



Tutorial Practice Session

Step 2: Graphs

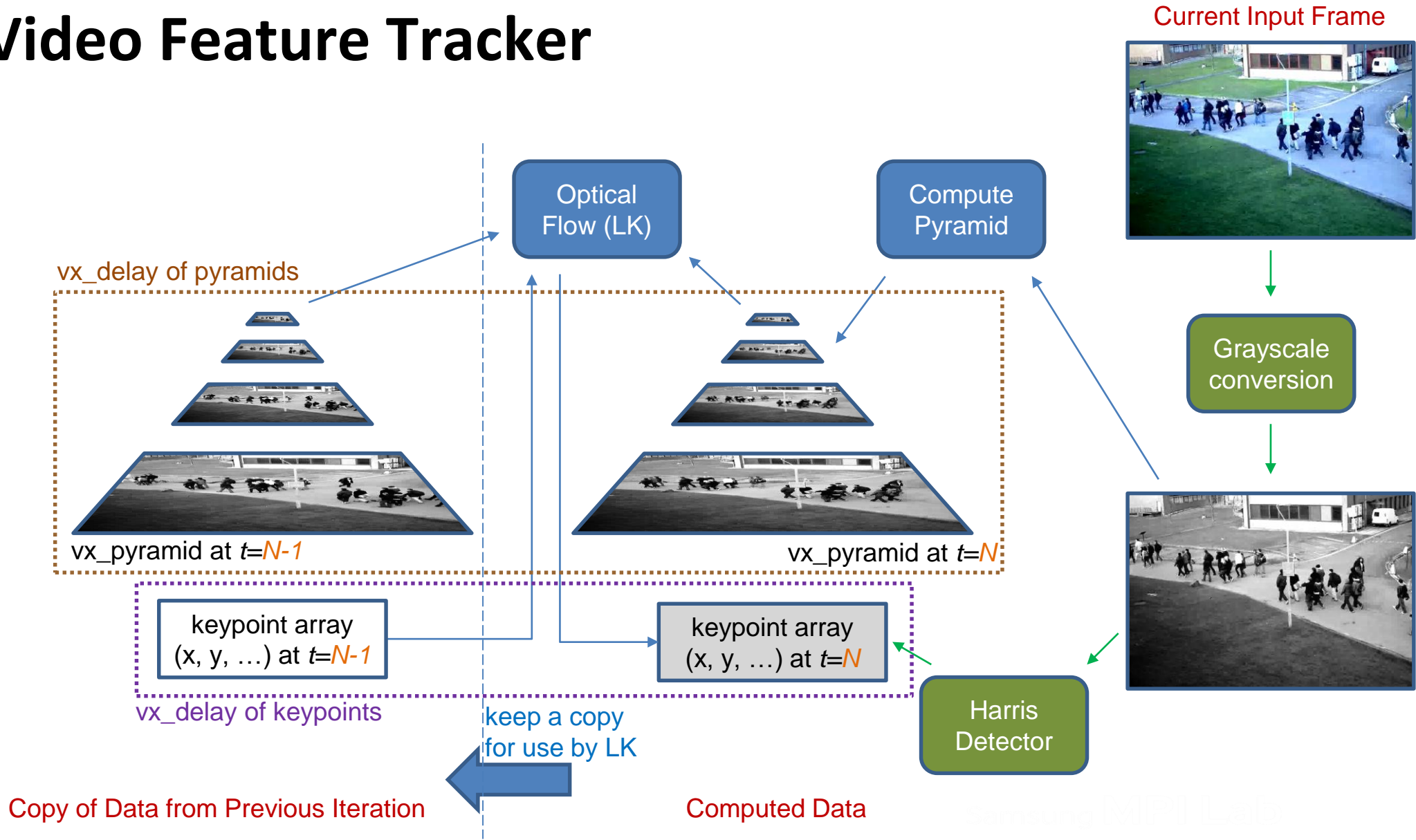
Why graphs?

- **Most APIs (e.g., OpenCV) are based on function calls**
 - a function abstracts an algorithm that processes input data and produces output
 - the function can be optimized independent of all the other functionality
- **An application executes many function calls**
 - the call sequence of the function really defines a graph
- **There are limits to how much functions can be optimized**
 - but if you know that function B is called after A, you might be able to combine them to a new function that is much faster than $\text{time}(A) + \text{time}(B)$
- **By building first a graph of the function calls, and only executing later, we open up lots of optimization possibilities**
 - this is also how graphics APIs like OpenGL work

Optimization opportunities

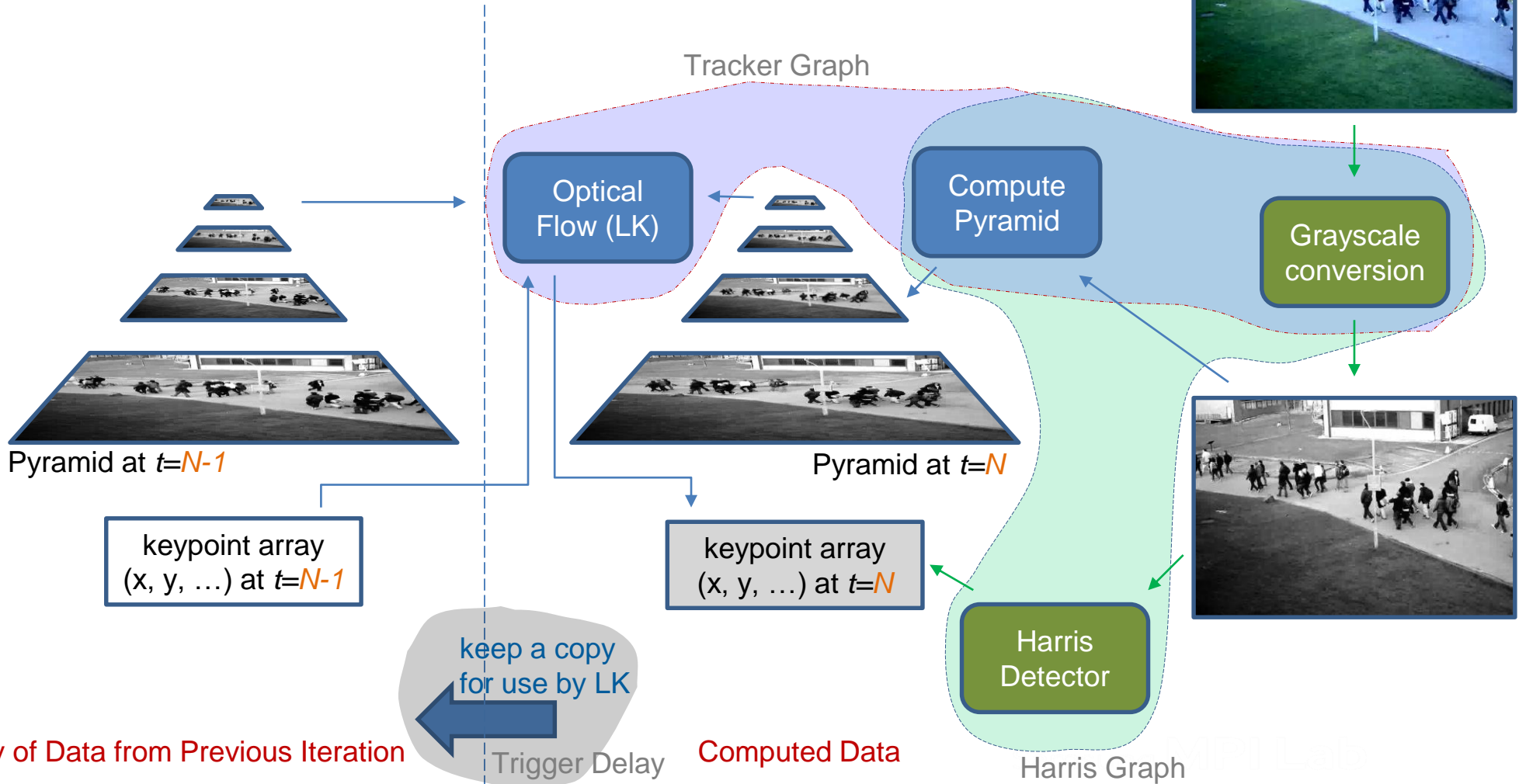
- **Fuse kernels**
 - while accessing the image, do many things at the same time
- **Process the images in tiles**
 - for better locality, memory access coherency
- **Parallelize**
 - with more work that is available, more parallelization opportunities

