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Depthmap Compression

- ▶ Depthmap characteristics
 - ▷ Gray-scaled video
 - ▷ Piecewise constant signal
 - ▷ Sharp edges where depth changes
- ▶ Precise edge information crucial for view synthesis
 - ▷ The error in edge information
 - geometry error in interpolated view
 - significant degradation of the quality [1, 2]
 - ▷ Traditional DCT (H.264/AVC) not efficient for arbitrary edges
 - Requires edge-adaptive transform; avoid filtering across the edges

Related Work

- ▶ Graph-based transform [3]
 - ▷ Represent depth map as a graph
 - ▷ Present edge-adaptive GBT construction
 - ▷ Propose a greedy algorithm to find an optimal transform kernel of GBT
 - ▷ Outperforms H.264/AVC
 - comparison to this approach will be shown later
- ▶ CS-based depthmap compression [4, 5]
 - ▷ Use fixed DCT as sparsifying basis:
 - inefficient for arbitrary edges
 - Not adaptive to edges in blocks
 - ▷ Performance was not evaluated with interpolated view quality

Proposed Algorithm

- ▶ Propose a design of optimal GBT for CS
 - ▷ Residual depthmap block after intra/inter prediction
 - ▷ Find optimal edgemap (adjacency matrix) with cost function
 - ▷ Generate GBT from edgemap
 - ▶ GBT construction from edgemap (adjacency matrix)
 - ▷ Given $\mathbf{G(V, E)}$, nodes (pixels) and links (between pixels)
 - ▷ Construct adjacency matrix, \mathbf{A} :
 - $\mathbf{A(i, j)} = 1$ if no edge between pixels and 0 otherwise
 - ▷ Construct Laplacian matrix, \mathbf{L} :
- $$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ d_i & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- ▷ Sparsifying basis $\Psi = [\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_N]$, \mathbf{e}_i is i^{th} eigenvector of \mathbf{L}

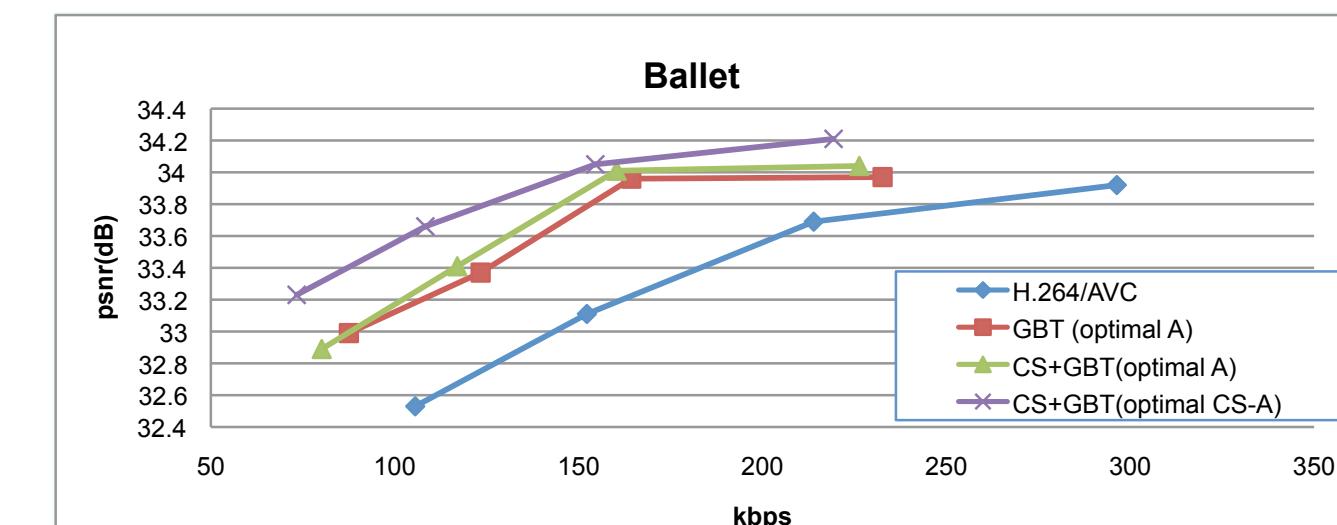
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost} &= \text{Cost}_{\text{measurement_rate}} + k \text{Cost}_{\text{edge_rate}} \\ &= \log_2 \left(\frac{\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2}{2Q^2} \mu_{\text{avg}}^2 \right) + km \end{aligned}$$

