

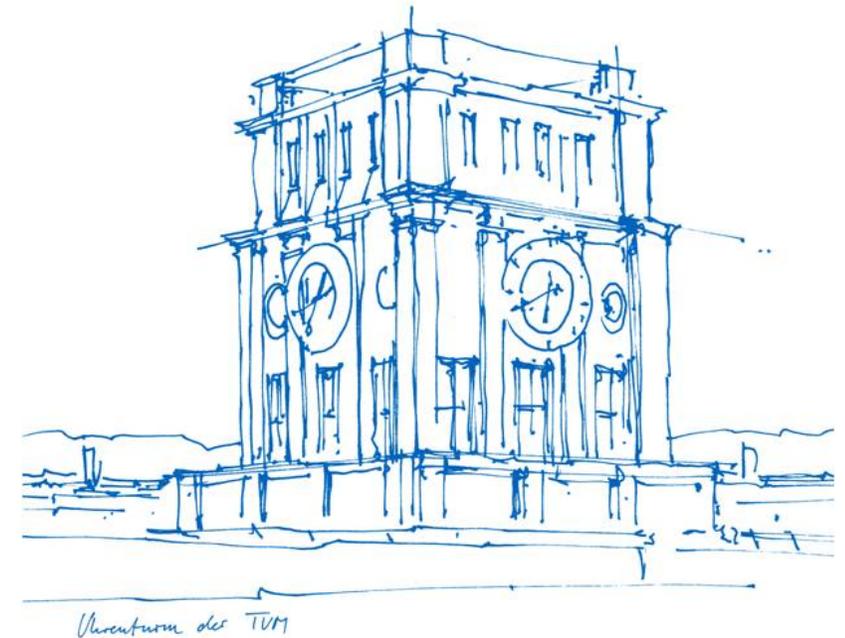
Local Tracking and Mapping for Direct Visual SLAM

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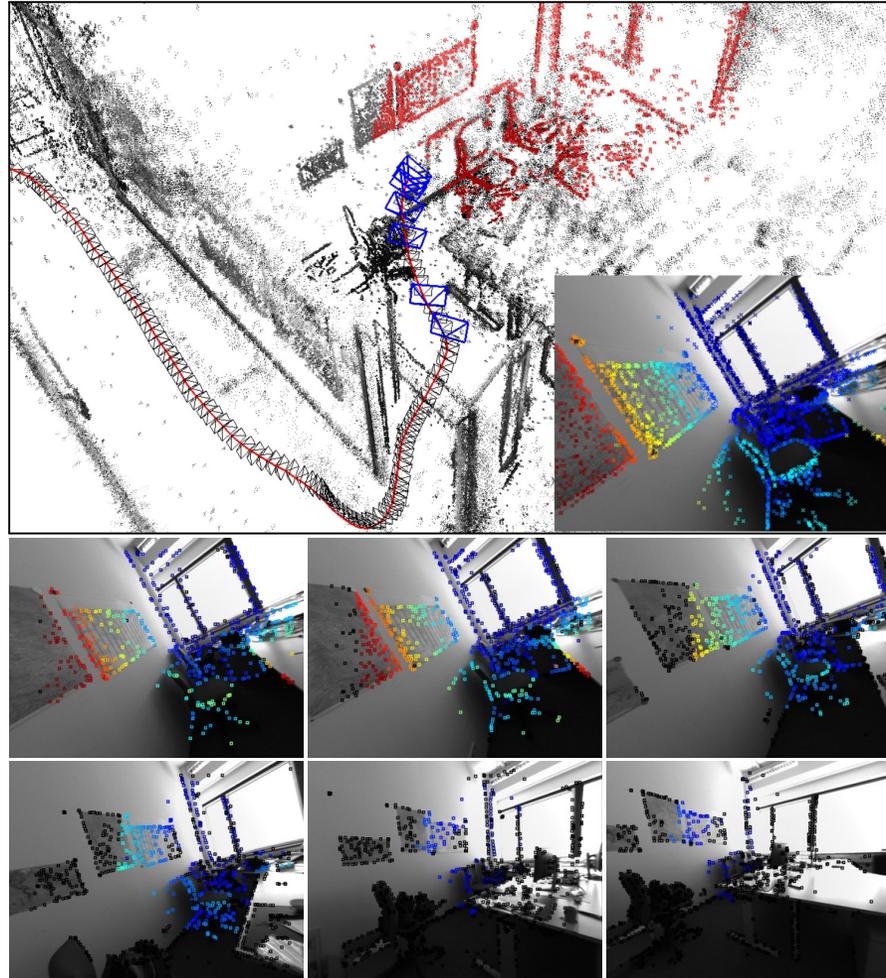
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Problem Statement



Direct Sparse Odometry, Engel et al.

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When doing **marginalization** of keyframes / points in VO,

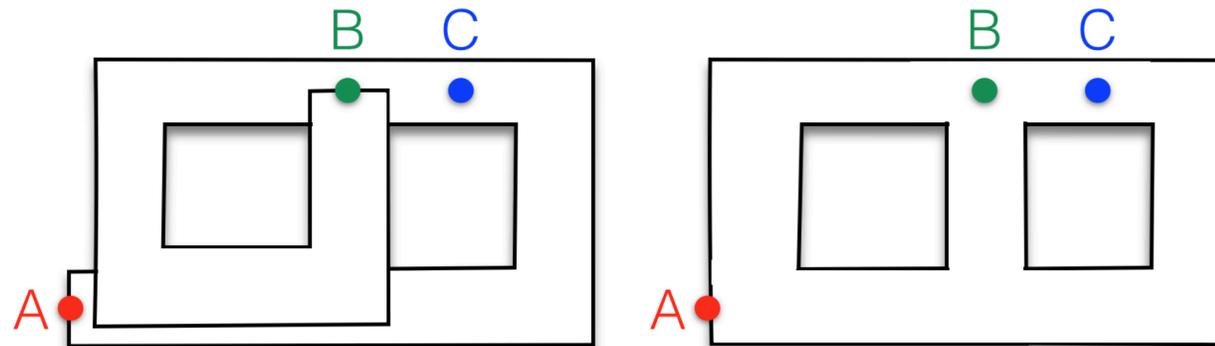
reusing map points

(when revisiting already mapped areas)

is not possible.

Problem Statement

Odometry → SLAM



Past, Present, and Future of Simultaneous Localization And Mapping: Towards the Robust-Perception Age, [Cadena et al.](#)

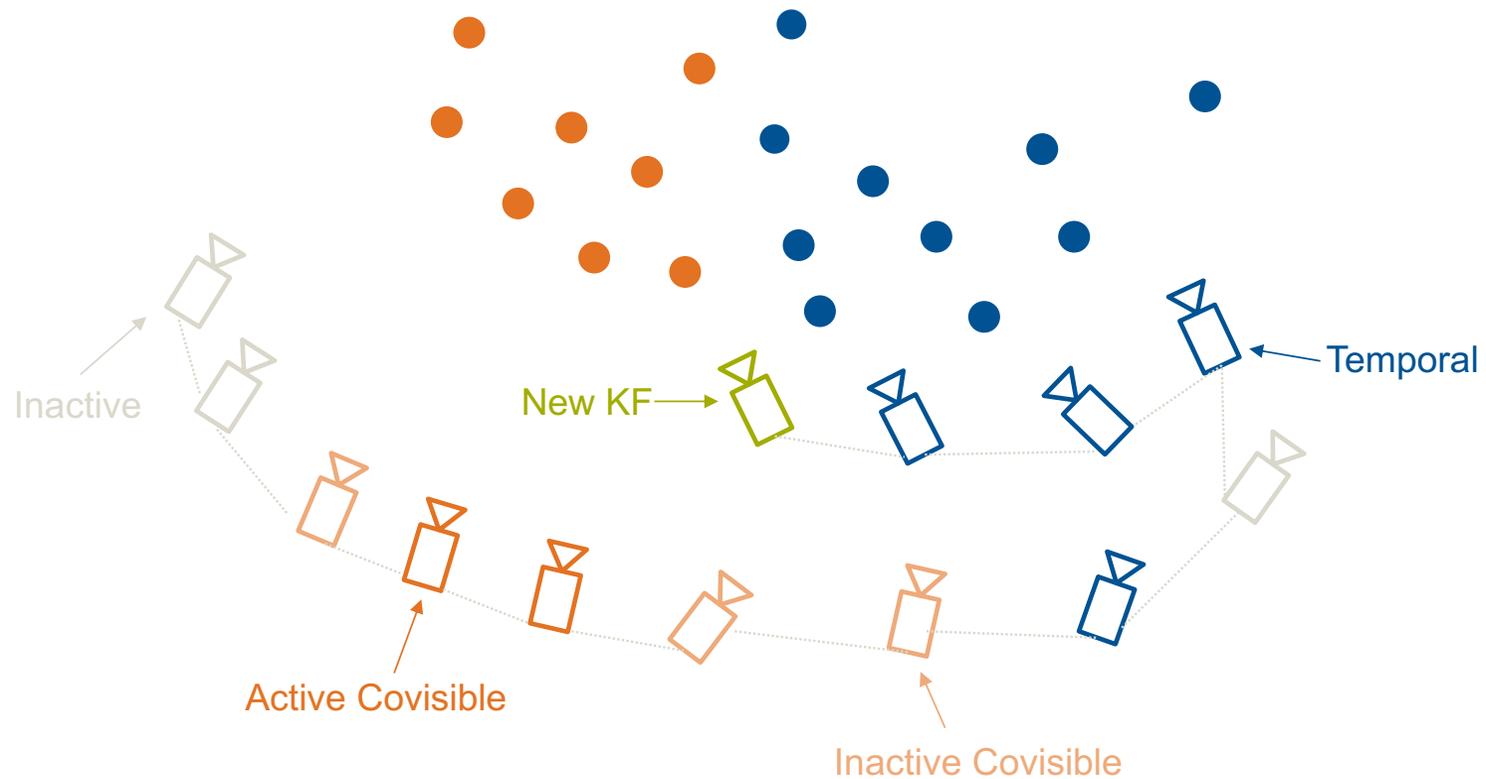
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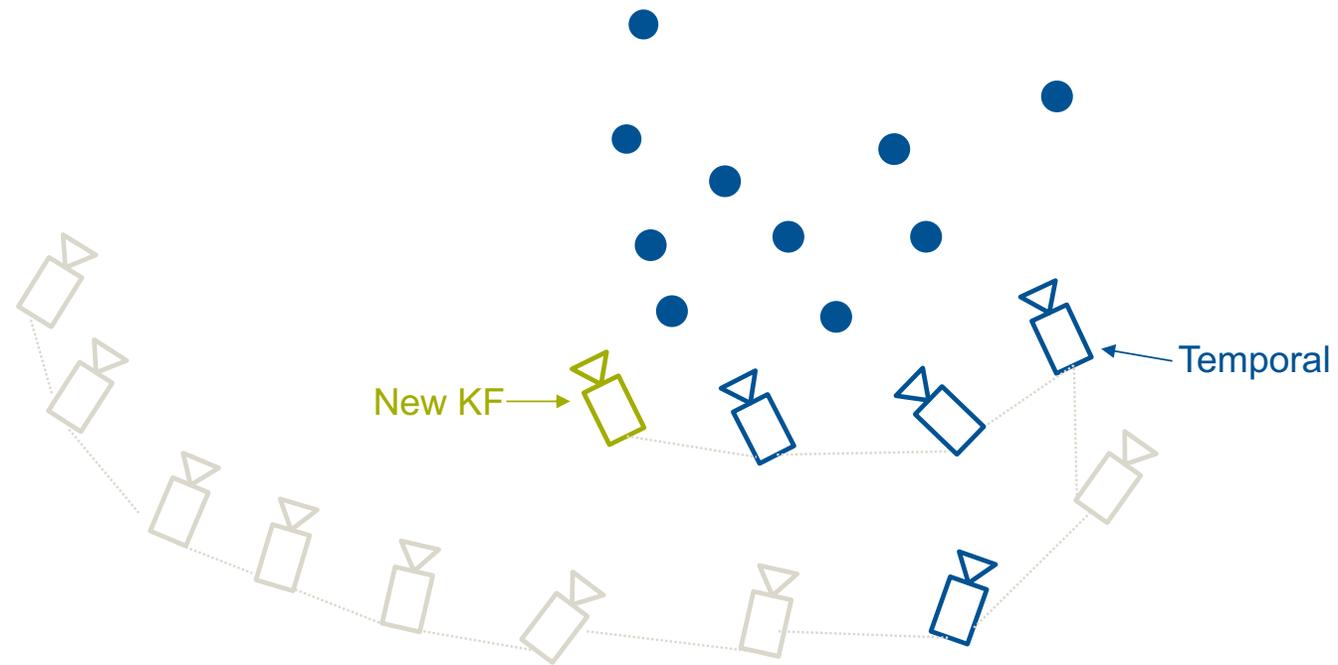


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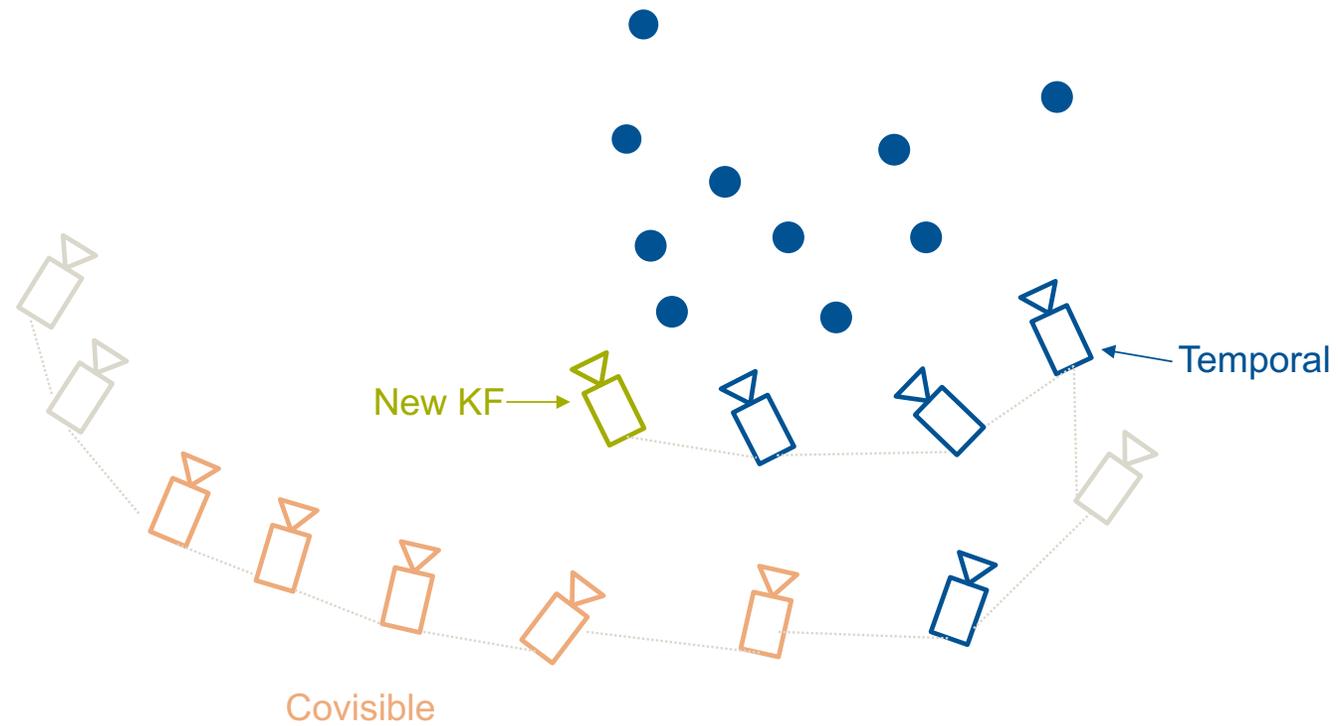


Original idea from: *Direct Sparse Mapping*, [Zubizarreta et al.](#)

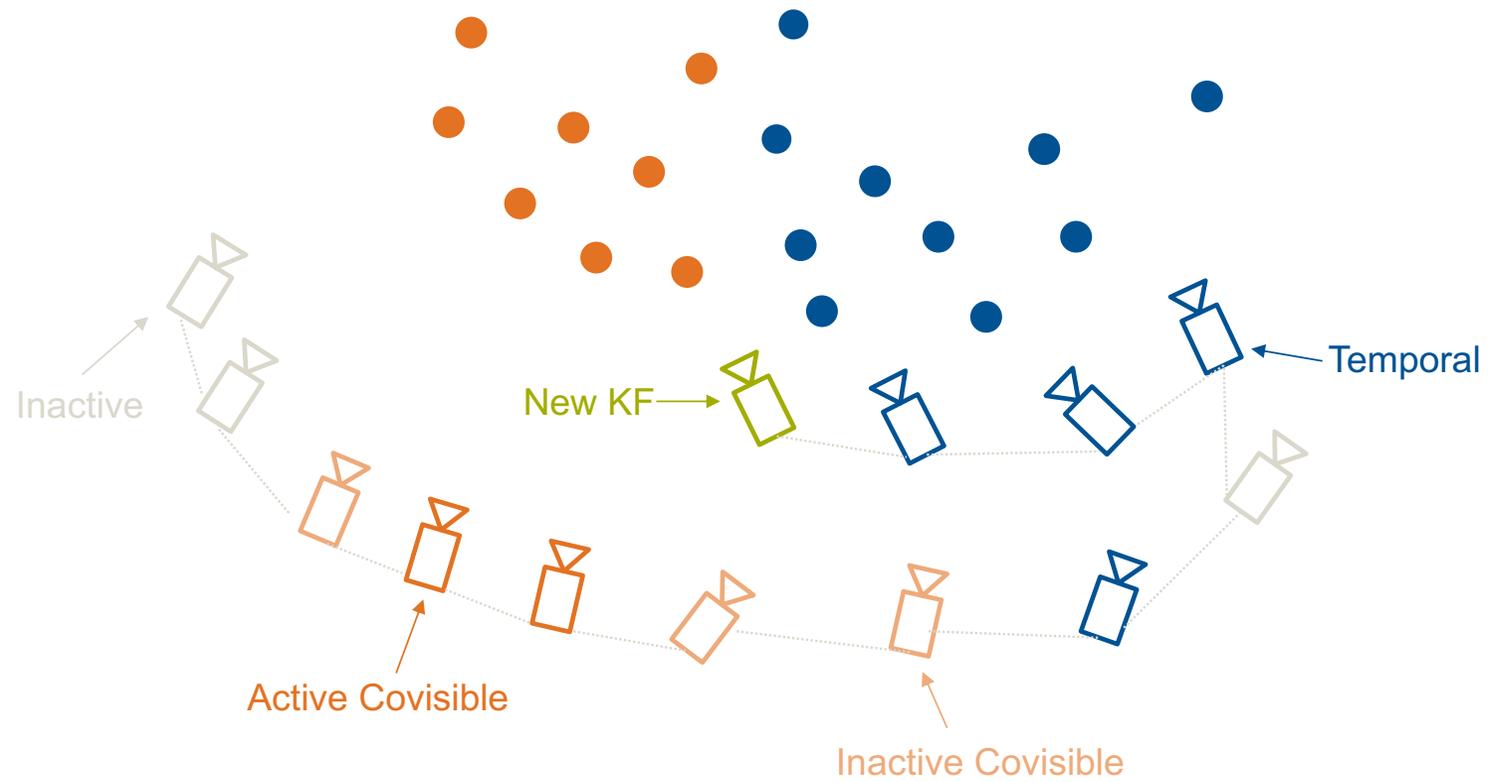
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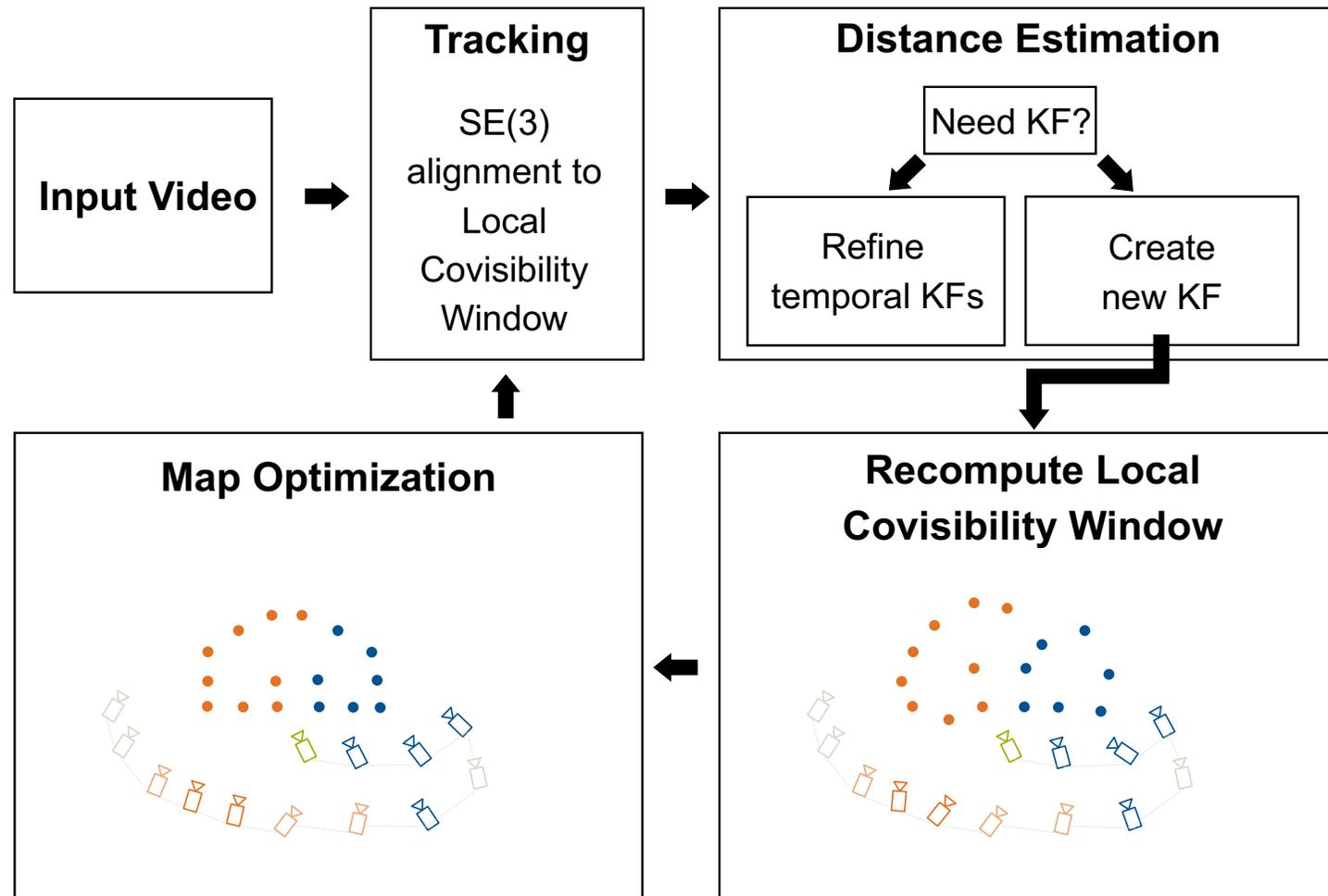