Video Feature Tracker



Video Feature Tracker

Current Input Frame



OpenVX Code

➔ `vx_context context = vxCreateContext();`

➔ `vx_image input = vxCreateImage(context, 640, 480, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8);`

➔ `vx_image output = vxCreateImage(context, 640, 480, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8);`

➔ `vx_graph graph = vxCreateGraph(context);`

➔ `vx_image intermediate = vxCreateVirtualImage(graph, 640, 480, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8);`

➔ `vx_node F1 = vxF1Node(graph, input, intermediate);`

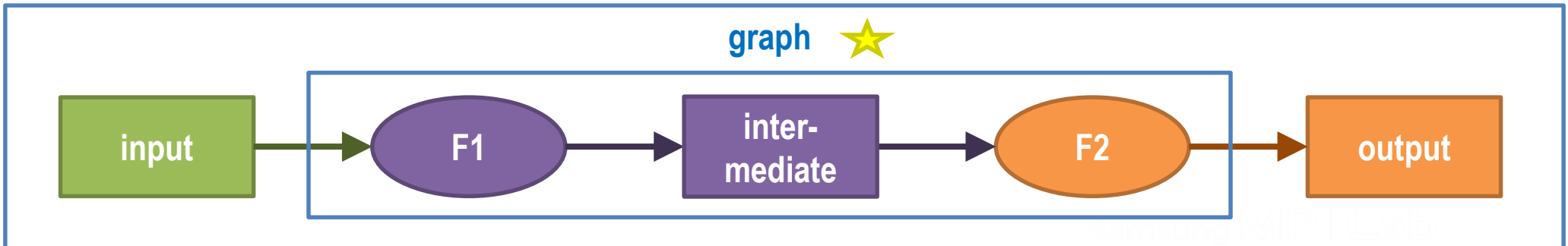
➔ `vx_node F2 = vxF2Node(graph, intermediate, output);`

