

EKF Localization

Open-source Automated Driving Stack „Autoware Hands-on“

https://github.com/virtual-vehicle-research/aa274_autoware_ws

Agenda

- Demonstration
 - Autoware: Autonomous Driving Stack
 - Autonomous Racing: Localization / Sensor Fusion / Extended Kalman Filter

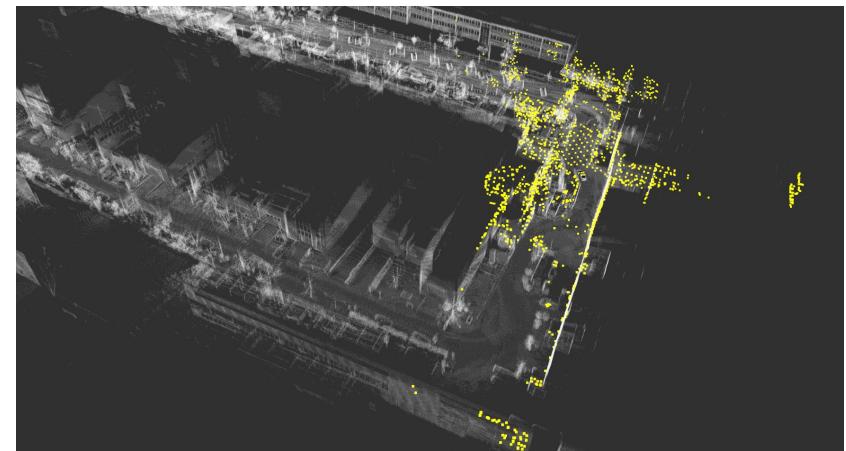
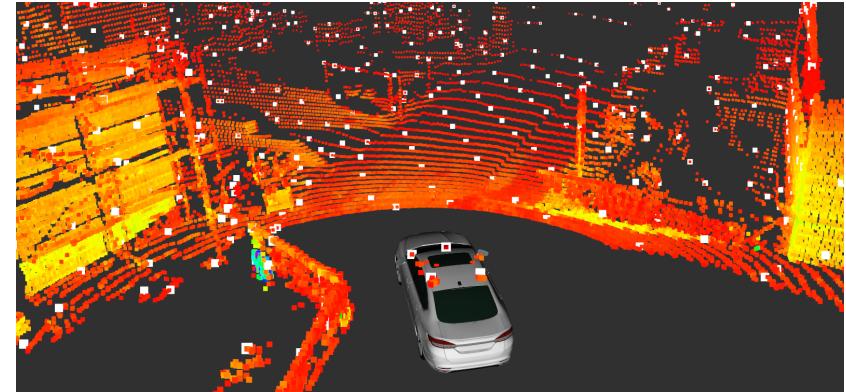
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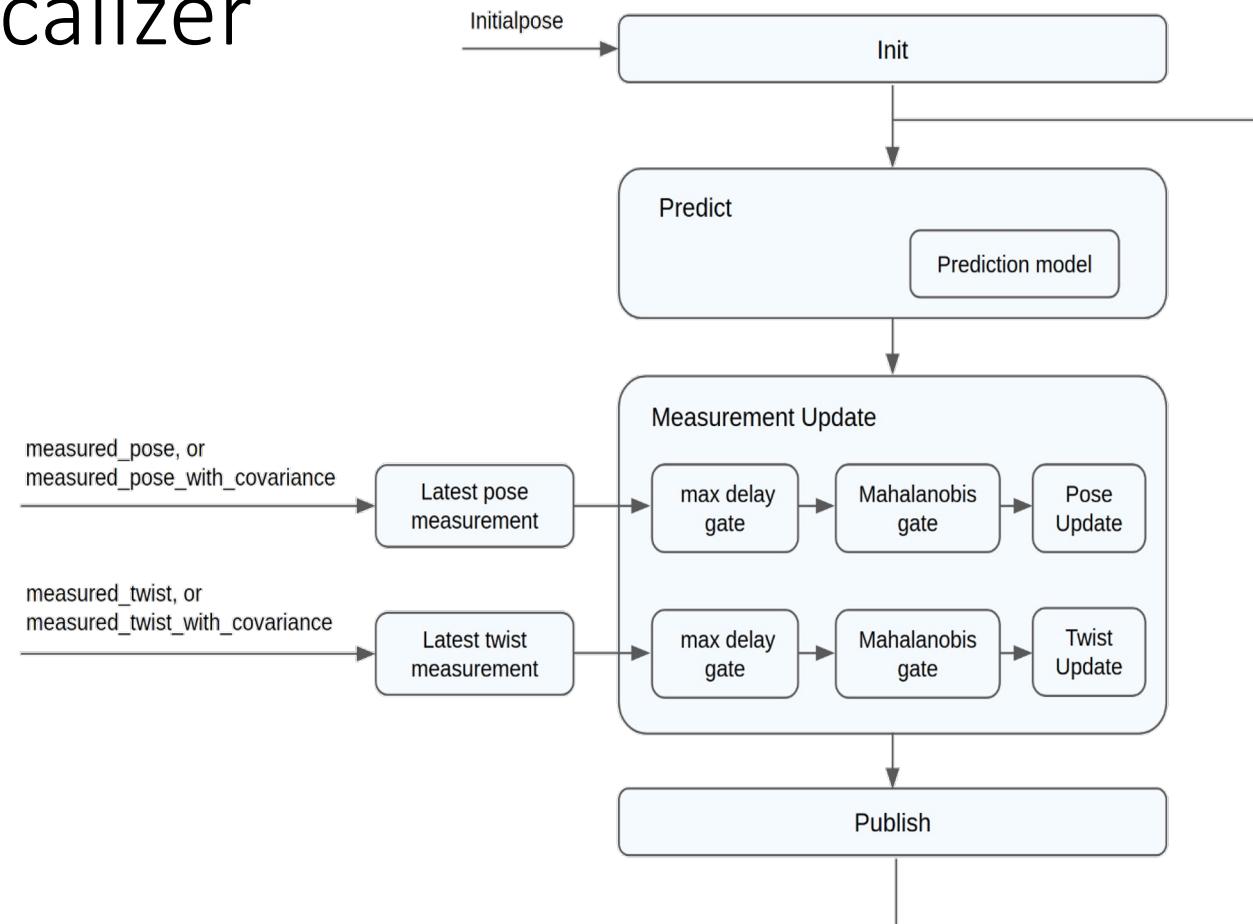
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Localization pipeline

