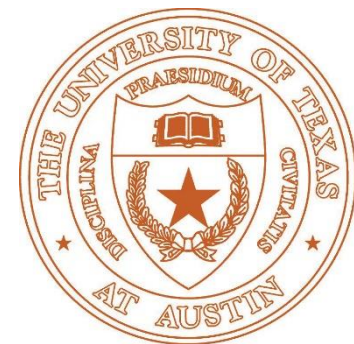


GAMES

Multi-View Stereo

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Two-View Stereo

Binocular Stereo

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

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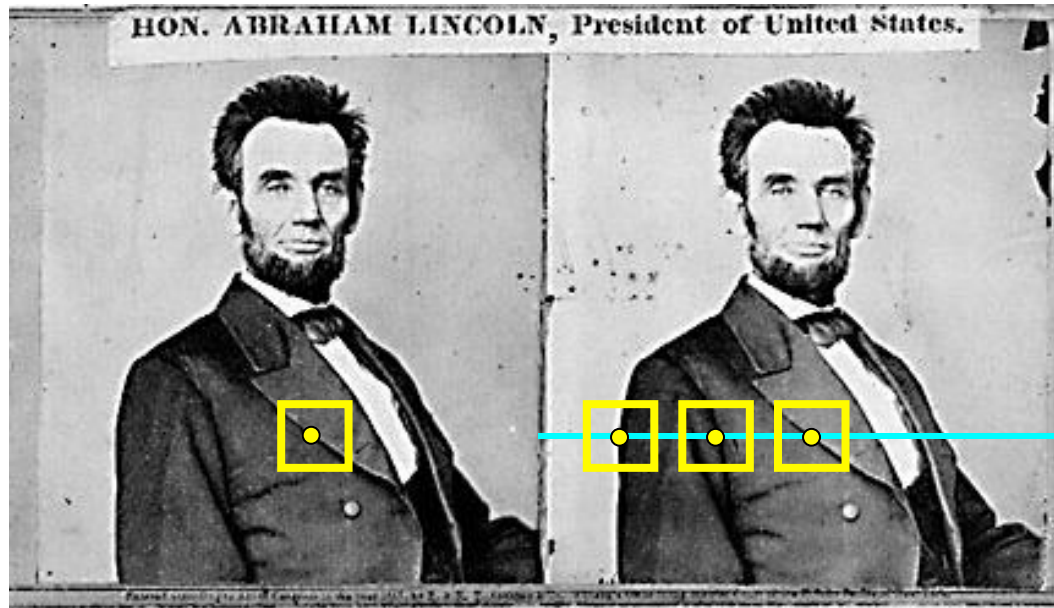
image 2



Dense depth map

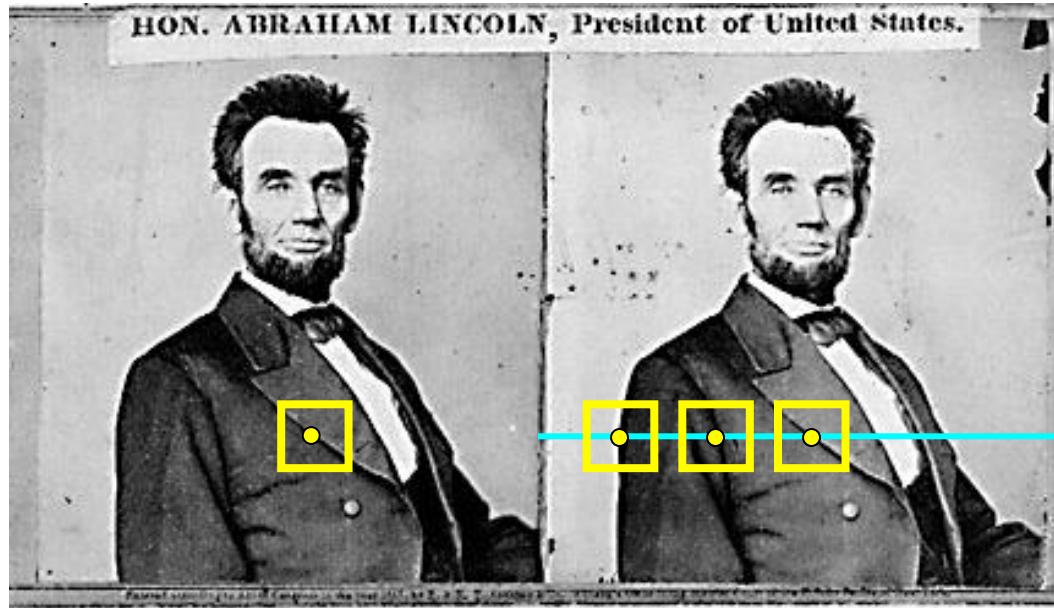


Basic Stereo Matching Algorithm



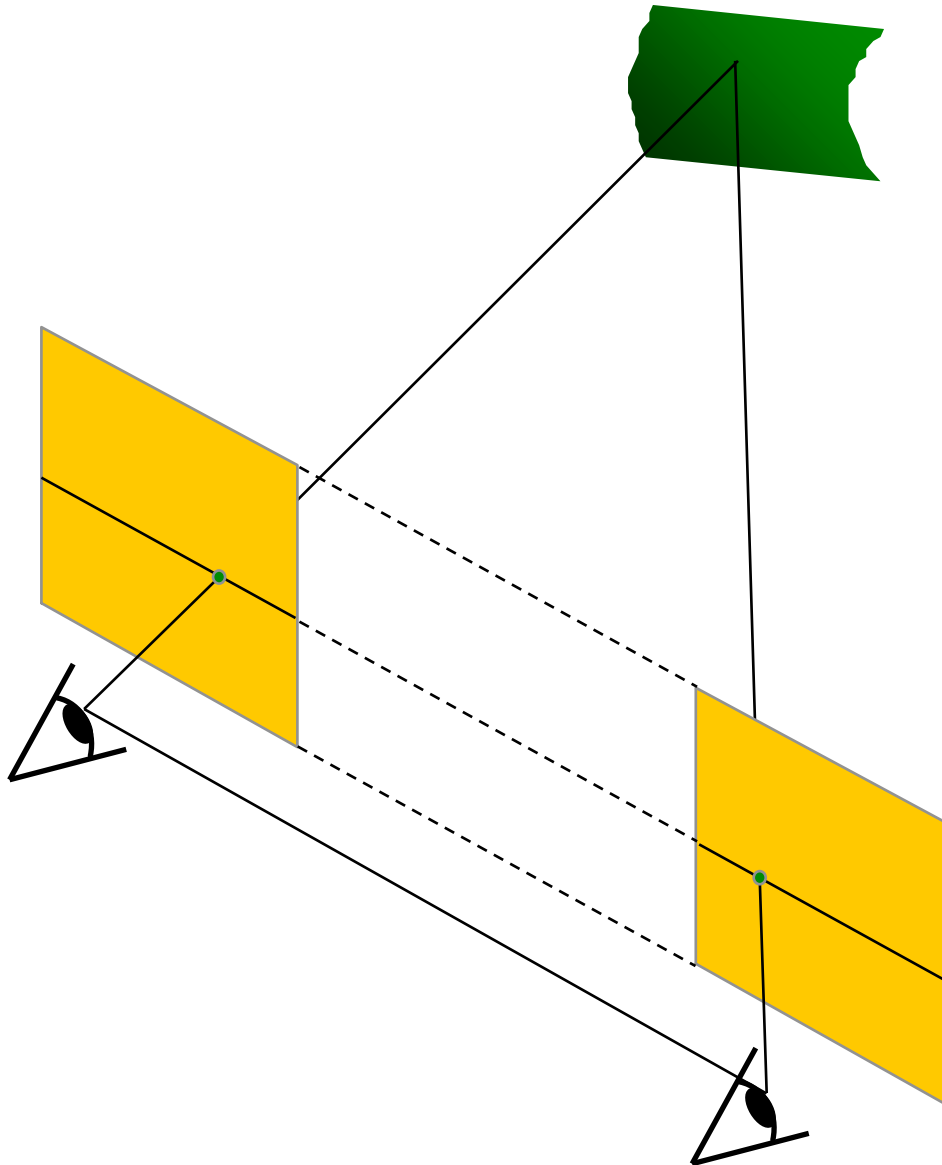
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Basic stereo matching algorithm



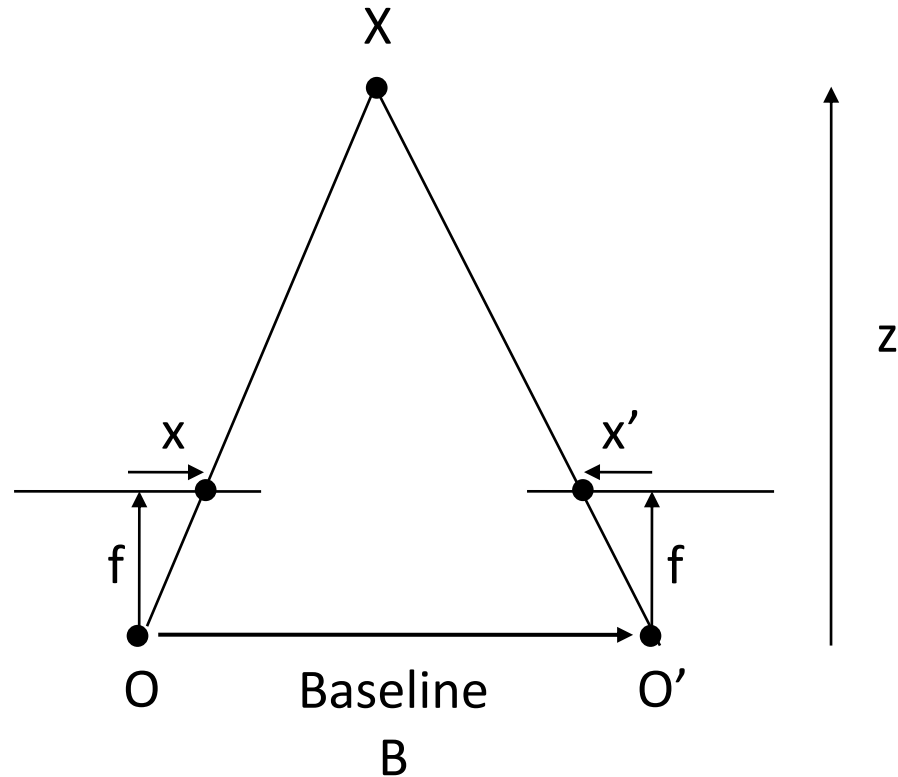
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Simplest Case: Parallel Images



- 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

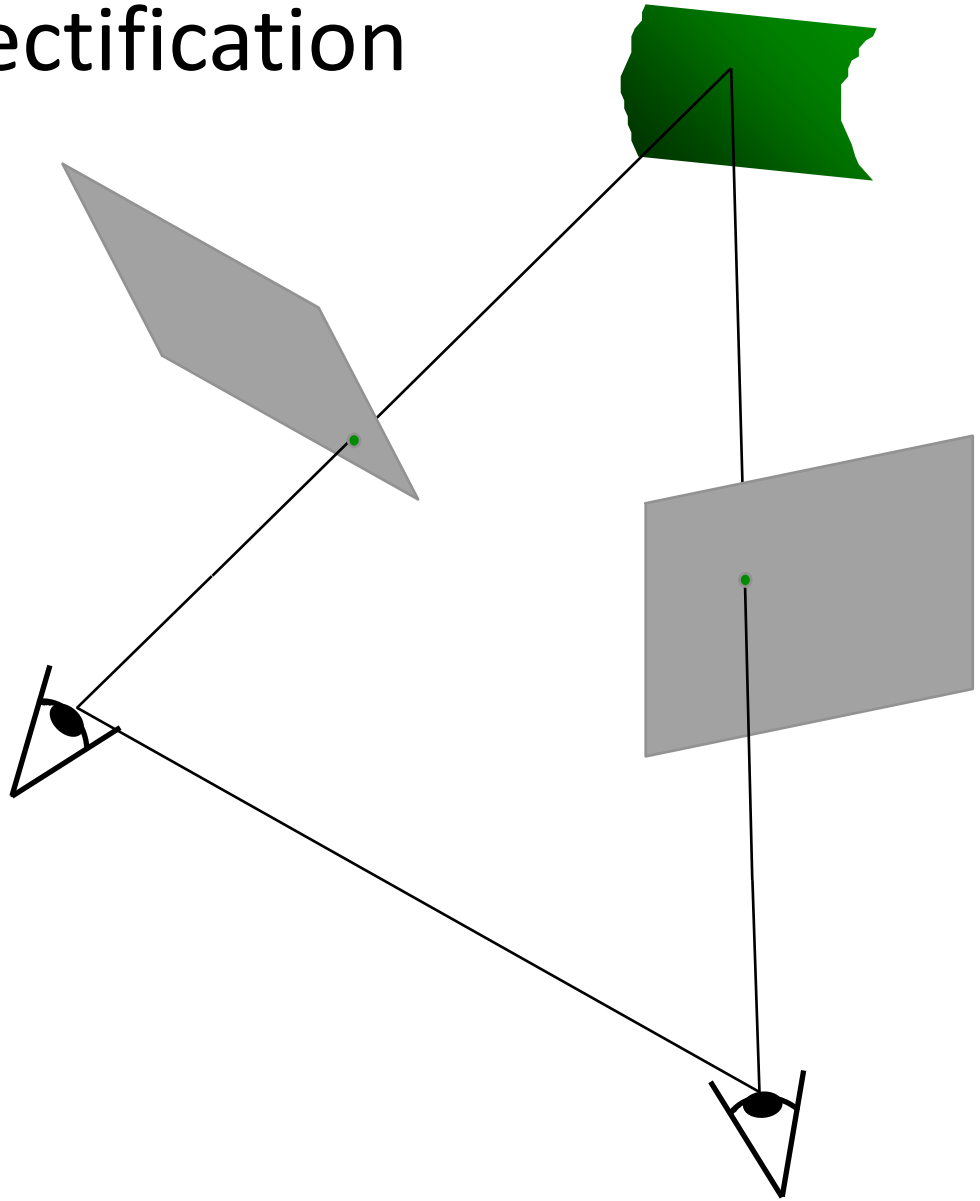
Depth from Disparity



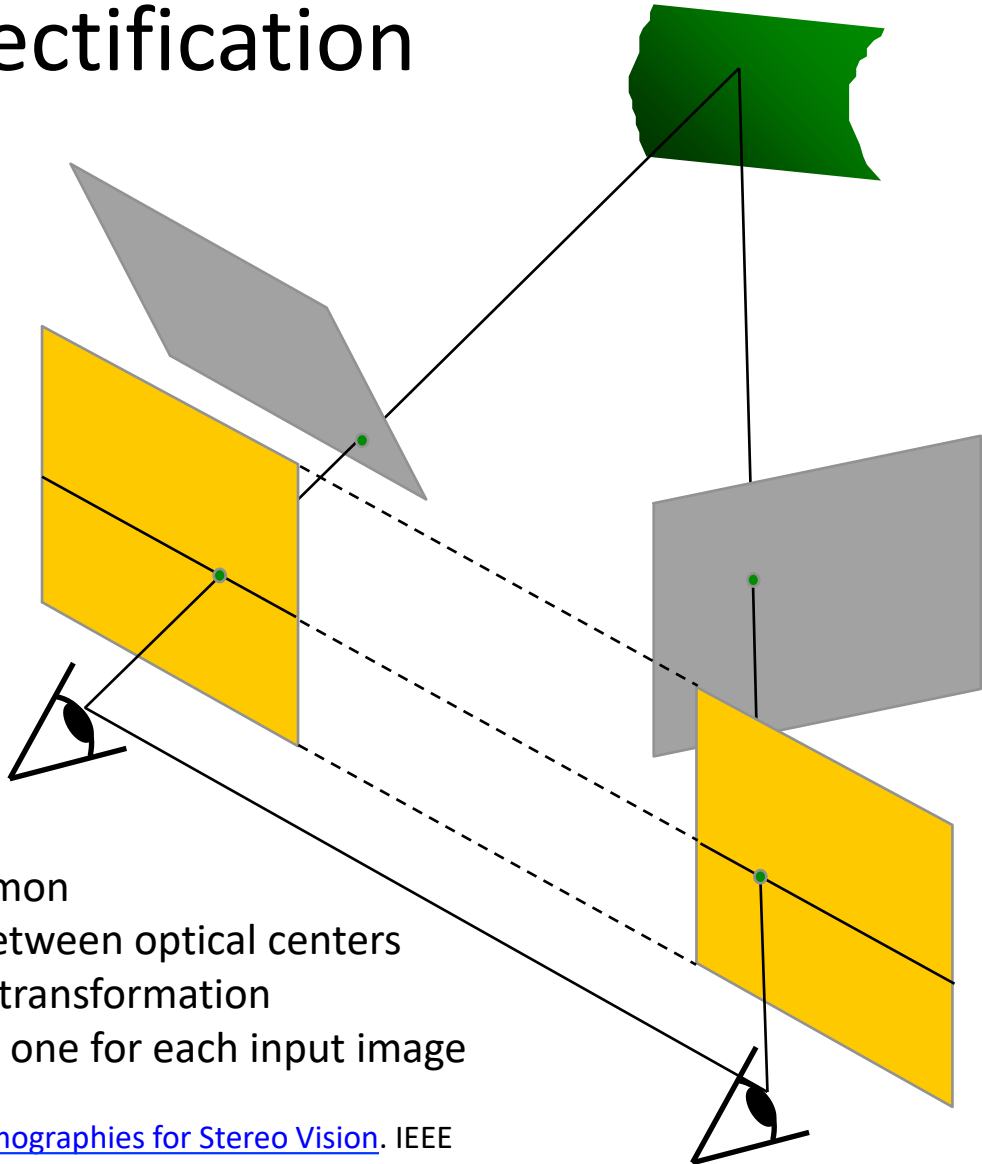
$$disparity = x - x' = \frac{B \times f}{z}$$

Disparity is inversely proportional to depth!

Stereo Image Rectification



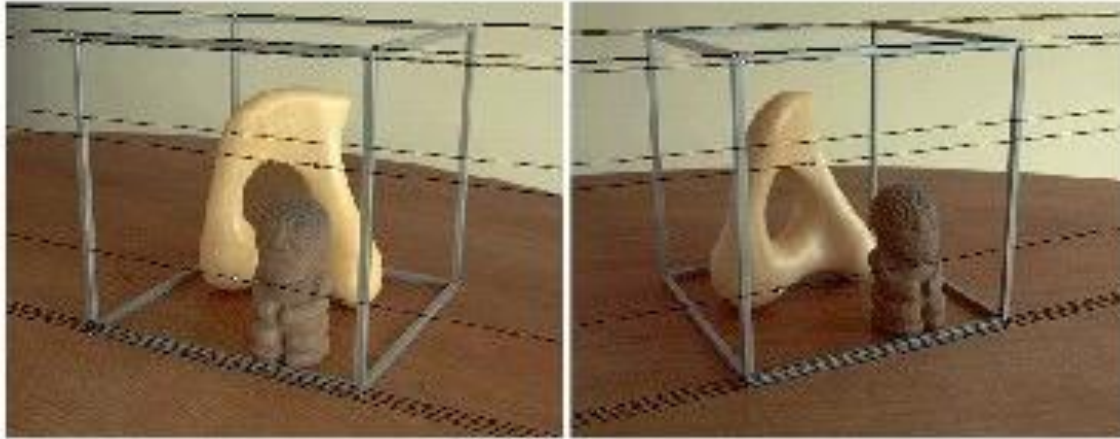
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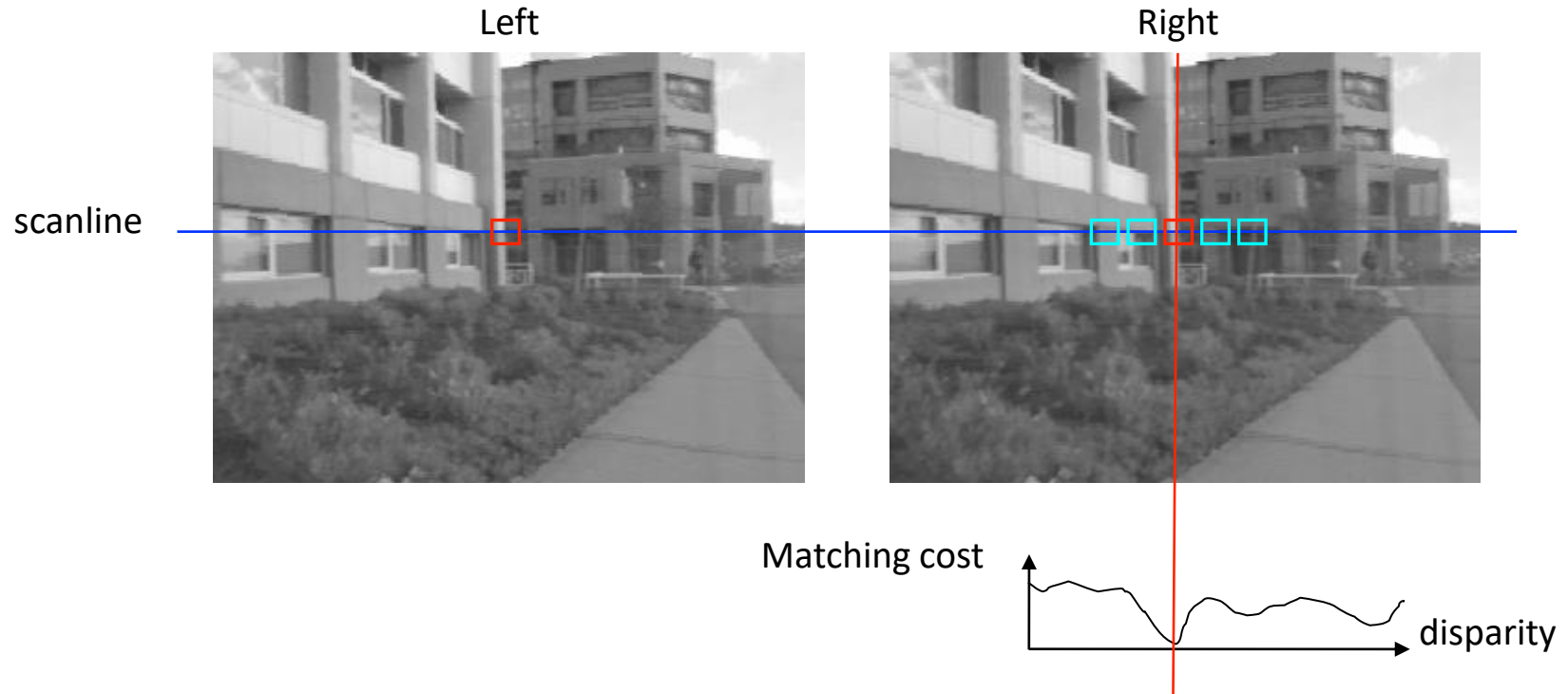
- reproject image planes onto a common
- plane parallel to the line between optical centers
- pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation
- two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojection

➤ C. Loop and Z. Zhang. [Computing Rectifying Homographies for Stereo Vision](#). IEEE Conf. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1999.

