Methods of Camera Noise Reduction for Digital Mobile Devices

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Agenda

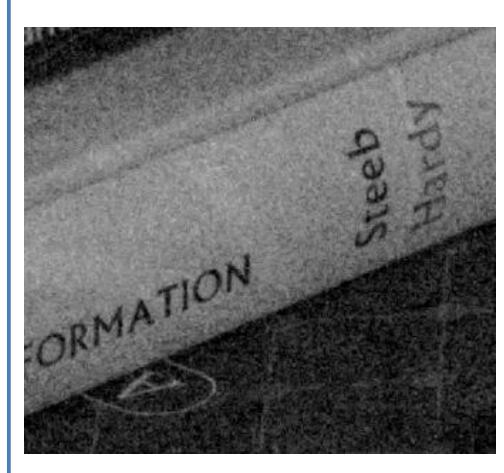
- Camera Noise Overview
- Methods of Camera Noise Reduction
- Proposed Method Description
- Comparison of Methods
- Plans for Future

Noise Types

Image lossy encoding



Camera noise



Sources of Camera Noise

- Error in charge accumulation (including thermal noise)
- Quantization noise
- Amplifying noise

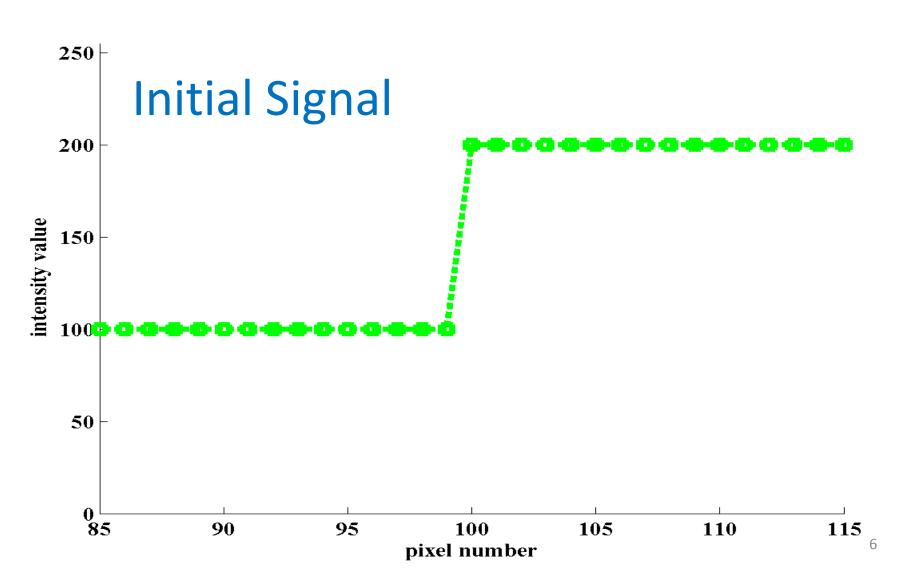
Noise Reduction Methods

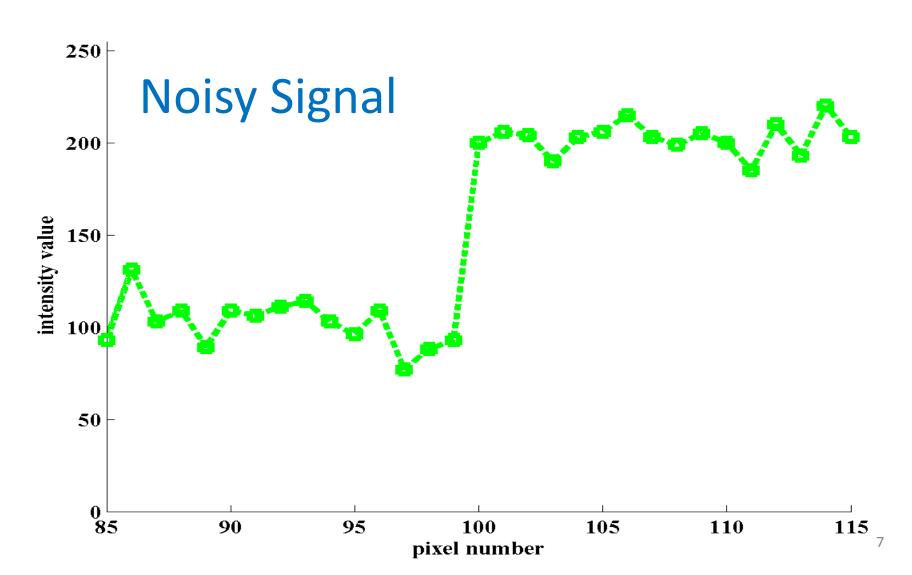
Non-adaptive methods

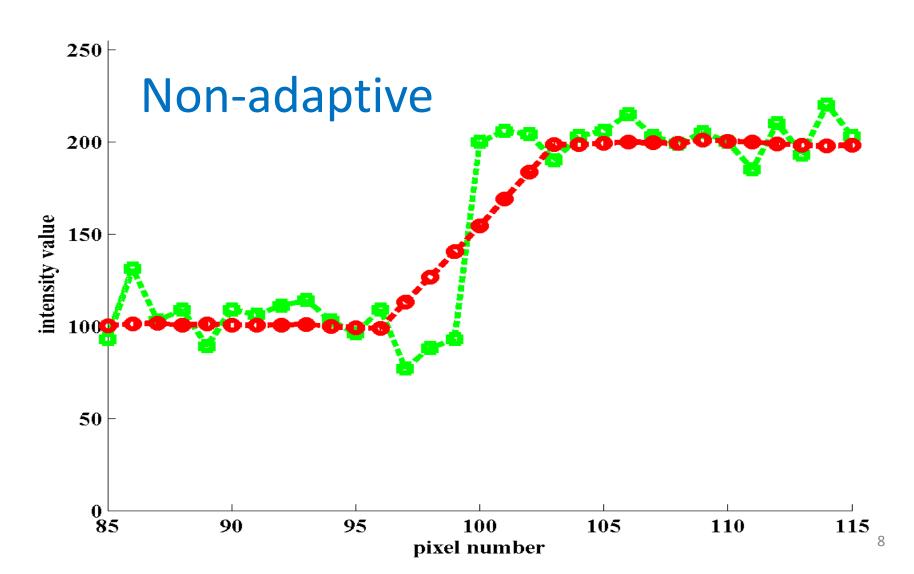
- Averaging Filtering
- Gaussian Filtering
- Median Filtering
- Etc.

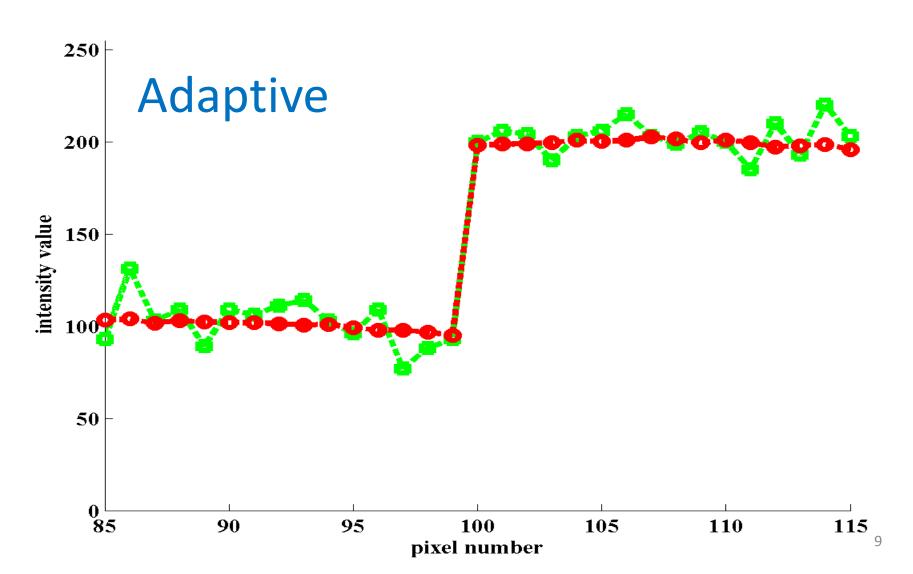
Adaptive methods

- Adaptive Averaging Filtering
- Adaptive Gaussian
 Filtering
- Proposed filter
- Etc.





