

Action Learning in IRFO

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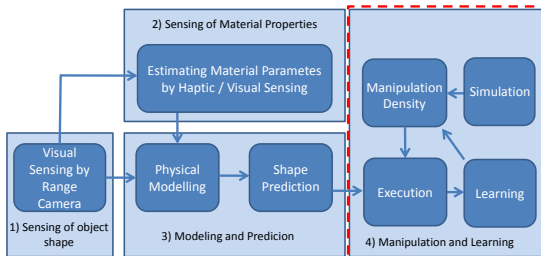
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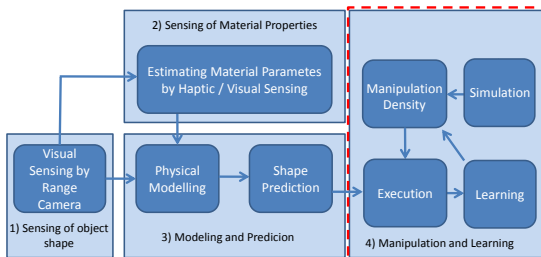
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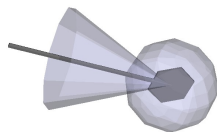
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Full 6D Representation:

$$d(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i K_{\mu_i, \sigma}(x) \text{ for } x \in SE(3)$$

General, but high-dimensional



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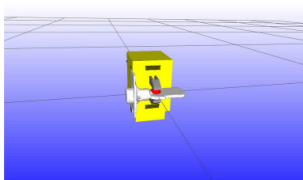
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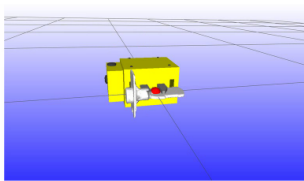
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Within IRFO:

- Grasping of flexible objects
- Apply density-concept to other actions

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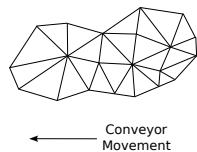
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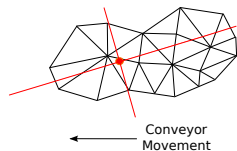
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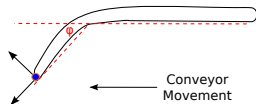
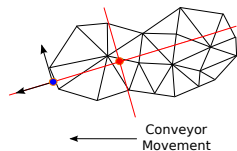
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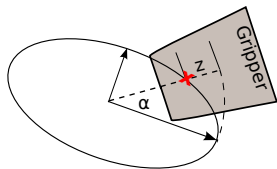
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- Outmost point is found
- Object orientation + deflection φ



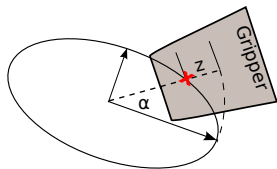
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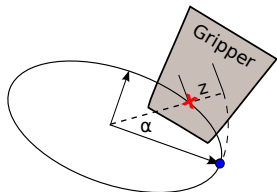
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Parametrization using 3 coordinates

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Performance on the real setup:

Object	Object orientation	
	$0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 10^\circ$	$10^\circ < \theta \leq 45^\circ$
1	100% (10)	100% (7)
⋮	⋮	⋮

Table: Success rates for different objects and orientations.

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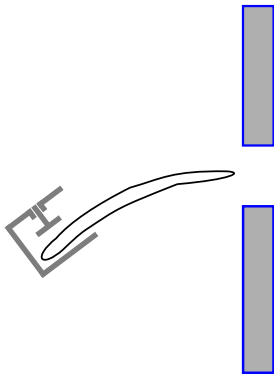
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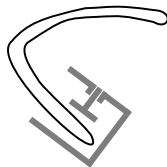
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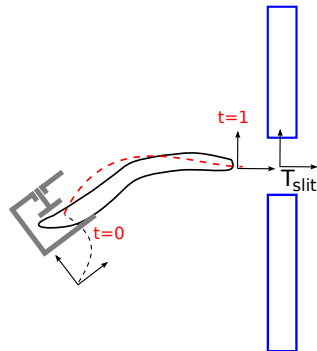
One assumption:

- 1 deflection is less than 90 degree



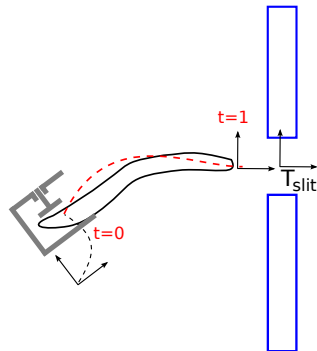
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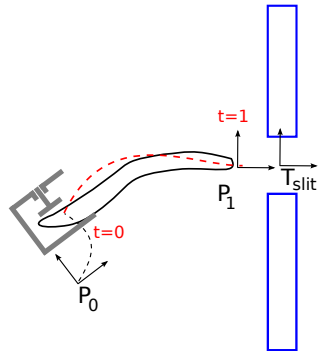
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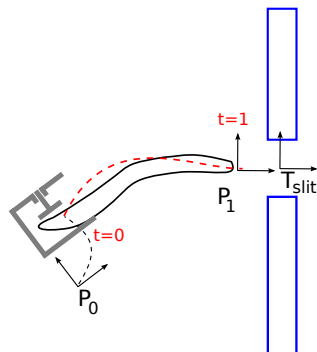
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- Let P_0 and P_1 be the coordinates corresponding to the start and target configuration, both $\in R^2 \times SO(1)$



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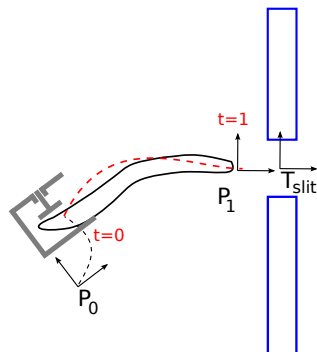
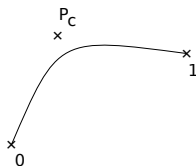


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Could be defined by a rational Bézier-curve, so that a control-point P_c and a scalar weight is learned:



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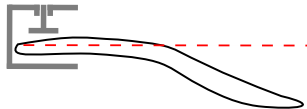
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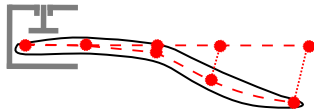
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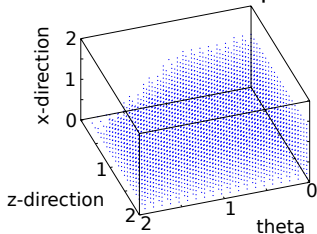
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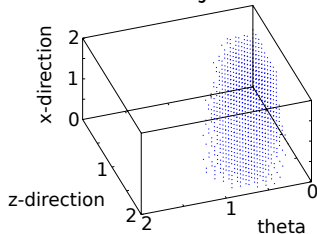
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Based on a set of samples from the density, evaluated on the real setup, a refined density can be achieved.

Learned controlpoints for two different objects:



Object: $40 \times 15 \times 2mm$



Object: $80 \times 15 \times 2mm$

- Needs additional experiments



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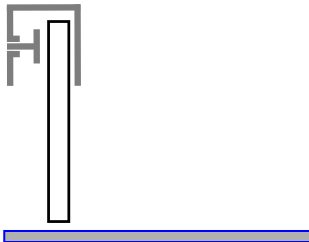
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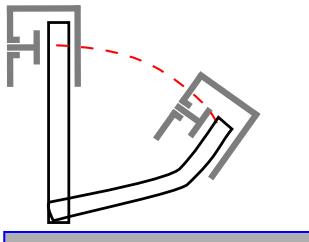
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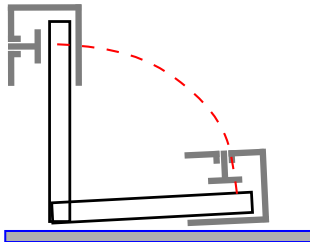
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During action: potentially increased force applied by gripper

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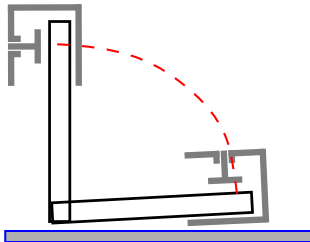
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Concept:

- reuse methodology from PiH-actions



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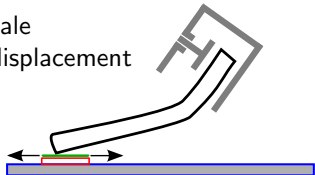
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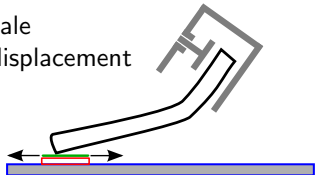
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Design of simulated experiments becomes complex:

- Supporting surface from table
- Impact of gripper
- Impact of gravity

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Future task:

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