Rectification Example

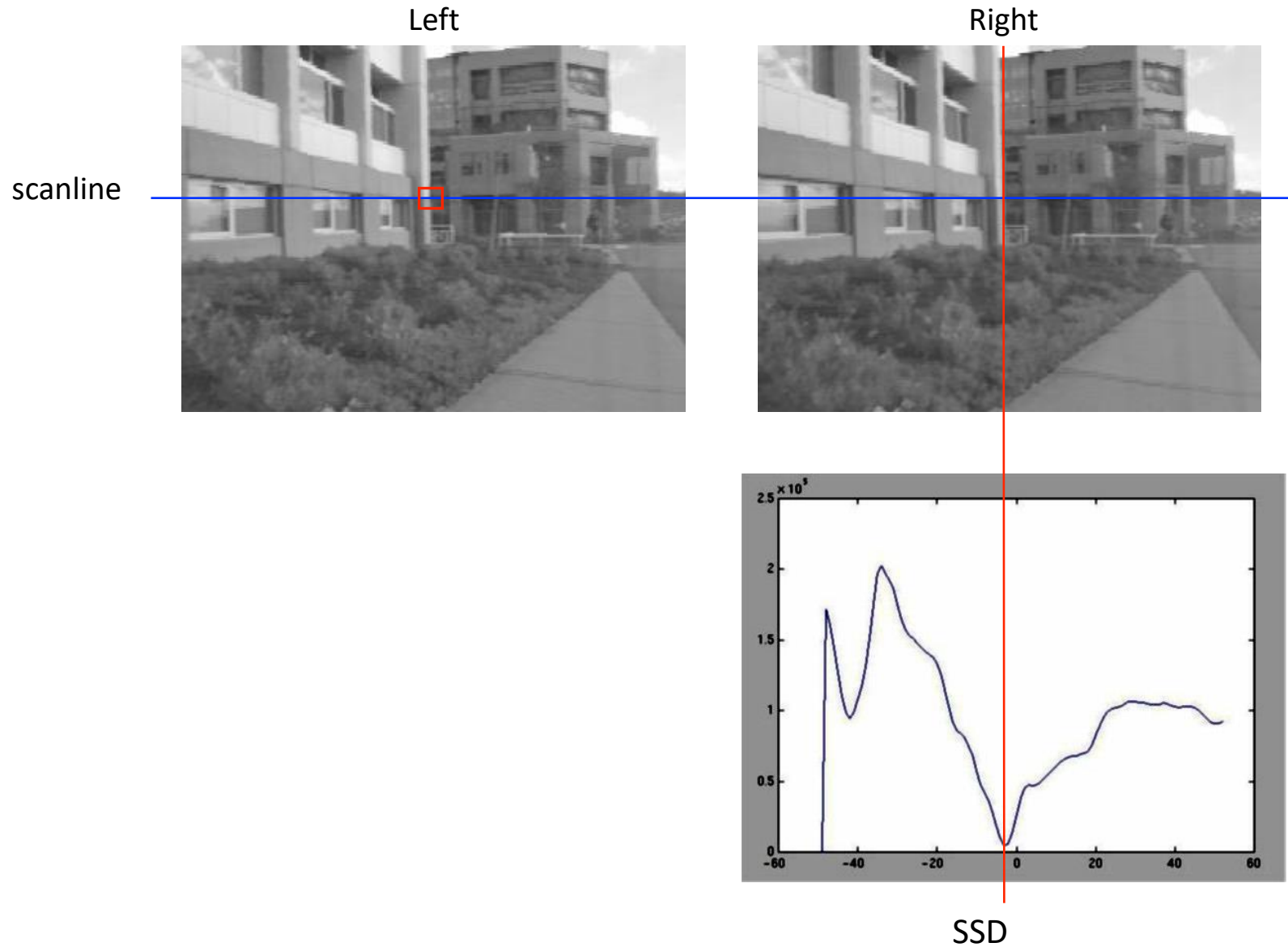


Correspondence search

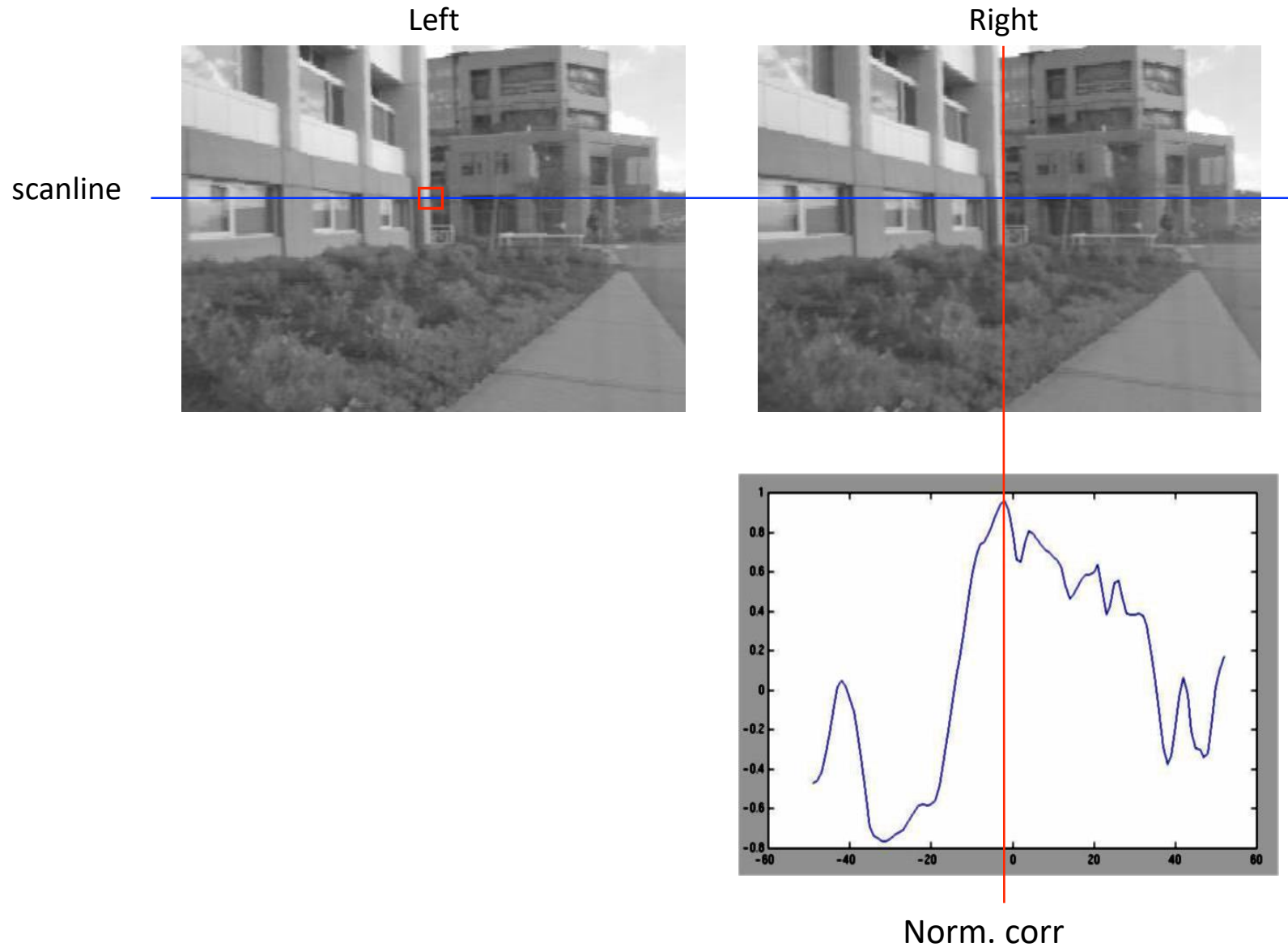


- Slide a window along the right scanline and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation

Correspondence search



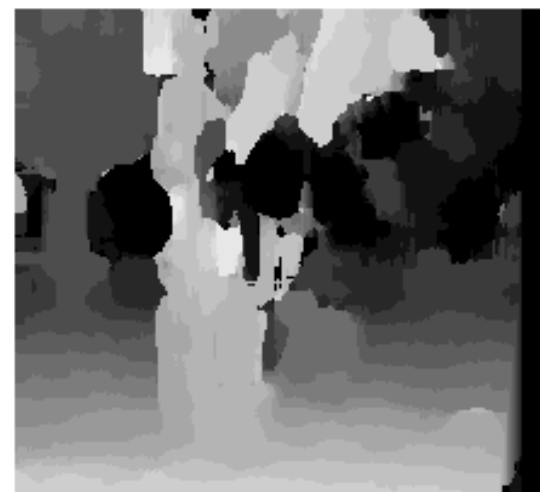
Correspondence search



Effect of window size



$W = 3$



$W = 20$

– Smaller window

+ More detail

– More noise

– Larger window

+ Smoother disparity maps

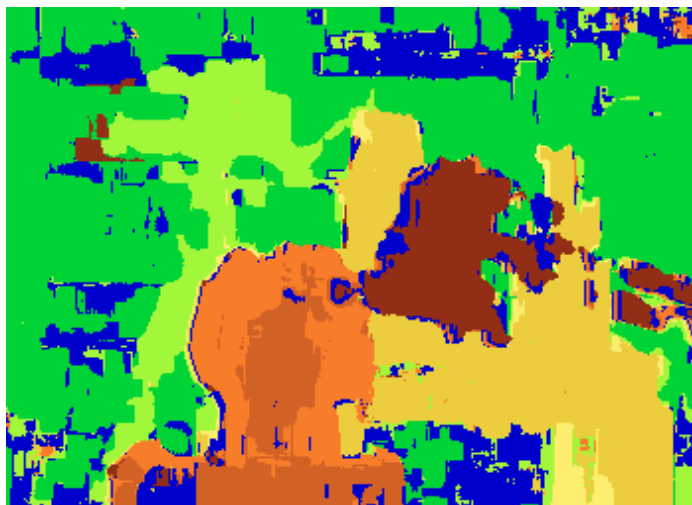
– Less detail

Results with window search

Data



Window-based matching

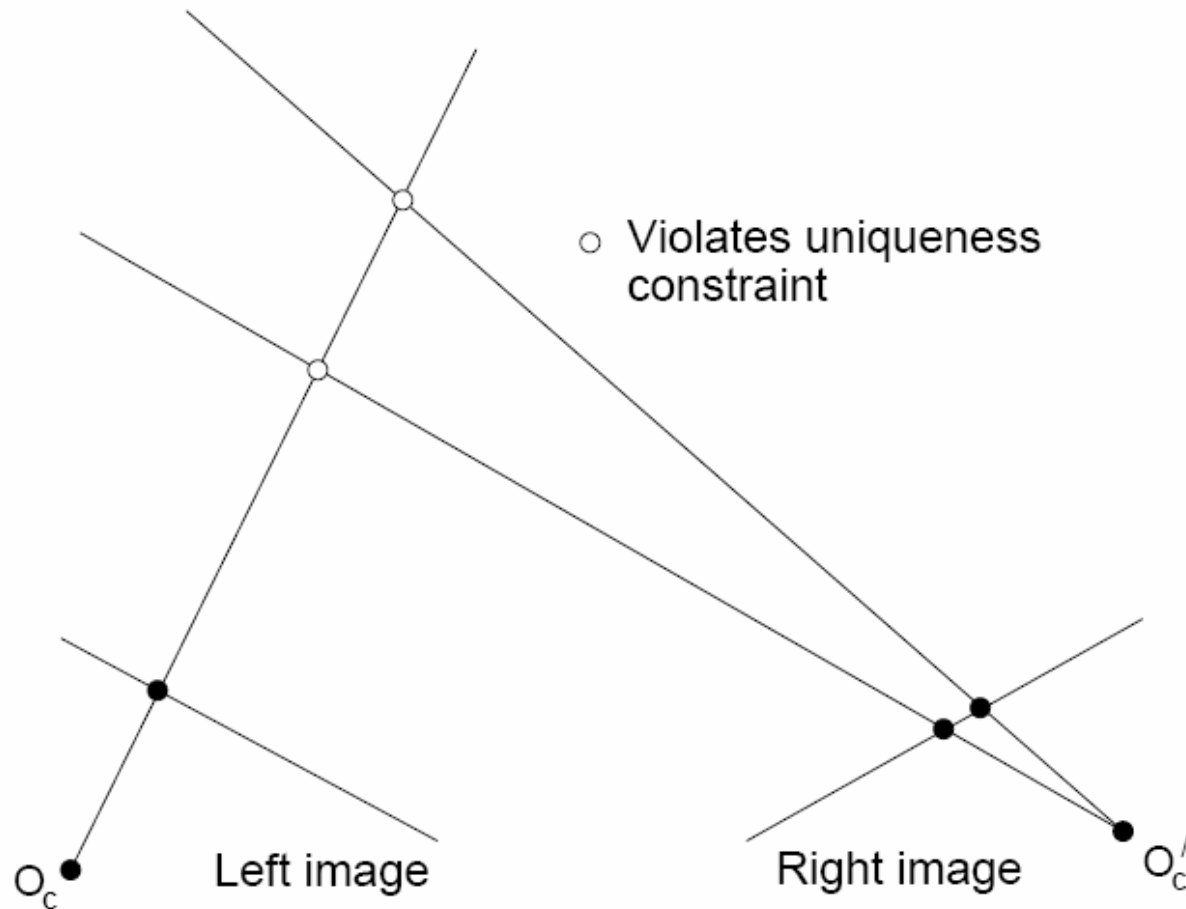


Ground truth



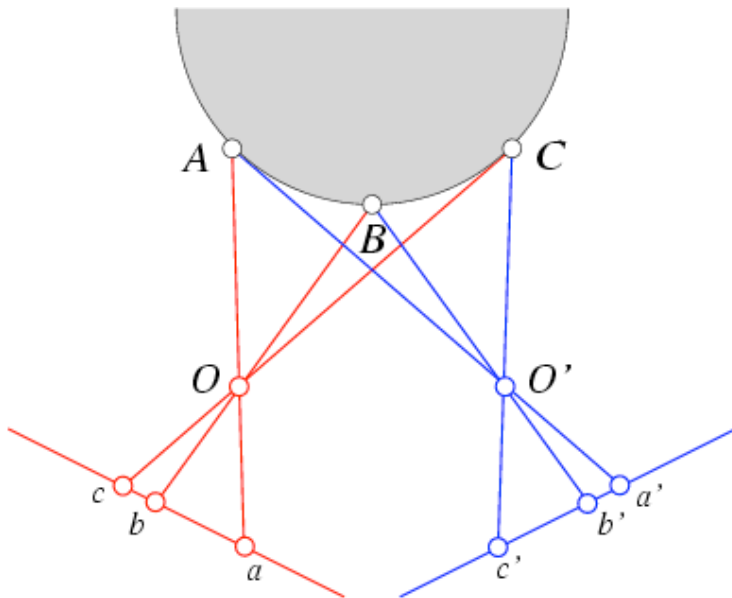
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- Uniqueness
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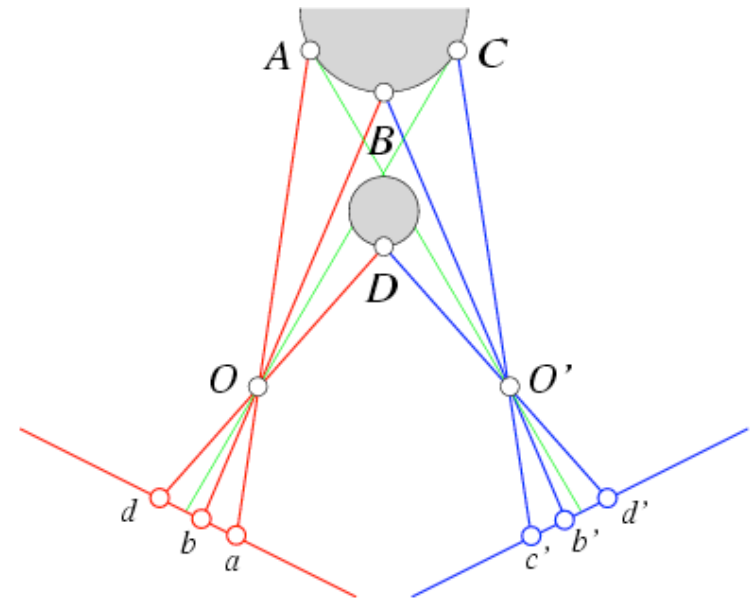
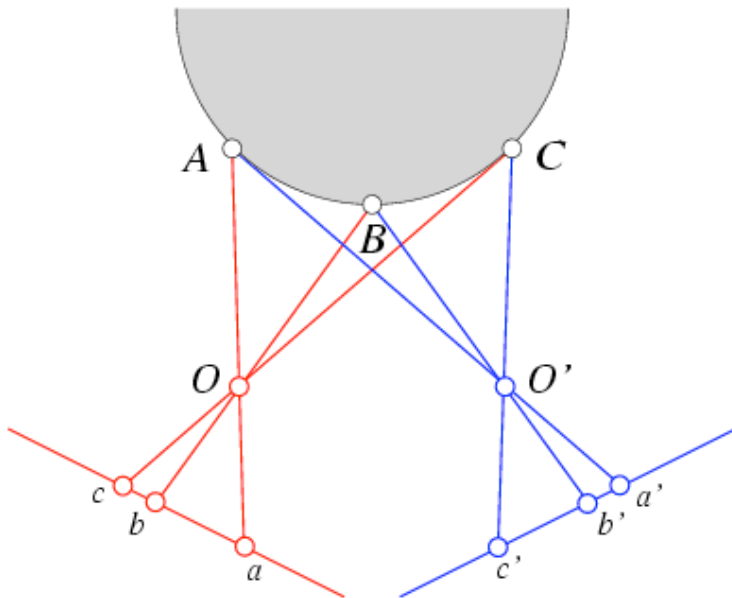
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Ordering constraint doesn't hold

Consistency Constraints

- Uniqueness
 - For any point in one image, there should be at most one matching point in the other image
- Ordering
 - Corresponding points should be in the same order in both views
- Smoothness
 - We expect disparity values to change slowly (for the most part)

MRF Formulation:

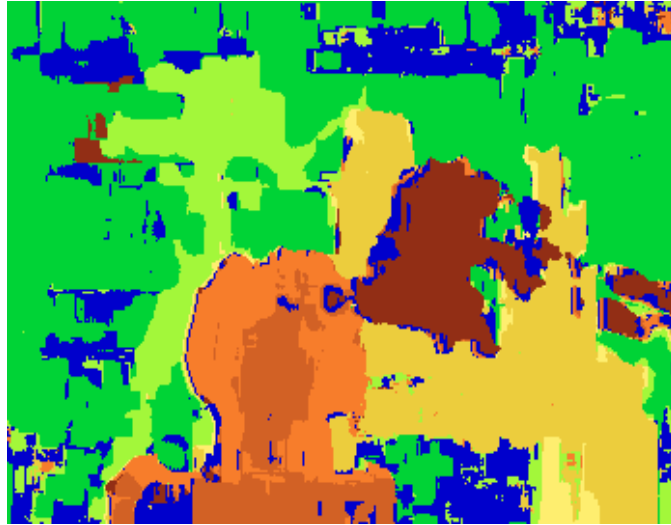
$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$

Pixel matching score

Consistency Scores

Comparision

Window-Based
Search:

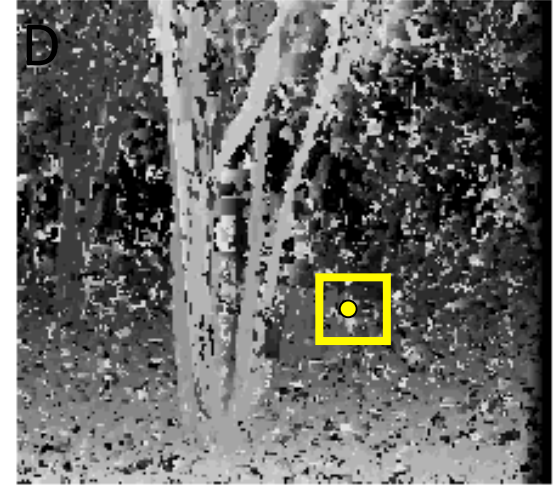
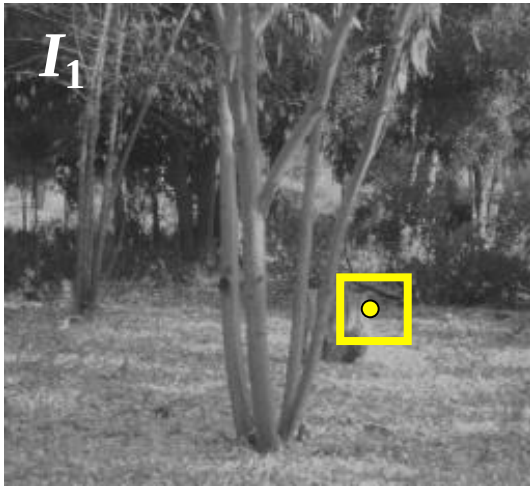


Graph Cut:



Ground Truth

Stereo matching as energy minimization



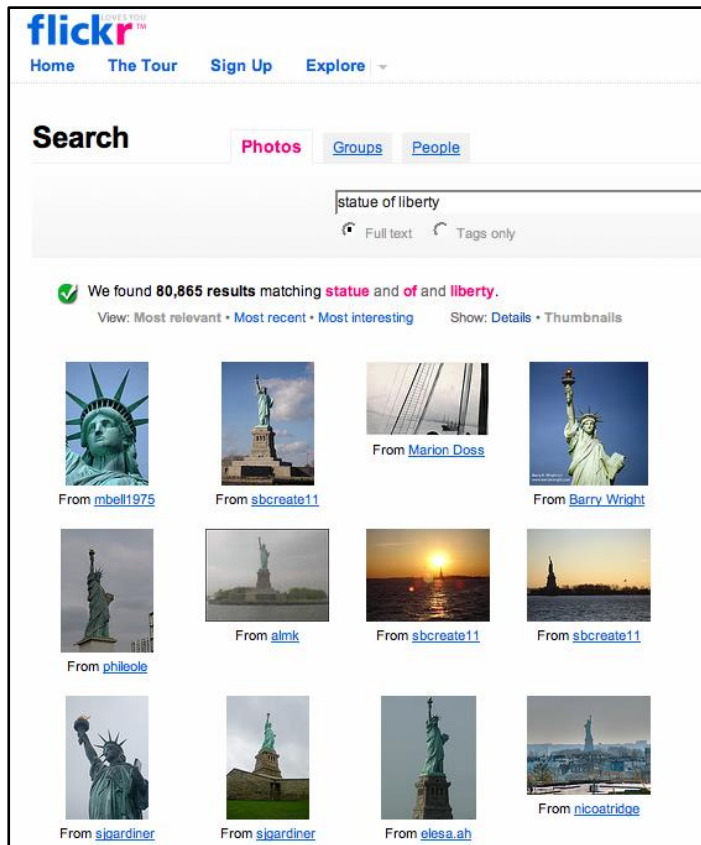
- Graph-cuts can be used to minimize such energy

Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, [Fast Approximate Energy Minimization via Graph Cuts](#), PAMI 2001

Multi-View Stereo

Multi-View Stereo from Internet Collections

[Goesele et al. 07]



Challenges

- Appearance variation



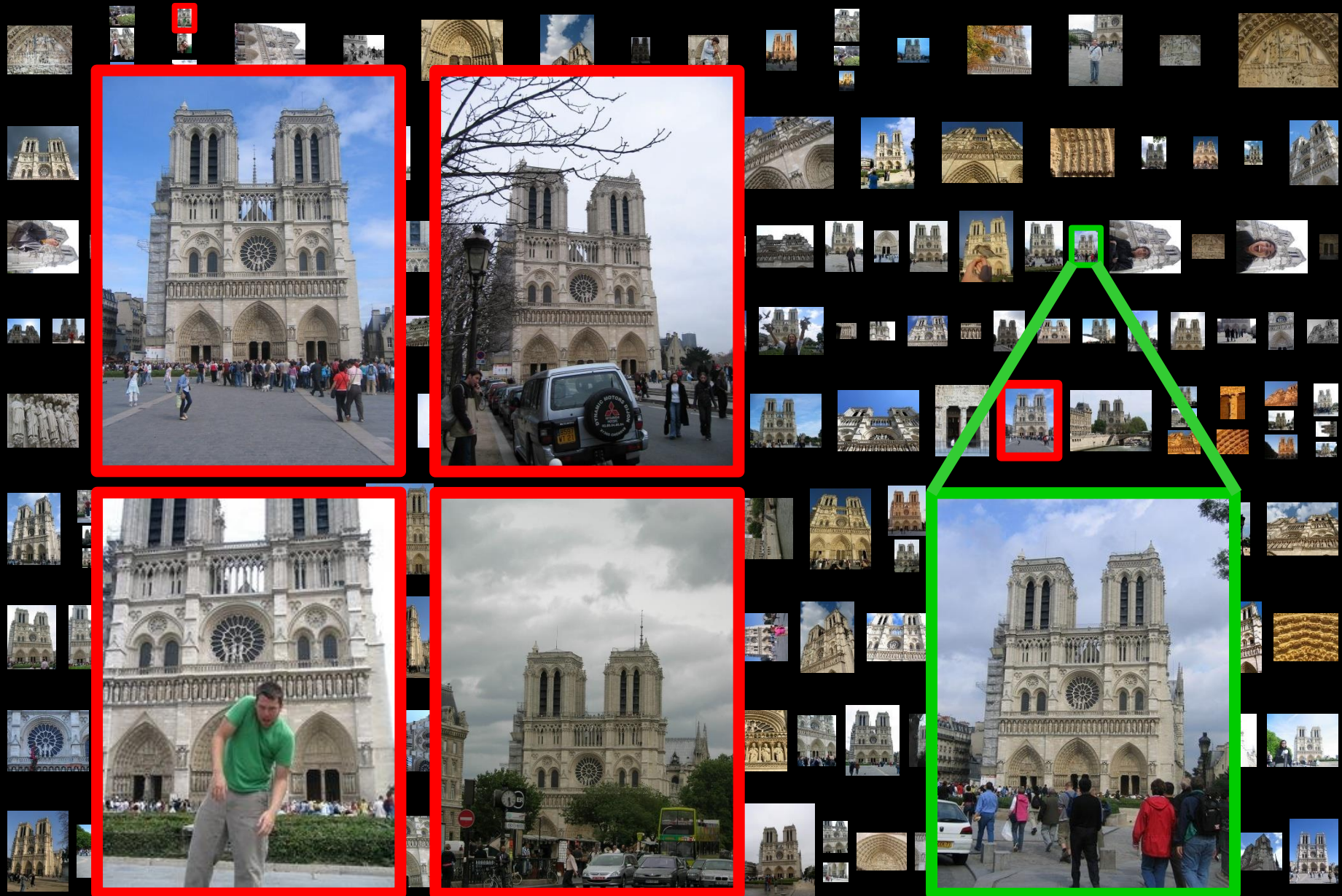
- Resolution



- Massive collections

82754 results for photos matching **notre** and **dame** and **paris**

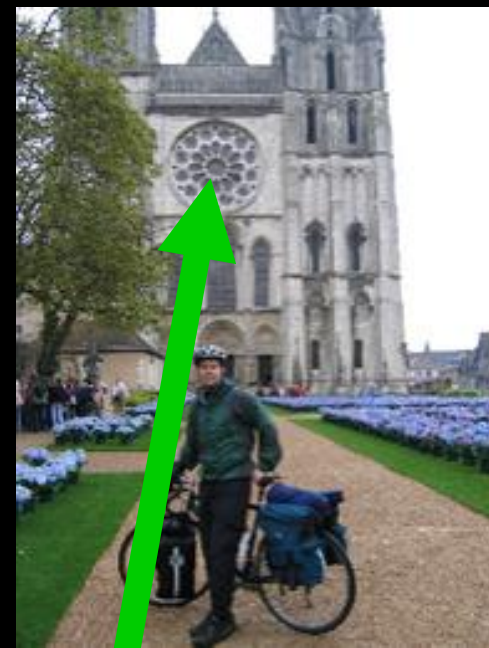
Law of Nearest Neighbors



206 Flickr images taken by 92 photographers



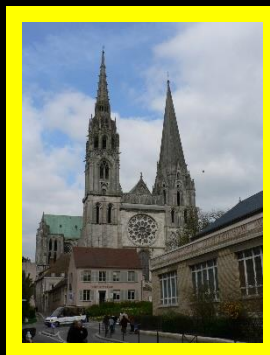
4 best neighboring views



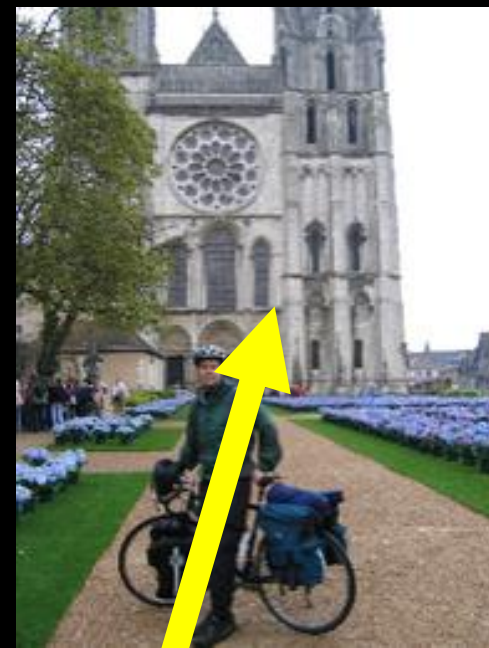
reference view

Local view selection

- Automatically select neighboring views for each **point** in the image
- Desiderata: good matches AND good baselines



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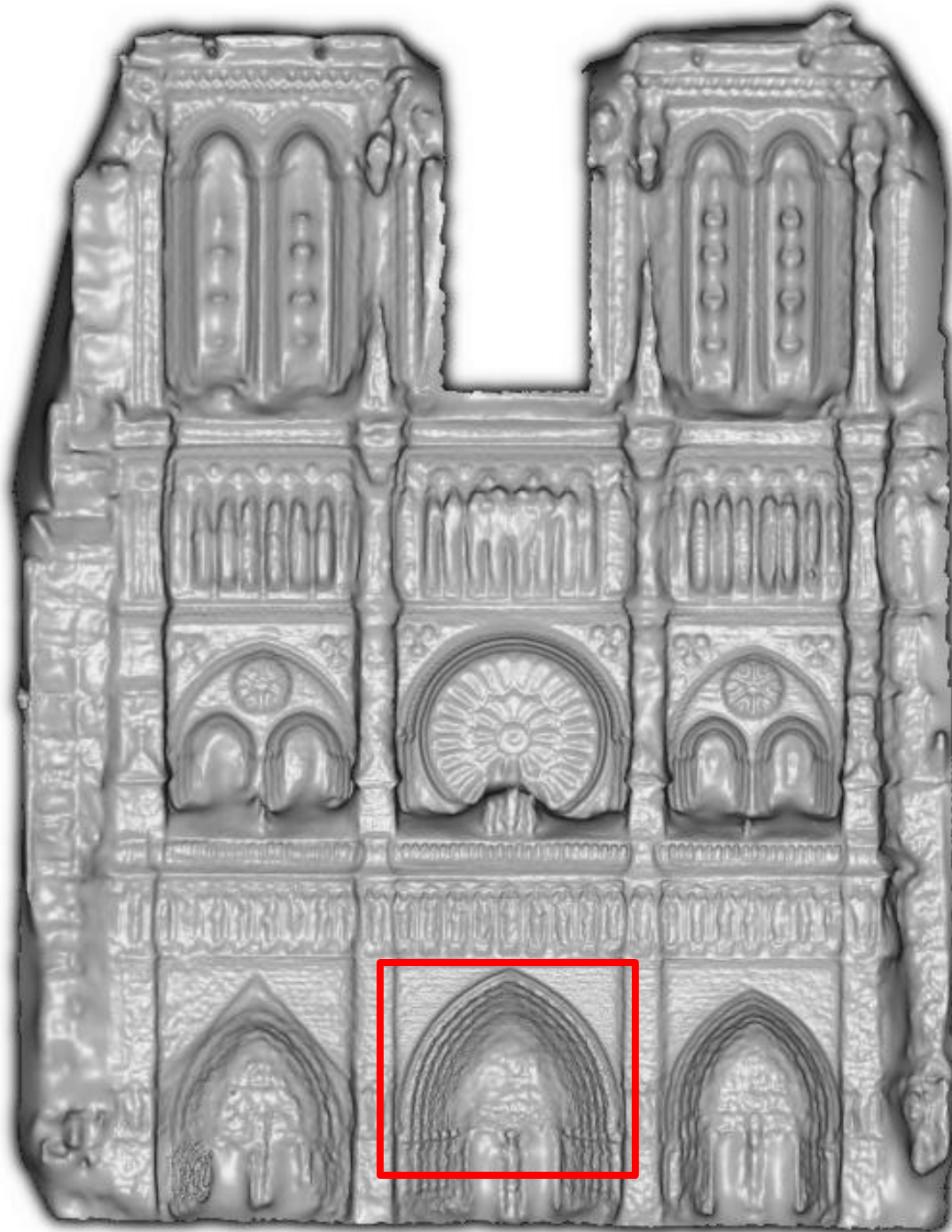
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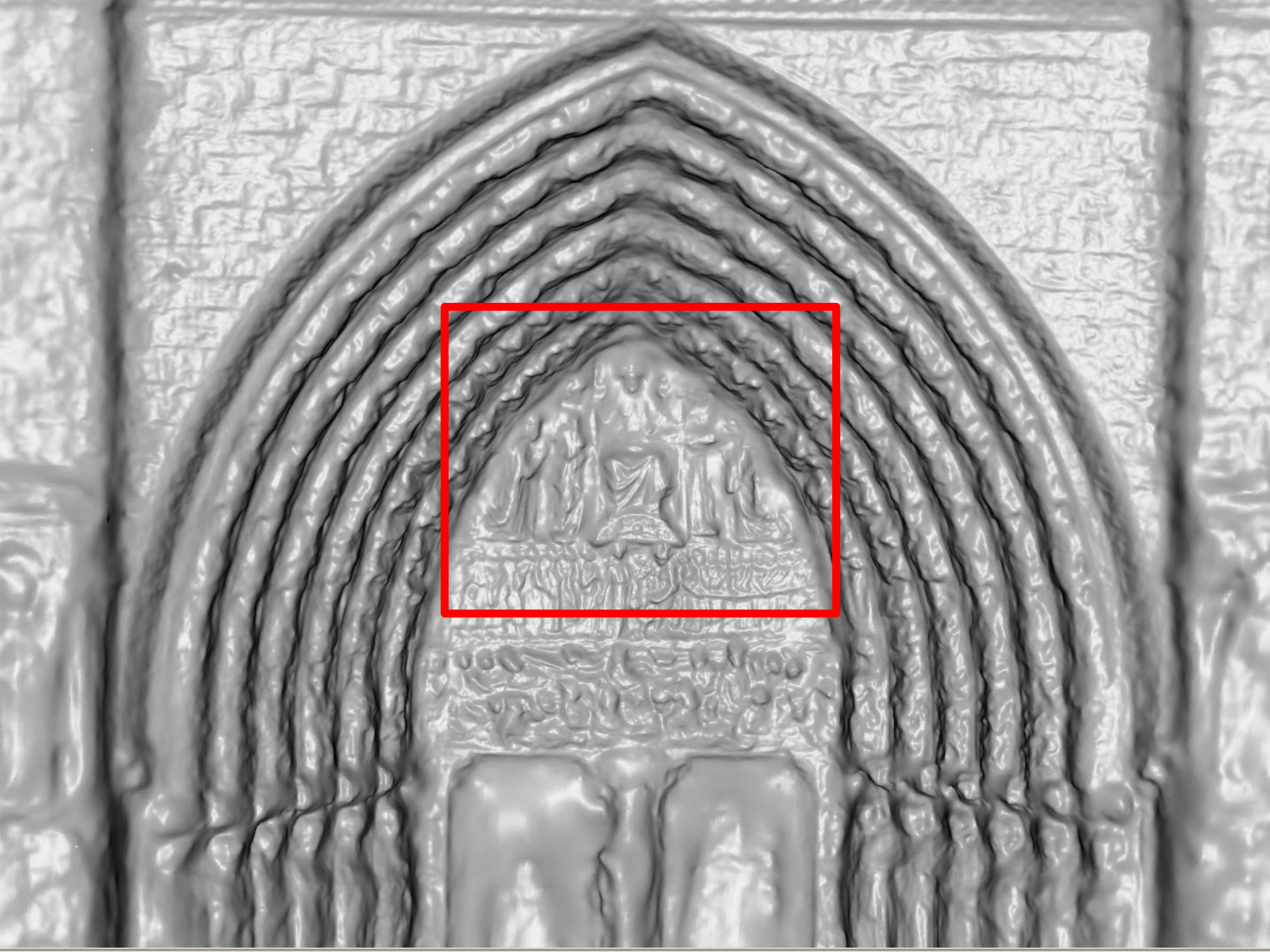
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Notre Dame de Paris

653 images

313 photographers



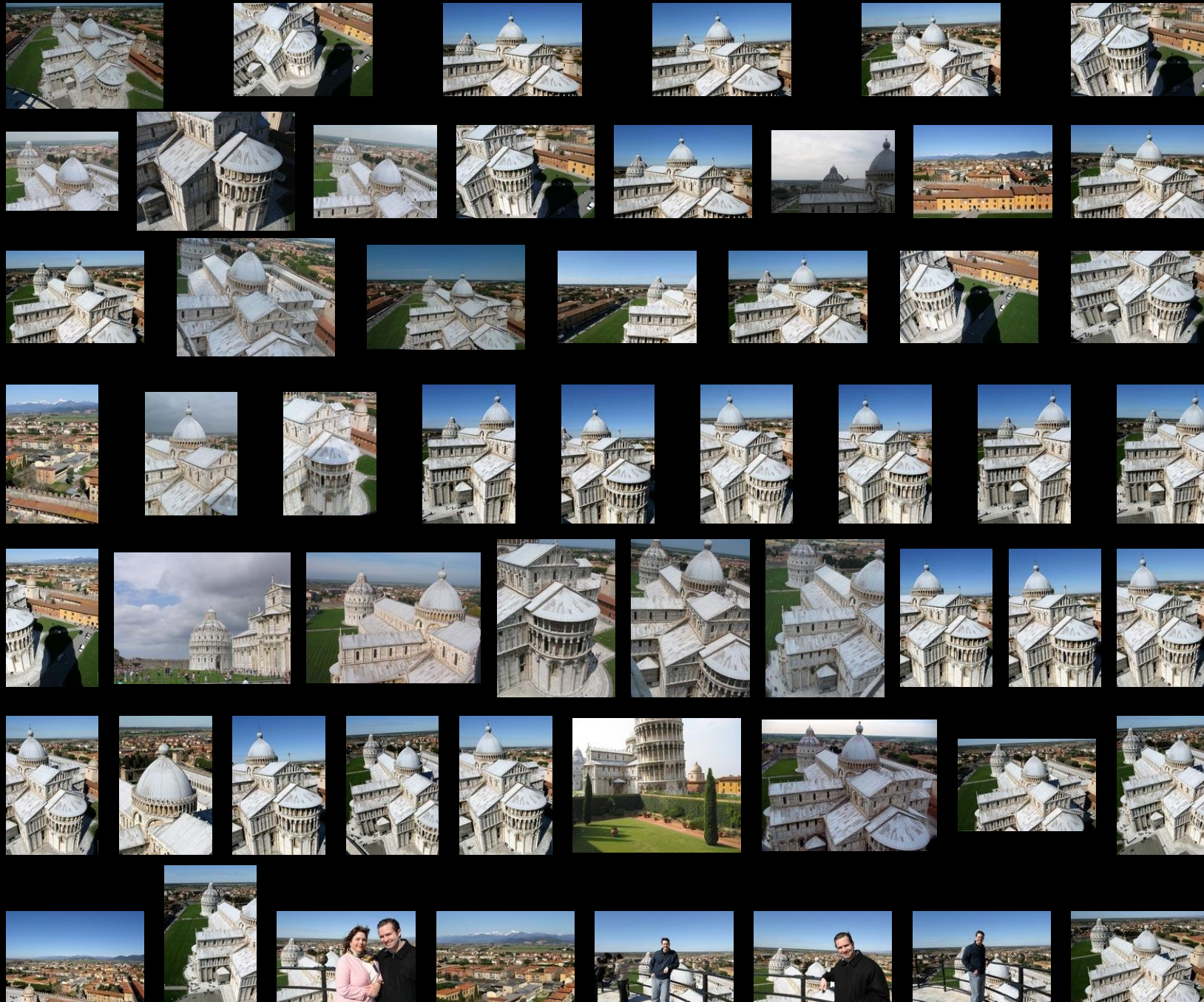




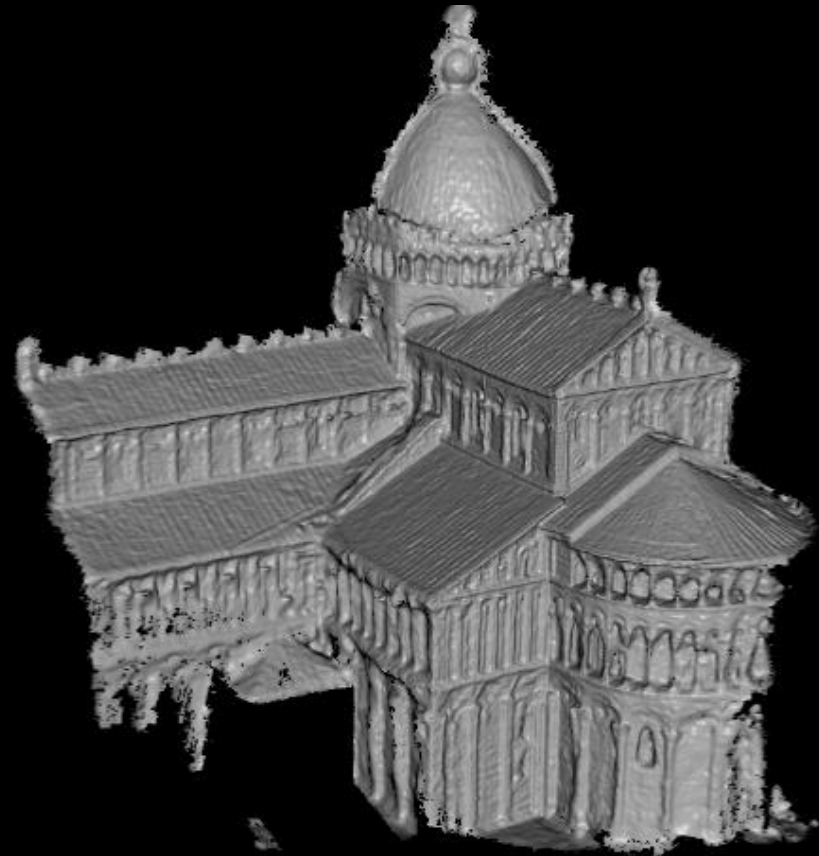
129 *Flickr* images taken by 98 photographers



merged model of Venus de Milo



56 *Flickr* images taken by 8 photographers



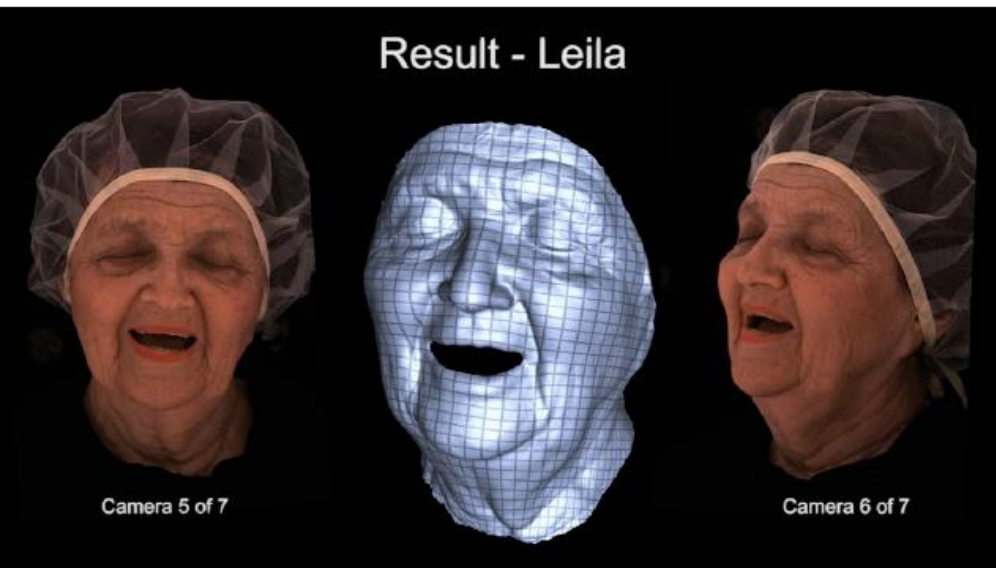
merged model of Pisa Cathedral



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

Use of Structural Priors

MVS has been so successful



[Apple maps]