➔ `vxVerifyGraph(graph);`

➔ `vxProcessGraph(graph); // run in a loop`

context

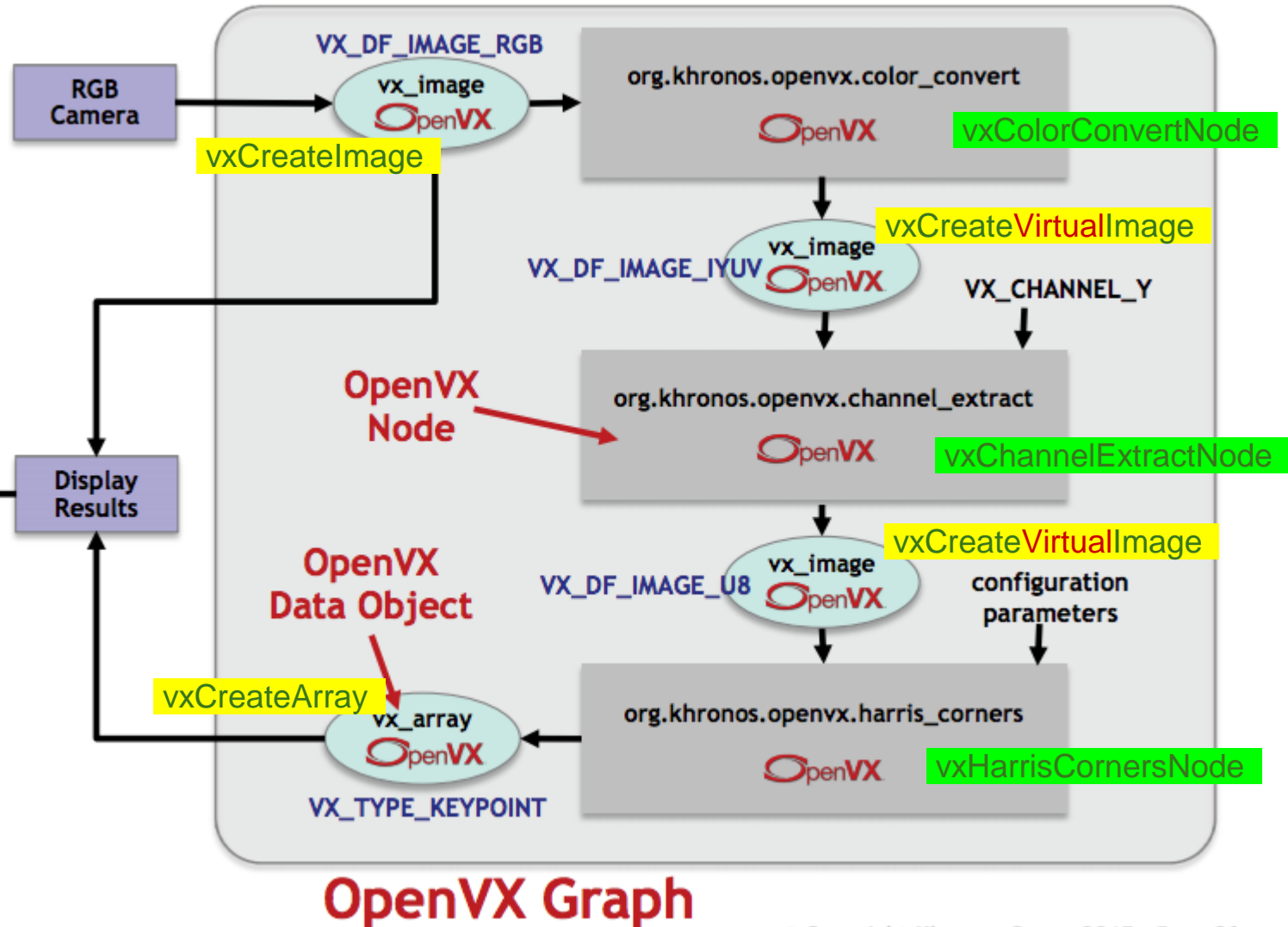
graph ★



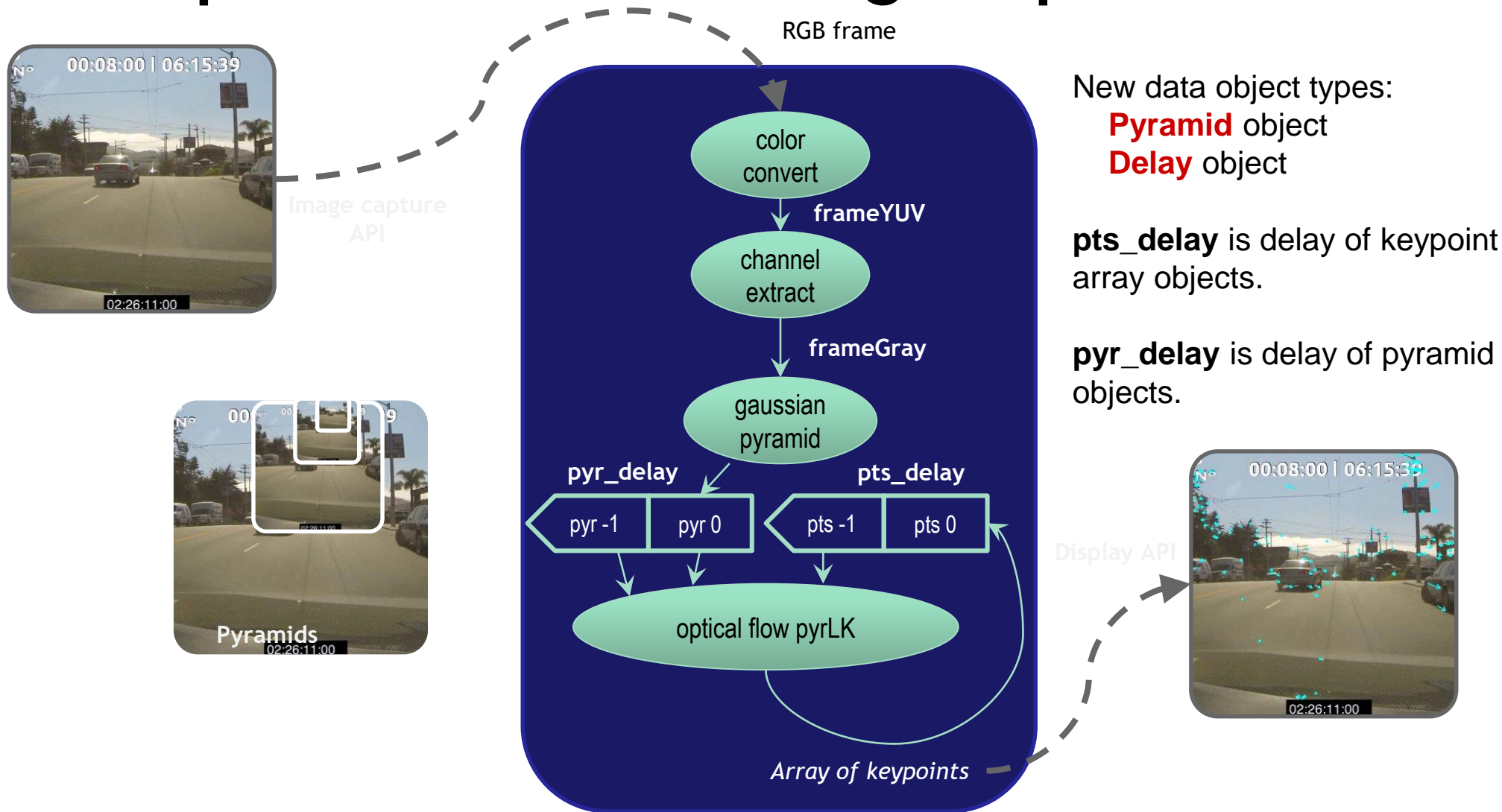
TODO: Let's create the graphs in exercise2...

```
207 //////////////*****
208 // Harris and optical flow algorithms require their own graph objects.
209 // The Harris graph needs to extract gray scale image out of input RGB,
210 // compute an initial set of keypoints, and compute an initial pyramid for use
211 // by the optical flow graph.
212 //
213 // TODO STEP 03:*****
214 // 1. Create two graph objects: one for the Harris corner detector and
215 //    the other for feature tracking using optical flow using the
216 //    vxCreateGraph API.
217 //    We gave code for one graph; do similar for the other.
218 // 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT to check the objects.
219 //    We gave one error check; do similar for the other.
220 // vx_graph graphHarris = vxCreateGraph( context );
221 // vx_graph graphTrack = /* Fill in here */;
222 // ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( graphHarris );
223
```

Example: Keypoint Detector



Example: Feature Tracking Graph



exercise2.cpp and configuration parameters...

```
114 // lk_pyramid_levels - number of pyramid levels for LK optical flow
115 // lk_termination - can be VX_TERM_CRITERIA_ITERATIONS or
116 // VX_TERM_CRITERIA_EPSILON or
117 // VX_TERM_CRITERIA_BOTH
118 // lk_epsilon - error for terminating the algorithm
119 // lk_num_iterations - number of iterations
120 // lk_use_initial_estimate - turn on/off use of initial estimates
121 // lk_window_dimension - size of window on which to perform the algorithm
122 vx_uint32 width = gui.GetWidth();
123 vx_uint32 height = gui.GetHeight();
124 vx_size max_keypoint_count = 10000;
125 vx_float32 harris_strength_thresh = 0.0005f;
126 vx_float32 harris_min_distance = 5.0f;
127 vx_float32 harris_k_sensitivity = 0.04f;
128 vx_int32 harris_gradient_size = 3;
129 vx_int32 harris_block_size = 3;
130 vx_uint32 lk_pyramid_levels = 6;
131 vx_float32 lk_pyramid_scale = VX_SCALE_PYRAMID_HALF;
132 vx_enum lk_termination = VX_TERM_CRITERIA_BOTH;
133 vx_float32 lk_epsilon = 0.01f;
134 vx_uint32 lk_num_iterations = 5;
135 vx_bool lk_use_initial_estimate = vx_false_e;
136 vx_uint32 lk_window_dimension = 6;
```

TODO: create virtual images...

