



# Adaptive Fusion-based 3D Keypoint Detection for RGB Point Clouds

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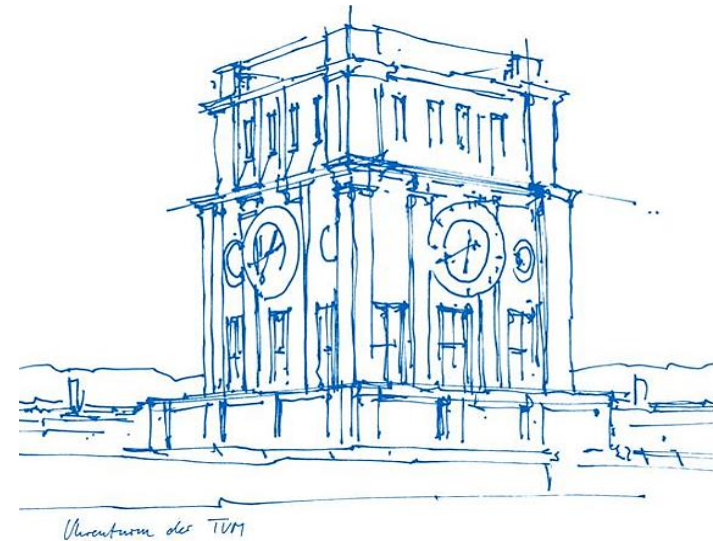
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# Overview

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- Contributions
  - ❖ Geometric salient points detection
  - ❖ RGB salient points detection
  - ❖ Fusion of salient points
- Experimental Evaluation
- Conclusion

# Why 3D Keypoint Detection?

- 3D object recognition, retrieval and matching
  - ❖ Global descriptors
    - Require pre-segmented objects
    - Performance degrades with occlusion and clutter
    - Computationally efficient
  - ❖ **Local descriptors**
    - No pre-segmentation is required
    - Robust against occlusion and clutter
    - Computationally expensive
    - Require ***keypoint detection***

# 3D Keypoint Detectors

## ➤ Fixed scale

- ❖ Local Surface Patches (LSP) [1]
- ❖ Heat Kernel Signature (HKS) [2]
- ❖ Intrinsic Shape Signature (ISS) [3]
- ❖ Keypoint Quality (KPQ) [4]
- ❖ Harris 3D [5]
- ❖ Harris 6D [6]
- ❖ Histogram of Normal Orientation (HoNO) [7]

## ➤ Adaptive scale

- ❖ Laplace-Beltrami Scale Space (LBSS) [8]
- ❖ Salient Point (SP) [9]
- ❖ Mesh Difference of Gaussian (Mesh-DoG) [10]
- ❖ Keypoint Quality Adaptive Scale (KPQ-AS) [4]

**Adaptive scale keypoint detector are more robust and scale invariant**

The detectors shown in black use the geometrical structure for keypoint detection while the **keypoint detectors shown in blue** use either RGB/geometry or use both RGB and geometry information

# Existing Algorithms Drawbacks

- Existing 3D keypoint detectors have limited performance
  - ❖ Low repeatability
  - ❖ Low distinctiveness
- Most of the existing 3D detectors either use
  - ❖ Geometric information
  - ❖ Photometric appearance
- More efficient detectors are required in terms of repeatability and distinctiveness, and use both available information

# Proposed Technique

RGB point cloud

$$P = \{p_i \in \mathbb{R}^6 : i = 1, \dots, N\}$$



Mario of the SHOT-SpaceTime dataset [1]

Saliency measure from  
geometric structure  
motivated by [3]

