Bildverarbeitung und Algorithmen

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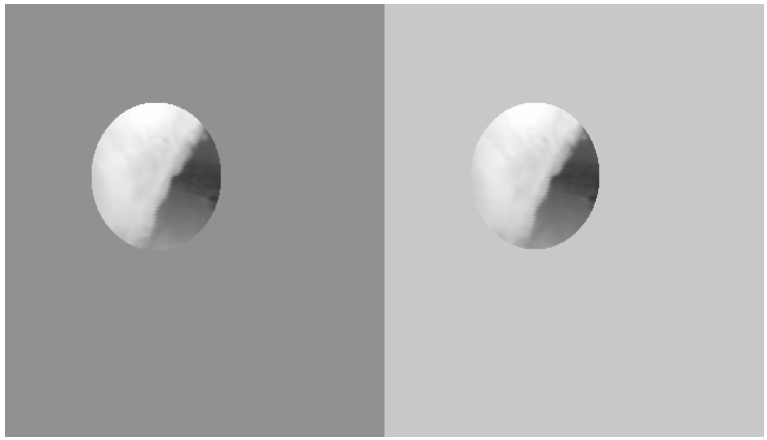
Image Mosaicing & Motion Estimation



Überblick

- **Phase 1**: **Optical Flow Verfahren [Kourogi]**
  - schnell: 5-50 fps
- **Phase 2**: **Kritik an Optical Flow**
  - große Probleme mit Real-World Endoskopmaterial
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  - drastische Verbesserung der Stabilität
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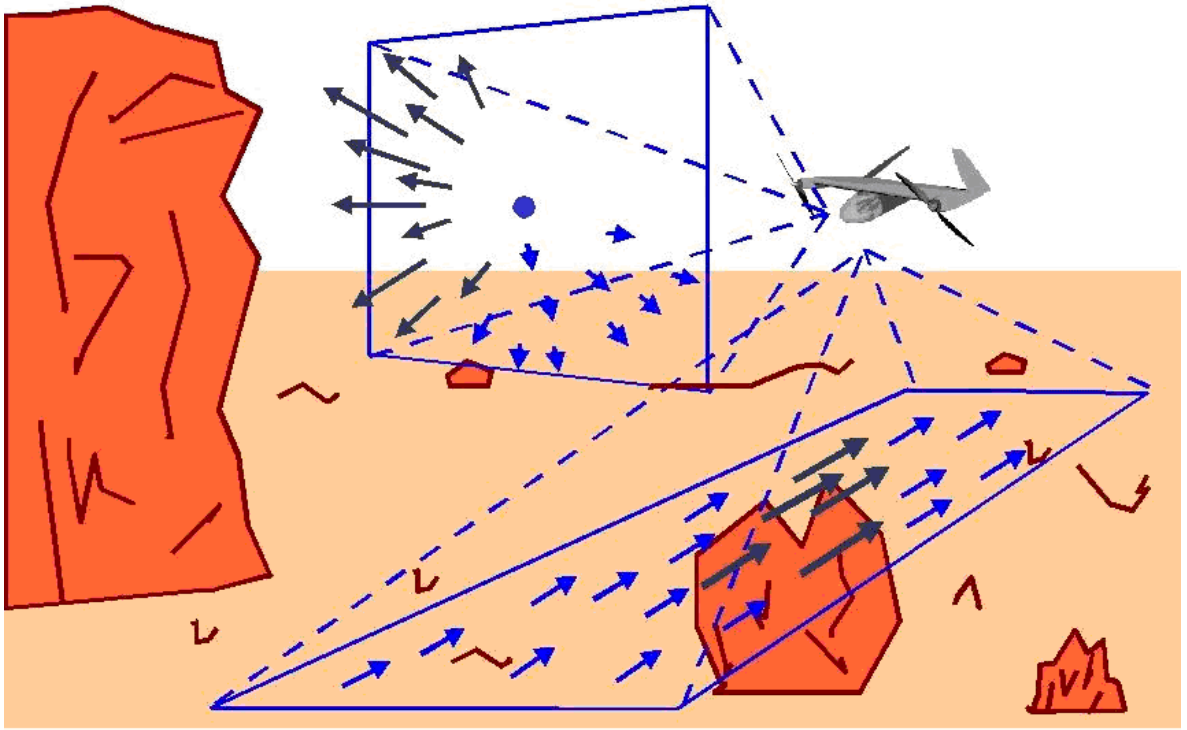
Optischer Fluss

Nehmen wir an, dass wir uns in einer statischen Welt befinden.

