

Master Thesis: Fast Sparse Light Field Reconstruction with Shearlet-Based Inpainting

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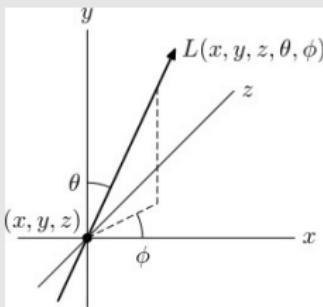
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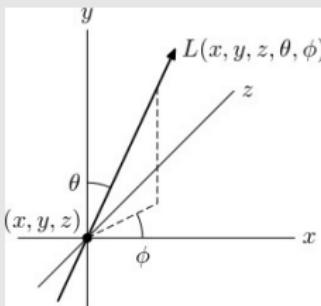
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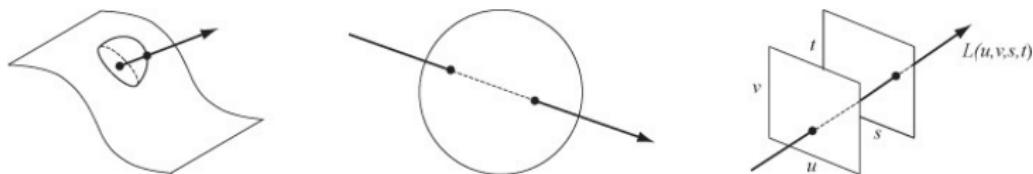


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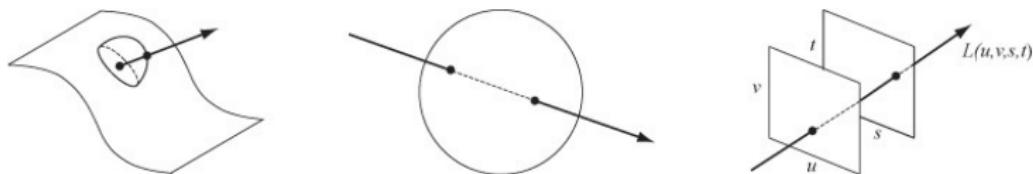


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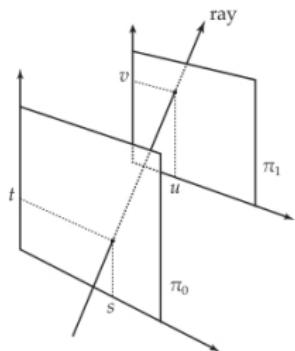


Figure: Used representation: "Two plane parametrization".

Motivation

Compression of High Resolution Light Field (Wetzstein et al., 2013)

Compressive Light Field Photography using Overcomplete Dictionaries and Optimized Projections

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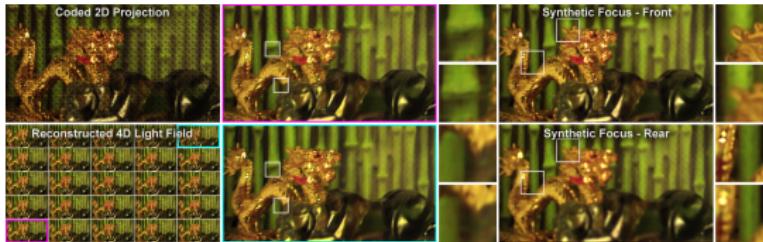


Figure 1: Light field reconstruction from a single coded projection. We explore sparse reconstructions of 4D light fields from optimized 2D projections using light field atoms as the fundamental building blocks of natural light fields. This example shows a coded sensor image captured with our camera prototype (upper left), and the recovered 4D light field (lower left and center). Parallax is successfully recovered (center insets) and allows for post-capture refocus (right). Even complex lighting effects, such as occlusion, specularity, and refraction, can be recovered, being exhibited by the background, dragon, and tiger, respectively.

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Light field photography has gained a significant research interest in the last two decades; today, commercial light field cameras are widely available. Nevertheless, most existing acquisition approaches either multiplex a low-resolution light field into a single 2D sensor image or require multiple photographs to be taken for acquiring a high-resolution light field. We propose a compressive light field camera architecture that allows for higher-resolution light fields to be recovered than previously possible from a single image. The proposed architecture comprises three key components: light field atoms as a sparse representation of natural light fields, an optical design that allows for capturing optimized 2D light field projections, and robust sparse reconstruction methods to recover a 4D light field from a single coded 2D projection. In addition, we demonstrate a variety of other applications for light field atoms and

1 Introduction

Since the invention of the first cameras, photographers have been striving to capture moments on film. Today, camera technology is on the verge of a new era. With the advent of mobile digital photography, consumers can easily capture, edit, and share moments with friends online. Most recently, light field photography was introduced to the consumer market as a technology facilitating novel user experiences, such as digital refocus, and 3D imaging capabilities, thereby capturing moments in greater detail. The technological foundations of currently available light field cameras, however, are more than a century old and have not fundamentally changed in that time. Most currently available devices trade spatial resolution for the ability to capture different views of a light field, oftentimes reducing the final image resolution by orders of magnitude compared to the raw sensor resolution. Unfortunately, this trend directly coun-

Raytrix (Perwass and Wietzke, 2010)



Lytro (Ng, 2012)



Light Field Reconstruction Using Shearlet Transform

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Abstract—In this article we develop an image based rendering technique based on light field reconstruction from a limited set of perspective views acquired by cameras. Our approach utilizes sparse representation of epipolar-plane images in a directionally sensitive transform domain, obtained by an adapted discrete shearlet transform. The used iterative thresholding algorithm provides high-quality reconstruction results for relatively big disparities between neighboring views. The generated densely sampled light field of a given 3D scene is thus suitable for all applications which requires light field reconstruction. The proposed algorithm is compared favorably against state of the art depth image based rendering techniques.

