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MicMac – a global overview

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Technical seminar

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Introduction



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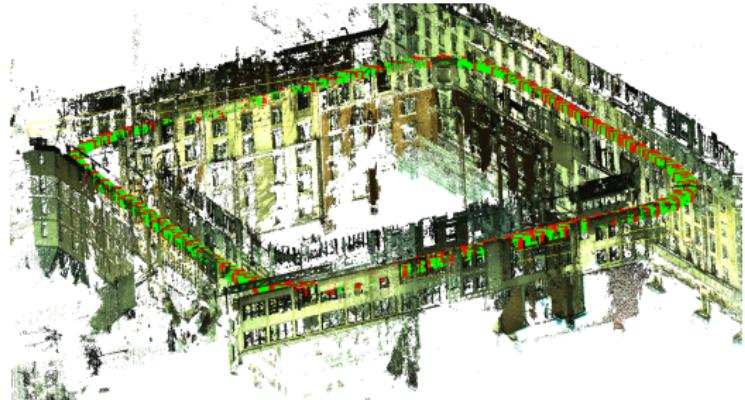
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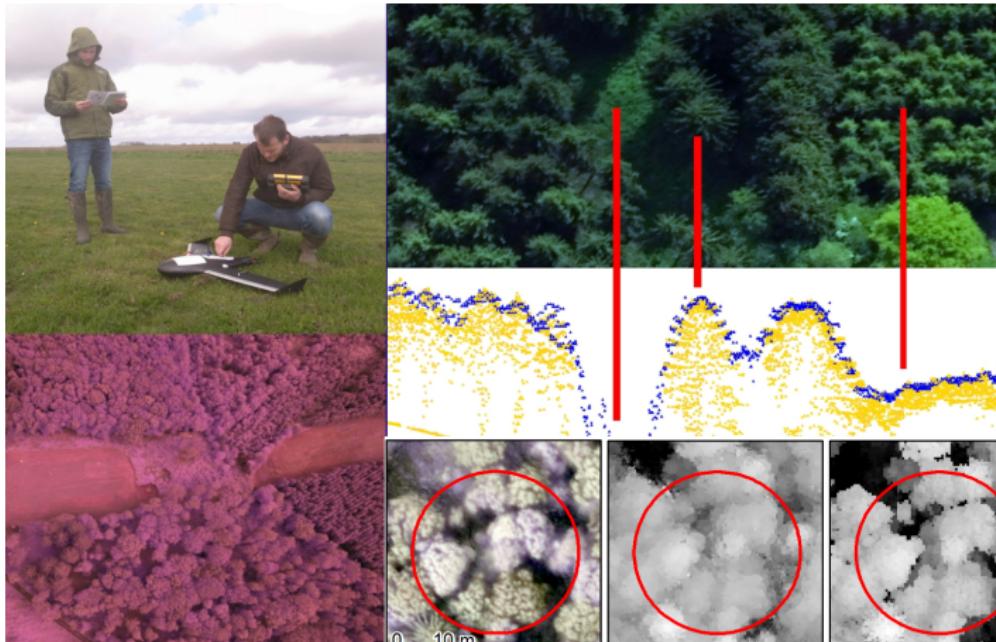
Cartography



Mobile mapping system



Forestry



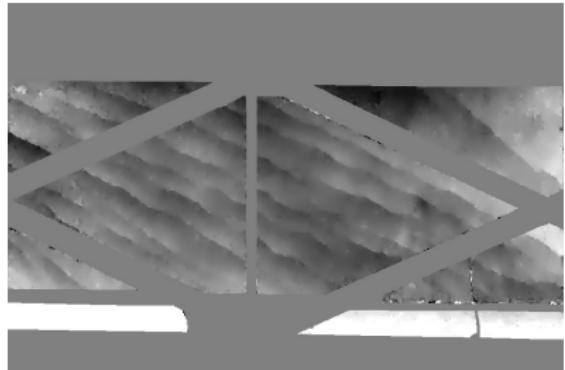
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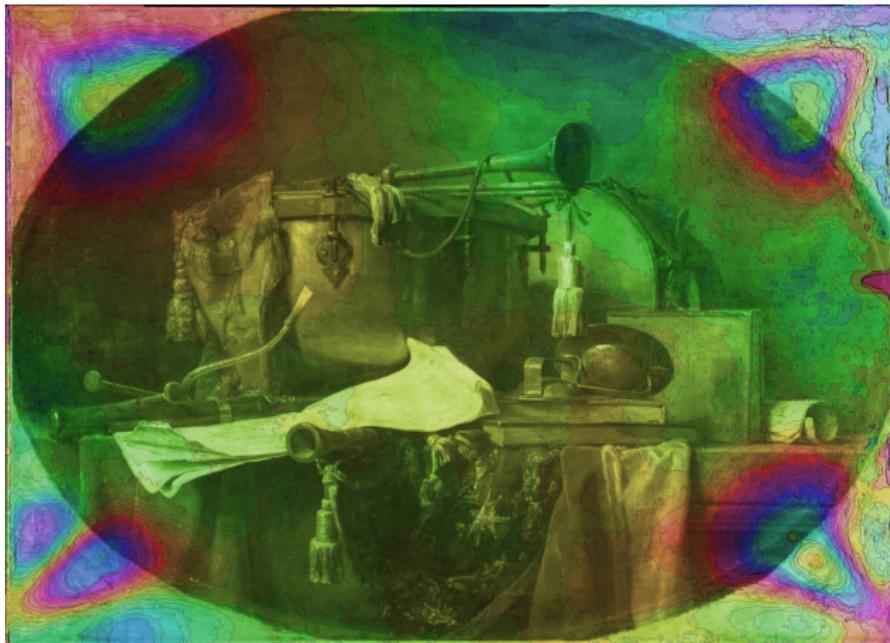
Deformations



