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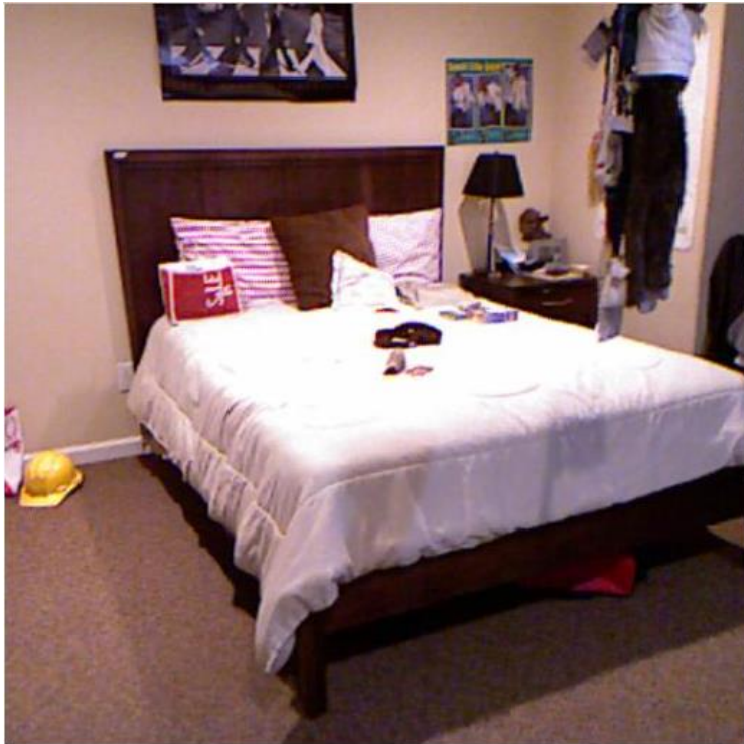
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3D Point Cloud Maps

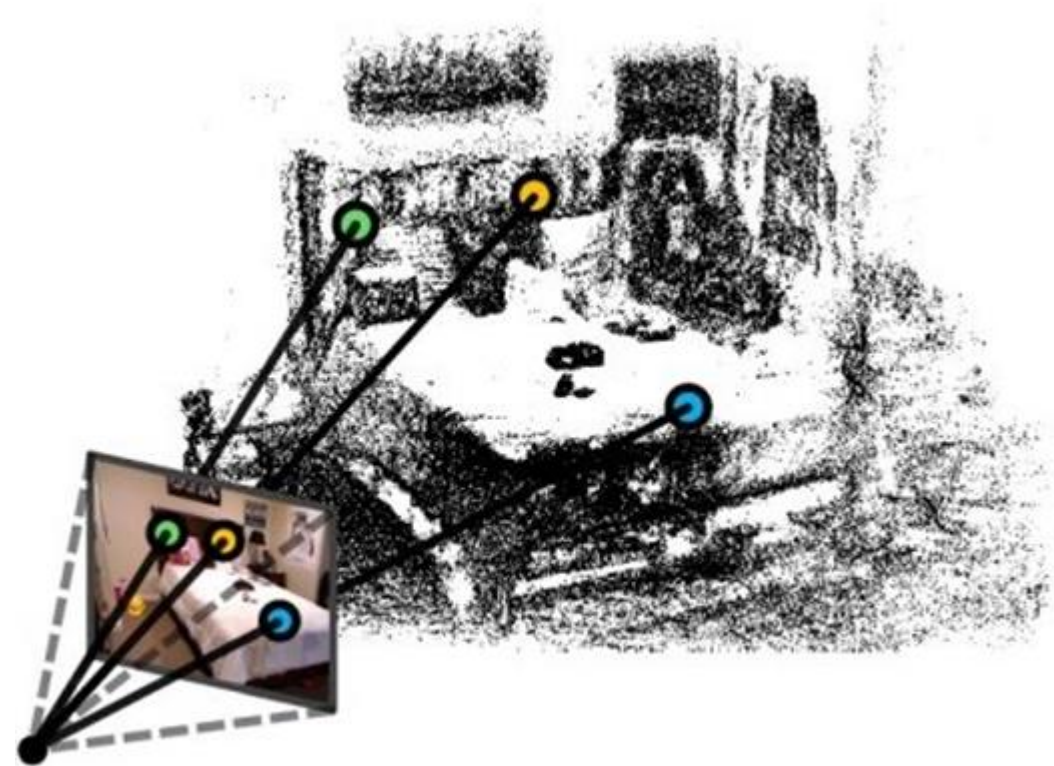


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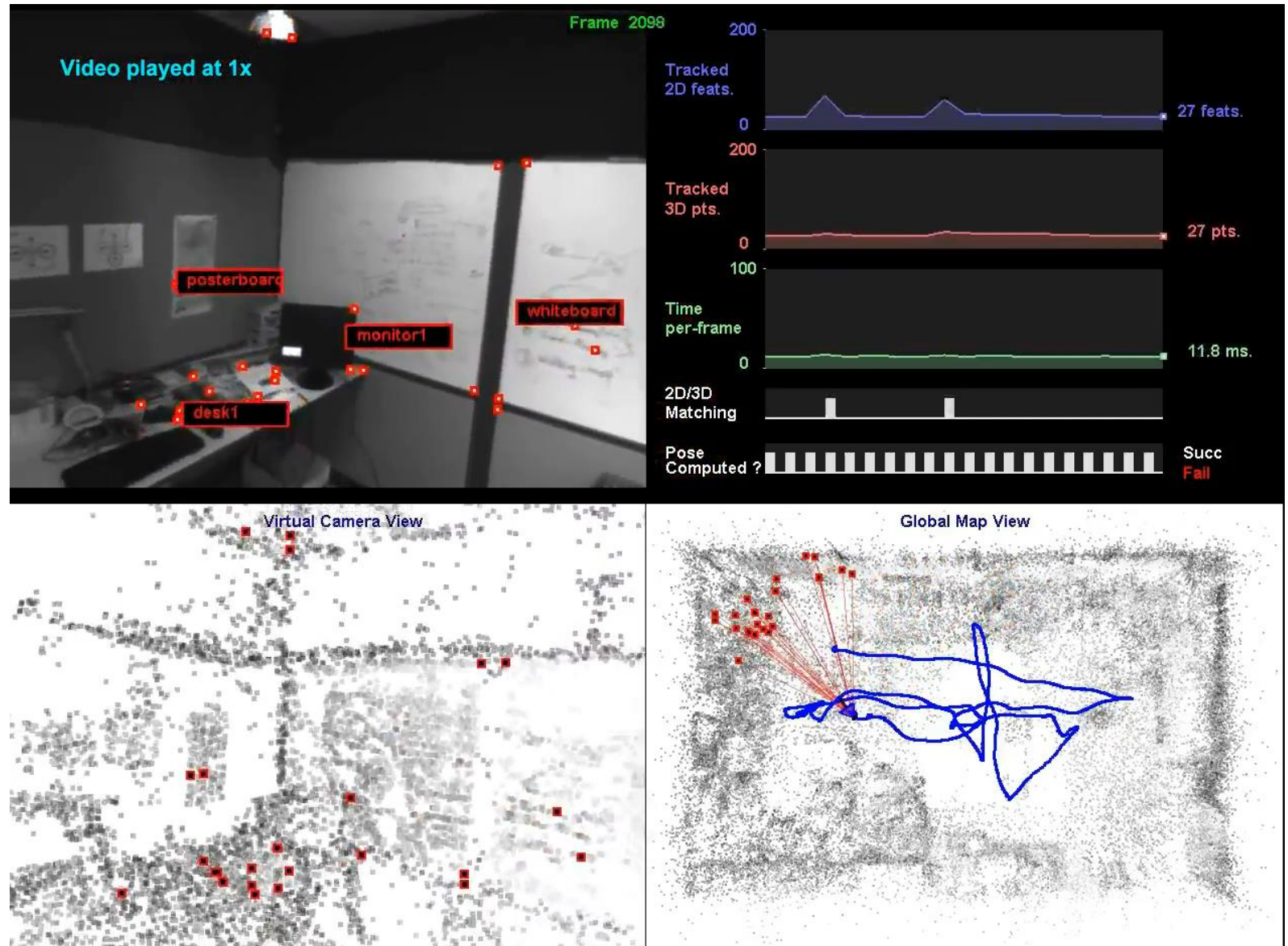


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Drone Navigation (UAVs)



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A crucial task in Augmented Reality (AR) & Robotics applications.

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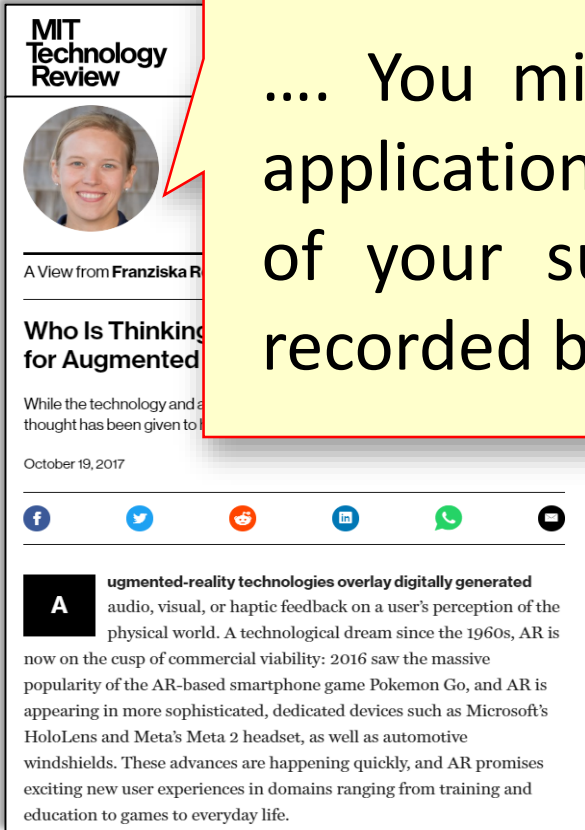
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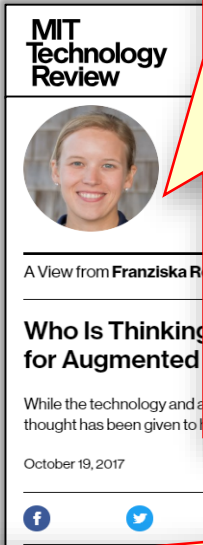
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Outline

- **Revealing Scenes by Inverting Structure from Motion Reconstructions**

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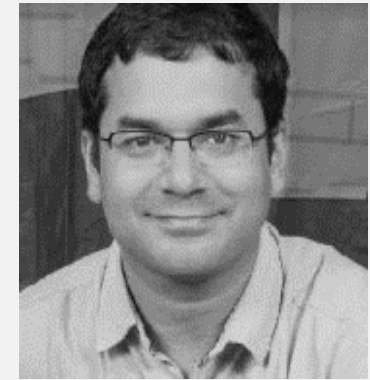
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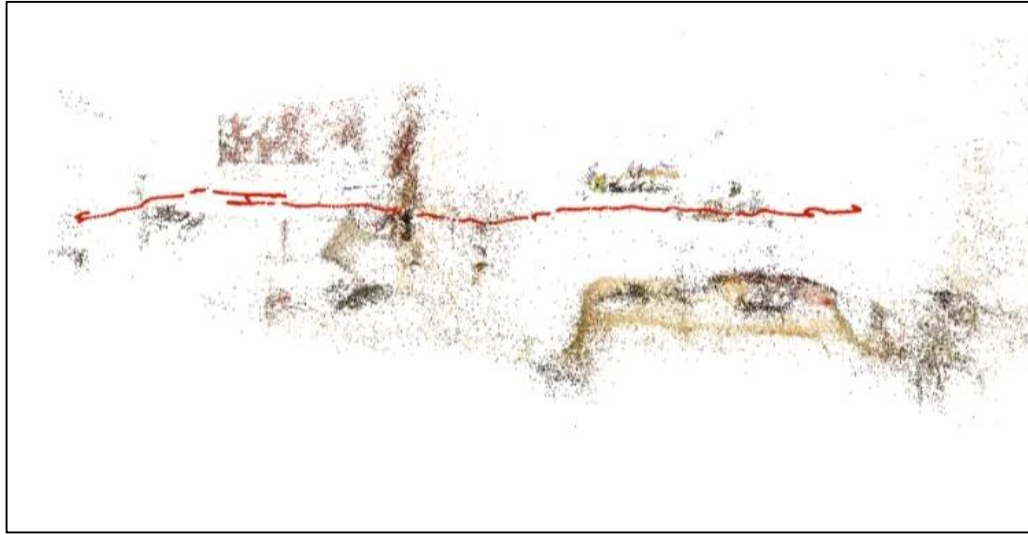


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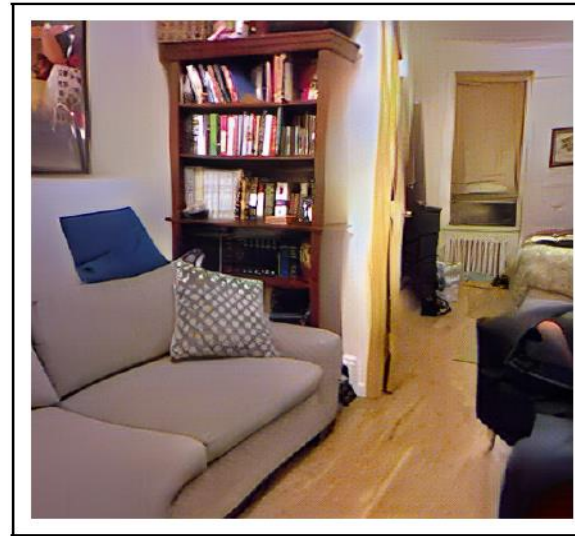
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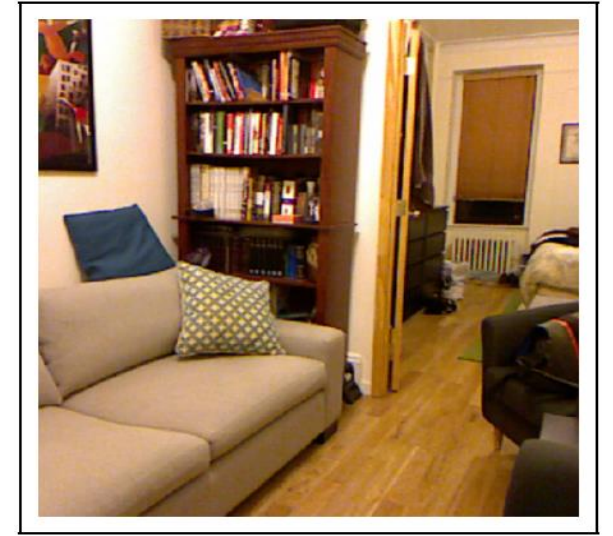
New Privacy Attack on 3D Maps



3D point cloud map



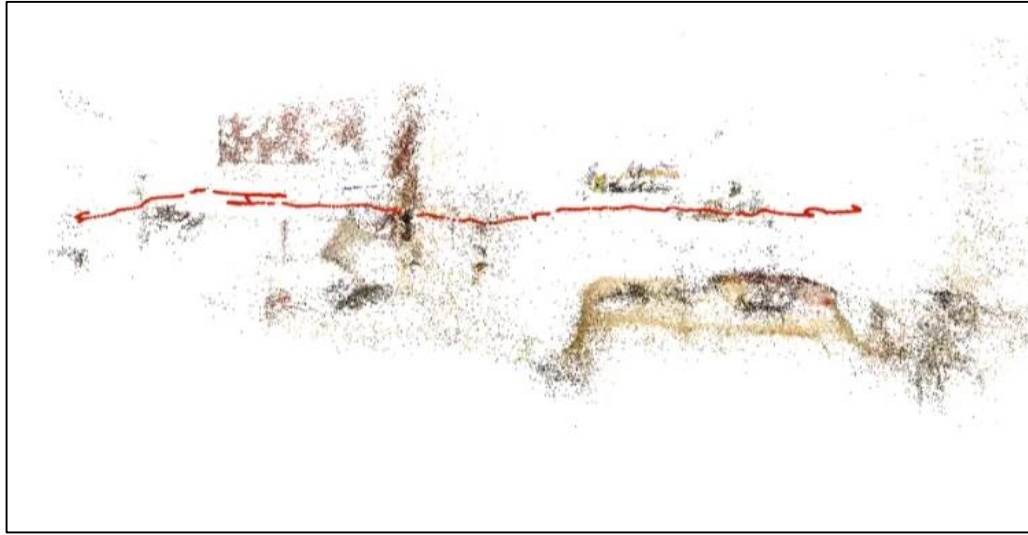
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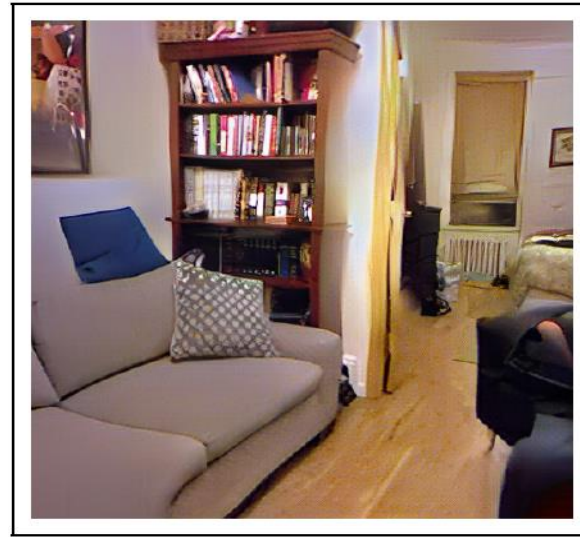
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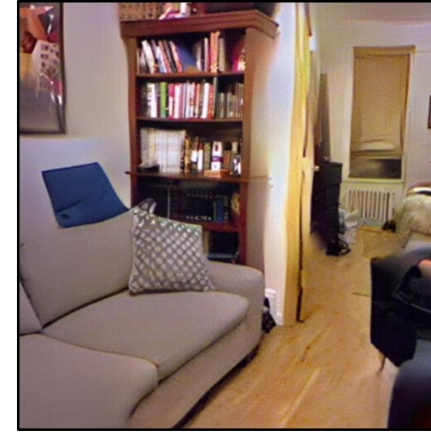
Problem Definition: 3D Map Inversion



3D Map



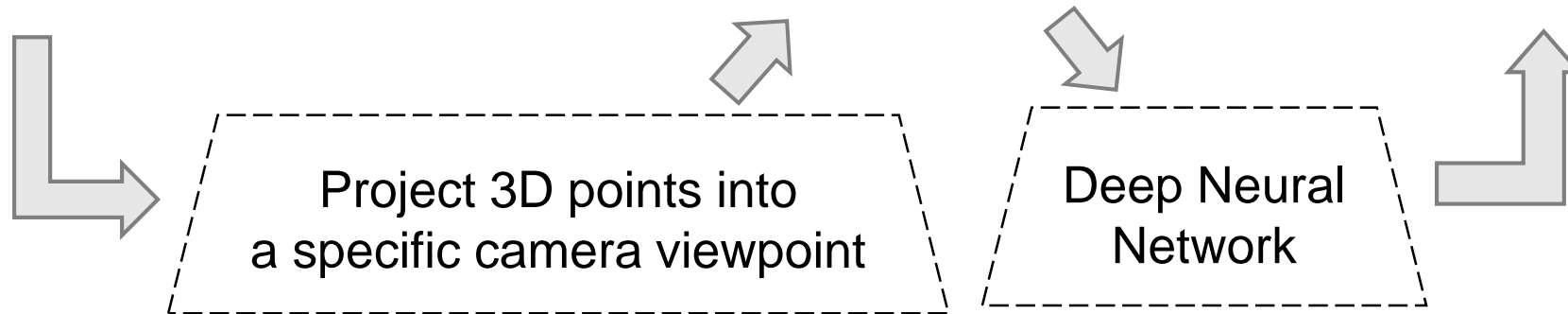
Projected 3D Points



Reconstructed Image



Original Image



Specifically, the attacker's goal is to reconstruct a color image of a scene from 2D projections of sparse 3D points and descriptors. We assume that the attacker will do that using a deep neural network.

