Bilateral Filters

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Bilateral filtering



[Ben Weiss, Siggraph 2006]

Announcements

- Final project proposal
- Project #3 artifacts voting

Image Denoising







noisy image

naïve denoising Gaussian blur

better denoising edge-preserving filter

Smoothing an image without blurring its edges.

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A Wide Range of Options

- Diffusion, Bayesian, Wavelets...
 - All have their pros and cons.
- Bilateral filter
 - not always the best result [Buades 05] but often good

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- easy to understand, adapt and set up

Basic denoising



Basic denoising

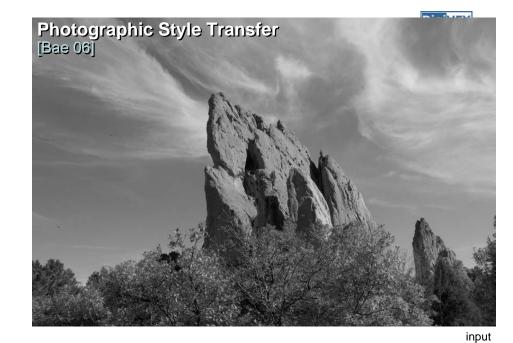


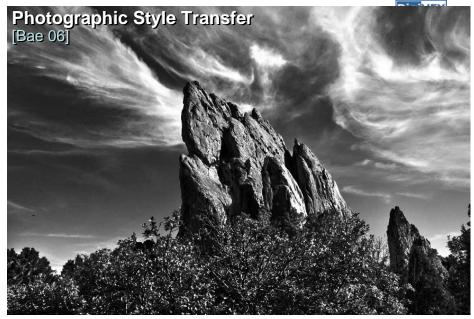






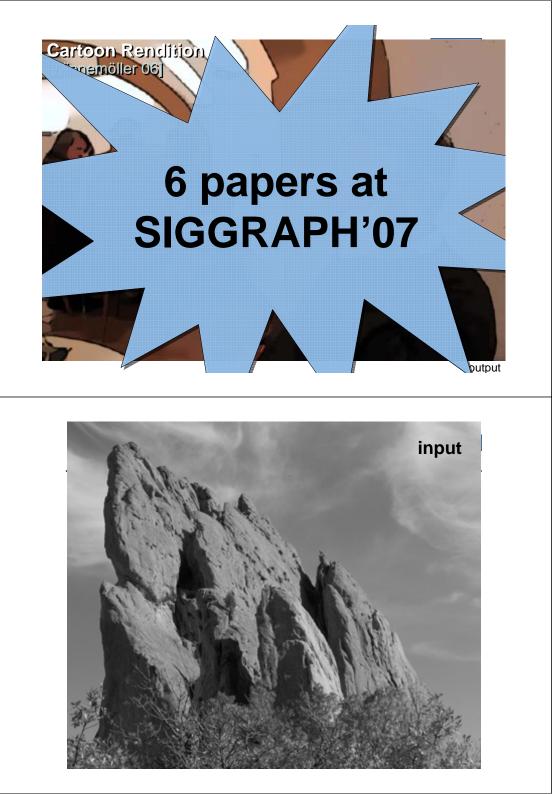
output



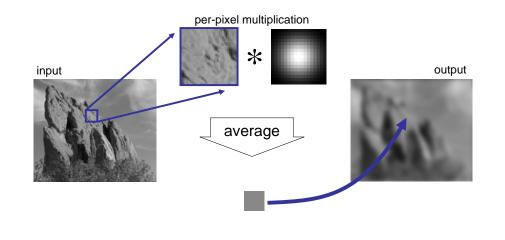




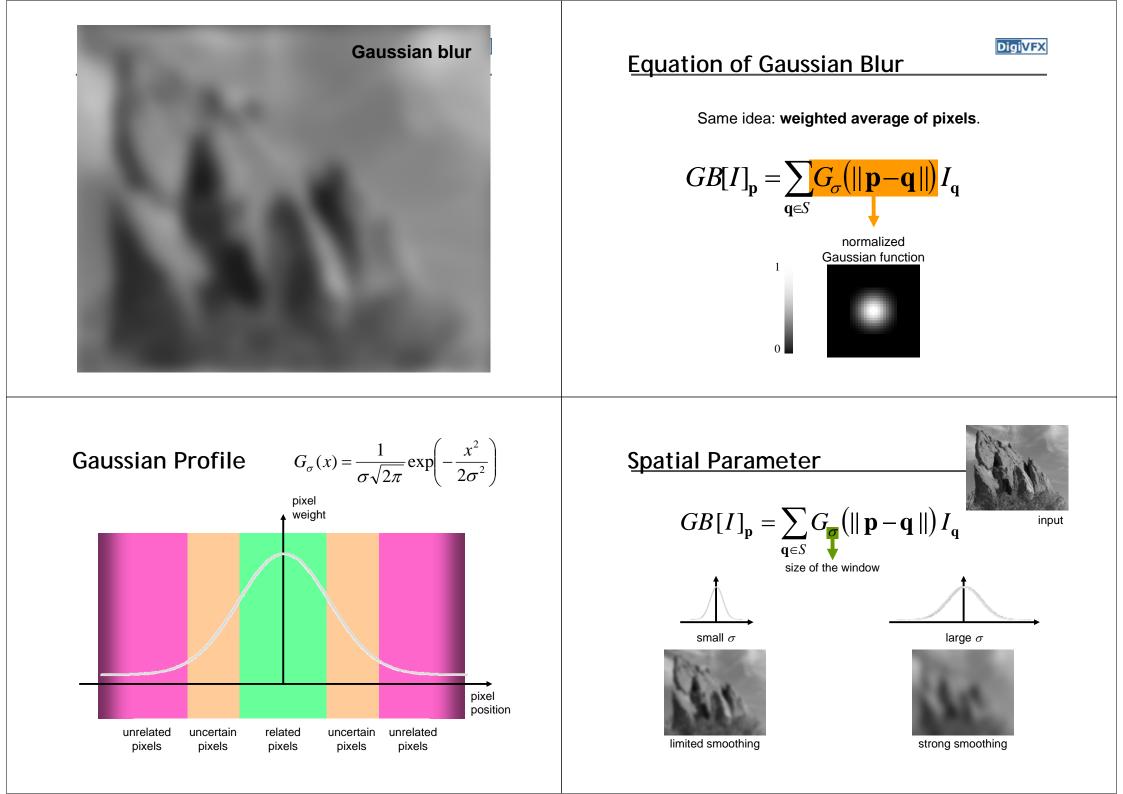
input



Gaussian Blur







How to set σ

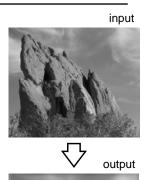
- Depends on the application.
- Common strategy: proportional to image size
 - e.g. 2% of the image diagonal
 - property: independent of image resolution

Properties of Gaussian Blur

- Weights independent of spatial location
 - linear convolution
 - well-known operation
 - efficient computation (recursive algorithm, FFT...)

