

Researcher of the Week: superquadric-detection module

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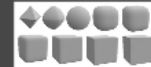
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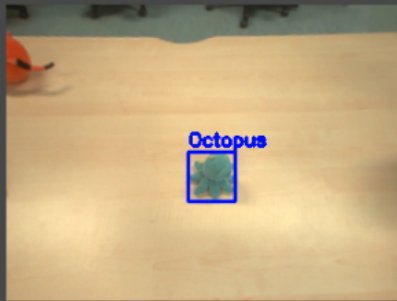
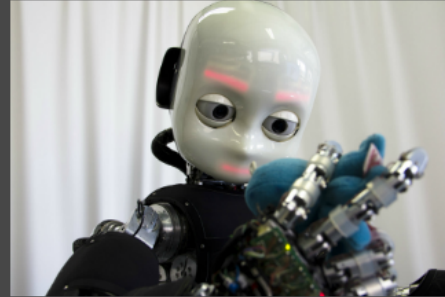
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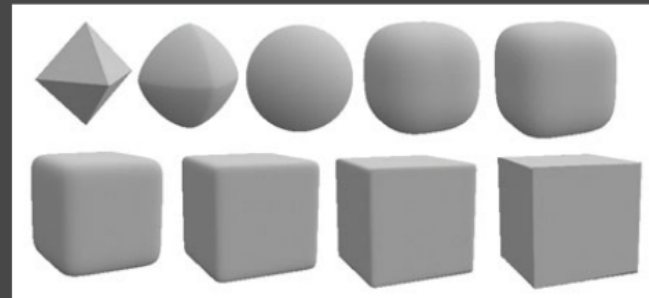
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[5 parameters
for shape]

+

[6 parameters
for pose]

Optimization problem

$$\min_{\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} F^{\lambda_4}(x_i, y_i, z_i, \lambda) - 1 \right)^2$$

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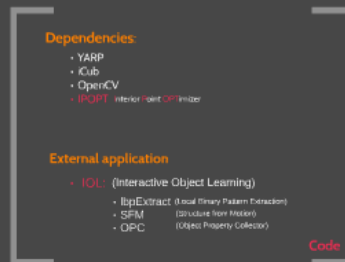
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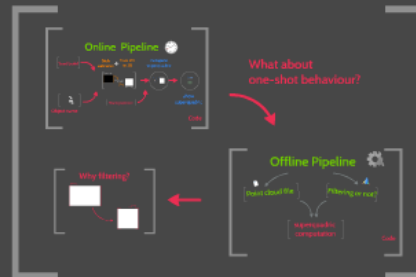
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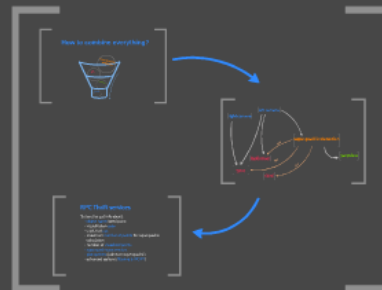
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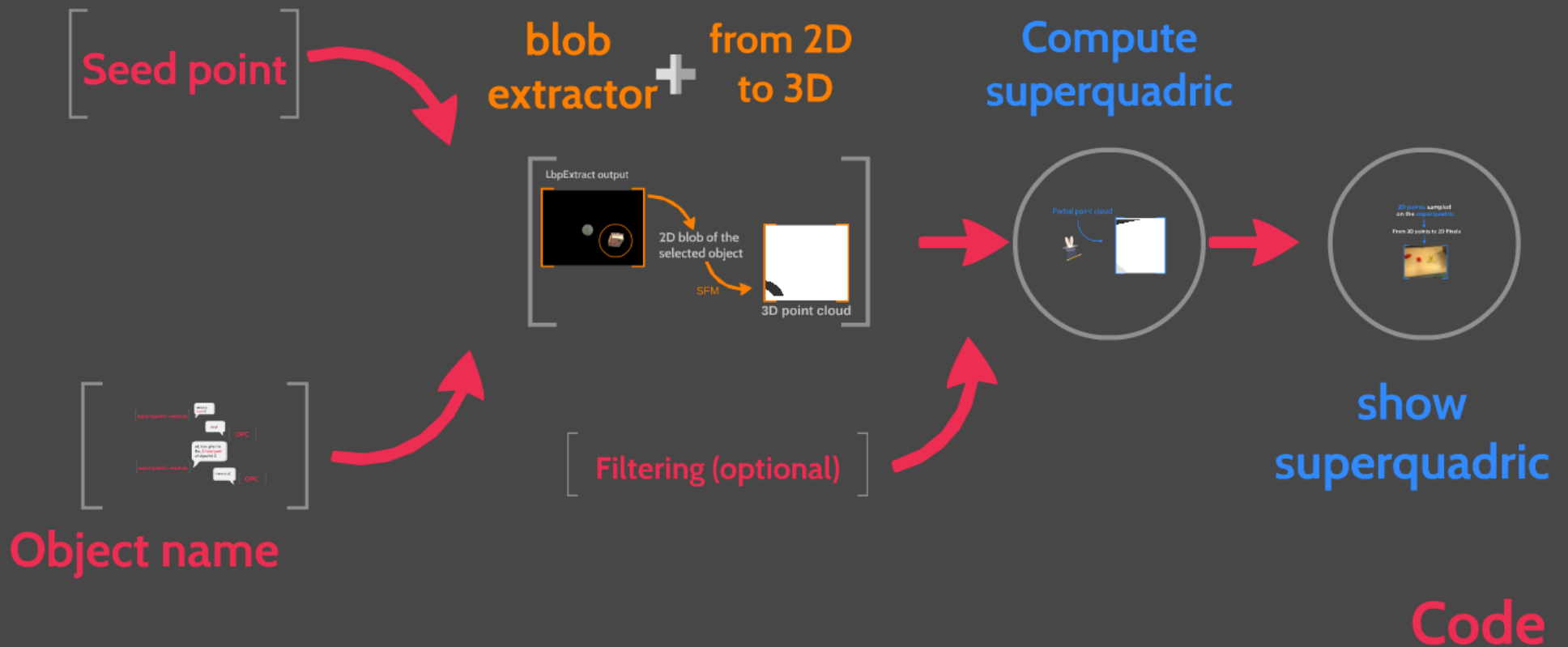
- YARP
- iCub
- OpenCV
- **IPOPT** Interior Point **OPT**imizer

