

Visual-Inertial SLAM

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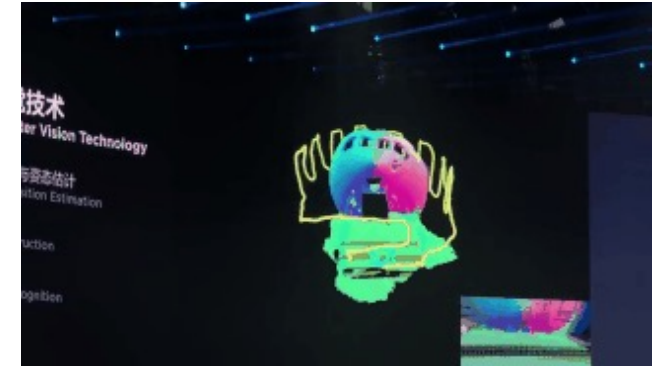
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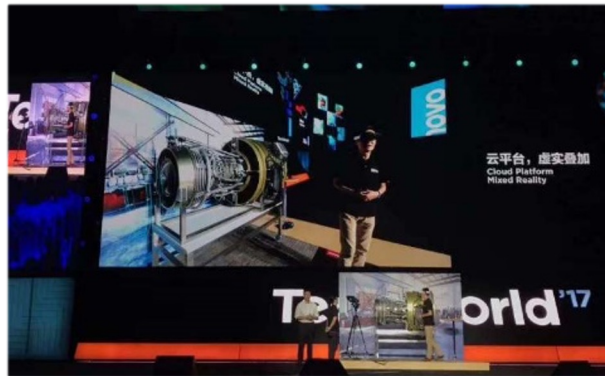
Developed SLAM For AR Glass in 2017

- **Real-time SLAM algorithm on mobile soc**
 - VIO accuracy(99.5%)
 - Low latency: 3ms@400FPS
 - CPU usage: <15% on mobile soc (Snapdragon845)



