

# Urban scene modeling from airborne data

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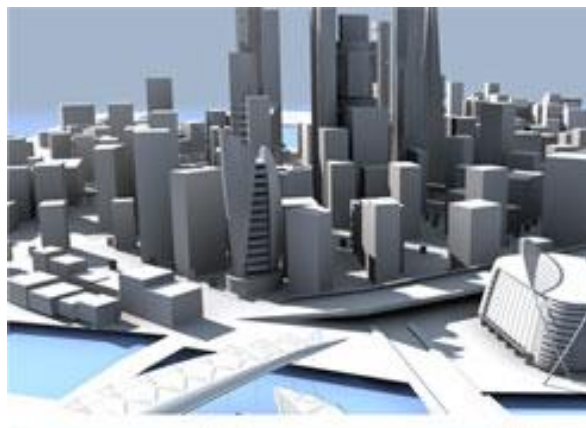
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- Geometry



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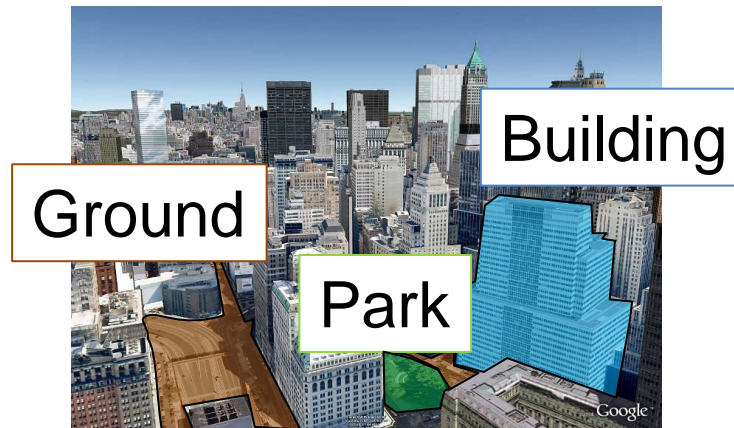
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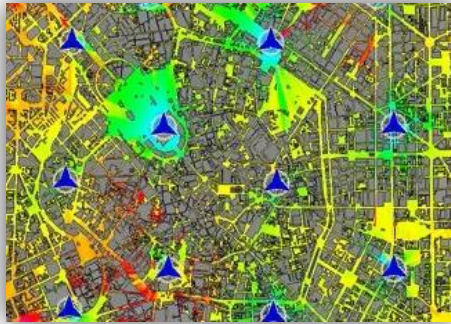


- Geometry
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- Semantics



# Applications

- Applications for 3D urban reconstruction



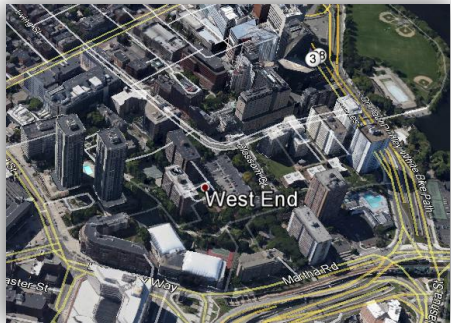
Radio planning



Movie



Computer game



Online services



Urban planning

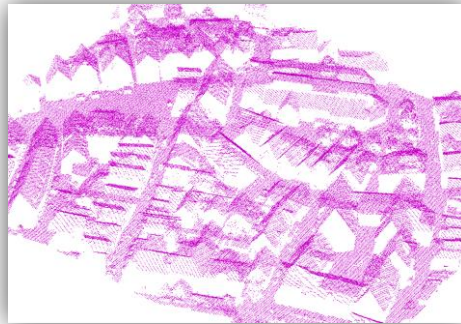


Drone planning

# Problem statement



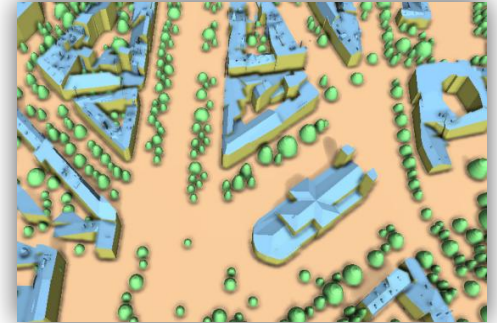
Airborne Acquisition



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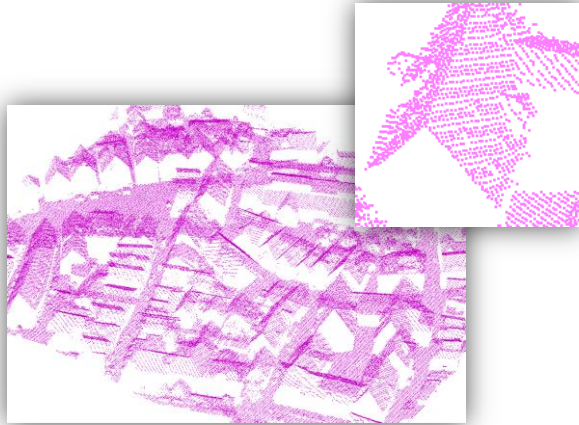


Meshes from Multi-View Stereo

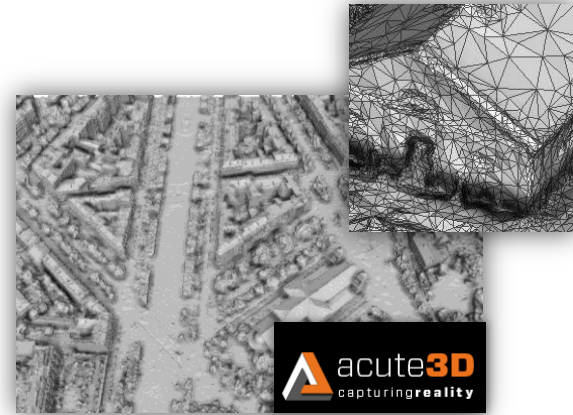


Urban scene modeling

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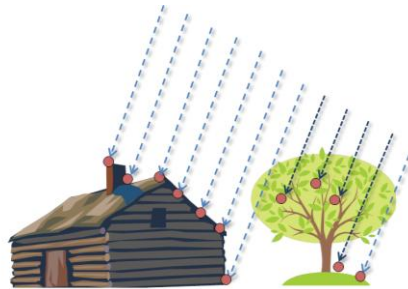


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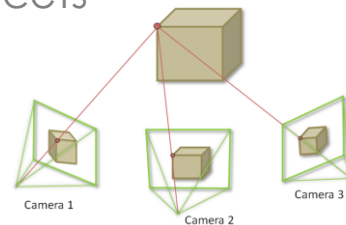


Meshes from Multi-View Stereo

- Point cloud
- Accurate
- Not dense
- Incomplete



- Mesh with triangular facets
- Complete surface
- Dense
- Potential defects





# Requirements

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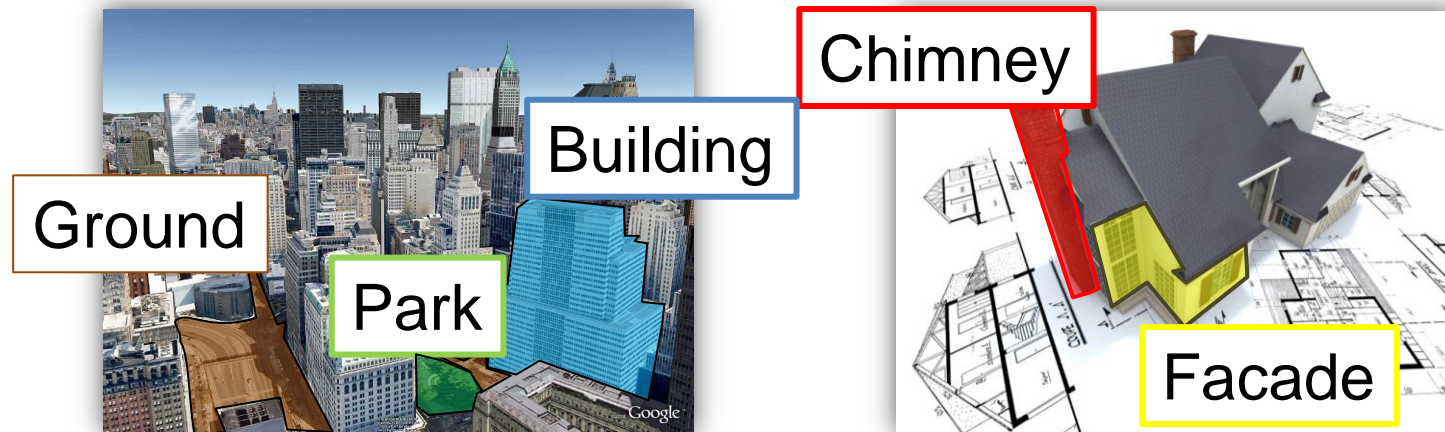
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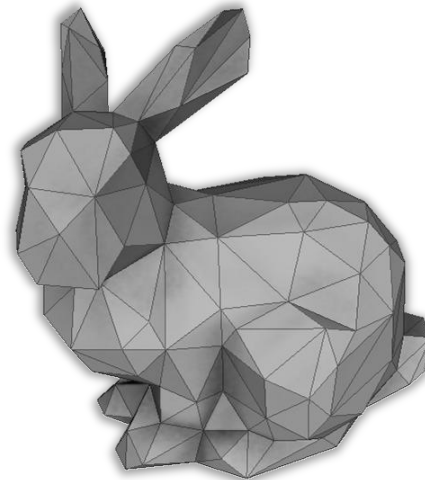
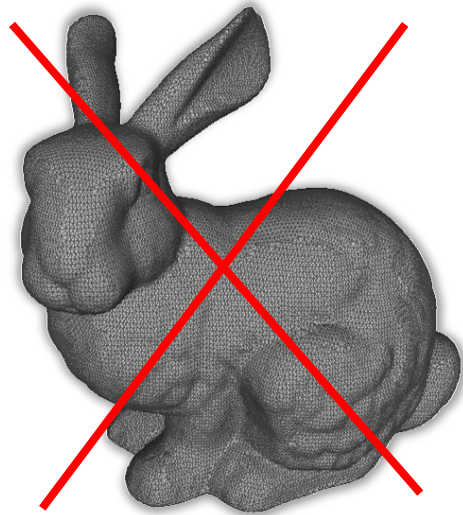
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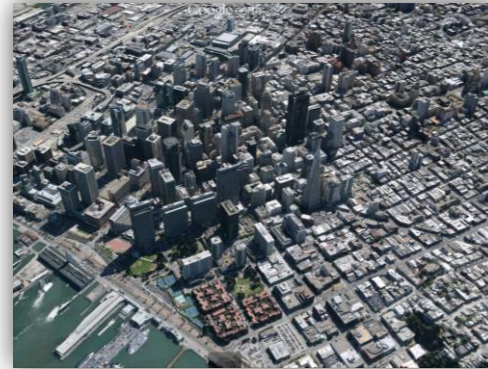
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Size of the scene



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- Semantic-aware
- Low complexity
- Scalability
- Automatic



# Surveys

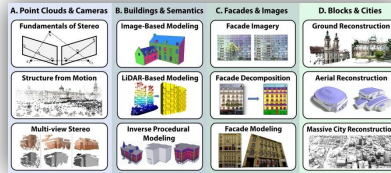
3 major surveys:

Modeling the Appearance and Behavior of Urban Spaces



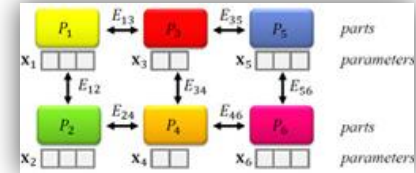
[Vanegas et al. Eurographics 09]

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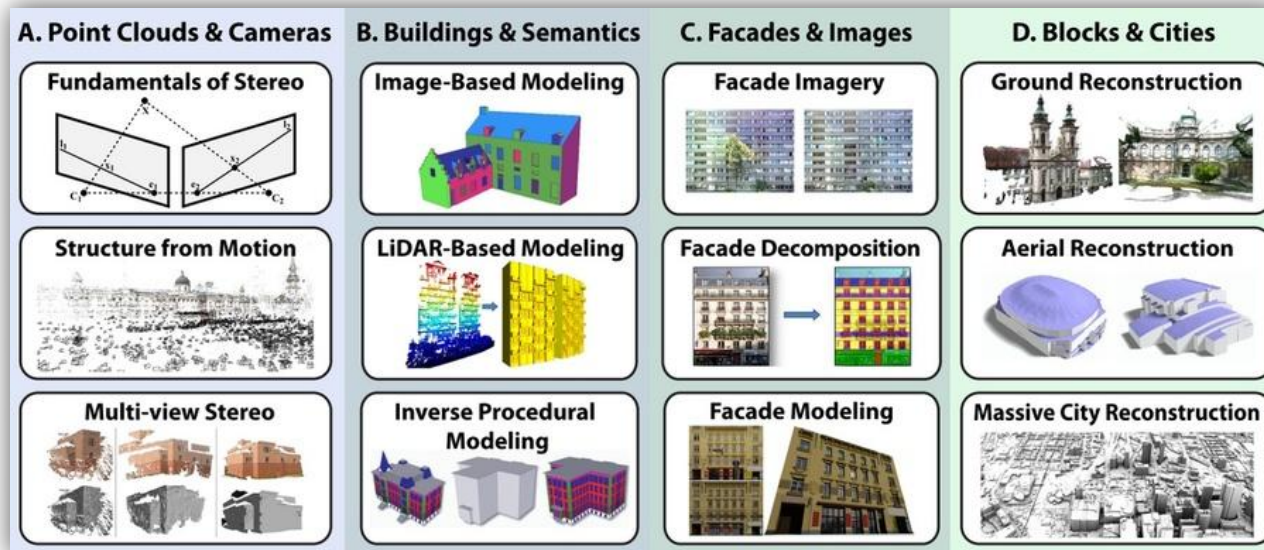


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→ procedural modeling

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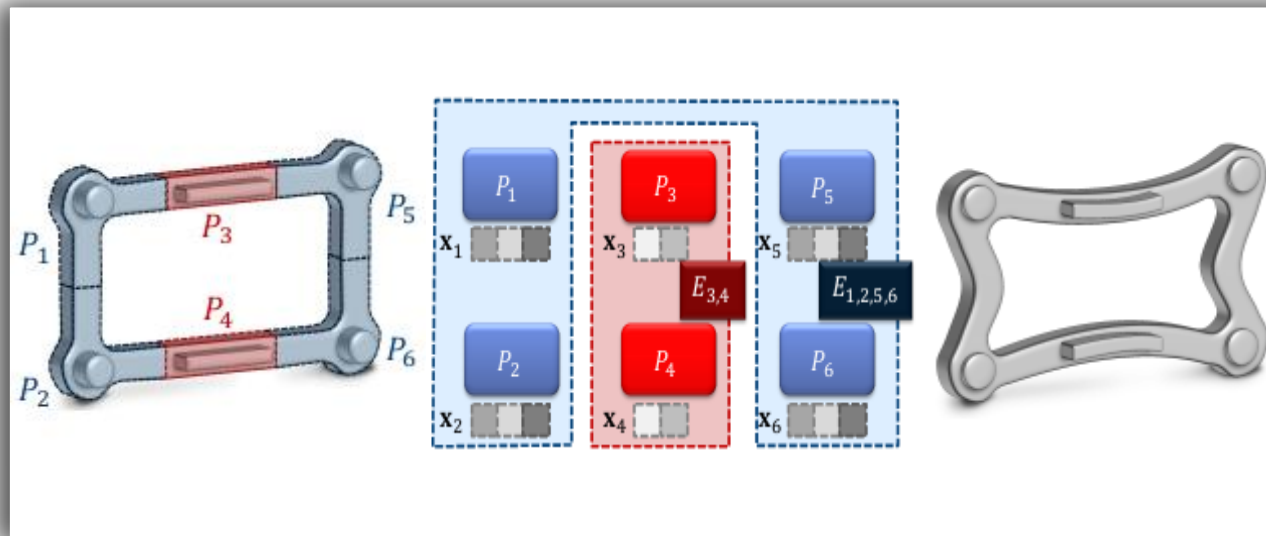
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➔ broad overview of the literature on urban reconstruction



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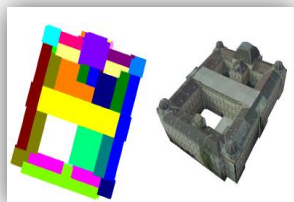
“Structure-Aware Shape Processing”



[Mitra et al., Eurographics 13]

→ structures to enhance, regularize and manipulate existing meshes

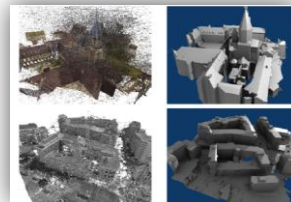
# Overview of existing methods



[Zebedin et al.,  
ECCV 08]



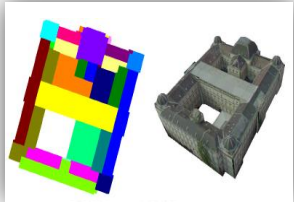
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Primitive-based  
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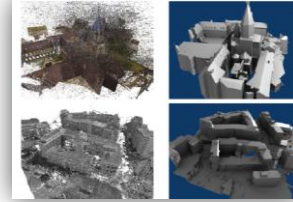
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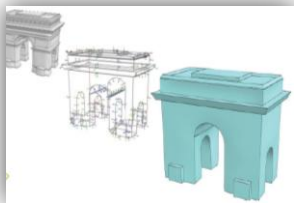


