Multi-view Stereo

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What is stereo vision?

Generic problem formulation: given several images of the same object or scene, compute a representation of its 3D shape







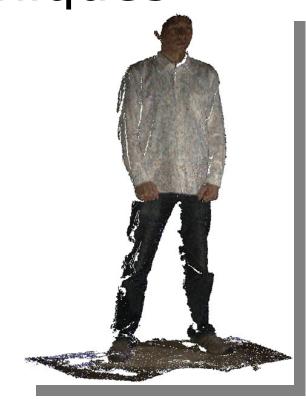
General MVS Techniques

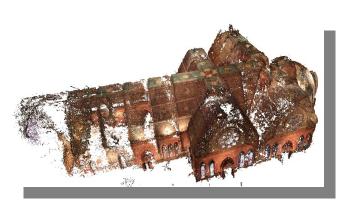
Multibaseline Stereo

Space carving



Patched-based MVS





Specific MVS Techniques

Manhattan world stereo

Piecewise-planar stereo

Of particular interest for architectural scenes and man-made objects.



Challenges for architectural scenes

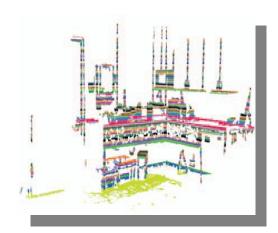
- Texture-poor surfaces
- Non-Lambertian surfaces
- Complicated visibility (occlusions)

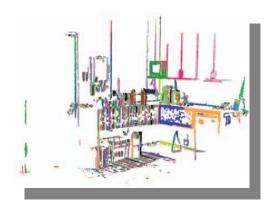
- Point cloud complexity
 - We might want simple model representation for real time interactive visualization of a large scene (e.g. a house)

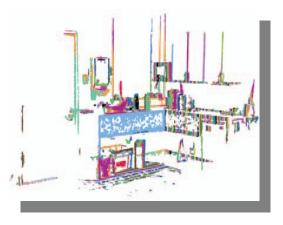
Manhattan-world Stereo

by Yasutka Furukawa [CVPR 2009]



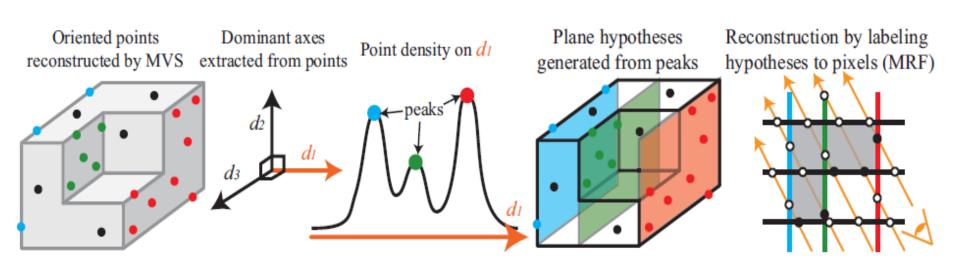






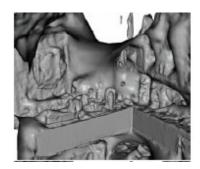
MWS Algorithm

Assume that all surfaces in the world are aligned with three dominant directions.

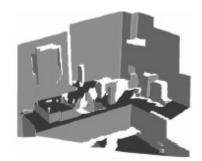


Construction of depth maps

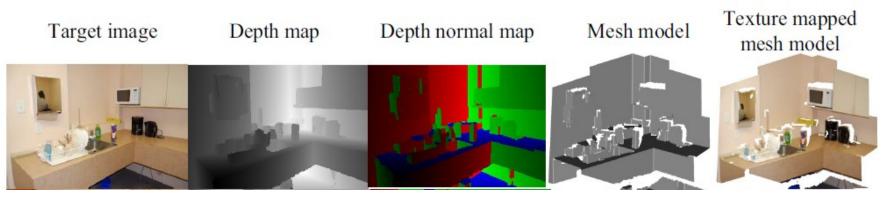
MWS Results



PMVS + Poisson surface reconstruction model



Manhattan-world Stereo model (single view)



