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Abstract

Three HDR and WCG sequences are proposed by the Stuttgart Media University for testing purposes within MPEG. A short description for each sequence is provided in this contribution. A license agreement form is also attached to the contribution.

1 Introduction

To support MPEG Adhoc group activity for HDR and WCG, three HDR and WCG sequences are proposed by the Stuttgart Media University for video compression testing and evaluation, as shown in Table 1. The sequences were shown in MPEG meetings in July [3].

Table 1: Brief Description of Test Sequences

Num	Resolution	TF	Sequence	Fps	Frames
01	1920x1080 RGB 4:4:4	PQ	BeerFestTeaserClip4000_1920x1080p_25_12_P3_ct2020_444i_xxx.tif	25	0-328
02		12b	FireplaceTeaserClip4000_1920x1080p_24_12_P3_ct2020_444i_xxx.tif	24	0-239
03	P3D65 in ct2020		ShowGirl2TeaserClip4000_1920x1080p_24_12_P3_ct2020_444i_xxx.tif	25	0-338

Those sequences were professionally color graded for high dynamic range and mastered as wide color gamut content using the P3-D65 color space and exported in 16-bit TIFF files encoded with PQ EOTF[4]. The test sequences aim at covering various characteristics of HDR/WCG content, such as wider color gamut, maximum luminance, speculars, highlight details, black feeling, shadow details, skin tones, local contrast etc.

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2 Description of Pulsar Reference Display

The sequences are primarily color graded on Pulsar display. The main characteristics of the display are described in Table 2.

Table 2: Main Characteristics of Pulsar

Technology	HDR LCD Display with individually controlled LED backlight modulation
Resolution	1920 x 1080 pixels
Display size	42"
Panel aspect ratio	16:9
Number of real colours	12 bits per component
Number of LED	6000
Brightness	Peak luminance at 4000 cd/m ²
Black level	0.005 cd/m ²
Contrast	Sequential Contrast: 800,000:1
	Corner Box Contrast: 370,000:1
White point	D65
Color gamut	DCI-P3

3 Description of Proposed Test Sequences

The sequences were captured using a dual camera rig as shown in figure 1. The mirror rig was populated with two 'ARRI Alexa M' cameras. A semitransparent mirror with a reflection to transmission ratio of about 1:16 was used to split the scene radiance between both cameras resulting in different exposures but exactly the same integration time, and depth of field.

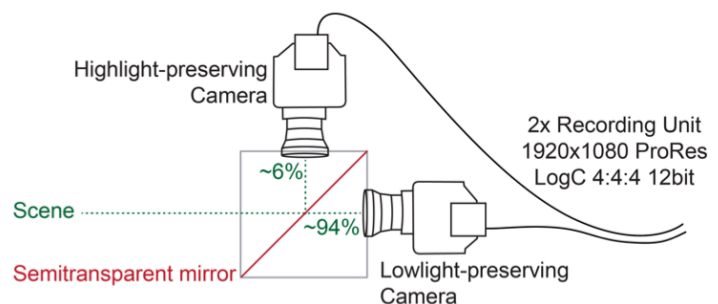


Figure 1: Image acquisition system

For reasons of time and cost, both camera streams were recorded using visually lossless Apple ProRes 444 12bit 330Mbit/s compression in ARRI LogC AlexaWideGamut color space. As illustrated in Figure 2 the highlight preserving image was rectified to exactly match the geometry of the lowlight preserving image. The Highlights were then added to the Lowlight preserving image.

One key consideration in production was to create images with a signal to noise ratio that could be representative for future single sensor acquisition devices. Thus, to keep the signal to noise ratio above 30db for the top 11 stops, the exposure offset of the two cameras was limited to four stops. Figure 2b shows the simulated and measured Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (simulated: black line, measured: red, green blue dots).

Image processing pipeline (Postproduction)

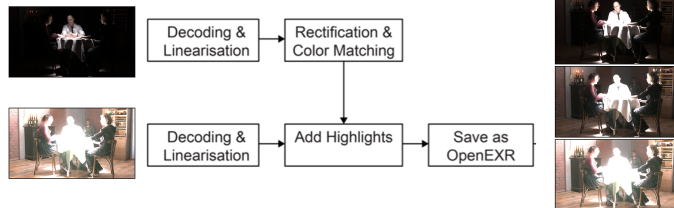


Figure 2a: Image processing Pipeline (Postproduction)

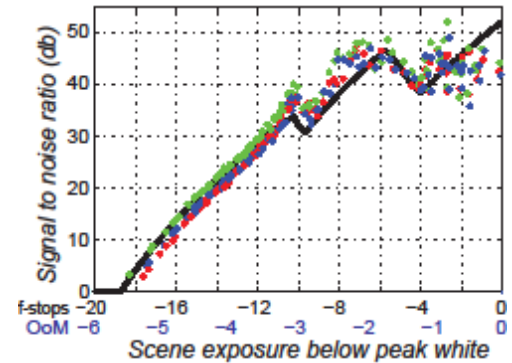


Figure 2b: Simulated vs. measured PSNR

Because the mechanical alignment of the two cameras only works within tolerances, spatial headroom was needed for reconstruction. To prevent a scaling operation for the lowlight preserving camera, the images are blanked with a 10 pixel boundary. This boundary should be treated like letterbox / pillarbox when calculating image statistics.

