



Evaluation of 3D SLAM on a Shuttle Bus Equipped with Limited Sensors Using Sensor Fusion and Calibration Techniques



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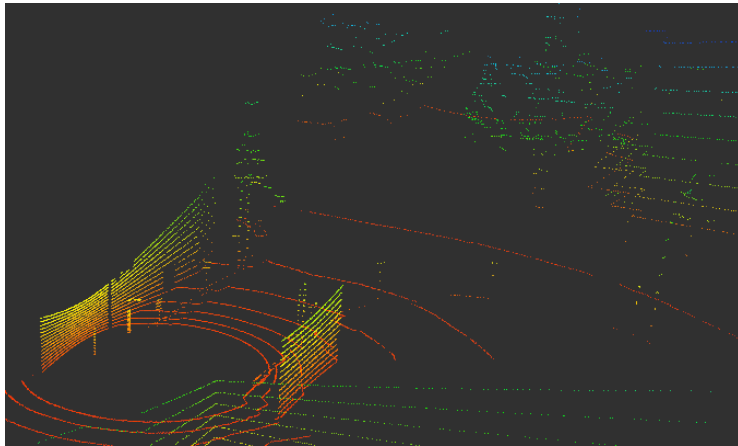
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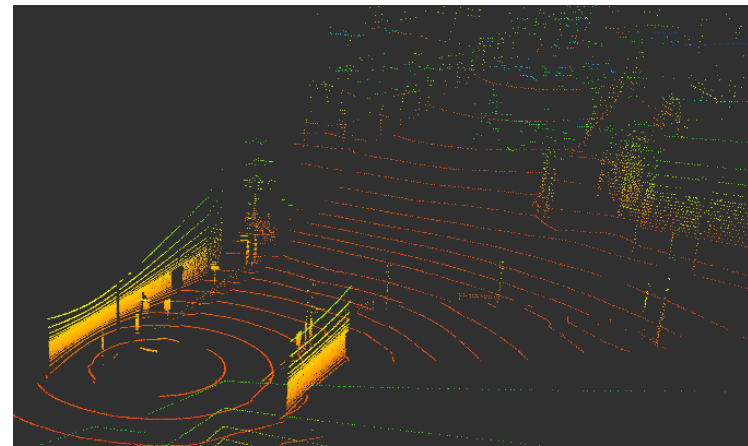
Brief Introduction

- Simultaneous Localization and Mapping remains one of the most robust in localization.
- Especially 3D SLAM but usually requires high-end sensors.

