

plied before the analysis and synthesis of a linear dynamic texture are carried out. The discrete wavelet transform results in different frequency coefficients. Most of the frequency coefficients in LH, HL, and HH frequency bands are not useful for the overall quality of a synthesized dynamic texture. So, the wavelet coefficients, which significantly contribute in the quality of synthesized frames, are considered in this model.

Roberto Costantini et al. [7] synthesized a dynamic texture using different color spaces instead of RGB color space and achieved a similar synthesis performance by using half of the model coefficients and less computational power. The proposed model considers all three redundancies (i.e., spatial, temporal, and chromatic). The proposed approach can be interpreted as a four stage modelling process, which is as follow: 1) chromatic correlation is exploited using different color spaces; 2) the spatial correlation of the pixels is exploited using a discrete wavelet transform; 3) content based threshold filtering based on SPIHT; and 4) time correlation among the different dynamic texture frames is exploited by learning about time evolution of an operator using the model proposed by [1]. Fig. 1 represents the overall flow of the proposed model. The idea of the proposed model is described in more detail next.

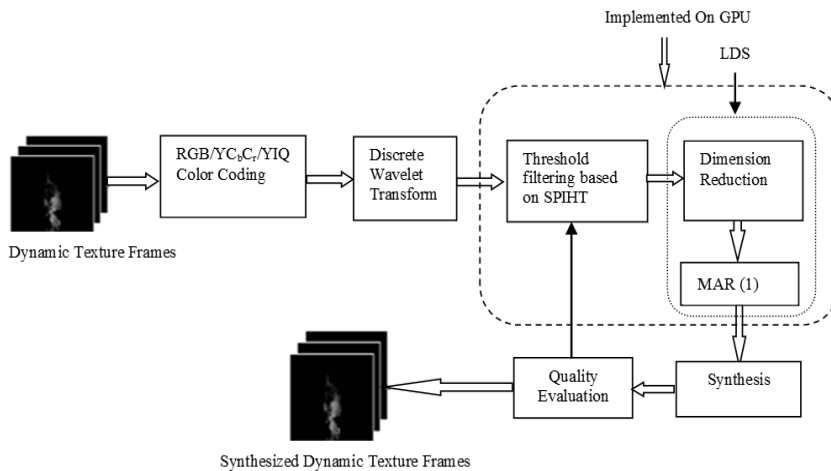


Fig. 1. The proposed dynamic texture analysis and synthesis model with Wavelet and SPIHT based threshold filtering.

In the proposed dynamic texture analysis and synthesis model, frames are extracted from a dynamic texture. Color space conversion is applied to these extracted frames [8] where RGB color components are converted to $YCbCr$ color components [9] and where Y is luminance and C_b and C_r are chromatic blue and chromatic red color components, respectively. These color spaces help to analyze the luminance and chrominance components separately. A discrete wavelet transform is then applied to $YCbCr$ color space frames and it leads to four different bands, namely LL, LH, HL, and HH [10]. The LL band contains low frequency or significant components and HH contains high frequency or insignificant components.

According to the SPIHT concept [11], firstly wavelet transform is applied then threshold is calculated based on the transform data. Generally, a set of fixed threshold values has an impact on the efficiency of model coefficients. The set of minimum selected threshold values leads to a lot of insignificant data coefficients. On the other hand, a set of maximum selected threshold values leads to a loss of most of the

significant data coefficients [12]. So, the best threshold must be data dependent. In the SPIHT coding technique for threshold value section, the maximum value is selected from wavelet transform coefficients of an image. Then 'N' (i.e., number of passes) is obtained by logarithms of the maximum selected transformed value with base 2. Mathematically, it is calculated as:

$$N = \lfloor \log_2 C_{max} \rfloor$$

where C_{max} is the maximum selected transform coefficient and N is the number of passes.

The threshold for each pass is calculated as:

$$Threshold = 2^N$$

For each successive pass, the value of N is decremented by 1 and the threshold value is calculated as shown above. Here, the number of passes is dependent on the available bandwidth and quality evaluation parameters.