For more information on the creation of the HdM-HDR-2014 dataset please refer to [1] and [2].

The contribution consists of three scenes as described in the following:



Figure 3a: Beerfest Teaser Snapshot (#264)

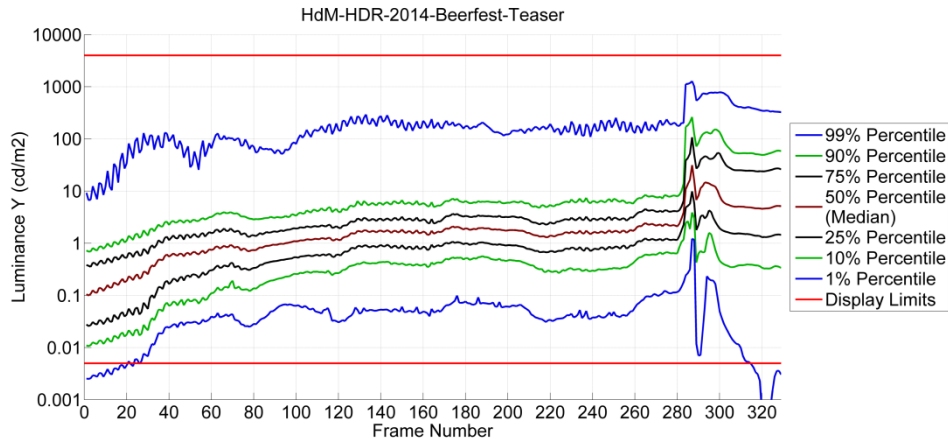


Figure 3b: Beerfest Teaser Percentiles

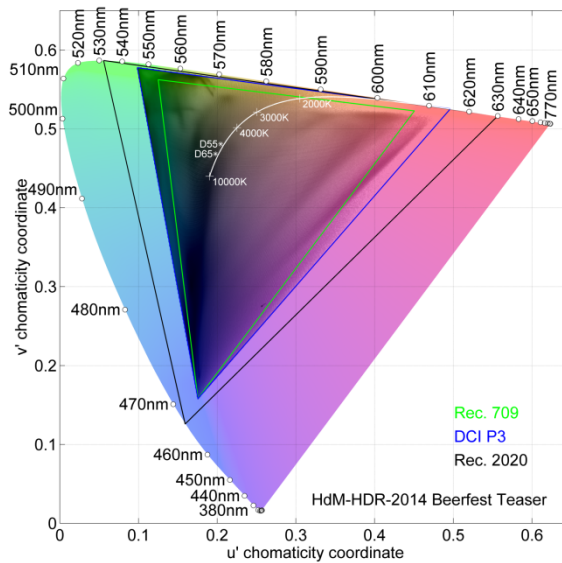


Figure 3c: Beerfest Teaser CIE1976 u'v' Chromaticity Diagram

‘Beerfest Teaser’ is an excerpt from the ‘Beerfest Lightshow’ sequence. It is filmed on location in a moody, smoky beer-hall while a lightshow is performed. This lightshow includes various kinds of fast switched and moving lights that send out bright and colorful light beams. Additionally, a mirror bowl reflects neutral colored light beams. Laser beams flash up and strobe- lights as well as blinder-lights brighten up the scenery temporarily. The cameras were exposed to capture a compromise between lowlight detail and highlights. As a result, some highlights are clipped.



Figure 4a: Fireplace Teaser snapshot(#76)