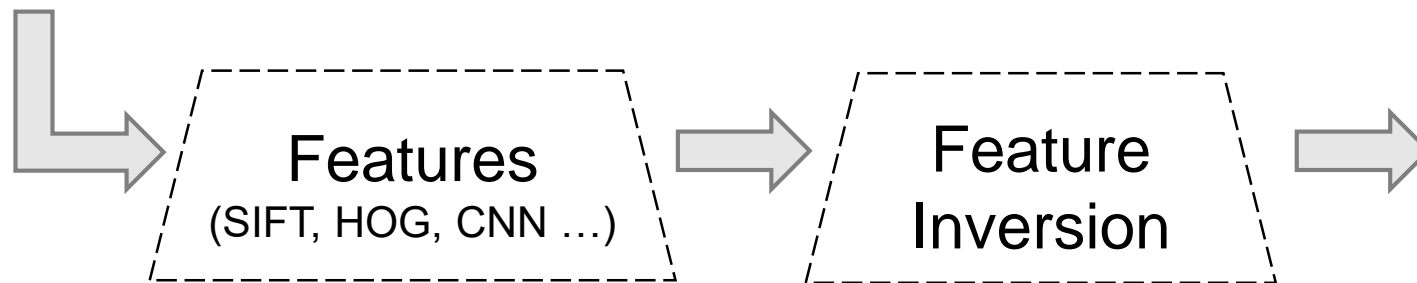
Previous Work: Single Image Feature Inversion



Original image



Visualization of SIFT Keypoints



Weinzaepfel et al. 2011

Vondrick et al. 2013

Kato & Harada, 2014

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Dosovitskiy & Brox, CVPR 2016

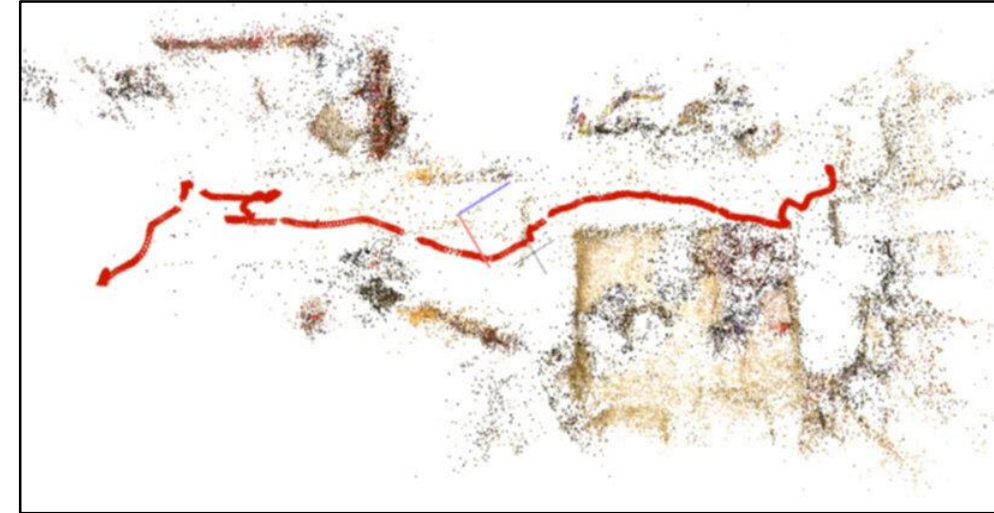
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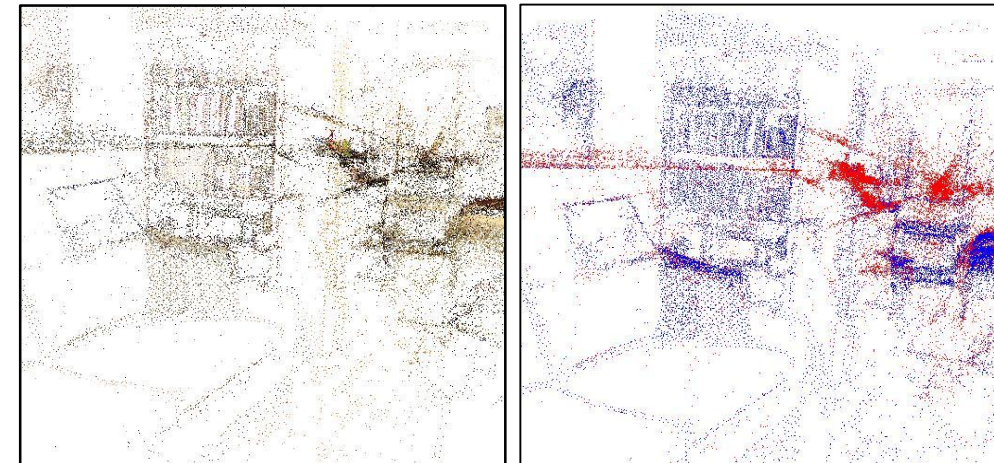
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3D Map Inversion: Challenges

- Visibility of 3D points unknown
- All feature attributes are not stored; hence unavailable for inversion
 - SIFT keypoint orientation
 - SIFT keypoint scale
 - SIFT descriptor image source
- 3D point cloud distributions are often quite sparse and irregular



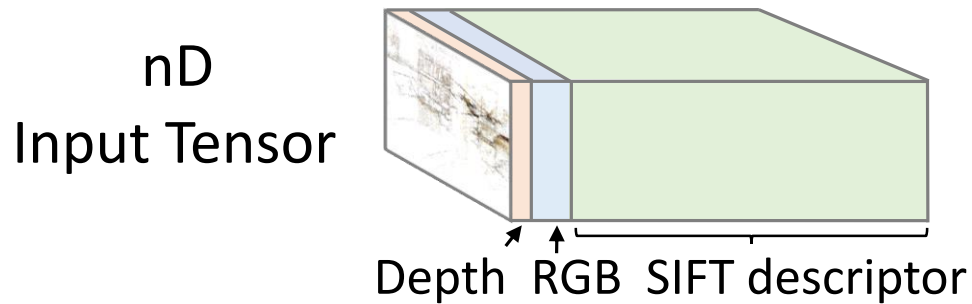
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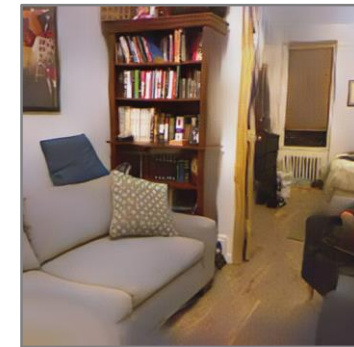
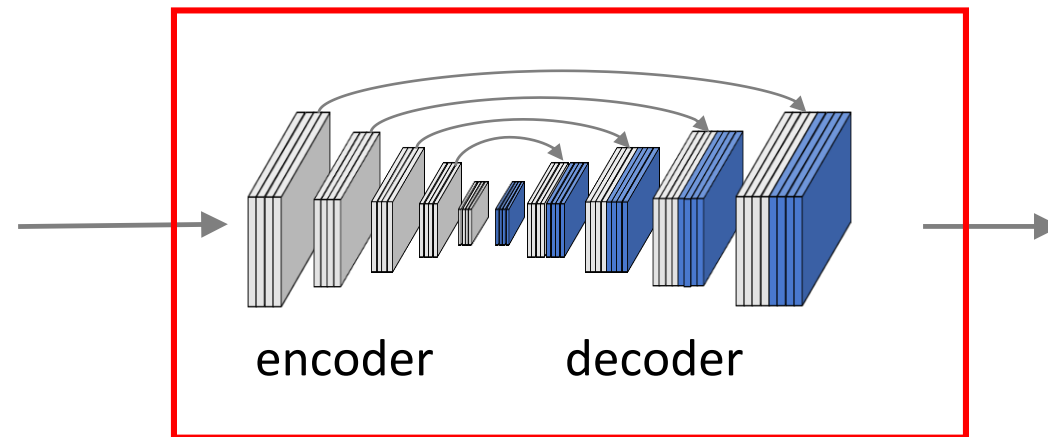
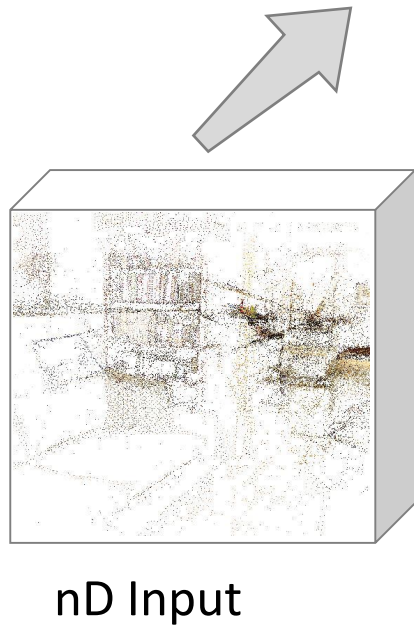
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Visibility Map

U-Net Architecture



- Model: U-Net with skip connections
- Loss: Reconstruction Loss (L1)
- Dataset: SFM pre-processing on
 - MegaDepth (Li and Snavely, 2018)
 - NYU v2 (Silberman et al. 2012)
- Initialization: Random weights

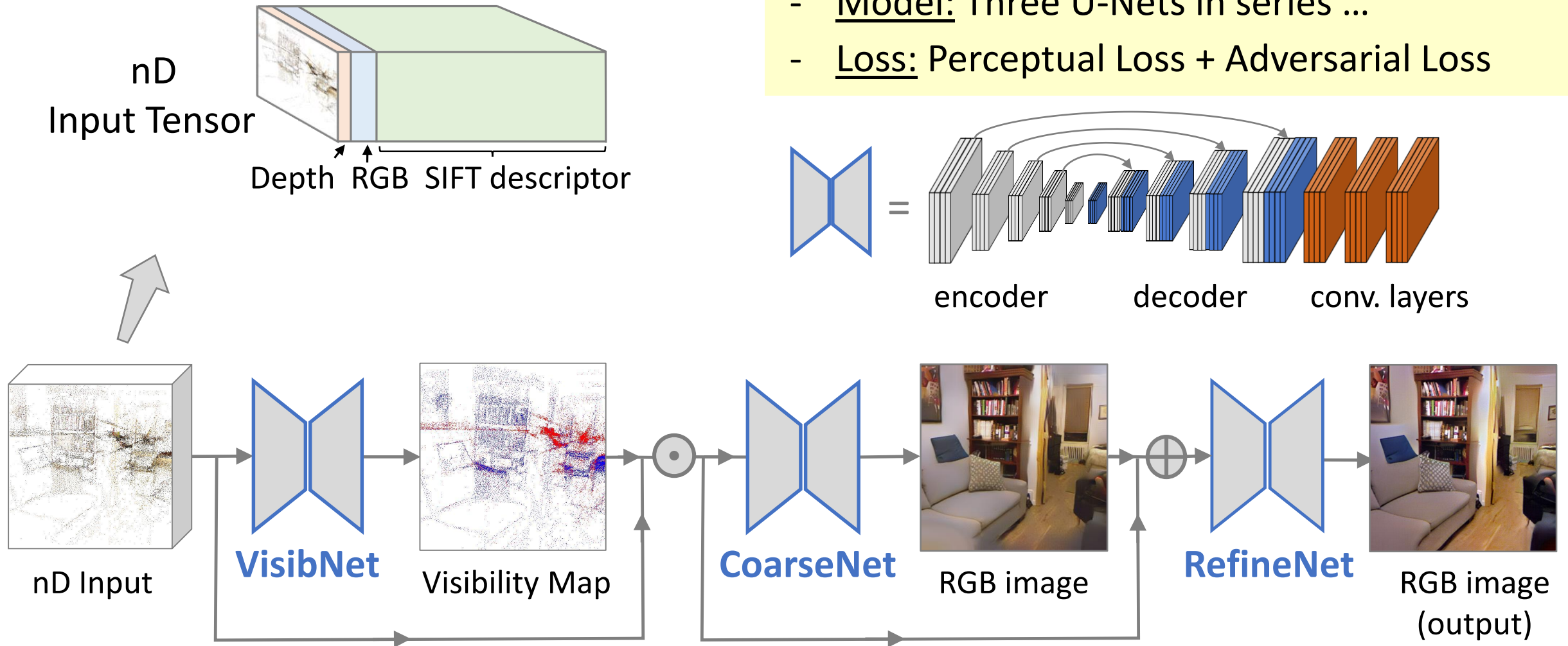


CoarseNet

(architecture similar to Dosovitskiy and Brox, CVPR 2016)

Final Network Architecture

- Model: Three U-Nets in series ...
- Loss: Perceptual Loss + Adversarial Loss



Reconstruction of Source Video used in Mapping

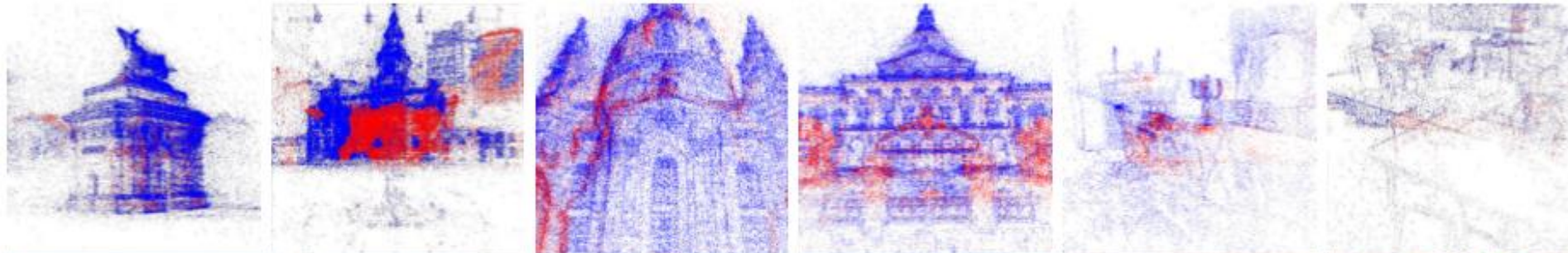


Novel Views Rendered from a Virtual Camera Path

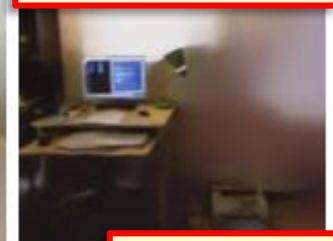
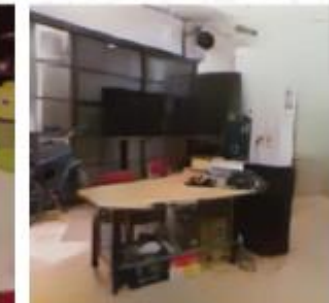


Results

Input (Depth, SIFT, Color)