High-quality passive facial performance capture using anchor frames
[T. Beeler, F. Hahn, D. Bradley, B. Bickel, P. Beardsley, C. Gotsman, M. Gross, 2011]



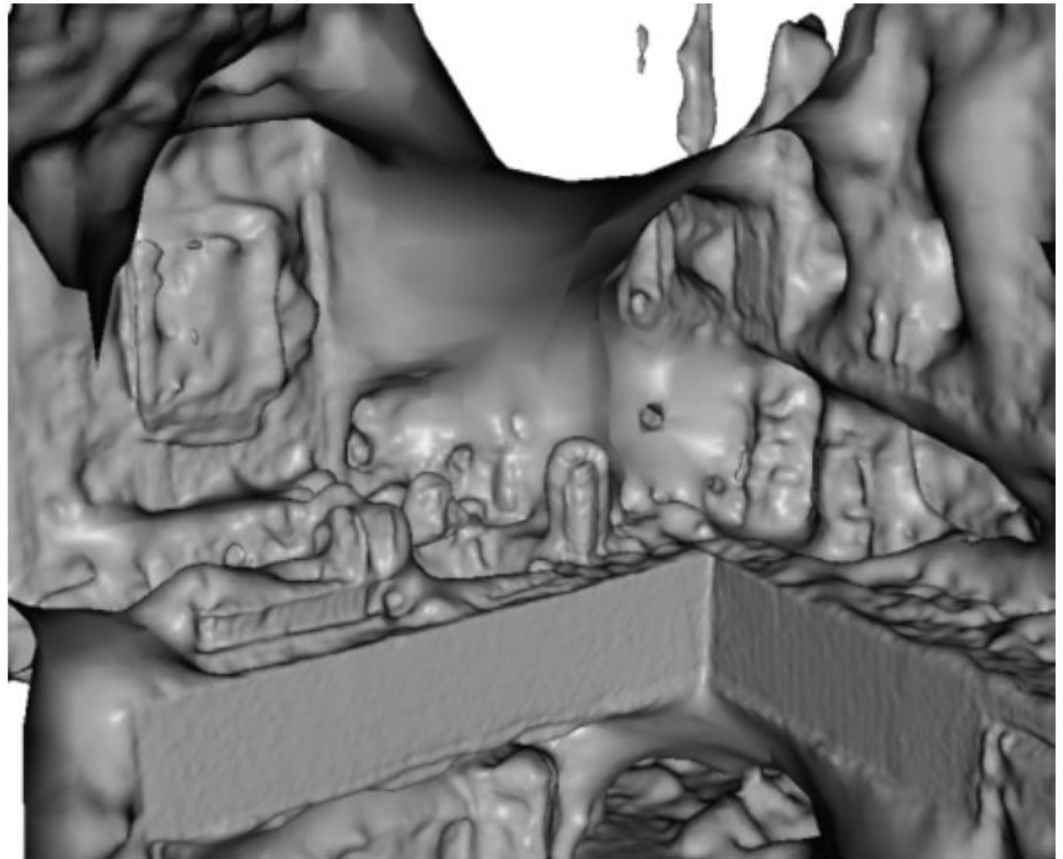
What if no texture...



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Existing Method Fails



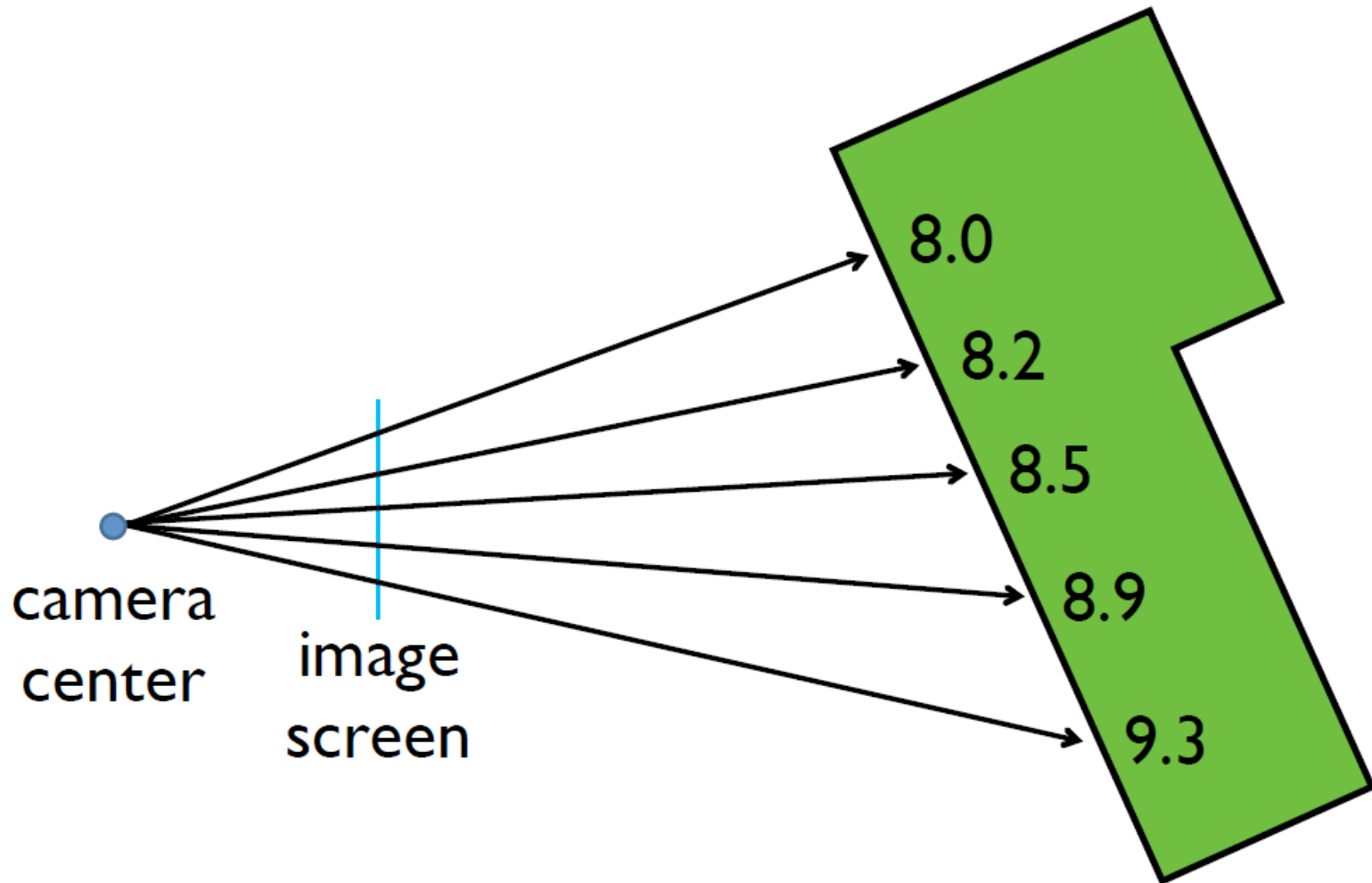
[Furukawa and Ponce, 2007]

Enforce Prior in MVS

- Manhattan-world assumption
 - Planarity
 - Orthogonality



Depthmap Estimation

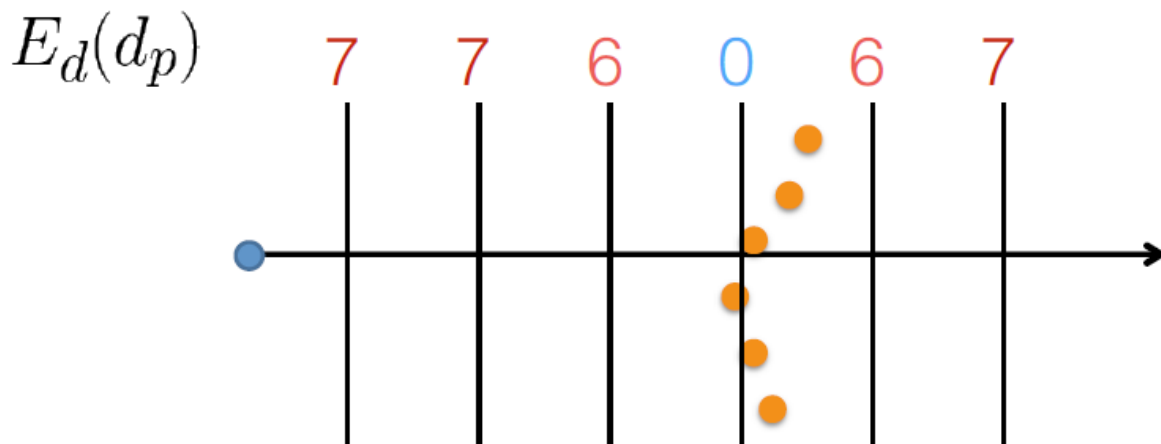


Standard Depthmap Markov Random Field (MRF)

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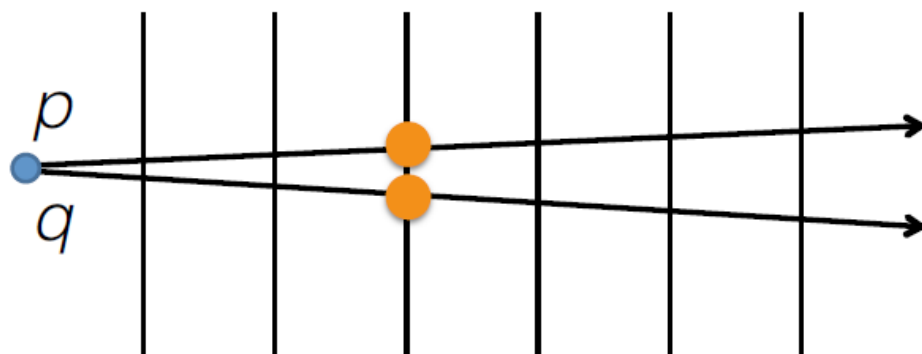
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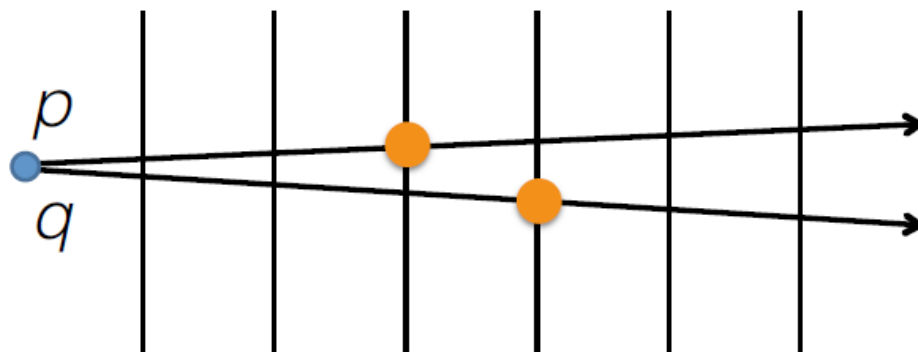
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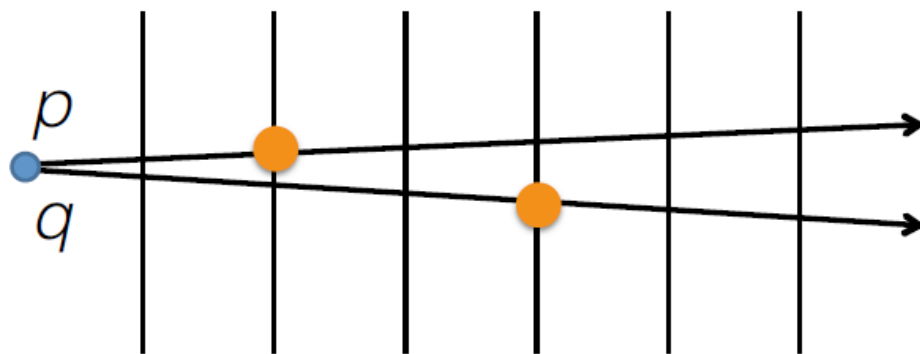
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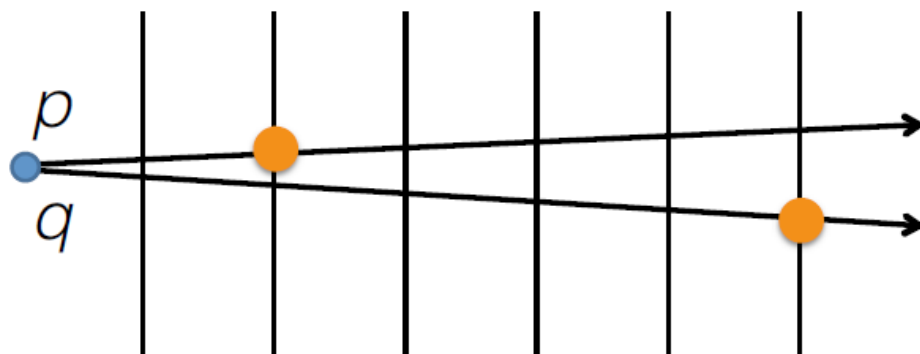
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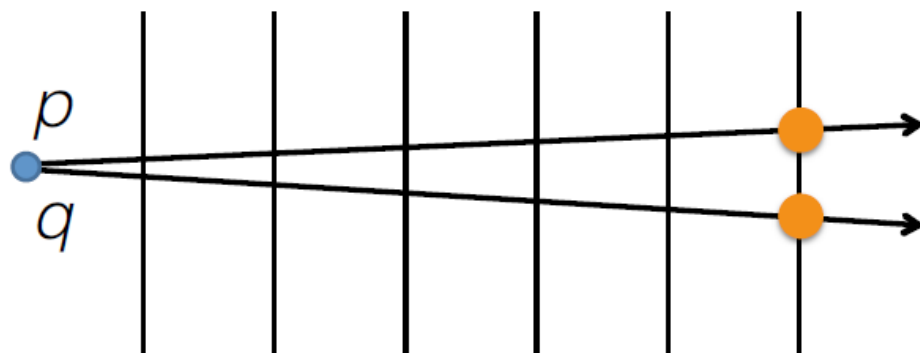
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Graph-cuts (alpha-expansion)
gives you very good solutions

We want **piecewise planar**





How to enforce piecewise planar

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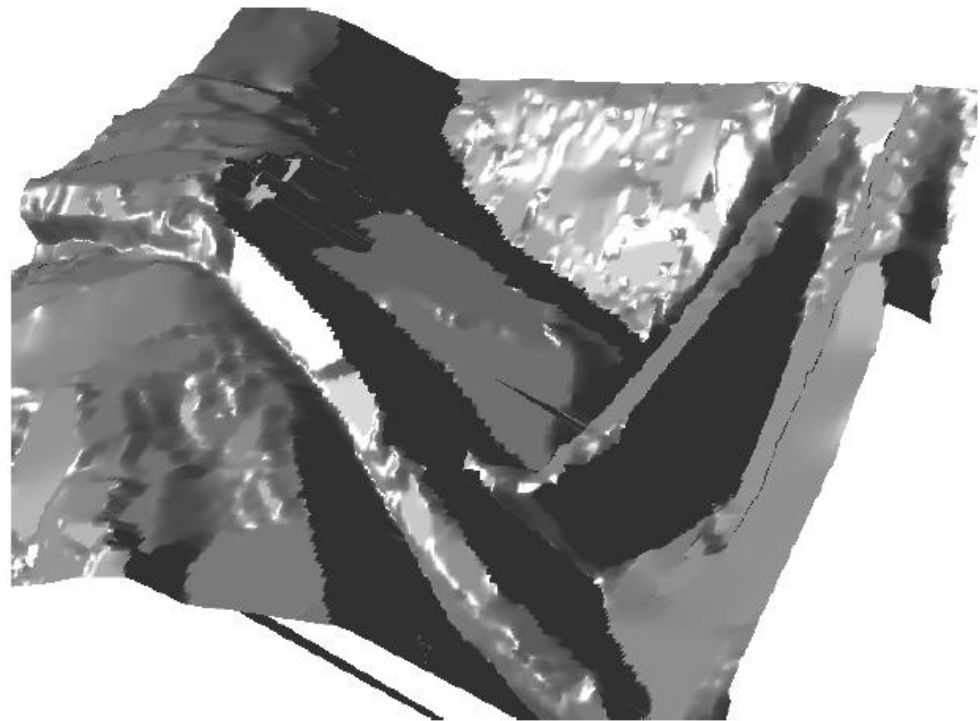
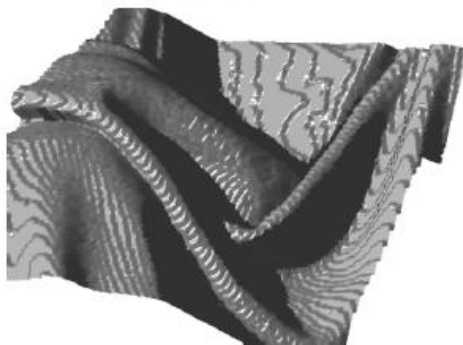
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Advanced MRF for Depthmap Estimation

Reference image

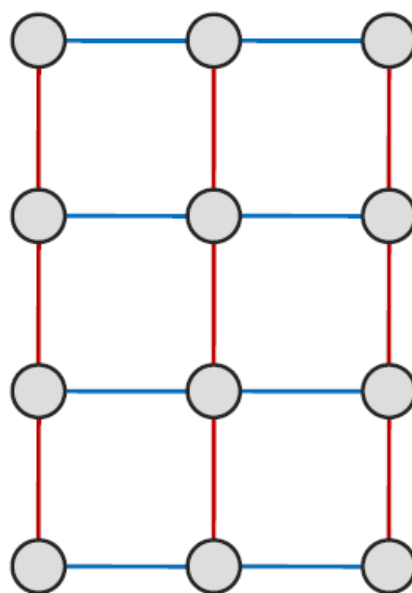


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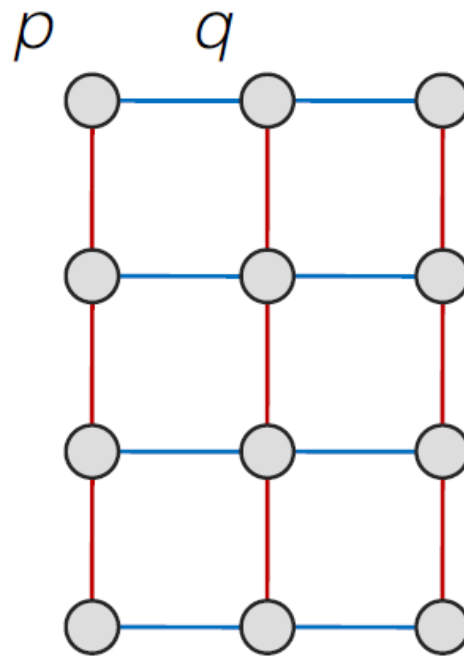
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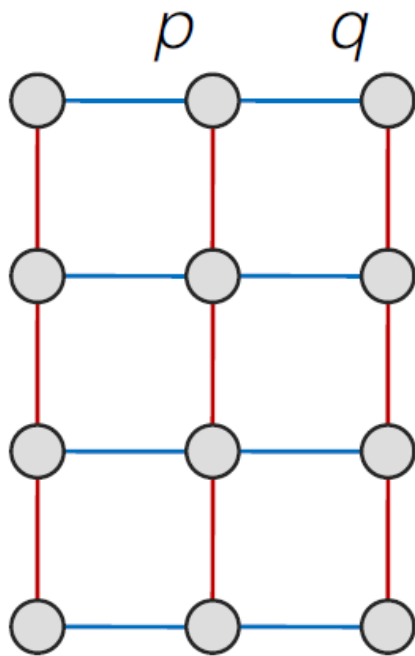
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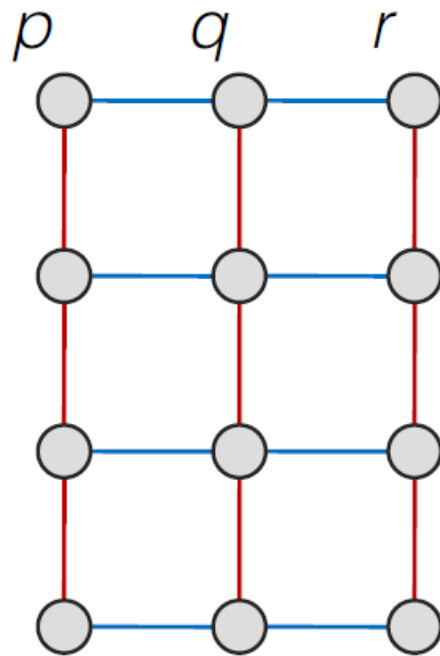
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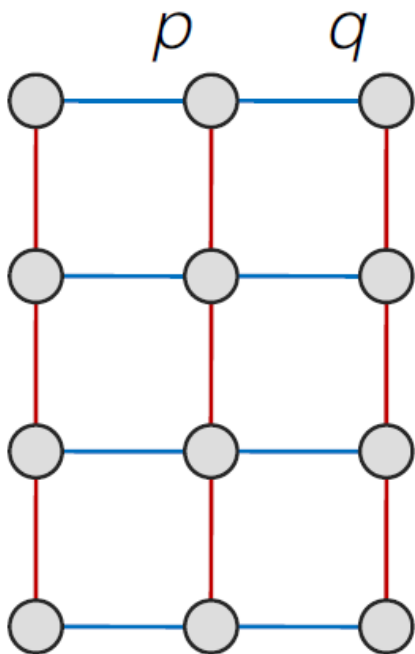
MRF with a triple clique

$$E_s(d_p, d_q, d_r)$$



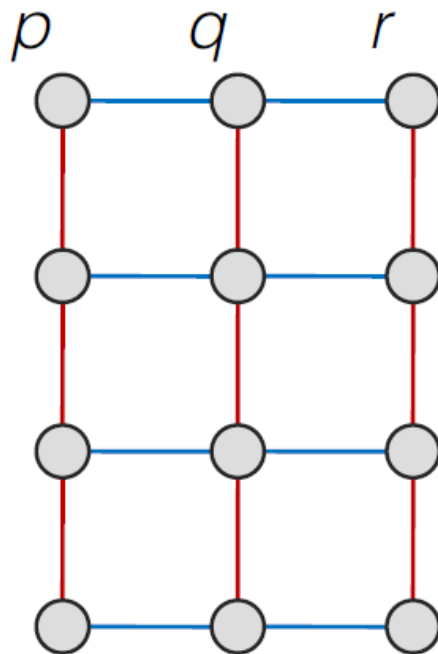
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MRF with a triple clique

$$E_s(d_p, d_q, d_r) = |d_p + d_r - 2d_q|$$



MRF with a triple clique

$$\begin{aligned} E = & \sum_p E_d(d_p) + \sum_{\{p,q\} \in \mathbb{N}} E_s(d_p, d_q) \\ & + \sum_{\{p,q,r\} \in \mathbb{N}_3} E_s(d_p, d_q, d_r) \end{aligned}$$

Optimization becomes a challenge

Standard MRF
(submodular)



- Graph-cuts
(alpha-expansion)
- Belief propagation
(TRW)

MRF with a triple clique
(non-submodular)



- QPBO
- Belief propagation
(TRW?)