[slide credit: Y. Furukawa]

Reconstructing Building Interiors from Images

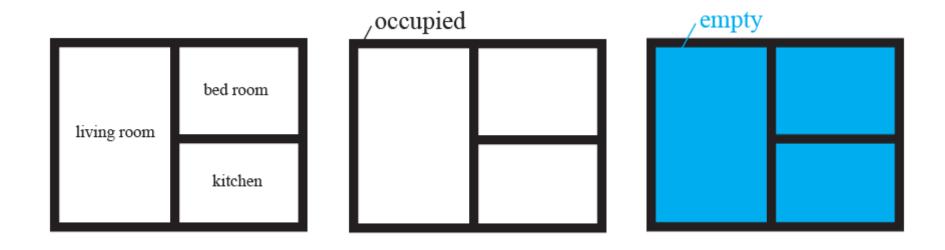
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Axis-aligned depth map merging

- Basic idea is similar to volumetric
 MRF [Vogiatzis 2005, Hernández 2007]
- Assign label *l(v)* (empty or occupied) to each voxel v



Axis-aligned depth map merging as an optimization problem

 Assign label *l(v)* (empty or occupied) to each voxel v, in order to minimize:

min.
$$\sum F_1(l(\mathbf{v})) + \sum \sum F_2(l(\mathbf{u}), l(\mathbf{v}))$$

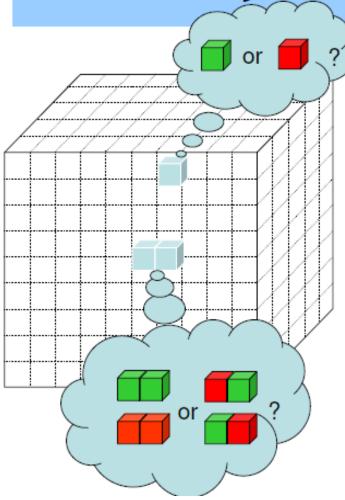
 F_1 : unary penalty

 F_2 : binary penalty for neighboring voxels

 Use graph cut to find the optimal label assignment [Boykov & Zabith 2001]

Typical volumetric MRF

3D binary labelling problem



Labelling cost:

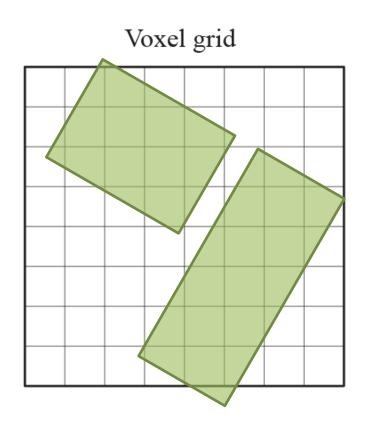
 Every voxel has a certain preference for being foreground or background

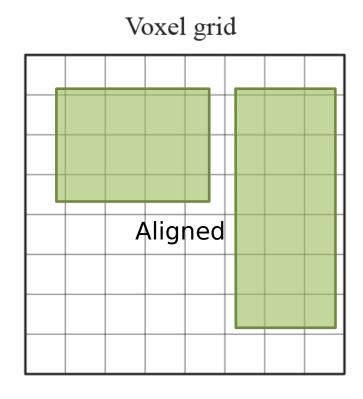
Compatibility cost:

- Every pair of neighbour voxels has a certain preference for being given the same or oposite labels
- Cost for opposite labels is greater than for same label (sub-modular)



Align the voxel grid with the dominant axes





Construction of the Unary terms

For each camera, and every pixel in the corresponding depth map, traverse a ray into the discretized scene