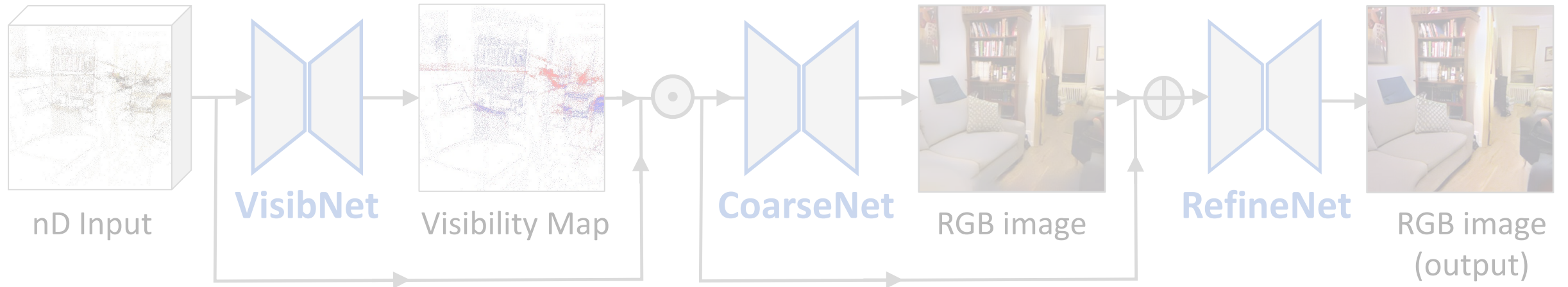
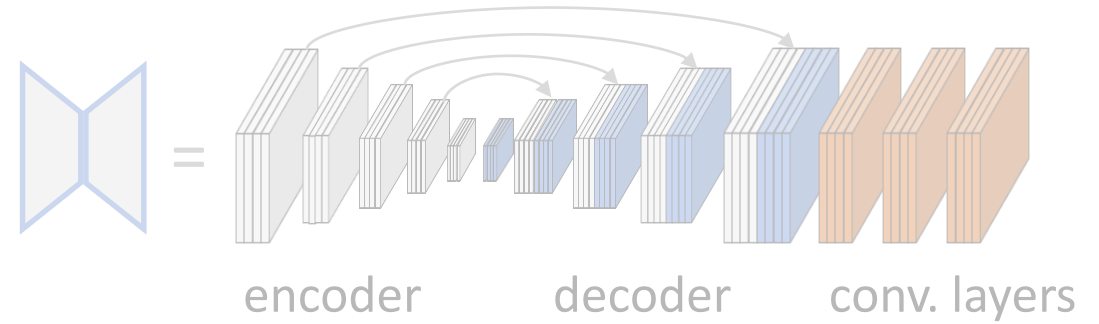
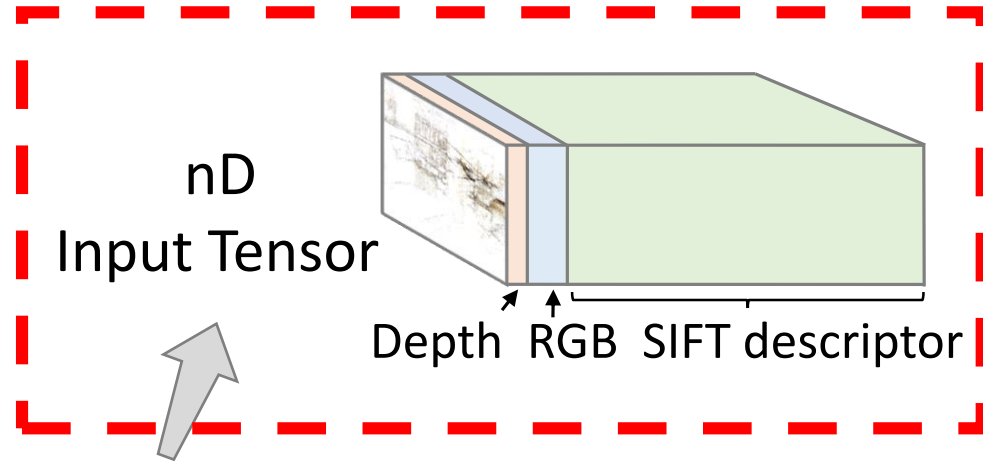
Our Results



Original



Effect of Input Attributes



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Network Input:

Only Depth

Depth + SIFT

Depth + RGB

Depth + SIFT +RGB

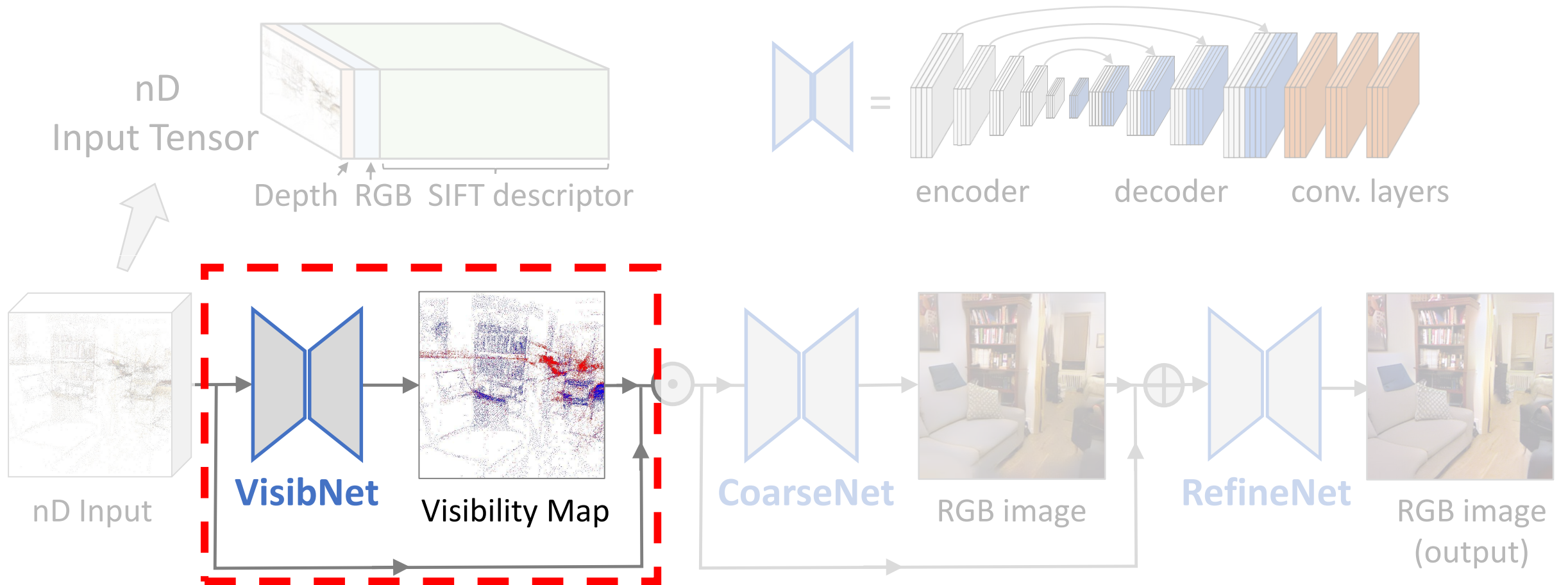
Example 1
(Bathroom Scene)



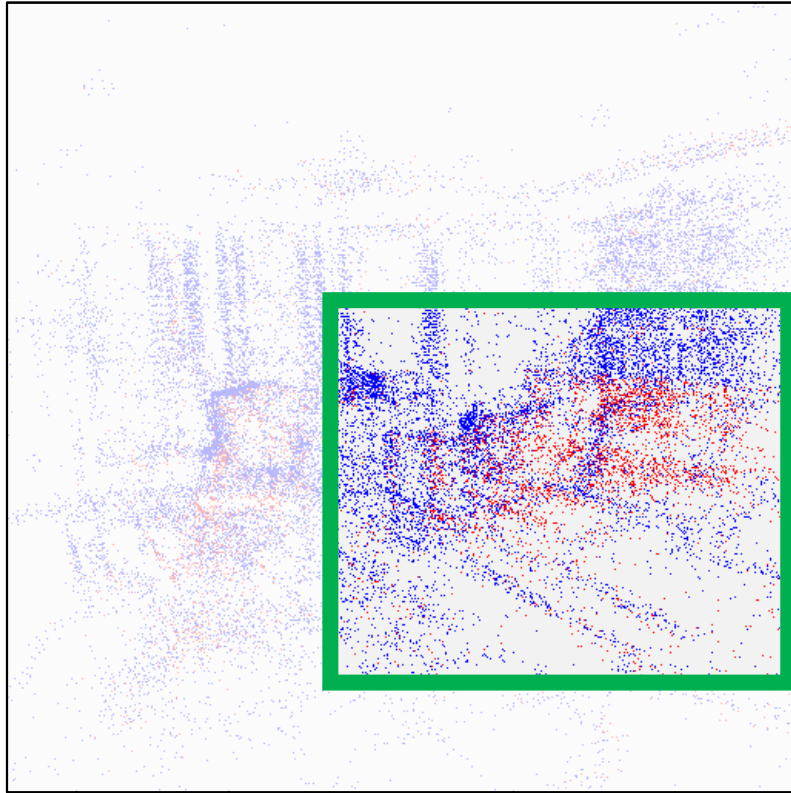
Example 2
(Bedroom Scene)



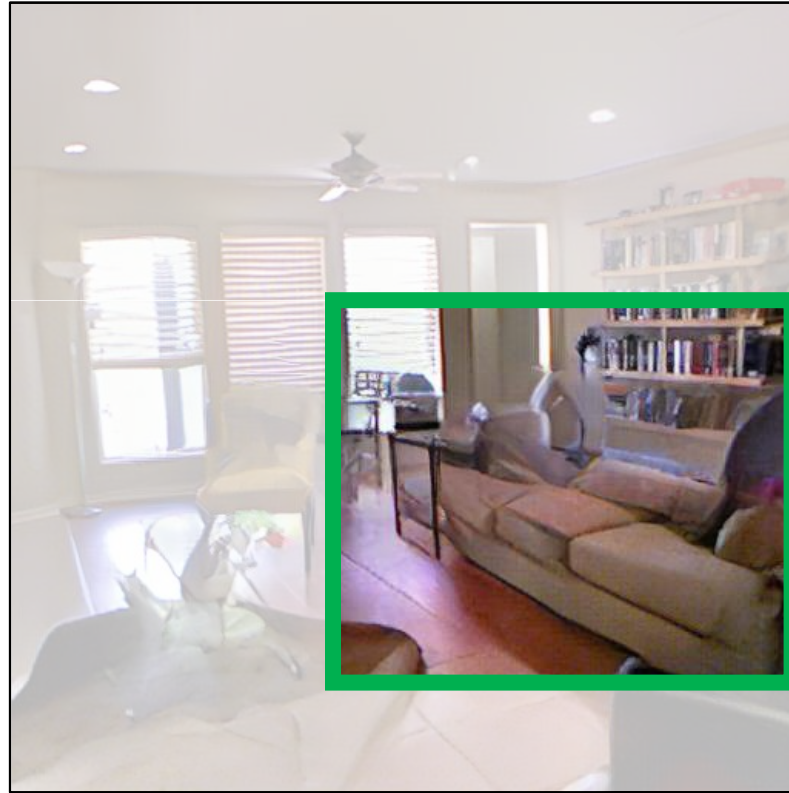
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output of VisibNet
(red: predicted as
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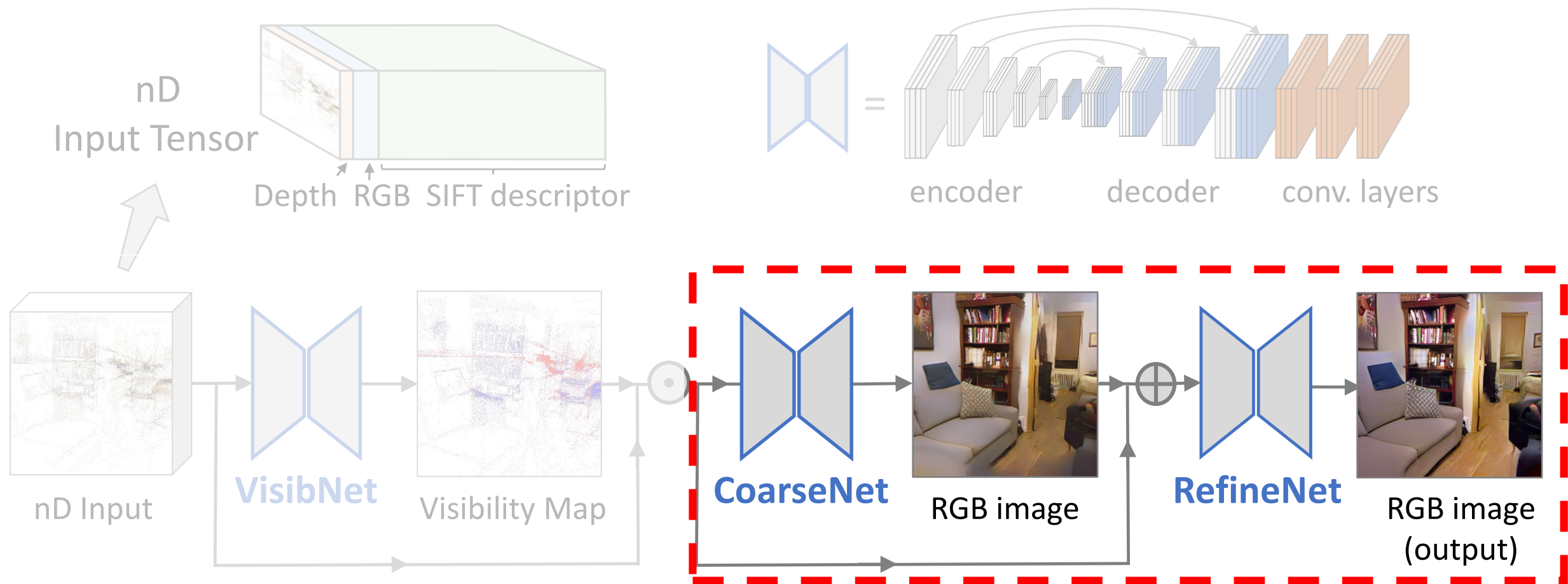


without VisibNet



with VisibNet

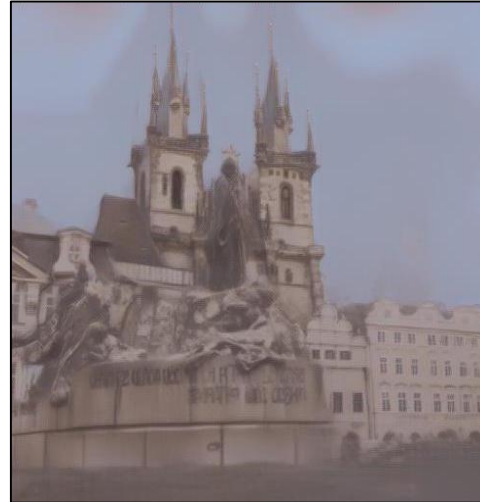
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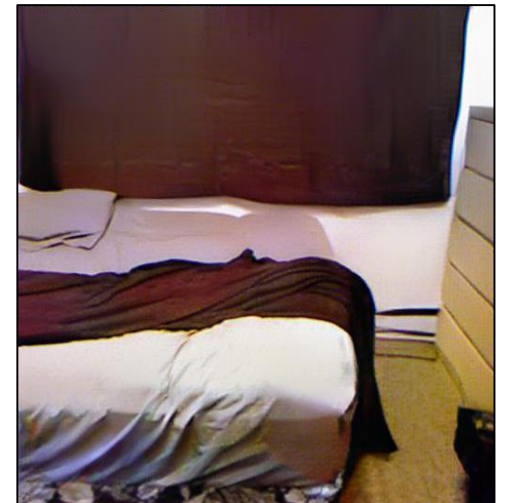
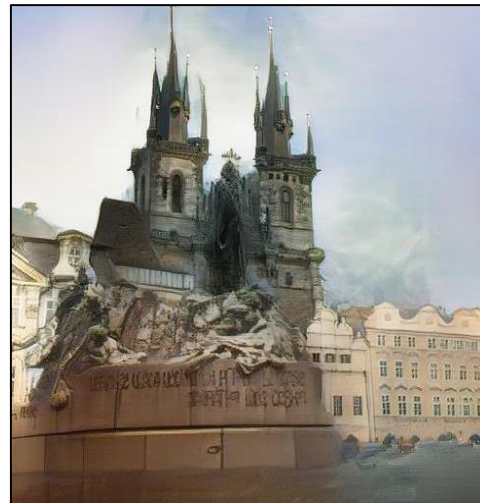
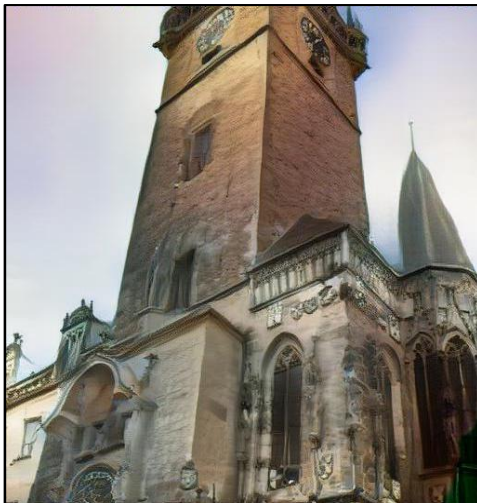
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Input: Depth + SIFT