Fusion moves...

Experimental results

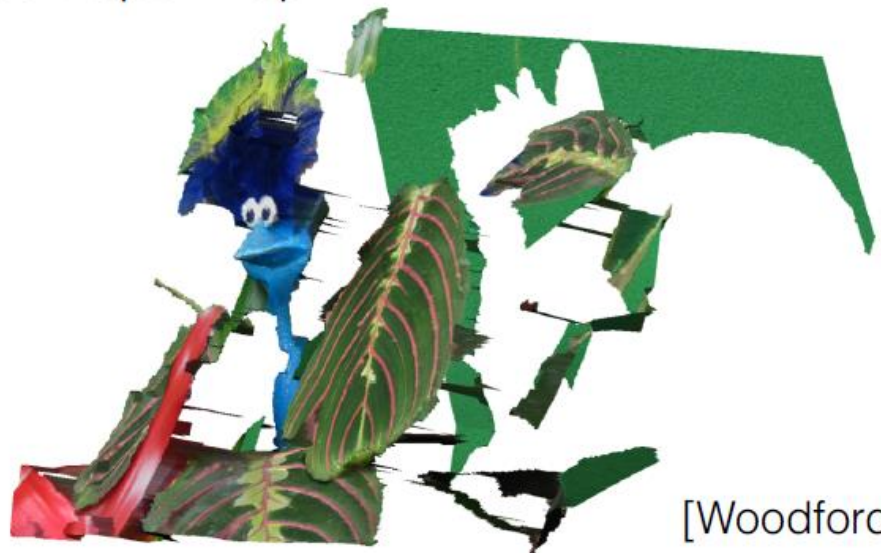
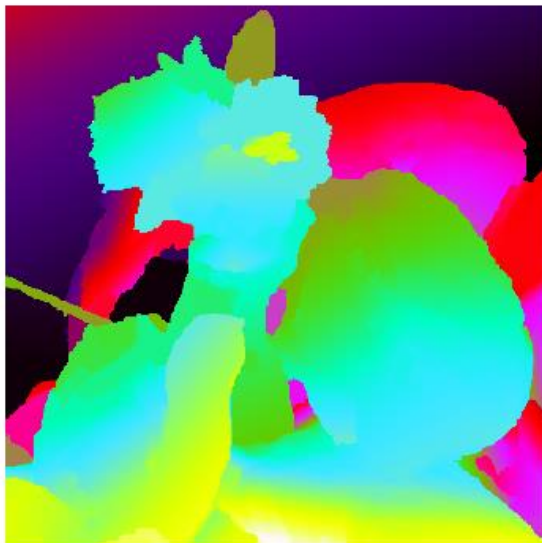
Reference image



Neighboring image



Output depthmap



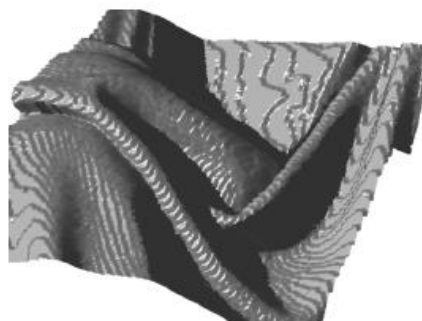
[Woodford et al.]

Comparative experiment

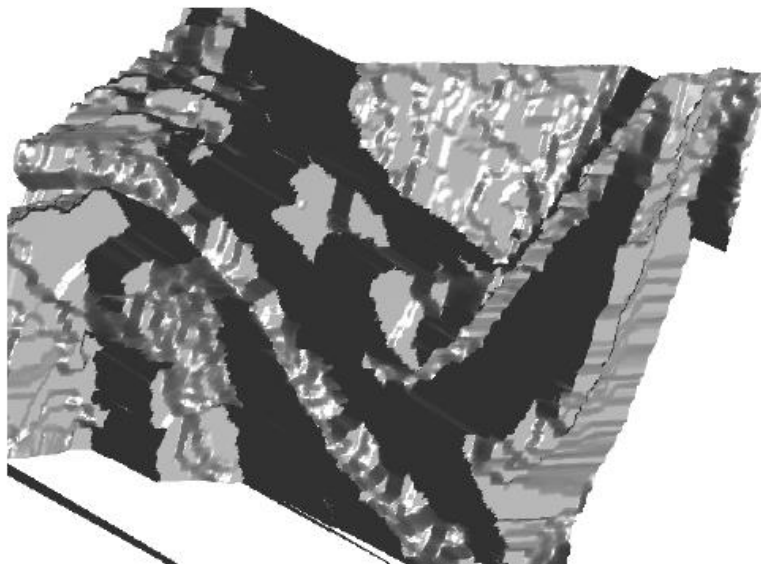
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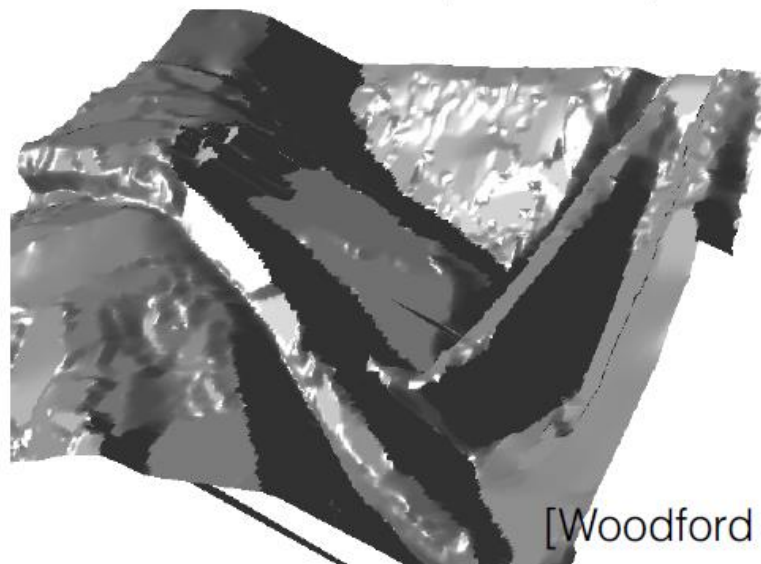
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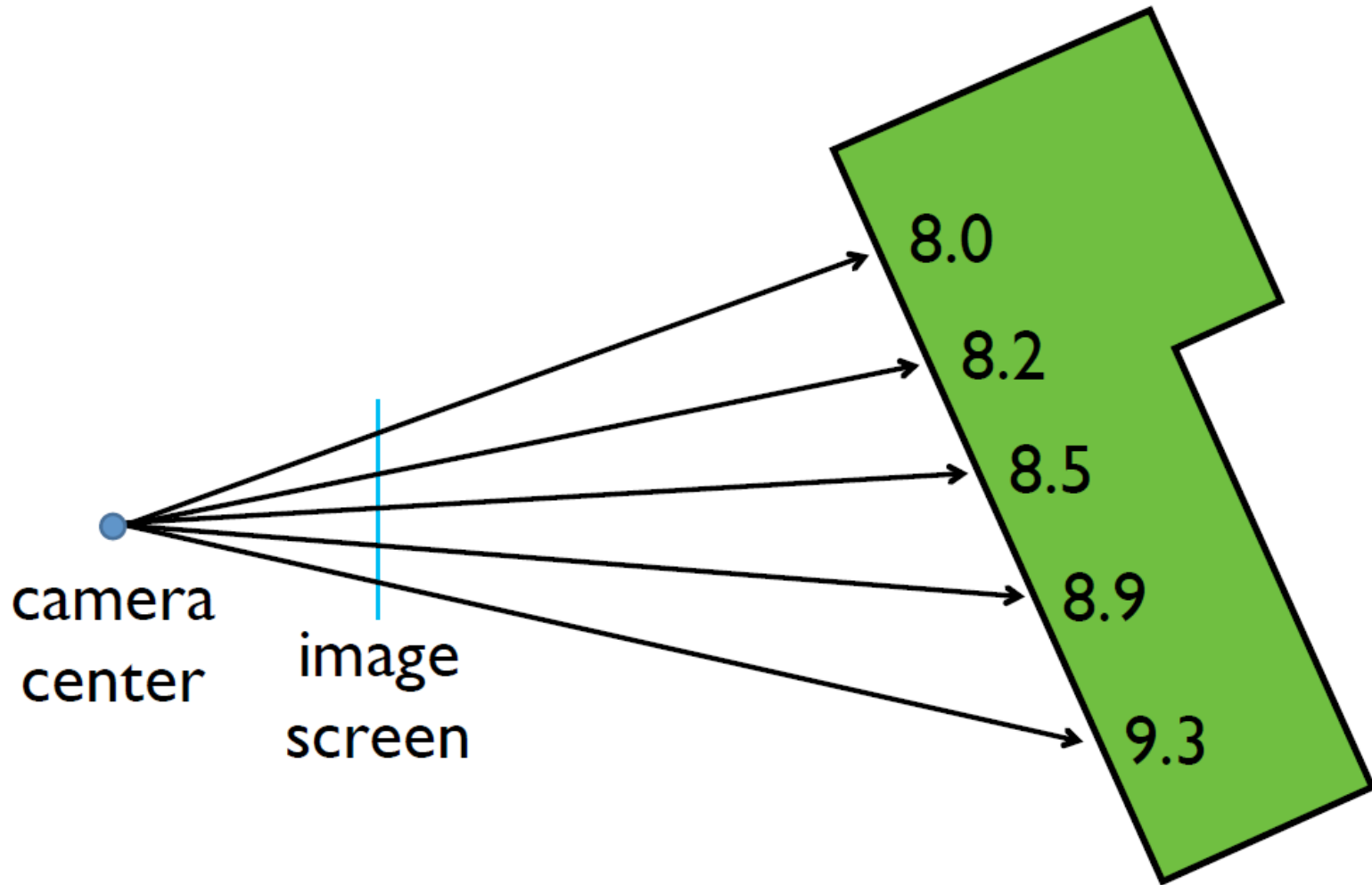
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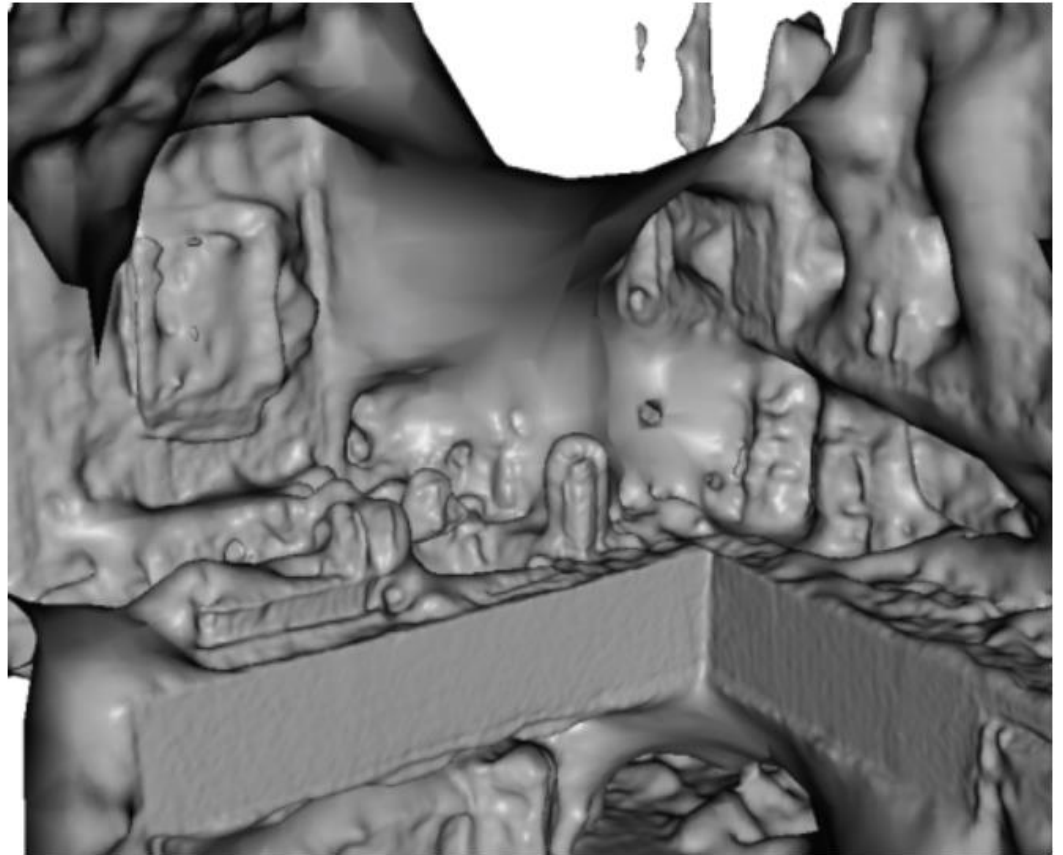
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Standard Depthmap



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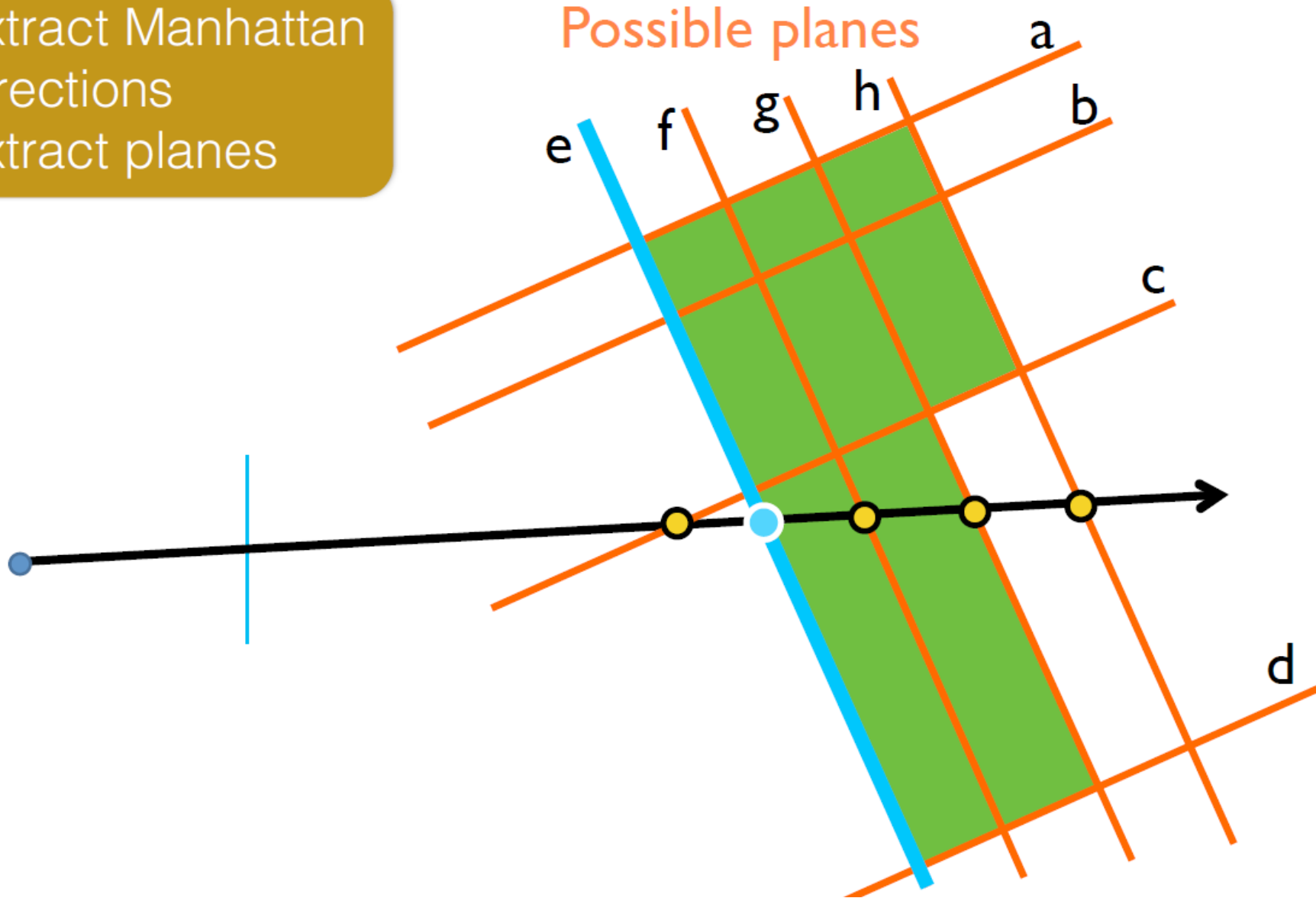
1. Extract Manhattan directions
2. Extract planes



[Furukawa and Ponce, 2007]

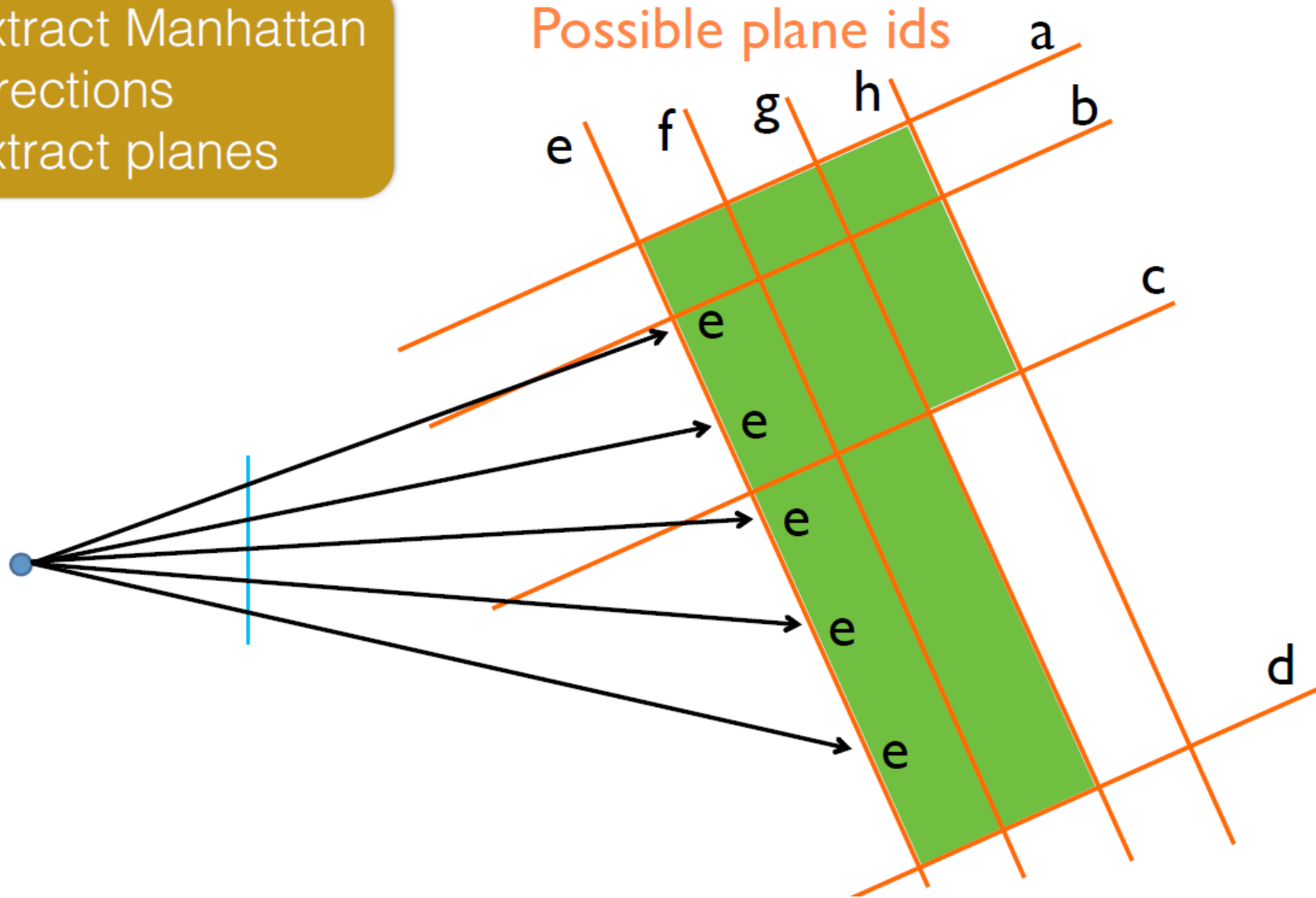
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Depthmap to Planemap