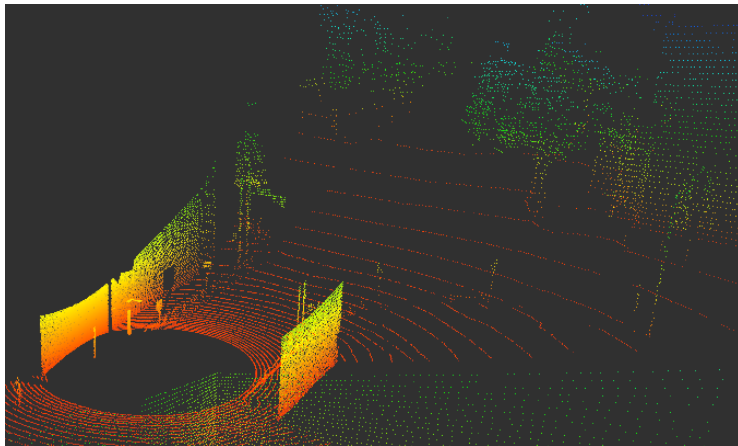
Resolutions of Various Velodyne LiDARs



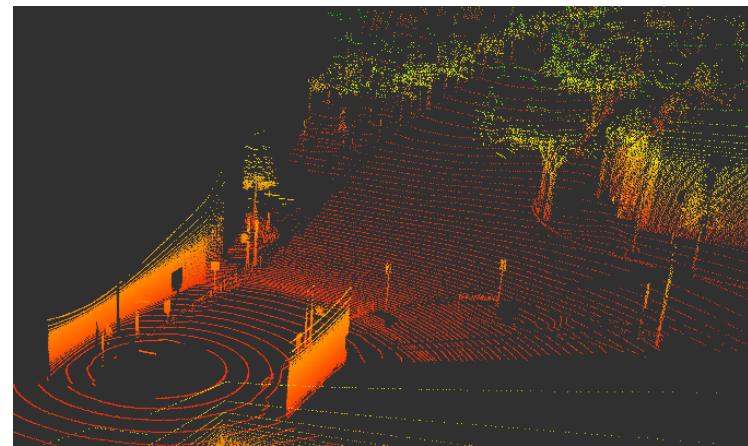
VLP-16



VLP-32



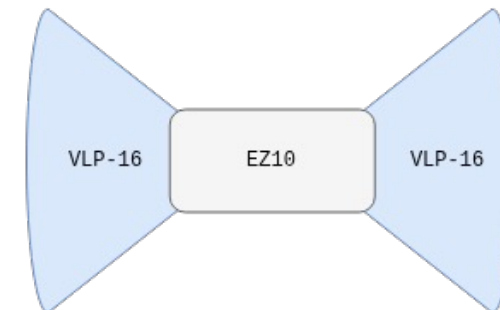
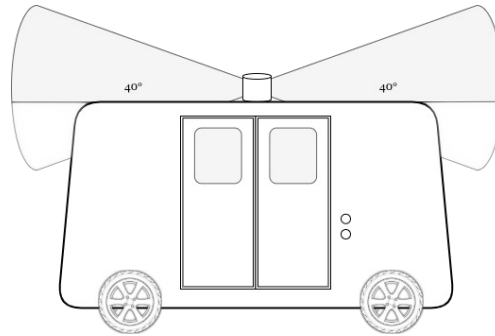
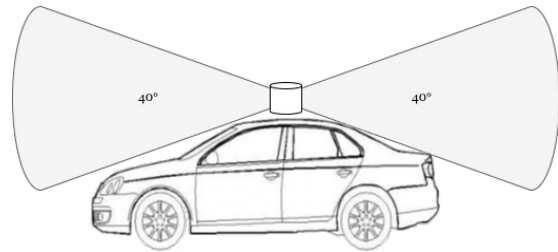
OS-64



VLP-128

*AWSIM Simulation on Unity

Design of Sedans vs. Shuttles



HFoV: 140°
VFoV: 40°
Range: 200m
Frequency: 10Hz

*<https://www.pixmoving.com/>

Datasets

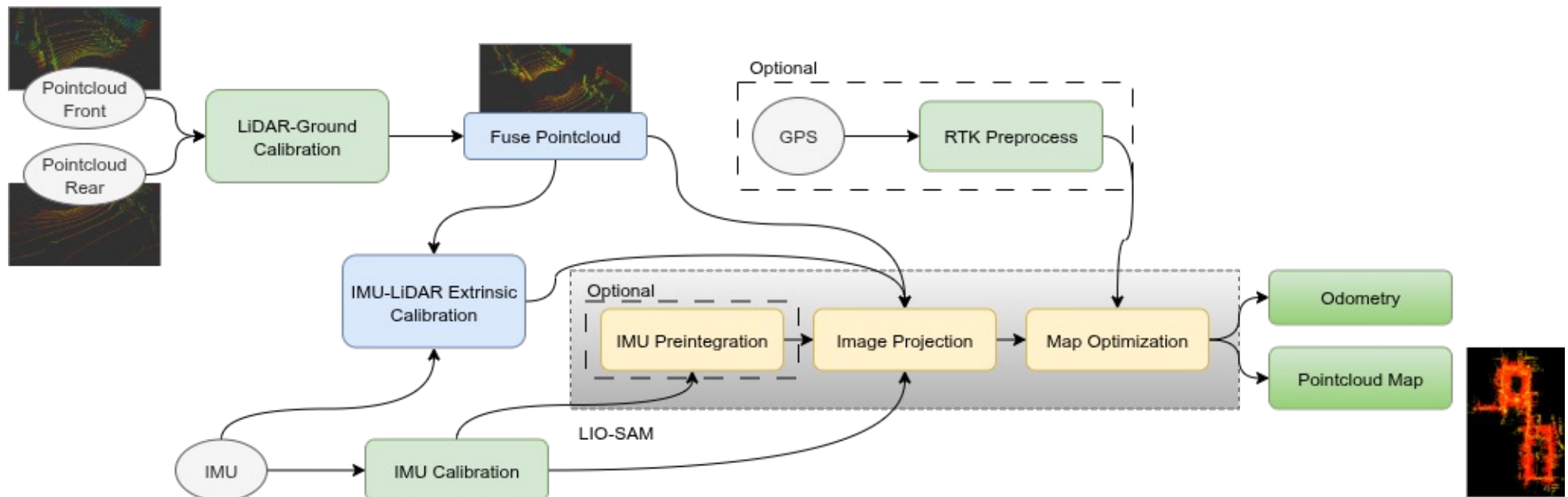
Datasets	KITTI	LIO-SAM	*Wan et al., 2018	Ours
LiDAR	HDL-64E	VLP-16	VLP-32	VLP-16 x2
HFoV	360°	360°	360°	140°
VLayers	64	16	32	16
IMU	IGM-A1	3DM-GX5-25	RT3000 v3	Xsens MTi-10
Frequency	200 <i>Hz</i>	1000 <i>Hz</i>	250 <i>Hz</i>	100 Hz
Gyro Noise	0.3 °/ \sqrt{hr}	0.3 °/ \sqrt{hr}	0.2 °/ \sqrt{hr}	1.8 °/\sqrt{hr}
Acceleration	50 $\mu\text{g}/\sqrt{Hz}$	20 $\mu\text{g}/\sqrt{Hz}$	8.5 $\mu\text{g}/\sqrt{Hz}$	60 $\mu\text{g}/\sqrt{Hz}$
Grade	Tactical	Industrial	Tactical	Industrial