Output of
CoarseNet



Output of
RefineNet



Effect of Input Sparsity

Visualization of
Input Sparsity



Reconstruction
Results



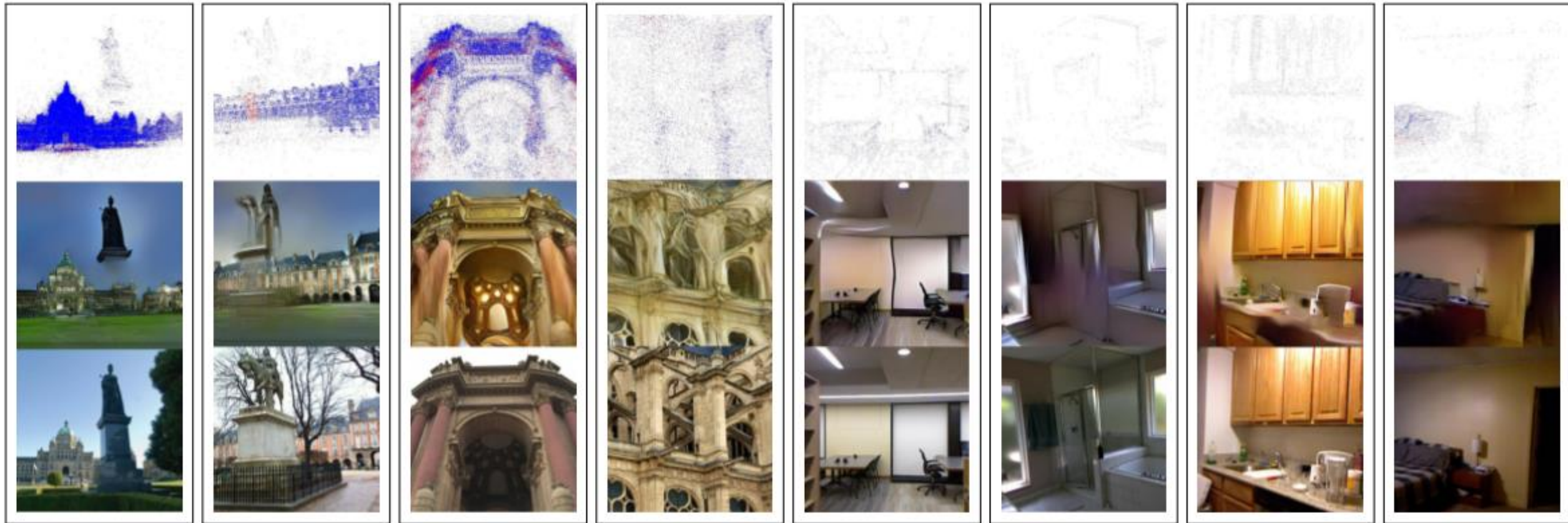
Input Sparsity
(% of SFM points)

20%

60%

100%

Failures Cases and Artifacts



- Incorrect visibility estimation (foreground objects disappear)
- Straight lines becomes wavy
- Highly occluded scenes are difficult
- Phantom structures and erroneous 3D points in point cloud

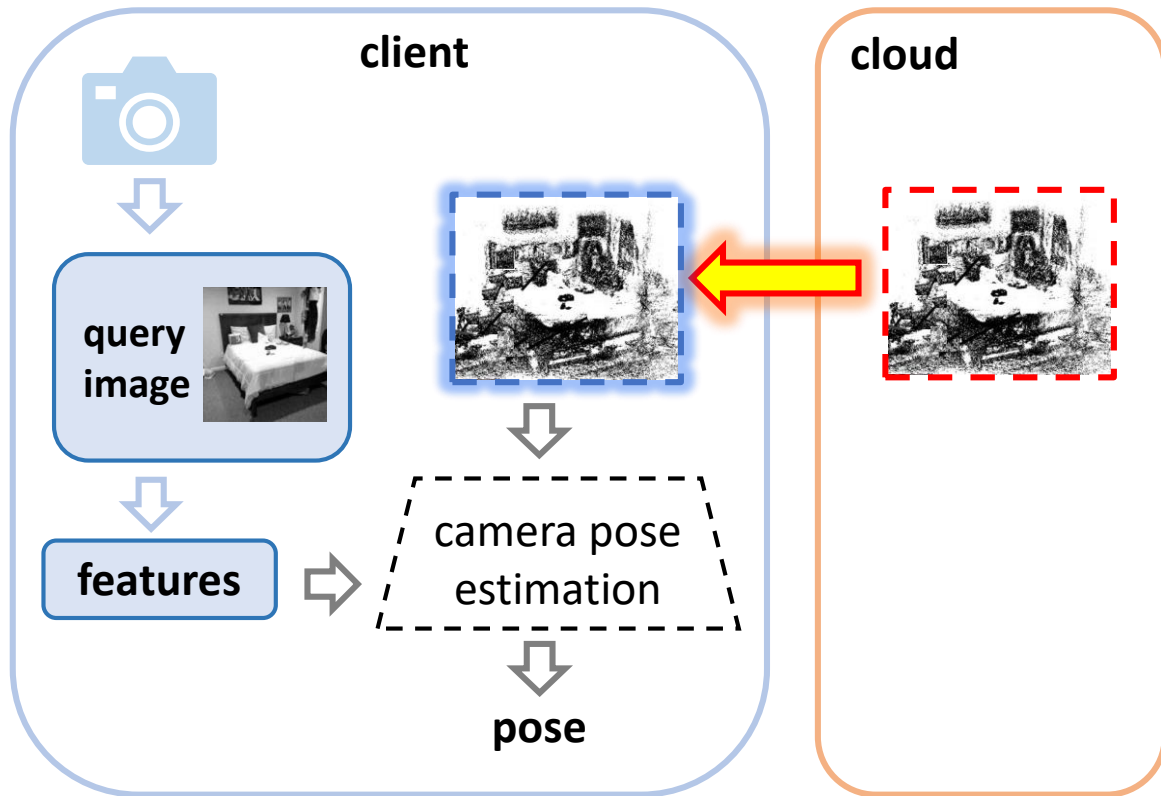
Conclusions

- We show that detailed images can be recovered from SFM point clouds, such as those used for camera localization.
- The attack seems quite effective even when very little information is available.
- Empirical analysis and ablation studies.

Our work highlights **potential privacy implications as spatial mapping and localization for AR, Robotics** etc. becomes widely adopted in homes, workplaces, other sensitive environments.

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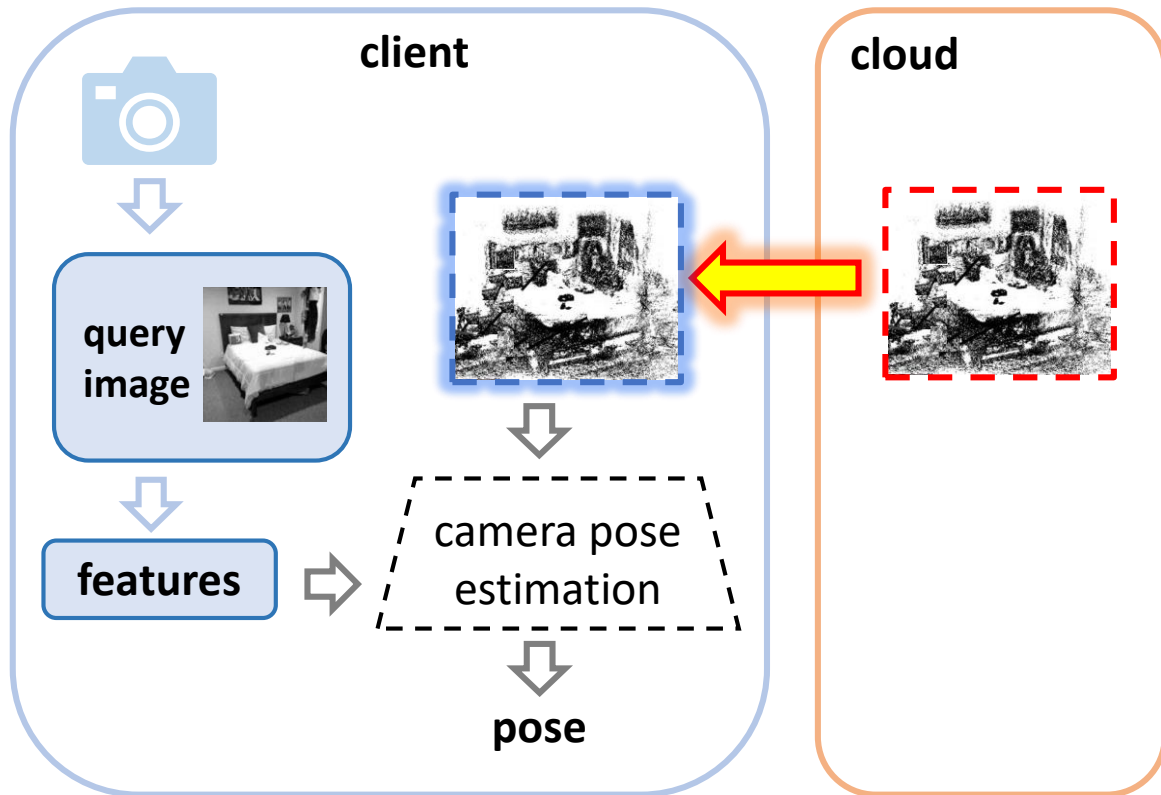
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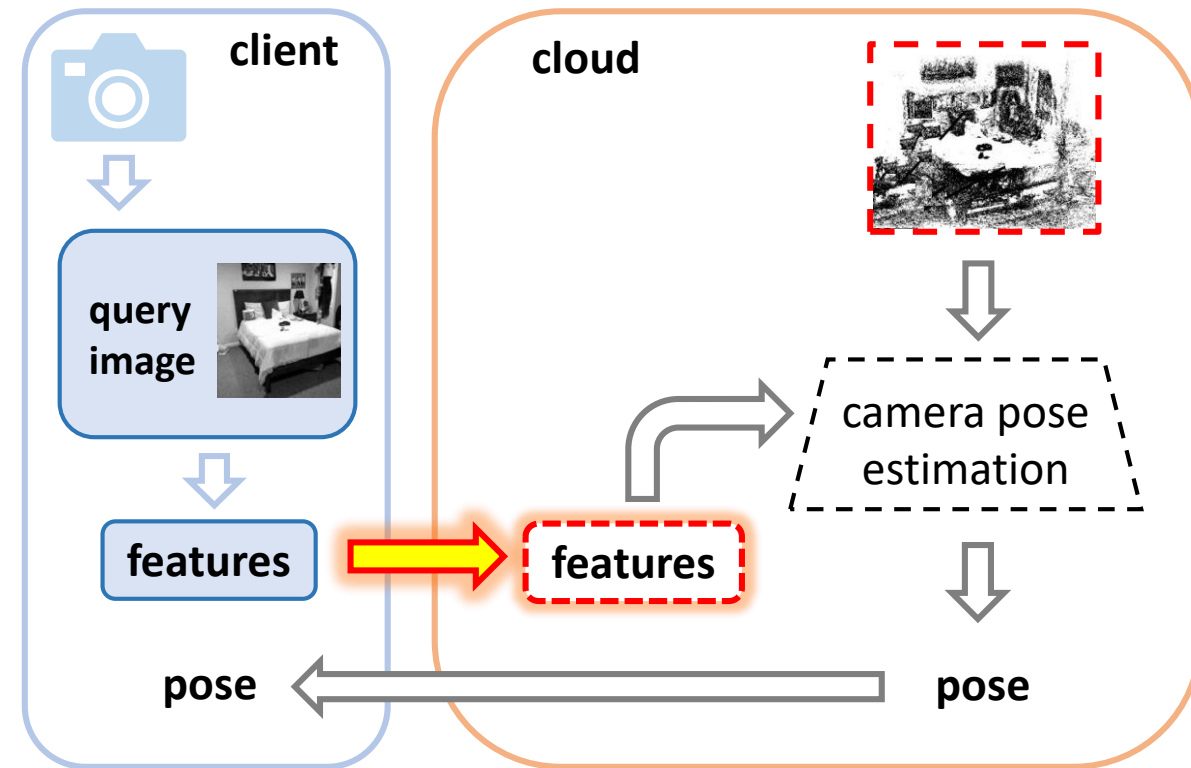
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Processing on Server



- Client shares image features with server
- Privacy of query image is a concern

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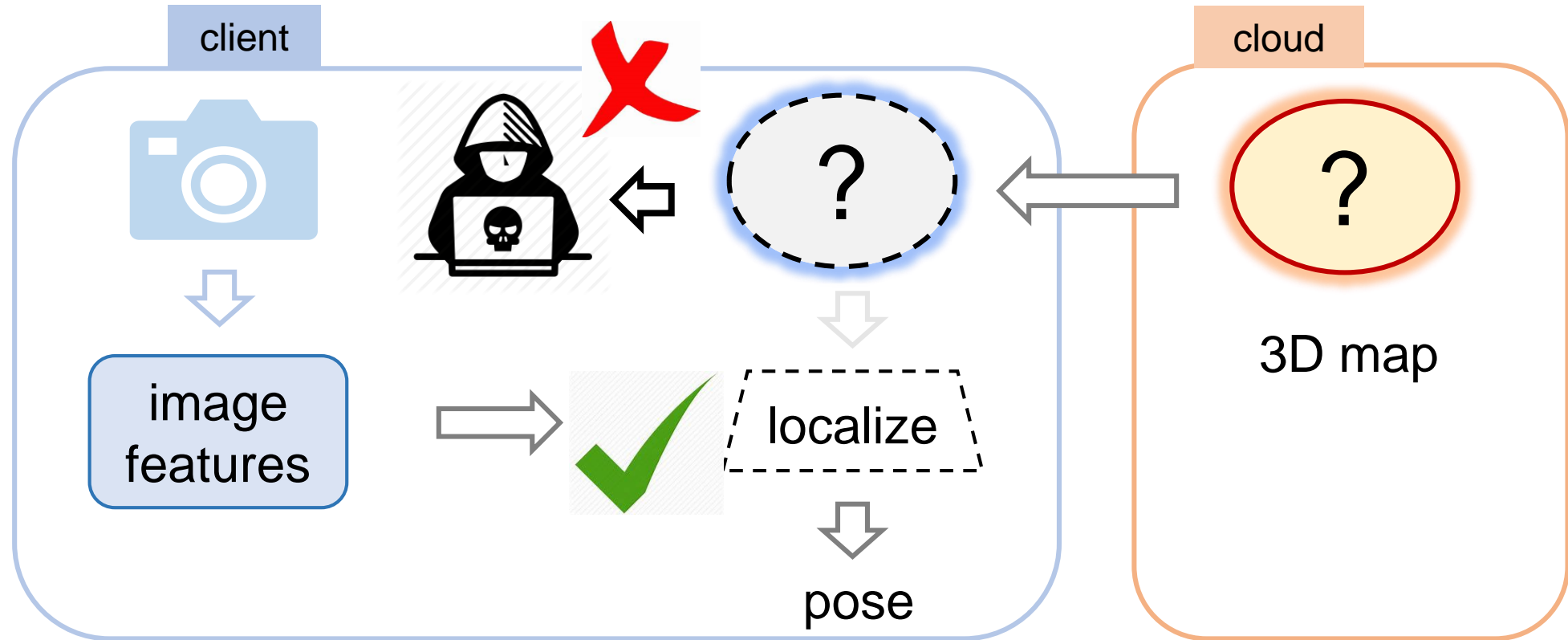
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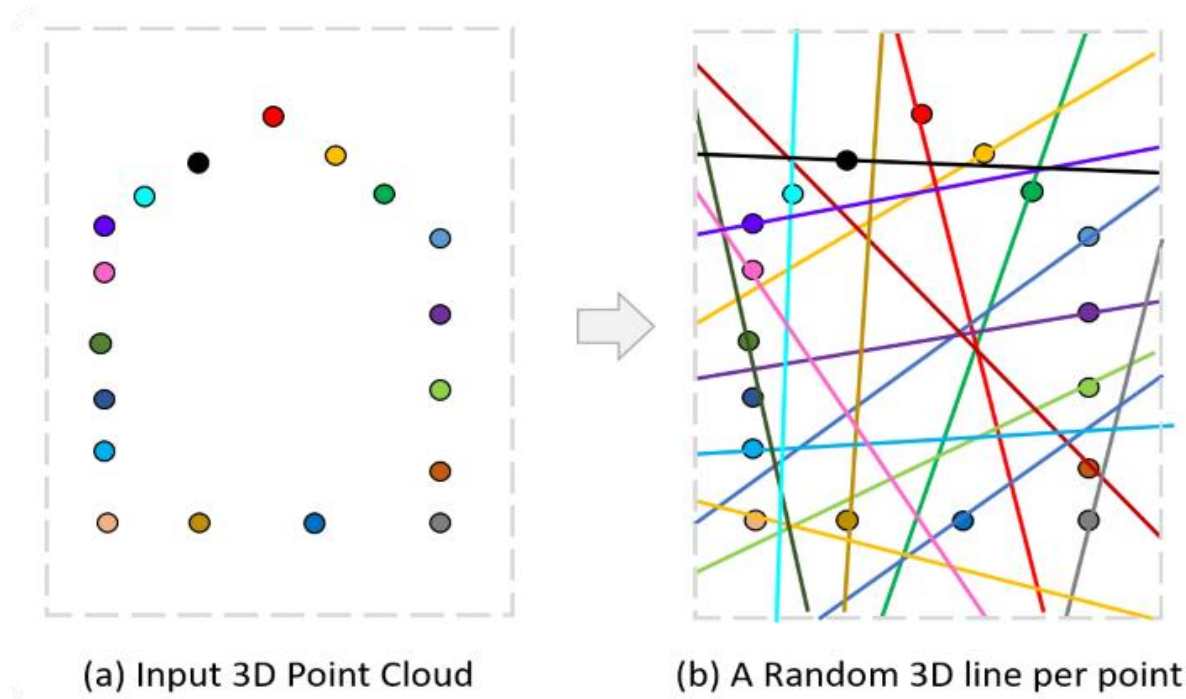
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Goal: Keep the Map Confidential



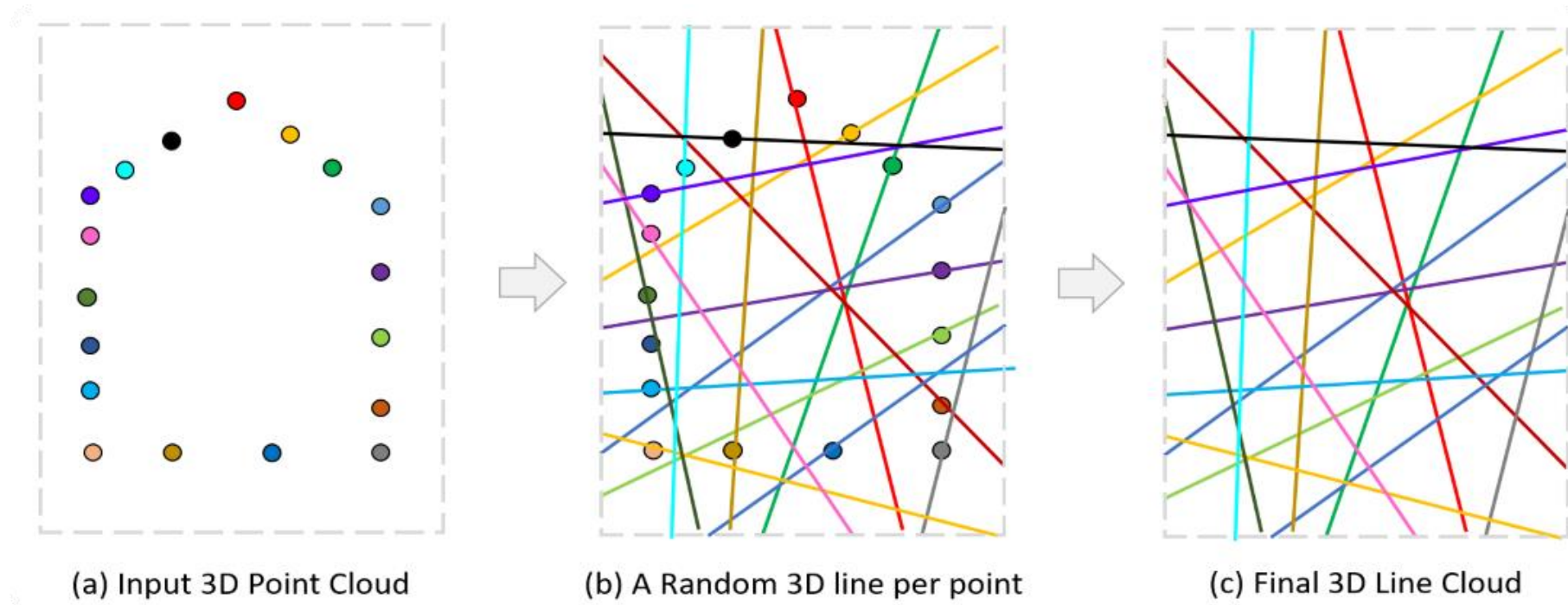
1. Conceal the 3D map; prevent inversion attacks.
2. Yet, somehow allow camera pose estimation!

