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OUR MISSION



- Every year over 1.35 million lives are lost, with over 50 million more lives maimed on our roads.
- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) aim to prevent both road deaths and injuries by actively reducing the number of car accidents or the seriousness of the impact of accidents that cannot be avoided.
- ADAS systems deploy perception services which assist the driver to make quicker and safer driving decisions.
- Provizio enhance these systems by deploying AI/ML models to make ADAS systems better and in that way aim to reduce this number further.

AUTOMOTIVE RADAR LANDSCAPE



Mobility is being commoditised



Autonomy is the path to disruption, but...

manufacturers are challenged to achieve full autonomy



86% of consumers don't trust autonomy, but...

human drivers cause a road death every 30 seconds



Provizio's solution is to solve the challenging corner cases faced by the industry in a cost-effective manner



THE PROVIZIO APPROACH



Improve sensors by using our 5D PERCEPTION® AI / ML models to augment human drivers; build trust...and data



Train our AI using crowdsourced data...in real-time



Deliver ubiquitous, safe autonomous driving...incrementally,

EVERYWHERE

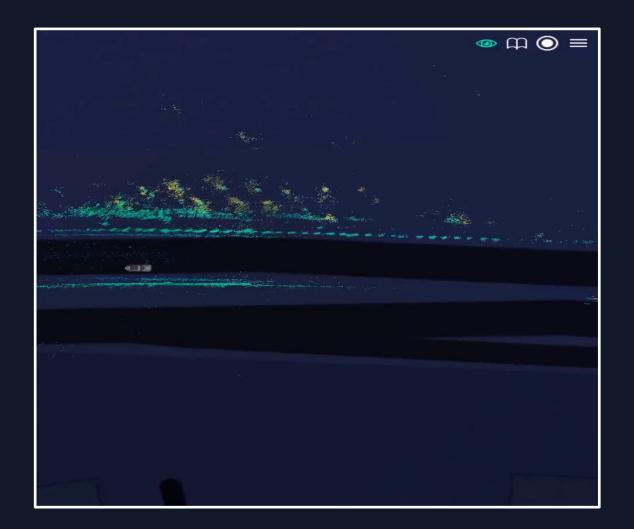




THE PROBLEM



- When PNT is lost, SLAM is lost
- When SLAM is lost, inputs to 5D PERCEPTION® are corrupted
- Corrupted inputs mean a corrupted output...
- Corrupted outputs mean safety features are lost



TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES



- To allow 5D PERCEPTION® microservices to be maintained when PNT signals are occluded on an automotive radar
 - Requires the maintenance of SLAM
- To predict the location change, from a previously known point, using the dead-reckoning technique
 - Requires the near instantaneous calculation of speed, angle change and distance
- The change in position must calculated by ONLY using radar data point detections.
 - No other sensors or components such as an IMU should be used
- Total processing and calculation time must be maintained within the 100ms limit per frame i.e. the 10
 FPS radar streaming rate and the radar nominal performance must be maintained
- The algorithm must be able to work using existing radar processors (or one having a similar cost)

EXISTING POINT CLOUD REGISTRATION TECHNIQUES



These include:

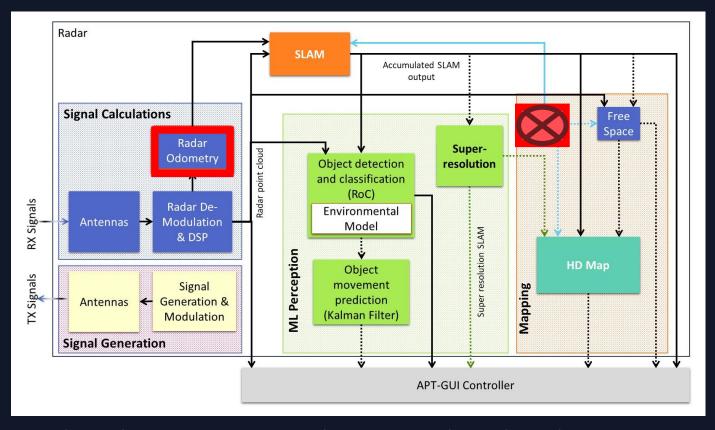
- Fourier-Mellin Transform this is often used in the context of visual images (in this case the images would be consecutive point cloud images) and their alignment using translation, rotation angle, and scale factor. It therefore requires a significant computational overload for real-world applications, which is unsuitable for real-time applications.
- Registration with Existing Radar Maps these systems register a current radar point cloud, or a window of several radar point clouds, with an existing radar point cloud-based map, which may have been obtained over multiple vehicle passes. A major drawback of this approach is the need for prior maps to have been generated, which along with being time-consuming, is also impractical.
- Feature Extraction and Iterative Closest Surface Point uses filtering to extract key features of the radar point cloud through only keeping the strongest range returns for each azimuth angle, calculating surface points and the normal axes from the filtered point cloud and then registering with closest surface points and normal axes in location and angle within a sliding window of previous point cloud frames. This method requires no existing map data and can be operated at a relatively fast rate. However, for best performance, parameters need optimised for the specific radar sensor and operational environment thus making it impractical for general use.

EXISTING POINT CLOUD REGISTRATION TECHNIQUES

- Instantaneous Ego-Motion Estimation using Doppler Radar where the sinusoidal relationship between the radial velocity and azimuth angle of radar point cloud detections from stationary objects is used to enable the ego-vehicle (the vehicle on which the radar is positioned) velocity and yaw rate to be determined. However, it is not possible to directly extract the velocity vectors of the detections as a doppler radar can only measure the radial velocity component, which adds a considerable computation time to resolve.
- Use of an Inertial Measurement Unit and Accelerometer the use of additional components add further cost and redundancy as some information is already available from measured radar data.