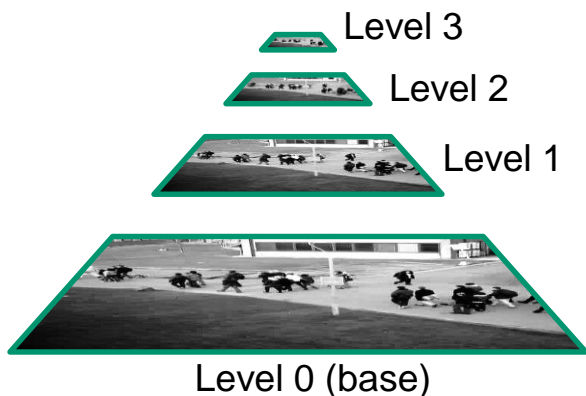
```
225 //////////////*****
226 // Harris and pyramid computation expect input to be an 8-bit image.
227 // Given that input is an RGB image, it is best to extract a gray image
228 // from RGB image, which requires two steps:
229 // - perform RGB to IYUV color conversion
230 // - extract Y channel from IYUV image
231 // This requires two intermediate OpenVX image objects. Since you don't
232 // need to access these objects from the application, they can be virtual
233 // objects that can be created using the vxCreateVirtualImage API.
234 //
235 // TODO STEP 04:*****
236 // 1. Create an IYUV image and a U8 image (for Y channel) with the same
237 // dimensions as the input RGB image. Note that the image formats for
238 // IYUV and U8 images are VX_DF_IMAGE_IYUV and VX_DF_IMAGE_U8.
239 // Note that virtual objects are specific to a graph, so you
240 // need to create two sets, one for each graph.
241 // We gave one fully in comments and you need to fill in missing
242 // parameters for the others.
243 // 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT to check the objects.
244 // We gave one error check in comments; do similar for others.
245 // vx_image harris_yuv_image = vxCreateVirtualImage( graphHarris, width, height, VX_DF_IMAGE_IYUV );
246 // vx_image harris_luma_image = vxCreateVirtualImage( graphHarris, /* Fill in parameters */ );
247 // vx_image opticalflow_yuv_image = vxCreateVirtualImage( graphTrack, /* Fill in parameters */ );
248 // vx_image opticalflow_luma_image = vxCreateVirtualImage( /* Fill in parameters */ );
249 // ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( harris_yuv_image );
```

TODO: create scalar objects...

```
259 // TODO STEP 05:*****
260 // 1. Create scalar data objects of VX_TYPE_FLOAT32 for strength_thresh,
261 //    min_distance, sensitivity, and epsilon. Set their
262 //    initial values to harris_strength_thresh, harris_min_distance,
263 //    harris_k_sensitivity, and lk_epsilon.
264 //    We gave code full code for one scalar in comments; fill in
265 //    missing arguments for other ones.
266 // 2. Similarly, create scalar objects for num_iterations and
267 //    use_initial_estimate with initial values: lk_num_iterations and
268 //    lk_use_initial_estimate. Make sure to use proper data types for
269 //    these parameters.
270 //    We gave code full code for one scalar in comments; fill in
271 //    missing arguments for the other.
272 // 3. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT to check proper creation of objects.
273 //    We gave the error check for one scalar; do similar for other 5 scalars.
274 vx_scalar strength_thresh = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_FLOAT32, &harris_strength_thresh);
275 vx_scalar min_distance = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_FLOAT32, &harris_min_distance);
276 vx_scalar sensitivity = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_FLOAT32, &harris_k_sensitivity);
277 vx_scalar epsilon = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_FLOAT32, &lk_epsilon);
278 vx_scalar num_iterations = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_UINT32, &lk_num_iterations);
279 vx_scalar use_initial_estimate = vxCreateScalar(context, VX_TYPE_BOOL, &lk_use_initial_estimate);
280 ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT(strength_thresh);
```

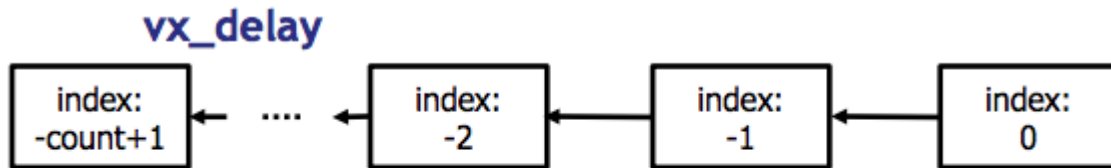
Pyramid Data Object

```
vx_pyramid vxCreatePyramid (  
    vx_context context,  
    vx_size levels,  
    vx_float32 scale, // VX_SCALE_PYRAMID_HALF or VX_SCALE_PYRAMID_ORB  
    vx_uint32 width,  
    vx_uint32 height,  
    vx_df_image format // VX_DF_IMAGE_U8  
);
```



```
exercise2.cpp <Select Symbol>  
114 // lk_pyramid_levels - number of pyramid levels for LK optical flow  
115 // lk_termination - can be VX_TERM_CRITERIA_ITERATIONS or  
116 // VX_TERM_CRITERIA_EPSILON or  
117 // VX_TERM_CRITERIA_BOTH  
118 // lk_epsilon - error for terminating the algorithm  
119 // lk_num_iterations - number of iterations  
120 // lk_use_initial_estimate - turn on/off use of initial estimates  
121 // lk_window_dimension - size of window on which to perform the algorithm  
122 vx_uint32 width = gui.GetWidth();  
123 vx_uint32 height = gui.GetHeight();  
124 vx_size max_keypoint_count = 10000;  
125 vx_float32 harris_strength_thresh = 0.0005f;  
126 vx_float32 harris_min_distance = 5.0f;  
127 vx_float32 harris_k_sensitivity = 0.04f;  
128 vx_int32 harris_gradient_size = 3;  
129 vx_int32 harris_block_size = 3;  
130 vx_uint32 lk_pyramid_levels = 6;  
131 vx_float32 lk_pyramid_scale = VX_SCALE_PYRAMID_HALF;
```

Delay Data Object



Delay container types:

*vx_image, vx_pyramid, vx_array, vx_scalar,
vx_matrix, vx_distribution, vx_remap, vx_lut, vx_threshold*

```
vx_delay vxCreateDelay  
(  
    vx_context context,  
    vx_reference exemplar,  
    vx_size count  
);
```

Example:

```
vx_pyramid exemplar = vxCreatePyramid(context, ...);  
vx_delay pyr_delay = vxCreateDelay(context, (vx_reference) exemplar, 2);  
vxReleasePyramid(&exemplar);  
  
...  
vx_pyramid pyr_0 = (vx_pyramid) vxGetReferenceFromDelay(pyr_delay, 0);  
vx_pyramid pyr_1 = (vx_pyramid) vxGetReferenceFromDelay(pyr_delay, -1);  
  
...  
  
vxAgeDelay(pyr_delay);
```