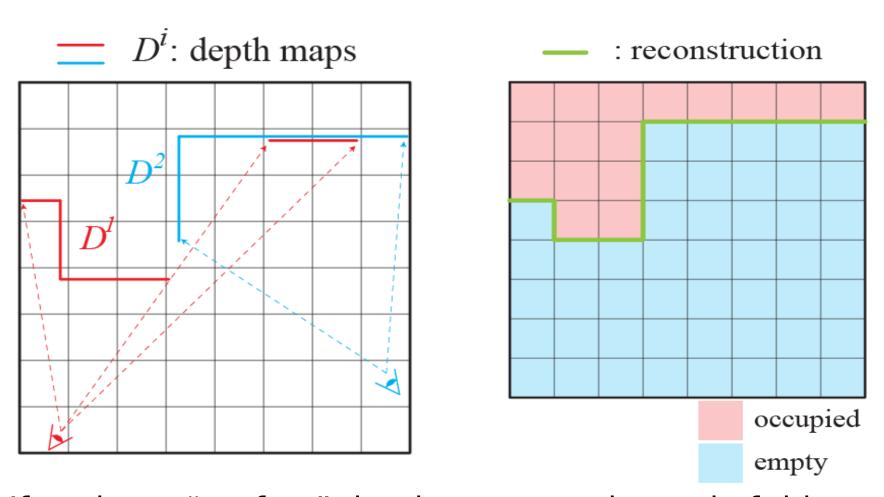
For each *occupied* (red) voxel v// Decrease penalty for *occupied* $F_1(l(v) = occupied) = 1;$ For each *empty* (blue) voxel v// Decrease penalty for *empty* $F_1(l(v) = empty) = 1;$

 D^{I} : depth map

Unary encodes data

occupied empty

Are Unary terms just enough?



If we have "perfect" depth maps, at the end of this stage the unary terms would encode a correct voxelized representation of the planar AA scene.

[Y. Furukawa ICCV 09]

Are Unary terms just enough?

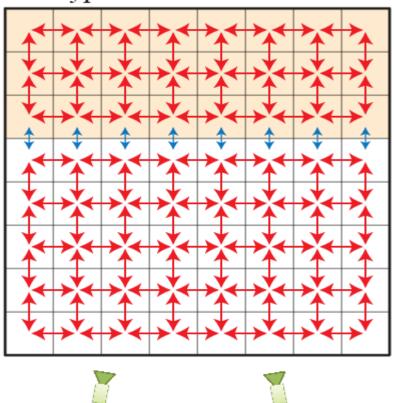
Due to problems, such as:

- Incomplete data
- Sensor errors
- Camera calibration errors
- Manhattan-world stereo errors

We need to define a binary term, that will smooth out the effect of those errors and will help us resolve ambiguities

Construction of the Binary terms

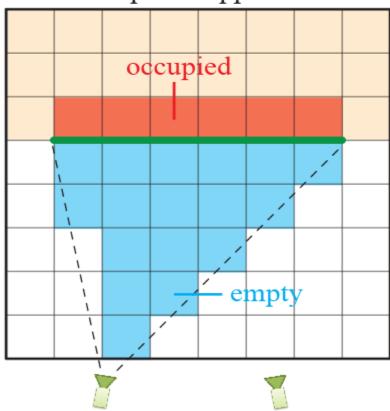
Typical volumetric MRF



Binary encodes smoothness & **data**

Unary is often **constant**

Proposed approach



Binary is **smoothness** (the simple Potts model)

