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Exploring Opportunities with 3D Point Clouds

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Two separate worlds for long

- **Computer vision**: 2D visual data (from physical world) → 3D understanding
- **Computer graphics**: 3D models (from virtual world) → 2D rendering/visualization

3D point clouds (PCs): **a bridge** between physical and virtual worlds

To facilitate

- mixed reality
- multimedia interaction
- digital transformation
- smart cities

3D Digital Transformation

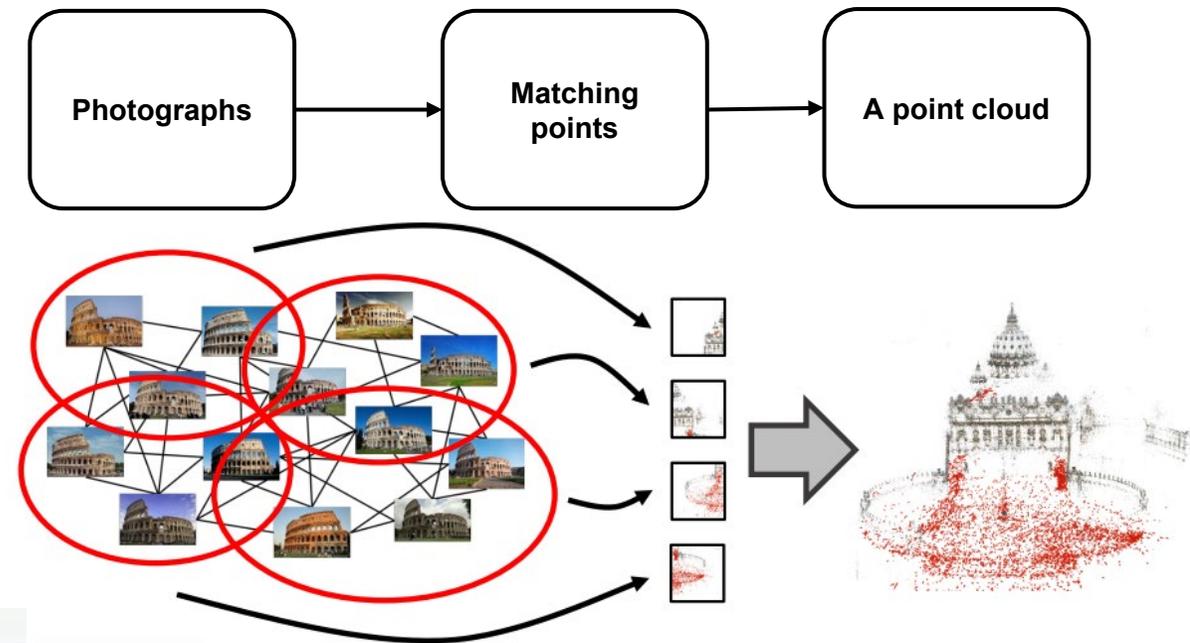
- **Digital Twin** for everything

Point Cloud (PC) Acquisition

1) **RGBD sensors:** Kinect, Laser scanner, Lidar, ...



2) **Structure from Motion (SfM) Photogrammetry**



Lin & Lee, “Visual Saliency and Quality Evaluation for 3D Point Clouds and Meshes: An Overview”, APSIPA Trans. Signal and Info Processing, 11(1), e28, 2022.



- 3D PCs captured



Laser Scanning Equipment
by LiDAR

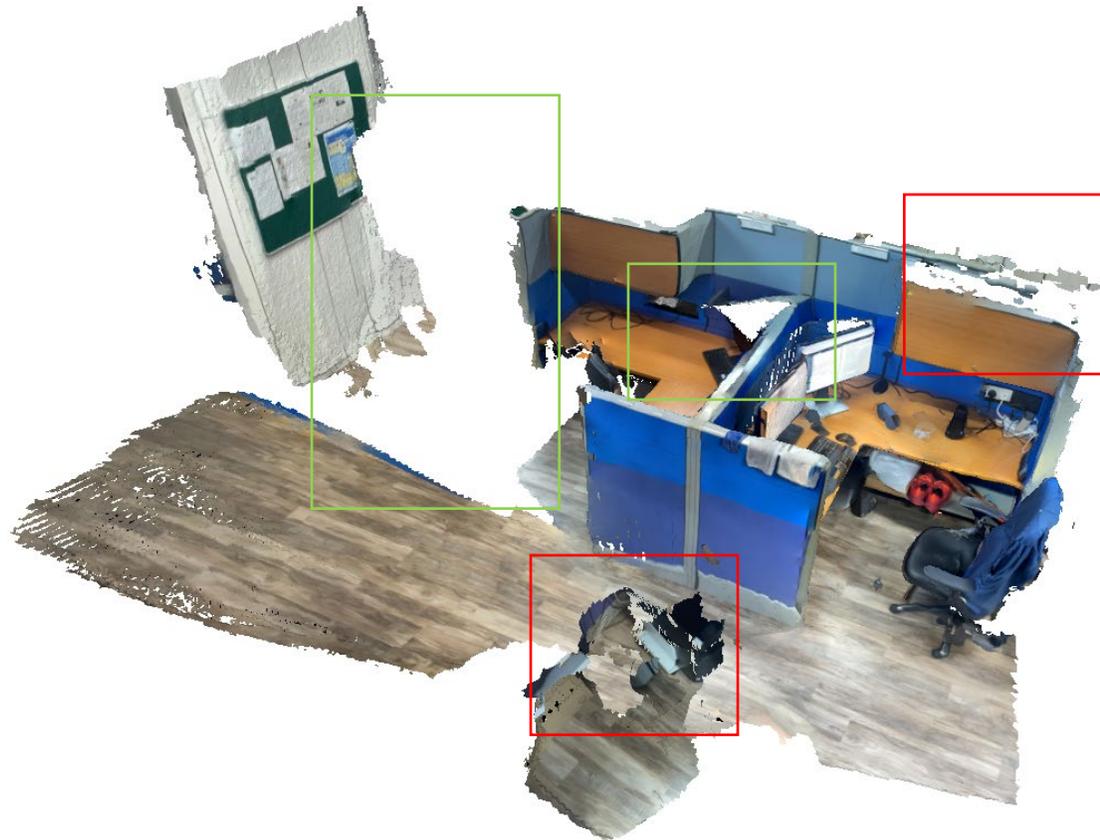


Handheld Device

Different scales of 3D data acquisition



- Scanned Raw PCs



Missing Parts

Noisy Parts

...bring difficulties for processing and utilities

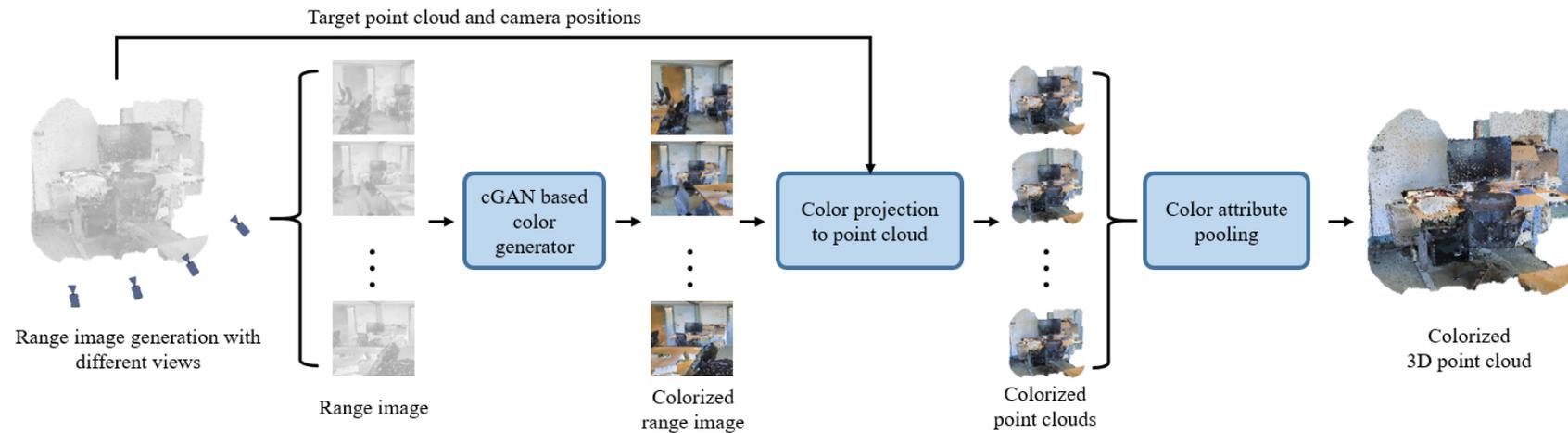
3D reconstruction from a single image

- *K. Chan, et al, “R-Cyclic Diffuser: Reductive and Cyclic Latent Diffusion for 3D Clothed Human Digitalization”, CVPR 2024.*
- *K. Chan, et al, “Fine Structure-Aware Sampling: A New Sampling Training Scheme for Pixel-Aligned Implicit Models in Single-View Human Reconstruction”, AAAI 2024.*
- *K. Chan, et al, “S-PIFu: Integrating Parametric Human Models with PIFu for Single-view Clothed Human Reconstruction”, NeurIPS 2022.*
- *K. Chan, et al, “IntegratedPIFu: Integrated Pixel Aligned Implicit Function for Single-view Human Reconstruction”, ECCV, 2022.*

