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Semantic 3D Scene Understanding: from 3D Point Cloud to Graph representations

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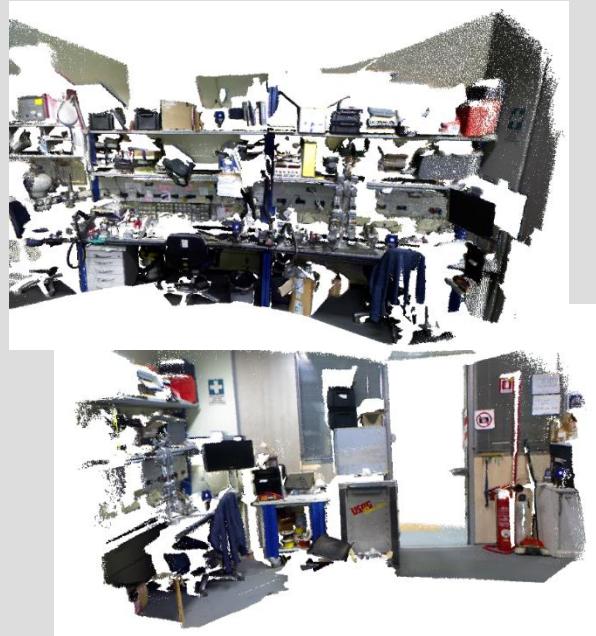
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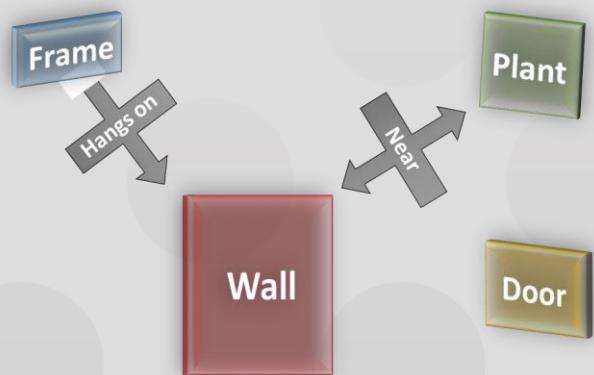
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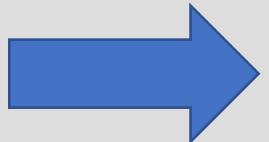
3D scene understanding



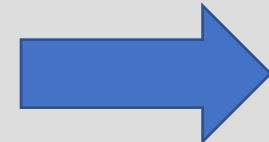
INPUT: 2D object detections in multiple views



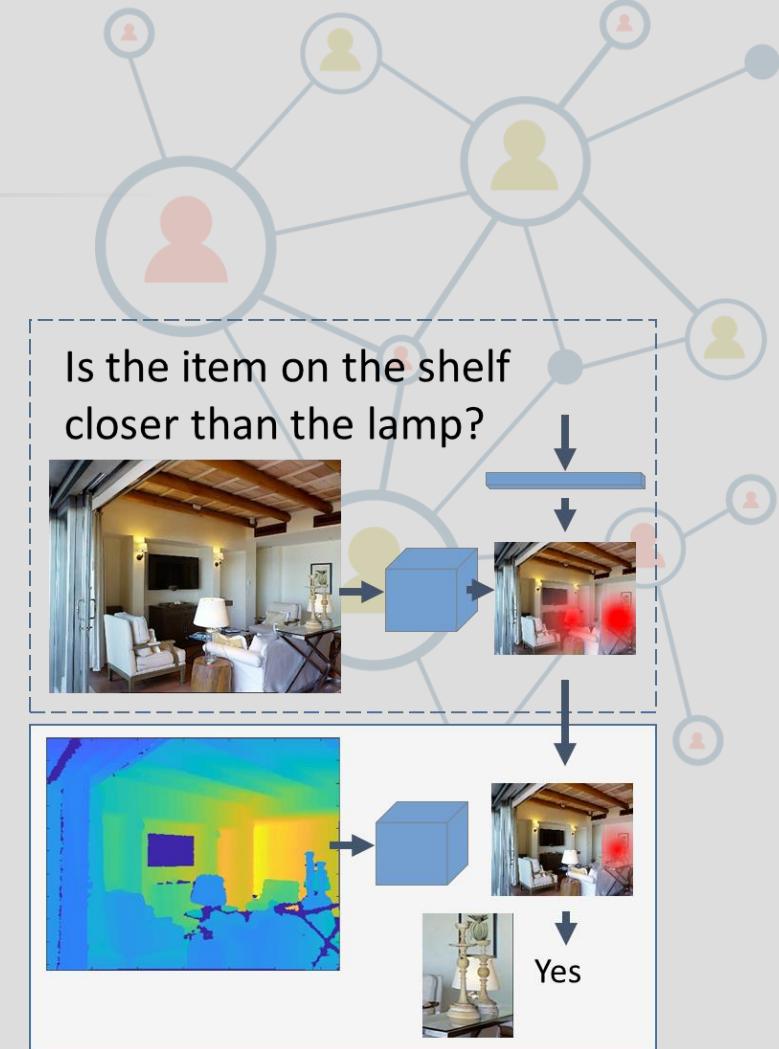
DIGITISATION &
3D MODELLING



REPRESENTATION
(RIGID AND DYNAMIC)

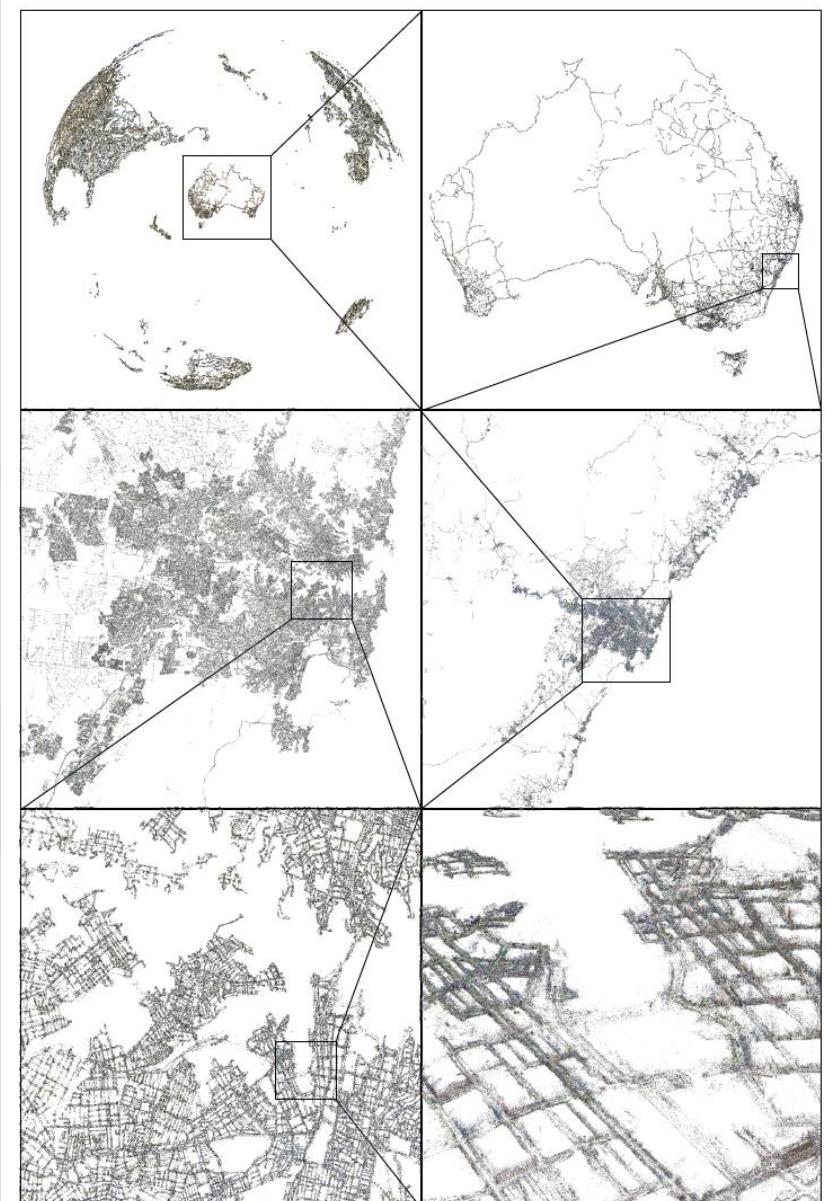


INTERPRETATION &
UNDERSTANDING

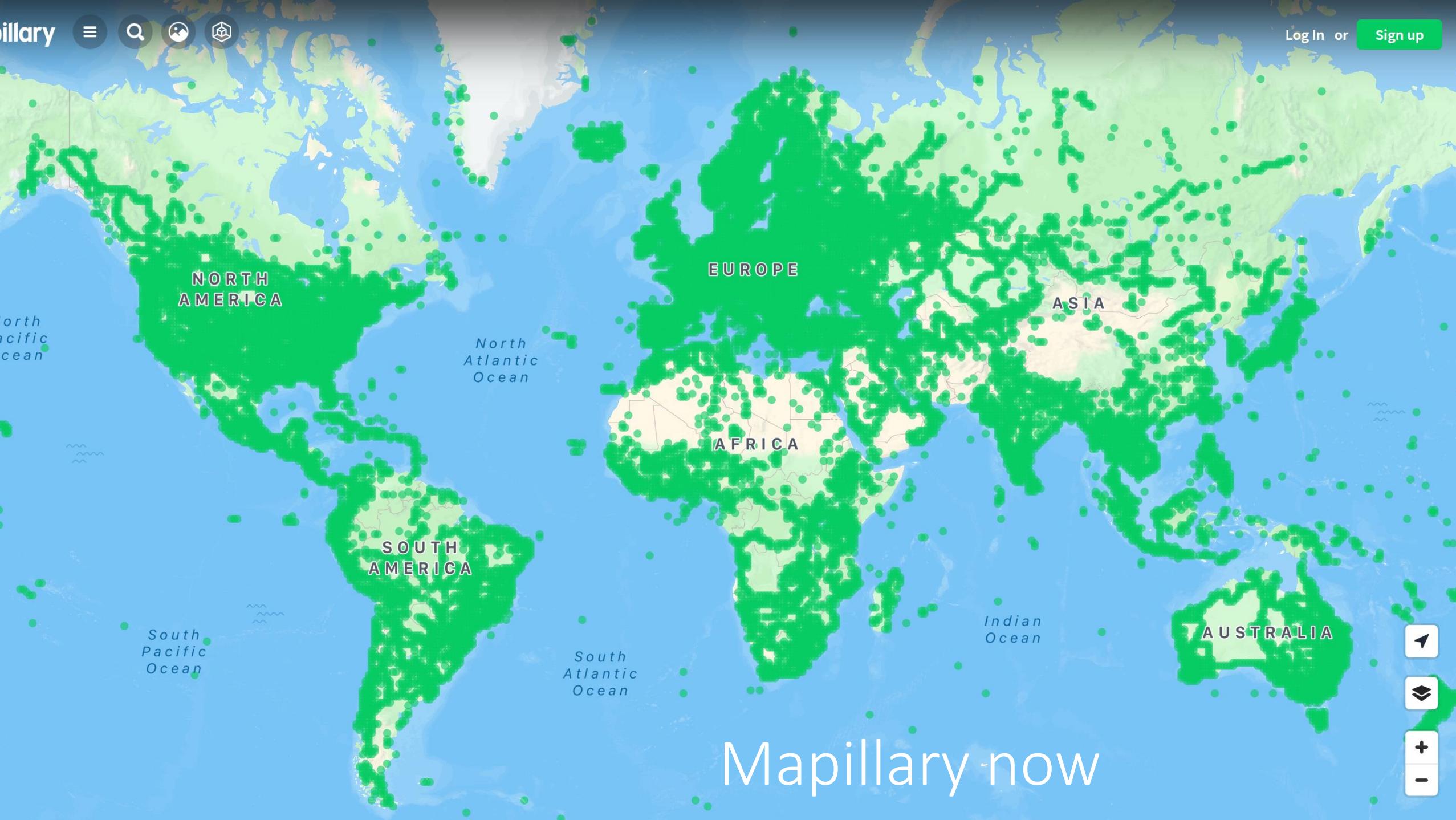


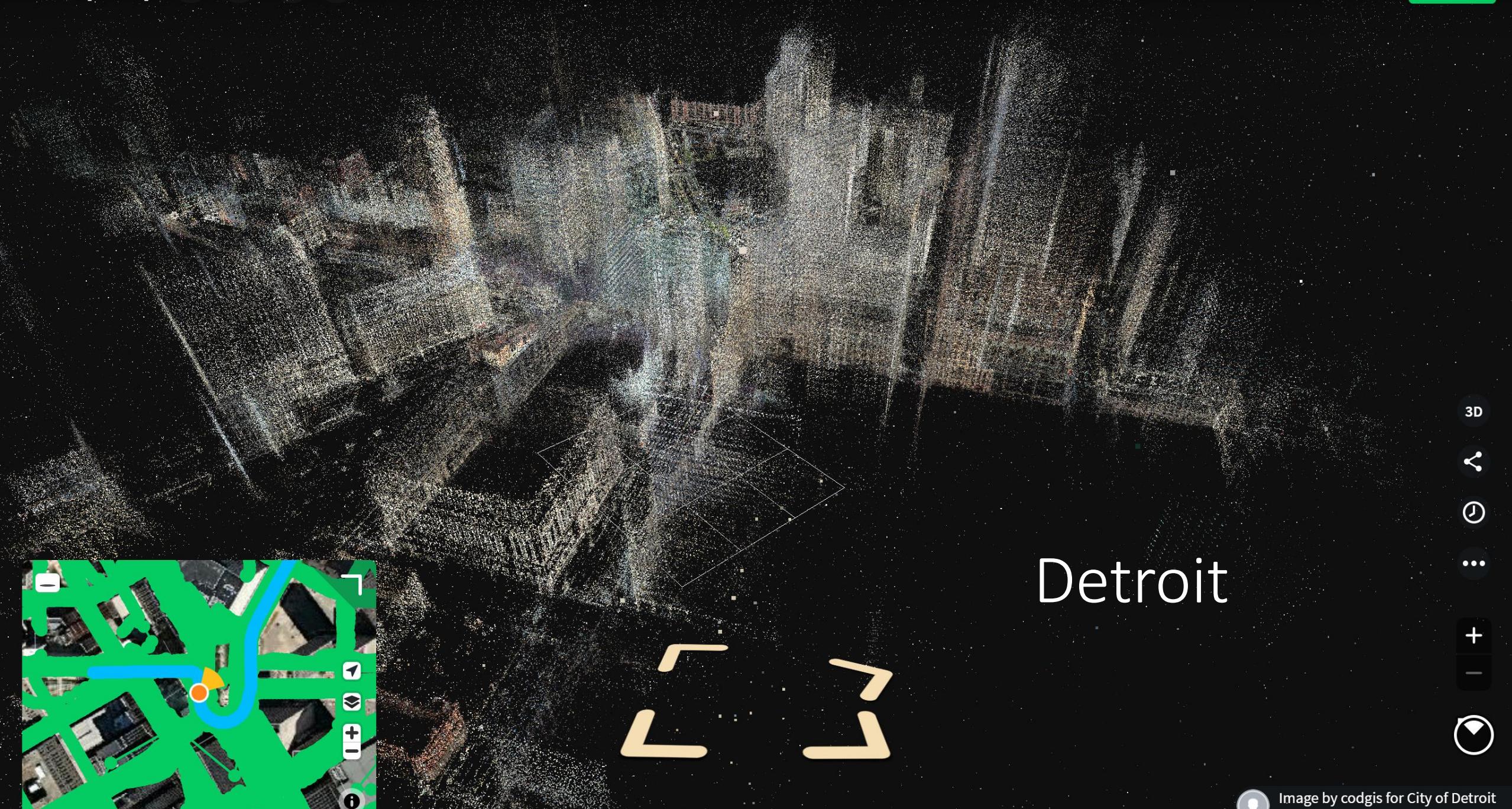
Digitisation and 3D modelling so far...

- An appearance-augmented point cloud comprising 404 billion tracked features, computed from Google street-level imagery.
- Every point in the cloud carries its local appearance descriptors from at least three different viewpoints.

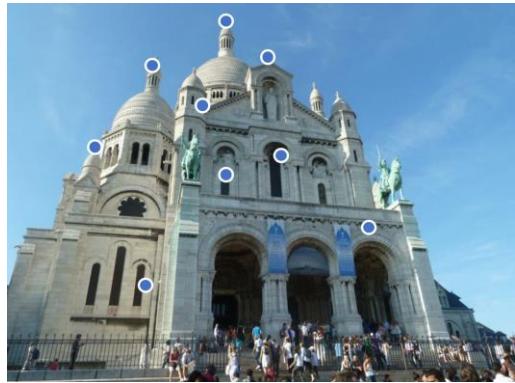


Klingner, Bryan, David Martin, and James Roseborough. "Street view motion-from-structure-from-motion." CVPR 2013.

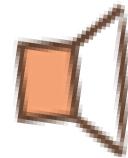




Multi-view 3D model (projective)



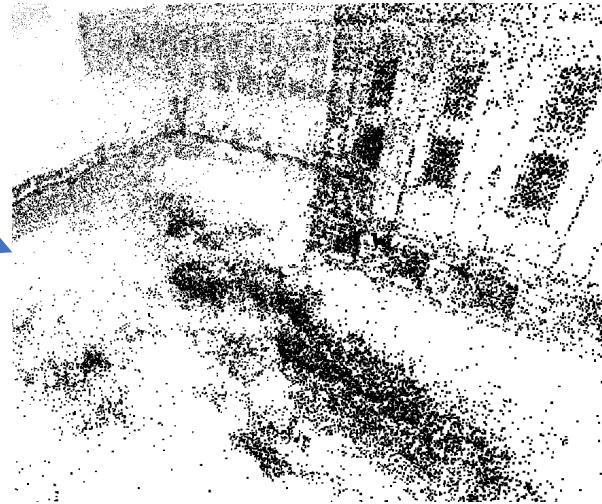
$$= K \begin{bmatrix} R & | & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



3 x 3 matrix with
intrinsic parameters
(focal length, aspect
ratio, principal point)



3 x 4 matrix of extrinsic
parameters (camera rotation and
translation)

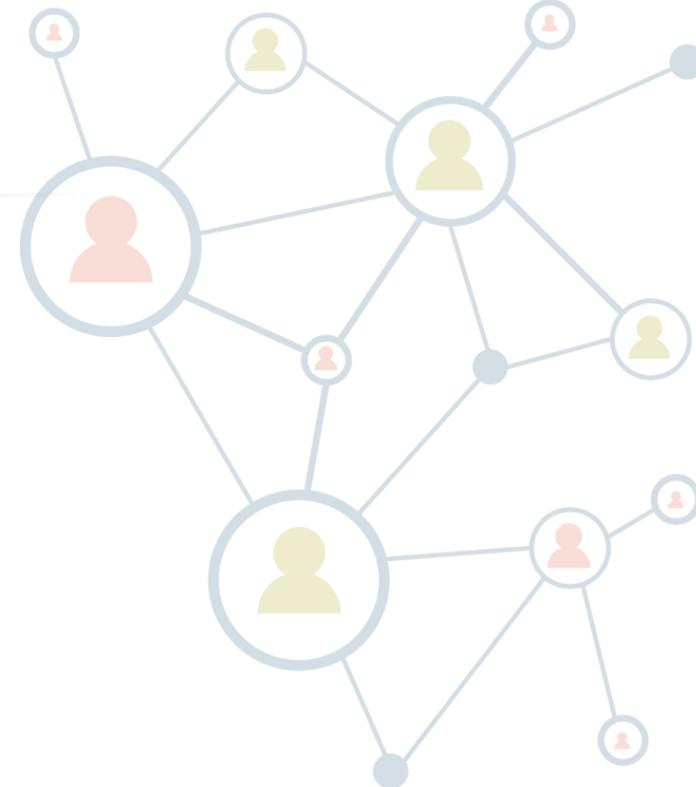


4 x 1 homogeneous
coordinates of the 3D point

Camera projection

From projective geometry to image plane coordinates (non-linear operator) $\mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\Pi \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \frac{v}{\lambda} \\ \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{||} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \Pi \left(K [R \mid t] \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

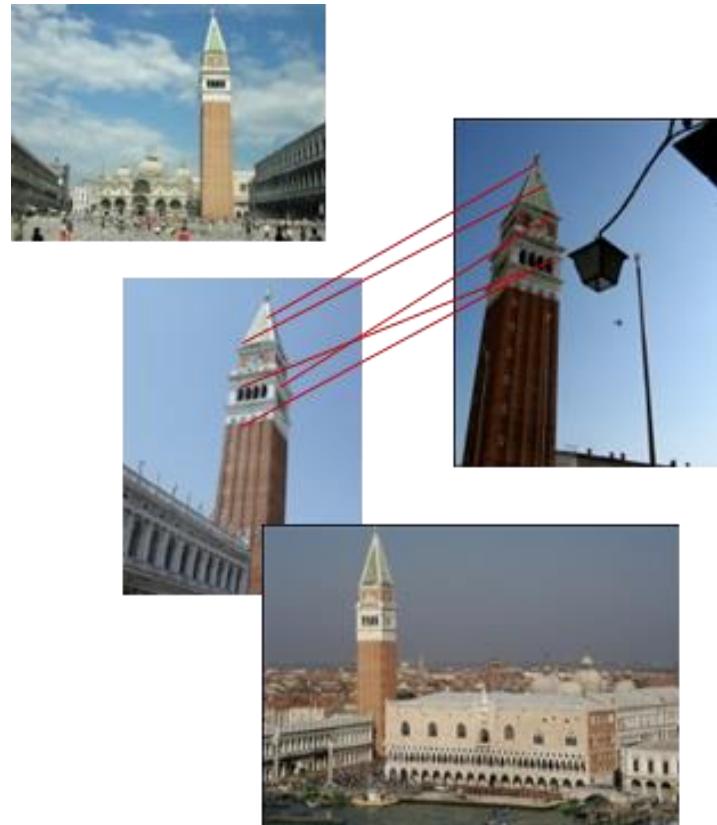


$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

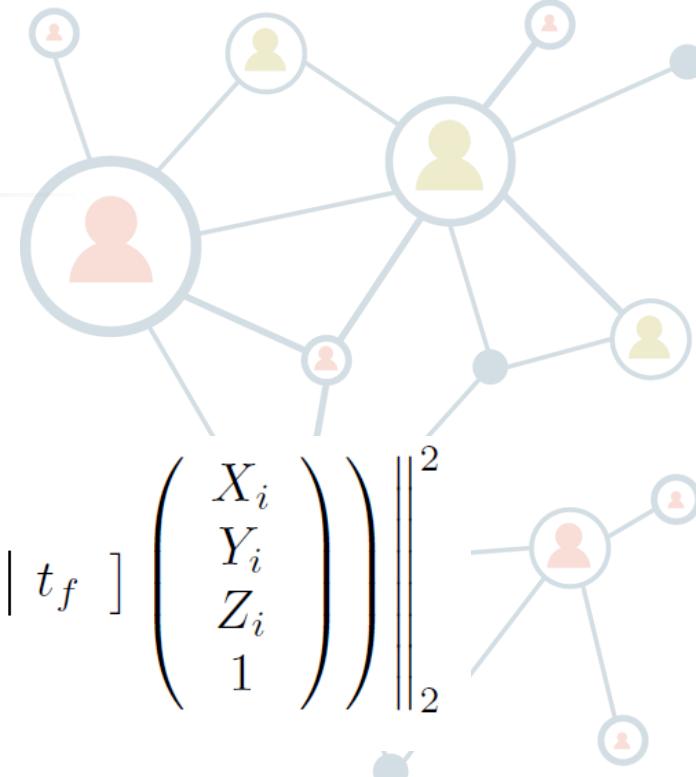
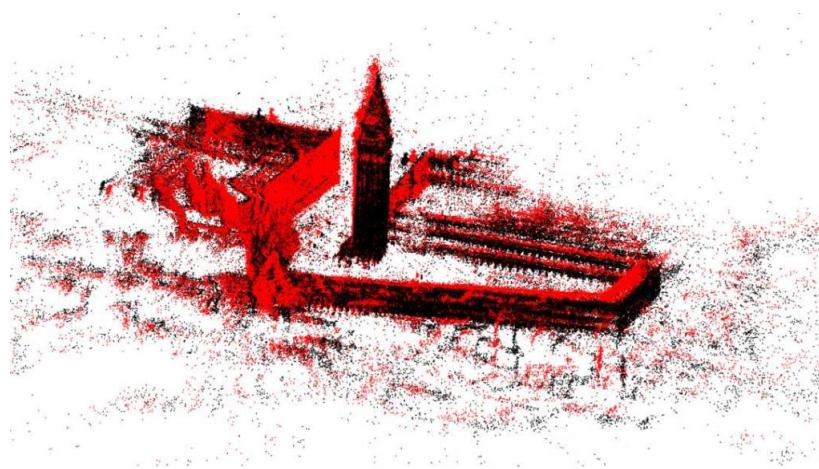
Other option is to estimate 3D structure and motion in the projective space and then upgrade later the reconstruction to metric.

Cost (loss) function

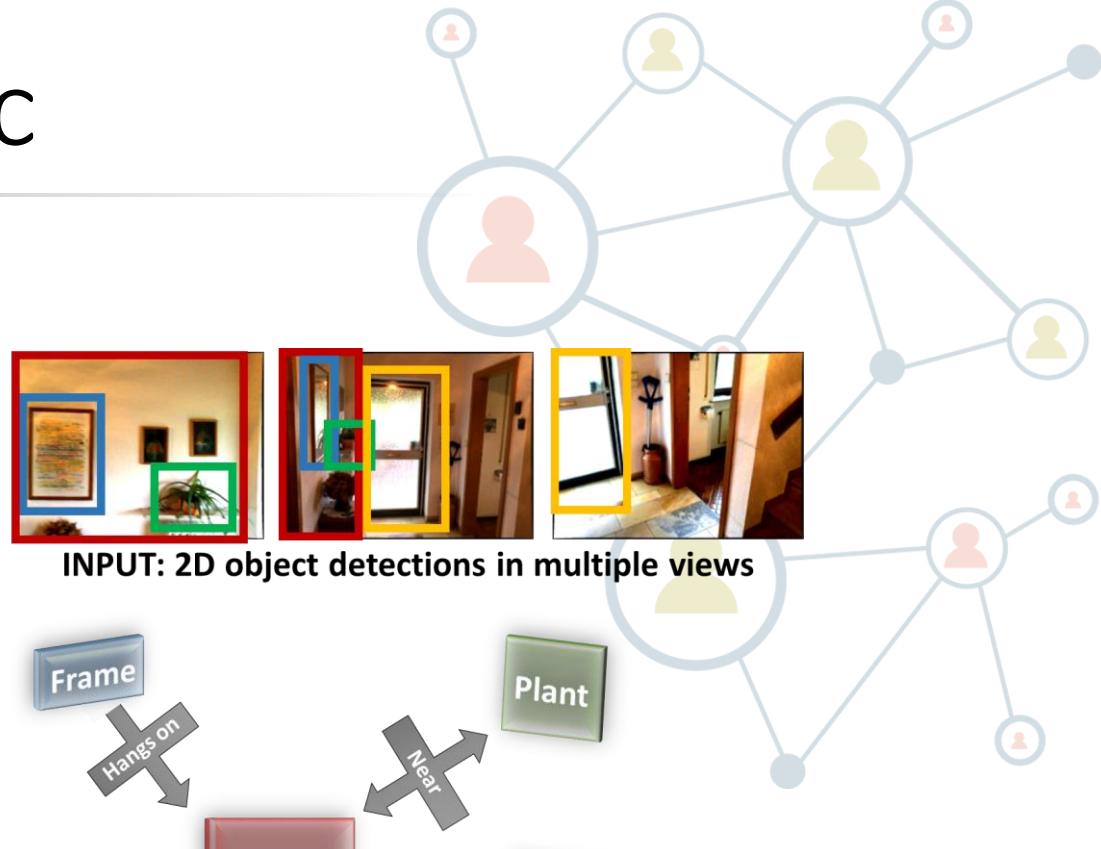
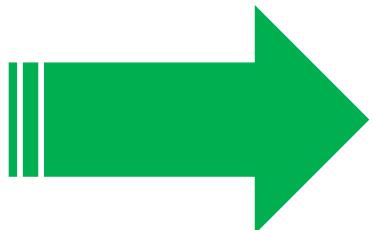
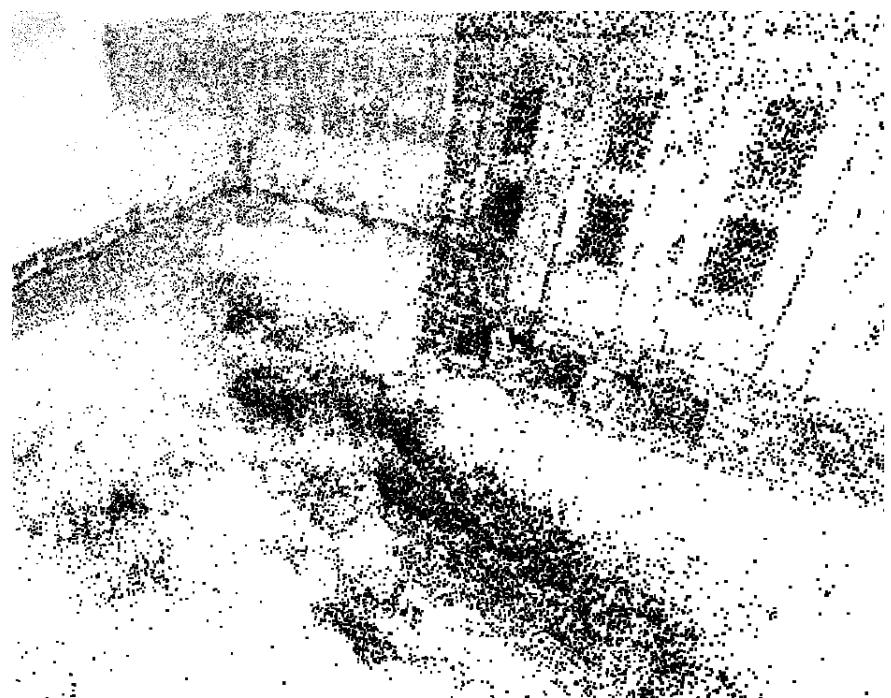
For every 3D point i and every camera f optimise for the model parameters:



$$L_{\theta} = \sum_{i,f} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} u'_{i,f} \\ v'_{i,f} \end{pmatrix} - \Pi \left(K_f [R_f \mid t_f] \begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right\|_2^2$$



From point cloud to semantic



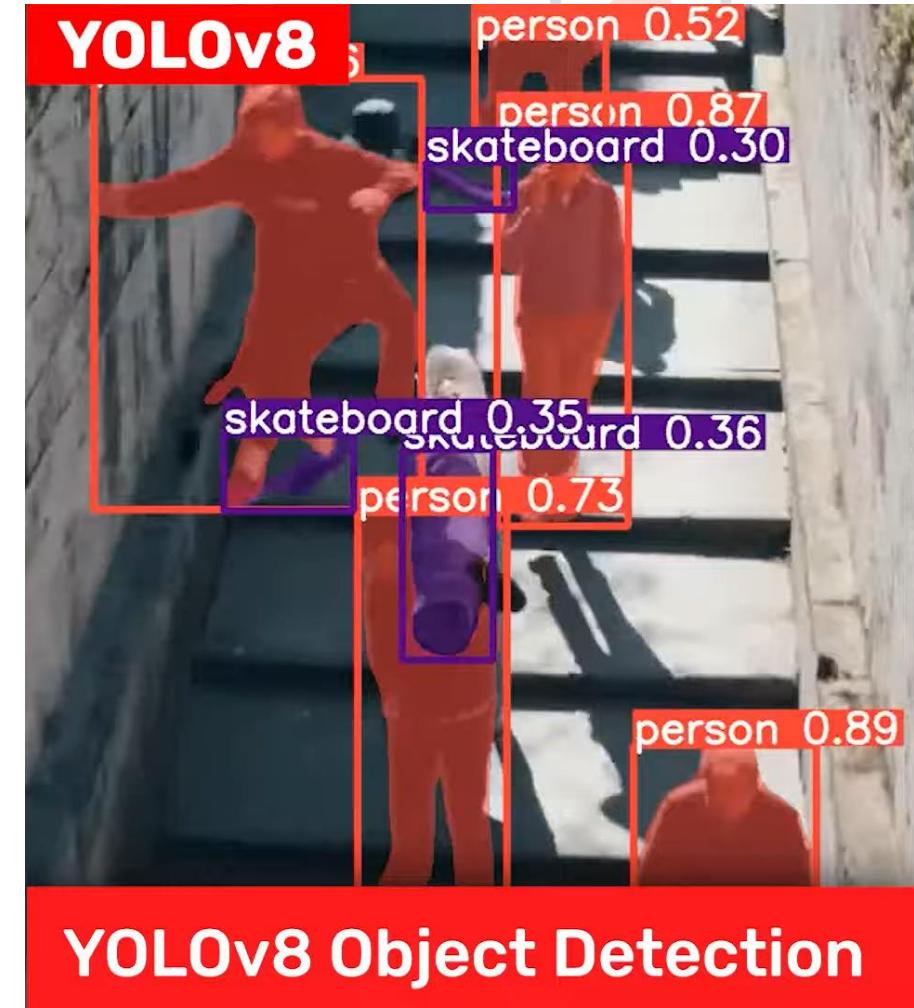
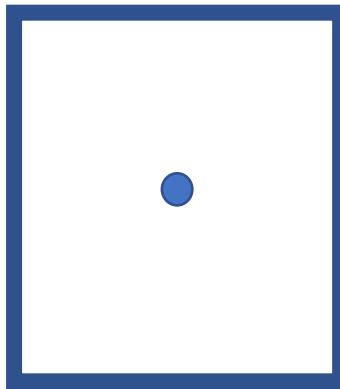
Observation: from points to detections



Source: Nvidia <https://nvda.ws/2mCdYgx>

Semantic Structure from Motion

- Bounding boxes (bbx) are geometrical instances but they convey semantics
- Degenerate bbx are just image points as in SfM

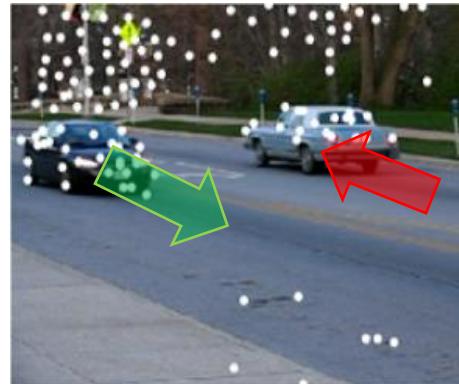


Redmon, Joseph, and Ali Farhadi. "Yolov3: An incremental improvement." *arXiv preprint* 2018.

