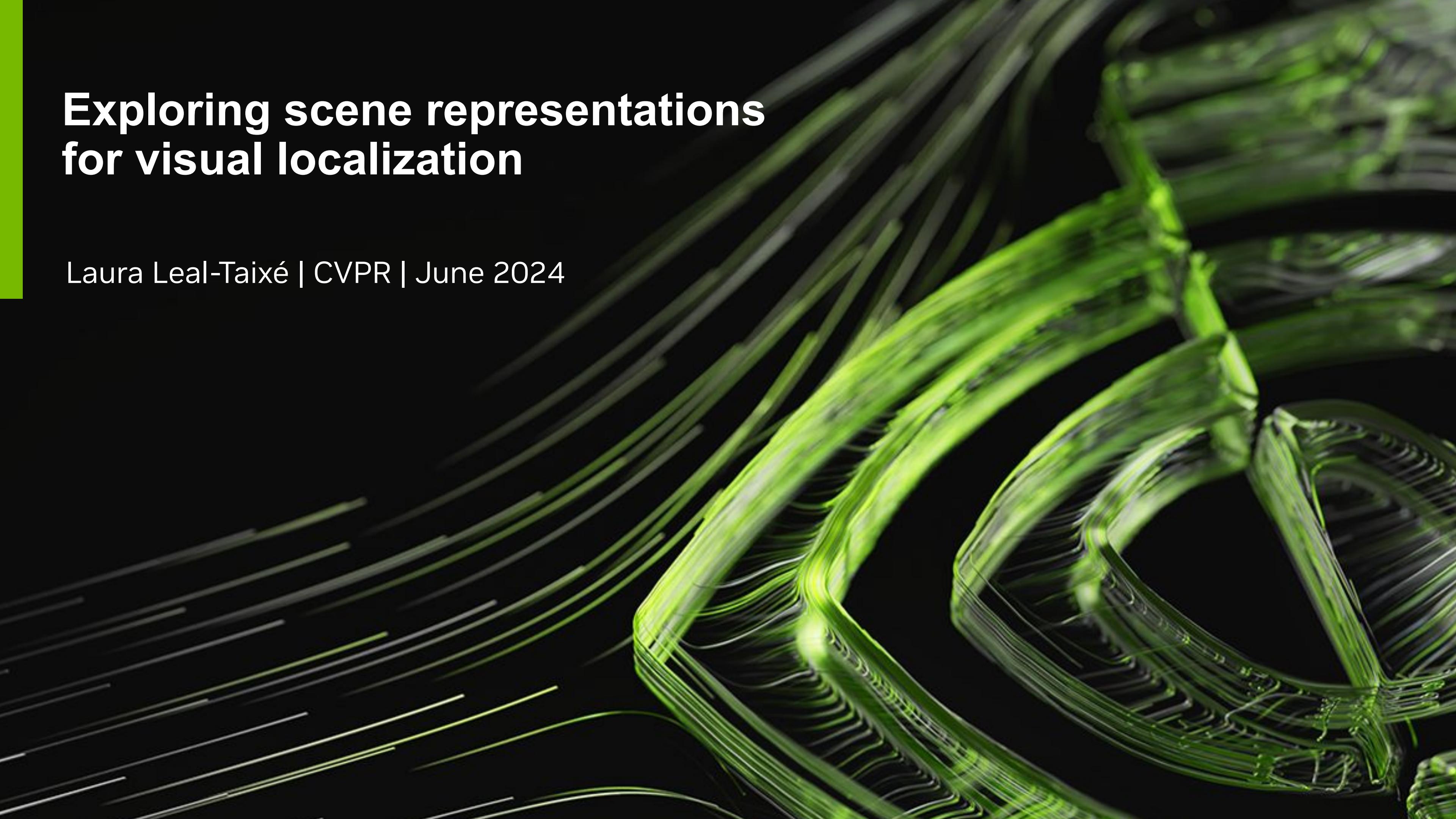
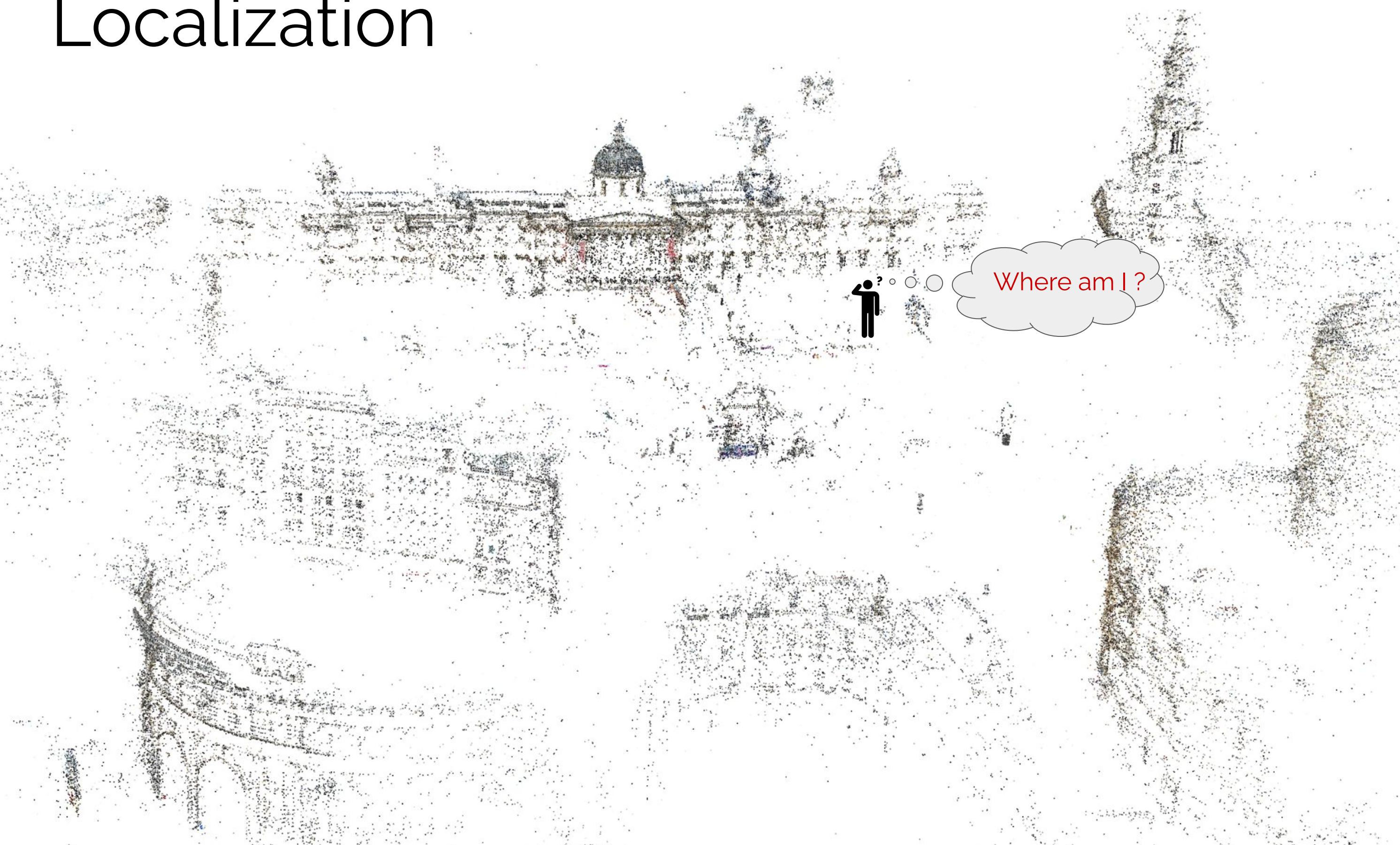


Exploring scene representations for visual localization

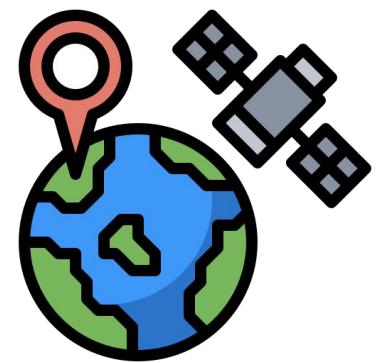
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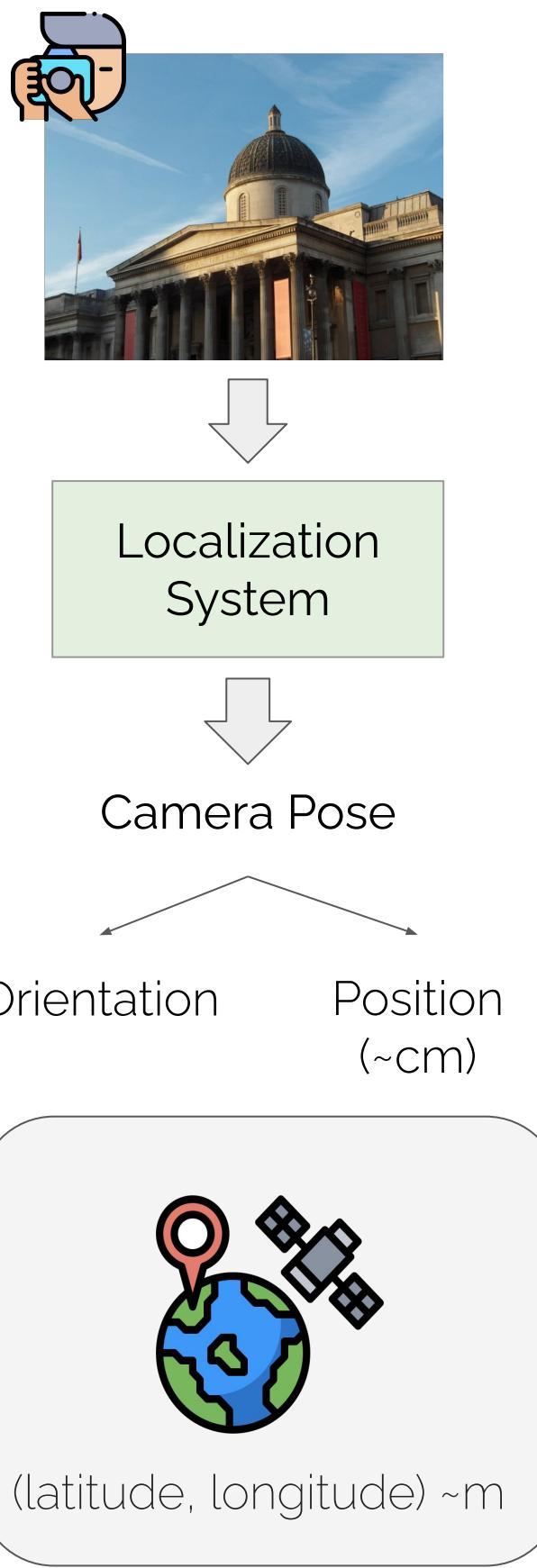
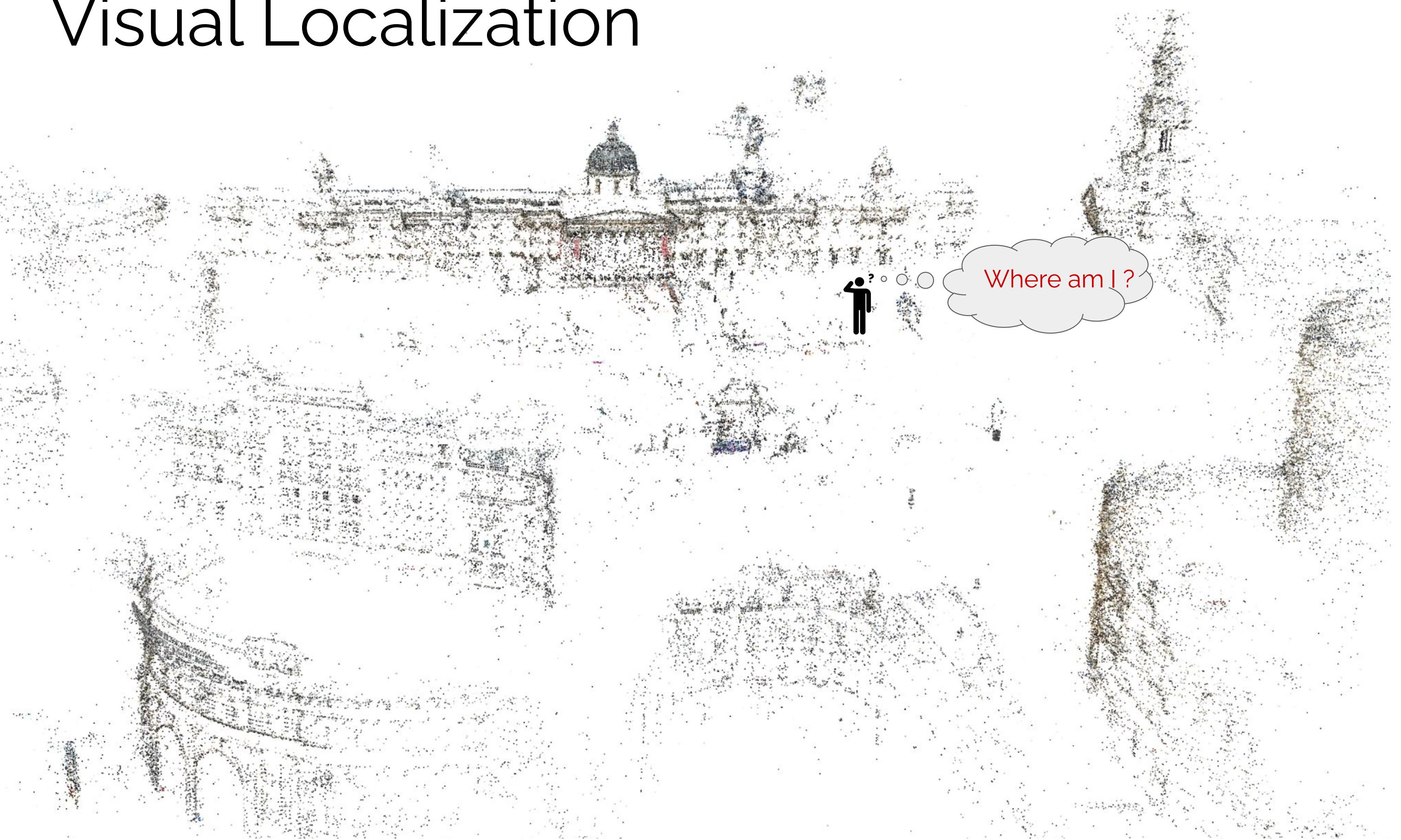
Localization



Global Positioning
System
(GPS)



Visual Localization



Applications

Indoor / Outdoor
Navigation
(GPS-unavailable
/unreliable)



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Autonomous Service Robots

AR / VR
(Require cm-mm accuracy)



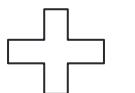
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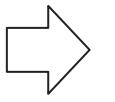
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Scene Map



Method



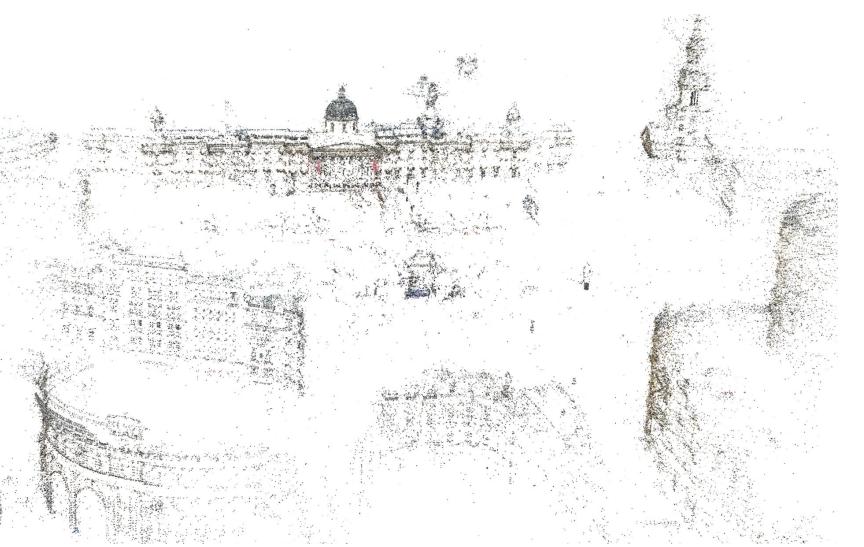
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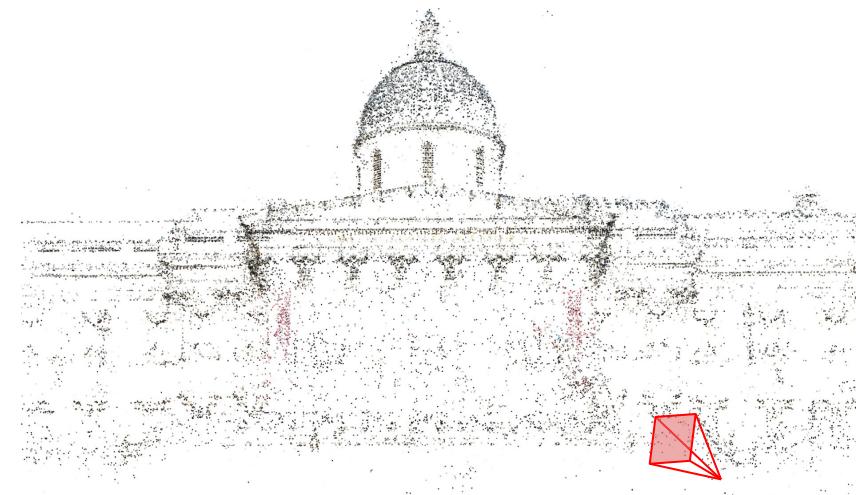
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Reference Images



3D Point Cloud



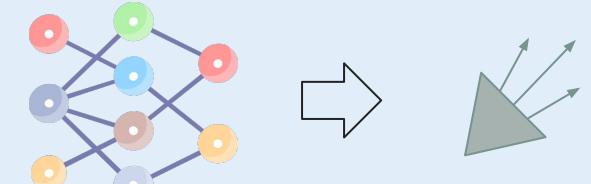
Localization System

Inputs



Query
Image

Absolute Pose
Regression



Method

Scene Coordinate Regression



Outputs

Learning
Involved

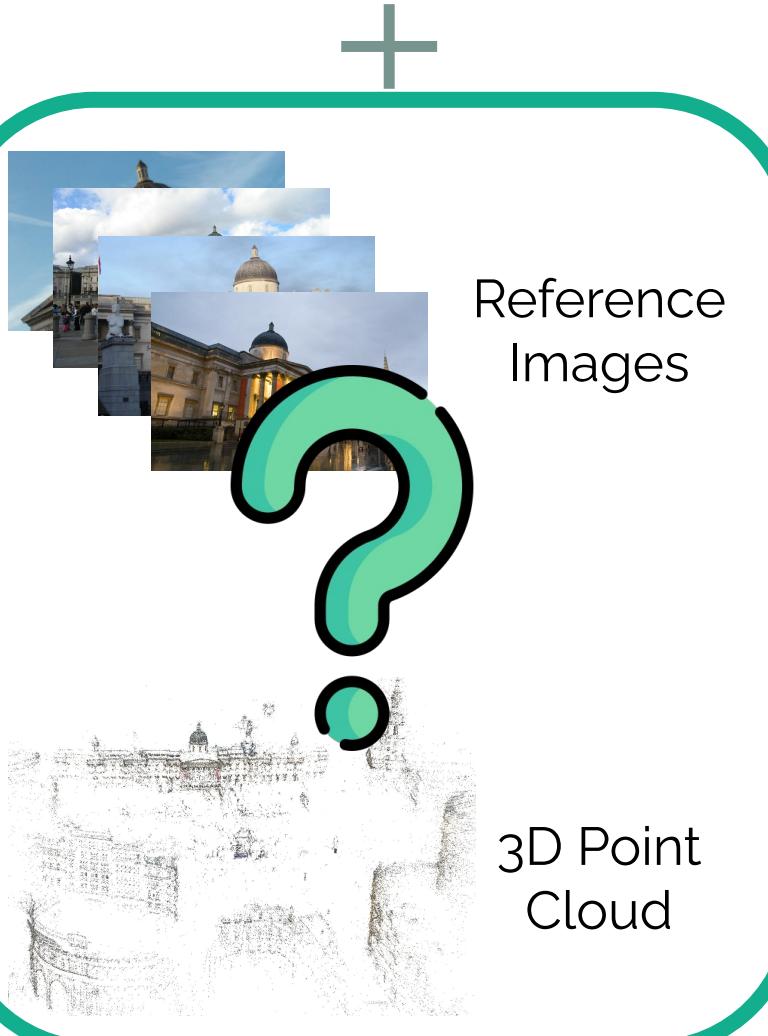
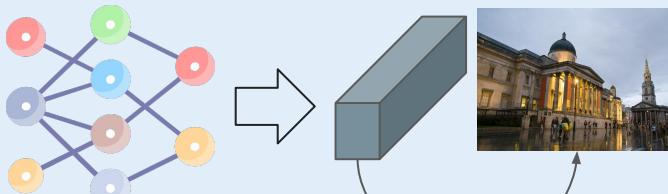
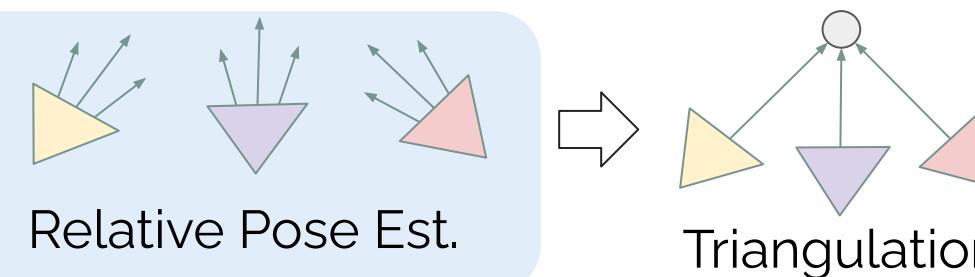


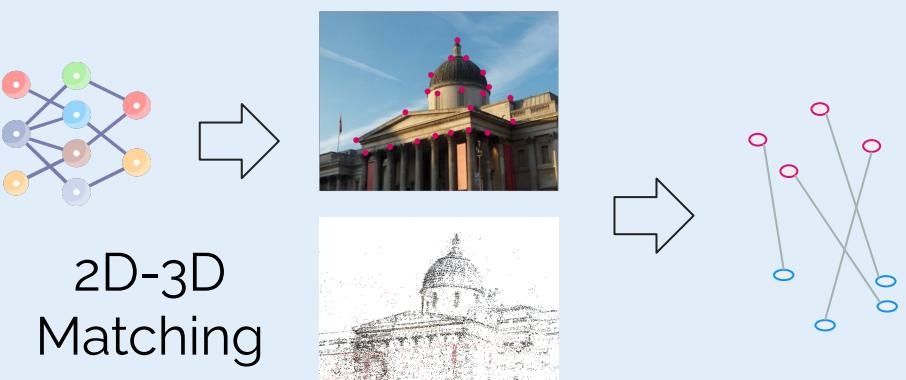
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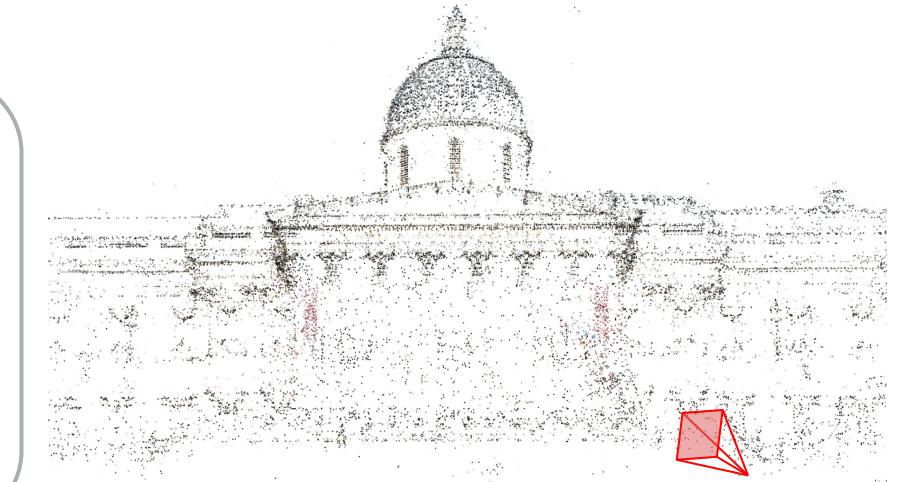
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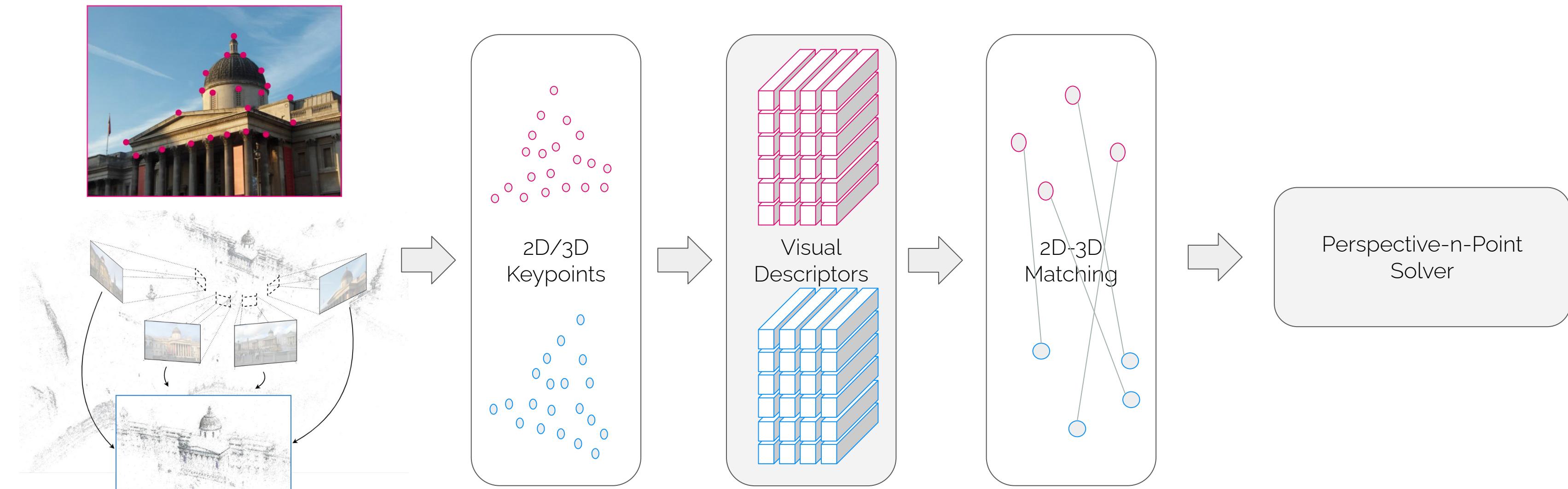
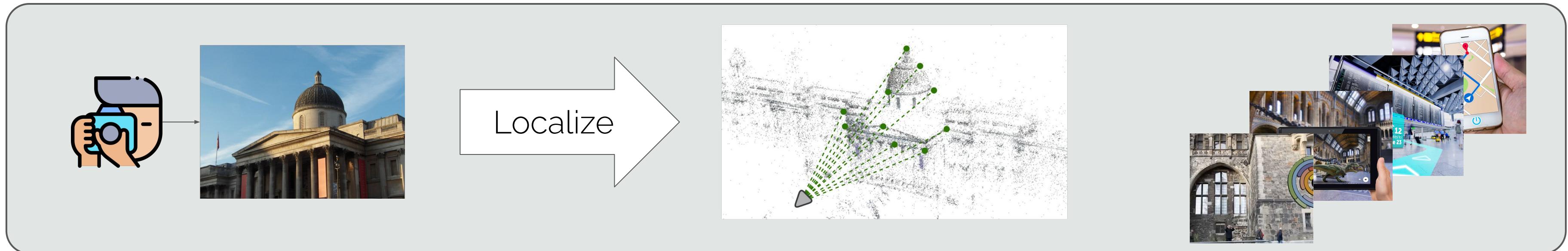
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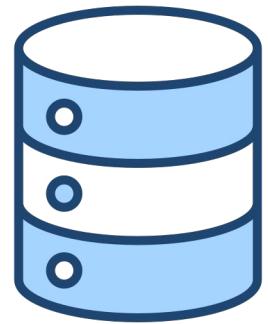
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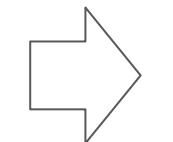
Structure-based Localization



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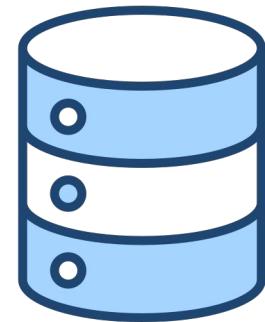


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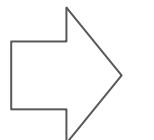


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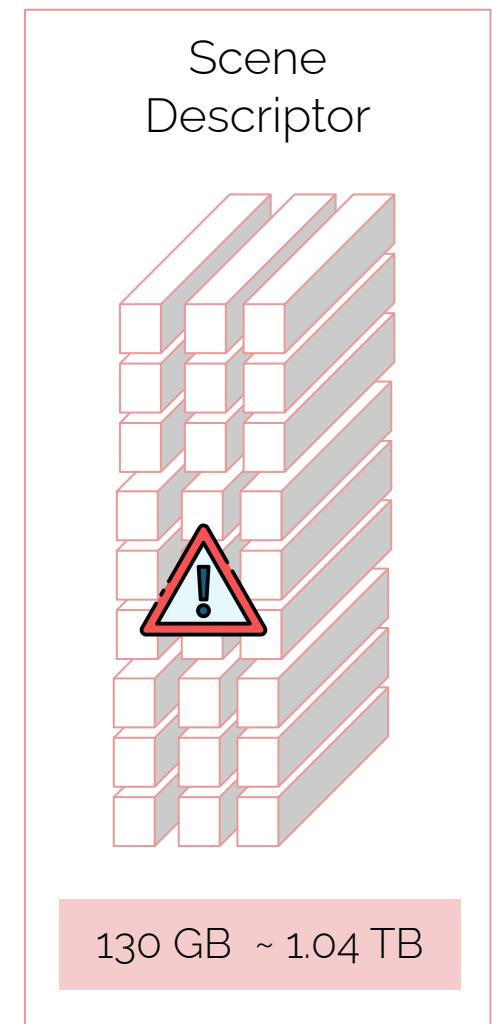
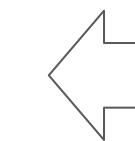
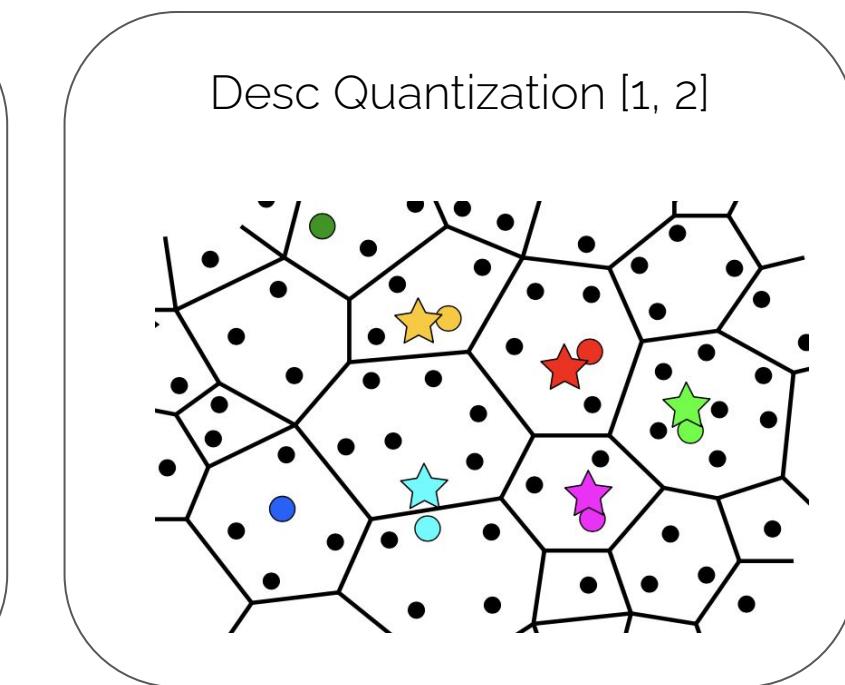
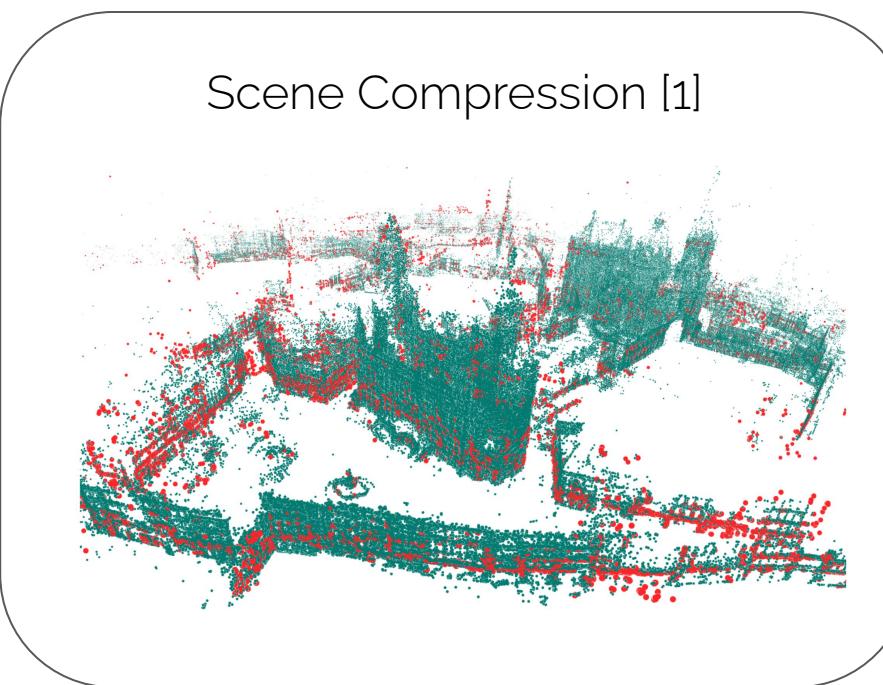
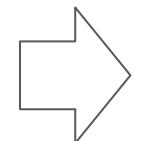
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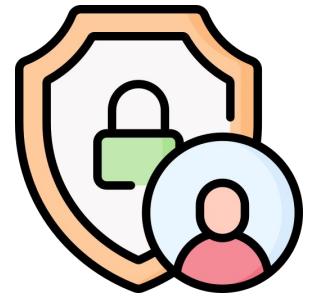
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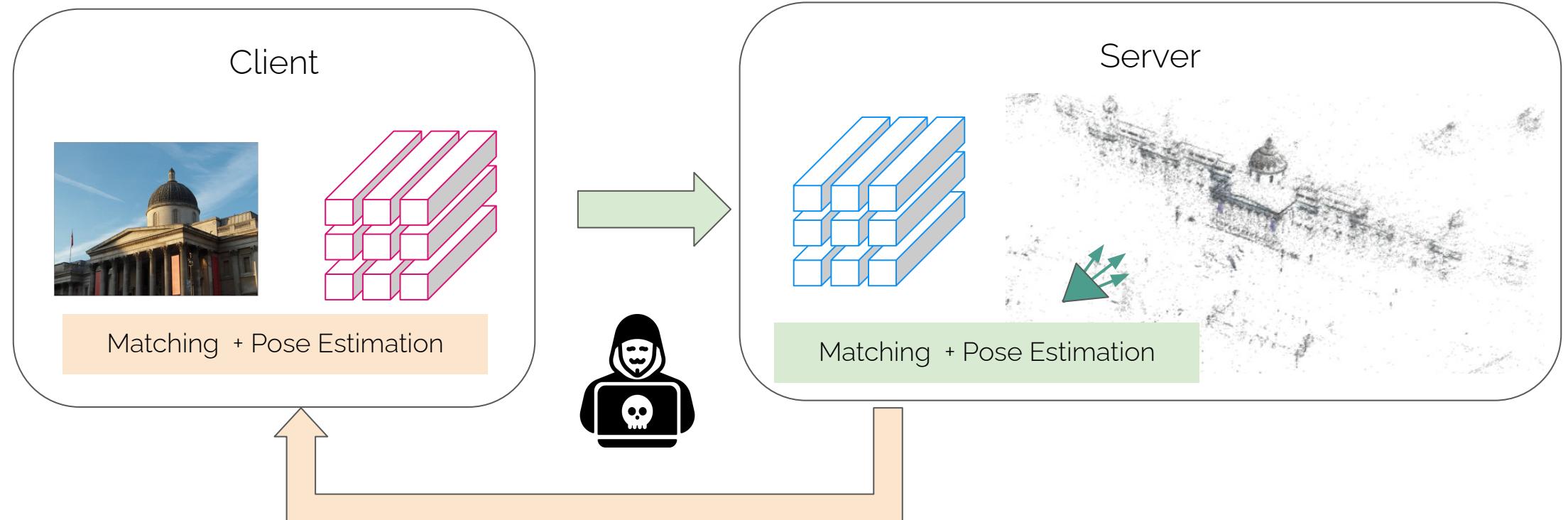
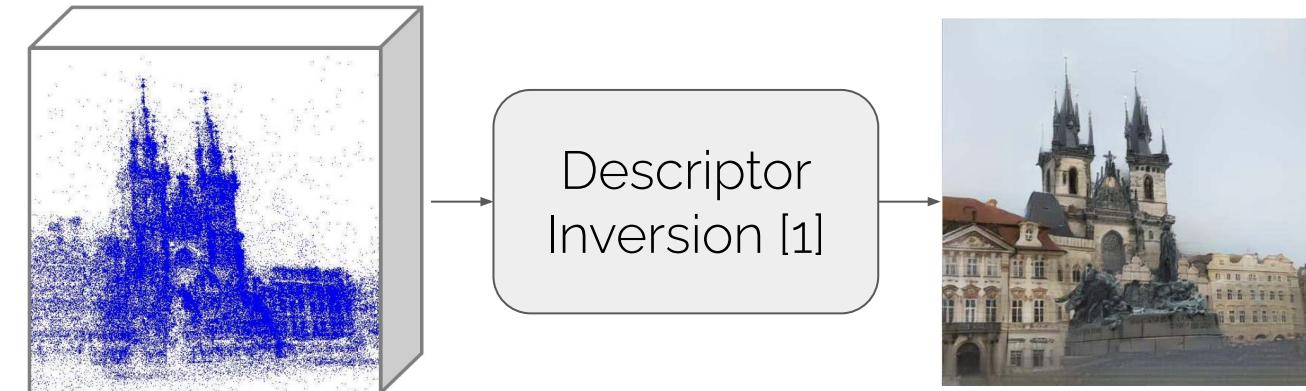
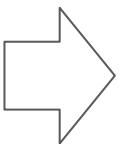
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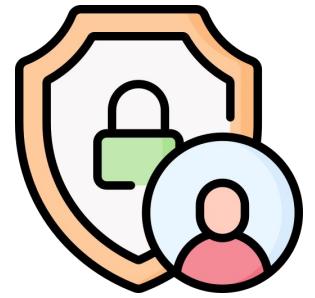


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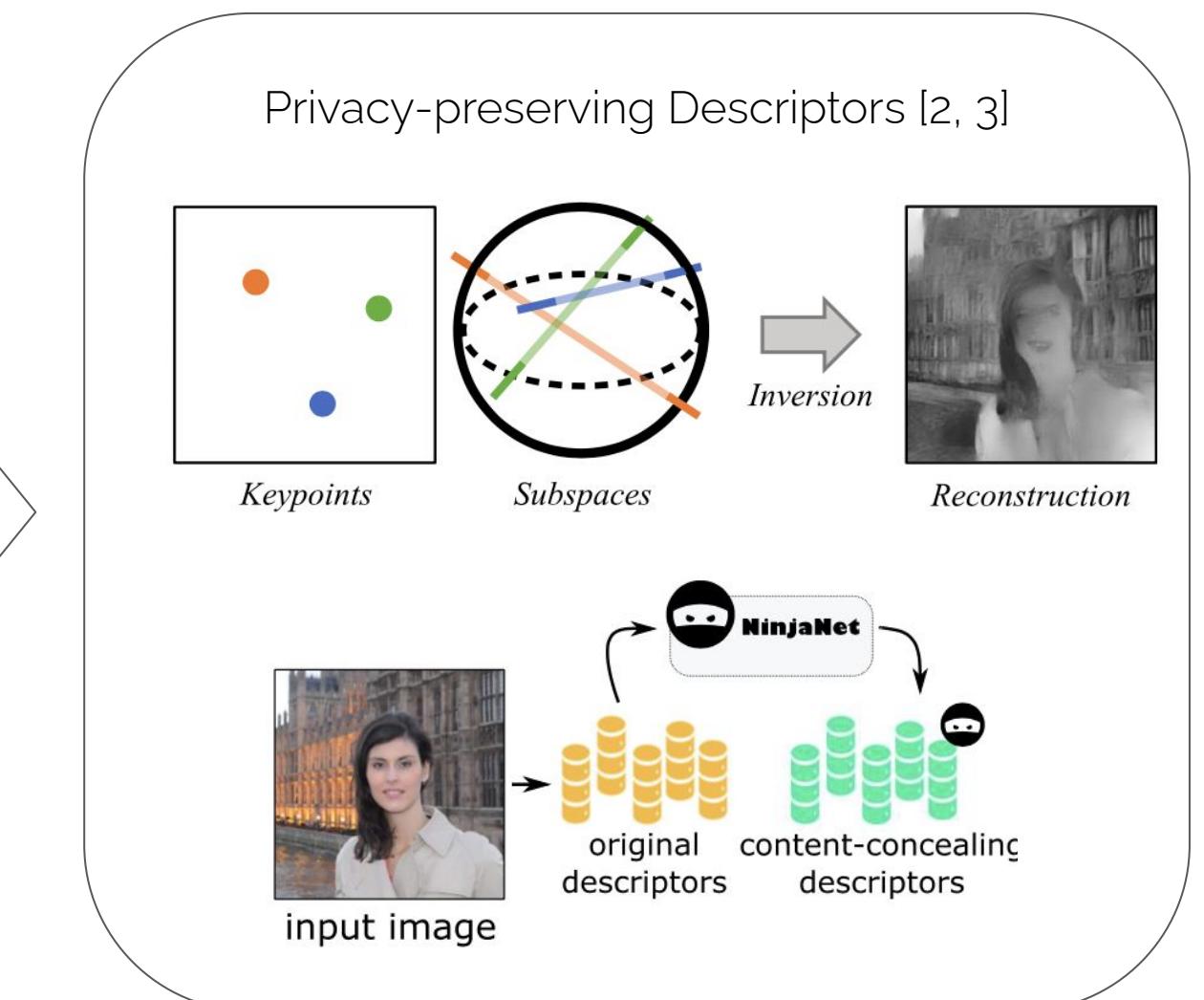
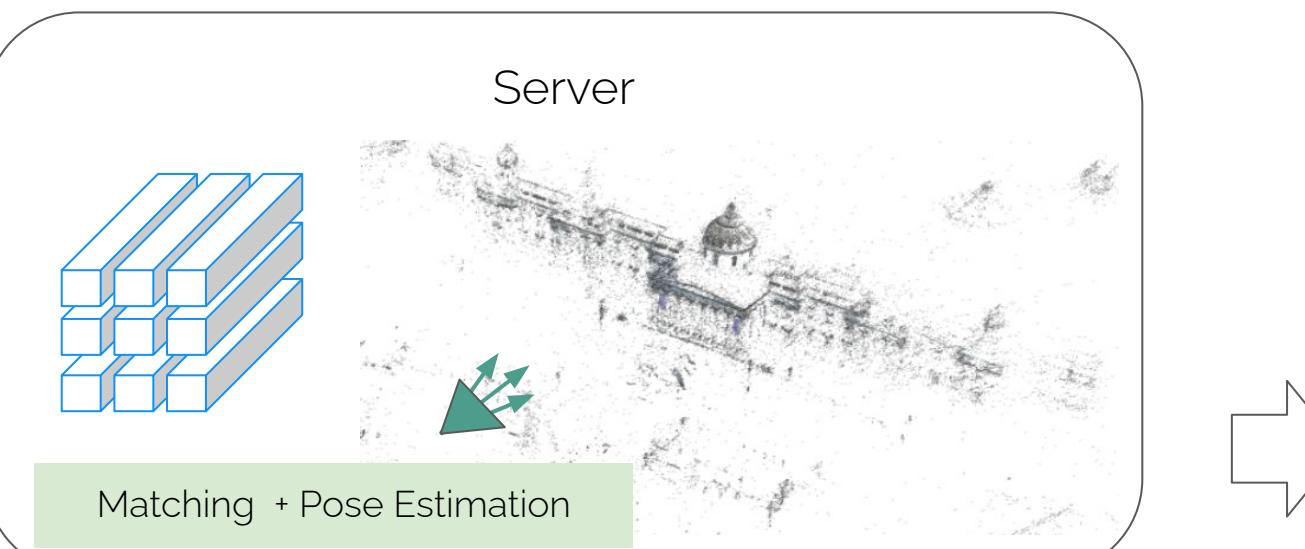
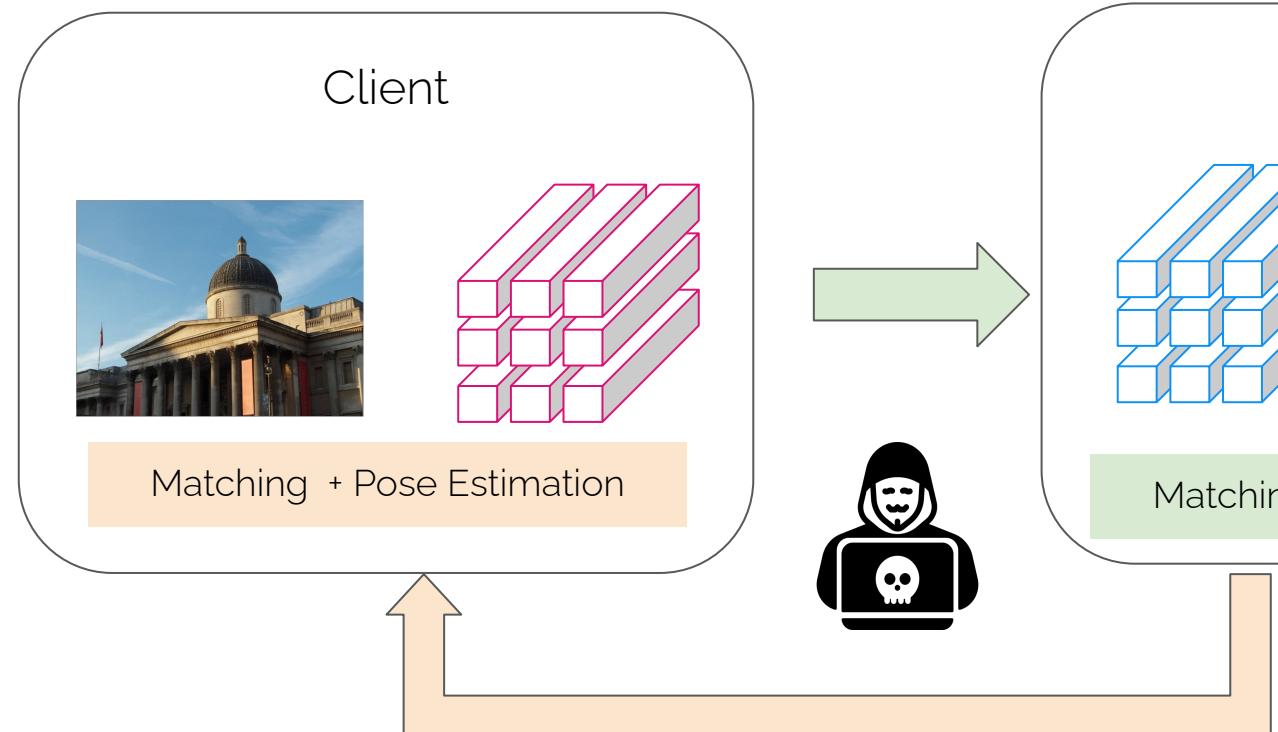
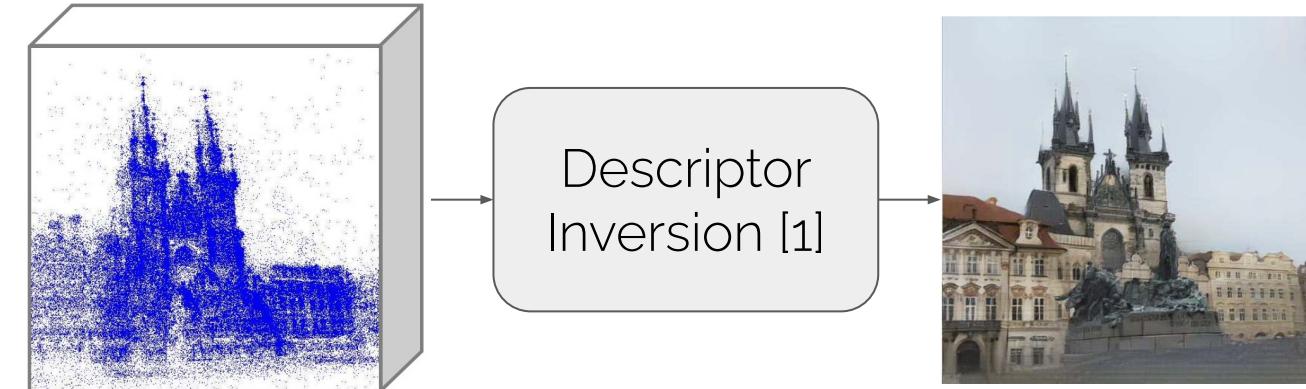
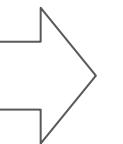


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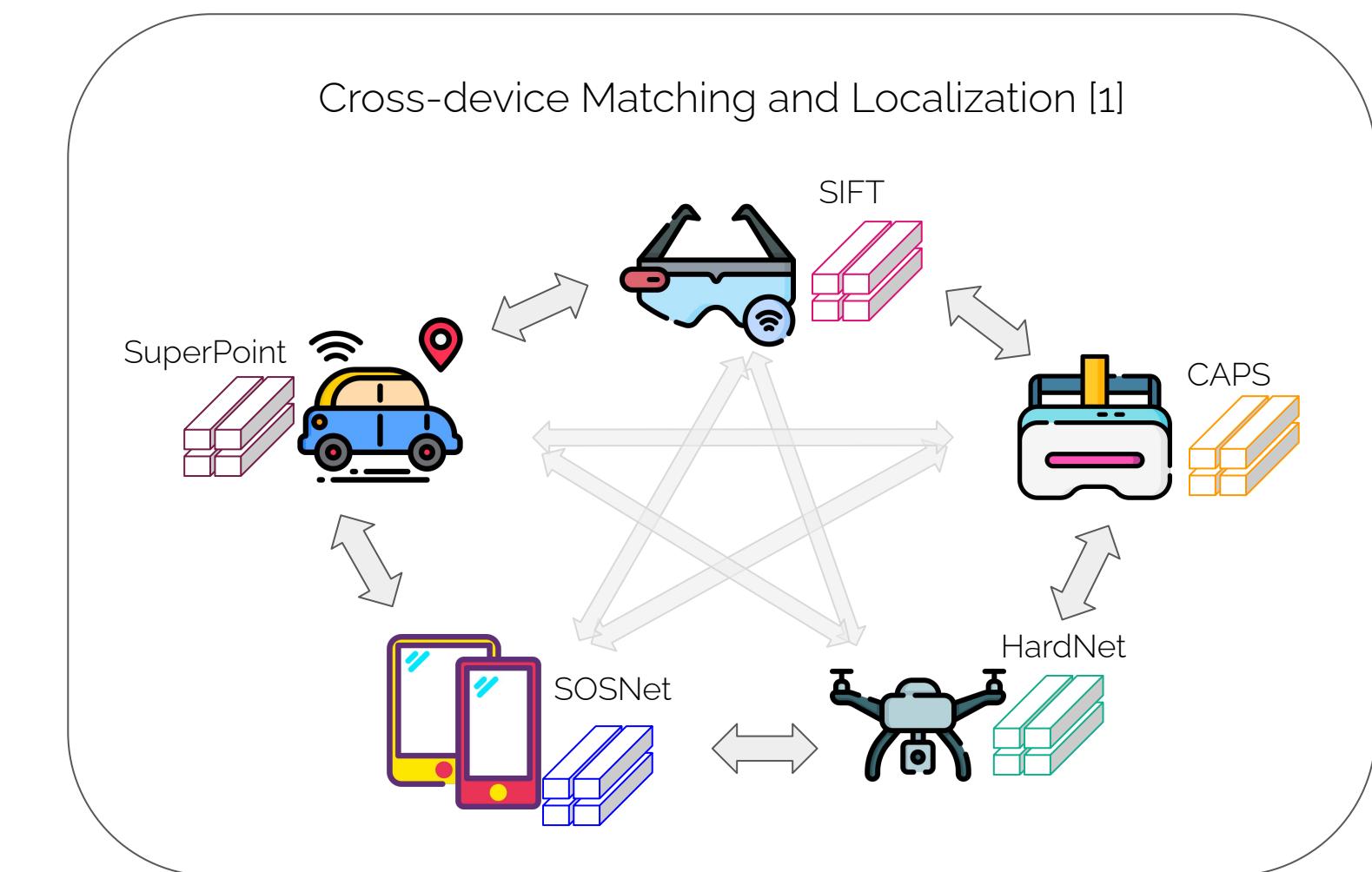
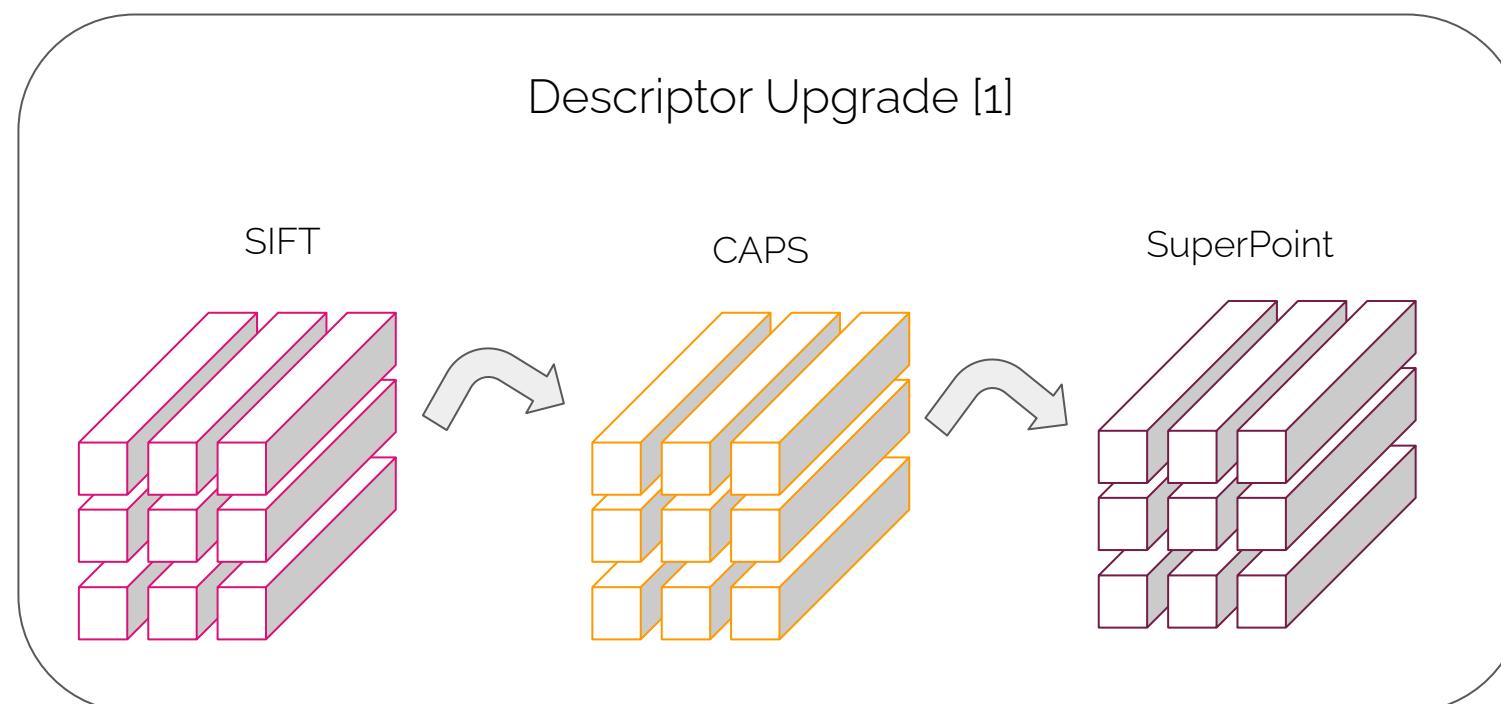
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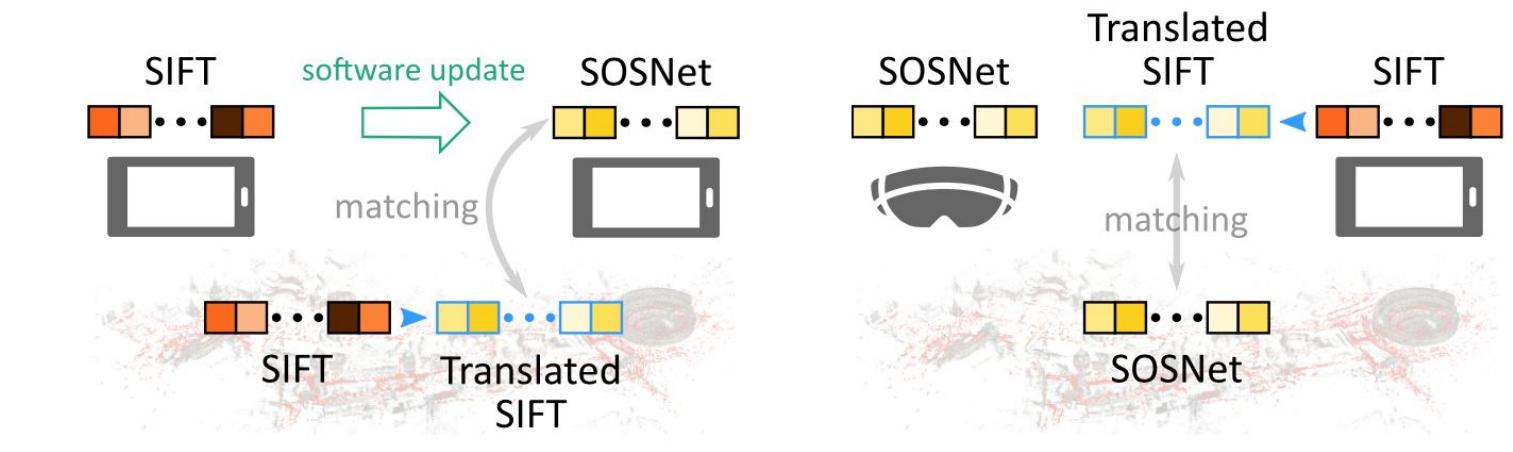
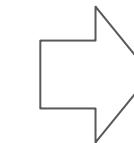
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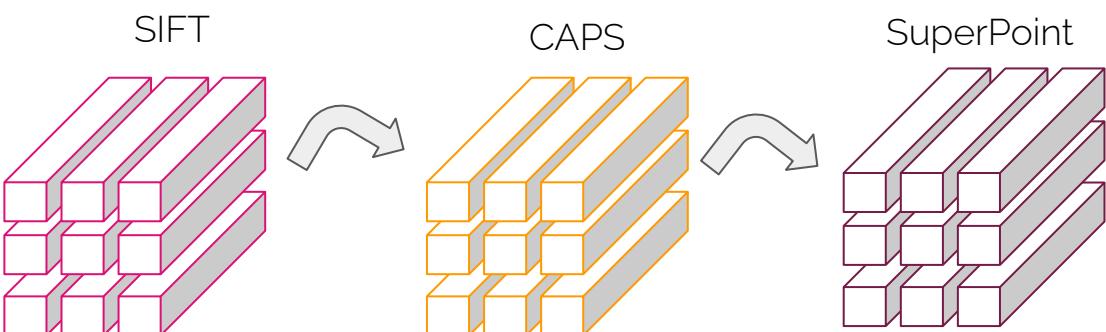
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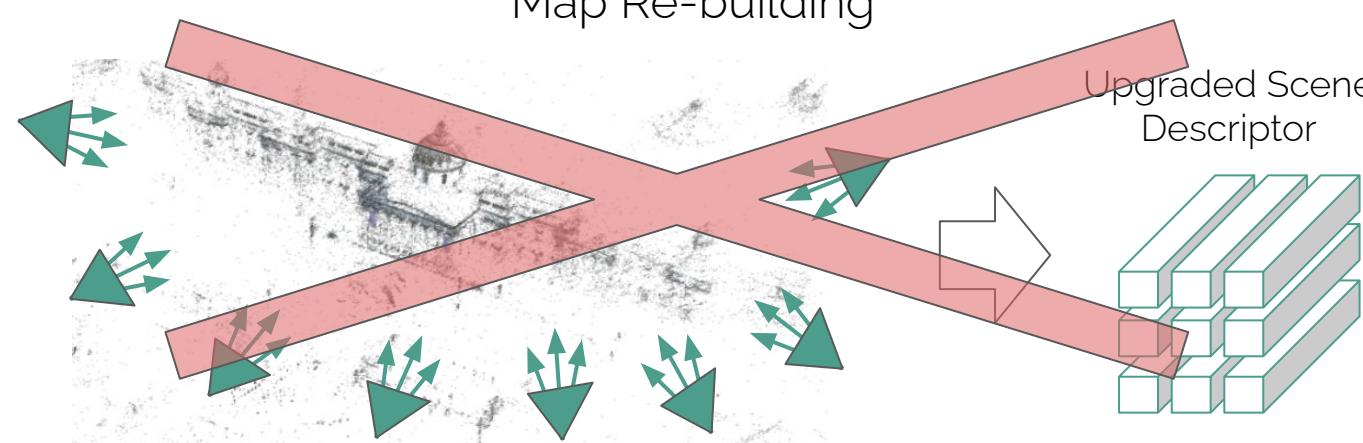
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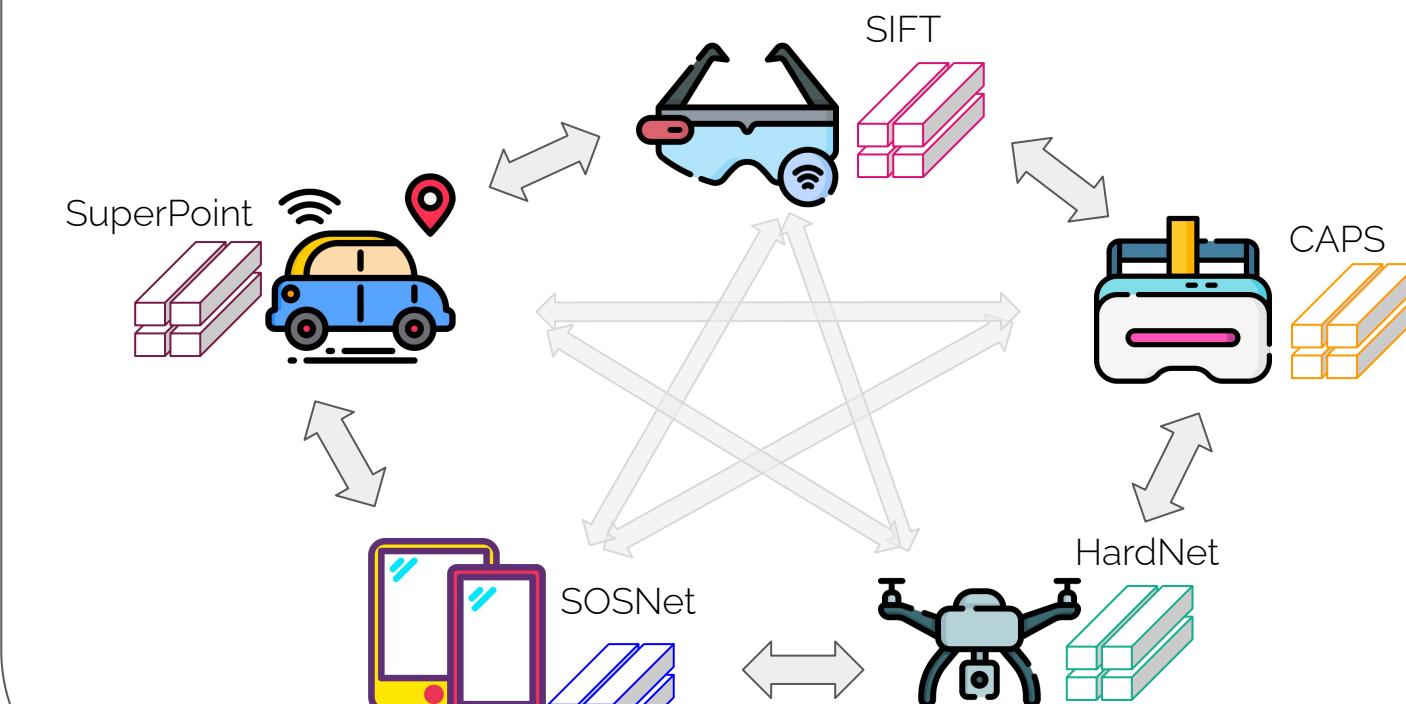
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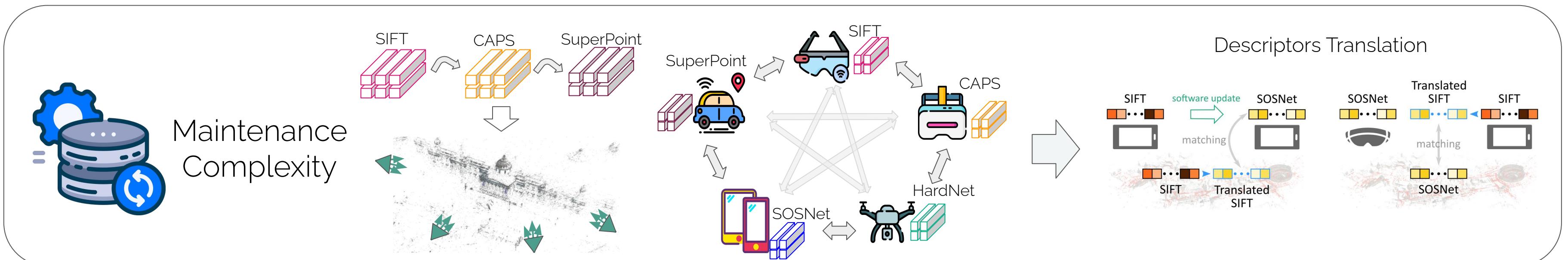
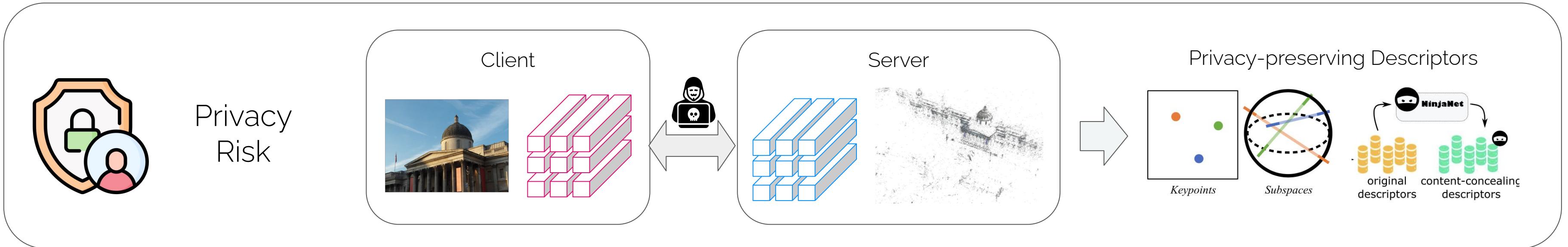
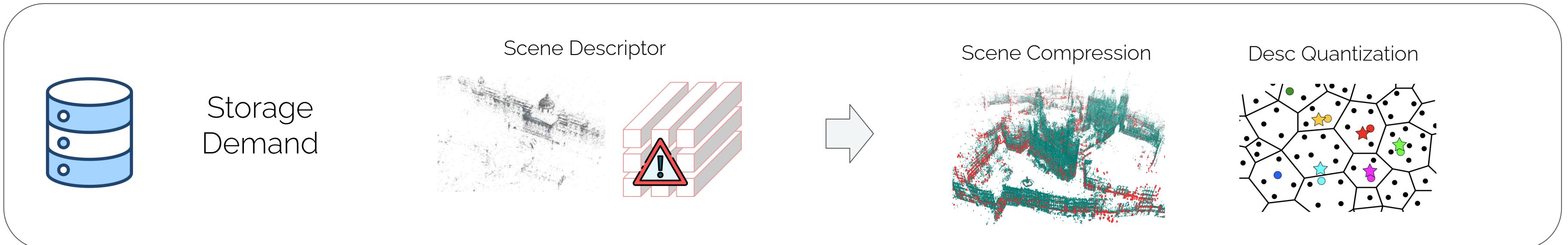


