Installation

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1 Introduction

In this project, the installation and running of different, well-known benchmarks and algorithms are being investigated. The camera that tests are being conducted by that is D435i. ORBSLAM and Kimer are being tested by that.

1.1 Camera D435i

The Intel RealSense Depth Camera D435i extracts 3D information from a scene to let developers add 3D depth to robotics navigation, object recognition, and other applications. It is a USB-powered depth camera and features a pair of depth sensors, an RGB sensor, and an infrared projector. This D435i version includes inertial 6DoF (six degrees of freedom) measurement data for enhanced accuracy. The D435i is an indoor/outdoor solution designed to best fit developers' prototypes. It has a wide field of view and global shutter combination that offers accurate depth perception when an object is moving or a device is in motion, and it covers more area, minimizing blind spots. This camera comes with a mini tripod and a USB Type-C to USB Type-A cable.

1.2 SLAMbench

SLAMBench is a SLAM performance benchmark that combines a framework for quantifying quality-of-result with instrumentation of accuracy, execution time, memory usage and energy consumption. It also include a graphical interface to visualize these information.

1.3 ORBSLAM 2

ORB-SLAM2 is a real-time SLAM library for Monocular, Stereo and RGB-D cameras that computes the camera trajectory and a sparse 3D reconstruction (in the stereo and RGB-D case with true scale). It is able to detect loops and relocalize the camera in real time.

1.4 Kimera

Kimera is a C++ library for real-time metric-semantic simultaneous localization and mapping, which uses camera images and inertial data to build a semantically annotated 3D mesh of the environment. Kimera is modular, ROS-enabled, and runs on a CPU.

2 SLAMBench installation

In order to install the SLAMBench, this link has been utilized. After cloning that by using the following command: **git clone https://github.com/pamela-project/slambench**
There is a need to compile dependencies by using following command:
make deps
By using the above command, dependencies such as eigen3, flann, g2o, opencv, opengv, pcl, toon, suitesparse would be installed.
However during the installation of dependencies, an error occured regarding to the issue of cloning flann by using ssh from git clone and overloading, that was solved by using the following command:
git config –global url."https://".insteadOf git://
After that, the dependencies would be installed correctly. Then the framework must be compiled:
make slambench After that for running and installing ORBSLAM2 the following commands were executed:
make orbslam2
Then there is a need to install a dataset. For that the following command was utilized:
make datasets/ICL _NUIM/living_room _traj2 _loop.slam make slambench APPS=orbslam2
For running the following command was executed:
./build/bin/slambench -i ./datasets/ICL/living_room_traj2_loop.slam -load build/lib/liborbslam2-original-library.so
After running the code the output would be as follow:

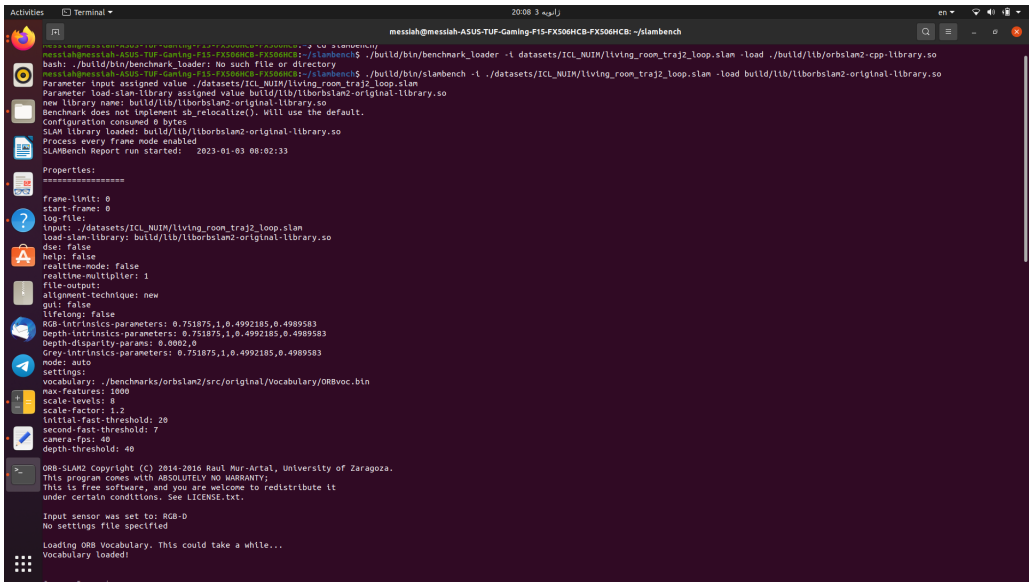

Figure 1: Sample output of running the Benchmark

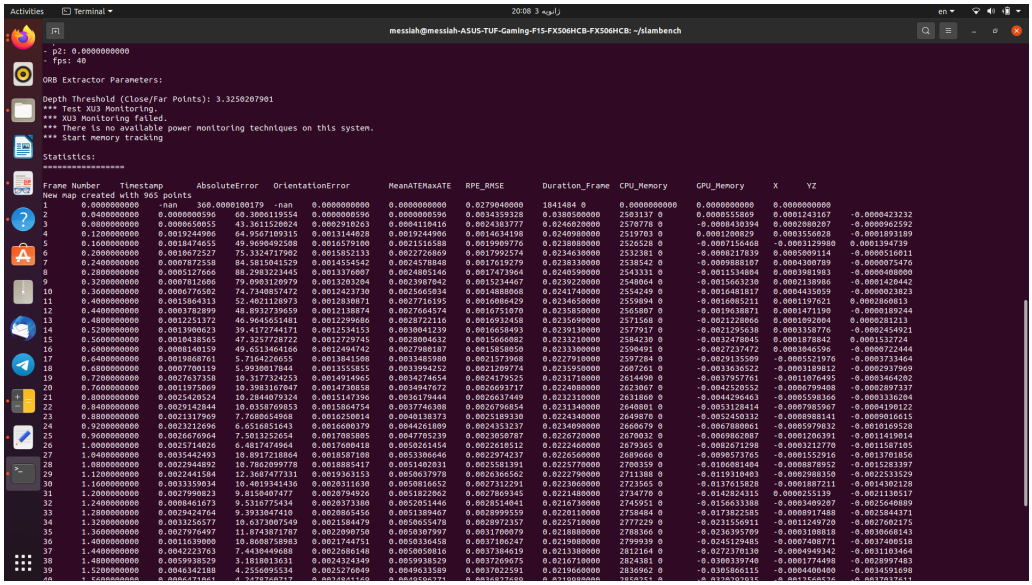

Figure 2: Sample output of running the Benchmark

Its output is composed of two main parts, the Properties section, and the

Statistics section. the properties section details all the parameters used for the experiment (could been changed or not via the command line). the statistics section report all the outputs and metrics selection for output in the benchmark loader.

3 RealSense SDK 2.0

For installing the RealSense SDK 2.0 on ubuntu following commands must be executed:
sudo apt install libglfw3-dev libgl1-mesa-dev libglu1-mesa-dev libusb-1.0-0-dev
mkdir -p /repos cd /repos
git clone https://github.com/IntelRealSense/librealsense
mkdir -p librealsense/build cd librealsense/build
make -j(nproc)
After that the installation can be tested as follow by running **librealsense-viewer** the software would appear, by using that the camera can be tested:

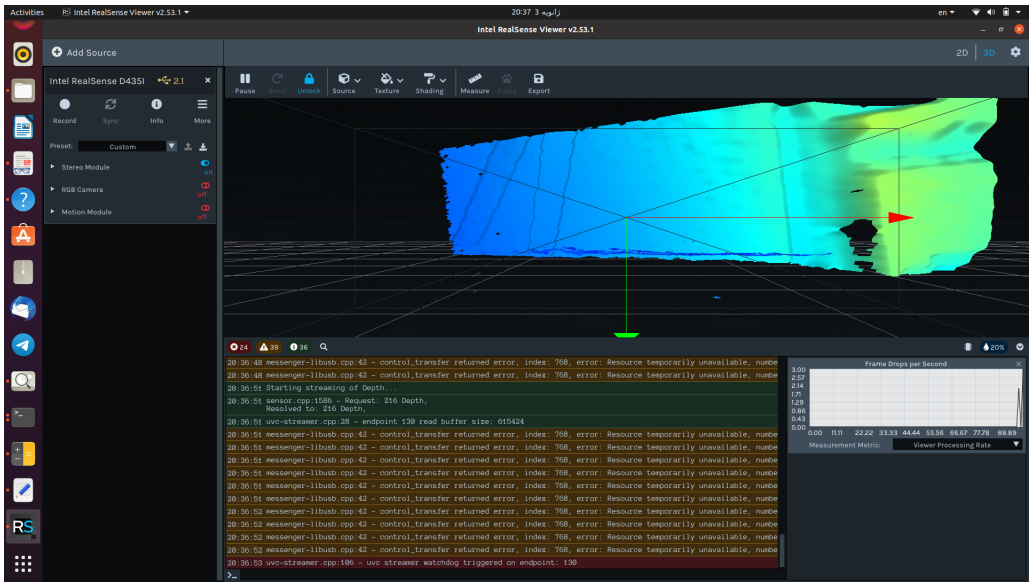

Figure 3: Sample output of the Realsense software after connecting the camera

After installing the SDK library, it is the time to compile and run ORB-SLAM2 and Kimera. For running codes on D435i camera Ros Noetic must be installed.

