



PEOPLE TRACKING FOR HETEROGENEOUS NETWORKS OF COLOR-DEPTH CAMERAS

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OpenPTrack

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- open source solution for **scalable**, **multi-imager** person tracking for education, arts, and culture applications
- **OpenPTrack** is led by [UCLA REMAP](#) and [Open Perception](#). Key collaborators include the [University of Padua](#) and [Electroland](#). Code is available under a BSD license. Portions of the work are supported by the National Science Foundation (IIS-1323767)



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Background subtraction in depth image [1]

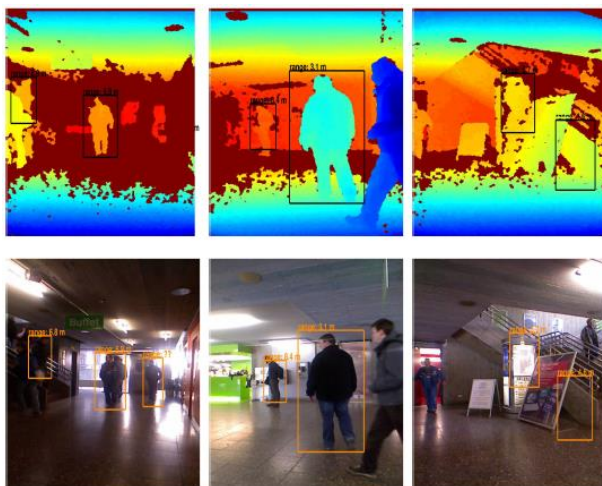


Real time on CPU



Static camera

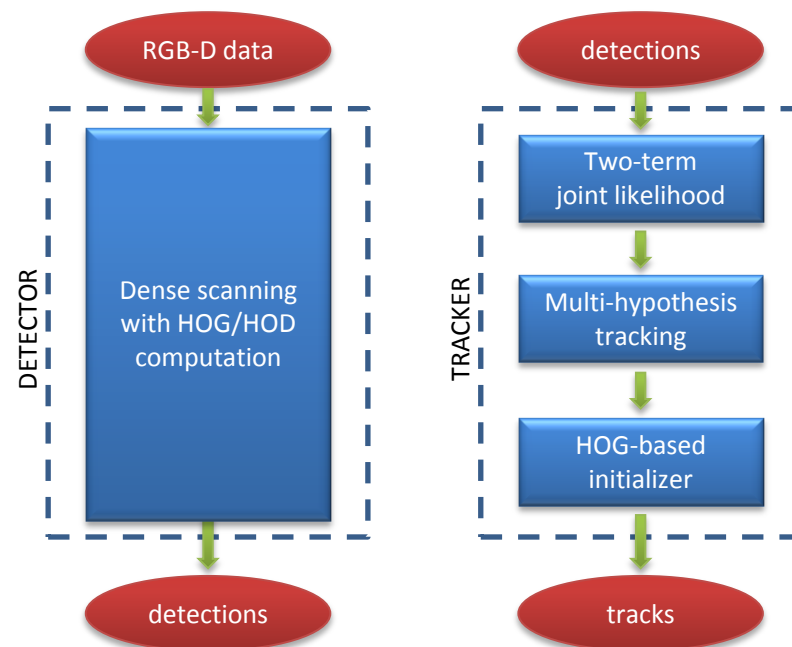
Dense scanning of RGB and depth images ([2],[3])



[2]



Moving camera



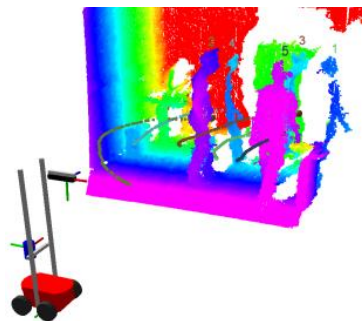
GPU for real time

[2] L. Spinello and K. O. Arras. *People detection in rgb-d data*. In IROS 2011.

[3] M. Luber, L. Spinello, and K. O. Arras, *People tracking in rgb-d data with on-line boosted target models*, in IROS 2011.

Based on point cloud sub-clustering

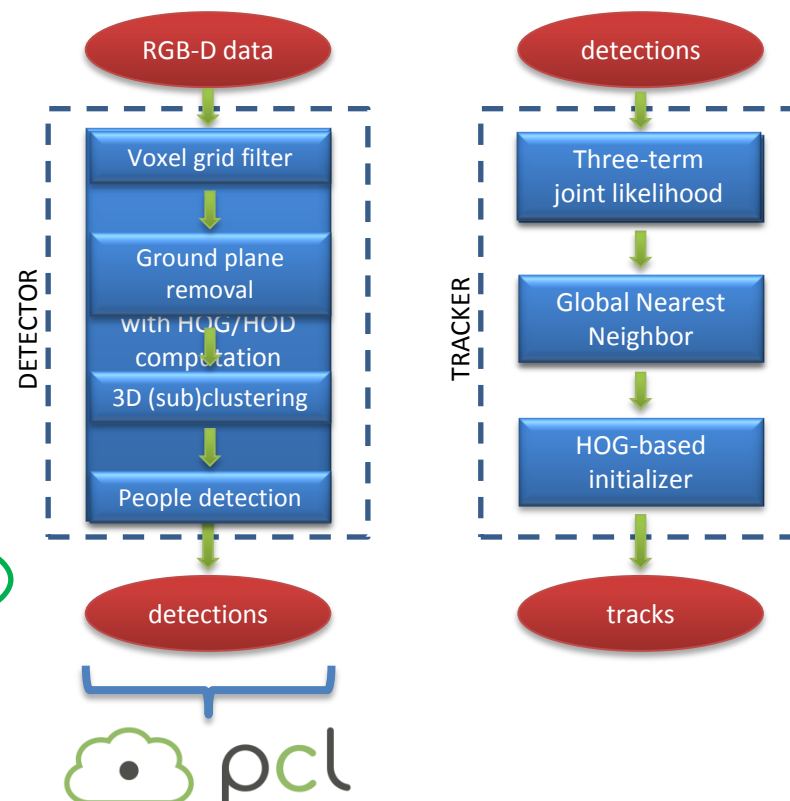
- Hypothesis: single ground plane



Moving camera



Real time on CPU



[4] M. Munaro, F. Basso, S. Michieletto and E. Menegatti. *Fast and robust multi-people tracking from RGB-D data for a mobile robot*. In Proceedings of the 12th Intelligent Autonomous Systems (IAS) Conference, Jeju Island (Korea), 2012.

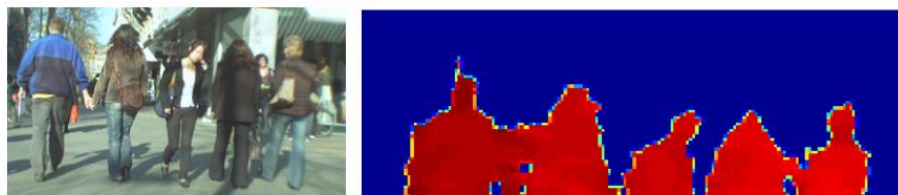
[5] M. Munaro, F. Basso and E. Menegatti. *Tracking people within groups with RGB-D data*. In Proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2012, Vilamoura (Portugal), 2012.

[6] M. Munaro, E. Menegatti. *Fast RGB-D People Tracking for Service Robots*. Autonomous Robots Journal, 2014.

- Height-based **point cloud labeling**
- **subclustering** in **depth** image

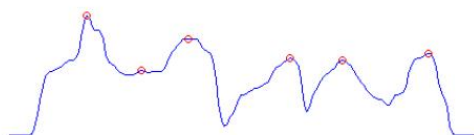


👍 Real time on CPU

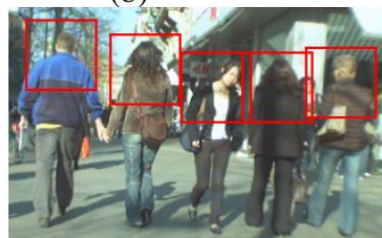


(a)

(b)



(c)



(d)