RADAR ODOMETRY ALGORITHM





- The radar odometry algorithm is a scan matching-type algorithm that estimates the transform between measurements in the current frame and those in a previous frame.
- Designed to use a measurement of the ego-velocity, obtained from the radar point cloud, to make the extraction of the transform between scans easier and faster.
- Uses an adaptable Kalman Filter to 'de-noise' the calculation otherwise a location 'jitter' appears.
- Designed to be independent from an accurate radar extrinsic calibration and to need only a low number of operations for a quick implementation in real-time.

ODOMETRY ALGORITHM



START

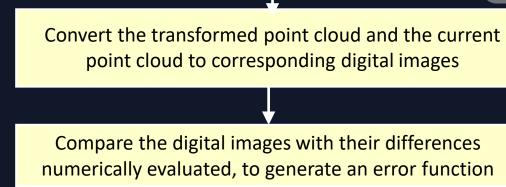
Record the last known location (when PNT information is lost this will come from an earlier calculation)

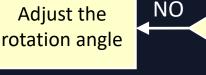
Identify clusters of observed detections of static points from a known number of consecutive frames in the radar point cloud

Calculate the velocity and range to these clusters from the radar and determine the motional speed of the radar

Record the positions of the static point clusters of the radar point clouds in the known number of consecutive frames in a common axis

Transform the radar point cloud clusters from a known earlier frame to that of the current frame using a transformation matrix with a given rotation angle





Is the error function a minimum?

YES

Use the rotation angle, range and speed to determine the new location using dead-reckoning

NO Has GNSS been recovered?

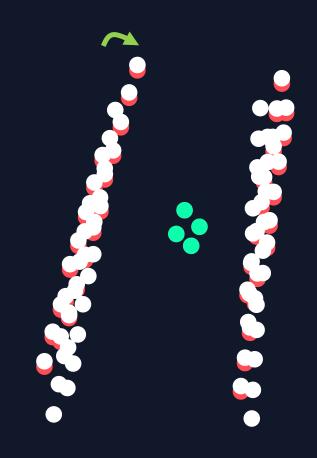
STOP

YES

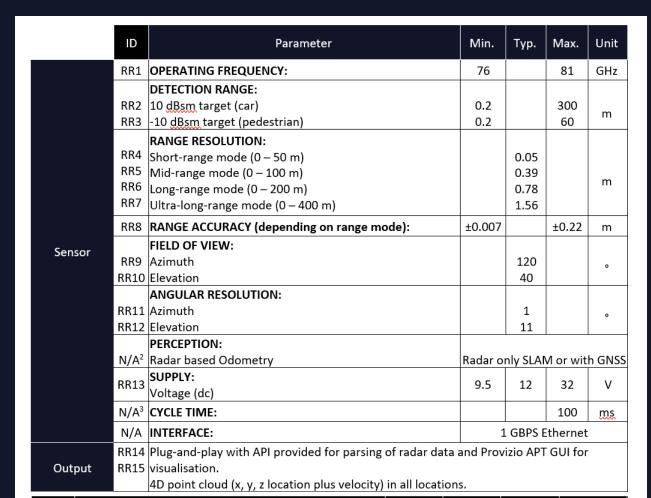
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ODOMETRY ALGORITHM DEVELOPMENT





SPECIFICATIONS



ID	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
MR1	Computation time			50	<u>ms</u>
	ANGLE DEVIATION:				
MR2	Straight road			0.1	° / frame
MR3	Roundabout (3 rd exit out of 4)			0.2	/ Irame
	DISTANCE ACCURACY:				
MR4	Straight road	±0.007		±0.22	m



INITIAL TESTING



- The first step was to test the original algorithm (pre updates) using a test radar.
- Tests were conducted using the 'first-build' engineering test radar to:
 - Allow further engineering data to be gathered if errors were observed.
 - Enable quick software updates to made due to availability of additional connection points to the radar processor, if required.



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RADAR PERFORMANCE TESTING



Range Accuracy

Capture Number	Mode	Range 1 (m)	Detection Bin 1	Range 2 (m)	Detection Bin 2	
1	SHORT	15	301	14.95	300	
2	MID	15	39	14.6	38	
3	LONG	15	20	14.2	19	
4	ULTRA-LONG	15	11	13.4	10	

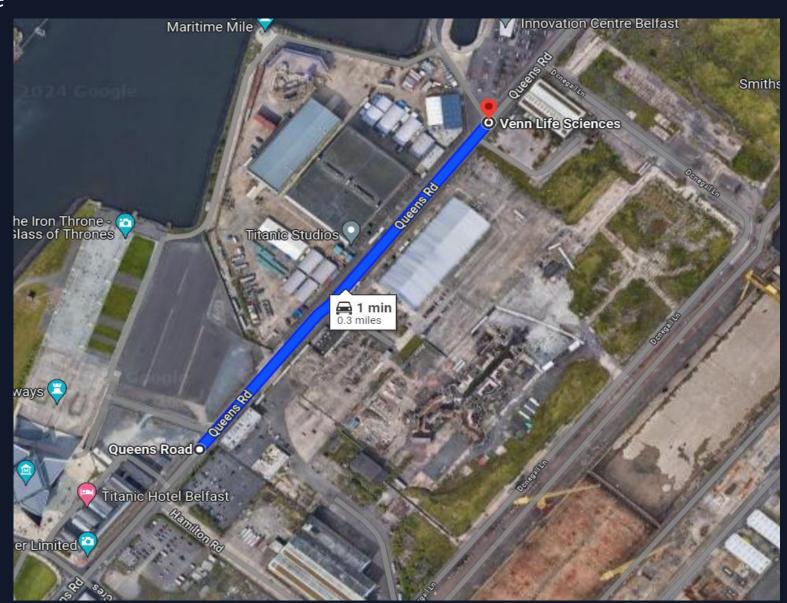


Bias Interface

Bias Setting (V)	Testpoint T101 (Required)	Testpoint T101 (Measured)	Bootup?
9	1.2	1.2	YES
12	1.2	1.21	YES
32	1.2	1.21	YES

