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Event-based Vision Workshop @ CVPR'23

Neuromorphic Camera Aided Photography

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Frame-based Cameras are Problematic



The past 60 years of research have been devoted to framebased cameras ... but they are not good enough!







Redundant

High Latency

Low Dynamic Range







Neuromorphic Camera Example 1: Event Camera



• Events are generated any time a single pixel sees a change in brightness larger than the threshold.







 Event camera has novel sensor that measures only motion in the scene. First commercialized in 2008 under the name of Dynamic Vision Sensor (DVS).





Neuromorphic Camera Example 2: Spike Camera





[Zhu et al., CVPR'20]

For a pixel, the light intensity is accumulated, if the accumulated intensity reaches the dispatch threshold φ , a spike is fired and the accumulator is reset.

Neuromorphic Camera Example 2: Spike Camera 🐼



The first spike camera is designed by Peking university in 2018, with spatial resolution of 400x250 and temporal resolution of 40KHz.





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Papers TPAMI x2, IJCV x1, CVPR x4 were accepted.

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We study and build Cameras powered with artificial Intelligence algorithms to benefit the next generation of AI through super-human visual sensing and computing. The gallary above shows our research highlight (please click on the image to switch between). Please refer to our publication page for details

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All-in-focus Imaging from Event Focal Stack

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Scene

Traditional Camera



One depth in focus

Focal Depth





Frame-based Focal Stack Scene

Multiple depths in focus

Focal Depths





Event Focal Stack





All depths in focus

Focal Depths







Image Ground Truth DRBNet IFAN KPAC APL

Image-based methods: High frequency information cannot be recovered due to the ill-posed nature of single image defocus deblur.







Image focal stack:

Requires careful operation & consumes long time; Information is only collected at a discrete number of focal distances.







Focal sweep:

By sweeping the focal point in a single exposure, information is collected from all depths, but the depth information is lost.





 $\log(\mathbf{I}^{d_j}) = \log(\mathbf{I}^{d_i}) + \sum \mathcal{E}^{d_i \to d_j}$

The latent intensity frame changes as the focal point moves. Events encode the logarithm change of latent intensity.







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Given a defocused image and the EFS, we can reconstruct the latent image focused at any distance.











Golden Search for Refocus Timestamps



Algorithm 1 Refocusing time selection with EFS **Reconstructed Sharpness Data:** threshold μ , golden ratio $\varphi = 1.618$ **Input:** EFS \mathcal{E} and an RGB image \mathbf{I}^d **Result**: Refocusing timestamp t_r **Golden Search Iteration** $L \leftarrow 0, R \leftarrow N_e$ while $R - L > \mu$ do $t_1, t_2 \leftarrow R - (R - L)/\varphi, L + (R - L)/\varphi$ Reconstruct $\mathbf{I}^{d_1}, \mathbf{I}^{d_2}$ with Equation (5) if $\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{I}^{d_1}) > \mathbb{D}(\mathbf{I}^{d_2})$ then $R \leftarrow t_2$ else $L \leftarrow t_1$ end if t_i $t_r \leftarrow (L+R)/2$ end while

Step 1: For each patch of the image, we use the Golden Rate Search Algorithm to find the moment when it was in focus, getting N×N refocus timestamps (one for each patch).







Step 2: For each refocus timestamp, we use EvRefocusNet to reconstruct a refocused image from the input image + event focal stack, forming an image focal stack.







Step 3: We predict merging weights with EvMergeNet, using image focal stack and events as input. Then, we merge the focal stack with weights to get all-infocus result.







- We use Blender to render high-frame-rate focal sweep videos & ground truth all-in-focus images.
- We use MS COCO dataset images to enrich object textures.
- We use DVS-Voltmeter [Lin *et al.*, ECCV'22] to simulate events from focal sweep videos. To prevent overfitting, we use random simulator parameters in each video.







• We use a hybrid camera system to capture real test data.







Defocused Image







Events







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Ground Truth

































Defocused Image





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Image-based defocus: [DRBNet, CVPR 2022], [IFAN, CVPR 2021], [KPAC, ICCV 2021], [APL, ECCV 2022]

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Image-based defocus: [DRBNet, CVPR 2022], [IFAN, CVPR 2021], [KPAC, ICCV 2021], [APL, ECCV 2022]







Input Image











Input Image









Input Image







Input Image









- We propose recording Event Focal Stacks (EFS) for high quality all-in-focus imaging.
- We design a three-stage algorithm to exploit the continuous information encoded in event focal stacks.