👍 Moving camera



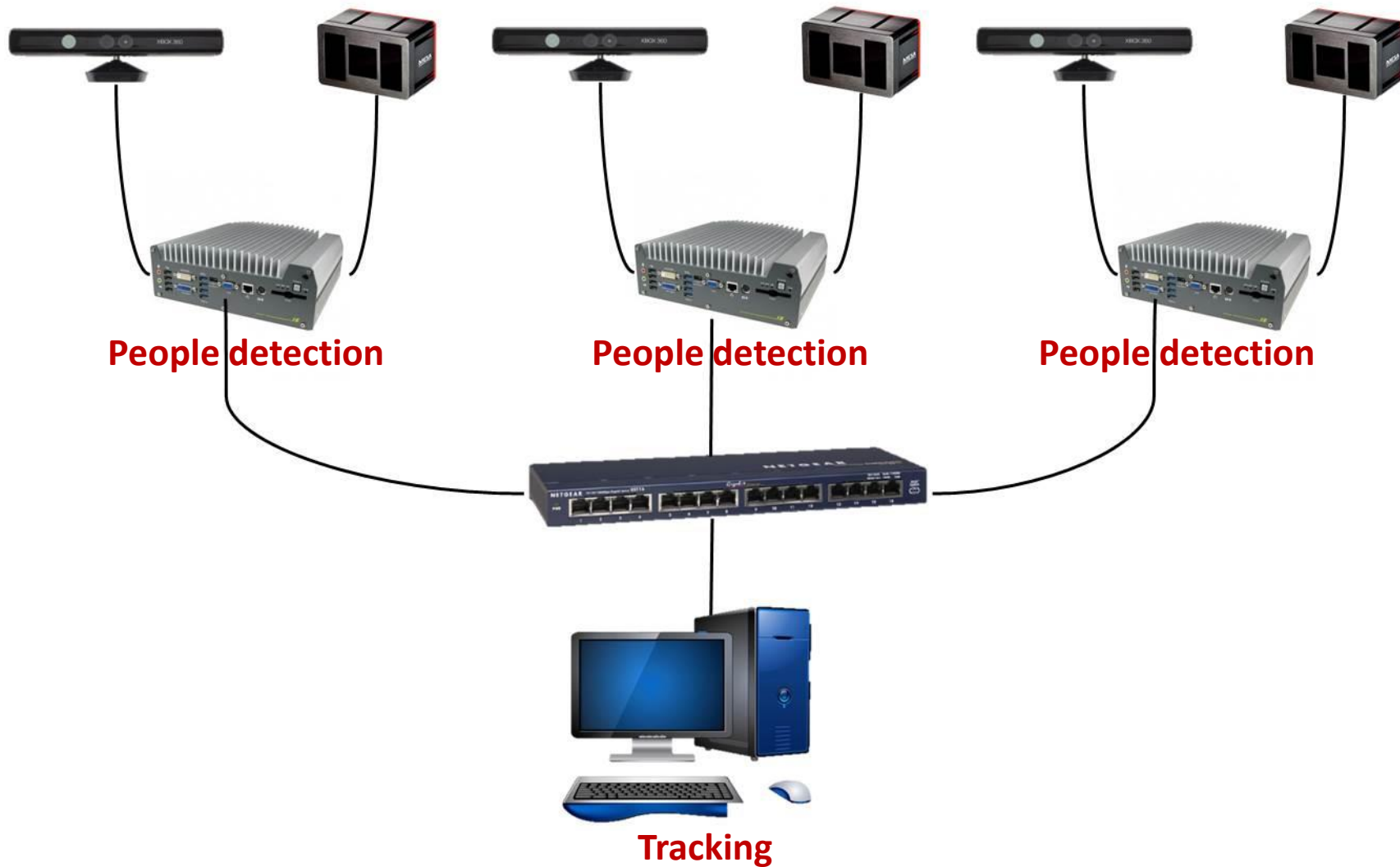
- **Multiple** cameras
 - Create **redundancy**
 - **Reduce** the problem of **occlusion**
- Problem **poorly** studied in literature [8]
- Main problems in network of RGB-D sensors:
 - Network **calibration**
 - **Scalability**



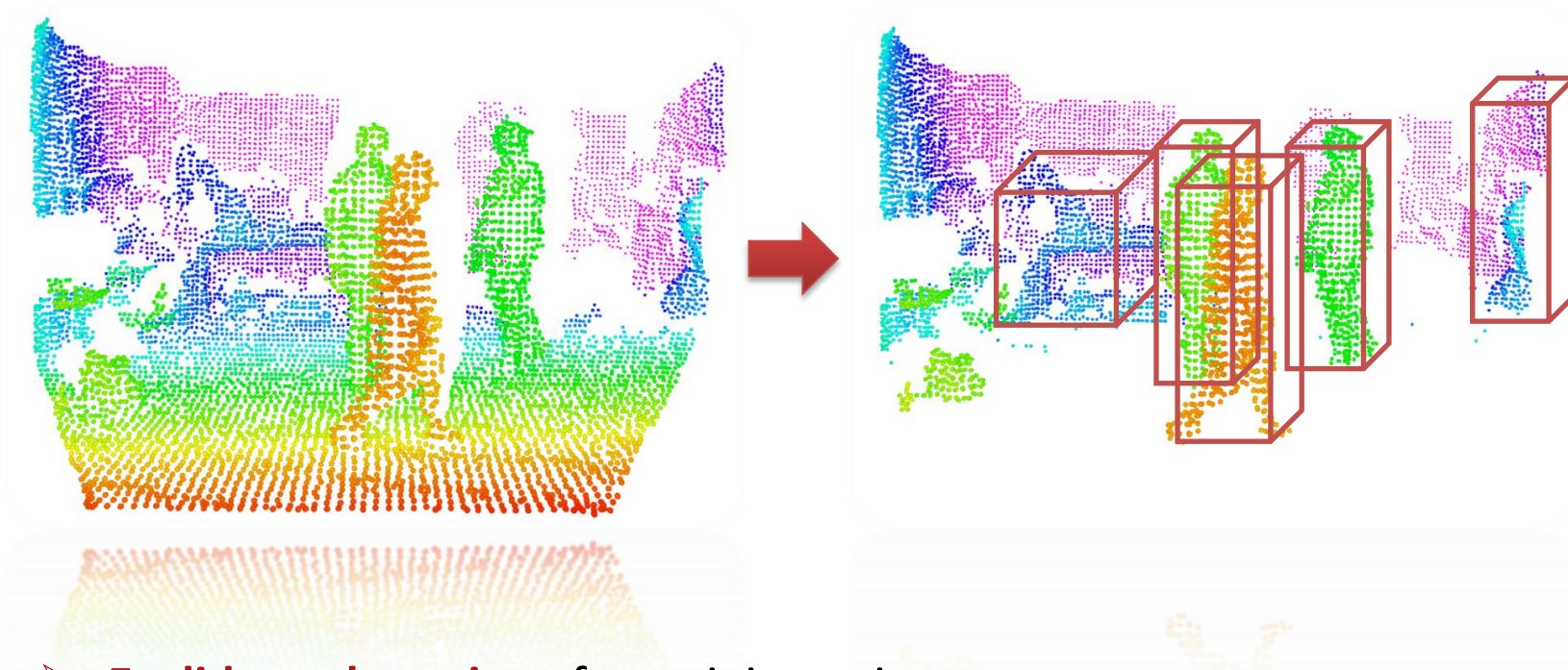
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Distributed Multi-camera tracking

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➤ **Ground plane** estimation and **removal**



➤ **Euclidean clustering** of remaining points

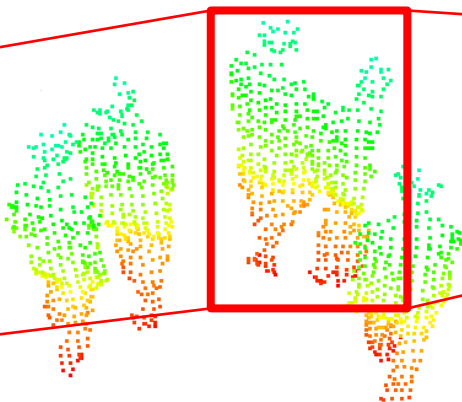
- People vertically **split** into more clusters



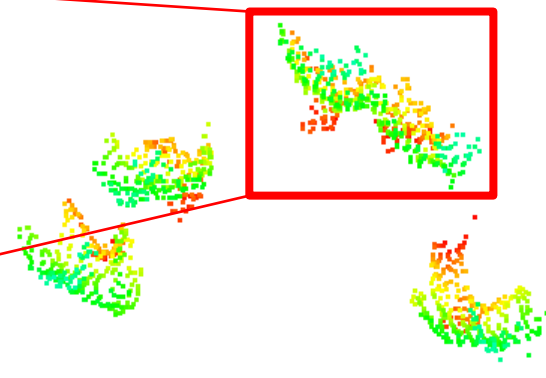
- More people **merged** into the same cluster



