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Rolling Shutter Camera: Modeling, Optimization and Learning

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1. Introduction

Rolling Shutter Effect

- Create some unintended geometric distortions if you're filming fast-moving subjects or panning your video camera across a scene, such as skew, wobble, etc.
- Common in footage from DSLRs and mobile phone cameras.

Rolling Shutter









Rolling shutter image



Global shutter image



When RS effect relevant for computer vision:

- 3D modeling from images;
- Visual SLAM;
- Video stabilization, Video panorama, etc.;
- Any geometric measurement from images.



1. Introduction





Problem Formulation



Latent global shutter image sequence

Rolling shutter image

- Rolling shutter images can be viewed as the result of the row-wise combination of global shutter images captured by a virtual moving GS camera during imaging.
- Rolling shutter images implicitly contain rich high framerate temporal dynamic observation information, i.e., camera motion information (temporally) and scene 3D information (spatially).
- ✓ Under the framework of temporal dynamic modeling and deep learning, recovering the global shutter image corresponding to a specific exposure moment (i.e., Rolling Shutter Correction, RSC) or corresponding to any exposure moment (i.e., Rolling Shutter Temporal Super-Resolution, RSSR) has become a research hotspot.



Formulation:

Given a single or multiple rolling shutter images, we aim at estimating the undistortion flow to recover a latent global shutter image corresponding to a specific exposure moment, such as the first/middle scanline of the rolling shutter frame.



Rolling shutter (RS) image

Global shutter (GS) image

Undistortion Flow vs. Optical Flow

- The undistortion flow map exhibits the significant **scanline dependence**.
- The undistortion flow near the target scanline appears as smaller warping displacement values;
- The undistortion flow corresponding to pixels that are opposite to the target scanline shows different warping displacement directions.

	Undistorted Flow	Undistorted Flow	Undistorted Flow	
Optical Flow	(first scanline)	(middle scanline)	(last scanline)	
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Related work:

Over the last decade, several **traditional** works usually rely on hand-designed prior assumptions, geometric constraints, and complex optimization frameworks to remove the rolling shutter effect. In recent years, several appealing **deep learning-based** rolling shutter correction methods have been proposed, where a convolutional neural network is trained to warp the rolling shutter frame to its global shutter counterpart. This essentially becomes an **image-to-image translation problem**.



Timeline of rolling shutter image correction methods.

Related work:

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- Single-frame rolling shutter correction is inherently a highly ill-posed problem.
 - E.g., Zhuang et al. use data-driven priors through a network that learns the underlying scene depth and intra-frame motion from a single rolling shutter image, followed by a post-processing step to generate a geometrically consistent image.
- Using at least two consecutive frames can make it tractable.







Related work:

- These multi-frame-based methods consist of two main components: a pixel-wise motion estimation module and a global shutter frame synthesis module.
- The pixel-wise motion estimation module is dedicated to estimating the pixel-wise motion field, which is then used to warp the image appearance information of adjacent frames to the target global shutter instance;
- The global shutter frame synthesis module aims to aggregate the context information from coarse to fine and finally decode the desired global shutter image.



Common framework for deep learning-based RS image correction methods.





Peidong Liu, Zhaopeng Cui, Viktor Larsson, Marc Pollefeys

CVPR 2020





Pipeline:

Given two-frame rolling shutter images as input, Liu et al. proposed a deep shutter unrolling network (i.e. DeepUnrollNet) to recover the desired global shutter image from two consecutive rolling shutter images.





Liu P, Cui Z, Larsson V, et al. Deep shutter unrolling network. CVPR 2020.



Pipeline:







Pipeline:







- **Shortcoming of DeepUnrollNet:**
 - Despite the promising performance, DeepUnrollNet solely uses the warped feature map corresponding to the second rolling shutter image when decoding the target global shutter frame, which tends to lead to content missing in the unseen regions of the recovered global shutter image.

(a1) Input RS image 1

(b1) GS image at 1.5τ by DeepUnrollNet















(c1) GS image at τ by DeepUnrollNet



(a2) Input RS image 2



SUNet: Symmetric Undistortion Network for Rolling Shutter Correction

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Background:

- RS cameras are usually time-synchronized with other sensors (e.g., GS camera, IMU, etc.) in hardware by referring to the first scanline time.
 - It is crucial and valuable to recover the GS image corresponding the first scanline of the second frame (i.e., the intermediate time τ of these two frames).



