

On-line LiDAR-Camera Calibration Monitoring and Rotational Drift Tracking



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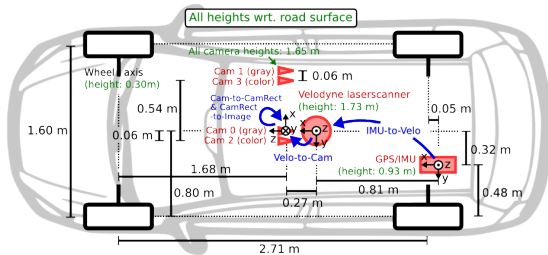
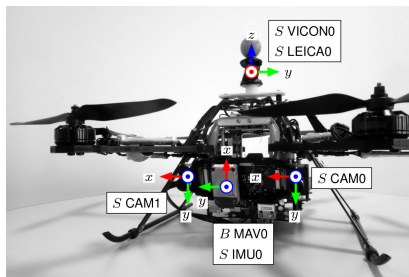
Problem Introduction

Sensor Calibration

- sensors are not colocated and have their own internal parameters
⇒ needed for proper sensor fusion
- standard approach is the **off-line calibration**

$$\text{All data } D \longrightarrow \text{argmin}_{\theta} f(\theta|D)$$

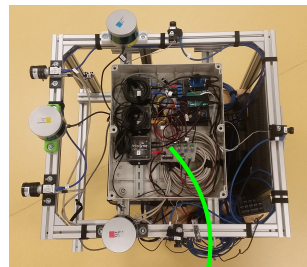
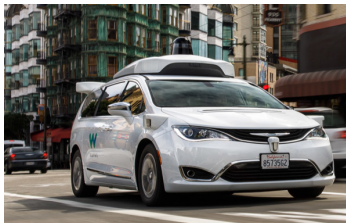
- ▶ collect all data and then calibrate
- ▶ in calibration room or from infrastructure
- ▶ high precision
- ▶ time-consuming (hard to setup)



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Calibration Monitoring and Tracking

- the reference calibration is not stable due to vehicle twisting, thermal dilations or moving parts
⇒ the calibration monitoring and recalibration could be necessary



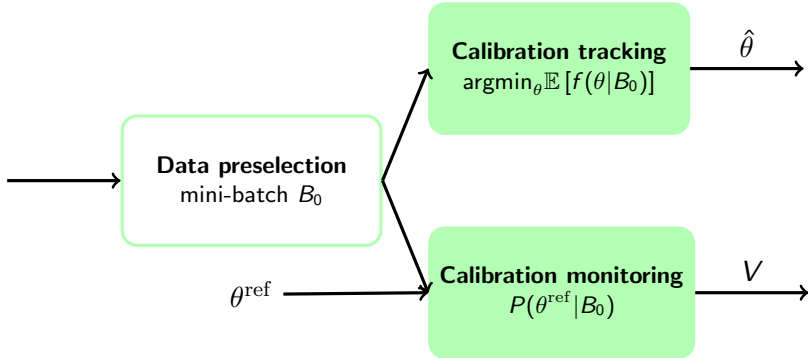
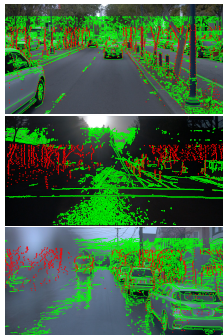
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Taxonomy of Calibration

off-line calibration



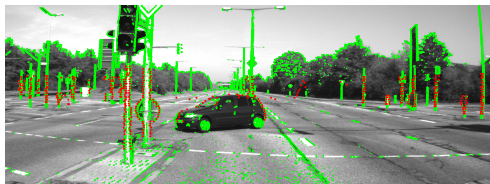
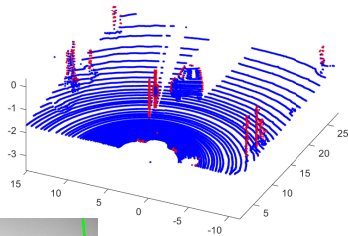
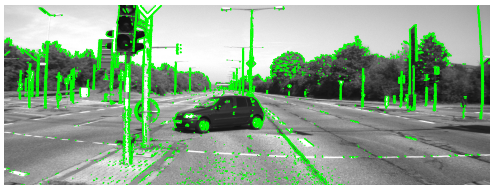
We DO on-line calibration



