## Machine Learning Approaches with Real-world Priors for Imaging Factor Manipulation

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#### **Everyone Takes Images/Videos**



Keep Moment





Create Video





Video Conference



## But, Taking Good Ones is Not Easy

#### Distortions Exist in Imaging Process



Low Quality Bad Lighting

Bad Viewpoint Bad Composition

#### **Imaging Process Has Various Factors**



## **Imaging Factors Affect Images**



SCENE FACTOR	
Subject: girl	
IMAGING FACTO	ORS
Background	<ul> <li>Sensor</li> </ul>
• Camera	Lens
• Viewpoint	• Shutter
• Lighting	Aperture



## Perfectly Setting Factors Is Not Trivial





- Various factors need to control
  - Expertise and Multiple Attempts
- Some settings are hard to reach
  - ► Inflexible and Expensive Hardware

Hardware

# Less-than-ideal Imaging Factors



 $F(s \mid \underbrace{c, l, b, v}^{\texttt{ot}})$ Samplings  $\Theta$ 

#### → Distorted and Unsatisfactory Captures



Device







Viewpoint Background



## How to Alleviate These Distortions?

and Unsatisfactory Captures





Lighting Viewpoint Background

Factor 2 Camera

#### Image Manipulation



"Bad/Undesired" Image or Video

"Good/Desired" Image or Video

#### Interactive Image Manipulation





#### Interactive tool

- Need efforts to master
- Not automatic
- □ Require sufficient observation
- Not physically plausible



## **Imaging Factor Manipulation**

#### Automatically Manipulate Less-than-ideal Factors

	Scene Factor		
	IMAGING FACTORS	Automatically	
	Background 🔒 Sensor 🔒		
"Bad/Undesired"	Viewpoint	"Go	bod/Desired''
	Lighting	C Manipulation	

**Our techniques** Interactive tool □ No effort to master Need efforts to master Automatic Not automatic □ No sufficient observation, OK Require sufficient observation Physically plausible **D** Not physically plausible

#### **Three Manipulations in Our Thesis**



## **Relation to Automatic Image Manipulation**



Chen et al, CVPR'2018





Similarity

Has overlap with image editing and restoration

#### Difference

- Recover the scene from imperfect observations
- Edit imaging factors rather than others (e.g., scene/content)

Saharia et al, TPAMI'22

#### The Most Popular Approach



#### End-to-end Fully Supervised Learning

Wang et al, Deep Learning for Image Super-Resolution: A Survey, TPAMI'19 Li et al, Low-Light Image and Video Enhancement Using Deep Learning: A Survey, TPAMI'22 Zhang et al, Deep Image Deblurring: A Survey, IJCV'22 Wang et al, Deep Learning for HDR Imaging: State-of-the-Art and Future Trends, TPAMI'22

# The Most Popular Approach Dataset Input Problems Of

Learning structure: Ineffective for seriously ill-posed problems
 Required dataset: Tedious data with perfect label

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## **Inspiration from Human Perception**

#### Can you **see** this image clearly?



## **Inspiration from Human Perception**

But if we know it's a photo of **Yann LeCun** 



#### **Traditional Approaches**



#### Handcrafted Image Priors



Smoothness Prior



Dark Channel Prior He, CVPR' 09

#### Images Are More Than Just Pixels



#### Images Are More Than Just Pixels



## Machine Learning Approaches with Real-world Prior



Real-world Priors vs Image Prior

- Priors of scenes
- Priors that are not handcrafted

#### Benefits

- Change the learning structures
- Solve severe ill-posed problems
- Reduce the requirement to data



## Social Impact 1 – Machine Vision with Lower Costs, Enhanced Perception





Autonomous Driving

Robot

## Social Impact 2 – Bringing Cinematic Filming Capabilities to Everyone's Phone



## Social Impact 3 – Empowering Memories



"My Father passed away yesterday, please blur/remove the background"



"My eyes are always distorted and warped in my phone selfies ..."



"Fix perspective distortion please"



"I love this photo of my girls...hate the background. Will tip \$20 to the best one."



## Social Impact 4 – Psychological

"People tend to view the inevitably warped stance of self-taken (i.e., hand-held) self-portraits as a new universal standard in appearance"

- Ward et al, 2018





Distorted

Undistorted



#### Image Sensor



**Neural Global Shutter** Wang et al, CVPR 2022



**Portrait Distortion Correction** 



#### **New Learning Structures**

Warping  $\rightarrow$  Deblurring



Ours

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#### Strong Geometric Distortion



## Rolling Shutter Image Sensor

#### Row-by-row Exposure

- **Pros:** Cheap, Fast, and Widely Used
- Cons: Distortion under Fast Movement



Reset

Readout



#### Manipulate Camera Sensor





Dynamic Scene Captured by Global Shutter

## Existing Methods – Warping-based


#### Limitations of Existing Methods



#### Target

#### Fail to large and complex motion

#### Bring **artifacts**

Liu et al, DSUR, CVPR'20 Zhong et al, JCD, CVPR'21

## **No Prior**





**Pixel rows** 



Target

Displacement

## Motion Prior Induced by Hardware

No hardware change

#### rolling shutter with global reset









#### **Traditional Learning Structure**



Move pixels



#### **New Learning Structure**



#### Remove over-exposure







#### **Design 1:** Attend to row-wise degradations







## **Real Camera System**





GS

## Dataset Detail

- 79 Video Sequences
- ▶ 300 frames per seq
- ▶ 640×640 resolution
- Ground truth per frame
- Outdoor, street