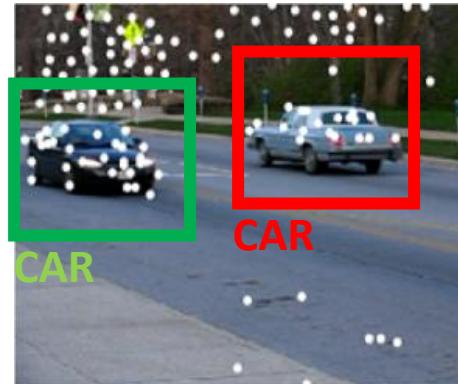
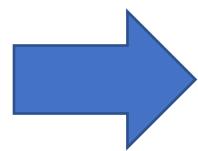
YOLOv8: <https://github.com/ultralytics/ultralytics>

What can we gain from semantic?

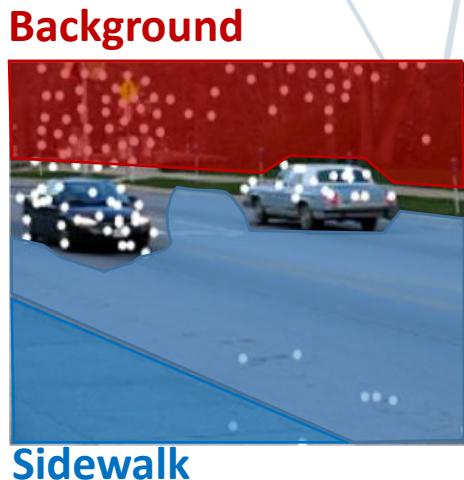
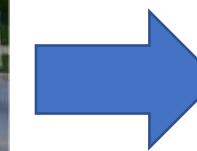
How high level semantic in 3D reconstruction can help?



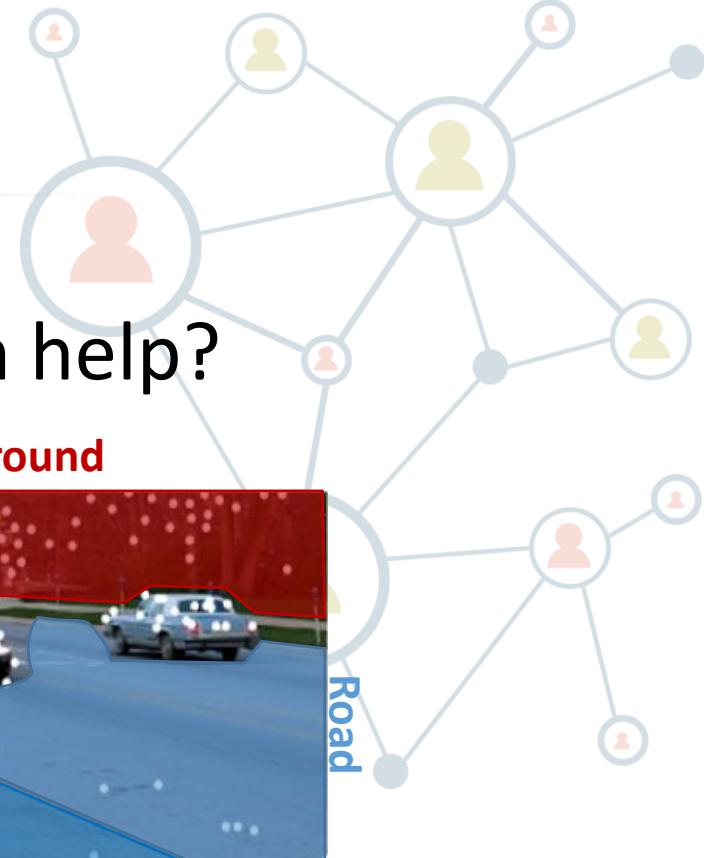
Generic scene



Points to objects
relations



Points to regions
relations

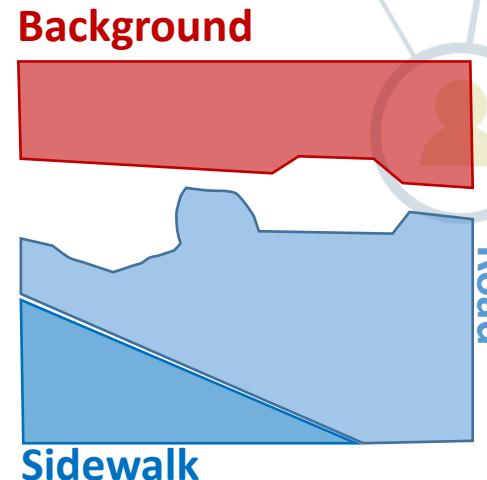
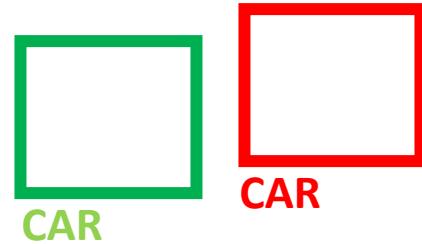
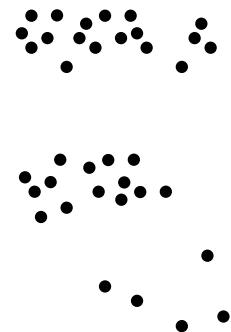
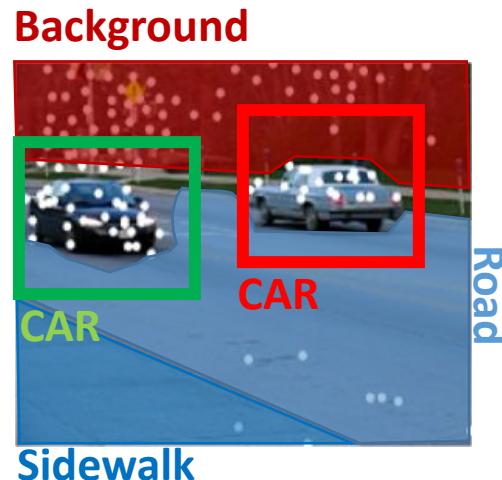


Including these relations **may help** to solve classical Motion Segmentation and Structure from Motion (SfM) problems.

Bao and Savarese, "Semantic structure from motion" CVPR 2011

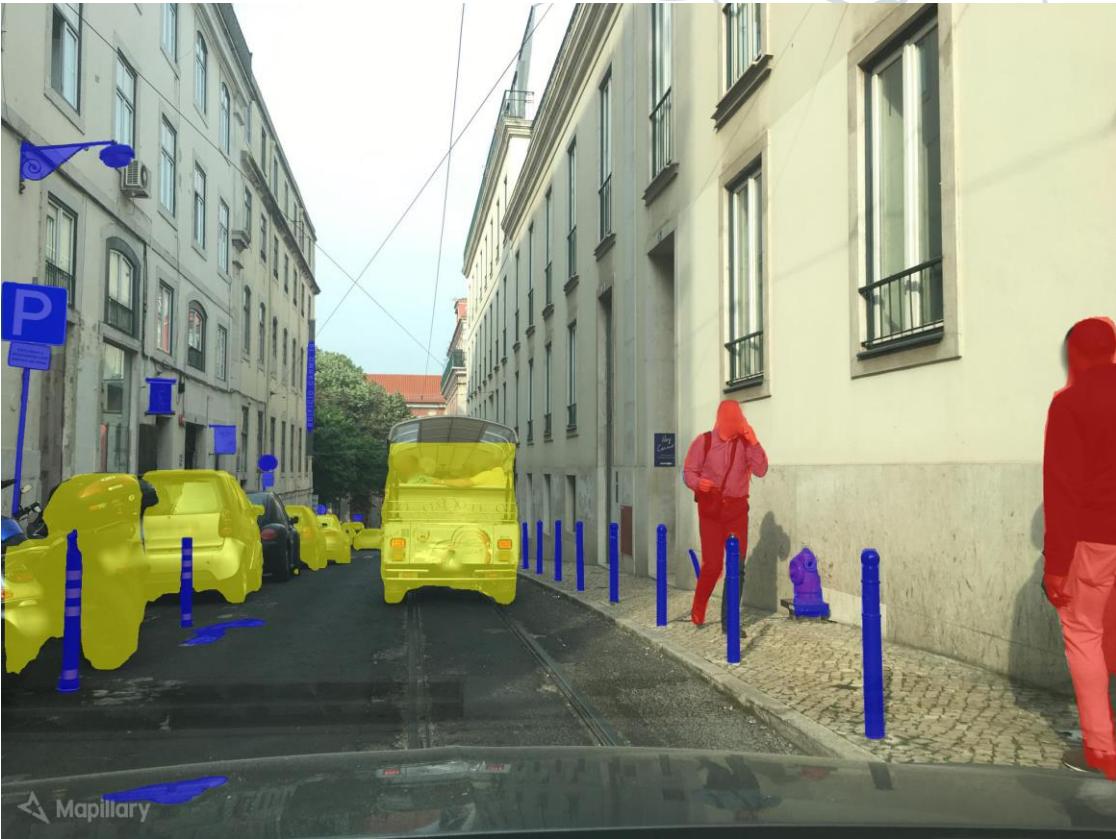
How to bridge the gap?

Different data that lives in different spaces (points, bbx, labels, etc.)



How to blend this information available from deep learning in a single computational approach? Is there a viable solution (i.e. efficient)?

Now semantic is ready to use



Genoa Porto Antico – Instance segmentation



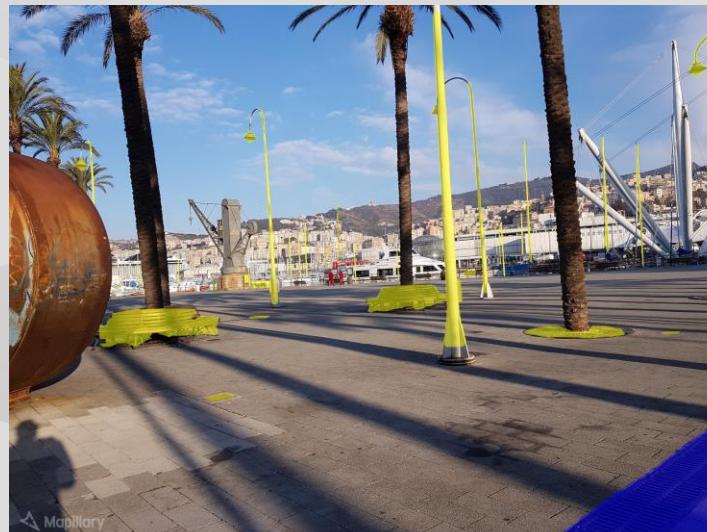
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Red – people, animals

Blue – vehicles

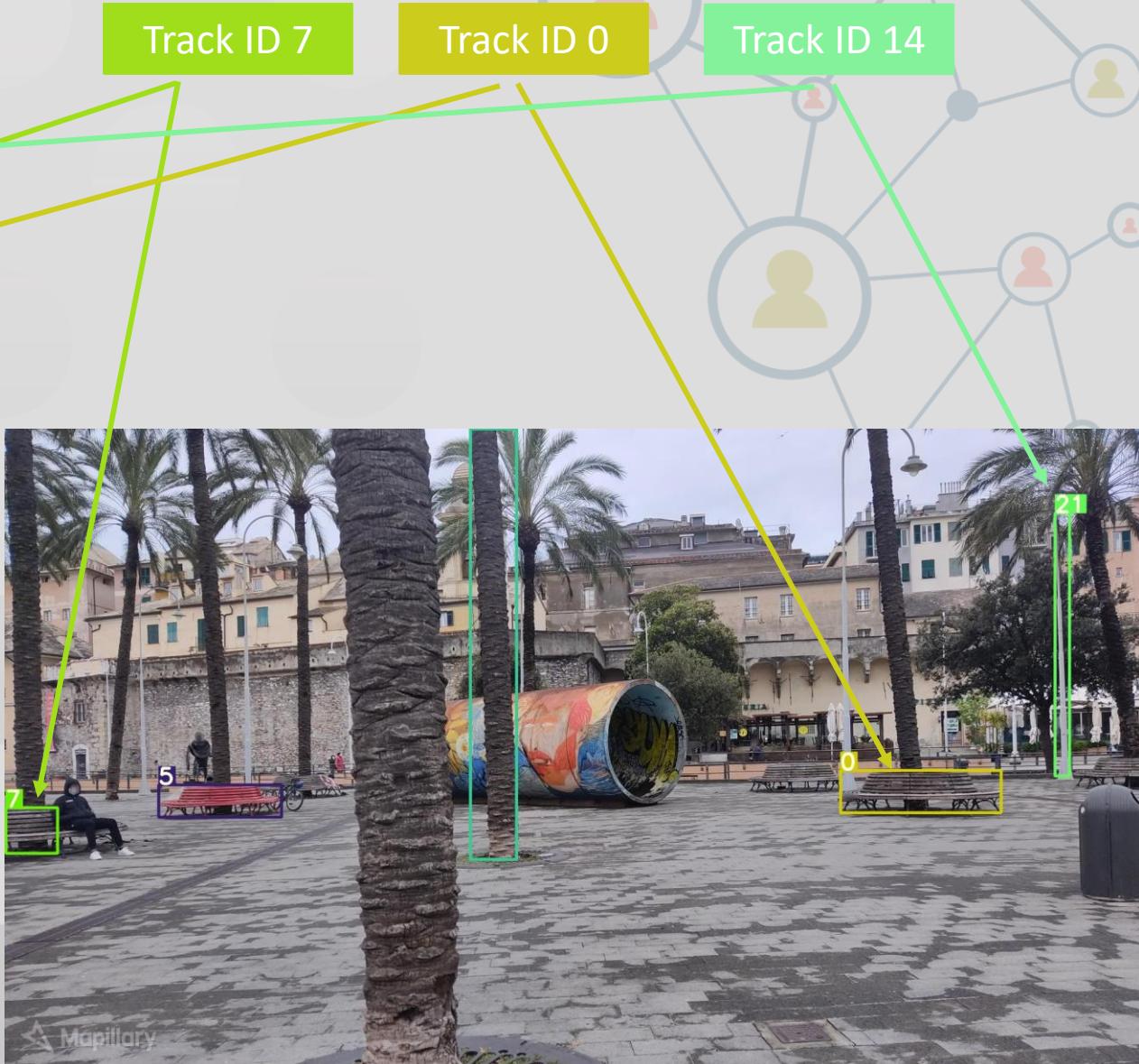
Yellow – static objects:

- Benches
- Poles
- Manholes
- Banners
- Street lights
- ...

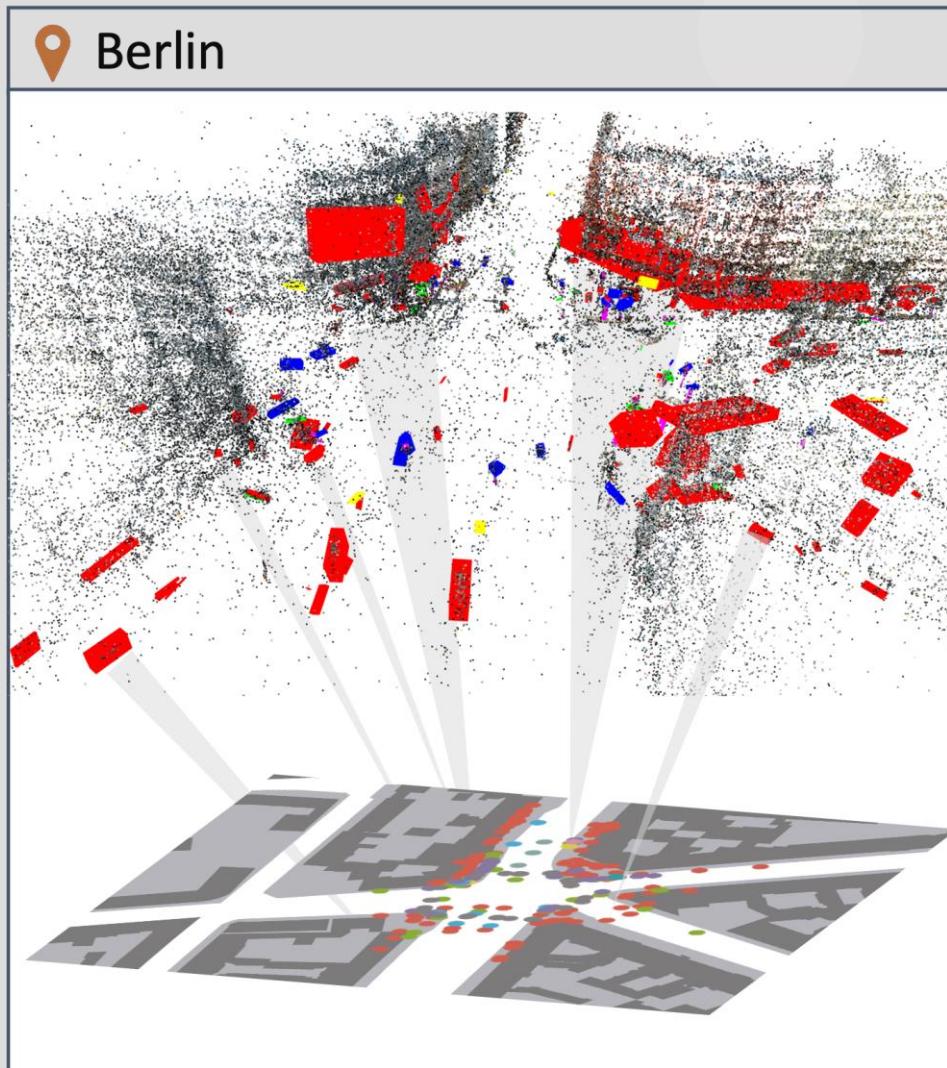
Genoa Porto Antico – Matched detections



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Revisiting Semantic Structure from Motion



Crocco M, Rubino C, Del Bue A. Structure from motion with objects. CVPR 2016.

Rubino C, Crocco M, Del Bue A. 3d object localisation from multi-view image detections. TPAMI 2017

Gay P, Rubino C, Bansal V, Del Bue A. Probabilistic structure from motion with objects (psfmo). ICCV 2017.

Gay P, Stuart J, Del Bue A. Visual graphs from motion (vgfm): Scene understanding with object geometry reasoning. ACCV 2018.

Giuliari et al. Spatial commonsense graph for object localisation in partial scenes. CVPR 2022.

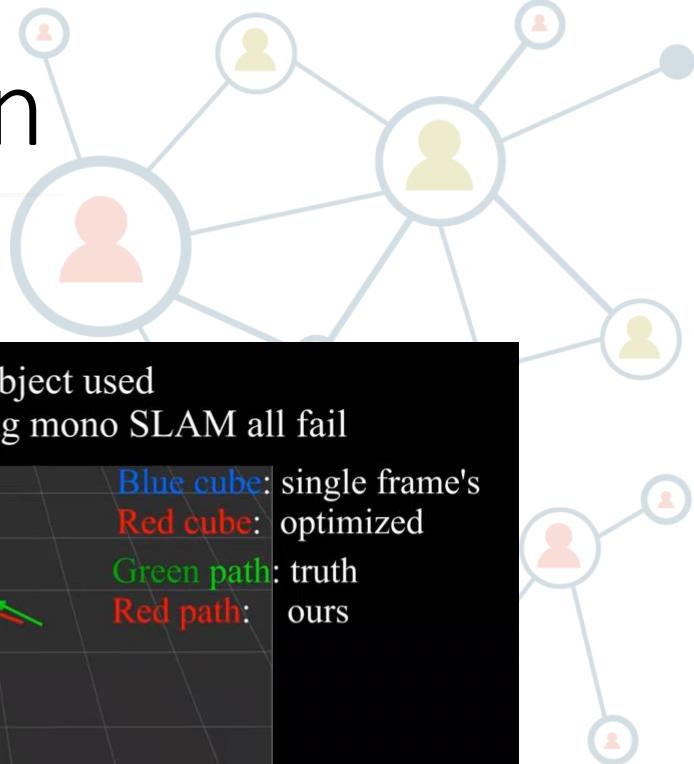
Taiana et al. "PoserNet: Refining Relative Camera Poses Exploiting Object Detections". ECCV 2022

Toso et al. You are here! Finding position and orientation on a 2D map from a single image: The Flatlandia localization problem and dataset. arXiv 2023.

Key

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|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| ● Arrow Marking | ● Streetlight | ● Bench |
| ● Bicycle Symbol | ● Support Pole | ● Bike Rack |
| ● Sign | ● Traffic Light | ● Catch Basin |
| ● Traffic-Sign | ● Manhole | ● CCTV Camera |
| ● Trash can | ● Junction Box | ● Fire Hydrant |

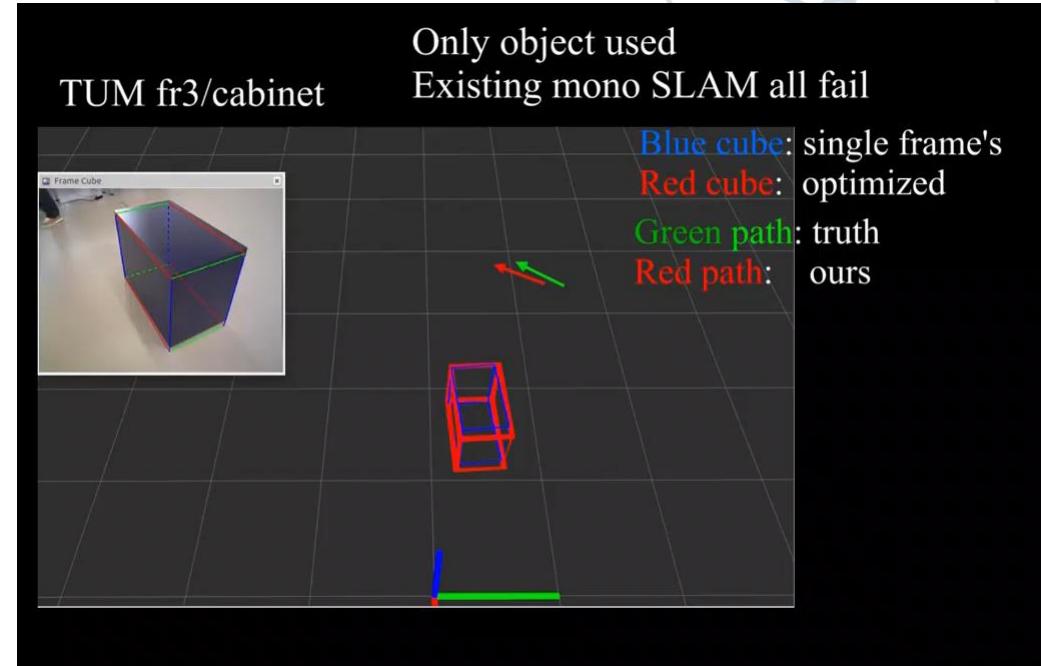
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Real-time Monocular Object SLAM

Dorian Gálvez-López, Marta Salas, Juan D. Tardós, J. M. M. Montiel

Robotics, Perception and Real Time Group
Departamento de Informática e Ingeniería de Sistemas
Instituto de Investigación en Ingeniería de Aragón
Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain



Gálvez-López, Dorian, et al. "Real-time monocular object slam." RAS 2016

Yang, Shichao, and Sebastian Scherer. "Cubeslam: Monocular 3-d object slam." TRO 2019

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QuadricSLAM: Constrained Dual Quadrics from Object Detections as Landmarks in Object-oriented SLAM

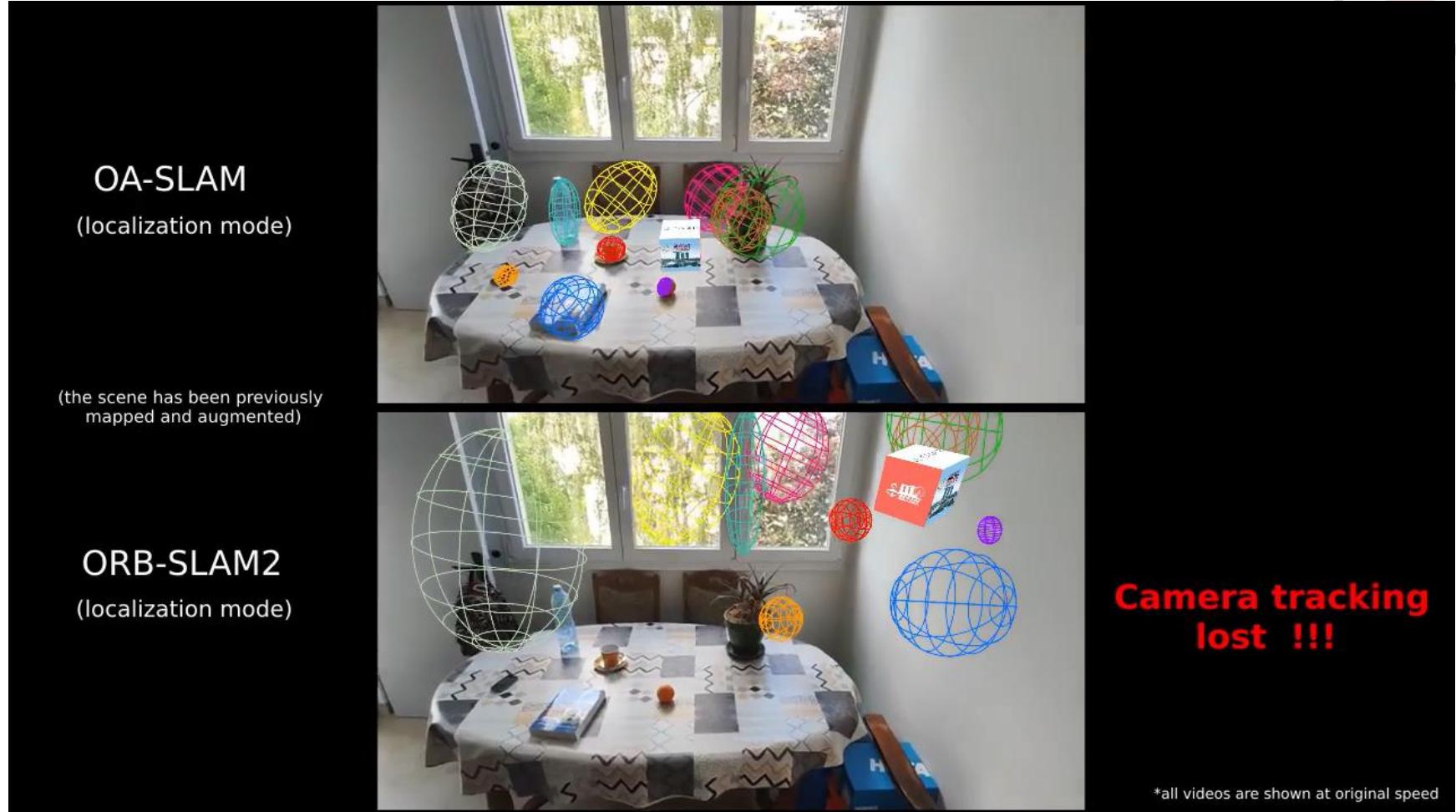
Lachlan Nicholson, Michael Milford, Niko Sünderhauf



ARC Centre of Excellence for Robotic Vision

Nicholson, Lachlan, Michael Milford, and Niko Sünderhauf. "Quadricslam: Dual quadrics from object detections as landmarks in object-oriented slam." *RA-L* 2018

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Matthieu Zins, Gilles Simon, Marie-Odile Berger. "OA-SLAM: Leveraging Objects for Camera Relocalization in Visual SLAM." *ISMAR 2022*

More examples on...

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Awesome Object SLAM awesome

A curated list of Object SLAM papers and resources, inspired by [awesome-implicit-representations](#).

Disclaimer

This list *does not aim to be exhaustive*. In this list, we consider papers that **jointly** optimize robot (camera) and object states, where object states typically include object poses and object shape parameters.

For more general SLAM papers, please refer to [awesome-visual-SLAM](#) and [Awesome-SLAM](#).