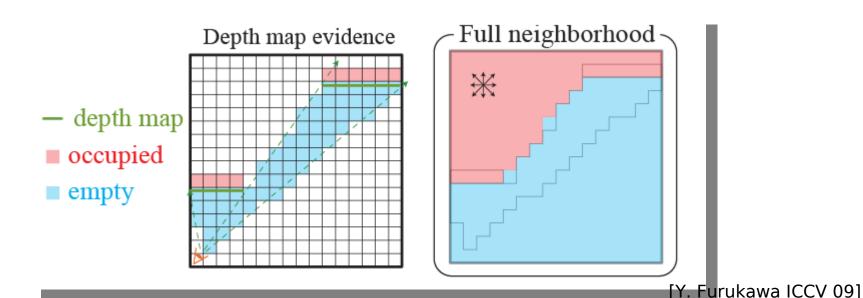
Unary encodes data

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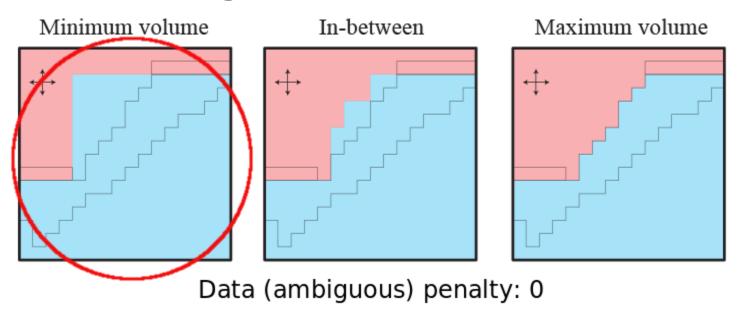
Regularization (1)

Typical volumetric MRFs bias to general minimal surface [Boykov & Kolmogorov, 2003]

In MWS, they want to bias to piece-wise planar axis-aligned models (for architectural scenes)



Regularization (2)



Axis-aligned neighborhood + Potts model is Ambiguous



Break ties with the minimum-volume solution

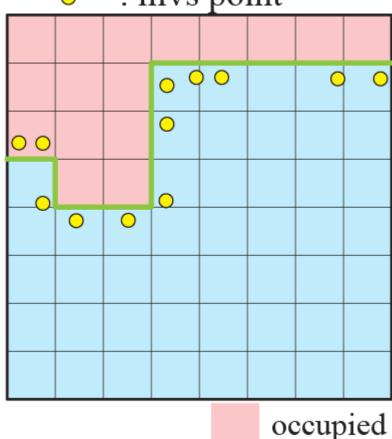


Piece-wise planar axis-aligned model!

Mesh Extraction (1)

: reconstruction

• : mvs point



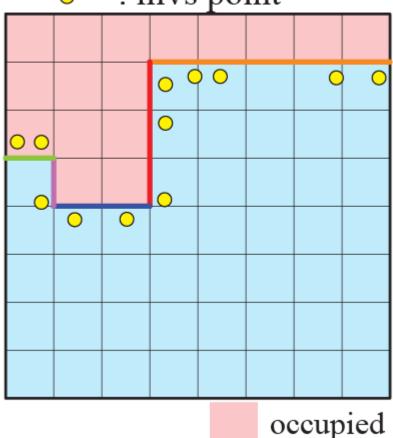
empty

Triangulate the boundary between interior and exterior voxels

Mesh Extraction (2)

: reconstruction

• : mvs point



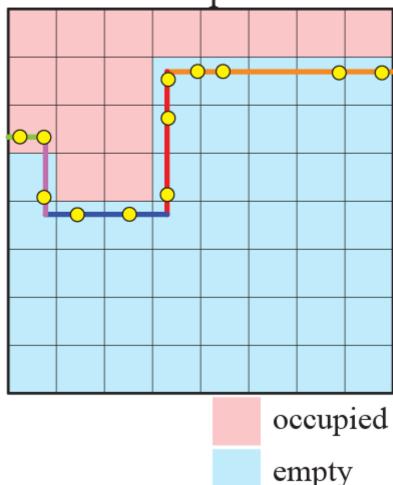
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Boundary is defined as a set of voxel faces whose incident voxels have different labels

Mesh Extraction (3)