External application

- **IOL**: (Interactive Object Learning)
 - lbpExtract (Local Binary Pattern Extraction)
 - SFM (Structure from Motion)
 - OPC (Object Property Collector)

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Online Pipeline



[superquadric-module]

which is
box id?

it's 0!

[OPC]

ok, now give me
the *2D seed point*
of object id 0

[superquadric-module]

Here it is!

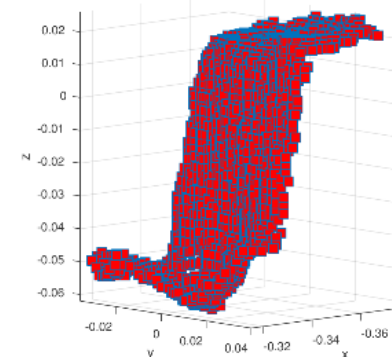
[OPC]

LbpExtract output



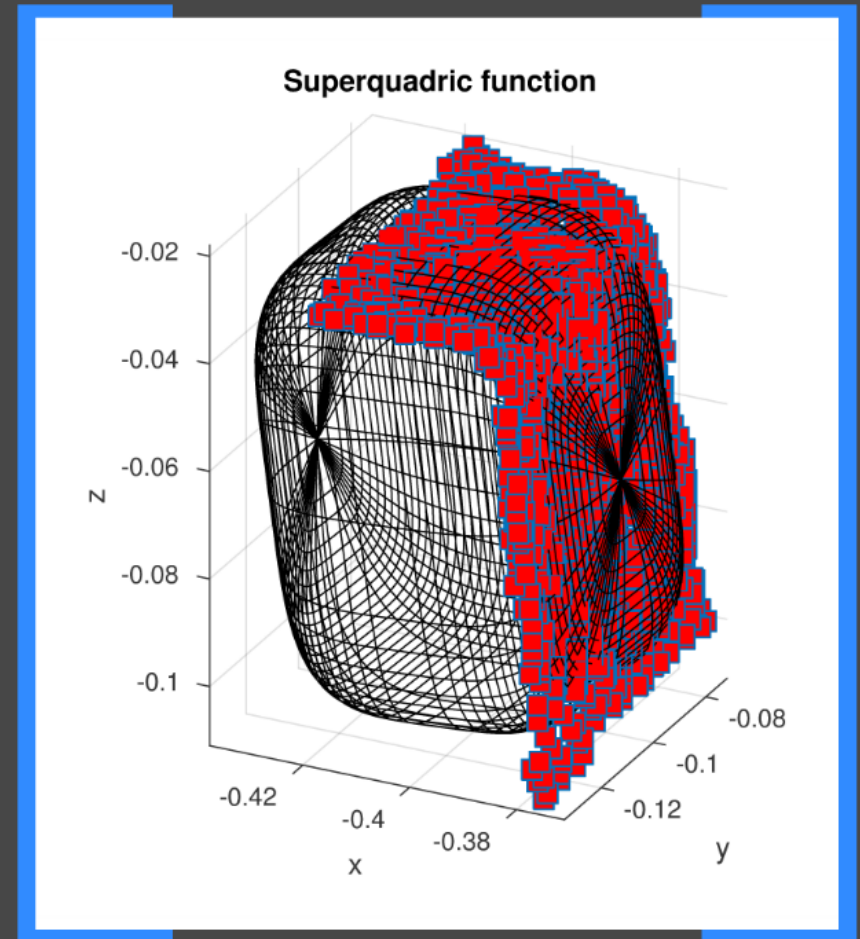
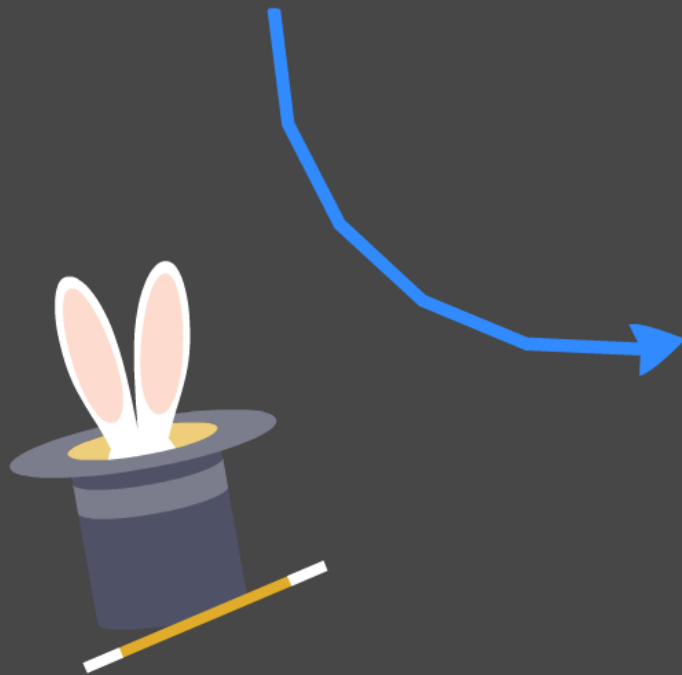
2D blob of the
selected object