$$P^{cor} = [P_x, P_y, P_z]$$

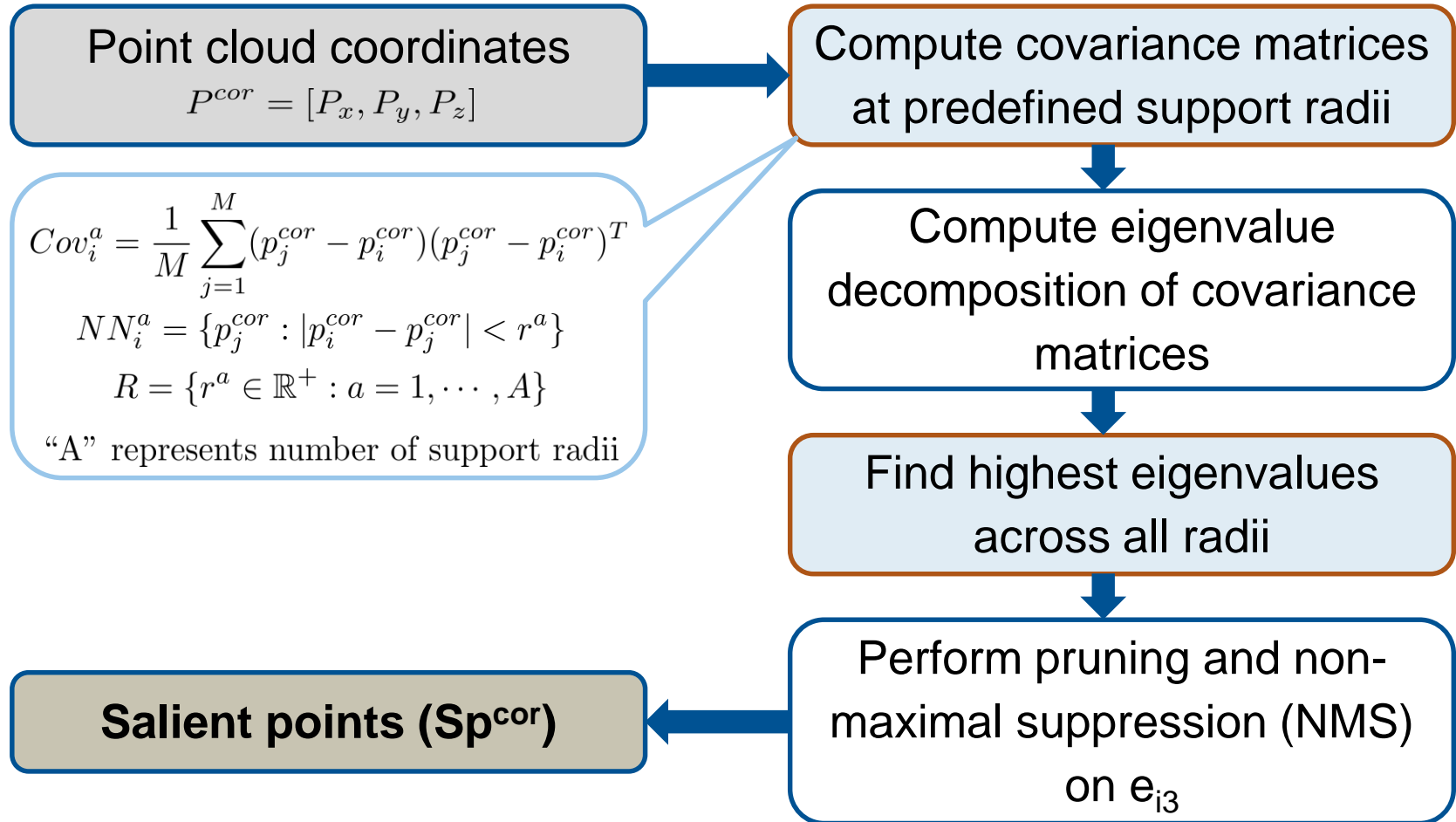
$$P^{rgb} = [P_r, P_g, P_b]$$

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Fusion of  
salient  
points