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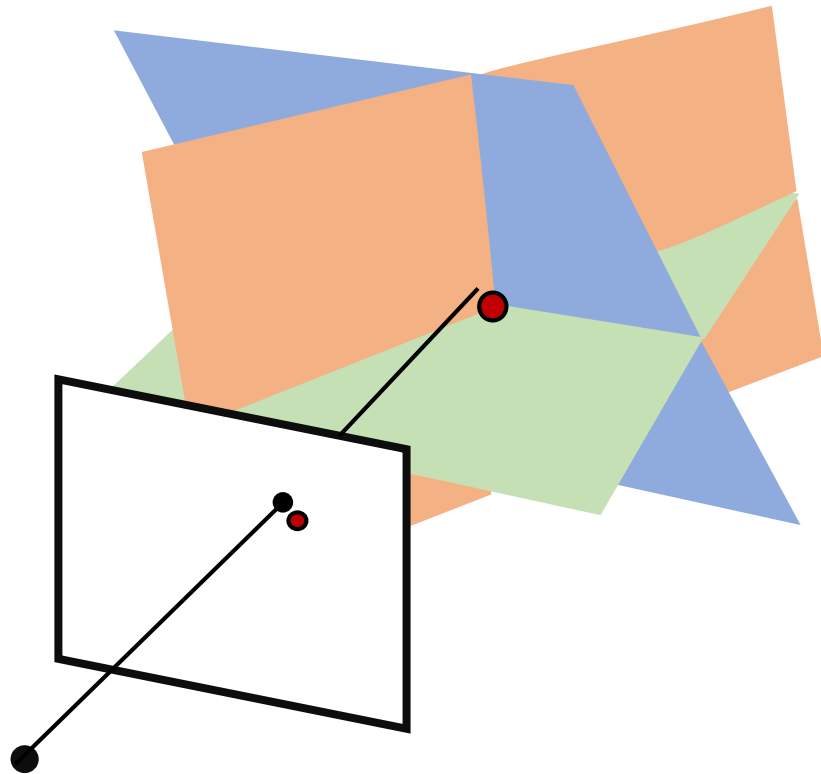
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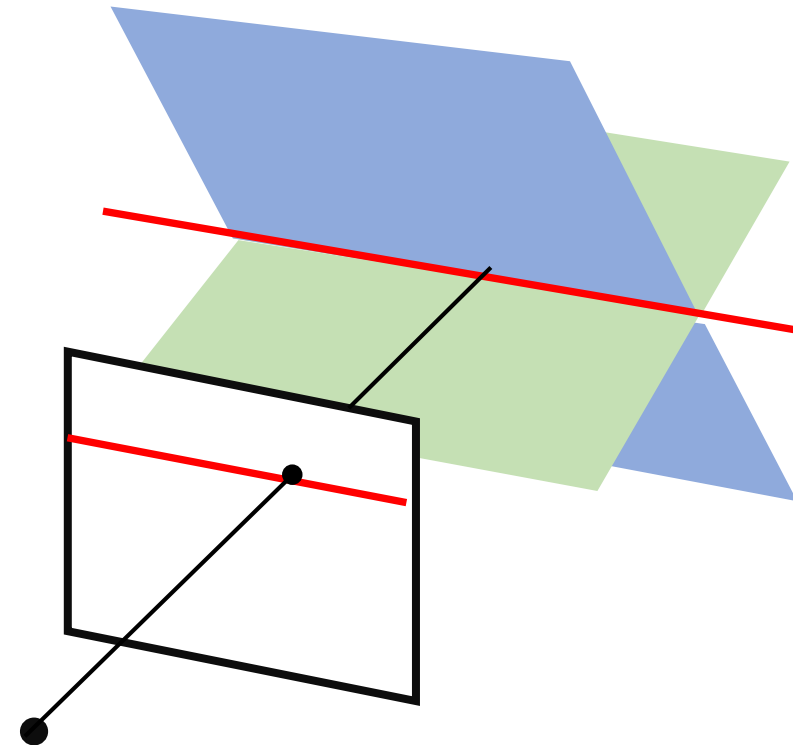
Key Insight for Camera Pose Estimation

3D point as intersection of *three planes*



Two reprojection constraints per correspondence

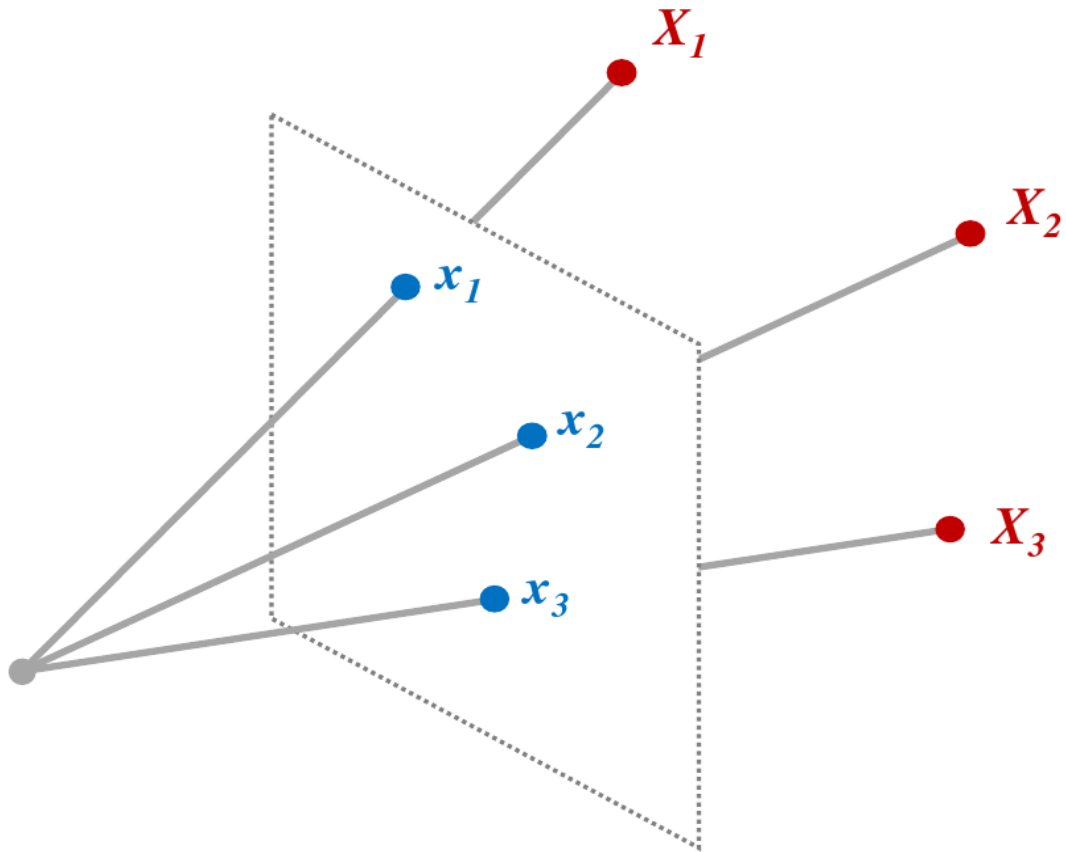
3D point as intersection of *two planes*



One re-projection constraint per correspondence

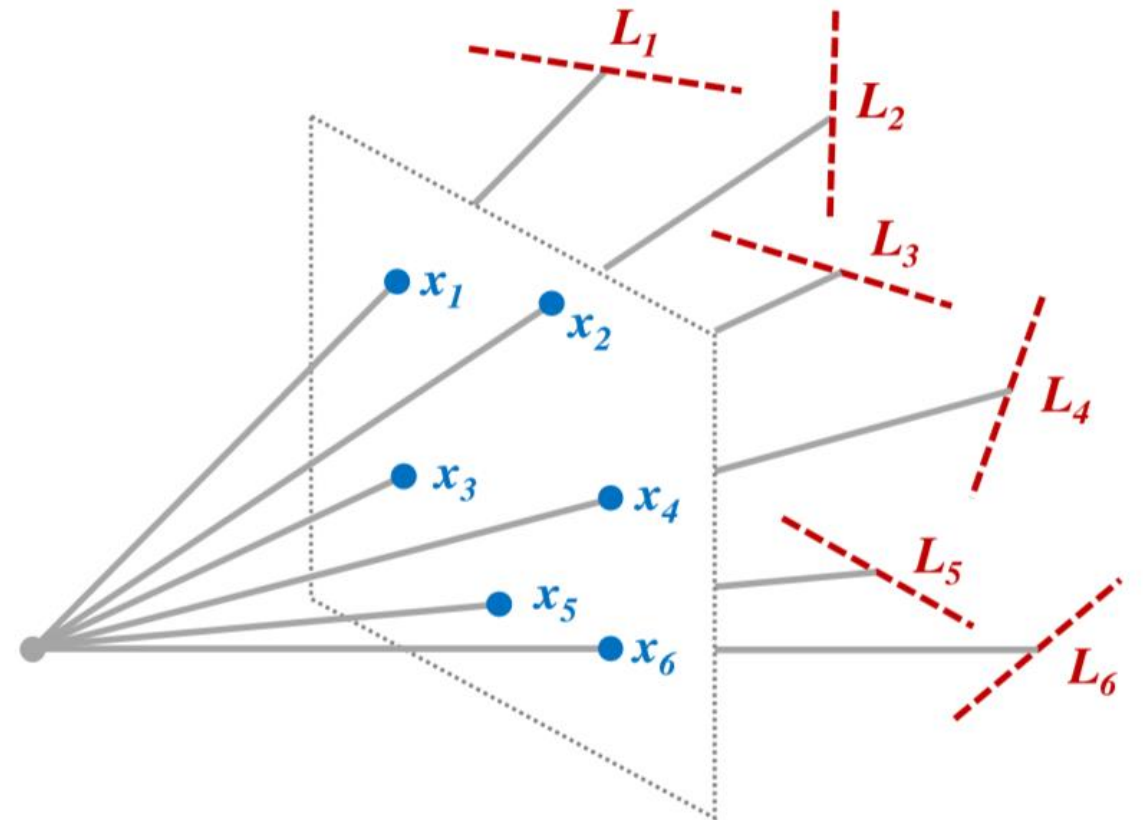
Camera Pose Estimation

Traditional Method ($p3P$)



Three “image point”–3D point correspondences

Proposed Method ($p6L$)



Six “image point”–3D line correspondences

Camera Pose Estimation

1. Our minimal problem can be cast as **generalized relative pose problem** [1].
[1] Stewenius et al. 2005

2. Proposed **several variants** with:
- Query 3D point cloud (from multiple images),
 - known vertical direction,
 - known scale.

We leverage existing minimal solvers [2-7].

[2] Nister et al. 2007

[3] Lee et al. 2014

[4] Stewenius et al. 2005

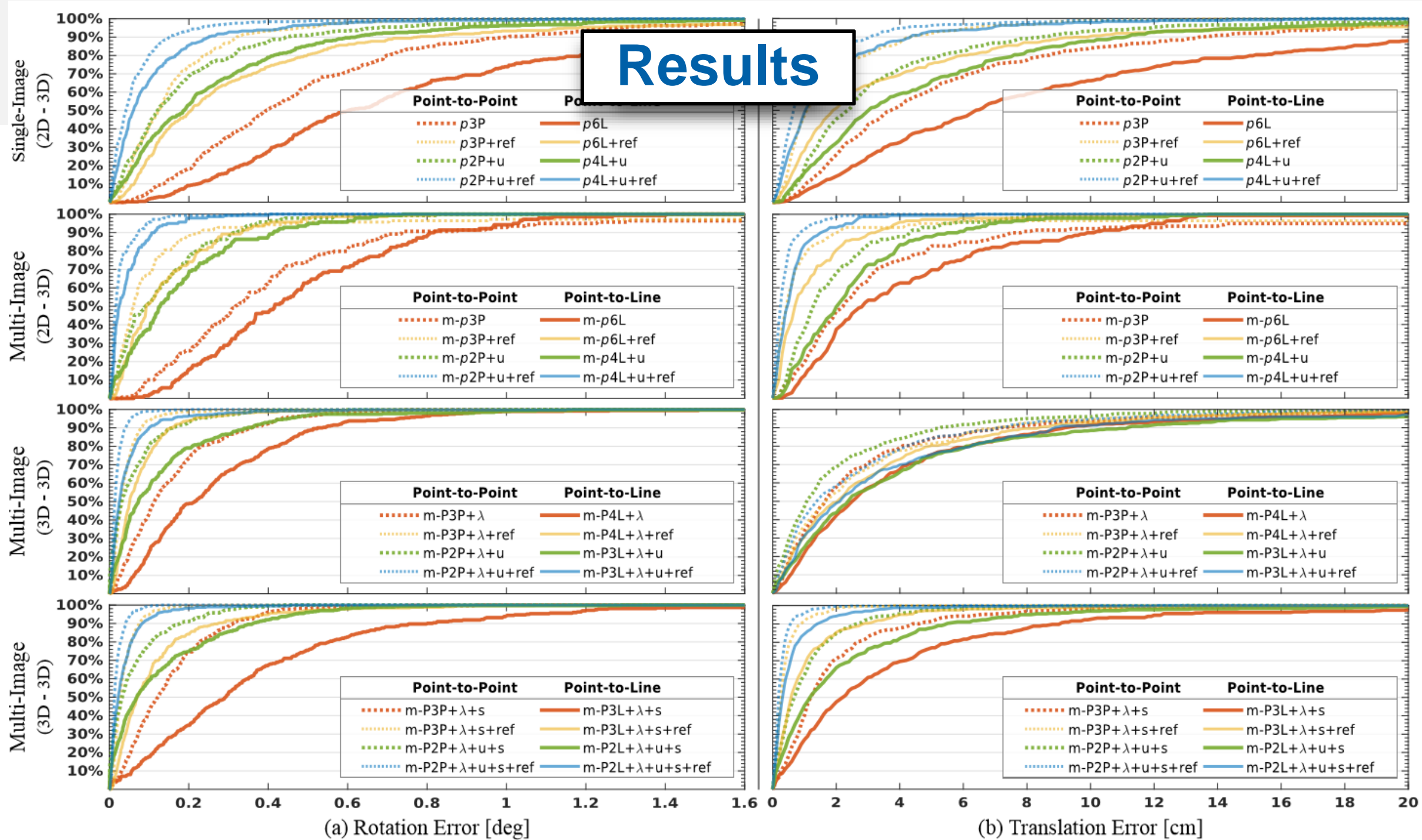
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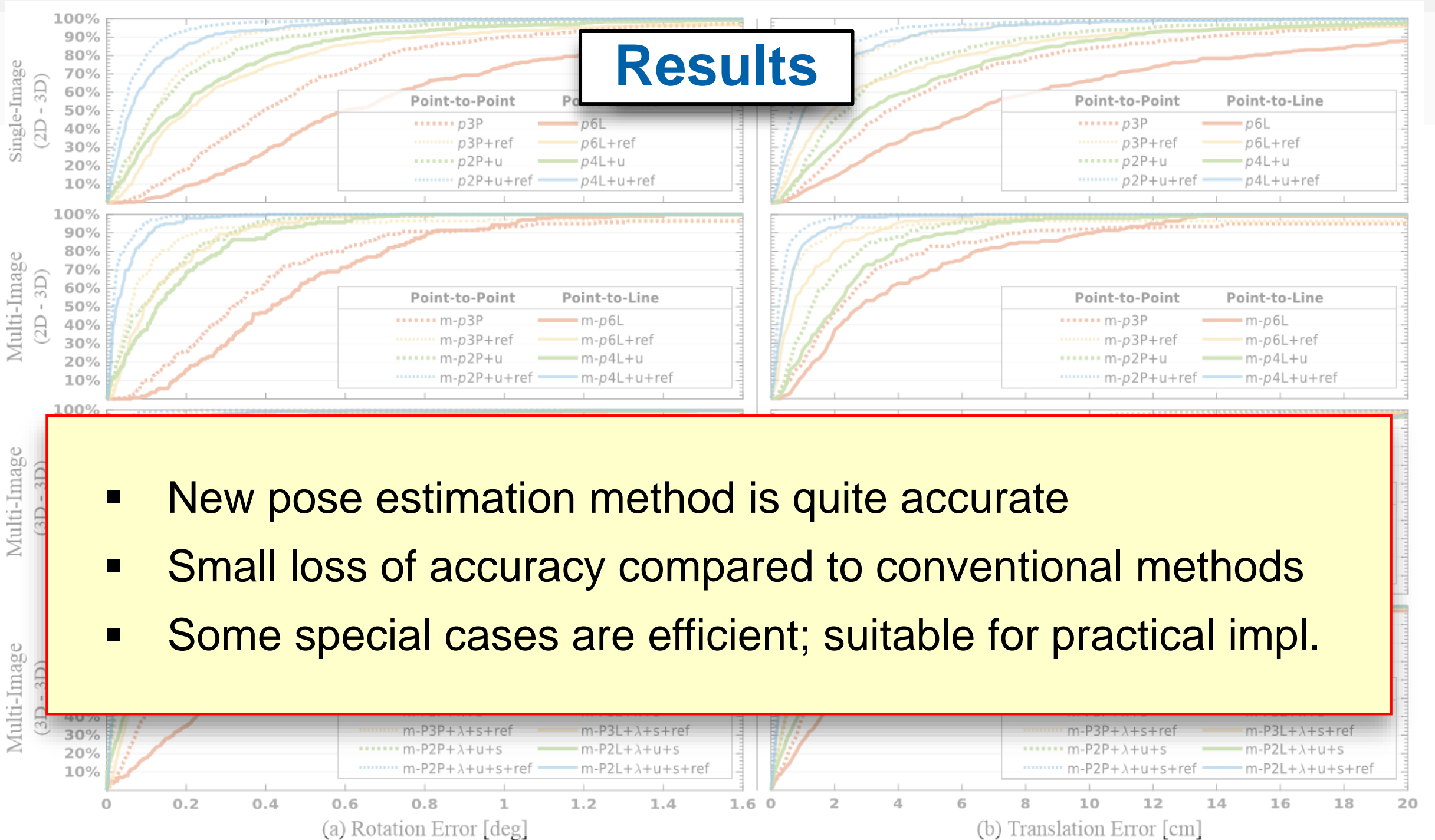
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3. Most variants are **computationally efficient** and can be used with RANSAC.