2017

Daystar AR



2018

Daystar SDK



2019

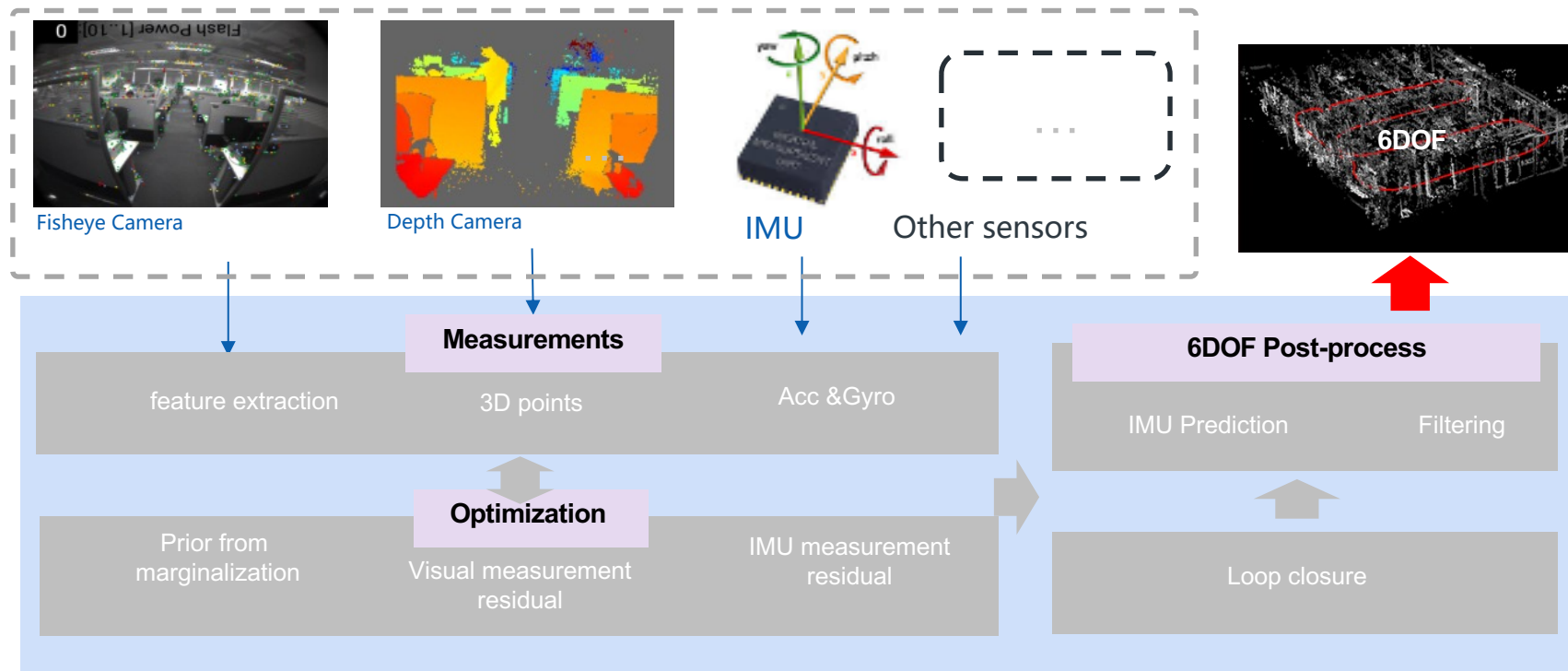
XR Application



Multi Sensor fusion SLAM algorithm

➤ SLAM For AR Glass

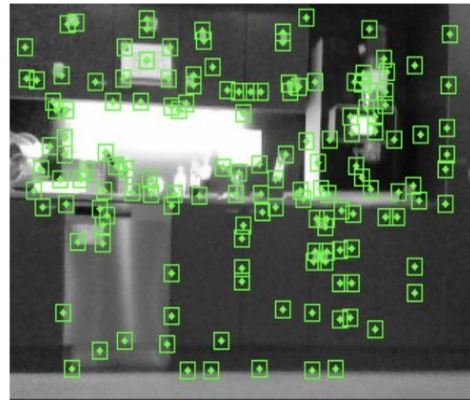
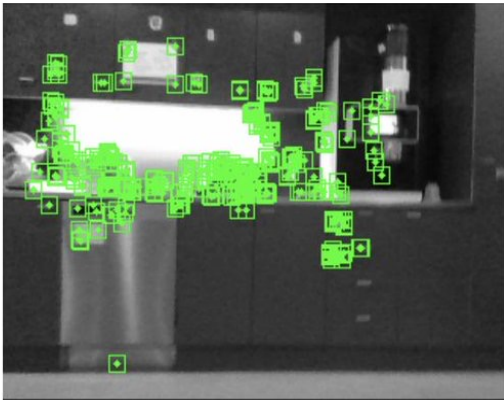
- Tightly-coupled visual-inertial SLAM system
- Support multiple visual-inertial sensor types
- Building on multiple open-source SLAM systems



Hybrid methods to optimize visual tracking

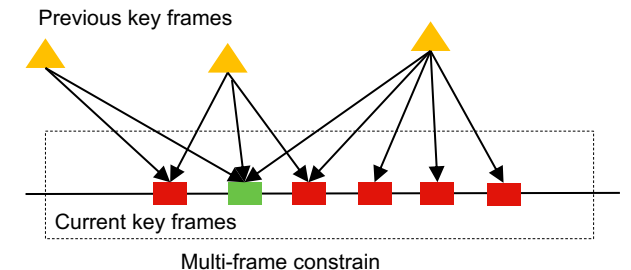
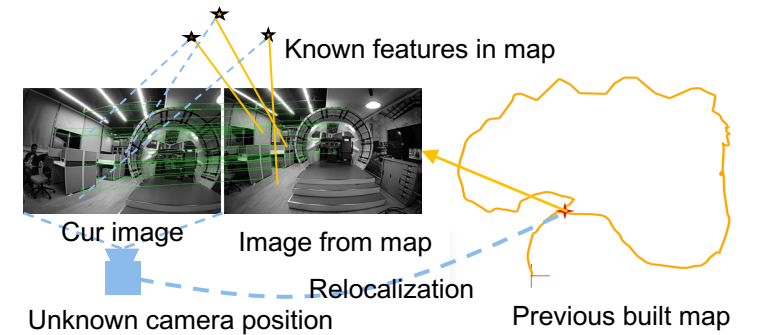
➤ Algorithm optimization

- Image Enhancement by CLAHE
- Make the position of feature points uniformly distributed by quadtree
- Forward and backward LK optical flow
- Optical flow optimize by assume constant velocity motion model
- Filter optical flow tracking result by feature descriptor



