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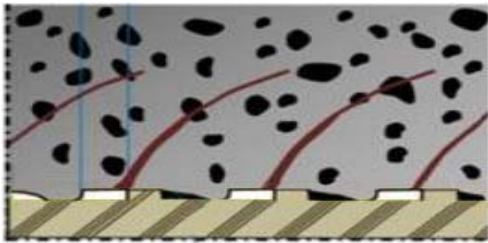
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3D Reconstruction Measurement Technology

Background

Challenges:

Harmful deterioration



Cracking



Spalling



Durability: **Short-lived**



Safety: **Collapse**

Difficult for inspection



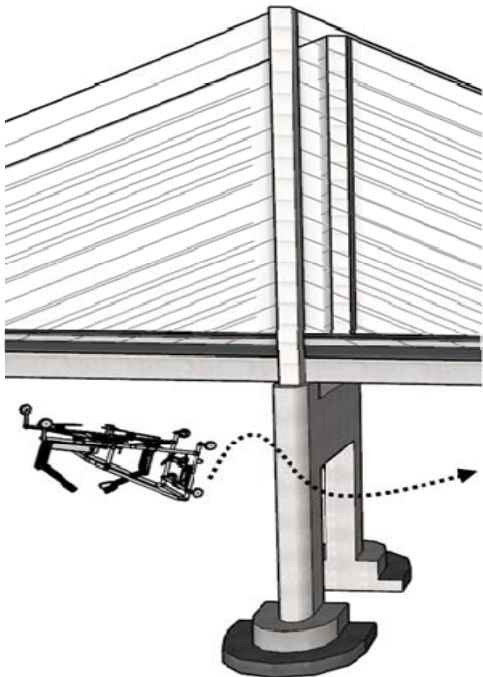
High piers and high towers

Accurate and automatic damage detection methods and equipment

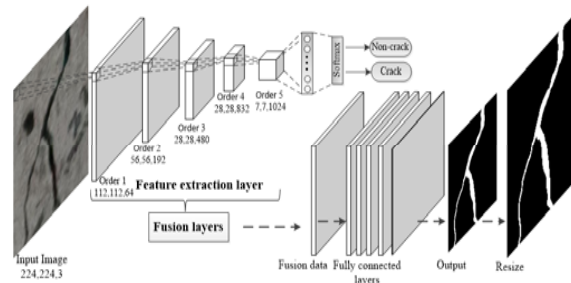
1.1 Multi-scale damage identification (level 1)

Deep learning algorithms for **automatic detection** of structural damages with **high-precision**

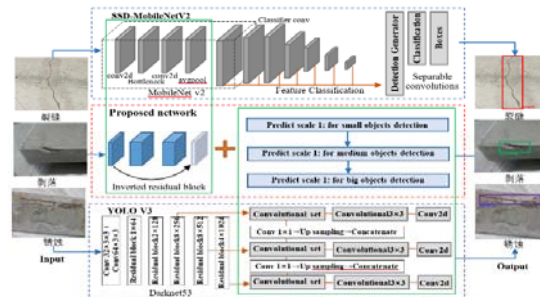
UAV for bridge inspection



Deep neural network algorithms



Feature extraction

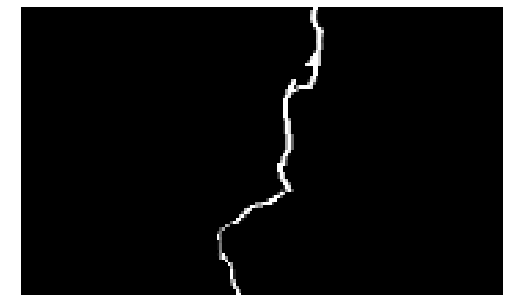


CNN for real-time detection

Real-time detection



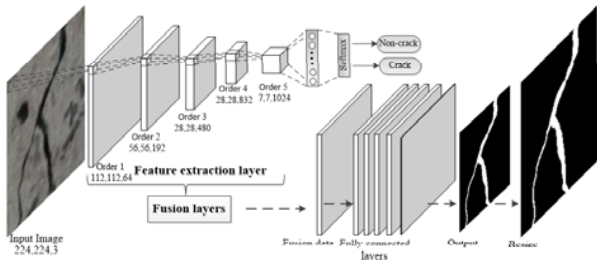
Real-time segment



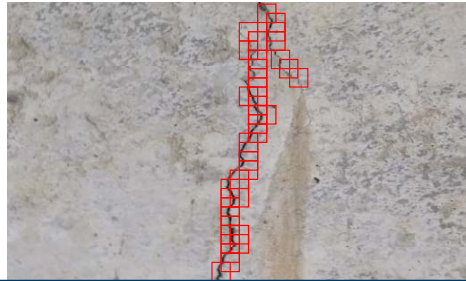
1.2 Automatic crack quantification algorithm (level 2)

■ Deep learning algorithm: **sub-pixel** crack recognition and width measurement

Multi-scale feature fusion fracture delineation

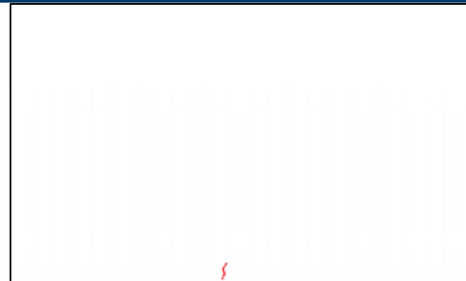


Crack identification

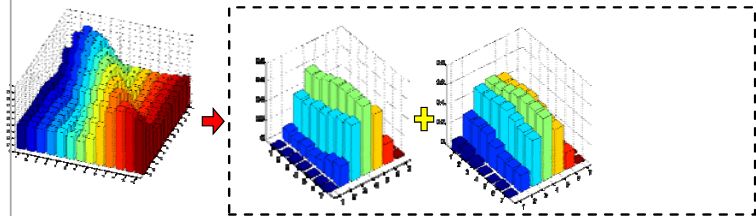


Zernike orthogonal moment width measurement

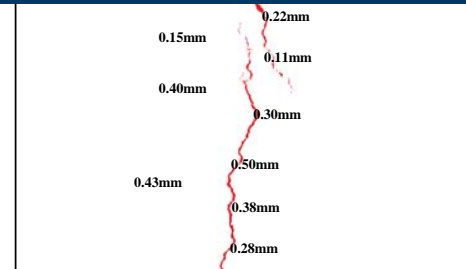
Automatic crack delineation



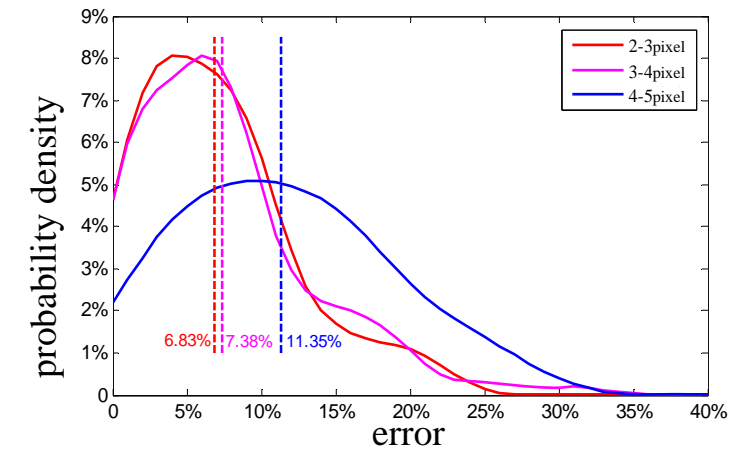
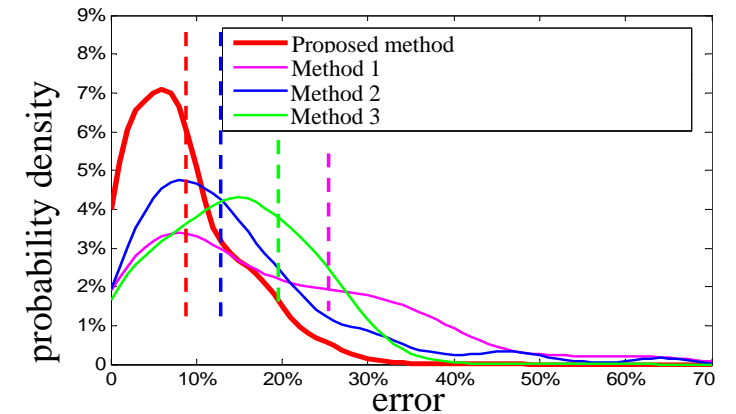
Interpolation of gray edge gradient