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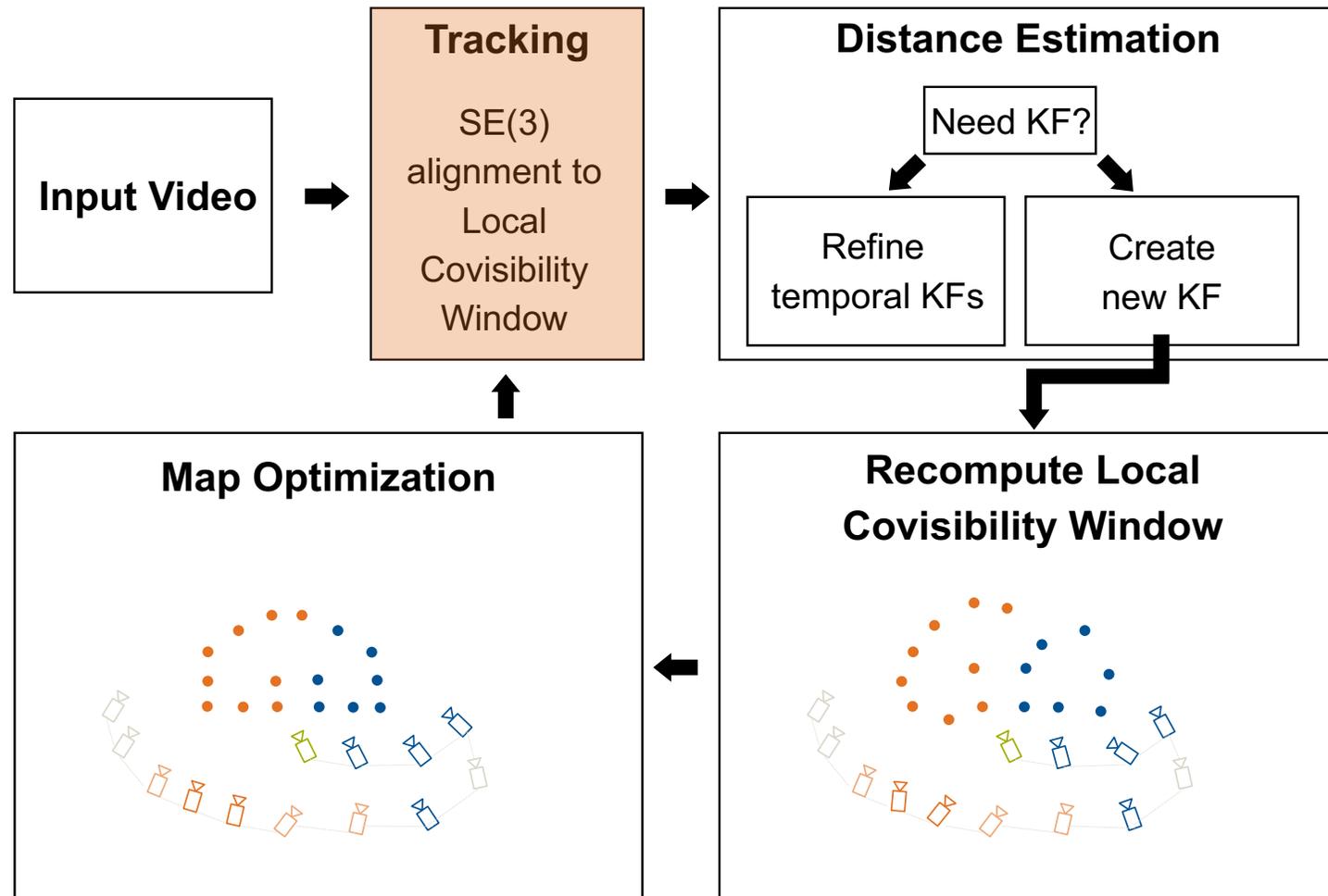
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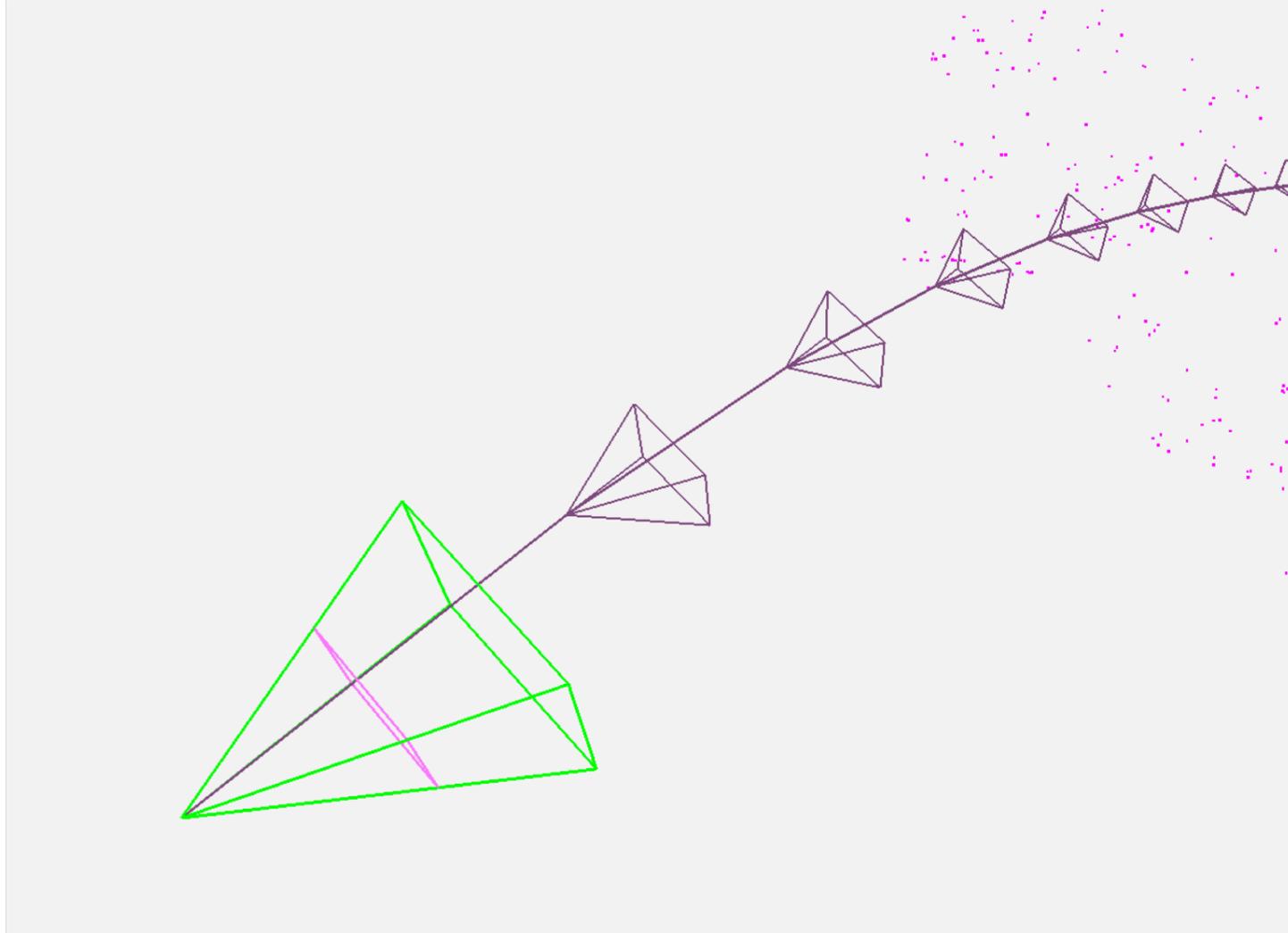
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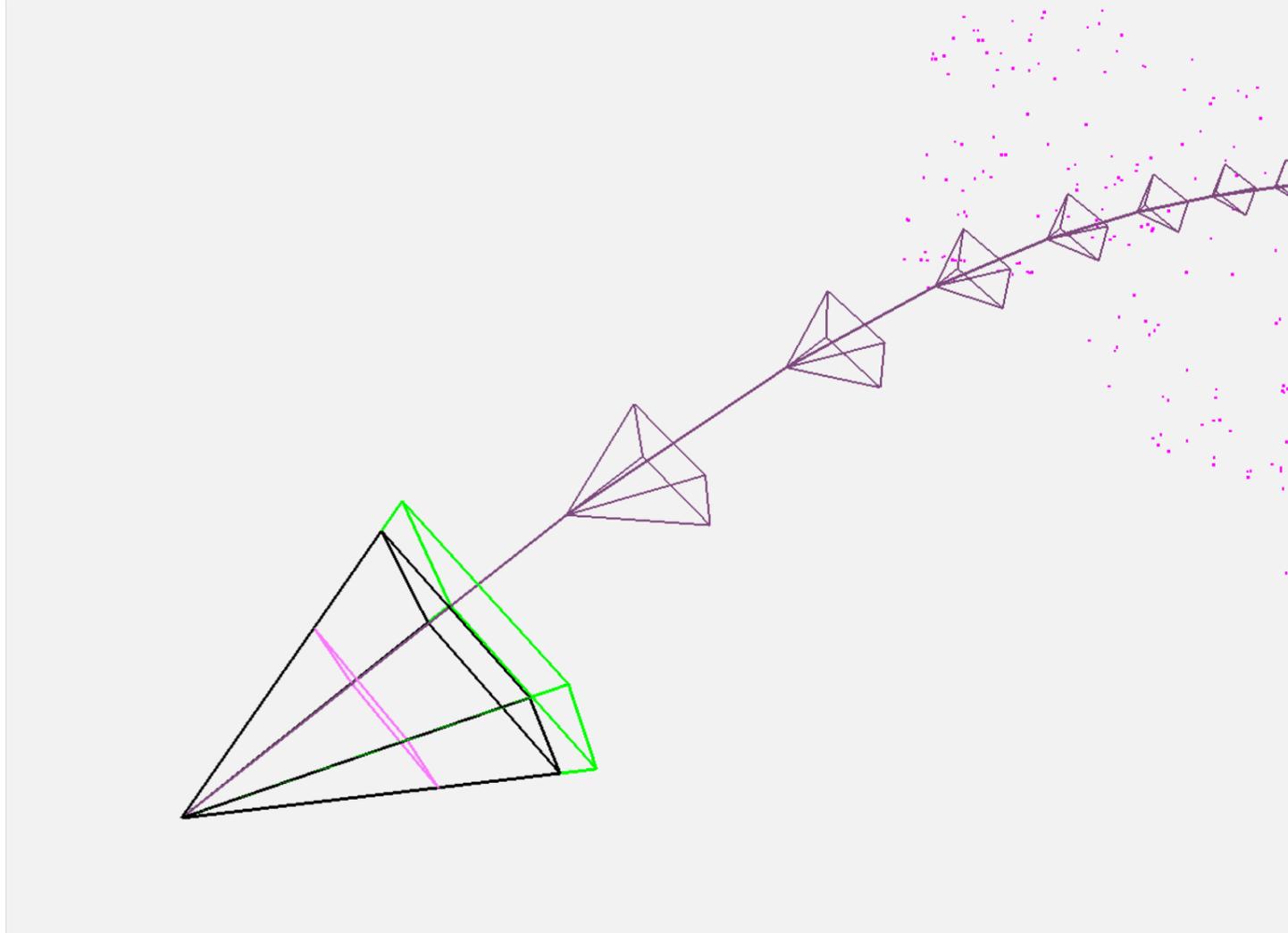
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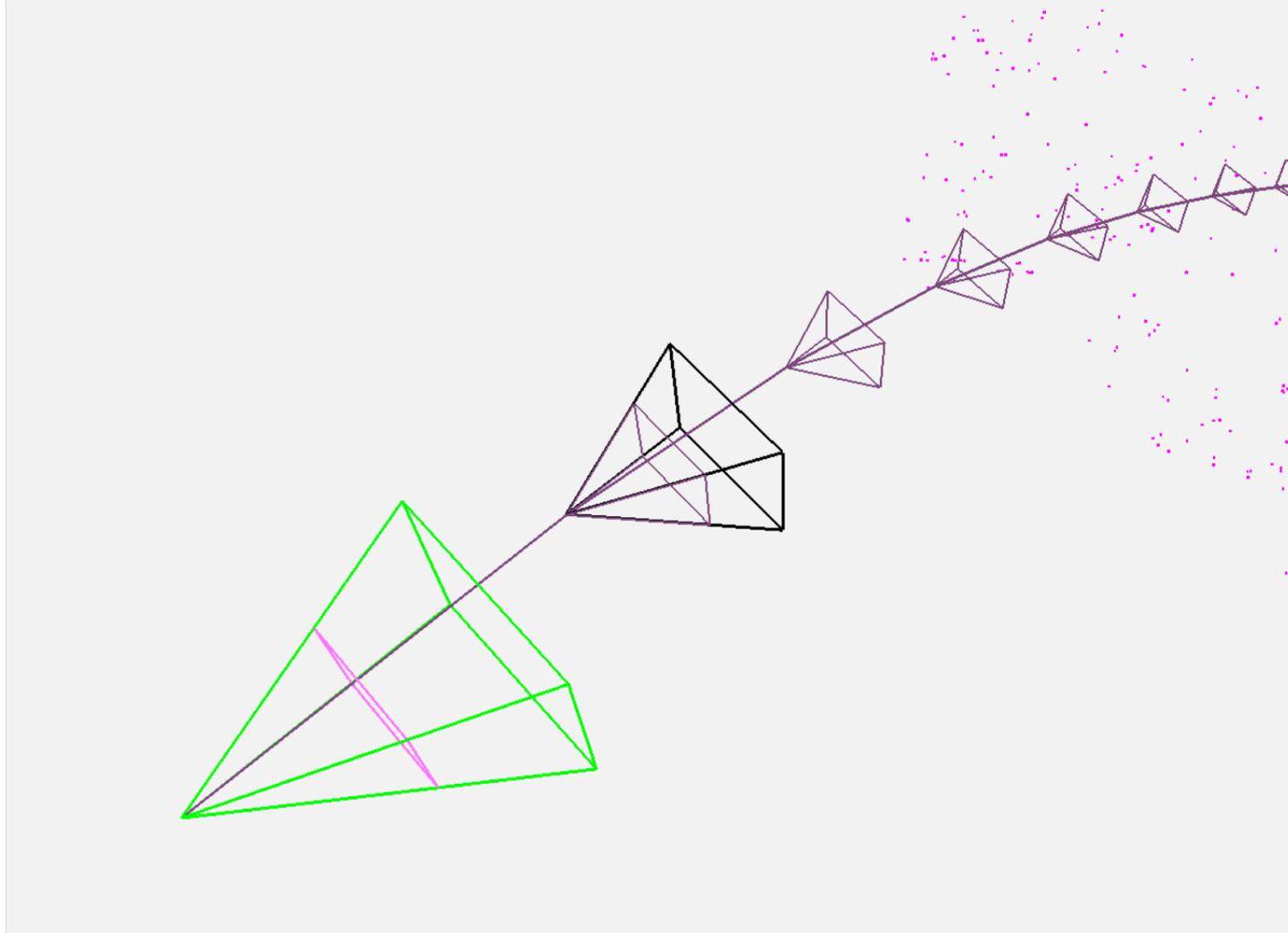
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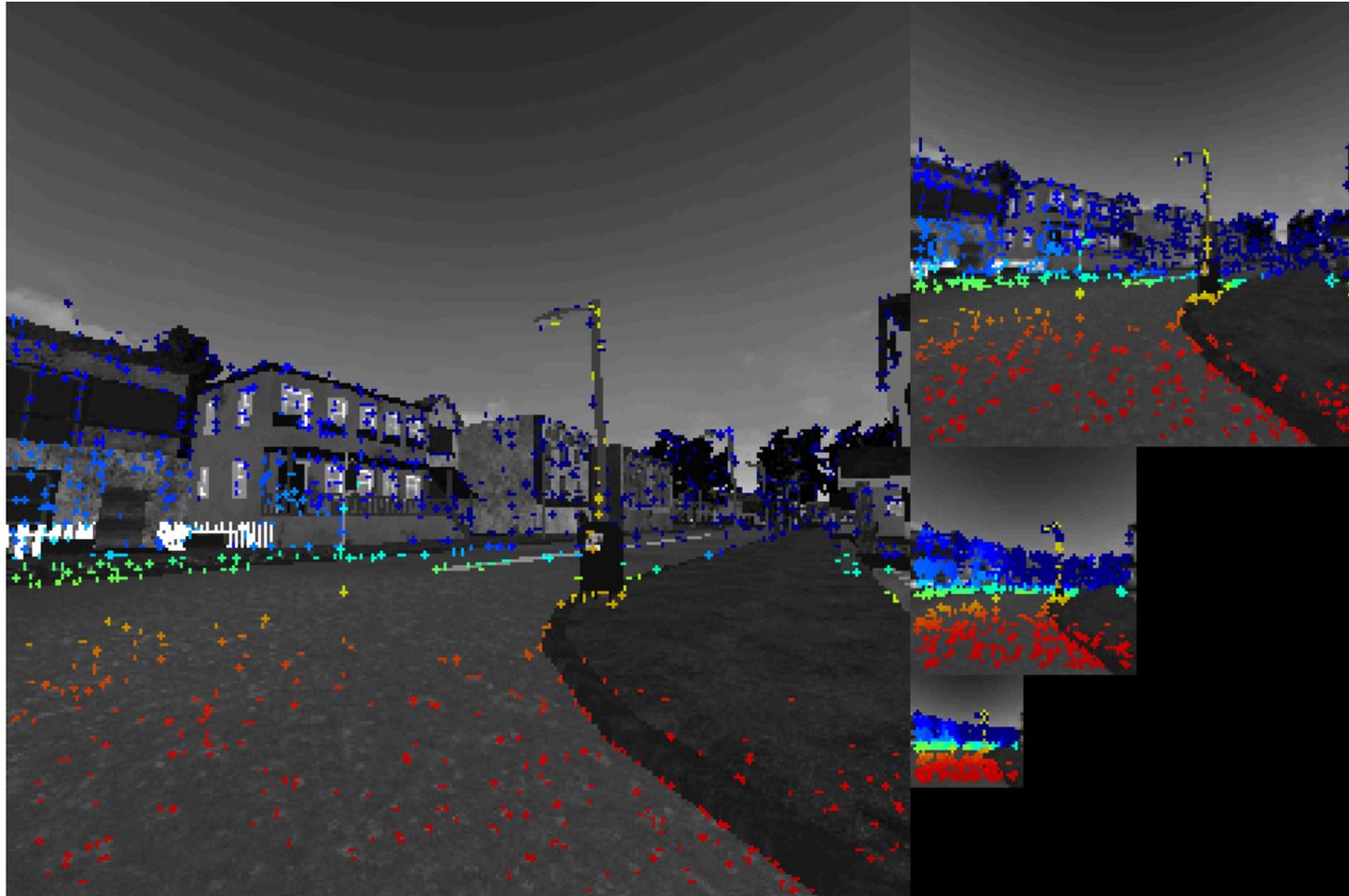
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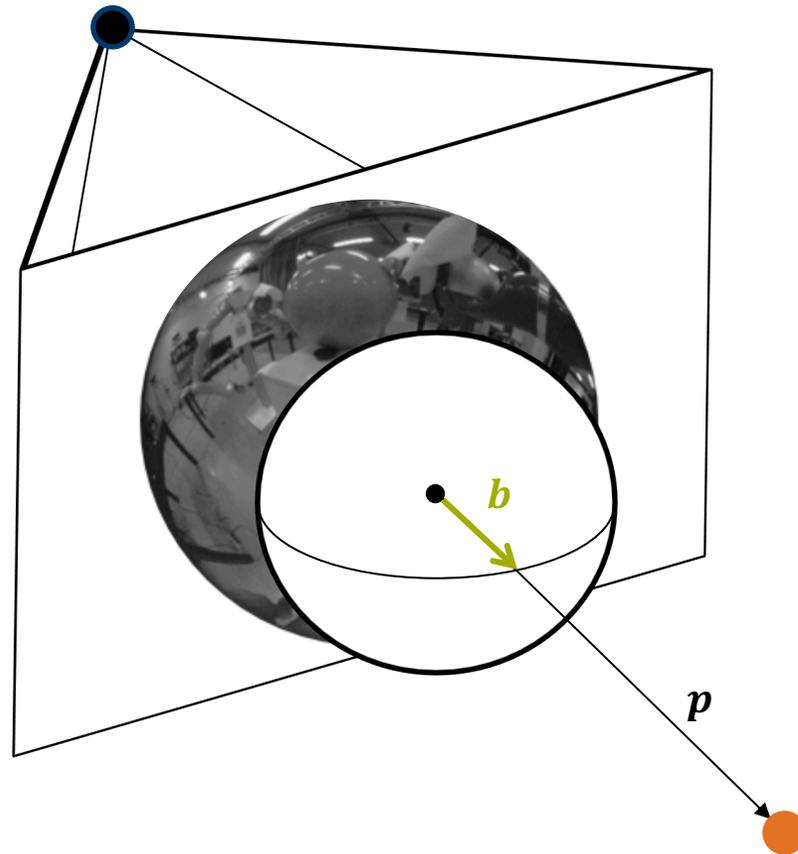
Approach