RGB

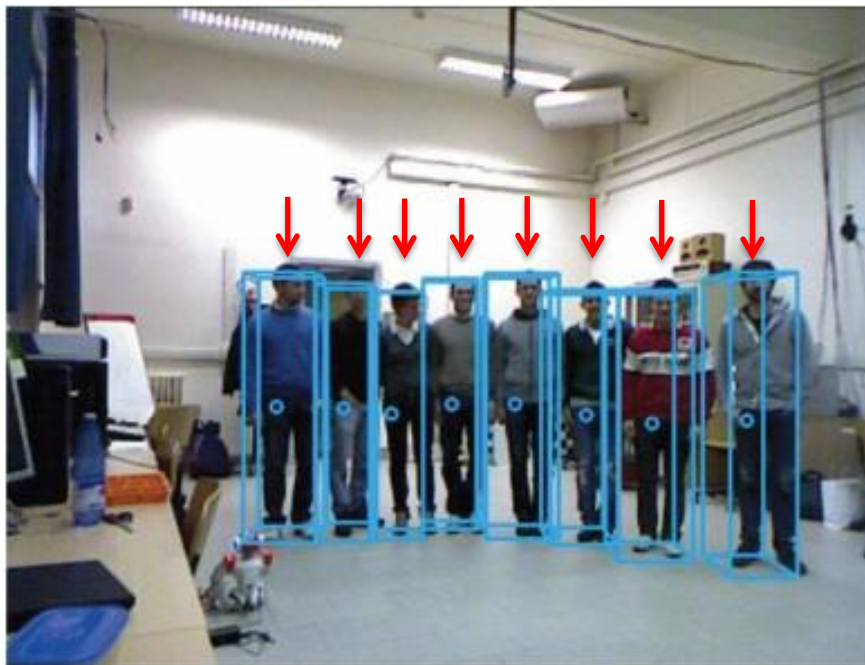
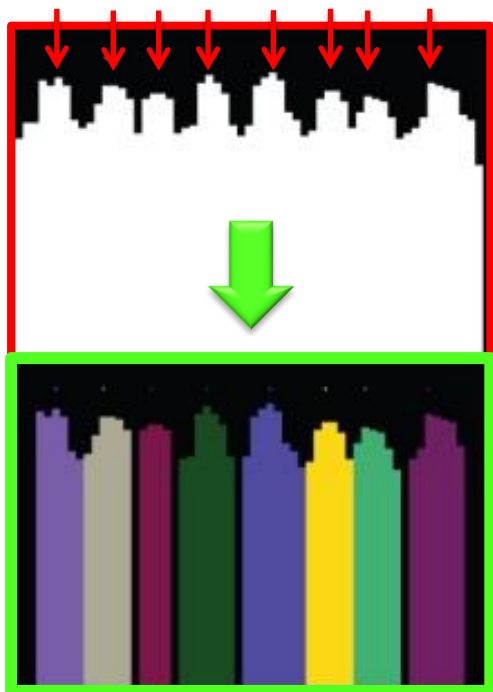


Depth point cloud

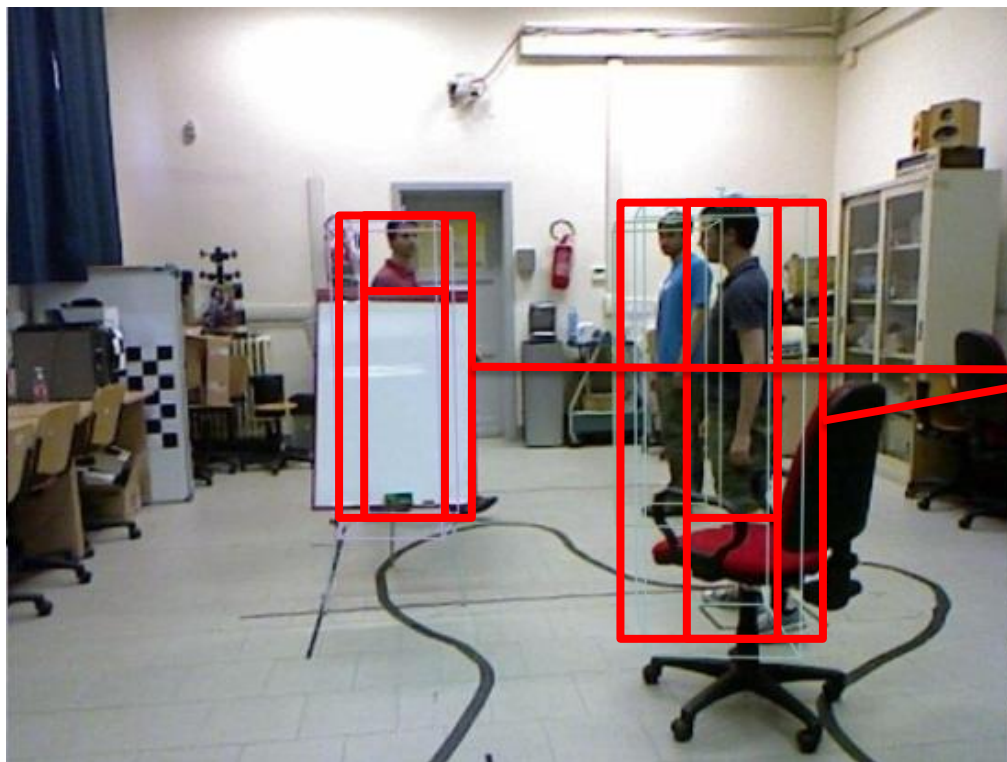


Depth point cloud
(top view)

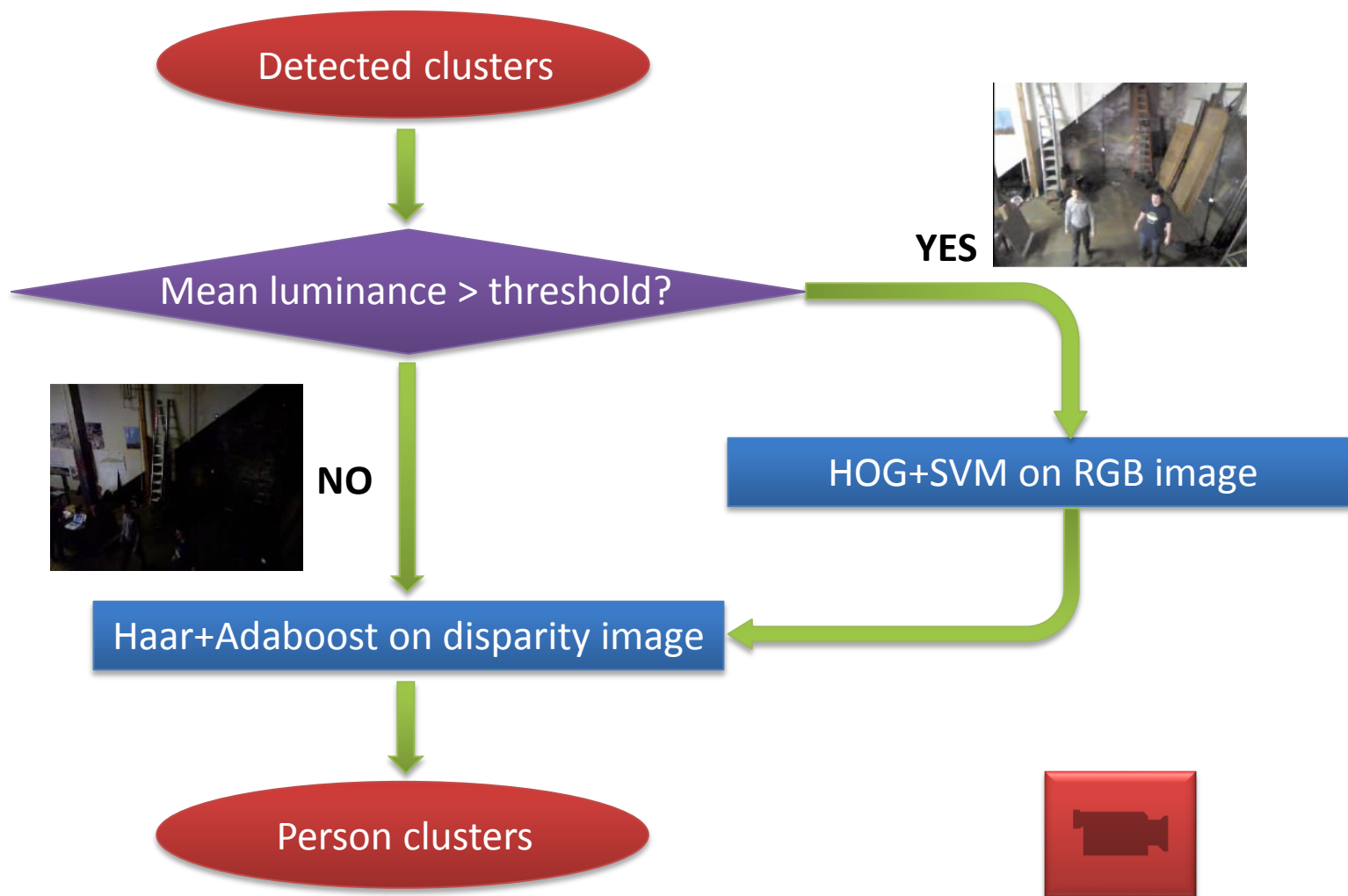
Subdivision of big clusters by means of **head detection** (peaks in height from the ground plane)