*G. Wan, X. Yang, R. Cai, H. Li, Y. Zhou, H. Wang, and S. Song. robust and precise vehicle localization based on multi-sensor fusion in diverse city scenes. pages 4670–4677, 2018.

Objectives

- Development of calibration procedures for multiple Velodyne sensors with limited Field of View (FoV).
- Implementation of a point cloud fusion algorithm utilizing the PCL library to extend the effective FoV.
- Experimental validation of the proposed methods in unbalanced and highly complex environments.
- Comprehensive benchmarking of the system's 3D SLAM performance.

System Framework



Ground Plane LiDAR Calibration

Launcher configuration

Required arguments:

Name	Value	Help
base_frame	base_link	Base frame
lidar_frame	lidar_velodyne_front	Lidar's frame
pointcloud_topic	/lidar/velodyne/front/cloud	Topic of the lidar to calibrate
max_inlier_distance	0.03	Maximum distance in meters to
min_plane_points	500	Minimum number of points for a
min_plane_points_percentage	20.0	Minimum percentage of the total
max_cos_distance	0.2	Maximum cosine distance betwe
max_iterations	500	Number of maximum iterations i

Optional arguments:

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sensor_calibration_manager

Calibration finished

Save calibration

Service name	Parent	Child	Elapsed time	Score	Status
calibrate_base_lidar	base_link	lidar_velodyne_front	5.53	0.0	Calibration ...