[Schubert et al, IROS'19]

[Wang et al, RAL&ICRA'21]

Objective:





Rolling shutter (RS) image

Global shutter (GS) image



- **Challenges:**
- **Maybe large pixel displacement** (e.g., foreground objects): The pixel of the target GS image may not be in the neighboring pixel of its corresponding RS image, depending on the type of motion, the 3D structure, and the scanline time.
- Due to the temporal continuity, we observe that the first and second RS images contribute greatly to the lower and upper parts of the corresponding time-centered GS image, respectively.



Original RS image 1

Predicted only by RS 1



Predicted only by RS 2





Our corrected GS image





Contributions:

- We propose an efficient end-to-end symmetric rolling shutter undistortion network to solve the generic RS correction problem with two consecutive frames.
- Our context-aware cost volume together with the symmetric consistency constraint can aggregate the contextual cues of two input RS images effectively.
 - Our method significantly outperforms the state-of-the-art methods in both GS image restoration and inference efficiency.



Inputs

SUNet (Ours)

DeepUnrollNet



Pipeline of our method:

- First, two time-symmetric dense undistortion flows are estimated by using well-established principles: pyramidal construction, warping, and cost volume processing.
- > Then, both rolling shutter images are **warped** into a common global shutter one in the feature space.
- Finally, a symmetric consistency constraint is constructed in the image decoder to effectively aggregate the contextual cues of two RS images, thereby recovering the high-quality global shutter image.





- **Training loss:** $\mathcal{L} = \lambda_r \mathcal{L}_r + \lambda_p \mathcal{L}_p + \lambda_c \mathcal{L}_c + \lambda_s \mathcal{L}_s$
- **Reconstruction loss**: evaluating the pixel-wise reconstruction quality of the corrected GS image on multiple scales

$$\mathcal{L}_{r} = \sum_{l=l_{0}-1}^{L} \left\| \boldsymbol{I}_{GT}^{l-1} - \boldsymbol{I}_{g}^{l-1} \right\|_{1}$$

• **Perceptual loss**: preserving details of the predictions and make estimated GS image sharper

$$\mathcal{L}_{p} = \sum_{l=l_{0}-1}^{L} \left\| \phi \left(\mathbf{I}_{GT}^{l-1} \right) - \phi \left(\mathbf{I}_{g}^{l-1} \right) \right\|_{1}$$

• **Smoothness loss**: encouraging piecewise smoothness in the estimated undistortion flows

$$\mathcal{L}_{s} = \sum_{t=1}^{2} \sum_{l=l_{0}}^{L} \left\| \nabla \boldsymbol{F}_{t \to g}^{l-1} \right\|_{2}$$

Consistency loss: To combine cues from two consecutive RS frames, we enforce their respective warped features to be as close to each other as possible in the symmetric space. I.e., we supervise the network to align the forward and backward images predicted by the first and the second RS images respectively across different levels

$$\mathcal{L}_{c} = \sum_{t=1}^{2} \sum_{l=l_{0}}^{L} \left\| \boldsymbol{I}_{GT}^{l-1} - \boldsymbol{I}_{t \to g}^{l-1} \right\|_{1}$$





Experiments

Results on Carla-RS and Fastec-RS benchmarks

Methods	PSNR↑ (dB)			SSIM↑	
Wiethous	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR
Single-frame [34]	18.70	18.47	-	0.58	_
Model-based [32]	25.93	22.88	21.44	0.77	0.71
DSUN [18]	26.90	26.46	26.52	0.81	0.79
SUNet (Ours)	29.28	29.18	28.34	0.85	0.84



(a) Original RS image 2

(b) Ground truth GS image

(c) Zhuang et al. [32]

(d) Liu *et al*. [18]

(e) Ours



Experiments

Qualitative comparison





Experiments

Intermediate outputs of our method \succ



(a) RS image 1: I_1



(b) RS image 2: I_2



(e) Forward GS image: $\boldsymbol{I}_{1 \rightarrow g}$



(f) Backward GS image: $I_{2 \rightarrow q}$



(c) Forward undistortion flow: $F_{1 \rightarrow g}$



(g) Our corrected GS image: \boldsymbol{I}_{ρ}

(d) Backward undistortion flow: $F_{2 \rightarrow a}$



(h) Ground truth GS image: \boldsymbol{I}_{GT}

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Experiments

Ablation study on loss function

Table 2. Effectiveness of different combinations of training losses.					
	PSNR↑		SSI	SSIM↑	
	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR
w/o \mathcal{L}_r	28.00	27.90	27.29	0.83	0.81
w/o \mathcal{L}_p	29.08	28.95	28.20	0.85	0.84
w/o \mathcal{L}_c	29.05	28.94	27.89	0.84	0.82
w/o \mathcal{L}_s	29.19	28.07	28.15	0.85	0.83
full loss	29.28	29.18	28.34	0.85	0.84

Table 4. Ablation study on the consistency loss. $\lambda_c = 0$ means no consistency loss is used. The self-supervised consistency loss is defined as measuring only the difference between forward and backward GS images. Our loss function is effective to align contextual cues, especially the Fastec-RS dataset.

