
Robust Learning-based Image Matching

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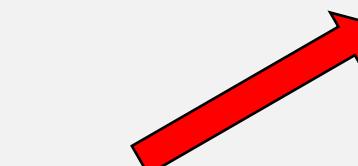
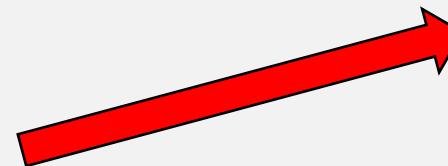
Part 1

**ContextDesc: a learning-based
local descriptor**

ContextDesc: Local Descriptor

Augmentation with Cross-Modality

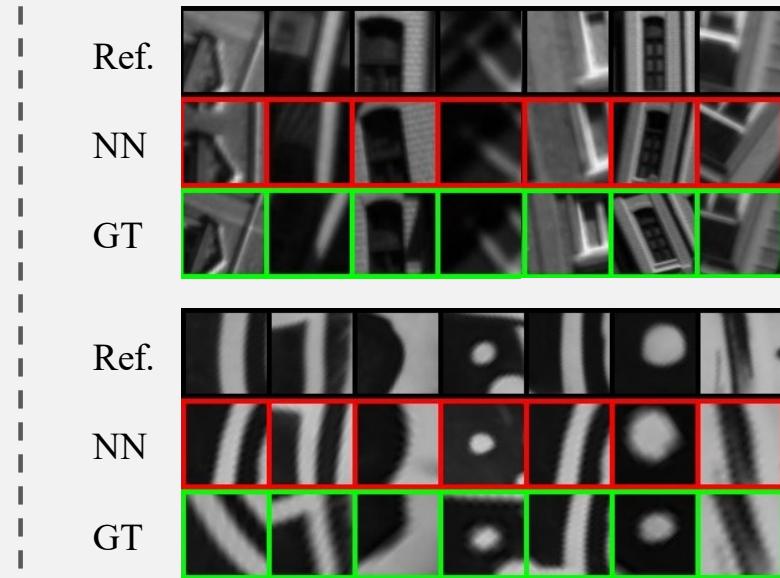
Context, CVPR'19



Part 2

**A learning-based inlier
classification and fundamental
matrix estimation method
In submission**

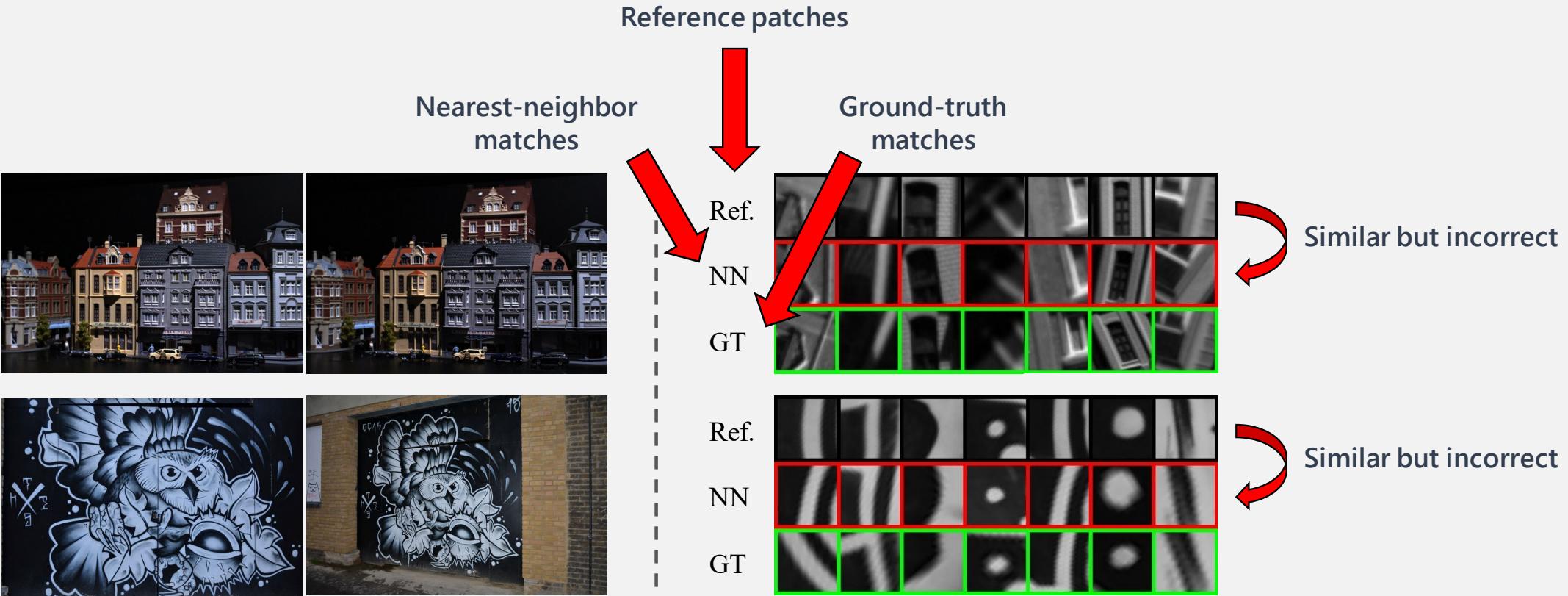
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The results are becoming saturated on standard benchmark

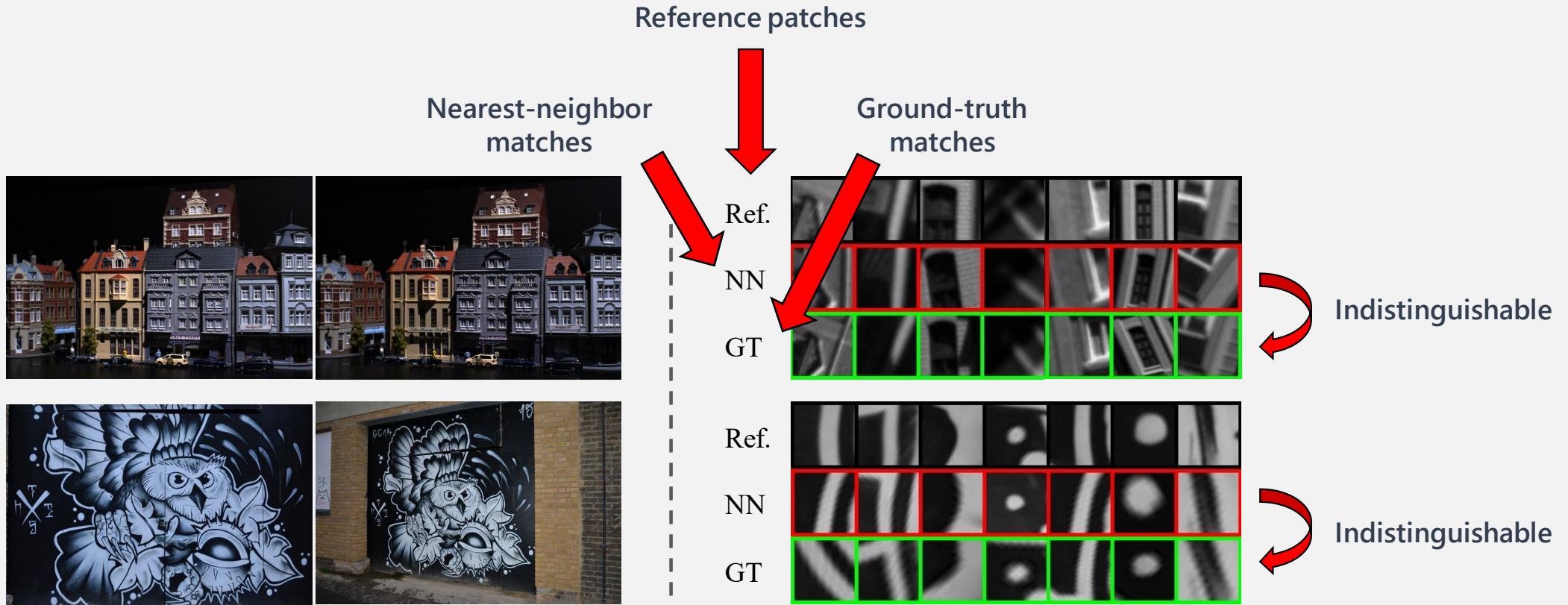
*Samples are from HPatches dataset.

