

Photorealistic Image Based Objects from Uncalibrated Images



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Reconstruction Pipeline

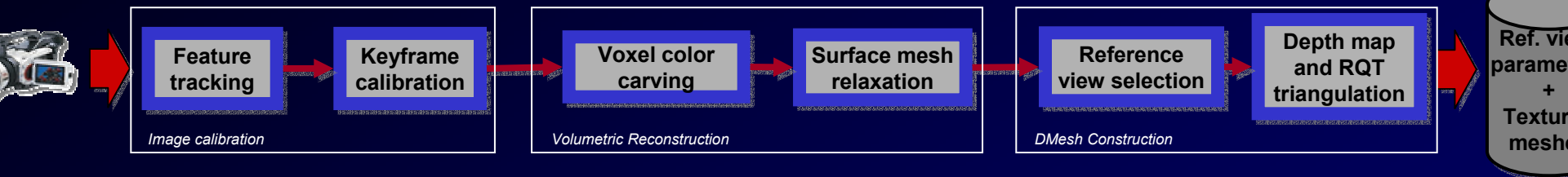


Image calibration

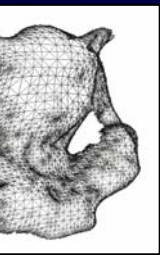


The first step of the pipeline consists of recovering the 3D geometry of a scene from the 2D projections of measurements obtained from the digital images of multiple reference views, taking into account the motion of the camera. The proposed calibration approach [3] is based on a divide and conquer strategy.

Automatically fragment the original sequence into subsequences and, in each of them, a set of key-frames is selected and calibrated recovering both camera parameters and structure of the scene. When the different subsequences have been successfully calibrated a merging process groups them into a single set of cameras and reconstructs features of the scene. A final nonlinear optimization is performed in order to reduce the 2D re-projection error.

Volumetric Reconstruction

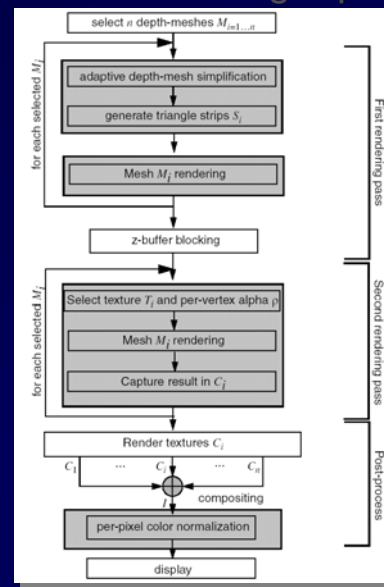
In order to reconstruct the volume occupied by the object in the scene we have improved the approach proposed in [2], that is based on carving a bounding volume using a color similarity criterion. The algorithm is designed to use hardware accelerated features from the videocard. Moreover, the data structures have been optimized in order to minimize run-time memory usage. Additional techniques such as hardware accelerated texture mapping and shadow maps are used to avoid redundant calculations.



DMesh Construction

The final representation of the reconstructed object is based on an efficient depth-image representation and warping technique called DMesh ([1]) which is based on a piece-wise linear approximation of each of the reference depth-images as a textured and simplified triangle meshes. This approach combines the available information from multiple overlapped reference images generating a generate a full 3D photo-realistic reconstruction.

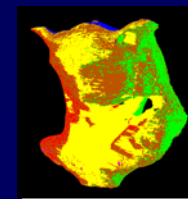
The Rendering Pipeline



During rendering the algorithm selects the closest reference view to the novel viewpoint, and it renders them and combines them using a per-pixel weighted sum of the respective color images, obtaining the final colored image. This weighted sum and final normalization are achieved in real-time using the programmability of today's GPU's.

- 16 keyframes
- 1349548 voxels
- Creation time 4 min.

- 6 reference views
- 36000 tris. per ref. view
- 400 fps



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