Consist Loss	PSNR†			SSIM↑	
Collsist. Loss	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR
$\lambda_c = 0$	29.05	28.94	27.89	0.84	0.82
Self-supervised	29.15	28.99	28.02	0.85	0.83
Ours	29.28	29.18	28.34	0.85	0.84

Handle significant depth-dependent occlusion





Experiments

Correction results on RS video^[1]



[1] Forssen PE, Ringaby E. Rectifying rolling shutter video from hand-held devices. CVPR 2010.



Experiments





Inference time

Method	Time	Hardware
DiffSfM (SOTA classic-model-based)	~ 8 minutes	i7-7700K CPU
DeepUnrollNet (SOTA deep-learning-based)	0.34 seconds	NVIDIA GeForce 2080Ti GPU
SUNet (Ours)	0.21 seconds	NVIDIA GeForce 2080Ti GPU
	640 $ imes$ 480 image resolution	



Conclusions

- Recovering GS image corresponding to the exposure time of the first scanline is of both theoretical interest and great practical importance, such as multi-sensor fusion, computational photography, autonomous driving, etc.
- The observation that the first and second RS images have different contributions to different regions of the target GS image is fundamental and helpful. And the idea of promoting this property through a symmetry consistency constraint is reasonable.
- A distinct advantage of the method is the use of symmetric network architecture to improve the efficient aggregation of contextual information.
- The context-aware cost volume we construct can effectively promote contextual consistency at different scales.
- Extensive experiments demonstrate that our approach performs favorably against the state-ofthe-art methods in both GS image restoration and inference efficiency.
- Maybe applicable to other frame interpolation tasks.

3. Rolling Shutter Temporal Super-Resolution

- Background:
- Rolling shutter images can be viewed as the result of the **row-wise combination** of global shutter images captured by a virtual moving GS camera over the period of camera readout time.

RS Inversion



High framerate GS video



Two consecutive RS frames



3. Rolling Shutter Temporal Super-Resolution

Objective:

- Invert the rolling shutter imaging mechanism, i.e., RS temporal super-resolution (RSSR), is extremely challenging, e.g., recovering 960 GS images from two 480-height RS images, which is far from being solved in the deep learning framework.
- Different from estimating the undistortion flow at a specific time in RS correction, here it is necessary to estimate the undistortion flow at any time. Therefore, it is crucial to build connections between them.



3. Rolling Shutter Temporal Super-Resolution

Challenges:

- Beyond eliminating the geometric RS distortion in the two-view RS correction task, we have to output a high framerate GS image sequence as well as ensure its temporal smoothness.
- Different from the slight and controllable pixel displacement in the GS video interpolation task, which is located inside its optical flow, the pixel displacement when correcting the RS image may exceed its local neighborhood defined by its optical flow.



SOTA two-view RS correction method [Liu et al, CVPR'20]: only one reliable GS image can be recovered.



SOTA GS video interpolation method [Niklaus et al, CVPR'20]: is incapable of reducing the RS artifacts.





Inverting a Rolling Shutter Camera: Bring Rolling Shutter Images to High Framerate Global Shutter Video

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Contributions:

- We identify and establish a detailed proof of the scanline-dependent nature of the bidirectional undistortion flows, which is essential for understanding the intrinsic geometrical properties of RS correction problem.
- From the theoretical perspective, we propose the first geometry-aware learning-based RSSR solution for latent GS video sequence extraction from two consecutive RS images, which brings RS images alive.
- Our approach not only outperforms the state-of-the-art methods in both RS effect removal and inference efficiency, but also can produce a smooth and continuous GS video.



Input RS image 1

Output GS video

Input RS image 2



Differential RS Geometry

➤ GS-aware forward warping:

$$\mathbf{f} = \frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}}{Z} + \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\omega} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \pi(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} -f & 0 & x \\ 0 & -f & y \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{xy}{f} & -\left(f + \frac{x^2}{f}\right) & y \\ \left(f + \frac{y^2}{f}\right) & -\frac{xy}{f} & -x \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$
(2)

Here, (x, y) is the normalized image coordinate and f denotes the focal length.

RS-aware warping:

(Optical flow between two consecutive RS images)

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_u \\ \mathbf{f}_v \end{array} \right] = \alpha \left[\begin{array}{c} \pi_u(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \\ \pi_v(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \end{array} \right]$$

 $\alpha = 1 + \frac{\gamma \mathbf{f}_v}{l}$

where

constant velocitymotion model^[1]

 α is the RS-aware interpolation factor, depending on the corresponding RS optical flow; γ is the readout time ratio.