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*GeoDesc is used for feature description.

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Locally distinguishable by visual appearance for,
e.g., repetitive patterns?

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More *visual context!*

- The representation of both local details and richer context – *how to construct the network?*
- Construct feature pyramids – *too costly for this low-level task?*

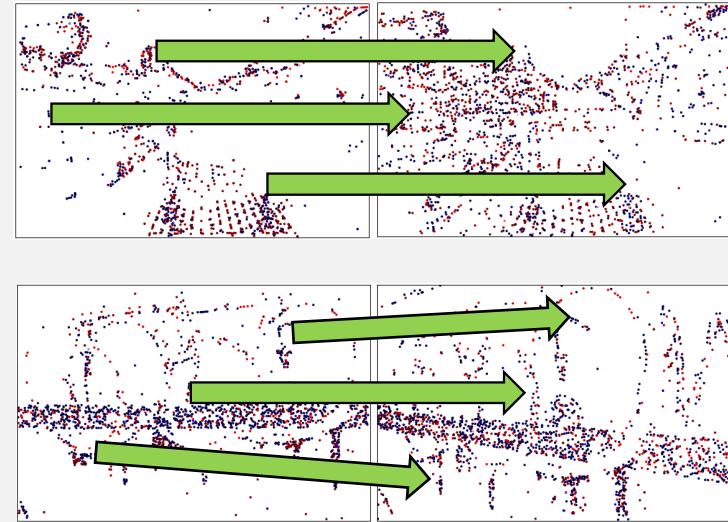
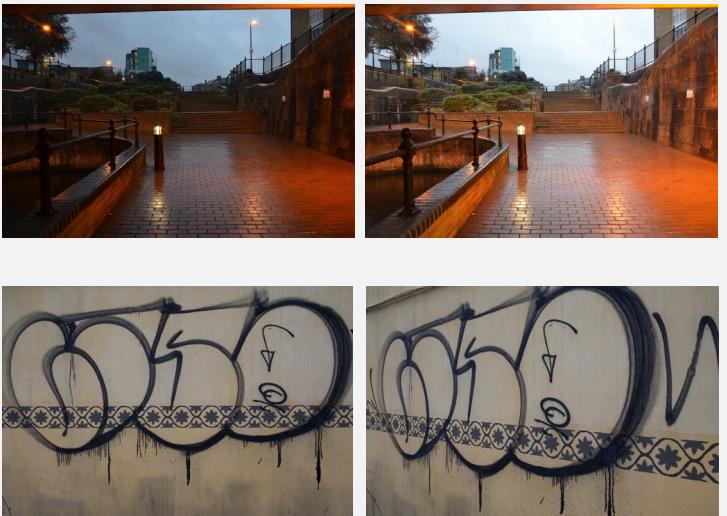
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*Keypoints are derived from SIFT.

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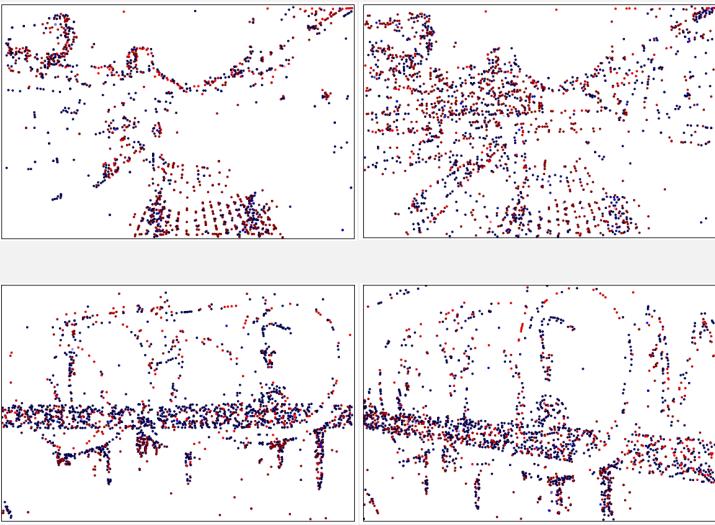


Coarse matches can be established, even *without* color information

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Keypoints are designed to be repeatable in the same underlying scene

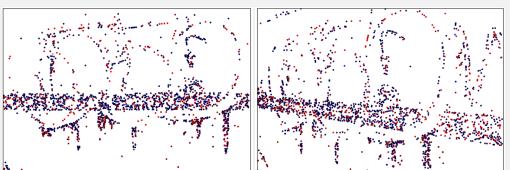
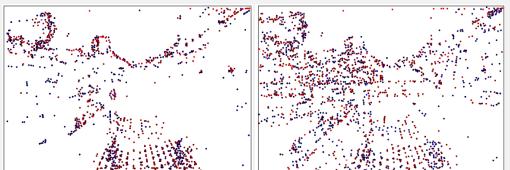
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Encoding *geometric context* from keypoint distribution of individual image

- Keypoints are irregular and unordered – *how to construct a proper encoder?*
- Keypoints are not perfectly repeatable – *how to acquire strong invariance property to different image variations?*

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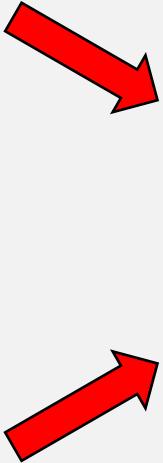
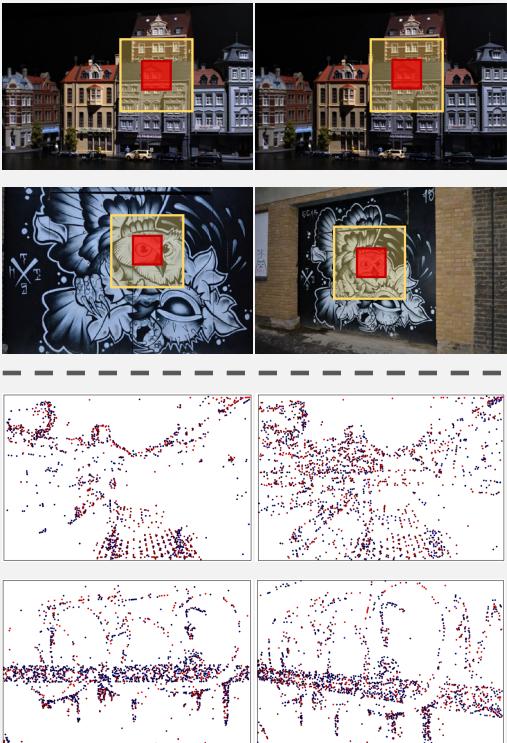
Visual context

- Incorporate high-level visual information
- Resort to *regional representation* often used in image retrieval
(one forward pass of the entire image)

Geometric context

- Geometric cues from keypoint distribution.
- Resort to *PointNet-like architecture* to process 2D point sets