Properties of Gaussian Blur

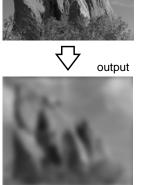
- Does smooth images
- But smoothes too much: edges are blurred.
 - Only spatial distance matters
 - No edge term



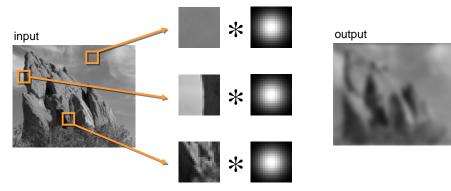
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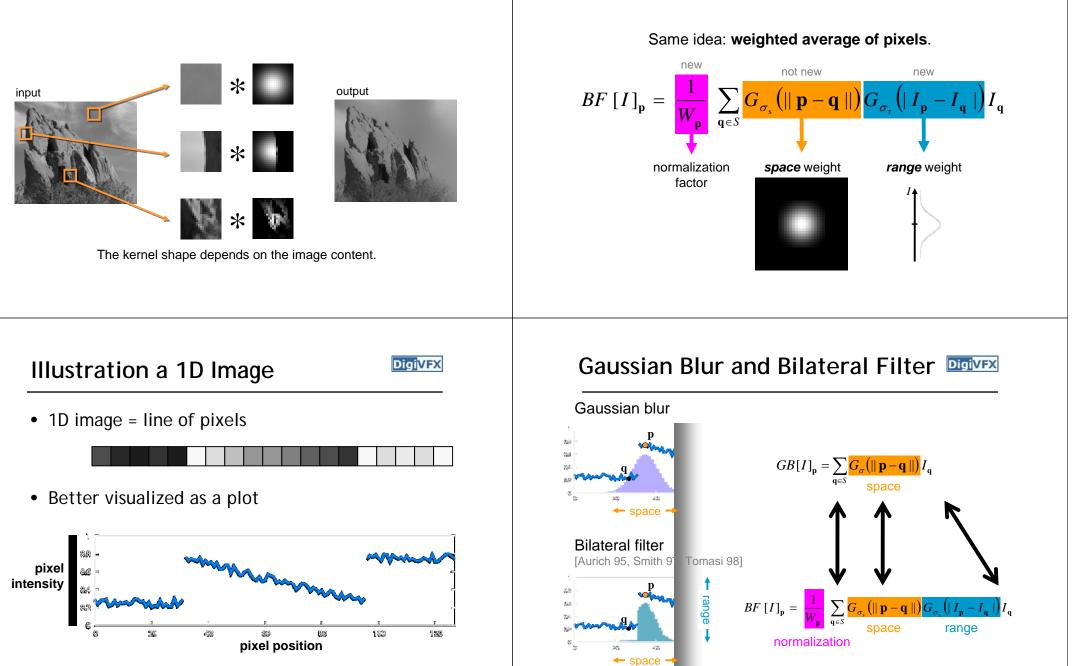


Same Gaussian kernel everywhere.



Bilateral Filter No Averaging across Edges





Bilateral Filter on a Height Field

$BF[I]_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in S} G_{\sigma_{s}}(||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}||) \quad G_{\sigma_{r}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) \quad I_{\mathbf{q}}$

Space and Range Parameters

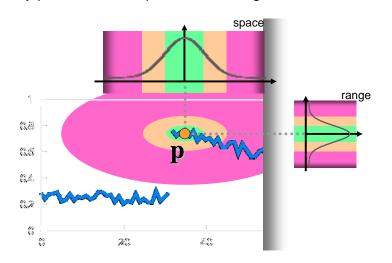
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$$BF[I]_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in S} G_{\sigma_{s}} (||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}||) G_{\sigma_{r}} (|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) I_{\mathbf{q}}$$

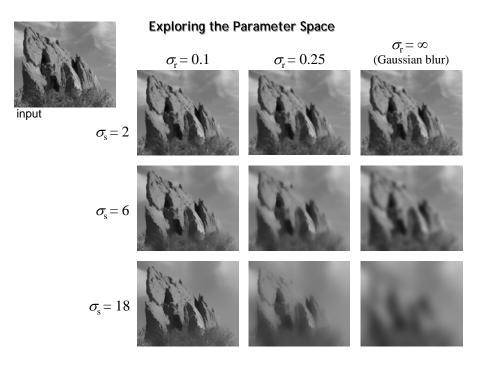
- space $\sigma_{\rm s}$: spatial extent of the kernel, size of the considered neighborhood.
- range σ_r : "minimum" amplitude of an edge

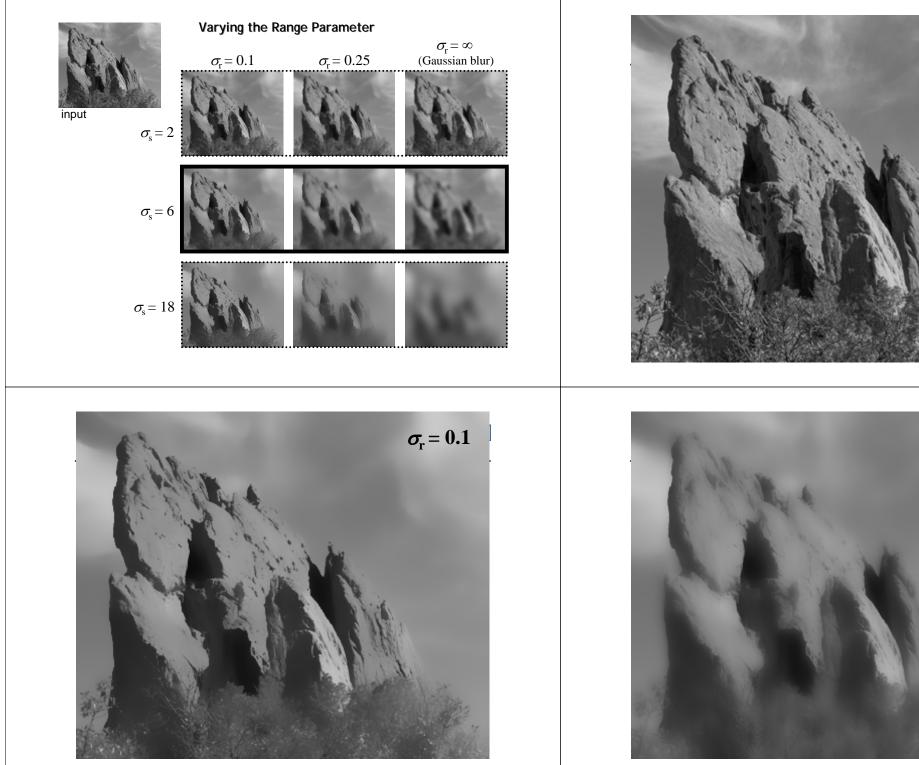
Influence of Pixels

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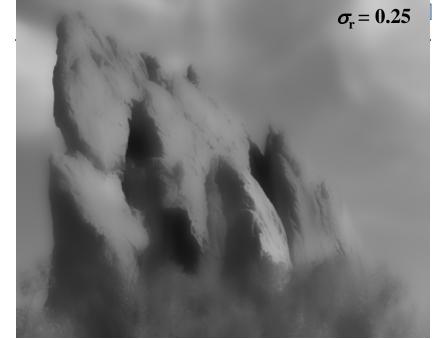


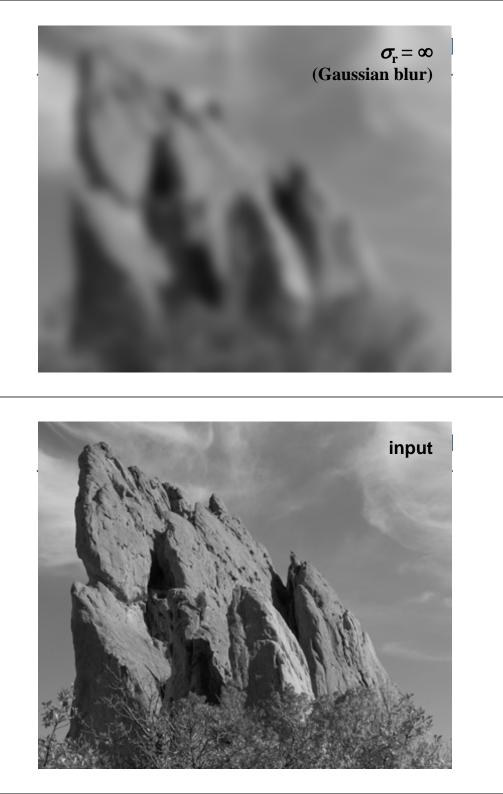
Only pixels close in space and in range are considered.