- Note that we prove that γ is positive for forward RS optical flow (i.e. from frame 1 to frame 2) and γ is negative for backward RS optical flow (i.e. from frame 2 to frame 1).
- Try to eliminate \mathbf{f}_{v} (later)



Undistortion Flow vs Optical Flow

Bidirectional RS undistortion flow:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u \\ \mathbf{u}_v \end{bmatrix} = \beta \begin{bmatrix} \pi_u(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \\ \pi_v(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \end{bmatrix},$$

where

 $\beta = \frac{\gamma(s-\kappa)}{h}$

which delivers each RS pixel x on κ -th scanline to its GS canvas defined by the pose corresponding to *S*-th scanline.



Mutual conversion between varying RS undistortion flows that correspond to different scanlines:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{u}^{s_{2}} \\ \mathbf{u}_{v}^{s_{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{s_{2} - \kappa}{s_{1} - \kappa} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{u}^{s_{1}} \\ \mathbf{u}_{v}^{s_{1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Assuming that two GS images corresponding to S_1 -th scanline and S_2 -th scanline are to be restored.



Undistortion Flow vs Optical Flow

Bidirectional RS undistortion flow:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u \\ \mathbf{u}_v \end{bmatrix} = \beta \begin{bmatrix} \pi_u(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \\ \pi_v(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \end{bmatrix},$$

where

 $\beta = \frac{\gamma(s-\kappa)}{h}$

which delivers each RS pixel \mathbf{x} on κ -th scanline to its GS canvas defined by the pose corresponding to *S*-th scanline.

Bidirectional RS optical flow: (By eliminating \mathbf{f}_{v})

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_u \\ \mathbf{f}_v \end{bmatrix} = \frac{h}{h - \gamma \pi_v} \begin{bmatrix} \pi_u \\ \pi_v \end{bmatrix}$$

which models the transformation of RS pixel \mathbf{x} between two consecutive RS frames.

> Connection between the undistortion flow and optical flow:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{u}_u\\ \mathbf{u}_v \end{array}\right] = c \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_u\\ \mathbf{f}_v \end{array}\right],$$

where

 $c = \frac{\gamma(s - \kappa)(h - \gamma \pi_v)}{h^2}$ Correlation factor

Note that we prove $c \in (-1,1)$ when correcting an RS image to its middle-scanline GS image.


Undistortion Flow vs Optical Flow

- The undistortion flows exhibit a more significant scanline dependence.
- The undistortion flows near the target scanline appear as smaller warping displacement values;
 The undistortion flows corresponding to pixels that are opposite to the target scanline show different warping displacement directions.

Optical Flow	Undistorted Flow (first scanline)	Undistorted Flow (middle scanline)	Undistorted Flow (last scanline)
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Constant Velocity Propagation vs. Constant Acceleration Propagation:

Undistortion flow (Constant Velocity Model):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u \\ \mathbf{u}_v \end{bmatrix} = \beta \begin{bmatrix} \pi_u(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \\ \pi_v(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{x}, Z, f) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{\gamma(s-\kappa)}{h}$$

which delivers each RS pixel \mathbf{x} on κ -th scanline to its GS canvas defined by the pose corresponding to *S*-th scanline.

Mutual conversion between varying undistortion flows that correspond to different scanlines (Constant Velocity Model):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u^{s_2} \\ \mathbf{u}_v^{s_2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{s_2 - \kappa}{s_1 - \kappa} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u^{s_1} \\ \mathbf{u}_v^{s_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Assuming that two GS images corresponding to S_1 -th scanline and S_2 -th scanline are to be restored.

Undistortion flow (Constant Acceleration Model):

$$\beta = \frac{\gamma(s-\kappa)}{h} \cdot \frac{2h + k\gamma(s-\kappa)}{h(k+2)}$$

Mutual conversion between varying undistortion flows that correspond to different scanlines (Constant Acceleration Model):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_u^{s_2} \\ \mathbf{u}_v^{s_2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{(s_2 - \kappa)(2h + k\gamma(s_2 - \kappa))}{(s_1 - \kappa)(2h + k\gamma(s_1 - \kappa))} \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{u}_u^{s_1} \\ \mathbf{u}_v^{s_1} \end{array} \right]$$

Fan B, Dai Y, Li H. Rolling shutter inversion: bring rolling shutter images to high framerate global shutter video. IEEE TPAMI 2022.