AI (deep learning) to fill missing Point Cloud Data

Coloring of 3D Point Clouds

1. Range image generation from a point cloud
2. Color attribute generation using conditional GAN (cGAN)
3. Color attribute projection and merging



Hou, et al, "Range Image Based Point Cloud Colorization Using Conditional Generative Model", IEEE ICIP, 2019

3D PCs:

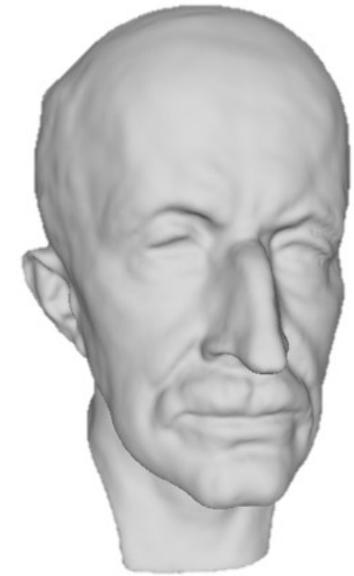


Point clouds data for Bremen city

Large (city) scale



Lucy Model



Max Planck Model

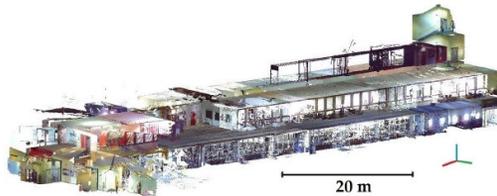
Single object

(standalone or to form bigger PCs—like BIM)

- A point cloud: a set of points used to represent a 3D object/scene
 - Geometry info: coordinates (x, y, z)
 - Possible attribute info: color, normal, SIFT, etc.
- Examples of application scenarios



VR/AR/XR



Building information modelling

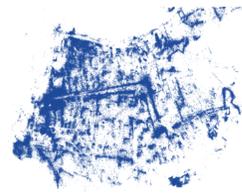
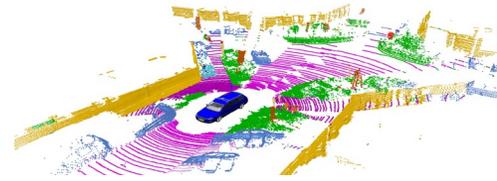


Image-based localization



Autonomous driving

Also: robots, gaming/entertainment, social media, industrial metaverse, BIM, urban surveillance/planning, digital art, cultural heritage preservation, future training/education, crime investigation, discovery in medical/biological/material sciences

- Challenges & opportunities

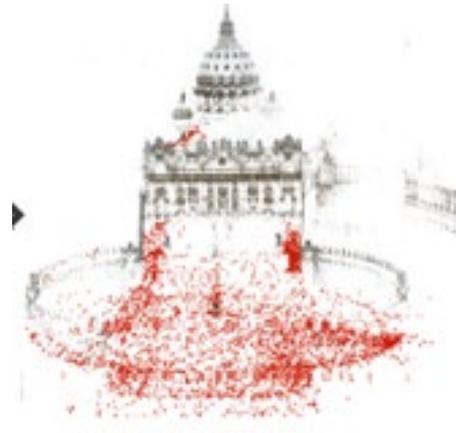
- large-scale, high-resolution point clouds: **millions** of “**nonstructured**” points
- dynamic point clouds at **a high frame rate**: tens of GB
- urgent calls for technical innovation in **storage, transmission, processing**, etc.

Three types of targeted ultimate users for 3D PCs:

RGBD sensors



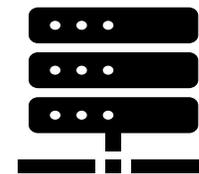
Photogrammetry



Type I: Humans (HVS)



Type II: Machine Intelligence (MI)



Type III: HVS + MI

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MPEG PC compression (PCC) standardization

- 3 PC categories
 - Category 1: **static** objects & scenes
 - Category 2: **dynamic** objects
 - Category 3: **dynamically-acquired** LiDAR sequences --“one-sided” 3D data
- 2 existing coding schemes
 - **TMC13** (geometry-based PCC; **G-PCC**)
 - ❖ Proposed for Categories 1 and 3 (but may be used for all PCs)
 - ❖ geometry info:
 - use an **octree** structure & 1 bit to tell the occupancy of each node
 - decode first before decoding attribute information
 - ❖ 2 attribute/color coding options: Region Adaptive Hierarchical Transform (RAHT); Level of Details (LoD) based
 - **TMC2** (video-based PCC; **V-PCC**)
 - ❖ Proposed for Category 2 (but may be used for all PCs)
 - ❖ **Project** 3D points with different viewpoints → compress by **existing video codec**
 - ❖ 3 major modules: **patch generation; patch projection & packing; image padding**
 - ❖ good for **uniformly-distributed PCs; not suitable for large-scale PC compression**

} Complete 3D data

Dynamic objects :

(Category-2)

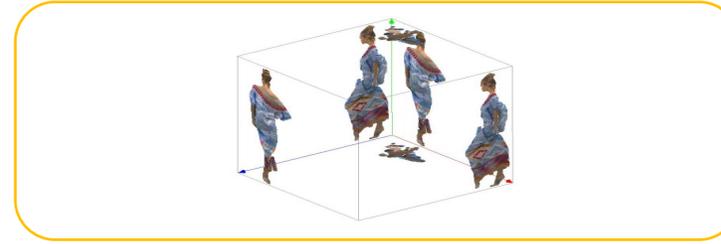
- not to compress 3D PCs directly
- project 3D data onto 2D frames
 - ✓ **cubic** (or cylinder) projection
- using 2D Motion Compensation (MC) & Motion Estimation (ME)
- making full use of existing 2D image/video coding infrastructure



Patch projection-based V-PCC

-- Patch generation

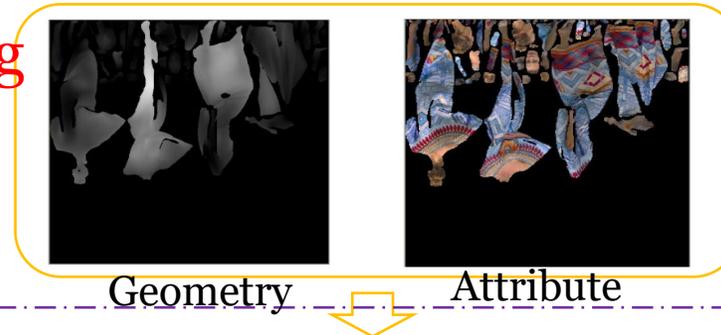
a PC \rightarrow patches



A **patch**: a set of 2D pixels projected from 3D points **adjacent** to each other and having **similar normal vectors**.

