



## Introduction to Underwater Vision

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## Schedule for today

#### PART 1

- Introduction to underwater Vision
- Pre-processing

#### PART 2

- Feature detection and description
- Feature matching

#### PART 3

• Motion estimation and outlier rejection

#### PART 4

• Topology Estimation and Global Alignment





# PART 1

- Introduction to underwater Vision
- Pre-processing



#### Using vision underwater, uhm...

#### Light and water are not good friends:

- Absorption
- Scattering
- Blurring
- Non-uniform lighting



# $\clubsuit$ We need to get close to the seafloor to collect data $\rightarrow$ data gathering is expensive



- Poor visibility
- Distance dependent







Veiling light = Spacelight = Path radiance = Backscatter

Poor visibility













#### Scattering

#### Lakeland Shipwreck – Lake Michigan, ~67m depth





#### Bathyluck cruise (2009). PI: Javier Escartin



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## Photometric Artifacts: summary

#### **Underwater Imaging Environment**

SHALLOW WATER	Sun Flicker (caustics) Cast Shadows Suspended Particles Turbulence	High Turbidity Visual Cues from Natural Features and Manmade Structures	
WATER COLUMN	Artificial Lighting Back-Scatter Visual Cues from floating Life Forms (marine larval ecology, e.g., plankton)		
DEEP WATER	Artificial Lighting Shading Cast Shadows	Loss of Color Strong Visual Cues from Benthic Features	

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## Removing sunlight flicker

#### Refracted sunlight creates irradiance (light) fluctuations







#### **Refracted Sunlight**

- Can disrupt image processing algorithms (matching and segmentation)
- Makes it harder to interpret benthic structures

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## Our Approach – 2 key observations

- ✤ Observation 1
  - The difference between an image and the temporal median has two components

Component 1 – Instant illumination field from sun light

Component 2 – Artifacts from registration errors



# Temporal Median



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#### Difference

### Our Approach – 2 key observations

- Observation 2
  - The two components are (usually) easily separable in the frequency domain



#### Difference

Low Pass Filter

> High Pass Filter

#### Illumination field has lower spatial frequencies



#### Registration artifacts have higher spatial frequencies





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### Removing sunlight flicker

Input





**Temporal Median** 

Difference (Input - Median) Illumination field (low pass difference) **Residue** (Output - Median)



## sunlight flicker revisited

- Created by refracted sunlight
- Degrades image quality and the information content
- Inversely proportional to depth





#### Pipeline



- 1. Illumination field is a dynamic texture
- 2. Smooth camera movement
- 3. Flat (approximately) bottom of the sea



#### Dynamic texture modeling



1. Input image

2. Coarsely recovered image

3. Finally recovered image

4. Original illumination field

5. Predicted illumination field

6. Median image

A. Shihavuddin, N. Gracias, R. Garcia. "Online Sunflicker Removal using Dynamic Texture Prediction". International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications, pp. 161-167, Rome (Italy).



## Light effects in Underwater Imaging

- Poor visibility: light interactions with water molecules and impurities dissolved and suspended in water
  - Absorption effects
  - Scattering effects
    - Forward scattering
    - Backward scattering
  - Fluorescences of biological objects
  - Swimming macroscopical particles
  - Lighting inhomogeneities
    - Shallow water: sun flickering
    - Deep water: artificial lighting, vignetting, limited lightpower



## Light effects in Underwater Imaging

The absorption of light power is exponential - Lambert Law of Absorption. Attenuation Factor dependence on distance:  $F = \exp(-a(\lambda) * d)$ , where  $a(\lambda)$  is the spectral absorbance.



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Basically, the water only is only transparent for the bluish visible range, but this range has often strong scattering effects, thereby it is loss in sharpness and contrast





# A non-dehazing approach for visualization in tight blue spectral range









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#### **Narrow Spectral Imaging**



L. Neumann, R. Garcia, J. Basa, R. Hegedus. "<u>Acquisition and Visualization Techniques for Narrow Spectral Color Imaging</u>", Journal of the Optical Society of America A. Vol. 30, no. 6, pp. 1039–1052, 2013.