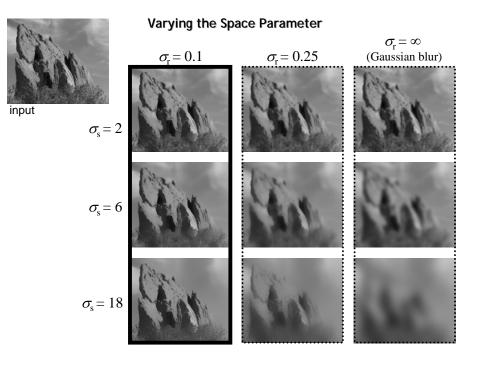


















How to Set the Parameters



Depends on the application. For instance:

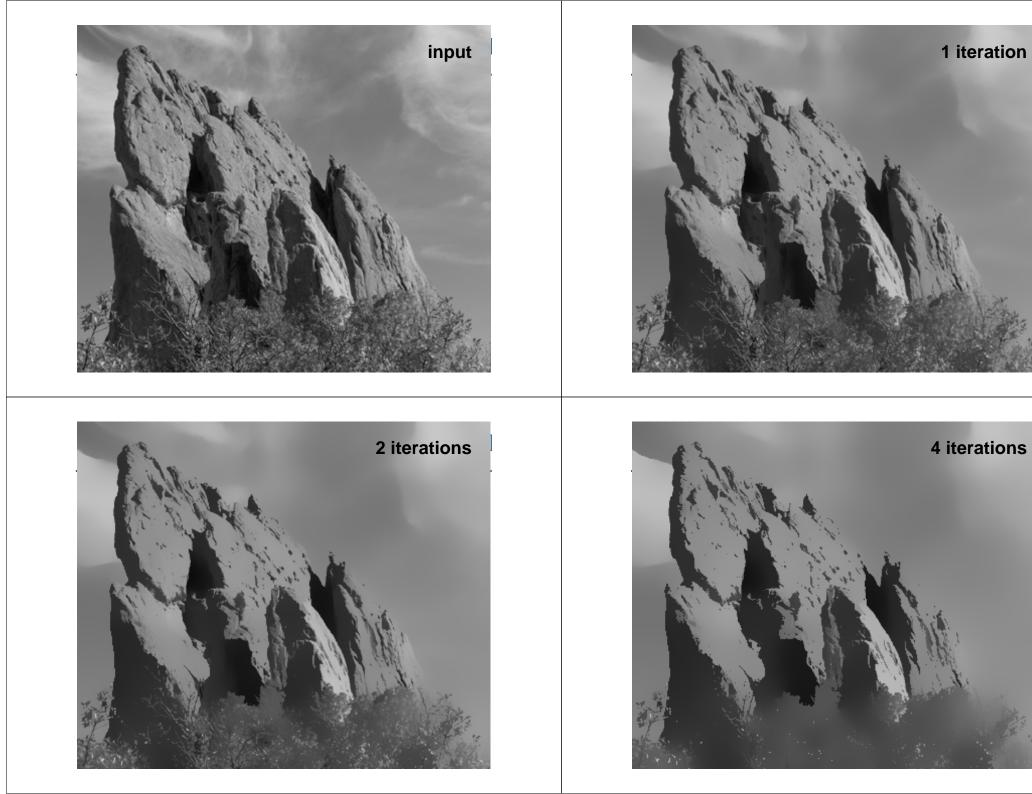
- space parameter: proportional to image size - e.g., 2% of image diagonal
- range parameter: proportional to edge amplitude
 e.g., mean or median of image gradients
- independent of resolution and exposure

Iterating the Bilateral Filter



$$I_{(n+1)} = BF[I_{(n)}]$$

- Generate more piecewise-flat images
- Often not needed in computational photo, but could be useful for applications such as NPR.



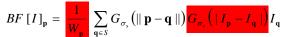
Advantages of Bilateral Filter



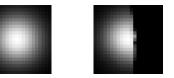
- Easy to understand
 - Weighted mean of nearby pixels
- Easy to adapt
 - Distance between pixel values
- Easy to set up
 - Non-iterative

Hard to Compute

Nonlinear



• Complex, spatially varying kernels – Cannot be precomputed, no FFT...







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• Brute-force implementation is slow > 10min

But Bilateral Filter is Nonlinear



- Slow but some accelerations exist:
 - [Elad 02]: Gauss-Seidel iterations
 - Only for many iterations
 - [Durand 02, Weiss 06]: fast approximation
 - No formal understanding of accuracy versus speed
 - [Weiss 06]: Only box function as spatial kernel

A Fast Approximation of the Bilateral Filter using a Signal Processing Approach

Sylvain Paris and Frédo Durand

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Definition of Bilateral Filter

- [Smith 97, Tomasi 98]
- Smoothes an image and preserves edges
- Weighted average of neighbors
- Weights

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2 0

0.8

0.6

0.4 0.2 σ

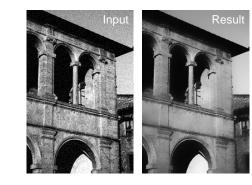
C

20

40

Q

- Gaussian on space distance
- Gaussian on range distance
- sum to 1



100

80

120

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$$I_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{bf}} = \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{bf}}} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{S}} \frac{G_{\sigma_{\mathrm{c}}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|)}{\mathrm{space}} \frac{G_{\sigma_{\mathrm{c}}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|)}{\mathrm{range}} I_{\mathbf{q}}$$

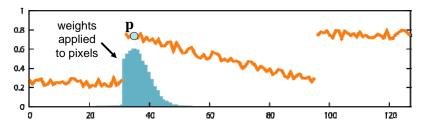
Contributions

- Link with linear filtering
- Fast and accurate approximation

DigiVFX Intuition on 1D Signal 60 80 100 120 20 40 BF

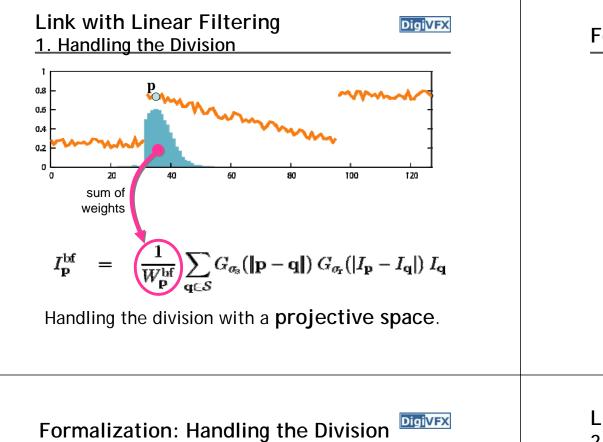
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Intuition on 1D Signal Weighted Average of Neighbors



- Near and similar pixels have influence.
- Far pixels have no influence.
- Pixels with different value have no influence.





