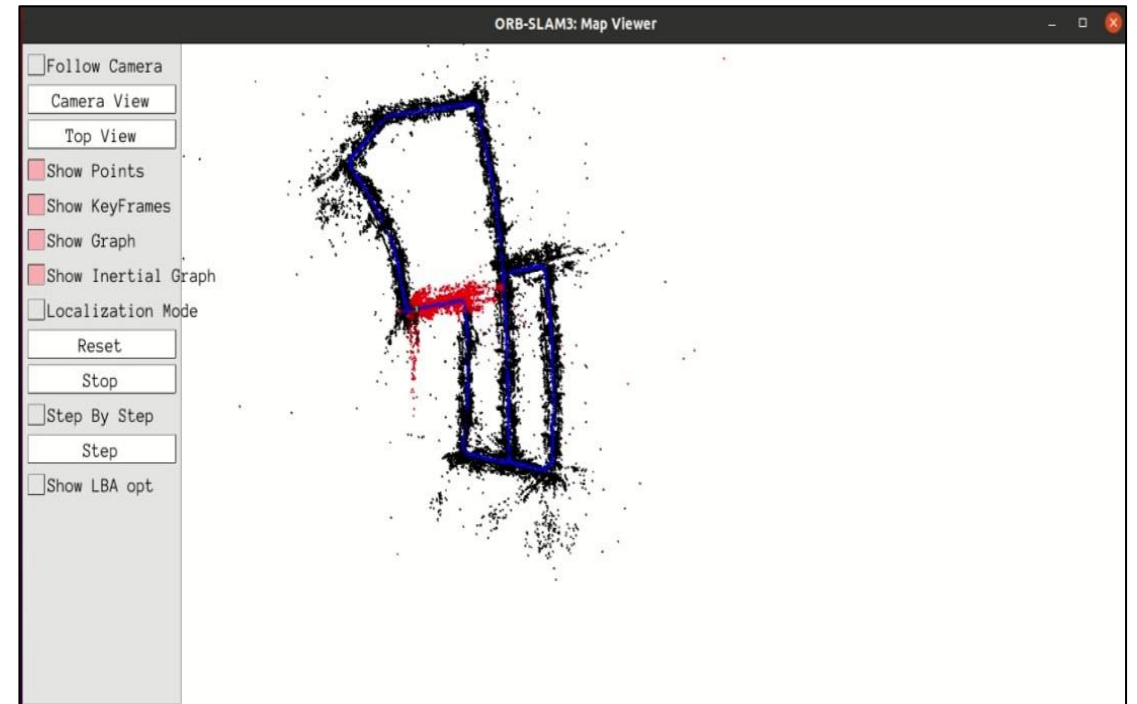


KITTI Dataset

KITTI (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and Toyota Technological Institute) is one of the most popular datasets for use in mobile robotics and autonomous driving. It consists of hours of traffic scenarios recorded with a variety of sensor modalities, including high-resolution RGB, grayscale stereo cameras, and a 3D laser scanner.