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Pipeline of our RSSR method:

- Firstly, we estimate the **bidirectional optical flows** by using the classic PWC-Net.
- Secondly, we use a UNet network to learn the middle-scanline correlation map such that the middle-scanline undistortion flows can be inferred. Meanwhile, undistortion flows for any scanline can be associated and propagated explicitly.
 - Finally, the **forward warping** is employed to warp RS images, yielding a GS video sequence corresponding to arbitrary scanlines.





Experiments

Quantitative Results

Table 1: Quantitative comparisons on recovering GS images corresponding to the first scanline of the second RS frame. The numbers in red and <u>blue</u> represent the best and second-best performance. Note that we cannot benchmark the Fastec-RS dataset due to its lack of training ground truth. Regardless of the black edges of corrected images, our approach performs favorably against other methods.

First scanline:

Method	PSNR↑			SSIM↑			LPIPS↓		
	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR		CR	FR	
DeepUnrollNet [18]	<u>26.90</u>	26.46	26.52	0.81	0.79		0.0703	0.1222	
DiffHomo [37]	19.60	18.94	18.68	0.61	0.61		0.1798	0.2229	
DiffSfM-PWCNet [36]	19.53	18.62	18.59	0.69	0.63		0.2042	0.2416	
DiffSfM-RAFT [36]	24.20	21.28	20.14	0.78	0.70		0.1322	0.1789	
RSSR (Ours)	30.17	<u>24.78</u>	<u>21.26</u>	0.87	<u>0.78</u>		0.0695	<u>0.1424</u>	

Table 3: Quantitative comparisons of the performance between our approach and DeepUnrollNet [4] in recovering GS images corresponding to the middle scanline of the second RS frame. Note that, in other chapters and the main manuscript, all competing methods refer to the first scanline of the second RS frame.

Middle scanline:

Method	PSNR↑			SSI	M↑	LPIPS↓		
Wiethou	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR	CR	FR	
DeepUnrollNet [4]	27.86	27.54	27.02	0.829	0.828	0.0555	0.0791	
RSSR (Ours)	29.36	26.57	25.01	0.900	0.834	0.0553	0.0817	



Experiments

Qualitative Results





Experiments

Generating high framerate GS videos (synthetic data^[1])



[1] Liu P, Cui Z, Larsson V, et al. Deep shutter unrolling network. CVPR 2020.



Experiments

Generating high framerate GS videos (Real data^[1] by an RS camera mounted on a car)



Input RS Frame 1



Input RS Frame 2





Our RSSR Result (Cropped)

[1] Cao M, Zhong Z, Wang J, et al. Learning adaptive warping for real-world rolling shutter correction. CVPR 2022.



Experiments

Generating high framerate GS videos (real data^[1])



Input RS Frame 1

Input RS Frame 2

Our RSSR Result (Cropped)

[1] Zhuang B, Cheong L F, Hee Lee G. Rolling-shutter-aware differential sfm and image rectification. ICCV 2017.



Experiments

Comparison with SOTA video frame interpolation methods



Figure 3: Visual results against video frame interpolation algorithms (BMBC [6] and DAIN [1]) to generate an intermediate frame corresponding to the intermediate time of two consecutive RS frames. Only our proposed RSSR method can successfully remove RS artifacts.

Experiments

Comparison with two-stage method (baseline)

Given *three* consecutive RS images, we first obtain two corrected GS images in sequence by using DeepUnrollNet [CVPR'20], and then interpolate the GS image corresponding to the first scanline of the third RS image using DAIN [CVPR'19].



Figure 4: Visual results against the two-stage approach: perform RS correction first, then perform video frame interpolation.

Inference times

Methods	Times	Outputs
DeepUnrollNet (SOTA)	0.34 s	1 GS image
Two-stage method	5 min	960 GS images
	0.12 s	2 GS images
ROOK (OUIS)	1.8 s	960 GS images

Test on an NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080Ti GPU with 640 \times 480 image resolution



Conclusions

- We have revealed the intrinsic geometrical properties of RS correction problem and made three contributions: 1) formulating the bidirectional RS undistortion flows under the constant velocity motion model, 2) building the connection between the RS undistortion flow and optical flow via a scaling operation, and 3) developing a mutual conversion scheme between varying RS undistortion flows that correspond to different scanlines.
- We have proposed **the first geometry-aware learning-based RSSR solution** for latent GS video sequence extraction from two consecutive RS images, which brings RS images alive.
- Our rolling shutter temporal super-resolution pipeline marries the advantage of RS geometric reasoning and modern deep learning-enabled computer vision, which can effectively explore the underlying spatio-temporal geometric relationships.
- Extensive experiments demonstrate that our approach achieves joint RS correction and temporal super-resolution, outperforming state-of-the-art methods.
- Our preliminary implementation can very efficiently generate 960 GS images with 640×480 resolution in 1.8 seconds on an NVIDIA 2080Ti GPU.