Macro



Anything !



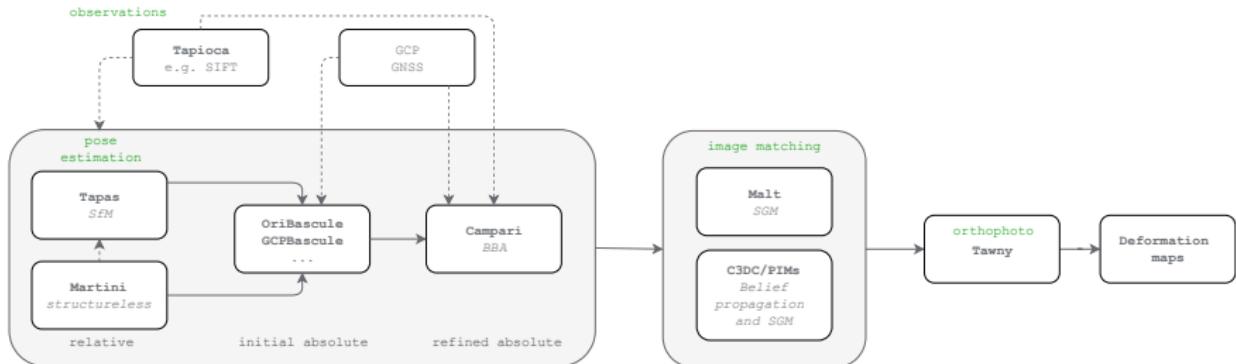
At IGN

At IGN, MicMac is used for production and innovation:

- ▶ Aerial images correlation for France digital terrain model
- ▶ 3D modelization for metrology
- ▶ mobile mapping trajectories
- ▶ research
- ▶ education



Overview of the processing pipeline





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Tie points
extraction



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Without a priori geometry

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Tie points Matching

- ▶ ANN (Approximate Nearest Neighbor)
- ▶ for a point in pic A, find best and second best points in pic B. The best point is accepted if his score is high and second best score is low.

Tie points extraction

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Tie points files format (binary and ASCII)

- ▶ Default : 1 file per pair, simple and universal
- ▶ New format : 1 file with points multiplicity, faster but only usable with few commands

mm3d TestLib ConvNewFH command. See §16.8 of documentation.



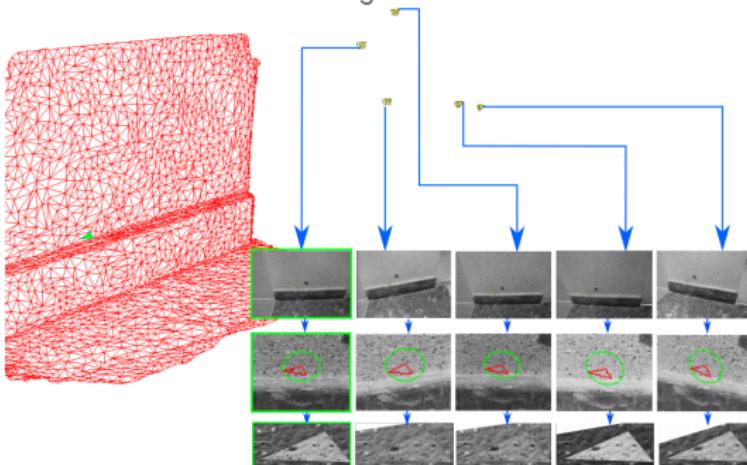
Tie points extraction

With a priori geometry

Tie points extraction With *a priori* geometry

- ▶ “Second iteration”: using camera orientations and a 3d mesh
- ▶ finds tie points with good repartition on pictures and 3d mesh
- ▶ use orientations for perspective corrections before correlation

mm3d TiePTri command. See §16.9 of documentation.





