# Urban scene modeling from airborne data

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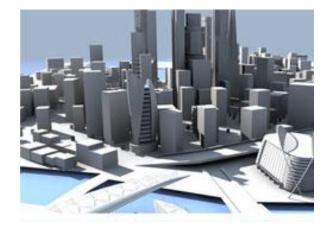








Geometry











- Geometry
- Radiometry



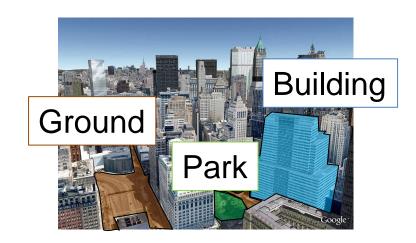








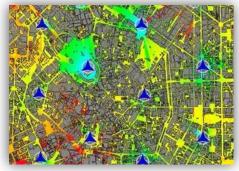
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- Radiometry
- Semantics





### **Applications**

Applications for 3D urban reconstruction



Radio planning



Movie



Computer game



Online services



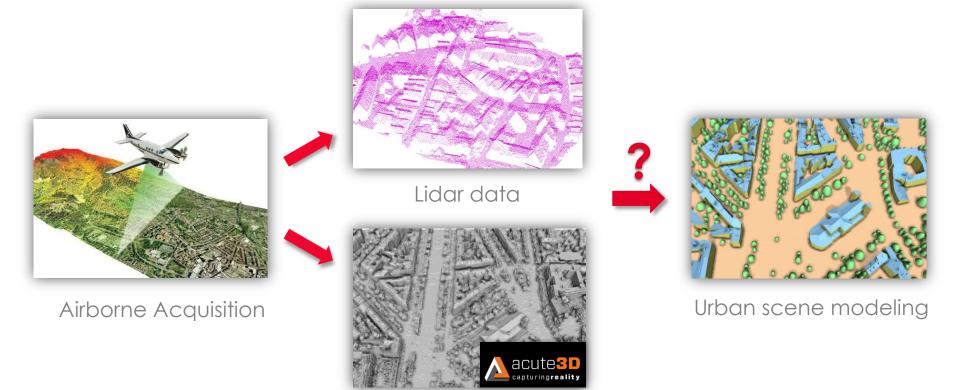
Urban planning



Drone planning



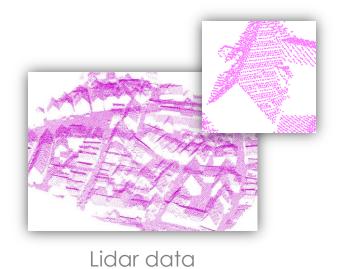
#### **Problem statement**



Meshes from Multi-View Stereo



#### Airborne data





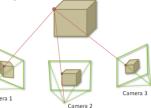
- Accurate
- Not dense
- Incomplete





Meshes from Multi-View Stereo

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





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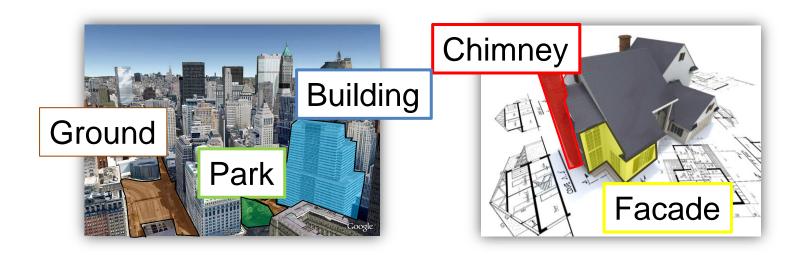
Geometric accuracy





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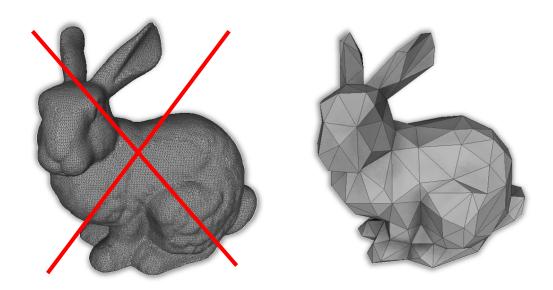
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- Semantic-aware





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- Low complexity





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- Low complexity
- Scalability





Size of the scene

small large



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- Semantic-aware
- Low complexity
- Scalability
- Automatic





#### 3 major surveys:

# Modeling the Appearance and Behavior of Urban Spaces



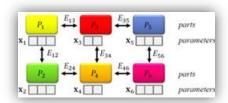
[Vanegas et al. Eurographics 09]

#### A survey of Urban Reconstruction



[Musialski et al. Eurographics 12]

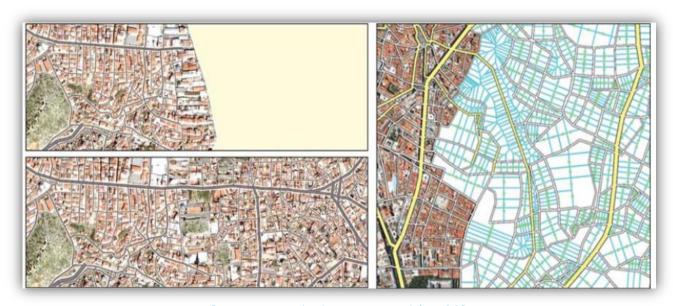
#### Structure-Aware Shape Processing



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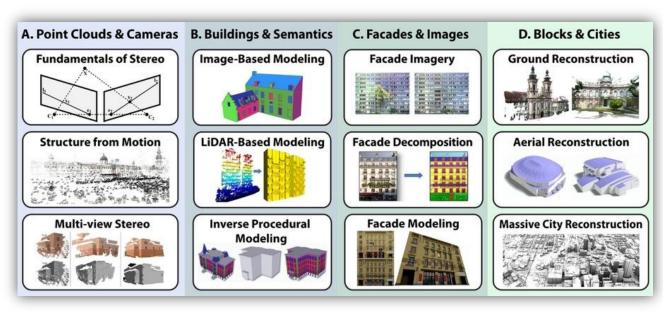