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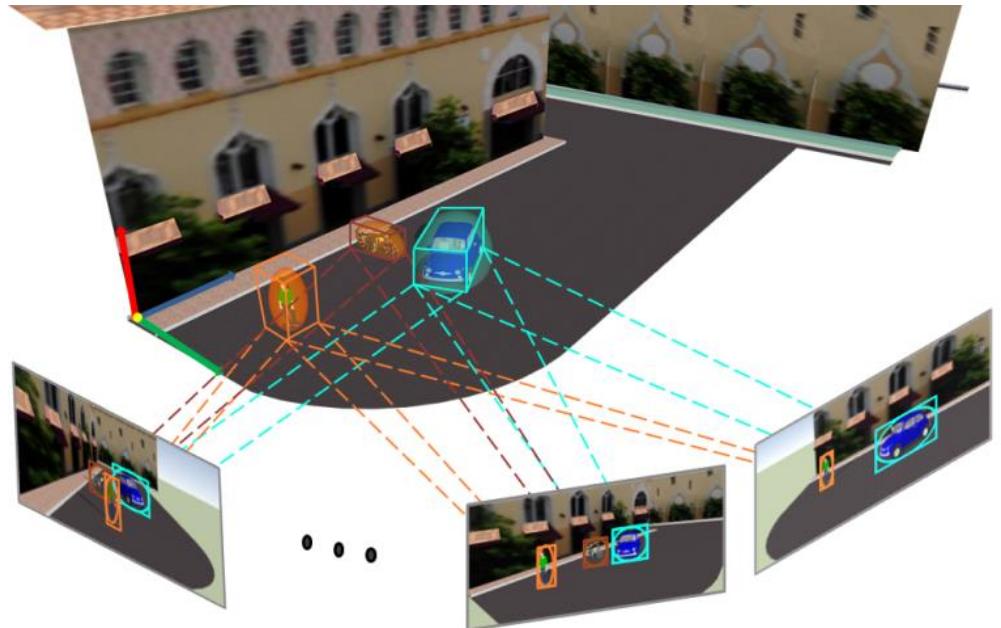
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<https://github.com/520xyxyzq/awesome-object-SLAM>

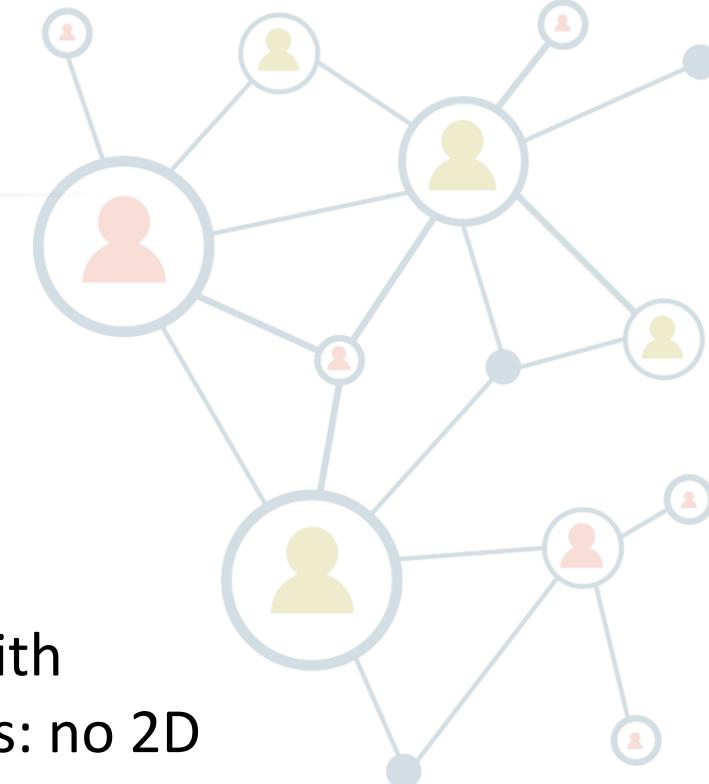
Localisation from Detections (LfD)

Main goal: to recover the **3D occupancy** of a set of objects given the **2D bounding boxes** from detections at each image frame.



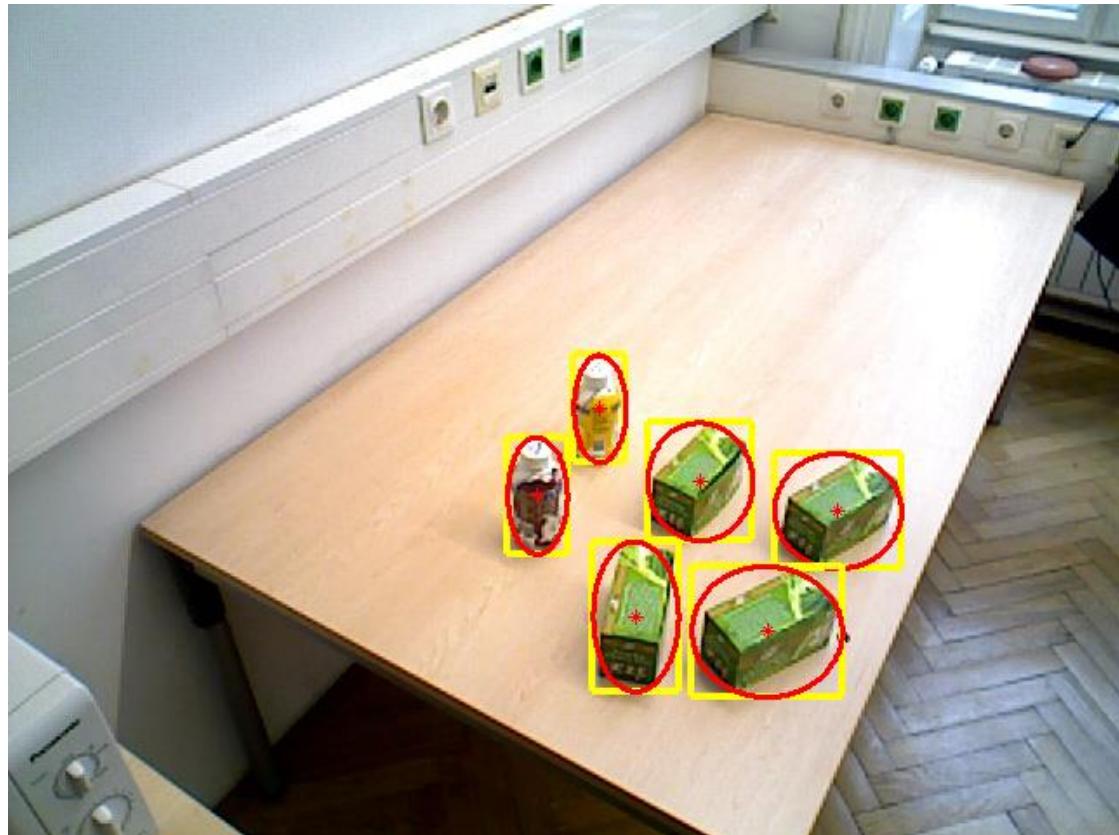
Features:

- Method working with **texture-less** objects: no **2D interest points** required
- Just 2D bounding boxes position, size and aspect ratio are required

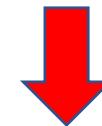


Rubino, Cosimo, Marco Crocco, and Alessio Del Bue. "3d object localisation from multi-view image detections." *TPAMI* 2017.

3D ellipsoids from bounding boxes



3D bounding box from set of **2D bounding boxes** (one per frame)

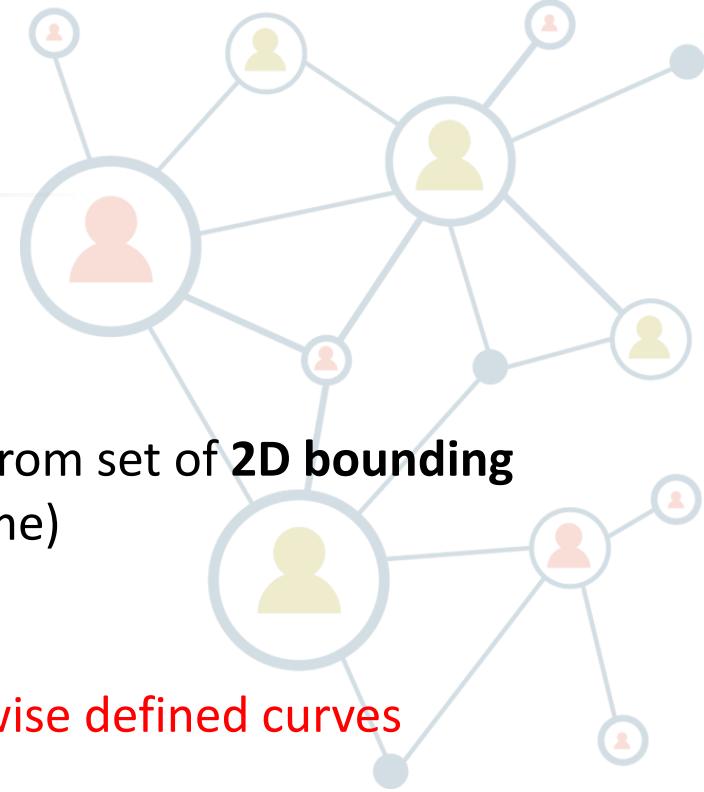


Not simple: piece-wise defined curves

3D ellipsoid from set of **2D ellipses** fitted to 2D bounding box



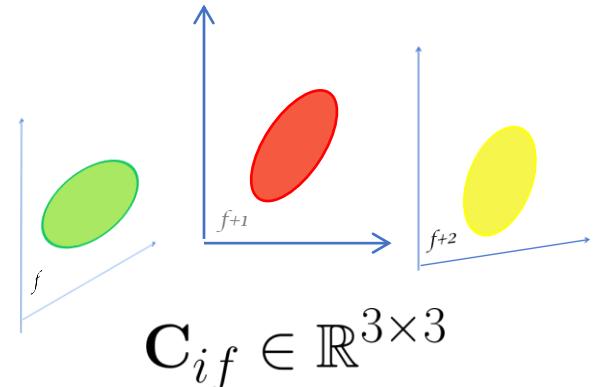
Algebraic solution available in closed form



Multiple conic to quadric reconstruction (1)



Conics from 2D bounding boxes at frames $1 \dots F$ related to object i

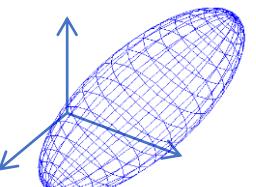


Projection matrices for frames $1 \dots F$:
can be estimated from the image background by standard multi-view relations

$$P_f \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$$

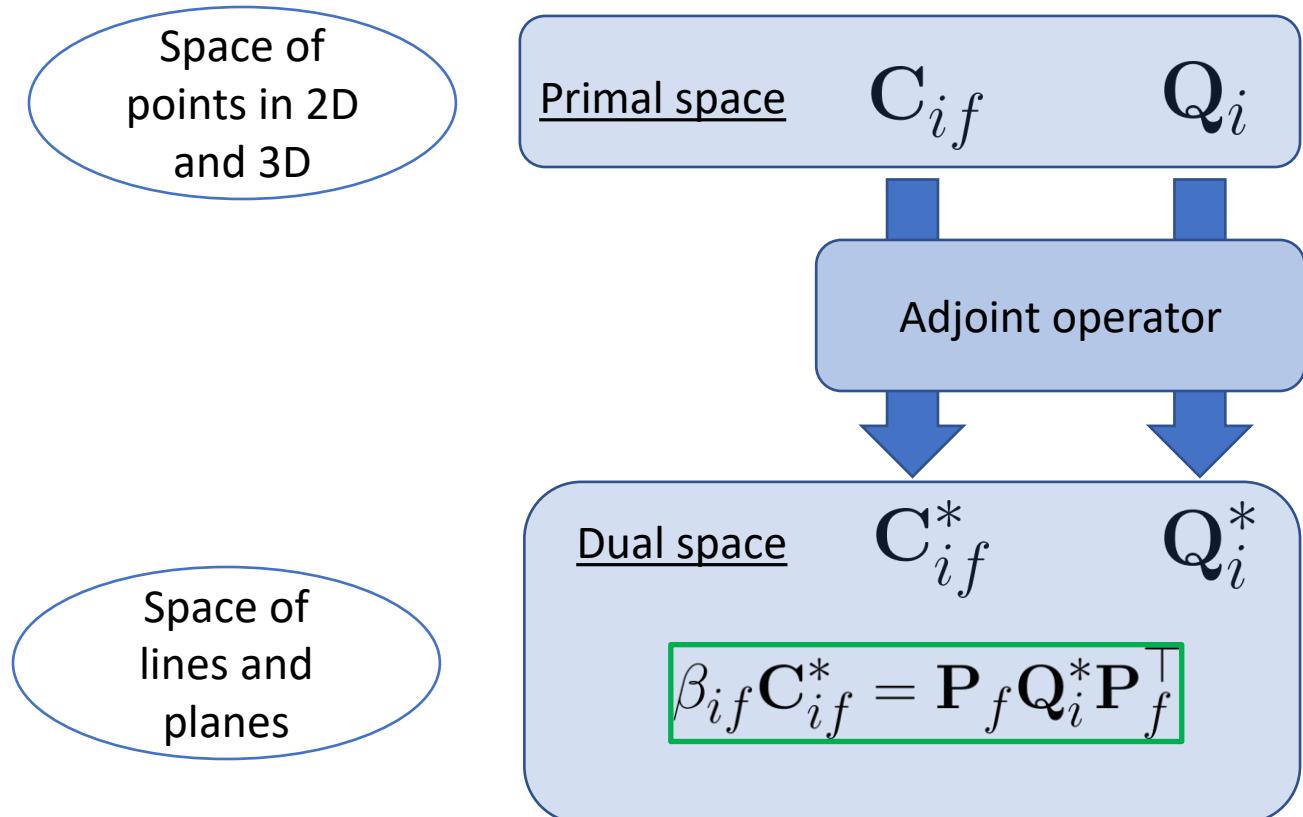
$$Q_i \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$$

Estimated Quadric (ellipsoid) representing 3D space occupancy of object i



- [1] De Ma, S., Chen, X.: Reconstruction of quadric surface from occluding contour. In: Pattern Recognition, 1994. Vol. 1-Conference A: Computer Vision & Image Processing., Proceedings of the 12th IAPR International Conference on. Volume 1., IEEE (1994) 27–31
[2] G. Cross and A. Zisserman. Quadric reconstruction from dual-space geometry. ICCV 1998.

Multiple conic to quadric reconstruction (2)

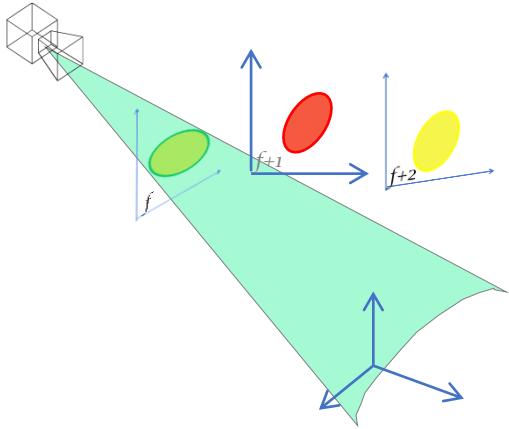


No simple relation
between quadric and
conics in primal
space

Linear relation
between quadric
and conics in dual
space



Multiple conic to quadric reconstruction (3)



Vectorize dual conics and quadrics and stack over f

$$\beta_{if} \mathbf{C}_{if}^* = \mathbf{P}_f \mathbf{Q}_i^* \mathbf{P}_f^\top$$

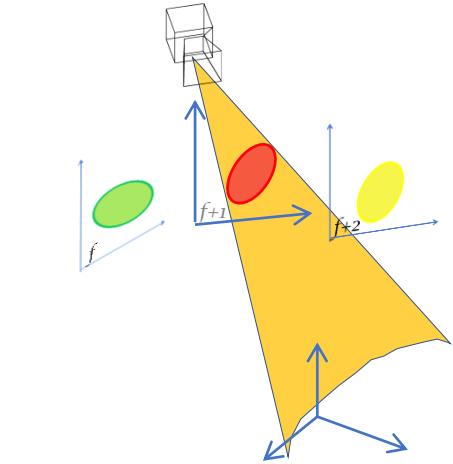
Projection matrices Vectorized dual conics

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{Projection matrices} & \text{Vectorized dual conics} \\ \hline \text{Vectorized dual quadric} & \end{array} \right] = \mathbf{0}$$

Scale factors
 β_{if}

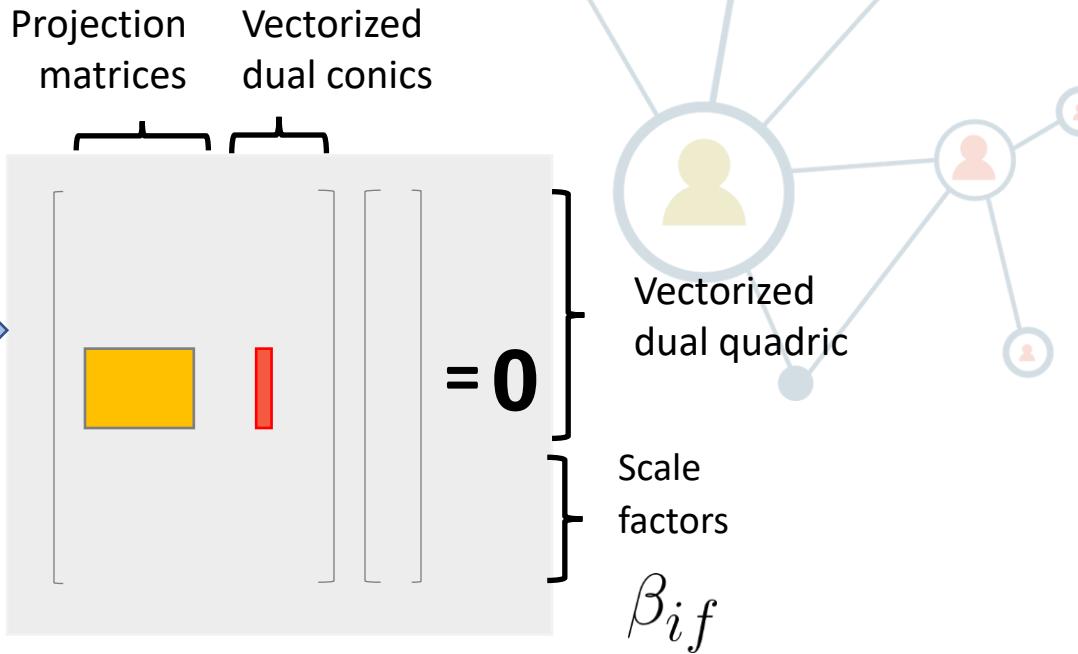
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Multiple conic to quadric reconstruction (3)



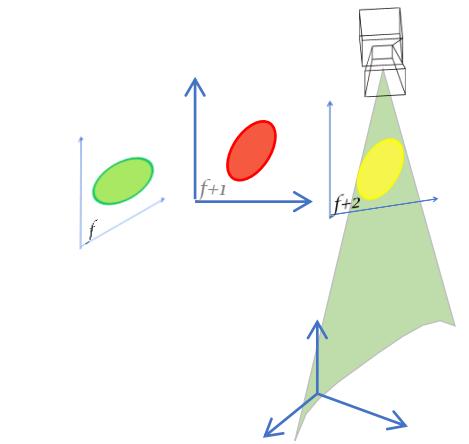
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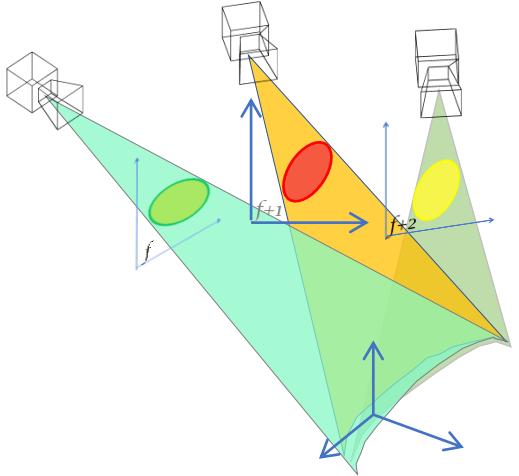
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Vectorized dual quadric

Scale factors β_{if}

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Multiple conic to quadric reconstruction (3)



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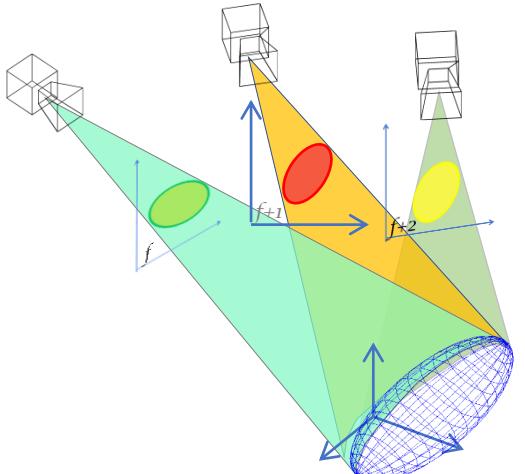
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Vectorized dual quadric

Scale factors
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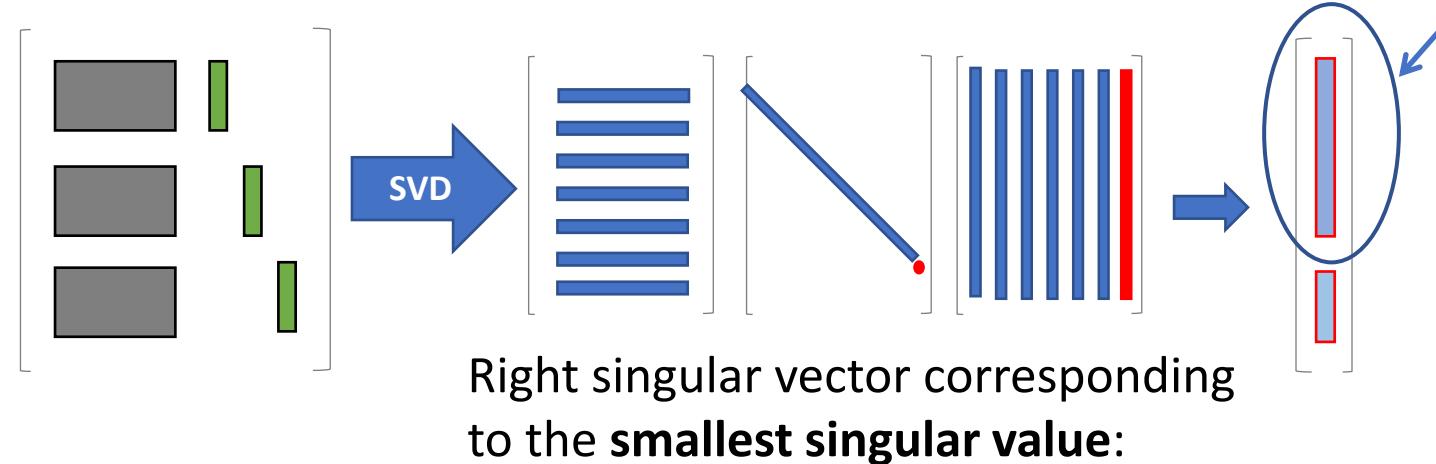
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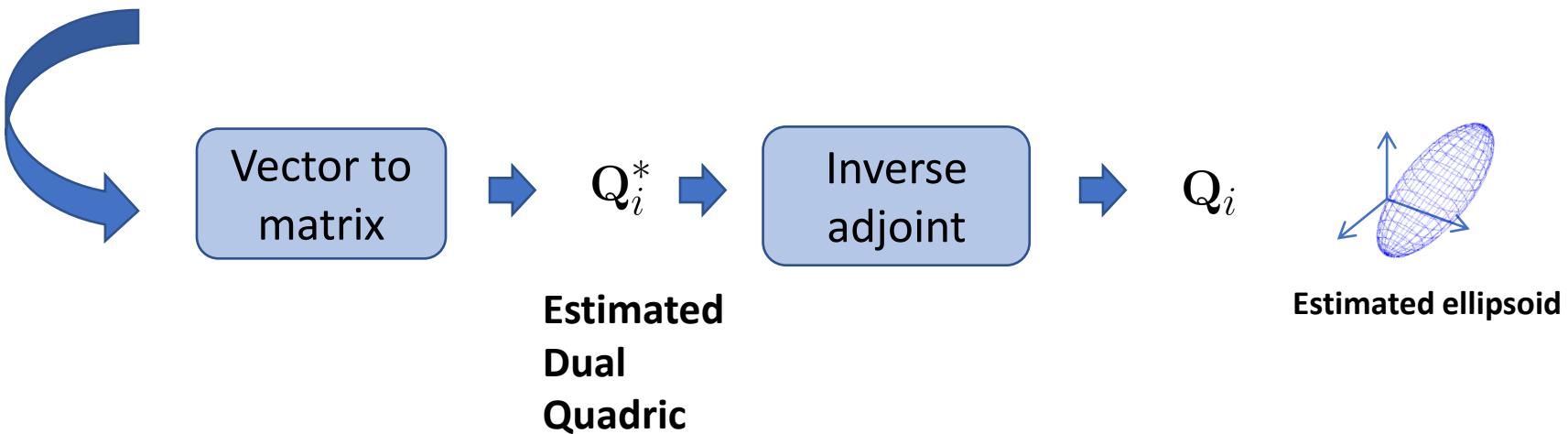
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Reconstruction via SVD



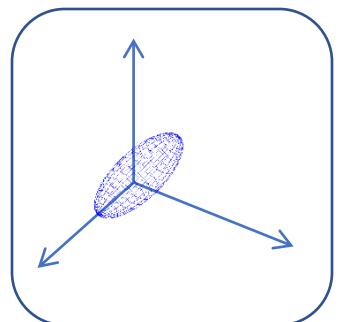
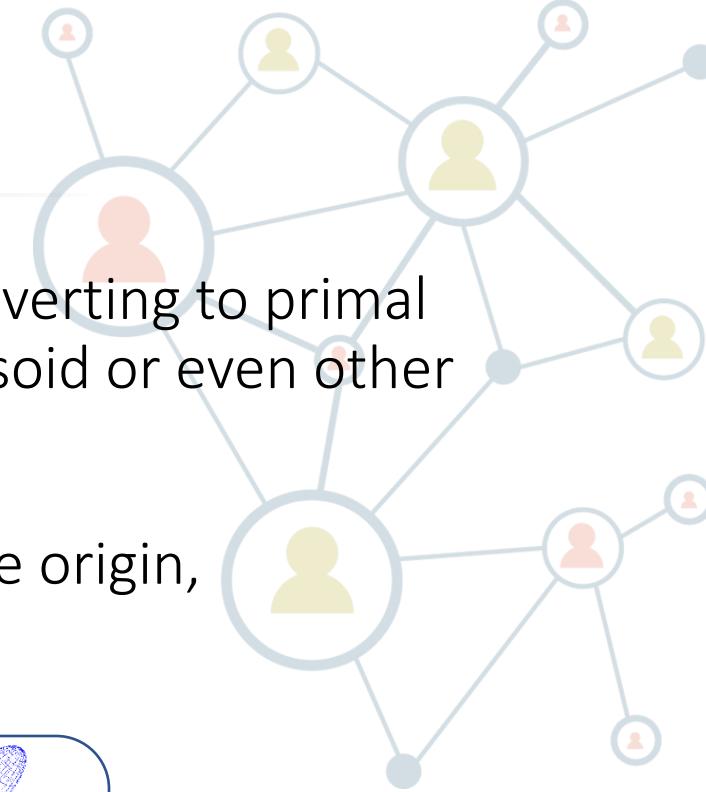
Right singular vector corresponding
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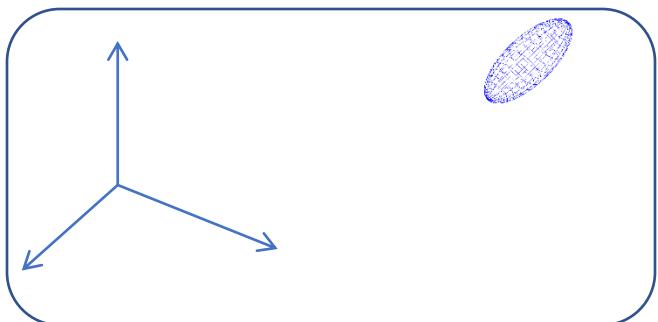
SVD approach: drawbacks

Problem solved in **dual space** may give **ill-conditioned** matrices: reverting to primal space by **matrix inversion** may result in (close to) **degenerate ellipsoid** or even other quadrics (i.e. hyperboloids).

Ill-conditioning is increased for objects **far** from the 3D coordinate origin, where **translation** terms are **dominant** in the quadric.



