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The Articulated Scene Model: Model-less Priors for Robot Object Learning?

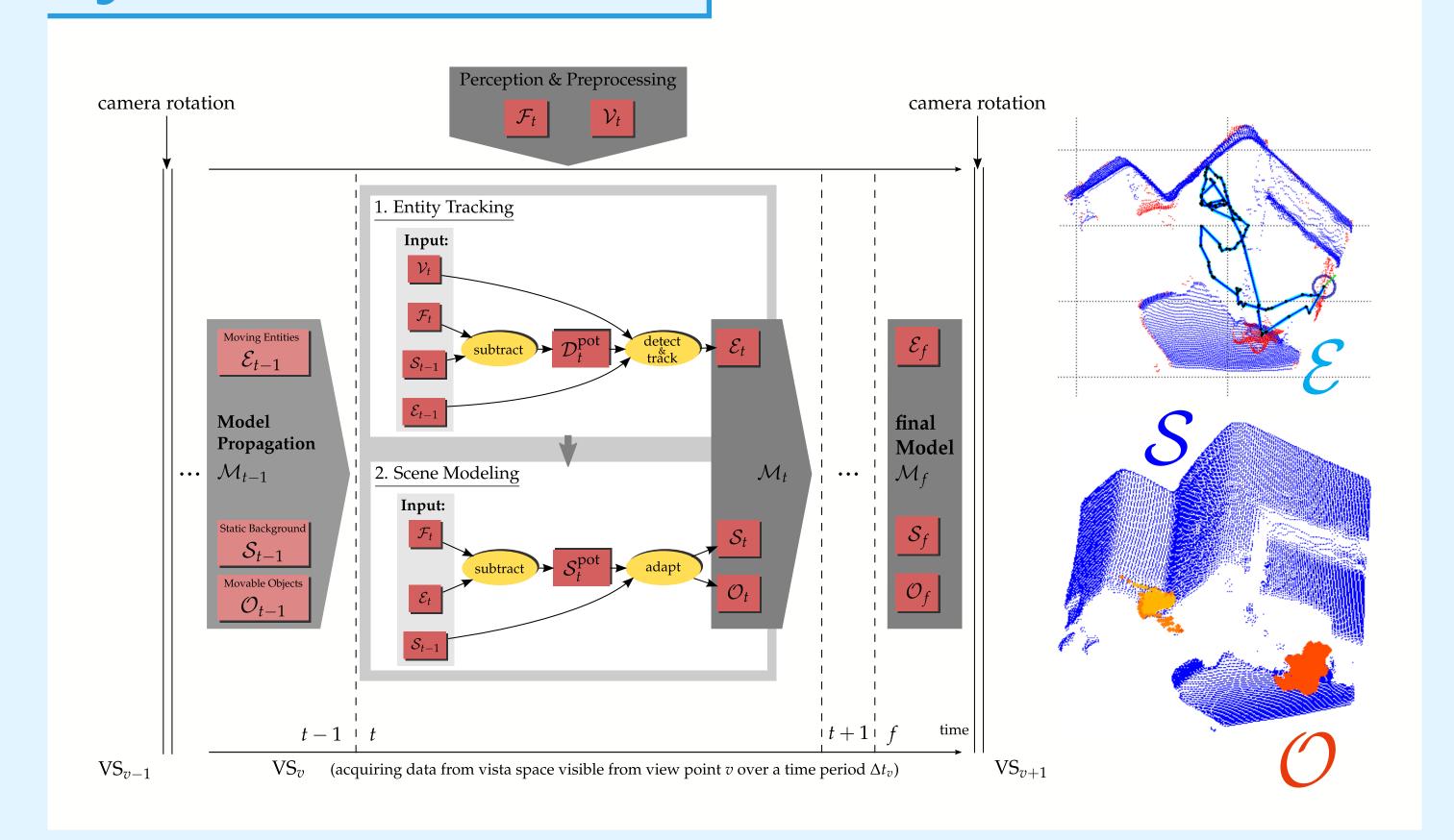
Motivation

How can articulated scene parts be extracted from short and disturbed observations?