RADAR PERFORMANCE TESTING

Detection Range



RADAR PERFORMANCE TESTING



Field of View Tests

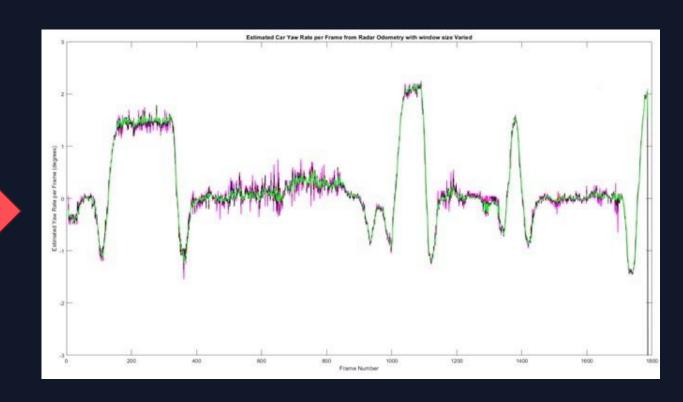
Capture Number	Range (m)	Az Angle (deg)	El Angle (deg)	Reflector SNR level (dB)	Pass / Fail
1	6	0	0	-53.57	PASS
2	6	60	0	-37.33	PASS
3	6	0	20	-48.15	PASS



INITIAL RADAR PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW







DIVERGENCE



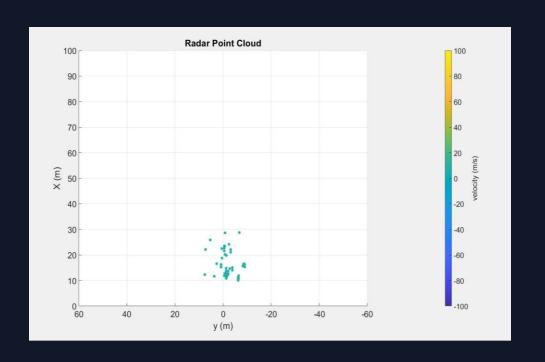
 While initial testing showed promising results, it was noticed that after some time, the yaw rate was seen to start diverging and constantly increase / decrease:

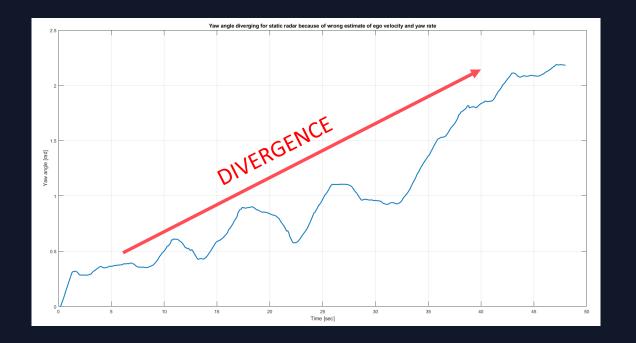


DIVERGENCE



- To investigate this further, analysis was conducted on a static radar in an indoor scene.
- Results showed a non-coherent detection plot appearing over time, so was proven not to be introduced by the test setup:



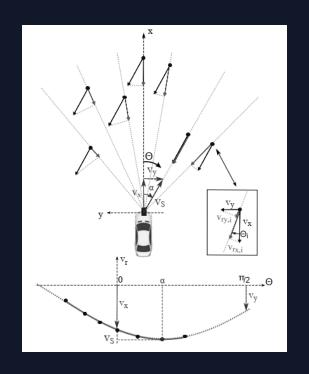


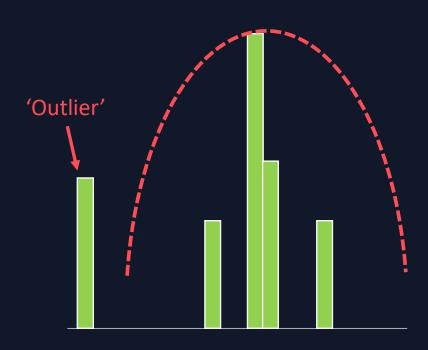
DIVERGENCE ANALYSIS



Analysis showed that:

Divergence appeared when the ground velocity was missing (from a noisy point cloud) and a histogram.
 velocity estimation is used which does not follow a cosine function as a lot of 'outliers' appear.





- It appeared when most of the point cloud was filtered as 'dynamic', leaving less than 10 points from static objects in the scene.
- Both effects were needed to occur simultaneously for divergence to occur.

DIVERGENCE SOLUTION



Use a *Hybrid Solution* to calculate the ego-velocity:

- Uses both the 'Histogram Estimate' and the one calculated from the complied radar processor code.
- As both estimates produce outliers at different frames, their combination greatly improves the ground velocity estimation.

In *noisy* environments:

- Ensure that the analysis is conducted over the full angle bandwidth, by:
 - Checking if the minimum located by the error function is improved from the previous calculation.
 - If this is not the case for 5 consecutive frames, the algorithm is reset to search over the full span of the possible yaw angles.