TODO: create delay objects...

```
160 // TODO STEP 01:*****
161 // 1. Use vxCreatePyramid API to create a pyramid exemplar with the
162 // same dimensions as the input image, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8 as image format,
163 // lk_pyramid_levels as levels, and lk_pyramid_scale as scale.
164 // We gave code for this in comments.
165 // 2. Use vxCreateArray API to create an array exemplar with
166 // keypoint data type with num_keypoint_count as capacity.
167 // You need to add missing parameters to code in comments.
168 // 3. Use vxCreateDelay API to create delay objects for pyramid and
169 // keypoint array using the exemplars created using the two steps above.
170 // Use 2 delay slots for both of the delay objects.
171 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
172 // 4. Release the pyramid and keypoint array exemplar objects.
173 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
174 // 5. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT/STATUS macros for proper error checking.
175 // We gave few error checks; do similar for the others.
176 // vx_pyramid pyramidExemplar = vxCreatePyramid( context, lk_pyramid_levels,
177 // lk_pyramid_scale, width, height, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8 );
178 // ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( pyramidExemplar );
179 // vx_delay pyramidDelay = vxCreateDelay( context, ( vx_reference )pyramidExemplar, 2 );
180 // ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( pyramidDelay );
181 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleasePyramid( &pyramidExemplar ) );
182 // vx_array keypointsExemplar = vxCreateArray( /* Fill in parameters */ );
183 // vx_delay keypointsDelay = vxCreateDelay( /* Fill in parameters */ );
184
```

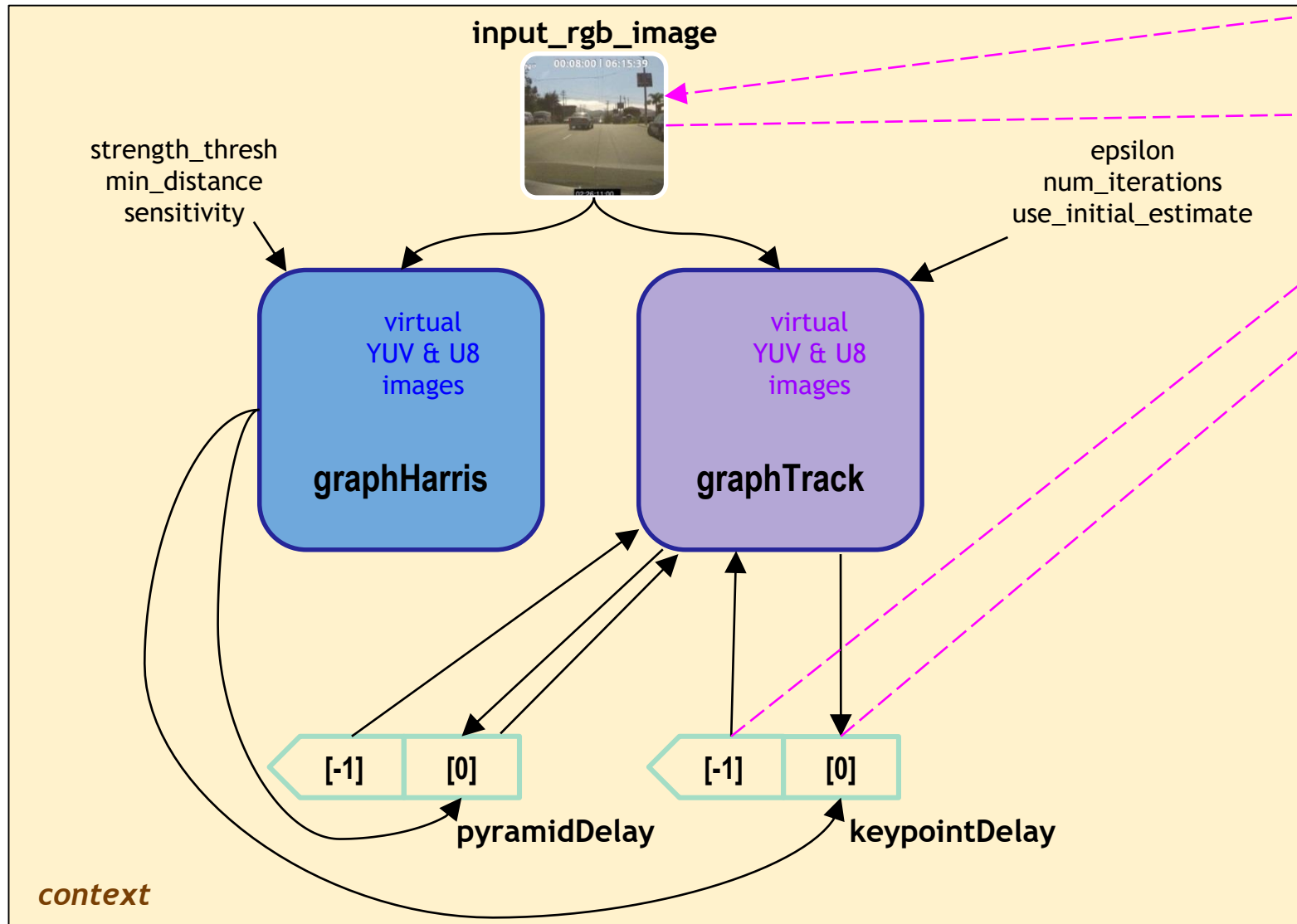

TODO: create delay objects...

```
160 // TODO STEP 01:*****
161 // 1. Use vxCreatePyramid API to create a pyramid exemplar with the
162 // same dimensions as the input image, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8 as image format,
163 // lk_pyramid_levels as levels, and lk_pyramid_scale as scale.
164 // We gave code for this in comments.
165 // 2. Use vxCreateArray API to create an array exemplar with
166 // keypoint data type with num_keypoint_count as capacity.
167 // You need to add missing parameters to code in comments.
168 // 3. Use vxCreateDelay API to create delay objects for pyramid and
169 // keypoint array using the exemplars created using the two steps above.
170 // Use 2 delay slots for both of the delay objects.
171 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
172 // 4. Release the pyramid and keypoint array exemplar objects.
173 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
174 // 5. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT/STATUS macros for proper error checking.
175 // We gave few error checks; do similar for the others.
176 vx_pyramid pyramidExemplar = vxCreatePyramid(context, lk_pyramid_levels,
177 lk_pyramid_scale, width, height, VX_DF_IMAGE_U8);
178 vx_array keypointsExemplar = vxCreateArray(context, VX_TYPE_KEYPOINT,
179 max_keypoint_count);
180 ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT(pyramidExemplar);
181 ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT(keypointsExemplar);
182 vx_delay pyramidDelay = vxCreateDelay(context, (vx_reference)pyramidExemplar, 2);
183 vx_delay keypointsDelay = vxCreateDelay(context, (vx_reference)keypointsExemplar, 2);
184 ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT(pyramidDelay);
185 ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT(keypointsDelay);
186 ERROR_CHECK_STATUS(vxReleasePyramid(&pyramidExemplar));
187 ERROR_CHECK_STATUS(vxReleaseArray(&keypointsExemplar));
```