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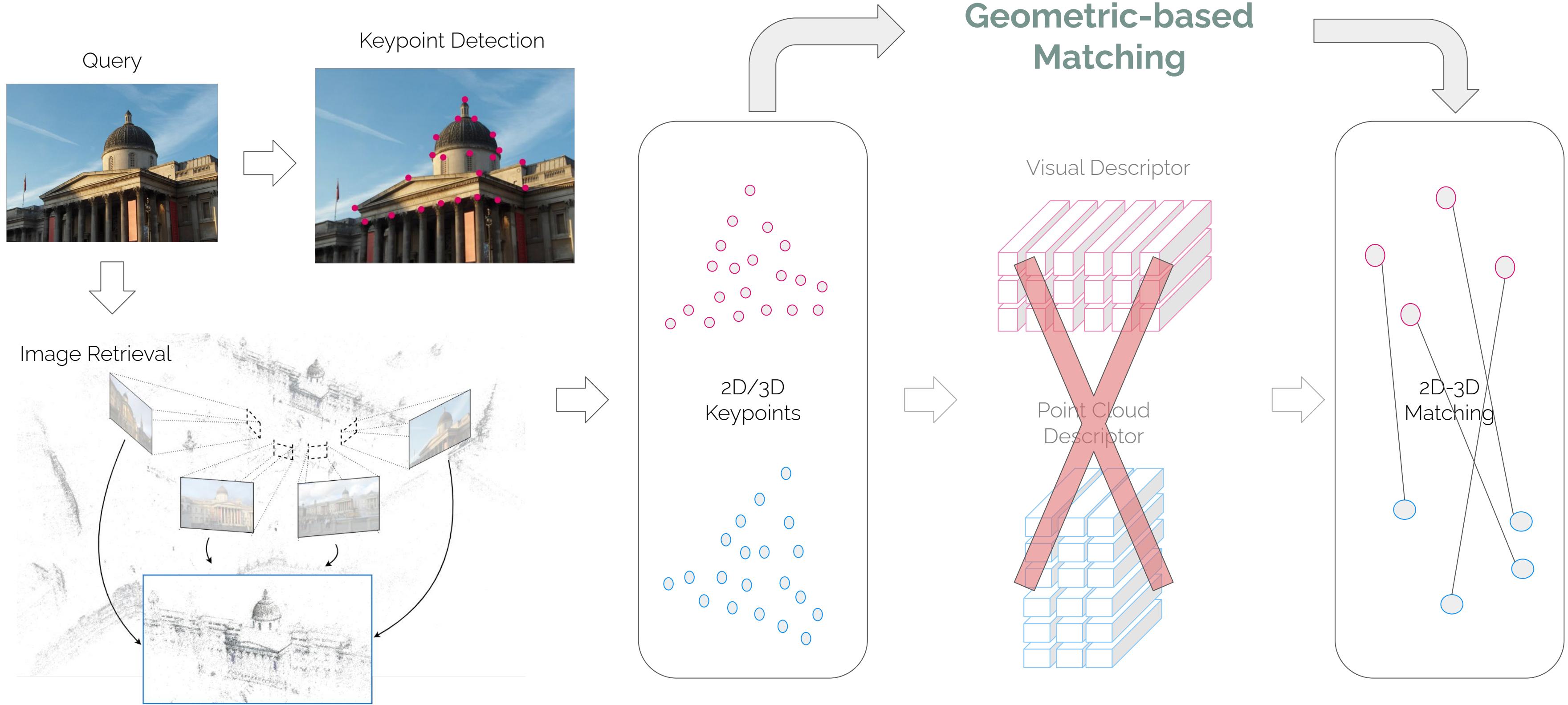


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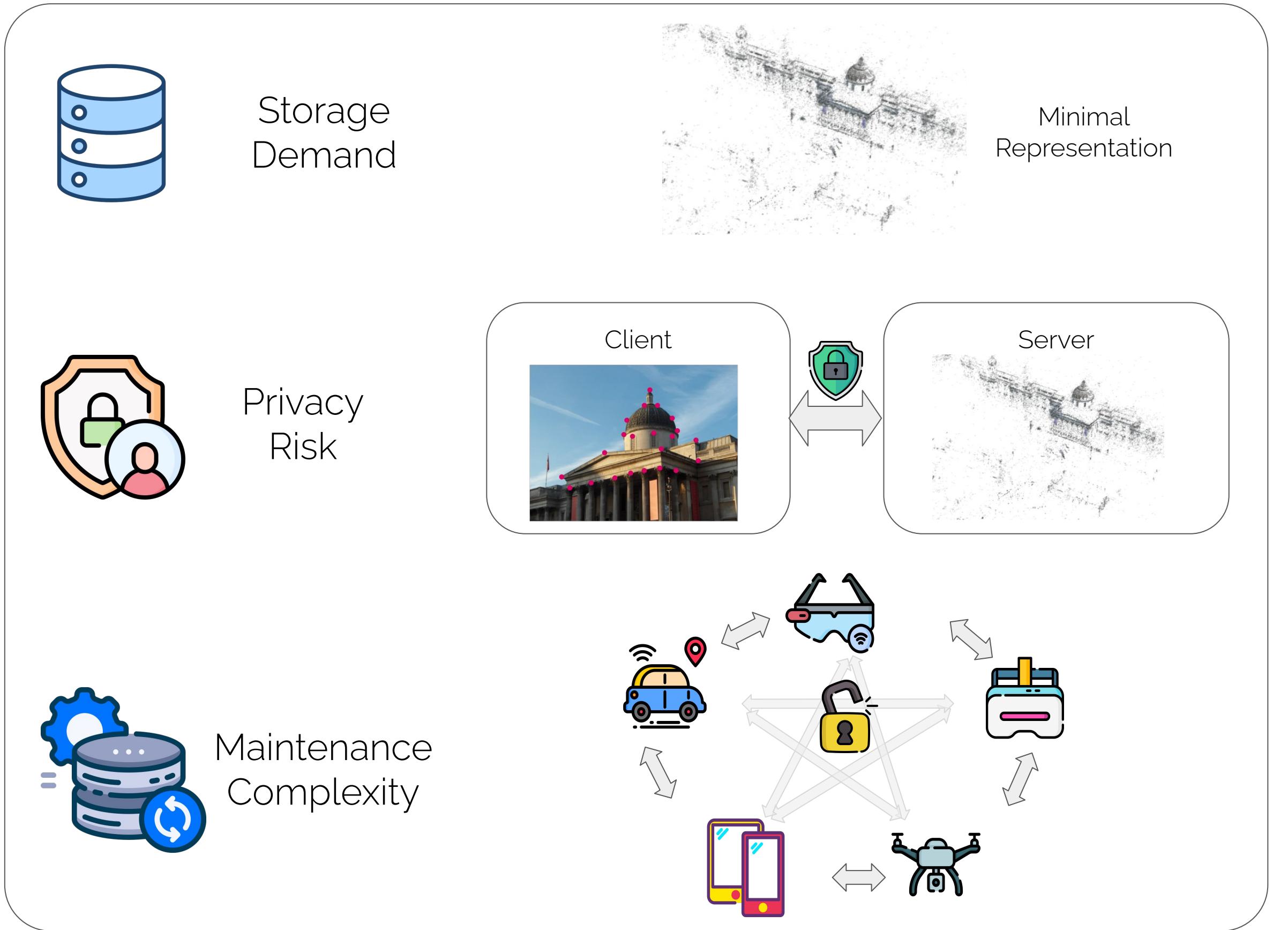
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Geometric-based Matching



Geometric-based Matching



Scalable Large-scale Localization

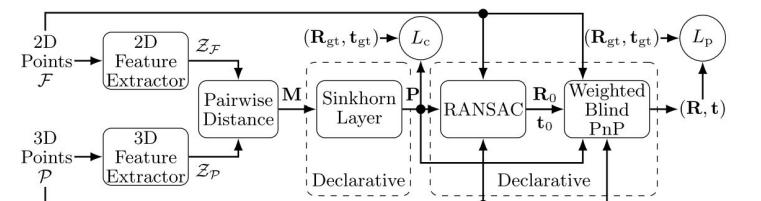


Geometric-based matching and pose estimation



BPnPNet [4]

- Learning-based
- Declarative layers
- Degrades with outliers.



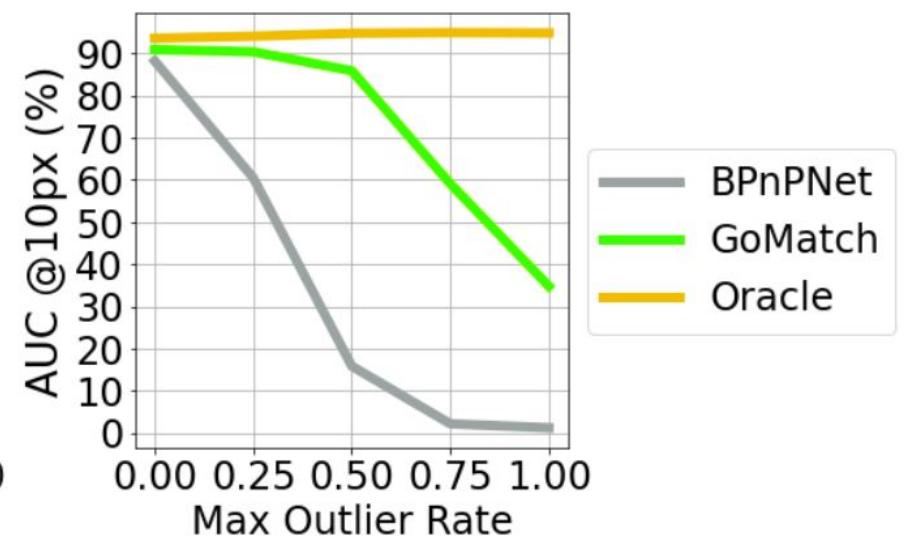
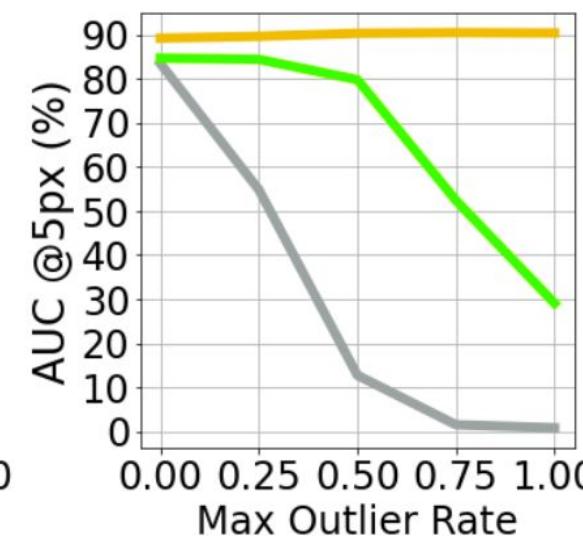
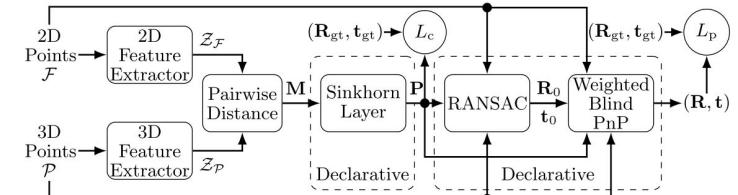
Geometric-based matching and pose estimation

Does not scale to real-world
localization settings!

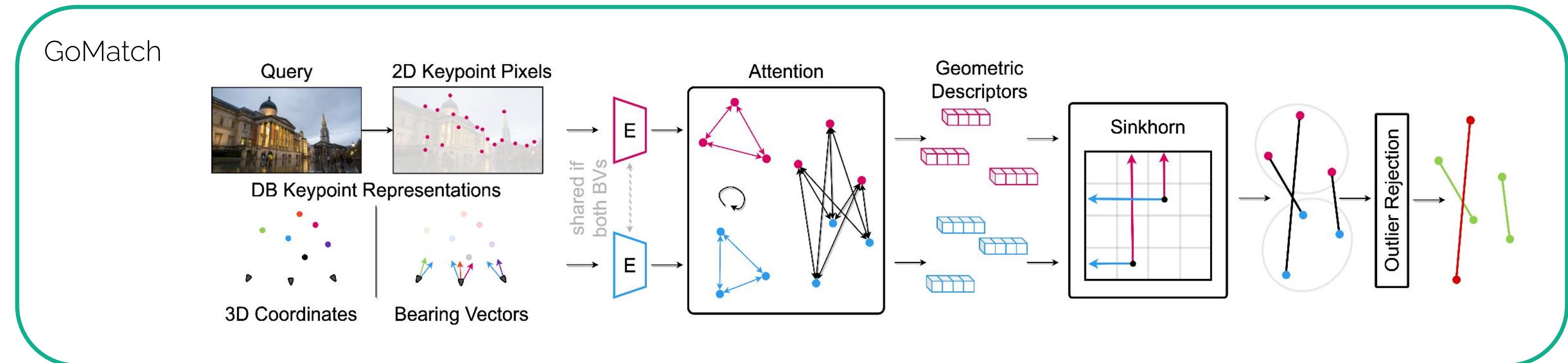


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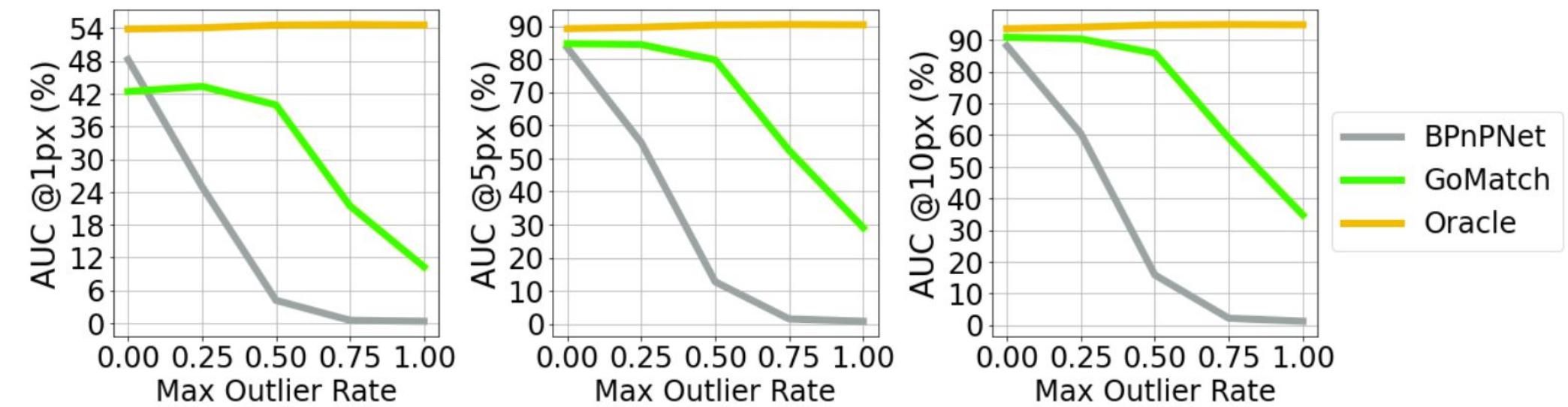
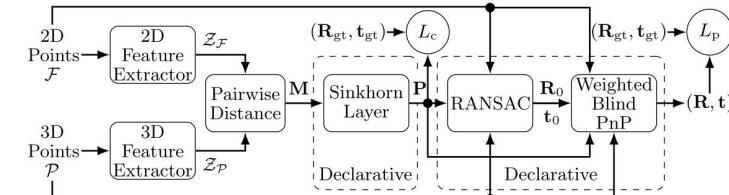


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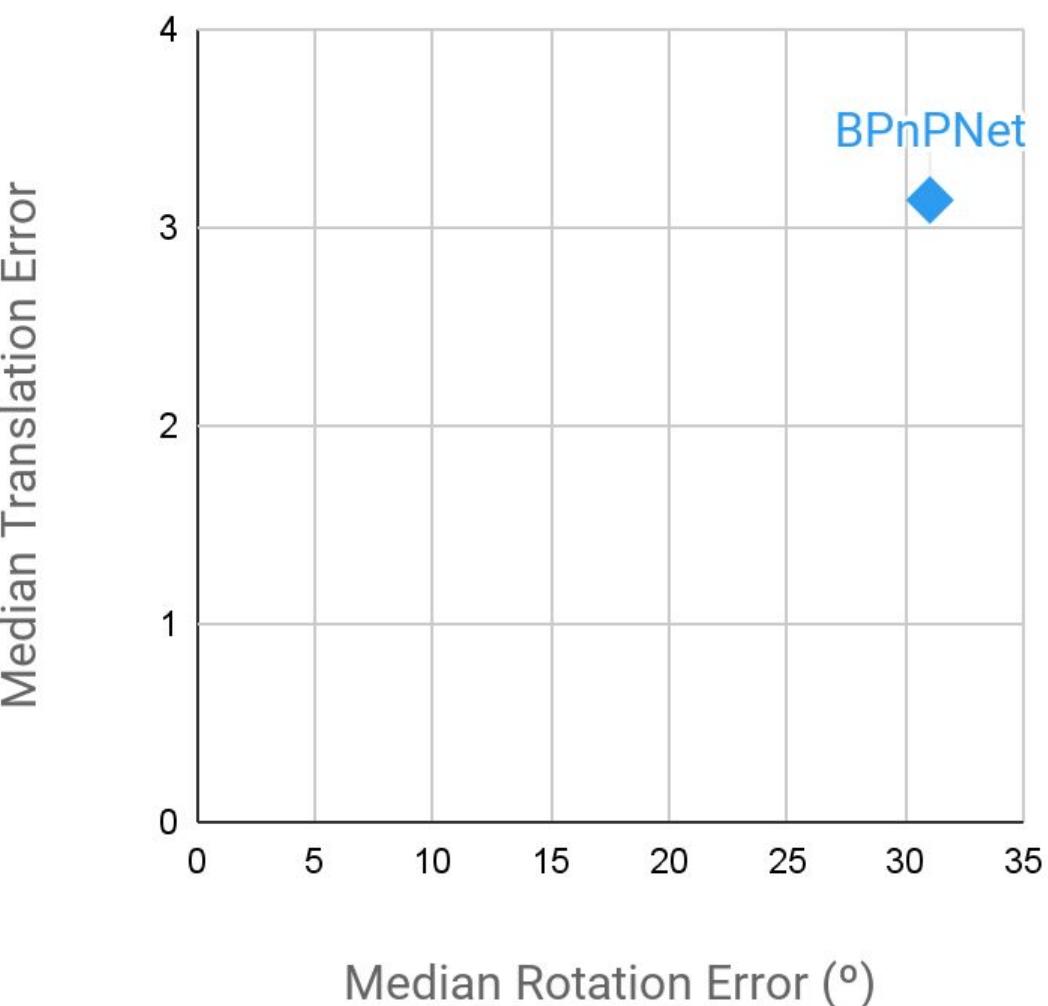
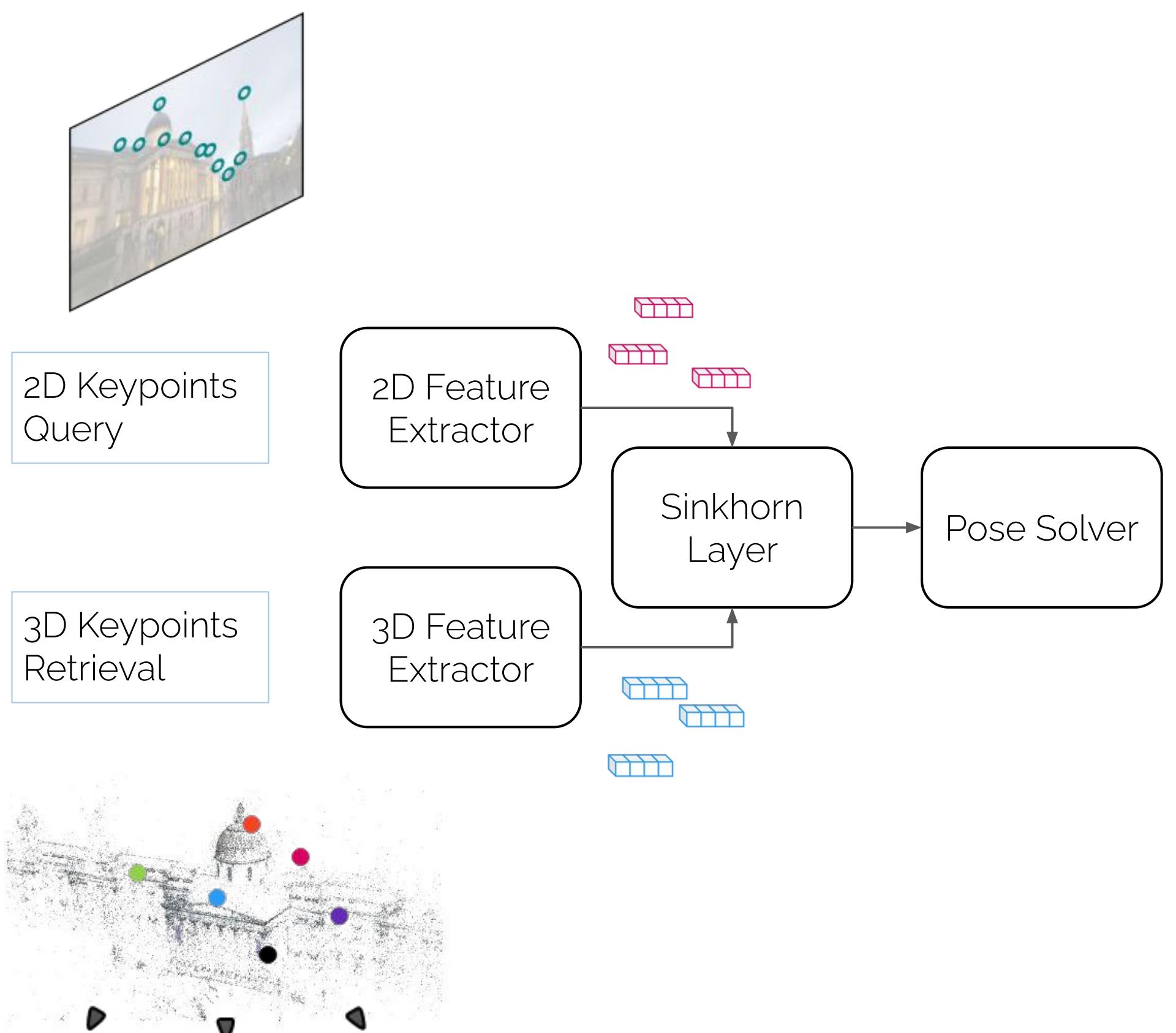


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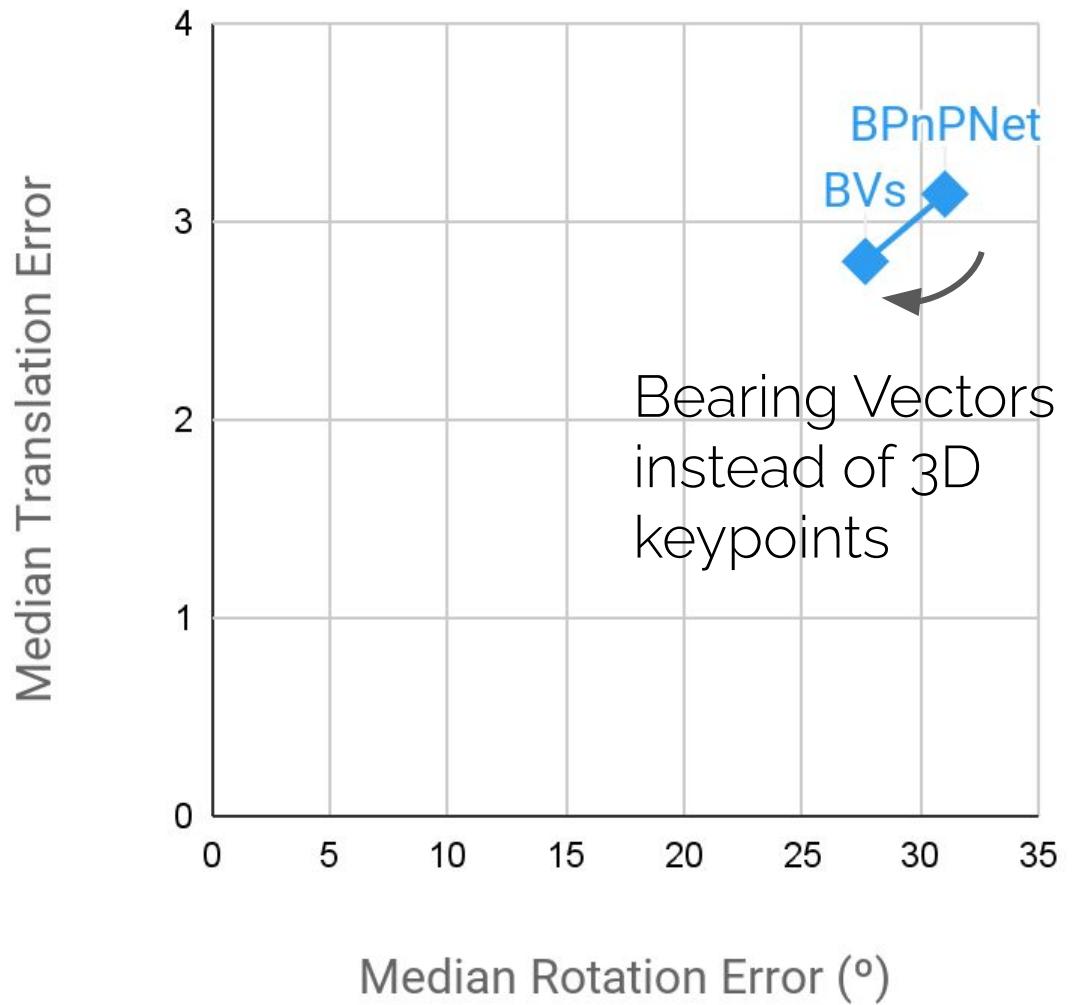
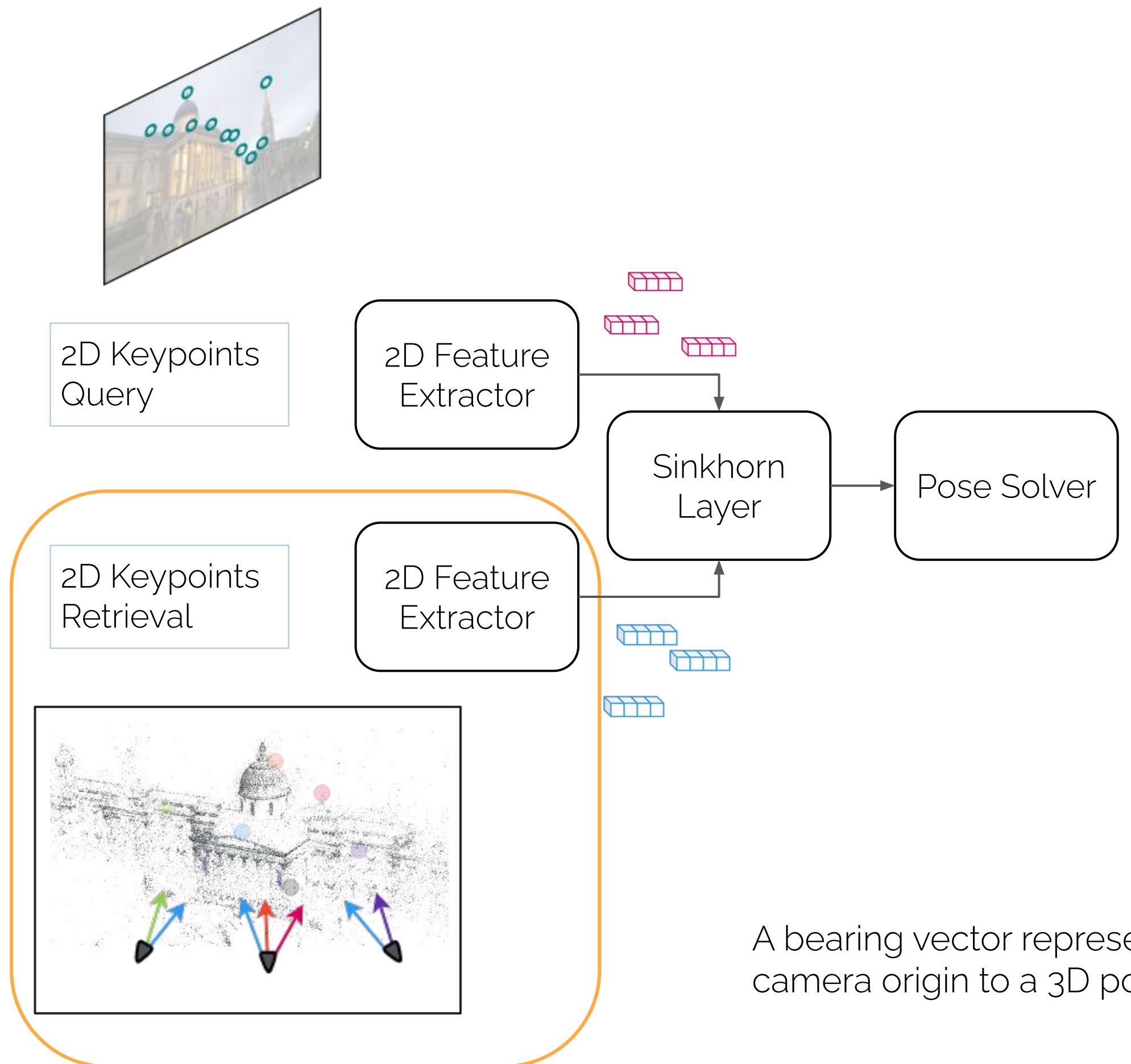
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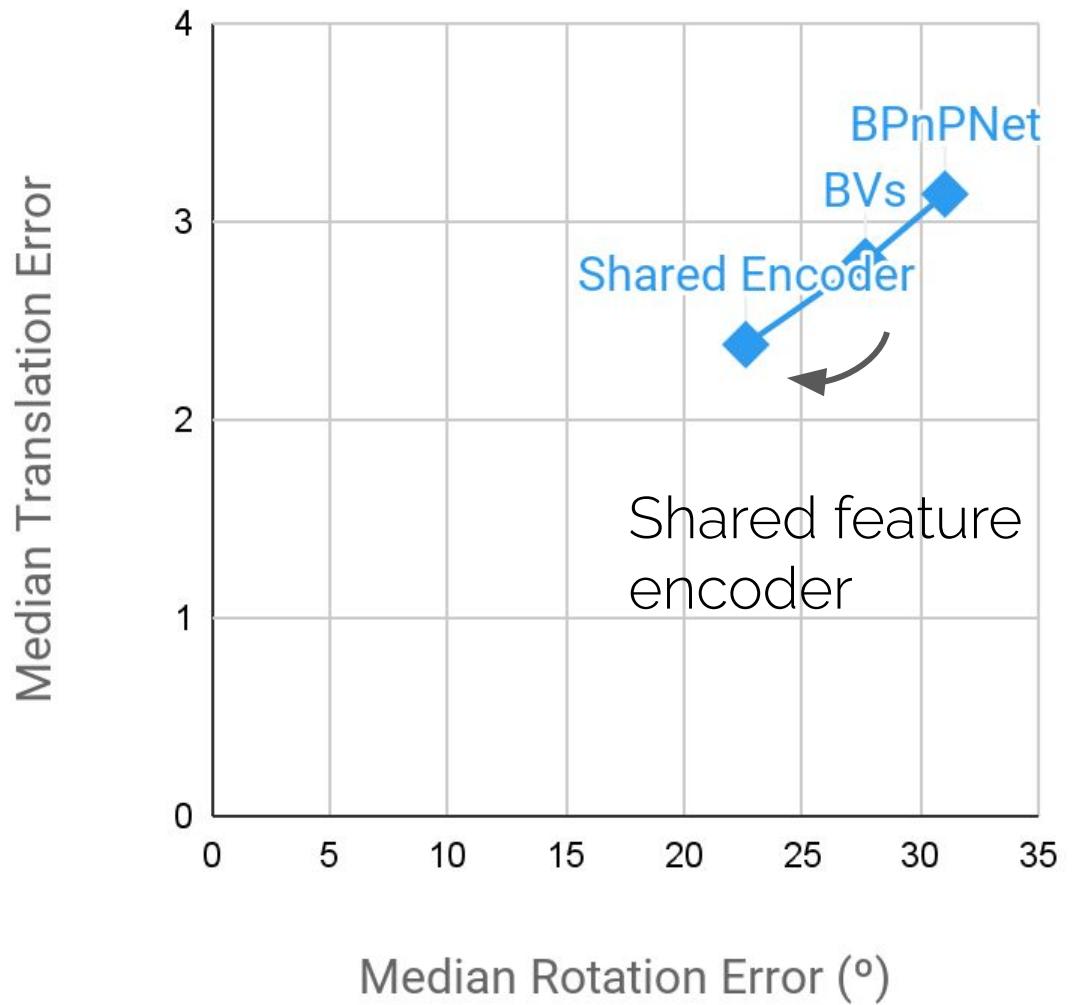
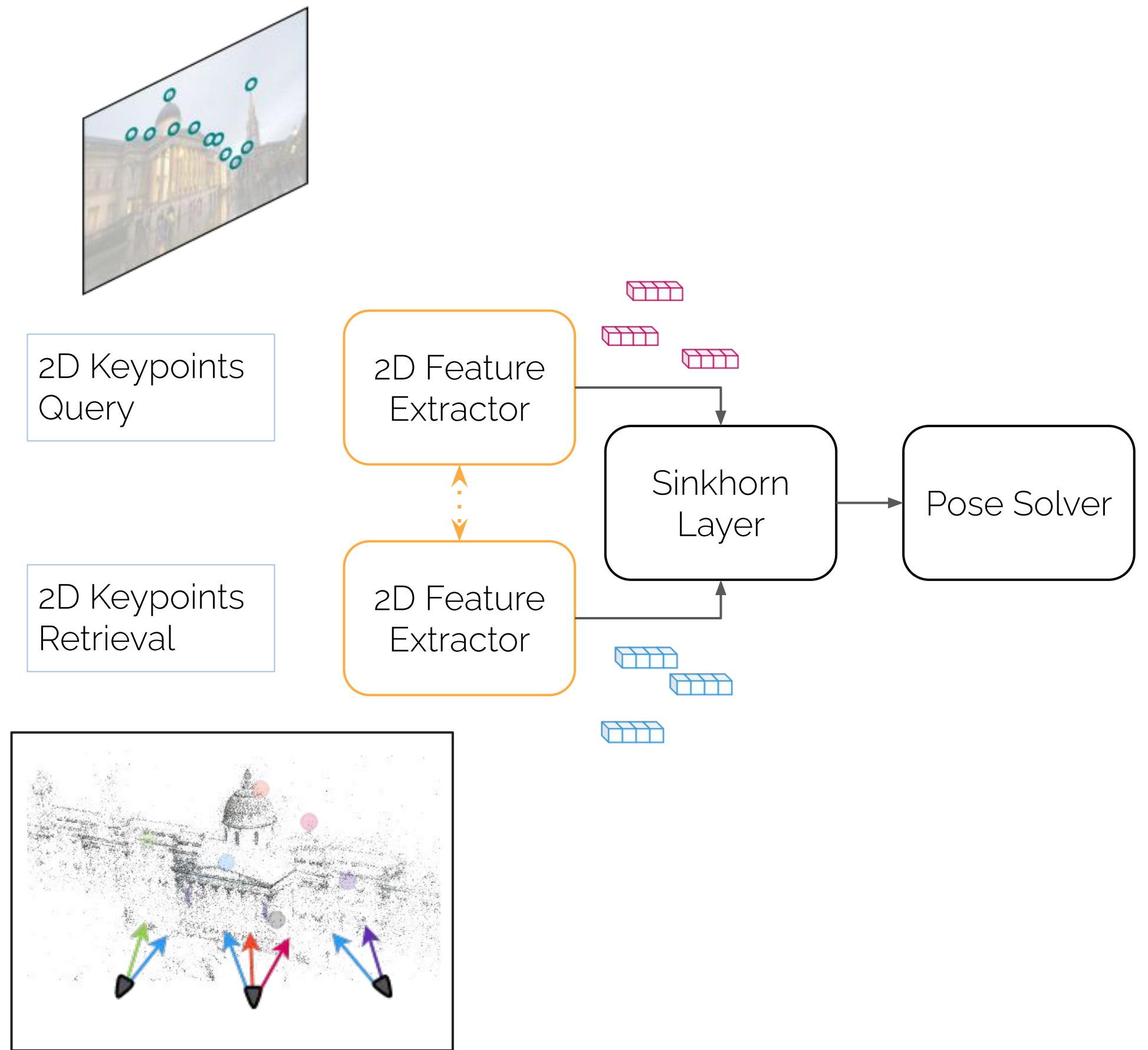


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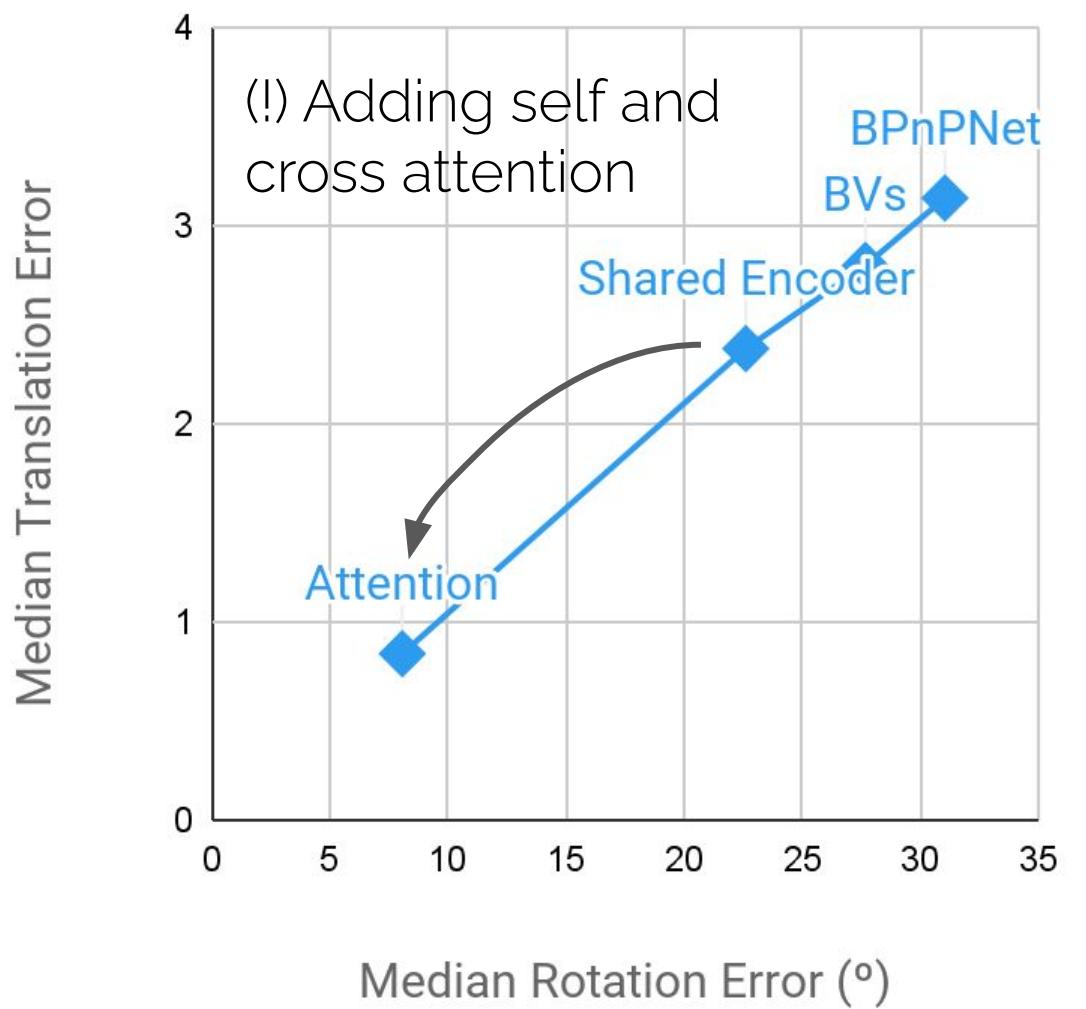
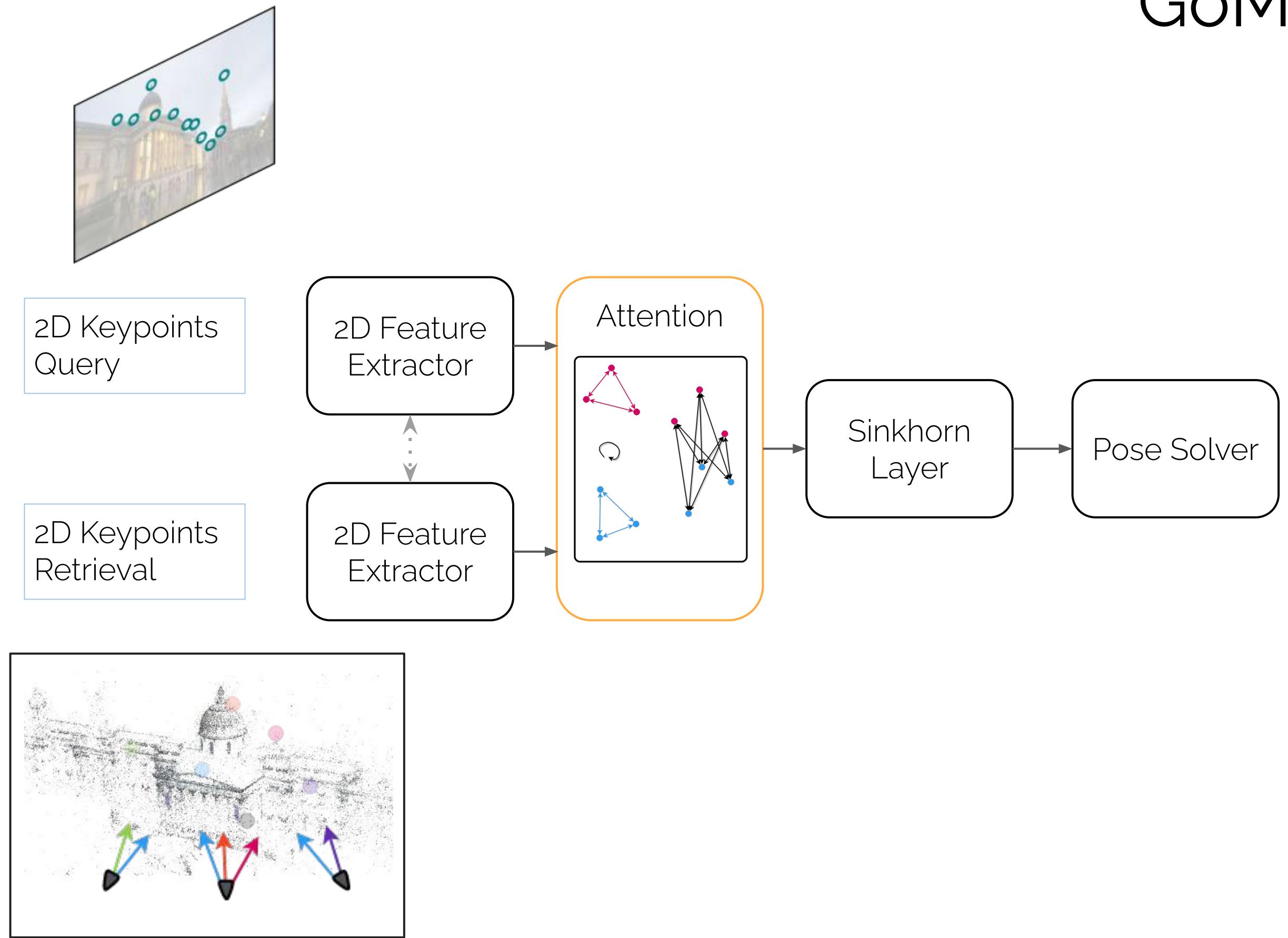


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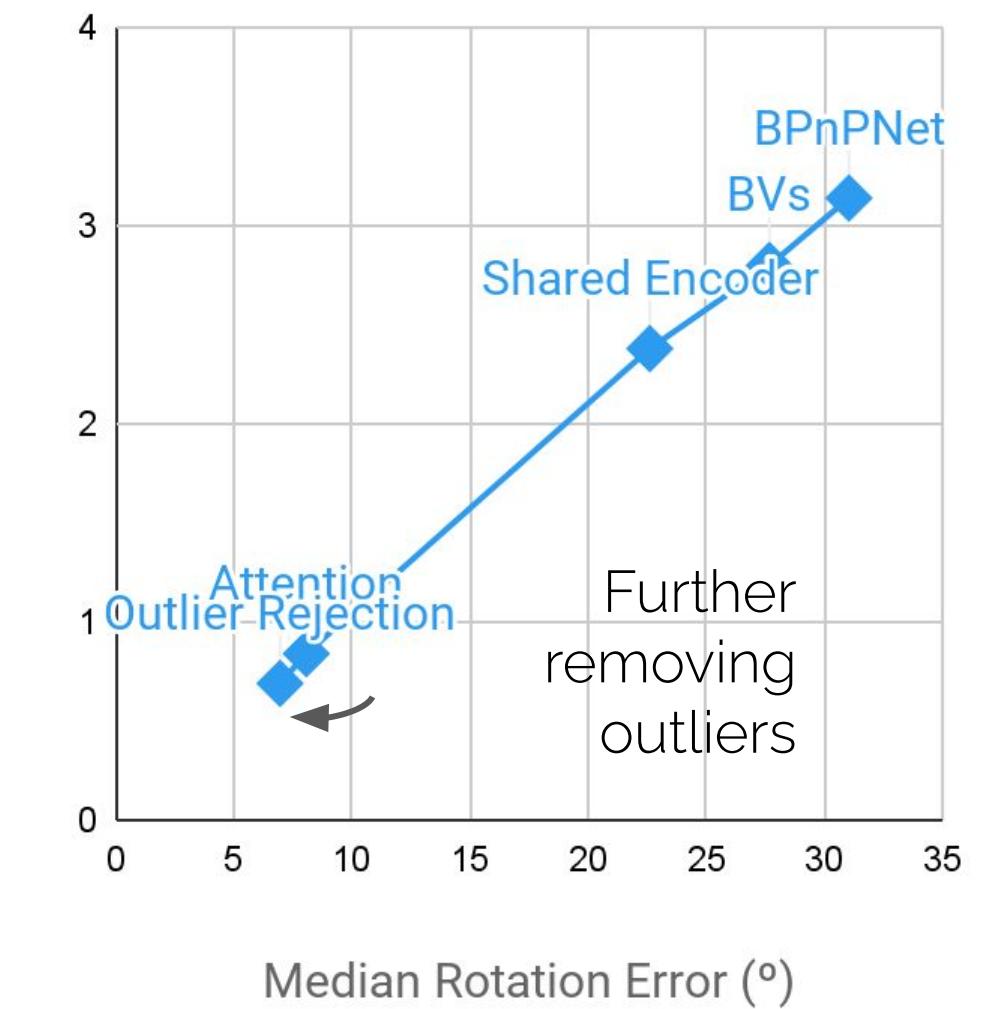
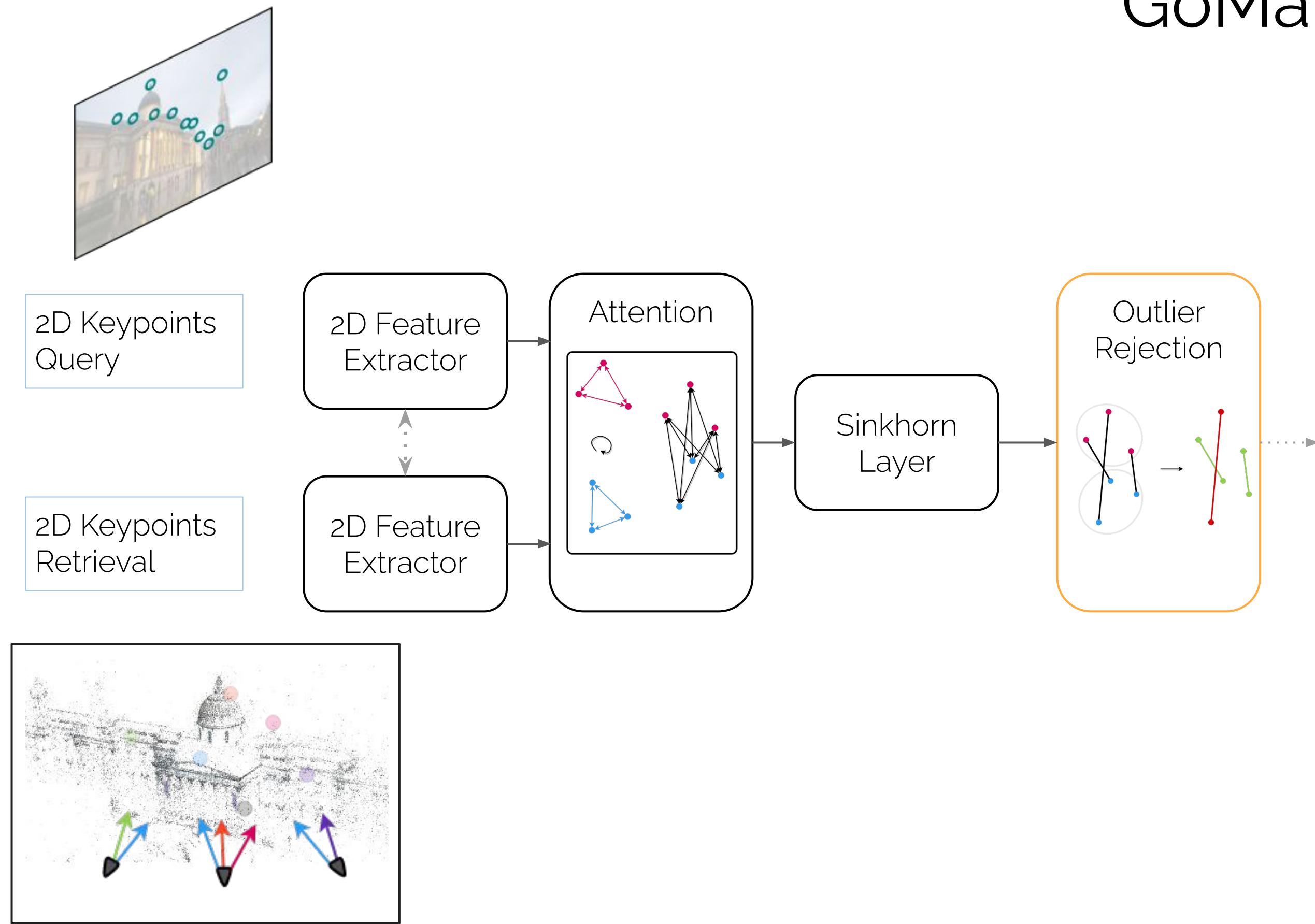
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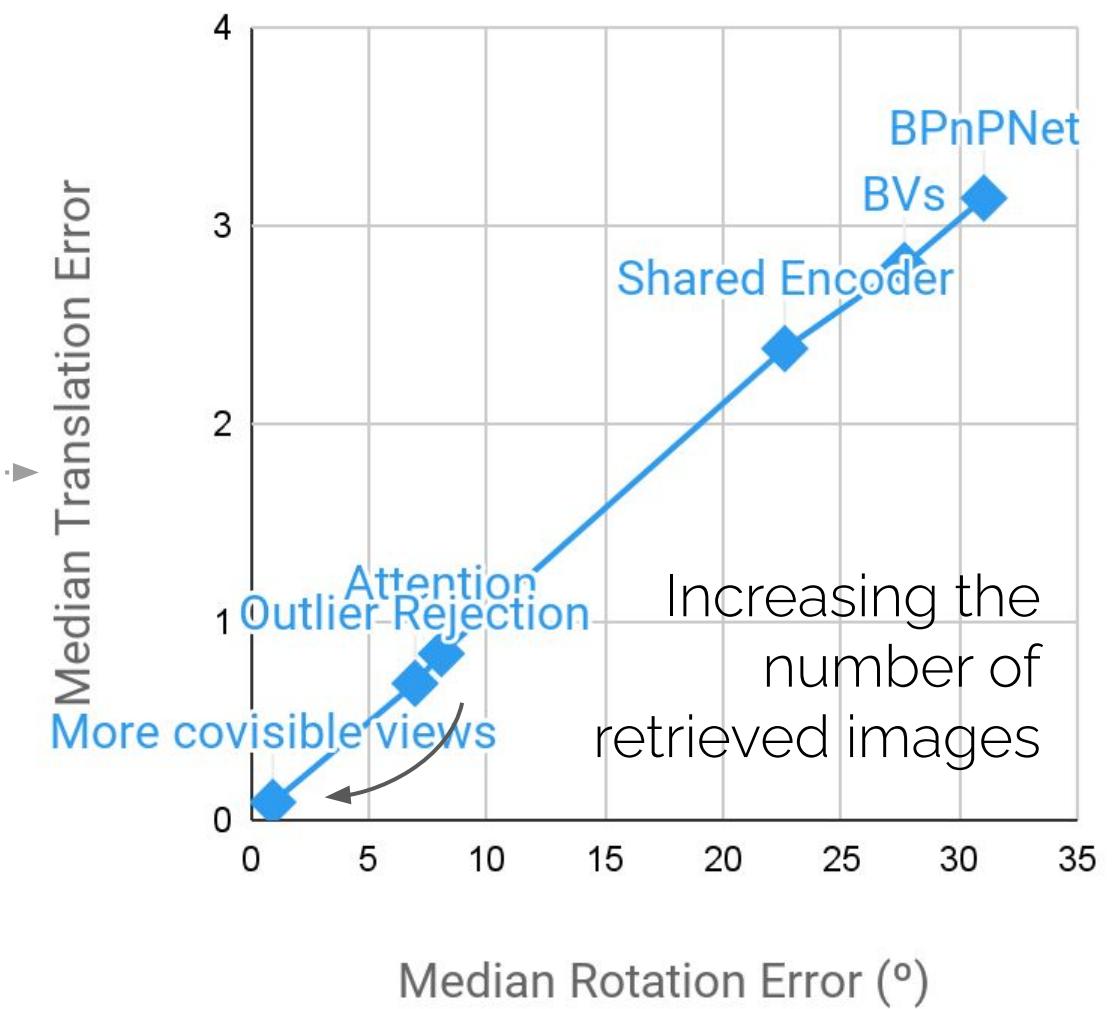
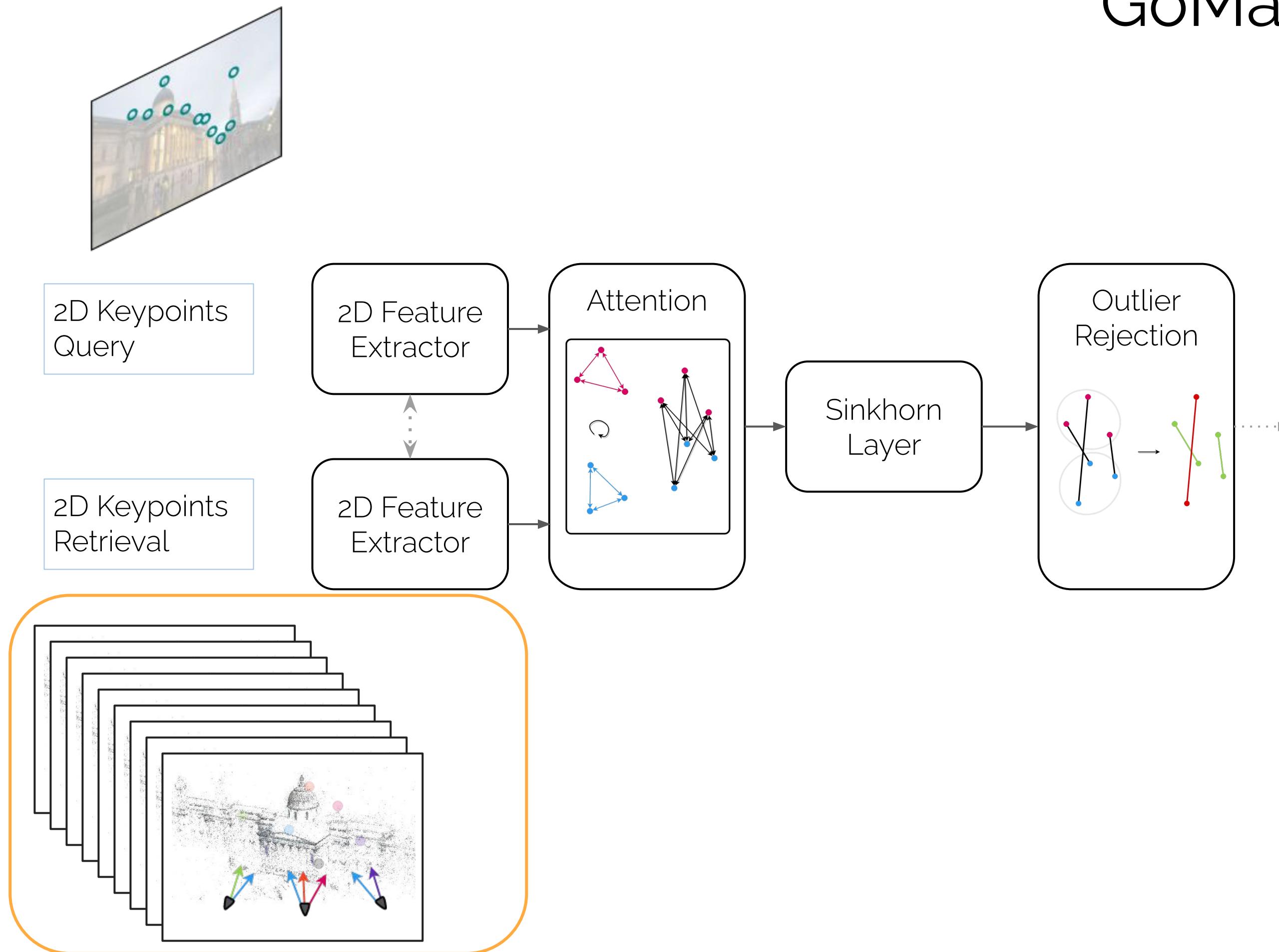
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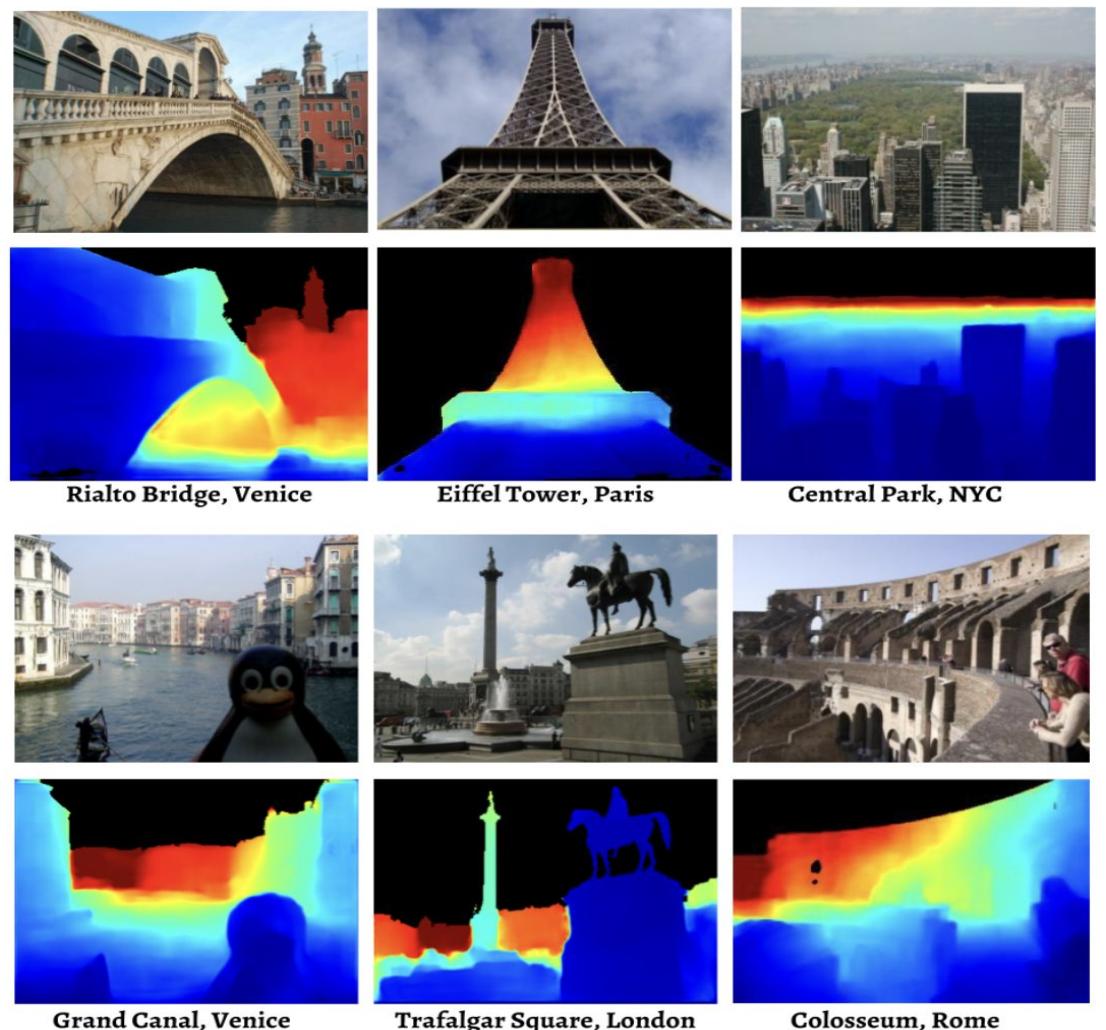