Bewegt sich ein Beobachter (eine Kamera) durch diese statische Welt, so entsteht auf seiner Retina (auf dem Kameratarget) dennoch Bewegung, der sog. "Optische Fluss" (engl. *optical flow*). Abbildung 1 links zeigt ein Beispiel für den Optischen Fluss aus der realen Welt.

Abbildung 1: Optischer Fluss (O.F.), den ein Vogel, Insekt oder ein Flugzeug sieht. Der blaue Punkt vorne ist der FOE (focus of expansion), rechts davon ist der O.F. größer aufgrund des nahen Felsens.



Optischer Fluss

- **weitere Details s. TR-OpticalFlow-short.doc**
  - Pseudo Motion, Akzeptanztest
  - Compensated Motion
  - LS-Schätzung der affinen Transformation

Algorithmus Optischer Fluss

- **while (stopCondition != true)**
  - Pseudo Motion auf Basis der Compensated Motion berechnen
  - Akzeptanztest für jedes Pixel
  - LS-Schätzung auf Grundlage akzeptierter Pixel $\rightarrow$ neues affines Motion Field (neue Compensated Motion)

- **Als stopConditions kommen in Frage**
  - Anzahl Iterationen
  - Akzeptanztest für mehr als X% aller Pixel erfüllt
  - u.a.m.

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Kritik an Optical Flow

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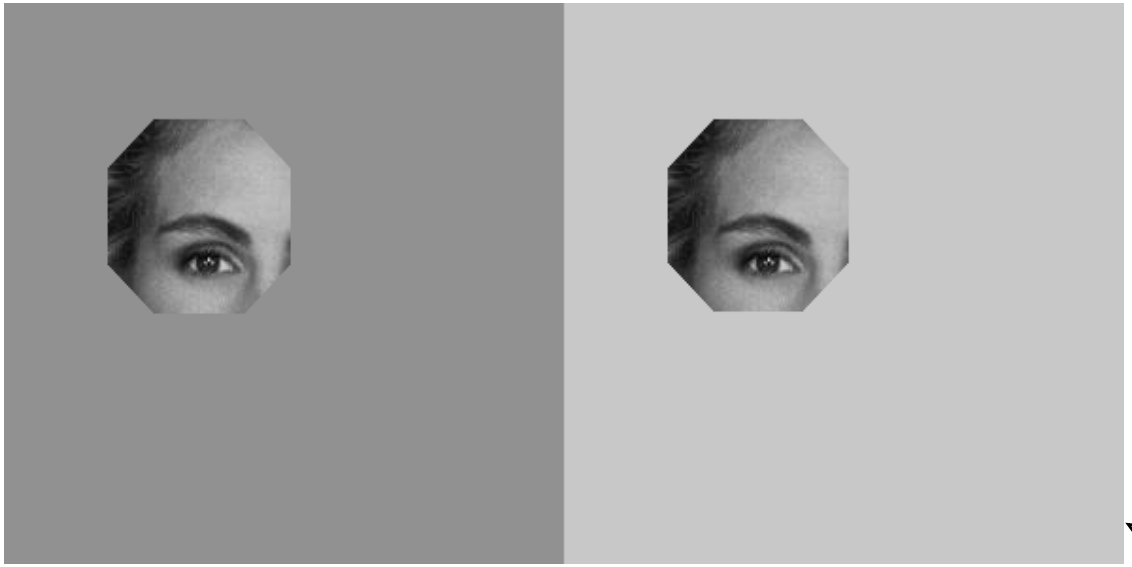
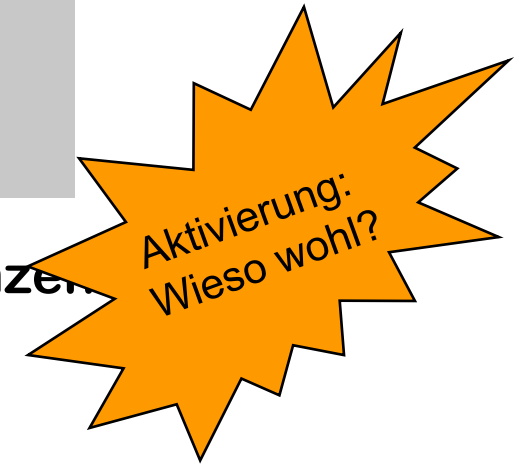


- **funktioniert leider kaum für reale Bildsequenzen**
  - insbesondere nicht bei Endoskopbildern



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Kritik an Optical Flow

Was sind die Probleme?

