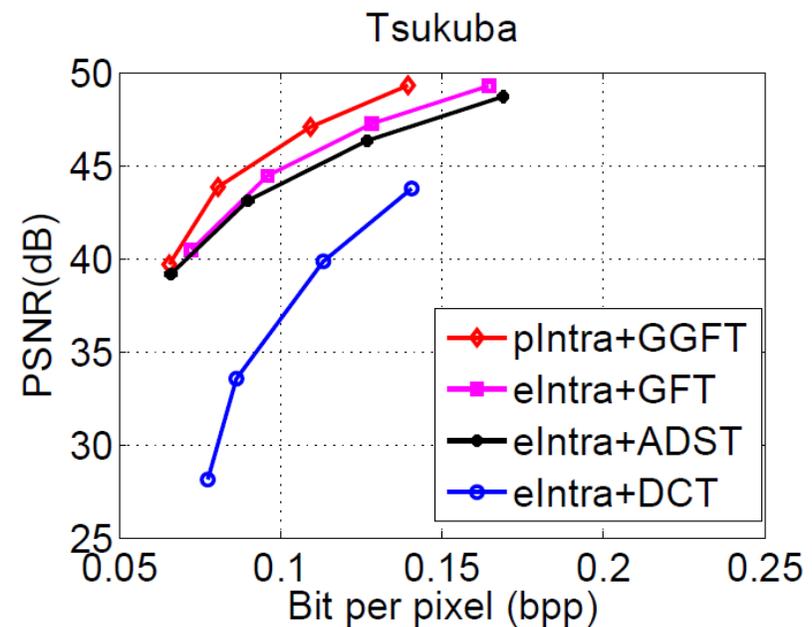
[2] G. Strang, "The discrete cosine transform," SIAM Review, vol. 41, pp.135–147, 1999.

# Experimental Results

- Test images: PWS images and natural images
- Compare *proposed intra-prediction (pIntra) + GGFT* against:
  - edge-aware intra-prediction (eIntra) + DCT
  - eIntra + ADST
  - eIntra + GFT



(a) Teddy



(b) Tsukuba

# SGFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

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negative correlation

$$x_1 = \eta$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = e_2$$

$$x_l + x_{l-1} = e_l$$

$$x_N - x_{N-1} = e_N$$



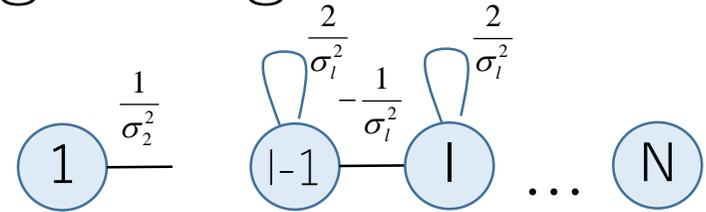
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1-th row

$$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{bmatrix}$$

# SGFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

- Precision matrix (**tri-diagonal**)



$$Q = C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_3^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} & & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & & & \\ \vdots & -\frac{1}{\sigma_{l-1}^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_{l-1}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_l^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_l^2} & \\ \vdots & & \frac{1}{\sigma_l^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_l^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{l+1}^2} & -\frac{1}{\sigma_l^2} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

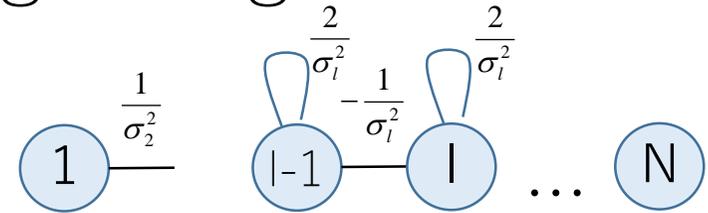
Graph Laplacian with negative edges & self-loops

$\approx \mathcal{L}$

— l-th row

— (l+1)-th row

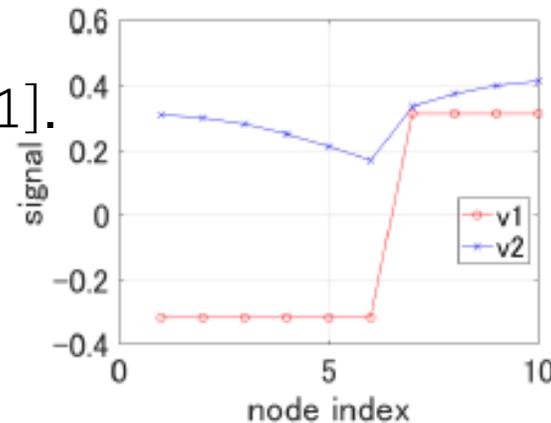
# SGFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights



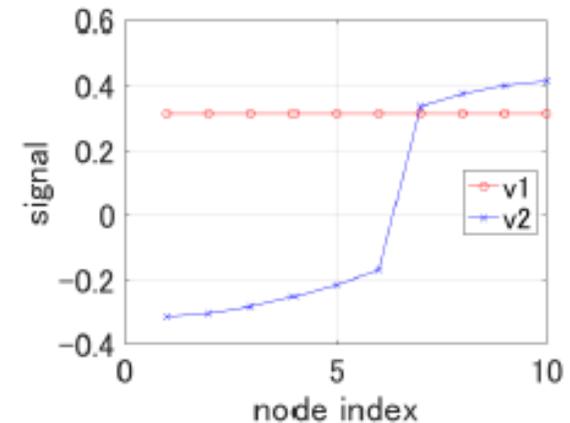
- SGFT approx. KLT for anti-correlation.
- Self-loops ensure PSD (Gershgorin).
- 1<sup>st</sup> eigenvector is PWC.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> eigenvector is *not* constant.

## • Negative Edges:

- Improve classifier robustness [1].
- Enhance image contrast.



(a) SGFT basis vectors



(b) GFT basis vectors

**Fig. 2.** First two eigenvectors of: a) loopy Laplacian  $Q$  for a 10-node graph with negative edge weight  $-0.1$  between nodes 6 and 7; b) graph Laplacian  $L$  for the same graph with small edge weight  $0.1$  between nodes 6 and 7. Other edge weights are 1.

[1] Gene Cheung, Weng-Tai Su, Yu Mao, Chia-Wen Lin, "Robust Semi-Supervised Graph Classifier Learning with Negative Edge Weights," accepted to *IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks*, March 2018.

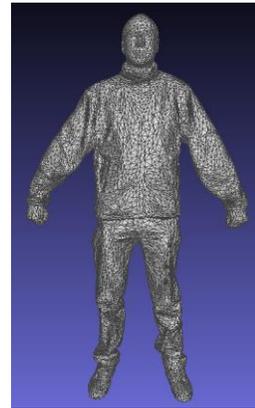
# Summary of GFT for Image Coding

- Optimality of GFT, Generalized GFT, Signed GFT for variants of AR models.
- Selection of models trades off encoding cost of SI.
- Fast implementation (w/o eigen-decomposition) via **Graph Lifting Transform** (GLT) [1] or **Fast Graph Fourier Transform** (FGFT) [2].

[1] Y.-H. Chao et al., "Edge-Adaptive Depth Map Coding with Lifting Transform on Graphs," 31st Picture Coding Symposium, Cairns, Australia, May, 2015.

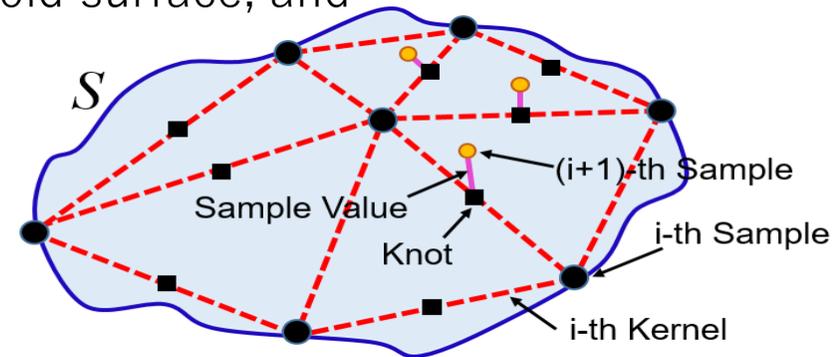
[2] L. Le Magoarou et al., "Approximate Fast Graph Fourier Transforms via Multilayer Sparse Approximations," *IEEE TSIPN*, May, 2018.

# Graph-Signal Sampling / Encoding for 3D Point Cloud



MIT dataset\*

- **Problem:** Point clouds require encoding specific 3D coordinates.
- **Assumption:** smooth 2D manifold in 3D space.
- **Proposal:** progressive 3D geometry rep. as series of graph-signals.
  1. adaptively identifies new samples on the manifold surface, and
  2. encodes them efficiently as graph-signals.

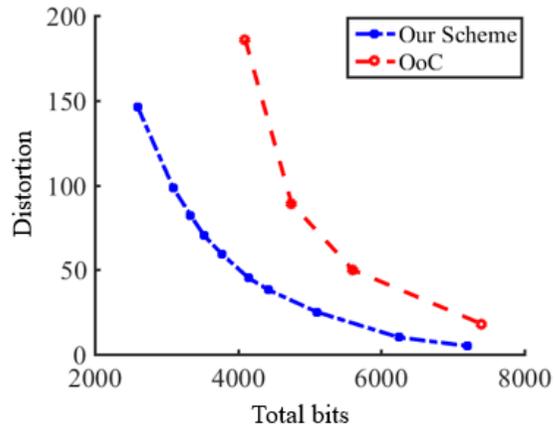


- **Example:**

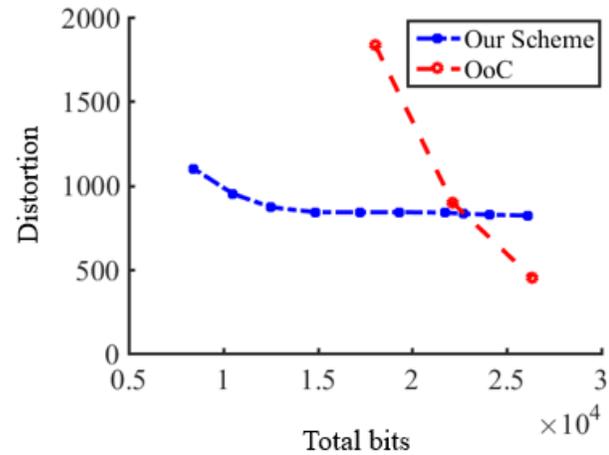
1. Interpolate  $i^{th}$  iteration samples (black circles) to a **continuous kernel** (mesh), an approximation of the target surface  $\mathcal{S}$ .
2. New sample locations, **knots** (squares), are located on the kernel surface.
3. **Signed distances** between knots and  $\mathcal{S}$  are recorded as sample values.
4. **Sample values** (green circles) are encoded as a **graph-signal via GFT**.

# Graph-Signal Sampling / Encoding for 3D Point Cloud

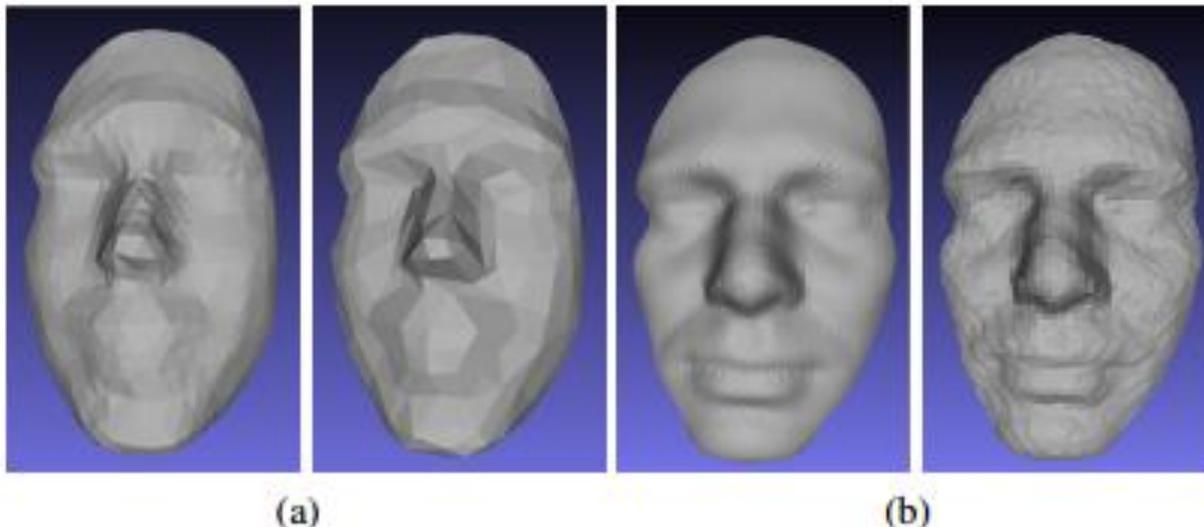
## • Experimental Results:



(a) Dataset1

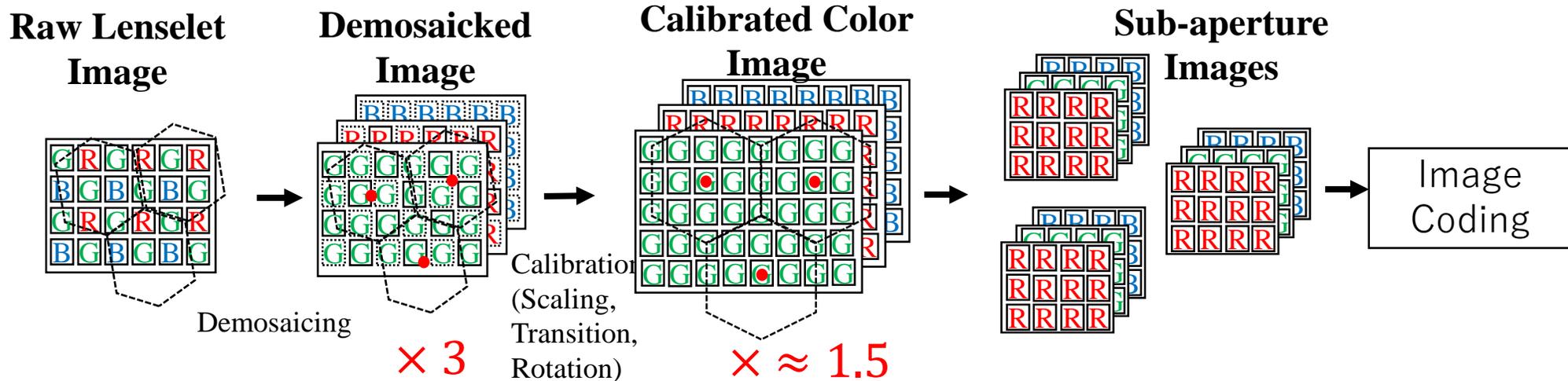


(b) Dataset2

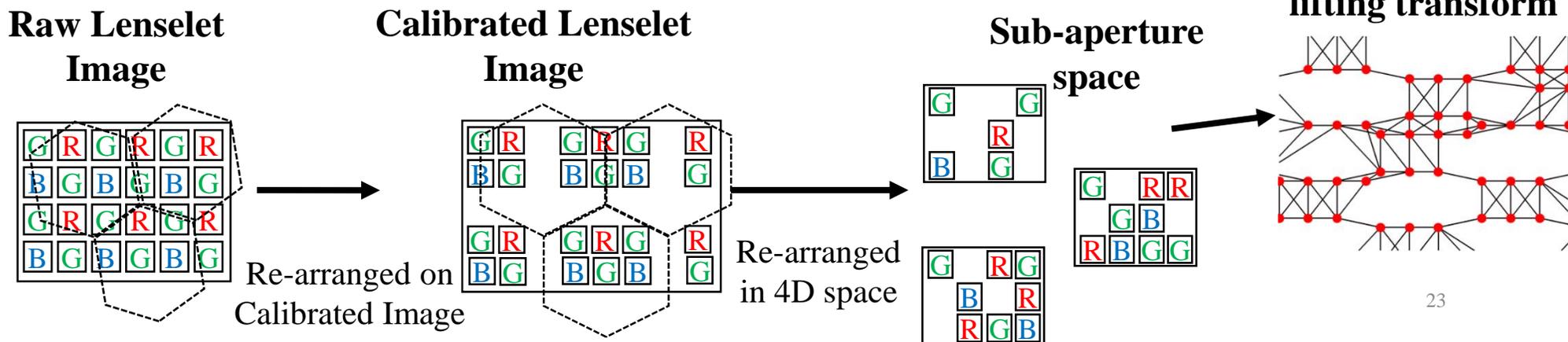


# Pre-Demosiac Light Field Image Compression Using Graph Lifting Transform

- Problem:** Sub-aperture images in Light field data are huge.



- Proposal:** postpone demosaicking to decoder.

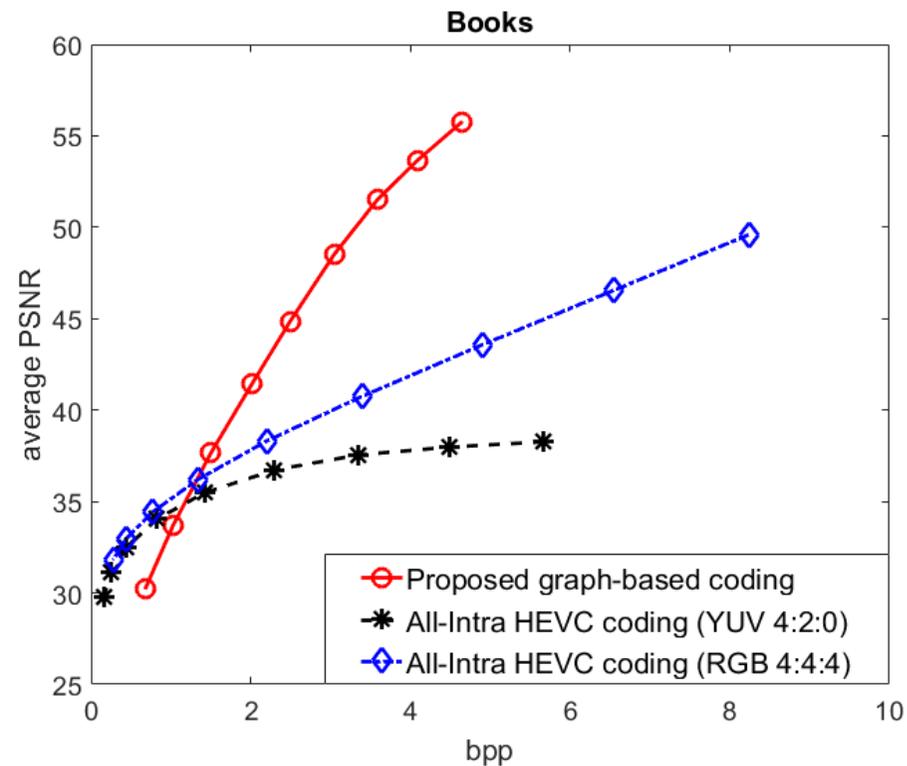
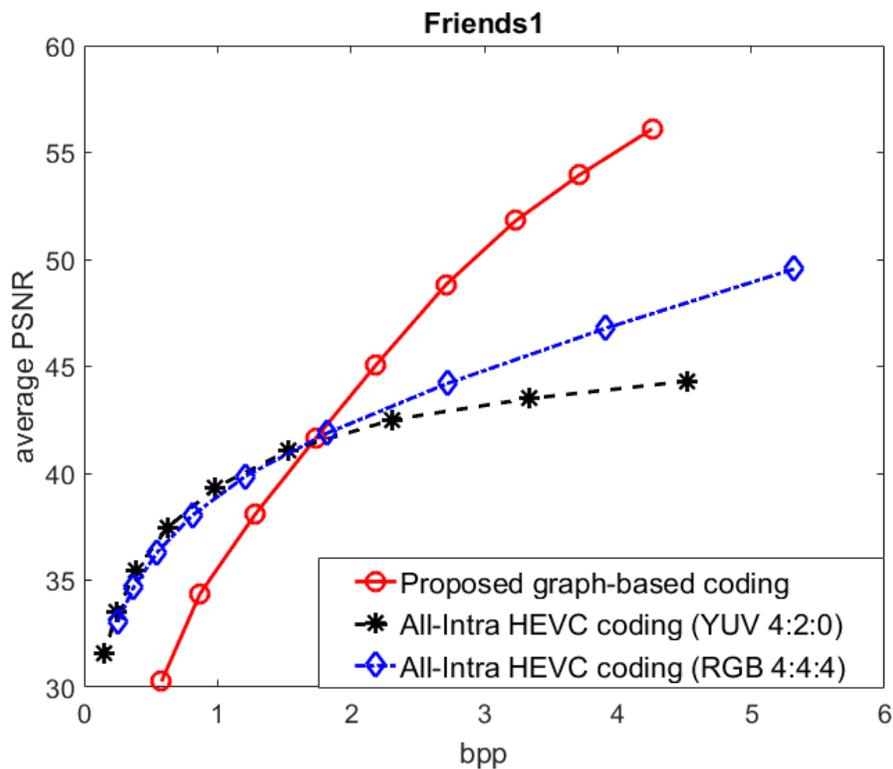


# Pre-Demosiac Light Field Image Compression Using Graph Lifting Transform

## • Experimental Results:

Dataset: EPFL light field image dataset

Baseline: All-intra HEVC coding in YUV4:2:0 and RGB 4:4:4



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# Graph Laplacian Regularizer

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$  (graph Laplacian regularizer) [1]) is one smoothness measure.

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2 = \sum_k \lambda_k \tilde{x}_k^2$$

signal smooth in nodal domain (points to  $w_{i,j}$ )  
 signal contains mostly low graph freq. (points to  $\tilde{x}_k^2$ )

- **Signal Denoising:**

observation (points to  $\mathbf{y}$ )

desired signal (points to  $\mathbf{x}$ )

noise (points to  $\mathbf{v}$ )

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$$

- **MAP Formulation:**

pixel intensity diff. (points to  $\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2$ )

pixel location diff. (points to  $\|l_i - l_j\|_2^2$ )

fidelity term (points to  $\|y - x\|_2^2$ )

smoothness prior (points to  $\mu \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$ )

**Bilateral filter weights** (points to the weight formula)

$$\min_x \|y - x\|_2^2 + \mu \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}$$

$$w_{i,j} = \exp\left(\frac{-\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\|l_i - l_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)$$

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mu \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{y}$$

update edge weights (curved arrow pointing to the minimization)

linear system of eqn's w/ sparse, symmetric PD matrix (points to the final equation)

# Graph Laplacian Regularizer

$$w_{i,j} = \exp\left(\frac{-\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\|l_i - l_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)$$

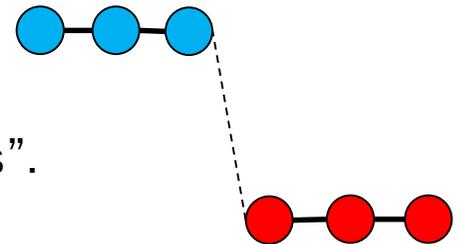
- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}$  promotes *piecewise smooth* (PWS) signal behavior [1].

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} u_{i,j} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x_i - x_j)^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

- **Spectral Clustering** [2]: Rayleigh quotient

$$\mathbf{v}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{v}} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{L}_n \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}} \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$$

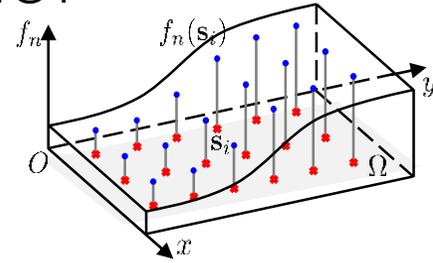
- $\mathbf{v}_1$  minimizes obj  $\rightarrow$  Sol'n is 2nd eigenvector of  $\mathbf{L}_n$ .
- 2nd eigenvalue—**Fiedler number**—measures “connectedness”.
- PWS signal = 2 clusters of similar nodes  $\rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \approx 0$



[1] X. Liu, G. Cheung, X. Wu, D. Zhao, "Random Walk Graph Laplacian based Smoothness Prior for Soft Decoding of JPEG Images," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol.26, no.2, pp.509-524, February 2017.

[2] J. Shi and J. Malik, "Normalized cuts and image segmentation," *IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Mach. Intell.*, vol. 22, no. 8, pp. 888–905, Aug. 2000.

# Analysis of Graph Laplacian Regularizer



- [1] shows  $S_G(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{u}$  converges to continuous functional  $S_\Omega$  and objective becomes:

$$u^* = \arg \min_u \|u - z_0\|_\Omega^2 + \tau \cdot \int_\Omega \nabla u^T \mathbf{D} \nabla u \, ds,$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\det \mathbf{G}} \right)^{2\gamma - 1}$$

- Solution can be implemented as **anisotropic diffusion**:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u &= \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla u), \\ u(\mathbf{s}, t = 0) &= z_0(\mathbf{s}). \end{aligned}$$

← diffusivity

feature function vector

$$\mathbf{v}_i = [\mathbf{f}_1(i) \ \mathbf{f}_2(i) \ \dots \ \mathbf{f}_N(i)]^T$$

distance →  $d_{ij}^2 = \|\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j\|_2^2$

edge weight →  $w_{ij} = (\rho_i \rho_j)^{-\gamma} \psi(d_{ij})$

metric space →  $\mathbf{G} = \sum_{n=1}^N \nabla f_n \cdot \nabla f_n^T$

- it not only **smooths** but may also **sharpens** the image,
- promote piecewise smooth images, like **total variation** (TV).

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# Optimal Graph Laplacian Regularization for Denoising

- Adopt a **patch-based** recovery framework, for a noisy patch  $\mathbf{p}_0$

- Find  $K - 1$  patches similar to  $\mathbf{p}_0$  in terms of Euclidean distance.
- Compute **feature functions**, leading to edge weights and Laplacian.
- Solve the unconstrained quadratic optimization:

$$\mathbf{q}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{q}} \|\mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{q} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{I} + \lambda \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0$$

to obtain the denoised patch.

**Spatial**

$$\mathbf{f}_1^D(i) = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \alpha} \cdot x_i$$

$$\mathbf{f}_2^D(i) = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \alpha} \cdot y_i$$

**Intensity**

$$\mathbf{f}_3^D = \frac{1}{K + \sigma_e^2 / \sigma_g^2} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \mathbf{p}_k$$

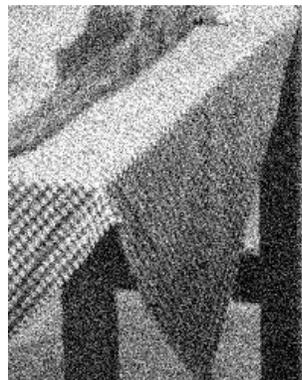
- Aggregate denoised patches to form an updated image.
- Denoise the image iteratively to gradually enhance its quality.
- Optimal Graph Laplacian Regularization for Denoising (OGLRD).**

# Denoising Experiments (natural images)

- Subjective comparisons ( $\sigma_1 = 40$ )