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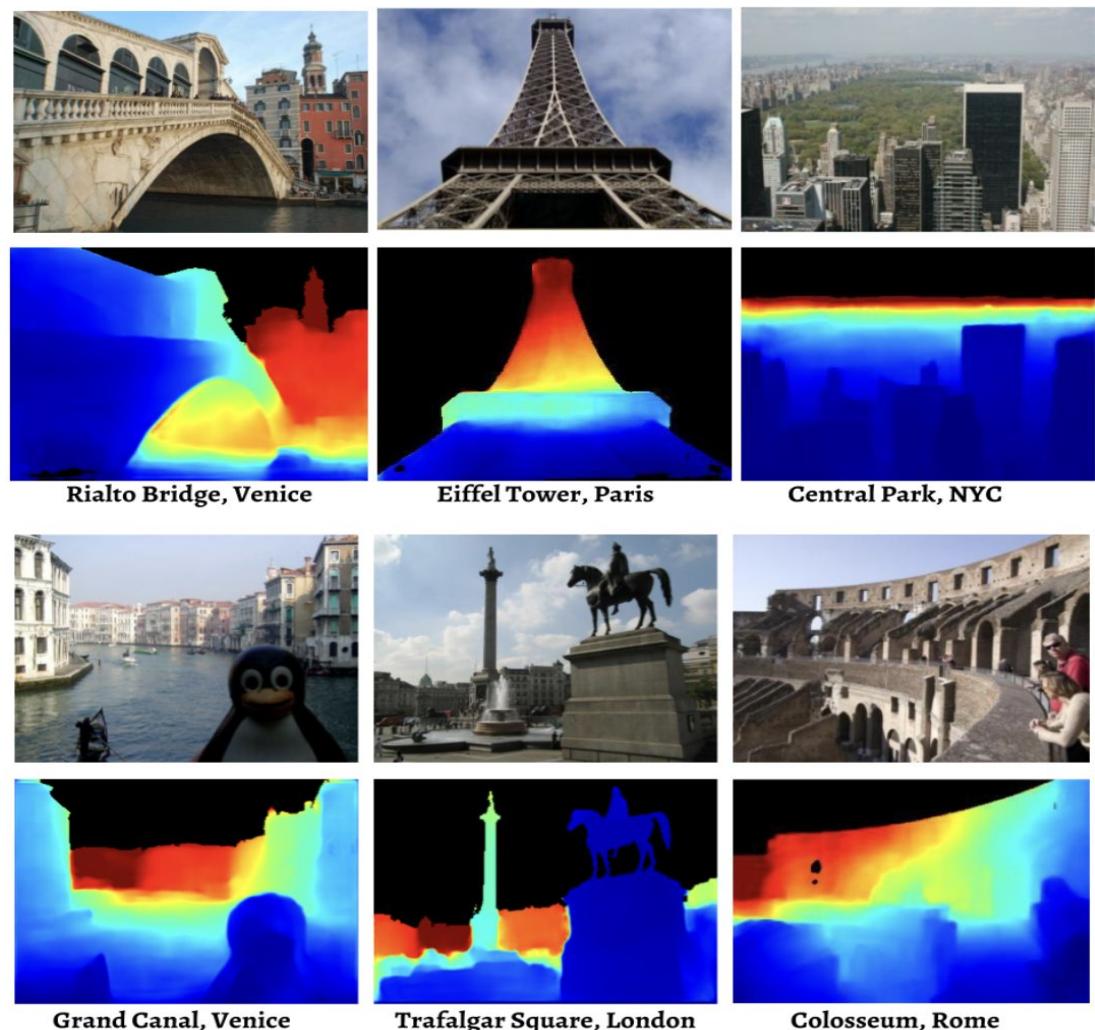
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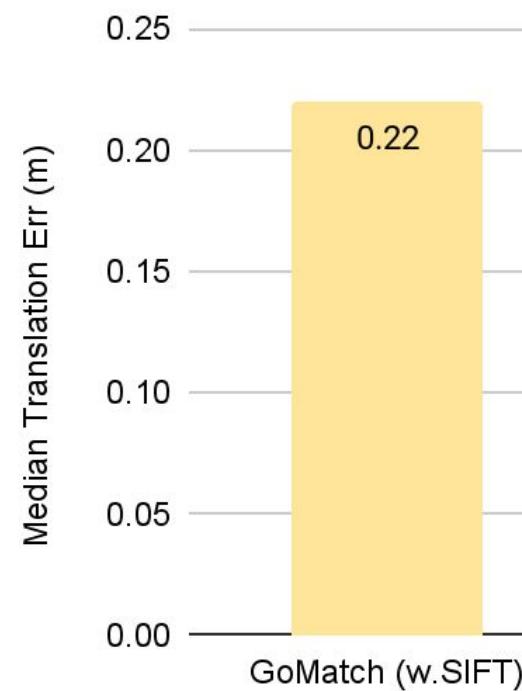
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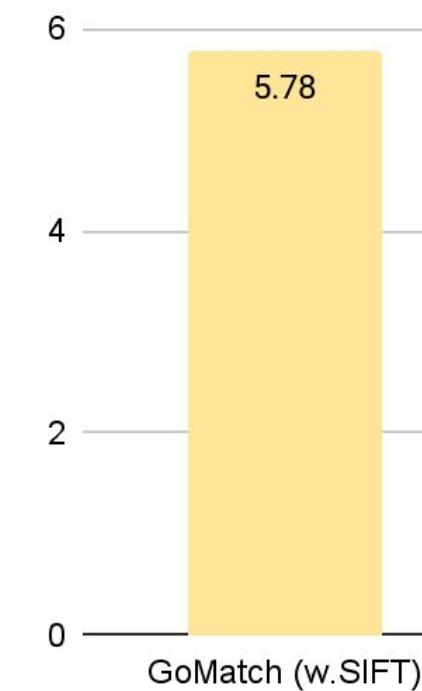


Indoor

7Scenes

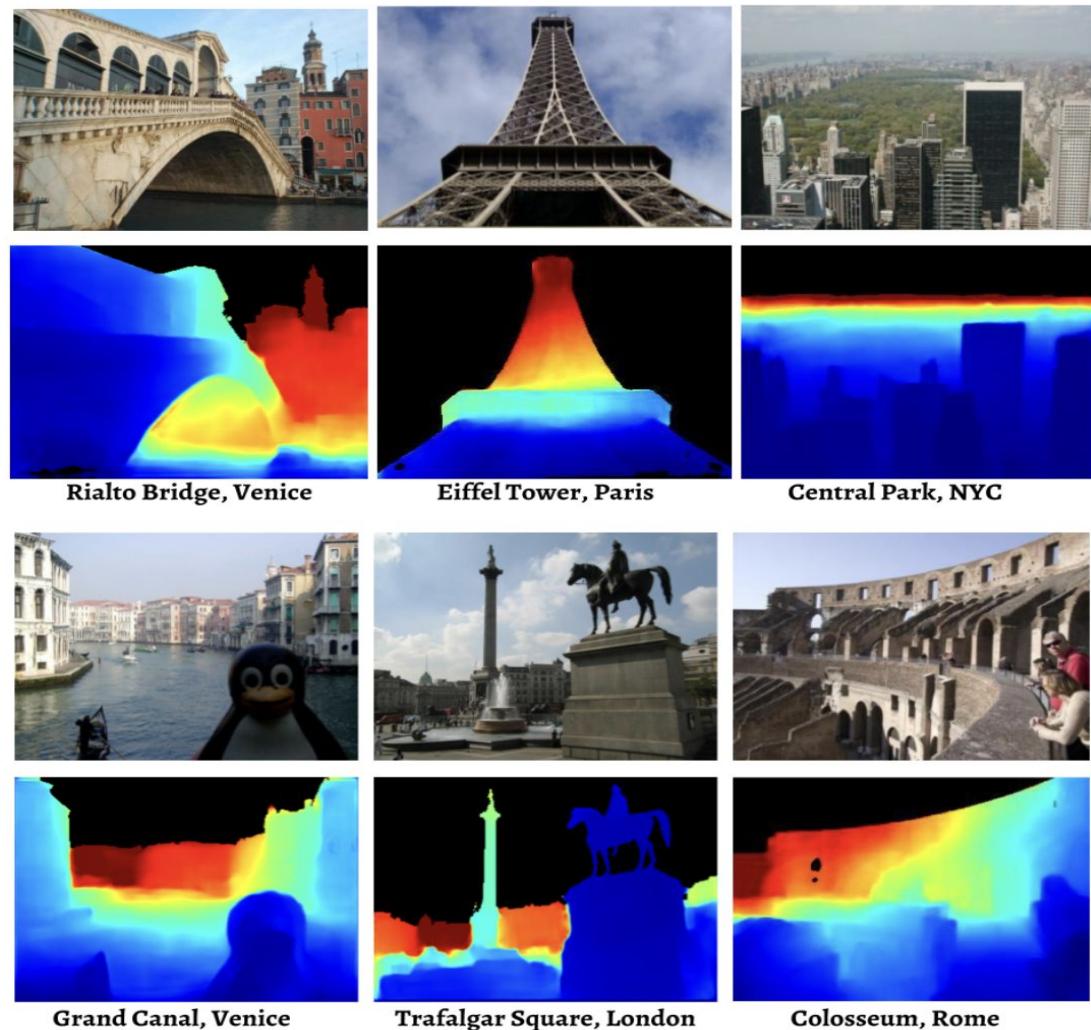


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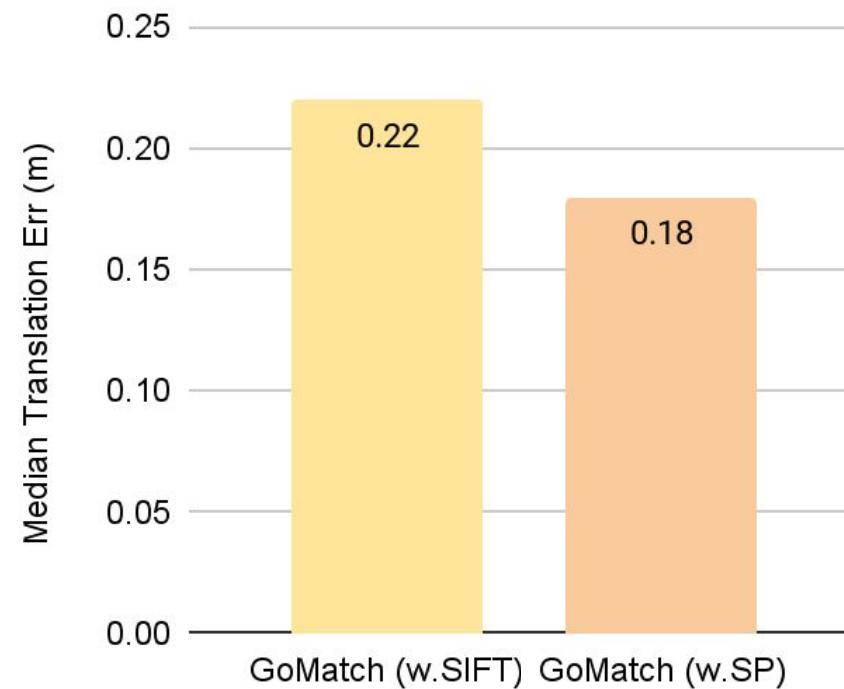
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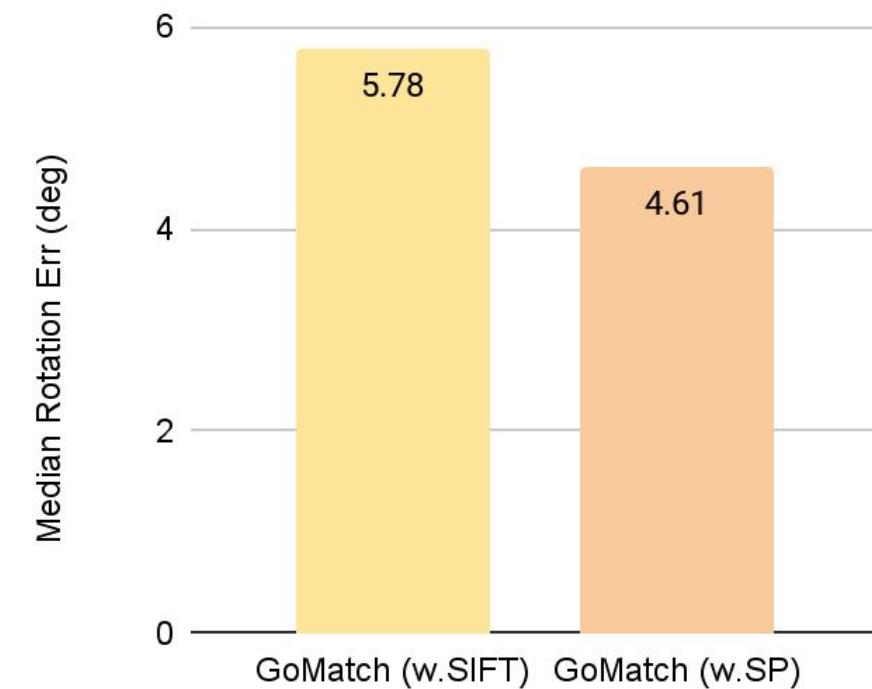
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Outdoor

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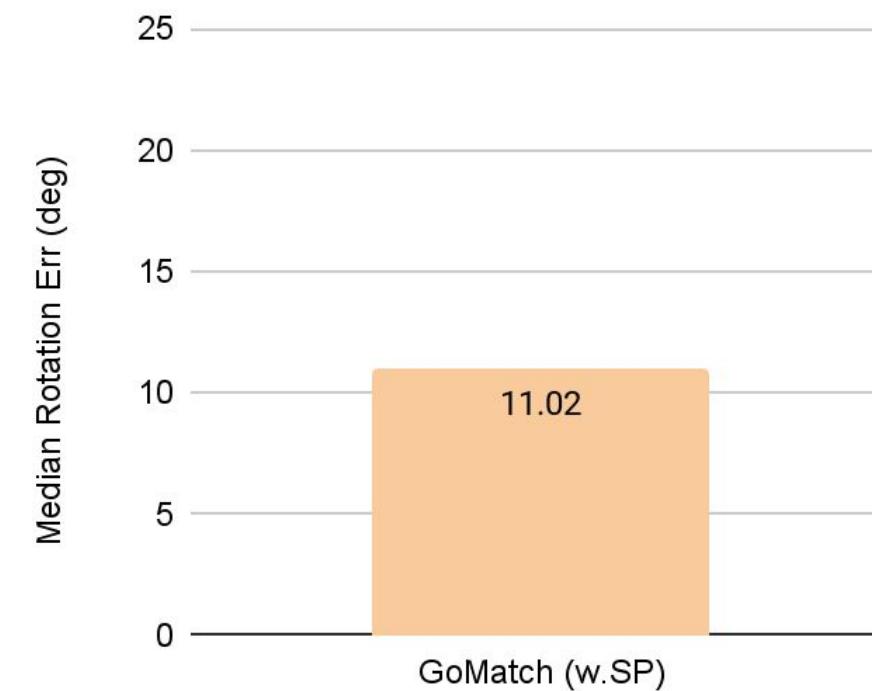
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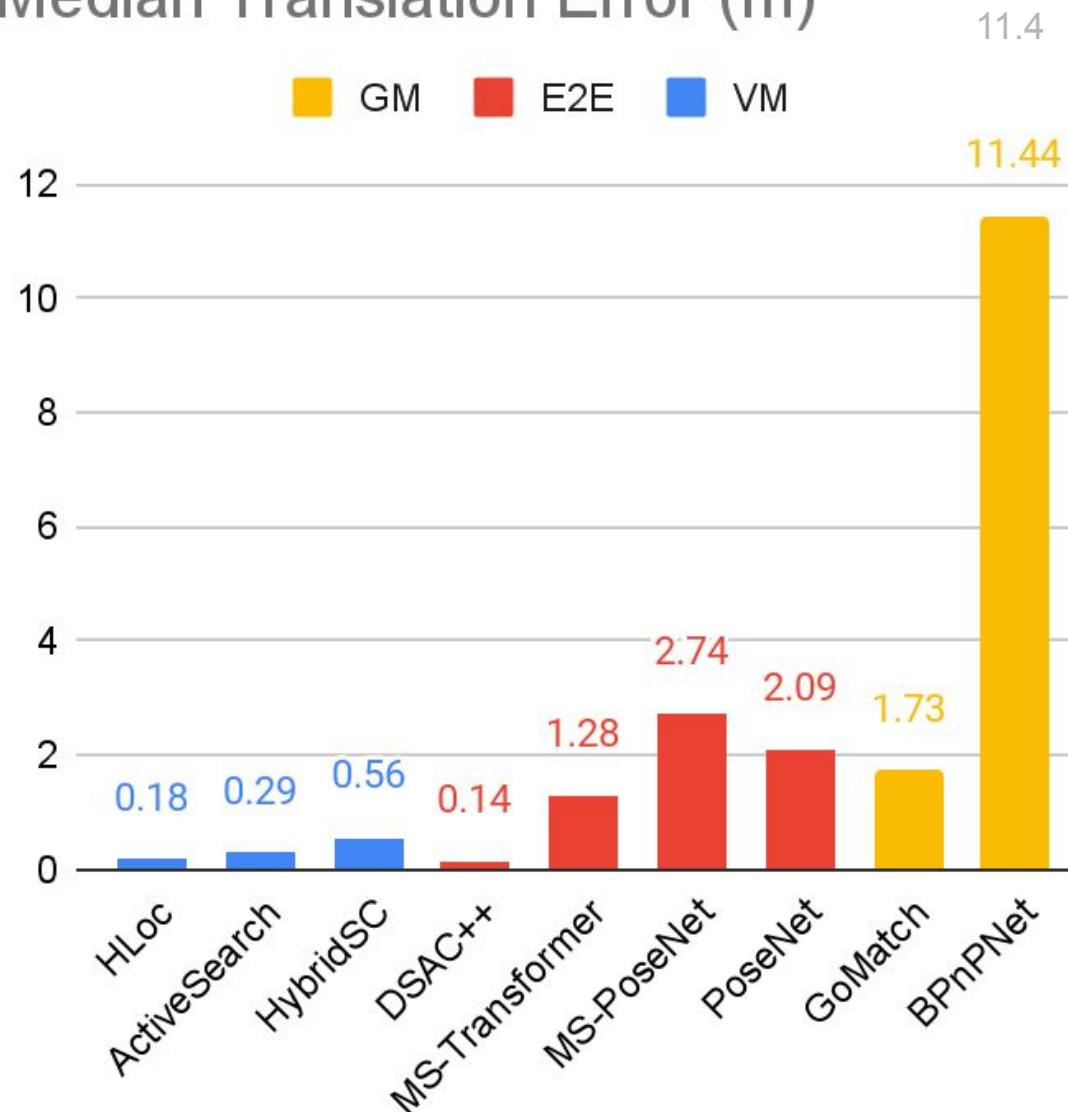


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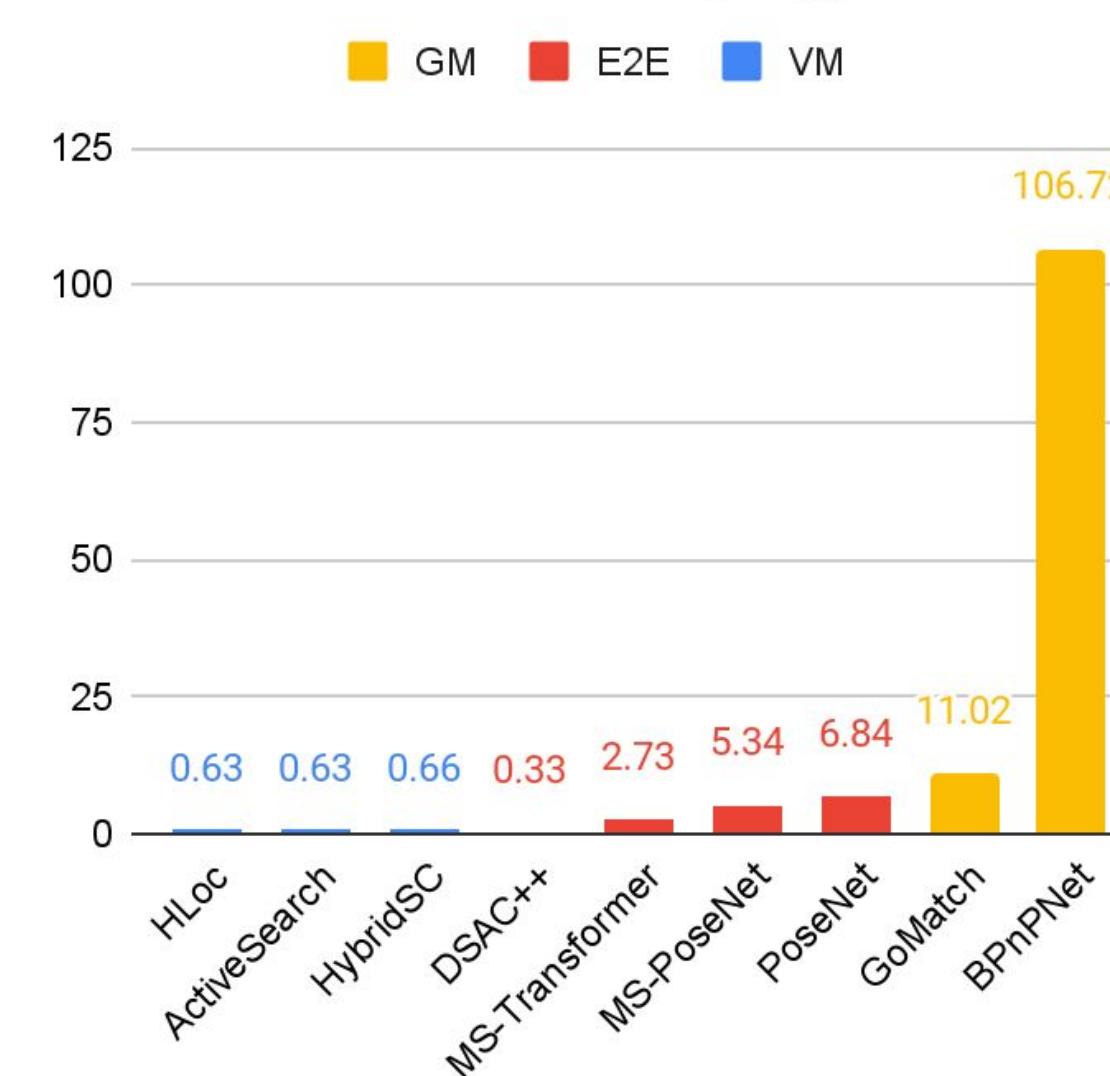


Comparison with SOTA – Cambridge Landmarks

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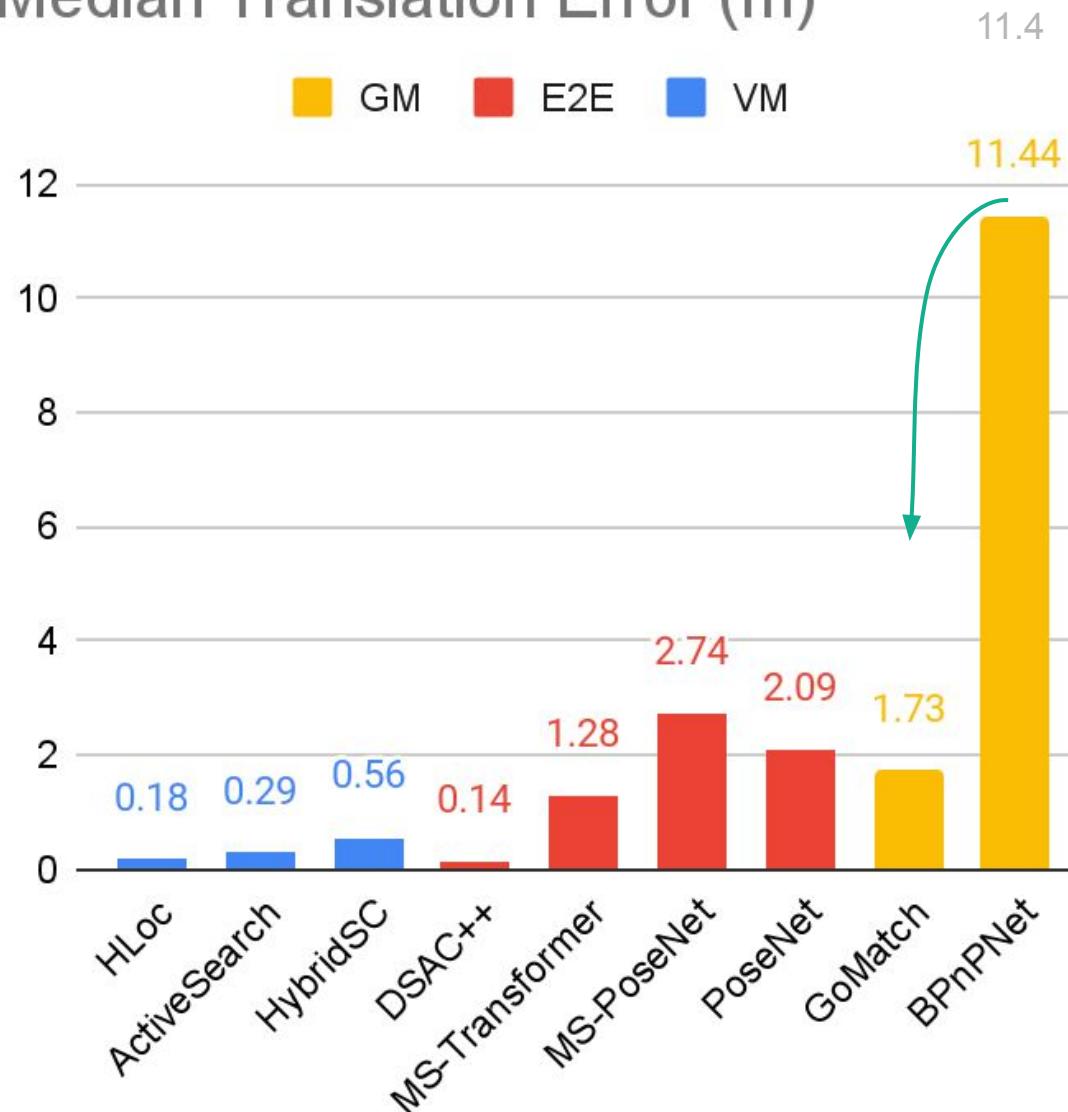


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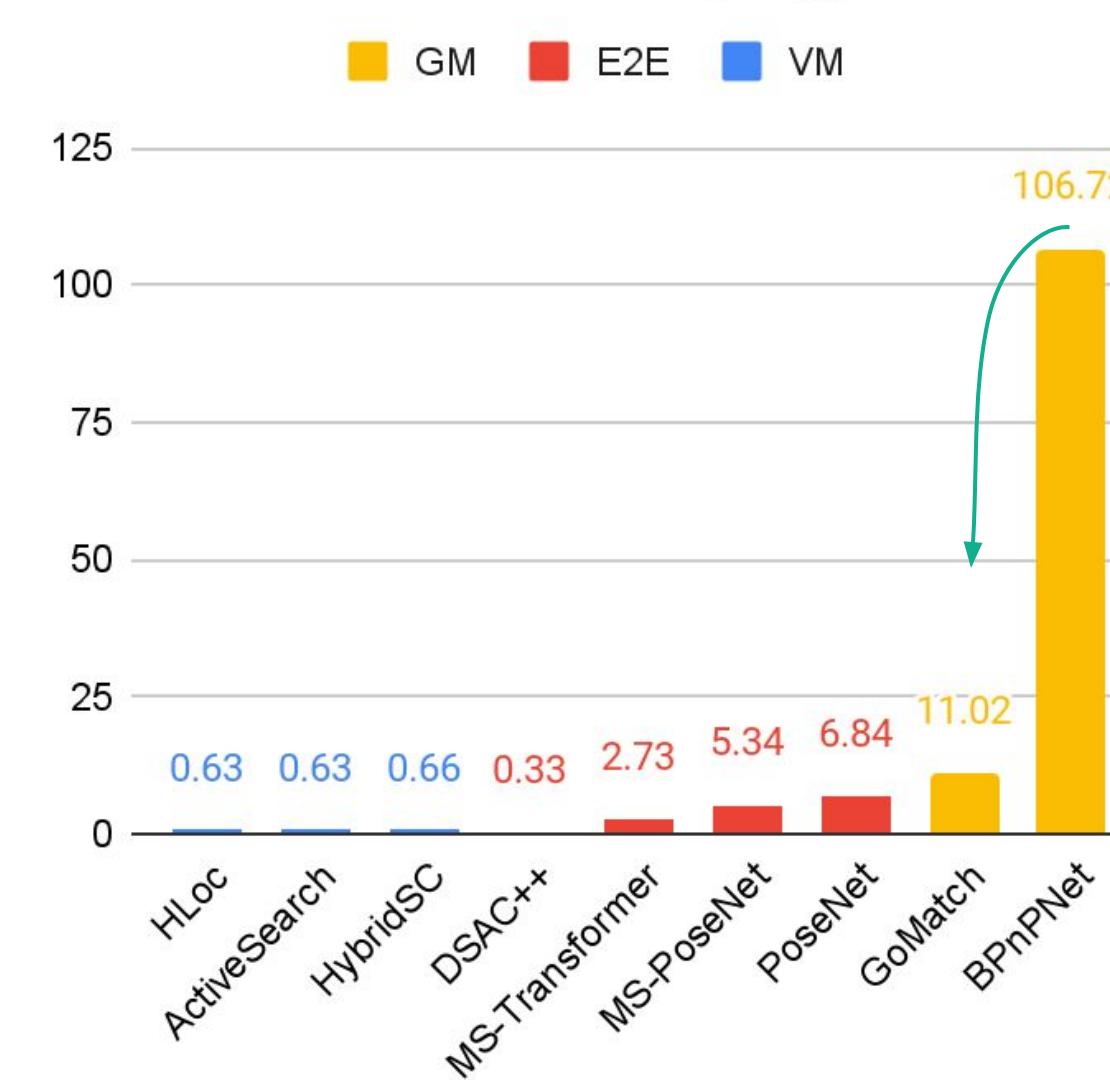


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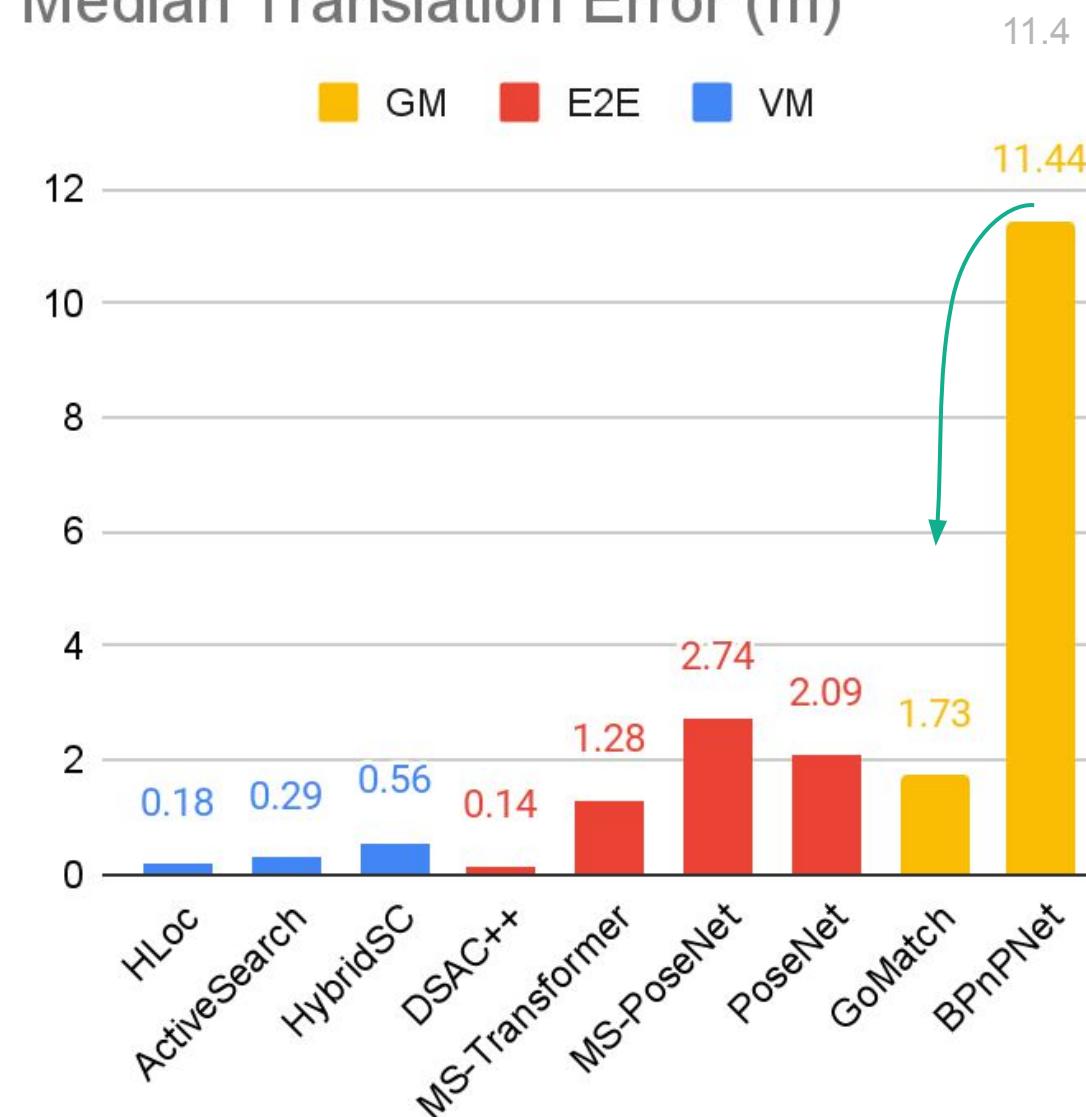


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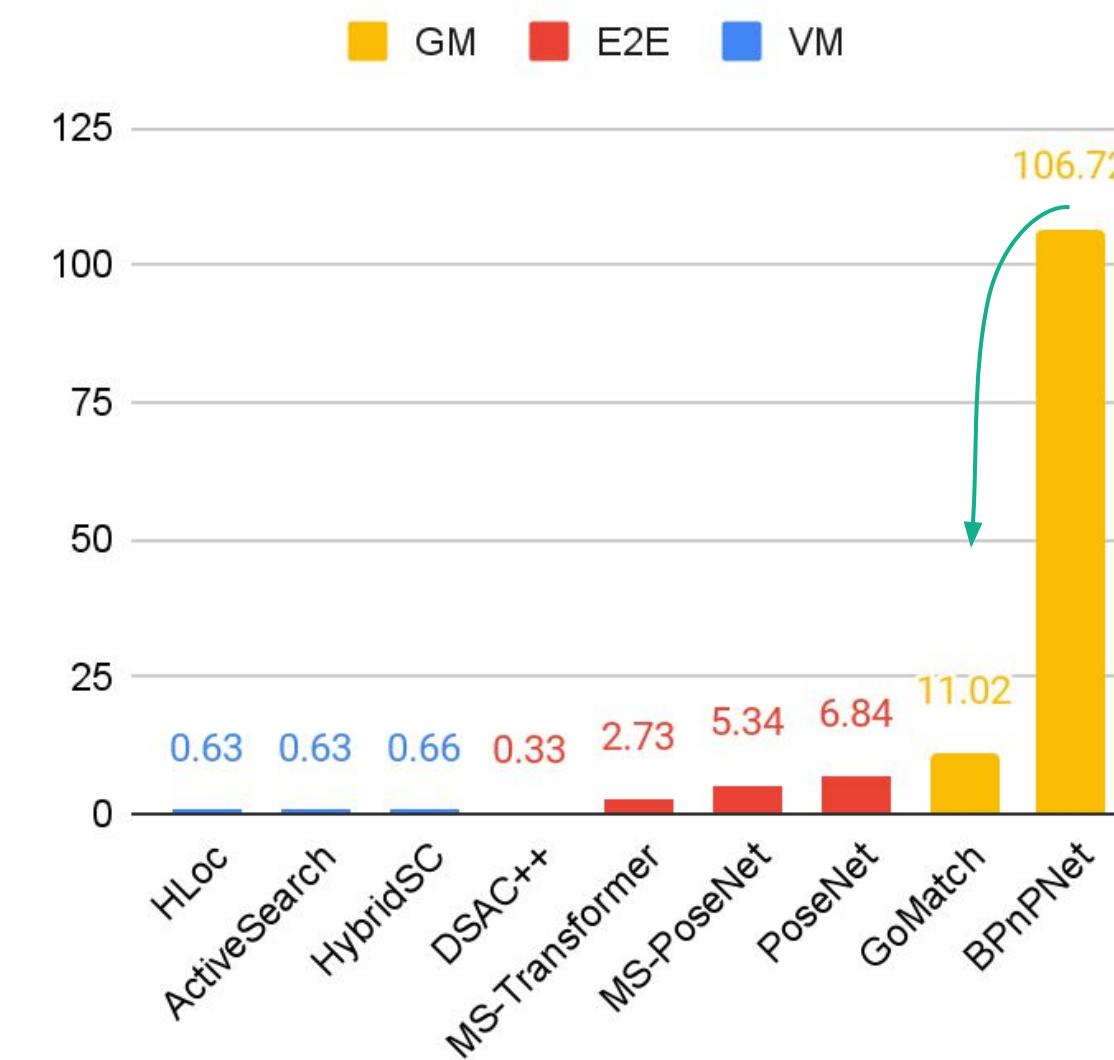


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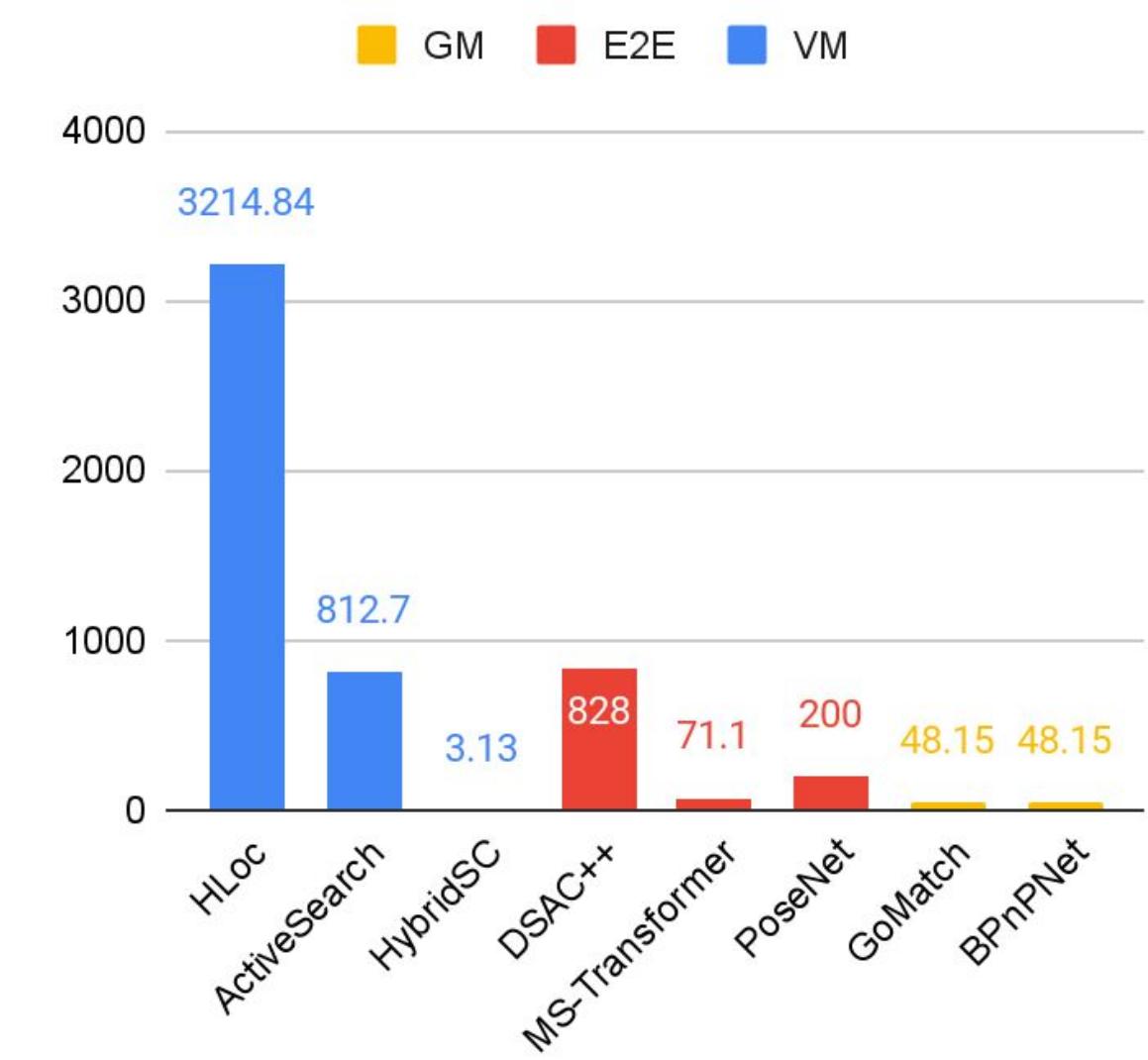
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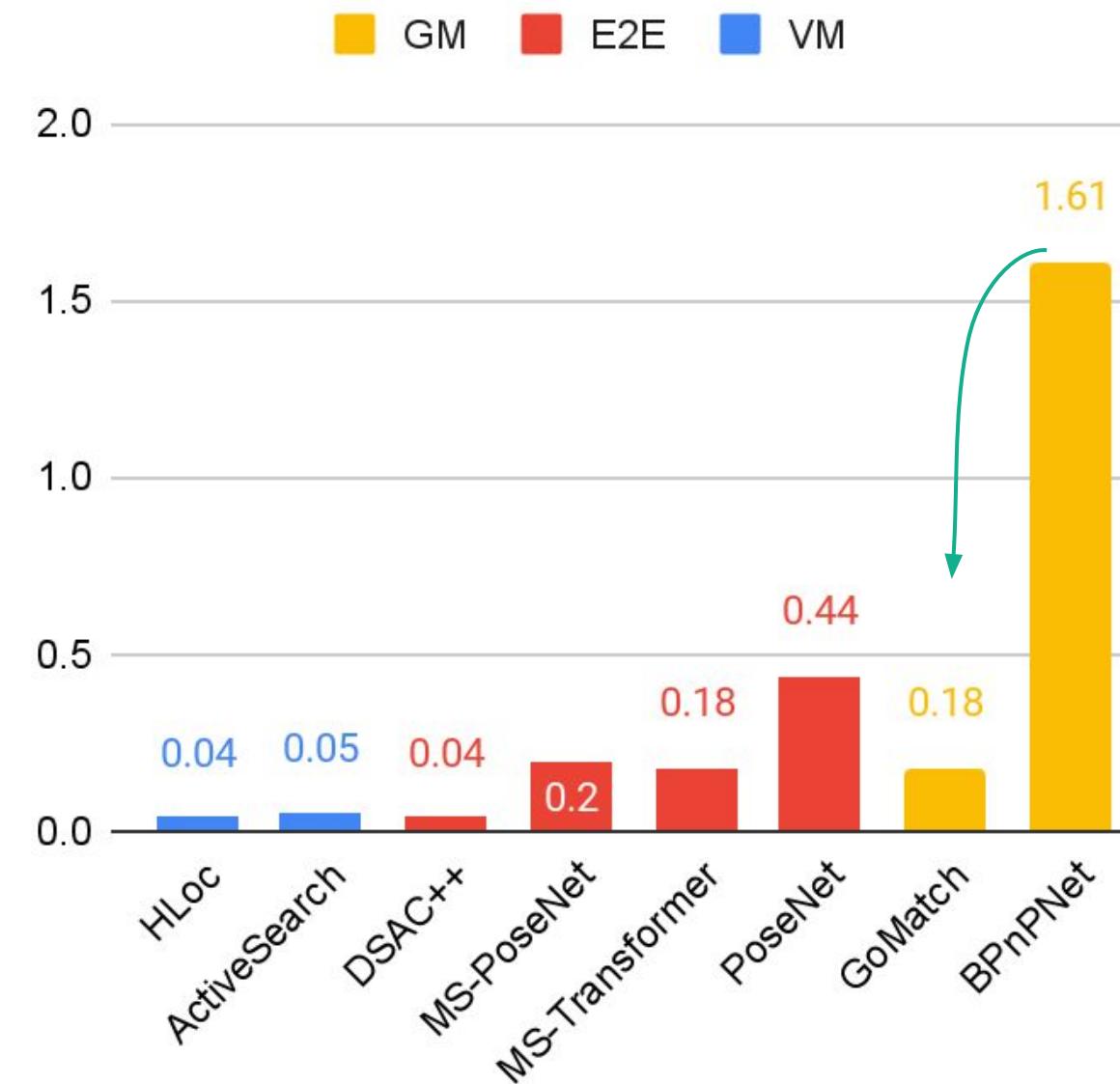


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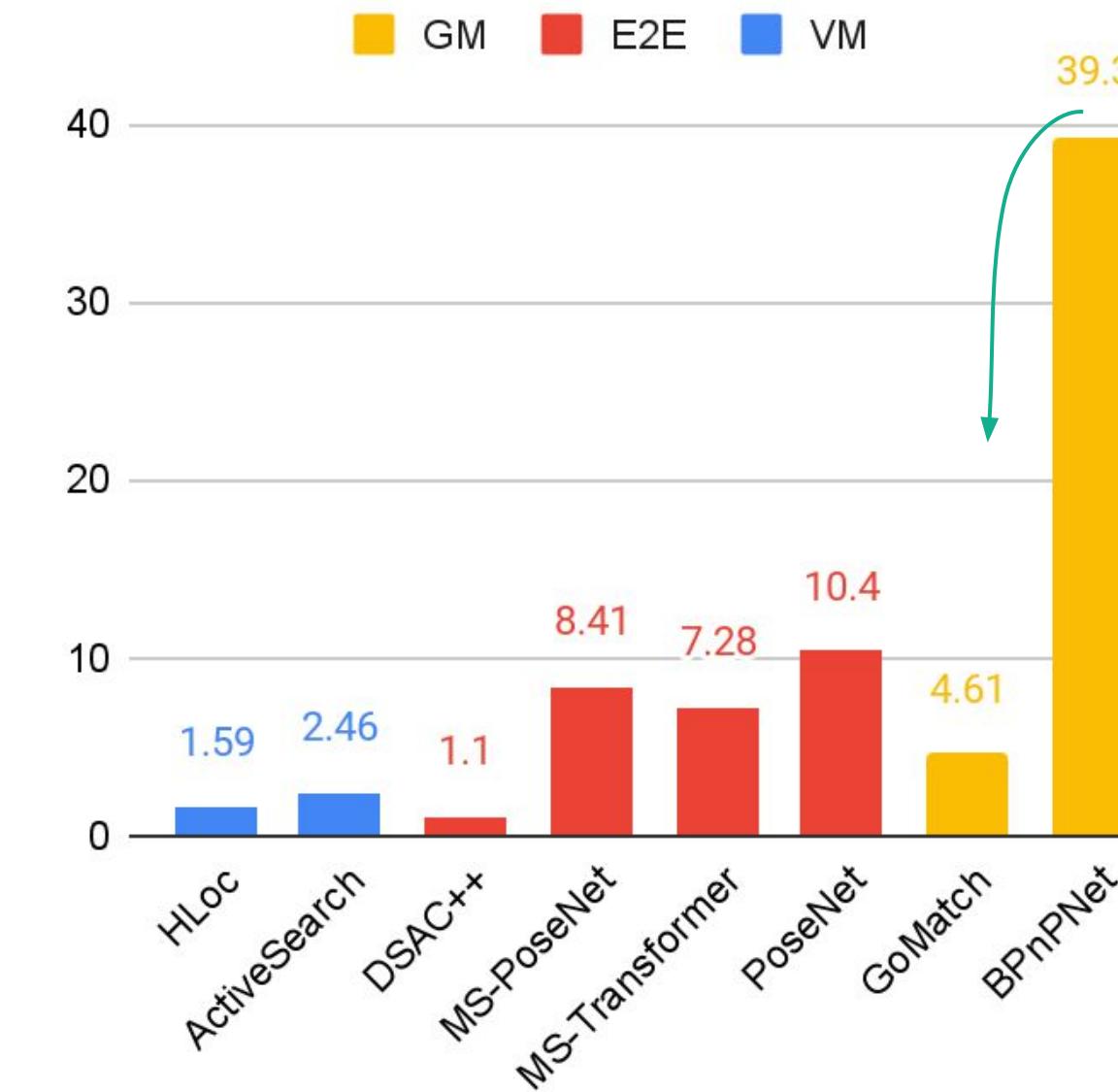


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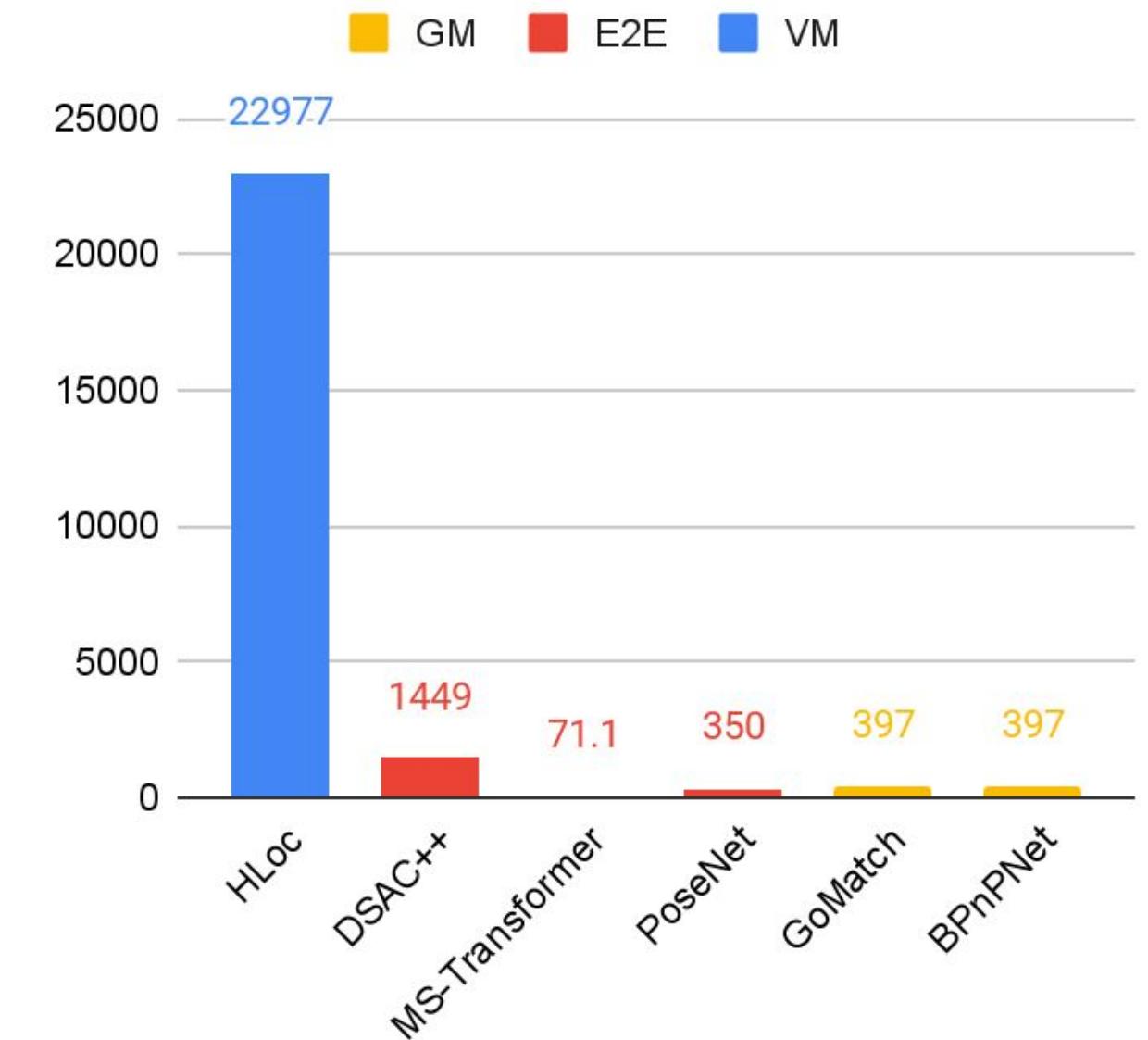
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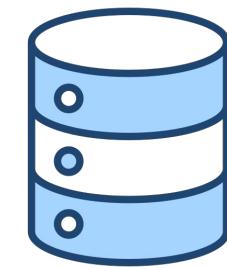
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Conclusions

- Geometric localization is possible and (somewhat) SOTA

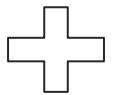


- Opens a new door for new work in privacy-aware, scalable localization

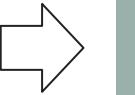
DGC-GNN: Leveraging Geometry and Color Cues for Visual Descriptor-Free 2D-3D Matching (CVPR24):
• adding sparse color information
• global-to-local GNN for matching
=> significantly boost performance

Localization System

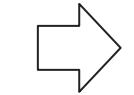
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Scene Map



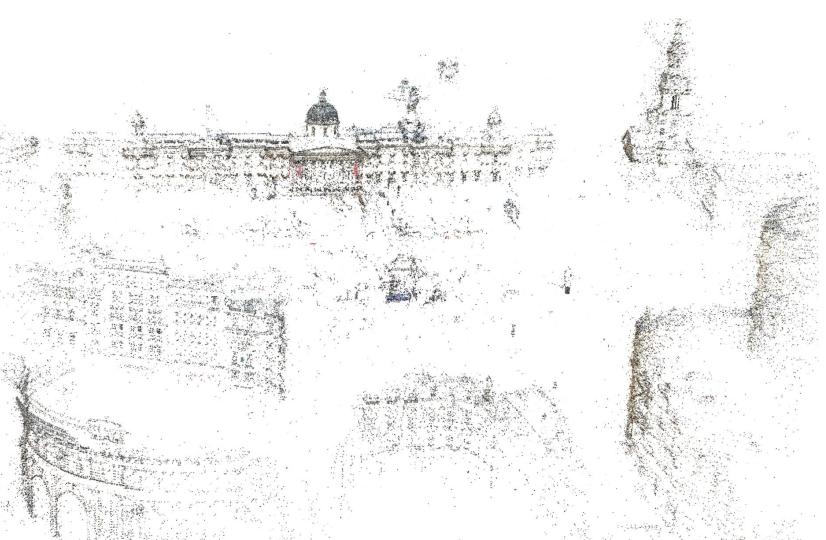
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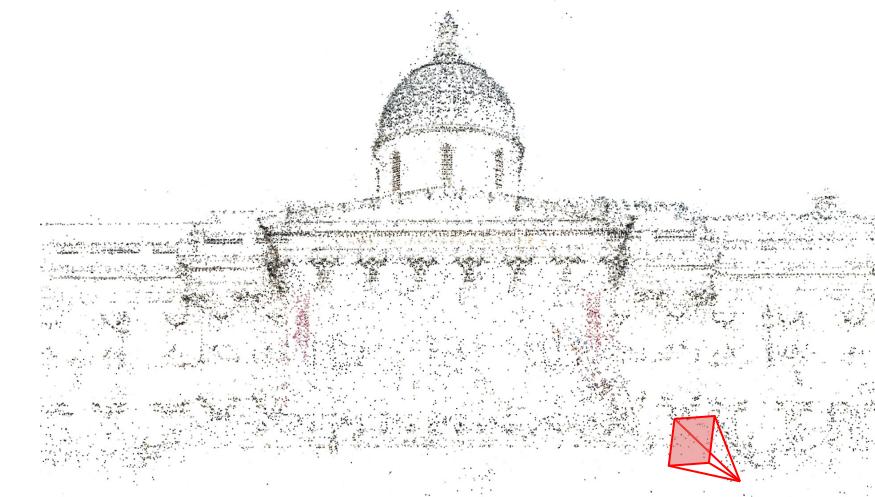


Descriptor-free
Point Cloud



Reference Images

GoMatch



Even more compact
scene representation ?