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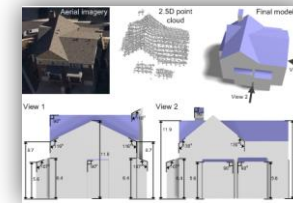
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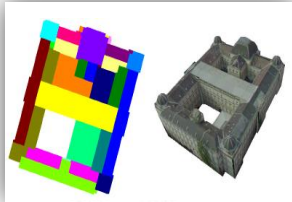
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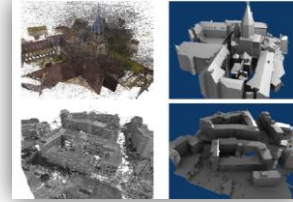
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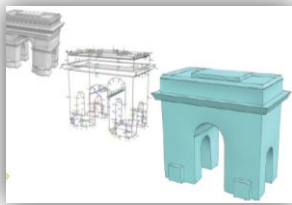


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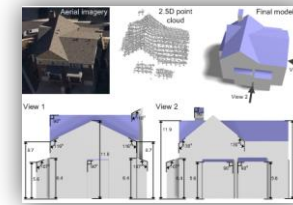
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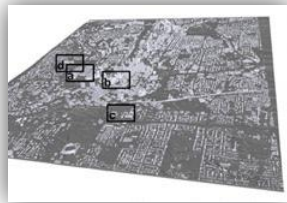


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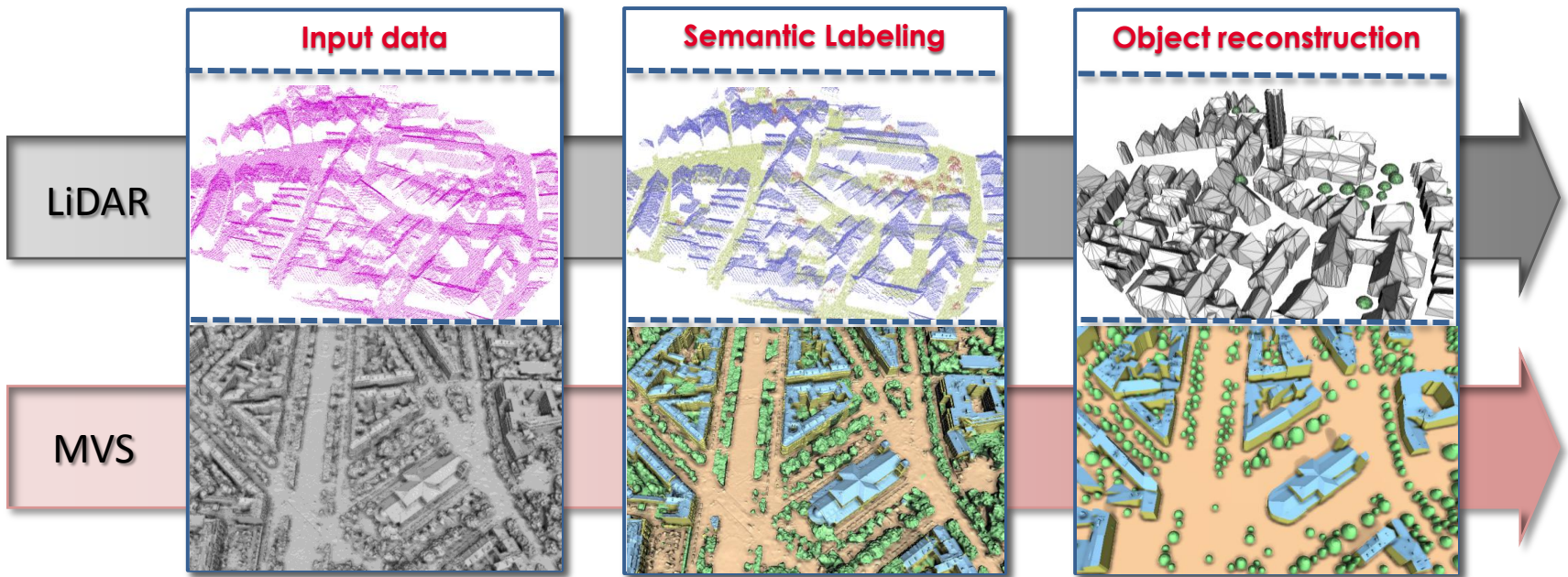
[Lafarge and Mallet,  
IJCV11]

Automatic large scale  
urban reconstruction

→ still many unsolved problems

# Contribution

General pipelines for MVS and LiDAR data



# Outline

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- ② Semantic labeling
- ③ Object Reconstruction: parametric-based object detection
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- ⑤ Conclusion and future work

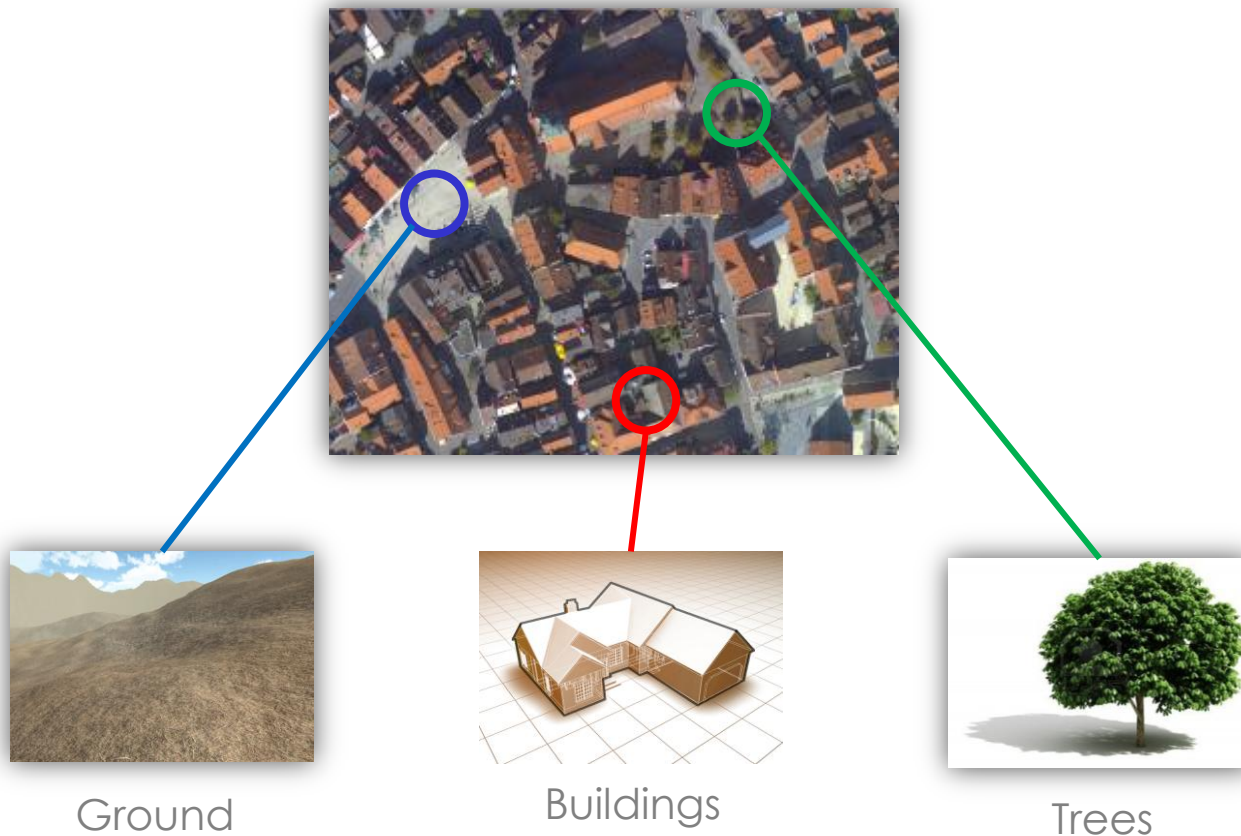
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# Semantic labeling

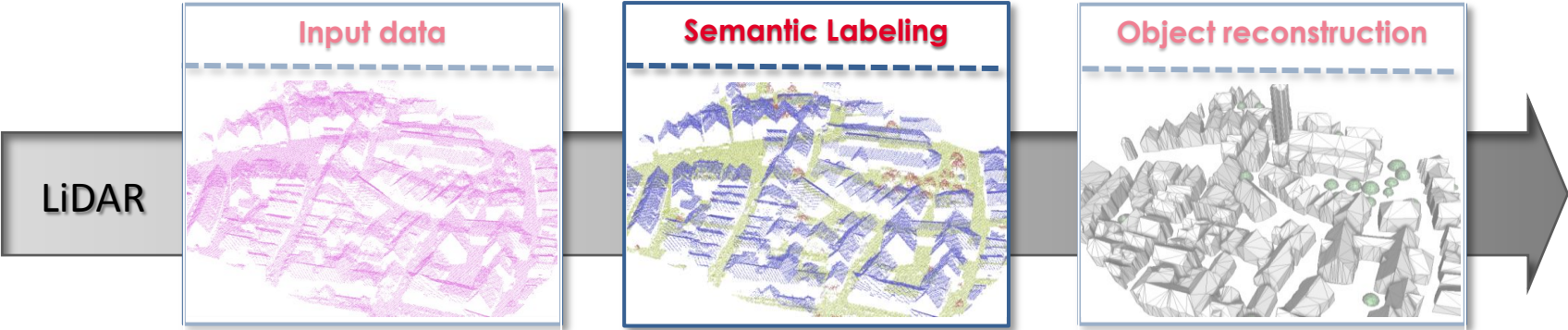
What is important ?

→ In many cases, majority of urban scenes can be explained by 3 classes of objects



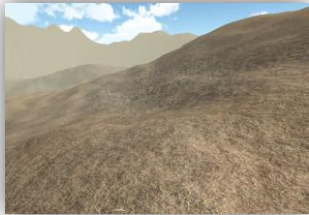


# Semantic labeling for Lidar



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Classes for Lidar data



Ground



Trees



Buildings



Clutters

→ need for geometric features that discriminate the classes

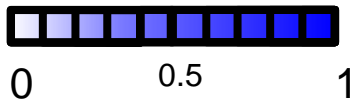
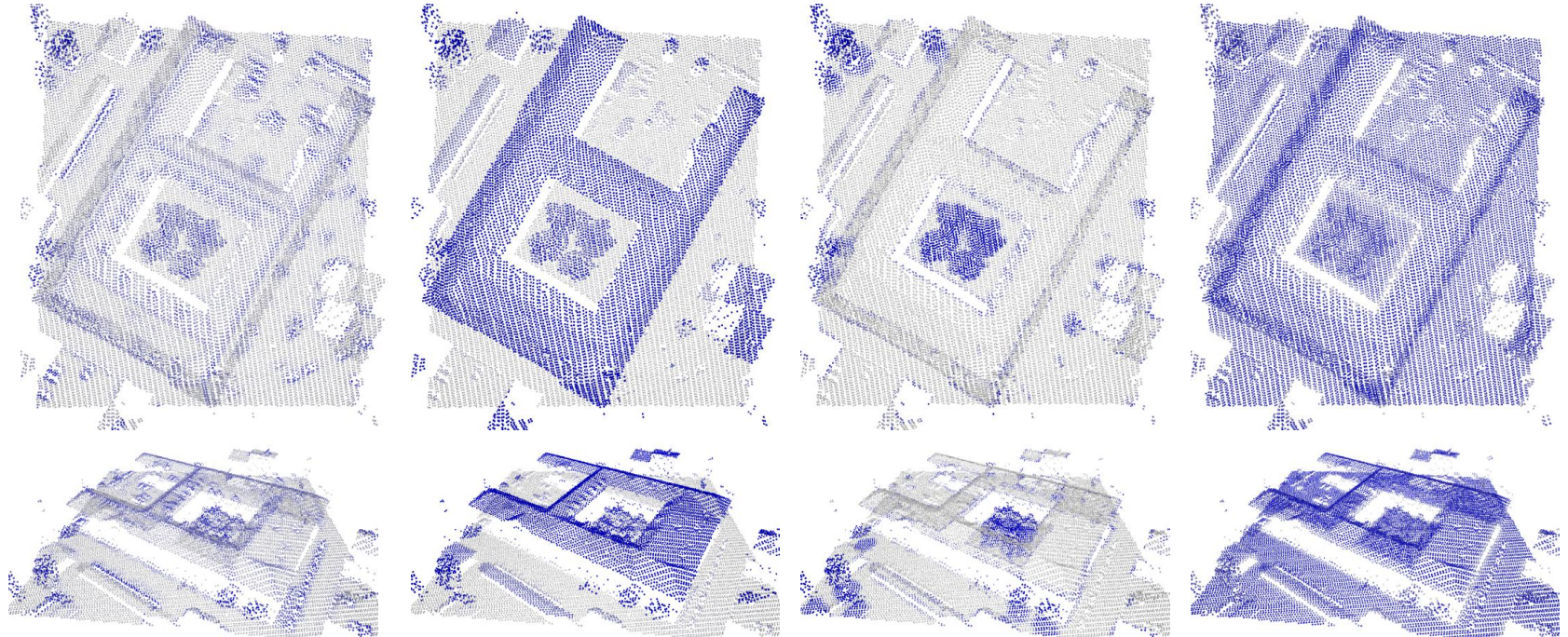
# Discriminative geometric features for Lidar

Local non-planarity  $\beta_p$

Elevation  $\beta_e$


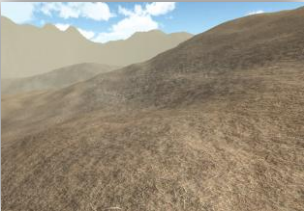


Local dispersion  $\beta_s$

Local linearity  $\beta_l$



→ Combine the features to discriminate the classes

# Confidence functions for Lidar

Trees		High non-planarity $\beta_p$	High elevation $\beta_e$
		High local dispersion $\beta_s$	<del>Local linearity <math>\beta_l</math></del>
Ground		Low non-planarity $\beta_p$	Low elevation $\beta_e$
		Low local dispersion $\beta_s$	<del>Local linearity <math>\beta_l</math></del>
Buildings		Low non-planarity $\beta_p$	High elevation $\beta_e$
		Low local dispersion $\beta_s$	<del>Local linearity <math>\beta_l</math></del>
Clutters		High non-planarity $\beta_p$	<del>Elevation <math>\beta_e</math></del>
		High local dispersion $\beta_s$	Low local linearity $\beta_l$

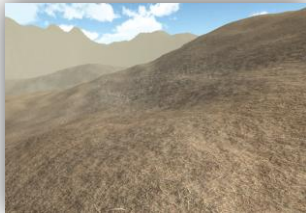
# Confidence functions for Lidar

Trees



$$\arg \min_x \sum D(x_i)$$

Ground



$$D(x_i) = \begin{cases} D_{tree}(x_i) & \text{if } x_i = \text{tree} \\ D_{ground}(x_i) & \text{if } x_i = \text{ground} \\ D_{building}(x_i) & \text{if } x_i = \text{building} \\ D_{clutter}(x_i) & \text{if } x_i = \text{clutter} \end{cases}$$

Buildings



Clutters



→ Need for spatial consistency

# Energy minimization over a Markov Random Field

$$U(x) = \sum D(x_i) + \lambda \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} V_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

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Potts model:

$$V_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \delta(x_i \neq x_j)$$

Spherical neighborhood such as

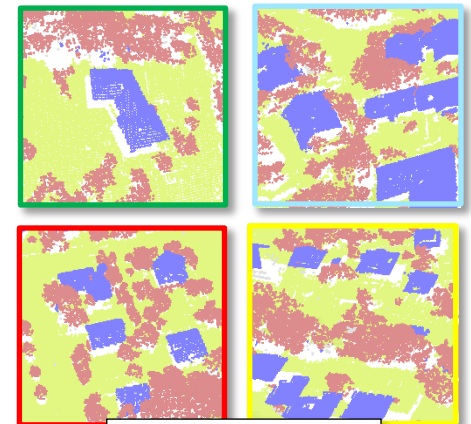
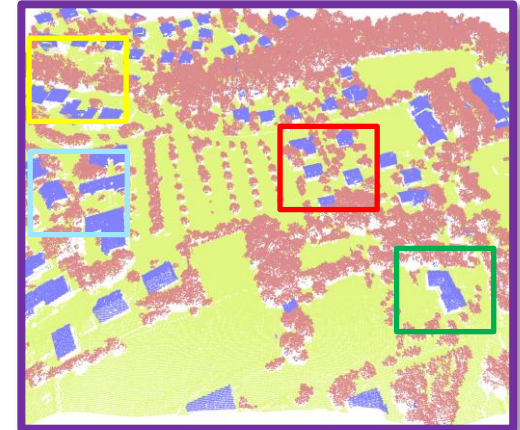
$$\{i, j\} \in E \Leftrightarrow \|i - j\|_2 < r$$

→ Optimisation with graph-cut and alpha-beta swap  
[Boykov et al, PAMI 2001]