Crack width measurement



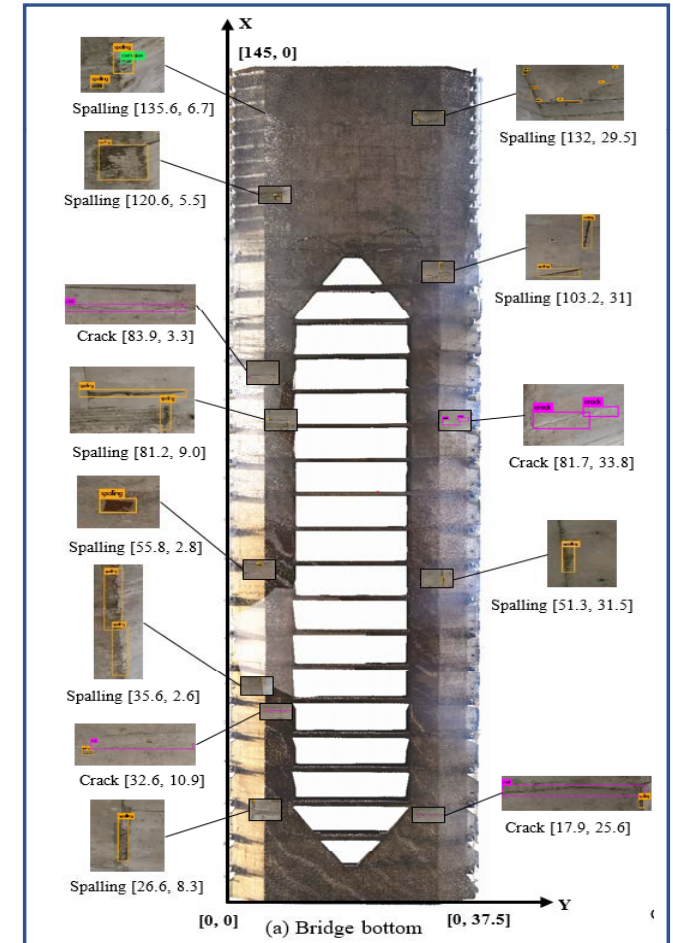
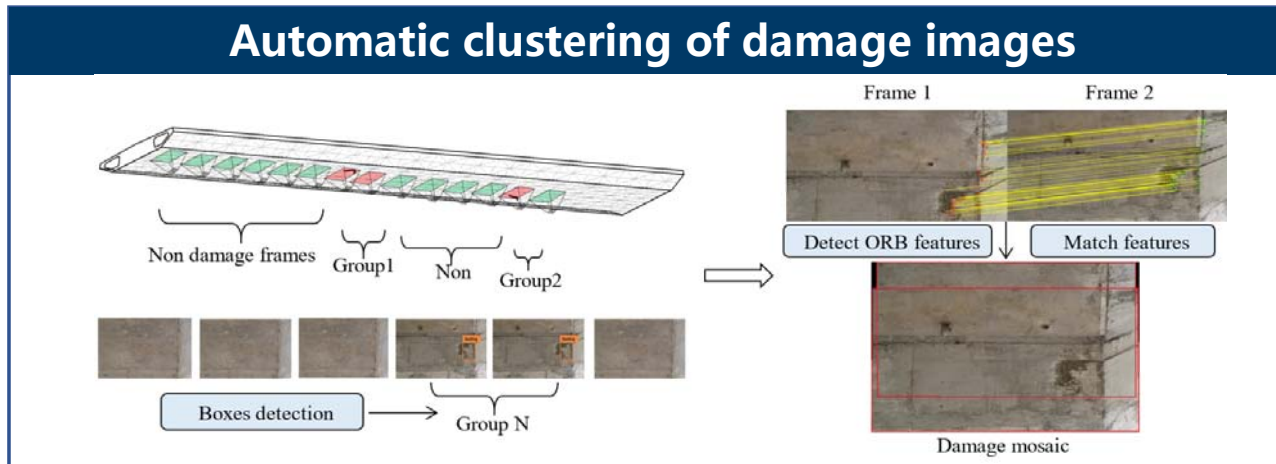
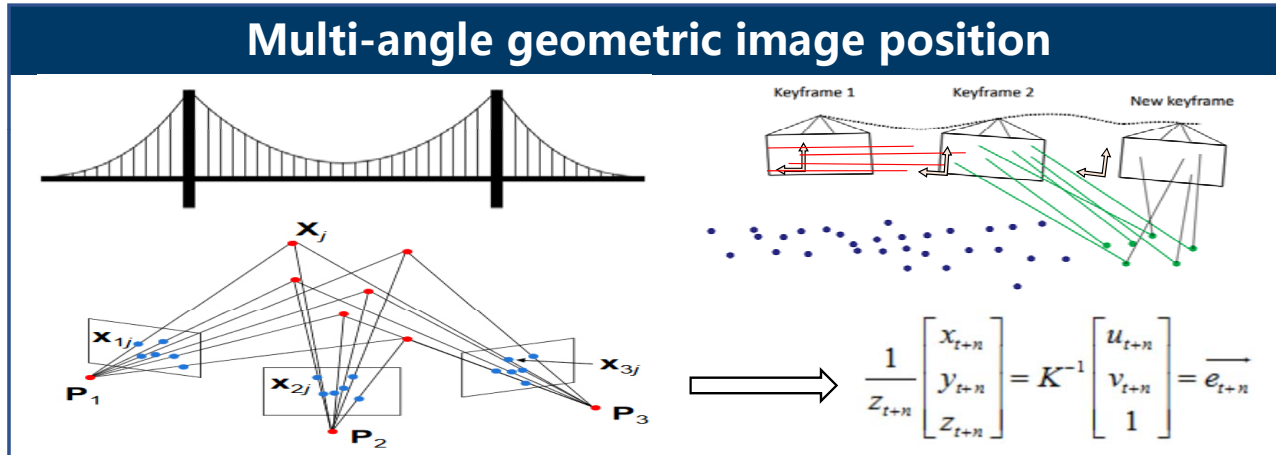
Accuracy comparison with traditional methods



For fine cracks below 5 pixels, the proposed method has better measurement accuracy than traditional methods

1.3 Automatic damage localization (level 3)

■ Mono-SLAM and image matching for defects localization



1.5.1 Multimode UAV for accurate crack inspection

Multimode UAV : switching between flight mode and wall-climbing mode

Multi-mode inspection

Overall check - (Wide view
High efficiency) - flight mode



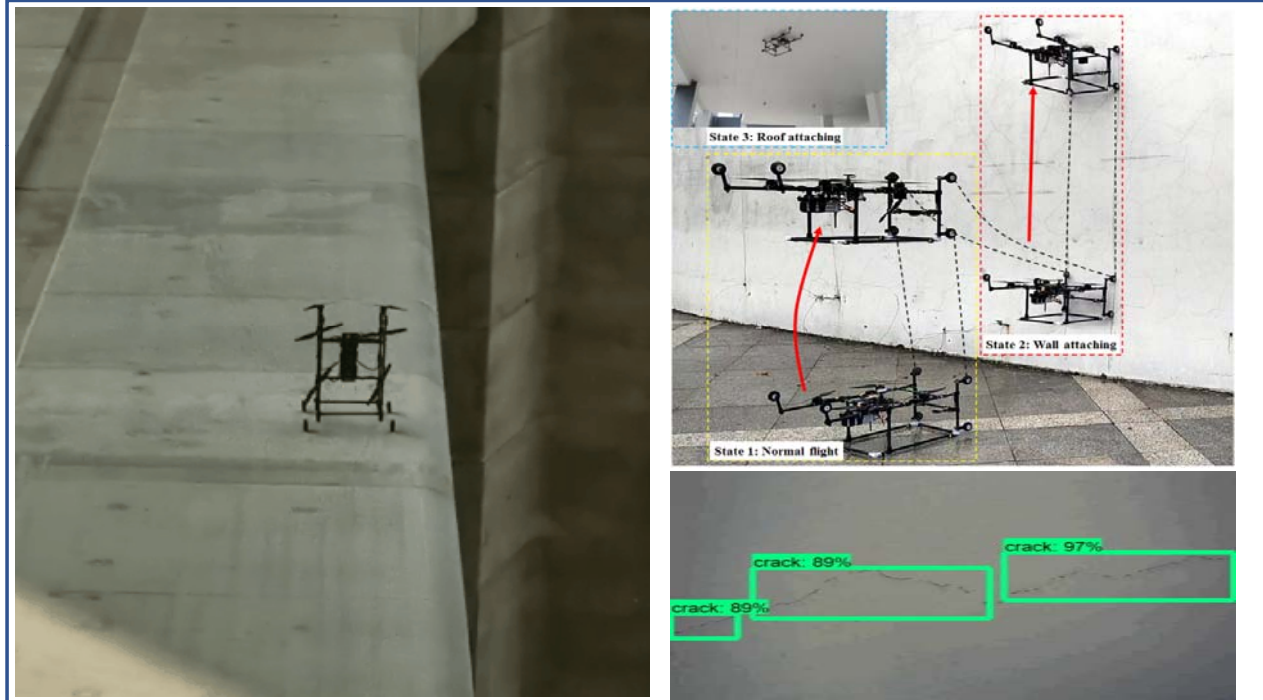
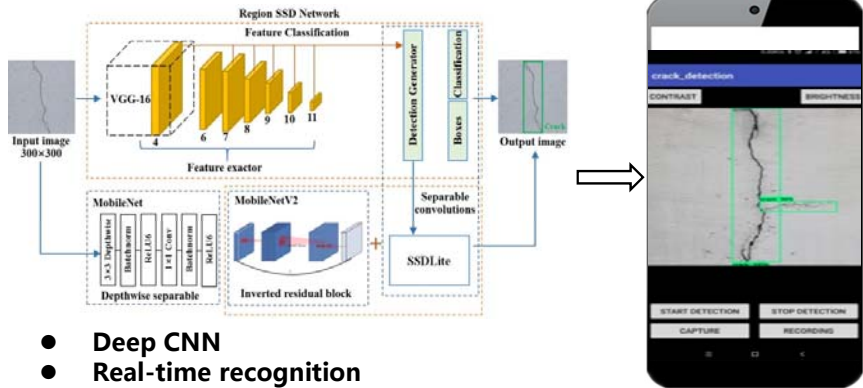
switching