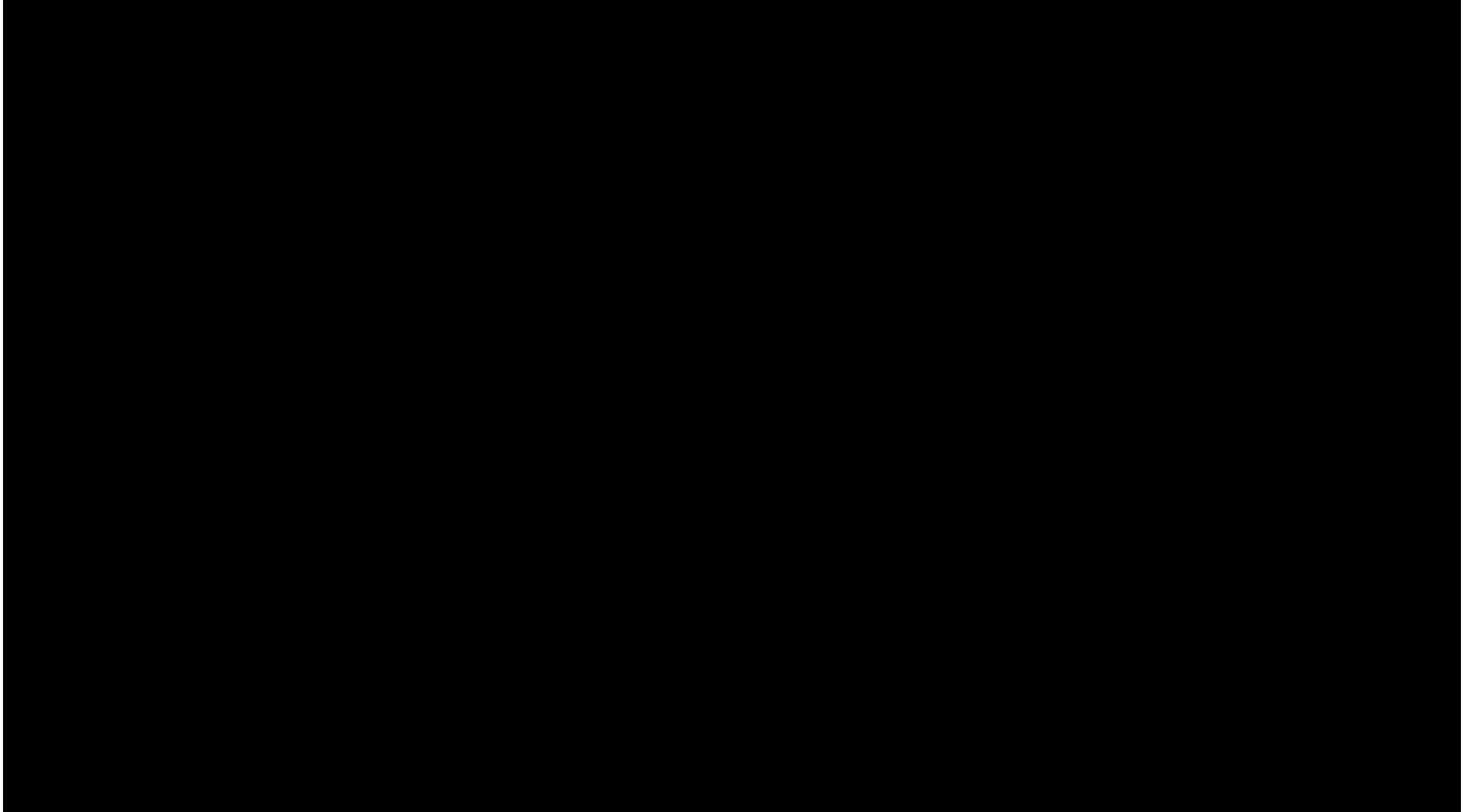


Feature detection



Map generation

SLAM Results with KITTI Dataset

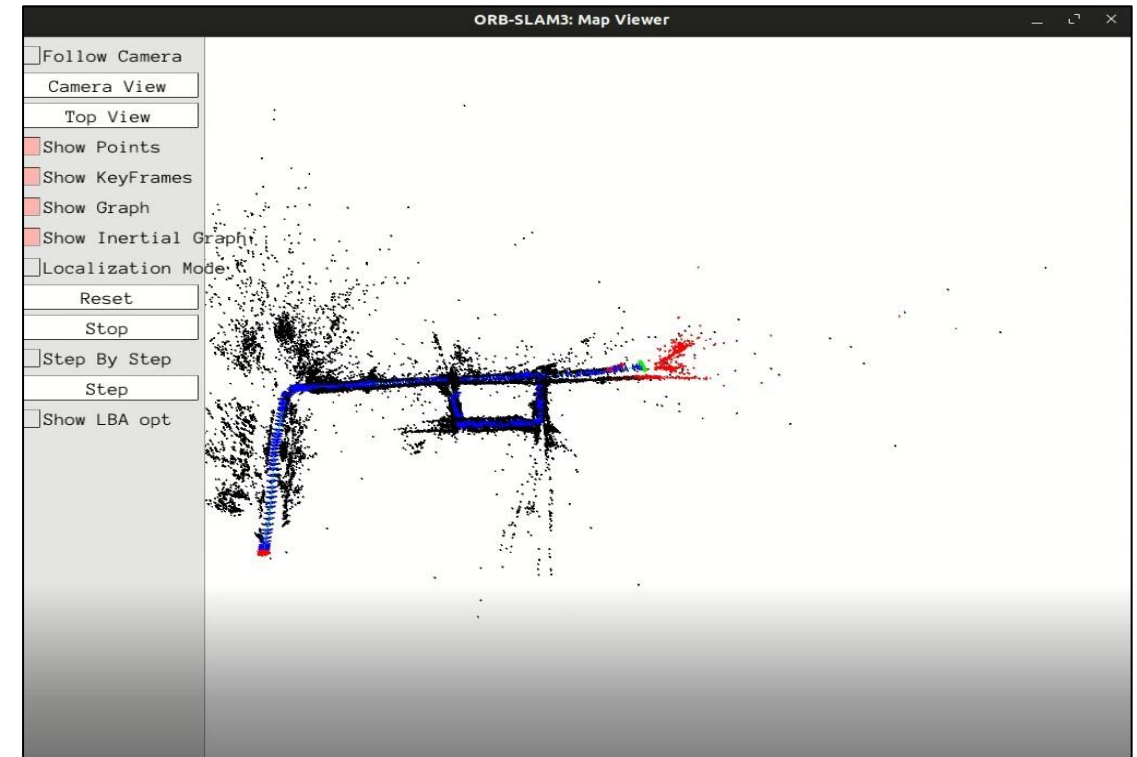


NUance Dataset

In this dataset, Northeastern's autonomous car is driven manually around Newbury Street in Boston. The dataset has stereo RGB cameras looking forward, an IR camera looking forward, 2 Velodyne VLP-16 lidar mounted on top of the car, IMU, and GPS. The main focus in this dataset was to collect camera data with at least one loop closure. The sensors like lidars, GPS, IMU in combination can serve as ground truth for visual slam algorithms.