Original



Noisy, 16.48 dB



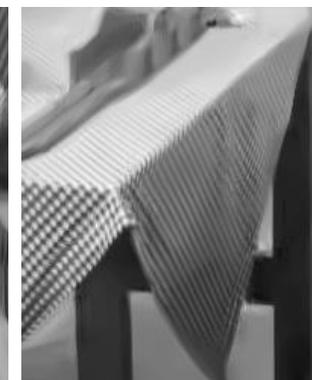
K-SVD, 26.84 dB



BM3D, 27.99 dB



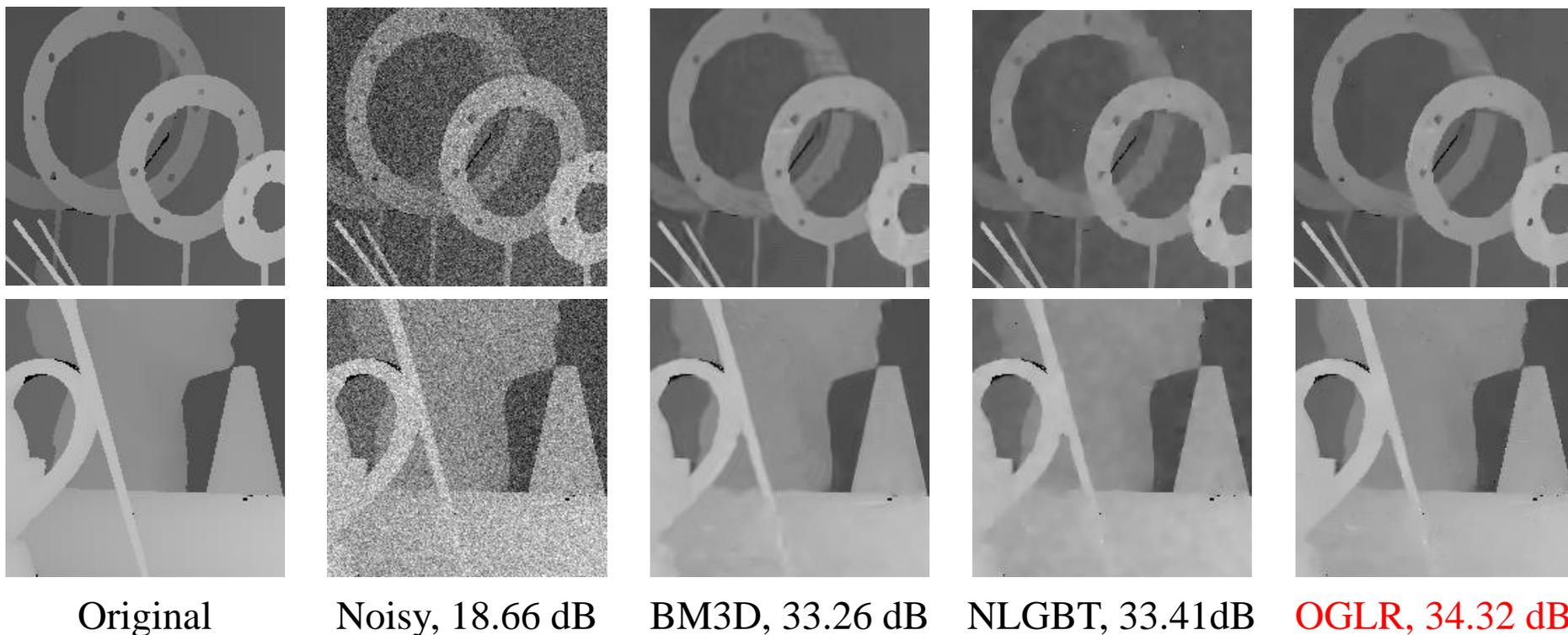
PLOW, 28.11 dB



OGLR, 28.35 dB

# Denoising Experiments (depth images)

- Subjective comparisons ( $\sigma_1 = 30$ )



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# Soft Decoding of JPEG Images

- **Setting: JPEG** compresses natural images:

1. Divide image into 8x8 blocks, DCT.
2. Perform DCT transform per block and quantize:

$$q_i = \text{round}(Y_i / Q_i), \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}$$

quantization parameter      DCT Coefficients      DCT      8x8 pixel block

3. Quantized DCT coeff entropy coded.

- **Decoder:** uncertainty in signal reconstruction:

$$q_i Q_i \leq Y_i \leq (q_i + 1) Q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 64.$$

[1] A. Zakhor, “Iterative procedures for reduction of blocking effects in transform image coding,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 91–95, Mar 1992.

[2] K. Bredies and M. Holler, “A total variation-based JPEG decomposition model,” *SIAM J. Img. Sci.*, vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 366–393, Mar. 2012.

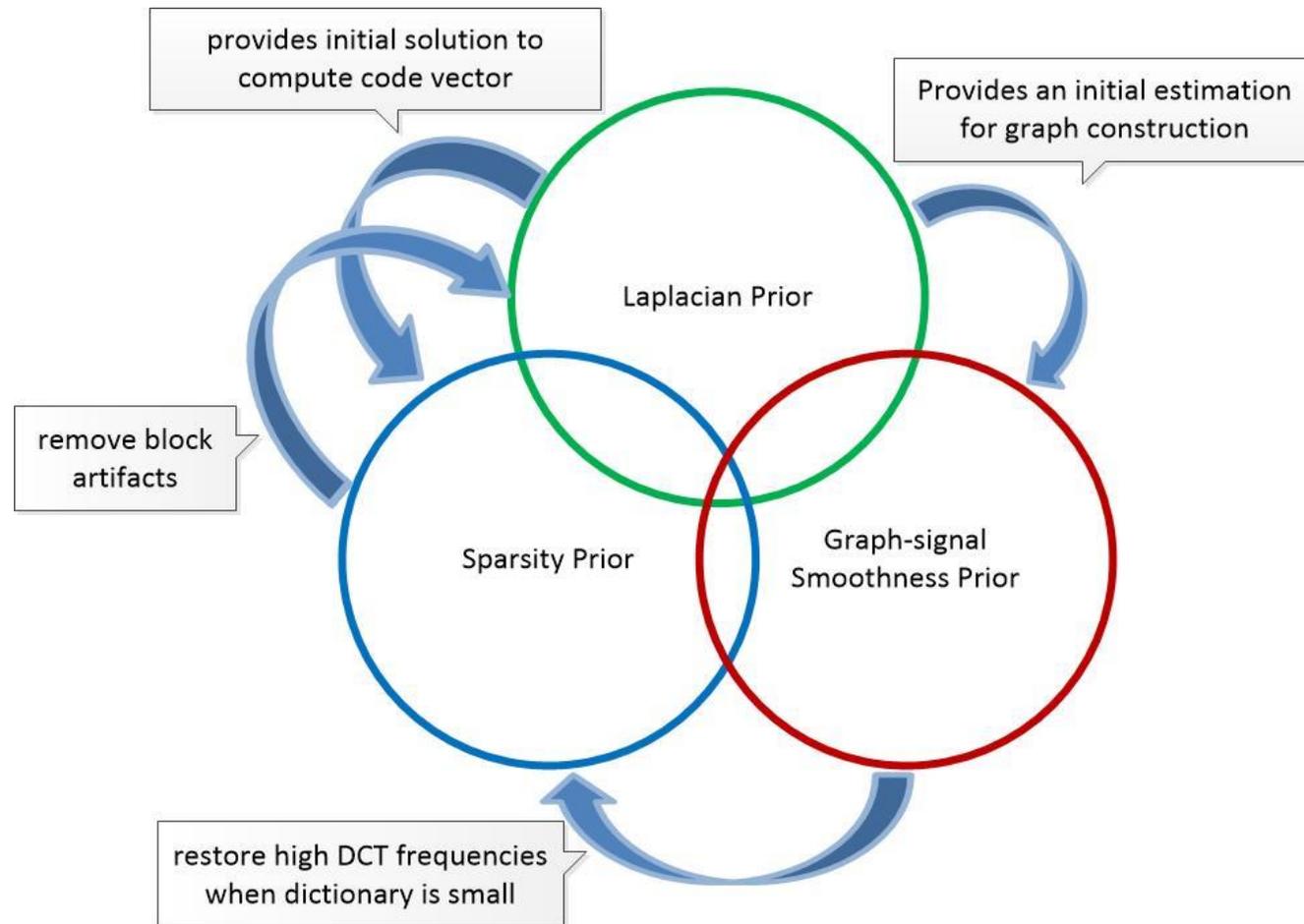
[3] H. Chang, M. Ng, and T. Zeng, “Reducing artifacts in jpeg decomposition via a learned dictionary,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 62, no. 3, pp. 718–728, Feb 2014.

# LERaG for Soft Decoding of JPEG Images

- **Problem:** reconstruct image given indexed quant. bin in 8x8 DCT.

- **Procedure:**

1. Initialize *per-block* MMSE sol'n via Laplacian prior.
2. Solve *per-patch* signal restoration problem w/ 2 priors:
  1. Sparsity prior
  2. Graph-signal smoothness prior



# Soft Decoding Algorithm w/ Prior Mixture

- Objective: fidelity term

sparsity prior

graph-signal smoothness prior

$$\arg \min_{\{\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}\}} \|\mathbf{x} - \Phi \boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_0 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}^T (d_{\min}^{-1}) \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x},$$

graph-signal,  
code vector

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{q} \mathbf{Q} \preceq \mathbf{T} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} \prec (\mathbf{q} + 1) \mathbf{Q}$$

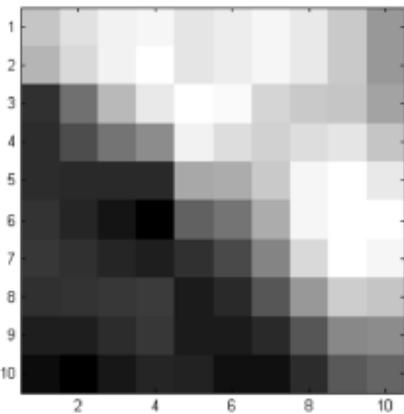
quantization bin constraint

- Optimization:

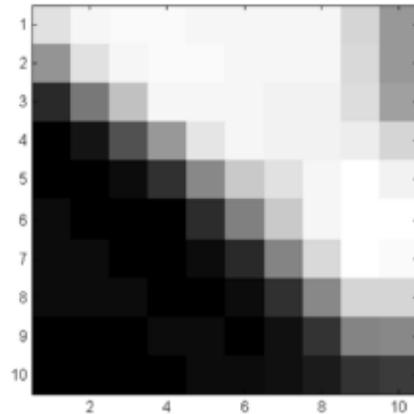
1. Laplacian prior provides an initial estimation;
2. Fix  $\mathbf{x}$  and solve for  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ ;
3. Fix  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and solve for  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# Evolution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Eigenvector

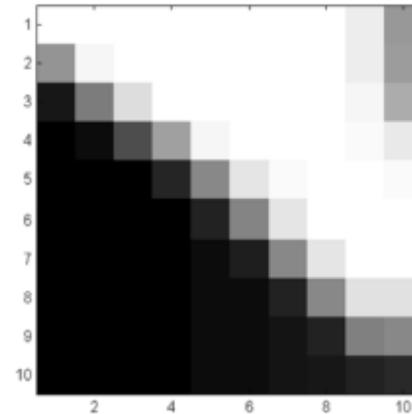
- 2<sup>nd</sup> eigenvector becomes more PWS:



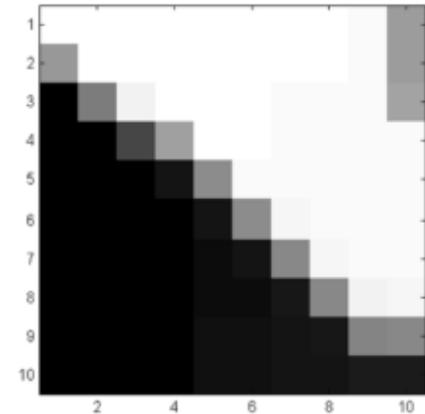
(a) initialization, LERaG = 76453.02,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eigenvalue = 0.001079



(b) iter = 1, LERaG = 64827.99,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eigenvalue = 315e-6



(c) iter = 2, LERaG = 14057.09,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eigenvalue = 35e-6



(d) iter = 3, LERaG = 6440.29,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eigenvalue = 3e-6

1. better pixel clusters,
2. smaller Fiedler number (2<sup>nd</sup> eigenvalue),
3. Smaller smoothness penalty term.

# Experimental Setup

- Compared methods

- **BM3D**: well-known denoising algorithm
- **KSVD**: with a large enough over-complete dictionary (100x4000); our method uses a much smaller one (100x400).
- **ANCE**: non-local self similarity [Zhang et al. TIP14]
- **DicTV**: Sparsity + TV [Chang et al, TSP15]
- **SSRQC**: Low rank + Quantization constraint [Zhao et al. TCSVT16]



# PSNR / SSIM Comparison

QUALITY COMPARISON WITH RESPECT TO PSNR (IN DB) AND SSIM AT QF = 40

| Images             | JPEG  |        | BM3D [38] |        | KSVD [8] |        | ANCE [18] |        | DicTV [3] |        | SSRQC [20] |        | Ours         |               |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|--------------|---------------|
|                    | PSNR  | SSIM   | PSNR      | SSIM   | PSNR     | SSIM   | PSNR      | SSIM   | PSNR      | SSIM   | PSNR       | SSIM   | PSNR         | SSIM          |
| <i>Butterfly</i>   | 29.97 | 0.9244 | 31.35     | 0.9555 | 31.57    | 0.9519 | 31.38     | 0.9548 | 31.22     | 0.9503 | 32.02      | 0.9619 | <b>32.87</b> | <b>0.9627</b> |
| <i>Leaves</i>      | 30.67 | 0.9438 | 32.55     | 0.9749 | 33.04    | 0.9735 | 32.74     | 0.9728 | 32.45     | 0.9710 | 32.13      | 0.9741 | <b>34.42</b> | <b>0.9803</b> |
| <i>Hat</i>         | 32.78 | 0.9022 | 33.89     | 0.9221 | 33.62    | 0.9149 | 33.69     | 0.9169 | 33.20     | 0.8988 | 34.10      | 0.9237 | <b>34.46</b> | <b>0.9268</b> |
| <i>Boat</i>        | 33.42 | 0.9195 | 34.77     | 0.9406 | 34.28    | 0.9301 | 34.64     | 0.9362 | 26.08     | 0.7550 | 33.88      | 0.9306 | <b>34.98</b> | <b>0.9402</b> |
| <i>Bike</i>        | 28.98 | 0.9131 | 29.96     | 0.9356 | 30.19    | 0.9323 | 30.31     | 0.9357 | 29.75     | 0.9154 | 30.35      | 0.9411 | <b>31.14</b> | <b>0.9439</b> |
| <i>House</i>       | 35.07 | 0.8981 | 36.09     | 0.9013 | 36.05    | 0.9055 | 36.12     | 0.9048 | 35.17     | 0.8922 | 36.49      | 0.9072 | <b>36.55</b> | <b>0.9071</b> |
| <i>Flower</i>      | 31.62 | 0.9112 | 32.81     | 0.9357 | 32.63    | 0.9271 | 32.67     | 0.9314 | 31.86     | 0.9084 | 33.02      | 0.9362 | <b>33.37</b> | <b>0.9371</b> |
| <i>Parrot</i>      | 34.03 | 0.9291 | 34.92     | 0.9397 | 34.91    | 0.9371 | 35.02     | 0.9397 | 33.92     | 0.9227 | 35.11      | 0.9401 | <b>35.32</b> | <b>0.9401</b> |
| <i>Pepper512</i>   | 34.21 | 0.8711 | 34.94     | 0.8767 | 34.89    | 0.8784 | 34.99     | 0.8803 | 34.24     | 0.8639 | 35.05      | 0.8795 | <b>35.19</b> | <b>0.8811</b> |
| <i>Fishboat512</i> | 32.76 | 0.8763 | 33.61     | 0.8868 | 33.36    | 0.8809 | 33.60     | 0.8861 | 32.53     | 0.8496 | 33.68      | 0.8859 | <b>33.73</b> | <b>0.8871</b> |
| <i>Lena512</i>     | 35.12 | 0.9089 | 36.03     | 0.9171 | 35.82    | 0.9146 | 36.04     | 0.9177 | 34.85     | 0.8986 | 36.09      | 0.9187 | <b>36.11</b> | <b>0.9191</b> |
| <i>Airplane512</i> | 33.36 | 0.9253 | 34.38     | 0.9361 | 34.36    | 0.9341 | 34.53     | 0.9358 | 33.75     | 0.9134 | 35.81      | 0.9355 | <b>36.07</b> | <b>0.9439</b> |
| <i>Bike512</i>     | 29.43 | 0.9069 | 30.47     | 0.9299 | 30.66    | 0.9258 | 30.71     | 0.9298 | 30.05     | 0.9043 | 32.26      | 0.9372 | <b>32.55</b> | <b>0.9387</b> |
| <i>Statue512</i>   | 32.78 | 0.9067 | 33.61     | 0.9188 | 33.55    | 0.9149 | 33.55     | 0.9193 | 32.53     | 0.8806 | 34.88      | 0.9249 | <b>34.95</b> | <b>0.9273</b> |
| Average            | 32.44 | 0.9097 | 33.52     | 0.9264 | 33.50    | 0.9229 | 33.57     | 0.9258 | 32.25     | 0.8945 | 33.91      | 0.9283 | <b>34.41</b> | <b>0.9311</b> |