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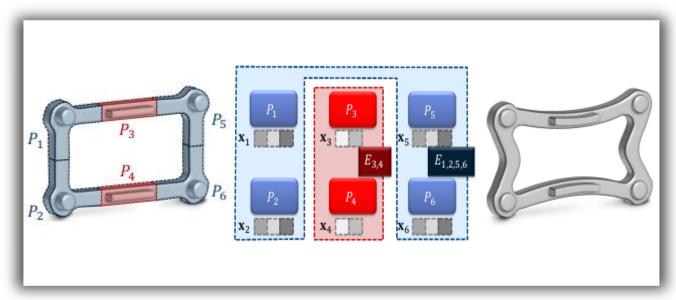


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broad overview of the literature on urban reconstruction



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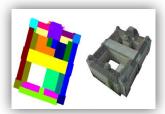


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structures to enhance, regularize and manipulate existing meshes



### Overview of existing methods



[ Zebedin et al., ECCV 08]



[Toshev et al., CVPR 09]

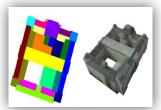


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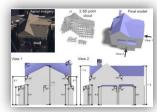
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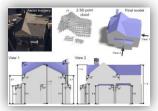
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[Lafarge and Mallet, IJCV11]

Automatic large scale urban reconstruction

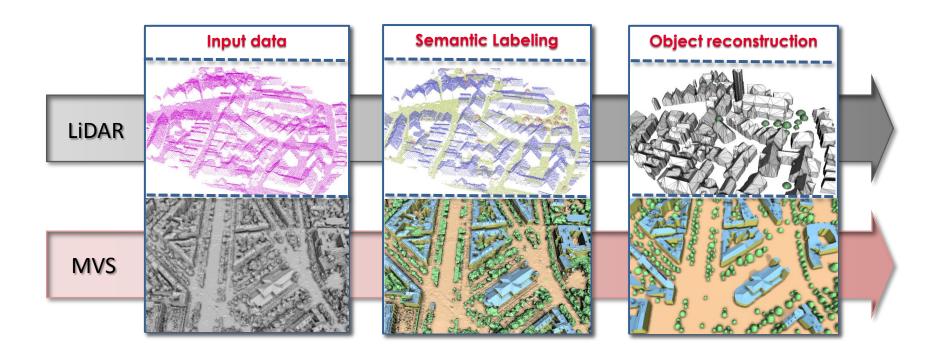


still many unsolved problems



#### Contribution

General pipelines for MVS and LiDAR data





#### **Outline**

- (1) Introduction
- ② Semantic labeling
- 3 Object Reconstruction: parametric-based object detection
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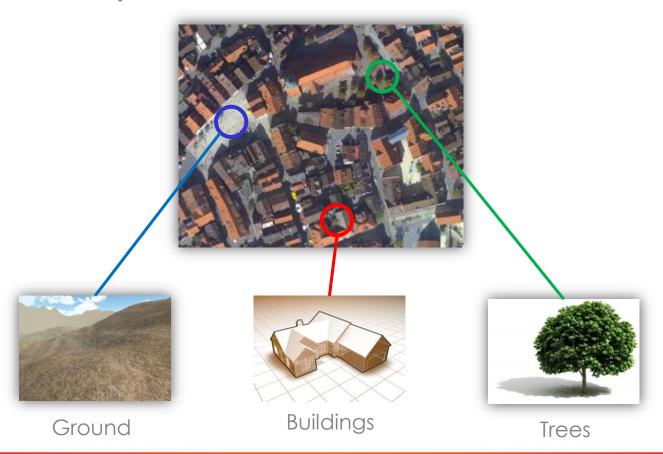
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### Semantic labeling

What is important?

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





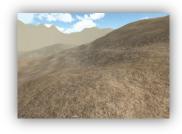
# **Semantic labeling for Lidar**





### Semantic labeling for Lidar

Classes for Lidar data







Trees



Buildings



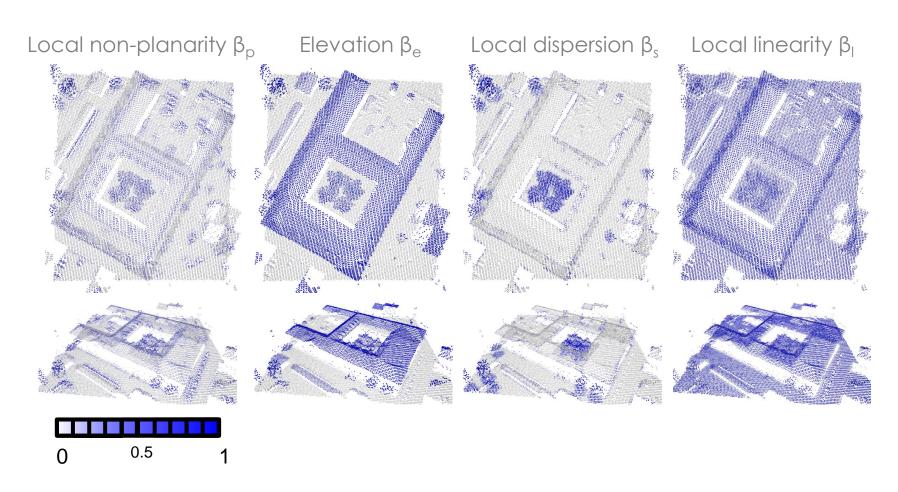
Clutters



need for geometric features that discriminate the classes



#### Discriminative geometric features for Lidar





Combine the features to discriminate the classes



#### **Confidence functions for Lidar**

Trees



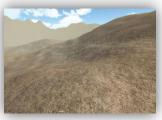
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High elevation  $\beta_e$ 

High local dispersion  $\beta_s$ 

Local linearity B

Ground



Low non-planarity  $\beta_p$ 

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Flevation β<sub>e</sub>

Low local linearity β<sub>1</sub>



#### **Confidence functions for Lidar**

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 $\operatorname{arg\,min}_{x} \sum D(x_i)$ 

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

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

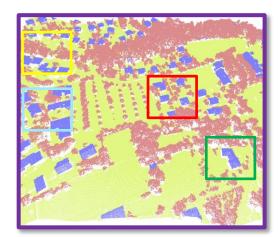
$${i,j} \in E \Leftrightarrow ||i-j||_2 < r$$