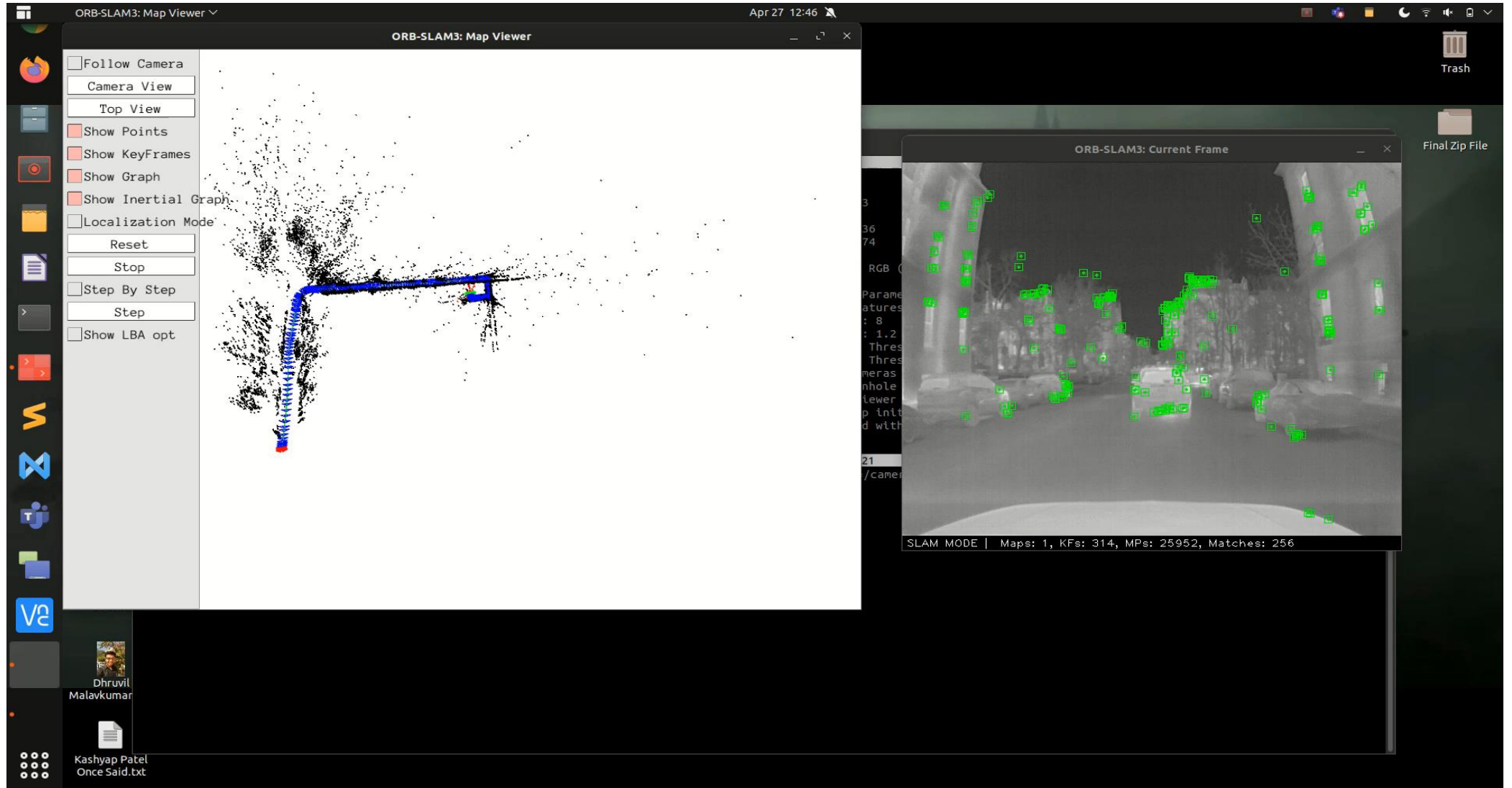


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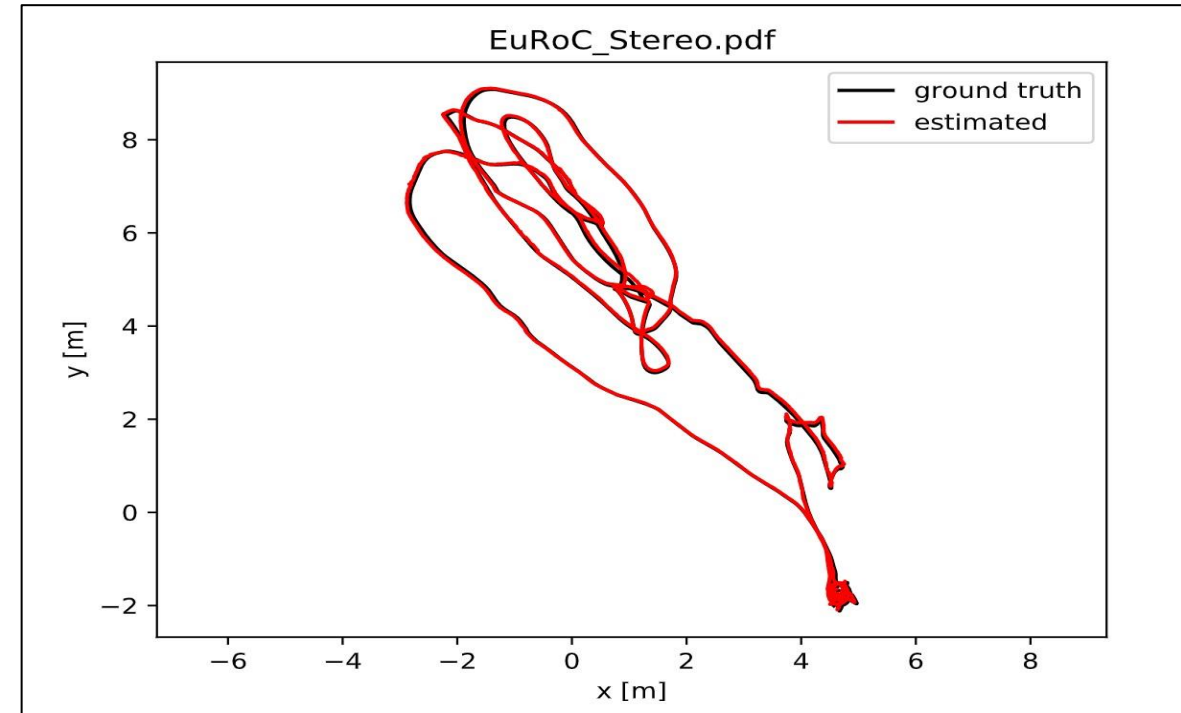
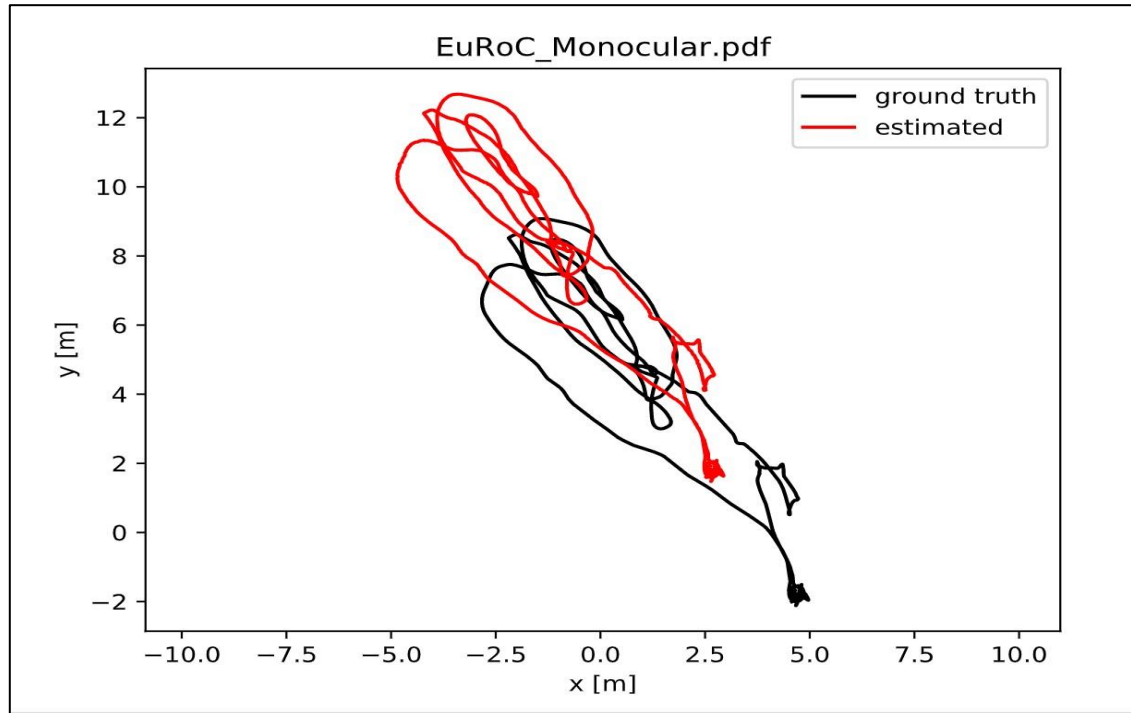
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SLAM Results with NUance Dataset



Results and Comparison

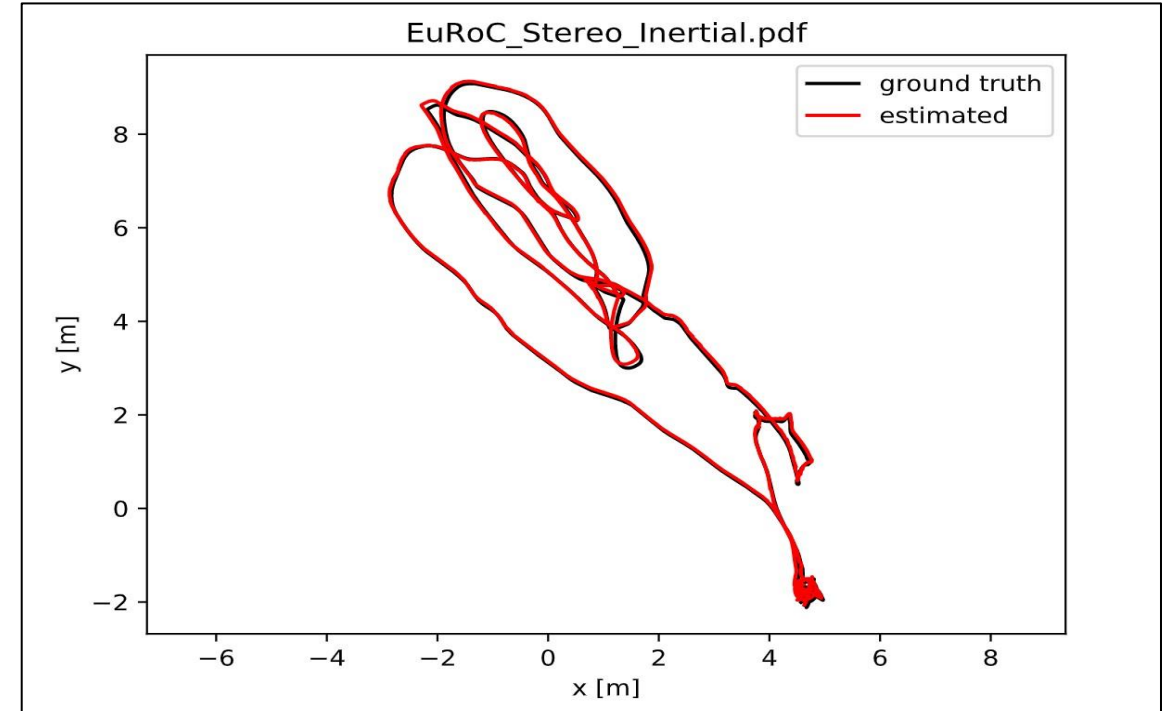
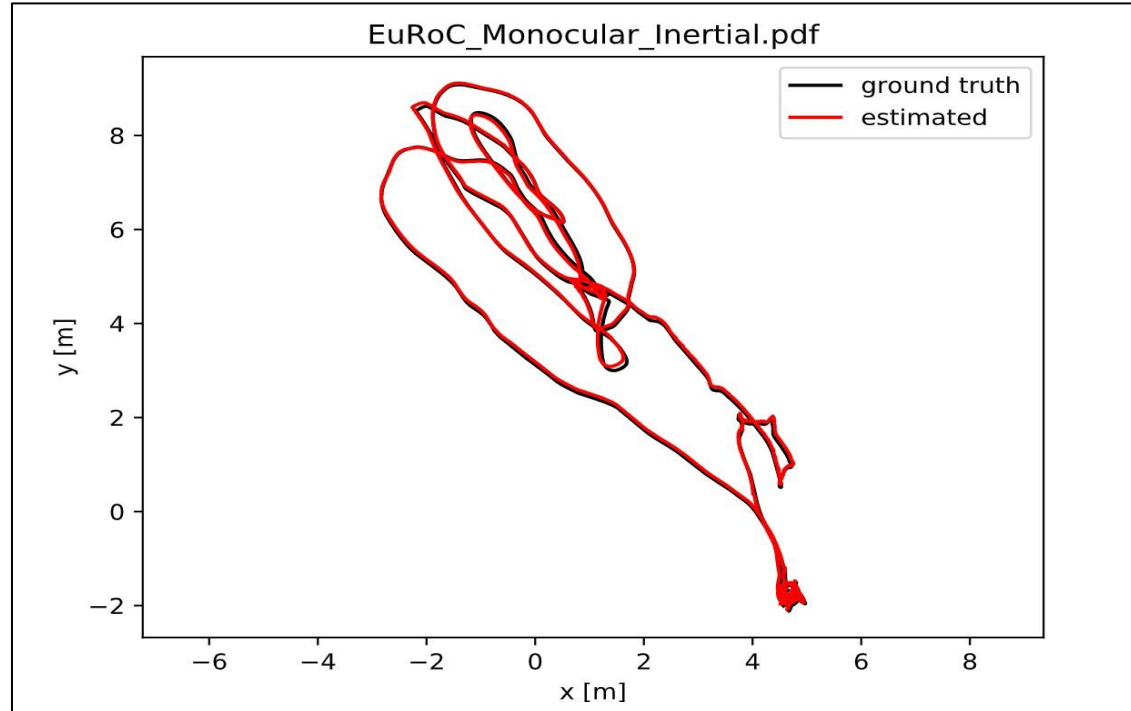
EuRoC dataset : Monocular VS Stereo without IMU