Depthmap (d_p)

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Planemap (h_p)

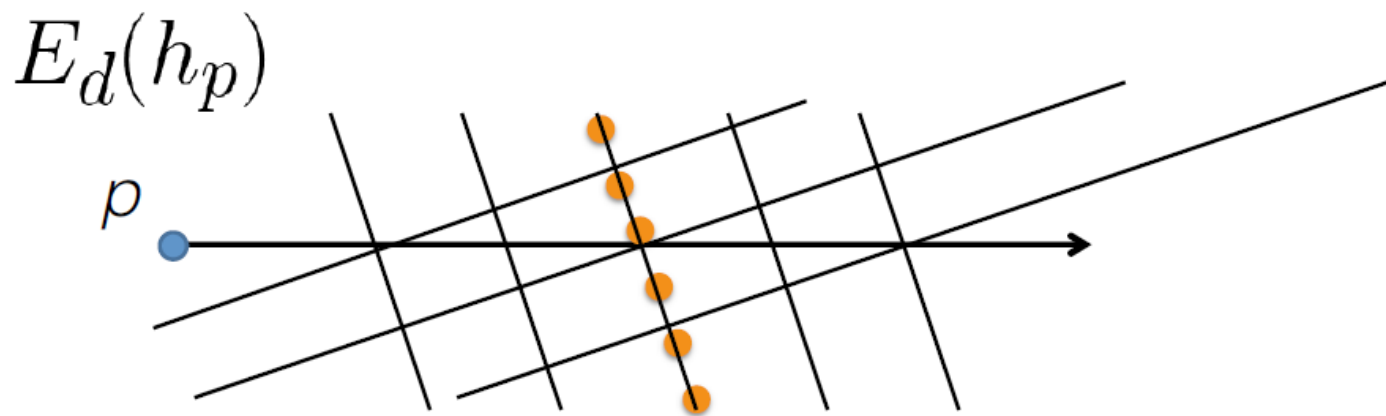
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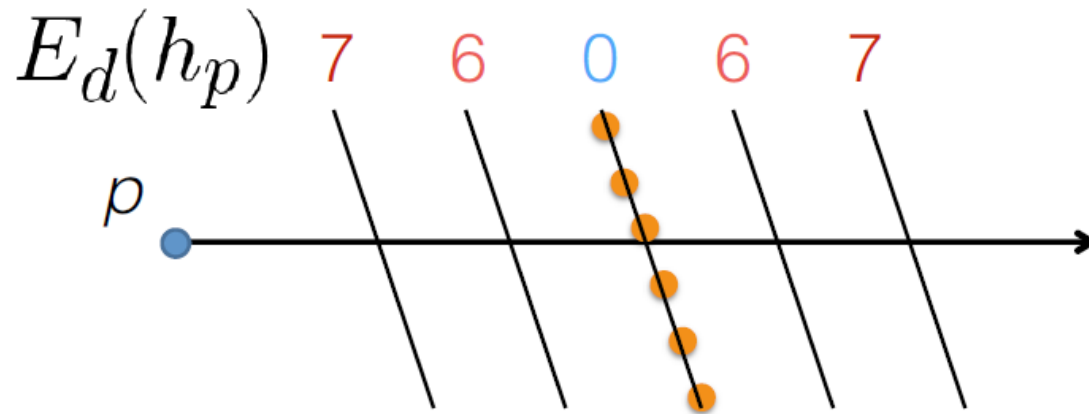
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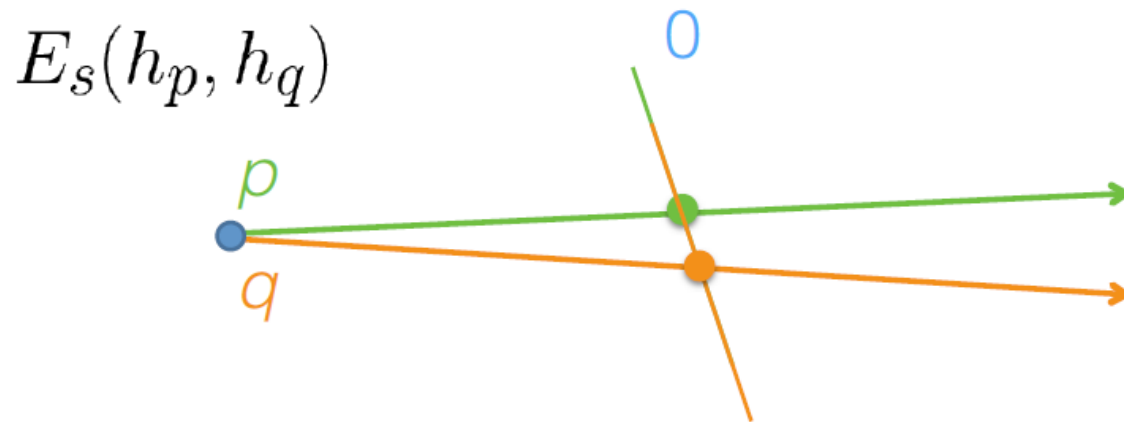
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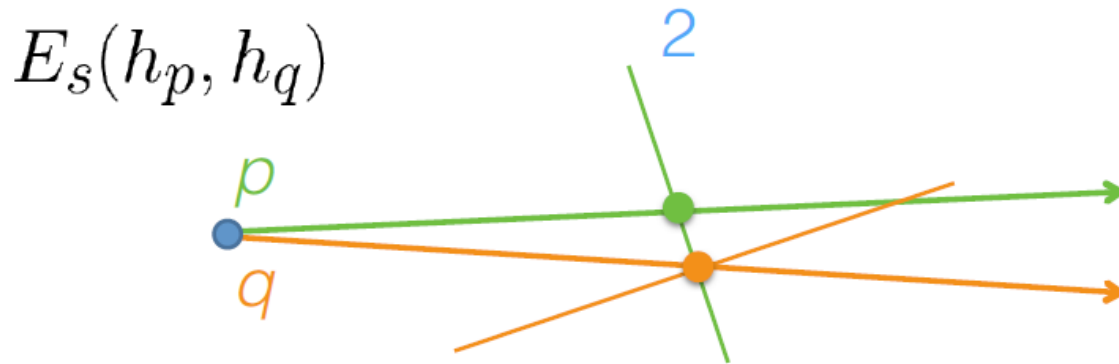
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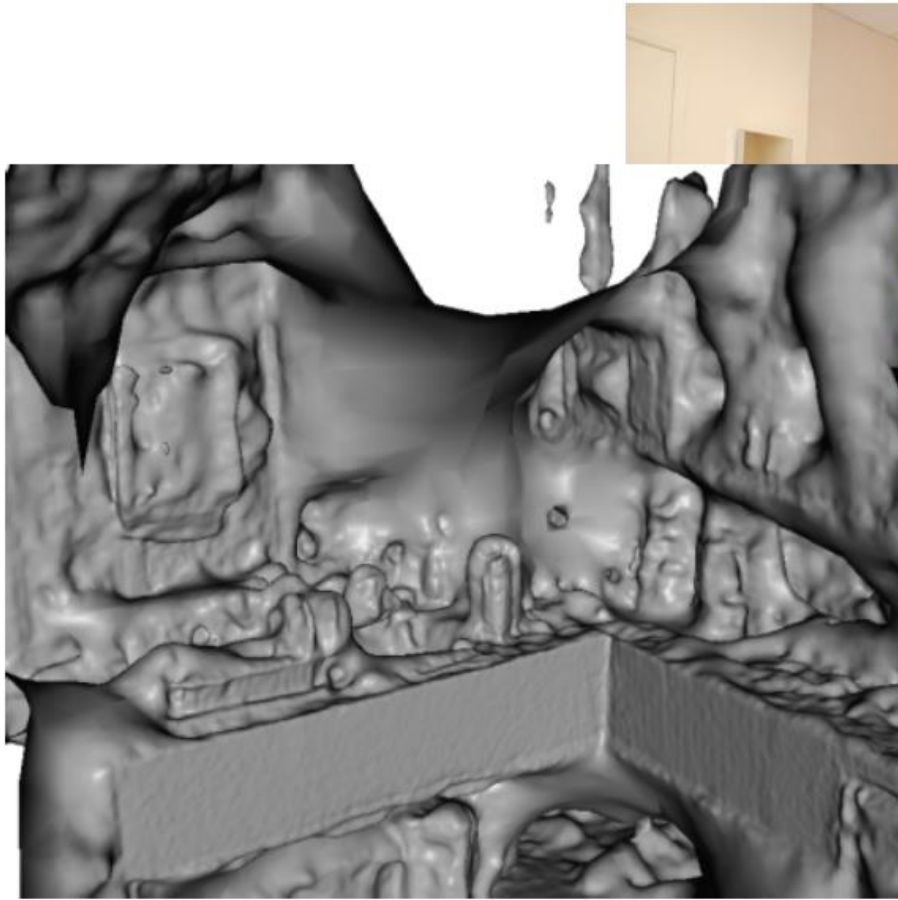


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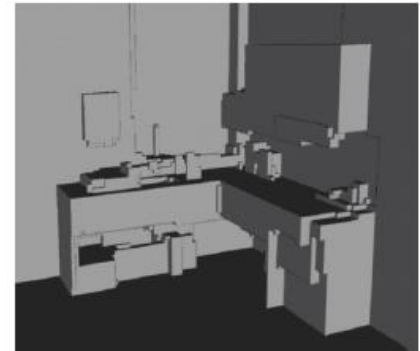
Standard method



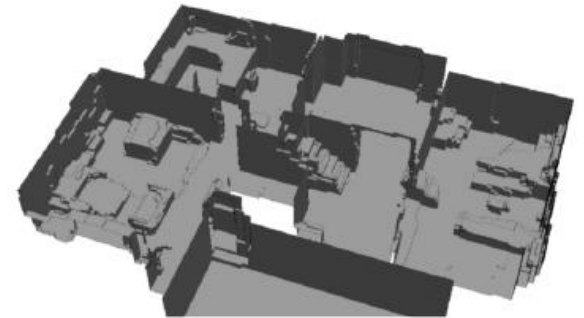
Manhattan Planemap

Reconstruction Results

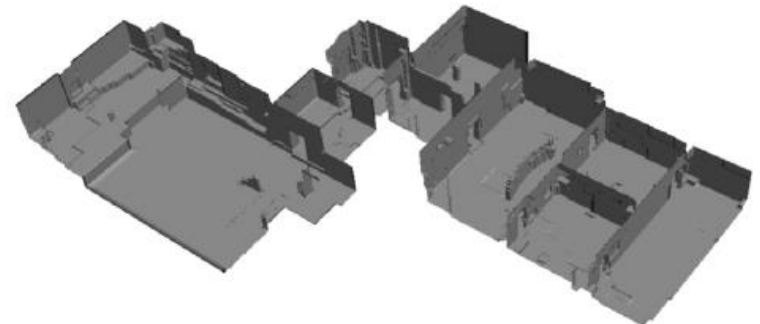
Kitchen - 22 images



house - 148 images



gallery - 492 images



How to enforce piecewise planar

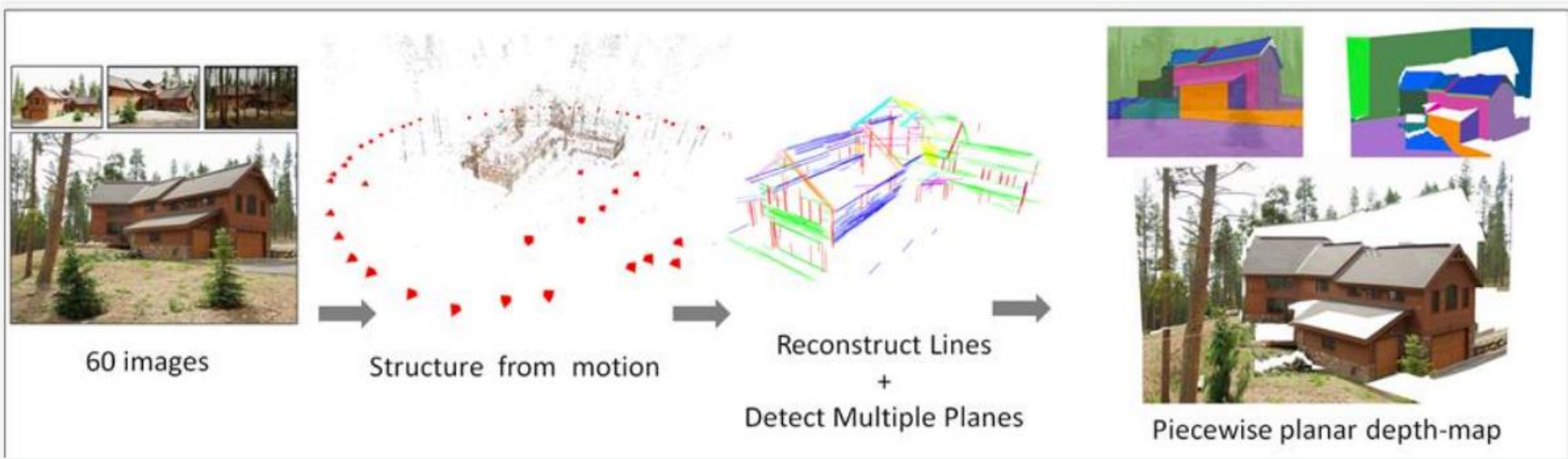
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Relaxing Manhattan



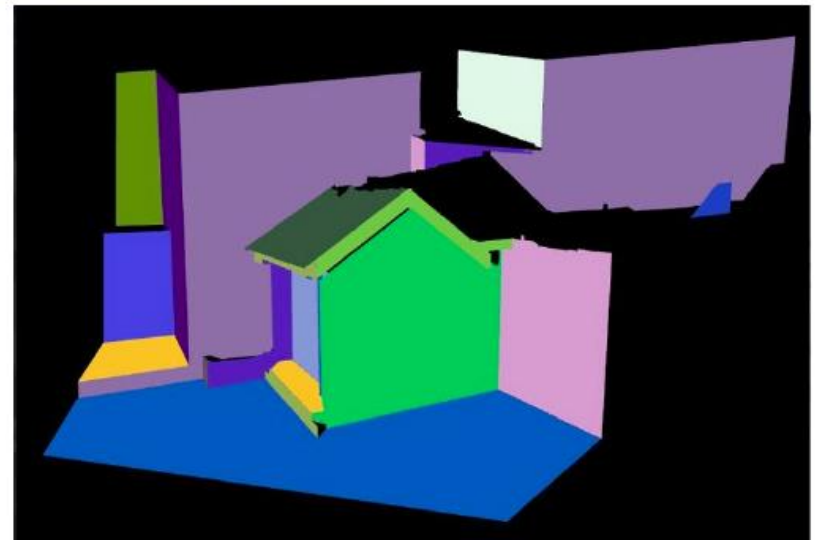
- Use sparse lines + sparse points to detect planes
- MRF + Graph-cuts

Piecewise Planar Stereo for Image-based rendering [Sinha et al., ICCV 2009]

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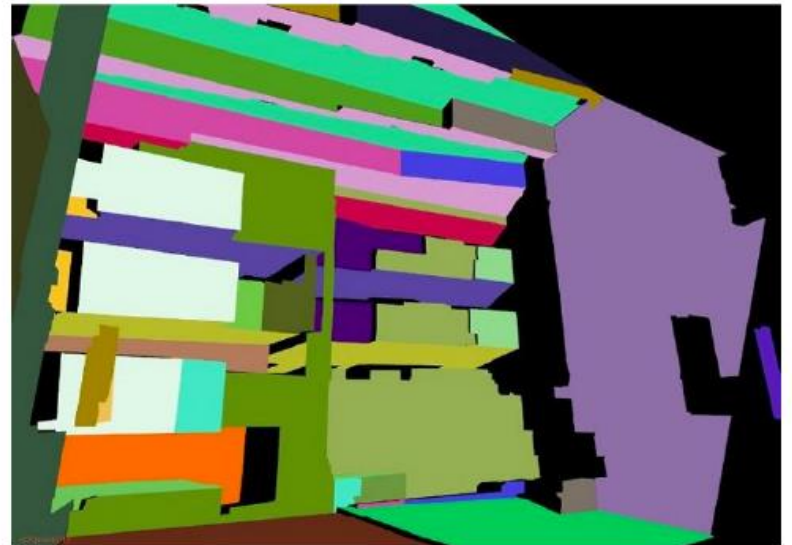
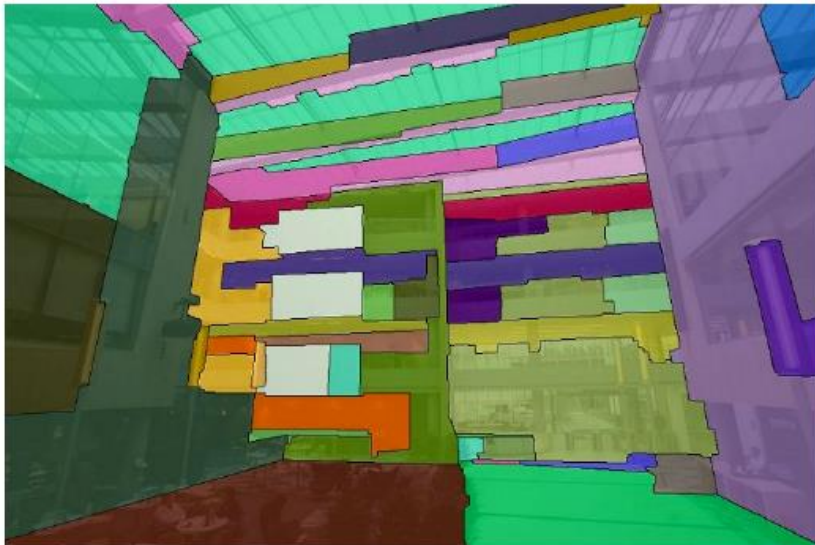
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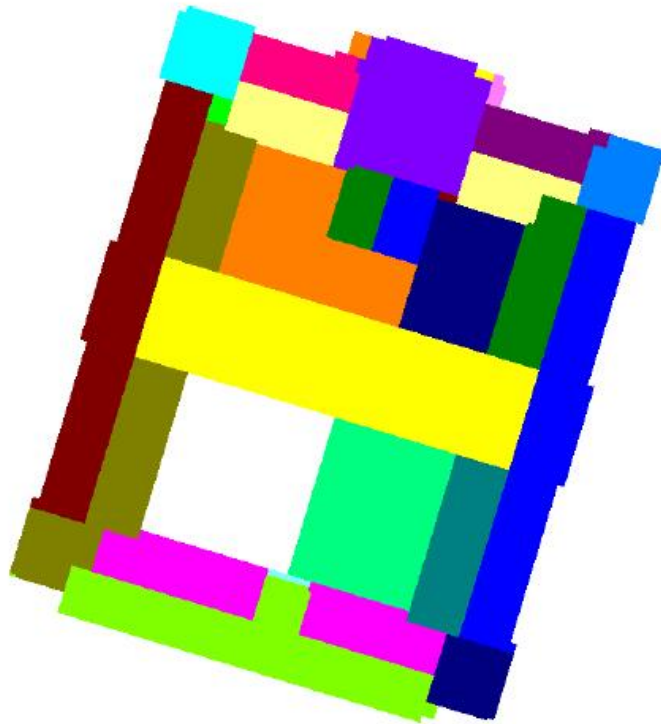


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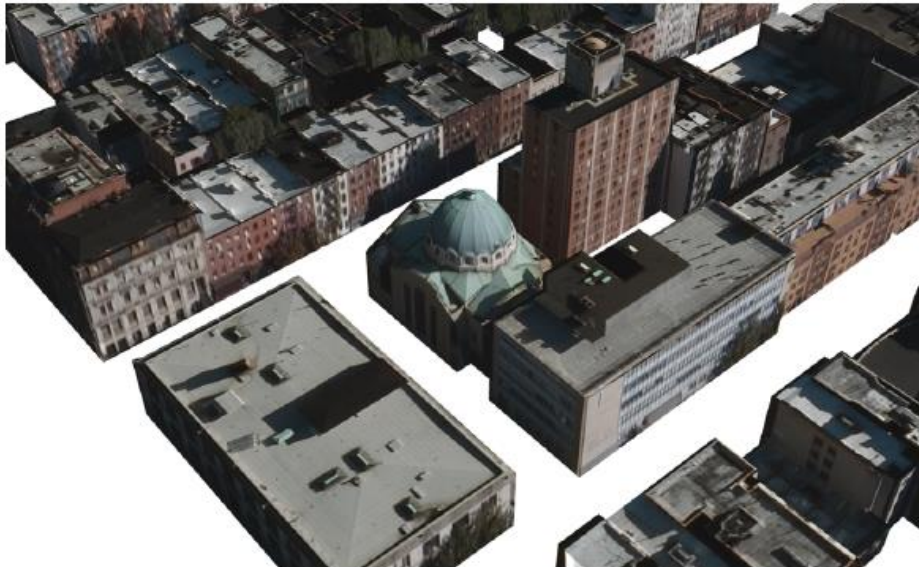
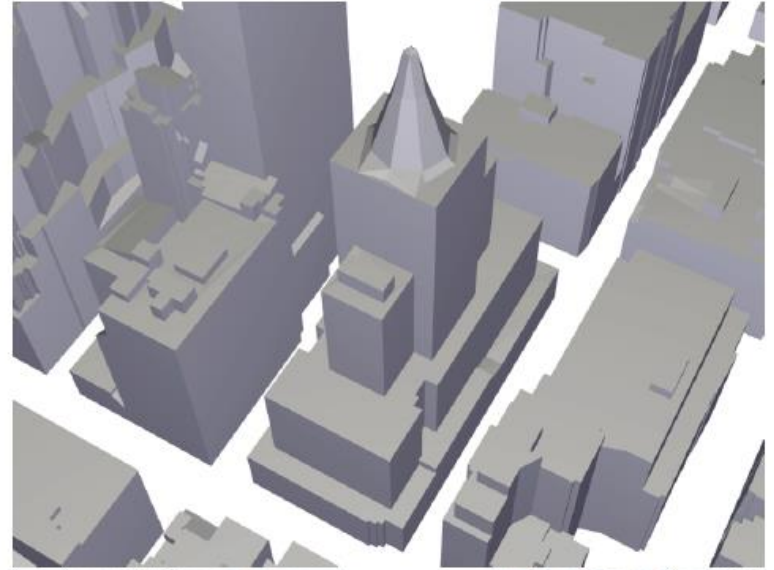
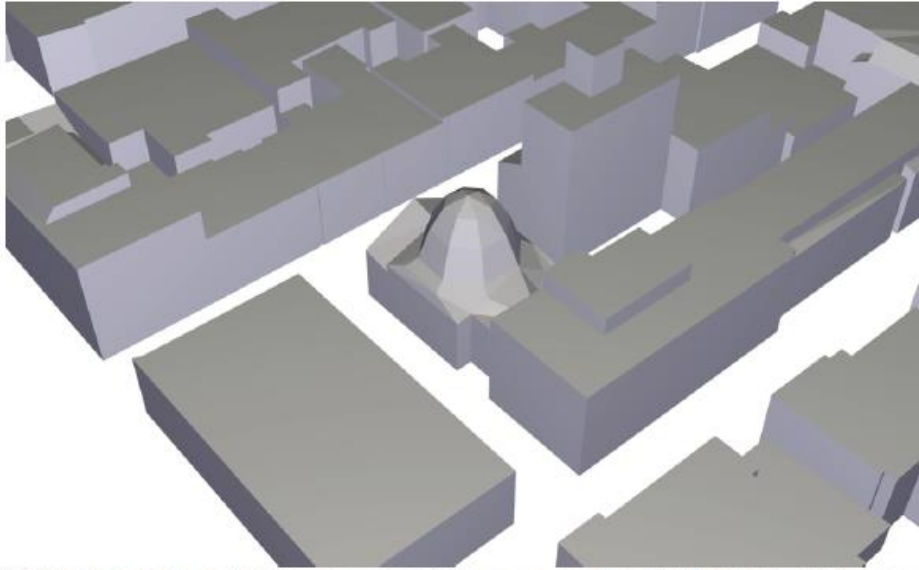
- Building reconstruction from a top down view