TODO: access objects from delay objects...

```
186 ///////////////*****
187 // An object from a delay slot can be accessed using vxGetReferenceFromDelay API.
188 // You need to use index = 0 for the current object and index = -1 for the previous object.
189 //
190 // TODO STEP 02:*****
191 // 1. Use vxGetReferenceFromDelay API to get the current and previous
192 // pyramid objects from pyramid delay object. Note that you need
193 // to typecast the vx_reference object to vx_pyramid.
194 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
195 // 2. Similarly, get the current and previous keypoint array objects from
196 // the keypoint delay object.
197 // We gave code for one in comments; do similar for the other.
198 // 3. Use ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT for proper error checking.
199 // We gave one error check; do similar for the others.
200 // vx_pyramid currentPyramid = ( vx_pyramid ) vxGetReferenceFromDelay( pyramidDelay, 0 );
201 // vx_pyramid previousPyramid = ( vx_pyramid ) vxGetReferenceFromDelay( /* Fill in parameters */ );
202 // vx_array currentKeypoints = ( vx_array ) vxGetReferenceFromDelay( /* Fill in parameters */ );
203 // vx_array previousKeypoints = ( vx_array ) vxGetReferenceFromDelay( keypointsDelay, -1 );
204 // ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( currentPyramid );
205
```

exercise2 in a nut-shell



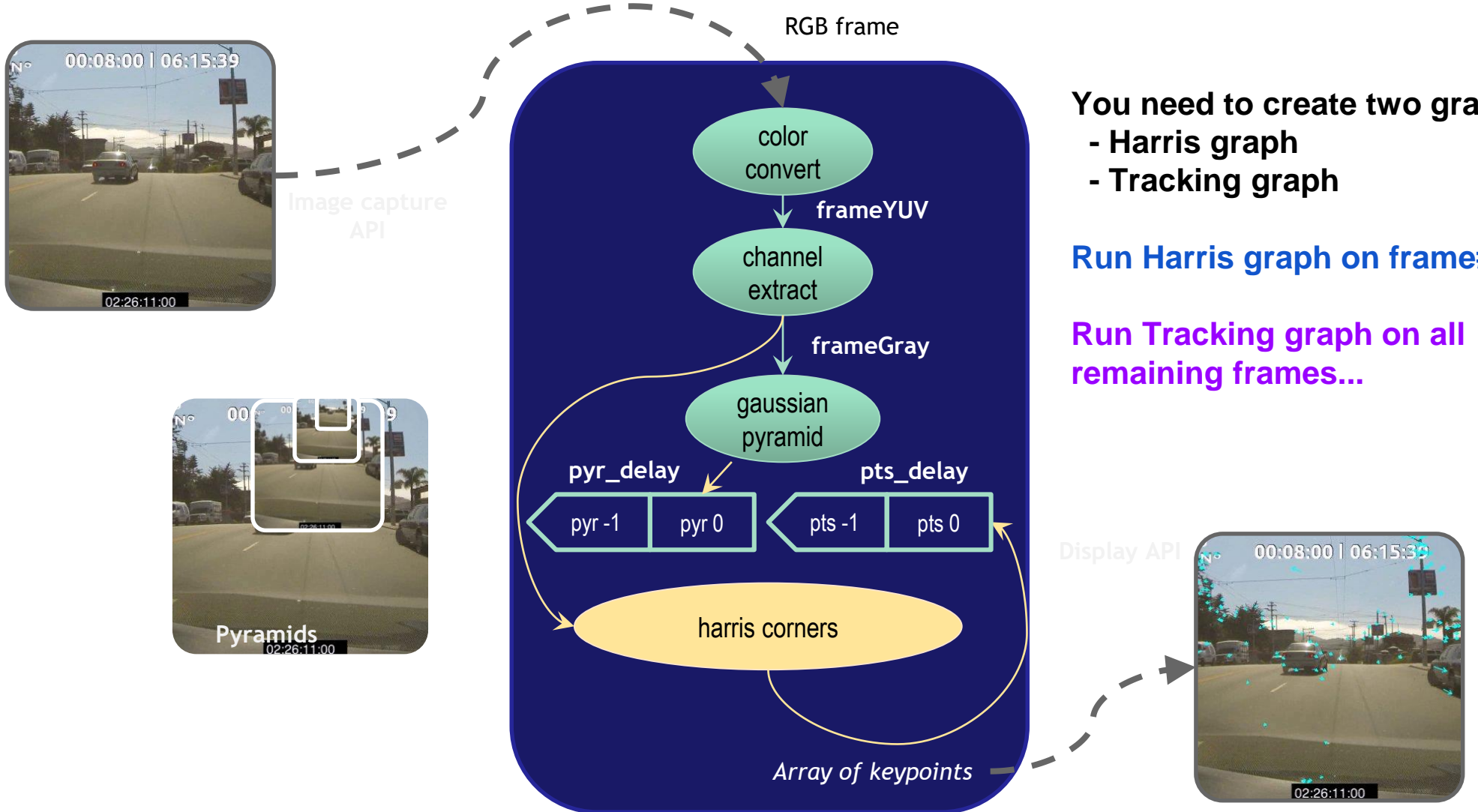
create all data objects and graphs within a context.

verify graphs.

process each frame:

- read input frame
- process graph:
 - harris, if frame#0
 - track, otherwise
- display results
- age delay objects

Harris on frame#0 ...