Localization System

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Scene Map



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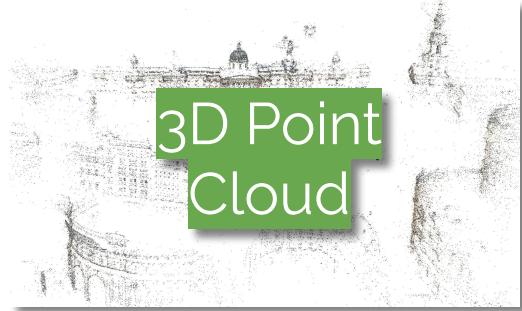
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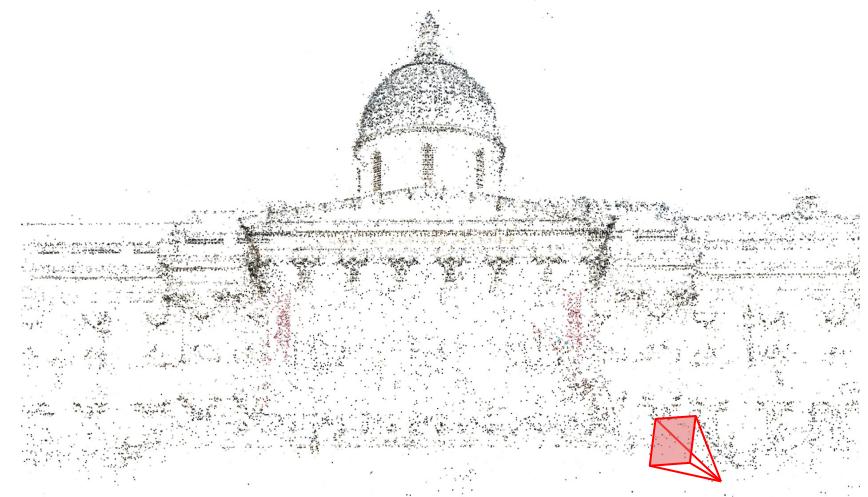
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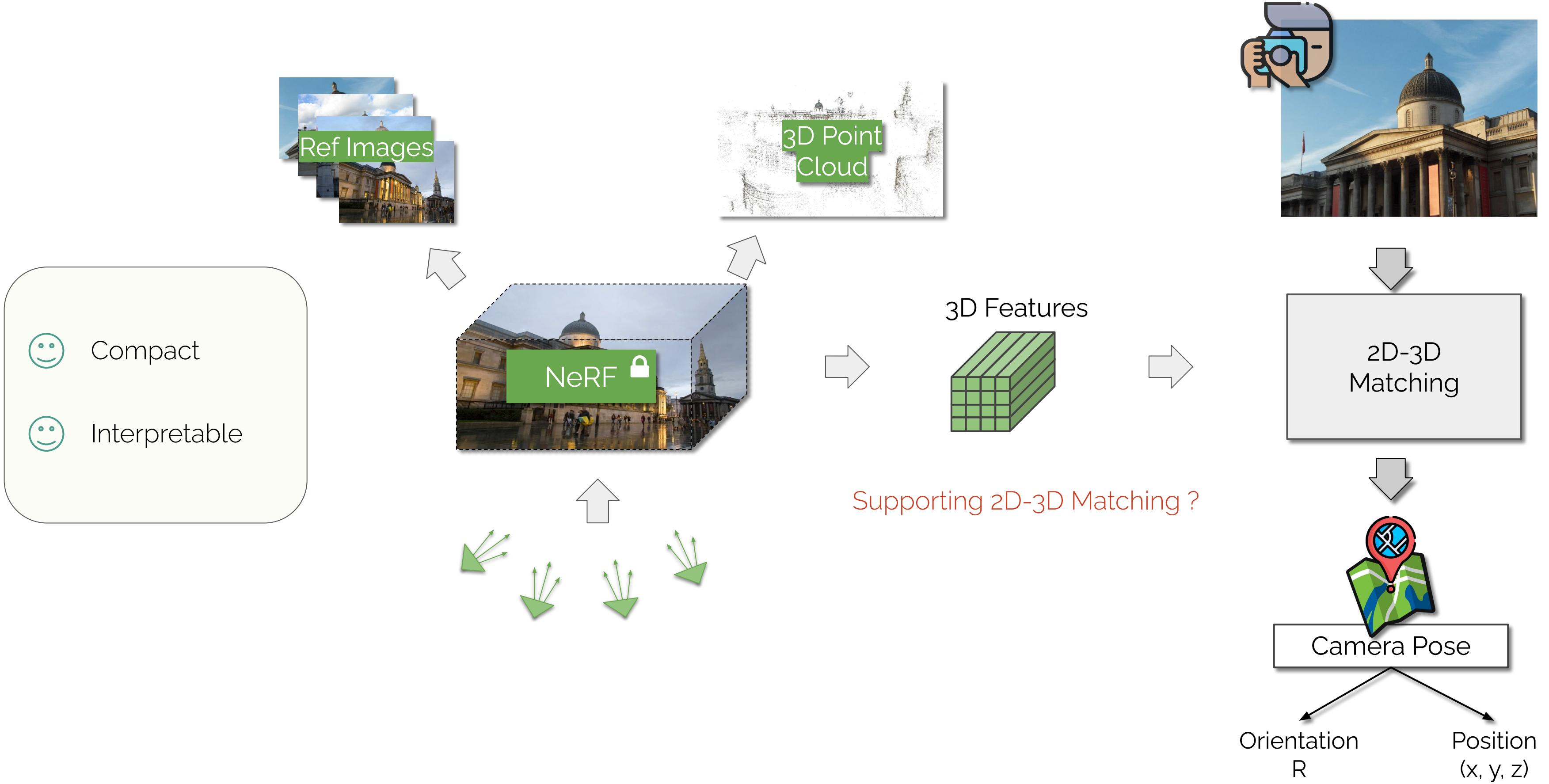
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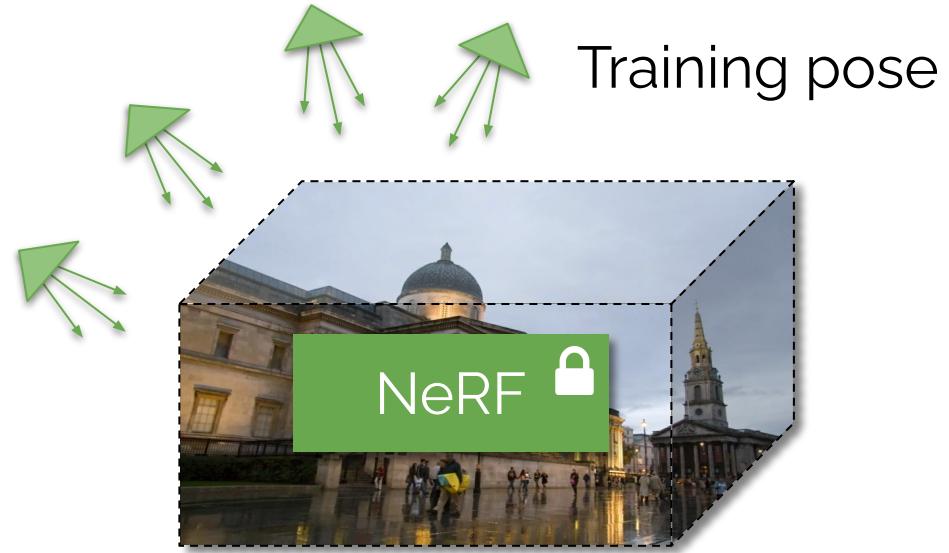
3D Point
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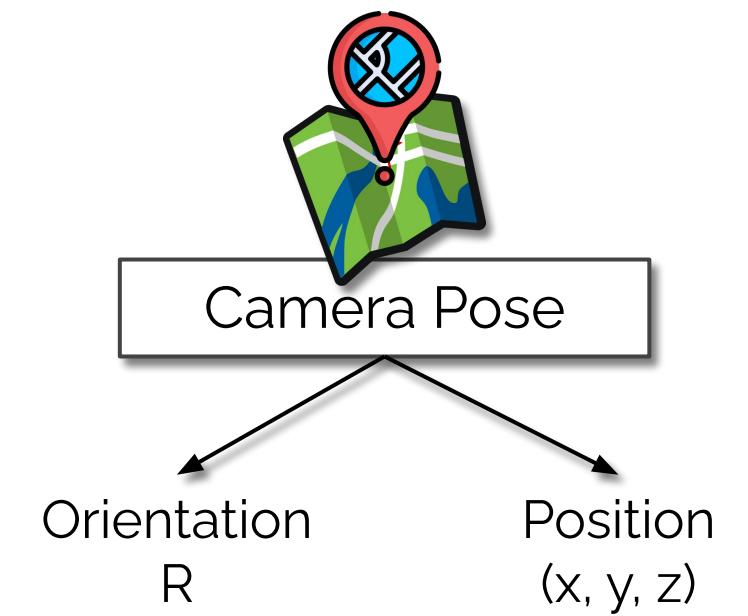
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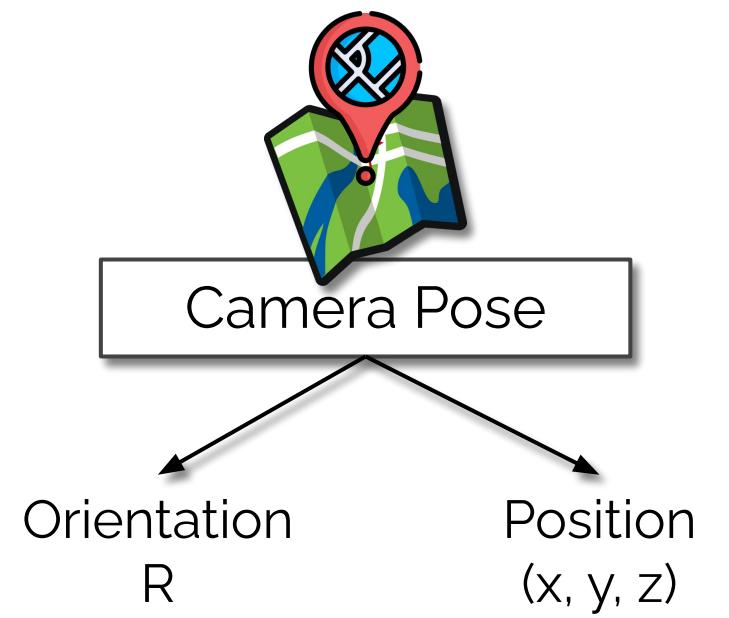
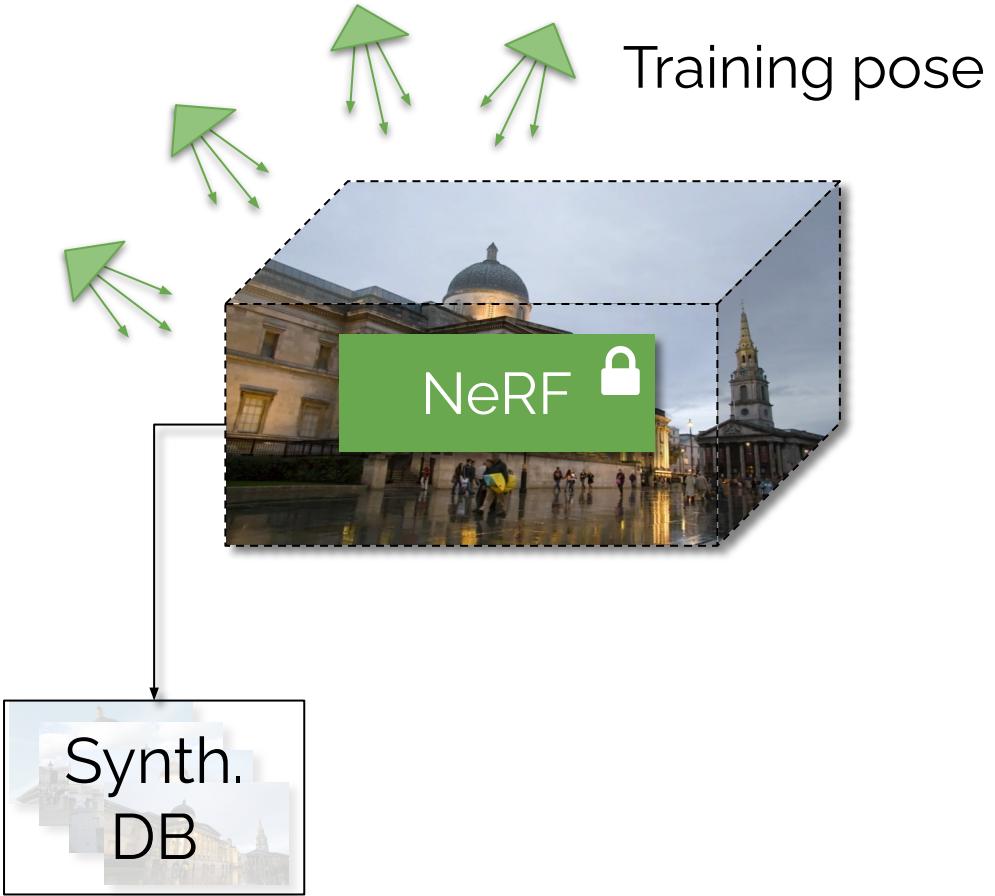
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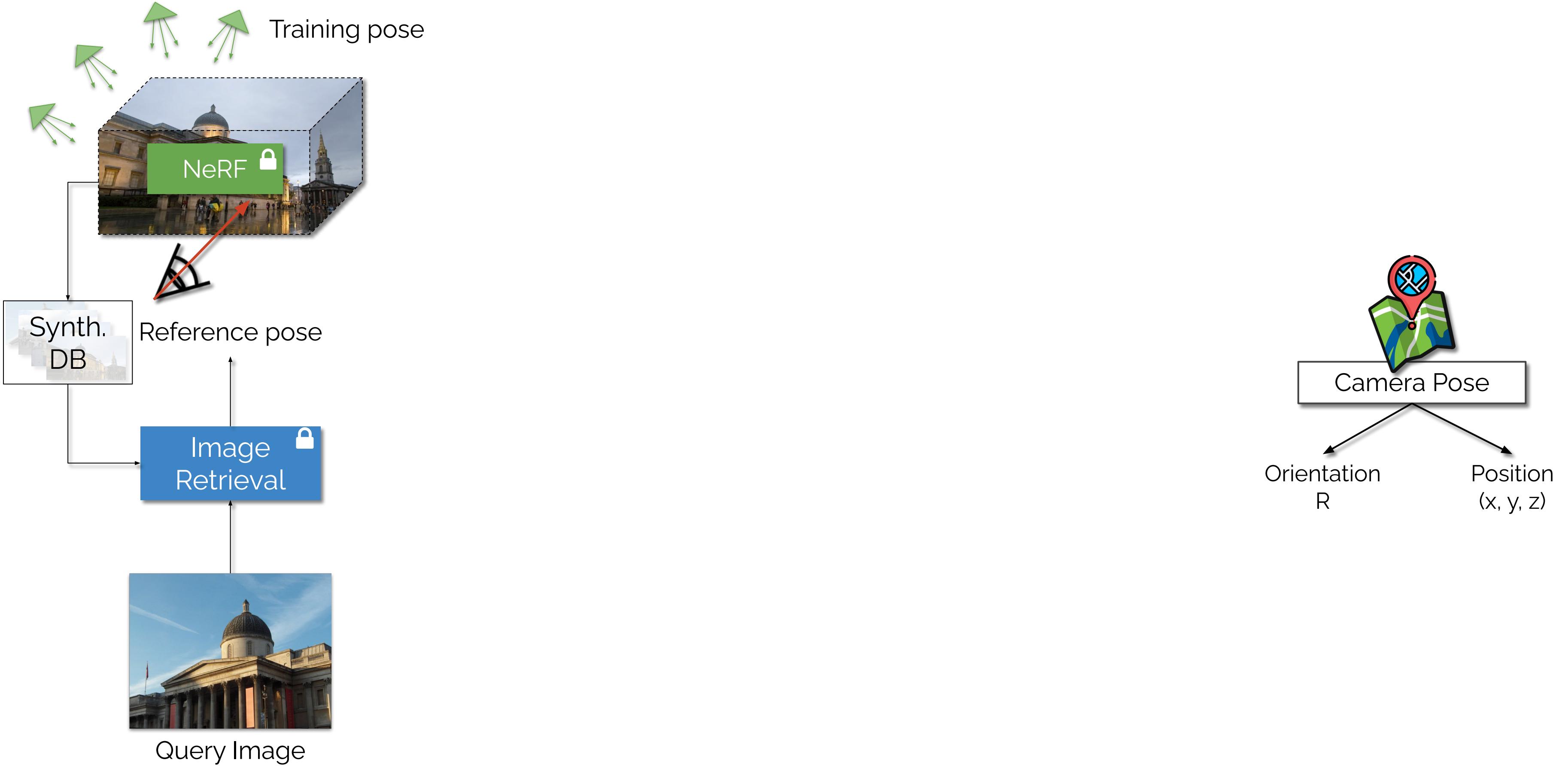


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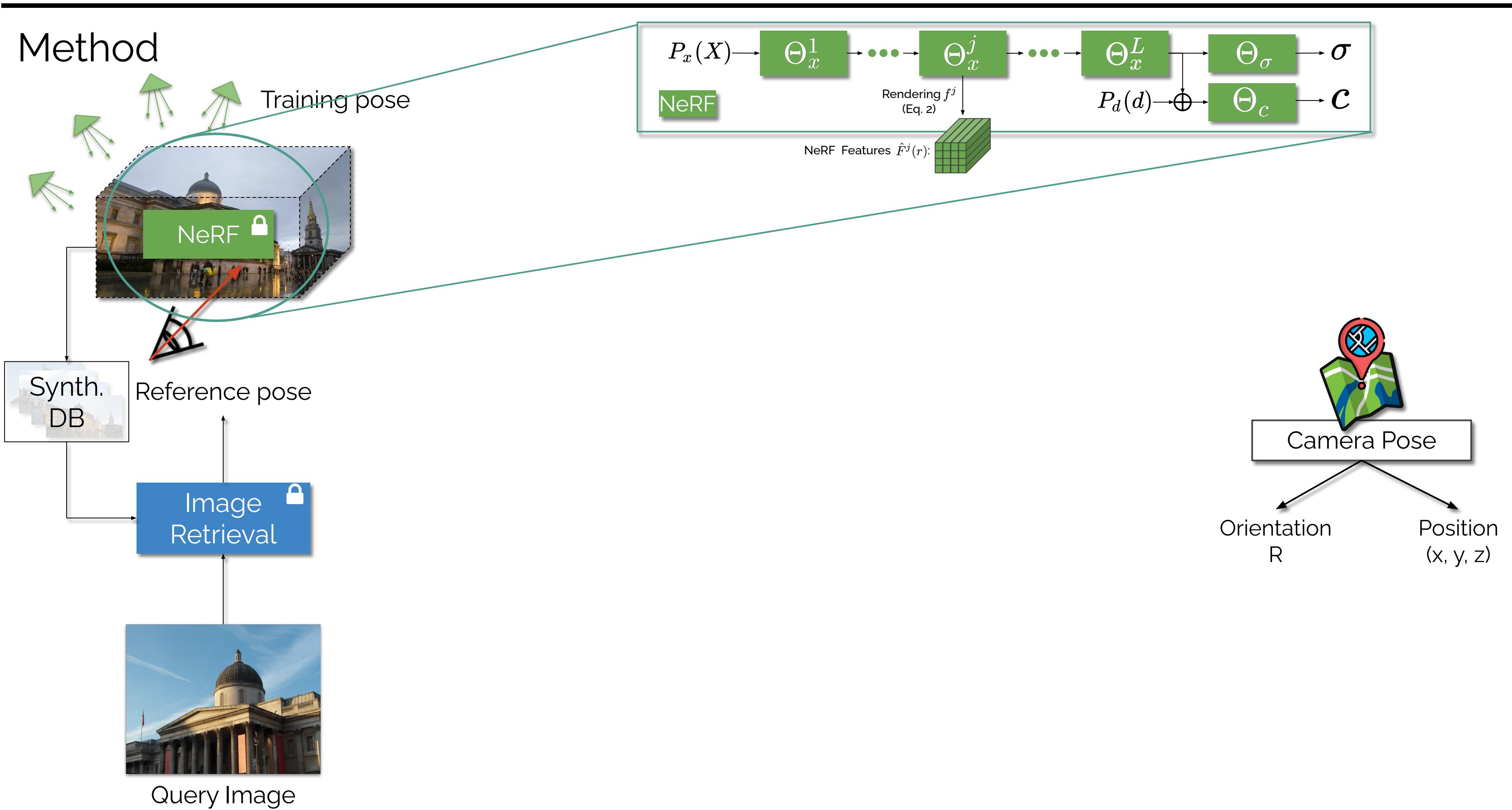


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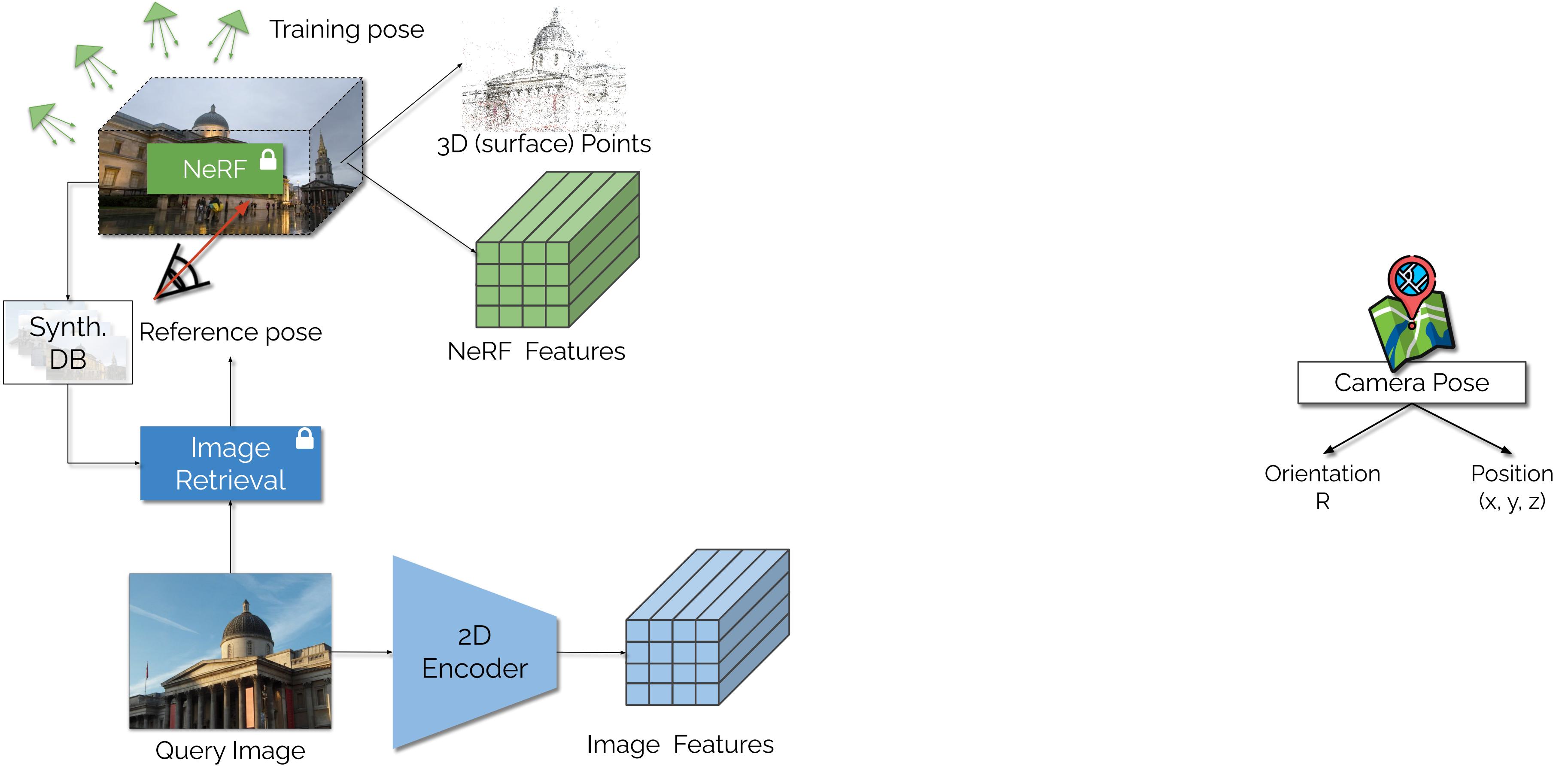
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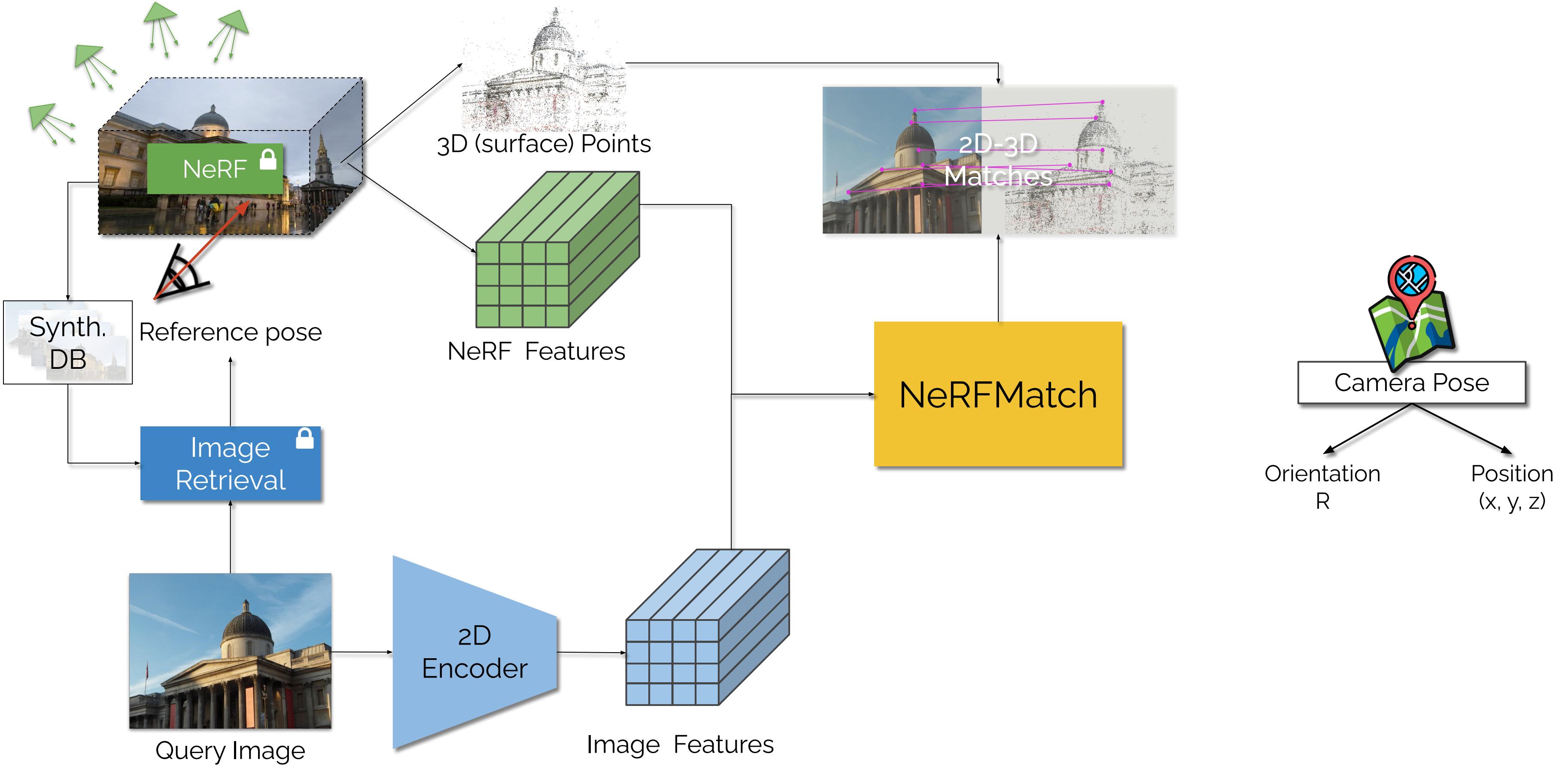
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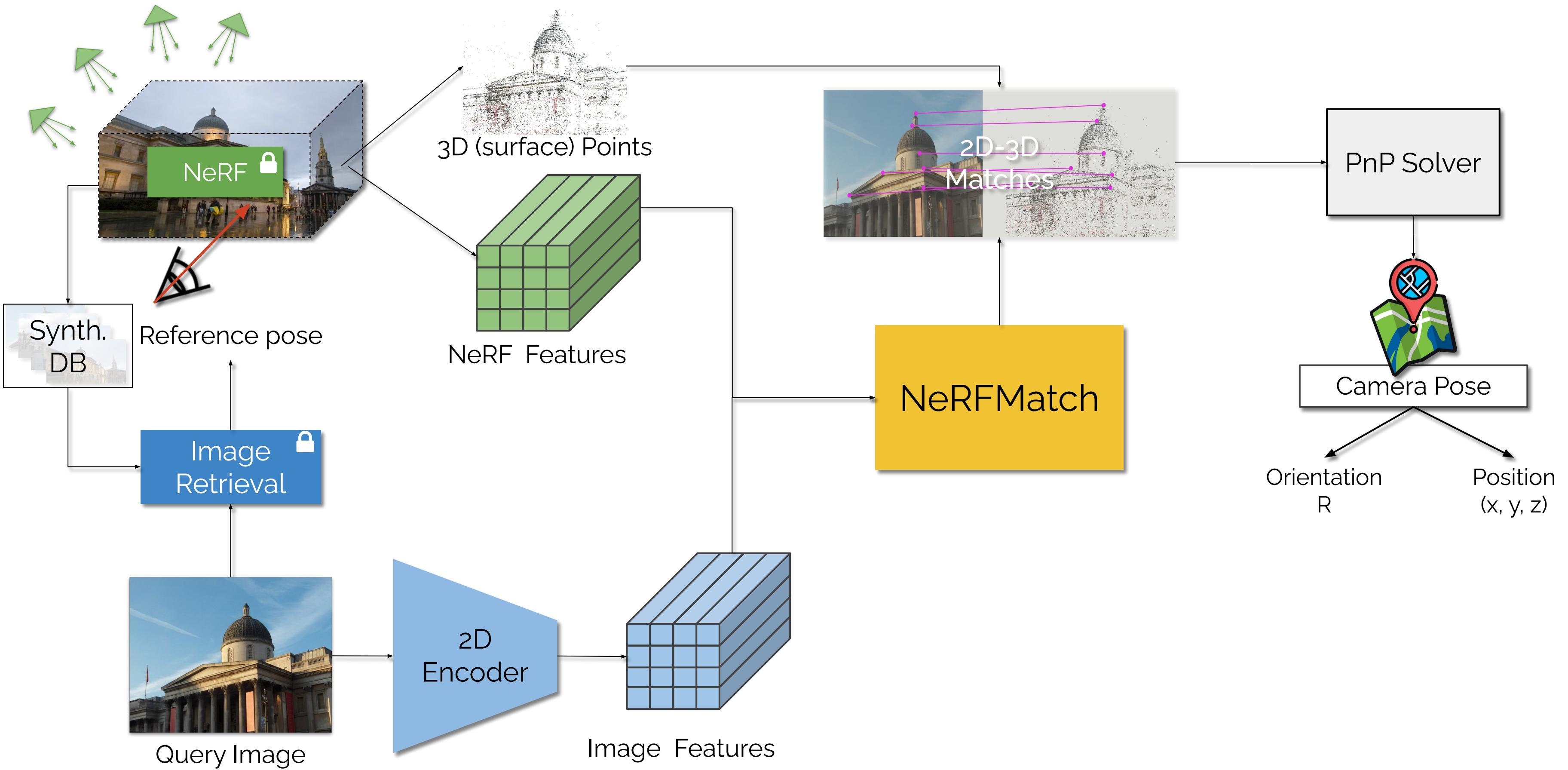
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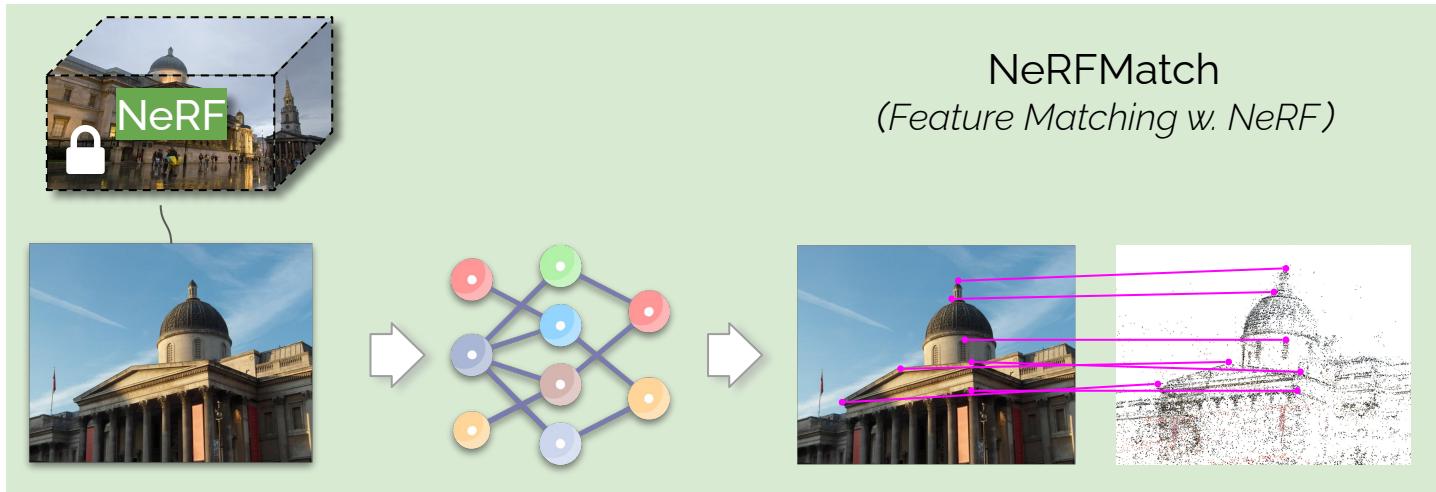


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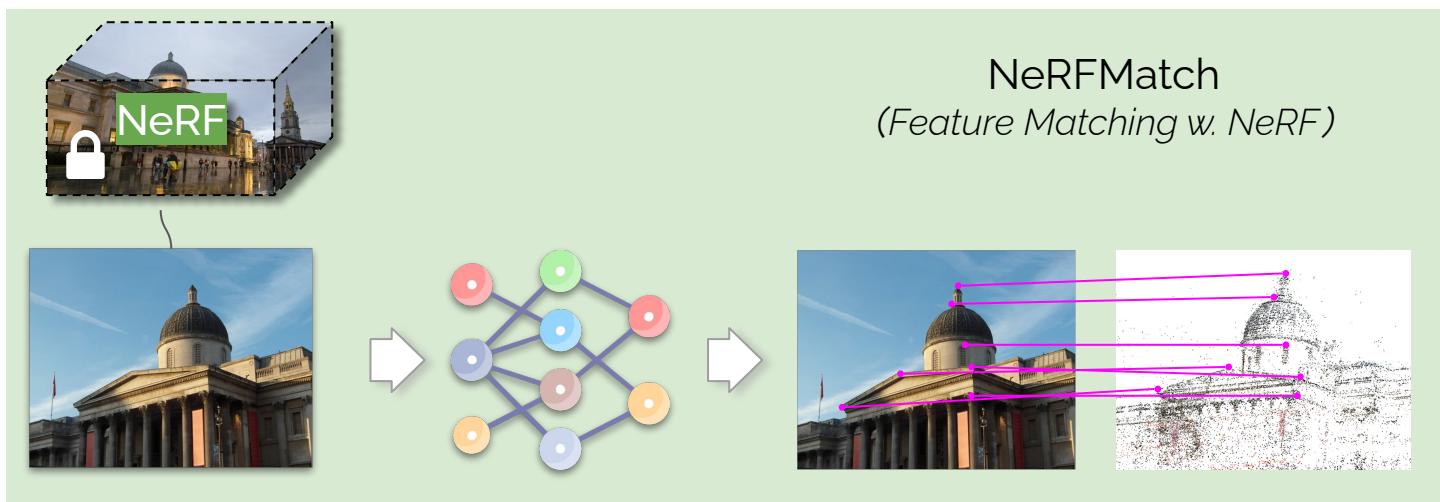
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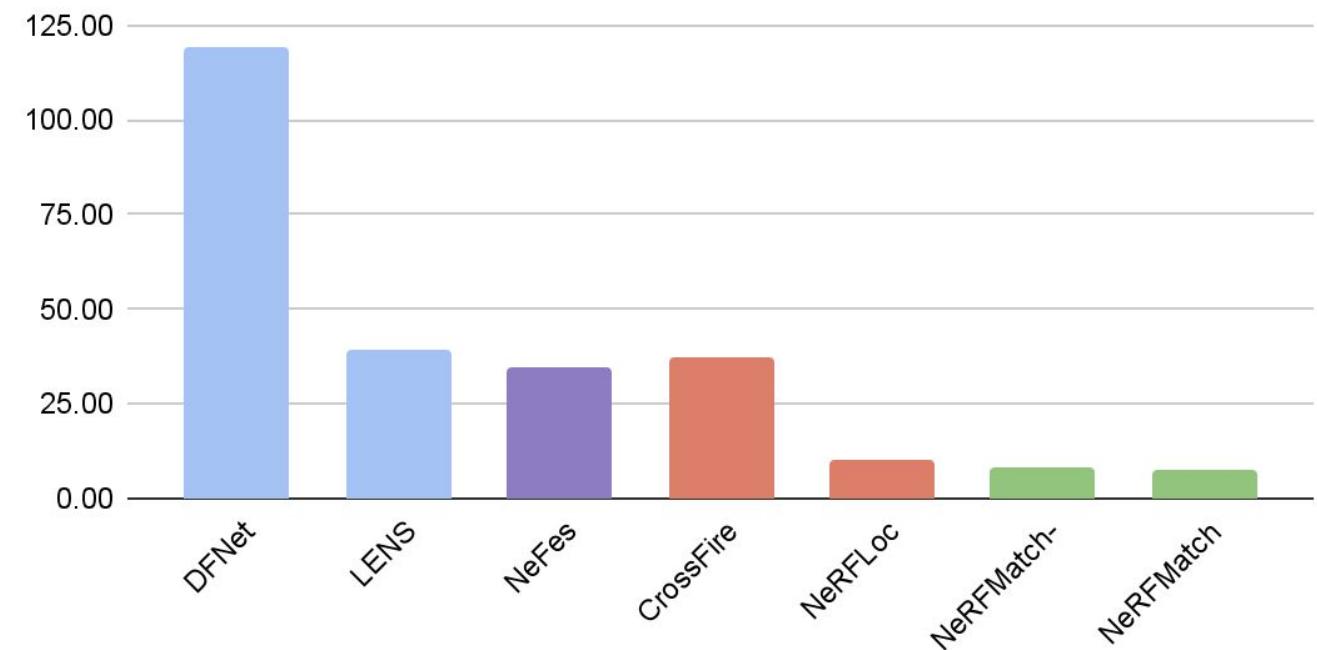


- NeRF not only provides 3D geometry but also comes with feature representation of 3D points that supports 2d-3D matching

Metrics	Pt3D	Pe3D	f^1	f^2	f^3	f^4	f^5	f^6	f^7
Med. Translation (cm, \downarrow)	432.3	25.5	22.9	23.3	21.8	22.3	23.5	24.1	40.9
Med. Rotation ($^\circ, \downarrow$)	6.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0
Localize Recall. (% $, \uparrow$)	2.1	60.1	64.8	64.2	65.8	64.1	63.3	62.1	43.2



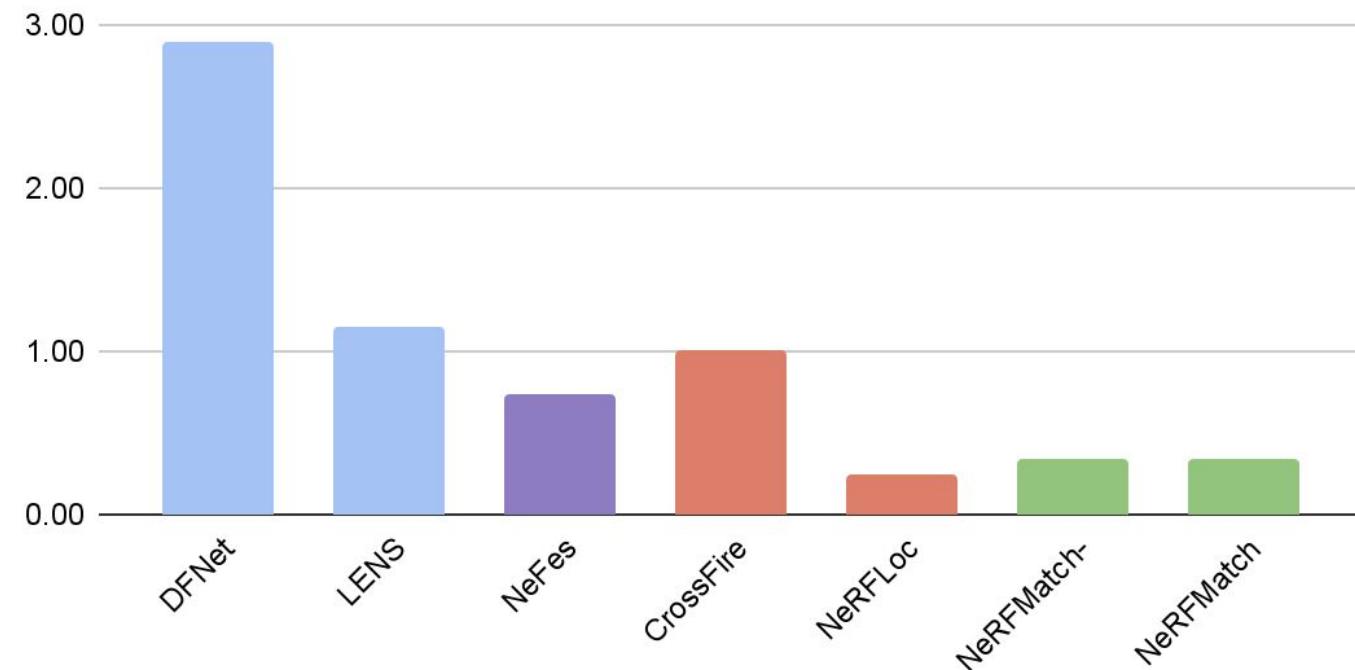
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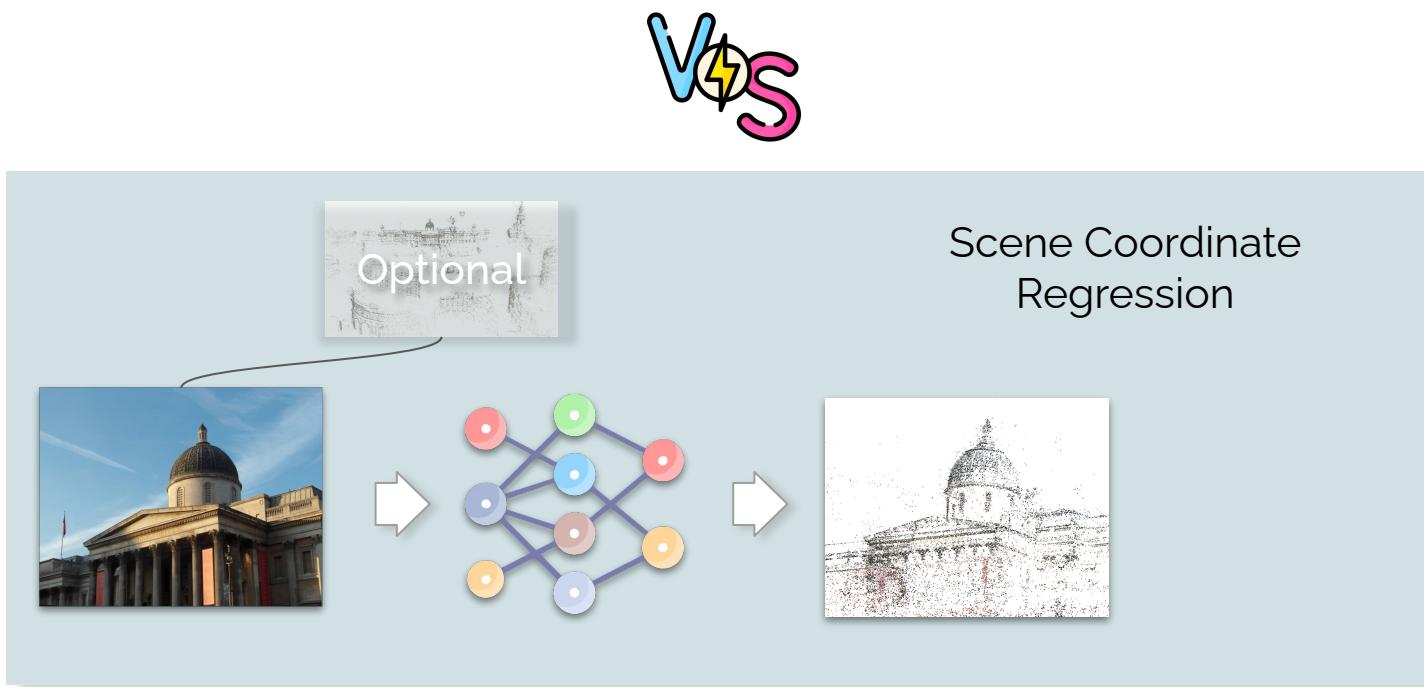
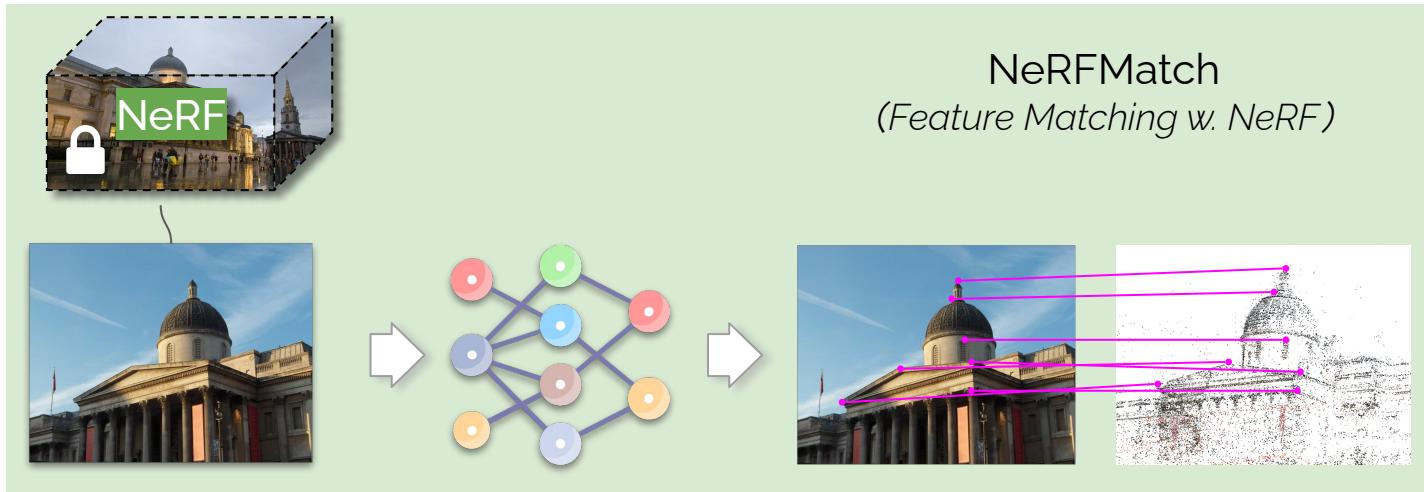


Compared to other ways of using NeRF:

- Training Augmentation: DFNet, LENS
- Test-time refinement: NeFes
- Joint NeRF and matching training:
CrossFire, NeRFLoc (requires depth
image input)

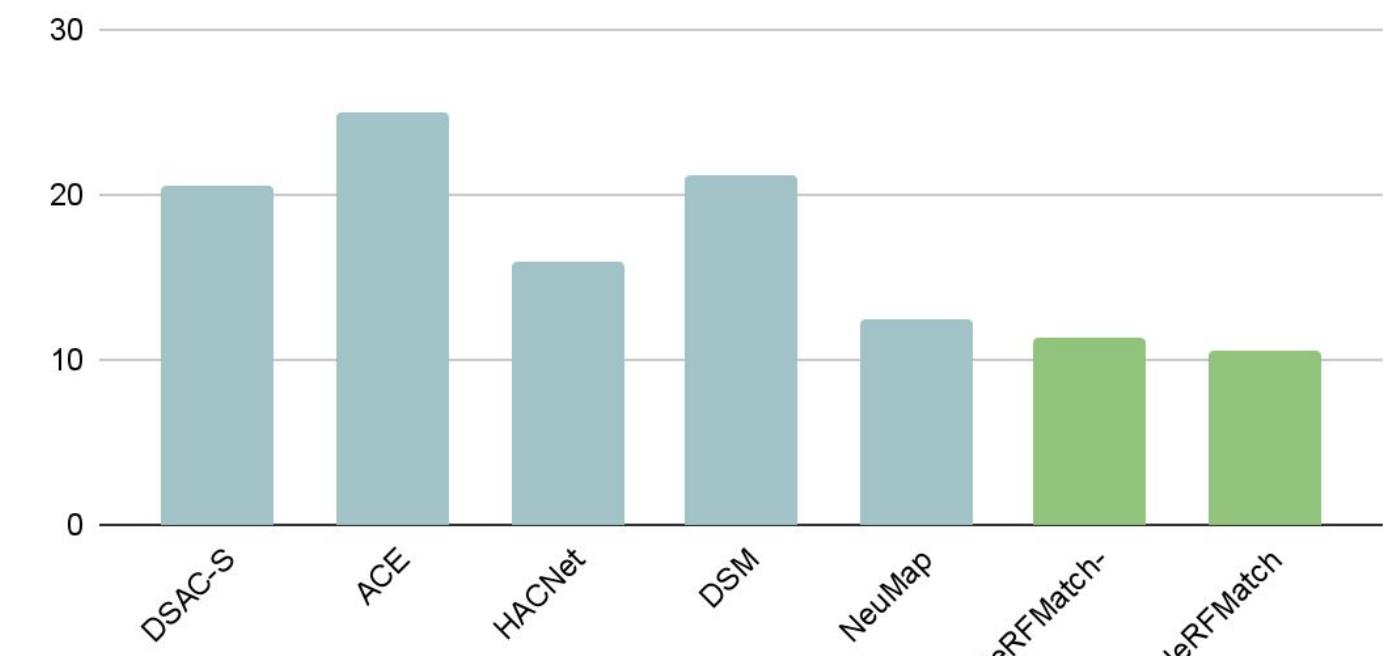
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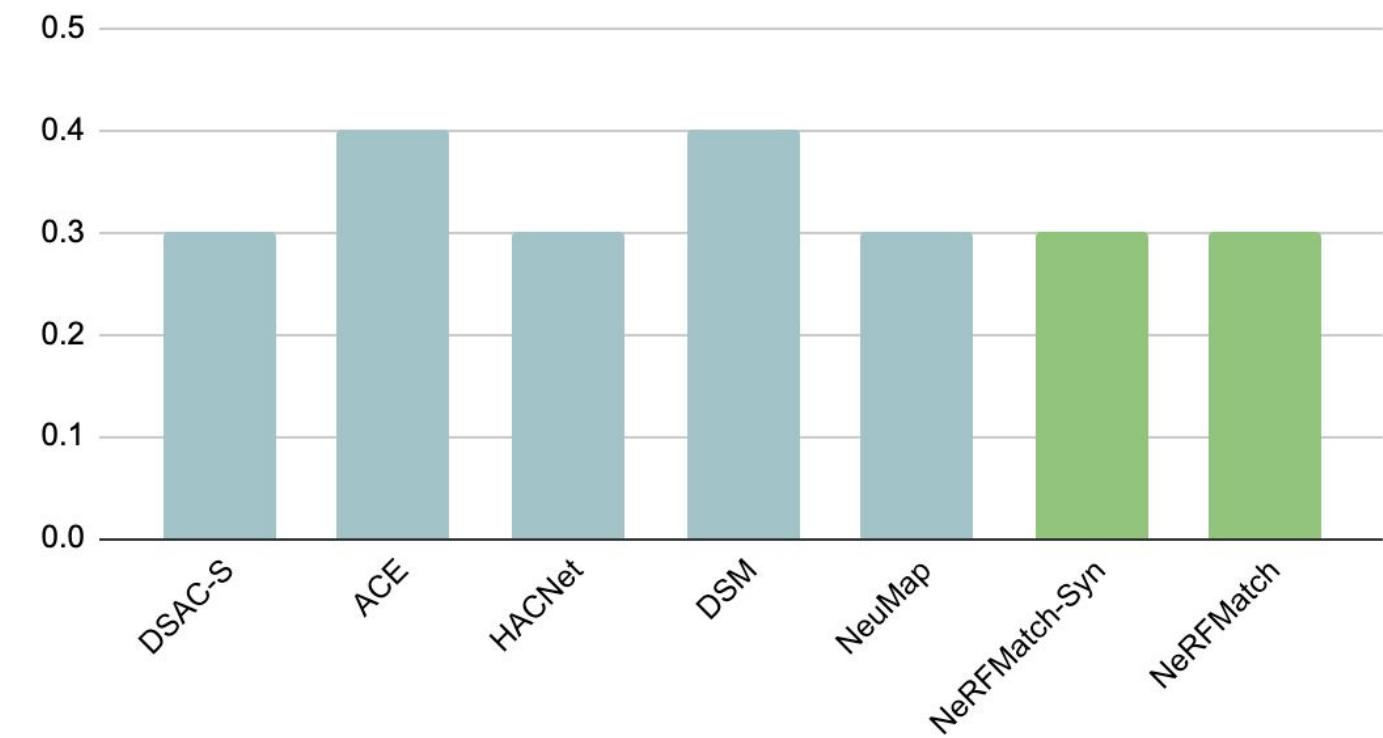


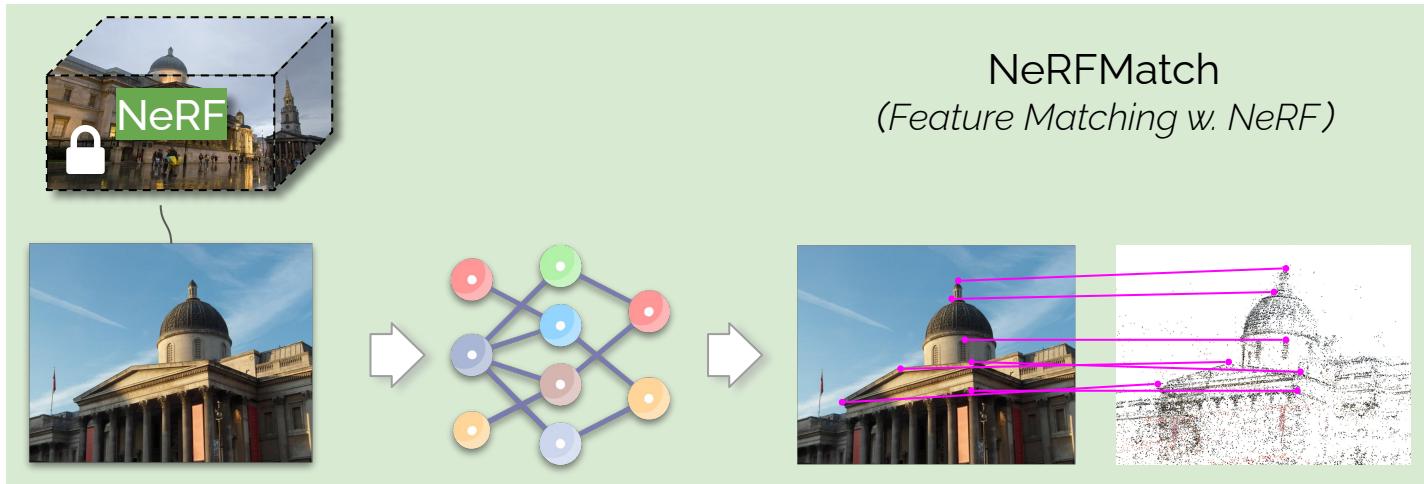
- Our method is similar to SCR methods where they map RGB to 3D points. Yet SCR represent 3D points with its coordinates, while we use high-dimensional representation learned from NVS. And instead of regression, we learning a matching function to find a common ground between the (2d AND 3d) feature spaces. Our method outperform SCR on outdoor scenes.

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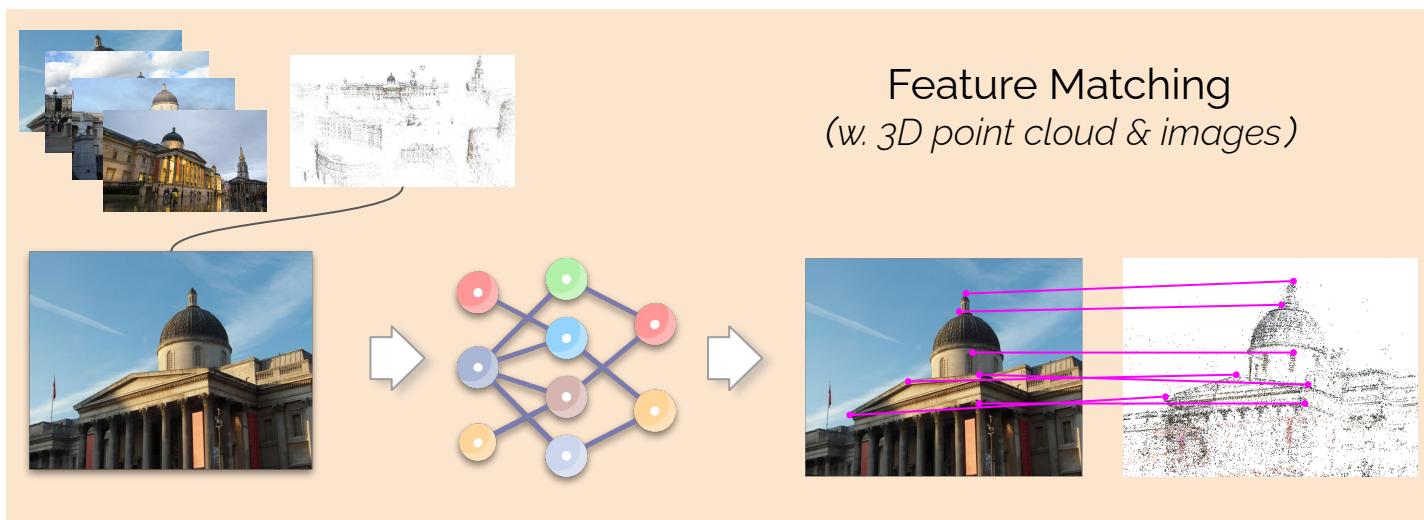


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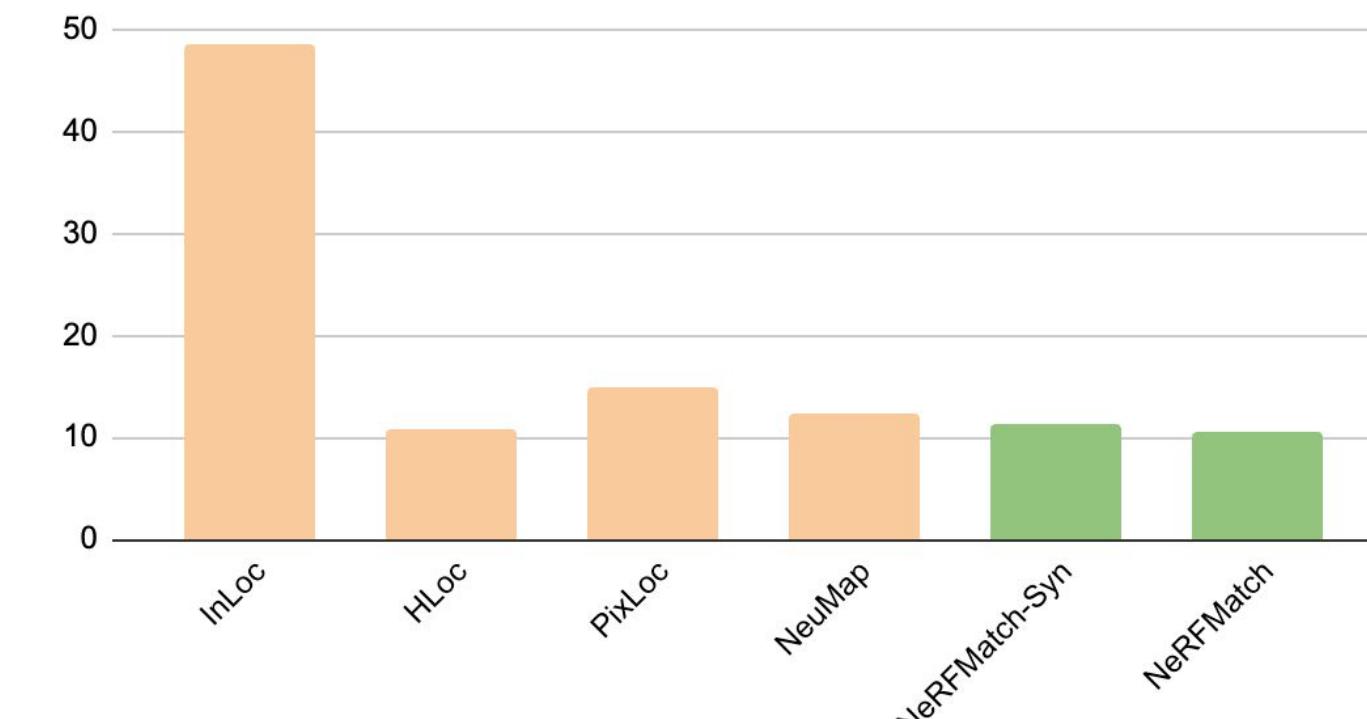


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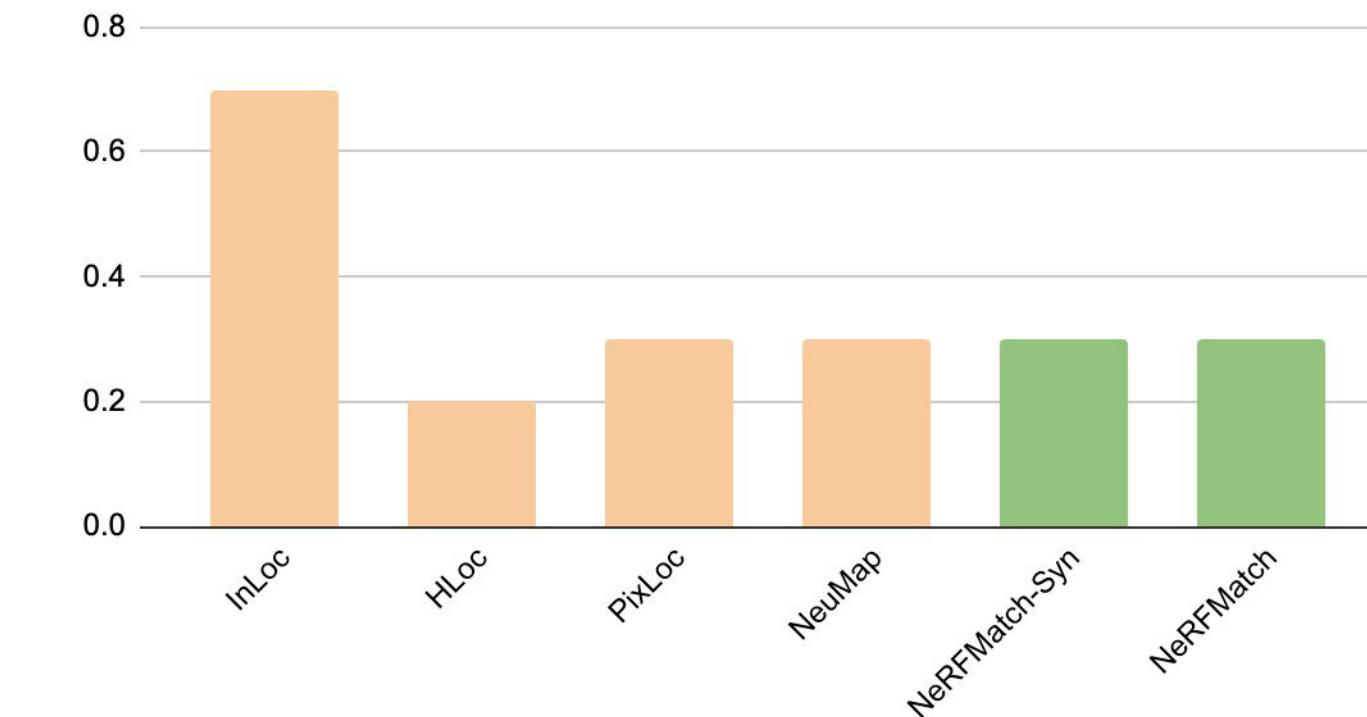


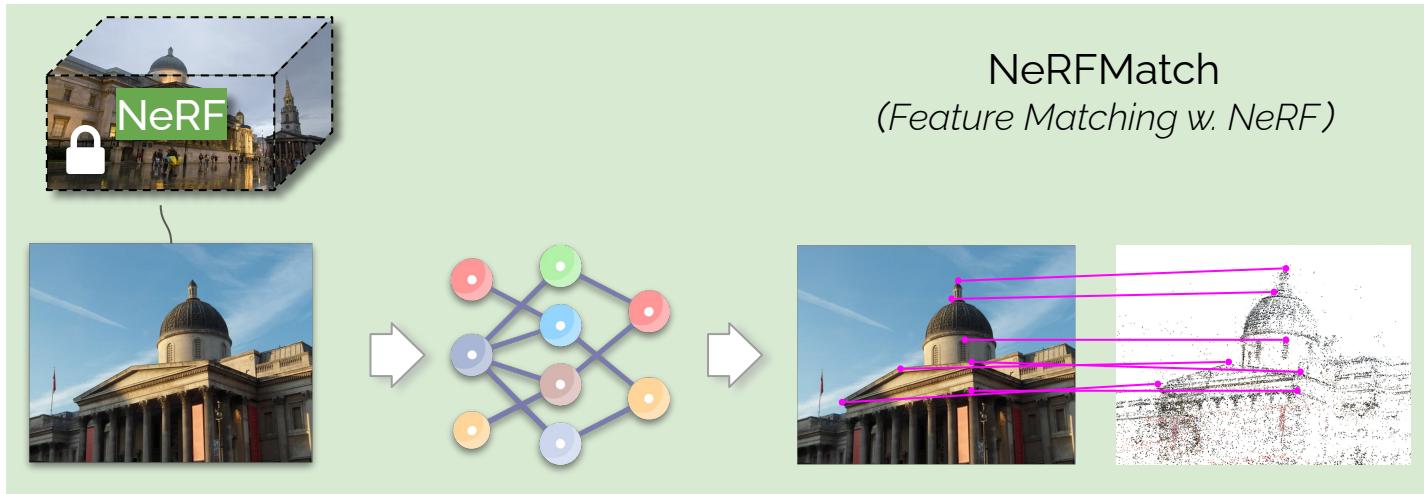
- We are on-par with the SOTA HLoc results on Cambridge Landmarks, which is quite challenging wild environment for NeRF training.

Cambridge Landmarks - Translation Error (cm)



Cambridge Landmarks - Rotation Error (°)





Indoor performance bottleneck vs SOTA

- **Depth inaccuracies:** NeRF predicted depth maps are used to compute pseudo ground-truth for matching supervision. Incorrect depth predictions can lead to misaligned feature correspondences. In contrast, image matching, SCR, and APR methods use more accurate labels like Colmap camera poses or 3D maps.

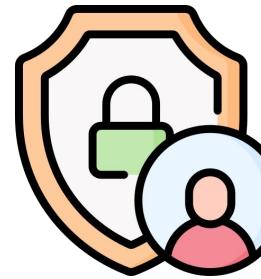
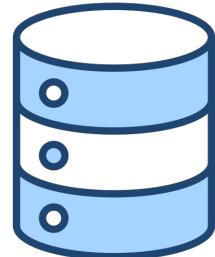
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- Not good yet at **filtering inaccurate matches**, which has a large effect on small scenes.
- Better **scaling** to large-outdoor scene compared to regression-based methods.