# Semantic labeling for Lidar data

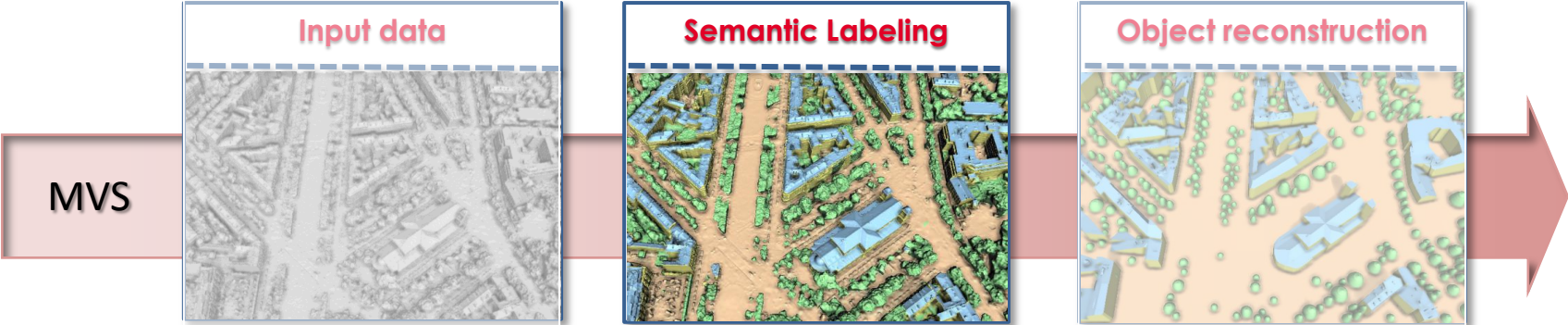


Visual reference from Google map



Close-up

# Semantic labeling for MVS

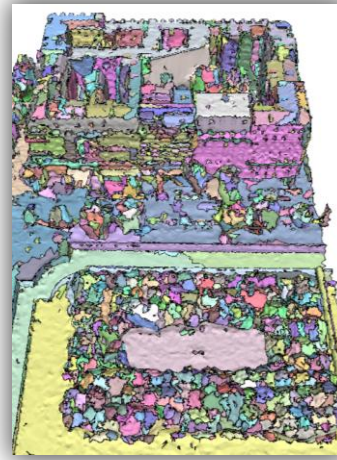
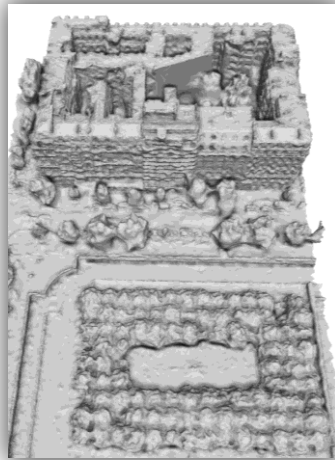




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Difference with semantic labeling for Lidar data

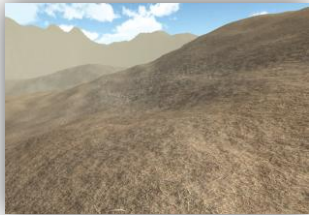
- **Regroup facets into "f-clusters"**
  - Tractable
  - Enforce local coherency



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- Compute f-clusters
- **Building class splits in two sub-classes**



Ground



Trees



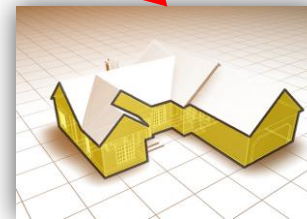
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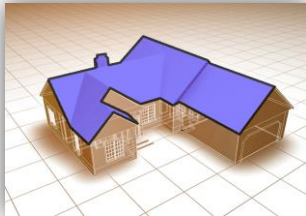
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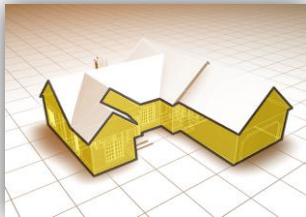


Low non-planarity  $\beta_p$

High elevation  $\beta_e$

Low verticality  $\beta_v$

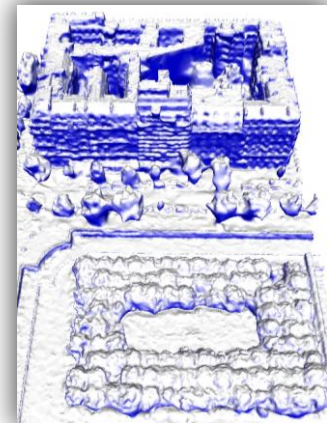
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Verticality  $\beta_v$



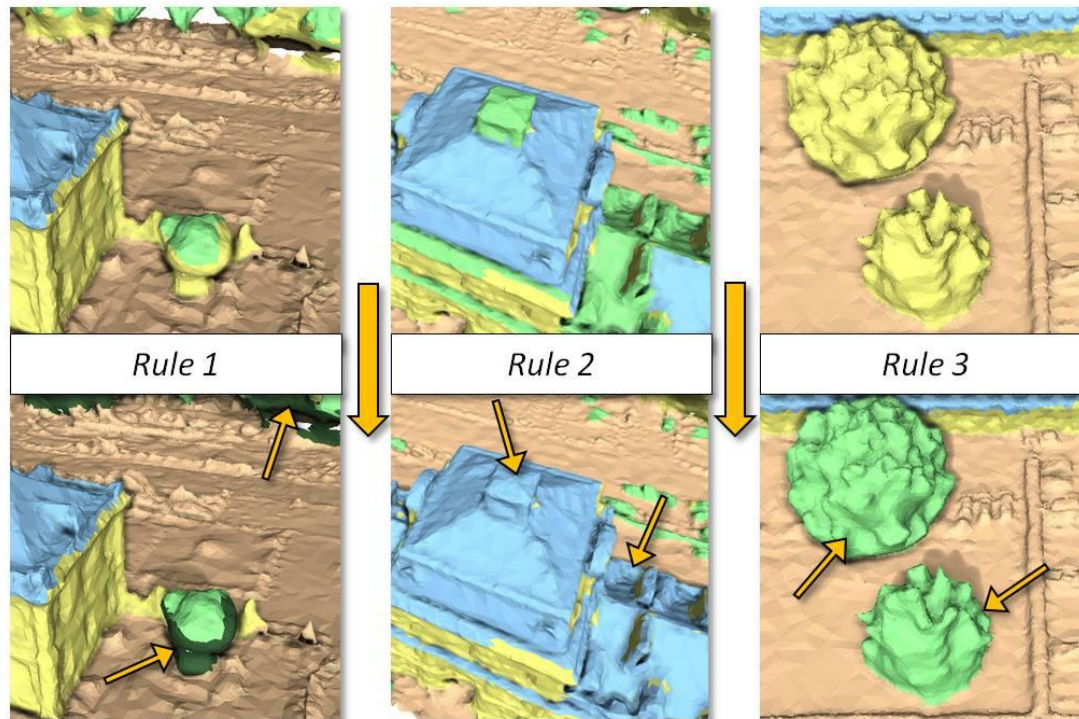
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Difference with semantic labeling for Lidar data

- Compute f-clusters
- *Building* class splits in two sub-classes
- **Correction rules**



# Semantic labeling

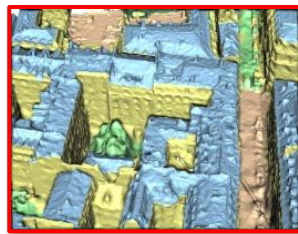
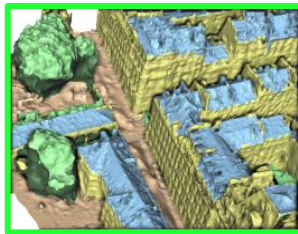
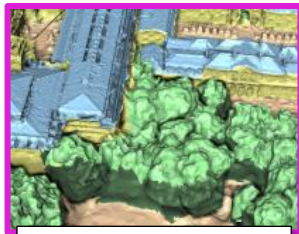
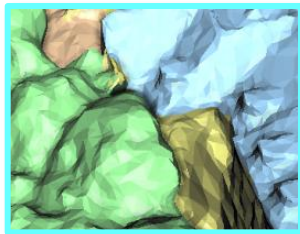


- Roof
- Facade
- Vegetation
- Ground

MVS data



Classification

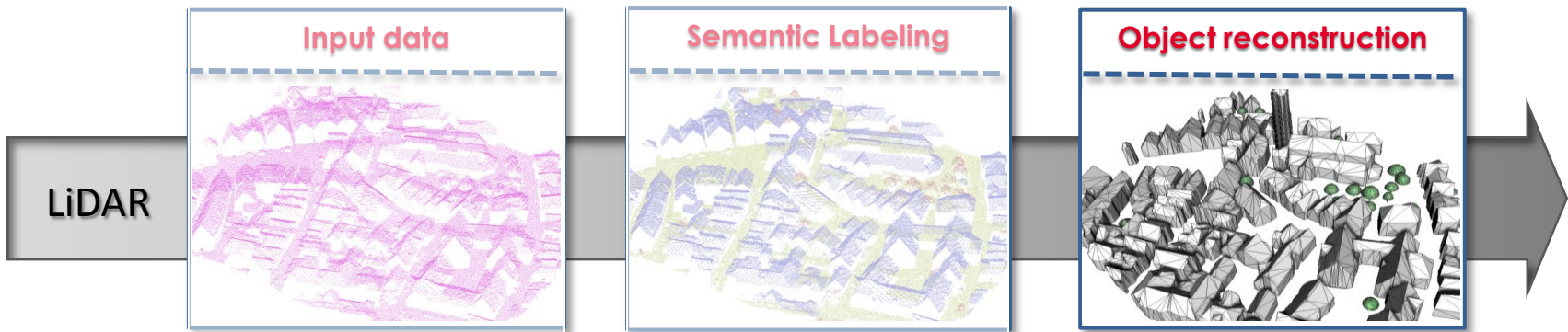


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# Object Reconstruction for Lidar



➔ Focus on tree detection and reconstruction from Lidar

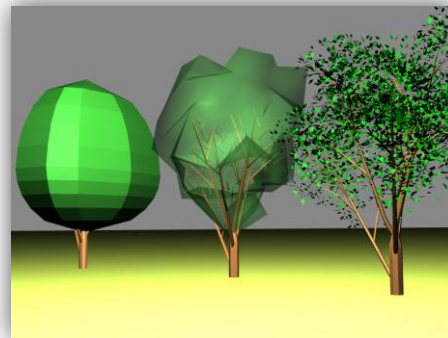
# Parametric-based object detection

Objective:

- Localize and reconstruct simple objects



Buildings are too complex structures



Trees can be approximated by simple shapes



# Parametric-based object detection

Objective:

- Localize and reconstruct simple objects
- Detection in large scenes



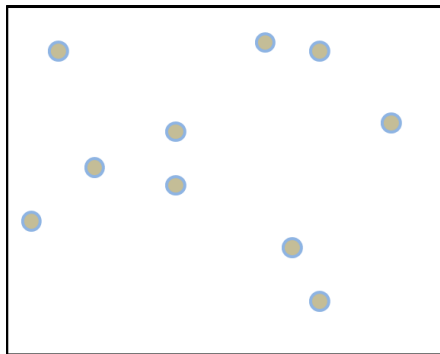
Thousands of simple objects (e.g. trees) are in the scene

→ Use Marked Point Processes (MPP)

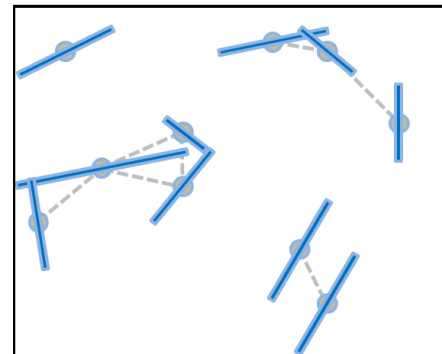
# Marked Point Processes

Preliminary:

- A point process describes random configurations of points (of unknown size) in a continuous bounded set  $K$ .
- A marked point process is a point process where each point is associated with a parametric objects.



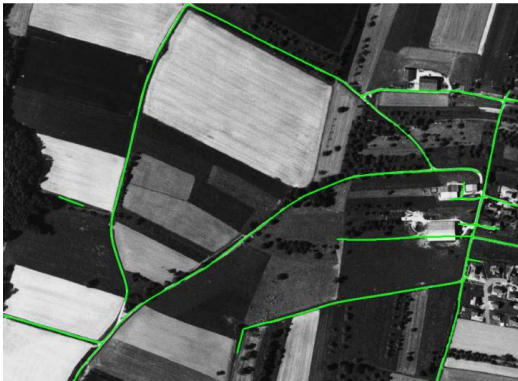
Point process



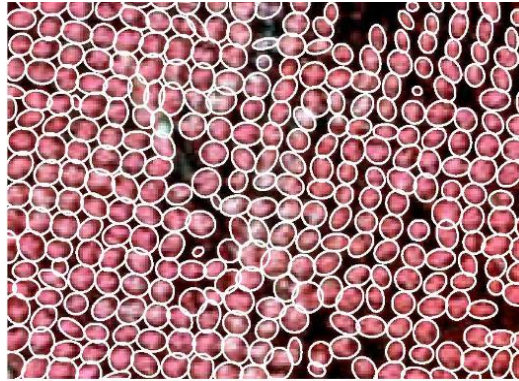
Marked Point Process  
of 2D segments

# Marked Point Processes

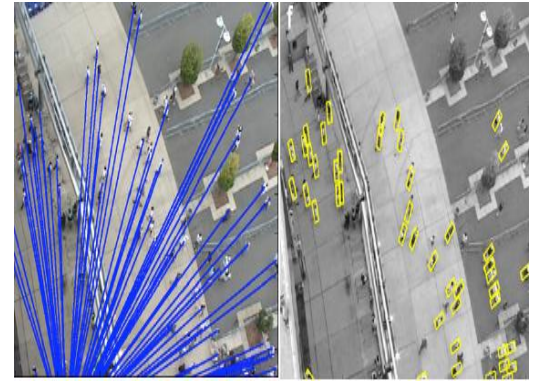
Previous work:



[Lacoste et al., PAMI05]

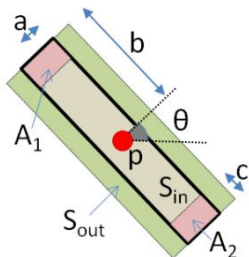


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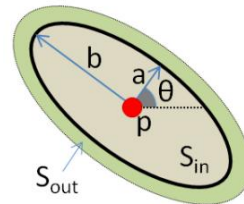


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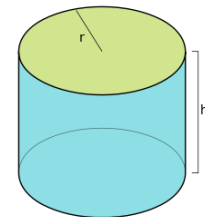
Line-segment



Ellipse



Cylinder



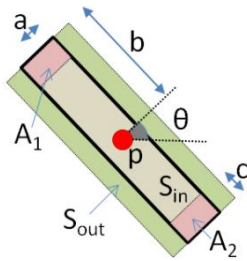
# Marked Point Processes

Requirements:

## 1) Simple parametric objects

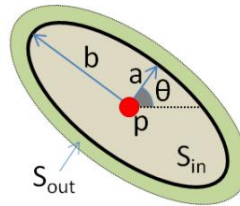
➔ Object characterized by a limited number of parameters

Line-segment



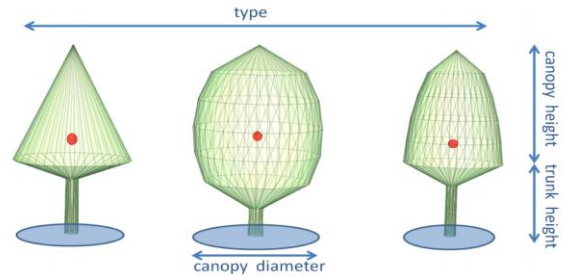
5 parameters

Ellipse



5 parameters

Cone, Ellipsoid, Semi-ellipsoid



7 parameters

# Marked Point Processes

Requirements:

1) Simple parametric objects

**2) Energy measuring the quality of a configuration of objects**

Standard form of energy:

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}, U(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{p_i \in \mathbf{x}} D(p_i) + \sum_{p_i \sim p_j} V(p_i, p_j)$$

with  $\sim$  the symmetric neighborhood relationship such as:

$$p_i \sim p_j = \{(p_i, p_j) \in \mathbf{x}^2 : i > j, \|p_i - p_j\|_2 < \epsilon\}$$

# Marked Point Processes

Requirements:

1) Simple parametric objects

2) Energy

### 3) Minimization method

- Unknown number of objects
- Minimize non-convex energy

→ Use Reversible-Jump Monte Carlo Markov Chain (RJ-MCMC)  
[Green 1995]

# Optimization method

RJ-MCMC:

- Sequential algorithm with a two-step update mechanism
  - a) Proposition step
    - New configuration is proposed from a proposal density (kernel)
    - New configuration must be close to the current one
  - b) Acceptance step depending on
    - Random variable
    - Energy variation
    - Stochastic relaxation

# Optimization method

RJ-MCMC:

- Sequential algorithm with a two-step update mechanism
  - a) Proposition step
    - New configuration is proposed from a proposal density (kernel)
    - New configuration must be close to the current one (**local perturbation**)
  - b) Acceptance step depending on
    - Random variable
    - Energy variation
    - Stochastic relaxation

Slow in practice

➔ Focus on improving performance of RJ-MCMC



# Marked Point Processes

Requirements:

1) Simple parametric objects

2) Energy

3) Minimization method

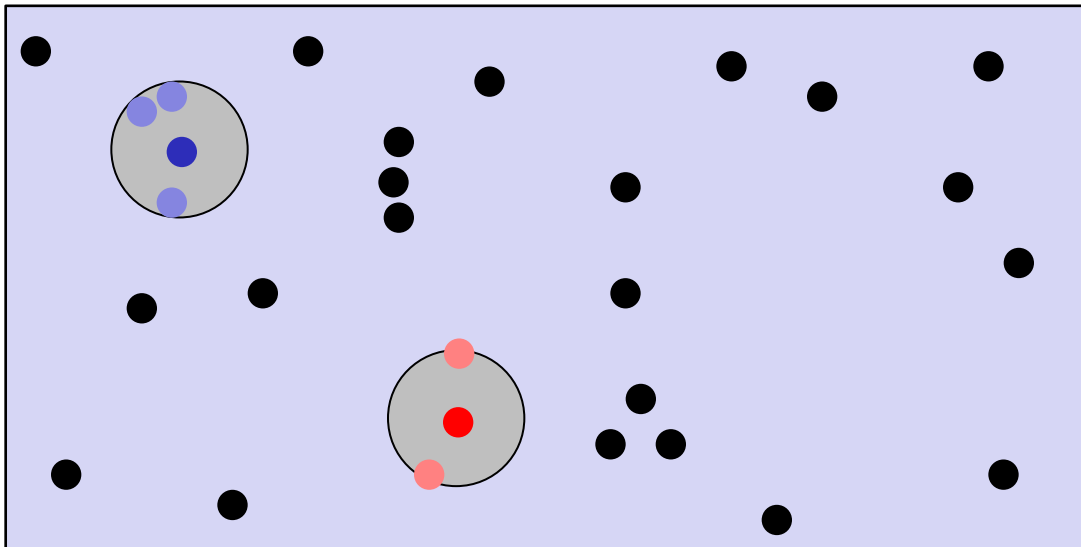
- unknown number of objects
- minimize non-convex energy