ODOMETRY DEVIATION – STRAIGHT ROAD



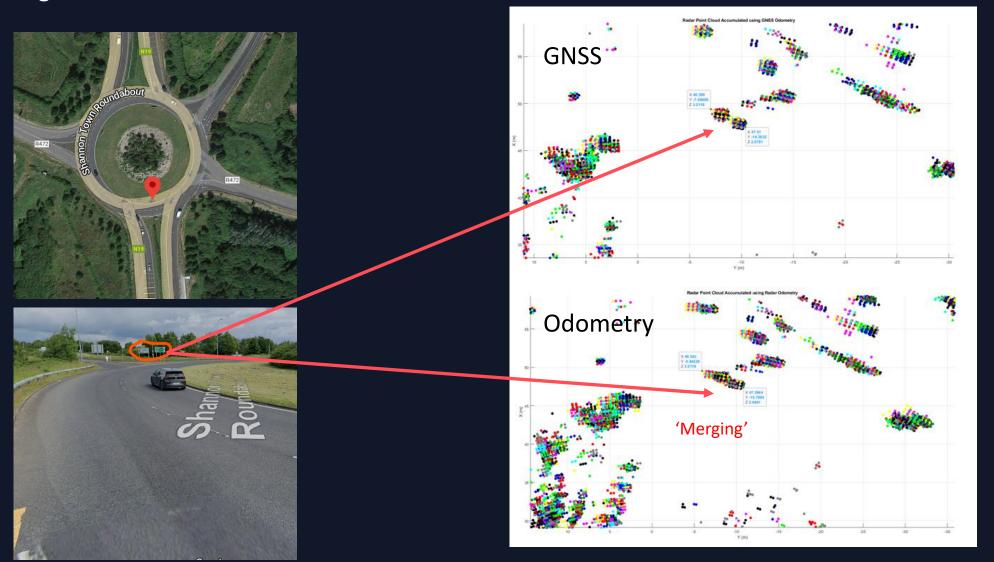
 By using accumulation on fixed reference points over time, the deviation of the points in the point cloud can be measured.



ODOMETRY DEVIATION - CORNERING



 Again, by using accumulation on fixed reference points over time, the deviation of the points when cornering can be measured.



DEVIATION - RESULTS



	Straight Road	Cornering
Total Measured Offset (m)	15	23
Delta (m)	7.5	11.5
Range (m)	300	47.4
Offset Angle (deg)	1.44	1.36
Number of Frames	20	10
Deg / frame	0.072	0.136

Deviations were measured to be well within the specifications.



COMPUTATION TIME ERROR



- Due to the more challenging calculation, the processor was unable to calculate the yaw angle quick enough as the computation time was limited on the radar processor to prevent other services from being disrupted.
 - Several code improvements would solve this problem in future updates.
 - High-framerate interpolation was also introduced between the last odometry frames in APT-GUI (SW3), to improve SLAM precision (without adding extra lag).
- Time-stamping was also neglected at the frame trigger point meaning that the yaw rate could be calculated over an incorrect time period.
 - Identified as introducing the possibility of an incorrect calculation.
 - Time-stamping was therefore implemented in future code updates to remove this potential error.

TEST RADAR PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



	ID	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Test Result
	RR1	OPERATING FREQUENCY:	76		81	GHz	PASS
		DETECTION RANGE:					
	RR2	10 dBsm target (car)	0.2		300	m	PASS
	RR3	-10 dBsm target (pedestrian)	0.2		60	""	PASS
		RANGE RESOLUTION:					
	RR4	Short-range mode (0 – 50 m)		0.05			PASS
	RR5	Mid-range mode (0 – 100 m)		0.39		m	PASS
	RR6	Long-range mode (0 – 200 m)		0.78		""	PASS
	RR7	Ultra-long-range mode (0 – 400 m)		1.56			PASS
	RR8	RANGE ACCURACY (depending on range mode):	±0.007		±0.22	m	PASS
Sensor		FIELD OF VIEW:					
Selisoi	RR9	Azimuth		120		0	PASS
	RR10	Elevation		40			PASS
		ANGULAR RESOLUTION:					
	RR11	Azimuth		1		0	PASS
	RR12	Elevation		11			PASS
		PERCEPTION:					
	N/A ²	Radar based Odometry	Radar o	nly SLAI	M or wit	h GNSS	
	RR13	SUPPLY:	9.5	12	32	V	PASS
		Voltage (dc)	3.3			•	17100
	N/A ³	CYCLE TIME:			100	ms	
	N/A	INTERFACE:	1 GBPS Ethernet				
	RR14	Plug-and-play with API provided for parsing of radar data	izio APT	GUI for		PASS	
Output	RR15	visualisation.					
		4D point cloud (x, y, z location plus velocity) in all locations.					
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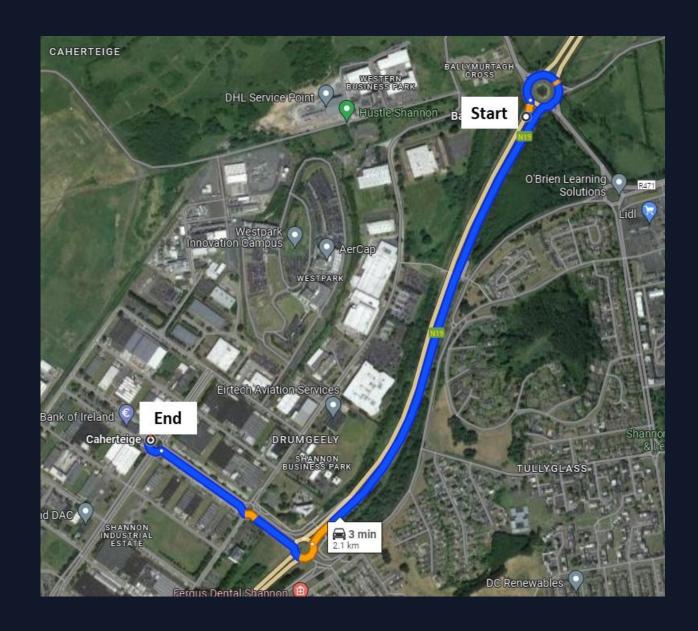
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MR1	Computation time			50	ms	FAIL
	ANGLE DEVIATION:					
MR2	Straight road			0.1	° / frame	PASS
MR3	Roundabout (3 rd exit out of 4)			0.2	/ ITallie	PASS
	DISTANCE ACCURACY:					
MR4	Straight road	±0.007		±0.22	m	PASS

IDENTIFIED ALGORITHM IMPROVEMENTS

- A number of algorithm improvements were identified and tested on pre-recorded data before being implemented on the test radar and later on the final radar.
- Updates were assessed based on the following principles:
 - Is the yaw-rate noise level reduced and thereby more stable?
 - Is it comparable to the GNSS yaw rate?
 - Is the processing time improved?
 - Is the algorithm refactored, or simplified, to allow an easier / quicker implementation on the radar processor?