Methods

Loss Function for LiDAR-Camera Relative External Parameters

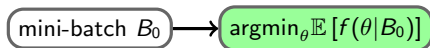
- local optimization of alignment between **low-level features** from different modalities
 - ▶ **kernel correlation**: 1:1 correspondence-free, robust



Methods

LiDAR-Camera Online Calibration Monitoring and Tracking

OCaMo calibration tracking



- stochastic gradient-based optimization with adaptive learning rate

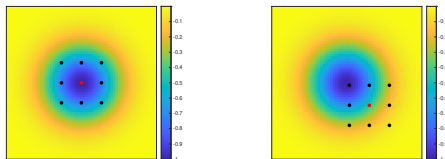
[Schaul et al. 2013]

LTO calibration monitoring



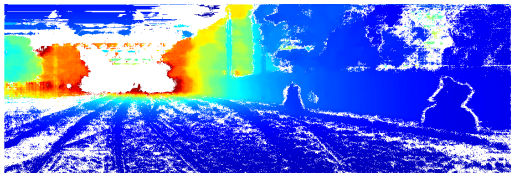
- grid-based examination of the loss function around the reference θ^{ref}

[Levinson and Thrun]

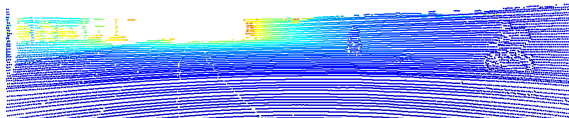


Experiments

OCaMo Tracking for Sensor Fusion Depth Consistency



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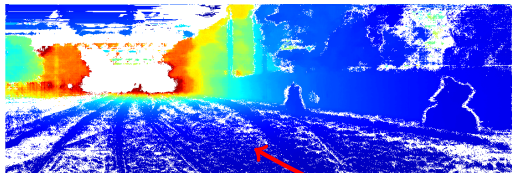


