



Dense Mapping from Spherical RGB-D Images

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Figure: Indoor sensor



Figure: Outdoor sensor

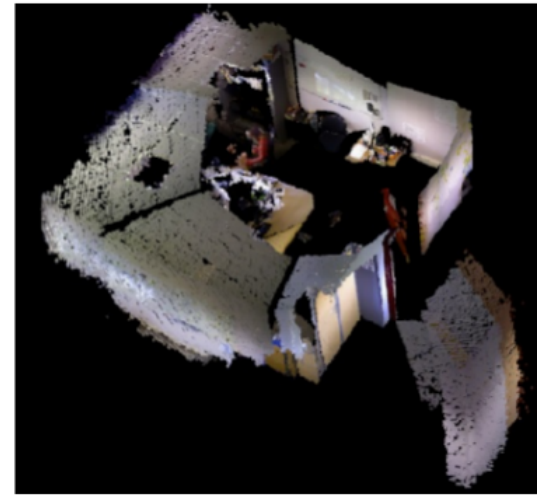
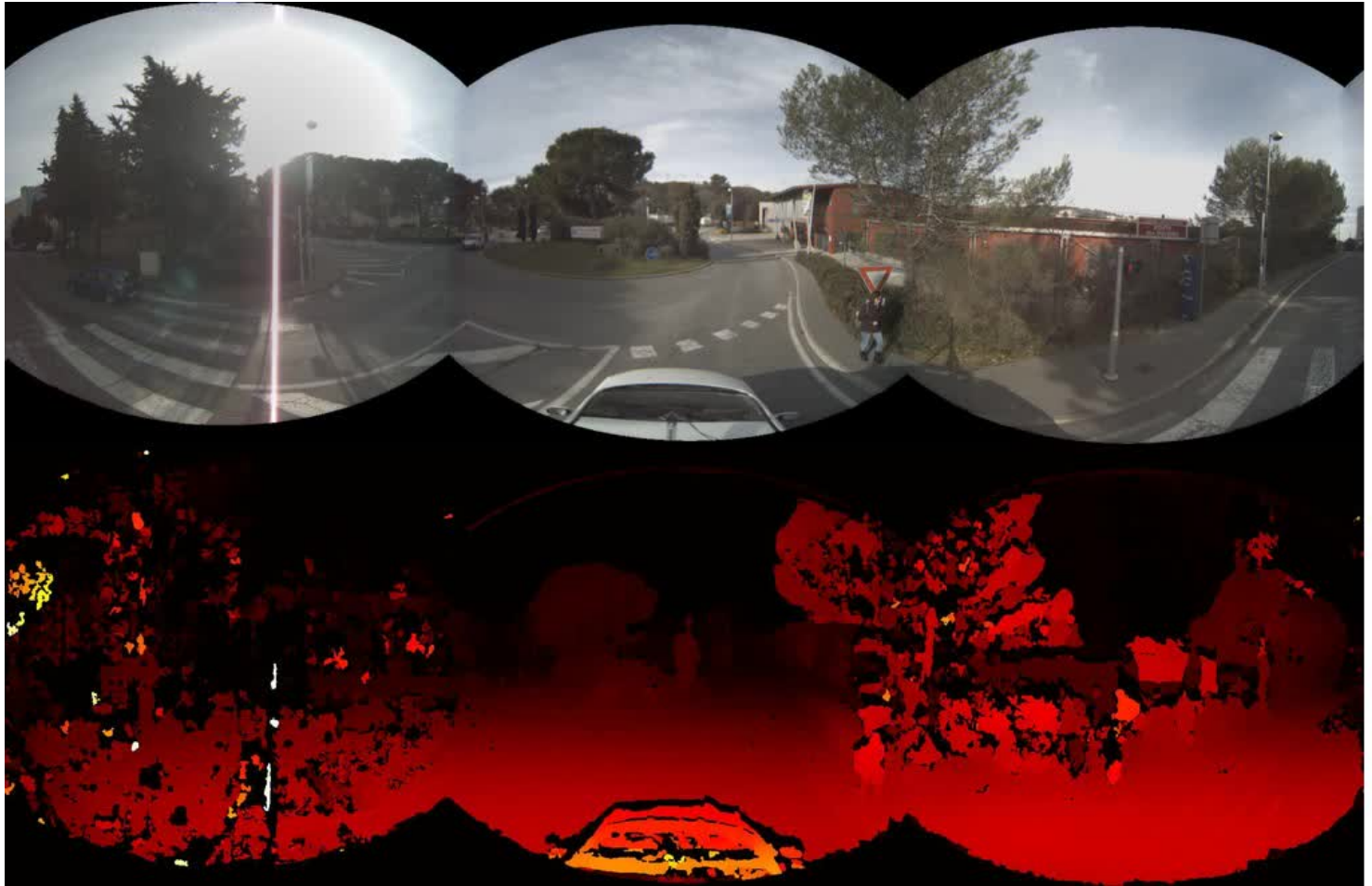
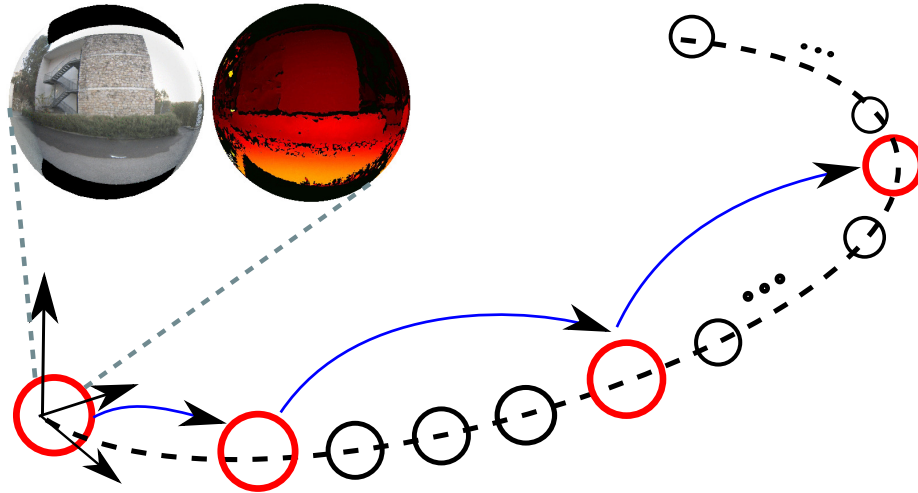