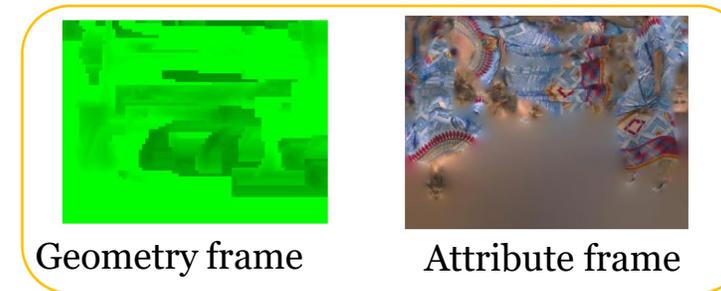
-- Patch Cubic-Projection & Packing

patches \rightarrow 2D frames



-- Image Padding

Fill empty space between patches



To make generated frames more suitable for existing video coding infrastructure

projection-based V-PCC: **high computational complexity**

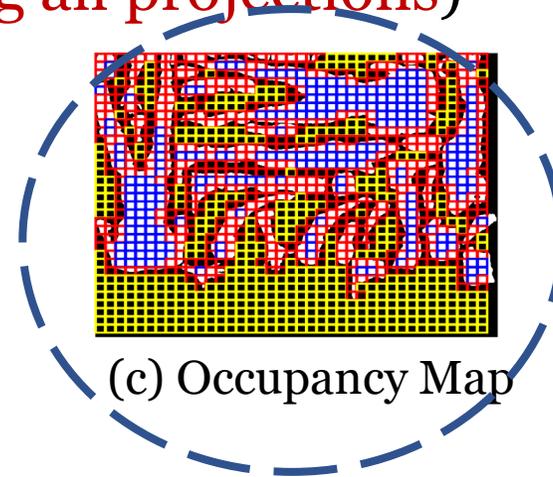
- Patches: contain a large number of empty pixels → generated videos are with **high dimensions**
- A PC: decomposed into **3 videos** (joining all projections)



(a) Attribute Frame

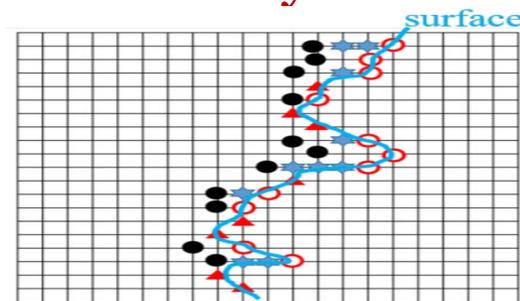


(b) Geometry Frame



blue, red & yellow boxes:
occupied,
boundary &
unoccupied
blocks (size
32x32)

- Provision of **far & near layers** for attribute & geometry → generated videos: **higher frame**



○ The highest points with depth values as D_h

● The lowest points with depth values as D_l

▲ The points with depth values $D_h = D_l$

★ In-between Points

discarded

rate-distortion optimization (RDO):

$$m^* = \arg \min_{m_i \in \mathbf{M}} \{ J(m_i) = D(m_i) + \lambda R(m_i) \},$$

$\mathbf{M} = \{ \mathbf{M}_{Inter}, \mathbf{M}_{Intra} \}$, as all **prediction modes**, including

$$\mathbf{M}_{Intra} = \{ Intra_{2N \times 2N}, Intra_{N \times N} \}. \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{Inter} = \{ Inter_{skip/merge}, Inter_{2N \times 2N}, \mathbf{M}_{asym}, \mathbf{M}_{sym} \}.$$

asymmetric modes

symmetric modes

the modes can be also divided, according to partition size:

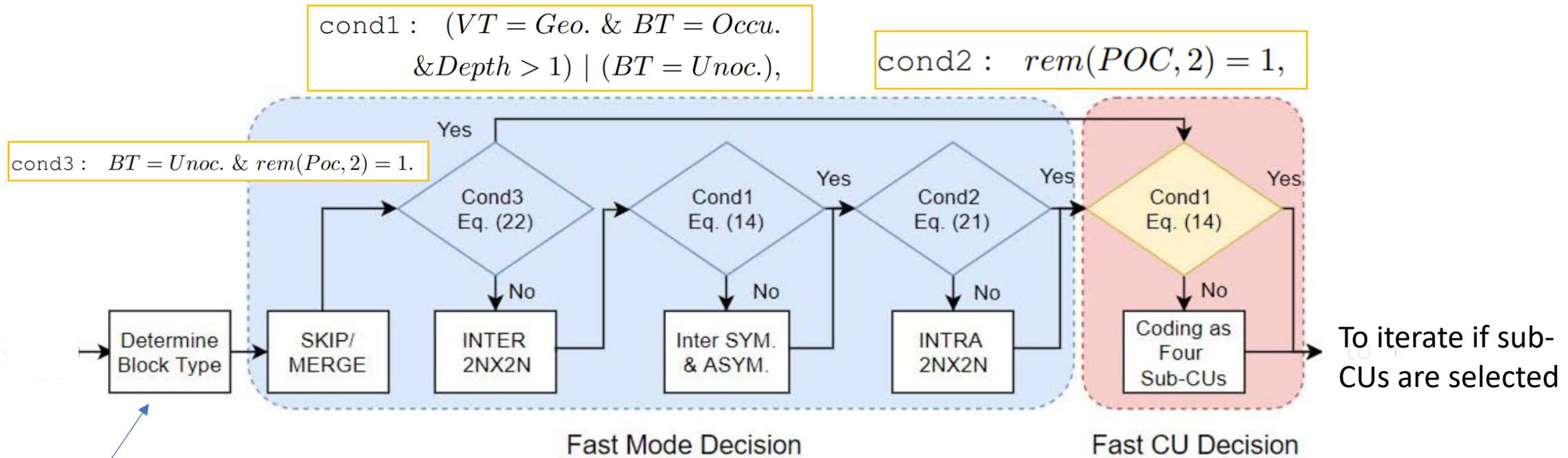
$$\mathbf{M}_{2N \times 2N} = \{ Inter_{skip/merge}, Inter_{2N \times 2N}, Intra_{2N \times 2N} \}.$$

$$\text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{non-2N \times 2N} = \{ Intra_{N \times N}, \mathbf{M}_{asym}, \mathbf{M}_{sym} \}.$$

the modes with the partition size $2N \times 2N$

Occupancy-map guided fast coding mode decision

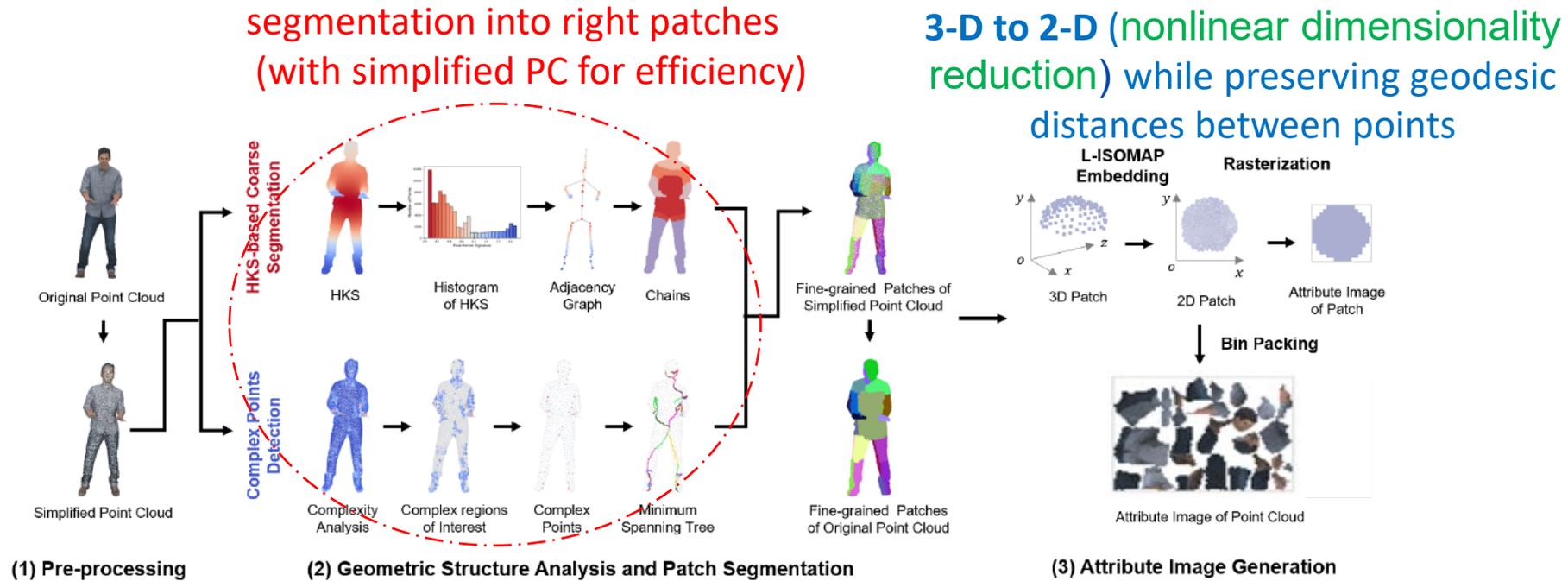
Both theoretical analysis & experimental demonstration:
3 simple & effective occupancy map based rules (also using far/near info)



to avoid substantial RD calculation for CU and PU decisions

$$BT = \begin{cases} Unoc., & \sum_{o_i \in \mathbf{o}} = 0; \\ Occu., & \sum_{o_i \in \mathbf{o}} = 4N^2; \\ Boun., & otherwise, \end{cases}$$

Can we avoid overhead caused by many projections of a PC?