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



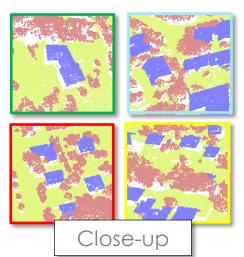
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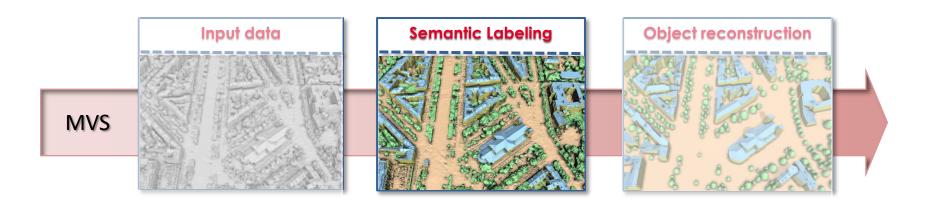


Visual reference from Google map







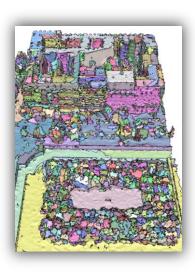




Difference with semantic labeling for Lidar data

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

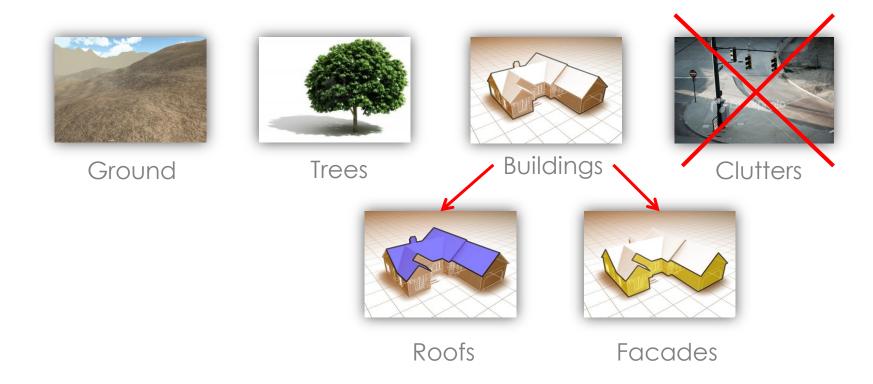






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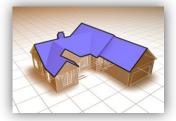




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Roofs

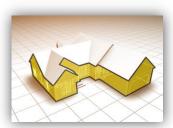


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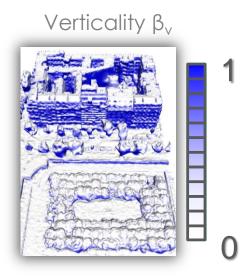
Low verticality  $\beta_{v}$ 

Facades



Low non-planarity  $\beta_p$ 

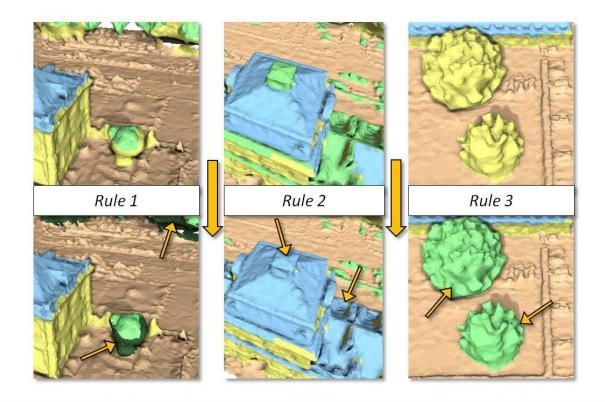
High verticality β<sub>v</sub>





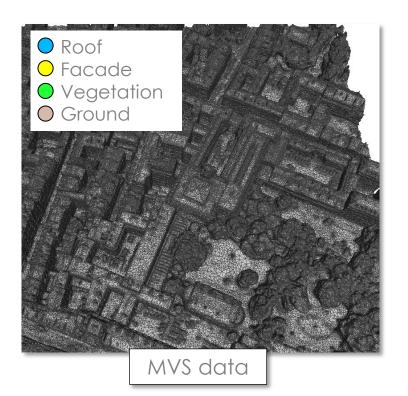
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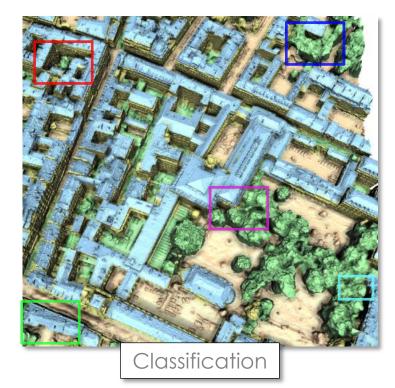
- Compute f-clusters
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- Correction rules



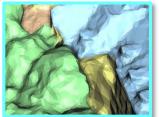


## Semantic labeling

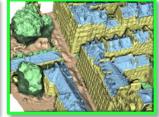
















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## Object Reconstruction for Lidar



Focus on tree detection and reconstruction from Lidar



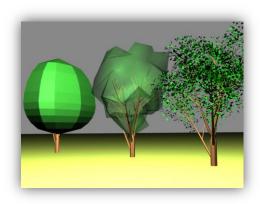
## Parametric-based object detection

#### 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

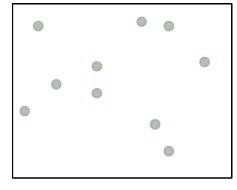


Use Marked Point Processes (MPP)

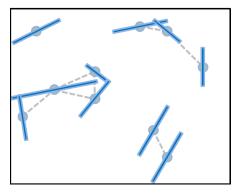


#### Preliminary:

- 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.