# Subjective Quality Evaluation



(a) BM3D (23.91,0.8266)



(b) KSVD (24.55,0.8549)



(c) ANCE (24.34,0.8532)



(d) DicTV (23.42,0.8176)



(e) SSRQC (25.31,0.8764)



(f) Proposed (25.82,0.8861)

# Subjective Quality Evaluation



(a) BM3D (23.78,0.8408)



(b) KSVD (24.39,0.8684)



(c) ANCE (24.18, 0.8551)



(d) DicTV (23.27,0.8245)



(e) SSRQC (25.01,0.8861)



(f) Proposed (25.57,0.8979)

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# Reweighted Graph Total Variation

- TV on graphs.

Gradient of nodes on the graph:

$$(\nabla_i \mathbf{X})_j \triangleq \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i,$$

pixel intensity difference


$$w_{i,j} = \exp\left(\frac{-\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right)$$

**Conventional Graph TV:**

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{X}\|_{GTV} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}_{i,\cdot}) \nabla_i \mathbf{X}\|_1 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} |\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i| \end{aligned}$$

**Reweighted Graph TV:**

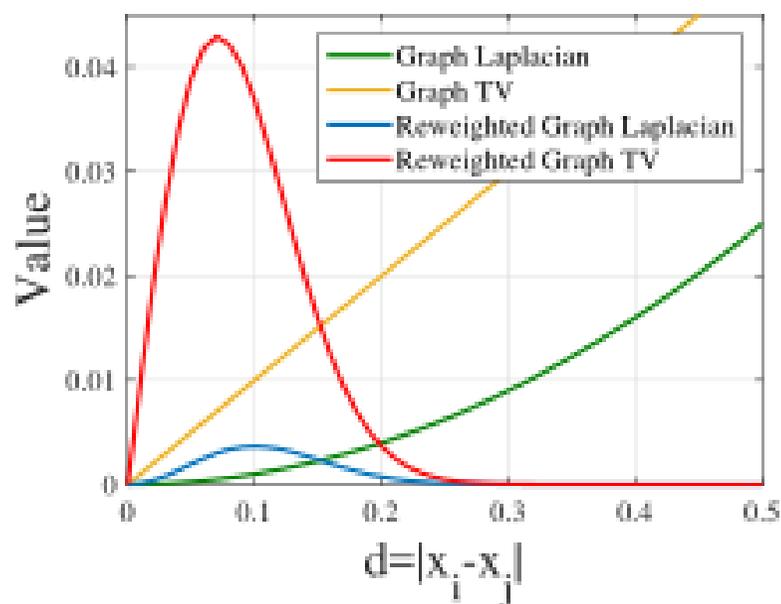
$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{X}\|_{RGTV} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}_{i,\cdot}(\mathbf{x})) \nabla_i \mathbf{X}\|_1 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) |\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i|, \end{aligned}$$

[1] M. Hidane, O. Lezoray, and A. Elmoataz, “Nonlinear multilayered representation of graph-signals,” in *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision*, February 2013, vol. 45, no.2, pp. 114–137.

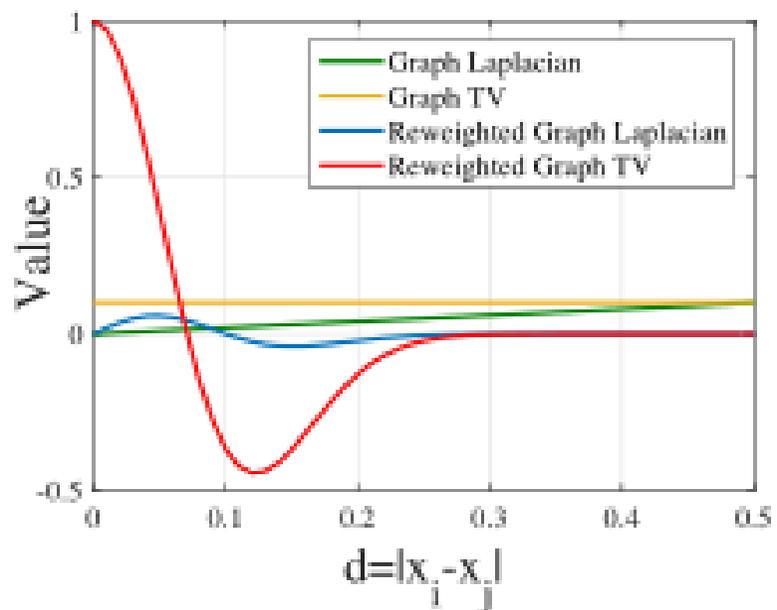
[2] P. Berger, G. Hannak, and G. Matz, “Graph signal recovery via primal-dual algorithms for total variation minimization,” in *IEEE Journal on Selected Topics in Signal Processing*, September 2017, vol. 11, no.6, pp. 842–855. 43

# Reweighted Graph Total Variation

- RGTV is separable. analyze each node pair.
  - Promotes *bi-modal inter-pixel differences*.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 3. Curves of regularizers and their corresponding first-derivatives for each  $(i, j)$  pair.  $d$  is normalized to  $[0, 1]$ .  $w_{i,j} = 0.1$  for graph Laplacian and graph TV.  $\sigma = 0.1$  for reweighted graph Laplacian and reweighted graph TV.

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# Background for Image Deblurring

- Image blur is a common image degradation.
- Typically, blur process is modeled:

$$y = k \otimes x$$

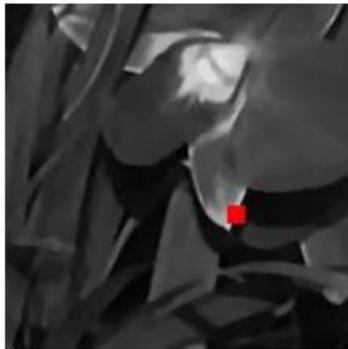
where  $y$  is the blurry image,  $k$  is the blur kernel,  $x$  is the original sharp image.

- **Blind-image deblurring** focuses on estimating blur kernel  $k$ .
- Given  $k$ , problem becomes *de-convolution*.

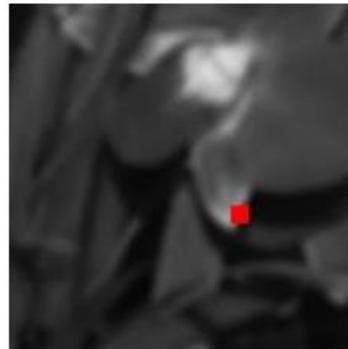
# Observation

- ***Skeleton image***.

- PWS image keeping only structural edges.
- Proxy to estimate blur kernel  $k$ .



(a)



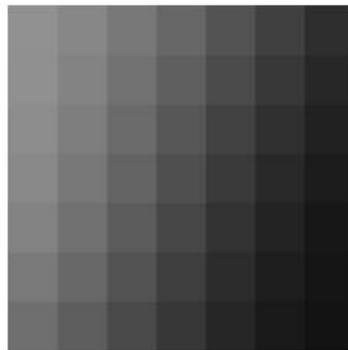
(b)



(c)



(d)



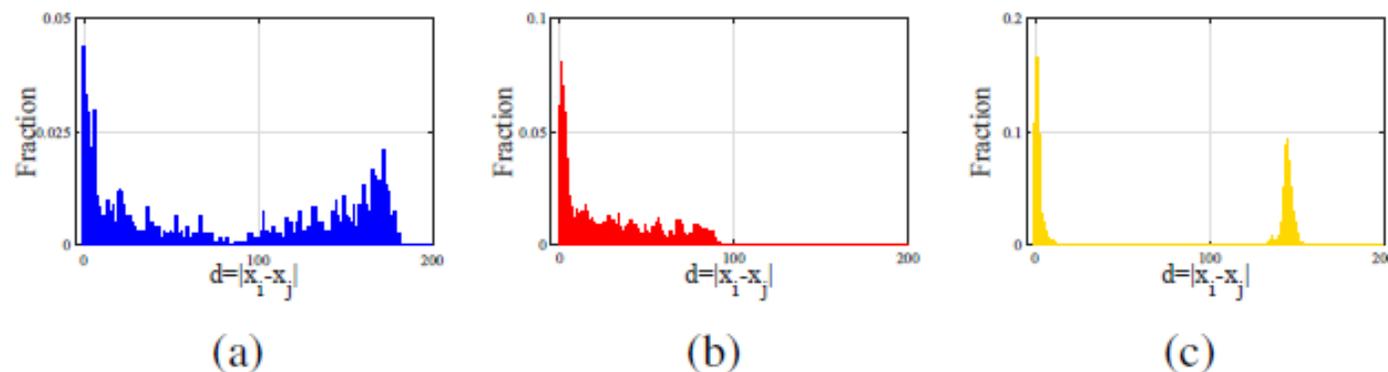
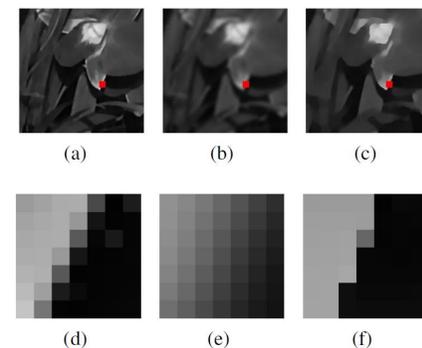
(e)



(f)

# Observation

- Examine statistical properties of local patches:
  - Edge weight distribution of a fully connected graph.



$$[\mathbf{W}]_{i,j} = w_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{\sigma^2}\right),$$



**Fig. 2:** Graph weight distribution properties around edges. (a) a true natural patch. (b) a blurry patch. (c) a skeleton patch.

- Skeleton Image enjoys both *Sharpness* and *bi-modal Weight distribution*, thus useful to estimate blur kernel.

# Key Idea

- Propose a *Reweighted Graph Total Variation* (RGTV) to promote a skeleton image patch.

## Conventional Graph TV:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x}\|_{GTV} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}_{i,\cdot}) \nabla_i \mathbf{x}\|_1 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} |x_j - x_i|\end{aligned}$$

## Reweighted Graph TV:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x}\|_{RGTV} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}_{i,\cdot}(\mathbf{x})) \nabla_i \mathbf{x}\|_1 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j}(x_i, x_j) |x_j - x_i|,\end{aligned}$$

# Our algorithm

- The optimization function can be written as follows,  
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \underset{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \varphi(\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{b}) + \mu_1 \cdot \theta_x(\mathbf{x}) + \mu_2 \cdot \theta_k(\mathbf{k})$$
- Assume  $L_2$  norm for fidelity term  $\varphi(\cdot)$ .
- $\theta_x(\cdot) = \text{RGTV}(\cdot)$ .
- $\theta_k(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_2$ , assuming zero mean Gaussian distribution of  $\mathbf{k}$ .
- RGTV is non-differentiable and non-convex.

## Solution:

- Solve  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  alternately.
- For  $\mathbf{x}$ , spectral interpretation of GTV, fast spectral filter.