VALIDATION CASE (PRE-RECORDED)

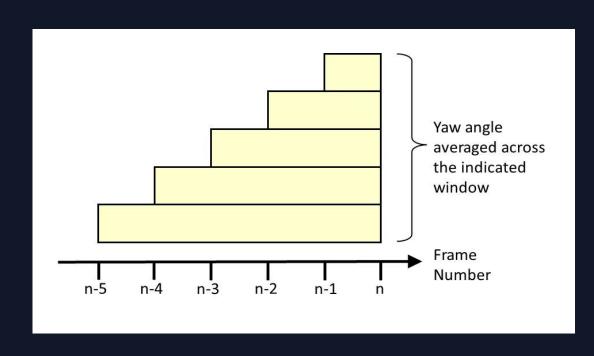


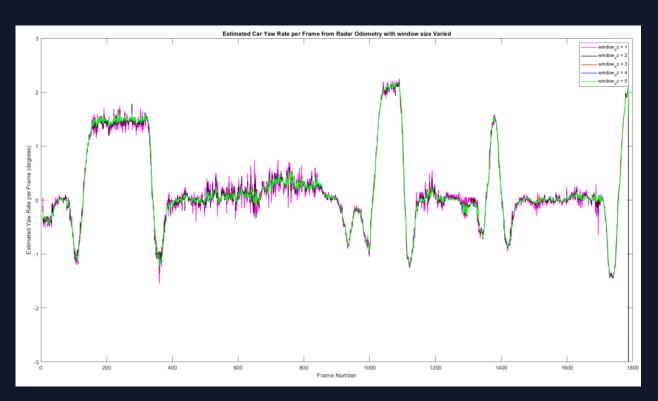


WINDOWING



- Introducing the concept of point cloud translation over a number of frames rather than single frames
- Finding the best offset number of frames





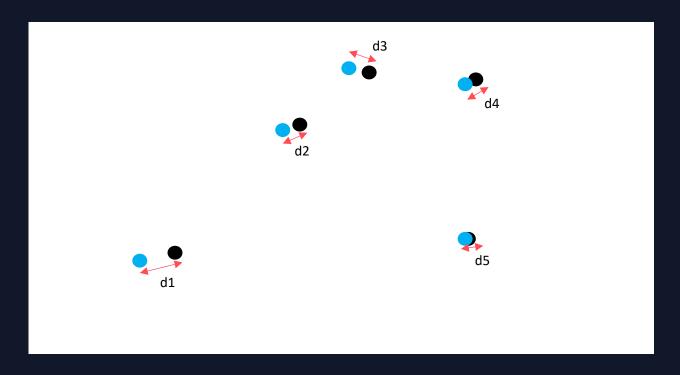
CONCLUSION: A window of size of 5 or more should be used

ERROR FUNCTION ESTIMATION METHODS



Absolute Difference Method

 Calculate the absolute difference from a transformed point to the current point. Sum the differences from all points



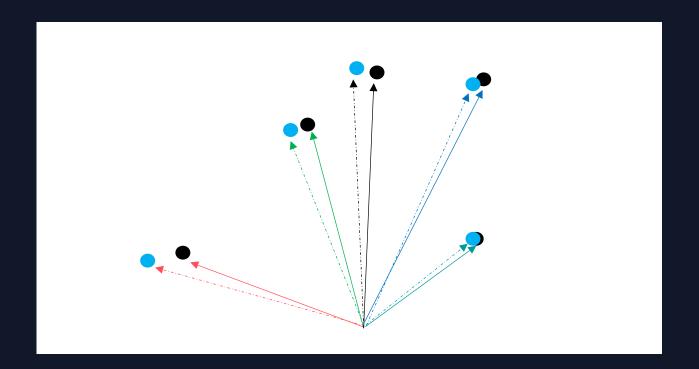
• Error = d1 + d2 + d3 + d4 + d5

ERROR FUNCTION ESTIMATION METHODS



Pairwise Multiplication Method

 The dot product or scalar product of a vector is a measure of how closely two vectors align (in terms of the directions they point). Assume the measured and transposed points are the end points of the vectors from origin and assess the alignment.