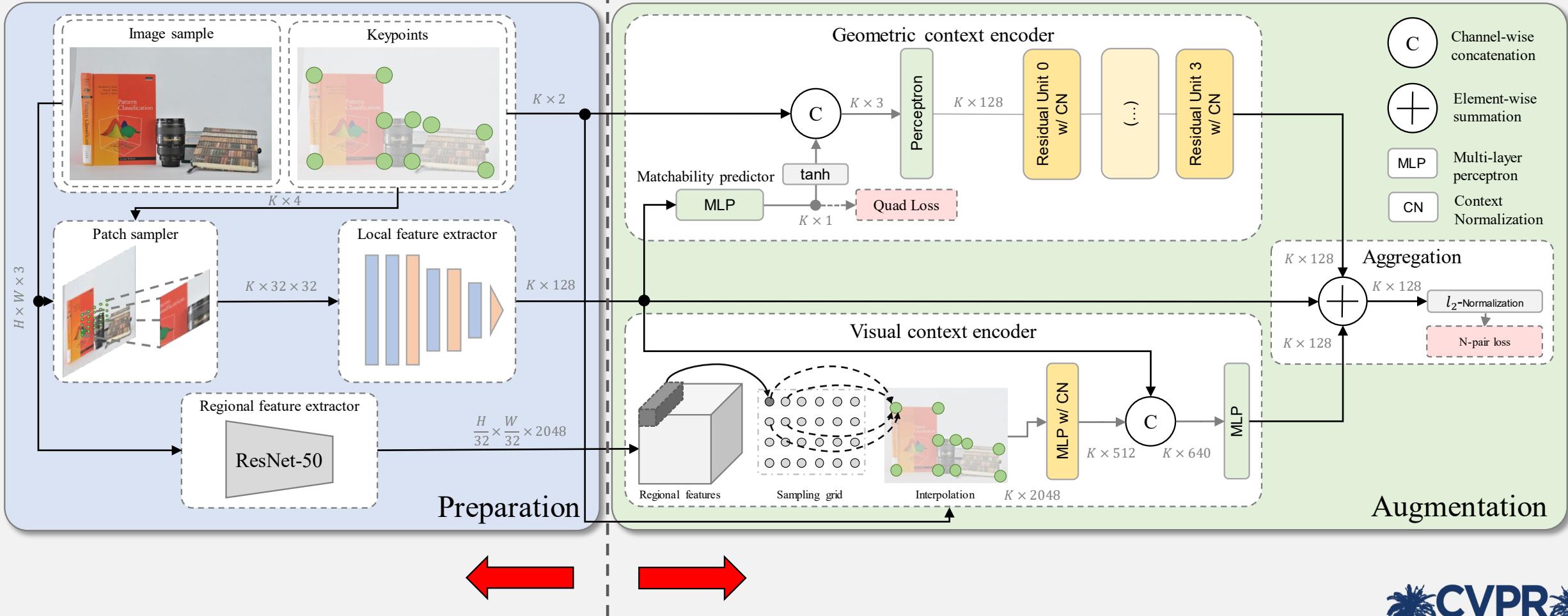
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Based on off-the-shelf descriptors...

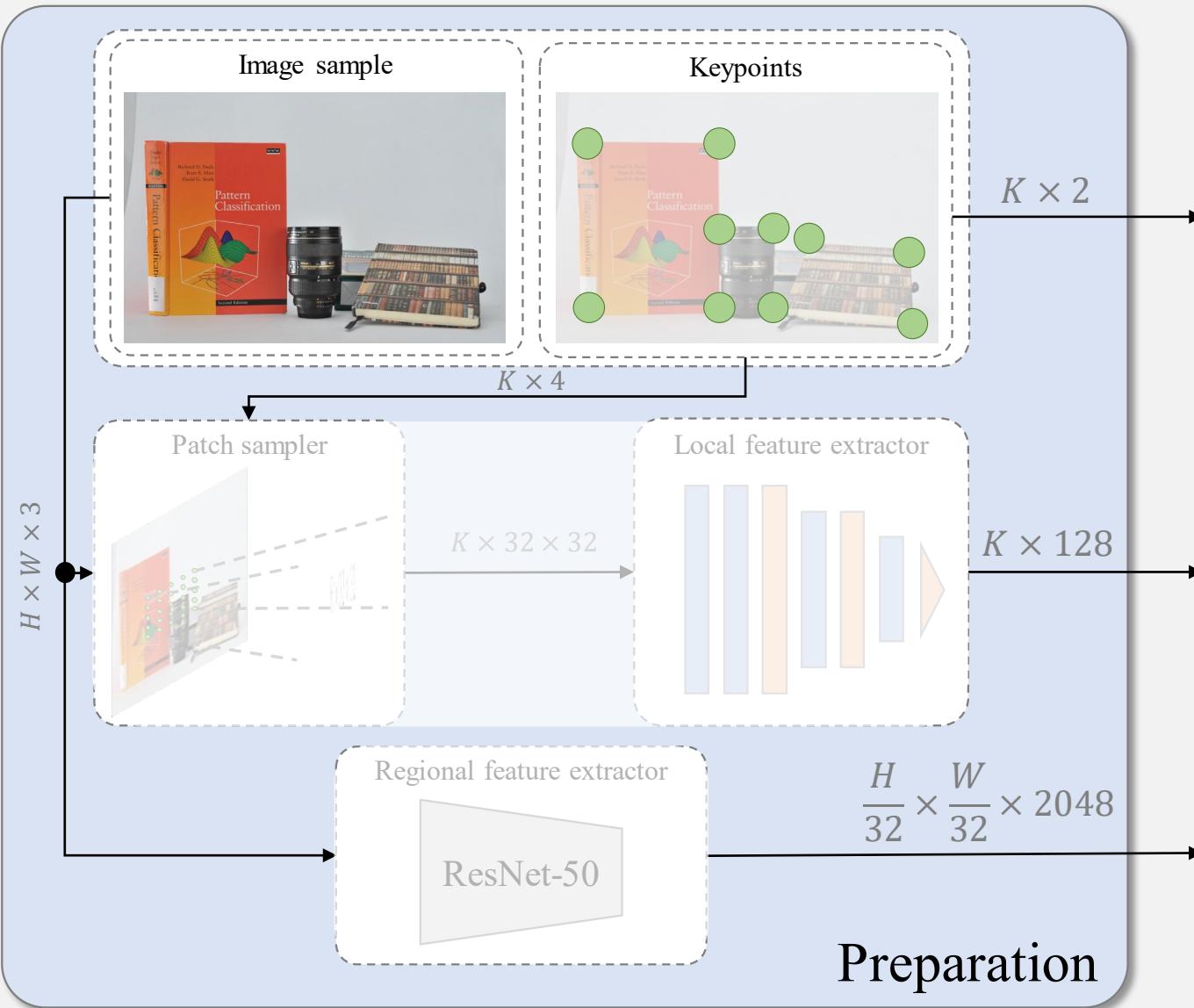
A unified framework: Cross-modality local descriptor augmentation