- **Beleuchtung, Beleuchtung, Beleuchtung!**
  - globaler Kontrast
  - globale Helligkeit
  - lokale Beleuchtungsunterschiede: Beleuchtungsgradient zum Rand hin
  - jedes dieser Problem zerstört mit hoher Wahrscheinlichkeit den Akzeptanztest im Kourogi-Algo
- **einzelne Pixel, die O.F. vergleicht, tragen zu wenig Struktur**
- **deshalb: ersetze Akzeptanztest, der auf Ein-Pixel-Grauwert beruht, durch strukturtragenderen Vergleich**

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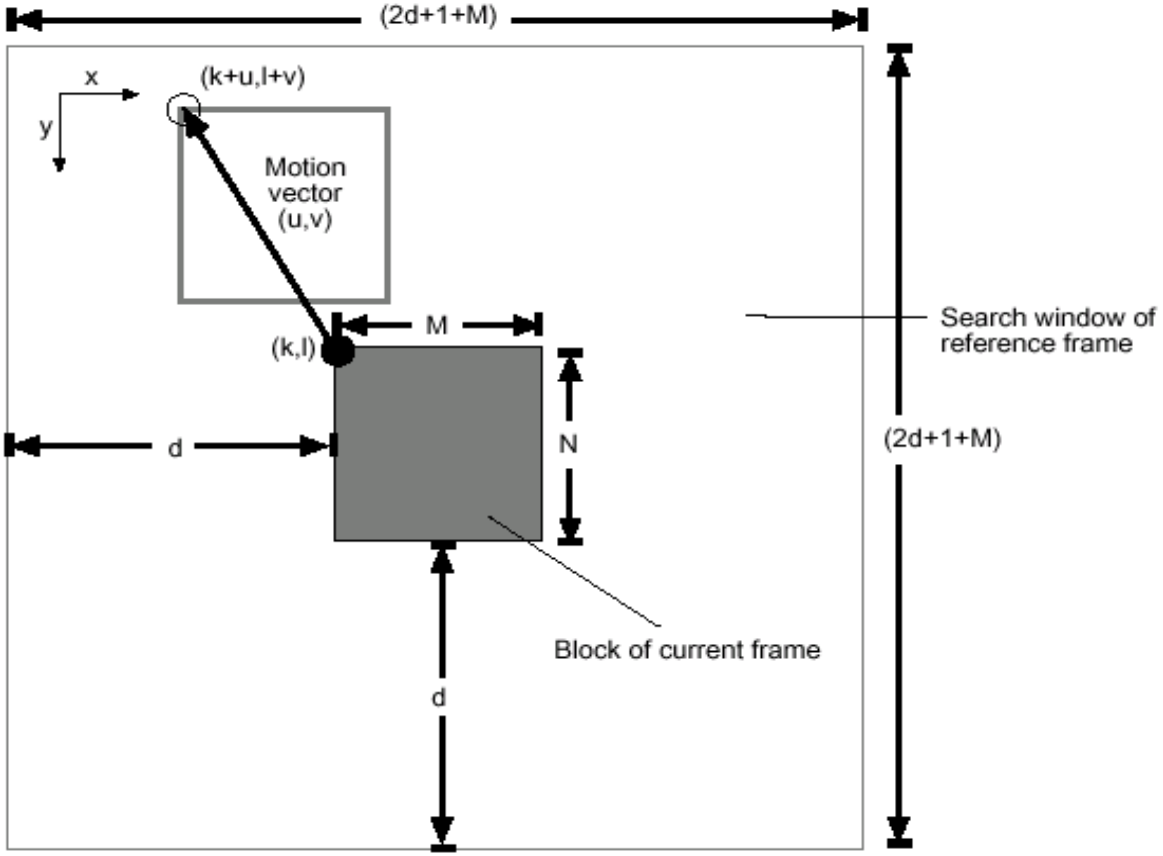
  - Logarithmic Search basiert auf **Block Matching**, das wir nachfolgend kurz vorstellen

EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH



- Simplest algorithm, but computationally most expensive
- Evaluates cost function (see next slide) at every location in the search area
- Cost function is evaluated K=(2d+1)^2 times.
- K(d=7) = 15*15 = **225 iterations**.

from A. Girotra, „Motion Estimation
http://sitemaker.umich.edu/agirotra/files/SANPre.ppt

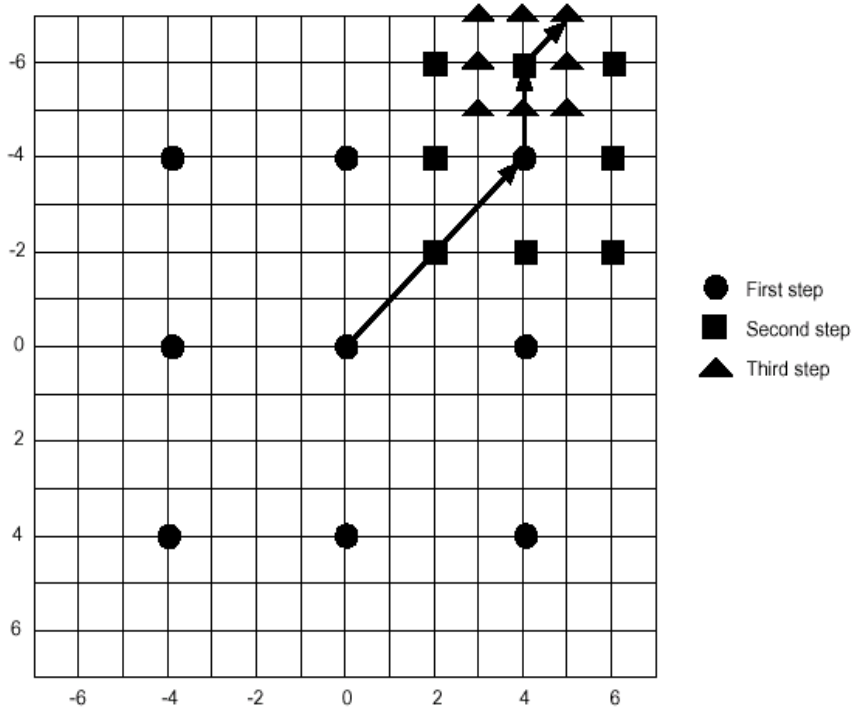
Block Comparision: Cost Functions

Given two blocks with N*M=n pixels each. How can we compare the similarity of the grey values in these blocks? Some examples:

- MSE: mean square error
- MAE: mean absolute error
- SAD: sum of absolute differences (=n*MAE)
- CCF: cross correlation function

$$\frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{x,y}\frac{(f(x,y)-\overline{f})(t(x,y)-\overline{t})}{\sigma_f\sigma_t}$$

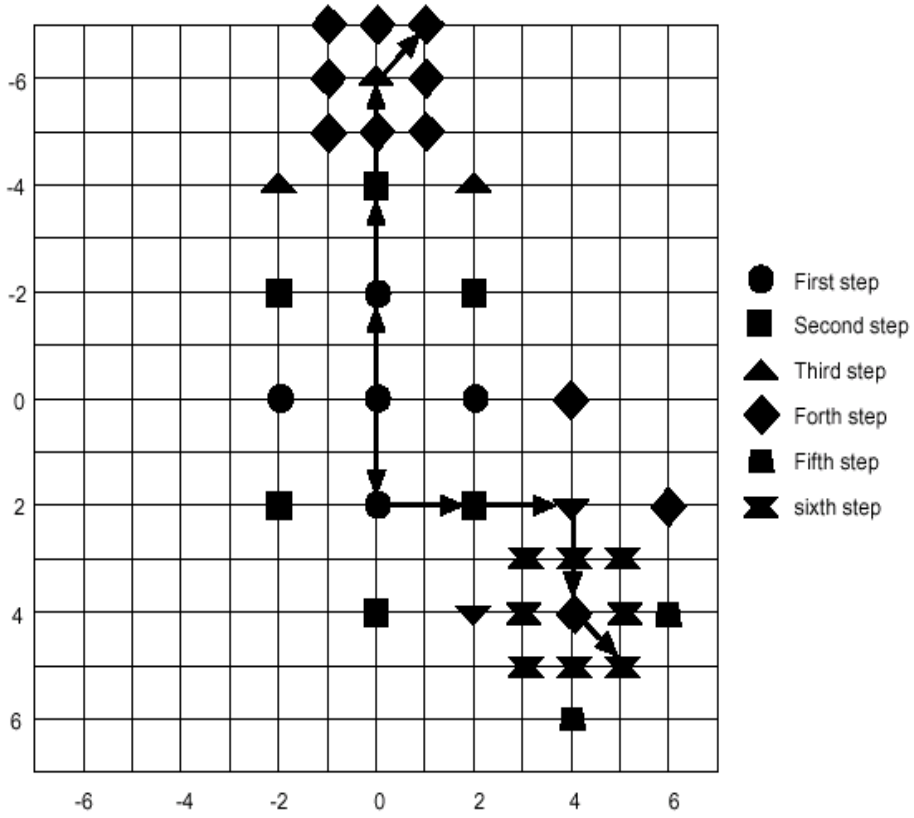
THREE STEP SEARCH (3SS)