# Spectral domain

- Deduction for spectrum of GTV

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x})_i &= 2 \cdot (\mathbf{L} \mathbf{x})_i = c \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} \cdot (x_i - x_j), \\ &= c \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} x_i - \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j} x_j \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial \|\mathbf{x}\|_{GTV})_i &= c' \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_{i,j} \cdot (x_i - x_j), \\ &= c' \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_{i,j} x_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \gamma_{i,j} x_j \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_{i,j} = \frac{w_{i,j}}{\max\{|x_j - x_i|, \epsilon\}}$$

**New weight  
function**

# Spectral domain

• Explanation:  $\gamma_{i,j} = \frac{w_{i,j}}{\max\{|x_j - x_i|, \epsilon\}}$



New  
Adjacency  
matrix  $\Gamma$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{GTV} = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \gamma_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

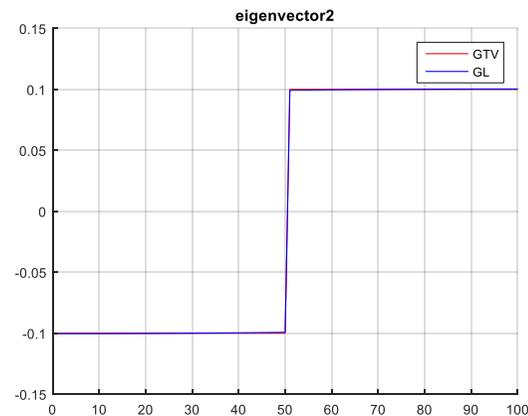
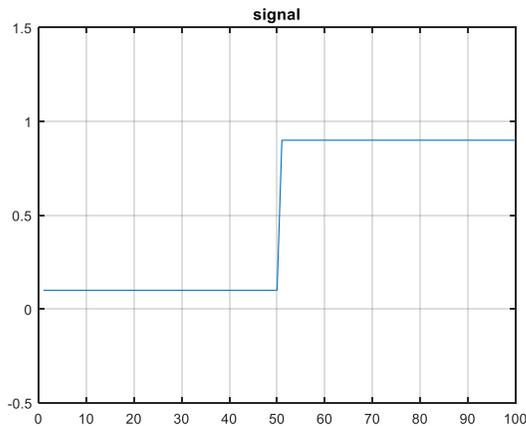
$$= \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}_\Gamma \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_\Gamma = \mathbf{U}_\Gamma \mathbf{\Lambda}_\Gamma \mathbf{U}_\Gamma^T \leftarrow \text{Graph } L_1 \text{ spectrum}$$

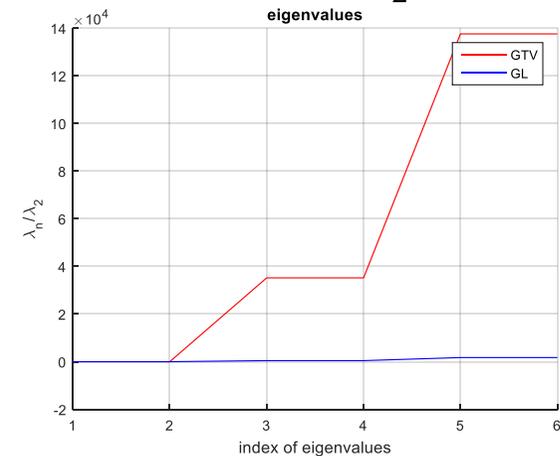
# Spectral domain

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{U}_{\{W,\Gamma\}} \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \mu \cdot \lambda_k^{\{W,\Gamma\}}} \right) \mathbf{U}_{\{W,\Gamma\}}^T \mathbf{y},$$

Second  
eigenvector



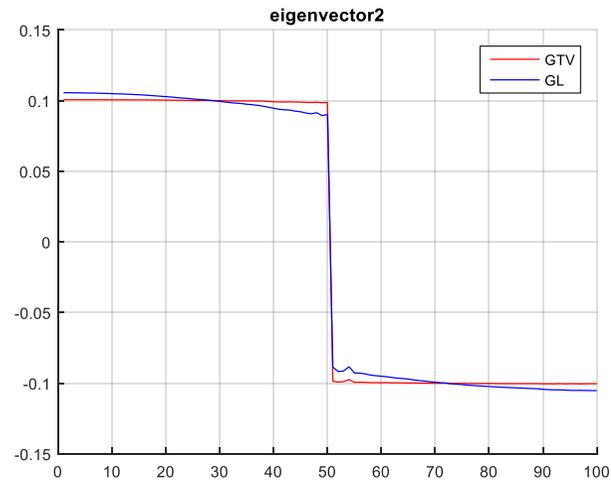
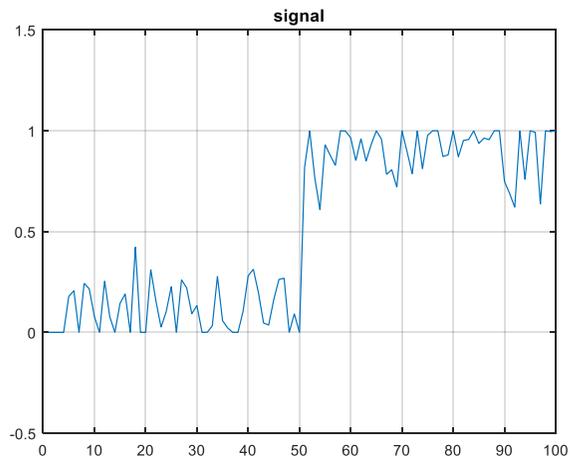
Relative  
eigenvalues  $\frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_2}$



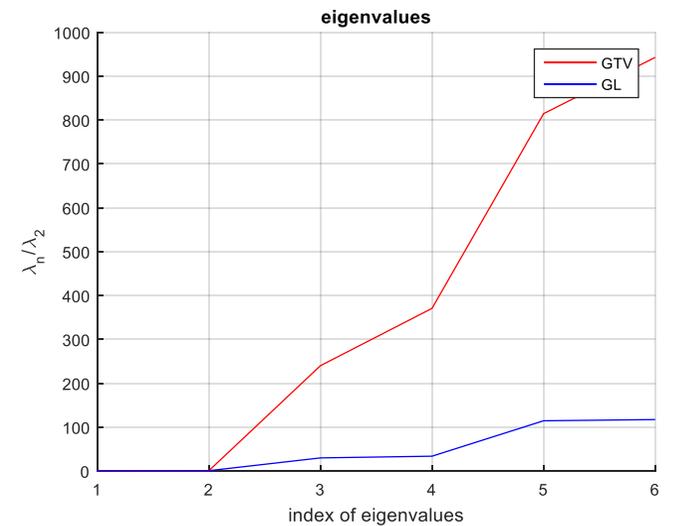
- We do 1D illustrative experiments to compute Graph Spectrum with conventional Graph Laplacian and GTV Laplacian.
- The parameter are the same for both. 4 neighbors and  $\sigma=0.3$

# Spectral domain

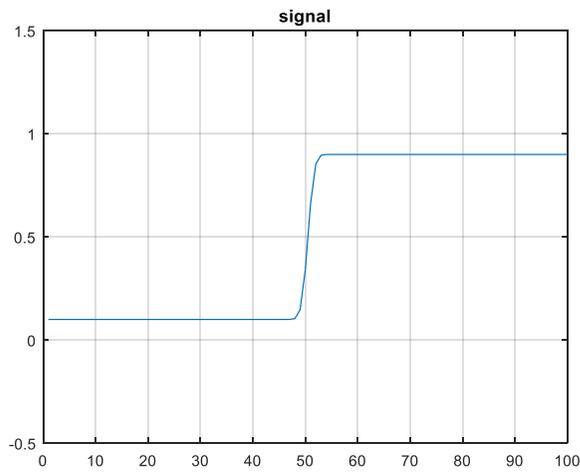
## Second eigenvector



## Relative eigenvalues $\frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_2}$

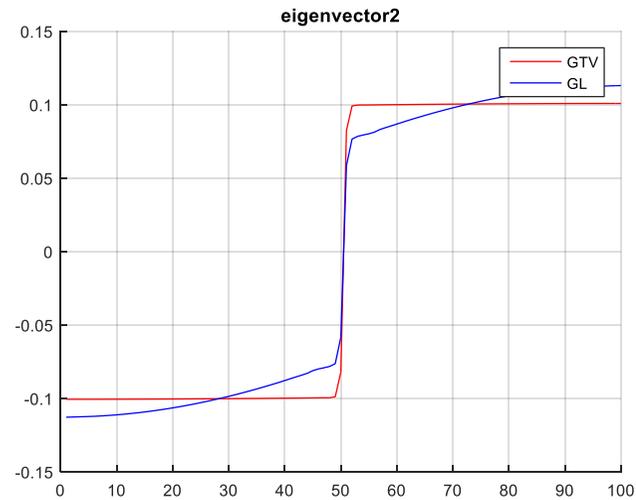


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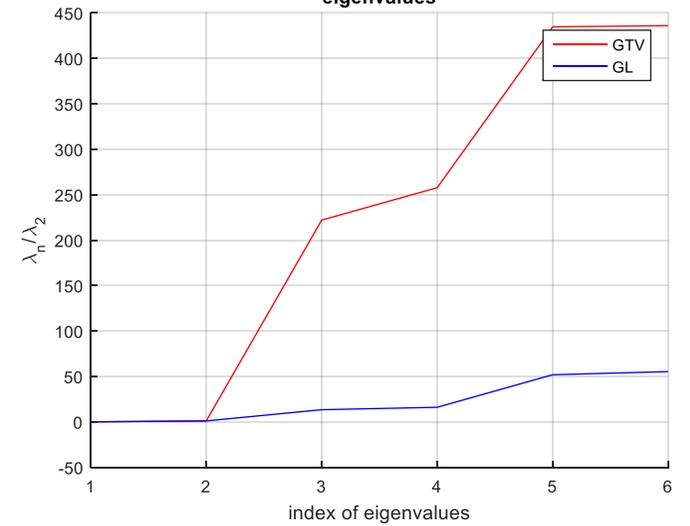


After  
Blurring

## Second eigenvector



## Relative eigenvalues $\frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_2}$



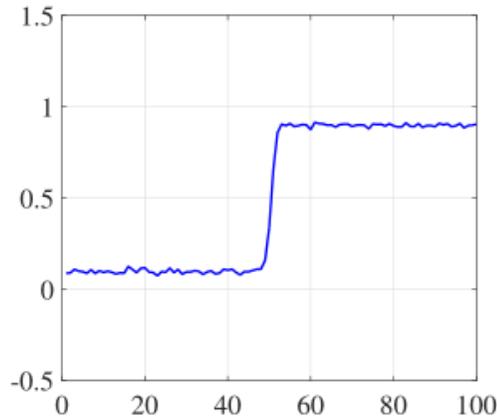
# Spectral Domain

- Weights in RGTV is functions of graph signal. Therefore, there is no fixed graph spectrum for RGTV.
- Initialize weights for RGTV like GTV, and then update weights and spectrum. We analyze the gradual transformation of spectrum iteratively.

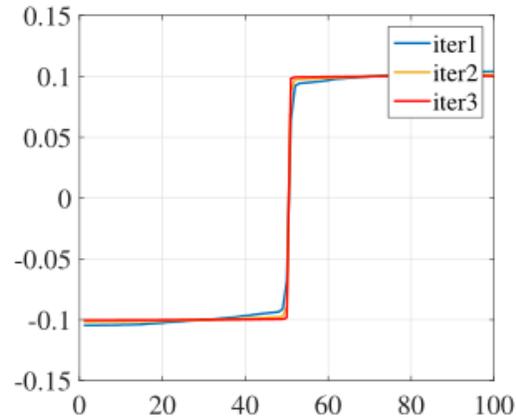
$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{U}_{\Gamma}^{(n)} \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \mu \cdot \lambda_k^{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})} \right) \mathbf{U}_{\Gamma}^{(n)T} \mathbf{x}^{(n)}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{\Gamma}^{(n)} = \mathbf{U}_{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}).$$

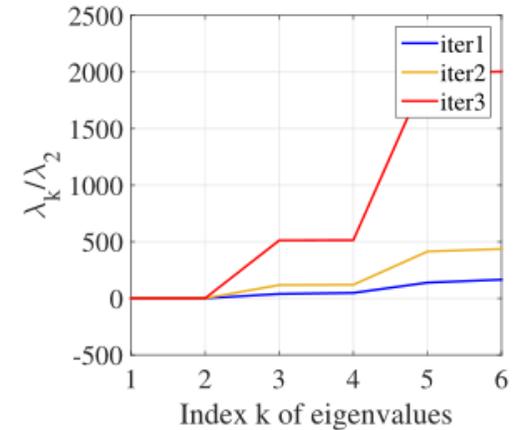
# Spectral domain



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 5. Illustrative experiments of graph spectrum of RGTV on an 1D graph signal. (a) a PWS signal blurred by a Gaussian blur  $\sigma_b = 1$  with Gaussian noise  $\sigma_n = 0.0001$ . (b) is the second eigenvectors of approximate RGTV in each iteration. (c) represents the curves of ratio  $\lambda_k/\lambda_2$  with respect to  $k$  in each iteration. The graphs are constructed as a 4-neighbour adjacency matrix with weight parameter  $\sigma = 0.3$ .

# Our algorithm

## Alternating Iterative algorithm:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{k}} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \beta \|\mathbf{x}\|_{RGTV} \\ \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{k}} \|\nabla \hat{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \mathbf{k} - \nabla \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \mu \|\mathbf{k}\|_2^2 \end{array} \right. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{k}} - \nabla \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma} \mathbf{x} \\ (\hat{\mathbf{K}}^T \hat{\mathbf{K}} + 2\beta \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{K}}^T \mathbf{b} \end{array}$$

System of linear equations.  
Efficiently solved via conjugate gradient.

# Extensions

- Accelerated algorithm for Gaussian blur:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{I} + a \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma})\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \beta \|\mathbf{x}\|_{RGTV}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{g(\mathbf{L}_{\Gamma})}{g^2(\mathbf{L}_{\Gamma}) + 2\beta \cdot \mathbf{L}_{\Gamma}} \right) \mathbf{b}$$

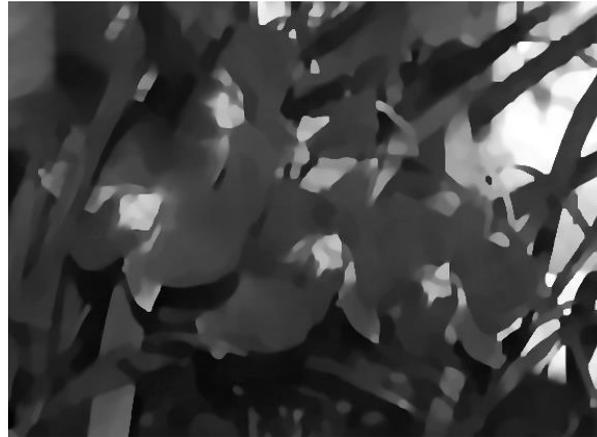
$$= \mathbf{U}_{\Gamma} \left( \frac{g(\Lambda_{\Gamma})}{g^2(\Lambda_{\Gamma}) + 2\beta \cdot \Lambda_{\Gamma}} \right) \mathbf{U}_{\Gamma}^T \mathbf{b}$$

Solve it via **accelerated graph filter**  
via *Lanczos method* [1]