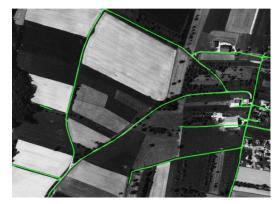
Point process



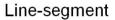
Marked Point Process of 2D segments

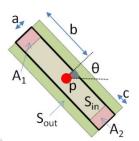


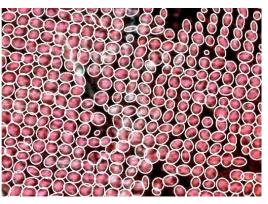
Previous work:



[Lacoste et al.,PAMI05]

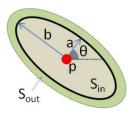


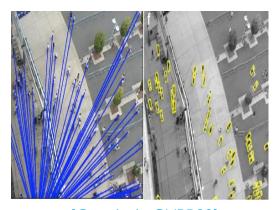




[Perrin et al., EMMCVPR05]

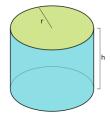
Ellipse





[Ge et al., CVPR09]

Cylinder



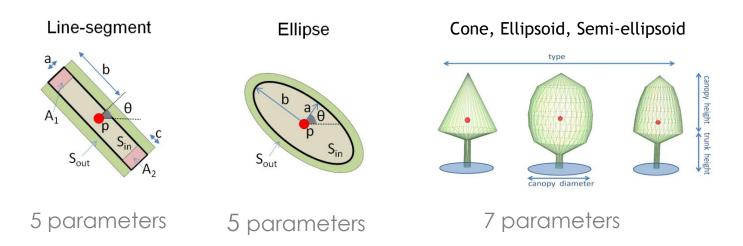


#### Requirements:

#### 1) Simple parametric objects



Object characterized by a limited number of parameters





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:

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



#### 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



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Slow in practice

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- Focus on improving performance of RJ-MCMC



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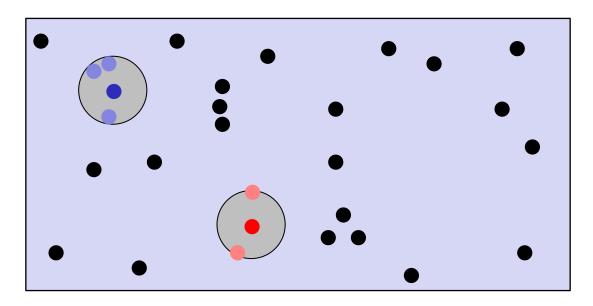
Novel optimization method based on RJ-MCMC

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



## (1) Parallelization

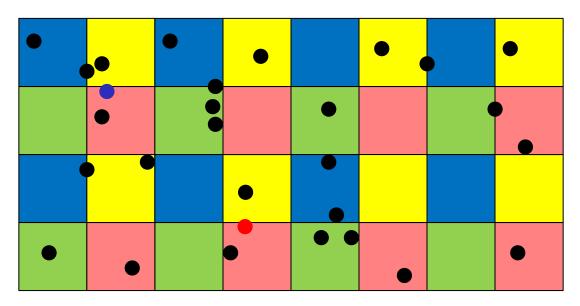
The Markovian property in the energy:  $Pr(x_i \mid x) = Pr(x_i \mid x_{N(i)})$ 



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



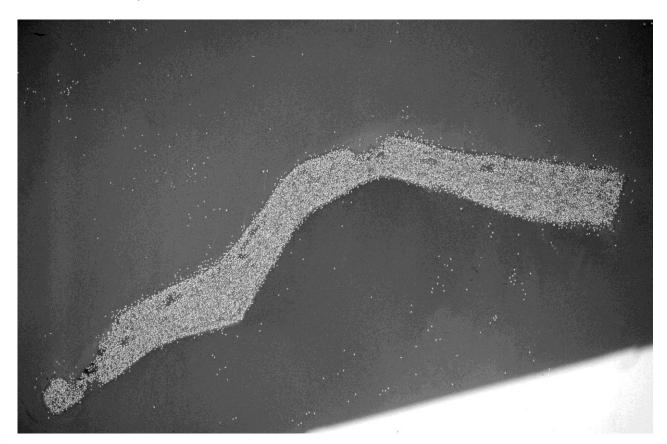
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Mic-Set: a set of Mutually Independent Cells



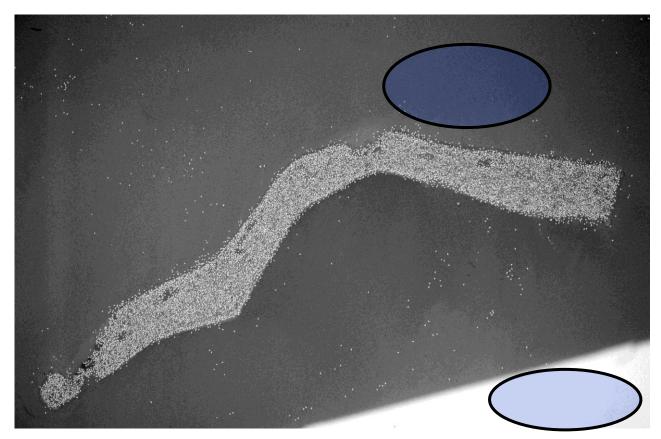
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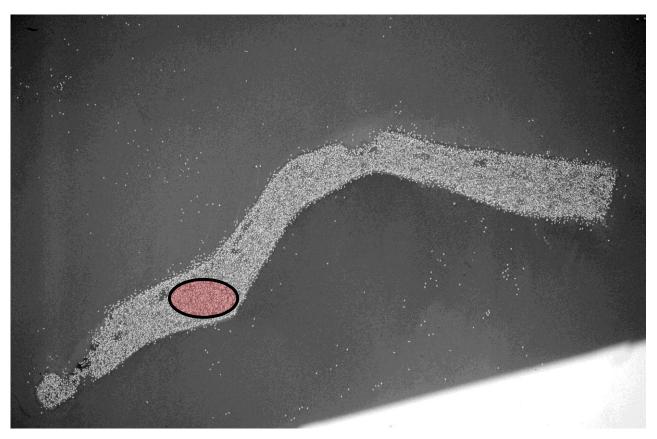
Low probability





How many Birds?

