

Multi-Frame Super Resolution Using Frame Selection and Multiple Fusion for 250 Million Pixel Images

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Introduction

Background

- An extremely high-resolution image can be taken for a wide area by using the camera with a built-in Canon's APS-H size 250Mpixel CMOS image sensor(Fig. 1)
- Quality of the an enlarged tiny part in this kind of image tends to get poor due to spatial deformations and noise mainly caused by long distance and atmosphere turbulence.
- Multi-frame super-resolution performs well in enhancing the quality of images deformed by deformation and blur

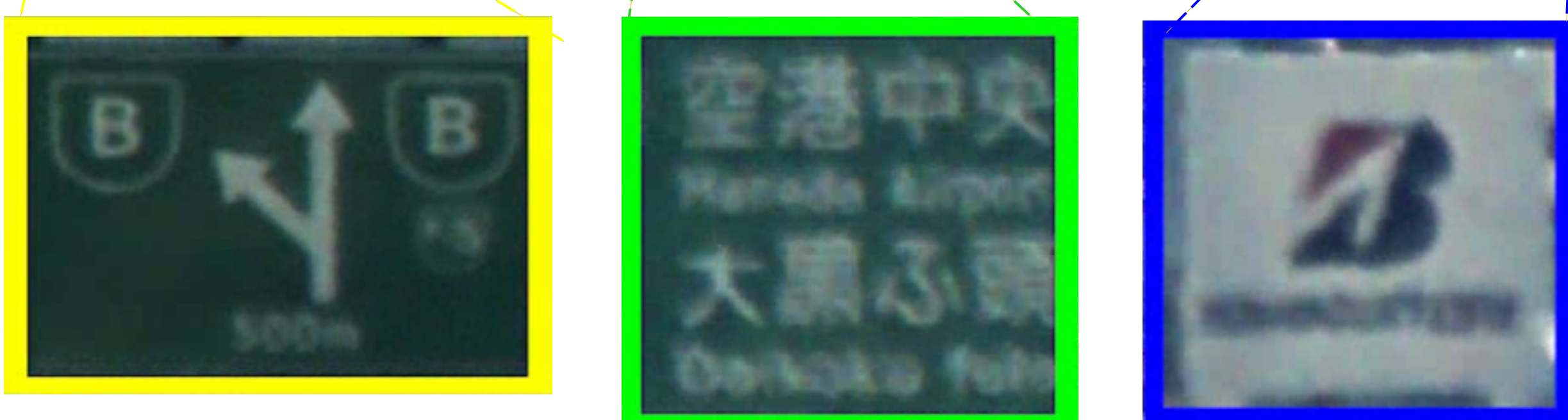
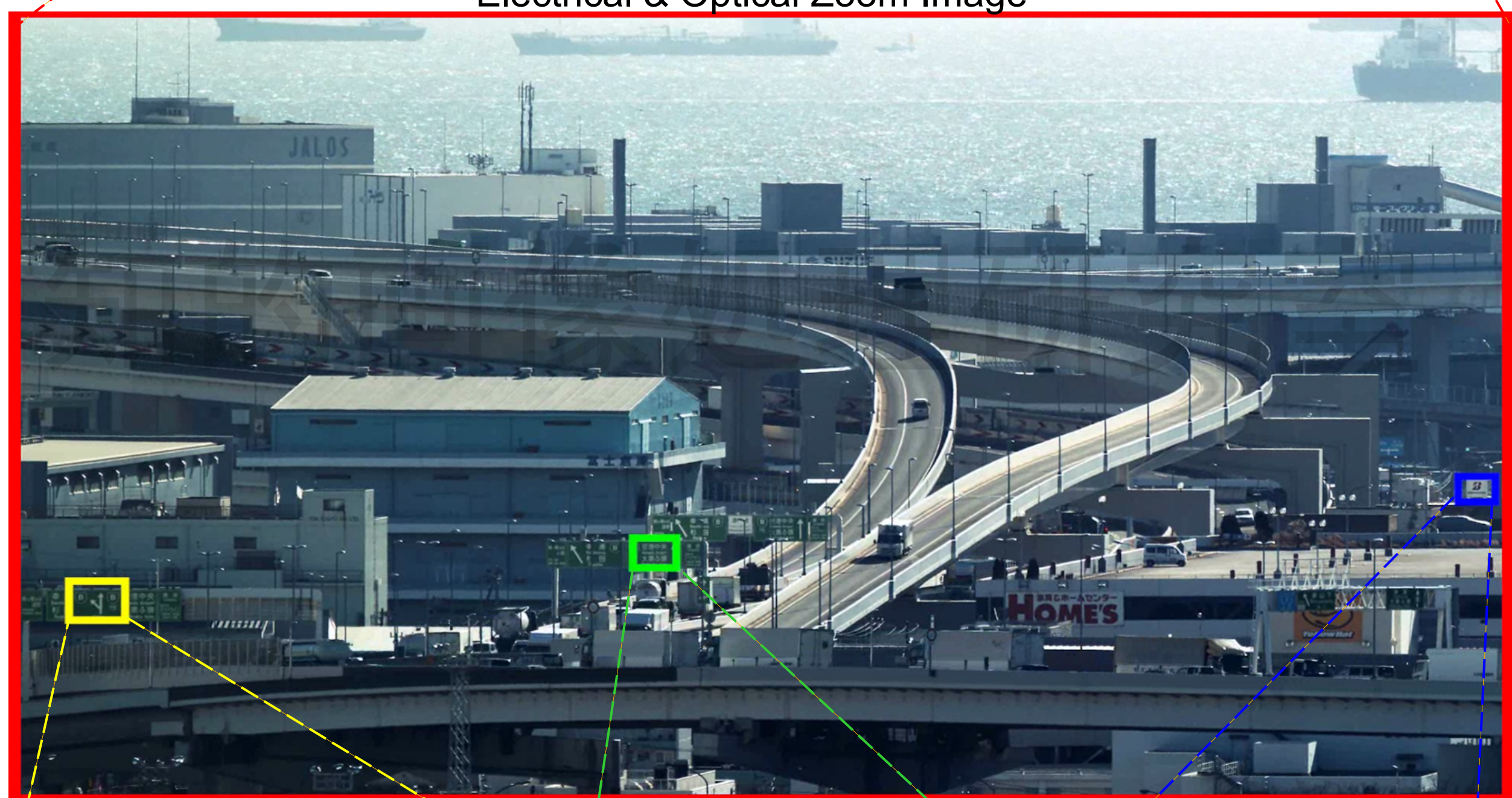
Sensor-chip	250Mpixel-CMOS-Image-Sensor-Specification
	Number of Pixel 19,598(H) x 12,588(V)
	Pixel Size 1.5μm x 1.5μm
	Image Size APS-H-format =32.84mmx 25.84mm
	Frame Rate1 5fps = Full Pixel 19K13K
	Frame Rate2 24fps = Select Pixel 8K4K
	Frame Rate3 48fps = Select Pixel 4K2K