Building the Image Pyramids



Approach

(Inverse Distance Formulation)



$d_p :=$ Inverse distance

$$d_p = \frac{1}{\|p\|}$$

$$p = \|p\| \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p}$$

Approach

Tracking

Direct Image Alignment

Forward Additive

$$r_i(\mathbf{T} \oplus \boldsymbol{\xi}) = I_t(w(\mathbf{T} \oplus \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{u})) - I_h(\mathbf{u})$$

Inverse Compositional

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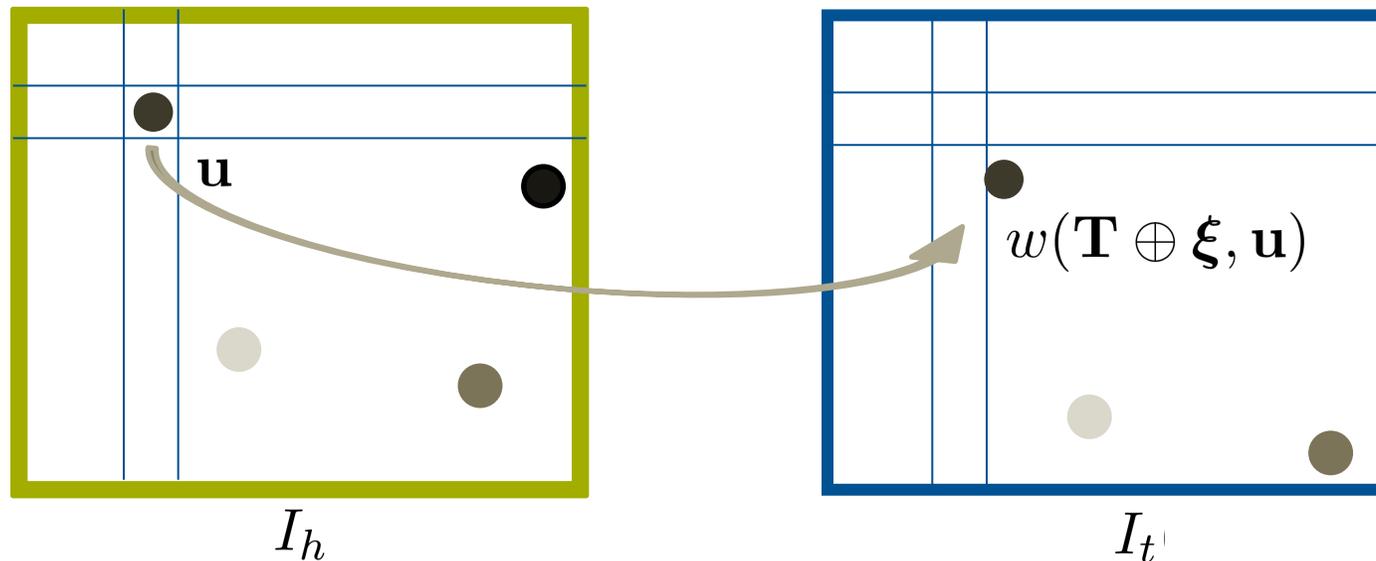
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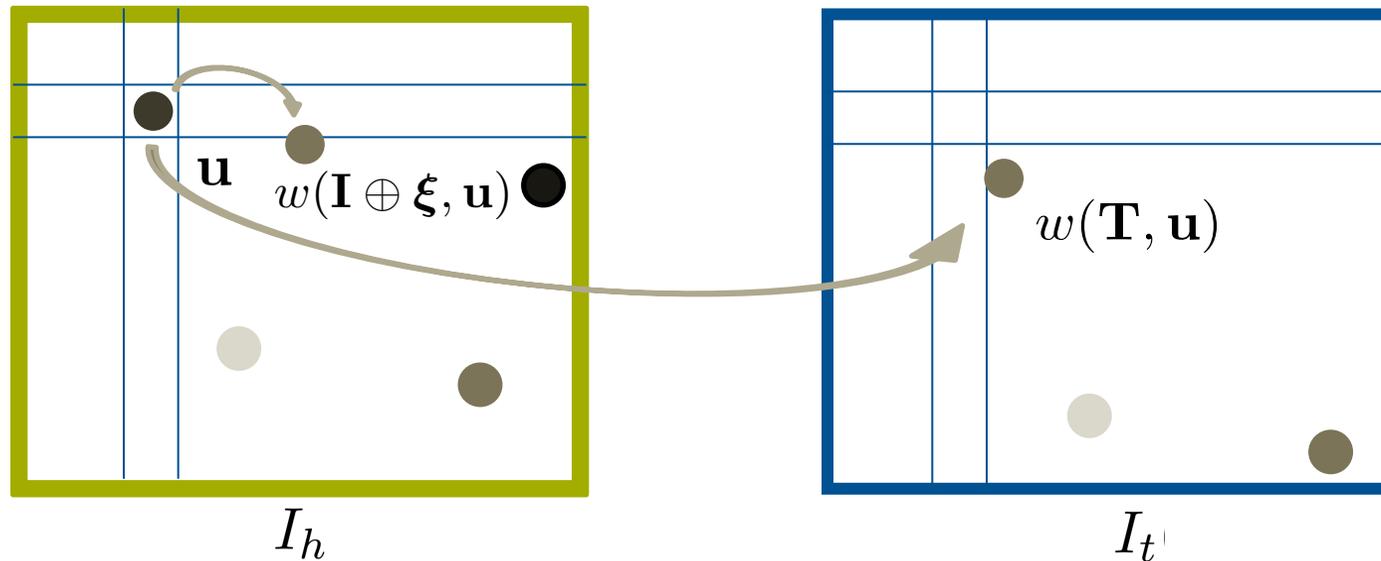
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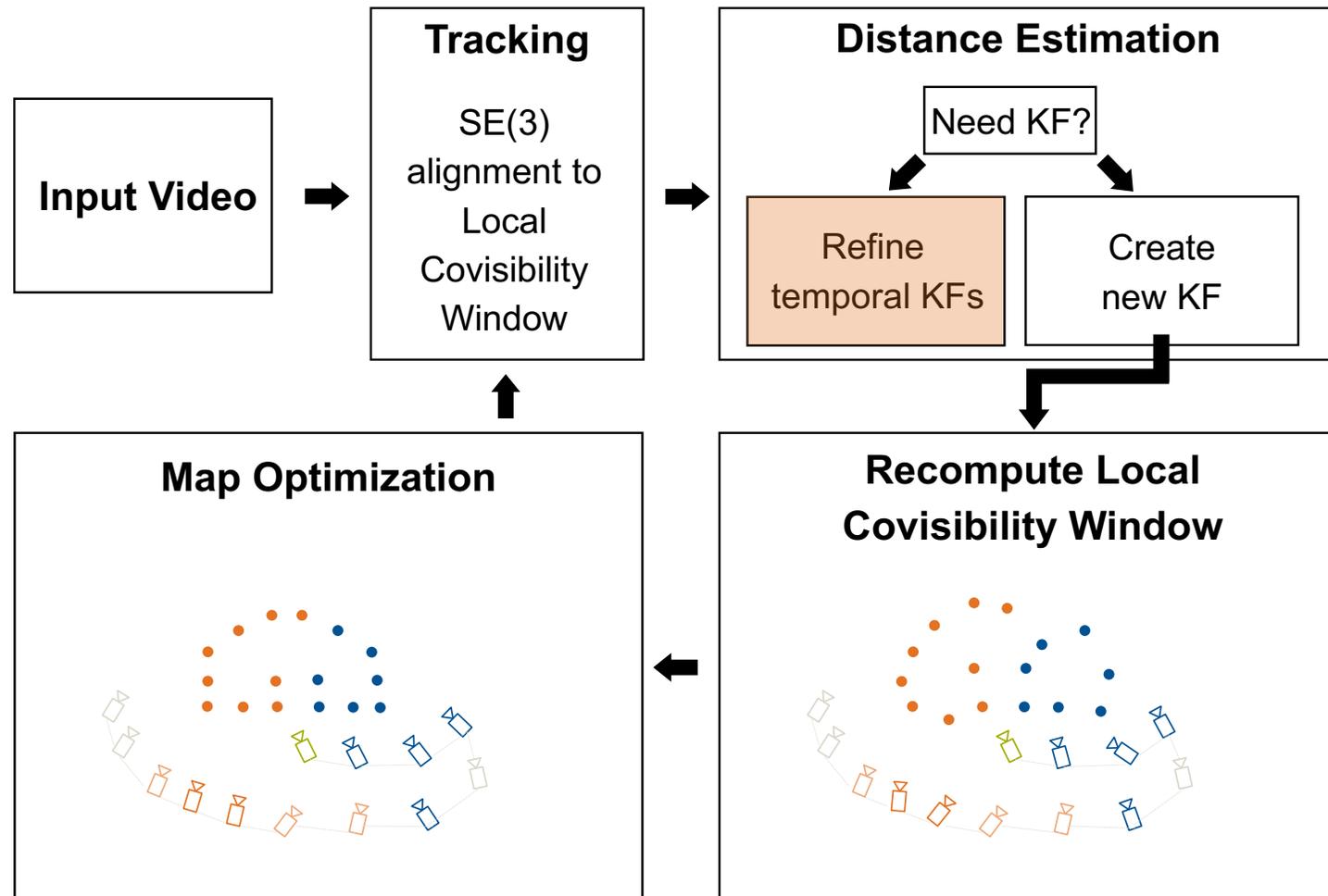
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Approach

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Candidate Point Tracking

Epipolar Curve Search

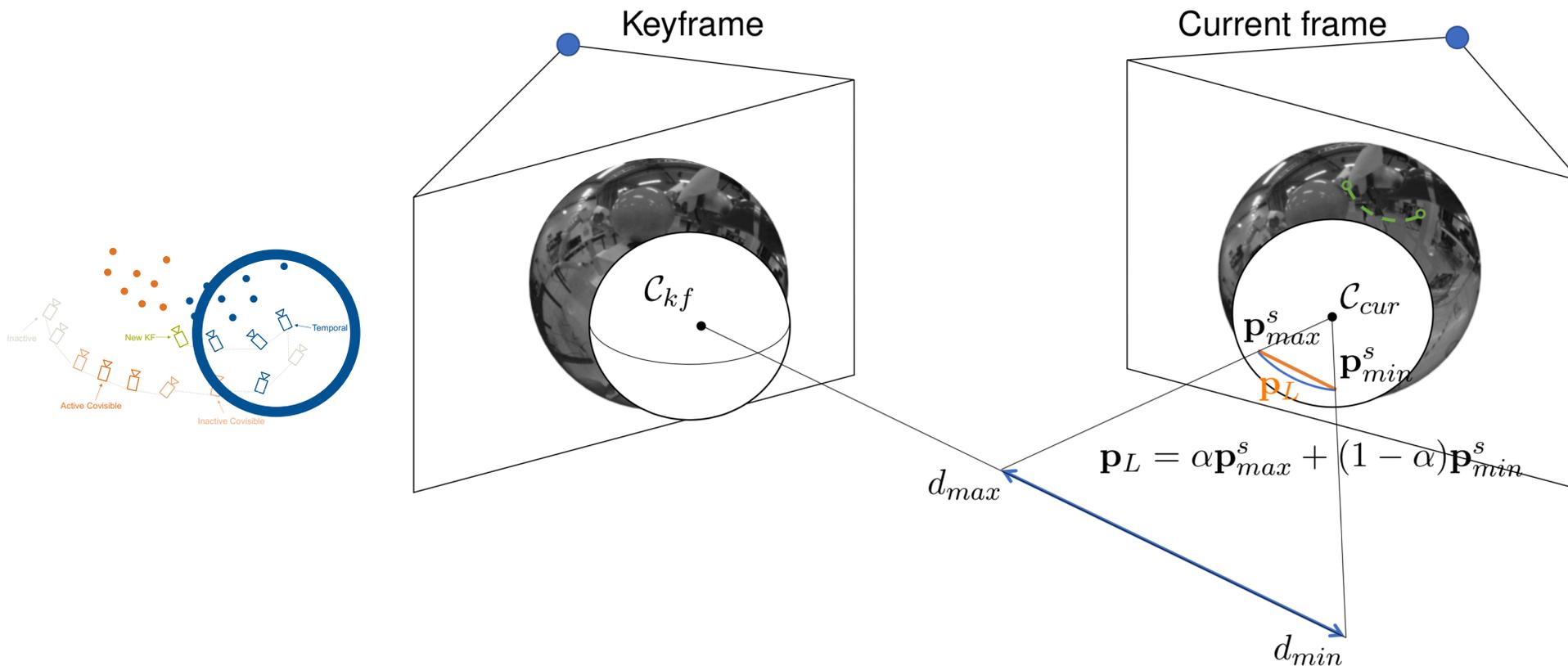
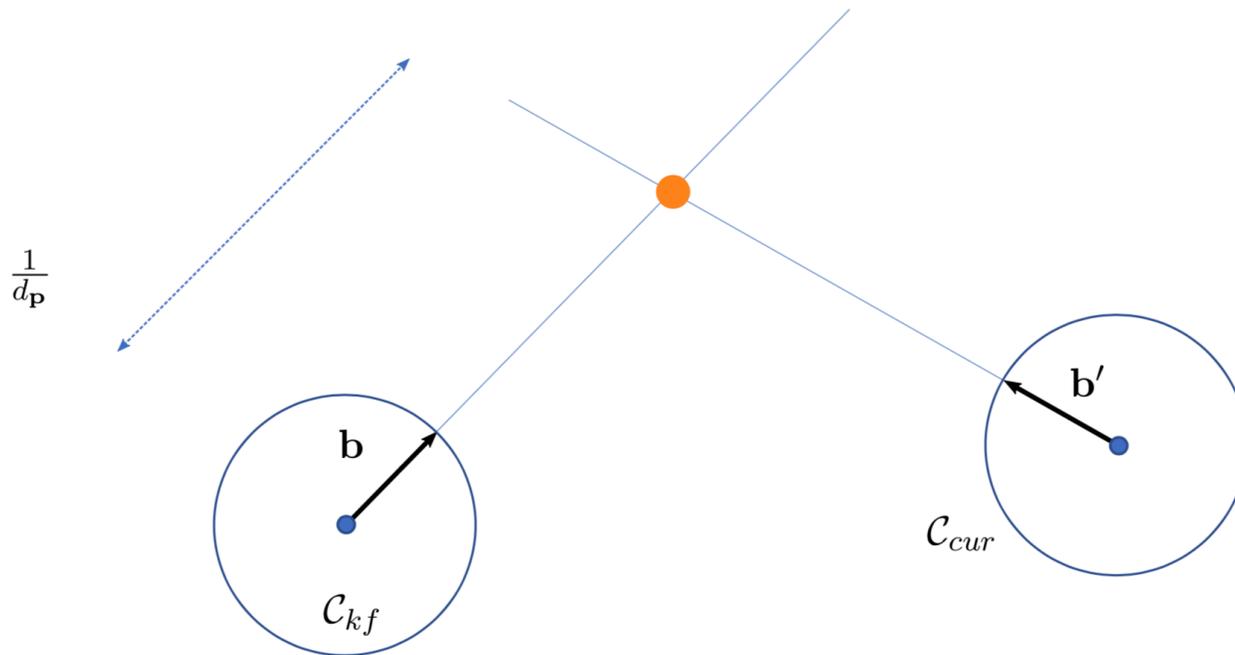


