MeshLoc: Mesh-Based Visual Localization



Motivation

SfM-based representations (commonly used for localization) are specialized

 \rightarrow explore mesh-based scene representation that can be used for other tasks as well

Contributions

- 1. Design and evaluate localization pipeline based on meshes
- 2. State-of-the-art results for a simple variant
- 3. Interesting and promising results for non-photorealist renderings of meshes
- 4. Detailed ablation studies with state-of-the-art features
- Code and data available at: github.com/tsattler/meshloc_release

Results

Aachen Day-Night v1.1 [1] - nighttime queries only

% queries localized within



(0.25m, 2°) / (0.5m, 5°) / (5m, 10°)	SfM point cloud	original images	AC13C textured	AC13 colored	AC14 colored	AC15 colored	AC13C tricolor	AC13 tricolor	AC14 tricolor	AC15 tricolor
			645 MB	617 MB	1,234 MB	2,538 MB	47 MB	558 MB	1,116 MB	2,538 MB
SuperGlue [2]	_	74.3 / 93.2 / 99.0	72.3 / 91.1 / 99.0	68.1/90.1/97.4	74.9 / 92.1 / 99.5	75.4 / 89.5 / 98.4	7.3 / 23.0/ 53.9	22.0 / 50.8 / 74.3	33.0 / 65.4 / 79.1	37.2 / 60.7 / 77.5
8 Loftr [4]	-	78.5 / 93.2 / 99.5	74.3 / 91.1 / 99.0	72.3 / 87.4 / 94.2	76.4 / 87.4 / 95.3	78.0 / 89.0 / 95.8	2.6 / 13.6 / 41.9	15.7 / 36.1 / 63.4	27.7 / 62.3 / 78.5	34.0 / 60.7 / 77.0
g Patch2Pix [3]	-	73.8 / 89.5 / 95.3	66.5 / 87.4 / 94.2	64.4 / 81.7 / 90.1	63.9 / 84.3 / 93.2	65.4 / 84.8 / 94.2	9.4 / 28.3/ 63.4	31.9/ 58.1 / 81.2	38.2 / 67.5 / 84.3	38.2 / 62.8 / 82.2
Patch2Pix [3] + SuperGlue [2]	-	74.9 / 92.1 / 99.5	70.7 / 90.6 / 99.5	71.7 / 91.1 / 97.9	72.3 / 92.1 / 96.9	72.8 / 92.1 / 98.4	9.4 / 25.1 / 57.6	23.0 / 55.0 / 78.5	39.3 / 68.6 / 80.6	40.3 / 66.0 / 80.1
SuperGlue [2]	77.0 / 90.6 / 100.0	77.0 / 92.1 / 99.0	77.0 / 92.1 / 99.5	77.0 / 92.1 / 99.0	75.4 / 91.1 / 99.0	76.4 / 92.1 / 99.0				
\subseteq LoFTR [4]	78.5 / 90.6 / 99.0	-	_	-	-	-	Example of LoF1	R [4] matches on AC1	L5 mesh:	
ng Patch2Pix [3]	72.3 / 88.5 / 97.9	74.3 / 90.1 / 96.3	74.3 / 90.1 / 96.9	74.3 / 90.1 / 96.3	71.2 / 86.9 / 95.3	72.3 / 88.0 / 96.9	real	colore	d real	tricolo
Patch2Pix [3] + SuperGlue [2]	78.0 / 90.6 / 99.0	74.3/92.1/99.5	73.3 / 92.1 / 99.5	74.3 / 92.1 / 99.5	73.3 / 91.1 / 99.5	74.3 / 92.7 / 99.5	ł			

12 Scenes dataset [6] % queries localized within

(5cm, 5°) / (7cm, 7°) / (10cm, 10°)							
		apt2/kitchen	office1/gates381	office1/manolis	apt1/living	office1/lounge	office2/5b
full res.	MeshLoc (SG [2]) - real	97.6 / 99.0 / 100.0	93.4 / 98.7 / 99.7	95.5 / 99.9 / 100.0	88.2 / 100.0 / 100.0	87.8 / 100.0 / 100.0	88.4 / 99.8 / 100.0
	MeshLoc (SG [2]) - color	92.9 / 98.6 / 100.0	78.3 / 97.6 / 99.9	75.7 / 98.0 / 100.0	31.0 / 83.0 / 99.8	60.2 / 95.1 / 99.7	60.0 / 83.2 / 97.8
	MeshLoc (SG [2]) - tricolor	21.9 / 56.2 / 76.7	15.3 / 36.2 / 52.2	23.3 / 64.6 / 84.8	15.8 / 40.4 / 60.6	12.5 / 28.1 / 47.1	14.6 / 29.9 / 47.9
	Active Search [7]	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	98.2 / 99.0 / 99.2	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	99.8 / 99.8 / 100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0
	HLoc [8]	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	99.1/99.9/100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0	100.0 / 100.0 / 100.0



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SfM-based pipeline

offline: needs to be repeated for every new type of feature



Scenes with well-aligned RGB images and scene geometry

Scenes with visible misalignment between RGB images and scene geometry

Mesh-based pipeline

offline: needs to be done only once



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Main insights

- Simple pipeline, yet state-of-theart results with real images
- Close-to-state-of-the-art results with **rendered images**
- Promising results when localizing against purely geometric representations (untextured meshes), even without re-training features
- **Dense** representations can be more compact than the sparse ones