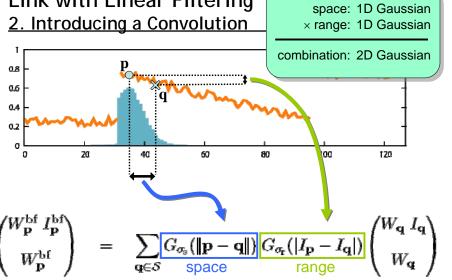
$$\begin{pmatrix} W_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{bf}} I_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{bf}} \\ W_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mathrm{bf}} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{S}} G_{\sigma_{\mathrm{s}}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_{\mathrm{r}}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) \begin{pmatrix} W_{\mathbf{q}} \ I_{\mathbf{q}} \\ W_{\mathbf{q}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } W_{\mathbf{q}} = 1$$

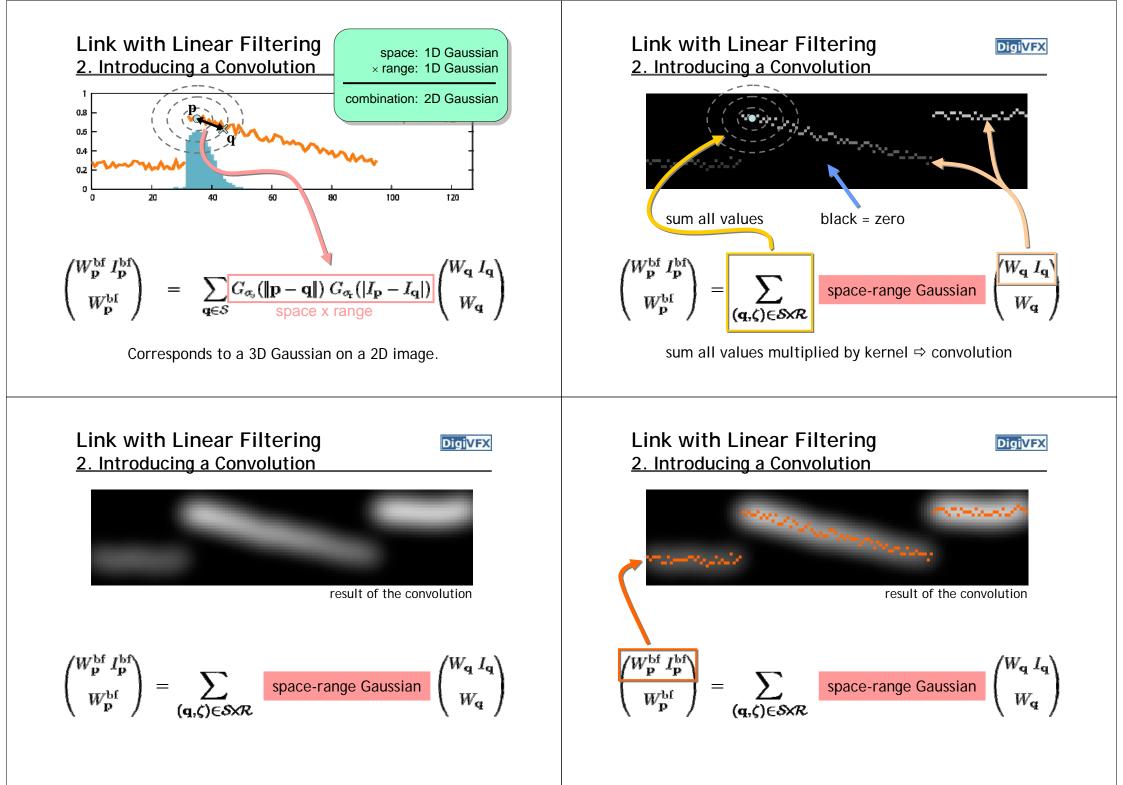
- Similar to homogeneous coordinates in projective space
- Division delayed until the end
- Next step: Adding a dimension to make a convolution appear

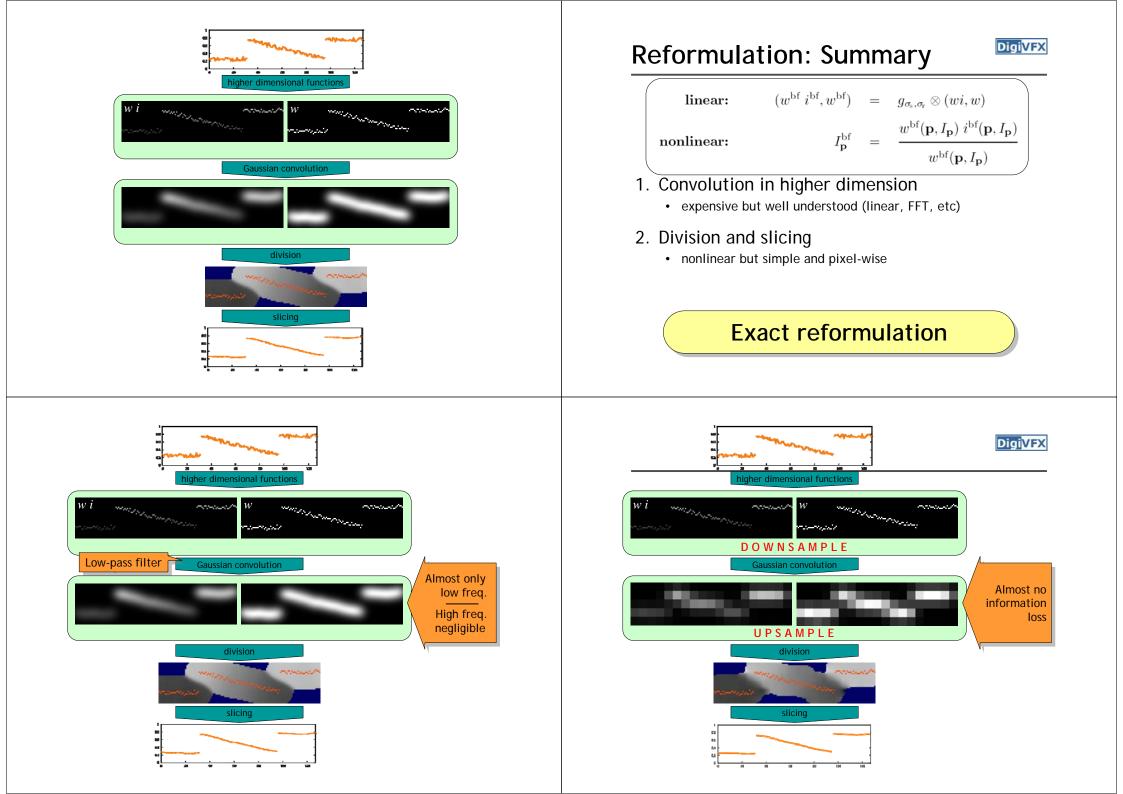
Formalization: Handling the Division

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf} &= \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf}} \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_{s}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_{r}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) I_{\mathbf{q}} \\
W_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf} &= \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_{s}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_{r}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|)
\end{aligned}$$
• Normalizing factor as homogeneous coordinate
• Multiply both sides by $W_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} W_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf} I_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf} \\
W_{\mathbf{p}}^{bf} \end{pmatrix} &= \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_{s}}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_{r}}(|I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}|) \begin{pmatrix} I_{\mathbf{q}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$
This with Linear Filtering space: 1D Gaussian × range: 1D Gaussian 1 denotes the second second







Fast Convolution by Downsampling

Downsampling cuts frequencies above Nyquist limit

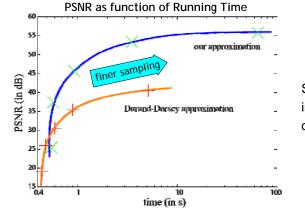
- Less data to process
- But induces error
- Evaluation of the approximation
 - Precision versus running time
 - Visual accuracy

Accuracy versus Running Time

- Finer sampling increases accuracy.
- More precise than previous work.



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Digital photograph 1200×1600

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Straightforward implementation is over 10 minutes.