# Workflow



Blurry Image



Skeleton  
Image  
Reconstruction



Kernel Estimation



Reconstruction



# Experimental Results

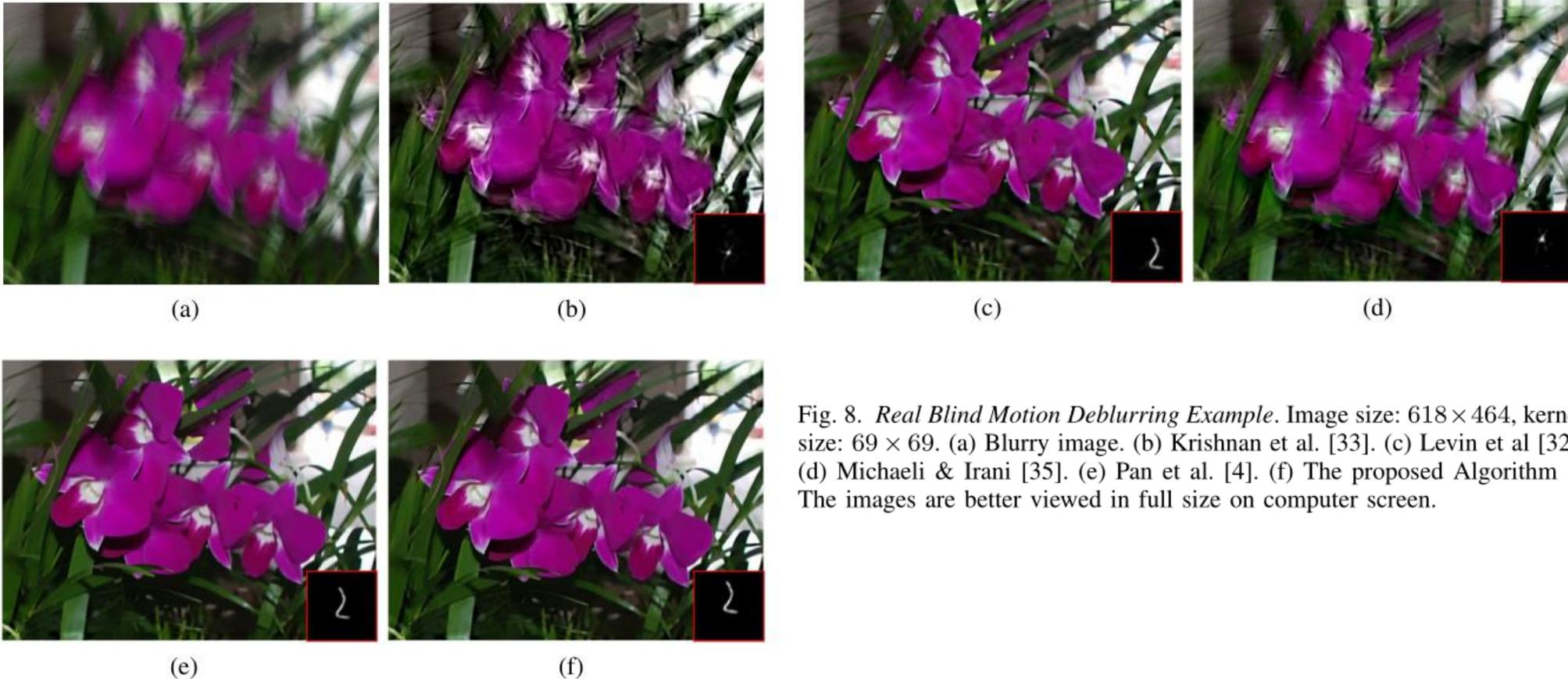


Fig. 8. *Real Blind Motion Deblurring Example*. Image size:  $618 \times 464$ , kernel size:  $69 \times 69$ . (a) Blurry image. (b) Krishnan et al. [33]. (c) Levin et al [32]. (d) Michaeli & Irani [35]. (e) Pan et al. [4]. (f) The proposed Algorithm 1. The images are better viewed in full size on computer screen.

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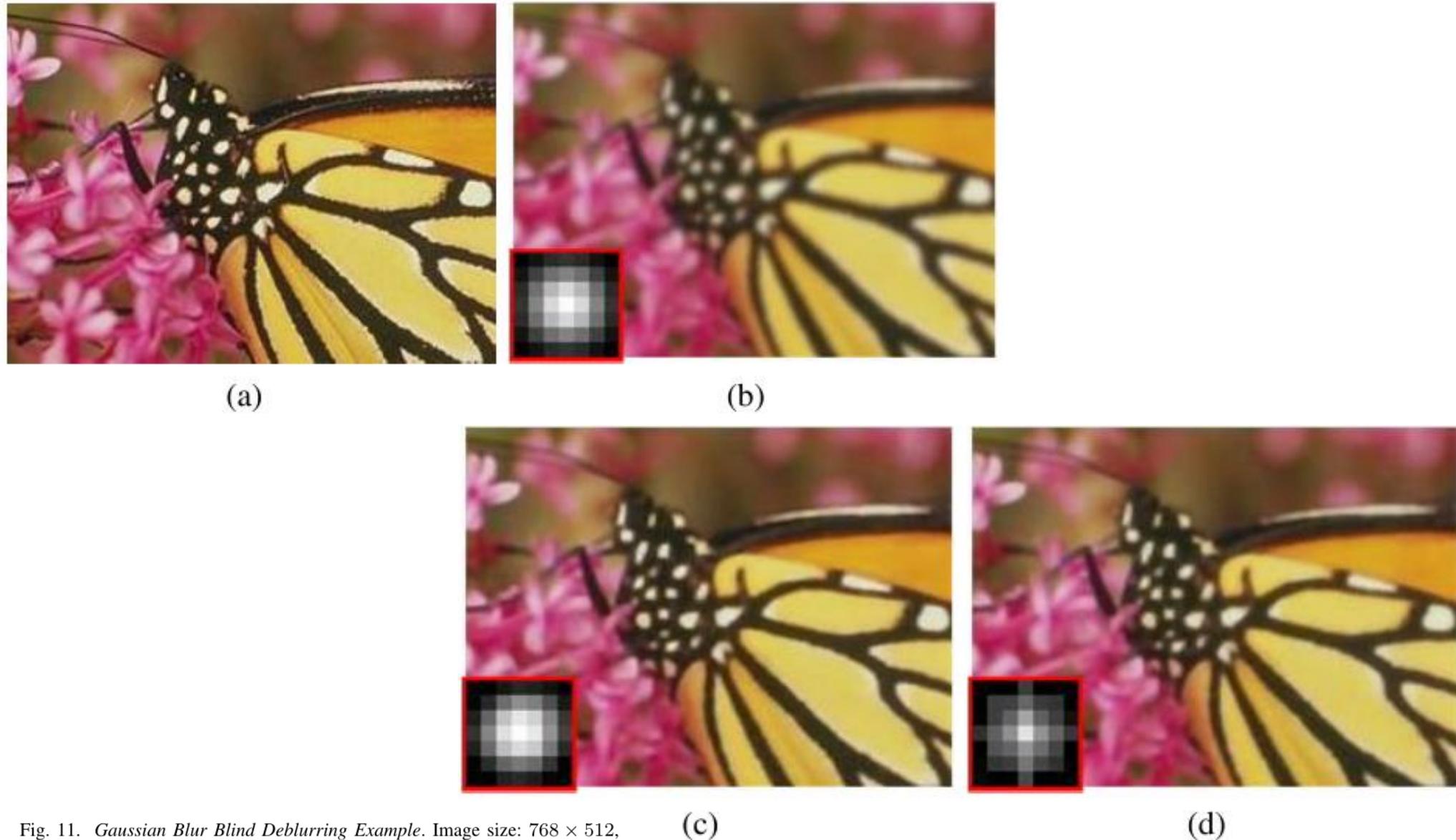


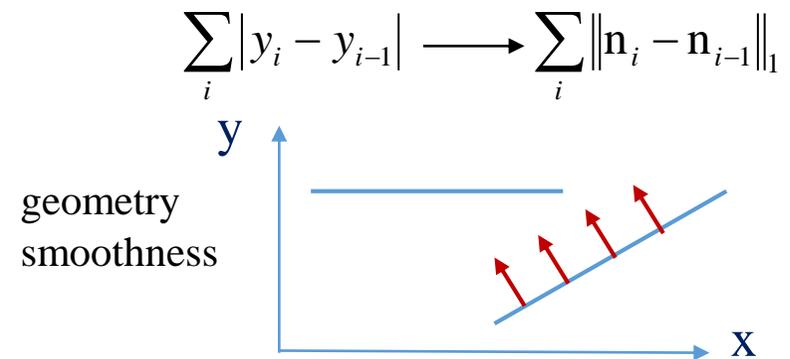
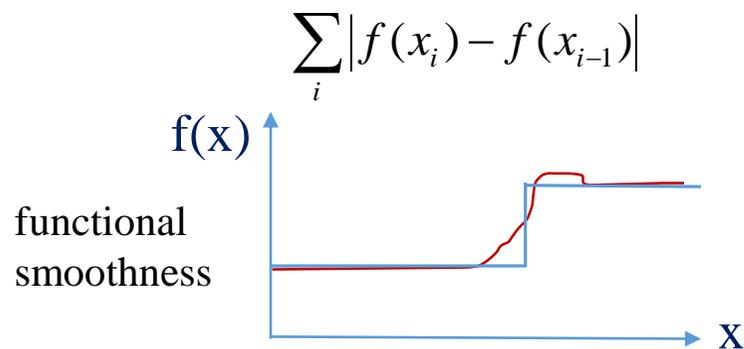
Fig. 11. *Gaussian Blur Blind Deblurring Example*. Image size:  $768 \times 512$ , kernel size:  $7 \times 7$ ,  $\sigma_b = 1.85$ . (a) Ground-truth image. (b) Blurry image. (c) The proposed Algorithm 1. (d) The proposed Algorithm 3.

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# GTV for Point Cloud Denoising

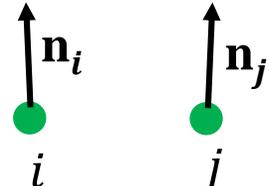
- Acquisition of point cloud introduces noise.
- Point cloud is irregularly sampled 2D manifold in 3D space.
- Not appropriate to apply GTV directly on 3D coordinates [1].
  - only **a singular 3D point has zero GTV value.**



- **Proposal:** Apply GTV is to the surface normals of 3D point cloud—a **generalization of TV to 3D geometry.**

# Algorithm Overview

- Use graph total variation (GTV) of surface normals over the K-NN graph:

$$\|\mathbf{n}\|_{\text{GTV}} = \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{E}} w_{i,j} \|\mathbf{n}_i - \mathbf{n}_j\|_1$$

$$w_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_p^2}\right)$$

- Denoising problem as l2-norm fidelity plus GTV of surface normals:

$$\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{n}} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j \in E} \|\mathbf{n}_i - \mathbf{n}_j\|_1$$

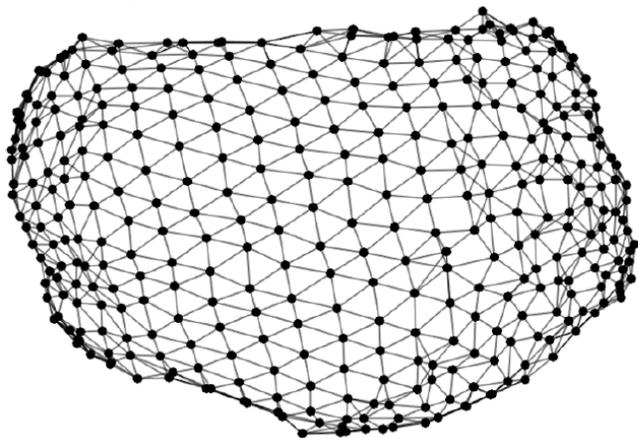
- Surface normal estimation of  $\mathbf{n}_i$  is a nonlinear function of  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and neighbors.

## Proposal:

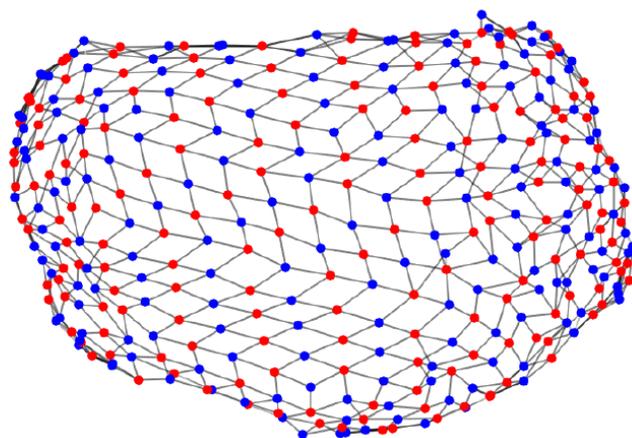
1. Partition point cloud into **two independent classes** (say **red** and **blue**).
2. When computing surface normal for a red node, use only neighboring blue points.
3. Solve convex optimization for red (blue) nodes alternately.

# Bipartite Graph Approx. & Normal Def'n

**Step 1:** bipartite graph approx. of k-NN graph.

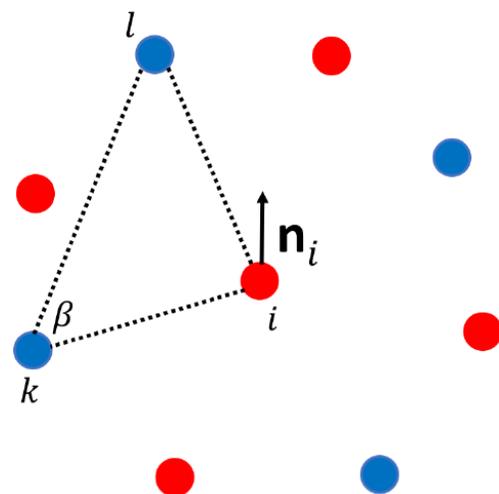


(a) original graph



(b) bipartite graph

Normal vector estimation at a red node



**Step 2:** define red nodes' normals using blue nodes.

$$\mathbf{n}_i = \frac{[\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_k] \times [\mathbf{p}_k - \mathbf{p}_l]}{\|[\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_k] \times [\mathbf{p}_k - \mathbf{p}_l]\|_2}$$

⋮

$$\mathbf{n}_i = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{b}_i$$

$\mathbf{A}_i$  is a constant matrix and  $\mathbf{b}_i$  is a constant vector with respect to  $\mathbf{p}_i$

# Convex Optimization Formulation

- After computing normals for each red node, construct a new k-NN graph for red nodes only.
- For a red node graph, objective is a  $\ell_2 - \ell_1$  -norm minimization w/ linear constraints:

$$\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j \in E_r} \|\mathbf{m}_{i,j}\|_1 \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{m}_{i,j} = \mathbf{n}_i - \mathbf{n}_j \\ \mathbf{n}_i = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{b}_i \end{array} \Rightarrow \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}$$

## Solution:

- ADMM:  $\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j \in E_r} \|\mathbf{m}_{i,j}\|_1 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{B}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \text{const}$

- p-minimization:  $(2\mathbf{I} + \rho\mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{B})\mathbf{p}^{k+1} = 2\mathbf{q} + \rho\mathbf{B}^T(\mathbf{m}^k - \mathbf{u}^k - \mathbf{v}),$

- m-minimization:  $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{B}\mathbf{p}^{k+1} + \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{u}^k\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j \in E_1} w_{i,j} \|\mathbf{m}_{i,j}\|_1,$   
Proximal gradient descent

- Alternately update red and blue graphs until convergence.

