# Stereoscopic media

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### 3D is hot today



## 3D has a long history



- 1830s, stereoscope
- 1920s, first 3D film, *The Power of Love* projected dual-strip in the red/green anaglyph format
- 1920s, teleview system

Teleview was the earliest alternate-frame sequencing form of <u>film projection</u>. Through the use of two interlocked projectors, alternating left/right frames were projected one after another in rapid succession. Synchronized viewers attached to the arm-rests of the seats in the theater open and closed at the same time, and took advantage of the viewer's <u>persistence of vision</u>, thereby creating a true stereoscopic image.



## 3D has a long history



- 1950s, the "golden era" of 3-D
- The attempts failed because immature technology results in viewer discomfort.
- 1980s, rebirth of 3D, IMAX



# Why could 3D be successful today?

- It finally takes off until digital processing makes
  3D films both easier to shoot and watch.
- New technology for more comfortable viewing experiences
  - Accurately-adjustable 3D camera rigs
  - Digital processing and post-shooting rectification
  - Digital projectors for accurate positioning
  - Polarized screen to reduce cross-talk



### 3D TVs





# Computers





#### Notebooks





#### Game consoles





#### HTC EVO 3D





## 3D contents (games)







## 3D contents (films)



## 3D contents (broadcasting)







#### **3D** cameras



## Sony HDR-TD10E







# Outline

- Human depth perception
- 3D displays
- 3D cinematography
- Stereoscopic media postprocessing

# Human depth perception





• The ability to perceive and interact with the structure of space is one of the fundamental goals of the visual system.







- Two retinal images are different because the retinas are in slightly different places.
- The combination of signals from each eye makes performance on many tasks better with both eyes than with either eye alone.





Right retinal image



Left retinal image



### **Binocular vision**



## Binocular disparity



- **Binocular disparity**: the differences between the two retinal images of the same scene.
- Monocular: with one eye
- Stereopsis: the ability to use binocular disparity as a cue to depth.
- Note that, although stereopsis adds richness to depth perception, it is not a necessary condition for depth perception. Example: rabbits and 2D films.



### Monocular cues to 3D space

- Every view of the world provides multiple depth cues.
- Usually, the cues reinforce each other, combining to produce a convincing and reliable representation of 3D world.
- Occasionally, however, the cues are contradictory.
- Escher fools us by deliberately manipulating depth cues and other visual inferences. He arranges sensible local cues into a globally impossible story.



#### Monocular cues to 3D space





## Occlusion

- Occlusion gives relative position of objects as a depth cue.
- It occurs in almost every scene and some argues that it is the most reliable depth cue.





#### Occlusion



## Size and position cues



• We have projective geometry embedded. We know that, all else being equal, smaller things are farther away.





#### Texture gradient



Larger objects in one area and smaller ones in another. Smaller is interpreted as farther ways, the arrangement creates the perception of a ground plane.



#### **Texture gradient**



Why do we get less of a sense of depth?

#### **Relative height**







#### Familiar size



Familiar size: a depth cue based on knowledge of the typical size of objects.



### Aerial perspective



Aerial (haze) perspective: light is scattered by the Atmosphere, and more light is scattered when we Look through more atmosphere.



## Aerial perspective











#### Monocular cues





- All these monocular cues are pictorial depth cues produced by the projection of the 3D world onto the 2D surface of the retina.
- Combined with proper shading, these cues could be effective in illustrating 3D.



#### Pictorial depth cues




## Pictorial depth cues





### Pictorial depth cues





 Because there are lots of monocular cues and they are not less important than binocular ones, some images could look more stereoscopic than others. Example, 2D-to-3D conversion is easier for some images but more difficult for others.



(a)

Train



Motion parallax is a non-pictorial depth cue.
When your head moves, closer objects move faster than more distant ones.



You,

Time







- A very effective depth cue but it relies on head movements.
- Some 3D games are designed this way.