4 ROS Noetic

In order to install Ros Noetic the following steps, must be performed. The computer sources and keys must be updated by following commands:
sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu $ (lsb_release -sc) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest.list'
sudo apt install curl
curl -s https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/master/ros.asc — sudo apt-key add -
Then by utilizing the following command the ros Noetic would be installed:
sudo apt install ros-noetic-desktop-full
For building packages, some dependencies must be installed:
sudo apt install python3-rosdep python3-rosinstall python3-rosinstall-generator python3-wstool build-essential
sudo apt install python3-rosdep
sudo rosdep init
rosdep update

5 ORBSLAM2

To build the project the following steps must be conducted:
git clone https://github.com/RAFALAMAO/ORB_SLAM2_NOETIC
In order to build the project, At first we should enter the Pangolin directory and build that by utilizing the following commands:
cd ORB_SLAM2_NOETIC/Pangolin
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make -j
For building the ORBSALM2 library the following command must be executed:
./build.sh
In order to run the algorithm on the camera the following command must be executed:
roscore
roscore is a collection of nodes and programs that are pre-requisites of a ROS-based system. You must have a roscore running in order for ROS nodes to communicate. It is launched using the roscore command. The output of the above command, is shown below:

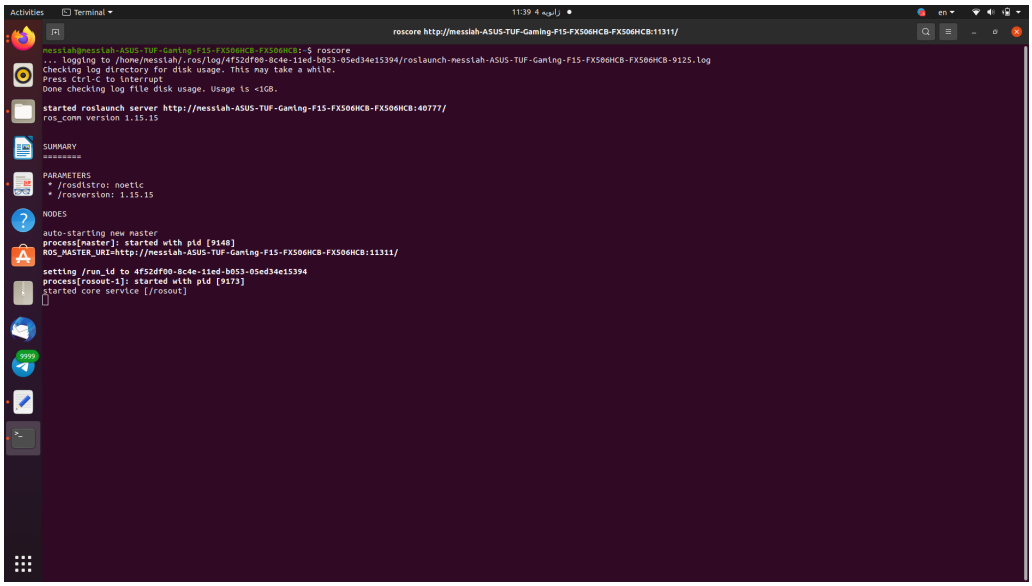

Figure 4: The result of execution roscore

The camera can be run on ROS by utilizing the following command: **roslaunch realsense2_camera rs _camera.launch depth_width:=640 depth _height:=480 depth_fps:=30 color_width:=640 color _height:=480 color _fps:=30 align _depth:=true** The output of the above command is shown below:

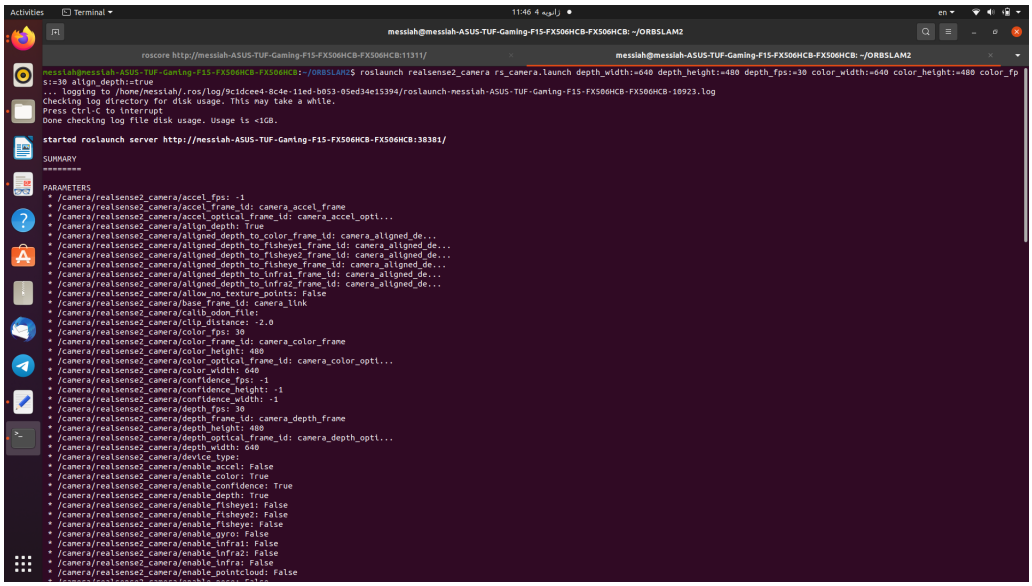

Figure 5: The rsult of running camera on a node

By using the **rostopic list** the sensors information that can be published are visualized:

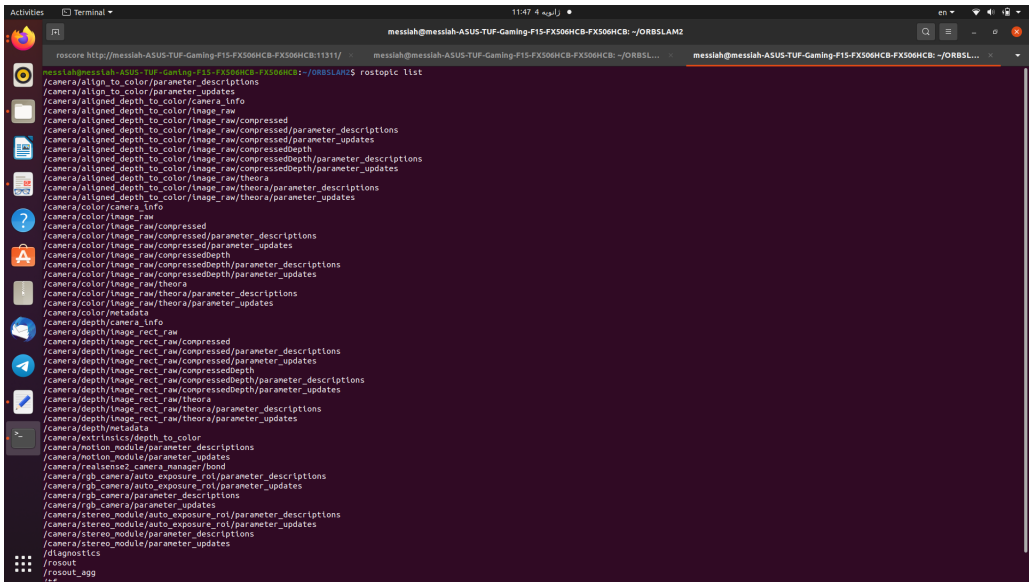

Figure 6: The result of execution rostopic list

The rostopic command-line tool displays information about ROS topics. Currently, it can display a list of active topics, the publishers and subscribers of a specific topic, the publishing rate of a topic, the bandwidth of a topic, and messages published to a topic. The display of messages is configurable to output in a plotting-friendly format. The algorithm can be run on the camera by using the following command:
rosrun ORB_SLAM2 RGBD /home/messiah/ORBSLAM2/ORB_SLAM2_NOETIC/Vocabulary/ORBvoc.txt /home/messiah/1/2/ORB_SLAM3/Examples_old/RGB-D/RealSense_D435i.yaml /camera/rgb/image_raw:=/camera/color/image_raw camera/depth_registered/image_raw:=/camera/aligned_depth_to_color/image_raw