Figure: Point cloud representation

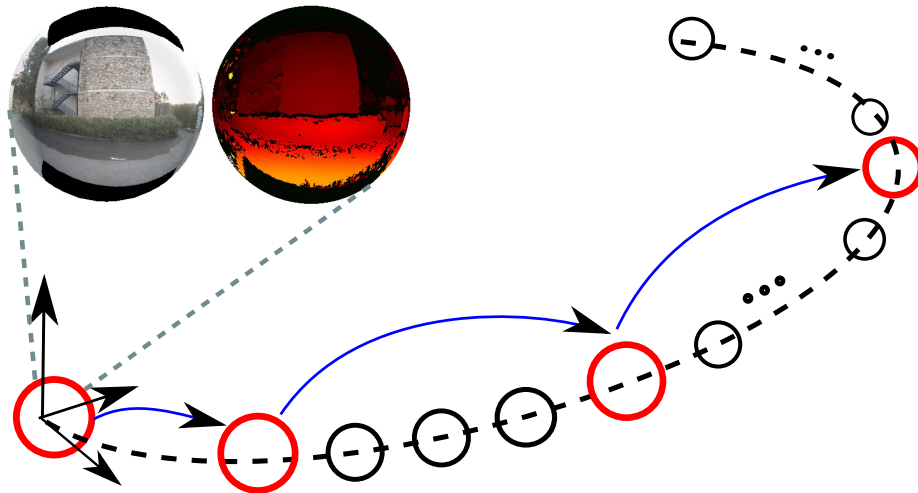
Spherical RGB-D sequence



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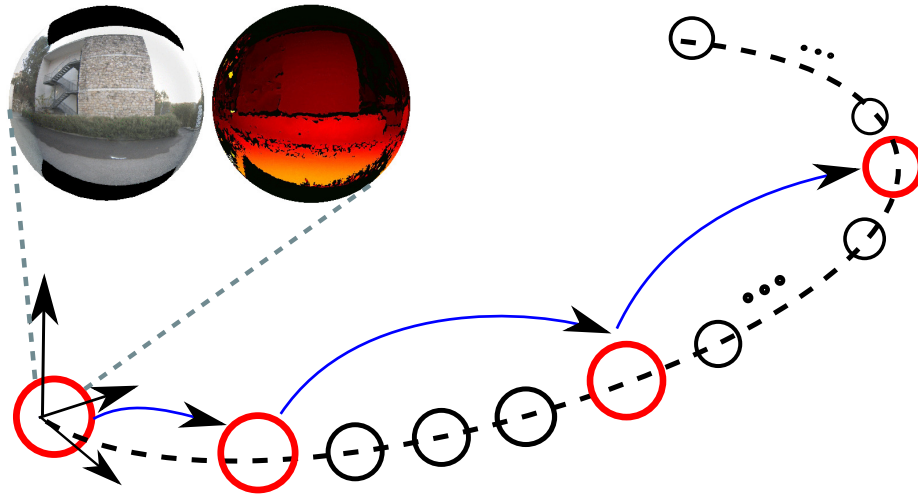


Dense registration:

Minimize the photometric error:

$$\mathfrak{F}_S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{p}^*} W^I(\mathbf{p}^*) \left\| \mathcal{I} \left(w(\mathbf{p}^*, \hat{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})) \right) - \mathcal{I}^*(\mathbf{p}^*) \right\|^2$$

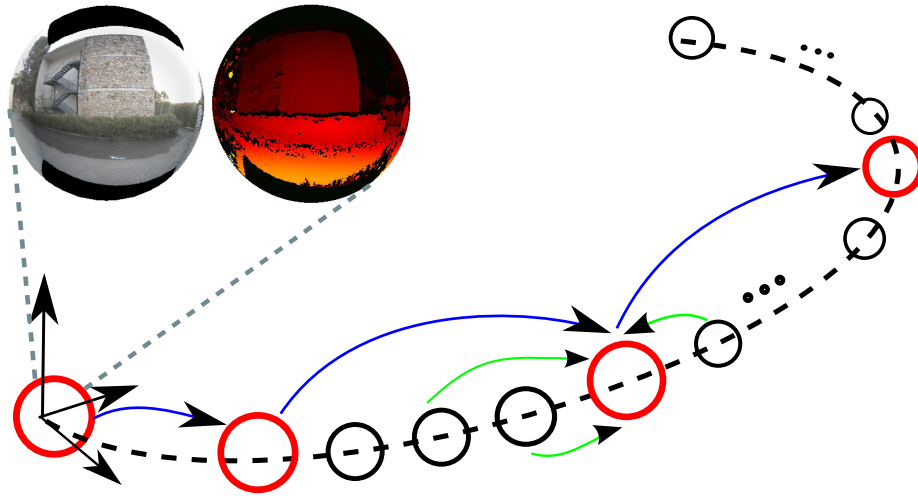
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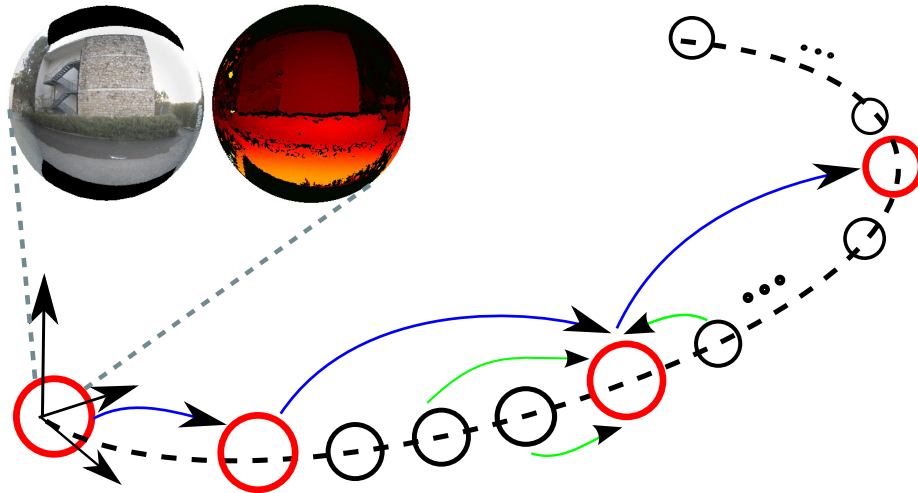
Previous works:

- Meilland, M., Comport, A. I., Rives, P. *A spherical robot-centered representation for urban navigation*, (IROS) 2010.
- Meilland, M., Comport, A. I., Rives, P. *Dense Omnidirectional RGB-D Mapping of Large-scale Outdoor Environments for Real-time Localization and Autonomous Navigation*. Journal of Field Robotics 2015.

This work



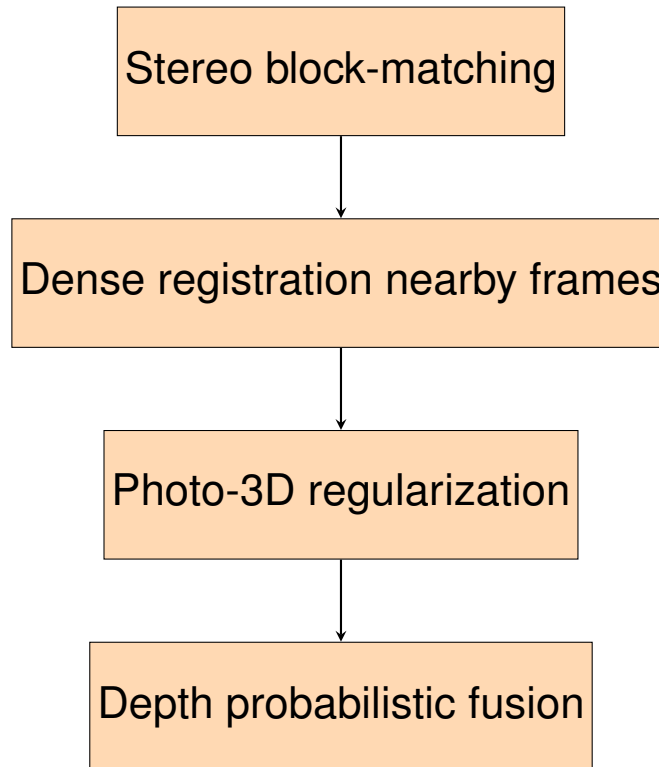
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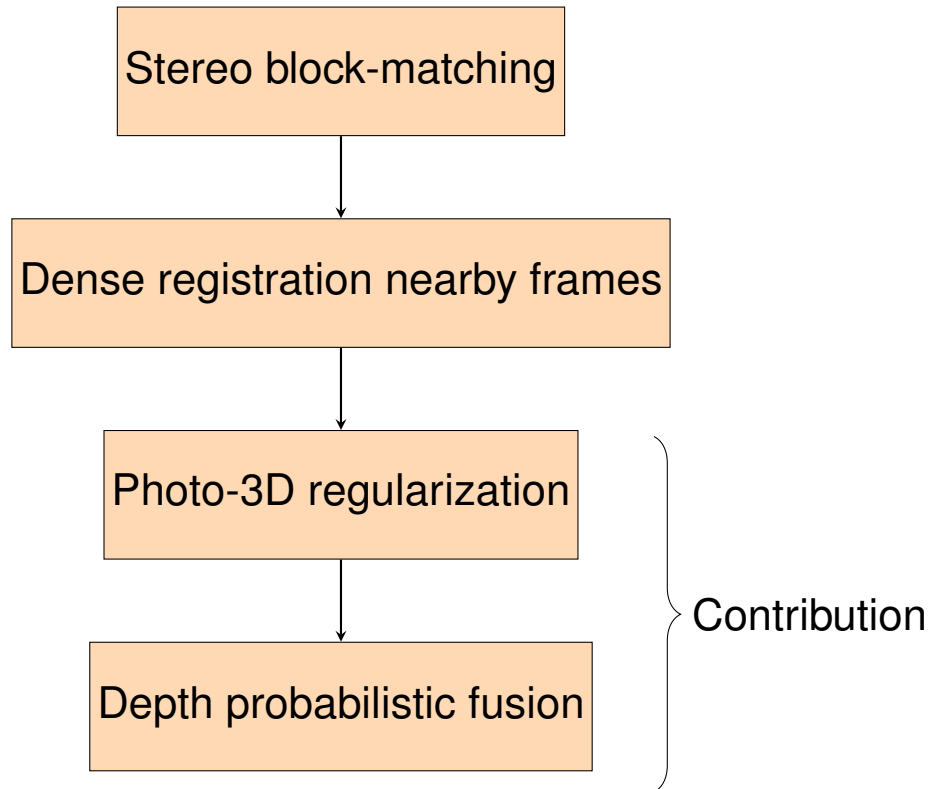
Improve keyframes by merging information of nearby frames