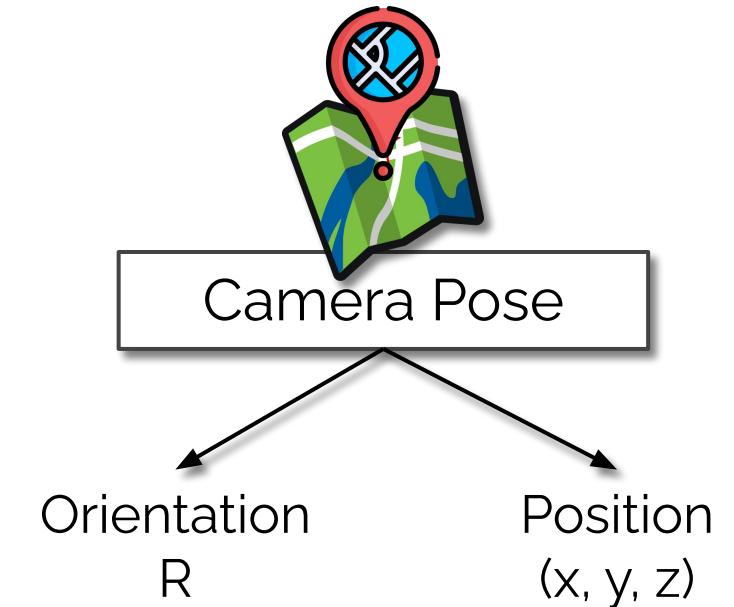
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DFNet [17]	APR Net.	3/1.1	6/2.3	4/2.3	6/1.5	7/1.9	7/1.7	12/2.6	6.4/1.9	-
NeFeS [16]	APR+NeRF	2/0.8	2/0.8	2/1.4	2/0.6	2/0.6	2/0.6	5/1.3	2.4/0.9	-
DSAC* [10]	SCR Net.	0.5/0.2	0.8/0.3	0.5/0.3	1.2/0.3	1.2/0.3	0.7/0.2	2.7/0.8	1.1/0.3	97.8
ACE [6]	SCR Net.	0.7/0.5	0.6/0.9	0.5/0.5	1.2/0.5	1.1/0.2	0.9/0.5	2.8/1.0	1.1/0.6	97.1
DVLAD+R2D2 [45, 60]	3D+RGB	0.4/0.1	0.5/0.2	0.4/0.2	0.7/0.2	0.6/0.1	0.4/0.1	2.4/0.7	0.8/0.2	95.7
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NeRFMatch-Mini	NeRF+RGB	1.4/0.5	1.7/1.0	2.1/0.7	4.4/1.0	4.7/1.0	2.2/0.5	8.8/2.1	3.6/0.9	67.9
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Conclusions

- Geometric localization is possible and (somewhat) SOTA



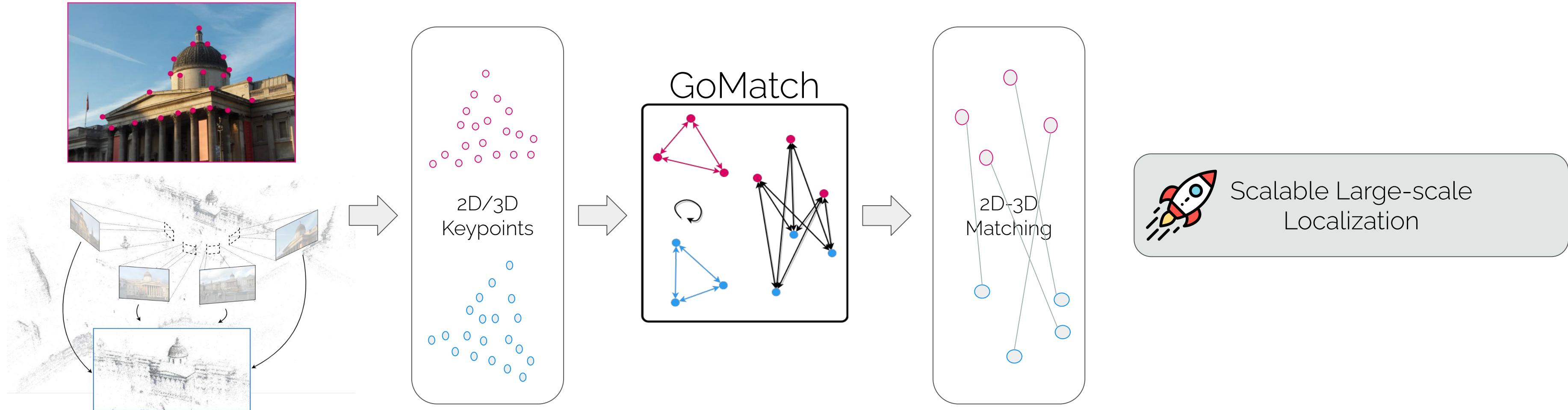
- Initial steps towards NeRF as the primary representation for visual localization





Questions?

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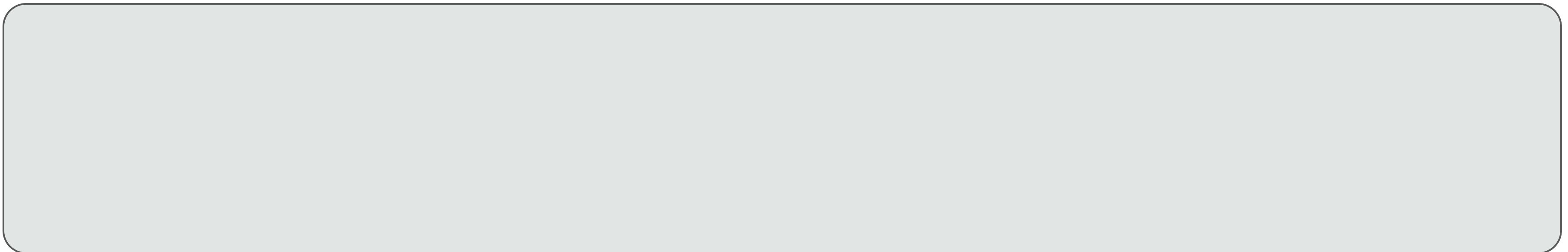


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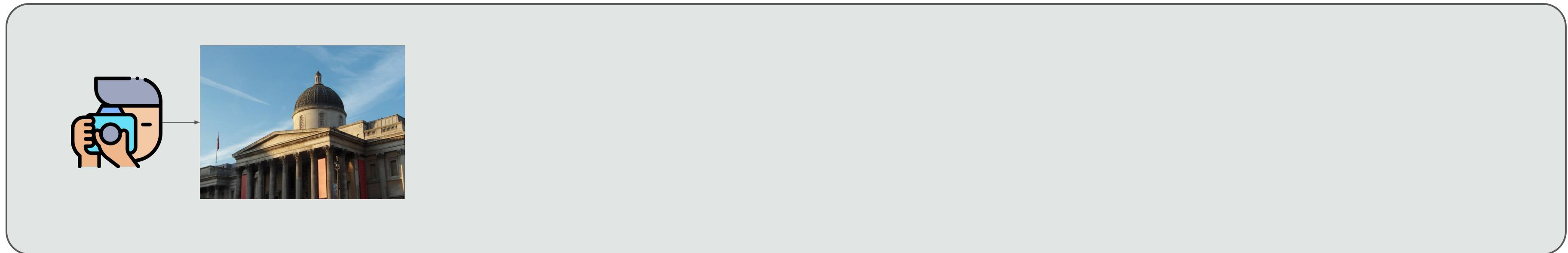


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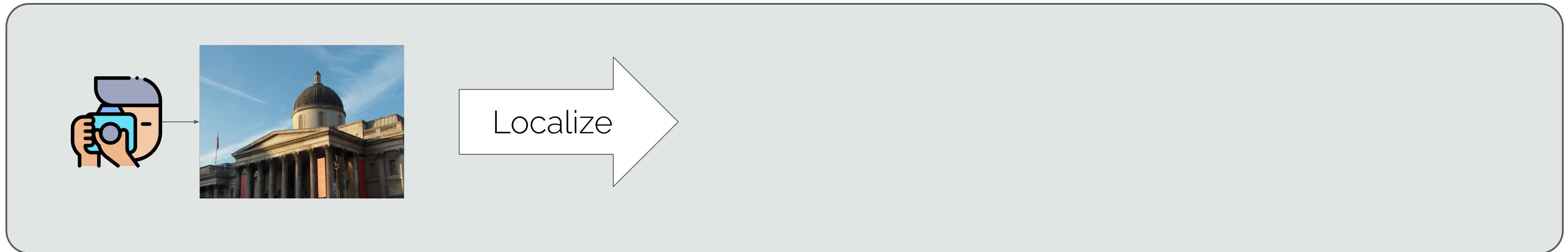
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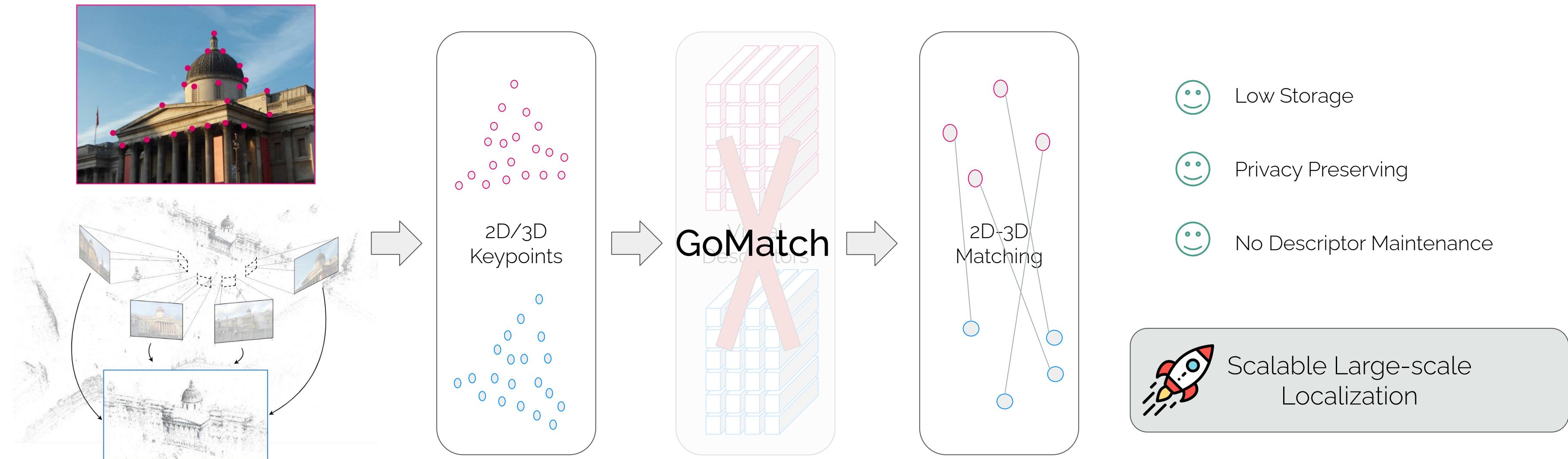
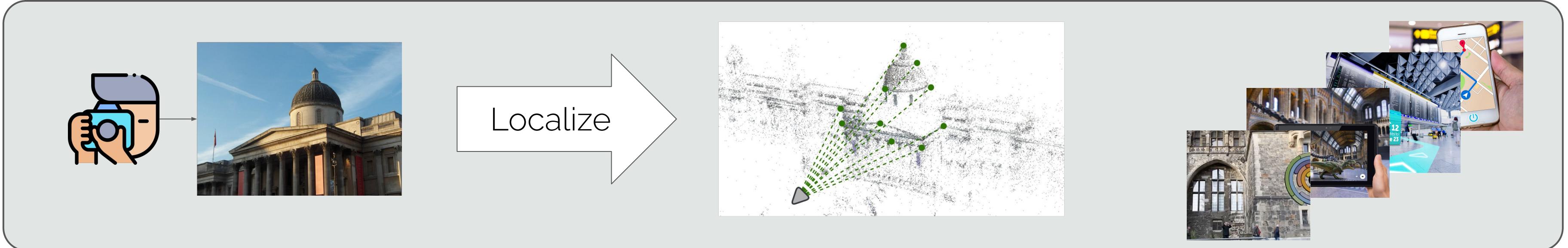
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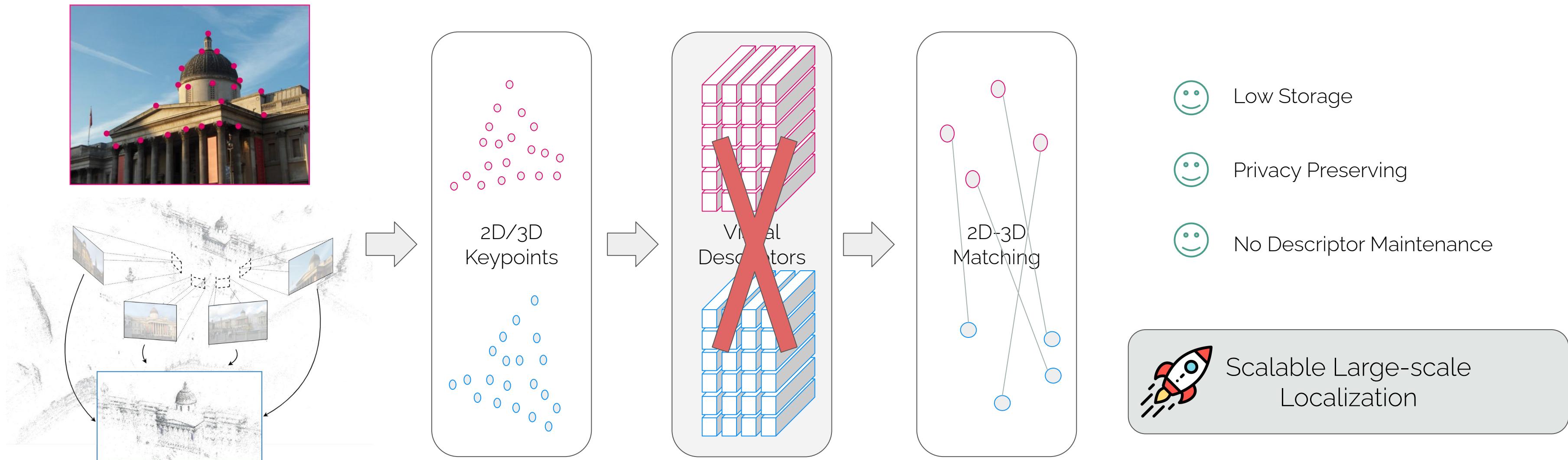
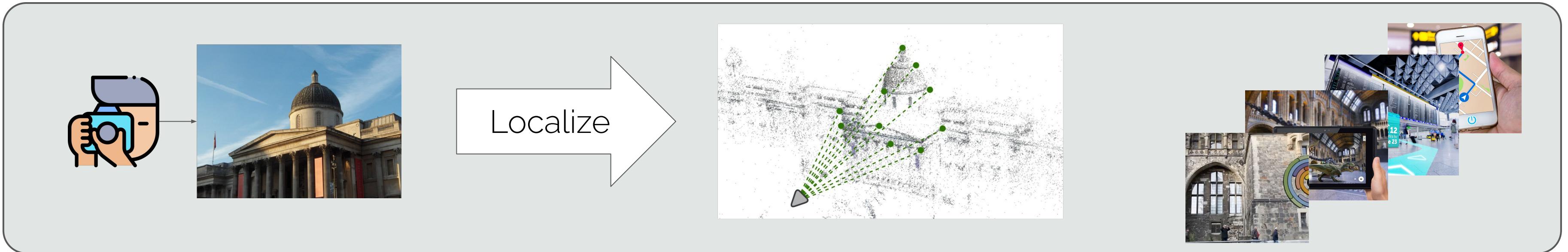
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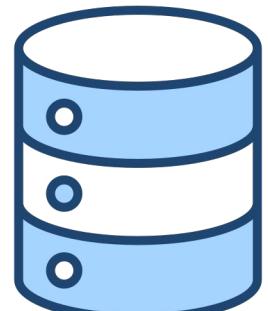
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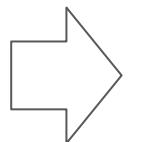
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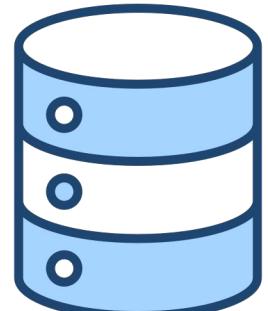


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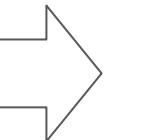


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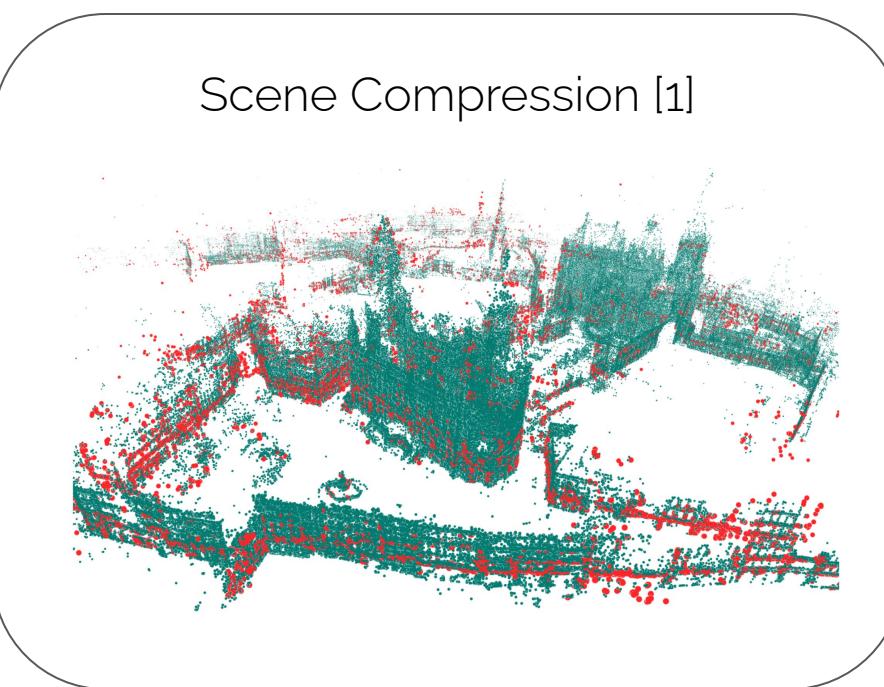
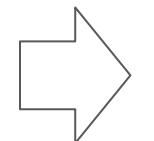
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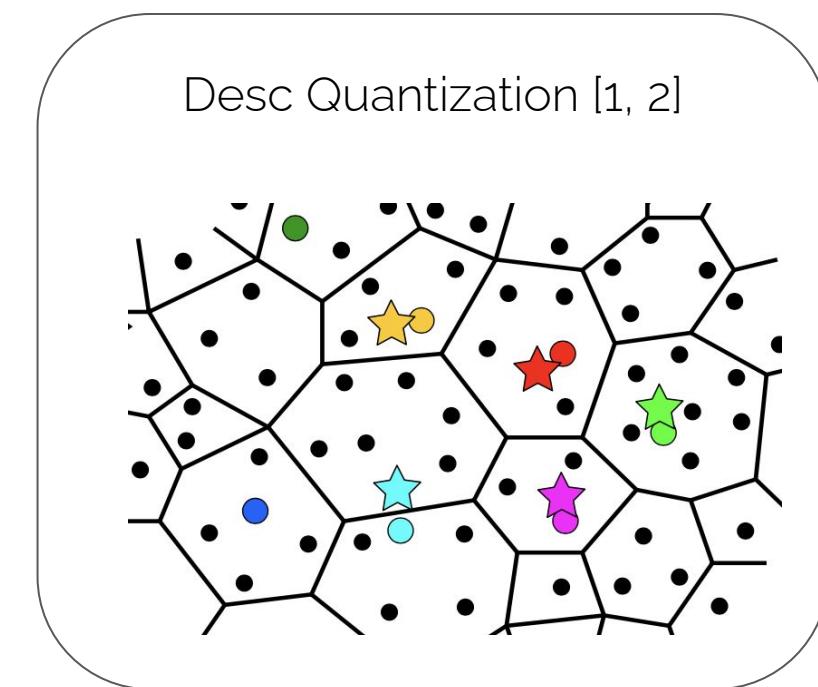
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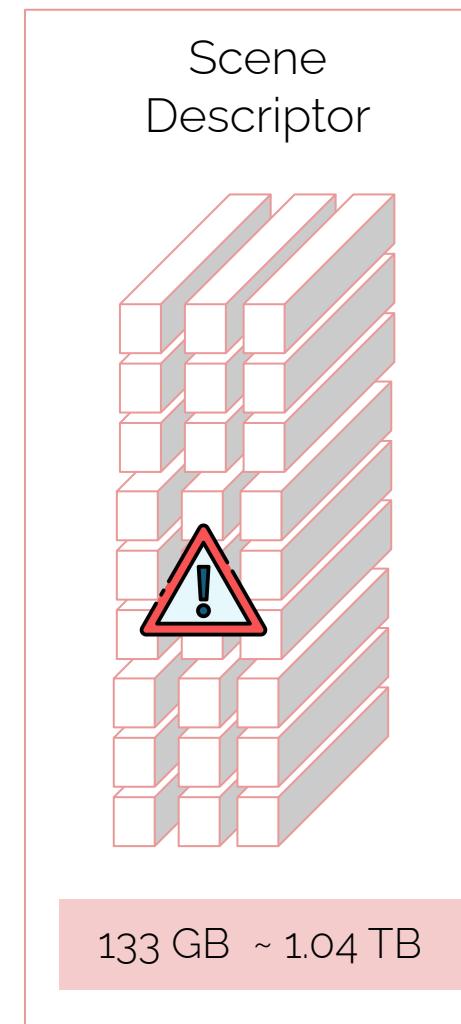
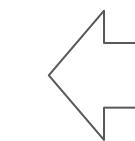
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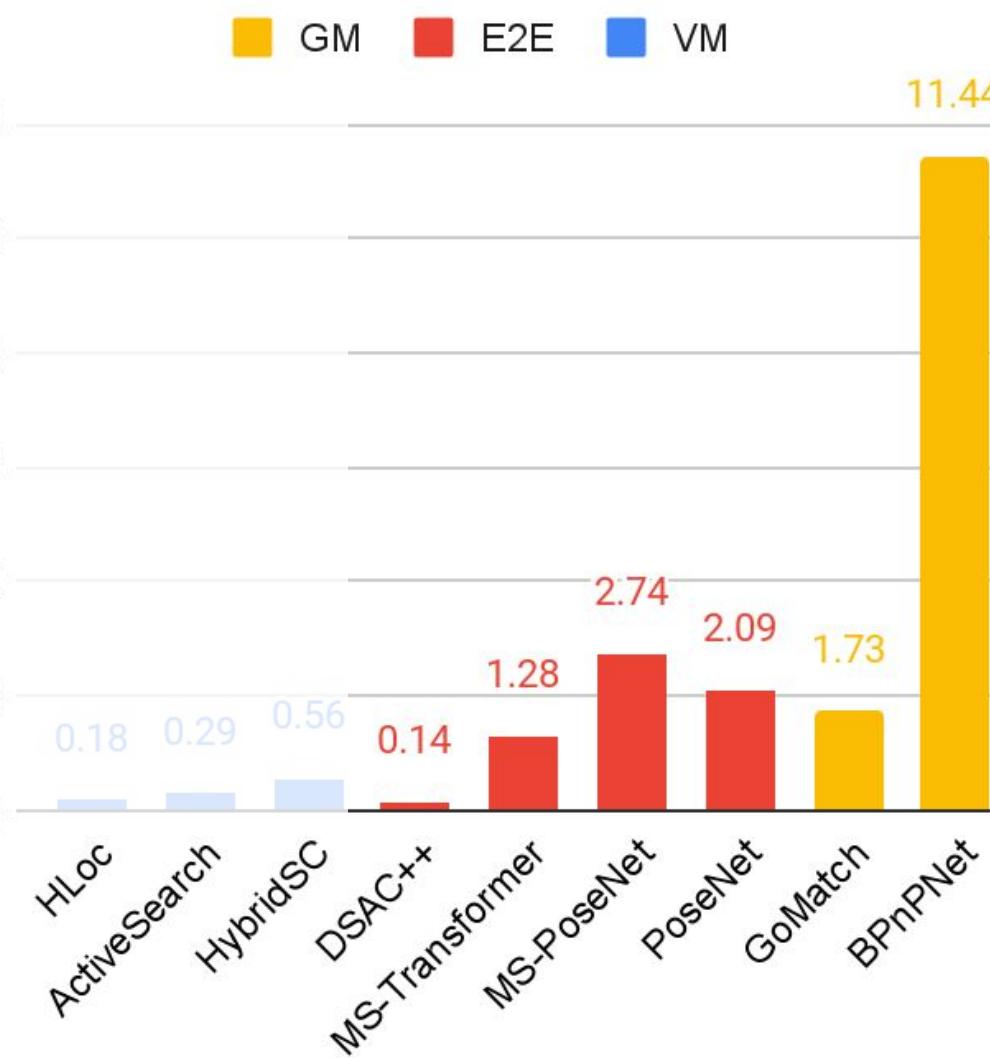


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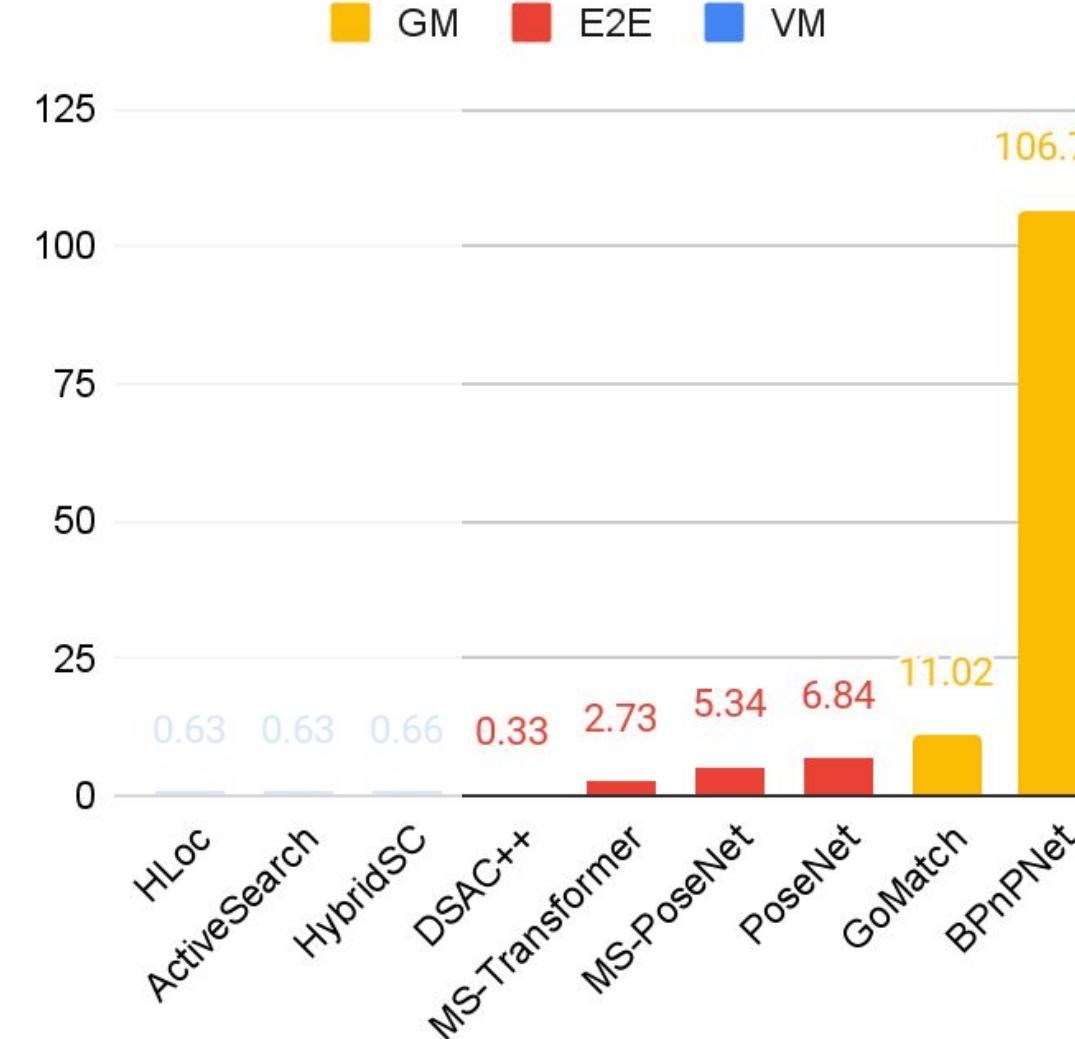
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Compare to E2E – Cambridge Landmarks

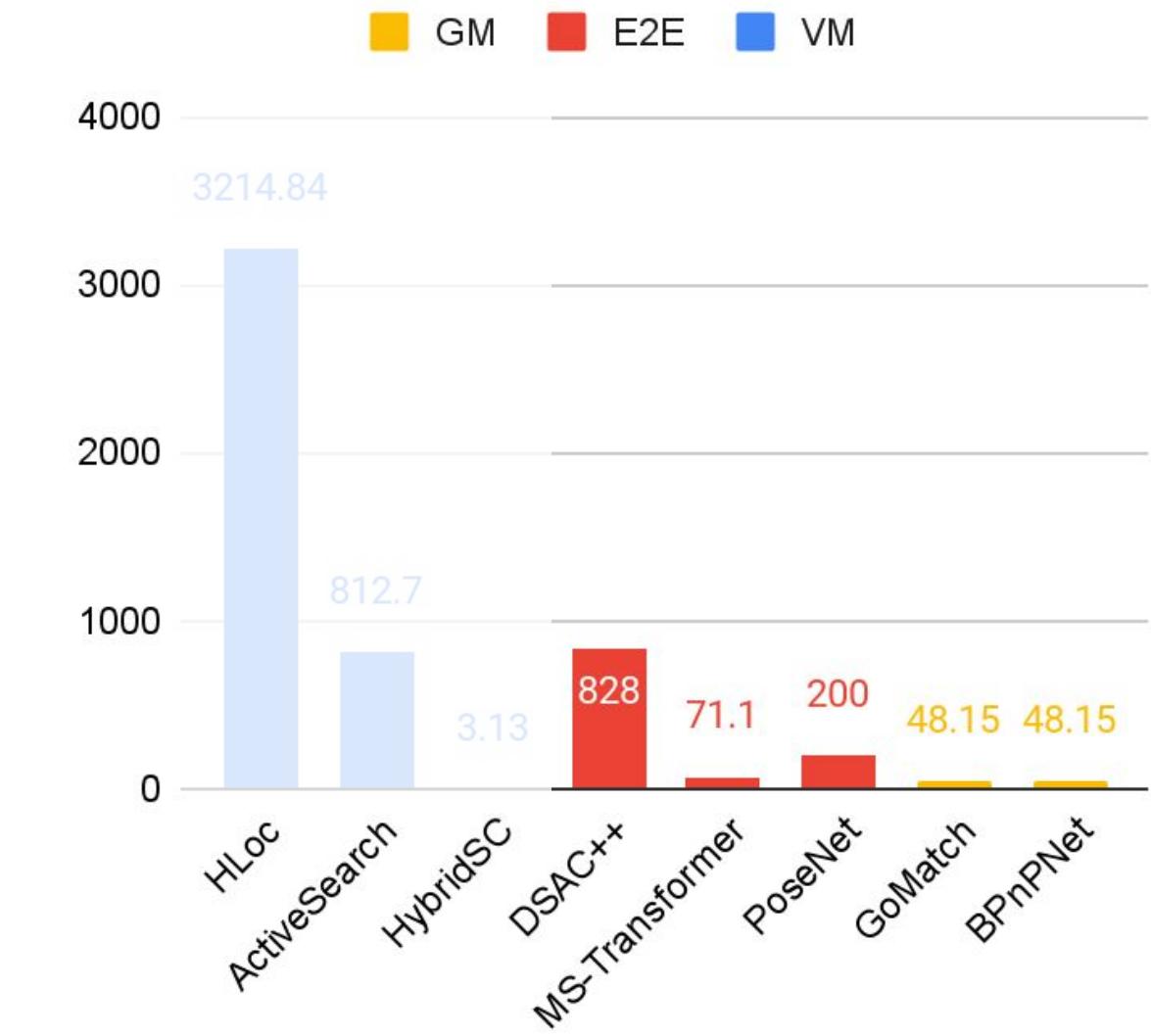
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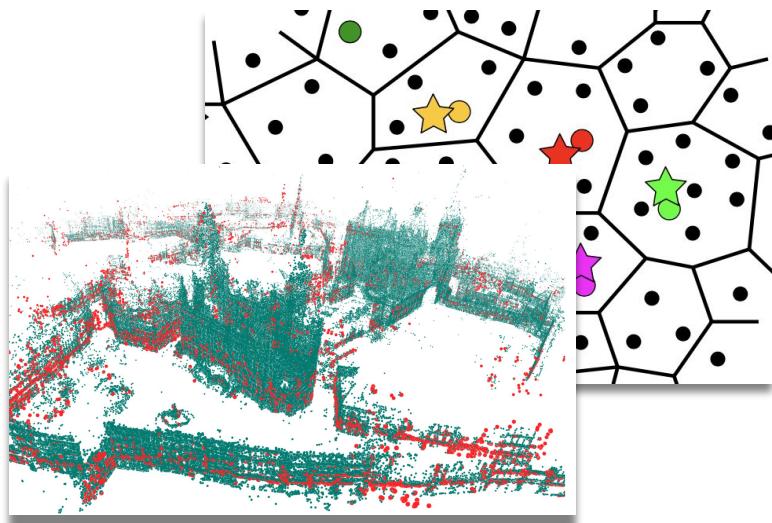


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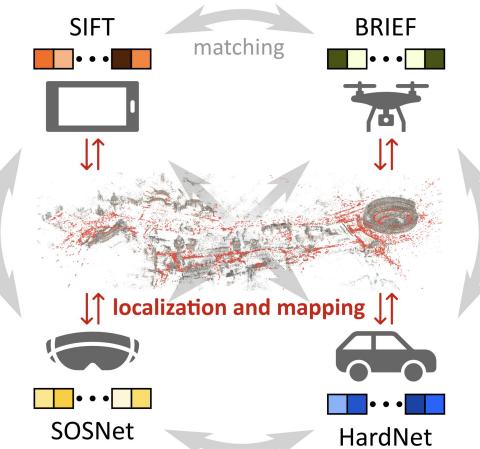
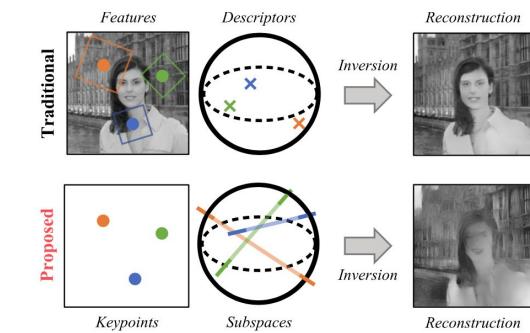
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Storage / Memory Efficiency



GoMatch

Privacy Preserving

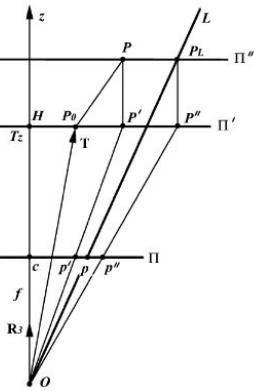


Descriptor Maintenance

Geometric-based matching and pose estimation

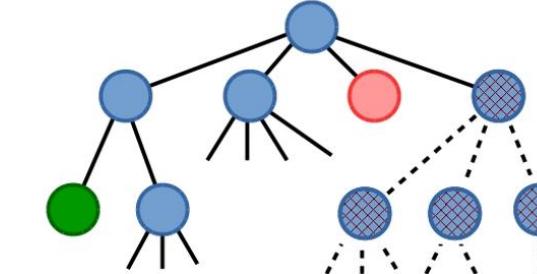
SoftPOSIT [1]

- Alternate step: softassign + POSIT
- Requires initialization
- Struggles with clutter, occlusions, repetitive patterns.
- Efficient



GOPAC [3]

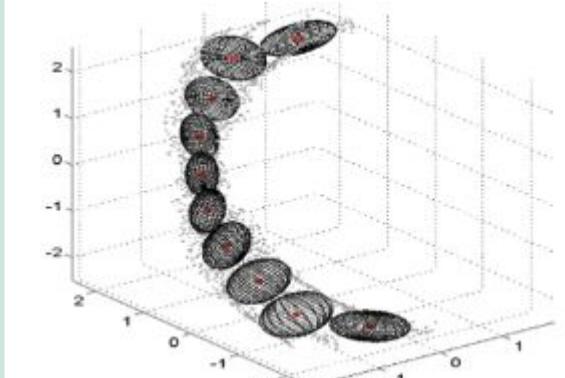
- Globally optimal solution using Branch-and-Bound
- Prohibitive runtime requirements
- Cannot scale to large problems



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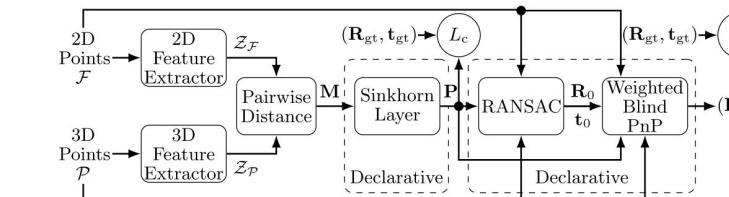
Bind PnP [2]

- Kalman-Filter to maintain correspondence hypotheses.
- Requires initialization of GMM pose priors
- Better handling of occlusion, clutter and repetitive patterns



BPnPNet [4]

- Learning-based geometric matching network
- Declarative layers to back propagate through Sinkhorn, RANSAC and the PnP solver.
- Performance substantially degraded with outliers.



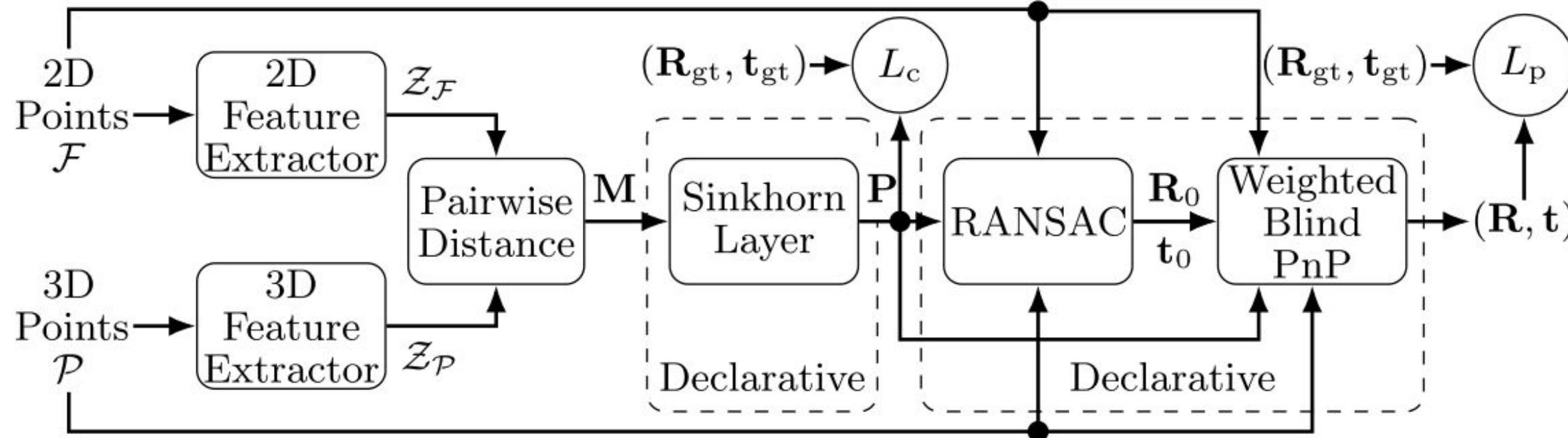
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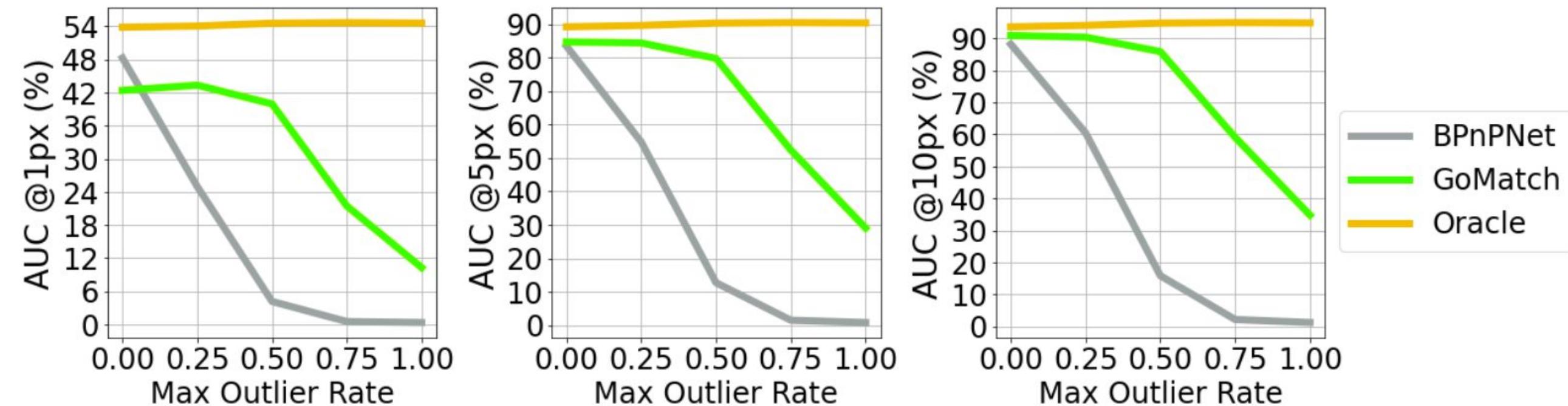
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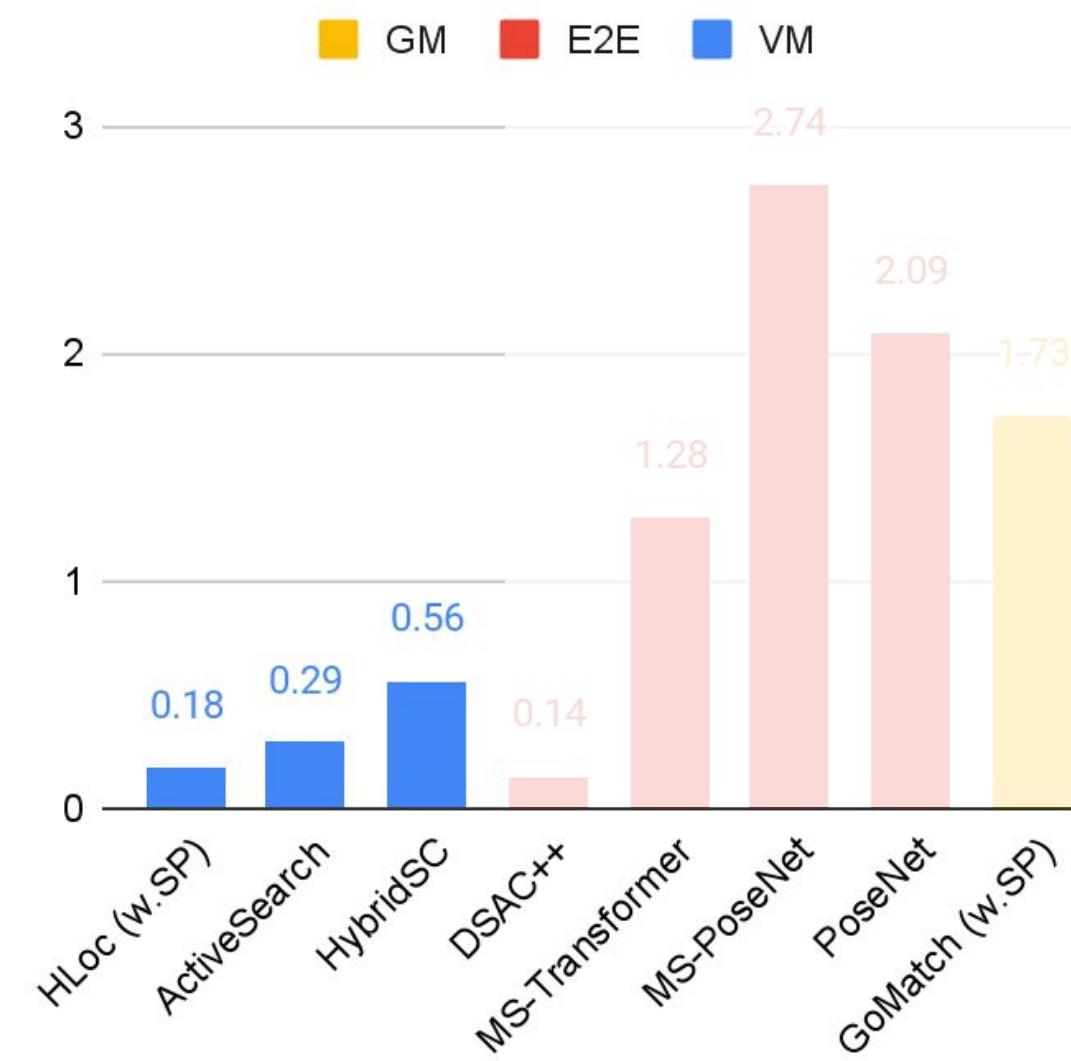
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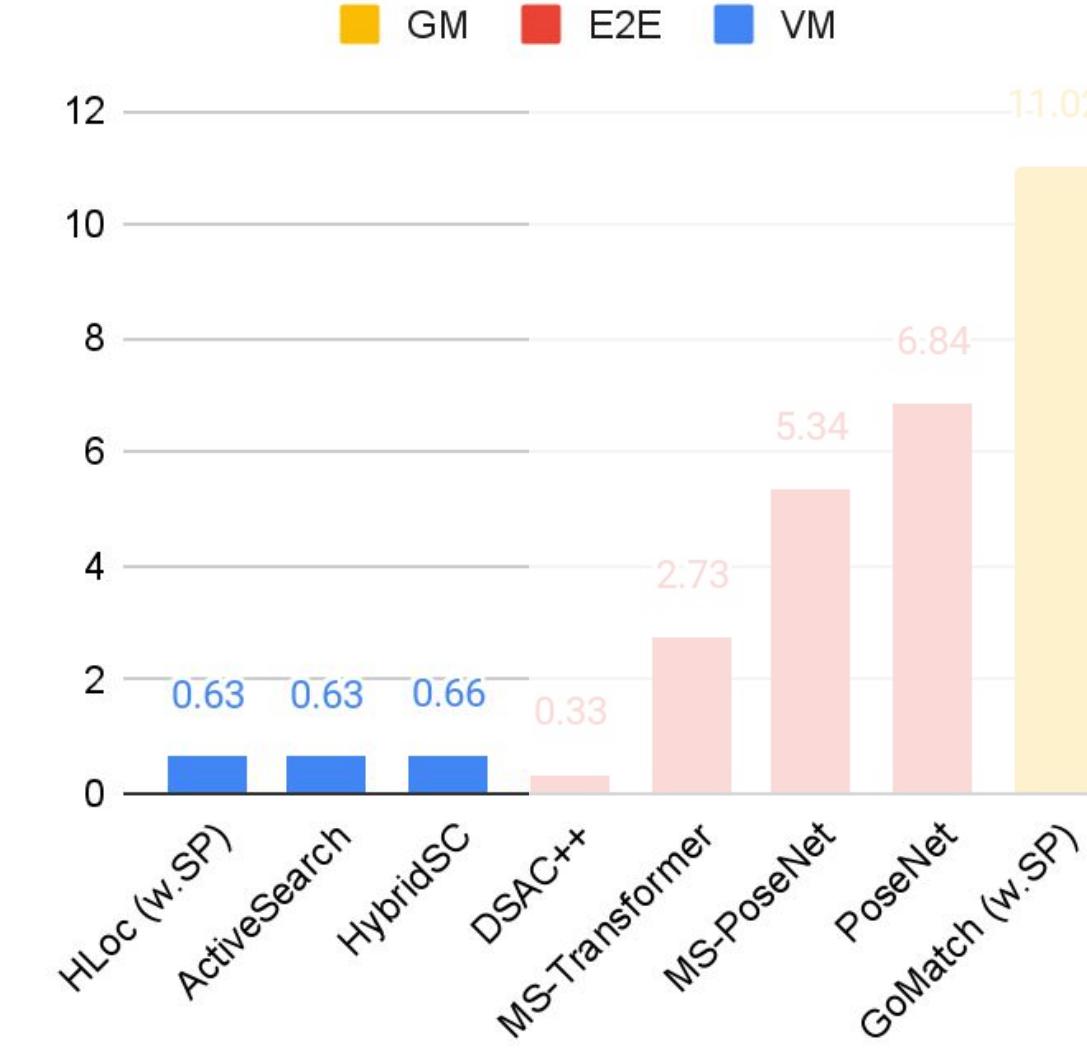


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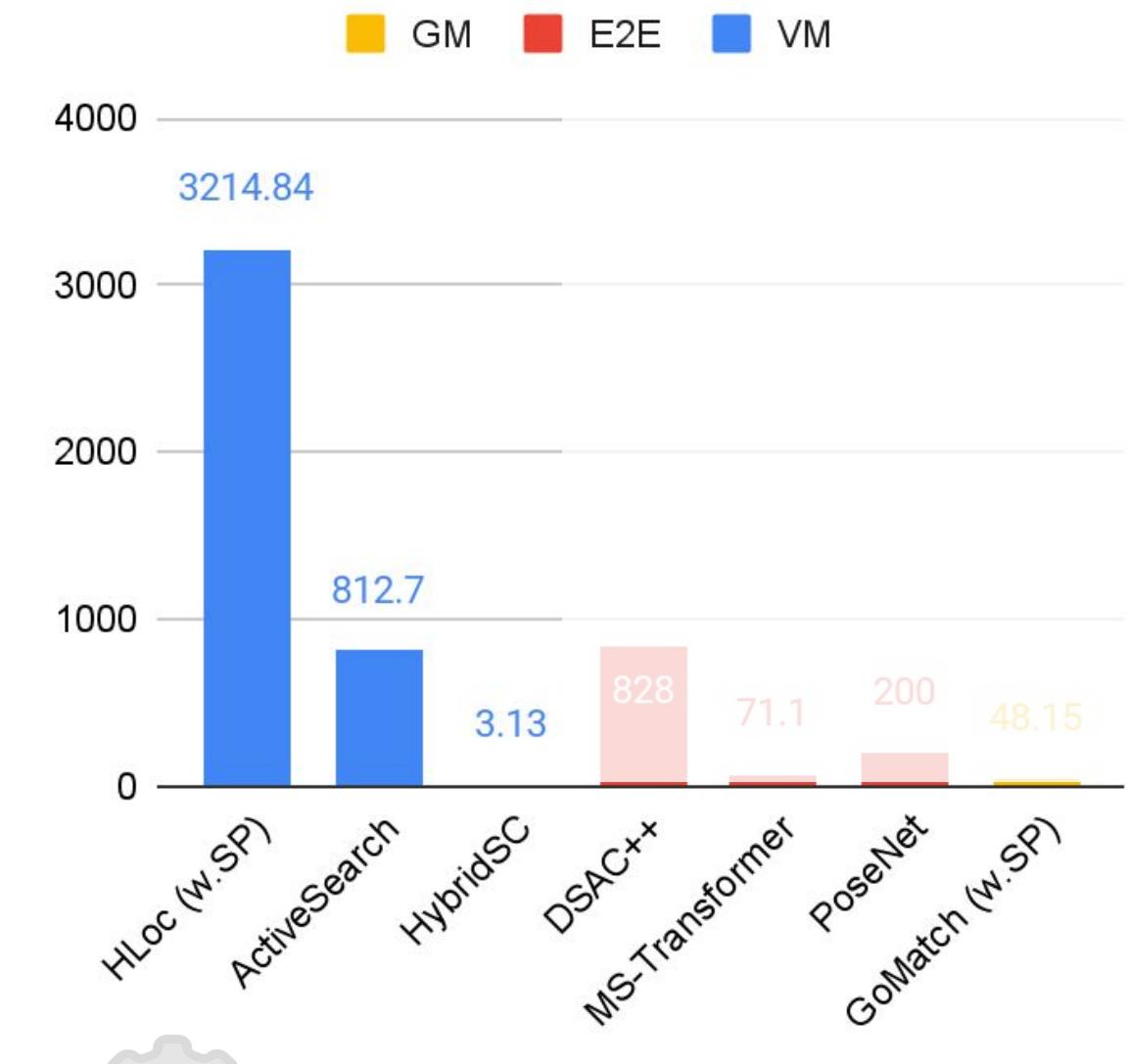
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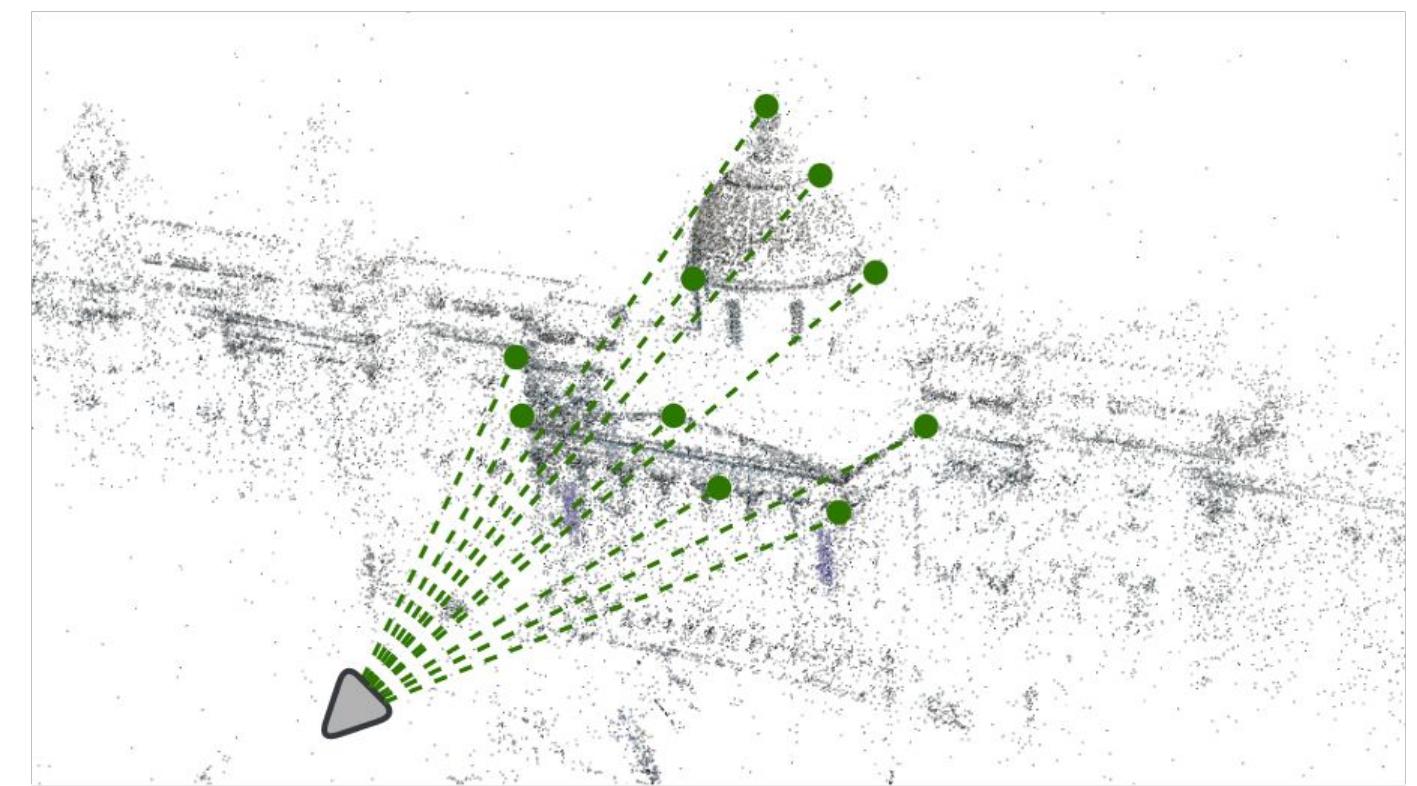
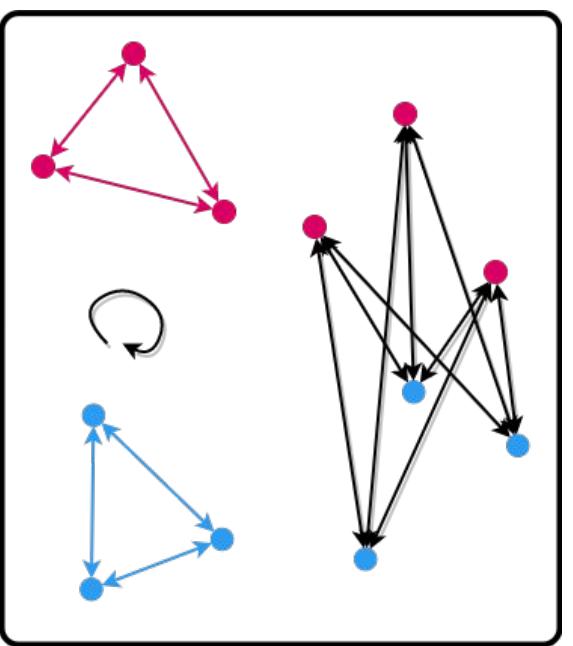
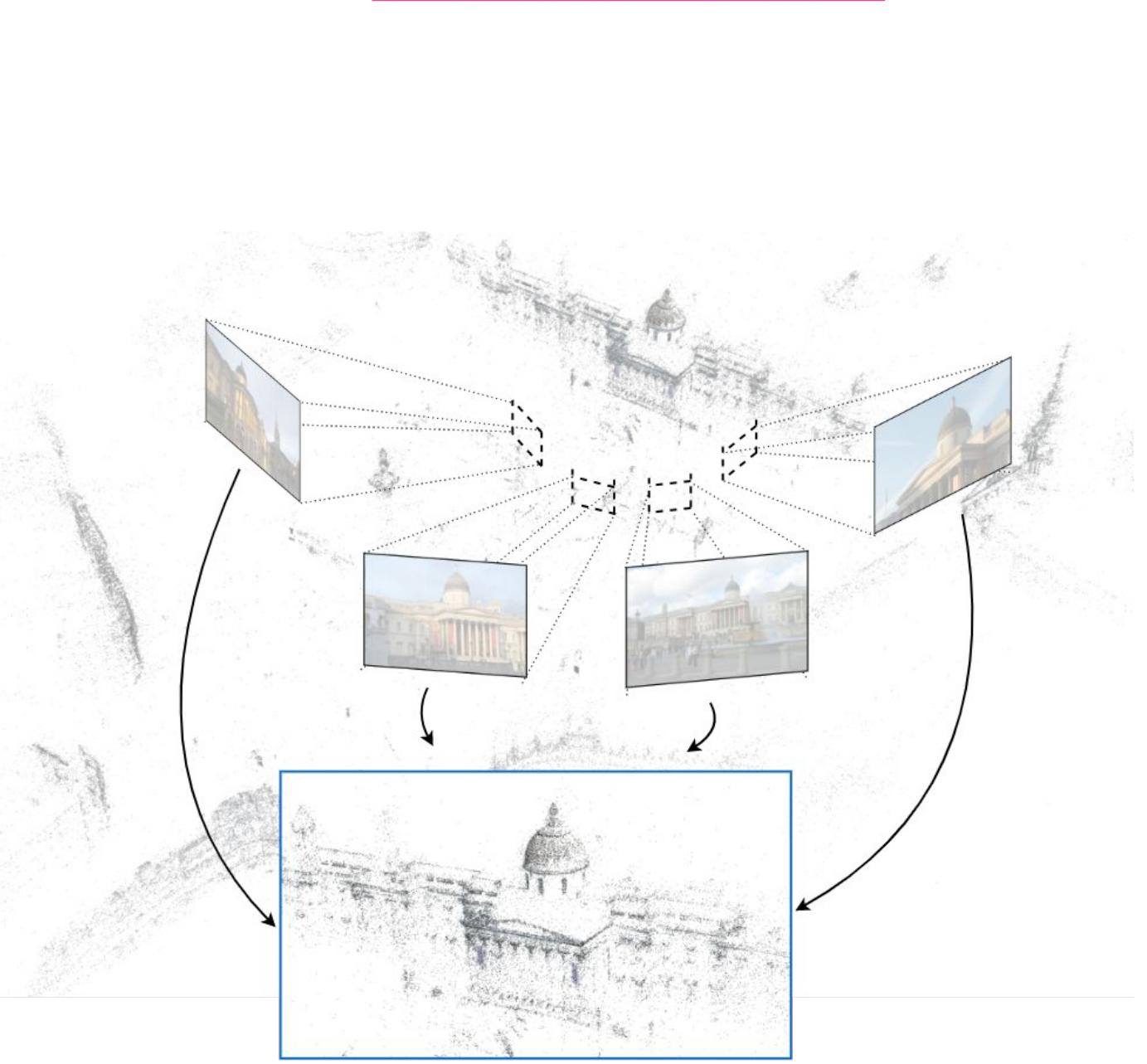


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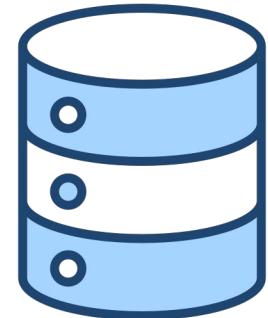