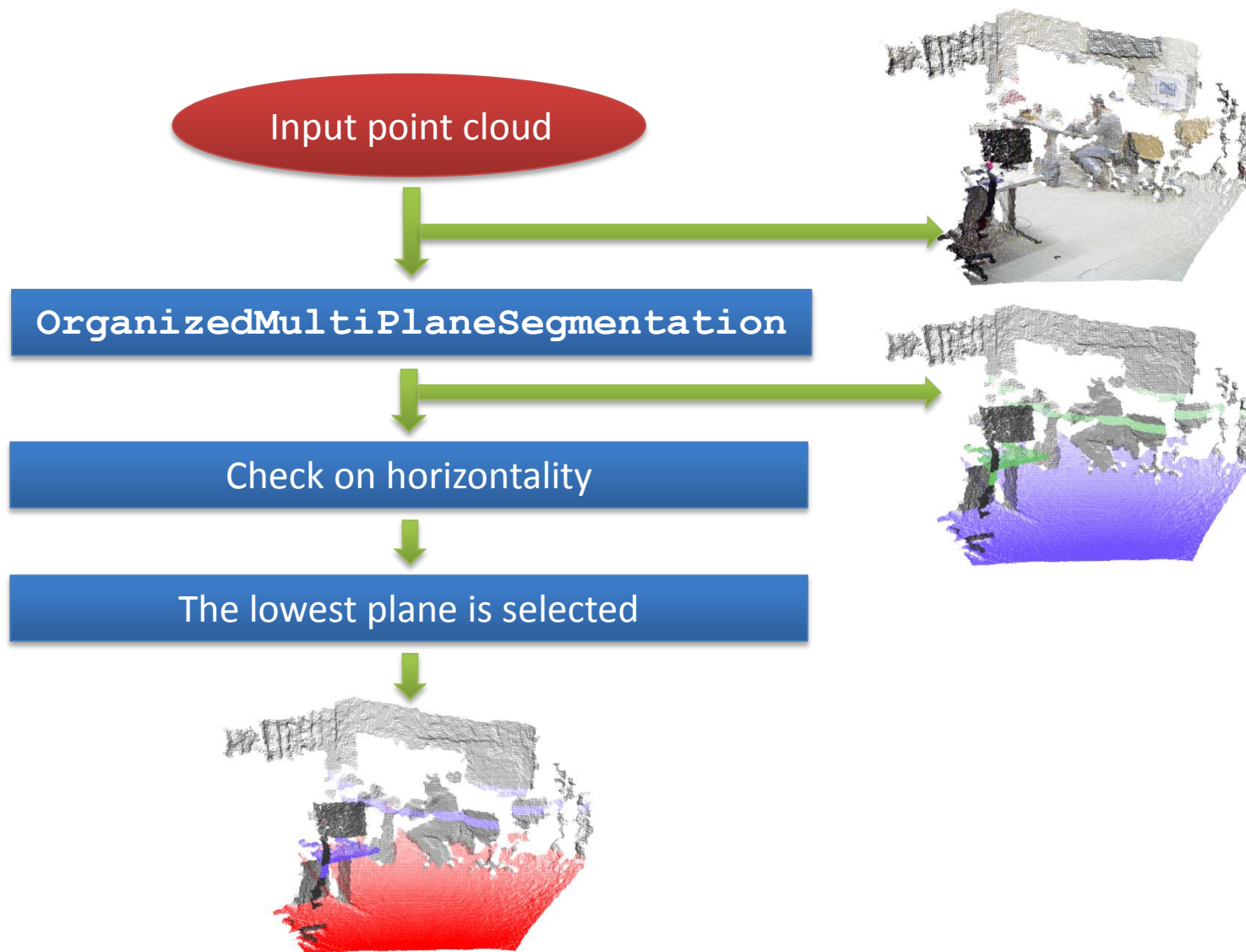


- Candidate **clusters** are **extended** until the ground plane for achieving robustness to lower limbs occlusion
- **HOG detector** [10] applied to image patches that are projection of 3D clusters onto the RGB image