02 Methods



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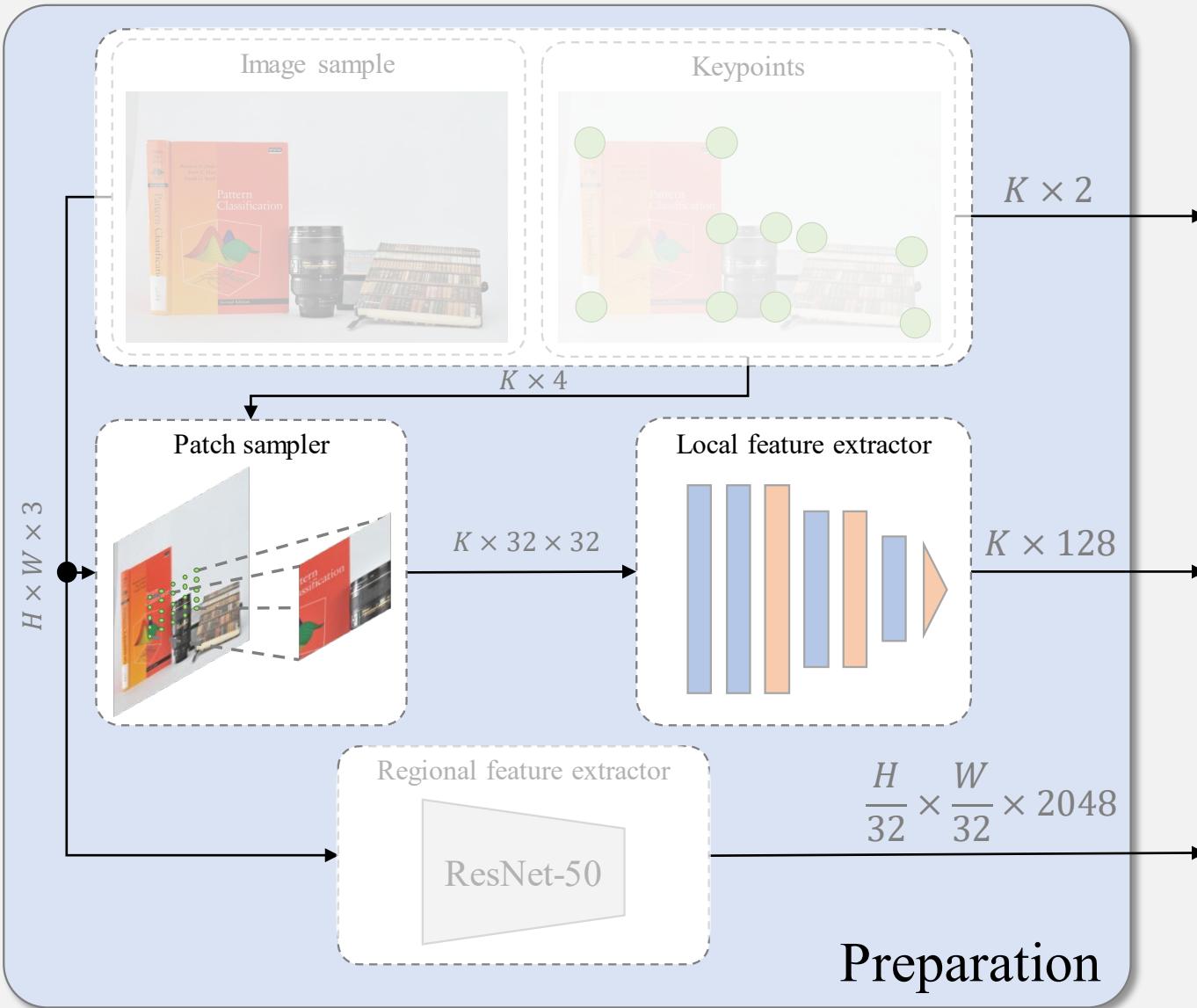
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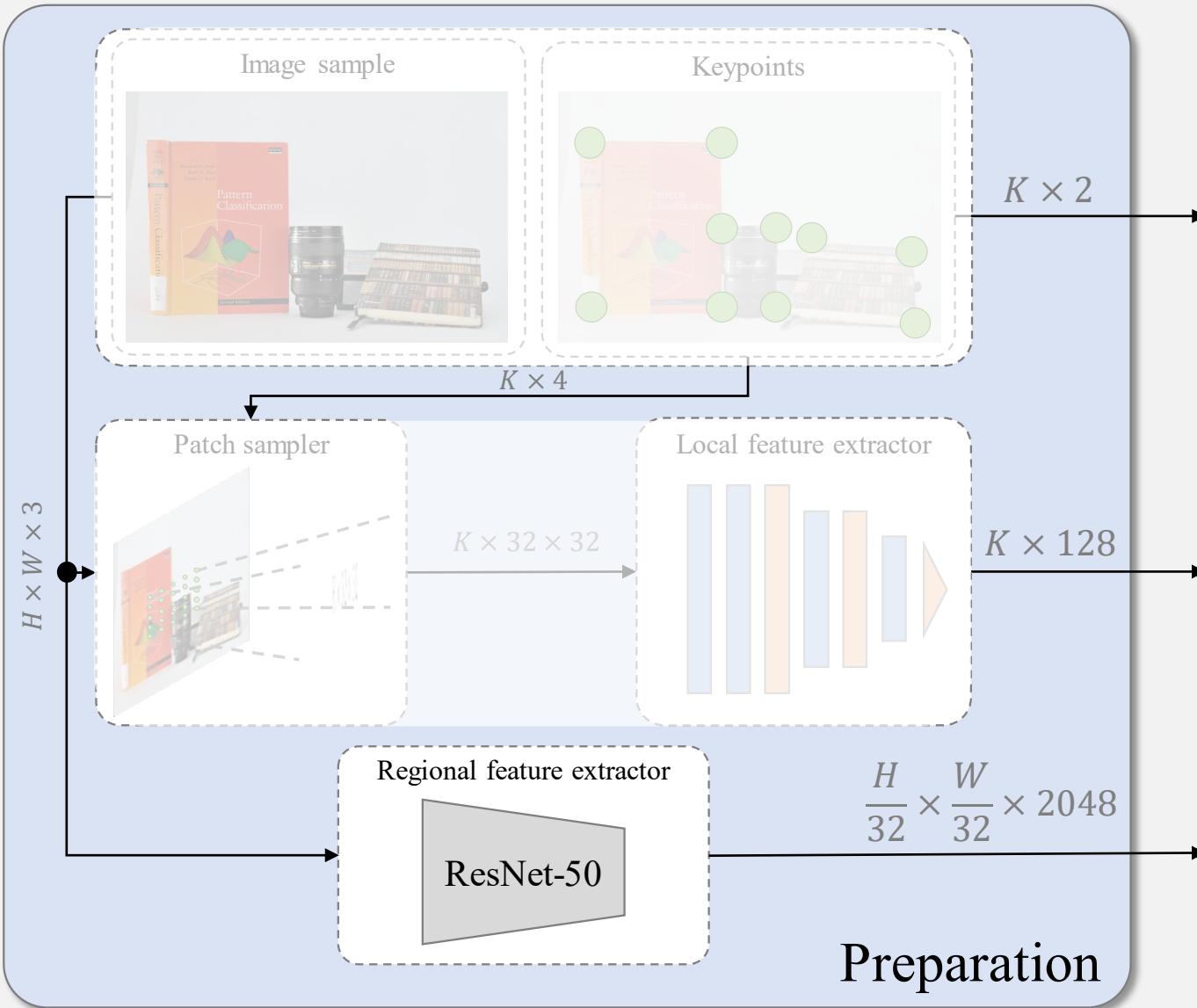
Keypoint locations

E.g., SIFT

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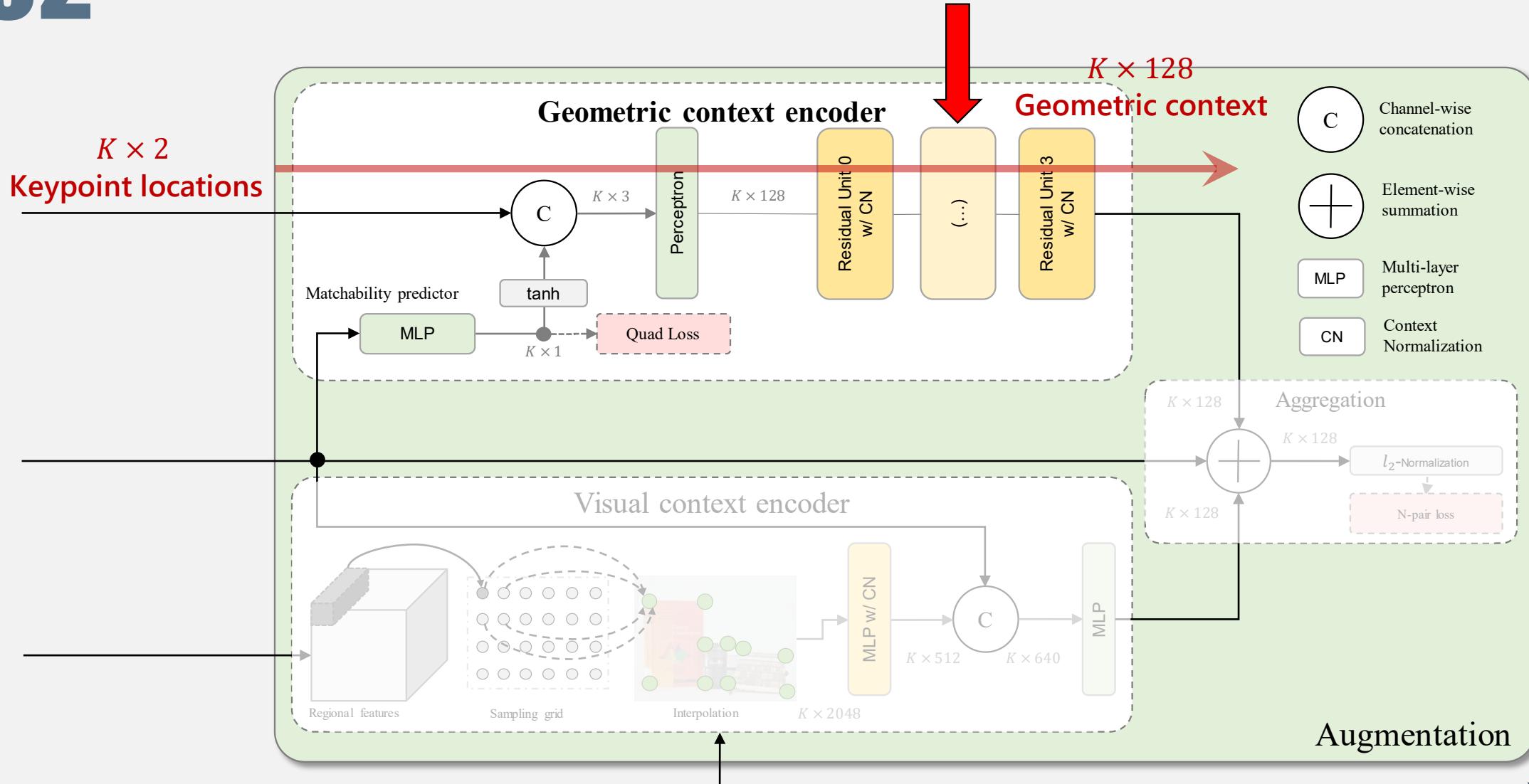
Preparation