: reconstruction

• : mvs point

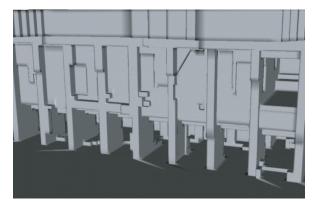


Compute a subvoxel offset along the normal direction to each component C, based on the PMVS points

Results

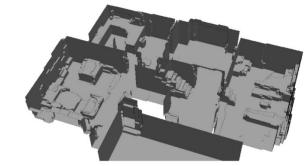
Hall - 97 images





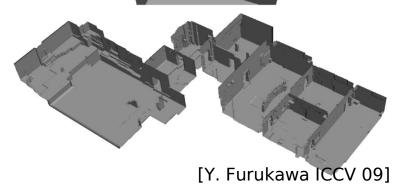
House - 148 images





Gallery - 492 images





Pros and Cons of the Strong Planarity Assumption

Pros

- Deals with poorly textured surfaces
- Deals with non-Lambertian surfaces

 Produces low complexity 3D models for rendering, storage and transmission

Pros and Cons of the Strong Planarity Assumption

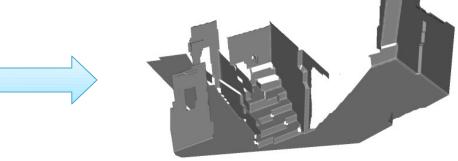
Cons

- Performs poorly in the presence of nonplanar objects:
 - Produces staircase appearance
- Whole objects can be flattened to nearby planes

MWS Reconstruction Error



Image from the data set



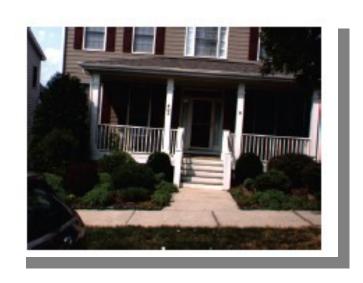
The table is flattened



Textured model

Piecewise Planar and Non-Planar Stereo for Urban Scene Reconstruction

by David Gallup [CVPR 2010]





Piecewise Planar Stereo





- Sources of Error
- specular surfaces
- depth uncertainty

- **Priors**
- planarity
- appearance

3D Reconstruction





Sources of Error

- specular surfaces
- depth uncertainty

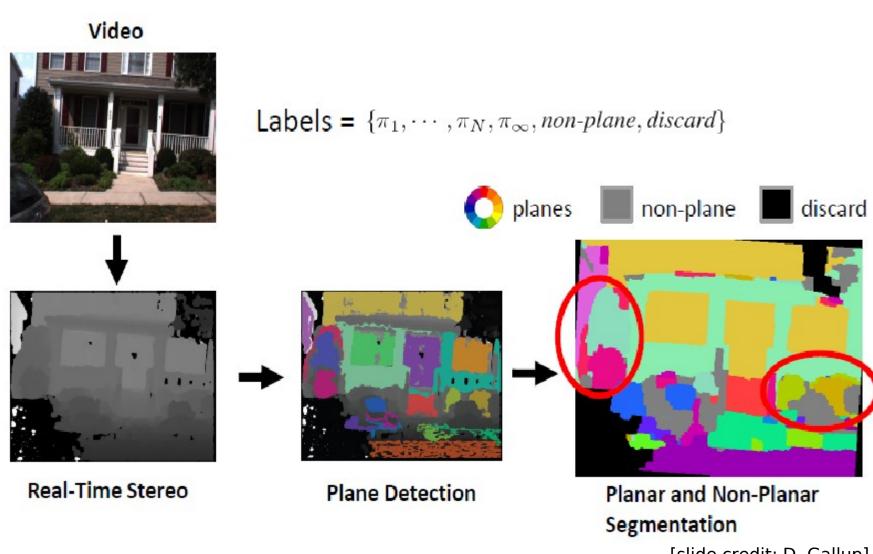
Priors

- planarity
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Plane Hypothesis Generation (1)

- Use RANSAC to obtain plane hypotheses for every image
- Link planes, that are seen in nearby views
- Formulate pixel to plane assignment as MRF energy minimization
 - Use photo-consistency measure for the unary term
 - Use image gradient and 3D points distance for the smoothness term

Plane Hypothesis Generation (2)



[slide credit: D. Gallup]

Appearance Prior



Based on color and texture appearance, distinguish between planar and non-planar surface.