Descriptor
computation



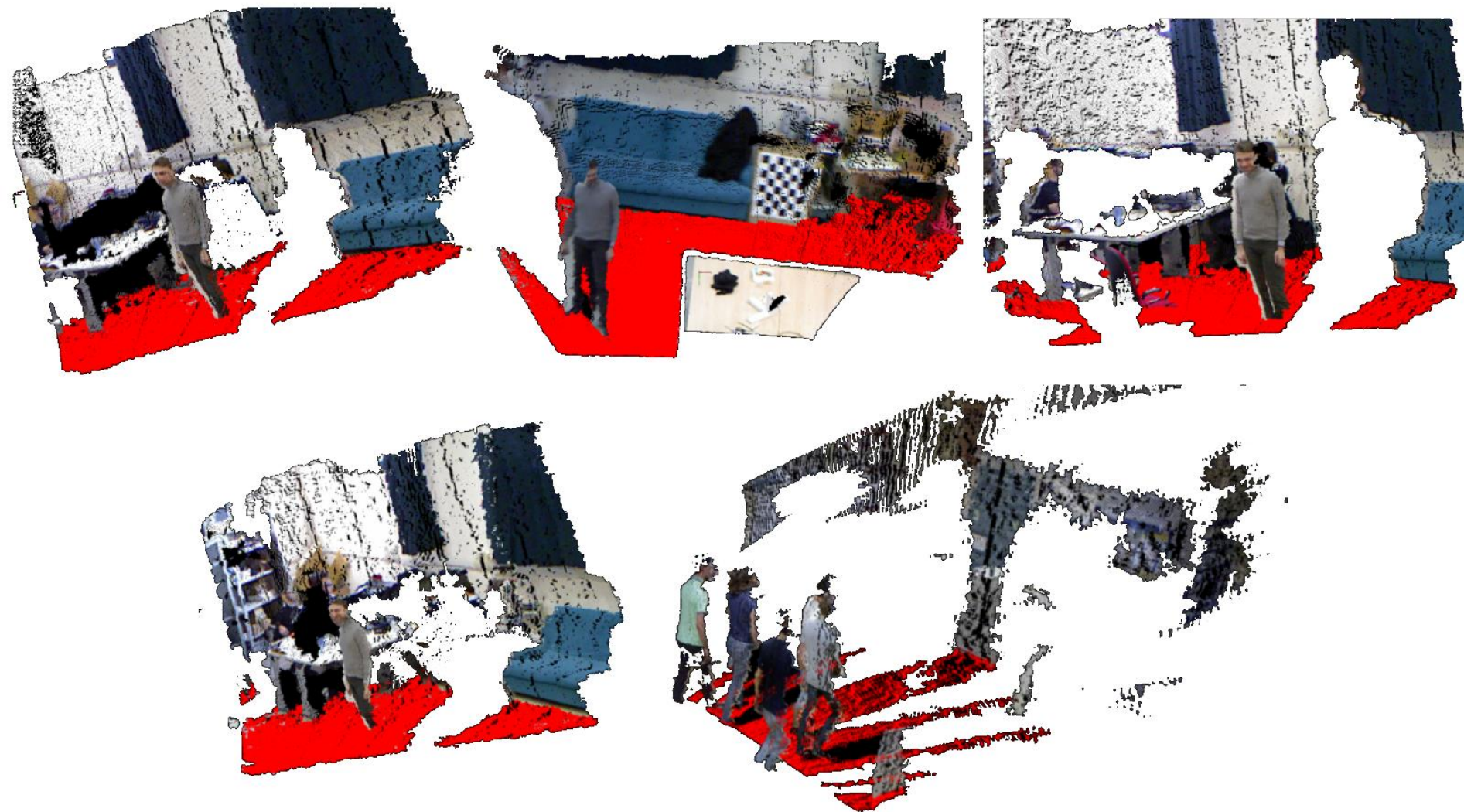




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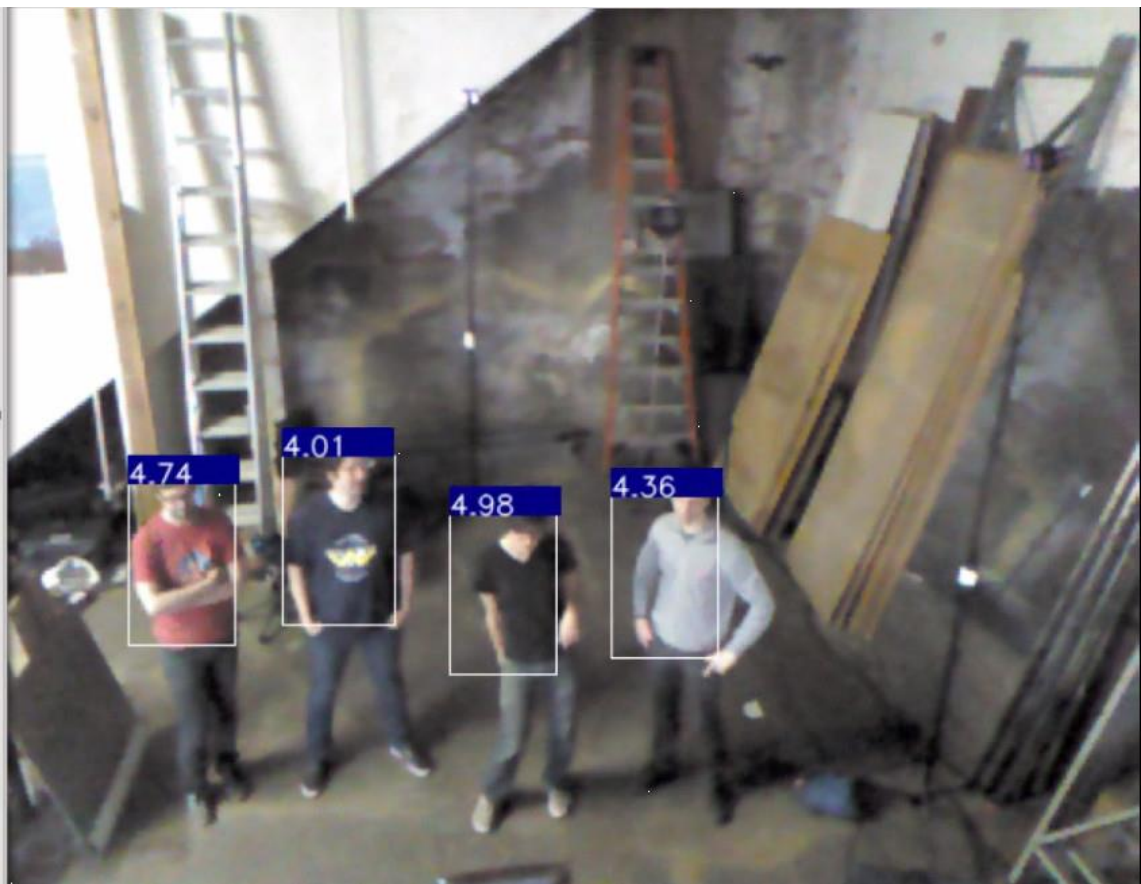
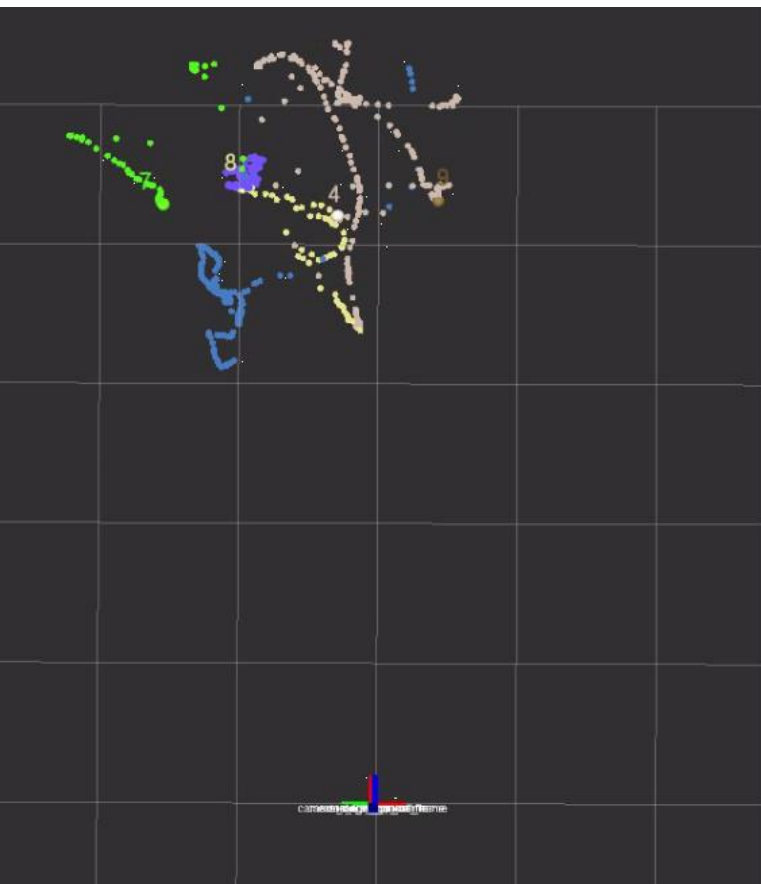
Automatic ground plane estimation

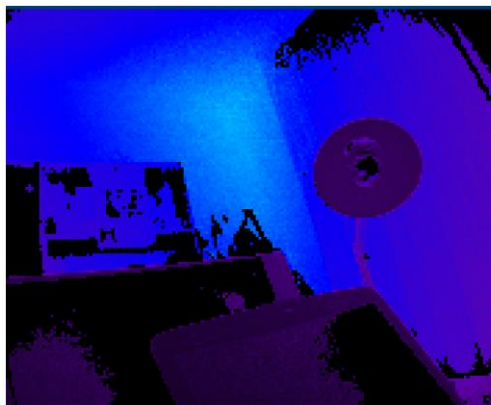
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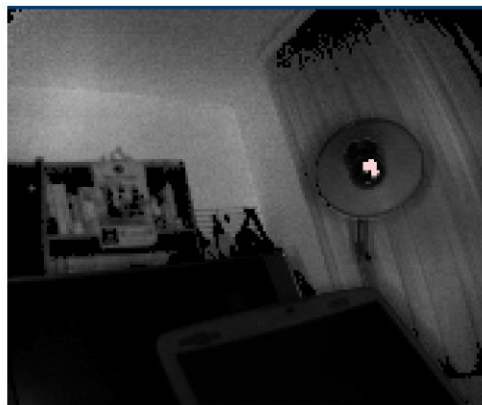
Only for clustering operations (e.g. computing a cluster's bounding box):

- the point cloud is **rotated** so that the **ground** plane is aligned with camera **xOz** plane

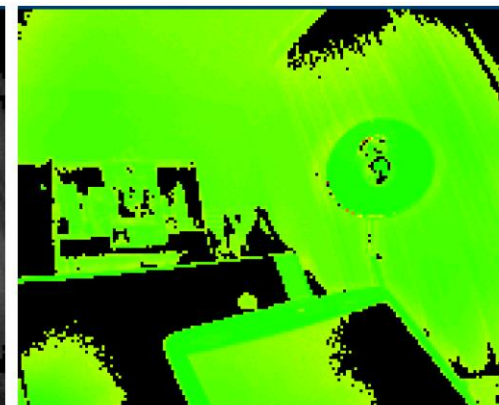




(a) Depth

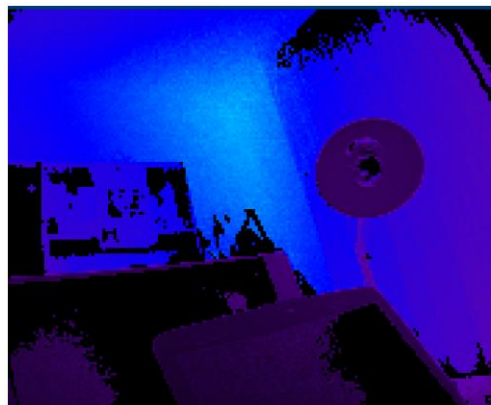


(b) Intensity

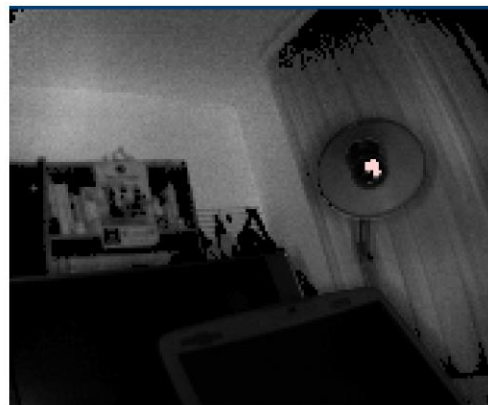


(c) Confidence

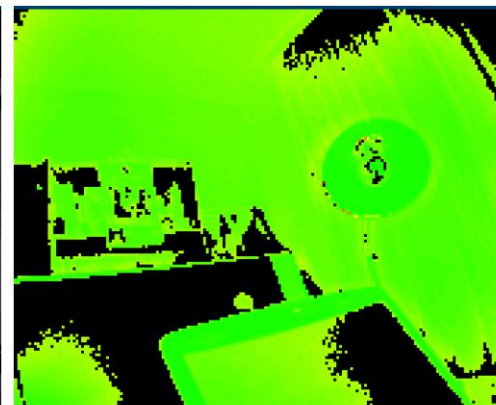
- Point cloud **filtering** based on **confidence** image
- Depth-based **clustering** (as for Kinect)
- **Infrared** intensity image **equalization**
- **HOG+SVM** classification on equalized intensity image



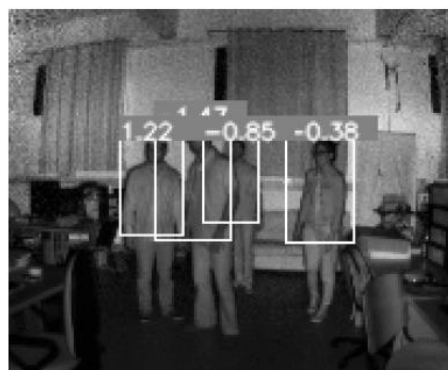
(a) Depth



(b) Intensity



(c) Confidence



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Fig. 7. People detection results on SwissRanger infrared intensity images.