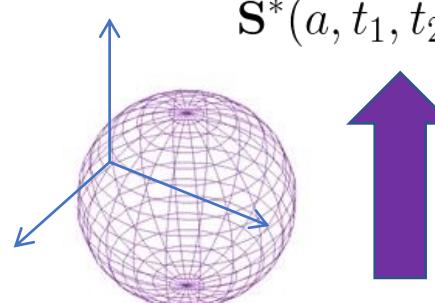
Rcond= 0.216 $Q_i^* = \begin{bmatrix} -0.43 & -0.18 & -0.26 & 0.0 \\ -0.18 & -0.43 & -0.26 & 0.0 \\ -0.26 & -0.26 & -0.62 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$



Rcond= 0.000037 $Q_i^* = \begin{bmatrix} 24.5 & 24.8 & 24.7 & 2.5 \\ 24.8 & 24.5 & 24.7 & 2.5 \\ 24.7 & 24.7 & 24.3 & 2.5 \\ 2.5 & 2.5 & 2.5 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$

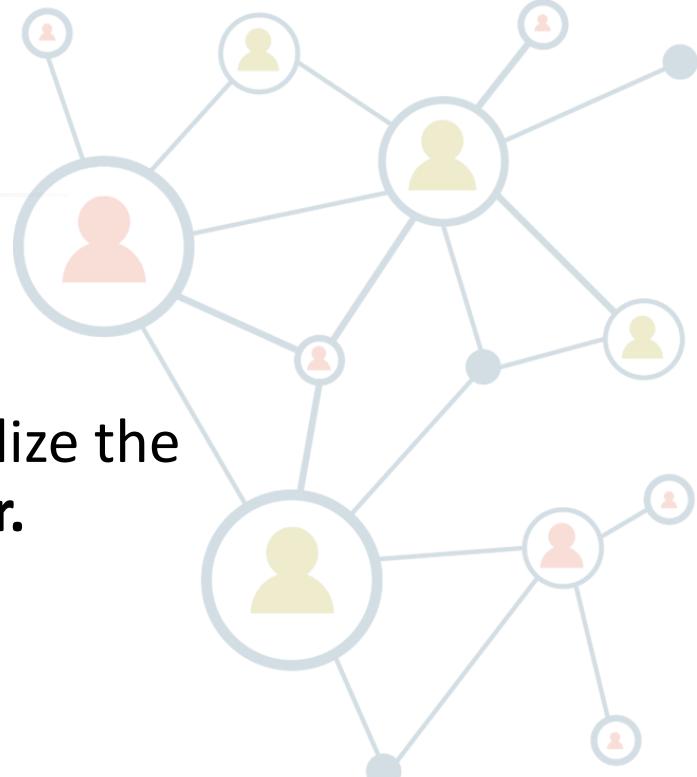
Regularization

Strategy: enforce **prior** on (known) objects **aspect ratio**: penalize the distance of ellipsoids from a **sphere of given radius and center**.


$$\mathbf{S}^*(a, t_1, t_2, t_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Arbitrary center Axes equal Feasible radius

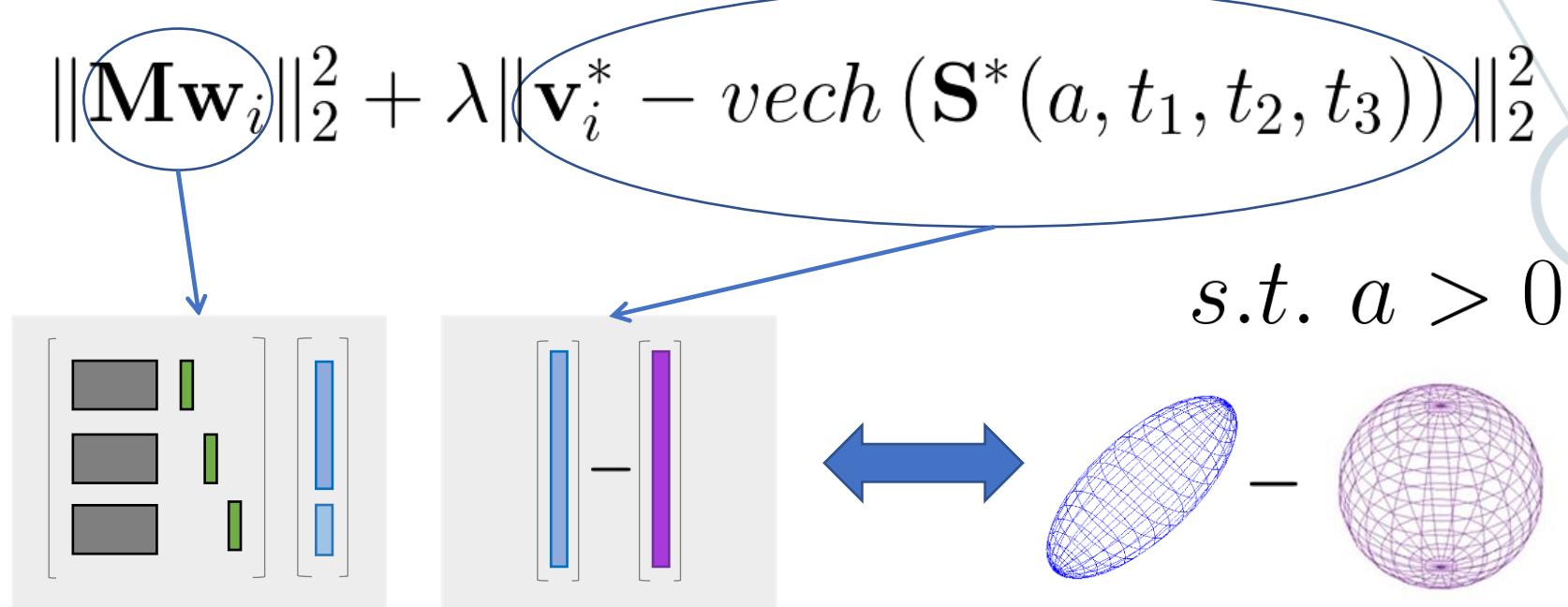
$a > 0$



Regularization: cost function

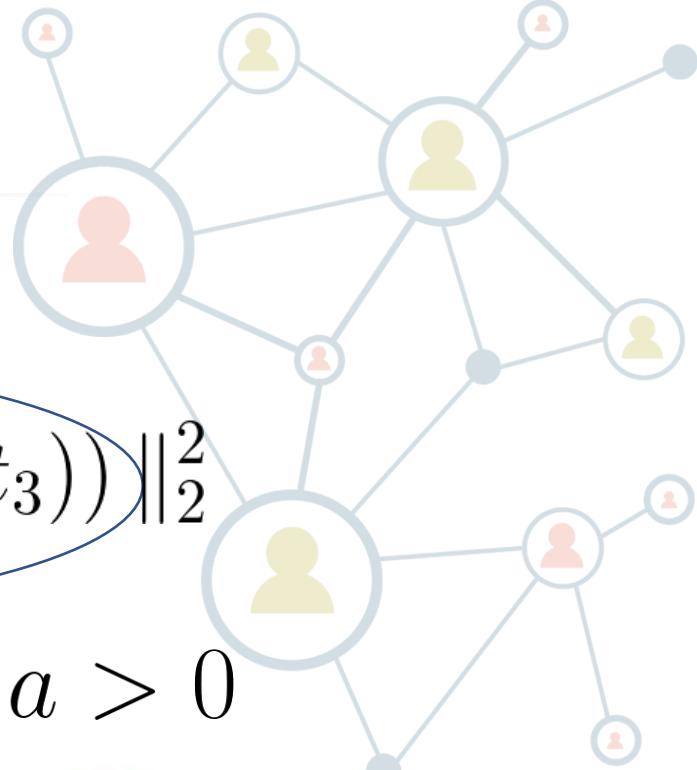
$$\|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}_i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{v}_i^* - \text{vech}(\mathbf{S}^*(a, t_1, t_2, t_3))\|_2^2$$

s.t. $a > 0$

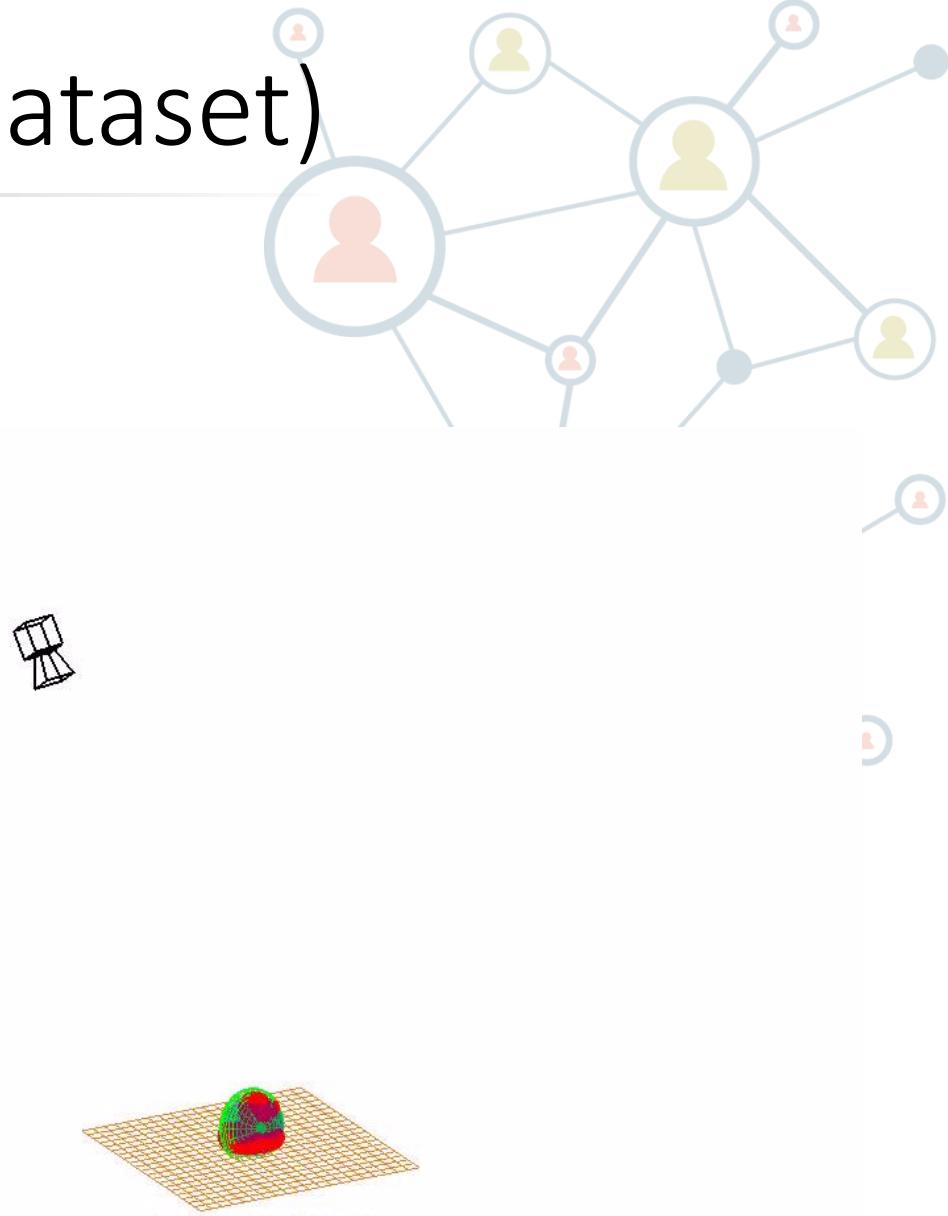


The diagram shows the cost function as a sum of two terms. The first term is $\|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}_i\|_2^2$, represented by a matrix \mathbf{M} multiplied by a vector \mathbf{w}_i . The second term is $\lambda \|\mathbf{v}_i^* - \text{vech}(\mathbf{S}^*(a, t_1, t_2, t_3))\|_2^2$, represented by a vector \mathbf{v}_i^* minus a vector obtained from the vech operation of a matrix $\mathbf{S}^*(a, t_1, t_2, t_3)$. The constraint $s.t. a > 0$ is shown below the second term.

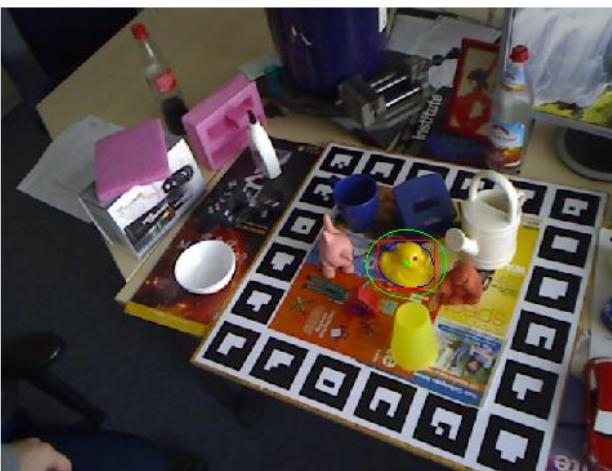
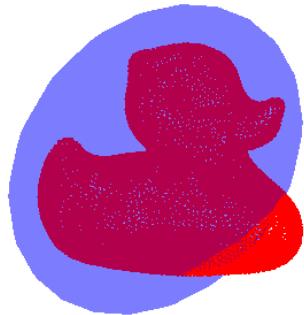
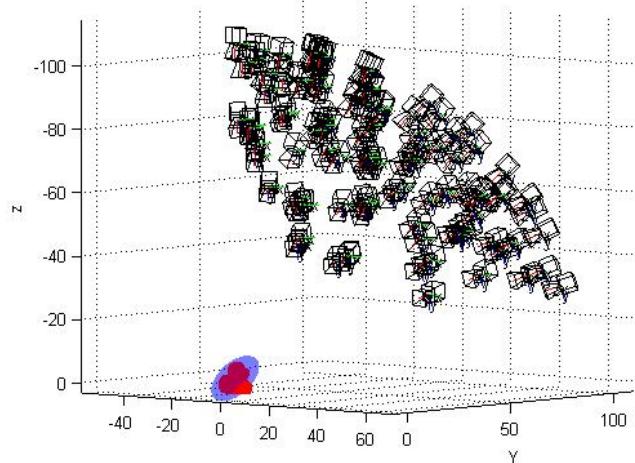
Problem solvable with nonlinear Least Squares with boundary constraints



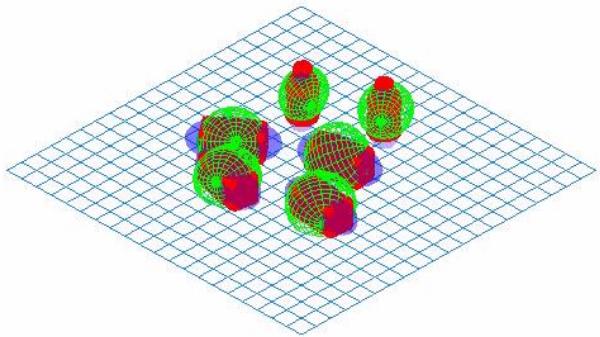
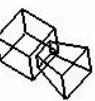
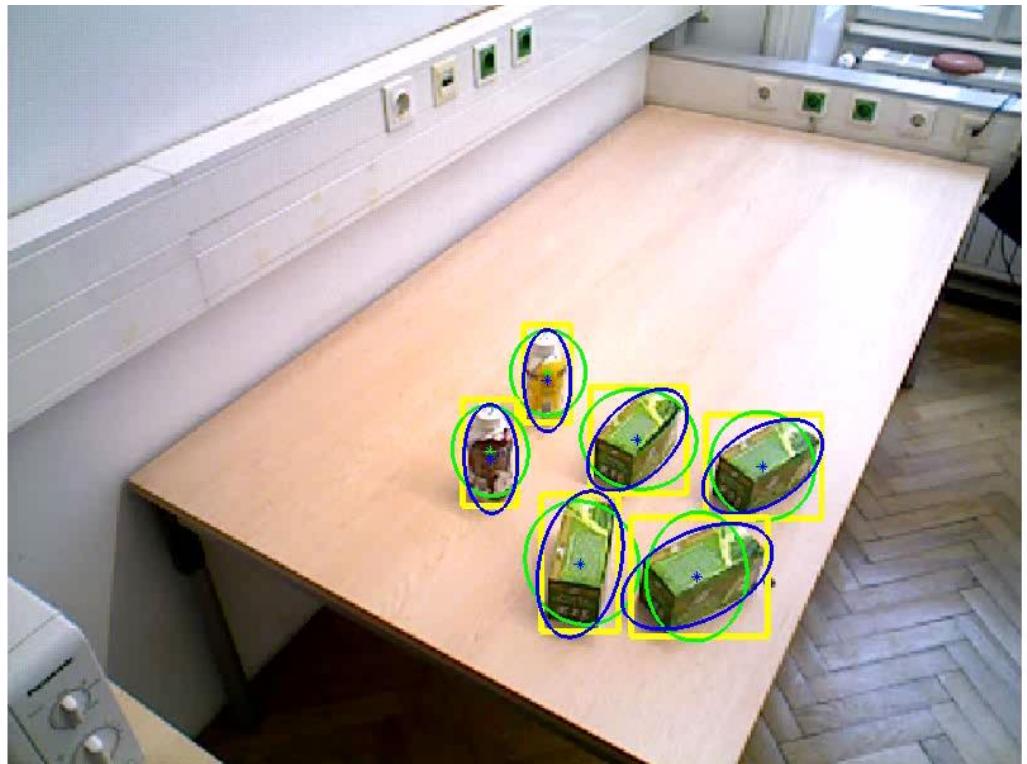
ACCV sequence (Hinterstoisser dataset)



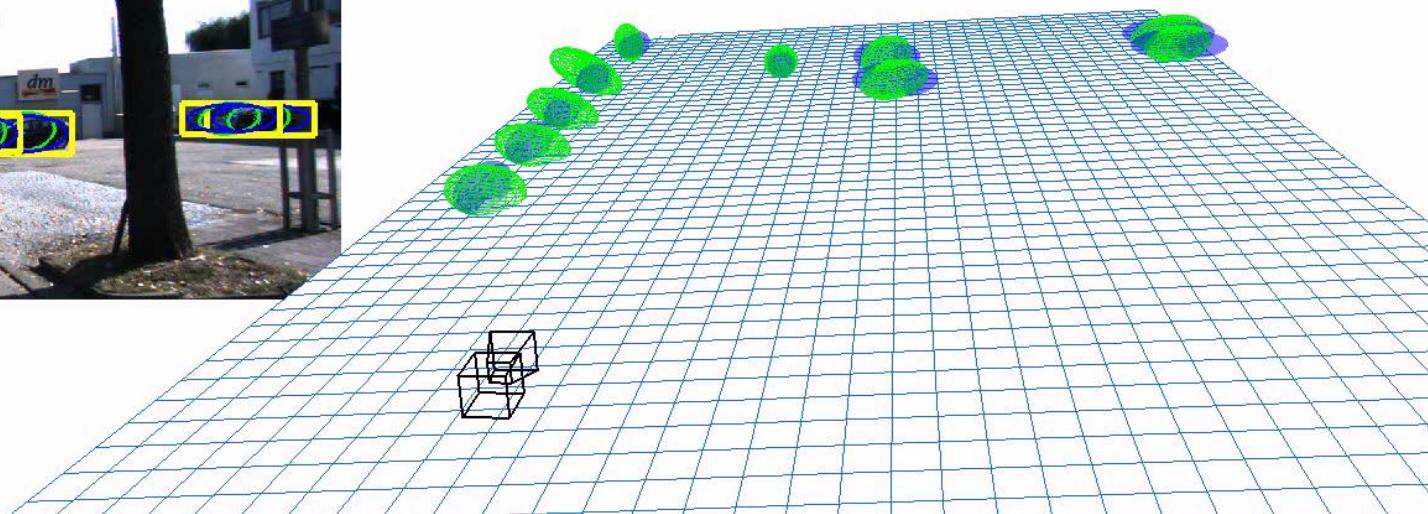
ACCV sequence (Hinterstoisser dataset)



TUW dataset sequence



KITTI sequence



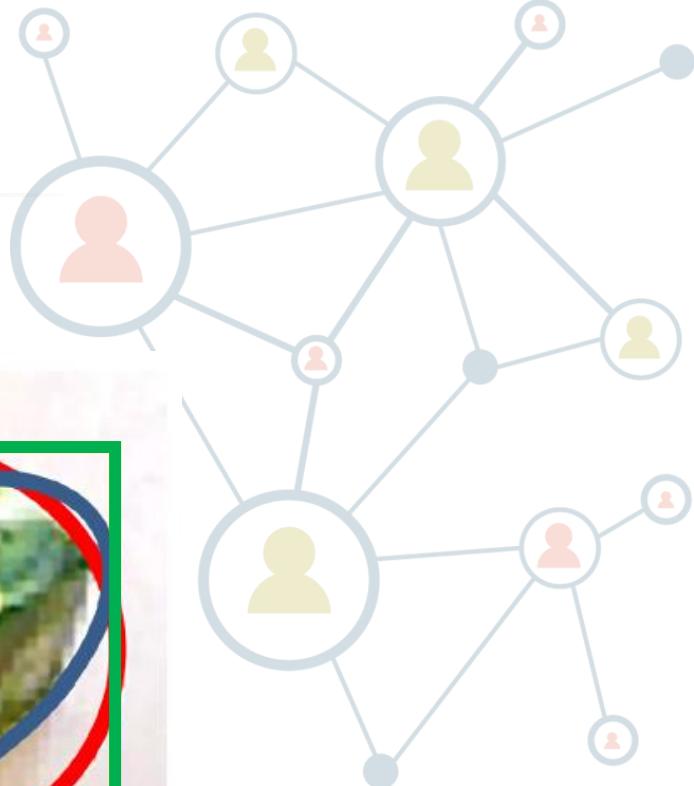
Problem 1: Ellipse from BB mismatch

- Bounding boxes (green) from generic object detectors are not precisely matched with their ground truth -> **ellipses from BB** (red) are not exactly matched as well with their **ground truth** counterpart (blue)
- Also with perfect BBs, ellipse axes are aligned to the image axes -> **high rotation and size error** in respect to GT ellipse if the object is rotated with respect to the image axes
- Further works extend ellipses fitting to objects or use instance segmentation.



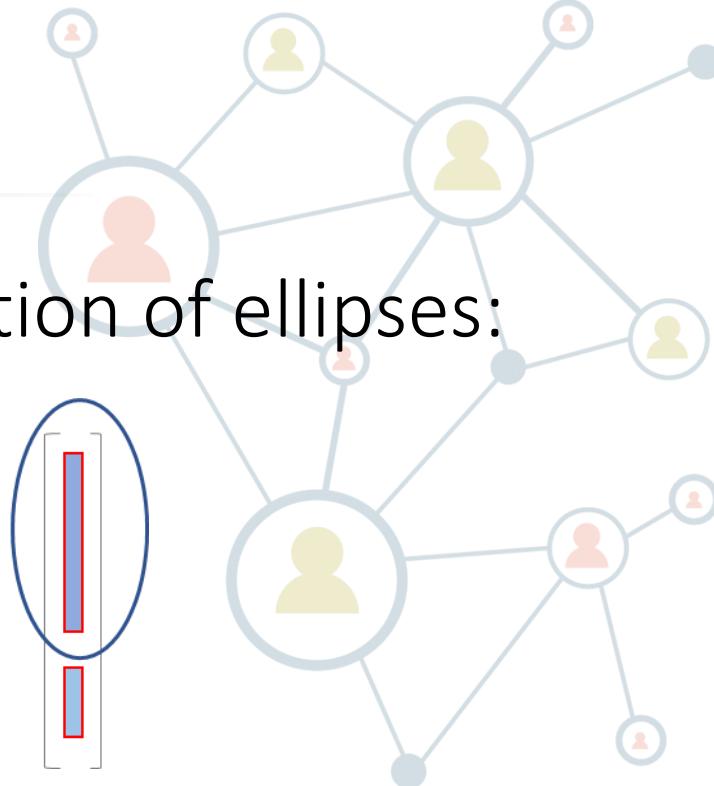
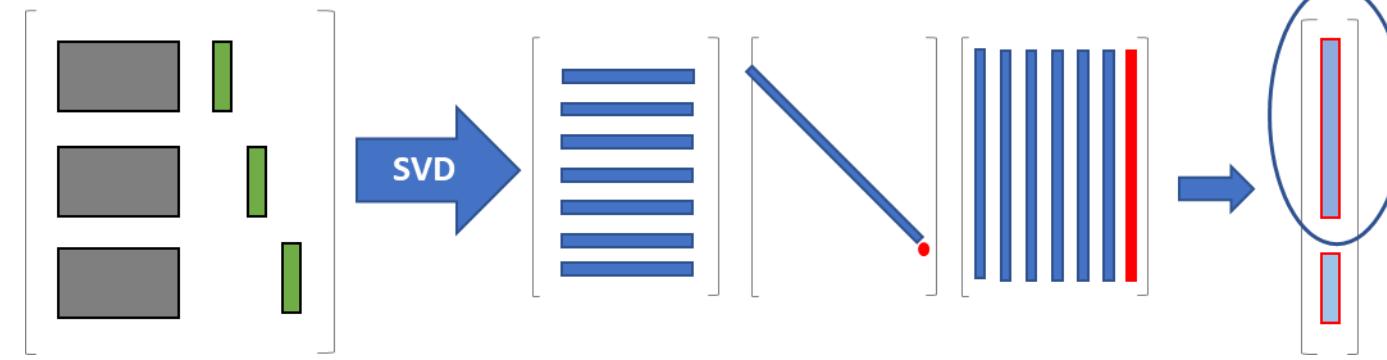
Example of mismatch between ground truth ellipse (blue) and ellipse from bounding box (red).

Dong W, Roy P, Peng C, Isler V. Ellipse R-CNN: Learning to infer elliptical object from clustering and occlusion. IEEE TIP 2021.



Problem 2: Analytical solution

The solution computes the quadric from a collection of ellipses:

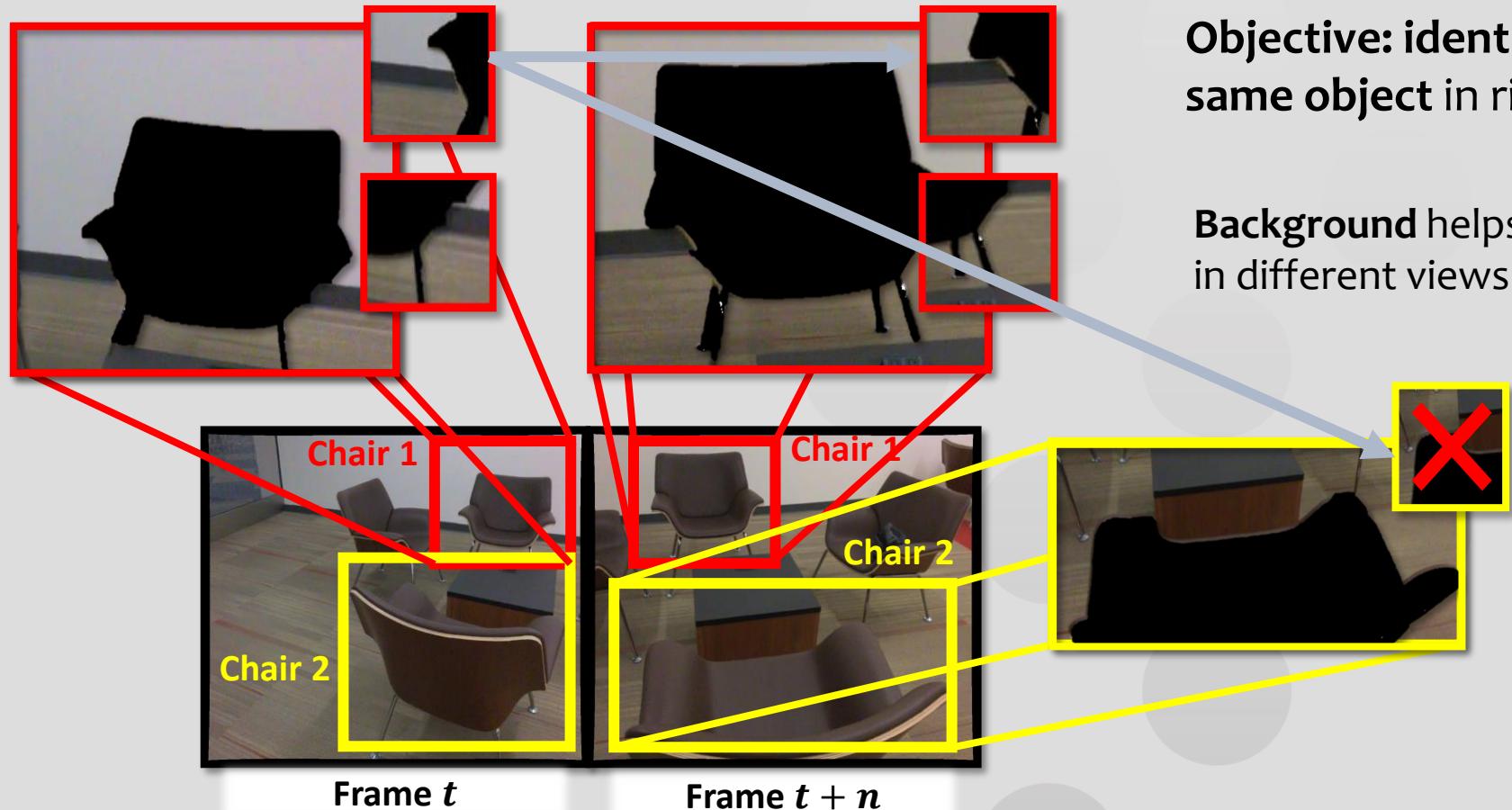


Ideally, as it happens in SfM we achieve better results and we avoid degenerate solution by minimising a reprojection error.

However: $O_{2D} = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{f=1}^F \sum_{i=1}^N I(i, f) \frac{\mathcal{C}_{if} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{if}}{\mathcal{C}_{if} \cup \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{if}}$



Problem 3: the same object everywhere!