- Ground truth provided for entire segment
- Similar map generated and similar scaling for both Monocular and Stereo without IMU
- Localization is poor for Monocular, good for Stereo
- Start & end segments line up with each other for both, but only match ground truth for Stereo
- Conclusion: Stereo is necessary for good localization without IMU

Results and Comparison

EuRoC dataset : Monocular Inertial VS Stereo Inertial

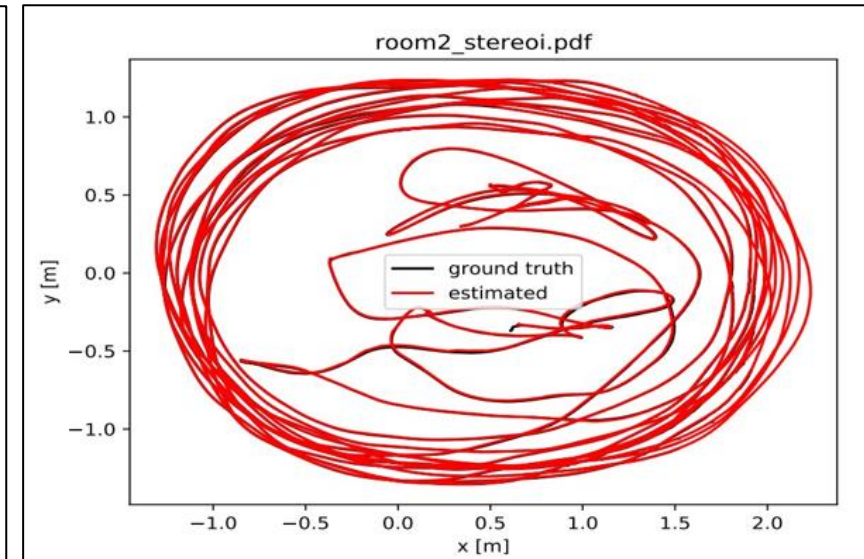
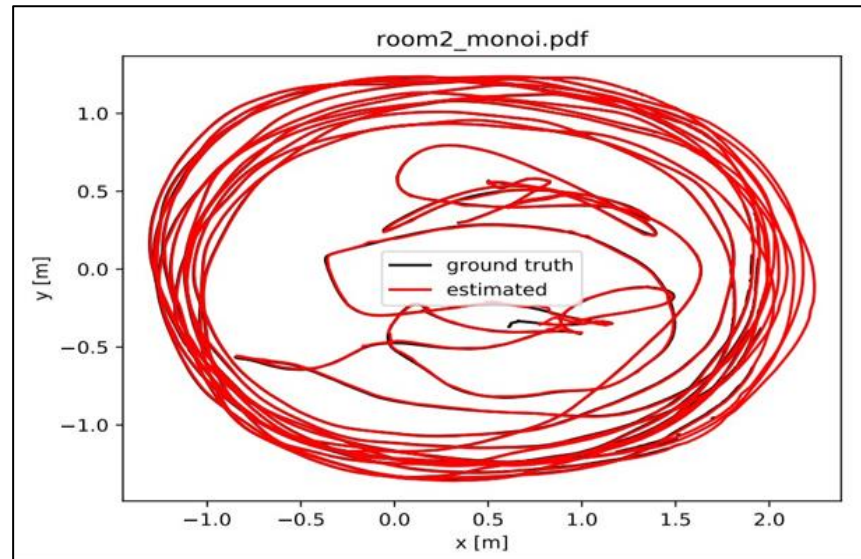
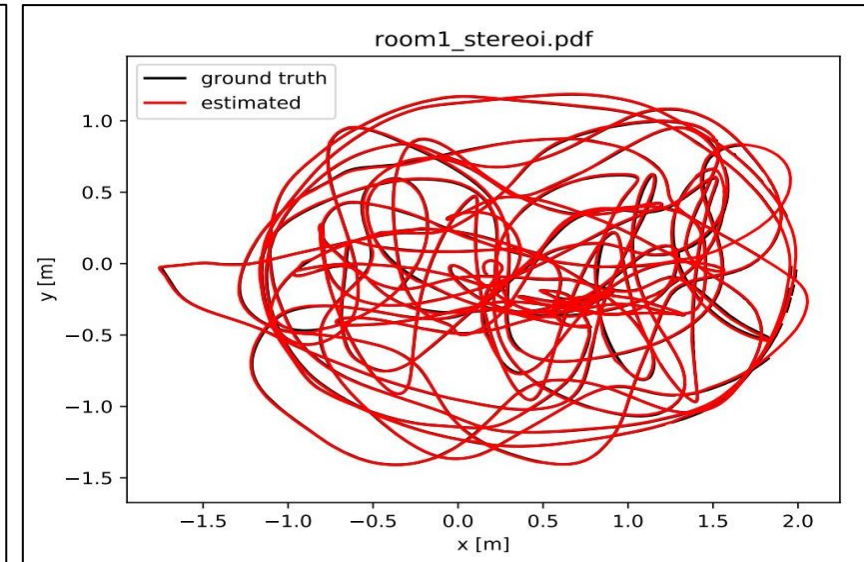
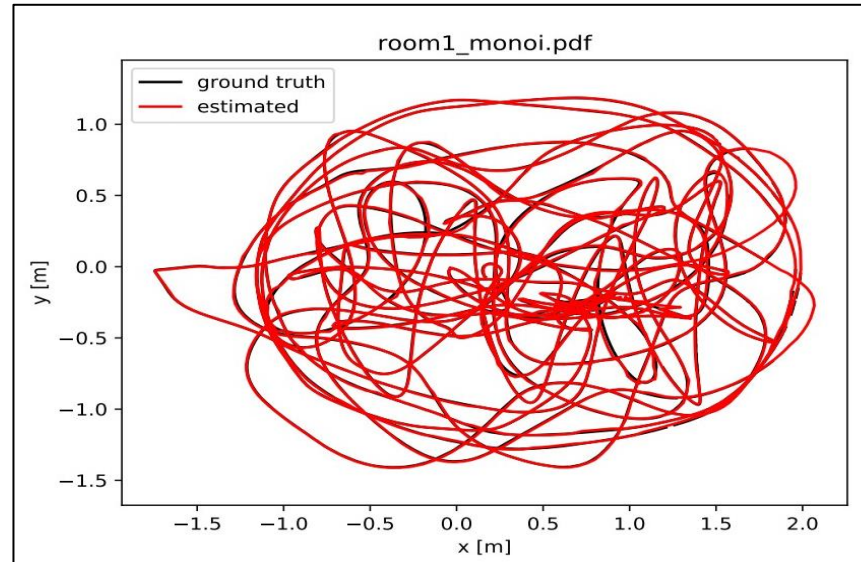