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## **Narrow Spectral Imaging**

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12/18/08







## Light effects in Underwater Imaging

Rayleigh scattering results in hazy images and Mie scattering in blurry, murky, faded appearance

Density fluctuation of water molecules vs. any kind of physical inhomogeneity that is larger than water molecule (R vs. M)



- Rayleigh angular scattering in pure water
- Appr. Wavelength's power = 4

$$\beta_W(\lambda,\vartheta) = b_W(\lambda)p_W(\cos\vartheta),$$

$$b_W(\lambda) = (0.001\,458\,4\,\mathrm{m}^{-1})\left(\frac{550}{\lambda}\right)^{4.34}$$





## Light effects in Underwater Imaging

# There are also natural (self illuminating) and excited **fluorescence effects**, characterizing some biological activities



- Fluorescence is not disturbing, low-light
- Nice and useful future work, but we do not deal with this phenomena in the image enhancement algorithms





#### Polarization

- ✤ A given part of the scattered light is linearly polarized. Polarization information can therefore be used to reduce the effect of scattered light.
- ✤ A polarization camera can acquire the full polarization information per pixel



#### Fluxdata Polarization camera: 3 CCD sensors with differently oriented linear polarizers



#### A non-underwater example with over-depolarization

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#### A non-underwater example with over-depolarization



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## Underwater dehazing examples

VICOROB http://vicorob.udg.edu/

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#### Some RED deficite, yet - in 2010 test









#### **Original image**

#### **Enhanced image**







#### **Original image**

#### **Enhanced image**



## Image Dehazing – Depth map approach

#### Dark-channel based approach

 Based on the observation that most local patches in haze-free outdoor images contain some parts which have very low intensities in some dark pixels in at least one color channel, so that these will contain only scattered component in a hazy image



### Dark Channel based Image Dehazing

#### Basic idea

The basic idea of defogging is, foggy image = clear image + fog density. That means foggy images are clear images polluted by fog. If we estimate the fog density and remove it, then the clear image can be got. The foggy image model is shown as follows.



The procedure of defogging is as follows.





#### Dark Channel based Image Dehazing



#### $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x})t(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{A}(1 - t(\mathbf{x}))$




Most local patches in haze-free outdoor images contain some pixels which have very low intensities in at least one color channel, so that for these pixels:

$$I(x) = L_{object}(z) + A \cdot (1 - t(z)) \quad \text{where} \quad t = e^{-\beta z}$$

Dark channel can be defined as:

$$I^{dark}(x) = \min_{c \in \{R,G,B\}} \left( \min_{y \in \omega(x)} I^{(c)}(y) \right)$$

From here we can get transmission map t, given that we know A









#### Sparse 'dark channel'-based depth map



**Contribution from different channels** 





#### Inpainted depth map (joint bilateral filter)







Single image dehazing







#### Single image dehazing









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#### Original image





#### Corrected image







#### **Original image**



#### Single image dehazing – possible artifacts (color, halo, etc.) All dark channel methods have problem (artifacts, speed)



#### Artifacts, based on widely used dark channel method,

#### and starting from noisy, high ISO image



# Technique not using depth-maps

## A conceptually simple method

- Assumes a grey-world and uniform illumination
- Uses the Ruderman color space Lαβ to move the chromatic component around the white point
- Performs luminance stretching.
- Fast enough for realtime operation

G. Bianco, M. Muzzupappa, F. Bruno, R. Garcia, L. Neumann. "A new color correction method for underwater imaging". ISPRS/CIPA Workshop on Underwater 3D Recording and Modelling, Piano di Sorrento (Napoli), Italy. 16-17 April 2015.



# Some of our running research images

































JPEG compression causes artifacts on the luminance gradient. It is better to use uncompressed images.

















# **Camera Modeling And Calibration**



### Calibration Introduction – Perspective Imaging

"The Scholar of Athens," Raphael, 1518



Image courtesy of C. Taylor

#### Camera Model



## Camera Model (Step 1: World to Camera)



### Camera Model (Step 2: Projection)



#### Camera Model (Step 3: Lens Distortion)



### Camera Model (Step 3: Lens Distortion)



## Camera Model (Step 3: Lens Distortion)

#### Radial and Tangential Distortion



### Camera Model (Step 4: Camera to Image)



## **Calibration Methods**

- Method of Hall
  - Linear method
  - Transformation matrix
- Method of Faugeras-Toscani
  - Linear method
  - Obtaining camera parameters
- Method of Faugeras-Toscani with distortion
  - Iterative method
  - Radial distortion