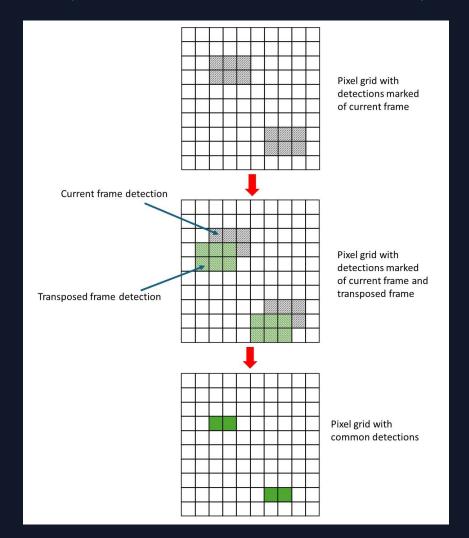


ERROR FUNCTION ESTIMATION METHODS



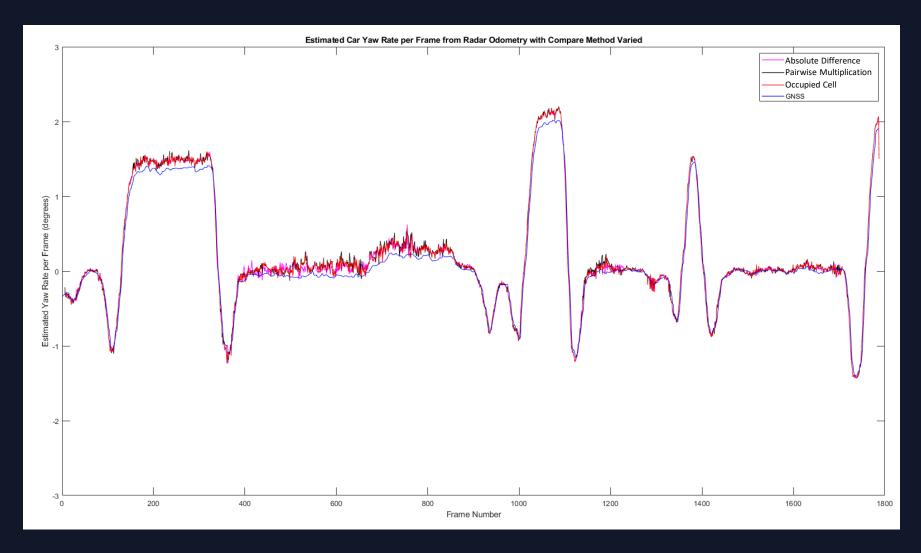
Occupied Cell Method

Number of common cells when both point clouds are converted to a 'pixel grid'.



ERROR FUNCTION ESTIMATION METHODS

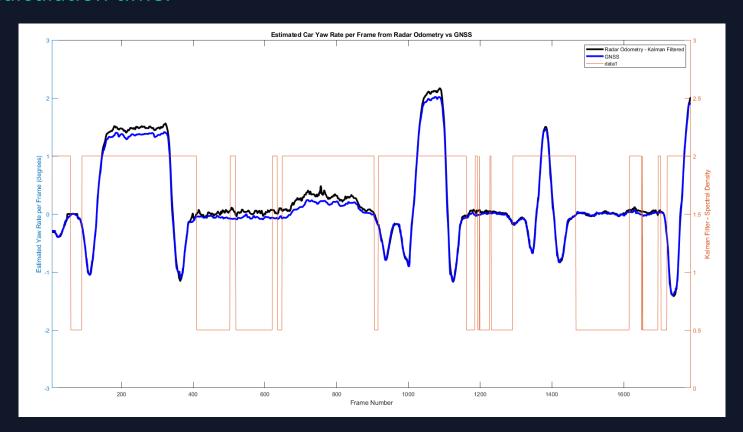




CONCLUSION: The absolute difference method should be used

ADAPTIVE KALMAN FILTERING

- A Kalman filter greatly improves the accuracy of the algorithm. However, this introduces an additional computational effort that, at times, causes the required FPS parameter to fail. Computation time / accuracy is a trade-off and is set by the spectral density coefficient (when q_0 is low, noise is reduced but the calculation is longer; and when q_0 is high, noise is higher, but the calculation is shorter).
- Rules were developed in the algorithm to set when q₀ can be changed (when turning or driving straight)
 to reduce the calculation time.

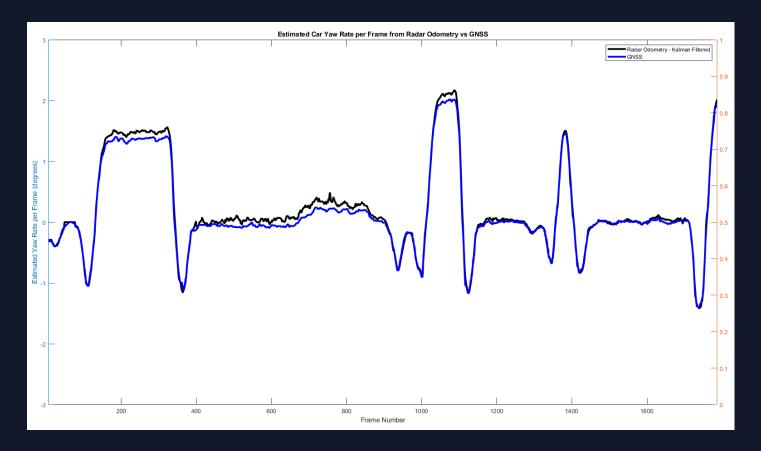


ERROR FUNCTION ESTIMATION METHODS



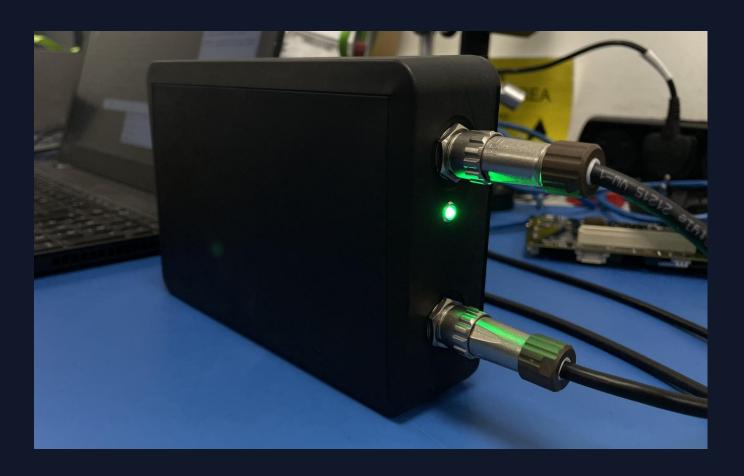
Dynamic Search Range

- Implement a dynamic rotation angle search range that depends on the calculated yaw rate from the previous frame, as this will not vary significantly between frames.
- Reduction in computation time, for no loss in accuracy.