27<sub>seq</sub> 52<sub>seq for</sub> for training evaluation

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- Ground truth per frame
- Outdoor, street
  - Camera motion
  - Scene motion
  - ► Mixture

#### Camera motion



Mixed motion

#### **Results – Video**



Input

Output

Reference

#### **Results – Selected Frame**



Input

Output

Reference

#### **Results – Selected Frame**



Input

Output

Reference

#### **Results – Complex Degradations**

Degradations Caused by Camera + Scene Motion



Input Output Reference

# **Evaluation – Setup**



85 sequences for train

sequences for test

49

14 sequences for validation

Metrics **PSNR** and **SSIM** 

Liu et al, DSUR, CVPR'20 Zhong et al, ESTRNN, ECCV'20

## **Evaluation – Quantitative Results**

		PSNR↑		SSIM↑	
Method	Туре	RS	RSGR	RS	RSGR
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Ours	RSGR correction	22.9542	27.8586	0.7870	0.8822





#### RSGR+[any model] **outperforms** RS+[any model]

RSGR is easier to correct than RS

Liu et al, DSUR, CVPR'20 Zhong et al, ESTRNN, ECCV'20

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#### RSGR+Ours achieves the **best** score

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#### **Evaluation – Qualitative Results**



RS+DSUR

**RSGR+Ours** 

Ground Truth

Liu et al, DSUR, CVPR'20

## **Evaluation – Qualitative Results**



Input RS



Input RSGR



RS+DSUR



RSGR+Ours

# RSGR+Ours is **closer** to target than RS+DSUR



Target

## **Evaluation – Results**



Input RS



Input RSGR



RS+DSUR



**RSGR+Ours** 

RSGR+Ours is **10x faster** than RS+DSUR



Target

Liu et al, DSUR, CVPR'20

## Summary – Neural Global Shutter

- We are the first to use the RSGR hardware feature in academics. This feature induces motion priors
- With the RSGR hardware feature, we convert traditional RS correction problem into a deblurring-like one
- ► We develop an effective algorithm
- We build a system to capture data for supervised training



#### Image Sensor



#### Viewpoint + Lens



Portrait Distortion Correction Wang et al, IJCV 2024

#### Background



Matting by Generation Wang et al, SIGGRAPH 2024

#### **New Learning Structures**

Warping  $\rightarrow$  Rendering

SIGGRAPH'16	Fried et al.
ICCV'19	Zhao et al.



































#### Short Camera-to-Subject Distance



#### **Perspective Projection**



### Weak-perspective Projection



Camera-to-Subject Distance

## **Manipulate Viewpoint and Lens**





#### Weak-perspective



# Existing Methods – Warping-based



#### Learning-based flow estimation

Zhao et al, ICCV'19

# Existing Methods – Warping-based



Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16

# Limitations of Existing Methods



Input Output Target

#### Flow warping only repeats existing pixels

- CANNOT reveal occluded regions
  - ▶ Invisible ear, cheek, neck ...
- CANNOT deal with serious distortion
  - ▶ When camera-to-face distance is 20–40cm
- Not 3D-aware
  - ▶ Face shape is flawed

#### Learning-based method (Zhao+) is worse

- Require a lot of training data
- ► Hard to generalize
- CANNOT continuously change

### **Real-world Prior Induced by 3D GANs**



Chan et al, EG3D, CVPR'22
# **New Learning Structure**



# Challenge I: Ambiguity







#### Focal Length Re-parameterization



# Challenge 2: Different Convergences



Face is **easier** to fall into **sub-optimum** when camera is incorrect

Face parameter  $\in \mathbb{R}^{512 \times 14}$ Camera parameter  $\in \mathbb{R}^{K}, K \ll 512$ 



input



optimize face

with incorrect cam





jointly optimize face and cam

reference

After reprojection



#### Optimization Scheduling

#### Optimize camera with mean face



# Challenge 3: Ambiguity from Loss

Pixel loss is **less effective** for perspective changing



#### Uncertainty-based Geometric Loss



# Full-frame Processing System

#### Geometric-aware stitching tuning



Background warping

Blending

#### **Results – Mesh**



Distorted Input



Other GAN inversion methods

#### Results



#### **Results – Continuous Manipulation**



# Evaluation – Setup

image used for training



#### Qualitative Evaluation



<< 60 cm, **severe** distortion In-the-wild data

# **Evaluation – Setup**

- Competed methods
  - Warping-based
    - ▶ Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16
    - ► Zhao et al, ICCV'19
      - ▶ No code, no training data
- Metrics
  - ► Landmark error (LMK-E↓)
  - ► PSNR↑
  - ► SSIM↑
  - ► LPIPS↓
  - ► Identity (ID↑)