- ▷ Initial state: put edges between pixels with different values
 - ▷ Find an edge between smallest pixel difference
 - ▷ Remove the edge if updated cost decreases
 - ▷ Keep doing it until scanning all the edges

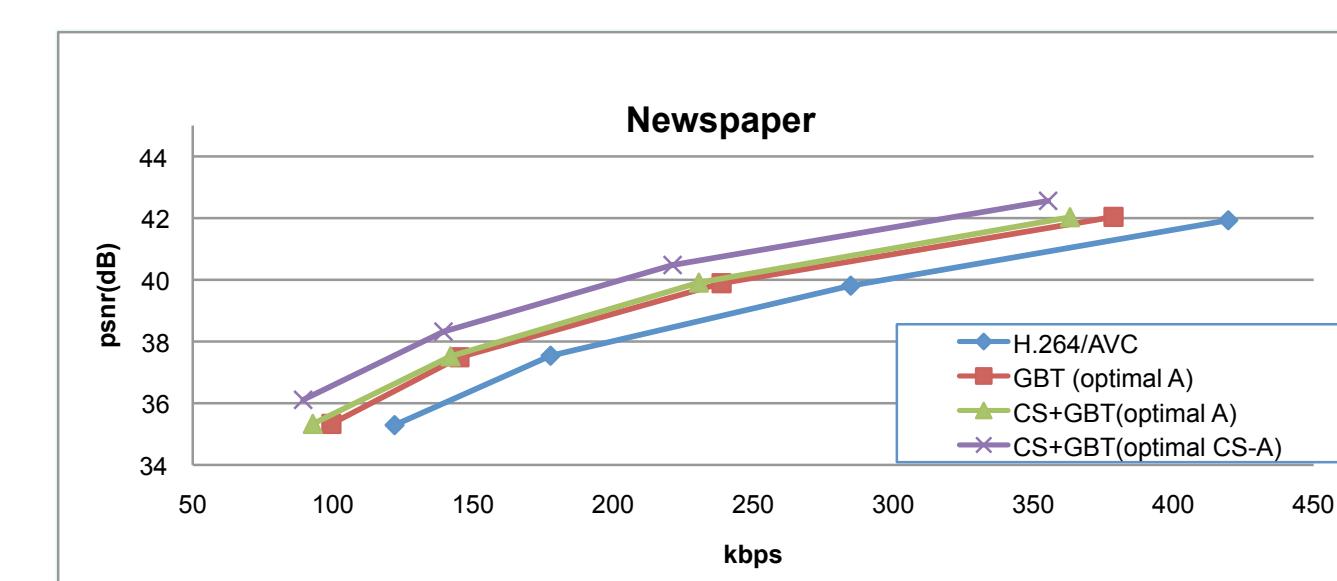
Average Mutual Coherence, μ_{avg}

- ▶ μ_{avg} can be computed with Hadamard, Φ , and GBT matrix, Ψ [6]
 - complex GBT construction
 - Increase complexity especially when
 - ▷ depth map block size increases
 - ▷ involved in the greedy algorithm
- ▶ Upper bound of μ_{upper}
 - ▷ $\mu_{\text{upper}} = \sqrt{\frac{\max_i N_{G_i}}{N}}$
 - ▷ Depends on the maximum size of group
- ▶ Lower bound of μ_{lower}
 - ▷ $\mu_{\text{lower}} = \max_{\forall k} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{(l,m) \in E} (\Phi(k,l) - \Phi(k,m))^2}{2|E|}}$
 - ▷ $|E|$: No. of links = 24 - no. of edges in 4×4 blocks
 - ▷ Depends on Hadamard matrix and edge map
- ▶ $\mu_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\mu_{\text{lower}} + \mu_{\text{upper}}}{2}$ independent of explicit GBT matrix

