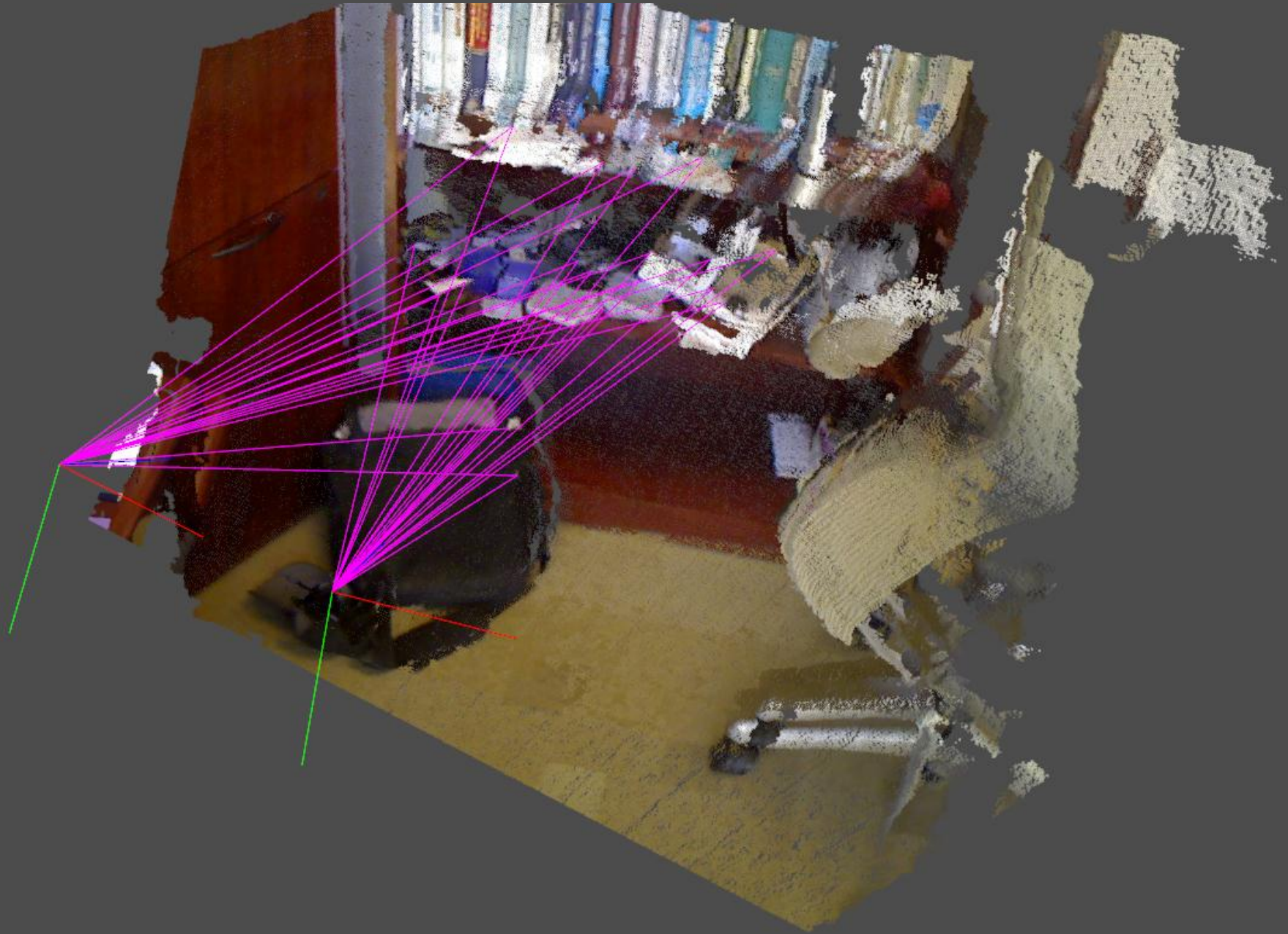


Sparse Bundle Adjustment for Dense Data

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759.4 FPS

Bundle Adjustment

$$e_k = \text{prj}_k(p_i, q_j) - \hat{z}_k$$

Minimize sum of squared error

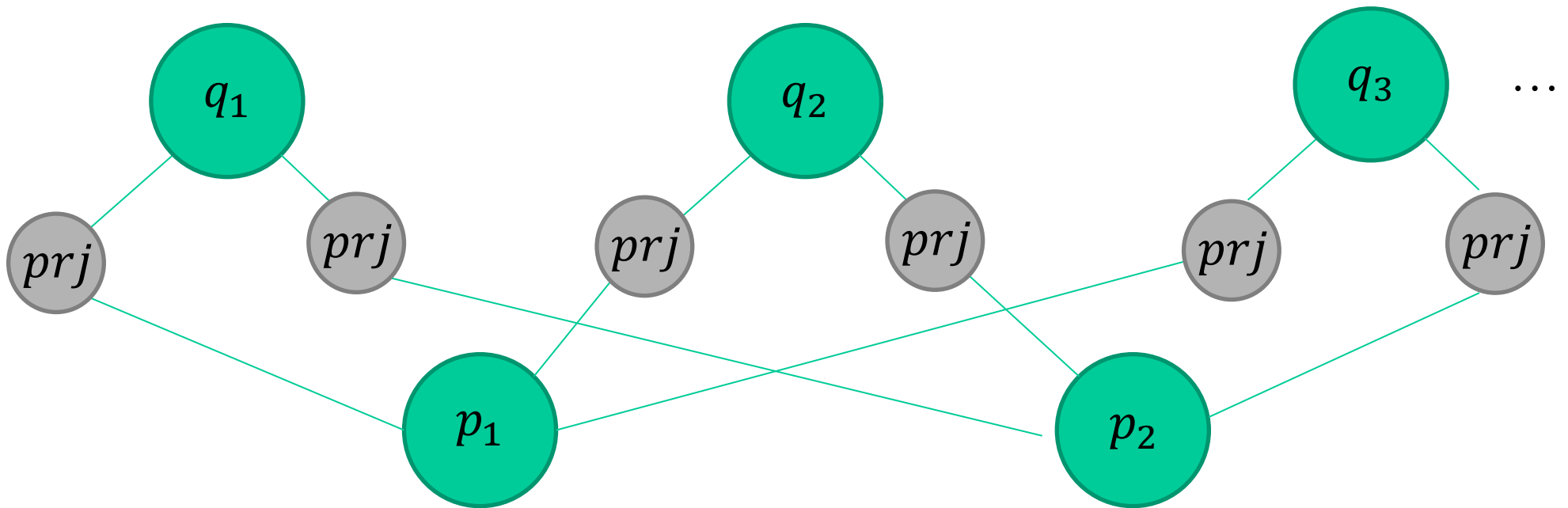


