A 3D Geometric, Object-based World Model for Domestic Robots MSL Workshop 2014

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- Sensors:
 - Kinect RGBD camera
 - Hokuyo Laser Range Finder





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- AMIGO needs a World model
 - Representation of objects in the world
 - Their (relative) positions
 - Their size or shape
 - Their affordances
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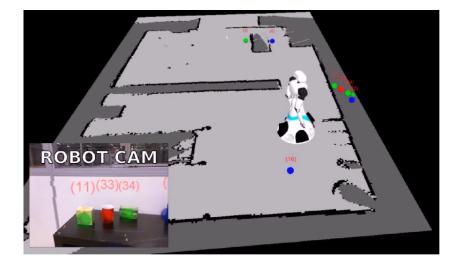
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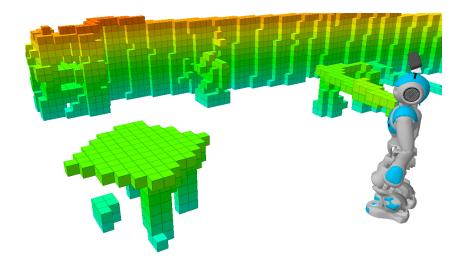
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- Extensively used for RoboCup

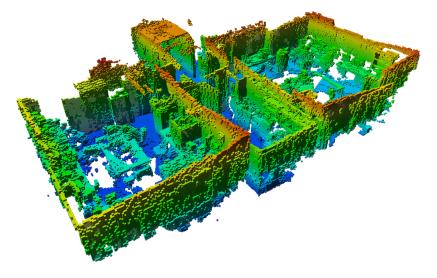




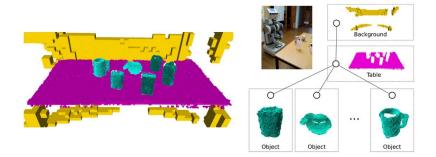


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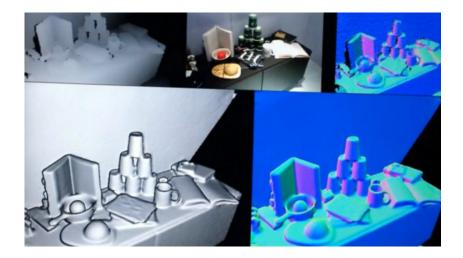


Hierarchy of Octomaps



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Kinect Fusion



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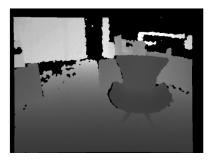
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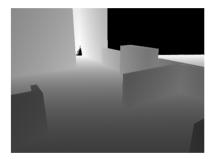
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- Represent objects as detailed as needed
 - Volumetric blob . . .
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 - ... Highly detailed mesh

Render World (Sensor Model)

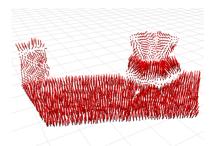


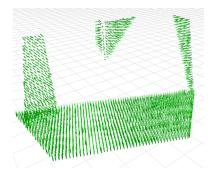


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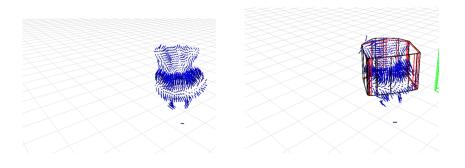
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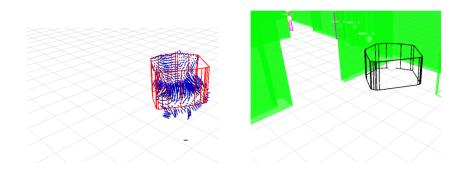
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Data Assocation and Clustering



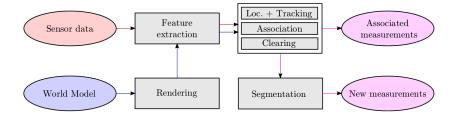
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World Model Result

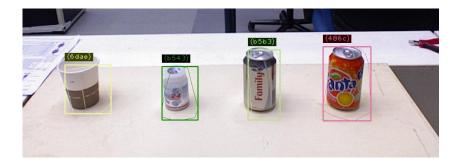


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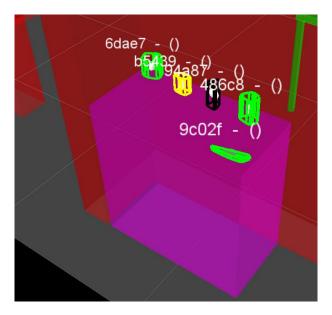
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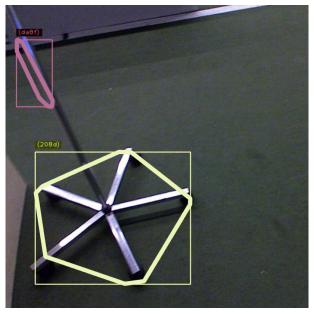


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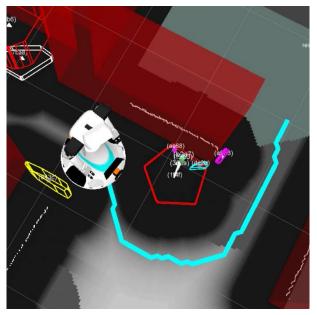


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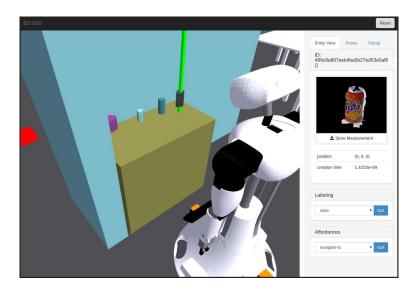


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- Get rid of pipeline architecture
 - Need feedback mechanisms
 - Monitoring

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