- An **Unscented Kalman Filter** (UKF) is used to predict people positions along the two **world** axes (x, y)
- Human motion is modeled with a **constant velocity** model
- The tracking node receives **detections** from all distributed detection nodes
- A **cost matrix** is created based on the **Mahanobis distance** between the new detections and the predicted position of all active tracks

$$D_M^{i,j} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_k^T(i, j) \cdot \mathbf{S}_k^{-1}(i) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_k(i, j)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_k(i, j) = \mathbf{z}_k(i, j) - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k|k-1}(i).$$

- The track-detection association is done with the **Global Nearest Neighbor** method

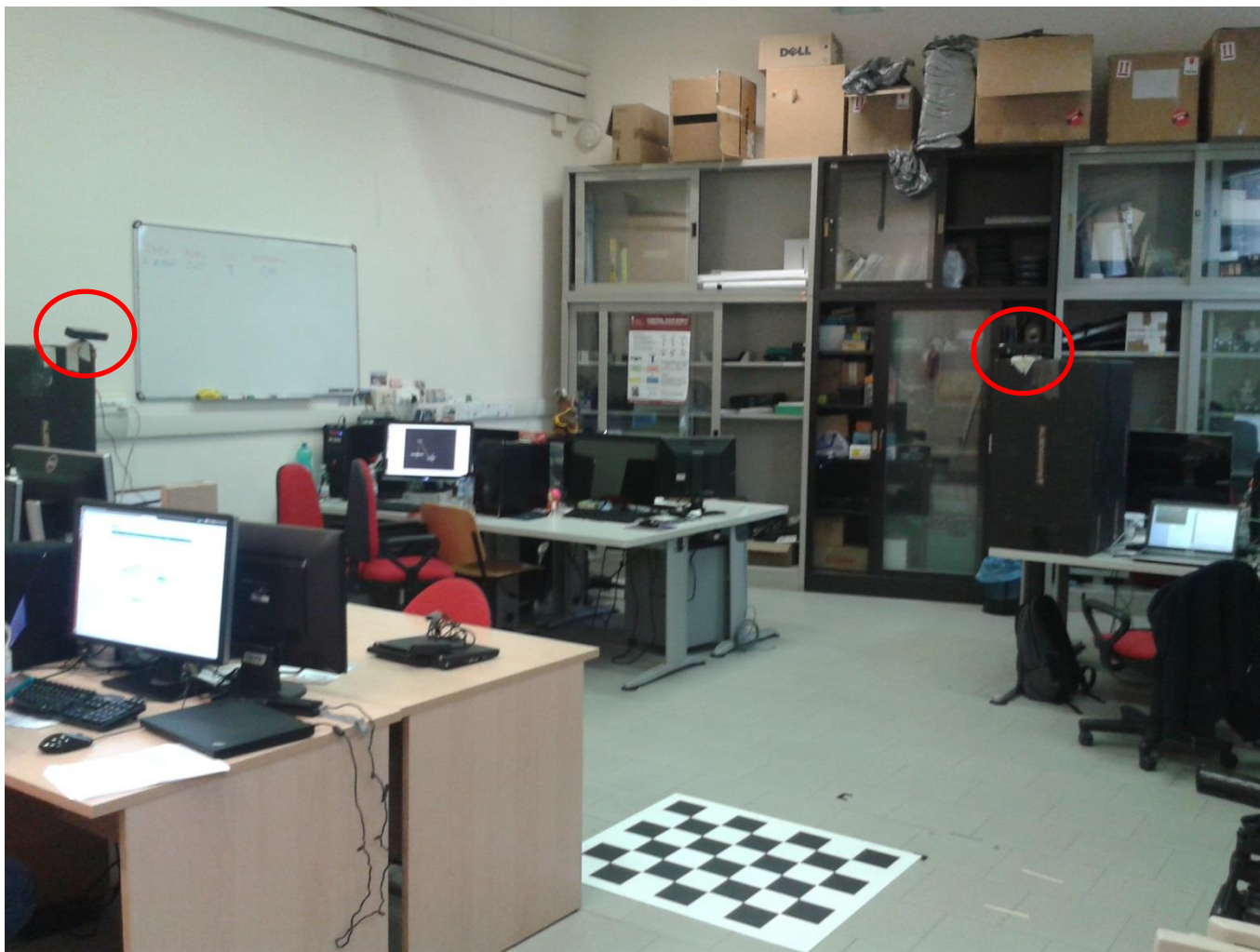


- A **checkerboard** is moved in front of the cameras
- If two cameras see the checkerboard at the same time, the **transformation** between them can be estimated
- A **transformation tree** is built starting from the first camera that sees the checkerboard
- All images are then used in an **optimization** problem [9] which optimizes:
 - The pose of every **camera**
 - The pose of every **checkerboard**

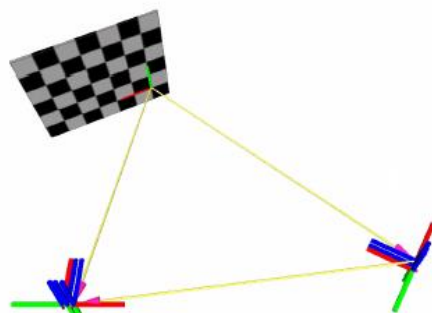
Results:

- Extrinsic parameters are estimated in **real time**
- The **ground** plane equation can be calibrated too.

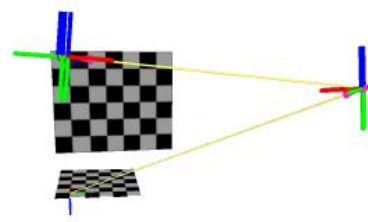
External view of camera network with two Kinects



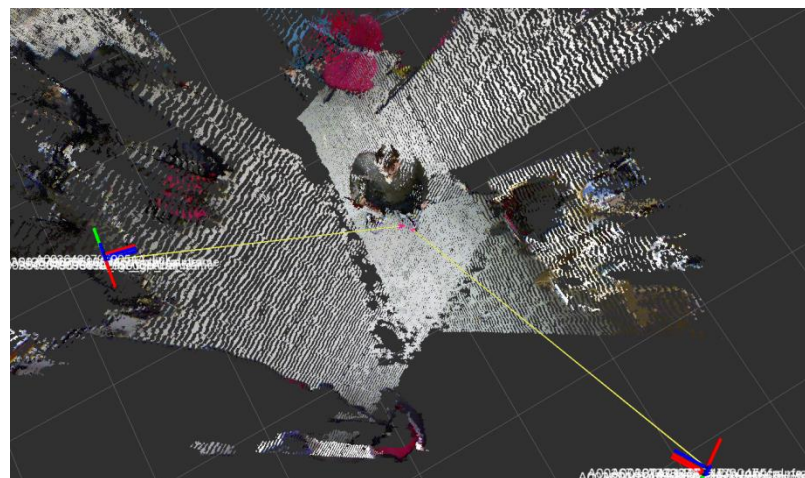
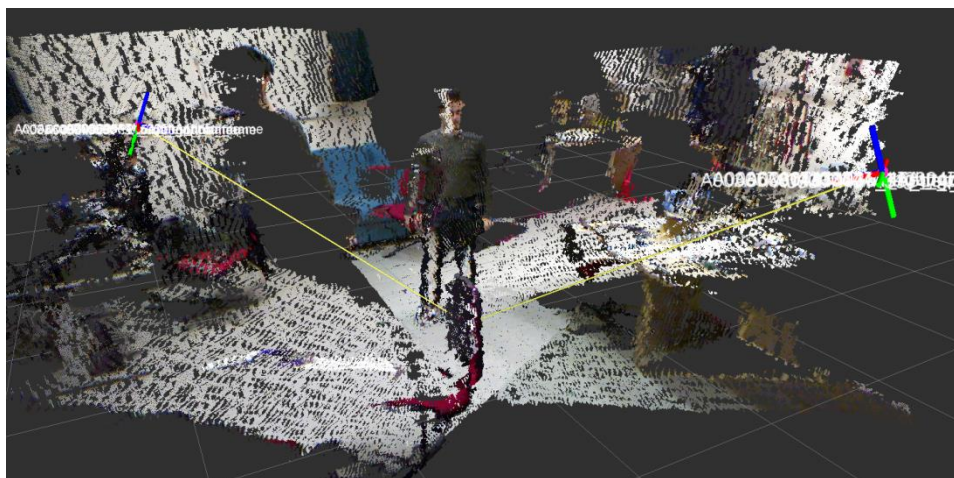
Multi-imager calibration: 2 Kinects