Regional features
An off-the-shelf image retrieval model

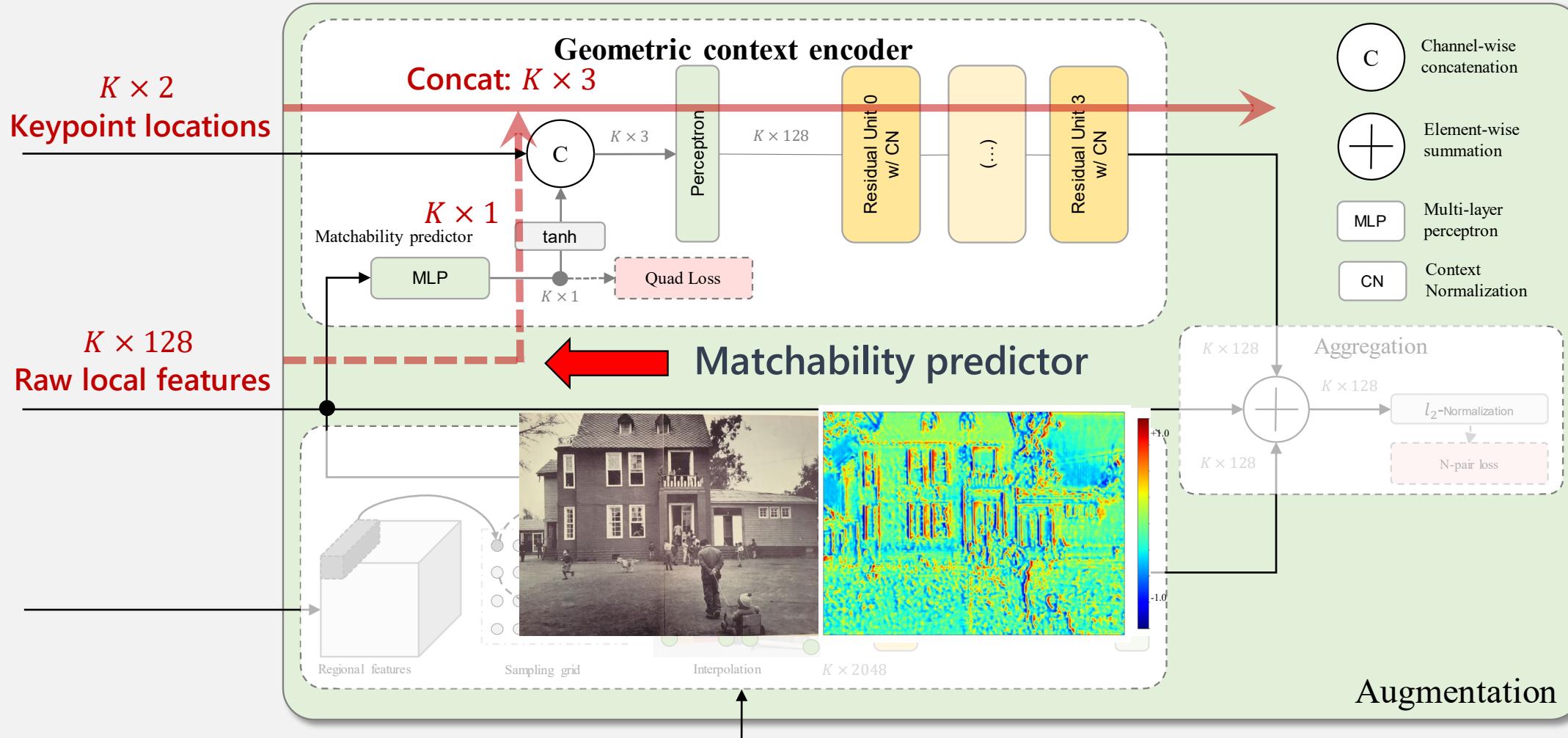


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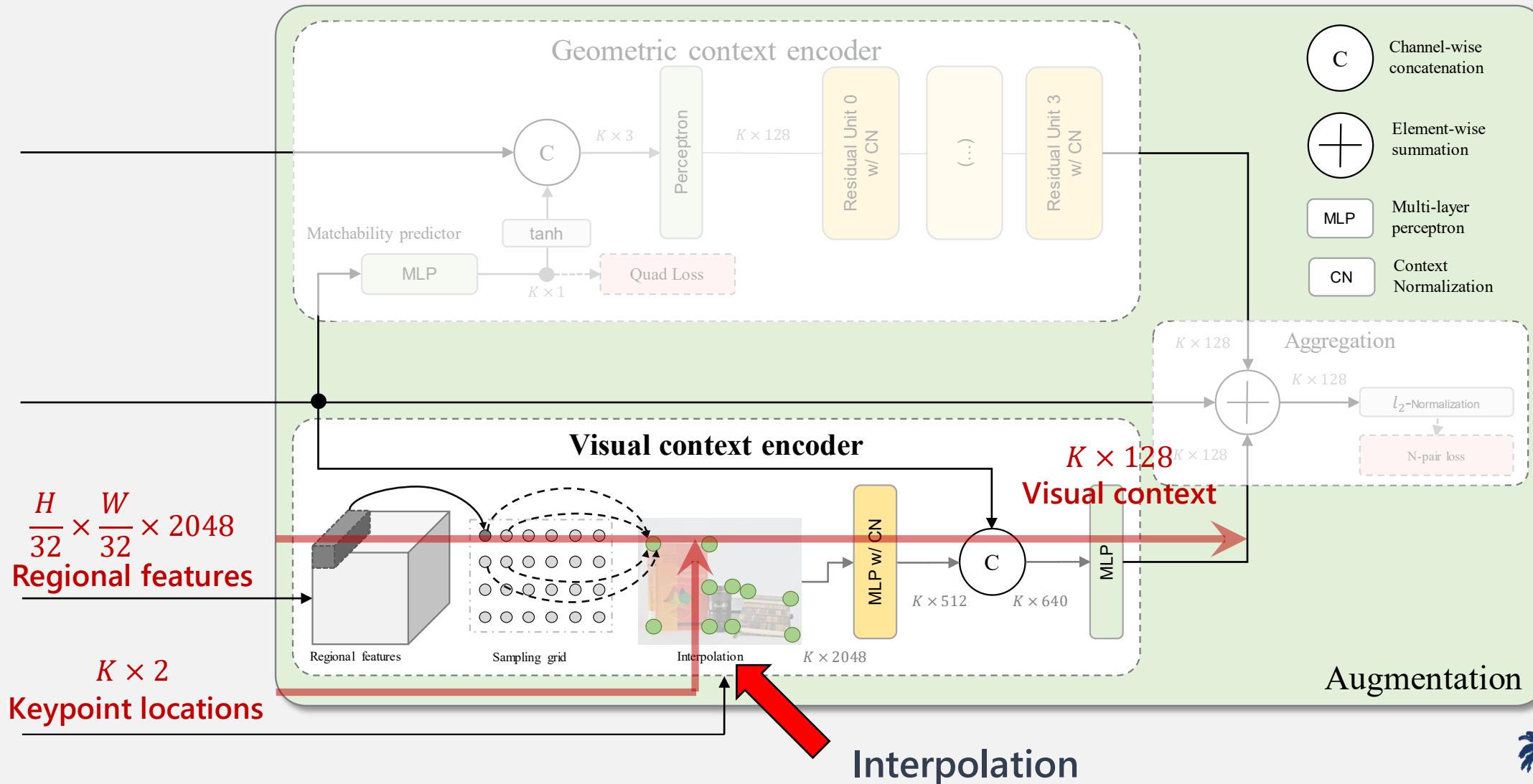
A variant of PointNet