Novel optimization method based on RJ-MCMC

- Exploit two properties for a faster optimization
- Exploit GPU capability

# (1) Parallelization

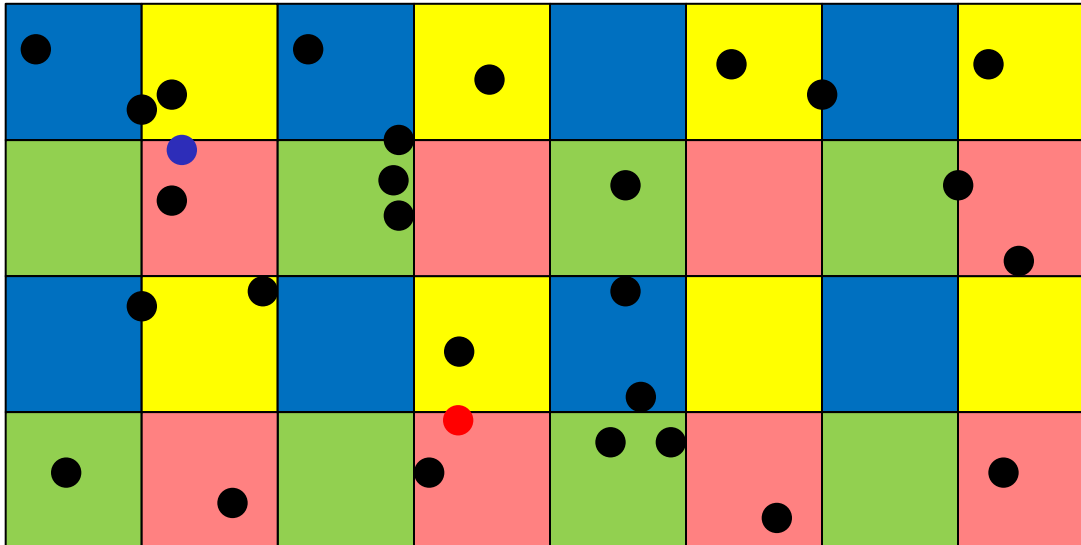
The Markovian property in the energy:  $\Pr(x_i | x) = \Pr(x_i | x_{N(i)})$



→ the blue object and the red object can be updated by MCMC **at the same time.**

# (1) Parallelization

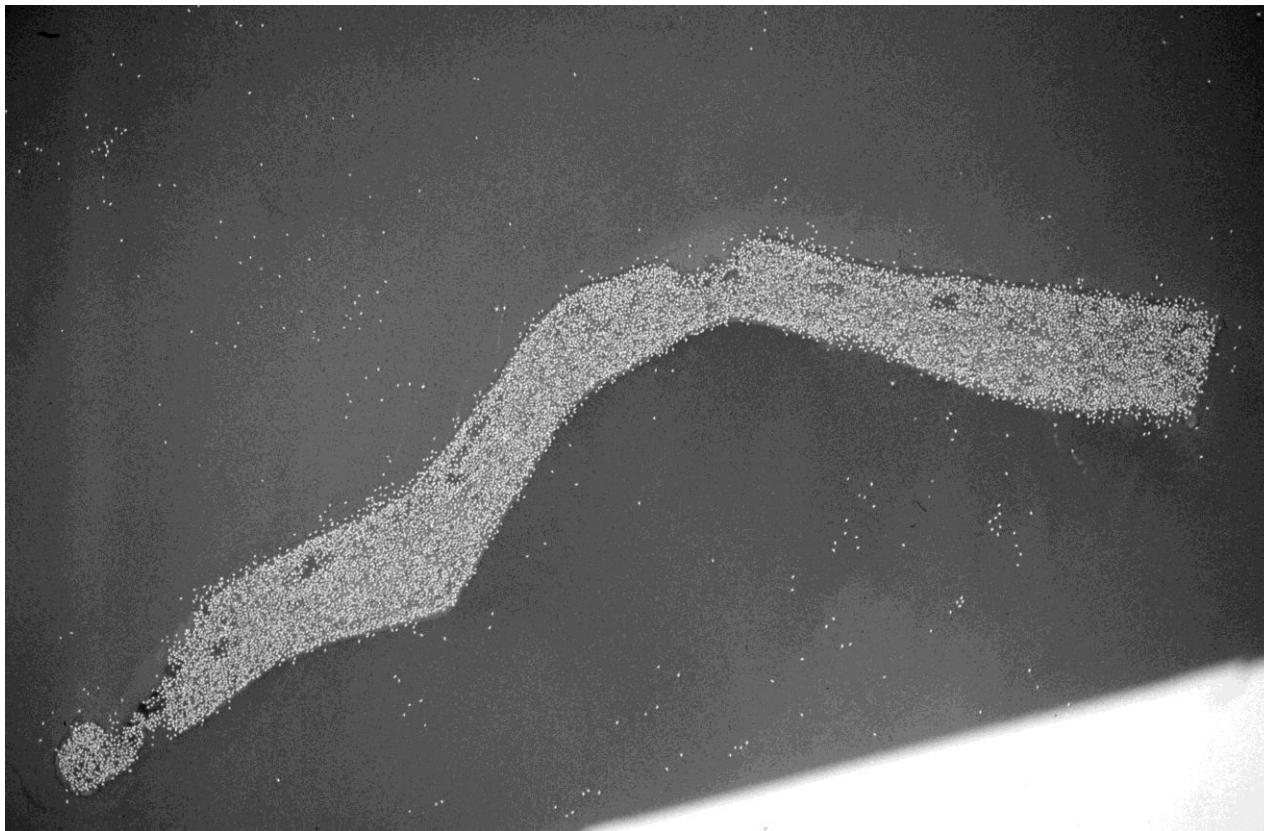
- 4-cell subdivision scheme generates 4 mic-sets {    }.  
(cell width=diameter of the neighborhood relation+maximal length of a move)



- Mic-Set: a set of Mutually Independant Cells

## (2) Non-uniform point densities

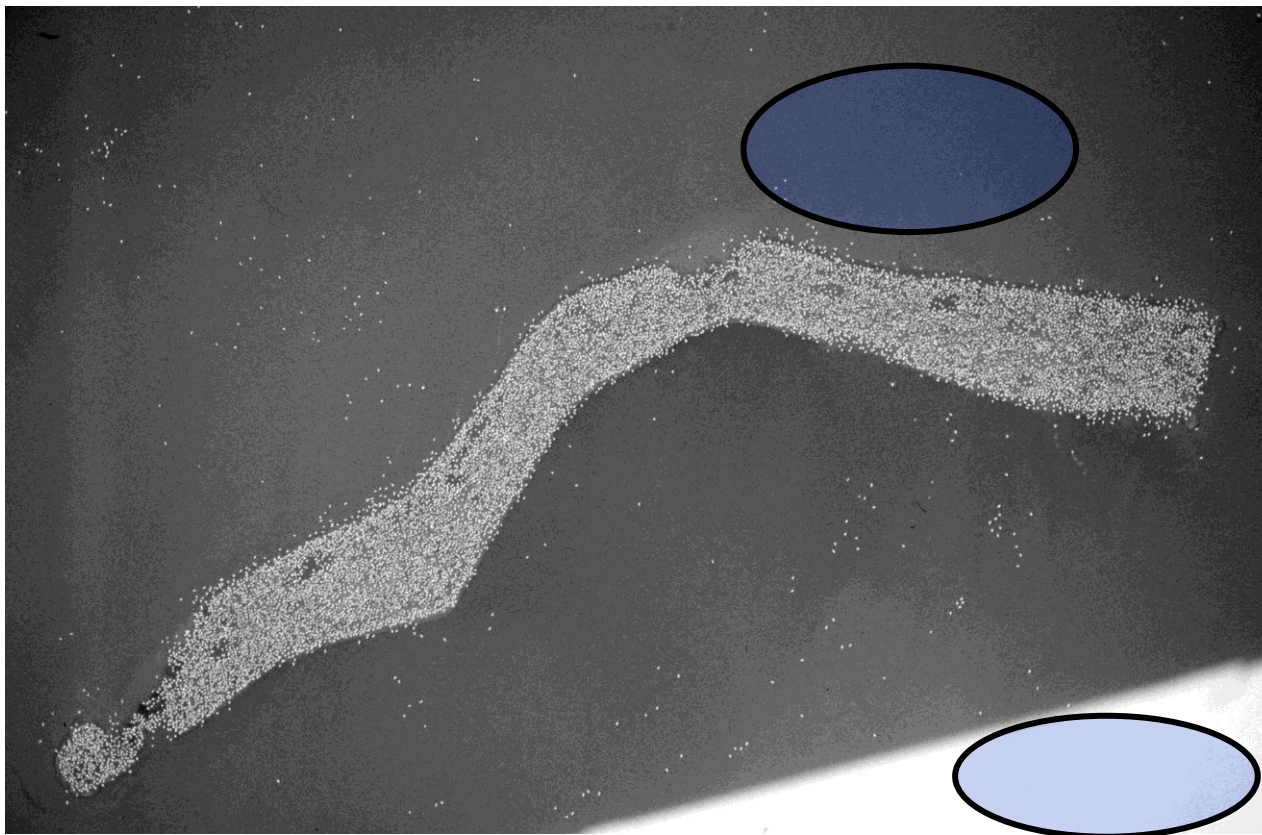
How many Birds ?



## (2) Non-uniform point densities

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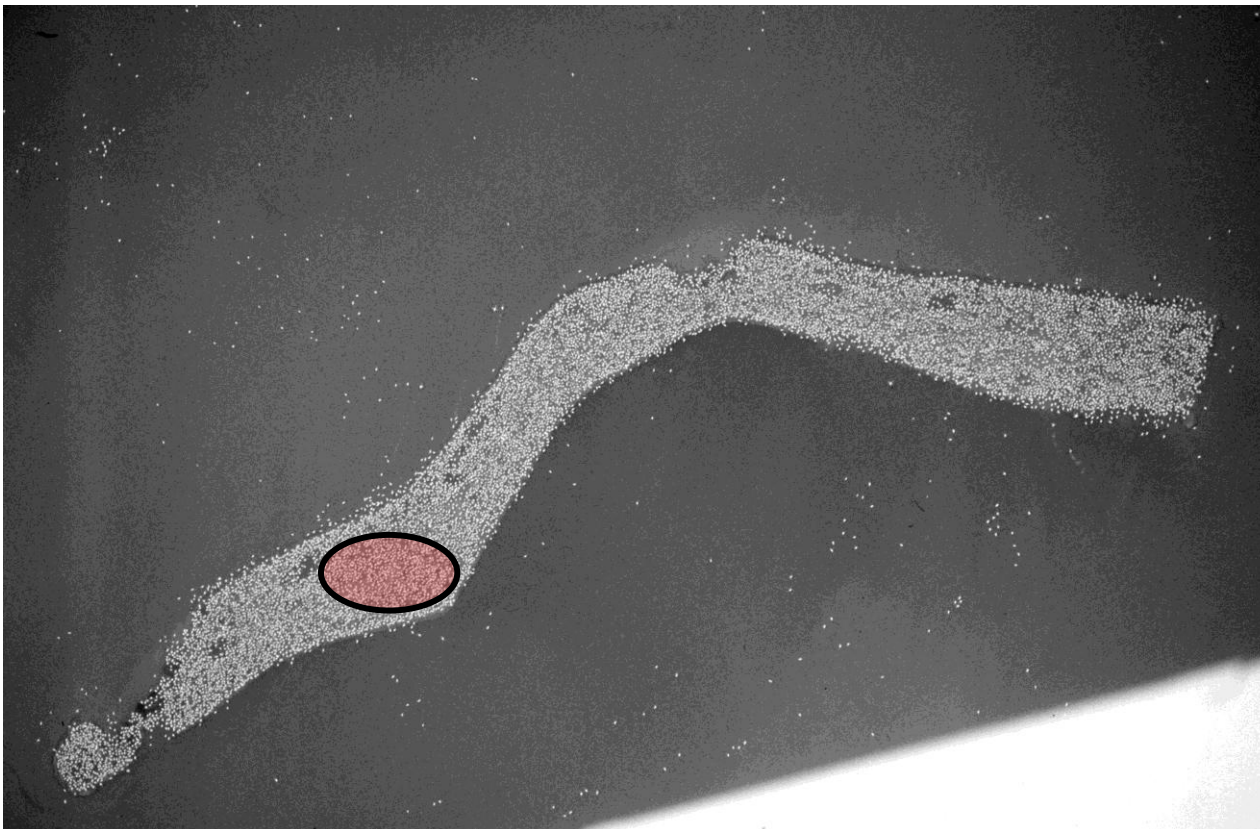
Low probability



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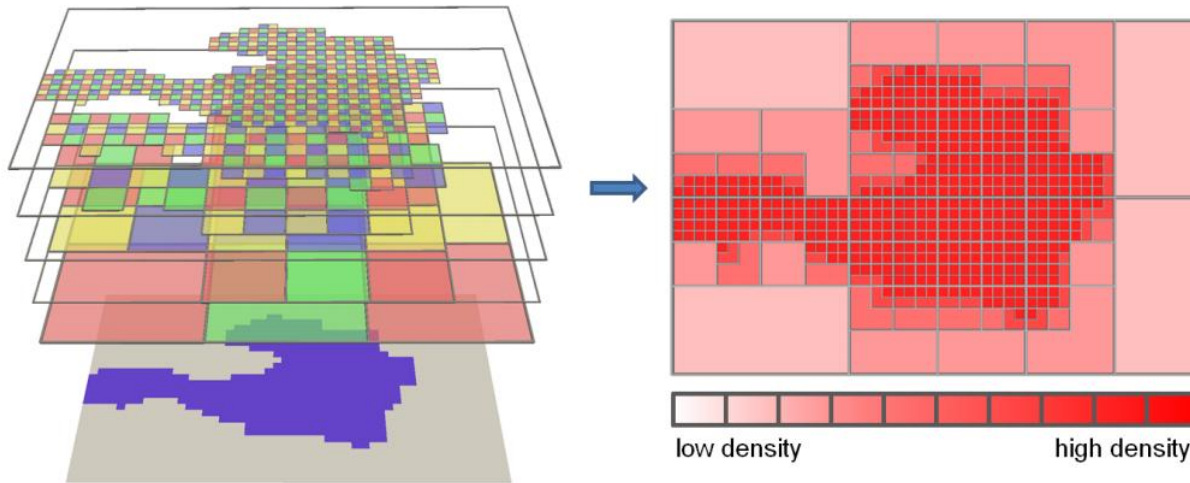
High probability



## (2) Non-uniform point densities

We proposed

- quadtree data partitioning for 2D space.
- octree data partitioning for 3D space.



➔ Compatible with the parallelization scheme (1)

# Novel optimization method

1-Initialize  $X_0 = \mathbf{x}_0$  and  $T_0$  at  $t = 0$ ;

2-Compute a space-partitioning tree  $\mathcal{K}$ ;

3-At iteration  $t$ , with  $X_t = \mathbf{x}$ ,

- ▶ Choose a mic-set  $S_{mic} \in \mathcal{K}$  and a kernel type  $t \in \mathcal{T}$  according to probability  $\sum_{c \in S_{mic}} p_{c,t}$

- ▶ For each cell  $c \in S_{mic}$ ,

- ▶ Perturb  $\mathbf{x}$  in the cell  $c$  to a configuration  $\mathbf{y}$  according to  $Q_{c,t}(\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \cdot)$
- ▶ Calculate the Green ratio

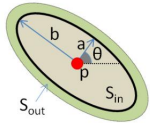
$$R = \frac{Q_{c,t}(\mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{x})}{Q_{c,t}(\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y})} \exp\left(\frac{U(\mathbf{x}) - U(\mathbf{y})}{T_t}\right)$$

- ▶ Choose  $X_{t+1} = \mathbf{y}$  with probability  $\min(1, R)$ , and  $X_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}$  otherwise

