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Quantitative Evaluation of structure from motion software for the 3D-reconstruction of traffic accidents

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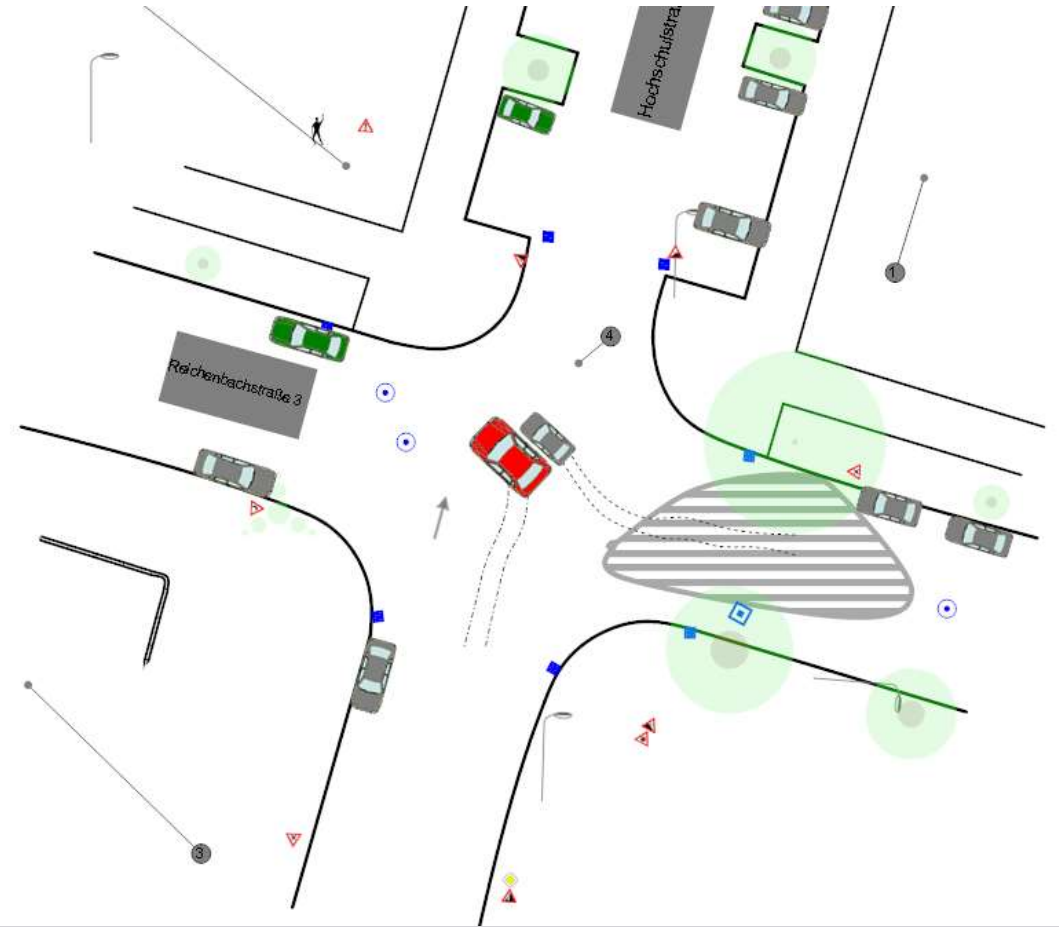
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Introduction

- In case of severe traffic accidents, German police is required to provide a sketch of the incident location



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Mapping of traffic accidents

- Mandatory accuracy



Time for acquisition

- Typical Measuring Methods:

- Surveyor's wheel
- Total station
- Laser Scanner
- Photogrammetry



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- Expensive Equipment and extensive training required
- Possible Alternatives? -> Structure from Motion