SFM



3D point cloud

Partial point cloud



3D points sampled
on the **superquadric**



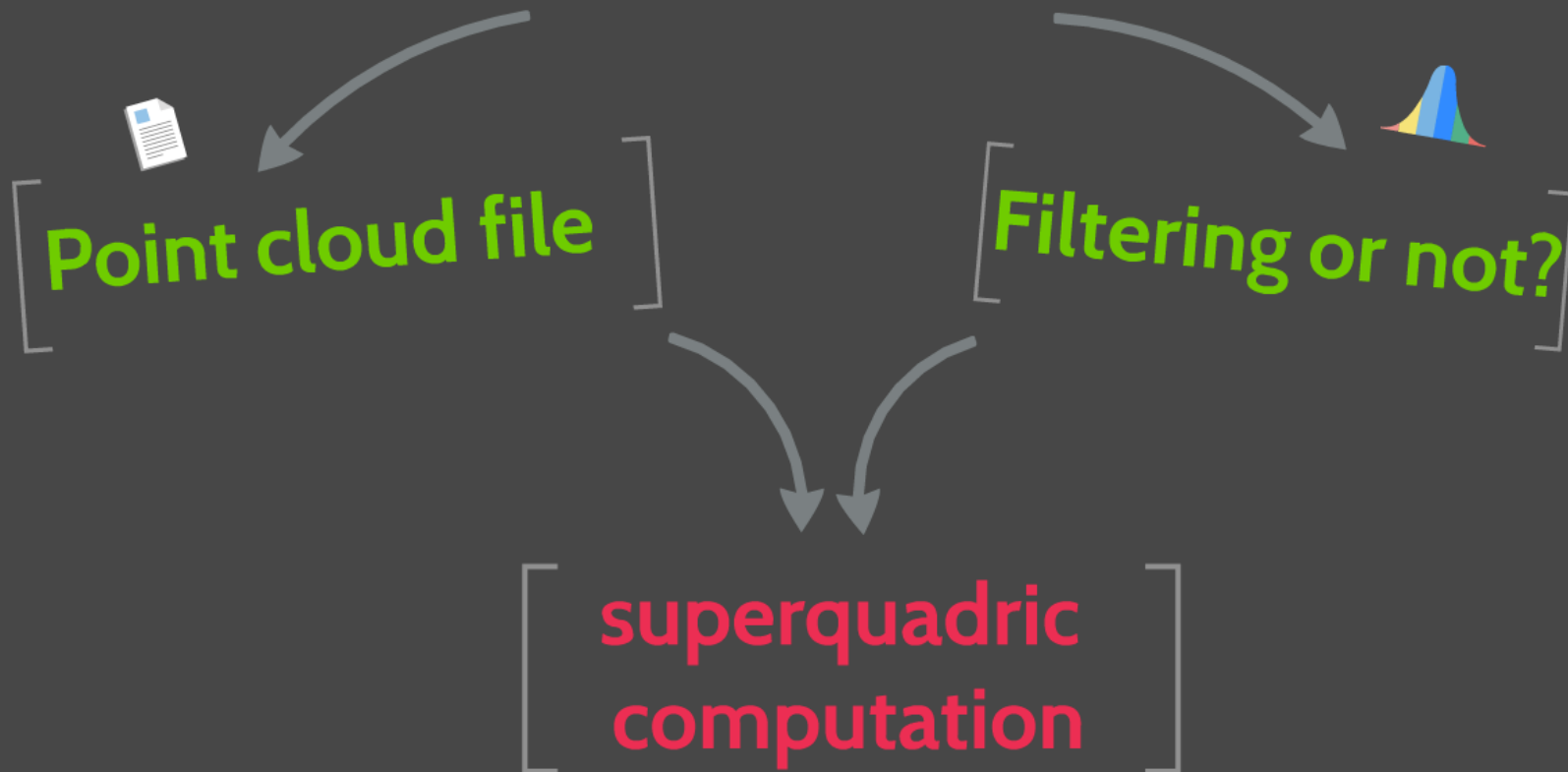
From 3D points to 2D Pixels



**What about
one-shot behaviour?**