RADAR UNIT





TURN ON TESTING



FINAL CALIBRATION



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Range Resolution

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RA1_1	3	LONG	15	20	14.2	19
	4	ULTRA-LONG	15	11	13.4	10
	1	SHORT	15	300	14.95	299
DA1 2	2	MID	15	38	14.6	37
RA1_2	3	LONG	15	20	14.2	19
	4	ULTRA-LONG	15	10	13.4	9



Range Accuracy

Radar	Mode	Measured Range (m)	Detected Range (m)	
DA1 1	SHORT TDMA	45	45	
RA1_1	ULTRA-LONG DDMA	45	45.15	
DA1 2	SHORT TDMA	45	45	
RA1_2	ULTRA-LONG DDMA	45	45.11	



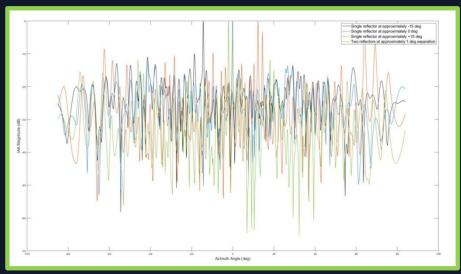
Field of View Tests

Radar	Capture Number	Range (m)	Az Angle (deg)	El Angle (deg)	Reflector SNR level (dB)	Pass / Fail
	1	6	0	0	-35.31	PASS
RA1_1	2	6	60	0	-52.93	PASS
	3	6	0	20	-49.25	PASS
	1	6	0	0	-36.57	PASS
RA1_2	2	6	60	0	-51.04	PASS
	3	6	0	20	-52.29	PASS

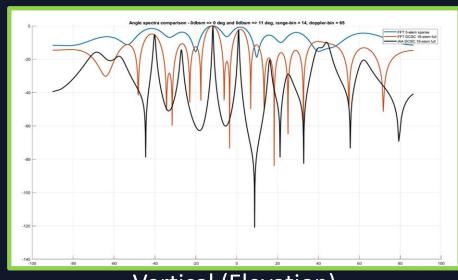




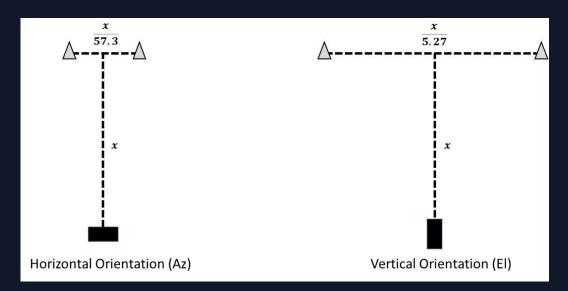
Angular Resolution



Horizontal (Azimuth)



Vertical (Elevation)

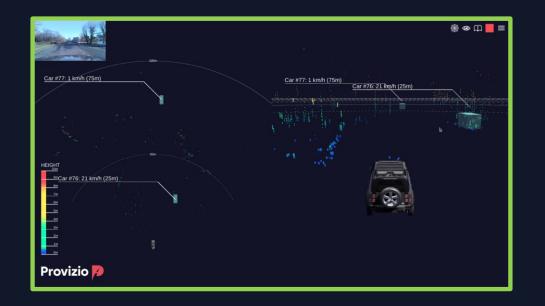




Bias Test

Radar	Bias Setting (V)	Testpoint T101 (Required)	Testpoint T101 (Measured)	Bootup?
	9	1.2	1.2	YES
RA1_1	12	1.2	1.21	YES
	32	1.2	1.19	YES
	9	1.2	1.19	YES
RA1_2	12	1.2	1.2	YES
	32	1.2	1.2	YES

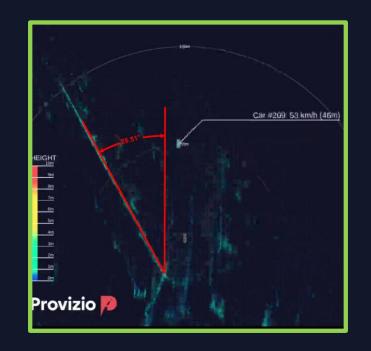
Display Test



Drift Test



Radar	Turning Angle (deg)	Number of Frames	Angle Deviation (deg)	Deviation per frame (deg/frame)	Pass / Fail
DA1 1	0	100	8.9	0.09	PASS
RA1_1	360	190	28.51	0.15	PASS
DA1 2	0	100	9.0	0.09	PASS
RA1_2	360	190	29.24	0.15	PASS