Fusion of Feature- and Area-Based Information for Urban Buildings Modeling from Aerial Imagery [Zebedin et al., ECCV 2008]

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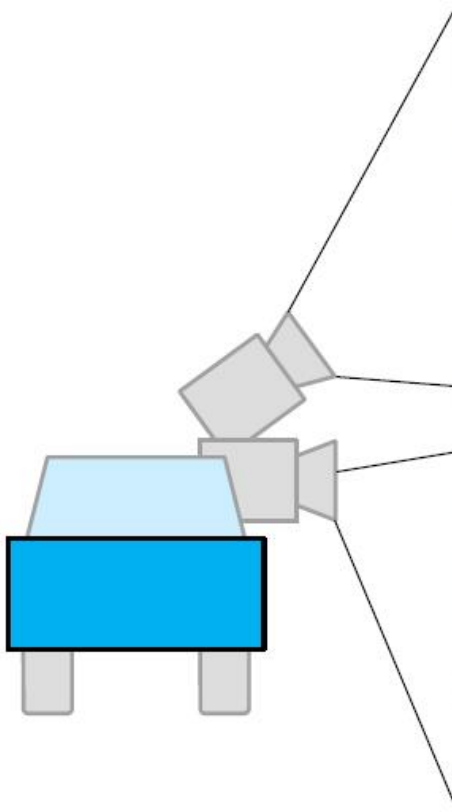
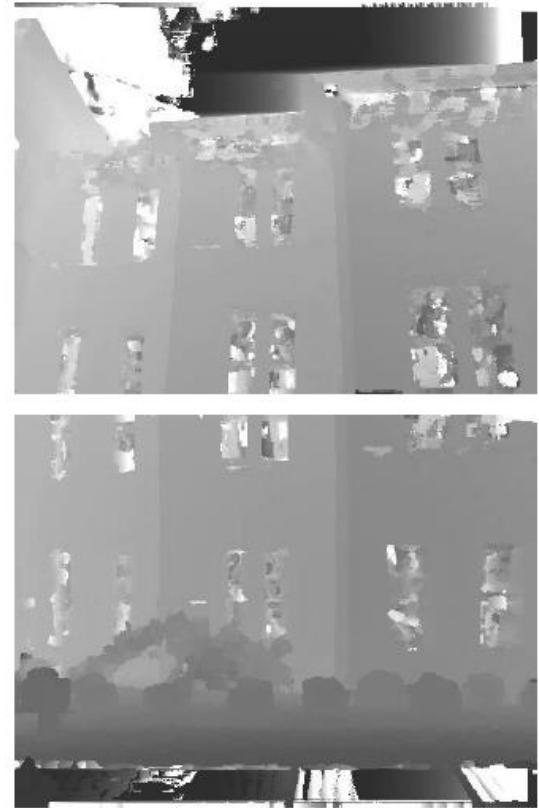
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3D Reconstruction from Video

Street-Side Video



Real-Time Stereo



Idea

Video Frames



Enforce planarity where it looks like a building

First step: Planar and Non-Planar Stereo

Video



$$\text{Labels} = \{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_N, \pi_\infty, \text{non-plane}, \text{discard}\}$$



planes



non-plane



discard



Real-Time Stereo



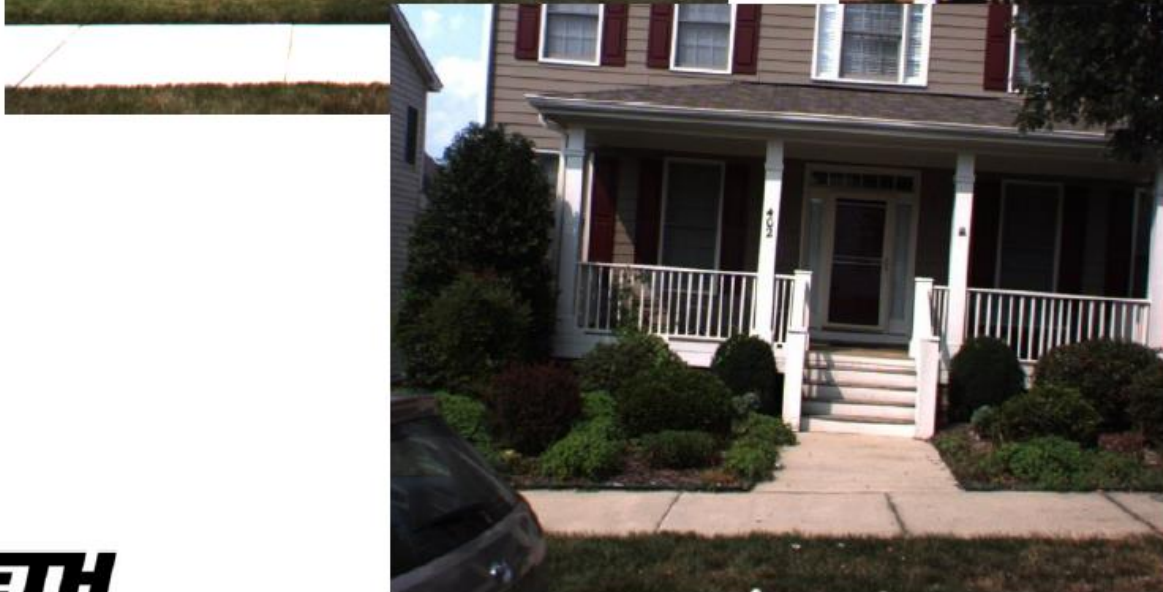
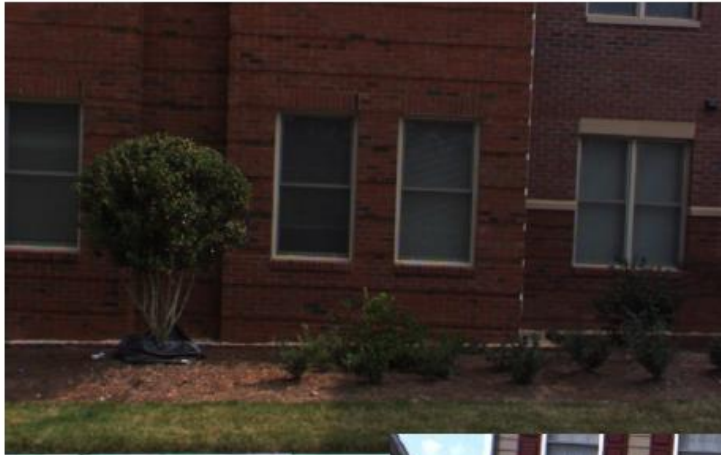
Plane Detection



Planemap (w/ non-planar))

Second step: Appearance Prior

Video Frames

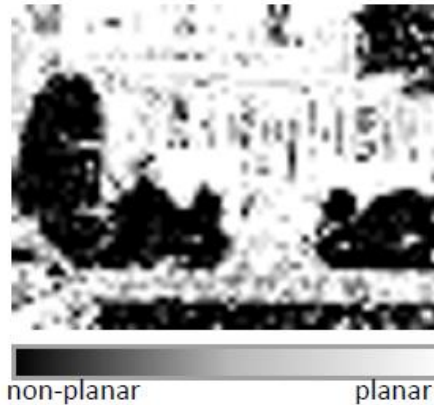


Algorithm

Video



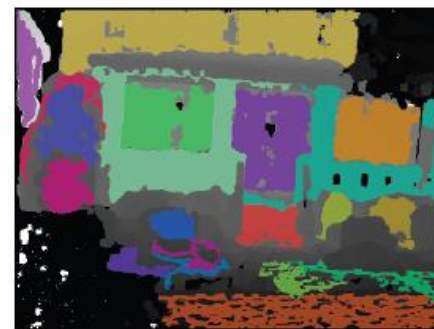
Planar/Non-Planar
Classification



Planar and Non-Planar
MRF



Real-Time Stereo



Plane Detection

Large-Scale Multi-View Stereo

Input images



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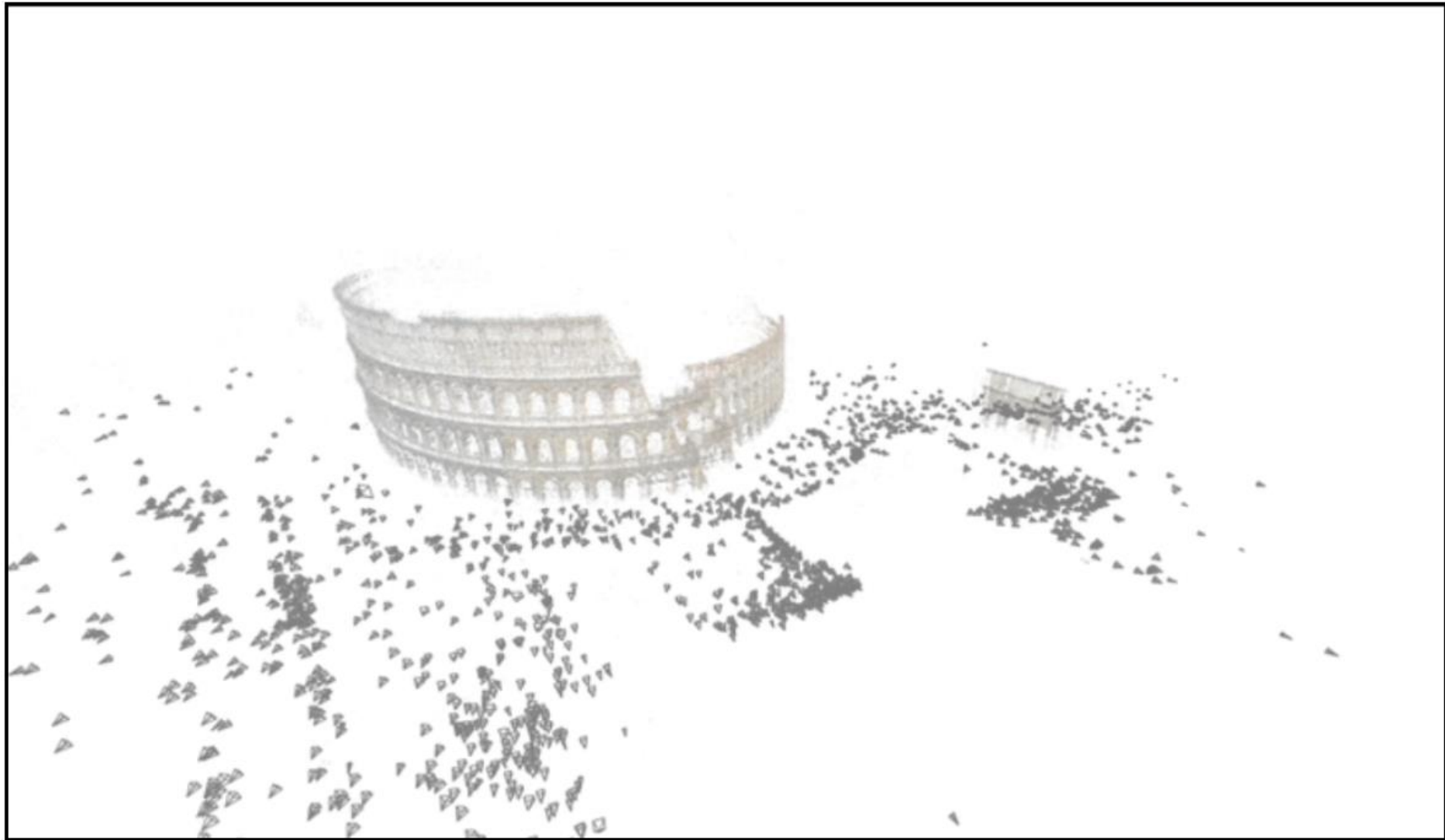
A 4x5 grid of 20 satellite images showing a residential area. Overlaid on the roads are purple hatched lines, which represent a network flow or pathfinding visualization. The lines are thicker and more prominent on certain roads, indicating higher flow or a specific path. The grid is divided by blue lines, and the overall image is a composite of these smaller satellite views.

Large-Scale MVS for Unorganized Photos (Internet Photos)



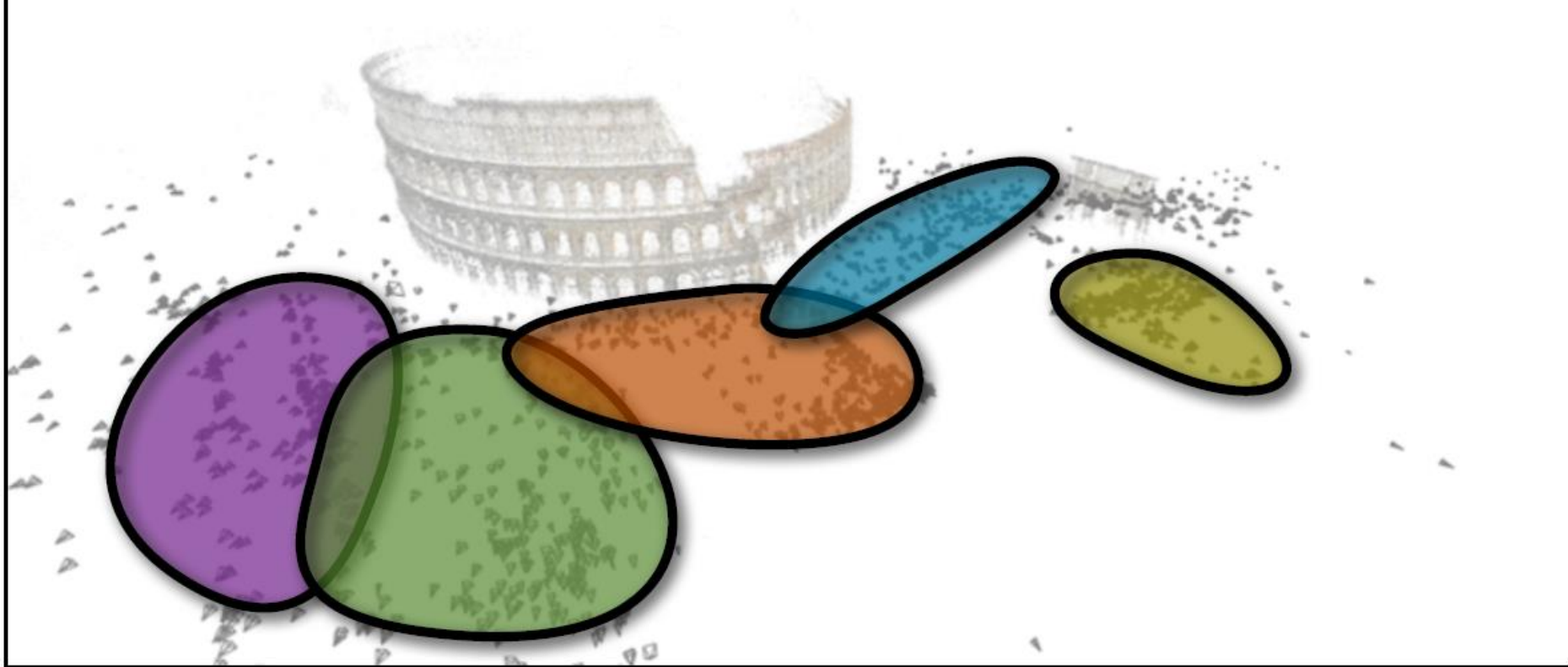
"Building Rome in a Day" [Agarwal, Snavely, et al., 2009]

Divide is a challenge



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Divide in the image space?



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Divide in the model space?