Zhao, et al, “**Fine-Grained** Patch Segmentation and Rasterization for 3D Point Cloud Attribute Compression”, IEEE Trans. on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, 31(12): 4590-4602, 2021.

More work in PC coding:

Xiong, et al, “Efficient Geometry Surface Coding in V-PCC”, *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, 2023.

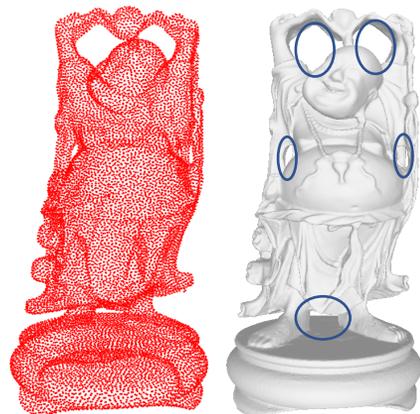
Xiong, et al, “Occupancy Map Guided Fast Video based Dynamic Point Cloud Coding”, *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, 32(2): 813-825, 2022.

- **To reconstruct 3D meshes from a 3D point cloud**

Limitations of 3D Point Clouds:

- no info for *topological structure*
- not support *shape analysis* algorithms
- not support high-precision *rendering* tasks

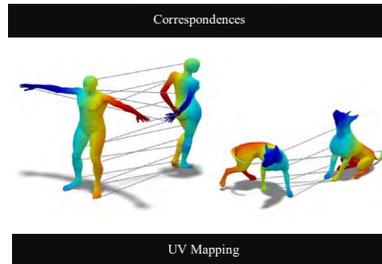
Topological Structure



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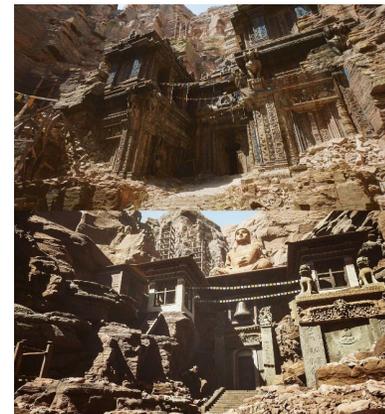
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Shape analysis



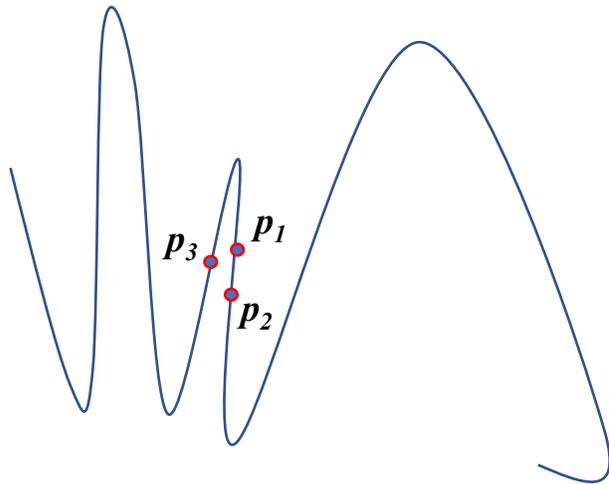
Rendering

Over 16 billion triangles



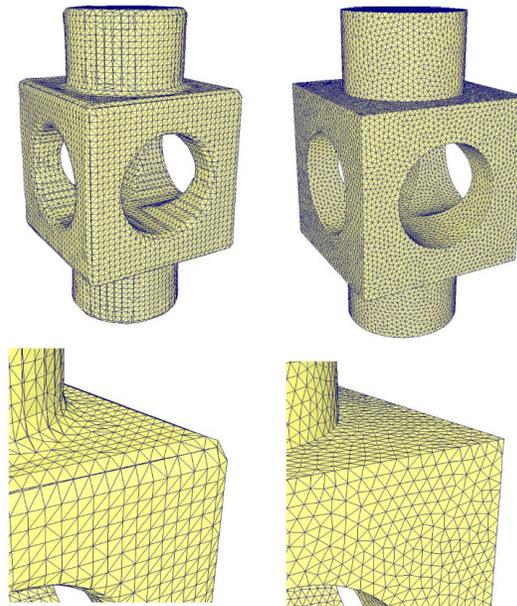
3 key requirements for mesh reconstruction

Structure search



searching the real neighbor point of p_1

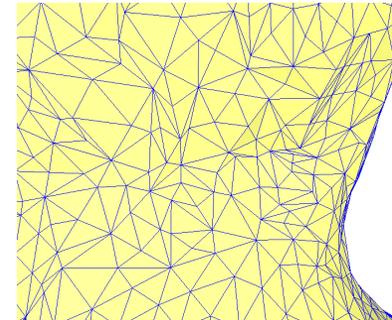
Geometric Feature keeping



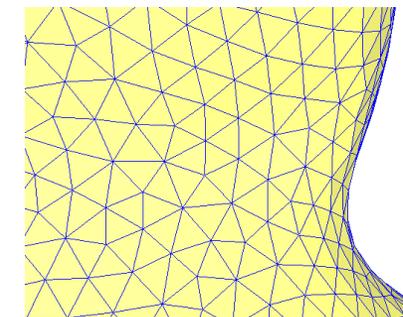
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✓

Mesh quality [PASCAL99]



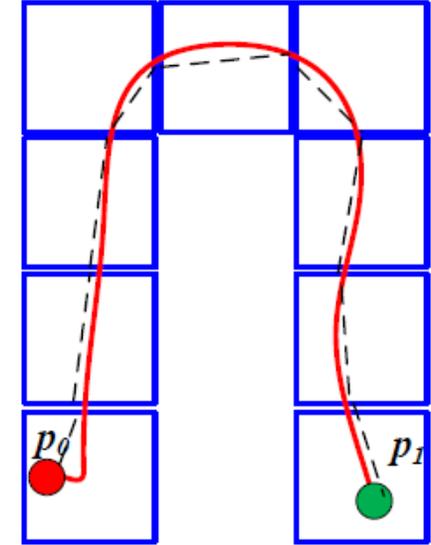
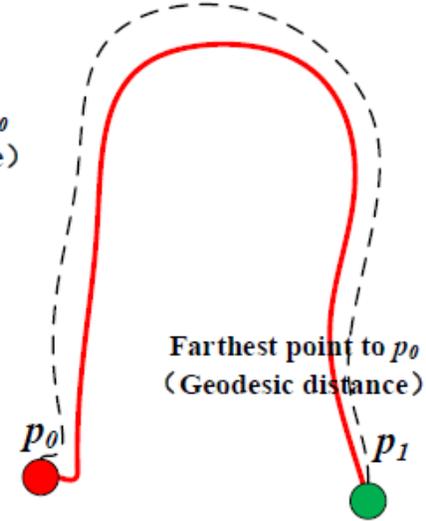
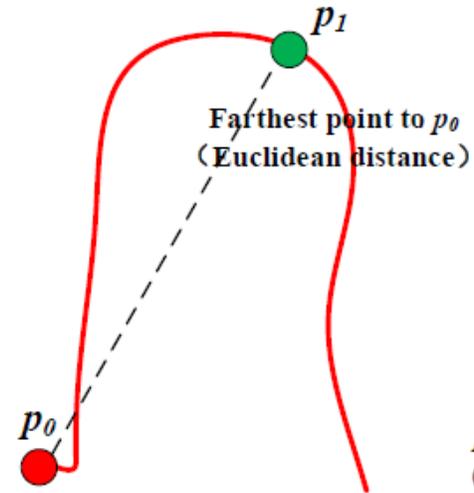
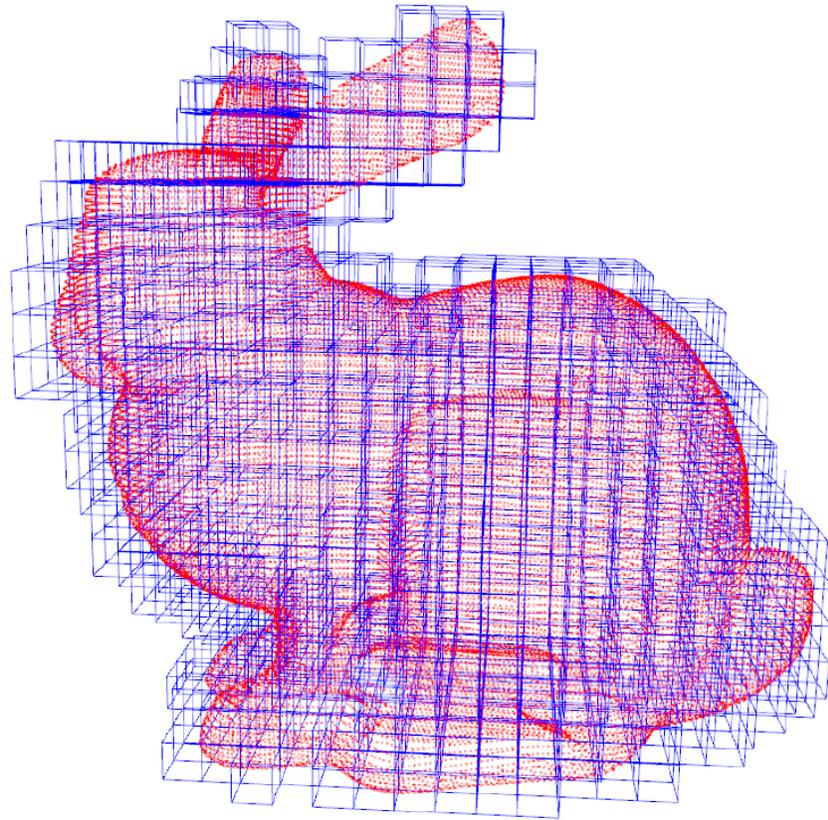
× **Anisotropic**



