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3D Sparse and Different Scale Point Clouds Registration and Robust Estimation of Information Matrix For Pose Graph SLAM

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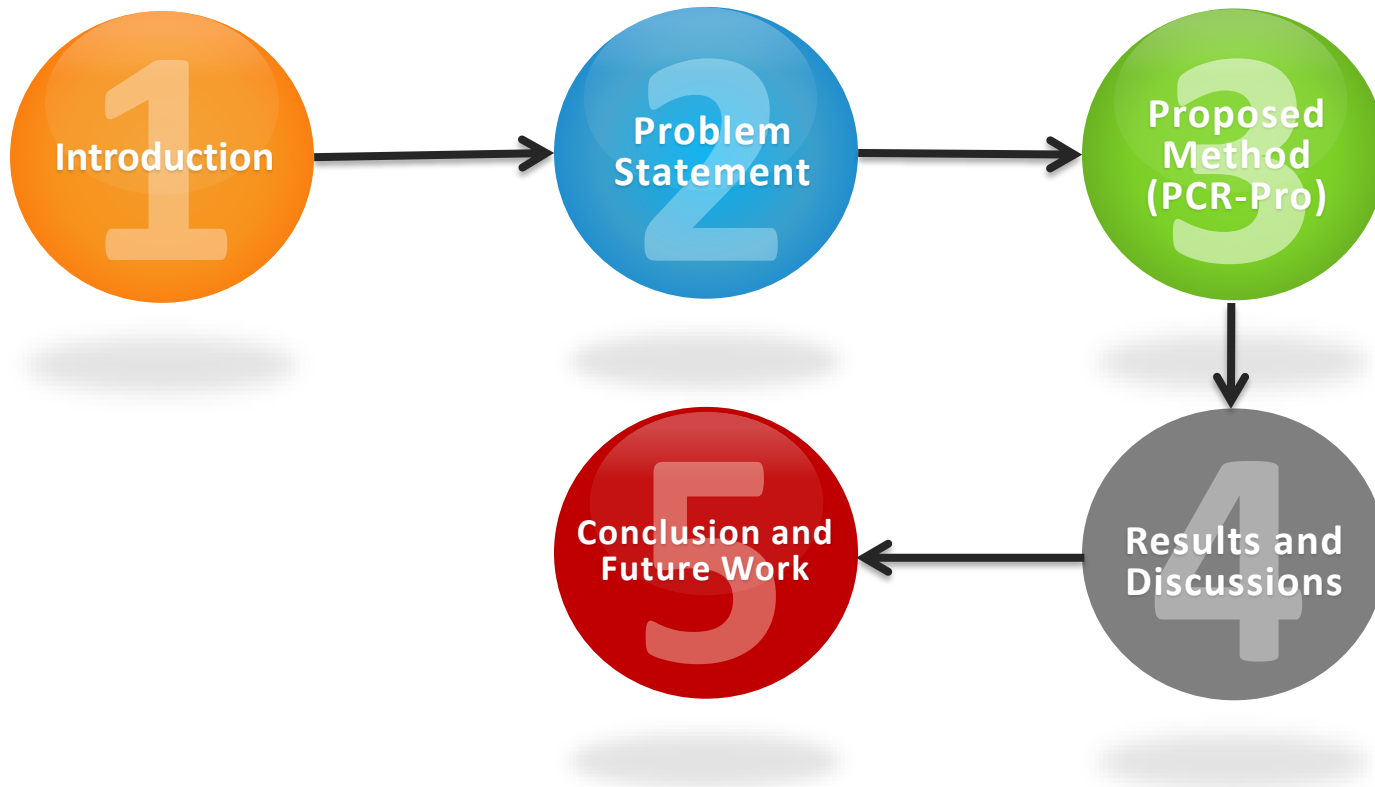
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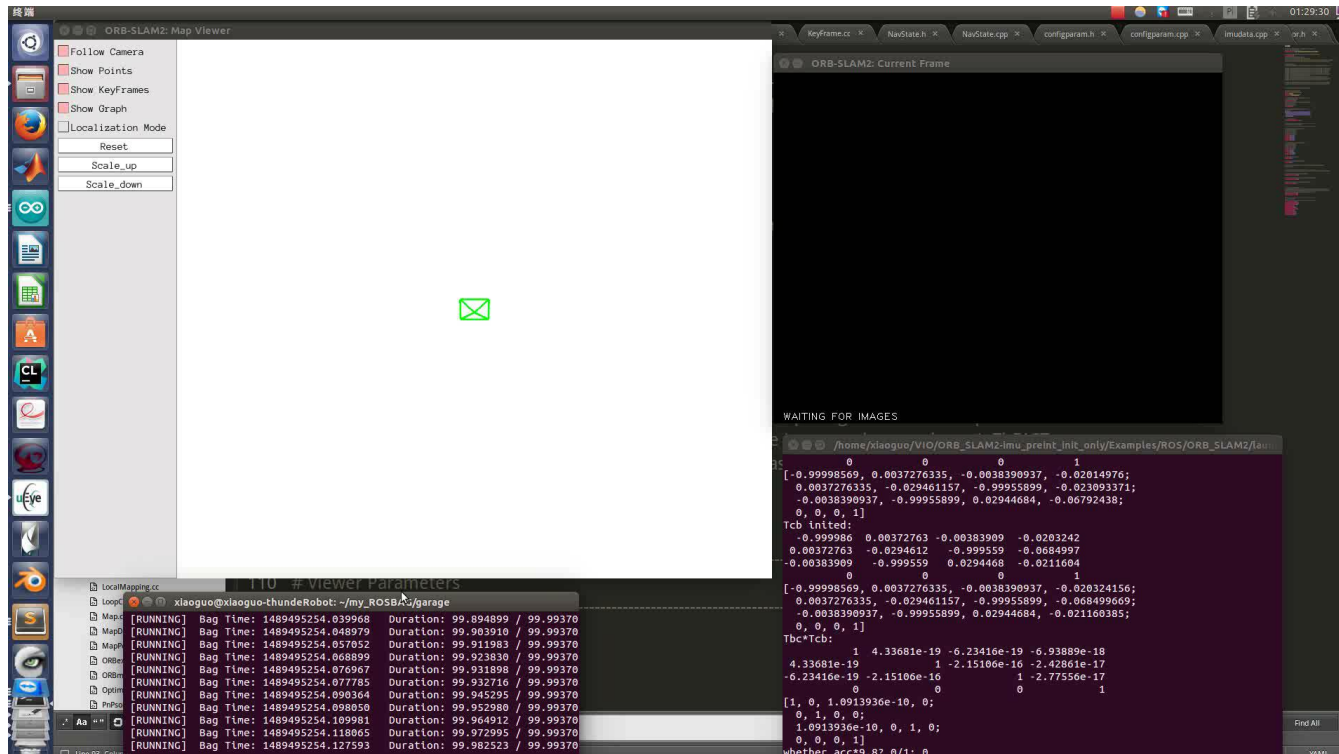
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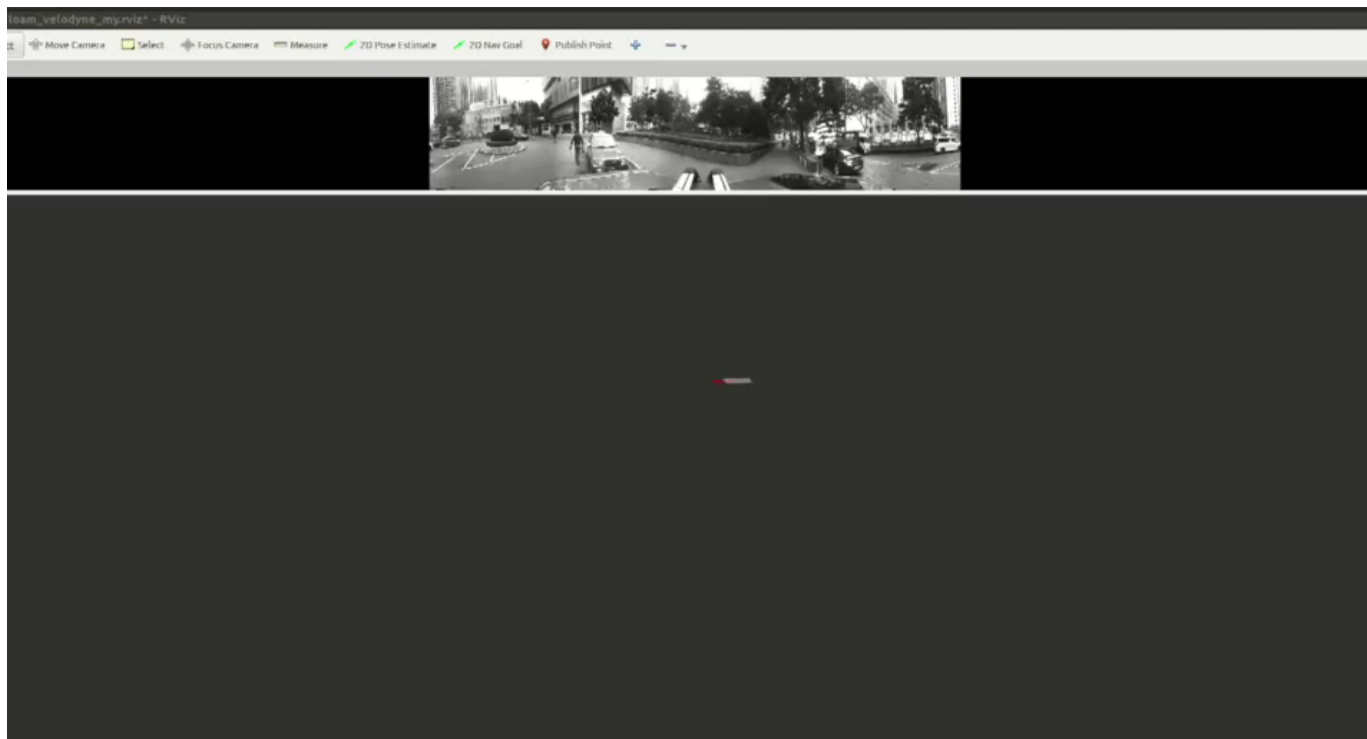
An Overview 