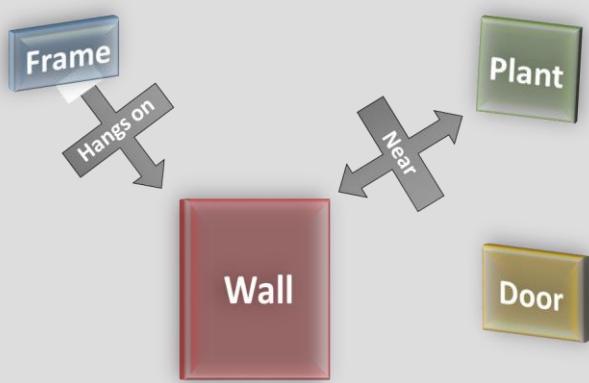
Objective: identifying multiple instances of the same object in rigid scenes

Background helps in identifying the same instance in different views

3D scene understanding

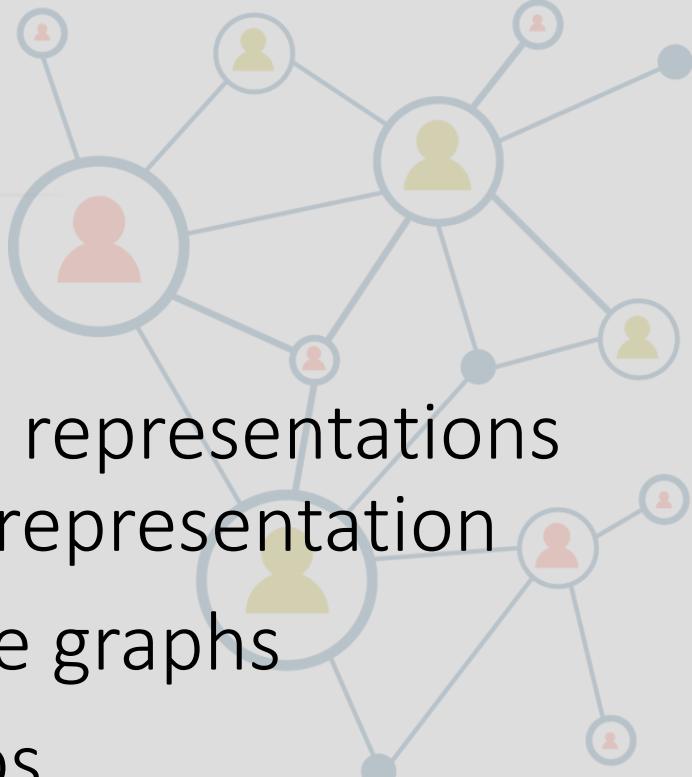


INPUT: 2D object detections in multiple views



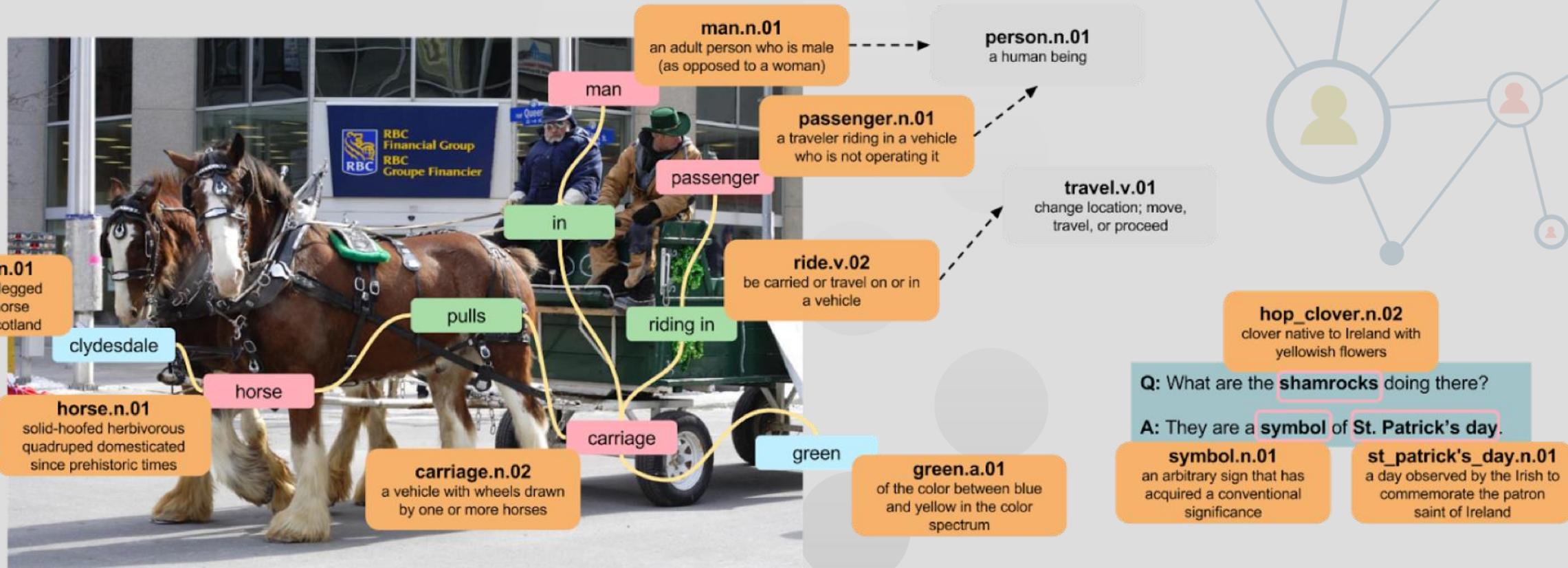
REPRESENTATION
(RIGID AND DYNAMIC)

- How to compute 3D representations with higher level of representation
- From 2D to 3D scene graphs
- Application scenarios



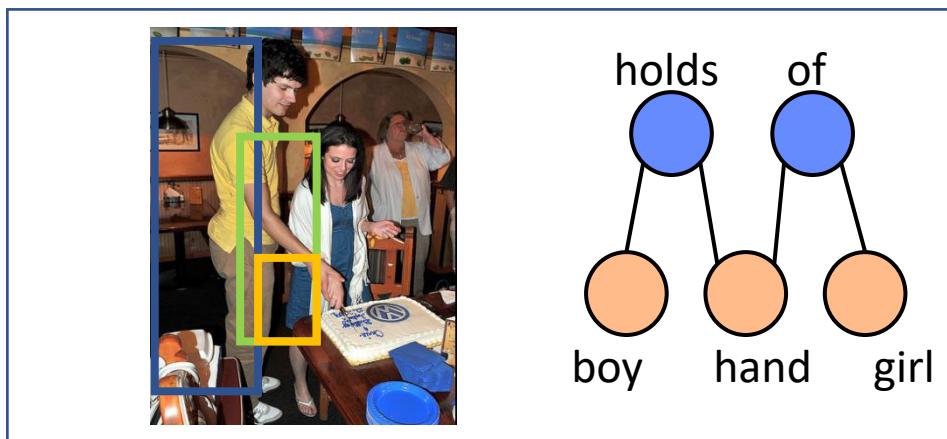
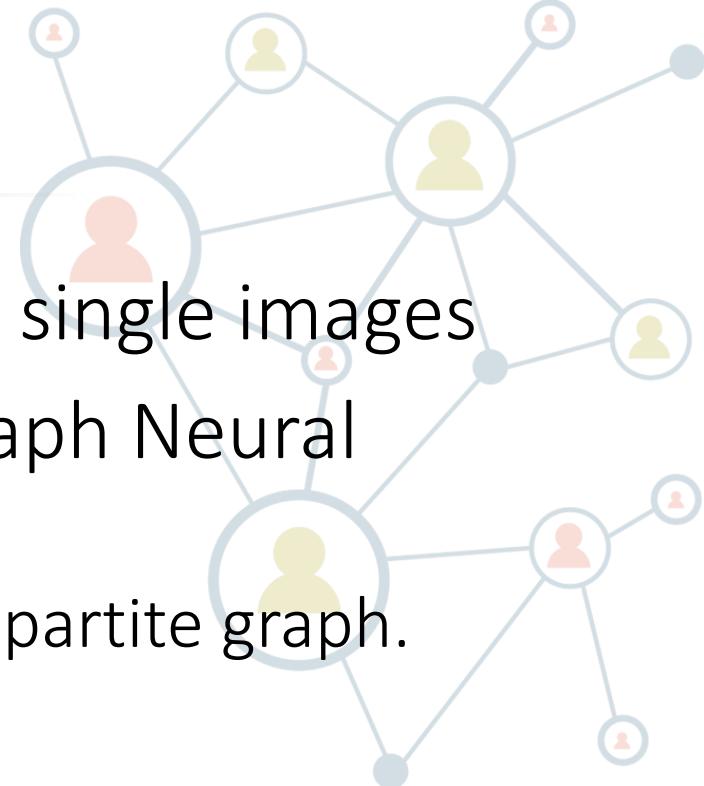
Back to 2D...

Images can be described as graph encoding objects and their relationships in the scene



Previous work

- Recent architectures generate scene graphs from single images
- Explicit modelling of object and relations with Graph Neural Network (GNN) [1,2].
 - Global optimisation with message passing on a bi-partite graph.
 - Dealing with chain of relations

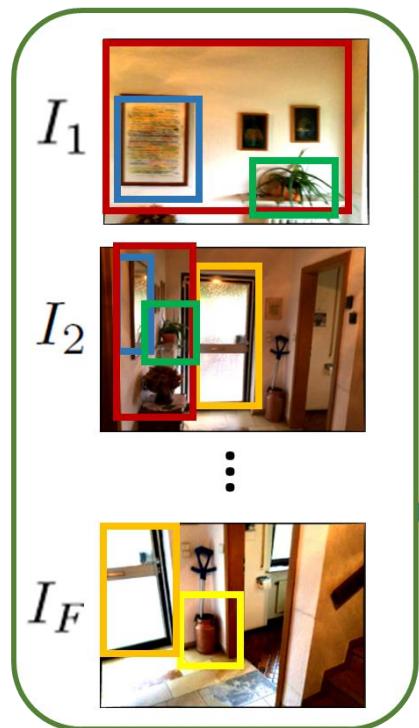


[1] Danfei et al, Scene Graph Generation by Iterative Message Passing, CVPR 2017

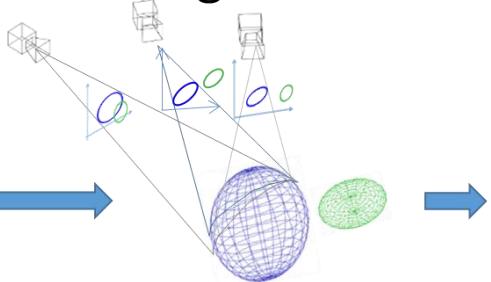
[2] Yikang et al, Scene Graph Generation from Objects, Phrases and Region Captions, ICCV 2017

From 2D to 3D scene graphs

Input: object detections in multiple views



3D object position from bounding boxes

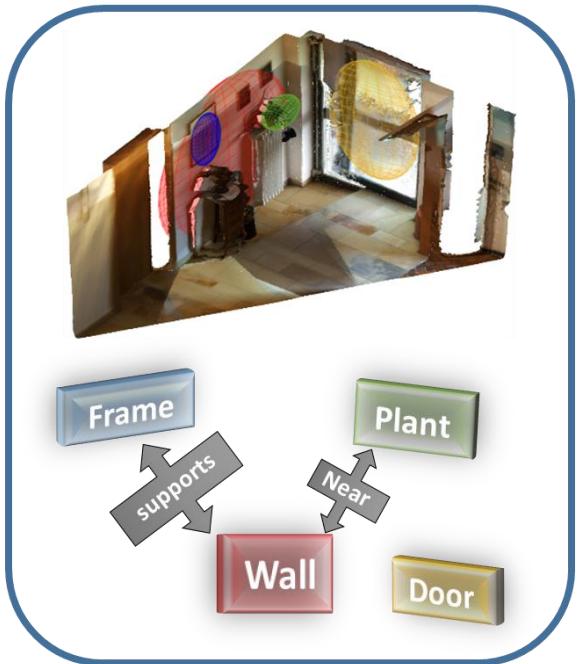


Object
Bounding
Boxes

Visual
features

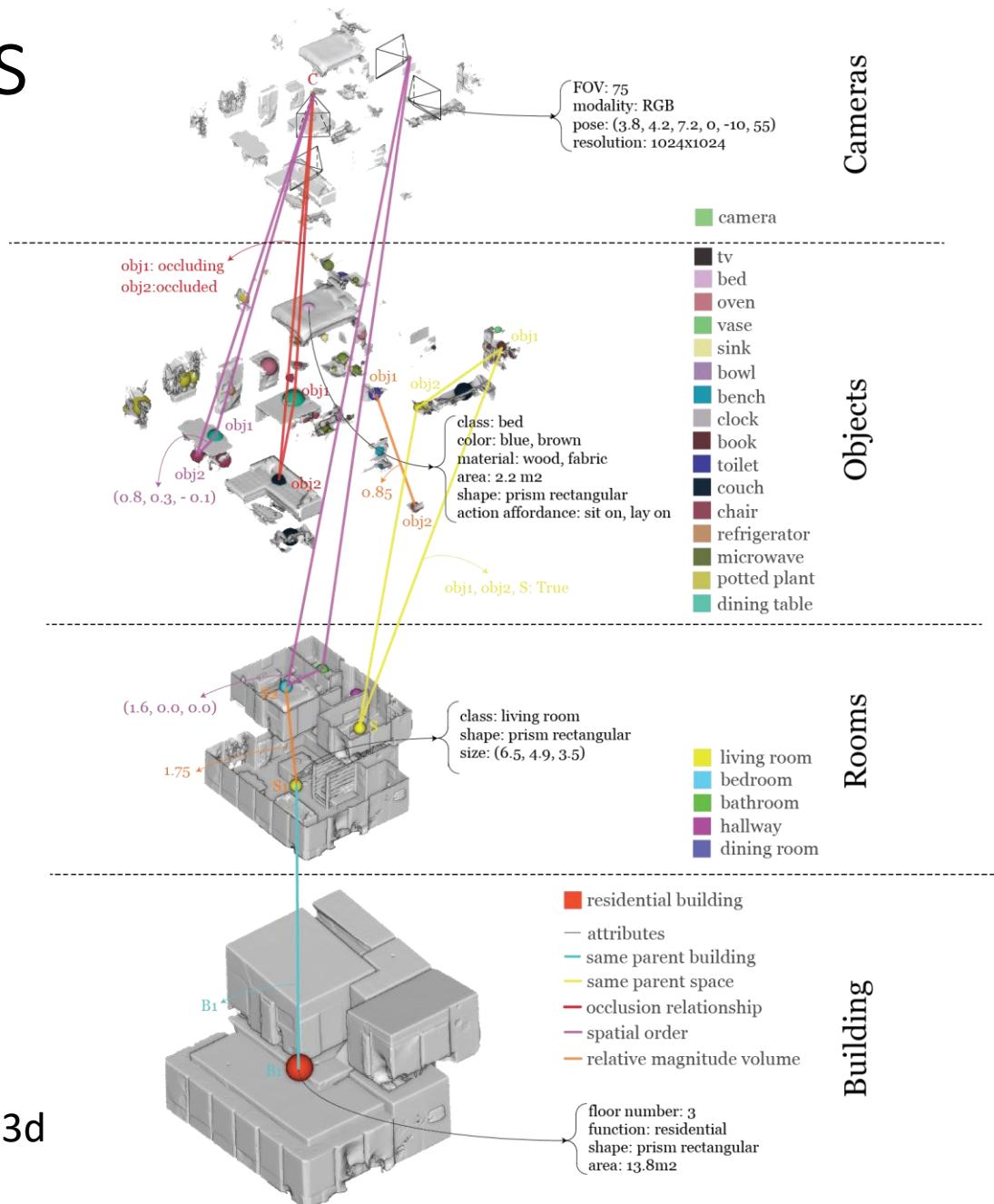
Scene graph
Prediction (RNN)

Output: 3D Scene Graph



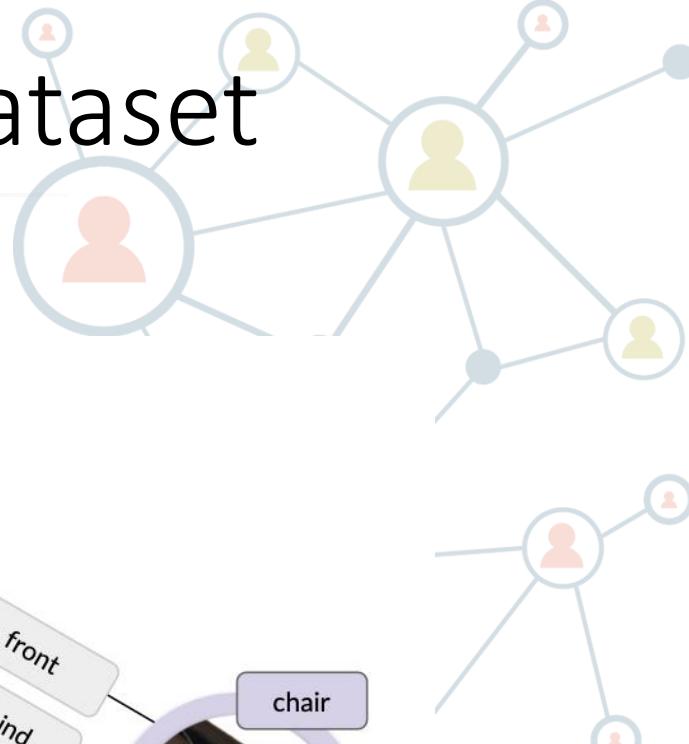
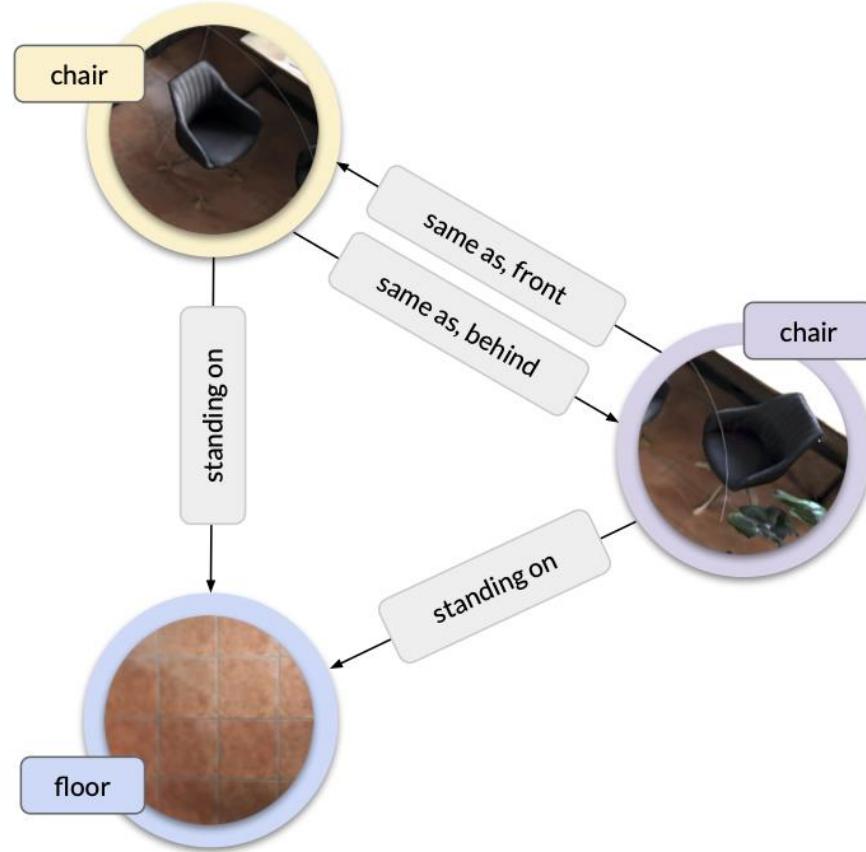
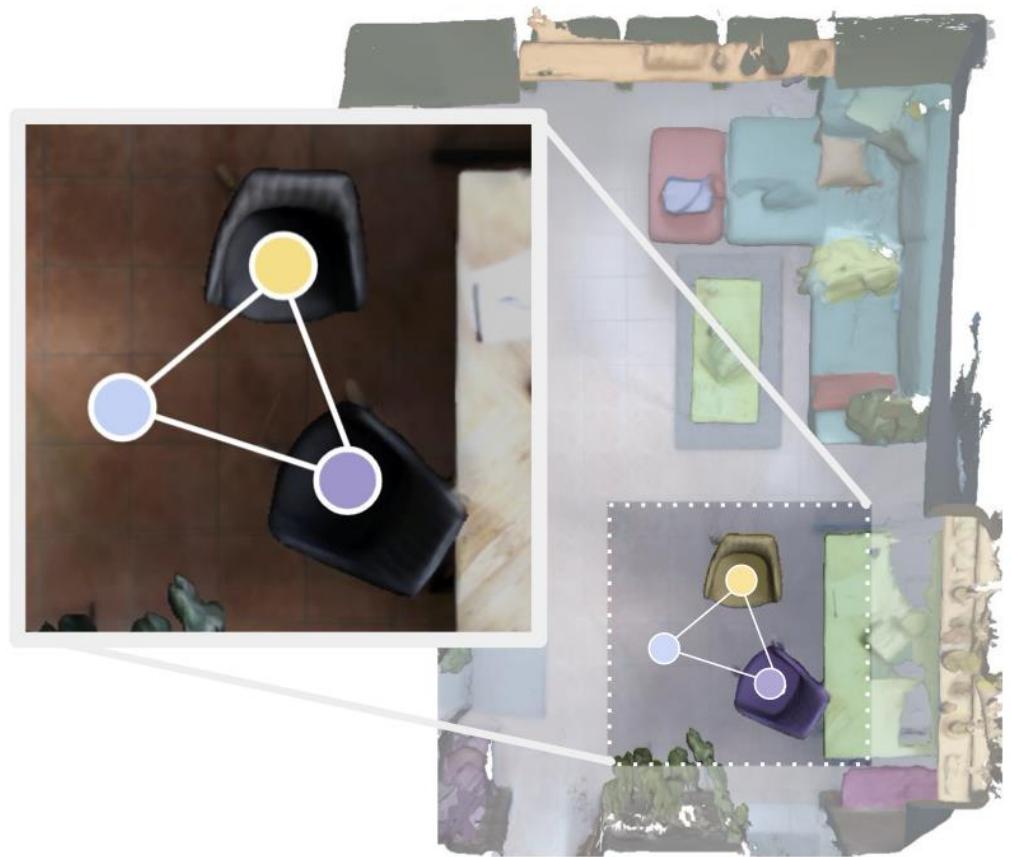
From 2D to 3D scene graphs

- Scene graphs include semantics on objects (e.g., class, material, and other attributes), rooms (e.g., scene category, volume, etc.) and cameras (e.g., location, etc.)
- The representation can have different levels of hierarchy, from a building to a city...



Armeni, Iro, et al. "3d scene graph: A structure for unified semantics, 3d space, and camera." ICCV 2019.

Learning graphs from RGBD indoor dataset



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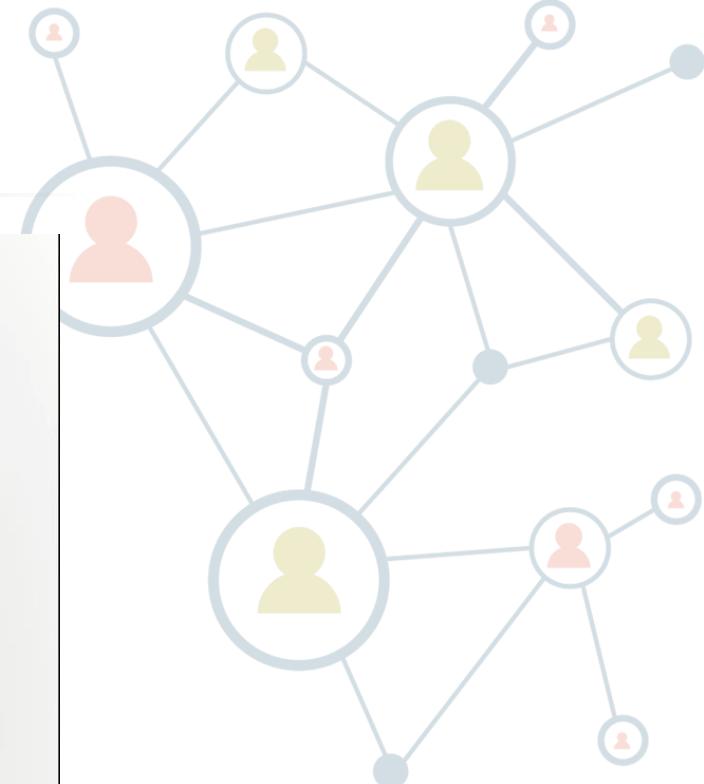


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Learning graphs in real-time

Hydra: A Real-time Spatial Perception Engine for 3D Scene Graph Construction and Optimization

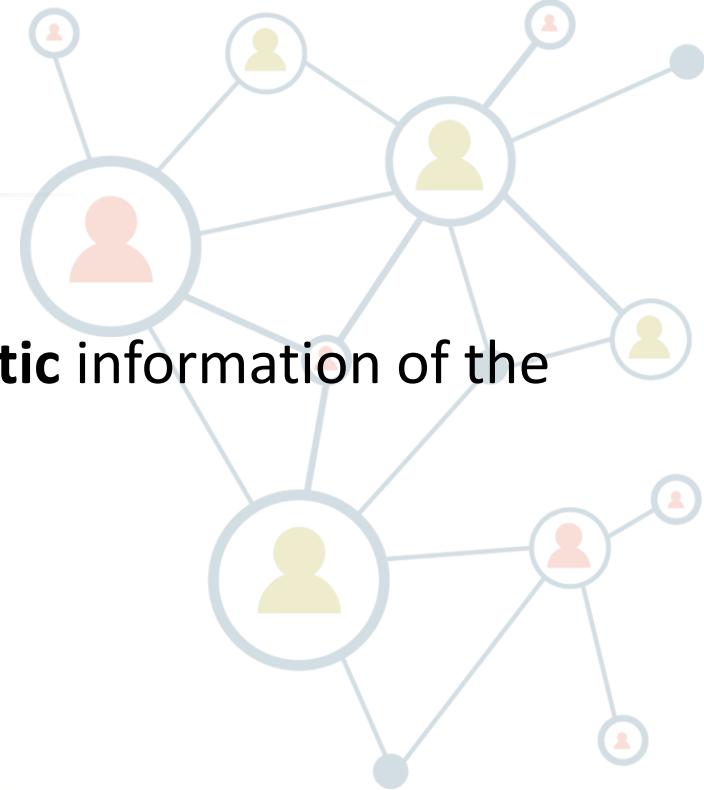
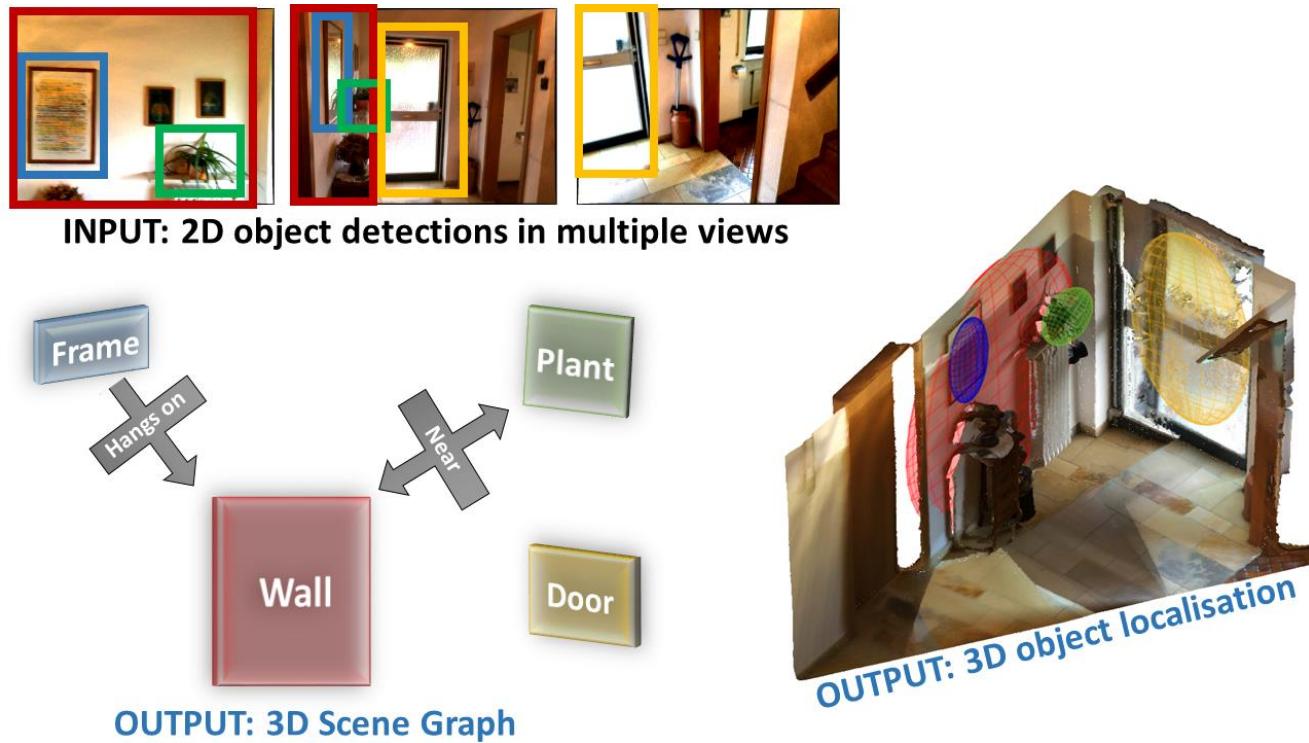
Nathan Hughes, Yun Chang, Luca Carlone



Hughes N, Chang Y, Carlone L. Hydra: A real-time spatial perception system for 3D scene graph construction and optimization. RSS 2022.

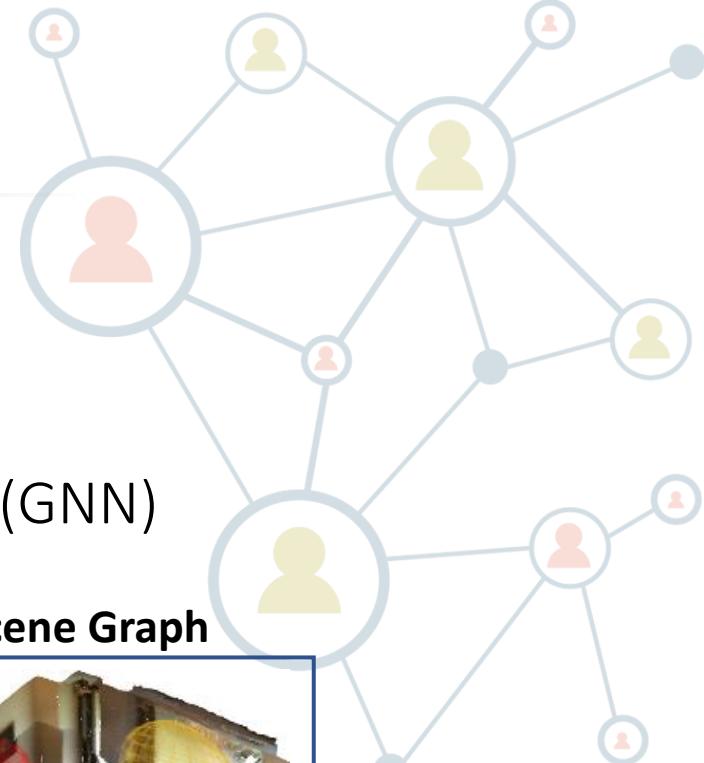
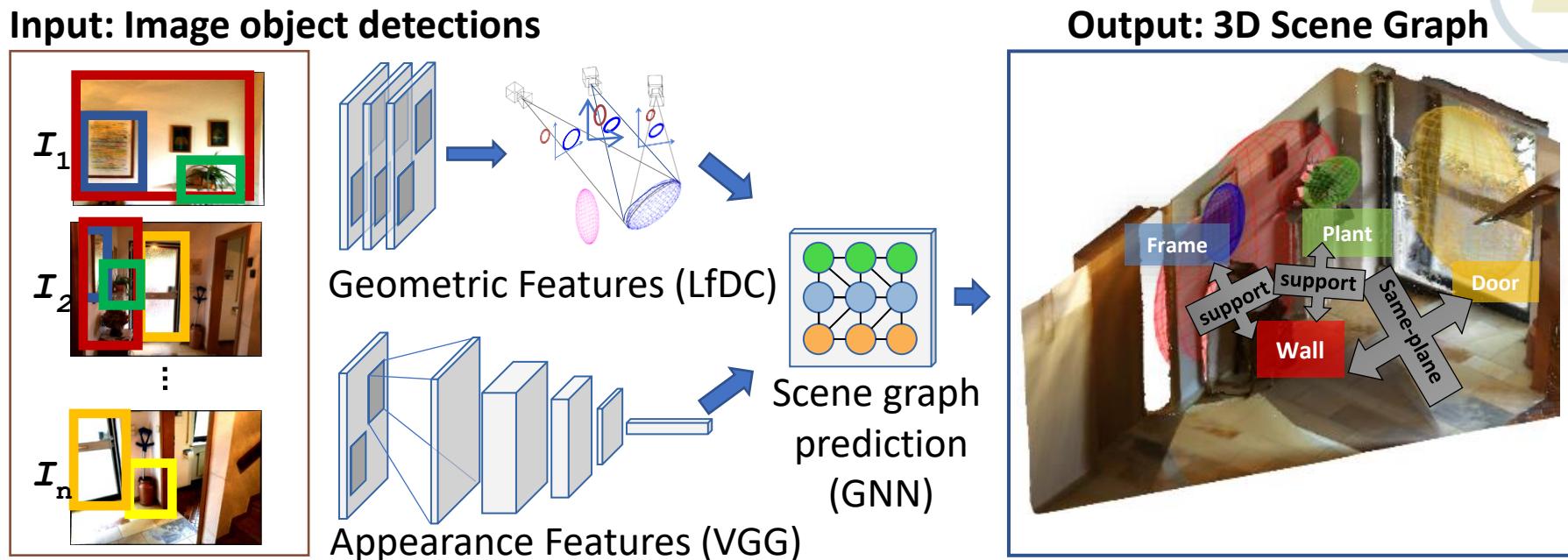
3D scene graph from multi-view

Goal: Build **3D Scene graph** to obtain a **rich** and **grounded semantic information** of the scene using only images and object detections.