Proposition step

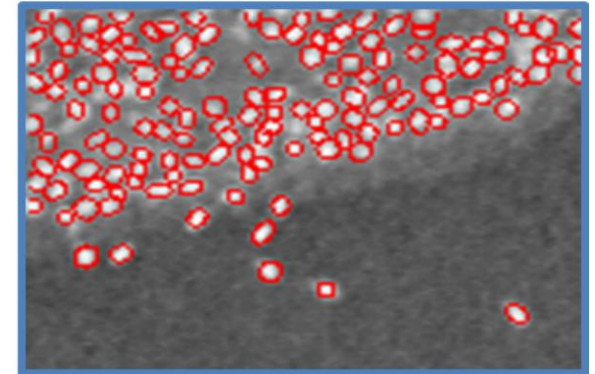
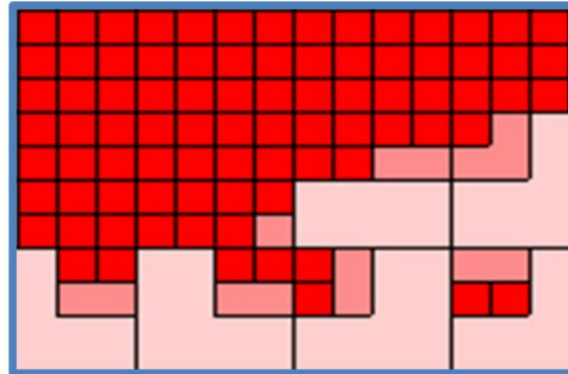
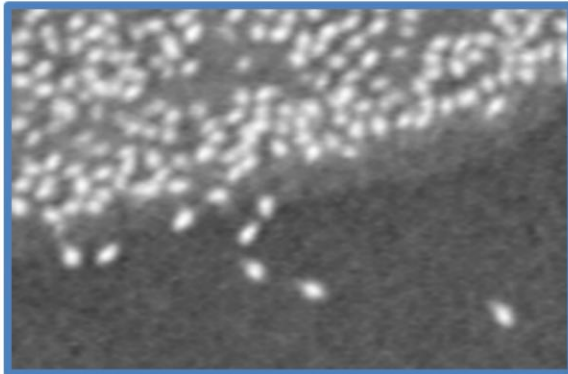
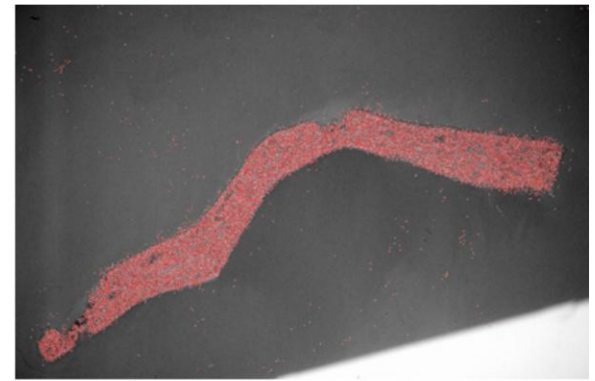
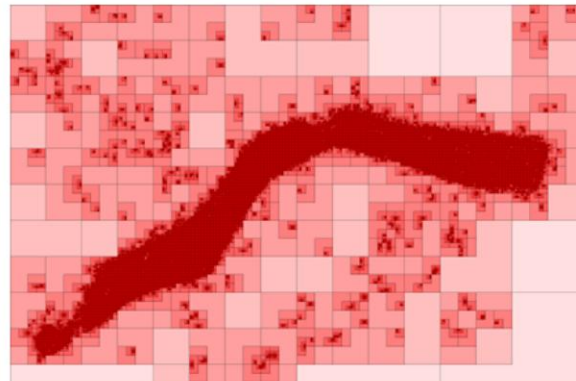
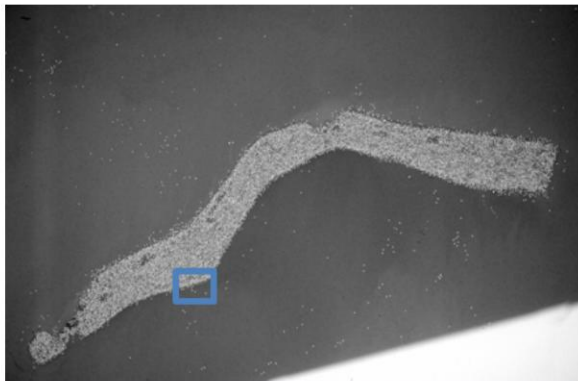
Acceptance step

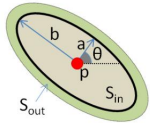




# 2D Ellipsoidal objects

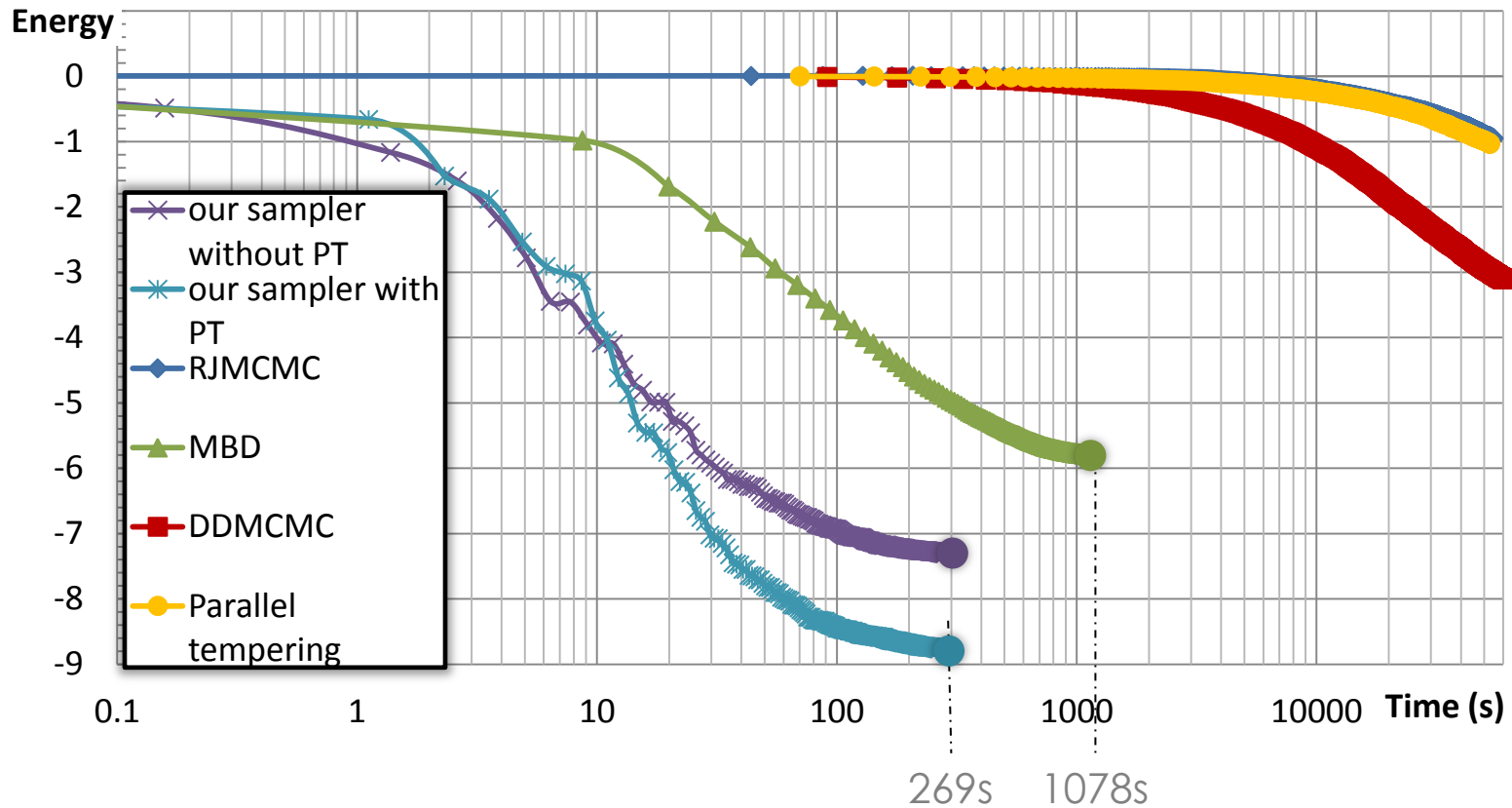
10800 objects detected, 269 sec (image size: 8Mpixels)

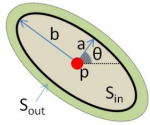




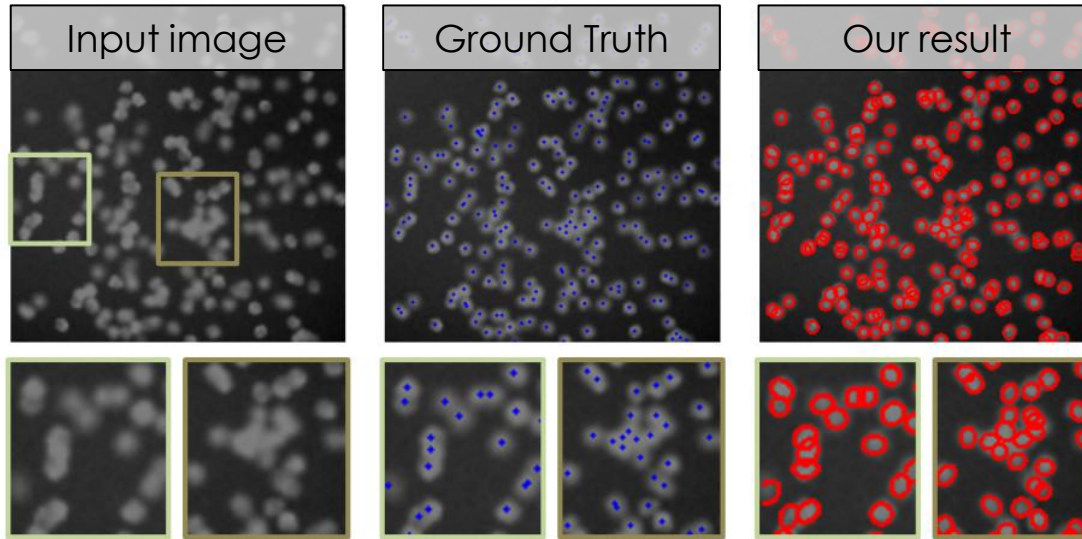
# 2D Ellipsoidal objects

Time to converge



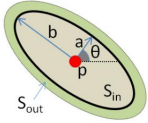


# [Lempitsky and Zisserman, NIPS2010]

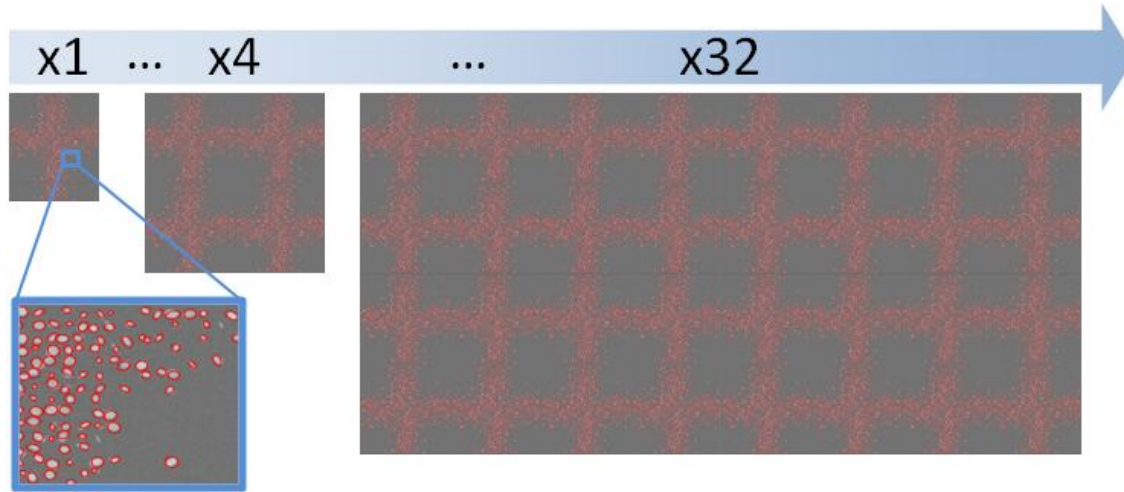


	our method	Lempitsky ( $L1$ -reg.)	Lempitsky (Tikhonov-reg.)	Ground Truth
<i>cell17</i>	<b>209</b>	202.9	194.1	213
<i>cell18</i>	184	<b>184.6</b>	175.9	185
<i>cell19</i>	<b>187</b>	192.2	180.1	188
<i>cell20</i>	<b>169</b>	174.1	170.4	169
<i>cell21</i>	147	<b>148.6</b>	144.4	149
<i>cell22</i>	<b>184</b>	182.6	176.5	184
<i>cell23</i>	<b>159</b>	158.3	157.6	161
RMSE	<b>1.93</b>	4.71	9.21	-

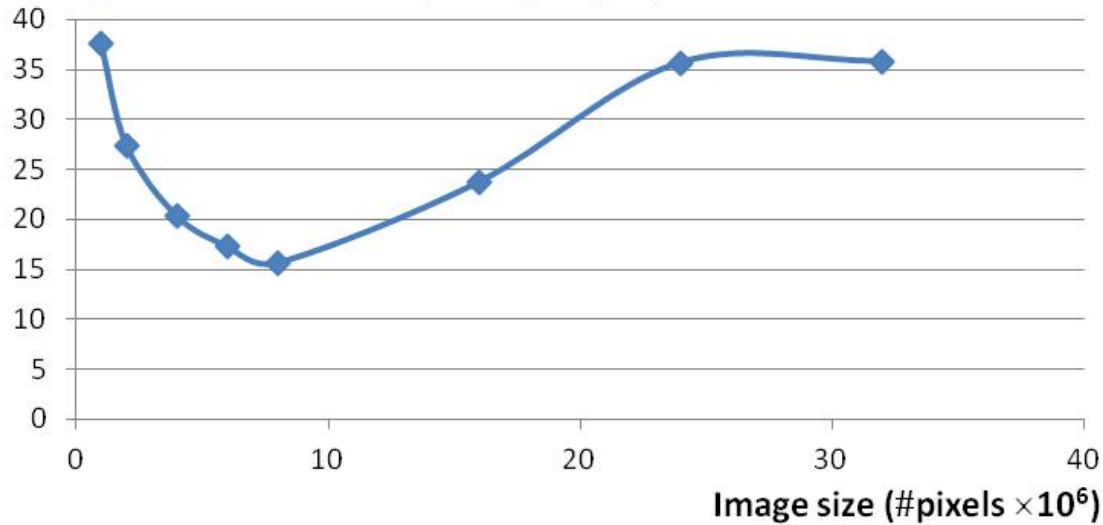
Ellipse



# GPU occupancy



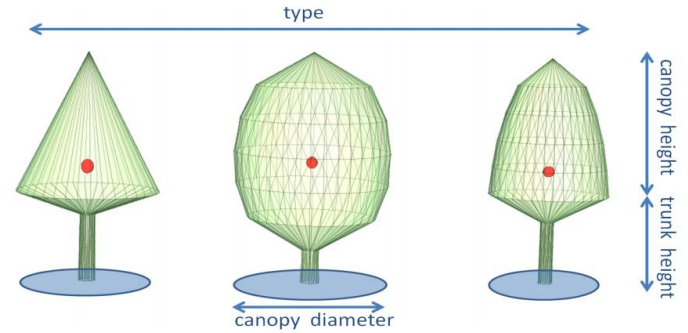
Average time of detection per object (ms)





# 3D Objects

- Three parametric objects
  - 7 parameters



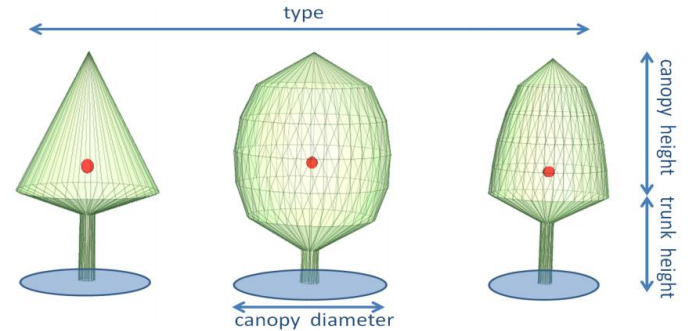


# 3D Objects

- Three parametric objects
- New energy formulation

$$D(x_i) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}x_i|} \prod_{p_c \in \mathcal{C}x_i} \gamma(d(p_c, \partial x_i))$$

$$V(x_i, x_j) = \beta_1 V_{\text{overlap}}(x_i, x_j) + \beta_2 V_{\text{competition}}(x_i, x_j)$$



$d(p_c, \partial x_i)$  is a distance measuring the coherence of the point  $p_c$  with respect to the object surface  $\partial x_i$