What can vSLAM deliver? [Liu2016a]



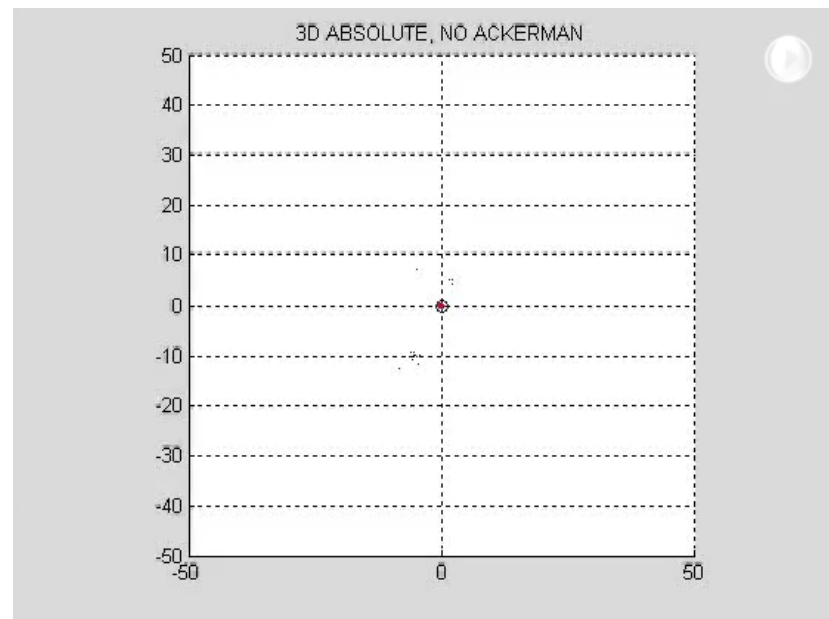
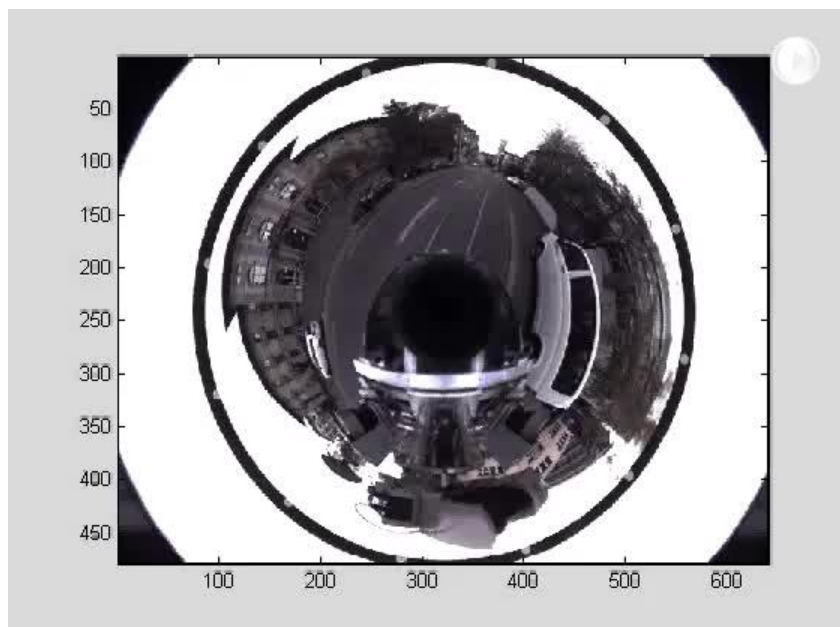
3D Mapping using moving vehicle inside a garage and pose graph SLAM

Other possible solutions? [Liu2017a]



Large scale mapping for autonomous cars

Large-scale applications [Scaramuzza,Liu2010]



Another example of visual SLAM using an omni-directional camera

Collaborative vSLAM [Liu2016b]



TSLAM: Multi-robot SLAM using graph partition and visual scene recognition

Non Linear Pose Graph Optimization

- » In graph-based SLAM, the state variables are the state of the robot and position of the landmarks.
- » These parameters can be estimated with the sensors of the robot.
- » The measurement of state variables depends only on the relative poses of the robots.