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Tie points extraction

Reduction algorithms

Tie points reduction algorithms

Four tools are dedicated to Tie points reduction:

- ▶ **RedTieP / Schnaps** (generic case): only one point per picture part, favor manifold
- ▶ **OriRedTieP** (quasi-vertical case) : favor scene repartition and minimize reprojection errors
- ▶ **Ratafia** : can use local orientations, works with any geometry





Image
orientation

Image orientation Approaches

1. no *a priori*, **iterative** (i.e. SfM)
2. no *a priori*, **structureless** method (aka *global motion first*)
3. initial orientations are known,
collinearity-based bundle block adjustment (BBA)

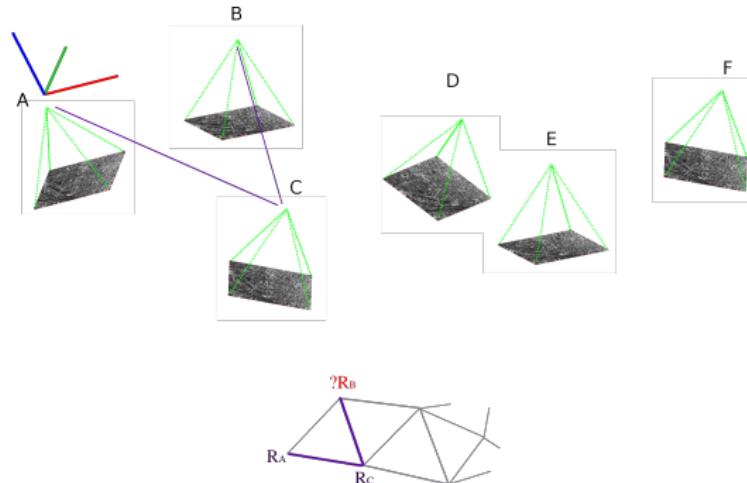


Image orientation

SfM and structureless method

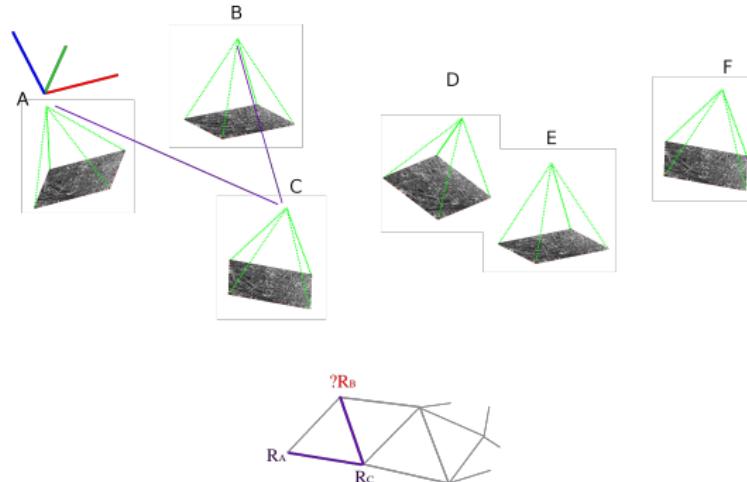
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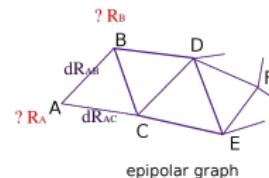
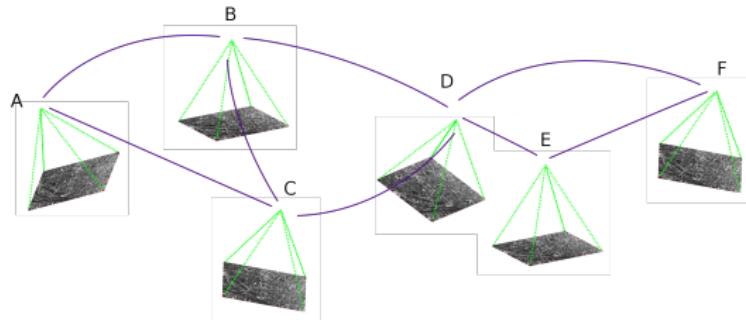
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Structureless method