Partial - (Close inspection
High precision) - crawling



Two-mode inspection

Smart phone application



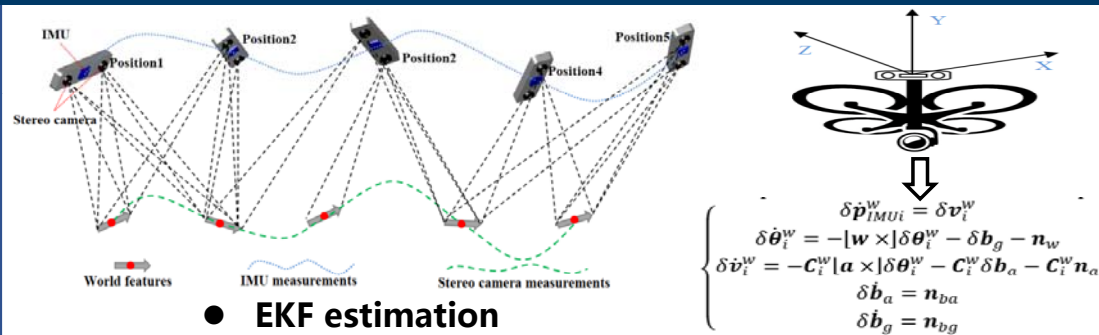
Comparison with traditional drone products

Comparison parameters	Commercial	Proposed
GPS Request	Strict	None
Detection Rate	Offline Detection	Real-time Detection
Width Measurement Accuracy	0.2mm	0.1mm

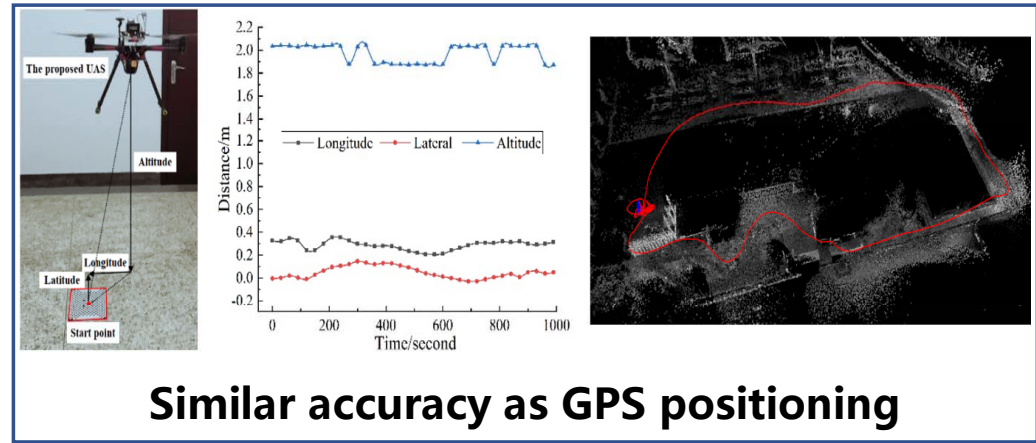
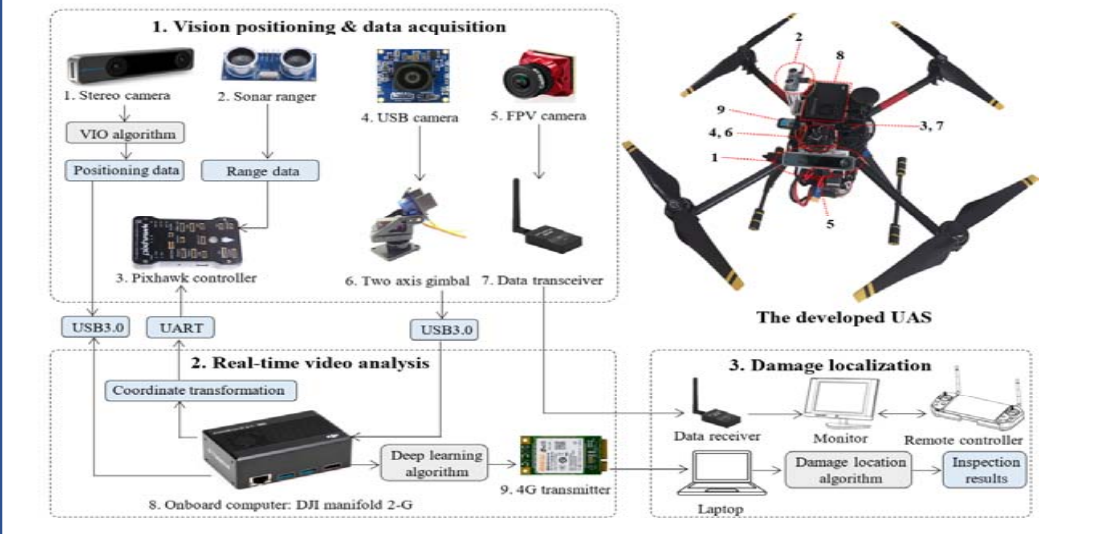
1.5.2 Visual navigation UAV for bridge inspection

■ Vision/IMU navigation algorithm is developed in case of GPS failure

Visual and IMU fusion



The overall composition of the bridge inspection UAV



Similar accuracy as GPS positioning

1.5.4 Unmanned ship inspection system

Detection in inaccessible places

Background

insufficient clearance,
difficult to enter

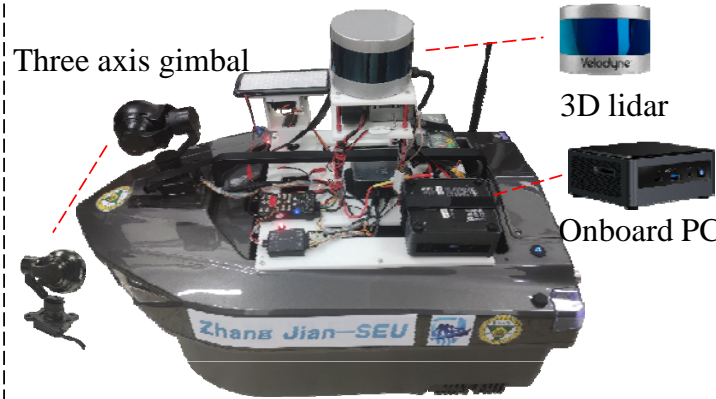


Poisonous gas in underground canal



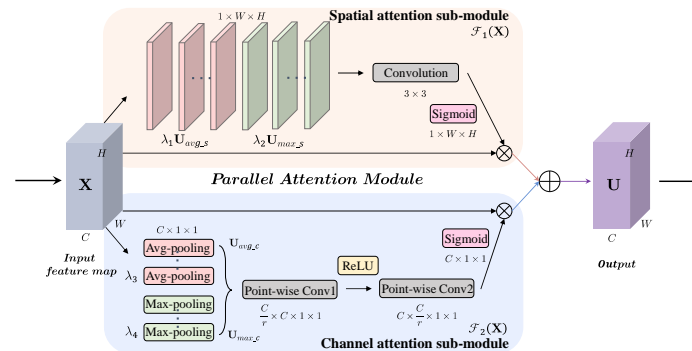
Solution

Hardware design



Software design

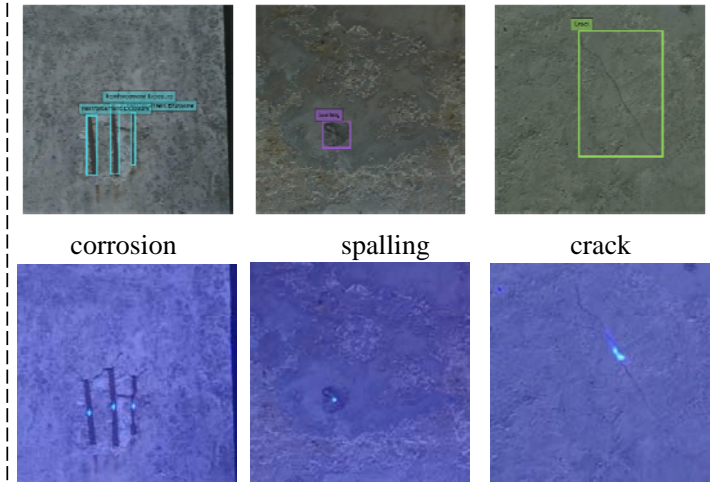
Anchor free network of attention mechanism



Lidar navigation



Automatic damage identification



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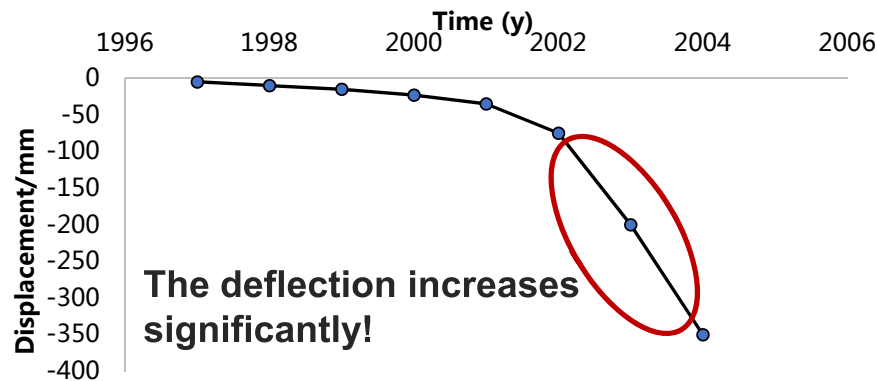
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3D Reconstruction Measurement Technology

Background

Deformation is an important indicator of bridge safety, but it is difficult to monitor the deformation of long-span bridges.