Optimization for loop closure

- **Feature descriptor based on deep learning**
 - Based on lightweight neural network, recompute feature point descriptor
 - Improve feature matching, pnp result
- **DBOW with dl descriptor**
 - Use deep-learning descriptor instead of traditional descriptor in DBOW
 - Improve the accuracy and robustness of image retrieval
- **A multi-frame constrain algorithm**
 - Use multi-frame constrain in pnp and ba
 - Improve the accuracy of pose solving



Optimization for extreme scene

➤ Static mode

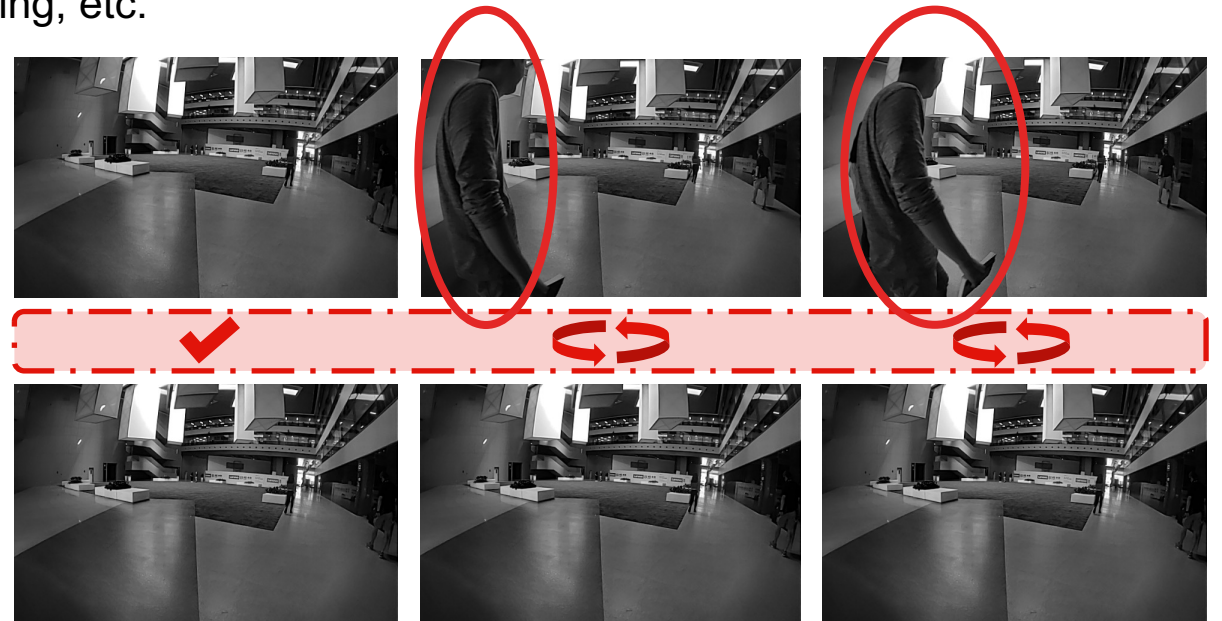
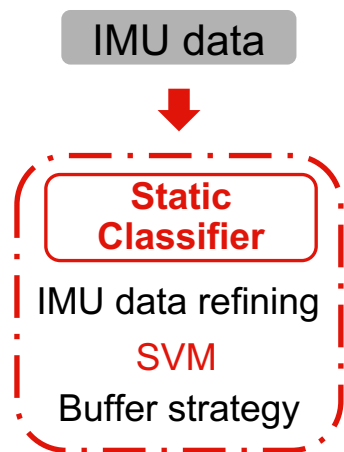
- Use imu + svm to determine whether device is static
- Provide better stability in static state with almost no extra calculation

➤ Optimization with dynamic weights

- Adjust the covariance matrix according to the visual tracking results
- Improve pose stability

➤ IO mode while visual tracking fail

- Activate IO mode while in textureless scenes, fast moving, etc.
- Improve tracking robustness



Optimization for SLAM Competition

➤ Used Method

- Use LibQPEP in vio initialization
- A simple filter to preprocesses the imu data

➤ Tried Method

- Line feature
- Neural inertial odometry
- Feature extractor and matcher by deep learning

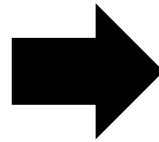
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Summary

➤ Algorithm Optimization

- Visual tracking
- Loop closure
- Extreme scene

➤ From AR Glass To Robot



➤ Acceleration

- Frontend move to Hexagon DSP
- Some other modules use NEON
- Optimize third-party libraries & approximate calculation



thanks.

Different is better

