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Implicit Doppler Tomography for Radar Novel View Synthesis

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Radar vs Cameras



Small mmWave Radars

- Compact
- Low Cost









Radar Imaging

Detection

K-Radar: 4D Radar Object Detection for Autonomous Driving in Various Weather Conditions

Tracking



Localization

Prabhakara et al, *RadarHD: High Resolution Point Clouds from mmWave Radar*



Radar Simulation

Imaging and Simulation are Dual Problems



Radar: Radio Detection and Ranging



Implicit Inverse Imaging for Radar A Naive Approach



Implicit Inverse Imaging for Radar A Naive Approach



Naive Solution: Large Antenna Arrays





TI MMWCAS-RF-EVM

Naive Solution: Large Antenna Arrays





Naive Solution: Mechanical Radar





Photo: https://navtechradar.com/radar-solutions/radar-for-industrial-automation/sensors/

Navtech RAS6



Our approach: Doppler

FMCW radars can measure the doppler shift caused by the (relative) velocity of an object.





Key assumption: scene is static

⇒ Doppler contains angular information!



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DART: Doppler-Aided Radar Tomography



Simulation – Novel View Synthesis

Ground Truth

DART

Lidar

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CFAR

Radar Imaging – Tomography





DART – Dense Tomography

CFAR – Point Cloud

Radar Imaging – Tomography



Demo: Radar Tomography in AR Friday, June 21 @ Arch 4C



Data Collection Rig

Handheld (with backpack)

Lidar Slam using Cartographer

TI AWR1843 mmWave Radar

- 2TX × 4RX antenna
- 4cm range resolution
- 0.01m/s doppler resolution

All collection & processing software is open source: https://github.com/wiseLabCMU/rover

DART: Doppler-Aided Radar Tomography

Radar can complement cameras Use Range-Doppler spectrum data

DART: Better Rendering and Imaging Akarsh Prabhakara Asst Prof, Jan 2025 Wisconsin-Madison CS

Wireless & Cyber-Physical Systems

- ML for wireless
- Robust autonomous systems
- Frugal embedded sensing







Radar can complement cameras

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Use Range-Doppler spectrum data DART: Better Rendering and Imaging