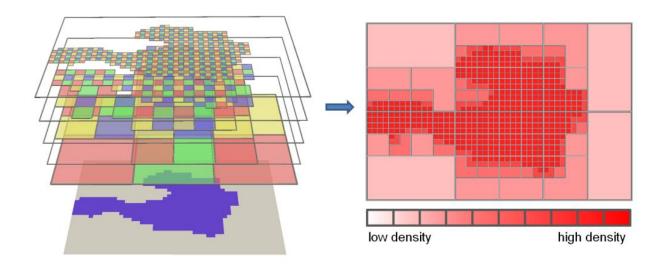
High probability





#### 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 K;
- 3-At iteration t, with  $X_t = x$ ,
  - ▶ 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 x in the cell c to a configuration y according to  $Q_{c,t}(x \to .)$
    - Calculate the Green ratio

$$R = \frac{\mathcal{Q}_{c,t}(\mathbf{y} \to \mathbf{x})}{\mathcal{Q}_{c,t}(\mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{y})} \exp\left(\frac{U(\mathbf{x}) - U(\mathbf{y})}{T_t}\right)$$

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

Proposition step

Acceptance step

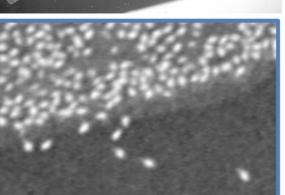


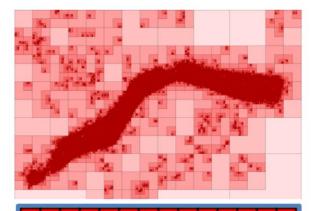


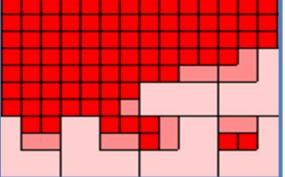
## 2D Ellipsoidal objects

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

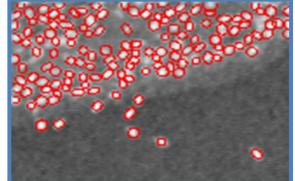












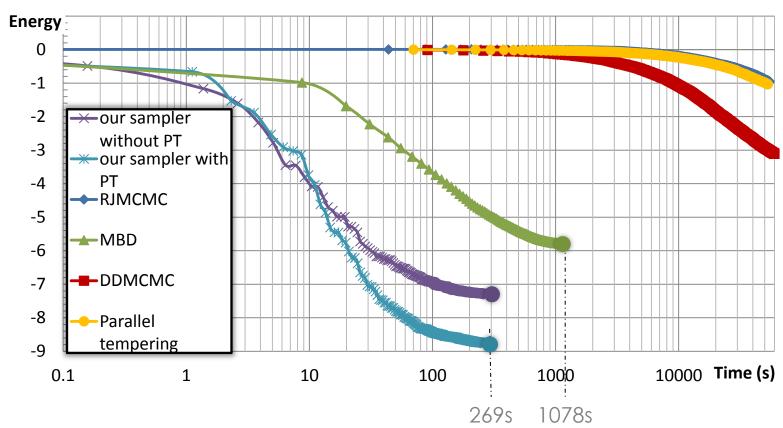


Ellipse



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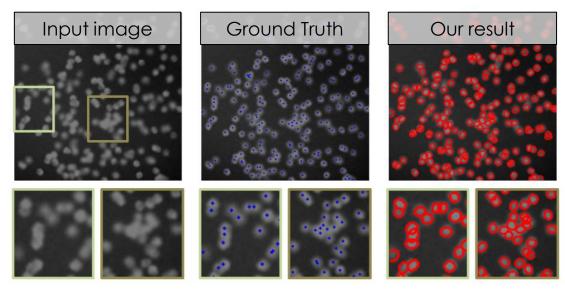
#### Time to converge







## [Lempitsky and Zisserman, NIPS2010]

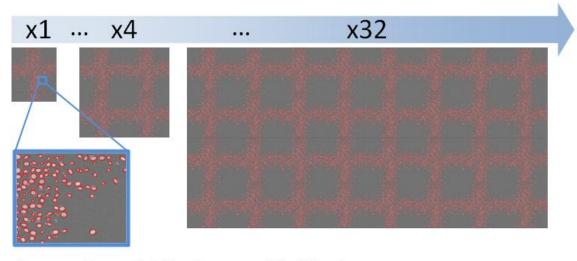


|        | our    | Lempitsky | Lempitsky       | Ground |
|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
|        | method | (L1-reg.) | (Tikhonov-reg.) | Truth  |
| cell17 | 209    | 202.9     | 194.1           | 213    |
| cell18 | 184    | 184.6     | 175.9           | 185    |
| cell19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

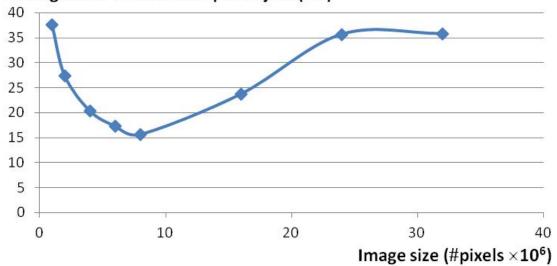




## **GPU** occupancy



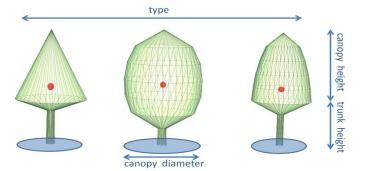
#### Average time of detection per object (ms)







- Three parametric objects
  - 7 parameters

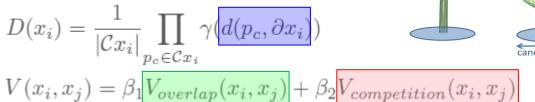


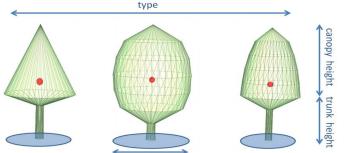




- Three parametric objects
- New energy formulation

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





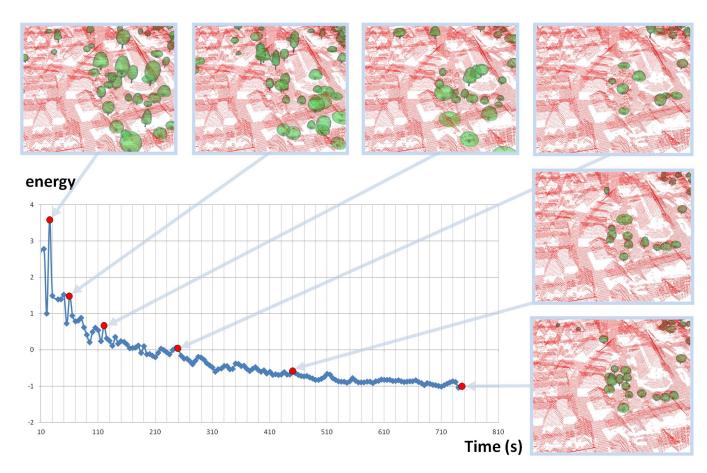
 $d(p_c, \partial x_i)$  is a distance measuring the coherence of the point p<sub>c</sub> with respect to the object surface  $\partial x_i$ 