## Accommodation and convergence

- Eyes need to be focused to see objects at different distances clearly.
- Human eye focuses via a process called accommodation, in which lens gets fatter as we direct our gaze toward nearer objects.



# Accommodation and convergence



# Accommodation and convergence

• Human can perceive depth by accommodation and convergence.







- Note that the retinal images are inverted. The object of our gaze falls on the fovea, center of the retina.
- The blue one happens to fall on corresponding retinal points.







Horopter: the surface with zero disparity.

Panum's fusional area: the region of space, in front of and behind the horopter, within which binocular vision is possible.

Diplopia: double vision























- Our nervous system cannot measure the angle very accurately. Thus, we can only perceive relative depth.
- The role of eye movement is to bring the images within Panum's fusional area.



#### Stereoscope

 Invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone in 1830s. Our visual system treats binocular disparity as a depth cue, no matter it is produced by actual or simulated images.





#### Stereoscope

Invented in 1850s, it is stereopsis for the masses.





### Free vision



## Random dot stereograms



 For 100 years after the invention of stereoscope, it is supposed that stereopsis occurred relatively late in the processing of visual stimuli; i.e. we recognize facial features and then use them to find depth.



## Random dot stereograms



 Julesz thought that stereopsis might help reveal camouflaged objects (the example of cats and mice) and invented random dot stereograms.





## Random dot stereograms



• Paint the scene in white and spray it with pepper.





- An inability to make use of binocular disparity as a depth cue.
- Approximately 3% to 5% of the population lacks stereoscopic depth perception.

## Summary



- Monocular cues: occlusion, size and position cues, aerial perspective, linear perspective.
- Motion cues
- Accommodation and convergence cues
- Binocular cues: resolve stereo correspondence problem, Panum's area.

## **3D** displays



## **3D displays**





## 3D displays

- Note that monocular cues can be produced by rendering/capturing the contents correctly.
- Most 3D displays enrich space perception by exploiting binocular vision. Thus, they have to present different contents to each of both eyes.



### With glasses





### Anaglyph glasses



Many color formats Supported by YouTube and Google StreetView





### Anaglyph glasses















• How to display two polarized frames?



- Need accurate calibration so that the frames are aligned.
- Need non-depolarized screen.
- Cheaper glasses. Used in theater.






## Problems with linear polarizer

Non-aligned viewers might see cross-talk



#### Circular polarizer





#### **Spectral glasses**



- Wavelength multiplexing. <u>Infitec GmbH</u>. Adapted by <u>Dolby 3D digital cinema</u>.
- Advanced anaglyph by dividing colors better.
- We will talk about human perception to colors first.



#### Spectral power distribution





#### Spectral glasses

 Anyway, we learn that although light is a complex combination of electromagnetic waves of different wavelengths, it can be represented by three primary colors due to human perception.







 Filters are added into projectors and glasses so that only lights of specific wavelengths can pass by. The color box adjusts colors.





#### Spectral glasses



### Dolby 3D Digital Cinema







### Shutter glasses

- Twice frequency (usually 120Hz).
- Liquid crystal. Needs to sync.
- Persistence of vision (視覺暫留)





#### Shutter glasses





#### **TI DLP technology**



#### Head mounted displays





Pros: very good 3D could be used with head trackers Cons: expensive heavy closed single-user



- Control lights to radiate to specific directions by accurate optics calculation.
  - Spatial-multiplexed
  - Time-multiplexed

# Spatial-multiplexed







 The next question is how to let left eye see only the left image and right eye see only the right one.

#### Autostereoscopic



Barriers(Slanted)



#### Lenticulars







# SD影像

 LC barrier could switch between 2D and 3D display modes.





#### Barrier

# Lanticular







#### Slanted

• To make more consistent horizontal and vertical aspect ratio.