The three-step search algorithm (3SS) is proposed by Koga et. al. in 1981 [1]. This algorithm is based on a coarse-to-fine approach with logarithmic decreasing in step size as shown. The initial step size is half of the maximum motion displacement d .

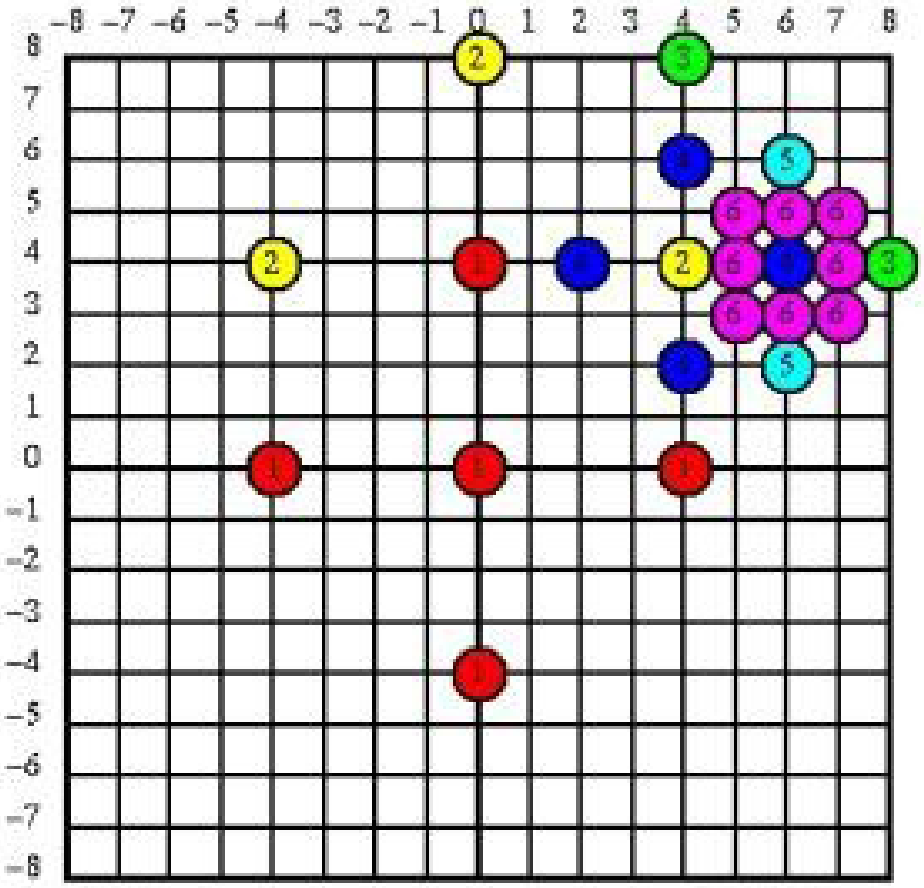
For each step, nine checking points are matched and the minimum point of that step is chosen as the starting center of the next step. For d = 7, the number of checking points required is (9 + 8 + 8)=**25 iterations**. For larger search window (i.e. larger d), 3SS can be easily extended to n-steps using the same searching strategy with the number of checking points required equals to [1 + 8 log2(d + 1)].

