# CS395T Lecture 14: Multi-View Stereo



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#### Image-Based Geometry Reconstruction Pipeline



#### Last Lecture: Multi-View SFM



#### This Lecture: Multi-View Stereo



### Multi-view Stereo for Visual Effects



# Input Images



Fig. 1.3 Different MVS capture setups. From left to right: a controlled MVS capture using diffuse lights and a turn table, outdoor capture of small-scale scenes, and crowd-sourcing from online photo-sharing websites.

#### Volumetric Stereo

#### Space Carving

Multi-Baseline Stereo

### **Volumetric Stereo**



**Goal:** Determine occupancy, "color" of points in V

# Discrete formulation: Voxel Coloring



Goal: Assign RGBA values to voxels in V photo-consistent with images

# **Voxel Coloring Solutions**

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- 3. General Case
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# Reconstruction from Silhouettes (C = 2)



#### Approach:

- Backproject each silhouette
- Intersect backprojected volumes

### **Volume Intersection**



Reconstruction Contains the True Scene

• In the limit (all views) get convex hull

# **Voxel Algorithm for Volume Intersection**



Color voxel black if on silhouette in every image

# **Properties of Volume Intersection**

#### Pros

- Easy to implement, fast
- Accelerated via octrees [Szeliski 1993] or interval techniques [Matusik 2000]
- Cons
  - No concavities
  - Reconstruction is not photo-consistent
  - Requires identification of silhouettes

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# Visibility Problem: in which images is each voxel visible?

# Depth Ordering: Visit Occluders First!



# **Calibrated Image Acquisition**



#### Calibrated Turntable



#### **Selected Dinosaur Images**



#### **Selected Flower Images**

# **Voxel Coloring Results**





#### **Dinosaur Reconstruction**

72 K voxels colored 7.6 M voxels tested 7 min. to compute on a 250MHz SGI

#### Flower Reconstruction 70 K voxels colored 7.6 M voxels tested

7 min. to compute on a 250MHz SGI

# Space Carving Results: African Violet



#### Input Image (1 of 45)



#### Reconstruction



Reconstruction



Reconstruction

Source: S. Seitz

### Improvements

#### Unconstrained camera viewpoints

• Space carving [Kutulakos & Seitz 98]

Evolving a surface

- Level sets [Faugeras & Keriven 98]
- More recent work by Pons et al.

#### **Global** optimization

- Graph cut approaches
  - > [Kolmogoriv & Zabih, ECCV 2002]
  - > [Vogiatzis et al., PAMI 2007]

Modeling shiny (and other reflective) surfaces

• e.g., Zickler et al., Helmholtz Stereopsis

### **Binocular Stereo**

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• Given a calibrated binocular stereo pair, fuse it to produce a depth image

image 1





#### Dense depth map



### **Basic Stereo Matching Algorithm**



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  - Find corresponding epipolar line in the right image
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  - Triangulate the matches to get depth information
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### Simplest Case: Parallel Images



- Image planes of cameras are parallel to each other and to the baseline
- Camera centers are at same height
- Focal lengths are the same
- Then, epipolar lines fall along the horizontal scan lines of the images



Disparity is inversely proportional to depth!





#### **Rectification Example**



#### Correspondence search



- Slide a window along the right scanline and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation
#### Correspondence search



### Correspondence search



### Effect of window size









W = 20

- -Smaller window
  - + More detail
  - More noise
- -Larger window
  - + Smoother disparity maps
  - Less detail

### Results with window search

Data



#### Window-based matching

Ground truth





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Ordering constraint doesn't hold

### **Consistency Constraints**

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- Smoothness
  - We expect disparity values to change slowly (for the most part)

MRF Formulation:

$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$
Pixel matching score Consistency Scores

# Comparsion

Window-Based Search:





Ground Truth

Graph Cut:

#### Stereo matching as energy minimization



• Graph-cuts can be used to minimize such energy

Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, <u>Fast Approximate Energy Minimization via Graph Cuts</u>, PAMI 2001

### Active stereo with structured light



- Project "structured" light patterns onto the object
  - Simplifies the correspondence problem
  - Allows us to use only one camera



L. Zhang, B. Curless, and S. M. Seitz. <u>Rapid Shape Acquisition Using Color Structured Light and Multi-pass</u> <u>Dynamic Programming.</u> *3DPVT* 2002

### Kinect: Structured infrared light



http://bbzippo.wordpress.com/2010/11/28/kinect-in-infrared/

# Multi-Baseline Stereo

- Change label from disparity to depth
- Change *E*<sub>d</sub>(*d*) by using more images



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# **Multiple-Baseline Stereo Results**

#### [Okutomi and Kanade' 93]



## Mesh Reconstruction

# Merging Depth Maps

vrip [Curless and Levoy 1996]

• compute weighted average of depth maps





set of depth maps (one per view) merged surface mesh

# VRIP



signed distance function

# **Depthmap Merging**

#### Depthmap 1

#### Depthmap 2



# Merging Depth Maps: Temple Model

#### [Goesele et al. 06]



input image



317 images (hemisphere)



ground truth model

# State-of-The-Art

# **Multi-View Stereo from Internet Collections**

[Goesele et al. 07]





# Challenges

• Appearance variation



Resolution



• Massive collections

82754 results for photos matching notre and dame and paris

# Law of Nearest Neighbors



206 Flickr images taken by 92 photographers









#### 4 best neighboring views











#### reference view





### Local view selection

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#### Notre Dame de Paris

653 images 313 photographers







129 Flickr images taken by 98 photographers



merged model of Venus de Milo































































































56 Flickr images taken by 8 photographers




## merged model of Pisa Cathedral



Accuracy compared to laser scanned model: 90% of points within 0.25% of ground truth

## How can Deep Learning Help?