

Multi-frequency Methods for Solving Inverse Problems in TOF Imaging





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Example of Reconstruction

Depth Imaging/3D Imaging



Time of Flight work at MIT



Raskar / J. Davies (2005)

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Femto-Photography: Visualizing Photons in Motion at a Trillion Frames Per Second



Light in Motion: Combination of modern imaging hardware and a reconstruction technique to visualize light propagation via repeated periodic sampling.



Time-Lapse Visualization: Color coding of light with a delay of few picoseconds in each period.



Ripples of Waves: A time-lapse visualization of the spherical fronts of advancing light reflected by surfaces in the scene.



Video by Nature.com Nature.com/news



The Rise and Rise of Depth Imaging











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Heide/Hullin



MIT Team

Applications beyond depth imaging:

- Multi-bounce light decomposition
- Ultra-fast imaging
- Bio-imaging
- Scattering medium

Coded Time of Flight Cameras: Sparse Deconvolution to Address Multipath Interference and Recover Time Profiles

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Depth from Continuous Wave Imaging



Multiple Depths / Mixed Pixels — Problem



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$$z^{(K)}_{\omega} = ilde{\Gamma}(\omega) e^{j ilde{\phi}(\omega)} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \Gamma_k e^{j\phi_k(\omega)},$$



$$\frac{|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{g}'||}{\ell_2} < \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{such that} \quad \underbrace{||\mathbf{g}'||}_{\ell_0} = K, \quad (11)$$
Data-Fidelity Sparsity

where the ℓ_p -norm is $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_p}^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_n |x_n|^p$. The limit $p \to 0$ is used to define $\|\mathbf{g}'\|_{\ell_0}$ as the number of nonzero elements of \mathbf{g}' . Equation (11) demands a least-squares solution to



Multiple Depths / Mixed Pixels — Solution



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Resolving multipath interference in time-of-flight imaging via modulation frequency diversity and sparse regularization





What about Time Domain?





What about Kinect?



Transient Movies ?







Towards a Conceptual Unification ...

Model Setup: Inspiration from Linear Systems



Model Setup: Fredholm



Convolution Kernels

$$egin{aligned} h\left(t,z
ight) &= h\left(t-z
ight) \Leftrightarrow m\left(t
ight) &= \left(h*x*\overline{x}
ight)\left(t
ight) \ \widehat{m}\left(\omega
ight) &= \widehat{h}\left(\omega
ight)\left|\widehat{x}\left(\omega
ight)
ight|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Model Setup: Fredholm



• Ex.1: Sparse Linear Opertors $h\left(t\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \mu_k \delta\left(t - 2d_k \nu\right)$



Conceptually, we are interested in estimating $(K, \alpha, \tau, \gamma)$ from the measurements observed through a filter φ such that:



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Mixed Pixel Problem at Sensor Level



The Multi-Frequency Case: Hypothesis



- No inter-reflections $\Rightarrow M$ is finite.
- Static scene or *NO* functional dependence of shifts on time!
- Uniform frequency sampling: Fast Algorithms, Elegant Theory and Nice Bounds!



From Sensor to Forward Model



Bounds for Depth Resolution



$$egin{aligned} \Delta d \geqslant rac{D}{2\pi} \sqrt{rac{S_m}{N}} rac{1}{\sqrt{ extsf{PSNR}}} \end{aligned}$$

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