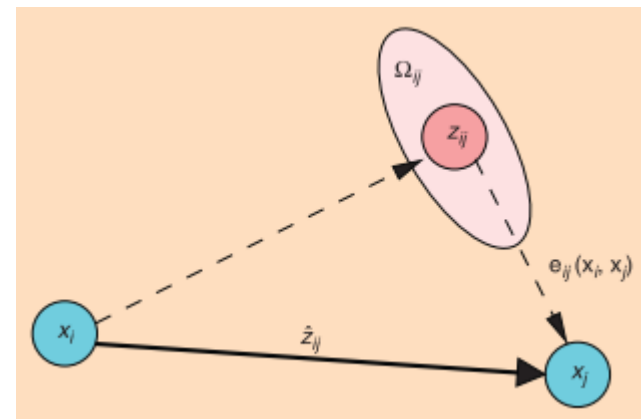


Fig:2 Aspects of an edge connecting the vertex \mathbf{x}_i and the vertex \mathbf{x}_j

Multi-Agent SLAM

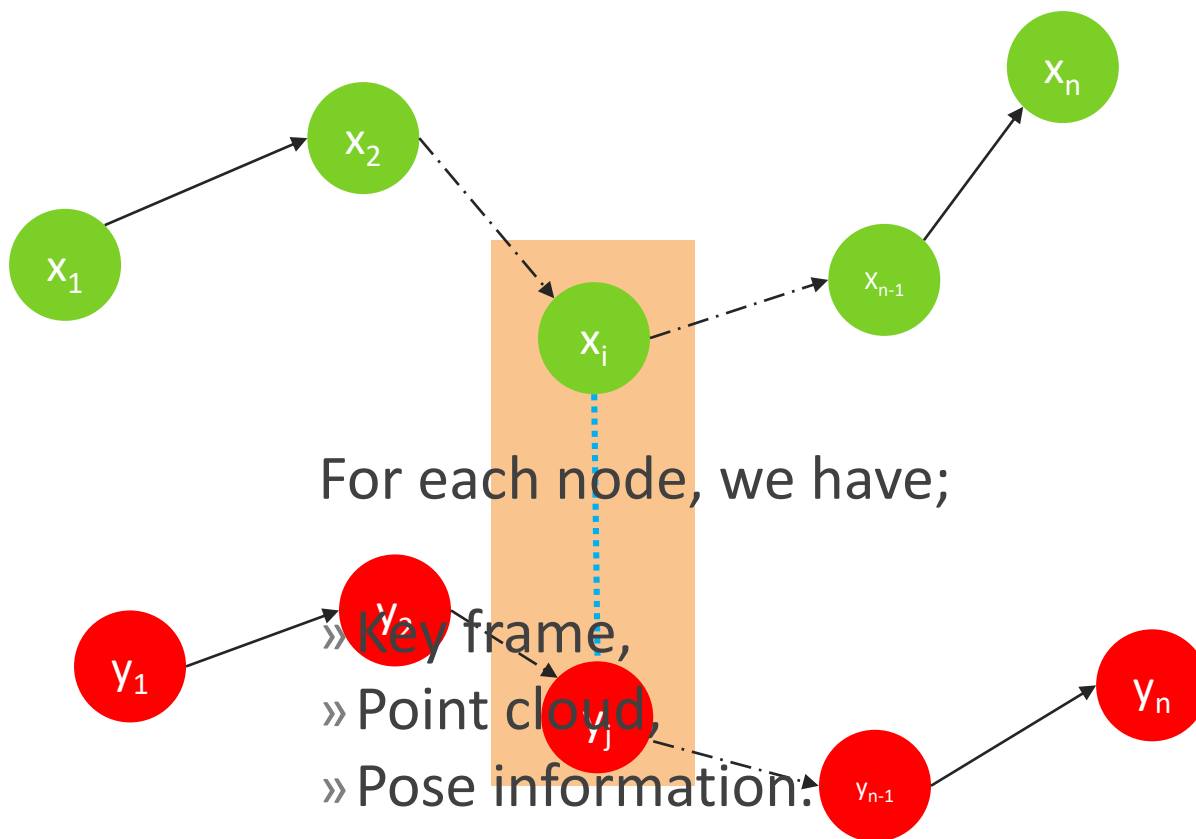


Fig:3 Multi-agent SLAM Scenario

Edge information

- » Without any external sensors.
- » Scale difference when two or more graphs are totally separated and have been created by different cameras [3].
- » Current ICP techniques are not sufficient to scale variance.
- » Multi-agent SLAM is the next interest for computer vision researchers.