- Ground truth provided for entire dataset
- Similar map results and good localization for Monocular and Stereo with IMU
- Monocular slightly better around sharp turns, Stereo better for straighter segments
- Conclusion: no significant difference between Monocular and Stereo with IMU, Stereo just slightly better

Results and Comparison

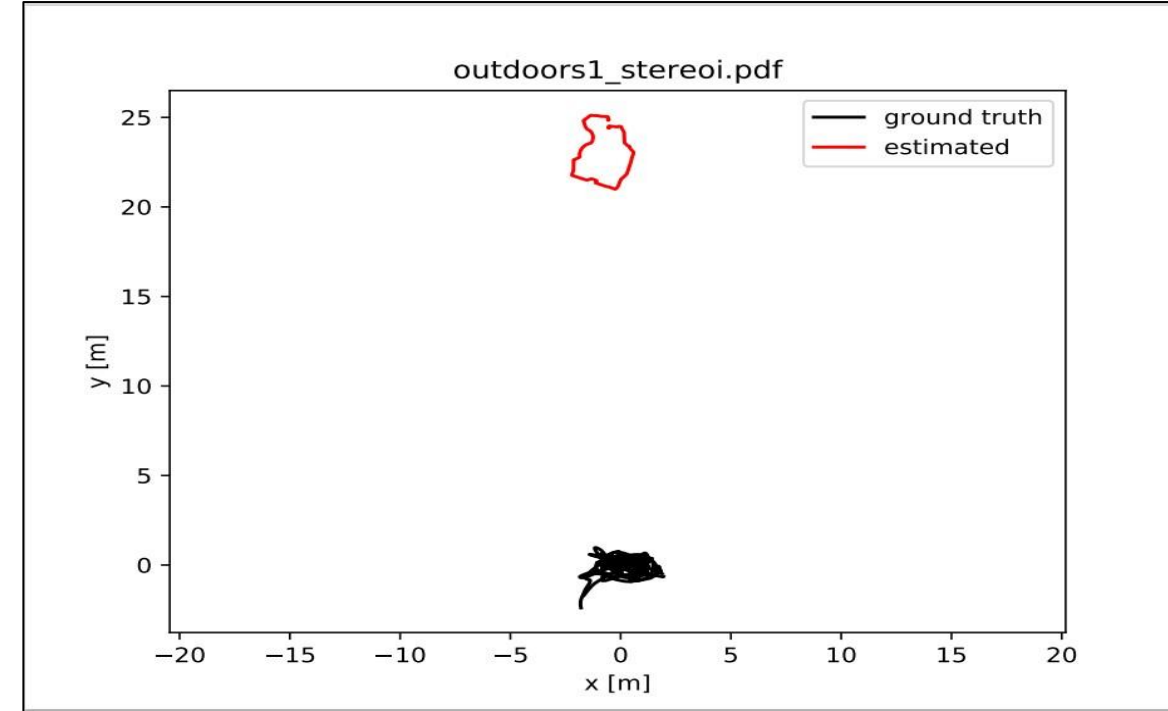
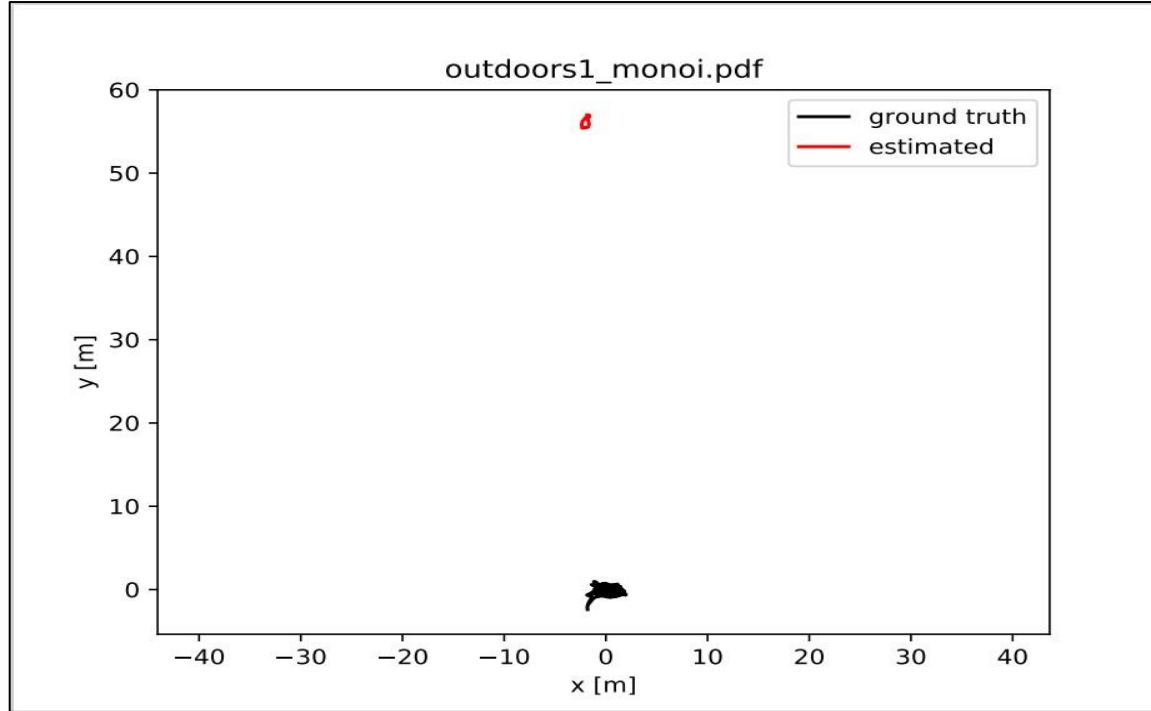
TUM-VI dataset : Monocular Inertial VS Stereo Inertial for Room1 and Room2

- Ground truth provided for entire dataset
- Many loop closures for both Room1 and Room2 dataset
- Both Monocular & Stereo with IMU performed well with localization and mapping; stereo perhaps marginally better (similar to EuRoC dataset results)
- Conclusion: Many loop closures = good mapping & little difference between Stereo & Monocular