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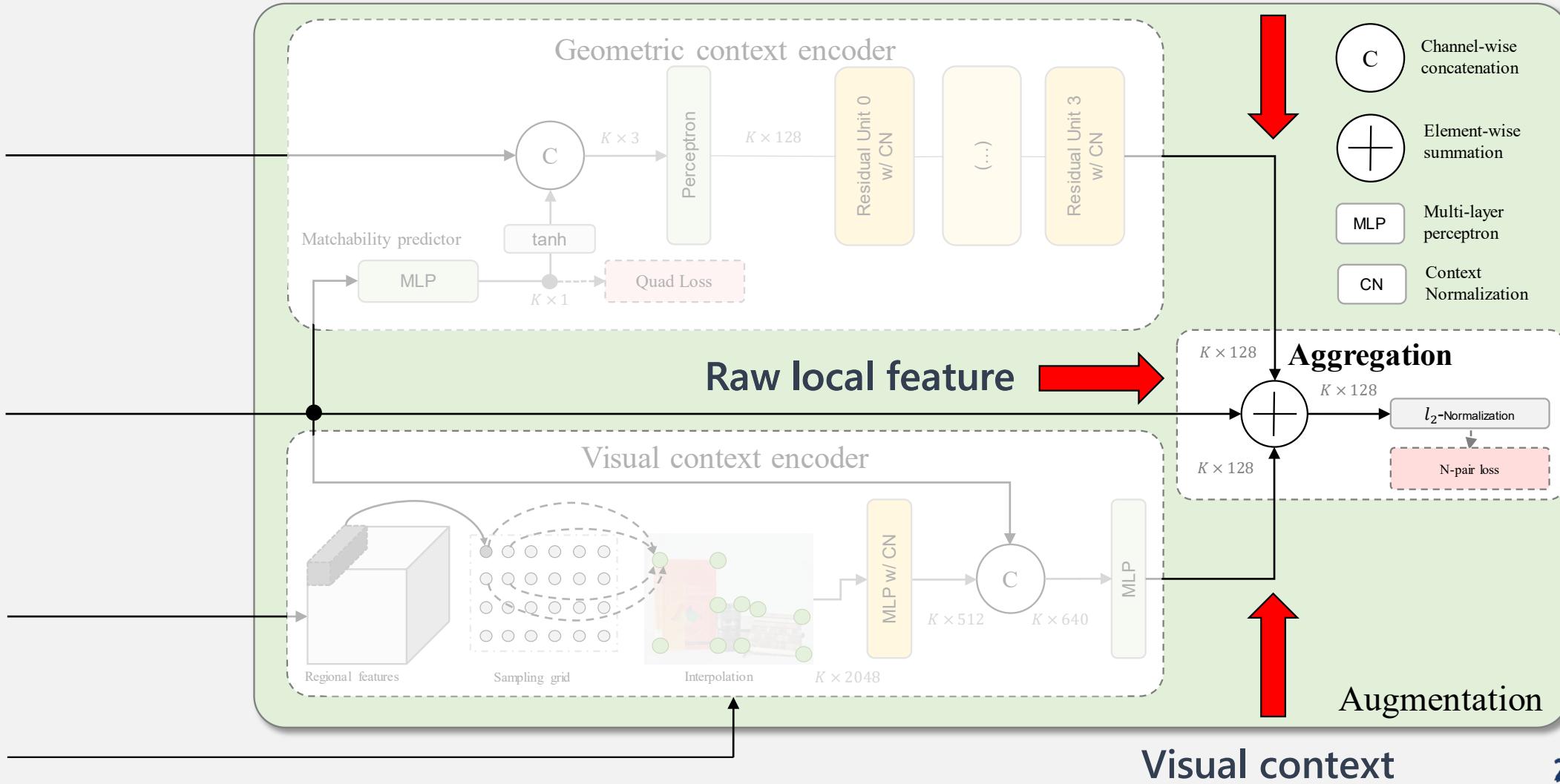


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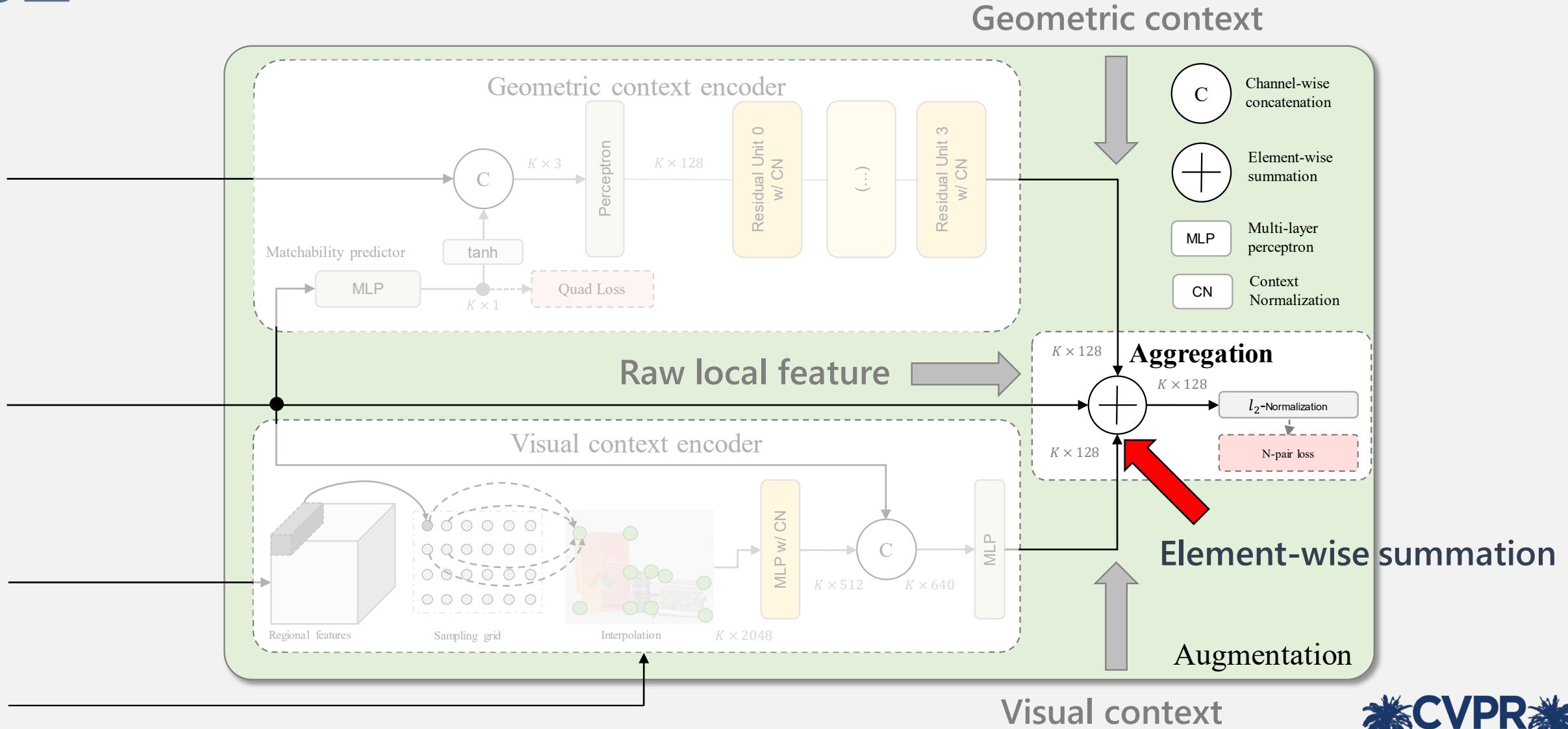