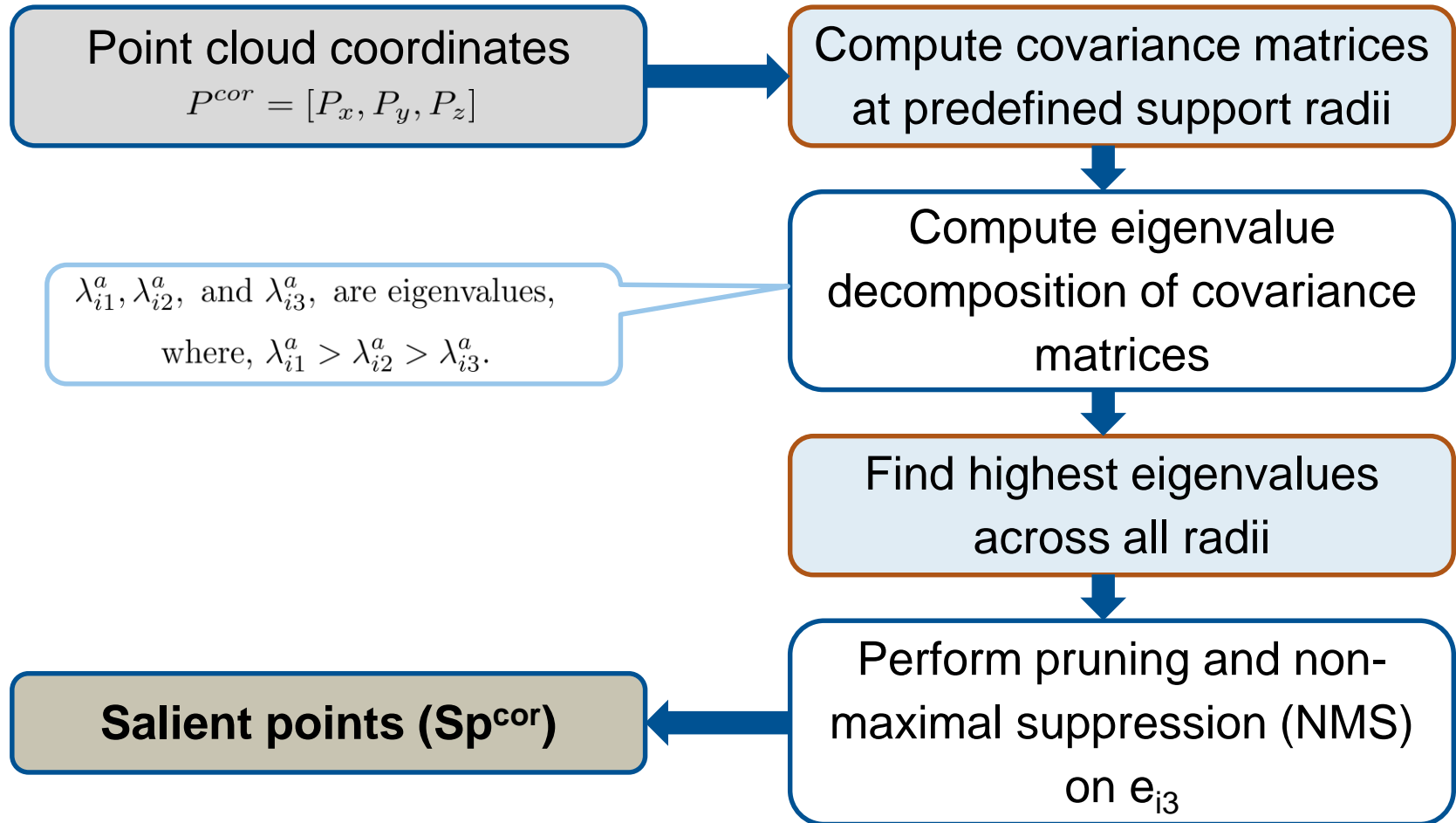
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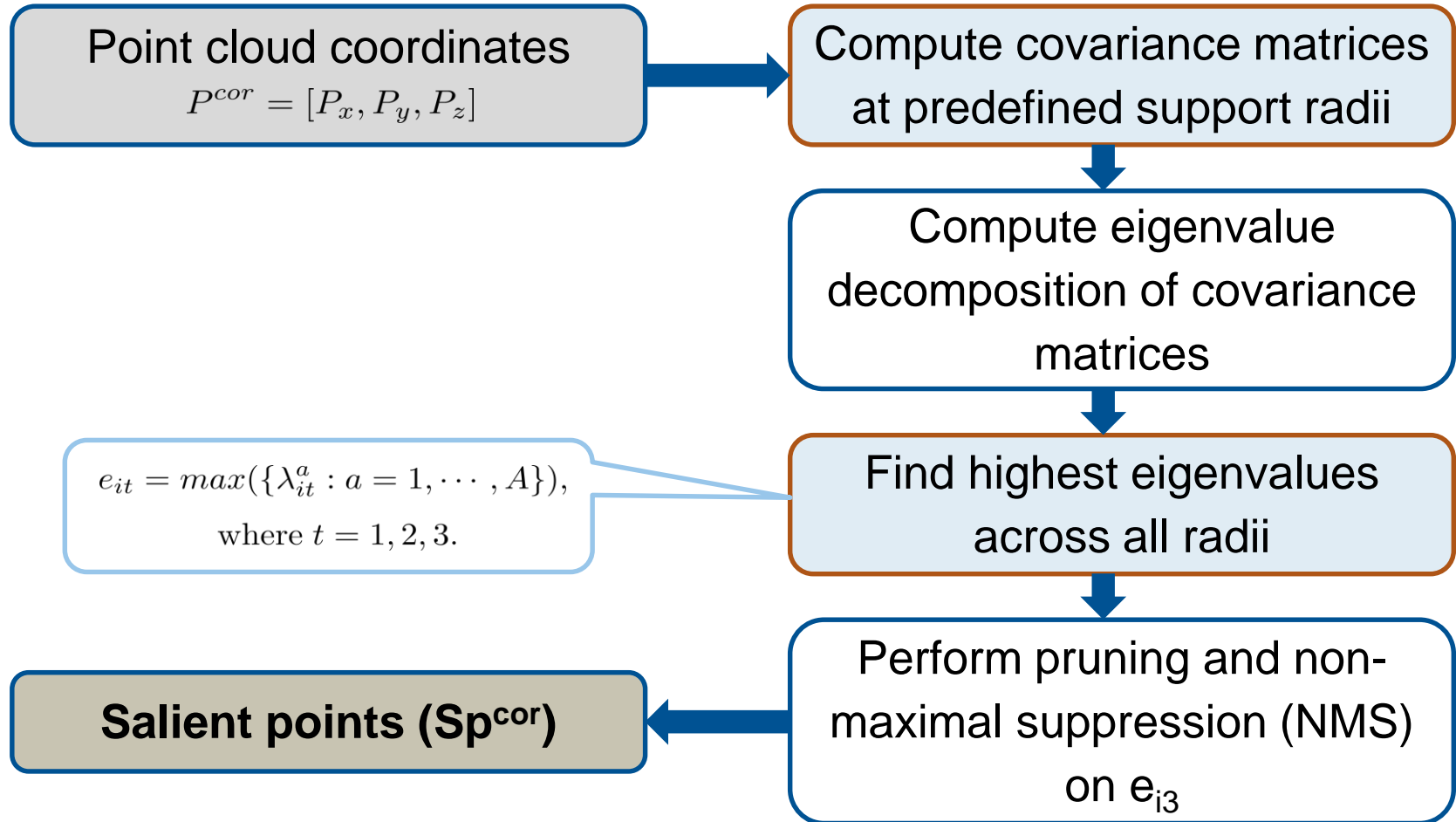
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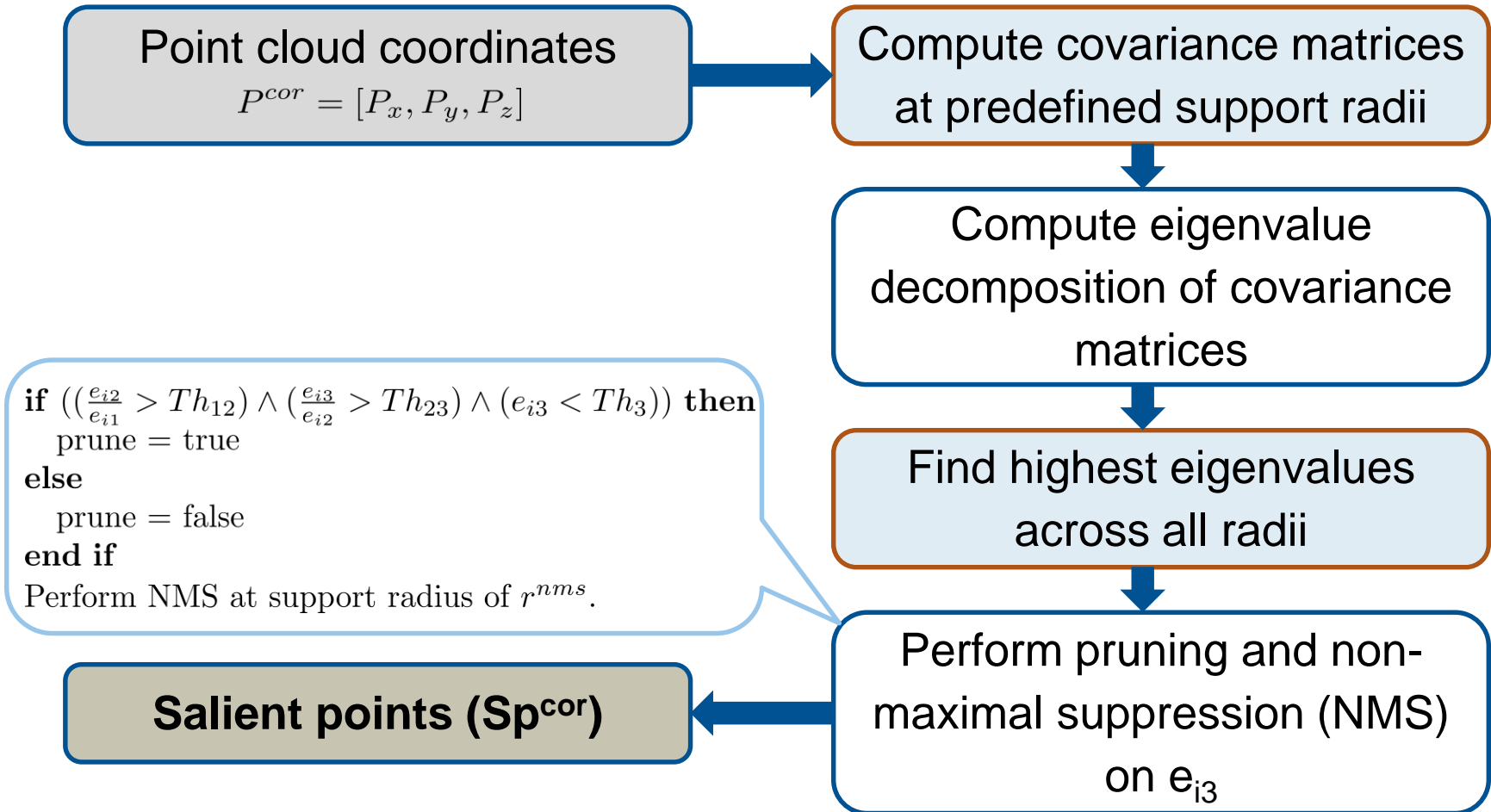