In the proposed model, the maximum value is selected from all of the dynamic texture frames. To have uniformity in threshold selection, the minimum value is selected from all of the maximum selected values. The number of passes and threshold for each pass is calculated as shown above. The number of passes should be incremented until better quality is achieved.

The human visual system is more sensitive to variations in brightness (i.e., luminance) than color (i.e., chrominance) [13]. Therefore, these color components (i.e., C_b and C_r) are decimated by a factor of 2, while retaining the full luminance resolution. This helps in achieving a more compact model for the dynamic texture.

Doretto et al. [1] and Soatto et al. [5] have shown that a dynamic texture can be expressed as an output of the linear dynamic system. In the proposed system discrete wavelet transform based bands are then given as an input to the linear dynamic system (i.e., SVD). The same band of all dynamic texture frames are temporally correlated with each other. So, instead of applying SVD on dynamic texture frames by arranging all of the frequency bands of a frame into single column vectors, it is applied onto different frame bands independently. Fig. 2 shows an insight working of the proposed model. This proposed technique helps to attain more flexibility with component selection.

The LL band contains most of the significant information, while the LH, HL, and HH bands contain less significant information. Also, the SVD arranges information in descending order (i.e., from the most significant information to the least significant information). So, selecting a fewer number of components from the LH, HL, and HH bands of the discrete wavelet transform and a greater number of components from the LL band of the wavelet transform provides a more compact representation of a dynamic texture with better visual quality. Skipping more components from the LH, HL, and HH bands of the discrete wavelet transform does not affect the visual quality, as these are less important coefficients.

The compact model after LDS can be stored or sent to the receiver for synthesis. Mathematically, synthesis can be done as shown in Eqs. (5) and (6). Finally, the up sample of the C_b and C_r color components should be performed by adding a factor of 2 and applying an inverse discrete wavelet transform to get the synthesized frames. The proposed model was also implemented using the YIQ color model and results in the same peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR) and model size with some variations.

In the proposed system, threshold filtering is based on the SPIHT and LDS parameter learning blocks, which require more computational time. As such, these two blocks were implemented on the graphics processing unit (GPU).

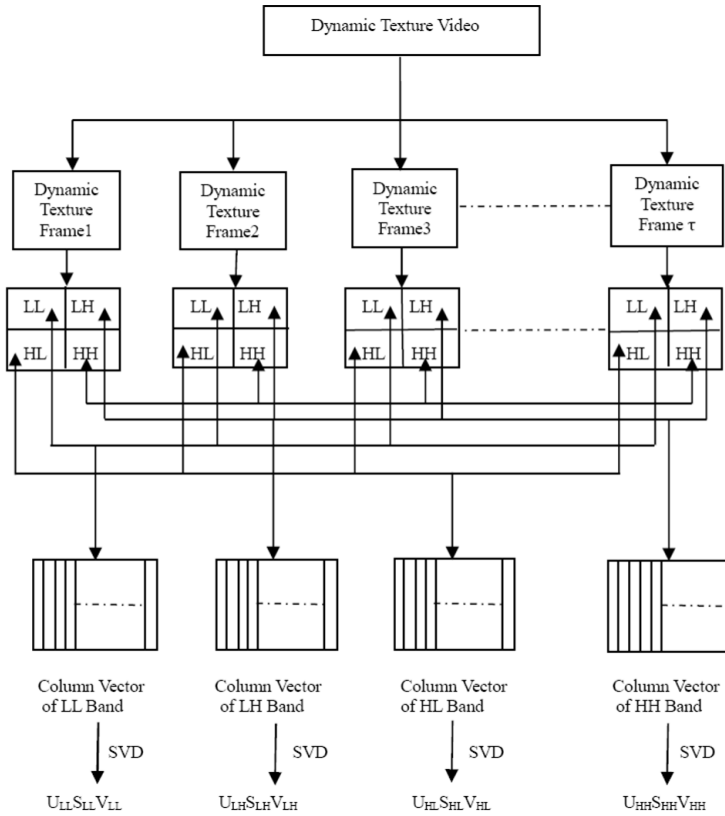


Fig. 2. Insight working of the proposed model.