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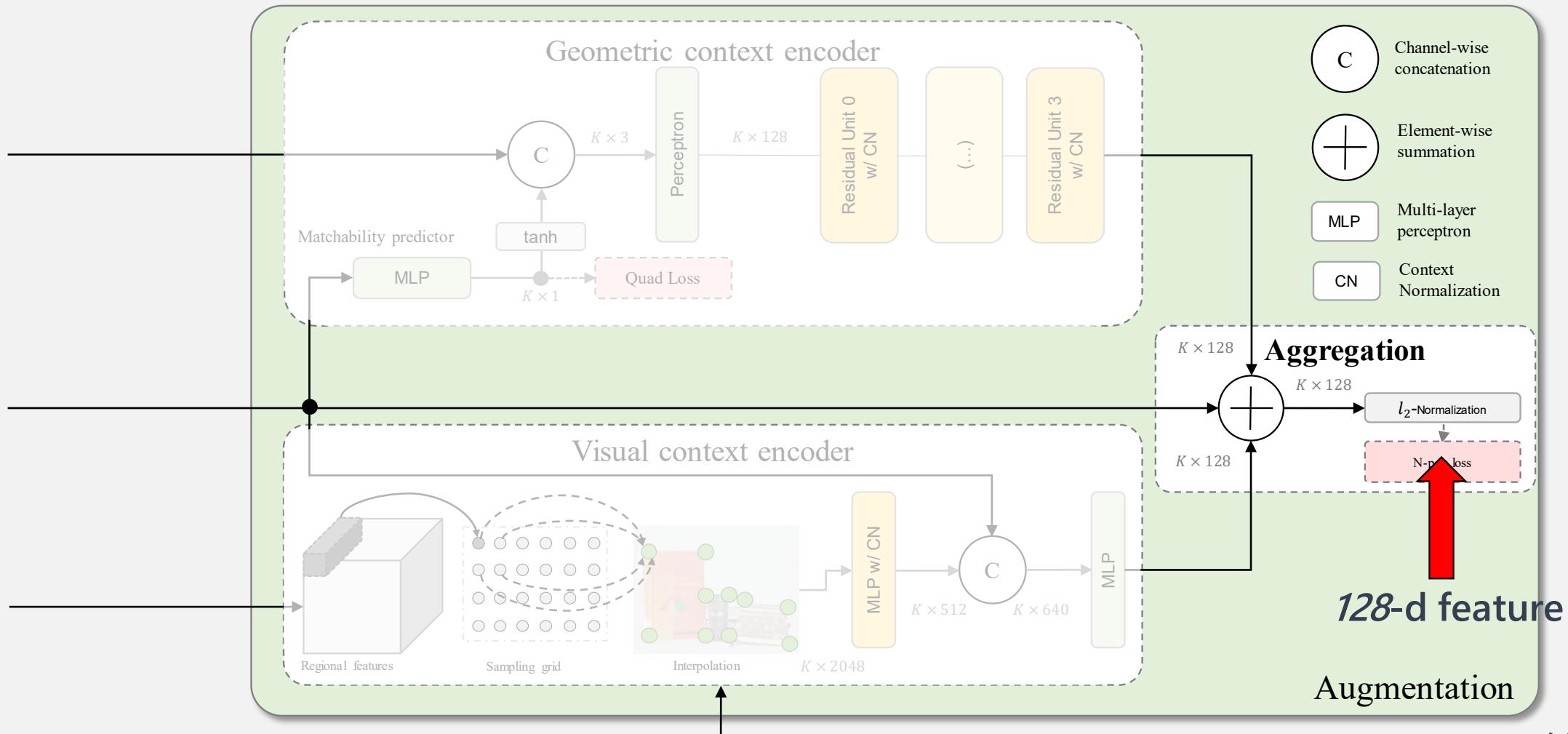
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Oxford dataset:
Different image
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3D reconstruction
benchmark

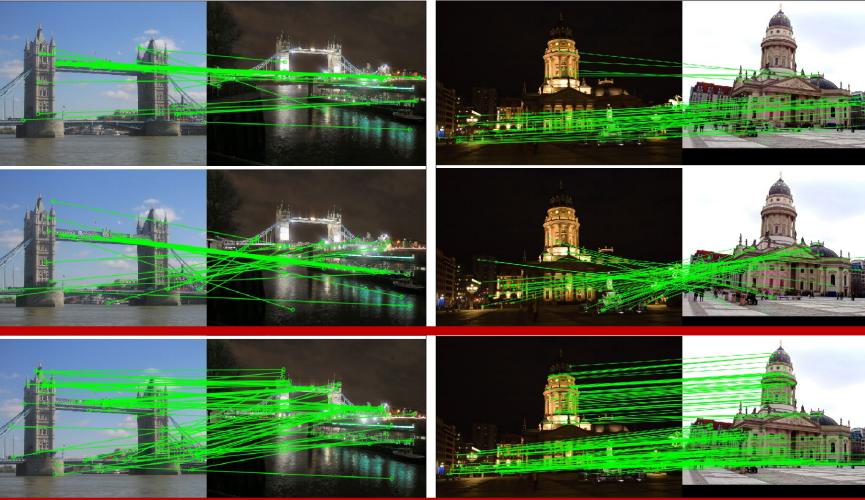


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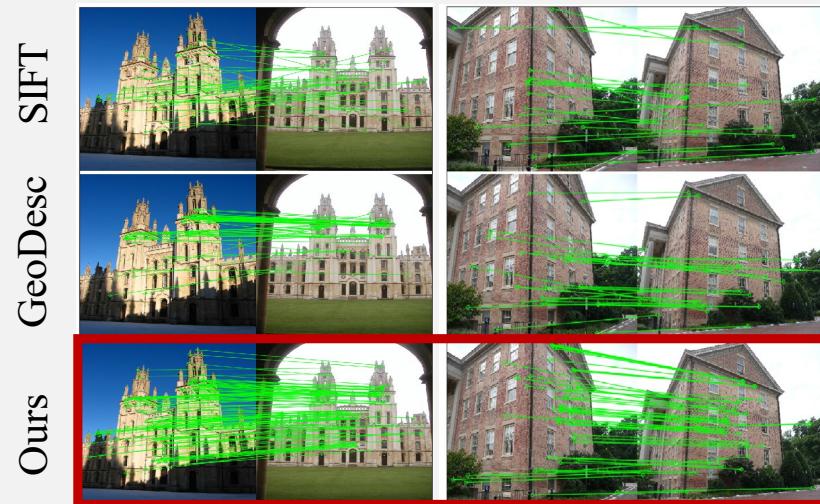
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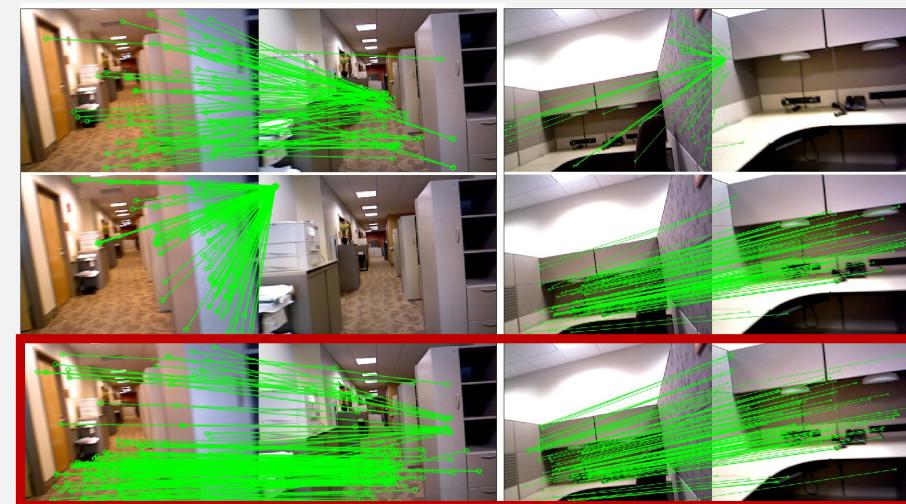
Scale or rotation change



Illumination change



Perspective change



Indoor scene

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When pose accuracy as evaluation metric: consistent improvement, but less significant

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After obtaining sufficient matches, what is the next bottleneck in order to improve the image matching?