Photo tourism [Snavely, Seitz, Szeliski 2006]



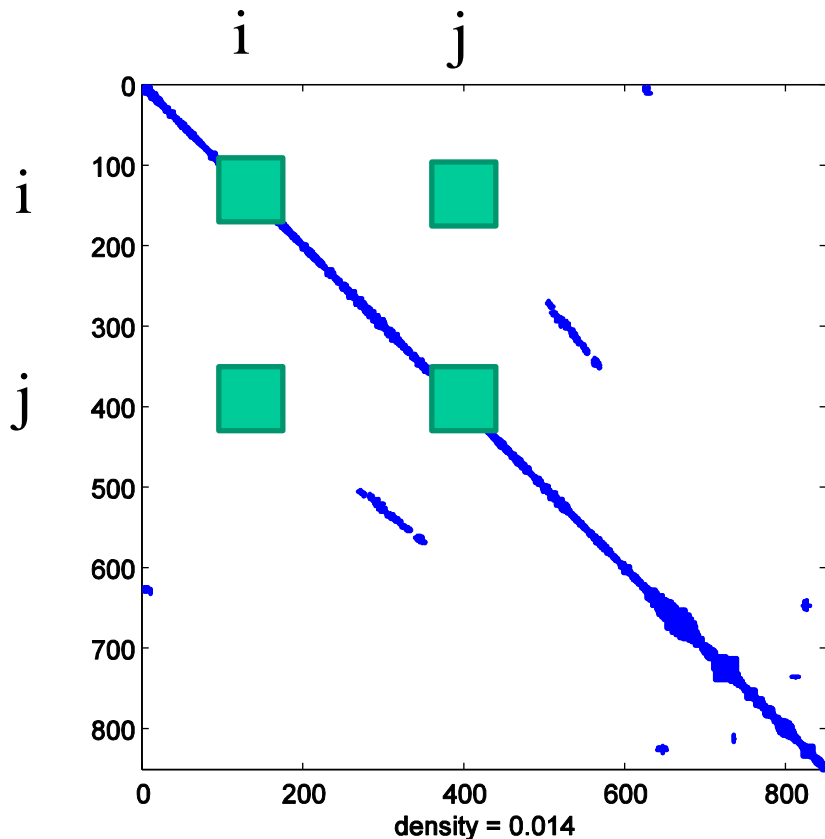
Large nonlinear estimation problem: Bundle Adjustment
Thousands of camera poses, millions of points

Sparse Bundle Adjustment

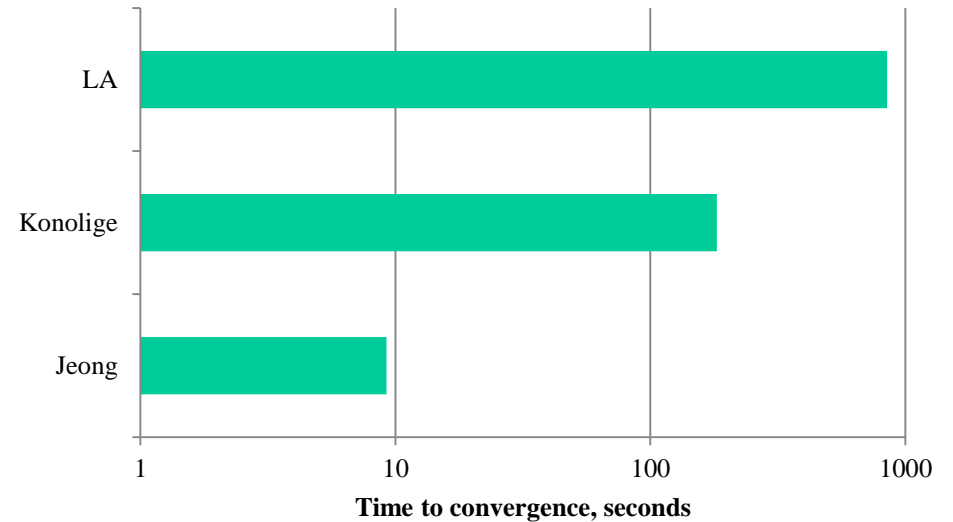
$$e_k = z_k(x_i, x_j) - \hat{z}_k \quad \text{Error Equation}$$