6 Kimera

In order to install Kimera on catkin, at firs the following must be executed:
sudo apt-get install python3-rosinstall python3-rosinstall-generator python3-wstool build-essential python3-catkin-tools
Then some dependencies must be installed, by using the following command:
sudo apt-get install -y –no-install-recommends apt-utils
sudo apt-get install -y cmake build-essential unzip pkg-config autoconf libboost-all-dev libjpeg-dev libpng-dev libtiff-dev libvtk6-dev libgtk-3-dev libatlas-base-dev gfortran libparmetis-dev python-wstool python-catkin-tools
By utilizing the following commands, the catkin workspace would be setup:

mkdir -p /catkin _ws/src
cd /catkin_ws/
catkin init
catkin config –cmake-args -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release -DGTSAM _TANGENT_PREINTEGRATION=OFF
The catkin config will be set using the following command:
catkin config –merge-devel
The workspace would be added to bashrc file for automatic sourcing of workspace:
echo 'source /catkin_ws/devel/setup.bash' >> /.bashr
Dependencies would be installed as follow:
cd /catkin_ws/src
git clone git@github.com:MIT-SPARK/Kimera-VIO-ROS.git
Dependencies from rosinstall file can be installed and updated using wstool:
wstool init
wstool update
After that running **catkin build** will result in errors, for handling them the following things must be accomplished:
need to apply ubuntu 20.04 patch commits available in https://github.com/MIT-SPARK/mesh_rviz_plugins:
cd mesh_rviz_plugins
- (change the remote url to valid one) git remote set-url origin https://github.com/MIT-SPARK/mesh_rviz_plugins - git pull origin master - git apply ubuntu_focal.patch
In addition to that, there is a need to use GTSAM 4.1.1. for using that, the following steps must be accoompolished:
cd gtsam
git checkout 4.1.1 There is stil some conflicts with opencv version, to handle that the following steps must be performed:

- Remove opencv3_catkin from src directory
- Replace all opencv3 with opencv4
- build dbow2 _src and delete everything in the build folder except that.
- In Cmakelists change ON to OFF in option(KIMERA_BUILD _TESTS "Build tests" OFF)

At first again the **roscore** command must be executed. In order to run the algorithm on D435i, At first the camera must become executed by following command:
roslaunch realsense2_camera rs_camera.launch enable_infra1:=true enable_infra2:=true enable_depth:=true depth_width:=640 depth_height:=480 infra1_width:=640 infra1 _height:=480 infra2 _width:=640 infra2_height:=480 enable _accel:=true enable _gyro:=true unite_imu_method:=linear_interpolation
The output is shown in figure below:

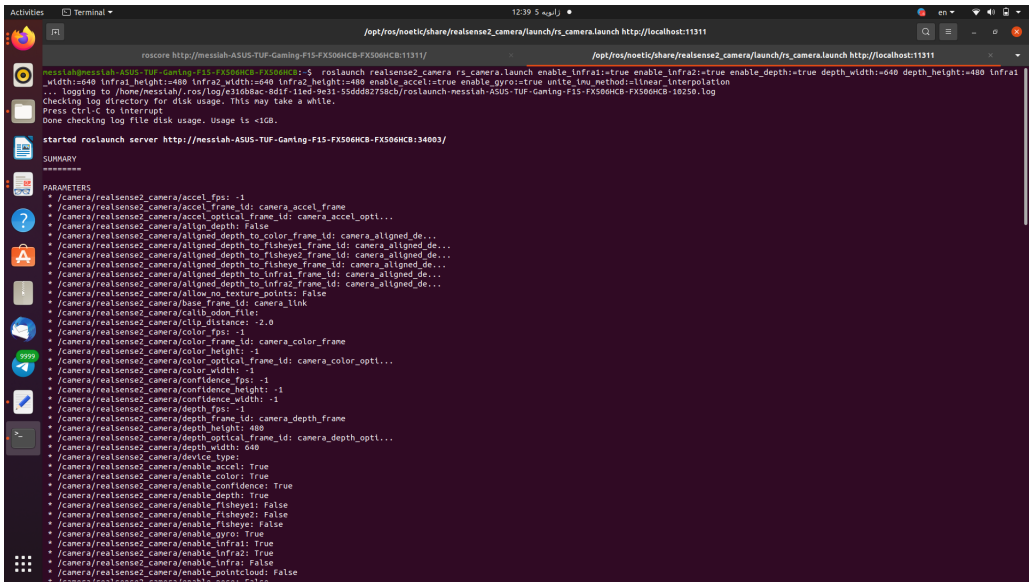

Figure 7: The result of execution Realsense launch

Now it is time for the Kimera to be executed, it can be executed by following command:
roslaunch kimera_vio _ros kimera_vio _ros_realsense_IR.launch
The output is shown in figure below:

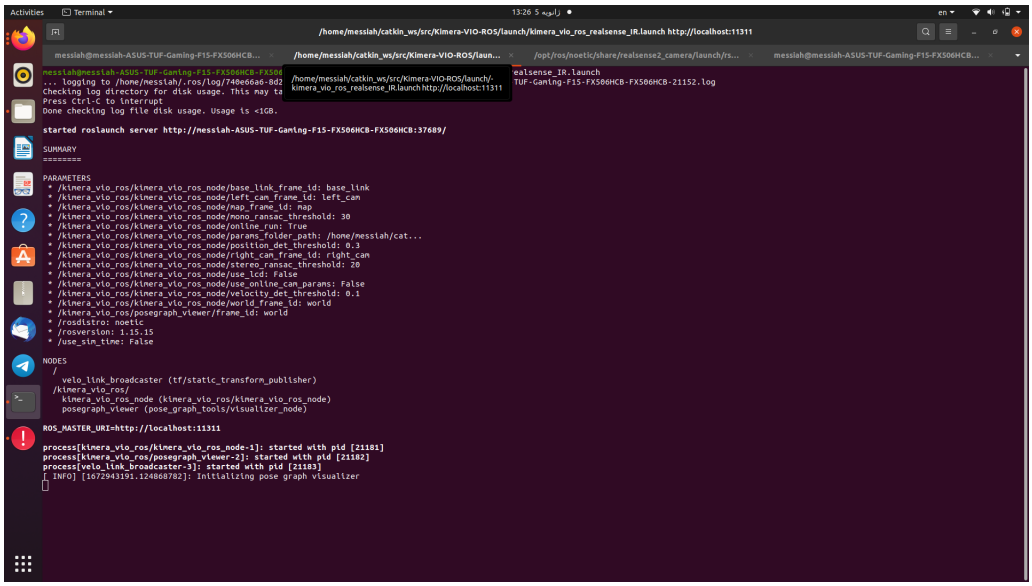

Figure 8: The result of execution Realsense launch

The result can be visualized by following command:
rviz -d $(rospack find kimera _vio _ros)/rviz/kimera _vio_euroc.rviz
The output is shown in figure below:

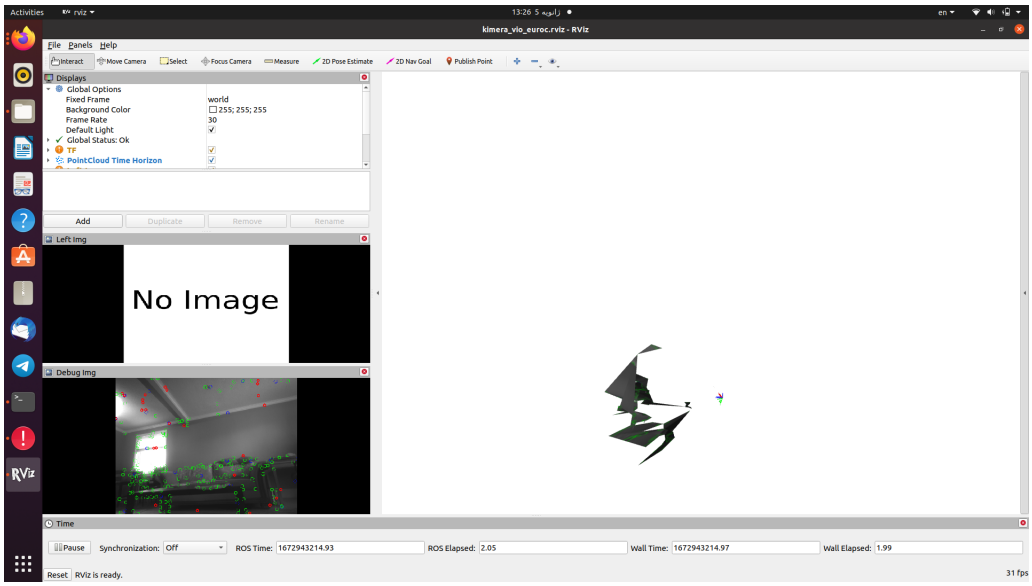

Figure 9: The result of execution Realsense launch

By default the resolution is 848x480 in order to run smoothly the realsense launcher was modified to run smoothly.