You need to create two graphs:
- Harris graph
- Tracking graph

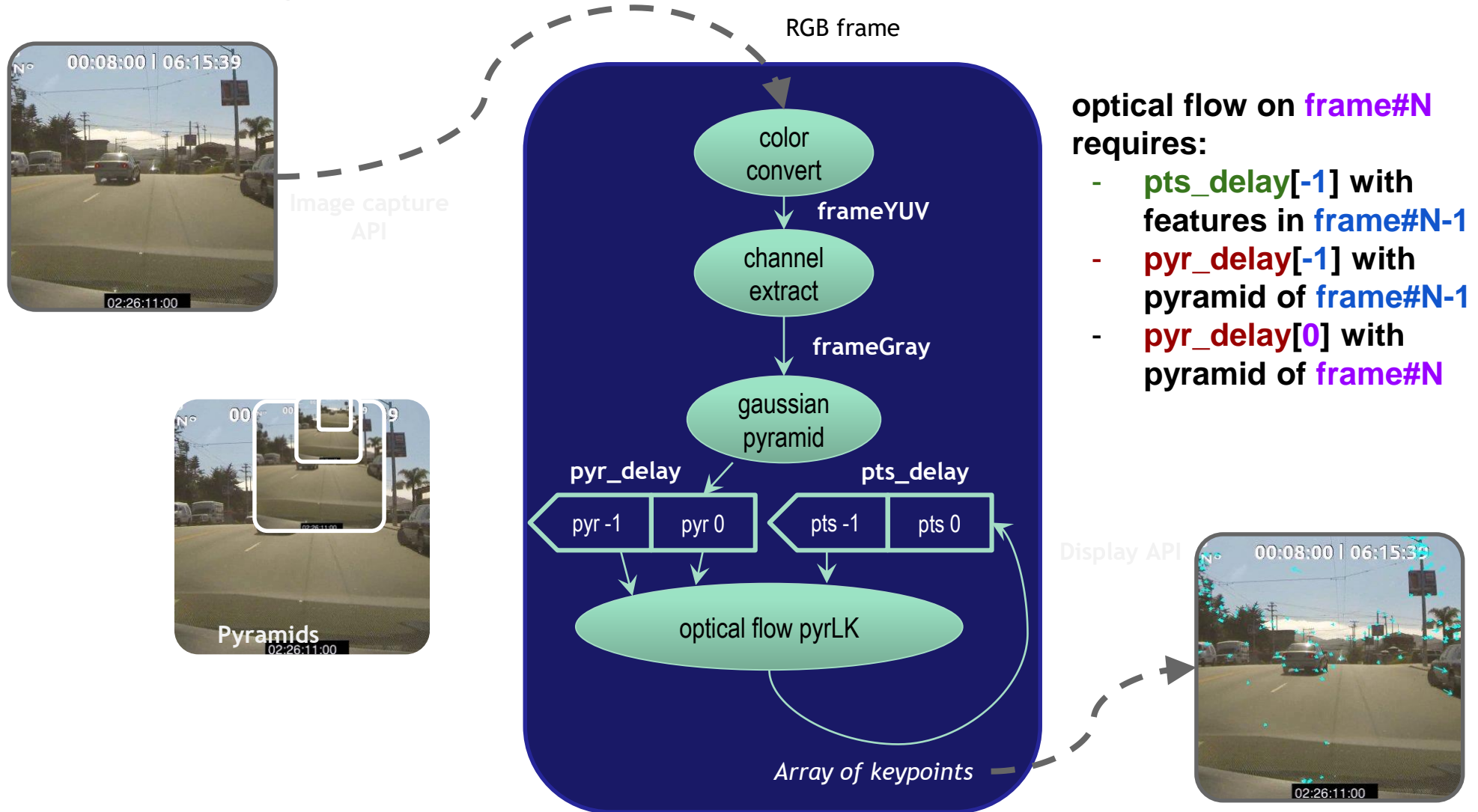
Run Harris graph on frame#0.

Run Tracking graph on all remaining frames...

TODO: setup Harris graph...

```
288 // TODO STEP 06:*****
289 // 1. Use vxColorConvertNode and vxChannelExtractNode APIs to get gray
290 // scale image for Harris and Pyramid computation from the input
291 // RGB image. Add these nodes into Harris graph.
292 // We gave code in comments with a missing parameter for you to fill in.
293 // 2. Use vxGaussianPyramidNode API to add pyramid computation node.
294 // You need to use the current pyramid from the pyramid delay object.
295 // We gave code in comments with a missing parameter for you to fill in
296 304 // vx_node nodesHarris[] =
297 305 // {
298 306 //     vxColorConvertNode( graphHarris, input_rgb_image, harris_yuv_image ),
299 307 //     vxChannelExtractNode( graphHarris, /* Fill in parameter */, VX_CHANNEL_Y, harris_luma_image ),
300 308 //     vxGaussianPyramidNode( graphHarris, /* Fill in parameter */, currentPyramid ),
301 309 //     vxHarrisCornersNode( graphHarris, /* Fill in missing parameters */, currentKeypoints, NULL )
302 310 // };
303 311 // for( vx_size i = 0; i < sizeof( nodesHarris ) / sizeof( nodesHarris[0] ); i++ )
312 // {
313 //     ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( nodesHarris[i] );
314 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseNode( &nodesHarris[i] ) );
315 // }
316 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseImage( &harris_yuv_image ) );
317 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseImage( &harris_luma_image ) );
318 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxVerifyGraph( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
319
```

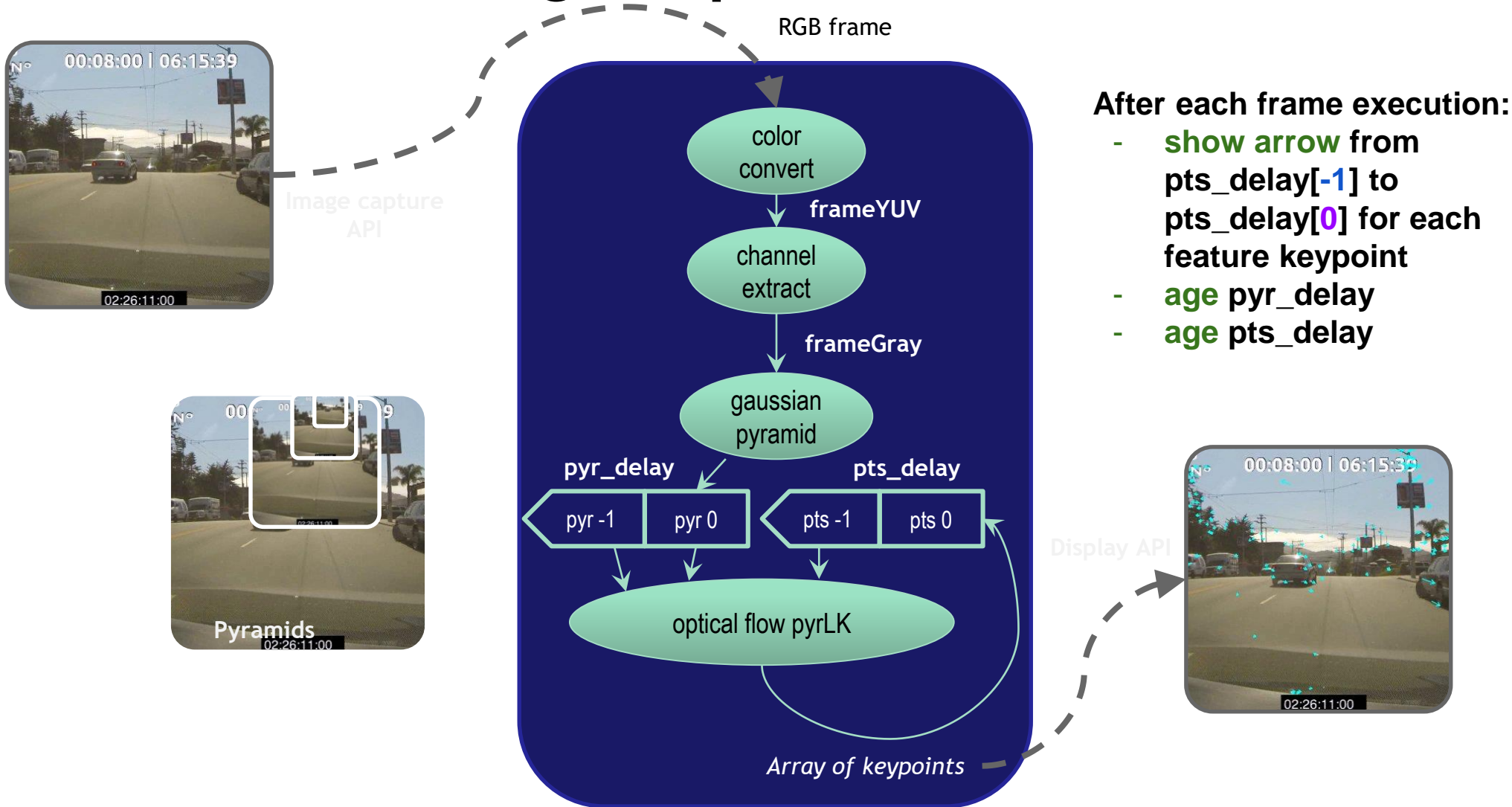
Tracking can be started from **frame#1** ...