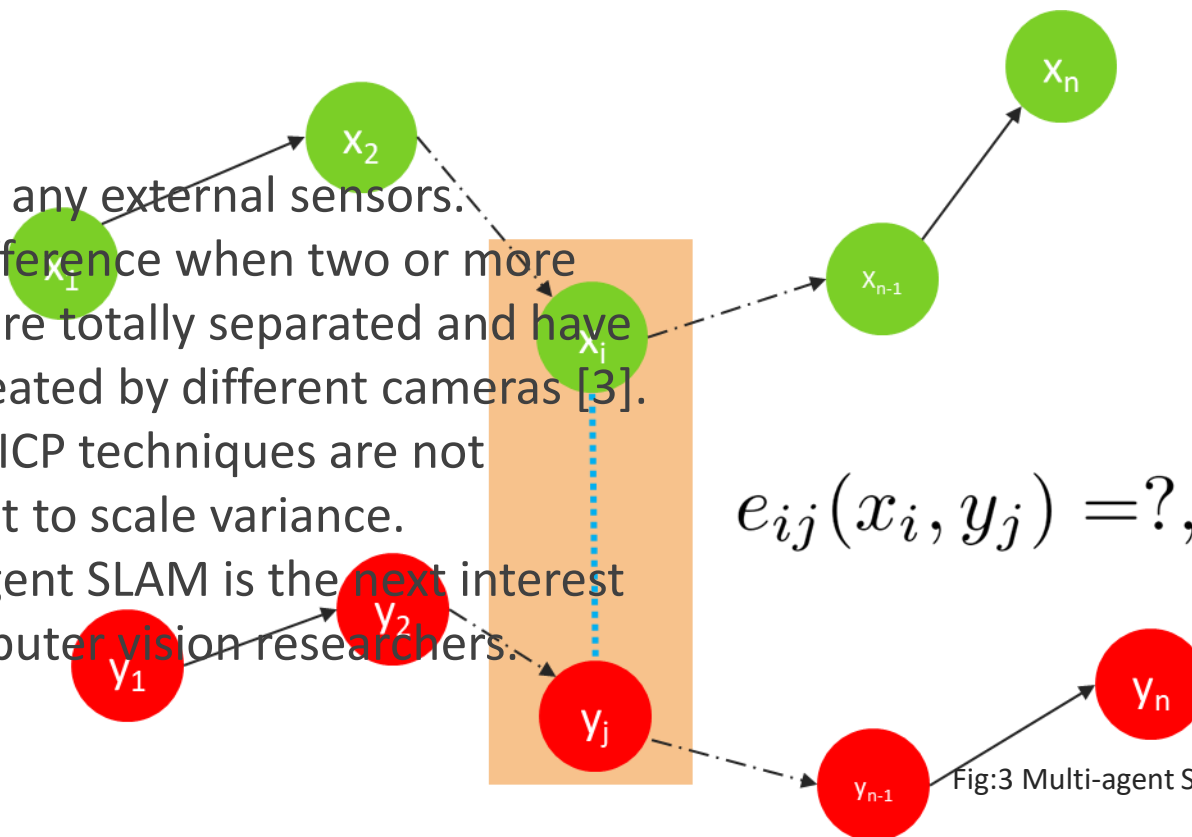


Fig:3 Multi-agent SLAM Scenario

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Overview of the proposed system