### 2.3.1. The Method of Hall

Assume light is captured on the image plane by a linear projection

$$\begin{pmatrix} s^{T}X_{u} \\ s^{T}Y_{u} \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & A_{14} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{W}X_{w} \\ {}^{W}Y_{w} \\ {}^{W}Z_{w} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix is defined up to a scale factor  $\rightarrow$  Multiple Solutions A component is fixed to the unity  $\rightarrow$  Unique Solution

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$${}^{I}X_{u} = \frac{A_{11} {}^{W}X_{w} + A_{12} {}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{13} {}^{W}Z_{w} + A_{14}}{A_{31} {}^{W}X_{w} + A_{32} {}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{33} {}^{W}Z_{w} + 1}$$
$${}^{I}Y_{u} = \frac{A_{21} {}^{W}X_{w} + A_{22} {}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{23} {}^{W}Z_{w} + A_{24}}{A_{31} {}^{W}X_{w} + A_{32} {}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{33} {}^{W}Z_{w} + 1}$$

 $A_{11}^{W}X_{w} - A_{31}^{I}X_{u}^{W}X_{w} + A_{12}^{W}Y_{w} - A_{32}^{I}X_{u}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{13}^{W}Z_{w} - A_{33}^{I}X_{u}^{W}Z_{w} + A_{14} = {}^{I}X_{u}^{W}X_{w} - A_{31}^{I}Y_{u}^{W}X_{w} + A_{22}^{W}Y_{w} - A_{32}^{I}Y_{u}^{W}Y_{w} + A_{23}^{W}Z_{w} - A_{33}^{I}Y_{u}^{W}Z_{w} + A_{24} = {}^{I}Y_{u}^{W}X_{w} + A_{24}^{V}X_{w} + A_{24}^{V}X_{w} + A_{24}^{V}X_{w}^{V} + A_{24}^{V}X_{w}^{V}$ 

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Obtaining 11 unknowns and every 2D points gives two equations So, at least 6 points are needed. More points leads to a more accurate solution.

$$QA = B$$

$$Q_{2i-1} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{W}X_{wi} & {}^{W}Y_{wi} & {}^{W}Z_{wi} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -{}^{I}X_{ui} & {}^{W}X_{wi} & -{}^{I}X_{ui} & {}^{W}Y_{wi} & -{}^{I}X_{ui} & {}^{W}Z_{wi} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$B_{2i-1} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{I}X_{ui} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{2i} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{I}Y_{ui} \end{pmatrix}$$

Pseudoinverse leads to a unique solution:

# 2.3.2. The Method of Faugeras-Toscani



- Extrinsic parameters: Model the situation and orientation of the camera with respect to a world co-ordinate system.
- Intrinsic parameters: Model the behaviour of the internal geometry and the optical characteristics of the camera.

## 2.3.2. The Extrinsic Parameters



### 2.3.2. The Intrinsic Parameters: Ideal Projection



### 2.3.2. The Intrinsic Parameters: Pixel Conversion


### 2.3.2. The Intrinsic Parameters: Principal Point





 $(X_w, Y_w, Z_w)$  3D object point with respect to world co-ordinate system

Affine transformation. Modelled parameters: **R**, **T** 

 $(X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$  3D object point with respect to camera co-ordinate system

Perspective transformation. Modelled parameter: **f** 

 $(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{u}})$  Ideal projection on the retinal plane

Pixel adjustment Modelled parameters:  $\mathbf{k}_{u}, \mathbf{k}_{v}$ 

 $(X_p, Y_p)$  Real projection on the image plane

Adaptation to the computer image buffer Modelled parameters:  $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0$ 

 $(X_i, Y_i)$  Real projection on the image plane





#### Calibrating the Pinhole Model: The Extrinsics





Radial distorsion is the most important and usually the only considered in calibration.

$$D_{x} = {}^{C}X_{d} \left(k_{1}r^{2} + k_{2}r^{4} + L\right)$$
$$D_{y} = {}^{C}Y_{d} \left(k_{1}r^{2} + k_{2}r^{4} + L\right)$$
$$r = \sqrt{{}^{C}X_{d}}^{2} + {}^{C}Y_{d}^{2}$$



 $k_1$  is the most important component and usually sufficient in most applications.