The steps for the proposed algorithm are listed below.

- 1) Extract frames from dynamic texture.
- 2) Apply the $YCbCr$ or YIQ color encoding technique.
- 3) Apply the discrete wavelet transform.
- 4) Select the maximum intensity (i.e., the C_{max} value) from each dynamic texture frame.
- 5) Take $N = \lceil \log_2 C_{max} \rceil$ of all intensity values and select the minimum of all the values.
- 6) The threshold value is calculated as: $Threshold = 2^N$
- 7) Apply filtering based on the calculated threshold value.
- 8) Down sample the C_b and C_r color components.
- 9) Apply the SVD on different bands of the wavelet transform individually.
- 10) The number of components selected is based on different bands of the wavelet transform.
- 11) Different blocks are synthesized using analyzed parameters.
- 12) Up sample the C_b and C_r color components.

Finally, apply an inverse discrete wavelet transform to get the reconstructed dynamic texture frames.

5. Results

The synthesis of a dynamic texture introduces some distortion in the reconstructed frames. Therefore, the quality evaluation parameter is an important issue in image processing. Several experiments have been performed using the proposed dynamic texture analysis and synthesis model. The execution of the proposed model was also done on GPU [14, 15]. GPU is designed to take advantage of parallel computation (i.e., the same program is executed on many data elements in parallel). This can be achieved with the help of thousands of GPU cores. As the same program is executed for each data element, there are fewer requirements for flow control. As the same program is executed on many data elements and has high arithmetic intensity, the memory access time is hidden in calculation instead of inside a big data cache.

CPU has very few cores and it is optimized for serial processing, while GPU has thousands of smaller and efficient cores that are designed for parallel processing. CPU + GPU is a powerful combination because a serial portion of the code is run on CPU, while a parallel portion of the code, which is independent of each other, runs on GPU [16]. In the proposed model, threshold filtering based on SPIHT and a dimension reduction technique is implemented on GPU to reduce time complexity.

Dynamic texture sequences, which were used for testing purposes, were taken from the MIT temporal texture database and are available at [17]. The raw sequences include the flowing water sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), steady sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), flush water sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), flame sequence (320 pixels \times 240 pixels \times 89 frames), grass sequence (224 pixels \times 144 pixels \times 100 frames), tides sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 250 frames), river water sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), canal water sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), shower sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 251 frames), bird sequence (320 pixels \times 240 pixels \times 135 frames), tex1 sequence (352 pixels \times 288 pixels \times 71 frames), and the pond sequence (368 pixels \times 240 pixels \times 150 frames). The available methods were compared with the proposed method in different aspects. Table 1 represents the results obtained from the proposed model on different dynamic textures.

Table 1. Results obtained from the proposed model

Dynamic texture	Original size (MB)	Compressed size ^a (MB)	PSNR ^a (dB)	Compression ratio ^a (%)
Flowing water	72.8	9.22	39.30	87.33
Steady	72.8	5.10	35.71	92.99
Flush water	74.8	8.41	35.29	88.75
Flame	19.5	4.23	29.81	77.74
River water	72.8	5.14	31.01	92.93
Canal water	72.8	1.83	30.33	97.41
Shower	72.8	2.15	33.14	97.04

^a Proposed model.

Table 2 compares the proposed method with the LDS [1], and the Fourier descriptor method [2] for the flame sequence. While setting the same PSNR for all of the models, the number of model coefficients for the synthesis of a dynamic texture using the proposed model was significantly less than the LDS and Fourier descriptor model.

Table 2. Model coefficients for the flame sequence

No.	Model coefficients (by SVD)	PSNR (SVD)	Model coefficients (SVD+FFT)	PSNR (SVD+FFT)	Model coefficients ^a (SVD+Wavelet+SPIHT)	PSNR ^a (SVD+Wavelet+SPIHT)
1	9449960	31.38	9502183	31.61	2031832	31.54
2	10602405	32.20	10366068	32.26	2326352	32.66
3	11754850	33.03	11230009	33.01	2620872	33.79
4	12907295	34.23	12093966	34.63	2915392	34.90
5	14059740	35.53	12957883	34.90	3062652	35.45

^aProposed model.

