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Measurement

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Abstract: In the field of practical three-dimensional (3D) applications, blind measurement of the

perceptual quality of distorted 3D images remains a challenging research topic. In this paper, we

propose a completely blind 3D image quality measurement (IQM) metric that utilizes a binocular

vision mechanism to better align with human perception. As its primary focus, this study is inspired by

the visual processing in the primary visual cortex (V1) and the higher visual areas (V2) of binocular

vision to facilitate blind 3D-IQM. Furthermore, the proposed metric does not require distorted

samples or human subjective opinion scores for training. More specifically, the binocular

quality-predictive features of areas V1 and V2 are first extracted from a corpus of pristine natural 3D

images. Subsequently, a pristine multivariate Gaussian (MVG) model is trained from the extracted

features. Finally, with the trained MVG model, the quality of distorted 3D images is measured using a

Mahalanobis distance. Experimental results using two public benchmark 3D databases show that in

comparison with current state-of-the-art IQM metrics, the proposed metric achieves excellent

prediction performance.

Keywords—3D image quality measurement, binocular vision, completely blind, pristine multivariate

Gaussian model.

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