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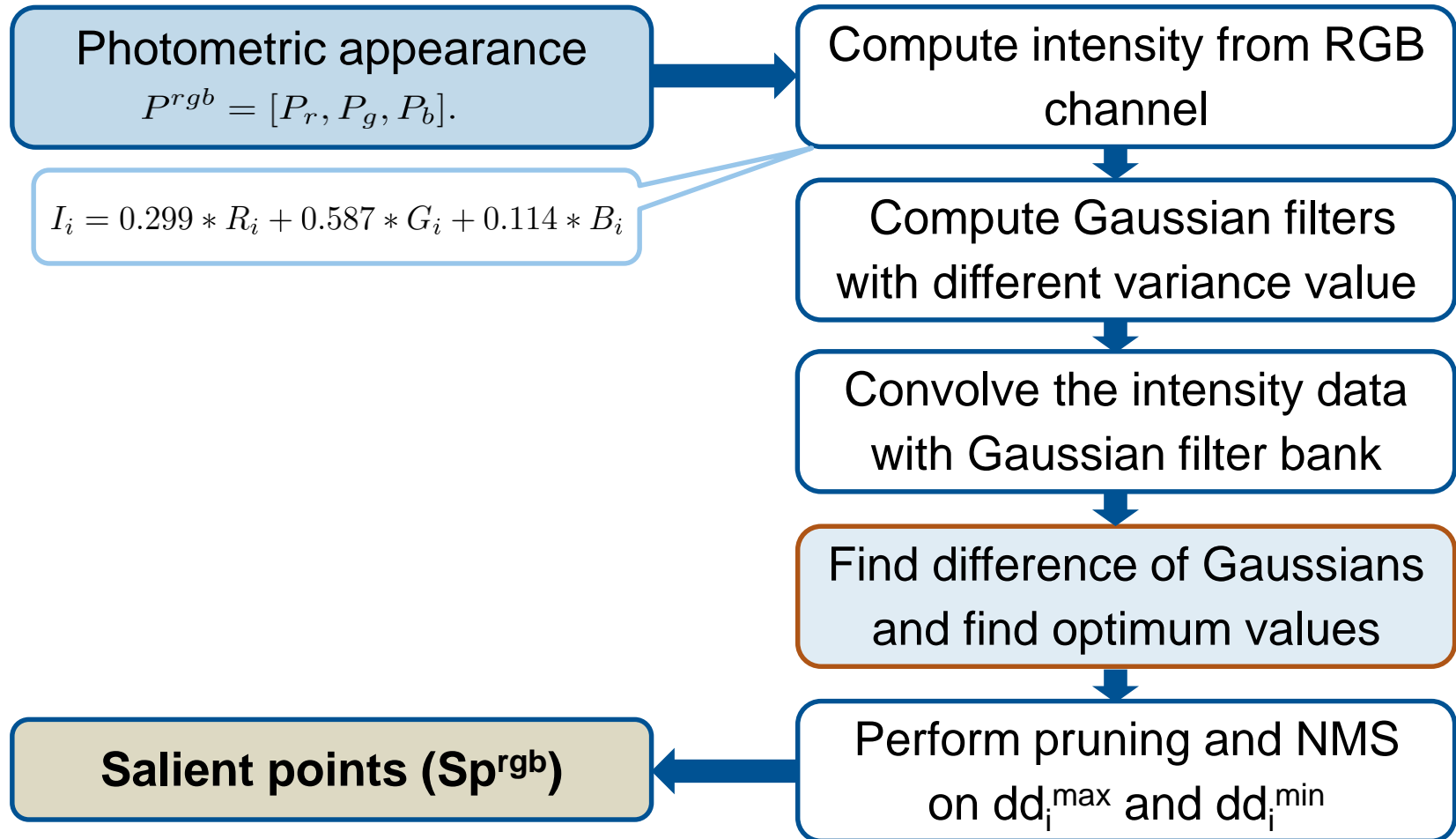
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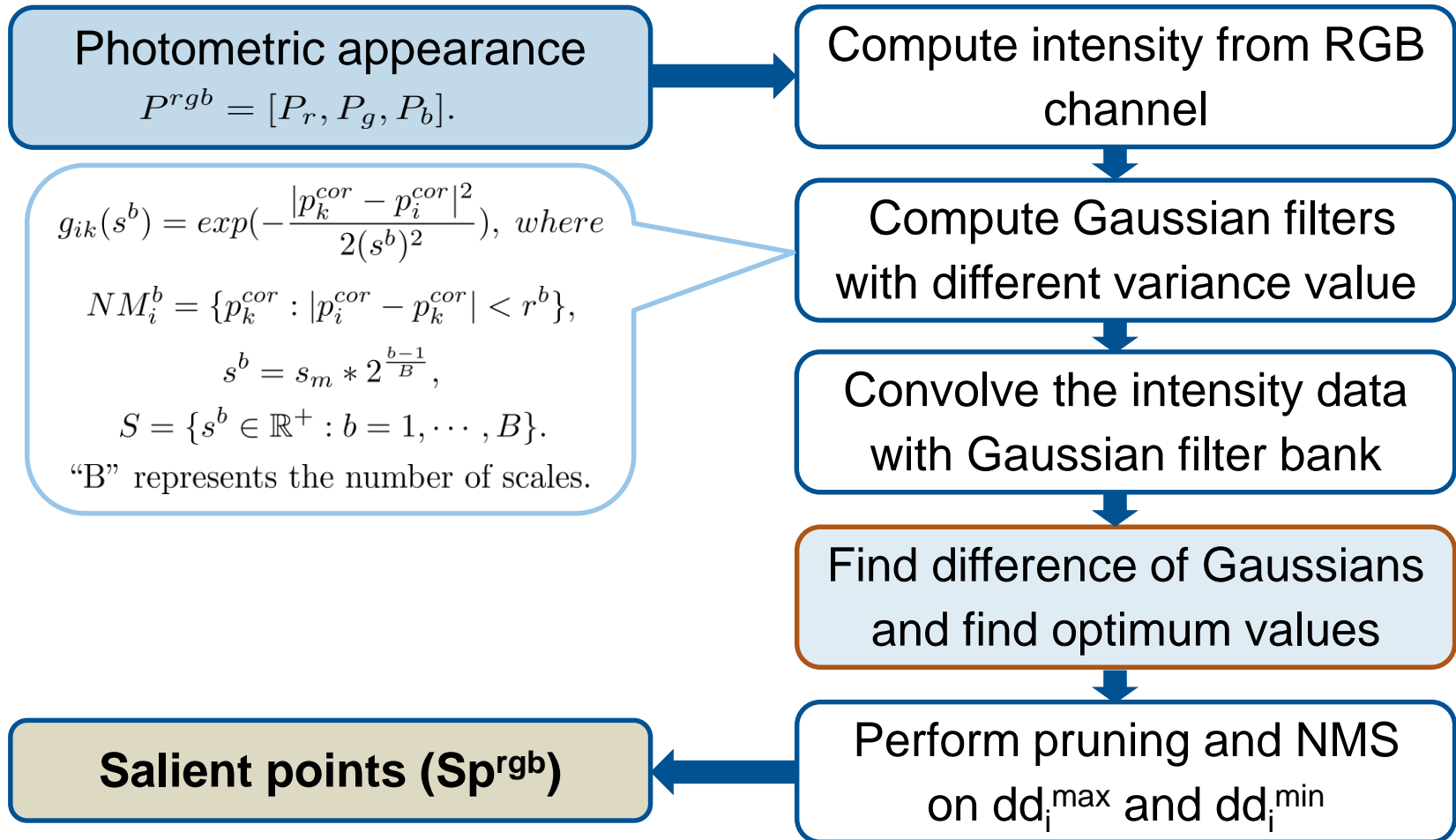
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