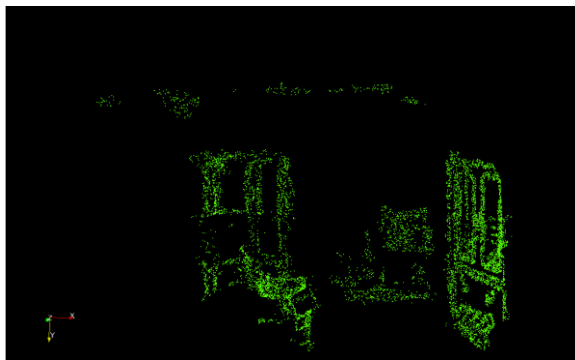


Fig 5: Source Point Cloud

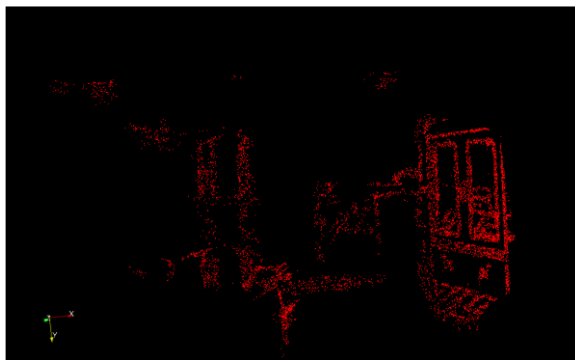


Fig 6: Target Point Cloud

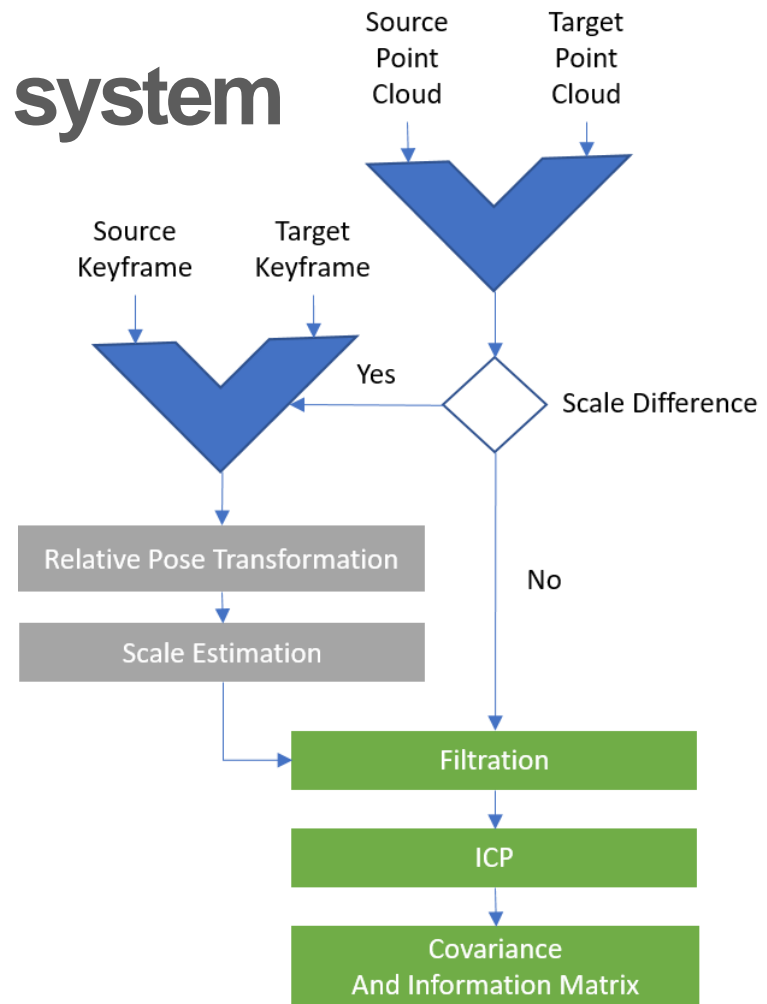


Fig 7: PCR-Pro Overview

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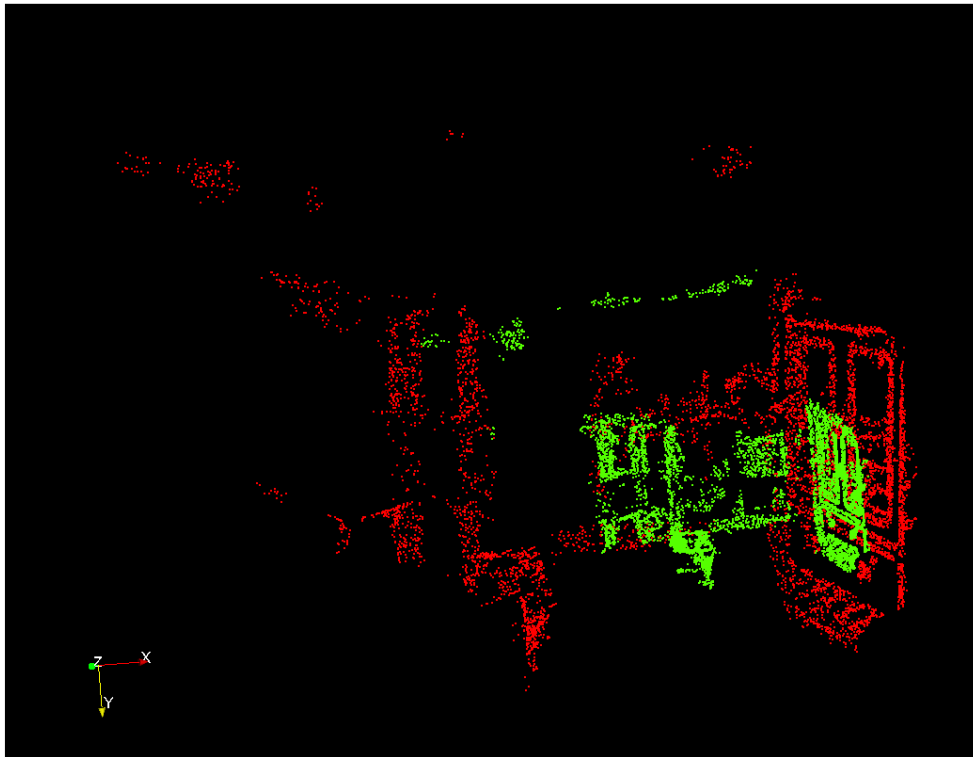
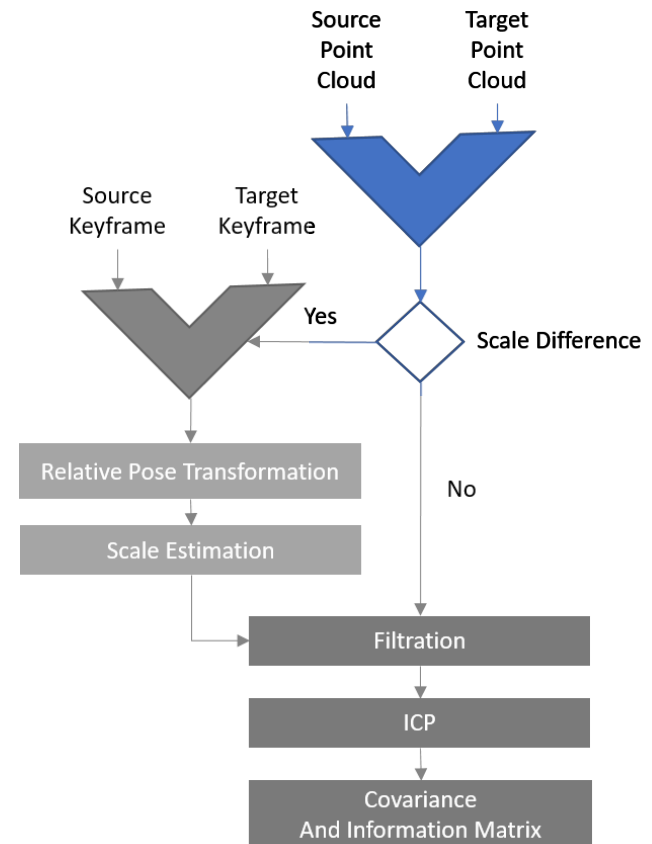


Fig 8: Scale Difference



Scale Estimation

if *scale difference* **then**

for *each keyframe* **do**

compute SIFT features and use FlannBased descriptor to find matches

calculate matches between keyframes;

for *all matches* **do**

filter good matches

if *good matches* **then**

by using opencv [6], create RANSAC object;
set threshold;

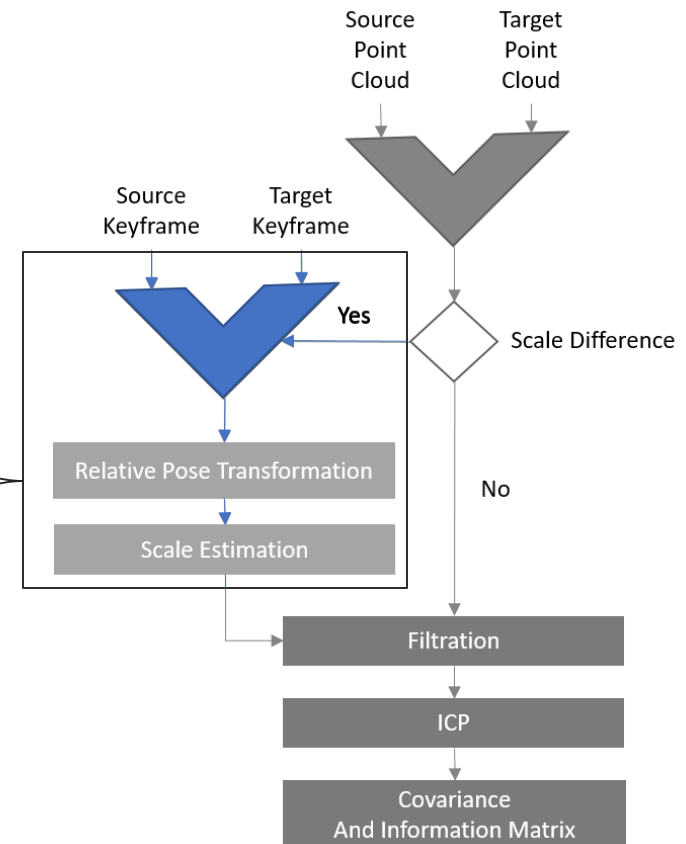
set max iteration;

compute central relative pose OT between keyframes

for *all good matches* **do**

compute scale difference SC using kalman filter
and relative pose OT

Transform source point cloud using scale transformation SC ;



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Features Extraction and Matching