2D LOGARITHMIC SEARCH



2D-logarithmic search (2DLOG) is proposed by Jain et. al. in 1981 [8]. It uses a (+) cross search pattern in each step. The initial step size is [d/4]
The step size is reduced by half only when the minimum BDM point of previous step is
the center one or the current minimum point reaches the search window boundary.
Otherwise, the step size remains the same. When the step size reduced to 1, all the 8 checking points adjacent to the center checking point of that step are searched. Two different search paths are shown. The top search path requires (5 +3 +3 +8) = 19 checking points. The lower-right search path requires (5+3+2+3+2+8) =23 checking points.

2D LOGARITHMIC SEARCH
(another example)



2D-logarithmic search with d=8, initial step size is [d/2]
Required evaluations in this example: (5+3+2+4+2+8)= **24 cross correlations**.

Variant used in ImageMosaicing:

- not 5-point cross, but 9-point neighborhood
- WHY?

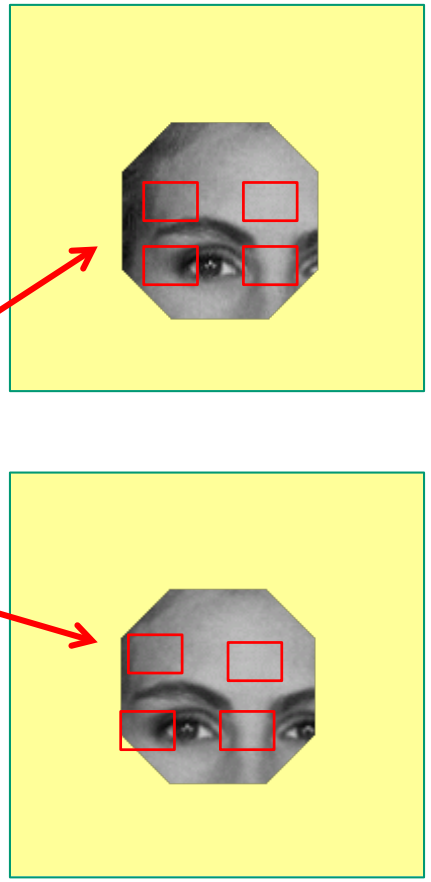
Activation: When may CCF fail?

2D Logarithmic Search
Pros and Cons

- **Pros**
  - LogSearch has all advantages of CCF:
    - Invariance against brightness shift
    - Invariance against contrast change
    - Both globally AND locally
  - LogSearch much faster than Exhaustive Search
- **Cons**
  - CCF is expensive (computation time)
  - LogSearch can fail (miss the global minimum, which would be found by Exhaustive Search)
    - $\rightarrow$ therefore we use 9-point neighborhood
    - Side remark: LogSearch guaranteed to find the global minimum, if CCF is convex (has only one minimum in [±d, ±d])
  - Both LogSearch and Exhaustive Search will not find the true match if it is outside search range [±d, ±d] $\rightarrow$ we need initial estimate

Motion Field Estimation with LogSearch
The Algorithm

- Step 0: Translation estimate with O.F. (starting point for LogSearch)
- Step 1: Place N*N blocks on image region
- Step 2: Locate them in the new frame with CCF LogSearch (starting from Step 0-estimate). Accept the K best blocks and those with CCF≥ c_0.
- Step 3: LS estimate of affine global motion $\rightarrow$ dense vector field (u_c,v_c)