# Experimental Setup

- 4 competing local methods: **APSS** [1], **RIMLS** [2], **AWLOP** [3], **MRPCA** [4]
- 7 point cloud datasets used: Bunny, Gargoyle, DC, Daratrch, Anchor, Lordquas, Fandisk, Laurana
- Metrics: **point to point error** (C2C) and **point to plane error** (C2P)
- Gaussian noise with zero mean, standard deviation  $\sigma$  of 0.1 and 0.3.

[1] G. Guennebaud and M. Gross, “**Algebraic point set surfaces**,” *ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG)*, vol. 26, no. 3, p. 23, 2007.

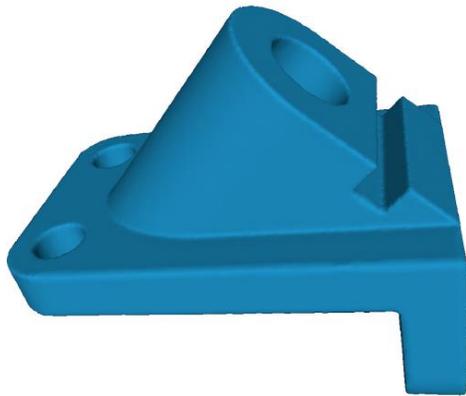
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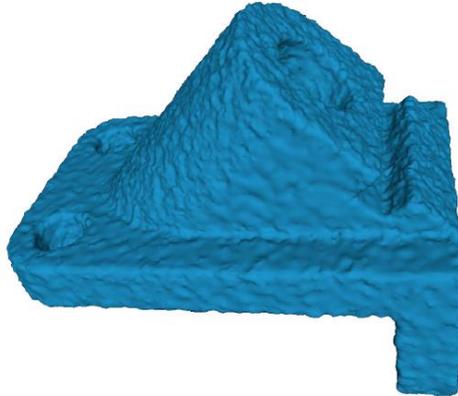
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# Experimental Results – Visual Comparison

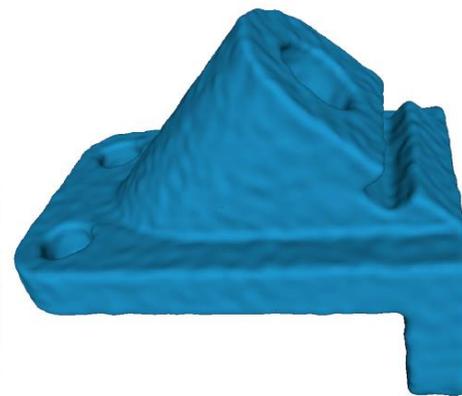
Anchor model ( $\sigma=0.3$ )



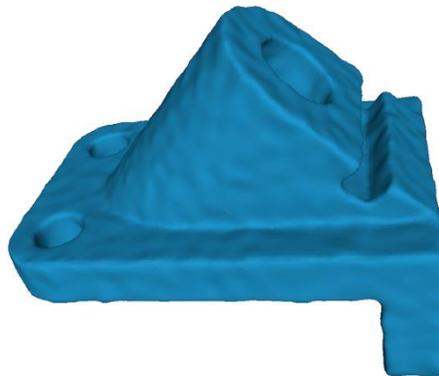
(a) ground truth



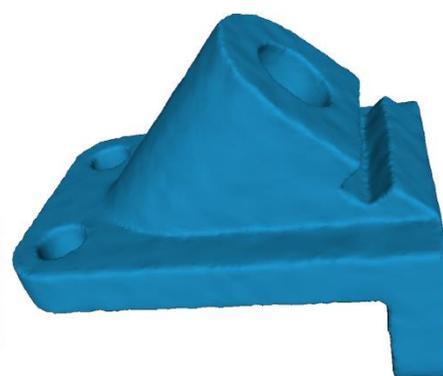
(b) noisy input



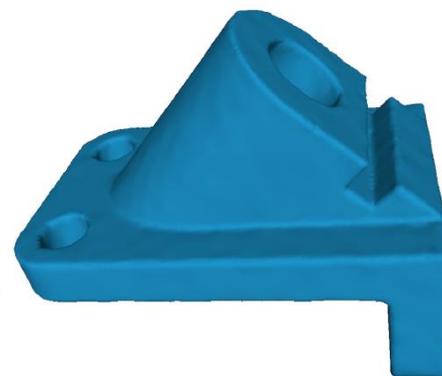
(c) APSS



(d) RIMLS



(e) MRPCA



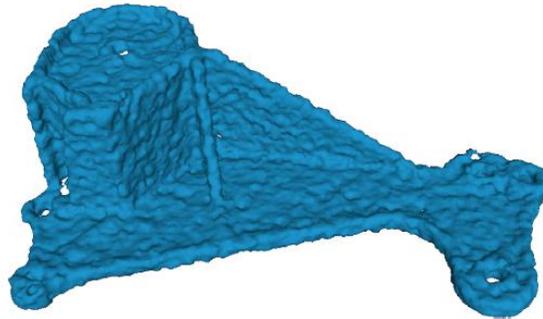
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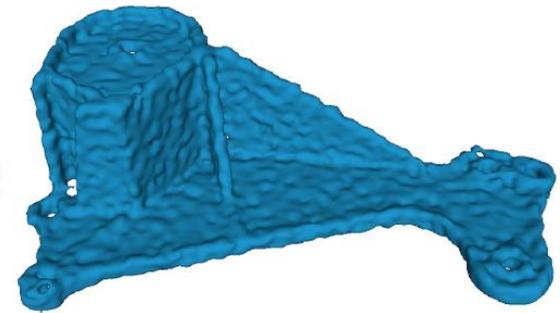
Daratech model ( $\sigma=0.3$ )



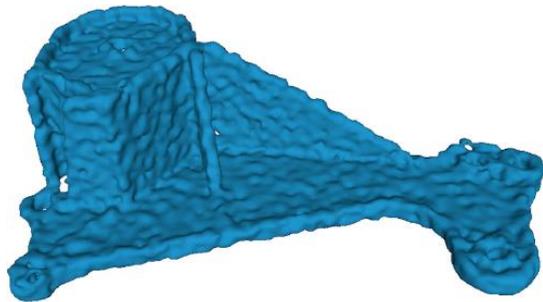
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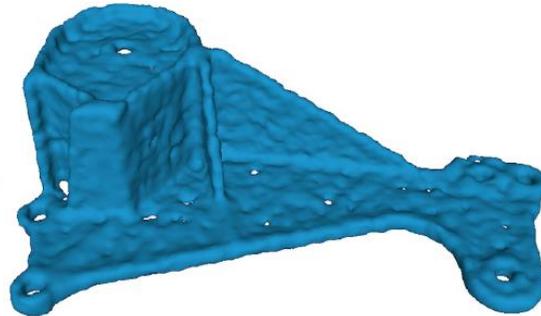
(b) noisy input



(c) APSS



(d) RIMLS



(e) MRPCA



(f) proposed

# Experimental Results – Numerical Comparison

TABLE I

C2C OF DIFFERENT MODELS, WITH GAUSSIAN NOISE ( $\sigma = 0.1$ )

| Model    | Noise | APSS  | RIMLS | AWLOP | MRPCA        | Prop.        |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Bunny    | 0.157 | 0.135 | 0.143 | 0.153 | 0.141        | <b>0.128</b> |
| Gargoyle | 0.154 | 0.133 | 0.143 | 0.151 | 0.144        | <b>0.131</b> |
| DC       | 0.154 | 0.130 | 0.140 | 0.148 | 0.136        | <b>0.128</b> |
| Daratech | 0.156 | 0.134 | 0.137 | 0.156 | 0.134        | <b>0.132</b> |
| Anchor   | 0.156 | 0.134 | 0.139 | 0.152 | 0.130        | <b>0.127</b> |
| Lordquas | 0.155 | 0.130 | 0.143 | 0.153 | 0.132        | <b>0.126</b> |
| Fandisk  | 0.159 | 0.148 | 0.148 | 0.157 | 0.138        | <b>0.136</b> |
| Laurana  | 0.150 | 0.136 | 0.139 | 0.147 | <b>0.130</b> | <b>0.130</b> |

TABLE II

C2C OF DIFFERENT MODELS, WITH GAUSSIAN NOISE ( $\sigma = 0.3$ )

| Model    | Noise | APSS  | RIMLS | AWLOP | MRPCA | Prop.        |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Bunny    | 0.329 | 0.235 | 0.251 | 0.315 | 0.243 | <b>0.231</b> |
| Gargoyle | 0.304 | 0.220 | 0.232 | 0.288 | 0.218 | <b>0.214</b> |
| DC       | 0.305 | 0.213 | 0.230 | 0.302 | 0.212 | <b>0.207</b> |
| Daratech | 0.313 | 0.264 | 0.268 | 0.293 | 0.262 | <b>0.246</b> |
| Anchor   | 0.317 | 0.225 | 0.231 | 0.281 | 0.216 | <b>0.210</b> |
| Lordquas | 0.307 | 0.212 | 0.228 | 0.284 | 0.208 | <b>0.203</b> |
| Fandisk  | 0.406 | 0.352 | 0.343 | 0.390 | 0.331 | <b>0.319</b> |
| Laurana  | 0.318 | 0.239 | 0.249 | 0.266 | 0.242 | <b>0.231</b> |

TABLE III

C2P ( $\times 10^{-3}$ ) OF DIFFERENT MODELS, WITH GAUSSIAN NOISE ( $\sigma = 0.1$ )

| Model    | Noise | APSS | RIMLS | AWLOP | MRPCA | Prop.       |
|----------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Bunny    | 9.91  | 4.62 | 5.14  | 7.95  | 4.66  | <b>4.61</b> |
| Gargoyle | 9.67  | 4.59 | 5.97  | 8.46  | 4.56  | <b>4.48</b> |
| DC       | 9.66  | 4.37 | 4.82  | 7.63  | 3.98  | <b>3.71</b> |
| Daratech | 9.93  | 2.93 | 4.05  | 9.54  | 3.01  | <b>2.85</b> |
| Anchor   | 9.87  | 3.32 | 4.10  | 8.43  | 2.18  | <b>2.05</b> |
| Lordquas | 9.72  | 3.33 | 5.81  | 9.10  | 3.79  | <b>3.11</b> |
| Fandisk  | 9.88  | 6.70 | 7.05  | 8.93  | 4.86  | <b>4.39</b> |
| Laurana  | 9.23  | 5.16 | 5.86  | 7.70  | 5.13  | <b>5.01</b> |

TABLE IV

C2P ( $\times 10^{-2}$ ) OF DIFFERENT MODELS, WITH GAUSSIAN NOISE ( $\sigma = 0.3$ )

| Model    | Noise | APSS  | RIMLS | AWLOP | MRPCA | Prop.        |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Bunny    | 6.442 | 1.256 | 1.704 | 5.634 | 1.373 | <b>1.128</b> |
| Gargoyle | 6.096 | 1.512 | 1.954 | 5.004 | 1.540 | <b>1.499</b> |
| DC       | 6.130 | 1.349 | 1.738 | 6.097 | 1.391 | <b>1.201</b> |
| Daratech | 6.116 | 3.422 | 3.483 | 4.881 | 3.212 | <b>2.215</b> |
| Anchor   | 6.354 | 1.930 | 2.160 | 3.991 | 1.714 | <b>1.597</b> |
| Lordquas | 6.234 | 1.846 | 2.558 | 4.928 | 1.768 | <b>1.644</b> |
| Fandisk  | 7.297 | 3.180 | 2.640 | 6.093 | 1.720 | <b>1.702</b> |
| Laurana  | 5.890 | 1.392 | 1.800 | 2.307 | 1.464 | <b>1.211</b> |

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# Unrolling Graph Laplacian Regularizer

- Recall MAP formulation of denoising problem with quadratic graph Laplacian regularizer:

$$\min_x \underbrace{\|y - x\|_2^2}_{\text{fidelity term}} + \underbrace{\mu x^T L x}_{\text{smoothness prior}}$$

- Solution is system of linear equations:

$$\underbrace{(I + \mu L) x^* = y}_{\text{linear system of eqn's w/ sparse, symmetric PD matrix}}$$

**Q:** what is the “most appropriate” graph?

Bilateral weights:

$$w_{i,j} = \exp\left(\frac{-\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\|l_i - l_j\|_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)$$

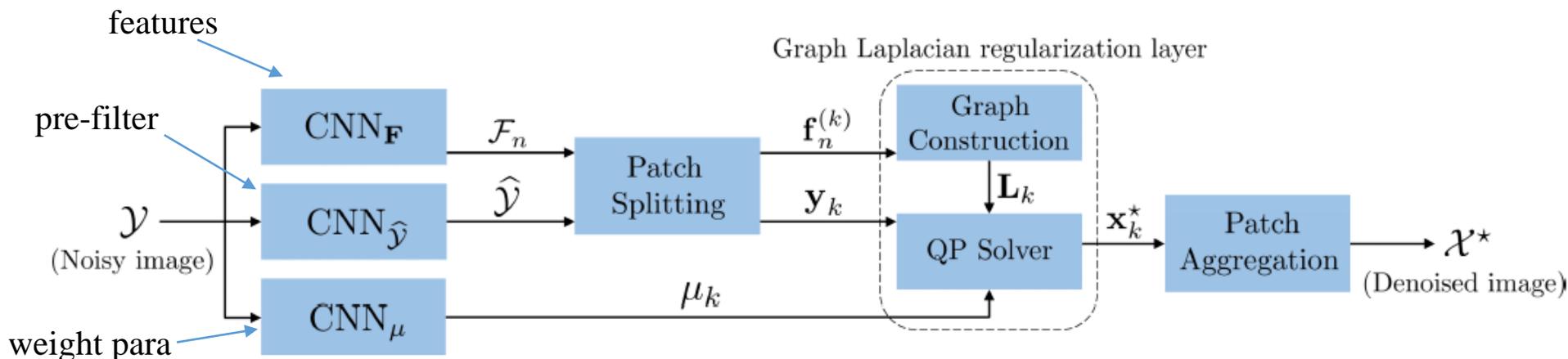
# Unrolling Graph Laplacian Regularizer

- **Deep Graph Laplacian Regularization:**

1. Learn features  $\mathbf{f}$ 's using CNN.
2. Compute distance from features.
3. Compute edge weights using Gaussian kernel.
4. Construct graph, solve QP.