co-ordinate system

 $\frac{X_u}{f} = \frac{P_{Xc}}{P_{Zc}} \qquad \frac{Y_u}{f} = \frac{P_{Yc}}{P_{Zc}}$  $X_u = X_d + D_x \qquad Y_u = Y_d + D_y$  $D_x = X_d k_1 r^2$   $D_y = Y_d k_1 r^2$   $r = \sqrt{X_d^2 + Y_d^2}$  $X_p = k_u X_d \qquad Y_p = k_v Y_d$  $X_i = -X_p + u_0$   $Y_i = -Y_p + v_0$ 



 $(X_w, Y_w, Z_w)$  3D object point with respect to world co-ordinate system

Affine transformation. Modelled parameters: **R**, **T** 

 $(X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$  3D object point with respect to camera co-ordinate system

Perspective transformation. Modelled parameter: **f** 

 $(X_u, Y_u)$  Ideal projection on the retinal plane

Radial lens distortion. Modelled parameter:

 $(X_d, Y_d)$  Real projection on the retinal plane

k<sub>1</sub>

Pixel adjustment Modelled parameters:  $\mathbf{k}_{u}, \mathbf{k}_{v}$ 

 $(X_p, Y_p)$  Real projection on the image plane

Adaptation to the computer image buffer Modelled parameters:  $\mathbf{u_0}, \mathbf{v_0}$ 

 $(X_i, Y_i)$  Real projection on the image plane

$$f \frac{{}^{C}X_{w}}{{}^{C}Z_{w}} = {}^{C}X_{d} + k_{1}r^{2}{}^{C}X_{d}$$
$$f \frac{{}^{C}Y_{w}}{{}^{C}Z_{w}} = {}^{C}Y_{d} + k_{1}r^{2}{}^{C}Y_{d}$$





The model is NON LINEAR

Iterative minimisation:

- Newton-Raphson
- Levenberg-Marquardt



### Pinhole camera model

Standard distortion models don't cover all cases! (Wide-angle, fisheye, etc...)

For example, GoPro Hero cameras have extreme wide-angle lenses:





Using OpenCV standard distortion model







#### Fisheye Distortion Model (Kannala and Brandt, 2006)

Let P=(x,y,z) be a point in 3D coordinates in the camera world frame. The pinhole projection coordinates of P are:

$$a = \frac{x}{z}$$
  $b = \frac{y}{z}$   $r^2 = a^2 + b^2$   
 $\theta = \operatorname{atan}(r)$ 

The distorted point coordinates are:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{\theta_d}{r} \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{y}' = \frac{\theta_d}{r} \mathbf{y}$$
$$\theta_d = \theta (1 + k_1 \theta^2 + k_2 \theta^4 + k_3 \theta^6 + k_4 \theta^8)$$

The distorted pixel coordinates are:

$$u = f_x(x' + \alpha y') + c_x$$
$$v = f_y yy + c_y$$















### Omnidirectional Multicamera Systems (OMS)







### OMS Calibration

#### 1. Individual Intrinsic calibration

Physical parameters of each camera according to the model used

#### 2. Extrinsic calibration

Geometric relationship between the cluster of cameras

#### 3. Underwater calibration

Geometric relationship between the cameras and the underwater housing





### Extrinsic calibration









### Extrinsic calibration

- Take shots of a known poster from different orientations and positions
- For every image, find matches between original poster and image
- For every frame image, solve the camera pose problem using initial values.
- Optimize parameters and pose of poster for every frame to minimize reprojection error through Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm.





#### Extrinsic calibration











### Underwater calibration: Ray tracing



$$\sin(\theta_a) \cdot n_{air} = \sin(\theta_g) \cdot n_{PMMA}$$
$$v_1 = -\frac{n_{air}}{n_{PMMA}} v_0 + \left(\frac{n_{air}}{n_{PMMA}} (v_0 \cdot n_1) - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{n_{air}}{n_{PMMA}}\right)^2 \cdot (1 - (v_0 \cdot n_1)^2)}\right) \cdot n_1$$





### Underwater calibration





#### Rolling Shutter









# CMOS and CCD markets 2012

### CCD sensors in Astronomy and MachineVision



Spectral Instruments 12MP CCD 95x95mm PointGrey Research Gazelle2 and Bumblebee2 Machine Vision cameras



### Rolling Shutter

# CMOS and CCD markets 2012

#### CMOS sensors everywhere else



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### It is still an open research problem



Camera Pan Image Plane Rotation Moving objects







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