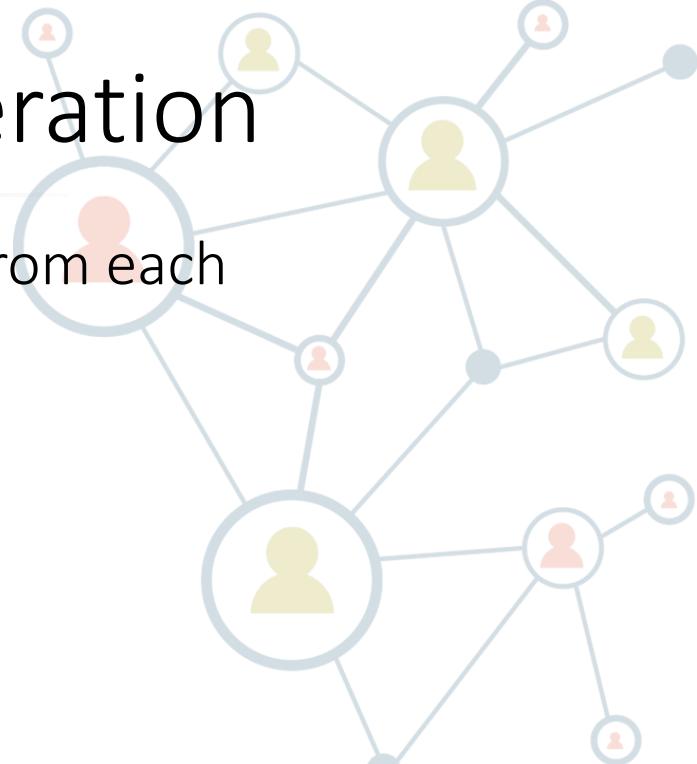
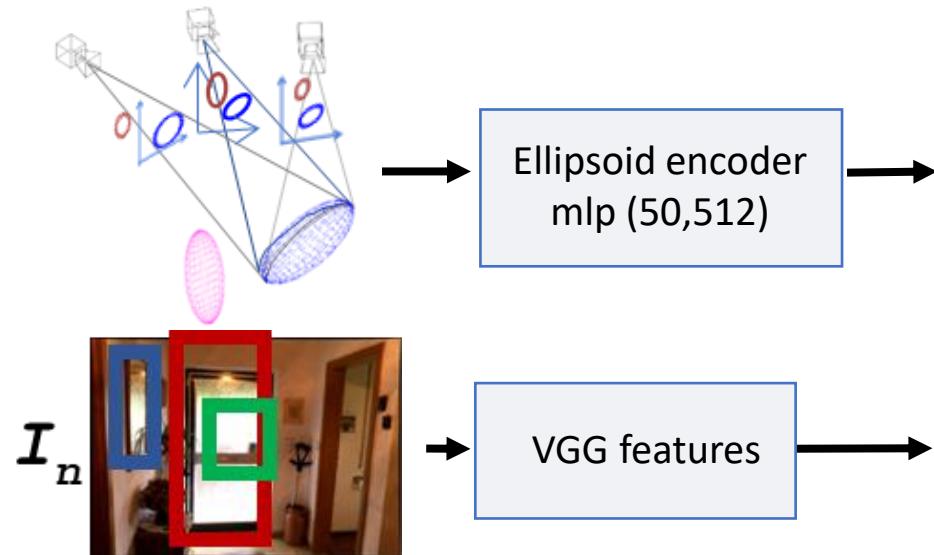
How to build a 3D scene graph?

- Extraction of the observations: Visual and geometric features
 - Ellipsoids computed from multiple views.
 - Visual features extracted from each image.
- Scene graph prediction with a tri-partite Graph Neural Network (GNN)



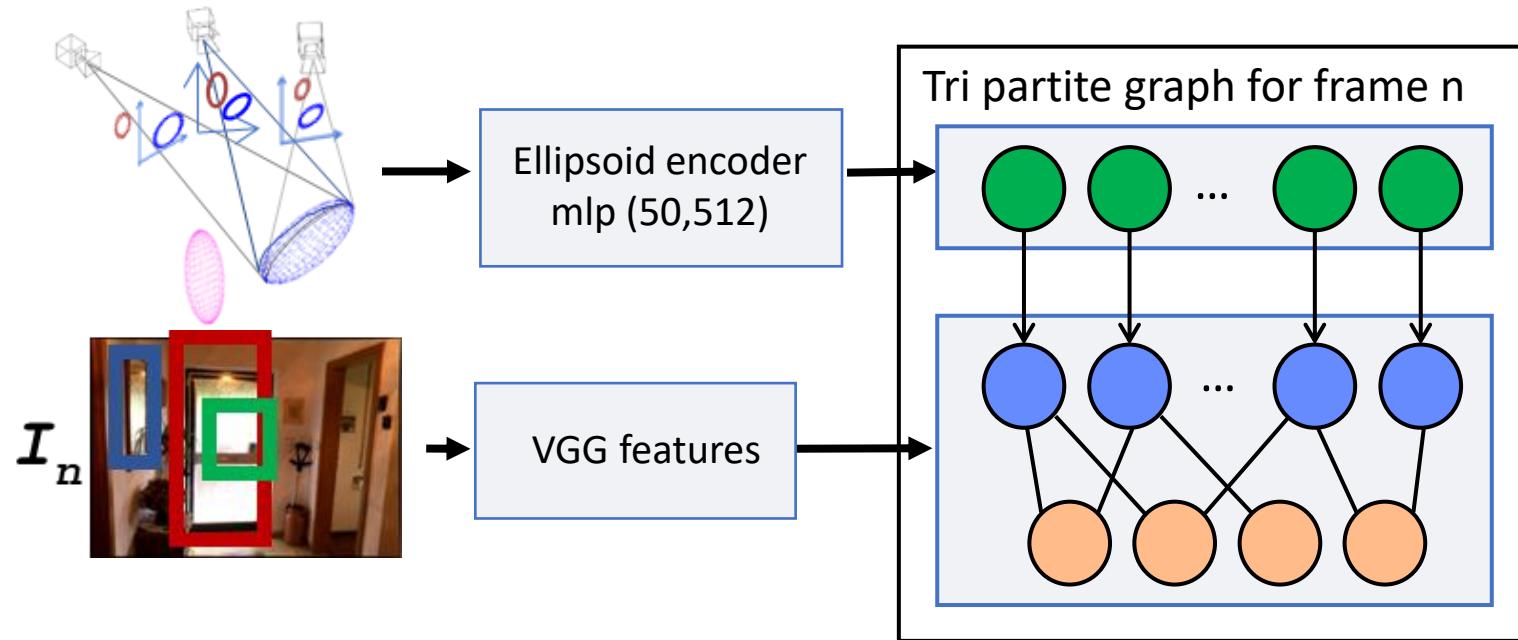
Use of the tri-graph for scene graph generation

- Visual appearance representation : VGG features are extracted from each bounding box.
- Geometric representation: MLP encodes each pair of ellipsoids.
- These features are then used as initialisation of the node states.



Use of the tri-graph for scene graph generation

- Tri-graph containing every possible relation between the N objects.
- Relation (blue) and object nodes (orange) are RNNs with GRU units:
 - Update of the GRU hidden state thanks to incoming messages;
 - Geometric nodes (green) are observations, i.e. they only send messages.

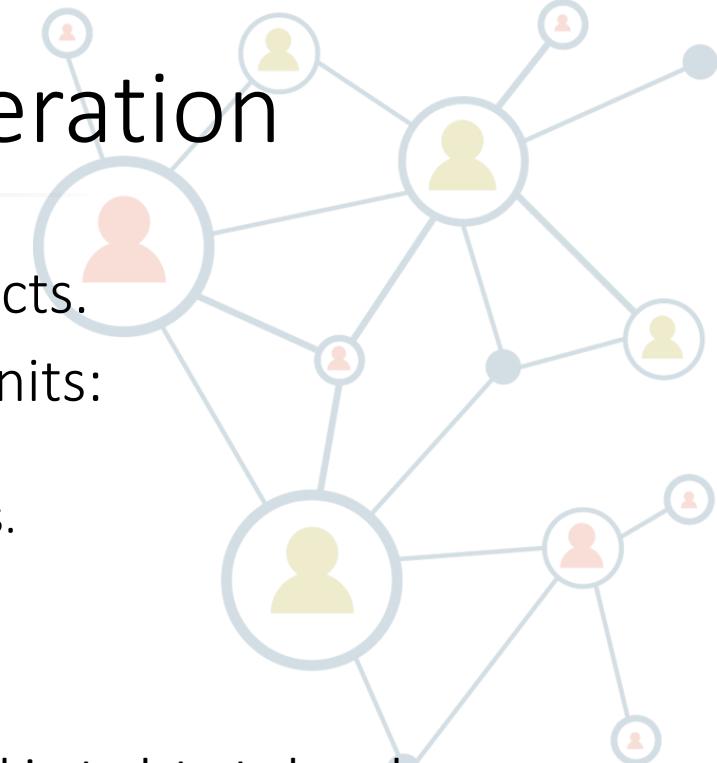


For N objects detected, we have:

● $N^2 - N$ GRU geometric nodes

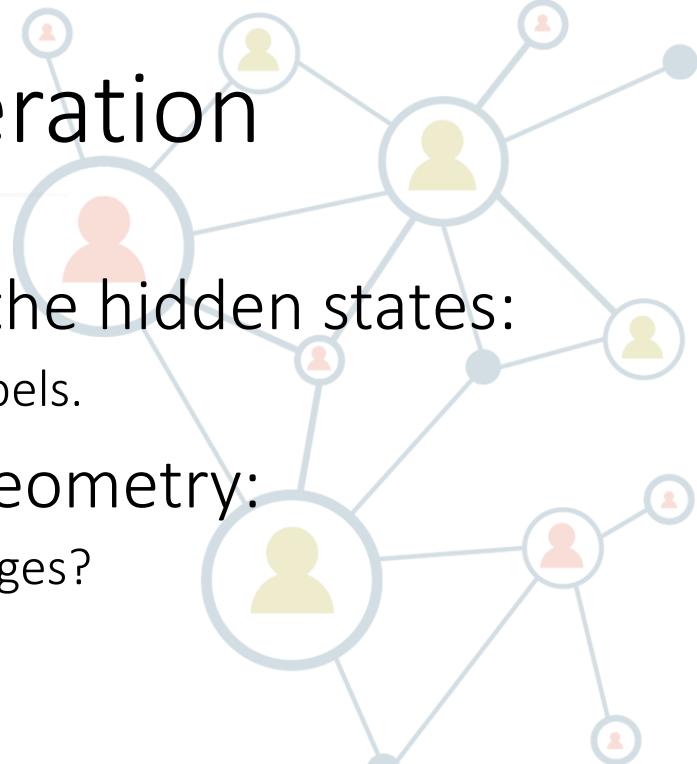
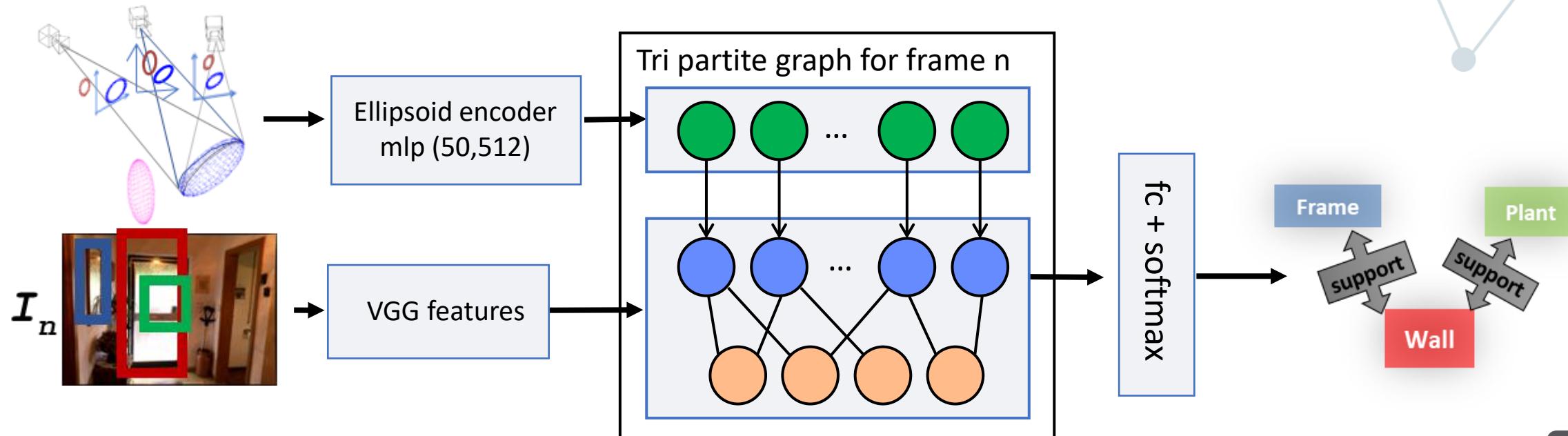
● $N^2 - N$ GRU relation nodes

● N GRU object nodes



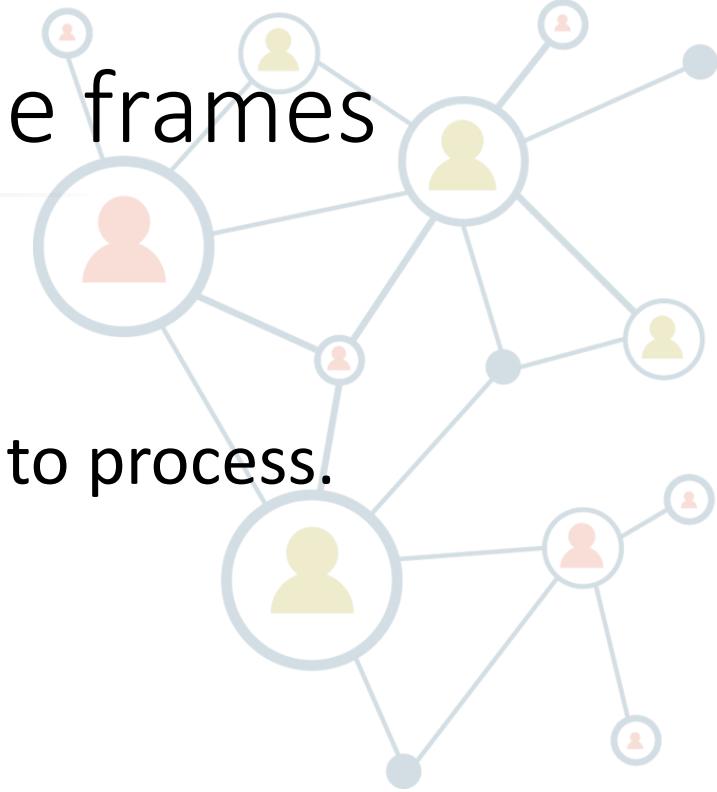
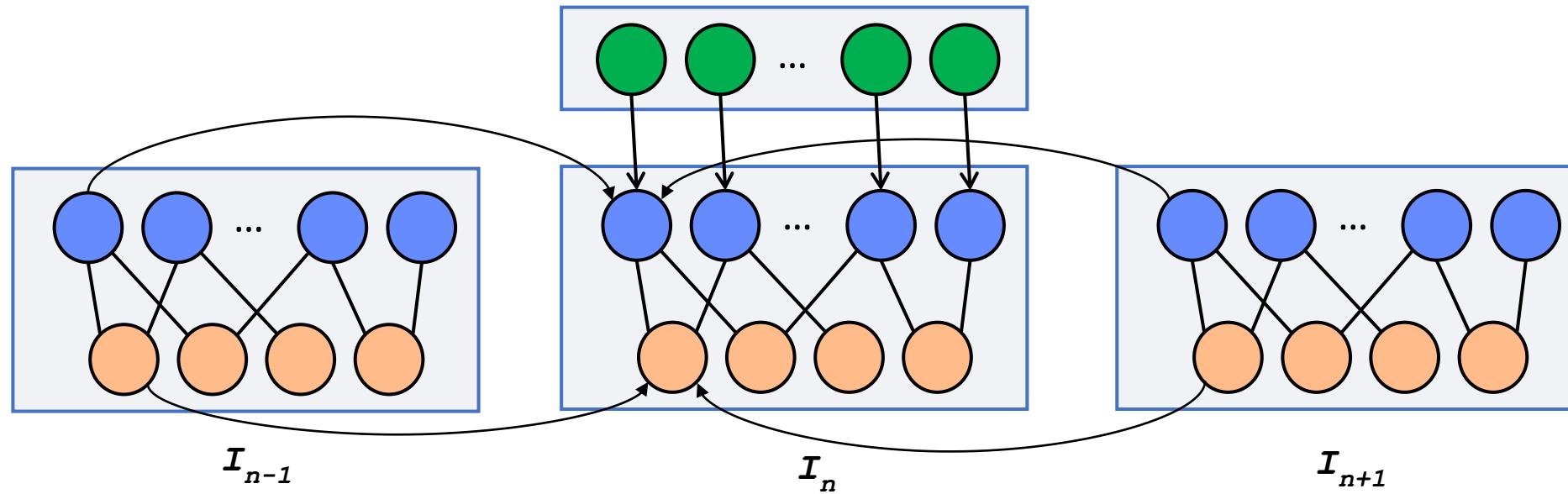
Use of the tri-graph for scene graph generation

- Lastly, a softmax layer gives the graph prediction from the hidden states:
Probability distribution for each relation and object nodes over its set of labels.
- We now have a scene graph given a single image and geometry:
But given a video, how to exploit the visual appearance from the other images?

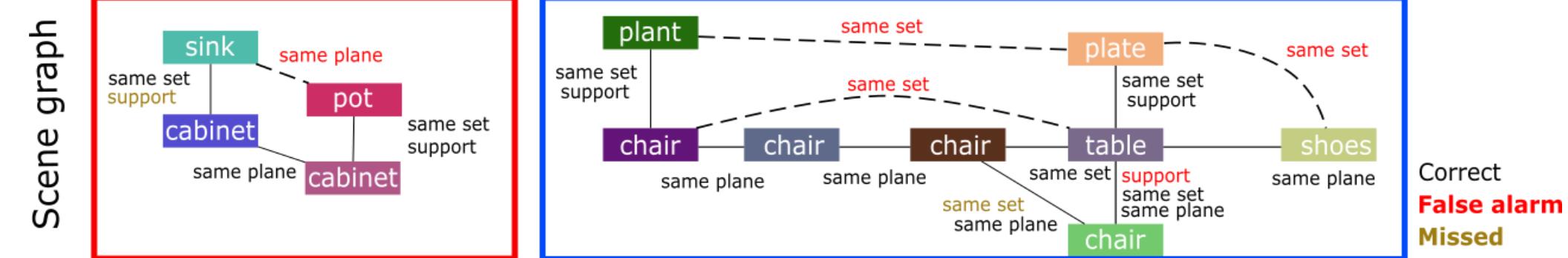
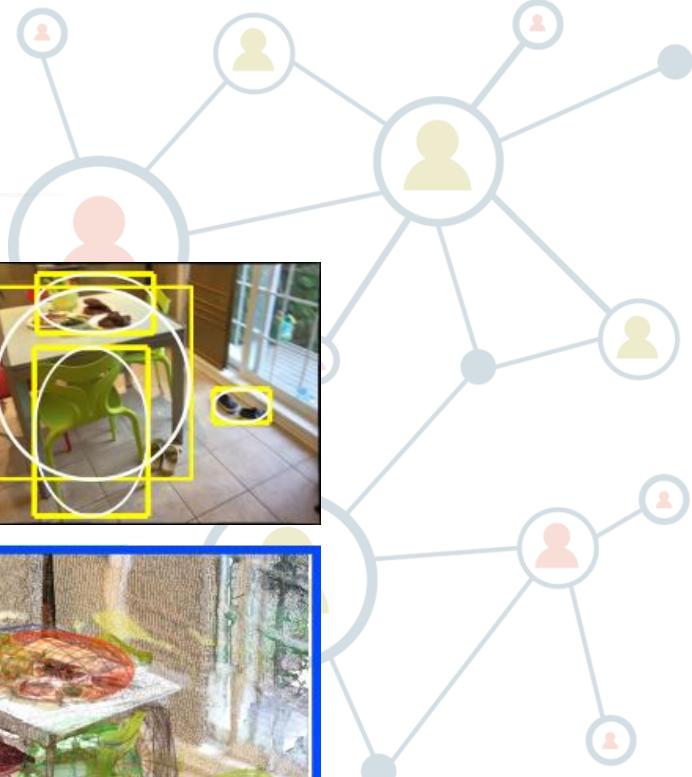


Fusion of the visual features with multiple frames

- Message passing among multiple frames
 - Fusion of the appearances of the object through the video.
- One tri-graph is instantiated in parallel for each image to process.



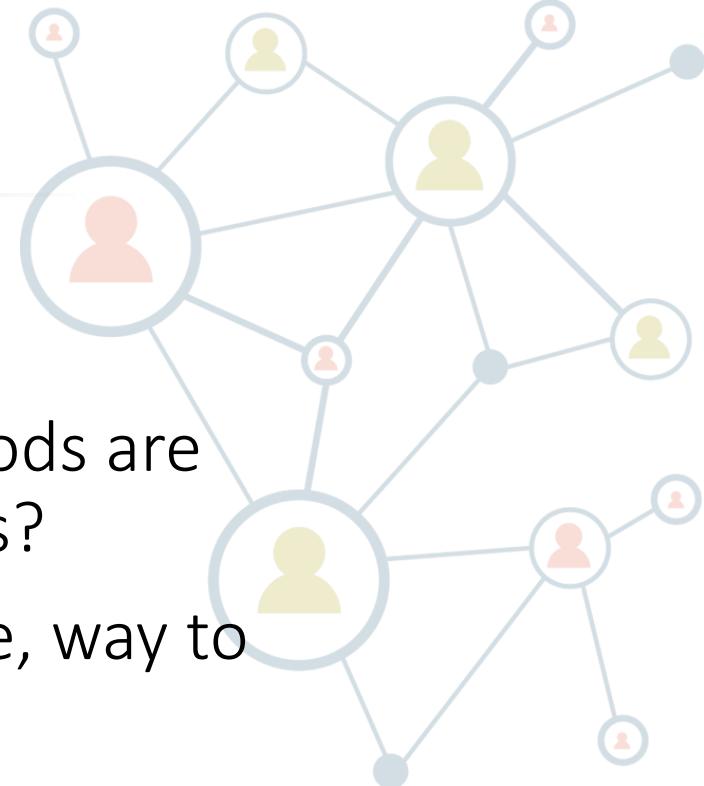
Qualitative results on ScanNet



Some final considerations

Considerations:

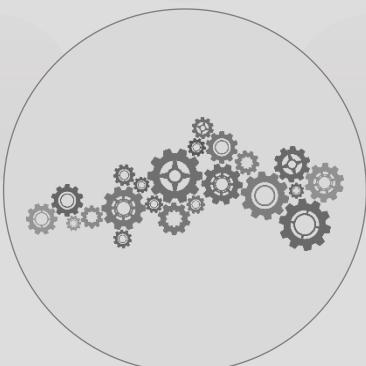
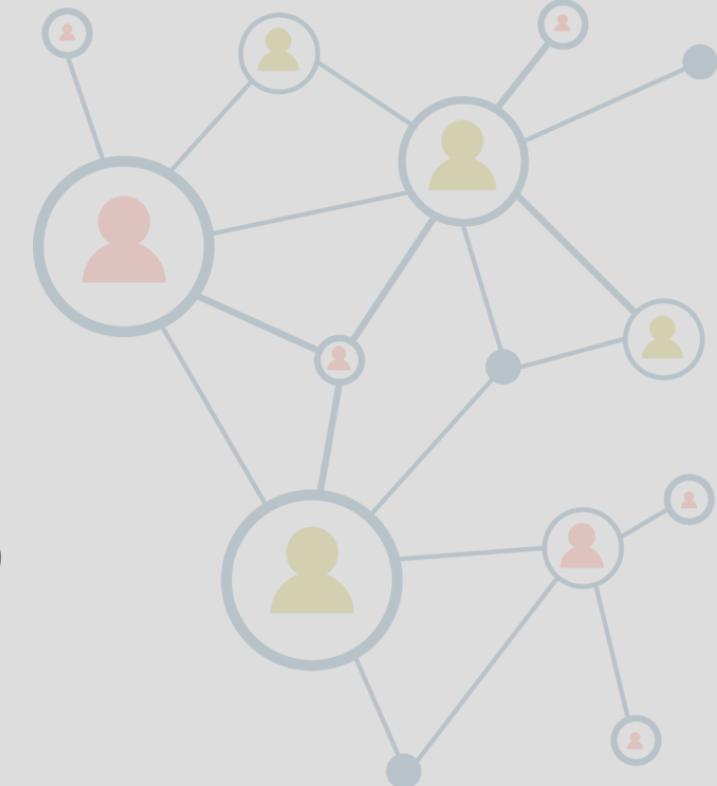
- Structure from Motion and 3D reconstruction methods are mature, but what use can have a trillion of 3D points?
- Scene graphs are an accessible, human interpretable, way to visualise the information.

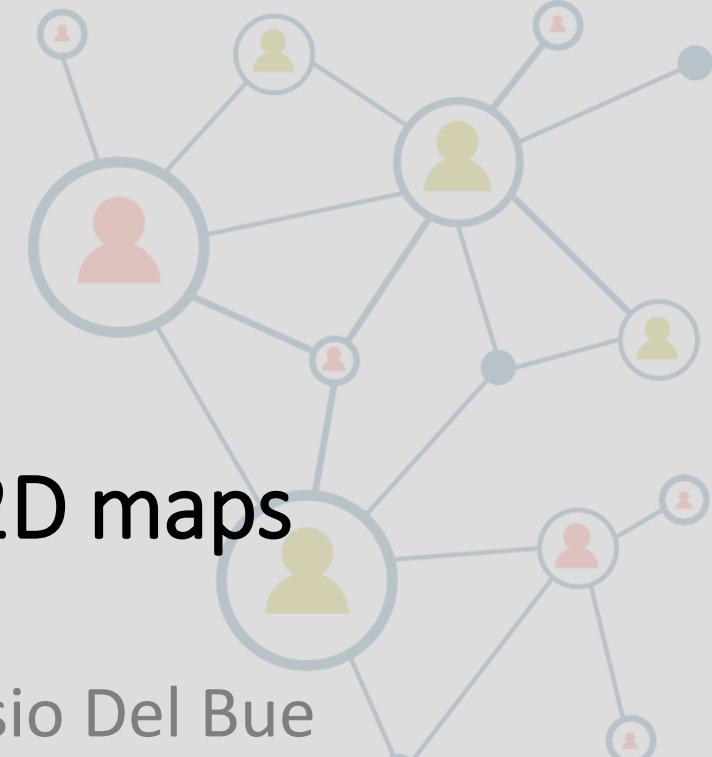


Ongoing problems:

- Annotating 3D data is already hard, scaling to annotate pairwise relations between objects is too time consuming -> **self-supervision!**
- We might build efficient rigid scene graphs, what happens when the scene is dynamic? (check: Rosinol, A., Gupta, A., Abate, M., Shi, J., & Carlone, L. (2020). 3D Dynamic Scene Graphs: Actionable Spatial Perception with Places, Objects, and Humans. RSS 2020.)

Applications





Linking digital information to 3D and 2D maps

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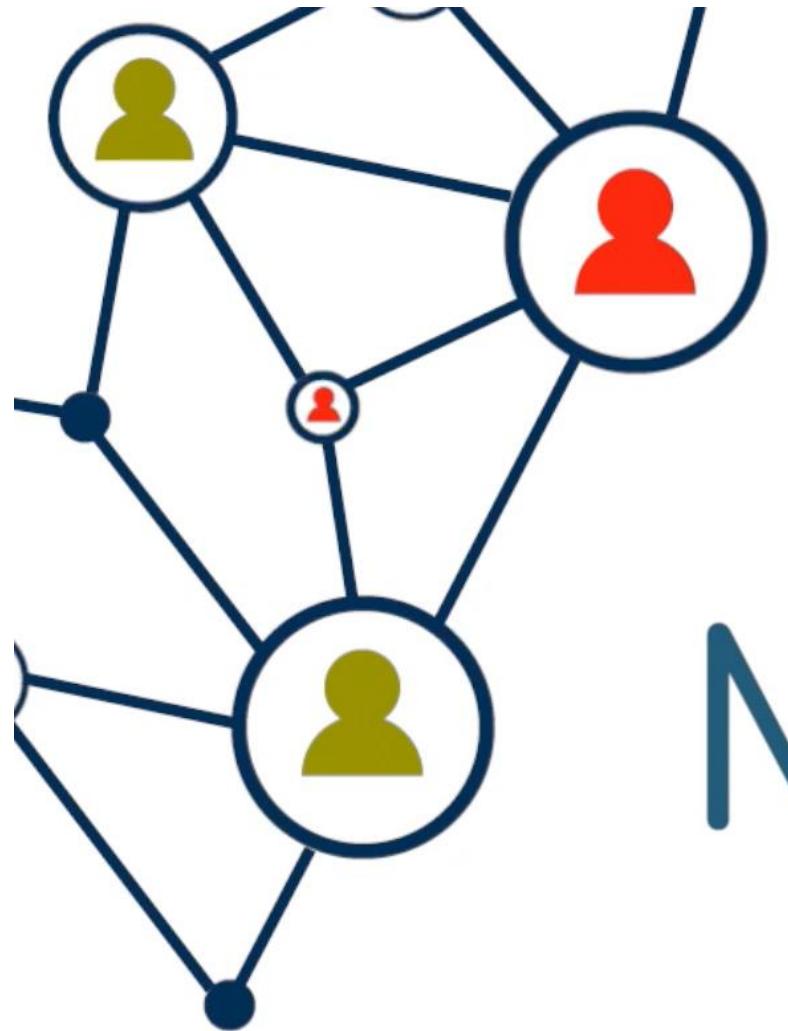


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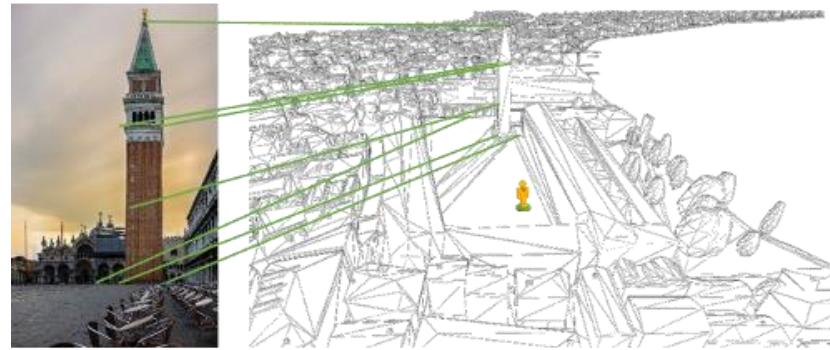
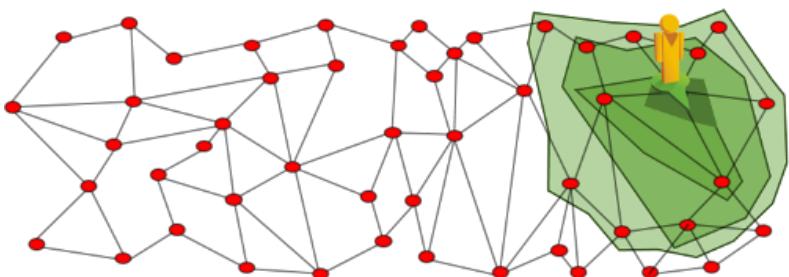


MEMEX



Artificial Intelligence enhances Technology

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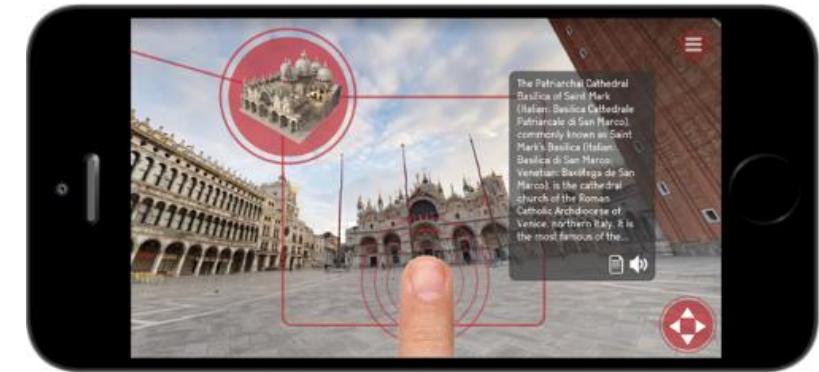


Knowledge Graph

Creating new infrastructure for geolocalised Cultural Heritage to reason on.

