Supplementary Material: A Log-Rectilinear Transformation for Foveated 360-degree Video Streaming

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL:

In this supplementary material for Li *et al.* [1], we briefly discuss mipmapping as an alternative to summed-area tables. More supplementary material is available at https://augmentariumlab.github.io/foveated-360-video/.

Mipmapping

An alternative to using summed-area tables would be to use mipmapped video frames which can be combined with any sampling method. Mipmaps can be pre-computed similar to multi-resolution methods to avoid the run-time computational overhead of computing summed area tables. However, mipmapping only allows averaging of fixed pre-determined rectangles compared to summed area tables which allow averaging over rectangles of arbitrary size and location. In our testing, we found that mipmapping reduces aliasing but does not reduce flickering as large changes can occur when sampling crosses over pixel boundaries of the mipmapped video frames. A qualitative example of log-polar foveation with and without mipmapping is shown in Fig. 1.

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(a) Without Mipmapping



(b) With Mipmapping

Fig. 1: A qualitative example of a log-polar foveated ERP frame with and without mipmapping. Mipmapping is able to reduce aliasing as shown here but not flickering as the user' gaze changes.

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