$$J_k = \frac{\partial e_k}{\partial x} \Big|_{\bar{x}} \quad \text{Jacobians}$$

$$J^T J x = J^T e \quad \text{Normal Equation}$$



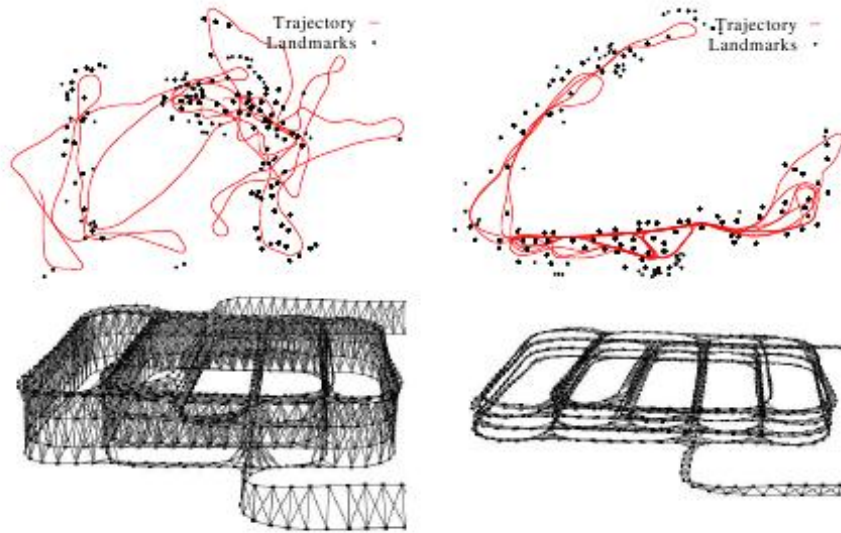
Lourakis and Argyros [TR 2004]
Konolige [BMVC 2010]
Jeong et al. [CVPR 2010]



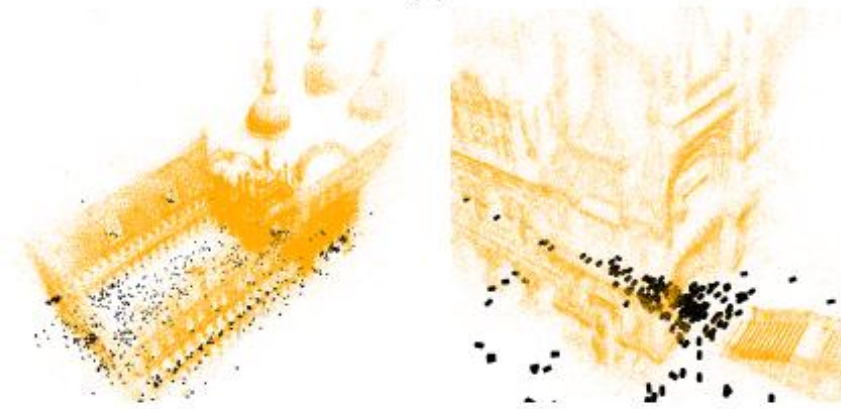
2,010,363 vars, 2,857,277 constraints

g2o: A General Framework for Graph Optimization

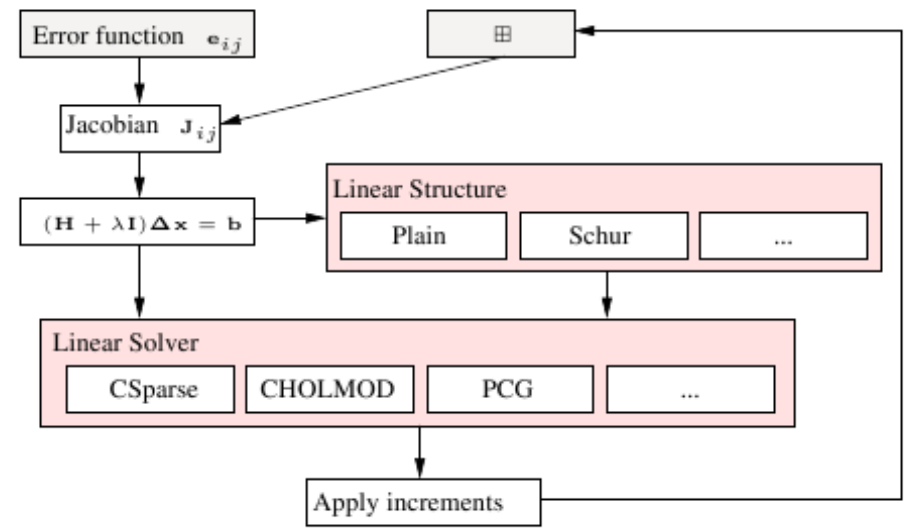
Kummerle, Grisetti, Strasdat, Konolige, Burgard [ICRA 2011]
Open Source!