Bridge deformation



Deformation Monitoring is Difficult

Install over **300** sensors



Challenges: **complicated and expensive**

	High Precision	Long Distance	Real-time Stability	Multiple Points
Total Station	✓	✓	✗	✗
Connecting Pipe	✓	✗	✗	✓
GPS	✗	✓	✓	✗

Accurate, lightweight (simple equipment, fast calculation) bridge deformation monitoring technology

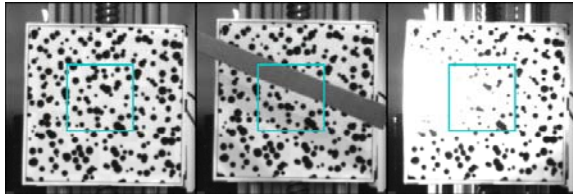
2.1 Robust target tracking under light and shadow variations based on deep learning

■ Combination of Siamese tracker and correlation-based template matching

Background

Long-term monitoring changes under environmental variations

Occlusion, lighting transformation



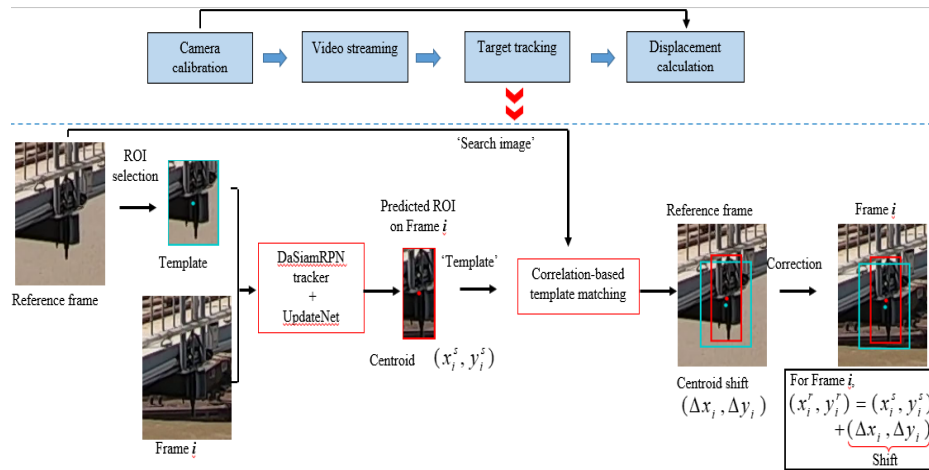
Background changes



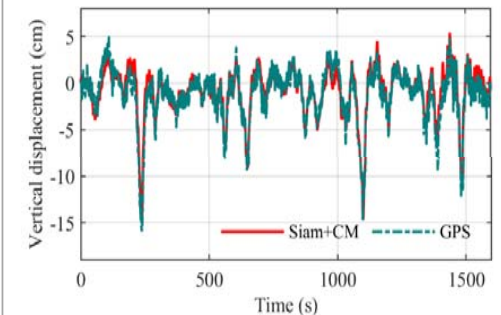
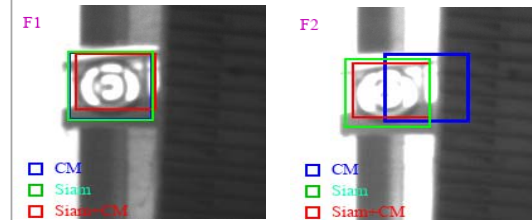
Innovation

Robust target tracking method,

- Consider time-varying template changes by UpdateNet;
- Robust tracking by Siamese network + RPN regression ;
- Refinement of target positions by correlation matching.



Application Effect

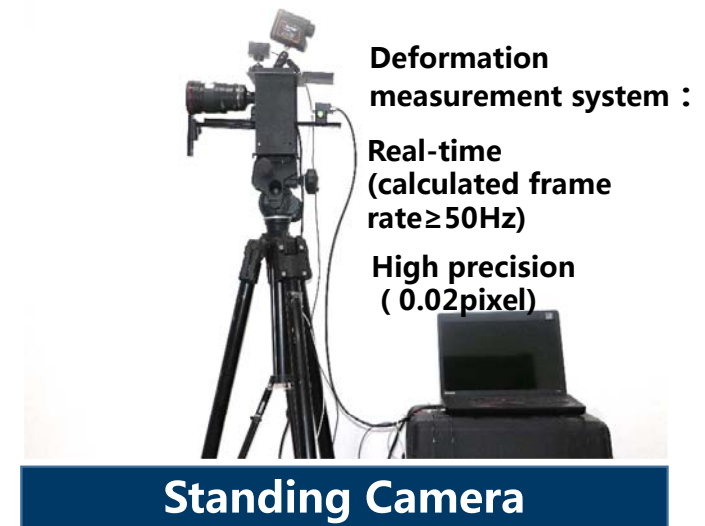
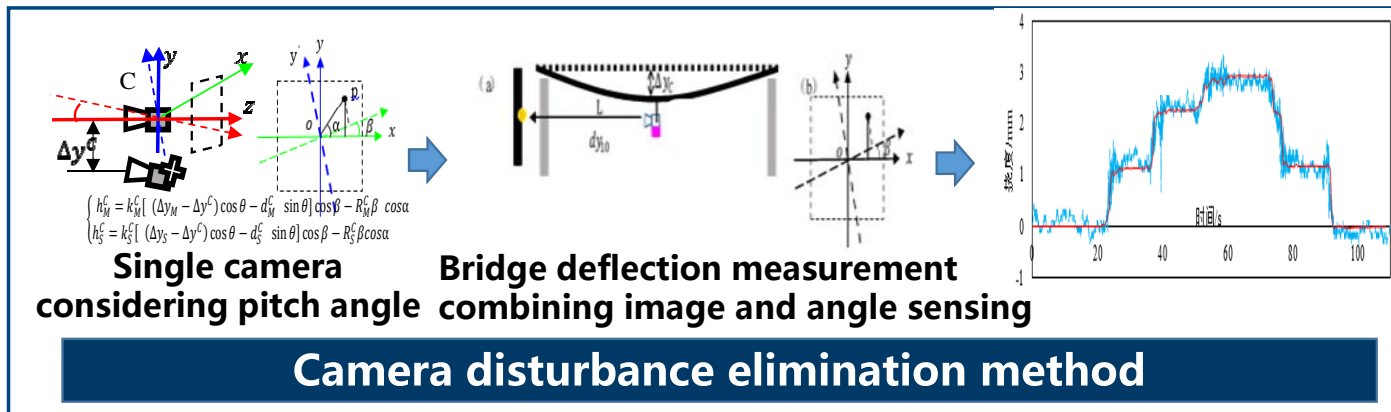
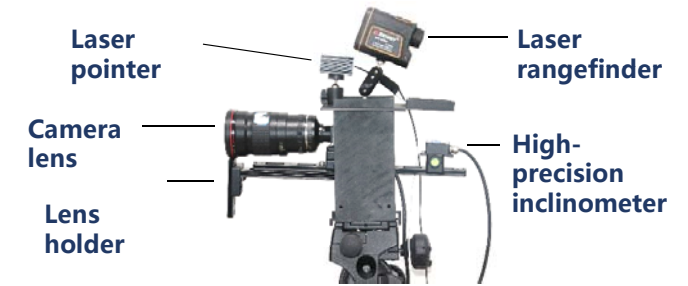
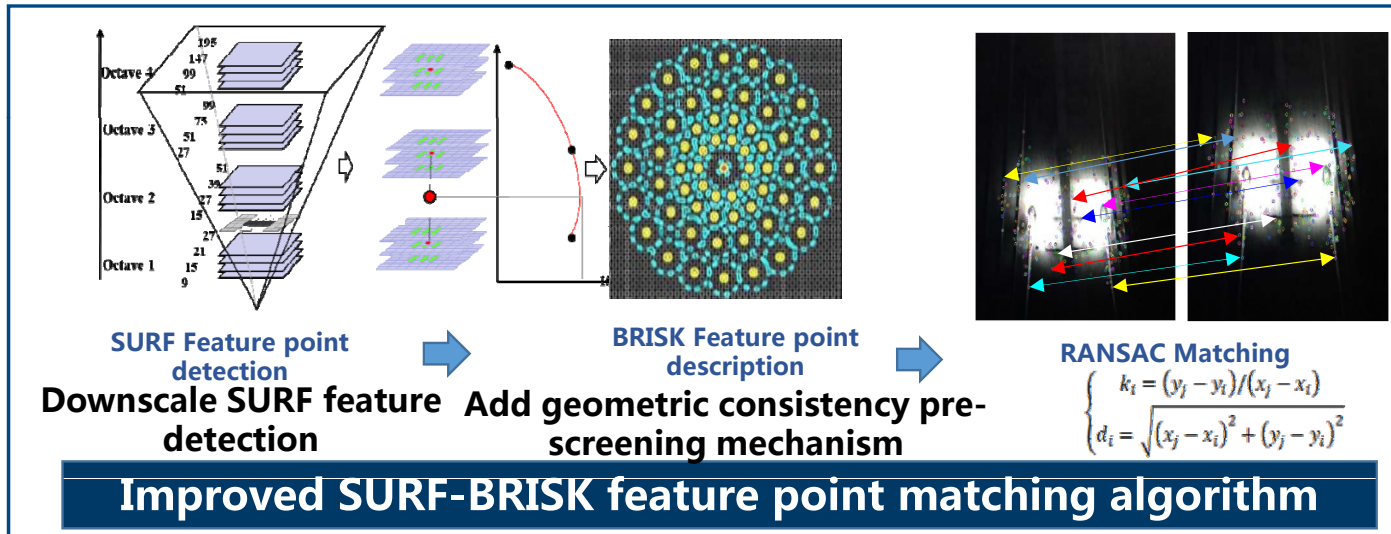