✓ **Isotropic**—with equilateral triangles (as close as possible)

Lv, et al, "Voxel Structure-based Mesh Reconstruction from a 3D Point Cloud", *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, 24 (2021): 1815-1829.

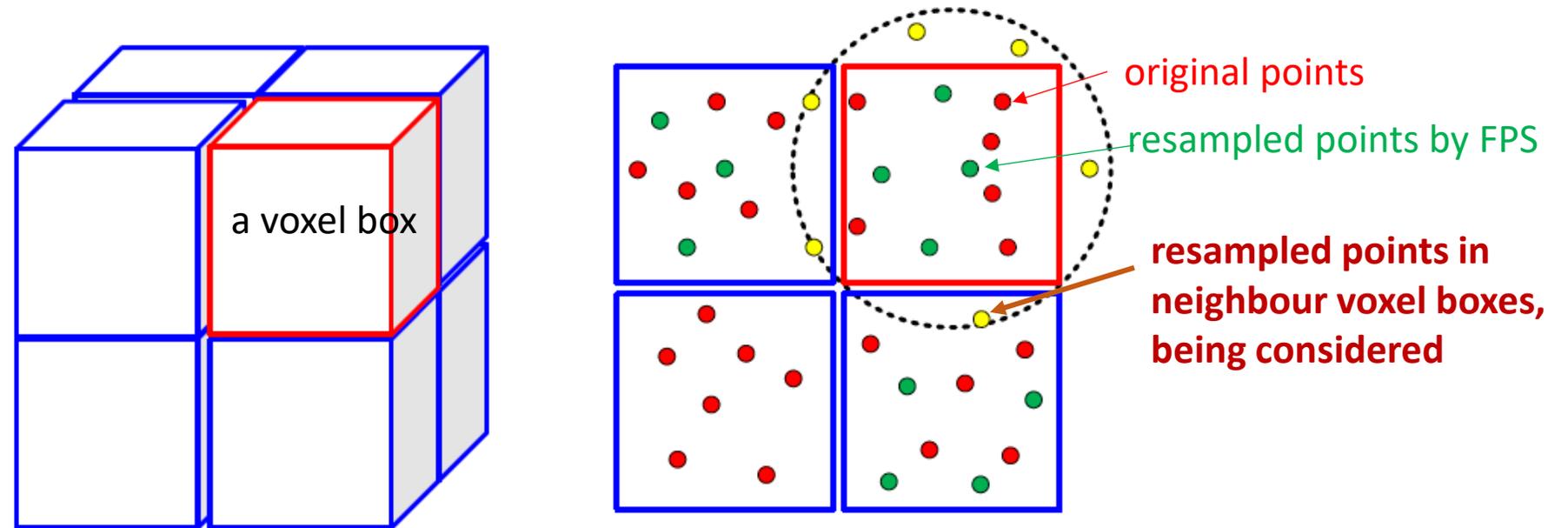
Voxel Structure



voxel structure: **intrinsic control** (voxel-based geodesic distance) between different points.

Based on the voxel structure, more accurate neighbor structure can be achieved from a PC.

Resampling – preparing data for mesh reconstruction *in parallel (for efficiency)*



Based on *voxel structure*, points are *resampled* by FPS (Farthest Point Sampling).

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More details of related research:

Lv, et al, "Intrinsic and Isotropic Resampling for 3D Point Clouds", IEEE Trans on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 45(3): 3274-3291, 2023.

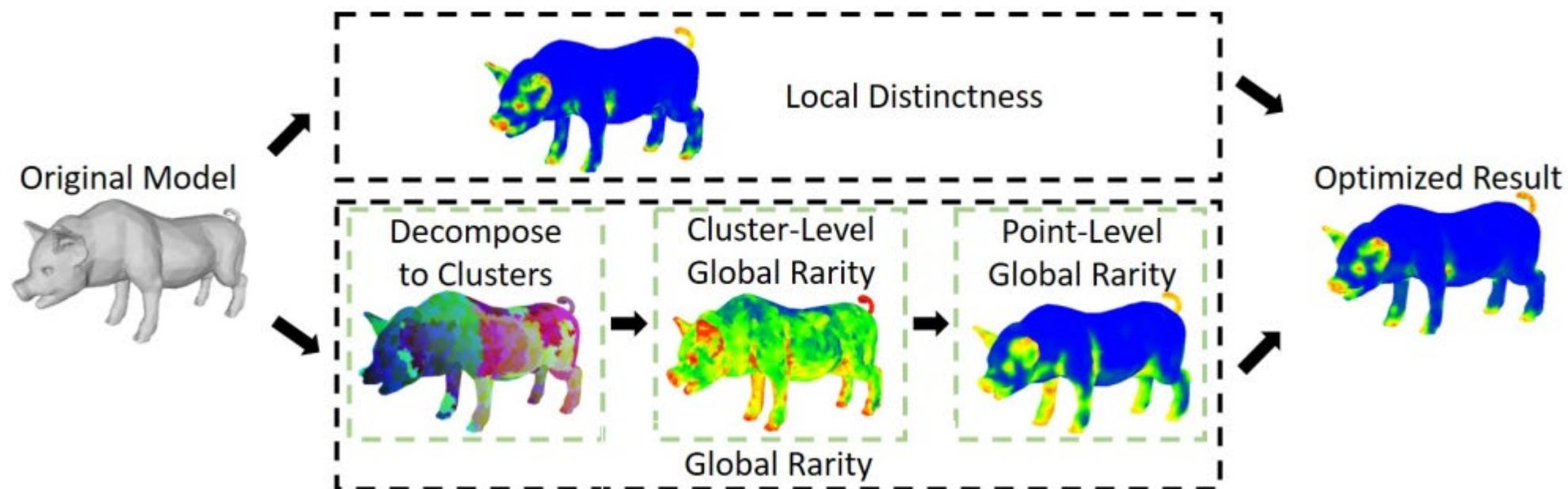
Lv, et al, "KSS-ICP: Point Cloud Registration based on Kendall Shape Space", IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 32: 1681-1693, 2023.

Lv, et al, "Approximate Intrinsic Voxel Structure for Point Cloud Simplification", IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 30(9): 7241 – 7255, 2021

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local distinctness & global rarity: both important; like in cases of 2D images



Main contributions:

- Consider local geometric features of each point for cluster-level global rarity refinement
- Propose an adaptive optimization framework.