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Formulation:

Inspired by the task of video frame interpolation, we re-define the RS temporal super-resolution problem **in the temporal dimension**.

- Given two RS frames at adjacent times 0 and 1, we aim to synthesize an intermediate GS frame corresponding to any time t, where 0 ≤ t ≤ 1.
- In particular, the middle scanlines of the two RS images correspond to time instances 0 and 1, respectively.





Motivation:

The geometry-aware RS inversion proposed in ICCV 2021 warps RS frames directly.



Hence, it suffers from two limitations:

Masses of black holes. This is a common issue for warping-based methods due to the occlusion. To maintain visual consistency, a cropping operation is used to discard the holes, but may degrade the visual experience.



✓ Noticeable object-specific motion artifacts. When recording dynamic scenes, the moving objects violate the assumption of constant velocity motion, resulting in severe motion artifacts.





D Pipeline of our CVR method:

- **1. Motion interpretation module**, including a network-based bilateral motion field estimator (NBMF) or an approximated bilateral motion field estimator (ABMF).
- **2. GS frame synthesis module**, including a motion enhancement layer (MEL) and a contextual aggregation layer (CAL).





Details of motion interpretation module:

The bilateral motion field can be generated by scaling the regular optical flow field, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{U}_{0\to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}_{0\to t}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{F}_{0\to 1}(\mathbf{x})$$
$$\mathbf{U}_{1\to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}_{1\to t}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{F}_{1\to 0}(\mathbf{x})$$

The bilateral correction map was formulated under the constant camera motion in ICCV 2021, which can be learned by an encoder-decoder network.

$$\mathbf{C}_{0 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{(t - \tau_0)(h - \pi_v)}{h}$$
$$\mathbf{C}_{1 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{(\tau_1 - t)(h + \pi'_v)}{h}$$

In this work, we further propose its approximated version neglecting the parallax effects, which is independent of image content and can be pre-defined.

$$\mathbf{C}_{0 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = t - \tau_0$$
$$\mathbf{C}_{1 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_1 - t$$





- Details of motion interpretation module:
- **1**. Bidirectional optical flow estimator.
- 2. Bilateral motion field estimator (NBMF or ABMF) at arbitrary time $t \in [0,1]$.
 - Network-based BMF (NBMF)



 $\mathbf{C}_{0 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = t - \tau_0$ $\mathbf{C}_{1 \to t}(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_1 - t$





- Details of GS frame synthesis module:
- BMF residuals are estimated to improve the final flow quality in boundaries and unsmooth regions.

 $\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{0\to t} = \mathbf{U}_{0\to t} + \Delta \mathbf{U}_{0\to t}$ $\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{1\to t} = \mathbf{U}_{1\to t} + \Delta \mathbf{U}_{1\to t}$

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Bilateral occlusion masks are generated to guide GS frame synthesis to handle occlusions.

$$\hat{\mathbf{I}}_{t}^{g} = \frac{(1-t)\mathbf{O}_{0\to t}\hat{\mathbf{I}}_{0\to t}^{g} + t\mathbf{O}_{1\to t}\hat{\mathbf{I}}_{1\to t}^{g}}{(1-t)\mathbf{O}_{0\to t} + t\mathbf{O}_{1\to t}}.$$





Loss functions:

- $\blacktriangleright \qquad \text{Reconstruction loss:} \quad \mathcal{L}_r = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \left\| \hat{\mathbf{I}}_{t_i}^g \mathbf{I}_{t_i}^{gt} \right\|_1$
- $\blacktriangleright \qquad \text{Perceptual loss:} \quad \mathcal{L}_p = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \left\| \phi\left(\hat{\mathbf{I}}_{t_i}^g\right) \phi\left(\mathbf{I}_{t_i}^{gt}\right) \right\|_1$

$$\succ \qquad \text{Contextual consistency loss:} \quad \mathcal{L}_{c} = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \left(\left\| \hat{\mathbf{I}}_{0 \to t_{i}}^{g} - \mathbf{I}_{t_{i}}^{gt} \right\|_{1} + \left\| \hat{\mathbf{I}}_{1 \to t_{i}}^{g} - \mathbf{I}_{t_{i}}^{gt} \right\|_{1} \right)$$

$$\succ \qquad \text{Total variation loss:} \qquad \mathcal{L}_{tv} = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \left(\left\| \nabla \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{0 \to t_i} \right\|_2 + \left\| \nabla \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{1 \to t_i} \right\|_2 \right)$$

Note that we use the ground-truth GS images corresponding to times 0.0, 0.5 and 1.0 to supervise the network training.