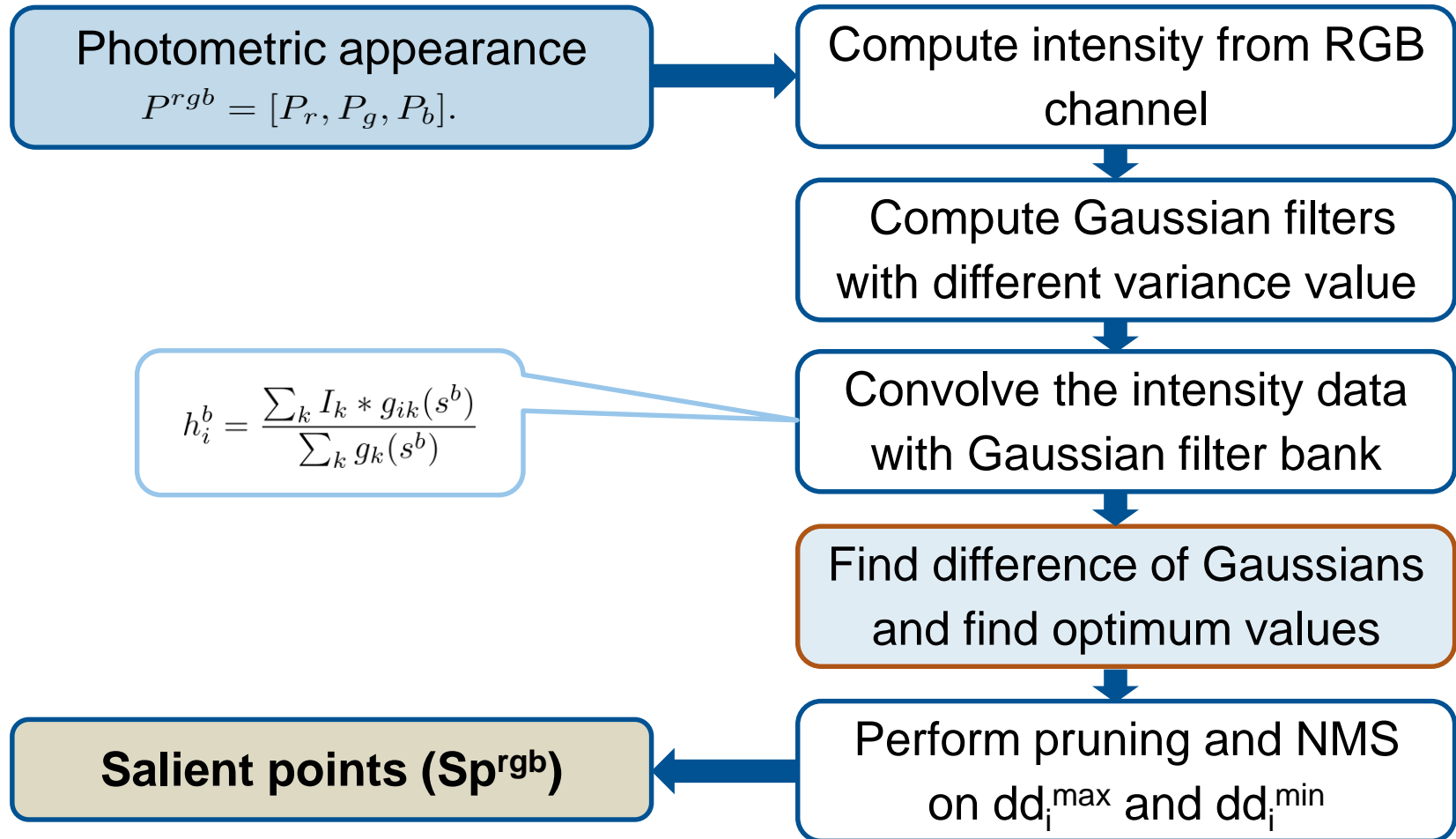
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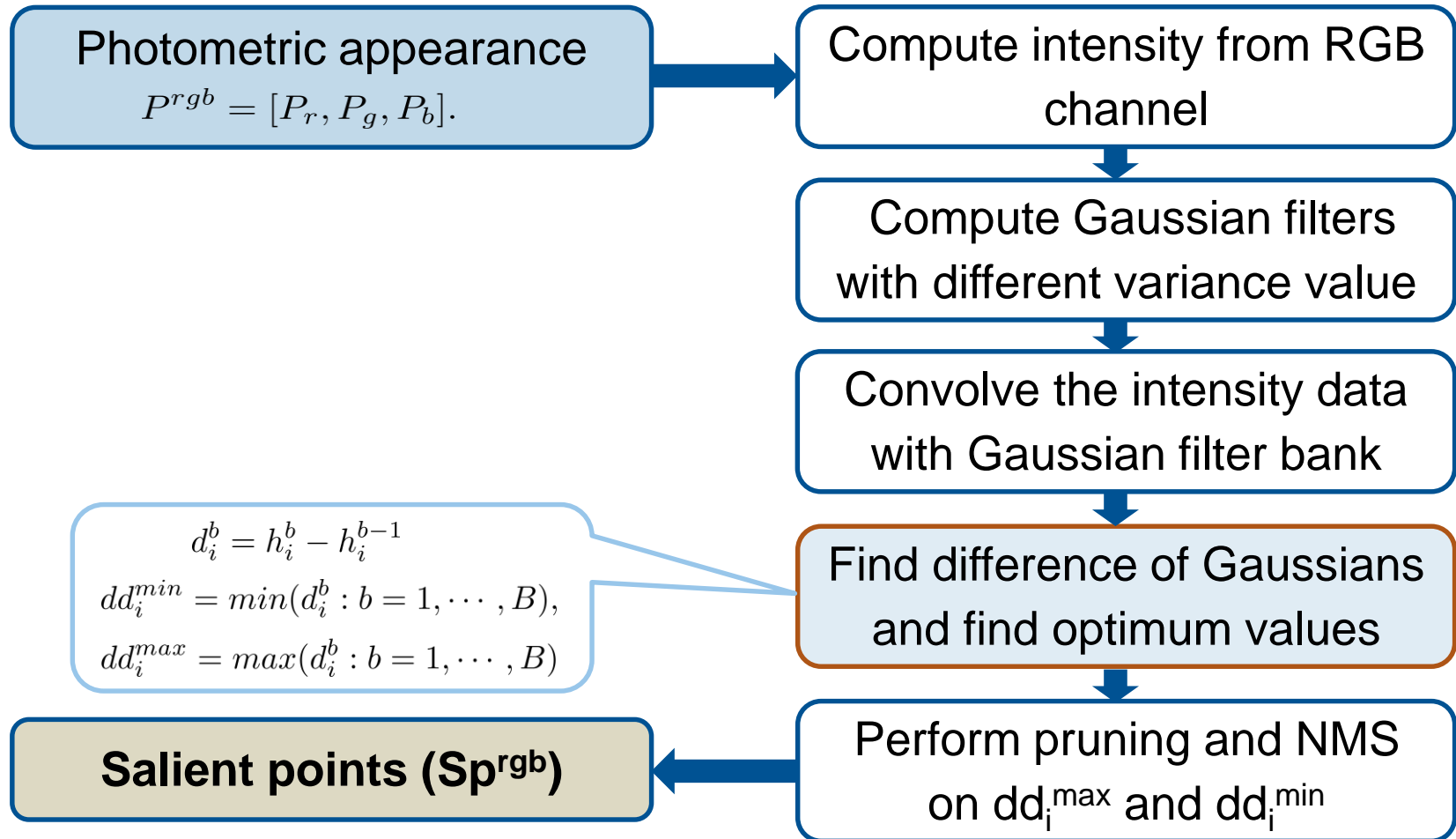
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Photometric appearance