Figure based on that presented in OmniDSO

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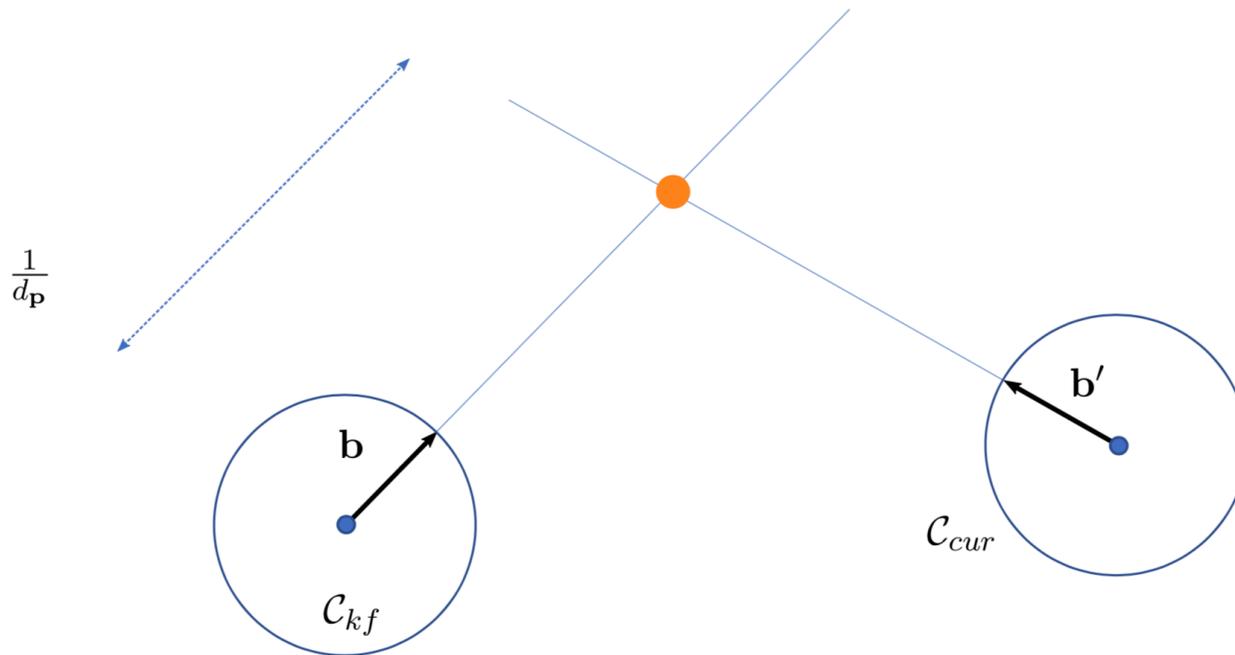
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}' &= \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t} \\ &= \mathbf{R} \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p} + \mathbf{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{b}' = \frac{\mathbf{p}'}{\|\mathbf{p}'\|} = \frac{\mathbf{R} \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p} + \mathbf{t}}{\left\| \mathbf{R} \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p} + \mathbf{t} \right\|}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} p' &= R p + t \\ &= R \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t \end{aligned}$$

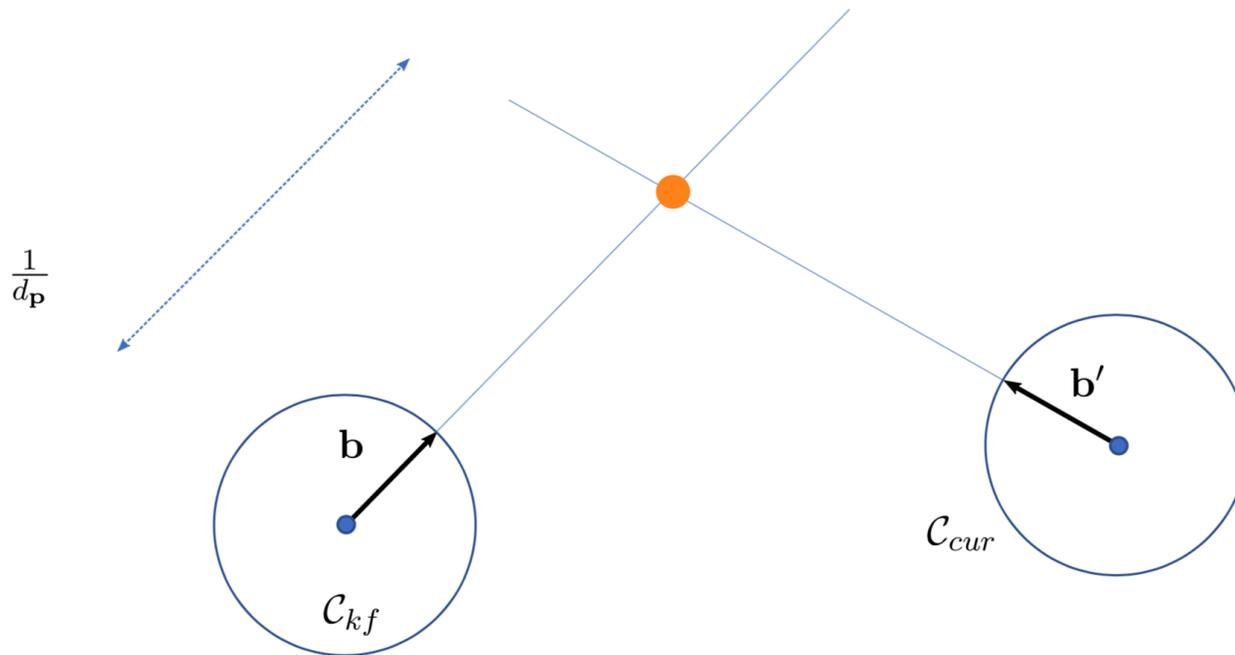
$$b'_x = \frac{p'_x}{\|\mathbf{p}'\|} = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t_x}{\|\mathbf{p}'\|}$$

$$b'_y = \frac{p'_y}{\|\mathbf{p}'\|} = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t_y}{\|\mathbf{p}'\|}$$

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$$= R \frac{\mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t$$

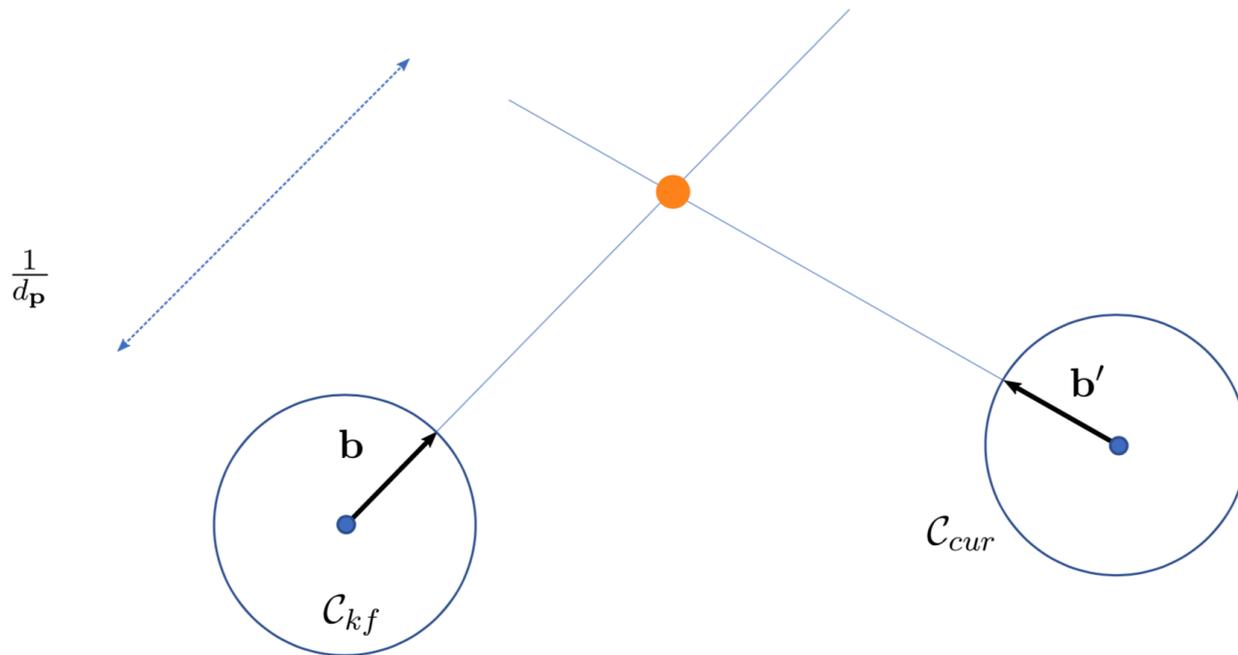
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$$\frac{b'_x}{b'_y} = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t_x}{\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}}{d_p} + t_y}$$

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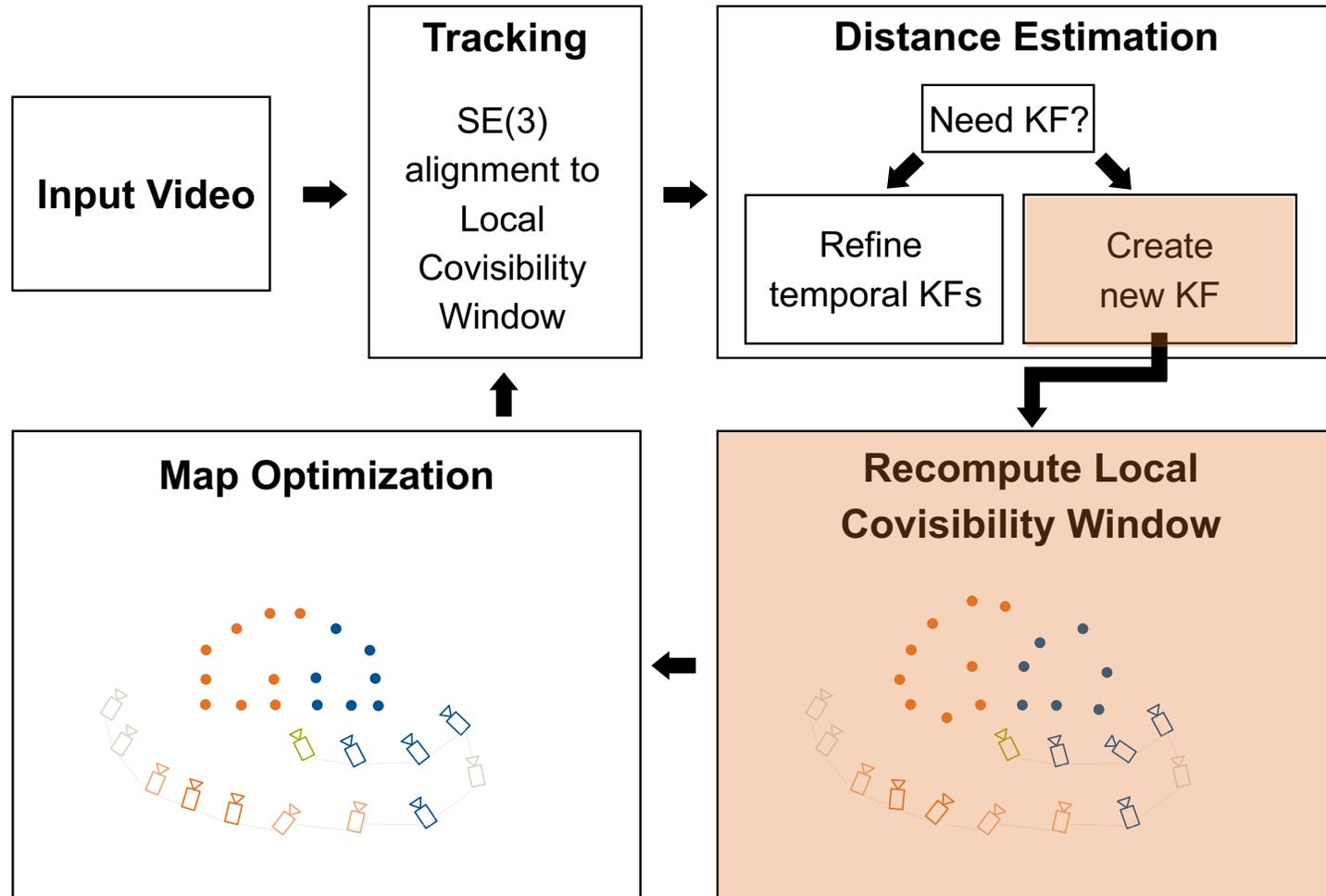


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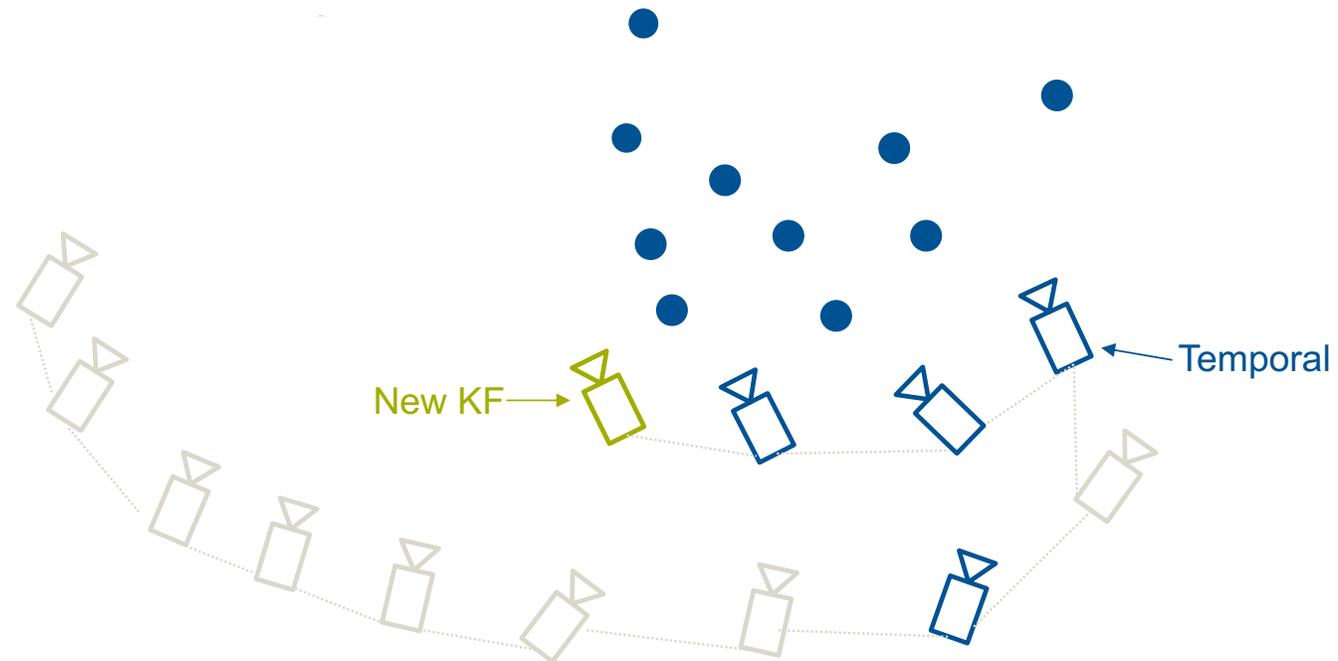
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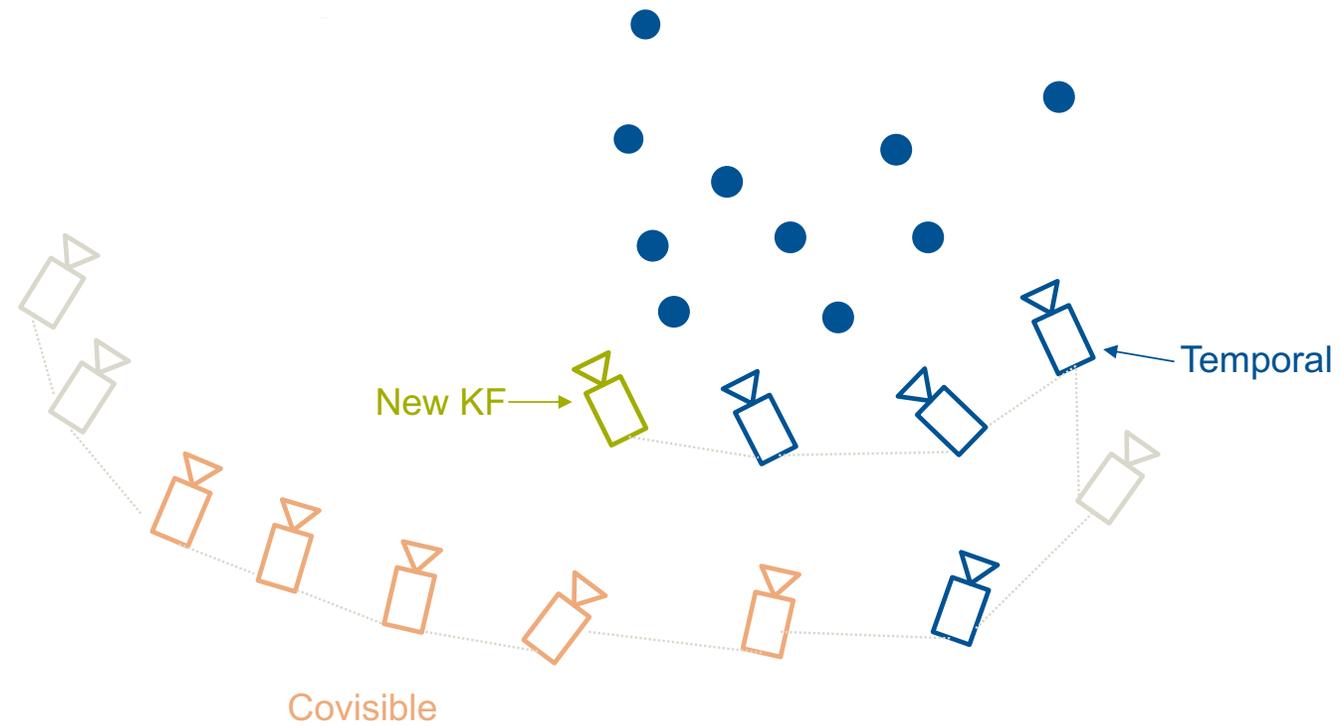
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Recomputing Local Covisibility Window