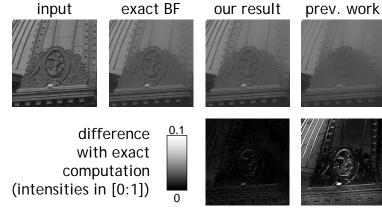
Visual Results

Comparison with previous work [Durand 02] • - running time = 1s for both techniques



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Conclusions

higher dimension ⇒ "better" computation

Practical gain

- Interactive running time
- Visually similar results
- Simple to code (100 lines)

Theoretical gain

- Link with linear filters
- Separation linear/nonlinear
- Signal processing framework

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Two-scale Tone Management for Photographic Look

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SIGGRAPH2006

An Amateur Photographer





Ansel Adams



Ansel Adams, Clearing Winter Storm

A Variety of Looks











Goals

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- Control over photographic look
- Transfer "look" from a model photo

For example,

we want



with the look of



Aspects of Photographic Look



- Subject choice
- Framing and composition
- → Specified by input photos
- Tone distribution and contrast
- →Modified based on model photos



Input



Model

Tonal Aspects of Look





Ansel Adams

Kenro Izu

Tonal aspects of Look - Global Contrast

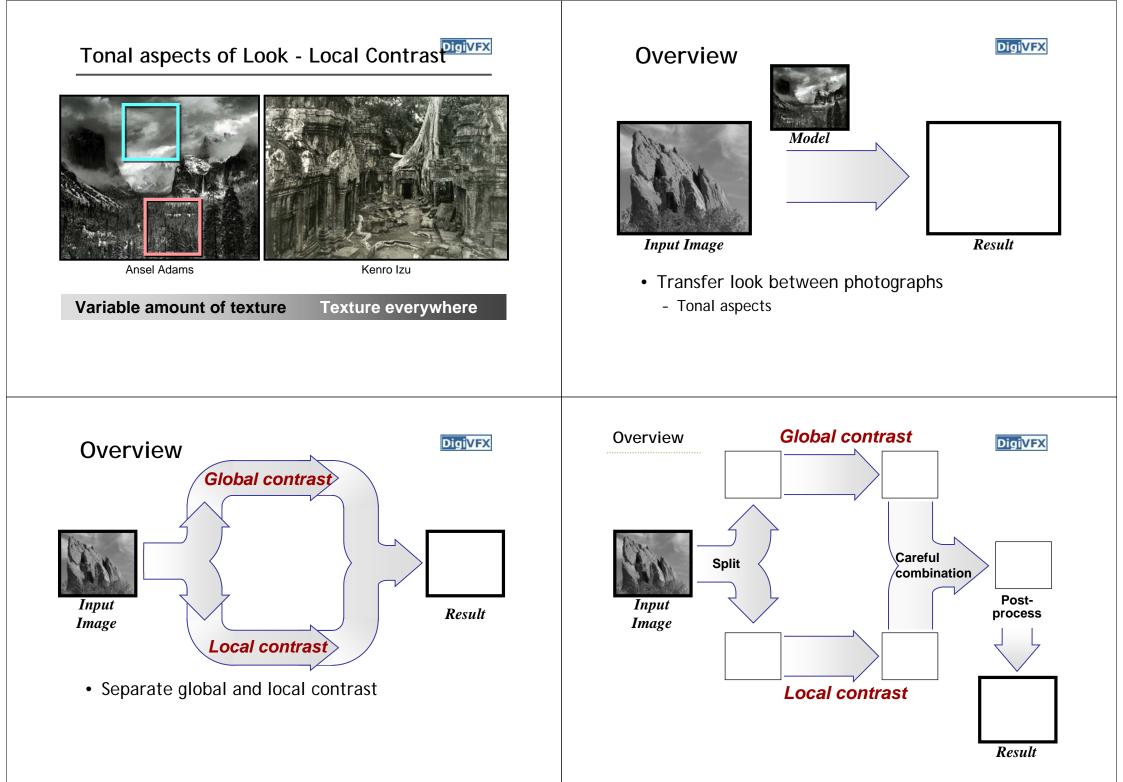


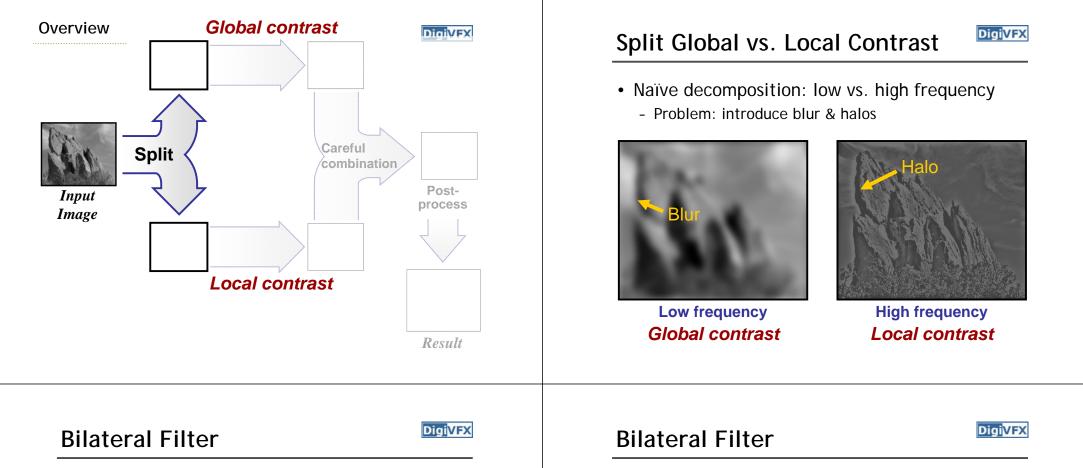
Ansel Adams

Kenro Izu

High Global Contrast

Low Global Contrast





- Edge-preserving smoothing [Tomasi 98]
- We build upon tone mapping [Durand 02]



After bilateral filtering Global contrast



Residual after filtering Local contrast

• Edge-preserving smoothing [Tomasi 98]

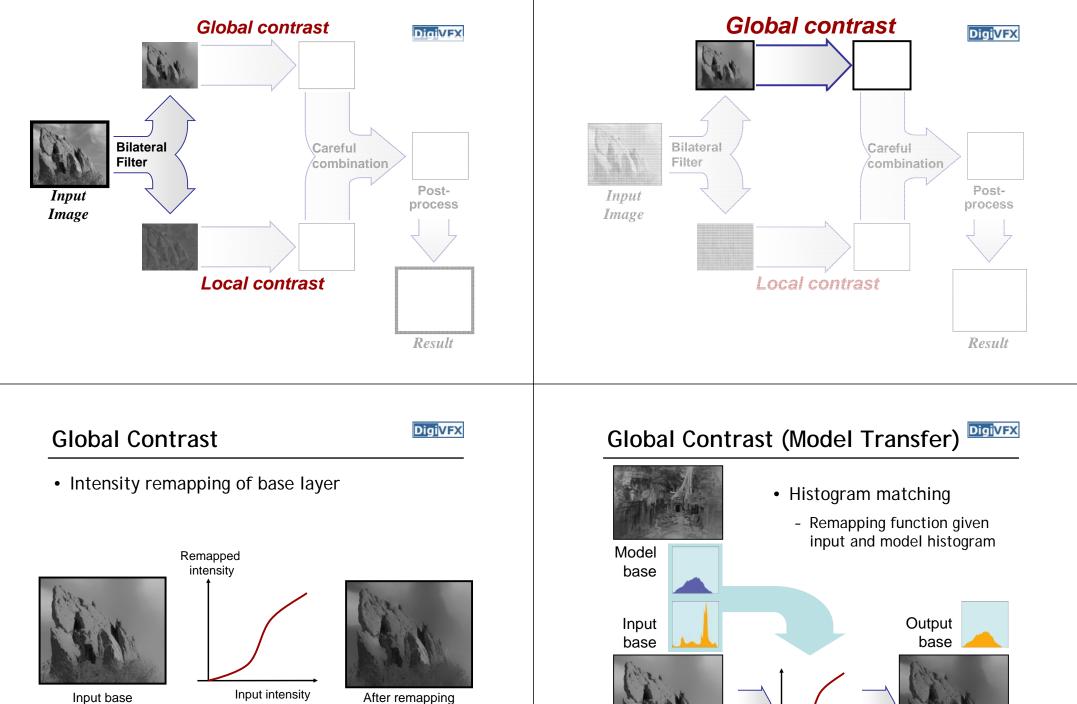
• We build upon tone mapping [Durand 02]