Fig. 3 represents the model coefficients of a reconstructed flame sequence against an average PSNR. Fig. 3 shows the performance comparison between the proposed method, the LDS method [1], and the Fourier descriptor method [2] by using same average PSNR (dB) for all models. In Fig. 3, model coefficients and average PSNR (dB) of different models are taken from Table 2.

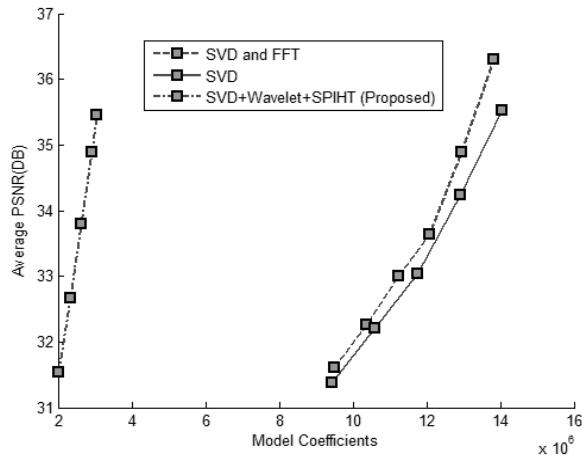


Fig. 3. Performance comparison between the proposed method, the LDS method, and the Fourier descriptor method.

Table 3 compares the model size of the proposed method with LDS+Wavelet, and higher-order SVD (HOSVD) [7] by setting the same average PSNR (dB) for a different dynamic texture sequence.

Table 4 shows the time required to synthesize a dynamic texture on CPU and GPU. The execution of a dynamic texture on CPU requires more time because of LDS and SPIHT based threshold filtering. So, these two blocks are implemented on the GPU by parallel processing and thus, require less time as compared to CPU. Fig. 4 shows a graph representing the time required for CPU and GPU for a different dynamic texture. Fig. 5 shows the frames sampled (frame no 1, 17, 49, and 88) from an original flame sequence and from different models [1, 2, 7]. The proposed model provides a better visual quality of reconstructed frames. The proposed model was implemented on the CPU and GPU configurations listed below.

CPU: Intel Core i5-2410M, CPU clock: 2.30 GHz, RAM memory: 4 GB.

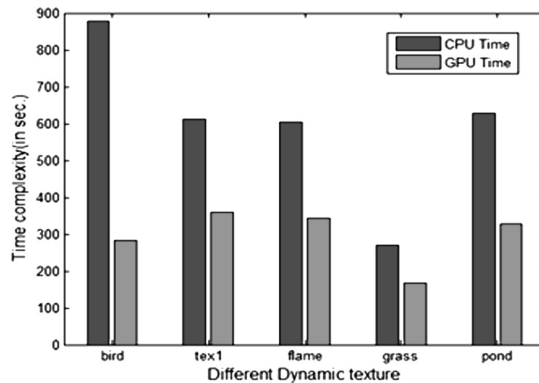
GPU card: GeForce GT 525M, Cuda cores: 96, Processor clock: 1,200 MHz.

Table 3. Model size for a sequence of dynamic textures

Dynamic texture	Original size (MB)	Method	Model size (MB)	Compression ratio	PSNR (dB)
Flame	19.5	LDS+Wavelet	7.75	60.38	35.46
		HOSVD	7.2	63.07	
		Proposed	4.47	77.46	
Grass	9.24	LDS+Wavelet	7.87	14.78	32.26
		HOSVD	6.5	29.65	
		Proposed	4.46	51.69	
Tides	72	LDS+Wavelet	56.6	21.90	30.47
		HOSVD	33.5	53.79	
		Proposed	30	58.4	