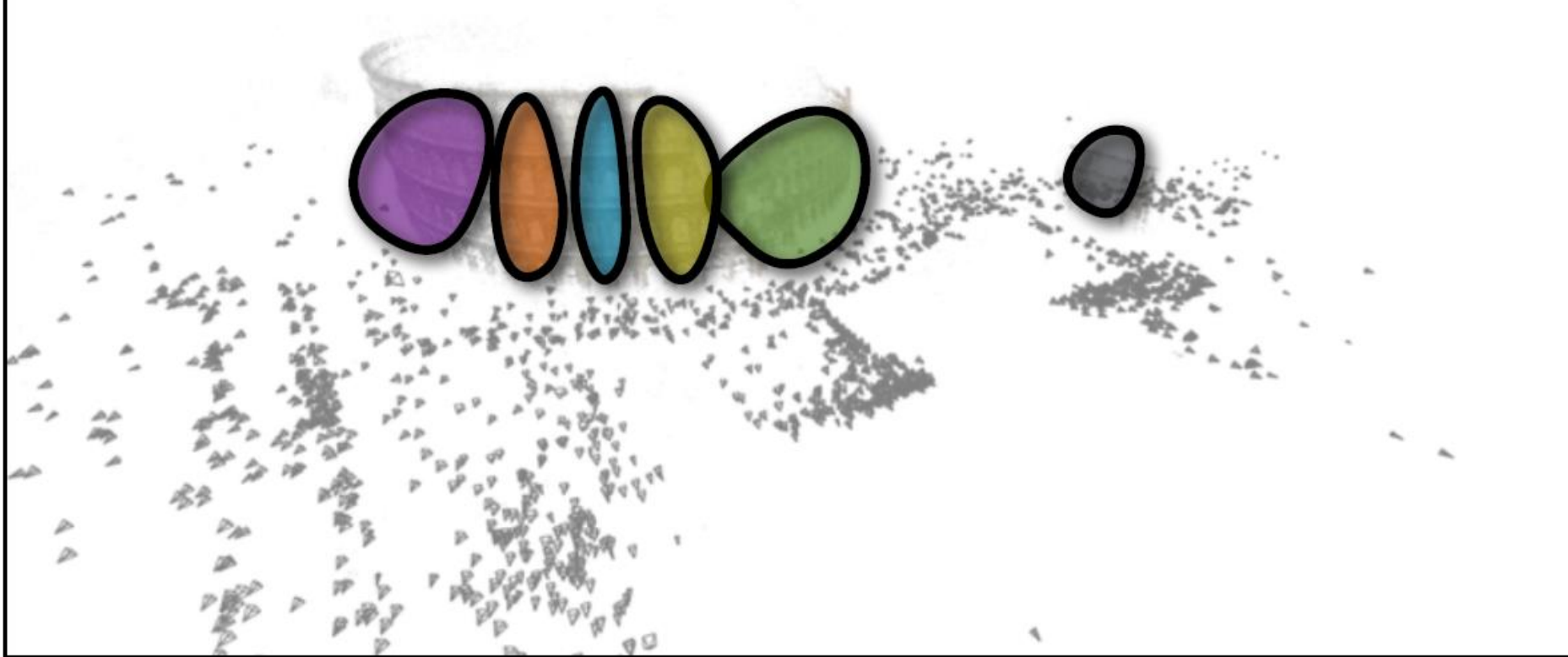
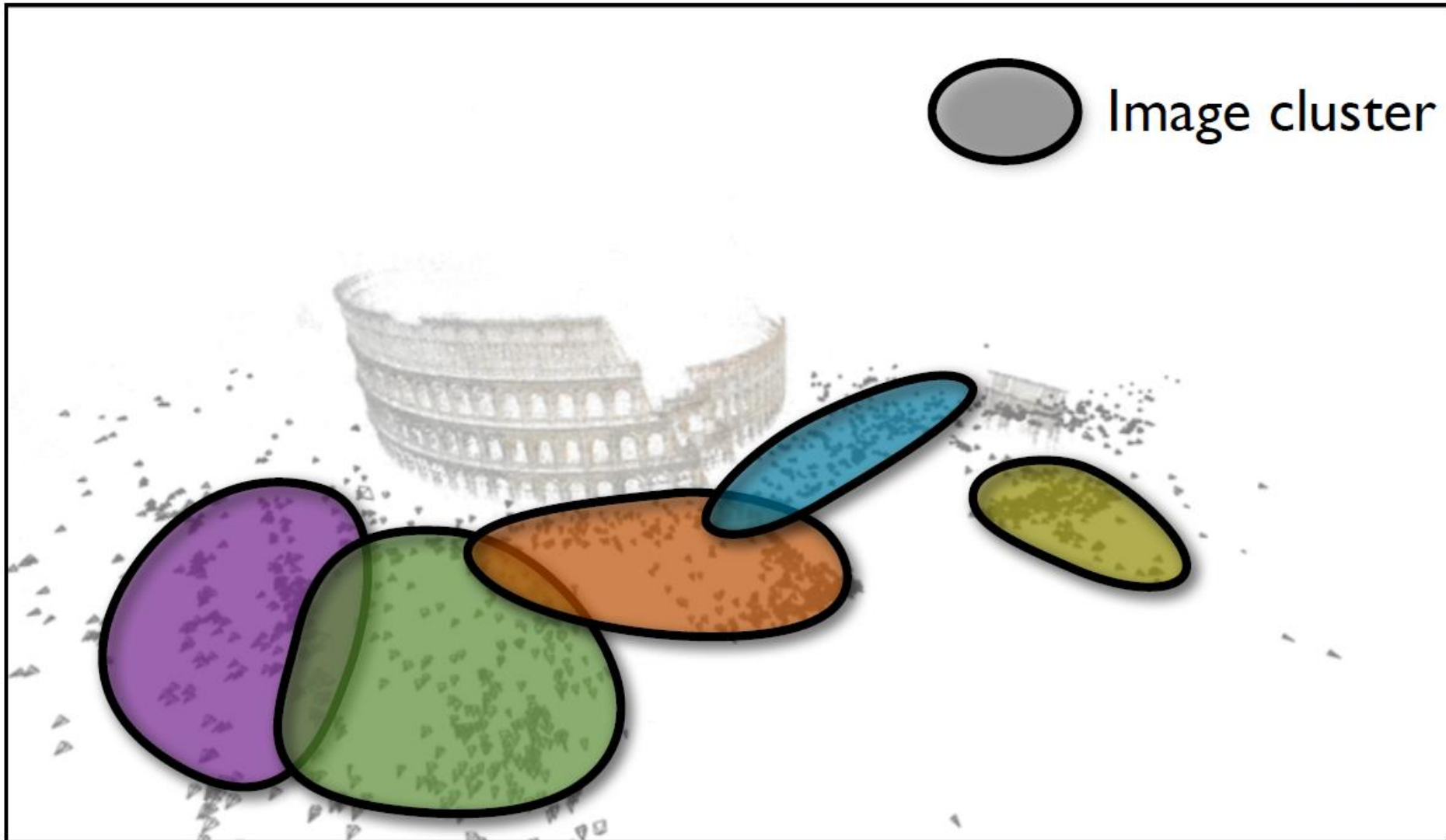
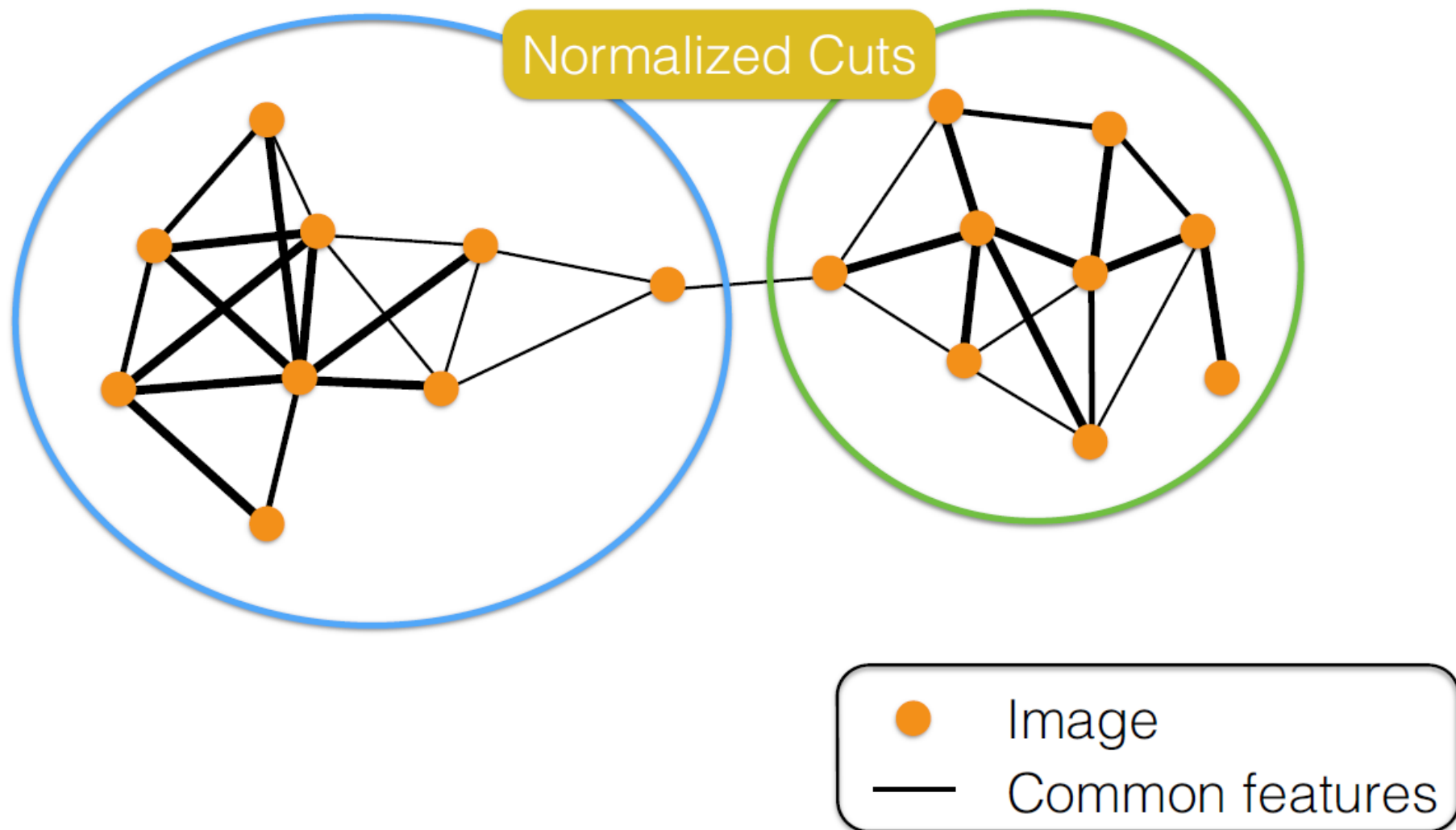


Image-clustering based on a model

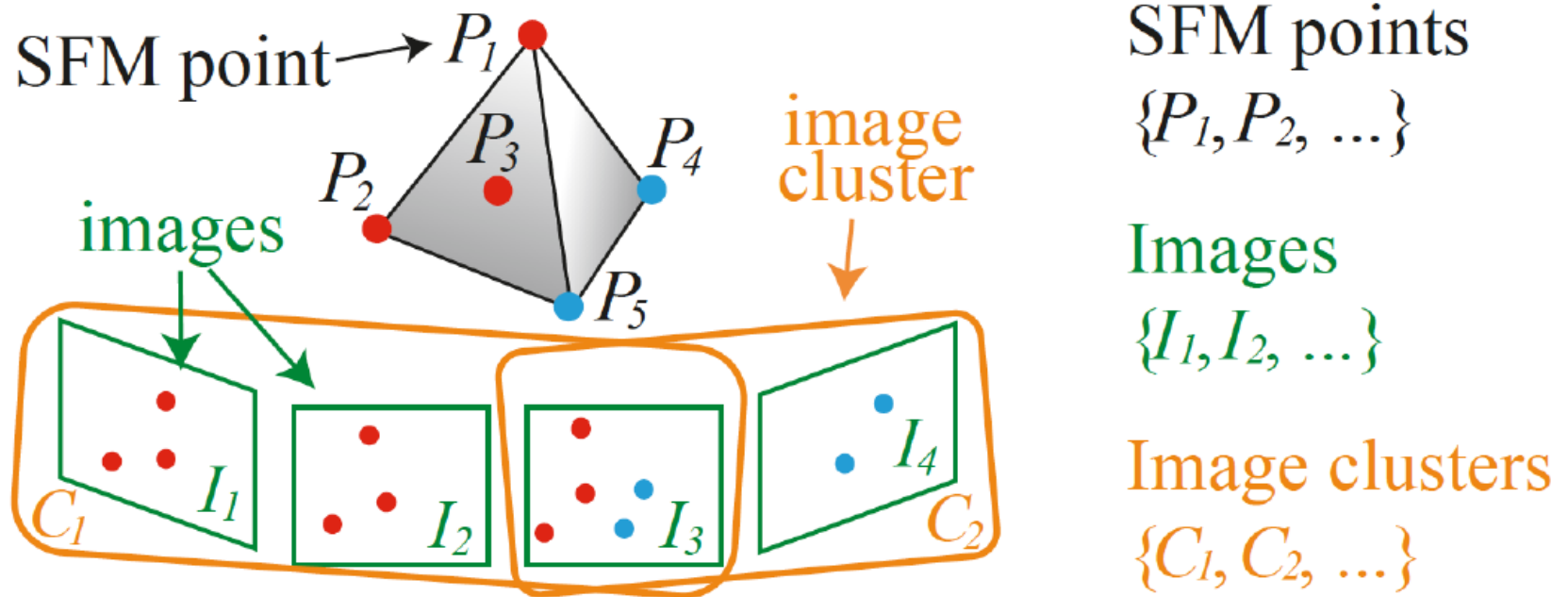
"Towards Internet-scale Multi-View Stereo" [furukawa et al., 2010]



One way to look at the clustering problem



Formulation

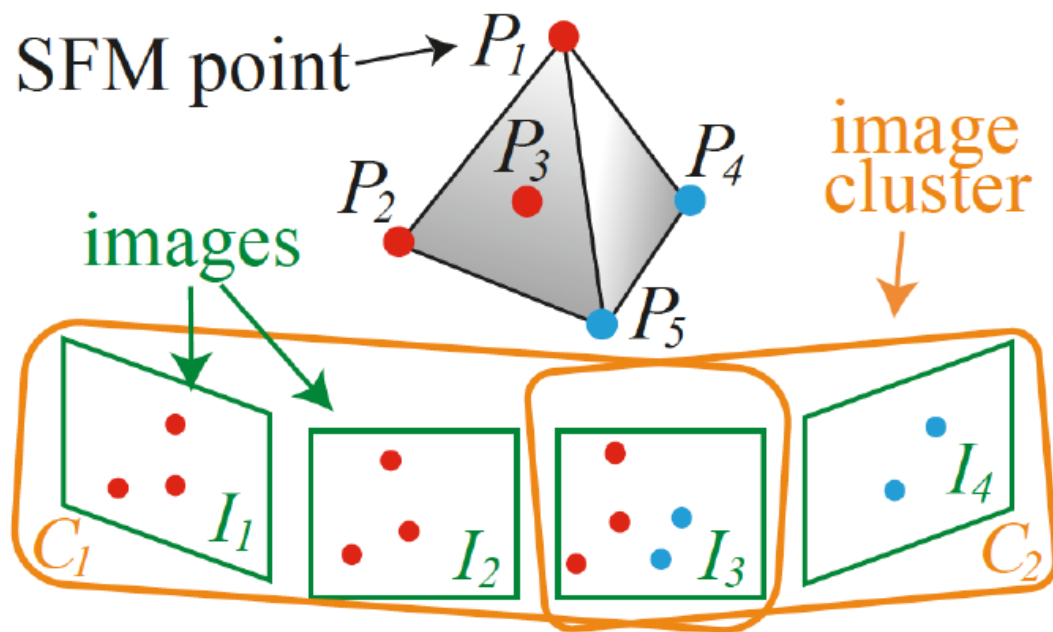


P_1 is reconstructed well in C_1
based on (image resolutions/distribution)

$\rightarrow$ “ P_1 is covered by C_1 .”

“ P_4 is covered by C_2 .”

Formulation



SFM points

$\{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$

Images

$\{I_1, I_2, \dots\}$

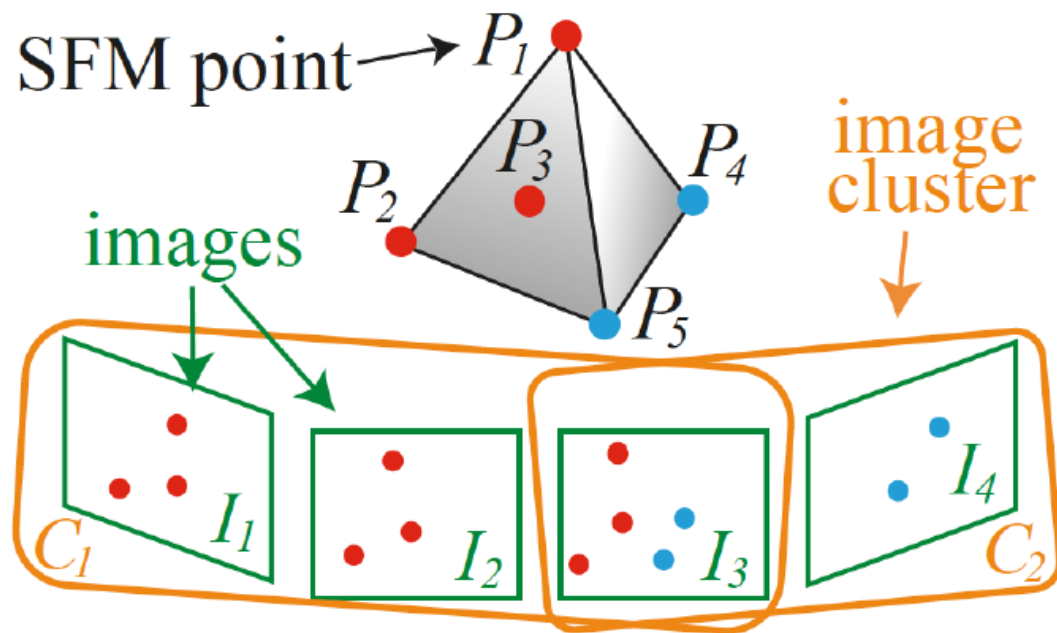
Image clusters

$\{C_1, C_2, \dots\}$

We want to

1. remove redundant images
2. keep each cluster small (memory limit)
3. "cover" many points

Formulation



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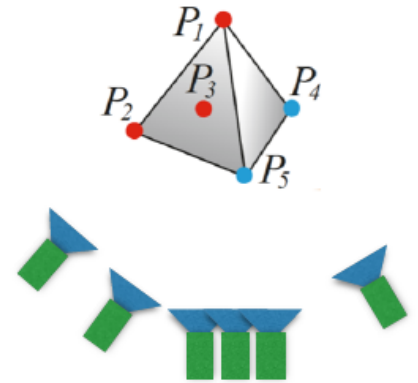
Minimize $\sum_k |C_k|$ subject to

(compactness)

• $\forall k \quad |C_k| \leq \alpha,$ (size)

• $\forall i \quad \frac{\{\text{\# of covered points in } I_i\}}{\{\text{\# of points in } I_i\}} \geq \delta.$ (coverage)

Image Clustering Algorithm



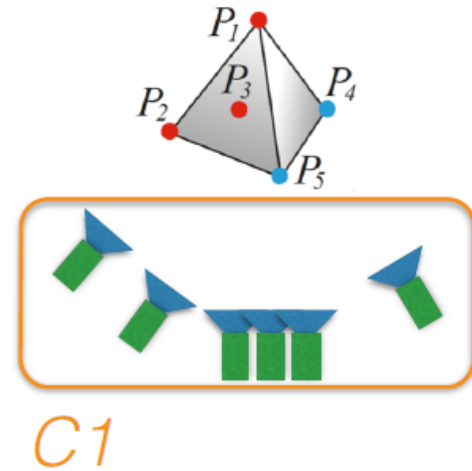
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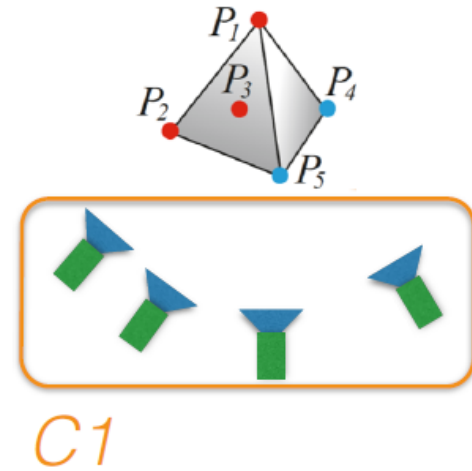
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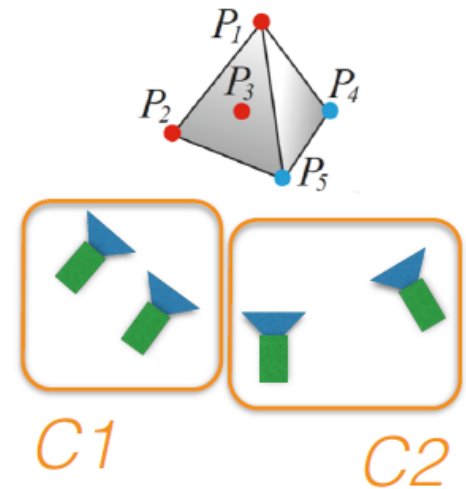
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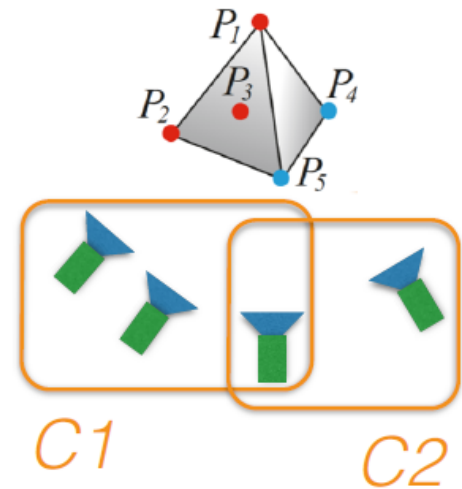
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Image Clustering Algorithm

1. Start with all the images in a cluster
2. Remove redundant images while keeping *coverage*
3. If *size* constraint is broken, split a cluster
4. Add an image to each cluster to satisfy *coverage*



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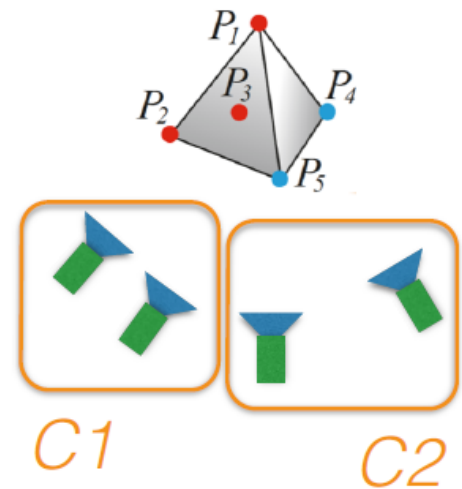
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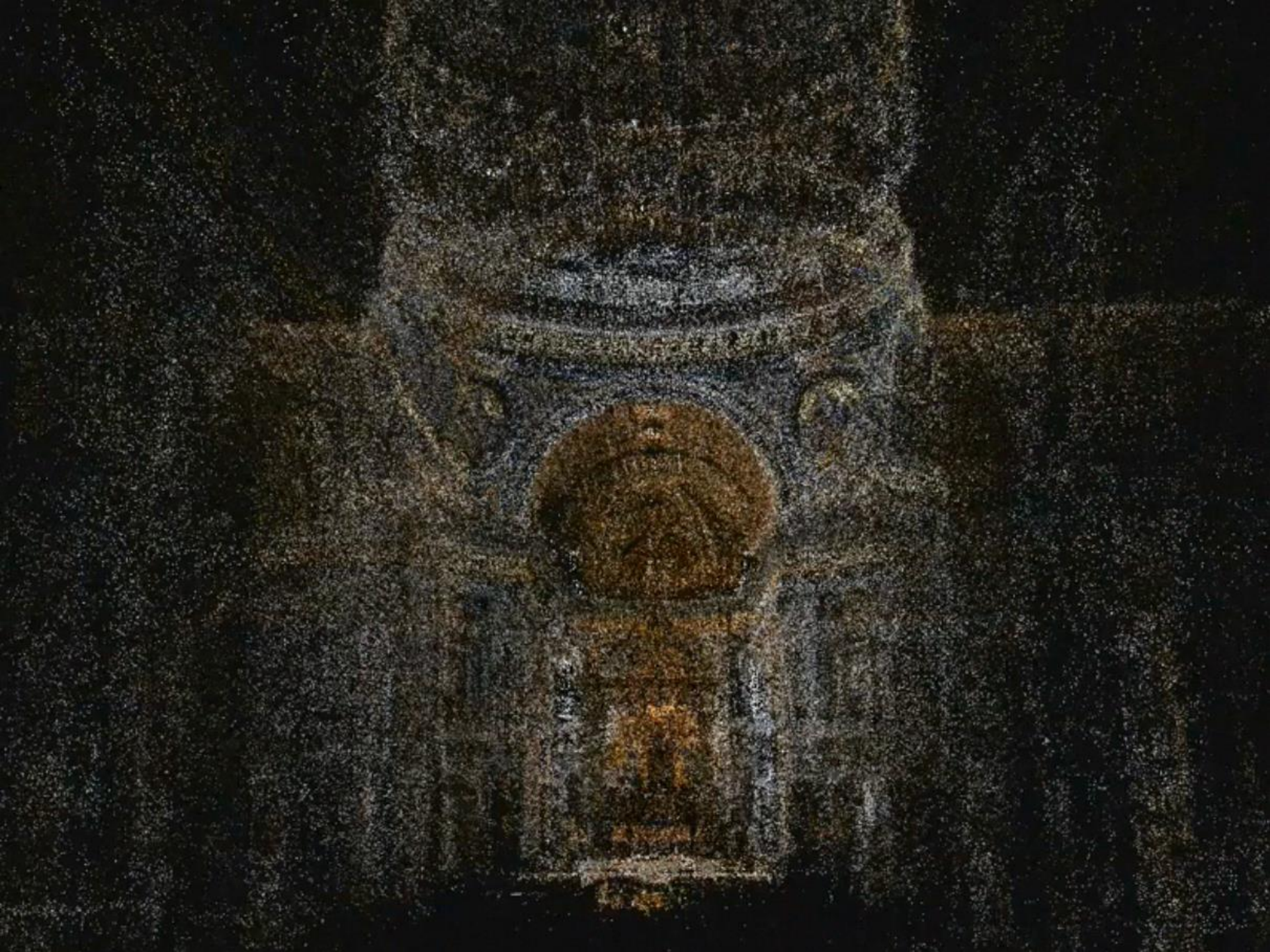
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St. Peter's Basilica

- 1275 images
- 4 clusters
- 6M 3D points