Comparative results to GPS under for long-distance under environmental variations.

Overcome the impact of environmental changes on visual displacement measurement

2.2 Image-based Remote Measurement System for Structural Deformation

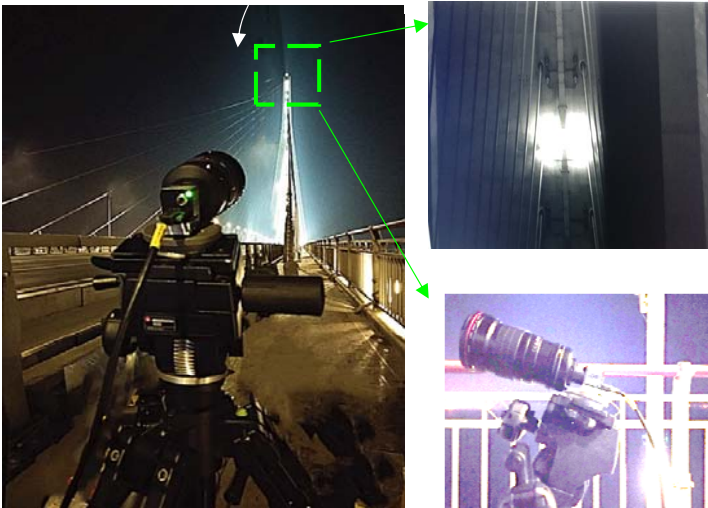
- Proposed a **matching algorithm** and **camera disturbance elimination** method and developed a **real-time**, high-precision deformation measurement system.



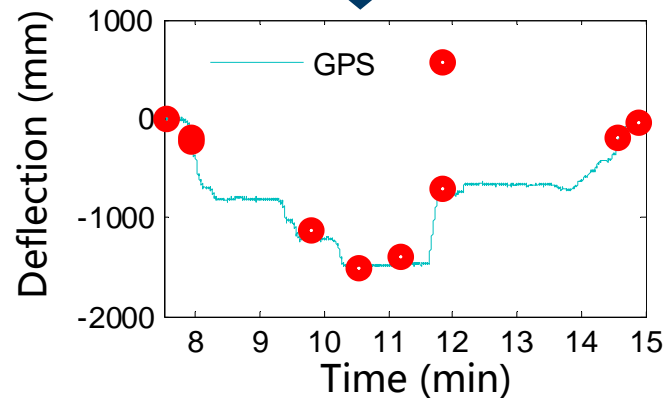
2.3 Application on a cable-stayed bridge

■ Optical measurement system to monitor the deformation of the main girder and the cable force of a cable-stayed bridge

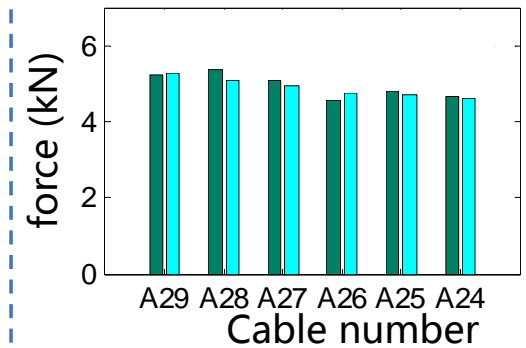
Main beam deformation and cable force monitoring



Main beam deformation test



Cable force test



2.5 The system of real-time measurement camera(RMC-01)

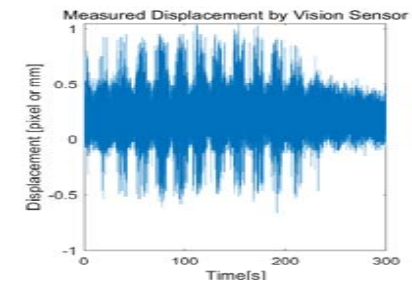
The real-time measurement camera was also applied on the cable force monitoring of a Long span suspension bridge, and gave early warning for abnormal cable

cable force monitoring

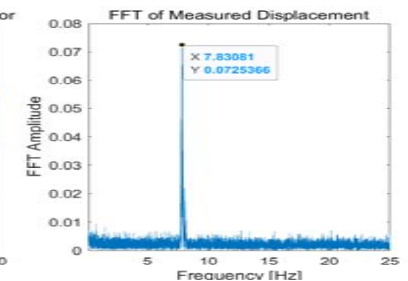


The abnormal vibration of the third cable of the side span was monitored for a long time and the early warning was successful

Results for cable force monitoring



Dynamic displacement



frequency spectrum

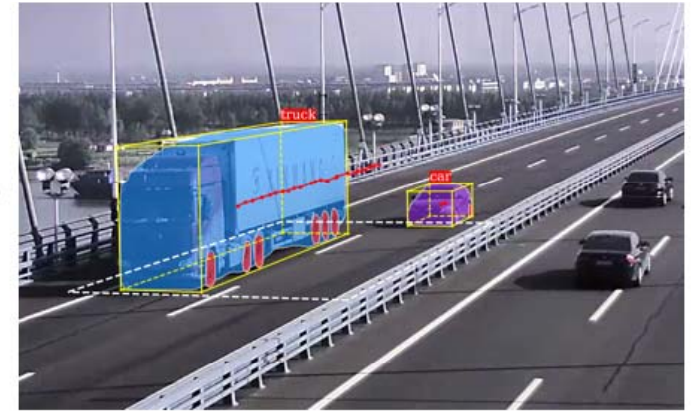
2.7 Recognition of spatial and temporal distribution of vehicle Load

- Developed a real-time acquisition system for bridge deck vehicle information based on computer vision

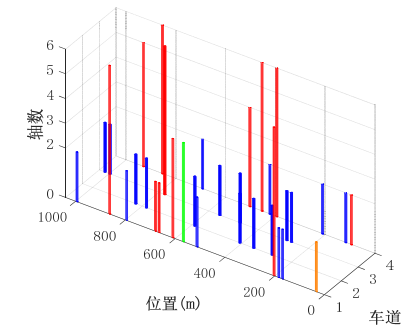
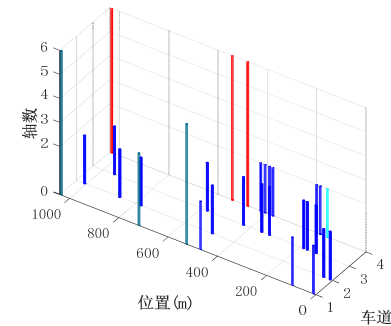
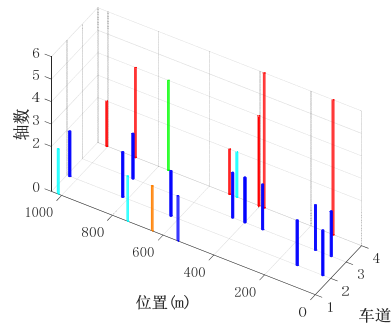
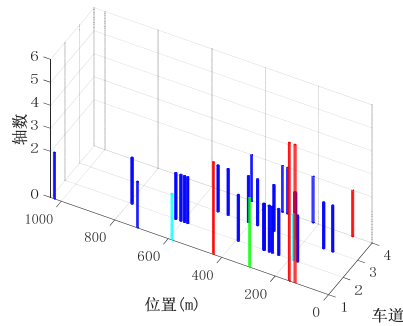
Anqing Highway Bridge