$$P^{rgb} = [P_r, P_g, P_b].$$

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if ( $|dd_i^{min}| \vee |dd_i^{max}| > Th_{cn}$ ) then
  if ( $(\frac{v_{i2}}{v_{i1}} > Tr_{12}) \wedge (\frac{v_{i3}}{v_{i2}} > Tr_{23}) \wedge (v_{i3} > Tr_3)$ ) then
    prune = false
  else
    prune = true
  end if
else
  prune = true
end if
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where,  $v_{i1}, v_{i2}, v_{i3}$  are eigenvalues (in descending order of magnitude) of covariance matrix of RGB.

Perform NMS at support radius of  $r^{nms}$ .

**Salient points ( $Sp^{rgb}$ )**

Compute intensity from RGB channel

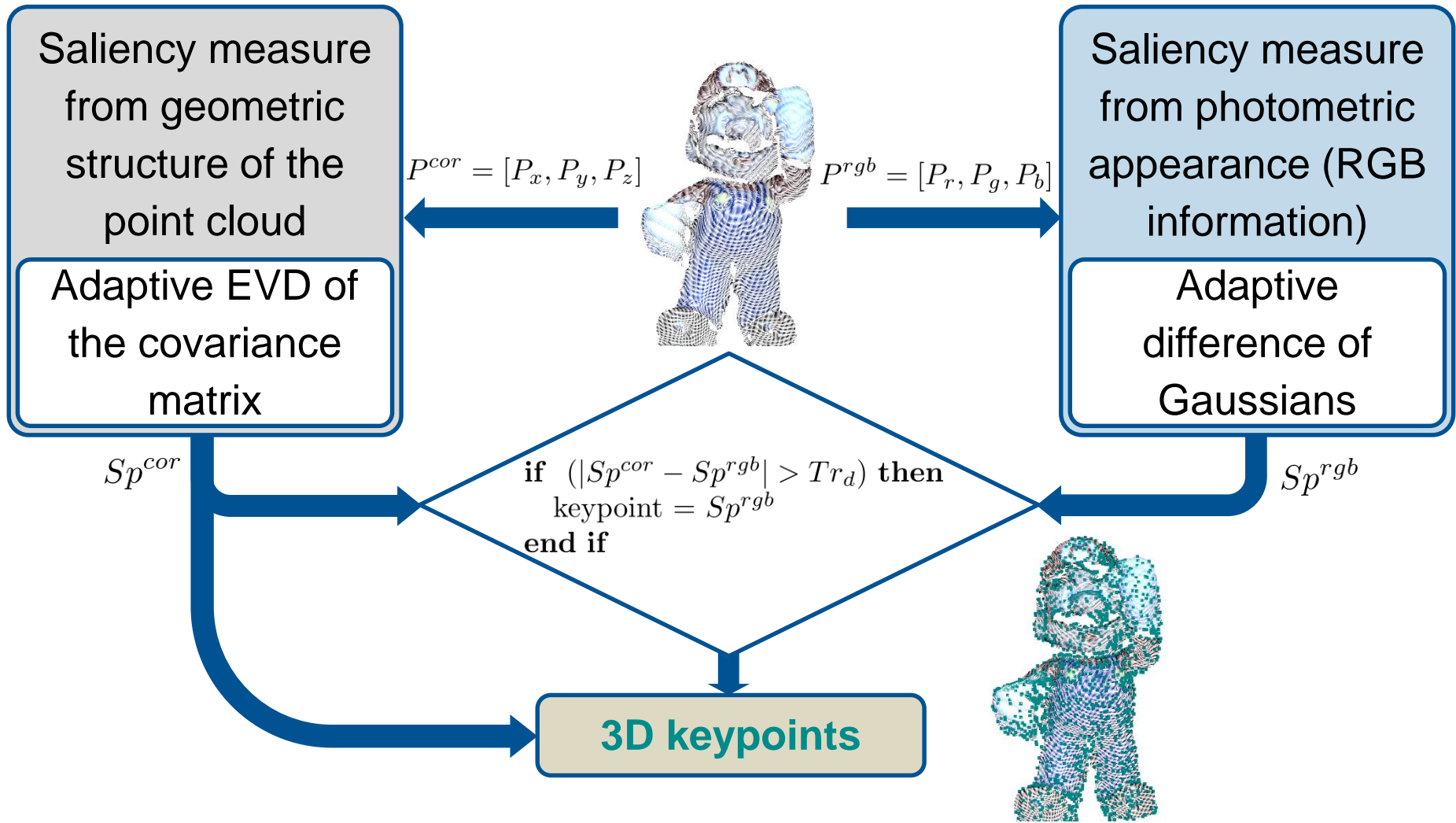
Compute Gaussian filters with different variance value