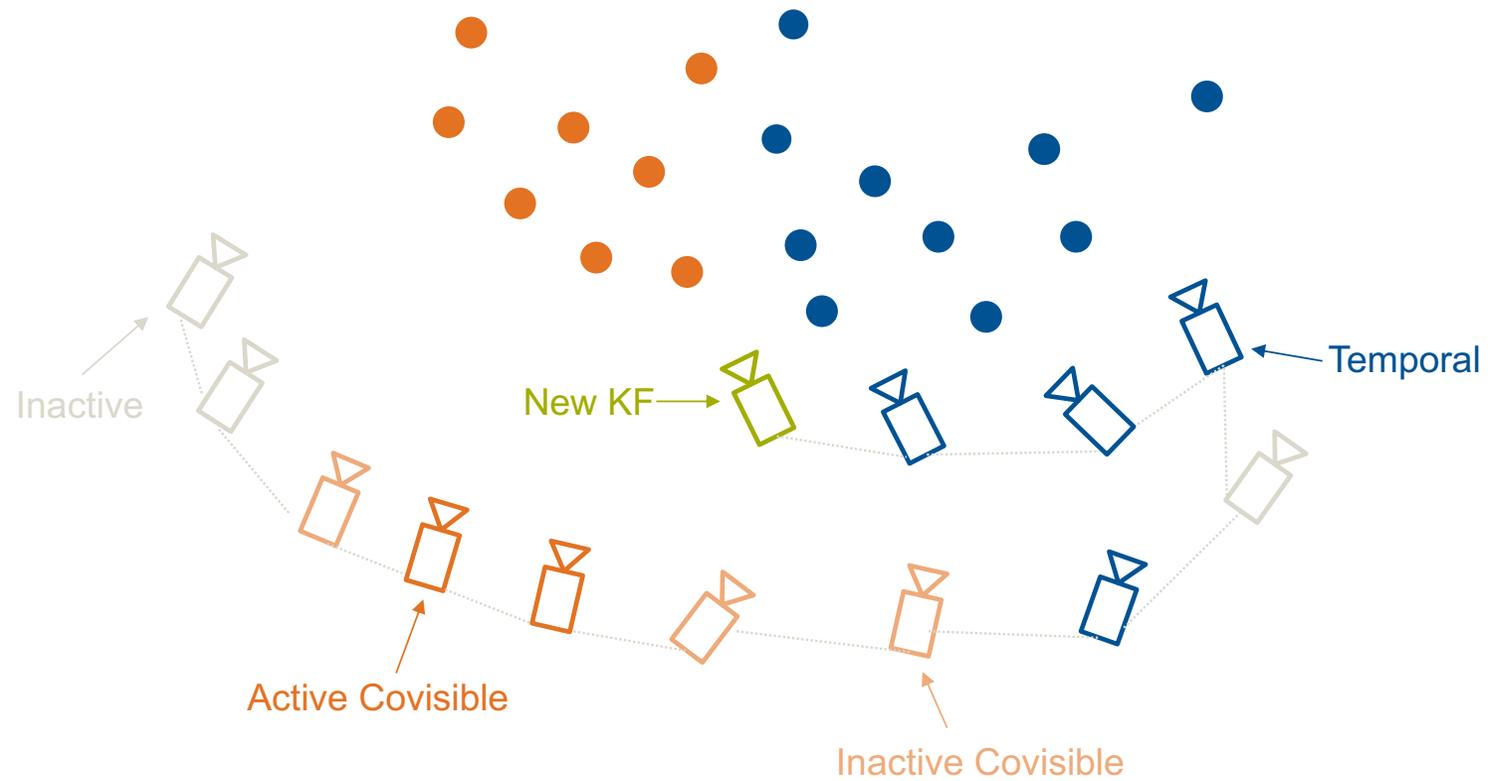
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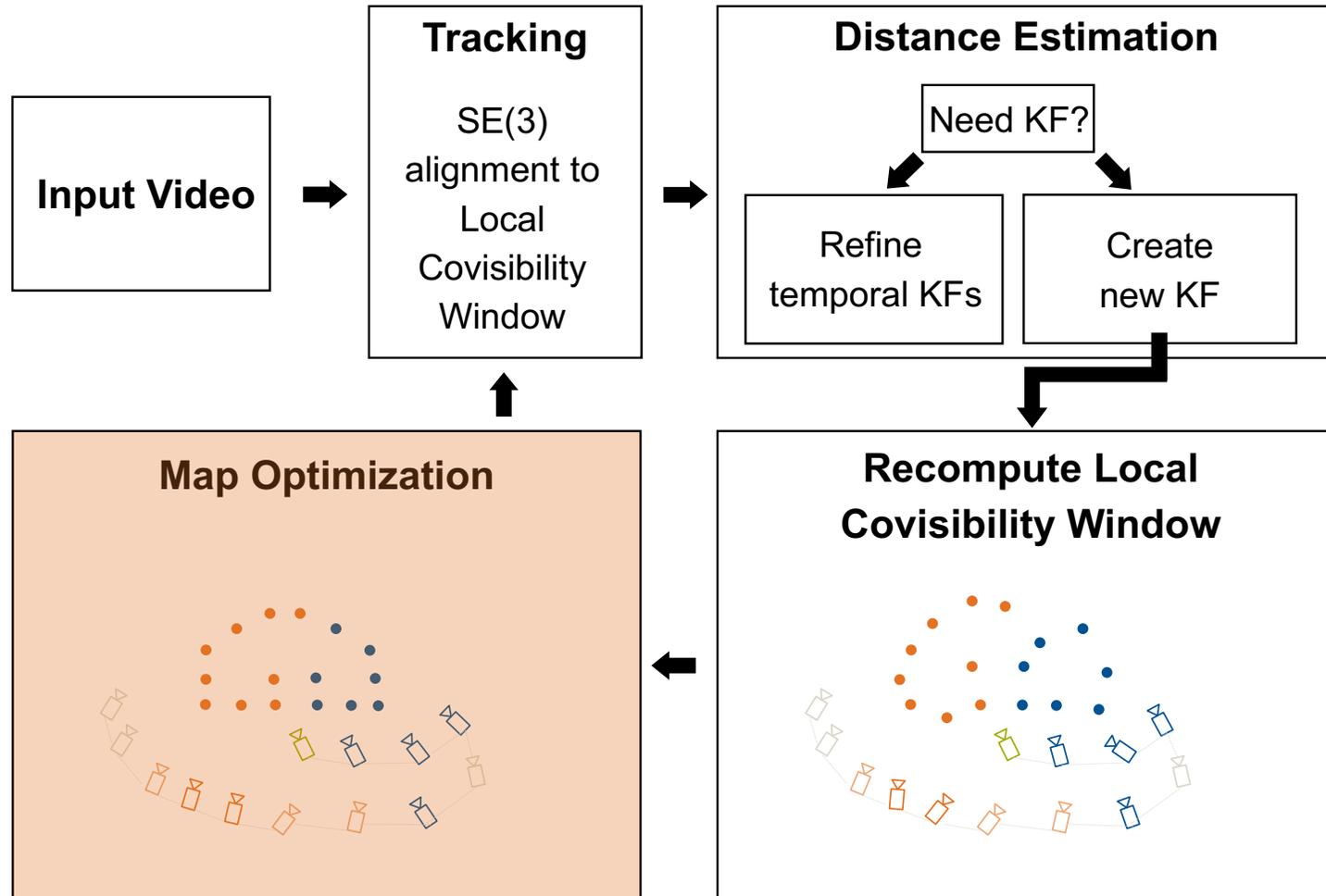
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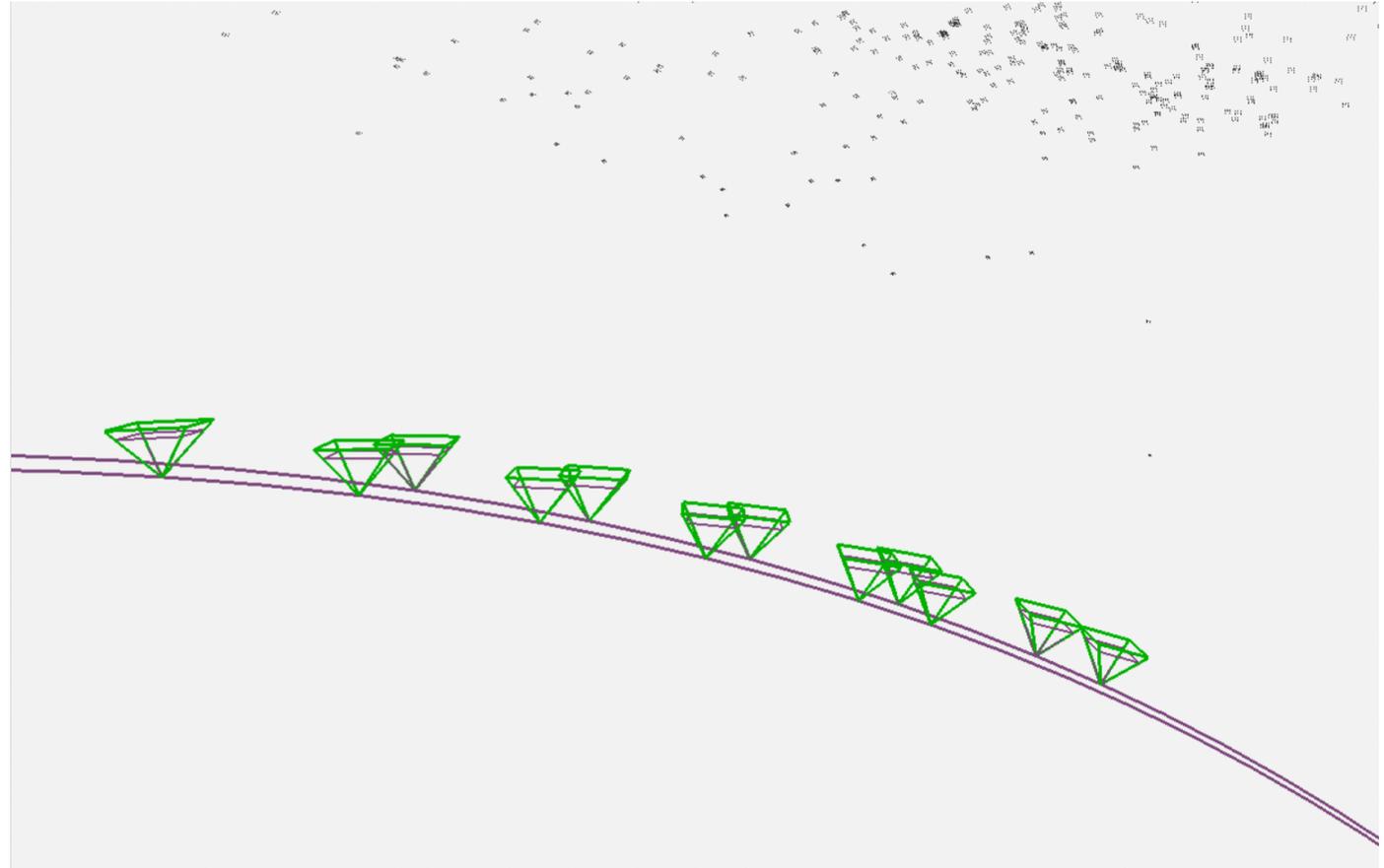
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Photometric Bundle Adjustment

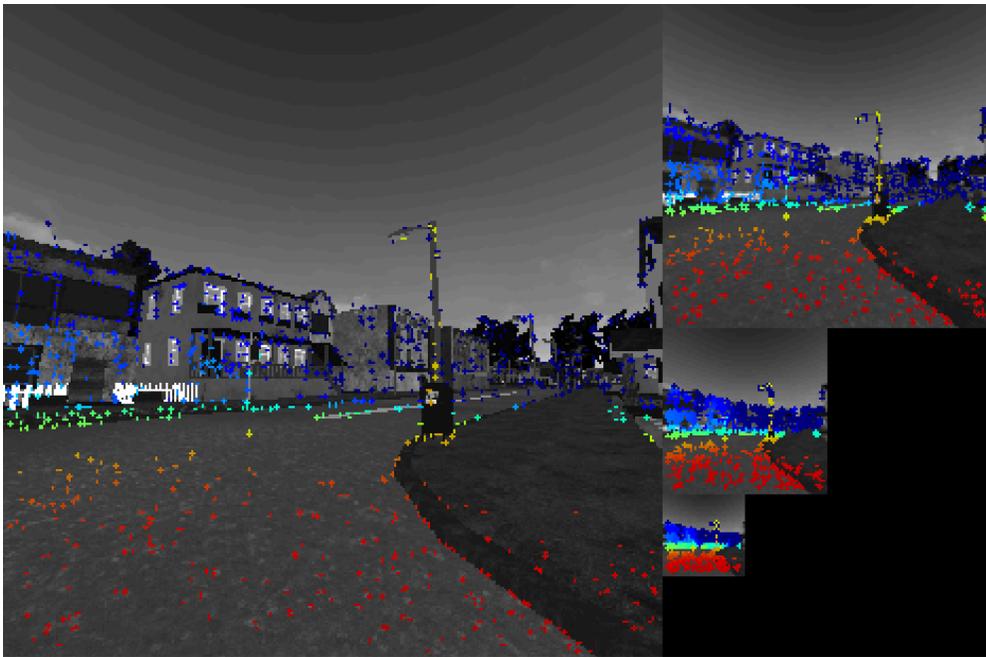
- Ceres
(w/o coarse-to-fine)
- Manual Solver
(w/ and w/o coarse-to-fine)



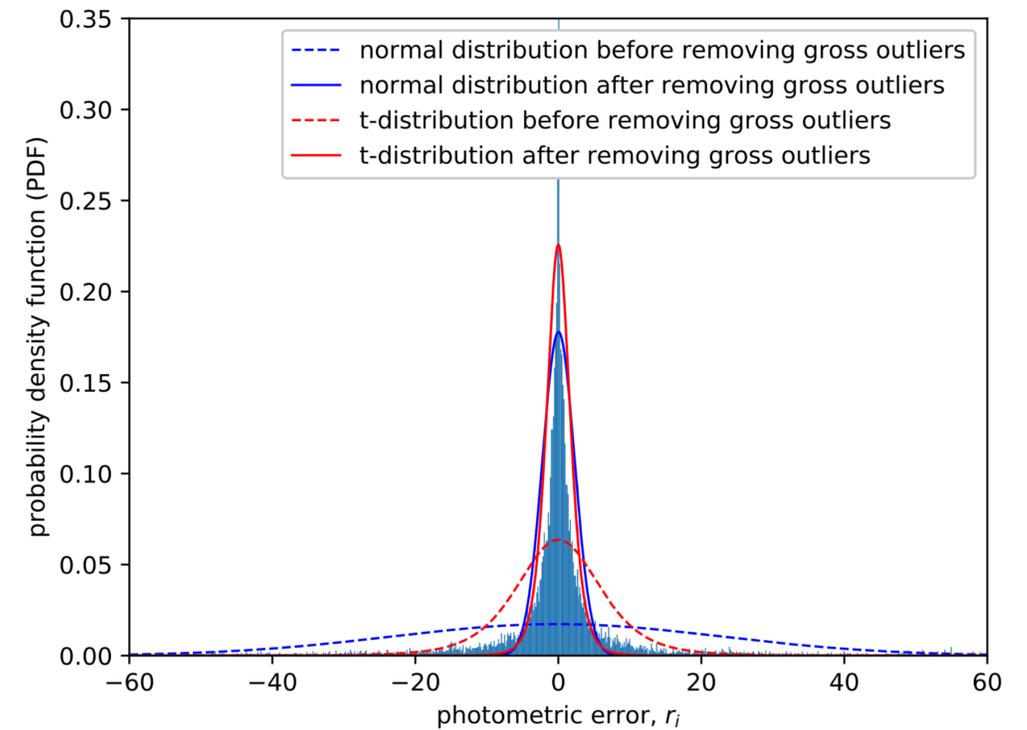
Approach

Robustification

Coarse-to-Fine



Residual Distribution

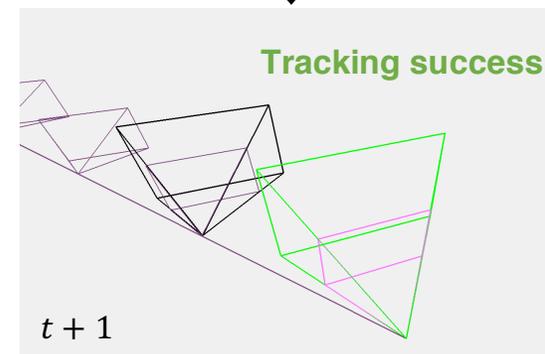
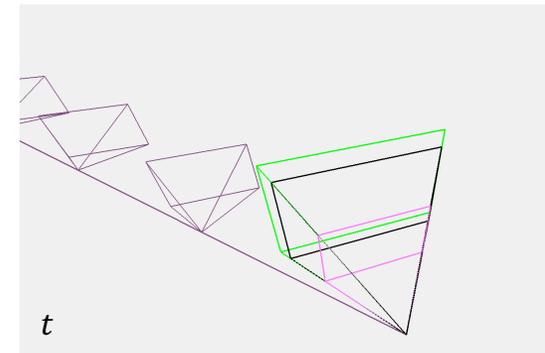
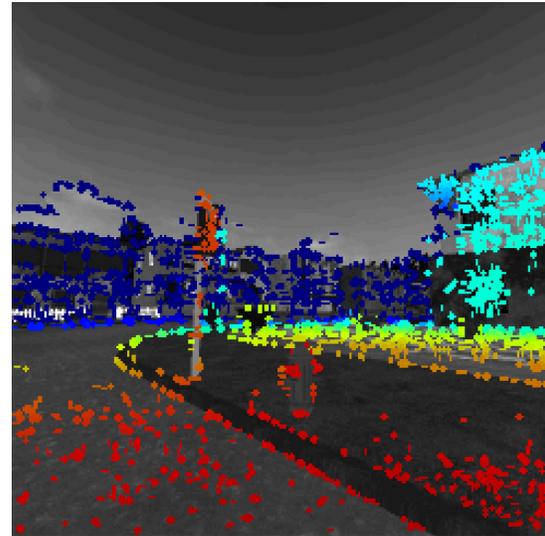


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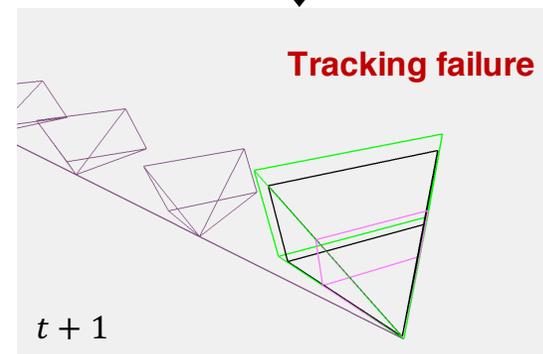
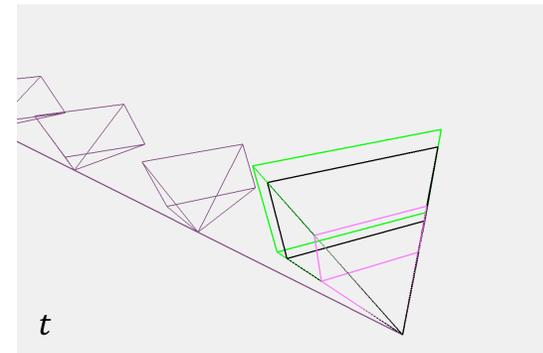
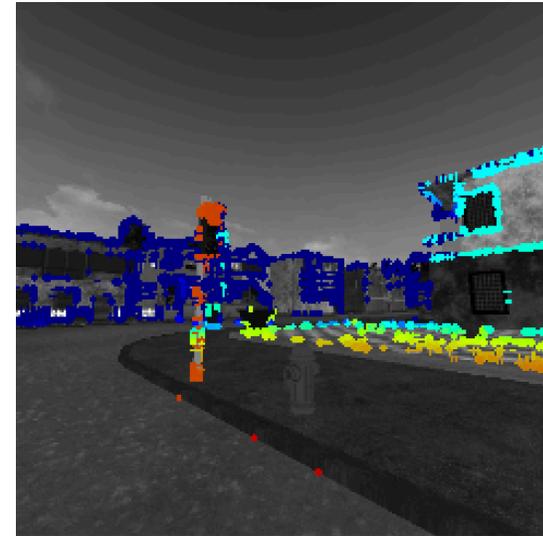
Results