Experiments

Quantitative results of RS effect removal

Table 1. Quantitative comparisons on recovering GS images at time step t = 0.5. The numbers in **red** and <u>blue</u> represent the best and second-best performance. Our method is far superior to baseline methods and the proposed ABMF model is effective as an initialization.

Method	Runtime	PSNR↑ (dB)			SSIM↑			LPIPS↓		
Wethou	(seconds)	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR		CR	FR	
DiffSfM [62]	467	24.20	21.28	20.14	0.775	0.701		0.1322	0.1789	
DiffHomo [63]	424	19.60	18.94	18.68	0.606	0.609		0.1798	0.2229	
DeepUnrollNet [24]	0.34	26.90	26.46	26.52	0.807	0.792		0.0703	0.1222	
SUNet [10]	0.21	29.28	29.18	28.34	0.850	0.837		0.0658	0.1205	
RSSR*	0.09	28.20	23.86	21.02	0.839	0.768		0.0764	0.1866	
RSSR [9]	0.12	30.17	24.78	21.23	0.867	0.776		0.0695	0.1659	
CVR*(Ours)	0.12	<u>31.82</u>	<u>31.60</u>	28.62	<u>0.927</u>	<u>0.845</u>		0.0372	<u>0.1117</u>	
CVR (Ours)	0.14	32.02	31.74	28.72	0.929	0.847		0.0368	0.1107	

*: applying our proposed approximated bilateral motion field (ABMF) model.

Table A1. Quantitative comparisons on recovering GS images at time step t = 1. The numbers in red and <u>blue</u> represent the best and second-best performance. In addition to the SOTA quantification performance for GS image recovery at time t = 0.5, our method also obtains almost consistent best metrics at time t = 1. Note that not only these, high-quality GS video frames corresponding to any time $t \in [0, 1]$ can be accurately estimated by our method.

Mathod	$PSNR\uparrow (dB)$			SSI	SSIM↑			LPIPS↓		
Wiethou	CRM	CR	FR	CR	FR		CR	FR		
DeepUnrollNet [24]	27.86	27.54	27.02	0.829	0.828	0	.0555	0.0791		
RSCD [61]	-	-	24.84	-	0.778		-	0.1070		
RSSR [9]	29.36	26.57	24.89	0.900	0.824	0	.0553	0.1109		
CVR* (Ours)	28.28	28.19	26.58	0.912	<u>0.833</u>	<u>0</u>	.0444	0.1014		
CVR (Ours)	29.41	29.19	<u>26.67</u>	0.915	0.838	0	.0403	<u>0.1011</u>		

*: applying our proposed approximated bilateral motion field (ABMF) model.

Time t=0.5:

Time t=1.0:



Experiments

Quantitative results of RS effect removal



Input RS Frame 0



SUNet (ICCV 2021)



DiffHomo (ECCV 2020)



DiffSfM (ICCV 2017)



RSSR (ICCV 2021)



CVR* (Ours)



CVR (Ours)



Ground-truth



Experiments

Effectiveness of our ABMF model





Experiments

Effectiveness of our occlusion reasoning layer





Experiments

Effectiveness of our motion enhancement layer



- ✓ The brighter a pixel, the bigger the motion enhancement.
- ✓ Our CVR effectively enhances ambiguous motion boundaries for more accurate contextual alignment.



Experiments

> Comparisons with video frame interpolation methods and cascaded methods





Experiments

Generating high-quality GS videos (Carla-RS dataset)



Input RS Frames

RSSR (ICCV 2021)

CVR* (Ours)

CVR (Ours)



Experiments

Generating high-quality GS videos (Fastec-RS dataset)





Experiments

Generalizability on real data



Input RS Frames

RSSR (ICCV 2021)

CVR* (Ours)

CVR (Ours)



Experiments

Generalizability on real data





Input RS Frames

RSSR (ICCV 2021)

CVR* (Ours)

CVR (Ours)



Conclusions

- We **re-define the RS temporal super-resolution problem** in the temporal dimension, which is beneficial for the temporally tractable joint RS correction and frame interpolation of RS video.
- We propose a simple yet effective bilateral motion field approximation model, which serves as a reliable initialization for GS frame refinement.
- We develop a stable and efficient **context-aware GS video reconstruction framework**, which can reason about complex occlusions, motion patterns specific to objects, and temporal abstractions.
- > We demonstrate that the proposed method is more effective and compact than the SOTA approaches.