Local Distinctness

Characterize local geometric features

- Zernike coefficients (performance not stable across different models)
- SHOT descriptor (10x in size compared with FPFH; slow processing speed)
- **Fast Point Feature Histograms (FPFH) descriptor**

Measure the difference/dissimilarity between two points (p_i, p_j)

$$\chi^2(p_i, p_j) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(FPFH_n(p_i) - FPFH_n(p_j))^2}{FPFH_n(p_i) + FPFH_n(p_j)}$$

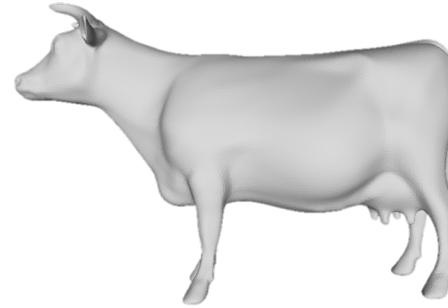
local distinctness (within a neighborhood R)

$$D(p_i) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^R \frac{\chi^2(p_i, p_j)}{1 + \|p_i - p_j\|}\right)$$

Global Rarity

PC segmentation

- Voxel cloud connectivity segmentation [24]



Original model



segmented model

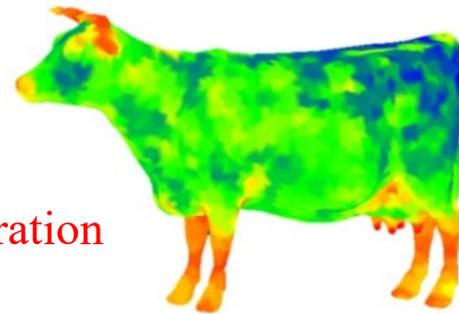
Cluster-level global rarity calculation (similar to local distinctness calculation):

$$G(c_i) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\chi^2(c_i, c_j)}{1 + \|c_i - c_j\|}\right)$$

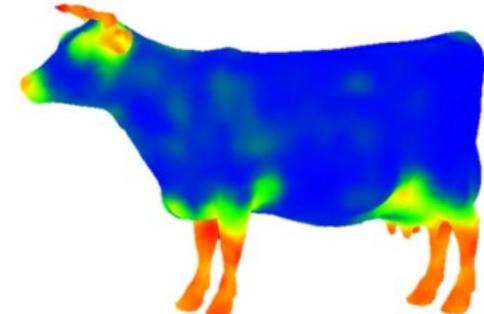
Point-level global rarity refinement (details in the next slide)

Why refinement is needed?

- Take detailed information of the model into consideration



Cluster-level result



Point-level result

mouth & horn
preserved

body limited

Random Walk Ranking: to distribute cluster-level global rarity G to point-level

Initialization

1. Seed points

Salient: points nearest to a **salient-cluster** (i.e., G of a cluster $> th_1$) center,

Non-salient: points nearest to **non-salient-cluster** (i.e., G of a cluster $< th_2$) center

2. Unseeded points:

all points for clusters with $th_2 \leq G \leq th_1$;

All other points in Case 1 above

a random walker:

- starting at each of the unseeded points
- calculate the probability of first reaching one of the seed points

$$th_1 = mean(G) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta$$

$$th_2 = mean(G)$$

$$\Delta = \max(G) - mean(G)$$

Optimization Framework

Integrate local & global saliency cues

- Linear combination (not ideal)
- **Adaptive integration to minimize**

saliency value to be decided:
s=1 if salient; s=0 if not

weight matrix to smooth the result

$W_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|p_i - p_j\|^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right)$

Neighbours of point p_i

No. of points in the PC

Min:
$$L = \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{s_i^2}{Z_k(p_i)} + Z_k(p_i)(1 - s_i)^2 \right) + \sum_{j \in R} W_{ij} (s_i - s_j)^2$$

k=1, Z_1 : local distinctness;
k=2, Z_2 : point-level global rarity refinement

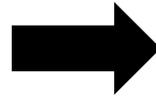
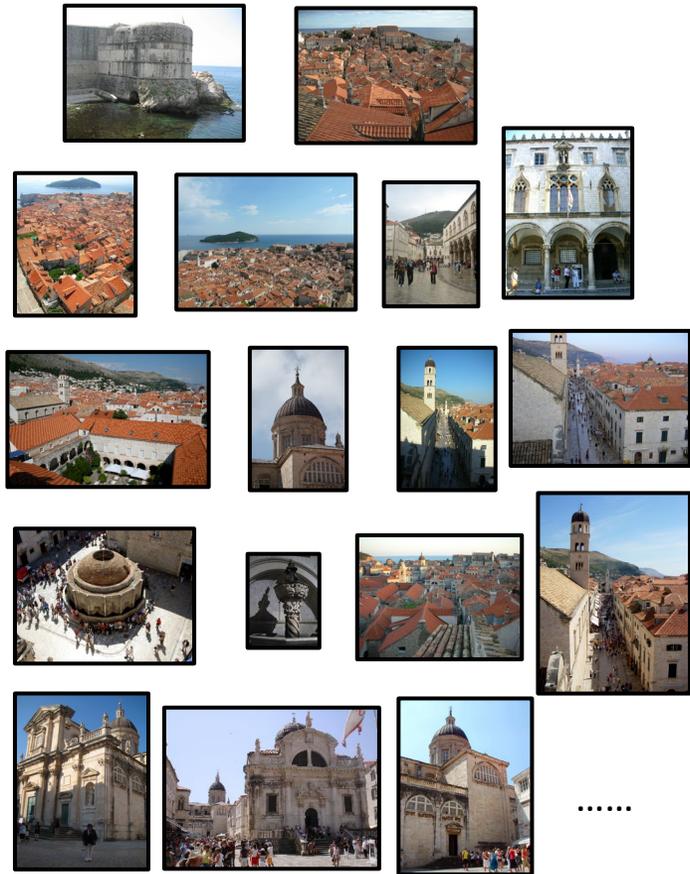
The framework enables

- Higher local distinctness & higher global rarity to obtain higher S_i
- Lower local distinctness & lower global rarity to obtain lower S_i

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Structure-from-Motion (SfM) Point Clouds (PCs)



PC



Exemplary Views

Position: X,Y,Z; **Color:** R,G,B

Visibility:

Image 1 -> feature descriptor

Image 2 -> feature descriptor

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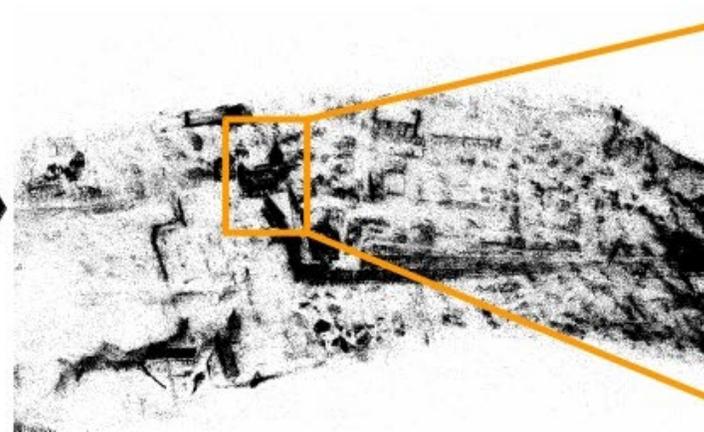
Information a 3D Point

What is Image-based Localization?

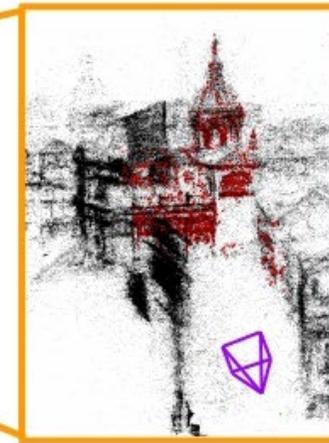
- Given a 3D SfM PC, compute the 6-DOF camera pose for a query image



Query Image



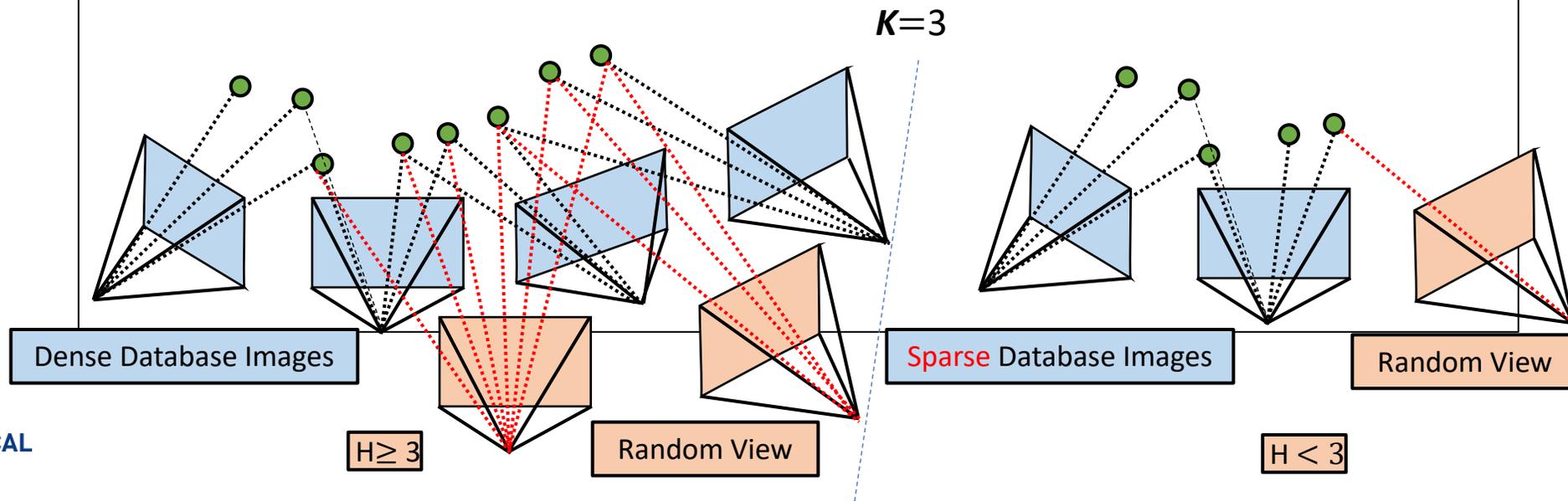
3D Structure-from-Motion Point Cloud



6-DOF Camera Pose

Further Analysis

- A Key Factor for Image-based Localization
 - A **random view** from underlying scene should be able to establish sufficient 2D-3D correspondences (denoted as H)
- Assumption of K -Cover based Methods
 - Discrete-database images well describe continuous 3D geometric space
 - Each database image observes at least K ($H \geq K$) points \rightarrow A random view is likely to observe at least K points, i.e., the corresponding query image is likely to establish at least K 2D-3D correspondences (also $H \geq K$)
 - The assumptions do not always hold (i.e., H may be lower than K)