Results and Comparison

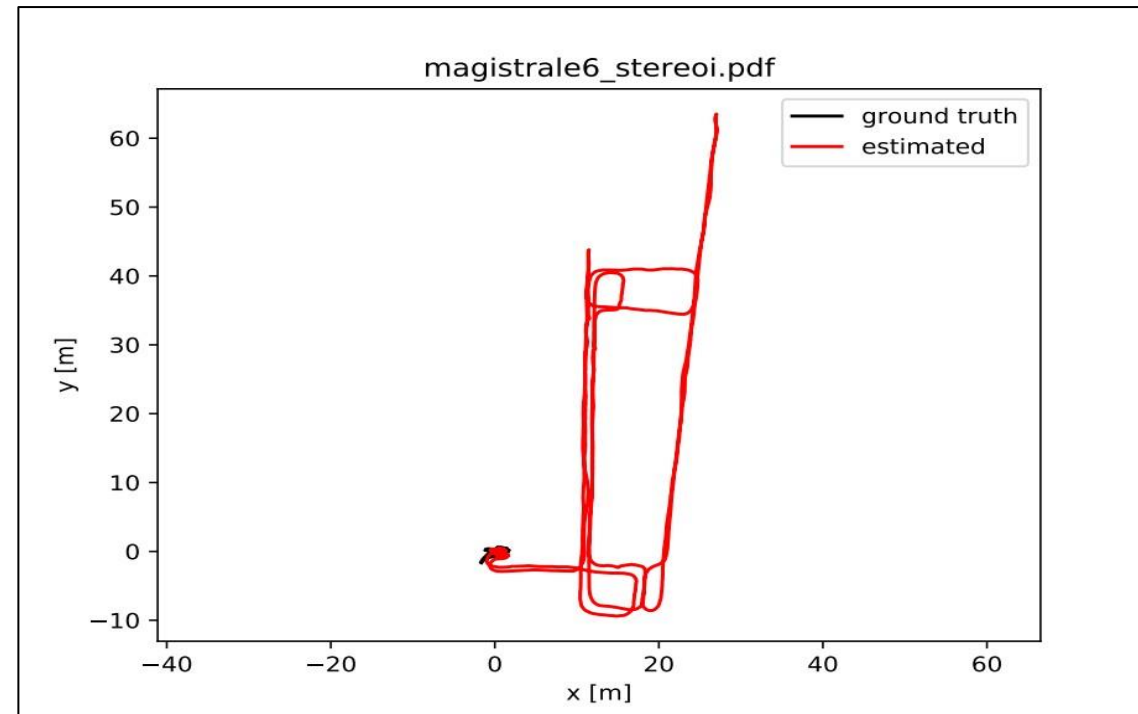
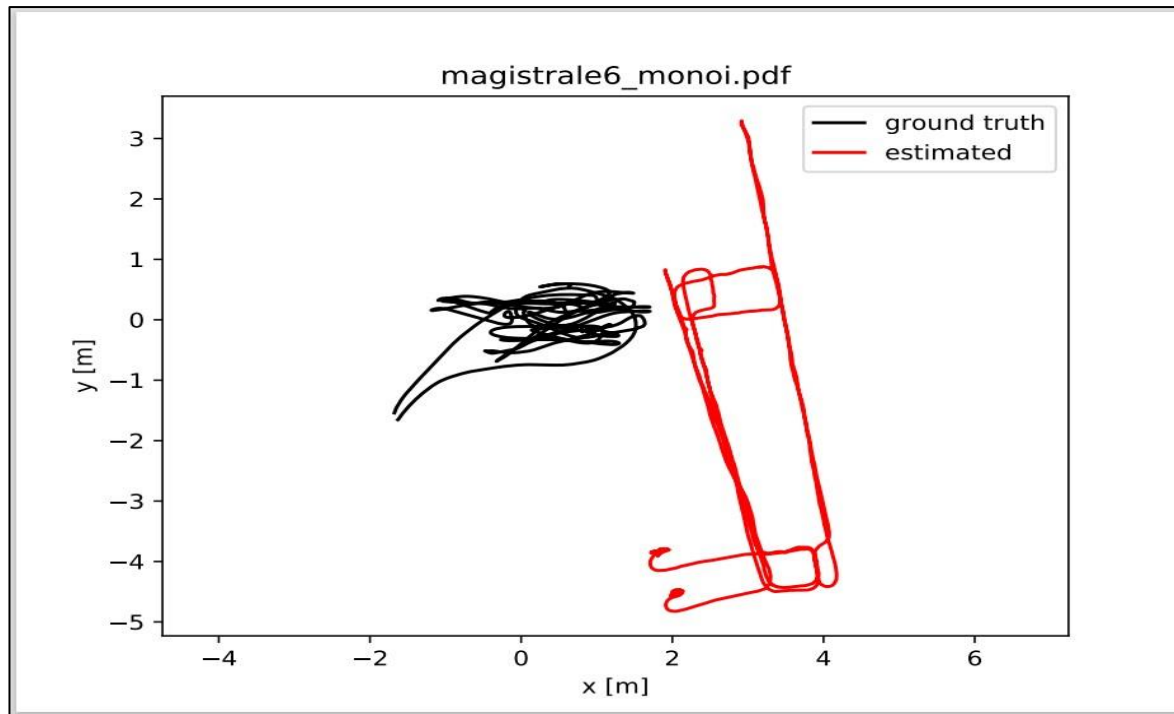
TUM-VI dataset : Outdoor Monocular Inertial VS Outdoor Stereo Inertial



- Ground truth poses only provided for start and end segments
- No loop closure performed for either Monocular or Stereo with IMU
- Localization slightly better for Stereo (25m away vs 55m away), but scale is off for both
- Conclusion: Loop closure necessary to complete an accurate map & Stereo has only a slight advantage over Monocular in low loop closure cases

Results and Comparison

TUM-VI dataset : Magistrale Monocular Inertial VS Magistrale Stereo Inertial



- Ground truth provided for only start and end segments
- Stereo with IMU completed a loop closure, but Monocular with IMU did not
- Very similar paths between the two, but straightened out better and with correct scaling for stereo after loop closure
- Stereo in this case worked far better to pinpoint exact start and end location

Issues when working with NEU dataset

- Loss of features on sharp turns leading to failure in tracking local map resulting in the resetting of map
- Features concentrated on distant objects leading to distorted odometry data
- Features located on moving objects leading to distortions in map

Remaining issues

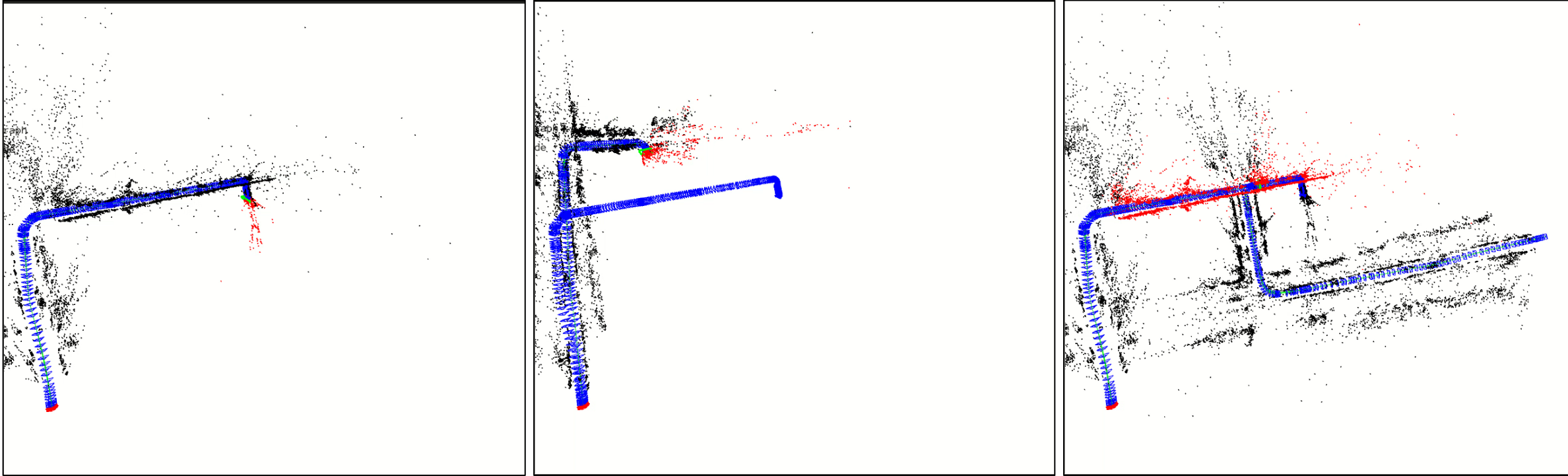
- Getting the inertial data integrated with the monocular version that we have working right now
- Getting transformation parameters from IMU to camera just right