Fig 9: Source Keyframe



Fig 10: Target keyframe

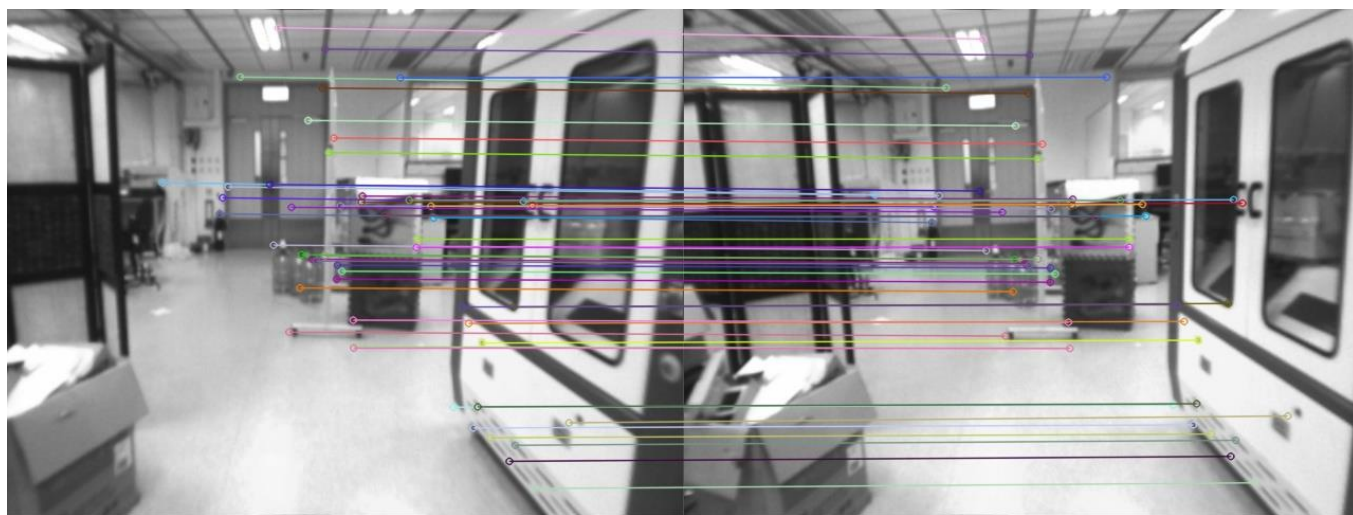


Fig 11: Feature Matches

Scale Estimation And Transformation

- » Relative Post Transformation [6].
- » Compute Scale Difference using Kalman Filter.
- » Align the both point clouds.
- » Further filtration of both point clouds.
- » Apply Transformation[15].

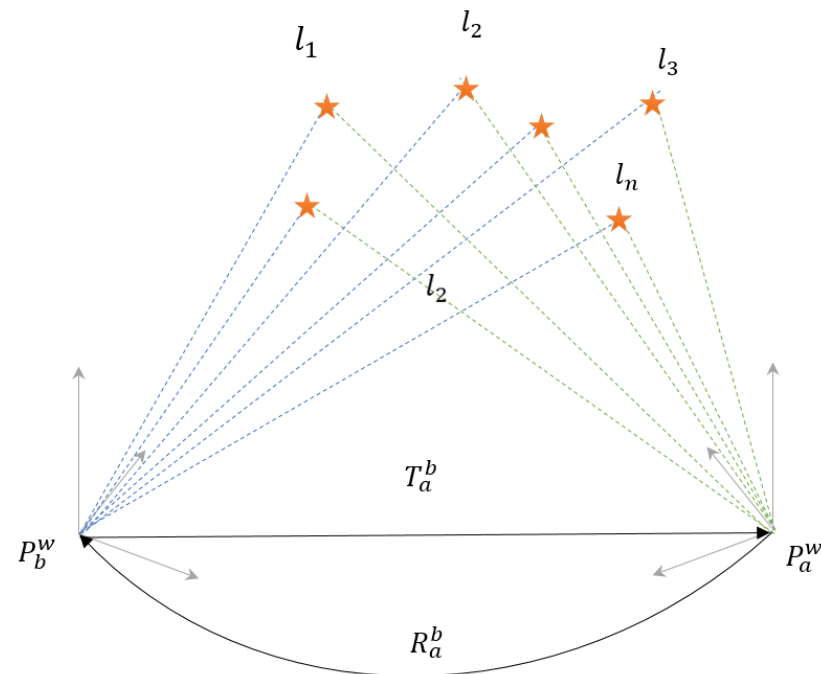


Fig 12: Relative Pose Transformation

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Point Cloud Registration

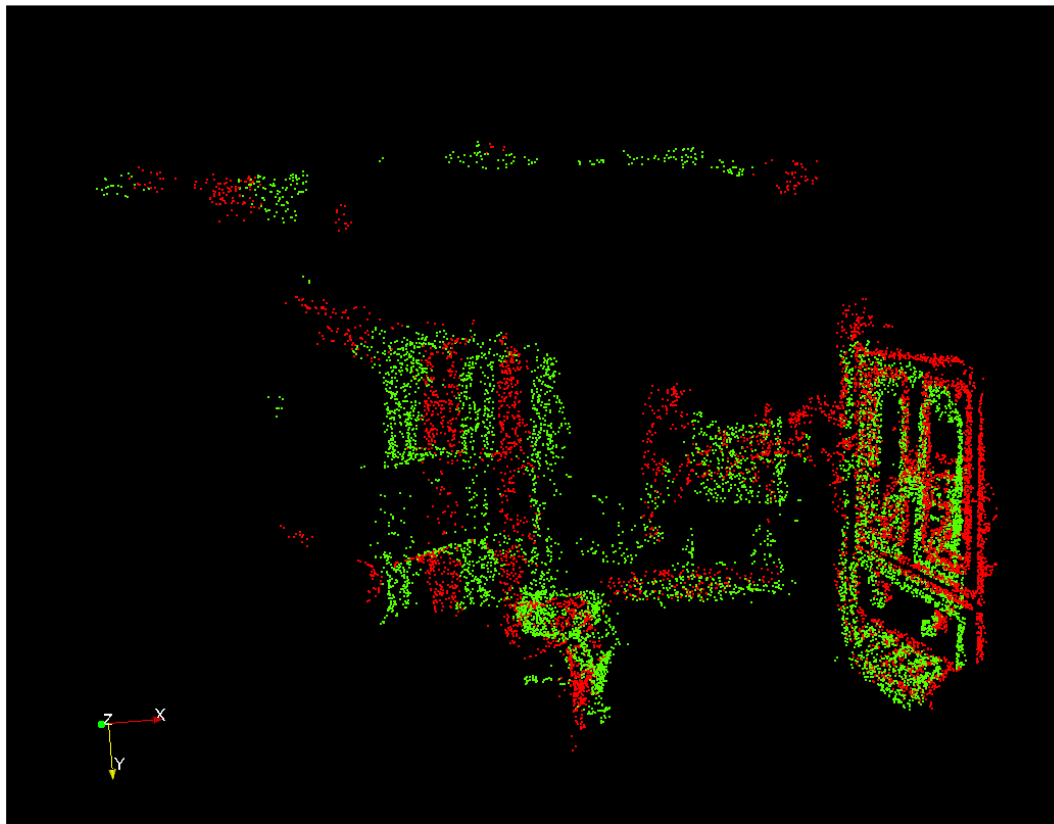
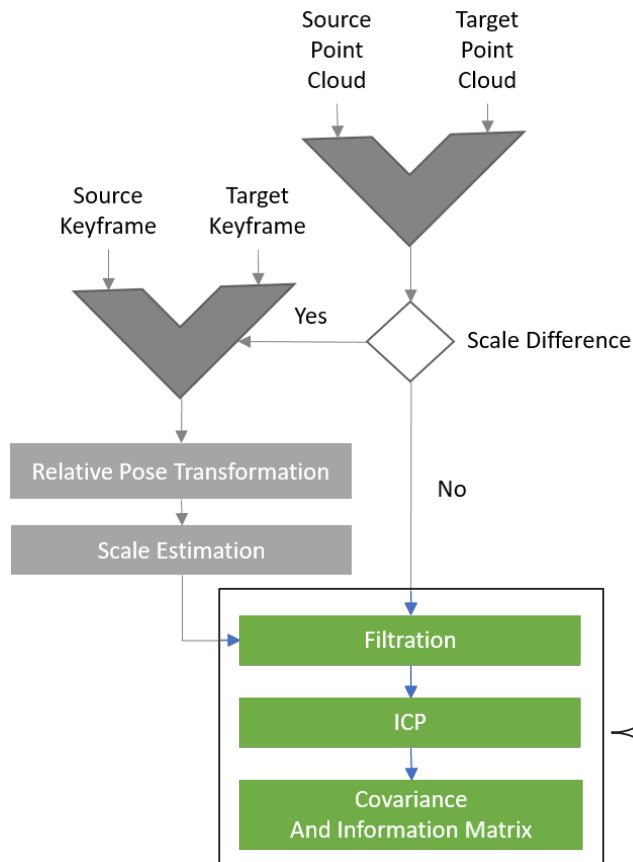