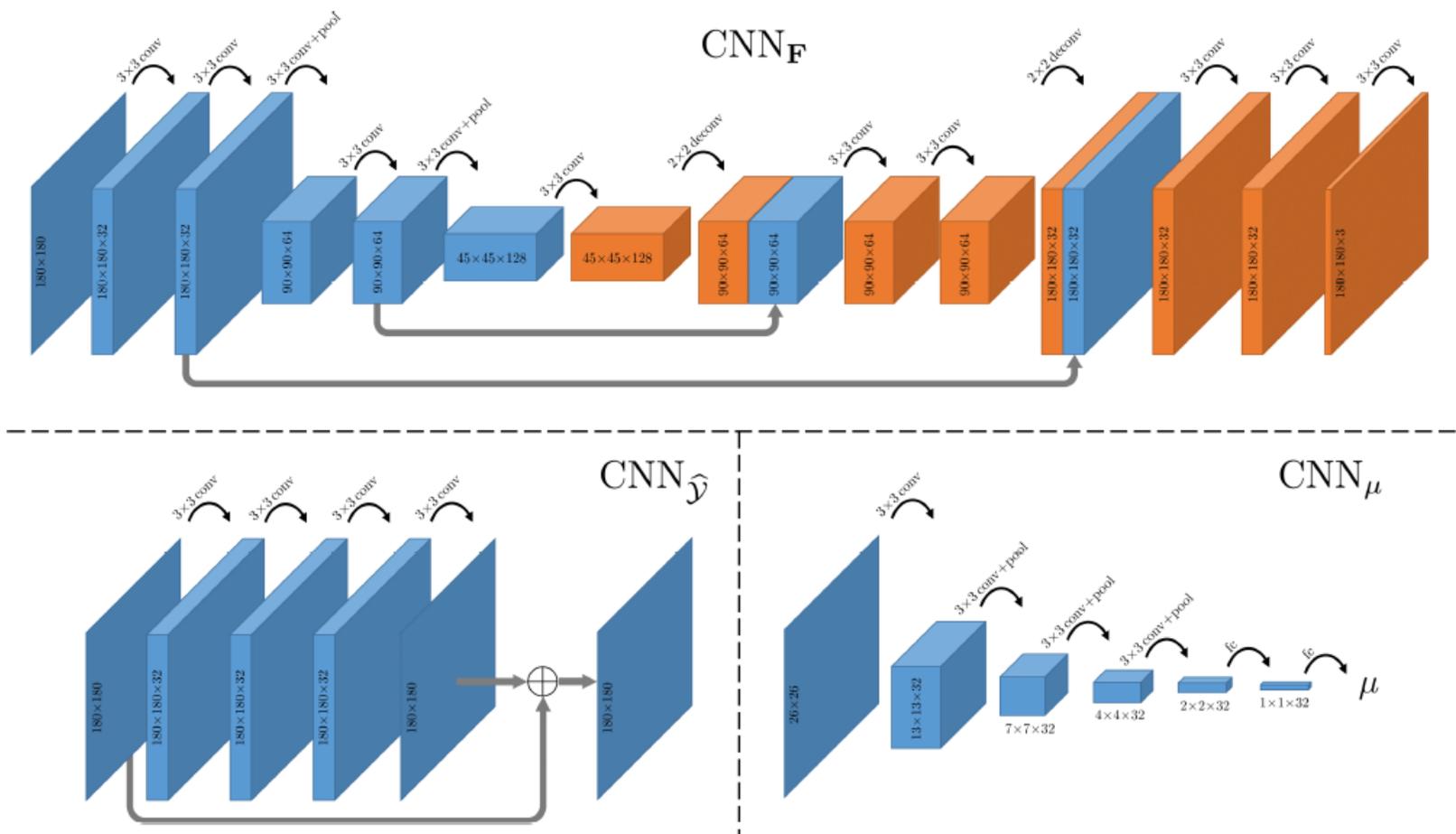
$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\text{dist}(i, j)}{2\epsilon^2}\right),$$

$$\text{dist}(i, j) = \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{f}_n(i) - \mathbf{f}_n(j))^2.$$



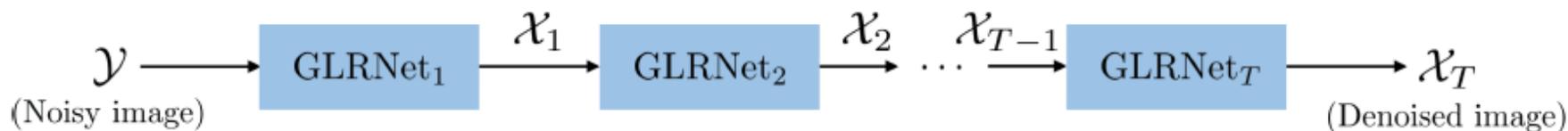
**Fig. 1.** Block diagram of the proposed GLRNet which employs a graph Laplacian regularization layer for image denoising.

# Unrolling Graph Laplacian Regularizer



**Fig. 3.** Network architectures of  $CNN_F$ ,  $CNN_{\hat{y}}$  and  $CNN_{\mu}$  in the experiments. Data produced by the decoder of  $CNN_F$  is colored in orange.

# Unrolling Graph Laplacian Regularizer



**Fig. 2.** Block diagram of the overall DeepGLR framework.

- **Graph Model** *guarantees numerical stability of solution:*

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mu \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{y}$$

- **Thm 1:** condition number  $\kappa$  of matrix satisfies [1]:

$$\kappa \leq 1 + 2\mu d_{\max},$$

← maximum node degree

- **Observation:** By restricting search space of CNN to degree-bounded graphs, we achieve robust learning.

# Experimental Results – Numerical Comparison

- Trained on AWGN on 5 images, patches of size 26-by-26.
- Batch size is 4, model is trained for 200 epochs.
- Trained for both known and blind noise variance.

**Table 1.** Average PSNR (dB) and SSIM values of different methods for Gaussian noise removal. The best results for each metric is highlighted in boldface.

| Noise | Metric | Method |        |        |               |         |               |           |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
|       |        | BM3D   | WNNM   | OGLR   | DnCNN-S       | DnCNN-B | DeepGLR-S     | DeepGLR-B |
| 25    | PSNR   | 29.95  | 30.28  | 29.78  | <b>30.41</b>  | 30.33   | 30.26         | 30.21     |
|       | SSIM   | 0.8496 | 0.8554 | 0.8463 | <b>0.8609</b> | 0.8594  | 0.8599        | 0.8557    |
| 40    | PSNR   | 27.62  | 28.08  | 27.68  | 28.10         | 28.13   | <b>28.16</b>  | 28.04     |
|       | SSIM   | 0.7920 | 0.8018 | 0.7949 | 0.8080        | 0.8091  | <b>0.8125</b> | 0.8063    |
| 50    | PSNR   | 26.69  | 27.08  | 26.58  | 27.15         | 27.18   | <b>27.25</b>  | 27.12     |
|       | SSIM   | 0.7651 | 0.7769 | 0.7539 | 0.7809        | 0.7811  | <b>0.7852</b> | 0.7807    |

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# Experimental Results – Numerical Comparison

- DeepGLR has average PSNR of 0.34 dB higher than CDnCNN [1].
- Model-based provides robustness against overfitting.

**Table 2.** Evaluation of different methods for low-light image denoising. The best results for each metric, except for those tested on the training set, are highlighted in boldface.

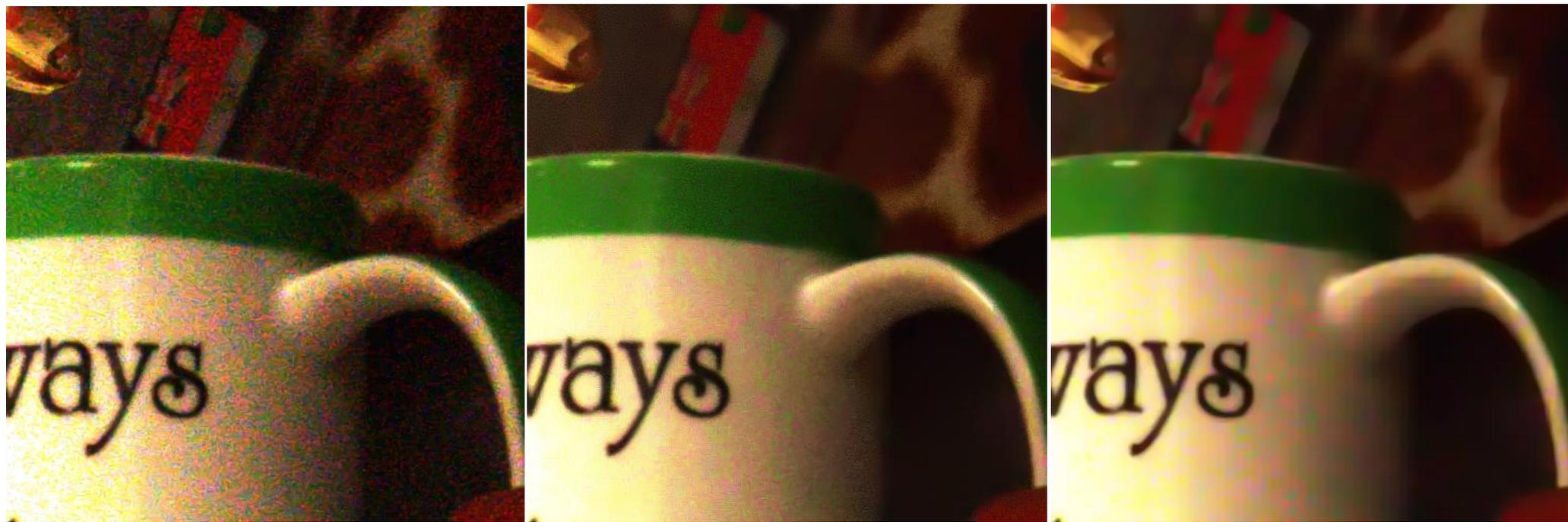
| Metric | Noisy  | Method |         |                   |        |                     |               |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------|
|        |        | CBM3D  | MC-WNNM | CDnCNN<br>(train) | CDnCNN | CDeepGLR<br>(train) | CDeepGLR      |
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| SSIM R | 0.2270 | 0.6293 | 0.5746  | 0.8538            | 0.8218 | 0.8372              | <b>0.8297</b> |
| SSIM G | 0.4073 | 0.8252 | 0.7566  | 0.8979            | 0.8828 | 0.8840              | <b>0.8854</b> |
| SSIM B | 0.1823 | 0.5633 | 0.5570  | 0.8294            | 0.7812 | 0.8138              | <b>0.7997</b> |

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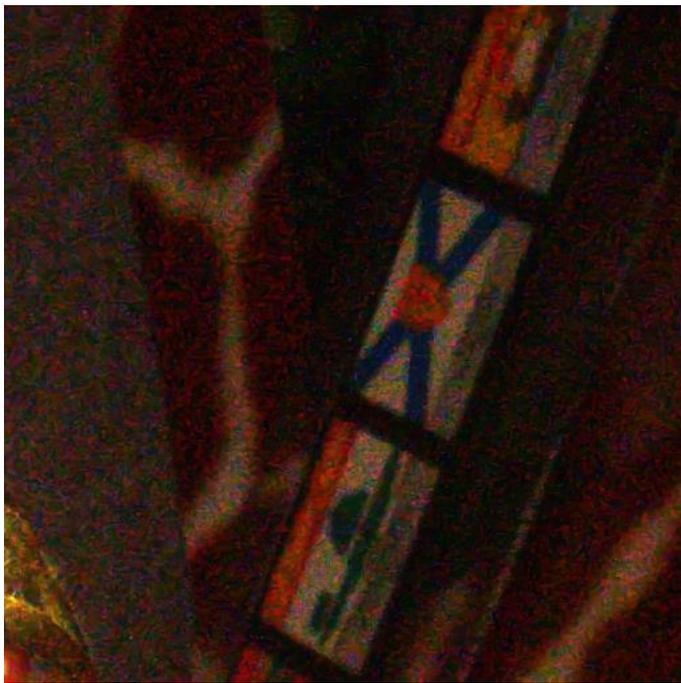
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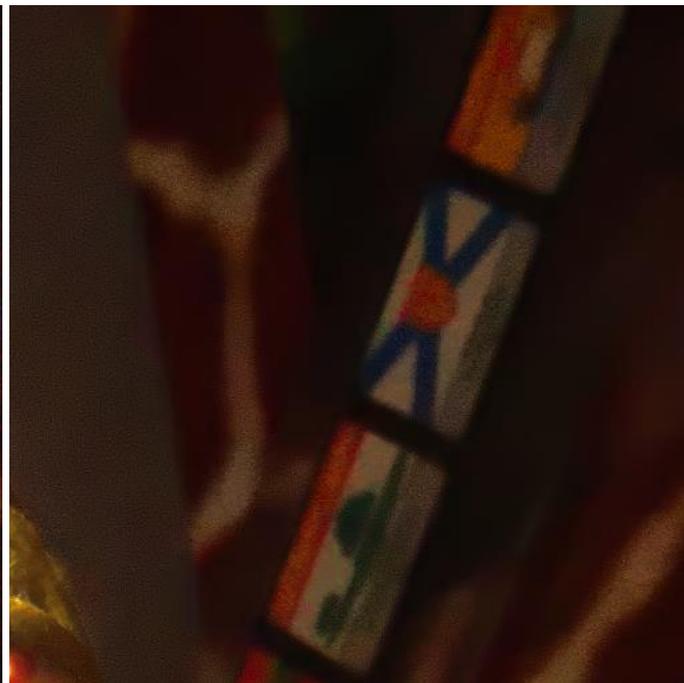
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# Ongoing & Future Work

- Unrolling of graph-based convex optimization.
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  - Learn features from RGBD images for depth inpainting / denoising.
- Metric learning for edge weight computation for graph-based binary classifiers.
- Model-guided learning safeguard against worst-case / adversary noise?

# Q&A

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