Table 4. GPU time complexity

No.	Dynamic texture	Model components (no.)	Time complexity with CPU (sec)	Time complexity with CPU+GPU (sec)	Speedup (%)
1	Flame	50	603.222	344.098	1.75
2	Grass	60	270.91	116.44	1.62
3	Pond	60	628.14	328.02	1.91
4	Bird	80	877.63	283.23	3.09
5	Tex1	60	611.18	359.39	1.70

**Fig. 4.** CPU and GPU time for a different dynamic texture.

6. Conclusion

Dynamic texture analysis and the synthesis model using SVD along with wavelet transform and SPIHT has been proposed. The proposed scheme uses wavelet coefficients of frames in the sequence, instead of the frames themselves, to learn the dynamics of the texture. For the efficient use of wavelet transform, SPIHT based threshold filtering is applied to transformed wavelet coefficients. In doing so, a higher compression ratio is obtained than is available in the linear dynamic system, the linear dynamic system along with wavelet transform, and the HOSVD. SPIHT based threshold filtering helps to get a more compact representation of a dynamic texture. The results obtained from LDS, LDS along with Fourier transform, LDS along with wavelet transform, and LDS along with wavelet transform, and SPIHT in combination with their comparison is shown in Section 5. The experimental results demon-

strate that the proposed system describes the dynamic texture in fewer parameters and the synthesized dynamic texture sequence visually resembles the original one. $YCbCr$, and YIQ color coding deals with the chromatic correlation among the pixels and thus, helps in obtaining a higher compact representation of a dynamic texture.

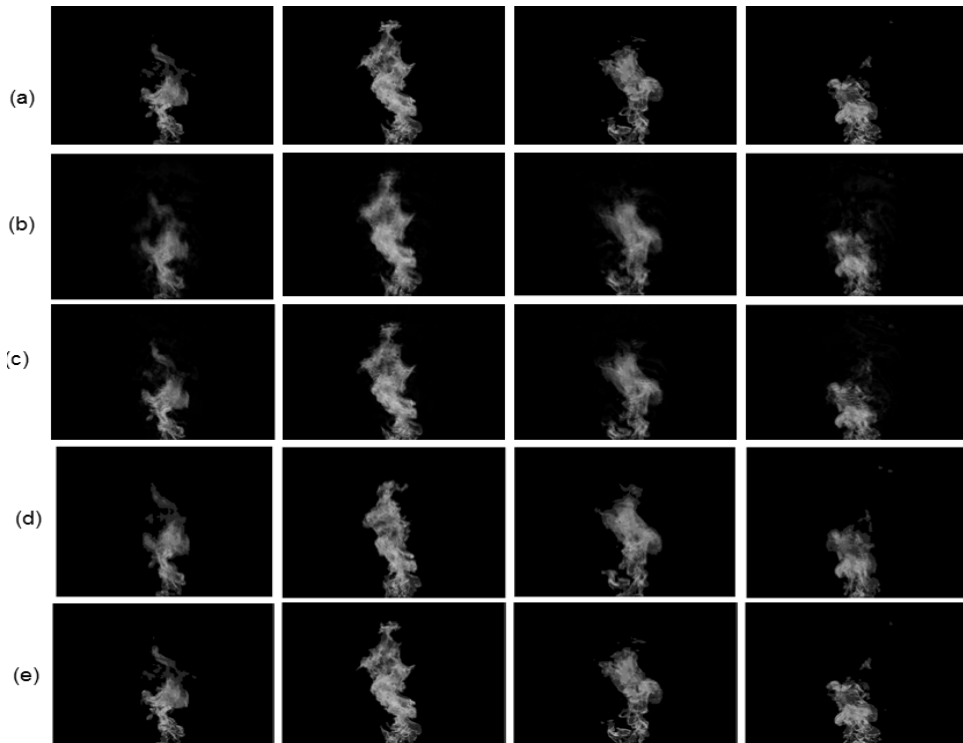


Fig. 5. (a) Samples from an original flame sequence, (b) sample frames reconstructed using LDS, (c) sample frames reconstructed using the Fourier descriptor method, (d) sample frames reconstructed using the HOSVD method, and (e) sample frames reconstructed using the proposed method

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