Real-time monitoring of bridge deck vehicles



Bridge deck vehicle Temporal and spatial distribution

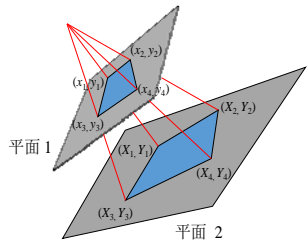


2.8 Intelligent recognition and early warning of vessel collision

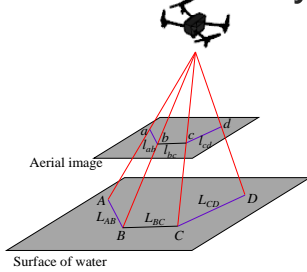
- Developed a vessel-bridge and vessel-vessel collision warning system based on a **data-driven dual-task encoder-decoder network**

Computer vision positioning

Homography

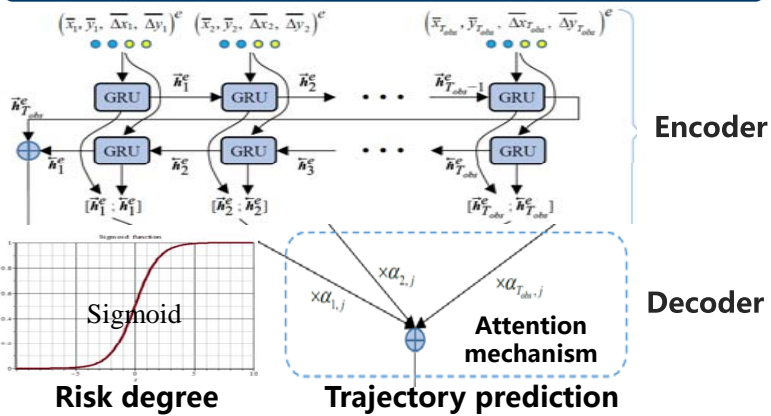


Geometric similarity



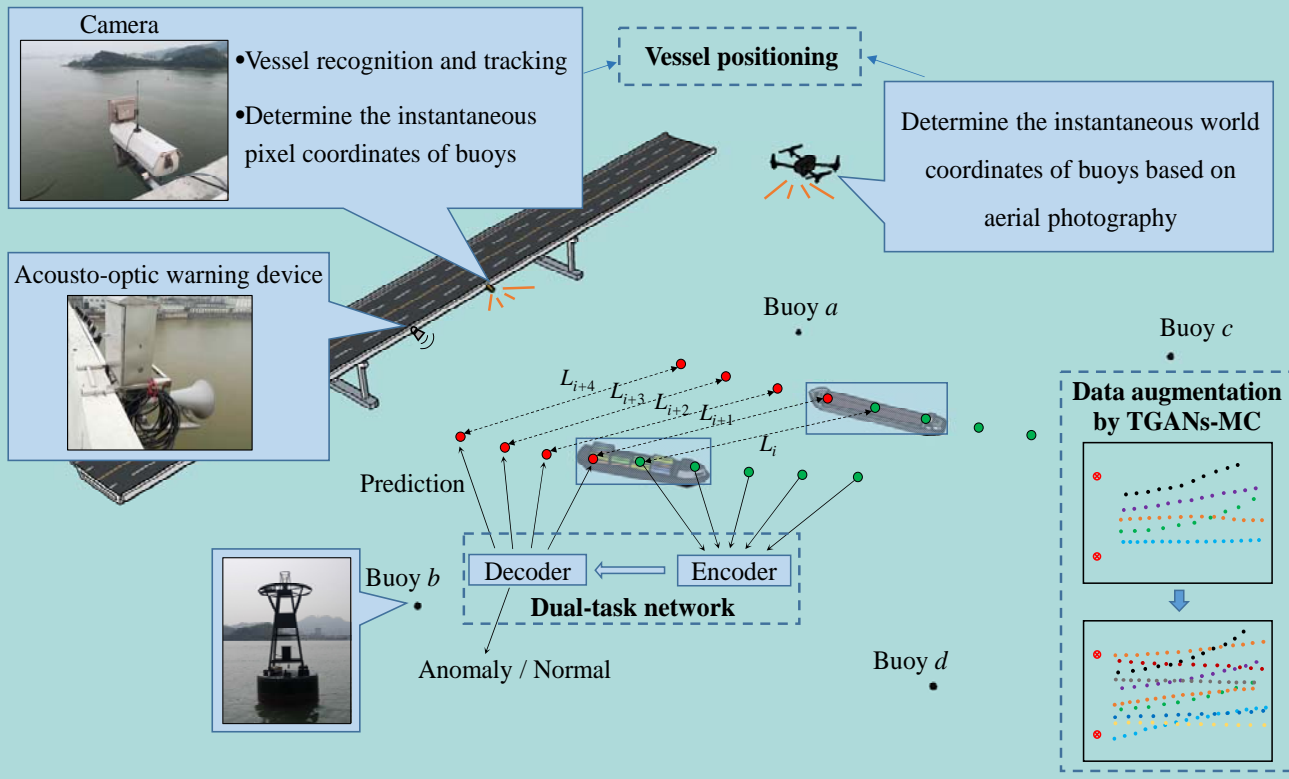
Positioning **without stable reference target**

Dual-task encoder-decoder network



Vessel-bridge and vessel-vessel collision simultaneous warning

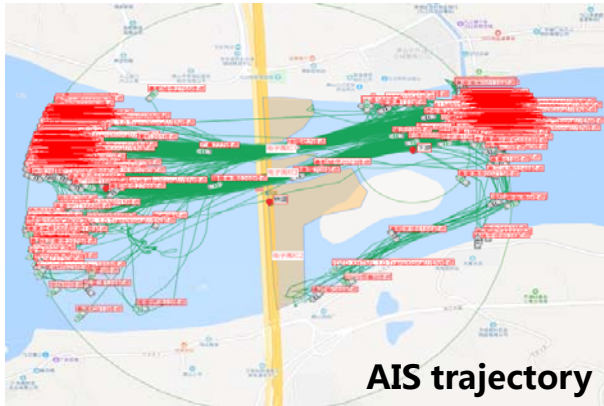
Vessel Collision Warning System of Jiujiang bridge



2.8 Intelligent recognition and early warning of ship collision

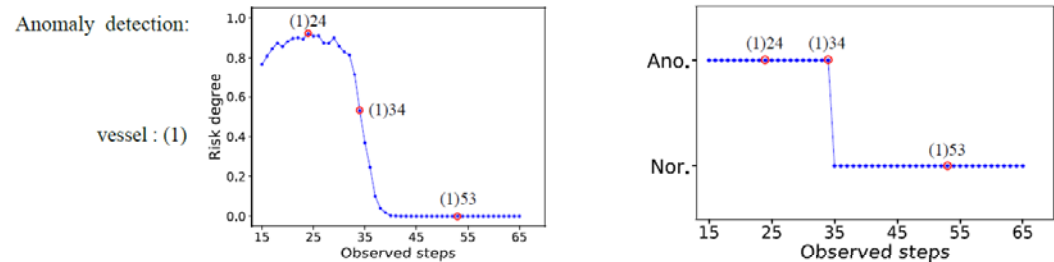
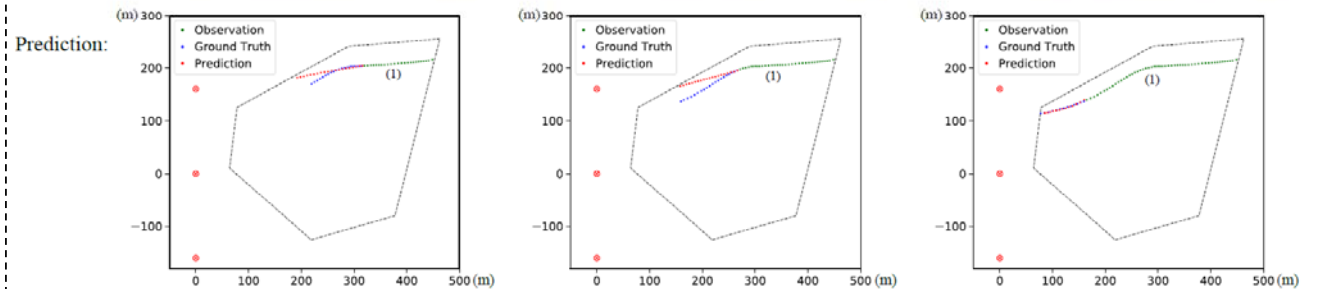
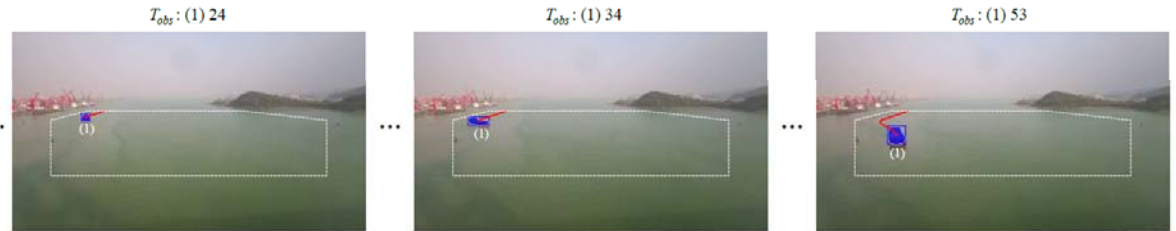
Application