Visibility (as a measure of point saliency) Probability

- Straightforward definition for a single point P_j

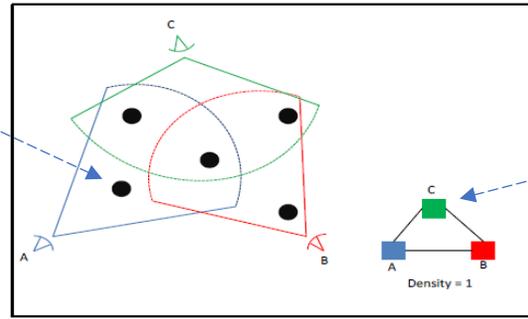
$$\begin{aligned}\phi(P_j) &= \frac{d(P_j)}{m} \quad \rightarrow \text{No. of database images observing point } P_j \\ &\quad \rightarrow \text{No. of all database images} \\ &= \frac{\sum_i G_{ij}}{m}\end{aligned}$$

- Resultant Visibility Probability $V(P_j)$ in a PC
 - $\phi(P_j)$ is an approximation of $V(P_j)$ when database images are densely distributed
 - Need to evaluate the distribution of database images in the PC (next slide)

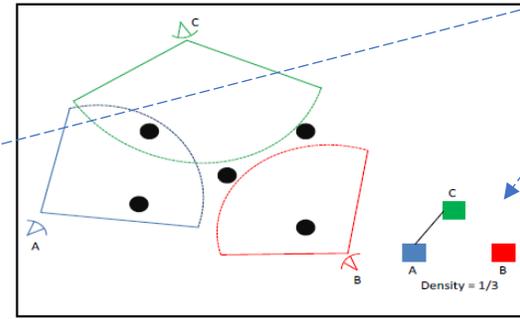
Density Estimation on Graph

Density of database images can be computed on image **overlap** graph \mathcal{O} (constructed from G)

3D point



(a) Dense Case



(b) Sparse Case

Do not see a common 3D point, with A and C

(database images are not dense, or not from many angles)

Graph Density (D) Estimation:

$$D = \frac{2e}{m(m-1)}$$

e : number of edges in \mathcal{O}
 m : number of nodes in \mathcal{O}

Computing $V(P_j)$:

$$V(P_j) = f(D)\phi(P_j)$$

$f(D)$: a weighting function based on D

e.g.,

$$f(D) = (1 - 6.72e^{-213D})$$

Model (K, H) Poisson Binomial Distribution, based on 3D point's visibility probability $V(P_j)$:

$$X_j \sim \text{Bernoulli}(V(P_j)), j = 1, \dots, \tau \quad \tau=n \text{ for original PC}$$

$$\text{Probability for } P_j \text{ being visible: } \boxed{\Pr(X_j = 1) = V(P_j)}$$

$$\text{Probability for } P_j \text{ being not visible: } \boxed{\Pr(X_j = 0) = 1 - V(P_j)}$$

$$\text{Total no. of points visible with a view: } X = \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} X_j.$$

Approximation using Central Limit Theorem... (check the paper for more details):

Cumulative Distribution Function

$$\text{for } \gamma \text{ points visible with a view: } \Pr(X > \gamma) \approx 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\gamma + 0.5 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Φ : Normal distribution

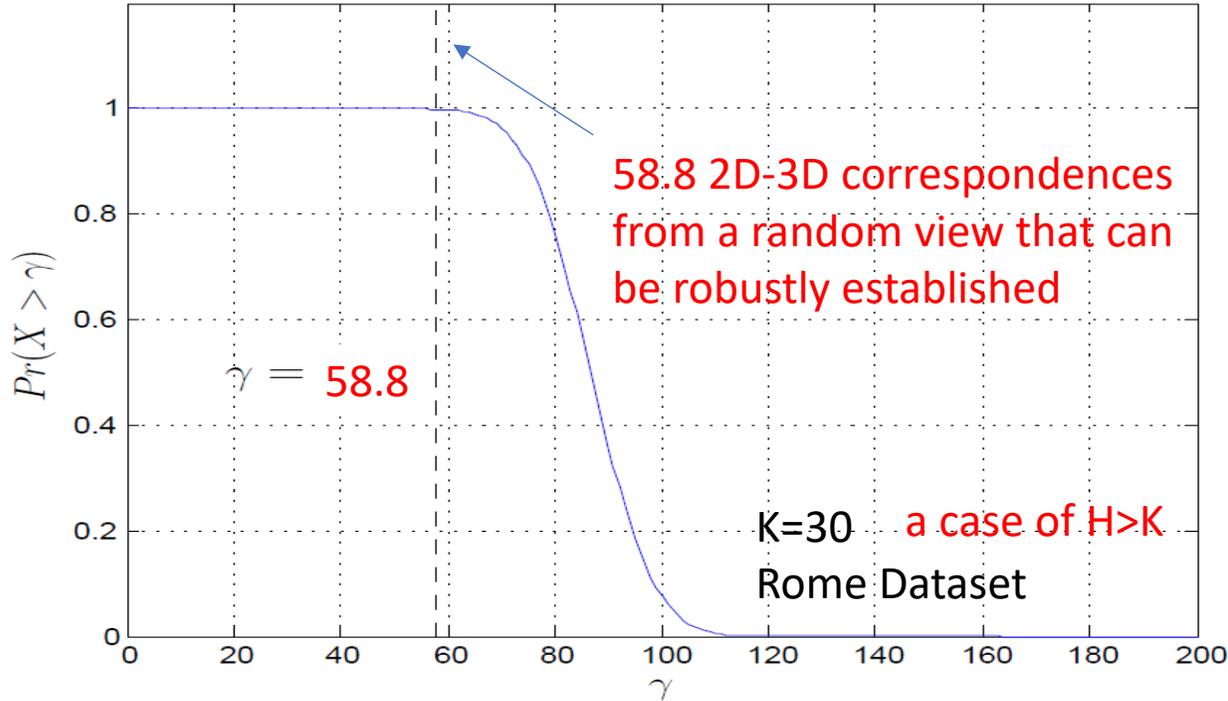
$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} V(P_j)$$

$$\sigma = (\mu)^{1/2}, \text{ when } V(P_j) \ll 1 \quad (\text{i.e., for large databases})$$

seek the largest γ possible

$$H = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\Pr(X > \gamma) = 1)$$

a PC is robust to establish γ 2D-3D correspondences



For each database image/view
For each 3D point

| Database | K | H | P: ave. No. of observed 3D points per database image |
|-----------|-----|------|--|
| Dubrovnik | 25 | 28.6 | 73.7 |
| | 30 | 35.6 | 87.4 |
| Rome | 20 | 36.6 | 61.9 |
| | 30 | 58.8 | 88.8 |
| Aachen | 60 | 8.2 | 96.4 |
| | 320 | 78.9 | 461.7 |

from Internet images with denser visual overlap among database images

from images captured by a single user (walking around the downtown of Aachen with a mobile-phone: database images more sparsely located; a higher K needed, and $H \ll K$)

$P > \max(H, K)$: because database images make the PC

H: the minimum/required no. of 2D-3D correspondences from any view for a required R
or
the largest no. of 2D-3D correspondences from any view for a K for simplification