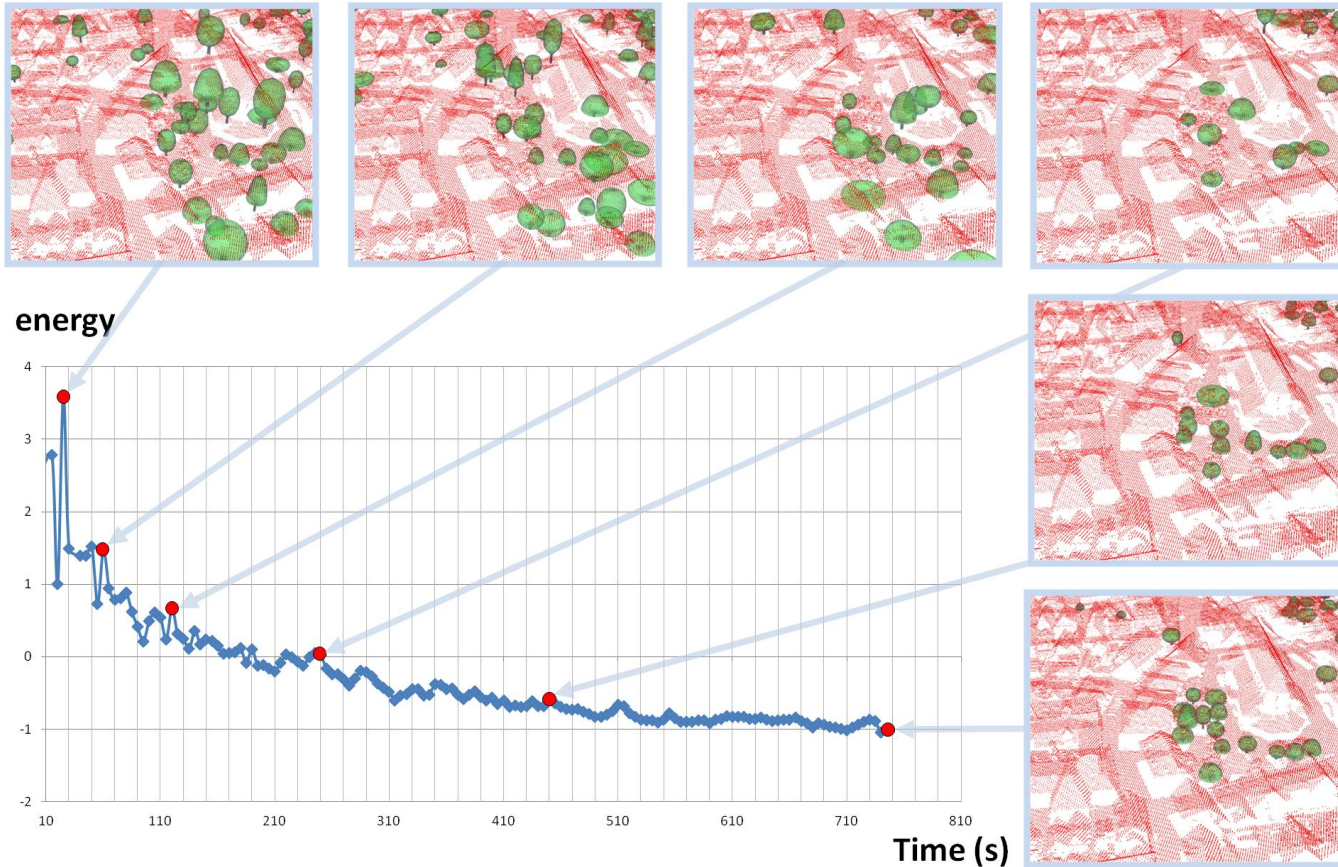
penalizes the overlapping between objects

favors area with similar type of objects



# 3D Objects

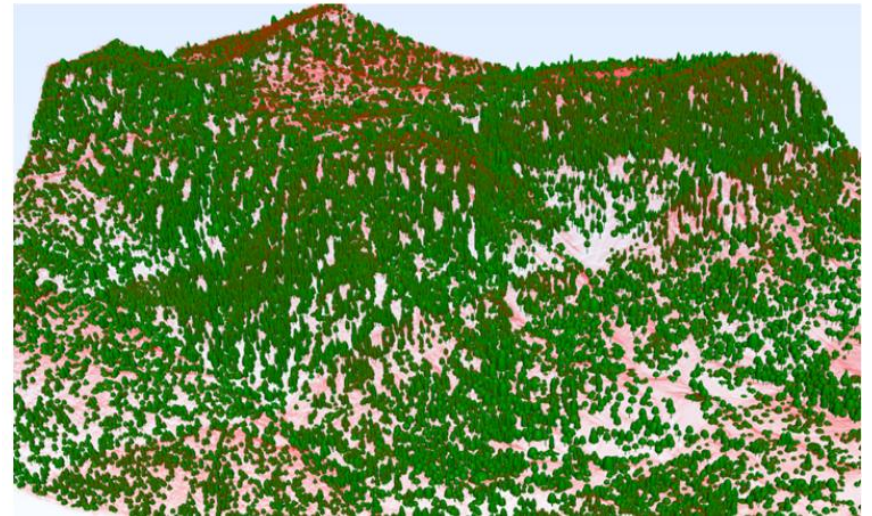
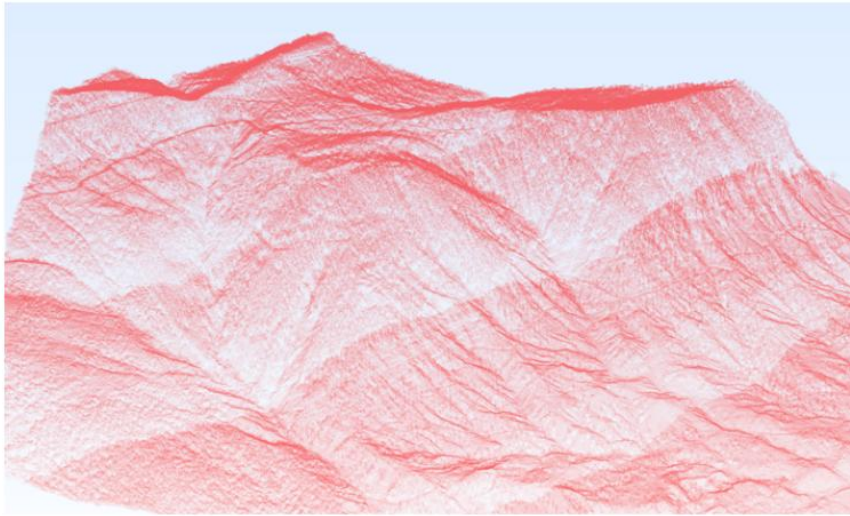
Evolution of the configuration





# 3D Objects

30k trees in 96min (3.7km<sup>2</sup> / 12.8M points)

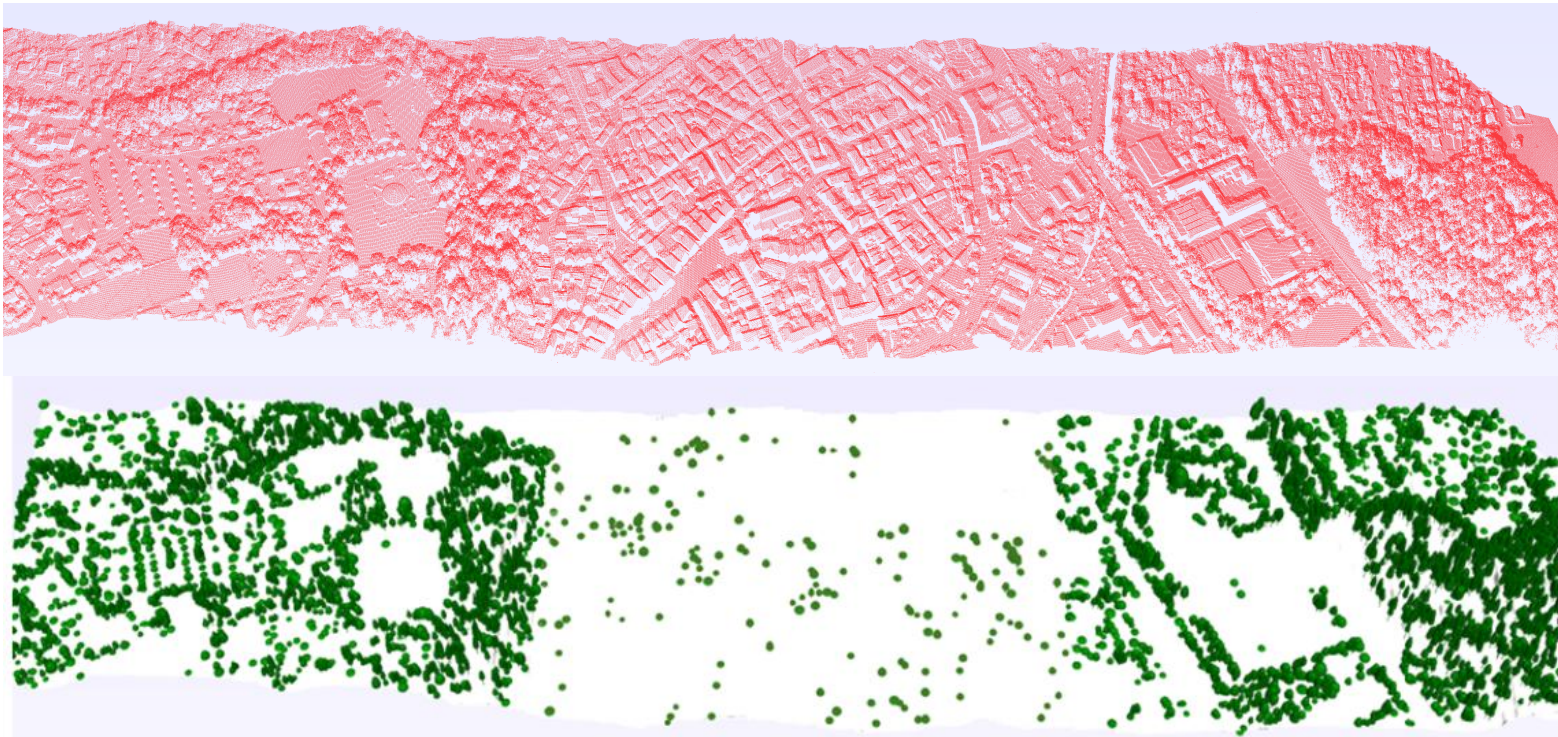






# 3D Objects

5 .4k trees in 53min (1km<sup>2</sup> / 2.3M points)





# 3D Objects

Details on cropped area

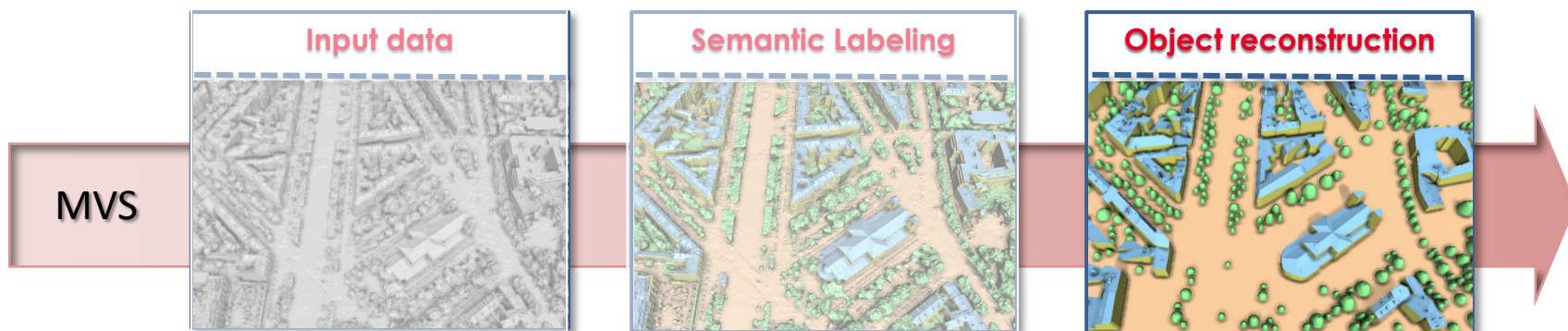


Visual reference from Google map

# Outline

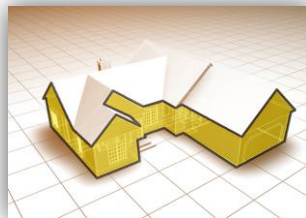
- ① Introduction
- ② Semantic labeling
- ③ Object Reconstruction: parametric-based object detection
- ④ **Object Reconstruction: mesh-based object reconstruction**
- ⑤ Conclusion and future work

# Mesh-based object reconstruction

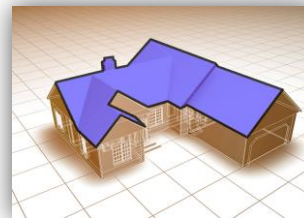


➔ Focus on the building reconstruction from MVS

Facades



Roofs



# Contributions on building reconstruction from MVS

We propose

- **Multiple Level of Details (LOD)**
  - Definition of the City Geography Markup Language

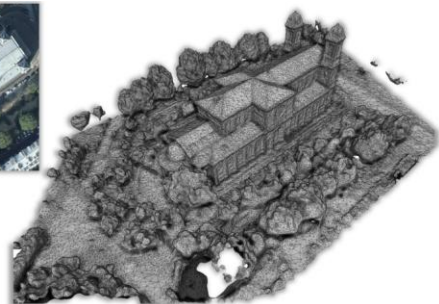
*LOD1 – Building as “blocks model, without any roof structures or textures”*

*LOD2 – Building with “differentiated roof structures”*

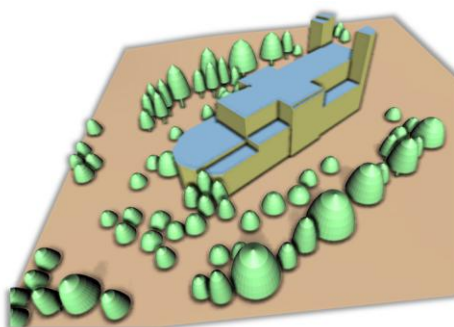
*LOD3 – Building as “architectural model with detailed wall and roof structures”*

[Kolbe et al., 2005]

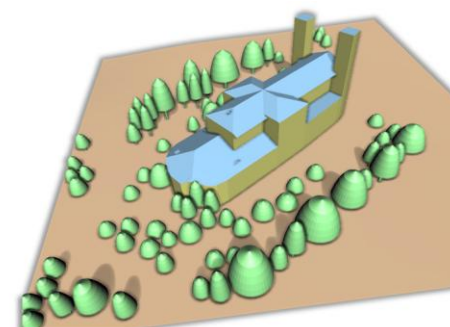
- Visually more appealing
- More adapted to certain urban applications



original



LOD1



LOD3

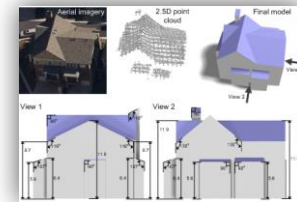
# Contributions on building reconstruction from MVS

We propose

- Multiple Level of Details (LOD)
- **Efficient plane regularization**
  - Predominant in urban environment
  - Support the LOD scheme
  - Efficient on large scale

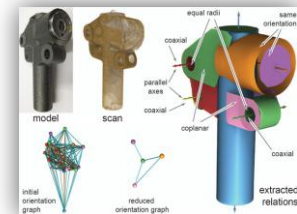
➔ Existing solutions un-adapted:  
accurate but too slow for our application

Global regularities



[Zhou and Neumann, CVPR12]

GLOBFIT

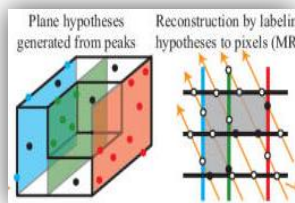


[Li et al., Siggraph11]

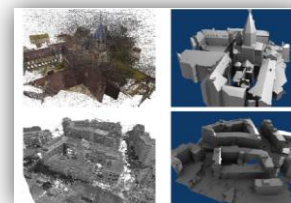
# Contributions on building reconstruction from MVS

We propose

- Multiple Level of Details (LOD)
- Efficient plane regularization
- **Efficient Binary Space Partitioning (BSP)**
  - Exact geometry for BSP is costly (slow)



[Furukawa et al.,  
CVPR 09]



[Chauve et al.,  
CVPR 10]

→ use a new discrete formulation

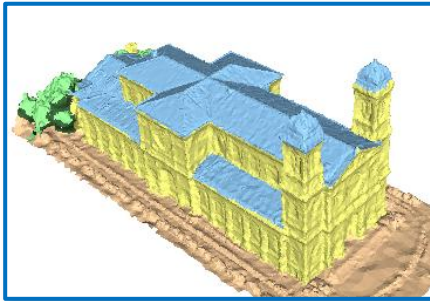
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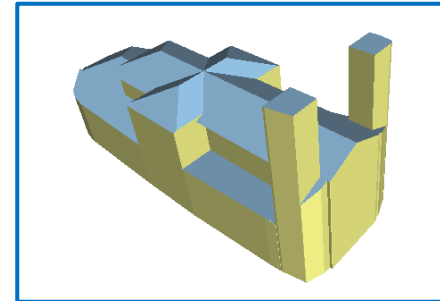
- Multiple Level of Details (LOD)
- Efficient plane regularization
- **Efficient Binary Space Partitioning (BSP)**
  - Advantages:
    - ➔ reconstruct with exact geometry only a subset of cells
    - ➔ the plane regularization limits the number of different planes (lower BSP complexity)



# Building reconstruction from MVS data

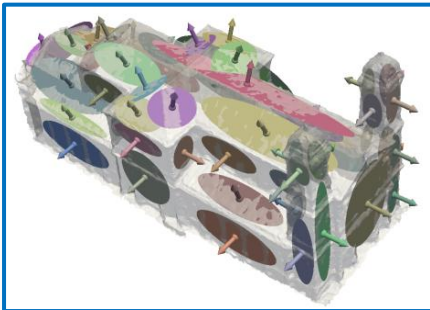


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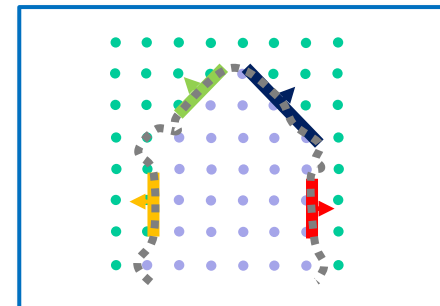


Surface extraction

Plane hypothesis from roof and facade f-clusters



Plane regularization



Discrete space  
partitioning

# Building reconstruction from MVS data

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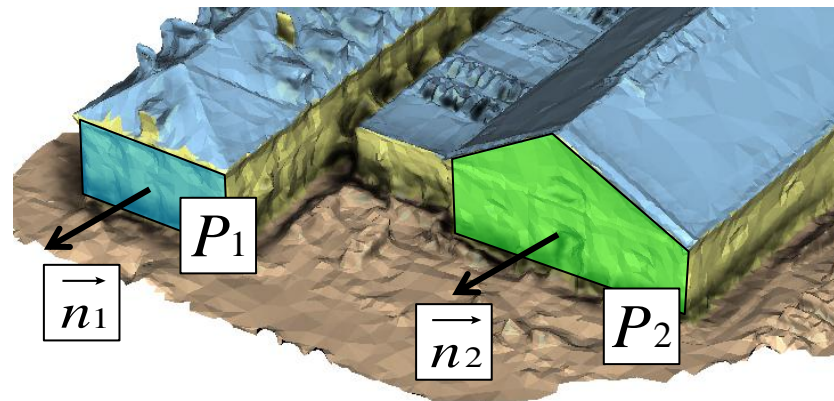
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# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Plane regularization:

- 4 pairwise relationships controlled with two parameters  $\varepsilon$  and  $d$ 
  - **Parallelism**

$P_1$  and  $P_2$  are  $\varepsilon$ -parallel if  $|\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2| \geq 1 - \varepsilon$