AIS based collision avoiding method



- (1) low reporting frequency
- (2) low positioning precision
- (3) system can be turned off

Developed vessel collision warning system



Data-driven method

The vessel which has high collision risk with the bridge has been detected

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Labor intensive

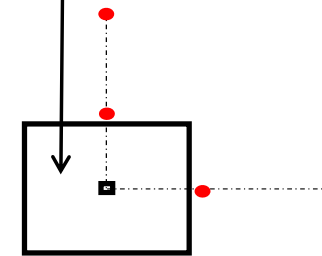


Time consuming



Pre-installed targets

Theodolite



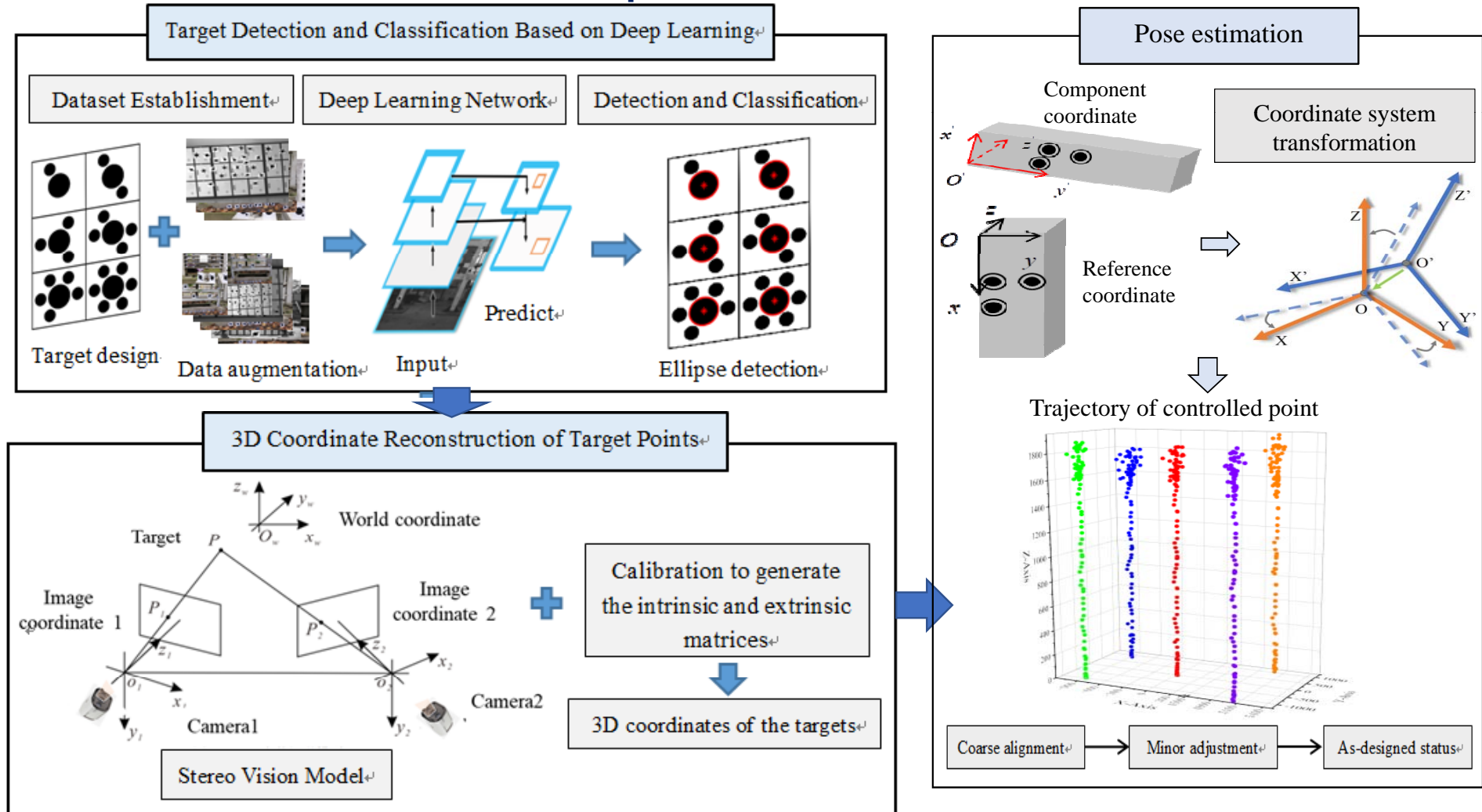
Theodolite 2



Requirement on **fast** and **labor-saving** measurement and monitoring technology

3.1 Construction quality control of precast components hoisting based on binocular vision

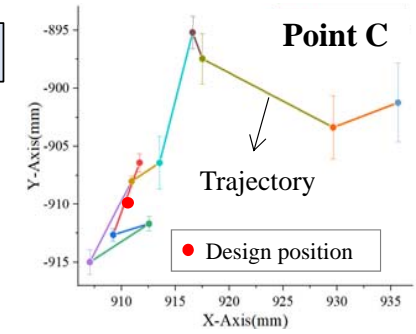
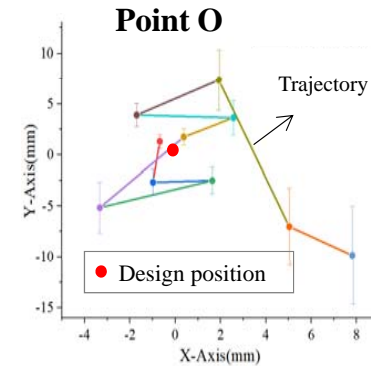
- A stereo-vision based trajectory monitoring system is proposed for the guidance of construction on site with non-contact and consecutive acquisition in real-time



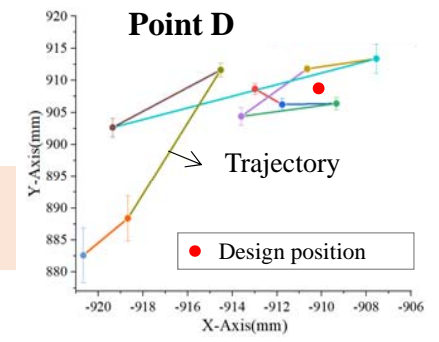
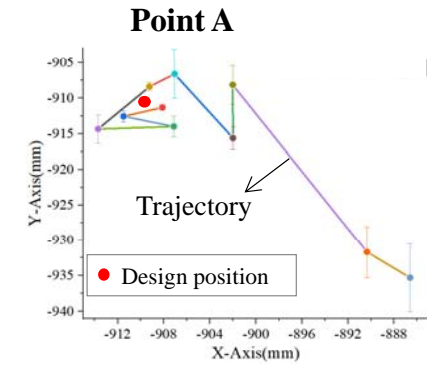
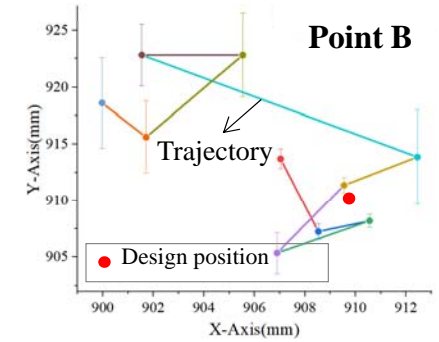
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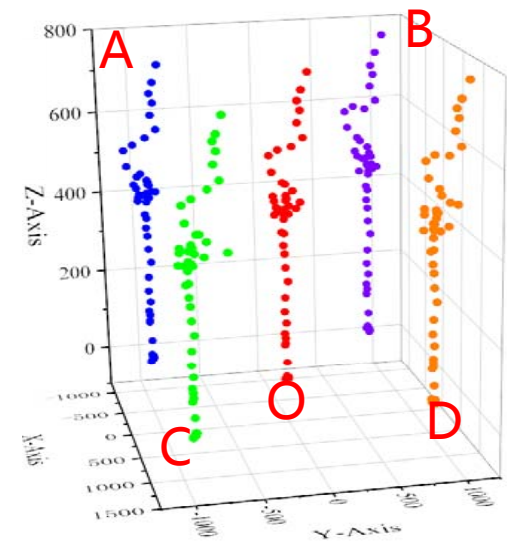
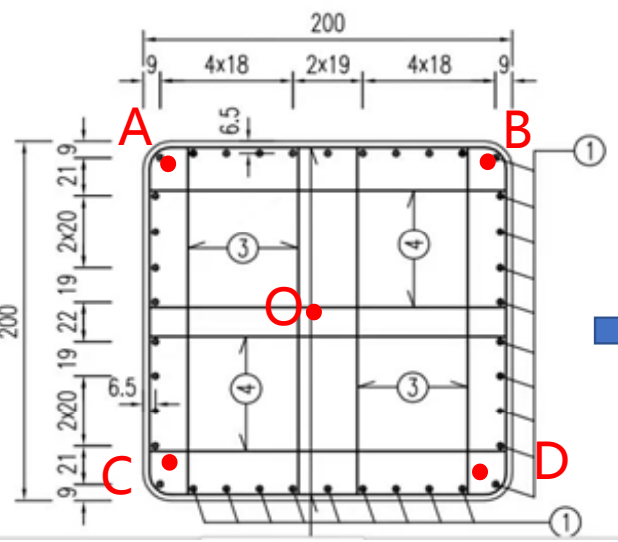
Minor adjustment in XY-plane