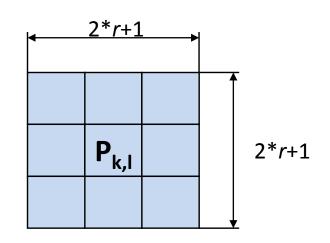




Proposed Filter Description

• For a pixel p(k,l) of noisy image the filter calculates the filtered pixel value p'(k,l) using the following formulae:

$$p'(k,l) = \frac{\sum_{i=-r}^{r} \sum_{j=-r}^{r} p(k+i,l+j) * w(i+r,j+r)}{\sum_{i=-r}^{r} \sum_{j=-r}^{r} w(i+r,j+r)}$$

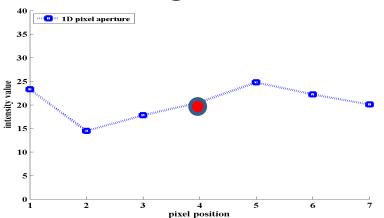


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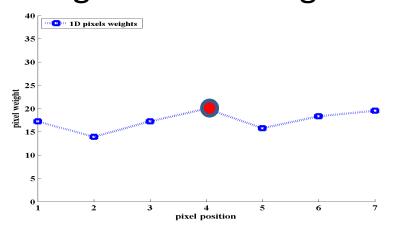
$$w(i+r, j+r) = \begin{cases} wC, & if \quad i = 0, j = 0 \\ 0, & if \quad wR - |p(k,l) - p(k+i,l+j)| < 0, i \neq 0, j \neq 0 \\ wR - |p(k,l) - p(k+i,l+j)|, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Weight Coefficients for Specific Regions (1D Case)

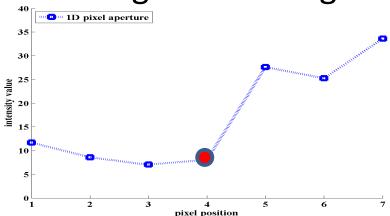
Flat region



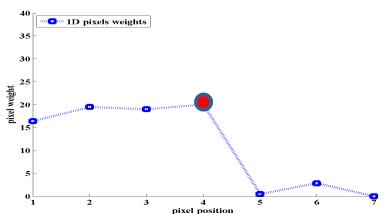
Weights for Flat Region



Region with edge



Weights for Region with Edge



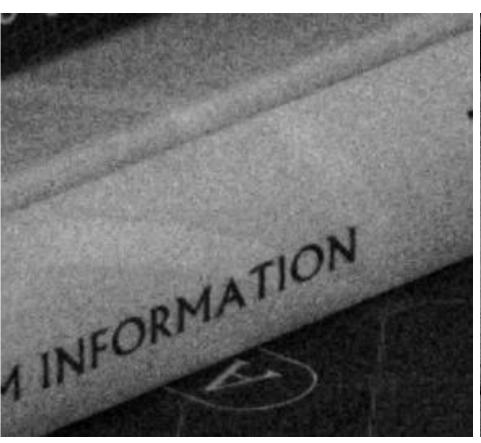
Compared Methods

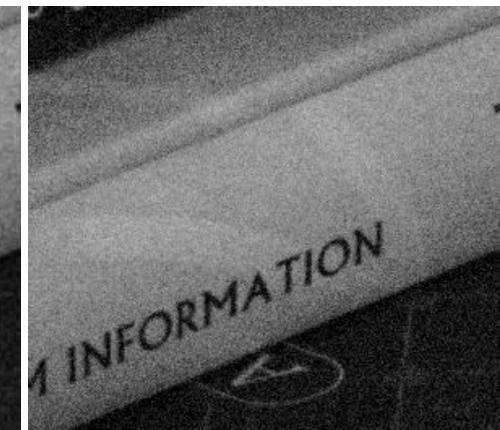
- "Smooth" filter from Gimp
- "Denoise" filter from Photoshop
- Filters from "Akvis Noise Buster"
- Adaptive Filters (Gaussian, average)
- Proposed filter

