# Multigrid Acceleration of the Horn-Schunck Algorithm for the Optical Flow Problem 

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$\bowtie$ Term originates with James Gibson in 1979
$\bowtie$ Quadratic smoothness $\leftrightarrow$ Horn-Schunck (1981)
$\bowtie$ Registration technique with local constraints $\leftrightarrow$ Lucas-Kanade (1981)
$\bowtie$ Oriented smoothness $\leftrightarrow$ Nagel-Enkelmann (1983-86)
$\bowtie$ Multigrid relaxation $\leftrightarrow$ Terzopolous (1986)
$\bowtie$ Performance evaluation of popular algorithms $\leftrightarrow$ Barron-Fleet-Beauchemin (1994)
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\left(\begin{array}{rrr} 
& 1 & \\
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and use $\Delta w=\bar{w}-w$ where $\bar{w}$ is the average of the neighbors.

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The marble sequence ( $512 \times 512$ )

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The Hamburg taxi sequence (256x190)

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