Trajectory of controlled point during installation

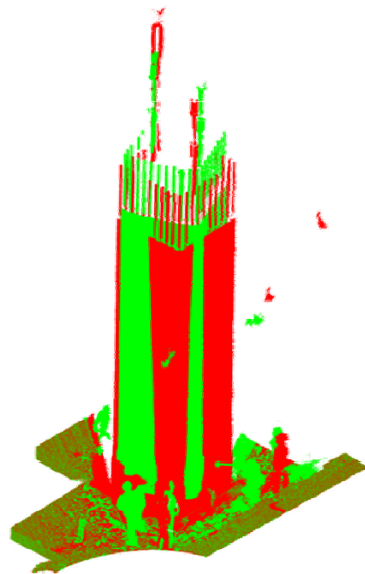
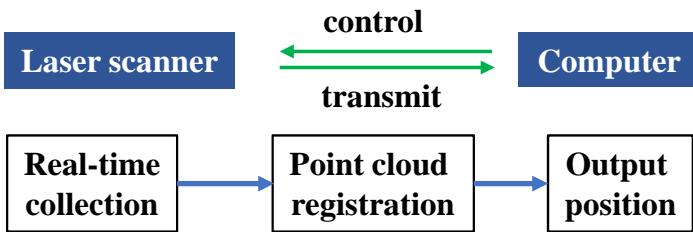


Output accurate pose for guidance of construction on site!



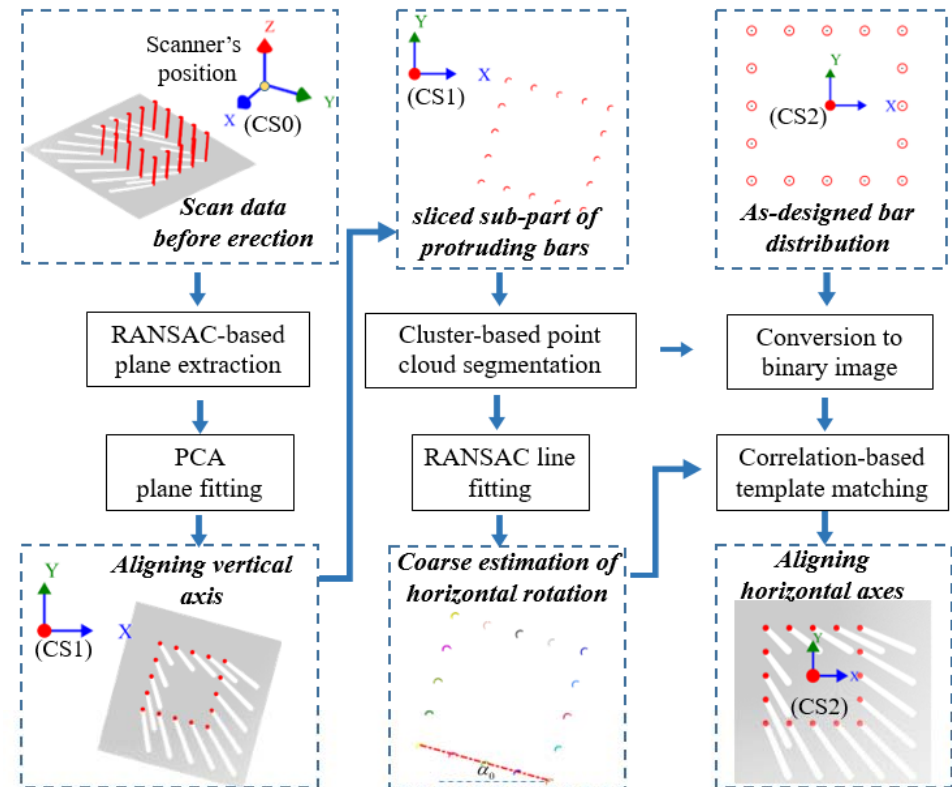
3.2 Laser scanning based erection monitoring

Monitoring process



Pre-calibration

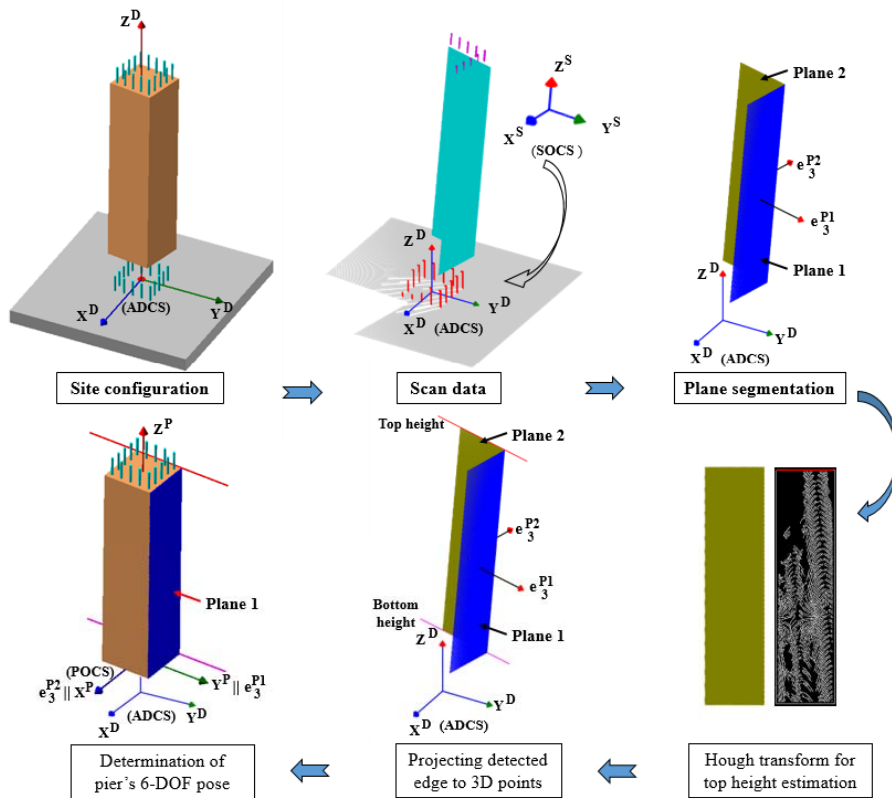
Scanner's own CS \rightarrow As-designed CS



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Erection process

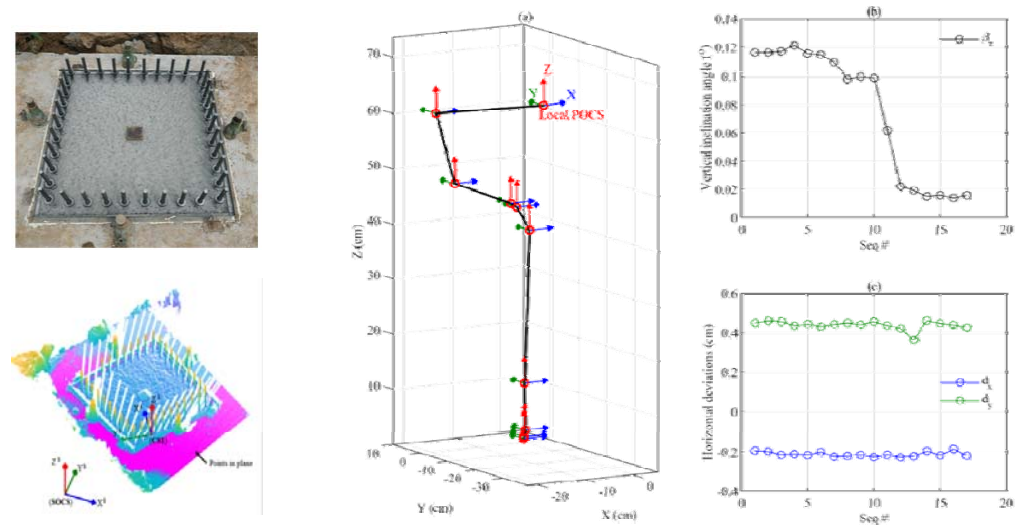
Scanner's CS \rightarrow Pier's local CS \rightarrow As designed CS



Advantage

- Non-contact, no need to assist, arbitrary station
- Automatic output component 6 DOF posture
- Guidelines the pier column to fine tune

Measurement results





Conclusion



**1. Intelligent Detection
of Structural Defect**



**2. Vision-based
Monitoring Technology**



**3. 3D Reconstruction
Measurement Tech**

Thanks for your attention!

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