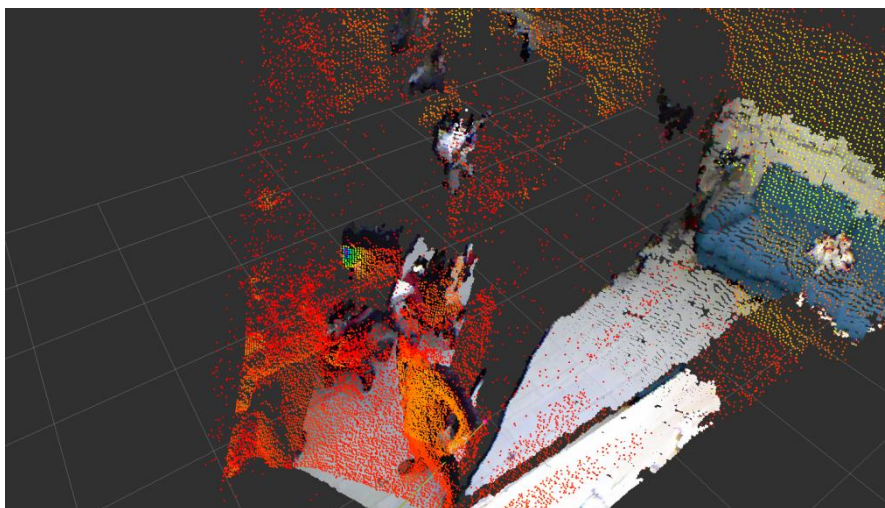
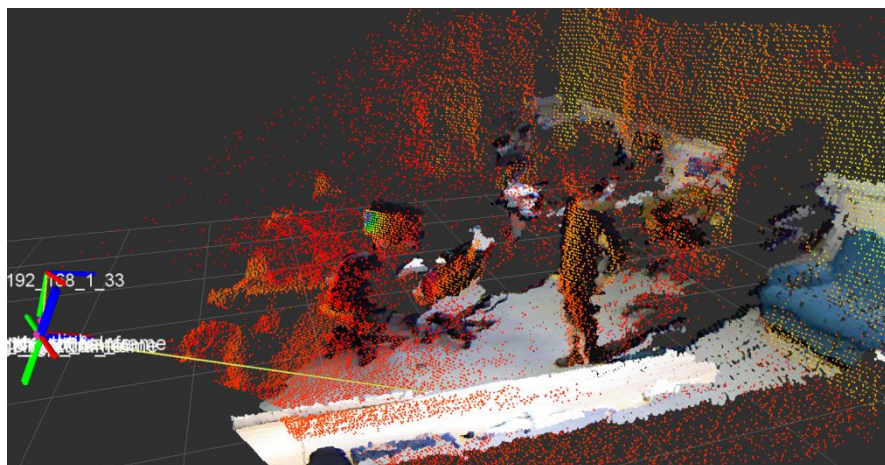
(a) Pairwise calibration



(b) Ground plane calibration



Multi-imager calibration: 1 Kinect and 1 Mesa SwissRanger SR4500



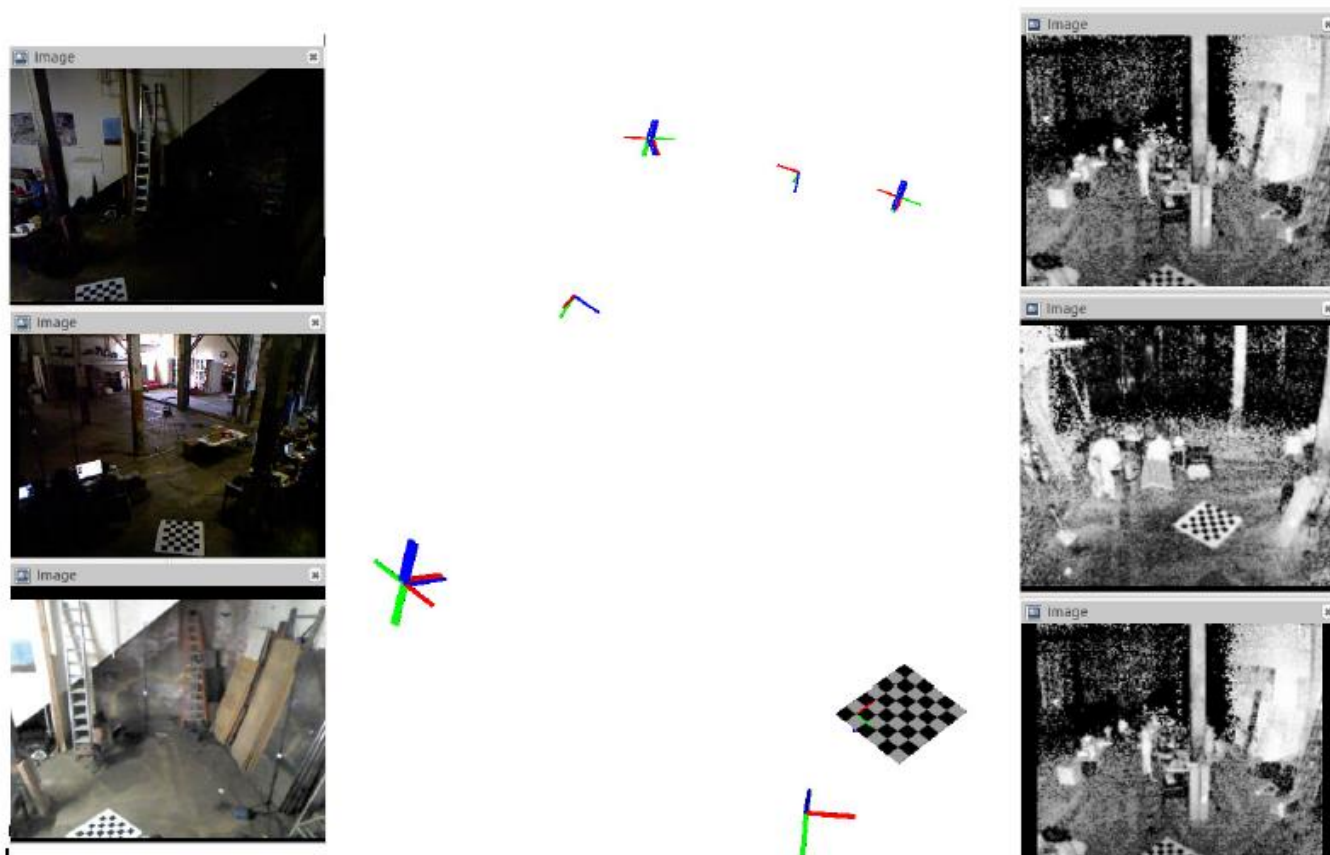


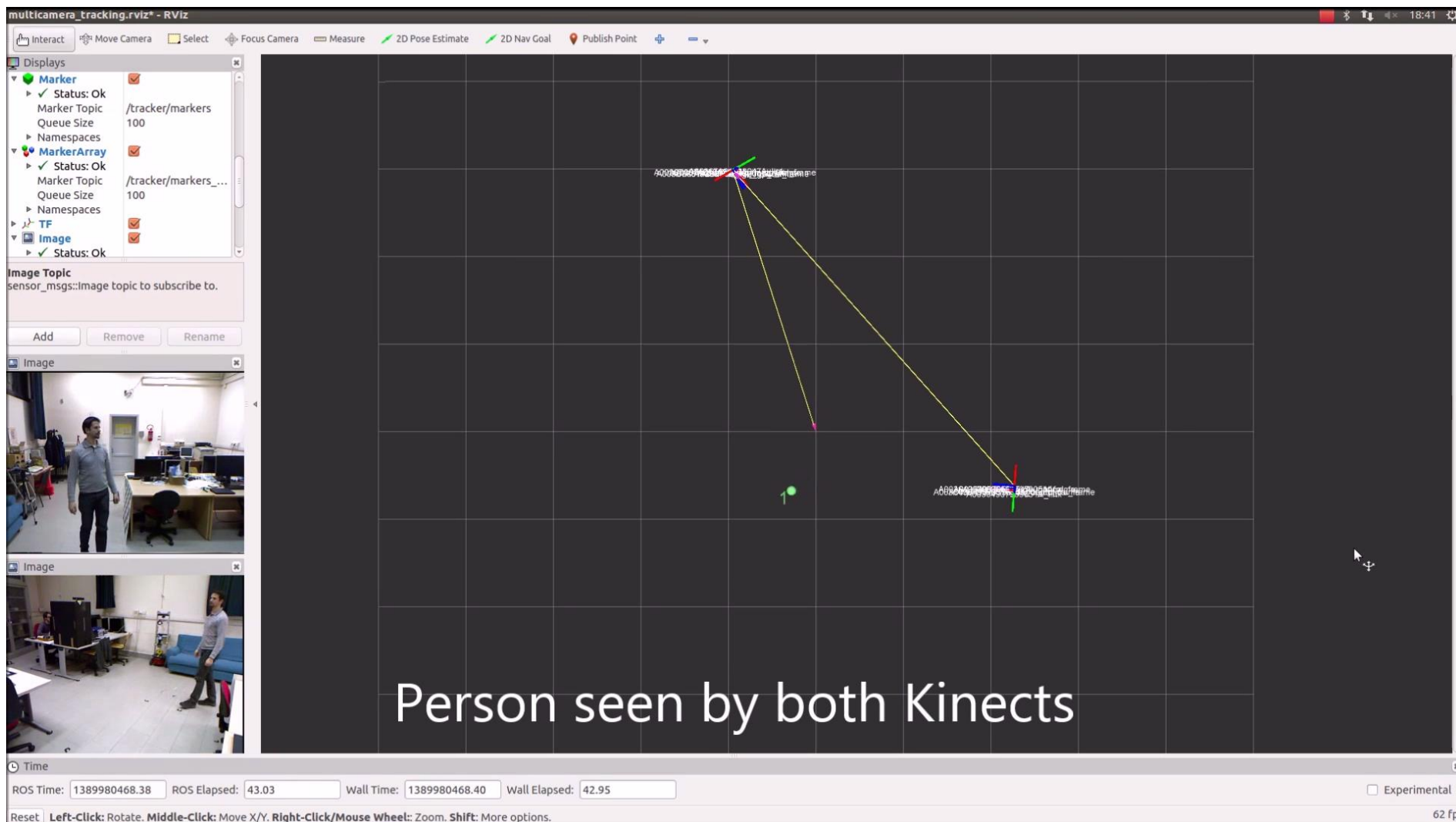
Fig. 3. Extrinsic calibration results for a network composed of three Kinects (images on the left) and three SwissRangers SR4500 (images on the right).