Convolve the intensity data with Gaussian filter bank

Find difference of Gaussians and find optimum values

Perform pruning and NMS on  $dd_i^{max}$  and  $dd_i^{min}$

# Fusion of Salient Points



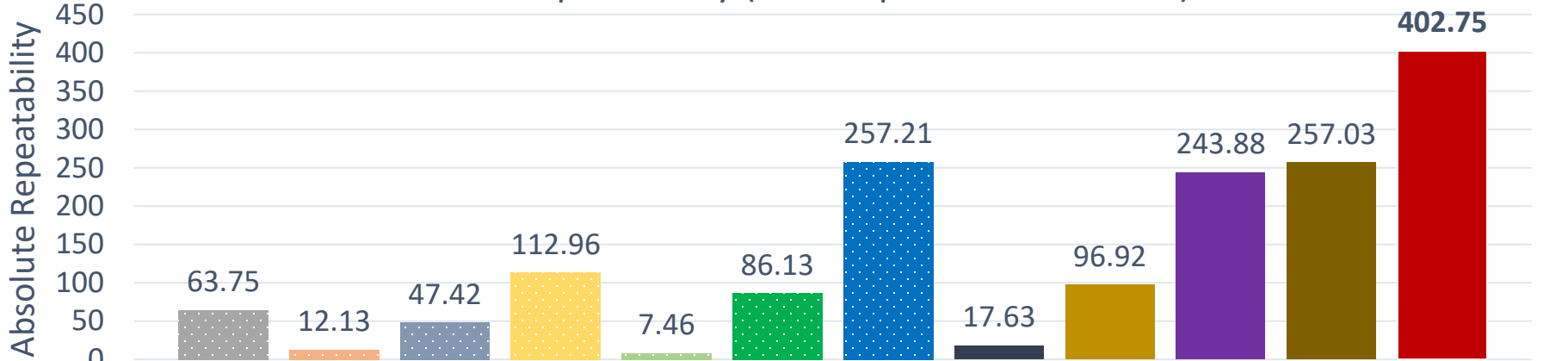


# Experimental Evaluation

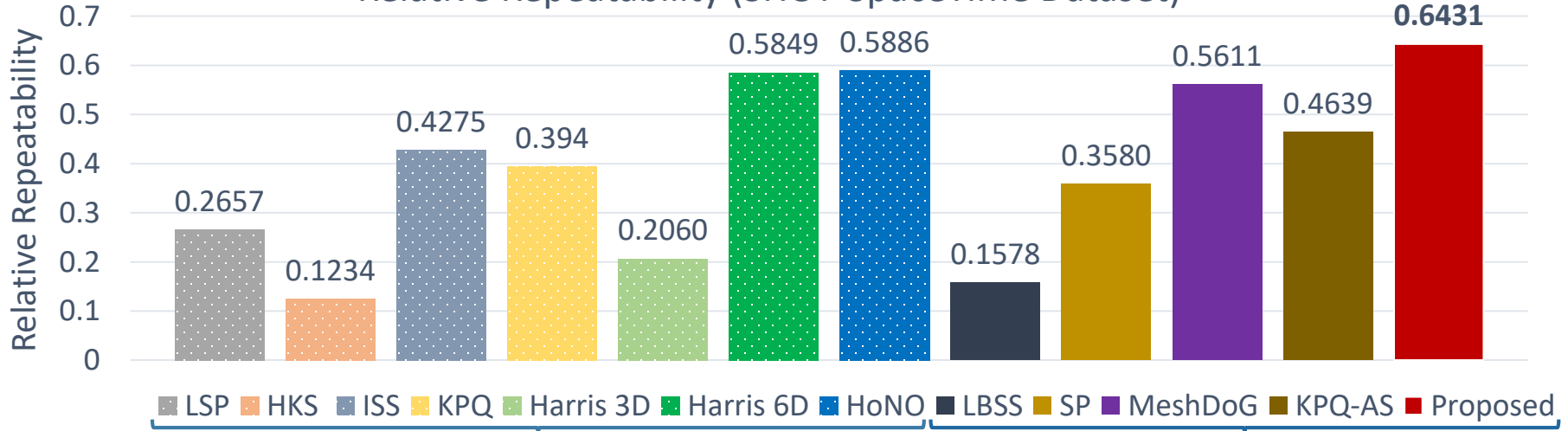
- Two point cloud datasets with RGB information
  - ❖ SHOT-SpaceTime dataset [11,12]
  - ❖ SHOT-Kinect dataset [11,12]
- Evaluation metrics
  - ❖ Absolute repeatability [11]: number of repeatable keypoints involving model-scene pair
  - ❖ Relative repeatability [11]: ratio of absolute repeatability to total number of non-occluded keypoints detected from the model

# Repeatability SHOT-SpaceTime Dataset

Absolute Repeatability (SHOT-SpaceTime Dataset)



Relative Repeatability (SHOT-SpaceTime Dataset)