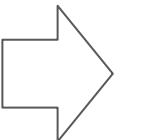
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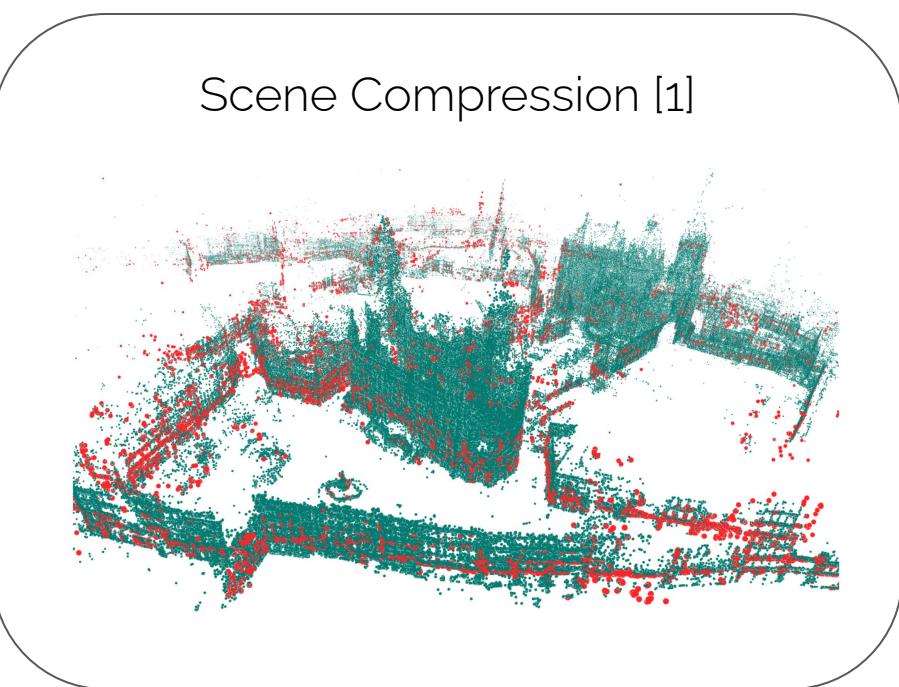
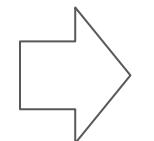
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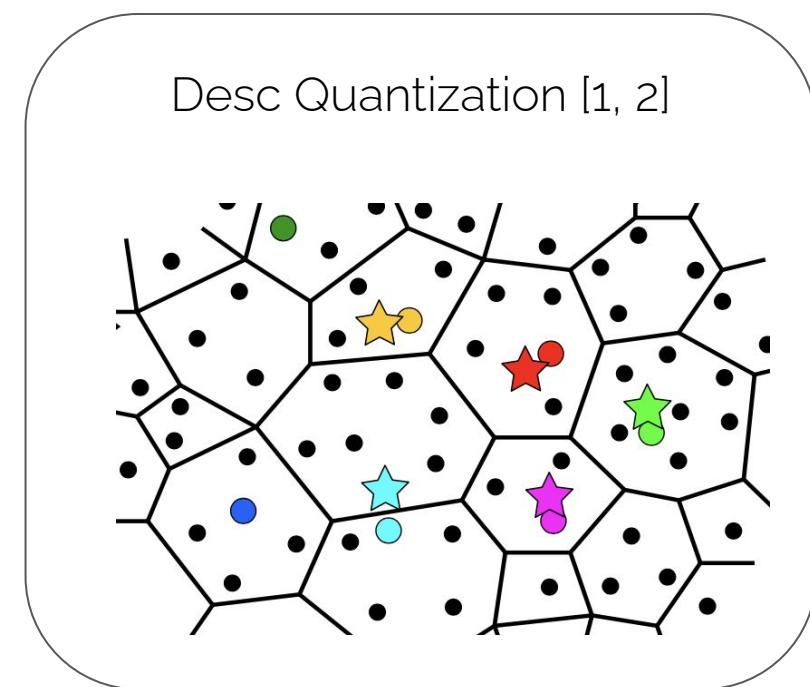
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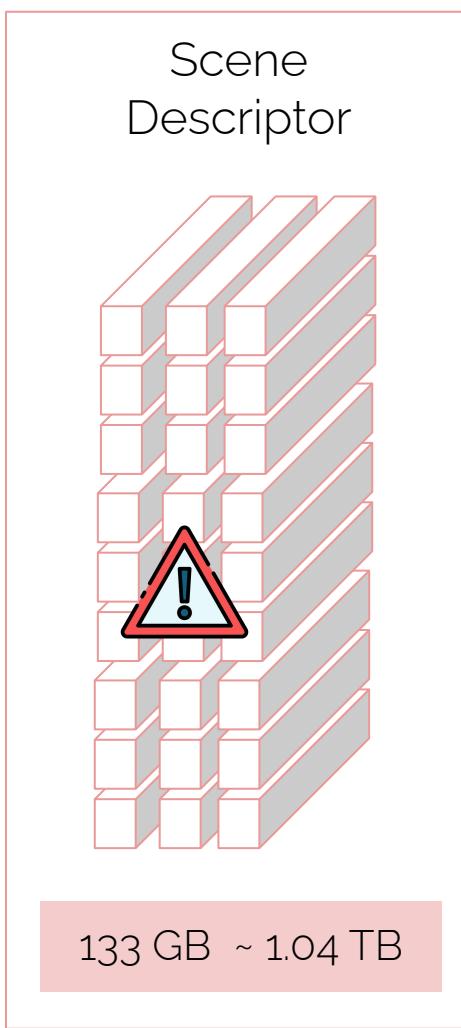
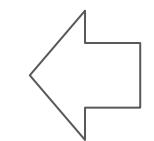
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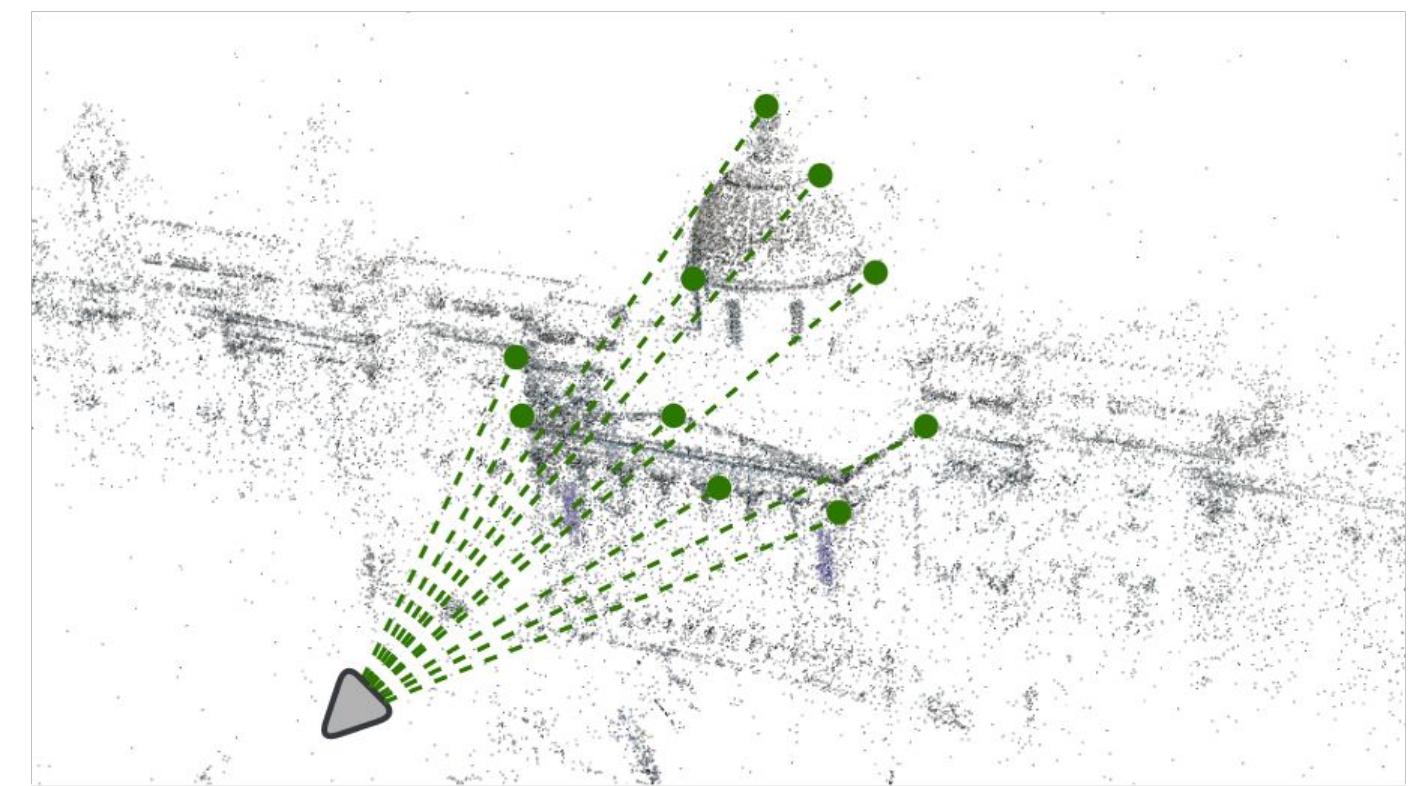
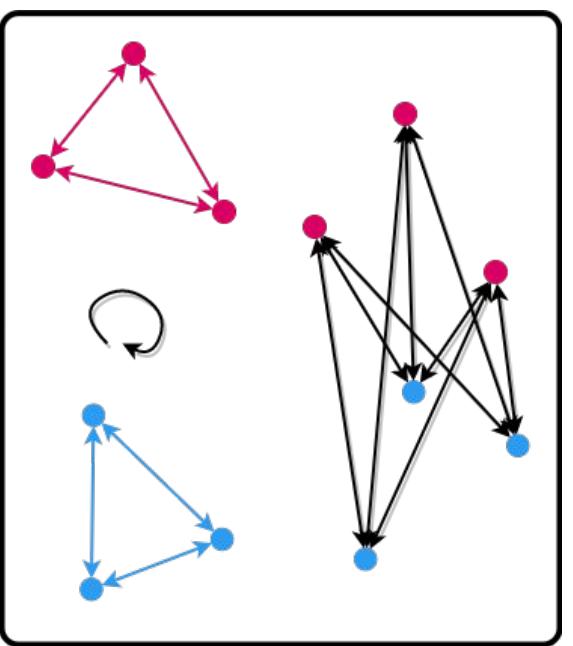
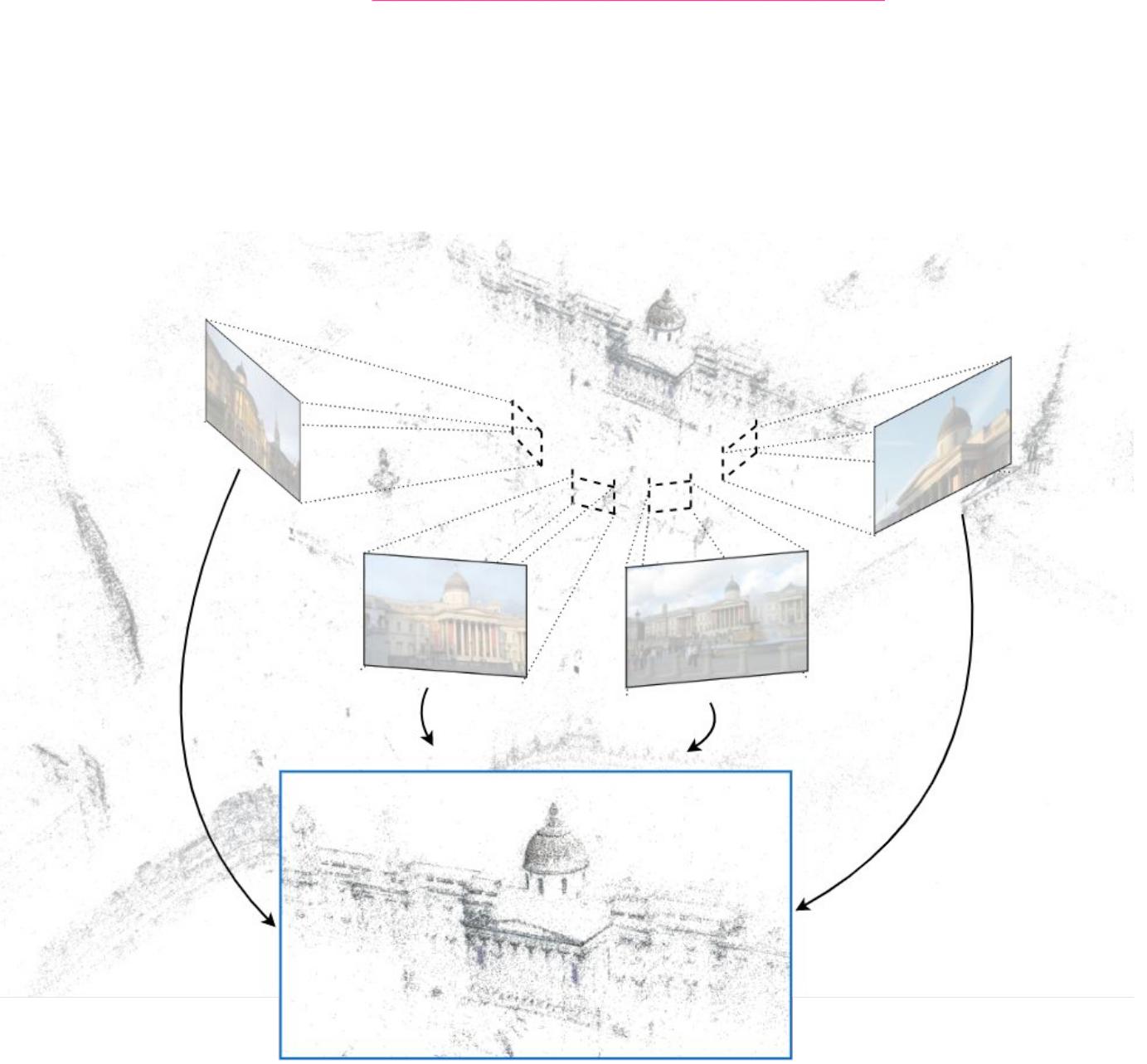


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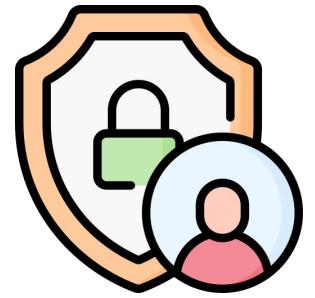
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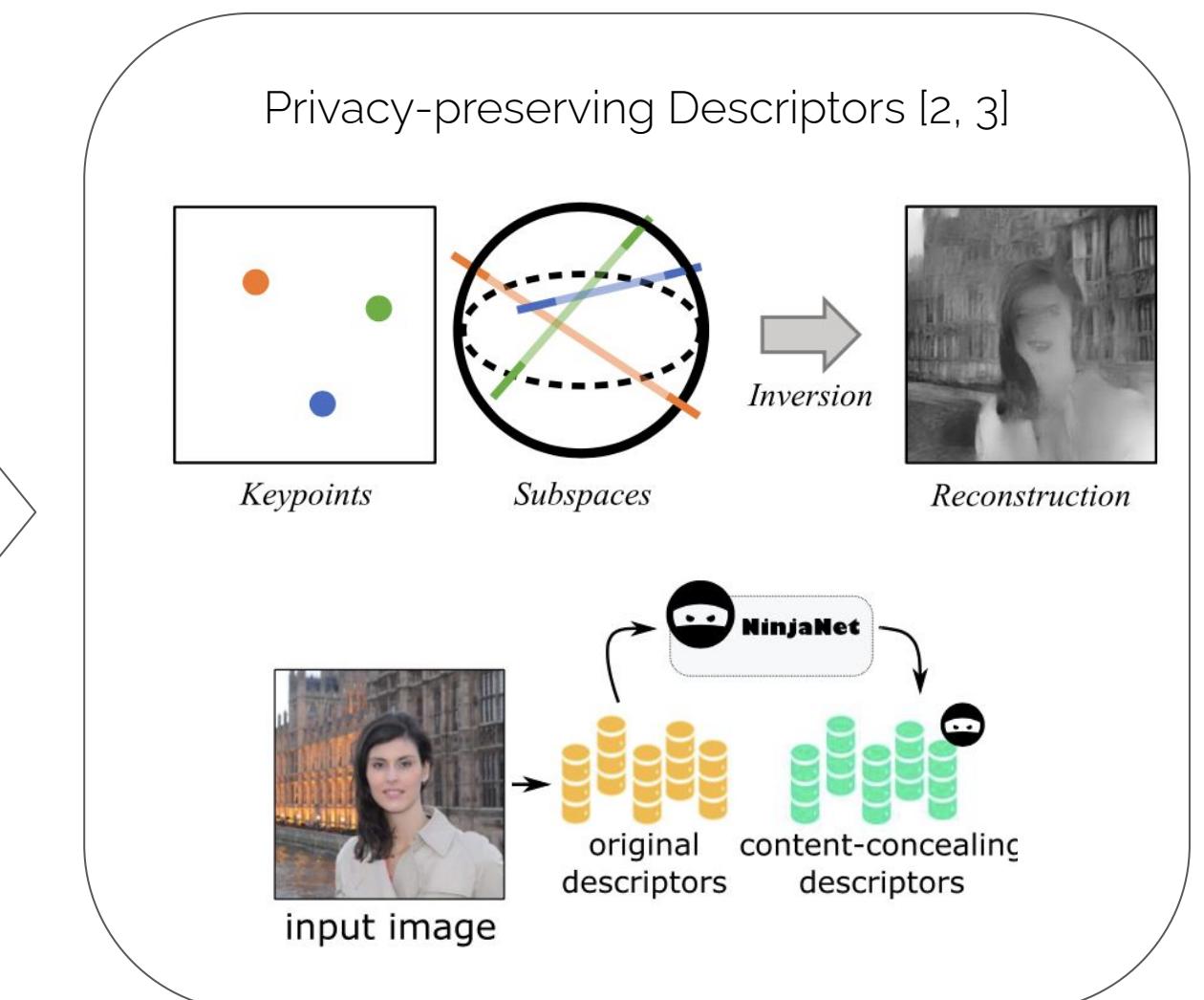
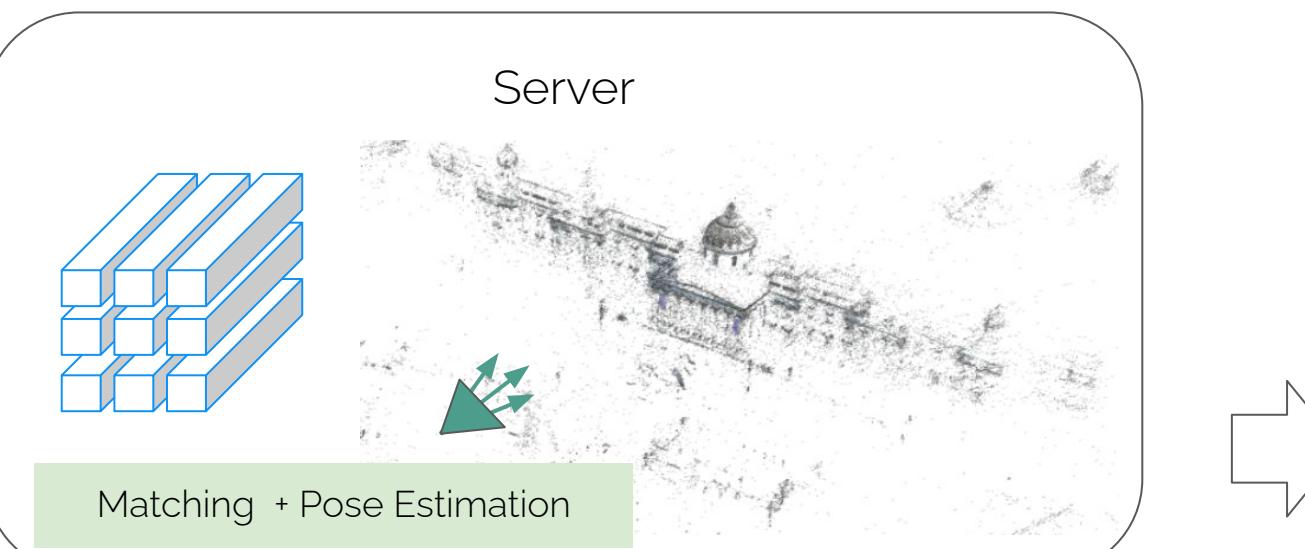
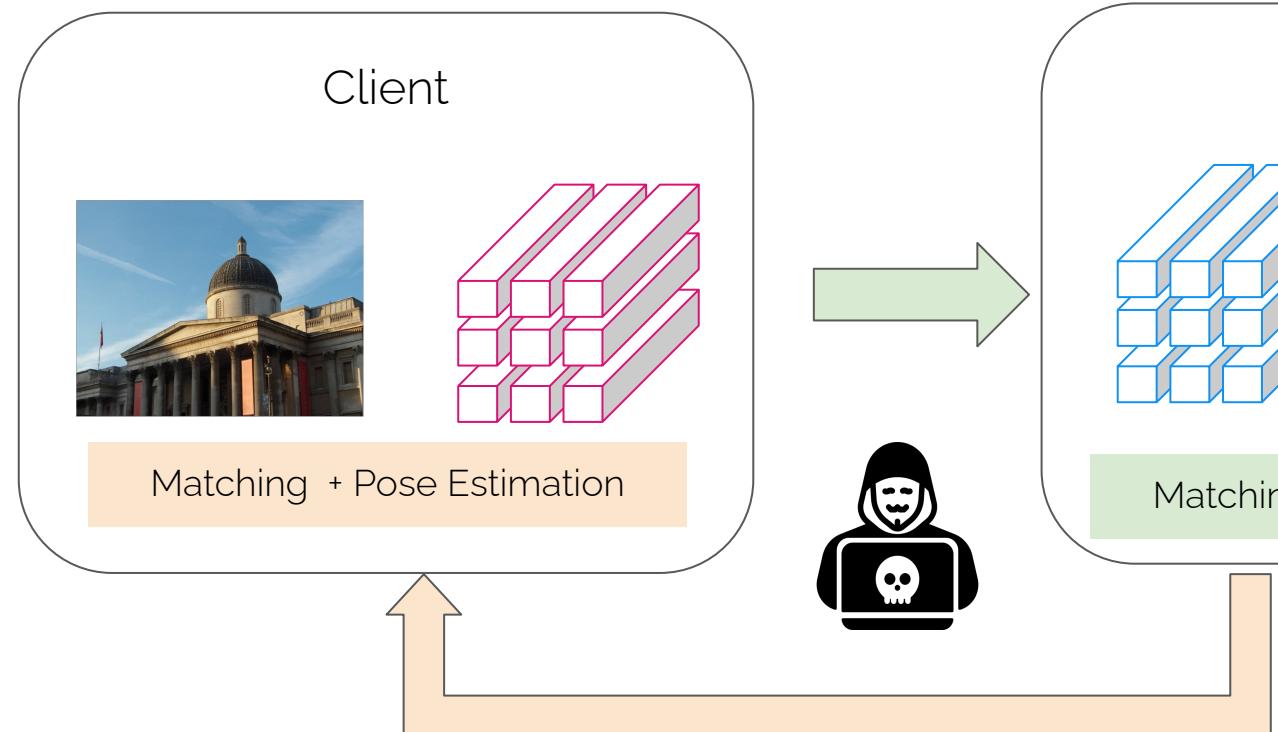
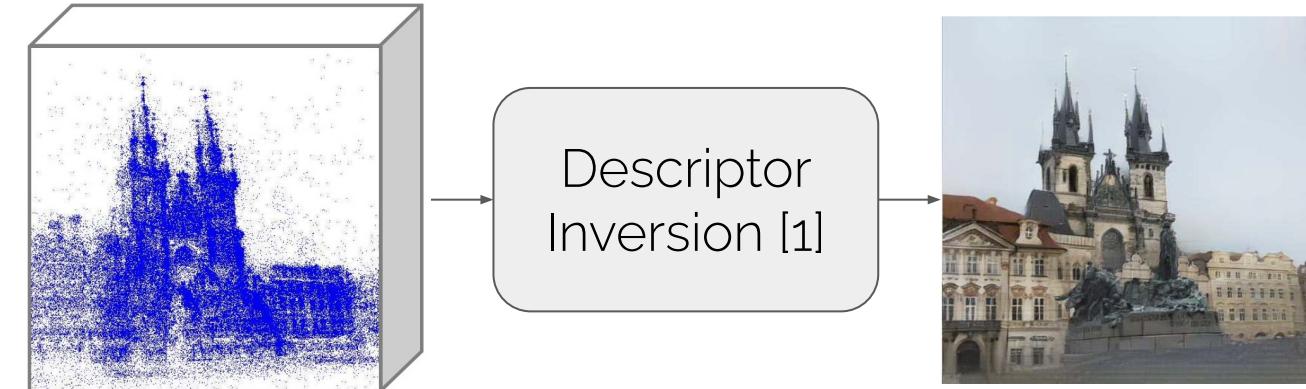
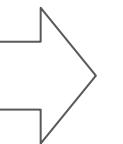
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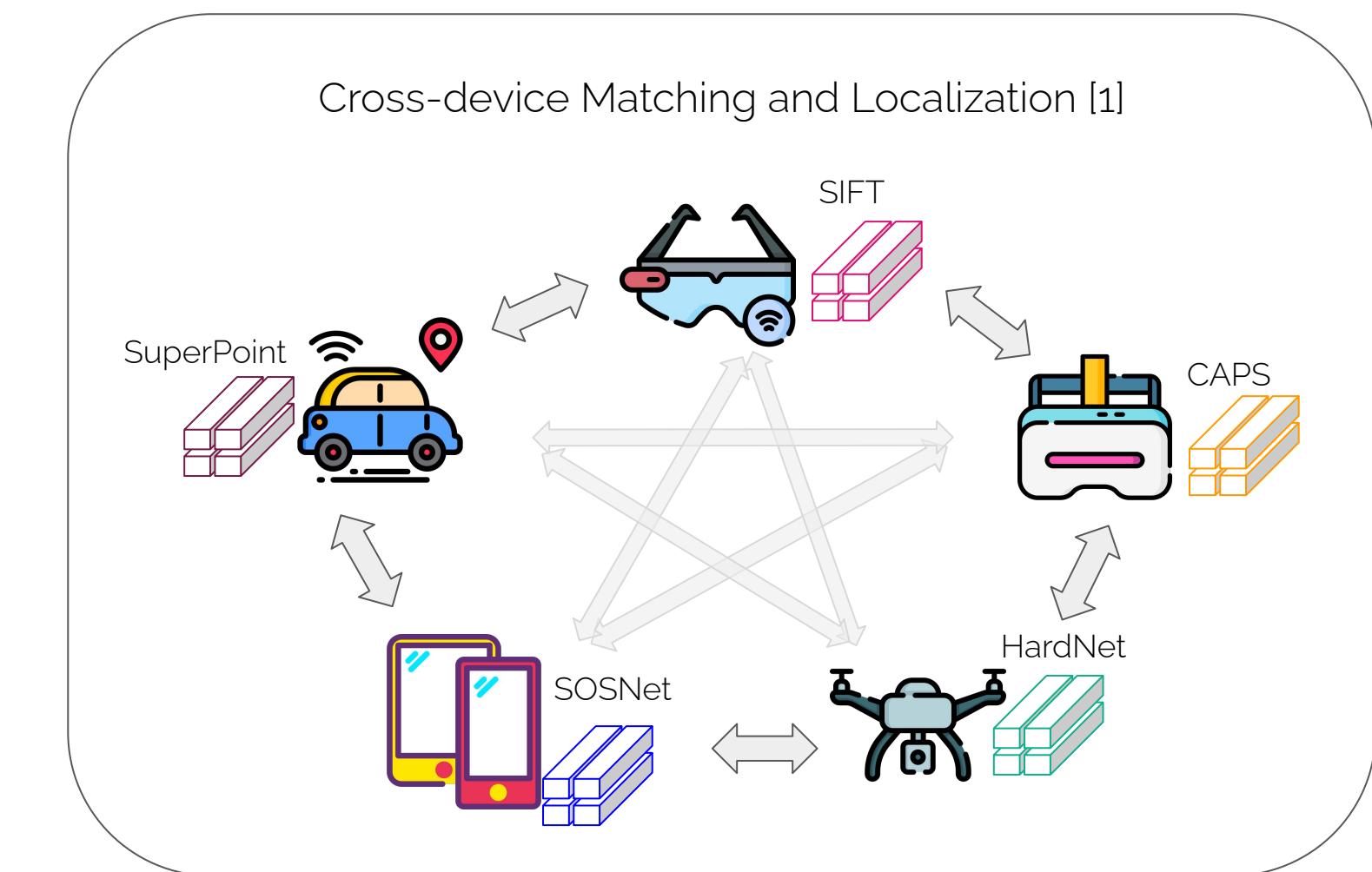
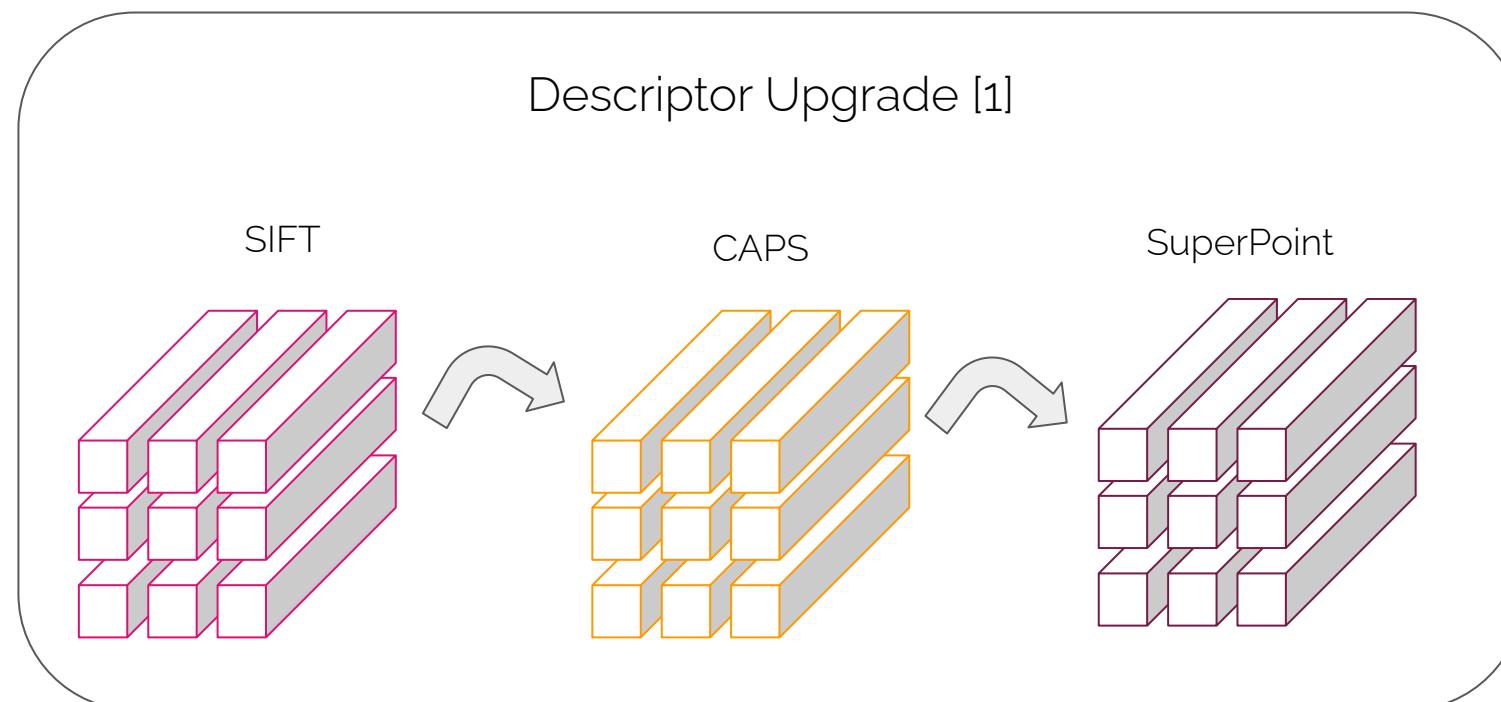
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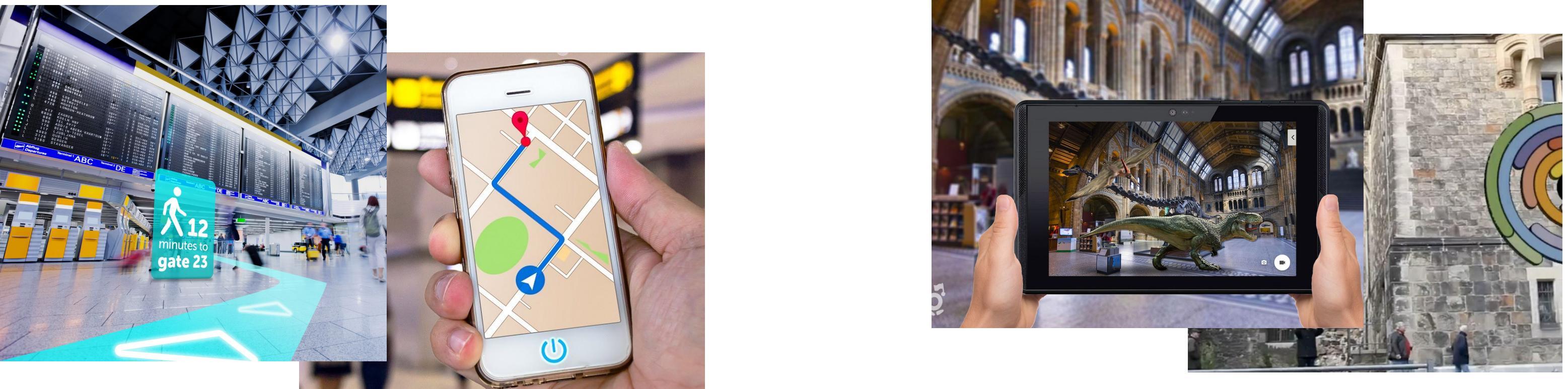
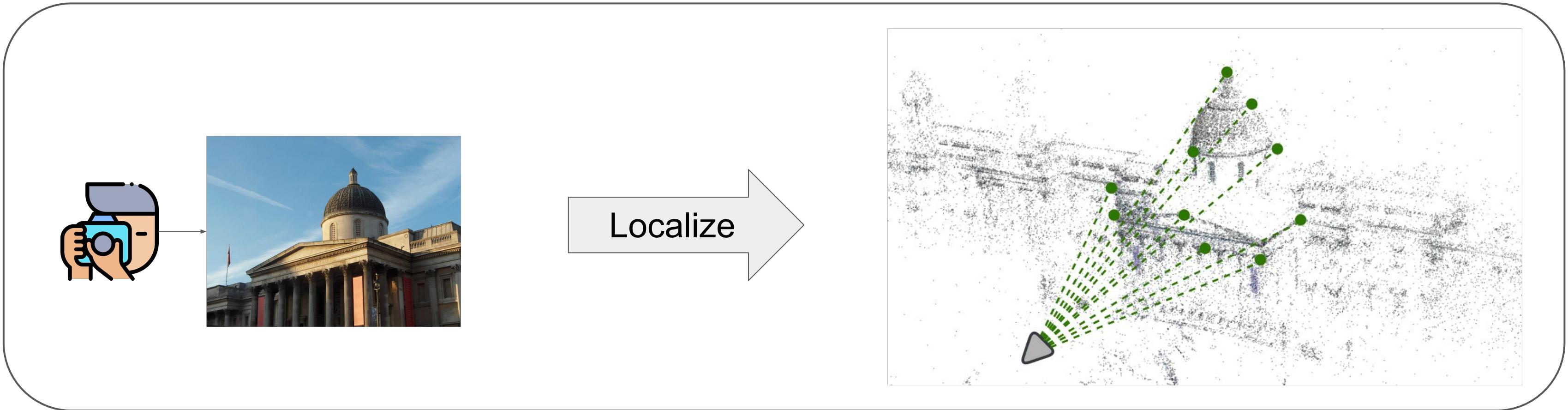
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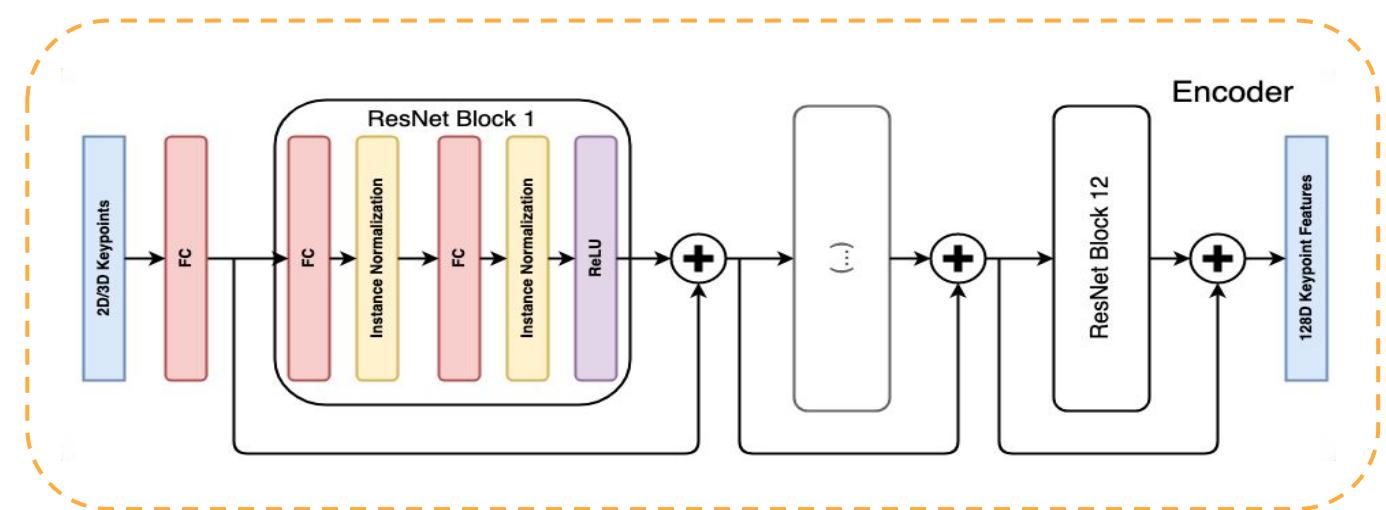
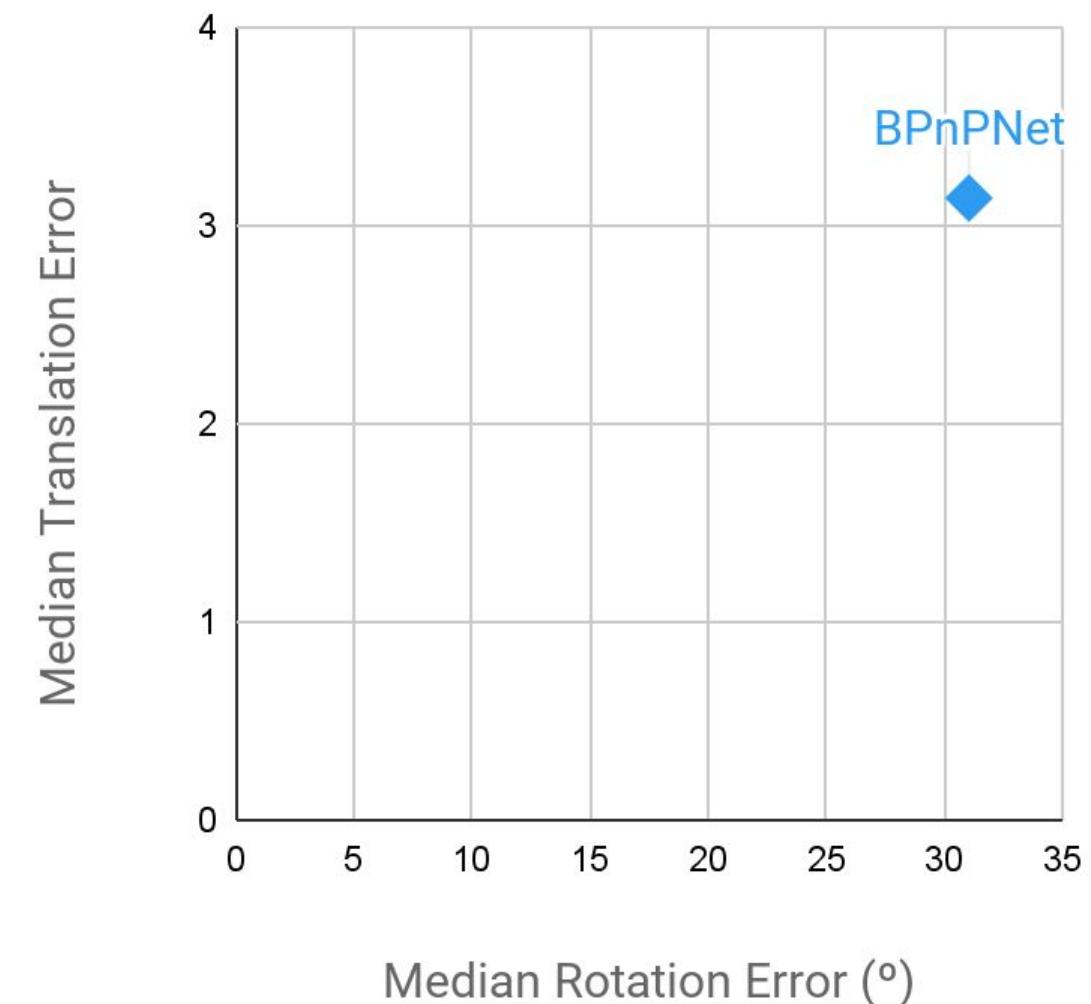
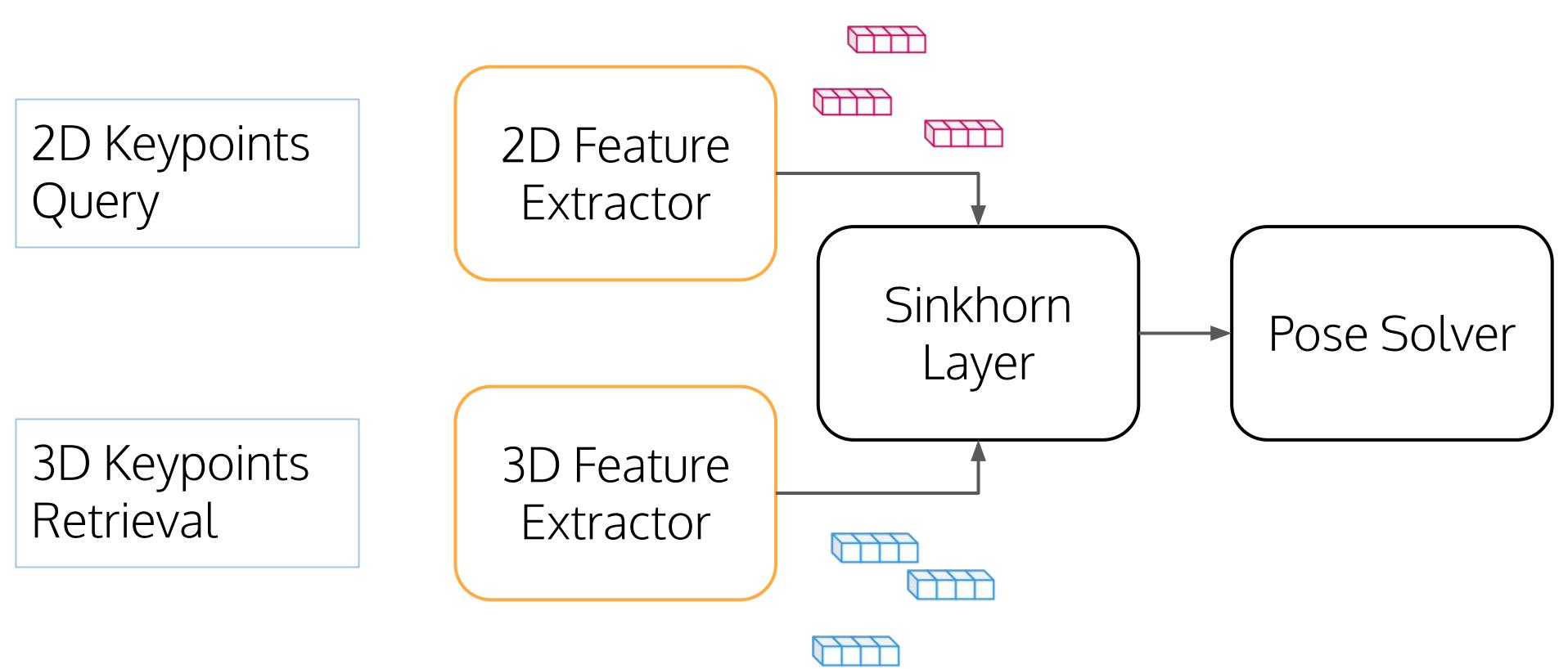
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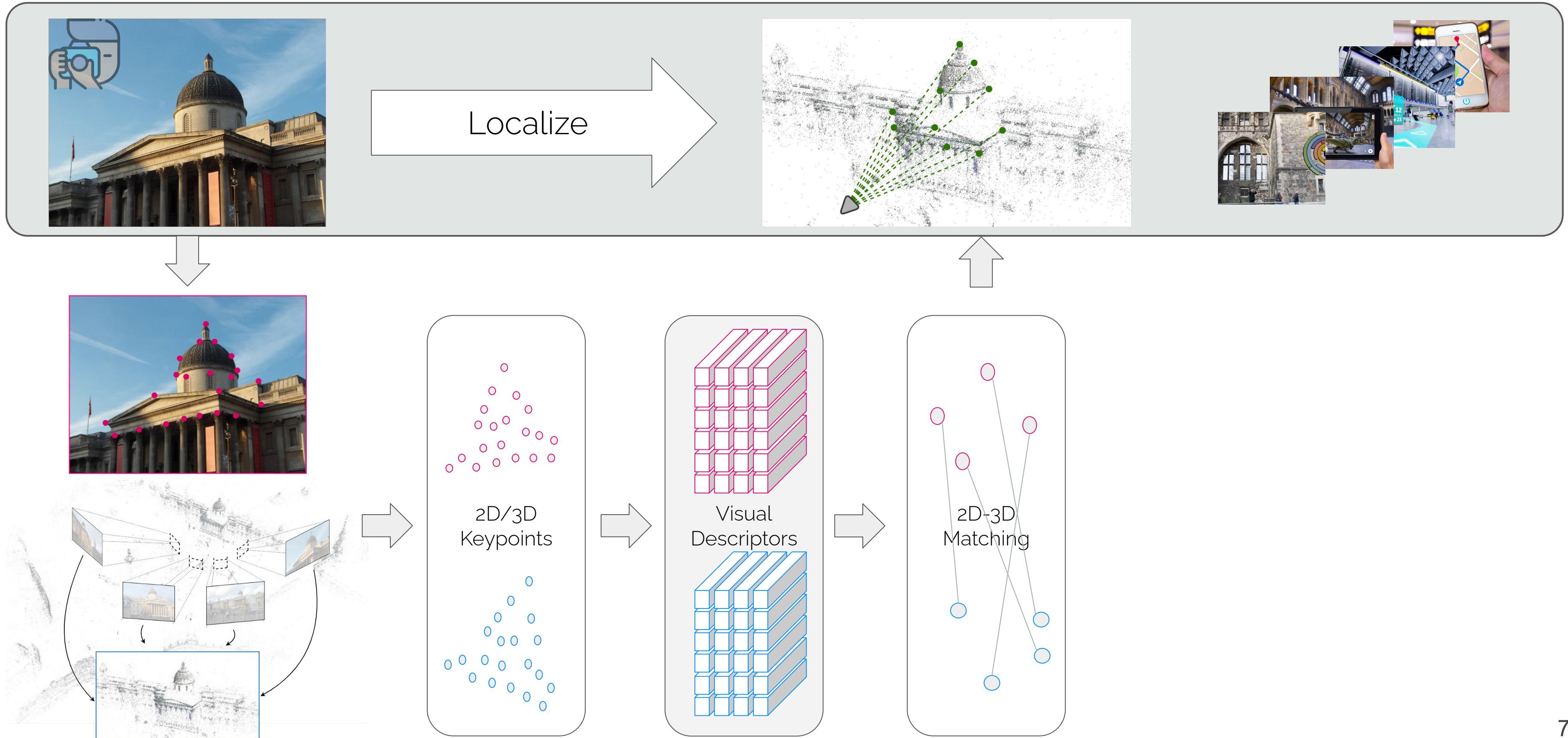
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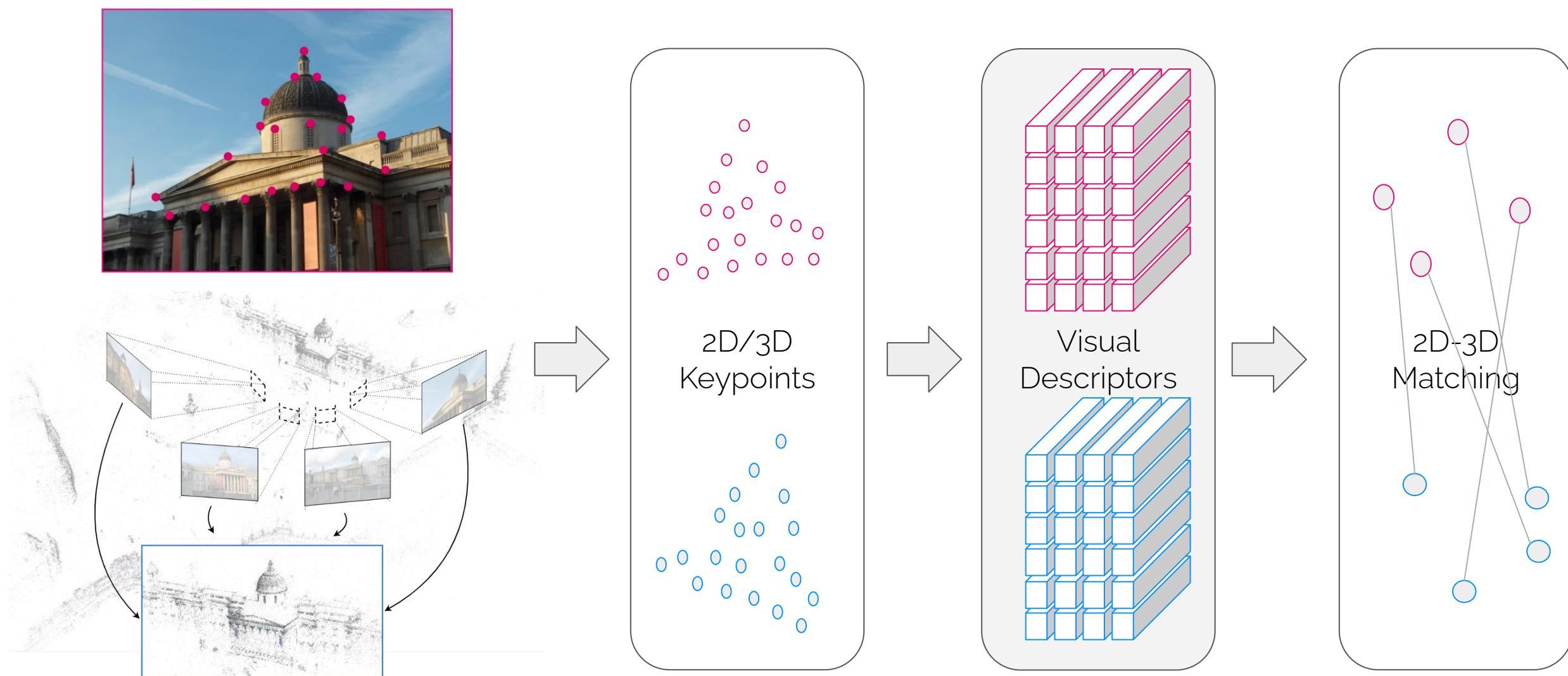
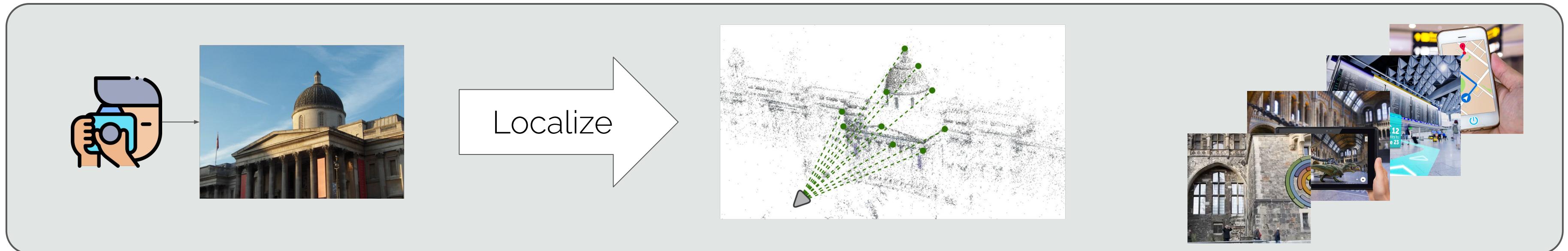
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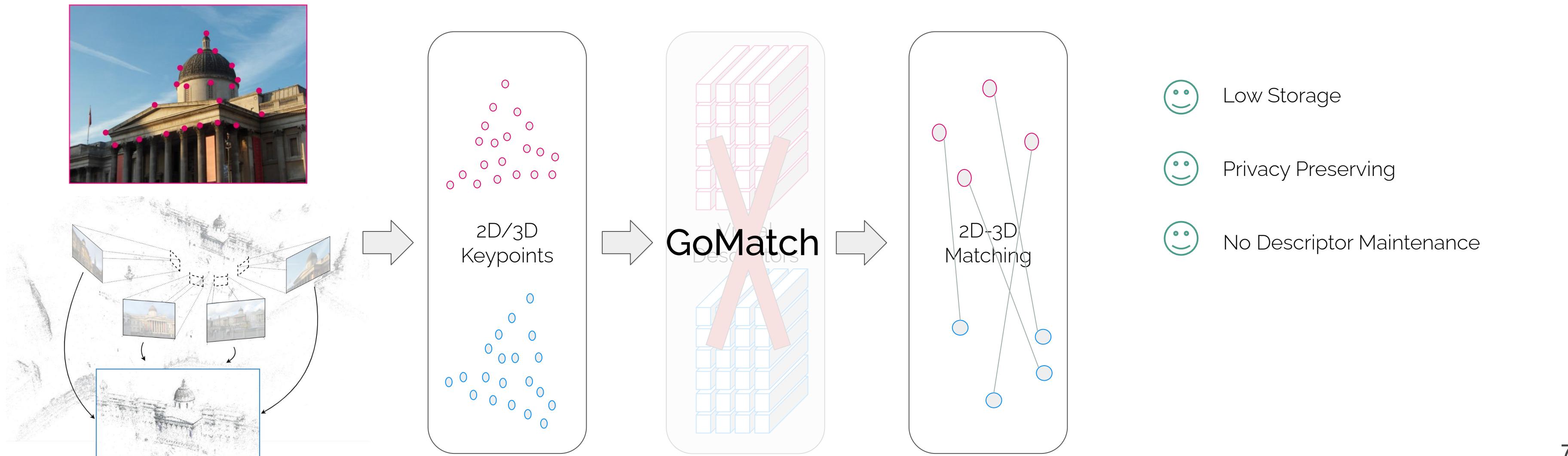
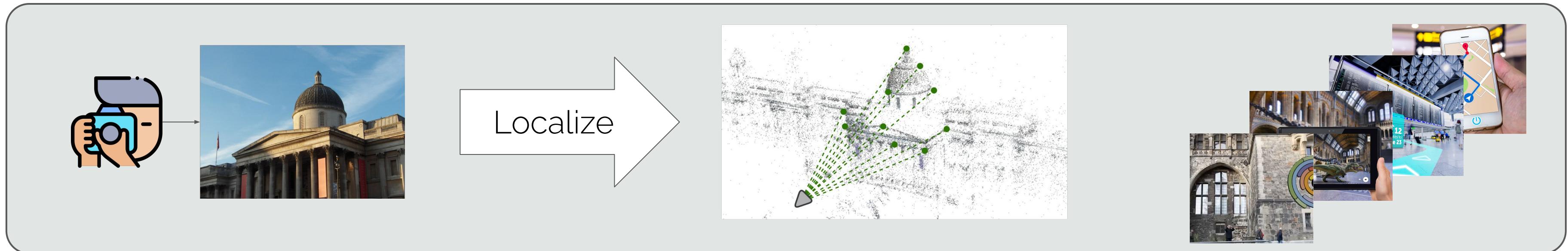
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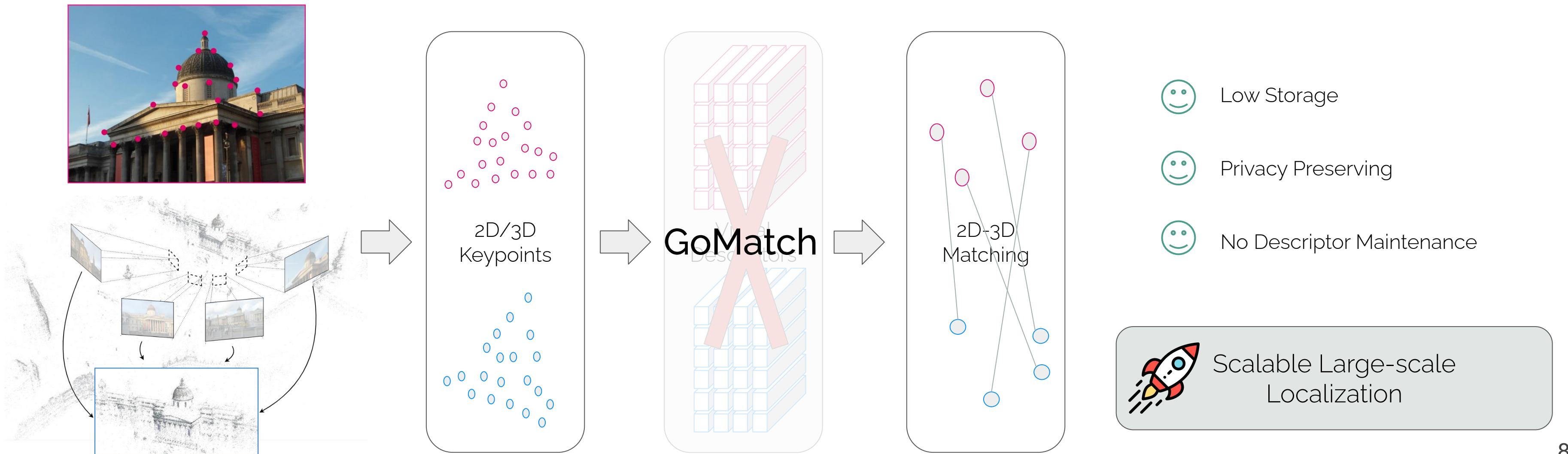
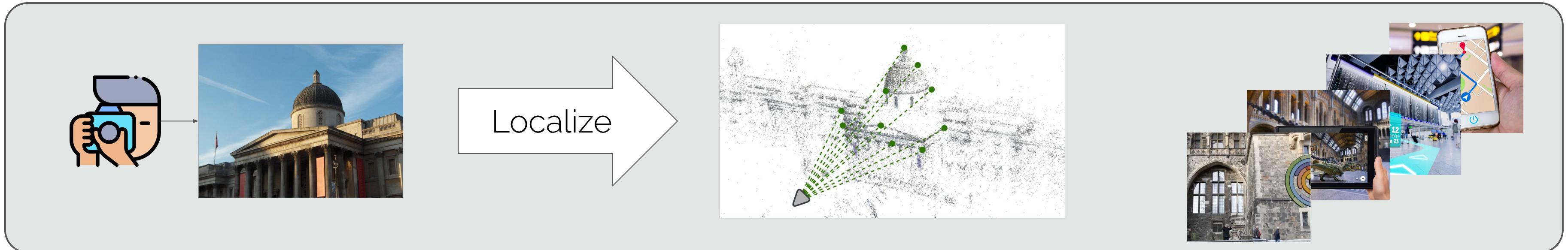
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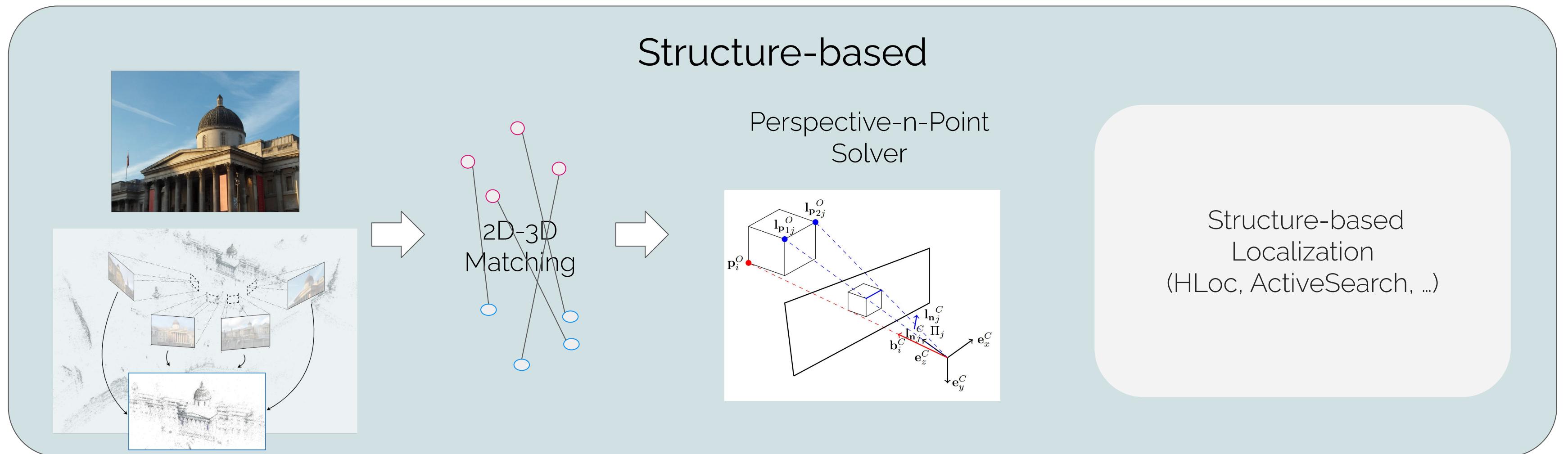
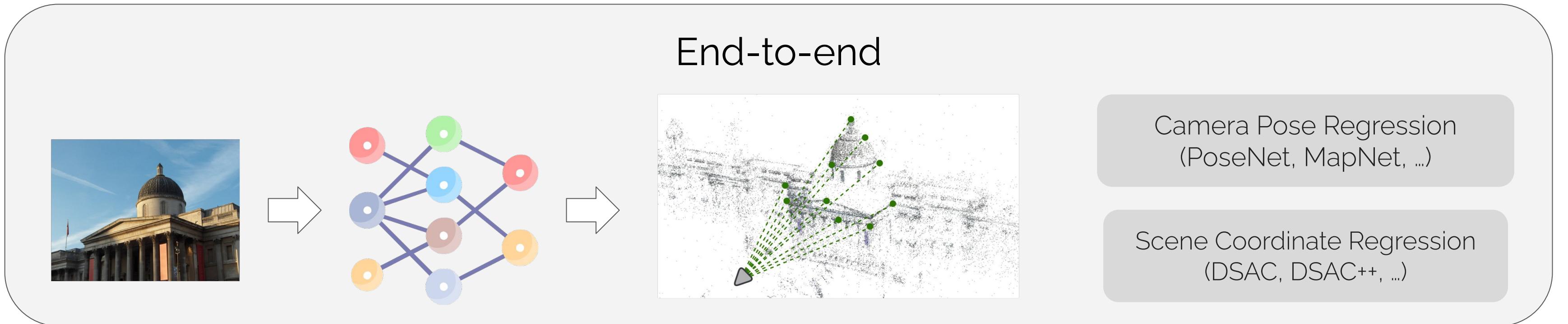
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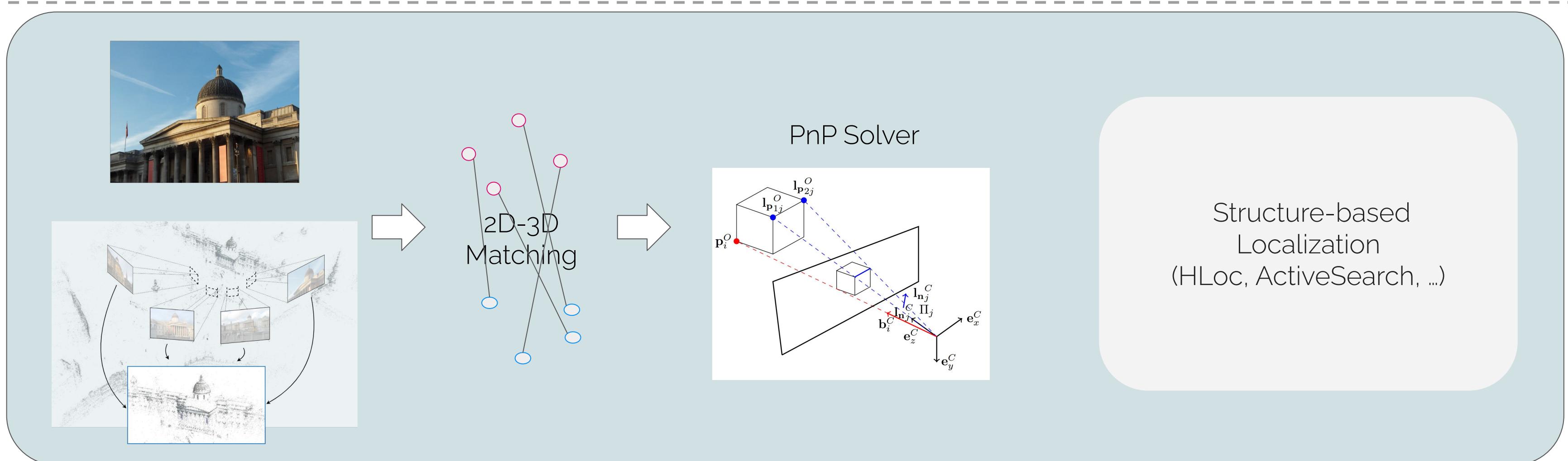
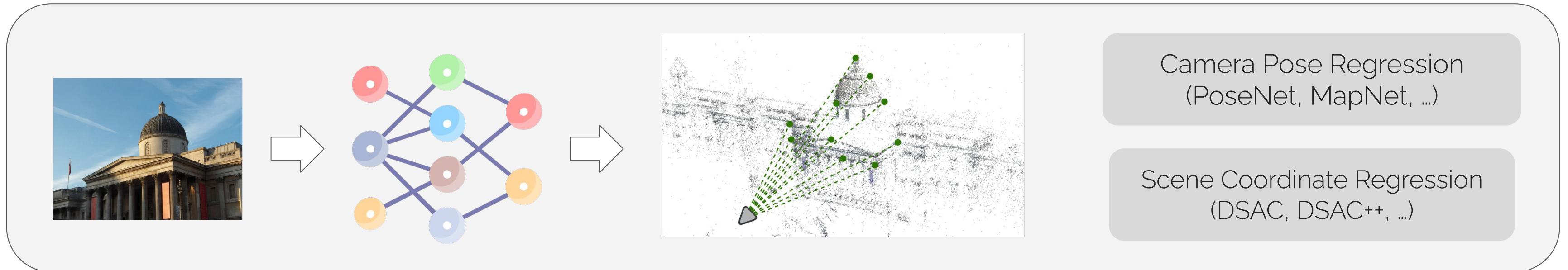
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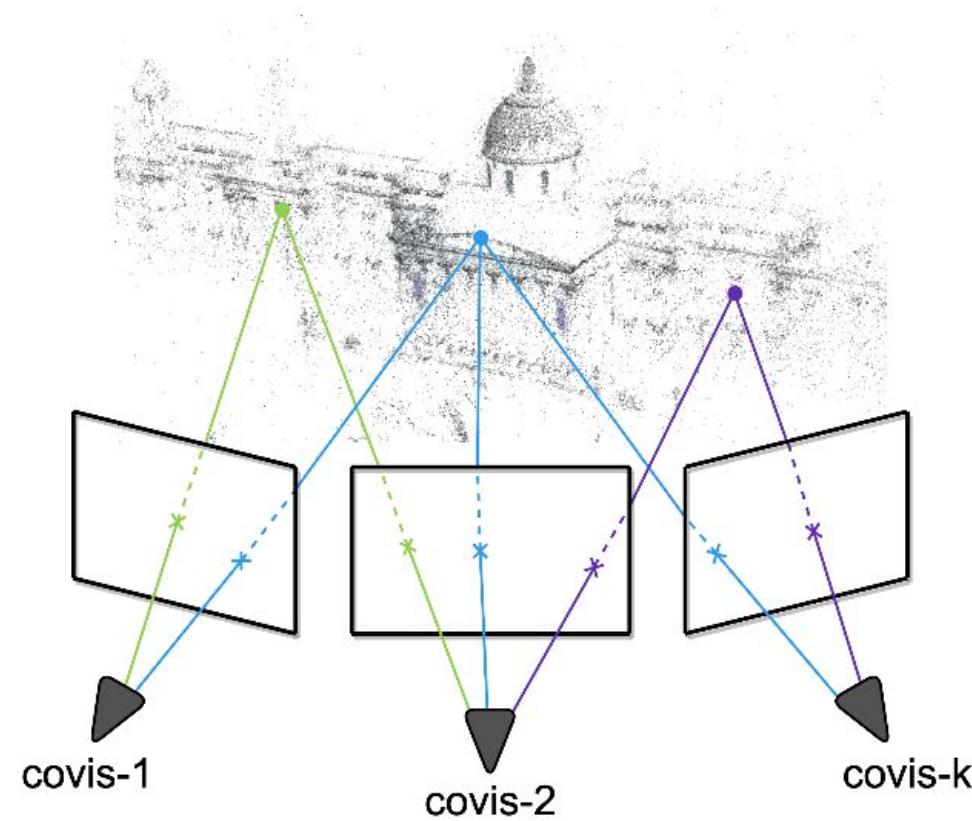
Visual Localization Approaches