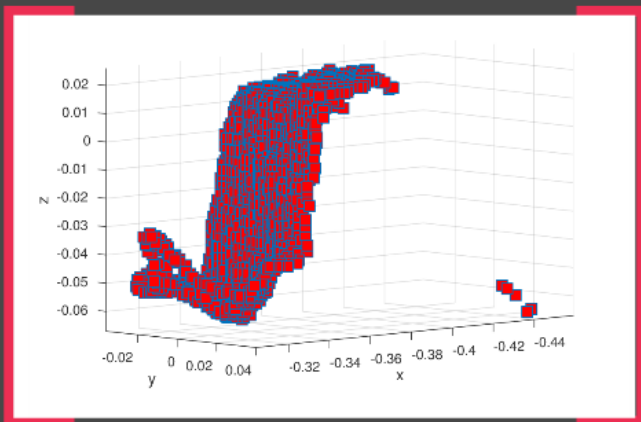
Offline Pipeline



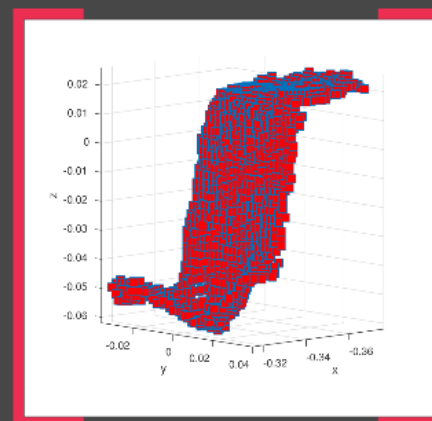
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Why filtering?

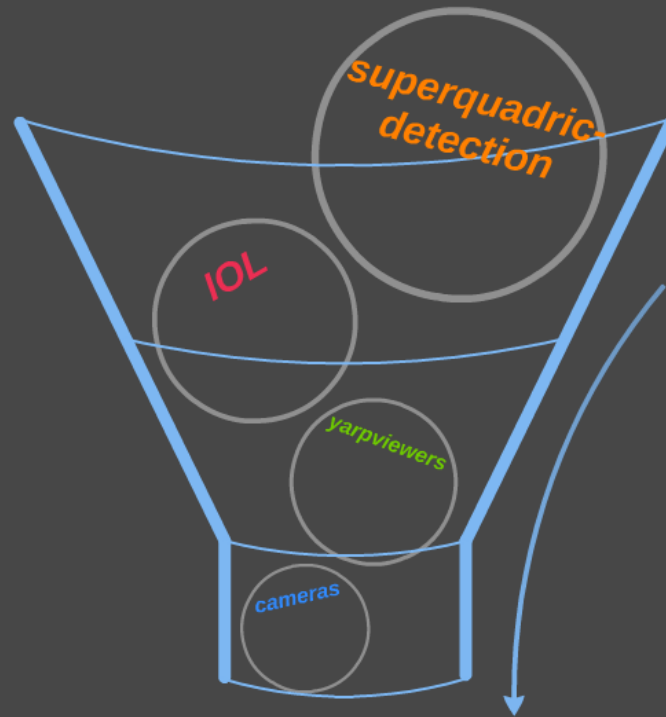
Before ...