Fig.1 Canon's 250 million pixel CMOS-image-sensor specifications and photograph

250 Million Pixel Images



Electrical & Optical Zoom Image



More Electrical Zoom Images

Fig.2 Example of 250 million full-pixels images (top), part of the full-pixels image (middle), and its three detailed structure images (bottom) before processing

Conclusion and Future Work

Contributions

- (1) We proposed a frame selection scheme based on its edge image for fast and accurate SR reconstruction.
- (2) We proposed a multiple fusion scheme, which is robust to blur, deformation, and noise. The computation cost is almost as the same as the conventional single scheme.

Future Work

Image restoration using deep convolutional neural networks

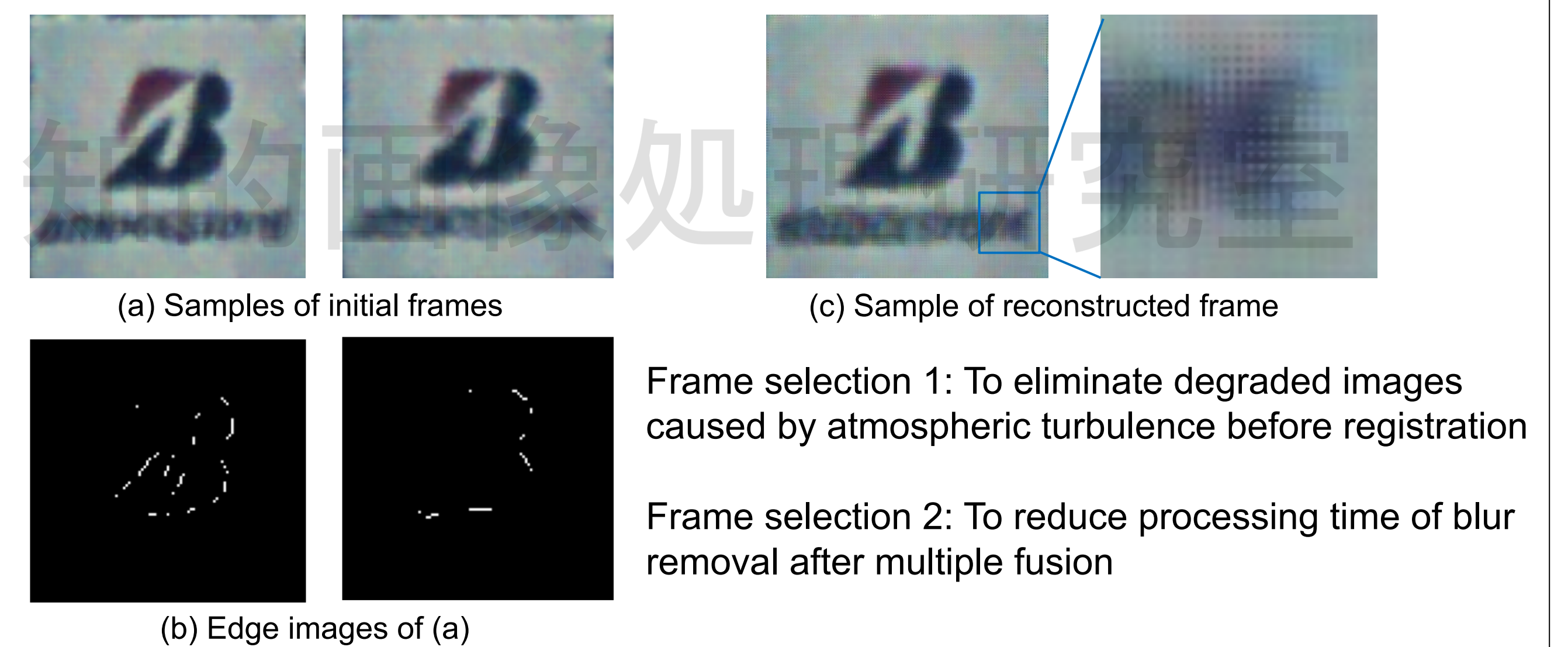
Proposed Method

Algorithm



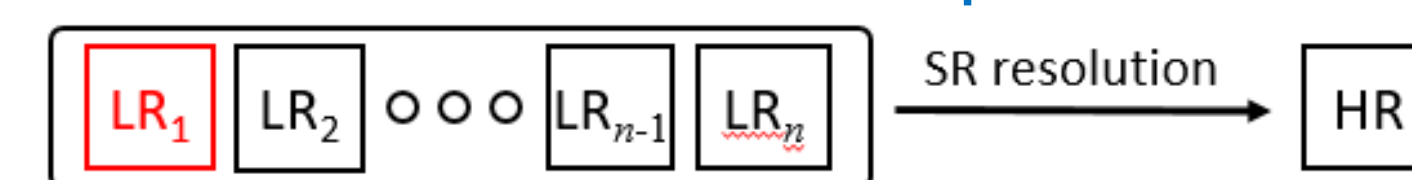
Fig.3 Brief algorithm of our method

Frame Selection

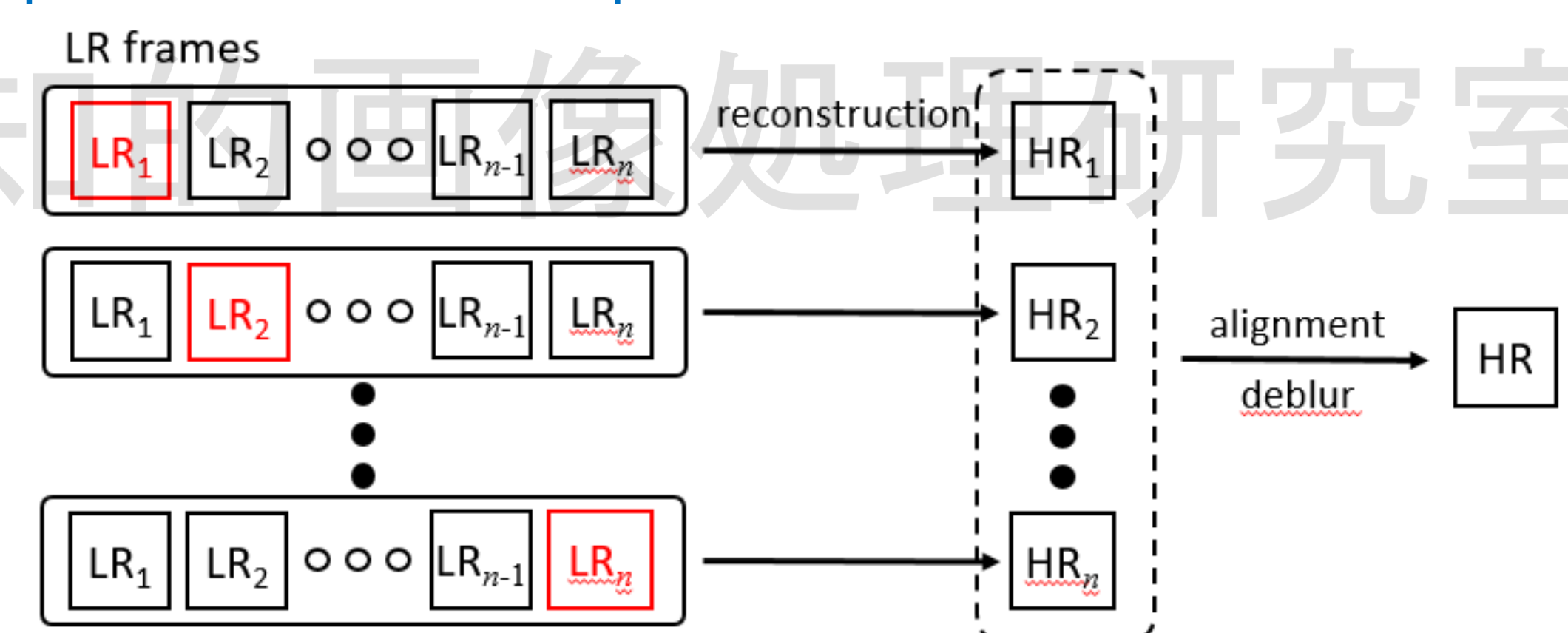


Multiple Fusion

Conventional multi-frame super-resolution

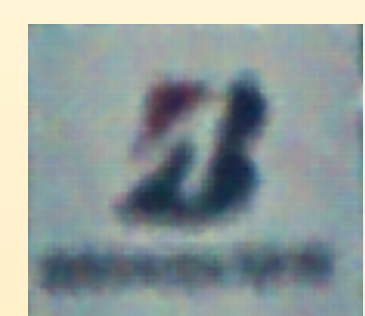
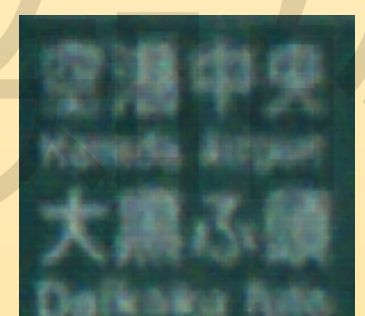
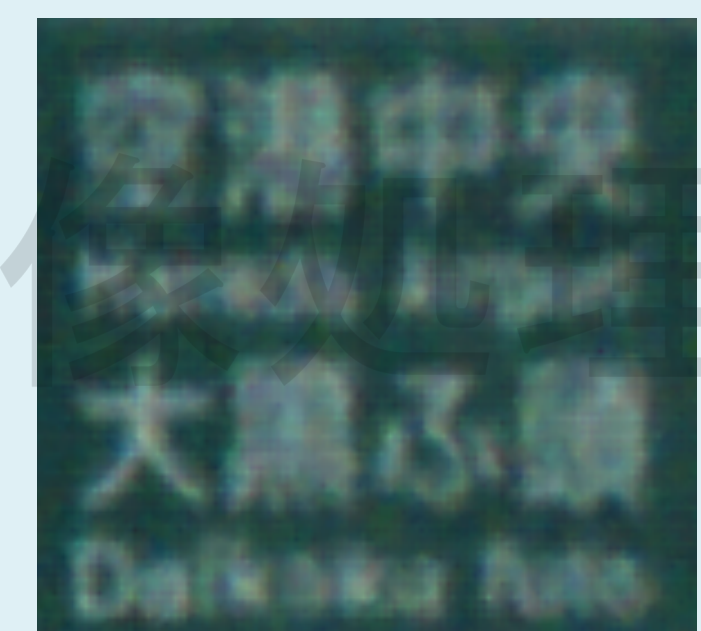
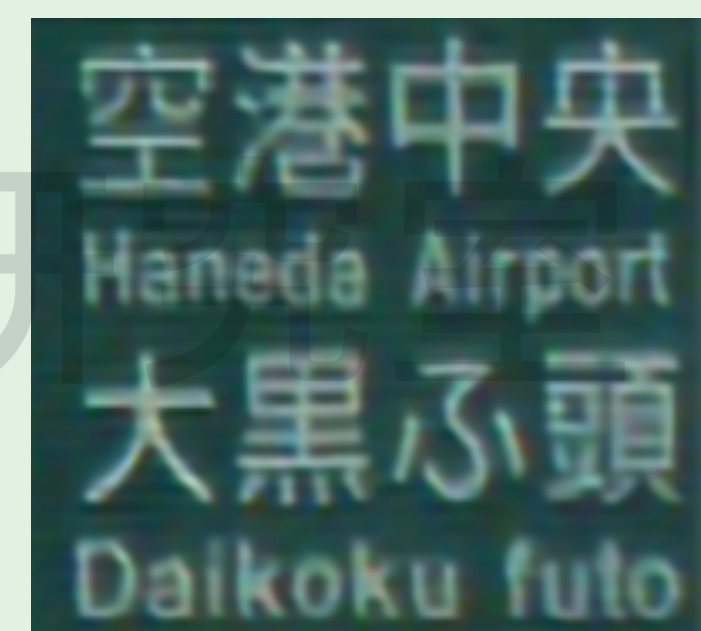
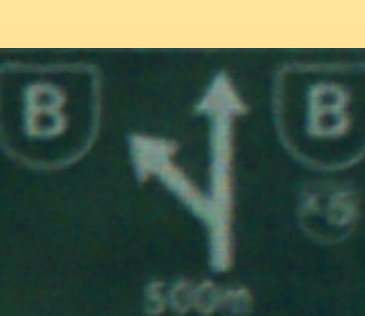


Proposed multi-frame super-resolution



Experimental Results

Result

Original Images & Size	Results by Bicubic & Size	Results by Our Method & Size
 107 × 100	 214 × 200	 214 × 200
 145 × 135	 290 × 270	 290 × 270
 245 × 160	 490 × 320	 490 × 320

Quantitative Evaluation with Simulated Images [1]

TABLE I QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON OF OUR PROPOSED METHOD WITH CONVENTIONAL MULTI-FRAME SR METHODS				
SIDBA	LR image ($\mu \pm \sigma$) ^a	Reconstructed HR image		
		IBP	L1+BTv	Our Method
Pepper	20.57 ± 1.40	22.41	22.28	23.92
Airplane	19.53 ± 1.28	20.96	20.92	22.43
Lenna	21.17 ± 1.22	22.51	22.29	23.70
Sailboat	19.39 ± 1.12	21.58	21.62	22.68
Parrots	21.90 ± 0.76	23.93	23.79	24.35

^a μ : Mean, σ : Standard Deviation

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