(a)

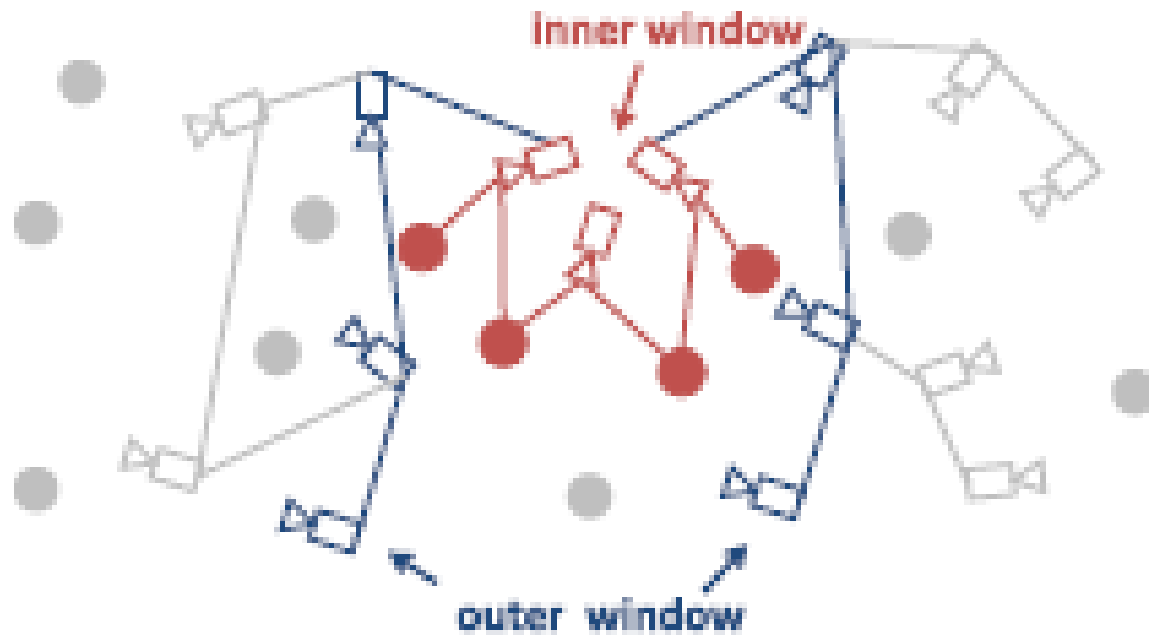


(b)



Issues

- Growth of dataset
- How to incorporate ICP for dense depth
- How to set up a "surface" database



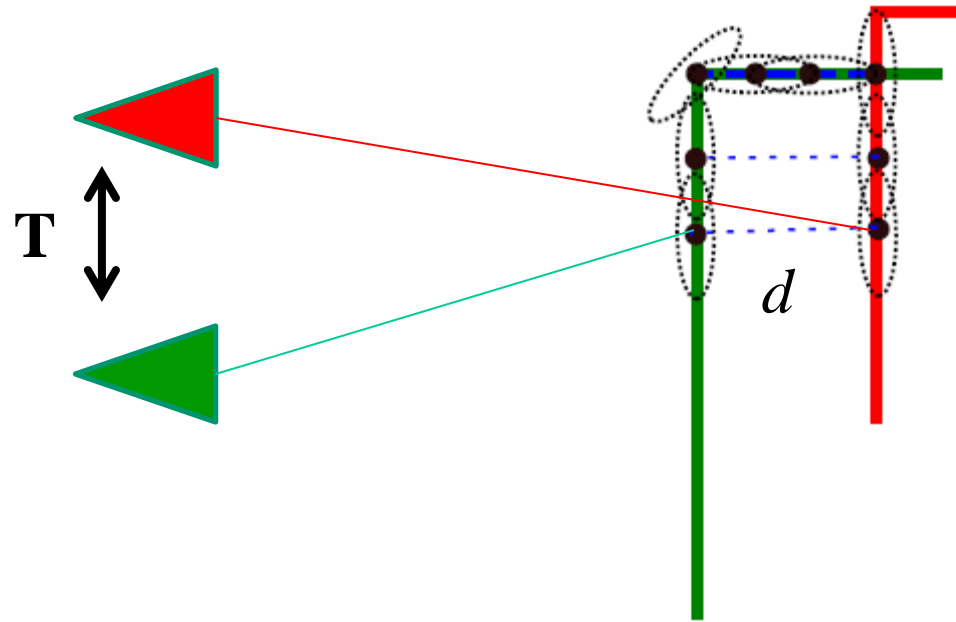
(a) Inner and outer window

Double Window Optimisation for Constant Time Visual SLAM

Hauke Strasdat et al., ICCV 2011

Generalized ICP

[Segal et al. 2005]

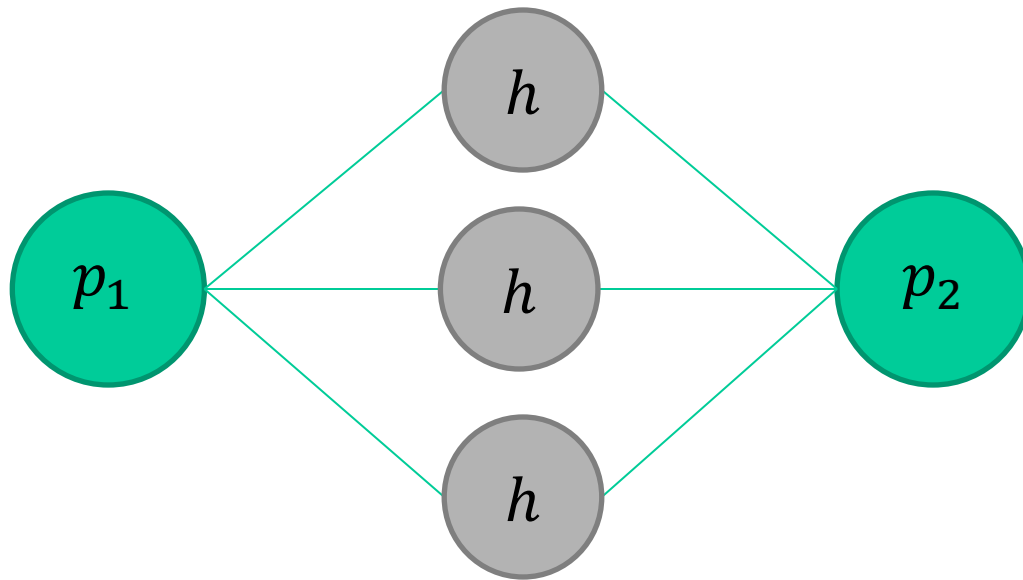


$$\mathbf{T} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{T}} \sum_i d_i^{(\mathbf{T})T} (C_i^B + \mathbf{T}C_i^A\mathbf{T}^T)^{-1} d_i^{(\mathbf{T})}$$

