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Self-Similarity based Models  
for Image Denoising**

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# Abstract

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## 2.1 Synthetic Grayscale Image Denoising

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## 2.2 Realistic Color Image Denoising

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# External Non-local Self-Similarity

## Prior for Additive White Gaussian Noise

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— Steve Jobs  
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### 3.1 Introduction



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**Fig. 3.2:** Another Figure example: (a) example part one, (c) example part two; (c) example part three

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# External Prior Guided Internal Prior Learning for Real Noisy Image Denoising

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## 4.1 Learning External Nonlocal Self-Similarity Priors



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# Internal Nonlocal Self-Similarity Prior for Real Color Image Denoising: A Low Rank based Method

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— Jef Raskin

about Human Computer Interfaces

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# Internal Nonlocal Self-Similarity

## Prior for Real Color Image

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## 8.3 Future Work

Hello, here is some text without a meaning. This text should show what a printed text will look like at this place. If you read this text, you will get no information. Really? Is there no information? Is there a difference between this text and some nonsense like “Huardest gefburn”? Kjift – not at all! A blind text like this gives you information about the selected font, how the letters are written and an impression of the look. This text should contain all letters of the alphabet and it should be written in of the original language. There is no need for special content, but the length of words should match the language.