Applications for Motion Field Estimation

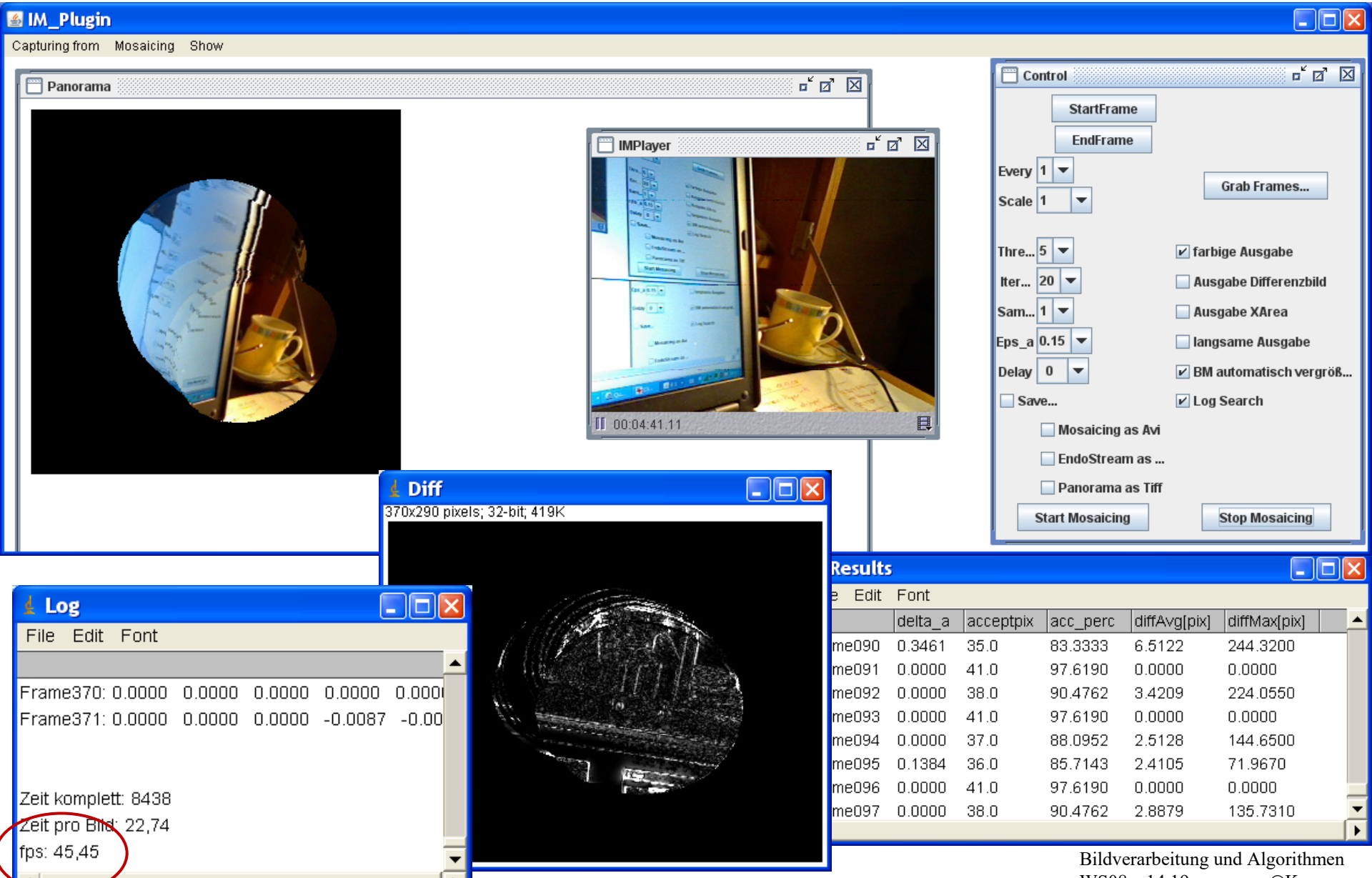
- **Image Mosaicing (see PanoStream2.avi)**
- **Image Registration**
- **Noise Reduction (by superimposing a set of noisy images)**
- **Superresolution**
  - small objects become „fuzzy“ due to pixel quantization
  - superimpose different frames and calculate grey values at a finer resolution level
  - see r004\sequences and r016\sequences
  - (it doesn‘t work always: r014\sequences)

Demo

- **Demonstration of application** *RealMosaic*
  - in clinical research for neuroendoscopy
  - fully automated image mosaic, no user intervention needed
  - very robust against local illumination changes

- **Experiment with it, using the ‚live' camera stream**
  - Observe the strong limitations of OpticalFlow algo!
  - Now compare this with LogSearch
  - Find out where the current limitations of LogSearch are. Try to describe them!

Demo – Some Screenshots



Weitere Themenangebote

- **Themenangebote** *RealMosaic*

siehe Website

http://www.gm.fh-koeln.de/~konen/Diplom+Projekte/FProjekt-BV-3D-Endo

- **Anschauungsmaterial** *Objektregistrierung / Superresolution C:\Backup-WK\DVD.Jannis.Bloemendal\ergebnisse*

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