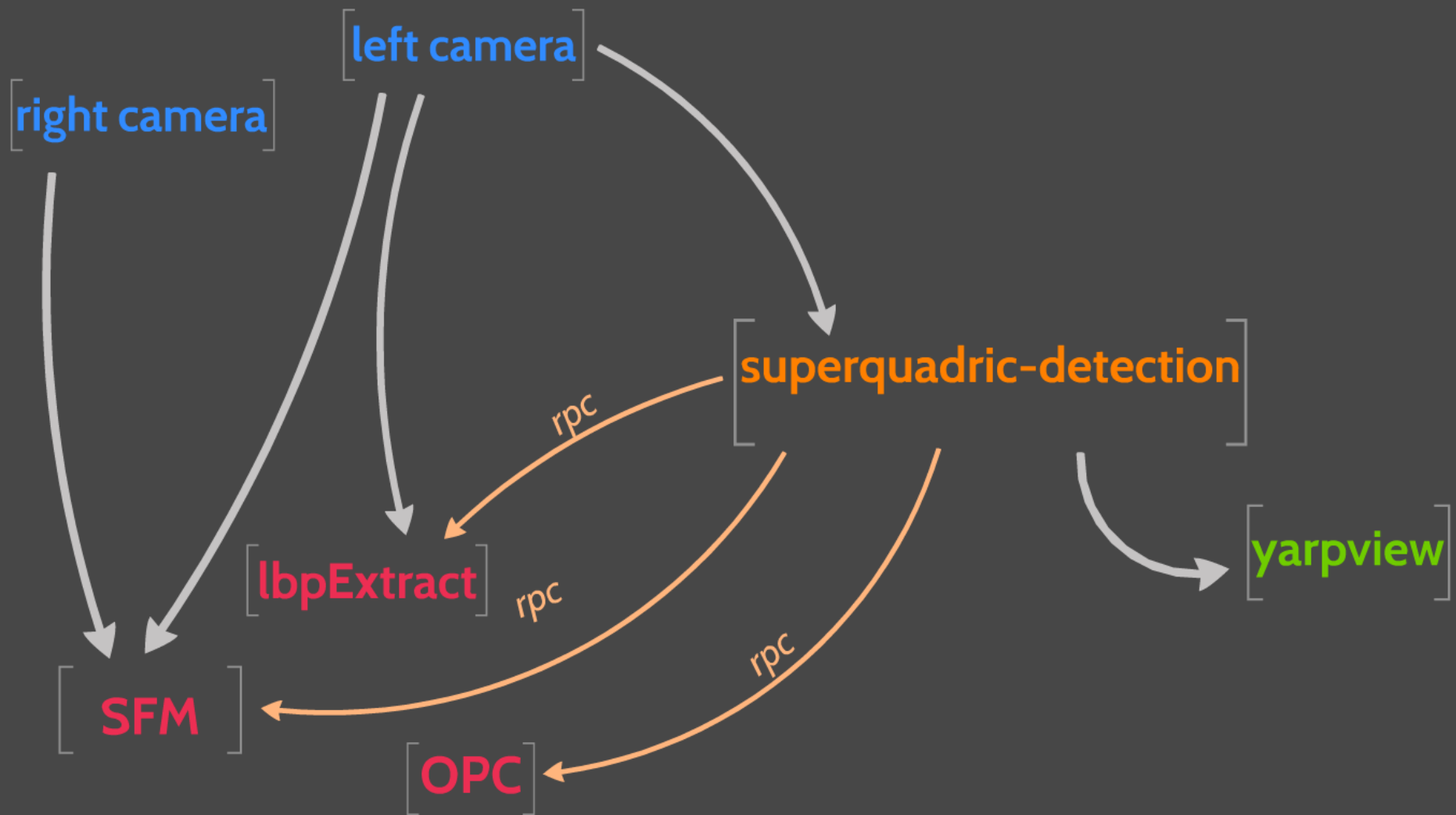


... after!



How to combine everything?





RPC Thrift services

Set and/or get info about:

- object name/seed point
- visualization color
- exploited eye
- maximum number of points for superquadric calculation
- number of visualized points
- superquadric parameters
- plot options (points or superquadric)
- advanced options (filtering & IPOPT)