- analyze spatial changes
- change := variation of structure
- change detection := comparison of current perception with memorized representation

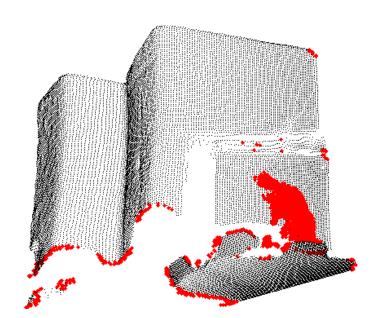


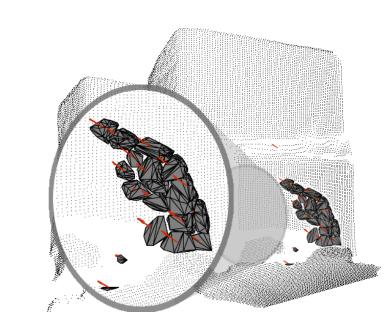
System overview

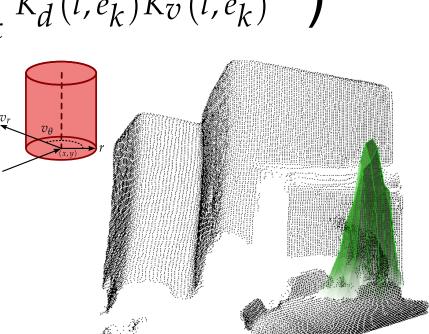


Tracking

- potentially dynamic points $(\mathcal{F}_t \mathcal{S}_{t-1})$
- motion-attributed clusters based on spatial proximity and velocity homogeneity
- entity hypotheses rated by value in density approximation ρ ($\rho(e_k) = K_r(e_k) \sum_{l \in e_k} K_d(l, e_k) K_v(l, e_k)$)







Modeling

- potentially static points $(\mathcal{F}_t \mathcal{E}_t)$
- static background := farthest
 static depth measurement a long a ray

$$\begin{split} |\vec{f}_t^i| > |\vec{s}_{t-1}^i| : \ \vec{s}_t^i = \vec{f}_t^i \\ |\vec{f}_t^i| \approx |\vec{s}_{t-1}^i| : \ w^i = w^i + 1, \ \vec{s}_t^i = \mathrm{acc}(\vec{s}_{t-1}^i, \vec{f}_t^i) = \vec{s}_{t-1}^i + \frac{1}{w^i} (\vec{f}_t^i - \vec{s}_{t-1}^i) \end{split}$$

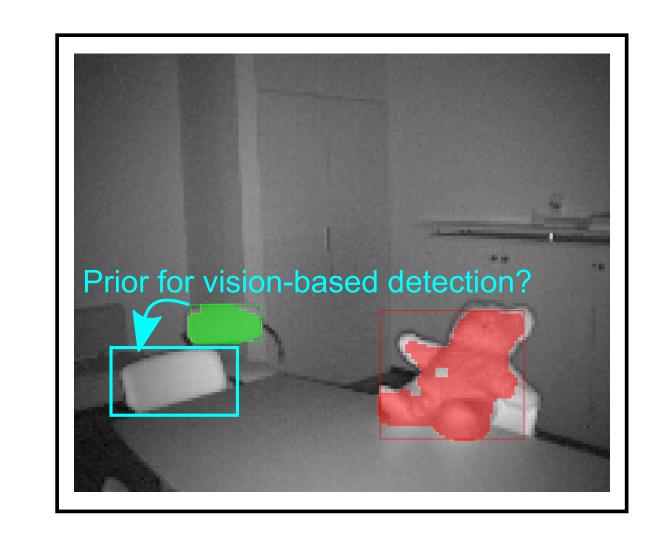
 movable objects := model-less detection from depth measurements emerging in front of a known background

$$|\vec{f}_t^i| < |\vec{s}_{t-1}^i| : \mathcal{O}_t \cup \vec{f}_t^i$$

Applications

Object segmentation:

- articulated scene model provides example of a movable object (e.g. chair)
- learn object appearance (SIFT features, color distribution, ...)
- detect other objects of the same type which could possibly be moved due to the given example (→ attention areas for robot)



Object articulation:

- history of object extractions provides a model-less object trajectory
- train candidate kinematic models using object tracks (e.g. rigid model for drawer)