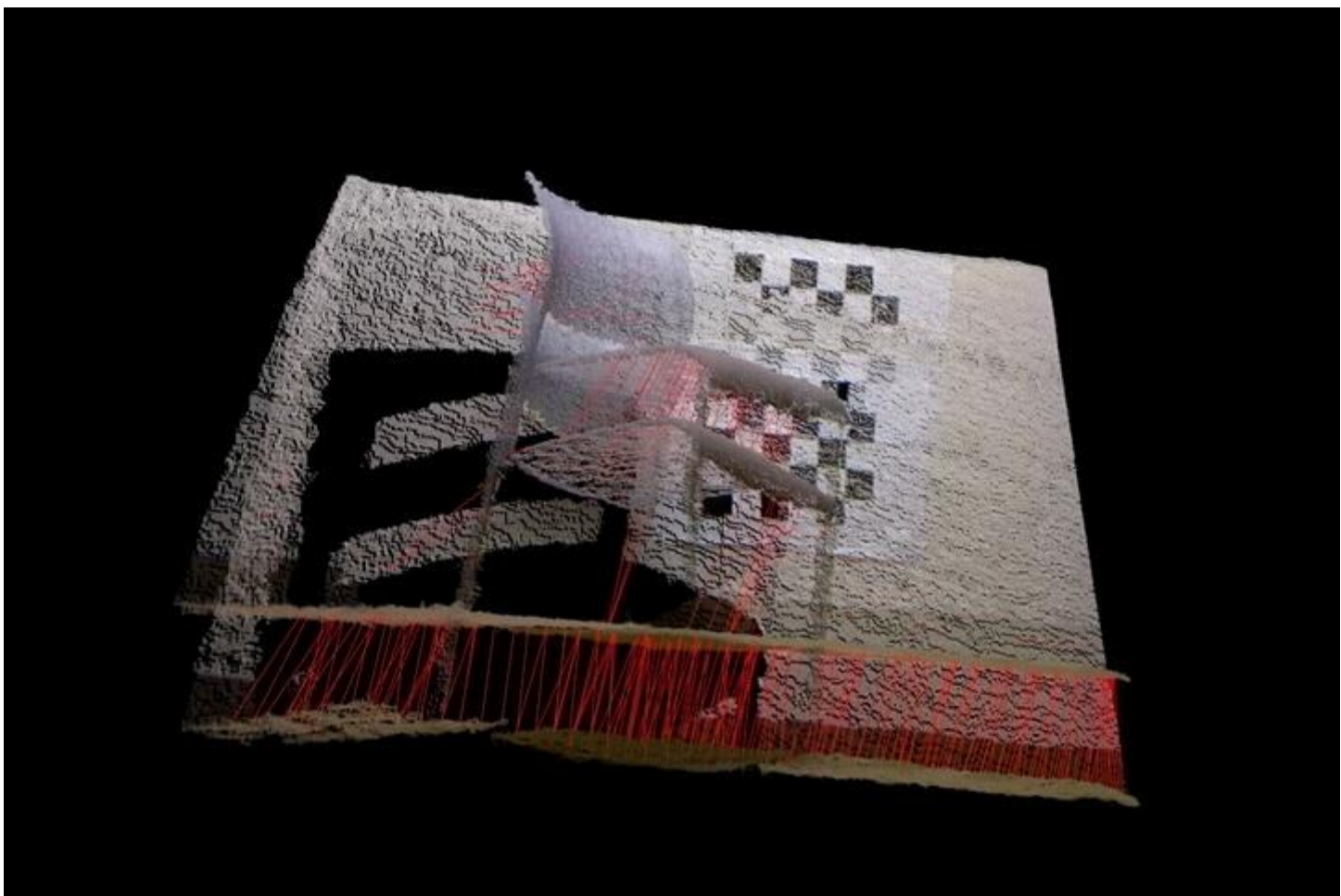
+ Matching of neighbors

$$e_k = h_k(p_i, p_j) - \hat{z}_k$$

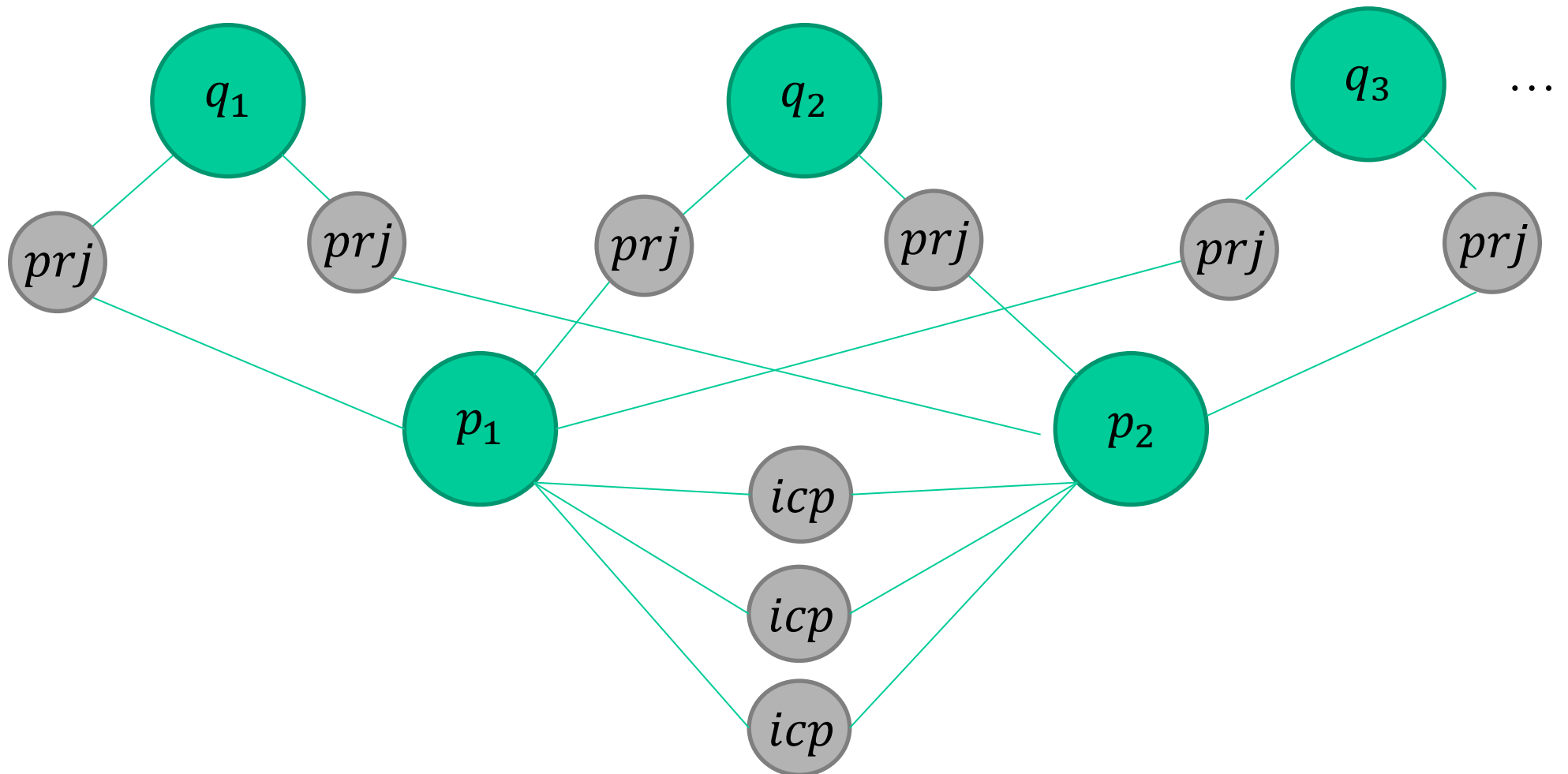
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$$f(p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots) = \prod_i