Localisation

Computer vision based automatic localisation of users and objects.



Storytelling through Augmented Reality

Assisted story creation and visualisation using advanced AR technologies.

Combining information from multiple sources

- Open maps
- Digital GLAM's content
- Street level images
- Users stories and objects



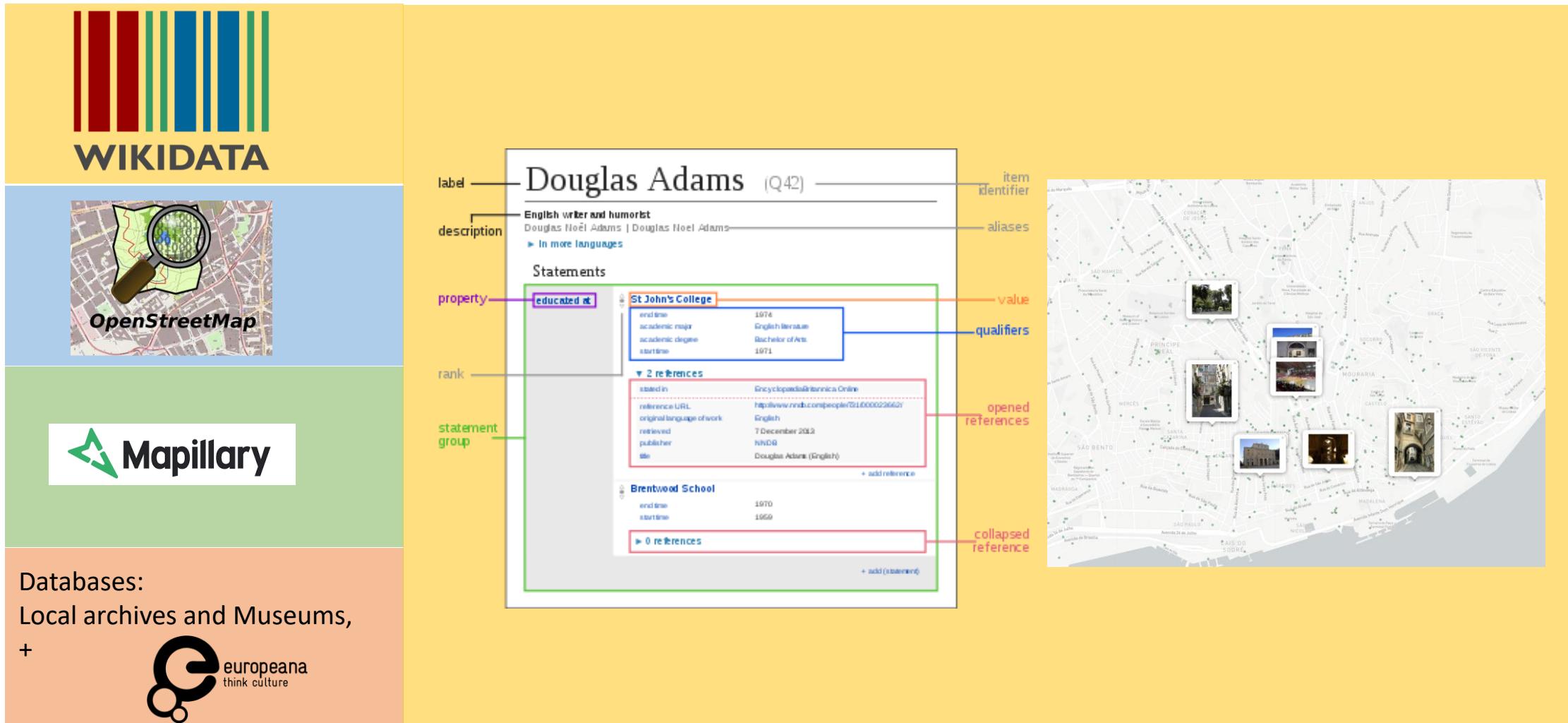
Map registration problem

Localised data sources

The collage illustrates various local data sources:

- Wikidata:** A screenshot of the Wikidata interface showing a detailed statement about Douglas Adams, including properties like "in more complete", "statement group", and "qualifiers".
- OpenStreetMap:** A map of a city area with a magnifying glass icon highlighting a specific location.
- Mapillary:** A street-level view of a city area with orange walking paths overlaid on the map.
- Databases:** Local archives and Museums, + Europeana think culture logo.
- Historical Artworks:** Six historical artworks from the Europeana collection, including a title page from "THE STRANGER'S GUIDE IN LISBON", a modern mural on a building, a poster for the "II FEIRA DO RIBATEJO SANTARÉM 22 DE MAIO A 5 DE JUNHO - 1955", a portrait of a man in uniform, a painting of a man on horseback, and a scene from a painting.

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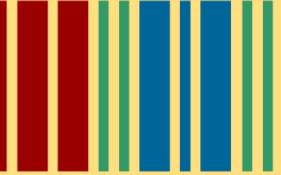


Databases:
Local archives and Museums.



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Localised data sources



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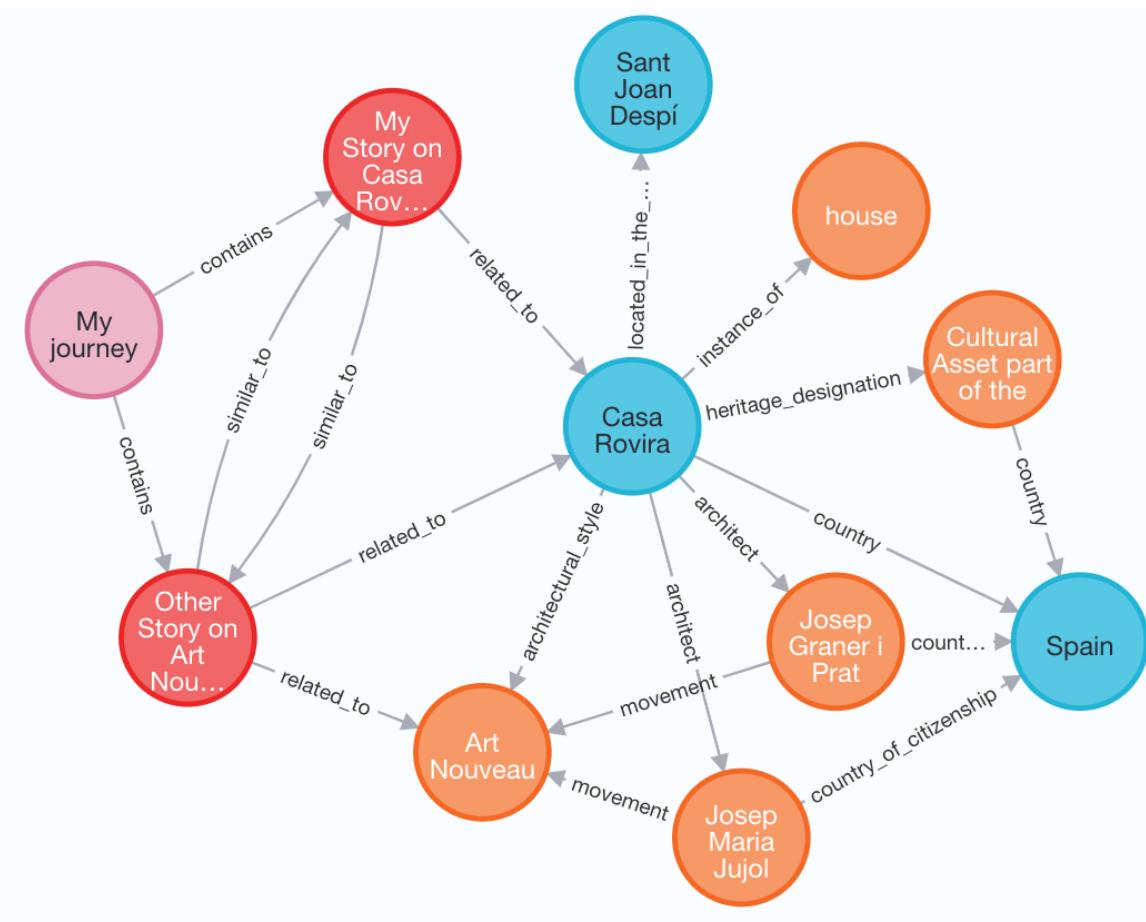


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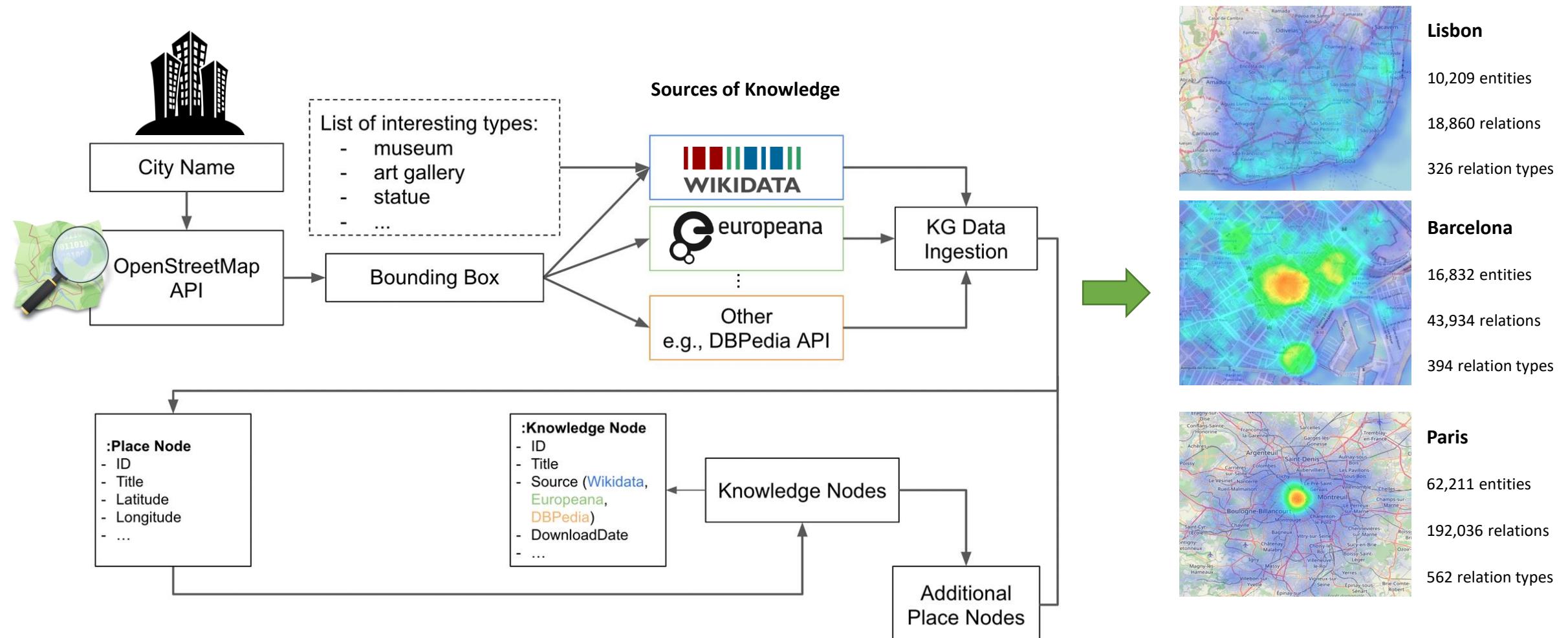


Knowledge Graph construction

The MEMEX-KG Structure:



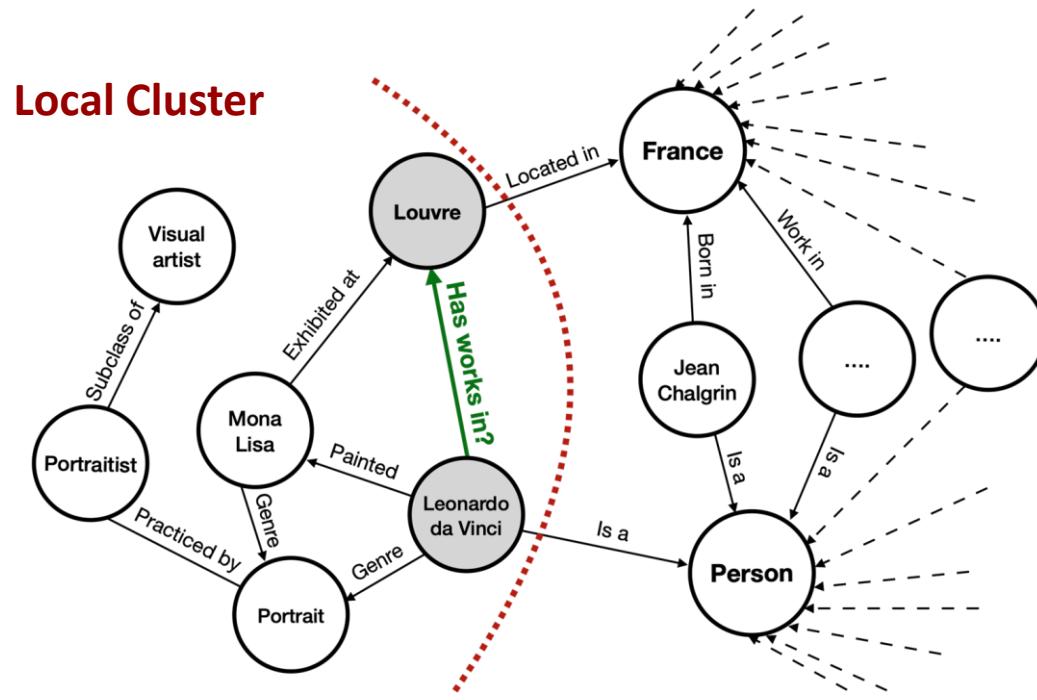
Knowledge Graph construction



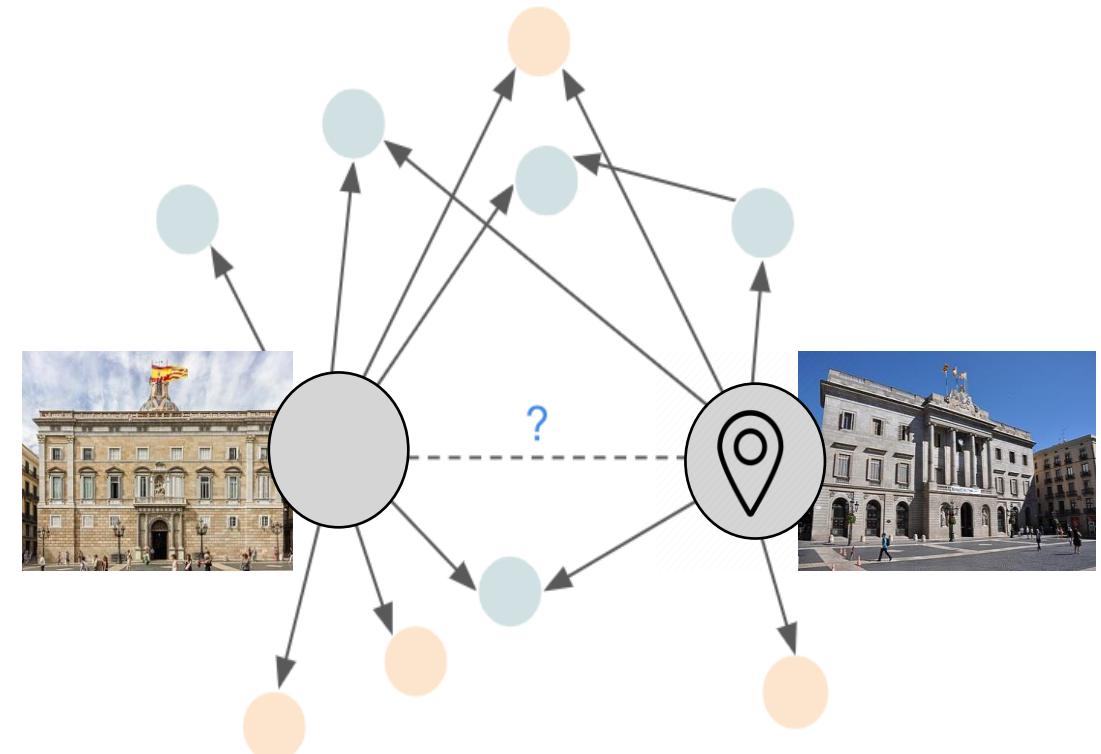
Knowledge and connecting knowledge

KGs suffer from **incompleteness** - especially when ingesting data from heterogeneous sources of information

Link Prediction: inferring missing links between nodes in the KG¹



Geolocalisation of CH using Graph Embeddings²

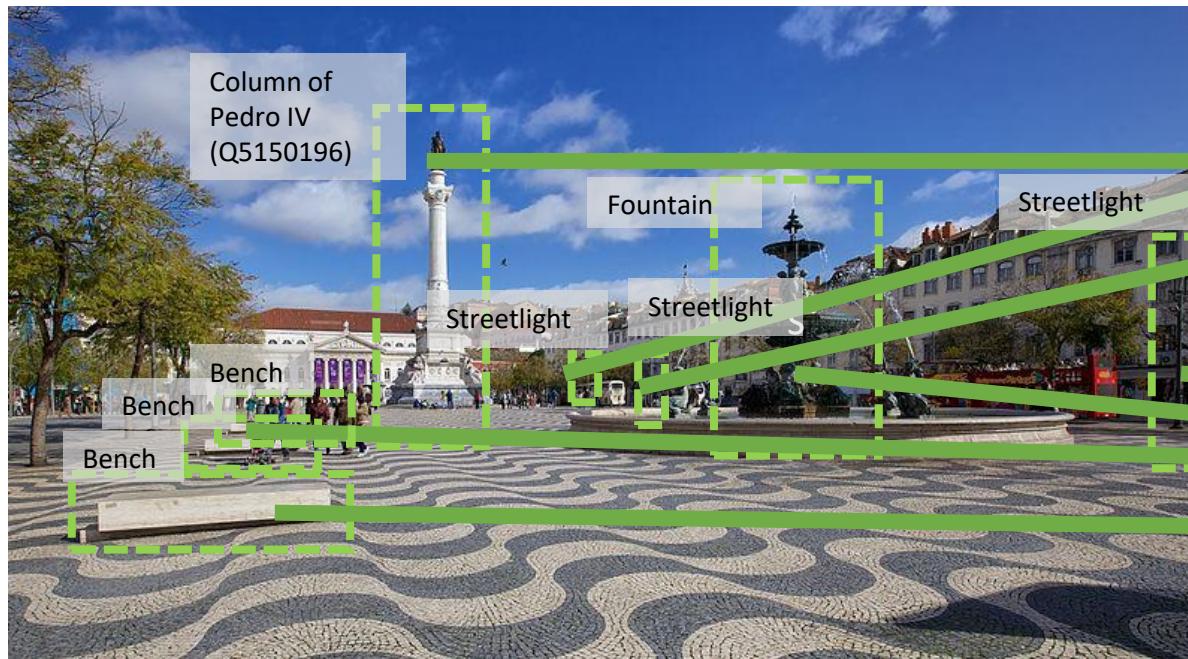


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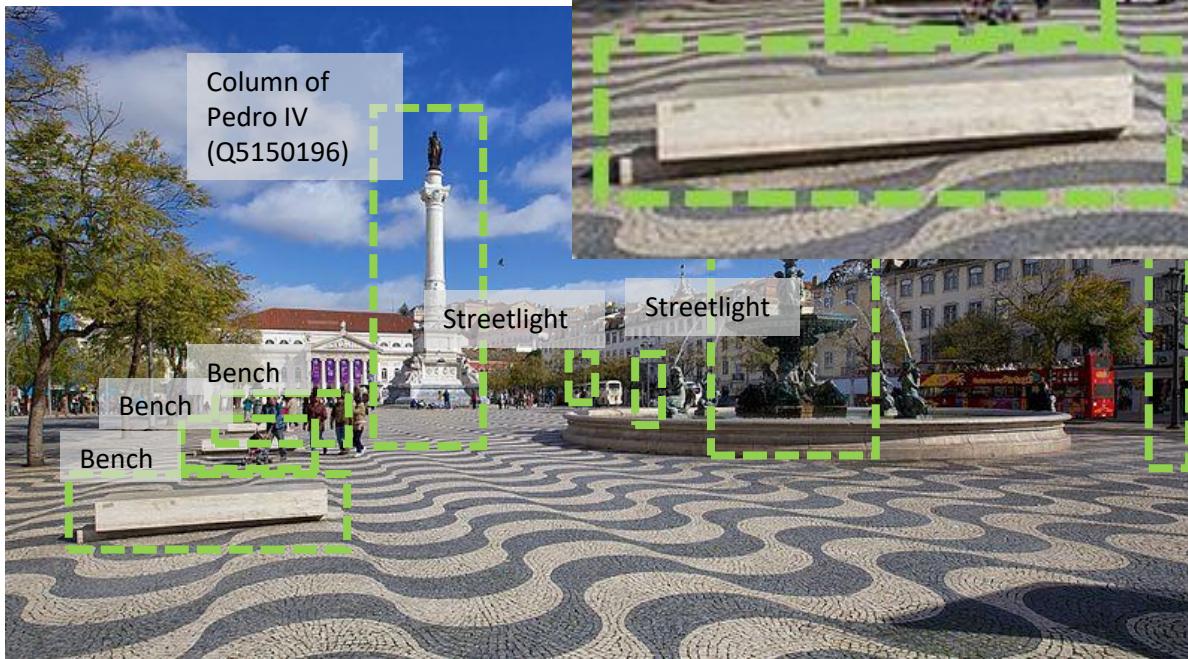
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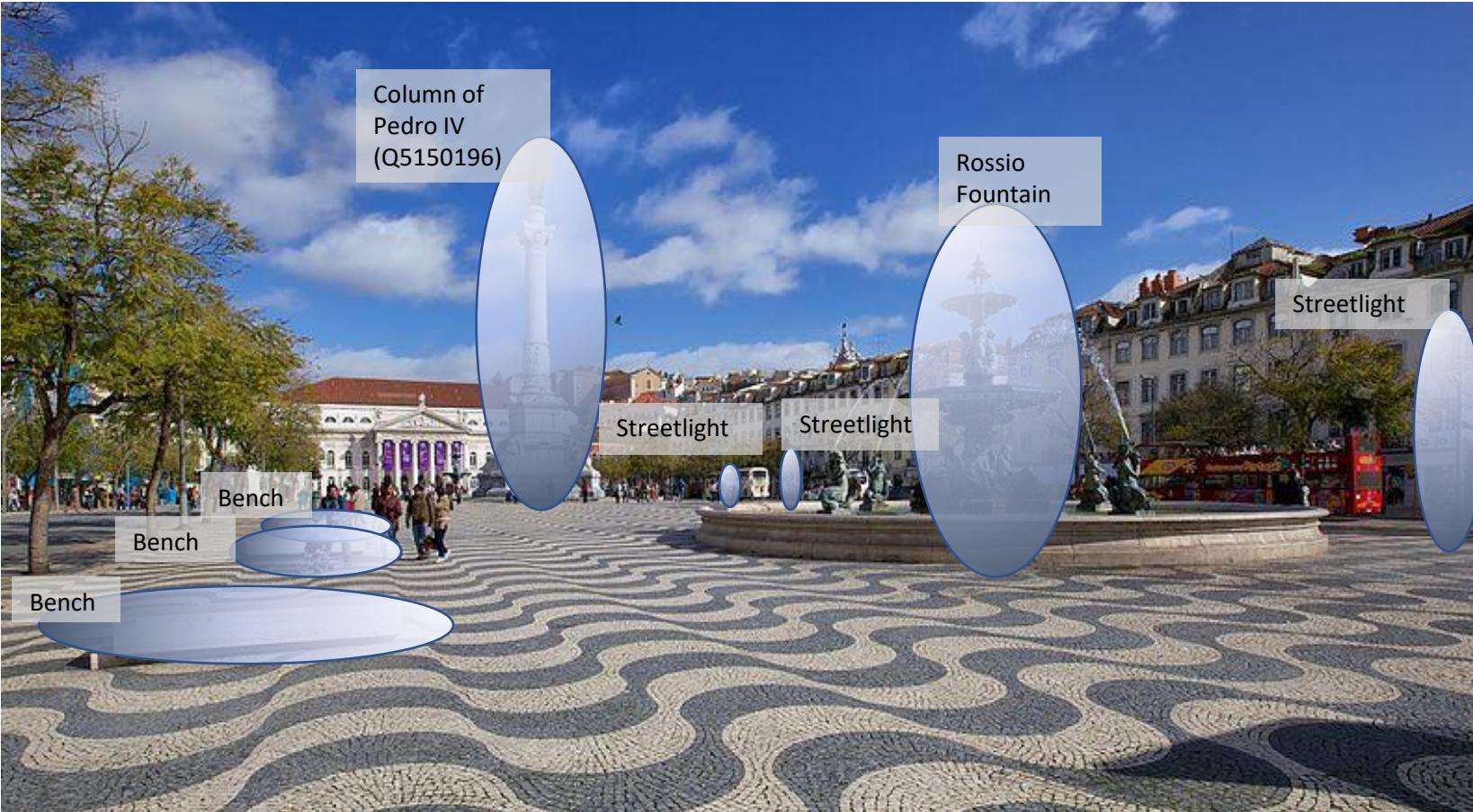


