



Information Theory Application in Visualization

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Dear Colleagues,

Information theory is “the science of quantification, coding and communication of information” (Usher, 1984). Since the pioneering work by Shannon and Wiener in the late 1940s, information theory has played an underpinning role in the field of tele- and data communication. It has also been applied to disciplines such as physics, biology, neurology, and psychology. In computer science, its applications include computer graphics, medical imaging, computer vision, data mining, and machine learning. *Visualization* is concerned with visually coding and communicating information. Many aspects of a visualization pipeline feature events of a probabilistic nature, bearing a striking resemblance to a communication pipeline. This Special Issue of *Entropy* focuses on the applications of information theory in visualization.

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