

Visual Place Recognition: A Survey

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| Level of map abstraction | Place description type | Comments |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Pure image retrieval | Appearance-based | No position information |
| Topological | Appearance-based | Includes transition information |
| Topological-metric | Appearance-based | Includes metric information between but not within places |
| Topological-metric | Sparse metric information (landmark maps) | SLAM system – includes metric information between and within places |
| Topological-metric | Dense metric information (occupancy grid maps) | SLAM system – includes metric information between and within places |

- ▶ A comprehensive review of the current state of place recognition research, including its relationship with SLAM, localization, mapping, and recognition
- ▶ Introducing the concepts behind place recognition
 - ▶ The role of place recognition in the animal kingdom
 - ▶ How a "place" is defined in a robotics context
 - ▶ The major components of a place recognition system
- ▶ Discussing how place recognition solutions can implicitly or explicitly account for appearance change within the environment
- ▶ A discussion on the future of visual place recognition with respect to advances in deep learning, semantic scene understanding, and video description