4. Public Datasets



Synthetic dataset:

- **Carla-RS**: It is generated from a virtual 3D environment using the Carla simulator, involving general 6-DoF camera motions. There are a training set of 210 sequences and a test set of 40 sequences, and each sequence consists of 10 consecutive frames. A total of **2500** RS images with a resolution of 640×448 pixels are included.
- **Fastec-RS**: It uses a high-speed GS camera mounted on the ground vehicle to collect high-FPS GS video sequences at 2400 Hz. Then, the RS image is synthesized by extracting pixels from consecutive GS images row-by-row and merging them. The training set has 56 sequences and the test set has 20 sequences, each of which contains 34 consecutive frames. There are **2584** RS image pairs with a resolution of 640×480 pixels.



 Note that they provide the GS ground-truth corresponding to the first and middle scanlines of the RS image.

Liu P, Cui Z, Larsson V, et al. Deep shutter unrolling network. CVPR 2020. (https://github.com/ethliup/DeepUnrollNet)

4. Public Datasets

- **Real-world dataset:**
- **BS-RSC**: It is a realistic benchmark dataset, collected by a well-designed beam-splitter acquisition system in the dynamic urban environment. There are 50, 16, and 15 sequences for training (2500 image pairs), validation (800 image pairs), and testing (750 image pairs), respectively. The image resolution is 1024×768 pixels.



Figure 4. The designed beam-splitter acquisition system for realworld RSC dataset construction. (a) structure of the designed beam-splitter acquisition system. (b) exposure scheme of the GS and RS camera. The acquisition system can capture the GS frame at the intermediate exposure time of RS frame.

\checkmark Note that only the GS ground-truth corresponding to the middle scanline of the RS image is provided.

BS-RSC Fastec-RS Figure 5. Left: The real world RS-GS example in the collected BS-RSC dataset. Right: The synthesized RS-GS example in the Fastec-RS dataset [20]. We see that our real RS frame is more

natural, and there are much artifacts in the synthesized RS frames.





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4. Public Datasets

- Real-world dataset:
 - **BS-RSCD**: As a real dataset with egomotion and object-motion, it is collected using a well-designed beamsplitter acquisition system. It can be used for simultaneous RS effect removal and deblurring tasks. The camera frame rate is 15 Hz. There are 50 sequences for training, 15 sequences for validation, and 15 sequences for testing. Each sequence has 50 video frames, i.e., 4000 image pairs are recorded in total. The image resolution is 640×480 pixels.



Figure 2: **Beam-splitter acquisition system.** (a) shows real system used to collect the dataset; (b) is system schematic diagram; (c) is exposure scheme of the system.

✓ Note that only the GS ground-truth corresponding to the middle scanline of the RS image is provided.





Conclusion



- We introduce the rolling shutter correction method, mainly consisting of a dedistortion flow estimator and a GS image decoder.
- We introduce the RS temporal super-resolution method to reverse the rolling shutter imaging mechanism to generate a high-framerate and high-quality GS video.
- We introduce the RS dataset to enable efficient training of the above methods.

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- **Lighter and more efficient network models.** Existing network architectures stack a large number of 2D convolutional modules to essentially achieve image-to-image translation, and thus are not yet capable of real-time GS image recovery, especially on low-power mobile devices. In addition, limited by the low resolution of the current training dataset, it will be a challenge to design lighter network models for high-resolution RS images (e.g. 4K video). As a result, designing more efficient network models to accelerate the inference will be crucial for real-time computer vision applications, such as visual SLAM.







Improve the generalization ability of the model. Since the RS image in the current dataset has a fixed readout time ratio, this may lead to poor generalization of the trained model to third-party RS cameras with significantly different readout time ratios. A straightforward approach is to enhance the diversity of the training data. However, there is little research on this topic and further research is needed.







Implement RS image correction together with other data/tasks. Currently, the performance of RS correction is improved by combining it with event camera, global reset, deblurring, etc. A future trend of data-driven models will be to associate other data types (e.g. IMU, depth camera, etc.) or other low-level image processing tasks (e.g. spatial super-resolution, spatio-temporal super-resolution, image denoising, radial distortion removal, etc.).

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Generate more realistic and multi-instant training datasets. The current datasets either use a beam-splitter acquisition system to obtain ground truth GS images of real scenes, or simulate RS images by stitching row-by-row with high framerate GS videos. However, the former only can capture one GS image corresponding to a single instant, which is severely insufficient for the RS temporal super-resolution task; the latter tends to produce striping artifacts. To unleash the potential of deep learning methods, it is necessary to generate large-scale realistic RS datasets with more exposure instants, more diverse scenes and more dynamic objects.



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More realistic RS images