Ours achieves **highest score** for most metrics

Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16

\*: Our implemented



#### 3D geometric consistent











Input

Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16

Ours



Input

Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16



Input



Fried et al, SIGGRAPH'16























# Summary – Portrait Distortion Correction

▶ We introduce the pre-trained 3D face GAN as a real-world prior

► We change the warping-based learning structure into rendering-like

We develop strategies to reduce optimization ambiguity

► We develop a real-world system for full-frame images



#### Image Sensor



Neural Global Shutter Wang et al, CVPR 2022

#### Viewpoint + Lens



Portrait Distortion Correction Wang et al, IJCV 2024

#### Background



Matting by Generation Wang et al, SIGGRAPH 2024

#### **New Learning Structures**

Regression  $\rightarrow$  Generation

AAAI'22	MODNet	Ours
MM'22	P3M	
IJCV'23	Vitae-S	

#### Do You Want the Background?



Image credit: <u>url</u>

## Manipulate Background







#### **Composition Equation**



Slides credit: Yung-Yu Chuang

#### Image Matting



Slides credit: Yung-Yu Chuang

# Existing Method – Regression-based

Human annotations



## Limitations of Existing Methods



#### Ke et al, MODNet, AAAI'22

# Limitations of Existing Methods

#### Annotation is **challenging**



#### Poor label quality





#### Pre-trained Diffusion Models as Prior



#### Rich image statistics, range from semantics to texture details



#### New Learning Structure



# **Repurposing Latent Diffusion Model**

Latent diffusion model models  $p(x_0)$ 


# **Repurposing Latent Diffusion Model**



**Denoising Score Matching** 

# System for Real-world Applications



# **Evaluation – Setup**

#### P3M-10K



9,421 images Corse-grained labels

Training

PPM-100



**100** images

**Quantitative** Evaluation

**Qualitative** Evaluation

636 images

**Qualitative** Evaluation

RVP

# **Evaluation – Setup**

- Competed methods
  - ▶ Regression-based
    - ► MODNet
    - ► P3M
    - ► Vitae-S
- Metrics
  - ► Mean Squared Error: **MSE**↓
  - ► Mean Absolute Difference: **MAD**↓
  - ► Sum of Absolute Differences: **SAD**↓
  - ► Connectivity: **Conn**↓

 $\sum_{i} \left( \varphi(\alpha_i, \Omega) - \varphi(\alpha_i^*, \Omega) \right)^p$ 

#### **Degree of Connectivity**

$$\varphi(\alpha_i, \Omega) = 1 - (\lambda_i \cdot \delta (d_i \ge \theta) \cdot d_i).$$

$$d_i = \alpha_i - l_i$$
  $\lambda_i = \frac{1}{|K|} \sum_{k \in K} dist_k(i)$ 



### **Evaluation – Results**



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### **Evaluation – Results**

Method	MSE↓	MAD↓	SAD↓	Conn↓
MODNet	4.5	10.1	96.0	81.1
P3M	5.8	9.6	93.3	96.1
Vitae-S	3.4	6.5	62.6	59.3
Ours	2.5	6.3	56.9	54.0

Ours achieves **highest score** for all metrics



#### Human Annotation



Input

#### Human Annotation













### **Out-of-Distribution Matting**



## Matting with Additional Guidance

guidance



Input

w/o guidance

w/guidance

# Summary – Matting by Generation

► We introduce pre-trained generative diffusion model as a real-world prior

With the pre-trained generative model, we convert the regression problem into a conditional generation problem

We develop a system to efficiently process high-resolution images and leverage users' inputs



#### Image Sensor



Neural Global Shutter Wang et al, CVPR 2022

#### Viewpoint + Lens

Input

Ours

#### Background



Matting by Generation Wang et al, SIGGRAPH 2024

#### **New Learning Structures**

**Portrait Distortion Correction** 

Wang et al, IJCV 2024

Warping $\rightarrow$ Deblurring	Warping $\rightarrow$ Rendering	Regression $\rightarrow$ Generation

### Contributions

- We propose to combine ML learning approaches with real-world prior for imaging factor manipulation
- We introduce three new real-world priors and change the learning structure in the conventional problems
- These new learning methods show significant advantages
- We propose systems to make the new approaches work for real-world applications

# Research Goal: Towards Model the Physical World

#### • Capture $\rightarrow$ Recreate $\rightarrow$ Re-render

#### Applications



Environment for Agent Learning and for Camera Design



Digital twins





Cinematic Filming



# Limitations and Future Work

#### An Unified Model

- Manipulating one factor need one system
  - ▶ Future: an all-in-one system that takes arbitrary priors
- Generative prior and hardware induced prior are separately used
  - Future: combination of both

#### **Explore Additional Factors**

- Image Quality
- Lighting

#### **Explore** Other Priors

- Generative Video Models
- Physical Principle

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# Thank you!