penalizes the overlapping between objects

favors area with similar type of objects



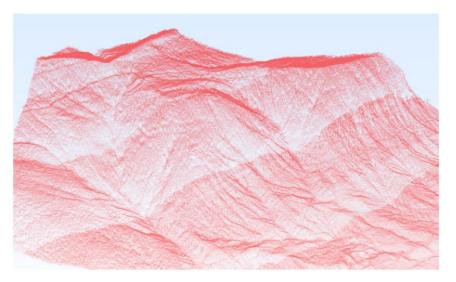
#### Evolution of the configuration

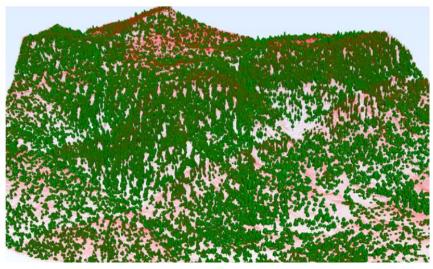






#### 30k trees in 96min (3.7km2 / 12.8M points)

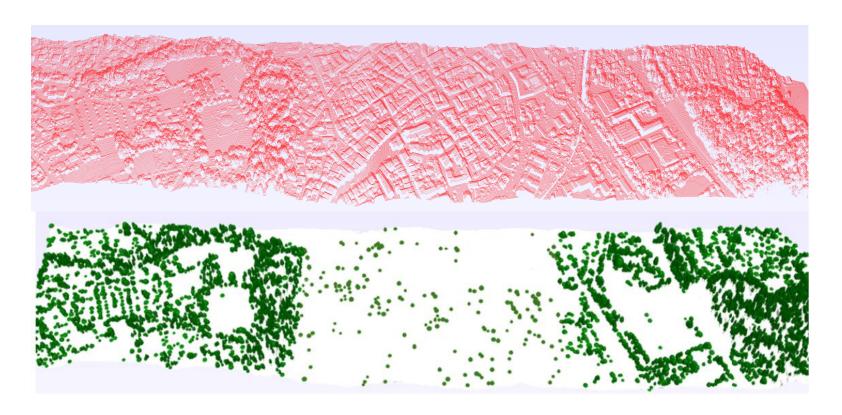








5.4k trees in 53min (1km2 / 2.3M points)

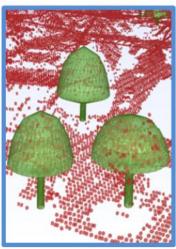






### Details on cropped area





Visual reference from Google map

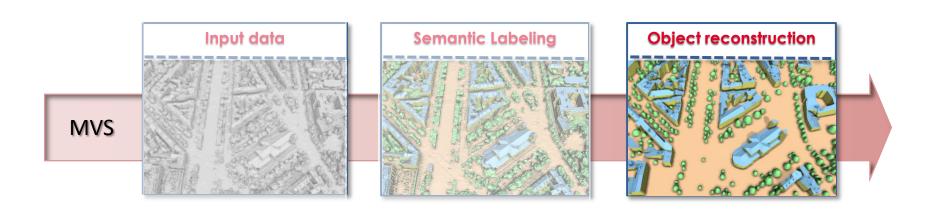


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## Mesh-based object reconstruction



Focus on the building reconstruction from MVS





Roofs





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

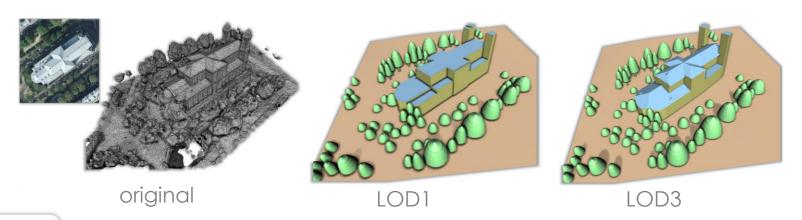
LOD1 – Building as "blocks model, without any roof structures or textures"

LOD2 – Building with "differentiated roof structures"

[Kolbe et al., 2005]

LOD3 – Building as "architectural model with detailed wall and roof structures"

- Visually more appealing
- More adapted to certain urban applications



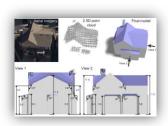


#### We propose

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

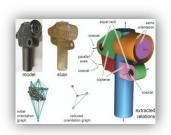
Existing solutions un-adapted: accurate but too slow for our application

#### Global regularities



[Zhou and Neumann, CVPR12]

#### **GLOBFIT**



[Li et al., Siggraph11]



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  - Exact geometry for BSP is costly (slow)





[Chauve et al., CVPR 10]

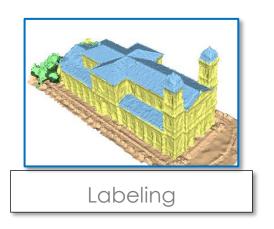
use a new discrete formulation



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  - Advantages:
  - reconstruct with exact geometry only a subset of cells
  - the plane regularization limits the number of different planes (lower BSP complexity)



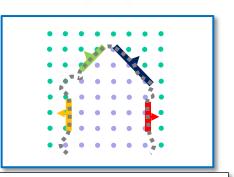


Surface extraction

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Discrete space partitioning



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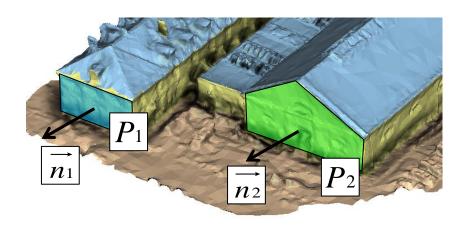
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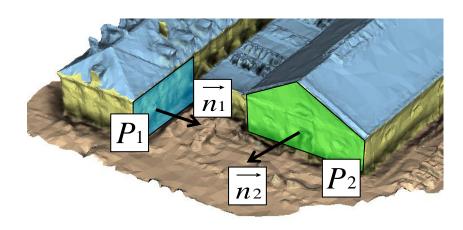




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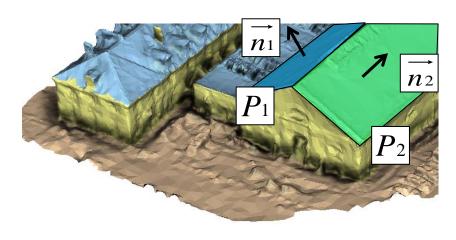