Influence of
Candidate Point
Selection on Tracking

Setting A

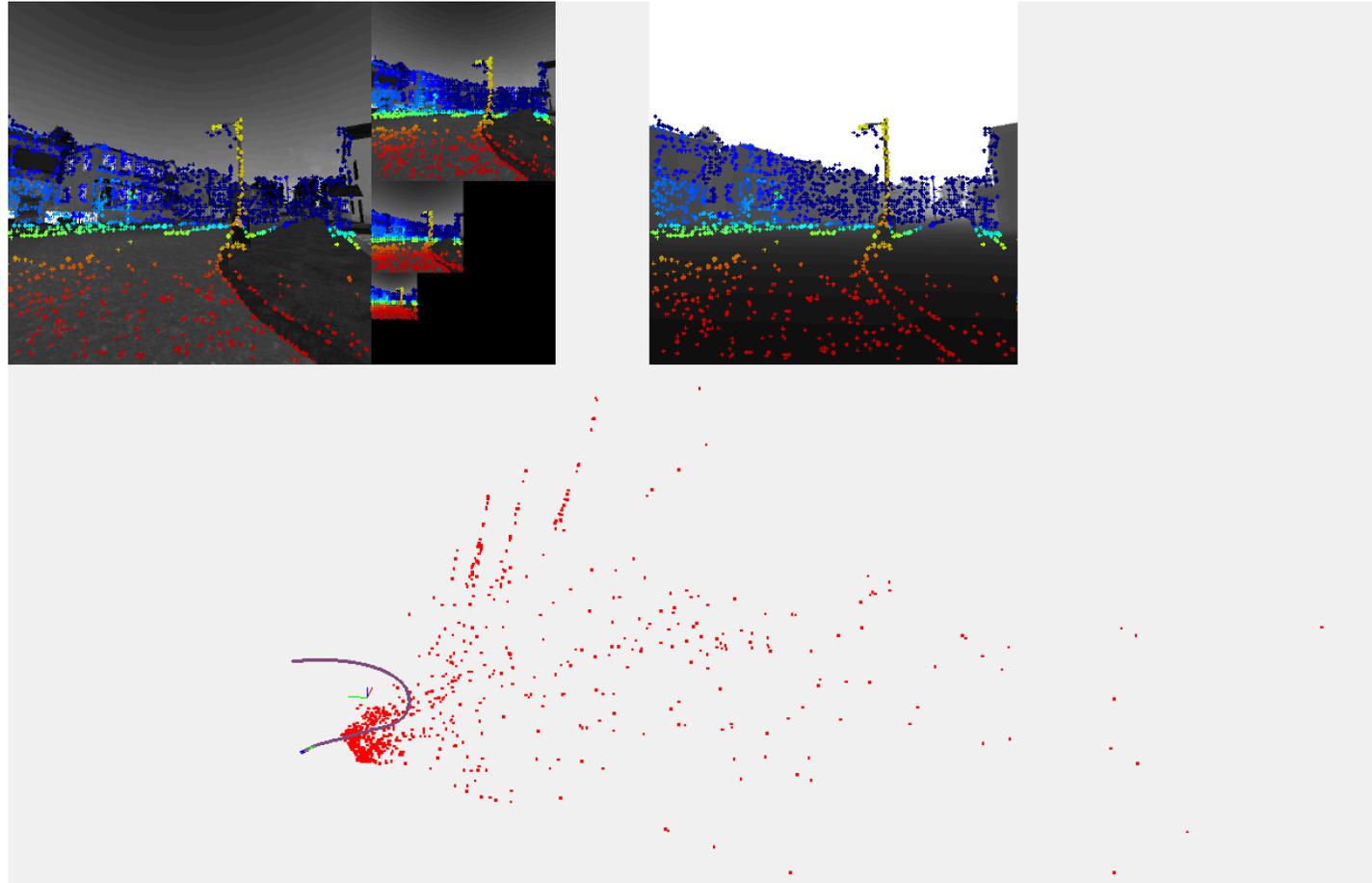


Setting B



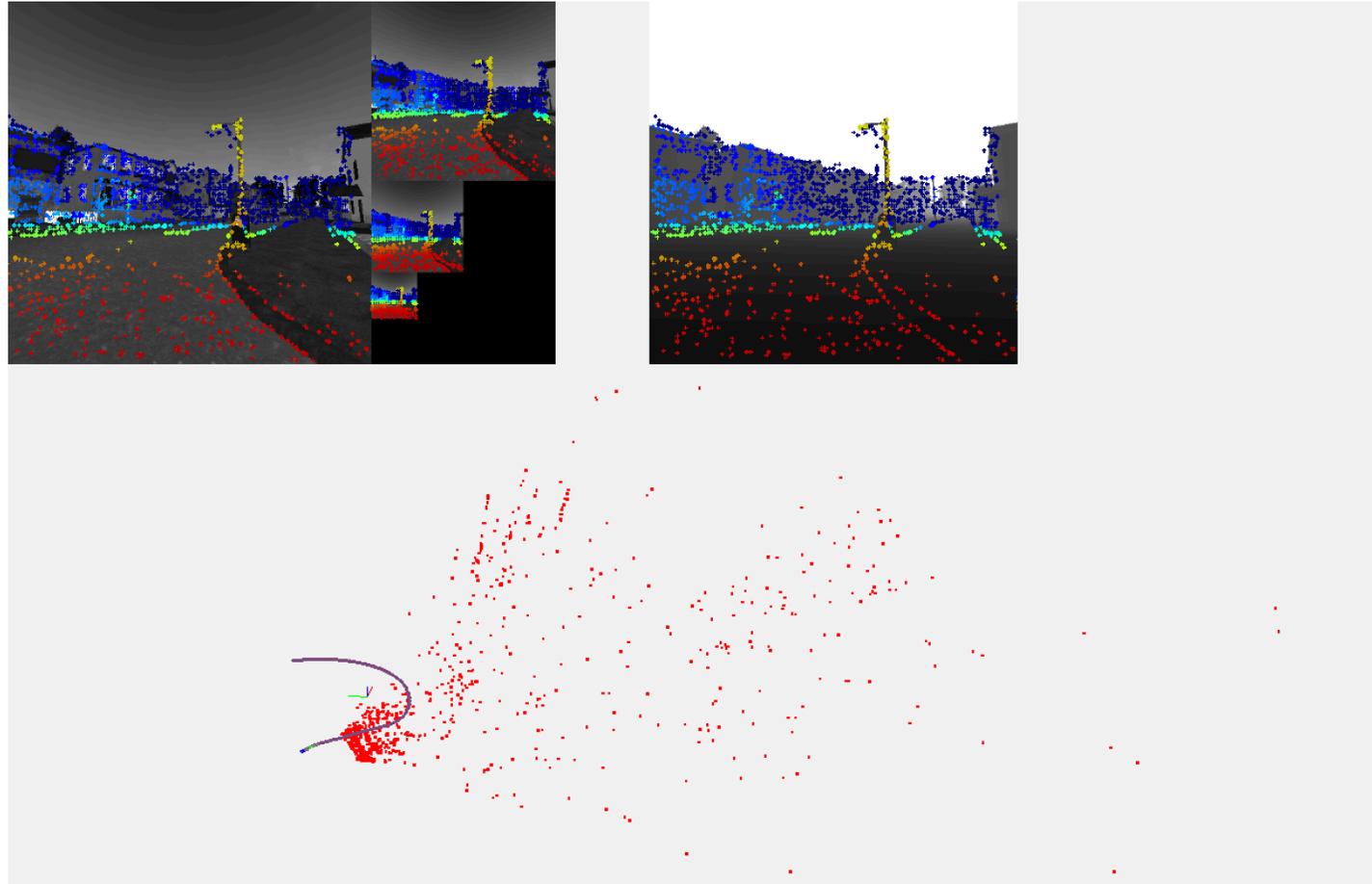
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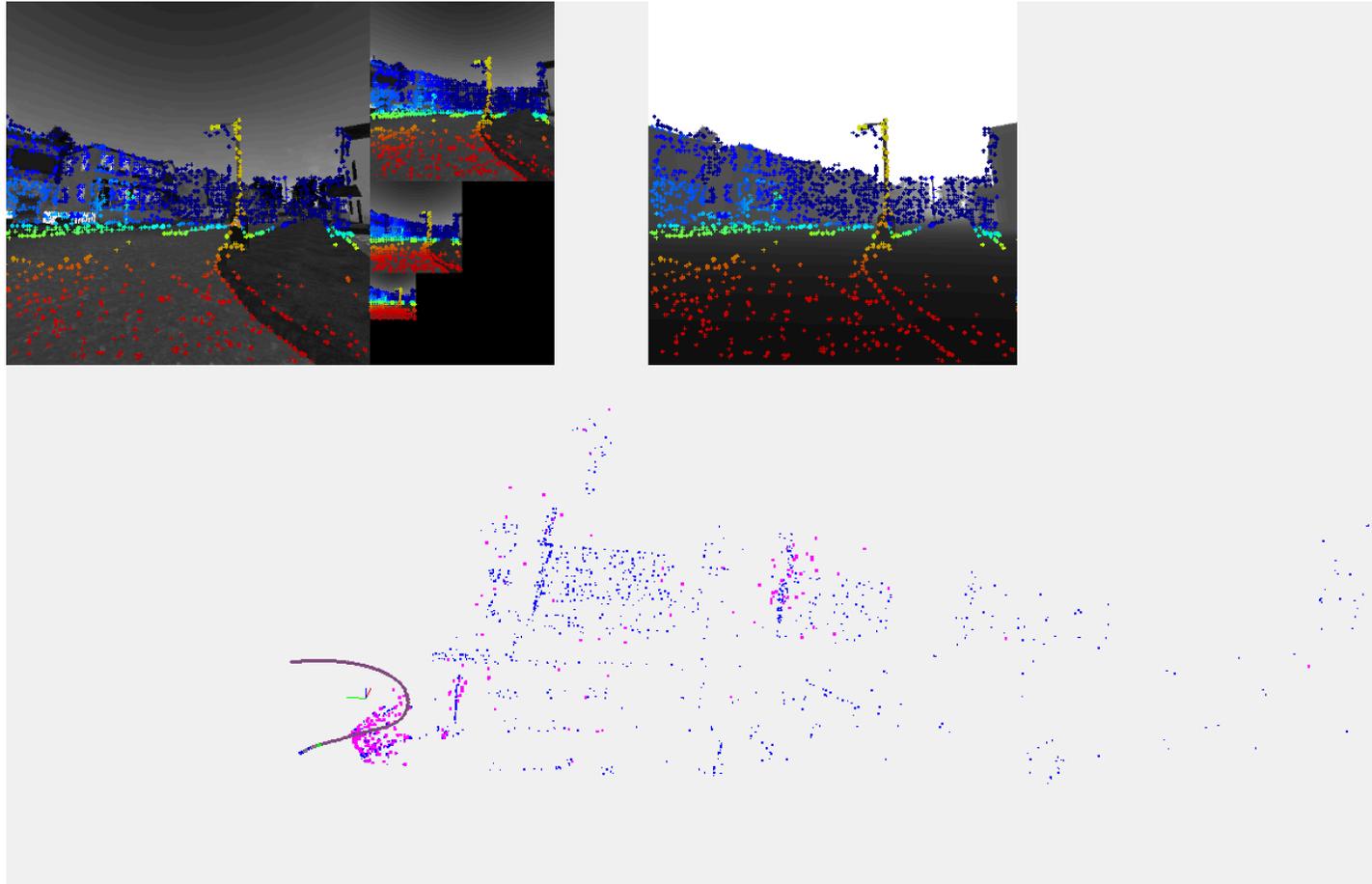
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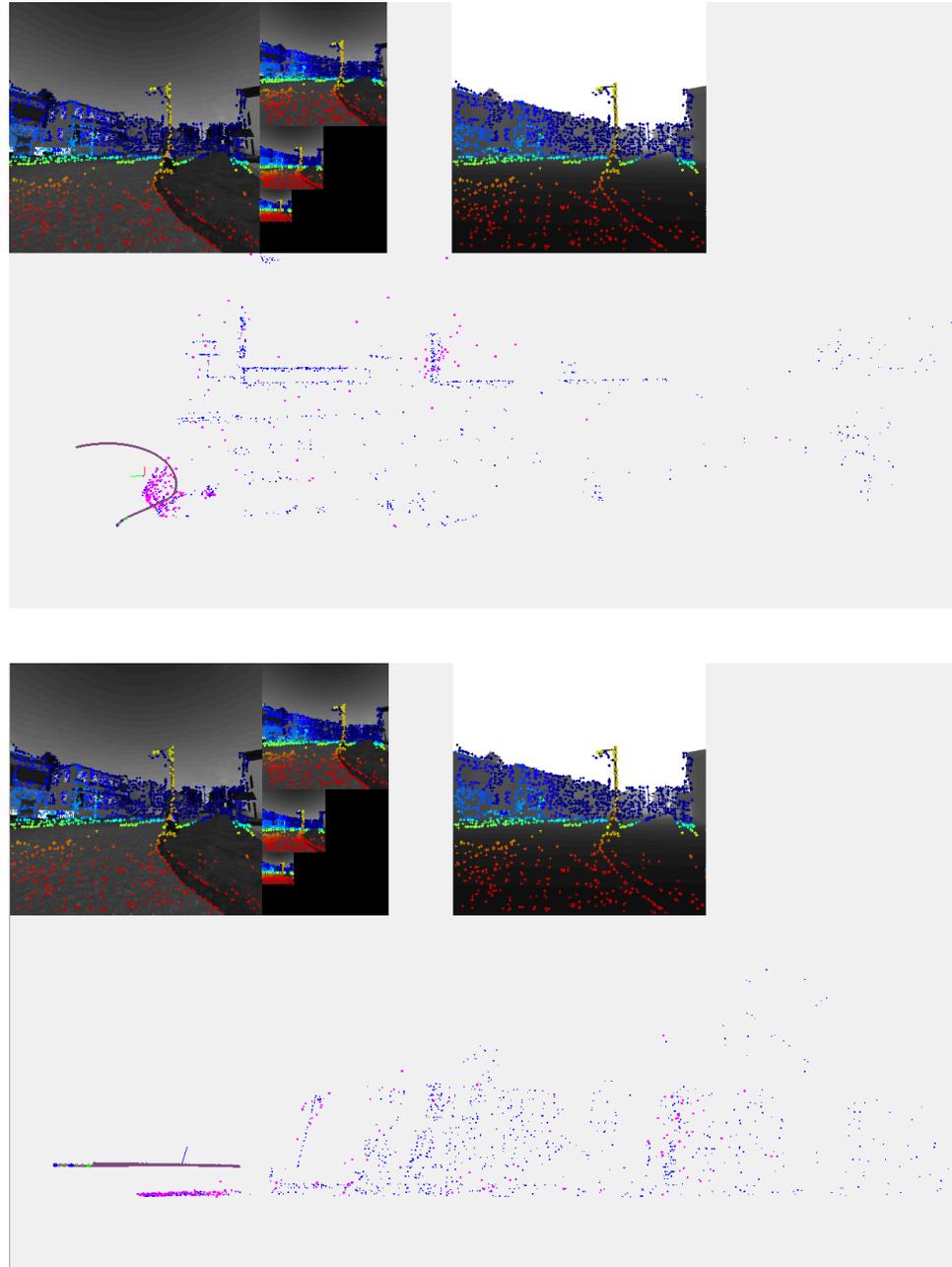
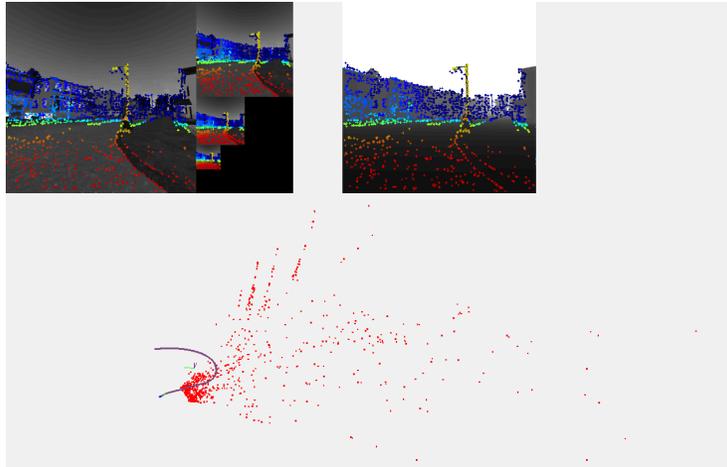


Upgraded to Landmarks

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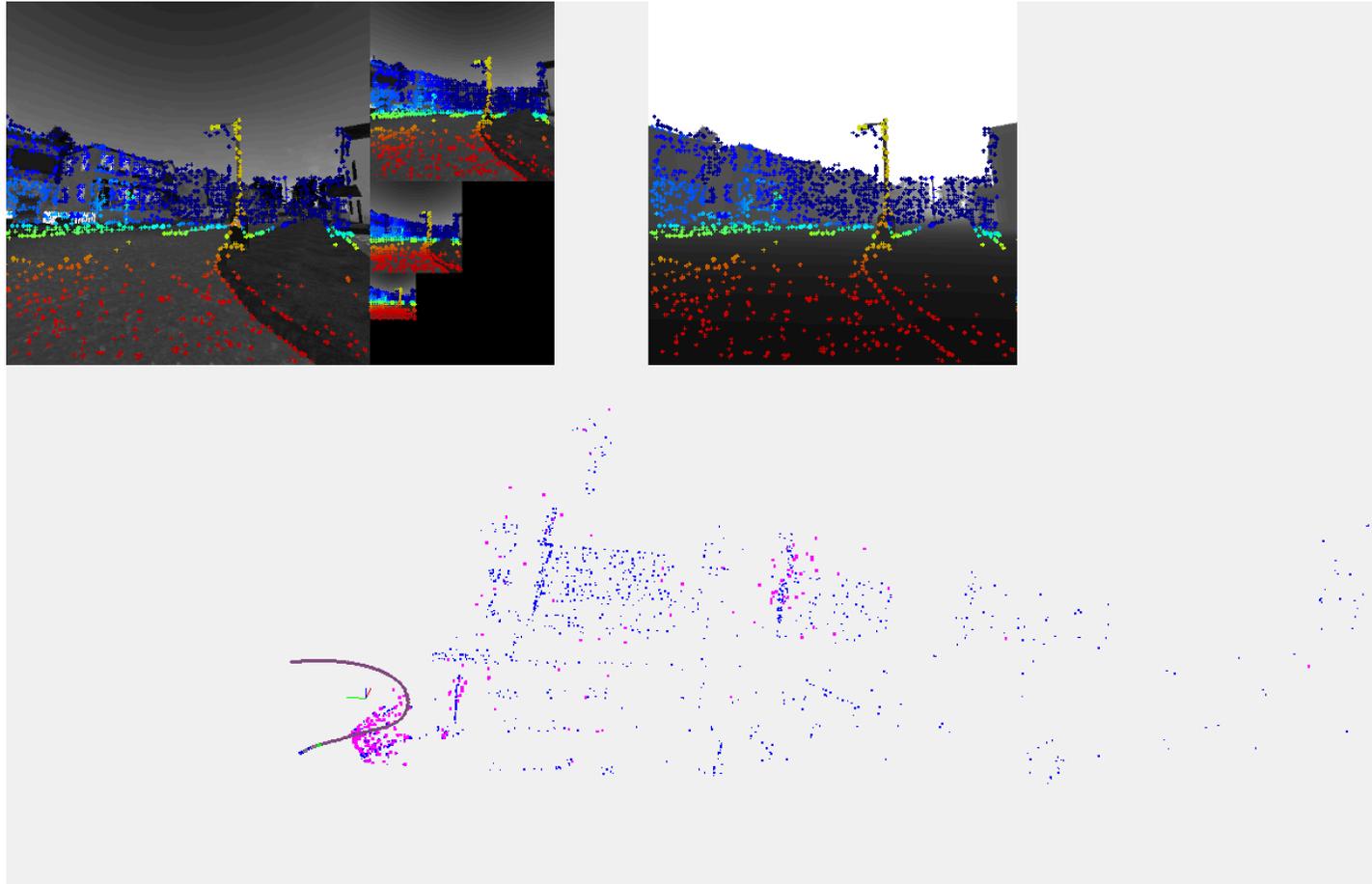
Candidate