Fig 13: After Applying PCR-Pro

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Covariance and Information Matrix



apply filter to crop lower area of source and target point clouds;
 Estimate transformation T of filtered source and target point clouds using ICP [15];
 Transform original source point cloud using rigid transformation RT will map on the target point cloud;
 Now calculate of information matrix;
function 3D ICP COVARIANCE [18] (Source Point Cloud, Target Point Cloud, Final transformation T)
 calculate the covariance using final transformation;
return 6x6 covariance matrix;
 Information Matrix = (covariance matrix) $^{-1}$

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Covariance and Information Matrix

$$\text{cov}(x) \approx \left(\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial x^2} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial z \partial x} \right) \text{cov}(z) \left(\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial z \partial x} \right)^T \left(\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial x^2} \right)^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \left(\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial x^2} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial^2 J_i}{\partial x^2} \right).$$

Objective Function:

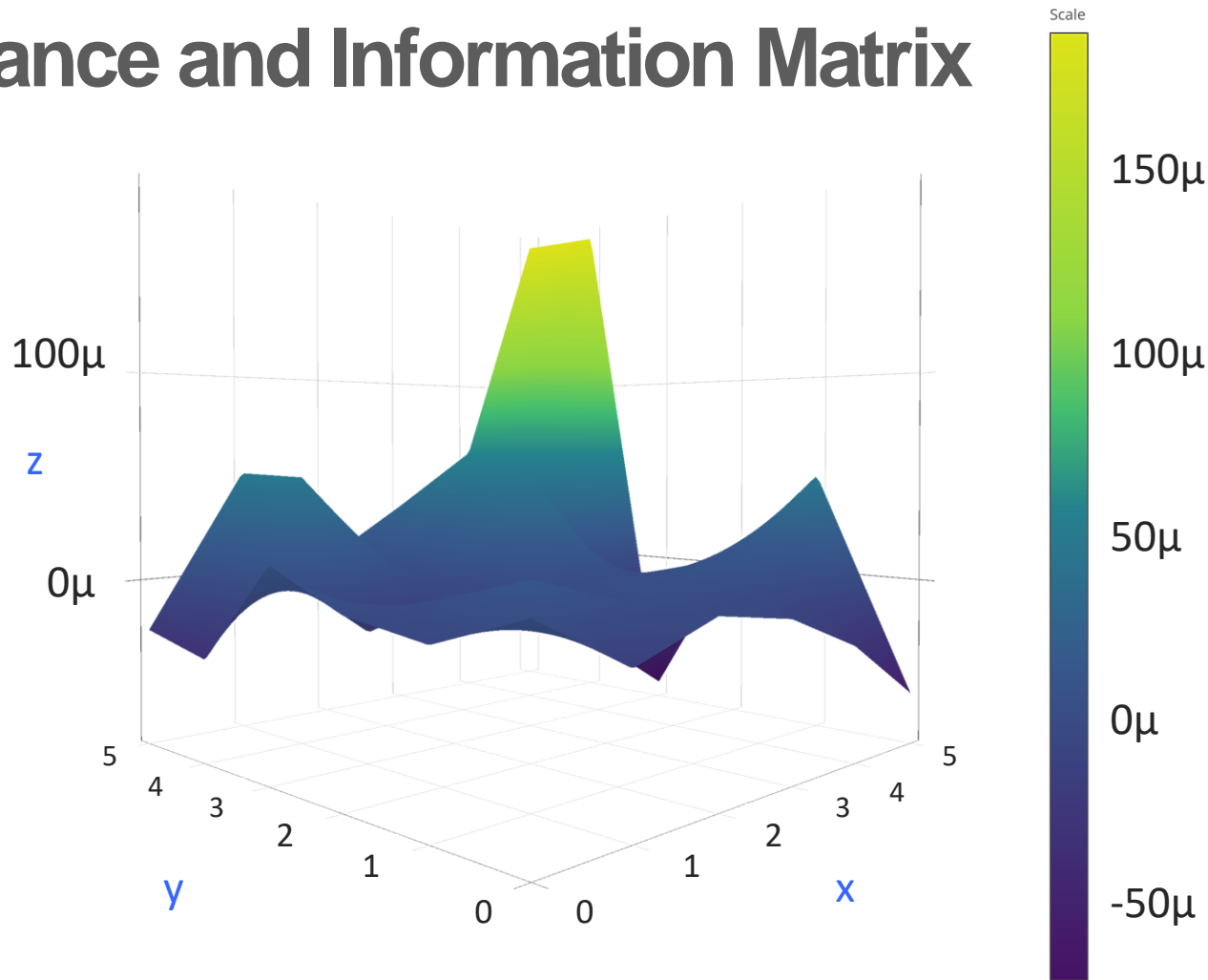
$$J = \text{minimize} \sum_{i=1}^n F^2, \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } F = \| G \|, \text{ and } G = RP_i + T - Q_i.$$