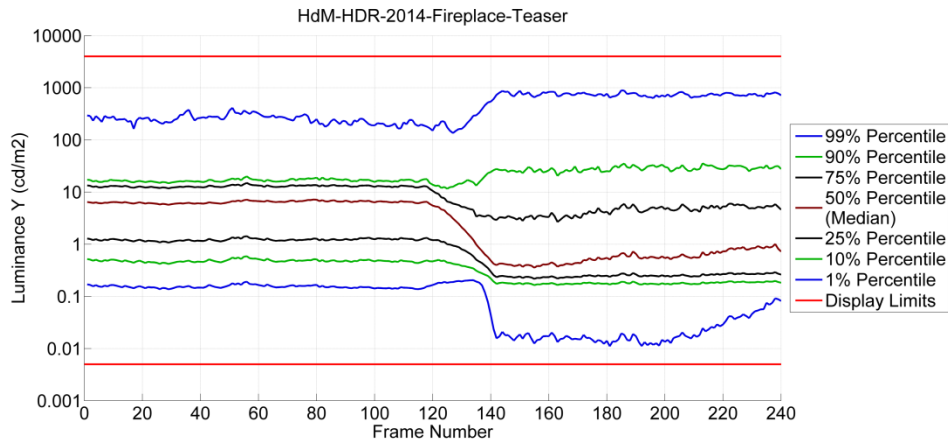


Figure 4b: Fireplace Teaser Percentiles

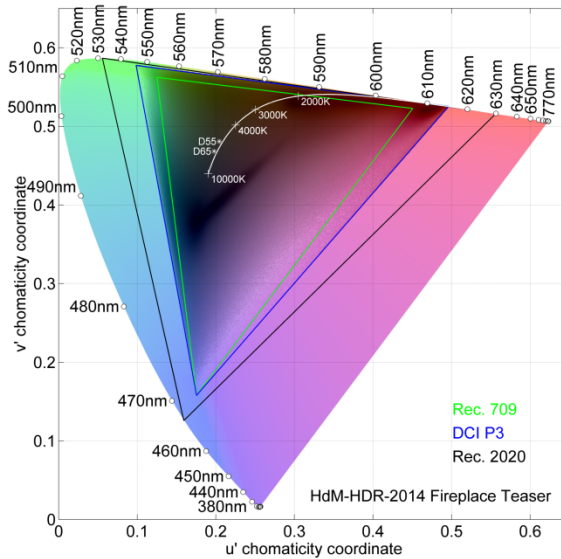


Figure 4c: Fireplace Teaser CIE1976 u'v' Chromaticity Diagram

The **'Fireplace Teaser'** sequence is an excerpt from the 'Fireplace' scene. It offers a flickering light source with fast moving flames in front of a dim surrounding at dawn. The warm light of the campfire illuminates the persons that are surrounded by snowy scenery. The fire provides a strong color contrast to the bluish ambient light at dawn. Moving torchlights and flying sparks against the dark background at night provide high contrasts combined with fast movements.



Figure 5a: Showgirl Teaser snapshot(#84)

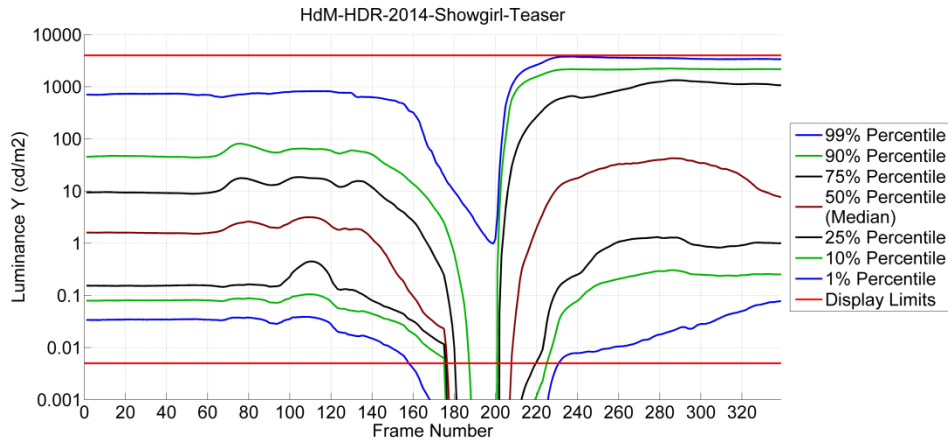


Figure 5b: Showgirl Teaser Percentiles

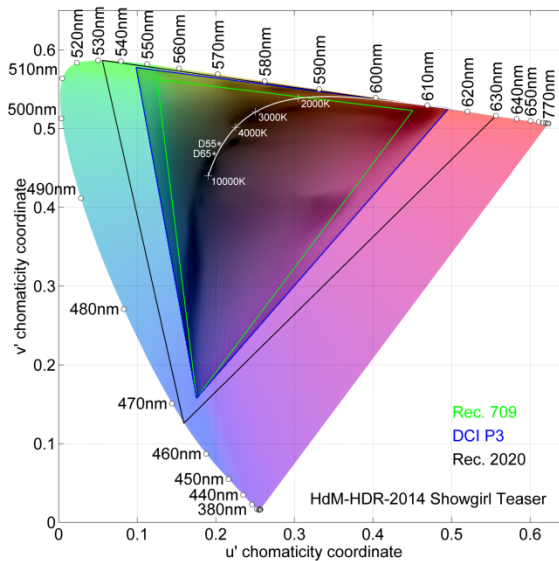


Figure 5c: Showgirl Teaser CIE1976 u'v' Chromaticity Diagram

The “**Showgirl Teaser**” sequence is an outtake from the ‘Showgirl 02’ scene. A light-change from tungsten light to bright stage-light from an HMI-lamp is executed to show the skin tone of an actress in two extreme lighting situations throughout one take. Her dull feather boa serves as a diffuse white reference, whereas the glistening of the costume and jewelry is brighter than diffuse white.

4 License Agreement

The license agreement for the proposed sequences is attached with this contribution.

Please send a scan of the signed license agreement via email to froehlichj@hdm-stuttgart.de. You should receive a personal access code to download the sequences within 5 business days after November 3rd, 2014.

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