#### Pattern encoding on the Poincaré Sphere

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#### A graphical tool for pattern encoding



#### **Inspiration: Encoding Polarization States**



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$$\left(\frac{E_x}{a_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{E_y}{a_y}\right)^2 - 2\frac{E_x}{a_x}\frac{E_y}{a_y}\cos\delta = (\sin\delta)^2$$



# **Applications in communications**

Optical communications with **POLarization Shift Keying** (**POLSK**) modulation [S. Benedetto and P. Pogiolini, 1992]



Spherical codes and lattice coding [N.J.A. Sloane, 1981]; [J.H. Conway, R.H. Hardin and N.J.A. Sloane, 1996]; [A.R. Calderbank, R.H. Hardin, E.M. Rains, P.W. Shor and N.J.A. Sloane, 1999]



Examples of 6-D constellations extracted from the E<sub>6</sub> lattice [AP, V. Pizurica, V. Šenk, 1998]

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#### Some parallels with polarization encoding



# Two examples with different formulations of the elevation angle



Formulation 1

Formulation 2

### **Scale cylinder**



Take an intersection of the sphere with any plane parallel to the equatorial plane

Any point on the resulting circle is a projection of a 4D line → The circle extends to a scale cylinder

### **Scale hypersphere**



Take from each scale cylinder a cross section at distance  $s_k$  from its base  $\rightarrow$  All the resulting circles make a new sphere for scale  $s_k$ The resulting spheres constitute a scale hypersphere

#### Unfolding and packing together the scales



Pool the scale cylinder out  $\rightarrow$  unfold the scales in 4<sup>th</sup> dimension Make the scale cylinder collapse  $\rightarrow$  project 4D space on a 3D space where each point corresponds to a variety of scales

#### **Constructing a toy example**



#### **Dominant direction estimation: idea**

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Design a direction estimation method based on the ratio of  $R_v$  and  $R_h$ .

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Two diagonal projectors are sufficient to remove mirroring ambiguity.

#### **Dominant direction estimation: method**



Absolute value of the sum of elements, normalized by their number  $\mathbf{w} = \{w_{i,j}\}$  zero-mean image patch



Normalization:

$$r_{h,v} = \frac{R_{h,v}}{(R_h^2 + R_v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$r_{d_1,d_2} = \frac{R_{d_1,d_2}}{(R_{d_1}^2 + R_{d_2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

#### **Dominant direction estimation: method**



Absolute value of the sum of elements, normalized by their number

$$d_{corr} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } r_{d1} \ge r_{d2}, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$









































#### **Encoding the level of grey**



Let T denote a normalized mean intensity of an image patch  $I = \{I_{i,j}\}$ 

$$T=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^M\sum_{j=1}^N I_{i,j}}{255MN}$$
 ,  $~0\leq T\leq 1$  , and define

$$\Theta = 2\chi = (T - 0.5)\pi$$

#### **Encoding patch regularity**



 $E_I = -\sum_j p_j log_2(p_j)$ 

with 2 levels:  $max{E_I}=1$ ; with 256 levels:  $max{E_I}=8$ 

relative occurrence of grey level j

$$\rho_E = \min\Bigl(1 - \frac{E_I - 1}{7}, 1\Bigr)$$

### **Encoding patch regularity**

Think of the degree of regularity as the degree of orientedness and examine local directional consistency (LDC).

Let  $\psi_i$  denote dominant orientation of a sub-block *i* and let  $h_{\psi}$  denote the histogram of  $\psi = \{\psi_i \dots \psi_i\}$ .



$$\rho_{LDC} = \frac{B-b}{B-1}$$

B – total number of bins in  $h_{\psi}$ b – number of populated bins (with counts above a small threshold)

#### **Patch encoding example**









with  $ho_{LDC}$  :







with  $ho_E$ 

### Some possible applications

- Patch clustering
- Analyzing learned dictionaries of image atoms
- Generating dictionaries of image atoms

#### **Applications: Patch clustering**



Random patches of size 16x16 taken from four image regions highlighted with the corresponding colors.

### **Applications: Dictionary analysis**

Examples of multiscale dictionaries from [Mairal, Sapiro and Elad, 2008]



### **Dictionary analysis: Zoom In**



Notice lack of diagonal highly oriented atoms – this is visible in the Poincaré representation!

#### **Dictionary analysis: Zoom In**



Notice many diagonal atoms - reflected in the Poincaré code

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Extract from the three Stokes parameters the regularity, direction and elevation (mean grey tone) and generate randomly the corresponding patterns



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#### **Image reconstruction examples**





In all reconstructions:

atom size: 8x8; sparsity: 5; reconstruction method: OMP



#### PSNR= 31.62 dB

#### **Image reconstruction examples**





PSNR= 33.63 dB

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#### **Image reconstruction examples**





In all reconstructions:

atom size: 8x8; sparsity: 5; reconstruction method: OMP



PSNR= 34.33 dB

2 random dictionaries (2x256)

#### **Reconstruction performance**



atom size: 8x8; sparsity: 5; reconstruction method: OMP

# **Sphere packings**

#### N.A.J. Sloane http://neilsloane.com/icosahedral.codes/index.html



Tables of Spherical Codes with Icosahedral Symmetry R. H. Hardin, N. J. A. Sloane and W. D. Smith

#### **Example dictionary from a spherical code**



icover 1082

PD-i1082 (8x8)



#### **Reconstruction performance**



atom size: 8x8; sparsity: 5; reconstruction method: OMP

#### **Summary**

- A graphical tool was presented for encoding visual patterns
- Possible applications include
  - Patch clustering



- Visualizing properties of learned dictionaries of image atoms









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