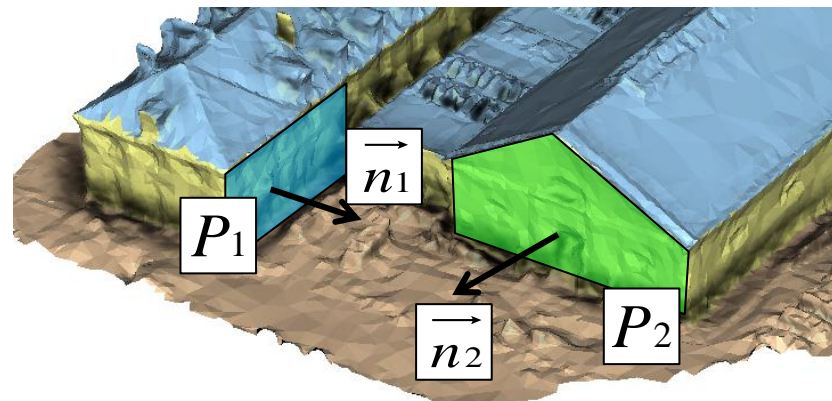


# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Plane regularization:

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  - **Orthogonality**

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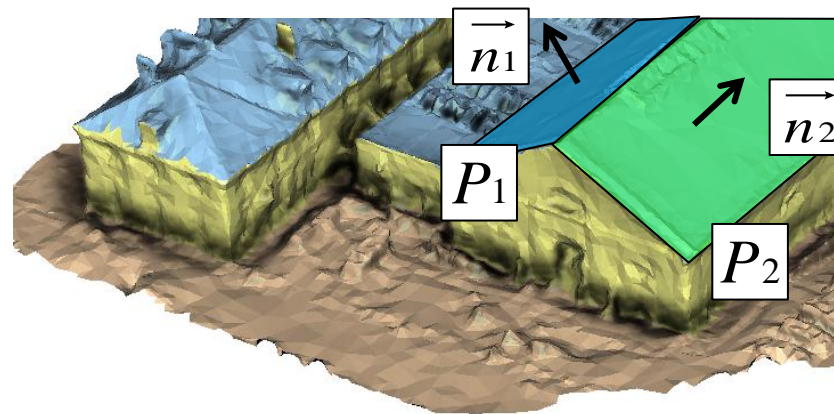


# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Plane regularization:

- 4 pairwise relationships controlled with two parameters  $\varepsilon$  and  $d$ 
  - Parallelism
  - Orthogonality
  - **Z-symmetry**

$P_1$  and  $P_2$  are  $\varepsilon$ -Z-symmetric if  $||\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_z| - |\mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_z|| \leq \varepsilon$ ,

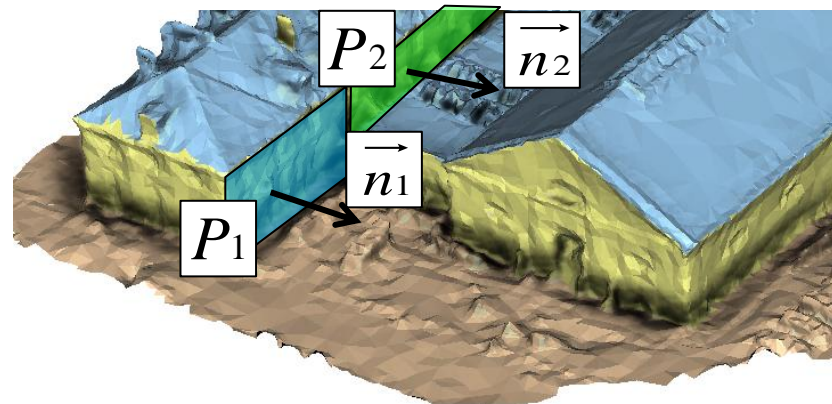


# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Plane regularization:

- 4 pairwise relationships controlled with two parameters  $\varepsilon$  and  $d$ 
  - Parallelism
  - Orthogonality
  - Z-symmetry
  - **Coplanarity**

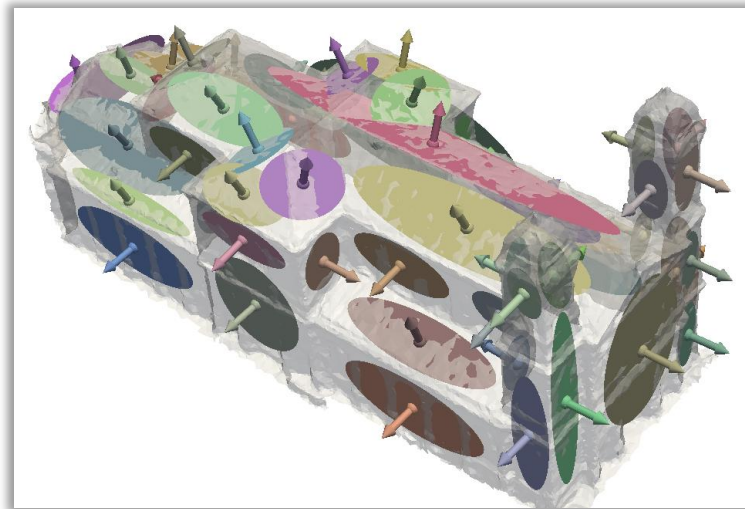
$P_1$  and  $P_2$  are  $d$ - $\varepsilon$ -coplanar if they are  $\varepsilon$ -parallel and  
 $|d_{\perp}(c_1, P_2) + d_{\perp}(c_2, P_1)| < 2d$ ,



# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Plane regularization:

- 4 pairwise relationships
- **Groups of *parallel* planes**

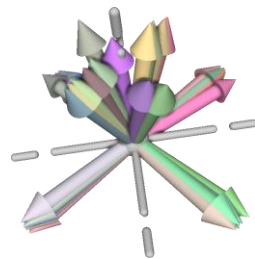


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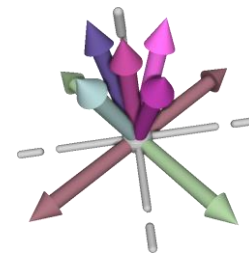
Plane regularization:

- 4 pairwise relationships
- Groups of *parallel* planes
- 2-step strategy:
  - 1) **Orientation correction:** propagate *orthogonality* and *z-symmetry* relationships from large groups to smaller

→ the barycenter of each group is fixed



Before orientation correction



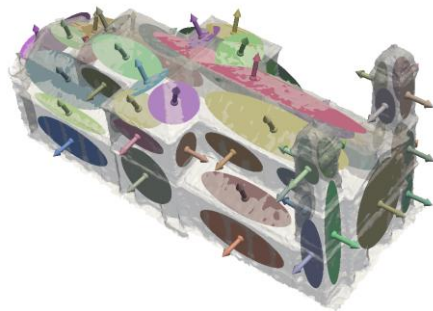
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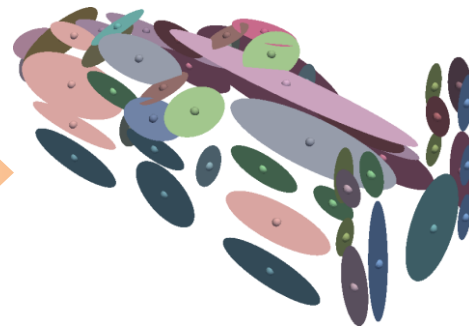
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- 2-step strategy:
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  - 2) **Position correction:** merge *co-planar* groups



Before position correction



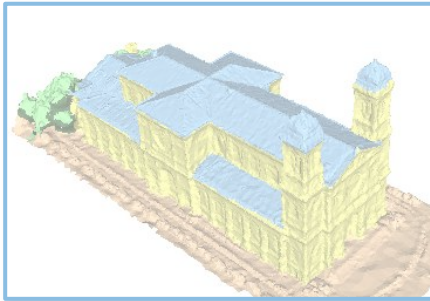
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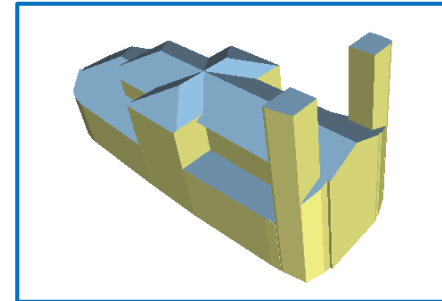
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  - 2-step strategy:
    - 1) Orientation correction: propagate *orthogonality* and *z-symmetry* relationships from large groups to smaller
    - 2) Position correction: merge *co-planar* groups
- Converge very fast (no data refitting)  
Thousand of planes in few seconds

# Building reconstruction from MVS data

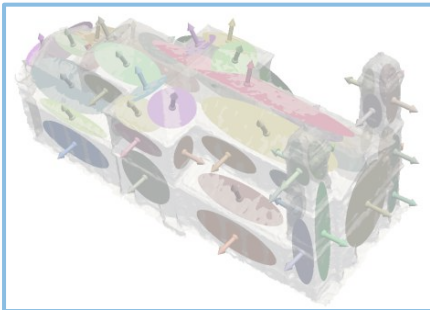


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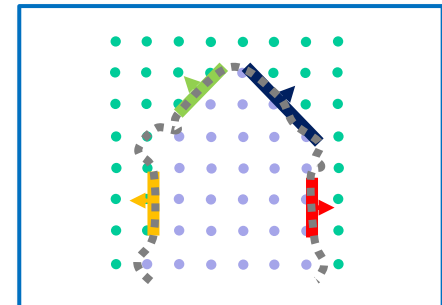


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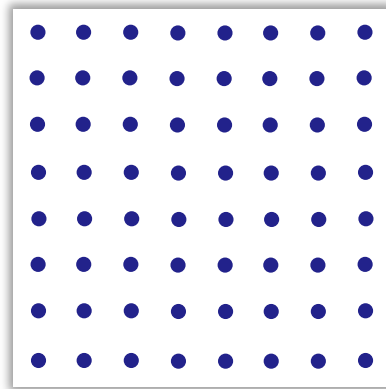


Discrete space  
partitioning

# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Discrete space partitioning:

- Volumetric occupancy grid

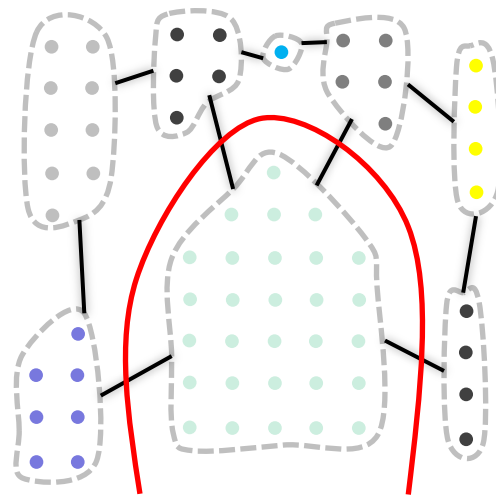




# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Surface extraction:

- The targeted surface is at the **boundary** between **inside and outside volumes**



$$\text{Surface} = \{ \text{---} + \text{ \ } + \text{ / } + \text{ \ } \}$$

- ➔ A min-cut formulation is used to label the volumes.  
Optimized with min-max flow [Boykov and Kolmogorov, PAMI04]

# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Surface extraction:

- The targeted surface is at the **boundary** between **inside and outside volumes**
- **Min-cut formulation:**

$$C(\mathcal{S}) = \sum_{c_k \in \mathcal{C}_{out}} V_{c_k} g(c_k) + \sum_{c_k \in \mathcal{C}_{in}} V_{c_k} (1 - g(c_k)) + \beta \sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{S}} A_{e_i}$$

$V_{c_k}$  is the discrete volume of cell  $c_k$

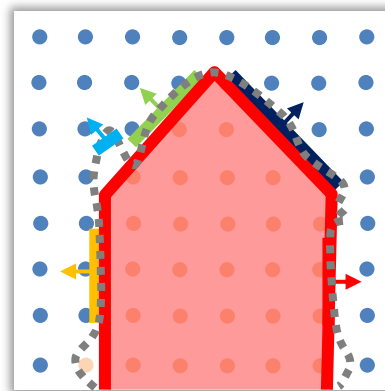
$g(c_k)$  is function of the ratio of inside anchors of cell  $c_k$

$\sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{S}} A_{e_i}$  is the discrete area of the resulting surface

# Building reconstruction from MVS data

Surface extraction:

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- **Min-cut formulation:**



- .... input surface
- ↑ detected plane
- interior anchor
- exterior anchor

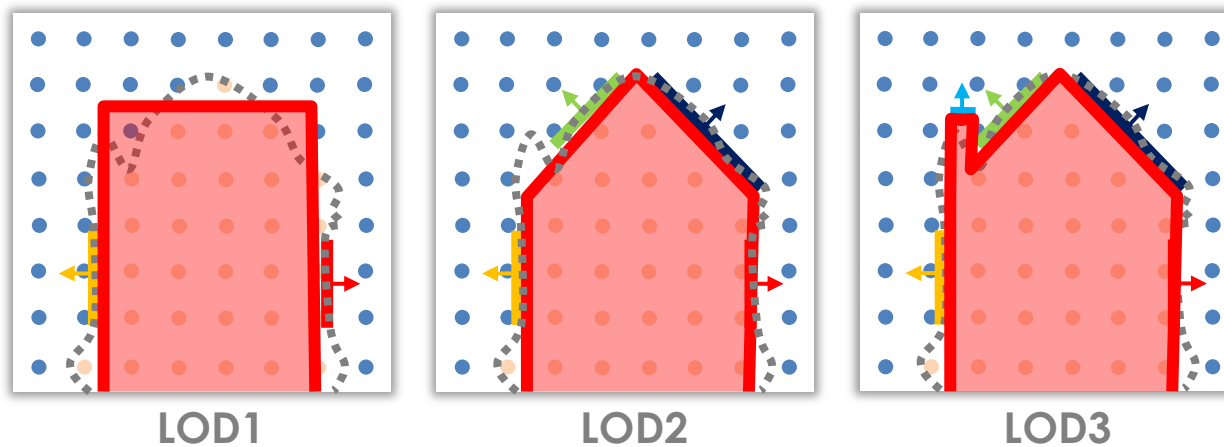
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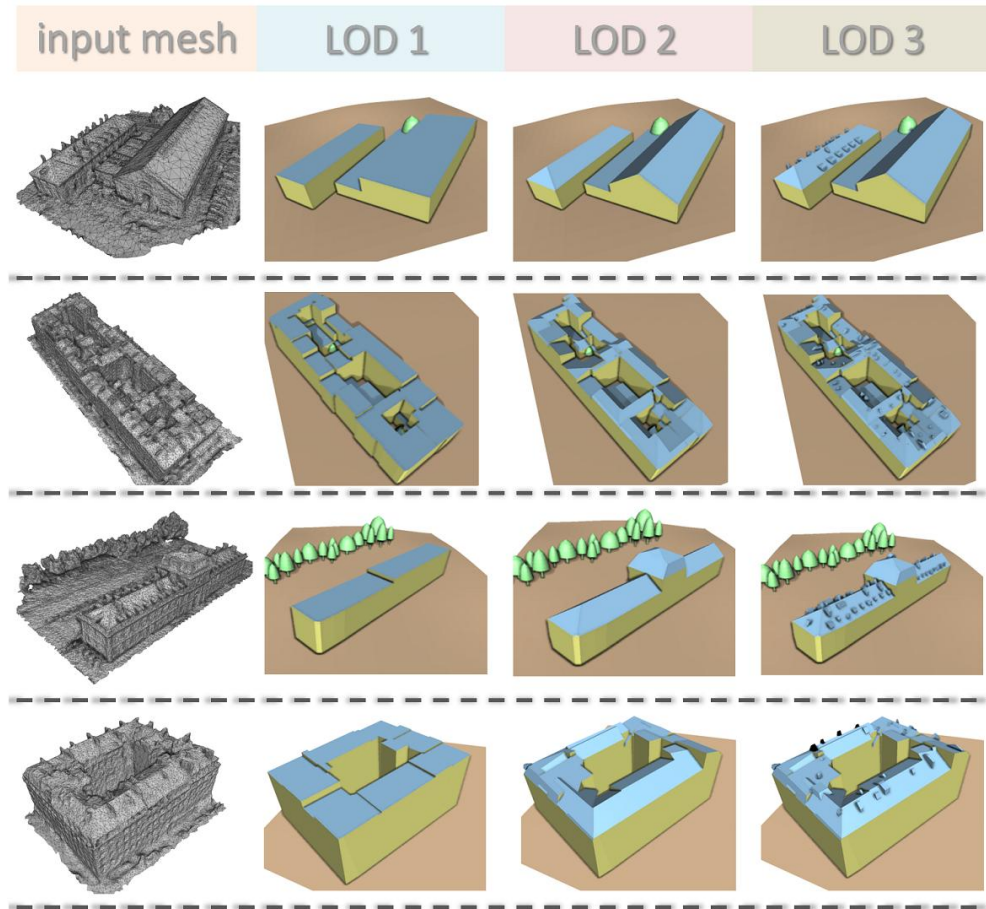


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A control on the sets of planes composing the BSP gives different LODs