TODO: setup Feature Tracking graph...

```
325 // TODO STEP 07:*****
326 // 1. Use vxColorConvertNode and vxChannelExtractNode APIs to get a gray
327 // scale image for Harris and Pyramid computation from the input
328 // RGB image. Add these nodes into Harris graph.
329 // We gave the code in comments for color convert node; do similar
330 // one for the channel extract node.
331 // 2. Use vxGaussianPyramidNode API to add pyramid computation node.
332 // You need to use the current pyramid from the pyramid delay object.
333 // Most of the code is given in the comments; fill in the missing parameter
334 // vx_node nodesTrack[] =
335 // {
336 //     vxColorConvertNode( graphTrack, input_rgb_image, opticalflow_yuv_image ),
337 //     vxChannelExtractNode( graphTrack, /* Fill in parameters */ ),
338 //     vxGaussianPyramidNode( graphTrack, /* Fill in parameter */ , currentPyramid ),
339 //     vxOpticalFlowPyrLKNNode( graphTrack, /* Fill in parameters */ )
340 // };
341 // for( vx_size i = 0; i < sizeof( nodesTrack ) / sizeof( nodesTrack[0] ); i++ )
342 // {
343 //     ERROR_CHECK_OBJECT( nodesTrack[i] );
344 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseNode( &nodesTrack[i] ) );
345 // }
346 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseImage( &opticalflow_yuv_image ) );
347 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseImage( &opticalflow_luma_image ) );
348 // ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxVerifyGraph( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
349
350
351
352
353
354
355
356
357
```


Feature Tracking Graph ...



TODO: run a graph...

```
380
381 //////////////*****
382 // Now that input RGB image is ready, just run a graph.
383 // Run Harris at the beginning to initialize the previous keypoints.
384 //
385 // TODO STEP 08:*****
386 // 1. Run a graph using vxProcessGraph API. Select Harris graph
387 //    if the frame_index == 0 (i.e., the first frame of the video
388 //    sequence), otherwise, select the feature tracking graph.
389 // 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_STATUS for error checking.
390
```


TODO: display the tracking results...

```
393 ///////////////*****
394 // To mark the keypoints in display, you need to access the output
395 // keypoint array and draw each item on the output window using gui.DrawArrow().
396 //
397 // TODO STEP 09:*****
398 // 1. Use vxGetReferenceFromDelay API to get the current and previous
399 // keypoints array objects from the keypoints delay object.
400 // Make sure to typecast the vx_reference object to vx_array.
401 // We gave one for the previous previous keypoint array in comments;
402 // do a similar one for the current keypoint array.
403 // 2. OpenVX array object has an attribute that keeps the current
404 // number of items in the array. The name of the attribute is
405 // VX_ARRAY_ATTRIBUTE_NUMITEMS and its value is of type vx_size.
406 // Use vxQueryArray API to get number of keypoints in the
407 // current keypoint array data object, representing number of
408 // corners detected in the input RGB image.
409 // IMPORTANT: Read number of items into "num_corners"
410 // because this variable is displayed by code segment below.
411 // We gave most part of this statement in comment; just fill in the
412 // missing parameter.
413 // 3. The data items in output keypoint array are of type
414 // vx_keypoint_t (see "VX/vx_types.h"). To access the array
415 // buffer, use vxAccessArrayRange with start index = 0,
416 // end index = number of items in the array, and usage mode =
417 // VX_READ_ONLY. Note that the stride returned by this access
418 // call is not guaranteed to be sizeof(vx_keypoint_t)
```

TODO: delay aging...

```
462 //////////////*****
463 // Flip the current and previous pyramid and keypoints in the delay objects.
464 //
465 // TODO STEP 10:*****
466 // 1. Use vxAgeDelay API to flip the current and previous buffers in delay objects.
467 //     You need to call vxAgeDelay for both two delay objects.
468 // 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_STATUS for error checking.
469 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxAgeDelay( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
470 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxAgeDelay( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
471
```

TODO: delay aging... then it'll be ready to run

```
462 //////////////*****
463 // Flip the current and previous pyramid and keypoints in the delay objects.
464 //
465 // TODO STEP 10:*****
466 // 1. Use vxAgeDelay API to flip the current and previous buffers in delay objects.
467 //     You need to call vxAgeDelay for both two delay objects.
468 // 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_STATUS for error checking.
469 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxAgeDelay( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
470 //     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxAgeDelay( /* Fill in parameter */ ) );
471
```

TODO: query performance counters...

```
/////////*****
// Query graph performance using VX_GRAPH_ATTRIBUTE_PERFORMANCE and print timing
// in milliseconds. Note that time units of vx_perf_t fields are nanoseconds.
//
// TODO STEP 11:*****
// 1. Use vxQueryGraph API with VX_GRAPH_ATTRIBUTE_PERFORMANCE to query graph performance.
//    We gave the attribute query for one graph in comments. Do the same for the second graph.
// 2. Print the average and min execution times in milliseconds. Use the printf in comments.
// vx_perf_t perfHarris = { 0 }, perfTrack = { 0 };
// ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxQueryGraph( graphHarris, VX_GRAPH_ATTRIBUTE_PERFORMANCE, &perfHarris, sizeof( perfHarris ) ) );
// ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxQueryGraph( /* Fill in parameters here for get performance of the other graph */ );
// printf( "GraphName NumFrames Avg(ms) Min(ms)\n"
//        "Harris      %9d %7.3f %7.3f\n"
//        "Track       %9d %7.3f %7.3f\n",
//        ( int )perfHarris.num, ( float )perfHarris.avg * 1e-6f, ( float )perfHarris.min * 1e-6f,
//        ( int )perfTrack.num,  ( float )perfTrack.avg  * 1e-6f, ( float )perfTrack.min  * 1e-6f );
```

TODO: release all objects...

```
/////////*****  
// Release all the OpenVX objects created in this exercise, and make the context as the last one to release.  
// To release an OpenVX object, you need to call vxRelease<Object> API which takes a pointer to the object.  
// If the release operation is successful, the OpenVX framework will reset the object to NULL.  
//  
// TODO STEP 12:*****  
// 1. For releasing all other objects use vxRelease<Object> APIs.  
//     You have to release 2 graph objects, 1 image object, 2 delay objects,  
//     6 scalar objects, and 1 context object.  
// 2. Use ERROR_CHECK_STATUS for error checking.  
//     ERROR_CHECK_STATUS( vxReleaseContext( &context ) );
```

Q & A