- More accurate depth images
- Reduce uncertainty
- Keyframe completeness (gap filling)

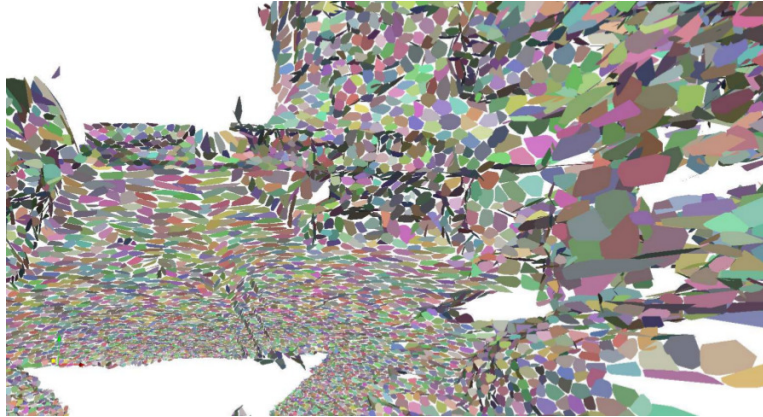
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Regularization



"Superpatches" for photo-geometric regularization

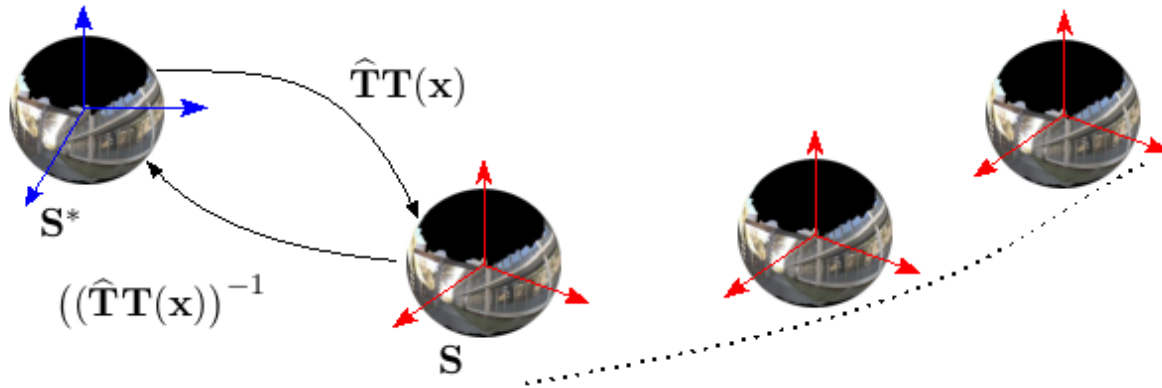
- Region growing enforcing isotropic 3D planar patches (same area)
- Superpixel colour segmentation: are combined in $\mathcal{P}_f(d_f, \mathbf{n}_f)$.