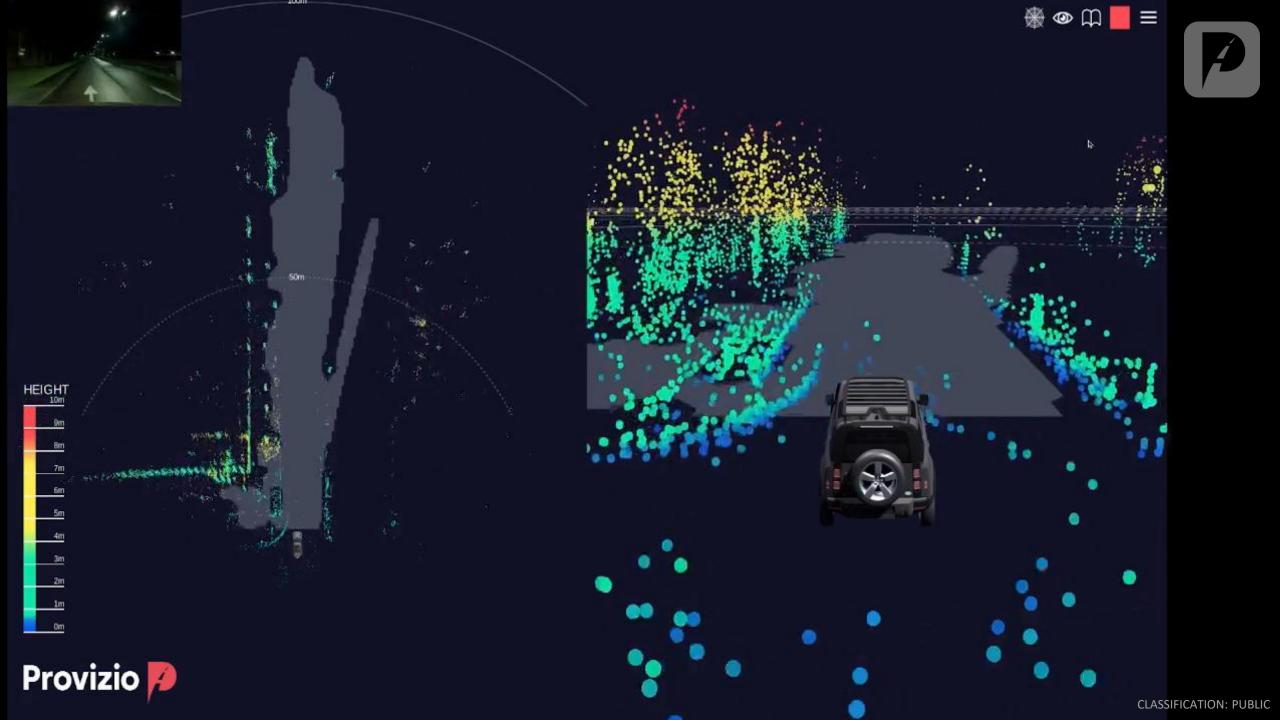


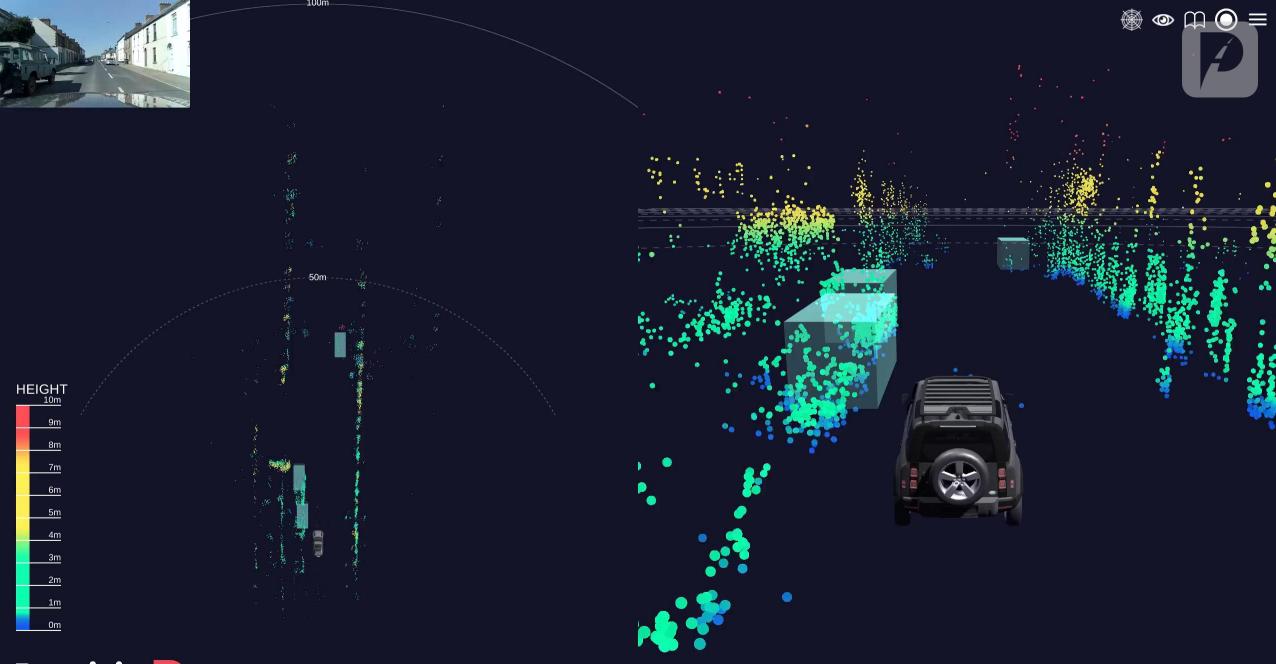
FINAL RADAR PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



	ID	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Test Result
	RR1	OPERATING FREQUENCY:	76		81	GHz	PASS
		DETECTION RANGE: 10 dBsm target (car) -10 dBsm target (pedestrian)	0.2 0.2		300 60	m	PASS PASS
	RR5	RANGE RESOLUTION: Short-range mode (0 – 50 m) Mid-range mode (0 – 100 m) Long-range mode (0 – 200 m) Ultra-long-range mode (0 – 400 m)		0.05 0.39 0.78 1.56		m	PASS PASS PASS PASS
	RR8	RANGE ACCURACY (depending on range mode):	±0.007		±0.22	m	PASS
Sensor		FIELD OF VIEW: Azimuth Elevation		120 40		0	PASS PASS
	RR11	ANGULAR RESOLUTION: Azimuth Elevation		1 11		0	PASS PASS
	N/A ²	PERCEPTION: Radar based Odometry	Radar or	nly SLAI	И or wit	h GNSS	
	RR13	SUPPLY: Voltage (dc)	9.5	12	32	٧	PASS
	N/A³	CYCLE TIME:			100	ms	
	N/A	INTERFACE:	1	GBPS E	thernet		
Output	RR14 Plug-and-play with API provided for parsing of radar data and Provizio APT GUI for visualisation. 4D point cloud (x, y, z location plus velocity) in all locations.						
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ID	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Test
MR1	Computation time			50	<u>ms</u>	PASS
	ANGLE DEVIATION:					
MR2	Straight road			0.1	° / frame	PASS
MR3	Roundabout (3 rd exit out of 4)			0.2	/ Irame	PASS
	DISTANCE ACCURACY:					
MR4	Straight road	±0.007		±0.22	m	PASS







CONCLUSIONS



- The fundamental radar functions were all observed to be within specifications.
- Odometry measurements were all observed to be within specifications.
- Outputs when using the algorithm or PNT signals compared well.
- SLAM and Perception functions were able to operate alongside the algorithm.
- The algorithm therefore fulfils its design purpose and is able to allow safety perception functions to run
 over short periods of time when PNT signals are occluded.





Thank you!

42 kph (79m) 49 kph (24m)

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