Classification (1)

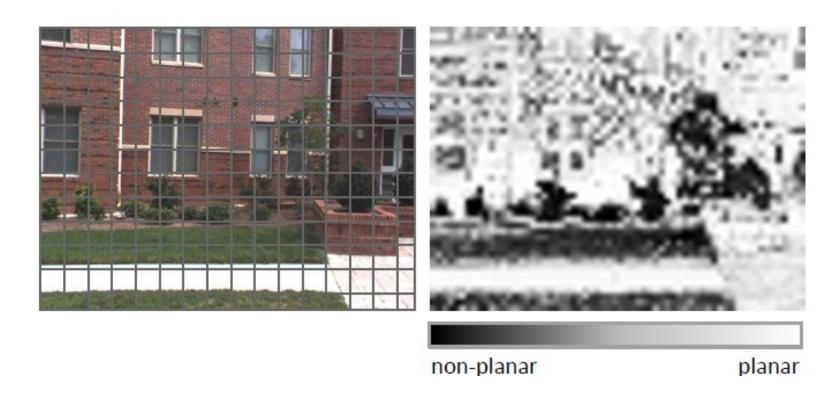
Divide image into regular grid

 Compute RGB, HSV, edge orientation histogram for each patch

5000 human-labeled examples (5 images)

Use k-nearest-neighbor classifier

Classification (2)

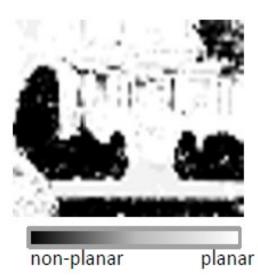


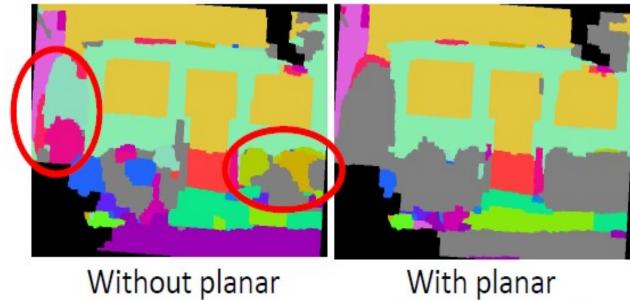
Assign probability to every new patch of being planar vs non-planar.