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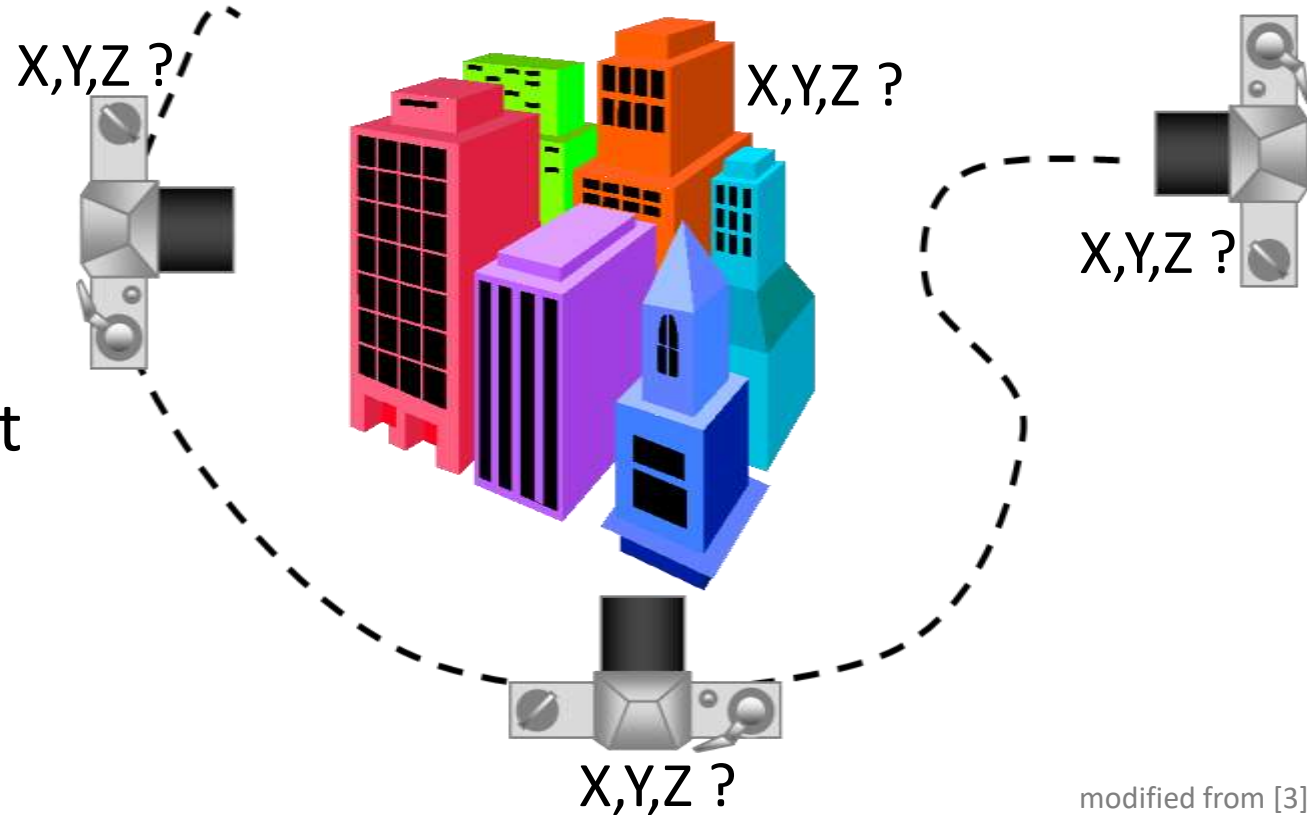




Structure from Motion (SfM)

Reconstruction of

- Camera Locations + Camera Parameters = Interior + Exterior Orientation
- Object coordinates as 3D-Point Cloud
- → Low-Cost 3D-Reconstruction method



modified from [3]

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Investigated Software Packages

- 4 open-source and 1 commercial SfM tools were investigated
 - Colmap
 - openMVG
 - VisualSfM
 - regard3D
 - Agisoft Photoscan
- All test were performed using default parameters
- Aim: find best SfM-tool for data acquisition



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Software Characteristics

	VisualSFM	openMVG	Colmap	regard3D	Agisoft Photoscan
Dense Matching	PMVS/CMVS	openMVS	integrated (CUDA required)	openMVS	integrated
License	Freeware (not for commercial purposes)	Mozilla Public License 2	GNU General Public License v3	MIT License	Proprietary
Camera Model parameters (in addition to f_x , f_y , c_x , c_y)	k1 (one set of parameters for each image)	various models; <u>k1,k2,k3</u>	various models; <u>k1</u>	various models; <u>k1</u>	<u>k1, k2, k3, p1, p2</u> one model for all images
Feature Detector	<u>SIFT</u>	<u>SIFT</u> + AKAZE	<u>SIFT</u>	<u>AKAZE</u>	Proprietary
Hardware specialties	Video card required	-	CUDA card required	-	-

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Sample Data

- 61 images of an intersection in densely build urban area
- Canon EOS 5D Mark III with 5670 x 3840 pixel
- No GCP were measured



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Overall Results

	VisualSFM	openMVG	Colmap	regard3D	Agisoft Photoscan
Registered Images	61	61	61	61	61
Processing Time [min.]	6.5	25	5	148	5.5
Nr. Points in Sparse Cloud	4456	32778	5879	27484	22471

