

# Realistic Simulation Environments to Achieve Visual Servoing on Soft Continuum Arms in Constrained Environments

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## MOTIVATION

- Soft Continuum Arms (SCA) gaining popularity for dexterous manipulation.
- Robust visual servoing for 3D pose control is a challenge in SCA.
- Requires reliable feature extraction, accurate control models, and sensors.
- Challenges come from difficulties in recreating real-world cluttered workspaces for training, testing, and experimentation
- **Need to develop simulation environments (“digital twins”) for robot learning tasks in agricultural settings.**

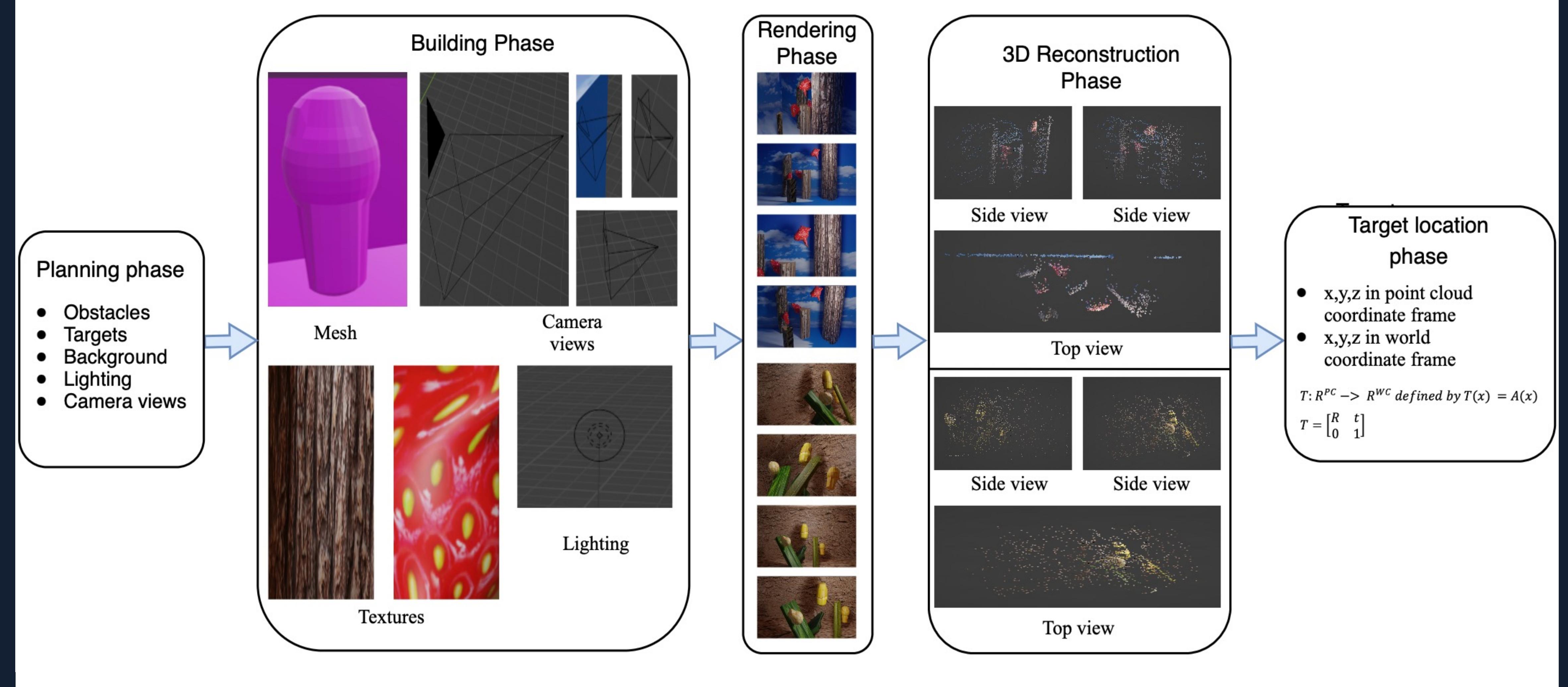
## OVERVIEW

- Created multiple realistic simulations using Blender.
- Can be used for various robot learning tasks such as manipulation and navigation
- Each environment consists of several obstacles and targets created using geometrical meshes
- Multiple cameras in the workspace provide different viewpoint renderings of the environment.