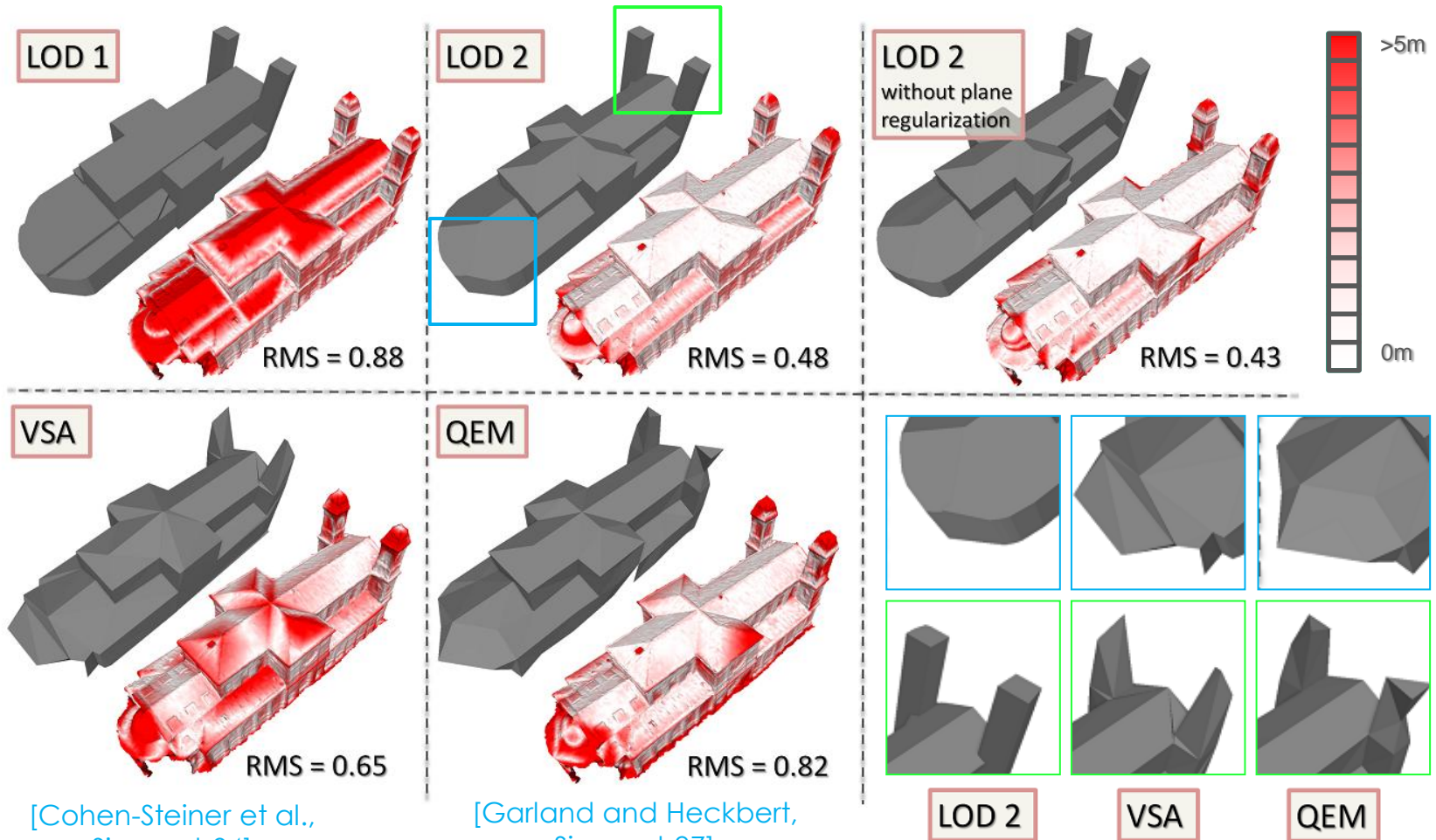
# Various buildings: (LOD)



Various buildings: 170k facets, ~3min

# Experiments

Geometric accuracy (Hausdorff distance) and structure awareness

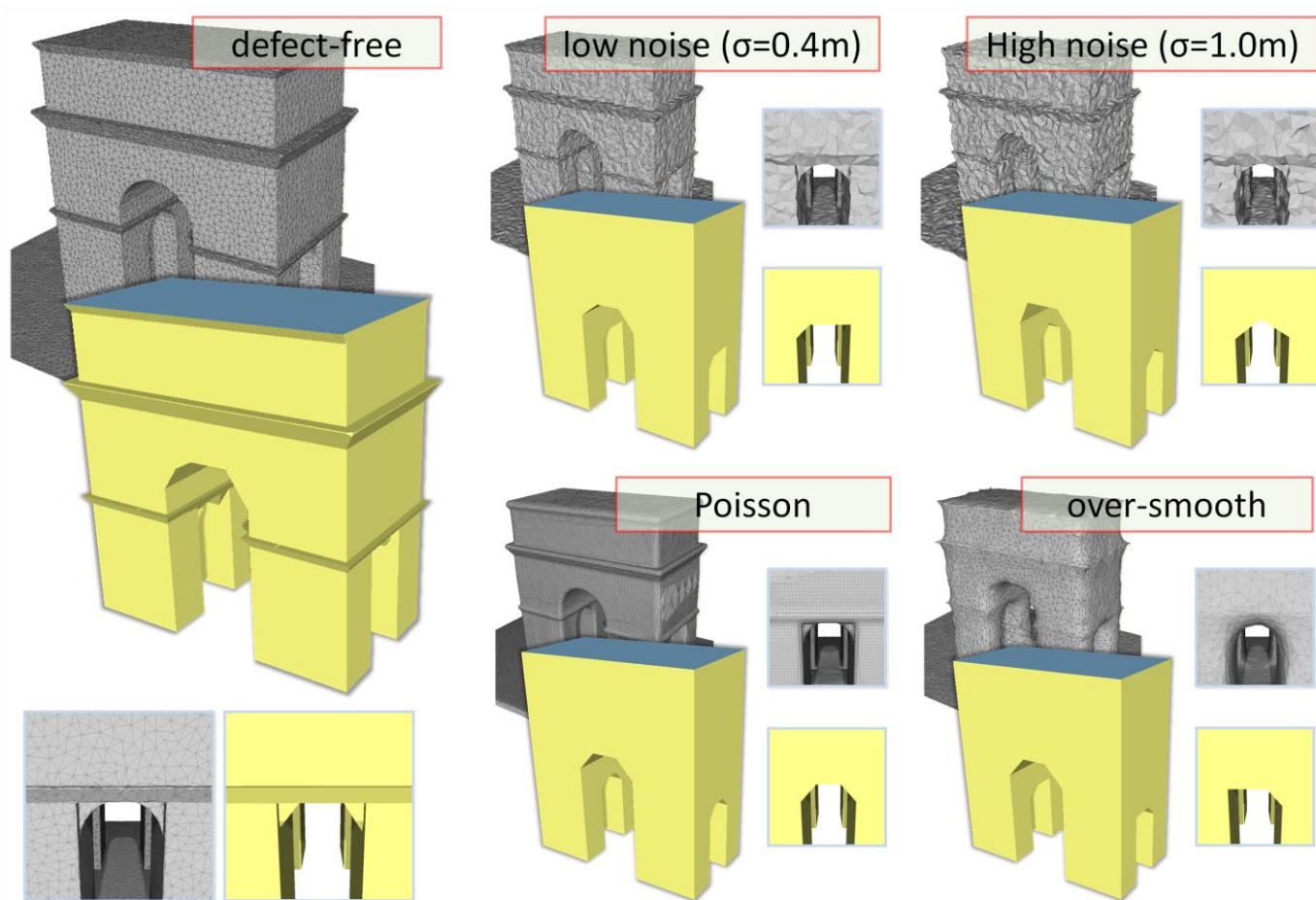


[Cohen-Steiner et al.,  
Siggraph04]

[Garland and Heckbert,  
Siggraph97]

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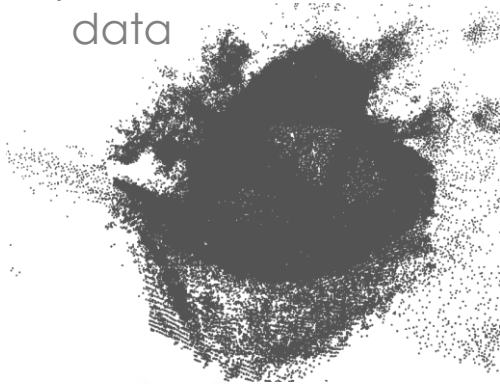
Robustness assessment



# Experiments

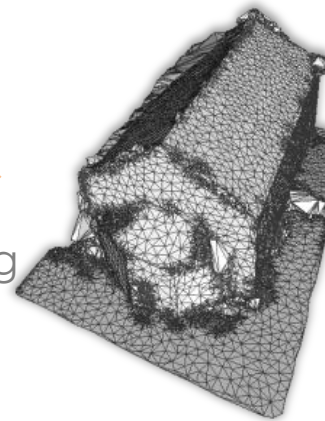
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MVS point cloud data

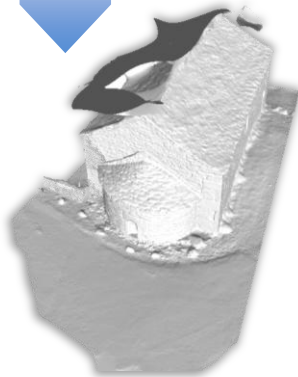


Point set structuring

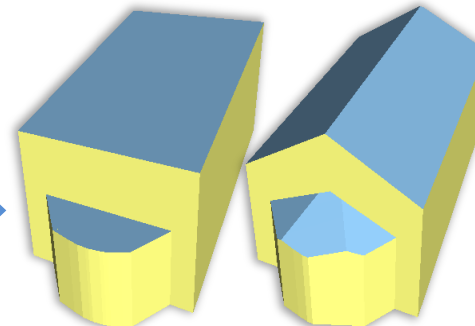
[Lafarge and Alliez, Eurographics13]



MVS-based mesh generation



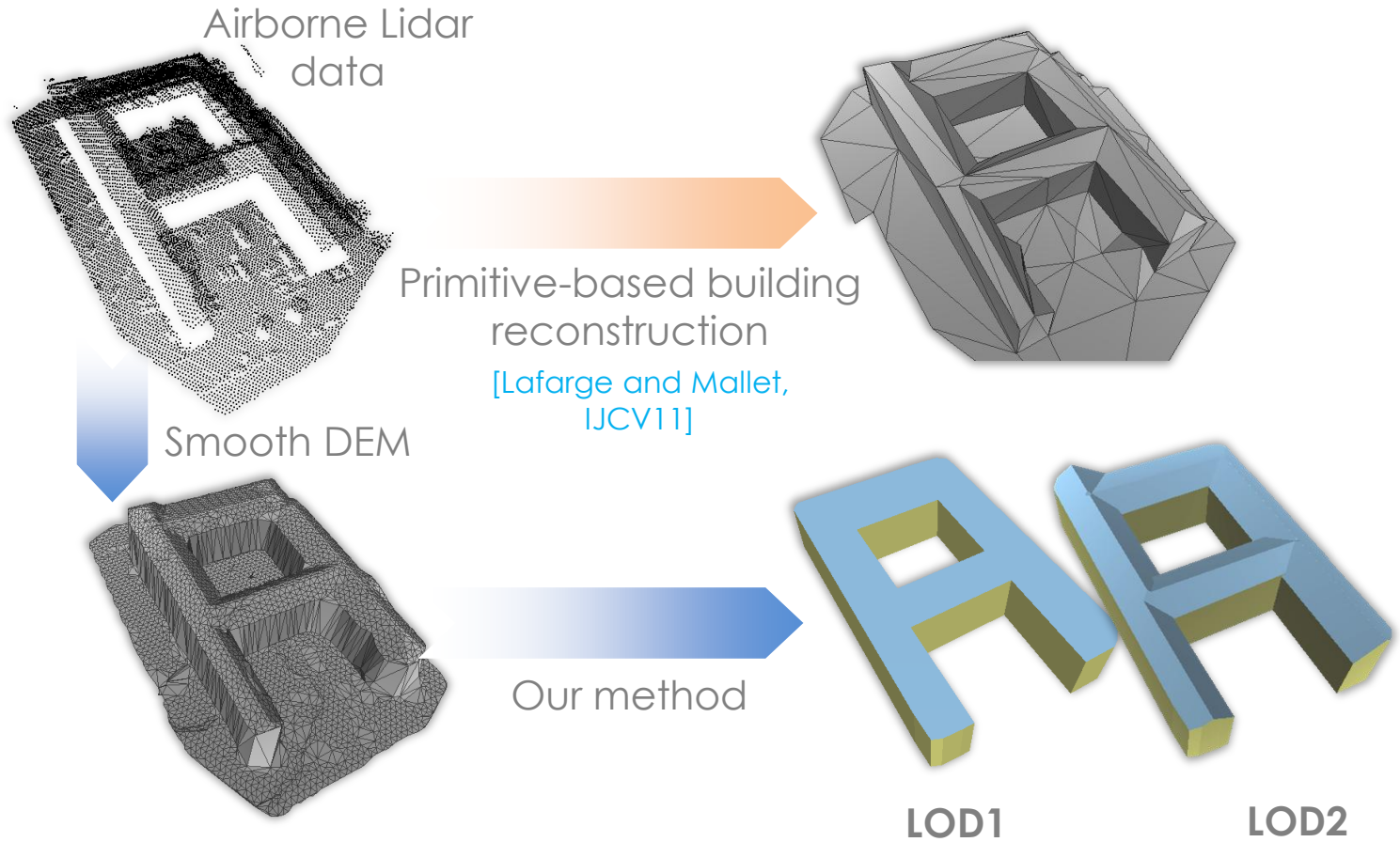
Our method



LOD1

LOD2

# Choice of the input: mesh or point cloud

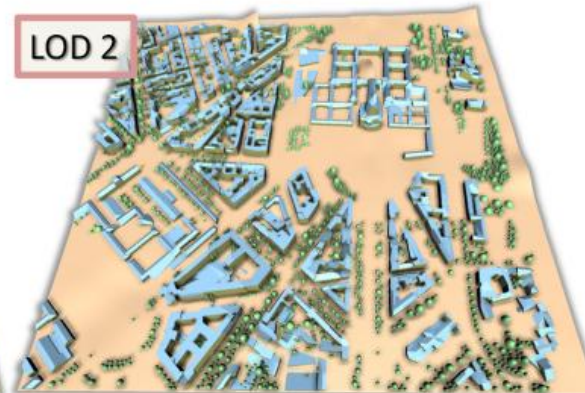
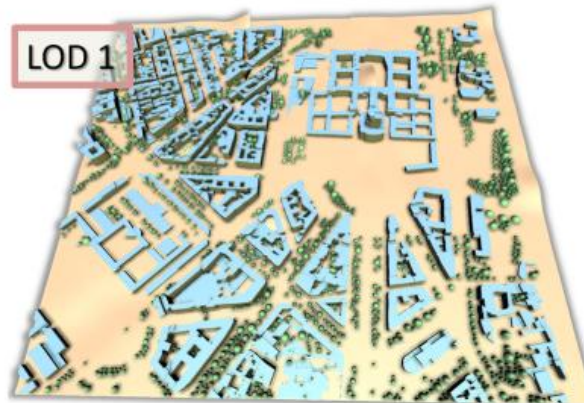
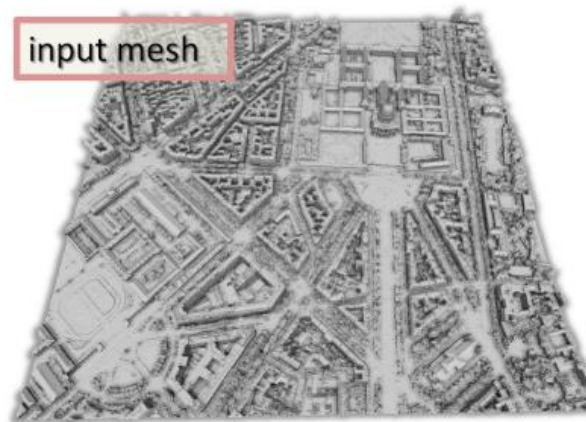


# Experiments

Large scale experiments (scalability)



from Google map



Paris, 7th district: 11M facets, ~2hours

# Outline

- ① Introduction
- ② Semantic labeling
- ③ Object Reconstruction: parametric-based object detection
- ④ Object Reconstruction: mesh-based object reconstruction
- ⑤ **Conclusion and future work**



# Contribution summary

## Applicative contributions

- Two pipelines for Lidar and MVS data
  - Semantical and structural enhancement of purely-geometric meshes
  - Geometrically accurate reconstruction and visually convincing
  - Scalable and adapted to wide range of applications

# Contribution summary

## Methodological contributions

- Sampler for Marked Point Processes (MPP) using a parallel scheme
  - Exploit GPU architecture
  - Outperforms current samplers for MPP
- Efficient Binary Space Partitioning (BSP)
  - Rely on a discrete energy formulation for fast approximation

# Limitations

## Urban labeling

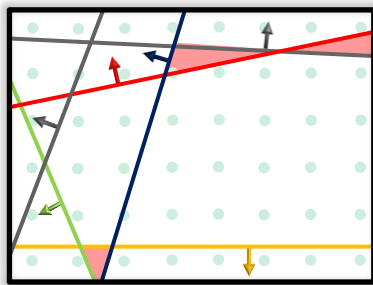
- Classes of objects limited

## Sampler for Marked Point Processes

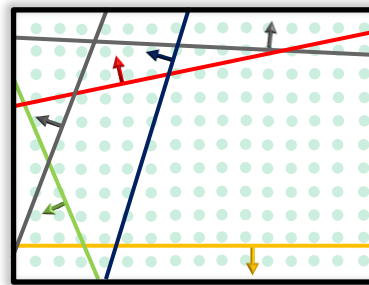
- Efficient only when performed on large scenes for small objects

## Building reconstruction

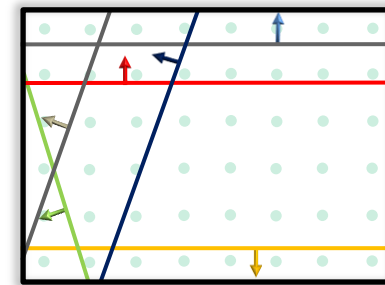
- Piecewise-planar buildings
- Primitive dependant
- Discrete formulation misses details (empty cells)



large grid width  
no plane regularization



short grid width  
no plane regularization



large grid width  
with plane regularization

# Future Work

Extensions:

Urban labeling

- Add more classes of interest for a better labeling (bridge, water,...)

Building reconstruction

- Generalize the BSP for other primitives (spheres, cylinder,...)
- Complete LOD3 representation with facade modeling
  - Use data regularization
  - Grammar rules for façade

# Future Work

Future directions:

Multiple source of data

- Use multiple source of data together (terrestrial and aerial Lidar, MVS, images,...)

Functional analysis

- Combine structure-aware techniques with semantic understanding of urban scenes

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