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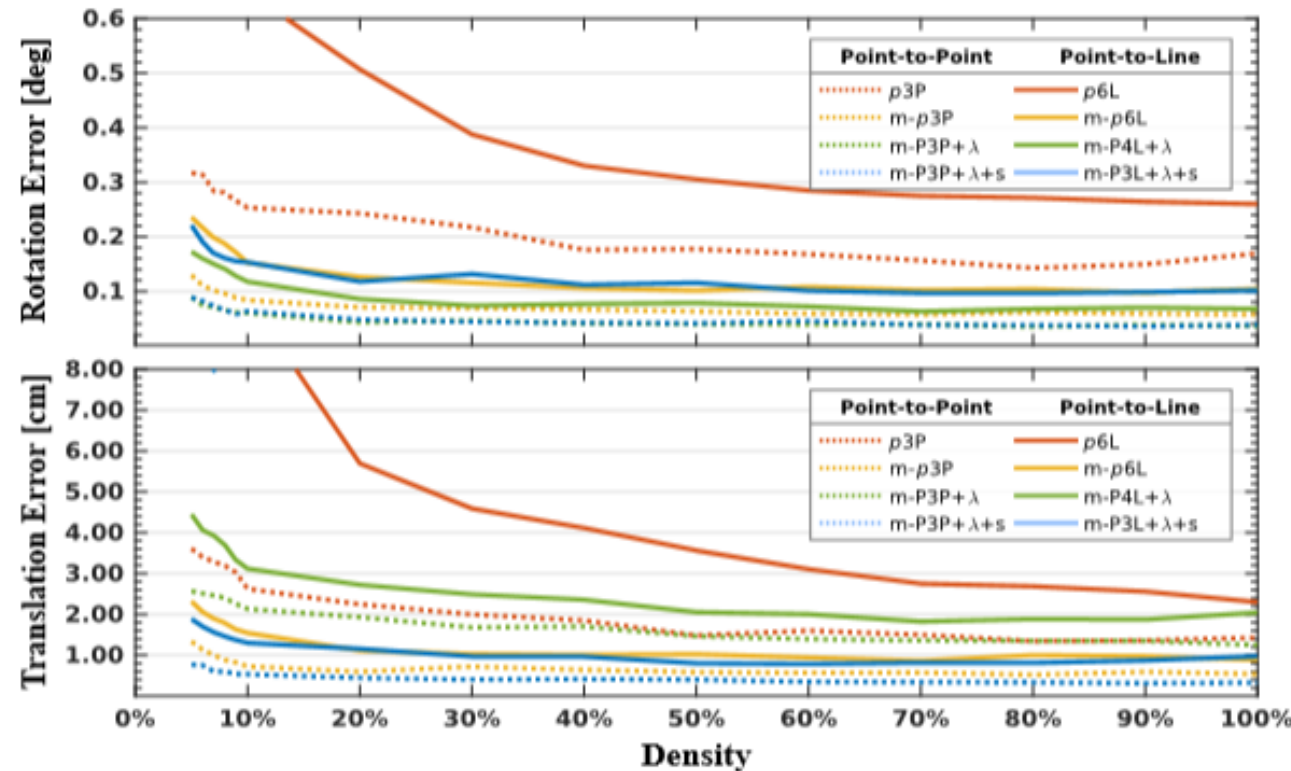


Results



Additional Considerations

- Line Cloud Transformation must be permanent
- What is revealed during localization?
- Can the original 3D points be estimated from the 3D lines?
 - Sometimes. Densely sampled 3D points indicates where surfaces are likely to exist!
 - Solution: subsample the 3D points, pose estimation still works



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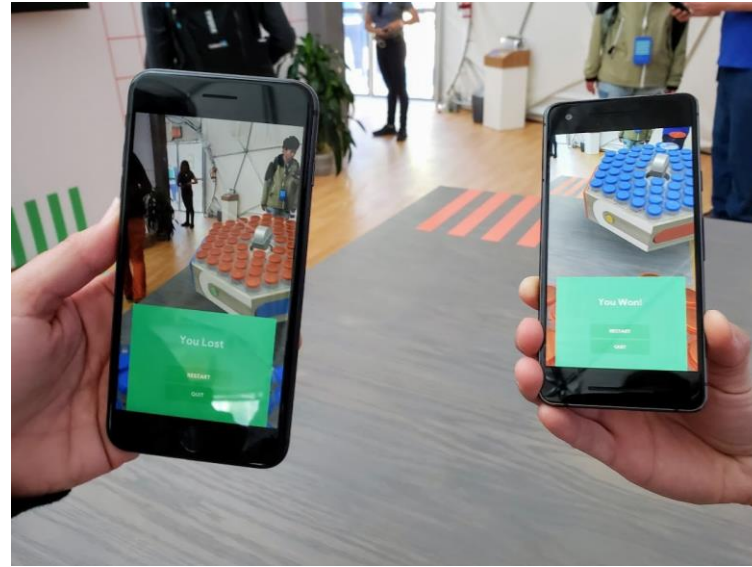
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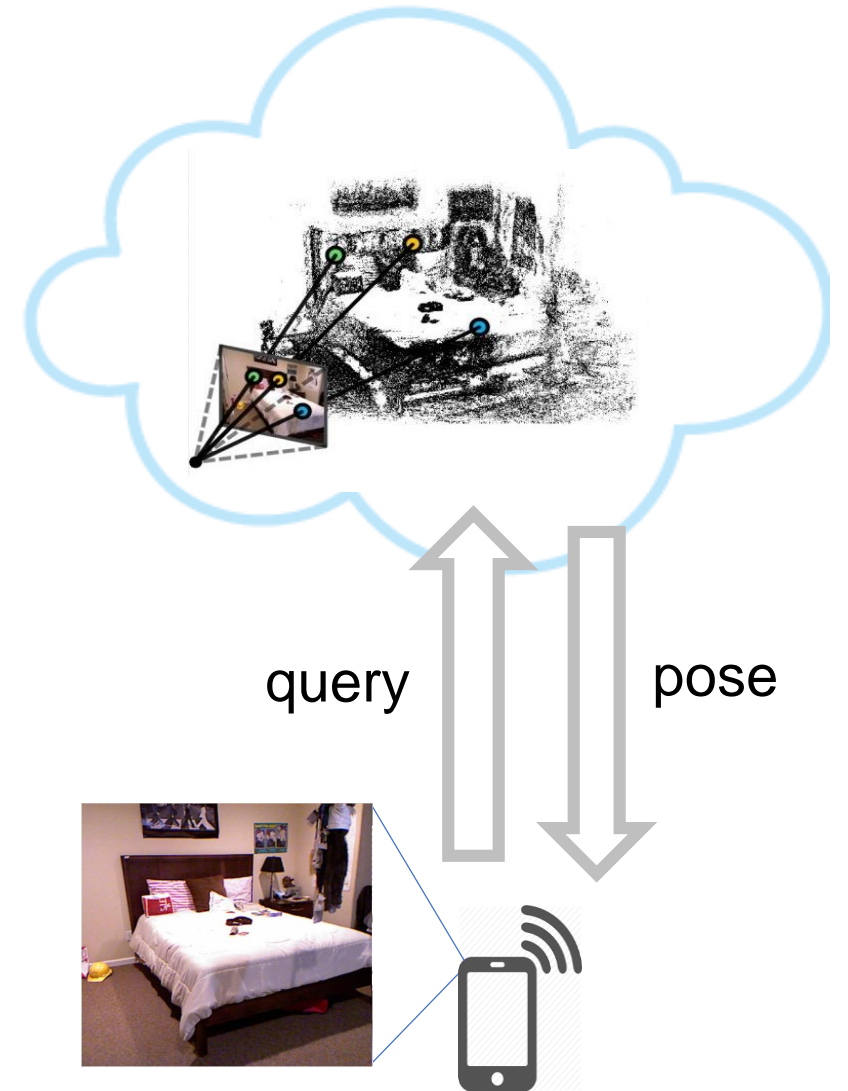
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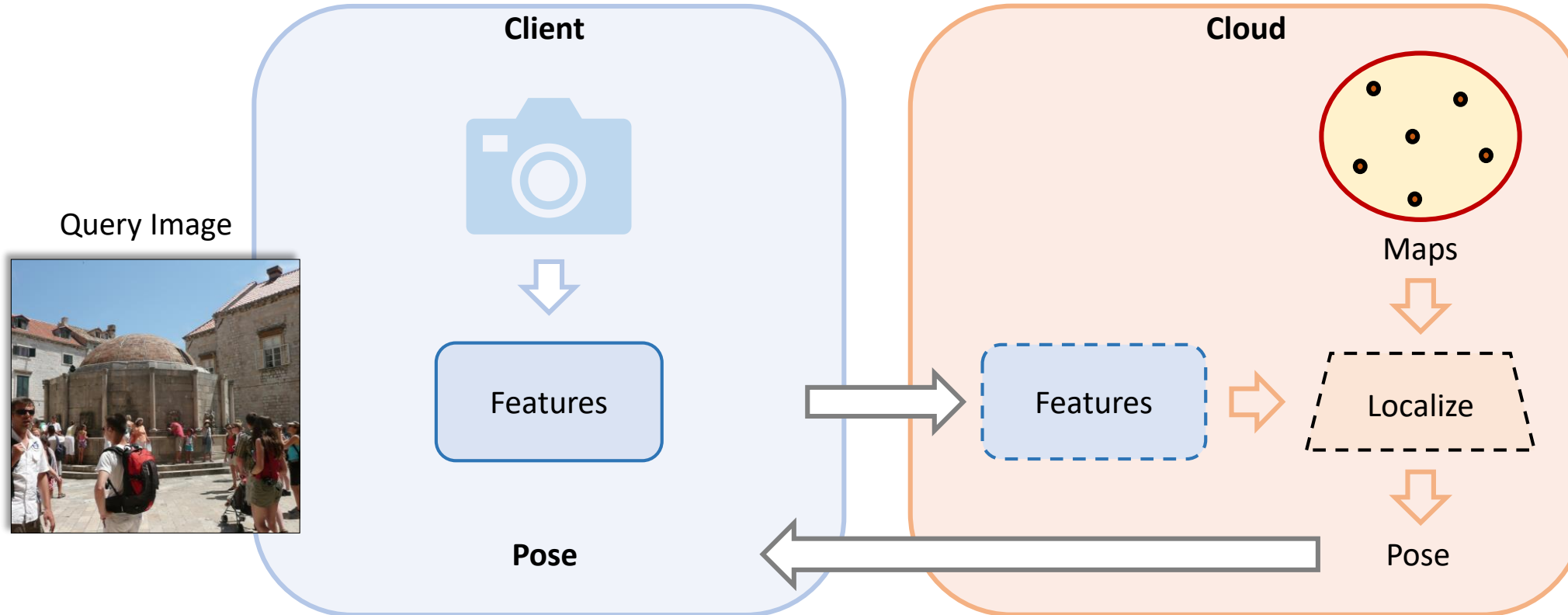
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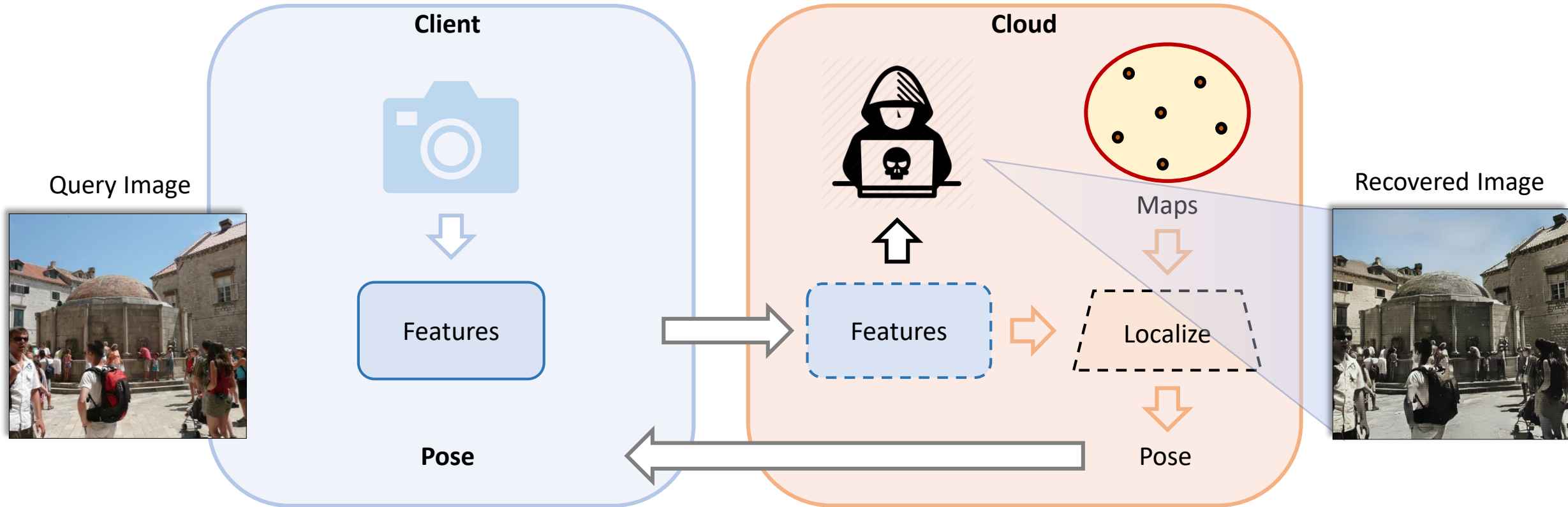