Patches geometrically and photometrically consistent are merged:

$$\|d_i \mathbf{n}_i - d_s \mathbf{n}_s\|_2 < \epsilon_1$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}_i^T \mathbf{n}_s\|_1 - 1 < \epsilon_2$$

Fusion



Probabilistic depth averaging

- Sliding window:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_F^*(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{W^*(\mathbf{p})\mathcal{D}^*(\mathbf{p}) + W_w(\mathbf{p})\mathcal{D}_w(\mathbf{p})}{W^*(\mathbf{p}) + W_w(\mathbf{p})} \\ W_F^*(\mathbf{p}) = W^*(\mathbf{p}) + W_w(\mathbf{p}) \end{cases}$$

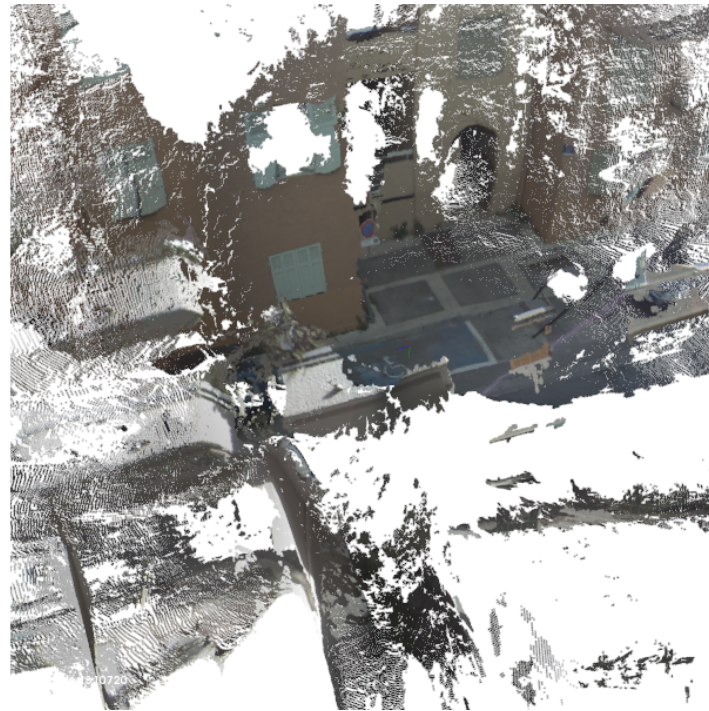
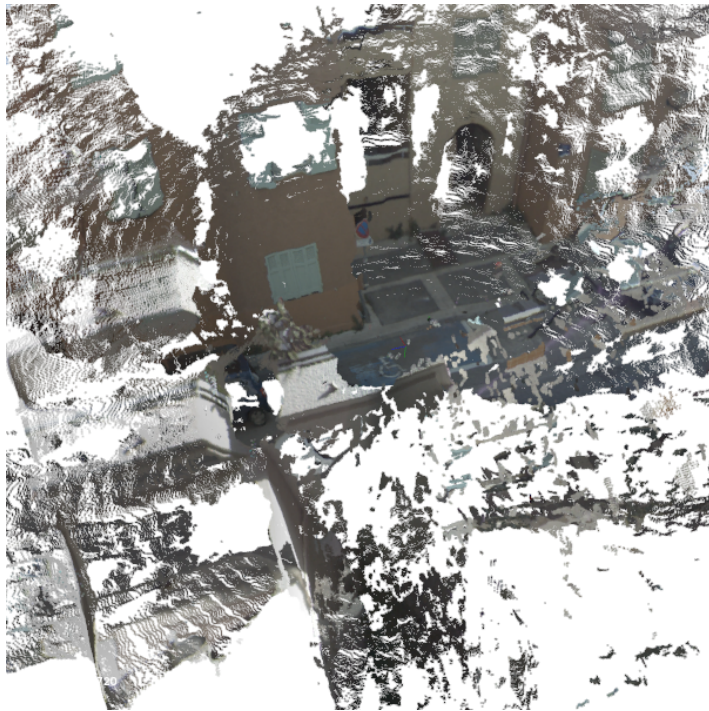
Data acquisition