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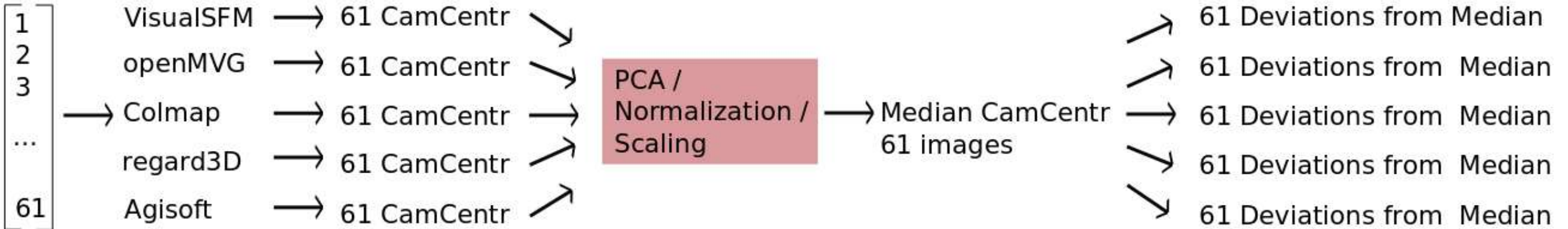
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Workflow for geometric investigation

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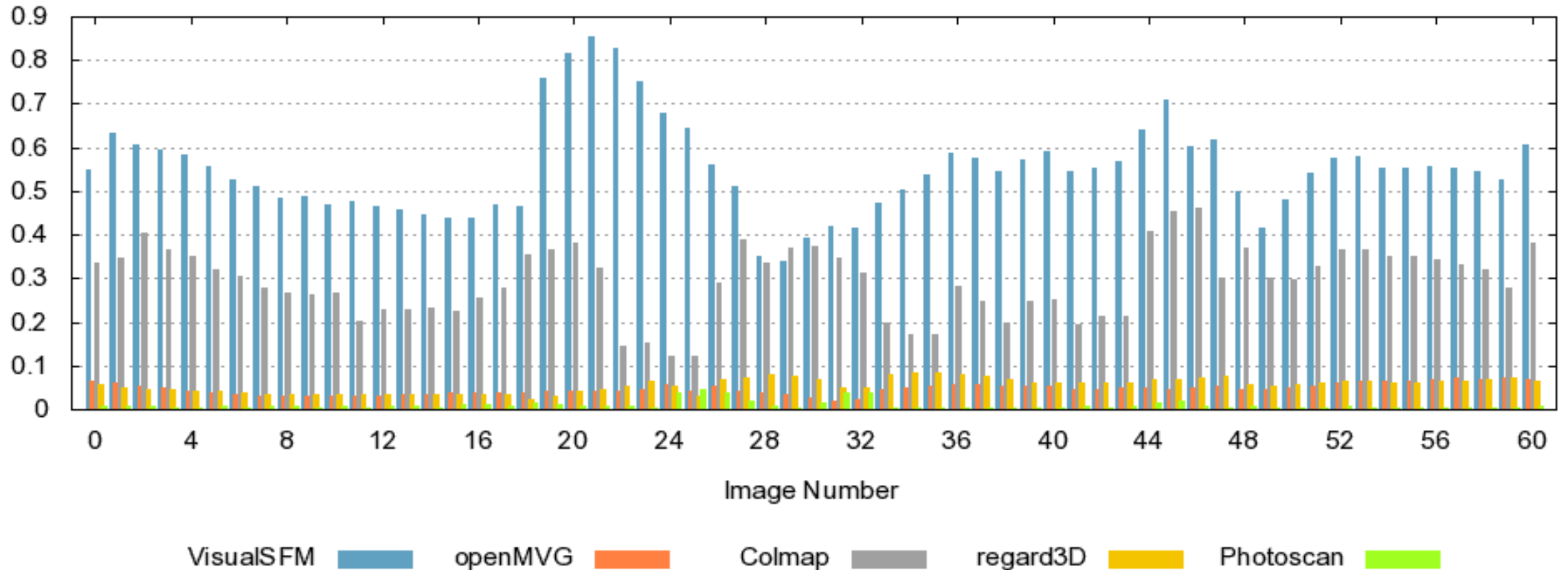


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Deviation [m] from median for every image





Discussion and Conclusion

- Agisoft Photoscan with best results
- VisualSFM (Colmap partly) shows high deviations
 - Downscaling of high resolution images -> less keypoints
- Results of openMVG and regard3D are acceptable

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Discussion and Conclusion

- Feature detection algorithms have difficulties to find keypoints on roads



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Summary

- Structure from Motion can be applied for traffic accident mapping
- Open source tools can deliver satisfying results
- Future research:
 - Point cloud segmentation
 - Georeferencing
 - “Tuning” parameters

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