Privacy Risk in Cloud-based Localization



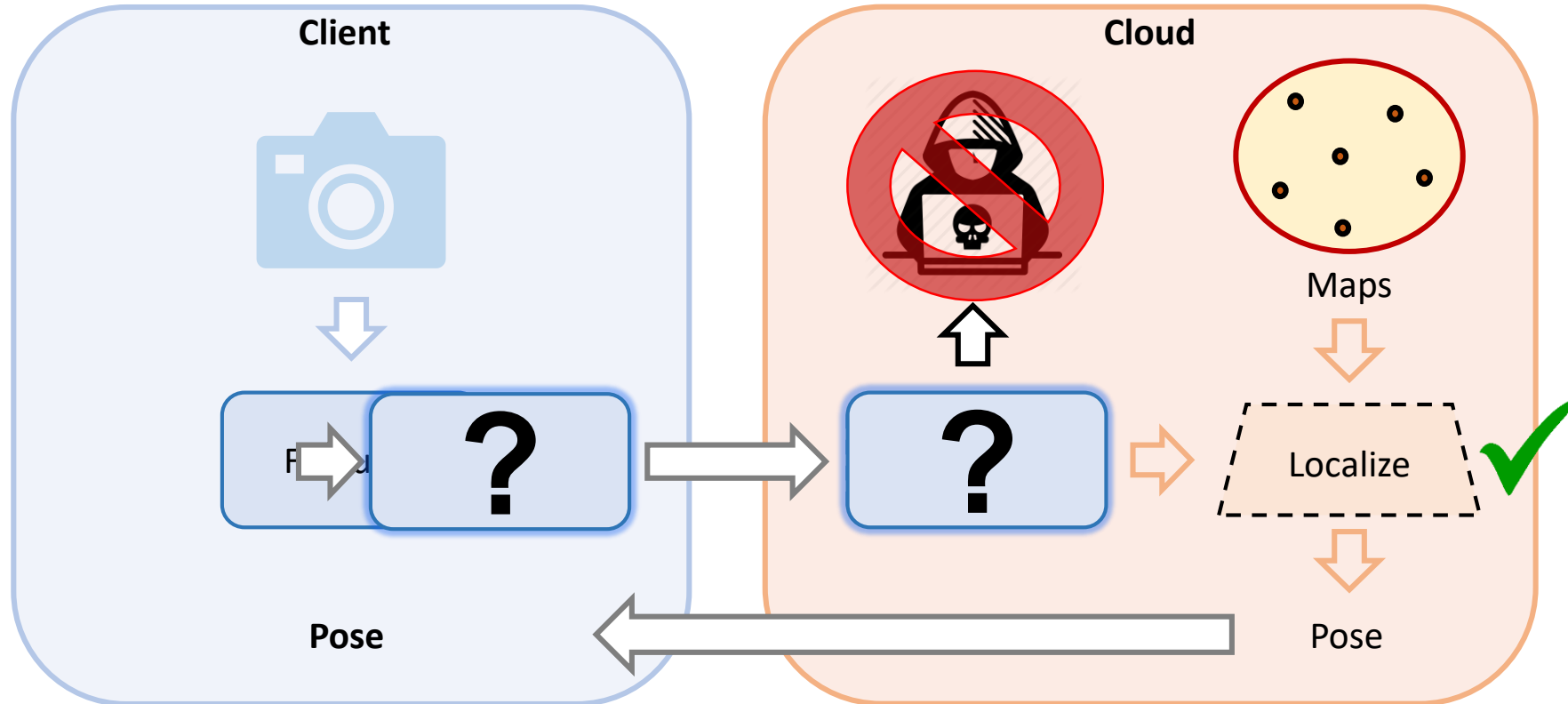
- Client sends image features to cloud
- Localization runs on cloud server
- Pose is sent back to Client

Privacy Risk in Cloud-based Localization



Adversary on cloud can invert features (recover the image)

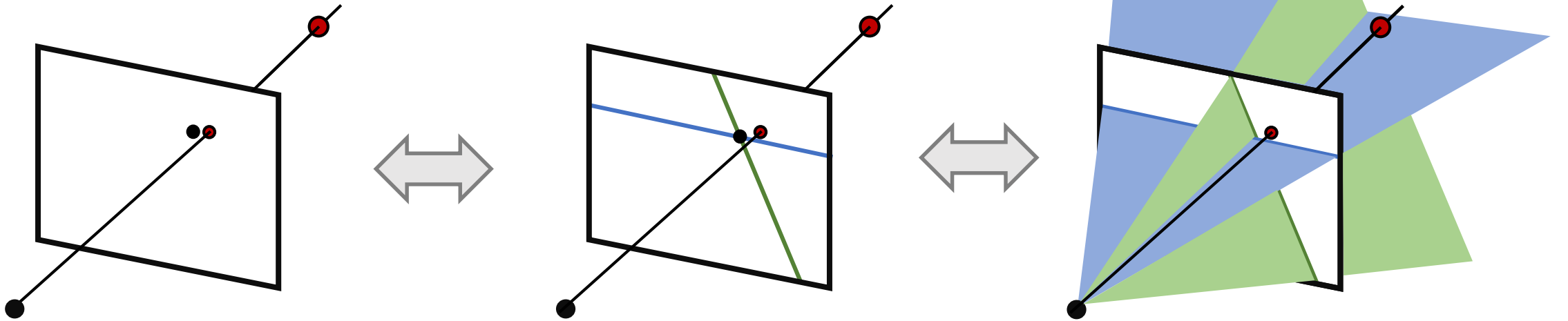
Privacy Risk in Cloud-based Localization



Our Goal:

- Hide query features
- Prevent feature inversion on server
- Allow camera pose estimation

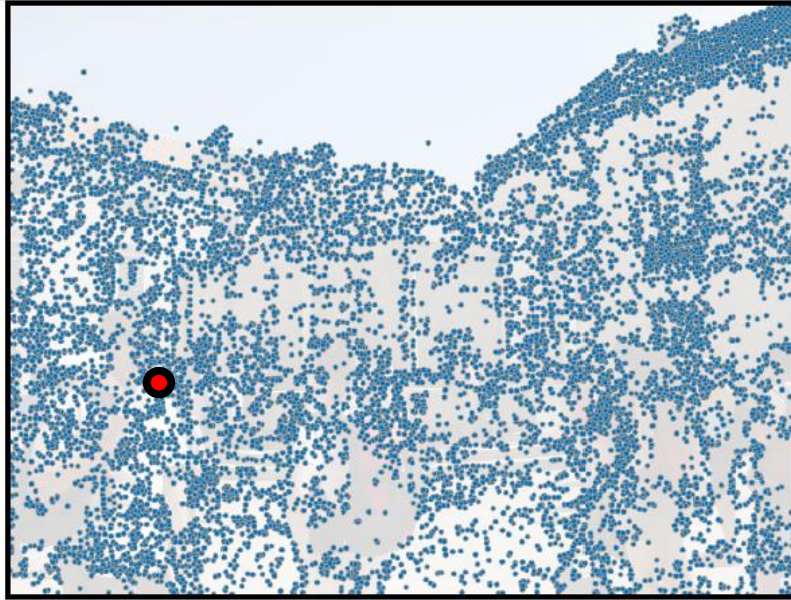
Key Insight



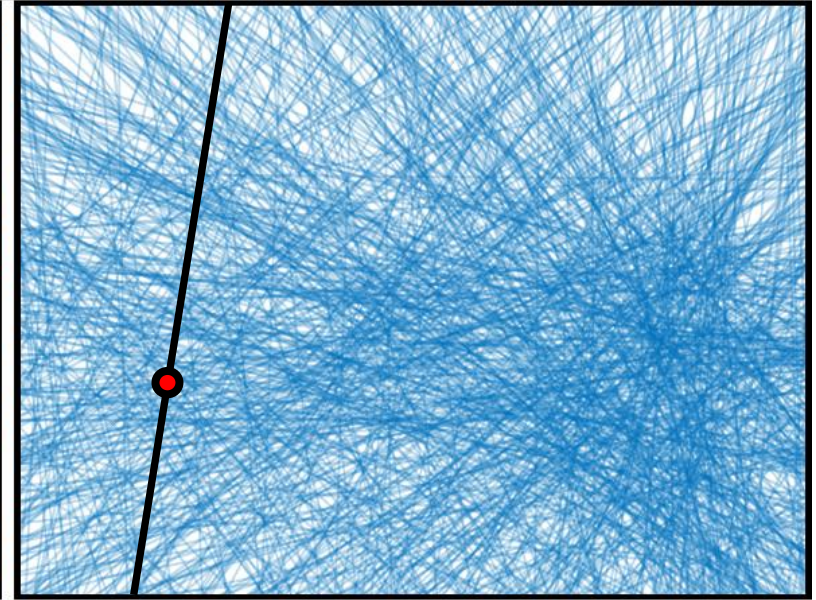
Proposed Idea



Query Image



2D Feature Points

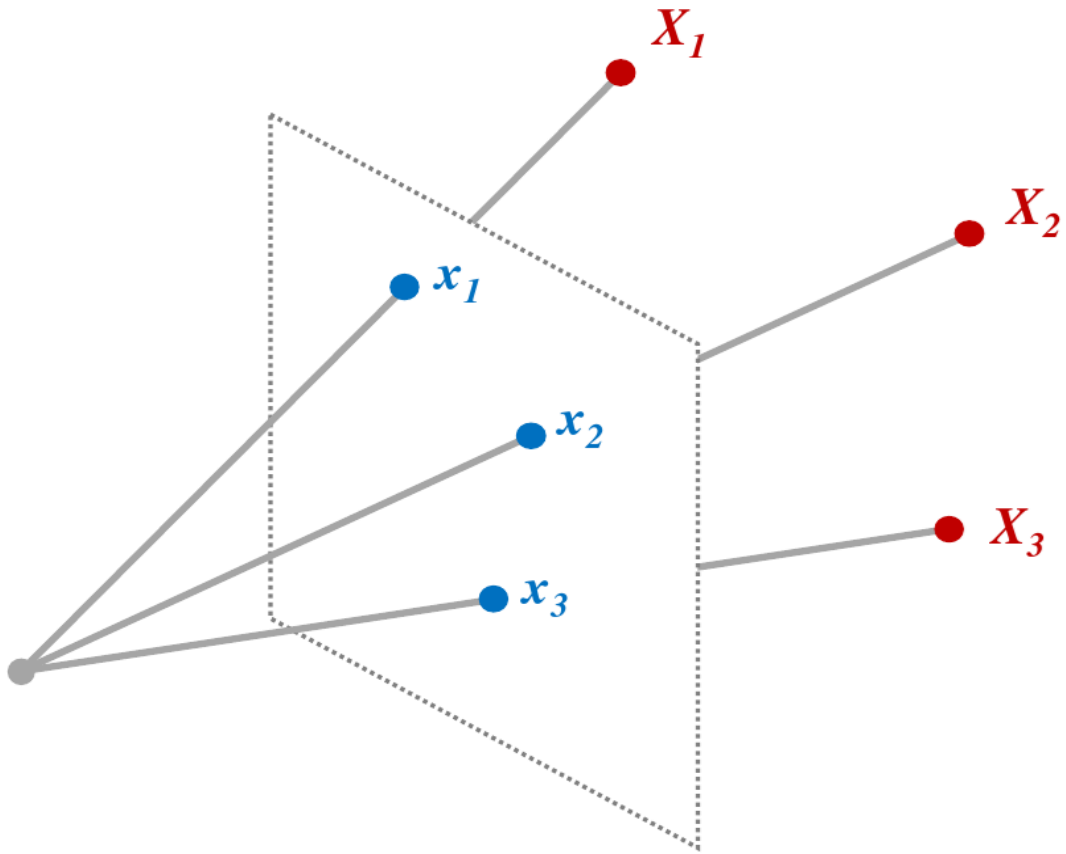


2D Feature Lines

- Select a randomly oriented 2D line through each 2D feature point
- Discard the 2D feature points
- Upload 2D features lines + descriptors to the cloud

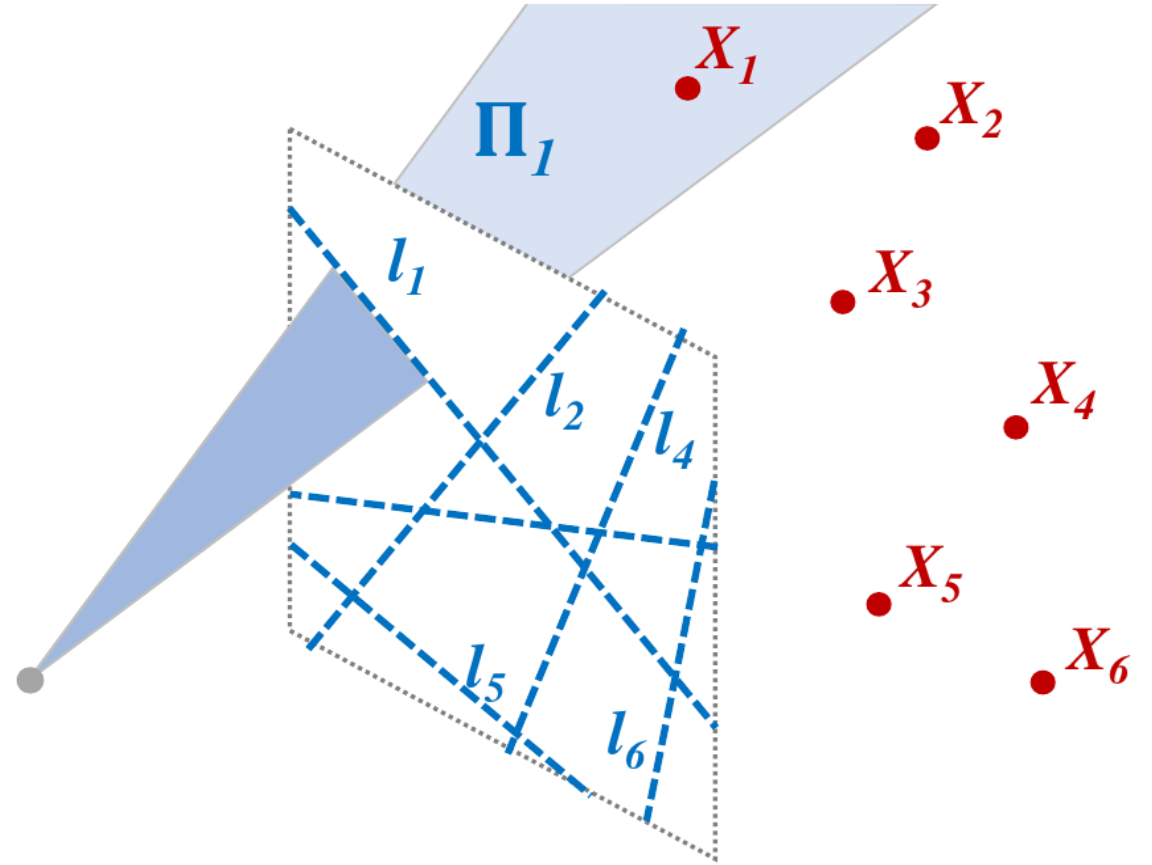
Camera Pose Estimation

Traditional Method ($p3P$)



Three 2D *image point* – 3D point correspondences

Proposed Method ($l6P$)



Six 2D *image line* – 3D point correspondences

Camera Pose Estimation

1. Our minimal problem can be cast as **Point-to-Plane problem** [1].

[1] Ramalingam et al. 2013

2. Proposed **several variants** with:

- known structure (multiple images),
- known vertical direction,
- known scale.

We leverage existing minimal solvers [2-7].

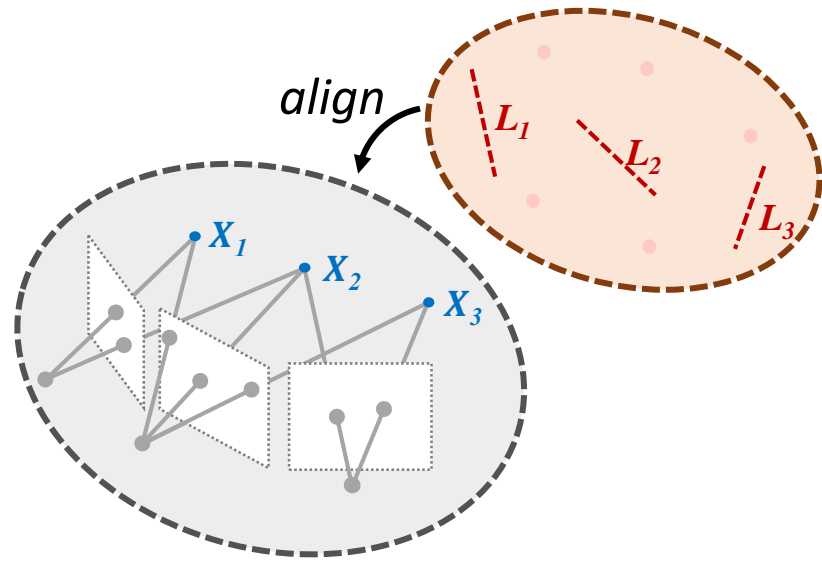
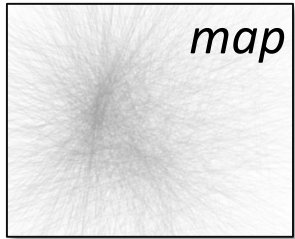
[2] Camposeco et al. 2018 [3] Lee et al. 2016 [4] Stewenius et al. 2005

[5] Sweeney et al. 2015a [6] Sweeney et al. 2015b [7] Sweeney et al. 2014

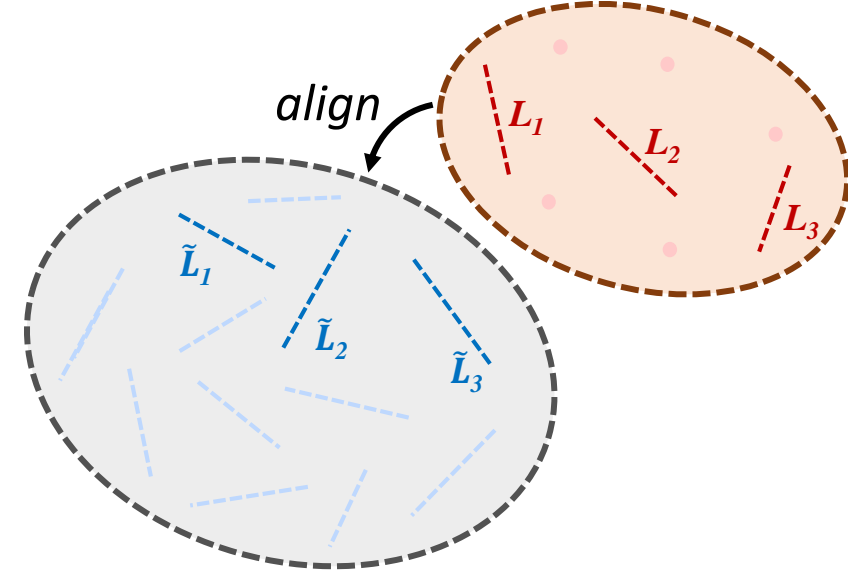
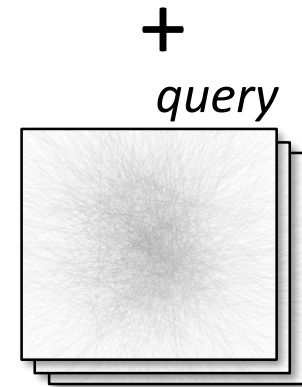
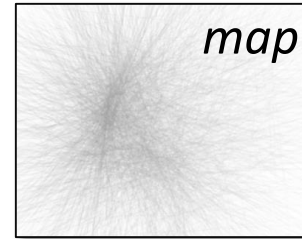
3. Most variants are **computationally efficient** and can be used with RANSAC.