Evaluating AEWKC -Cheng, et al, IEEE TIP'17

localization performance

- Especially when simplifying to < 1% original size

The proposed methods

| (A) Dubrovnik dataset | | | | | | | (B) Rome dataset | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| K | #points | %points | KC(%) | PKC(%) | WKC(%) | AEWKC(%) | K | #points | %points | KC(%) | PKC(%) | WKC(%) | AEWKC(%) |
| 12 | 5808 | 0.31 | 40.43 | 40.53 | 59.82 | 67.65 | 6 | 5109 | 0.13 | 45.61 | 46.05 | 61.78 | 67.66 |
| 15 | 7571 | 0.40 | 51.79 | 52.68 | 71.15 | 76.10 | 8 | 7053 | 0.17 | 63.22 | 64.43 | 72.82 | 74.69 |
| 18 | 9391 | 0.50 | 61.98 | 62.56 | 78.06 | 80.44 | 10 | 9117 | 0.22 | 72.03 | 72.99 | 78.27 | 79.45 |
| 20 | 10615 | 0.56 | 68.99 | 67.44 | 80.71 | 82.96 | 12 | 11216 | 0.28 | 77.93 | 78.66 | 82.23 | 82.75 |
| 22 | 11894 | 0.63 | 72.25 | 73.75 | 83.22 | 84.20 | 15 | 14598 | 0.36 | 83.83 | 83.90 | 83.98 | 86.78 |
| 25 | 13877 | 0.74 | 78.78 | 79.37 | 86.25 | 86.20 | 18 | 18071 | 0.44 | 86.84 | 86.66 | 87.66 | 88.25 |
| 28 | 15895 | 0.84 | 82.50 | 83.25 | 88.43 | 89.06 | 20 | 20426 | 0.50 | 88.28 | 88.25 | 89.12 | 89.24 |
| 30 | 17147 | 0.91 | 84.61 | 84.50 | 89.50 | 89.83 | 22 | 22828 | 0.56 | 89.04 | 88.92 | 90.35 | 90.05 |
| 32 | 18700 | 1.00 | 86.54 | 86.74 | 90.00 | 89.75 | 25 | 26560 | 0.65 | 90.65 | 90.30 | 91.15 | 91.33 |
| 35 | 20807 | 1.10 | 88.01 | 88.19 | 91.05 | 90.68 | 28 | 30367 | 0.75 | 91.75 | 91.52 | 91.82 | 91.99 |

(c) Aachen dataset

| K | #points | %points | KC(%) | PKC(%) | WKC(%) | AEWKC(%) |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| 50 | 19487 | 1.26 | 46.07 | 46.31 | 55.28 | 60.43 |
| 60 | 24036 | 1.56 | 53.38 | 54.90 | 59.62 | 63.68 |
| 70 | 28693 | 1.86 | 58.53 | 56.36 | 62.87 | 65.58 |
| 80 | 33445 | 2.17 | 63.14 | 63.68 | 65.85 | 67.20 |
| 90 | 38290 | 2.49 | 64.22 | 64.66 | 68.83 | 67.15 |
| 100 | 43186 | 2.80 | 67.20 | 64.55 | 68.29 | 69.10 |
| 110 | 48141 | 3.12 | 67.20 | 66.80 | 71.00 | 71.17 |
| 120 | 53220 | 3.45 | 68.02 | 68.56 | 72.08 | 72.08 |
| 130 | 58394 | 3.79 | 70.00 | 70.00 | 72.95 | 73.14 |
| 140 | 63613 | 4.13 | 71.05 | 71.07 | 73.71 | 74.07 |

KC: Li, *et.al.*, ECCV 10

PKC: Cao, *et.al.*, CVPR 14

WKC: Cheng, *et.al.*, ICMEW 15

AEWKC: our method

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The rest of this talk: to present related recent research attempts...
to address the major challenges

- PC representation
 - ❖ Compression
 - ❖ Mesh reconstruction
- PC saliency determination
- Image-based localization, for practical applications
 - ❖ PC simplification
 - ❖ PC quality assessment
- **Moving forward**

Summary

- Introduction to 3D point clouds (PCs)
Increasingly important area; a lot to be done
- PC representation
 - ❖ Intrinsic measure
 - ❖ Resampling/simplification
 - ❖ Mesh construction
 - ❖ Compression & other representations
- PC saliency & quality
Initial models for human and machine uses, respectively
- Exemplary utilities of PCs
image-based localization with PCs, PC registration, and remeshing

further discussion

- Information Saliency & Sufficiency/Quality of 3D PCs
 - For **humans**
According to visualization result: esp for small objects, or relatively simple scene
 - For **machines**: utility-based definitions, esp for city-scale PCs
e.g., visibility, H measure, etc, toward image-based localization

To further exploit (cont'd):

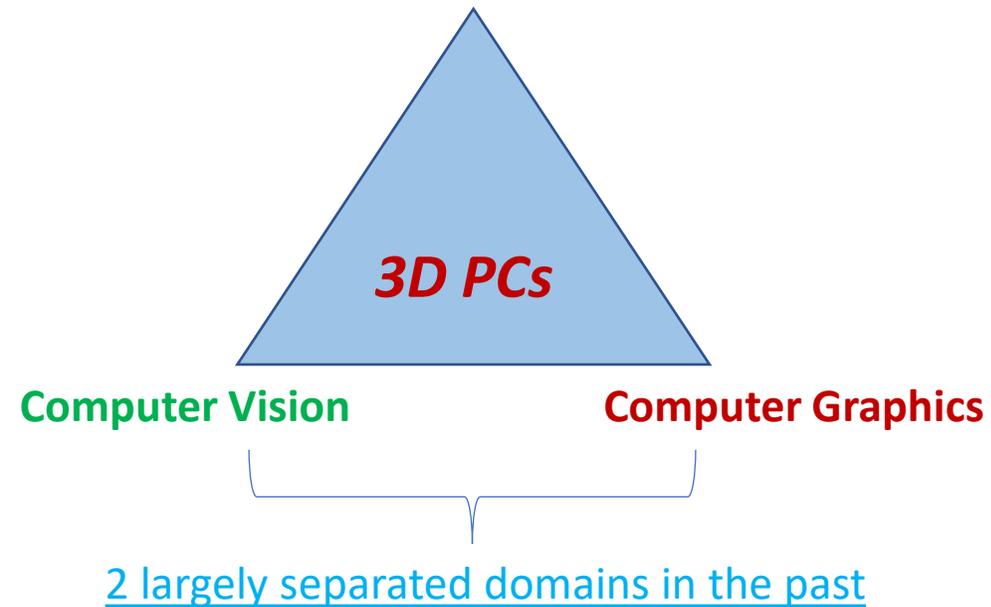
- 3D PC compression
 - ❑ PC-dedicated coders
 - ❑ emerging deep learning-based coding
 - ❑ lightweight learning model compression for green computing
- PC denoising, SR, edge detection, inpainting, ...
- More utilities for PCs: recognition, classification, autonomous driving & flying, robots, building Information Models (BIM), VR/AR/MR, smart manufacturing, urban surveillance and planning, cultural heritage preservation, and other tasks in smart cities

To further exploit (cont'd):

- PC saliency & quality modeling
 - For human tasks
 - for machine tasks
 - possibilities for formulating for both human & machine uses
 - Just-noticeable difference (JND) for PCs
 - Utility-oriented models
 - To consider technical quality, aesthetic quality, visual discomfort & Uncanny Valley together
- Medical and biological scenarios
- To explore possible advantages enabled by connected computer vision and graphics ...

More opportunities?

Multimedia Interaction (a new domain)



PC representation (as presented earlier)

The j^{th} point in a PC, Ω , with K points totally, can be expressed as a vector:

$$\omega_j = [g_j, c_j, a_j], j = 1, 2, \dots, K \quad (1)$$

where $g_j = [x_j, y_j, z_j]$ and $c_j = [r_j, g_j, b_j]$ being the geometry information (point position) and attribute information (RGB values), respectively; a_j represents auxiliary descriptor(s), such as the derived surface normal, and in a SfM PC, it can represent the SIFTs and database image associated to the point; and

$$\Omega = \{\omega_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, K\}.$$

PC representation extended to true multimedia



Take olfaction as an example to add to the PC representation for an arbitrary point:

$$\tilde{\omega}_j = [\omega_j, o_j], j = 1, 2, \dots, K,$$

where ω_j is defined in Equation (1), and $o_j = [e_j^1, e_j^2, \dots, e_j^F, f_j, d_j, i_j]$ denotes the olfactory descriptor.

Cross-modal effects must be considered (e.g., between visual and olfaction and among visual, olfaction, and taste):

$$S = \sum_{\iota=1}^n S(\iota) - \sum_{\iota=1}^n \sum_{\rho=\iota+1}^n \varepsilon(\iota, \rho) \Psi(S(\iota), S(\rho))$$

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Thank You!