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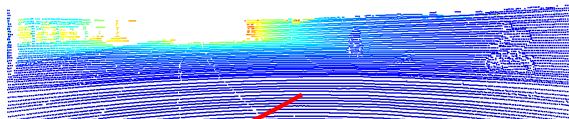
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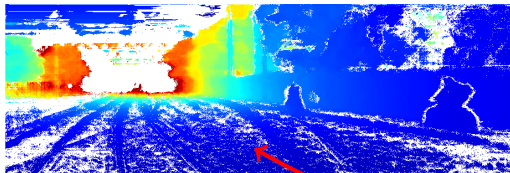
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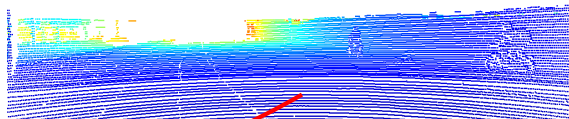
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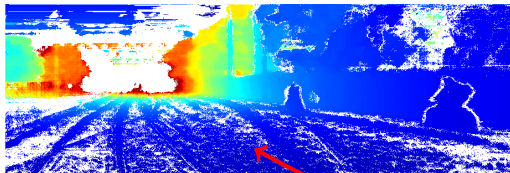
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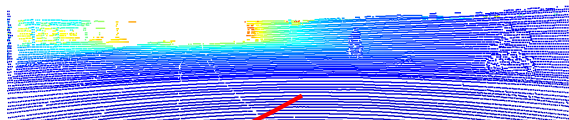
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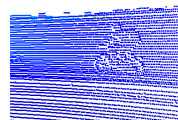
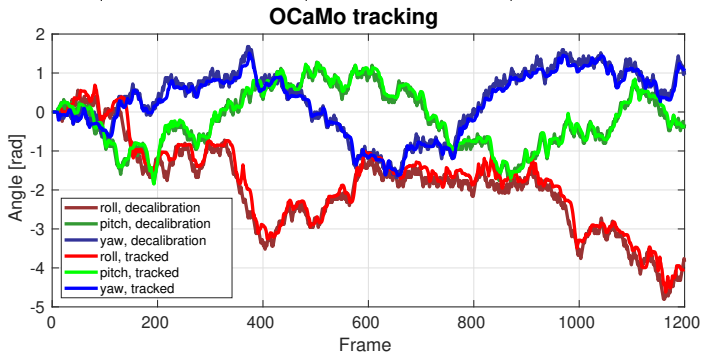
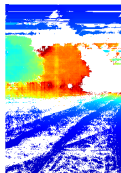
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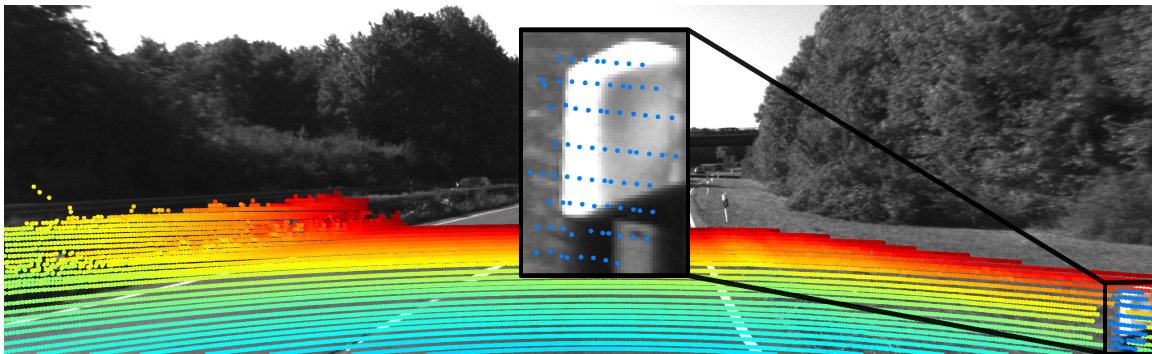
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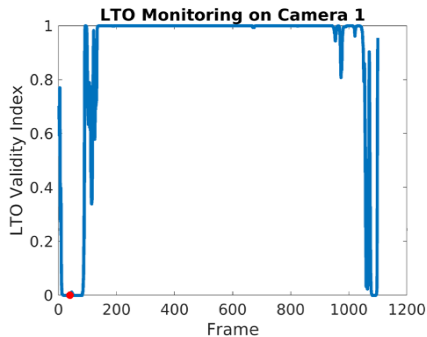
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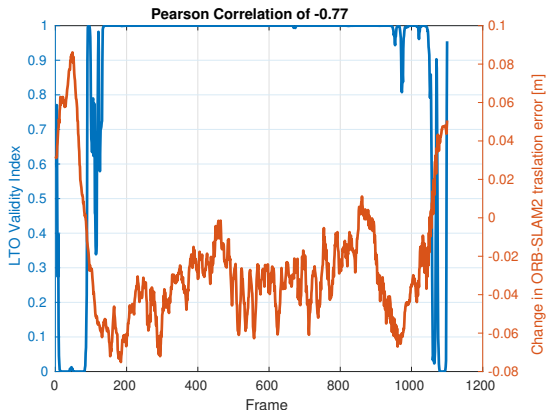
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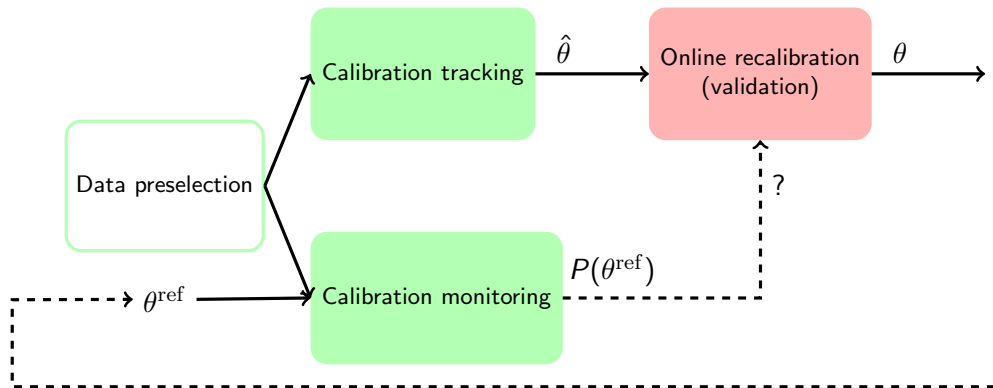
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 - ▶ Change in ORB-SLAM2 translation error suggests a similar issue



Future Work & Conclusion



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