prj_i(p_1, q_i) prj_i(p_2, q_i) \prod_i icp_i(p_1, p_2)$$

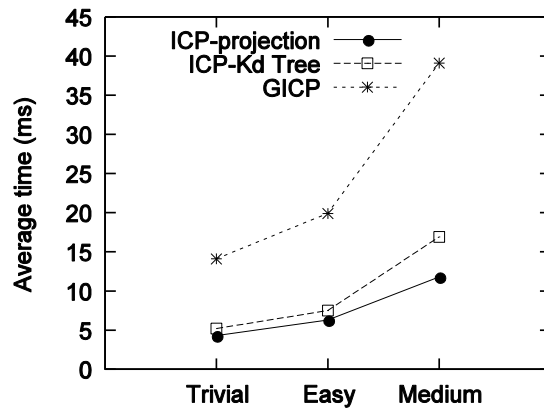


Combined ICP and Visual Features

[Fioraio and Konolige 2011]

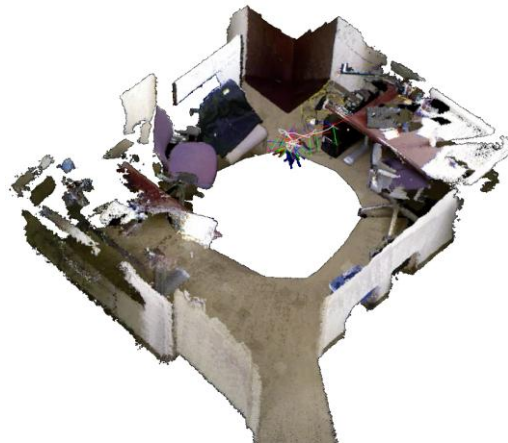
Results

Timing Performance



Based on 823 pairwise alignment tests*.