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- Improved consistency



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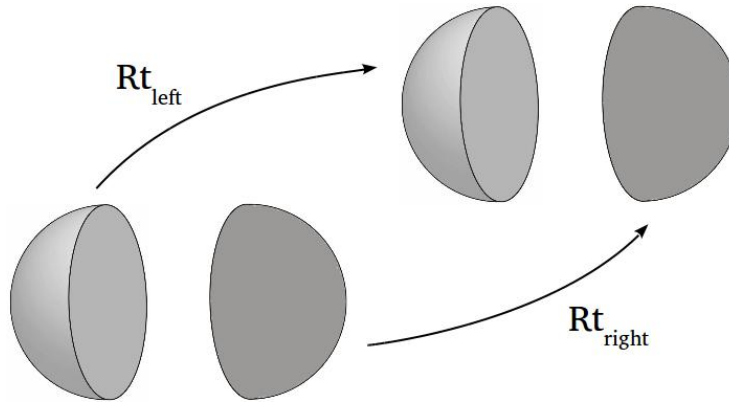
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- Accuracy: average trajectory error (with/without motion model)

	Av. Rot. Error (deg)			Av. Trans. Error (mm)		
	<i>Raw</i>	<i>RF</i>	Improv.	<i>Raw</i>	<i>RF</i>	Improv.
Dense RGB-D	0.51	0.12	86 %	3.4	1.1	67 %
Photo-consistency	0.47	0.12	74 %	2.9	1.3	55 %

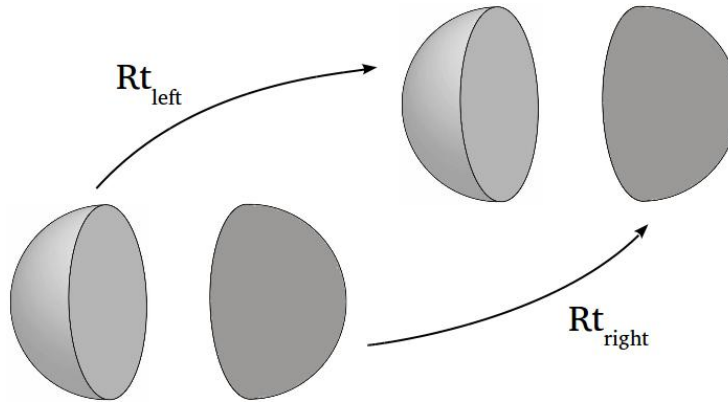
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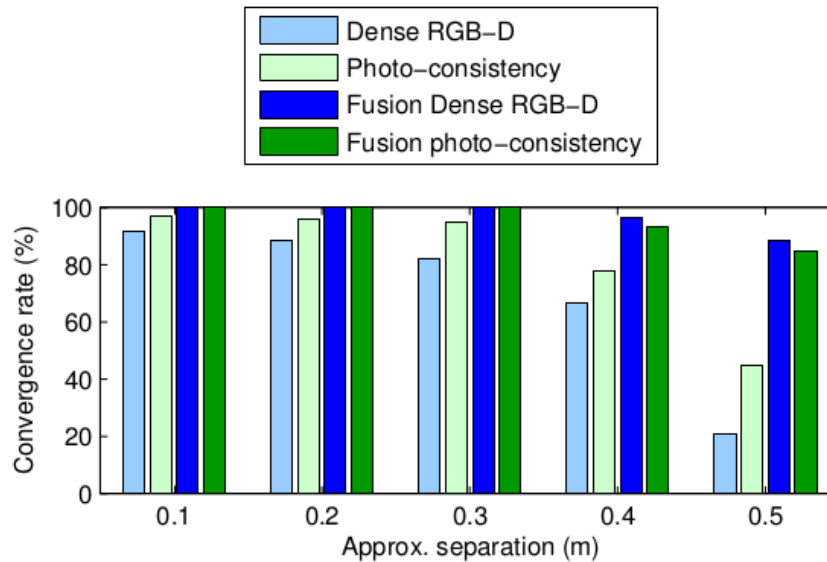
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Dense RGB-D	0.87	0.16	80 %	2.3	0.89	61 %
Photo-consistency	0.55	0.18	67 %	1.8	0.88	51 %

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- Dense registration convergence



Summary

Exploit the information of the sequence to improve depth images

Conclusions

- More robust and accurate a posteriori localization
- Applicable to any kind of Depth or RGB-D sequence (eg. 3D-LIDAR, ToF, Kinect, etc.)
- More consistent and compact maps (~20% less keyframes)

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?