Confidential Query + Confidential Map

Confidential Map [Speciale et al. CVPR 2019]

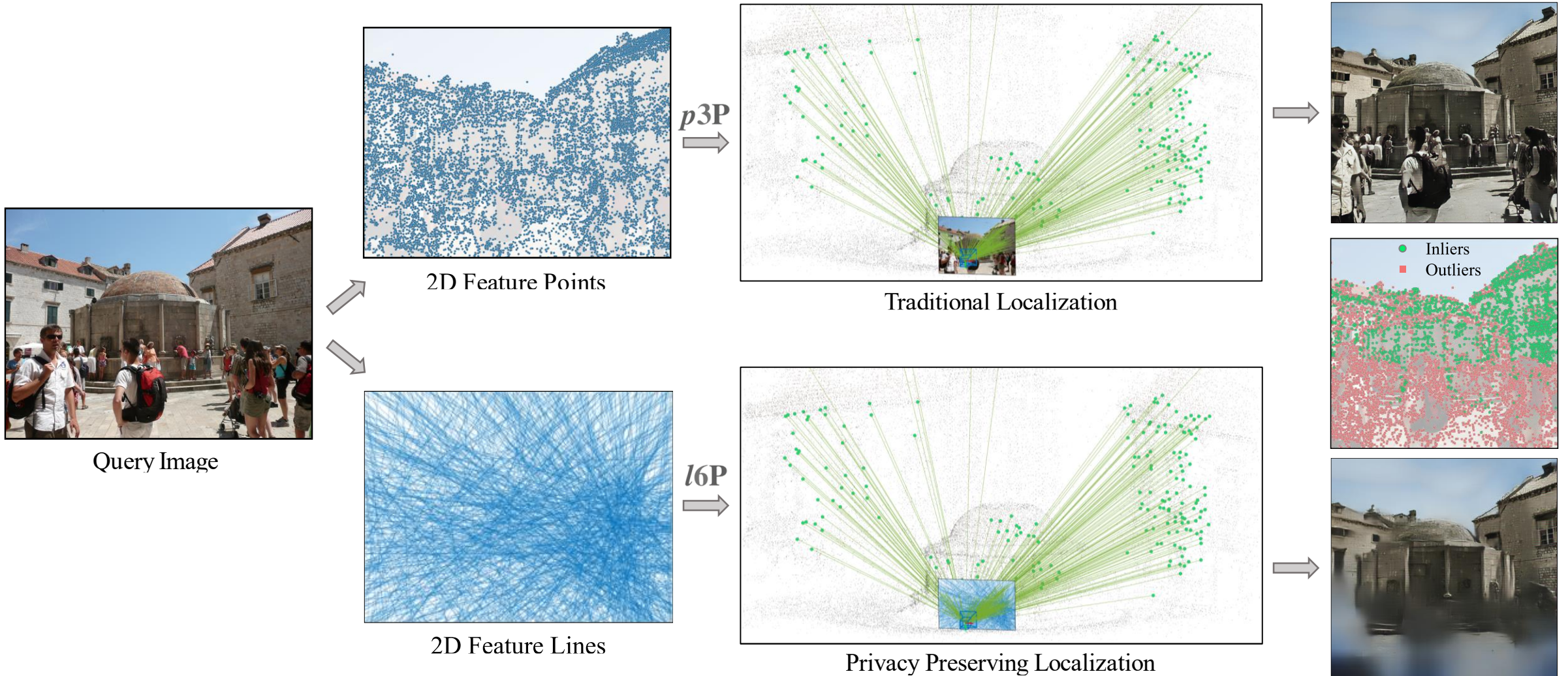


Confidential Query + Confidential Map



- Underlying problem: align 3D lines in query to 3D lines in map
- 6-pt generalized relative pose problem [Stewenius et al. 2005]
- 4-pt generalized relative pose + vertical [Sweeney et al. 2015]

What gets revealed after localization?



What gets revealed after localization?

Query
(original image)



Image Inversion
(*all* features)

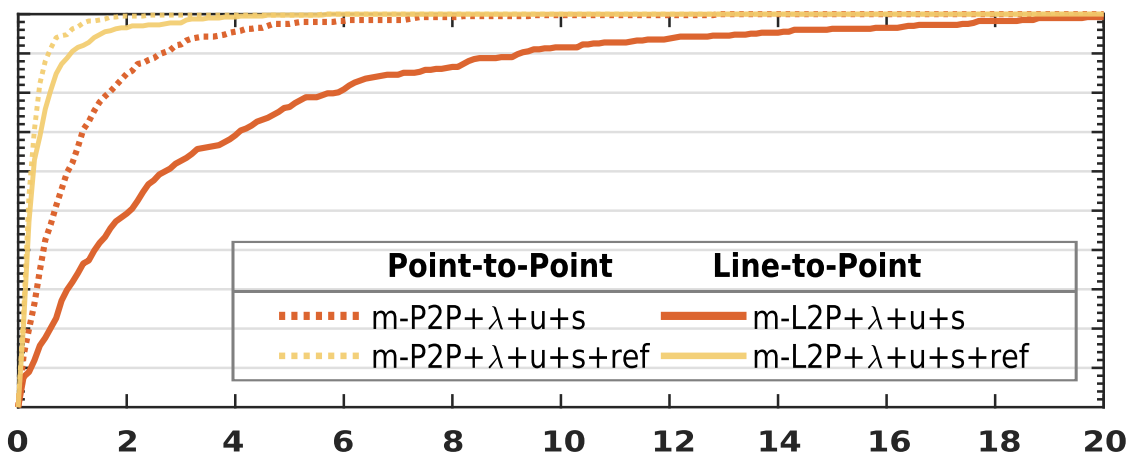
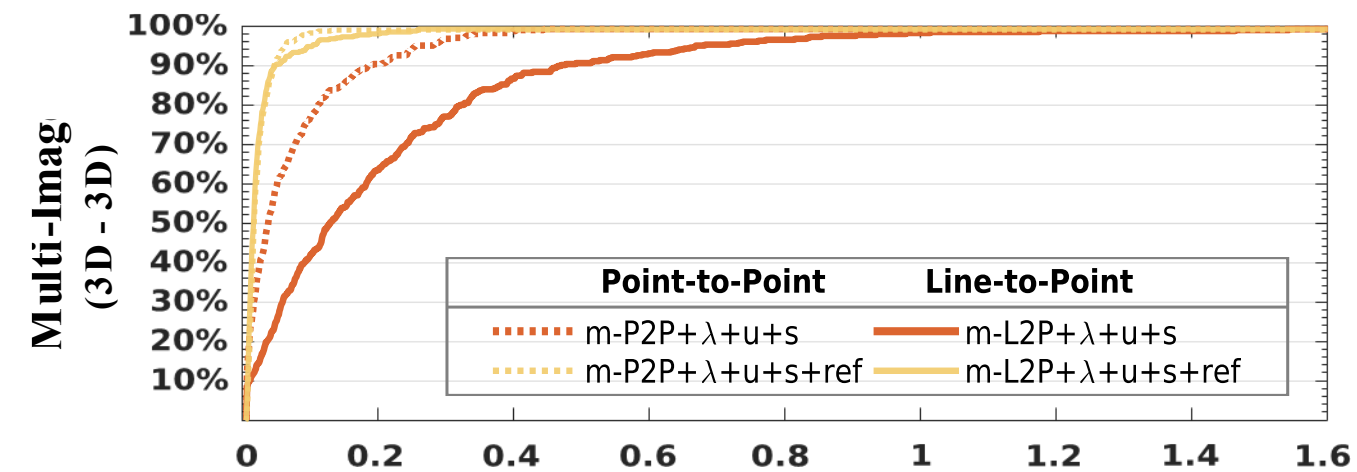
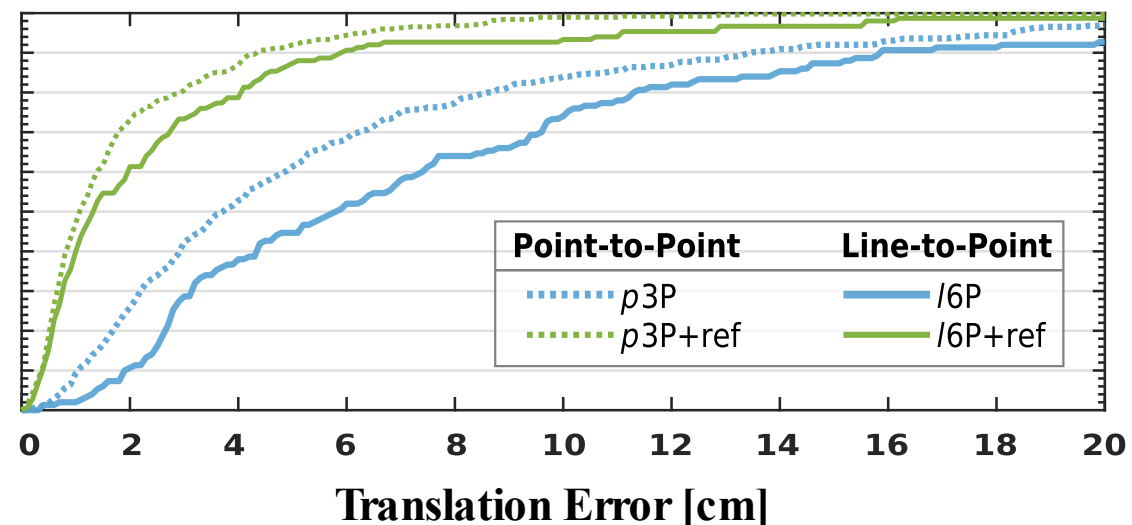
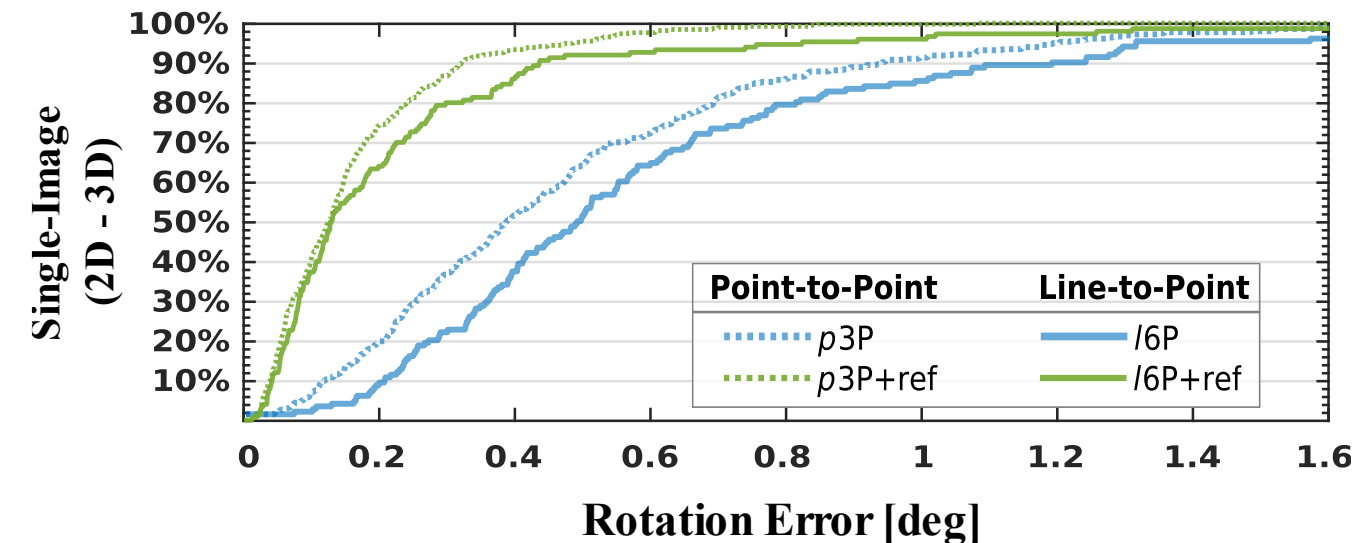


Image Inversion
(*only revealed* features)

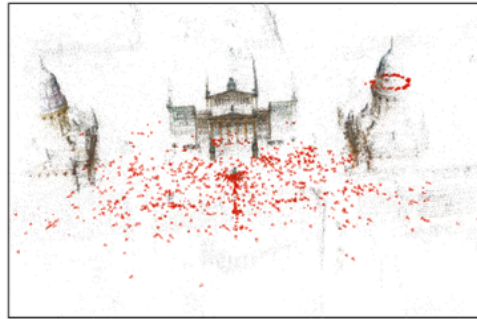


Results: Localization Accuracy

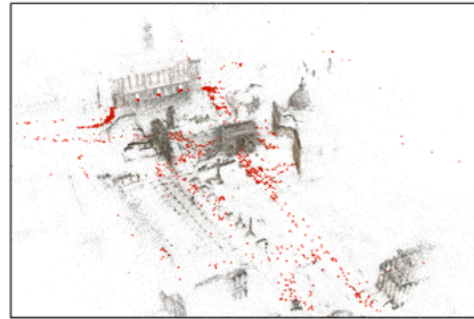
Accuracy/recall curves. Cumulative rotation and translation error histograms.



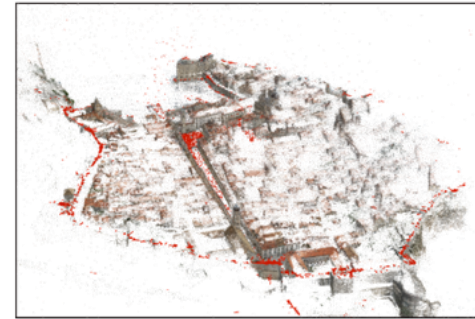
Results: Internet Photo Collection



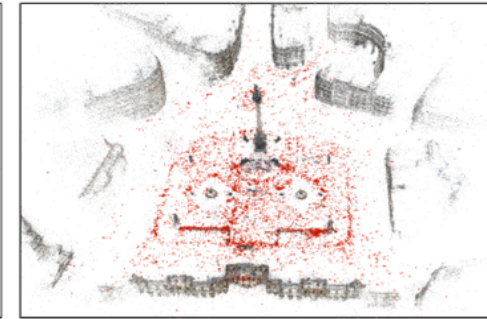
Gendarmenmarkt



Roman Forum



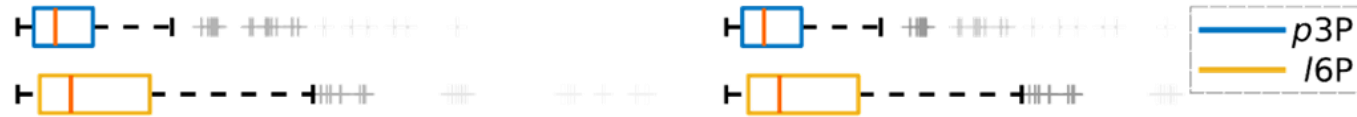
Dubrovnik



Trafalgar

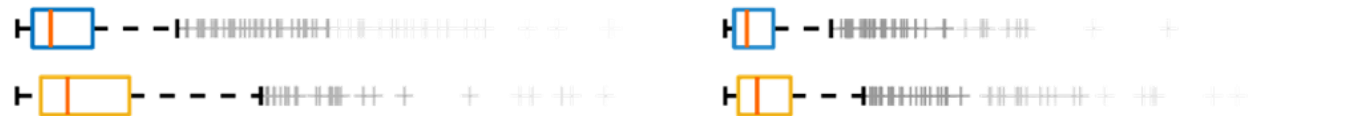
Gendarmenmarkt

Images: 1071 | Points: 0.3M | Queries: 354



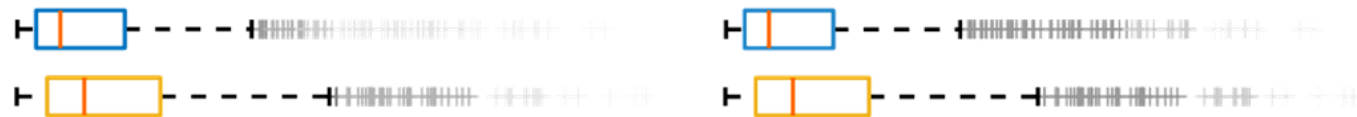
Roman Forum

Images: 1690 | Points: 0.7M | Queries: 699



Dubrovnik

Images: 5856 | Points: 2.6M | Queries: 975



Trafalgar

Images: 6859 | Points: 0.3M | Queries: 446



Datasets

0 1 2 3 4 5 6
Rotation Error [deg]

0 2 4 6 8 10
Translation Error [cm]

Conclusions

- Highlighted new type of privacy issues in AR/Robotics applications; many other open problems ...
- Proposed privacy-preserving camera localization techniques
 - where the **map is concealed**,
 - where the **query image is concealed**,
 - where both **map and query remain concealed**.
- Our techniques nicely map into **known minimal solvers**; many of which are accurate and **computationally efficient**.