* GICP is an open-source implementation of plane-to-plane generalized ICP (Segal et al. "Generalized-ICP", 2009)



Global BA

- Incremental pairwise alignment;
- Global optimization performed with all the accumulated constraints;
- 72 nodes, 77899 edges => 346ms

Visual Features and ICP

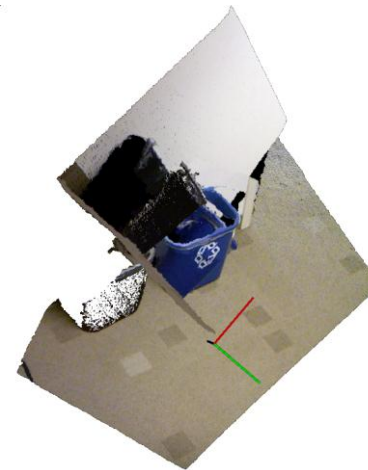
Plane-plane ICP



Point-plane ICP



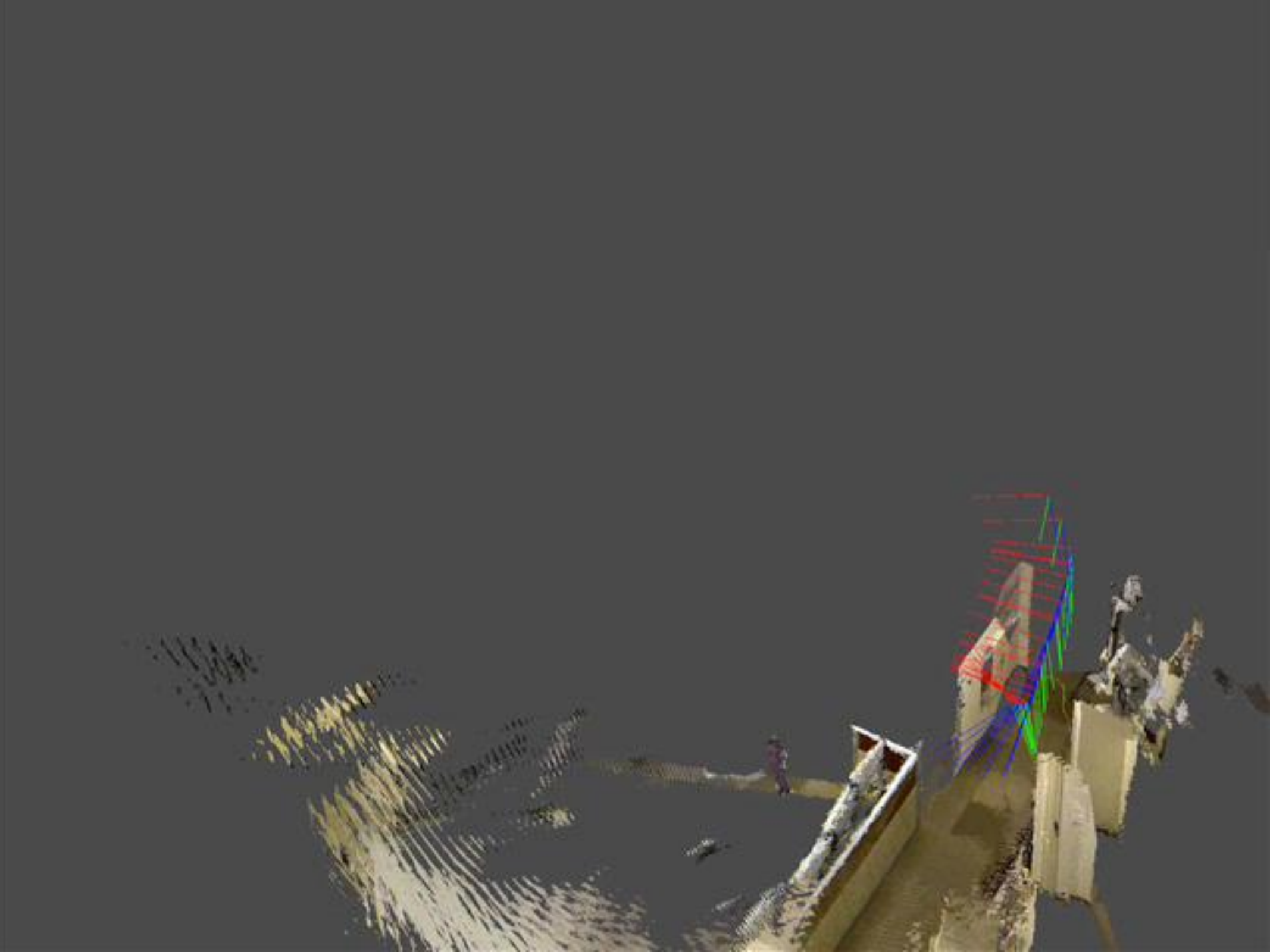
Visual Features† only

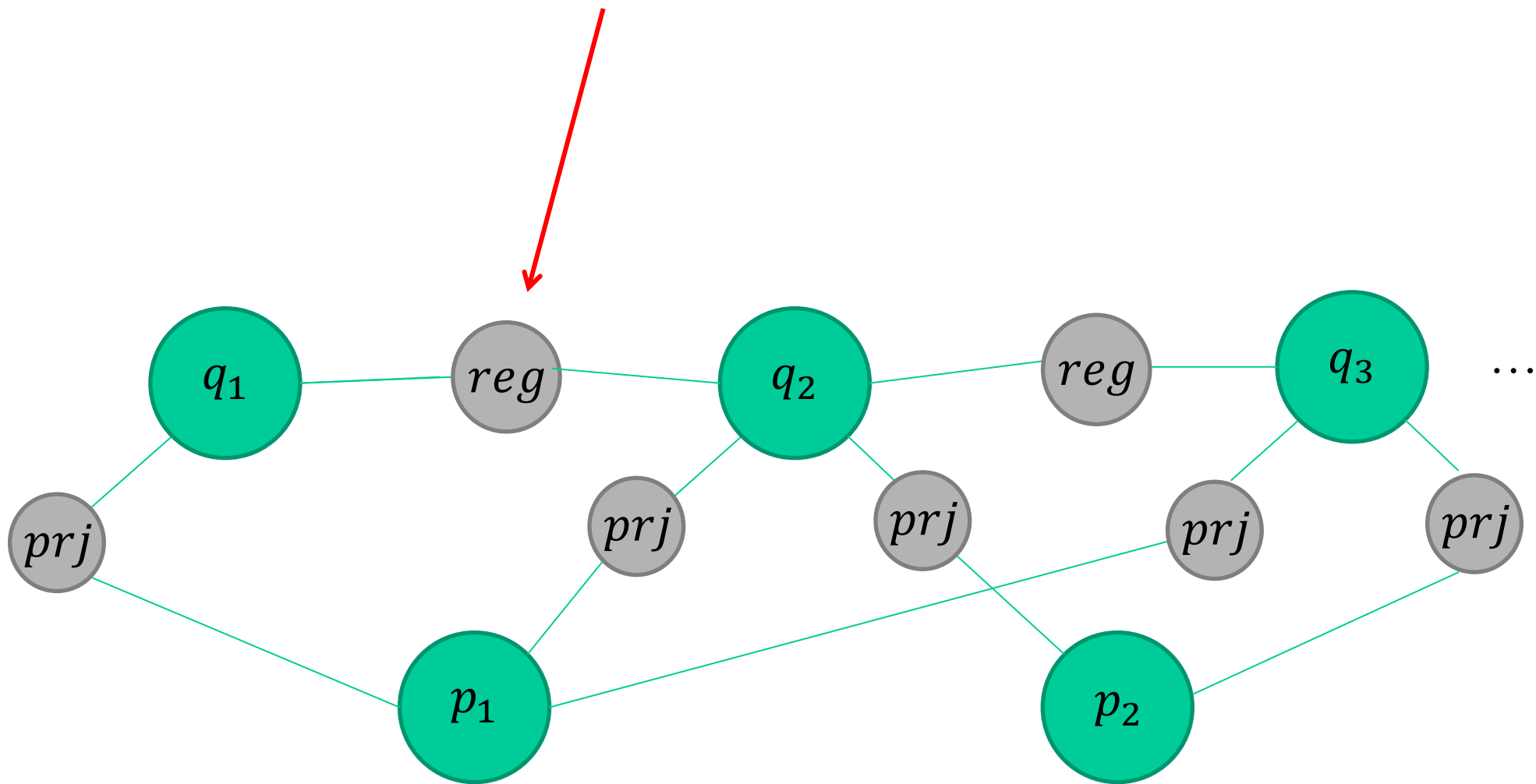


ICP & Visual Features†



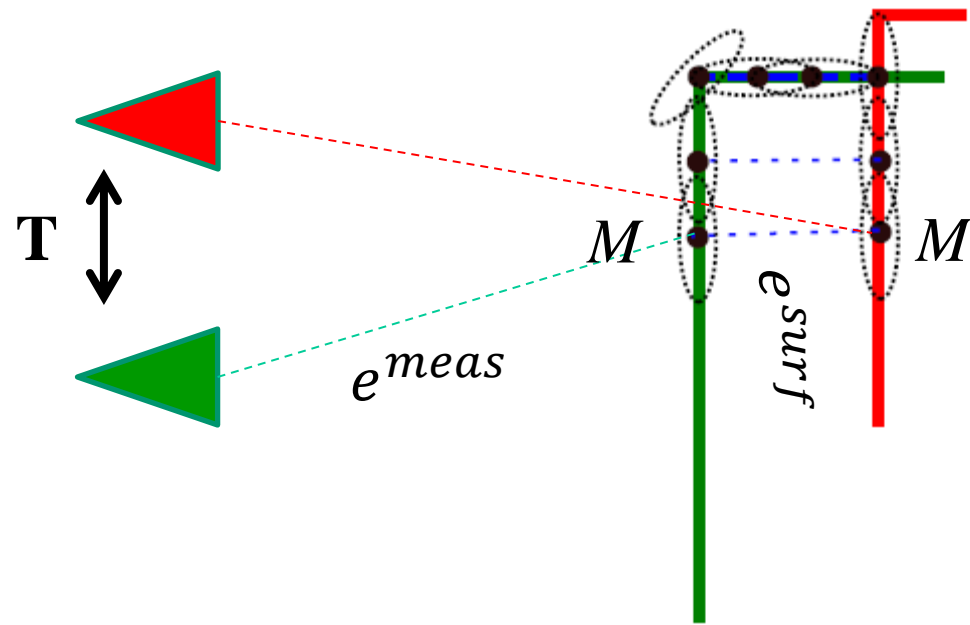
† BRIEF features from FAST keypoints.





Sparse Surface Adjustment

[Ruhnke et al. 2011]



$$\langle \mathbf{x}_{1:n}^*, \mathcal{M}^* \rangle = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}_{1:n}, \mathcal{M}} \sum_{n=1}^N e_n^{\text{od}} + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} e_{ij}^{\text{surf}} + \sum_{\langle n,k \rangle} e_{nk}^{\text{meas}}$$

+ Matching of neighbors



Sparse Surface Adjustment Demonstration on Kinect Data

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University of Freiburg, Germany

<http://www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/~ruhnke/>

Relation to Dense Methods

Dense tracking – stabilizes the front end
[ESM, Comport et al. 2010, DTAM]

Adding in visual features

Dense surface methods have difficulty with “adjustment” after
loop closure

ICP bundle adjustment doesn’t make surfaces first-class objects

Sparse Surface Patch Adjustment