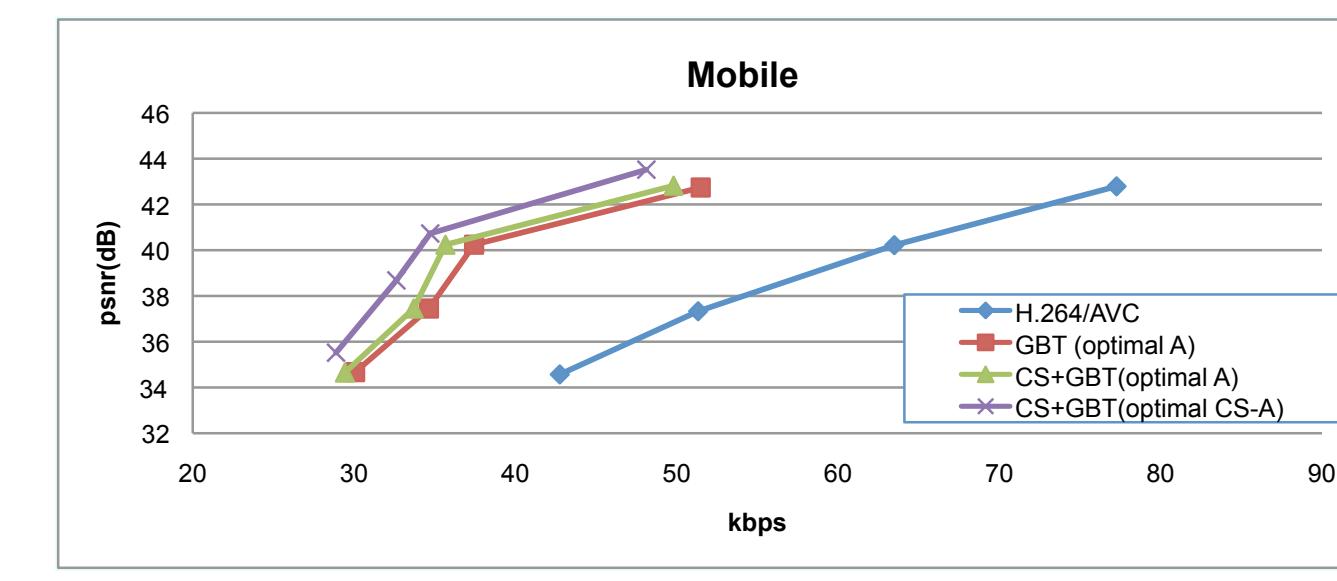
Simulation Result



(a) Ballet

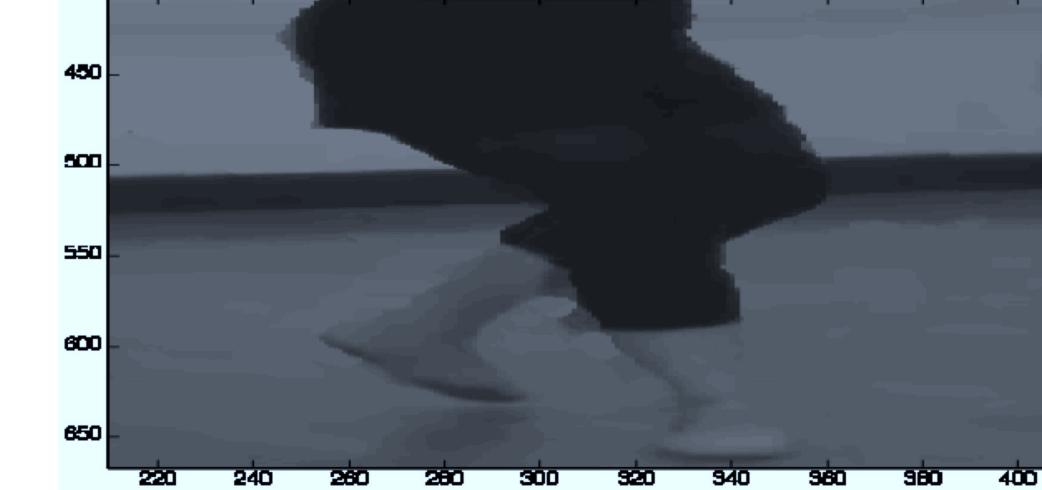


(b) Newspaper

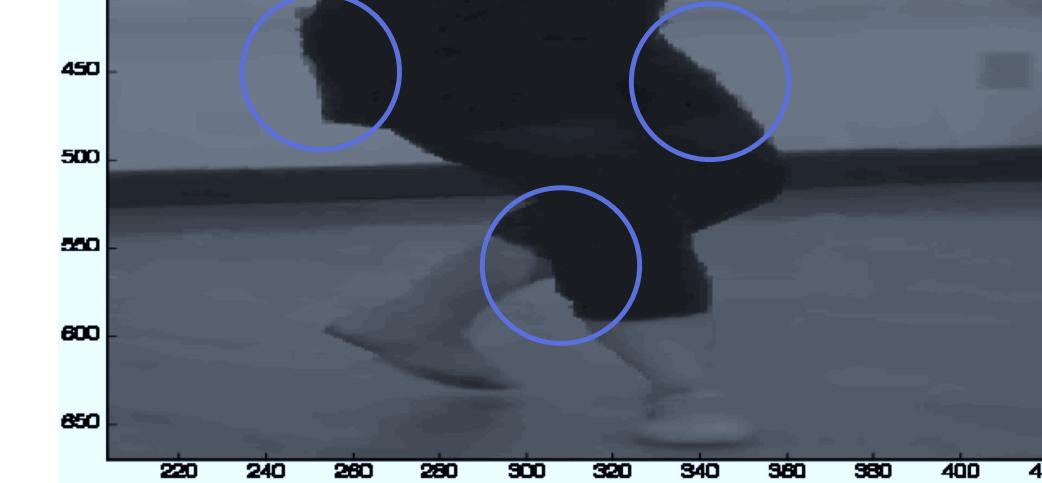


(c) Mobile

Figure: RD curve comparison of i) H.264/AVC ii) GBT and CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix [3] iii) CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix with averaged mutual coherence for different sequences: (a) Ballet (b) Newspaper (c) Mobile



(a) GBT with optimal adjacency matrix



(b) CS+GBT with optimal adjacency matrix for CS

Figure: Perceptual improvement in Ballet sequence: comparison of (a) GBT and CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix [3] (b) CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix with averaged mutual coherence

Sequence	BD-PSNR	BD-bitrate
Ballet	0.9	-49.4
Newspaper	1.5	-26.8
Mobile	9.2	-42.8

Table: BD-PSNR/bitrate results of CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix for CS compared to H.264/AVC.

Sequence	BD-PSNR	BD-bitrate
Ballet	0.3	-7.8
Newspaper	0.9	-16.1
Mobile	2.4	-9.7

Table: BD-PSNR/bitrate results of CS-GBT with optimal adjacency matrix for CS compared to H.264/AVC.

Conclusion

- ▶ Propose a block-based CS framework applicable to depthmap compression
- ▶ Approximate average mutual coherence without constructing GBT
- ▶ Find an optimal edgemap (adjacency matrix) for CS
- ▶ Proposed approach achieves a significant gain over H.264/AVC

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