#### 2-view





#### **Multiple-view**



#### **Philips 9-view format**





View interleaving

#### **Multiple-view**









Directional back light unit 3D film



#### Comparisons







# Common 3D formats

- Side-by-side
- Multi-view
- 2D+Z



#### 2-view



Side by Side



#### Multi-view



Newsight 8-View



2D+Z





- Non-volumetric displays will make viewers fatigue after long viewing time because of inconsistency between focus and convergence.
- Volumetric displays will be better in this aspect but it is much more expensive and requires more data consumption (more views are required).
- Pros: good 3D, no glasses, multi-user
- Cons: often with limited size, suitable only for objects, not scenes



#### Actuality System





#### USC ICT







#### SONY RayModeler



The RayModeler is able to generate a true 3-D image with depth where a different proportionally correct view is visible from each side of the display.



### Summary

- Many 3D displays will be produced in the coming years.
- Glass-equipped 3D display technology is very matured.
- Autostereoscopic displays need more time and will be used for advertisement first.
- 3D contents are the major bottleneck.
- But, 3D cameras are on the corner.

# 3D cinematography














#### A few terms

• Depth bracket





#### A few terms

• Depth chart





### Sources of visual fatigue

- The most important point to be considered in stereoscopic cinema.
- Symptoms: conscious (headache, tiredness, soreness of the eyes) or unconscious (perturbation of oculomotor system)
- Some even reported the case of an infant whose oculomotor wsystem was permanently disturbed by viewing a stereoscopic movie.





- **Binocular asymmetry**: photometric or geometric differences between the left and right retinal images. Kooi and Toet experimentally measured threshiolds on various asymmetries that will lead to visual incomfort.
  - Human visual system is most sensitive to vertical binocular disparities.
  - 35 armin horizontal disparity range is quite acceptable and 70 arcmin disparity is too much to be viewed.





Image manipulation	Threshold value
Rotations (1°)	>1°
Other distortions	
Overall magnification	2.5%
Trapezoid	>1PD
Meridional horizontal	>3%
Meridional vertical	<3%
Shifts	
Horizontal	Between 2 and 3PD
Vertical	<1PD
Stereo images	Between $2 \times$ and $4 \times$ hyper-stereo
Crosstalk	
Low disparity	>5%
High disparity	5%
Filter	
Contrast difference	Between 25 and 50%
Luminance difference (-25%)	>25%
Black and white representation	OK
Gaussian blur	<1 pixel
Local luminance	Between 4 and 8 bit digitization
Color asymmetry	Less than red/green separation

Table 4 Threshold values for each of the binocular image manipulations



- Crosstalk (crossover or ghosting): typical values for crosstalk are 0.1-0.3% with polarization-based systems, and 4-10% with LCD shutter glasses. It could be reduced by a preprocess called ghost-busting.
- Breaking the proscenium rule (breaking the stereoscopic window): a simple solution is to float the window



- Horizontal disparity limits: the eyes should not diverge and there is a certain limit below which human visual system can fuse
- Vertical disparity: causes torsion motion of the ocular globes and is only tolerable for short time intervals.
- Vergence-accommodation conflicts: focus distance of the eyes is not consistent with their convergence angle. They happen very often for stereoscopic displays and could be relaxed by using the depth of field of the visual system.

#### **Stereopsis**



• Stereopsis could be broken for the following









#### Vergence-accommodation



• Vergence, Convergence, divergence: the angle formed by the optical axis of the two eyes in binocular vision.



#### Vergence-accommodation



 There is an area around it where vergence and accommodation agree, which is called zone of comfort. This discrepancy could damage the visual acuity before the age of 8.





- Maintain coordination among views
- Have a continuous depth chart
- Place rest area between strong 3D shots
- Use shallow depth of field for excessive depth range
- Respect to stereoscopic window



#### Some other rules



- Objects can't cross the edges of the screen. As an example, an extreme close-up with the talent's face reaching all four sides of the frame must be set behind the screen.
- **2.** You can't look at something reaching far inside the theater, in front of a background that is far behind the screen.
- **3.** You can't jump cut, such as from a shot centered inside the theater, to a shot far behind the screen.