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Learning Event Guided High Dynamic Range Video Reconstruction

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Dynamic Range in the Real World





High Exposure Image 50



Related Works



Image-based reconstruction

• Merging multiple LDR images [Debevec *et al.*, SIGGRAPH'98]

[Li *et al.*, TIP'20] [Chen *et al.*, ICCV'21]



• Inverse tone mapping [Eilertsen *et al.*, SIGGRAPH Asia'17] [Liu *et al.*, CVPR'20]



Event-based reconstruction

[Rebecq *et al.*, CVPR'19] [Mostafavi *et al.*, IJCV'21] $\stackrel{e_{k-1}^{k-1}}{\xrightarrow{e_{k-1}^{k-1}}} \stackrel{e_{k-1}^{k}}{\xrightarrow{e_{k-1}^{k}}} \stackrel{e_{k-1}^{k}}{\xrightarrow{e_{k-1}^{k}}} \stackrel{e_{k-1}^{k}}{\xrightarrow{f_{k}}} \stackrel{f_{k}}{\xrightarrow{f_{k}}}$



Event-guided reconstruction







Merging multiple LDR images



• Inverse tone mapping [Eilertsen *et al.*, SIGGRAPH Asia'17] [Liu *et al.*, CVPR'20]



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Event-guided reconstruction







• Merging multiple LDR images



Inverse tone mapping



Event-based reconstruction

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Event-guided reconstruction







Merging multiple LDR images



Inverse tone mapping



Event-based reconstruction



Event-guided reconstruction







Merging multiple LDR images



Inverse tone mapping



Event-based reconstruction



Event-guided reconstruction











Problems in the Closest Work [Han et al., CVPR'20]















• Can we avoid explicit reconstruction which introduces artifacts from event-to-image methods?







 $\mathbb{L} = \{L_t\}_{i=1}^T$

- How to represent events and LDR frames in a shared latent space by two modality specific encoders?
- How to extract the common and complementary scene information from different modalities?



Multimodal Representation Alignment



• Perform the inter-modality reconstruction (event to image)



Multimodal Representation Alignment



• Perform the intra-modality reconstruction (LDR image to HDR image)







• How to provide a proper representation of HDR frames?



Confidence Guided Multimodal Fusion



• multiplication



Confidence Guided Multimodal Fusion





 \bigcirc concatenation \bigcirc conv image weighting layer \mathcal{W}_L \bigcirc convolutional blending layer \mathcal{B}













Introduce temporal correlation to alleviate flickering and reduce noise













Evaluation on Synthetic Data











Evaluation on Synthetic Data





Evaluation on Synthetic Data
















Event based HDR: [E2VID, TPAMI2019] Hybrid HDR: [Han et al., CVPR2020]

Evaluation on Synthetic Data





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LDR frame









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Han *et al.*









Liu *et al.*









E2VID









eSL-Net



Video Evaluation on Synthetic Data





eSL-Net



E2VID



Liu et al.



Han et al.



Li et al.⁸⁸







LDR video



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Liu et al.











- We design a multimodal alignment strategy to bridge the gap between events and frames.
- We develop a confidence guided fusion module to complement events and LDR frames.
- We utilize the temporal correlation to alleviate the flickering effects for recovered HDR videos.







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EvUnroll: Neuromorphic Events based Rolling Shutter Image Correction

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Event + RS Frame



Event + RS Frame RS correction

Motion Estimation: •

High-speed events can address the challenge of fast and complicated motions.

Latent GS image

> **Occlusion Region Restoration:** • Brightness changes encoded in events can be utilized to restore occluded regions.





RS image







 EvUnroll is the first trial to improve RS correction with motion estimation and occlusion region restoration by involving event signals.

- We build an RS-event hybrid camera to collect a real testing dataset.
- EvUnroll restores high-frame-rate GS videos, and outperforms state-of-the-art RS correction methods on commonly used datasets.













Image-based method: [DSUN, CVPR 2020], [JCD, CVPR 2021], [SUNet, ICCV 2021]







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1000 FPS HDR Video with a Spike-RGB Hybrid Camera

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Short exposure

Long exposure









Short exposure

Long exposure









$$T = T_{exposure} + T_{readout} + T_{wait}$$







The colors are not recorded during the readout time and waiting time



Limited the frame rate to dozens of frames per second

Conventional Camera vs. Spiking Camera



Conventional camera: cannot capture fast motions

Two adjacent RGB frames





Conventional Camera vs. Spiking Camera



Conventional camera: cannot capture fast motions

Two adjacent RGB frames



Spiking camera: capturing continuous fast motions in high dynamic range

Spike signal



Potential information for recovering high frame rate (HFR) and high dynamic range (HDR) video













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Spike signal









Spike frame

















Long exposureSpike frameMotion deblurring
Compensate clipped regionsImage: Compensate cl



Methodology



Alternating-exposure frames

Recover 1000 FPS color video

Long exposure






























Deblurring for Long-Exposure Images





Deblurring for Long-Exposure Images





























Build a CNN-RNN based HFR&HDR video reconstruction network for refinement.













are respectively designed for feature extraction.

























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iPhone 13 (240 FPS)



Mi 10 (120 FPS)











iPhone 13 (240 FPS)











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Phantom camera (1000 FPS)













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Neuromorphic Camera Aided Photography (Super)





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Thank You! Q and A

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