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You can find
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module on the github repo:

<https://github.com/giuliavezzani/superquadric-detection>

... What happens next?

Noteworthy ...

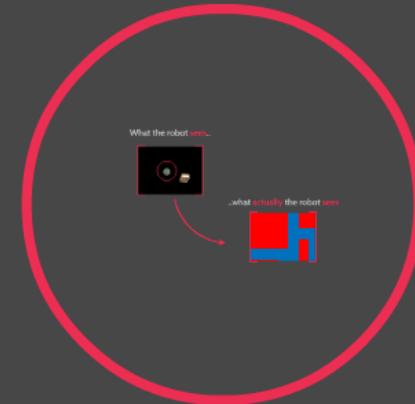
Wrong solution
(at first glance)

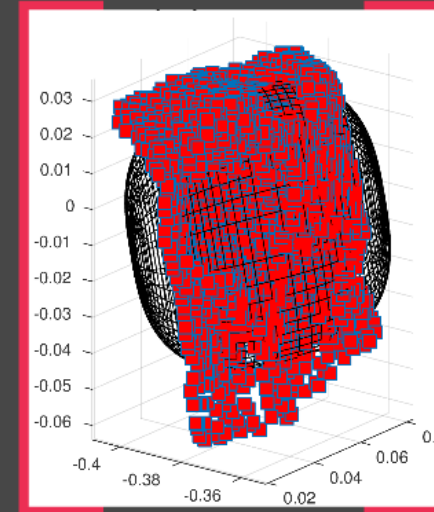
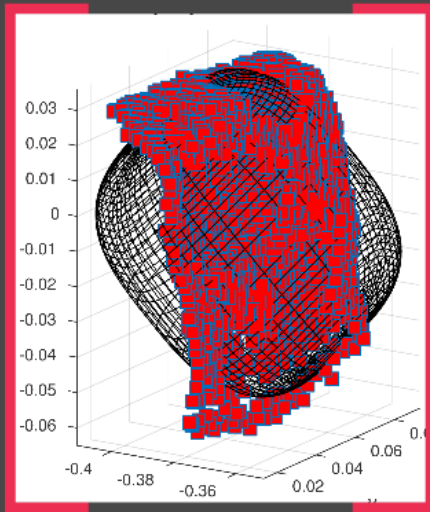