#### **Excessive depth range**



#### FIGURE 2.17

Background and foreground are both in the comfort zone, and close enough to each other to be fused using the same eye convergence. This is adequate for a character reading a billboard.

#### FIGURE 2.18

Background and foreground are both in the comfort zone, but too far away from each other to be fused using the same eye convergence. This is adequate for a character standing in front of a building.



## Bending the stereoscopic window



# Breaking the stereoscopic window



# Floating the stereoscopic window



#### Without floating





THIS 3D IMAGE IS IN PRONT OF THE SCREEN.

FINDERS JMAGES ARE ACSYMMETRICAL

### With floating





### Stereoscopic media postprocessing



#### **Display adaptation**



### Content-aware display adaptation

- Stereoscopic displays have different resolutions, aspect ratios and comfort zones.
- To display stereoscopic media properly on different displays, we need content-aware stereoscopic image display adaptation methods to perform image retargeting and depth adaptation simultaneously.

#### 2D media retargeting





original image

direct forward SC

indirect forward SC

our result



 Adapt depths to the comfort zone to avoid visual discomfort such as blur and double vision





### Stereoscopic comfort zone

- Vergence (vertical rotation of both eyes in opposite directions to maintain binocular vision)
- Accommodation (change of focus)
- Since accommodation and vergence are reflexively coupled mechanisms, their artificial decoupling when viewing stereoscopic displays has often been theorized as a significant factor underlying the occurrence of visual discomfort
- The ranges of accommodation and vergence that can be achieved without any excessive errors in either direction are referred to as *the zone of clear single binocular vision*

#### Stereoscopic comfort zone





## Previous work (2D image resizing)

• Seam Carving for Content-Aware Image Resizing [Avidan *et al.*, SIGGRAPH07]



# Previous work (2D image resizing)

• Optimized scale-and-stretch (OSS) [Wang *et al.*, SIGGRAPH ASIA08]









#### Previous work (linear shift)



Content-aware Display Adaptation and Interactive Editing for Stereoscopic Images

#### Mapping between disparities and **DIGIVEX** depths





#### Mapping between disparities and **DIGIVEX** depths



#### Mapping between disparities and **DIGIVEX** depths





#### **Overview**



• Minimize  $\Psi(\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^L, \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^R)$ 

#### Saliency detection



• Graph-based visual saliency algorithm [Jonathan et al., NIPS06]



#### Mesh representation



• An image is represented as a rectangular mesh




• Average of saliency values of all pixels in q





- Build the stereoscopic constraints
- The state-of-the-art stereo methods are still far from perfection
- We only use sparse features pairs
  - Reliable
  - "Sparse correspondences + image warping" are often enough to fool human brain



#### Feature correspondence

- Feature extraction
  - SIFT feature
- Feature matching
- Verification
  - Estimate fundamental matrix using RANSAC
- Non-maximal suppression





•  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$  is expressed as a linear combinatio  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i$  of



 $\mathbf{f} = 0.42\mathbf{v}_1 + 0.18\mathbf{v}_2 + 0.12\mathbf{v}_3 + 0.28\mathbf{v}_4$ 



# **Energy minimization**



• Energy function

$$\Psi = \Psi_d + \lambda_b \Psi_b + \lambda_a \Psi_a + \lambda_c \Psi_c$$

**Content preservation** 

 $\Psi_d$  Distortion energy

 $\Psi_b$  Line bending energy

 $\Psi_a$  Alignment energy

 $\Psi_c$  Consistent disparity energy



## **Energy minimization**







$$\Psi_q(q) = \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathbf{E}(q)} \| \left( \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_j \right) - s_q \left( \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j \right) \|^2$$