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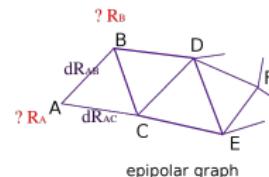
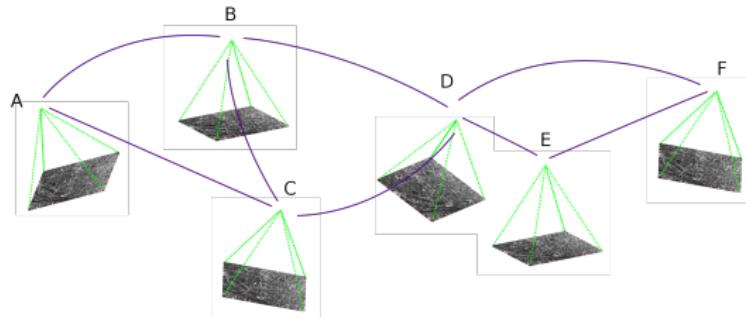
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- ▶ **only camera poses are estimated !**
 - ▶ followed by the BBA to refine camera calibrations



SfM and structureless method

- ▶ in MicMac

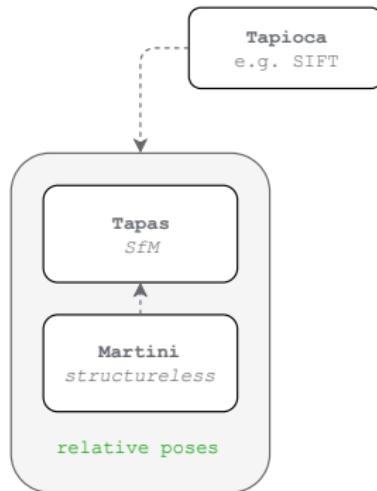




Image orientation

Bundle block adjustement

Bundle block adjustement (BBA)

Generalities:

- ▶ collinearity equations
- ▶ heterogenous observations/parameters possible, e.g.:
 - ▶ Ground Control Points (GCP),
 - ▶ GNSS,
 - ▶ lever-arm,
 - ▶ rigid bloc
- ▶ non-linear → **initial poses necessary**

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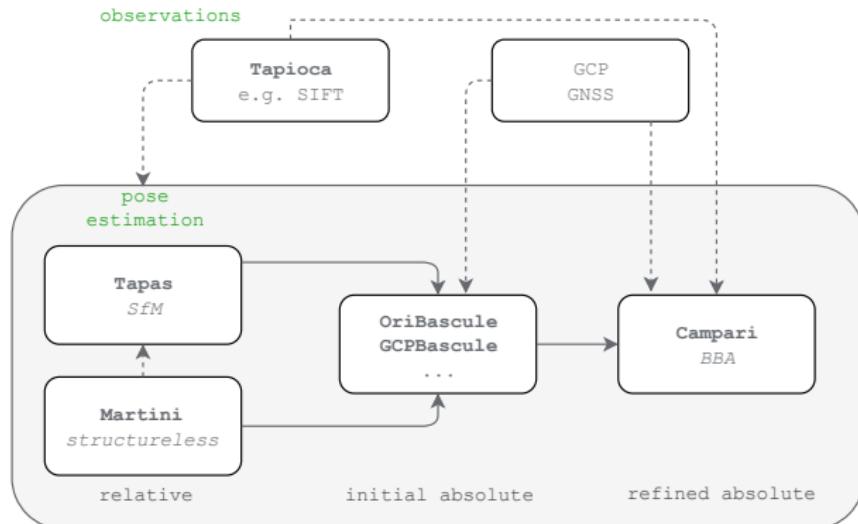
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Misc

MicMac vs other software tools

Some unique MicMac features

- ▶ access to intermediary results, no black box
- ▶ MicMac as a library
- ▶ qualitative evaluation of the results
- ▶ a wide range of camera calibration models
- ▶ processing of frame and pushbroom cameras
- ▶ ...



Misc

Community

Sources

MicMac is developed by Marc Pierrot Deseilligny since 2003.
It is open source since 2007 (Cecill-B licence).
The main repository is <https://github.com/micmacIGN/micmac> since 2016.
It is developed in C++, with optional graphical user interfaces in Qt.

MicMac is mainly used via command-line tools. Some of them are very complex and versatile, but they have a simplified version for non-expert users.

- ▶ Full documentation: <https://github.com/micmacIGN/Documentation/raw/master/DocMicMac.pdf>
- ▶ Wiki: <https://micmac.ensg.eu/index.php/Accueil>
- ▶ Forum: <http://forum-micmac.forumprod.com/>



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