- Map loader [**points_map_loader**]
 - PCD loader from map
- Voxel Grid Filter [**voxel_grid_filter**]
 - Downsampling lidar data
 - Leaf size: 2m (60MB/s → ~1MB/s)
- Lidar based localization [**ndt_matching**]
 - NDT matching
 - Input: /localization/downsample/pointcloud, /devbot/odom
 - Output: /localization/pose_estimator/pose
- EKF Localization Fusion [**ekf_localizer**]
 - Input: /localization/pose_estimator/pose, /devbot /twist
 - Output: /localization/pose_twist_fusion_filter/pose_with_covariance



EKF Localizer



EKF Localizer / Interface

Input:

/devbot/twist ... twist from Devbot (velocity, yaw_rate)
/localization/pose_estimator/pose ... position from localization (lidar or noisy GPS data)

Output:

/localization/pose_twist_fusion_filter/pose ... localization output

Ground truth:

/devbot/pose

Localization modes

1) GPS based localization with noisy gps data:

/localization/pose_estimator/pose: RTK-GPS + noise

roslaunch arg_demos arg_demo_localization.launch

[GPS noise](#)

2) Lidar based localization

/localization/pose_estimator/pose: NDT-localization

roslaunch arg_demos arg_demo_localization.launch lidar_localization:=true

[Extended Kalman Filter Settings](#)

Task 1: Localization only with Odometry

EKF input:

/devbot/twist (velocity, yaw_rate)

What do we expect?

Task 2: Localization with GPS

EKF input:

/devbot/twist	(velocity, yaw_rate)
/localization/pose_estimator/pose	(GPS ground truth)

What do we expect?

Task 3: Localization with GPS + Noise

EKF input:

/devbot/twist	(velocity, yaw_rate)
/localization/pose_estimator/pose	(GPS + noise)

Noise: $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

What do we expect?

Task 4: Localization with Lidar

EKF input:

/devbot/twist	(velocity, yaw_rate)
/localization/pose_estimator/pose	(NDT localization)

Issues:

- Processing time
- Unknown localization quality
- Alignment GPS - Lidar map

What do we expect?

Thanks for your attention! Questions?

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