• The optimal  $s_q$  is completely defined by  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{\tilde{v}}_i$ 



$$\tilde{e}$$
  
 $\tilde{e}$   
 $e$   
 $B$   
 $C$ 

 $\Delta(\tilde{\mathbf{e}}) = \|s\mathbf{e} - \tilde{\mathbf{e}}\|^2$ 



$$\Psi = \Psi_d + \lambda_b \Psi_b + \lambda_a \Psi_a + \lambda_c \Psi_c$$

**Stereoscopic constraints** 

 $\Psi_d$  Distortion energy

 $\Psi_b$  Line bending energy

 $\Psi_a$  Alignment energy

 $\Psi_c$  Consistent disparity energy



 Maintain purely horizontal parallax (avoid vertical parallax)

$$\Psi_a = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{\tilde{f}}_i^L[y] - \mathbf{\tilde{f}}_i^R[y] \right)^2$$



• Maintain the relative shapes and depths

$$\Psi_c = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( (sd_i + t) - \tilde{d}_i \right)^2 \quad \text{where } d_i = \mathbf{f}_i^R[x] - \mathbf{f}_i^L[x] \text{ and } \tilde{d}_i = \mathbf{\tilde{f}}_i^R[x] - \mathbf{\tilde{f}}_i^L[x].$$

• Keep the absolute shapes and depths

$$\Psi_c = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( d_i - \tilde{d}_i \right)^2$$

# **Energy minimization**



• Energy function

$$\Psi = \Psi_d + \lambda_b \Psi_b + \lambda_a \Psi_a + \lambda_c \Psi_c$$

Linear least squares problem → closed form solution



- User specifies depths (Z-axis)
- User specifies 3D position (XYZ-axis)

### User editing





### User editing







### User editing

• User specifies depths (Z-axis)

$$\Psi_c = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( ilde{d}_i - \hat{\underline{d}_i} 
ight)^2$$
Target disparity





• User specifies 3D position (XYZ-axis)

$$egin{aligned} \Psi_c &= \sum_{i \in \hat{\mathbf{F}}} \left( \| ilde{\mathbf{f}}_i^L - ilde{\mathbf{f}}_i^L \|^2 + \| ilde{\mathbf{f}}_i^R - ilde{\mathbf{f}}_i^R \|^2 
ight) \ & \mathbf{Target 2D position} \ &+ \lambda \sum_{i \in \mathbf{F} - \hat{\mathbf{F}}} \left( (sd_i + t) - ilde{d}_i 
ight)^2. \end{aligned}$$

















Resizing + depths adaptation by user ed<sup>-</sup>





• Depth adaptation by user editing





(d)



- -(c) Half negative, half positive
- —(d) All positive



- Depth adaptation by user editing
- Treat the boat as a 3D object











#### User study

- 24 subjects
- Image resizing
- Depth adaptation



## User study - part 1

- Image resizing
  - 1.5x width
  - Comparison with OSS and our method
  - Q: which viewing is more clear and comfortable?









(1) 476×549 (2) 456×547 (3) 454×758 (4) 574×473









(5) 472×649 (6) 472×691 (7) 414×760 (8) 472×680



### User study - part 1

- Vote rate 90.6% (174/192)
- 92.0% (160/174) prefered our results than OSS's







#### User study – part 2

• Depth adaptation

$$-\hat{Z}_i = 2Z_i - Z_{max}$$



#### User study - part 2



- Depth adaptation
  - $\hat{Z}_i = 2Z_i Z_{max}$
  - Q: which image's foreground area is closer to you?



(5) 470×589 (6) 540×369 (7) 452×550 (8) 456×754



### User study – part 2

- Vote rate 91.7% (176/192)
- Correct rate 88.6% (156/176)



(1) 594×578	(2) 470×591	(3) 417×75	6 (4) 470×612	2 (5) 470×	589 (6	5) 540×369	(7) 452×550	(8) 456×754
No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vote rate	100%	96%	100%	96%	79%	92%	88%	83%
Correct rate	79%	83%	88%	91%	84%	91%	100%	95%



# Nonlinear disparity mapping

• video



### Stereoscopic copy and paste

• video