Index Terms—Image-based rendering, light field reconstruction, shearlets, frames, view synthesis.

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SYNTHESIS of intermediate views from a given set of captured views of a 3D visual scene is usually referred to as image-based rendering (IBR) [1]. The scene is typically captured by a limited number of cameras which form a rather coarse set of multiview images. However, denser set of images (i.e. intermediate views) is required in immersive visual applications such as free viewpoint television (FVT) and virtual reality (VR) aimed at creating the perception of continuous parallax.

Modern view synthesis methods are based on two,

needs to sample the LF such that the disparity between neighboring views is less than one pixel [9]. Hereafter, we will refer to such sampling as dense sampling and to the correspondingly sampled LF as densely sampled LF. In order to capture a densely sampled LF, the required distance between neighboring camera positions can be estimated based on the minimal scene depth (z_{min}) and the camera resolution. Furthermore, camera resolution should provide enough samples to properly capture highest spatial texture frequency in the scene [10].

An article about computational result is advertising, not scholarship. The actual scholarship is the full software environment, code and data, that produced the result.

Buckheit and Donoho (1995)

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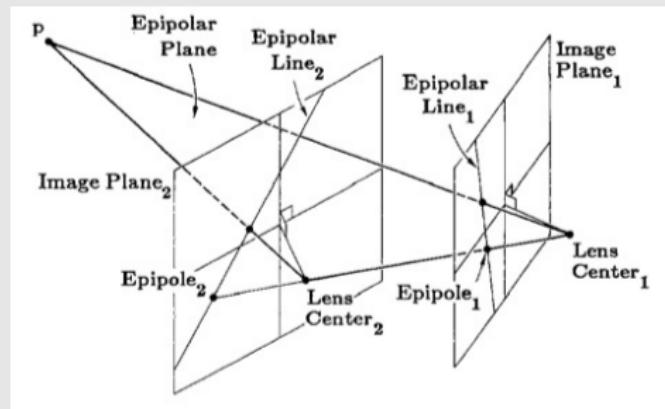
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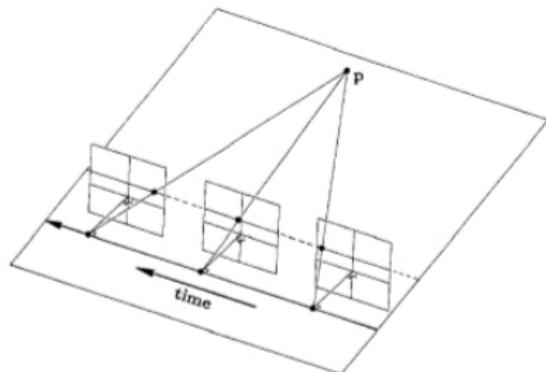
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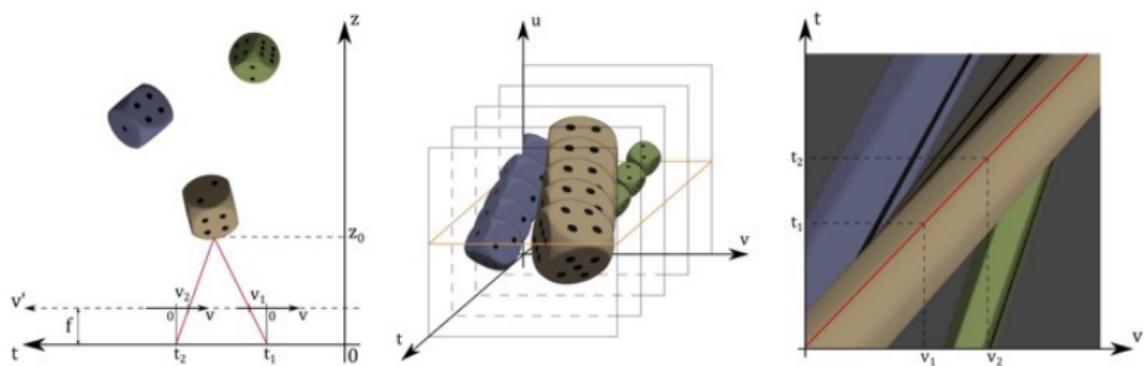
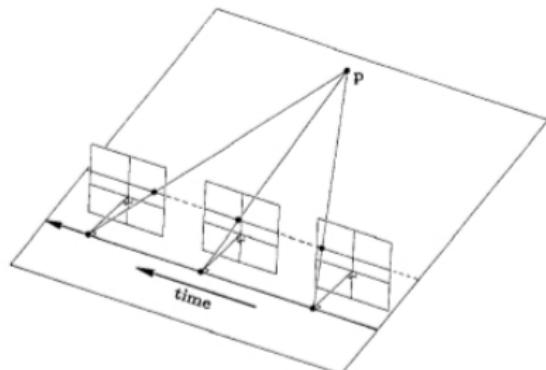
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Functional Analysis of EPIs

Depth map estimation with EPIs

Physical acquisition setup

Computational acquisition pipeline

Sparse representation and sampling rate

Reconstruction method with inpaiting

Cone Adapted Shearlets

Universal Shearlets and α -Shearlets

Shearlet-based inpainting with iterative hard thresholding

Line detection and depth map estimation

Conclusions and Outlook

Thanks!

Questions?

