Semantic Alignment of LiDAR Data at City Scale F. Yu, J. Xiao, and T. Funkhouser (CVPR 2015)



- Alignment of LiDAR data collected with Google Street View cars in urban environments
- Problems with current approaches:
 - GPS do not work well in city environments with tall buildings
 - Local tracking techniques (integration of inertial sensors, SfM, etc.) drift over long ranges, causing warped and misaligned data by many meters
- Approach: semantic features with object detectors (for facades, poles, cars, etc.) that
 - can be matched robustly at different scales
 - are selected for different iterations of an ICP algorithm
- Better than baselines on data from New York, San Francisco, Paris, and Rome