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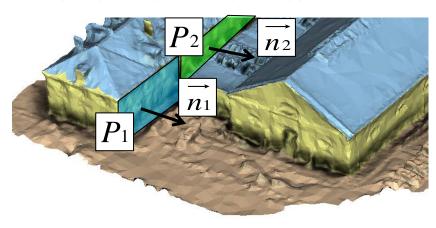




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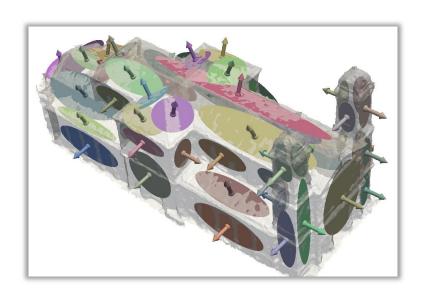
 $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are d- $\varepsilon$ -coplanar if they are  $\varepsilon$ -parallel and  $|d_{\perp}(c_1, P_2) + d_{\perp}(c_2, P_1)| < 2d,$ 





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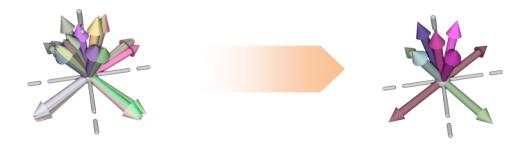
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    - the barycenter of each group is fixed



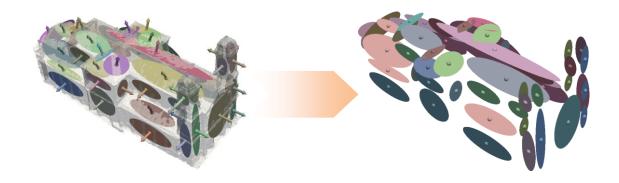
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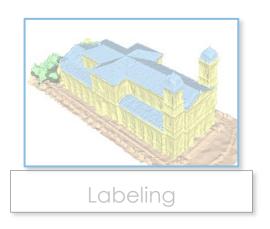
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Converge very fast (no data refitting)

Thousand of planes in few seconds

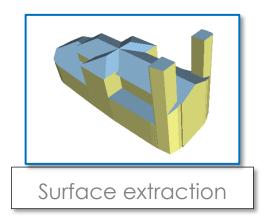


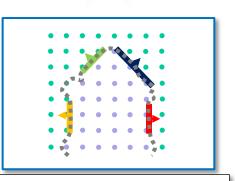


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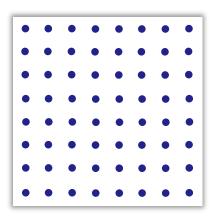


Discrete space partitioning



Discrete space partitioning:

Volumetric occupancy grid



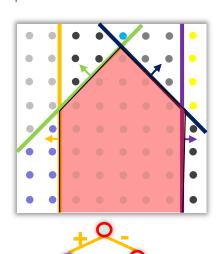


Discrete space partitioning:

- Volumetric occupancy grid
- Binary Space Partitioning (BSP)



Red volume = a path in the BSP

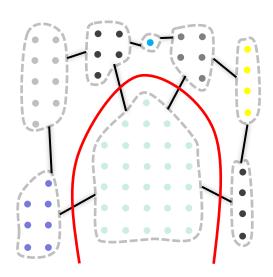






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$$C(\mathcal{S}) = \sum_{c_k \in \mathcal{C}_{out}} \boxed{V_{c_k}} \boxed{g(c_k)} + \sum_{c_k \in \mathcal{C}_{in}} \boxed{V_{c_k}} (1 - \boxed{g(c_k)}) + \beta \sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{S}} A_{e_i}$$

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

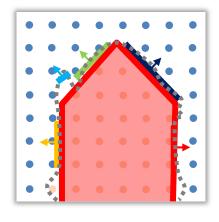
 $g(c_k)$  is function of the ratio of inside anchors of cell ck

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



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- ···· input surface
- detected plane
- interior anchor
- exterior anchor

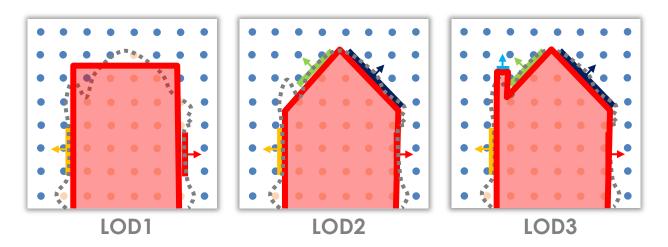




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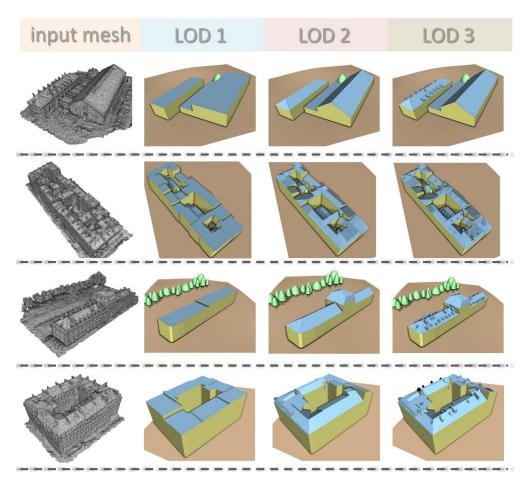
The boundary of the inside volume represents the targeted surface



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



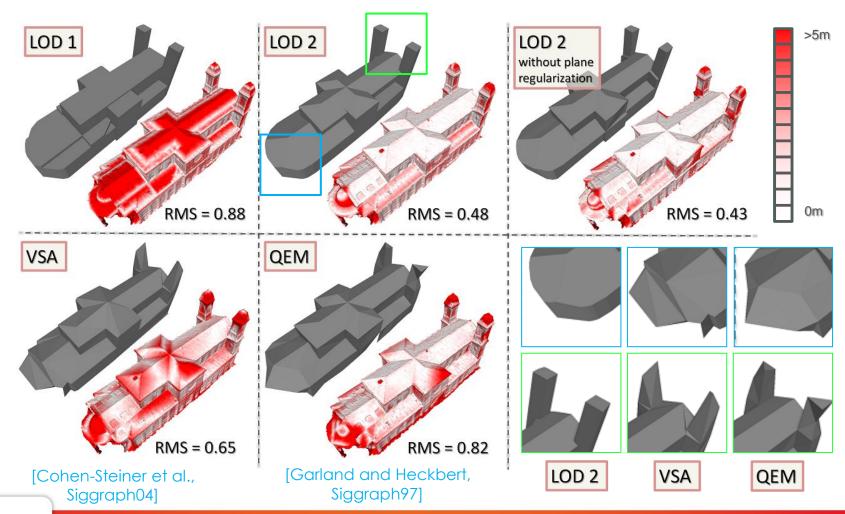
# Various buildings: (LOD)