Initial TF tree



Calibration tree

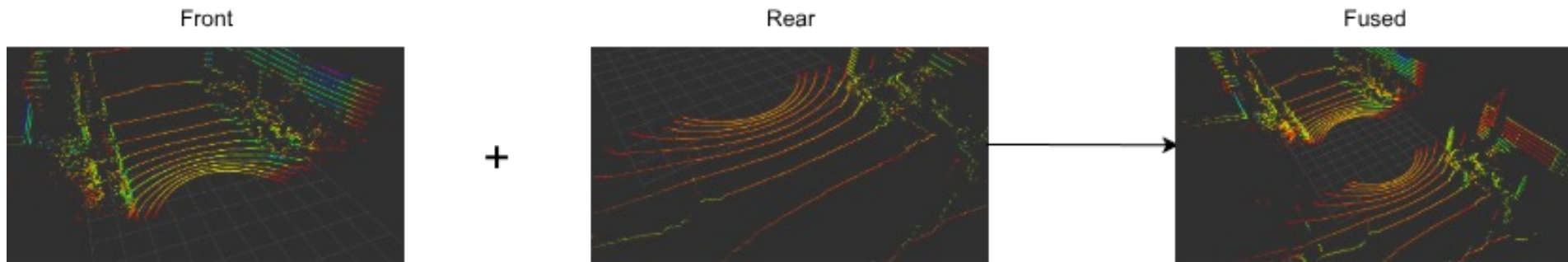


Final TF tree



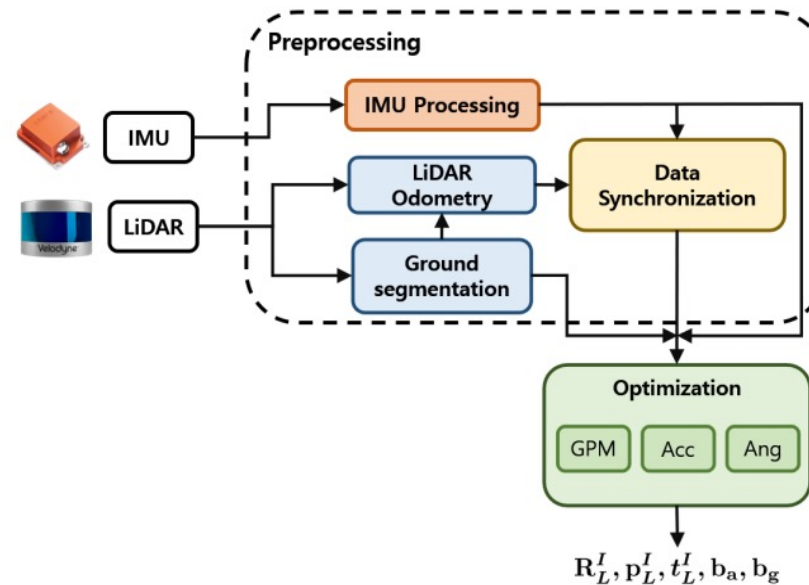
Fuse Pointcloud

- Set up the Velodynes to be same frequency (10Hz).
- Apply certain threshold so that the fused frame is within a certain time difference (10ms)
- The Pointcloud is fused in relation to the base_link.



LiDAR-IMU Calibration

- Use GRILL-Calib
- Overview of GRILL-Calib system framework



*TaeYoung Kim, Gyuhyeon Pak, and Euntai Kim. Gril-calib: Targetless ground robot imu-lidar extrinsic calibration method using ground plane motion constraints. IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, 9(6):5409–5416, 2024.

Experimental (Dataset)

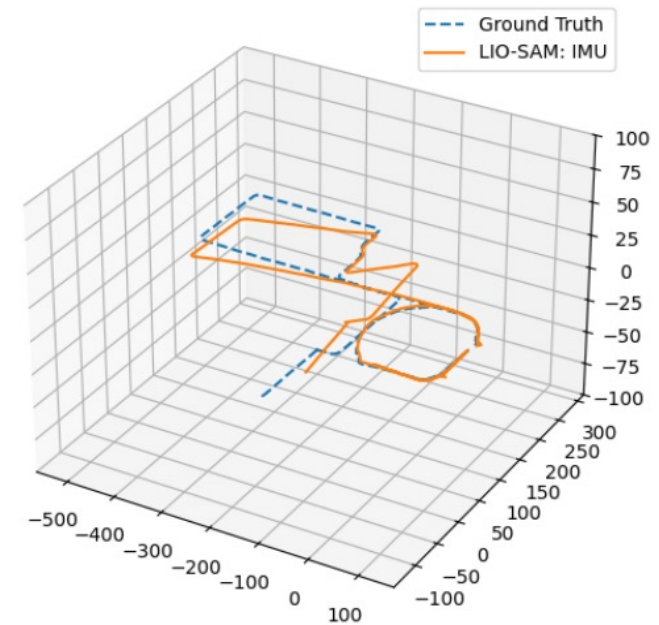
- RTK with 10 centimeters covariance as ground truth.
- The trajectories then compared with the ground truth using Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE).
- The metrics only involve 2D coordinates

Information	Value
Front-Velodyne Scans	22329
Rear-Velodyne Scans	22328
Velodyne Frequency	10 Hz
Elevation	2 m
Trajectory Length	2.36 km
Speed	1.5 m/s
IMU Frequency	100 Hz
GPS + RTK Frequency	5 Hz



Results

	IMU Preintegration	Single LiDAR			Fused LiDARs		Calibrated Fused LiDARS		
		IMU	IMU+GPS	IMU+RTK	IMU+RTK+NoGC	IMU+RTK+NoTC	IMU	IMU+GPS	IMU+RTK
Mapping	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1st Loop Closure	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2nd Loop Closure	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
RMSE	Failed	Failed	Failed	Failed	4.57	2.94	12.22	2.41	*1.76



Limitation and Future Works

- Limitation:
 - Only tested with slow speed
 - Failed to integrate IMU pre-integration
 - Still rely on GPS Coordinates
- Future Works:
 - Better Model for IMU pre-integration
 - Test with relatively high-speed area