GoMatch



Image
Retrieval
→



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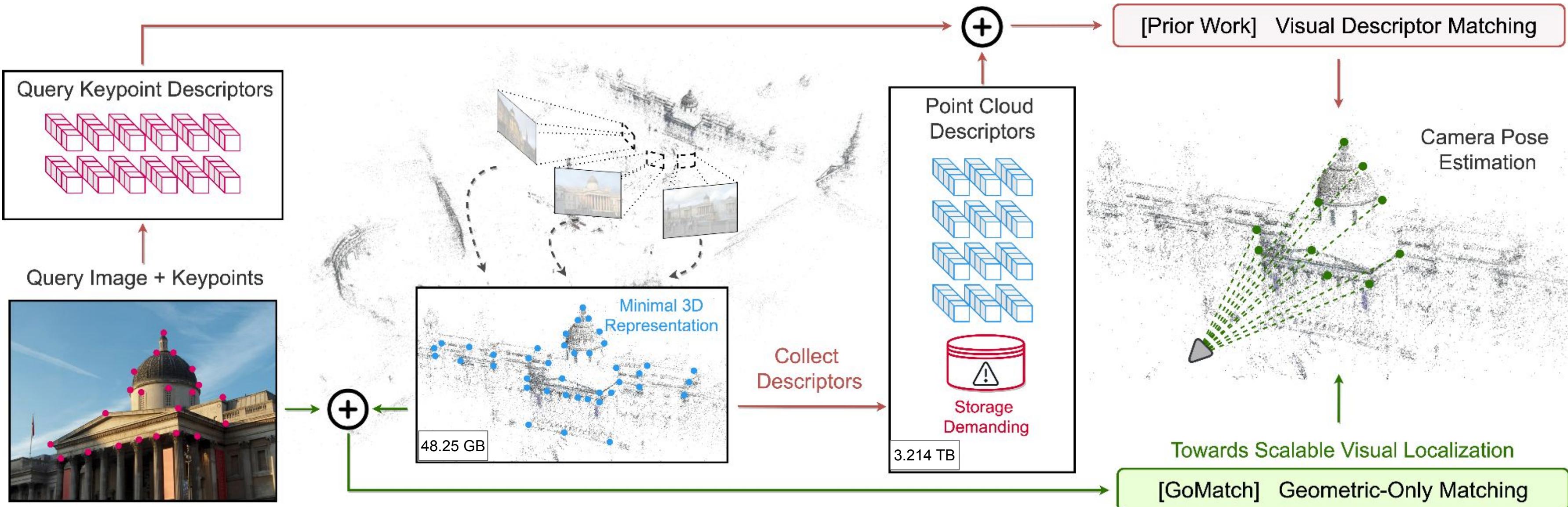
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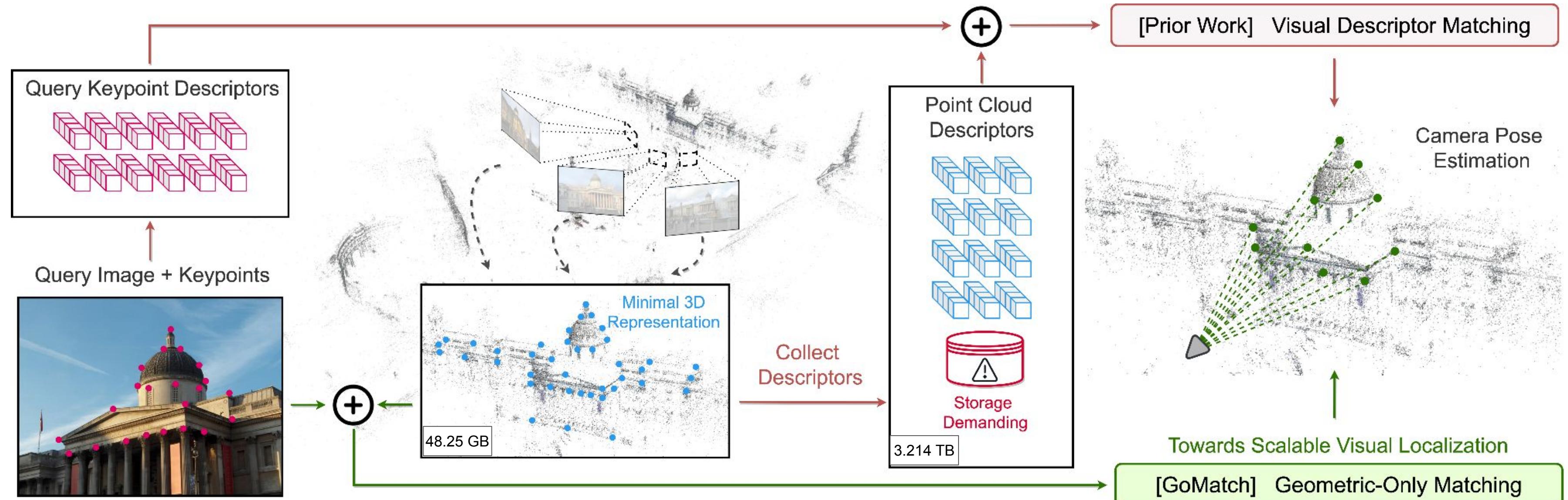
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Significantly Lower Storage Requirements

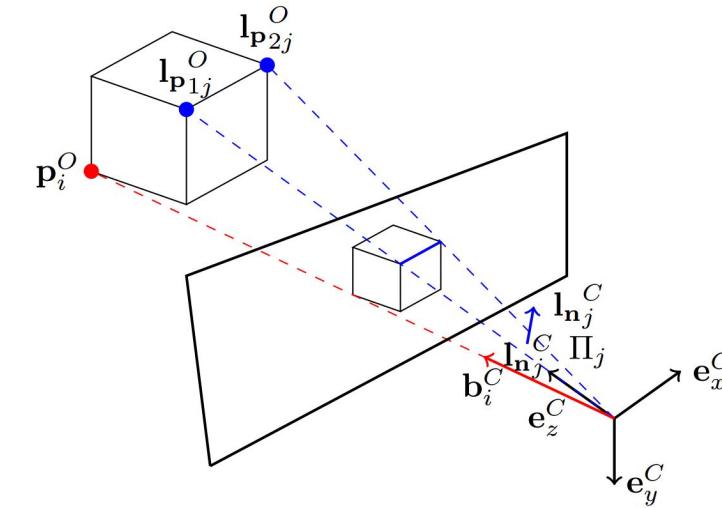
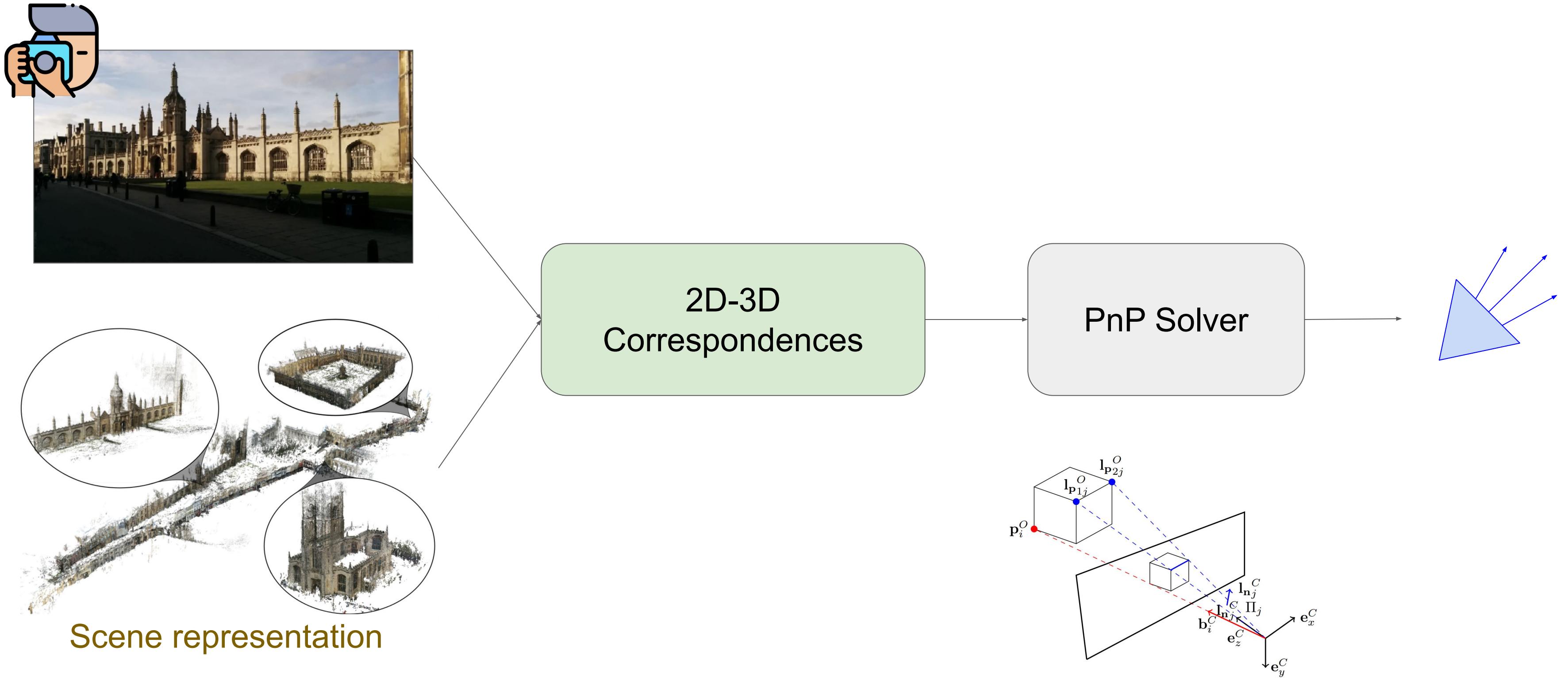


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Classical Structure-based Localization



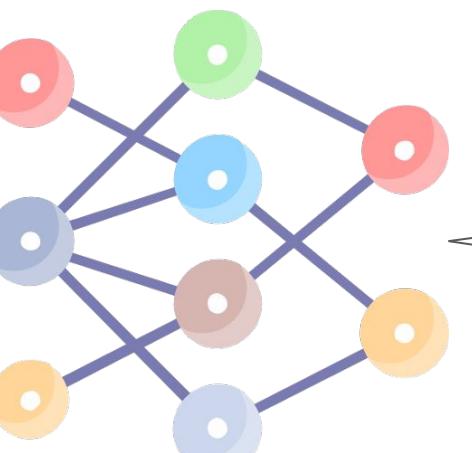
Structure-based Approaches



End-to-end Learned Localization

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Scene
representation



Image Retrieval
(Netvlad, GeM, ...)

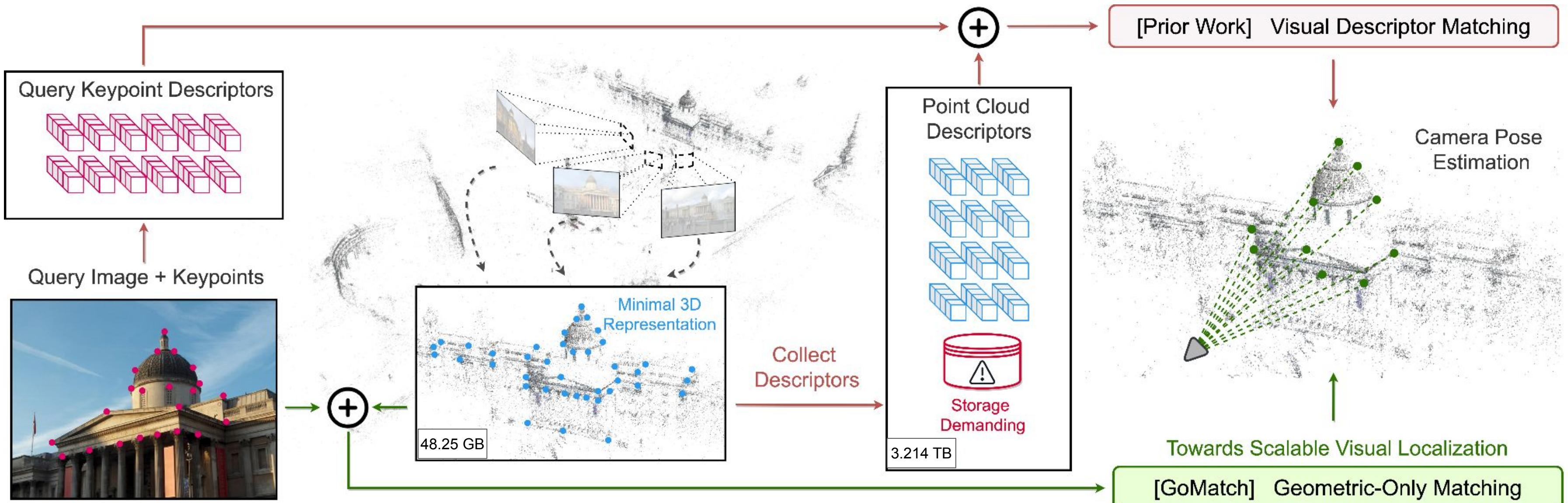


Scene Coordinate Regression
(DSAC, DSAC++, ...)

Camera Pose Regression
(PoseNet, MapNet, ...)

Relative Pose Estimation
(EssNet, CamNet, ...)

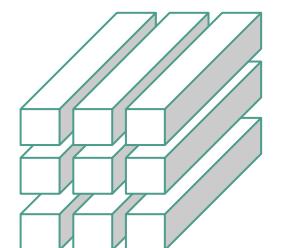
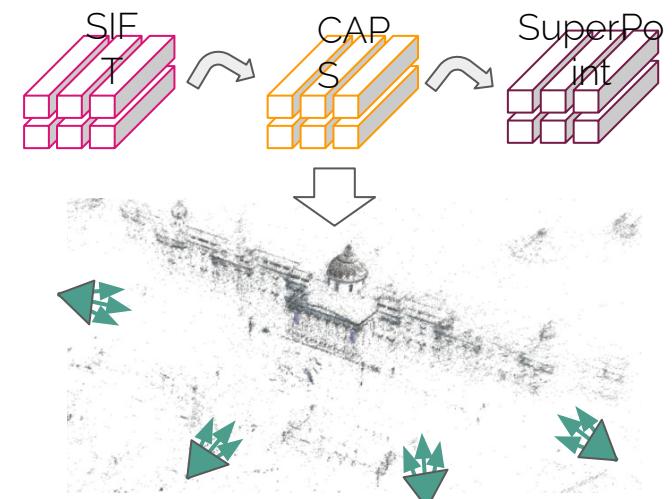
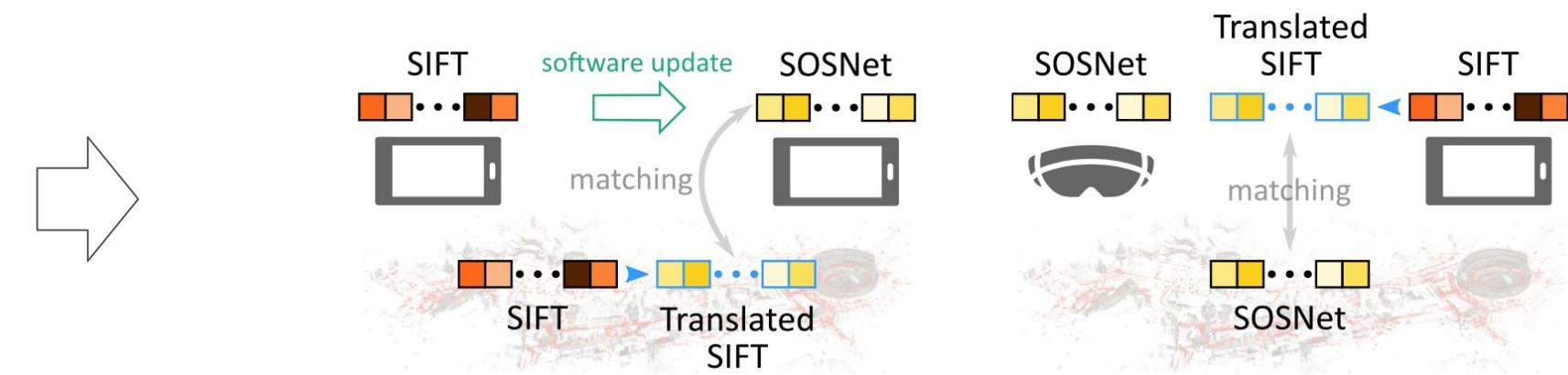
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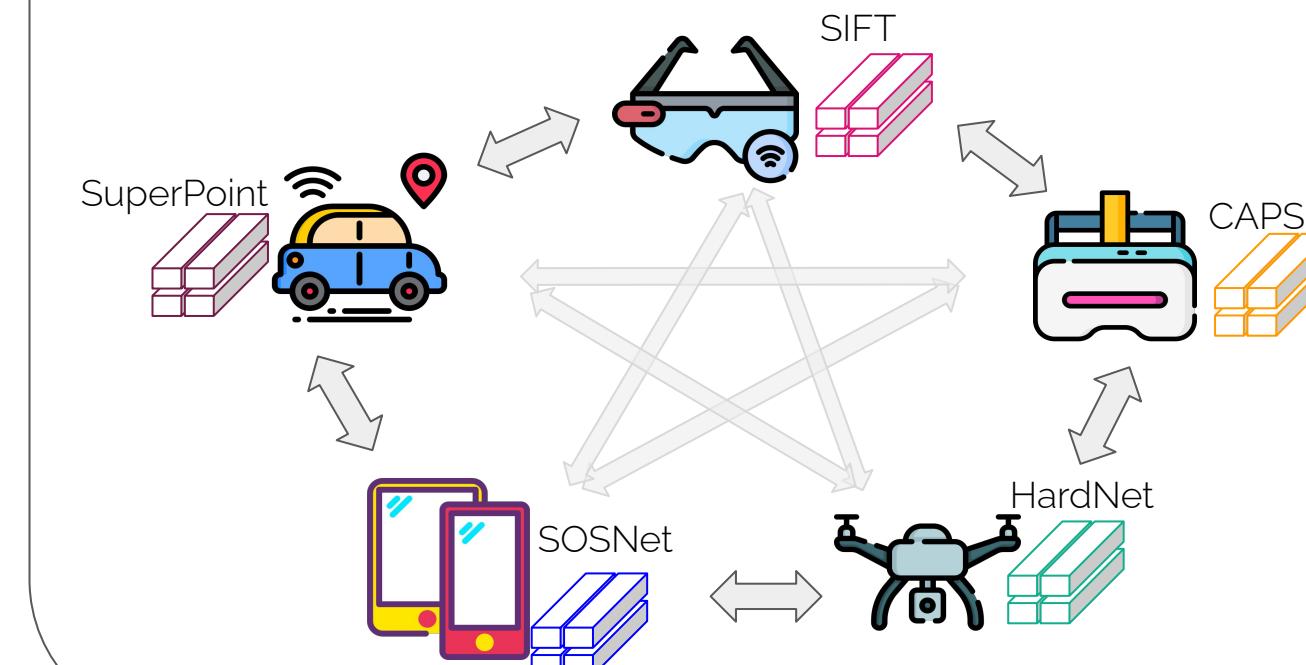
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Maintenance
Complexity

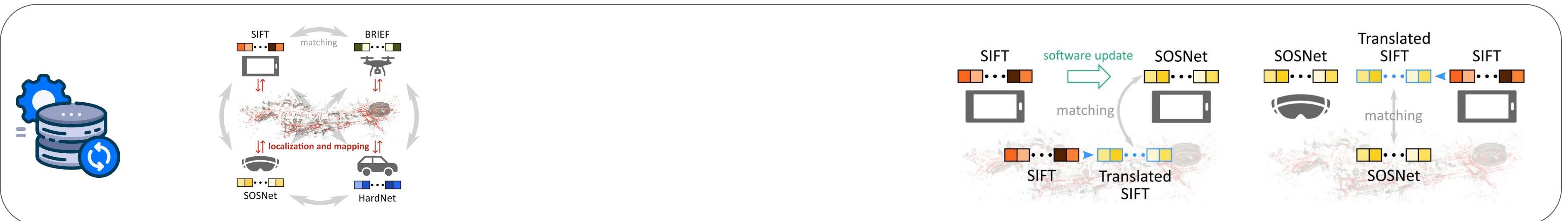
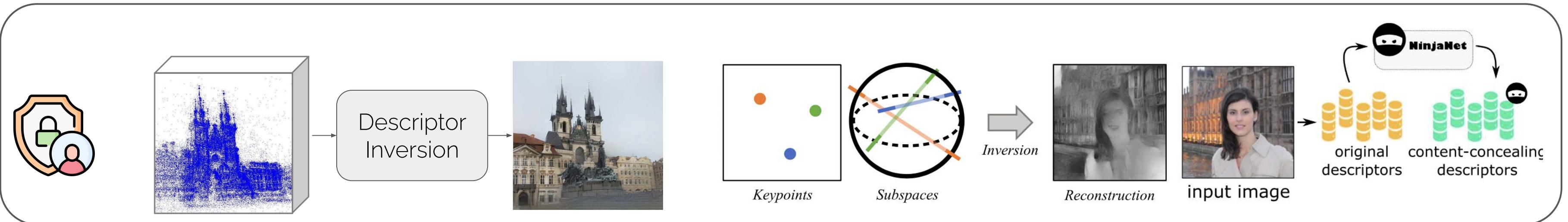
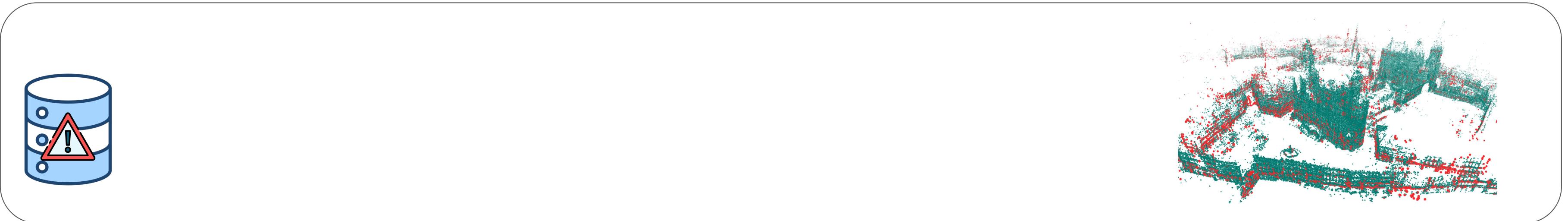


Cross-device Matching and Localization [1]

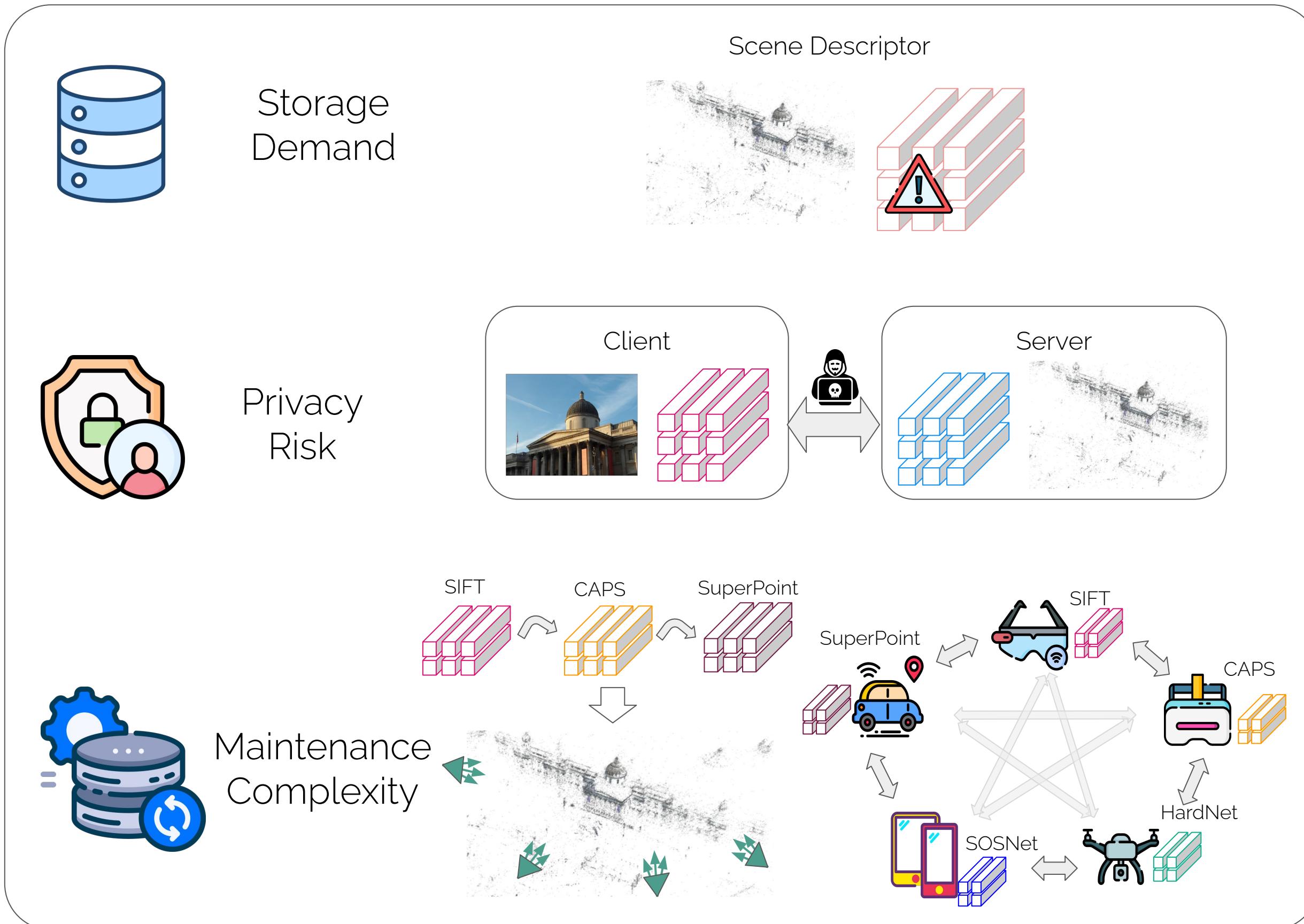


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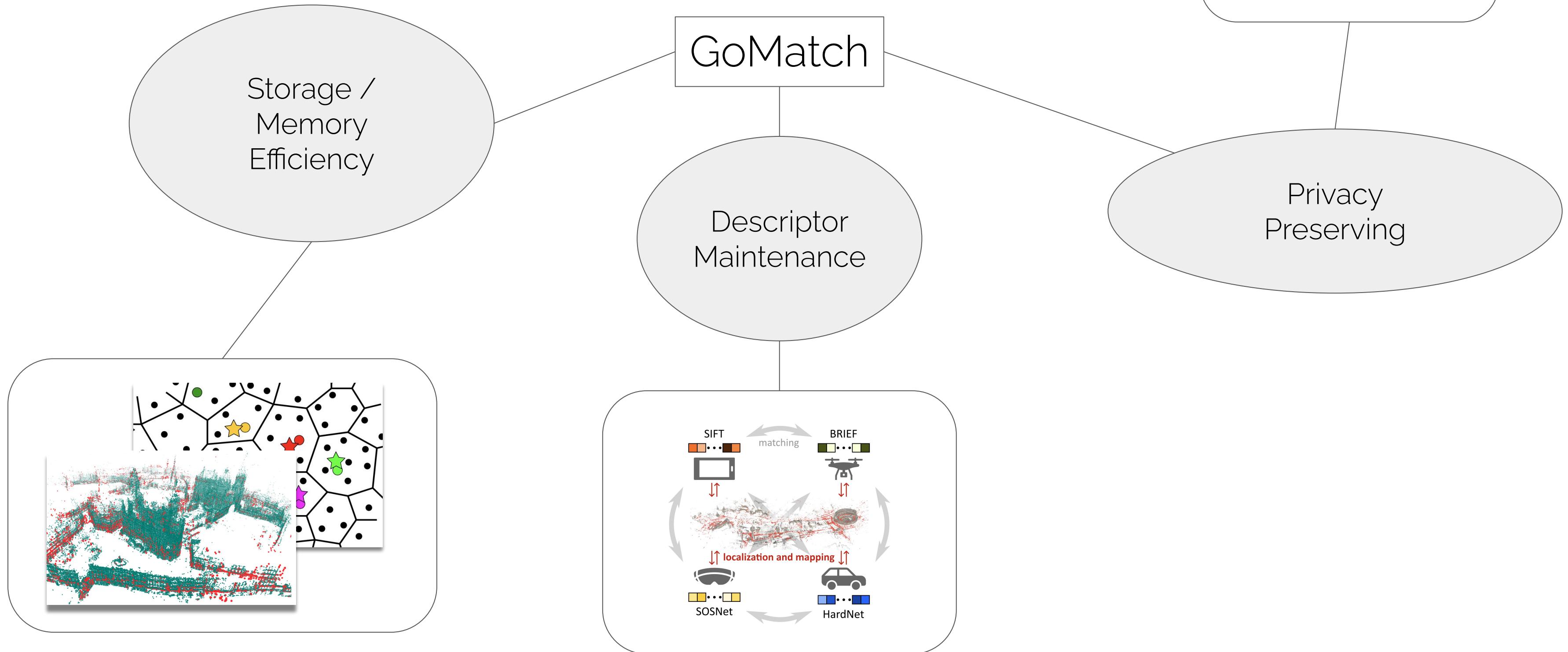
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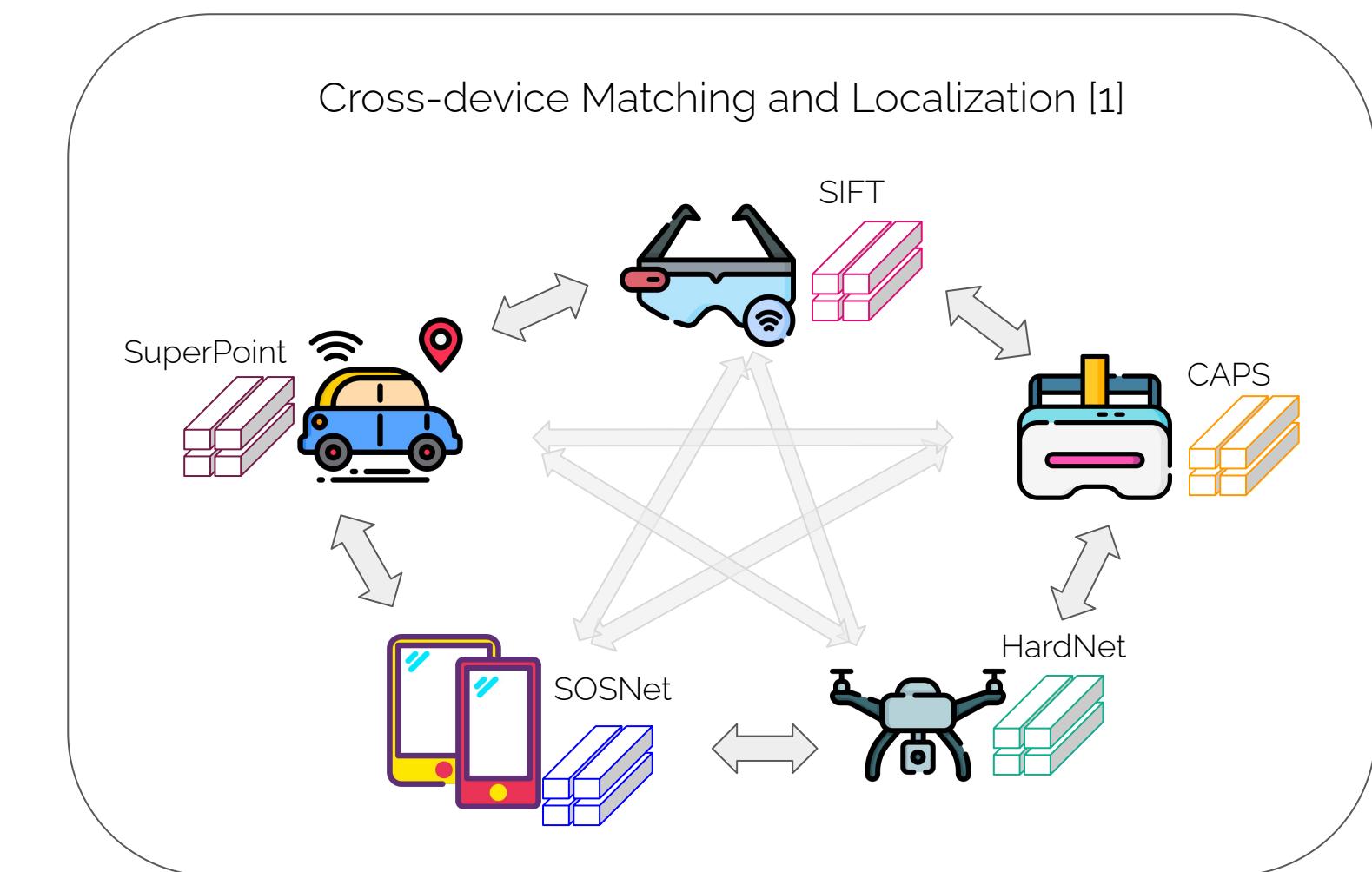
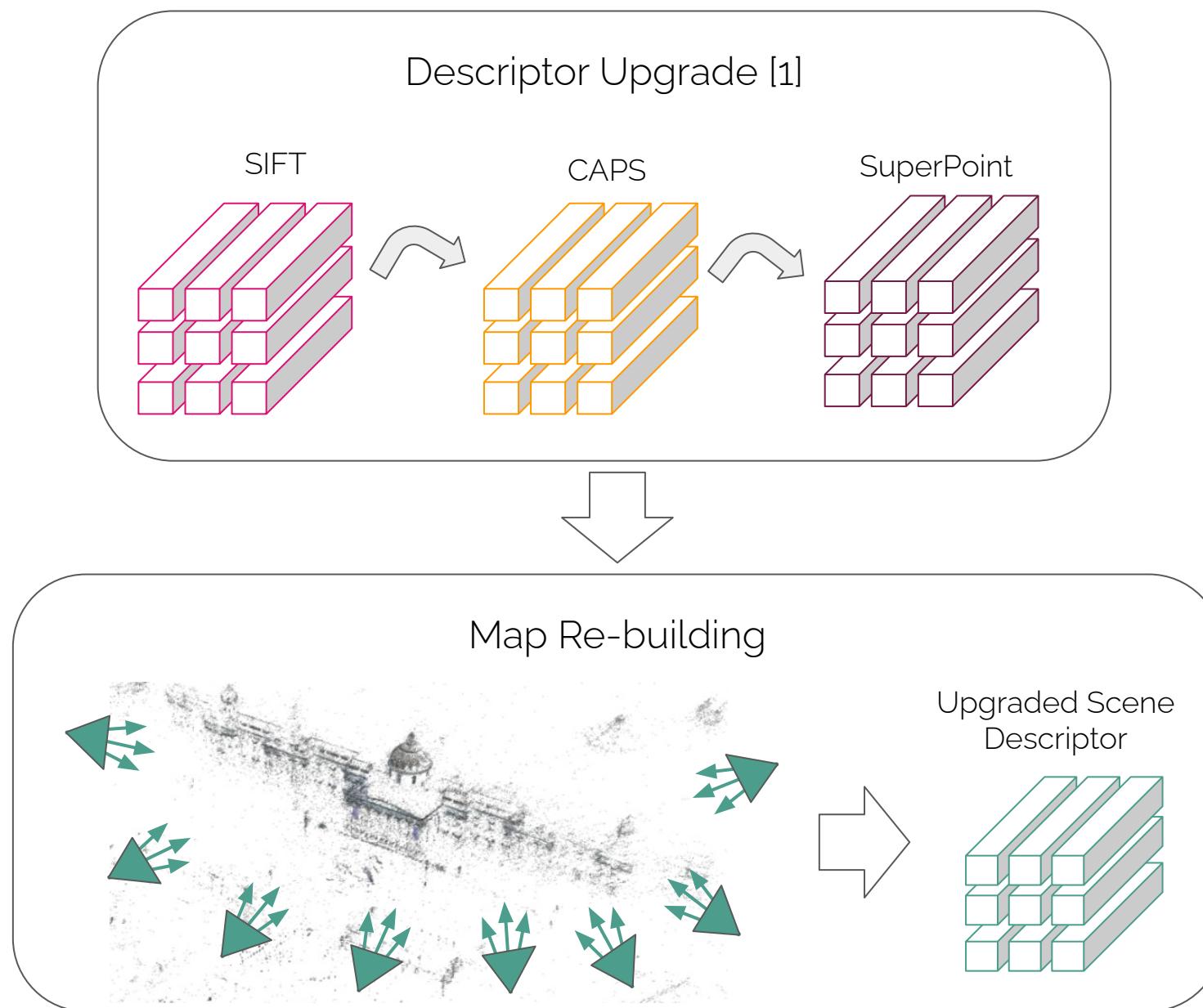
Existing Solutions



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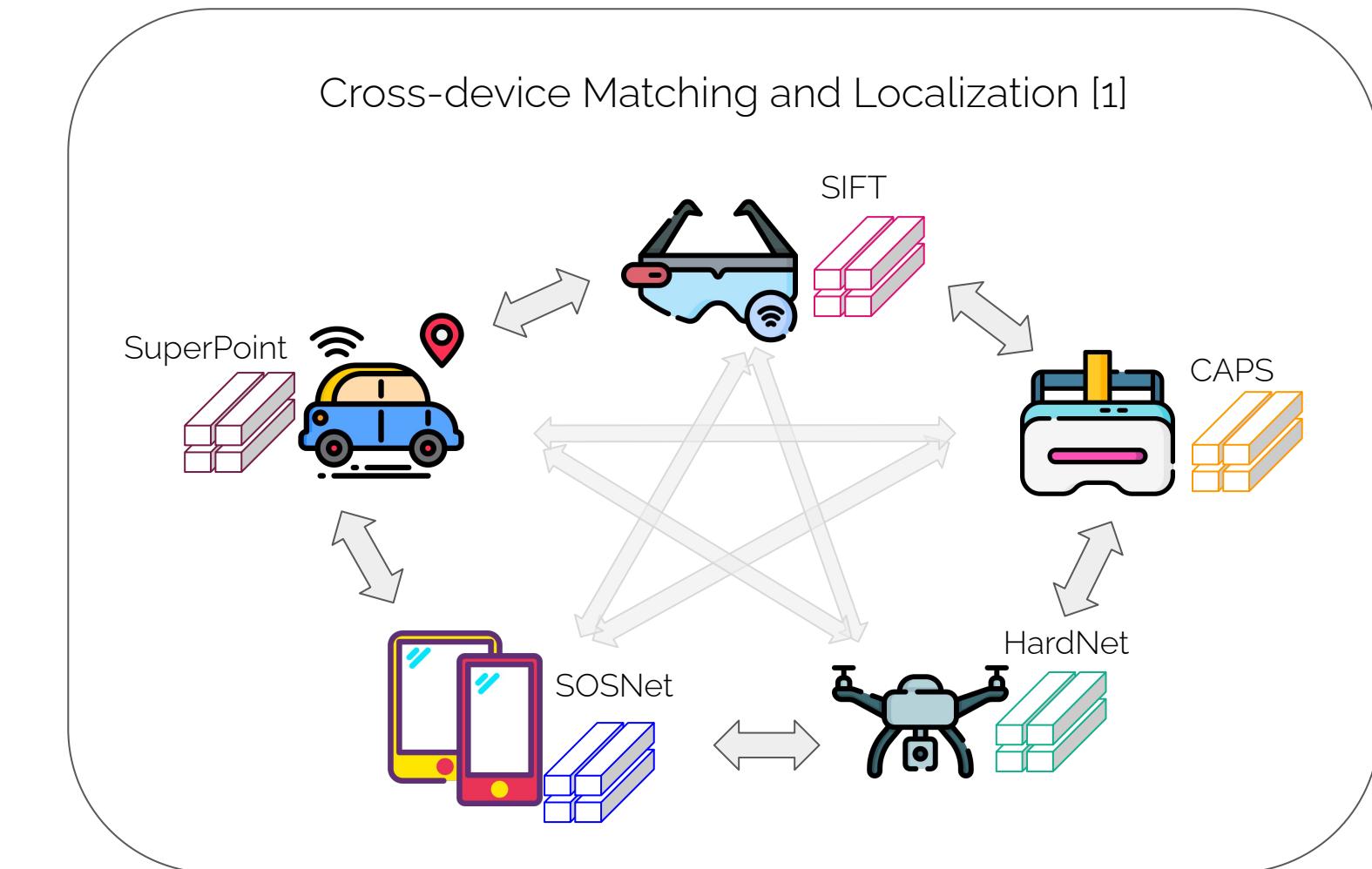
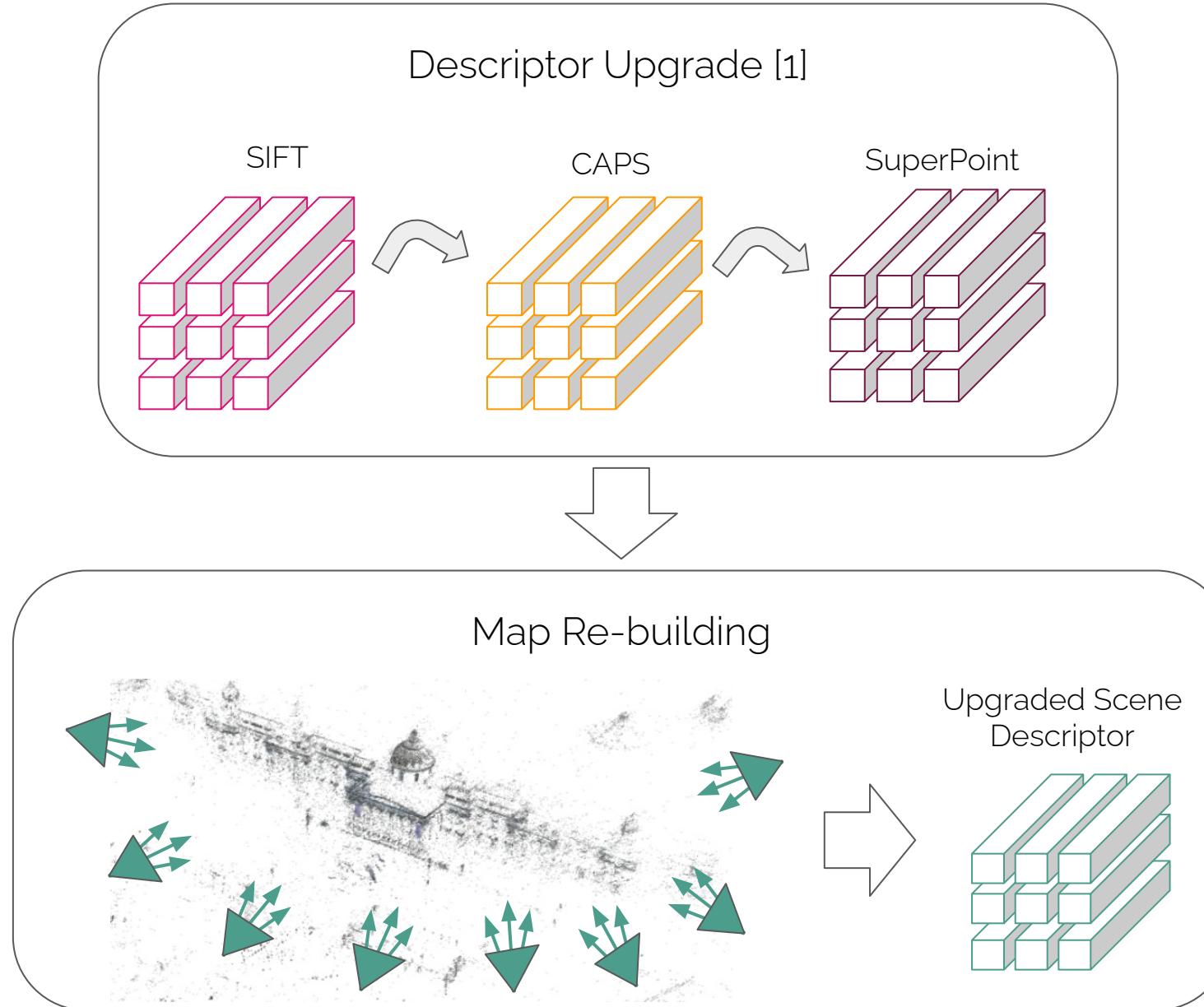
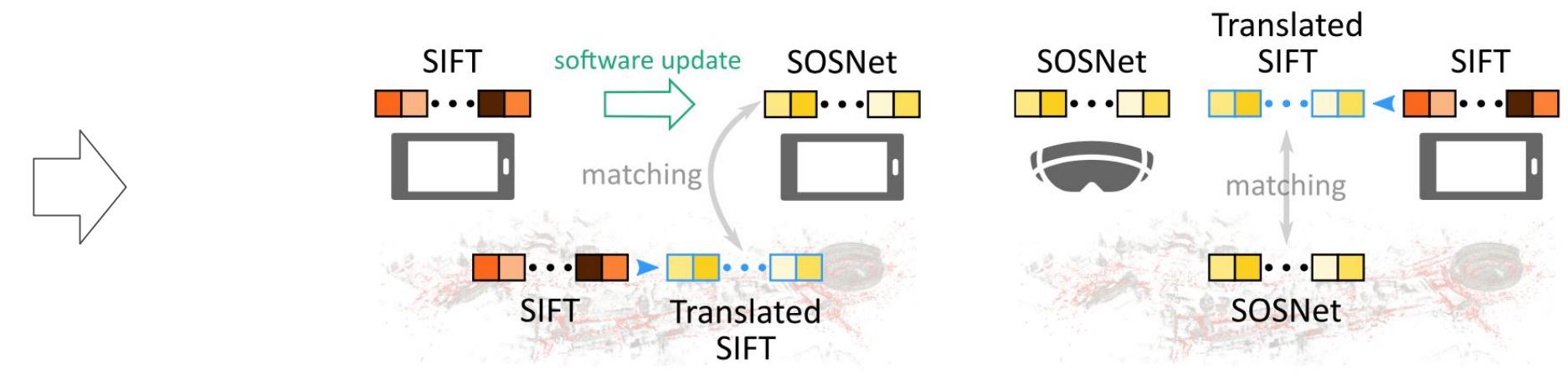


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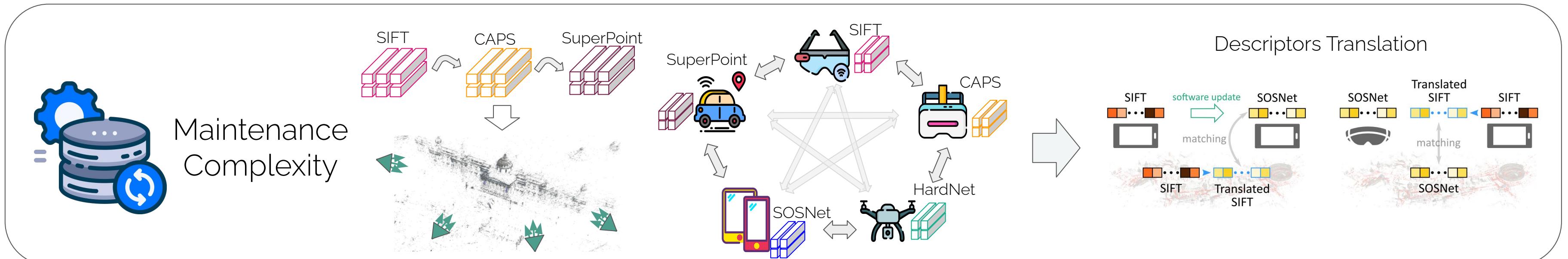
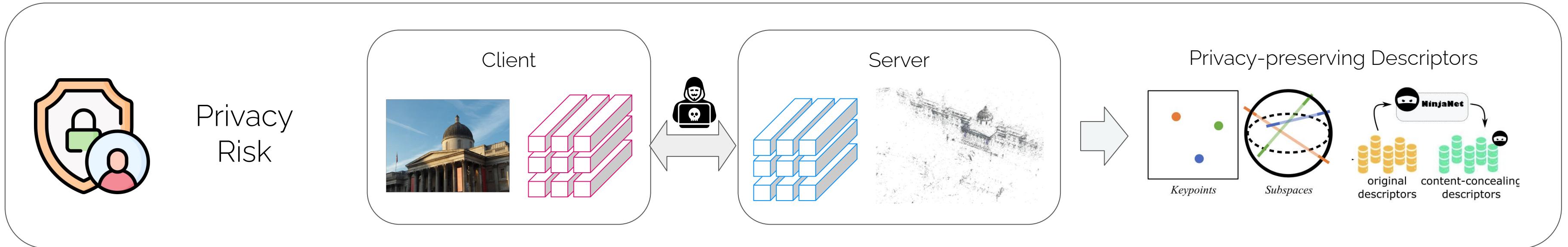
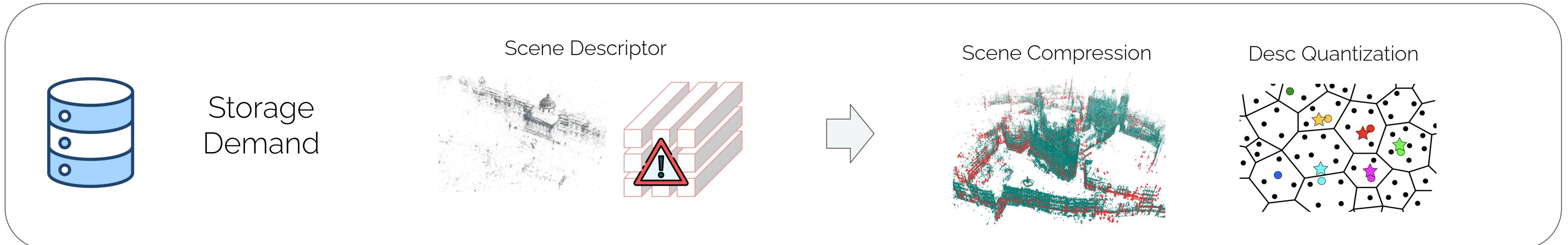


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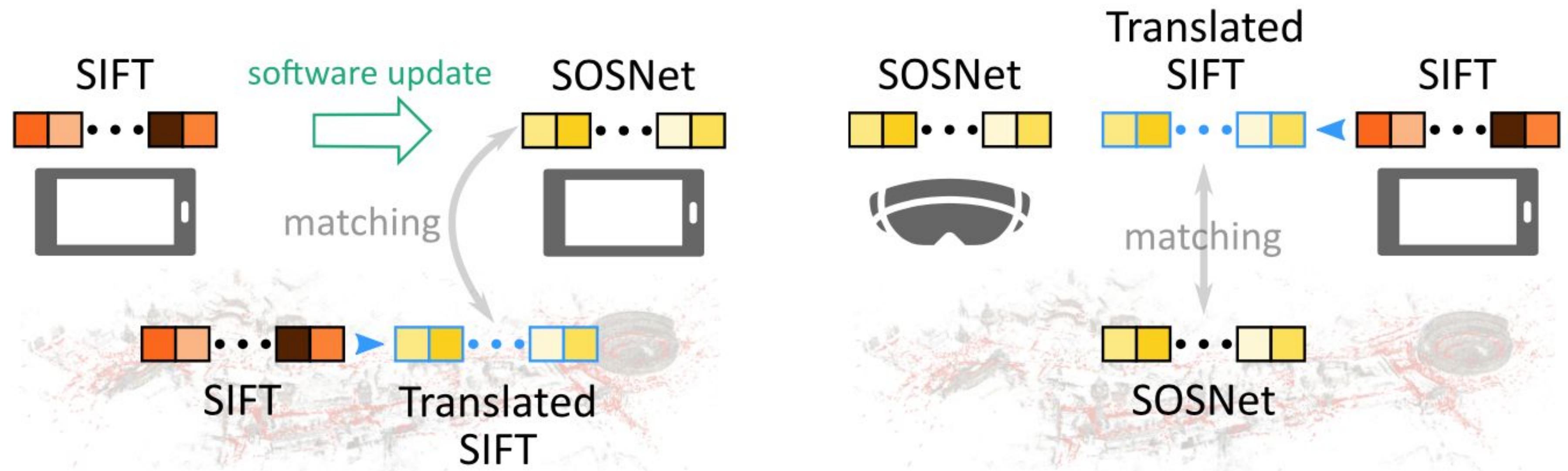


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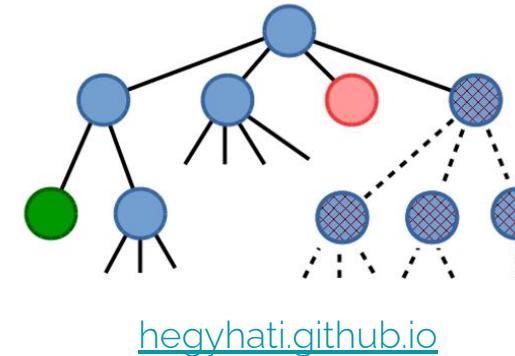
Maintenance Effort



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Descriptor Maintenance

Geometric-based matching and pose estimation



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SoftPOSIT [1]

- Alternate step: softassign + POSIT
- Requires initialization
- Struggles with clutter, occlusions, repetitive patterns.
- Efficient

GOPAC [3]

- Globally optimal solution using Branch-and-Bound
- Prohibitive runtime requirements
- Cannot scale to large problems

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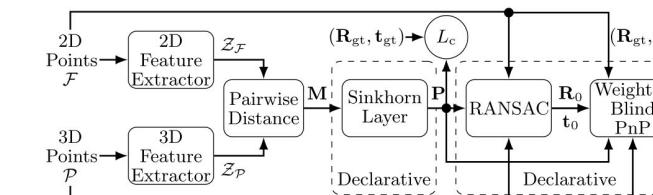
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[4] Campbell, Dylan, et al. "Solving the blind perspective-n-point problem end-to-end with robust differentiable geometric optimization." ECCV 2020.

Bind PnP [2]

- Kalman-Filter to maintain correspondence hypotheses.
- Requires initialization of GMM pose priors
- Better handling of occlusion, clutter and repetitive patterns



BPnPNet [4]

- Learning-based geometric matching network
- Declarative layers to backpropagate through Sinkhorn, ANSAC and the PnP solver.
- Performance substantially degraded in the presence of outliers.

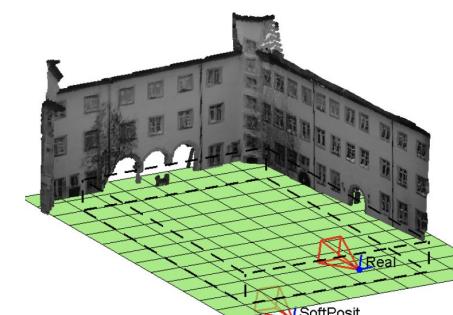
Geometric-based matching and pose estimation

SoftPOSIT [1]

- Iterative softassign
- POSIT
- Requires initialization

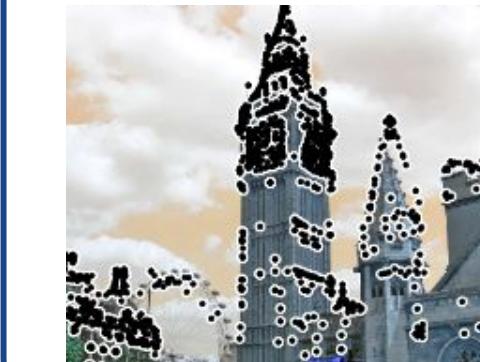
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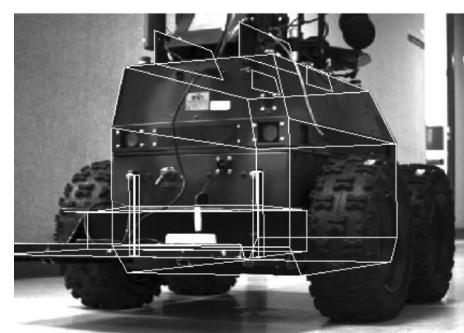
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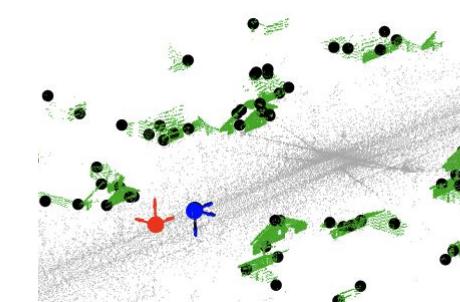
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Geometric-based matching



Existing work

With 2D–3D correspondences:

- Perspective-n-Point (PnP)
 - Gao *et al.* 2003; Lepetit *et al.* 2009
 - + RANSAC [Fischler & Bolles 1981]
 - + global optimisation [Li 2009]
 - + neural network [Dang *et al.* 2018]
- Sparse feature pipelines
 - Svärm *et al.* 2016; Sattler *et al.* 2017; Cavallari *et al.* 2017, 2019; Schönberger *et al.* 2018; Taira *et al.* 2018

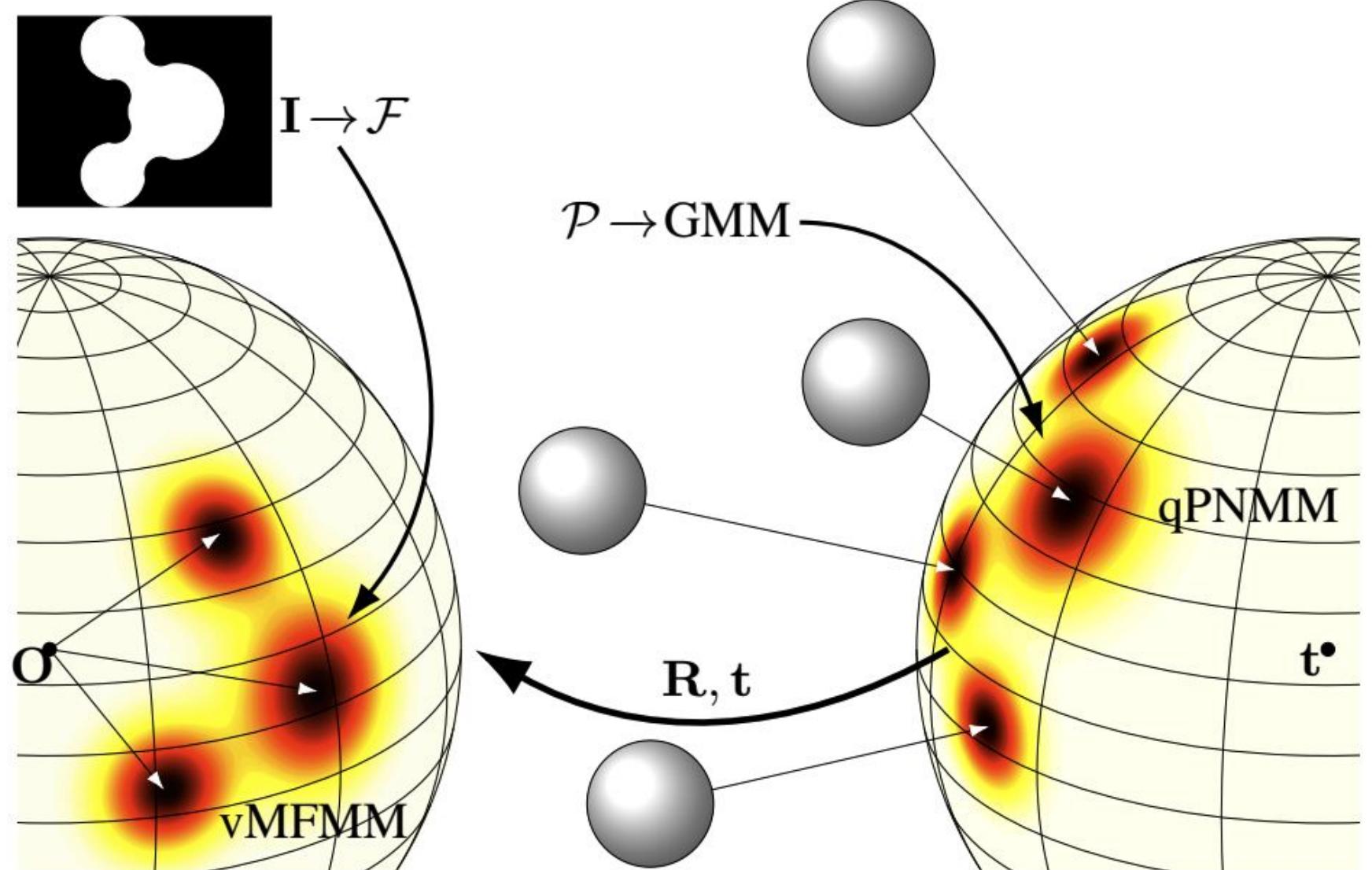
Without 2D–3D correspondences:

- Learning-based camera pose
 - Kendall *et al.* 2015–2017; Cai *et al.* 2018; Brahmbhatt *et al.* 2018; Radwan *et al.* 2018; Walch *et al.* 2017; Brachmann *et al.* 2017, 2018, 2020 (DSAC)
- Optimization-based camera pose
 - **Local:** David *et al.* 2004 (SoftPOSIT); Moreno-Noguer *et al.* 2008 (BlindPnP)
 - **Global:** Grimson 1990; Jurie 1999; Brown *et al.* 2015; Campbell *et al.* 2019

Geometric-Only Methods



Campbell, Dylan, Lars Petersson, Laurent Kneip, Hongdong Li, and Stephen Gould. The alignment of the spheres: Globally-optimal spherical mixture alignment for camera pose estimation. CVPR 2019.