Point Tracking



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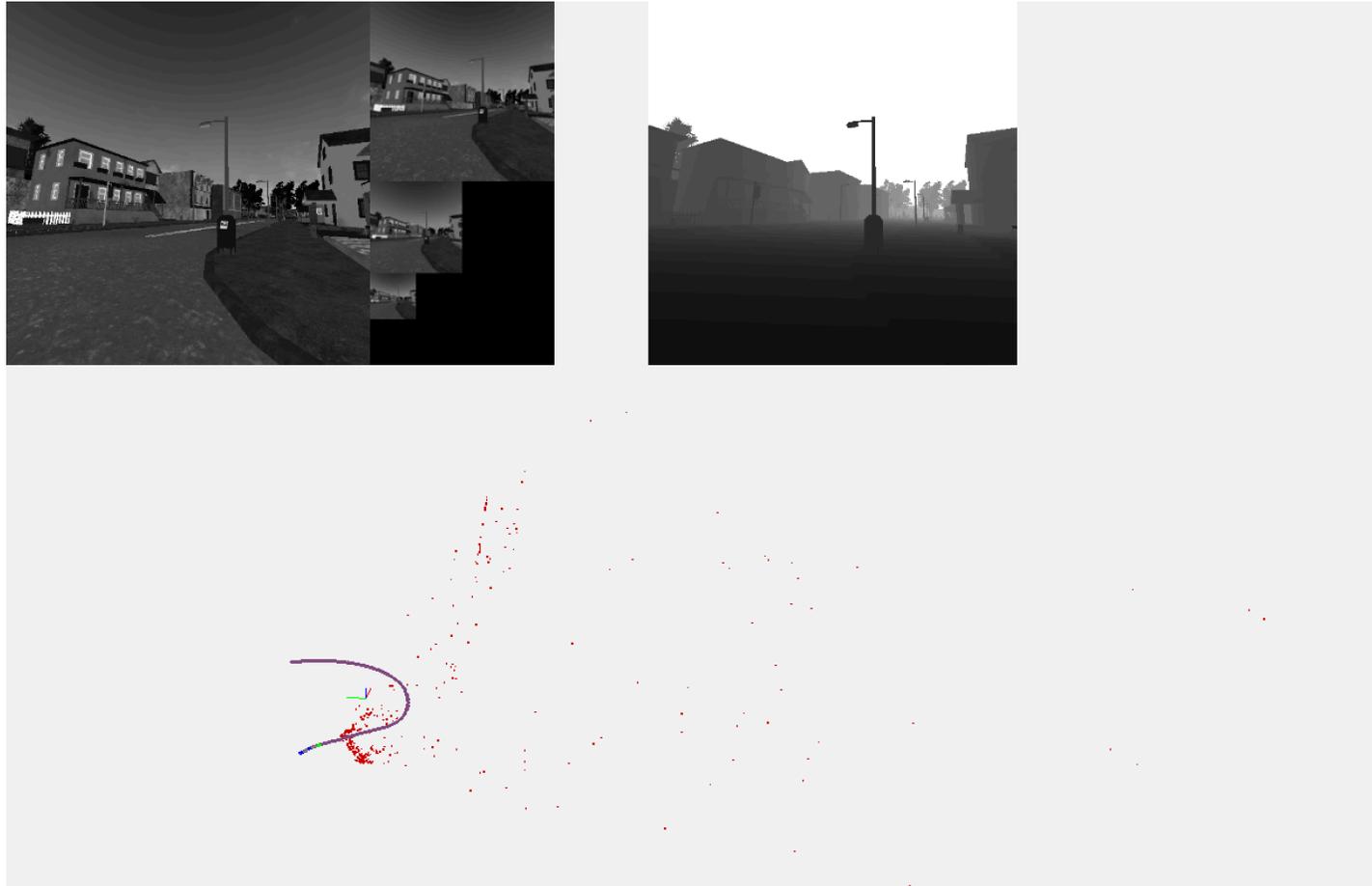
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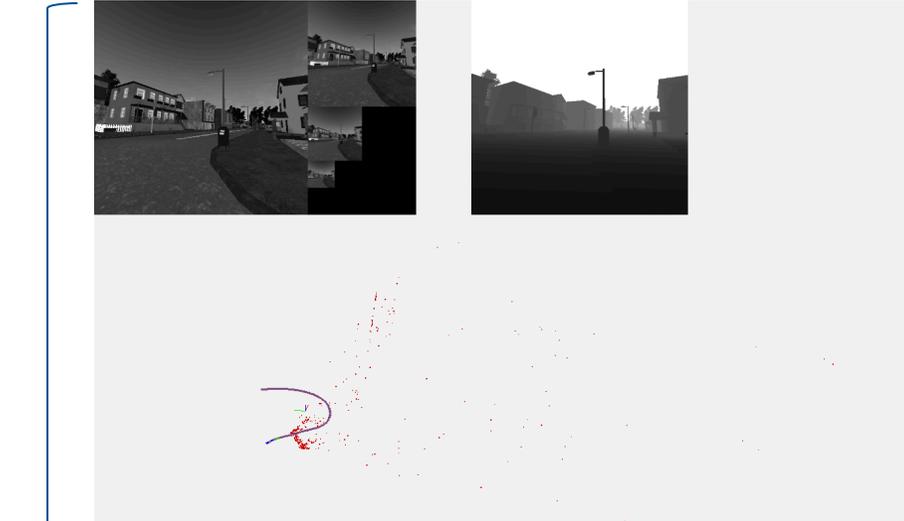
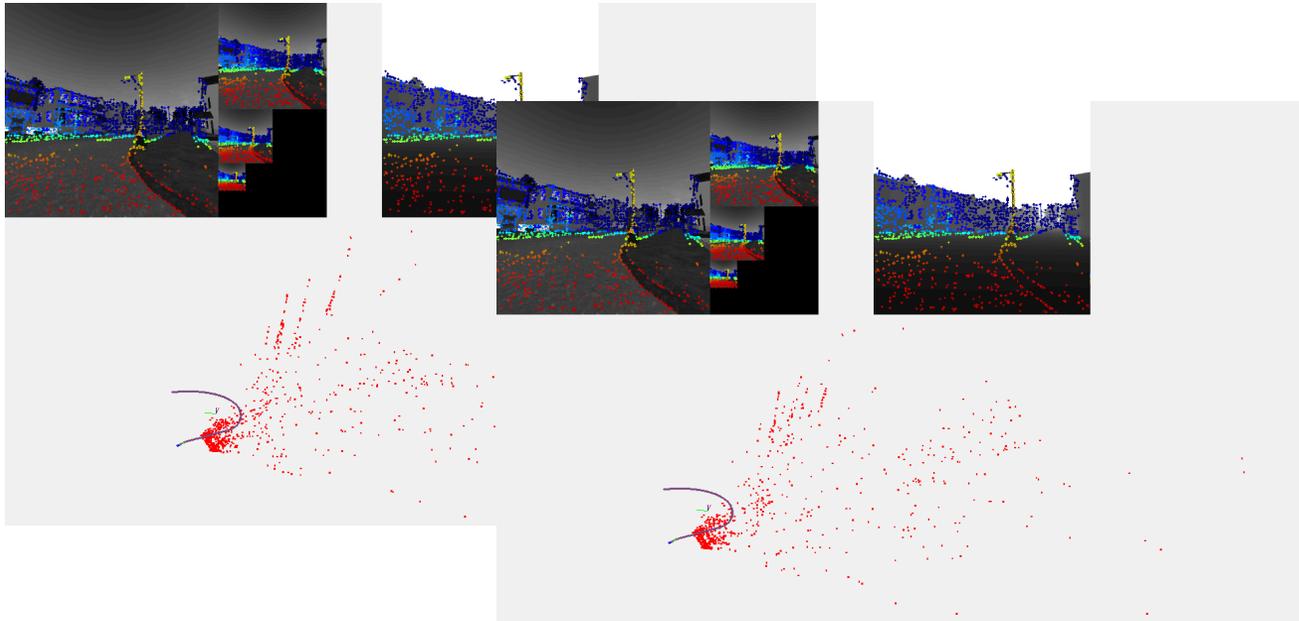
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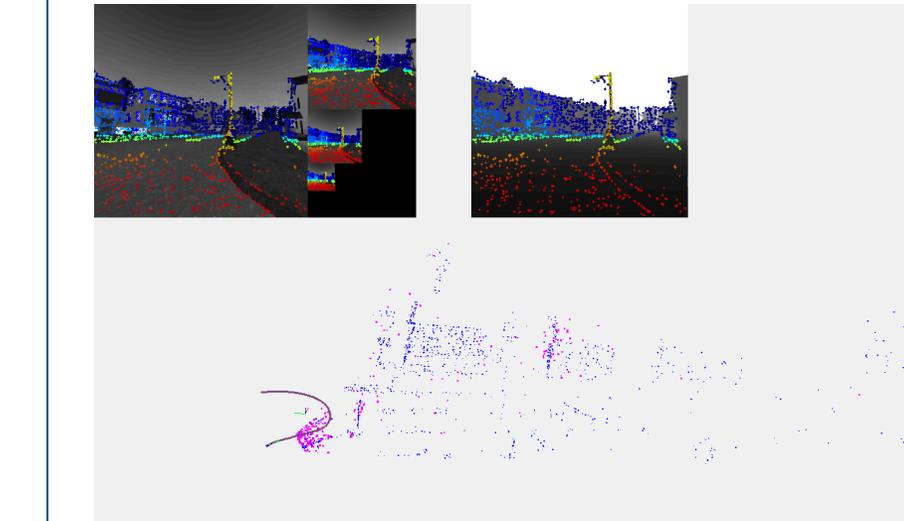
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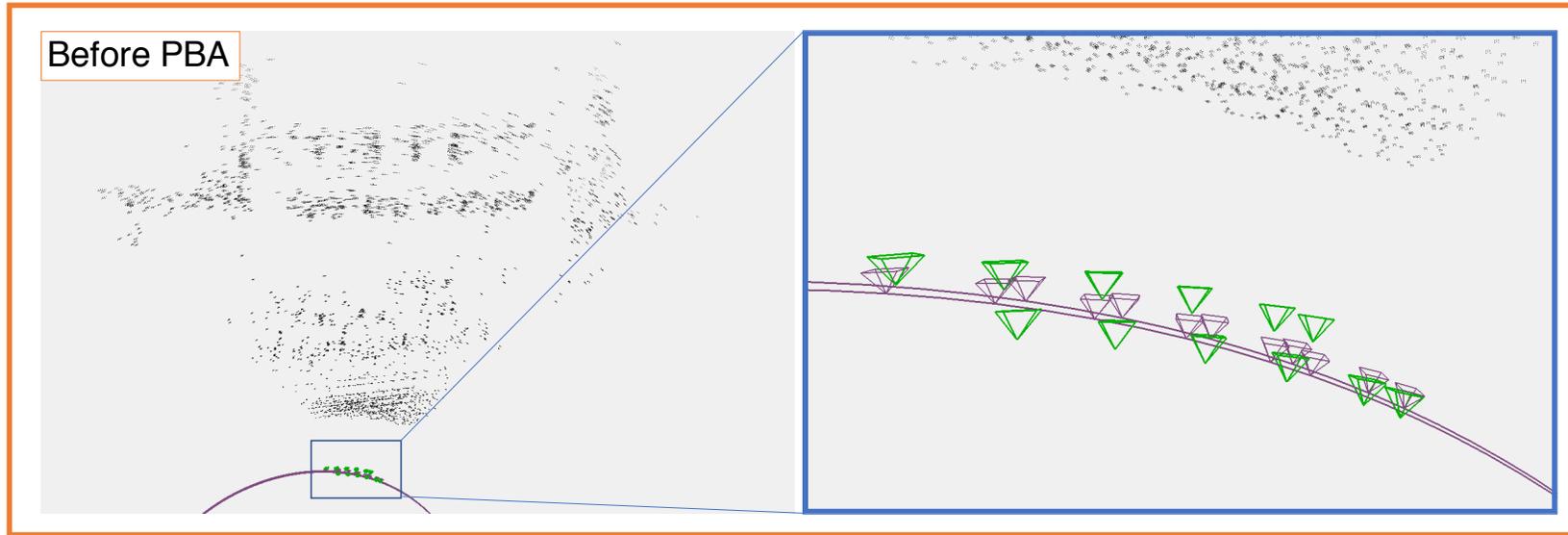
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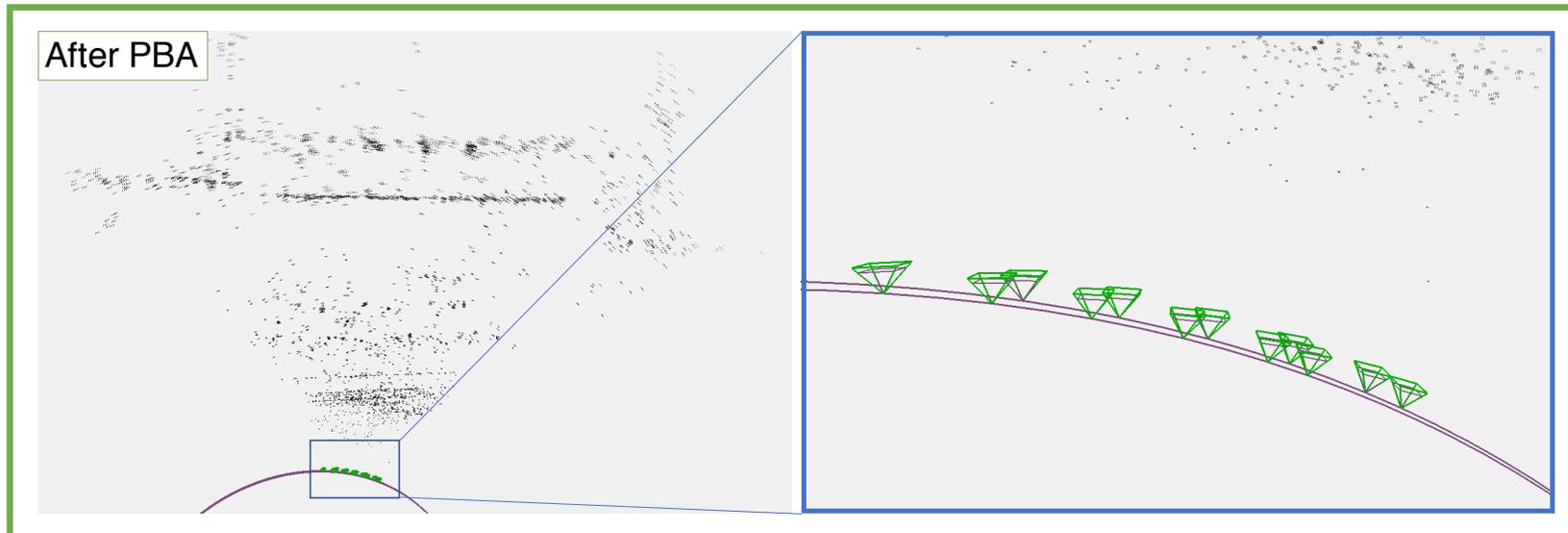
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Results

Photometric
Bundle
Adjustment



PBA (Photometric Bundle Adjustment)



Results

Photometric Bundle Adjustment

Max Number of Iterations per Level: **10**

Solver Type		Metric						
		ATE (m)	Runtime (s)	Total	Iterations			
					3	2	1	0
Manual	w/o pyrs	0.00131	0.43	10	-	-	-	10
Ceres	w/o pyrs	0.03761	2.05	10	-	-	-	10
Manual	w/ pyrs	0.00054	2.42	29	7	3	10	9
Ceres	w/ pyrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results

