

# **Explanation of Your Dynamic QATM Tracking Output**

Your output shows a detailed log of your program running a **Quality Aware Template Matching** (**QATM**) based dynamic tracking system on satellite imagery. Here's a clear breakdown:

### 1. Startup and Initialization

- The program starts in **dynamic template matching mode**.
- It confirms that the search region will propagate based on detected matches.
- A **cyan rectangle** is shown as active search region (you can hide this if you want).
- It tells you to press 'q' to quit the visualization window.

#### 2. Frame Input and Processing

- The simulated camera feed adds frames sequentially (logged as Frame added).
- For each frame, it logs the following:
  - Current INS Point: The estimated target center used to crop the current search region.
  - **Search Region Offset:** The coordinates in the full image where the search region crop starts.
  - Logs the shape of feature maps extracted from both the template and search region images (e.g., torch.Size([1][64][150][150])).
  - Logs occasional Frame Drop messages due to frame queue or processing delays.

#### 3. Match Detection and INS Update

- On a successful match, it prints:
  - **Local coords (search region):** Position within the cropped search region where the template was found.
  - Global coords (full image): Corresponding position in the full satellite image.
  - **Propagation details:** Changes from the old INS point to the new detected match position.
  - Updates the INS point with new location and creates a corresponding search region for the next frame.
- Each match is indicated with a checkmark ("✓ MATCH FOUND!").

• Processing time for the frame is displayed (typically around 0.7-1.3 seconds).

### 4. Continuous Tracking

- This process repeats over multiple frames (from FRAME 0 up to FRAME 56 in your log), showing steady tracking and updating of the INS point.
- The INS point moves smoothly over the image, reflecting template matches in new positions.

#### 5. End of Run and Error

Near the end, your simulation crashes with an IndexError in cam\_sim.py:

IndexError: list index out of range

- This happens because the simulated camera feed tries to access more points than exist in its trajectory list.
- Despite this error, the main process prints **final statistics**:
  - Total frames processed: 17
  - Total matches found: 17 (100% match rate)
  - Final matched position (coordinates in the full image)
  - Search region size used

#### 6. What This Means

- Your template matching and dynamic INS updating works reliably with perfect match rate for the frames processed.
- The search region moves dynamically, following the estimated target position perfectly.
- The frame drops are normal and caused by system or queue limitations.
- The program ends due to the camera simulation trying to read beyond available points.

## 7. Suggested Fixes and Improvements

- Fix cam\_sim.py to stop gracefully when all path points have been processed to avoid the IndexError.
- Optionally, improve frame queue management to reduce frame drops.
- The printed feature map shapes confirm your model extracts multiscale information correctly.
- The processing times indicate your CPU-only setup is working with ~0.7-1.3 second latency per frame.

## Summary

Your system tracks a template across frames by:

- Extracting features from the current search region centered on the INS point.
- Comparing with the template features using QATM.
- Detecting the best match location.
- Dynamically moving the search window (INS point) for the next frame.

This iterative, propagating search yields highly accurate localization within the large satellite image.

Feel free to ask if you want help debugging the camera simulation error or optimizing your processing pipeline!