Effect of Classifier

class likelihood



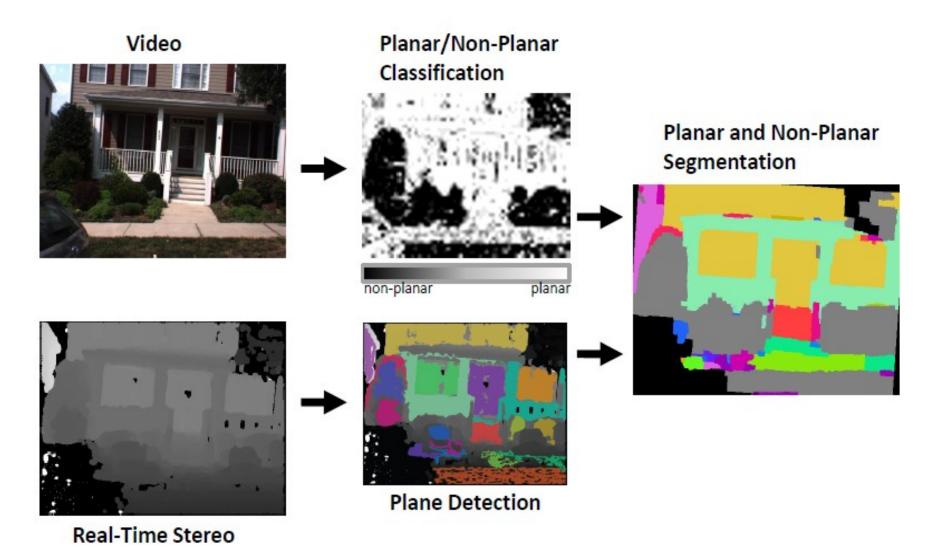




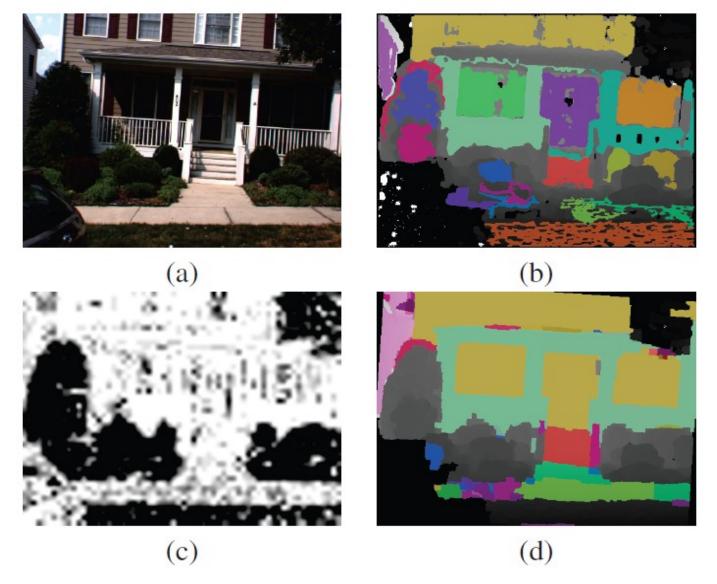
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class likelihood

Full Algorithm



Results - Intermediate Stages



Results - 3D Reconstruction



Conclusions and open issues (1)

- Can we apply the planar, non-planar mixture paper for interiors?
 - Much more occlusions, light variation and variety of non-planar surfaces
 - Harder to learn a planar model there
- Apparently, piece-wise planar assumptions work well for big parts of architectural scenes, can we think of a more general approach to detect boundaries between planar and non-planar surfaces?

Conclusions and open issues (2)

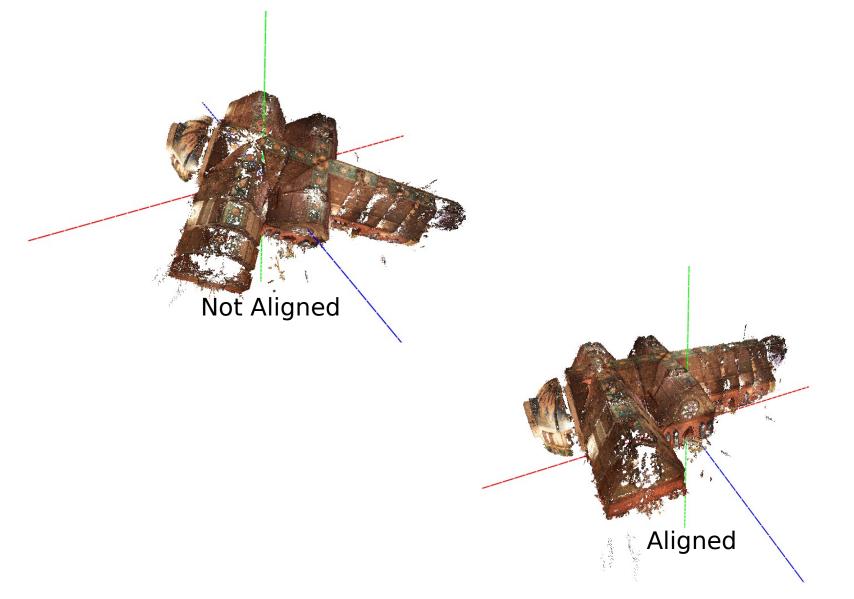
- Apply more priors for architectural scenes
 - Where do we expect furniture, windows, walls, etc.
- Detect common interior objects, using database of models (Google Sketchup)
- Put, intelligently, a person into the loop

