MeshLoc：Mesh－Based Visual Localization

## Main insights

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

## 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

## SfM－based pipeline

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


## Mesh－based pipeline

offline：needs to be done only once

|  | $\rightarrow$ | Multi－View Stereo | $\rightarrow$ |  |
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| online： |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\rightarrow$ | Image retrieval to find N most similar database images （NetVLAD［5］） |  | Feature matching （SuperGlue［2］， Patch2Pix［3］， LoFTR［4］） |
|  |  |  |  | $\downarrow$ |
| Images＋raw model：～4．6GB Textured model： ～600MB to～3GB Render：0．1－1ms |  | Pose estimation from 2D－3D matches by P3P solver in RANSAC | ＜ | 2D－3D matches from rendered depth maps |

\％queries localized within
$\left(0.25 \mathrm{~m}, 2^{\circ}\right) /\left(0.5 \mathrm{~m}, 5^{\circ}\right) /\left(5 \mathrm{~m}, 10^{\circ}\right)$
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 |
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| 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 | $22.0 / 50.8 / 74.3$ | $33.0 / 65.4 / 79.1$ | $37.2 / 60.7 / 77.5$ |
| $8_{\circ}^{\circ} \mathrm{L}$ 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 | $34.0 / 60.7 / 77.0$ |
| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\times} \times$ 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 | $\times$ Patch2Pix［3］+ 른 $\frac{\text { SuperGlue }}{\text { LoFTR［4］}}$

$\stackrel{78.5 / 90.6 / 99.0}{ }$

|  | $72.3 / 88.5 / 97.9$ | $74.3 / 90.1 / 96.3$ | $74.3 / 90.1 / 96.9$ | $74.3 / 90.1 / 96.3$ | $71.2 / 86.9 / 95.3$ | $72.3 / 88.0 / 96.9$ |
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| Patch2Pix［3］＋SuperGlue［2］ | $78.0 / 90.6 / 99$ | $743 / 921 / 99.5$ | $733 / 921 / 995$ | $743 / 921 / 995$ | $733 / 911 / 995$ | $743 / 927 / 99.5$ |


| 12 Scenes dataset［6］ \％queries localized within $\left(5 \mathrm{~cm}, 5^{\circ}\right) /\left(7 \mathrm{~cm}, 7^{\circ}\right) /\left(10 \mathrm{~cm}, 10^{\circ}\right)$ | Scenes with well－aligned RGB images and scene geometry |  |  | Scenes with visible misalignment between RGB images and scene geometry |  |  |
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|  | apt2／kitchen | office1／gates381 | office1／manolis | apt1／living | office1／lounge | office2／5b |
| 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 |
| き 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 | $60.2 / 95.1 / 99.7$ | $60.0 / 83.2 / 97.8$ |
| $\overline{\bar{\top}}$ 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 |
| $\bigcirc$ 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 |

## Example of LoFTR［4］matches on AC15 mesh：