Corrective measures attempted

- Utilization of IR camera data which highly compensated for motion blur and provided accurate feature tracking even on sharp turns
- Examined working on various datasets to understand issues and how to compensate them
- Configuration changes

Failed Loop Closure (NUance Dataset)

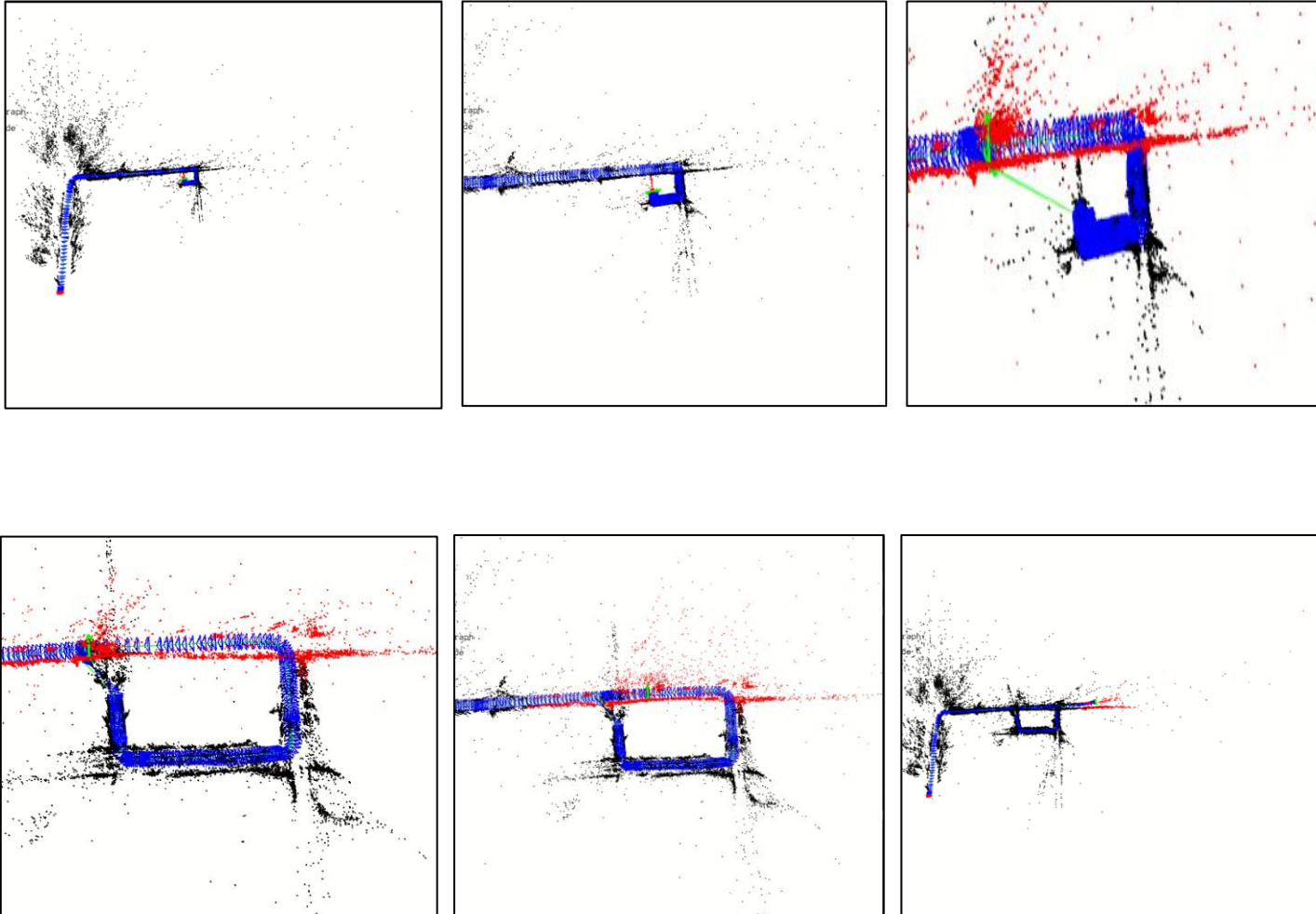
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Why it Failed:

- ORB SLAM 3 stops tracking features after the second turn in the first image
- Error in tracking local map results in generation of a second map, shown in the second image
- Loop closure detected but map merged incorrectly due to tracking failure, shown in the third image

Successful Loop Closure(NUance Dataset)