My Experiments

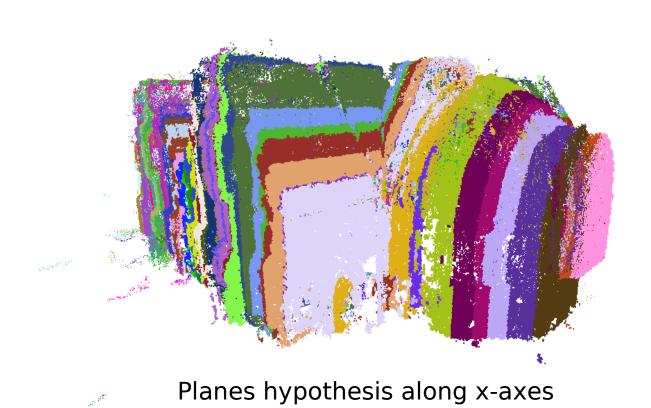
- PMVS reconstruction of Sage Chapel
 - ~450 fish-eye images
 - ~1,500,000 reconstructed points



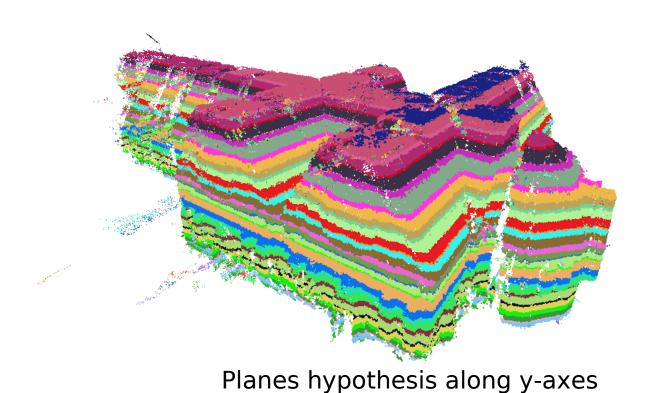
Dominant axes detection



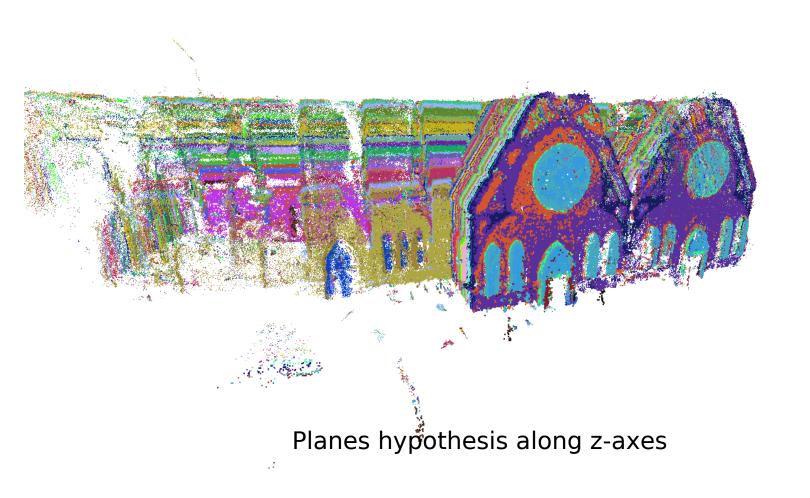
Manhattan planes detection



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Manhattan planes detection



Thank You!