Full System

show_extra_options

keyframe 59

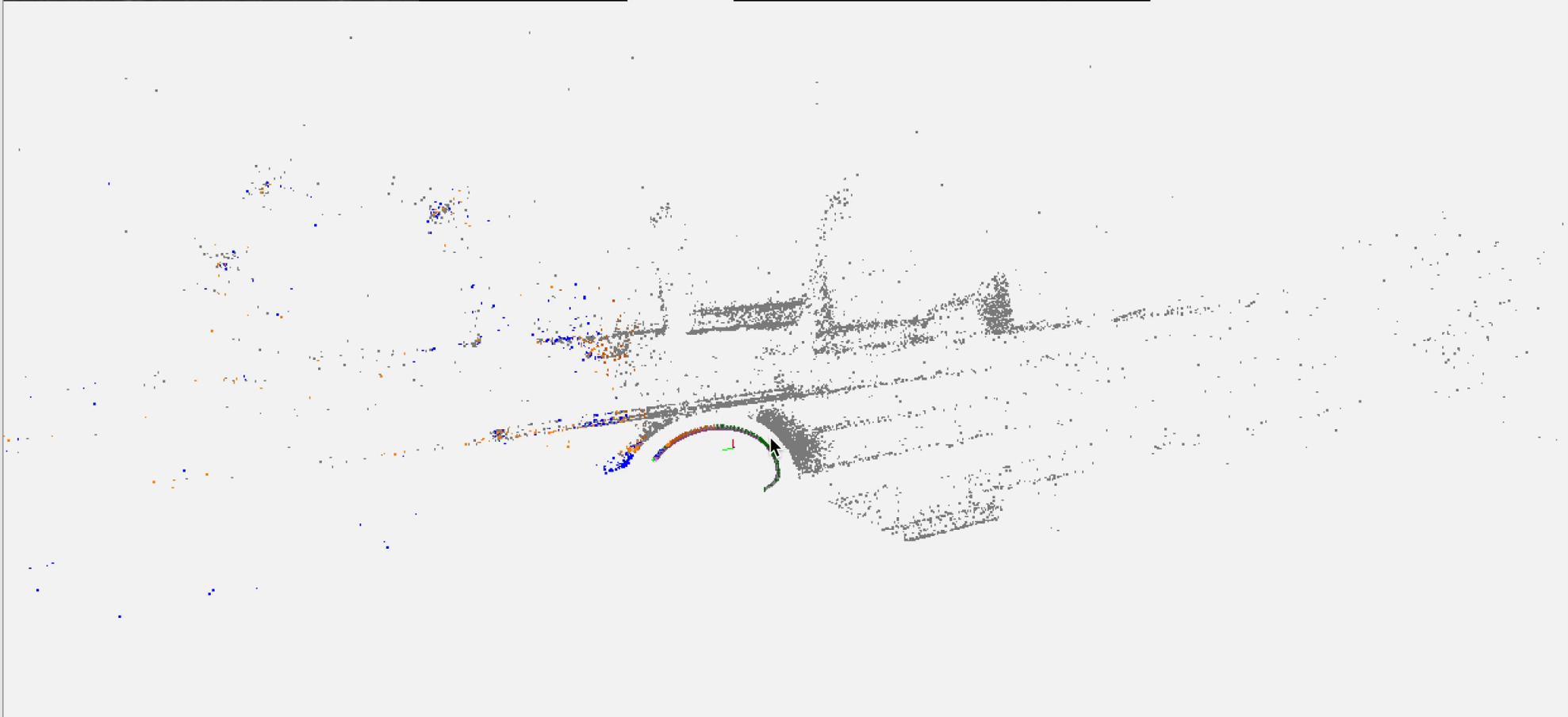
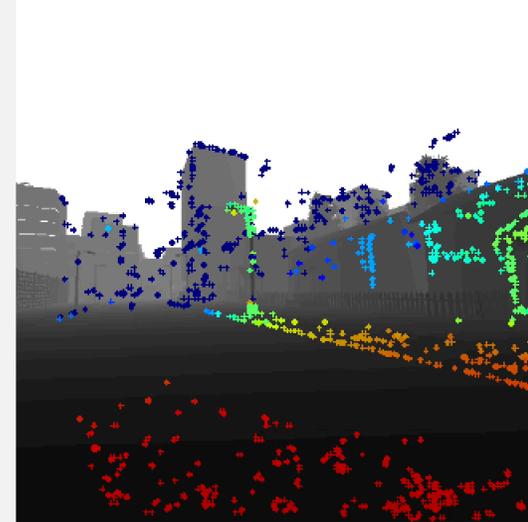
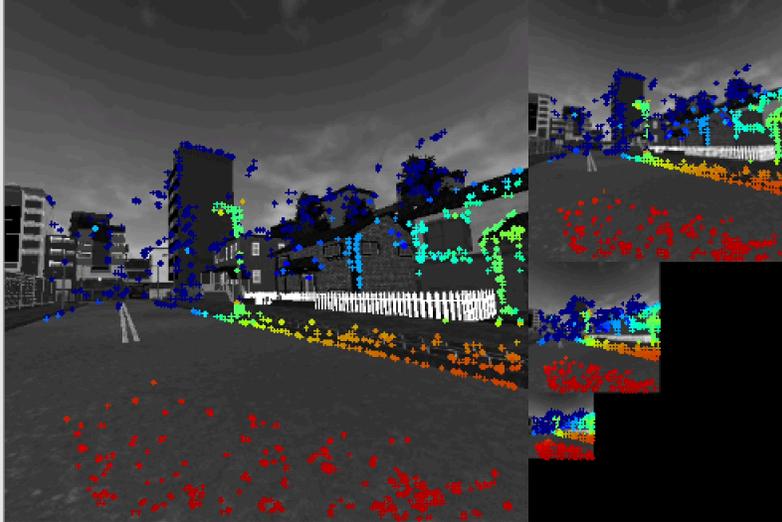
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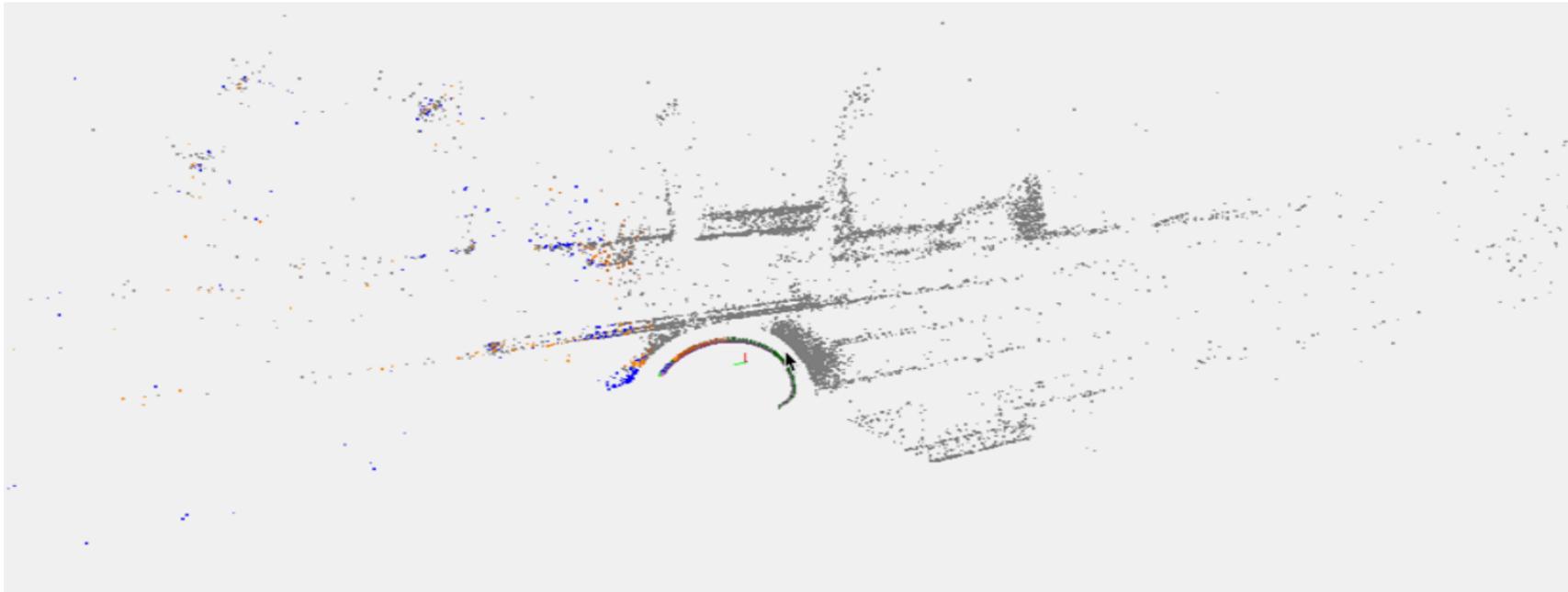
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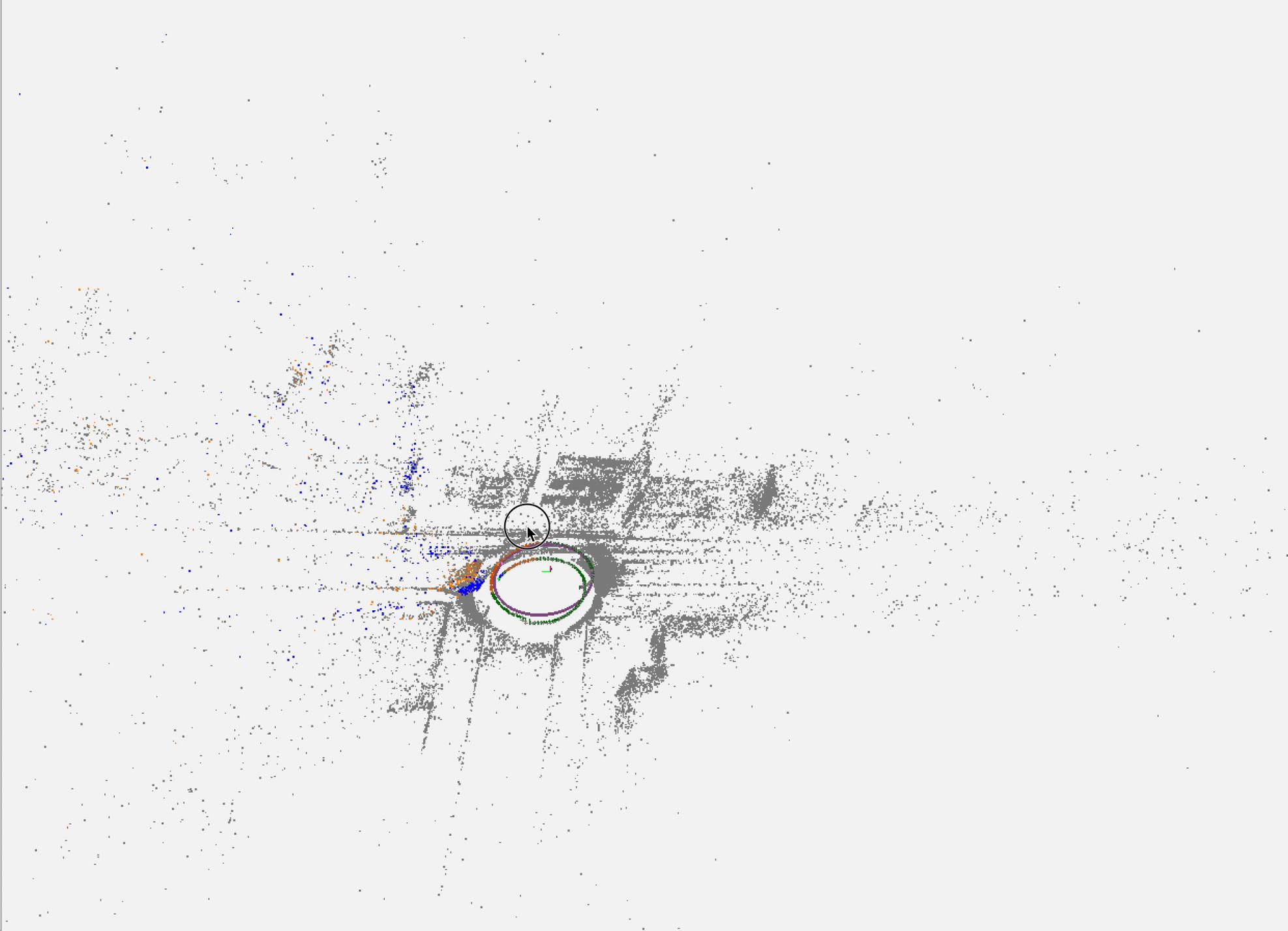
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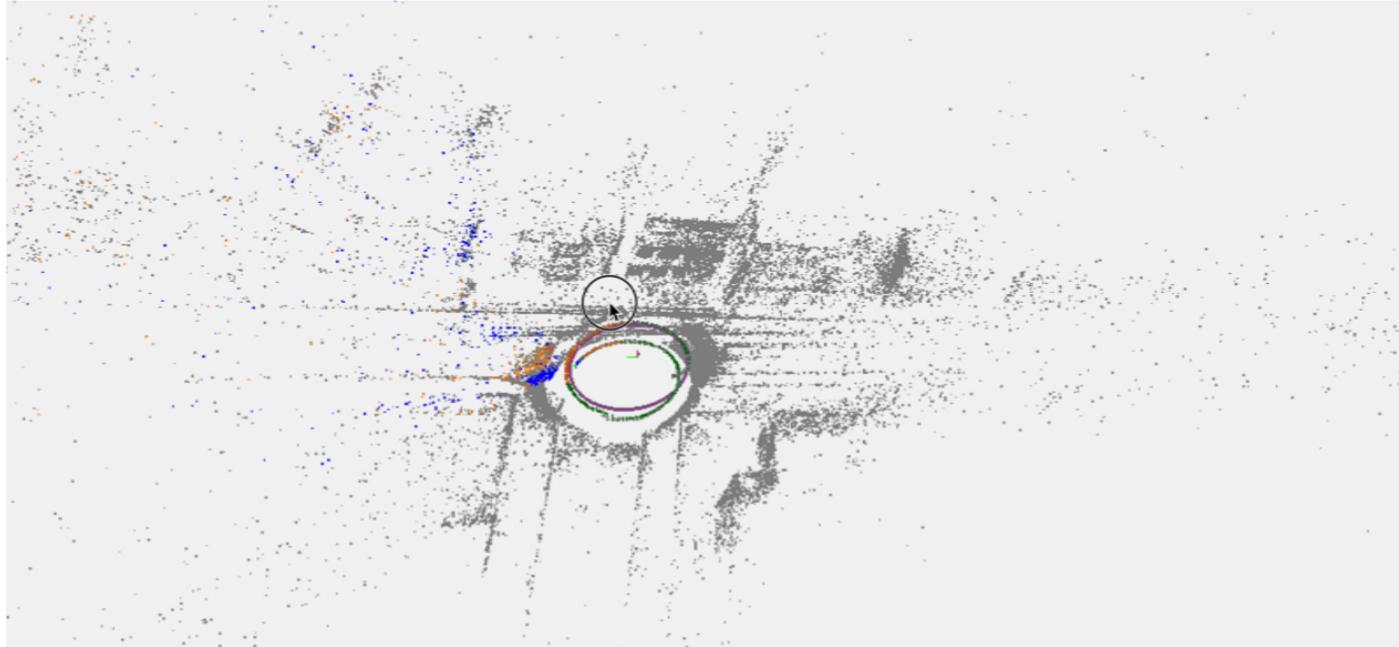
RMSE ATE: **0.00589** m

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Results

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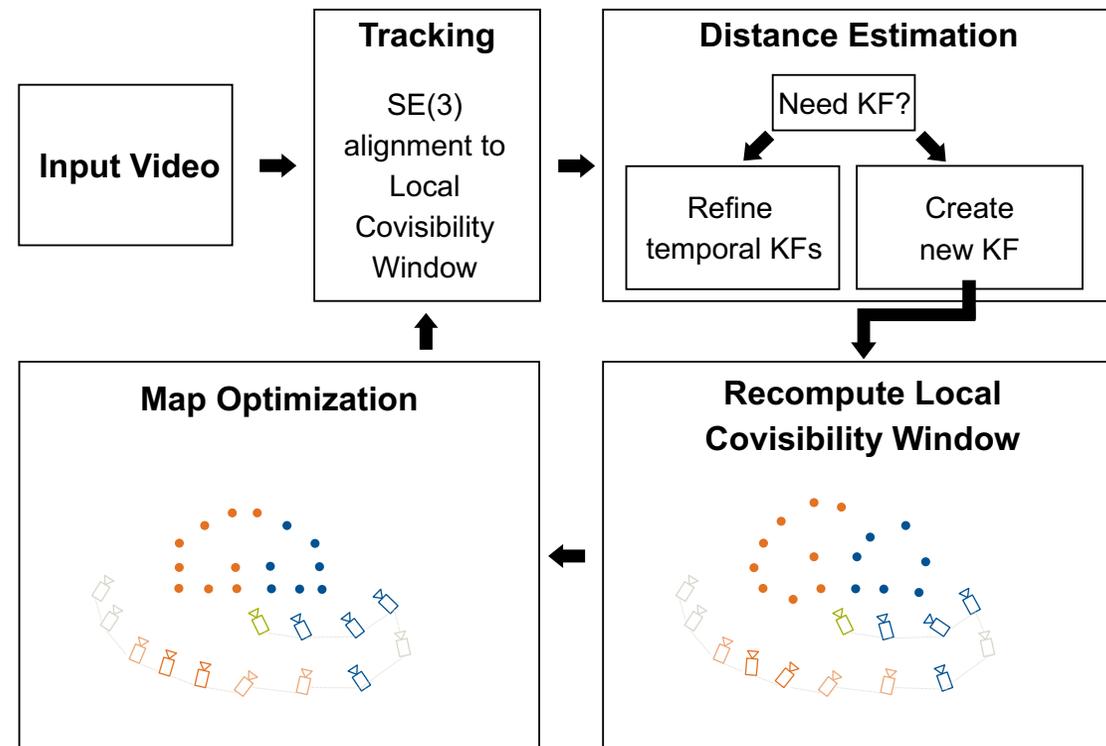
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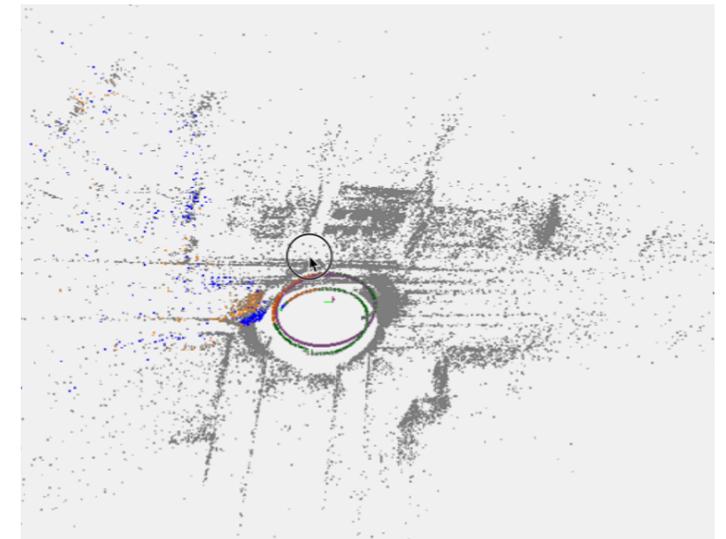
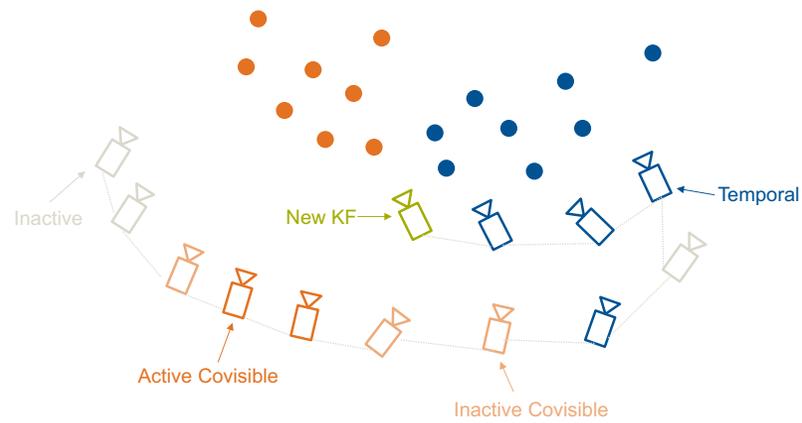
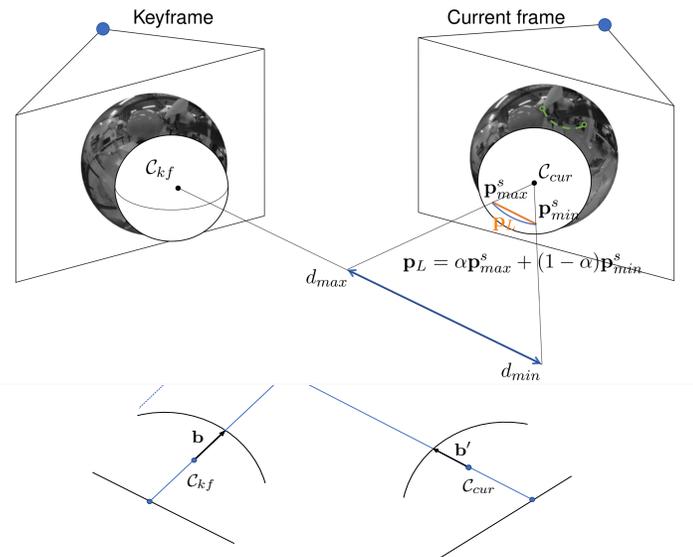
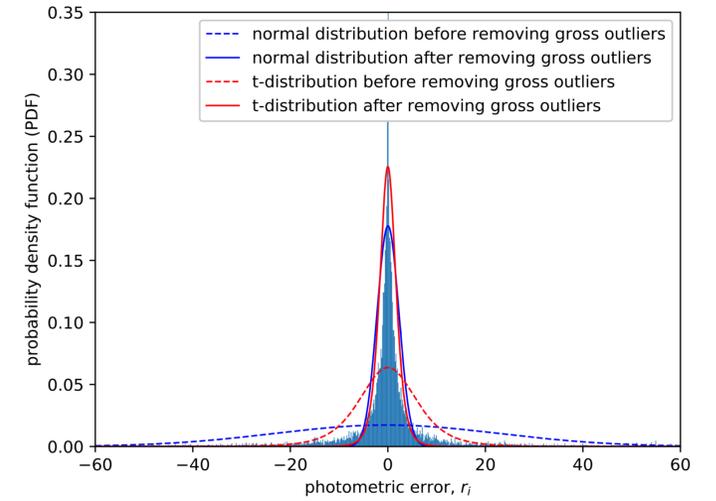
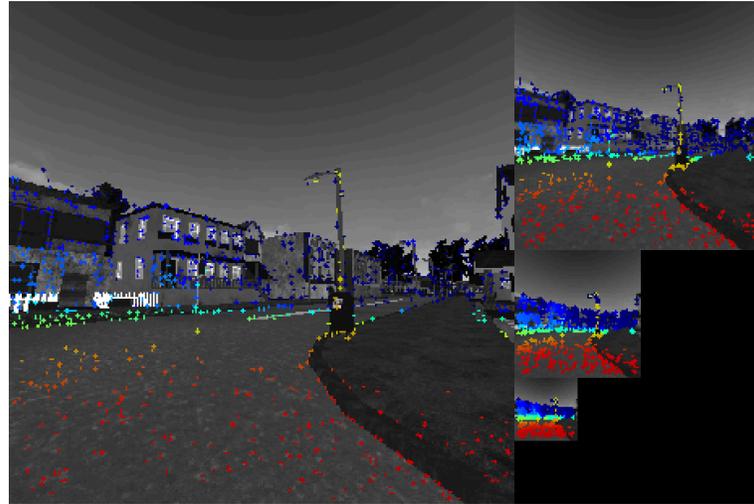
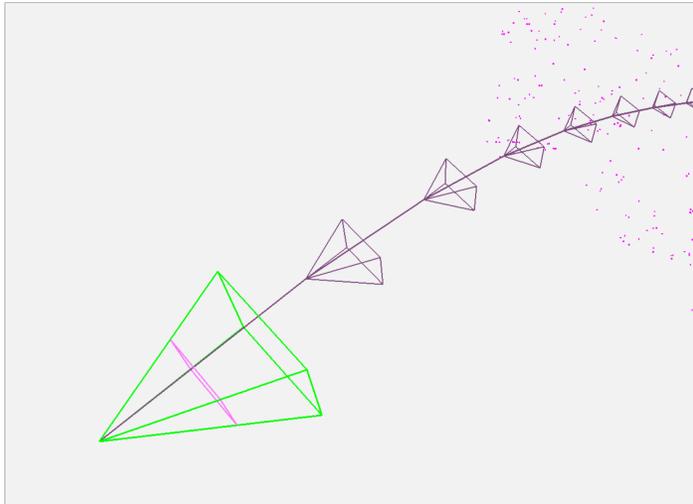
Conclusion

Direct **SLAM**

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Modular & flexible **framework** for future development





Future Work

- Refine system and find good balance for user-defined parameters
- Pose-graph optimization to close larger loops:
 - Double-window optimization (accurate pose-point & soft pose-pose)
- Test the system on real datasets (e.g., EuRoC)

Thank you very much
for your attention.

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