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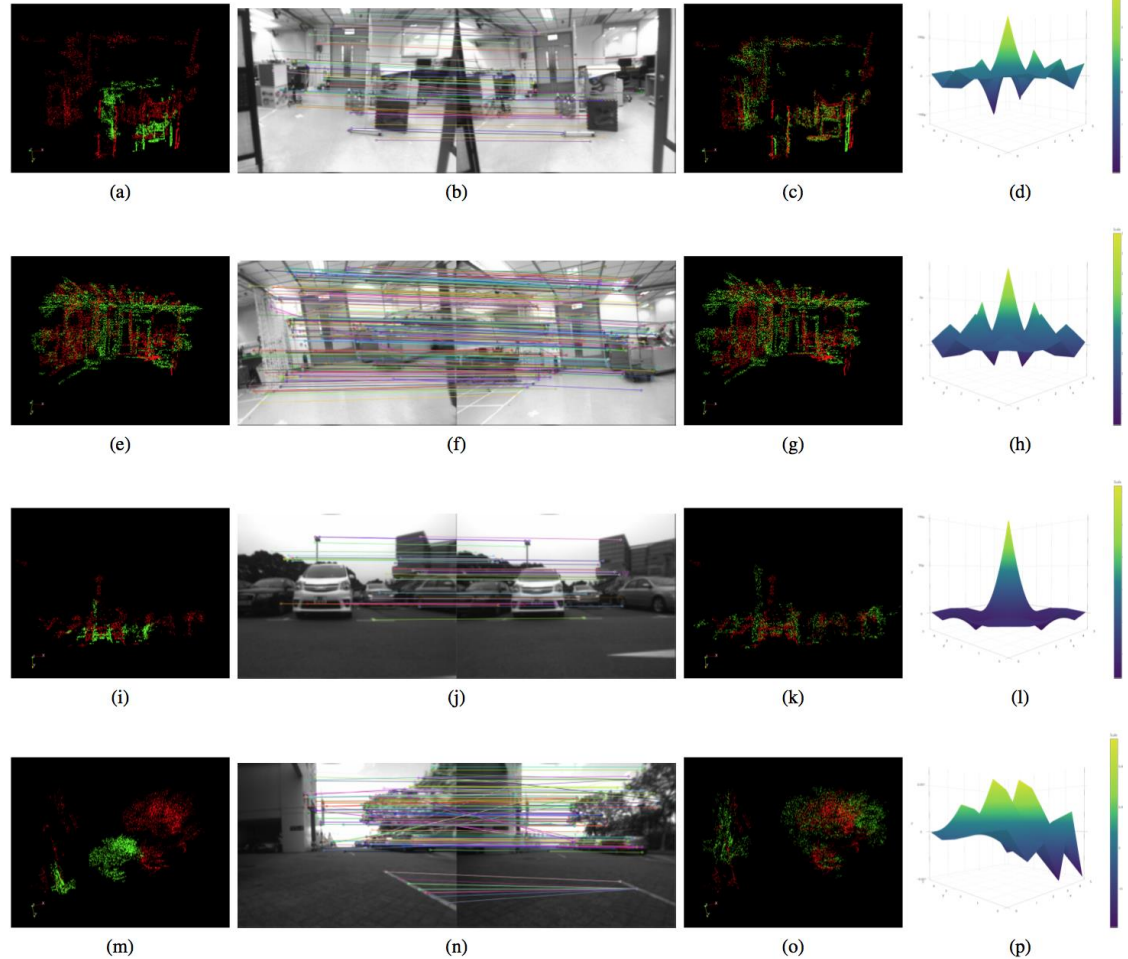
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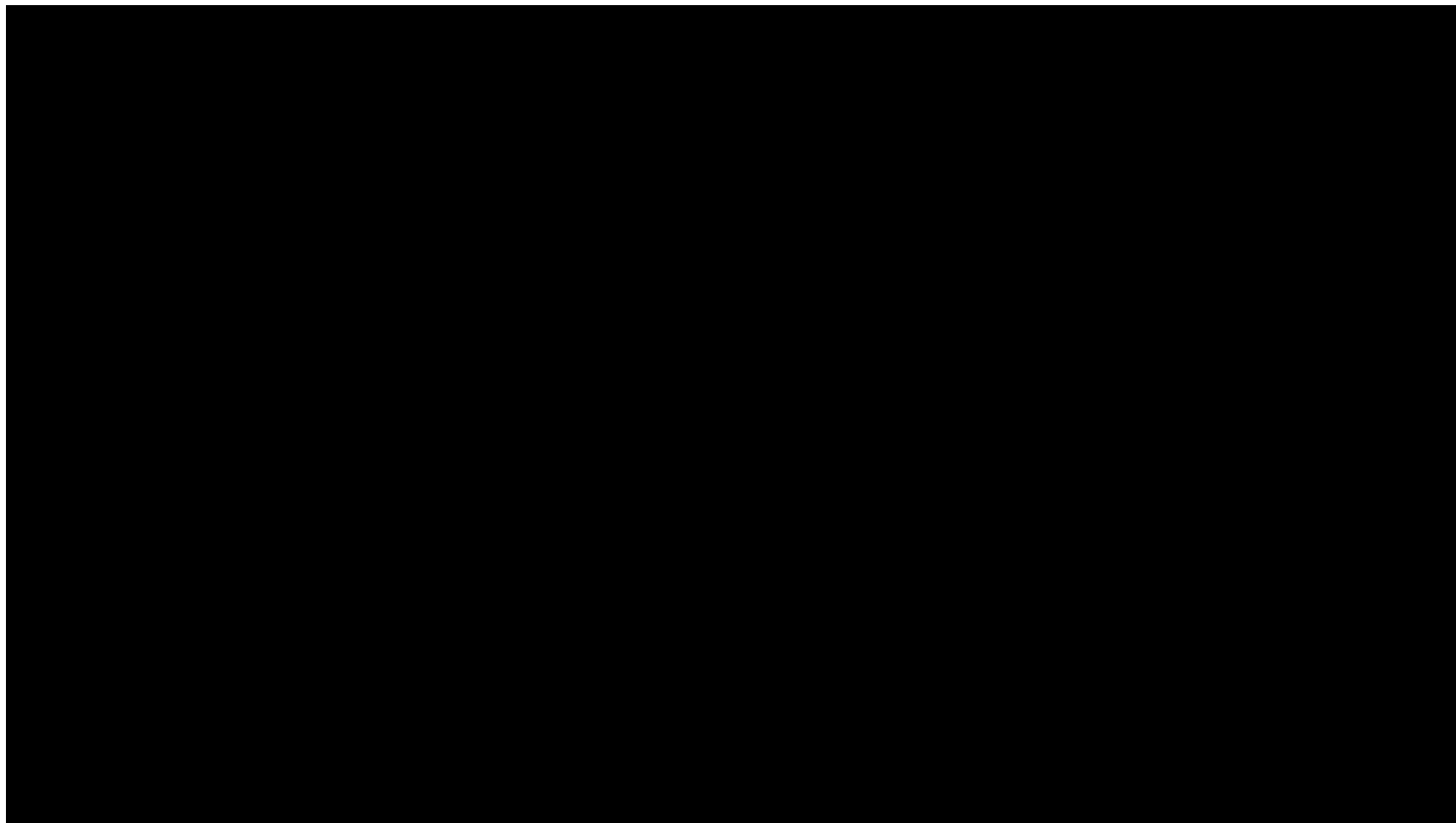
Testing and Results

Indoor and outdoor scenarios;

- » Keyframe matching
- » Point cloud registration
- » Estimated covariance



Testing and Results



Available at YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVjiV6BOH10>

Conclusion and Future Work

- » PCR-Pro is a robust method to find an accurate transformation between point-clouds with variant scales.
- » The covariance is very small as system converges to a global minimum.
- » We developed a way of using direct SLAM approaches for multi-agent SLAM systems.
- » Real time multi-agent SLAM systems in large-scale can be envisaged and will be presented next year.

For Collaborations:



- » Multi-Agent SLAM Systems
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