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Results: Tracking from two Kinect cameras

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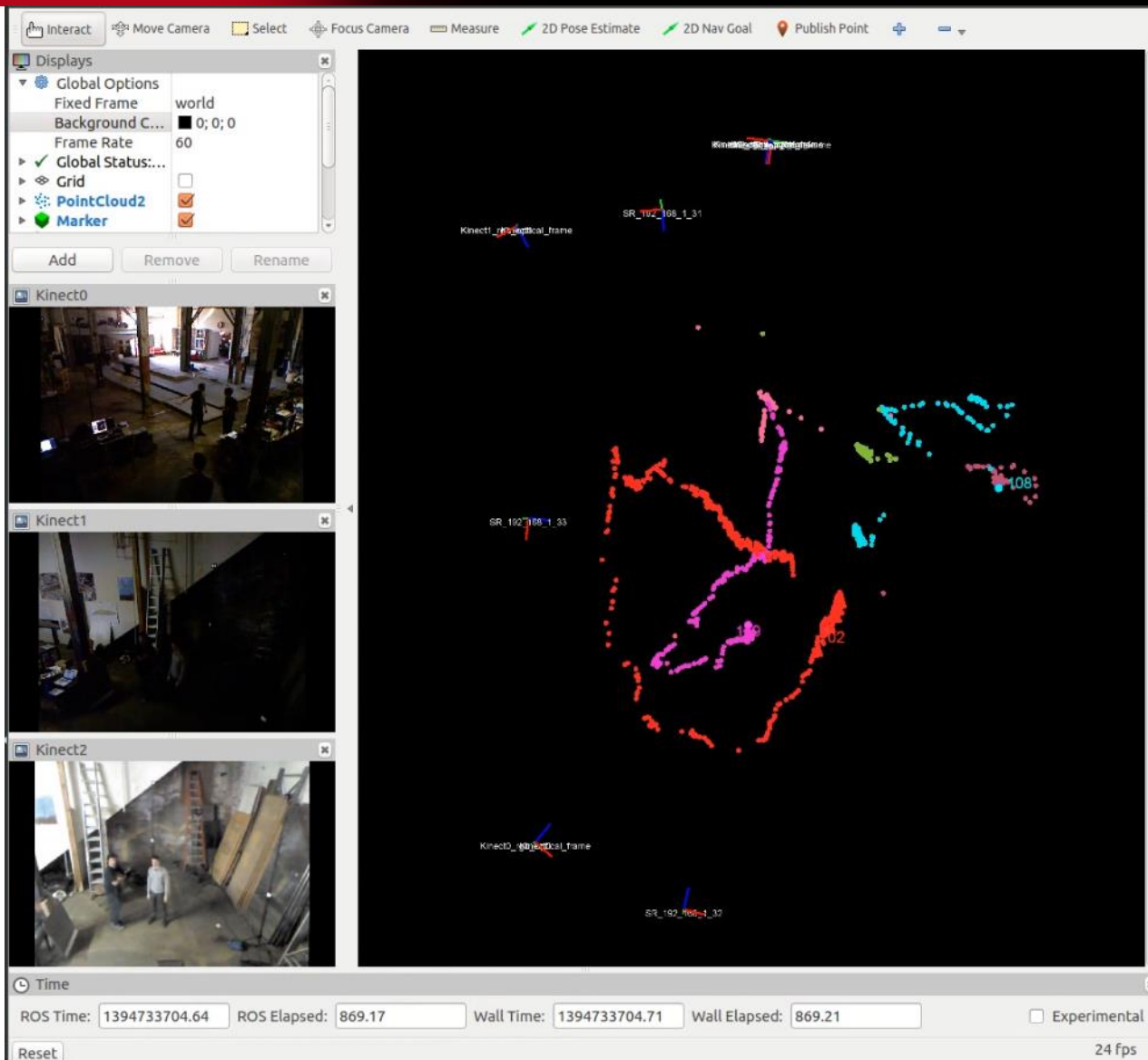




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Results: Tracking from three Kinect cameras

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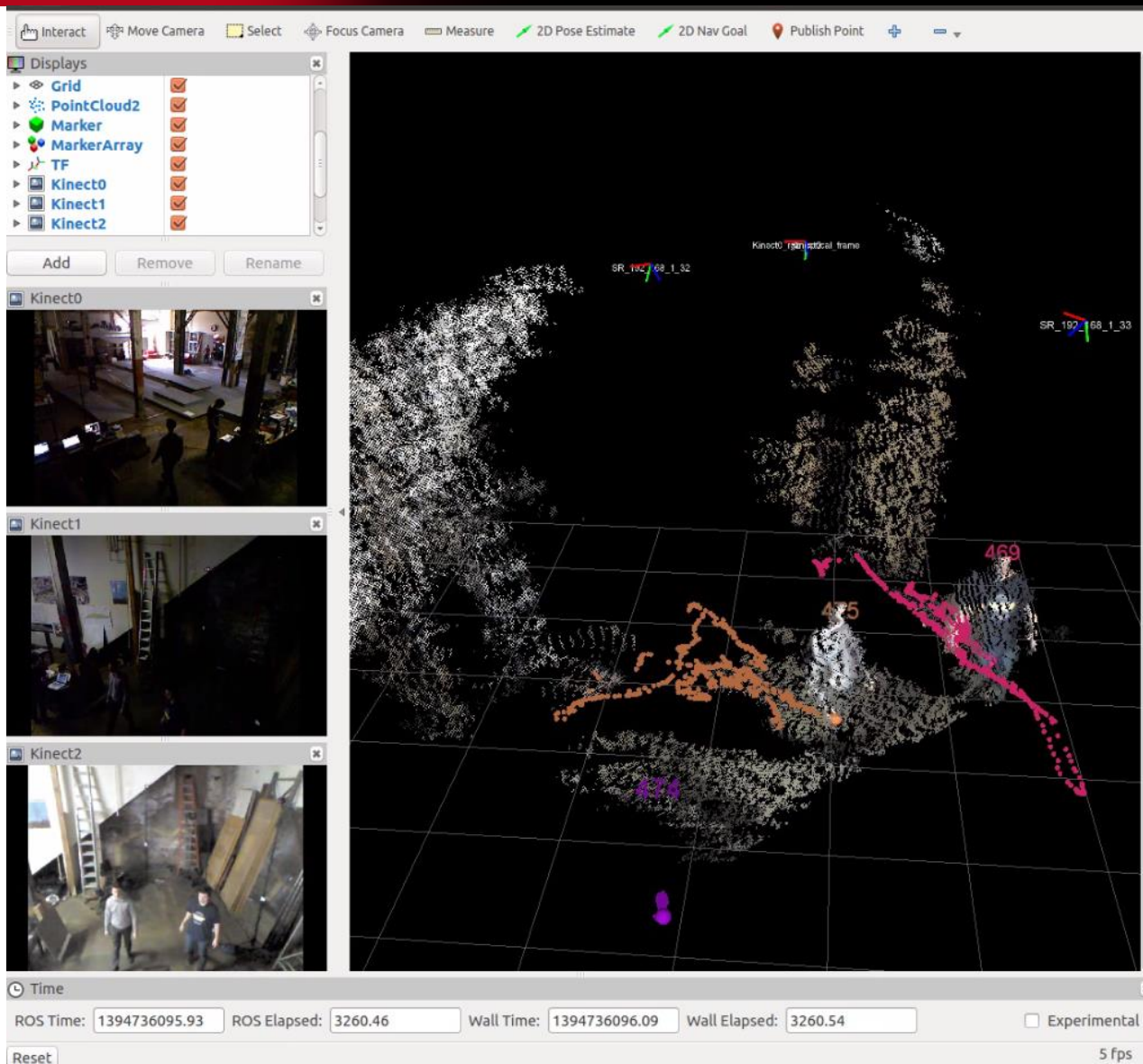




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Results: Tracking from three Kinect cameras

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➤ **Chiparaki**, Los Angeles (CA), March 2014

- Six cameras (three Kinects, three SwissRangers)
- 8x6x4m Pavilion
- Tracking output drove an interactive mural



➤ **UCLA Lab School**, Los Angeles (CA)

- Applied to children
- Tracking output drove a science simulation (on-screen avatars)



- **Open source** multi-camera people tracking
- **Distributed** infrastructure for people detection
- **Real-time** and user-friendly **calibration** procedure
- Works with both Microsoft **Kinect** and Mesa **SwissRanger** SR4500
- People detection **adaptation** to brightness conditions

Future works:

- **Improve** extrinsic **calibration**
 - RGB+depth
 - Depth map correction
 - Handle network delays
- **Stereo** camera support
- Increase **ID persistence** (height feature, re-identification signatures?)
- Increase detection accuracy for cameras placed very high and for detecting **children**
- Real-time parameter configuration (**GUI**)



Any questions?

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