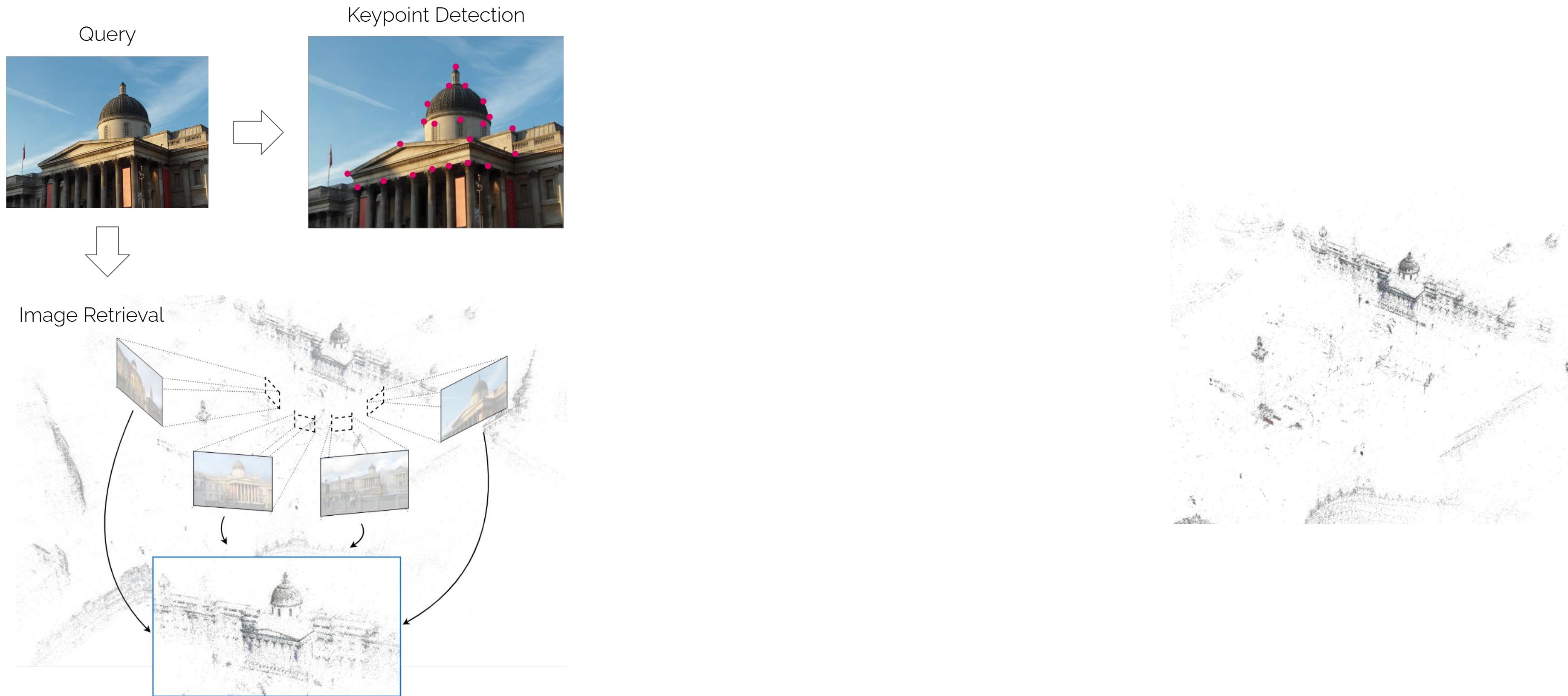


Classical Structure-based Localization

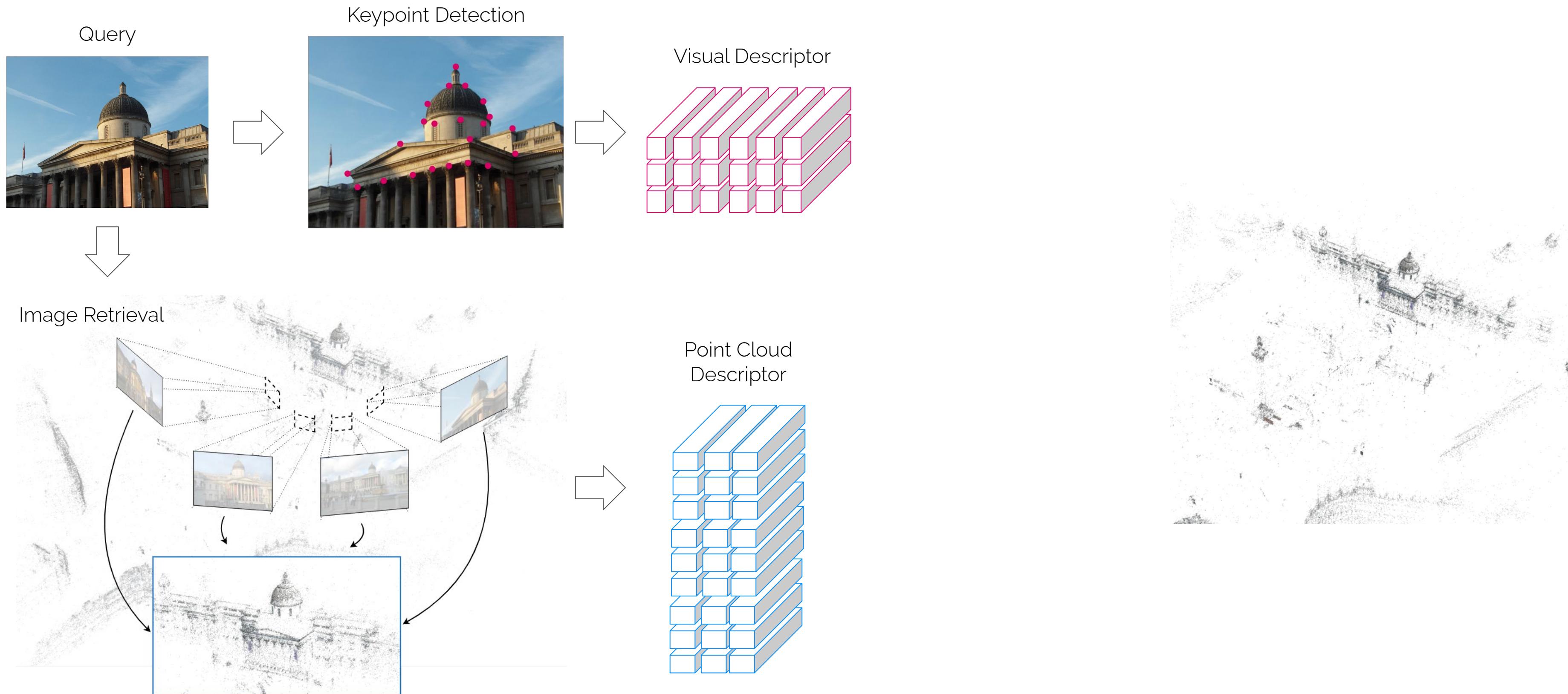
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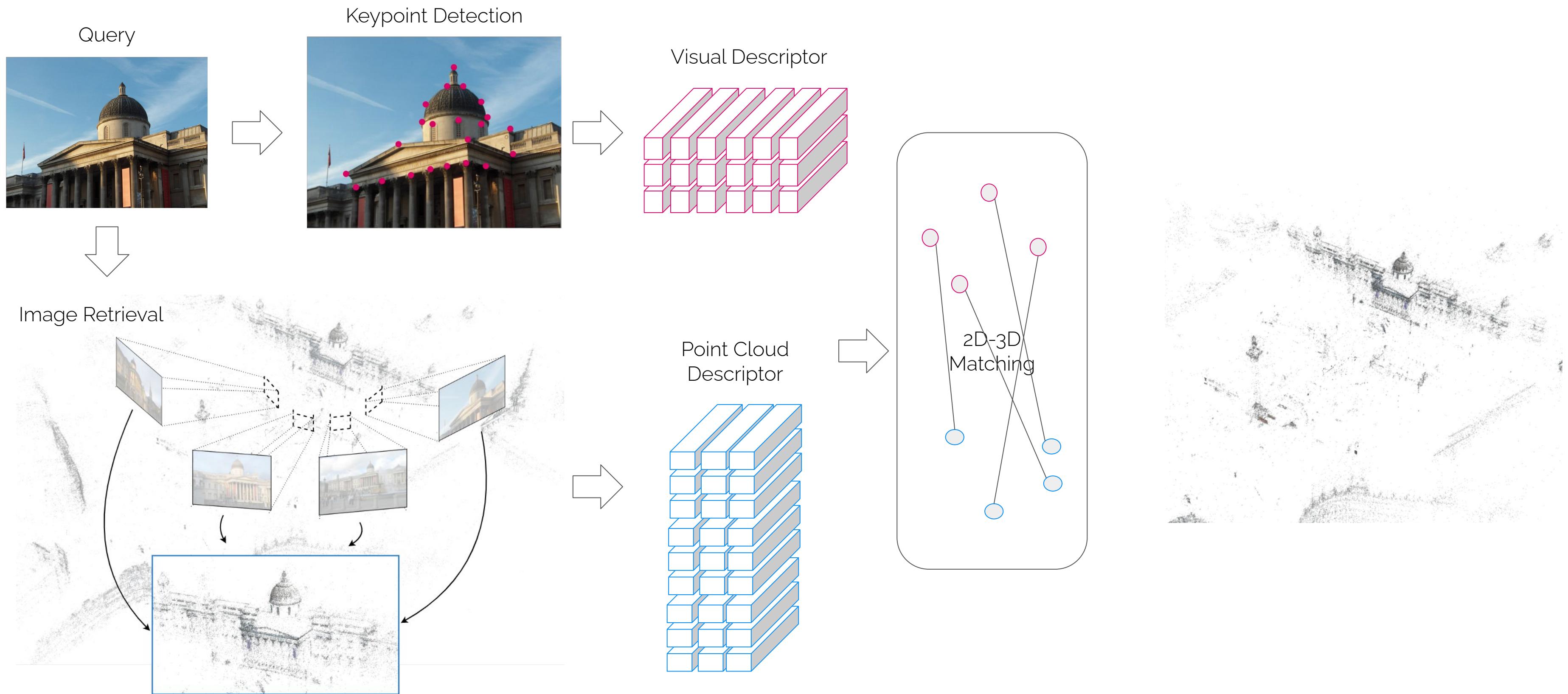
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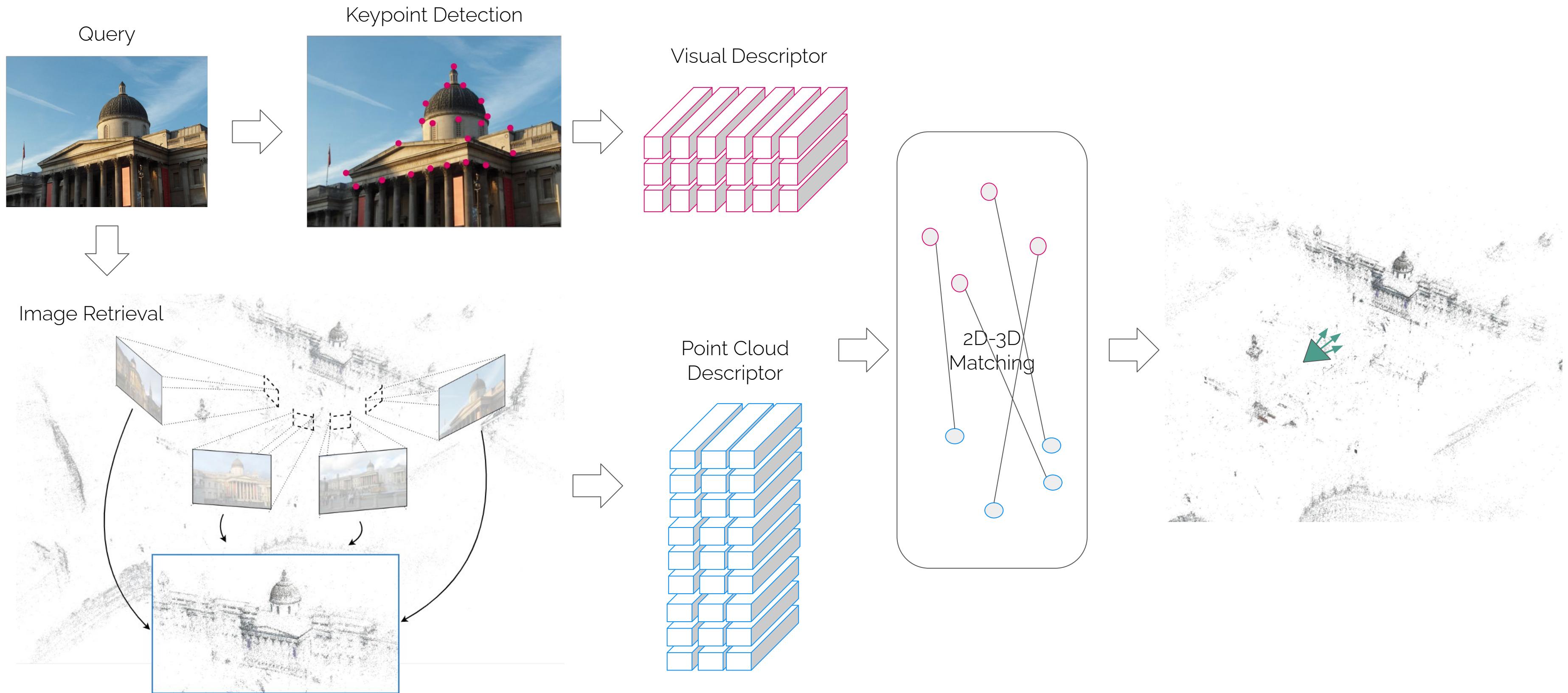
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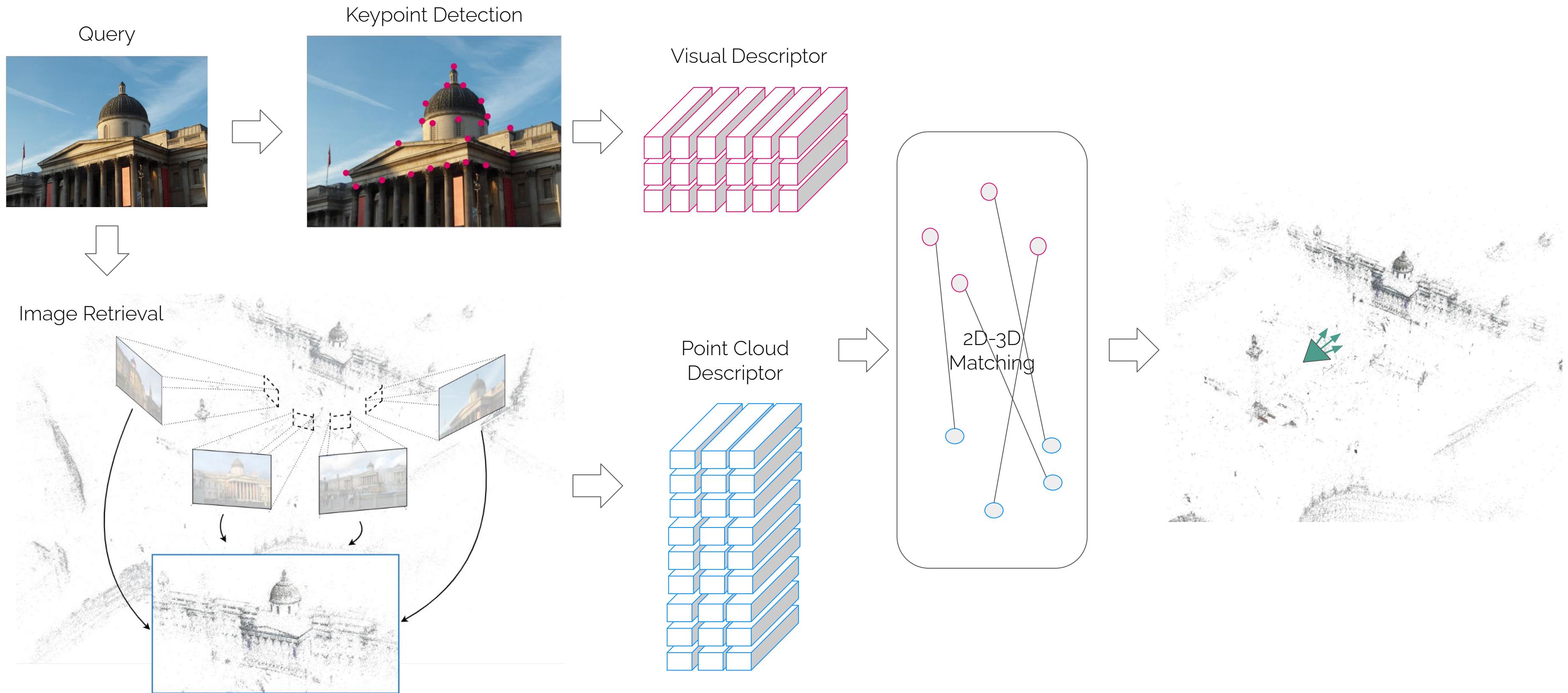
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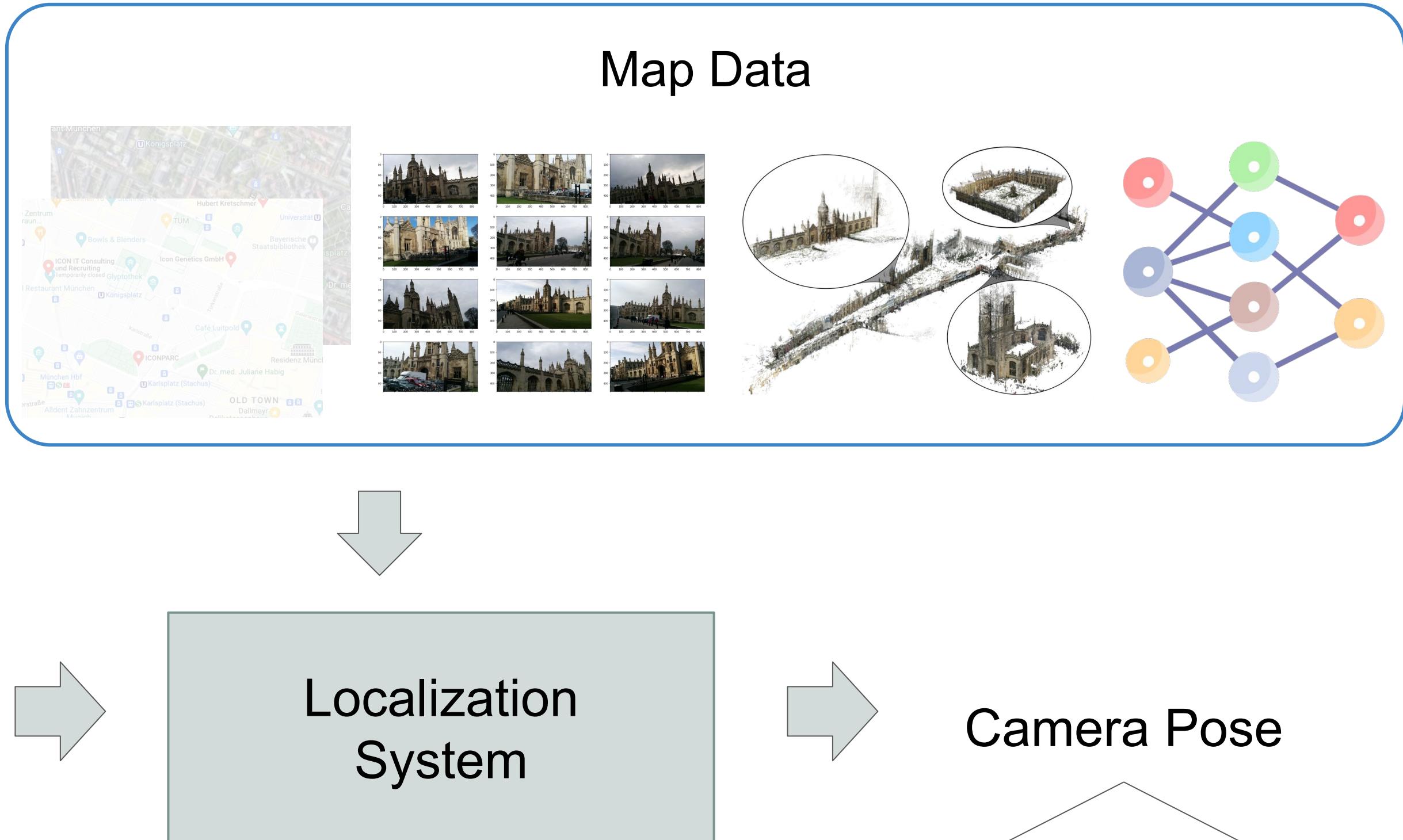
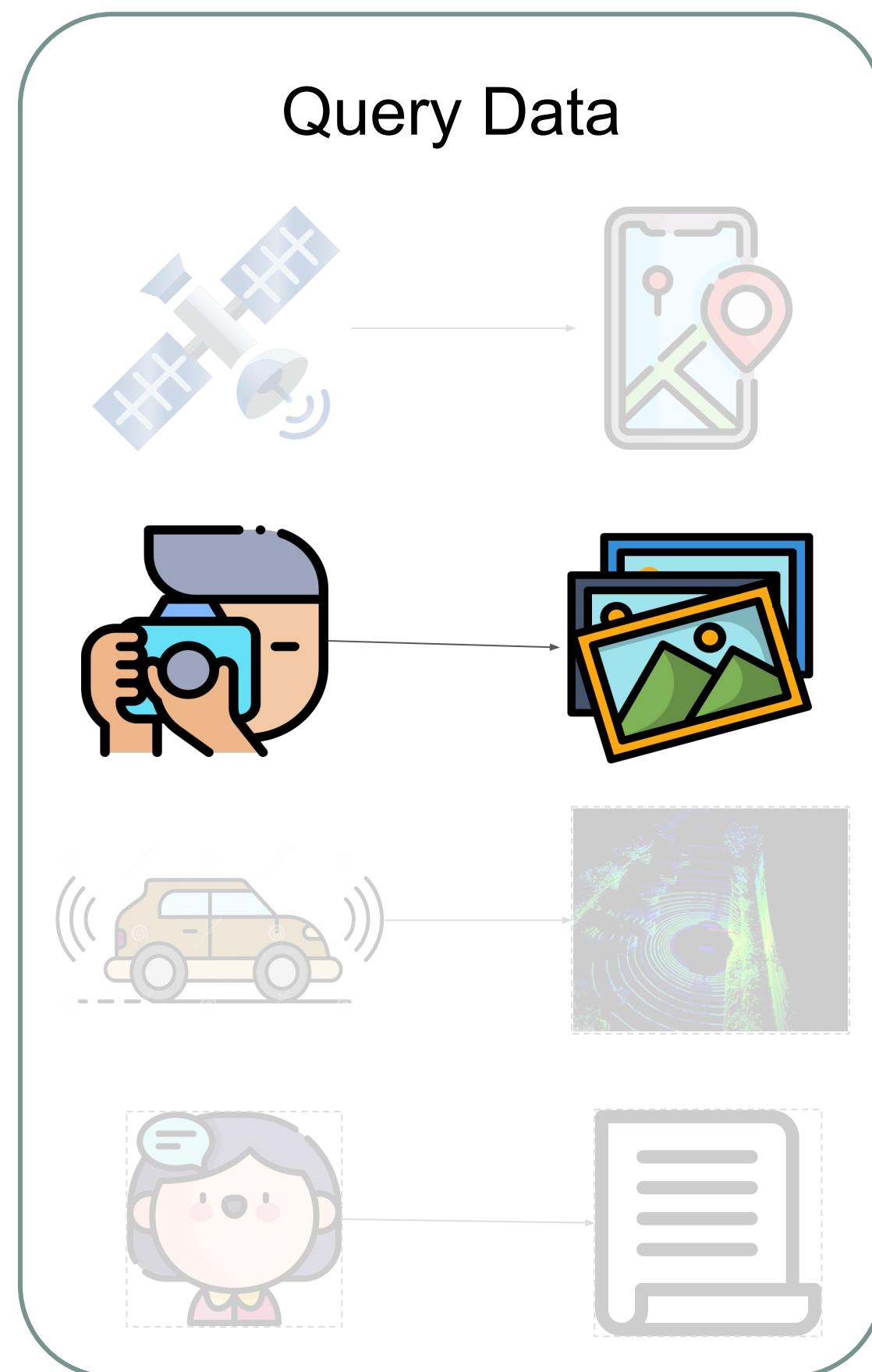
Classical Structure-based Localization



Classical Structure-based Localization



Visual Localization



Localization
System

Camera Pose

Orientation Position

AR/VR

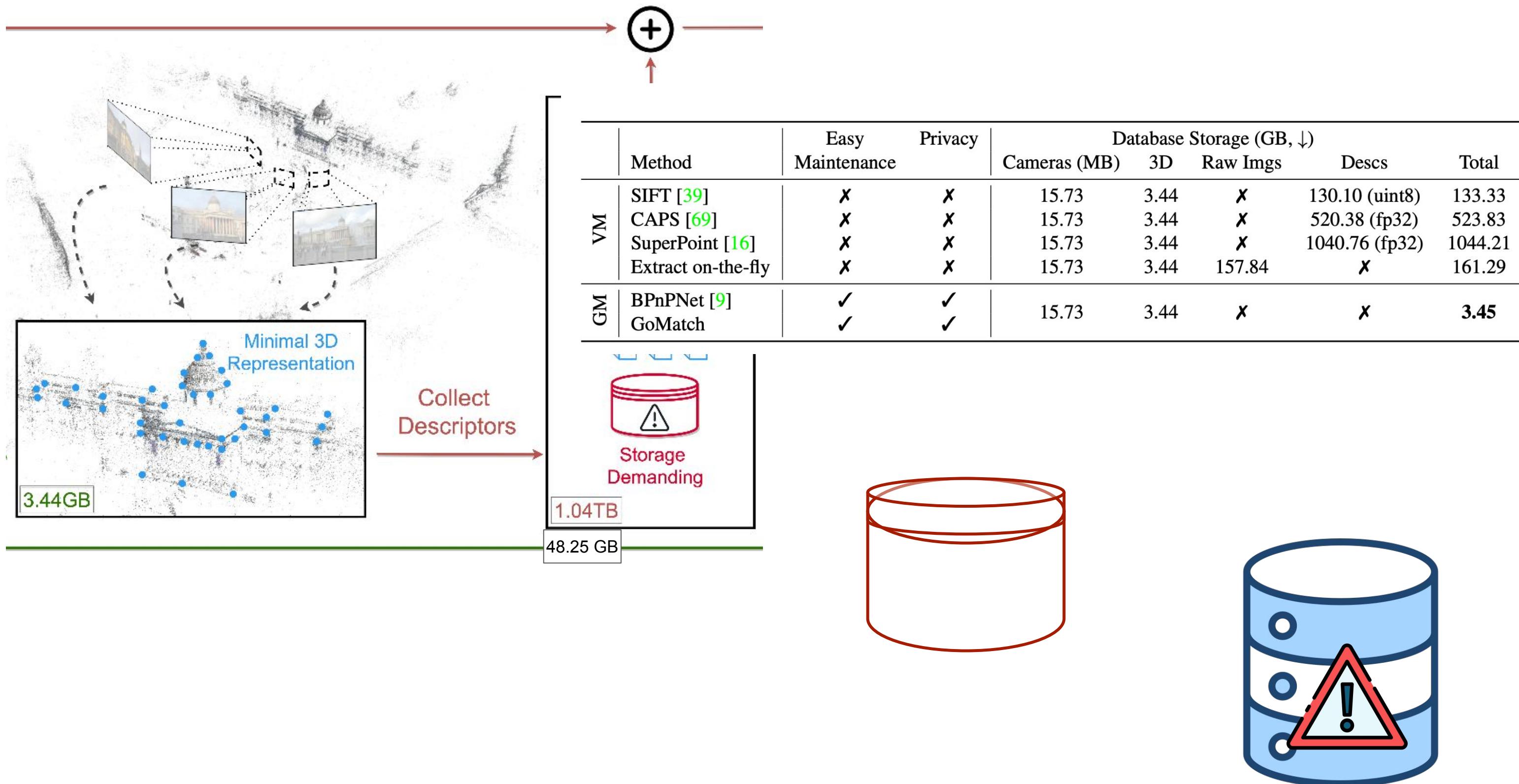


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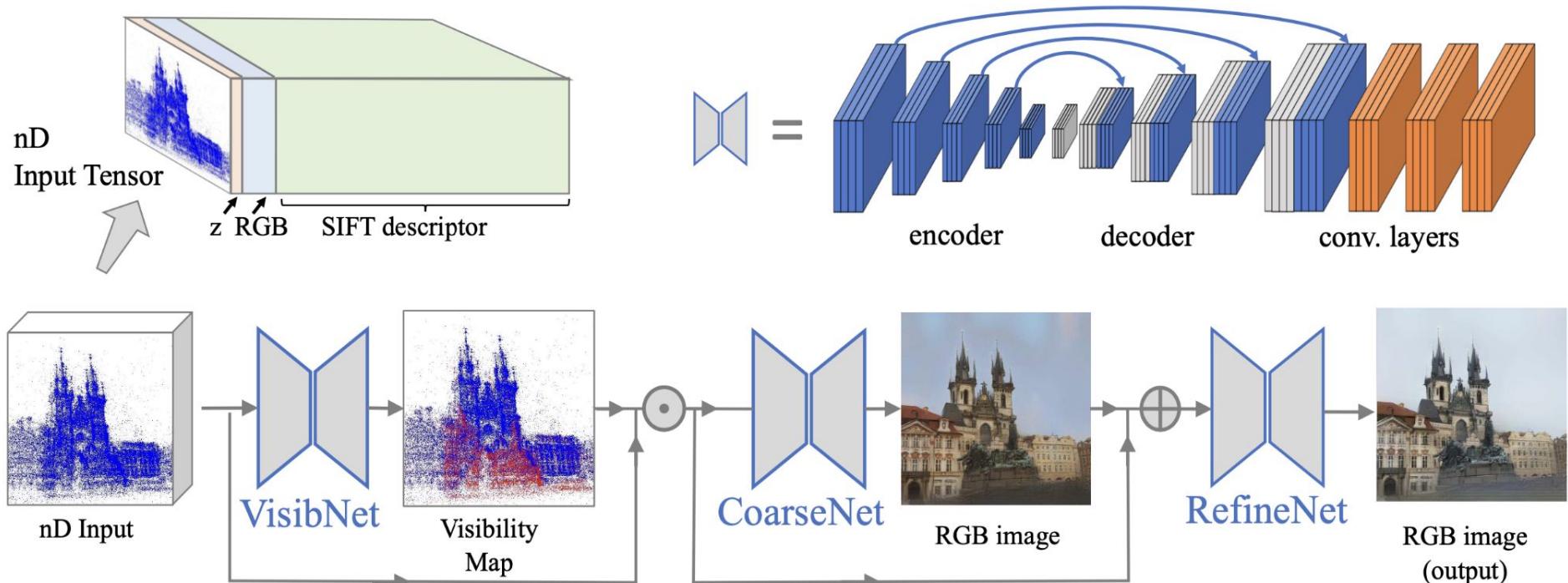
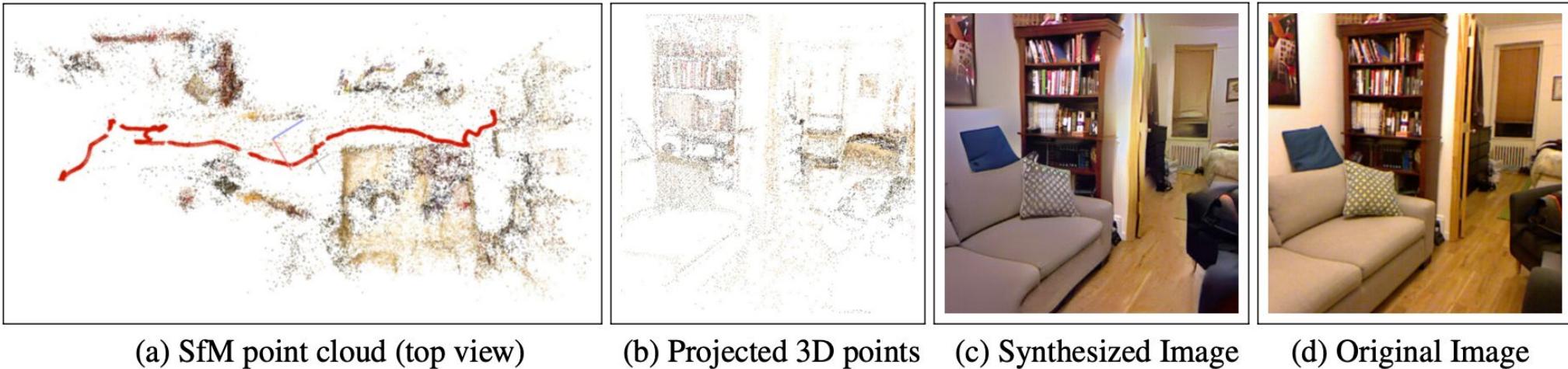


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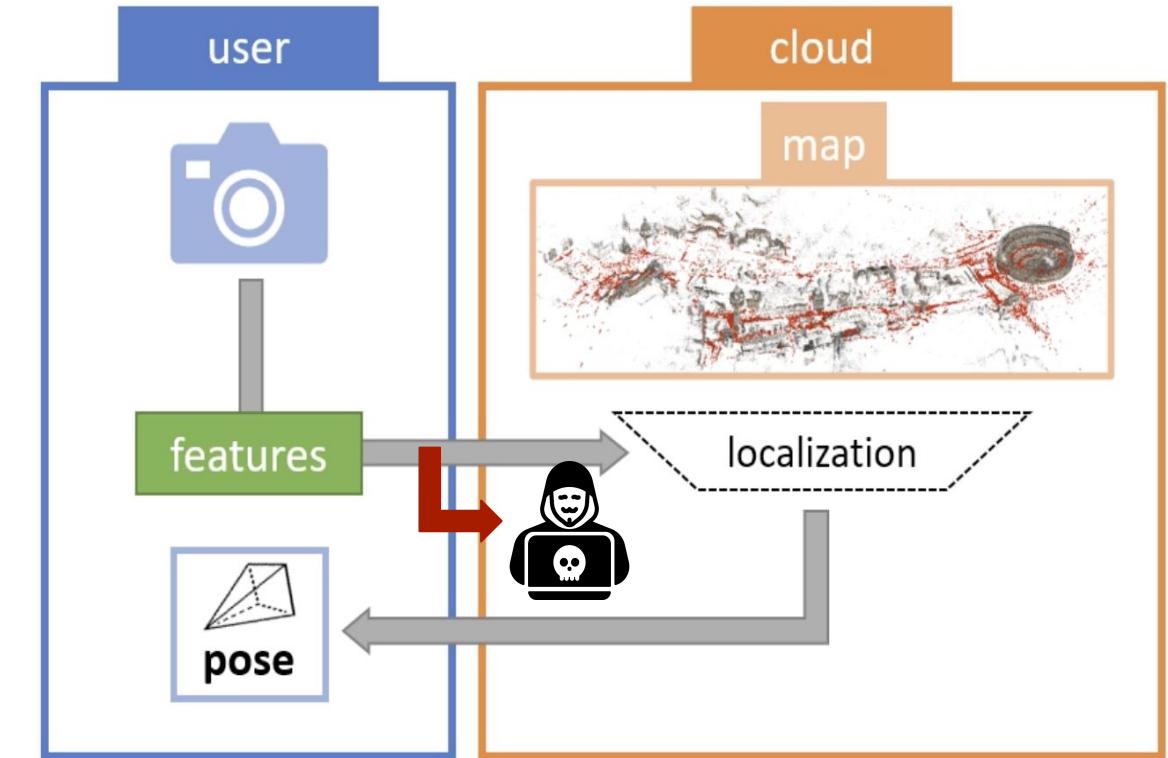
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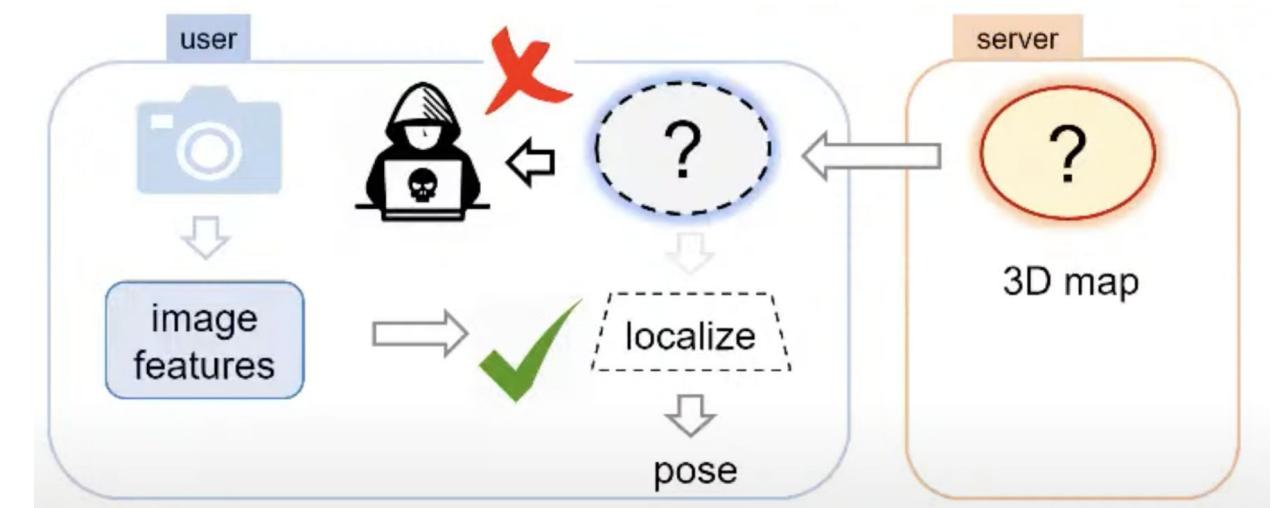
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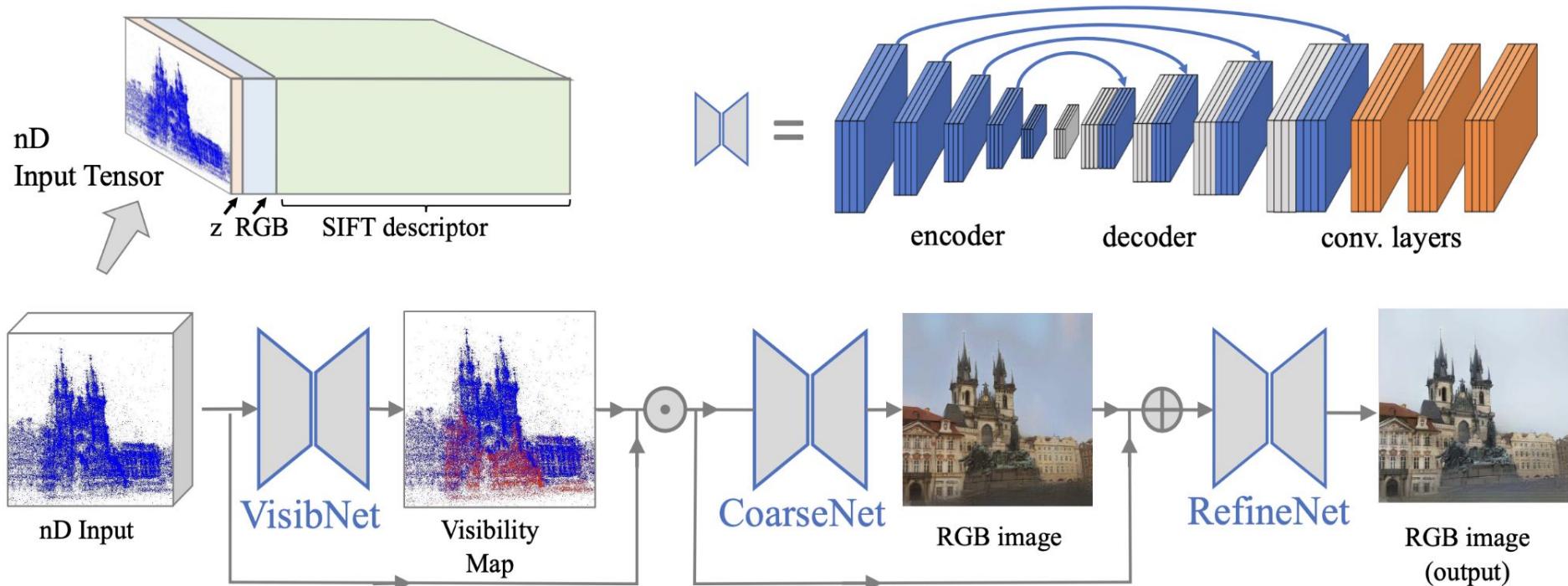
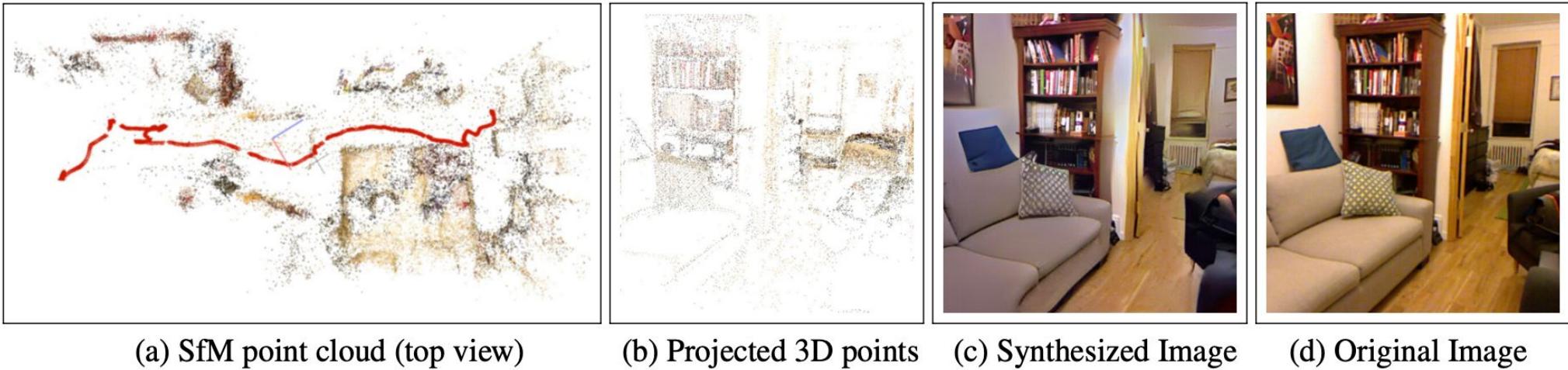
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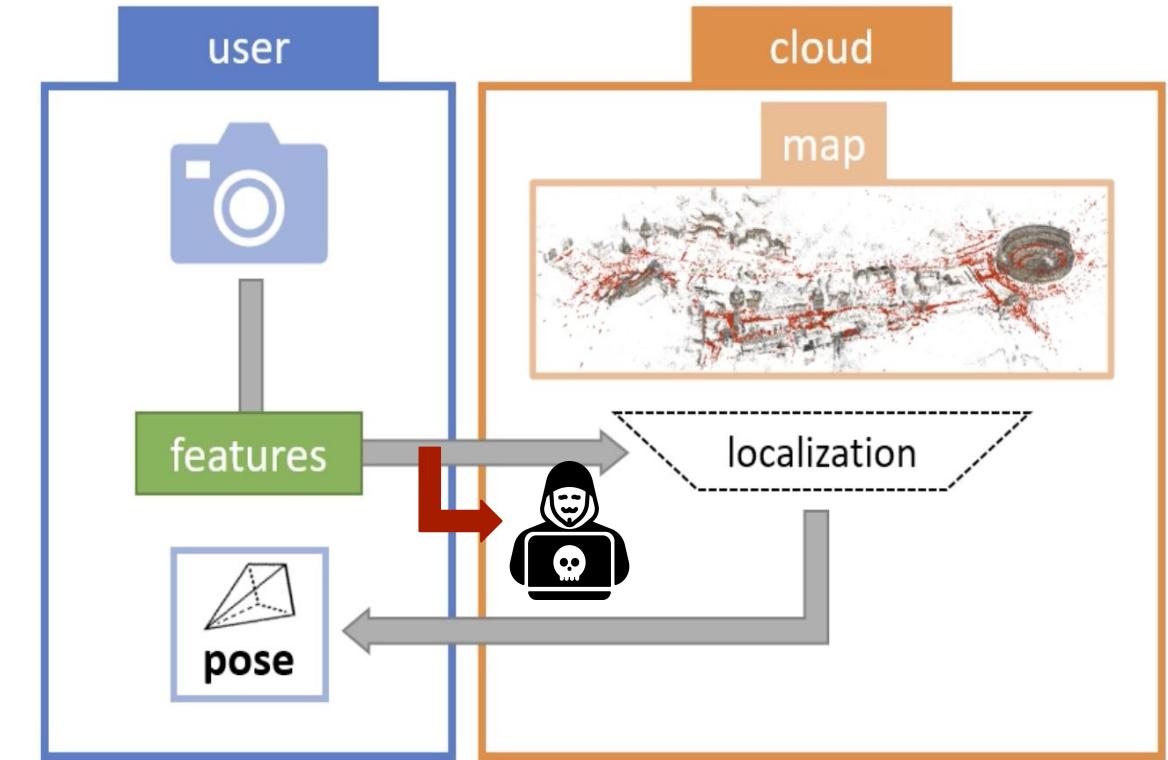
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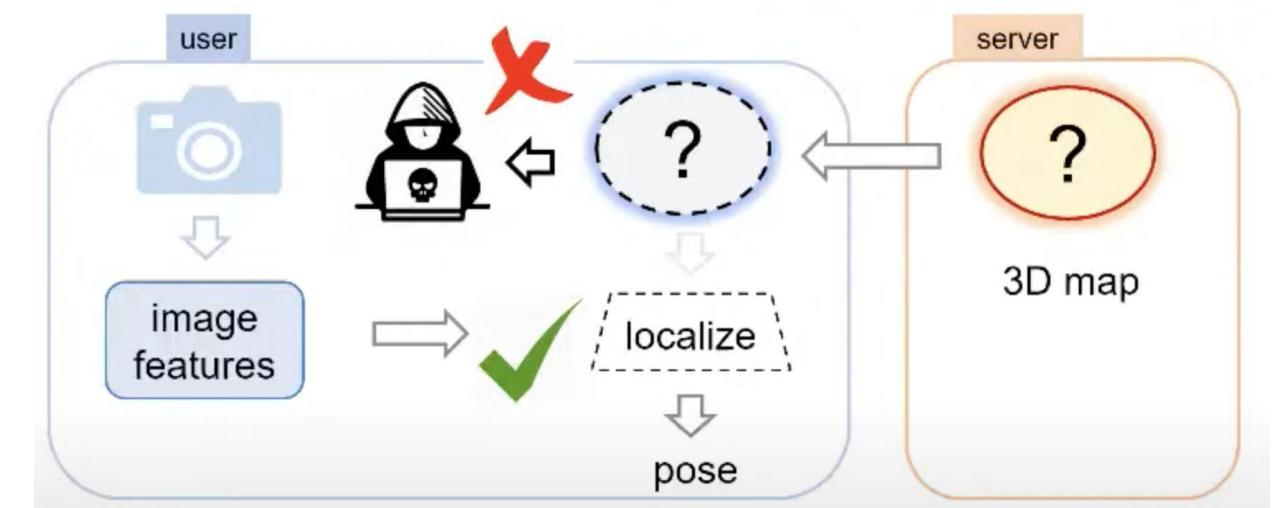
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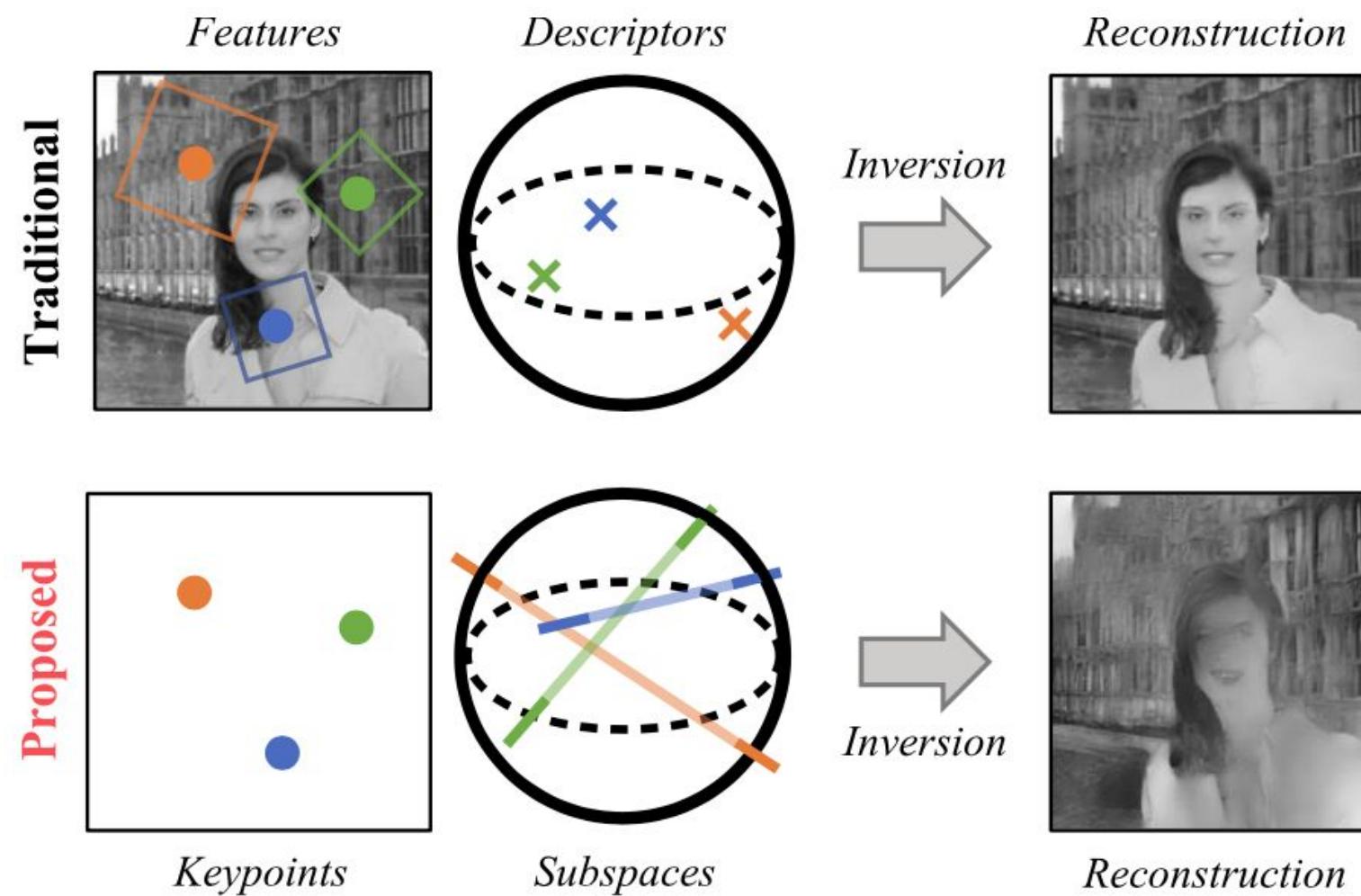
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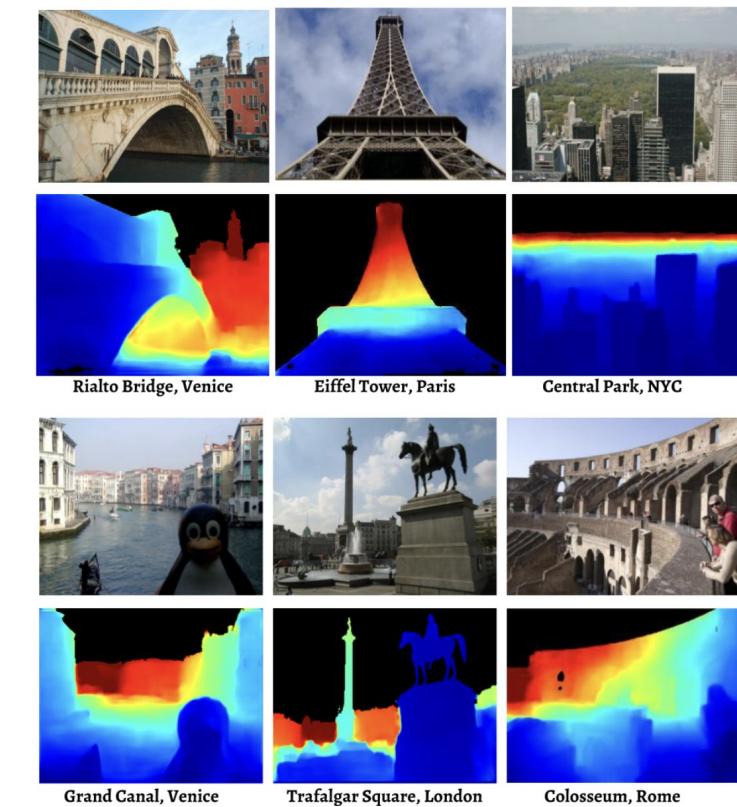
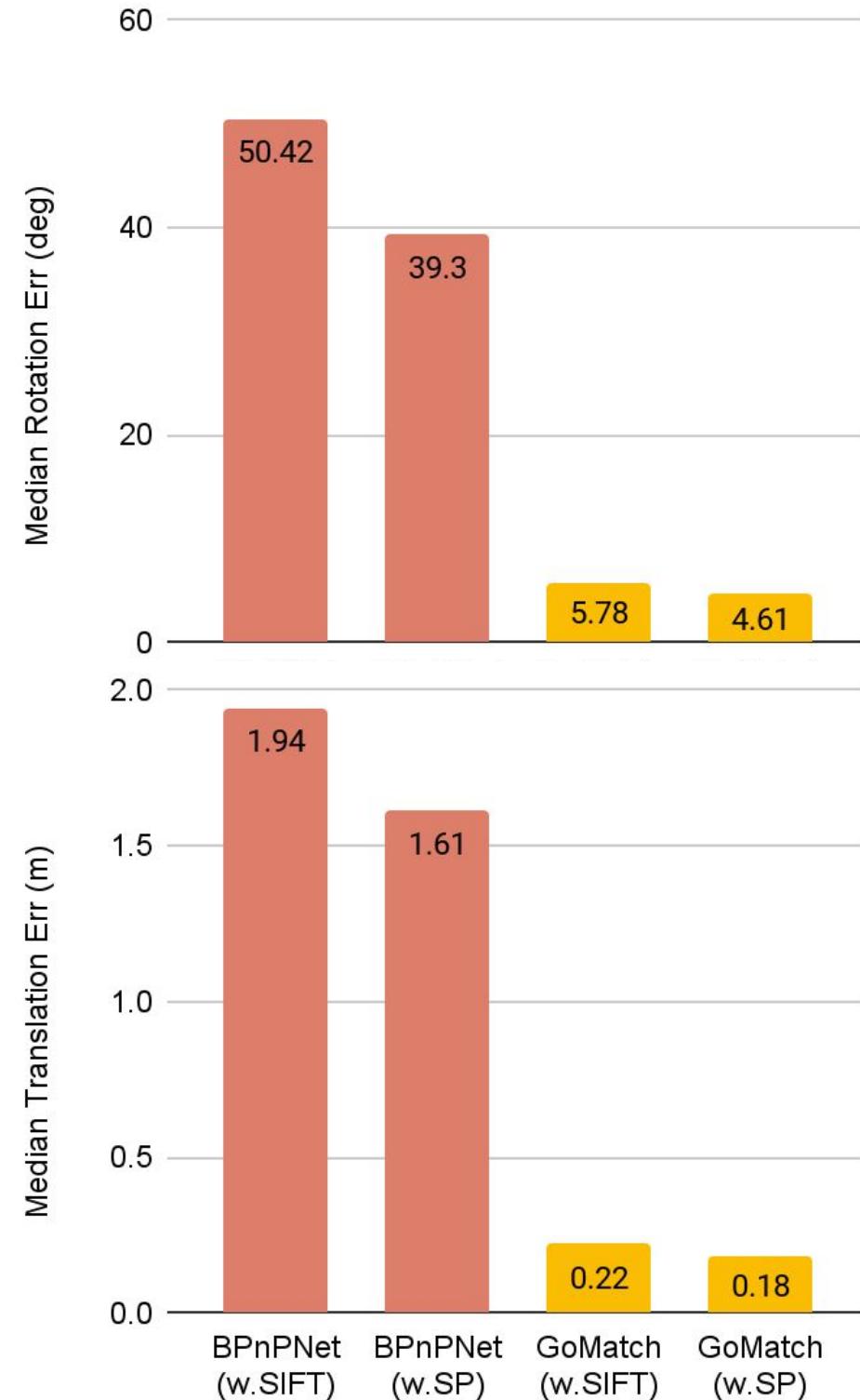


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Generalization

7 Scenes

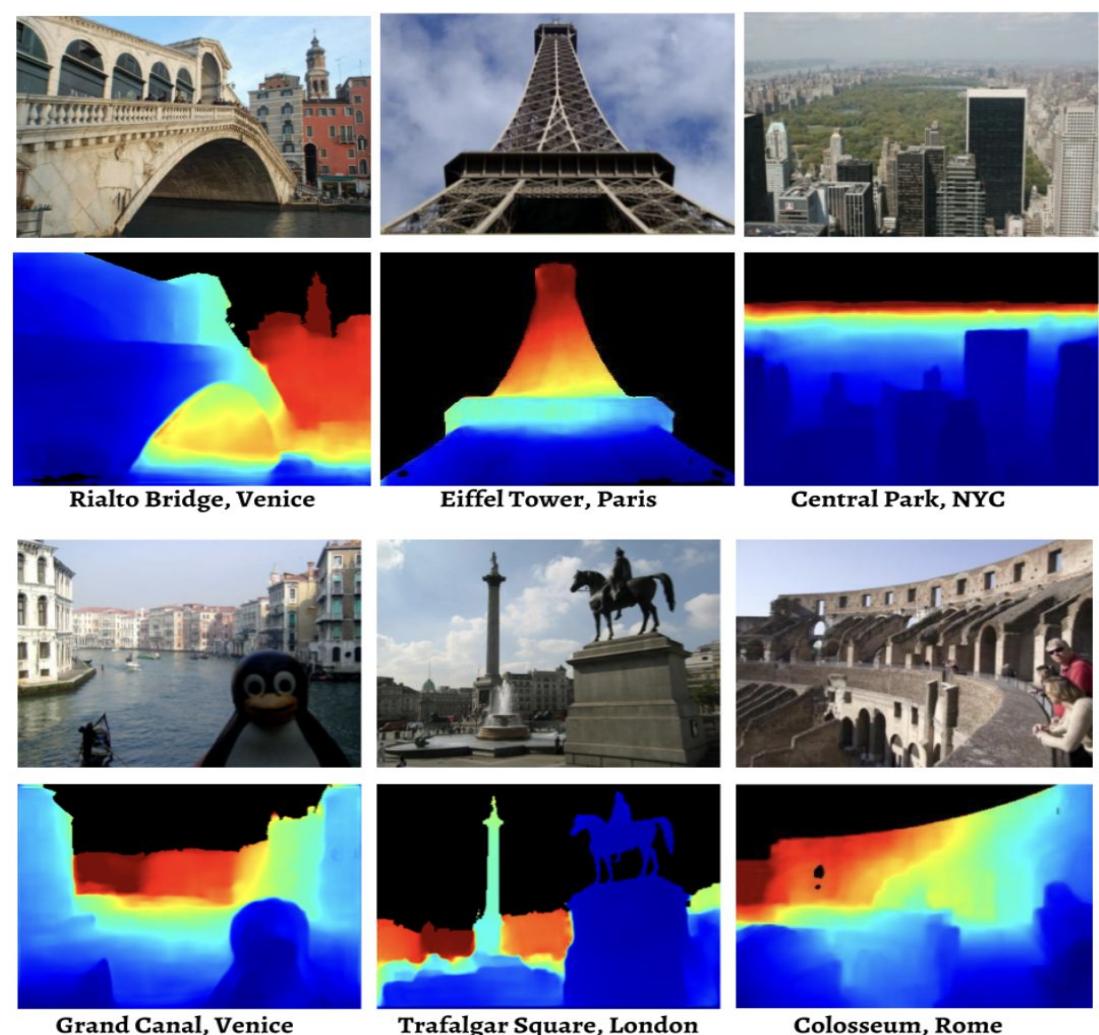


Evaluation

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BPnPNet

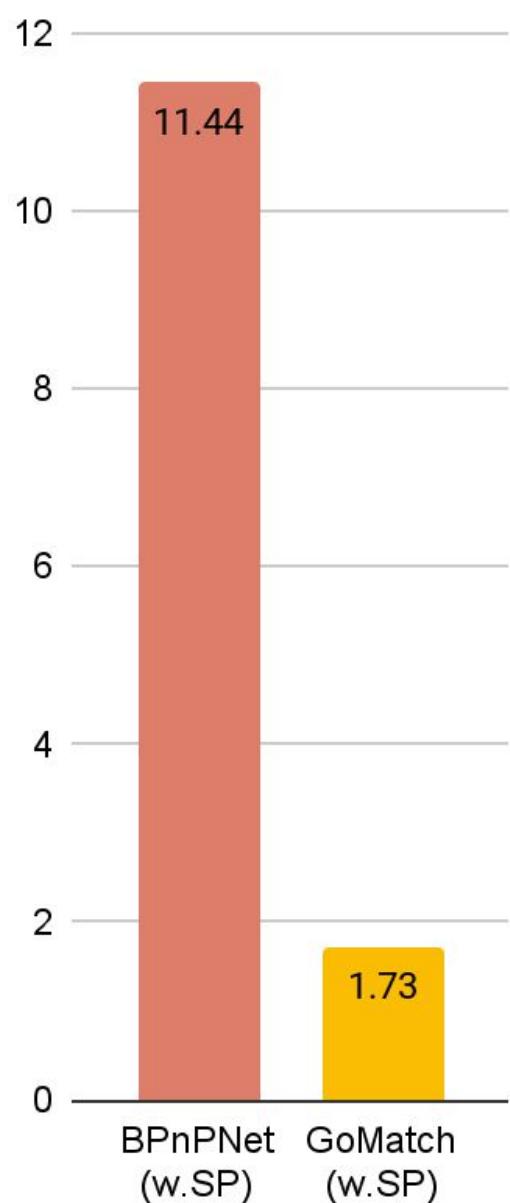
MegaDepth
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