After bilateral filtering Global contrast

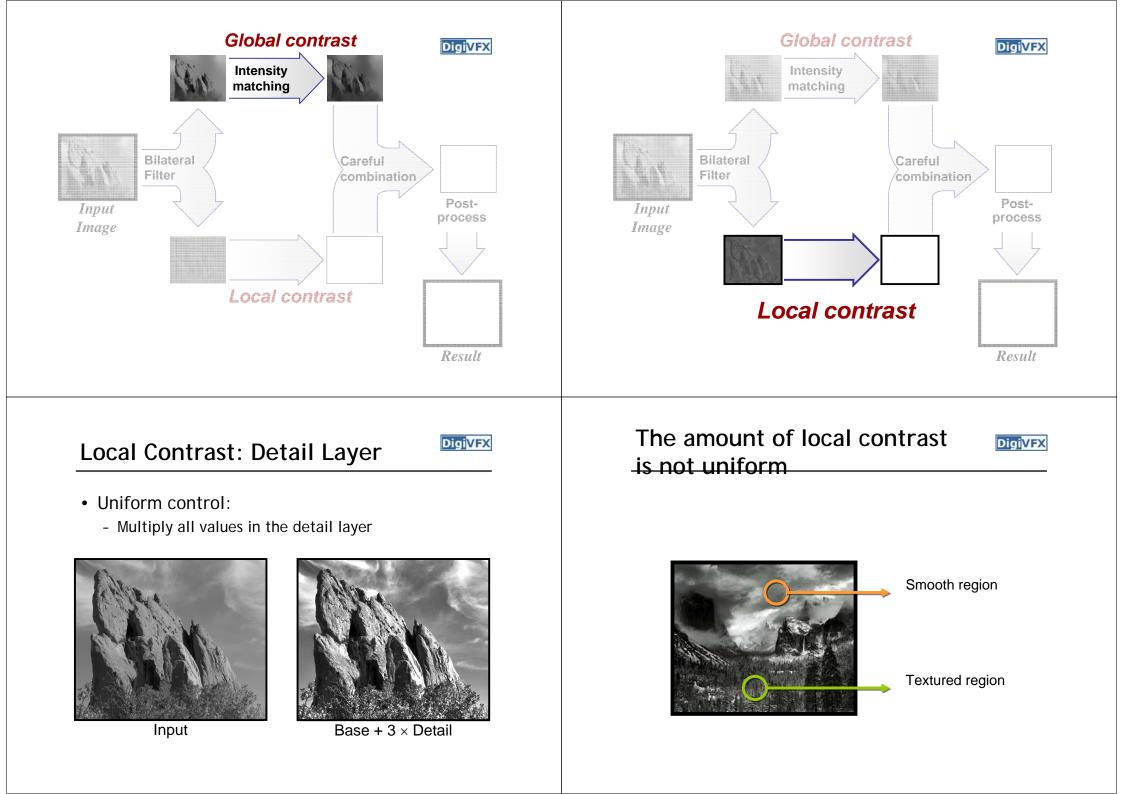


Residual after filtering Local contrast



Input intensity

After remapping

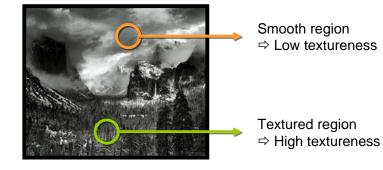


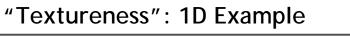
Local Contrast Variation



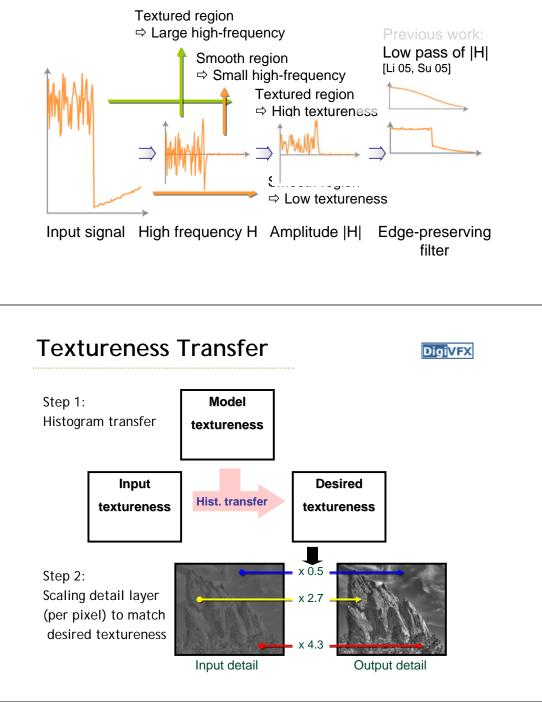
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- We define "textureness": amount of local contrast
 - at each pixel based on surrounding region

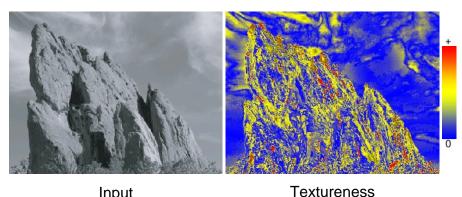




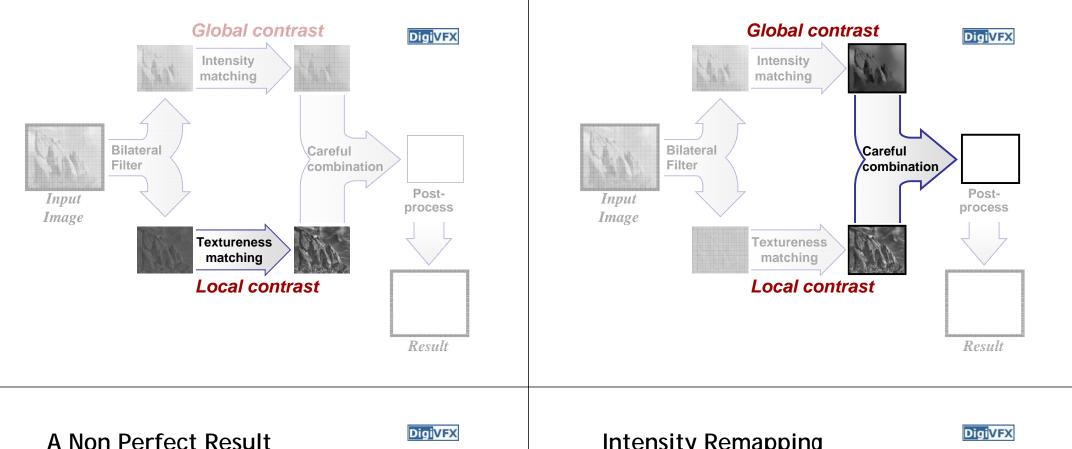
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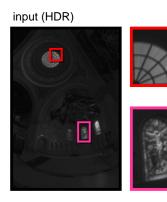
Textureness

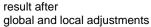






• Decoupled and large modifications (up to 6x) →Limited defects may appear

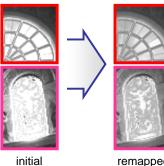






Intensity Remapping

- Some intensities may be outside displayable range.
- → Compress histogram to fit visible range.





result

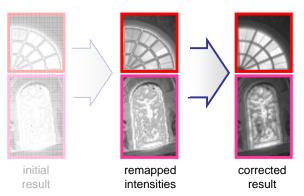
remapped intensities

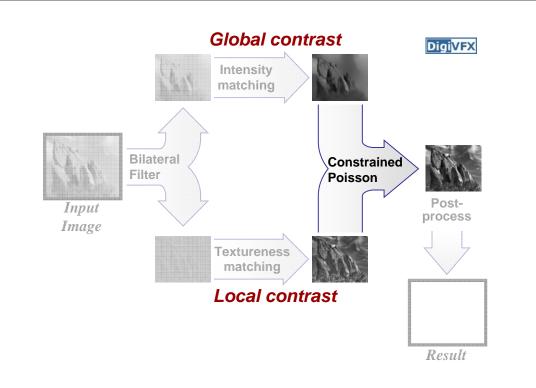
corrected result

Preserving Details

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- 1. In the gradient domain:
 - Compare gradient amplitudes of input and current
 - Prevent extreme reduction & extreme increase
- 2. Solve the Poisson equation.