Noise Modeling

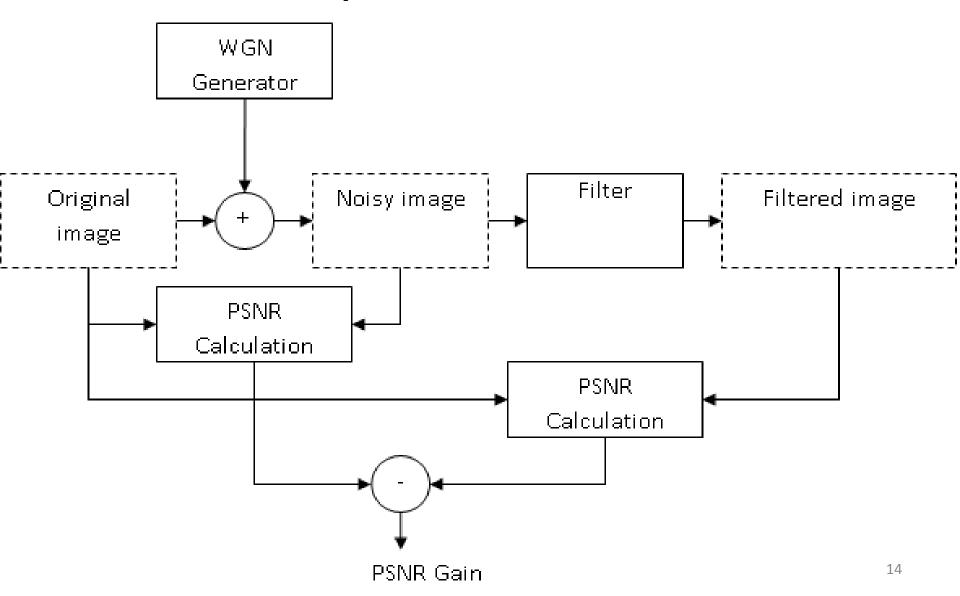
Camera Noise

Gaussian Noise

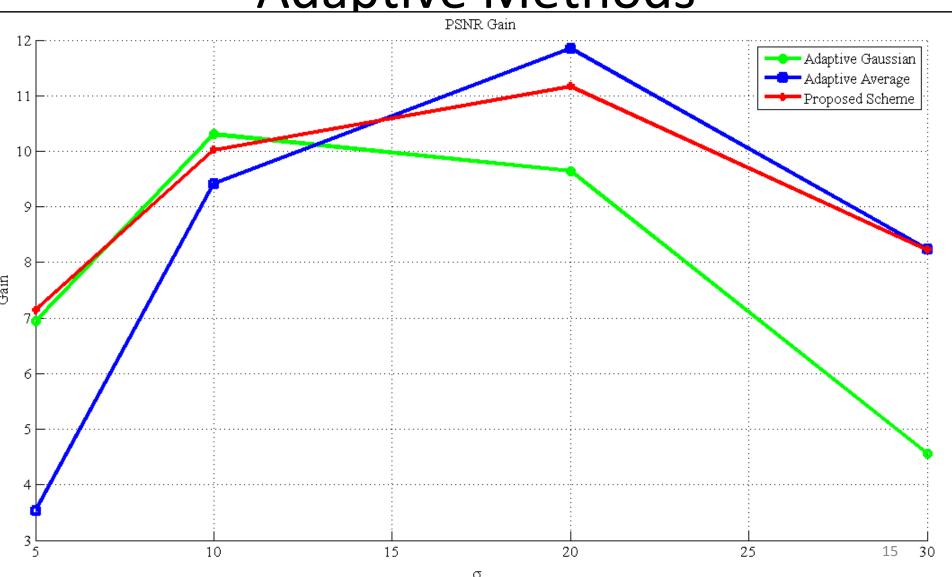




Experiment Plan



PSNR Gain Comparison for Adaptive Methods



Comparison with Graphics Packages

Filter	PSNR Gain (sigma = 20: PSNR=22 dB)
Proposed Filter	10
Adobe Photoshop	8.1
Akvis Noise Buster	7.8
Paint.Net	8.2

Future Work

- Improvement of quality metrics for camera noise estimation
- Visual quality improvement (not PSNR)

Thank you for your attention. Questions?