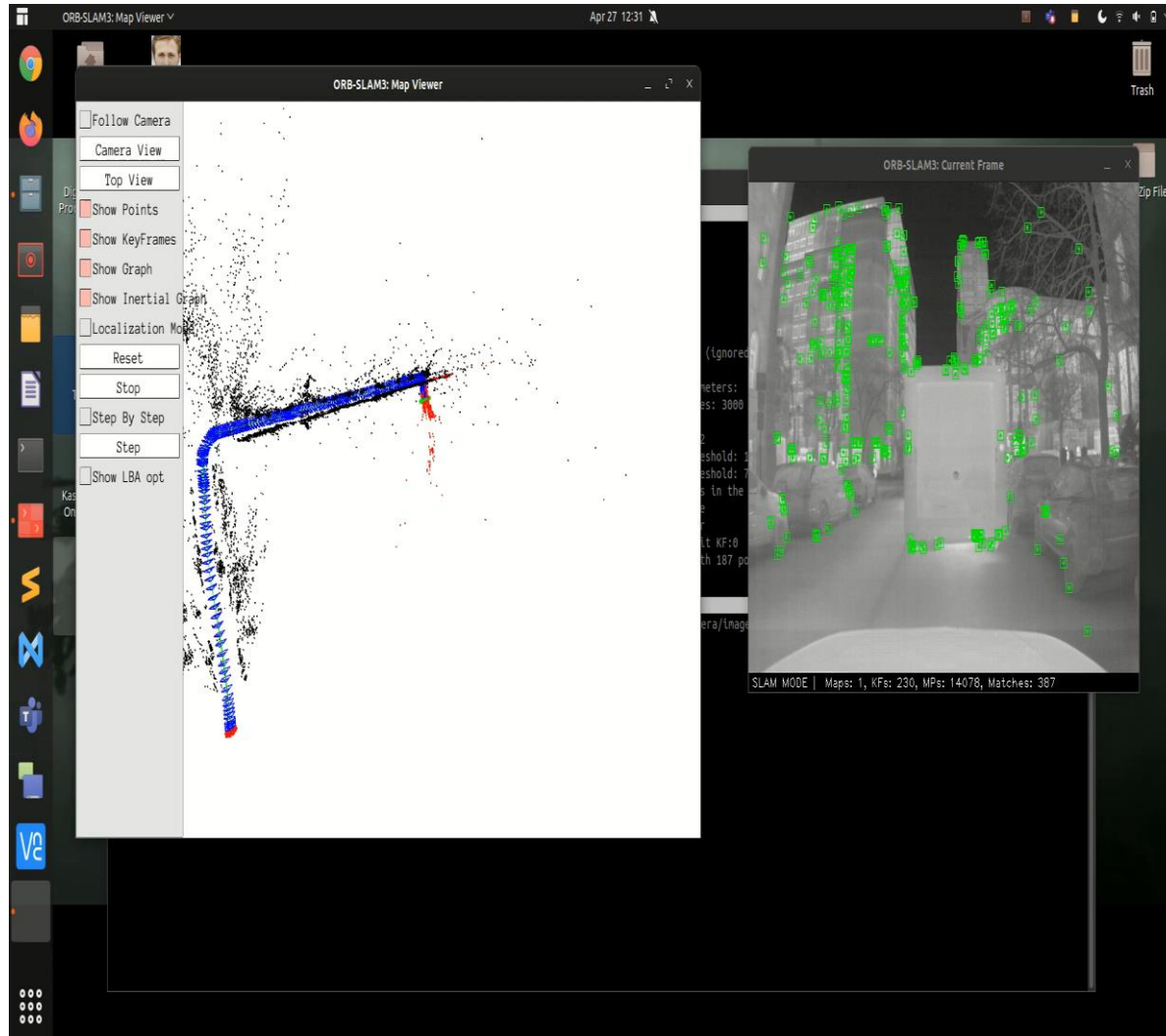
The first two images show that because of some errors in feature tracking, the mapping is not perfect and not according to scale.

After the last turn when the car is at a point it has previously mapped, you can observe a green line in the third image that corresponds to the two points that are found to be matching.

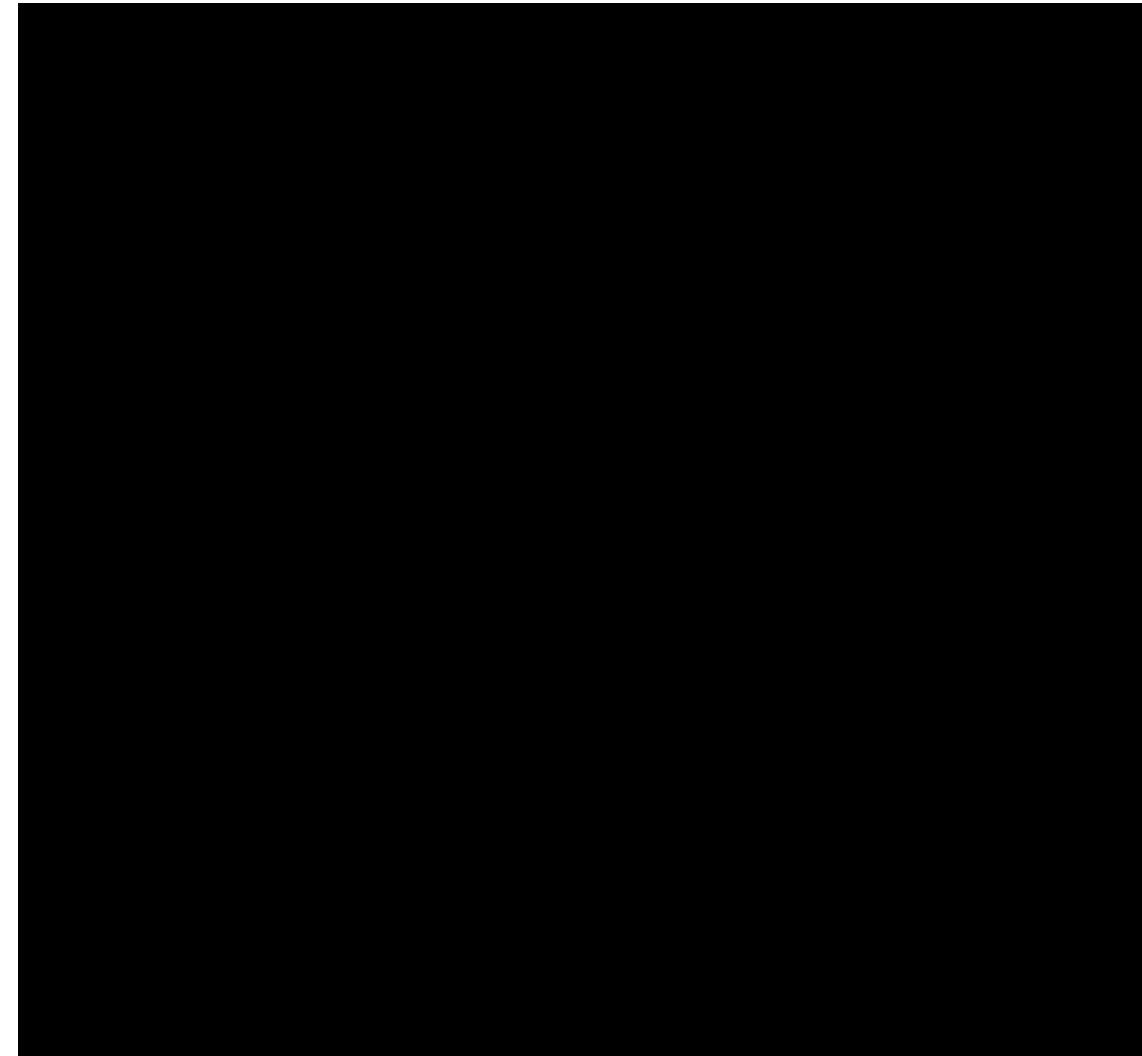
We can see in the later images how the keyframes are corrected taking the loop closure into account and adjusts the map accordingly.

It can be observed more clearly in the video clip on the next slide.

NUance Dataset



Failed loop closure



Successful loop closure

CONCLUSION



Conclusion

ORB_SLAM3 was successfully implemented for performing VSLAM on EuRoC, TUM_VI, KITTI and NUance datasets.

EuRoC dataset:

- Stereo is necessary for good localization without IMU
- No significant difference between Monocular and Stereo with IMU, Stereo just slightly better.

TUM-VI dataset:

- For room1 and room2 we observe that there are many loop closures which means we got the good mapping with both Monocular and Stereo datasets.
- For outdoor mapping Stereo has a slight advantage over Monocular in low loop closure cases.
- In case of magistrale data set Stereo worked far better to pinpoint exact start and end location.

Kitti dataset:

- ORB SLAM 3 has worked the best on KITTI dataset so far. It could be because of the environment the data was collected in with good features to track and not so many dynamic objects nearby.
- While it does make mistakes while mapping initially, it compensates for it by doing an excellent job with the loop closures and bundle adjustment to generate an accurate map of the environment.

NUance Dataset:

- The NUance Dataset was by far the trickiest as it was our custom dataset. Various parameters needed adjusting and we solved issues one step at a time as seen in the previous slides.
- We were able to successfully run the algorithm on monocular version and create a map of the environment.
- Next steps are integrating the inertial measurement data to further improve the accuracy and precision

THANK YOU

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GitLab Repository

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https://gitlab.com/johnston.re/eece5554/-/tree/main/Final_Project

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