Effect of Detail Preservation

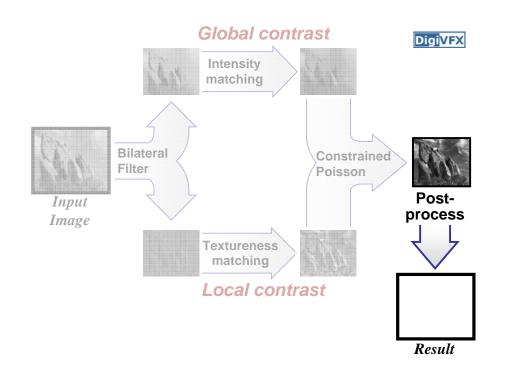


uncorrected result

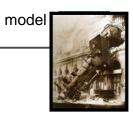


corrected result





Additional Effects

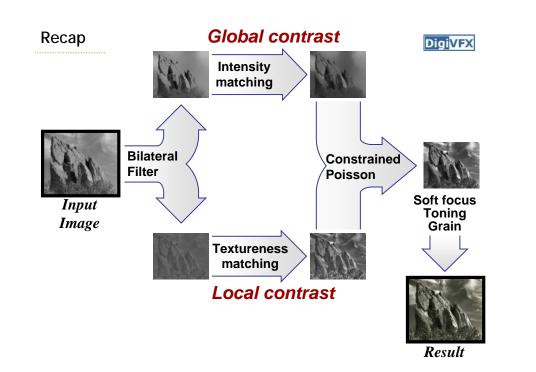


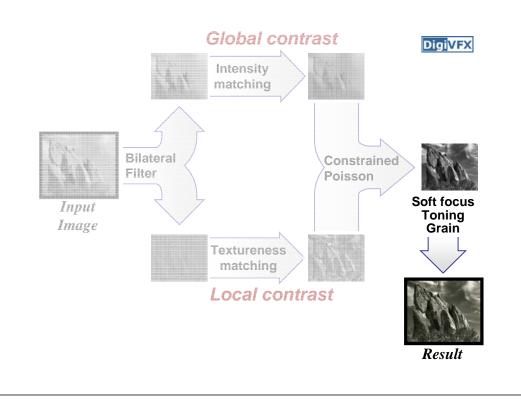
before effects



Soft focus (high frequency manipulation)
Film grain (texture synthesis [Heeger 95])
Color toning (chrominance = f (luminance))

after effects





Results

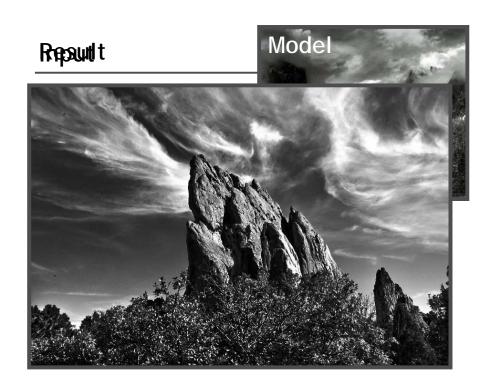
User provides input and model photographs.

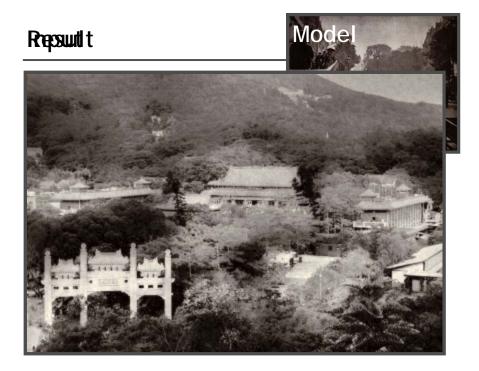
→ Our system automatically produces the result.

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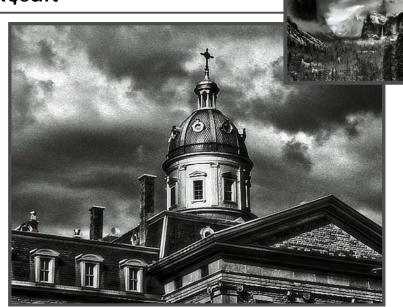
Running times:

- 6 seconds for 1 MPixel or less
- 23 seconds for 4 MPixels
- multi-grid Poisson solver and fast bilateral filter [Paris 06]

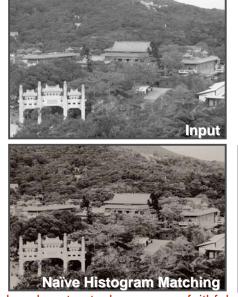




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Comparison with Naïve Histogram Matching









Comparison with Naïve Histogram Matching





Histogram Matching Local contrast too low

Limitations



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Clearing Winter Storm, Ansel

Our Result

 Can lead to unexpected results if the image content is too different from the model

Noise and JPEG artifacts

- amplified defects

- Portraits, in particular, can suffer



Color Images

· Lab color space: modify only luminance



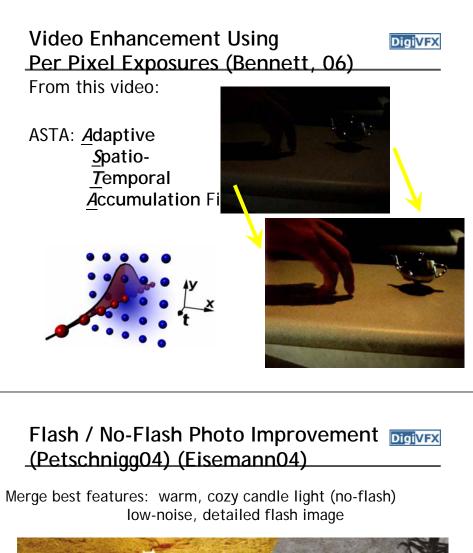


Conclusions

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- Transfer "look" from a model photo
- Two-scale tone management
 - Global and local contrast
 - New edge-preserving textureness
 - Constrained Poisson reconstruction
 - Additional effects







Joint bilateral filtering

$$I_p = \frac{1}{k_p} \sum_{q \in \Omega} I_q f(||p-q||) g(||I_p - I_q||)$$

$$J_{p} = \frac{1}{k_{p}} \sum_{q \in \Omega} I_{q} f(||p-q||) g(||\tilde{I}_{p} - \tilde{I}_{q}||)$$

Overview

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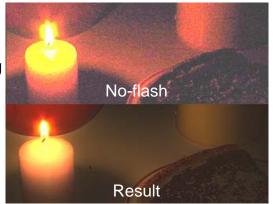
Basic approach of both flash/noflash papers

Remove noise + details from image A,

Keep as image A Lighting

Obtain noise-free details from image B,

Discard Image B Lighting



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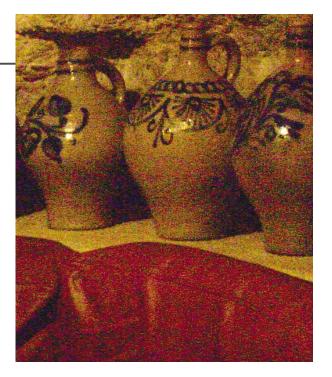
Petschnigg:

• Flash



Petschnigg:

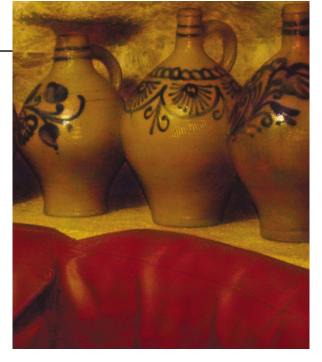
• No Flash,



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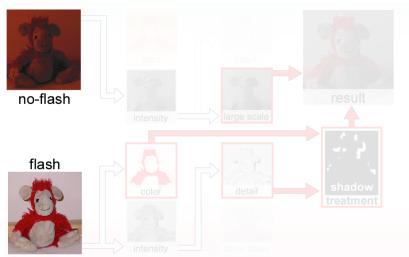
Petschnigg:

• Result



Our Approach

Registration

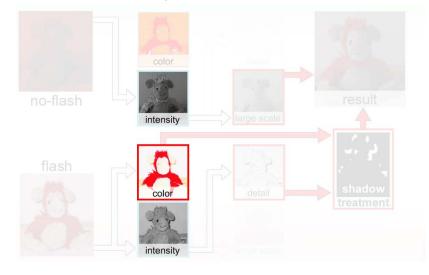


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Decomposition



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Decomposition

Color / Intensity:







original

intensity

color

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Decoupling

- Lighting : Large-scale variation
- Lightinge Langels and leaveriation
- Texture : Small-scale variation





Lighting

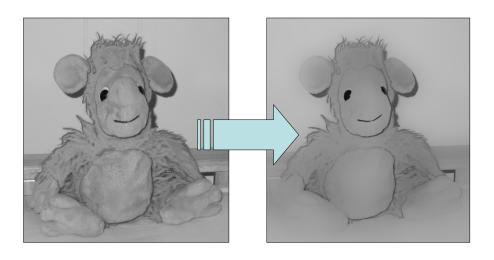
Texture

Large-scale Layer

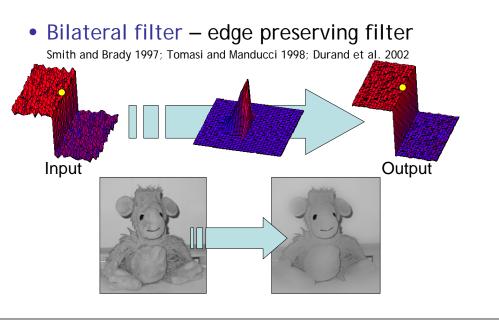


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• Bilateral filter



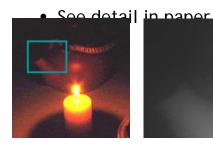
Large-scale Layer



Cross Bilateral Filter



- Similar to joint bilateral filter by Petschnigg et al.
- When no-flash image is too noisy
- Borrow similarity from flash image
 - ➤ edge stopping from flash image





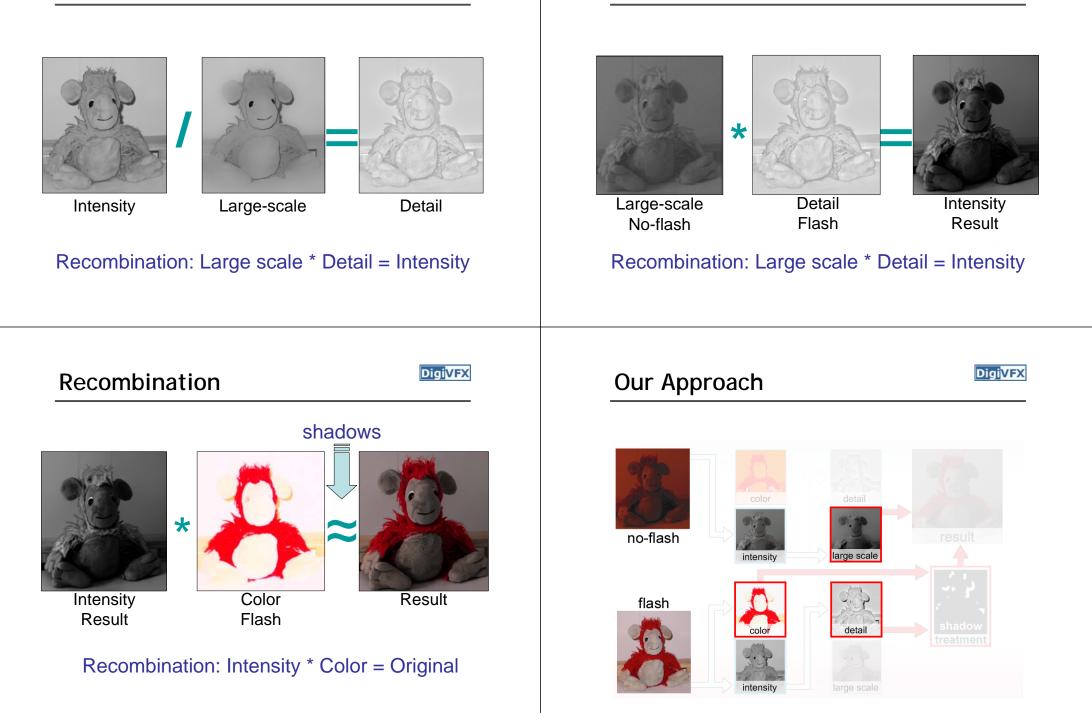


Detail Layer

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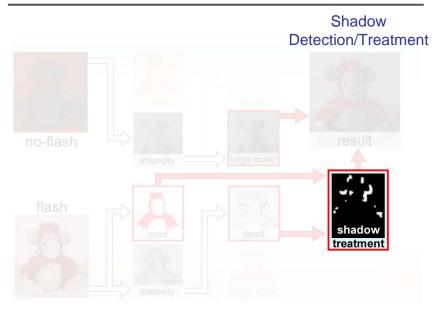


Recombination



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Joint bilateral upsampling

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$$J_{p} = \frac{1}{k_{p}} \sum_{q \in \Omega} I_{q} f(||p-q||) g(||\tilde{I}_{p} - \tilde{I}_{q}||)$$

$$\tilde{S}_p = \frac{1}{k_p} \sum_{q_{\downarrow} \in \Omega} S_{q_{\downarrow}} f(||p_{\downarrow} - q_{\downarrow}||) g(||\tilde{I}_p - \tilde{I}_q||)$$

Results



No-flash

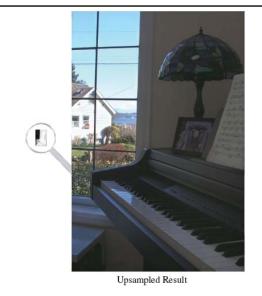




Flash

Joint bilateral upsampling





DigiVFX **Digi**VFX Joint bilateral upsampling Joint bilateral upsampling Input Nearest Neighbor Bicubic Gaussian Joint Bilateral Ground Truth Upsampled Result **DigiVFX** DigiVFX Joint bilateral upsampling Joint bilateral upsampling Nearest Neighbor Upsampling Bicubic Upsampling Downsampled Input Solution

Gaussian Upsampling

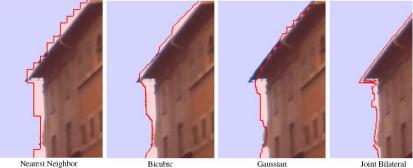


Joint Bilateral Upsampling

Input Images

Joint bilateral upsampling

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Nearest Neighbor

Gaussian

Joint Bilateral

Joint bilateral upsampling





Upsampled Result

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