- The rendered 2D RGB images obtained from the simulation environments are passed through a 3D reconstruction algorithm.
- Realistic environments result in dense accurate 3D point clouds representing the environments.
- 3D Dijkstra’s algorithm - used to formulate path from source and destination.

## SIMULATION ENVIRONMENTS

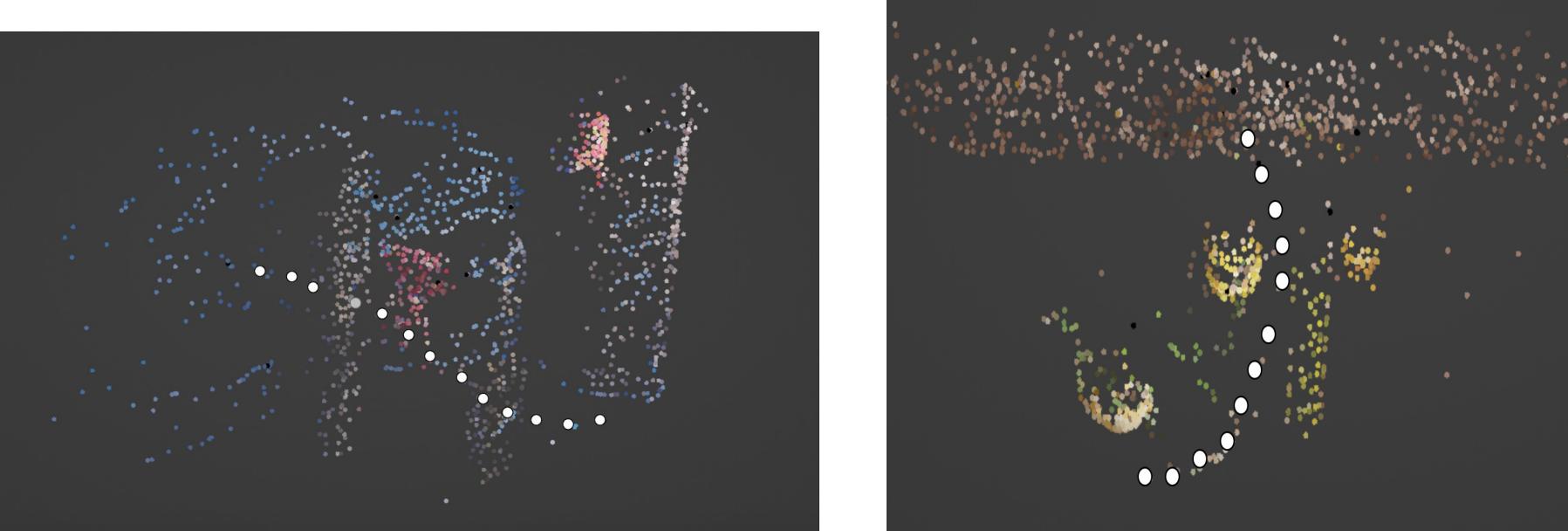


## METHOD



## PATH PLANNING

- 3D point clouds used to get the targets' x,y, and z coordinates
- $T: R^{PC} \rightarrow R^{WC}$  defined by  $T(x) = A(x)$
- $$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
- WC – world coordinate frame
  - PC – point cloud coordinate frame
  - R – rotation matrix
  - t – translation matrix



## DISCUSSION AND FUTURE WORK

- Find **waypoints** to reach target
- Validate **path planning** algorithm on SCA.
- Make image to waypoint network
- Make the system more **generalisable** and adaptable to different environments