Possible solutions



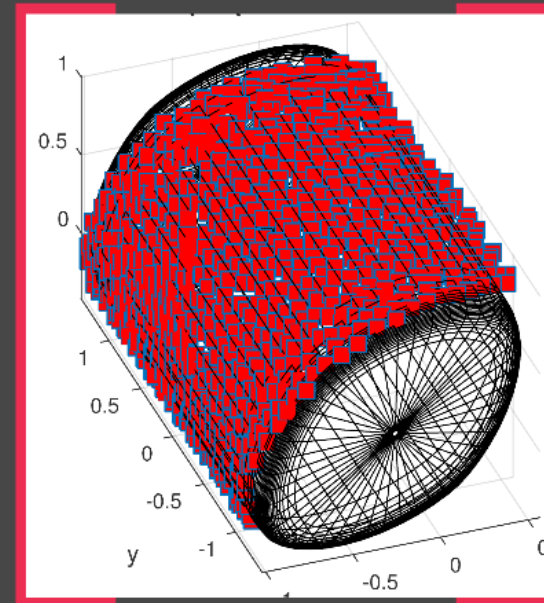
Noisy point clouds



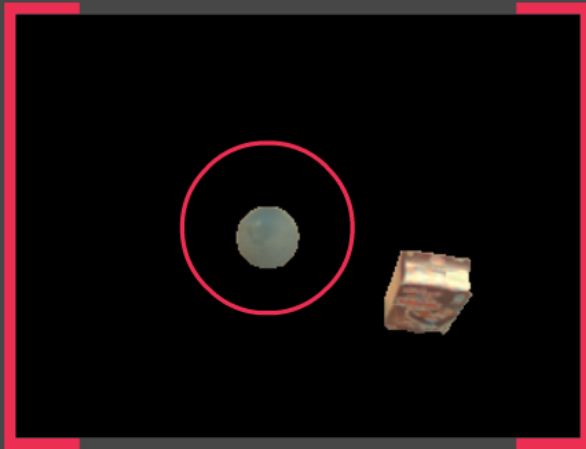


Same cost function value!

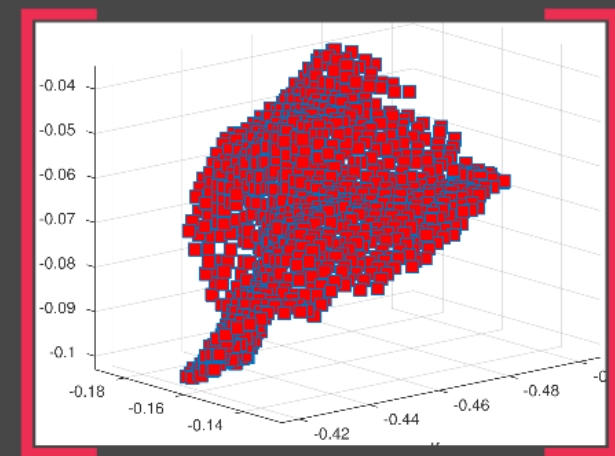
Partial **non-noisy** clouds:



What the robot **sees**..



..what **actually** the robot **sees**



Ideas

- 1 Merged point clouds (ICP)
- 2 Point cloud time refinement and filtering (Voxelization)
- 3 2D surface overlapping
- 4 Different optimization problem formulation

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \min_{\lambda} \mathbb{V}(\lambda) \\ \sum_{i=0}^N (F(x_i, y_i, z_i, \lambda) - 1)^2 = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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Future works

[coding & applications]

- Superquadric visualization ?

VTK/OpenGL

- Grasping application 

Good grasping pose



Trajectory planning

Obstacle avoidance



Thank you for your attention!

..any questions or comments?



Then, let's try our code!