05 Sparse matching

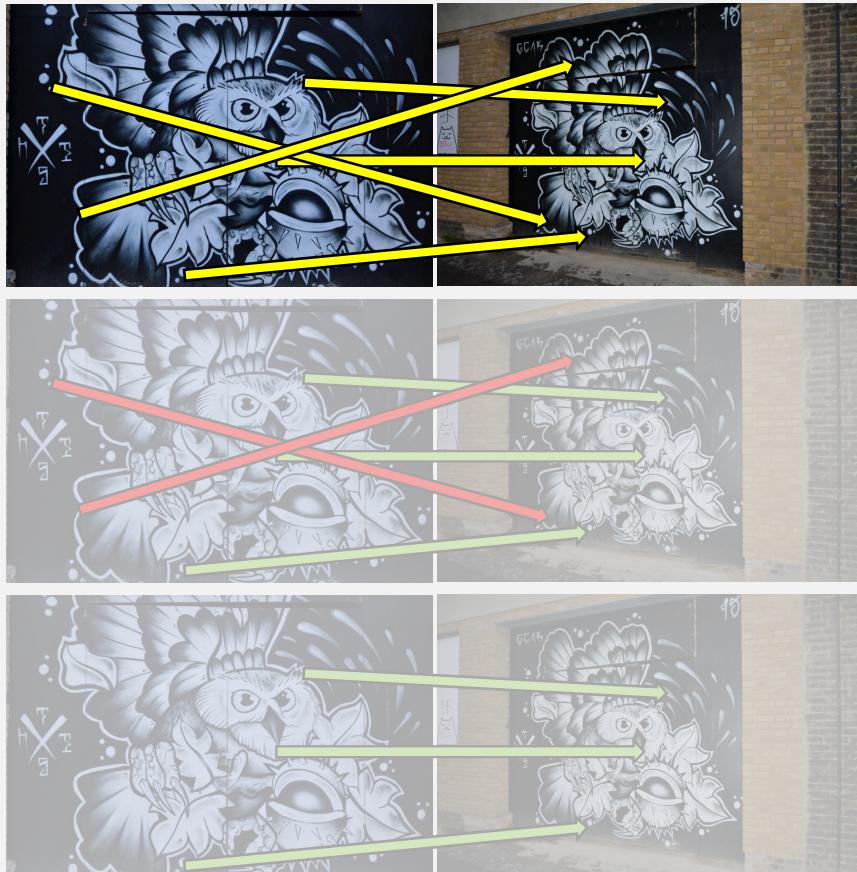
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Learning-based

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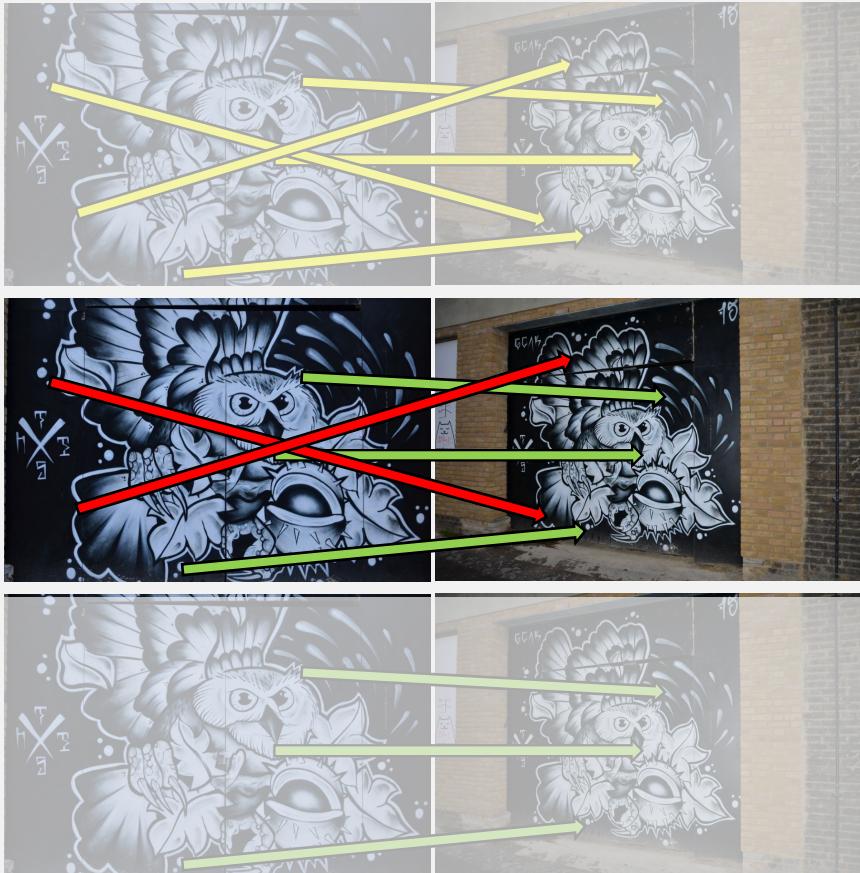


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Proposed learning-based

Mutual check

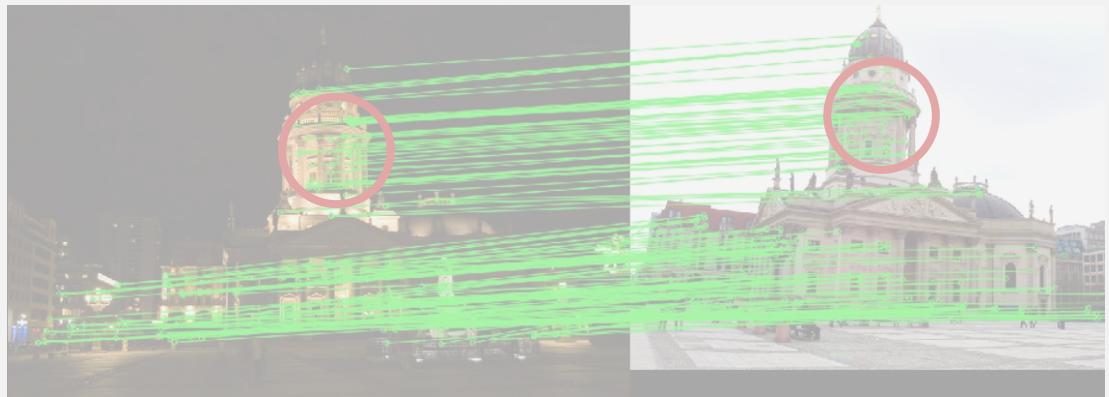
No outlier rejection

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*Yi et al.: Learning to find good correspondences, CVPR'18.

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*Bian et al.: GMS: Grid-based Motion Statistics for Fast, Ultra-robust Feature Correspondence, CVPR'17.

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- Build a **hierarchical** architecture to capture both **global and local context**.

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06 Future work

Evaluation metric

- HPatches: patch verification/matching/retrieval -
Reflect the performance in real applications? [1]
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- 3D reconstruction metrics – *Involve more variables such as image retrieval, SfM or bundle adjustment? [3]*
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