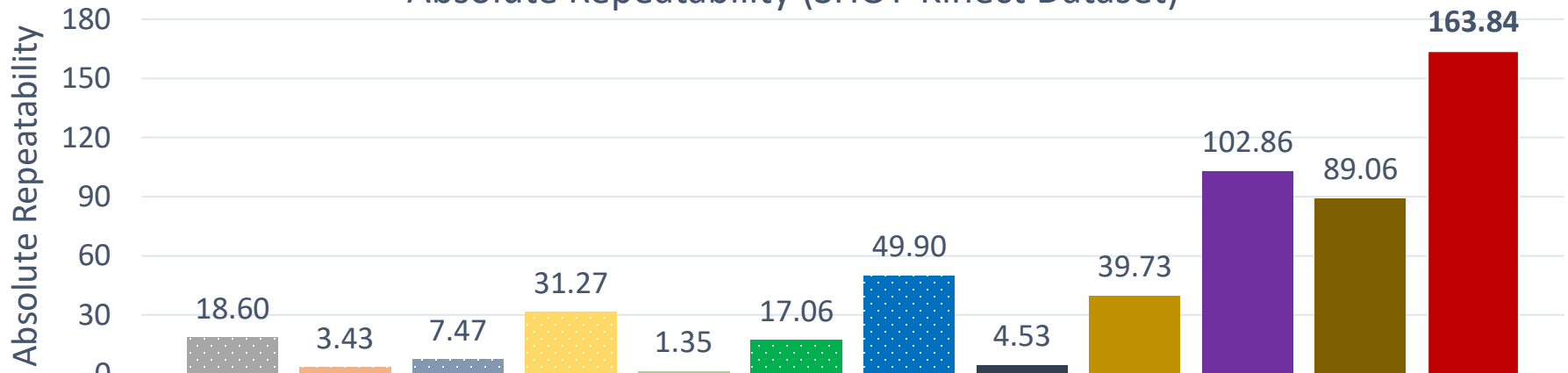


Fixed scale detectors

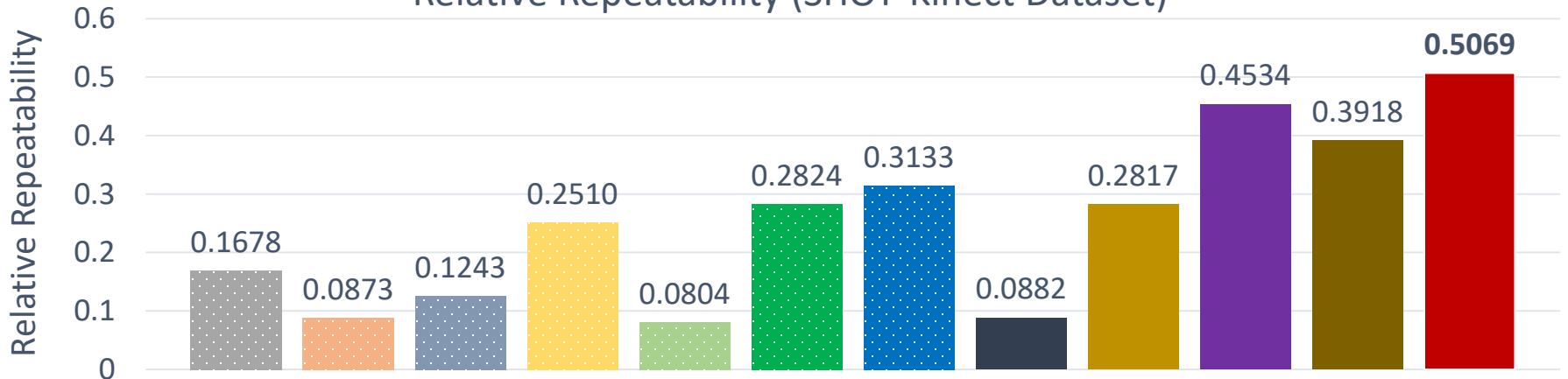
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# Repeatability SHOT-Kinect Dataset

Absolute Repeatability (SHOT-Kinect Dataset)



Relative Repeatability (SHOT-Kinect Dataset)



Legend: LSP, HKS, ISS, KPQ, Harris 3D, Harris 6D, HoNO, LBSS, SP, MeshDoG, KPQ-AS, Proposed

Fixed scale detectors

Adaptive scale detectors

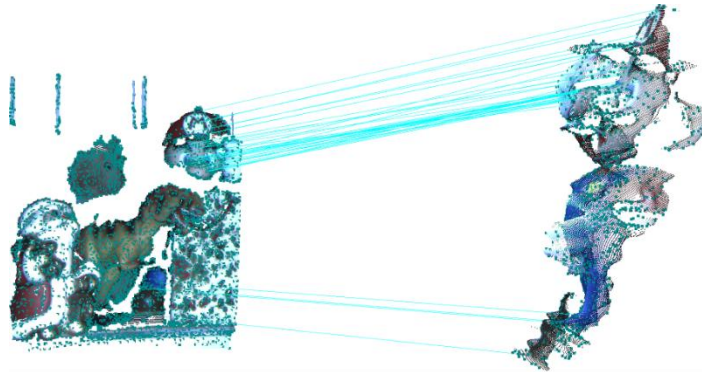
# Scale Invariance Evaluation of the RGB-based Keypoint Detectors

Detector	Scale Space	SHOT-Kinect		SHOT-SpaceTime	
		Absolute Repeatability	Relative Repeatability	Absolute Repeatability	Relative Repeatability
Mesh-DoG [10]	3	88.69	0.3953	193.33	0.5113
	5	142.65	0.4650	257.67	0.5548
Proposed DoG	3	134.27	0.4772	337.63	0.6492
	5	136.94	0.4792	333.83	0.6486

# Object Recognition using Keypoints

- SHOT descriptor [13] at keypoints and object recognition protocol defined in [14]

**Instance  
found**



Keypoints detected by proposed detector

**No instance  
found**



Keypoints detected by Mesh-DoG detector [4]

## Conclusion

- Proposed adaptive fusion-based 3D keypoint detector
- Compute saliency using adaptive EVD of the covariance matrices
- Compute saliency by adaptive Difference of Gaussian of the RGB information
- Fusion of the salient points
- The proposed 3D keypoint detector is more repeatable, distinctive and scale-invariant

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