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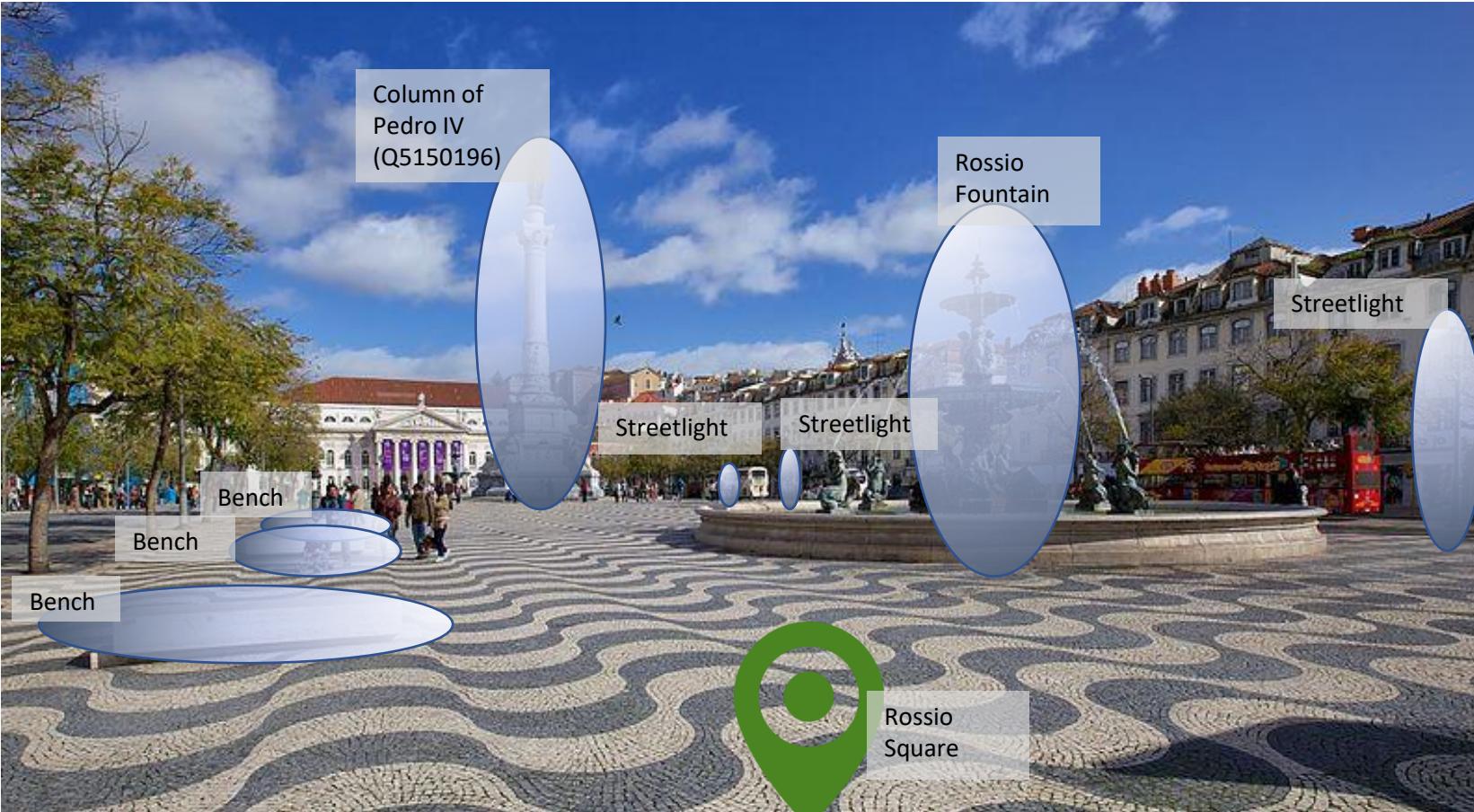
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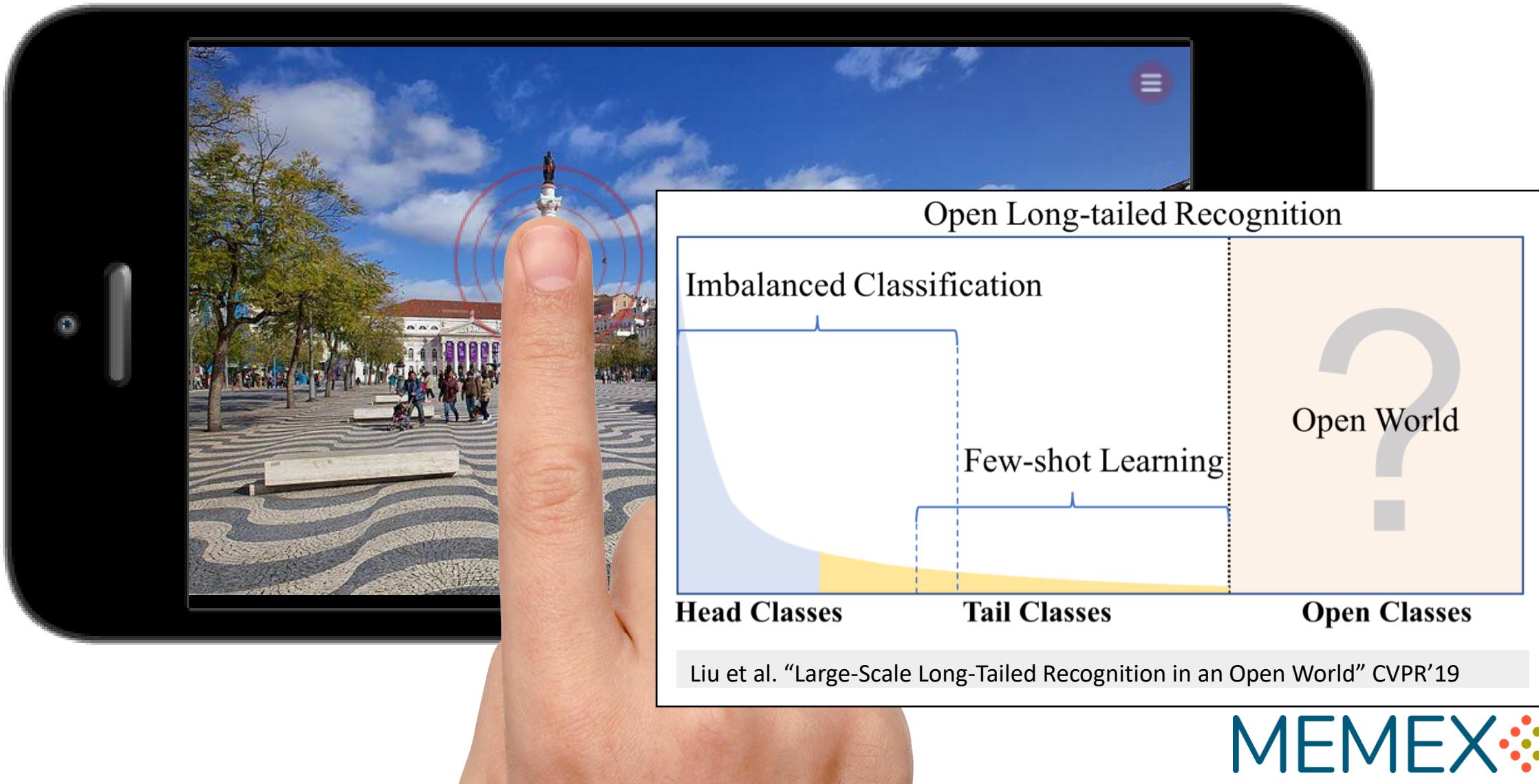
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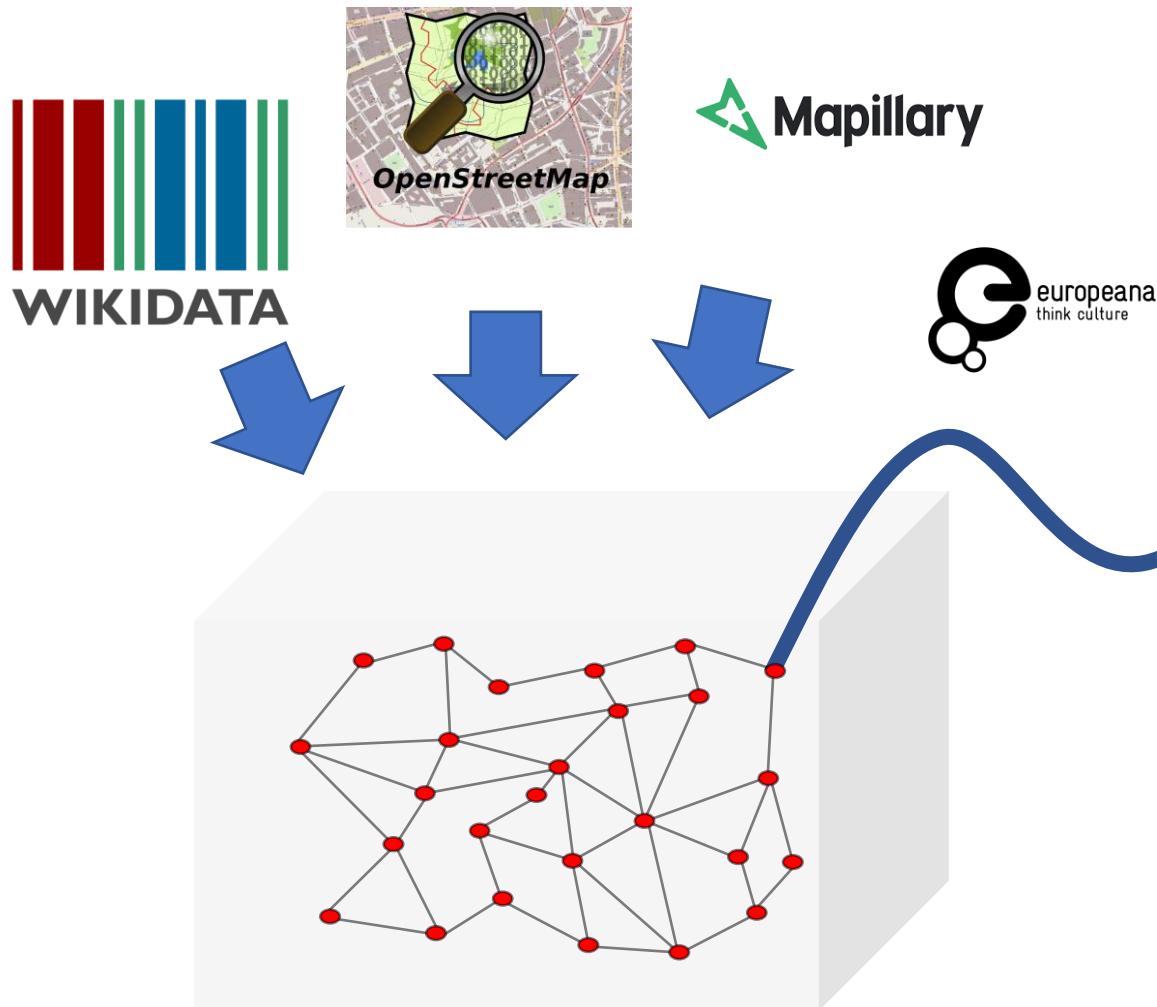
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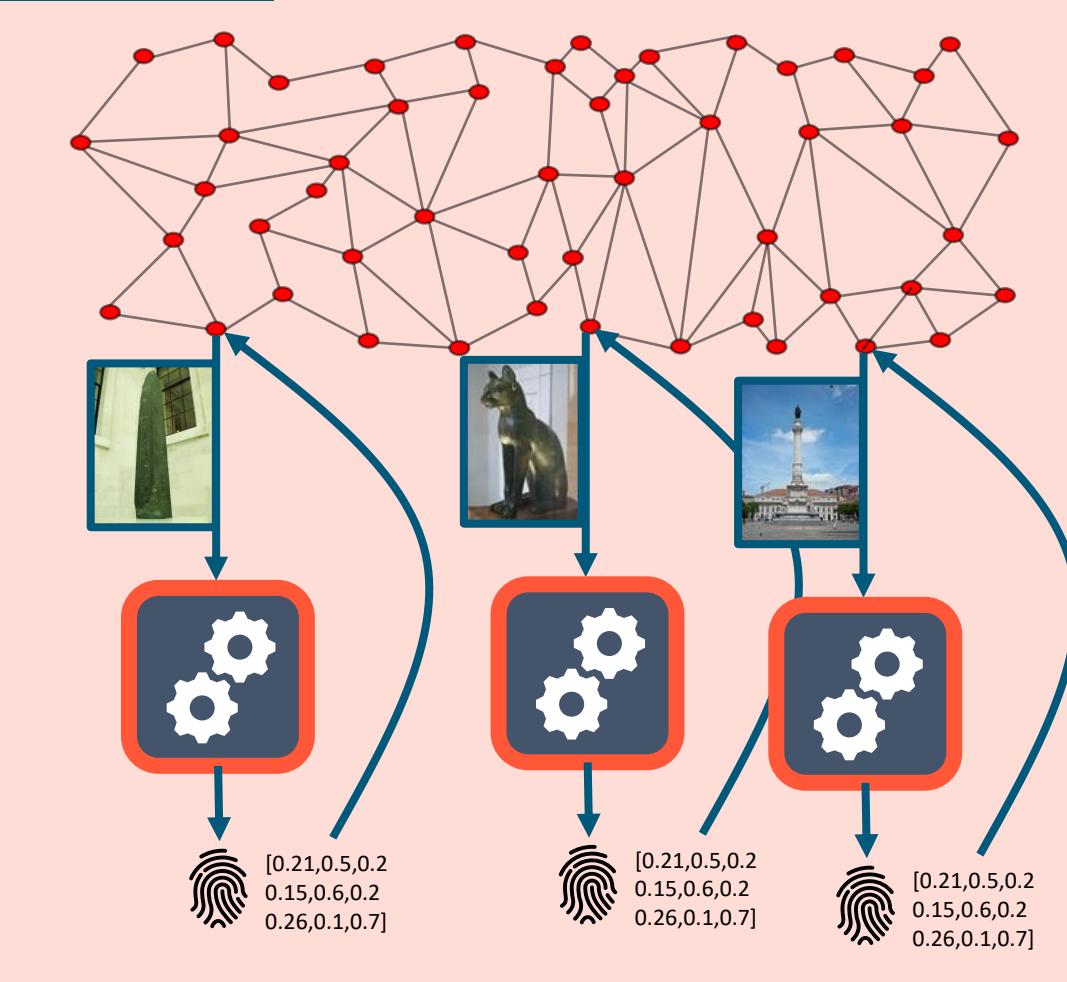
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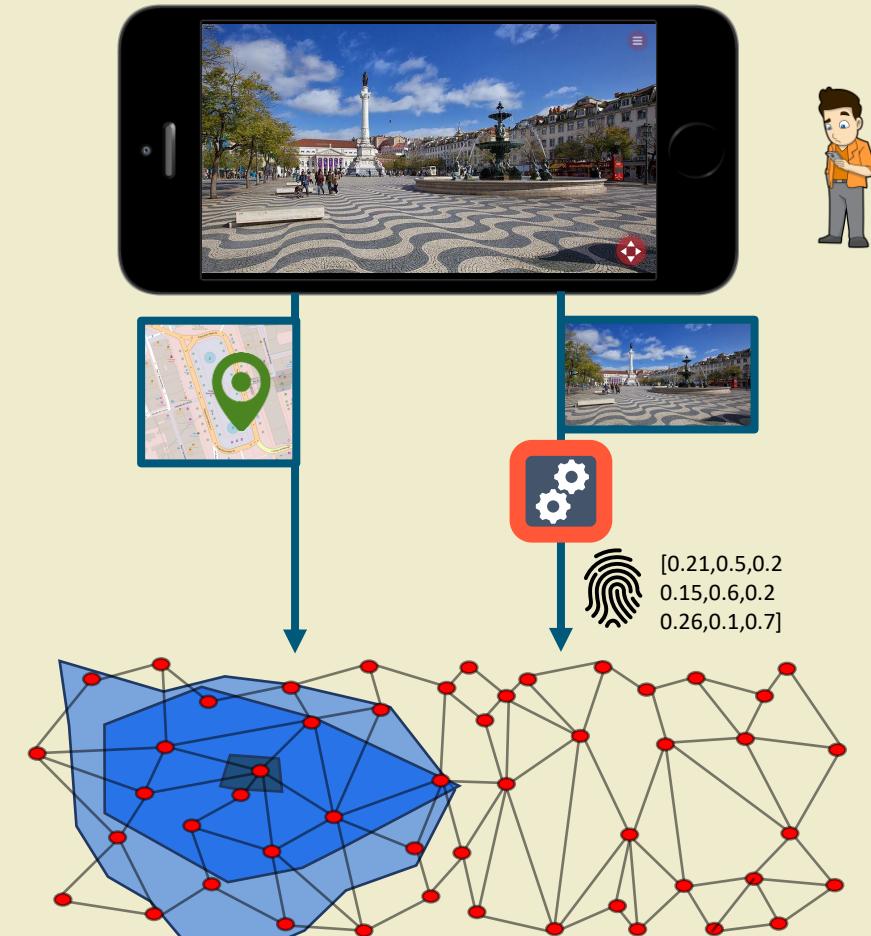
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Multi-Modal Retrieval

Offline



At query time



Multi-Modal Retrieval



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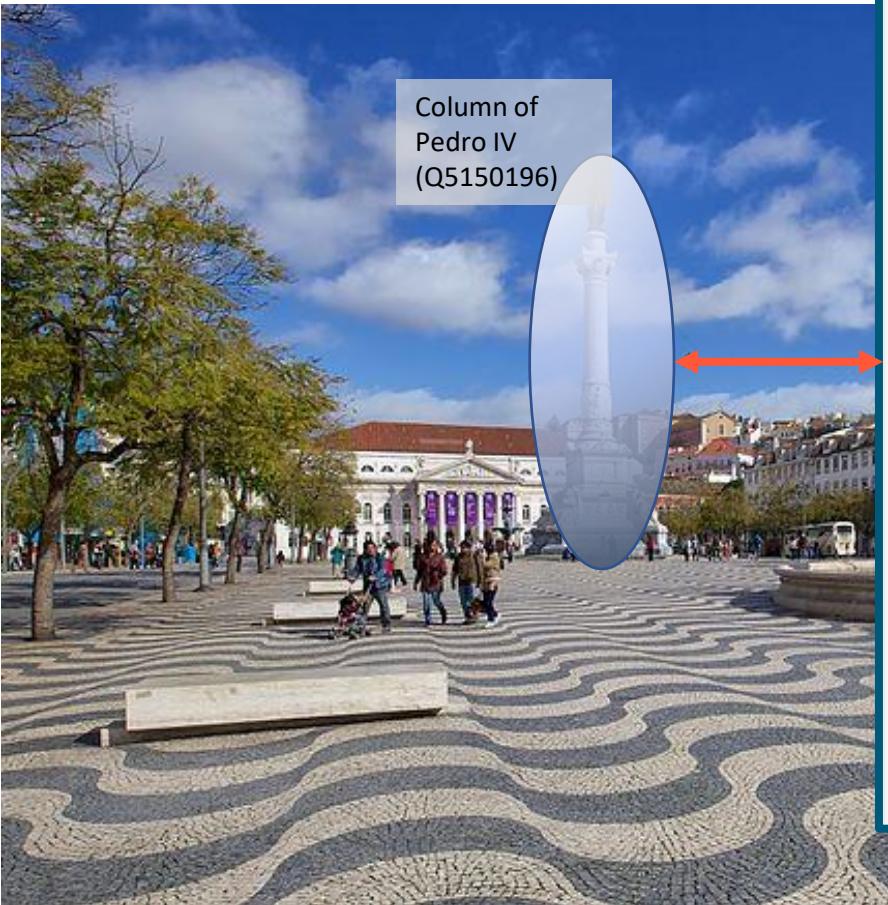


Location and Image

Connecting real world to Knowledge Graph



Connected representations



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Column of Pedro IV

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The **Column of Pedro IV** (Portuguese: Coluna de D. Pedro IV) is a monument to King Peter IV of Portugal and the Algarves, located in the centre of Rossio Square in Lisbon, Portugal. The monument was erected in 1870.

History and details [edit]

The first monument to King Peter IV, called "o galheteiro" ("the cruet-stand") by Lisboners, in a c. 1860 photograph.

The Column of Pedro IV

Location Rossio Square, Lisbon, Portugal

King John VI had a monument to the Constitution built in 1821 on the spot the column stands today, which was raised two years later by the same king, after Infante Michael of Portugal (supported by Queen Carlota Joaquina) successfully led a counter-revolution to reinstate the absolute monarchy.

A first monument to King Peter IV was erected in 1852, with Queen Mary II (King Peter's

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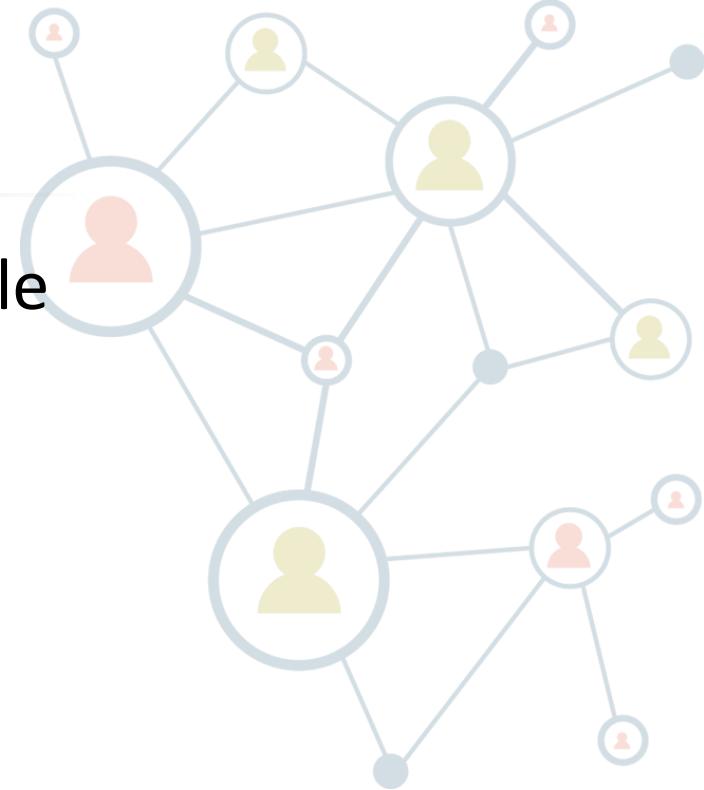
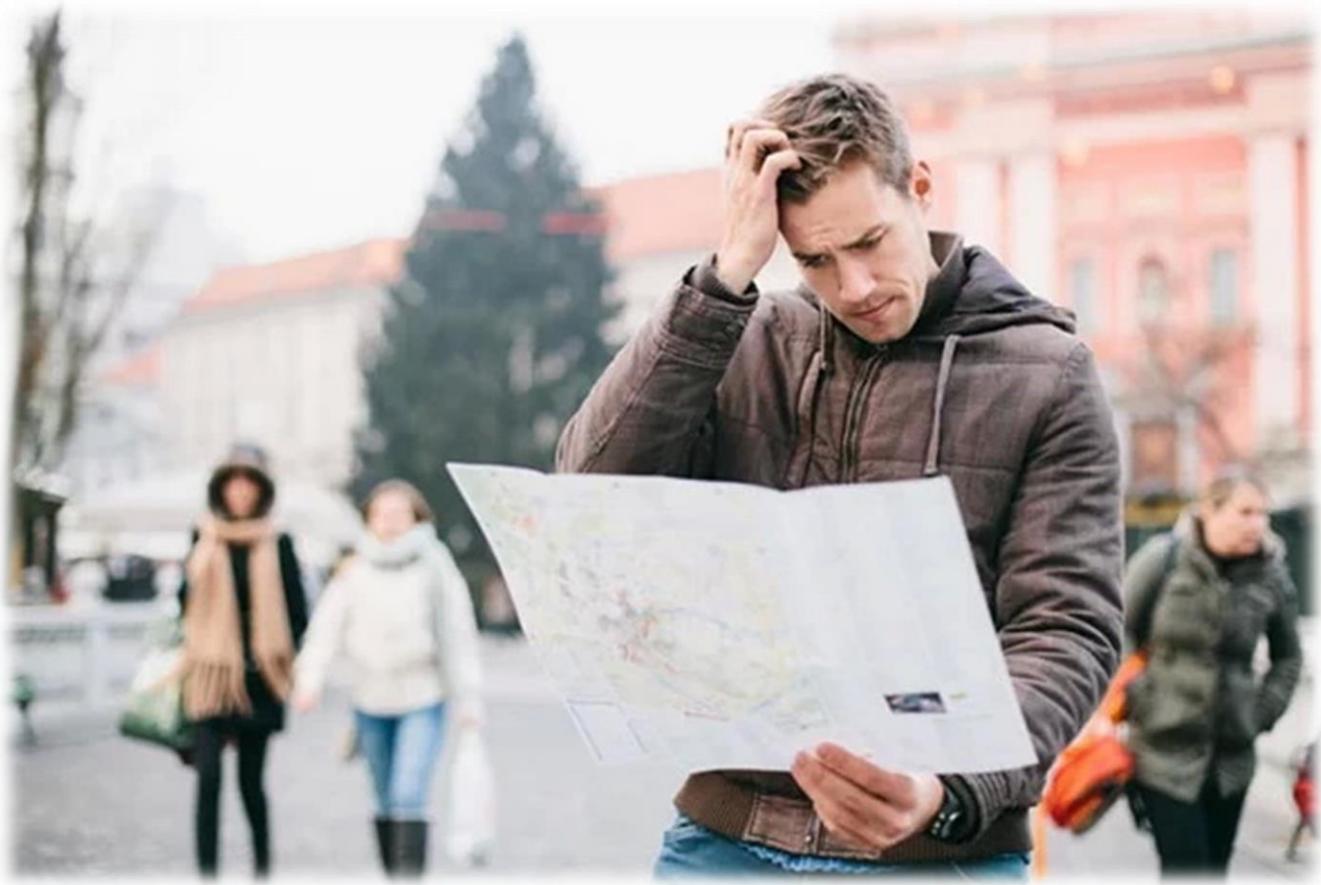
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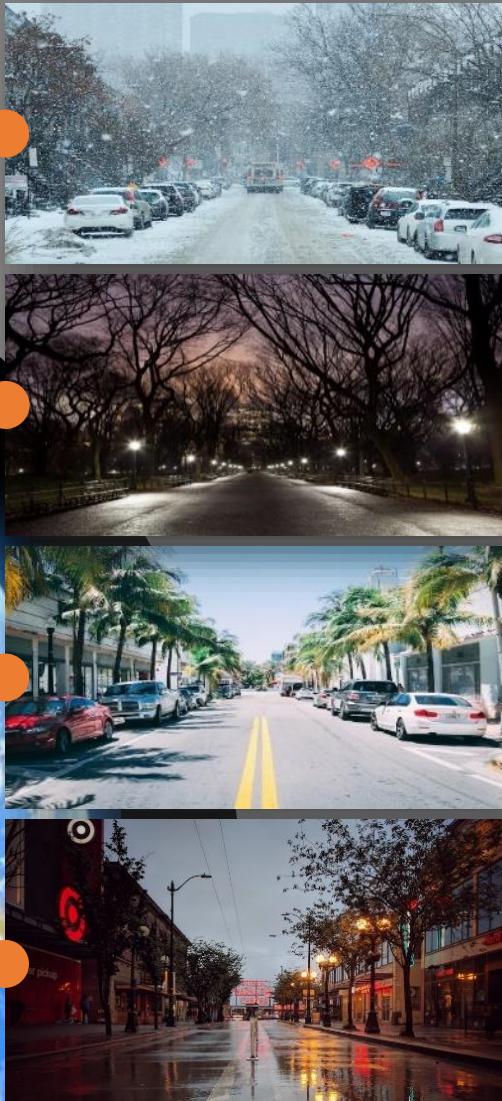
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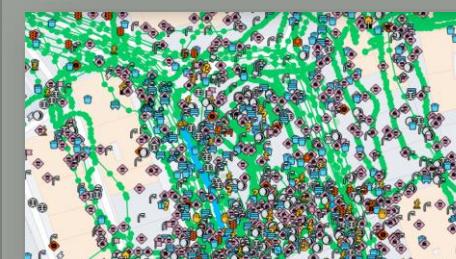
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Why 2D maps?



Most static objects
do not change
appearance in time



We have large-scale
object maps



Maps are Concise to
store in contrast to
Street-level images

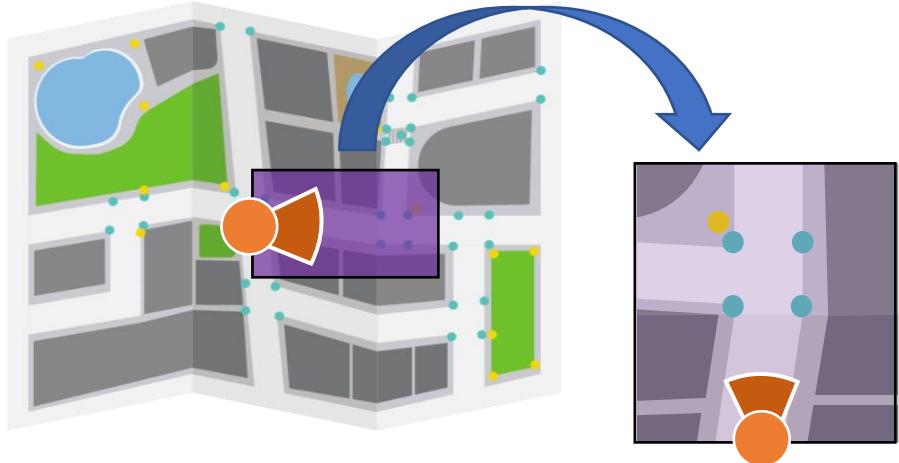


No privacy concerns
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Local Map Generation (phone view)

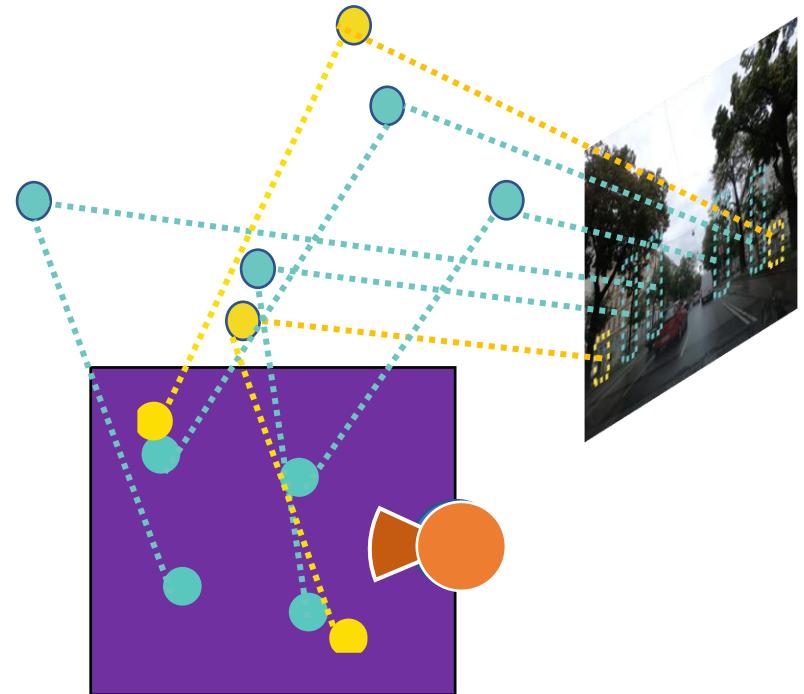


GT-based



Reference map object locations, as seen by the camera

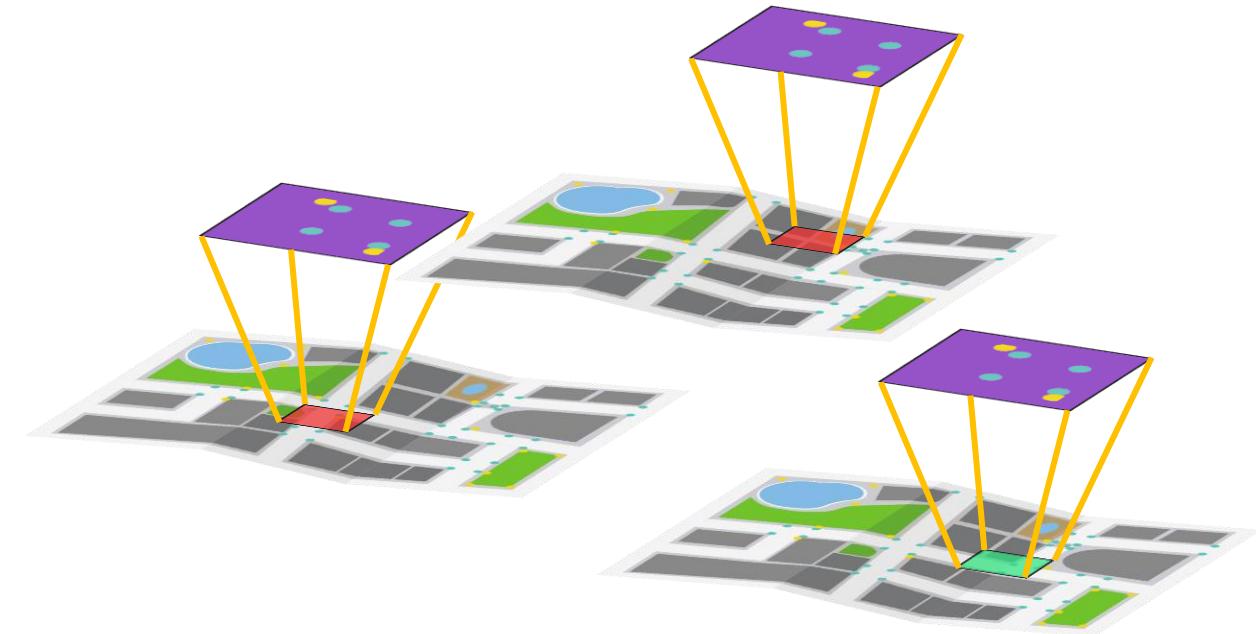
Depth-based



Detections projected using monocular depth estimation

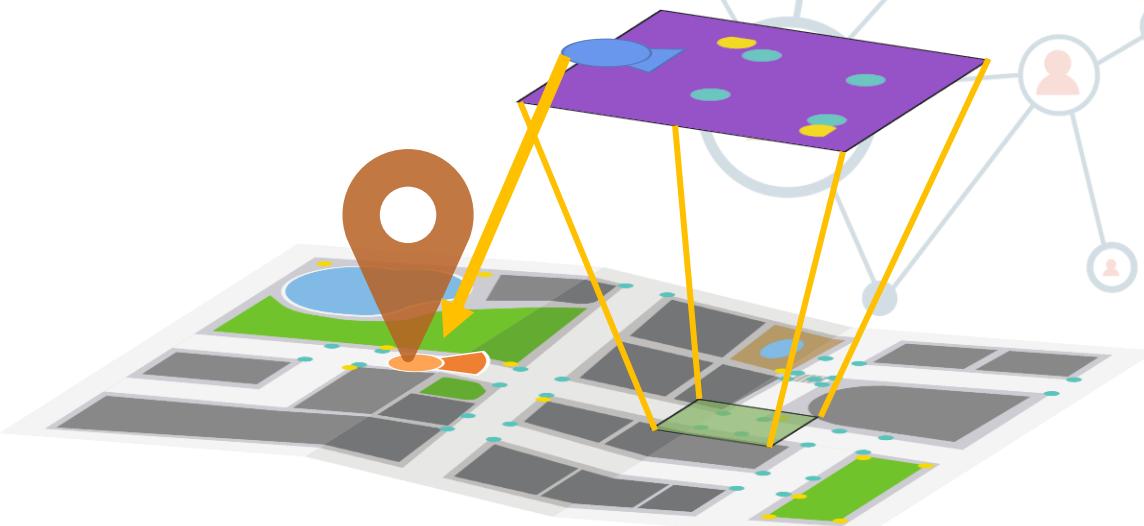
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Coarse Map Localization



Where on the reference map can I find the objects arranged like the ones I am seeing?

Fine-grained 3DoF Localization



Given a candidate reference map region,
where is the camera on the reference map?

Coarse Map Localization - Results

GT Local Maps			
Model	Precision	Recall	Success
Similarity	0.151	0.586	0.717
Triplet	0.161	0.559	0.693
Triplet + Similarity	0.206	0.617	0.804

Depth Local Maps			
Model	Precision	Recall	Success
Similarity	0.149	0.594	0.720
Triplet	0.160	0.570	0.740
Triplet + Similarity	0.184	0.630	0.808

More info here:

Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.06373>

Github: <https://github.com/IIT-PAVIS/Flatlandia>



Thank you!

