Efficient film digitization and restoration



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CINETIS THE COMPANY

- Founded by 2005 by
 - Pierre Ihmle
 - Jean-Pierre Gehrig
- Team
 - 5 film operators/video editors
 - 3 software developers
- Partnerships with
 - Bolex International
 - IDIAP Research Institute, EPFL, HES-SO
- Awards
 - European Seal Award in Multimedia, CeBIT 2006
 - IMD Startup Competition, 2007



Consumer formats

- Film (Super8, Normal8, 9.5mm, 16mm)
- Video (Video8, Hi8, Digital8, VHS, VHS-C, SVHS)

Private and institutional clients

- Offer high quality at an affordable price
- Efficient workflow
 - We keep our eyes on images where appreciation is required
 - We exploit computers for repetitive tasks
- 25'000 reels (5'000 hours) transferred

PRIVATE ARCHIVES

- The "Living Room Experience"
 - → Client wants to watch his family movies on his TV
- The "DIY Editing Experience"
 - Client wants to edit his family movies at home
- ★ We receive a "shoe box" of film reels, shot by different people in changing light conditions, on different film stocks, at various frame rates, with good shots and bad shots (over/under-exposed)
- ★ How can we digitize these films efficiently and produce a standard product?

INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

- Want to move to digital archival
 - → Choose storage medium, container and codec.
 - → Define Metadata format, import "Excel Metadata".
 - → Must be compatible with existing infrastructure and workflow, with the local and national TV stations, and with Europeana.
- ★ How can we help our clients choose the right standards and equipment?
- ★ How can we integrate there choices in our workflow to digitize their archives efficiently?

archivalp.eu Preserve alpine A/V patrimony

- - → Funded by INTERREG IV program
 - → Mediathèque Valais (MV)in Martigny, Switzerland
 - → Cinémathèque des pays de Savoie 8 (CPS), France
- ★ MV is Windows-based, currently archiving DV25 files, plans to move to H.264 wrapped in MXF files.
- ★ CPS is Mac-based, currently archiving DVCAM tapes, plans to move to Apple ProRes files.
- ★ Both store Metadata in a custom MySQL database.
- * Archivalp.eu will aggregate contents from both archives and publish it through Europeana.

OUR WORKFLOW

SUPERVISED

UNSUPERVISED

1.
INGEST

FILM REPAIR, CLEANING AND DIGITIZATION **Z**.

PROCESS

MOTION ESTIMATION

SHOT DETECTION

SHOT CLASSIFICATION

VIDEO STABILIZATION

COLOR GRADING

CUSTOM EDITING

3.

DELIVER

DVD

BLU-RAY

FILE

TAPE

WEB

PACKAGING



MOTION ESTIMATION







- Based on the *Motion2D* algorithm, a robust multiresolution motion model estimation, developed by Jean-Marc Odobez at IRISA/INRIA.
- C++ implementation using OpenCV and Quicktime.

SCENE DETECTION







MOTION DISCONTINUITY



OR



COLOR DISCONTINUITY



WE HAVE A SHOT!

SHOT CLASSIFICATION























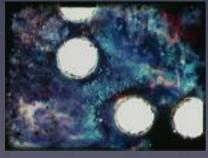


SHOT CLASSIFICATION

Trash







Keep



















AgiScan Productive film scanning



Smoovee Automatic video stabilizer



THANK YOU

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