Various buildings: 170k facets, ~3min

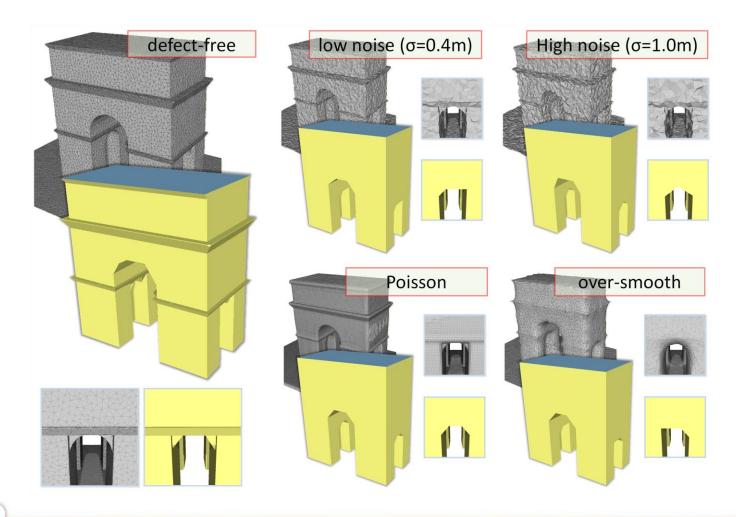


Geometric accuracy (Hausdorff distance) and structure awareness



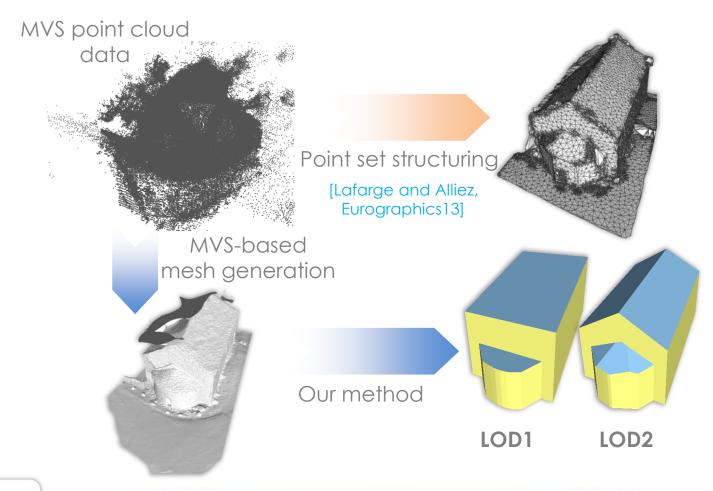


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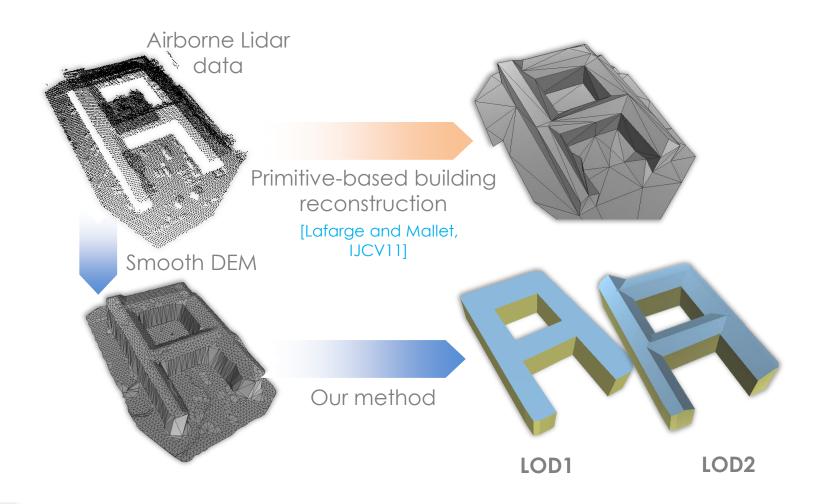


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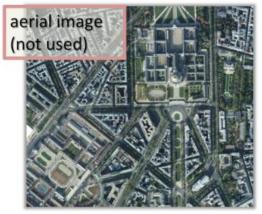


# Choice of the input: mesh or point cloud

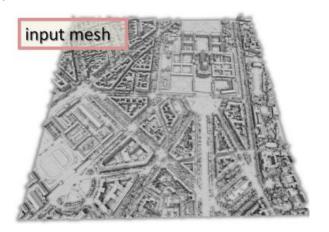


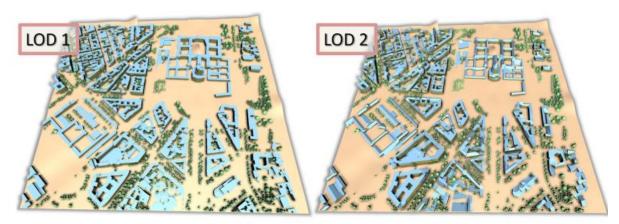


Large scale experiments (scalability)









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



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# **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

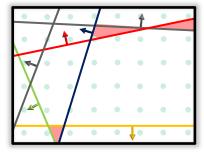
Classes of objects limited

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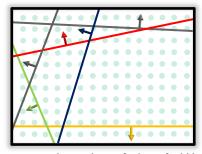
Efficient only when performed on large scenes for small objects

### Building reconstruction

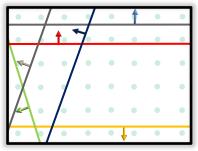
- Piecewise-planar buildings
- Primitive dependant
- Discrete formulation misses details (empty cells)



large grid width no plane regularization



H 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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